

Challenges and opportunities for photonic sensing of key atmospheric short-lived species

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Summary



Motivation









Challenges

No commercially available instruments for direct concentration measurements. All routine measurements are based on *chemical conversion* + *measurements with IC, FL, CL, LOPAP, HPLC*.

Main problem : *chemical interference* due to sample preparation (such as *species separation, trapping, chemical conversion, ionization, pre-concentration*, etc.) and *analytical artifacts*

Photonic sensing => non-intrusive measurements with *fast time* response, high specificity without additional sample preparation

- \mathcal{O} Ultralow concentration : ppb (10⁻⁹) ppq (10⁻¹⁵);
- Very short lifetime : down to seconds;
- Free of chemical interference;

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- No standard gas reference available for validation and calibration;
- No spectral data available in the common databases (HITRAN, ..)

High performance probing source-detector & sensitive sensing scheme

Lab. production of sample & Intercomparison campaigns

CW mid-Infrared Lasers (fdt ro-vibration)

DFB Quantum Cascade Lasers (QCL) : 4 - 16 μm CW output power : 10 mW to > 1 W (@ TEC) Limited spectral coverage : < 10 cm⁻¹

Interband Cascade Lasers (ICL) : 3 - 6 µm

External cavity QCL : 4.4 - 10.5 µm CW output power : > 70 mW Wide spectral coverage : > 30 cm⁻¹ up to ~ 400 cm⁻¹

Quantum well DFB lasers : 2.9 – 3.5 µm CW output power : > 1 mW Limited spectral coverage : < 10 cm⁻¹







Multi-chip laser sources : 6-13 µm / 3 chips in pulsed operation



Optical parametrical sources: DFG, OPO (powerful tool for lab. study

Broadband light sources

Sources	Xenon arc lamp	Light Emitting	g Diode (LED)	Superconituum (white light)
Spectral Range	185 – 2000 nm	350 – 1550 nm	3 – 7 μm	400 – 2200 nm
Linewidth (FWHM)	180 – 2000 nm	~ 20 nm (UV) > 100 nm (VIS)	0.4 – 2 μm (0.1 - 0.2 λ _{max})	400 – 2200 nm
Beam Quality	Black body emission in all direction*	Vieing half angle $ heta_{1/2}$ = \pm (7-70) $^\circ$	≤ 40 °	laser-like beam quality (¢2 mm @ 633 nm)
Optical Power Output	35 – 300 W	50 - 1000 mW	10 – 500 μW	6 W
Cooling	Convection cooling	TE cooling	TE cooling	air-cooling
Cost	~ 5000 € (system) **	10 – 60 \$	~ 100 \$	Some tens of k\$

* $\theta_{1/2}$ =0.8°& ϕ 33 mm after collimation; ** ~ 150 € per lamp (75 W)

High sensitivity spectroscopy techniques

(high sensitivity => high Signal to Noise Ratio, SNR)

- ✓ Long optical path length absorption spectroscopy ("S",)
 - Multipass cell => 100-200 m (ppm-ppb)

> Optical cavity (Cavity enhanced spectroscopy : OA-ICOS IBBCEAS, CRDS) => 1-10 km (ppb-ppt)



- Low noise spectroscopic detection approaches ("N" \)
 - 1) Light modulation-phase sensitive detection methods:
 - Frequency / Wavelength Modulation Spectroscopy (FMS / (WMS)=> BG free

2) Indirect measurements (of absorption induced physical parameter from which the absorber concentration can be inferred)

- > CRDS => BG free
- Photoacoustic spectroscopy (PAS / QEPAS) => BG free
- Faraday rotation spectroscopy (FRS) >> BG free

Spectral manipulation : Lineshape fits using Voigt and Galatry profiles for integrated area determination



Spectral manipulation : « Fourier filtering »

for cancellation of the oscillation structure in baseline



Spectral manipulation : Improvement in measurement precision



Left panel : Before (left panel) and after (right panel) spectral manipulation

up to 3-fold reduction in standard deviation

Spectral manipulation : « Kalman filtering »

Kalman filtering, originally developed by R.E. Kalman for aerospace navigation applications (*J. Basic Eng.* **82** (1960) 35), uses a recursive procedure for "true value" prediction based on the previously determined value : filtering out the shot-to-shot real-time noise while following the true variation in measured physical quantity.



Time series of the δ -value for ¹⁸O, ¹⁷O and ²H in water



Raw measurement of the δ -value for ¹⁸O, ¹⁷O, ²H (black dots, in 1-s), the corresponding Kalman filter output (red lines, q=150 in 1-s), and the averaged value of 30 δ values (blue dots, in 30-s).

