A reexamination of the early stages of the thermal rearrangement of the naphthalene system 1 ($k_8/k_1 = 4.0$ at 193 °C) led to the observation, isolation, and demonstration of the intermediacy of analogous bicyclo[3.1.0]hexene precursors to 2 (namely, 6 and 7), while verifying that 5 was not observable at any stage of the reaction.17

The probable mechanism for formation of the bicyclohexene products from 1 and 8 is given below. Thermal electrocyclic ring



closure to orthoquinoid products 5 and 9 would have to occur from a conformation of the type A, which would maximize the steric and/or electrostatic repulsions of the fluorine substituents of the trifluorovinyl groups of 1 and 8. It is likely because of such destabilizing interactions that a conformation of the type B ends up being the reactive one in these reactions.¹⁸ Five-membered-ring formation from B will lead to diradical 13, which, in a manner similar to that proposed for the photochemical process, can cyclize to a bicyclo[3.1.0] hexene species 14, which will have lost considerable aromatic stabilization and thus should convert rapidly to the observed bicyclo[3.1.0] hexene products via a vinylcyclopropane rearrangement.

The actual observed thermolysis products can derive readily from such bicyclohexene intermediates via the diradical pathways shown below.¹⁹ Note that a product analogous to 12 is not observed from 6 or 7, while one like 4 is not formed from 10.



Examples of unambiguous radical rearrangements involving shift of F are themselves rare enough in the literature to be worthy of comment. While there is little doubt that F-catalyzed rearrangements converting 12 to 11,²¹ as well as interconverting 2 and 3, are intervening after long reaction times, it has been shown that the reactions leading to 6, 7, and 10 as well as to 2, 3, 4, 11, and 12 are *not* catalyzed by F^- , and thus the intervention of diradical intermediates would appear to be unambiguously indicated in these reactions

In conclusion, it has been observed that bis(trifluorovinyl) aromatics 1 and 8 undergo a novel thermal rearrangement in preference to the normal electrocyclic cyclization process. Further studies which will examine whether this new reaction extends to

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Surface Intervalence Enhanced Raman Scattering from Fe(CN)₆⁴⁻ on Colloidal Titanium Dioxide. A Mode-by-Mode Description of the Franck-Condon **Barrier to Interfacial Charge Transfer**

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One of the key requirements in any quantitative description of electron-transfer kinetics, in any environment, is an accurate estimate of internal or vibrational reorganization energetics.¹ We have recently shown that complete mode-by-mode descriptions of vibrational reorganization for selected metal-to-ligand² and metal-to-metal (or intervalence)³ charge-transfer events in solution can be obtained by applying time-dependent scattering theory^{4,5} to pre- or postresonance Raman spectra.⁶ The quantities obtained are redox-induced normal coordinate displacements (Δ), force constants (f), and individual components (χ_i) of the total vibrational reorganization energy (χ_i) . We now report an extension of this methodology to an interfacial charge transfer reaction.

The reaction chosen was optical electron transfer from Fe-(CN)64- to colloidal titanium dioxide:7,8



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⁽¹⁷⁾ Photolysis of 1 resulted in the formation of 5 as the major product.¹³ 5 could also be characterized via its Diels-Alder reaction with diethyl acetylenedicarboxylate.

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Figure 1. Preresonance Raman spectrum of 0.6 mM Fe(CN)₆^{\leftarrow}/(5.8 g/L TiO₂) colloid at pH = 2.0 with 488.0-nm excitation. The asterisk at 656 cm⁻¹ denotes an unenhanced E_g mode of TiO₂. The mode at 540 cm⁻¹ is real and is more convincingly resolved in experiments performed at 457.9 nm.

Following Vrachnou and co-workers,⁷ we find that an intense optical absorption exists ($\lambda_{max} \approx 410$ nm, $\epsilon \approx 5000$ M⁻¹ cm⁻¹) for the "surface intervalence" charge-transfer reaction in eq 1. We further find (Figure 1) that Raman scattering spectra can be readily obtained based on near-resonant excitation (488 nm).⁹ Control experiments at 514.5 nm (nominally preresonant), at 647.1 nm (off resonance), with ferrocyanide alone and with colloidal TiO₂ alone, all show the scattering in Figure 1 to be resonantly enhanced (e.g., enhancement factors of at least 20 for the highest energy modes).^{10,11}

