Diode-laser spectroscopy : N₂-broadening coefficients for hot bands of CO₂ near 650 cm⁻¹

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Carbon dioxide (CO_2) molecule is among the major component of some planetary atmospheres. It has an important role in the greenhouse effect and global Earth warming.

Accurate measurements of line parameters, like the N_2 -broadening coefficient, in the telluric infrared windows are needed to interpret the remote sensing data or remote sensing applications.

Using a high resolution tunable diode-laser spectrometer [1] and for the first time, N_2 -broadening coefficients are measured for lines in hot bands of CO_2 at room temperature. The lines are ranging from 650 to 680 cm⁻¹.

For each line, we have recorded spectra at 4 pressures of the perturber. The collisional half-widths of line at each pressure are obtained by fitting on the experimental profile, the Voigt [2] lineshape, but also the models developed by Rautian and Sobel'man [3] and by Galatry [4] which take into account a supplementary physical effect (molecular confinement : Dicke effect [5]). From these results, we have deduced the collisional broadening coefficient of each line which corresponds to the slope of the best straight line obtained from a linear regression.

Finally our collisional broadening coefficients are compared with those which have been previously published for other vibrational bands [6-9].

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