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Light scattering studies of orientational fluctuations of CS²

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We have measured the depolarized Rayleigh relaxation time of CS, as a function of temperature and concentration in an optically isotropic solvent CCI₄. The concentration dependence of the relaxation times indicates the importance of orientational pair correlation in $CS₂$. The orientational pair correlation factor is found to depend on concentration at high CS₂ concentration, as well as viscosity and temperature, in contrast to what is observed in other small molecules. The single particle reorientation times were obtained by extrapolating from the depolarized Rayleigh relaxation times to infinite dilution. These were compared with the predictions of the hydrodynamic slip and stick models for rotational diffusion. As is usual for small molecules, the slip boundary condition better approximates the experimental results. The single particle reorientation times were also compared with the correlation times obtained by $\mathrm{^{13}C}$ NMR and 33S NQR measurements. They were found to be in good agreement.

I. INTRODUCTION

Depolarized Rayleigh light scattering is a valuable technique for studying molecular reorientation in the liquid state. This is due to the fact that optically anisotropic molecules scatter light with a change in frequency when they reorient. The frequency distribution of the scattered light reflects the molecular reorientation rate.

The characteristic feature of the depolarized spectrum of a single optically anisotropic molecular liquid is a sharp central component having a spectral halfwidth at half-maximum intensity of the order of $1-5$ cm⁻¹ superimposed upon a broad background which extends in many cases to several hundred wavenumbers. While the physical nature of the broad spectral background for a molecular liquid is rather complex, it is now well understood that the mechanism associated with the sharp central component is due to molecular reorientation. If the overdamped shear mode couples to the reorientational motion, a dip at zero frequency may result.¹ The shear mode dip has, however, a negligible effect on the reorientation rate.

Although there are several techniques available for the study of molecular reorientation, depolarized Rayleigh scattering is unusual because it yields information about the cooperative molecular reorientation; the other techniques such as Raman and NMR, when applicable, yield the uncorrelated single particle reorientation time. The depolarized Rayleigh scattering experiment carried out with variation of temperature and dilution of the optically anisotropic molecules in an optically isotropic solvent can provide a method for the study of orientational pair correlation. In this paper we report the results of a detailed study of the temperature and concentration dependence of the depolarized Rayleigh spectra of neat carbon disulfide and solutions of $CS₂$ in carbon tetrachloride. We have found that the depolarized Rayleigh spectrum of $CS₂$ is strongly affected by the static orientational pair correlation.

II. EXPERIMENTAL

Since the width of the sharp central component in the depolarized Rayleigh scattering spectrum associated with molecular reorientation is the order of 1 cm^{-1} , in order to obtain an unambiguous experimental result it is necessary to use a Fabry-Perot interferometer to resolve the sharp central component. The depolarized Rayleigh scattering spectra of neat CS_2 and CS_2 in CCl_4 were obtained using the interferometry apparatus described previously.² The light source was an intracavity etalon selcted single frequency argon ion laser operating at about 0.6 W at a frequency of 4880 \AA . The depolarized component at $90^\circ \pm 0.1^\circ$ from the incident exciting radiation was frequency analyzed with a piezoelectrically scanned Tropel model 360 Fabry-Perot interferometer. The signal from a thermoelectrically cooled photomultiplier was processed by an SSR photon counting system. The amplified signal was displayed on an *X-Y* recorder and digitized. The digitized spectra were fit to overlapping Lorentzian functions plus a constant background using a nonlinear least square computer program. The spectra were corrected for an instrumental function corresponding to a typical finesse of 50. The depolarized Rayleigh spectrum at 20°C together with the Lorentzian fit is shown in Fig. 1. The free spectral range calibrated with the spacing between the sodium *D* lines was 855.9 GHz, corresponding to a plate separation of 0.175 mm.

The samples were prepared from spectroquality grade liquids which were repeatedly filtered through 0.22 μ m Millipore filters to remove dust. The viscosity of all samples at various temperatures was measured using a Cannon-Ubbelhode viscometer thermostated in an ethylene glycol-water constant temperature bath. The viscosity data are given in Table 1. The indices of refraction of all samples were also measured before and after the light scattering experiment as a check for the accuracy of sample concentration.

