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On the frequency of N₂H⁺ and N₂D⁺★ (Research Note)

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ABSTRACT

Context. Dynamical studies of prestellar cores search for small velocity differences between different tracers. The highest radiation frequency precision is therefore required for each of these species.

Aims. We want to adjust the frequency of the first three rotational transitions of N₂H⁺ and N₂D⁺ and extrapolate to the next three transitions.

Methods. N₂H⁺ and N₂D⁺ are compared to NH₃ the frequency of which is more accurately known and which has the advantage to be spatially coexistent with N₂H⁺ and N₂D⁺ in dark cloud cores. With lines among the narrowest, and N₂H⁺ and NH₃ emitting region among the largest, L183 is a good candidate to compare these species.

Results. A correction of ~10 kHz for the N₂H⁺ (J:1–0) transition has been found (~0.03 km s⁻¹) and similar corrections, from a few m s⁻¹ up to ~0.05 km s⁻¹ are reported for the other transitions (N₂H⁺ (J:3–2) and N₂D⁺ (J:1–0), (J:2–1), and (J:3–2)) compared to previous astronomical determinations. Einstein spontaneous decay coefficients (A_{ul}) are included.

Key words. Molecular data – ISM : kinematics and dynamics – ISM : lines and bands – Radio lines : ISM

1. Introduction

In the quest for star forming cores, kinematic studies play a crucial role, trying to unveil slowly contracting cores or fast collapsing ones, depending upon which theory we rely upon or at what moment along the evolutionary track the prestellar core is standing. As already discussed by Lee et al. (1999), the accurate knowledge of every species line frequency is of the utmost importance to track small systematic velocity gradients in molecular clouds. Therefore, because these velocity shifts can be as small as a few tens of m s⁻¹, millimeter line transitions should be known with a precision of at least 10⁻⁷ and ideally 10⁻⁸. Some species are easily measured in the laboratory, especially stable species like CO, NH₃, etc., Others are unstable and more difficult to measure (such as OH, H₂D⁺,...). One possibility in the latter case, is to compare the transitions of the species of interest with the transitions of another well-known species in dark cloud cores where the lines are narrow enough to be accurately measured. However, the obvious difficulty is to be sure that the two species share the same volume of the cloud and undergo the same macroscopic velocity shifts. Even though, the line opacities might be a problem if too different in presence of a velocity gradient : the two coexistent species might then emphasize different parts of the cloud, depending on the depth for which their

respective opacity reaches 1. A problem of opacity was indeed met in the comparison of CS with CCS made by Kuiper et al. (1996) in their attempt to measure the frequency of the CS lines as discussed in Pagani et al. (2001).

Caselli et al. (1995) performed such a measurement for N₂H⁺, comparing N₂H⁺ (J:1–0) line emission to the C₃H₂ (J_{KK'}: 2₁₂–1₀₁) line emission in L1512, confirming a sizeable difference between laboratory measurement and astronomical observations. Dore et al. (2004) expanding on a previous work by Gerin et al. (2001) also calculated and observed the N₂D⁺ (J:1–0) transition in L183, and extrapolated to the higher N₂D⁺ transitions, (giving slightly different values compared to Gerin et al. 2001, for the J:2–1 and J:3–2 transitions). They aligned their N₂D⁺ (J:1–0) observation onto their N₂H⁺ (J:1–0) towards the same source with the same telescope. The N₂H⁺ rotational constant was itself redetermined from a new evaluation of the N₂H⁺ (J:1–0) frequency from a comparison with C¹⁸O (J:1–0) in the L1512 cloud (see Dore et al. 2004, for more details). This new value gave an offset of -4.2 kHz from their previous determination.

While the direct comparison of the N₂D⁺ and N₂H⁺ lines is presently the best option to choose because N₂H⁺ forcibly exists where N₂D⁺ exists, the hypothesis that C₃H₂ is also present in the same volume as N₂H⁺ is more questionable because of differential depletion problems. Dore et al. (2004) also note that using C¹⁸O has the problem of tracing different regions but hoped for a null velocity shift between the two tracers. We think that a better possibility exists to measure accurately the frequency of N₂H⁺, namely by taking NH₃ as the frequency reference. NH₃ and N₂H⁺ are clearly coexistent species in depleted prestellar

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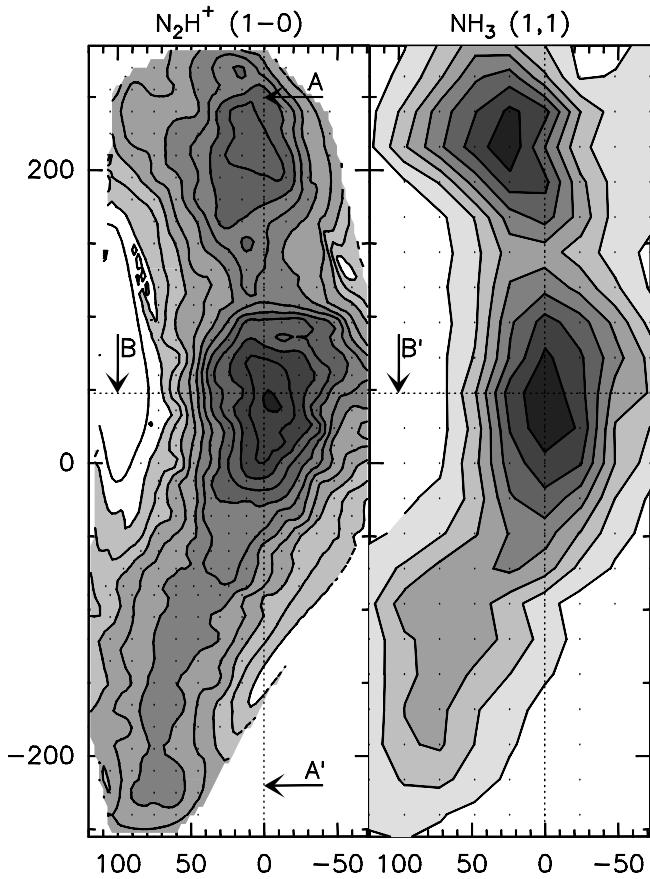


Fig. 1. N_2H^+ (J:1–0) (left) and NH_3 (1,1) (right) integrated intensity maps. The dotted lines AA' and BB' indicate the profiles along which the velocity gradients are traced in Figs. 2 & 3. Reference position : $\alpha_{2000} = 15^{\circ}54'08.5''$ $\delta_{2000} = -2^{\circ}52'48''$

cores (e.g. Tafalla et al. 2002, 2004), having a common chemical origin and showing similar extents in most cores.

In this Note, we present a detailed comparison of NH_3 with N_2H^+ and N_2D^+ in L183, checking that the measurable velocity shifts across the core are the same for all three species to convince ourselves of their coexistence and the absence of opacity effect on the velocity peak position. Schmid-Burgk et al. (2004) developed a similar strategy in their study of H^{13}CO^+ and ^{13}CO hyperfine structure (hereafter HFS) towards another dark cloud, L1512, with similar very narrow linewidths. With these comparisons in hand, we give all corrections for the 5 most currently observed transitions together with their Einstein spontaneous decay coefficients (A_{ul}), determine the best fitting rotational constants and compute the expected frequencies for the next 3 rotational transitions (J:4–3, 5–4, 6–5).

