

# Collision-induced absorption by D<sub>2</sub> pairs in the first overtone band at 77, 201 and 298 K

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**Abstract.** Collision induced absorption (CIA) spectra of pure D<sub>2</sub> in the first overtone region from 5250 to 7250 cm<sup>-1</sup>, recorded at 77, 201 and 298 K, have been analyzed. The observed spectra at 77, 201 and 298 K were modelled by a total of 92, 214 and 267 components respectively of double vibrational transitions at room temperature of the type X<sub>2</sub>(J) + X<sub>0</sub>(J) and X<sub>1</sub>(J) + X<sub>1</sub>(J), where X is O, Q or S transitions. Profile analyses of the spectra were carried out using the Birnbaum-Cohen line-shape function for the individual components of the band, and characteristic line shape parameters were determined from the analysis. The observed and calculated profiles agree well over the whole overtone band, and the agreement is better than 97% in the three cases studied. Binary and ternary absorption coefficients were determined from the integrated absorption of the band.

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## 1 Introduction

Symmetric diatomic molecules such as H<sub>2</sub> and D<sub>2</sub> have no permanent electric-dipole moment in their ground electronic states and are therefore forbidden to absorb or emit dipole radiation. However, transient electric dipole moment can be induced in a pair of colliding homonuclear molecules due to intermolecular interaction [1], therefore they will be active in the near infrared region. This leads to the formulation of the theory of collision induced absorption (CIA).

CIA has been used to determine the composition of many stellar bodies and to study the force of interaction between the colliding molecules. The rotational-vibrational bands of the CIA spectra of pure gases and gaseous mixtures such as H<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>-He and H<sub>2</sub>-N<sub>2</sub> are of considerable interest in astrophysics, especially for spectral studies of planetary atmospheres [2–6]. For more details of the role of collision-induced absorption in the planetary atmospheres see Trafton 1998.

The CIA spectrum of H<sub>2</sub> in the first overtone band in the pure gas was observed in 1951 by Welsh et al. [7] who identified the spectrum as consisting of single vibrational transitions ( $\Delta v = v' - v'' = 2 \leftarrow 0$ ) and double vibrational transitions ( $\Delta v = 1 \leftarrow 0$ ) in each of the colliding pair of molecules. Soon after, the overtone bands of H<sub>2</sub> have been further investigated under different theoretical and

experimental conditions by Welsh and co-workers [3, 8–10], Silvaggio et al. [11], McKellar [12], Meyer et al. [13] and Reddy et al. [14]. McKellar and Clouter [15] studied the fundamental band of H<sub>2</sub> and D<sub>2</sub> liquids in the regions 4000 to 5000 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 2900 to 3600 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. Gustafsson et al. [16] reported the collision-induced absorption spectra of H<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub> at temperatures of 297.5 and 77.5 K in the frequency range 1900 to 2260 cm<sup>-1</sup> at gas densities ranging from 51 to 610 amagat. McKellar [17–19] studied the infrared spectra of H<sub>2</sub>-Ar, HD-Ar, D<sub>2</sub>-Ar, CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>-Kr and D<sub>2</sub>-Kr.

CIA of the fundamental band of gaseous deuterium was originally studied by Reddy and Cho [20] and Watanabe and Welsh [21]. Later, the fundamental and the overtone bands of D<sub>2</sub> and the binary mixtures of D<sub>2</sub> were investigated under different experimental conditions by Reddy and co-workers [22–26]. The CIA spectra of D<sub>2</sub> in the pure gas and D<sub>2</sub>-Ar and D<sub>2</sub>-N<sub>2</sub> binary mixtures in the first overtone band were investigated also by Reddy and Kuo [23] who identified the spectrum of D<sub>2</sub>-D<sub>2</sub> as consisting of double transitions, where the major contribution to the intensity of the absorption profiles comes from the following double transitions Q<sub>1</sub>(J) + Q<sub>1</sub>(J), Q<sub>1</sub>(J) + S<sub>1</sub>(J) and Q<sub>2</sub>(J) + S<sub>0</sub>(J). A special feature of the spectra was the absence of the isotropic overlap contribution. Recently, the CIA spectrum of D<sub>2</sub> in D<sub>2</sub>-N<sub>2</sub> binary mixtures in the first overtone band was reinvestigated and analyzed by Abu-Kharma et al. [27], the spectrum of D<sub>2</sub>-N<sub>2</sub> consists of double transitions X<sub>2</sub>(J) of D<sub>2</sub> + X<sub>0</sub>(J) of N<sub>2</sub> and X<sub>1</sub>(J) of D<sub>2</sub> + X<sub>1</sub>(J) of N<sub>2</sub>, where X is O, Q or S transition. Also,

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**Table 1.** The possible quadrupolar transitions of pure D<sub>2</sub> at 77, 201 and 298 K.

