Essentials of Photon Echoes: Mid-IR Photon Echo Spectroscopy on HOD/D₂O as Example

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Hydrogen Bond Coordinate

Outline

- Hydrogen bonding: HOD in D₂O
- Bloch vs. Kubo models
- Two pulse photon echoes: dephasing
- Three pulse photon echoes
 - Population relaxation and spectral diffusion
 - Three pulse echo peak shift measurements (3PEPS)



Hydrogen Bonds in Water and Ice

O-H...O hydrogen bonds between water molecules determine the structure and other physical properties

Water: unordered liquid structure



binding energy 10.7 kJ/mol



Ice: ordered crystal structure





Hydrogen Bonding and IR Spectroscopy

Hadži and Bratos (1976): absorption line positions and shapes

Weak Intermolecular H-Bond



O-H/O-D stretching band

- Red-shift of **n**(X-H) reduced force constant
- Very strong broadening distribution of bond lengths (& angles!) anharmonic coupling to low-frequency modes homogeneous broadening

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Time Scales of Molecular Relaxation Phenomena



Femtosecond Mid-IR Photon Echo Spectroscopy

E.L. Hahn 1950: Spin Echo



- Transient Grating Scattering: $\tau = 0$; scan T.
- 2 Pulse Photon Echo: T = 0; scan τ .
- 3 Pulse Photon Echo: scan τ ; scan T.
- Echo Peak Shift Measurement: determine $\tau_{max}(T)$ where $\partial S_{3PE}/\partial \tau = 0$

Independent Two-Level Systems: Bloch Model

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- $\Delta_h \tau_c >> 1$: static limit

Frequency fluctuation correlation function with finite decay time

2PE Double-Sided Feynman Diagrams: 2-Level System

Rephasing vs. Non-Rephasing Feynman Diagrams

 $\mathsf{P}^{(3)}(t) = \iint \mathsf{R}_{a}(t_{3}, t_{2}, t_{1}) \mathsf{E}_{i}(t - t_{3} - t_{i}) \mathsf{E}_{j}(t - t_{3} - t_{2} - t_{j}) \mathsf{E}_{k}(t - t_{3} - t_{2} - t_{1} - t_{k}) e^{i\omega_{i}(t - t_{3} - t_{j}) + i\omega_{j}(t - t_{3} - t_{2} - t_{j}) + i\omega_{k}(t - t_{3} - t_{2} - t_{1} - t_{k})} dt_{1} dt_{2} dt_{3} dt_{3} dt_{4} dt_{5} dt_{5}$

Rephasing in Echo Experiment I

Fig. 21.7 Schematic drawings describing the echo phenomenon. The upper picture shows the pulse excitation sequence. The lower picture depicts the precession of the pseudo-dipoles in the rotating frame at various times.

Y.R. Shen, The Principles of Nonlinear Optics

Rephasing in Echo Experiment II

E.L. Hahn 1950: Spin Echo

Fig. 9.2 Dephasing and reversal on a race track, leading to coherent rephasing and an "echo" of the starting configuration. [From *Phys. Today*, front cover, November 1953. Reproduced by permission.]

Chirped Four Wave Mixing

Comparison of relative contributions of rephasing and non-rephasing diagrams

K. Duppen, F. de Haan, E. T. J. Nibbering, and D. A. Wiersma Phys. Rev. A **47**, 5120-5137 (1993)

FIG. 5. Delay dependence of the time-integrated signal intensity for four different chirp rates of the optical fields. The chirp rates b are 0.02 THz/fs (dotted curve), 0.2 THz/fs (dashed curve), 2 THz/fs (dot-dashed curve), and 20 THz/fs (solid curve). The system dynamics is as in Fig. 4.

FIG. 7. Nonlinear chirped signal for pulses with a chirp rate b=0.5 THz/fs (solid line). When only diagrams I and II of Fig. 3 are used in the calculation, the dotted line results. Diagrams III and IV of Fig. 3 lead to a signal trace given by the dashed line. The infinities at delay $\tau=0$ fs cancel when the contributions from all diagrams are included in the calculation. The system dynamics is as in Fig. 4.