2. Observations

The whole elongated dense core of L183 (reference position : $\alpha_{2000} = 15^{\circ}54'08.5''$ $\delta_{2000} = -2^{\circ}52'48''$) has now been fully mapped with the IRAM 30-m telescope in a series of observations spanning several years from November 2003 to July 2007. The N_2H^+ and N_2D^+ (J:1–0) lines have been fully mapped while the N_2H^+ (J:3–2), N_2D^+ (J:2–1) and (J:3–2) lines have been mapped mostly towards the main core and its elongated ridge and partly towards the peak of the northern core (see Pagani et al. 2004, 2005). All observations have been performed in frequency–switch mode. For the (J:1–0) lines, the frequency

sampling is 10 kHz, 10 or 20 kHz for the (J:2–1) and 40 kHz for the (J:3–2) lines, providing comparable velocity resolution for all lines in the range 30–50 m s⁻¹. Spatial resolution ranges from 33'' at 77 GHz to 9'' at 279 GHz. For all lines, the spatial sampling is 12'' for the main prestellar core and 15'' for the southern extension and for the northern prestellar core. We use Caselli et al. (1995) and Dore et al. (2004) frequencies for N_2H^+ and N_2D^+ transitions, respectively.

We performed observations of NH_3 (1,1) and (2,2) inversion lines towards the whole core at the new Green Bank 100-m telescope (GBT) in November 2006 and March 2007 with velocity sampling of 20 m s⁻¹ and a typical T_{sys} of 50 K, in frequency–switch mode. The angular resolution (~35'') is close to that of the 30-m for the low-frequency (J:1–0) N_2D^+ line. The spatial sampling is 24'' all over the source. We use the accurate measurement of Kukolich (1967) for NH_3 (1,1), namely $\nu = 23\,694\,495\,487 (\pm 48)$ Hz which is an average estimated from the whole HFS (see also Hougen 1972, who revisited the NH_3 and $^{15}\text{NH}_3$ frequencies. The reported accuracy is higher but the NH_3 (1,1) frequency remains basically unchanged, namely $\nu = 23\,694\,495\,481 \pm 22$ Hz). For this frequency, the two strongest hyperfine components have the following frequency offsets :

$$\Delta\nu(\text{F}_1\text{F}: 2,\frac{5}{2} \rightarrow 2,\frac{5}{2}) = 10\,463 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\Delta\nu(\text{F}_1\text{F}: 2,\frac{3}{2} \rightarrow 2,\frac{3}{2}) = -15\,196 \text{ Hz}$$

Samples of these spectra (N_2H^+ , N_2D^+ and NH_3) are displayed in Pagani et al. (2007).

3. Spatial coexistence of ammonia and diazenylum

Though depletion of molecules was predicted in the 70's, it was only a few years after the publication of the Caselli et al. (1995) paper on the frequency of N_2H^+ that depletion was actually discovered and traced (e.g. Willacy et al. 1998). Therefore the hypothesis made by Caselli et al. (1995) that C_3H_2 and N_2H^+ are spatially coexistent is probably refutable as it is clear now that such heavy Carbon carrier should be depleted in the same region as CO which is the region where N_2H^+ appears. Indeed, the detection of N_2D^+ in L1512 as a large fraction of N_2H^+ (Roberts & Millar 2007) is a clear sign of heavy depletion of other molecules. Therefore the velocity coincidence between these two species is questionable.

Ammonia and diazenylum have the same chemical origin, starting from N_2 and are well-known to be coexistent as discussed by e.g. Tafalla et al. (2002, 2004). This is in particular true in L183 as can be seen in Fig. 1 (but not for C_3H_2 which has a much smaller extent, mostly concentrated towards the northern prestellar core as can be seen in Swade 1989). Interestingly, the velocity along the dense filament is constantly changing (Fig. 2), evoking a flow towards the prestellar cores and the cut perpendicular to the filament (marked BB' in Fig. 1) is suggesting a rotation of the filament around its vertical axis (Fig. 3). NH_3 (1,1), N_2H^+ and N_2D^+ (J:1–0) all trace exactly the same gradients and it seems therefore compulsory that their velocities be identical as there is no obvious possibility that the velocity gradients be exactly parallel but offset from each other, especially in the probable case of the cylinder rotation. With present N_2H^+ (J:1–0) frequency as given by Caselli et al. (1995), there is indeed a clear offset with respect to the NH_3 velocity gradient, close to 40 m s⁻¹ (and to 26 m s⁻¹ compared to the new value in Dore et al. 2004). Note also that Amano et al. (2005) have

