

All data taken at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory  
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**Composite spectrum for:** Ethanol or Ethyl alcohol

- First Column: Position in wavenumber ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )
- Second column: Real refractive index  $n(\tilde{\nu})$  (dispersion index)
- Third column: Imaginary refractive index,  $k(\tilde{\nu})$  (absorption index per unit length in centimeters)

Where the complex refractive index  $\hat{n} = n(\tilde{\nu}) + ik(\tilde{\nu})$

Following Bertie (in the references below) we define the absorbance as  $A = -\log_{10}(I/I_0)$  and the linear absorption coefficient  $K = A/d$ , where  $d$  is the path length. The connection between the imaginary refractive index and the absorbance coefficient arises from the following:  $2.303K = 4\pi\tilde{\nu}k$

See the following references for a detailed description of terms and units:

- 1) Bertie, J. E., Zhang, S. L., Eysel, H. H., Baluja, S., & Ahmed, M. K. (1993). Infrared Intensities of Liquids XI: Infrared Refractive Indices from 8000 to  $2\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , Absolute Integrated Intensities, and Dipole Moment Derivatives of Methanol at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . *Appl. Spec.*, 47(8), 1100-1114 doi:10.1366/0003702934067973
- 2) Bertie, J. E., Zhang, S. L., & Keefe, C. D. (1995). Measurement and use of absolute infrared absorption intensities of neat liquids. *Vibrational Spectroscopy*, 8(2), 215-229. doi:10.1016/0924-2031(94)00038-i

**Sample:**

- Chemical name, formula and CAS number: Ethanol,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{O}$ , [64-17-5]
- IUPAC name: Ethanol
- Synonyms: Ethyl alcohol; Grain alcohol; Drinking alcohol; Alcohol; Absolute alcohol; Methyl carbinol
- Physical properties: FW = 46.07 g/mole; mp =  $-114^\circ\text{C}$ ; bp =  $78.3^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $\rho = 0.789\text{ g/cm}^3$  @  $20^\circ\text{C}$
- Supplier and stated purity: MIR: Acros, 99.5+% (Lot # B0530617); NIR: Sigma-Aldrich,  $\geq 99.5\%$  (Lot # SHBL6083)
- Temperature of sample:  $26^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ )
- Individual samples were measured at the following path lengths: MIR: 2.0, 2.9, 7.4, 13.6, 35.8, 51.6, 99.2, 200, 505 and  $1041\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ; NIR: 113, 182, 499, 2087 and  $4009\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ . Final data are a composite of these spectra.
- Sample cell window material is potassium bromide (KBr) except for the 2087 and  $4009\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  cells which are potassium chloride (KCl).
- Preparation: None

**NIR Instrument Parameters:**

- Bruker Vertex 70, purged with UHP nitrogen
- Spectral range: 10,000 to  $3,000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (1.0 to 3.33 microns)
- IR source: Quartz tungsten bulb
- Beamsplitter: Broadband Potassium bromide (KBr)
- Detector: DLTGS at room temperature
- Aperture: 3 mm
- Folding limits:  $31604.8$  to  $0\text{ cm}^{-1}$

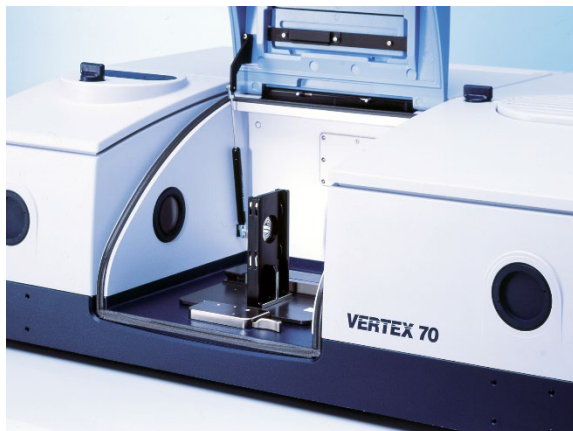
**MIR Instrument Parameters:**

- Tensor 27, purged with UHP nitrogen
- Spectral range:  $7,800$  to  $400\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (1.282 to 25 microns)
- NIR source: Silicon carbide glow bar
- Beamsplitter: Broadband Potassium bromide (KBr)
- Detector: DLTGS at room temperature
- Aperture: 3 mm
- Folding limits:  $15802$  to  $0\text{ cm}^{-1}$

