

All data taken at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL)
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Composite spectrum for TFA_25T

Effective burden of composite spectrum: 1 part-per-million-meter (ppm-meter) at 296 K

Equivalent concentration x path-length of composite spectrum: 4.6944×10^{-6} grams/liter-meter

Considerable contamination with the TFA dimer.

Sample Conditions-

- Chemical name and CAS number: Trifluoroacetic acid, TFA, trifluoroethanoic acid, perfluoric acid, perfluoroacetic acid, CF_3COOH : [76-05-1]
- Physical properties: fw=114.0239 g/mole, fp=-15.2° C, bp=71.8° C
- Supplier and stated purity: Aldrich, 99+%
- Sample class: III (PNNL scale). Extremely reactive.
- Temperature of sample: 25.01 ± 0.02 C
- Diluent: Sample back filled with ultra high purity nitrogen to 760 ± 5 Torr
- Individual samples at 1.0000, 2.500, 0.500, 0.2500, 2.000, 1.500, 5.000 and 10.3 Torr. Path length = 19.94 cm. Final data is a composite spectrum.
- Preparation: Pump on at 20 C to remove air.

Instrument Parameters-

- Bruker-66V FTIR, temperature controlled environment, evacuated optics bench
- Modified to include second aperture, between interferometer output and sample cell. This substantially reduces both “ghosting” and warm aperture effects.
- Spectral range: $7,050$ to 540 cm^{-1} (1.418 to 18.519 microns)
- Instrumental resolution based on maximum interferometer displacement is 0.112 cm^{-1}
- Spectral interval after 2X zero-filling interferogram and FFT: 0.06 cm^{-1}
- Interferogram zero-fill: 2X
- Apodization: Boxcar
- Phase correction: Mertz
- Beam splitter: Potassium bromide (KBr)
- IR source: Carbide glowbar (22 V)
- Scanner velocity: 60KHz (HeNe crossing frequency)
- Number of interferograms averaged per single channel spectra: 256
- Detector: Mid-band HgCdTe, photoconductive, 77K operation
- Folding limits: 15798 to 0 cm^{-1}

Post Processing and Related Parameters-

- Non-linearity detector correction (Bruker proprietary) applied to interferogram ($\alpha=0.85$, $\beta=530$)
- Composite spectrum created from 8 individual absorbance (base-10) spectra via classical least squares fit: Intercept=0, slope is fitted, individual absorbance values weighted by T^2 (transmission squared), all absorbance values > 1.6 are given zero weight
- Calculated and estimated errors: Type A = 7.1%, “Best effort”
- Frequency correction (already applied): $V(\text{corrected}) = V(\text{instrument}) * 0.99999896 + 8.812 \times 10^{-4}$
- Axis units: X=wavenumbers (cm^{-1}), Y=Absorbance (base-10)
- Trace water vapor ,and carbon dioxide features removed via spectral subtraction
- Baseline correction via 4th order polynomial subtraction