# Reactions of Three Bis(viologen) Tetraquaternary Salts and Their Reduced Radicals 

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#### Abstract

Monoradical trications $\mathrm{X}^{3+}$. and diradical dications $\mathrm{X}^{2+}$. were produced by reduction of three bis(viologen) $\mathrm{X}^{4+}$ ( $1,1^{\prime \prime}$-alkanediylbis ( $1^{\prime}$-alkyl-4,4'-bipyridinium)) tetraquaternary salts. The spectral properties of $\mathrm{X}^{3+}$. and its disproportionation kinetics were examined by $\mathrm{e}_{\text {aq }}-/ \mathrm{CO}_{2}^{-}$reduction of $\mathrm{X}^{4+}$. Reduction potentials of the $\mathrm{X}^{4+/ 3+}$ and $\mathrm{X}^{3+/ 2+}$ couples were determined by cyclic voltametry and spectral examination of equilibrated mixtures of $\mathrm{X}^{4+}$ and $\mathrm{X}^{2+}$.. radicals. These potentials were used to apply successfully the Marcus theory to reduction of $\mathrm{X}^{4+}$ by $\mathrm{SO}_{2}{ }^{-}$and oxidation of $\mathrm{X}^{3+}$. and of $\mathrm{X}^{2+}$.. by $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ and cobalt(III) complexes. The reactivity toward $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ and the comproportionation of $\mathrm{X}^{2+}$. (with $\mathrm{X}^{4+}$ ) is believed to be influenced by the tendency of $\mathrm{X}^{2+.}$ to form an intramolecularly associated conformation.


The viologens are diquaternary salts of $2,2^{\prime}$-bipyridine, $4,4^{\prime}$ bipyridine, and 1,10 -phenanthroline. They undergo reversible one-electron reduction to colored radical cations. ${ }^{2}$ This property is utilized in mediation of electron-transfer processes, for example, in biochemical redox systems, and in catalytic photolysis of water where light is converted into chemical energy $\mathrm{y}^{2-7}$ and as the main components of electrochromic display devices. ${ }^{2,8-10}$ In addition, the $1,1^{\prime}$-dimethyl-4,4'-bipyridinium ion known as paraquat or methylviologen is used extensively as a herbicide. ${ }^{11}$ It is no wonder therefore that the viologens have been the object of extensive investigations. The poly(viologens) are highly conducting redox polymers which have been examined recently for their redox characteristics. ${ }^{12}$ The simplest poly(viologens) are the bis(viologen) compounds $\mathbf{1}$ which are tetraquaternary salts which contain two viologen units, joined by a varying number of methylene groups. Spectral and electrochemical characteristics

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Table I. Spectral Data for Bis(viologens) and Reduced Species

| species | $\lambda_{\text {max }}, \mathrm{nm}\left(\epsilon, \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| ETQ ${ }^{4+}$ | $264\left(4.2 \times 10^{4}\right)^{a} 263\left(4.4 \times 10^{4}\right),^{b} 265\left(4.4 \times 10^{4}\right)^{c}$ |
| PTQ ${ }^{4+}$ | $261\left(4.4 \times 10^{4}\right) .^{a} 260\left(4.4 \times 10^{4}\right),^{,} 262\left(4.4 \times 10^{4}\right)^{c}$ |
| BTQ ${ }^{++}$ | $260\left(4.3 \times 10^{4}\right),{ }^{a} 259\left(3.9 \times 10^{4}\right) .^{\text {b }} 262\left(4.5 \times 10^{4}\right)^{\text {c }}$ |
| ETQ ${ }^{3+}$. | $560 \operatorname{sh}\left(7.2 \times 10^{3}\right){ }^{a}{ }^{a} 600\left(1.1 \times 10^{4}\right)^{a}$ |
| $\mathrm{PTQ}^{3+}$. | $560 \operatorname{sh}\left(6.8 \times 10^{3}\right){ }^{a} 620\left(1.1 \times 10^{4}\right)^{a}$ |
| $\mathrm{BTQ}^{3+}$. | $560 \mathrm{sh}\left(7.5 \times 10^{3}\right),{ }^{a} 600\left(1.0 \times 10^{4}\right)^{a}$ |
| $\mathrm{ETQ}^{2+}$.. | $600\left(2.2 \times 10^{4}\right),^{\text {a,d } d^{\text {d }}} 595\left(2.0 \times 10^{4}\right)^{\text {b }}$ |
| PTQ ${ }^{2+}$.. | $534\left(2.3 \times 10^{4}\right)$, ,ee $533\left(2.4 \times 10^{4}\right)^{\text {b }}$ |
| $\mathrm{BTQ}^{2+}$.. | $536\left(2.3 \times 10^{4}\right),{ }^{\text {a }} 536\left(2.4 \times 10^{4}\right)^{\text {b }}$ |

${ }^{a}$ This work. ${ }^{b}$ Reference 14. ${ }^{c}$ Reference 17. ${ }^{d}$ Obeys Beer's law at $\lambda$ $=530$ and $600 \mathrm{~nm}, 10-50 \mu \mathrm{M}$, and pH 7.2 . At $>200 \mu \mathrm{M}$, violet-blue solid precipitates. 'Obeys Beer's law at $\lambda=470,534$, and 560 nm , 6-200 $\mu \mathrm{M}$, and pH 7.2.
of $\mathbf{1}$ and of one- and two-electron reduced species $\mathbf{2}$ and $\mathbf{3}$ have been recently reported. ${ }^{9,13-17}$ In continuation of our examination of the kinetics of reaction of viologen species, ${ }^{18,19}$ we report on the electrochemical, spectral, and equilibria characteristics of the bis(viologens) $\mathbf{1 - 3}$, generally designated $\mathrm{X}^{4+}, \mathrm{X}^{3+}$., and $\mathrm{X}^{2+}$.. and on the kinetics of a variety of reactions of these species involving reduction, oxidation, and disproportionation.

## Experimental Section

Chemicals used were the purest commercial product. The three bis(viologens) were prepared by a slight modification of the method described by Furue and Nozakura. ${ }^{14}$ The $1,1^{\prime \prime}$-poly(methylene)bis( $4,4^{\prime}$ bipyridinium) dibromide compounds were converted to the corresponding $1,1^{\prime \prime}$-poly(methylene) bis( $1^{\prime}$-methyl-4,4'-bipyridinium) salts by using a large excess of methyl iodide in DMF at $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 24 h . After recrystallizing from water, the iodide salts were converted to the chloride salts using a Dowex $1 \mathrm{X}-8$ ( $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$form) column, and then the perchlorate salt was precipitated by adding $\mathrm{NaClO}_{4}$ to a concentrated solution of the chloride. The absorption spectral data for $\mathrm{ETQ}\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{4}, \mathrm{PTQ}\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{4}$, and $\mathrm{BTQ}\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{4}$ were in good agreement with those reported in the literature (Table I).

Cyclic voltammetry was carried out in an argon atmosphere in an aqueous Tris $/ \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ buffer ( pH 7.2 ) with a BAS Model CV-1B instrument. A three-electrode system was used with a Pt auxiliary electrode and a Pt working electrode against a $\mathrm{Ag} / \mathrm{AgCl}(3 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{NaCl})$ reference electrode. Voltammograms were recorded on a Houston Instruments Omnigraphic $100 \mathrm{X}-\mathrm{Y}$ recorder at scan rates from 20 to $200 \mathrm{mV} \mathrm{s}^{-1}$. The instrument was checked using methylviologen which showed a reversible wave ( $E^{\circ}=-0.45 \mathrm{~V}$ and $\Delta E_{\mathrm{p}}=60 \mathrm{mV}$ ). ${ }^{18}$

