

IDENTIFICATION OF THE [12.3]  $^2\Sigma^+$  –  $B^2\Sigma^+$  TRANSITION OF NiCl

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The near infrared system of NiCl at 10 496 cm<sup>-1</sup> has been recorded and identified as the [12.3]  $^2\Sigma^+$  –  $B^2\Sigma^+$  transition of NiCl. Improved molecular constants will be presented. Unusual intensity patterns are observed in the spectrum indicating a large perpendicular component of the transition dipole moment.