

The Microwave Ground State Spectra of Methylphosphine-Borane-(^{11}B) and Methylphosphine-Trideuteroborane-(^{11}B)

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The microwave ground state spectra of methylphosphine-borane-(^{11}B) and methylphosphine-trideuteroborane-(^{11}B) have been measured by microwave Fourier transform spectroscopy and analysed for ^{11}B -nuclear quadrupole hyperfine splittings and CH_3 and BH_3 torsion fine structure. As high J transitions were measured a centrifugal distortion analysis was necessary. The B–P bond order is discussed.

I. Introduction

This paper presents an investigation of the rotational spectrum of methylphosphine-borane-(^{11}B), $\text{CH}_3\text{PH}_2\text{BH}_3$, and methylphosphine-trideuteroborane-(^{11}B), $\text{CH}_3\text{PH}_2\text{BD}_3$, in the torsional and vibrational ground state.

Some time ago Bryan and Kuczkowski [1] determined the rotational constants, the dipole moment and the r_s -structure of methylphosphine-borane. The barriers hindering internal rotation of the methyl and borane group were subsequently determined from the rotational transitions of the first excited torsional states of the methyl and borane group by Durig et al. [2], since the barriers were too high to resolve splittings in the ground state. We reinvestigated the spectrum of $\text{CH}_3\text{PH}_2\text{BH}_3$ with the higher resolution of microwave Fourier transform (MWFT) spectroscopy to resolve the CH_3 and BH_3 torsion fine structure and the boron-hfs in the ground state.

Additionally, we investigated the spectrum of $\text{CH}_3\text{PH}_2\text{BD}_3$ in the ground state to assign the methyl torsion splittings, because the moment of inertia of the BD_3 group is too high to provide resolvable BD_3 torsion splittings and therefore the spectrum simplifies to the spectrum of a molecule with effectively one top and boron-hfs.

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II. Experimental

$\text{CH}_3\text{PH}_2\text{BH}_3$ was prepared according to [1] by the reaction of methylphosphine, CH_3PH_2 , with diborane, B_2H_6 , and $\text{CH}_3\text{PH}_2\text{BD}_3$ by the reaction of CH_3PH_2 with perdeuterodiborane, B_2D_6 , respectively.

The MWFT measurements were made at Kiel with a spectrometer described in [3, 4, 5].

The spectra of $\text{CH}_3\text{PH}_2\text{BD}_3$ were recorded in the range of 8 to 18 GHz and the spectra of $\text{CH}_3\text{PH}_2\text{BH}_3$ in the range of 8 to 26 GHz, respectively. Sample pressures were around 0.2 mTorr and the cell temperature was around -60°C .

The measurements at the University of Michigan were made with a conventional spectrometer with Stark effect modulation in the range of 18 to 40 GHz to assign the low J transitions.

III. Spectra

The frequencies and their assignments are listed in Table 1a and 1b for $\text{CH}_3\text{PH}_2\text{BD}_3$ and $\text{CH}_3\text{PH}_2\text{BH}_3$, respectively. The lines measured with a conventional Stark spectrometer are indicated in these tables by "S". Because of the better resolution of a MWFT spectrometer the lines measured by Stark spectroscopy are only used for a first determination of the rotational and fourth order centrifugal constants to prepare the high resolution measurements due to boron-hfs and torsional splitting. For the fine structure analyses these measurements are not used.

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Fig. 1. $J_{K-K_s} = 33_{726} - 33_{727}$ transition of $\text{CH}_3\text{PH}_2\text{BD}_3$ with ¹¹B-hfs and CH_3 torsion splitting. A section of 1.1 MHz out of a 5 MHz range of the power spectrum is given. The small hfs-splitting is about 20 kHz, see Table 1a. Frequency increases from right to left. Sample interval 100 ns, 6400 k cycles, 1024 data points supplemented by 3072 zeros, pressure 0.1 mTorr, temperature -50°C .

Figure 1 gives an example of the MWFT recordings. The measurements of narrow split multiplets were refined by a contour analysis [6].

The assignment was checked by the consistency of the analysis of centrifugal distortion, hfs and torsional fine structure. The three perturbation effects were calculated separately. The calculated spectra were refined by an iterative procedure to fit the measured ones.

The ¹¹B-hfs was analysed by first order perturbation theory to give the nuclear quadrupole coupling constants (program HT1NQ and DH14KS). The deviations from the rigid rotor lines were added to the observed frequencies ν_{obs} of the hfs-components. The hypothetical hfs-unsplit line $\nu_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$ was then calculated as a mean value. We proved that no line within the range of our spectrometer is sensitive enough to the off diagonal element χ_{ab} of the quadrupole coupling tensor. The results for the hfs-analyses are given in Table 2a and 2b for $\text{CH}_3\text{PH}_2\text{BD}_3$ and $\text{CH}_3\text{PH}_2\text{BH}_3$, respectively. The

standard deviations of the fits are 6 kHz for $\text{CH}_3\text{PH}_2\text{BD}_3$ and 9 kHz for $\text{CH}_3\text{PH}_2\text{BH}_3$ for a mean splitting of 88 kHz.

The frequencies $\nu_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$ were used to analyse the torsional fine structure by the internal axis method (IAM) in a two top approximation by a program written by Woods [7, 8] and modified by W. Kasten (program AC3IAM).

The following Hamiltonian is used:

$$H = H_R + \sum_{l=1}^2 [F_l p_{z_l}^2 + \frac{1}{2} V_3^{(l)} (1 - 3 \cos \alpha_l)] \quad (1)$$

with

$$F_l = (2 I_x^{(l)} r_l^0)^{-1};$$

$$r_l^0 = r_l - \frac{I_x^{(l)} I_x^{(l')}}{\left(\sum_g \lambda_g^{(l)} \lambda_g^{(l')} / I_g \right)^2},$$

$$r_l = 1 - \sum_g \lambda_g^{(l)2} I_x^{(l)} / I_g, \quad (2)$$

and

$$p_{z_l}' = I_x^{(l)} r_l \dot{\alpha}_l - \sum_g I_g Q_g^{(l)} Q_g^{(l')} \dot{\alpha}_{l'},$$

$$Q_g^{(l)} = \lambda_g^{(l)} I_x^{(l)} / I_g;$$

$$\lambda_g^{(l)} = \cos(g, i_l); \quad l \neq l', \quad (3)$$

where H_R is the rotational Hamiltonian, F_l is the reduced internal rotational constant of the l th top, p_{z_l}' is the angular momentum operator for the internal rotation of the l th top, $V_3^{(l)}$ is the threefold expansion coefficient of the potential barrier in the internal rotation angle α_l of the l th top, $I_x^{(l)}$ is the moment of inertia of the l th top, i_l is the internal rotation axis of the l th top, I_g are the components of the inertia tensor, and $g = a, b, c$ are the principal axes.

For $\text{CH}_3\text{PH}_2\text{BH}_3$ the Fourier coefficients $w_1(s^{(l)})$, $s^{(l)}$ the reduced barrier, the angles $\alpha(a, i_l)$ and the moments of inertia $I_x^{(l)}$ of the methyl and borane group could be fitted.

For $\text{CH}_3\text{PH}_2\text{BD}_3$ the internal rotation parameters of the BD_3 group had to be assumed, because no BD_3 torsional splittings could be resolved.

A single top approximation for $\text{CH}_3\text{PH}_2\text{BD}_3$ was not used, because structural parameters of the BD_3 top modify the reduced internal rotational constant F_l of the CH_3 top, see (2).

Table 1a. Measured frequencies ν_{obs} with $^{11}\text{B-hf}_s$ and CH_3 torsion of methylphosphine-trideuteroborane-(^{11}B) refined by a contour analysis. $\nu_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$: hypothetical frequency without hfs-splitting, Γ : symmetry species, ν_{unsplit} : hypothetical frequency without hfs and torsion-splitting, S: measured by Stark-spectroscopy, not used for the analyses. Frequencies in MHz. The F-quantumnumbers are doubled. * indicates dipole forbidden transitions.

J'	$K'_- K'_+ - J$	$K_- K_+$	$2F' - 2F$	ν_{obs}	$\nu_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	ν_{unsplit}	J'	$K'_- K'_+ - J$	$K_- K_+$	$2F' - 2F$	ν_{obs}	$\nu_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	ν_{unsplit}
1a.1. A-transitions :															
1a.1.1. R-branch :															
1	0	1 - 0	0	0	1-3 5-3 3-3	9 563.663 9 563.880 9 564.143	9 563.932	A, E	9 563.932			8 158.438 8 158.524 8 158.187 8 158.273	8 158.481 8 158.230	A E	8 158.314
2	0	2 - 1	0	1	S	19 081.88	19 081.88		19 081.88	9 1	8 - 9	1	9	S	34 200.91
2	1	2 - 1	1	1	S	18 335.39	18 335.39		18 335.39	9 2	7 - 9	2	8		11 971.932 11 972.027 11 971.560 11 971.657
2	1	1 - 1	1	0	S	19 920.33	19 920.33		19 920.33						
3	0	3 - 2	0	2	S	28 508.91	28 508.91		28 508.91						
3	1	3 - 2	1	2	S	27 475.17	27 475.17		27 475.17	10 2	8 -10	2	9		16 612.919 16 613.028 16 612.405 16 612.514
3	1	2 - 2	1	1	S	29 850.70	29 850.70		29 850.70						
3	2	2 - 2	2	1	S	28 692.27	28 692.27		28 692.27	12 2	10 -12	2	11	S	28 178.76
3	2	1 - 2	2	0	S	28 874.24	28 874.24		28 874.24	13 3	10 -13	3	11		10 133.217 10 133.278 10 132.901 10 132.965
4	0	4 - 3	0	3	S	37 804.95	37 804.95		37 804.95						
4	1	4 - 3	1	3	S	36 583.10	36 583.10		36 583.10						
4	1	3 - 3	1	2	S	39 742.69	39 742.69		39 742.69	14 3	11 -14	3	12		14 356.255 14 356.325 14 355.811 14 355.876
4	2	3 - 3	2	2	S	38 219.97	38 219.97		38 219.97						
4	2	2 - 3	2	1	S	38 669.38	38 669.38		38 669.38						
4	3	2 - 3	3	1	S	38 343.93	38 343.93		38 343.93	18 4	14 -18	4	15		11 141.867 11 141.903 11 141.513 11 141.554
4	3	1 - 3	3	0	S	38 353.51	38 353.51		38 353.51						
1a.1.2. Q-branch :															
5	1	4 - 5	1	5	11-11 13-13 11-11 13-13	11 840.164 11 840.349 11 839.807 11 840.003	11 840.279	A	11 840.042			19 4	15 -19	4	16
															39-39;37-37 41-41;35-35 39-39;37-37 41-41;35-35
															15 568.634 15 568.677 15 568.126 15 568.170
6	1	5 - 6	1	6	13-13;11-11 15-15; 9- 9 13-13;11-11 15-15; 9- 9	16 501.743 16 501.943 16 501.261 16 501.447	16 501.848	A	16 501.522	23 5	18 -23	5	19		11 444.577 11 444.610 11 444.196 11 444.225
															47-47;45-45 49-49;43-43 47-47;45-45 49-49;43-43
															15 901.426 15 901.467 15 900.884 15 900.927
7	1	6 - 7	1	7	S	21 842.62	21 842.62		21 842.62	24 5	19 -24	5	20		49-49;47-47 51-51;45-45 49-49;47-47 51-51;45-45
8	1	7 - 8	1	8	S	27 780.35	27 780.35		27 780.35						