[^0]The comproportionation constants were determined by treating various concentrations of $\mathrm{PTQ}^{4+}(0.1-3.0 \mathrm{mM})$ or $\mathrm{BTQ}^{4+}(0.5-1.0 \mathrm{mM})$ with variable amounts of dithionite solution (final concentrations, $5-30 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ). Some of this dithionite was invariably consumed by traces of $\mathrm{O}_{2}(\sim 5-10$ $\mu \mathrm{M})$. The amounts of bis(viologens) reduced could be estimated from the absorptions at the isosbestic points for disproportionation of $\mathrm{PTQ}^{3+}$. to $\mathrm{PTQ}^{2+\ldots}\left(560 \mathrm{~nm}, \epsilon_{\mathrm{prQ}^{3+}}=6.8 \times 10^{3} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$ or $\mathrm{BTQ}^{3+}$. to $\mathrm{BTQ}^{2+}$., ( $564 \mathrm{~nm}, \epsilon_{\mathrm{BTQ}^{3+}}=7.5 \times 10^{3} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ ). The amounts of $\mathrm{PTQ}^{3+}$, and $\mathrm{PTQ}^{2+}$.. or $\mathrm{BTQ}^{3+}$. and $\mathrm{BTQ}^{2+}$.. could then be estimated from absorbances at other wavelengths, knowing $\epsilon$ values for the mono- and diradicals obtained from the pulse radiolysis and dithionite reduction work. In a few experiments, reduced radicals of PTQ were produced by light irradiation of $\mathrm{PTQ}^{4+}(8 \mathrm{mM})$ for $5-15 \mathrm{~s}$ in a mixture of 3,10 -di-methyl-5-deazaisoalloxazine ( $\sim 5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ) and $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{2}$ edta ( $\sim 0.5 \mathrm{mM}$ ). ${ }^{20}$ The equilibrium constant for reaction of $\mathrm{BTQ}^{++}$with $\mathrm{DQ}^{+}$. was determined by adding $26.9 \mu \mathrm{M}$ dithionite to mixtures of $\mathrm{DQ}^{2+}$ and $\mathrm{BTQ}^{4+}$ ( $(\mathrm{a})$ 40 and $40 \mu \mathrm{M}$, (b) 50 and $30 \mu \mathrm{M}$, respectively). The concentration of $\mathrm{BTQ}^{2+}$.. was determined at $536 \mathrm{~nm}\left(\epsilon_{\mathrm{BTQ}^{2+-}}=2.3 \times 10^{4}, \epsilon_{\mathrm{DQ}^{+}}=300 \mathrm{M}^{-1}\right.$ $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ). The equilibrium constant for reaction of $\mathrm{PTQ}^{4+}$ with ETQ ${ }^{2+. .}$ was determined by adding $30 \mu \mathrm{M}$ dithionite to mixtures of $\mathrm{PTQ}^{4+}$ and $\mathrm{ETQ}^{2+}$.. (total concentration $50 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ). The total reduced species was determined at $550 \mathrm{~nm}\left(\epsilon_{\mathrm{ETQ}^{2+}}=\epsilon_{\mathrm{PTO}^{2+}}^{2+}=1.9 \times 10^{4} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$. The concentrations of $\mathrm{ETQ}^{2+}$.. and $\mathrm{PTQ}^{2+.}$. were determined at 500 nm $\left(\epsilon_{\mathrm{ETQ}^{2+}}=6.7 \times 10^{3}, \epsilon_{\mathrm{PTQ}^{2+}}=1.9 \times 10^{4} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right), 534 \mathrm{~nm}\left(\epsilon_{\mathrm{ETQ}^{2+}}=\right.$ $\left.1.4 \times 10^{4}, \epsilon_{\text {PTQ }^{2+}}=2.3 \times 10^{4} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$, and $600 \mathrm{~nm}\left(\epsilon_{\mathrm{ETQ}^{2+}}=2.2 \times\right.$ $10^{4}, \epsilon_{\mathrm{PrO}^{2+}}{ }^{2+}=2.7 \times 10^{3} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ ). The equilibrium constant for reaction of $\mathrm{ETQ}^{++}$with $\mathrm{DQ}^{+}$. was determined by electron-pulsing mixtures of $\mathrm{ETQ}^{4+}(10-50 \mu \mathrm{M}), \mathrm{DQ}^{2+}(50-200 \mu \mathrm{M}), \mathrm{NaHCO}_{2}(0.1 \mathrm{M})$, and $\mathrm{N}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (saturated). The reaction was studied at 600 nm where absorbance of $\mathrm{ETQ}^{3+}$. greatly exceeds that of $\mathrm{DQ}^{+}$, and production of $\mathrm{ETQ}^{3+}$. can be monitored as it is produced in the reduction of $\mathrm{ETQ}^{4+}$ by $\mathrm{DQ}^{+}$.

In the stopped-flow kinetic experiments, the following conditions were used: $10-20 \mu \mathrm{M} \mathrm{X}^{4+}$ mixed with $2-20 \mathrm{mM}$ dithionite; $5-10 \mu \mathrm{M} \mathrm{X}^{2+}$.. mixed with $5-15 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{en})_{3}{ }^{3+}, 20-60 \mu \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{edta})^{-}$, or $\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CN})_{6}{ }^{3-}$; $1-5 \mu \mathrm{M} \mathrm{X}^{2+}$. . mixed with $\sim 5$ (degassed buffer) $-130 \mu \mathrm{M} \mathrm{O}_{2}$. The reaction between $\mathrm{PTQ}^{2+} . .(13-25 \mu \mathrm{M})$ and $\mathrm{PTQ}^{4+}(\sim 500 \mu \mathrm{M})$ was studied in the presence of $\sim 5-25 \mu \mathrm{M} \mathrm{O}_{2}$. In the pulse-radiolysis experiments, $\sim 5 \mu \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{qq}}{ }^{-}$or $\mathrm{CO}_{2}^{-}$was reacted with $50-100 \mu \mathrm{M} \mathrm{X}^{4+}$ to determine reduction rates. The concentration of $e_{a q}{ }^{-}$was determined from the absorbance change associated with its loss at $650 \mathrm{~nm}(\epsilon=1.6$ $\times 10^{4} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ ). In the disproportionation experiments, $\sim 10 \mu \mathrm{M} \mathrm{X}^{3+}$. generated by $\mathrm{CO}_{2}^{-}$or $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{aq}}^{-} / \mathrm{CO}_{2}^{-}$reduction of $50-250 \mu \mathrm{M} \mathrm{X}^{4+}$ was monitored spectrally for about 4 ms (light instability prevented longer time observations). In the study of other reactions, $10-15 \mu \mathrm{M} \mathrm{X}^{3+}$. in the presence of $0.25-1.5 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{X}{ }^{4+}$ reacted with $0.26-1.3 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ or 1-2 mM Co(edta) ${ }^{-}$present in the pulsed solution. All reactions of $\mathbf{X}^{3+}$. with added oxidant were much faster than disproportionation of $\mathbf{X}^{3+}$. Most of the reactions were monitored at the absorption peaks of the radicals (Table I). Excellent first-order kinetic traces were obtained. A Gib-son-Dionex stopped-flow apparatus interfaced with an OLIS data-collecting system was used. A CN Van de Graaf electron accelerator at the Center for Fast Kinetics Research (The University of Texas, Austin) was used as an electron source. Pulses of $100-n s$ duration are delivered to samples in a quartz cell with a $1-\mathrm{cm}$ optical path length. When the only reducing radical was $e_{\text {aq }}$-, irradiation was carried out in $5 \%\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{COH}$ which removes OH and H radicals, also generated in the pulse $(\mathrm{OH}(\mathrm{H})$ $+\mathrm{RH} \rightarrow \mathrm{R}+\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2}\right)$ ). When $\mathrm{CO}_{2}^{-}$alone was used, the irradiated solution contained $\mathrm{N}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and $0.1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{HCO}_{2}^{-}\left(\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{aq}}{ }^{-}+\mathrm{N}_{2} \mathrm{O}+\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \rightarrow \mathrm{N}_{2}\right.$ $+\mathrm{OH}+\mathrm{OH}^{-} ; \mathrm{OH}(\mathrm{H})+\mathrm{HCO}_{2}^{-} \rightarrow \mathrm{CO}_{2}^{-}+\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2}\right)$ ). For a reducing mixture of $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{aq}}{ }^{-}$and $\mathrm{CO}_{2}^{-}, 0.1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{HCO}_{2}^{-}$and an inert atmosphere of $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ were used. ${ }^{21}$ All manipulations involving radicals were carried out with scrupulous exclusion of $\mathrm{O}_{2}$. A variety of conditions (ionic strength, buffer constituents) were used at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ dictated by the type of experiment. Different conditions had little effect on the rates.

