# Infrared spectroscopy of organoclays synthesized with the surfactant octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide 

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#### Abstract

Infrared spectroscopy using a smart endurance single bounce diamond ATR cell has been used to study the changes in the spectra of the surfactant octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide upon intercalation into a sodium montmorillonite. The wavenumbers of bands attributed to CH stretching and bending vibrations in general decrease as the concentration of the surfactant measured in terms of the cation exchange capacity (CEC) up to 1.0 CEC. After this point the bands increase approaching a value the same as that of the surfactant. Significant changes occur in the HCH deformation modes of the methyl groups of the surfactant. These changes are attributed to the methyl groups locking into the siloxane surface of the montmorillonite. Such a concept is supported by changes in the SiO stretching bands of the montmorillonite siloxane surface


Key words: infrared spectroscopy, octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide, montmorillonite, surfactant

## Introduction

Organoclays may be synthesised by ion exchange of the mono or divalent cation $\mathrm{Na}^{+}, \mathrm{Mg}^{2+}$ or $\mathrm{Ca}^{2+}$ with a large organic cation such as octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide. The properties of these materials change from hydrophilic to hydrophobic/lipophilic. These clays may then have useful properties for example the removal of oil from water, the removal of toxic chemicals from water and humic materials from water [1-3]. These modified minerals, organoclays, represent a family of materials which have a lot of applications in a range of

[^0]key areas, such as such as adsorbents for organic pollutants [4, 5], rheological control agents [6], reinforcing fillers for plastics and electric materials [7-9].

The influence of montmorillonite surfaces on the chemical and physical properties of adsorbed $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ molecules has been the subject of a number of recent studies using structural, thermodynamic, spectroscopic and computational methods. Generally, the position of the $v_{2}$ mode of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ decreases and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$-sretching band shifts to higher wavenumber upon lowering the $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ content in cation-exchanged montmorillonite. At the same time, the cation type is determinative for total water content retained in clay minerals. However, to the best of our knowledge, there is no report about the sorbed $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ molecules in organo-clays and it is very important for the application of organo-clays. Hence, the situation of the sorbed $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ molecules in organo-clays at different surfactant concentrations is discussed in this paper. Recently FTIR spectroscopy using ATR and KBr pressed disk techniques has been used to characterize sorbed water and HDTMA ${ }^{+}$in organo-clay (Frost et al. Sp Acta in press). It was found that sorbed water content decreases with the intercalation of HDTMA ${ }^{+}$. In this work we extend these studies to the changes in the surfactant upon intercalation. Attenuated total reflection (ATR) technique has been used to study the changes in structure of the organo-clay formed between a montmorillonitic clay and octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide.

## Experimental

## Materials

The montmorillonite used in this study was supplied by the Clay Minerals Society as source clay SWy-2-Na-Montmorillonite (Wyoming). This clay originates from the Newcastle formation, (cretaceous), County of Crook, State of Wyoming, USA. The cation exchange capacity (CEC) is 76.4 meq/ 100 g (according to the specification of its producer). The surfactant used in this study is
octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide $\left(\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{46} \mathrm{NBr}\right.$, FW: 392.52) from SigmaAldrich.

## Preparation

The syntheses of surfactant-clay hybrids were undertaken by the following procedure: 4 g of SWy-2-Na-montmorillonite was first dispersed in 400 ml of deionized water then under stirring with a Heidolph magnetic stirrer at about 600rmp for about 16 h . A pre-dissolved stoichiometric amount of octadecyltrimethylammonium (ODTMA) bromide solution was slowly added to the clay suspension at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
The concentrations of ODTMA ${ }^{+}$used are 0.2 CEC (Cation Exchange Capacity), 0.4 CEC, $0.6 \mathrm{CEC}, 0.8 \mathrm{CEC}, 1.0 \mathrm{CEC}, 1.5 \mathrm{CEC}, 2.0 \mathrm{CEC}, 3.0 \mathrm{CEC}$ and 4.0 CEC of the SWy-2-montmorillonite, respectively. The reaction mixtures were stirred for 30 min at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ using a Branson Ultrasonics model 250 sonifier with an output of 40 mW . All organo-clay products were washed free of bromide anions, dried at room temperature and ground in an agate mortar, stored in a vacuum desiccator for about 7 days.