Transition	<i>J</i> of the first molecule	<i>J</i> of the second molecule	Number of components
O <sub>2</sub> ( <i>J</i> ) + Q <sub>0</sub> ( <i>J</i> )	2–5	0–5	24
Q <sub>2</sub> ( <i>J</i> ) + Q <sub>0</sub> ( <i>J</i> ) <sup>a</sup>	0–5	0–5	35
S <sub>2</sub> ( <i>J</i> ) + Q <sub>0</sub> ( <i>J</i> )	0–5	0–5	36
Q <sub>2</sub> ( <i>J</i> ) + S <sub>0</sub> ( <i>J</i> )	0–5	0–5	36
S <sub>2</sub> ( <i>J</i> ) + S <sub>0</sub> ( <i>J</i> )	0–4	0–4	25
<b>Number of transitions</b>			<b>156</b>
O <sub>1</sub> (2) + O <sub>1</sub> (2)	2	2	1
O <sub>1</sub> ( <i>J</i> ) + Q <sub>1</sub> ( <i>J</i> )	2–5	0–5	24
O <sub>1</sub> ( <i>J</i> ) + S <sub>1</sub> ( <i>J</i> )	2–4	0–4	15
Q <sub>1</sub> ( <i>J</i> ) + Q <sub>1</sub> ( <i>J</i> )	0–5	0–5	20
Q <sub>1</sub> ( <i>J</i> ) + S <sub>1</sub> ( <i>J</i> )	0–5	0–5	36
S <sub>1</sub> ( <i>J</i> ) + S <sub>1</sub> ( <i>J</i> )	0–4	0–4	15
<b>Number of transitions</b>			<b>111</b>
<b>Total number of components</b>			<b>267</b>

<sup>a</sup>Q<sub>2</sub>(0) + Q<sub>0</sub>(0) is forbidden transition. <sup>b</sup>The number of components given here is for the room temperature case, this number decreases with decreasing temperature.

Abu-Kharma and Reddy studied the first overtone band of D<sub>2</sub> in binary mixtures of D<sub>2</sub>-Y, where Y is Ar, Kr and Xe [28].

In the present paper the CIA spectra of the first overtone band of pure D<sub>2</sub> were investigated at 77, 201 and 298 K, the results obtained were compared with previous studies of both D<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> in the 1st overtone region. The spectra of pure D<sub>2</sub> at 298 K consist of a total 267 components of double vibrational transitions of the type X<sub>2</sub>(*J*) + X<sub>0</sub>(*J*) and the type X<sub>1</sub>(*J*) + X<sub>1</sub>(*J*), where X is O, Q or S transition. The possible combinations of these transitions are listed in Table 1. The absorption profiles were analyzed using Birnbaum-Cohen (BC) line-shape function [29] for all the possible transitions arising from the quadrupolar-induction mechanism.

## 2 Experimental details

A two-meter transmission-type stainless steel absorption cell was used to contain the gases [26]. A General Electric FFJ Quartzline lamp housed in a water-cooled brass jacket was the source of continuous infrared radiation. The spectrometer was a Perkin-Elmer Model 112 single-beam double-pass instrument equipped with a LiF prism, an uncooled PbS detector, and a 260 Hz tuning fork chopper (Model L-40, supplied by American Time Products) driven by a Micro-Controlled Stepper Driver (supplied by Technical Services of Memorial University of Newfoundland). A slit width maintained at 60 μm gave a spectral resolution of 12.5 cm<sup>-1</sup> at 5868 cm<sup>-1</sup>, the origin of the first overtone band of D<sub>2</sub>. The signal detection and amplification system consisted of SR510 lock-in amplifier (supplied by Stanford Research Systems). The entire optical path outside the absorption cell was contained within an airtight Plexiglas box and flushed with dry nitrogen gas in order to minimize the presence of water vapor and to maintain a constant level of background water vapor ab-

sorption. Mercury emission lines and water vapor absorption peaks were used for calibration of the spectral region 5250–7250 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Experiments were carried out with densities (cm<sup>-1</sup>) of the quadrupolar transitions were calculated from the molecular constants of D<sub>2</sub> [30].

The densities ρ of D<sub>2</sub> at temperature 201 and 298 K were obtained from a linear least squares fit to the PVT data tabulated by Michels et al. [31], while ρ at 77 K was obtained from a plot of the difference in pressure of H<sub>2</sub> and D<sub>2</sub> against density at 77, 123, 273 and 358 K, for more information see reference [26].

For a given density ρ of D<sub>2</sub> the absorption coefficient at a given wavenumber ν(cm<sup>-1</sup>) is expressed as

$$\alpha(\nu) = (1/l)\ln[I_0(\nu)/I(\nu)], \quad (1)$$

where *l* is the sample path length of the absorption cell, and *I*<sub>0</sub>(ν) and *I*(ν) are the intensities transmitted by the empty cell and the cell containing the gas, respectively. Absorption profiles were obtained by plotting ln[*I*<sub>0</sub>(ν)/*I*(ν)] versus ν. The areas of the enhancement absorption profiles gave the integrated absorption ∫ α(ν)dν for the band.

## 3 Absorption coefficients

The basic theory of collision-induced absorption in gases has been developed by van Kranendonk [32–35], Karl et al., Poll and Hunt, and Lewis [36–38]. The integrated absorption coefficient can be expanded in terms of the densities ρ as

$$\int \alpha(\nu)d\nu = \alpha_1\rho^2 + \alpha_2\rho^3 + \dots \quad (2)$$

ρ is the density of D<sub>2</sub> in amagat units, α<sub>1</sub> is the binary absorption coefficient resulting from binary collisions (two

molecules), and  $\alpha_2$  is the ternary absorption coefficients resulting from ternary collisions (three molecules). The dimensionless absorption coefficient  $\tilde{\alpha}(\nu)$  is defined as

$$\tilde{\alpha}(\nu) \equiv (\alpha_\nu)/\nu, \quad (3)$$

and expanded as

$$c \int \tilde{\alpha}(\nu) d\nu = \tilde{\alpha}_1 \rho^2 n_0^2 + \tilde{\alpha}_2 \rho^3 n_0^3 + \dots \quad (4)$$

where  $c$  is the speed of light, and  $n_0$  is Loschmidt's number ( $2.68676 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ). The absorption coefficients  $\tilde{\alpha}_1 (\text{cm}^6 \text{ s}^{-1})$ ,  $\tilde{\alpha}_2 (\text{cm}^9 \text{ s}^{-1})$ , are related to the absorption coefficients in equation (2) by the following