## Results

It was found that $5-10 \mu \mathrm{M} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ was always present in freshly prepared buffer solutions. This did not interfere in the equilibrium measurements since the concentrations of radicals were determined spectrally. The traces of $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ showed up as a rapid loss of $\mathrm{X}^{2+}$.. (with a small absorbance change) when it was mixed with the oxidant or the buffer system alone in the stopped-flow apparatus. It was usually separable from the reaction under investigation. In the pulse radiolysis experiments, traces of $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ were sometimes removed by reduction to $\mathrm{O}_{2}^{-}$in the first pulse.

[^1]Table II. Equilibria Data for Reactions Involving Bis(viologens)
$\left.\begin{array}{llll}\hline \text { reaction } & \begin{array}{c}E_{1}{ }^{\circ}, \\ \mathrm{V}\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}E_{2}{ }^{\circ}, \\ \mathrm{V}\end{array} & E_{12}{ }^{0}, \mathrm{~V}\end{array}\right]$
${ }^{a}$ Pulse radiolysis, from $\mathrm{ETQ}^{4+}, \mathrm{DQ}^{+} \cdot$ cross reaction using $E^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{DQ}^{2+/+}\right)=$ -0.35 V at $I=0.1 \mathrm{M}\left(\mathrm{NaHCO}_{2}\right), \mathrm{pH} 7.3 .{ }^{b}$ Estimated from $E_{1}{ }^{\circ}$ and $E_{12}{ }^{\circ}$ values. ${ }^{c}$ This work; cyclic voltammetry at $I=0.01 \mathrm{M}, 10 \mathrm{mM}$ Tris, pH 7.2 . ${ }^{d}$ From $\mathrm{PTQ}^{4+}$, $\mathrm{ETQ}^{2+}$. cross reaction and $E_{12}{ }^{\circ}$ for $\mathrm{PTQ}^{4+/ 2+}$ system. ${ }^{e}$ Reference 16 , cyclic voltammetry at $I=0.1 \mathrm{M}(\mathrm{KCl}) .{ }^{f}$ Estimated from $E_{12}{ }^{\circ}$ and $K_{\text {diap }}$ values. ${ }^{8}$ From $\mathrm{BTQ}^{4+}, \mathrm{DQ}^{+}$. cross reaction using $E^{\circ}-$ $\left(\mathrm{DQ}^{2+/+}\right)=-0.35 \mathrm{~V}$, ref $18 .{ }^{h} I=0.04 \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{pH} 8.2$. ${ }^{i}$ Reduced species generated by $\sim 5-15$-s irradiation of $5 \mu \mathrm{M} 3,10$-dimethyl-5-deazalsoalloxazine and 0.1 mM EDTA solutions containing PTQ ${ }^{4+}$ at $I=0.09 \mathrm{M}$ and pH 8.2. ${ }^{J} I=0.1 \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{pH} 7.2 .{ }^{k} K_{5}$, from spectral analysis of equilibrated solution, $I=0.1 \mathrm{M}\left(\mathrm{NaHCO}_{2}\right), \mathrm{pH} 7.3$. ${ }^{1} K_{5}$, from kinetics $\left(k_{5} / k_{-5}\right)$ by pulse radiolysis. $I=0.1 \mathrm{M}\left(\mathrm{NaHCO}_{2}\right)$.

Spectra. The three bis(viologen) species $\mathrm{X}^{4+}$ are reduced by the pulse radiolytically generated radicals $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{aq}}^{-}$and $\mathrm{CO}_{2}^{-}$to the radical trications $\mathrm{X}^{3+}$. The same spectra are obtained with both reductants. The concentration of the $\mathrm{X}^{3+}$. radical was equated to that of the $e_{a q}-$ used in generating the radical and knowing this value, the molar absorptivity of $\mathrm{X}^{3+}$. could be determined. These are recorded in Table I. PTQ ${ }^{3+}$. is produced in methanol by short-time white-light irradiation ( $500-\mathrm{W}$ lamp) of a mixture of $\mathrm{PTQ}^{4+} \mathrm{Cl}_{4}(8 \mathrm{mM})$, 3,10-dimethyl-5-deazaisoalloxazine ( $5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ), and $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{2}$ edta ( 0.1 mM ) ${ }^{20}$ The absorbance ratio $A_{605} / A_{537}$ decreases with increasing irradiation time (increasing radical production). With $15-$ s irradiation, $\sim 90 \% \mathrm{PTQ}^{3+}$. is produced. When $50 \mu \mathrm{M} \mathrm{PTQ}^{+}$is irradiated for even short times ( 10 s ), substantial amounts of PTQ $^{2+}$.. are formed.

Dithionite reduction produced the diradical dication $\mathrm{X}^{2+}$.., shown by spectral titration at 534 and $560 \mathrm{~nm}(2.2 \pm 0.2$ electrons per mole of $\mathrm{X}^{4+}$ ). The fully reduced $\mathrm{X}^{2+}$.. could also be produced by $15-\mathrm{s}$ white-light irradiation ( $500-\mathrm{W}$ lamp) of a mixture of $\mathrm{X}^{4+}$ ( $20 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ), 3,10-dimethyl-5-deazaisoalloxazine $(5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ), and $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{2}$ edta $(0.1 \mathrm{mM}){ }^{20}$ The spectral characteristics of $\mathrm{X}^{4+}, \mathrm{X}^{3+}$, and $\mathrm{X}^{2+}$. are shown in Table I. Those of ETQ ${ }^{2+.}$ and PTQ ${ }^{2+}$.. were concentration-independent over 10-50 and 6-200 $\mu \mathrm{M}$, respectively.

Reduction Potentials. Overall potentials $E_{12}{ }^{\circ}$ for the $\mathrm{X}^{4+}+$ $2 \mathrm{e}^{-} \rightleftarrows \mathrm{X}^{2+}$.. couple were determined by cyclic voltammetry. The results are shown in Table II. With $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{PTQ}$, a reversible two-electron reduction wave was obtained ( $\Delta E_{\mathrm{p}}=37 \mathrm{mV}$ at a scan rate of 25 mV s - ). With $\mathrm{X}=$ ETQ and BTQ, adsorption of the reduced radicals on the electrodes occurred and the overall reduction potential was estimated from the cathodic wave at a slow scan rate. The constants for the equilibria (1) and (2) were determined spectrally ( $\mathrm{DQ}^{2+}=1,1^{\prime}$-ethylene- $2,2^{\prime}$-bipyridinium ion). Isosbestic points were observed at 404 and 452 nm for (1)

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\begin{array}{cr}
\mathrm{BTQ}^{4+}+2 \mathrm{DQ}^{+} . \rightleftarrows \mathrm{BTQ}^{2+} . .+2 \mathrm{DQ}^{2+} & K_{1} \\
\mathrm{PTQ}^{4+}+\mathrm{ETQ}^{2+. .} \rightleftarrows \mathrm{PTQ}^{2+. .}+\mathrm{ETQ}^{4+} & K_{2} \tag{2}
\end{array}
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and at 440 and 550 nm for (2). The reduction potential for $\mathrm{DQ}^{2+/+}$ is well characterized with our conditions $\left(E^{\circ}=-0.35 \mathrm{~V}\right)^{18}$
and combined with $K_{1}$ leads to a value for $E_{12}{ }^{\circ}$ for $\mathrm{PTQ}^{4+}$ similar to that estimated by cyclic voltammetry (Table II). The value of $K_{2}$ was likewise consistent with the $E_{12}{ }^{\circ}$ values for the $\mathrm{PTQ}^{4+/ 2+}$ and ETQ ${ }^{4+/ 2+}$ couples (Table II). Production of small concentrations of $\mathrm{X}^{2+}$. (by dithionite or photochemically) in the presence of large concentrations of $\mathrm{X}^{4+}$ leads to a series of spectra, with an isosbestic point near 560 nm , which can be quantitatively related to the establishment of equilibria (3) and (4). Although

