

cloudy white precipitate formed which was collected by filtration, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, MeOH, and ether, and dried. A total of 14 mg (43%) of the hexafluoroantimonate 17 was obtained: mp >360 °C; IR (KBr) 3138 (m), 1644 (s), 1462 (m), 1276 (m), 662 (s) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN) δ 8.35 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 6.5

Hz, 2 H), 4.10 (s, 3 H). Anal. (PE) Calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>42</sub>F<sub>36</sub>N<sub>6</sub>Sb<sub>6</sub>: C, 24.66; H, 2.25; N, 4.11. Found: C, 24.30; H, 2.07; N, 4.11.

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## Photochemistry of 9,10-Dicyanoanthracene-1,2-Diarylcyclopropane Systems. Photocycloaddition and Photoisomerization

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The photochemical reactions of 9,10-dicyanoanthracene (DCA)-1,2-diarylcyclopropane (CP) systems have been investigated. In degassed acetonitrile solution, (4π + 2σ) photocycloaddition between DCA and CP occurred to give *cis*- and *trans*-2,4-diaryl-1,5-dicyano-6,7:8,9-dibenzobicyclo[3.2.2]nona-6,8-dienes in a 3:1 ratio in good chemical yields although the quantum yields were not high (Φ = 0.002-0.04). This photocycloaddition did not occur in benzene. The DCA-sensitized photoisomerization of *trans*- and *cis*-1,2-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopropanes (1a and 2a) in acetonitrile efficiently occurred to afford a photostationary mixture containing 1a and 2a in a 95:5 ratio. The photoisomerization was remarkably accelerated by bubbling air, by adding metal salts such as Mg(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and LiBF<sub>4</sub>, and also by aromatic hydrocarbons such as phenanthrene and biphenyl. The quantum yield for the photoisomerization of 2a to 1a exceeded unity, indicating that this photoisomerization involved a chain process. The DCA-sensitized photoisomerization of optically resolved (-)-1a afforded a racemic mixture of (+)-1a and (-)-1a. These photoreactions are initiated by a one-electron transfer from CP to the excited singlet of DCA. The photocycloaddition proceeds via radical ion pairs in solvent cage and the photoisomerization proceeds via solvent-separated radical cations of CP.

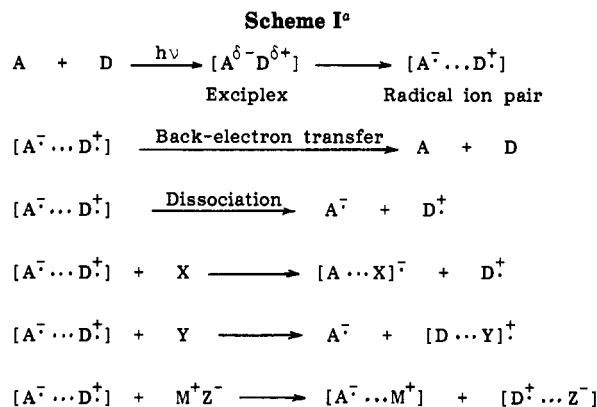
### Introduction

Photoinduced electron transfer reactions from electron donors (D) to electron acceptors (A) in polar media have been a subject of considerable interest in recent years.<sup>1</sup> In these photoreactions, the separation of an initially produced radical ion pair [D<sup>•+</sup>...A<sup>•-</sup>] to dissociated radical ions D<sup>•+</sup> and A<sup>•-</sup> is crucial in determining the efficiency and selectivity of the photoreactions. Recently, Farid et al. have reported that the photodimerization of 1,1-diphenylethene in the presence of DCA proceeds via geminate radical ion pair and also via the free radical cation of 1,1-diphenylethene, and the extent of participation of these reactive species in the photoreaction can be determined by means of kinetic analysis.<sup>2</sup> However, ambiguity still exists about the distinction of these reactive species and their reactivity features. Previously, we proposed that the separation of a radical ion pair to dissociated free radical ions may be facilitated by the addition of certain additives such as aromatic hydrocarbons and metal salts into the reaction system (Scheme I).<sup>3</sup> On the basis of this view, we have studied the effects of metal salts and other additives on photoinduced electron-transfer reactions with the intention of developing highly efficient and selective photoreactions.

This paper deals with the (4π + 2σ) photocycloaddition between 9,10-dicyanoanthracene (DCA) and 1,2-diarylcyclopropanes and the DCA-sensitized photoisomerization of 1,2-diarylcyclopropanes.<sup>3,4</sup> The effects of additives and solvents on these photoreactions have been studied and their mechanistic features are discussed.

### Results and Discussion

**(4π + 2σ) Photocycloaddition between DCA and 1,2-Diarylcyclopropanes.** Irradiation of a degassed



<sup>a</sup> A, electron acceptor; D, electron donor; X, Y, M<sup>+</sup>Z<sup>-</sup>, additives.

acetonitrile solution containing DCA and *trans*-1,2-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopropane (1a) with a 500-W high-pressure mercury lamp through an aqueous CuSO<sub>4</sub>-NH<sub>3</sub> filter solution (≥400 nm) for 50-70 h gave the (4π + 2σ) cycloadducts 3a and 4a in 85% yield.<sup>5</sup> The photoreaction

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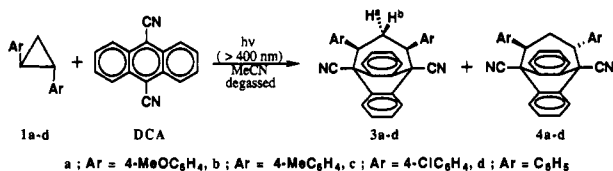
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**Table I. Photocycloaddition between 9,10-Dicyanoanthracene and 1,2-Diarylcyclopropanes in Acetonitrile**

