

ROTATIONAL ANALYSIS OF THE $\tilde{C}^2A_1 - \tilde{X}^2A_1$ TRANSITION OF SrNH₂

P. M. SHERIDAN, *Department of Chemistry, University of Waterloo, 200 University Ave. West, Waterloo, ON, N2L 3G1 Canada*; M. J. DICK, *Department of Physics, University of Waterloo, 200 University Ave. West, Waterloo, ON, N2L 3G1 Canada*; J. G. WANG and P. F. BERNATH, *Department of Chemistry, University of Waterloo, 200 University Ave. West, Waterloo, ON, N2L 3G1 Canada*.

A high-resolution spectrum of the $\tilde{C}^2A_1 - \tilde{X}^2A_1$ transition of SrNH₂ has been recorded using a jet cooled/laser ablation spectrometer. SrNH₂ was created by the reaction of UV-ablated Sr atoms with a 15% mixture of NH₃ in argon and detected using laser excitation spectroscopy. Low J transitions arising from both the $K'_a = 0 \leftarrow K''_a = 0$ and $K'_a = 1 \leftarrow K''_a = 1$ sub-bands have been observed. Rotational and fine structure parameters have been determined for both states. The spin-rotation constants for the \tilde{C}^2A_1 state have been calculated using the pure precession model and will be compared to those determined in the fit. In addition, these spectroscopic constants will be compared to those of the previously measured \tilde{A}^2B_1 and \tilde{B}^2B_2 states of SrNH₂. Structural parameters for all states will also be discussed.