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COLLISION-INDUCED LIGHT SCATTERING

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We consider here a new type of light scattering in gases and liquids which arises as a result of molecular collisions. Because of the distortion of the electronic structure during collision, the polarizability of colliding molecules is not the sum of the individual polarizabilities. For binary collisions, this incremental polarizability scatters light into a broad frequency band whose width is controlled by the duration of collision and whose intensity varies as the square of the density. Such scattering can be viewed as Rayleigh scattering by the collision-induced polarizability, or as Raman scattering involving a change in the translational state of the relative kinetic energy of a pair of colliding molecules. Our purpose is to derive a simple analytic expression for the spectrum of scattered light which provides a framework for discussing the nature of the effect, to consider what systems are most suitable for observation, and to indicate experiments in which the effect may have been seen although not clearly recognized as such.

Following our previous work in collisioninduced absorption,¹ we (1) consider binary collisions, (2) assume straight line paths, and (3) assume the variation of the incremental polarizability with interatomic separation to be of the form

$$\alpha(r) = A_1 \exp(-\gamma_1^2 r^2), \qquad (1)$$

$$\beta(r) = A_2(\gamma_2 r)^2 \exp(-\gamma_2^2 r^2), \qquad (2)$$

where $\alpha(r)$ and $\beta(r)$ are, respectively, the spher-

ical and anisotropic parts of the induced polarizability, defined in the usual way in terms of $\alpha_{\parallel}(r)$ and $\alpha_{\perp}(r)$. These equations exhibit the proper asymptotic behavior: (1) $\alpha(r) \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$, and $\alpha(r)$ assumes a finite limit as $r \rightarrow 0$; and (2) $\beta(r) \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$, and $\beta(r) \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow 0$ by reason of the spherical symmetry of the united atom.²

Assuming a plane-polarized incident light beam with an electric vector, $\vec{E} = \vec{1}E_0 \cos[\omega_0 \times (t-zc^{-1})]$, we apply classical radiation theory³ to compute the energy spectrum of the light scattered by the induced dipole moments, which are proportional to $\alpha(r)$ and $\beta(r)$, during a single collision. The assumptions stated above mean that the energy pulses dominantly have a Gaussian envelope in time. Multiplication by the collision rate⁴ and integration over the relative velocity and impact parameter then yields the power spectrum of the scattered light. For the noble gases, it is found to be the sum of two contributions:

$$\frac{d^{2}J_{\kappa}^{(1)}}{d\Omega d\omega} = \frac{2A_{1}^{2}N_{0}^{2}}{c^{4}V_{0}^{2}} \left(\frac{\pi kT}{2m}\right)^{3/2} \times x_{1}^{4}P_{\kappa}^{(2)}(|x_{2}-x_{02}|)$$
(3)

due to the spherical term $\alpha(r)$ and

$$\frac{d^{2}J_{\kappa}^{(2)}}{d\Omega d\omega} = \frac{2A_{2}^{2}N_{0}^{2}}{15c^{4}V_{0}^{2}} \left(\frac{\pi kT}{2m}\right)^{3/2} \times x_{2}^{4}P_{\kappa}^{(2)}(|x_{2}-x_{02}|)$$
(4)

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due to the anisotropy $\beta(r)$. The quantity $d^2 J_{\mu}(i)/dr$ $d\Omega d\omega$ is the scattered power per unit volume per unit solid angle (Ω) per unit frequency interval (ω) per unit incident intensity per unit density squared (density in amagats), polarized with the electric vector in the direction κ (κ =x, y, or z). N_0 is Avogadro's number, V_0 is the mol volume, c is the speed of light, kis Boltzmann's constant, T is the absolute temperature, m is the reduced mass of an atomic pair, and the x's are reduced frequency variables defined by $x_i = (\omega/\gamma_i)(m/kT)^{1/2}$ and $x_{0i} = (\omega_0/\gamma_i)(m/kT)^{1/2}$ (i = 1, 2). The P's contain the dependence of the intensity upon the scattering angle, which is the same as that for vibrational Raman scattering by diatomic molecules. For the direction along the magnetic vector of the incident beam, we find

$$P_{x}^{(1)} = Q_{1}, \quad P_{y}^{(1)} = 0, \quad P_{z}^{(1)} = 0,$$
 (5)

$$P_{\chi}^{(2)} = Q_{2}, \quad P_{y}^{(2)} = 0, \quad P_{z}^{(2)} = \frac{3}{4}Q_{2}, \quad (6)$$

where

$$Q_1(x) = xK_1(x),$$
 (7)

$$Q_2(x) = x \left\{ (1 + x^2/384) K_1(x) + \frac{1}{6} x K_0(x) \right\}, \tag{8}$$

and K_0, K_1 are modified Bessel functions of the second kind. Equations (3) and (4) above neglect additional terms involving $P_K(i)(x_i + x_{0i})$, which are extremely small at optical frequencies. Thus, scattering due to $\beta(r)$ has a component which is z polarized, while that due to $\alpha(r)$ does not, so that their contributions can be separated by observations in different polarizations. Since for $x \gg 1$, $K_n(x) \sim (\pi/2x)^{1/2}$ $\times \exp(-x)$, these equations predict that the scattered intensity should fall off exponentially in the wings. The shapes of the spectra are plotted semilogarithmically in Fig. 1.

