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NUMERICAL STUDY OF SPECTRAL INTENSITY OF EMISSION AND  
ABSORPTION OF THE CO<sub>2</sub> AND CO MOLECULES UNDER  
VIBRATIONALLY NONEQUILIBRIUM CONDITIONS

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Numerical calculations are performed of the spectral intensity of emission and absorption of the 4.3- and 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  bands of CO<sub>2</sub> and of the 4.7- $\mu\text{m}$  band of CO under conditions of nonequilibrium excitation of the vibrational degrees of freedom.

The development of spectroscopic methods of studying vibrationally nonequilibrium molecular media requires a detailed study of transport processes of IR radiation in the absence of equilibrium between vibrational and translational-rotational degrees of freedom. In the present paper we provide a numerical study of the effect of the parameters of a vibrationally nonequilibrium gas on the spectral intensity of emission and absorption of CO<sub>2</sub> in the 4.3- and 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  bands of CO<sub>2</sub> and the 4.7- $\mu\text{m}$  band of CO. Several results of studying the effect of parameters of a vibrationally nonequilibrium gas on the integral characteristics of emission and absorption of these bands are presented in [1].

The calculation of spectral characteristics of emission and absorption was performed in a wide region of variation of the dominating parameters: pressure, translational and vibrational temperatures, including the conditions in regions of CO<sub>2</sub>-laser resonator, vibrationally nonequilibrium supersonic flows containing CO<sub>2</sub> and CO, etc. The populations of the lowest 5-10 levels of each mode, the transitions between which basically determine radiation transport of a vibrationally nonequilibrium gas under the conditions considered, can be described by a Boltzmann distribution with a corresponding vibrational temperature [2].

The distribution of CO<sub>2</sub> molecules over vibrational levels was described by two temperatures. The vibrational temperature  $T_3$  characterizes the distribution of molecules within an asymmetric mode, where  $T_2$  is the collective (symmetric and deformational) mode. The possibility of introducing a single temperature for the symmetric and deformational types of vibration is related to the strong interaction of these modes due to Fermi resonance. The vibrational distribution of CO molecules was characterized by the temperature  $T_5$ . The temperature of the rotational degrees of freedom of the CO and CO<sub>2</sub> was assumed equal to the translational one [2]. In the present paper we use the enumeration system of physical quantities for CO<sub>2</sub>-lasers according to which the subscripts 2, 3 refer, respectively, to combined and asymmetric modes of CO<sub>2</sub>, and 4 and 5 - to nitrogen and carbon monoxide [2].

The dependence of the emission intensity  $I_\omega$  on the wave number at gas pressure  $P = 10^{-3}$ - $10^{-1}$  atm, characteristic for a number of vibrationally nonequilibrium systems, changes strongly within narrow spectral regions, corresponding to a width of separate rotational lines and consisting of  $10^{-2}$ - $10^{-4}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The use of methods of the theory of vibrational-rotational bands [3] makes it possible to determine values of spectral intensities of emission  $I_\omega$  and absorption  $A_\omega$  averaged over the rotational structure. The averaging range is chosen to be  $\Delta\omega' = 2$ - $10$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , corresponding to a nonsignificant variation of the values  $I_\omega$  and  $A_\omega$ , not exceeding 5-10% [3].

For the pressure values considered  $P \leq 0.1$  atm the width of rotational lines  $\gamma$  in CO<sub>2</sub> and CO bands is smaller by 1-3 orders of magnitude than the separation between neighboring lines  $d$  [4]. Under these conditions the use of an isolated line model for calculating

intensities of gas emission is justified. The determination of emission intensities by averaging over rotational structure according to this model is performed by summing the contributions to emission over the vibrational transitions forming the band [3]:

$$\tilde{I}_\omega = \sum_{v_r, v_p} \tilde{A}_\omega(v_r, v_p) B_\omega(v_r, v_p), \quad (1)$$

where  $\tilde{A}_\omega(v_r, v_p)$  is the absorption of the isolated vibrational transition ( $v_r, v_p \rightarrow v_r', v_p'$ ),  $B_\omega(v_r, v_p) = 2hc^2\omega^3 [g_{v_r'J'}N_{v_rJ}/g_{v_rJ}N_{v_r'J'} - 1]^{-1}$ ,  $v_r$  and  $v_p$  are sets of vibrational quantum numbers, respectively, of active (changing the number of quanta during transition) and passive (not changing the number of quanta) modes, and  $g$  is the level degeneracy. The vibrational and rotational quantum numbers belonging to the upper level of the transition are denoted by a prime.

