

$$P'_{7,2}(2,1) = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}}$$

Thus, the total abundance  $P''_7$  of this particular species is given by the following simple product (2, 1).

$$P''_7 = P_7 \times P'_{7,2}$$

## Appendix 2

### Construction of the Stick Diagram

The construction of the stick diagrams was carried out on the basis of four assumptions, as follows.

- The total number of lines in the stick diagram, which equals the number of allowed transitions

$$|-1/2, m_I^{\text{Cr}}, m_I^{\text{N}}, m_I^{\text{C}}\rangle \rightarrow |+1/2, m_I^{\text{Cr}}, m_I^{\text{N}}, m_I^{\text{C}}\rangle$$

for

$$-\frac{3}{2} \leq m_I^{\text{Cr}} \leq \frac{3}{2}$$

$$-1 \leq m_I^{\text{N}} \leq 1$$

and

$$-\frac{1}{2} \leq m_I^{\text{C}} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

was calculated from eq 3. Their positions are given by eq 4, and the intensities  $\mathfrak{J}_j$ 's are calculated by combining eq 5 with eqs 6 and 7.

$$\mathfrak{J}_j = \frac{P''_j}{\prod_i (2I^{(i)} + 1)} \quad (8)$$

- The contribution of the significantly less abundant multi-labeled species 4–12 was neglected.
- The values of the hyperfine splittings of particular nuclei used for the construction of the stick diagrams were taken as those listed above under the subheading "The Simulated Spectra".
- For practical reasons, the intensity of the weakest line(s) on the stick diagram was taken as unity.

The stick diagram of  $\text{K}_3[\text{Cr}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]$  EPR spectrum (Fig. 1b) is built up by successive addition of partial sub-diagrams arising from the interaction of the unpaired electron with  $^{53}\text{Cr}$  ( $I = 3/2$ ),  $^{14}\text{N}$  ( $I = 1$ ), and  $^{13}\text{C}$  ( $I = 1/2$ ) nuclei of the three most abundant isotopomers. In Table 2 are specified the allowed transitions, line positions, and intensities for the species that effectively contribute to the experimental spectrum.

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