## Infrared Spectroscopy

Infrared spectra were obtained using a Nicolet Nexus 870 FTIR spectrometer with a smart endurance single bounce diamond ATR cell. Spectra over the 4000-525 $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ range were obtained by the co-addition of 64 scans with a resolution of $4 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ and a mirror velocity of $0.6329 \mathrm{~cm} / \mathrm{s}$. Spectral manipulation such as baseline adjustment, smoothing and normalisation was performed using the GRAMS® software package (Galactic Industries Corporation, Salem, NH, USA).

## Results and discussion

## OH and NH stretching region

The infrared spectroscopy of the montmorillonitic clay modified with octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide (OMMT) may be divided into sections according to the functional groups. For example the OH stretching region and the CH stretching region. The hydroxyl stretching region is shown in Figure 1. The results of the band component analyses are reported in Table 1. Table 1 lists the bands in terms of a number from the highest wavenumber to the lowest wavenumber. The figure shows that there are no bands in this region resulting from octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide. An intense relatively sharp band is observed at $3629 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ with an average bandwidth of around $61.3 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. The band is unaffected by the presence of the octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide and is assigned to the OH stretching vibration of the montmorillonitic clay (Figure 2). The spectral profile in the 3000 to $3550 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ region changes significantly with the concentration of surfactant molecules. Bands in this region are ascribed to adsorbed water. A band is observed at $3573 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ the position of which is dependent upon the concentration of the surfactant intercalated into the montmorillonite as is shown in Figure 2. The intensity of this band decreases with surfactant concentration and is attributed to water hydrating the cation in the montmorillonite interlayer. Two bands are observed at 3414 and $3221 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, the wavenumber of which decreases, jumps at 1 CEC and then decreases. These bands may be initially attributed to water stretching modes. At 0.6 CEC, the spectral profile changes and a band at around $3400 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ appears to increase in intensity (Figure 3). This band is assigned to the OH stretching vibration of adsorbed water. The change in wavenumber is related to the environment of the water. Up to 1.0 CEC , the water is in the montmorillonite interlayer and is gradually displaced by the octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide as the concentration increases. Above 1.0 CEC the surfactant is adsorbed on other octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide molecules already in the clay interlayer.

## CH stretching vibrations.

The spectra of the CH stretching region for the MMT, OMMT at various CEC concentrations and the pure surfactant are shown in Figure 4. The spectrum of the octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide shows bands at $3041,3031,3017,3008,2959$, 2950, 2943, 2936, 2922, 2916, 2896, 2871, 2852 and $2848 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. The variation in wavenumber for bands 11 to 14 is shown in Figure 5. The band at $2936 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ (band 11) increases in wavenumber up to the 1.0 CEC ; then decreases in wavenumber. A similar effect is observed for band 12 at $2929 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. The wavenumber then increases towards the value for the surfactant. These two bands are attributed to CH stretching modes of the methyl groups of the octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide. The
increase in wavenumber with CEC is ascribed to the locking in of the methyl groups into the siloxane layer. The two bands at 2922 and $2906 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ are attributed to CH vibrations of the octadecyl part of the surfactant molecule. The wavenumber of these bands decreases with increase of surfactant concentration. The variation in intensity of these bands is shown in Figure 6.

The variation in the wavenumber for bands 16, 17 and 18 are shown in Figure 7. The position of band 16 shows a slight decrease in wavenumber as the CEC concentration of surfactant is increased. Bands 17 and 18 show a more pronounced change in band position with increasing CEC. There is an initial increase in wavenumber followed by a decrease up to 1.0 CEC followed by an increase. The intensity of these bands at 2874, 2855 and $2845 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ increases with increase in CEC concentration (Figure 8). The intensity of the bands approaches the intensity of the non-intercalated surfactant.

