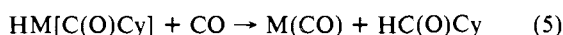
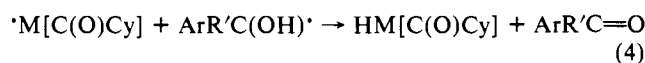
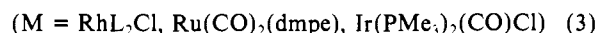
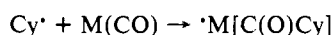
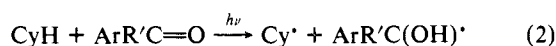


The observations above suggest a mechanism of the general form of eqs 2-5.



Equation 2 is well studied; known quantum yields<sup>13</sup> of ca. 0.5 are consistent with the quantum yields of eq 1 calculated on the basis of the fraction of incident light absorbed by the ketone,  $\phi_{\text{adj}} \leq 0.6$ . Equation 4 is well preceded by  $\beta$ -hydrogen atom transfers from organic radicals to metal radicals which exhibit near diffusion controlled kinetics.<sup>14</sup>

Reaction 3 may proceed via initial attack of  $\text{Cy}^*$  on the metal center<sup>15,16</sup> or, alternatively, by direct attack on coordinated CO. Note that the attack of  $\text{Cy}^*$  on free CO may be considered an unlikely pathway (under 1 atm of  $\text{CO}^{10}$ ) on the basis of the slow rates known for radical addition to CO.<sup>17</sup> A steady-state analysis, in which the rate of  $\text{Cy}^*$  formation is assumed greater than or equal to the total rate of  $\text{Cy}$ -containing products,<sup>18</sup> predicts that the ratio of formation of  $\text{CyCHO}/\text{Cy}_2$  would be less than 0.4:1 as compared with an experimental value of 95:1 (2.0 mM **2**, 0.10 M acetophenone).

The viability of eq 3 was confirmed by experiments in which cyclohexyl radicals were independently generated: irradiation ( $\lambda > 420$  nm) of  $\text{Mn}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$  (1.3 mM) in the presence of  $\text{CyBr}$  (1.6 M) and **2** (21 mM) resulted in the formation of  $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5\text{Br}$  (1.5 mM) and  $\text{Ir}(\text{PMe}_3)_2[\text{C}(\text{O})\text{Cy}]\text{ClBr}$  (8 mM); **1** reacted similarly. Presumably these reactions proceed via abstraction of  $\text{Br}^*$  by  $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5^*$ ,<sup>20</sup> followed by eq 3, and the resulting acylmetalaldehyde then abstracts  $\text{Br}^*$  from  $\text{CyBr}$  (propagating a chain reaction).

Aldehyde yields up to 110 mM have been realized from eq 1 (0.10 M acetophenone, 2.0 mM **2**). In a separate experiment, 9.5 catalytic turnovers based on acetophenone (6.0 mM) were obtained (2.0 mM **2**). Aldehyde decarbonylation (evidenced in experiments with added 0.1 M cyclooctanecarboxaldehyde) and ketone decomposition are yield-limiting factors.

In summary, we report that photochemical carbonylation of cyclohexane is catalyzed by various d<sup>8</sup> transition metal carbonyls and aromatic ketones. The mechanism involves cleavage of the

cyclohexane C-H bond by the photoexcited ketone and attack of the resulting cyclohexyl radical on the metal carbonyl.

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### Enthalpy Measurements in Organic Solvents by Photoacoustic Calorimetry: A Solution to the Reaction Volume Problem

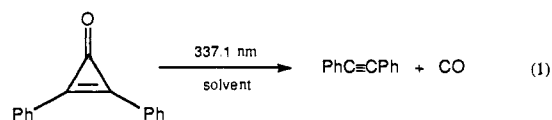
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Photoacoustic calorimetry (PAC) has recently become an established tool for the determination of enthalpies of photoinitiated processes.<sup>1</sup> For the majority of work to date, it has been assumed that the photoacoustic signals detected in organic solvents arise exclusively from the thermal relaxation of the photoexcited chromophore. While this assumption leads to essentially no error for systems with no net photochemistry, differences between the partial molar volumes of the reactants and products should not be ignored for many studies in nonaqueous solution. In particular, photofragmentations and systems with large, photoinduced changes in polarity are subject to significant errors if the reaction volume is not explicitly considered. Here, we report a direct method, using a homologous series of alkane solvents, to resolve the thermal and the reaction volume contributions to the photoacoustic signal, and thus to improve the accuracy of the enthalpies determined by PAC.