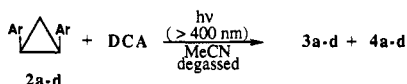
compd	total yield, % <sup>a</sup>	3:4 <sup>b</sup>	$\phi_{\text{DCA}}^c$
1a	85	78:22	0.004
1b	58	d	0.002
2b	d	79:21	d
1c	87	76:24	0.04
2c	d	75:25	d
1d	90	d	0.02

<sup>a</sup> Isolated yields of 3 and 4 obtained by irradiation of mixtures of DCA (0.5 mmol) and 1a-d (0.5 mmol) with 405-nm light. <sup>b</sup> Determined by 270-MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR. <sup>c</sup> Quantum yields for the disappearance of DCA determined by measuring the decrease in the absorbance at 420 nm; [DCA] =  $2 \times 10^{-4}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>, [1] =  $1 \times 10^{-2}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>. <sup>d</sup> Not determined.

of DCA with other 1,2-diarylcyclopropanes 1b-d under similar conditions gave the cycloadducts 3b-d and 4b-d.<sup>4b</sup>



The products were isolated by column chromatography on silica gel, and their structures were established from their spectral properties and elemental analyses. The *cis*-diaryl configuration of 3a-d was assigned from their <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra.<sup>6</sup> The cycloadducts 3a-d have two nonequivalent methylene protons, H<sub>a</sub> and H<sub>b</sub>, and the signals of H<sub>b</sub> appeared at higher fields than those of H<sub>a</sub>, whereas the cycloadducts 4a-d showed triplet signals due to two equivalent methylene protons at  $\delta$  1.98  $\pm$  0.01. The photo-reaction of DCA with *cis*-1,2-diarylcyclopropanes 2a-d also afforded 3a-d and 4a-d. The ratios of 3 to 4 obtained



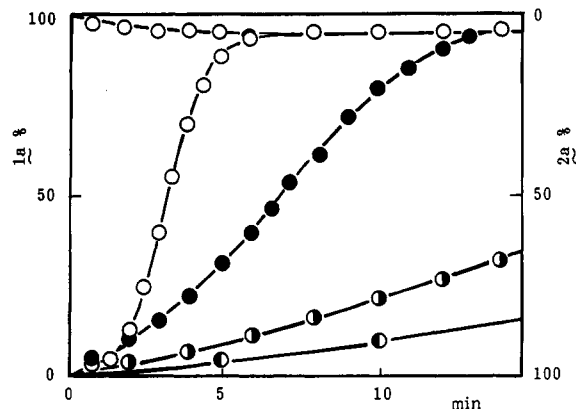
from the *cis* isomers 1a-d and DCA within the experimental error. During irradiation, the geometrical photoisomerization 1  $\rightarrow$  2 was observed. In the cases of 1a and 2a, the photoisomerization occurred slowly to give a photostationary mixture containing 1a and 2a in a ratio of 95:5. For 1b-d and 2b-d, the photoisomerization occurred only to a small extent ( $\leq$ 30%), and the photostationary states were not attained even after prolonged irradiation.<sup>7</sup>

Quantum yields for the formation of 3a-d and 4a-d from 1a-d in degassed acetonitrile solutions were determined by measuring the decrease in absorbance of DCA at 420 nm at appropriate time intervals. The results are summarized in Table I.

This photocycloaddition did not occur in benzene, although the ( $4\pi + 2\pi$ ) photocycloaddition of 1,2-diphenyl-3-(methoxycarbonyl)cyclopropene to DCA has been reported to occur in benzene.<sup>5a</sup> The addition of 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (DABCO) or triethylamine (TEA) to the DCA-1a and DCA-2a systems completely quenched the formation of 3a and 4a.

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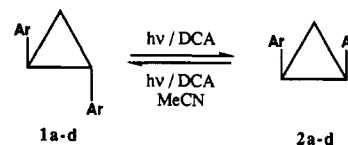
**Figure 1.** Plots of 1a and 2a (%) vs irradiation time. A mixture of DCA and 1a or 2a was irradiated in acetonitrile with 405-nm light. [DCA] =  $5 \times 10^{-4}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>, [1a] = [2a] =  $1 \times 10^{-2}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>. Key: (○) aerated solution, (●) O<sub>2</sub>-saturated solution, (◐) N<sub>2</sub>-saturated solution, (◑) degassed solution.

**Table II. 9,10-Dicyanoanthracene-Sensitized *Cis-Trans* Isomerization of 1,2-Diarylcyclopropanes in Acetonitrile under Various Conditions**

cyclopropane	atmosphere	$\phi_{2 \rightarrow 1}^a$	$\phi_{1 \rightarrow 2}^a$
1a-2a	degassed	0.01	
	N <sub>2</sub> saturated	0.03	
	aerated	0.28	0.015
	aerated	1.8 <sup>b</sup>	0.1 <sup>b</sup>
1b-2b	O <sub>2</sub> saturated	0.13	
	N <sub>2</sub> saturated	0.007	
1c-2c	N <sub>2</sub> saturated	0.001	
1d-2d	N <sub>2</sub> saturated	0.001	

<sup>a</sup> A 405-nm light was irradiated; [DCA] =  $5 \times 10^{-4}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>, [1] = [2] =  $1 \times 10^{-2}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>. <sup>b</sup> Limiting quantum yields obtained from the intercept of linear plots of 1/[ $\phi$ ] vs 1/[1] or 1/[2].

**DCA-Sensitized *Cis-Trans* Isomerization of 1,2-Diarylcyclopropanes.** In contrast to the ( $4\pi + 2\sigma$ ) photocycloaddition under degassed conditions, irradiation of an acetonitrile solution containing 1a or 2a and a catalytic amount of DCA under a nitrogen atmosphere afforded a photostationary mixture containing 1a and 2a.



