OPTICAL AND INFRARED ABSORPTANCE AND EMISSION PROPERTIES OF SOLID H₂O, CO₂, N₂ AND O₂: AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY, 1958-1962

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Metallic cryostats designed for studies on the absorption and luminescence of crystals in the free and stressed state and for photoelectric work at liquid hydrogen and helium temperatures are described.

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Solid nitrogen annealed at 20°K and then bombarded with electrons at 4°K gives three glow peaks on warming, at 10°, 14.5°, and 19°K. Unannealed nitrogen gave broader peaks. A feeble, long-lived glow followed the normal afterglow after bombardment at 4°K. Thermal effects during warming were observed in one apparatus with radiation shielding at 77°K, but they were not observed in a much more sensitive apparatus with radiation shielding at 4°K. The thermal effects are probably caused by an anomalous vapor pressure and loss of Dewar vacuum. The data are discussed with reference to
two interpretations, the storage of \( ^2D \) excited nitrogen atoms and the recombination of \( ^4S \) nitrogen atoms through diffusion. The latter explanation is preferred and a simple model is offered to account for the three diffusion activation enthalpies implied by the three thermo-luminescence peaks.

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Products obtained from a microwave discharge in nitrogen are rapidly frozen on a glass surface kept at liquid-He temperatures. Metastable atoms are evidently trapped in the solid and able to radiate. Some molecular spectra are probably formed by recombination. Dilution with Ar causes new band systems to appear and some lines are shifted.

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Phosphorescence was induced in nitrogen and nitrogen-argon mixtures (deposited at 4.2°K after passage through a microwave discharge) by illumination of the deposits with a variety of filtered light sources over the wavelength range 2000–10,000 A. The spectrum of the phosphorescence contains only the \( \alpha \) and \( \alpha' \) features of N I at 5230 A and is interpreted in terms of a restimulation of the green afterglow.

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\( \beta \) lines in the solid nitrogen spectrum are attributed to the \( ^1S-^1D \) transition of atmospheric oxygen. Small amounts of hydrogen and water vapor have no important effects. Satellite lines on each side of the \( \alpha \) line from the atmospheric nitrogen transition \( ^2D-^4S \) and \( \beta \) lines are related to the respective atoms, as well as to the nitrogen molecule. Possibilities of vibrational energy exchanges in the solid are discussed.
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The vacuum u. v. spectra of solid ammonia and ice are found to be shifted to higher frequencies relative to the corresponding vapour spectra by 7000 cm$^{-1}$. The effects of hydrogen bonding in the ground states of these solids, and the nature of repulsive interactions possible in the excited states are discussed.

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Infrared spectra are given for solid H$_2$O$_2$, ice, and H$_2$S at 80°K. Changes occurred in the spectra of both H$_2$O and H$_2$O$_2$ when these compounds were deposited together. Intermolecular frequencies underwent large downward shifts, while internal vibrations were little affected.

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The spectrum of H$_2$O trapped in a solid Xe matrix at 20°K. approximates the gas spectrum of a mixture of -75% ortho and 25% para H$_2$O at 20°K. The intensities of the lines of the spectrum change depending on whether Ar, Xe, or N is used as a matrix, and in particular the rotational structure due to the R branch disappears for the N matrix. Other than a constant shift of the frequency of vibration, the rotational spacings are constant from an Ar matrix to a Xe matrix. In a given matrix the intensity pattern of the lines change with the condition of the matrix.

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While the spectra of H$_2$O and D$_2$O ice cannot yet be explained unambiguously, the spectra of HDO in dilute solution in either H$_2$O or D$_2$O may be interpreted.
readily. In particular, since \( \nu_{\text{OH}} \) occurs at 3275 cm\(^{-1}\) and 2\( \nu_{\text{OH}} \) at 6300 cm\(^{-1}\), nearly the harmonic value, the barrier to proton transfer lies well above the latter level and must exceed 23 kcal/mole. The width of \( \nu_{\text{OD}} \) at 2416 cm\(^{-1}\) is only 20 cm\(^{-1}\), whereas that of \( \nu_{\text{OH}} \) is about 80 cm\(^{-1}\) and 2\( \nu_{\text{OH}} \) about 600 cm\(^{-1}\). These widths can be explained by proton tunnelling if the barrier height is near 32 kcal, in which case the second minimum must lie below the level \( \nu_{\text{OH}} \). It must therefore be less than 14 kcal/mole above the primary minimum. A doubling of \( \nu_{\text{OD}} \) from OD... OD pairs was also observed and the magnitude of the splitting is consistent with an effective charge of 0.6e on the protons. It is clear from these results that the usual width of hydrogen bonded OH lines is not an intrinsic characteristic of the O–H... O bond but results largely from intramolecular coupling of the O–H motions.

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The absorption spectrum of solid \( \alpha \)-oxygen.


Spectroscopic studies were made of oxygen gas condensed on a cold surface at liquid helium temperatures and irradiated with electrons of 15–20 kv. energy. The wavelength range 2300–8800 A. was investigated. Between 2400 and 2700 A. some broad and diffuse bands were found which were in the same spectral region as the Herzberg bands of gaseous oxygen. Other previously reported bands were also studied. Spectra taken after electron bombardment of \( \alpha \)– 0 for periods of 10–90 seconds and at a 100 mw./sq. cm. intensity showed continuous absorption for wave lengths shorter than 3250 A.


