

BrightSpec Discovery MRR Spectrometer

for Education and Fundamental Research



Molecular Rotational Resonance (MRR) spectroscopy is a powerful tool for the investigation of chemical structure in the vapor phase. The BrightSpec Discovery MRR spectrometer is a benchtop instrument capable of performing high-resolution MRR measurements on low-pressure gas phase samples. The reconfigurable form factor allows users to integrate custom sample chambers, including pulsed and CW jet flows, for studies of complexes and transient species. The instrument includes the BrightSpec Edgar software for experiment setup, data visualization and processing, and spectral library comparisons. The instrument usability, capabilities, and cost make it suitable for incorporation into undergraduate teaching curricula.

Teaching Applications:

- -Investigation of molecular structure
- -Modeling of high-resolution rotational spectra
- -Analytical characterization of gas and volatiles mixtures and more

Research Applications: (with user-provided sample cells)

- -Structural investigation of higher-weight molecules (100-250 amu)
- -Characterization of weakly-bound molecular complexes
- -Characterization of transient species
- -Molecular kinetics and dynamics and more

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Specifications

Applications Academic Research

Educational Investigation

Industrial and pharmaceutical impurity monitoring

Measurement Technique Fourier Transform Microwave Spectroscopy

Frequency Range 18-26 GHz

Excitation Source 3-Color BrightSpec Synthesizer Module

Digitizer 125 MS/s 14-bit Digitizer with FPGA Signal Averaging

Repetition Rate Adjustable, 0-98% duty cycle

Number of Signal Averages Up to 4 million

Synchronization to External Devices 4 CMOS-compatible (3.3 V) configurable marker channels

provided

Sampling Options

BrightSpec Standard Sample Cell 65 cm pathlength transmission cell w/turbomolecular pump

Compatible with user provided sample cells: static gas, pulsed and CW jet, Balle-Flygare cavity, waveguide, and

more

Sampling Module Options BrightSpec Air/Gas/Headspace Flow

BrightSpec Headspace Module (with optional autosampler)

Measurement Modes Broadband Scan (Segmented Chirped Pulse method)

Targeted Nutation

Double Resonance

Custom Pulse Sequences

Typical Linewidth (FWHM)

Typical Sensitivity (60 s targeted detection, direct in N₂, with BrightSpec Standard Sample Cell)

Water 1 ppm
Ammonia 1 ppm
Carbonyl Sulfide 8 ppm
Ethylene Oxide 12 ppm
Sulfur Dioxide 20 ppm

Operating Temperature 25 +/- 10°C Humidity Range 20-80% R.H. Noise <70 dB(A) Shipping Weight 146 lbs/66 kg

Power 100-240 VAC, 50/60 Hz, single-phase

Typical <300 W; peak 750 W