We examined the photodissociation of diphenylcyclopropanone (DPCP), which yields diphenylacetylene (DPA) and carbon monoxide (eq 1). Because of the unique properties of cyclo-



propanones, there have been several thermochemical studies on DPCP,<sup>2,3</sup> including two widely different determinations of

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$\Delta H_{\text{rxn}}$  [eq 1] by PAC.<sup>4,5</sup> Differences remain between the gas- and liquid-phase measurements; while developing our approach, we were able to resolve many of the apparent conflicts.

The observed photoacoustic signal ( $S_{\text{obsd}}$ ) (eq 2) is the sum of two terms, an enthalpic contribution ( $S_{\text{thermal}}$ ), from the adiabatic expansion of the solvent upon heat deposition, and a reaction volume contribution ( $S_{\text{volume}}$ ), from differences between solvated reactant and product (eq 3).  $S_{\text{thermal}}$ <sup>1,4,5</sup> depends on the incident

$$S_{\text{obsd}} = K'E_p(1 - 10^{-A})f_h^{\text{obsd}}X_s \quad (2)$$

$$= S_{\text{thermal}} + S_{\text{volume}} \quad (3)$$

$$= K'E_p(1 - 10^{-A})f_h X_s + K'E_p(1 - 10^{-A})\frac{\Delta V_{\text{chem}}}{h\nu} \quad (4)$$

laser energy  $E_p$ , the sample absorbance  $A$ , the fraction of absorbed photon energy redeposited as heat  $f_h$ , the thermal expansivity<sup>6</sup> of the solvent  $X_s$ , and an empirical instrument constant  $K'$ .  $S_{\text{volume}}$  can be similarly expanded using  $K'$ ,  $E_p$ ,  $A$ , the observed volume change  $\Delta V_{\text{chem}}$ , and the photon energy  $h\nu$ . Note that  $E_p(1 - 10^{-A})/(h\nu)$  is simply the number of photoexcited molecules. Equations 2 and 4 can be combined to give eq 5. If  $f_h$  and  $\Delta V_{\text{chem}}$

$$f_h^{\text{obsd}}h\nu X_s = f_h h\nu X_s + \Delta V_{\text{chem}} \quad (5)$$

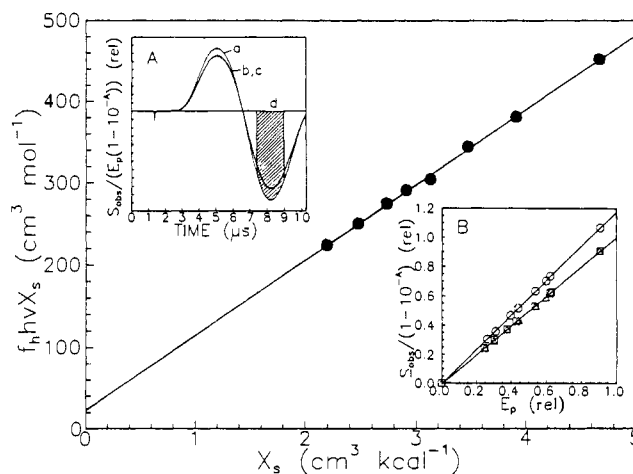
remain constant for a range of  $X_s$ , then the enthalpic contribution ( $f_h h\nu X_s$ ) can be distinguished from the reaction volume ( $\Delta V_{\text{chem}}$ ) by measuring  $f_h^{\text{obsd}}$  as a function of  $X_s$ . The true reaction enthalpy  $\Delta H_{\text{rxn}}$  for that series of solvents is calculated from  $f_h$ , the quantum yield for photodissociation  $\Phi_{\text{diss}}$ , and eq 6; the true reaction volume  $\Delta V_{\text{rxn}}$  is calculated from eq 7. Because  $X_s$  of water has a large

$$f_h = \frac{h\nu - \Delta H_{\text{rxn}}\Phi_{\text{diss}}}{h\nu} \quad (6)$$

$$\Delta V_{\text{chem}} = \Delta V_{\text{rxn}}\Phi_{\text{diss}} \quad (7)$$

temperature dependence, there are several examples in the literature where the enthalpy and the reaction volume have been resolved by examining the photoacoustic signal as a function of temperature in aqueous solution.<sup>4,7</sup> In contrast, the values of  $X_s$  in organic solvents are not strongly temperature dependent and all compounds of interest are not soluble in water. One can, however, vary  $X_s$  by using a series of homologous solvents, provided that changing solvents has no effect on the intrinsic reaction enthalpy or volume.<sup>8,9</sup>