The infrared spectra of crystalline \( \text{H}_2\text{O} \), \( \text{D}_2\text{O} \), and HDO. _SPECTROCHIM. ACTA_ 12, p. 338–49, 1958.

The infrared spectra of normal and deuteriated ice were studied at temperatures down to \(-190^\circ\). No important spectral differences between the various specimens were found. The infrared spectra were compared and the spectrum of crystalline \( \text{HOD} \) identified. Starting from the \( \text{HOD} \) spectrum the spectra of \( \text{H}_2\text{O} \) and \( \text{D}_2\text{O} \) could be clarified. The band at 2230 cm.\(^{-1}\) in ice is the 2nd overtone of a librational mode. The stretching region of ice consists of 2\( \nu_2 \) at about 3150 cm.\(^{-1}\), \( \nu_3 \) at about 3240 cm.\(^{-1}\), and \( \nu_1 \) at about 3350 cm.\(^{-1}\); \( \text{D}_2\text{O} \) is analogous. The cross-over between the frequency of \( \nu_1 \) and \( \nu_3 \) in passing from gas to solid is caused by a change in the stretch–stretch interaction constant. Its magnitude in ice can be roughly explained on electrostatic grounds. The spectrum of the overtone region shows that the barrier to proton transfer in ice is > 27 kcal./mole.
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The birefringence of small (15 mm thick at 0°C) single crystals of ice was measured parallel to the optic-axis in the temperature range 0°C to -195°C. An abnormal variation was found between -100°C and -180°C caused by the reorientation of the molecules of water in the crystal.

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THE INFRARED SPECTRA OF THICK FILMS OF CO₂ AND CO₂ + H₂O AT LOW TEMPERATURES.

High resolution infrared absorption studies on thick films of CO₂ and of dilute solid solutions of H₂O in CO₂ have been made at 53 and 4 K. A spectroscopically observable complex between CO₂ and H₂O is not formed. The isolation of H₂O in the CO₂ matrix at 53 K is quite good. Monomer and dimer absorptions have been assigned in the 1/1600 to 1/1650 cm⁻¹ region. In very thick films of pure CO₂ ν(1) appears, weakly, at 53 K. In samples deposited at 4 K the ν(1) absorption is markedly intensified, probably because of an increased number of crystal imperfections, and 2ν(2) is also observed. Similar systems of lattice vibrations have been observed in combination with both ν(2) and ν(3).

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Absorption spectrum of solid oxygen in the wave-
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the β and γ forms. The upper states of the electronic systems are \( A, B, A + A, \)
\( A + B, B + B, \) where \( A = \Delta g \) and \( B = \sum g. \) The 19 bands studied were differ-
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towards the violet. Combination tones of the appropriate molecular frequency are
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deposited at 4.2°K from a microwave discharge. The principal effect is a decrease
in intensity of the spectral features. An apparent rotational structure has been
noticed in the main line (5945 A) of the $\alpha'$ feature in some cases. Ten, rather than
the commonly reported five, components of the $\alpha'$ feature have been observed (both
with and without the field) between 5932 A and 6017 A. Line widths are too great to
detect a Zeeman effect.
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Review of studies of hydrogen stretching of H-bonded species at 4°-20°K.

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Equilibrium temperatures and sublimation rates were determined for solid water and carbon dioxide as a function of distance from the sun and absorptivity. A frozen water sphere at one astronomical unit from the sun, which absorbs all incident radiant energy, develops a steady-state temperature of about 195°K. At the same distance and energy conditions, carbon dioxide develops a steady-state temperature of 108°K. Radius decreases for materials per unit of time do not differ by a factor of ten. For ice, the loss is about 0.4 in./day for 100% incident energy radiation absorption; 0.1 in./day for 50%; and 2 x 10^-5 in./day for 7%. A flat transparent sheet of ice one cm. thick would stay at a temperature less than 100 K. at one astronomical unit from the sun and would take about a million years to sublime.

25. Schoen, L. J. and Broida, H. P.

Spectra emitted from solids subjected to electron bombardment at low temperature were found to exhibit a dependence on deposition flow rate. It is shown that the observed changes may be ascribed to the effect of deposition temperature on the structure of the solid.

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A method is presented for the initiation and study of luminescence in condensed systems at low temperatures. Light emission was initiated by application of high
voltage (10–20 kv.) directly to the He-cooled surface containing the deposited species. The most convenient source in terms of voltage and power flexibility was the high-voltage d.c. power supply. Typical atomic and molecular spectra are presented: the structure and wave lengths of the $\beta$ line group attributed to trapped oxygen atoms, and the wave lengths of the $A$ and Vegard-Kaplan band systems are compared in nitrogen and argon matrixes. Ion-electron bombardment of the deposited solid appeared to be the principal mechanism of excitation. The method may be applicable to the production and stabilization of free radical species, and useful for the excitation and analysis of electronic band spectra in the condensed phase.