This photoisomerization was sensitive to oxygen. In an aerated acetonitrile solution, the photoisomerization occurred more rapidly, giving the same photostationary state (Figure 1). However, under an oxygen atmosphere, the cyclopropanes were gradually consumed to give the oxygenated products, accompanying the rapid isomerization.<sup>3</sup> Under these conditions, no photocycloaddition occurred.

Quantum yields for the photoisomerization were determined under various conditions. The results are given in Table II. In some cases, limiting quantum yields for the reaction of 2a to 1a exceeded unity, suggesting that a chain process is involved in this photoisomerization. However, the photoisomerization of 2b-d to 1b-d occurred less efficiently under similar conditions (Table II).<sup>7</sup>

The photoisomerization of 1a and 2a hardly occurred ( $\Phi < 0.01$ ) in less polar solvents such as dichloromethane,

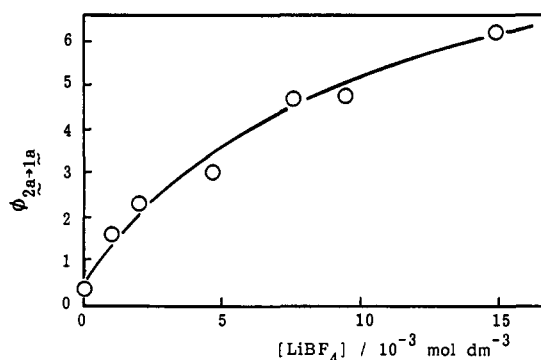
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**Table III.** Effect of Metal Salts on the Photoisomerization of 2a to 1a in Aerated Acetonitrile Solutions

additive	mol dm <sup>-3</sup>	$\phi_{2a \rightarrow 1a}^a$
none		0.28 (0.01) <sup>b</sup>
KClO <sub>4</sub>	5.0 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.3
LiBF <sub>4</sub>	5.0 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.9
	1.0 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	4.7 (4.2) <sup>b</sup>
Et <sub>4</sub> NClO <sub>4</sub>	5.0 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.3
NaClO <sub>4</sub>	5.0 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.8
LiClO <sub>4</sub>	5.0 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.4
Mg(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	2.5 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	10.9

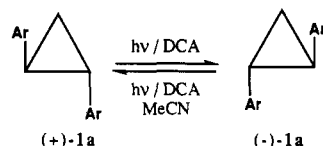
<sup>a</sup> A 405-nm light was irradiated: [DCA] = 5 × 10<sup>-4</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup>, [2a] = 1 × 10<sup>-2</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup>. <sup>b</sup> Degassed solution.



**Figure 2.** Plot of quantum yield ( $\Phi_{2a \rightarrow 1a}$ ) vs the concentration of LiBF<sub>4</sub> in aerated acetonitrile solutions. A 405-nm light was irradiated. [DCA] = 5 × 10<sup>-4</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup>, [2a] = 1 × 10<sup>-2</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup>.

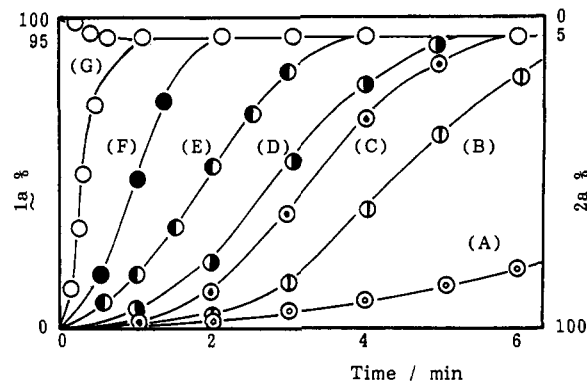
ethyl acetate, and benzene. This photoisomerization was completely quenched by the addition of DABCO or TEA.

The DCA-sensitized photoreaction of the optically resolved (-)-1a afforded a racemic mixture of (+)-1a and (-)-1a under similar reaction conditions with a quantum yield of  $\Phi_{(-)1a \rightarrow (+)1a} = 0.006$ . Similarly, the photoreaction of the optical isomer (+)-1a also gave the same racemic mixture.



**Effect of Metal Salts.** The addition of LiBF<sub>4</sub> into a degassed acetonitrile solution containing DCA and 2a completely suppressed the (4 $\pi$  + 2 $\sigma$ ) photocycloaddition between DCA and 2a and instead caused the efficient cis-trans photoisomerization of 2a, giving a photo-stationary mixture of 1a and 2a in a ratio of 95:5. The quantum yield for this photoisomerization ( $\Phi_{2a \rightarrow 1a}$ ) became more than 10<sup>2</sup> times higher than that in the degassed solution in the absence of LiBF<sub>4</sub> (Table III). In the absence of LiBF<sub>4</sub>, the quantum yield for the photoisomerization was strongly affected by oxygen. However, in the presence of LiBF<sub>4</sub>,  $\Phi_{2a \rightarrow 1a}$  was almost the same in degassed and aerated solutions, and it rather depended on the concentration of the added salts (Figure 2). The quantum yield for the photoisomerization was also enhanced by the addition of other metal salts such as LiClO<sub>4</sub> or Mg(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (Table III, Figure 3). In every case, the same photo-stationary state was obtained. However, the addition of LiCl and LiBr into the reaction system completely quenched the photoisomerization. The photoisomerization of (-)-1a to (+)-1a was also greatly enhanced by the addition of Mg(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.005 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>);  $\Phi_{(-)1a \rightarrow (+)1a} = 0.72$ .

The photoisomerization of 2b,c to 1b,c under argon atmosphere was enhanced by a factor of 2-3 by the ad-



**Figure 3.** Plots of 1a and 2a (%) vs irradiation time in the presence of salts in aerated acetonitrile solutions. [DCA] = 5 × 10<sup>-4</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup>, [1a] = [2a] = 1 × 10<sup>-2</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup>, [M<sup>+</sup>Z<sup>-</sup>] = 5 × 10<sup>-3</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup>. Key: (A) (○) none, (B) (○) KClO<sub>4</sub>, (C) (○) LiBF<sub>4</sub>, (D) (○) Et<sub>4</sub>NClO<sub>4</sub>, (E) (●) NaClO<sub>4</sub>, (F) (●) LiClO<sub>4</sub>, (G) (○) Mg(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.