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\alpha}_1(\nu) &= (c/n_0^2) \alpha_1(\nu)/\bar{\nu}, \\ \tilde{\alpha}_2(\nu) &= (c/n_0^3) \alpha_2(\nu)/\bar{\nu}, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where  $\bar{\nu}$  is weighted mean wavenumber of the band given by

$$\bar{\nu} = \frac{\int \alpha(\nu) d\nu}{\int \alpha(\nu) \nu^{-1} d\nu}. \quad (6)$$

The average value of  $\bar{\nu}$  for D<sub>2</sub> first overtone band is  $6130 \pm 7$ ,  $6114 \pm 4$  and  $6104 \pm 11 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  at 77, 201 and 298 K, respectively.

#### 4 Theoretical binary absorption coefficients

The integrated binary absorption coefficient of a specific  $L$ th order multipole-induced transition is given by (Ref. [39])

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\alpha}_{Lm} &= (1/\rho^2) \int \frac{\alpha_m(\nu)}{\nu} d\nu \\ &= (4\pi^3 e^2 / 3hc) n_0^2 a_0^5 (a_0/\sigma)^{2L+1} \tilde{J}_L X_{Lm}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Here the quantity  $X_{Lm}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} X_{Lm} &= P_{J_1} P_{J_2} [C(J_1 L J'_1; 00)^2 \langle v_1 J_1 | Q_{L_1} | v'_1 J'_1 \rangle^2 \\ &\quad \times C(J_2 0 J'_2; 00)^2 \langle v_2 J_2 | \alpha_2 | v'_2 J'_2 \rangle^2 \\ &\quad + C(J_2 L J'_2; 00)^2 \langle v_2 J_2 | Q_{L_2} | v'_2 J'_2 \rangle^2 \\ &\quad \times C(J_1 0 J'_1; 00)^2 \langle v_1 J_1 | \alpha_1 | v'_1 J'_1 \rangle^2] + Y_{Lm}, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

and

$$\tilde{J}_L(T^*) = 4\pi(L+1) \int_0^\infty x^{-2(L+2)} g_0(x) x^2 dx, \quad (9)$$

where  $m$  indicates the quantum number characterizing the transition,  $\rho$  is the density of the gas in amagat,  $e$  is the electron charge,  $a_0$  is the Bohr radius,  $h$  is the Planck constant and  $\sigma$  is the intermolecular separation corresponding to the intermolecular potential  $V(\sigma) = 0$  where  $V(x)$  is the Lennard-Jones pair potential

$$V(x) = 4\epsilon(x^{-12} - x^{-6}). \quad (10)$$

In this equation  $x = R/\sigma$ , where  $R$  is the intermolecular separation, and  $\epsilon$  is the depth of the potential well.  $\tilde{J}_L = J_q$  for the special case of  $L = 2$  and represents the average dependence of the square of the induced dipole moment on  $R$ , where

$$T^* = kT/\epsilon, \quad (11)$$

and  $g_0$  is the low density limit of the pair correlation function which in classical limit is given by

$$g_0(x) = e^{-V^*(x)/T^*}, \quad (12)$$

with

$$V^*(x) = V(x)/\epsilon. \quad (13)$$

The normalized Boltzmann factor is written as

$$P_J = \frac{g_T(2J+1)e^{-E_J/kT}}{\sum_J g_T(2J+1)e^{-E_J/kT}}, \quad (14)$$

where  $g_T$  is the nuclear statistical weight,  $g_T = 6$  and  $3$  for even and odd  $J$  for D<sub>2</sub>.  $E_J$  is the rotational energy. The squares of the Clebsch-Gordan coefficients are represented by the following equations:

for the Q( $\Delta J = 0, L = 0$ ) transitions:

$$C(J 0 J'; 00)^2 = \delta_{JJ'} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } J = J' \\ 0 & \text{if } J \neq J', \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

for the O( $\Delta J = -2, L = 2$ ) transitions:

$$C(J 2 [J-2]; 00)^2 = \frac{3J(J-1)}{2(2J-1)(2J+1)}, \quad (16)$$

for the Q( $\Delta J = 0, L = 2$ ) transitions:

$$C(J 2 J; 00)^2 = \frac{J(J+1)}{(2J-1)(2J+3)}, \quad (17)$$

and for the S( $\Delta J = 2, L = 2$ ) transitions:

$$C(J 2 [J+2]; 00)^2 = \frac{3(J+1)(J+2)}{2(2J+1)(2J+3)}. \quad (18)$$

The term  $Y_{Lm}$  in equation (8) is small compared with  $X_{Lm}$  and accounts for the contribution of the anisotropy of the polarizability of the  $L$ -pole transitions, and is given by

