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**Strong Quantum Level Dependence of Na<sub>2</sub> (4<sup>1</sup>Σ<sub>g</sub><sup>+</sup>) Lifetimes.**  
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EMMA BURGESS, Providence College — Radiative lifetimes of Na<sub>2</sub> ro-vibrational  
levels of the 4Σ<sub>g</sub><sup>+</sup> shelf state have been calculated in a continuation of our previous  
work [R. Anunciado *et al.*, J. Chem. Phys. **145**, 174306 (2016)] to investigate the  
importance of bound-free transitions for radiative lifetimes. The lifetime calculations  
are performed for selected vibrational levels from 0 to 75 and rotational levels, J=1,  
20, 40, 60, and 80 and for rotational levels from 0 to 90 in vibrational levels v = 49,  
50 and 51. We find that radiative lifetimes vary significantly with vibrational level,  
particularly around the shelf. In addition, we observe a strong, unusual, oscillatory  
radiative lifetime dependence on rotational quantum number. Another aspect we  
want to emphasize is the significance of including the bound-free transitions into the  
calculation which reduces the lifetime noticeably compared to the results of recent  
work that did not include this channel [A. Sanli *et al.*, J. Chem. Phys. **143**, 104304  
(2015)]. The lifetimes of individual ro-vibrational levels of the 4<sup>1</sup>Σ<sub>g</sub><sup>+</sup> shelf state were  
calculated using the LEVEL 8.2 and BCONT programs by Robert Le Roy, the latter  
in a version modified by Brett McGeehan.

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