

INFRARED SPECTRA OF N₂-BROADENED ¹³CH₄ AT TITAN ATMOSPHERIC TEMPERATURES

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High-resolution spectra of the ν_4 fundamental band of ¹³CH₄ broadened by N₂ at temperatures relevant to the atmosphere of Titan (80 K to 296 K) have been recorded using new temperature-controlled absorption cells installed in the sample compartment of a Bruker (IFS-125HR) Fourier Transform spectrometer (FTS) at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). Details of the cells and spectrometer performance have been discussed in the previous talk.^a Early analysis of these spectra using multispectrum fitting has determined half widths, pressure-induced shifts, line mixing parameters and their temperature dependences for R-branch transitions from R(0) through R(6). In addition to the initial R(2) study mentioned in the previous talk, the analysis for the other J-manifolds examined in detail whether or not the N₂-broadened half width coefficients follow the simple power-law temperature-dependence over the entire temperature range from 80 K to 296 K. The results are compared with other published measurements of N₂-broadened methane parameters at low temperatures.^b

^aA. W. Mantz *et al.*, Closed-cycle He-cooled absorption cells designed for a Bruker IFS-125HR: First results between 79 K and 297 K, this session.

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