Kalman filtering : high measurement precision while keeping a fast system response, not affecting the mean value of the data.

Ref. T. Wu, W. Chen et al, Opt. Lett. **35** (2010) 634-636

Photonic sensing by IR lasers

ICOS – FSR – Multipass cell

OH radical concentration measurements

Lifetimes : ~ 1 s in clean air

< 1 s in polluted environment

Typical concentration : $10^5 - 10^7 \text{ OH/cm}^3$ or 0.01-1 ppt @ STP

✓ primary "cleansing agent" removing pollutants in the atmosphere

 \checkmark initiating reactions leading to the production of O₃

 \checkmark effecting on the formation of aerosol

Current OH sensing technologies

Spectroscopic methods currently used for measurements of OH :

- Long-path Differential Optical Absorption Spectroscopy (DOAS)
- > Laser induced Fluorescence Assay by Gas Expansion (FAGE)



*sensitive to visibility conditions *low spectral & spatial resolution



* Local point concentration

* Large size

OH radical monitoring

Needs of compact instrument for self-calibration, direct concentration assessment with high spatial resolution & fast temporal response

WMS enhanced OA-ICOS @ 1434 nm (WMS lowering noise / cavity enhancing signal)



FRS @ 2.8 µm (shot noise dominated detection)



Production & calibration of OH radicals

The OH free radical was produced by microwave (MW) discharge in water vapor. The generated OH concentration was determined with the help of wavelength modulation spectrum using a close-by H_2O absorption line.



OH radical monitoring by

WMS enhanced OA-ICOS @ 1434 nm (WMS lowering noise / cavity enhancing signal)



Cavity Enhanced Absorption Spectroscopy (CEAS)





$R(\lambda)$ can be determined by measuring :

➤ absorber with known concentration [Environ. Sci. Technol. 40 (2006) 6758];

➢ Rayleigh scattering difference of two species (e.g. He and Zero air) [Atmos. Chem. Phys. 8 (2008)7779];

calibrated low-loss of an optical substrate [Appl. Opt. 48 (2009) B159];

> phase shift CRDS [Rev. Sci. Instrum. **79** (2008) 123110] ;



Time (s)

OH radical monitoring by

FRS @ 2.8 µm (shot noise dominated detection)



Faraday Rotation Spectroscopy (FRS)

The FRS relies on the particular magneto-optic effect observed for paramagnetic species (OH, HO₂, CH₂O, NO, O₂, NO₂, etc.) : Interaction of incident laser beam with the paramagnetic species under a magnetic field results in a rotation of the polarization plane of a linearly polarized laser beam => FRS signal $P(\phi)$

The FRS signal depends on :

- ✓ Molecular line strength, S
- ✓ Optical path length, L
- ✓ The rotational gyromagnetic ratio g-factor, g
- ✓ Magnetic field strength, B
- ✓ Molecule concentration, C

$$P(\varphi) = \frac{P_0}{2} (1 - \cos 2\varphi + R_\Delta L \sin 2\varphi)$$

and $R_{A} = k_{0}(n_{+} - n_{-})$, responsible for creation of the FRS signal*

FRS signal φ the analyzer offset angle Analyzer Polarizer Cell Laser

Paramagnetic species

Merits of FRS

FRS strongly enhances the detection sensitivity and selectivity:

 \Rightarrow Detection of Faraday rotation effect provides selectivity to paramagnetic species. No interference from diamagnetic species (CO₂, H₂O) in the atmosphere ;

 \Rightarrow Two nearly crossed polarizers with high extinction ratio provide significant reduction of the laser source noise ;

 \Rightarrow Internal sample modulation through molecular Zeeman energy split provides excellent suppression of all external noise (like stray modulation and most importantly interference fringes).

OH monitoring by FRS @ 2.8 µm



Zhao et al., Opt. Express 19 (2011) 2493-2501 & Appl. Phys. B 109 (2012) 511-519

RT DFB diode laser at 2.8 µm (nanoplus GmbH)

- Single-mode tuning range : ~ 5 cm⁻¹
- CW laser emission power : ~ 2 mW
- > λ -tuning coefficients: 0.05 nm/mA & 0.25 nm/K

Polarizers : high extinction ratio of $\xi < 5 \times 10^{-6}$

Solenoid : 25 cm long, operating in AC mode at a resonant frequency of 1.302 kHz, with a magnetic field of B \sim 95 Gauss_{rms}



Shot-noise dominated detection of OH radical

System noise $N_{tot}(\varphi) = \sqrt{N_0^2 + N_1^2(\sin^2(\varphi) + \xi) + N_2^2(\sin^2(\varphi) + \xi)^2}$