The samples, contained in rectangular glass cells, were temperature controlled in an aluminum block with the Circulating ethylene glycol-water mixture. The temperature, monitored by a thermocouple, was accurate to within \pm 1 K.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Molecular reorientation

We have measured the depolarized Rayleigh scattering spectra of neat CS_2 and solutions of CS_2 in CCl_4 .

 $\text{FUNits of } 10^3 \text{ cP/K.}$

bOther study, Ref. 3.

Rayleigh relaxation times τ_{Ray} , were obtained from the half-width at half-height (HWHH in Hz) of the Lorentzian spectra according to

$$
\tau_{\text{Ray.}} = (2 \pi \times \text{HWHH})^{-1} \tag{1}
$$

The relaxation times were reproducible to better than 10%. The results at various temperatures for several $CS₂$ concentrations are given in Table I, together with the values obtained previously by Shapiro and Broida. 3 The values of the $CS₂$ molecular reorientation times of Shapiro and Broida were obtained using a grating monochromator. The $\tau_{\rm Ray}$, results at various concentrations are plotted as a function of η/T in Fig. 2.

One notes in Table I that the $\tau_{\text{Ray.}}$ data reported in Ref. 3 agree within 5% with the present result for concentration above 60%. There is, however, a disagreement below this concentration. At 10% concentration the $\tau_{\rm Ray}$, value reported in Ref. 3 is 66% longer than the present result. The disagreement is believed to be due to the fact that the depolarized Rayleigh spectrum of $CS₂$ in CCl₄ narrows with decreasing $CS₂$ concentration, and at low concentration it cannot be measured accurately using a conventional double-grating monochromator because of its limited resolving power. In fact, the Rayleigh relaxation times of a host of molecules obtained using a grating monochromator have been found to disagree with the Fabry-Perot interferometric results⁴ for the same molecules under the same physical conditions. We have discussed the causes for this discrepancy using the two techniques in several of our previous publications. 5,6

CS₂ is a linear molecule. Reorientation of the molecule about the molecular axis does not modulate the molecular polarizability and hence this motion does not induce depolarized Rayleigh scattering. The reorientation of the molecular axis involves displacements of other molecules and is thus expected to greatly change the molecular polarizability. The CCl₄ solvent has a negligible depolarized Rayleigh scattering intensity. Therefore, we expect that the depolarized Rayleigh spectra of neat CS_2 and CS_2 in CCl_4 solutions are associated with the reorientation of the $CS₂$ molecular axis, and the half-width at half-height of the Lorentzian spectrum is a measure of the average rate of reorientation of this axis.

However, as pointed out above, owing to the fact that Rayleigh scattering is a coherent process, the depolarized Rayleigh spectrum contains information about correlated molecular reorientation, and the $\tau_{\rm Ray}$, values obtained for CS_2 at finite concentrations do not represent the uncorrelated single particle molecular reorientation time.

B. **The pair reorientational correlation time**

The Rayleigh relaxation time is affected by temperature, viscosity, and concentration. As shown by the previous work on small molecules,⁵⁻⁸ in the absence of strong solvent-solute interactions (such as hydrogen bonding, dimerization, etc.), the pair correlation effect present in the depolarized Rayleigh spectrum can be

FIG. 1. Experimental depolarized Rayleigh spectrum of neat $CS₂$ and calculated Lorentzian function.

FIG. 2. Depolarized Rayleigh relaxation time as a function of η/T : • 100% by volume, $\triangledown 80\%$, $\blacklozenge 60\%$, $\triangledown 40\%$, $\blacktriangleright 20\%$, $\triangle 10\%$.

studied by measuring $\tau_{\mathbf{R}x}$, as a function of concentration, but keeping the solution's viscosity fixed to the value of the neat liquid. This method has been applied to some small molecules in our laboratory and using this technique we have found that pair correlation is important in CH_3I^5 but not important in CH_3CN ,⁹ pyridine,¹⁰ and thiodiazole.^{$6,8$}

Liquid CS_2 has an unusually low viscosity as compared with CCl_4 . For example, at 20 °C the viscosity of CS_2 is only 0.36 cP, whereas the viscosity of CCl_4 is 0.96 cP. In the CS_2 -CCl₄ system the solution viscosity increases as the CS_2 concentration is decreased. The lengthening of the τ_{Ray} , value as the CS₂ concentration is decreased can thus be understood in part as due to the viscosity increase.