Electric Field Interactions Order

 $\mathsf{P}^{(3)}(t) = \int \int \int \mathsf{R}_{a}(t_{3}, t_{2}, t_{1}) \mathsf{E}_{i}(t - t_{3} - t_{i}) \mathsf{E}_{j}(t - t_{3} - t_{2} - t_{j}) \mathsf{E}_{k}(t - t_{3} - t_{2} - t_{1} - t_{k}) e^{i\omega_{i}(t - t_{3} - t_{i}) + i\omega_{j}(t - t_{3} - t_{2} - t_{j}) + i\omega_{k}(t - t_{3} - t_{2} - t_{1} - t_{k})} dt_{1} dt_{2} dt_{3} dt_{3} dt_{4} dt_{5} dt_$

a: index of double-sided Feynman diagrams i,j,k: index of applied light field(s) with delays $t_{i,j,k}$

 $E_i(t)e^{i\omega_i(t)}$ \mathbf{K} $\mathbf{E}_{i}^{*}(t)\mathbf{e}^{-i\omega_{i}(t)}$ $i\omega_2(t-t_3-\tau)+i\omega_2(t-t_3-t_2-\tau)-i\omega_1(t-t_3-t_2-t_1)$ Energy conservation: $\omega_s = \omega_3 + \omega_2 - \omega_1 = 2\omega_2 - \omega_1$ Phase matching: $\mathbf{k}_{s} = \mathbf{k}_{3} + \mathbf{k}_{2} - \mathbf{k}_{1} = 2\mathbf{k}_{2} - \mathbf{k}_{1}$ $\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{a}}(\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{3}},\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{2}},\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{1}}) = (-\mathsf{i})^{\mathsf{I}}(\mathsf{i})^{\mathsf{r}} |\mu_{10}|^{4} e^{-\mathsf{i}\omega_{10}(\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{3}}-\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{1}})} e^{-\mathsf{g}(\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{1}}) + \mathsf{g}(\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{2}}) - \mathsf{g}(\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{3}}) - \mathsf{g}(\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{2}}+\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{1}}) - \mathsf{g}(\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{3}}+\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{2}}) + \mathsf{g}(\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{3}}+\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{2}}+\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{1}})}$ l=number of interactions on the left r=number of interactions on the right

Line shape function $g(t) = {}_{0}^{t} \int_{0}^{\tau^{2}} C(\tau_{2} - \tau_{1}) d\tau_{2} d\tau_{1}$

Polarisation in Bloch & Kubo Cases

Bloch Limit: 2PE Experiment

 $B \quad \langle \delta \omega(t) \delta \omega(0) \rangle = \delta(t)/T_2 + (\Delta_{ih})^2 \quad I^{2\mathsf{PE}}(t',\tau) \propto \exp(-2\tau/T_2 - 2t'/T_2 - (\Delta_{ih})^2 (t'-\tau)^2) \quad I^{2\mathsf{PE}}(\tau) \propto \exp(-4\tau/T_2)$

Independent Two-Level Systems: Bloch Model

Homogeneous line width

 $G_{hom} = 1/pT_2$ $1/T_2 = 1/(T_2^*) + 1/(2T_1)$

 T_2 : dephasing time, T_2^* : pure dephasing time,

T₁: population relaxation time

Spectral line shape convolution of Gaussian inhomogeneous and Lorentzian homogeneous broadening contributions (Voigt profile)

2-pulse photon echo (2-PE) (T=0,scan t)

Signals in directions $2\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}_1$, $\mathbf{2k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2$

 $\mathsf{I}^{\mathsf{2PE}}(\!\boldsymbol{\omega},\!\boldsymbol{t}^{\!\prime},\!\boldsymbol{T}\!\!=\!\!\boldsymbol{0},\!\boldsymbol{\tau}) \propto |\mathsf{P}^{(3)}\!(\boldsymbol{\omega},\!\boldsymbol{t}^{\!\prime},\!\boldsymbol{T}\!\!=\!\!\boldsymbol{0},\!\boldsymbol{\tau})|^2$

Time evolution of 2-PE signals

Independent 2-level systems

Homogeneous broadening

 $I^{2PE}(\Delta t_{12}=\tau) \propto exp(-2\tau/T_2)$

(free induction decay)

Dominant inhomogeneous broadening

 $I^{2PE} (\Delta t_{12} = \tau) \propto exp(-4\tau/T_2)$ (photon echo)

Kubo Case: 2PE Experiment

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The normalized photon echo profile is shown on the left and the tw fig. 6.6 dimensional relaxation function $R_{Lul}(t, \tau)$ is displayed on the right. For both plots the parameter values of fig. 6.5 were used.