The observation of enhancement is of central importance: within the context of the time-dependent theory,^{4.5} resonance enhancement (Albrecht A-term scattering) indicates the displacement of normal coordinates in direct response to the pertinent electronic transition (in our case, eq 1). In the simplest case, the quantitative relationships between scattering intensity (I) and molecular structural changes are⁴

$$I_1 / I_2 = \omega_1^2 \Delta_1^2 / \omega_2^2 \Delta_2^2$$
 (2)

$$\chi_i = 0.5 \sum_{k} \Delta_k^2 (\omega_k / 2\pi) \tag{3}$$

where ω is 2π times the vibrational frequency and the summation

Table I. Spectroscopic, Structural, and Reorganizational Parameters for Electron Transfer from $Fe(CN)_6^{4-}$ to Colloidal TiO_2

mode (cm ⁻¹)	rel int ^{a,b}	Δ^2	$ \Delta a $ (Å)	$\chi_i (cm^{-1})$	assignment	
2118	20.0	0.95°	0.048	1000	v _{C-N} bridge	
2072	6.61	0.33	0.014	340	VC-N radical	
2058	5.44	0.27	0.026	280	$\nu_{\rm C-N}$ terminal	
720	0.27	0.11	?	40	?	
598	1.00	0.59	0.026 ^d	180	VFe-C	
540	0.33	0.24	0.039	60	VFe-C bridge	
516	1.12	0.89	е	230	ν _{Ti−O}	
484	0.90	0.82	е	200	^ν Ti−O	
418	0.56	0.69	е	140	^μ Ti−O	
364	0.27	0.43	0.059	80	ν _{Ti-N}	

^aDepolarization studies indicate that all modes, with the possible exception of modes at 540 and 720 cm⁻¹ (too weak to determine with certainty), are totally symmetric. ^b Within the experimental uncertainty, *relative* intensities are unaffected by changes in excitation wavelength. ^c All values scaled to the value for Δ^2 at 598 cm⁻¹. ^d Taken from (or taken as) the crystallographically determined value¹² for Fe(CN)₆^{4-/3-}. ^e Value not determined, since the measured normal coordinate displacement (Δ) may entail more than one type of bondlength displacement (i.e., a local-mode approximation may not be appropriate).

is over all modes which are significantly resonantly enhanced. If a local mode approximation is appropriate, absolute bond length changes ($|\Delta a|$) can also be obtained:^{2,4}

$$(|\Delta a|) = (\Delta^2 \hbar / \mu \omega b)^{1/2}$$
(4)

In eq 4, μ is the reduced mass and b is the bond degeneracy.

Table I lists the relative intensities, unitless normal coordinate displacements, and bond-length changes obtained for resonance-enhanced modes. Absolute Δ and Δa values were derived by assuming that the changes in length for nonbridging Fe-C bonds equaled those determined crystallographically for free $Fe(CN)_6^{3/4-,12}$ Mode assignments were made by analogy to $Fe(CN)_6^{4-,13}$ (H₃N)₅RuNCFe(CN)₅¹⁻, (H₃N)₅OsNCFe(CN)₅¹⁻, and related systems³ and will be described in greater detail elsewhere. From the table, a number of points are worth noting: (1) The total number of modes (or types of bonds) displaced is surprisingly large (10), indicating that even the simplest of interfacial redox reactions may entail substantial complexity in vibrational activation. (2) As seen for related binuclear metal systems (in solution),³ bridging modes suffer the greatest displacement, with the C=N bridging mode providing the largest single contribution to the vibrational barrier. (3) Remarkably, three surface modes are enhanced and therefore displaced during optical electron transfer. This last observation is unprecedented experimentally and is at odds with most, if not all, existing theoretical views of interfacial electron transfer.

While the mode assignments in Table I are reasonably well established, questions do arise regarding the possibility of more than one type of binding geometry (e.g., doubly bridged) and the degree of protonation of the bound ferrocyanide. We performed a number of control experiments where (1) $Fe(CN)_6^{4-}$ and colloidal TiO₂ concentrations were substantially varied, (2) the pH was varied between 1 and 3, (3) multiple excitation wavelengths were used in resonance, and (4) an isotope study using a 7:1 dilution in D_2SO_4/D_2O was completed. Interestingly, all of these experiments led to no change in relative Raman intensities or frequency shifts. These results, therefore, tend to support the notion that only one type of complexed ferrocyanide species exists, which apparently is unprotonated and is bound to titanium via a single-cyanide ligand.¹⁴

Finally, the possibility of unwanted scattering from either a Prussian blue or titanate/ $Fe(CN)_6^4$ species was considered. We

⁽⁸⁾ Colloidal TiO₂ sols were prepared by following the method used in ref 7. We found that agitation and slow addition of potassium ferrocyanide solutions to the dialyzed and diluted colloid produced stable charge-transfer assemblies. For Raman studies (excitation at 457.9, 488.0, 514.5, and 647.1 nm), the colloidal sols contained approximately 10⁻⁴ mol of Fe(CN)₆⁴⁻/g of TiO₂; higher loadings led to sol aggregation and then precipitation. Ferrocyanide concentrations ranged from 0.1 to 1.0 mM. In a few experiments, NO₃⁻ or methanol was added as an internal intensity standard. The sol pH was varied between 1 and 3 (chiefly by varying dialysis times and the number of dialysis steps) with no variations found in the enhanced scattering spectra. It should be noted that at the low pH's used in this study, polyvinyl alcohol (a common colloid stabilizer) was not needed.

