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Laboratory measurements and astronomical search for cyanomethanimine.

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Abstract:

C-cyanomethanimine (HNCHCN), existing in the two Z and E isomeric forms, is a key prebiotic molecule, but, so far, only the E isomer has been detected towards the massive star forming region Sagittarius B2(N) using transitions in the radio wavelength domain.

With the aim of detecting HNCHCN in Sun-like star-forming regions, the laboratory investigation of its rotational spectrum has been extended to the millimeter-/submillimeter-wave (mm-/submm-) spectral window where several unbiased spectral surveys have been already obtained. High-resolution laboratory measurements of the rotational spectrum of C-cyanomethanimine were carried out in the 100-420GHz range using a frequency-modulation absorption spectrometer. The C-cyanomethanimine spectral features were then searched for in the mm-wave range using the high-sensitivity and unbiased spectral surveys obtained with the IRAM 30-m antenna in the ASAI context, the earliest stages of star formation from starless to evolved Class I objects being sampled.

For both the Z and E isomers, the spectroscopic work has led to an improved and extended knowledge of the spectroscopic parameters, thus providing accurate predictions of the rotational signatures up to ~700GHz. So far, no C-cyanomethanimine emission has been detected towards the ASAI targets, and upper limits on the column density of 10^{11} - 10^{12} cm⁻² could only be derived. Consequently, the C-cyanomethanimine abundances have to be less than a few 10^{-10} for starless and hot-corinos. A less stringent constraint, $\leq 10^{-9}$, is obtained for shocks sites. The combination of the upper limits on the abundances of C-cyanomethanimine together with accurate laboratory frequencies up to ~700GHz poses the basis for future higher sensitivity searches around Sun-like star forming regions. For compact

(typically less than 1 arcsec) and chemically enriched sources such as hot-corinos, the use of interferometers as NOEMA and ALMA in their extended configurations are clearly needed.

Description:

Table 2 contains measured rotational transitions and residuals from the fit for the two isomers of C-cyanomethanimine in the ground state.

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See also:

[J/A+A/562/A56](#) : Cyanomethyl anion & its deuterated derivatives (Majumdar+ 2014)

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Bytes	Format	Units	Label	Explanations
1- 6	A6	---	Species	Isomer
8- 9	I2	---	N'	Upper N quantum number
11- 12	I2	---	Ka'	Upper Ka quantum number
14- 15	I2	---	Kc'	Upper Kc quantum number
17- 18	I2	---	I'	? Upper I quantum number (1)
20- 21	I2	---	F'	? Upper F quantum number (1)
23- 24	I2	---	N	Lower N quantum number
26- 27	I2	---	Ka	Lower Ka quantum number
29- 30	I2	---	Kc	Lower Kc quantum number
32- 33	I2	---	I	? Lower I quantum number (1)
35- 36	I2	---	F	? Lower F quantum number (1)
39- 49	F11.4 MHZ		Freq	Observed frequency
53- 57	F5.3 MHZ		Unc	Experimental uncertainty
61- 67	F7.4 MHZ		O-C	Observed minus calculated frequencies
71- 74	F4.2	---	Weight	? Relative weight (2)
78- 80	A3	---	Ref	Reference (3)

Note (1): Omitted in cases of unresolved hyperfine components

Note (2): Given only for blended lines

Note (3): References as follows:

- (a) = Zaleski et al. ([2013ApJ...765L..10Z](#))
- (b) = Takeo et al. (1986, CPL, 123, 229)
- (c) = Takano et al. (1990, J. Mol. Spectr., 141, 13)
- (d) = This work

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