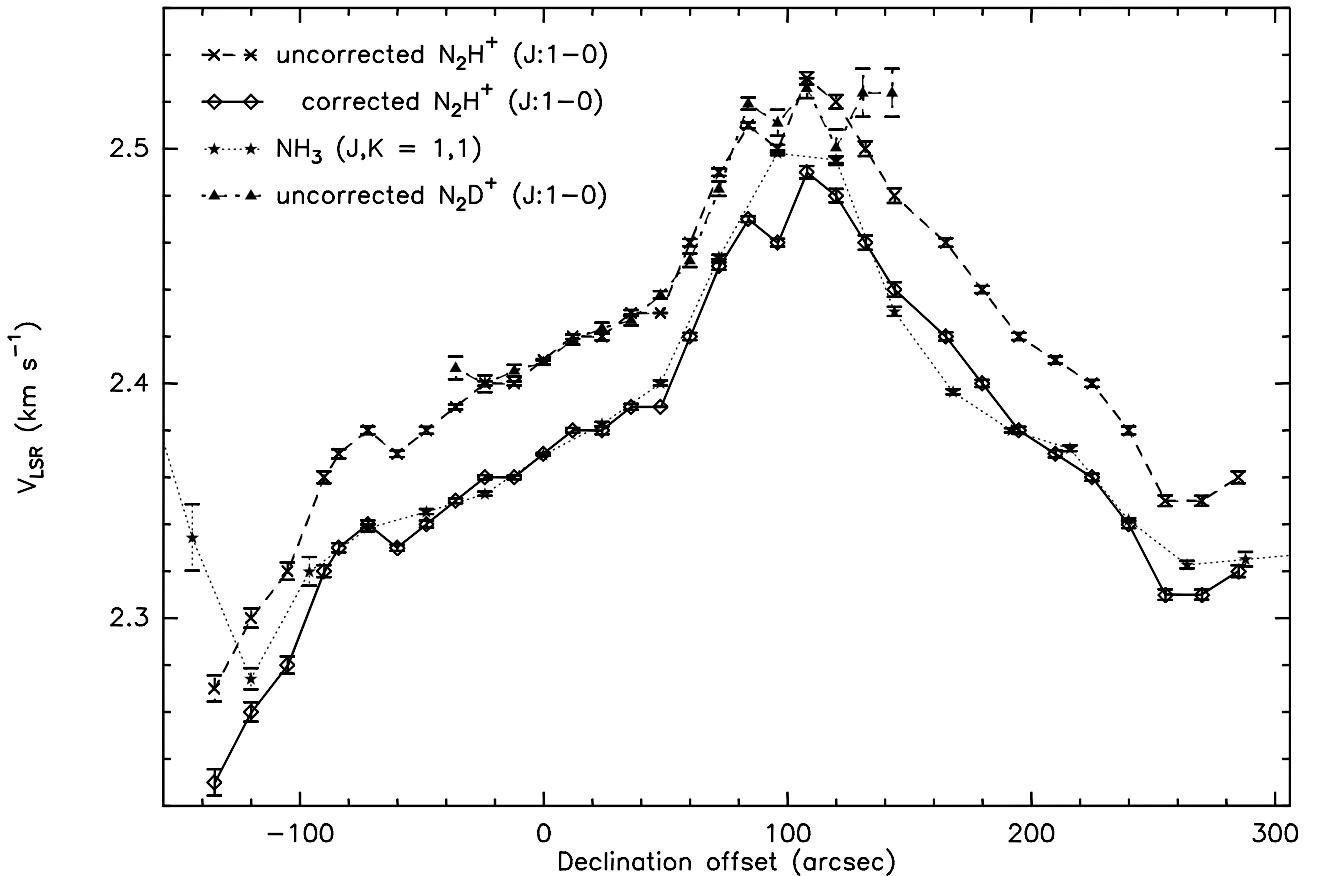


Fig. 2. N_2H^+ , N_2D^+ (J:1–0) and NH_3 (1,1) line of sight velocity along the AA' cut (see Fig. 1). The N_2H^+ data are displayed with the original frequency (uncorrected) and with a correction of -41 m s^{-1} . The uncorrected N_2D^+ (J:1–0) points are consistent with the uncorrected N_2H^+ points despite the different opacities

reinterpreted Caselli et al. (1995) observations along with new laboratory measurements but are therefore plagued by the velocity difference between N_2H^+ and C_3H_2 which appears to exist in view of the present discrepancy between NH_3 and N_2H^+ . Consequently, their best fit (#2 of their Table 2) is to be considered cautiously. Finally, the fact that N_2D^+ velocity centroids are almost identical with those of N_2H^+ indicates that the different opacities of the lines are not introducing any measurable bias here (though a very tiny shift is possibly visible in Fig. 3 where the N_2D^+ displacement is symmetrically slightly less than the N_2H^+ displacement).

In conclusion, the three species are spatially coexistent and trace the same velocities and one must adjust the frequencies of N_2H^+ and N_2D^+ to that of NH_3 .

4. Frequency corrections

4.1. N_2H^+ (J:1–0) correction

Frequency was measured using the MINIMIZE function in CLASS¹ with the HFS method for all species (for NH_3 , the HFS method is similar to the internally built $\text{NH}_3(1,1)$ method). Because it is easier to deal with velocity offsets in CLASS, especially as we have to compare two species at different frequencies, the measurements have all been made in the velocity scale. Velocity differences are subsequently converted into frequency offsets using the approximate doppler shift formula

($v = v_0(1 - \frac{\delta v}{c})$, δv being the velocity offset, c the celerity of light, v and v_0 the corrected and original frequencies). The HFS method, in order to fit all the hyperfine components individually requires that we provide their list with their relative velocities and relative weights, these parameters not being adjusted during the fit. Therefore, we have used the detailed HFS provided by Caselli et al. (1995), Dore et al. (2004) and Kukolich (1967). Since an accurate determination of the hyperfine spectroscopic constants depends only slightly on the adopted rotational constants B and D^2 , we can safely use the previously determined ones. Doing so, our own determination for the relative velocity offsets between the hyperfine components in the J:1–0 line agree with Caselli et al. (1995) with a typical dispersion of 0.7 kHz. Though this is twice as much as the r.m.s. error on our frequency determination of each individual component ($\sigma \sim 0.3 \text{ kHz}$), we find that using their offsets or ours, introduces a negligible difference of 0.13 kHz in the J:1–0 transition frequency determination, which is comparable to the r.m.s. error of the fit (0.12 kHz). We also did not find an improvement on the r.m.s. error of the fit itself. For the N_2H^+ and N_2D^+ transitions, the strongest hyperfine transition was given null velocity offset as it was also the strongest hyperfine transition frequency which was used to tune the receivers. The advantage of a complex and strong HFS is that it lowers the uncertainty on the velocity fit, compared to a single line estimate (fitting individually the N_2H^+ J:1–0 lines with

¹ indeed, it can be noted that the HFS splitting is in first approximation identical for both N_2H^+ and N_2D^+ despite a large, $\sim 20\%$ variation in B rotational constant

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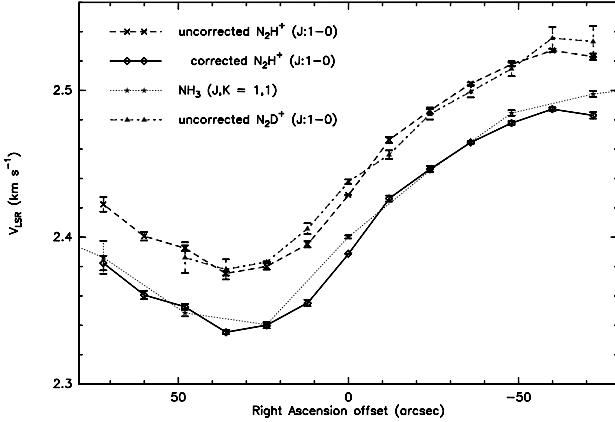


Fig. 3. N_2H^+ , N_2D^+ (J:1–0) and NH_3 (1,1) line of sight velocity along the BB' cut (see Fig. 1). The N_2H^+ data are displayed with the original frequency (uncorrected) and with a correction of -41 m s^{-1} . The uncorrected N_2D^+ (J:1–0) points are consistent with the uncorrected N_2H^+ points despite the different opacities

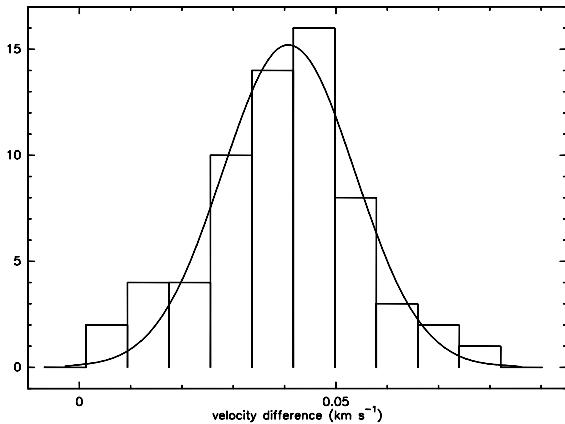


Fig. 4. N_2H^+ (J:1–0) and NH_3 (1,1) line of sight velocity difference histogram. The gaussian fit is centered on 40.8 m s^{-1} with a dispersion $\sigma = 12.9 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

independent gaussians, gives errors between 0.85 and 1.2 m s^{-1} instead of 0.38 m s^{-1} with the global HFS fit for the reference spectrum).