Performing in (1) the average over the rotational structure, the absorption of an isolated vibrational transition  $\tilde{A}_\omega(v_r, v_p)$  is, according to the isolated line model [3]:

$$\tilde{A}_\omega(v_r, v_p) = W_\omega(v_r, v_p)/d_\omega(v_r, v_p), \quad (2)$$

where  $W_\omega = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{1 - \exp[-K_{v_r \rightarrow v_r'}(\omega)X]\} d\omega$  is the equivalent rotational line width for a line located in the wave number region  $\left[\omega + \frac{d_\omega}{2}, \omega - \frac{d_\omega}{2}\right]$ , and  $K_{v_r \rightarrow v_r'}(\omega)$  is the corresponding absorption coefficient.

The calculation of spectral band absorption was performed by the statistical model, according to which [3]

$$\tilde{A}_\omega = 1 - \exp\left[-\sum_{v_r, v_p} \frac{W_\omega(v_r, v_p)}{d_\omega(v_r, v_p)}\right], \quad (3)$$

and by the isolated line model

$$\tilde{A}_\omega = \sum_{v_r, v_p} \tilde{A}_\omega(v_r, v_p), \quad (4)$$

where  $\tilde{A}_\omega(v_r, v_p)$  was determined by Eq. (2).

The results of calculating the spectral absorption of the 4.7- and 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  bands according to relations (3) and (4) practically coincide, since the gas absorption is small. For the central part of the 4.3- $\mu\text{m}$  band the calculation according to isolated line model gives a value of  $\tilde{A}_\omega$  5-10% higher than that obtained with the statistical model. Consequently, approximately the same quantity provides an error in the determination of the emission intensity of the 4.3- $\mu\text{m}$  band in using the isolated line model. Taking into account the relation obtained above between the width of rotational line and the separation between them  $\gamma/d \lesssim 0.1$ , one can conclude that due to reabsorption in the central portions of the rotational lines a significant part of the emission of the 4.3- $\mu\text{m}$  band is due to their peripheral portions  $|\omega - \rho_{v_r \rightarrow v_r'}| \gtrsim 5-10\gamma$ .

Under the conditions considered the broadening of rotational lines is determined by the collision and Doppler mechanisms, and the line shape is described by the Voigt curve. The equivalent line width with a Voigt contour was calculated by an approximate method [5]. The starting parameters for this calculation are the integral absorption of a rotational line  $S_{v_r \rightarrow v_r'} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K_{v_r \rightarrow v_r'}(\omega) d\omega$ , and the Doppler  $\gamma_D$  and collision  $\gamma_L$  halfwidths.

The determination of collision broadening causes several difficulties, related to the lack of sufficient experimental data on the dependence of line widths on the rotational quantum number for various gas temperatures. Therefore, following [1], we used the mean values of halfwidths of rotational lines of the bands considered, recommended in [6]. Molecular nitrogen is assumed to be the main broadening component of the mixture. The calculations performed by using the minimum and maximum values of the halfwidths of the rotational lines of the band show that the error of the approximation made does not exceed 5-8% for characteristic conditions of the present work.

