OPTICAL PROPERTIES AND ENERGY TRANSFER DYNAMICS OF ATMOSPHERIC SPECIES



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Our Discipline: Physical Chemistry

Our Approaches: Optical spectroscopy, Line Shape Theory, Lorenz-Mie Theory Calculations

Current Systems of Interest: Carbon Dioxide, Oxygen, Soot particles





We use laser spectroscopy to measure the optical properties of gases and aerosol particles that are important in atmospheric remote sensing. We use laser spectroscopy to measure the optical properties of gases and aerosol particles that are important in <u>atmospheric remote sensing</u>.

Remote Sensing: Get information about something without coming in contact with it.





Remote sensing of carbon dioxide is important because it provides information about changes in local, regional, and global concentrations.

This research is important for the environment. It is also important for industrial profit margins.



Consider an emissions trading system... If the success of your company is tied to large sums of money paid to offset pollution then there needs to be some sort of validation.



Remote sensing can be the "validation."

However, for remote sensing campaigns to be successful they need high-fidelity spectroscopic reference data. Photoacoustics: Light is switched on and off periodically; periodic light absorption causes periodic thermal expansion in the buffer gas, which generates sound that a microphone detects



Animation: Keith Gillis

Photoacoustic Spectroscopy: Study a sample's optical absorption as a function of wavelength by detecting the generated sound



The absorption coefficient we measure, $\alpha(\lambda)$, is the product of $\sigma(\lambda)$ and *N*. $\sigma(\lambda)$ is the absorption cross-section which is fundamental optical reference data.

$$\alpha(\lambda) = \sigma(\lambda) \times N$$

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To "get the right answer" the instrumental response needs to be deeply understood.

$$\alpha = \frac{S_M}{R_{UL}W_LC_c\beta_m}$$

- α = Absorption coefficient (cm⁻¹)
- S_{M} = Magnitude of the photoacoustic microphone signal (Volts)
- R_{UL} = Relaxation parameter
- N_{L} = Peak-to-peak modulated laser power (Watts)
- $C_c = Cell constant (Pa/W-cm^{-1})$
- β_m = Calibrated microphone sensitivity (V/Pa)

$$C_{sys} = C_c \beta_m$$

C_{sys} = System constant (V/W-cm⁻¹)

We have designed and implemented a new type of photoacoustic resonator



 $2r_c = 30 \text{ mm}$ $L_c = 50 \text{ mm}$ $2r_d = 6 \text{ mm}$ $L_d = 100 \text{ mm}$

$$\alpha = \frac{S_M}{R_{UL} W_L C_c \beta_m}$$

This design has a very useful property. It's significance lies in the fact that we can <u>calculate</u> C_c really well.

We don't use a very sensitive microphone (~12 mV/Pa @ f_{mod}).

We don't have a very large resonator Q factor (~30).

We have a <u>very predictable system</u>.

Example Recent Results

Remote sensing reference data:

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Future Work - Ultrasensitive Trace Analyzers of Noble Gas Isotopes

⁸¹Kr is an important tracer for dating water and ice in the range of approximately 10⁶ years. Additionally, ⁸⁵Kr appears as a result of nuclear fission. Monitoring the isotope can be performed in order to gauge nuclear weapons treaty compliance.



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A new technique called Atom Trap Trace Analysis (ATTA) can be used to measure Kr isotopes. Problem – It currently requires a lot of water!



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A high power VUV photon source will improve ATTA considerably and may enable routine analysis.



Our proposed contribution: Support the development of ATTA with the precise determination of Kr-H₂O collisional energy transfer rates between the $5p[3/2]_2$ and $5s[3/2]_2^0$ states. Also perform basic fundamental research to understand relaxation from $5s[3/2]_2^0$ to $4p^6$, $5p[3/2]_2$ to $5s[3/2]_1^0$, and $5p[3/2]_2^0$ to $5s[3/2]_2^0$.

Experimental method: Perform two-photon photoacoustic spectroscopy with a 124 nm VUV source and a tunable 819 nm diode laser.

Energy level diagram for Kr (reproduced from JLAMP VUV/Soft X-Ray User Facility proposal)

Summary

•Our group uses lasers to study how small molecules and particulate matter interact with light. Primary applications of interest to us are atmospheric chemistry and climate change.

•At JMU, we have constructed a novel and powerful photoacoustic spectrometer which can be used to obtain high-fidelity spectroscopic reference data as well as to measure collisional relaxation rates.

•Access to an advanced photon light source would enable an interesting collisional relaxation project on Krypton isotopes. Results would support the development of "next-generation" environmental isotope sensors.





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