### NIR/MIR Instrument Parameters:

- Instrument resolution:  $2.0\text{ cm}^{-1}$
- Number of interferograms averaged per single channel spectrum: 128
- Apodization: Norton-Beer, Medium
- Phase correction: Mertz
- Scanner velocity: 10 kHz
- Interferogram zerofill: 4x
- Spectral interval after zerofilling:  $0.4823\text{ cm}^{-1}$

a)



b)



Figure 1: The Bruker Vertex 70 FTIR (a) and Tensor 27 FTIR (b).

### Measured Refractive Index:

The refractive index for Ethanol was measured at  $25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  using an Atago model DR-M2/1550 Abbe refractometer. Notch filters were employed in front of a white light source to make measurements at multiple wavelengths. An infrared viewer from Atago was used to detect signal at  $1550\text{ nm}$ . The temperature was controlled to match that in the sample compartment of the FTIR using a heated circulating bath.

480 nm: $n = 1.3639$	486 nm: $n = 1.3633$	546 nm: $n = 1.3609$
589 nm: $n = 1.3597$	644 nm: $n = 1.3581$	656 nm: $n = 1.3571$
1550 nm: $n = 1.3415$		

The refractive index,  $n$ , vs. wavelength in microns,  $\lambda$ , was fit to an equation similar to that of Sellmeier:

$$n(\lambda) = \{a + b/(\lambda^2 - c)\}^{1/2}$$

The resulting best-fit equation was used to find the refractive index at the highest energy data points in our experimental spectra. For Ethanol, the results were

$$\begin{aligned} n(7,800\text{ cm}^{-1}) &= 1.3442 \text{ at } 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \text{ for MIR data and} \\ n(10,000\text{ cm}^{-1}) &= 1.3485 \text{ at } 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \text{ for NIR and merged data.} \end{aligned}$$

### Post Processing and Related Parameters:

For the MIR, a composite spectrum was created from 10 absorbance spectra (base-10) taken at 10 path lengths: 2.0, 2.9, 7.4, 13.6, 35.8, 51.6, 99.2, 200, 505 and 1041 micrometers ( $\mu\text{m}$ ). For the NIR, a composite spectrum was created from 5 absorbance spectra (base-10) taken at 5 path lengths: 113, 182, 499, 2087 and 4009  $\mu\text{m}$ . At each path length several spectra were measured and the results averaged for better signal to noise. The measured cell lengths were adjusted using Beer's law plots in which the NIR and MIR data were analyzed independently.