- The shot noise N_1 = 4.897 ± 0.292 µV Hz^{-1/2}

- The laser noise N_2 = 3.298 ± 1.152 µV Hz^{-1/2}

- The detection system noise $N_0 = 0.433 \pm 0.019 \ \mu V \ Hz^{-1/2}$



- The total noise at φ_{opt} = 6°:
 0.78 μV Hz^{-1/2}
- Operation at ~ 2× theoretical shot-noise of 0.38 μV/Hz^{1/2}
- A minimum detectable Faraday rotation angle:

 $1.39 \times 10^{-7} \text{ rad Hz}^{-1/2}$

• System noise is shotnoise predominated

OH monitoring by FRS







Point-by-point frequency tuning mode

1 σ MDL : 8.2×10⁸ OH/cm³ in a 25-cm long single pass cell (lock-in time =100 ms)

Fast scanning mode

1 σ MDL : ~ 5.5×10⁸ OH/cm³ in a 25-cm long single pass cell. (Scan rate : 15 Hz & average time : 50 s)

The prototype instrument shows high potential for field applications: compact, self-calibration, direct concentration assessment. Longer absorption pathlength approach to be implemented to lower the minimum detection limit (~ 10⁶ OH/cm³).



HONO detection

Lifetimes: ~ a few minutes Environment: ~ ppbv / indoor: ~10 ppbv / in car: tens of ppbv

HONO is a very important source of the OH radical. Recent researches show that the photolysis of HONO accounts for up to 60% of the integrated OH radical source strengths (*Nature* <u>440</u> (2006) 195-198). Modeled HONO concentrations are often significantly below field observed values, which suggest a large missing source of HONO (*Science* <u>333</u> (2011) 1616-1618)

Campaigns: PRIDE-PRD 2004 (China), BEARPEX 2007 (California), DOMINO 2008 (Spain), CINDI 2009 (The Netherlands), SHARP 2009 (Houston), CalNex 2010 (California), FIONA 2010 (Spain),

Needs to better understand the contribution of HONO to the atmospheric photochemical processes and the OH budget

Quantitative analyses of HONO

Accurate and precise *in situ* assessment of HONO concentration is hence highly desirable. Quantitative analysis of HONO is usually made **in the aqueous phase** after wet chemical conversion or **in the gas phase** using spectroscopic techniques.

Chemical instruments (denuder, mist chamber or stripping coil + IC, FL, CL, LOPAP, HPLC) : typically cheap, easy to use and very sensitive (down to ~ pptv) with a time resolution of minutes to hours. Unquantified chemical interferences and sampling induced artifacts. Validation and calibration of chemical instruments against spectroscopic instruments are of paramount importance.

Spectroscopic instruments (TDLS, IBBCEA, DOAS) : free of sampling artifacts & chemical interference, self-calibration.

HONO generation & quantification



QCL-based HONO Sensor









Sensing by Light Emitting Diodes (LED)







HONO, NO₂ & NO₃ radical monitoring

Structured absorptions in the visible and UV spectral region (fdl electronic transition)



Strong and structured broadband molecular absorptions in the VIS and UV regions, arising from the fdl electronic transition, allow for high sensitivity detection of multiple key atmospheric species at the ppbv-pptv levels.

Sensitive spectroscopic approaches in the VIS and UV

Differential Optical Absorption Spectroscopy (DOAS)

✓ Long pathlength absorption (~ km)

 \checkmark Using broadband light for multiple species detection

✓ Low spatial resolution - Cumbersome ($L_{Base} \sim km$)

Cavity Ringdown Spectroscopy (CRDS)

✓ Cavity enhanced long effective pathlength (~ km)

✓ High spatial resolution - Compact ($L_{Base} \sim m$)

✓ Narrow laser spectral coverage, limited for multi-species detection

Broadband Cavity Enhanced Spectroscopy (BBCEAS)

Cavity enhance (high spatial resolution for reactive species) :

=> Long effective pathlength (~ km) & Compact (L_{Base} ~ m)

Broadband light => Simultaneous multi-species measurement



Simultaneous concentration retrieval of multiple species

Nonlinear least-square fitting based on the Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm



Simultaneous measurement of HONO and NO₂ (using multivariate fit of ref. σ to exp. spectrum) $\frac{1-R(\lambda)}{d} \left(\frac{I_0(\lambda)}{I(\lambda)} - \right)$ $-1 = n_{HONO} \sigma(\lambda)_{HONO} + n_{NO2} \sigma(\lambda)_{NO2} + a_0 + a_1 \lambda + a_2 \lambda^2$ **Ref**. σ(λ) **Baseline Exp. spectrum** HONO : 3.0 ± 0.3 ppb 5.2 NO.: 22.2 ± 0.6 ppb 5.0 NO2 (Burrows 1998) 6.00x10⁻¹⁹ section 4.50x10⁻¹⁹ (c) Cross HONO (Stutz 2000) 4.0x10⁻¹⁹ 2.0x10⁻¹⁹ 0.0 0.2 0.1 0.0 -0.1 Residua -0.2 358 360 362 364 366 368 370 372 376 374 Wavelength (nm)