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\begin{align*}
& \mathrm{PTQ}^{4+}+\mathrm{PTQ}^{2+. .} \rightleftharpoons 2 \mathrm{PTQ}^{3+} . k_{3}, k_{-3}, K_{3}  \tag{3}\\
& \mathrm{BTQ}^{4+}+\mathrm{BTQ}^{2+. .} \rightleftharpoons 2 \mathrm{BTQ}^{3+} . k_{4}, k_{-4}, K_{4} \tag{4}
\end{align*}
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the equilibria lie to the left, $3 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{BTQ}^{4+}$ reduced with $10 \mu \mathrm{M}$ $\mathrm{S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{2-}$ produces $\geq 90 \% \mathrm{BTQ}^{3+}$. Values of disproportionation constants $K_{\text {disp }}\left(=K_{3}{ }^{-1}\right.$ and $\left.K_{4}^{-1}\right)$ are shown in Table II. These are, within a fairly large experimental error, independent of wavelength of observation and concentration of radical. Combination of $E_{12}{ }^{\circ}$ with $K_{3}\left(K_{4}\right)$ leads to values for $E_{1}{ }^{\circ}$ and $E_{2}{ }^{\circ}$ (for $\mathrm{X}^{4+}+\mathrm{e}^{-} \rightleftharpoons \mathrm{X}^{3+} . ; \mathrm{X}^{3+}+\mathrm{e}^{-} \rightleftharpoons \mathrm{X}^{2+} .$. , respectively, $\mathrm{X}=$ PTQ and BTQ) shown in Table II. The same procedure could not be used with $\mathrm{ETQ}^{4+}$ since the absorbance coefficients of $\mathrm{ETQ}^{3+.}$. were half those of $\mathrm{ETQ}^{2+. .}$ at all wavelengths, and comproportionation would be unaccompanied by spectral change. Instead the equilibrium (5) was examined spectrally by a pulse radiolysis method. A

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\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{ETQ}^{4+}+\mathrm{DQ}^{+} . \rightleftarrows \mathrm{ETQ}^{3+} .+\mathrm{DQ}^{2+} \quad k_{\mathrm{k}}, k_{-5}, K_{5} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
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mixture of $\mathrm{ETQ}^{4+}$ and $\mathrm{DQ}^{2+}$ was reacted with a small concentration of $\mathrm{CO}_{2}{ }^{-}$radicals. The very rapid absorbance increase at 600 nm due to generation of $\mathrm{ETQ}^{3+}$. and $\mathrm{DQ}^{+}$. was followed by a further absorbance increase at 600 nm as $\mathrm{DQ}^{+}$. $\epsilon_{600}=1 \times 10^{3}$ $\left.\mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$ is replaced by $\mathrm{ETQ}^{3+}$. $\left(\epsilon=1.1 \times 10^{4} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$ as reaction 5 ensues. Spectral analysis of the equilibrated solution allows determination of $K_{5}$ and combined with $E^{\circ}$ for $\mathrm{DQ}^{2+} / \mathrm{DQ}^{+}$. leads to an $E_{1}{ }^{\circ}$ value for $\mathrm{ETQ}^{4+} / \mathrm{ETQ}^{3+}$. Values of $E_{1}{ }^{\circ}$ and $E_{2}{ }^{\circ}$ $\left(2 E_{12}{ }^{\circ}-E_{1}{ }^{\circ}\right)$ and $K_{\text {disp }}$ are shown in Table II.

Kinetics. Ome-Electron Reduction of $\mathbf{X}^{4+}$. The strongly reducing radicals $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{aq}}{ }^{-}$and $\mathrm{CO}_{2}{ }^{-}$produced by pulse radiolysis in micromolar concentrations effect only one-electron reduction of $\mathrm{X}^{4+}$, when the latter is used in excess. The observed rate constant $k_{\text {obsd }}$ is directly dependent on $\left[\mathrm{X}^{4+}\right]$, and the second-order rate constants $k_{\text {obsd }} /\left[\mathrm{X}^{4+}\right]$ are given in Table III. The kinetics of (5) reduce to those for a first-order reversible reaction (rate constant $=k_{\text {obsd }}$ ) since both $\mathrm{ETQ}^{4+}$ and $\mathrm{DQ}^{2+}$ are both present in excess over $\mathrm{ETQ}^{3+}$. and $\mathrm{DQ}^{+}$. The plot of $k_{\mathrm{obsd}} /\left[\mathrm{DQ}^{2+}\right]_{0}$ vs. $\left[\mathrm{ETQ}^{4+}\right]_{0} /$ $\left[\mathrm{DQ}^{2+}\right]_{0}$. was linear with a slope value $k_{5}$ and an intercept $k_{-s}$. The values are shown in Table III. The singly reduced species react with $\cdot \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{OH}$ radicals also produced when ( C $\left.\mathrm{H}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{COH}$ was included in the solution (to scavenge H and OH ). This former reaction occupied several hundred microseconds and interfered with the observation of disproportionation. The problem was avoided when $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{COH}$ was excluded and the trication radicals generated by $\mathrm{CO}_{2}^{-}$or by a mixture of $\mathrm{CO}_{2}^{-}$and $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{aq}}{ }^{-}$. With these conditions, $\mathrm{PTQ}^{3+}$. and $\mathrm{BTQ}^{3+}$. underwent spectral changes with isosbestic points at 460 and $560 \mathrm{~nm}\left(\mathrm{PTQ}^{3+}\right.$.) and 370,440 , and $560 \mathrm{~nm}\left(\mathrm{BTQ}^{3+}\right)$. $\mathrm{ETQ}^{3+}$. did not show any spectral changes. Those with PTQ $^{3+}$. and BTQ ${ }^{3+}$. corresponded to $100 \%$ and $\sim 90 \%$ disproportionation, and data on the time-dependent absorbance changes (Figure 1) allow calculation of $k_{-3}$ and $k_{-4}$. In terms of the general equilibrium (6), eq 7 and 8 come about.

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\begin{gather*}
2 \mathrm{X}^{3+.} \cdot \stackrel{k}{\rightleftarrows} \mathrm{X}^{2+} . .+\mathrm{X}^{4+}  \tag{6}\\
-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\mathrm{~d}\left[\mathrm{X}^{3+} \cdot\right]}{\mathrm{d} t}=\frac{\mathrm{d}\left[\mathrm{X}^{2+. .}\right]}{\mathrm{d} t}=k\left[\mathrm{X}^{3+} \cdot\right]^{2}  \tag{7}\\
\frac{1}{\left[\mathrm{X}^{3+} \cdot\right]_{t}}-\frac{1}{\left[\mathrm{X}^{3+} \cdot\right]_{0}}=2 k t \tag{8}
\end{gather*}
$$

The absorbances ( $1-\mathrm{cm}$ cell; $\epsilon_{\mathrm{X}^{4+}}=0$ ) at zero time, $t$, and equilibrium (subscripts $0, t$, and $e$ ) are given by (9)-(11), respectively. In conjunction with (12), the simple expression (13) results.

