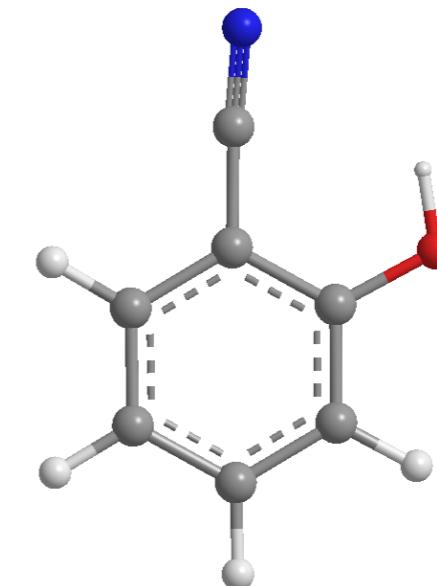
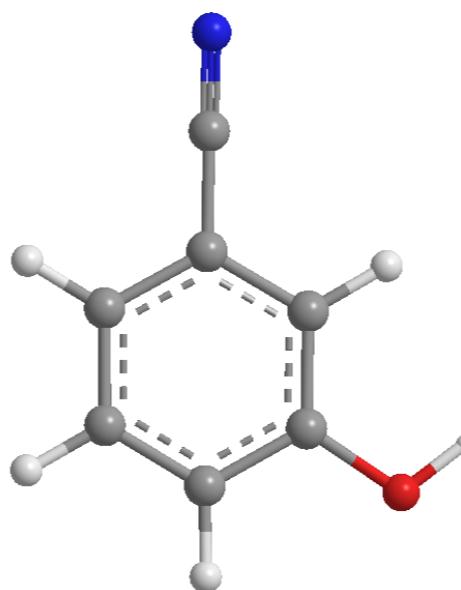
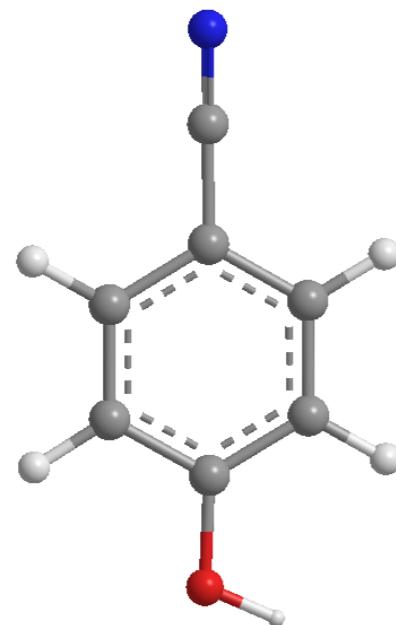


# Rotational Spectra of p-, m-, and o-Cyanophenol and Internal Rotation of p-Cyanophenol



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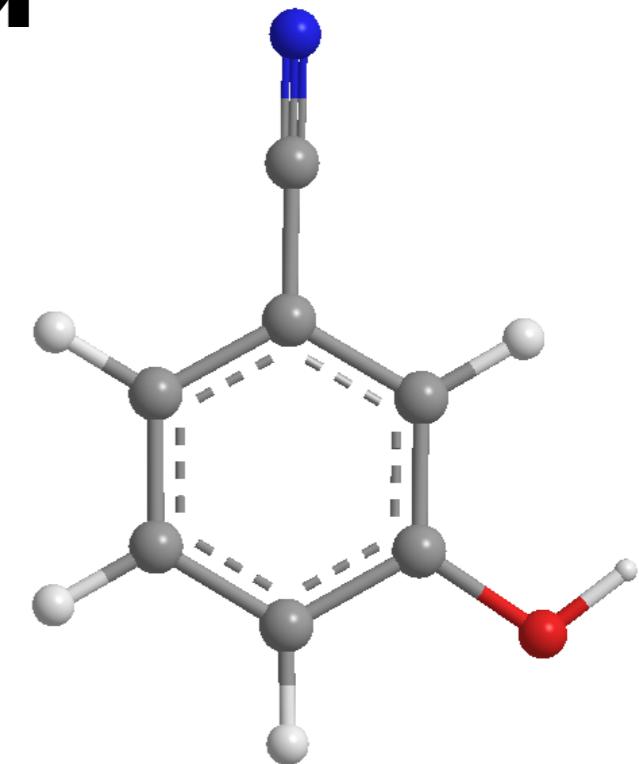
# Motivation

- Assign all conformers of cyanophenols
- Explore internal motions of p-cyanophenol
- Lay groundwork for complexation studies
- Augment the existing electronic spectroscopy data

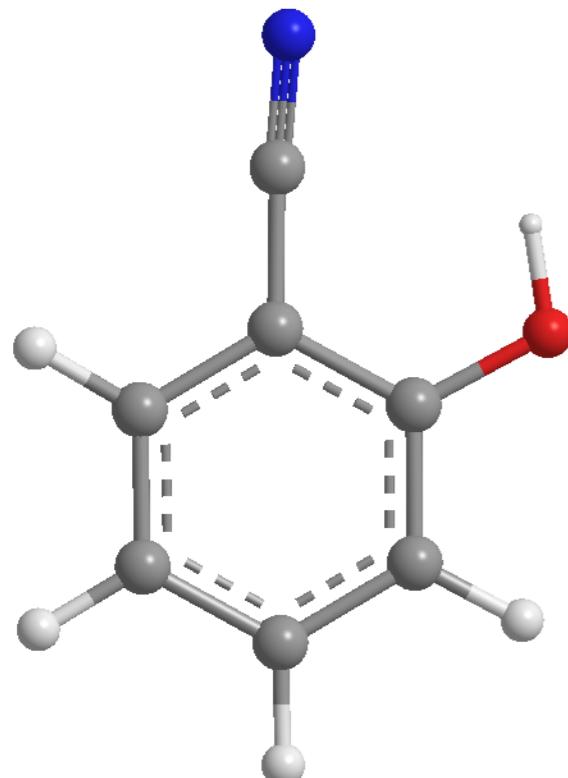
# Background

LIF, IR-fluorescence dip, and ab initio study:  
2 predicted conformers, both observed