A method of calculating the integral absorption of rotational lines  $S_{v_r \rightarrow v_r'}$  under vibrationally nonequilibrium conditions was described in [7-10]. The calculation is performed

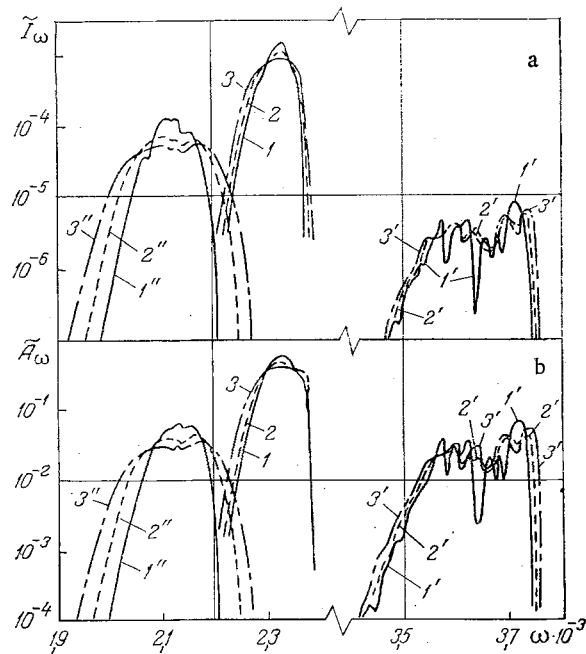


Fig. 1. Quantities  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  (a) and  $\tilde{A}_\omega$  (b) of the 4.3- and 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$   $\text{CO}_2$  bands and the 4.7- $\mu\text{m}$  CO band as a function of the gas translational temperature;  $P = 5 \cdot 10^{-2}$  atm,  $T_3$  or  $T_5 = 1500^\circ\text{K}$ ,  $T_2 = 500^\circ\text{K}$ : 1, 1', 1'')  $T = 100^\circ\text{K}$ ; 2-2'')  $300^\circ\text{K}$ ; 3-3'')  $500^\circ\text{K}$ .  $\omega \cdot 10^{-3}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

on the basis of integral absorptions of the corresponding vibrational-rotational bands, measured under the normal conditions  $P_0 = 1.0$  atm,  $T_0 = 300^\circ\text{K}$ , and the theoretical dependences of the squares of matrix elements of emission transitions on vibrational and rotational quantum numbers. The necessary parameter values for this calculation of integral absorption of rotational lines of the 4.3- and 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  bands of  $\text{CO}_2$  and the 4.7- $\mu\text{m}$  band of CO are given in [1].

In the present work we consider the "parallel" bands of  $\text{CO}_2$  - 4.3 and 2.7  $\mu\text{m}$ , forming vibrational transitions with changing quantum numbers  $\Delta v_3 = 1$  (4.3  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and  $\Delta v_1 = \Delta v_3 = 1$  or  $\Delta v_2 = 2$ ,  $\Delta v_3 = 1$  (2.7  $\mu\text{m}$ ). The projection of the rotational momentum of the  $\text{CO}_2$  molecule, related to vibrational motion, on its axis does not change in this case. The asymmetric mode is active in the 4.3- $\mu\text{m}$  band, and all types of vibration of carbon dioxide gas molecules are active in the 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  band.

The emission intensity  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  and the absorption  $\tilde{A}_\omega$  of a vibrationally nonequilibrium gas also depend, as under thermodynamic equilibrium conditions, on the optical path length  $X = P_i D$ , the pressure  $P$ , the temperature  $T$ , as well as on the vibrational temperatures of active and passive modes. By  $P_i$  we denote the partial pressure of the emitting gas, and by  $D$  the geometric width of the gas layer.

The calculations in the present work were performed for an optical path length  $X = 0.1$  atm $\cdot$ cm ( $T = 300^\circ\text{K}$ ), being in the characteristic range for molecular lasers. The results of calculating the quantities  $\tilde{A}_\omega$  and  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  for varying translational temperature, pressure, vibrational temperature of CO or the asymmetric mode of  $\text{CO}_2$  and the vibrational temperature of the collective mode of carbon dioxide gas are given in Figs. 1-4. In varying one parameter the values of the remaining ones were taken as characteristic values for molecular lasers. The digits without primes in Figs. 1-4 correspond to the 4.3- $\mu\text{m}$  band, those with one prime - to the 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  band, and those with two primes - to the 4.7- $\mu\text{m}$  band. The emission intensity values  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  are given in  $\text{W}/\text{sr}\cdot\text{cm}$ .

