# On the Effect of 1,4-Diazabicyclo[2.2.2] octane on the Singlet-Oxygen Dimol Emission: Photosensitized Generation of $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$

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Time-resolved singlet-oxygen dimol luminescence has been recorded upon laser-pulsed photosensitization of singlet oxygen by 2-acetonaphthone or 1-H-phenalen-1-one in perfluorobenzene, perdeuterobenzene, and perdeuteroacetonitrile. It is shown that 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (DABCO) does not enhance radiative properties of the dimol species generated by the photosensitization. Instead, DABCO strongly reduces the singlet-oxygen dimol luminescence. Rate constants for the quenching of the dimol luminescence by DABCO have been determined for the three solvents used.

## Introduction

Molecular singlet oxygen in its lowest excited  ${}^{1}\Delta_{g}$  state ( ${}^{1}O_{2}$ ) attracts remarkable attention because of its important role in numerous branches of science such as chemistry, biochemistry, medicine, and environment.<sup>1-30</sup> One of the most interesting features of  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  is the luminescence from dimol associates ( ${}^{1}O_{2}$ )<sub>2</sub> found in the 1960s.<sup>31–38</sup> However, in contrast to the rather well explored  ${}^{1}O_{2}$ , the properties of ( ${}^{1}O_{2}$ )<sub>2</sub> are still poor understood. The investigation of ( ${}^{1}O_{2}$ )<sub>2</sub> is a very difficult challenge because of its extremely short lifetime, its small radiative rate constant, and its very low stationary concentration.<sup>39–50</sup> Up to now, the only way to get any information on singlet-oxygen dimol is the study of its characteristic emission in the red spectral range with principal emission bands at 634 and 703 nm, if its precursor  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  is produced in high concentration either chemically (chemiluminescence, CL)<sup>1,17,31–38,51–57</sup> or by photosensitization.<sup>40–50</sup>

One of the enigmas associated with singlet-oxygen dimol is the effect of 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (DABCO) on the  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  CL:DABCO has been reported to enhance CL, generated by the decomposition of disodium 3,3'-(1,4-naphthylidene)dipropionate endoperoxide<sup>51</sup> or by the reaction of hydrogen peroxide with hypochlorite ion.<sup>58-60</sup> This phenomenon conflicts with the known properties of singlet oxygen, since DABCO strongly shortens the lifetime of  ${}^{1}O_{2}$ ,<sup>4,16,61</sup> the direct precursor of ( ${}^{1}O_{2}$ ). This contradictive issue was recently addressed in a separate paper on the action of DABCO on the singlet-oxygen dimol CL generated in several peroxide reactions.<sup>57</sup> To complement our extensive CL study by photoluminescence measurements, we report herein on the luminescence of ( ${}^{1}O_{2}$ )<sub>2</sub> generated by photosensitization and on the influence of DABCO on this emission.

# **Experimental Methods**

1-H-Phenalen-1-one (PH, Aldrich >97%) was purified by column chromatography with silica gel/dichloromethane.<sup>62</sup>

2-Acetonaphthone (AC, Aldrich, 99%) was recrystallized from 5:1 methanol/hexane. The solvents (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, Deutero GmbH, 99%; C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, Deutero GmbH, 99%; C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub>, Aldrich, 99%) were used as received. Tetramethylethylene (TME, Fluka, 99%) was employed without further purification. 1,4-Diazabicyclo[2.2.2]-octane (DABCO, Aldrich, 98%) was recrystallized from water.