Table 1a (continued)

J'	$K'_- K'_+ - J$	$K_- K_+$	$2F' - 2F$	ν_{obs}	$\nu_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	ν_{unsplit}
28	6 22 -28	6 23	57-57;55-55 59-59;53-53 57-57;55-55 59-59;53-53	11 227.019 11 227.046 11 226.604 11 226.630	11 227.033	A	11 226.756
29	6 23 -29	6 24	59-59;57-57 61-61;55-55 59-59;57-57 61-61;55-55	15 569.096 15 569.118 15 568.512 15 568.536	15 569.107	A	15 568.718
33	7 26 -33	7 27	67-67;65-65 69-69;63-63 67-67;65-65 69-69;63-63	10 634.662 10 634.680 10 634.221 10 634.243	10 634.671	A	10 634.378
34	7 27 -34	7 28		14 745.498 14 744.888	14 745.498	A	14 745.091
38	8 30 -38	8 31	77-77;75-75 79-79;73-73 77-77;75-75 79-79;73-73	9 786.098 9 786.111 9 785.631 9 785.645	9 786.105	A	9 785.794
39	8 31 -39	8 32		13 577.771 13 577.125	13 577.771	A	13 577.340
1a.2. B-transitions : 1a.2.1. Q-branch :							
2	1 1 - 2	0 2	5-5 7-7 5-5 7-7	11 492.069 11 492.311 11 491.719 11 491.961	11 492.243	A	11 492.009
2	2 1 - 2	1 2	6	31 959.13	31 959.13		31.959.13
2	2 0 - 2	1 1	8	29 627.73	29 627.73		29 627.73
3	1 2 - 3	0 3	7-7 5-5 9-9 3-3 7-7 5-5 9-9 3-3	12 833.983 12 834.064 12 834.158 12 834.256 12 833.613 12 833.692 12 833.787 12 833.879	12 834.103	A	12 833.855
3	2 2 - 3	1 3	8	33 176.41	33 176.41		33 176.41
3	2 1 - 3	1 2	8	28 651.43	28 651.43		28 651.43
4	1 3 - 4	0 4	9-9 11-11 9-9 11-11	14 771.861 14 772.025 14 771.449 14 771.605	14 771.962	A	14 771.689
4	2 2 - 4	1 3	8	27 578.44	27 578.44		27 578.44

Table 1a (continued)

J'	$K'_- K'_+ - J$	$K_- K_+$	$2F' - 2F$	ν_{obs}	$\nu_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	ν_{unsplit}
4	2 3 - 4	1 4	8	34 813.33	34 813.33		34 813.33
5	1 4 - 5	0 5	11-11 13-13 11-11 13-13	17 408.408 17 408.570 17 407.913 17 408.067	17 408.508	A	17 408.175
5	2 3 - 5	1 4	8	26 588.49	26 588.49		26 588.49
6	1 5 - 6	0 6	8	20 829.51	20 829.51		20 829.51
6	2 4 - 6	1 5	8	25 878.65	28 878.65		28.878.65
6	2 5 - 6	1 6	8	39 372.04	39 372.04		39 372.04
7	1 6 - 7	0 7	8	25 073.54	25 073.54		25 073.54
7	2 5 - 7	1 6	8	25 634.63	25 634.63		25 634.63
8	1 7 - 8	0 8	8	30 108.49	30 108.49		30 108.49
8	2 6 - 8	1 7	8	26 016.53	26 016.53		26 016.53
9	1 8 - 9	0 9	8	35 829.91	35 829.91		35 829.91
9	2 7 - 9	1 8	8	27 153.51	27 153.51		27 153.51
10	2 8 - 10	1 9	8	29 147.98	29 147.98		29 147.98
11	2 9 - 11	1 10	8	32 075.34	32 075.34		32 075.34
12	3 9 - 12	2 10	8	39 559.27	39 559.27		39 559.27
13	3 10 - 13	2 11	8	38 970.62	38 970.62		38 970.62
14	3 11 - 14	2 12	8	39 206.29	39 206.29		39 206.29
1a.2.2. R-branch :							
1	1 1 - 0	0 0	8	19 424.85	19 424.85		19 424.85
2	0 2 - 1	1 1	7-5 7-5	9 220.692 9 220.958	9 220.779 9 221.045	A	9 220.957
2	1 2 - 1	0 1	8	28 196.17	28 196.17		28 196.17
3	0 3 - 2	1 2	8	19 394.76	19 394.76		19 394.76
4	0 4 - 3	1 3	8	29 724.54	29 724.54		29 724.54
6	1 5 - 5	2 4	8	34 305.28	34 305.28		34 305.28
6	1 6 - 5	2 3	15-13; 9- 7 13-11; 11- 9 15-13; 9- 7 13-11; 11- 9	16 251.334 16 251.566 16 252.417 16 252.649	16 251.445	A	16 252.170
					16 252.528	E	

Table 1 a (continued)

J'	K'_-	$K'_+ - J$	$K_- K_+$	$2F' - 2F$	V_{obs}	$V_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	V_{unsplit}
6	2	4 - 5	3 3	15-13; 9- 7 13-11; 11- 9 15-13; 9- 7 13-11; 11- 9	8 507.292 8 507.401 8 509.511 8 509.629	8 507.342	A	8 508.182
7	2	6 - 6	3 3	17-15; 11- 9 15-13; 13-11 17-15; 11- 9 15-13; 13-11	14 358.438 14 358.580 14 359.444 14 359.589	14 358.507	A	14 359.392
9	3	6 - 8	4 5	21-19; 15-13 19-17; 17-15 21-19; 15-13 19-17; 17-15	16 419.262 16 419.338 16 423.680 16 423.748	16 419.300	A	16 420.437
9	3	7 - 8	4 4	21-19; 15-13 19-17; 17-15 21-19; 15-13 19-17; 17-15	14 952.933 14 953.034 14 951.966 14 952.072	14 952.983	A	14 954.146
11	4	7 -10	5 6	25-23; 19-17 23-21; 21-19 25-23; 19-17 23-21; 21-19 25-23; 19-17 23-21; 21-19	14 459.515 14 459.592 14 470.194 14 470.276 14 163.030 14 163.112	14 459.554	A	14 460.990
11	4	8 -10	5 5	25-23; 19-17 23-21; 21-19 25-23; 19-17 23-21; 21-19 25-23; 19-17 23-21; 21-19	14 148.761 14 148.842 14 142.394 14 142.470 14 449.560 14 449.634	14 148.802	A	14 150.240
13	5	8 -12	6 7	29-27; 23-21 27-25; 25-23 29-27; 23-21 27-25; 25-23 29-27; 23-21 27-25; 25-23	13 027.300 13 027.366 13 042.504 13 042.566 12 982.412 12 982.473	13 027.333	A	13 029.014
13	5	9 -12	6 6	29-27; 23-21 27-25; 25-23 29-27; 23-21 27-25; 25-23 29-27; 23-21 27-25; 25-23	12 969.785 12 969.853 12 959.615 12 959.679 13 019.702 13 019.774	12 969.819	A	12 971.492
15	6	9 -14	7 8	33-31; 27-25 31-29; 29-27 33-31; 27-25 31-29; 29-27	11 736.533 11 736.599 11 734.834 11 734.898	11 736.566	A	11 738.432
15	6	10 -14	7 7	33-31; 27-25 31-29; 29-27 33-31; 27-25 31-29; 29-27	11 726.699 11 726.765 11 734.009 11 734.075	11 726.732	A	11 728.606

Table 1 a (continued)

J'	K'_-	$K'_+ - J$	$K_- K_+$	$2F' - 2F$	V_{obs}	$V_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	V_{unsplit}
17	7	10 -16	8 9	37-35; 31-29 35-33; 33-31 37-35; 31-29 35-33; 33-31	10 488.837 10 488.890 10 492.211 10 492.270	10 488.864	A	10 490.871
17	7	11 -16	8 8	37-35; 31-29 35-33; 33-31 37-35; 31-29 35-33; 33-31	10 487.229 10 487.284 10 489.886 10 489.947	10 487.257	A	10 489.278
19	8	11 -18	9 10	41-39; 35-33 39-37; 37-35 41-39; 35-33 39-37; 37-35	9 262.467 9 262.510 9 266.398 9 266.456	9 262.488	A	9 264.585
19	8	12 -18	9 9	41-39; 35-33 39-37; 37-35 41-39; 35-33 39-37; 37-35	9 262.198 9 262.243 9 264.566 9 264.624	9 262.221	A	9 264.337
21	9	12 -20	10 11	45-43; 39-37 43-41; 41-39 45-43; 39-37 43-41; 41-39	8 052.619 8 052.664 8 056.480 8 056.539	8 052.641	A	8 054.795
21	9	13 -20	10 10	45-43; 39-37 43-41; 41-39 45-43; 39-37 43-41; 41-39	8 052.619 8 052.664 8 055.178 8 055.236	8 052.641	A	8 054.782
22	9	13 -21	10 12	47-45; 41-39 45-43; 43-41 47-45; 41-39 45-43; 43-41	17 882.914 17 882.957 17 886.668 17 886.703	17 882.936	A	17 885.021
22	9	14 -21	10 11	47-45; 41-39 45-43; 43-41 47-45; 41-39 45-43; 43-41	17 882.857 17 882.906 17 885.337 17 885.383	17 882.882	A	17 884.957
24	10	14 -23	11 13	51-49; 45-43 49-47; 47-45 51-49; 45-43 49-47; 47-45	16 668.765 16 668.800 16 672.259 16 672.310	16 668.783	A	16 670.852
24	10	15 -23	11 12	51-49; 45-43 49-47; 47-45 51-49; 45-43 49-47; 47-45	16 668.765 16 668.800 16 671.451 16 671.501	16 668.783	A	16 670.852
26	11	15 -25	12 14		15 471.939 15 475.131	15 471.939	A	15 473.960
26	11	16 -25	12 13		15 471.939 15 474.799	15 471.939	A	15 473.960
28	12	16 -27	13 15		14 292.529 14 295.335	14 292.529	A	14 294.453

Table 1a (continued)

J'	$K'_- K'_+ - J$	$K_- K_+$	$2F' - 2F$	V_{obs}	$V_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	V_{unsplit}
28	12 17 -27 13 14			14 292.529 14 295.481	14 292.529 14 295.481	A E*	14 294.453
30	13 17 -29 14 16			13 131.079 13 133.523	13 131.079 13 133.523	A E*	13 132.869
30	13 18 -29 14 15			13 131.079 13 133.982	13 131.079 13 133.982	A E*	13 132.869
32	14 18 -31 15 17			11 988.389 11 990.428	11 988.389 11 990.428	A E*	11 990.022
32	14 19 -31 15 16			11 988.389 11 991.220	11 988.389 11 991.220	A E*	11 990.022
34	15 19 -33 16 18			10 865.407 10 867.069	10 865.407 10 867.069	A E*	10 866.874
34	15 20 -33 16 17			10 865.407 10 868.118	10 865.407 10 868.118	A E*	10 866.874
36	16 20 -35 17 19			9 763.196 9 764.491	9 763.196 9 764.491	A E*	9 764.477
36	16 21 -35 17 18			9 763.196 9 765.716	9 763.196 9 765.716	A E*	9 764.477
38	17 21 -37 18 20			8 682.877 8 683.848	8 682.877 8 683.848	A E*	8 683.980
38	17 22 -37 18 19			8 682.877 8 685.190	8 682.877 8 685.190	A E*	8 683.980