Previous study proposed that both the frequencies of antisymmetric and symmetric $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ stretching modes of amine chains are extremely sensitive to the conformational changes of the chains and their wavenumbers will decrease as the increase of ordered conformers within clay interlayers, and only when the chains are highly ordered (all-trans conformation), the narrow absorption bands appear around $2916\left(v_{\text {as }}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)\right)$ and $2848 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\left(v_{\mathrm{s}}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)\right)$ in the infrared spectrum [10]. However, our present study indicates that only the wavenumber of antisymmetric $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ stretching mode is sensitive to the conformational change of amines within the clay interlayer. This is similar to our previous study on HDTMA ${ }^{+}$in organo-clay (Frost et al. Sp Acta in press) and provides another evidence for our previous proposal that the antisymmetric $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ stretching mode is more sensitive to the conformational ordering than the symmetric stretching mode does.

## HCH bending vibrations.

The HCH deformation region of the octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide intercalated montmorillonite is shown in Figure 9. This region is a window in which no bands from the clay are found. Specific conclusions can be made from the spectra in Figure 9. The spectrum of unreacted octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide is very different from the octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide in the montmorillonite interlayer. Major bands in the 1440 to $1520 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ spectral region are found for the surfactant at $1489,1487,1480,1473,1464,1462$ and $1444 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. The band at 1464 $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ is not observed in the low CEC surfactant modified montmorillonite. Only after the 1.0 CEC mark is significant intensity observed. The band at $1480 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ is also not observed until after the 3.0 CEC concentration. These results show significant changes in the methyl deformation region. The methyl groups are probably linked into the siloxane surface [11] and hence the free rotation of the methyl groups is lost. The variation in intensity of these bands is shown in Figures 10 a and 10b. The low wavenumber region of the surfactant modified clay is shown in Figure 11. The bands in this region are predominantly attributed to the montmorillonite. Four bands are observed at 966, 949,932 and $911 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ and are attributed to the octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide. Two bands are observed at 730 and $719 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ and are attributed to the surfactant.

Bands in the 989 to $1152 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ region are attributed to SiO stretching vibrations. These bands are observed at 1152, 1133, 1116, 1094, 1064, 1031 and 989 $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$. No bands are observed in these positions for the octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide. The $1152 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ band shifts incrementally to $1162 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ at the 4.0 CEC . This is a shift of $10 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. As the change in wavenumbers occurs there is a decrease in the relative intensity of the band as the concentration of the surfactant increases. The band at $1133 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ shifts to $1140 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ and the band at 1094 shifts to $1104 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. The infrared bands observed at 1064 and $1031 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ for the untreated montmorillonite show a shift in band position upon immediate contact with the octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide surfactant. The significance of these results rests with the interaction between the octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide molecules and the siloxane surface. These results mean that there is an interaction between the surfactant molecule and the montmorillonite siloxane layer immediately upon contact. As the CEC increases the bands shift to higher wavenumbers. This is proposed as an increase in interaction/bonding between the surfactant molecules and the siloxane surface.

## Conclusions

Infrared ATR techniques have been used to study the changes in the wavenumbers of octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide upon intercalation into montmorillonite. The spectra of the ODTMA-intercalated montmorillonite are very different from the pure octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide. Changes in both the wavenumber and the intensity of the bands occur as the CEC increases. In general there is a decrease in wavenumber with increasing CEC concentration up to 1.0 CEC ; after this point the wavenumber increases up to 4.0 CEC the value at which is close to the value for the pure octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide. Bands which are attributed to water stretching vibrations decrease in intensity as the ion exchange of the sodium from the montmorillonite occurs. After 1.0 CEC no intensity remains in these water bands. Marked changes occur in the surface properties of montmorillonitic clay when the cation $\mathrm{Na}^{+}$is replaced with an organocation, in this case octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide. The clay changes from being hydrophilic to hydrophobic and the clay becomes lipophillic.

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Table 1 Table of the infrared bands for octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide and octadecyltrimethylammonium bromide-intercalated montmorillonite

