

THE PURE ROTATIONAL SPECTRUM OF AINC IN ITS $\tilde{X}^1\Sigma^+(\nu_2 = 0, 1 \text{ and } 2)$ STATES: A STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS

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The pure rotational spectrum of aluminum isocyanide, AINC, has been recorded at high resolution using millimeter-wave spectroscopy. The radical was produced in a flowing reactor/free space absorption cell by reacting aluminum vapor with a mixture of argon and cyanogen. The $J = 10$ through $J = 31$ rotational transitions in the fundamental mode and numerous features in the degenerate vibrationally excited bending mode (ν_2) were observed in the range 131-382 GHz. Spectroscopic parameters were derived from a least squares analysis of the transition frequencies. The derived constants are compared to theoretical calculations^{a,b,c}.

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