1a.2.3. P-branch 1

7	5 3 - 8 4 4	15-17;13-15 17-19;11-13 15-17;13-15 17-19;11-13	15 236.570 15 236.742 15 250.971 15 251.154	15 236.655	A E*	15 235.120
7	5 2 - 8 4 5	15-17;13-15 17-19;11-13 15-17;13-15 17-19;11-13	15 261.065 15 261.241 15 242.066 15 242.252	15 261.152	A E*	15 259.625
9	6 4 -10 5 5	19-21;17-19 21-23;15-17 19-21;17-19 21-23;15-17	16 473.739 16 473.871 16 471.579 16 471.704	16 473.805	A E*	16 472.013
9	6 3 -10 5 6	19-21;17-19 21-23;15-17 19-21;17-19 21-23;15-17	16 477.774 16 477.906 16 474.554 16 474.680	16 477.840	A E*	16 476.043

Table 1a (continued)

J'	$K'_- K'_+ - J$	$K_- K_+$	$2F' - 2F$	V_{obs}	$V_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	V_{unsplit}
11	7 5 -12 6 6	23-25;21-23 25-27;19-21 23-25;21-23 25-27;19-21	17 689.956 17 690.072 17 685.827 17 685.951	17 690.014	A	17 688.008	
					E*		
11	7 4 -12 6 7	23-25;21-23 25-27;19-21 23-25;21-23 25-27;19-21	17 690.582 17 690.690 17 688.691 17 688.805	17 690.636	A	17 688.635	
					E*		
14	8 7 -15 7 8	29-31;27-29 31-33;25-27 29-31;27-29 31-33;25-27	9 136.608 9 136.675 9 132.399 9 132.480	9 136.642	A	9 134.537	
					E*		
14	8 6 -15 7 9	29-31;27-29 31-33;25-27 29-31;27-29 31-33;25-27	9 136.881 9 136.956 9 134.750 9 134.825	9 136.919	A	9 134.799	
					E*		
16	9 8 -17 8 9	33-35;31-33 35-37;29-31 33-35;31-33 35-37;29-31	10 332.101 10 332.173 10 327.884 10 327.955	10 332.137	A	10 329.917	
					E*		
16	9 7 -17 8 10	33-35;31-33 35-37;29-31 33-35;31-33 35-37;29-31	10 332.101 10 332.173 10 329.683 10 329.753	10 332.137	A	10 329.928	
					E*		
18	10 9 -19 9 10	37-39;35-37 39-41;33-35 37-39;35-37 39-41;33-35	11 513.972 11 514.035 11 509.960 11 510.023	11 514.004	A	11 511.742	
					E*		
18	10 8 -19 9 11	37-39;35-37 39-41;33-35 37-39;35-37 39-41;33-35	11 513.972 11 514.035 11 511.209 11 511.273	11 514.004	A	11 511.742	
					E*		
20	11 10 -21 10 11	41-43;39-41 43-45;37-39 41-43;39-41 43-45;37-39	12 681.294 12 681.351 12 677.566 12 677.620	12 681.323	A	12 679.067	
					E*		
20	11 9 -21 10 12	41-43;39-41 43-45;37-39 41-43;39-41 43-45;37-39	12 681.294 12 681.351 12 678.269 12 678.324	12 681.323	A	12 679.067	
					E*		
22	12 11 -23 11 12	45-47;43-45 47-49;41-43 45-47;43-45 47-49;41-43	13 832.892 13 832.947 13 829.490 13 829.544	13 832.920	A	13 830.713	
					E*		

Table 1 a (continued)

J'	K'_-	$K'_+ - J$	K_-	K_+	$2F' - 2F$	ν_{obs}	$\nu_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	ν_{unsplit}
22	12	10	-23	11	13	45-47;43-45 47-49;41-43 45-47;43-45 47-49;41-43	13 832.892 13 832.947 13 829.692 13 829.745	13 832.920	A E*
24	13	12	-25	12	13	49-51;47-49 51-53;45-47 49-51;47-49 51-53;45-47	14 967.520 14 967.573 14 964.501 14 964.558	14 967.547 14 964.530	A E*
24	13	11	-25	12	14	49-51;47-49 51-53;45-47 49-51;47-49 51-53;45-47	14 967.520 14 967.573 14 964.207 14 964.264	14 967.547 14 964.236	A E*
26	14	13	-27	13	14	53-55;51-53 55-57;49-51 53-55;51-53 55-57;49-51	16 083.882 16 083.935 16 081.277 16 081.320	16 083.909	A E*
26	14	12	-27	13	15	53-55;51-53 55-57;49-51 53-55;51-53 55-57;49-51	16 083.882 16 083.935 16 080.570 16 080.618	16 083.909 16 080.594	A E*

Table 1 a (continued)

J'	K'_-	$K'_+ - J$	K_-	K_+	$2F' - 2F$	ν_{obs}	$\nu_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	ν_{unsplit}
28	15	14	-29	14	15	57-59;55-57 59-61;53-55 57-59;55-57 59-61;53-55	17 180.719 17 180.757 17 178.532 17 178.575	17 180.738	A E*
28	15	13	-29	14	16	57-59;55-57 59-61;53-55 57-59;55-57 59-61;53-55	17 180.719 17 180.757 17 177.464 17 177.509	17 180.738	A E*
31	16	16	-32	15	17		8 562.618 8 560.908	8 562.618 8 560.908	A E*
31	16	15	-32	15	18		8 562.618 8 559.626	8 562.618 8 559.626	A E*
33	17	17	-34	16	18		9 630.904 9 629.570	9 630.904 9 629.570	A E*
33	17	16	-34	16	19		9 630.904 9 628.072	9 630.904 9 628.072	A E*
35	18	18	-36	17	19		10 676.427 10 675.446	10 676.427 10 675.446	A E*
35	18	17	-36	17	20		10 676.427 10 673.854	10 676.427 10 673.854	A E*

Table 1 b. Measured frequencies ν_{obs} with ^{11}B -hfs and CH_3 and BH_3 torsion of methylphosphine-borane-(^{11}B). See Table 1 a.

J'	K'_-	$K'_+ - J$	K_-	K_+	$2F' - 2F$	ν_{obs}	$\nu_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	ν_{unsplit}
1b.1. A-transitions :									
1b.1.1. Q-branch :									
4	1	3	-4	1	4	9-9 7-7 11-11 5-5 9-9 7-7 11-11 5-5	9 938.460 9 938.521 9 938.648 9 938.708 9 938.123 9 938.199 9 938.311 9 938.392	9 938.577	AA EE
5	1	4	-5	1	5	11-11 9-9 13-13 7-7 11-11 9-9 13-13 7-7	14 865.580 14 865.638 14 865.765 14 865.825 14 865.112 14 865.168 14 865.297 14 865.357	14 865.697	AA EE
6	1	5	-6	1	6	13-13;11-11 15-15; 9- 9 13-13;11-11 15-15; 9- 9	20 706.192 20 706.374 20 705.541 20 705.719	20 706.286	AA EE
8	1	7	-8	1	8	S S	34 779.35 34 778.29	34 779.35 34 778.29	AA EE
8	2	6	-8	2	7	17-17;15-15 19-19;13-13 17-17;15-15 19-19;13-13	10 714.942 10 715.038 10 714.672 10 714.771	10 714.991	AA EE
9	2	7	-9	2	8	19-19;17-17 21-21;15-15 19-19;17-17 21-21;15-15	15 643.062 15 643.161 15 642.659 15 642.756	15 643.112	AA EE

Table 1 b (continued)

J'	K'_-	$K'_+ - J$	K_-	K_+	$2F' - 2F$	V_{obs}	$V_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	V_{unsplit}
10	2	8 -10	2	9	21-21;19-19 23-23;17-17 21-21;19-19 23-23;17-17	21 598.424 21 598.532 21 597.871 21 597.981	21 598.478 21 597.926	AA EE	21 598.110
11	2	9 -11	2	10	8 8	28 514.31 28 513.62	28 514.31 28 513.62	AA EE	28 513.85
12	2	10 -12	2	11	8 8	36 289.78 36 288.81	36 289.78 36 288.81	AA EE	36 289.13
12	3	9 -12	3	10	25-25;23-23 27-27;21-21 25-25;23-23 27-27;21-21	9 423.234 9 423.294 9 423.072 9 423.130	9 423.264 9 423.101	AA EE	9 423.155
13	3	10 -13	3	11	27-27;25-25 29-29;23-23 27-27;25-25 29-29;23-23	13 902.042 13 902.107 13 901.782 13 901.848	13 902.075 13 901.815	AA EE	13 901.902
14	3	11 -14	3	12	29-29;27-27 31-31;25-25 29-29;27-27 31-31;25-25	19 523.016 19 523.090 19 522.627 19 522.704	19 023.053 19 522.666	AA EE	19 522.795
15	3	12 -15	3	13	8	26 266.68	26 266.68		26 266.68
17	4	13 -17	4	14	35-35;33-33 37-37;31-31 35-35;33-33 37-37;31-31	11 116.432 11 116.474 11 116.295 11 116.333	11 116.453 11 116.314	AA EE	11 116.360
18	4	14 -18	4	15	37-37;35-35 39-39;33-33 37-37;35-35 39-39;33-33	15 976.443 15 976.490 15 976.206 15 976.256	15 976.467 15 976.231	AA EE	15 976.310
19	4	15 -19	4	16	39-39;37-37 41-41;35-35 39-39;37-37 41-41;35-35	22 063.278 22 063.349 22 062.924 22 062.997	22 063.314 22 062.961	AA EE	22 063.079
21	5	16 -21	5	17	43-43;41-41 45-45;39-39 43-43;41-41 45-45;39-39	8 245.251 8 245.278 8 245.196 8 245.224	8 245.265 8 245.210	AA EE	8 245.228
22	5	17 -22	5	18	45-45;43-43 47-47;41-41 45-45;43-43 47-47;41-41	12 107.672 12 107.701 12 107.540 12 107.575	12 107.687 12 107.558	AA EE	12 107.601
23	5	18 -23	5	19	47-47;45-45 49-49;43-43 47-47;45-45 49-49;43-43	17 164.144 17 164.187 17 163.916 17 163.954	17 164.166 17 163.935	AA EE	17 164.012

Table 1 b (continued)

