INDUCED INFRARED ABSORPTION IN GASEOUS ACETYLENE AT PRESSURE, III

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Introduction

In the previous papers the pressure-induced absorption of totally symmetric fundamental $\nu_2$ at 1974 cm$^{-1}$ of acetylene for the pure gas at the pressure up to 24 kg/cm$^2$ and the mixtures with the foreign gases (nitrogen, argon, or hydrogen) at the total pressure up to 100 kg/cm$^2$ has been investigated and the following results obtained. For acetylene the integrated absorption coefficient (sec$^{-1}$/cm/Amagat C$_2$H$_2$) increases linearly with increasing density. For the mixtures the integrated absorption coefficient of the enhancement by the addition of the foreign gas (sec$^{-1}$/cm/Amagat C$_2$H$_2$/Amagat foreign gas) increases linearly with increasing density of the foreign gas. The absorption coefficients both for acetylene and the mixtures increase linearly with increasing temperature. The magnitude of the absorption coefficients and their temperature coefficients increase with increasing molecular polarizability, C$_2$H$_2$ > N$_2$ > A>H$_2$. The induced $\nu_2$-band for acetylene consists of two sub-branches which indicate the maximum absorptions at 1944 and 2009 cm$^{-1}$, corresponding to the rotational transitions $\Delta J=-1$ and $+1$, respectively, where $J$ is the rotational quantum number of the acetylene molecule. The fact is consistent with the hypothesis that the molecules behave momentarily as the rigid rotator with a dipole moment perpendicular to the axis of rotation, which is caused by the distortion of the electronic charge distribution of the molecules during collision. The rate of change $\partial \mu/\partial R$ of the induced dipole moment $\mu$ with C=C bond length $R$, which is obtained from the integrated absorption coefficient, is $\pm 0.2 \times 10^{10}$ (c.g.s. units) for 10 Amagat of acetylene. The value is of the same order as that with the C-H bond which contributes to the infrared active fundamentals of acetylene. The induced $\nu_2$-band for the mixtures of acetylene with the foreign gases shows not only the enhancement of the two sub-branches described above, but also that of the sub-branch at the band origin, 1974 cm$^{-1}$, corresponding to $\Delta J=0$.

In the present investigation carbon dioxide which is of the magnitude of molecular polarizability between acetylene and nitrogen has been used as the foreign gas and the effect of the foreign gas on the induced $\nu_2$-band of acetylene has been studied.

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and compared with the effect of nitrogen.

On the other hand, for carbon dioxide and the mixture with acetylene the pressure-induced absorptions of the totally symmetric fundamental $\nu_1$ at 1388 cm$^{-1}$ and the first overtone $2\nu_1$ at 1286 cm$^{-1}$, which are in Fermi resonance, have been studied and the absorption coefficients at both frequencies discussed.

**Experimentals**

The absorption cell and the infrared spectrometer used in this investigation have been described in the previous papers. A crystal of lithium fluoride was used as the cell window in the spectral measurement of the induced absorption in acetylene and substituted by a crystal of potassium chloride for admitting the transmission of light in that of the induced absorption in carbon dioxide. The path lengths were 16.6 and 16.7 cm, respectively.

The purification of gaseous acetylene from calcium carbide and water was performed by the same method as described in the previous papers. Compressed gaseous carbon dioxide distilled from the liquid in a commercial bomb was used. The Amagat densities under the experimental conditions were calculated from the pressure-volume-temperature data cited in the literatures. It was assumed for gaseous mixtures that the density of each gas could be calculated from the partial pressure. The absorption in nitrogen at the atmospheric pressure was determined as a background for the spectra of pure gas and the absorption in the foreign gas at the partial pressure for the spectra of the mixtures.

**Results and Discussions**

The induced $\nu_2$-band for the mixtures of acetylene of 5.4 and 11.0 Amagat with carbon dioxide up to 20 Amagat is shown in Fig. 1. The spectra indicate five sub-maxima at 1944, 1974, 2009, 2110 and 2189 cm$^{-1}$. The remarkable enhancement of the absorption is brought about in the band tail of the high frequency side, in comparison with that for the mixture of acetylene with nitrogen, which has been observed in the previous papers. It is ascribed to the broadening effect of the infrared active fundamental at 2349.3 cm$^{-1}$ of carbon dioxide by acetylene. The frequency of 1974 cm$^{-1}$ accords with the band origin of the fundamental $\nu_2$ of acetylene, and the frequencies of 1944 and 2009 cm$^{-1}$ accord with the two sub-maxima for acetylene. Two sub-

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maxima at 2110 and 2189 cm\(^{-1}\) are remarkable with increasing densities of acetylene and carbon dioxide. They have not been observed in the case of the mixture of acetylene with nitrogen, argon, or hydrogen in the previous papers.

