

All data taken at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL)

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Composite spectrum for HNO₃_25T

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

Equivalent concentration x path-length of composite spectrum: 3.668x10⁻⁶ grams/liter-meter

Cell windows replaced with unwedged BaF₂ windows to avoid reaction with sample. Unwedged windows produce fringing that will often increase apparent noise in spectra. In addition, BaF₂ windows limit spectral region to ~700 cm⁻¹. Individual absorbance spectra corrected and accounted for H₂O, CO₂, NO, NO₂, N₂O and HCl contamination.

Sample Conditions-

- Chemical name and CAS number: Nitric acid, HNO₃ : [7697-37-2]
- Physical properties: fw=63.0128 g/mole, fp=-428° C, bp=83° C
- Supplier and stated purity: Home made via KNO₃ + H₂SO₄
- Sample class: III (PNNL scale). Extremely reactive. Undergoes rapid decomposition when exposed to heat and reducing agents (*e.g.*, metals, organics,...).
- Temperature of sample: 25.07 ± 0.02 C
- Diluent: Sample back filled with ultra high purity nitrogen to 760±5 Torr
- Individual samples at 2.90, 1.41, 1.79, 0.507, 2.45, 3.98 and 0.242 Torr. Path length = 19.96 cm. Final data is a composite spectrum.
- Preparation: Multiple freeze-thaw cycles at 77 K 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: 6,500 to 720 cm⁻¹ (1.534 to 13.889 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 (=0.90, =500)
- Composite spectrum created from 7 individual absorbance (base-10) spectra via classical least squares fit: Intercept=0, slope is fitted, individual absorbance values weighted by T² (transmission squared), all absorbance values > 1.6 are given zero weight
- Calculated and estimated errors: Type A = 2.5%, Type B “Best effort”
- Frequency correction (already applied): V(corrected) = V(instrument)*0.999998+1.287x10⁻⁴

- Axis units: X=wavenumbers (cm^{-1}), Y=Absorbance (base-10)
- Significant H_2O , CO_2 , NO , NO_2 , N_2O and HCl features removed via spectral subtraction. Residual from subtraction is still observable in composite spectrum.
- Baseline correction via 7th order polynomial subtraction