⁽⁹⁾ Raman spectra were obtained with a windowless flow cell under an argon blanket. Chromophore concentrations were chosen so as to minimize complications from self-absorption. Typically, a bandpass of 9 cm⁻¹ was employed with 40-60 mW of incident excitation power. For weak portions of the spectrum, signals were sometimes averaged (with appropriate checks for system drift) for as long as 20 h. We note further that background counts in the low-energy end of the spectrum (ca. 750-300 cm⁻¹; see Figure 1) were often as high as 5000/s, rendering signal extraction somewhat difficult. Our results stand in marked contrast to those of Umapathy, McQuillan, and Hester (*Chem. Phys. Lett.* **1990**, *170*, 128), who very recently reported observing only the two highest frequency modes seen in our spectrum. The precautions described above no doubt account for the exceptional differences between our findings and those reported elsewhere.

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eliminated the Prussian blue problem by (1) using $Os(CN)_6^{4-}$ in place of $Fe(CN)_6^4$ with similar results, (2) purposely making the Prussian blue complex which absorbs in the red and showing that it is not present in our absorption spectrum, and (3) proving that no enhancement occurs in the $Fe(CN)_6^{4-}/colloidal-TiO_2$ solution at 647.1 nm (where Prussian blue would absorb). The second problem, titanate formation during preparative TiCl₄ hydrolysis, can be effectively eliminated by dialysis.7 This was confirmed by an electrochemical experiment (supplementary material) in which redox-active $Fe(CN)_6^{4-}$ (i.e., free or titanate bound) was shown to be absent from $Fe(CN)_6^{4-}/dialyzed-colloid solutions$, but present in intentionally prepared Fe(CN)₆⁴⁻/titanate solutions.15

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Complexation through Nitrogen in Copper and Nickel Complexes of Substituted Ureas[†]

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Complexation of transition metals by biologically relevant ligands, such as the prevalent amide (>NC=O) functionality,

has attracted considerable attention due to the catalytic potential of such complexes.²⁻⁴ In principle, transition-metal ions can

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Figure 1. ORTEP drawing of the Cu(II) complex of 1a. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) are as follows: Cu-N1, 1.998 (9); Cu-N2, 2.127 (9); Cu-Cl1, 2.241 (3); Cu-Cl2, 2.229 (3); C7-O, 1.22 (1); C7-N2, 1.45 (2); C7-N3, 1.32 (2); C6-N2, 1.48 (2); C11-Cu-Cl2, 93.2 (1); CII-Cu-N1, 96.8 (3); CII-Cu-N2, 166.5 (4); CI2-Cu-N1, 169.9 (3); Cl2-Cu-N2, 88.9 (3); N1-Cu-N2, 81.8 (3); Cu-N2-C6, 105.2 (6); Cu-N2-C7, 113.2 (7); O-C7-N2, 119 (2); O-C7-N3, 125 (1).



Figure 2. ORTEP drawing of the Zn(II) complex of 1a. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) are as follows: Zn-N1, 2.035 (4); Zn-O, 1.981 (4); Zn-Cl1, 2.234 (2); Zn-Cl2, 2.231 (2); C7-O, 1.263 (7); C7-N2, 1.359 (6); C7-N3, 1.317 (8); C6-N2, 1.449 (9); C11-Zn-C12, 110.36 (8); C11-Zn-N1, 112.3 (1); C11-Zn-O, 114.9 (1); C12-Zn-N1, 111.6 (1); Cl2-Zn-O, 107.7 (1); O-Zn-N1, 99.4 (2); Zn-O-C7, 135.9 (3); Zn-N1-C5, 122.7 (3); O-C7-N2, 121.9 (6); O-C7-N3, 121.2 (4).

complex to ureas and amides via oxygen or nitrogen atoms. The oxygen lone pair is more basic than the nitrogen site. In the case of amides, the basicity difference toward protons is estimated as seven pK_a units.⁵ A similar situation exists in ureas.⁶ In accord with these basicity differences, complexes of ureas^{7,8} or uncharged

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