

# New analysis of the $^{12}\text{C}^{16}\text{O}^+$ ( $\text{B}^2\Sigma^+ - \text{X}^2\Sigma^+$ ) system: Spin-orbit and spin-rotation coupling of the $\text{X}^2\Sigma^+$ state

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In the present work a new experimental and theoretical analysis of the  $\text{B}^2\Sigma^+ - \text{X}^2\Sigma^+$  system of the molecular ion  $^{12}\text{C}^{16}\text{O}^+$  is performed. New transitions regarding the vibrational levels  $v' = 4$  of the  $\text{B}^2\Sigma^+$  electronic state and the vibrational level  $v'' = 7$  of the electronic state  $\text{X}^2\Sigma^+$  have been recorded. For rationalising the experimental observations, molecular structure calculations were carried out and, from them, a detailed investigation about the fine structure of rotational levels of the  $\text{X}^2\Sigma^+$  could be performed. For such, the spin-rotational constant,  $\gamma$ , is characterised through the  $\Delta g_{\perp}$  calculation, the perpendicular component of the electronic g-tensor, in combination with Curl's relation. At equilibrium geometry, the present  $\Delta g_{\perp}$  is computed using the multireference configuration interaction wavefunction to be -2,430 ppm in agreement with the experimental one [-2,344 ppm]. The R-dependence of the g-tensor has been explored in order to estimate the theoretical  $\gamma_v$  ( $v = 0-7$ ). In addition, the importance of the lowest  $\Pi$  states in this kind of calculation is widely discussed. A comparison between experiment and theory is presented, validating our findings and the methodology employed in our analysis.

