## ASSIGNMENT OF THE MM- AND SMM-WAVE ROTATIONAL SPECTRA OF RARE ISOTOPOLOGUES OF CYANAMIDE AND THE $r_m^{(1)}$ MOLECULAR GEOMETRY OF NH<sub>2</sub>CN

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The cyanamide molecule is one of the prototype systems for the study of the large–amplitude inversion motion at the nitrogen atom, and it is also a potential astrophysical species. The mm-wave, smm-wave, and the far infrared spectra of the parent and the two principal deuterated isotopic species are now known in considerable detail.<sup>a,b</sup>

Presently we report an extended analysis of rotational transitions in the  $0^+$  and  $0^-$  inversion states for 7 rare isotopic species of cyanamide, measured in the 118-650 GHz frequency region on a deuterated sample with natural abundance of carbon and nitrogen. The spectra of five isotopologues: H<sub>2</sub>N<sup>13</sup>CN, HDN<sup>13</sup>CN, D<sub>2</sub>N<sup>13</sup>CN, HD<sup>15</sup>NCN, and HDNC<sup>15</sup>N, have been assigned for the first time. For D<sub>2</sub><sup>15</sup>NCN and D<sub>2</sub>NC<sup>15</sup>N the knowledge of the rotational spectrum has also been considerably improved relative to preceding work.<sup>*c*,*d*</sup>

The availability of spectroscopic constants for 12 different isotopic species allowed determination of the complete  $r_m^{(1)}$  and  $r_m^{(1L)}$  geometries<sup>*e*</sup> of cyanamide, providing direct experimental information on the pyramidal nature of the NH<sub>2</sub> group in cyanamide and on the nonlinearity of the NCN segment. The new experimental geometry is compared with results of *ab initio* calculations.

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