## Supplementary Information for Sum frequency generation, calculation of absolute intensities, comparison with experiments, and two-field relaxation-based derivation

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## **Supplementary Information**

A. Projection from the molecule coordinates onto the lab coordinates. The averaging in Eq. 33 is over the phase space,  $\Gamma$ , including the coordinates in Q and the molecular orientations in the Ds, and indeed over all coordinates other than the OH vibrational coordinate q. The product of the various Ds with  $\omega(Q[t])$  serves to distinguish the surface molecules from the molecules in the bulk, when ensemble averaged, since it will give rise to a zero SFG signal from the interior molecules. The exponential in Eq. 32 containing  $\omega(Q)$  serves, in effect, to single out the contributions to the dangling OH peak, in the case of a water surface, from the contributions from the motion of the other H<sub>2</sub>O vibrational coordinates.

 $D_{l\xi}$  in Eq. 33 represents projection from molecule coordinates for the OH bond,  $\hat{\xi} = (\hat{u}, \hat{v}, \hat{w})$ , onto the lab coordinates,  $\hat{l} = (\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z})$ . (1) The  $\hat{z}$  axis of the lab coordinates points from bulk to vapor along the surface normal, while the xy plane is perpendicular to  $\hat{z}$ . The  $\hat{w}$  lies along the OH bond with a direction from O to H, while the  $\hat{u}\hat{v}$  plane is perpendicular to  $\hat{w}$ .  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\hat{w}$  and surface normal, while  $\phi$  is the angle between the projection of  $\hat{w}$  onto the xy plane and the  $\hat{x}$  axis. We then have

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{v} \\ \hat{w} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\phi\cos\theta & \sin\phi\cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ -\sin\phi & \cos\phi & 0 \\ \cos\phi\sin\theta & \sin\phi\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{x} \\ \hat{y} \\ \hat{z} \end{pmatrix}$$
 [S1]

Inserting Eq. S1 into Eq. 33, one finds that three items,  $a_{q,www}$ ,  $a_{q,uuw}$ , and  $a_{q,vvw}$ , survive after summing over all coordinates  $\lambda$ ,  $\mu$ , and  $\nu$ . We then have

$$\chi_{ijk}^{(2)}(\omega) = -iN_s \int_0^\infty e^{-i\omega t} < e^{i\int \omega(Q[t'])dt'} \\ \times \{ [a_{www}(\hat{w}(0) \cdot \hat{i})(\hat{w}(0) \cdot \hat{j}) + a_{uuw}(\hat{u}(0) \cdot \hat{i})(\hat{u}(0) \cdot \hat{j}) \\ + a_{vvw}(\hat{v}(0) \cdot \hat{i})(\hat{v}(0) \cdot \hat{j})][\hat{r}(t) \cdot \hat{k}] \} > dt$$
[S2]

The right hand side of Eq. S2 can be interpreted as the ensemble average of the projection of the molecule hyperpolarizabilities onto the i, j and k polarization vectors.

For simplicity, we may assume that the hyperpolarizabilities perpendicular to the OH bond are the same. Then Eq. S2 becomes(1)

$$\chi_{ijk}^{(2)}(\omega) = -iN_s \int_0^\infty e^{-i\omega t} < e^{i\int_0^t \omega(Q[t'])dt'} \\ \times \{ [a_{\parallel}(\hat{r}(0) \cdot \hat{i})(\hat{r}(0) \cdot \hat{j}) + a_{\perp}(\hat{i} \cdot \hat{j}) \\ -a_{\perp}(\hat{r}(0) \cdot \hat{i})(\hat{r}(0) \cdot \hat{j})] [\hat{r}(t) \cdot \hat{k}] \} > dt$$
[S3]

where  $a_{\parallel} = a_{q,www}$  and  $a_{\perp} = a_{q,uuw} = a_{q,vvw}$ .  $\hat{r}(t)$  is the OH bond unit vector.

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**B.** Integrated SSP SFG intensity for Ref. (2). The integrated SSP SFG intensity for dangling OH region in Fig. 1 of Ref. (2) is  $1.2 \times 10^{-13} \text{A}^8 \text{e}^2 \text{K}^{-2} \text{cm}^{-1}$ . Presuming that A is angstrom,  $10^{-10}$  m, that e is the electronic charge,  $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ C, and that K is the energy unit Kelvin \* , where  $1\text{K} = 1.38 \times 10^{-23}$ J ( $8.63 \times 10^{-5}$ eV). So  $1.2 \times 10^{-13} \text{A}^8 \text{e}^2 \text{K}^{-2} \text{cm}^{-1} = 1.6 \times 10^{-85} \text{m}^8 \text{V}^{-2} \text{cm}^{-1}$ . Then, the value should be divided by the surface area ( $18.7 \times 18.7 \text{ A}^2$ ) square, i.e.  $1.6 \times 10^{-85} \text{m}^8 \text{V}^{-2} \text{cm}^{-1}$  divide by ( $18.7 \times 18.7 \times 10^{-20} \text{m}^2$ )<sup>2</sup> =  $1.3 \times 10^{-50} \text{m}^4 \text{V}^{-2} \text{cm}^{-1}$ .

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<sup>\*</sup>K is normally a unit of absolute temperature but for the units of  $|\chi_{eff}^{(2)}|^2$  in Ref. (2) to translate into the conversional units, we took it to be a unit of energy.