Changing the solution temperature affects both the molecular reorientation time and the viscosity of solution; thus, it is useful to study the η/T dependence for $\tau_{\rm Ray.}$ at different CS₂ concentrations. We have measured both $\tau_{\rm Ray}$, and viscosity (η) as a function of temperature for the CS_2 -CCl₄ system at several CS_2 concentrations. The $\tau_{\text{Ray.}}$ results for 10%, 20%, 40%, 60%, 80%, and 100% $CS₂$ concentrations (by volume) are shown in Fig. 2 as a function of η/T . It is clear that τ_{Ray} , depends strongly on both the CS₂ concentration and the η/T value. At low CS₂ concentration the Rayleigh relaxation time varies linearly with η/T , whereas at high CS_2 concentration (>80%) τ_{Ray} increases nonlinearly with increasing η/T , in significant contrast to the results so far found in other simple molecular liquids, for which $\tau_{\rm Ray.}$ are all found to vary linearly with $\eta/$ $T.$ ⁵⁻¹⁰

At a fixed η/T value, τ_{Ray} is found to increase with increasing $CS₂$ concentration; this is a clear indication of the importance of the pair correlation effect on τ_{Rav} .

The pair correlation effect on τ_{Ray} , has been analyzed by Keyes and Kivelson.¹¹ They have shown that τ_{Ray} . depends on both the static and dynamic orientational pair correlations. However, for symmetric top and linear molecules, it has been shown that τ_{Rx} , depends on the static pair correlation only and is related to τ_s

(the uncorrelated single particle reorientation time) by¹²

$$
\tau_{\rm Rav.} = \tau_s g_2 , \qquad (2)
$$

where g_2 is a measure of static orientational pair correlation and is defined as

$$
g_2 = 1 + \sum_{i \neq 1}^{N-1} \frac{\langle P_2(\cos \theta_i) P_2(\cos \theta_1) \rangle}{\langle [P_2(\cos \theta_1)]^2 \rangle} = 1 + fn, \tag{3}
$$

where θ_i defines the orientation of the molecular axis of molecule i with respect to some external reference coordinate system, n is the number density of CS_2 molecules, $P_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(3x^2-1)$, and $f = \langle P_2(\cos\theta_2)P_2(\cos\theta_1)\rangle$ $\langle [P_2(\cos\theta_1)]^2 \rangle$.

According to Eq. (3), τ_s can be determined from the concentration dependence of $\tau_{\text{Ray.}}$ by extrapolating the $\tau_{\rm Rav}$, values at fixed η/T to zero solute concentration. The results obtained for τ_s in this manner are shown as a function of η/T in Fig. 3. A linear least squares fit of the data to the equation

$$
\tau_s = C\eta/T + \tau_0 \tag{4}
$$

gives $C = 5.6 \times 10^4$ Kps/P and $\tau_0 = 0.87$ ps.

The experimental value of the slope C can be compared with the Stokes-Einstein equation modeling CS_2 as an ellipsoid with Slip and stick boundary conditions. The results are given in Table II. As is usual for small molecules, the Slip boundary condition more closely fits the experimental slope. For CS_2 we observe a nonzero intercept, in contradiction with the hydrodynamic model used to derive the Stokes-Einstein relation. The physical significance of τ_0 is unclear at present but has been interpreted in terms of the free rotor reorientation time.⁷ Previous depolarized Rayleigh scattering studies have found both vanishing and nonvanishing τ_0 values for some molecules. $2,5,8$

Also included in Fig. 3 are the single particle rotational correlation times obtained from the 13 C spin-lattice relaxation times¹³ and from $33S$ nuclear quadrupole resonance linewidth data.¹⁴ The light scattering data are about 10% longer than the NMR results, but the

FIG. 3. Single particle relaxation time as a function of η/T : \circ depolarized Rayleigh, \triangle^{33} S nuclear quadrupole resonance, • 13C magnetic resonance.