The gas temperature determines the Doppler broadening of spectral lines and, according to the assumption made of thermodynamic equilibrium of rotational and translational degrees of freedom, the population of rotational levels. The rotational distribution has a substantial effect on the quantities  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  and  $\tilde{A}_\omega$  due to the variation of populations of combined

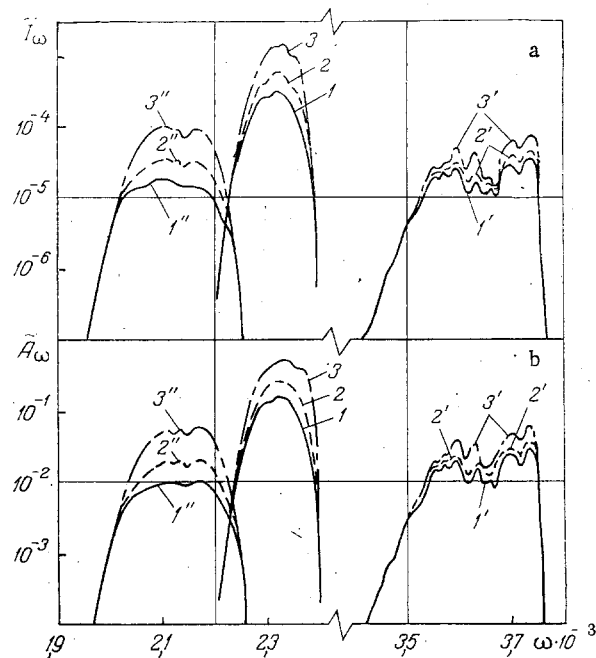


Fig. 2. The quantities  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  (a) and  $\tilde{A}_\omega$  (b) of the 4.3- and 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$   $\text{CO}_2$  bands and the 4.7- $\mu\text{m}$   $\text{CO}$  band as a function of total gas pressure;  $T = 300^\circ\text{K}$ ,  $T_3$  or  $T_5 = 1500^\circ\text{K}$ ,  $T_2 = 500^\circ\text{K}$ : 1-1'')  $P = 10^{-3}$  atm; 2-2'')  $10^{-2}$  atm; 3-3'') 0.1 atm. The intensity values given of the 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  band are enhanced by 10 times.

vibrational-rotational states and, consequently, on the functions  $B_\omega(v_r, v_p)$  and the equivalent widths  $W_\omega(v_r, v_p)$  appearing in relations (1)-(4).

The results of calculating the spectral emission intensity  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  and absorption  $\tilde{A}_\omega$  of the bands considered are given in Fig. 1 for various gas temperatures. The curves presented were obtained for identical amounts of the emitting molecules, i.e., for a constant value of the mass optical path length  $X_\rho = \rho_i D$ , corresponding to the value  $X_0 = 0.1$  atm·cm at  $T_0 = 300^\circ\text{K}$  ( $\rho_i$  is the density of emitting molecules). For other temperatures, therefore, the calculation was performed for optical path length  $X = X_0 \cdot T/T_0$ .

It follows from the data of Fig. 1 that for identical gas parameters the magnitude of the spectral emission intensity  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  in the 4.3- $\mu\text{m}$  band is larger by orders of magnitude than for the 4.7- $\mu\text{m}$  band, and exceeds by two orders of magnitude the emission intensity in the 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  band. The spectral absorption  $\tilde{A}_\omega$  in the 4.3- $\mu\text{m}$  band is higher by orders of magnitude than in the 4.7- $\mu\text{m}$  band, and  $\approx 20$  times larger than in the 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  band. The absorption of the 4.7- and 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  bands is characterized by the low values  $\tilde{A}_\omega \leq 0.05$ .

