Photochemistry of $Fe(das)₂XY⁺$

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Registry No. Fe^{II}(PTS)⁴⁻, 69087-62-3; Co^{II}(PTS)⁴⁻, 67462-30-0; $Co^{III}(PTS)Cl₂⁵$, 69028-15-5; $Co^{III}(PTS)(H₂O)I⁴$, 69056-52-6; $Co^{III}(PTS)I₂⁵⁻, 69028-16-6; Co(PTS)(H₂O)(SCN)⁴⁻, 69028-17-7;$ $Co(PTS)(SCN)₂⁵$, 69042-79-1; $Co(PTS)(H₂O)(N₃)⁴$, 69028-18-8; $Co(PTS)(N_3)_2^{5-}$, 69028-19-9; Fe(PTS)($OH_2)_2^{5-}$, 69028-20-2; [Co- $(PTS)(OH₂)₂³⁻,Cr(bpy)₃³⁺$], 69028-25-7; $[Co(PTS)(OH₂)₂³⁻,Ru (bpy)_3^2$ ⁺]⁻, 69028-26-8; $[Co(PTS)(OH_2)_2^4$ ⁻,Cr(bpy)₃³⁺]⁻, 69028-28-0; [Co(PTS)(C1),]Na5, 69028-7 **1** :3; [CO(PTS)(B~)~]N~~, 69028-22-4; $[Co(PTS)(NCS)₂]$ Na₅, 69028-23-5; $[Co^H(PTS)⁴$, R_u(bpy)₃²⁺]²⁻, $Co^{III}(PTS)³⁻$, 69087-63-4; $Co^{III}(PTS)(H₂O)Cl⁴⁻$, 69028-14-4; 69028-30-4.

Supplementary Material Available: Figure 1 showing transformations in the absorption spectrum of cobalt(II1) and cobalt(I1) sulfophthalocyanines and Table I with analytical data for acidocobalt(II1) sulfophthalocyanines (3 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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Ligand Field Parameters and Photochemistry from Charge-Transfer Excited States of Bis[o-phenylenebis(dimethylarsine)]iron(III) Halides

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The charge-transfer spectroscopy and photochemistry of the title compounds $Fe(da)_2XY^+(X, Y^- = CI, Br^-, I^-)$ are reported. The d-orbital energies are determined from the arsine-to-iron charge-transfer spectra. Ligand field and angular overlap parameters are calculated from the charge-transfer spectra and compared to those of other first-row transition-metal(II1) compounds. Fe(das), Cl_2^+ reacts photochemically in the presence of organoiodides to produce Fe(das), ClI^+ with quantum yields on the order of 10^{-3} .

The electronic spectroscopy and photochemistry of metal complexes containing ligands having low optical electronegativity are not well understood. * Accurate determination of the ligands' spectrochemical properties is frequently prevented by low-energy ligand-to-metal charge-transfer absorption bands which obscure the ligand field transitions. Photoreactions from charge-transfer states include photoredox reactions and reactions of coordinated ligands for which detailed understanding is lacking. Recent spectroscopic and photochemical studies of charge-transfer excited states suggest that the photoreactions can be interpreted in terms of a

formally reduced metal center in ligand-to-metal chargetransfer (LTMCT) excited states¹⁻⁴ and a formally oxidized metal in metal-to-ligand charge-transfer (MTLCT) excited states.^{5,6} However, many CT states transfer energy via intersystem crossing to lower lying ligand field states, and many are photoinactive. $1,7-9$

During spectroscopic and photochemical studies in this laboratory of metal complexes of bis[o-phenylenebis(dimethylarsine)], das, it was observed that the slightly photoactive trans-dihaloiron(II1) complexes contained four well-resolved charge-transfer absorptions in addition to much

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Figure 1. Charge-transfer electronic absorption spectra of $Fe(das)₂X₂⁺$: $X = Cl(-), X = Br(--), X = I(-).$

less intense d-d transitions. The charge-transfer transitions offered the unusual opportunity not only to study the charge-transfer excited states but also to obtain the d-orbital energies and thus calculate the ligand field parameters. The results of electronic absorption spectroscopic studies and photochemical studies are reported here.