|  | CEC | 0 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | ODTMA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Center | 3627 | 3628 | 3629 | 3630 | 3629 | 3630 | 3629 | 3629 | 3629 | 3629 | * |
|  | FWHM | 65.2 | 62.5 | 60.9 | 61.0 | 61.7 | 63.4 | 61.3 | 61.3 | 60.8 | 60.5 | * |
|  | \%Area | 1.23 | 2.80 | 1.08 | 0.96 | 0.87 | 0.93 | 0.91 | 1.00 | 0.85 | 0.83 | * |
| 2 | Center | 3573 | 3566 | 3560 | 3549 | 3532 | 3530 | 3519 | 3519 | 3533 | 3526 | * |
|  | FWHM | 137.8 | 133.3 | 140.0 | 151.7 | 177.3 | 126.3 | 175.4 | 165.5 | 148.7 | 161.2 |  |
|  | \%Area | 0.61 | 1.05 | 0.72 | 0.59 | 0.48 | 0.46 | 0.29 | 0.47 | 0.25 | 0.32 | * |
| 3 | Center | 3414 | 3410 | 3410 | 3404 | 3391 | 3420 | 3397 | 3388 | 3386 | 3382 | 3372 |
|  | FWHM | 238.9 | 234.7 | 236.8 | 226.4 | 235.0 | 203.1 | 226.9 | 187.1 | 209.9 | 203.3 | 218.8 |
|  | \%Area | 5.20 | 8.22 | 4.09 | 2.92 | 2.54 | 1.79 | 2.60 | 2.64 | 2.86 | 2.77 | 1.85 |
| 4 | Center | 3221 | 3223 | 3227 | 3224 | 3215 | 3243 | 3226 | 3228 | 3203 | 3206 | * |
|  | FWHM | 181.6 | 189.6 | 185.9 | 185.6 | 159.6 | 219.9 | 227.3 | 212.0 | 158.2 | 147.4 | * |
|  | \%Area | 1.99 | 3.66 | 2.28 | 1.84 | 0.73 | 1.16 | 1.08 | 0.97 | 0.40 | 0.37 | * |
| 5 | Center | 3076 | 3094 | 3118 | 3121 | 3080 | 3054 | 3054 | 3050 | 3036 | 3034 | 3041 |
|  | FWHM | 176.5 | 216.1 | 177.1 | 109.2 | 128.4 | 158.7 | 37.7 | 53.8 | 80.1 | 93.9 | 123.3 |
|  | \%Area | 0.39 | 0.81 | 0.52 | 0.18 | 0.23 | 0.18 | 0.03 | 0.10 | 0.24 | 0.32 | 0.96 |
| 6 | Center | * | * | * | * | * | 3050 | 3035 | 3029 | 3031 | 3031 | 3031 |
|  | FWHM | * | * | * | * | * | 31.2 | 23.4 | 22.6 | 9.5 | 9.3 | 7.4 |
|  | \%Area | * | * | * | * | * | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.22 |
| 7 | Center | * | * | * | 3049 | 3041 | 3030 | 3023 | 3017 | 3018 | 3017 | 3017 |
|  | FWHM | * | * | * | 49.6 | 43.8 | 15.0 | 14.4 | 16.1 | 10.8 | 9.8 | 8.4 |
|  | \%Area | * | * | * | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.56 |
| 8 | Center | * | * | * | * | * | 3021 | 3015 | 3003 | 3008 | 3008 | 3008 |
|  | FWHM | * | * | * | * | * | 5.7 | 9.5 | 10.4 | 11.7 | 11.8 | 11.0 |
|  | \%Area | * | * | * | * | * | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.36 |
| 9 | Center | * | 2958 | 2958 | 2960 | 2954 | 2953 | 2961 | 2956 | 2959 | 2959 | 2959 |
|  | FWHM | * | 9.2 | 12.4 | 9.1 | 3.5 | 12.0 | 17.0 | 13.7 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 6.8 |
