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Electronic Transitions and Bandhead fitting for ¹³⁰Te₂ from 664 to 676THz DAVID LA MANTIA, Univ of Oklahoma — The electronic spectra of ¹³⁰Te₂ serves as a wavelength standard for many spectroscopy investigations. The molecule is also of interest for a new gain medium for optically pumped lasers, as well as relativistic investigations of large spin-orbit coupling. We scanned the molecule in the region 664 to 676 THz to create an atlas of transition lines, in line with the previous investigations of *Cariou*, *et al.*¹ The $BO_u^+ \leftarrow XO_g^+$ transition was studied in great detail using the precise data for the X band from *Verges*, *et al.*² Using this data, the number of vibrational bandheads was identified allowing the rotational parameters B, D and H to be precisely obtained for each bandhead. These results are combined to obtain the appropriate spectroscopic parameters for the B_0 electronic band. The results of this investigation will be presented.

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