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Pulse Delay r

Vibrations: 3-Level System

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Two Pulse Photon Echo Study of HOD in D_2O

Fast component in dephasing dynamics of O-H stretching mode in HOD

- Very fast vibrational dephasing
- Pure dephasing time $T_2^*=90$ fs
- $\Gamma_{hom} = 120 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (T₁~1ps)

J. Stenger et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 87, 027401 (2001)

Two pulse photon echo results show coherence decay ~ 30 fs

3PE Double-Sided Feynman Diagrams: 2-Level System

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3PE: Population Relaxation

Bloch Limit: 3PE Experiment

Frequency Gratings in 3PE Experiments

Fig. 3. Modulation of the population in states $|1\rangle$ and $|2\rangle$ after application of two resonant $\pi/2$ pulses separated by 100 psec. The horizontal axis gives the detuning from the line center. It does *not* indicate the absolute energy in either the ground or the excited state. The envelope of the modulation represents a line width of 1.5 cm⁻¹. The phase of the modulation was chosen to be zero.

- After interaction with field E₁*(k₁), a coherence period, and a field interaction E₂(k₂), one has transiently generated frequency gratings in ground and excited states
- Modulation depth is given by nutation angle (π/2 or less)
- Frequency period is given by inverse of delay time between interactions $E_1^*(\mathbf{k}_1)$ and $E_2(\mathbf{k}_2)$.

K. Duppen and D.A. Wiersma, J.Opt. Soc. Am. B **3**, 614 (1986)

3PE: Population Relaxation & Spectral Diffusion

After 2 interactions: frequency grating in ground & excited states

Echo Peak Shift Measurement

Frequency-Dependent Echo Peak Shift of HOD/D₂O

Double-Sided Feynman Diagrams for 5-Level System

Calculations: 3-Level System — Kubo Model

Phase memory washed out by T₁-decay: v_{OH} =1 decays back to v_{OH} =0

 $\langle \delta \omega(t) \delta \omega(0) \rangle = \delta(t)/T_2 + \Delta_1^2 \exp(-t/\tau_{c1}) + \Delta_2^2 \exp(-t/\tau_{c2})$

J. Stenger et al., J. Phys. Chem. A 106, 2341 (2002)

Correlated vs. Uncorrelated T₁-Dynamics

Three Pulse Photon Echo: phase memory stored in frequency grating
Frequency grating remains or disappears during population decay of v_{OH}=1

Calculations: 5-Level System — Bloch Model

Calculations: 5-Level System — Kubo Model I

Correlated dynamics: Phase memory not affected by T₁-decay $<\delta\omega(t)\delta\omega(0)> = \delta(t)/T_2 + \Delta_1^2 \exp(-t/\tau_{c1}) + \Delta_2^2 \exp(-t/\tau_{c2})$

Calculations: 5-Level System — Kubo Model II

Uncorrelated dynamics: Phase memory washed out by T_1 -decay

 $\langle \delta \omega(t) \delta \omega(0) \rangle = \delta(t)/T_2 + \Delta_1^2 \exp(-t/\tau_{c1}) + \Delta_2^2 \exp(-t/\tau_{c2})$

Calculated Four-Wave Mixing Signals: Kubo Model

 $<\delta\omega(t)\delta\omega(0)> = \delta(t)/T_2 + \Delta_1^2 \exp(-t/\tau_{c1}) + \Delta_2^2 \exp(-t/\tau_{c2})$

Cf. MD simulations: response at multitude of time scales! See e.g. Diraison et al. [CPL **258**, 348 (1996)]: 50 fs and 800 fs components. See also: Marti et al. [JCP **105**, 639 (1996)]; Luzar and Chandler [Nature **379**, 55 (1996)].

What Else?

PRINCIPLES OF NONLINEAR OPTICAL SPECTROSCOPY

FIG. 10.7 Pulse sequences for the various $P^{(3)}$ techniques. PE, photon echo; SPE, stimulated photon echo; APE, accumulated photon echo; HSPE, heterodyne-detected stimulated photon echo; PP, pump-probe; OHD-PP, optical heterodyne-detected pump-probe; PL-PP, phase-locked pump-probe; PL-SLE, phase-locked spontaneous light emission. The pump-probe techniques will be surveyed in Chapter 11. In APE and HSPE, the fourth pulse coincides spatially and temporally with the echo signal. The phase relations between the two consecutive pulses are adjusted as ϕ and ψ in HSPE, PL-PP, and PL-SLE. On the other hand, the optical phase of the local oscillator (of frequency, ω_{LO}) is described as ψ in OHD-PP and PL-PP. [From M. Cho, N. F. Scherer, G. R. Fleming, and S. Mukamel, "Photon echoes and related four wave mixing spectroscopies using phase-locked pulses," *J. Chem. Phys.* **96**, 5618 (1992).]

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