Experimental Section

Compounds. $[Fe(das)_2Cl_2]Cl$ and $[Fe(das)_2Br_2]Br$ were prepared and isolated using literature procedures.¹⁰ [Fe(das)₂I₂]Cl was prepared in solution by the reaction of the dichloro or dibromo complex with iodoform. The diiodo complex decomposed within several minutes. The mixed dihalo compounds were prepared in solution by the reaction of Fe(das)₂NOX (X = Cl, Br, I) with iodoform⁶ and by reaction of the dichloro or dibromo complexes with organohalides.

Spectroscopic Studies. All electronic absorption studies were carried out in acetone doubly distilled from Drierite. Spectra were recorded with a Cary 14 spectrometer. Luminescence from the solids was searched for at room temperature and at 77 K using a Spex fluorolog spectrofluorimeter.

Photochemistry. The electronic absorption spectra were taken on a Cary 14 spectrometer. The actinometry system was monitored on a Hitachi Perkin-Elmer 139 UV-vis spectrometer.

Photolysis was done with a Hanovia 100-W high-pressure quartz mercury-vapor lamp with filters isolating the 546-nm region. The filter combination consisted of a double-Pyrex plate, a chemical filter of 5×10^{-4} M aqueous K₂[CrO₄], and Corning filters 29-4 and 36-78. This combination isolated the 510-565-nm wavelengths with a 23.4% transmittance at 546 nm. 1,3

An optical bench with mounted source, filters, and cells was used to measure all quantum yields. The samples were irradiated in 1-cm cylindrical cells with a 2.5-mL volume. The average photon flux on the surface of the cell was $2.3 \times 10^{15} h\nu/s \pm 3%$. Actinometry was carried out at the beginning and end of each run with Reinecke's salt.¹¹ The quantum yields were calculated¹² by monitoring both the disappearance of the charge-transfer band of the starting material at 533 nm and the appearance of the charge-transfer band of the photoproduct at 675 nm.

Results and Discussion

1. Assignments of Charge-Transfer and Ligand Field Bands. The electronic absorption spectra of *trans*-dihalobis $[0$ **phenylenebis(dimethylarsine)]iron(III)** complexes, Fe- $(das)₂XY⁺$, are dominated by four intense bands, $\epsilon > 10³$ (Figure 1). The energies of these bands for the dichloro, -bromo, and -iodo complexes as well as for the mixed halo complexes are given in Table I. In addition to the intense features, the absorption spectra contain weak features $(\epsilon \le 100)$ in the UV, visible, and near-IR regions of the spectrum which generally appear as shoulders on the intense features.

The four intense absorption bands are assigned to internal ligand and charge-transfer transitions on the basis of the large molar absorptivities and their quantitative relationships with

Table **I.** Energies of CT Band Maxima for Fe(das),XY'

		absorption band maxima (10^3 cm^{-1})			
X	Y		Ħ	ш	IV
Cl	Cl	18.1	27.1	31.5	40.0
Br	Br	16.5	24.4	30.8	38.6
		13.0	21.1	30.5	38.4
C1	Br	17.4	25.8	31.1	40.0
Cl		14.8	24.8	31.5	38.2
Br		14.3	23.0		
CI	Вr	17.3 ^a	25.5^a		
Cl		$15.5^{\,a}$	23.9 ^a		
Br		14.8^{a}	22.9 ^a		

See text for discussion.

Figure 2. Quantitative orbital energy level diagram for $Fe(das)₂X₂⁺$ complexes. The tetragonal ligand field parameters are given on the right

the d-d bands (vide infra). In the case of the charge-transfer transitions, both ligand-to-metal charge transfer (LTMCT) and metal-to-ligand charge transfer (MTLCT) must be considered. The latter can be discounted for the low-energy CT because of the iron oxidation state of 3+. The lowest energy LTMCT band(s) is (are) expected to be das to iron based on the optical electronegativities of the ligands (Cl⁻, 3.0; Br-, 2.8; I-, 2.5; das, 2.46).13 **As** discussed below, the only consistent assignment for all the CT bands is das (or an orbital primarily das in character) to iron.