The enhancement in the translational temperature leads to an approximately symmetric broadening of the 4.3- and 4.7- $\mu\text{m}$  bands. At the same time, there is a lowering of emission intensities in their central portions. These features are determined by an increased population of high levels and a decreased population of low rotational levels at enhanced translational and, consequently, rotational temperatures.

For the 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  band one notes a smoothing of the frequency dependence of the quantities  $\tilde{A}_\omega$  and  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  with increasing temperature  $T$ . In the region of low gas temperatures  $T = 100^\circ\text{K}$  the 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  band separates into two subbands, corresponding to different types of vibrational transitions: the long-wave part  $\omega < 3640$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  -  $\Delta v_2 = 2$ ,  $\Delta v_3 = 1$ , and the shortwave one  $\omega > 3640$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  -  $\Delta v_1 = \Delta v_3 = 1$ . On the whole, the dependences of the spectral emission and absorption intensities on the translational temperature are similar for the bands considered.

The spectral emission intensity  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  and absorption  $\tilde{A}_\omega$  of the bands considered for gas pressure varying within  $10^{-3}$ -0.1 atm are given in Fig. 2. We note that the gas pressure determines the collision broadening of rotational lines. There exist three cases in which the quantities  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  and  $\tilde{A}_\omega$  are independent of the gas pressure [3]: a) weak reabsorption of radiation, when for all rotational lines of the band  $K_{\nu J \rightarrow \nu' J'}$ ,  $X \ll 1$ ; b) emission of an optically

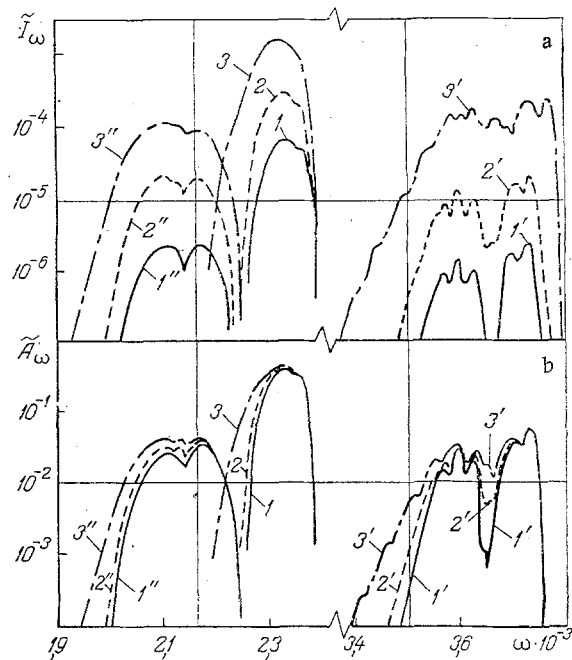


Fig. 3. The quantities  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  (a) and  $\tilde{A}_\omega$  (b) of the 4.3- and 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$   $\text{CO}_2$  bands or the 4.7- $\mu\text{m}$  CO band as a function of the vibrational temperature of the asymmetric mode  $T_3$  or vibrational temperature  $T_5$ ;  $P = 5 \cdot 10^{-2}$  atm,  $T = 300^\circ\text{K}$ ,  $T_2 = 500^\circ\text{K}$ : 1-1'')  $T_3, T_5 = 600^\circ\text{K}$ ; 2-2'')  $1000^\circ\text{K}$ ; 3-3'')  $1800^\circ\text{K}$ . The intensity of emission of the 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  band is enhanced by 10 times.

dense gas layer  $\tilde{A}_\omega \rightarrow 1$ ; and c) significant predominance of the Doppler broadening mechanism of the gas over the collisional one.

The calculation performed shows that for  $P \leq 10^{-3}$  atm the quantities  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  and  $\tilde{A}_\omega$  are practically independent of pressure. This case corresponds to a value of Doppler broadening mechanism predominating over the collision mechanism by significantly more than two orders of magnitude.