J'	K'_-	$K'_+ - J$	K_-	K_+	$2F' - 2F$	V_{obs}	$V_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	V_{unsplit}
24	5	19 -24	5	20	49-49;47-47 51-51;45-45 49-49;47-47 51-51;45-45	23 515.914 23 515.975 23 515.568 23 515.631	23 515.945 23 515.600	AA EE	23 515.715
26	6	20 -26	6	21	53-53;51-51 55-55;49-49 53-53;51-51 55-55;49-49	8 641.753 8 641.774 8 641.679 8 641.701	8 641.764 8 641.690	AA EE	8 641.715
27	6	21 -27	6	22	55-55;53-53 57-57;51-51 55-55;53-53 57-57;51-51	12 526.647 12 526.673 12 526.495 12 526.523	12 526.660 12 526.509	AA EE	12 526.559
28	6	22 -28	6	23	57-57;55-55 59-59;53-53 57-57;55-55 59-59;53-53	17 620.288 17 620.318 17 620.014 17 620.052	17 620.303 17 620.033	AA EE	17 620.123
29	6	23 -29	6	24	59-59;57-57 61-61;55-55 59-59;57-57 61-61;55-55	24 053.990 24 054.031 24 053.616 24 053.656	24 054.011 24 053.636	AA EE	24 053.761
31	7	24 -31	7	25	63-63;61-61 65-65;59-59 63-63;61-61 65-65;59-59	8 681.029 8 681.046 8 680.899 8 680.913	8 681.038 8 680.906	AA EE	8 680.950
32	7	25 -32	7	26	65-65;63-63 67-67;61-61 65-65;63-63 67-67;61-61	12 476.720 12 476.741 12 476.491 12 476.513	12 476.731 12 476.502	AA EE	12 476.578
33	7	26 -33	7	27	67-67;65-65 69-69;63-63 67-67;65-65 69-69;63-63	17 469.273 17 469.296 17 468.920 17 468.945	17 469.285 17 468.933	AA EE	17 469.050
34	7	27 -34	7	28		23 818.371 23 817.848	23 818.371 23 817.848	AA EE	23 818.022
36	8	28 -36	8	29		8 432.719 8 432.506	8 432.719 8 432.506	AA EE	8 432.577
37	8	29 -37	8	30		12 047.737 12 047.415	12 047.737 12 047.415	AA EE	12 047.522
38	8	30 -38	8	31		16 821.472 16 820.984	16 821.472 16 820.984	AA EE	16 821.147
39	8	31 -39	8	32		22 937.155 22 936.444	22 937.155 22 936.444	AA EE	22 936.681

Table 1 b (continued)

J'	K'_-	$K'_+ - J$	K_-	K_+	$2F' - 2F$	V_{obs}	$V_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	V_{unsplit}
1b.1.2. R-branch :									
1	0	1 - 0	0	0	1-3 5-3 3-3	10 950.352 10 950.549 10 950.772	10 950.590		10 950.590
2	0	2 - 1	0	1		21 839.739 21 839.666	21 839.739 21 839.666	AA EE	21 839.692
2	1	1 - 1	1	0		22 896.801 22 896.688	22 896.801 22 896.688	AA EE	22 896.734
2	1	2 - 1	1	1	7-5 5-3	20 905.546 20 905.763	20 905.612		20 905.612
3	0	3 - 2	0	2	S	32 607.51	32 607.51		32 607.51
3	1	2 - 2	1	1	S	34 305.09	34 305.09		34 305.09
3	1	3 - 2	1	2	S	31 321.00	31 321.00		31 321.00
3	2	1 - 2	2	0	S	33 095.67	33 095.67		33 095.67
3	2	2 - 2	2	1	S	32 852.45	32 852.45		32 852.45
1b.2. B-transitions :									
1b.2.1. Q-branch :									
1	1	0 - 1	0	1	3-5;5-3 5-5 3-5;5-3 5-5	12 611.430 12 611.644 12 610.934 12 611.155	12 611.552	AA EE	12 611.226
2	1	1 - 2	0	2	5-5 3-3 7-7 1-1 5-5 3-3 7-7 1-1	13 668.473 13 668.628 13 668.702 - 13 667.948 13 668.107 13 668.180 13 668.353	13 668.633	AA EE	13 668.285
3	1	2 - 3	0	3	7-7 5-5 9-9 3-3 7-7 5-5 9-9 3-3	15 366.138 15 366.206 15 366.307 15 366.387 15 365.562 15 365.643 15 365.732 15 365.814	15 366.248	AA EE	15 365.867
3	2	1 - 3	1	2	S S	33 697.57 33 696.54	33 697.57 33 696.54	AA EE	33 696.88
3	2	2 - 3	1	3	S S	39 363.61 39 362.14	39 363.61 39 362.14	AA EE	39 362.63

Table 1 b (continued)

J'	K'_-	$K'_+ - J$	K_-	K_+	$2F' - 2F$	V_{obs}	$V_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	V_{unsplit}
4	1	3 - 4	0	4	9-9 11-11 5-5 9-9 11-11 5-5	17 826.634 17 826.801 17 826.860 17 825.989 17 826.149 17 826.214	17 826.741	AA EE	17 826.304
4	2	2 - 4	1	3	S S	32 389.15 32 388.05	32 389.15 32 388.05	AA EE	32 388.42
5	1	4 - 5	0	5	11-11; 9-9 13-13; 7-7 11-11; 9-9 13-13; 7-7	21 182.432 21 182.590 21 181.677 21 181.832	21 182.515	AA EE	21 182.010
5	2	3 - 5	1	4	S S	31 219.94 31 218.92	31 219.94 31 218.92	AA	31 219.26
6	1	5 - 6	0	6	13-13;11-11 15-15; 9-9 13-13;11-11 15-15; 9-9	25 537.682 25 537.853 25 536.812 25 536.970	25 537.769	AA EE	25 537.185
6	2	4 - 6	1	5	S S	30 443.64 30 442.54	30 443.64 30 442.54	AA EE	30 442.91
7	1	6 - 7	0	7	S S	30 926.47 30 925.46	30 926.47 30 925.46	AA	30 925.80
7	2	5 - 7	1	6	S S	30 296.29 30 295.22	30 296.29 30 295.22	AA EE	30 295.58
8	1	7 - 8	0	8	S S	37 286.15 37 284.94	37 286.15 37 284.94	AA EE	37 285.34
8	2	6 - 8	1	7	S S	30 975.84 30 974.77	30 975.84 30 974.77	AA EE	30 975.13
9	2	7 - 9	1	8	S S	32 640.84 32 639.76	32 640.84 32 639.76	AA EE	32 640.12
10	2	8 - 10	1	9	S S	35 414.79 35 413.56	35 414.79 35 413.56	AA EE	35 413.97
11	2	9 - 11	1	10	S S	39 381.33 39 380.06	39 381.33 39 380.06	AA EE	39 380.48
1b.2.2. R-branch :									
1	1	1 - 0	0	0		22 566.497 22 566.000	22 566.497 22 566.000	AA EE	22 566.169
2	0	2 - 1	1	1	7-5 5-3 7-5 5-3	10 223.770 10 224.040 10 224.172 10 224.422	10 223.844	AA EE	10 224.111

J'	K'_-	$K'_+ - J'$	K_-	K_+	$2F' - 2F$	ν_{obs}	$\nu_{\text{hfs, unsplitted}}$	F	$\nu_{\text{unsplitted}}$
2	1	2 - 1	0	1	8	32 521.26	32 521.26		32 521.26
3	0	3 - 2	1	2	9-7 7-5 9-7 7-5	21 925.788 21 925.834 21 926.111 21 926.157	21 925.814 21 926.137	AA EE	21 926.035
4	0	4 - 3	1	3	8	33 806.62	33 806.62		33 806.62
4	1	3 - 3	2	2	11- 9; 5- 3 9- 7; 7- 5 11- 9; 5- 3 9- 7; 7- 5	12 269.373 12 269.498 12 270.665 12 270.791	12 269.431 12 270.723	AA EE	12 270.215
5	1	4 - 4	2	3		25 459.807 25 460.890	25 459.807 25 460.890	AA EE	25 460.507
6	1	6 - 5	2	3	15-13; 9- 7 13-11; 11- 9 15-13; 9- 7 13-11; 11- 9	16 199.950 16 200.197 16 201.560 16 201.782	16 200.070 16 201.666	AA EE	16 201.151
6	1	5 - 5	2	4	8 8	38 970.57 38 971.42	38 970.57 38 971.42	AA EE	38 971.14
6	2	4 - 5	3	3	15-13; 9- 7 13-11; 11- 9 15-13; 9- 7 13-11; 11- 9 15-13; 9- 7 13-11; 11- 9 15-13; 9- 7 13-11; 11- 9	8 329.065 8 329.134 8 329.134 8 329.207 8 332.238 8 332.330 8 332.330 8 332.439	8 329.112 8 329.155 8 332.281 8 332.384	AA EE EE, EA AE	8 330.515
7	2	6 - 6	3	3	17-15; 11- 9 15-13; 13-11 17-15; 11- 9 15-13; 13-11	14 342.515 14 342.673 14 344.267 14 344.427	14 342.594 14 344.346	AA EE	14 344.015
7	2	5 - 6	3	4	17-15; 11- 9 15-13; 13-11 17-15; 11- 9 15-13; 13-11 17-15; 11- 9 15-13; 13-11 17-15; 11- 9 15-13; 13-11	21 378.046 21 378.098 21 378.098 21 378.148 21 380.385 21 380.431 21 380.431 21 380.482	21 378.068 21 378.124 21 380.407 21 380.458	AA EE EE AE, EA	21 379.409
7	1	7 - 6	2	4	17-15; 11- 9 15-13; 13-11 17-15; 11- 9 15-13; 13-11	21 347.306 21 347.492 21 349.050 21 349.255	21 347.394 21 349.148	AA EE	21 348.571

J'	K'_-	K'_+-J	K_-	K_+	$2F'-2F$	V_{obs}	$V_{\text{ifs, unsplit}}$	Γ	V_{unsplit}
8	2	7-7	3	4	19-17;13-11 17-15;15-13 19-17;13-11 17-15;15-13 19-17;13-11 17-15;15-13 19-17;13-11 17-15;15-13	23 888.225 23 888.339 23 888.272 23 888.383 23 890.181 - - 23 890.349	23 888.281 23 888.326 23 890.235 23 890.292	AA EE EE AE, EA	23 889.714
9	3	6-8	4	5	21-19;15-13 19-17;17-15 21-19;15-13 19-17;17-15 21-19;15-13 19-17;17-15 21-19;15-13 19-17;17-15	16 688.330 16 688.400 16 688.400 16 688.455 16 694.023 16 694.075 16 694.185 16 694.233	16 688.361 16 688.422 16 694.049 16 694.209	AA EE EE, EA AE	16 690.241
9	3	7-8	4	4	21-19;15-13 19-17;17-15 21-19;15-13 19-17;17-15 21-19;15-13 19-17;17-15	14 620.160 14 620.252 14 620.331 14 620.413 14 620.413 14 620.487	14 620.206 14 620.373 14 620.443	EE, AE AA, EA EE	14 622.270
10	3	8-9	4	5	23-21;17-15 21-19;19-17 23-21;17-15 21-19;19-17 23-21;17-15 21-19;19-17 23-21;17-15 21-19;19-17	25 543.845 25 543.912 25 543.912 25 543.982 25 545.386 25 545.469 25 545.469 25 545.559	25 543.881 25 543.946 25 545.422 25 545.523	AA EE EE, AE EA	25 545.735
11	4	7-10	5	6	25-23;19-17 23-21;21-19 25-23;19-17 23-21;21-19 25-23;19-17 23-21;21-19 25-23;19-17 23-21;21-19 25-23;19-17 23-21;21-19 25-23;19-17 23-21;21-19 25-23;19-17 23-21;21-19 25-23;19-17 23-21;21-19	13 577.630 13 577.701 13 577.701 13 577.773 13 590.808 13 590.879 13 590.927 13 590.990 - 13 591.243 13 129.835 - - 13 130.137 13 130.171	13 577.664 13 577.739 13 590.844 13 590.959 13 591.209 13 129.869 13 130.137	AA EE EA EE AE EE* AE*	13 579.974
11	4	8-10	5	5	25-23;19-17 23-21;21-19 25-23;19-17 23-21;21-19	13 110.572 13 110.638 13 110.638 13 110.704	13 110.608 13 110.669	AA EE	13 112.909

Table 1 b (continued)

