No. 165 ARIZONA-NASA ATLAS OF THE INFRARED SOLAR SPECTRUM, REPORT IX

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we give the solar spectrum $\lambda\lambda$ 25583-30920 Å as obtained from the NASA CV-990 Jet. A laboratory spectrum of the 2.7 μ H₂O bands is included; Courtoy's laboratory spectrum of the 2.7 μ CO₂ bands is given.

In the summer of 1968 two LPL spectrometers recorded the solar spectrum from the NASA CV 990 Jet at high altitude. This paper concludes the preliminary reports on the solar spectrum as obtained with the LPL 4-m spectrometer. Previous reports were published as *Comm. LPL* Nos. 123, 124, 160, 161, 163, 164. The present report gives the solar spectrum $\lambda\lambda$ 25583-30920 Å; in a great part of the interval duplicate runs were available. The observing data are listed in Table I, pp. 142–43.

The wavelength scale is based on the wavelengths of water vapor lines as given by Plyler and Tidwell (1957) and by Gates *et al.* (1964); the wavelengths of CO_2 lines as given by Courtoy (1959); the wavelengths of N₂O as given by Tidwell, Plyler and Benedict (1960). For the conversion of wavenumbers to wavelengths, Coleman's *Table of Wavenumbers* (NBS 1960) was used. Inaccuracy in the wavelength scale is caused by a periodic and a small random error in the dispersion, and by small inconsistencies in the above mentioned sources of wavelengths. The wavelength scale of Figs. 18-20 (Charts 67-69) had to be interpolated between the few water vapor absorptions, of which the wavelengths were taken from Gates et al. (1964).* The positions of solar CO lines were calculated from the constants given by Goldberg and Müller (1953). The CO lines are indicated with an asterisk above the spectral traces. Atmospheric absorptions by H₂O, N₂O, and CO_2 are indicated by a dot, the symbol \diamondsuit , and a vertical line, respectively, all above the spectral trace. We tried to separate the several CO_2 bands in this region by placing the vertical lines at different levels and giving them a different appearance. In doing this we consulted Courtoy's spectrum of CO₂, herein reproduced in Figs. 29 and 30.

Several runs of the water vapor spectrum at 2.7 μ were made, with different amounts of gas. In Figs. 21–28 we reproduce a spectrum with medium-strong absorptions. It shows the weak lines while the strong lines are saturated and their fine structure is not visible, contrary to the solar spectra. Some unidentified lines in the solar spectra may still be telluric.

^{*}Identification of solar lines on these charts were obtained from Migeotte, et al (1956).

The solar spectra were obtained in the NASA CV-990 by Messrs. Kuiper and Cruikshank. The derivation of the wavelength scale and the identifications were all performed by Mr. Bijl, who also obtained the laboratory spectra of the 2.7 μ H₂O bands and prepared the charts for publication.

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Fig. 29 Laboratory spectrum of CO_2 by C. P. Courtoy. Scales in wavenumbers. Arrows indicate corresponding parts of solar records. (Reproduced with permission).



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