The integrated absorption coefficient of the enhancement of the induced \(\nu_2\)-band of acetylene by the addition of the foreign gas is of the form\(^{11}\),

\[
\int (a-a_0) \, \nu \, dv = a_1 \rho_f + a_2 \rho_f^2, \tag{1}
\]

where \(a_0\) and \(a\) are the absorption coefficients for acetylene and the mixture with the foreign gas (cm\(^{-1}\)/Amagat C\(_2\)H\(_2\)), \(\nu\) frequency, \(\rho_f\) the density of the foreign gas, and \(a_1\) and \(a_2\) constants. Because the spectra for the mixture of acetylene with carbon dioxide in Fig. 1 do not show the complete splitting of the induced \(\nu_2\)-band to give the integrated absorption coefficient, assuming that \(\int (a-a_0) \, dv\) can be substituted by the absorption coefficient of the enhancement, \((a-a_0)_{2009}\), at 2009 cm\(^{-1}\) which is one of two sub-maxima of the induced \(\nu_2\)-band for acetylene,

\[
(a-a_0)_{2009} = a_1 \rho_f + a_2 \rho_f^2. \tag{2}
\]

Eq. (2) expresses that a plot of \(1/\rho_f (a-a_0)_{2009}\) (cm\(^{-1}\)/Amagat C\(_2\)H\(_2\)/Amagat foreign...
gas) against $\rho_f$ shows a straight line, as in Fig. 2. The constant $a_1$ is equal to the value of the ordinate which is obtained by the extrapolation of the straight line in Fig. 2 to zero density of the foreign gas. The constant $a_2$ is given from the slope of the straight line. The values of $a_1$ and $a_2$ are compared with those determined for acetylene-nitrogen mixture in Table 1. The values of $a_1$ and $a_2$ for carbon dioxide are much larger than those for nitrogen.

**Table 1** The absorption coefficients of the induced $\nu_2$-band of acetylene for the mixtures with carbon dioxide and nitrogen

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Foreign gas</th>
<th>Density of acetylene Amagat</th>
<th>$a_1$ cm$^{-1}$/Amagat C$_2$H$_2$/Amagat foreign gas</th>
<th>$a_2$ cm$^{-1}$/Amagat C$_2$H$_2$/(Amagat foreign gas)$^2$</th>
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<tr>
<td>Carbon dioxide</td>
<td>11.0 5.4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nitrogen</td>
<td>9.4 4.6</td>
<td>50 x 10^{-6}</td>
<td>26 x 10^{-9}</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>2.6 x 10^{-6}</td>
<td>5.0 x 10^{-5}</td>
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The pressure-induced absorption in carbon dioxide at four densities up to 14.3 Amagat in the frequency range of 1200~1500 cm$^{-1}$ is shown in Fig. 3. The spectra indicate five maxima at 1285, 1286, 1335, 1388 and 1410 cm$^{-1}$, which are infrared inactive at the atmospheric pressure and Raman active. The bands at 1388 and 1286 cm$^{-1}$ are brought about in consequence of the Fermi resonance between the totally symmetric fundamental $\nu_1$ and the first overtone of perpendicular band $\nu_2$. The band at 1286 and 1335 cm$^{-1}$ can be identified as two sublevels of $2\nu_2$, corresponding with the vibrational angular momentum $l=0$ and 2, respectively. The absorption coefficients at the both frequencies per unit Amagat carbon dioxide increase linearly with increas-

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Fig. 3 The induced absorption in carbon dioxide at various densities
back ground 1.0 Amagat CO₂
curve 1 4.1 Amagat CO₂
2 9.1 Amagat CO₂
3 14.3 Amagat CO₂

Fig. 4 The relation between the induced absorption coefficients of carbon dioxide at 1286 and 1388 cm⁻¹ and the density

