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A highly flexible molecule: The peculiar case of ethynyl isothiocyanate

HCCNCS

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Table S1. Assigned transitions for HCCNCS-parent

$J'-J''$	$F'-F''$	$\nu_{\text{obs}}/\text{MHz}$	o-c (kHz)
2-1	1-1	6085.9132	0.0
	3-2	6087.0431	0.4
	2-1	6087.0936	0.4
	1-0	6087.6833	0.0
	2-2	6087.8010	-0.2
3-2	2-2	9129.5720	0.0
	4-3	9130.6064	0.5
	3-2	9130.6343	0.3
	2-1	9130.7520	0.1
	3-3	9131.3924	-0.2
4-3	3-3	12173.1559	-0.5
	5-4	12174.1505	0.5
	4-3	12174.1676	-0.2
	3-2	12174.2185	0.1
	4-4	12174.9539	-0.6
5-4	4-4	15216.7091	0.0
	6-5	15217.6801	0.0
	5-4	15217.6938	1.3
	4-3	15217.7199	-0.6
	5-5	15218.4963	-0.7
6-5	5-5	18260.2384	-1.7
	7-6	18261.1955	-0.9
	6-5	18261.2060	0.4
	5-4	18261.2257	2.2
	6-6	18262.0214	-1.0
7-8	8-7	21304.6963	-1.5
	7-6	21304.7043	-0.4
	6-5	21304.7202	3.0
8-7	9-8	24348.1813	-1.0
	7-6	24348.1976	0.7

Table S2. Assigned transitions for HCCNC³⁴S

$J'-J''$	$F'-F''$	$\nu_{\text{obs}}/\text{MHz}$	o-c (kHz)
3-2	4-3	8898.1278	0.8

	3-2	8898.1554	0.3
	2-1	8898.2726	-0.4
4-3	5-4	11864.1797	0.9
	4-3	11864.1951	-1.5
	3-2	11864.2466	-0.5
5-4	6-5	14830.2146	-2.6
	5-4	14830.2314	1.8
	4-3	14830.2564	-1.2
6-5	7-6	17796.2397	-2.9
	6-5	17796.2537	1.9
	5-4	17796.2720	2.4
7-6	8-7	20762.2547	0.6
	6-5	20762.2750	1.6
8-7	9-8	23728.2473	-2.4
	7-6	23728.2651	0.8

Table S3. Assigned transitions for H¹³CCNCS

<i>J'-J''</i>	<i>F'-F''</i>	$\nu_{\text{obs}}/\text{MHz}$	o-c (kHz)
4-3	5-4	11826.8148	0.7
	4-3	11826.8292	-2.8
6-5	7-6	17740.1919	-3.0
	6-5	17740.2058	1.7
	5-4	17740.2256	3.6
8-7	6-5	23653.5180	0.0
	9-8	23653.5317	-0.7

Table S4. Assigned transitions for HC¹³CNCS

<i>J'-J''</i>	<i>F'-F''</i>	$\nu_{\text{obs}}/\text{MHz}$	o-c (kHz)
4-3	5-4	12040.2099	1.5
	4-3	12040.2247	-1.5
6-5	7-6	18060.2835	-2.1
	6-5	18060.2942	-0.4
	5-4	18060.3151	2.5

Table S5. Assigned transitions for HCCN¹³CS

$J'-J''$	$F'-F''$	$\nu_{\text{obs}}/\text{MHz}$	o-c (kHz)
4-3	5-4	12163.5573	2.7
	4-3	12163.5716	-0.8
	3-2	12163.6202	-2.8
6-5	7-6	18245.3020	-1.9
	6-5	18245.3132	0.2
	5-4	18245.3337	2.8
8-7	6-5	24326.9923	-0.7
	9-8	24327.0081	0.4