Table III. Rate Constants for Reactions of Bis(viologen) Species at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

| $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { bis(viologen) }\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{n}{ }^{n+-} \end{gathered}$ | reactant | $k_{\text {obss }}, \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ | $k_{\text {calcad }}{ }^{\text {a }} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ETQ ${ }^{4+}$ | ${ }_{\text {a }}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $(5.8 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{106}$ |  |
|  | $\mathrm{SO}_{2}{ }^{-}$ | $(1.4 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{8 c}$ | $2.1 \times 10^{8 d}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{DQ}^{+}$. | $(3.4 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{8 e}$ | $3.4 \times 10^{8 a}$ |
| ETQ ${ }^{3+}$. | $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ | $(2.5 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{8 e}$ | $3.1 \times 10^{78}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{DQ}^{2+}$ | $(3.2 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{7 e}$ | $3 \times 10^{7 a}$ |
| ETQ ${ }^{2+. .}$ |  | $\geq 8 \times 10^{7 c}$ | $3.1 \times 10^{78}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{en})^{3+}$ | $61 \pm 4^{c}$ | $4.1 \times 10^{28, k}$ |
| PTQ ${ }^{4+}$ | $\mathrm{e}_{\text {a }}{ }^{-}{ }^{-}$ | $(5.9 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{106}$ |  |
|  | $\mathrm{SO}_{2}{ }^{-}$ | $\begin{aligned} & (6.3 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{7 h} \\ & (7.0 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{7 c} \end{aligned}$ | $7.5 \times 10^{7 d}$ |
| PTQ ${ }^{++}$ | $\mathrm{PTQ}^{3+}$. | $(1.2 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{88 . i}$ |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ | $\begin{aligned} & (1.4 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{8 e} \\ & (1.6 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{88} \end{aligned}$ | $6.6 \times 10^{7 f}$ |
|  | Co(edta) ${ }^{-}$ | $(3.2 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{7 e}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7.7 \times 10,5 j \\ 4.9 \times 10^{6 k} \end{gathered}$ |
| PTQ ${ }^{2+.}$ | PTQ ${ }^{4+}$ | $(7 \pm 3) \times 10^{5 \mathrm{c}}$ | $4.6 \times 10^{51}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ | $\begin{aligned} & (1.9 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{6 c} \\ & (1.8 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{6 e} \end{aligned}$ | $5.6 \times 10^{69}$ |
|  | Co(edta) ${ }^{-}$ | $(7.8 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{6 b}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.0 \times 10,5 \\ & 1.0 \times 10^{6 k} \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{en}){ }^{3+}$ | $15.4 \pm 0.8^{c}$ | 638,k |
|  | $\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CN})_{6}{ }^{3-}$ | $>5 \times 10^{7 c}$ | $4.8 \times 10^{9 m}$ |
| BTQ ${ }^{4+}$ | $\mathrm{CO}_{2}{ }^{-}$ | $(1.5 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{10 \mathrm{e}}$ | $1.7 \times 10^{10 n}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{SO}_{2}{ }^{-}$ | $(5.1 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{7 c}$ | $1.9 \times 10^{7 d}$ |
| BTQ ${ }^{+4}$. | $\mathrm{BTQ}^{3+}$. | $(2.5 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{8, i}$ |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ | $(3.7 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{8 e}$ | $1.7 \pm 10^{88}$ |
| BTQ ${ }^{2+}$. |  | $\sim 4 \times 10^{7 c}$ | $3.4 \times 10^{7 f}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{en})_{3}{ }^{3+}$ | $(1.3 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{2 c}$ | $4.2 \times 10^{28, k}$ |

${ }^{a}$ On the basis of $k_{12}=\left(k_{11} k_{22} K_{12} f_{12}\right)^{1 / 2}$ using $k_{11}=1.0 \times 10^{8} \mathrm{M}^{-1}$ $\mathrm{s}^{-1}$ for self-exchange of $\mathrm{DQ}^{2+}$ and all bis(viologens) and radii $12 \AA$ for monoradical and $6 \AA$ for $\mathrm{PTQ}^{2+. .}$ and $\mathrm{BTQ}^{2+. .}$ "closed" diradical conformation. ${ }^{b} I=0.03 \mathrm{M}$ ( 10 mM phosphate), $\mathrm{pH} 7.2 .{ }^{c} I=0.50 \mathrm{M}$ $\left(\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}\right)$, pH 8.2. ${ }^{d}$ Using $k_{22}=1.0 \times 10^{9} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}, E^{\circ}=-0.26 \mathrm{~V}$, ref 34 for $\mathrm{SO}_{2} / \mathrm{SO}_{-2}{ }^{-}$couple. ${ }^{e} I=0.1 \mathrm{M}\left(\mathrm{NaHCO}_{2}\right), \mathrm{pH} 7.3$. ${ }^{\circ}$ Using $k_{22}$ $=1 \times 10^{5} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ (best fit), $E^{\circ}=-0.16 \mathrm{~V}$, ref 35 for $\mathrm{O}_{2} / \mathrm{O}_{2}{ }^{-}$couple. ${ }^{8}$ Using $k_{22}=4.8 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}, E^{\circ}=-0.20 \mathrm{~V}$, ref 36 and 37 for $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{en})_{3}{ }^{3+2+2+}$ couple. ${ }^{h}$ Using tetrachloride salt at $I=0.50 \mathrm{M}\left(\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{~S}-\right.$ $\mathrm{O}_{4}$ ), pH 7.2 . 'Disproportionation. ${ }^{\prime}$ Using $k_{22}=3.5 \times 10^{-7} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}, E^{\circ}$ $=0.38 \mathrm{~V}, r=4.5 \AA$, ref 38 and 39 for $\mathrm{Co}(\text { edta })^{-12-}$ couple. ${ }^{k}$ Includes work term. This is negligible in all other systems. 'Estimated from $k\left(\mathrm{PTQ}^{3+} .+\mathrm{PTQ}^{3+}\right.$. $/ K$ (disproportionation). ${ }^{m}$ Using $k_{22}=2 \times 10^{4}$ $\mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}, E^{0}=0.36 \mathrm{~V}$, ref 40 and 41 for $\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CN})_{6}{ }^{3-1 / 4}$ couple. ${ }^{n}$ Using $k_{22}=1 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}, E^{\circ}=-2.0 \mathrm{~V}$, ref 21 and 31 for $\mathrm{CO}_{2} / \mathrm{CO}_{2}^{-}$ couple.


Figure 1. Absorbance changes following production of $\mathrm{X}^{3+}$. by irradiation of $\mathrm{X}^{4+}(50 \mu \mathrm{M})$ with $\mathrm{CO}_{2}^{-}$or $\mathrm{CO}_{2}^{-} / \mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{aq}}^{-}$. The rapid production of the radical (vertical line) is followed by disproportionation. (A) ETQ ${ }^{3+}$. ( 10 $\mu \mathrm{M})$ at 600 nm , (B) $\mathrm{BTQ}^{3+} .(3.8 \mu \mathrm{M})$ at 600 nm , (C) $\mathrm{PTQ}^{3+}$. $(10 \mu \mathrm{M})$ at 600 nm , (D) PTQ ${ }^{3+}$. ( $10 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ) at 510 nm . The solid lines for (B) $-(\mathrm{D})$ are coincidental with the experimental trace and represent the theoretical curves on the basis of eq 13, rate constants in Table III, and known absorbance coefficients. The value of $A_{e}$ is indicated on the figures.

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\begin{gather*}
A_{0}=\epsilon_{\mathrm{X}^{3+} .}\left[\mathrm{X}^{3+.}\right]_{0}  \tag{9}\\
A_{t}=\epsilon_{\mathrm{X}^{3+} .}\left[\mathrm{X}^{3+} \cdot\right]_{t}+\epsilon_{\mathrm{X}^{2+. .}}\left[\mathrm{X}^{2+. .}\right]_{t}  \tag{10}\\
A_{\mathrm{e}}=\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mathrm{X}^{2+. . .}}\left[\mathrm{X}^{3+} .\right]_{0}  \tag{11}\\
\frac{1}{A_{t}-A_{\mathrm{e}}}=\frac{2 k t}{\left.\epsilon_{\mathrm{X}^{3+} .}-\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mathrm{X}^{2+} . .}\right]_{0}=\left[\mathrm{X}^{3+.}\right]_{t}+2\left[\mathrm{X}^{2+. .}\right]_{t}}+\frac{1}{\epsilon_{\mathrm{X}^{3+} .}-\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mathrm{X}^{2+. .}}} \frac{1}{\left[\mathrm{X}^{3+} .\right]_{0}} \tag{12}
\end{gather*}
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The disproportionation of $\mathrm{PTQ}^{3+}$. and $\mathrm{BTQ}^{3+}$. conforms very well to expression (13); see Figure 1. The derived values of $(\Delta A)^{-1} t^{-1}[=S]$ are given in the supplementary tables, and the resulting values of $k\left(=1 / 2 S\left[\epsilon_{X^{3+}} .-1 / 2^{\epsilon} \mathrm{X}^{2+.}\right]\right)$ are shown in Table III. The latter are independent of the wavelength of observation and the concentration of the radical.