The principal setup for the time-resolved singlet-oxygen measurements has been described.<sup>63</sup> High-energy pulses (up to 30 mJ) of a frequency-tripled Nd:YAG laser (Brilliant) from Quantel (355 nm, 4 ns) have been used for excitation. The sample housing allowed the simultaneous observation of both the  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  and the  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  emissions, which were focused through suited filters on a R1464 photomultiplier (Hamamatsu, sensitive below 840 nm) and a fast liquid-N<sub>2</sub> cooled germanium diode (North Coast EO 817P), respectively. <sup>1</sup>O<sub>2</sub> was produced exciting either PH or AC in oxygen-saturated solution in 1 cm fluorescence cells at about 23 °C. High-sample absorbances of about 1.9 (AC) and 3.6 (PH) yielded the best (1O<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> luminescence signals. The experimental emission decay curves are averages over 128 individual experiments. A 1275 nm interference filter was used for isolation of the  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  emission, whereas a 595 nm cut-on filter combined with an interference filter with peak transmissions at 630 (for the 634 nm band) or at 700 nm (for the 703 nm band) or the 595 nm cut-on filter alone (for both bands) has been used to record the  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  emission. A very fast decaying initial background signal is observed with the photomultiplier even in solutions without sensitizers. To separate the perturbing scattered light and the very fast decaying residual sensitizer fluorescence penetrating the filters from the rather slow decaying  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  emission, a difference technique was used. For each solution of the sensitizer, a second sample was prepared which differs from the first only by the presence of 0.3 M TME, which quenches  ${}^1O_2$  with rate constant 3.6  $\times$  10<sup>7</sup> M<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> and which suppresses completely any luminescence associated with singlet oxygen.<sup>64</sup> Thus, the difference of the singlet-oxygen emission signals sensitized by PH or AC recorded at  $\lambda > 595$ nm without and with TME corresponds to the net singlet-oxygen dimol signal. This approach has been used in all experiments described below.

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#### **Results and Discussion**

After laser-pulse excitation of a sensitizer of sufficient triplet energy like AC or PH,  $O_2({}^{1}\Sigma_g{}^{+})$  and  $O_2({}^{1}\Delta_g)$  are competitively formed with high efficiency by energy transfer if  $O_2({}^{3}\Sigma_g{}^{-})$ ground-state oxygen ( ${}^{3}O_2$ ) is present. The upper excited  $O_2{}^{-}({}^{1}\Sigma_g{}^{+})$  is quantitatively converted to  $O_2({}^{1}\Delta_g)$  in much less than 100 ns by electronical-to-vibrational (e-v) energy transfer to the solvents investigated.<sup>65</sup> Thus, the maximum concentration of  ${}^{1}O_2$  is reached after about 300 ns in oxygenated solutions. The decay of  ${}^{1}O_2$  occurs by phosphorescence with extremely small and solvent-dependent rate constant  $k_{r,\Delta}$  and is radiationless by e-v deactivation to the solvent ( $k_{\Delta}$ ) or by deactivation by an added quencher Q ( $k_{\Delta}Q$ ),<sup>4</sup> see eqs 1–3.

$${}^{1}\text{O}_{2} \xrightarrow{k_{r\Delta}} {}^{3}\text{O}_{2} + h\nu \ (0-0, \ 1275 \ \text{nm})$$
(1)

$${}^{1}\text{O}_{2} \xrightarrow{k_{\Delta}} {}^{3}\text{O}_{2}$$
 (2)

$${}^{1}O_{2} + Q \xrightarrow{k_{\Delta}Q} {}^{3}O_{2} + Q$$
 (3)

The formation of singlet-oxygen dimol occurs in the very fast equilibrium reaction of eq 4.

$${}^{1}\text{O}_{2} + {}^{1}\text{O}_{2} \underbrace{\stackrel{k_{\text{diff}}}{\overleftarrow{k}_{\text{diss}}}}_{k_{\text{diss}}} ({}^{1}\text{O}_{2})_{2}$$
 (4)

The rate constant of the forward reaction is assumed to be diffusion-controlled and was calculated to  $k_{\text{diff}} = 2.3 \times 10^{10}$  M<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> in CS<sub>2</sub>.<sup>45,50</sup> As upper limit of the backward dissociation, rate constant  $k_{\text{diss}} = 3.3 \times 10^{11}$  s<sup>-1</sup> was estimated for CS<sub>2</sub> on the basis of diffusion control,<sup>45</sup> whereas  $k_{\text{diss}} = 2.6 \times 10^{10}$  s<sup>-1</sup> has been determined experimentally in CCl<sub>4</sub> as a lower limit.<sup>48,50</sup> The forward dissociation reaction of (<sup>1</sup>O<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> is by orders of magnitude slower and leads in CS<sub>2</sub> to the formation of O<sub>2</sub>(<sup>1</sup>Σ<sub>g</sub><sup>+</sup>) and <sup>3</sup>O<sub>2</sub>, eq 5. The rate constant of this spin-forbidden removal of (<sup>1</sup>O<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> was determined to  $k_{\text{rem}} = 1.0 \times 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}.^{45}$ 

