

All data taken at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
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Composite spectrum for: *p*-Xylene

- First Column: Position in wavenumber (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 cm^{-1} , Absolute Integrated Intensities, and Dipole Moment Derivatives of Methanol at 25°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: *p*-Xylene, C_8H_{10} , [106-42-3]
- IUPAC name: 1,4-Dimethylbenzene
- Synonyms: *Para*-xylene; 1,4-Dimethylbenzene; *p*-Dimethylbenzene; *p*-Xylol; 1,4-Xylene
- Physical properties: FW = 106.17 g/mole; mp = $12\text{--}13^\circ\text{C}$; bp = 138°C ; $\rho = 0.861\text{ g/cm}^3$
- Supplier and stated purity: Alfa Aesar, 99% (Lot # N01E032)
- Temperature of sample: 26°C ($\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$)
- Individual samples were measured at the following path lengths: MIR: 6.61, 9.77, 14.9, 18.7, 25.4, 61.9, 153, 258 and $502\text{ }\mu\text{m}$; NIR: 154, 259, 503, 1018 and $3029\text{ }\mu\text{m}$. Final data are a composite of these spectra.
- Sample cell window material is potassium bromide (KBr) except the 1018 (NIR) cell windows were potassium chloride (KCl).
- Preparation: None.

NIR Instrument Parameters:

- Bruker Vertex 70, purged with UHP nitrogen
- Spectral range: $10,000\text{ to }3,000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ (1.0 to 3.33 microns)
- NIR source: Quartz tungsten bulb
- Beamsplitter: Broadband Potassium bromide (KBr)
- Detector: DLTGS at room temperature
- Aperture: 3 mm
- Folding limits: $15801\text{ to }0\text{ cm}^{-1}$

MIR Instrument Parameters:

- Tensor 27, purged with UHP nitrogen
- Spectral range: $7800\text{ to }400\text{ cm}^{-1}$ (1.282 to 25 microns)
- IR source: Silicon carbide glow bar
- Beamsplitter: Broadband Potassium bromide (KBr)
- Detector: DLTGS at room temperature
- Aperture: 3 mm
- Folding limits: $15802\text{ to }0\text{ cm}^{-1}$

NIR/MIR Instrument Parameters:

- Instrument resolution: 2.0 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 cm^{-1}

a)



b)



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

Measured Refractive Index:

The refractive index for *p*-Xylene was measured at 25 °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 nm. The temperature was controlled to match that in the sample compartment of the FTIR using a heated circulating bath.

480 nm: $n = 1.5044$	486 nm: $n = 1.5036$	546 nm: $n = 1.4961$
589 nm: $n = 1.4923$	644 nm: $n = 1.4886$	656 nm: $n = 1.4880$
1550 nm: $n = 1.4657$		

The refractive index, n , vs. wavelength in microns, λ , 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 *p*-Xylene, the results were

$$\begin{aligned} n(7800\text{ cm}^{-1}) &= 1.4683 \text{ at } 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \text{ for MIR data and} \\ n(10,000\text{ cm}^{-1}) &= 1.4732 \text{ at } 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \text{ for NIR and merged data.} \end{aligned}$$

Post Processing and Related Parameters:

For the MIR, a composite spectrum was created from 9 absorbance spectra (base-10) taken at 9 path lengths: 6.61, 9.77, 14.9, 18.7, 25.4, 61.9, 153, 258 and 502 micrometers (μm). For the NIR, a composite spectrum was created from 5 absorbance spectra (base-10) taken at 5 path lengths: 154, 259, 503, 1018 and 3029 μm . The same cells for the ~ 100 , 200 and 500 μm path lengths were used for both spectral ranges. 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 windows and the measured refractive index at 7800 cm^{-1} for the MIR data and $10,000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ for the NIR data.
- 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 ≥ 2.5 are given zero weight. For the MIR, five composite vectors were created and merged by hand.
 - a) The first k vector used the results from the 153 through 502 μm cells. This k vector determined the final values for the range from 7800 to 3580 cm^{-1} .
 - b) The second k vector used the results from the 7 and 15 through 153 μm cells. This k vector determined the final values for the range from 3580 to 2680 cm^{-1} .
 - c) The third k vector used the results from the 25 through 502 μm cells. This k vector determined the final values for the range from 2680 to 1560 cm^{-1} .
 - d) The fourth k vector used the results from the 10 through 502 μm cells. This k vector determined the final values for the range from 1560 to 450 cm^{-1} .
 - e) The fifth k vector used the results from the 25 through 502 μm cells. This k vector determined the final values for the range from 450 to 400 cm^{-1} .
 - f) Note that the $6.61\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ cell had some impurity at 1758 and 1220 cm^{-1} that was not present in the other spectra; this spectral region was excluded in the processing.
- 3) A frequency correction was applied to the resulting composite MIR k vector.
 - a) Frequency correction (already applied): $\tilde{\nu}(\text{corrected}) = [\tilde{\nu}(\text{instrument}) * .999848 + .010722]$ as determined by comparing measured atmospheric spectral lines (H_2O and CO_2) to values from the Northwest Infrared Spectral Library Database.
- 4) For the NIR, two composite vectors were created and merged by hand.
 - a) The first k vector used the results from the 3029 μm cell. This k vector determined the final values for the range from 10000 to 8000 cm^{-1} .
 - b) The second k vector used the results from the 154 through 3029 μm cells. This k vector determined the final values for the range from 8000 to 400 cm^{-1} .
- 5) A frequency correction was applied to the resulting composite NIR k vector.
 - a) Frequency correction (already applied): $\tilde{\nu}(\text{corrected}) = [\tilde{\nu}(\text{instrument}) * .999869 + .0158818]$ as determined by comparing measured atmospheric spectral lines (H_2O and 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 5534 cm^{-1} , and only the MIR data were used below 4710 cm^{-1} . A weighted average, with the weight of the MIR vector increasing linearly from 0 to 100% between 5534 and 4710 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."

Photograph of Sample *p*-Xylene:



Figure 2: *p*-Xylene in Alfa Aesar container.