Our photoacoustic calorimeter has been described previously.<sup>10</sup> The photodissociation of DPCP in alkanes is complete within 100 ns, obviating the need for time-resolved analysis.<sup>11</sup> The signal was integrated and normalized by  $(1 - 10^{-A})$  (Figure 1, inset A). From a plot of  $S_{\text{obsd}}/(1 - 10^{-A})$  vs  $E_p$  (Figure 1, inset B), the ratio of the slope of the sample to those of ferrocene and tetra-



**Figure 1.** Plot of  $f_h^{\text{obsd}}h\nu X_s$  vs  $X_s$  for the photodissociation of DPCP in alkanes (i.e., eq 5). Inset A: Normalized photoacoustic signal  $S_{\text{obsd}}/[E_p(1 - 10^{-A})]$  in pentane (a, DPCP; b, ferrocene; c, tetraphenylethylene; d, pentane). Inset B: Representative plot of  $S_{\text{obsd}}/(1 - 10^{-A})$  vs  $E_p$  in nonane (O, DPCP; □, ferrocene; △, tetraphenylethylene).

phenylethylene, the standards, yields  $f_h^{\text{obsd}}$  in a given solvent. The quantum yield  $\Phi_{\text{diss}}$  in alkanes was determined to be 1.0 by measuring the extinction coefficient and photolysis rate of DPCP relative to those values in benzene.<sup>11</sup> By combining the values of  $f_h^{\text{obsd}}$  and  $X_s$  for the series of alkanes with eq 5,  $f_h$  and  $\Delta V_{\text{chem}}$  can be recovered from the slope and intercept, respectively (Figure 1). On the basis of 15 independent measurements, over eight alkanes, we find  $\Delta H_{\text{rxn}} = -6.7 \pm 1.2$  kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> and  $\Delta V_{\text{rxn}} = 23 \pm 4$  cm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> for the photodissociation of DPCP.

Use of heats of formation  $\Delta H_f(\text{DPCP}) = 75.9$  kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>,  $\Delta H_f(\text{DPA}) = 96.2$  kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, and  $\Delta H_f(\text{CO}) = -26.4$  kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, defines  $\Delta H_{\text{rxn}} = -6.1$  kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> in the gas phase.<sup>2,12,13</sup> Because solvent polarity is constant across the series of alkanes<sup>14</sup> and the solvation changes from reactant to product are small in nonpolar solvents,<sup>15</sup> the enthalpy determined in alkanes can be compared directly with the gas-phase value; our value for  $\Delta H_{\text{rxn}}$  is in excellent agreement with that predicted by heats of formation. An early PAC study<sup>4</sup> reported  $\Delta H_{\text{rxn}}$  in benzene to be  $-9.9 \pm 2.9$  kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, by attributing the entire photoacoustic signal to heat.<sup>16</sup> The enthalpy measured by PAC in aqueous solvent mixtures<sup>3</sup> was  $+3.4 \pm 2.5$  kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>; the value in aqueous mixtures is more endothermic than in alkanes since in a polar, protic environment DPCP is preferentially stabilized.

Cleavage of an average carbon-carbon bond results in a volume expansion<sup>17</sup> of  $\sim 10$  cm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>. Our reaction volume for the photodissociation of DPCP of  $23 \pm 4$  cm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> can be understood as the consequence of breaking two covalent bonds, accompanied by a minor rearrangement of the solvent upon relaxation of electrostriction. The volume change associated with the disappearance of the dipole moment of DPCP (5.1 D)<sup>18</sup> from the loss of electrostriction of the alkane around DPCP contributes 3–5 cm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> to the volume expansion.<sup>19,20</sup> The observed  $\Delta V_{\text{rxn}}$  is

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Because organic solvents possess large thermal expansivities, the reaction volume may only contribute a small fraction to the photoacoustic signal. One should be cautious, however, in interpreting enthalpies measured by PAC; if one does not explicitly account for the reaction volume, then the PAC measurement is only an estimate of the reaction enthalpy. By examining a reaction across the series of alkanes, PAC not only reliably determines the enthalpy of reaction but also yields the reaction volume and thereby provides insight into solvation phenomena.

