Experimental and theoretical studies of lineshape parameters to address the spectroscopic challenges of planetary atmospheres



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Remote sensing for planetary atmospheres





Spectroscopic challenges



Measurement campaign: weeks, months Spectra analysis: weeks, months → Dozens or hundreds of lines



Once interaction potential is known \rightarrow Computations of thousands of lines



Ex: H_2O for VenSpec-H (4 spectral regions) \rightarrow 5760 lines in more than 50 bands



- Temperature dependence
- Experimental difficulties

Methodology



QCL spectrometer



- 1. Quantum Cascade Laser
- 2. Parabolic mirror
- 3. Beam splitter
- 4. Absorption cells
- 5. Detectors
- 6. Confocal étalon
- 7. Chopper

Characteristics

- •High-resolution (5 x 10⁻⁵ cm⁻¹)
- •Excellent SNR (>2000)
- •Spectral range (0.1 2 cm⁻¹)

T. Roland, Master thesis, University of Namur (2022)

B. Vispoel et al., JQSRT, 328, 109150 (2024)

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Dual comb spectrometer





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Experimental line profile fits



Diode-laser experimental results



 CH_4 - N_2 in the v_3 band

Vispoel, PhD thesis (2016)

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Temperature dependence



Temperature dependence

$$\gamma(T) = \gamma(T_0) \left[\frac{T_0}{T}\right]^n \qquad \qquad \delta(T) = \delta(T_0) + \delta' \left(T - T_0\right)$$

Double Power Law

$$\gamma(T) = c_1 \left[\frac{T_0}{T} \right]^{n_1} + c_2 \left[\frac{T_0}{T} \right]^{n_2}$$

- Physic's based
- Large range of temperature
- Works for half-width, line shift and their speed dependence
- Allow change of sign

Gamache and Vispoel, JQSRT, 217, 440 (2018)

Temperature dependence



Temperature dependence of collisional line shape parameters



Semi-classical Complex Robert-Bonamy-Ma formalism

Why semi-classical model?

- Accuracy
- Computation resources



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Semi-classical approach to line shape

$$(\gamma - i\delta)_{f \leftarrow i} = \frac{n_2}{2\pi c} \int_0^{+\infty} v f(v) \, dv \int_0^{+\infty} 2\pi b \, db$$
$$\times \left[1 - e^{-i\langle S_1 + \operatorname{Im}\{S_2\}\rangle_{J_2}} e^{\langle \operatorname{Re}\{S_2\}\rangle_{J_2}} \right]$$

Classical mechanics

- Trajectory
- Hamilton's equations
- Resonance function
- Explicit integration of the velocity integral

Quantum mechanics

- Internal structure: vibration & rotation
- Probability of collisionally induced transition

Intermolecular potential

- Molecular system dependent
- General combination of:
 - Electrostatic components (dipole, quadrupole, octupole, hexadecapole)
 - Atom-Atom components
 - Induction component
 - London dispersion component

$$V = \sum_{l_1 l_2 l} \sum_{\substack{n_1 m \\ m_1 m_2}} \sum_{w q} \frac{U(l_1 l_2 l, n_1 w q)}{R^{q+l_1+l_2+2w}}$$
$$C(l_1 l_2 l; m_1 m_2 m) D^{l_1}_{m_1 n_1}(\Omega_1) D^{l_2}_{m_2 0}(\Omega_2) Y_{l m}(\omega)$$

$$4^{\text{th}} \text{ rank } (I_{max} = 4); 20^{\text{th}} \text{ order } (I_1 + I_2 + 2w)$$

G. G. Gray, K. E. Gubbins, Theory of Molecular Fluids, Clarendon Press (Oxford 1984)

Intermolecular potential

$$V^{at-at} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} 4\epsilon_{ij} \left\{ \frac{\sigma_{ij}^{12}}{r_{ij}^{12}} - \frac{\sigma_{ij}^{6}}{r_{ij}^{6}} \right\}$$

n and *m*: number of atoms in active molecule and perturber

 $\pmb{\epsilon}_{ij}$ and $\pmb{\sigma}_{ij}$: Lennard-Jones parameter for atomic pairs

r_{ij}: atom-atom distance

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- Very different results

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- Very different results
- Adjust at-at parameters to fit reliable experimental data



Potential determination (H_2O-H_2)



Renaud *et al.*, Icarus (2018), 306, 275

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Potential determination (CO₂-H₂O)



Vispoel & Gamache, JQSRT, 316, 108896 (2024)

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Potential determination (CO_2-H_2O)



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Line shape calculations Potential determination (CO_2-H_2O) 0.16 0.14 cm⁻¹ atm⁻¹ 0.12 ********* 7 % Difference= -0.11 SD= 1.19 N= 60 0.1 -100-50 50 100 0 m

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Potential determination



Régalia et al., JQSRT, 231, 126 (2019)

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What next ?

HITRAN 2020 (H_2O)

- 319 887 transitions
- 555 different vibrational bands



- Make calculations for selected bands
- Develop a physic's-based prediction algorithm

Vibrational dependence – Prediction routine

 $\gamma[(v'_1, v'_2, v'_3)f \leftarrow (v''_1, v''_2, v''_3)i] = \gamma^0_{f \leftarrow i} + A_{f \leftarrow i} \times (0.3\Delta v_1 + 0.07\Delta v_2 + 0.3\Delta v_3)^2,$



H₂O-H₂ vibrational dependence 9 $_{0.9}$ <-- 10 $_{4.6}$



Summary



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