Nonlinear optical response of excitons in a quantum mechanical bath

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Nonlinear spectroscopy: excitons

double-wall cylinders (Kauffmann)







Nonlinear spectroscopy: vibrons







Outline

- Classical bath: vibrations in peptides
- Quantum mechanical bath: aggregates
 - Slow bath
 - Fast bath
- Quantum mechanical bath: DNA
 - Time scale of the bath

2DIR spectra of proteins

Amide I



- popular in nonlinear IR experiments (large dipole)
- sensitive to the environment
- sensitive to secondary structure (Miyazawa, 1960)
- lifetime 0.5 1 ps







(correlation spectrum)





Model system: NMA single amide I vibration

Amide I and II modes



Collective vibrations

|| 0

13

1700

1600

 ω (cm⁻¹)

 2ϵ

 $A \\ \epsilon$

 $\mathbf{0}$

4

3

2

1400

1500

inverse participation ratio

Dw

Φ

Competition: coupling → collective states interaction with environment → localized states → ~ 4 amide I local modes vibrate collectively

Modeling the environment

Stark shift: frequency depends on electric fields caused by the environment (main effect: hydrogen-bonding)



Correlation functions (NMA-d₇)

fluctuating coupling



NISE

$$\frac{\hbar}{i}\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\psi(t) = H(t)\psi(t)$$

Time-dependent Hamiltonian

$$H(t) = \sum_{n} \epsilon_n(t) b_n^{\dagger} b_n + \sum_{nm} J_{nm}(t) b_n^{\dagger} b_m - \sum_{n} \frac{A_n}{2} b_n^{\dagger} b_n^{\dagger} b_n b_n$$

Fluctuations in site energies as well as couplings

 $\psi(t + \Delta t) = e^{-iH(t)\Delta t}\psi(t) \longrightarrow \text{Vibrational dynamics}$ (nonlinear) spectra

Nonadiabatic and non-Markovian dynamics

High T; OK for amide I modes, reasonable for amide I + II

2DIR of two coupled vibrations

cross peak: mode coupling

(anti-diagonal slant: anti-correlation)



diagonal peak. slant: inhomogeneous distribution



Amide I – II cross peak in NMA-d7



Strong cross peak in ZZYY polarization: perpendicular transition dipoles

Cross peak means coupling => there must be energy transport

Relaxation rate can be obtained from the cross peak intensity



Vibrations in peptides: classical bath



- amide vibrations in peptides: classical fluctuating environment

- no dissipation, all states equally populated in equilibrium

- only good if the system bandwidth is much smaller than the thermal energy

pseudo-isocyanine (PIC)









(1) Spectrum of tungsten arc lamp (containing neon).

(2) and (3) The two principal absorptions corresponding to the X and Y vibration directions of crystals of 1:1' diethyl- φ -cyanine chloride.

(4) Absorption spectrum of the dye in methyl alcohol.

Absorption spectrum of the dye in nitrobenzene. (5)

(6) Absorption spectrum of a molecular suspension of the dye in toluene.

(7) Absorption spectrum of the dye molecularly dispersed in benzophenone crystals.

(8) and (9) Absorption spectra of two different concentrations of the dye in sodium chloride solution.

(10) Fluorescence spectrum of the dye in sodium chloride solution.
(11) Fluorescence spectrum of the dye in sodium chloride solution.
In this case the fluorescent light has been made to traverse a small thickness of unilluminated solution, so that the absorption band is seen superimposed on the fluorescence band. It will be noticed that the two do not exactly correspond.

Jelley (Nature, 1936)





Excitons: disordered aggregate



Localization: position correlation function



2D spectrum: zero waiting time





exciton states in localization segment

Low temperature cross peak



room temperature (I. Stiopkin et al. JPCB **110**, 20032 (2006))



Average localization length



Extraction of localization length



$$E_P - E_S \approx \frac{3\pi}{(N^* + 1)^2} J$$

Cross section at fixed ω_1 "excites segments with $E_s = \omega_1$ "



Dynamics: 2D spectra



Coherent oscillations



"long-lived coherent oscillations"

A.G. Dijkstra, T.I.C. Jansen and J. Knoester, J. Chem. Phys. 128, 164511 (2008)

Aggregates – static bath

- Molecular aggregates at low temperature: static bath (no dissipation)
- Response from sum over states
- Dynamics due to remaining fast degrees of freedom
- Fast bath modes described using Redfield theory

Quantum and slow bath

$$H = H_S + H_B + H_{SB}$$

$$H_{B} = \sum_{\alpha} \left(p_{\alpha}^{2} / 2m_{\alpha} + m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^{2} x_{\alpha}^{2} / 2 \right)$$

$$H_{SB} = -\sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{i \in \{A,T\}} \sum_{\alpha} g_{ni,\alpha} V_{ni} x_{\alpha} \qquad V_{ni} = c_{ni}^{\dagger} c_{ni}$$

$$\blacktriangleright \text{ bath time scale}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{ni,mj}(\omega) = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{g_{ni,\alpha}g_{mj,\alpha}}{2m_{\alpha}\omega_{\alpha}} \delta(\omega - \omega_{\alpha}) = 2\lambda_{ni,mj}\gamma_{ni,mj}\frac{\omega\gamma_{ni,mj}}{\gamma_{ni,mj}^2 + \omega^2}$$

- Common approximations:
 - Bath dynamics much faster than system dynamics
 - Factorized initial state $\rho_{\text{system+bath}}(t=0) = \rho_{\text{system}}(t=0) \otimes \rho_{\text{bath}}(t=0)$
- Break down for a slow bath and low temperature
- To treat a slow quantum bath: hierarchy of equations of motion method

(Y. Tanimura, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. 2006)

Hierarchy of equations of motion

In the high temperature limit

 $L_{ni,mj}(t) = c_{ni,mj}e^{-\gamma_{ni,mj}|t|} \qquad c_{ni,mj} = \lambda_{ni,mj}(-i\gamma_{ni,mj} + \frac{2}{\beta})$ • Equations of motion $\dot{\rho}^{\{n\}}(t) = -\left(iH_S^{\times} + \sum_s n_s\gamma\right)\rho^{\{n\}}(t)$ $-i\sum_s n_s\left(cV_s\rho^{n_s^-} - c^*\rho^{n_s^-}V_s\right) - i\sum_s V_s^{\times}\rho^{n_s^+}$



Linear response



Two-time anisotropy



Conclusions

- Dynamics of coupled oscillators
- Environment
 - Vibrations in peptides: classical environment
 - Low temperature excitons: static environment
 - Room temperature: hierarchy of EOM
- Calculate nonlinear optical observables