Determination of the cavity mirrors' reflectivity: $R(\lambda)$



By using measured absorption spectra of 100 ppbv NO₂ (generated with a gas dilution calibrator, Sabio instruments) and pure O₂, the max. cavity mirror's reflectivity was determined to be ~0.99916, which corresponded to an effective pathlength of ~2.1 km (based on a cavity length of L=1.76 m).

Applications

 \succ Field observation of HONO & NO₂ in sub-

urban @ 356 nm



NO₂ & NO₃ radical monitoring for kinetic study in smog chamber @ 660 nm

1) Field application in a Hong Kong Campaign

Hong Kong Polytechnic University & Environmental Protection Department of Hong Kong



Long-term background site on south-eastern Hong Kong Island (since 1993)



HONO : IBBCEAS vs. LOPAP (HONO converted into color azo dye & det. in long path abs.) NO₂ : IBBCEAS vs. BL-NOx analyzer





Detection sensitivity 1σ detection limits (120 s) : HONO: 300 pptv NO_2 : 1 ppbv Precision: < 10%

Time (12-14 May) Chen et al., SPIE Newsroom (2013) DOI: 10.1117/2.1201301.004689

Time series of HONO and NO_2 concentrations measured by IBBCEAS, LOPAP and blue light (BL) based NOx analyzer at the TC site on 12-14th May 2012.

Field observation of HONO concentration variation



2) Monitoring NO₃ & NO₂ in a smog chamber

The most important nighttime oxidant with lifetimes: in seconds in daytime & in minutes in nighttime / Typical concentration : 5-400 ppt



2 m X 2 m X 2 m in plexiglas, illuminated with 10 fluorescence tubes (400–800 nm, 40 W).





Real time monitoring photochemical processes in smog chamber



Temporal profiles of NO₃, NO₂ and O₃ concentrations measured by **IBBCEAS** (red) for kinetic study of the $NO_3 + NO_2 \leftrightarrow N_2O_5$ system to determine reaction rate constants

$$\frac{d [\text{NO}_2]}{dt} = -k_1 [\text{NO}_2] [\text{O}_3] - k_2 [\text{NO}_2] [\text{NO}_3] + k_3 [\text{N}_2\text{O}_5],
\frac{d [\text{NO}_3]}{dt} = k_1 [\text{NO}_2] [\text{O}_3] - k_2 [\text{NO}_2] [\text{NO}_3] + k_3 [\text{N}_2\text{O}_5] - k_4 [\text{NO}_3],
\frac{d [\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]}{dt} = k_2 [\text{NO}_2] [\text{NO}_3] - k_3 [\text{N}_2\text{O}_5].$$

Wu et al., EST (2013)



 $^{(c)}$ Calculated from the ratio (k_2/k_2) of the Atkinson's recommended values at 296 K.

^(d) These rate constants are chamber dependent (on the size and the material of the chamber).



^(a) Recommended value at 296 K, Atkinson et al., 2004 (IUPAC-web version, 2004).

^(b) Recommended value at 298 K (Cantrell et al., 1993).

^(c) Calculated from the ratio (k_2/k_2) of the Atkinson's recommended values at 296 K.

^(d) These rate constants are chamber dependent (on the size and the material of the chamber).

Summary

Contrary to long-lived species such as GHG, monitoring of strongly reactive short-lived species (concentration, flux, vertical profile) represent a real challenge in terms of sensitivity, accuracy, precision, time response, interference from sampling / analytical artifacts, calibration,

Very low-cost UV-VIS LED sources permits multiple species quantification with high sensitivity

Mid-IR LASER offers the unique advantage of *real time spectroscopic analysis of the isotopic composition* of the key atmospheric species, which is crucial for study of the *origin, evolution* and *dispersion* of these chemical species in the atmosphere for well understanding tropospheric process.



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Infrared Emission and Detection:



Interband and inter-subband physics/modeling, material growth and characterization, and device processing. Novel architectures. Non-linear technologies. Radiation effects. Systems components.

Infrared Integrated Systems:

Monolithic and heterogeneous integration of lasers, detectors, and passive components.



Scene illumination, standoff chemical-specific imaging, environmental monitoring, LIDAR, free-space communication.

Infrared Applications of Infrared Emission / Detection:



Applications of infrared detectors and lasers.

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