|  | \%Area | * | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.31 |
| 10 | Center | * | 2946 | 2943 | 2942 | 2943 | 2945 | 2944 | 2941 | 2946 | 2946 | 2950 |
|  | FWHM | * | 39.6 | 40.9 | 41.0 | 43.9 | 46.6 | 38.0 | 46.6 | 39.7 | 40.0 | 9.3 |
|  | \%Area | * | 0.15 | 0.24 | 0.32 | 0.47 | 0.62 | 0.59 | 0.79 | 0.83 | 0.84 | 1.33 |
| 11 | Center | 2939 | 2936 | 2936 | 2938 | 2940 | 2941 | 2936 | 2935 | 2936 | 2941 | 2943 |
|  | FWHM | 80.4 | 10.5 | 11.9 | 10.0 | 11.8 | 12.4 | 10.9 | 13.5 | 29.0 | 21.9 | 7.2 |
|  | \%Area | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.07 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.51 |
| 12 | Center | * | 2929 | 2928 | 2931 | 2932 | 2933 | 2929 | 2928 | 2928 | 2928 | 2936 |
|  | FWHM | * | 14.5 | 14.5 | 10.7 | 11.5 | 11.8 | 11.3 | 11.4 | 12.5 | 11.6 | 18.3 |
|  | \%Area | * | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.11 | 0.17 | 0.21 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.24 | 0.34 |
| 13 | Center | * | 2927 | 2926 | 2926 | 2926 | 2926 | 2922 | 2920 | 2921 | 2921 | 2922 |
|  | FWHM | * | 13.8 | 13.0 | 12.9 | 13.7 | 12.1 | 13.1 | 10.6 | 10.2 | 9.7 | 8.5 |
|  | \%Area | * | 0.07 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 0.18 | 0.24 | 0.51 | 0.42 | 0.36 | 0.37 | 0.52 |
| 14 | Center | * | 2922 | 2921 | 2922 | 2921 | 2920 | 2916 | 2915 | 2915 | 2915 | 2916 |
|  | FWHM | * | 25.1 | 25.7 | 19.9 | 18.2 | 16.1 | 11.9 | 11.8 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 13.7 |
|  | \%Area | * | 0.23 | 0.32 | 0.34 | 0.30 | 0.42 | 0.74 | 1.40 | 2.34 | 2.78 | 24.17 |
| 15 | Center | * | 2906 | 2902 | 2904 | 2903 | 2902 | 2902 | 2903 | 2899 | 2898 | 2896 |
|  | FWHM | * | 66.2 | 98.6 | 85.8 | 62.0 | 57.1 | 67.9 | 65.9 | 46.3 | 46.0 | 34.9 |
|  | \%Area | * | 0.25 | 1.04 | 1.28 | 1.10 | 1.49 | 2.60 | 2.83 | 2.14 | 2.63 | 11.79 |
| 16 | Center | * | 2874 | 2874 | 2873 | 2874 | 2874 | 2872 | 2872 | 2871 | 2871 | 2871 |
|  | FWHM | * | 6.0 | 6.9 | 12.4 | 17.6 | 17.0 | 15.0 | 9.8 | 7.9 | 7.0 | 6.1 |
|  | \%Area | * | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.33 |
| 17 | Center | * | 2855 | 2855 | 2853 | 2851 | 2851 | 2850 | 2849 | 2849 | 2849 | 2852 |
|  | FWHM | * | 15.3 | 16.3 | 20.2 | 21.5 | 23.5 | 12.7 | 11.0 | 10.5 | 10.4 | 7.2 |
|  | \%Area | * | 0.21 | 0.27 | 0.50 | 0.72 | 1.12 | 0.97 | 1.40 | 1.82 | 2.32 | 0.81 |