For  $10^{-2} \leq P \leq 0.1$  atm the quantities  $\gamma_L$  and  $\gamma_D$  are approximately of the same order of magnitude. Since in this case  $\tilde{A}_\omega \ll 1$ , it can be concluded that the weak pressure dependence of the emission and absorption of the 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  band averaged over the rotational structure and of the peripheral parts of the 4.3- and 4.7- $\mu\text{m}$  bands at  $P = 10^{-2}$ -0.1 atm corresponds to the limiting case of weak lines. For the central parts of the 4.3- and 4.7- $\mu\text{m}$  bands, respectively,  $2250$ - $2350 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2050$ - $2220 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , an increase in pressure by two orders of magnitude from  $10^{-3}$  to 0.1 atm leads to an enhancement of the spectral emission intensity  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  by approximately an order of magnitude. Thus, for characteristic pressures in molecular lasers  $P = 10^{-3}$ - $10^{-1}$  atm the effect of pressure on the emission intensity of the central parts of the 4.3- and 4.7- $\mu\text{m}$  bands is significant.

The spectral intensity of emission  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  and absorption  $\tilde{A}_\omega$  of the bands considered are shown in Fig. 3 for various vibrational temperatures of the active modes: the asymmetric  $T_2$  for the 4.3- and 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  bands of  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $T_5$  for the 4.7- $\mu\text{m}$  band of CO. The effect on the emission intensity  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  of vibrational temperatures of active modes is determined by the dependence of the function  $B_\omega(v_r, v_p)$  and of the equivalent widths  $W_\omega(v_r, v_p)$  of rotational lines of separate vibrational transitions on the population of vibrational levels of molecules. The effect of vibrational temperatures of active modes on absorption is restricted by the dependence of equivalent widths  $W_\omega(v_r, v_p)$  on the vibrational distribution in the modes.

The data of Fig. 3a show a strong dependence of the spectral emission intensity  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  on the vibrational temperatures of active modes. The strongest dependence is observed in the region of decreasing values of  $T_3, T_5 = 600$ - $1500^\circ\text{K}$ . For  $T_3, T_5$  values increasing from 600 to  $1500^\circ\text{K}$  the emission intensity of the 4.3- $\mu\text{m}$  band increases by more than 50 times, and that of the

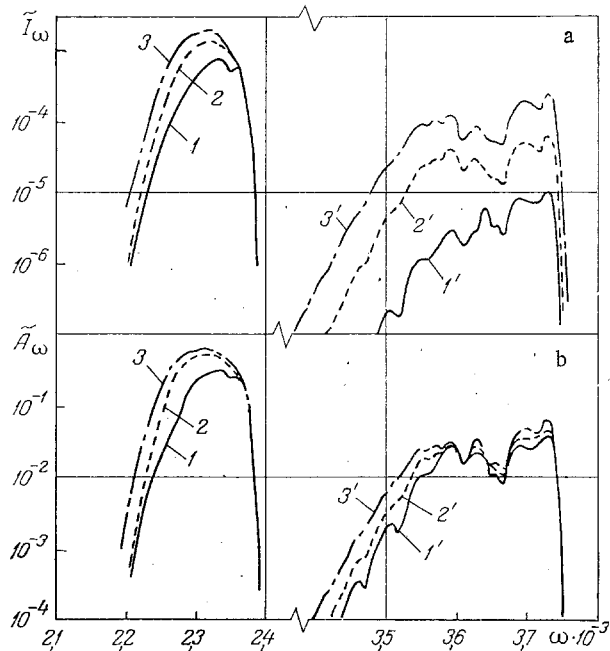


Fig. 4. The quantities  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  (a) and  $\tilde{A}_\omega$  (b) of the 4.3- and 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$   $\text{CO}_2$  bands as a function of the vibrational temperature of the combined mode of  $\text{CO}_2$  -  $T_2$ ;  $P = 5 \cdot 10^{-2}$  atm,  $T = 300^\circ\text{K}$ ,  $T_3 = 1500^\circ\text{K}$ . Curves 1, 1' correspond to  $T_2 = 300^\circ\text{K}$ , 2) 700, 2') 500, 3) 1100, 3')  $700^\circ\text{K}$ . The emission intensity of the 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  band is enhanced by 10 times.