**Table IV.** Effect of Additives on the Photoisomerization of 1a and 2a in Acetonitrile<sup>5</sup>

atmosphere	additive	mol dm <sup>-3</sup>	$\phi_{2a \rightarrow 1a}^a$	$\phi_{1a \rightarrow 2a}^a$
aerated	none		0.28 (1.8) <sup>b</sup>	0.015 (0.10) <sup>b</sup>
	Phen	1 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	13.0 (31.3) <sup>b</sup>	0.70 (1.10) <sup>b</sup>
	Phen	1 × 10 <sup>-1</sup>		
	Naph	1 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	12.5	
	BP	5 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.6	
	DABCO	1 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	0	0
	TEA	1 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	0	0
degassed	none		0.01 (0.03) <sup>b</sup>	
	Phen	1 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.8	

<sup>a</sup> A 405-nm light was irradiated: [DCA] = 5 × 10<sup>-4</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup>, [1a] = [2a] = 1 × 10<sup>-2</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup>. <sup>b</sup> Limiting quantum yield.

dition of Mg(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> at the initial stage of the reaction. However, prolonged irradiation gave a complex mixture.

**Effect of Aromatic Hydrocarbons.**<sup>9</sup> Irradiation of a degassed acetonitrile solution containing DCA, 2a, and phenanthrene (Phen) did not give the (4 $\pi$  + 2 $\sigma$ ) cyclo-adducts 3a and 4a, but gave a photostationary mixture of 1a and 2a in a ratio of 95:5. The quantum yield for the photoisomerization in the presence of Phen was more than unity in the degassed solution (Table IV). The enhancement of the efficiency of the photoisomerization was also observed by the addition of naphthalene (Naph) or biphenyl (BP). The results are shown in Table IV. A notable observation in these cases was the effect of oxygen; the quantum yield in the aerated solution was much larger than that in the degassed solution in the presence of Phen.

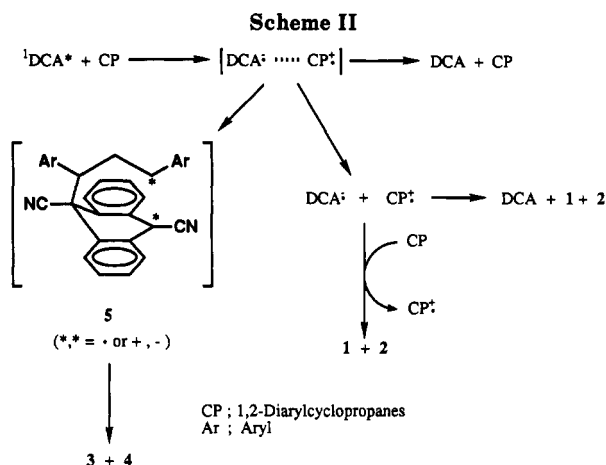
**Fluorescence Quenching and Redox Properties.** The fluorescence of DCA was efficiently quenched by the cyclopropanes 1a-d and 2a-c in aerated acetonitrile and benzene. The rate constants,  $k_q$ , for the fluorescence quenching were calculated from the slope of the Stern-Volmer plots. Table V shows that the fluorescence was quenched at nearly diffusion controlled rates by cyclopropanes. Exciplex emission was not observed in both solvents. The fluorescence of DCA was also quenched by the hydrocarbons and amines, DABCO and TEA, at nearly diffusion controlled rates. However, metal salts did not quench the fluorescence of DCA. The fluorescence quenching rates of DCA by cyclopropanes remained also unchanged by the addition of metal salts.

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**Table V. Oxidation Potentials, Calculated  $\Delta G$  Values for the One-Electron Transfer Process from Electron-Donating Compounds to  $^1\text{DCA}^*$  in Acetonitrile, and Rate Constants for the Fluorescence Quenching of DCA**

compd	$E^{\text{ox}}_{p/2}$ , V <sup>a</sup>	$\Delta G$ , kJ mol <sup>-1b</sup>	$k_q$ , mol <sup>-1</sup> dm <sup>3</sup> s <sup>-1c</sup>
1a	0.55	-103.2	$1.8 \times 10^{10}$
2a	0.65	-93.6	$1.7 \times 10^{10}$
1b	0.90	-69.5	$1.6 \times 10^{10}$
2b			
1c	1.06	-54.0	$1.4 \times 10^{10}$
2c			
1d	1.14	-46.3	$1.4 \times 10^{10}$
2d			
Phen	1.17 <sup>d</sup>	-43.4	$1.7 \times 10^{10}$
BP	1.45	-34.4	$4.6 \times 10^9$
DABCO	0.31	-126.4	$2.8 \times 10^{10}$
TEA	0.48	-110.0	$2.3 \times 10^{10}$

<sup>a</sup> Oxidation potentials (half-peak potentials) obtained by cyclic voltammetry. <sup>b</sup> Calculated free energy changes for the one-electron transfer process from the compounds to  $^1\text{DCA}^*$  in acetonitrile by the application of the Rehm-Weller equation: the excited singlet energy of DCA, 278.86 kJ mol<sup>-3</sup>; the energy of Coulomb force, 5.79 kJ mol<sup>-3</sup>, and reduction potential of DCA, -1.33 V.<sup>8,19</sup> <sup>c</sup> Rate constant for fluorescence quenching calculated from the Stern-Volmer plots in aerated acetonitrile solutions.  $\tau(\text{DCA, air}) = \tau(\text{DCA, N}_2) \times I(\text{DCA, air})/I(\text{DCA, N}_2) = 12.8$  ns.  $[\tau(\text{DCA, N}_2) = 15.3 \text{ ns}]$ .<sup>19</sup> <sup>d</sup> The value from ref 9a.



