

Supplemental Material: Details of STM-IETS Line Shape Simulation

**On the Nature of Asymmetry in the Vibrational Line Shape of Single-Molecule
Inelastic Electron Tunneling Spectroscopy with the STM**

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This file is also available to download at <https://github.com/iets-lineshape/simulation>

Refer to the original codes developed by M. Paulsson et al. for details:

M. Paulsson, T. Frederiksen, H. Ueba, N. Lorente, and M. Brandbyge, Phys. Rev. Lett. **100**, 226604 (2008).

Gam1 and Gam2 are the molecule-tip and molecule-substrate couplings, respectively;

$\alpha = \text{Gam2}/\text{Gam1}$;

e_0 is the molecule resonance level;

$\hbar\omega$ is the vibrational mode energy;

M is the coupling between the tunneling electron and the vibration of molecule;

kT is the energy at temperature T . Note the model does not consider the bias modulation, so T is the effective temperature.

The new parameter “para” here is for the compensation of the offset in the asymmetric term due to the numerical integration.

I. Second derivative of current - Symmetric term

D2sym[alpha_, Gam1_, e0_, hw_, M_, kT_, para_, eVmev_] :=

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{(4 e0^2 + (1 + \alpha)^2 \text{Gam1}^2)^3} 16 \alpha \text{Gam1}^2 M^2 \\
 & \left(- \left(\text{Exp} \left[\frac{0.001 \text{ eVmev} + \text{hw}}{kT} \right] (4 e0^2 - (1 + \alpha)^2 \text{Gam1}^2) \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \left(0.006 \text{ Exp} \left[\frac{0.002 \text{ eVmev} + \text{hw}}{kT} \right] \text{eVmev} - 0.006 \text{ Exp} \left[\frac{1}{kT} \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \quad \left. \left. (0.002 \text{ eVmev} + 3 \text{hw}) \right] \text{eVmev} - 6 \text{ Exp} \left[\frac{1}{kT} (0.001 \text{ eVmev} + 2 \text{hw}) \right] \text{hw} + \right. \\
 & \quad 6 \text{ Exp} \left[\frac{1}{kT} (0.003 \text{ eVmev} + 2 \text{hw}) \right] \text{hw} + \text{Exp} \left[\frac{1}{kT} (0.004 \text{ eVmev} + 3 \text{hw}) \right] \\
 & \quad (0.001 \text{ eVmev} - \text{hw} - 2 kT) + \text{Exp} \left[\frac{\text{hw}}{kT} \right] (-0.001 \text{ eVmev} + \text{hw} - 2 kT) - \\
 & \quad \text{Exp} \left[\frac{0.004 \text{ eVmev} + \text{hw}}{kT} \right] (0.001 \text{ eVmev} + \text{hw} - 2 kT) + \\
 & \quad \text{Exp} \left[\frac{1}{kT} (0.001 \text{ eVmev} + 4 \text{hw}) \right] (0.001 \text{ eVmev} + \text{hw} - 2 kT) + \\
 & \quad \text{Exp} \left[\frac{1}{kT} (0.003 \text{ eVmev} + 4 \text{hw}) \right] (0.001 \text{ eVmev} - \text{hw} + 2 kT) + \\
 & \quad \left. \text{Exp} \left[\frac{0.001 \text{ eVmev}}{kT} \right] (-0.001 \text{ eVmev} + \text{hw} + 2 kT) - \text{Exp} \left[\frac{0.003 \text{ eVmev}}{kT} \right] \right. \\
 & \quad \left. (0.001 \text{ eVmev} + \text{hw} + 2 kT) + \text{Exp} \left[\frac{3 \text{hw}}{kT} \right] (0.001 \text{ eVmev} + \text{hw} + 2 kT) \right) \Bigg) / \\
 & \left(\left(- \text{Exp} \left[\frac{0.001 \text{ eVmev}}{kT} \right] + \text{Exp} \left[\frac{\text{hw}}{kT} \right] \right)^3 \left(-1 + \text{Exp} \left[\frac{0.001 \text{ eVmev} + \text{hw}}{kT} \right] \right)^3 kT^2 \right) \Bigg);
 \end{aligned}$$