The three lowest energy charge-transfer bands, labeled bands I-III in Table I, are assigned to the transitions to d_{xz} and d_{vz} (band I), to d_{z^2} (band II), and to $d_{x^2-v^2}$ (band III). These assignments are summarized in the quantitative energy-level diagram shown in Figure 2. The observed changes in the energies of the CT bands as the halides are changed are caused by the changed energies of the d orbitals as the ligand field varies. The ligand field properties responsible for these changes will be quantitatively calculated in the next section, If any of these bands were transitions from the halide to metal d orbitals, the energy changes caused by changing the halide should be much larger. On the basis of optical electronegativity, a halide-to-metal CT should decrease 6 X 10^3 cm⁻¹ as Cl is replaced by Br and 9 \times 10³ cm⁻¹ if Br is replaced by I. Furthermore, in the mixed dihalo complexes, CT bands from both of the different halides could be expected if orbital mixing were small. No new bands are found in the mixed dihalo complexes. Because halide and arsine orbitals are basis functions for the same irreducible representations in D_{2h} symmetry, the CT is best stated as $(As + X)$ to Fe(III).

The highest energy transition, band IV, is assigned to an internal ligand transition in the das ligand. The most telling **Table II.** Ligand Field States of $Fe(das)₂X₂⁺$ and Partial Assignments

^a Calculated using the one-electron orbital energies and neglecting electron repulsion. All energies in units of 10^3 cm⁻¹.

Determined directly from the d-d absorption.

evidence for this assignment is the constancy of its energy in all of the compounds in Table I ((39 \pm 1) \times 10³ cm⁻¹). In addition, the free ligand has an absorption shoulder at 36 \times 10^3 cm⁻¹ in ethanol and the analogous $\text{Co}^{III}(\text{das})_2\text{Cl}_2^+$ complex has an absorption maximum at 40×10^3 cm⁻¹,¹⁴

The assignment of the d-d bands is complicated by the presence of 14 states of the 6 configurations arising from the one-electron transitions, by the large number of these states mixed by configuration interaction, by the selection rules in the idealized D_{4h} symmetry in which all 14 transitions are vibronically allowed, and by the obscuration of the d-d bands by the CT bands. The 14 states arising from the one-electron transitions are listed on the left of Table 11. Because few of the peaks are resolved in the absorption spectra and because some are obscured by the CT absorptions, neither the LF band assignments nor a determination of the LF parameters Dq , Ds, or Dt can be carried out using direct spectral-fitting procedures.¹⁵

The assignment of many of the spin-allowed d-d bands can be accomplished utilizing the one-electron d-orbital energies determined from the CT spectra shown in Figure 2. On the basis of the CT assignments, the energy difference between the e(d_{xz}, d_{yz}) and $a_1^1(d_z^2)$ orbitals in the dichloro complex is $(27.1-18.1)$ or 9.0×10^3 cm⁻¹. Thus, the calculated onethe e(d_{xz}, d_{yz}) and a_1 ¹(d_{z2}) orbitals in the dichloro complex is
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 $+ E$) × $+ E$) × 10³ cm⁻¹. These calculated energies are apparent from Figure 2. The lowest energy transition is observed at 5×10^3 cm-' both in the solution absorption spectrum and in the solid-state reflectance spectrum of the chloro and bromo complexes.¹⁶ Using the value $E = 5 \times 10^3$ cm⁻¹, we have calculated the one-electron d-d transition energies, and the results are given in Table **11.**