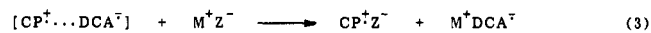
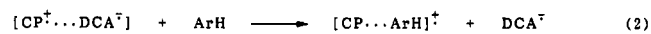
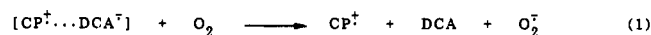
The free energy changes ( $\Delta G$ ) for a one-electron transfer from electron-donating compounds to the excited singlet DCA ( $^1\text{DCA}^*$ ) were estimated by the Rehm-Weller equation.<sup>8</sup> The results are shown in Table V. Negative  $\Delta G$  values were obtained in all cases.

### Mechanism

From the results of the fluorescence quenching of  $^1\text{DCA}^*$  by cyclopropanes (CP) and the calculated  $\Delta G$  values for a one-electron transfer from CP to  $^1\text{DCA}^*$ , it is almost certain that in the DCA-CP systems, the radical ion pairs  $[\text{CP}^{\cdot+} \cdots \text{DCA}^{\cdot-}]$  are produced upon excitation of DCA in acetonitrile. We now propose the mechanisms shown in Scheme II for the photocycloaddition of CP to DCA and the photoisomerization of CP. An important feature of the present mechanism is that the photocycloaddition proceeds via the radical ion pairs  $[\text{CP}^{\cdot+} \cdots \text{DCA}^{\cdot-}]$  in solvent cage and the photoisomerization via the solvent-separated radical cations  $\text{CP}^{\cdot+}$ . We will discuss the reactivity features of these reactive species in both photoreactions.

**Photocycloaddition.** The photocycloaddition of CP to DCA occurred only in degassed acetonitrile solutions in the absence of any additive and did not occur in benzene. In addition, the quantum yields for this photo-reaction were generally low ( $\Phi \leq 0.04$ ). These results can

### Scheme III<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> ArH, aromatic hydrocarbon;  $\text{M}^+\text{Z}^-$ , metal salt.

be explained if the reactive species of the photocycloaddition is assumed to be the radical ion pairs in solvent cage and they would decay relatively efficiently to the ground states of their components by a back-electron transfer within the radical ion pairs. This assumption was also supported by the fact that the photocycloaddition was completely quenched by the addition of amines having low oxidation potentials and also by other additives. However, a question arises about the quenching ability of amines toward the photocycloaddition.<sup>10</sup> The photoreaction was completely quenched by a low concentration of amines ( $10^{-4}$  mol/dm<sup>3</sup>). This indicates that the reactive species should have a long lifetime ( $\geq 10^{-6}$  s). A possible candidate for such long-lived species is 1,7-dipolar or 1,7-biradical species (5 in Scheme II) that are formed by a coupling between  $\text{DCA}^{\cdot-}$  and  $\text{CP}^{\cdot+}$ , although the possibility of the former is higher than that of the latter; these species might be quenched by air and amines. Another possibility is the formation of  $^3\text{DCA}^*$  via a back-electron transfer from  $\text{DCA}^{\cdot-}$  to  $\text{CP}^{\cdot+}$  within the radical ion pairs. However, the possibility that  $^3\text{DCA}^*$  participates as a real reactive species in the photocycloaddition is low, because  $^3\text{DCA}^*$  seems not to have enough reactivity to undergo the cycloaddition with CP.

The coupling of  $\text{CP}^{\cdot+}$  with  $\text{DCA}^{\cdot-}$  occurs in a stepwise manner and would give the dipolar ions or biradical intermediates 5 which cyclize to form the stereoisomers 3 and 4.

**Effects of Additives on the Fate of the Radical Ion Pairs.** The photocycloaddition was completely quenched by the addition of oxygen, aromatic hydrocarbons (ArH) such as Naph and Phen, and some metal salts ( $\text{M}^+\text{X}^-$ ), while the DCA-sensitized isomerization of CP was remarkably accelerated by the addition of these additives. This result can be accounted for by assuming that the addition of these additives facilitates the dissociation of the radical ion pairs  $[\text{CP}^{\cdot+} \cdots \text{DCA}^{\cdot-}]$  to the solvent-separated radical ions  $\text{CP}^{\cdot+}$  and  $\text{DCA}^{\cdot-}$  (Scheme I).

A plausible mechanistic explanation of the additive effects is given in Scheme III.

Footo et al. have shown that the electron-transfer from  $\text{DCA}^{\cdot-}$  to  $\text{O}_2$  is exothermic by 2.9 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>11</sup> Thus,  $\text{DCA}^{\cdot-}$  is converted to DCA and  $\text{O}_2^{\cdot-}$  in the presence of  $\text{O}_2$ . This interaction would suppress the back-electron transfer within the radical ion pairs and is likely to enhance the generation of the solvent-separated  $\text{CP}^{\cdot+}$  (eq 1).

