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Exercise 3 (holiday exercise)

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Return of solutions in the office E 237 of the secretary until end of May
Date and place of discussion will be announced on the website and by email

- 3.1. Read chapter 2 and 3 of Advanced Kinetics script as far as distributed and comment in writing, where you have questions or detect errors or inconsistencies. Read as a repetition also again Chapter 3 of PC II and make connections between experiments and Advanced Kinetics Theory. Work through chapter 3 of Advanced Kinetics course, even those parts, which have not been treated in details in the course.
- 3.2. Read the paper by Donley et al. *Mol. Phys.* (2001) **99**, 1275-1287 and make comments where something is not clear to you or appears wrong or misprinted.
- 3.3. Expressions (2.74) and (3.89) give an inequality for the recurrence time τ_R in spectra with average density of states $\langle\rho(E)\rangle$

$$\tau_R \geq h\langle\rho(E)\rangle \quad (1)$$

where it is known that the recurrence time in an equidistant spectrum is given by the equation. Show that the inequality holds if the spectrum is non-equidistant.

- 3.4. Aufgabe 1 at the end of section 3.1 (Eqs. 3.18 and 3.12) (density of prime numbers).
- 3.5. Aufgabe 2 at the end of section 3.1 (Eqs. 3.2 and 3.4, Boltzmann equilibrium with Einstein kinetics).
- 3.6. (optional) Aufgabe 3 at the end of section 3.1 (logarithmic integral and prime numbers).
- 3.7. The radiative excitation scheme in Fig 2.24 can also be treated in terms of a Bixon-Jortner like situation presented on Fig. 1 where the excitation is a two level problem for a zero order hamiltonian, but there is intramolecular coupling V_{intra} in the field free molecule to many non-absorbing background levels leading to exponential decay of level 2.

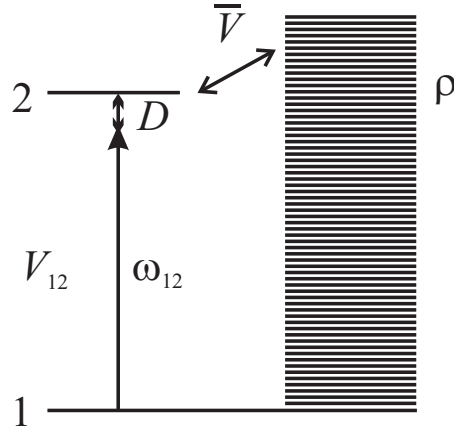


Figure 1: The radiative excitation scheme in terms of a Bixon-Jortner like situation.

This exponential decay is sometimes modeled with a complex energy eigenvalue for level 2

$$E_2 = \text{Re}(E_2) - i\gamma_2/2, \quad (2)$$

where γ_2 is real and positive.

- (a) Show that this corresponds to an exponentially decaying population of level 2, if the total wavefunction is given by

$$\Psi(t) = c_1\varphi_1 \exp(-2\pi i E_1 t/h) + c_2\varphi_2 \exp(-2\pi i E_2 t/h). \quad (3)$$

- (b) Try to solve the two level problem in quasidegenerate approximation by calculating the $\mathbf{U}^{(a)}$ -matrix element for the time evolution.
- (c) Solve for the population $p_2(t)$ of the level 2 with $p_2(0) = 1$ and the real coupling matrix elements $V_{12} = V_{21} = V$.
- (d) Compare the result of b) and c) with the results of the Exercise 2 with real eigenvalues E_1 and E_2 .
- (e) Consider the special effective Hamiltonian matrix

$$\frac{\mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}}}{\hbar}/s^{-1} = (\mathbf{X} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{V})/s^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -2i \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

and discuss the solution of the time dependent Schrödinger equation for this case.

- (f) Try to solve also for the general $\mathbf{U}^{(a)}$ -matrix with $E_1 = \text{Re}(E_1) - i\gamma_1/2$ and $E_2 = \text{Re}(E_2) - i\gamma_2/2$ both being complex. γ_1 is real and positive.

3.8. Criticize the model in 3.7 and suggest a better model for such dynamics with radiative excitation and intramolecular dynamics.

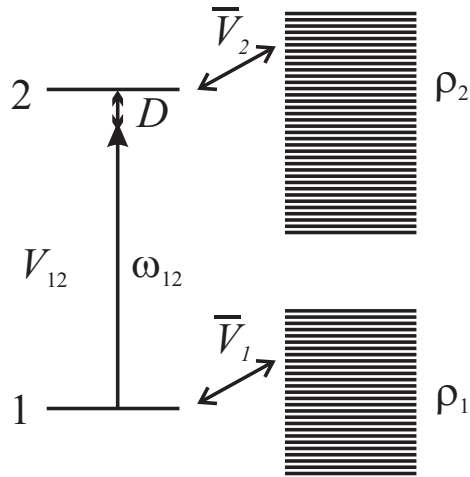


Figure 2: Graphical model

- 3.9. Try to solve an analogous model (see Fig. 2) with both a lower level and an upper level being coupled to a dense set of states and discuss the physical implications.
- 3.10. Treat the exercises given in chapter 3 of the script to the extent that you find time to do so (treat as many as you can accordingly to your own choice).
- 3.11. (Voluntary Reading) Read the chapter "Fundamental Symmetries and Symmetry Violations from High-resolution Spectroscopy" (v. 1, p. 659) of the Handbook of High Resolution Spectroscopy and formulate your questions, as they arise (in writing).
- 3.12. Try to work out in detail the solution to exercise 3 at the end of section 3.5 (on Laplace transformations).