Table 2 The induced absorption coefficients of carbon dioxide and acetylene

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<tr>
<th>Perturbing gas</th>
<th>Band frequency cm⁻¹</th>
<th>Assignment</th>
<th>Absorption coefficient cm⁻¹/Amagat²</th>
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<tr>
<td>Carbon dioxide</td>
<td>1286</td>
<td>2ν₂</td>
<td>4.2 x 10⁻⁴</td>
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<td></td>
<td>1388</td>
<td>ν₁</td>
<td>4.6 x 10⁻⁴</td>
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<td>Acetylene</td>
<td>1974</td>
<td>ν₂</td>
<td>32 x 10⁻⁶</td>
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Fig. 5 The enhancement of the induced absorption in carbon dioxide by the addition of acetylene
curve 1 4.1 Amagat CO₂
2 9.1 Amagat CO₂
3 4.1 Amagat CO₂ + 2.2 Amagat C₂H₂
4 9.1 Amagat CO₂ + 2.2 Amagat C₂H₂
Table 3 The induced absorption coefficients of carbon dioxide for the mixture with acetylene

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<th>Density of CO₂ Amagat</th>
<th>Density of C₂H₂</th>
<th>Absorption coefficients cm⁻¹/Amagat CO₂/Amagat C₂H₂ at 1286 cm⁻¹</th>
<th>at 1388 cm⁻¹</th>
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<tr>
<td>4.1</td>
<td>2.2</td>
<td>1.8 x 10⁻⁴</td>
<td>3.7 x 10⁻⁴</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9.1</td>
<td>2.2</td>
<td>1.7 x 10⁻⁴</td>
<td>3.5 x 10⁻⁴</td>
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The values (cm⁻¹/Amagat) determined by the slope of the straight line in the diagram and that for the induced v₁ band at 1974 cm⁻¹ of acetylene observed in the previous paper are given in Table 2.

The induced absorption in carbon dioxide of 4.1 and 9.1 Amagat for the mixture with acetylene of 2.2 Amagat is shown in Fig. 5. The spectra show the remarkable enhancement of the absorptions at 1286 and 1388 cm⁻¹, in which the latter is much greater than the former. The absorption coefficients at the both frequencies per unit Amagat carbon dioxide and per unit Amagat acetylene are given in Table 3.

In consequence of the Fermi resonance, v₁ and 2ν₂ give Raman bands of the intensities of the same order, whereas without resonance the fundamental would, in general, have much greater intensity than the overtone⁸⁻¹⁰. The ratios of the absorption coefficients, a₁₂₈₆ : a₁₂₈₆, between the pressure-induced absorption bands at 1286 and 1388 cm⁻¹ for carbon dioxide and the mixture with acetylene and the intensity ratios, I₁₂₈₆ : I₁₂₈₆, between the Raman bands at their frequencies, which have been obtained by a number of investigators⁹⁻¹⁰ for carbon dioxide at pressure are summarized in Table 4.

Table 4

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<th>For pressure-induced bands</th>
<th>a₁₂₈₆ : a₁₂₈₆</th>
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<tr>
<td>Carbon dioxide</td>
<td>0.91 : 1</td>
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<td>Carbon dioxide + acetylene</td>
<td>0.48 : 1</td>
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<th>For Raman bands</th>
<th>I₁₂₈₆ : I₁₂₈₆</th>
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<td>From data of Dickinson, Dillon and Rasetti</td>
<td>10 : 15</td>
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<td>&quot; Bhagavantam</td>
<td>1 : 3</td>
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<td>&quot; Hanson</td>
<td>0.572 : 1</td>
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<td>&quot; Langseth and Nielsen</td>
<td>0.61 : 1</td>
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¹⁰) S. Bhagavantam, Nature, 127, 817 (1931)
¹¹) I. Hanson, Phys. Rev., 46, 122 (1934)
¹²) A. Langseth and J. R. Nielsen, ibid., 46, 1057 (1934)
The pressure-induced absorption bands at 1286 and 1388 cm$^{-1}$ for carbon dioxide have much the same intensity, in comparison with the relative intensities for the both Raman bands. For the mixture of carbon dioxide with acetylene the intensity of the pressure-induced band at 1388 cm$^{-1}$ is about twice as much as that at 1286 cm$^{-1}$. That is, the addition of acetylene induces much greater dipole moment in C-O direction for carbon dioxide molecules, which contributes to the enhancement of the induced $\nu_2$-band at 1388 cm$^{-1}$, than that in the perpendicular direction, which contributes to the enhancement of the induced $2\nu_2^0$-band at 1286 cm$^{-1}$.

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