

UV Fourier transform spectroscopy for the determination of absorption cross sections of benzene, toluene, m-xylene, p-xylene, and o-xylene

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SUMMARY ✓ WHAT? Temperature and pressure effects on absorption cross sections of BTX in the 30000-42000 cm⁻¹ range
✓ HOW? A Fourier transform spectrometer with a UV diode lamp

What's the problem?

- ✓ Large disagreements exist between published cross sections
- ✓ Literature cross sections were recorded at low resolutions

EXPERIMENTAL

Experimental conditions

Spectral range	30000-42000 cm ⁻¹
Resolution	1.0 cm ⁻¹
Absorption path length	10 cm
Temperature	253, 263, 273, 283, 293 K
BTX pressure	0.5 - 5 hPa
Dry air pressure	5 - 55 hPa
Lamp & detector	Xe & UV diode
Co-add. scans	10 x 64

Data processing

- ✓ Blanks recorded before and after BTX measurement
- ✓ Spectra of pure BTX at each temperature with different pressures
- ✓ Spectra of mixtures of BTX with dry air at different total pressures at each temperature
- ✓ Cross sections calculated using

$$\sigma(\nu) = \frac{1}{n_{BTX} d} \times \ln \left(\frac{(B I_{before}(\nu) + B I_{after}(\nu)) / 2}{I(\nu)} \right)$$



TOOL ULENE

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