| 18 | Center FWHM <br> \%Area | * | $\begin{array}{r} 2845 \\ 18.6 \\ 0.07 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2847 \\ 20.0 \\ 0.14 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2843 \\ 21.1 \\ 0.22 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 2840 18.9 0.29 | 2840 20.3 0.34 | 2845 25.8 0.58 | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 2847 \\ 27.0 \\ 0.57 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2848 \\ 24.6 \\ 0.76 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2848 \\ 26.6 \\ 0.63 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2848 \\ 8.8 \\ 14.14 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 19 | Center | 1672 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
|  | FWHM | 64.1 | * | * | * |  | * | * | * | * | * | * |
|  | \%Area | 0.25 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 20 | Center | 1647 | 1636 | 1635 | 1637 | 1641 | 1643 | 1644 | 1644 | 1643 | 1642 | * |
|  | FWHM | 39.1 | 57.2 | 54.2 | 49.9 | 44.1 | 39.5 | 47.4 | 54.0 | 57.2 | 57.7 | * |
|  | \%Area | 0.20 | 1.92 | 1.07 | 0.79 | 0.56 | 0.42 | 0.46 | 0.52 | 0.48 | 0.50 | * |
| 21 | Center | 1628 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 1623 |
|  | FWHM | 39.8 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 20.0 |
|  | \%Area | 0.53 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 0.03 |
| 22 | Center | * | 1492 | 1490 | 1491 | 1492 | 1493 | 1493 | 1495 | 1495 | 1495 | 1489 |
|  | FWHM | * | 8.0 | 9.2 | 9.1 | 9.7 | 9.3 | 12.3 | 14.1 | 11.9 | 11.6 | 1.9 |
|  | \%Area | * | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.09 |
| 23 | Center | * | 1488 | 1487 | 1488 | 1488 | 1488 | 1488 | 1487 | 1487 | 1487 | 1487 |
|  | FWHM | * | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 9.6 | 11.8 | 9.2 | 8.2 | 5.6 |
|  | \%Area | * | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.19 | 0.30 | 0.41 | 0.46 | 2.68 |
| 24 | Center | * | 1480 | 1479 | 1479 | 1479 | 1481 | 1481 | 1479 | 1480 | 1480 | 1480 |
|  | FWHM | * | 13.2 | 17.2 | 15.3 | 14.9 | 13.7 | 11.3 | 8.5 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 6.5 |
|  | \%Area | * | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.07 | 0.12 | 0.10 | 0.12 | 1.57 |
| 25 | Center | * | 1476 | 1476 | 1476 | 1475 | 1475 | 1474 | 1472 | 1472 | 1472 | 1473 |
|  | FWHM | * | 7.5 | 8.7 | 11.7 | 13.2 | 13.8 | 13.9 | 10.6 | 8.8 | 8.5 | 5.6 |
|  | \%Area | * | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.13 | 0.16 | 0.22 | 0.36 | 0.37 | 0.58 | 0.62 | 3.28 |
| 26 | Center | * | 1472 | 1473 | 1472 | 1471 | 1470 | 1470 | 1469 | 1467 | 1467 | 1464 |
|  | FWHM | * | 14.1 | 14.2 | 13.8 | 13.4 | 14.5 | 7.2 | 9.4 | 5.9 | 6.7 | 3.8 |
|  | \%Area | * | 0.06 | 0.11 | 0.10 | 0.14 | 0.20 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.11 | 0.18 | 0.05 |
| 27 | Center | * | 1468 | 1468 | 1467 | 1467 | 1467 | 1466 | 1466 | 1463 | 1463 | 1462 |
|  | FWHM | * | 6.8 | 8.9 | 8.7 | 7.9 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 9.5 | 7.2 | 7.0 | 6.0 |
|  | \%Area | * | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.22 | 0.29 | 0.23 | 0.31 | 4.13 |
| 28 | Center | * | 1465 | 1462 | 1460 | 1459 | 1459 | 1458 | 1457 | 1457 | 1456 | 1444 |
|  | FWHM | * | 29.4 | 18.9 | 23.1 | 23.2 | 24.7 | 19.5 | 17.3 | 26.4 | 33.6 | 27.2 |
|  | \%Area | * | 0.11 | 0.10 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.19 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.30 | 0.34 | 0.86 |
| 29 | Center | 1439 | 1436 | 1440 | 1437 | 1437 | 1436 | 1438 | 1440 | 1433 | 1431 | 1431 |
|  | FWHM | 75.4 | 23.2 | 25.2 | 22.5 | 21.6 | 19.2 | 21.2 | 23.4 | 18.9 | 12.2 | 7.6 |
|  | \%Area | 0.08 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.09 | 0.08 | 0.88 |
| 30 | Center | * | 1417 | 1417 | 1417 | 1417 | 1417 | 1417 | 1418 | 1418 | 1418 | * |
|  | FWHM | * | 8.3 | 9.7 | 11.1 | 11.5 | 10.1 | 11.2 | 11.0 | 9.1 | 9.5 | * |
|  | \%Area | * | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.05 | 0.05 | * |
| 31 | Center | * | 1410 | 1398 | 1401 | 1399 | 1401 | 1400 | 1407 | 1408 | 1408 | 1408 |
|  | FWHM | * | 28.7 | 14.8 | 14.9 | 16.8 | 17.5 | 11.9 | 9.8 | 8.3 | 7.6 | 6.6 |
|  | \%Area | * | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.88 |
| 32 | Center | * | 1390 | 1390 | 1390 | 1389 | 1390 | 1392 | 1395 | 1396 | 1396 | 1396 |
|  | FWHM | * | 12.4 | 8.2 | 9.5 | 10.2 | 10.7 | 10.4 | 13.1 | 8.7 | 8.2 | 8.5 |
|  | \%Area | * | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.60 |
| 33 | Center | * | 1381 | 1380 | 1379 | 1377 | 1377 | 1377 | 1377 | 1379 | 1380 | 1382 |
|  | FWHM | * | 27.4 | 17.2 | 22.2 | 20.1 | 20.6 | 26.0 | 18.7 | 25.3 | 24.0 | 7.3 |
|  | \%Area | * | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.09 | 0.07 | 0.12 | 0.13 | 0.68 |
| 34 | Center | 1152 | 1158 | 1158 | 1159 | 1159 | 1159 | 1159 | 1159 | 1161 | 1162 | * |
|  | FWHM | 60.8 | 60.3 | 63.0 | 62.1 | 61.5 | 61.2 | 57.5 | 53.1 | 53.9 | 46.8 | * |
|  | \%Area | 2.03 | 1.41 | 1.62 | 1.41 | 1.30 | 1.19 | 1.13 | 1.04 | 0.97 | 0.81 | * |
| 35 | Center | 1133 | 1141 | 1138 | 1140 | 1140 | 1143 | 1142 | 1136 | 1139 | 1140 | * |
|  | FWHM | 28.2 | 17.0 | 23.6 | 21.3 | 21.4 | 18.2 | 14.3 | 22.1 | 18.7 | 18.9 | * |
|  | \%Area | 0.65 | 0.11 | 0.28 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.13 | 0.06 | 0.39 | 0.14 | 0.18 | * |