The fluorescence quenching rates of  $^1\text{DCA}^*$  by ArH and the negative  $\Delta G$  values for the electron transfer from ArH to  $^1\text{DCA}^*$  suggest that there are two competing electron-transfer processes that occur in the DCA-sensitized photoreactions of CP in the presence of ArH: (i)  $\text{CP} + ^1\text{DCA}^* \rightarrow [\text{CP}^{\cdot+} \cdots \text{DCA}^{\cdot-}]$  and (ii)  $\text{ArH} + ^1\text{DCA}^* \rightarrow [\text{ArH}^{\cdot+} \cdots \text{DCA}^{\cdot-}]$ . The hole-transfer process,  $\text{ArH}^{\cdot+} + \text{CP} \rightarrow \text{ArH} + \text{CP}^{\cdot+}$ , is also possible, since the oxidation potentials of CP are lower than those of ArH. In addition to this hole-transfer process, the interaction between  $[\text{CP}^{\cdot+} \cdots$

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DCA<sup>-</sup>] and ArH may force the separation of [CP<sup>+</sup>...DCA<sup>-</sup>] and enhance the generation of the solvent-separated CP<sup>+</sup>, probably through a  $\pi$ -interaction between CP<sup>+</sup> and ArH in a manner similar to that proposed by Pac et al. (eq 2).<sup>9a</sup>

The effect of added metal salts on the DCA-sensitized photoisomerization was especially remarkable.<sup>3,4,12</sup> The fluorescence of DCA was not quenched by the addition of nonpolarizable, nonnucleophilic metal salts such as Mg(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and LiBF<sub>4</sub>, and the rate constants for the fluorescence quenching remained unchanged by the addition of these metal salts. In contrast, the addition of polarizable metal salts such as LiBr not only quenched the fluorescence of DCA but also lowered the efficiency of the photoisomerization of CP. Therefore, the most plausible explanation for the added nonpolarizable metal salts is that the metal salts facilitate the dissociation of the radical ion pairs to the solvent-separated radical ions through a Coulombic interaction between [CP<sup>+</sup>...DCA<sup>-</sup>] and metal salts (eq 3). The polarizable metal salts probably quench CP<sup>+</sup> via an electron-transfer process: CP<sup>+</sup> + Br<sup>-</sup> → CP + Br<sup>•</sup>. Schuster et al. reported that the lifetime of some radical ions were lengthened by the addition of Mg(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.<sup>12a</sup>

**Photoisomerization.** The DCA-sensitized photoisomerization of CP was completely quenched by the addition of amines such as TEA and DABCO which have low oxidation potentials. However, the striking feature of this photoreaction is that a chain process is involved in the DCA-sensitized photoisomerization of 2a to 1a: the quantum yield of this photoreaction largely exceeded unity, especially in the presence of nonpolarizable metal salts and aromatic hydrocarbons. In this case, the chain carrier is the solvent-separated ring-opened 2a<sup>+</sup> and the electron transfer from the neutral 2a to the ring-opened 2a<sup>+</sup> occurs exothermically.<sup>9a,13-16</sup> For less-electron-rich cyclopropanes such as *cis*- and *trans*-1,2-diphenylcyclopropanes, the

photoisomerization occurs slowly.<sup>7</sup> In these cases, 1,3-biradicals that can be produced by a back-electron transfer from DCA<sup>-</sup> to ring-opened CP<sup>+</sup> may be involved as reactive intermediates.

## Conclusion

In the present work, the photoinduced electron-transfer reactions of 9,10-dicyanoanthracene (DCA) and 1,2-diarylcyclopropane systems have been described. It has been demonstrated that the (4 $\pi$  + 2 $\sigma$ ) photocycloaddition between DCA and the cyclopropanes occurs via the radical ion pairs in solvent cage and the *cis*-*trans* photoisomerization of the cyclopropanes occurs via their solvent-separated radical cations. The former reaction was completely quenched by the addition of some additives such as oxygen, metal salts, and aromatic hydrocarbons. On the other hand, the latter reaction was accelerated by the addition of these additives, involving a chain process in some cases.

We have also demonstrated that the reactivity features of the radical ion pairs in solvent cage and the solvent-separated radical ions can be differentiated by the additives, especially metal salts.

## Experimental Section

**General.** Melting points were taken on a hot stage and are uncorrected. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL JNM-PMX60SI (60 MHz) and JEOL JNM-GX270 (270 MHz) spectrophotometers for solutions in CDCl<sub>3</sub> using tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL JNM-GX270 (67 MHz) spectrophotometer for solutions in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with tetramethylsilane ( $\delta$  0.00) and chloroform ( $\delta$  77.05) as internal standards. Infrared spectra were obtained on a JASCO FT/IR5000 spectrophotometer, mass spectra on a Shimadzu LKB9000 spectrophotometer, and fluorescence spectra on JASCO FP-770 spectrophotometer. Elemental analyses were carried out on a Yanaco MT-3 elemental analyzer. GLC analyses were performed with Hitachi 163 and 164 instruments, using a 1-m  $\times$  3-mm glass column packed with 10% SE-30 on Shimalite W. HPLC analyses were carried out by using a JASCO BIP-1 pump and a JASCO UVDEC-100-V UV spectrophotometer with a Chromatoscience Nucleosil 5018 column (i.d. 4.6 mm  $\times$  150 mm and 4.6 mm  $\times$  250 mm) and Daicel Chiralcel OB-L as an optically active column. UV/vis spectra were taken on a Hitachi 124 or a JASCO 660 spectrophotometer. Oxidation and reduction potentials were measured in argon-saturated dry acetonitrile solutions at 20  $\pm$  0.1  $^{\circ}$ C by cyclic voltammetry, using a NICHIA NP-G 2550 potentiostat and Ag/Ag<sup>+</sup> reference electrode. Tetraethylammonium perchlorate (0.1 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>) was used as a supporting electrolyte.

Eikosha PIH-300 300 W and PIH-500 500 W high pressure mercury lamps were used as light sources. An aqueous CuSO<sub>4</sub> (0.176 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>)-NH<sub>3</sub> (2.7 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>) filter solution was used to obtain  $\geq$ 400-nm light.

Quantum yields were determined by the procedure of Murov,<sup>17</sup> using a potassium ferrioxalate actinometer. The light source was a 300-W or a 500-W high-pressure Hg lamp and the 405-nm Hg line was isolated through an aqueous NH<sub>3</sub>-CuSO<sub>4</sub> filter solution, a Toshiba UV-39 glass filter, and a KL-40 interference filter. The intensity was determined twice before and once after actual photoreactions. No change in light intensity was observed during experiments. For the quantum yield determination, photoreactions were carried out in a quartz cell up to 30-70% conversion of the starting materials. The reaction mixtures were analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, GLC, HPLC, and/or TLC. The quantum yields were estimated from the slope of linear parts of plots in time course conversion.