Though the reference position has been observed often enough to get very high signal-to-noise ratios for most transitions, it seems more secure to measure the offset between N_2H^+ and NH_3 on all common positions (every other position in the central core, a few positions in the rest of the cloud) and measure the average difference. We have identified 65 common positions with sufficient signal-to-noise ratios and we have obtained the dispersion histogram of the velocity difference (Fig. 4). Fitting the histogram with a gaussian, we find a velocity difference of 40.8 m s^{-1} with a dispersion $\sigma = 12.9 \text{ m s}^{-1}$. This corresponds to a frequency correction of $-13 \pm 4 \text{ kHz}$ (or -8.8 kHz compared to Dore et al. 2004). For the reference position alone, the difference is also 40.8 m s^{-1} with an error $\sigma = 0.56 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ (due to the very high signal to noise ratio obtained for both lines towards that position).

4.2. N_2H^+ (J:3–2) correction

For the N_2H^+ (J:3–2) transition, only the reference position has been observed with a reasonably good signal-to-noise ra-

tio (~ 10). Therefore, we can only make a direct comparison for this position. The Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) catalogue frequency for this line ($279\,511.701 \pm 0.05 \text{ MHz}$) is too vague to be useful for a precise velocity determination. The Cologne Database for Molecular Spectroscopy (CDMS) catalogue gives $\nu = 279\,511.8577 \text{ MHz}$ for the (F₁F: 4,5–3,4) strongest hyperfine component based on various works while Crapsi et al. (2005) give $279\,511.863 \text{ MHz}$ determined from the new rotational and centrifugal distortion constants from Dore et al. (2004). These new values are respectively 26 and 31 kHz above our own determination.

4.3. N_2D^+ corrections

For all three transitions of N_2D^+ , we took advantage of the similar sampling with N_2H^+ (J:1–0) to have a larger number of comparison points. We obtained 83, 73 and 51 comparison points with sufficient signal-to-noise ratio between N_2H^+ (J:1–0) (using Caselli et al. 1995, frequency) and N_2D^+ (J:1–0), (J:2–1), and (J:3–2) transitions respectively. The gaussian fit to each histogram yielded :

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{J:1-0}) &: -5.1 \text{ m s}^{-1} (\sigma = 10.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}) \\ (\text{J:2-1}) &: 12.5 \text{ m s}^{-1} (\sigma = 14.4 \text{ m s}^{-1}) \\ (\text{J:3-2}) &: 18.4 \text{ m s}^{-1} (\sigma = 8.1 \text{ m s}^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

The corresponding correction with respect to NH_3 (1,1) is :

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{J:1-0}) &: 35.7 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ or } -9.2 (\pm 2.7) \text{ kHz} \\ (\text{J:2-1}) &: 53.3 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ or } -27 (\pm 7.4) \text{ kHz} \\ (\text{J:3-2}) &: 59.2 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ or } -49 (\pm 6.7) \text{ kHz} \end{aligned}$$

Direct comparison of the reference position with NH_3 (1,1) spectrum yields :

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{J:1-0}) &: 37.7 \text{ m s}^{-1} (\sigma = 0.85 \text{ m s}^{-1}) \\ (\text{J:2-1}) &: 47.7 \text{ m s}^{-1} (\sigma = 0.92 \text{ m s}^{-1}) \\ (\text{J:3-2}) &: 63.6 \text{ m s}^{-1} (\sigma = 4.7 \text{ m s}^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

4.4. Rotational constants and Einstein–A coefficients

Except for the N_2H^+ (J:3–2) line which has only one measurement, we have used the averaged comparisons for correcting the frequencies of all these transitions.

We have derived from these new frequencies the rotation (B) and centrifugal distortion (D) constants for N_2H^+ and N_2D^+ , using the hyperfine constants given by Caselli et al. (1995) and Dore et al. (2004) respectively. The error budget has been estimated by adding 1σ to one of the frequency measurements and subtracting 1σ to the other which we use to determine B and D, e.g. +2.7 kHz to the N_2D^+ (J:1–0) line and -6.7 kHz for the N_2D^+ (J:3–2) line. For the N_2H^+ (J:3–2) transition, as we have only one measurement, we have taken the average of the 1σ dispersion for all the other transition measurements as a probable dispersion for that measurement if we had had as many observations. We have found an average velocity dispersion of 11.5 m s^{-1} which corresponds to 10.7 kHz at that frequency. The new constants are listed in Table 1. As expected from the fact that Amano et al. (2005) make use of the Caselli et al. (1995) frequency determination of N_2H^+ and the related Dore et al. (2004) N_2D^+ measurements, their rotational constants are dif-

ferent from ours by an amount directly related to the difference between C₃H₂ and NH₃ velocity determinations. The difference (5.3 kHz for B(N₂H⁺) and 9.2 kHz for B(N₂D⁺)) is significantly larger than the error estimate (conservatively given to be 2.5 and 1.7 kHz respectively for us and 1.3 and 1.2 kHz for Amano et al. 2005). It would be interesting to repeat Amano et al. (2005) analysis with our new frequency determinations to better secure these values.

Line strengths, from which Einstein–A coefficients are defined, are determined from the reduced transition matrix elements of the dipole moment operator:

$$S(1 \rightarrow 2) = |\langle \psi_1 | \hat{d} | \psi_2 \rangle|^2 \quad (1)$$

where |ψ₁⟩ and |ψ₂⟩ are the wave–functions of the two levels involved in the radiative transition. In the case of hyperfine structures, the wave–functions can be defined according to an expansion on Hund’s case (b) wave–functions, the coefficients being determined by diagonalisation of the hyperfine Hamiltonian. In the case of N₂H⁺ and N₂D⁺, the mixing of states is low so that a given hyperfine wave–function can be accurately defined as a pure Hund’s case (b) wave–function. Doing so, the line strengths can be expressed in a closed form (Gordy & Cook 1984), and for N₂H⁺, the relevant expressions being given in Daniel et al. (2006). The Einstein–A coefficients are then given by:

$$A_{JF_1F \rightarrow J'F'_1F'} = \frac{64\pi^4}{3hc^3} \mu^2 \nu_{JF_1F \rightarrow J'F'_1F'}^3 \times \frac{J}{[F]} S_{JF_1F \rightarrow J'F'_1F'} \quad (2)$$

(this is the same equation as in Daniel et al. 2006, but corrected for two typos)

The calculated line frequencies and A_{ul} coefficients (the dipole moment – μ = 3.37 D – is taken from Botschwina 1984) are given in Tables 2 to 10 for all rotational transitions from (J:1–0) to (J:6–5) for both N₂H⁺ and N₂D⁺. The frequency uncertainty is estimated by varying the rotational B and D constants by ±1 σ.