The energies of the spectroscopically observed transitions are related to the one-electron energies calculated above. However, electron repulsion and configuration interaction between the states will respectively increase the number of transitions over that expected on a one-electron basis and shift the state energies. **A** simple example illustrating these aspects is found in the doublet states of the $b_2^2e^2a_1^1$ configuration. The pair of electrons in the e orbital can be spin paired in the d_{xz} orbital or the d_{vz} orbital, can be spin "up" in the d_{xz} orbital and spin "down" in the d_{yz} orbital or vice versa, or can be both spin "up" or both spin "down" with one each in d_{xz} and d_{yz} . These configurations give rise to 2A_1 , 2A_2 , 2B_1 , and 2B_2 states

with different energies because of the different electron repulsions in the different configurations. Thus four transitions are expected whose energies depend on the electron-repulsion integral. In addition, the ${}^{2}B_{2}$ state, for example, can mix with ${}^{2}B_{2}$ state from the $b_{2} {}^{2}e^{2}b_{1} {}^{1}$ configuration. For these reasons, the $b_2^2e^2a_1^1$ configuration will not give rise to a single state at 8.5×10^3 cm⁻¹ but instead will give rise to four states with a spread of energies in the vicinity of 8.5 \times 10³ cm⁻¹.

Few of the d-d transitions can be resolved in the electronic absorption spectrum. The only well-resolved d-d features are at 5.0 and 14.5×10^3 cm⁻¹. A moderately well-separated shoulder is found at 19.4×10^3 cm⁻¹ and a series of broad features are found between $(8-10)$ and $(12-14) \times 10^3$ cm⁻¹. Even though the individual states cannot be assigned, the one-electron configurations can be associated with the absorption features as shown in Table 11.

Luminescence of the Fe(das)₂ X_2 ⁺ compounds would be expected to occur in the IR with an emission maximum at wavelengths longer than 10000 Å if the lowest excited state emitted. We do not have sensitive enough detectors to observe such emission if it occurs. The possibility that luminescence could occur from the charge-transfer states was tested. Not surprisingly, no luminescence was observed between 3500 and 8000 Å for solids or solutions at room temperature or at 77 K.

2. Ligand Field Parameters. The tetragonal crystal field parameters Dq , Ds , and Dt ,¹⁷ the McClure parameters $\delta\sigma$ and $\delta \pi$ ¹⁸ and the angular overlap model's (AOM) l_{σ} and l_{π} ¹⁹ are usually determined by computer simulations of ligand field spectra.¹⁵ The best studied systems include d^3 Cr(III), d^8 Ni(II), and d^6 Co(III), while studies of d^5 Fe(III) are rare.¹⁵ The difficulties encountered in the latter system include the large number of poorly resolved bands and complications from charge-transfer transitions.

Ideally, the *ligand field* parameters can be determined from *charge-transfer* spectra. The conditions which must be met are: (1) transitions to (or from) all of the d orbitals must be observed in the CT spectrum and (2) the differences between the electron repulsion integrals in the charge-transfer energies must be small. Under these conditions, the one electron d-orbital energies can be calculated, and from them the ligand field parameters can be determined. In the case of the Fe- $(das)₂XY⁺ compounds, condition (1) is not fulfilled because$ the CT transition to the filled b_2 (d_{xy}) orbital is not observed. Fortunately, the energy spacing between b_2 and e can be accurately determined from the well-resolved band in the d-d spectrum and thus all of the required one-electron d-orbital energies can be calculated. The electron-repulsion integrals are more difficult to evaluate, but the difference between them in the CT transitions to the various metal d orbitals should be small because the interaction between the formally oxidized ligand "core" and the various d orbitals will be similar. The crucial feature, that the d-orbital energy differences be obtained, is satisfied. Further confirmation is obtained from the self-consistency of the ligand field calculation below.

Consider first the evaluation of the crystal field parameters. The energies of the one-electron orbitals expressed in terms of the crystal field parameters are shown in Figure 2. The values of Dq , Ds , and Dt are obtained by solving four simultaneous equations obtained from the energy differences between the orbitals¹⁷ (eq 1). Results are given in Table III.

$$
4Ds + 5Dt = E(x^2 - y^2) - E(z^2)
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 (1a)

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-3Ds + 5Dt = E(xz, yz) - E(xy) \tag{1b}
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-Ds - 10Dt + 10Dq = E(z2) - E(xz, yz)
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 (1c)

$$
10Dq = E(x^2 - y^2) - E(xy)
$$
 (1d)

