

THE SOLEIL VIEW ON PROTOTYPICAL ORGANIC NITRILES: SELECTED VIBRATIONAL MODES OF ETHYL CYANIDE, C₂H₅CN, AND SPECTROSCOPIC ANALYSIS USING AN AUTOMATED SPECTRAL ASSIGNMENT PROCEDURE (ASAP)

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Vibrational spectra of small organic nitriles, propionitrile and n-butyronitrile, have been investigated at high spectral resolution at the French national synchrotron facility SOLEIL using Fourier-transform far-infrared spectroscopy ($< 700 \text{ cm}^{-1}$). The *Automated Spectral Assignment Procedure (ASAP)*^a has been used for line assignment and accurate determination of rotational level energies, in particular, of the $\nu_{20}=1$ and the $\nu_{12}=1$ states of propionitrile. The analysis does not only confirm the applicability of the ASAP in the treatment of (dense) high-resolution infrared spectra but also reveals some of its limitations which will be discussed in some detail.

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