## Clusters-in-liquid IR identifies the proton transfer mode in acidic aqueous solution

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# Where is a signal from a proton transfer mode (PTM)?



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#### Sharp peak at 1620 cm<sup>-1</sup> assigned to HOH bend of flanking water molecules

Headrick, J. M. et al., Science 308, 1765-1769 (2005)





Strong peak near 1080cm<sup>-1</sup> assigned previously to the PTM in symetric Zundel conformers





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#### proton in water box

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$$I(\omega) \approx \int dt \ e^{-i\omega t} \langle \dot{\boldsymbol{\mu}}(0) \dot{\boldsymbol{\mu}}(t) \rangle$$
$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\mu}}(t) = \sum_{i}^{N} \left( \dot{q}_{i}(t) \boldsymbol{R}_{i}(t) + q_{i}(t) \dot{\boldsymbol{R}}_{i}(t) \right)$$

#### The summation runs over all atoms in the system

where t - time,  $\omega$  - frequency,  $\mu$  - dipole moment, N - number of atoms, q - atomic charge, **R** - position of atom





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#### one simulation, no subtraction IR signal from specific part of the system

## Simulation protocol

- proton and 216 water molecules
- 8 starting configurations / at least 500 ps of equilibration (NVT)
- 300K (Nose-Hoover) and 1 atm
- 8 ns 'production run' (NVE), timestep 0.5 fs
- MS-EVB3 methodology, SPC/F $\omega$  water model
- hydronium ion oxygen atom with three shortest O-H bonds
- H<sup>+</sup>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>n</sub>, where n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 26, clusters cut out from simulation box



# $\mathrm{H^+(H_2O)_n}$ clusters



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## Comparison with experiment



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The IR signal of the excess proton corresponds to an unidentified peak at 1740 cm<sup>-1</sup>of protonated gas-phase water clusters with n=2, 4, and 6



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#### Gaussian clusters - Zundel-like structures



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## $\rm H^+(H_2O)_6$ cluster

CP2K: BLYP/DZVP-GTH-BLYP/300Ry/50K/SIC



- $\bullet$  IR signal of an excess proton in protonated liquid water is located near 1740  $\rm cm^{-1}$
- a signal around 1000 cm<sup>-1</sup> fades away in clusters with n > 2, which is supported both by MS-EVB3 and CP2K calculations
- proton continuum arises mostly from Eigen-like structures
- clusters-in-liquid approach is generic and could be applied to any simulation protocol that generates a charge distribution, therefore it may be useful for probing mixed solvents, interfaces, proteins and membranes.

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## Applications of MS-EVB methodology



water - vaccum



water - methanol



G. Voth, Acc. Chem. Res., 39 (2006) 143



40 excess protons in Nafion polymer electrolyte membrane

M2 proton channel in DMPC lipid bilayer

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#### MS-EVB3 clusters



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