The depolarization ratio \mathfrak{D} , defined⁵ as the ratio of the *z*-polarized intensity to the *x*-polarized intensity, is given by

$$\mathfrak{D} = \frac{3}{4} \frac{A_2^2 x_2^4 Q_2}{15 A_1^2 x_1^4 Q_1 + A_2^2 x_2^4 Q_2}.$$
(9)

The frequency-dependent behavior of \mathfrak{D} is plotted in Fig. 2 for the case $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2$ and $A_1 = A_2$ which appears to be a reasonable guess from the calculations in Ref. 2. Except for a region of slight curvature near $\omega = \omega_0$, \mathfrak{D} increases linearly with $\Delta = |\omega_0 - \omega|$ well out into the wings of the spectrum.⁶

To determine whether collision-induced scat-



FIG. 1. Scattered intensity along the magnetic vector of the incident light wave, according to Eqs. (3)-(8) of the text. The constants used are $A_1 = A_2 = 2.1 \times 10^{-24}$ cm³, $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.67 \times 10^8$ cm⁻¹, $T = 300^{\circ}$ K, $m = 3.316 \times 10^{-23}$ g (Ar), $x_{01} = x_{02} = 744.9$ (argon ion laser λ 4880 Å). Curves 1 and 2 correspond to i = 1 and i = 2, respectively.

tering is observable, we integrate Eq. (3) over all frequencies and sum over all polarizations to obtain

$$\sum_{\kappa} \frac{dJ_{\kappa}^{(1)}}{d\Omega} = \frac{\gamma_1 A_1^{2N} 0^{2E} 0^2}{4v_0^2 c^3} \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{kT}{m}\right)^2 x_0^4, \quad (10)$$

and compare this with the integrated intensity due to the usual Rayleigh scattering. For lack of more specific information we take γ_1 = 0.67 Å⁻¹, the average value of γ deduced from collision-induced absorption at 295°K for He-Ar and Ne-Ar gas mixtures.^{1,7} The factor A_1



FIG. 2. Depolarization ratio for collision-induced scattering versus frequency shift. The constants assumed are the same as for Fig. 1.

may be related to the second dielectric virial coefficient, B,⁸ by using⁹

$$B = \frac{8\pi^2}{3} \int_0^\infty \alpha(r) \exp[-V(r)/kT] r^2 dr.$$
 (11)

Setting the intermolecular potential V(r) equal to zero, which is consistent with the assumption of straight line trajectories, and again using Eq. (1), we find that

$$B = 2A_1 \pi^{5/2} / 3\gamma_1^3. \tag{12}$$

From the experimental value¹⁰ $B(Ar) = 2.6 \text{ cm}^6$ mole⁻², Eq. (12) gives $A_1(Ar) = 2.1 \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^3$, and we find that at a density ρ of 100 amagats the integrated collision-induced scattering (which varies as ρ^2) is weaker than the Rayleigh scattering (which varies as ρ) by about a factor of 100. This value is similar to the ratio of the intensity of vibrational Raman lines to the Rayleigh scattering by typical diatomic molecules.¹¹ In the same way, we estimate that for Kr, where the second dielectric virial coefficient is much larger,¹⁰ i.e., $B = 5.6 \text{ cm}^6$ mole⁻², that at a density of 100 amagats the integrated collision-induced scattering is weaker than the Rayleigh scattering by only about a factor of 2. Similarly for neon and especially for helium the effect should be very small; in the latter case it may be unobservable. Thus, particularly in the case of Kr, a detailed examination of the spectrum produced by collision-induced scattering should be possible.

Although we have been considering noble gases, it is clear that collision-induced scattering is a general phenomenon and should occur for all molecules and in liquids as well as in gases. We mention several recent experiments where the data suggest the presence of collision-induced scattering in molecular liquids. (1) Recently, Shapiro and Broida¹² studied Rayleigh scattering in liquid CS₂ as a function of a frequency as far as 160 cm^{-1} away from the exciting line and found a higher intensity than given by theories predicting a Lorentzian line shape. We find that their data correspond to an exponential line shape in the deep wings. which agrees with the predictions of our equations. (2) Rayleigh scattering up to 110 cm^{-1} from the excitation frequency has been observed in liquid C_6H_6 , CHCl₃, and CCl₄,¹³ which all show the exponential behavior. (3) Murphy, Evans, and Bender¹⁴ measured the depolarization ratio for the Raman line of CCl₄ arising from the totally symmetric vibration to

be 0.0039. For spherical molecules acting as independent scattering centers, the depolarization ratio for such a line should be zero. Using Fig. 2 as a rough guess, and including also the Rayleigh scattering seen in the experiment, we can account for the observed depolarization.

Other experiments could be cited which provide evidence for the effect discussed here. It seems appropriate now, however, to focus attention on the simplest systems, i.e., the rare gases where it would appear that scattering at frequencies well removed from the exciting frequency can be due only to the effect we have discussed. When seen, experimental study of such scattering, coupled with theoretical analyses which incorporate the effect of intermolecular forces, should provide new information about such forces and collision dynamics.

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