HYPERFINE STRUCTURE IN THE PURE ROTATIONAL SPECTRUM OF ²⁰⁸Pb³⁵Cl

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Initially in our laboratory the pure rotational spectrum of the title molecule was studied using a Balle-Flygare Fourier transform microwave spectrometer. Analysis was troublesome and so the spectrum was remeasured using a chirped pulse Fourier transform microwave (CP-FTMW) spectrometer. The correct intensity aspect of the CP-FTMW experiment allowed succesful quantum number assignments for the hyperfine structure for the correct isotopologue. Spectroscopic constants have been obtained from a fit to a data set consisting of our measurements combined with those of a prior study on the $X_2^2 \Pi_{\frac{3}{2}} \rightarrow X_1^2 \Pi_{\frac{1}{2}}$ fine structure transitions^a.

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