LINE MIXING EFFECTS IN THE ν_2+ν_3 BAND OF METHANE.

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This study provides the first experimental measurements of line mixing via the off diagonal relaxation matrix element formalism in air-broadened methane spectra for any vibrational band and the first off diagonal relaxation matrix elements associated with line mixing for pure methane in the ν_2+ν_3 band of $^{12}CH_4$. A speed-dependent Voigt profile with line mixing is used with a multispectrum nonlinear least squares curve fitting technique.[a] The off diagonal relaxation matrix element coefficients of eighteen pairs of ν_2+ν_3 transitions between 4410 and 4629 cm^{-1} have been determined. The measured self-line mixing coefficients vary from 0.0019 to 0.0390 cm^{-1}atm^{-1} at 296 K, and for air line mixing coefficients vary between 0.0005 and 0.0205 cm^{-1}atm^{-1} at 296 K. The spectral data used in the analysis were recorded at a resolution of 0.01-cm^{-1} using the McMath-Pierce Fourier transform spectrometer located at the National Solar Observatory on Kitt Peak, Arizona.

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