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**Supplementary Material Available:** Table of solvent parameters  $\alpha$ , MW,  $C_p$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $\epsilon$ , and  $X_s$  and experimental values of  $f_h^{\text{obsd}}$  for DPCP measured against ferrocene and tetraphenylethylene at 337.1 nm (1 page). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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## Biradicals and Spin-Correlated Radical Pairs Anchored to SiO<sub>2</sub> Surfaces: Probing Diffusion at the Solid/Solution Interface

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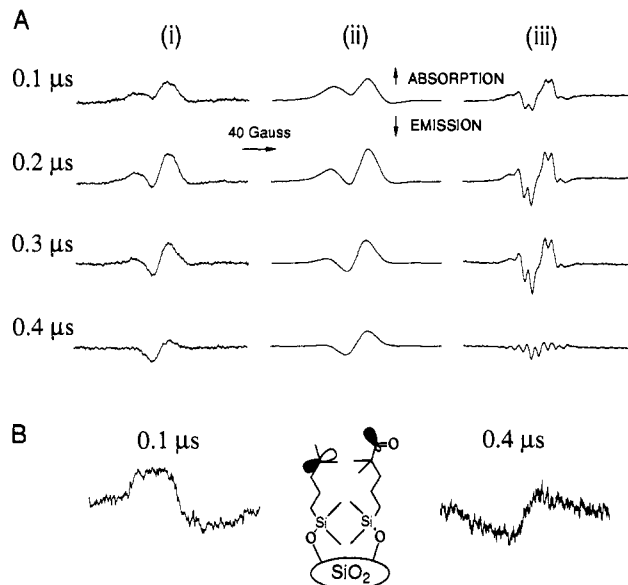
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Flexible organic biradicals continue to attract the attention of chemists, because of the special relationship between their spin mechanics, chain dynamics, and chemical reactivity.<sup>1</sup> The interplay of these properties makes an analysis of the electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spectra of biradicals complex, yet provides distinct advantages for the study of diffusional dynamics, particularly in cases of restricted diffusion. Recently there have been many reports of spectroscopic measurements on organic intermediates in contact with or bound to silica surfaces, by optical and steady-state EPR methods.<sup>2</sup> We have initiated a program

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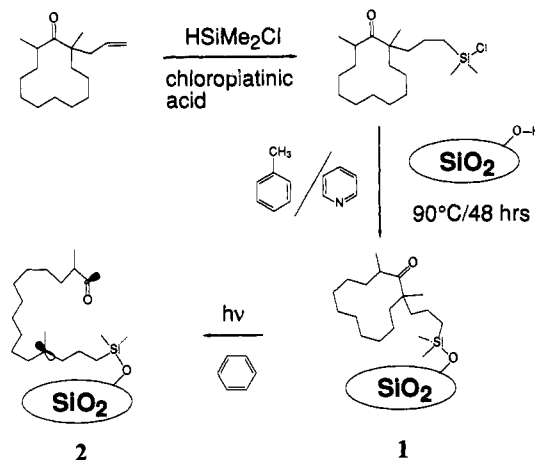
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**Figure 1.** (A) (i) Time-resolved EPR spectra of surface-bound biradical **2** taken at the delay times shown at a temperature of 30 °C. All spectra are centered at 3385 G. Spectra taken at 0.1  $\mu\text{s}$  are broadened due to instrument response. The intensities are normalized. (ii) Simulation using  $g(\text{acyl}) = 2.0008$ ,  $g(\text{alkyl}) = 2.0025$ ,  $a_{\text{H}} = 22.2\text{ G}$  (3 H), 17.8 G (4 H),  $LW = 22 \pm 1\text{ G}$ ,  $k_{\text{on}} = 7.2 \pm 0.2 \times 10^{10}\text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $J = -180 \pm 30\text{ MHz}$ , initial populations of  $T^{\cdot-} = 0.35$  and  $T^{\cdot0} = 0.33$ . (iii) Spectra of the 1,12-acyl/alkyl biradical from the photolysis of a 0.084 M solution of 2,2,12,12-tetramethylcyclododecanone in benzene at 27 °C. (B) Spectra taken at the two delay times indicated for the spin-correlated radical pair shown. Experimental conditions and field axis scale are the same as in part A.

### Scheme I



aimed at measuring, using time-resolved EPR spectroscopy, the dynamic properties of flexible biradicals and radical pairs at interfaces. We report here the results of our initial experiments on acyl/alkyl biradicals and radical pairs (RPs) covalently bound to polycrystalline SiO<sub>2</sub> surfaces. In a separate paper, EPR results on surface-anchored, noninteracting monoradicals will be reported.<sup>3</sup>

The surface attachment of precursor ketones was accomplished following literature procedures<sup>4</sup> which are summarized in Scheme I. Silicon oxide (PQ Corporation, BET surface area  $366\text{ m}^2\text{ g}^{-1}$ ) was treated by vacuum heating overnight before and after the

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