Table 1. Rotation (B) and centrifugal distortion (D) constants for N₂H⁺ and N₂D⁺. Errors in parentheses are given for the last two digits

Species	B MHz	D MHz
N ₂ H ⁺	46586.8713(25)	0.08796(24)
N ₂ D ⁺	38554.7479(17)	0.06181(15)

5. Conclusions

1. New, more accurate rotational constants and line frequencies are given along with the detailed Einstein spontaneous coefficients (A_{ul}) for each of the hyperfine components.
2. The main prestellar core LSR velocity is 2.3670 (±0.0004) km s⁻¹.

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Table 2. Hyperfine components and A_{ul} Einstein spontaneous emission coefficients of the (J:1–0) transition of N₂H⁺. The frequency uncertainty is ± 4.0 kHz for all hyperfine components. Summing A_{ul} over all the hyperfine components with the same frequency always give the same total A_{ul} , 3.628×10^{-5} s⁻¹. 3.628(-5) means 3.628×10^{-5}

J'	F'_1	$F' \rightarrow J$	F_1	F	Frequency (MHz)	A_{ul} (s ⁻¹)
1	1	0	0	1	93 171.6081	3.628(-5)
1	1	2	0	1	93 171.9049	2.721(-5)
1	1	2	0	1	93 171.9049	9.069(-6)
1	1	1	0	1	93 172.0398	1.209(-5)
1	1	1	0	1	93 172.0398	1.512(-5)
1	1	1	0	1	93 172.0398	9.069(-6)
1	2	2	0	1	93 173.4669	2.721(-5)
1	2	2	0	1	93 173.4669	9.070(-6)
1	2	3	0	1	93 173.7637	3.628(-5)
1	2	1	0	1	93 173.9540	1.008(-6)
1	2	1	0	1	93 173.9540	1.512(-5)
1	2	1	0	1	93 173.9540	2.016(-5)
1	0	1	0	1	93 176.2522	1.209(-5)
1	0	1	0	1	93 176.2522	2.016(-5)
1	0	1	0	1	93 176.2522	4.031(-6)

Table 3. Hyperfine components and A_{ul} Einstein spontaneous emission coefficients of the (J:2–1) transition of N₂H⁺. The frequency uncertainty is ± 2.3 kHz for all hyperfine components.

J'	F'_1	$F' \rightarrow J$	F_1	F	Frequency (MHz)	A_{ul} (s ⁻¹)
2	2	2	1	2	186 342.4666	1.306(-5)
2	2	2	1	2	186 342.6570	1.354(-5)
2	2	1	1	2	186 342.7883	6.530(-5)
2	2	3	1	2	186 342.9123	7.739(-5)
2	2	2	1	2	186 342.9537	6.046(-5)
2	1	1	1	0	186 343.0459	1.935(-4)
2	2	3	1	2	186 343.2091	9.674(-6)
2	1	2	1	0	186 343.2577	1.935(-4)
2	2	1	1	2	186 343.2755	2.177(-5)
2	1	0	1	0	186 343.5098	1.935(-4)
2	2	2	1	1	186 344.3808	1.959(-4)
2	3	3	1	2	186 344.4444	3.870(-5)
2	2	2	1	1	186 344.5158	6.530(-5)
2	2	1	1	1	186 344.7026	1.088(-4)
2	3	3	1	2	186 344.7412	3.096(-4)
2	3	2	1	2	186 344.7615	2.925(-4)
2	2	3	1	1	186 344.7711	2.612(-4)
2	2	1	1	2	186 344.8375	7.255(-6)
2	3	4	1	2	186 344.8419	3.483(-4)
2	3	2	1	2	186 344.9519	1.548(-6)
2	2	1	1	1	186 345.1343	1.451(-4)
2	3	2	1	2	186 345.2487	5.417(-5)
2	1	1	1	2	186 345.3441	2.418(-6)
2	1	2	1	2	186 345.5559	9.674(-8)
2	1	2	1	2	186 345.7462	8.126(-6)
2	1	0	1	2	186 345.8080	9.674(-6)
2	1	1	1	2	186 345.8312	7.256(-6)
2	1	2	1	2	186 346.0430	1.451(-6)
2	1	1	1	1	186 347.2584	3.628(-5)
2	1	1	1	1	186 347.3933	6.046(-5)
2	1	2	1	1	186 347.4701	3.628(-5)
2	1	2	1	1	186 347.6050	1.088(-4)
2	1	1	1	0	186 347.6901	4.837(-5)
2	1	0	1	1	186 347.7222	1.451(-4)

Table 4. Hyperfine components and A_{ul} Einstein spontaneous emission coefficients of the (J:3–2) transition of N₂H⁺. The frequency uncertainty is ± 11 kHz for all hyperfine components.

J'	F' ₁	F' → J	F ₁	F	Frequency (MHz)	A _{ul} (s ⁻¹)
3	3	3	2	3	2	279 509.361
3	3	3	2	3	4	279 509.471
3	3	2	2	3	2	279 509.795
3	3	4	2	3	4	279 509.849
3	3	3	2	3	3	279 509.868
3	3	4	2	3	3	279 510.246
3	3	2	2	3	3	279 510.302
3	2	2	2	1	2	279 511.103
3	2	2	2	1	1	279 511.315
3	2	1	2	1	0	279 511.355
3	4	4	2	3	4	279 511.384
3	3	3	2	2	3	279 511.401
3	2	3	2	1	2	279 511.479
3	2	1	2	1	2	279 511.607
3	3	3	2	2	2	279 511.656
3	3	2	2	2	1	279 511.768
3	3	4	2	2	3	279 511.778
3	4	3	2	3	2	279 511.780
3	4	4	2	3	3	279 511.781
3	2	1	2	1	1	279 511.819
3	4	5	2	3	4	279 511.832
3	3	2	2	2	3	279 511.834
3	4	3	2	3	4	279 511.890
3	2	2	2	3	2	279 511.897
3	3	2	2	2	2	279 512.090
3	2	3	2	3	2	279 512.273
3	4	3	2	3	3	279 512.287
3	2	3	2	3	4	279 512.383
3	2	1	2	3	2	279 512.401
3	2	2	2	3	3	279 512.405
3	2	3	2	3	3	279 512.781
3	2	2	2	2	1	279 513.870
3	2	2	2	2	3	279 513.937
3	2	2	2	2	2	279 514.192
3	2	3	2	2	3	279 514.313
3	2	1	2	2	1	279 514.374
3	2	3	2	2	2	279 514.568
3	2	1	2	2	2	279 514.696

Table 5. Hyperfine components and A_{ul} Einstein spontaneous emission coefficients of the (J:4–3) transition of N₂H⁺. The frequency uncertainty is ± 41 kHz for all hyperfine components.