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{Lm} &= P_{J_1} P_{J_2} \left[ \frac{2}{9} C(J_1 L J'_1; 00)^2 C(J_2 2 J'_2; 00)^2 \right. \\ &\quad \times \langle v_1 J_1 | Q_{L_1} | v'_1 J'_1 \rangle^2 \langle v_2 J_2 | \gamma_2 | v'_2 J'_2 \rangle^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{9} C(J_1 2 J'_1; 00)^2 C(J_2 L J'_2; 00)^2 \\ &\quad \times \langle v_2 J_2 | Q_{L_2} | v'_2 J'_2 \rangle^2 \langle v_1 J_1 | \gamma_1 | v'_1 J'_1 \rangle^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{4}{15} C(J_1 2 J'_1; 00)^2 C(J_2 2 J'_2; 00)^2 \\ &\quad \times \langle v_1 J_1 | Q_{L_1} | v'_1 J'_1 \rangle \langle v_2 J_2 | \gamma_2 | v'_2 J'_2 \rangle \\ &\quad \left. \times \langle v_2 J_2 | Q_{L_2} | v'_2 J'_2 \rangle \langle v_1 J_1 | \gamma_1 | v'_1 J'_1 \rangle \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

In equations (8) and (19) subscripts 1 and 2 refer to the two colliding molecules 1 and 2,  $vJ$  and  $v'J'$  are their initial and final vibrational and rotational quantum numbers, and  $\langle |Q| \rangle$ ,  $\langle |\alpha| \rangle$  and  $\langle |\gamma| \rangle$  are the matrix elements of the  $2^L$ -pole induction, isotropic polarizability and anisotropic polarizability respectively. These values for  $D_2$  were given by Hunt et al. [40].

## 5 The Birnbaum-Cohen line-shape function

The dimensionless absorption coefficient  $\tilde{\alpha}(\nu)$  for the quadrupolar transitions at a wave number  $\nu$  of a band is represented by Birnbaum-Cohen line-shape function [29] as

$$\tilde{\alpha}(\nu) = \sum_m \tilde{\alpha}_{qm}^{BC} W_q^{BC}(\Delta\nu), \quad (20)$$

where the detailed balance condition is inherently included in  $W_q^{BC}(\Delta\nu)$  which is given by

$$W_q^{BC}(\Delta\nu) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2 c \delta_1} \exp\left(\frac{\delta_1}{\delta_2}\right) \exp\left(\frac{hc\Delta\nu}{2kT}\right) \frac{z K_1(z)}{1 + (\Delta\nu/\delta_1)^2}, \quad (21)$$

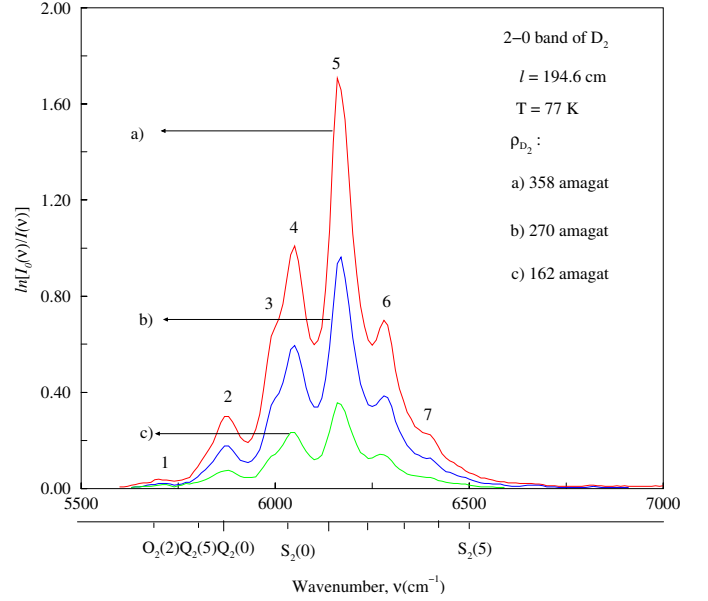
$\tilde{\alpha}_m^{BC}$  is the calculated intensity for each transition  $m$  using equation (7), with

$$z = \left[1 + (\Delta\nu\delta_1)^2\right]^{1/2} \left[ \left(\frac{\delta_1}{\delta_2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{hc\delta_1}{2\pi kT}\right)^2 \right]^{1/2}. \quad (22)$$

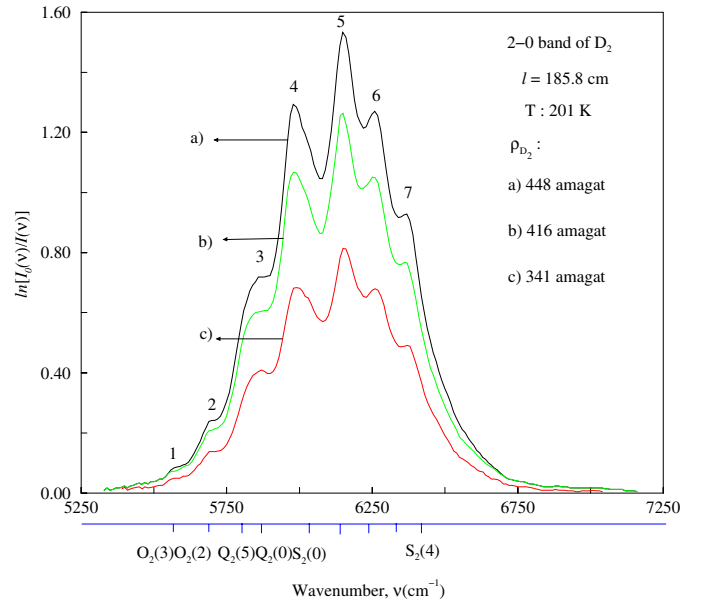
Here  $K_1(z)$  is a modified Bessel function of the second kind of order 1 and  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  are the parameters of the line shape. These parameters are connected with the characteristic times in the dipole moment correlation function by  $\tau_1 = 1/(2\pi c\delta_1)$  and  $\tau_2 = 1/(2\pi c\delta_2)$ . This function was found to give an excellent fit of the calculated profile with the observed profile, particularly in the wings.