II. Second derivative of current - Asymmetric term

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dx = 0.02;
maxX = 0.7;
hilbM = Table[dx + (dx + x - x0) (Log[Abs[-x + x0]] - Log[Abs[-dx - x + x0]]) -
  dx - (dx - x + x0) (Log[Abs[-x + x0]] - Log[Abs[dx - x + x0]]),
  {x, -maxX - .00001, maxX, dx}, {x0, -maxX, maxX, dx}] 1 / Pi / dx;
NN = Length[hilbM];
xx = Table[x, {x, -maxX, maxX, dx}];
nf[x_, kT_] := 1 / (E^(x / kT) + 1);
hTerm1[hw_, kT_] := hTerm1[hw, kT] =
  hilbM.Table[nf[x + hw, kT] - nf[x - hw, kT], {x, -maxX, maxX, dx}];
hTerm2[eV_, hw_, kT_] := hTerm2[eV, hw, kT] = Module[{}, dx Apply[Plus,
  hTerm1[hw, kT] * Table[nf[x, kT] - nf[x - eV, kT], {x, -maxX, maxX, dx}] / 2]];
dhTerm[hw_, kT_] := Module[{tmp, tmp2},
  tmp = tmp2 = Table[hTerm2[V, hw, kT], {V, -maxX, maxX, dx}];
  tmp2[[Range[1, Length[tmp] - 1]]] = tmp[[Range[2, Length[tmp]]]];
  (tmp - tmp2) / dx
];
Asym[hw_, kT_] := Asym[hw, kT] = Interpolation[Transpose[{xx, dhTerm[hw, kT]}]];
DAsym[hw_, kT_] := DAsym[hw, kT] = Module[{tmpx, tmp, NN = Length[xx]},
  tmpx = (xx[[Range[1, NN - 1]]] + xx[[Range[2, NN]]]) / 2;
  tmp = dhTerm[hw, kT];
  tmp = (tmp[[Range[2, NN]]] - tmp[[Range[1, NN - 1]]]) / dx;
  Interpolation[Transpose[{tmpx, tmp}]]
];
D2asym[alpha_, Gam1_, e0_, hw_, M_, kT_, para_, eVmev_] :=
  
$$\frac{1}{(4 e0^2 + (1 + \alpha)^2 \text{Gam1}^2)^3} 16 \alpha \text{Gam1}^2 M^2$$

  (-8 (-1 + alpha) e0 Gam1 DAsym[hw, kT][0.001` eVmev + para]);

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III. Second derivative of current - Complete expression

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D2[alpha_, Gam1_, e0_, hw_, M_, kT_, para_, eVmev_] :=
  D2sym[alpha, Gam1, e0, hw, M, kT, para, eVmev] +
  D2asym[alpha, Gam1, e0, hw, M, kT, para, eVmev];
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Case 1

Gam1 = 2, Gam2 = 0.1 (alpha = Gam2/Gam1 = 0.05)