Table III. Ligand Field Parameters^a

	$Fe(das)$, Cl , $+$	$Fe(das)$, Br^+	$Fe(das)$, I^+
Dq	18.4 ± 1	19.3 ± 1	22.5 ± 2
Ds	-0.086 ± 0.005	0.20 ± 0.005	0.63 ± 0.3
Dt	0.97 ± 0.08	1.12 ± 0.05	1.37 ± 0.2
	8.3 ± 0.4	$7.0, \pm 0.3$	$5.4 - \pm 0.3$
	$5.7 + 0.3$	$5.3 + 0.3$	4.5 ± 1
	10.5 ± 0.5	$10.2, \pm 0.5$	$10.1, \pm 0.5$
$\frac{l_{\sigma}X}{l_{\sigma}A}$ $\frac{l_{\sigma}A}{l_{\pi}A}$	$3.2_{\rm s} \pm 0.2$	$2.8_{\circ} \pm 0.1$	2.0 ± 0.5

 a All energies are in units of $10³$ cm⁻¹. The experimental uncertainties are largest for the diiodo complex because of the large uncertainty in the energy of the $b₂$ orbital.

The parameters of the angular overlap model were calculated using the data in Figure 2 and the expressions

$$
E(x^2 - y^2) = 3l_\sigma^{As}
$$
 (2a)

$$
E(z^2) = 2l_o^X + l_o^{As}
$$
 (2b)

 $E(xz,yz) = 2l_{\pi}^{X} + 2l_{\pi}^{As}$ (2c)

$$
E(xy) = 4l_{\pi}^{As} \tag{2d}
$$

The values of l_{σ}^{As} and l_{π}^{As} were obtained from the CT transition energies to the $d_{x^2-y^2}$ and d_{xy} orbitals, respectively. The values of l_a ^x and l_a ^x were then calculated from the d₂² and $d_{xz}d_{yz}$ orbitals. The results of these calculations are given in Table 111.

Note that the procedure used to calculate the angular overlap model parameters assumes that the HOMO is the zero-energy origin of the energy scale. The origin which should be used is that of the unperturbed d orbitals. If the energy difference between these origins is *W,* the observed transition energies in the CT spectrum are those of eq 2a-d plus W . The l_{σ} values shown in Table III are thus $l_{\sigma} + W/3$ and $l_{\tau} + W/4$. The value of W cannot be determined from the absorption spectra. Its upper limit calculated from the b₂ orbital of Fe(das)₂I₂⁺ is 8 \times 10³ cm⁻¹.

The angular overlap parameters are related to the crystal ld parameters by the expressions²⁰
 $Ds = \frac{2}{7} (l_a^{As} - l_a^{X}) + \frac{2}{7} (l_a^{As} - l_a^{X})$ (3a) field parameters by the expressions²⁰

$$
Ds = \frac{2}{7}(l_{\sigma}^{As} - l_{\sigma}^{X}) + \frac{2}{7}(l_{\pi}^{As} - l_{\pi}^{X})
$$
 (3a)

$$
Dt = \frac{6}{35}(l_{\sigma}^{As} - l_{\sigma}^{X}) - \frac{8}{35}(l_{\pi}^{As} - l_{\pi}^{X})
$$
 (3b)

$$
Dq = 3l_{\sigma}^{As} - 4l_{\pi}^{As} \tag{3c}
$$

In order to test the consistency of the assignments, *Dq, Ds,* and *Dt* were calculated using the AOM parameters in Table 111. The *Dq* values for the C1, Br, and I complexes from eq 3 are 18.3 (8), 19.2 (9), and 22.5 (1) \times 10³ cm⁻¹ compared to the measured values of 18.4, 19.3, and 22.5×10^3 cm⁻¹. The *Ds* values were, respectively, -0.082 (8), 0.20 (3), and 0.62 (9) compared to -0.085 (7), 0.20, and 0.62 (8). Note that in these calculations, *W* cancels out. These relationships provide a bonding interpretation of the crystal field parameters (vide infra). In addition, they show that the two sets of calculations are self-consistent.

The energies of the CT transitions in mixed dihalo complexes can be predicted if we assume that the AOM parameters are additive. The calculated transition energies are compared to the observed energies at the bottom of Table I. Note that the average deviation between the calculated and observed transition energies is 13 nm.

