

Solvation Dynamics: Fundamentals and A Survey of Results in Simple and Complex Environments

- I. Background and Fundamentals
- II. Polar Solvation Dynamics
- III. Other "Simple" Environments
- IV. Complex Environments, Biological and Otherwise



II. Polar Solvation Dynamics

- Experimental Results with C153 Probe
- Dielectric Continuum Models
- Insights from Computer Simulation
- □ (Molecular Theories)







"Polar" Solvation Dynamics

- change in u-v interaction due to change in solute permanent charge distribution interacting with solvent permanent charge distribution
- non-specific part (i.e. not H-bonding dynamics) in dipolar solvents well understood







C153 Spectral Dynamics

C153/DMSO Spectra

1 *λ* upconversion120 fs IRF





Is It Just Solvation?

Potential Complications:

- multiple electronic states?
- vibronic effects?
- joulolidine ring conformations?



- vibronic relax. <20fs
- conf. not important
- (S₁ well isolated)

C153/cyclohexane



II-Dipolar Solvation

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Zhao, ...Ernsting, Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. **7**, 1716 (2005)







Dielectric Continuum Models



Predicted Stokes Shift:

$$\Delta v = \frac{2(\Delta \mu)^2}{a^3} F(\varepsilon_0, n)$$
$$F(\varepsilon_0, n) = \frac{\varepsilon_0 - 1}{\varepsilon_0 + 2} - \frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 2}$$



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Benzene is a Polar Solvent









Trokhymchuk et al., J. Phys. Chem. 1996, 100, 1411(1996).



$\varepsilon(\omega)$ Predictions

- characteristic times predicted to within a factor of 2 for wide range of solvents near room T
- no distinction with H-bonding





Temperature Dependence

- connection to $\varepsilon(\omega)$ persists over wide T range
- but few examples



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Lett. 229, 302 (1994).

II-Dipolar Solvation





- solvation in many solvents is remarkably rapid >1 ps
- but >10³ variation in t_{1e} at room T
- biphasic, with many solvents showing a pronounced fast component
- highly non-exponential, esp. in alcohols
- essential features captured by dielectric continuum models





- (usually) classical dynamics, pairwise additive potentials (LJ+q), ...
- 1 solute and 250-1000 solvent molecules
- equilibrium and non-equilibrium dynamics

Ando, Benjamin, Berkowitz, Brown, Callis, Fonseca, Ladanyi, Hynes, Kim, Nitzan, Patey, Rossky, Schwartz, Stratt, ...



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MD of Simple Solutes

studies of simple solutes afforded many insights



- often linear response
- prominent "inertial" or "Gaussian" decay
- mainly solvent rotation
- speed tied to solvent polarity





Linear Response?



except for large Δq or specific interactions response is linear



Kumar & Maroncelli, JCP 103, 3038 (1995)

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As solute multipole *m* increases:

- spatial range \downarrow
- response ↓
- collectivity " α " \downarrow
- translation \uparrow
- effect of solute motion ↑

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Molecular Theories

- extend $\varepsilon(\omega)$ to $\varepsilon(k,\omega)$
- site-site formulation for realistic systems
- ab initio treatment of Stockmayer model

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- computer simulations show that:
 - initial Gaussian decay is free streaming motion (rotation)
 - extreme speed is result of collective nature of solvation - small-amplitude motion has large effect in presence of high polarity α
 - multipole character of Δq matters
- molecular theories can now reproduce simulation & experiment