4.7- and 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  bands by more than 100 times. The change in the spectral absorption  $A_\omega$  in this case does not exceed 1.5-2.0 times in the central portions of the 4.3- and 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  bands.

In all bands considered there is a broadening of the spectral region of emission in the long-wave region, which corresponds to an increase in population of excited vibrational levels, the transitions between which are characterized by a lower frequency due to molecular anharmonicity. In the region of low values  $T_3 = 600^\circ\text{K}$  the 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  band separates into two parts, corresponding to the transitions  $\Delta v_2 = 2$ ,  $\Delta v_3 = 1$  and  $\Delta v_1 = \Delta v_3 = 1$ .

It follows from the results presented in Fig. 3 that the strong dependence of the emission intensity of a vibrationally nonequilibrium gas  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  on vibrational temperatures is mostly due to the functions  $B_\omega(v_r, v_p)$  of separate vibrational transitions.

Figure 4 shows the dependence of the spectral emission intensity  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  and of the absorption  $\tilde{A}_\omega$  of the 4.3- and 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  bands of  $\text{CO}_2$  on the vibrational temperature of the combined mode of  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $T_2$ . The combined mode of  $\text{CO}_2$  is active in the 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  band, and therefore the effect of the vibrational temperature of  $T_2$  on the emission and absorption intensities averaged over the rotational structure is similar in its main features to the temperature effect of the asymmetric mode  $T_3$ . We note the stronger dependence of the quantities  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  and  $\tilde{A}_\omega$  in the 2.7- $\mu\text{m}$  band on the vibrational temperature  $T_2$ , compared with its dependence on  $T_3$ . An increase of the vibrational temperature  $T_2$  from 300 to  $500^\circ\text{K}$  leads to an increase in the emission intensity  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  by more than an order of magnitude, and from 500 to  $700^\circ\text{K}$ , by 7-8 times.

The effect of vibrational temperatures of passive modes on the emission intensity and absorption averaged over the rotational structure reduces only to a change of the equivalent widths of rotational lines of the vibrational transitions  $W_\omega(v_r, v_p)$  due to the redistribution of molecules over vibrational levels. It follows from the data of Fig. 4 that the quantity  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  for the 4.3- $\mu\text{m}$  band depends on the vibrational temperature of the combined mode of  $\text{CO}_2$  (being passive in the given case) considerably more weakly. An enhancement of the vibrational temperature  $T_2$  from 300 to  $1100^\circ\text{K}$  leads to an increase of the spectral emission intensity  $\tilde{I}_\omega$  and of the absorption  $\tilde{A}_\omega$  in the central part of the 4.3- $\mu\text{m}$  band by not more than 2-3 times.

Comparison of the data shown in Figs. 3 and 4 makes it possible to draw conclusions on the approximately identical effect of vibrational temperatures of active and passive modes on the spectral absorption  $\tilde{A}_\omega$  of  $\text{CO}_2$  bands. The somewhat larger effect of the vibrational temperature  $T_2$  on the value of  $\tilde{A}_\omega$  for the  $\text{CO}_2$  bands in comparison with the vibrational temperature of the asymmetric mode  $T_3$  is related to the redistribution of molecules among the significant number of low-lying vibrational levels of the combined mode.

#### NOTATION

$\tilde{I}_\omega$ , spectral emission intensity;  $\tilde{A}_\omega$ , spectral absorption;  $v$ , vibrational quantum numbers;  $\omega$ , wave number;  $N$ , population;  $J$ , rotational quantum number;  $W_\omega$ , equivalent line width;  $d_\omega$ , separation between lines;  $\gamma$ , line half width;  $K(\omega)$ , absorption coefficient;  $S$ , integral absorption;  $P$ , pressure;  $X$ , optical path length;  $\rho$ , density;  $T_3$  and  $T_2$ , respectively, vibrational temperatures of the asymmetric and combined modes of  $\text{CO}_2$ ; and  $T_5$ , vibrational temperature of CO.

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