Two-Electron Reduction of $\mathbf{X}^{4+}$. Dithionite in excess reduces the oxidized species $\mathrm{X}^{4+}$ to $\mathrm{X}^{2+}$.. by a single first-order process. Rapid-scan stopped-flow examination of the systems shows no signs of the singly reduced $\mathrm{X}^{3+}$. Decay of $\mathrm{X}^{2+}$. or further reaction with dithionite is slow (e.g., $<10 \%$ in 200 s ). The pseudo-firstorder rate constant $k_{\text {obsd }}$ is exactly dependent on $\left[\mathrm{S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{2-}\right]^{1 / 2}$ such that $\mathrm{SO}_{2}{ }^{-}$is the sole effective reducing species (14) and (15). The second-order rate constants $k_{15}\left(k_{\text {obsd }} K_{14}{ }^{-1 / 2}\left[\mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{2-}\right]^{-1 / 2}\right)$ are recorded in Table III.

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\begin{gather*}
\mathrm{S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{2-} \rightleftarrows 2 \mathrm{SO}_{2}^{-} \quad K_{14}=1.4 \times 10^{-9} \mathrm{M}(\text { ref } 22)  \tag{14}\\
\mathrm{SO}_{2}^{-}+\mathrm{X}^{4+} \rightarrow \text { products } \quad k_{15}  \tag{15}\\
\text { rate }=  \tag{16}\\
k_{15} K_{14}{ }^{1 / 2}\left[\mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}^{2-}\right]^{1 / 2}\left[\mathrm{X}^{4+}\right]=k_{\text {obsd }}\left[\mathrm{X}^{4+}\right]
\end{gather*}
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Oxidation Reactions. The reactions of $\mathrm{X}^{3+}$. and $\mathrm{X}^{2+}$.. with excess oxidant were studied from time-dependent loss of radical absorbance. Oxidant concentrations were chosen to make the loss of $\mathrm{X}^{3+}$. by disproportionation negligible. The reducing radicals produced by pulse radiolysis will effect reduction of some of the oxidant present also. However, the rates $k\left[\mathrm{X}^{4+}\right]\left[\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{aq}}{ }^{-}\right]$and $k$ [oxid] $\left[\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{aq}}{ }^{-}\right.$], being comparable, will ensure some production of $\mathrm{X}^{3+}$. In all cases, first-order rate constants $k_{\text {obsd }}$ were linearly dependent on oxidant concentrations, with zero intercepts for the $k_{\text {obsd }}$ vs. [oxidant] plots. All kinetic data are given in supplementary tables, and the second-order rate constants are collected in Table III.

## Discussion

By selecting reducing agents and conditions it is possible to produce either $\mathrm{X}^{3+}$. or $\mathrm{X}^{2+}$. from $\mathrm{X}^{4+}$. The pulse radiolytically produced radicals $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{aq}}^{-}$and $\mathrm{CO}_{2}{ }^{-}$, generated in small concentrations ( $\mu \mathrm{M}$ ), effect one-electron reduction of the (excess) oxidized bis(viologen) $\mathrm{X}^{4+}$. This is a very useful and general technique for producing only the one-electron reduced product, when further reduction is possible. This arises because in the sequence (17) $k_{1}\left[\mathrm{X}^{4+}\right] \gg k_{2}\left[\mathrm{X}^{3+}.\right]$ at all times, since $k_{1}$ is diffusion-controlled (Table III), and therefore $k_{2}$ cannot exceed $k_{1}$. Further, the

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\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{X}^{4+} \xrightarrow{k_{1}} \mathrm{X}^{3+} . \xrightarrow{k_{2}} \mathrm{X}^{2+} . . \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
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amount of $\mathrm{X}^{3+}$, generated is small $(\mu \mathrm{M})$ compared with the amount of $\mathrm{X}^{4+}$, mostly unused. The spectra of $\mathrm{ETQ}^{3+} \cdot, \mathrm{PTQ}^{3+} \cdot$, and $\mathrm{BTQ}^{3+}$. are similar with a maximum near 600 nm and $\mathrm{ab}-$ sorbance coefficient $=1.1 \times 10^{4} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ (Table I). They thus resemble closely the spectrum of $\mathrm{MV}^{+}$. which has a peak at 600 $\mathrm{nm}\left(\epsilon=1.4 \times 10^{4} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right) .^{18}$ Reduction in methanol of a high concentration of $\mathrm{PTQ}^{4+}$ by 15 -s irradiation with white light in the presence of 3,10-dimethyl-5-deazaisoalloxazine and EDTA produces $\mathrm{PTQ}^{3+}$. with spectral characteristics close to those produced by reduction of $\mathrm{PTQ}^{4+}$ by hydroxydiphenylmethyl radicals in methanol at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .{ }^{14}$

Two-electron reduction of $\mathrm{X}^{4+}$ can be effected by using dithionite or by irradiation with white light in the presence of

[^2]3,10-dimethyl-5-deazaisoalloxazine and EDTA. ${ }^{20}$ The spectra of the products $\mathrm{ETQ}^{2+}$. . $\mathrm{PTQ}^{2+}$.., and $\mathrm{BTQ}^{2+. . ~ r e s e m b l e ~ c l o s e l y ~}$ those reported by Furue and Nozakura, ${ }^{14}$ produced by dithionite reduction, and by Deronzier et al., ${ }^{16}$ from electrochemical spectroscopy. The similarity in the characteristics of ETQ ${ }^{3+}$, and ETQ ${ }^{2+}$.. indicates that there is no interaction between the two reduced centers in ETQ ${ }^{2+} .$. . The shift in the absorption maxima from $\sim 600 \mathrm{~nm}$ in $\mathrm{PTQ}^{3+}$. and $\mathrm{BTQ}^{3+}$. to 534 nm with $\mathrm{PTQ}^{2+}$.. and $\mathrm{BTQ}^{2+}$. ., however, indicates association of the two viologen units, such as occurs in the transformation of monomer to dimer forms of $\mathrm{MV}^{+}$. (monomer $\epsilon_{605}{ }^{\max }=1.0 \times 10^{4} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; dimer $\left.\mathrm{t}_{545}{ }^{\max }=9.0 \times 10^{3} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)^{23-25}$ and $\mathrm{BV}^{+}$. (monomer $\epsilon_{604}{ }^{\text {max }}=$ $1.7 \times 10^{4} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; dimer $\epsilon_{540}{ }^{\max }=2.7 \times 10^{4} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ ). ${ }^{26}$ The adherence to Beer's law of $\mathrm{PTQ}^{2+}$.. over a wide range of concentrations shows, however, that the association is intramolecular. It has been suggested that the doubly reduced species $\mathrm{PTQ}^{2+}$.. and $\mathrm{BTQ}^{2+}$.. adopt an intramolecular associated form ("closed" conformation) which is not possible sterically with $\mathrm{ETQ}^{2+}$.. which has an open structure. ${ }^{14.15}$ Similar proposals for open and closed forms of dimer diradicals had been made much earlier for 4 (carbomethoxy)pyridinyl dimer diradicals. These are more complex in their behavior and form covalent bonds in the dimer structure. ${ }^{27}$ Finally, similar behavior of the poly(viologens), poly(propylviologen) (PPrV) dibromide, and poly(butylviologen) ( PBuV ) dibromide is noted. Poly(viologen) ( 1 mM ) reduced by $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{aq}}{ }^{-}(11 \mu \mathrm{M})$ shows maxima at $595 \mathrm{~nm}\left(\epsilon=1.16 \times 10^{4} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$ and $595\left(\epsilon=1.32 \times 10^{4} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$ for PPRV and PBuV, respectively. Further reduction promotes an absorbance maximum shift to 545 nm and eventually $526 \mathrm{~nm} .^{12}$