| $\mathbf{5 4}$ | Center | 726 | 728 | 733 | 730 | 729 | 730 | 730 | 728 | 730 | 730 | 731 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | FWHM | 23.9 | 28.6 | 23.0 | 23.0 | 17.5 | 17.8 | 17.4 | 18.5 | 10.3 | 8.7 | 5.6 |
|  | \%Area | 0.56 | 0.79 | 0.35 | 0.34 | 0.27 | 0.45 | 0.45 | 0.58 | 0.41 | 0.42 | 2.20 |
| $\mathbf{5 5}$ | Center | 712 | 714 | 720 | 722 | 723 | 722 | 720 | 720 | 719 | 719 | 719 |
|  | FWHM | 12.4 | 12.9 | 23.8 | 25.7 | 24.5 | 19.0 | 13.2 | 10.5 | 9.0 | 8.4 | 5.5 |
|  | \%Area | 0.07 | 0.06 | 0.39 | 0.44 | 0.46 | 0.53 | 0.51 | 0.53 | 0.69 | 0.78 | 1.88 |
| $\mathbf{5 6}$ | Center | 696 | 694 | 694 | 694 | 694 | 695 | 695 | 695 | 695 | 695 | $*$ |
|  | FWHM | 26.5 | 27.3 | 21.6 | 21.9 | 19.3 | 20.7 | 21.1 | 19.3 | 19.9 | 20.2 | $*$ |
|  | \%Area | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.42 | 0.41 | 0.29 | 0.35 | 0.33 | 0.30 | 0.26 | 0.28 | $*$ |
| $\mathbf{5 7}$ | Center | 618 | 623 | 622 | 623 | 622 | 622 | 623 | 623 | 623 | 624 | $*$ |
|  | FWHM | 14.1 | 14.1 | 17.1 | 16.6 | 17.8 | 18.2 | 18.5 | 19.4 | 19.1 | 18.1 | $*$ |
|  | \%Area | 0.19 | 0.28 | 0.54 | 0.60 | 0.93 | 0.91 | 1.03 | 1.41 | 1.26 | 1.27 | $*$ |
| $\mathbf{5 8}$ | Center | 604 | 608 | 607 | 608 | 606 | 607 | 607 | 605 | 607 | 608 | $*$ |
|  | FWHM | 16.3 | 22.8 | 24.3 | 25.6 | 21.4 | 25.1 | 28.2 | 29.2 | 29.7 | 28.8 | $*$ |
|  | \%Area | 0.19 | 0.53 | 0.35 | 0.46 | 0.76 | 0.53 | 0.63 | 0.71 | 0.73 | 0.72 | $*$ |

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