Table S6. Assigned transitions for HCCNCS in vibrationally excited state

$J'-J''$	$F'-F''$	e/f	$\nu_{\text{obs}}/\text{MHz}$	o-c (kHz)
4-3	5-4	(-1)-(1)	12181.0831	1.1
	3-2	(-1)-(1)	12181.1087	-3.6
	4-3	(-1)-(1)	12181.1766	1.5
	5-4	(1)-(-1)	12183.5974	0.8
	3-2	(1)-(-1)	12183.6255	-1.4
	4-3	(1)-(-1)	12183.6886	-1.0
5-4	6-5	(1)-(-1)	15226.3589	0.6
	4-3	(1)-(-1)	15226.3832	-0.8
	5-4	(1)-(-1)	15226.4093	0.1
	6-5	(-1)-(1)	15229.5022	0.1
	4-3	(-1)-(1)	15229.5284	0.4
	5-4	(-1)-(1)	15229.5526	-0.4
6-5	7-6	(-1)-(1)	18271.6181	0.0
	5-4	(-1)-(1)	18271.6358	-2.3
	6-5	(-1)-(1)	18271.6498	0.2
	7-6	(1)-(-1)	18275.3933	1.7
	5-4	(1)-(-1)	18275.4104	-1.1
	6-5	(1)-(-1)	18275.4251	2.0
7-6	8-7	(1)-(-1)	21316.8626	0.1
	7-6	(1)-(-1)	21316.8883	4.6
	8-7	(-1)-(1)	21321.2659	-0.1
	7-6	(-1)-(1)	21321.2858	-1.3
8-7	9-8	(-1)-(1)	24362.0888	-2.0
	8-7	(-1)-(1)	24362.1050	-0.8
	9-8	(1)-(-1)	24367.1249	0.0
	8-7	(1)-(-1)	24367.1403	0.3

Table S7: Input file (.par) and output file (.fit) for SPFIT program used for fitting the vibrationally excited state of HCCNCS.

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hccnscs                      Tue Fri SWed AuMon Mar 26 20:48:10 2018
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1 -3 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 -1
   100 1.522799301449558E+003 2.92471429E+023 / B
  -1000 -1.522799301449558E+003 1.00000000E-037 /correction
110010000 3.510622799695828E+000 1.00000000E+023 / (1 N-14)
   200 -8.579040358665501E-005 3.77299045E+023 /-DJ
  -1100 1.715808071817292E-004 1.00000000E-037 /correction
  -2000 -8.579040358665501E-005 1.00000000E-037 /correction
 40000 1.571074540143065E-001 1.00000000E+023 /qv/2
 40100 1.710332355715090E-006 1.00000000E+023 /qvJ/2

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LINES REQUESTED= 26 NUMBER OF PARAMETERS= 8 NUMBER OF ITERATIONS= 7
MARQUARDT PARAMETER =0.0000E+000 max (OBS-CALC)/ERROR =1.0000E+003

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PARAMETERS - A.PRIORI ERROR
 1 1 100 1.5227992971617E+003 2.924714E+023 B
 2 1 -1000 -1.5227992971617E+003 -1.000000 correction
 3 2 110010000 3.5115927907113E+000 1.000000E+023 (1 N-14)
 4 3 200 -8.5718047358913E-005 3.772990E+023 -DJ
 5 3 -1100 1.7143609472624E-004 -2.000000 correction
 6 3 -2000 -8.5718047358913E-005 1.000000 correction
 7 4 40000 1.5711656277593E-001 1.000000E+023 qv/2
 8 5 40100 1.5580984866012E-006 1.000000E+023 qvJ/2

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8 parameters read, 5 independent parameters
ENERGY SORT OF WANG SUB-BLOCKS

PROLATE ROTOR

SYMMETRIC TOP QUANTA

V KMIN KMAX WTPL WTMN ESYMWT NSYM SPINS

0 1 1 1 1 999 2 1.0

BLOCK - WT - SYM - V - TSP - N - other quanta (rel. to F=0)

1 1 c 0 0 -1.0

1 1 c 0 1 0.0

1 1 c 0 2 1.0

2 1 b 0 0 -1.0

2 1 b 0 1 0.0

2 1 b 0 2 1.0

Maximum Dimension for Hamiltonian = 3

EXP.FREQ. - CALC.FREQ. - DIFF. - EXP.ERR.- EST.ERR.-AVG.

CALC.FREQ. - DIFF. - WT.