Equilibria. The values of the overall potentials for $\mathrm{X}^{4+} \rightarrow \mathrm{X}^{2+}$.. determined by cyclic voltametry are close to those reported. ${ }^{16}$ Voltammograms for $\mathrm{ETQ}^{4+}$ and BTQ ${ }^{4+}$ (but not PTQ ${ }^{++}$) showed slight peculiarities ascribed to electrode deposition. The overall potentials were therefore checked by spectral examination of reactions 1 and 2. The equilibria constants for (1) and (2), combined with the well-established reduction potentials for the $\mathrm{PTQ}^{4+/ 2+}$ and $\mathrm{DQ}^{2+/+}$ couples, lead to reduction potentials for the $\mathrm{ETQ}^{4+/ 2^{+}}$and $\mathrm{BTQ}^{4+/ 2+}$ couples which are in good agreement with those deduced from cyclic voltammetry (Table II). Addition of a large excess of $\mathrm{PTQ}^{4+}$ to $\mathrm{PTQ}^{2+. .}$ or of $\mathrm{BTQ}^{4+}$ to $\mathrm{BTQ}^{2+}$.. shifts the absorbance peak to $\sim 600 \mathrm{~nm}$, indicating the production of $\mathrm{PTQ}^{3+}$. or $\mathrm{BTQ}^{3+}$. Spectral examination of the systems allowed determination of disproportionation constants, and combined with overall potentials, reduction potentials for the discrete $4+/ 3+$ and $3+/ 2+$ couples could be calculated (Table II). No spectral changes accompany the disproportionation of ETQ ${ }^{3+}$., and the value of $E_{1}{ }^{\circ}$ was determined from the value of $K_{5}$ and the known $\mathrm{DQ}^{2+/+}$ reduction potential. The disproportionation constant for $\mathrm{ETQ}^{3+}$, could thus be estimated (Table II). The trend for disproportionation $\mathrm{PTQ}^{3+} .>\mathrm{BTQ}^{3+} .>\mathrm{ETQ}^{3+}$. resembles that observed in DMF solution, estimated from cyclic voltammetry data, ${ }^{15}$ although the differences are more pronounced in water. Disproportionation occurs most readily with $\mathrm{PTQ}^{3+}$., suggesting greater stability for the closed form of $\mathrm{PTQ}^{2+}$.. compared with the other diradicals. The value of the disproportionation constant for $\mathrm{ETQ}^{3+} .(\cong 1)$ is consistent with that expected $(0.25)$ for two noninteracting reducing centers in the ETQ ${ }^{2+}$.. product. On the basis of polarography at a dropping mercury electrode, half-wave potentials of -0.20 and -0.35 V for $\mathrm{PTQ}^{4+}$ and -0.18 and -0.35 V for $\mathrm{BTQ}^{4+}$ have been reported. ${ }^{17}$ We feel that these values are incorrect since they would indicate considerable stability for PTQ $^{3+}$. and BTQ ${ }^{3+}$., and our results do not support this. With $\mathrm{ETQ}^{4+}$, however, our results are in agreement since only a single two-electron reduction wave was observed at a half-wave potential of -0.27 V due to the formation of the diradical dication. ${ }^{17}$

[^3]Kinetic Aspects. Tertiary butanol was avoided in the study of disproportionation of $\mathrm{PTQ}^{3+}$. and $\mathrm{BTQ}^{3+}$. since these reacted with tertiary butanol radicals (see also ref 28). The radicals PTQ ${ }^{3+}$. and BTQ ${ }^{3+}$. disproportionate ( $\geq 90 \%$ completely), (3) and (4), with similar second-order rate constants. The second-order rate constants for comproportionation of PTQ and BTQ systems can be estimated (e.g., $\left.k_{3}=k_{-3} K_{3}\right)$ as $(4.6 \pm 2.0) \times 10^{5}$ and $(5.1 \pm 2.3)$ $\times 10^{6} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$, respectively, showing that comproportionation is mainly controlled by the comproportionation rate constant, the slower rate constant for PTQ $^{2+}$.. (with PTQ ${ }^{4+}$ ) arising perhaps from its very stable closed structure. The estimated rate constant for the reaction of $\mathrm{PTQ}^{2+}{ }^{\text {.. }}$ with $\mathrm{PTQ}^{4+}$ was confirmed experimentally. The kinetic data for the reactions of the radical trications are helpful in interpreting the kinetic data for oxidations of $\mathrm{X}^{2+. .}$ and reductions of $\mathrm{X}^{4+}$. Consider the oxidation of $\mathrm{X}^{2+}$.. by $\mathbf{M}^{n+}$. The first-step (eq 18) is a one-electron oxidation, and this is followed by either (19) or (20). Both combinations lead

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\begin{gather*}
\mathrm{X}^{2+} . .+\mathrm{M}^{n+} \rightarrow \mathrm{X}^{3+} .+\mathrm{M}^{(n-1)+}  \tag{18}\\
2 \mathrm{X}^{3+} .  \tag{19}\\
\rightleftarrows \mathrm{X}^{2+. .}+\mathrm{X}^{4+}  \tag{20}\\
\mathrm{X}^{3+} .+\mathrm{M}^{n+} \rightarrow \mathrm{X}^{4+}+\mathrm{M}^{(n-1)+}
\end{gather*}
$$

to the same overall stoichiometry and rate law. For $\mathrm{M}^{n+}=$ $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{en})_{3}{ }^{3+}$, second-order rate constants for (18) and (20) are relatively small, and disproportionation reaction (19) will be much faster than (20). For $\mathrm{M}^{n+}=\mathrm{Co}(\text { edta })^{-}$or $\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CN})_{6}{ }^{3-}$ which are much more reactive, $k_{20}\left[\mathrm{M}^{n+}\right]\left[\mathrm{X}^{3+} \cdot\right] \cong k_{19}\left[\mathrm{X}^{3+} \cdot\right]^{2}$, and both paths will account for loss of $\mathbf{X}^{3+}$. For $\mathbf{M}^{n^{+}}=\mathrm{Co}(\text { edta })^{-}$, for example, with our conditions ( $20-60 \mu \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Co}(\text { edta })^{-}$), the disproportionation of PTQ $^{3+}$. $\left(t_{1 / 2}=1-2 \mathrm{~ms}\right)$ will compete with the reaction of $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{edta})^{-}$with $\mathrm{PTQ}^{3+}$. $\left(t_{1 / 2} \sim 2-5 \mathrm{~ms}\right.$ ). In oxidation by $\mathrm{O}_{2}$, additional steps are possible involving $\mathrm{O}_{2}^{-}$, e.g., eq 21 and 22 , and corresponding steps involving $\mathrm{X}^{3+}$. The rate constants for reaction

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\begin{align*}
\mathrm{X}^{2+} . . & +\mathrm{O}_{2}  \tag{21}\\
\rightarrow \mathrm{X}^{3+} . & +\mathrm{O}_{2}^{-}  \tag{22}\\
\mathrm{X}^{2+} . . & +\mathrm{O}_{2}^{-}
\end{align*} \mathrm{X}^{3+.}+\mathrm{O}_{2}^{2-} .
$$

of $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{O}_{2}{ }^{-}$with $\mathrm{X}^{2+}$.. or $\mathrm{X}^{3+}$. are likely to be comparable. ${ }^{29,30}$ With our conditions, therefore, $\left[\mathrm{O}_{2}\right]_{0} \gg\left[\mathrm{X}^{2+. .}\right]_{0}$ or $\left[\mathrm{O}_{2}\right]_{0} \gg$ $\left[\mathrm{X}^{3+} \cdot\right]_{0}$, and step (22) is negligible. The large rate constants for $\mathrm{X}^{3+}$. with $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ suggests that this reaction should be now faster than disproportionation, when $\left[\mathrm{O}_{2}\right] \gg$ [radical] ${ }_{0}$.