J'	K'_-	$K'_+ - J$	K_-	K_+	$2F' - 2F$	V_{obs}	$V_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	V_{unsplit}
					25-23;19-17	13 103.933	13 103.969	AE	
					23-21;21-19	-			
					25-23;19-17	13 104.061	13 104.094	EE	
					23-21;21-19	13 104.126			
					25-23;19-17	-	13 104.356	EA	
					23-21;21-19	13 104.391			
					25-23;19-17	13 565.129	13 565.166	EE*, AE*	
					23-21;21-19	13 565.202			
					25-23;19-17	-	13 565.412	EA*	
					23-21;21-19	13 565.447			
12	4	8 -11	5	7	27-25;21-19	25 387.971	25 387.996	AA	25 390.230
					25-23;23-21	25 388.028			
					27-25;21-19	25 388.028	25 388.055	EE	
					25-23;23-21	25 388.080			
					24 496.569	24 496.569	EE*, EA*		
					24 496.812	24 496.812	AE*		
12	4	9 -11	5	6	27-25;21-19	24 469.894	24 469.923	AA	24 472.165
					25-23;23-21	24 469.954			
					27-25;21-19	24 469.954	24 469.987	EE	
					25-23;23-21	24 470.016			
					27-25;21-19	24 466.562	24 466.591	AE	
					25-23;23-21	24 466.647			
					27-25;21-19	24 466.647	24 466.671	EE	
					25-23;23-21	24 466.700			
					27-25;21-19	-	24 466.880	EA	
					25-23;23-21	24 466.909			
					25 367.882	25 367.882	EE*		
13	5	9 -12	6	6	29-27;23-21	11 091.298	11 091.329	AA	11 093.957
					27-25;25-23	11 091.359			
					29-27;23-21	11 091.359	11 091.388	EE	
					27-25;25-23	11 091.419			
					29-27;23-21	11 174.366	11 174.397	AE*	
					27-25;25-23	11 174.427			
					29-27;23-21	11 174.427	11 174.461	EE*	
					27-25;25-23	11 174.492			
					29-27;23-21	11 174.619	11 174.650	EA*	
					27-25;25-23	11 174.680			
13	5	8 -12	6	7	29-27;23-21	11 183.266	11 183.296	AA	11 185.927
					27-25;25-23	11 183.326			
					29-27;23-21	11 183.380	11 183.410	EE	
					27-25;25-23	11 183.439			
					29-27;23-21	11 107.811	11 107.842	EA*	
					27-25;25-23	11 107.871			
					29-27;23-21	11 107.871	11 107.904	EE*	
					27-25;25-23	11 107.935			
					29-27;23-21	-	11 108.124	AE*	
					27-25;25-23	11 108.155			

Table 1 b (continued)

J'	K'_-	$K'_+ - J$	K_-	K_+	$2F' - 2F$	V_{obs}	$V_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	V_{unsplit}
14	5	9 -13	6	8	31-29;25-23	22 712.431	22 712.456	AA	22 715.004
					29-27;27-25	22 712.498			
					31-29;25-23	22 712.498	22 712.533	EE	
					29-27;27-25	22 712.558			
					31-29;25-23	22 728.866	22 728.891	EA	
					29-27;27-25	-			
					31-29;25-23	22 728.998	22 729.024	EE	
					29-27;27-25	22 729.049			
					31-29;25-23	22 729.208	22 729.233	AE	
					29-27;27-25	-			
					31-29;25-23	22 538.660	22 538.685	EA*	
					29-27;27-25	-			
					31-29;25-23	22 538.759	22 538.790	EE*	
					29-27;27-25	22 538.820			
					22 539.036	22 539.036	AE*		
14	5	10 -13	6	7	31-29;25-23	22 520.725	22 520.750	AA	22 523.299
					29-27;27-25	22 520.785			
					31-29;25-23	22 520.785	22 520.820	EE	
					29-27;27-25	22 520.845			
					31-29;25-23	22 511.579	22 511.604	AE	
					29-27;27-25	-			
					31-29;25-23	22 511.714	22 511.742	EE	
					29-27;27-25	22 511.769			
					31-29;25-23	-	22 511.961	EA	
					29-27;27-25	22 511.936			
					31-29;25-23	22 701.852	22 701.877	AE*	
					29-27;27-25	-			
					31-29;25-23	22 701.944	22 701.967	EE*	
					29-27;27-25	22 701.990			
					22 702.182	22 702.182	EA*		
15	6	10 -14	7	7	33-31;27-25	8 979.941	8 979.967	AA, EE	8 982.822
					31-29;29-27	8 979.993			
					33-31;27-25	8 993.520	8 993.548	EE*	
					31-29;29-27	8 993.575			
					33-31;27-25	8 993.575	8 993.606	AE*	
					31-29;29-27	8 993.636			
					33-31;27-25	8 993.636	8 993.661	EA*	
					31-29;29-27	8 993.689			
15	6	9 -14	7	8	33-31;27-25	8 996.650	8 996.681	AA	8 999.514
					31-29;29-27	8 996.712			
					33-31;27-25	-	8 996.857	EE	
					31-29;29-27	8 996.892			
					33-31;27-25	8 991.435	8 991.463	EE*	
					31-29;29-27	8 991.488			
					33-31;27-25	8 991.488	8 991.518	EA*	
					31-29;29-27	8 991.548			
					33-31;27-25	8 991.548	8 991.573	AE*	
					31-29;29-27	8 991.601			

Table 1 b (continued)

J'	K'_-	$K'_+ - J$	K_-	K_+	$2F' - 2F$	V_{obs}	$V_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	V_{unsplit}
16	6	10	-15	7	9	20 421.011 20 421.167 20 442.637 20 442.905 20 443.134 20 398.988 20 399.176	20 421.011 20 421.167 20 442.637 20 442.905 20 443.134 20 398.988 20 399.176	AA EE EA EE AE EE*, EA* AE*	20 423.796
16	6	11	-15	7	8	20 384.687 20 370.790 20 371.030 20 371.267 20 414.837 20 415.020	20 384.687 20 370.790 20 371.030 20 371.267 20 414.837 20 415.020	AA, EE AE EE EA EE*, AE* EA*	20 387.436
18	7	11	-17	8	10	39-37; 33-31 37-35; 35-33 39-37; 33-31 37-35; 35-33 39-37; 33-31 37-35; 35-33 39-37; 33-31 37-35; 35-33	18 249.125 18 249.172 - 18 249.336 18 249.357 18 250.661 18 250.719 18 250.719 18 250.775	AA EE EE EE* AE*, EA* AE*, EA* AE*, EA* AE*, EA*	18 252.009
18	7	12	-17	8	9	18 242.636 18 248.989 18 249.545 37-35; 35-33 39-37; 33-31 37-35; 35-33	18 242.636 18 248.989 18 249.567 18 249.603 18 249.603 18 249.661	AA EE* EE* AE*, EA* AE*, EA* AE*, EA*	18 245.523
20	8	12	-19	9	11	16 130.605 16 134.831	16 130.605 16 134.831	AA EE*	16 133.473
20	8	13	-19	9	10	16 129.521 16 133.813	16 129.521 16 133.813	AA EE*	16 132.382
22	9	13	-21	10	12	14 049.609 14 049.473 14 053.722	14 049.609 14 049.473 14 053.722	AA EE* EE*	14 052.367
22	9	14	-21	10	11	14 049.379 14 049.609 14 053.489	14 049.379 14 049.609 14 053.489	AA EE* EE*	14 052.174
23	9	14	-22	10	13	49-47; 43-41 47-45; 45-43 25 397.850 49-47; 43-41 47-45; 45-43 25 397.891 49-47; 43-41 25 397.488 47-45; 45-43 25 397.531 49-47; 43-41 25 401.626 47-45; 45-43 25 401.668 49-47; 43-41 25 401.668 47-45; 45-43 25 401.712	25 397.710 25 397.729 25 397.748 25 397.850 25 397.871 25 397.891 25 397.488 25 397.510 25 397.531 25 401.647 25 401.668 25 401.668 25 401.690 25 401.712	AA EE EE EE* EE*, AE* EA*	25 400.426

Table 1 b (continued)

J'	K'_-	$K'_+ - J$	K_-	K_+	$2F' - 2F$	V_{obs}	$V_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	V_{unsplit}
23	9	15	-22	10	12	49-47; 43-41 47-45; 45-43 25 397.710 49-47; 43-41 47-45; 45-43 25 397.748 49-47; 43-41 25 401.369 47-45; 45-43 25 401.410 49-47; 43-41 25 401.410 47-45; 45-43 25 401.456	25 397.333 25 397.375 25 397.710 25 397.729 25 401.390 25 401.433 25 401.456	AA, EE EE* EE* EA*	25 400.036
24	10	14	-23	11	13	12 002.319 12 005.892	12 002.319 12 005.892	AA EE*	12 004.910
24	10	15	-23	11	12	12 002.319 12 006.423	12 002.319 12 006.423	AA EE*	12 004.899
25	10	15	-24	11	14	23 315.160 23 318.660	23 315.160 23 318.660	AA EE*	23 317.673
25	10	16	-24	11	13	23 315.160 23 319.100	23 315.160 23 319.100	AA EE*	23 317.649
26	11	15	-25	12	14	9 988.601 9 991.508	9 988.601 9 991.508	AA EE*	9 990.949
26	11	16	-25	12	13	9 988.601 9 992.676	9 988.601 9 992.676	AA EE*	9 990.949
27	11	16	-26	12	15	21 269.417 21 272.245	21 269.417 21 272.245	AA EE*	21 271.673
27	11	17	-26	12	14	21 269.417 21 273.304	21 269.417 21 273.304	AA EE*	21 271.677
29	12	17	-28	13	16	19 260.141 19 262.323	19 260.141 19 262.323	AA EE*	19 262.121
29	12	18	-28	13	15	19 260.141 19 263.844	19 260.141 19 263.844	AA EE*	19 262.121
31	13	18	-30	14	17	17 288.147 17 288.703	17 288.147 17 288.703	AA EE*	17 289.824
31	13	19	-30	14	16	17 288.147 17 291.573	17 288.147 17 291.573	AA EE*	17 289.824
33	14	19	-32	15	18	15 354.861 15 355.851	15 354.861 15 355.851	AA EE*	15 356.223
33	14	20	-32	15	17	15 354.861 15 357.913	15 354.861 15 357.913	AA EE*	15 356.223
35	15	20	-34	16	19	13 462.028 13 462.515	13 462.028 13 462.515	AA EE*	13 463.083
35	15	21	-34	16	18	13 462.028 13 464.660	13 462.028 13 464.660	AA EE*	13 463.083

Table 1 b (continued)

J'	K'_-	$K'_+ - J$	K_-	K_+	$2F' - 2F$	ν_{obs}	$\nu_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	ν_{unsplit}
37	16	21	-36	17	20	11 611.611 11 613.817	11 611.611 11 613.817	AA EE*	11 612.399
37	16	22	-36	17	19	11 611.611 11 611.737	11 611.611 11 611.737	AA EE*	11 612.399
39	17	22	-38	18	21	9 805.750 9 807.529	9 805.750 9 807.529	AA EE*	9 806.291
39	17	23	-38	18	20	9 805.750 9 805.555	9 805.750 9 805.555	AA EE*	9 806.291

1b.2.3. P-branch :

