

HIGH TEMPERATURE FOURIER TRANSFORM SPECTROSCOPY OF THE $B^1\Pi - X^1\Sigma^+$ TRANSITION OF ZrO

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S-type stars are characterized by the presence of ZrO electronic transitions. Analysis of several ZrO band systems has, to date, relied upon data collected using photographic plates and has escaped a more modern spectral analysis made possible with programs such as PGOPHER. We present a re-analysis of a number of vibrational bands associated with the $B^1\Pi - X^1\Sigma^+$ transition based on a high resolution (0.04 cm^{-1}) Fourier transform emission spectrum collected at the National Solar Observatory by S. Davis. The ZrO source was a carbon tube furnace at 2390 K. Updated spectroscopic constants are presented and discussed.