SYMMETRY DEPENDENCE OF THE RO-VIBRONIC DISTRIBUTIONS OF THE ND₂ A^2A_1 FRAGMENTS FROM THE PHOTODISSOCIATION OF THE A STATES OF ND₃ AND ND₂H AT 193.3 NM

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A rotational and vibrational analysis has been made of the ND₂ $\tilde{A}^2 A_1 - \tilde{X}^2 B_1$ emission spectrum produced from the ultraviolet laser induced dissociation of both jet cooled and room temperature deuterated ammonia, ND₃, and di-deutero ammonia, ND₂H. The pattern of the strong features in the emission spectra is very different in the fragmentation of ND₃ and ND₂H, with a much wider range of angular momentum states being observed from the photolysis of the predissociative state of the unsymmetrical parent ND₂H. The analysis is based upon the earlier studies of the electronic spectrum of ND₂, and model calculation based upon the stretch-bender Renner-Teller Hamiltonian. The spectra consist of two types, transitions from a narrow distribution of high angular momentum states in the photolysis of ND₃ and ND₂H, and in the photolysis of ND₂H strong emission from threshold states to three high energy regions of the $\tilde{X}^2 B_1$ state. The threshold states are in the third bending level, v2'=3, of the ND₂ $\tilde{A}^2 A_1$ state, and have no angular momentum about the axis of least moment of inertia, Ka = 0.