

MEASUREMENTS OF HIGH-TEMPERATURE ABSORPTION SPECTRA OF DIMETHYL ETHER AND DIETHYL ETHER BETWEEN 950 AND 1190 cm^{-1} AND THEIR DIRECT PYROLYSIS STUDY IN A SHOCK TUBE

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Laser absorption spectroscopy has been proved to be a powerful diagnostic tool for high enthalpic systems like exoplanets, combustion applications and hypersonic flows. But there is a scarcity of high-temperature absorption data, especially for large molecules due to technical challenges like limited availability of optical materials necessary to withstand high temperatures. Furthermore, generating a chemically stable, homogeneous and steady gas state for a sufficient duration to carry out such high-temperature measurements is rather complicated and most experimental approaches satisfy only a few of these requirements. In this work, we present measurements of temperature-dependent absorption cross-section between 950-1190 cm^{-1} of dimethyl ether (DME) and diethyl ether (DEE) and their direct pyrolysis study. The methodology employed here consists of rapid tuning, wide range/fixed wavelength MIRcat-QT laser in conjugation with shock tube. The spectral measurements are performed between 600-900 K, at around 1.2 bar. The measured IR absorption spectra are the first experimental measurements of high-temperature spectra of these species and show strong temperature dependence. For the first time absorption cross-section correlation has been provided for a wide range of spectra over a wide range of temperatures. These measured spectra have provided a significant idea about the trend in spectra at elevated temperatures and helped in the selection of promising wavelengths for sensitive detection. DME and DEE pyrolysis studies are performed at 1121.7 cm^{-1} and 1115 cm^{-1} respectively by providing the marginal temperature dependence absorption cross-section correlations.