HIGH RESOLUTION SPECTROSCOPY OF NO IN HE-DROPLETS

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We have investigated the coupling of collective excitations in helium droplets to the rotation of light rotors. If we use NO as a molecular dopant it is possible to suppress this coupling effectively thereby obtaining high resolution spectra of NO in helium droplets. We have been able to resolve the $\Lambda$-doubling and the hyperfine structure of the $Q(0.5) \, \Pi_{1/2}$ transition. Whereas the hyperfine structure remains unchanged compared to the gas phase, the $\Lambda$-doubling is found to be considerably increased.