$$({}^{1}O_{2})_{2} \xrightarrow{k_{\text{rem}}} O_{2}({}^{1}\sum_{g}{}^{+}) + {}^{3}O_{2}$$
 (5)

The last deactivation process of  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  to be considered is radiative deactivation leading in CCl<sub>4</sub> with rate constant  $k_{r,D} =$  $1.2 \times 10^{3} \text{ s}^{-1}$  to two ground-state oxygen molecules and the emission of a 634 or 703 nm photon, depending on whether or not one of the  ${}^{3}O_{2}$  is formed in the v = 1 vibrational excited state, see eq 6.<sup>49</sup>

$$({}^{1}O_{2})_{2} \xrightarrow{k_{r,D}} {}^{3}O_{2} + {}^{3}O_{2} + h\nu (0-0, 634 \text{ nm}) \text{ or} h\nu (0-1, 703 \text{ nm}) (6)$$

Principally, the  $O_2({}^1\Sigma_g{}^+)$  formed in the deactivation eq 5 could contribute via its very weak 765 nm emission to the overall luminescence signal if the 595 nm cut-on filter is used alone without further interference filters because then the entire 595– 840 nm spectral range is monitored by the photomultiplier. However, the efficiency  $k_{rem}/(k_{rem} + k_{diss}) = 3 \times 10^{-5}$  of eq 5 is extremely small; the lifetime of  $O_2({}^1\Sigma_g{}^+)$  is very short with values of 13 ns (C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub>), 0.6 ns (CD<sub>3</sub>CN), and 0.3 ns (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) estimated from quenching rate constants;<sup>66</sup> and the radiative rate constant of the 765 nm emission of  $O_2({}^1\Sigma_g{}^+)$  is with 1 s<sup>-1</sup> really



**Figure 1.** Decay of singlet-oxygen dimol luminescence observed through a 595 nm cut-on filter and a 630 nm interference filter sensitized by PH in  $C_6F_6$ .



Figure 2. Decay of singlet-oxygen dimol luminescence observed through a 595 nm cut-on filter and a 700 nm interference filter sensitized by PH in  $C_6F_6$ .

tiny,<sup>48,67</sup> making the possible contribution of the  $O_2(^{1}\Sigma_g)$  luminescence to the dimol emission negligibly weak.

We excited oxygenated solutions of PH at 355 nm in  $C_6F_6$ and recorded under identical experimental conditions the luminescence signals described in eq 6 through either the combinations of a 595 nm cut-on filter with an interference filter with peak transmission wavelength at 630 (Figure 1) or at 700 nm (Figure 2) or the 595 nm cut-on filter alone (Figure 3). The signals of Figures 1 and 2 are very strongly scattered because of the weakness of emission and the small transmission of the filter combinations used. A significantly better signal-to-noise ratio is observed with the cut-on filter alone, see Figure 3. The general form of the decay curves, however, remains the same. Analogous results have been obtained with the other two oxygenated solvents and with the second sensitizer. The investigation of the quenching of the dimol luminescence requires signals with an acceptable signal-to-noise ratio. That is the reason why we used for the isolation of the  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  emission in the further experiments only the cut-on filter.

In the absence of photochemically formed transient quenchers of  ${}^{1}O_{2}$ , its decay should occur monoexponentially. The corresponding luminescence signal  $I_{\Delta}$  is then given by eq 7.

$$I_{\Delta} = c_{\Delta} k_{\mathrm{r},\Delta} [^{1}\mathrm{O}_{2}]_{0} \exp(-t/\tau_{\Delta})$$
(7)



Figure 3. Decay of singlet-oxygen dimol luminescence observed through a 595 nm cut-on filter sensitized by PH in  $C_6F_6$ .