## 6 Absorption profiles and their analysis

In the present investigation the CIA spectra of the transitions of  $D_2(\Delta v = 2 \leftarrow 0) + D_2(J' \leftarrow J'')$  and  $D_2(\Delta v = 1 \leftarrow 0) + D_2(\Delta v = 1 \leftarrow 0)$  were recorded at 77, 201 and 298 K in the spectral region 5250–7250  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Figures 1, 2 and 3 show plots of  $\ln(I_0(\nu)/I(\nu))$  versus the wavenumber  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ , for three representative absorption profiles of the first overtone band of  $D_2$ - $D_2$  at 77, 201 and 298 K respectively. The positions of the transitions  $O_2(3)$ ,  $O_2(2)$ ,  $Q_2(5)$  to  $Q_2(0)$  and  $S_2(0)$  to  $S_2(4)$  are marked along the wavenumber axis. The main feature of these profiles is the absence of the dip in the Q branch unlike in the fundamental band of pure  $D_2$ . Observed absorption peaks of the profiles in these figures are marked with identification numbers. There are four strong broad peaks numbered from 3 to 6, these peaks become narrower with decreasing temperature because the relative translational energy of the colliding pair is smaller at lower temperature and



**Fig. 1.** Three typical enhancement absorption profiles of the first overtone band of pure  $D_2$  at 77 K [26].



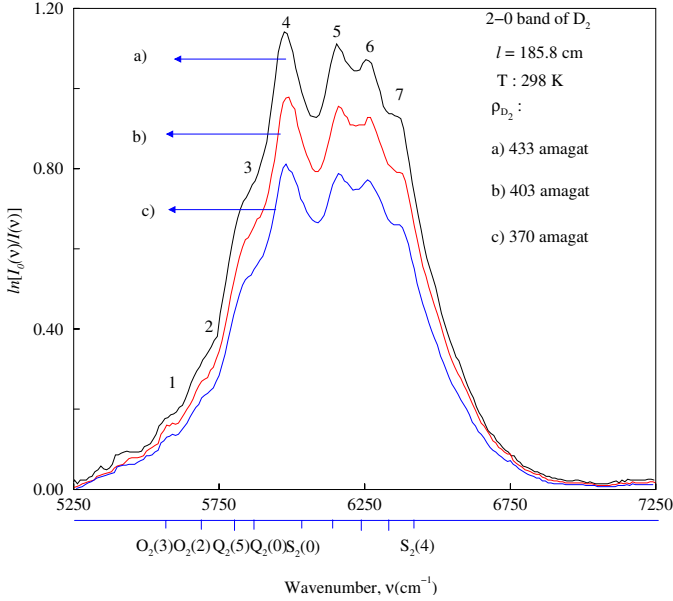
**Fig. 2.** Three typical enhancement absorption profiles of the first overtone band of pure  $D_2$  at 201 K.

hence the collision duration is relatively large. Also peak number 4 intensity increases rapidly with decreasing temperature, this result also appeared in Gillard's work [26]. It is clear that none of these peaks correspond to any of the calculated single transition wave number. These peaks can be interpreted as a summation of two profiles, namely, a transition of the type  $X_2(J) + X_0(J)$  and the type  $X_1(J) + X_1(J)$  transition, where  $X$  is  $O(\Delta J = -2)$ ,  $Q(\Delta J = 0)$  or  $S(\Delta J = 2)$  transition, the subscript 0, 1 and 2 means pure rotation or orientation transition  $\Delta v = 0$ , fundamental transition  $\Delta v = 1$  and first overtone transition  $\Delta v = 2$ , respectively, and  $J$  is the lowest rotational

**Table 2.** Absorption coefficients of the first overtone band of pure D<sub>2</sub> and pure H<sub>2</sub> [41] at different temperatures.

