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**Global analysis of data on the  $A^1\Sigma^+ \sim b^3\Pi$  states of NaK**<sup>1</sup> HOUS-SAM SALAMI, THOMAS BERGEMAN, SUNY Stony Brook, AMANDA ROSS, U. Lyon 1 — NaK electronic states have been extensively studied over recent years. Many of these studies have involved the lowest excited states,  $A^1\Sigma^+$  and  $b^3\Pi$ , as they offer pathways to higher states. These states have regained attention as they are used as intermediaries in the production of ultracold molecules. Recently, the  $b^3\Pi_0 \sim A^1\Sigma^+$  spin-orbit interactions have been examined [1,2]. However analysis was based on band-by-band local deperturbation which is not consistent with experimental errors limits. In this study, we collect existing (published and unpublished) data from various experiments (FT-LIF, PLS and PFOODR) performed at Orsay and Lyon (Ross et al.), Warsaw (Kowalczyk et al.) and Lehigh (Huennekens et al.) universities. Transitions from  $D^1\Pi$ ,  $B^1\Pi$ , and  $C^1\Sigma^+$  states simultaneously to the  $A \sim b$  and  $X$  states constitute the bulk of the data as the upper term energy values can be deduced precisely from the well known  $X$  state parameters. Combined data will be modeled using a global deperturbation approach employing the discrete variable representation (DVR) so as to fit potential energy and spin-orbit functions.

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