N. Seurre, et al., Chem. Phys., 295, 2003, 21-33



m-Cyanophenol

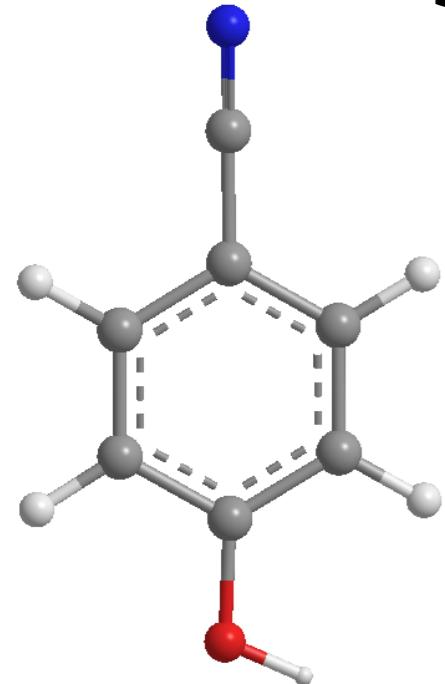


o-Cyanophenol

LIF and ab initio study:  
2 predicted conformers, only cis observed

P. Imhof, et al., J. Chem. Phys. A, 105, 2001, 8922-8925

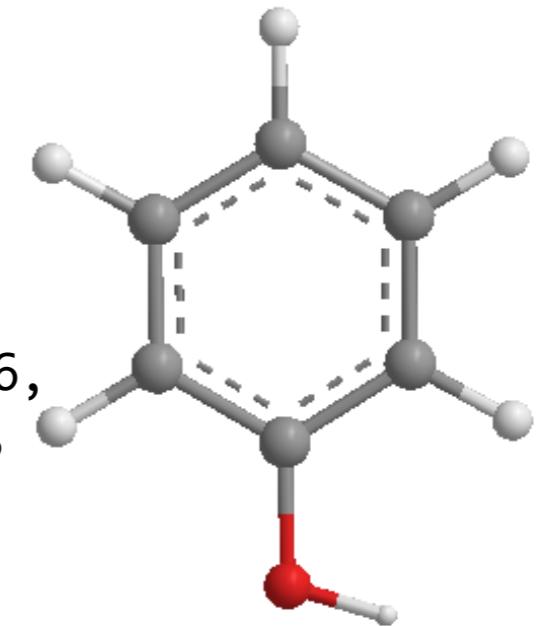
# Symmetric Rings with $V_2$ Barriers



p-Cyanophenol

Rotationally resolved LIF and ab initio:  
determined rotational constants and  $V_2$ .

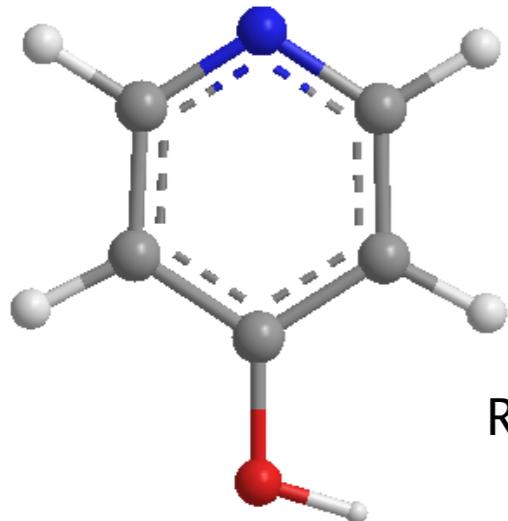
J. Küpper, et al., Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., 4, 2002, 4634-4639



Phenol

Microwave, IR, and high-res UV:  $V_2$  is  
lower than p-CP.

E. Mathier, et al., J. Mol. Spectrosc., 37, 1971, 63-76,  
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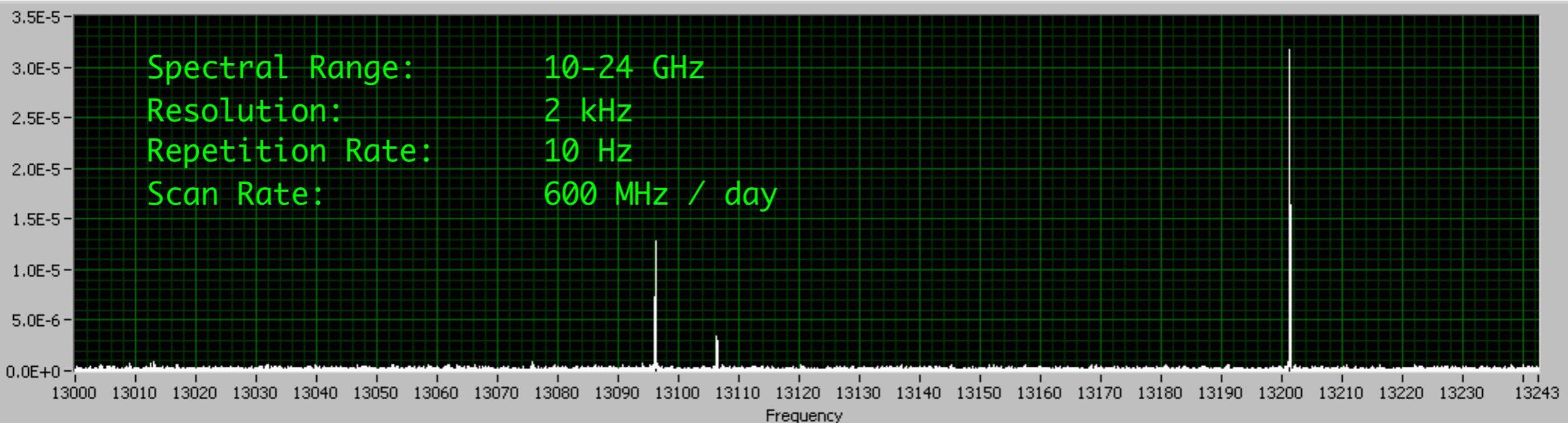
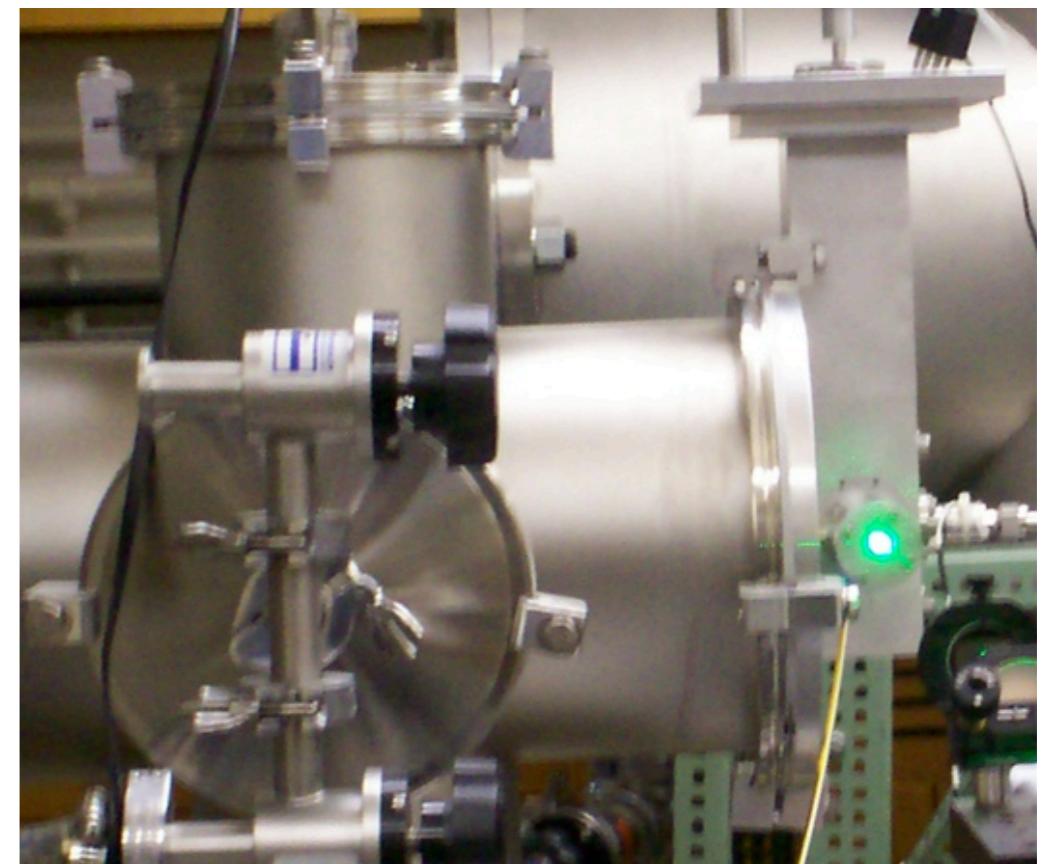
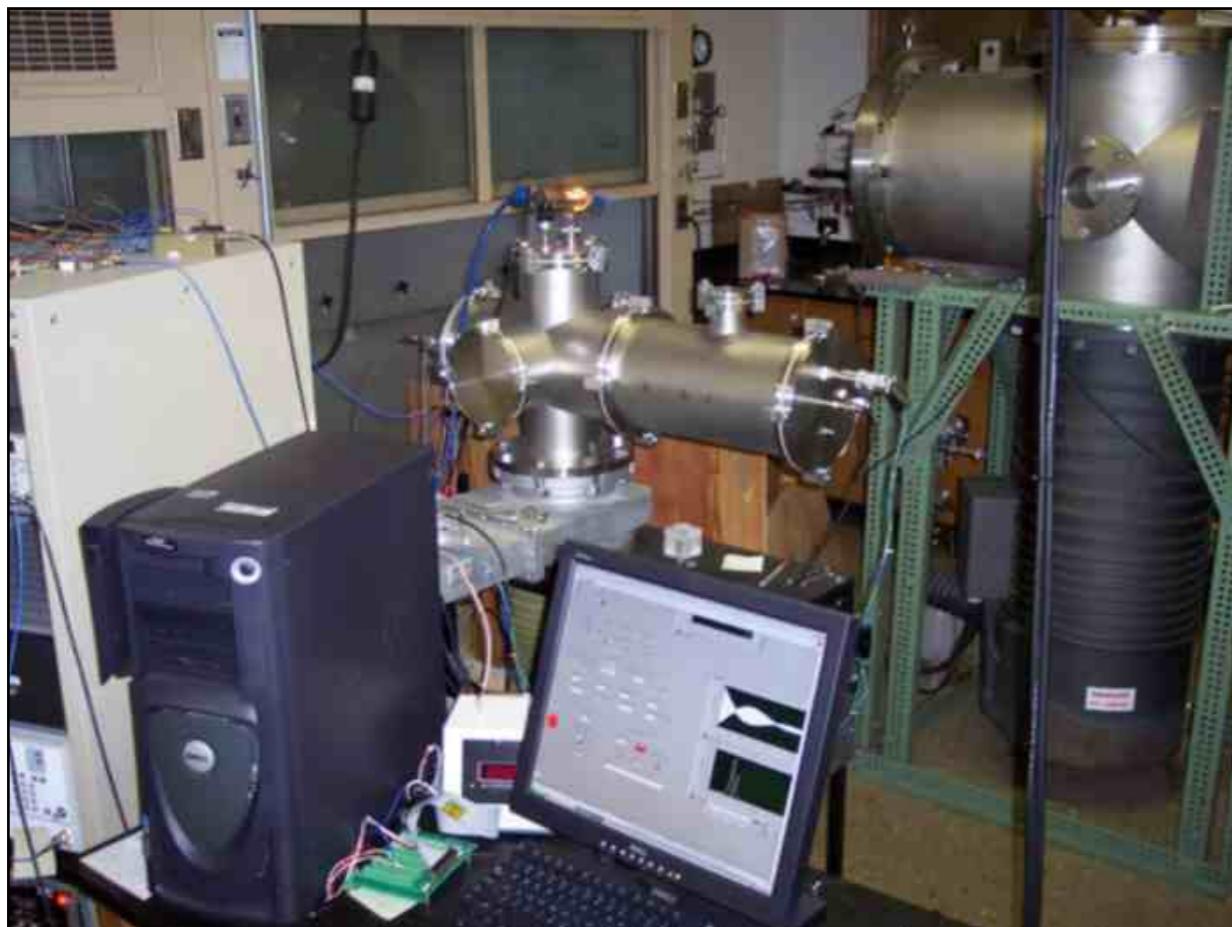


4-Hydroxypyridine

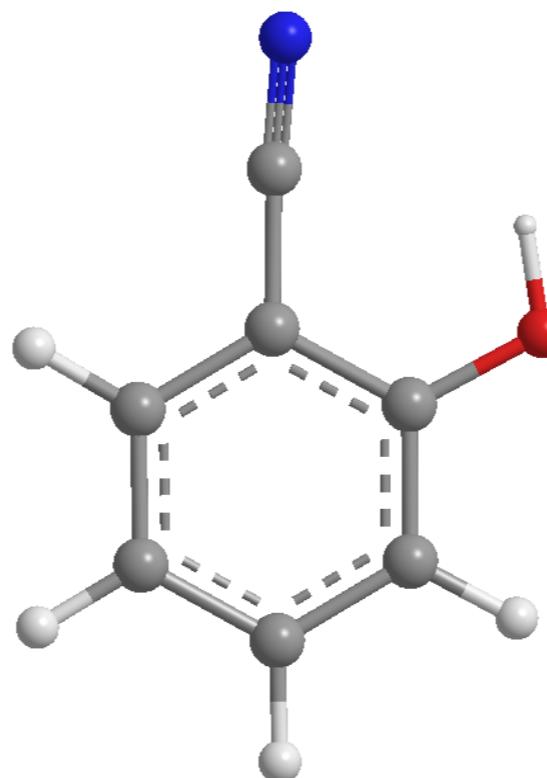
mm-wave and ab initio:  $V_2$  is higher  
than phenol and p-CP;  
electron withdrawing effect on  $V_2$

R. Sanchez, et al., Chem. Phys. Lett., 425, 2006, 6-9

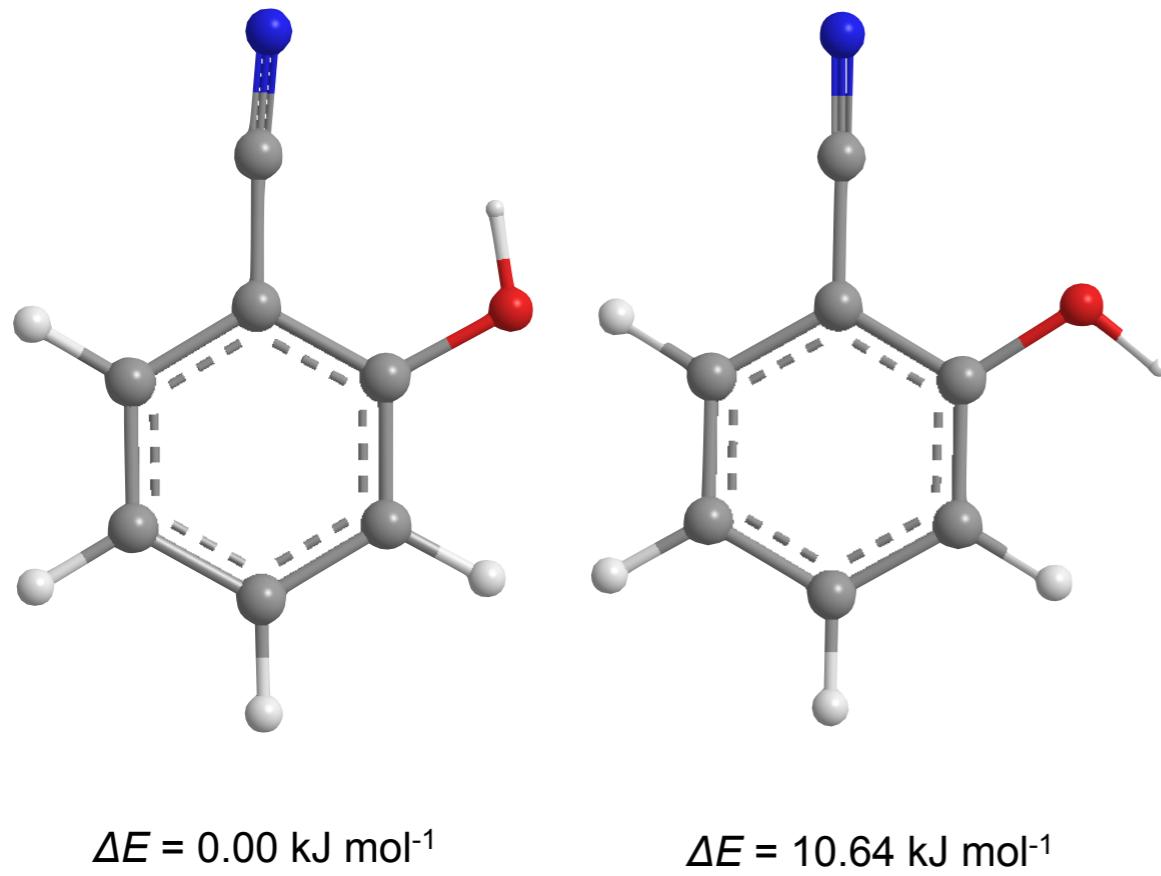
# Kent State FTMW Spectrometer



# **o-Cyanophenol**



# *o*-Cyanophenol: Ab Initio Results



MP2/6-311++G\*\*

| Parameter                     | cis o-CP | trans o-CP |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------|
| A/MHz                         | 3024     | 2982       |
| B/MHz                         | 1500     | 1501       |
| C/MHz                         | 1002     | 998        |
| $\mu_a/\text{D}$              | -4.0     | -6.3       |
| $\mu_b/\text{D}$              | 0.5      | 1.5        |
| $\mu_c/\text{D}$              | 0.0      | 0.0        |
| $\Delta E/\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ | 0.00     | 10.64      |

O-H -- N = 2.7 Å  
 $\angle$ C-C-N = 176°

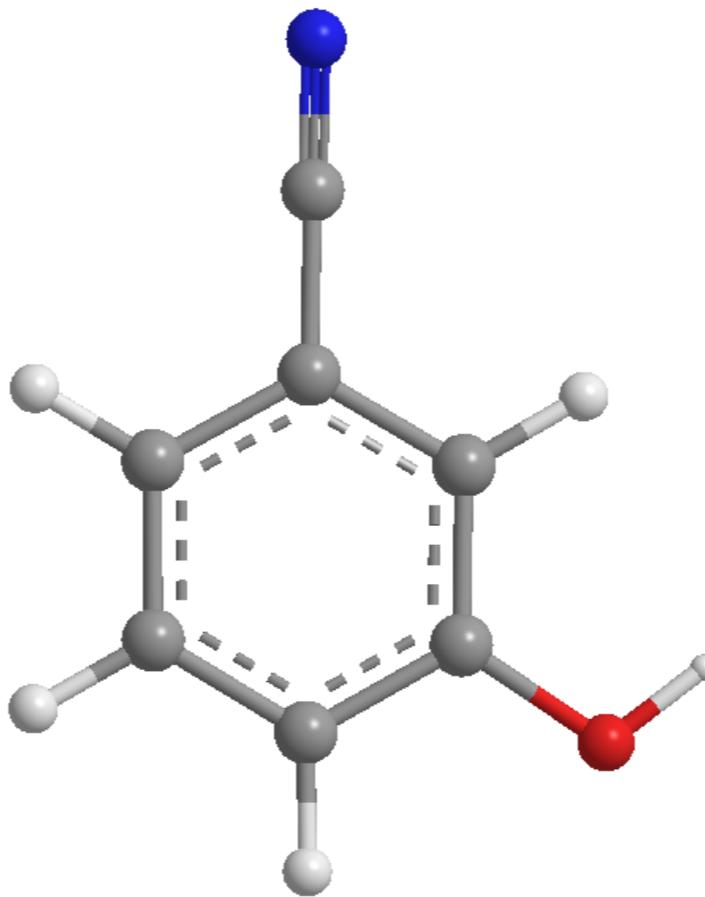
# o-CP: Spectra and Fitting

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_R^{(A)} + \mathcal{H}_Q$$

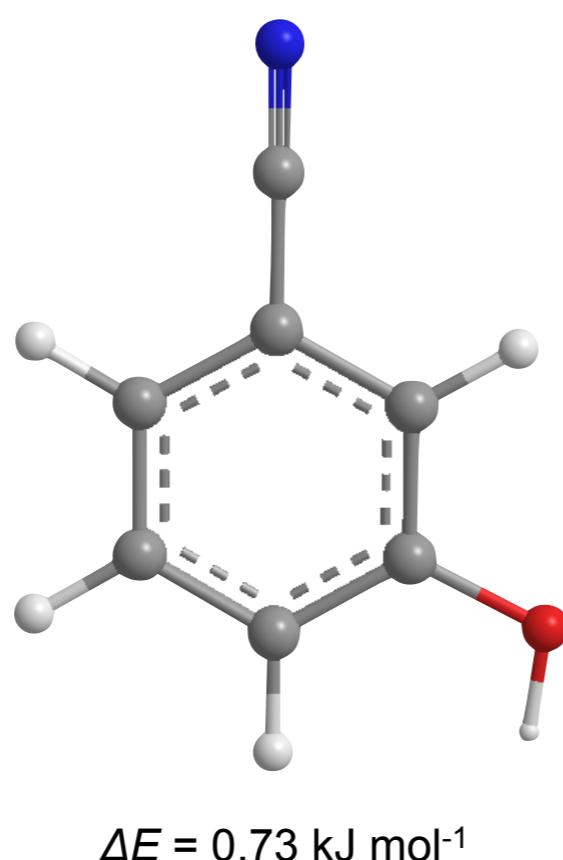
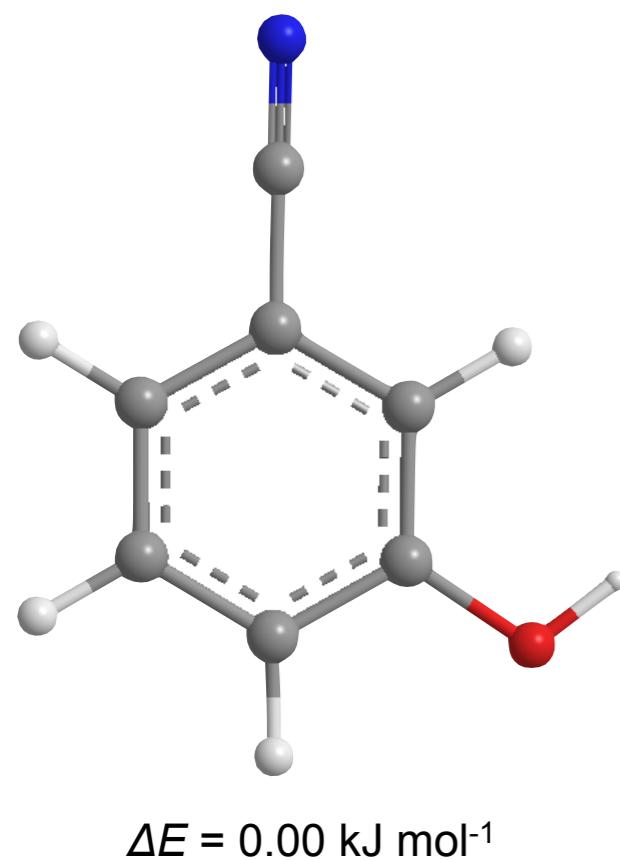
- 25 observed a- and b-type transitions; 68 hyperfine transitions.
- Simultaneous fit to rotational, centrifugal distortion, and nuclear quadrupole coupling constants.

| Parameter                          | cis o-CP     |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| A/MHz                              | 3053.758(2)  |
| B/MHz                              | 1511.2760(3) |
| C/MHz                              | 1010.7989(2) |
| $\Delta_J/\text{kHz}$              | 0.038(2)     |
| $\Delta_{JK}/\text{kHz}$           | 0.624(6)     |
| $\Delta_K/\text{kHz}$              | -0.1(5)      |
| $\delta_J/\text{kHz}$              | 0.0108(9)    |
| $\delta_K/\text{kHz}$              | 0.28(4)      |
| $X_{aa}/\text{MHz}$                | -4.213(4)    |
| $X_{bb}/\text{MHz}$                | 2.53(2)      |
| $X_{cc}/\text{MHz}$                | 1.68(1)      |
| $\Delta v_{\text{rms}}/\text{kHz}$ | 1.9          |
| N                                  | 25           |

# m-Cyanophenol



# m-Cyanophenol: Ab Initio Results



| Parameter                     | cis m-CP | trans m-CP |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------|
| A/MHz                         | 3391     | 3378       |
| B/MHz                         | 1196     | 1199       |
| C/MHz                         | 884      | 885        |
| $\mu_a/\text{D}$              | -3.6     | -5.6       |
| $\mu_b/\text{D}$              | -0.6     | -2.7       |
| $\mu_c/\text{D}$              | 0.0      | 0.0        |
| $\Delta E/\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ | 0.00     | 0.73       |

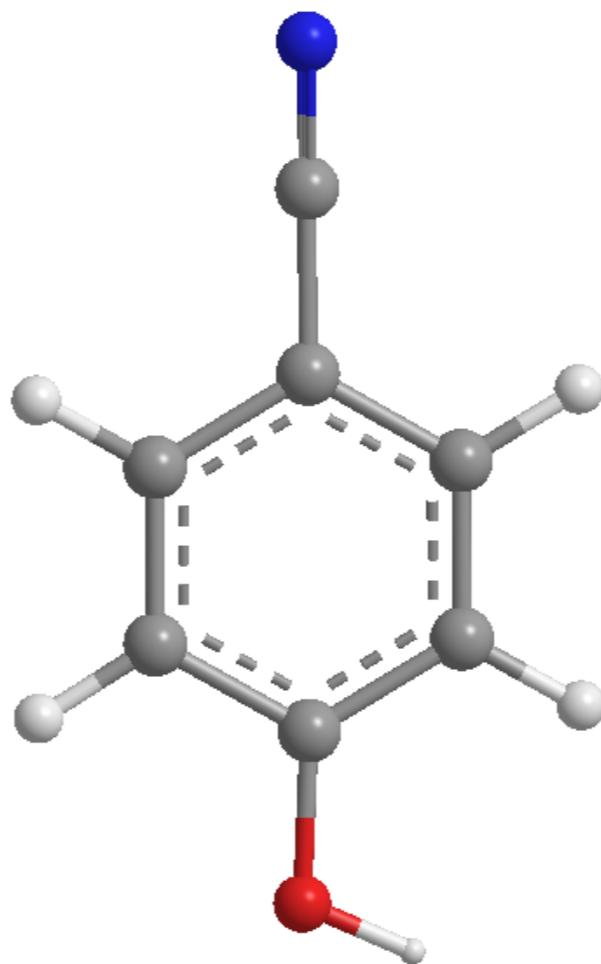
MP2/6-311++G\*\*

# m-CP: Spectra and Fitting

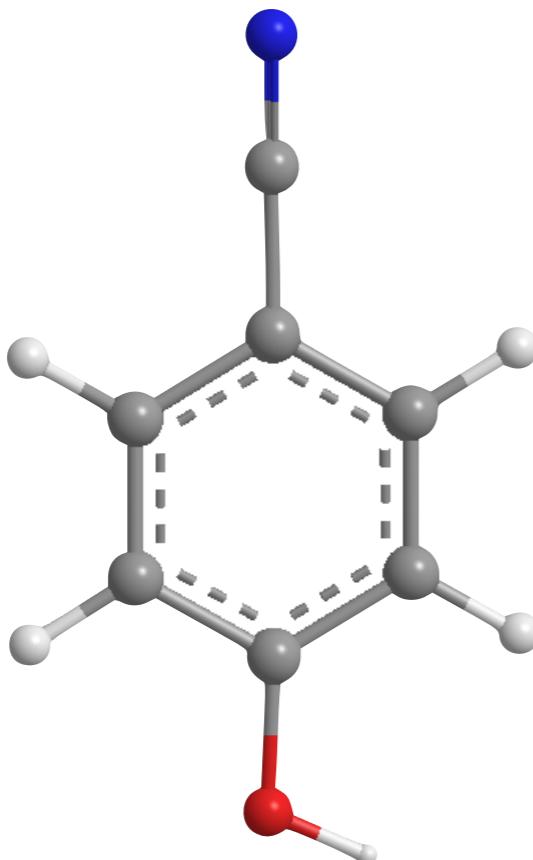
- 14 and 16 a- and b-types observed for cis and trans m-CP

| Parameter                          | cis m-CP     | trans m-CP   |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| A/MHz                              | 3408.9200(2) | 3403.1196(3) |
| B/MHz                              | 1205.8269(2) | 1208.4903(2) |
| C/MHz                              | 890.6672(1)  | 891.7241(2)  |
| $\Delta_J/\text{kHz}$              | 0.041(2)     | 0.040(2)     |
| $\Delta_{JK}/\text{kHz}$           | 0.027(8)     | 0.02(1)      |
| $\Delta_K/\text{kHz}$              | 1.18(3)      | 1.13(3)      |
| $\delta_J/\text{kHz}$              | 0.0136(7)    | 0.0142(8)    |
| $\delta_K/\text{kHz}$              | 0.16(2)      | 0.22(3)      |
| $X_{aa}/\text{MHz}$                | -3.681(3)    | -3.700(4)    |
| $X_{bb}/\text{MHz}$                | 1.72(2)      | 1.72(2)      |
| $X_{cc}/\text{MHz}$                | 1.96(2)      | 1.98(2)      |
| $\Delta v_{\text{rms}}/\text{kHz}$ | 0.8          | 1.2          |
| N                                  | 14           | 16           |

# p-Cyanophenol



# p-Cyanphenol: Ab Initio Results



| Parameter | p-CP |
|-----------|------|
| A/MHz     | 5598 |
| B/MHz     | 981  |
| C/MHz     | 835  |
| $\mu_a/D$ | -5.0 |
| $\mu_b/D$ | -1.5 |
| $\mu_c/D$ | 0.0  |

MP2/6-311++G\*\*

$V_2 = 1205 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ \*

\*J. Küpper, et al., Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., 4, 2002, 4634-4639

# p-CP: Spectra and Fitting

- Observed 25 a- and b-type transitions; total of 82 hyperfine transitions.

| Parameter                          | p-CP        |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| A/MHz                              | 5612.94(3)  |
| B/MHz                              | 990.4280(7) |
| C/MHz                              | 841.9367(6) |
| $\Delta_J/\text{kHz}$              | 0.020(1)    |
| $\Delta_{JK}/\text{kHz}$           | 0.23(1)     |
| $\Delta_K/\text{kHz}$              | -0.01(3)    |
| $\delta_J/\text{kHz}$              | 0.005(1)    |
| $\delta_K/\text{kHz}$              | 0.4(3)      |
| $X_{aa}/\text{MHz}$                | -4.17(3)    |
| $X_{bb}/\text{MHz}$                | 2.36(3)     |
| $X_{cc}/\text{MHz}$                | 1.81(2)     |
| $\Delta v_{\text{rms}}/\text{kHz}$ | 2.8         |
| N                                  | 25          |

- b-types are split due to internal rotation
- Simultaneous fit to spectroscopic constants and torsional constants

# Internal Rotation

- Fit transitions to ground state splitting

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_R^{(A)} + \mathcal{H}_Q + \Delta E$$

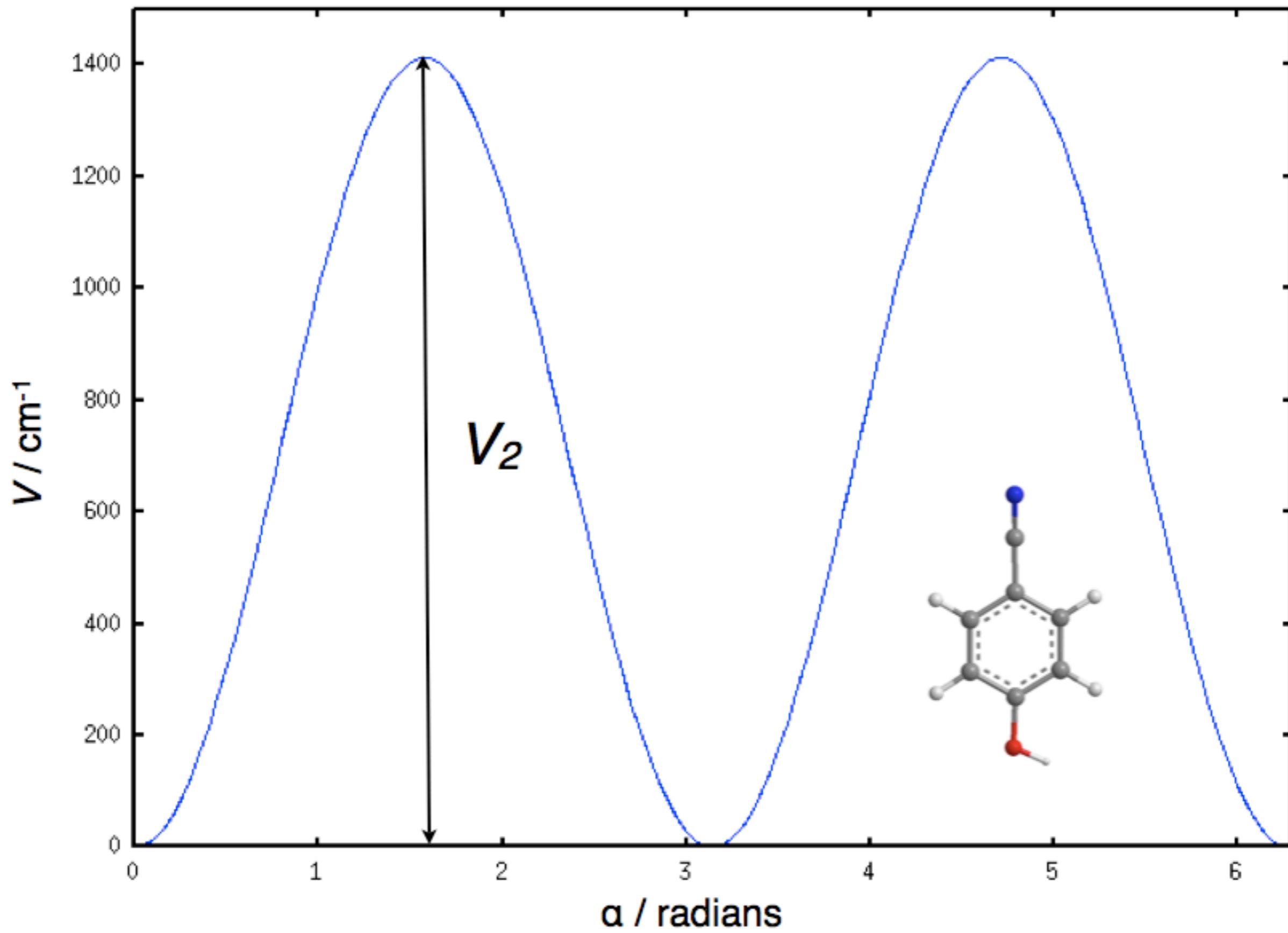
- Fit transitions to IAS Hamiltonian using IAMCALC and SPFIT to model barrier to internal rotation.

$$V(\alpha) = \frac{V_N}{2}(1 - \cos N\alpha)$$

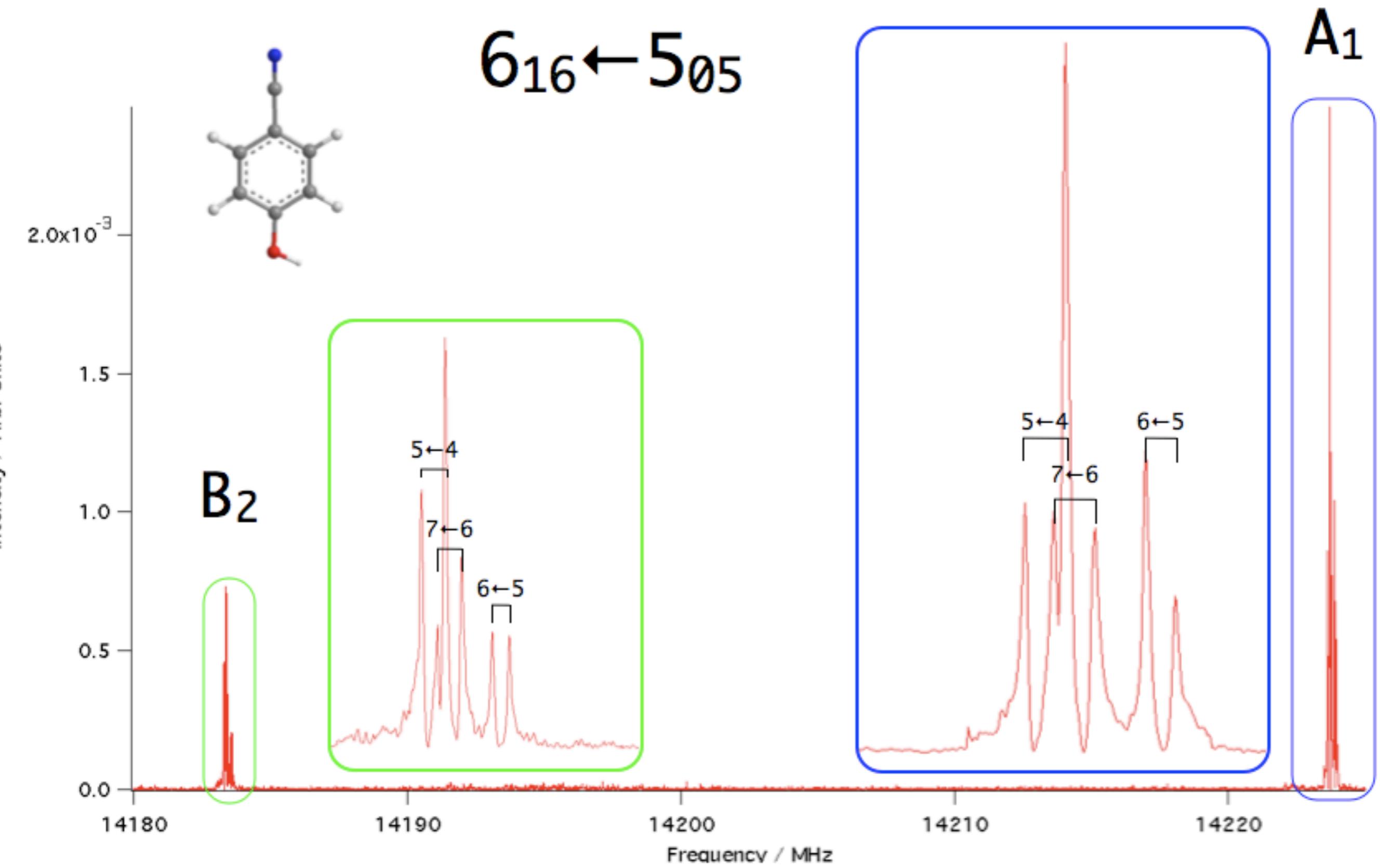
- IAS: Fourier expansion of parameters
- Used F for phenol; determined  $V_2$

# Internal Rotation

$$V(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2} V_2 (1 - \cos 2\alpha)$$



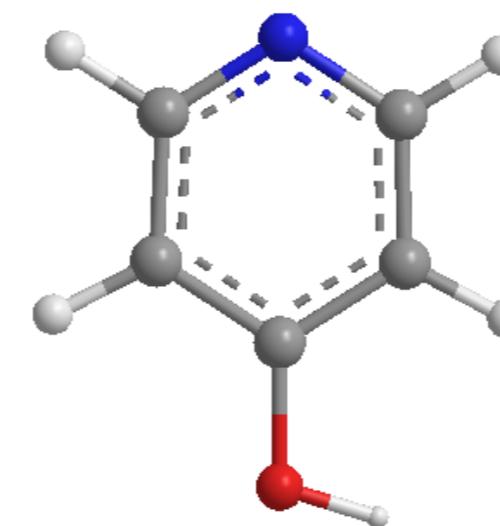
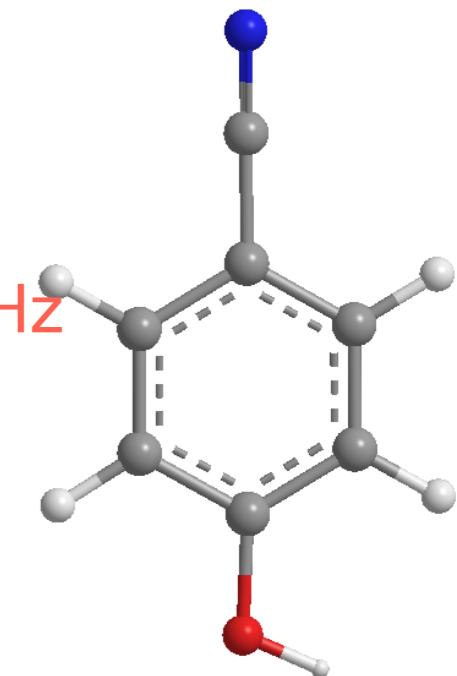
# Internal Rotation Splitting



# Substituent Effects on Internal Rotation

- p-CP  $V_2$  agrees with LIF study\*
- N-substitution: 25% increase in  $V_2$
- CN group: 17% increase in  $V_2$
- Agrees with electronegativity argument of effect on  $V_2$  in phenolic systems

$$\Delta E = 20.1608(6) \text{ MHz}$$
$$V_2 = 1413(2) \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

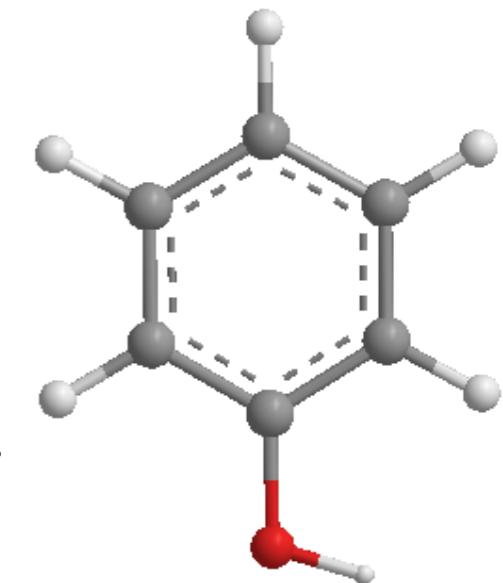


$$\Delta E = 7.97(4) \text{ MHz}$$
$$V_2 = 1513(10) \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

R. Sanchez, et al., Chem. Phys. Lett., 425, 2006, 6-9

$$\Delta E = 56(4) \text{ MHz}$$
$$V_2 = 1215(10) \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

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\*J. Küpper, et al., Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., 4, 2002, 4634-4639

# Summary

- Microwave spectra were measured and fit for the family of cyanophenol molecules
- Cis conformer observed for o-CP; cis and trans conformers observed for m-CP.
- p-CP undergoes internal rotation of hydroxyl group; ground state splitting and barrier to internal rotation were determined and compared to other phenolic systems

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