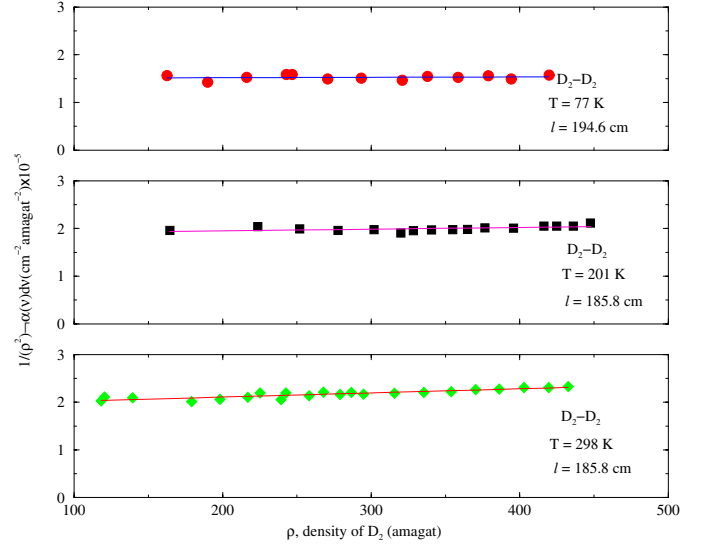
Gas	Temperature (K)	$\alpha_1$ (cm <sup>-2</sup> amagat <sup>-2</sup> ) $\times 10^{-5}$	$\tilde{\alpha}_1$ (cm <sup>6</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ) $\times 10^{-37}$	$\tilde{\alpha}_1^a$ (cm <sup>6</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ) $\times 10^{-37}$	$\tilde{\alpha}_1^b$ (cm <sup>6</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ) $\times 10^{-37}$	$\alpha_2$ (cm <sup>-2</sup> amagat <sup>-3</sup> ) $\times 10^{-9}$	$\tilde{\alpha}_2$ (cm <sup>9</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ) $\times 10^{-60}$
D <sub>2</sub>	77	1.50 ± 0.05 <sup>c</sup>	1.02 ± 0.03	1.04	1.17	0.73 ± 0.20	0.18 ± 0.09
D <sub>2</sub>	201	1.88 ± 0.05	1.28 ± 0.03	1.27	1.24	3.6 ± 1.4	0.91 ± 0.04
D <sub>2</sub>	298	1.93 ± 0.03	1.31 ± 0.02	1.18	1.30	9 ± 1	2.2 ± 0.1
D <sub>2</sub>	298	2.10 ± 0.07 <sup>d</sup>	1.43 <sup>d</sup>				
H <sub>2</sub>	77	4.31 ± 0.09 <sup>e</sup>	2.1 <sup>e</sup>	–	–	–0.03 ± 0.3 <sup>e</sup>	–
H <sub>2</sub>	80	3.5 <sup>f</sup>		–	–	–	–
H <sub>2</sub>	201	4.99 ± 0.08 <sup>e</sup>	2.44 <sup>e</sup>	–	–	1.9 ± .3 <sup>e</sup>	–
H <sub>2</sub>	295	5.8 ± 0.1 <sup>ef</sup>	2.86 <sup>e</sup>	–	–	1.2 ± 0.3 <sup>a</sup>	–
H <sub>2</sub>	300	6.2 <sup>f</sup>	–	–	–	–	–

<sup>a</sup>Experimental results from reference [26], the third value at 295 K. <sup>b</sup>Theoretical calculations from reference [26]. <sup>c</sup>The errors quoted are standard deviations. <sup>d</sup>From reference [23]. <sup>e</sup>From reference [41]. <sup>f</sup>From reference [7].

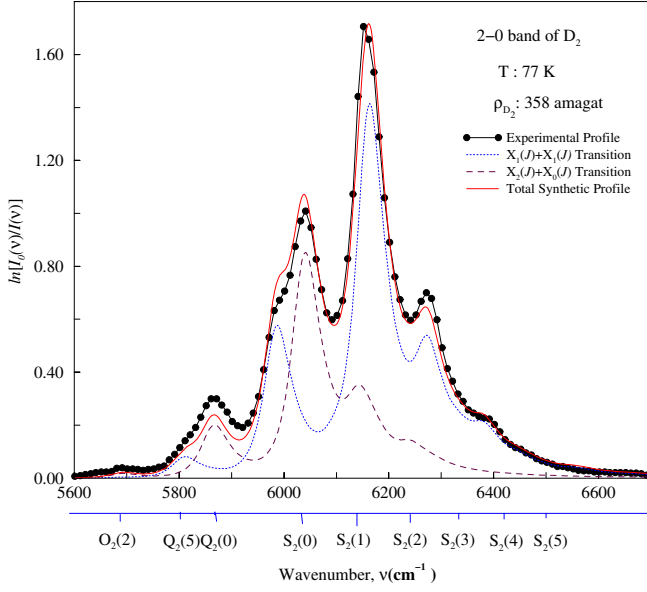

**Fig. 3.** Three typical enhancement absorption profiles of the first overtone band of pure D<sub>2</sub> at 298 K.

level. All such combinations are listed in Table 1. For example peak four in Figure 1 is formed of the following transitions: Q<sub>1</sub>(J) + Q<sub>1</sub>(J), S<sub>1</sub>(J) + O<sub>1</sub>(J), Q<sub>2</sub>(J) + Q<sub>0</sub>(J), Q<sub>2</sub>(J) + S<sub>0</sub>(0) and S<sub>2</sub>(0) + Q<sub>0</sub>(J). While peak five is formed of the following transitions: S<sub>1</sub>(0) + Q<sub>1</sub>(J), Q<sub>2</sub>(J) + S<sub>0</sub>(1) S<sub>2</sub>(1) + Q<sub>0</sub>(J). Watanabe [10] used similar method to analyze the first overtone band of H<sub>2</sub>. He mentioned that each of the colliding molecules simultaneously undergoes a vibrational or vibrational-orientational transition of identical energy.