1: 4 -1 5 3 1 4 12181.08309 12181.08196 0.00113 0.00200 0.00098

2: 4 -1 3 3 1 2 12181.10866 12181.11232 -0.00366 0.00200 0.00073

3: 4 -1 4 3 1 3 12181.17657 12181.17504 0.00153 0.00200 0.00117

4: 4 1 5 3 -1 4 12183.59736 12183.59655 0.00081 0.00200 0.00098

5:	4 1 3 3 -1 2	12183.62551	12183.62692	-0.00141	0.00200	0.00073
6:	4 1 4 3 -1 3	12183.68860	12183.68963	-0.00103	0.00200	0.00117
7:	5 1 6 4 -1 5	15226.35887	15226.35822	0.00065	0.00200	0.00082
8:	5 1 4 4 -1 3	15226.38324	15226.38407	-0.00083	0.00200	0.00069
9:	5 1 5 4 -1 4	15226.40930	15226.40916	0.00014	0.00200	0.00081
10:	5 -1 6 4 1 5	15229.50218	15229.50208	0.00010	0.00200	0.00082
11:	5 -1 4 4 1 3	15229.52843	15229.52793	0.00050	0.00200	0.00069
12:	5 -1 5 4 1 4	15229.55263	15229.55302	-0.00039	0.00200	0.00081
13:	6 -1 7 5 1 6	18271.61806	18271.61800	0.00006	0.00200	0.00068
14:	6 -1 5 5 1 4	18271.63578	18271.63810	-0.00232	0.00200	0.00061
15:	6 -1 6 5 1 5	18271.64982	18271.64950	0.00032	0.00200	0.00065
16:	6 1 7 5 -1 6	18275.39330	18275.39154	0.00176	0.00200	0.00068
17:	6 1 5 5 -1 4	18275.41045	18275.41163	-0.00118	0.00200	0.00061
18:	6 1 6 5 -1 5	18275.42508	18275.42304	0.00204	0.00200	0.00065
19:	7 1 8 6 -1 7	21316.86263	21316.86238	0.00025	0.00200	0.00073
20:	7 1 7 6 -1 6	21316.88828	21316.88352	0.00476	0.00200	0.00072
21:	7 -1 8 6 1 7	21321.26588	21321.26608	-0.00020	0.00200	0.00073
22:	7 -1 7 6 1 6	21321.28582	21321.28722	-0.00140	0.00200	0.00072
23:	8 -1 9 7 1 8	24362.08879	24362.09057	-0.00178	0.00200	0.00123
24:	8 -1 8 7 1 7	24362.10499	24362.10561	-0.00062	0.00200	0.00123
25:	8 1 9 7 -1 8	24367.12490	24367.12502	-0.00012	0.00200	0.00123
26:	8 1 8 7 -1 7	24367.14029	24367.14006	0.00023	0.00200	0.00123

NORMALIZED DIAGONAL:

1 1.00000E+000 2 9.95341E-001 3 3.64981E-001 4 1.00000E+000 5 3.60399E-001

MARQUARDT PARAMETER = 0, TRUST EXPANSION = 1.00

NEW PARAMETER (EST. ERROR) -- CHANGE THIS ITERATION

1	100	B	1522.799301(91)	0.000000
2	110010000	(1 N-14)	3.511(61)	-0.000
3	200	-DJ	-0.08579(101)E-03	-0.00000E-03
4	40000	qv/2	0.157107(92)	0.000000
5	40100	qvJ/2	1.71(100)E-06	-0.00E-06

MICROWAVE AVG = -0.000025 MHz, IR AVG = 0.00000

MICROWAVE RMS = 0.001580 MHz, IR RMS = 0.00000

END OF ITERATION 2 OLD, NEW RMS ERROR= 0.78975 0.78975

1 2 -0.151571 1 3 -0.930878 1 4 0.000000 1 5 -0.000000 2 1 -0.151571 2 3 0.125286 2 4 -0.000000 2 5 0.000000

3 1 -0.930878 3 2 0.125286 3 4 -0.000000 3 5 0.000000 4 1 0.000000 4 2 -0.000000 4 3 -0.000000 4 5 -0.932798

5 1 -0.000000 5 2 0.000000 5 3 0.000000 5 4 -0.932798

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Table S8: Computed structural parameters (distances r in Å, angles α in °) for HCCNCS at the CCSD(T) level employing various basis sets. Structures, which do not represent a local minimum, are indicated in italics. All Structures are either linear or planar.