e0 = -5

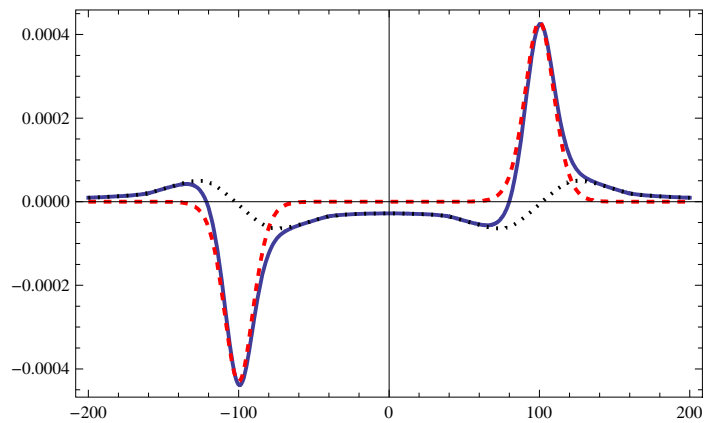
hw = 0.1

M = 0.2

kT = 50 * 0.025 / 300

para = -0.0097

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D2symGamma1[eVmev_] :=
  D2sym[0.05, 2, -5, 0.1, 0.2, 50 * 0.025 / 300, -0.0097, eVmev];
D2asymGamma1[eVmev_] := D2asym[0.05, 2, -5, 0.1,
  0.2, 50 * 0.025 / 300, -0.0097, eVmev];
D2Gamma1[eVmev_] := D2[0.05, 2, -5, 0.1, 0.2, 50 * 0.025 / 300, -0.0097, eVmev];
Plot[{D2Gamma1[eVmev], D2symGamma1[eVmev], D2asymGamma1[eVmev]},
  {eVmev, -200, 200},
  PlotStyle -> {{Thick}, {Thick, Red, Dashed}, {Thick, Black, Dotted}},
  PlotRange -> All, Frame -> True]
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Case 2

$\text{Gam1} = 0.1, \text{Gam2} = 2$ ($\alpha = \text{Gam2}/\text{Gam1} = 20$)

$e0 = -5$

$hw = 0.1$

$M = 0.2$

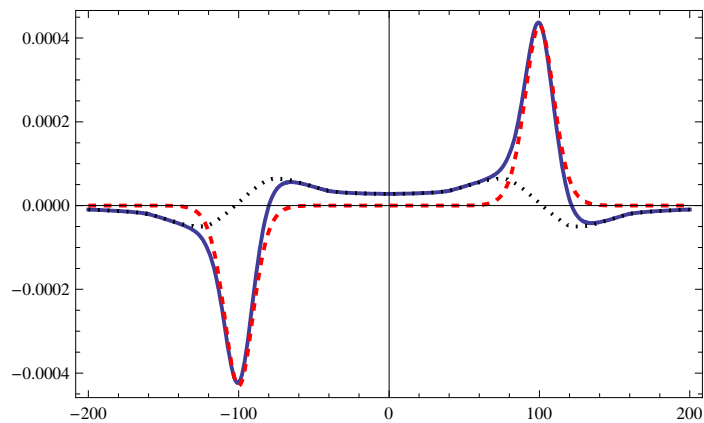
$kT = 50 \cdot 0.025 / 300$

$\text{para} = -0.0097$

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D2symGamma2[eVmev_] :=
  D2sym[20, 0.1, -5, 0.1, 0.2, 50 * 0.025 / 300, -0.0097, eVmev];
D2asymGamma2[eVmev_] := D2asym[20, 0.1, -5, 0.1,
  0.2, 50 * 0.025 / 300, -0.0097, eVmev];
D2Gamma2[eVmev_] := D2[20, 0.1, -5, 0.1, 0.2, 50 * 0.025 / 300, -0.0097, eVmev];
Plot[{D2Gamma2[eVmev], D2symGamma2[eVmev], D2asymGamma2[eVmev]},
  {eVmev, -200, 200},
  PlotStyle -> {{Thick}, {Thick, Red, Dashed}, {Thick, Black, Dotted}},
  PlotRange -> All, Frame -> True]

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IV. Doublet splitting simulation

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D2doublet[alpha_, Gam1_, e0_, hw1_, hw2_, M_, kT_, para1_, para2_, eVmev_] :=
  D2[alpha, Gam1, e0, hw1, M, kT, para1, eVmev] +
  D2[alpha, Gam1, e0, hw2, M, kT, para2, eVmev];

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Case of doublet splitting simulation

Gam1 = 2, Gam2 = 0.1, alpha = Gam2/Gam1 = 0.05

e0 = -5

hw1 = 0.1245

hw2 = 0.1

M = 0.2

kT = 38 * 0.025/300

para1 = -0.00

para2 = -0.00

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Plot[
  {D2doublet[0.05, 2, -5, 0.1, 0.1245, 0.2, 38 * 0.025 / 300, -0.00, -0.00, eVmev],
   D2[0.05, 2, -5, 0.1245, 0.2, 38 * 0.025 / 300, -0, eVmev],
   D2[0.05, 2, -5, 0.1, 0.2, 38 * 0.025 / 300, -0, eVmev]}, {eVmev, -200, 200},
  PlotStyle -> {{Thick, Blue}, {Thick, Black}, {Thick, Red}},
  PlotRange -> All, Frame -> True]

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