Several trends in the parameters and comparisons with parameters calculated for other metal systems are of interest. First, the average value of *Dq* found in this study for the das ligand is 2050 cm-'. The average value of *Dq* calculated for the analogous $Cr(das)₂X₂⁺$ compounds using the d-d bands was 2040 cm⁻¹.²¹ For Fe^{II}(das)₃²⁺, the calculated *Dq* was 2490 cm-1.21 These results are in accord with the observation of Feltham et al. that the spectrochemical properties of das are similar to those of ethylenediamine in highly charged com-

Table **IV.** Photochemical Results

$[Fe(das),Cl,+], M$	RI	[RI], M	a, b
5.50×10^{-4} 2.68 2.90 2.56 4.0×10^{-4} 2.9×10^{-4} 2.9×10^{-4} 2.9×10^{-4}	CH ₂ I CH ₃ CHICH ₃	1.2×10^{-2} 1.2×10^{-2} 1.84×10^{-2} 4.69×10^{-2} 4.10×10^{-4} 5.4×10^{-3} 2.7×10^{-3}	4.7×10^{-4} 5.2 4.5 4.9 $< 10^{-4}$ 19×10^{-4} 21×10^{-4}

 a Quantum yields accurate to $\pm 25\%$. b 546-nm irradiation.

plexes but that back-bonding plays a larger role when the positive charge on the metal decreases.²¹ Note also that a small ligand inductive effect²² is observed in Fe(das)₂ X_2^+ . As the axial ligand field decreases in the series C1 > Br > I, *lODq* for das increases.

Second, the trends in the tetragonal field parameters follow well-established orders. The increase of *Dt* in the series C1 $>$ Br $>$ I is as expected for the halides. The AOM parameters are more readily interpreted. The calculated l_{π}^{X} ($\dot{X} = Cl$, Br, I) parameters, when normalized to those based on ammonia, are 0.91, 0.85, and 0.71 compared to the average values of 0.90, 0.85, and 0.65 with chromium(III) and cobalt(III) .²³ The l_a^{X} parameters are -1.2, -2.1, and -3.2 compared to -1.6, -2.1, and -2.6, respectively. These values, the first calculated for Fe(II1) and based on the CT spectrum, are consistent both in the ordering and in the magnitude to those evaluated in the well-studied Cr(II1) and Co(II1) systems. The AOM parameters for das in the chloro complex normalized to those based on ammonia are $l_a^{As} = +0.36$ and $l_a^{As} = +0.52$. These values place das as a slightly better σ -donating ligand than ethylenediamine and about equal in π -donating ability to water.

3. Photochemistry. During the spectroscopic studies it became apparent that $Fe(das)_{2}Cl_{2}^{+}$ photochemically reacted with alkyl halides to produce mixed halo $Fe(das)_2XY^+$ compounds. Similar reactivity had previously been observed upon LTMCT of tris(dithiocarbamato)iron(III) systems where the formally reduced iron in the CT excited state scavenged halogens from alkyl and aryl halides.² However, photoactivity from the das system was surprising because the lowest lying excited state is only 5×10^3 cm⁻¹ above the ground state and efficient radiationless deactivation to the ground state is expected. Photoreaction quantum yields were measured to determine the efficiency of the photoactivity.

Photolysis of $Fe(da)_{2}Cl_{2}^{+}$ in dry methanol and acetone with added iodoform or 2-iodopropane causes the CT bands of the reactant to disappear and those of the $Fe(das)₂ClI⁺$ photoproduct to appear with a 1:l stoichiometry and isobestic points at 437, 486, and 583 nm. Continued photolysis produces unstable $Fe(das)$, I_2 ⁺ which thermally decomposes in a few minutes with loss of all CT absorption bands above 400 nm. Photolysis in the presence of LiCl causes disappearance of all absorption bands above 450 nm. No significant photochemical reactions were observed with iodobenzene or iodoethane. In the presence of the radical initiator benzoyl peroxide, unirradiated $Fe(das)_2Cl_2^+$ first produces Fe(das)ClI and further reacts to form $Fe(das)₂I₂⁺$ which then decomposes. Decomposition with loss of all absorption above 450 nm occurs when photolysis is carried out in acetone with no other reactants and is enhanced in the presence of benzoyl peroxide.