J'	F' ₁	F' → J	F ₁	F	Frequency (MHz)	A _{ul} (s ⁻¹)
4	4	4	3	4	372 670.005	9.404(−6)
4	4	4	3	4	372 670.062	9.457(−6)
4	4	3	3	4	372 670.467	1.814(−4)
4	4	5	3	4	372 670.500	1.857(−4)
4	4	4	3	4	372 670.510	1.746(−4)
4	4	5	3	4	372 670.948	7.738(−6)
4	4	3	3	4	372 670.972	1.209(−5)
4	3	3	3	2	372 671.904	3.158(−4)
4	5	5	3	4	372 672.046	1.238(−4)
4	4	4	3	3	372 672.046	1.814(−4)
4	3	3	3	2	372 672.280	2.527(−3)
4	3	2	3	2	372 672.280	2.388(−3)
4	3	4	3	2	372 672.348	2.843(−3)
4	3	3	3	4	372 672.398	2.467(−7)
4	3	2	3	2	372 672.408	1.263(−5)
4	4	4	3	3	372 672.423	2.720(−3)
4	4	3	3	3	372 672.452	2.665(−3)
4	4	5	3	3	372 672.484	2.902(−3)
4	5	4	3	4	372 672.486	2.942(−3)
4	5	5	3	4	372 672.494	2.971(−3)
4	4	4	3	3	372 672.508	3.701(−6)
4	5	6	3	4	372 672.526	3.095(−3)
4	5	4	3	4	372 672.544	1.528(−6)
4	3	2	3	2	372 672.784	4.422(−4)
4	3	4	3	4	372 672.842	3.046(−9)
4	4	3	3	3	372 672.885	2.332(−4)
4	3	4	3	4	372 672.899	3.753(−6)
4	3	2	3	4	372 672.902	3.948(−6)
4	3	3	3	4	372 672.903	3.701(−6)
4	5	4	3	4	372 672.992	1.513(−4)
4	3	4	3	4	372 673.347	1.919(−7)
4	3	3	3	3	372 674.383	1.974(−5)
4	3	3	3	3	372 674.439	1.999(−5)
4	3	3	3	3	372 674.816	2.090(−4)
4	3	4	3	3	372 674.883	2.332(−4)
4	3	2	3	3	372 674.887	2.211(−4)
4	3	4	3	3	372 675.260	1.555(−5)
4	3	2	3	3	372 675.320	2.764(−5)

Table 6. Hyperfine components and A_{ul} Einstein spontaneous emission coefficients of the (J:5–4) transition of N₂H⁺. The frequency uncertainty is ± 95 kHz for all hyperfine components.

J'	F' ₁	F' → J	F ₁	F	Frequency (MHz)	A _{ul} (s ⁻¹)
5	5	5	4	5	465 822.236	8.093(−6)
5	5	5	4	5	465 822.254	8.118(−6)
5	5	4	4	5	465 822.704	2.374(−4)
5	5	6	4	5	465 822.729	2.404(−4)
5	5	5	4	5	465 822.734	2.311(−4)
5	5	4	4	5	465 823.202	9.891(−6)
5	5	6	4	5	465 823.209	6.869(−6)
5	4	4	4	3	465 824.191	3.673(−4)
5	5	5	4	4	465 824.279	2.374(−4)
5	6	6	4	5	465 824.285	1.717(−4)
5	4	4	4	5	465 824.546	1.221(−7)
5	4	3	4	3	465 824.627	5.397(−3)
5	4	4	4	3	465 824.635	5.509(−3)
5	4	5	4	3	465 824.673	5.877(−3)
5	4	3	4	3	465 824.687	7.496(−6)
5	5	5	4	4	465 824.717	5.697(−3)
5	5	4	4	3	465 824.723	5.642(−3)
5	5	4	4	4	465 824.747	2.931(−6)
5	5	6	4	4	465 824.754	5.935(−3)
5	6	5	4	5	465 824.756	5.978(−3)
5	6	6	4	5	465 824.765	6.010(−3)
5	6	5	4	5	465 824.774	1.419(−6)
5	6	7	4	5	465 824.788	6.182(−3)
5	4	5	4	5	465 825.029	1.009(−9)
5	4	3	4	5	465 825.042	3.053(−6)
5	4	4	4	5	465 825.045	2.931(−6)
5	4	5	4	5	465 825.047	2.952(−6)
5	4	3	4	3	465 825.131	4.722(−4)
5	5	4	4	4	465 825.185	2.901(−4)
5	6	5	4	5	465 825.254	2.029(−4)
5	4	5	4	5	465 825.527	9.991(−8)
5	4	4	4	4	465 826.566	1.469(−5)
5	4	4	4	5	465 826.590	1.478(−5)
5	4	4	4	4	465 827.028	2.728(−4)
5	4	3	4	4	465 827.062	2.833(−4)
5	4	5	4	4	465 827.072	2.902(−4)
5	4	5	4	4	465 827.510	1.209(−5)
5	4	3	4	4	465 827.524	1.889(−5)

Table 7. Hyperfine components and A_{ul} Einstein spontaneous emission coefficients of the (J:6–5) transition of N₂H⁺. The frequency uncertainty is ± 0.18 MHz for all hyperfine components.

J'	F' ₁	F' → J	F ₁	F	Frequency (MHz)	A _{ul} (s ⁻¹)
6	6	6	5	6	558 963.91	7.094(−6)
6	6	6	5	6	558 963.93	7.081(−6)
6	6	5	5	6	558 964.39	2.929(−4)
6	6	7	5	6	558 964.41	2.951(−4)
6	6	6	5	6	558 964.42	2.871(−4)
6	6	5	5	6	558 964.88	8.368(−6)
6	6	7	5	6	558 964.92	6.148(−6)
6	5	5	5	4	558 965.91	4.195(−4)
6	6	6	5	5	558 965.97	2.929(−4)
6	7	7	5	6	558 965.98	2.213(−4)
6	5	5	5	6	558 966.18	6.916(−8)
6	5	4	5	4	558 966.38	9.969(−3)
6	5	5	5	4	558 966.39	1.007(−2)
6	5	4	5	4	558 966.39	5.179(−6)
6	5	6	5	4	558 966.42	1.049(−2)
6	6	5	5	5	558 966.44	2.421(−6)
6	6	5	5	5	558 966.44	1.020(−2)
6	6	6	5	5	558 966.45	1.025(−2)
6	7	6	5	5	558 966.46	1.310(−6)
6	7	6	5	6	558 966.47	1.054(−2)
6	7	6	5	6	558 966.47	1.059(−2)
6	7	7	5	6	558 966.48	1.062(−2)
6	7	8	5	6	558 966.50	1.085(−2)
6	5	4	5	6	558 966.67	2.490(−6)
6	5	5	5	6	558 966.67	2.421(−6)
6	5	6	5	6	558 966.68	2.431(−6)
6	5	6	5	6	558 966.69	4.092e−10
6	5	4	5	4	558 966.88	5.127(−4)
6	6	5	5	5	558 966.91	3.462(−4)
6	7	6	5	6	558 966.96	2.554(−4)
6	5	6	5	6	558 967.18	5.852(−8)
6	5	5	5	6	558 968.27	1.169(−5)
6	5	5	5	4	558 968.23	1.165(−5)
6	5	5	5	5	558 968.70	3.327(−4)
6	5	4	5	4	558 968.72	3.418(−4)
6	5	6	5	6	558 968.74	3.462(−4)
6	5	4	5	5	558 969.19	1.424(−5)
6	5	6	5	5	558 969.21	9.890(−6)

Table 8. Hyperfine components and A_{ul} Einstein spontaneous emission coefficients of the (J:1–0) transition of N₂D⁺. The frequency uncertainty is ± 2.8 kHz for all hyperfine components.