- 1) The imaginary part of the refractive index, or  $k$  vector, was determined for each absorbance file as per Bertie's program "RNJ46A" (see reference above). This takes into account the reflective losses due to the KBr and/or KCl windows.
- 2) A composite  $k$  vector is created via a classical, weighted, linear, least squares fit using the output files of program "RNJ46A": Intercept=0, slope is fitted, individual absorbance values weighted by  $T^2$  (transmission squared), all absorbance values  $\geq 2.5$  are given zero weight. For the MIR, six composite vectors were created and merged by hand.
  - a) The first  $k$  vector used the results from the 1041 and 505  $\mu\text{m}$  cells. This  $k$  vector determined the final values for the range from 7800 to 3625  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .
  - b) The second  $k$  vector used the results from the 2.0 and 2.9  $\mu\text{m}$  cells. This  $k$  vector determined the final values for the range from 3625 to 2460  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .
  - c) The third  $k$  vector used the results from the 1041, 505, and 200  $\mu\text{m}$  cells. This  $k$  vector determined the final values for the range from 2460 to 1580  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .
  - d) The fourth  $k$  vector used the results from the 52 through 7.4  $\mu\text{m}$  cells. This  $k$  vector determined the final values for the range from 1580 to 1110  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .
  - e) The fifth  $k$  vector used the results from the 13.6 through 2.0  $\mu\text{m}$  cells. This  $k$  vector determined the final values for the range from 1110 to 1030  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .
  - f) The sixth  $k$  vector used the results from the 35.8, 13.6, and 7.4  $\mu\text{m}$  cells. This  $K$  vector determined the final values for the range from 1030 to 400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .
- 3) A frequency correction was applied to the resulting composite MIR  $k$  vector.
  - a) Frequency correction (already applied):  $\tilde{\nu}(\text{corrected}) = [\tilde{\nu}(\text{instrument}) * 0.99996 + 0.078212]$  as determined by comparing measured atmospheric spectral lines ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$ ) to values from the Northwest Infrared Spectral Library Database.
- 4) For the NIR, three composite vectors were created and merged by hand.
  - a) The first  $k$  vector used the results from the 2087 and 4009  $\mu\text{m}$  cells. This  $k$  vector determined the final values for the range from 10,000 to 7500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .
  - b) The second  $k$  vector used the results from the 499 through 4009  $\mu\text{m}$  cells. This  $k$  vector determined the final values for the range from 7500 to 5300  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .
  - c) The third  $k$  vector used the results from the 113 through 4009  $\mu\text{m}$  cells. This  $k$  vector determined the final values for the range from 5300 to 400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .
- 5) The resulting composite NIR  $k$  vector and the refractive index at 10,000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  were used to create the real or  $n$  vector using the Kramers-Kronig relation, as per Bertie's program "LZZKTB."
  - a) Frequency correction (already applied):  $\tilde{\nu}(\text{corrected}) = [\tilde{\nu}(\text{instrument}) * 0.999748 + 0.00481475]$  as determined by comparing measured atmospheric spectral lines ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$ ) to values from the Northwest Infrared Spectral Library Database.
- 6) Finally, the MIR data were mapped onto the NIR x-axis using an interpolation routine, i.e. the Make Compatible command in OPUS 5.5. Then the composite MIR and NIR  $k$  vectors were merged to generate a final composite  $k$  vector across the entire spectral range. The NIR data were used exclusively above 4950  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , and only the MIR data were used below 5175  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . A weighted average, with the weight of the MIR vector increasing linearly from 0 to 100% between 4950 and 5175  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  was used in the overlapping spectral region. The resulting composite  $k$  vector and the refractive index at 10,000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  were used to create the final  $n$  vector using the Kramers-Kronig relation, as per Bertie's program "LZZKTB."

## Photographs of Sample Ethanol:

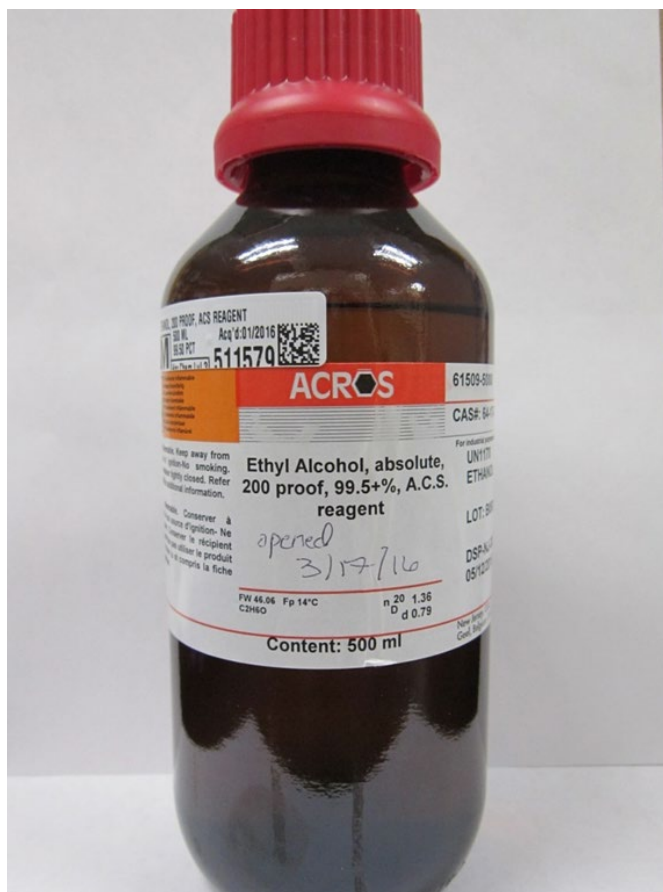


Figure 2: Ethanol in Acros container for MIR measurements.



Figure 3: Ethanol in Sigma-Aldrich container for NIR measurements.