The results of the quantitative photochemical studies are summarized in Table IV. The organic halides do not absorb in the vicinity of 546 nm but have intense bands in the 360-nm region of the second CT band of the complex. The measured quantum yields are accurate to within 25% because of competition from the thermal reaction and because of the low photoreactivity.

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The photoreaction pathway can be interpreted in terms of excited-state bonding changes. In the directly populated CT state, iron-chlorine π bonding is weakened because of population of the antibonding d_{xz} and d_{yz} metal orbitals. In addition, the iron is formally reduced. The weakened ironchlorine coordination site probably undergoes radical attack by the iodine with homolytic cleavage of the coordinated chlorine. This radical pathway is consistent with the enhanced thermal reactivity in the presence of the radical initiator benzoyl peroxide. In addition, the trend exhibited by the photoreaction with the organic halides $CH_3CHICH_3 > CH_3I_3$ $>C_5H_5I \geq C_6H_5I$ is consistent with the bond energies of those halides.24

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Determination of the Comproportionation Constant for a Weakly Coupled Mixed-Valence System by Titration of the Intervalence Transfer Band: μ - $(4,4'$ -Bipyridyl)-bis(pentaammineruthenium) $(5+)$

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The change in absorbance in the region of the intervalence transition for **p-4,4'-bipyridyl-bis(pentaammineruthenium)** when the fully oxidized state is titrated with a reducing agent is used to obtain the comproportionation constant for reaction I. This value (24 \pm 1 at 19.0 °C) was used to calculate the extinction coefficient (8.8 \times 10² M⁻¹ cm⁻¹) at the band maximum (1030 nm in **D20)** and the oscillator strength corresponding to the transition. The stabilization resulting from electron delocalization in turn is calculated from the oscillator strength as 48 cal and falls far short of the stability of the mixed-valence compared to the isovalent state, which amounts to 5×10^2 cal. It seems likely that the major contribution to the stability of the mixed-valence state is the electrostatic interaction between the positively charged ends, which will favor the mixed-valence state. Calculation of this contribution using the macroscopic dielectric constant for the solvent, however, falls far short of accounting for the experimental value. When, as in this case, the contribution to stability from electron delocalization is small, the measurements would seem to provide a rather direct way of exploring the electrostatic term.

Introduction

Over the last 10 years a large number of robust molecules containing two or more metals in different oxidation states have been prepared and studied.¹⁻⁶ One important property of these mixed-valence compounds is the intervalence transfer (IT) band corresponding to a light-induced charge transfer between the metal centers.^{7,8} Hush has treated these IT bands theoretically^{7,9} and concludes that their intensity provides information on the extent of communication between the metal centers. In addition, the energy of these bands is related to the Franck-Condon barrier to electron transfer provided coupling between the metal centers is not very strong.

This paper is based on a reinvestigation³⁻⁵ of the μ -(4,4'**bipyridy1)-bis(pentaammineruthenium)(5+)** ion which was undertaken to obtain quantitative data on the oscillator strength of the IT band. In the work on mixed-valence molecules done heretofore, values of the equilibrium quotient governing a reaction of the type

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[2,2] + [3,3] = 2[3,2] \tag{I}
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have been obtained from cyclic voltammetry data ([2,2], [3,2], and **[3,3]** represent the three different stages of oxidation for the binuclear species). Because the waves corresponding to the two redox stages overlap and because the waves even in well-behaved systems seldom have an ideal form, dependable values of the comproportionation¹⁰ quotient, K_c , cannot be obtained from the electrochemical data unless *K,* is greater than about 2×10^2 . For some such systems, values of K_c have been estimated from the abnormally large peak to peak separations which can be observed when the waves coalesce, but in the absence of ideal behavior and of a theory even for the ideal cases connecting peak to peak separation with $K_{\rm o}$,

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