J'	F' ₁	F' → J	F ₁	F	Frequency (MHz)	A _{ul} (s ⁻¹)
1	1	0	0	1	77 107.4757	2.056(−5)
1	1	2	0	1	77 107.7671	1.542(−5)
1	1	2	0	1	77 107.7671	5.140(−6)
1	1	1	0	1	77 107.9023	5.140(−6)
1	1	1	0	1	77 107.9023	6.854(−6)
1	1	1	0	1	77 107.9023	8.568(−6)
1	2	2	0	1	77 109.3248	1.542(−5)
1	2	2	0	1	77 109.3248	5.141(−6)
1	2	3	0	1	77 109.6162	2.056(−5)
1	2	1	0	1	77 109.8104	1.142(−5)
1	2	1	0	1	77 109.8104	5.712(−7)
1	2	1	0	1	77 109.8104	8.568(−6)
1	0	1	0	1	77 112.1085	1.142(−5)
1	0	1	0	1	77 112.1085	2.285(−6)
1	0	1	0	1	77 112.1085	6.855(−6)

Table 9. Hyperfine components and A_{ul} Einstein spontaneous emission coefficients of the (J:2–1) transition of N₂D⁺. The frequency uncertainty is ± 2.1 kHz for all hyperfine components

J'	F' ₁	F' → J	F ₁	F	Frequency (MHz)	A _{ul} (s ⁻¹)
2	2	2	1	2	154 214.8196	7.402(−6)
2	2	2	1	2	154 215.0138	7.676(−6)
2	2	1	1	2	154 215.1417	3.701(−5)
2	2	3	1	2	154 215.2619	4.387(−5)
2	2	2	1	2	154 215.3052	3.427(−5)
2	1	1	1	0	154 215.3991	1.097(−4)
2	2	3	1	2	154 215.5533	5.483(−6)
2	1	2	1	0	154 215.6021	1.097(−4)
2	2	1	1	2	154 215.6273	1.234(−5)
2	1	0	1	0	154 215.8617	1.097(−4)
2	2	2	1	1	154 216.7277	1.110(−4)
2	3	3	1	2	154 216.7920	2.193(−5)
2	2	2	1	1	154 216.8629	3.701(−5)
2	2	1	1	1	154 217.0498	6.169(−5)
2	3	3	1	2	154 217.0834	1.755(−4)
2	3	2	1	2	154 217.1055	1.658(−4)
2	2	3	1	1	154 217.1110	1.481(−4)
2	3	4	1	2	154 217.1807	1.974(−4)
2	2	1	1	1	154 217.1850	4.113(−6)
2	3	2	1	2	154 217.2998	8.773(−7)
2	2	1	1	1	154 217.4764	8.225(−5)
2	3	2	1	2	154 217.5912	3.071(−5)
2	1	1	1	2	154 217.6972	1.371(−6)
2	1	2	1	2	154 217.9002	5.483(−8)
2	1	2	1	2	154 218.0944	4.606(−6)
2	1	0	1	2	154 218.1598	5.483(−6)
2	1	1	1	2	154 218.1828	4.113(−6)
2	1	2	1	2	154 218.3858	8.225(−7)
2	1	1	1	1	154 219.6053	2.056(−5)
2	1	1	1	2	154 219.7405	3.427(−5)
2	1	2	1	1	154 219.8083	2.056(−5)
2	1	2	1	1	154 219.9435	6.169(−5)
2	1	1	1	0	154 220.0320	2.742(−5)
2	1	0	1	1	154 220.0679	8.225(−5)

Table 10. Hyperfine components and A_{ul} Einstein spontaneous emission coefficients of the (J:3–2) transition of N₂D⁺. The frequency uncertainty is ± 6.2 kHz for all hyperfine components

J'	F' ₁	F' → J	F ₁	F	Frequency (MHz)	A _{ul} (s ⁻¹)
3	3	3	2	3	231 319.4552	6.294(−6)
3	3	3	2	3	231 319.5743	6.373(−6)
3	3	2	2	3	231 319.8904	7.049(−5)
3	3	4	2	3	231 319.9411	7.435(−5)
3	3	3	2	3	231 319.9629	6.664(−5)
3	3	4	2	3	231 320.3297	4.957(−6)
3	3	2	2	3	231 320.3981	8.812(−6)
3	2	2	2	1	231 321.1993	1.499(−4)
3	2	2	2	1	231 321.4023	4.497(−4)
3	2	1	2	1	231 321.4445	3.331(−4)
3	4	4	2	3	231 321.4756	4.461(−5)
3	3	3	2	3	231 321.4930	7.050(−5)
3	2	3	2	1	231 321.5630	5.996(−4)
3	2	1	2	1	231 321.7041	1.665(−5)
3	3	3	2	2	231 321.7411	5.640(−4)
3	3	2	2	2	231 321.8543	5.330(−4)
3	3	4	2	2	231 321.8599	6.345(−4)
3	4	4	2	3	231 321.8643	6.692(−4)
3	4	3	2	3	231 321.8645	6.555(−4)
3	2	1	2	1	231 321.9071	2.498(−4)
3	4	5	2	3	231 321.9120	7.138(−4)
3	3	2	2	2	231 321.9283	2.820(−6)
3	4	3	2	3	231 321.9836	9.104(−7)
3	2	2	2	3	231 321.9940	3.525(−7)
3	3	2	2	2	231 322.1764	9.870(−5)
3	2	3	2	3	231 322.3577	7.194(−9)
3	4	3	2	3	231 322.3722	5.736(−5)
3	2	3	2	3	231 322.4768	2.913(−6)
3	2	1	2	3	231 322.4988	3.172(−6)
3	2	2	2	3	231 322.5017	2.820(−6)
3	2	3	2	3	231 322.8654	2.518(−7)
3	2	2	2	2	231 323.9578	1.666(−5)
3	2	2	2	2	231 324.0318	1.727(−5)
3	2	2	2	2	231 324.2799	7.711(−5)
3	2	3	2	2	231 324.3955	9.870(−5)
3	2	1	2	1	231 324.4626	8.328(−5)
3	2	3	2	2	231 324.6436	1.234(−5)
3	2	1	2	2	231 324.7847	2.776(−5)

Table 11. Hyperfine components and A_{ul} Einstein spontaneous emission coefficients of the (J:4–3) transition of N₂D⁺. The frequency uncertainty is ± 25 kHz for all hyperfine components

