

304(1): Time Dependent Beer-Lambert Law and Development of the Power Absorption Coefficient.

The usual form of the Beer-Lambert Law is:

$$\frac{dI}{dl} = -\alpha I \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where

$$I = c\rho \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Here I is the intensity, d is the power absorption coefficient in cm^{-1} , l is the sample length, c is the vacuum speed of light and ρ is the density of states:

$$\rho(\omega) = \frac{1}{V} \frac{dU}{d\omega} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Therefore

$$I = \frac{c}{V} \frac{dU}{d\omega} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

is joules per square metre. It follows from Eq. (1) that

$$I = I_0 \exp(-\alpha l) \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$\frac{I}{I_0} = \exp(-\alpha l) \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

i.e. where I_0 is the initial intensity of the radiation. Therefore the intensity of the radiation decreases with path length. In absorption spectroscopy such as the far infra-red the power absorption coefficient

2) is measured as :

$$d = \frac{1}{l} \log_e \frac{I_0}{I} \quad - (7)$$

from fundamental quantum theory \rightarrow number / density of states
is calculated from:

$$\frac{dN}{V} = \frac{\omega^2}{\pi^2 c^3} d\omega + \frac{\omega}{\pi^2 c^3} (d\omega)^2 + \frac{(d\omega)^3}{3\pi^2 c^3} \quad - (8)$$

$$= \frac{10}{3} \frac{\omega^2}{\pi^2 c^3} d\omega$$

The energy density of states is calculated from:

$$\frac{dU}{V} = \langle E \rangle \frac{dN}{V} \quad - (9)$$

where $\langle E \rangle$ is the average energy of a Planck oscillator:

$$\langle E \rangle = \hbar \omega \left(\exp \left(\frac{\hbar \omega}{kT} \right) - 1 \right)^{-1} \quad - (10)$$

So:

$$\frac{dU}{V} = \frac{10}{3} \frac{\hbar}{\pi^2 c^3} \omega^3 \left(\exp \left(\frac{\hbar \omega}{kT} \right) - 1 \right)^{-1} d\omega \quad - (11)$$

and

$$\rho = \left(\frac{10 \hbar \omega}{3 \pi^2 c^3} \right) \left(\frac{\omega^2}{\exp \left(\frac{\hbar \omega}{kT} \right) - 1} \right) \quad - (12)$$

This equation can be expressed as:

$$\rho = a \hbar \omega \quad - (13)$$

3) where
$$a = \frac{10}{3\pi^2 c^3} \left(\frac{c^2}{\exp\left(\frac{h\nu}{kT}\right) - 1} \right) - (14)$$

The intensity of the beam is therefore:

$$I = a c h \nu - (15)$$

and is proportional to the energy of one photon, $h\nu$.
 In deriving this, it is assumed by Rayleigh that the speed of light is c in the vacuum.
 This is equivalent to assuming a massless photon. This assumption works its way through to the equation:

$$l = ct - (16)$$

used in deriving the Beer Lambert Law theoretically.
 So the Beer Lambert law can be expressed as:

$$\frac{I}{I_0} = \exp(-\alpha ct) - (17)$$

So that I/I_0 decreases exponentially with time for a given α .

In these calculations:

$$h = 1.05459 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js} - (18)$$

$$k = 1.38066 \times 10^{-23} \text{ JK}^{-1} - (19)$$

$$\text{and } h/k = 7.638 \times 10^{-12} \text{ sK} - (20)$$

At a temperature of 300 K :

$$\frac{h}{kT} = 0.02546 \times 10^{-12} \text{ s} \\ = 2.546 \times 10^{-14} \text{ s} \quad - (21)$$

In these equations:

$$\omega = 2\pi f \quad - (22)$$

where f is the frequency in Hz (s^{-1}). In the microwave

$$1 \text{ cm}^{-1} = 30 \text{ GHz} \\ = 3 \times 10^{10} \text{ Hz} \quad - (23)$$

so

$$1 \text{ cm}^{-1} = 6\pi \times 10^{10} \text{ radians s}^{-1} \\ = 18.850 \times 10^{10} \text{ radians s}^{-1} \quad - (24)$$

$$1 \text{ cm}^{-1} = 1.885 \times 10^{11} \text{ radians s}^{-1}$$

Therefore in the microwave at 30 GHz :

$$h\omega \ll kT \quad - (25)$$

In the far infra-red at 100 cm^{-1} :

$$\omega = 1.885 \times 10^{13} \text{ radians per second}$$

and in the mid infra-red at 1000 cm^{-1} : - (26)

$$\omega = 1.885 \times 10^{14} \text{ rad s}^{-1} \quad - (27)$$

so

$$h\omega / kT < 1 \quad - (28)$$

5) However, it is valid at $10,000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and at visible frequencies and higher at 300 K :
 $\hbar\omega > kT$ - (29)

In general:

$$\frac{I}{I_0} = \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0}\right)^3 \left(\frac{e^{y_0} - 1}{e^y - 1}\right) \quad - (30)$$

where $y = \frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}$ - (31)

and $y_0 = \frac{\hbar\omega_0}{kT}$ - (32)

So

$$\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0}\right)^3 \left(\frac{e^{y_0} - 1}{e^y - 1}\right) = \exp(-d\ell) = \exp(-dct) \quad - (33)$$

This equation must be used at visible frequencies at 300 K. However at far infra-red frequencies it is well approximated by:

$$\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0}\right)^2 = \exp(-d\ell) = \exp(-dct) \quad - (34)$$

b) i.e

$$\begin{aligned}\omega &= \omega_0 \exp\left(-\frac{d\ell}{2}\right) \\ &= \omega_0 \exp\left(-\frac{dc t}{2}\right) \quad - (35)\end{aligned}$$

If a probe laser is tuned to d at a given initial frequency ω_0 :

$$d = d(\omega_0) \quad - (36)$$

then $d(\omega_0)$ is a measurable constant at that frequency ω_0 , so:

$$\omega = \omega_0 \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau}\right) \quad - (37)$$

where

$$\tau = \frac{2}{cd(\omega_0)} \quad - (38)$$

so

$$\boxed{\frac{\omega}{\omega_0} = \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau}\right)} \quad - (39)$$

Eq. (39) expresses the Evans Morris red shift as a time autocorrelation function of the type:

7) $\langle \mu(t) \mu(0) \rangle = \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau}\right)$ - (40)
 The orientational autocorrelation function of molecular
 dynamics theory.

The Fourier transform of ω/ω_0 is a Debye
 loss function:

$$F\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0}\right) \propto \frac{\omega \tau}{1 + \omega^2 \tau^2} \quad - (41)$$

If the photon propagates at v rather than
 the relaxation time τ of eq. (38) is
 changed to:

$$\tau = \frac{2}{v d(\omega_0)} \quad - (42)$$

where v is the phase velocity of light in
 a medium in which absorption occurs. So
 the Evans / Morris relaxation time τ is
 changed from air to an absorbing medium.

Finally in photon gas theory:

$$E = \hbar \omega = \gamma m c^2 \quad - (43)$$

$$p = \hbar k = \gamma m v \quad - (44)$$

where

$$\gamma = \left(1 - \frac{c^2}{v^2}\right)^{-1/2} \quad - (45)$$