7	5	3	-8	4	4	15-17;13-15 17-19;11-13 15-17;13-15 17-19;11-13 15-17;13-15 17-19;11-13 15-17;13-15 17-19;11-13 15-17;13-15 17-19;11-13	20 639.590 - 20 639.789 20 639.945 20 662.887 20 663.063 20 663.063 20 663.234 20 676.500	20 639.669 - 20 639.869 20 662.966 20 663.159 20 676.500	EE - AA AE* EE*,EA* EE*	20 637.427
7	5	2	-8	4	5	15-17;13-15 17-19;11-13 15-17;13-15 17-19;11-13 15-17;13-15 17-19;11-13 15-17;13-15 17-19;11-13	20 676.776 20 676.937 - 20 640.184 20 646.110 20 646.294 20 646.294 20 646.463	20 676.858 20 640.108 20 646.189 20 646.387	AA,EE EE* EA* EE*,AE*	20 674.391
8	5	4	-9	4	5	17-19;15-17 19-21;13-15 17-19;15-17 19-21;13-15 17-19;15-17 19-21;13-15 17-19;15-17 19-21;13-15	9 378.015 9 378.140 9 378.140 9 378.255 9 457.926 - 9 458.146 9 458.246 9 458.246 9 458.336	9 378.073 9 378.199 9 457.984 9 458.204 9 458.280	EE AA AE* EE* EA*	9 375.794
8	5	3	-9	4	6	17-19;15-17 19-21;13-15 17-19;15-17 19-21;13-15 17-19;15-17 19-21;13-15 17-19;15-17 19-21;13-15	9 473.623 9 473.735 9 386.360 9 386.472 9 386.540 9 386.641 9 386.641 9 386.738	9 473.679 9 386.416 9 386.597 9 386.682	AA,EE EA* EE* AE*	9 471.284

Table 1 b (continued)

J'	K'_-	$K'_+ - J$	K_-	K_+	$2F' - 2F$	ν_{obs}	$\nu_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	ν_{unsplit}
9	6	4 -10	5	5	19-21;17-19 21-23;15-17 19-21;17-19 21-23;15-17 19-21;17-19 21-23;15-17 19-21;17-19 21-23;15-17 19-21;17-19 21-23;15-17	22 753.563 - 22 753.825 22 753.973 22 751.479 22 751.580 22 751.580 22 751.691 22 759.998 -	22 753.623 22 753.885 22 751.539 21 751.631 22 760.058	EE AA AE*,EA* EE* EE*	22 751.089
9	6	3 -10	5	6	19-21;17-19 21-23;15-17 19-21;17-19 21-23;15-17 19-21;17-19 21-23;15-17 19-21;17-19 21-23;15-17 19-21;17-19 21-23;15-17	22 760.283 22 760.407 22 760.407 22 760.524 22 753.973 22 754.107 22 754.200 22 754.317 22 754.317 22 754.439	22 760.343 22 760.462 22 754.034 22 754.260 22 754.378	AA EE EE* AE*,EA* EE*	22 757.549
10	6	5 -11	5	6	21-23;19-21 23-25;17-19 21-23;19-21 23-25;17-19 21-23;19-21 23-25;17-19 21-23;19-21 23-25;17-19 21-23;19-21 23-25;17-19	11 526.632 11 526.698 11 526.853 11 526.940 11 532.114 11 532.209 11 532.209 11 532.249 11 532.249 11 532.346	11 526.665 11 526.897 11 532.161 11 532.257 11 532.299	EE AA AE* EA* EE*	11 524.155
10	6	4 -11	5	7	21-23;19-21 23-25;17-19 21-23;19-21 23-25;17-19 21-23;19-21 23-25;17-19 21-23;19-21 23-25;17-19 21-23;19-21 23-25;17-19	11 543.983 11 544.067 11 544.067 11 544.138 11 530.382 11 530.480 11 530.480 - 11 530.516 11 530.607	11 544.030 11 544.091 11 530.429 11 530.528 11 530.560	AA EE EA* AE* EE*	11 541.280
11	7	5 -12	6	6	23-25;21-23 25-27;19-21 23-25;21-23 25-27;19-21 23-25;21-23 25-27;19-21	24 832.927 24 827.519 24 827.601 24 827.601 24 833.733 24 833.838	24 832.927 24 827.568 24 827.653 24 833.778	AA AE*,EA* EE* EE*	24 829.888

Table 1 b (continued)

J'	K'_-	$K'_+ - J$	K_-	K_+	$2F' - 2F$	V_{obs}	$V_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	I'	V_{unsplit}
11	7	4 -12	6	7	23-25;21-23 25-27;19-21 23-25;21-23 25-27;19-21 23-25;21-23 25-27;19-21 23-25;21-23 25-27;19-21	24 833.906 24 834.014 24 830.162 24 830.250 24 830.250 24 830.342 24 832.927 24 833.022	24 833.964 24 830.211 24 830.292 24 832.974	AA AE*,EA* EE* EE*	24 830.933
12	7	6 -13	6	7	25-27;23-25 27-29;21-23 25-27;23-25 27-29;21-23 25-27;23-25 27-29;21-23 25-27;23-25 27-29;21-23	13 619.063 13 619.145 13 621.742 13 621.815 13 614.792 13 614.872 13 614.872 13 614.952	13 619.104 13 621.779 13 614.832 13 614.912	AA EE* AE*,EA* EE*	13 616.141
12	7	5 -13	6	8	25-27;23-25 27-29;21-23 25-27;23-25 27-29;21-23 25-27;23-25 27-29;21-23 25-27;23-25 27-29;21-23	13 619.145 13 619.239 13 621.982 13 622.057 13 617.333 13 617.412 13 617.412 13 617.489	13 619.199 13 622.020 13 617.373 13 617.449	EE* AA AE*,EA* EE*	13 619.036
14	8	7 -15	7	8	29-31;27-29 31-33;25-27 29-31;27-29 31-33;25-27 29-31;27-29 31-33;25-27 29-31;27-29 31-33;25-27	15 681.948 15 682.004 15 682.184 15 682.272 15 676.604 15 676.688 15 676.688 15 676.768	15 681.976 15 682.235 15 676.644 15 676.727	AA EE* AE*,EA* EE*	15 678.855
14	8	6 -15	7	9	29-31;27-29 31-33;25-27 29-31;27-29 31-33;25-27 29-31;27-29 31-33;25-27 29-31;27-29 31-33;25-27	15 682.380 15 682.452 15 681.948 15 682.004 15 678.376 15 678.454 15 678.454 15 678.526	15 682.416 15 681.976 15 678.411 15 678.491	AA EE* AE*,EA* EE*	15 679.309
16	9	8 -17	8	9	33-35;31-33 35-37;29-31 33-35;31-33 35-37;29-31 33-35;31-33 35-37;29-31	17 718.998 17 719.059 17 713.928 17 714.001 17 714.001 17 714.063	17 719.029 17 713.959 17 714.032	AA,EE* AE*,EA* EE*	17 715.920

Table 1 b (continued)

J'	K'_-	$K'_+ - J$	K_-	K_+	$2F' - 2F$	V_{obs}	$V_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	I'	V_{unsplit}
16	9	7 -17	8	10	33-35;31-33 35-37;29-31 33-35;31-33 35-37;29-31 33-35;31-33 35-37;29-31 33-35;31-33 35-37;29-31 33-35;31-33 35-37;29-31	17 718.941 17 718.998 17 719.059 17 719.121 17 714.740 17 714.787 17 714.787 17 714.859 17 714.859 17 714.910	17 718.970 17 719.090 17 714.771 17 714.823 17 714.879	EE* AA AE* EA* EE*	17 715.964
18	10	9 -19	9	10	37-39;35-37 39-41;33-35	19 729.181 19 729.252 19 724.705	19 729.224 19 724.705	AA EE*	19 726.189
18	10	8 -19	9	11	37-39;35-37 39-41;33-35 37-39;35-37 39-41;33-35	19 729.113 19 729.181 19 729.181 19 729.252 19 724.705	19 729.139 19 729.224 19 724.705	EE* AA EE*	19 726.182
19	10	10 -20	9	11	39-41;37-39 41-43;35-37 39-41;37-39 41-43;35-37 39-41;37-39 41-43;35-37 39-41;37-39 41-43;35-37	8 509.827 8 509.894 8 505.327 8 505.390 8 505.365 8 505.432 8 505.432 8 505.476	8 509.861 8 505.359 8 505.399 8 505.443	AA,EE* EA* AE* EE*	8 506.890
19	10	9 -20	9	12	39-41;37-39 41-43;35-37 39-41;37-39 41-43;35-37 39-41;37-39 41-43;35-37 39-41;37-39 41-43;35-37	8 509.770 8 509.827 8 509.871 8 509.914 8 505.432 8 505.484 8 505.484 8 505.521 8 505.521 8 505.572	8 509.799 8 509.898 8 505.456 8 505.503 8 505.547	EE* AA AE* EA* EE*	8 506.939
20	11	10 -21	10	11	41-43;39-41 43-45;37-39 41-43;39-41 43-45;37-39 41-43;39-41 43-45;37-39	21 710.243 21 710.300 21 706.360 21 706.425 21 706.425 21 706.485	21 710.272 21 706.385 21 706.460	AA,EE* EA* EE*,AE*	21 707.423
20	11	9 -21	10	12	41-43;39-41 43-45;37-39 41-43;39-41 43-45;37-39 41-43;39-41 43-45;37-39	21 710.181 21 710.243 21 710.243 21 710.300 21 705.531 21 705.602 21 705.602 21 705.659	21 710.206 21 710.272 21 705.556 21 705.634	EE* AA AE* EE*,EA*	21 707.423

Table 1 b (continued)

J'	K'_-	$K'_+ - J$	K_-	K_+	$2F' - 2F$	ν_{obs}	$\nu_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	ν_{unsplit}
21	11	11	-22	10	12	43-45;41-43	10 507.235	10 507.262	AA, EE* 10 504.490
						45-47;39-41	10 507.282		
						43-45;41-43	10 503.429	10 503.454	EA*
						45-47;39-41	10 503.479		
						43-45;41-43	10 503.479	10 503.512	EE*, AE*
						45-47;39-41	10 503.545		
21	11	10	-22	10	13	43-45;41-43	10 507.168	10 507.202	EE* 10 504.490
						45-47;39-41	10 507.235		
						43-45;41-43	10 507.235	10 507.262	AA
						45-47;39-41	10 507.282		
						43-45;41-43	10 502.684	10 502.712	AE*
						45-47;39-41	10 502.740		
						43-45;41-43	10 502.740	10 502.778	EA*, EE*
						45-47;39-41	10 502.815		
22	12	11	-23	11	12	45-47;43-45	23 659.696	23 659.721	AA, EE* 23 657.121
						47-49;41-43	23 659.745		
						45-47;43-45	23 656.541	23 656.567	EA*
						47-49;41-43	23 656.593		
						45-47;43-45	23 656.593	23 656.618	EE*, AE*
						47-49;41-43	23 656.643		
22	12	10	-23	11	13	45-47;43-45	23 659.640	23 659.668	EE* 23 657.121
						47-49;41-43	23 659.696		
						45-47;43-45	23 659.696	23 659.721	AA
						47-49;41-43	23 659.745		
						45-47;43-45	23 655.018	23 655.043	AE*
						47-49;41-43	23 655.068		
						45-47;43-45	23 655.068	23 655.093	EE*, EA*
						47-49;41-43	23 655.117		
23	12	12	-24	11	13		12 473.457	12 473.457	AA 12 470.942
							12 470.404	12 470.404	EE*
23	12	11	-24	11	14		12 473.457	12 473.457	AA 12 470.942
							12 469.012	12 469.012	EE*
24	13	12	-25	12	13		25 574.974	25 574.974	AA 25 572.674
							25 572.591	25 572.591	EE*
24	13	11	-25	12	14		25 574.974	25 574.974	AA 25 572.674
							25 570.494	25 570.494	EE*
25	13	13	-26	12	14		14 406.101	14 406.101	AA 14 403.889
							14 403.785	14 403.785	EE*
25	13	12	-26	12	15		14 406.101	14 406.101	AA 14 403.889
							14 401.832	14 401.832	EE*
27	14	14	-28	13	15		16 302.719	16 302.719	AA 16 300.832
							16 301.079	16 301.079	EE*