J'	F' ₁	F' → J	F ₁	F	Frequency (MHz)	A _{ul} (s ⁻¹)
4	4	4	3	4	308 419.723	5.330(−6)
4	4	4	3	4	308 419.794	5.361(−6)
4	4	3	3	4	308 420.188	1.028(−4)
4	4	5	3	4	308 420.218	1.053(−4)
4	4	4	3	4	308 420.231	9.896(−5)
4	4	5	3	4	308 420.655	4.386(−6)
4	4	3	3	4	308 420.696	6.853(−6)
4	3	3	3	2	308 421.627	1.790(−4)
4	5	5	3	4	308 421.764	7.018(−5)
4	4	4	3	3	308 421.765	1.028(−4)
4	3	3	3	2	308 421.991	1.432(−3)
4	3	2	3	2	308 421.993	1.353(−3)
4	3	4	3	2	308 422.056	1.611(−3)
4	3	3	3	4	308 422.120	1.399(−7)
4	4	4	3	3	308 422.132	1.542(−3)
4	3	2	3	2	308 422.134	7.161(−6)
4	4	3	3	2	308 422.162	1.511(−3)
4	4	5	3	4	308 422.189	1.645(−3)
4	5	4	3	4	308 422.195	1.668(−3)
4	5	5	3	4	308 422.200	1.684(−3)
4	5	6	3	4	308 422.230	1.754(−3)
4	4	3	3	4	308 422.231	2.098(−6)
4	5	4	3	4	308 422.266	8.664(−7)
4	3	2	3	2	308 422.498	2.506(−4)
4	3	4	3	4	308 422.549	1.727(−9)
4	4	3	3	3	308 422.598	1.322(−4)
4	3	4	3	4	308 422.621	2.127(−6)
4	3	2	3	4	308 422.628	2.238(−6)
4	3	3	3	4	308 422.628	2.098(−6)
4	5	4	3	4	308 422.703	8.577(−5)
4	3	4	3	4	308 423.057	1.088(−7)
4	3	3	3	3	308 424.094	1.119(−5)
4	3	3	3	4	308 424.163	1.133(−5)
4	3	3	3	3	308 424.530	1.185(−4)
4	3	4	3	3	308 424.592	1.322(−4)
4	3	2	3	3	308 424.602	1.253(−4)
4	3	4	3	3	308 424.959	8.812(−6)
4	3	2	3	3	308 425.037	1.567(−5)

Table 12. Hyperfine components and A_{ul} Einstein spontaneous emission coefficients of the (J:5–4) transition of N₂D⁺. The frequency uncertainty is ± 58 kHz for all hyperfine components

J'	F' ₁	F' → J	F ₁	F	Frequency (MHz)	A _{ul} (s ⁻¹)
5	5	5	4	5	385 514.088	4.587(−6)
5	5	5	4	5	385 514.125	4.601(−6)
5	5	4	4	5	385 514.562	1.346(−4)
5	5	6	4	5	385 514.584	1.363(−4)
5	5	5	4	5	385 514.591	1.310(−4)
5	5	6	4	5	385 515.050	3.894(−6)
5	5	4	4	5	385 515.065	5.607(−6)
5	4	4	4	3	385 516.051	2.082(−4)
5	5	5	4	4	385 516.136	1.346(−4)
5	6	6	4	5	385 516.141	9.734(−5)
5	4	4	4	5	385 516.406	6.922(−8)
5	4	3	4	3	385 516.474	3.059(−3)
5	4	4	4	3	385 516.480	3.123(−3)
5	4	5	4	3	385 516.516	3.331(−3)
5	4	3	4	3	385 516.553	4.249(−6)
5	5	5	4	4	385 516.560	3.230(−3)
5	5	4	4	4	385 516.568	3.198(−3)
5	5	6	4	4	385 516.595	3.364(−3)
5	6	5	4	5	385 516.599	3.388(−3)
5	6	6	4	5	385 516.607	3.407(−3)
5	5	4	4	4	385 516.610	1.661(−6)
5	6	7	4	5	385 516.627	3.504(−3)
5	6	5	4	5	385 516.636	8.045(−7)
5	4	5	4	5	385 516.871	5.721e−10
5	4	3	4	5	385 516.907	1.731(−6)
5	4	5	4	5	385 516.908	1.673(−6)
5	4	4	4	5	385 516.908	1.661(−6)
5	4	3	4	3	385 516.982	2.677(−4)
5	5	4	4	4	385 517.034	1.645(−4)
5	6	5	4	5	385 517.102	1.150(−4)
5	4	5	4	5	385 517.373	5.663(−8)
5	4	4	4	4	385 518.412	8.328(−6)
5	4	4	4	4	385 518.454	8.376(−6)
5	4	4	4	4	385 518.878	1.546(−4)
5	4	3	4	4	385 518.914	1.606(−4)
5	4	5	4	4	385 518.919	1.645(−4)
5	4	5	4	4	385 519.343	6.853(−6)
5	4	3	4	4	385 519.379	1.071(−5)

Table 13. Hyperfine components and A_{ul} Einstein spontaneous emission coefficients of the (J:6–5) transition of N₂D⁺. The frequency uncertainty is ± 0.11 MHz for all hyperfine components

J'	F' ₁	F' → J	F ₁	F	Frequency (MHz)	A _{ul} (s ⁻¹)
6	6	6	5	6	462 601.05	4.014(−6)
6	6	6	5	6	462 601.06	4.021(−6)
6	6	5	5	6	462 601.53	1.660(−4)
6	6	7	5	6	462 601.54	1.673(−4)
6	6	6	5	6	462 601.55	1.627(−4)
6	6	5	5	6	462 602.02	4.744(−6)
6	6	7	5	6	462 602.03	3.485(−6)
6	5	5	5	4	462 603.04	2.378(−4)
6	6	6	5	5	462 603.10	1.660(−4)
6	7	7	5	6	462 603.11	1.255(−4)
6	5	5	5	6	462 603.32	3.920(−8)
6	5	4	5	4	462 603.50	5.651(−3)
6	5	5	5	4	462 603.51	5.707(−3)
6	5	6	5	4	462 603.53	5.945(−3)
6	5	4	5	5	462 603.54	2.936(−6)
6	6	5	5	4	462 603.56	5.780(−3)
6	6	6	5	5	462 603.56	5.811(−3)
6	6	5	5	6	462 603.58	1.372(−6)
6	6	7	5	5	462 603.59	5.977(−3)
6	7	6	5	6	462 603.59	6.002(−3)
6	7	7	5	6	462 603.60	6.022(−3)
6	7	6	5	6	462 603.60	7.424(−7)
6	7	8	5	6	462 603.61	6.148(−3)
6	5	6	5	6	462 603.81	2.320e−10
6	5	4	5	6	462 603.81	1.411(−6)
6	5	5	5	6	462 603.81	1.372(−6)
6	5	6	5	7	462 603.81	1.378(−6)
6	5	4	5	4	462 604.00	2.906(−4)
6	6	5	5	5	462 604.04	1.962(−4)
6	7	6	5	6	462 604.09	1.448(−4)
6	5	6	5	6	462 604.30	3.317(−8)
6	5	5	5	4	462 605.35	6.605(−6)
6	5	5	5	6	462 605.37	6.626(−6)
6	5	5	5	5	462 605.83	1.886(−4)
6	5	4	5	5	462 605.85	1.938(−4)
6	5	6	5	6	462 605.86	1.962(−4)
6	5	6	5	5	462 606.32	5.606(−6)
6	5	4	5	5	462 606.32	8.073(−6)