**Materials.** Acetonitrile was distilled three times over P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and once over anhydrous K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> before use. 1,2-Diarylcyclopropane derivatives 1a-d and 2a-d were synthesized according

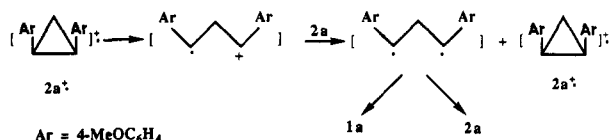
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(15) Previously, we have observed that the different radical cation species, the ring-closed and ring-opened radical cation species, are generated from both 1a and 2a by their  $\gamma$ -radiolyses at low temperatures and their pulse-radiolyses at room temperature.<sup>16</sup> These species have different reduction potentials and the ring-opened radical cations generated from 2a serves as a chain carrier in the DCA-sensitized photoisomerization of 2a via the following pathway:



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to literature methods.<sup>18</sup> Other organic chemicals were purchased and purified by distillation or recrystallization. Inorganic chemicals were also purchased and used without further purification.

Optical active 1a, (+)-1a and (-)-1a, were obtained by resolution of racemic 1a with HPLC using an optically active column (Chiralcel OB, i.d. 250 mm × 4.6 mm). They were purified by repeated recrystallization. (+)-1a: mp 92.5–93.5 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  (25 °C, MeOH) 374.4 ± 3.0°. (-)-1a: mp 92.0–93.0 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  (25 °C, MeOH) -389.4 ± 2.1°.

**Photocycloaddition between 9,10-Dicyanoanthracene (DCA) and 1,2-Diarylcyclopropanes.** An acetonitrile solution (8 cm<sup>3</sup>) containing 1a (0.5 mmol) and DCA (0.5 mmol) was degassed by three freeze–pump–thaw cycles (1.3 × 10<sup>-2</sup> Pa) and sealed in a Pyrex tube (i.d. 10 mm). The sample solution was irradiated with a 500-W high-pressure mercury lamp through an aqueous CuSO<sub>4</sub>–NH<sub>3</sub> solution filter (≥400 nm) for 60 h. During irradiation, the sample tube was often shaken to dissolve unreacted DCA. After irradiation, unreacted DCA was filtered off and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel. From benzene eluent, a mixture of two isomeric photocycloadducts 3a and 4a was obtained in 85% yield. Pure 3a was obtained by repeated recrystallization of the mixture from methanol. The isomer 4a, which contained a small amount of 3a, was obtained from the mother liquor as a solid. Similarly, the photocycloadducts 3b–d and 4b–d were obtained by the photoreaction of DCA with 1b–d.

The ratios of 3 to 4 were determined by integration of the characteristic signals ( $\delta$  3.18 and 3.54) of 3 and 4 in <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the irradiated reaction mixtures.

The quantum yields for the photocycloaddition were determined from the change in absorbance of DCA at 420 nm.

**Physical Properties of Photocycloadducts.** 6,7,8,9-Dibenzo-1,5-dicyano-*cis*-2,4-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)bicyclo[3.2.2]nona-6,8-diene (3a): mp 239.5–241.0 °C (MeOH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.78 (dt, 1 H, *J* = 8.2 and 15.0 Hz), 1.88 (dt, 1 H, *J* = 4.3 and 15.0 Hz), 3.18 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 4.3 and 8.2 Hz), 3.80 (s, 6 H), 6.92 (AB q, 8 H,  $\Delta\nu$  = 30.0 Hz, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.48 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 3.1 and 5.5 Hz), 7.61 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 3.1 and 5.5 Hz), 7.80 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 3.1 and 5.5 Hz), 7.95 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 3.1 and 5.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  38.7, 50.6, 54.0, 55.3, 114.2, 118.6, 124.8, 127.2, 128.8, 128.9, 129.1, 132.5, 134.0, 137.3, 159.5; MS (70 eV) *m/z* 482 (M<sup>+</sup>), 254, 228; IR (KBr) 2248 cm<sup>-1</sup> (CN). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>·<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>OH: C, 80.70; H, 5.66; N, 5.62. Found: C, 80.26; H, 5.78; N, 5.69.

6,7,8,9-Dibenzo-1,5-dicyano-*trans*-2,4-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)bicyclo[3.2.2]nona-6,8-diene (4a): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.98 (t, 2 H, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 3.54 (t, 2 H), 3.78 (s, 6 H), 6.81 (AB q, 8 H,  $\Delta\nu$  = 19.1 Hz, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 7.39 (m, 4 H), 7.53 (dt, 2 H, *J* = 2.0 and 6.2 Hz), 8.02 (d, 2 H, *J* = 6.9 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  36.3, 48.2, 53.7, 55.2, 113.8, 119.1, 125.0, 127.6, 128.8, 129.2, 129.3, 132.4, 132.7, 136.0, 159.3.

6,7,8,9-Dibenzo-1,5-dicyano-*cis*-2,4-bis(4-methylphenyl)bicyclo[3.2.2]nona-6,8-diene (3b): mp 237.5–238.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.81 (dt, 1 H, *J* = 11.9 and 14.4 Hz), 1.90 (dt, 1 H, *J* = 4.8 and 14.4 Hz), 2.33 (s, 6 H), 3.18 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 4.8 and 11.9 Hz), 7.04 (AB q, 8 H,  $\Delta\nu$  = 49.4 Hz, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 7.48 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 3.2 and 5.6 Hz), 7.61 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 3.6 and 5.6 Hz), 7.80 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 3.6 and 5.6 Hz), 7.95 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 3.2 and 5.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  21.2, 38.5, 50.9, 53.8, 118.6, 124.9, 127.2, 127.7, 128.9, 129.1, 129.6, 132.6, 137.4, 138.0, 138.9; MS (70 eV) *m/z* 450

(M<sup>+</sup>), 228, 222; IR (KBr) 2248 cm<sup>-1</sup> (CN). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C, 87.64; H, 5.98; N, 6.39. Found: C, 87.60; H, 5.79; N, 6.23.