Table 1 b (continued)

J'	K'_-	$K'_+ - J$	K_-	K_+	$2F' - 2F$	ν_{obs}	$\nu_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$	Γ	ν_{unsplit}
27	14	13	-28	13	16	16 302.719	16 302.719	AA	16 300.832
						16 298.737	16 298.737	EE*	
32	16	17	-33	15	18	8 849.448	8 849.448	AA	8 848.303
						8 849.026	8 849.026	EE*	
32	16	16	-33	15	19	8 849.448	8 849.448	AA	8 848.303
						8 846.470	8 846.470	EE*	
34	17	18	-35	16	19	10 646.082	10 646.082	AA	10 645.236
						10 643.569	10 643.569	EE*	
34	17	17	-35	16	20	10 646.082	10 646.082	AA, EE*	10 645.236
36	18	19	-37	17	20	12 397.406	12 397.406	AA	12 396.848
						12 395.363	12 395.363	EE*	
36	18	18	-37	17	21	12 397.406	12 397.406	AA	12 396.848
						12 397.790	12 397.790	EE*	
38	19	20	-39	18	21	14 101.004	14 101.004	AA	14 100.674
						14 099.405	14 099.405	EE*	
38	19	19	-39	18	22	14 101.004	14 101.004	AA	14 100.674
						14 101.621	14 101.621	EE*	

Table 2a. ¹¹B-quadrupole coupling constants of CH₃PH₂BD₃. Standard deviations in brackets in units of the last digit. σ : standard deviation of the fit, Δv : mean experimental hfs-splitting.

$\chi_+ = \chi_{bb} + \chi_{cc} = -1.085(10)$ MHz
$\chi_- = \chi_{bb} - \chi_{cc} = 0.775(11)$ MHz
$\chi_{aa} = 1.085(10)$ MHz
$\chi_{bb} = -0.155(11)$ MHz
$\chi_{cc} = -0.930(11)$ MHz
$\sigma = 6$ kHz
$\Delta v = 88$ kHz
correlation coefficient: $ \chi_+, \chi_- = 0.05$
$\star(\text{BP}, a) = 28.6(10)^\circ$
$\chi_{xx} = -0.688(79)$ MHz
$\chi_{yy} = -0.930(11)$ MHz
$\chi_{zz} = 1.618(78)$ MHz

Table 2b. ¹¹B-quadrupole coupling constants of CH₃PH₂BH₃. See also Table 2a.

$\chi_+ = \chi_{bb} + \chi_{cc} = -0.975(11)$ MHz
$\chi_- = \chi_{bb} - \chi_{cc} = 0.768(13)$ MHz
$\chi_{aa} = 0.975(11)$ MHz
$\chi_{bb} = -0.104(12)$ MHz
$\chi_{cc} = -0.872(12)$ MHz
$\sigma = 9$ kHz
$\Delta v = 88$ kHz
correlation coefficient: $ \chi_+, \chi_- = 0.07$
$\star(\text{BP}, a) = 31.2(10)^\circ$
$\chi_{xx} = -0.729(97)$ MHz
$\chi_{yy} = -0.872(12)$ MHz
$\chi_{zz} = 1.600(96)$ MHz

The dipole forbidden transitions EE*, EA* and AE* connected with the regular μ_b -type transitions AA, EE, EA and AE belong to selection rules, which are equal to those of μ_c -type transitions (ee–oe, oo–eo). Therefore the forbidden and regular transitions show a different centrifugal distortion effect. Consequently the program (AC3IAM) was modified to include centrifugal distortion up to fourth order (Watsons A-reduction is used [9]).

Because the differences between observed and calculated torsional splittings increase with J , the internal rotation constants were fitted with frequencies of lines with $J \leq 20$.

The presumable reason for these differences is an approximation made by Woods to reduce the computational effort. The matrix elements of the Hamiltonian, see eq. (1), in the principal axis system are:

where z' is parallel to a principal axis and $z^{(l)}$ ($l = 1, 2$) to the $q^{(l)}$ -axes, respectively.

Woods simplifies this equation using the following approximation:

$$\langle K_{1,2} v_{1,2}^{(l)} \sigma^{(l)} | K v^{(l)} \sigma^{(l)} \rangle = \delta_{l,0} \delta_{1,2}^{(0)}; \quad l = 1, 2. \quad (5)$$

To estimate the error we compared a spectrum prediction (program FC3IAM) using the approximation of (5) with a spectrum prediction made by van Eijck using a program, that takes into account the elements off diagonal in v by a van Vleck transformation. Because the contribution of the van Vleck transformation increases with J , the agreement of the splittings is better than 0.3% for $J \leq 20$ but only ca. 5% for $J = 40$. There are some other assumptions in Woods program, so we believe an error of max. 0.3% for $J = 20$ is acceptable.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle J K_2 M v_2^{(1)} \sigma^{(1)} v_2^{(2)} \sigma^{(2)}(z') | H | J K_1 M v_1^{(1)} \sigma^{(1)} v_1^{(2)} \sigma^{(2)}(z') \rangle \\
 &= \langle K_2 v_2^{(1)} \sigma^{(1)} | K_1 v_1^{(1)} \sigma^{(1)} \rangle \cdot \langle K_2 v_2^{(2)} \sigma^{(2)} | K_1 v_1^{(2)} \sigma^{(2)} \rangle \cdot \langle J K_2 M(z') | H_R | J K_1 M(z') \rangle \\
 &+ \langle K_2 v_2^{(2)} \sigma^{(2)} | K_1 v_1^{(2)} \sigma^{(2)} \rangle \left\{ \sum_K \langle J K_2 M(z') | J K M(z^{(1)}) \rangle \cdot \langle J K M(z^{(1)}) | J K_1 M(z') \rangle \right. \\
 &\quad \cdot \sum_{v^{(1)}} \langle K_2 v_2^{(1)} \sigma^{(1)} | K v^{(1)} \sigma^{(1)} \rangle \cdot E_{K v^{(1)} \sigma^{(1)}}^{(1)} \cdot \langle K v^{(1)} \sigma^{(1)} | K_1 v_1^{(1)} \sigma^{(1)} \rangle \Big\} \\
 &+ \langle K_2 v_2^{(1)} \sigma^{(1)} | K_1 v_1^{(1)} \sigma^{(1)} \rangle \left\{ \sum_K \langle J K_2 M(z') | J K M(z^{(2)}) \rangle \cdot \langle J K M(z^{(2)}) | J K_1 M(z') \rangle \right. \\
 &\quad \cdot \sum_{v^{(2)}} \langle K_2 v_2^{(2)} \sigma^{(2)} | K v^{(2)} \sigma^{(2)} \rangle \cdot E_{K v^{(2)} \sigma^{(2)}}^{(2)} \cdot \langle K v^{(2)} \sigma^{(2)} | K_1 v_1^{(2)} \sigma^{(2)} \rangle \Big\}
 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Table 3a. Internal rotation parameters of CH₃PH₂BD₃. $w_1(s)$: Fourier coefficient, s : reduced barrier height, I_x : moment of inertia of the CH₃ and BD₃ group, respectively, $\angle(g, i)$: angle between the inertia axis $g = a, b, c$ and the internal rotation axis i , F : reduced internal rotational constant of the internal rotation, V_3 : barrier to internal rotation, σ : standard deviation of the fit, Δv : mean experimental methyl torsion splitting. Assumptions in square brackets. Standard errors in units of the last digit in brackets.

CH ₃ top	BD ₃ top
$w_1(s) = -0.44780(63) \cdot 10^{-4}$	—
$I_x = 3.1996(58) \text{ amu } \text{\AA}^2$	[8.676 amu $\text{\AA}^2$]
$\angle(a, i) = 38.990(66)^\circ$	[32.7°]
$\angle(b, i) = 51.010(66)^\circ$	[57.3°]
$\angle(c, i) = 90.00^\circ$	[90.0°]
$F = 173.37(33) \text{ GHz}$	[75.11 GHz]
$s = 51.834(11)$	
$V_3 = 1.9332(40) \text{ kcal/mol}$	
$= 8.092(17) \text{ kJ/mol}$	
$\sigma = 14 \text{ kHz}$	
$\Delta v = 18.57 \text{ MHz}$	
correlation coefficient matrix:	
$\angle w_1(s)$	1.00
I_x	-0.86 1.00
$\angle(a, i)$	-0.96 0.84 1.00

Table 3b. Internal rotation parameters of CH₃PH₂BH₃. See also Table 3a.

CH ₃ top	BH ₃ top
$w_1(s) = -0.47907(42) \cdot 10^{-4}$	$-0.783(19) \cdot 10^{-6}$
$I_x = 3.1992(24) \text{ amu } \text{\AA}^2$	$4.338(42) \text{ amu } \text{\AA}^2$
$\angle(a, i) = 36.380(38)^\circ$	$35.3(13)^\circ$
$\angle(b, i) = 53.620(38)^\circ$	$54.7(13)^\circ$
$\angle(c, i) = 90.00^\circ$	[90.0°]
$F = 174.91(14) \text{ GHz}$	$133.7(17) \text{ GHz}$
$s = 51.4818(65)$	$89.22(25)$
$V_3 = 1.9318(18) \text{ kcal/mol}$	$2.559(39) \text{ kcal/mol}$
$= 8.086(8) \text{ kJ/mol}$	$10.71(16) \text{ kJ/mol}$
$\sigma = 18 \text{ kHz}$	
$\Delta v = 33.377 \text{ MHz}$	
correlation coefficient matrix:	
$w_1(s) \text{ (CH}_3\text{)}$	1.00
$w_1(s) \text{ (BH}_3\text{)}$	-0.11 1.00
$I_x \text{ (CH}_3\text{)}$	-0.90 0.00 1.00
$I_x \text{ (BH}_3\text{)}$	0.08 -0.60 -0.04 1.00
$\angle(a, i) \text{ (CH}_3\text{)}$	-0.89 0.02 0.84 -0.03 1.00
$\angle(a, i) \text{ (BH}_3\text{)}$	0.23 -0.78 -0.08 0.41 -0.08 1.00

The results for the torsional analyses are given in Table 3a and 3b for CH₃PH₂BD₃ and CH₃PH₂BH₃, respectively. The internal rotation constants were used to calculate the deviations from the rigid rotor lines (program FC3IAM). These deviations were added to the frequencies $\nu_{\text{hfs, unsplit}}$. The hypothetical

unsplit lines ν_{unsplit} were then calculated as a mean value.