Figure 4 shows three plots of  $(1/\rho^2) \int \alpha(\nu) d\nu$  versus  $\rho$  at 77, 201 and 298 K, which were used to calculate the absorption coefficients. The plots give straight lines, with the intercept representing the binary absorption coefficient  $\alpha_1$  and the slope representing the ternary coefficient

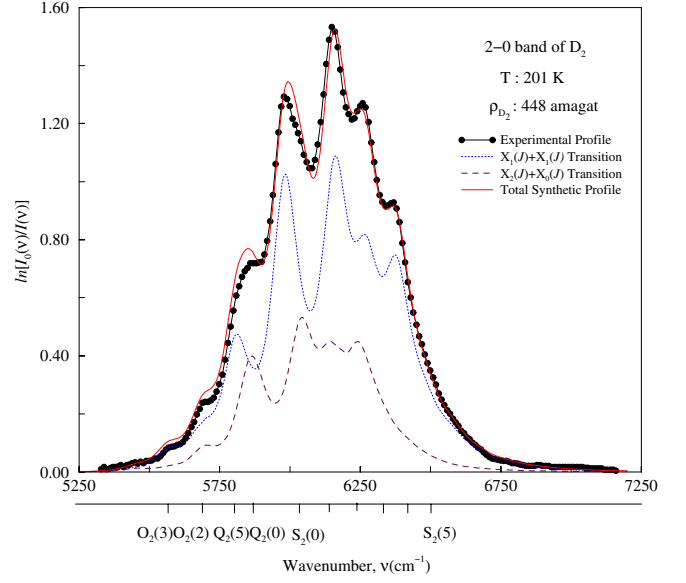

**Fig. 4.** Plots of  $(1/\rho^2) \int \alpha_{en}(\nu) d\nu$  against  $\rho$  for the first overtone band of D<sub>2</sub> at 77, 201 and 298 K.

coefficient  $\alpha_2$ . These coefficients  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  were determined and listed in Table 2. These values were smaller than the values determined for H<sub>2</sub> at the same temperatures. This is because many factors one of them is the rotational constants of hydrogen larger than the rotational constants of deuterium, (see the same table). It can be seen that the ternary absorption coefficients are four orders of magnitude smaller than the binary absorption coefficients, so their contribution to the absorption band is very small at the densities studied here. This result is also clear in the H<sub>2</sub> case. The possible transitions in the region of study 5250 to 7250 cm<sup>-1</sup> with considerable intensity ( $v' = 2 \leftarrow v = 0$ ) and ( $v' = 1 \leftarrow v = 0$ ) are listed in Table 2. The corresponding transition intensities calculated using equation (7) were used in equation (20) to calculate the total theoretical profile. Examples of the comparison between the experimental and

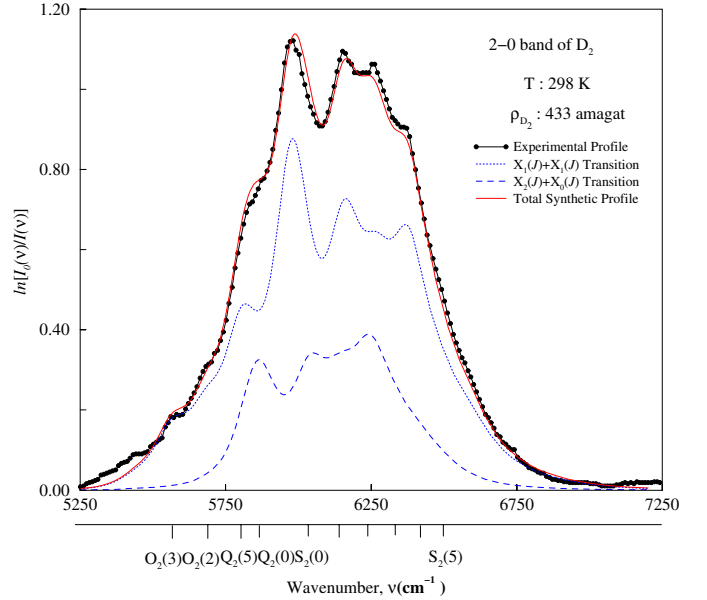


**Fig. 5.** Analysis of an enhancement absorption profile of the first overtone band of D<sub>2</sub> at 77 K. The open circle symbol is the experimental profile [26], the dashed curve represents the computed double-transition quadrupolar components  $D_2(v' = 2, J' \leftarrow v = 0, J) + D_2(v' = 0, J' \leftarrow v = 0, J)$ , the dot curve represents the computed individual double-transition quadrupolar components  $D_2(v' = 1, J' \leftarrow v = 0, J) + D_2(v' = 1, J' \leftarrow v = 0, J)$  and the solid line curve is the summation of these i.e. the total synthetic profile. See the text for further details.

the theoretical profiles at 77, 201 and 298 K are shown in Figures 5, 6 and 7, respectively. It can be seen that the theoretical profile agrees very well with the experimental profile, and the area agreement is better than 97% in the three cases. Figure 5 shows the experimental profile of 358 amagat at 77 K which is represented by the circle symbol [26]. The dashed curve represents the computed double-transition quadrupolar components  $D_2(v' = 2, J' \leftarrow v = 0, J) + D_2(v' = 0, J' \leftarrow v = 0, J)$ , the dot curve represents the computed individual double-transition quadrupolar components  $D_2(v' = 1, J' \leftarrow v = 0, J) + D_2(v' = 1, J' \leftarrow v = 0, J)$  and the solid line curve is the summation of these i.e. the total synthetic profile. The average values of the parameters  $\delta_1$ ,  $\delta_2$ ,  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  of the line shape function for the best fits for profiles were determined and are given in Table 3. This table shows that the percentage of the contribution of the vibration–vibration transition ( $v' = 1 \leftarrow v = 0$ ) + ( $v' = 1 \leftarrow v = 0$ ) of the two colliding molecules increases as the temperature increases, while the percentage of the contribution of the vibration–rotation and vibration–orientation ( $v' = 2 \leftarrow v = 0$ ) + ( $v' = 0 \leftarrow v = 0$ ) decreases as the temperature increases. The percentage of the contribution of  $X_1(J) + X_1(J)$  to  $X_2(J) + X_0(J)$  is 65 to 35 69 to 31% and 72 to 28% at 77, 201 and 298 K, respectively. Also Figure 8 shows that  $\delta_1$  the halfwidth parameter is proportional linearly with the root square of the temperature.



