Dynamic Spectroscopy of Charge-Transfer Processes





400 450 500 550 600 λ / nm

Some Predecessors: Zusman, Rips, Fonseca, Hynes, Barbara, Fleming, Nordio ...



Free Energy Surfaces*

adiabatic reaction on 1d surface
relevant nuclear coordinate is the "solvation coordinate" μ_s

• free energies are quadratic in μ_s :

$$F_{i}(\vec{\mu}_{i}) = U_{i} - \frac{1}{2} B_{tot} \vec{\mu}_{i}^{2} + \frac{1}{2} B_{nuc} (\vec{\mu}_{i} - \vec{\mu}_{s})^{2}$$

gas- equilibrium non-equilibrium phase solvation "strain"

$$g_{tot}^{(i)} = \frac{f_{tot}}{1 - \alpha_i f_{tot}} \qquad f_{tot} = \frac{2}{a_{cav}^3} \left(\frac{\varepsilon - 1}{2\varepsilon + \varepsilon}\right)$$

$$B_{el}^{(i)} = \frac{f_{el}}{1 - \alpha_i f_{el}}$$

solute radius

 $\frac{n^2-1}{2n^2+1}$

"Solvation Coordinate"



 $B_{nuc}^{(i)} = \overline{B_{tot}^{(i)} - B_{el}^{(i)}}$ solvation force constant

*Marcus, Hynes, ...

Free Energy Surfaces

• reactive surface (S_1) results from mixing of diabatic (LE, CT) states



Adiabatic Surfaces: S₁, S₂





• assume constant V_{el}

CT Dynamics & Solvation Dynamics*



• friction $\zeta_s(t)$ obtained from dynamic Stokes shift data

$$\widetilde{\zeta}_{s}(z) = \frac{(z^{2} + \omega_{s}^{2})\widetilde{\Delta}_{s}(z) - z}{1 - z\widetilde{\Delta}_{s}(z)}$$
$$\Delta_{s}(t) \cong S_{v}(t) \equiv \frac{v(t) - v(\infty)}{v(0) - v(\infty)}$$

*Hynes & co.



Spectroscopy

• spectra are in inhomogeneous broadening limit

Absorption Spectrum:

$$A(\nu) \propto \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int d\mu_s P_0(\mu_s) \Delta F_{0i}(\mu_s) |M_{0i}(\mu_s)|^2 \underbrace{L_{abs}(\nu - \Delta F_{0i}/h)}_{\text{trans. }\nu} \text{ transition moment} \text{ abs. line shape}$$

Equilibrated Emission Spectrum:

$$E(\nu) \propto \int d\mu_s P_1(\mu_s) \Delta F_{0i}(\mu_s)^3 |M_{0i}(\mu_s)|^2 L_{em}(\nu - \Delta F_{01}/h)$$

Model Parameters

Solute:

 $U_{0}=0; U_{LE}^{*}, U_{CT}^{*}, V_{el}^{*}$ $a_{cav}, \mu_{0}, \mu_{LE}^{*}, \mu_{CT}^{*}$ $(\alpha_{0}, \alpha_{LE}, \alpha_{CT})^{*} \alpha/a_{cav}^{3} \sim 0.3$ $M_{0,LE}, M_{0,CT}^{*}$

Solvent:

 B_{nuc}, B_{el} from ε, n (or Δv)

 $\zeta_s(t)$ from C153 $S_v(t)$

System #1: "HDR" Complexes*



*data of Londergan, Kubiak et al., JACS 124, 6236 (2002).

Is it Dynamics?







Kerr-Gated Spectroscopy



440 nm decays







- *charge shift* means energetics are relatively solvent independent
 equivalent to -9 D → +9 D change in μ (AM1/CI)
- $V_{el} \sim 750 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ (AM1/CI)}$

BPAc Experimental Results

Summary & Conclusions

- "Photodynamic model" of time-resolved CT spectra based on the theoretical work of Hynes and others
 - adiabatic rxn, reaction coordinate $\Leftrightarrow \mu_s$
 - free energies quadratic in μ_s
 - dielectric continuum estimates of energetics B_{el} , B_{nuc}
 - GLE with $\zeta_s(t)$ from $S_v(t)$
- 1d approach is reasonably successful in capturing solvent's role in some systems: "DTN", "BPAc"; provides an important interpretive tool in others: "HRD"
- (Kerr spectroscopy offers potential for highly detailed comparisons between experiment and model calculations)
- 2d modeling of TICT reactions of "PnC" series is underway

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