The frequencies ν_{unsplit} were used in least squares analyses to fit the constants in the following Hamiltonian (Watsons *A*-reduction is used, program ZFAP6 [10, 11]):

$$\begin{aligned}
 H = & 1/2 (B + C) P^2 + [A - 1/2 (B + C)] P_z^2 \\
 & + 1/2 (B - C) (P_x^2 - P_y^2) \\
 & - \Delta_J P^4 - \Delta_{JK} P^2 P_z^2 - \Delta_K P_z^4 - 2 \delta_J P^2 (P_x^2 - P_y^2) \\
 & - \delta_K [P_z^2 (P_x^2 - P_y^2) + (P_x^2 - P_y^2) P_z^2] \\
 & + \Phi_J P^6 + \Phi_{JK} P^4 P_z^2 + \Phi_{KJ} P^2 P_z^4 + \Phi_K P_z^6 \\
 & + 2 \varphi_J P^4 (P_x^2 - P_y^2) + \varphi_{JK} P^2 [P_z^2 (P_x^2 - P_y^2) \\
 & + (P_x^2 - P_y^2) P_z^2] + \varphi_K [P_z^4 (P_x^2 - P_y^2) \\
 & + (P_x^2 - P_y^2) P_z^4]. \quad (6)
 \end{aligned}$$

The results for the centrifugal distortion analyses are given in Table 4a and 4b for CH₃PH₂BD₃ and CH₃PH₂BH₃, respectively.

All fitting procedures were repeated until no further changes in the derived parameters were observed.

IV. Results and Discussion

The determination of the methyl barrier of CH₃PH₂BD₃ and CH₃PH₂BH₃ gives $V_3 = 1933(4)$ and $1932(2)$ cal/mol, respectively. These results are in a good agreement with the potential $V_3 = 1958(14)$ cal/mol found for methylphosphine, CH₃PH₂, by Kojima [12], but are in a disagreement with the value $V_3 = 2.49(6)$ kcal/mol determined by Durig [2] from the first excited torsion state of the methyl group of CH₃PH₂BH₃. Similar the determination of the borane barrier of CH₃PH₂BH₃ $V_3 = 2559(39)$ cal/mol is consistent with the potential $V_3 = 2467(50)$ cal/mol found for phosphine-borane by Durig [13], but furthermore in disagreement with the value $V_3 = 1.57(6)$ kcal/mol determined by Durig [2] from the rotational spectra in the first excited torsion state of the borane group.

Because it is not possible to assign the ground state splittings measured in this work with the values given in [2] and since it is possible to assign the torsional fine structure of the first excited states given in [2] with the internal rotation constants determined in this work, we believe our assignment is correct.

Table 4a. Rotational and centrifugal distortion constants of CH₃PH₂BD₃. Watsons A-reduction is used. Conversion factor: 505 376 MHz amu Å², σ : standard deviation of the fit. Standard errors in units of the last digit in brackets.

A	= 15 039.2527(21) MHz
B	= 5 178.27049(78) MHz
C	= 4 385.67270(66) MHz
Δ_{JK}	= 4.714(16) kHz
Δ_{JK}	= -28.80(10) kHz
Δ_K	= 130.308(13) kHz
δ_J	= 1.3646(21) kHz
δ_K	= 3.38(11) kHz
Φ_J	= 0.041(24) Hz
Φ_{JK}	= 0.38(40) Hz
Φ_{KJ}	= -0.38(52) Hz
Φ_K	= 3.89(33) Hz
φ_J	= 0.0090(54) Hz
φ_{JK}	= 0.26(20) Hz
φ_K	= -1.5(19) Hz
κ	= -0.851205
I_a	= 33.6037974(47) amu Å ²
I_b	= 97.595520(15) amu Å ²
I_c	= 115.233405(18) amu Å ²
σ	= 7 kHz

highest correlation: $|\langle \Phi_{JK}, \varphi_J \rangle| = 0.991$

Table 4b. Rotational and centrifugal constants of CH₃PH₂BH₃. See also Table 4a.

A	= 17 588.8397(19) MHz
B	= 5 973.13681(67) MHz
C	= 4 977.46097(56) MHz
Δ_J	= 6.4256(88) kHz
Δ_{JK}	= -46.041(67) kHz
Δ_K	= 226.6411(76) kHz
δ_J	= 1.9772(12) kHz
δ_K	= 7.847(47) kHz
Φ_J	= -0.011(10) Hz
Φ_{JK}	= 0.38(16) Hz
Φ_{KJ}	= -4.10(41) Hz
Φ_K	= 10.70(29) Hz
φ_J	= 0.0106(21) Hz
φ_{JK}	= -0.63(14) Hz
φ_K	= 9.1(16) Hz
κ	= -0.842099
I_a	= 28.732765(3) amu Å ²
I_b	= 84.608141(9) amu Å ²
I_c	= 101.532891(11) amu Å ²
σ	= 11 kHz

highest correlation: $|\langle \Delta_J, \Delta_{JK} \rangle| = 0.976$

Next we give a comparison between the moments of inertia of the methyl and borane group determined in this work and the values calculated from the structure given in [1]:

	from structure [1]	from IAM-analysis
CH ₃ PH ₂ BH ₃ : $I_x(\text{CH}_3)$	3.2035 amu Å ²	3.1992(24) amu Å ²
$I_x(\text{BH}_3)$	4.334 amu Å ²	4.338(42) amu Å ²
CH ₃ PH ₂ BD ₃ : $I_x(\text{CH}_3)$	3.2035 amu Å ²	3.1996(58) amu Å ²

The differences are about 0.004 amu Å². We believe this is a good agreement and verifies our assignment.

Furthermore it was an important point of this study to determine the position of the internal rotation axes with respect to the inertia axes. Bryan and Kuczkowski [1] have observed that the methyl and borane group are tilted toward each other. A short time ago Bestmann [14] found a similar effect in propane. So we determined the angle between the internal axes of the methyl and borane group $\angle(i, i) = 108.3(13)^\circ$ in comparison with the angle $\angle(\text{BPC}) = 115.7(4)^\circ$ [1]. This result verifies in good agreement the observed tilt in [1].

V. Interpretation of the Nuclear Quadrupole Coupling Constants

For CH₃PH₂BD₃ and CH₃PH₂BH₃ only the measured coupling constants for the axes perpendicular to the molecular symmetry planes are principal axes constants of the nuclear coupling tensors ($\chi_{yy} = \chi_{cc}$). To obtain estimates of the principal constants of the nuclear coupling tensors, we have made the usual transformation with the assumption that the B–P bond will be a principal axis (z -axis) of the coupling tensor. The necessary angles of rotation for this transformation, $\angle(\text{BP}, a)$, are calculated in the principal axis system of CH₃PH₂BD₃ and CH₃PH₂BH₃, respectively, using the structure given in Table 13 of [1] and yield the χ_{xx} and χ_{zz} values listed for CH₃PH₂BD₃ and CH₃PH₂BH₃ in Table 2a and 2b, respectively.

To calculate the standard errors of χ_{xx} and χ_{zz} we use an error of 1° for the angle $\angle(\text{BP}, a)$.

The difference between the values of χ_{xx} and χ_{yy} is consistent with the proposal that the classical σ dative bond can be supplemented by $d\pi - p\pi$ bonding involving the phosphorus d orbitals and the borane group. This “back donation” description was suggested some time ago by Graham and Stone [15] to account for the unexpected stability of BH₃ adducts with very weak bases.

Next we interpret the quadrupole coupling constants in terms of the bond order following Townes and Dailey [16] and Gordy [17]. For details see [18].

The following equation is used:

$$\chi_{gg} = - (U_p)_g \cdot \frac{e Q q_{210}}{1 + (n_p + n_H + 2 n_{H_a} - 3) \cdot \epsilon}; \quad g = x, y, z \quad (7)$$

with χ_{gg} the experimental boron principal quadrupole coupling constants, $eQq_{210} = -5.39$ MHz [19] the ¹¹B quadrupole coupling constant induced by a $2p_z$ electron, $\varepsilon = 0.5$ [20] the shielding constant of boron, n_p the number of electrons donated by the phosphorus to the boron, n_{H_s} and n_{H_a} the mean number of electrons occupying the orbitals to hydrogen in the symmetry plane H_s and out of the symmetry plane H_a , and $(Up)_g$ the number of “unbalanced” p-electrons in g -direction ($g = x, y, z$). $(Up)_g$ may be calculated from:

$$(Up)_g = -1/2 (3 \cos^2(g, BP) - 1) \cdot n_p \cdot a_p^2(\psi_p) \\ - 1/2 (3 \cos^2(g, BH_s) - 1) \cdot n_{H_s} \cdot a_p^2(\psi_{H_s}) \\ - (3 \cos^2(g, BH_a) - 1) \cdot n_{H_a} \cdot a_p^2(\psi_{H_a}) \quad (8)$$

with $a_p^2(\psi_i)$ ($i = P, H_s, H_a$) the p-electron fraction of the boron orbital directed to phosphorus and hydrogen in and out of the symmetry plane, respectively.

Assuming hybridization mixing of s and p functions:

$$\psi_i = s_i + \lambda(i) \cdot p_i \quad (9)$$

(see [21], $i = P, H_s, H_a$) one gets

$$a_p^2(\psi_i) = \frac{\lambda(i)^2}{1 + \lambda(i)^2} \quad (10)$$

with

$$\lambda(H_a)^2 = -(\cos(\angle H_a BH_a))^{-1}, \\ \lambda(H_s)^2 = (\lambda(H_a) \cdot \cos(\angle H_a BH_s))^{-2}, \\ \lambda(P)^2 = (\lambda(H_a) \cdot \cos(\angle H_a BP))^{-2} \quad (11)$$

Because of the relation $\sum_g \chi_{gg} = 0$ ($g = x, y, z$) the three equations (7) are not linear independent. So we need a further relationship to determine the three numbers of electrons occupying the boron orbitals: n_i ($i = P, H_s, H_a$).

We use the approximation

$$1 - i_\sigma = \frac{1}{3} (n_{H_s} + 2 n_{H_a}), \quad (12)$$

where $i_\sigma = \frac{1}{2} \cdot |\text{EN}(\text{H}) - \text{EN}(\text{B})|$ is the ionic character of the B–H bond calculated from the electronegativities $\text{EN}(\text{H}) = 2.15$ and $\text{EN}(\text{B}) = 2.0$ [22].

Because the structure is known [1], the information is sufficient to determine the bond order for

methylphosphine-borane:

$$n_P = 0.54(2); \quad n_{H_s} = 0.90(2); \quad n_{H_a} = 0.93(1)$$

and for methylphosphine-trideutero-borane:

$$n_P = 0.54(2); \quad n_{H_s} = 0.89(3); \quad n_{H_a} = 0.94(1).$$

It is interesting, that the bond order to hydrogen in the symmetry plane is lower than to hydrogen out of the symmetry plane ($n_{H_s} < n_{H_a}$). This is consistent with the result that the bond distance $r(\text{B}-H_a) = 1.229$ Å is shorter than $r(\text{B}-H_s) = 1.234$ Å [1].

A further comparison shows that the B–P bond order in methylphosphine-borane $n_P = 0.54$ is lower than in trifluorophosphine-borane: $n_P = 0.57$ previously determined [23]. This is in agreement with the result, that the B–P bond length in trifluorophosphine-borane $r(\text{B}-\text{P}) = 1.836$ Å [24] is shorter than in methylphosphine-borane $r(\text{B}-\text{P}) = 1.906$ Å [1].

Moreover it is interesting to determine the difference of electrons in x - and y -direction.

Following Gordy [25] we use:

$$n_x - n_y = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{\chi_{xx} - \chi_{yy}}{eQq_{210}} \quad (13)$$

and yield for $\text{CH}_3\text{PH}_2\text{BH}_3$: $n_x - n_y = -0.02$ and for $\text{CH}_3\text{PH}_2\text{BD}_3$: $n_x - n_y = -0.03$.

There is a electron surplus perpendicular to the symmetry plane for both molecules.

Therefore a $p\pi - d\pi$ bond to phosphorus is possible.

This is in agreement with the “back-donation” and “hyperconjugation” description by Graham and Stone [15].

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