6,7,8,9-Dibenzo-1,5-dicyano-*trans*-2,4-bis(4-methylphenyl)bicyclo[3.2.2]nona-6,8-diene (4b): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.99 (t, 2 H, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 2.31 (s, 6 H), 3.56 (t, 2 H), 6.93 (AB q, 8 H,  $\Delta\nu$  = 66.2 Hz, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.38 (m, 4 H), 7.52 (dt, 2 H, *J* = 1.8 and 6.4 Hz), 8.02 (d, 2 H, *J* = 7.9 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  21.1, 36.1, 48.5, 53.5, 119.1, 125.0, 126.1, 128.3, 129.2, 129.3, 129.8, 132.4, 136.0, 137.6, 137.8.

6,7,8,9-Dibenzo-1,5-dicyano-*cis*-2,4-bis(4-chlorophenyl)bicyclo[3.2.2]nona-6,8-diene (3c): mp 267–269 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.74 (dt, 1 H, *J* = 12.6 and 15.3 Hz), 1.91 (dt, 1 H, *J* = 4.2 and 15.3 Hz), 3.22 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 4.2 and 12.6 Hz), 7.15 (AB q, 8 H,  $\Delta\nu$  = 86.0 Hz, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.50 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 3.3 and 5.8 Hz), 7.64 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 3.3 and 5.8 Hz), 7.80 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 3.3 and 5.8 Hz), 7.95 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 3.3 and 5.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  38.3, 50.5, 53.5, 118.2, 124.9, 127.2, 129.1, 129.2, 129.3, 129.4, 132.3, 134.4, 137.0, 140.0; MS (70 eV) *m/z* 492, 490 (M<sup>+</sup>), 264, 262, 228; IR (KBr) 2248 cm<sup>-1</sup> (CN). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: C, 75.76; H, 4.10; N, 5.70. Found: C, 76.26; H, 3.85; N, 5.29.

6,7,8,9-Dibenzo-1,5-dicyano-*trans*-2,4-bis(4-chlorophenyl)bicyclo[3.2.2]nona-6,8-diene (4c): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.98 (t, 2 H, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 3.56 (t, 2 H), 7.04 (AB q, 8 H,  $\Delta\nu$  = 104.3 Hz, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.42 (m, 4 H), 7.57 (dt, 2 H, *J* = 1.6 and 3.8 Hz), 8.03 (d, 2 H, *J* = 7.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  35.7, 48.1, 53.2, 118.7, 125.2, 127.6, 128.7, 129.6, 129.7, 131.9, 134.2, 135.6, 138.7; *m/z* 492, 490 (M<sup>+</sup>), 264, 262, 228.

6,7,8,9-Dibenzo-1,5-dicyano-*cis*-2,4-diphenylbicyclo[3.2.2]nona-6,8-diene (3d): mp 235–240 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.84 (dt, 1 H, *J* = 9.9 and 15.0 Hz), 1.94 (dt, 1 H, *J* = 4.1 and 15.0 Hz), 3.23 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 4.1 and 9.9 Hz), 7.08 (m, 4 H), 7.33 (m, 6 H), 7.49 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 3.4 and 5.5 Hz), 7.63 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 3.4 and 5.5 Hz), 7.83 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 3.4 and 5.5 Hz), 7.97 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 3.4 and 5.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  38.5, 51.2, 53.7, 118.4, 124.9, 127.3, 127.8, 128.4, 128.9, 129.0, 129.1, 132.6, 137.4, 141.8; MS (70 eV) *m/z* 422 (M<sup>+</sup>), 228, 194; IR (KBr) 2248 cm<sup>-1</sup> (CN). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C, 88.12; H, 5.25; N, 6.63. Found: C, 88.03; H, 5.05; N, 6.30.

6,7,8,9-Dibenzo-1,5-dicyano-*trans*-2,4-diphenylbicyclo[3.2.2]nona-6,8-diene (4d): mp 228.5–230.0 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.05 (t, 2 H, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 3.61 (t, 2 H), 6.94 (m, 4 H), 7.27 (m, 6 H), 7.40 (m, 4 H), 7.54 (dt, 2 H, *J* = 1.8 and 6.4 Hz), 8.04 (d, 2 H, *J* = 7.3 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  35.9, 48.8, 53.4, 119.0, 125.0, 127.6, 128.1, 128.4, 128.5, 128.5, 129.4, 132.3, 136.0, 140.5; MS (70 eV) *m/z* 422 (M<sup>+</sup>), 228, 194; IR (KBr) 2248 cm<sup>-1</sup> (CN). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C, 88.12; H, 5.25; N, 6.63. Found: C, 88.26; H, 5.54; N, 6.32.

**DCA-Sensitized Photoisomerization of 1 and 2: General Procedure.** An acetonitrile solution (4 cm<sup>3</sup>) containing 2a and DCA ([2a] = 1 × 10<sup>-2</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup>, [DCA] = 4 × 10<sup>-4</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup>) was irradiated with 405-nm light in a Pyrex tube (i.d. 10 mm) under various atmospheres. The progress of the reaction was followed by the GLC analysis of the reaction mixture. The photoreaction of (+)-1a and (-)-1a was monitored with the HPLC. The photoisomerization of 2a to 1a in an aerated acetonitrile solution in the absence of additive was used as a reference for the quantum yield determination of the photoisomerization in the presence of additives.

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