In the reduction of $\mathrm{X}^{4+}$ by $\mathrm{SO}_{2}^{-}$, the first step (eq 23) is followed by reduction of $\mathrm{X}^{3+}$. by $\mathrm{SO}_{2}^{-}$(eq 24) and/or disproportionation of $\mathrm{X}^{3+}$. (eq 19). It can be estimated that $k_{24} \cong k_{23}$, since the

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\begin{array}{ll}
\mathrm{X}^{4+}+\mathrm{SO}_{2}^{-} \rightarrow \mathrm{X}^{3+} .\left(+\mathrm{SO}_{2}\right) & k_{23} \\
\mathrm{X}^{3+}+\mathrm{SO}_{2}^{-} \rightarrow \mathrm{X}^{2+} . .\left(+\mathrm{SO}_{2}\right) & k_{24} \tag{24}
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rate constant for reaction of $\mathrm{X}^{3+}$. with $\mathrm{O}_{2}^{-}$can be calculated as $10^{5}-10^{6} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ and rate constants for $\mathrm{SO}_{2}^{-} / \mathrm{O}_{2}^{-}$are $\sim 10^{2}$ (see below). The uniphasic character of the reduction of $\mathrm{X}^{4+}$ arises then from very rapid disproportionation of $\mathrm{X}^{3+}$, as it is formed in (23).

We have recently shown ${ }^{18,19}$ that both reduction by dithionite ( $\mathrm{SO}_{2}{ }^{-}$radical) and oxidation by a wide range of cobalt(III) complexes of a number of viologen species conform quite well to Marcus theory. ${ }^{31}$ The same conclusion is reached when redox reactions of the bis(viologens) with a number of types of oxidants and reductants shown in Table III are considered. This includes $\mathrm{CO}_{2}^{-}$, a self-exchange rate constant for which has been assessed recently. ${ }^{31}$ Self-exchange rate constants for the viologens ${ }^{18,19,32,33}$
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Figure 2. Plot of $\ln k_{12}$ vs. $\ln K_{12} f_{12}$ for reaction of monoviologens and bis(viologens) with $\mathrm{O}_{2}$. The viologens indicated are radical cations 1, $1^{\prime}$-tetramethylene-2,2'-bipyridinium (1), 1, $1^{\prime}$-trimethylene-2,2'-bipyridinium (2), $1,1^{\prime}$-dimethyl-4,4'-bipyridinium (3), $1,1^{\prime \prime}$-bis(2-(hydroxyethyl) $-4,4^{\prime}$-bipyridinium) (4), $1,1^{\prime}$-ethylene- $2,2^{\prime}$-bipyridinium (5), $1,1^{\prime}$-diphenyl-4,4'-bipyridinium (6), BTQ ${ }^{3+}$. (7), BTQ $^{2+. .}$ (8), PTQ $^{3+}$. (9), PTQ $^{2+}$. . (10), ETQ $^{3+}$. (11), and ETQ ${ }^{2+. . ~(12) . ~ T h e ~ d a t a ~ f o r ~ t h e ~ m o n o-~}$ viologens are from ref 30.
$\left(1.0 \times 10^{8} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right)$ are also used for the $\mathrm{X}^{4+/ 3+}$ and $\mathrm{X}^{3+/ 2+}$ couples. Other data for the calculations are taken from the literature. ${ }^{34-41}$ The reactions of viologens ${ }^{30}$ and bis(viologen) radicals with $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ make an interesting group for analysis. The plot of $\ln k_{12}\left(\ln k_{\text {obsd }}\right)$ vs. $\ln K_{12} f_{12}$ is shown in Figure 2. Within some scatter, resulting from a small range of rate constants difficult to measure accurately, there is a reasonable agreement between the experimental ( 0.45 ) and the theoretical slopes ( 0.5 ). The resulting product of self-exchange rate constants for viologens and $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ is $3.5 \times 10^{13}$ $\mathrm{M}^{-2} \mathrm{~s}^{-2}$ and can be considered as arising from $\left.\mathrm{X}^{+/(n-1}\right)^{+}\left(10^{8} \mathrm{M}^{-1}\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{s}^{-1}\right)$ and $\mathrm{O}_{2}{ }^{0 /-}\left(3.5 \times 10^{5} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right)$. The obvious lowered rate constant for reaction of $\mathrm{PTQ}^{2+}$.. ( 10 in Figure 2) with $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ probably arises from the closed conformation of PTQ ${ }^{2+}$. being either less reactive or unreactive, with reaction occurring through a small percentage ( $\sim 1 \%$ ) of the open form in equilibrium with the closed conformation.

Finally, we can continue our comparison of the rate constants of reductions by $\mathrm{SO}_{2}^{-}$and $\mathrm{O}_{2}{ }^{-18,42}$ The rate constants for reaction of $\mathrm{O}_{2}^{-}$with $\mathrm{ETQ}^{4+}, \mathrm{PTQ}^{4+}$, and $\mathrm{BTQ}^{4+}\left(k_{\mathrm{O}_{-}}\right)$can be calculated as $2.3 \times 10^{6}, 1.9 \times 10^{5}$, and $4.9 \times 10^{4} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$, respectively (from the calculated equilibrium constants for the $\mathrm{X}^{3+} . / \mathrm{O}_{2}$ reactions ( $1.1 \times 10^{2}, 7.4 \times 10^{2}$, and $7.6 \times 10^{3}$, respectively) and the $\mathrm{O}_{2} / \mathrm{ETQ}^{3+}, \mathrm{O}_{2} / \mathrm{PTQ}^{3+}$, and $\mathrm{O}_{2} / \mathrm{BTQ}^{3+}$. rate constants (Table III) ). The ratios $k_{\mathrm{SO}_{2}-} / k_{\mathrm{o}_{2}-}$ are thus $0.6 \times 10^{2}, 3.3 \times 10^{2}$, and $1 \times 10^{3}$ for $\mathrm{ETQ}^{4+}, \mathrm{PTQ}^{4+}$, and $\mathrm{BTQ}^{4+}$, close to $10^{2}-10^{3}$ values found previously with a large number of oxidants. ${ }^{18.42}$

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# Regiochemical Control in Intramolecular Photochemical Reactions of 1,6 -Heptadienes: Carbonyl-Substituted 1-(4-Alkenyl)-1-cyclopentenes 

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#### Abstract

The regiochemistry of intramolecular photochemical reaction has been studied in three series of ketones of types 10-12, with particular attention to the effect of alkyl substitution on the side-chain double bond [C(6) and C(7)]. Results for 13 ketones are summarized in Tables I-III and permit these generalizations: (1) ketones 10 follow the "rule of five" and always give straight closure, (2) ketones 11 respond to substitution at $\mathrm{C}(6)$ with crossed closure, and (3) ketones 12 respond to substituion at $\mathbf{C}(6)$ with reduced crossed closure. Several anomalies would be clarified if initial 1,7 bonding can occur, and this possibility is discussed.


In previous studies we have investigated the role of structural features in control of the regiochemistry of the intramolecular photochemical reactions of carbonyl-substituted 1,5 -hexadienes of the general structures $1-3 .{ }^{1-4}$ There is a well-known gener-

alization, ${ }^{5}$ the "rule of five", that irradiation of hexadienes (4) leads preferentially to 1,5 (crossed) closure, with intermediate formation of biradical 5 that then leads to products through collapse or disproportionation. All indication of the alternative


1,6 (straight) closure to 6 is frequently completely absent. We found, however, that in 1 -acyl-1,5-hexadienes ( 1 ) and 1,5 -hexa-dien-3-ones (3) incorporation of the conjugated double bond into a five- or six-membered ring or substitution of the diene with an alkyl group at $C(5)$ causes 1,6 closure to become competitive. ${ }^{1,3}$ These effects are additive, and in molecules containing both features highly regioselective 1,6 closure can occur. Interestingly,

[^4]neither effect influences the regiochemistry of the third class of hexadienes, 2 -acyl-1,5-hexadienes (2), and all representatives of this group that were studied close in the crossed fashion. ${ }^{2}$ More recently we have found that substitution of a trimethylsilyl, but not a tert-butyl, group at $\mathrm{C}(1)$ in series 3 also favors 1,6 closure. ${ }^{4}$

We wished to pursue a similar investigation of regiochemical effects in 1,6 -heptadienes (7), particularly since these compounds have seen much more use as intermediates in the synthesis of natural products than have their lower homologues. ${ }^{6}$ In 7 the

rule of five predicts straight closure by way of 9 to be favored over crossed closure to 8. ${ }^{5}$ It was attractive to examine the three types of carbonyl-substituted heptadienes homologous to 1-3, but for these new studies we chose to focus our effort specifically on compounds in which the conjugated double bond was incorporated

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