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Stokes-Einstein slope for a sphere with stick boundary conditions	2.85×10^5 ps K/P
Stokes-Einstein slope for an ellipsoid with stick boundary conditions	2.95 \times 10 ⁵ ps K/P
Stokes-Einstein slope for an ellipsoid with slip boundary conditions	6.20 \times 10 ⁴ ps K/P
Experimental slope	5.6×10^4 ps K/P

TABLE II. Comparison of the theoretical Stokes-Einstein slope to the experimental slope.

overall agreement between the two results is satisfactory.

The τ_{Rav} , data at all concentrations can also be represented according to an Arrhenius-type of equation given by

$$
\tau_{\text{Ray.}} = \tau_{\text{Ray.}}^0 \exp(E_o / kT) , \qquad (5)
$$

where E_a is the activation energy. A fit of the τ_{Ray} to Eq. (4) yields an activation energy E_a which depends on concentration. The concentration dependence of E_a is shown in Fig. 4. At a concentration greater than 80% the activation energy is seen to increase rapidly. This is considered as due to the pair orientational correlation which renders the reorientation of the CS₂ molecular axis difficult. Below 80% the activation energy decreases slightly with decreasing $CS₂$ concentration. The asymptotic activation energy at zero concentration is found to be 1. 58 kcal/mole. This value agrees well with the values of 1. 42 and 1. 28 kcal/mole obtained from 13 C 13 and 33 S 14 magnetic resonance measurements, respectively. The Arrhenius plot of the single particle orientation correlation times extrapolated from the present light scattering experiment is shown in Fig. 5.

Having obtained the single particle times, it is now possible to use Eqs. (2) and (3) to obtain the orientational pair correlation factor f according to

$$
f = \frac{\tau_{\text{Rg},r} - \tau_s}{\tau_s n} \,. \tag{6}
$$

The result for f in CS_2 is found to depend on the concentration of CS_2 , in contrast to the CH_3I result, in

FIG. 4. Activation energy for reorientation as a function of concentration.

FIG. 5. Arrhenius plot of $\ln \tau_s$ versus T^{-1} .

which f is found to be independent of concentration.⁵ We plot in Fig. 6 the pair correlation factor f_n as a function of *n. In* increases more or less linearly with increasing *n* below 60% CS₂ concentration. Above such a concentration fn increases nonlinearly with increasing n . We also studied the viscosity and temperature dependence of f and have found that the condition of high viscosity or low temperature favors the presence of pair orientational correlation. The results of *In* versus *n* for different η/T are also shown in Fig. 6.

The alignment of CS_2 molecules about a central CS_2 molecule depends significantly on the molecular environment, as is indicated by the viscosity dependence. Previous studies on the pair correlation factor have indicated that molecular shape is the determining factor for $f¹⁵$ The present result for $CS₂$ indicates that the long-range attractive force may also play some important role in f.

 $CS₂$ is a linear molecule and thus has no dipole moment. Previous studies have also indicated that the interaction between molecules through the dipole moment is insignificant as far as the short-range pair orientation correlation is concerned.^{6,9} The CS₂ molecule has a significant electric quadrupole moment, and is also readily polarizable. In addition to the shortrange repulsive potential the interaction through the quadrupole moment may play an important role in determining *f.* However, the certainty of such a speculation must await a future systematic study of the orientational pair correlation of anisotropic molecules in the liquid state.

IV. **SUMMARY AND** CONCLUSION'S

We have measured the depolarized Rayleigh relaxation time of CS_2 as a function of temperature and concentration in an optically isotropic solvent. τ_{Rav} , was found to depend on the $CS₂$ concentration and to be a nonlinear function of η/T , indicating the importance of static orientational pair correlation in $CS₂$. From the concentration dependence of $\tau_{\text{Ray.}}$ we have obtained the single particle reorientation time. τ_s was found to agree well with the values obtained by ^{13}C NMR and ^{33}S NQR measurements. Comparison of τ_s to the Stokes-

FIG. 6. Static pair correlation factor as a function of *n* for various η/T .

Einstein hydrodynamic model showed better agreement modeling CS_2 as an ellipsoid with slip boundary conditions, as is usual for small molecules. The fit of τ_s to the Stokes-Einstein relation yielded a nonzero intercept, in contradiction to the hydrodynamic model used to derive the relation. The static orientational pair correlation factor obtained from $\tau_{R,m}$, and τ_s was found to depend nonlinearly on η/T in contrast to dependence seen in other molecules.

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