Method	Basis	$r_1(\text{H-C}_1)^1$	$r_2(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_2)^1$	$r_3(\text{C}_2\text{-N})^1$	$r_4(\text{N-C}_3)^1$	$r_5(\text{C}_3\text{-S})^1$	$\alpha_1(\text{C}_2\text{C}_1\text{H})^1$	$\alpha_2(\text{NC}_2\text{C}_1)^1$	$\alpha_3(\text{C}_3\text{NC}_2)^1$	$\alpha_4(\text{SC}_3\text{N})^1$
fc-CCSD(T)	ANO0	1.0704	1.2251	1.3183	1.2074	1.5862	177.88	183.64	156.10	184.46
fc-CCSD(T)	ANO1	1.0627	1.2124	1.3047	1.1941	1.5780	179.07	181.88	166.85	181.52
fc-CCSD(T)	ANO2	1.0623	1.2097	1.3025	1.1901	1.5757	179.49	181.14	171.97	181.54
<i>fc-CCSD(T)</i>	<i>cc-pV(T+d)Z</i>	<i>1.0582</i>	<i>1.2085</i>	<i>1.2982</i>	<i>1.1890</i>	<i>1.5738</i>	<i>180.00</i>	<i>180.00</i>	<i>180.00</i>	<i>180.00</i>
fc-CCSD(T)	cc-pwCVTZ	1.0632	1.2115	1.3032	1.1910	1.5759	179.57	180.79	174.95	181.00
<i>fc-CCSD(T)</i>	<i>cc-pwCVTZ</i>	<i>1.0632</i>	<i>1.2115</i>	<i>1.3028</i>	<i>1.1906</i>	<i>1.5761</i>	<i>180.00</i>	<i>180.00</i>	<i>180.00</i>	<i>180.00</i>
<i>fc-CCSD(T)</i>	<i>cc-pwCVQZ</i>	<i>1.0625</i>	<i>1.2096</i>	<i>1.3013</i>	<i>1.1892</i>	<i>1.5739</i>	<i>180.00</i>	<i>180.00</i>	<i>180.00</i>	<i>180.00</i>
<i>fc-CCSD(T)</i>	<i>cc-pwCV5Z</i>	<i>1.0619</i>	<i>1.2093</i>	<i>1.3009</i>	<i>1.1892</i>	<i>1.5724</i>	<i>180.00</i>	<i>180.00</i>	<i>180.00</i>	<i>180.00</i>
fc-CCSD(T)	cc-pCVTZ	1.0634	1.2122	1.3040	1.1917	1.5784	179.58	180.78	174.91	181.01
ae-CCSD(T)	cc-pCVTZ	1.0624	1.2103	1.3017	1.1896	1.5755	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00
ae-CCSD(T)	cc-pCVQZ	1.0613	1.2072	1.2993	1.1872	1.5704	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00
ae-CCSD(T)	cc-pCV5Z	1.0611	1.2065	1.2990	1.1867	1.5694	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00
ae-CCSD(T)	cc-pwCVTZ	1.0621	1.2093	1.3009	1.1888	1.5726	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00
ae-CCSD(T)	cc-pwCVQZ	1.0612	1.2070	1.2991	1.1870	1.5698	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00
ae-CCSD(T)	cc-pwCV5Z	1.0610	1.2063	1.2988	1.1866	1.5690	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00
<i>ae-CCSD(T)</i>	<i>aug-cc-pwCVTZ</i>	<i>1.0626</i>	<i>1.2100</i>	<i>1.3010</i>	<i>1.8931</i>	<i>1.5733</i>	<i>180.00</i>	<i>180.00</i>	<i>180.00</i>	<i>180.00</i>

¹Definition of structural parameters:

