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Composite spectrum for C2H6_5T
Effective burden of composite spectrum: 1 part-per-million-meter (ppm-meter) at 296 K
Equivalent concentration x path-length of composite spectrum: 1.238×10^{-6} grams/liter-meter

Sample Conditions-

- Chemical name and CAS number: Ethane, dimethyl, methylmethane CH_3CH_3: [74-84-0]
- Physical properties: F.W. 30.07 amu, F.P. –183.2 C, B.P. –88.6 C
- Supplier and stated purity: Matheson, 99%, 0.10% (P/P) of CO_2 observed and corrected.
- Sample class: I (PNNL scale).
- Temperature of sample: 5.09 ± 0.02 C
- Diluent: Sample back filled with ultra high purity nitrogen to 760±5 Torr
- Individual samples at 16.42, 1.06467, 1.4996, 10.6348, 2.0771, 49.29, 4.1624 and 0.74754 Torr. Path length = 19.94 cm. Final data is a composite spectrum.
- Preparation: Multiple freeze-thaw cycles at 77 K to remove air.

Instrument Parameters-

- Bruker-66V FTIR, temperature controlled environment, evacuated optics bench
- Modified to include second aperture, between interferometer output and sample cell. This substantially reduces both “ghosting” and warm aperture effects.
- Spectral range: 6,500 to 600 cm^{-1} (1.534 to 16.667 microns)
- Instrumental resolution based on maximum interferometer displacement is 0.112 cm^{-1}
- Spectral interval after 2X zero-filling interferogram and FFT: 0.06 cm^{-1}
- Interferogram zero-fill: 2X
- Apodization: Boxcar
- Phase correction: Mertz
- Beam splitter: Potassium bromide (KBr)
- IR source: Carbide glowbar (22 V)
- Scanner velocity: 60KHz (HeNe crossing frequency)
- Number of interferograms averaged per single channel spectra: 256
- Detector: Mid-band HgCdTe, photoconductive, 77K operation
- Folding limits: 15798 to 0 cm^{-1}

Post Processing and Related Parameters-

- Non-linearity detector correction (Bruker proprietary) applied to interferogram (α=0.85, ε=530)
- Composite spectrum created from 8 individual absorbance (base-10) spectra via classical least squares fit: Intercept=0, slope is fitted, individual absorbance values weighted by T^2 (transmission squared), all absorbance values ≥ 1.6 are given zero weight
- Calculated and estimated errors: Type A = 0.37%, Type B ≤ 3%
- Frequency correction (already applied): V(corrected) = V(instrument)*0.999997+5.18×10^{-4}
- Axis units: X=wavenumbers (cm^{-1}), Y=Absorbance (base-10)
- Trace CO_2 vapor features removed via spectral subtraction. Some residuals of subtraction observed.