

# 183(2): Details of Resonant Amplification of the Torque Between an Electric Dipole and an Electromagnetic Plane Wave.

The electric field strength of the plane wave is:

$$\underline{E} = \frac{E^{(0)}}{\sqrt{2}} (\underline{i} - j) \exp(i(\omega t - kz)) \quad (1)$$

where  $\omega$  is the angular frequency at time  $t$  and  $k$  the wavenumber at point  $z$ . Therefore the torque is:

$$\underline{T}_q = -\underline{\mu} \times \underline{E} \quad (2)$$

The real and physical part of  $\underline{E}$  is:

$$\underline{E} = \frac{E^{(0)}}{\sqrt{2}} (\underline{i} \cos \phi + j \sin \phi) \quad (3)$$

where  $\phi = \omega t - kz \quad (4)$

In general:

$$\underline{\mu} = \mu_x \underline{i} + \mu_y \underline{j} + \mu_z \underline{k} \quad (5)$$

so:

$$\underline{T}_q = - \begin{vmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ \mu_x & \mu_y & \mu_z \\ E_x & E_y & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad (6)$$

$$= \mu_z E_y \underline{i} - \mu_z E_x \underline{j} - (\mu_x E_y - \mu_y E_x) \underline{k}$$

The torque is defined as:

2)  $\underline{T}_Q = \underline{r} \times \underline{F}$  — (7)

where  $\underline{r}$  is position vector and  $\underline{F}$  is force. In general:

$$\underline{T}_Q = \begin{vmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ r_x & r_y & r_z \\ F_x & F_y & F_z \end{vmatrix} = \underline{i} (r_y F_z - r_z F_y) - \underline{j} (r_x F_z - r_z F_x) + \underline{k} (r_x F_y - r_y F_x) \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

So:  $r_y F_z - r_z F_y = \mu_z E_y$  — (9)

$r_x F_z - r_z F_x = \mu_z E_x$  — (10)

$r_x F_y - r_y F_x = -(\mu_x E_y - \mu_y E_x)$  — (11)

For a torque in the X-Y plane only eq. (11) need be considered. The laser propagates perpendicular to X-Y i.e. Z axis. In this case the angular momentum is:

$$|\underline{L}| = L = I \frac{d\theta}{dt} \quad \text{--- (12)}$$

where the moment of inertia is:

$$I = m r^2 \quad \text{--- (13)}$$

where  $m$  is the mass of the molecule with dipole  $\mu$ .

The torque magnitude is:

$$T_Q = \frac{dL}{dt} = I \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} \quad \text{--- (14)}$$

i.e.  $T_Q = r_x F_y - r_y F_x = I \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} \quad \text{--- (15)}$

3) The catalyst in the nanometre mould is represented by  $dV/d\theta$ , i.e. as extra torque. In the linear approximation of the harmonic oscillator:

$$\frac{dV}{d\theta} = V'(0)\theta \quad - (16)$$

So eq. (11) becomes:

$$\boxed{I \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + V'(0)\theta = -(\mu_x E_y - \mu_y E_x)} \quad - (17)$$

i.e.  $\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \omega_0^2\theta = -\frac{1}{I}(\mu_x E_y - \mu_y E_x) \quad - (18)$

where  $\omega_0^2 = \frac{V'(0)}{I} \quad - (19)$

Therefore  $\omega_0$  is a characteristic frequency of the catalyst in the nanometre mould.

The complementary function  $\theta_c(t)$  is the solution of:

$$\frac{d^2\theta_c}{dt^2} + \omega_0^2\theta_c = 0 \quad - (20)$$

i.e.  $\theta_c = A_1 e^{i\omega_0 t} + A_2 e^{-i\omega_0 t} \quad - (21)$

and describe transient effects.

By inspection, the particular solution

4) is:  $\theta_p = D \cos \omega t$  — (22)

Using eq. (22) in eq. (18): — (23)

$$-\omega^2 D \cos \omega t + \omega_0^2 D \cos \omega t = -\frac{1}{I} (\mu_x E_y - \mu_y E_x)$$

so:

$$D = -\frac{1}{I} \frac{(\mu_x E_y - \mu_y E_x)}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) \cos \omega t} \quad \text{--- (24)}$$

and

$$\theta_p = \frac{\mu_y E_x - \mu_x E_y}{I(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)} \quad \text{--- (25)}$$

The complete solution is:

$$\theta = \theta_c + \theta_p \quad \text{--- (26)}$$

When

$$\omega_0 = \left( \frac{V(0)}{I} \right)^{1/2} = \omega \quad \text{--- (27)}$$

the angle  $\theta_p$  is infinite:

$$\theta_p \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{--- (28)}$$

and the molecule spins infinitely quickly and dissociates. This occurs because a characteristic frequency  $\omega_0$  of the catalyst is tuned to  $\omega$ , the laser frequency in radians per second.