**Fig. 6.** Analysis of an enhancement absorption profile of the first overtone band of D<sub>2</sub> at 201 K. The circle symbol is the experimental profile, the dashed curve represents the computed double-transition quadrupolar components  $D_2(v' = 2, J' \leftarrow v = 0, J) + D_2(v' = 0, J' \leftarrow v = 0, J)$ , the dot curve represents the computed individual double-transition quadrupolar components  $D_2(v' = 1, J' \leftarrow v = 0, J) + D_2(v' = 1, J' \leftarrow v = 0, J)$  and the solid line curve is the summation of these i.e. the total synthetic profile.

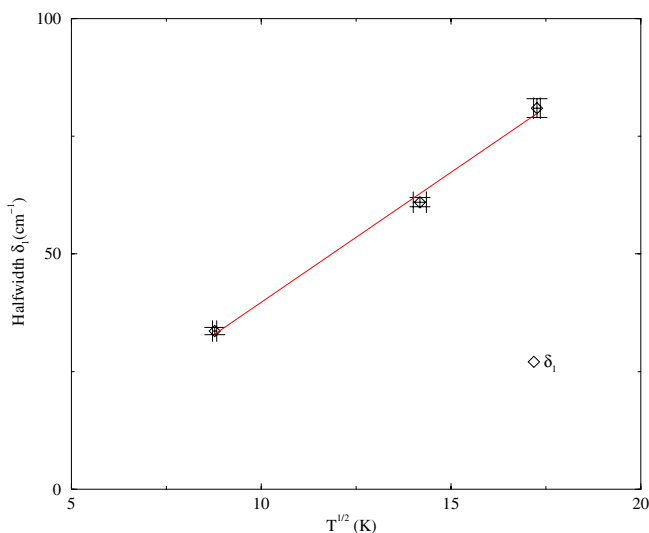


**Fig. 7.** Analysis of an enhancement absorption profile of the first overtone band of D<sub>2</sub> at 298 K. The circle symbol is the experimental profile, the dashed curve represents the computed double-transition quadrupolar components  $D_2(v' = 2, J' \leftarrow v = 0, J) + D_2(v' = 0, J' \leftarrow v = 0, J)$ , the dot curve represents the computed individual double-transition quadrupolar components  $D_2(v' = 1, J' \leftarrow v = 0, J) + D_2(v' = 1, J' \leftarrow v = 0, J)$  and the solid line curve is the summation of these i.e. the total synthetic profile.

**Table 3.** Birnbaum-Cohen line-shape parameters for the first overtone band of pure D<sub>2</sub> at different temperatures.

Temperature	Transition	Percentage	Number of profiles	$\delta_1$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$\delta_2$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$\tau_1^a$ (10 <sup>-14</sup> s)	$\tau_2^a$ (10 <sup>-14</sup> s)
77 K	X <sub>1</sub> + X <sub>1</sub> <sup>b</sup>	65	13	33.6 ± 0.8 <sup>d</sup>	88 ± 5	15.8 ± 0.4	6.0 ± 0.3
	X <sub>2</sub> + X <sub>0</sub>	35	13				
	theory/exp. <sup>c</sup>	97	13				
201 K	X <sub>1</sub> + X <sub>1</sub>	69	16	61 ± 1	150 ± 7	8.7 ± 0.1	3.5 ± 0.2
	X <sub>2</sub> + X <sub>0</sub>	31	16				
	theory/exp. <sup>c</sup>	98	16				
298 K	X <sub>1</sub> + X <sub>1</sub>	72	22	83 ± 2	170 ± 10	6.4 ± 0.2	3.1 ± 0.2
	X <sub>2</sub> + X <sub>0</sub>	28	22				
	theory/exp. <sup>c</sup>	99	22				

<sup>a</sup> $\tau_i = 1/(2\pi c\delta_i)$ . <sup>b</sup>X could be O, Q or S transition. <sup>c</sup>The theoretical to experimental ratio of the fitted area. <sup>d</sup>The errors listed are standard deviations.



**Fig. 8.** A plot of the halfwidth parameter  $\delta_1$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) versus  $\sqrt{T}$  ( $\sqrt{K}$ ). The error bars represent the maximum experimental deviations.

## 7 Conclusions

The observed spectra confirm that the isotropic overlap induction mechanism is absent in the first overtone band of pure D<sub>2</sub> unlike in the CIA spectra of the fundamental band of D<sub>2</sub>. They are formed of 267 quadrupolar transitions of the type X<sub>2</sub>(J) + X<sub>0</sub>(J) and the type X<sub>1</sub>(J) + X<sub>1</sub>(J), respectively, where X represents O( $\Delta J = J' - J'' = -2$ ), Q( $\Delta J = 0$ ) or S( $\Delta J = 2$ ) transitions, at room temperature. The synthetic profiles agree well with the experimental profiles within 97%. The line shape fitting parameters  $\delta_1$ ,  $\delta_2$ ,  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  were determined. The absorption coefficients were determined and the effect of the ternary is found to be small compared with the binary.

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