THEORETICAL LINE STRENGTHS AND TRANSITION MOMENTS IN THE $\tilde{A}\,^2B_1 \leftarrow \tilde{X}\,^2A_1$ ELECTRONIC TRANSITION OF NH_2

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In a recent publication, Kawakita *et al.*[a] call for theoretical calculations of transition moments and line strengths associated with the $\tilde{A}\,^2B_1 \leftarrow \tilde{X}\,^2A_1$ electronic transition of NH_2; they need such data in order to improve their analysis of cometary spectra involving this electronic transition. We have used the RENNER program system[b] to provide the results required. The RENNER calculations are based on *ab initio* calculations of the potential energy surfaces and the electronic dipole moments and transition moments.[c] We have optimized the potential energy surfaces in a least-squares fit to experimentally derived term values.

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[b] See, for example, P. Jensen, G. Osmann, and P. R. Bunker, *in: "Computational Molecular Spectroscopy"* (P. Jensen and P. R. Bunker, eds.), Wiley, Chichester, 2000, and references therein.

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