**Figure 4.** Decay of photosensitized  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  and  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  luminescence signals  $I_{\Delta}$  (curve a) and  $I_{D}$  (curve b). Sensitizer: PH in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.

where  $c_{\Delta}$ ,  $[{}^{1}O_{2}]_{0}$ , and  $\tau_{D}$  are the apparatus constant, the initial concentration, and the lifetime of  ${}^{1}O_{2}$ . The dimol luminescence signal  $I_{D}$  is given by eq 8

$$I_{\rm D} = c_{\rm D} k_{\rm r,D} [({}^{\rm I} {\rm O}_2)_2]$$
(8)

 $[({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}] = K[{}^{1}O_{2}]^{2}$  holds true because of the very fast eq 4 with equilibrium constant  $K = (k_{diff}/k_{diss})$  leading to eq 9 for the  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  luminescence decay.

$$I_{\rm D} = c_{\rm D} k_{\rm r,D} K [{}^{1}{\rm O}_{2}]_{0}^{2} \exp(-2 \times t/\tau_{\Delta})$$
(9)

Thus, the  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  luminescence decay time  $\tau_{dec}$  should be just half the value of  $\tau_{\Delta}$ . We have found that this is valid with both sensitizers in C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, and CD<sub>3</sub>CN. Figures 4 and 5 illustrate the dependence of the photosensitized  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  and  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  singletoxygen luminescences on time in linear and semilogarthmic representations. Figure 5 with its twofold narrower scaling of  $\ln(I_{D})$  compared with  $\ln(I_{\Delta})$  reveals particularly well the relation  $\tau_{dec} = \tau_{\Delta}/2$  by means of the approximate parallels. The lifetime ratio  $\tau_{\Delta}/\tau_{dec} = 2.1$  is calculated from the slopes of both linear fits. The deviation of  $\tau_{\Delta} = 0.94$  ms in the experiment of Figures 4 and 5 from  $\tau_{\Delta} = 1.5$  ms in pure CD<sub>3</sub>CN<sup>68</sup> is caused by quenching of  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  by the sensitizer.

Equations 7 and 9 lead to eq 10 which demands a linear correlation of  $\log(I_{\rm D})$  with  $\log(I_{\Delta})$  with slope 2.

$$\log(I_{\rm D}) = \log(\{c_{\rm D}k_{\rm r,D}K\}/\{c_{\Delta}k_{\rm r,\Delta}\}^2) + 2 \times \log(I_{\Delta})$$
(10)



**Figure 5.** Semilogarithmic plot of photosensitized  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  and  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  luminescence signals  $I_{\Delta}$  (curve a) and  $I_{D}$  (curve b) indicating first-order decay. Sensitizer: PH in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.



**Figure 6.** Double-logarithmic plot of  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  signal  $I_{D}$  versus  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  signal  $I_{\Delta}$ . Sensitizer: PH in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.

Figure 6 illustrates the experiment of Figures 4 and 5 according to eq 10. The double-logarithmic representation yields actually a rather nice linear correlation with a slope of 2.14 in agreement with the square dependence of  $I_D$  on  $I_\Delta$  resulting from the fast equilibrium 4.

Analogues dependences have been obtained in  $C_6F_6$ , and  $C_6D_6$ . However, Figures 4–6 describe one of the best experiments performed. In most of the other runs, the slope of the double-logarithmic plot lies in the range 1.9–2.5 with lower correlation coefficients. The deviation from 2 is, obviously, associated with the high scatter of the ( $^{1}O_{2}$ )<sub>2</sub> emission which, unfortunately, brings a significant experimental error.

Additionally, deviation from the linearity of the semilogarithmic plots in the beginning of the decay of  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  and  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  is observed in many runs. This is illustrated by Figures 7–9. The initial deviation of the luminescence decay from monoexponential behavior is explained by the photochemical production of short-lived quenchers of  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  which itself decays already during  $\tau_{\Delta}$ . Such effects are regularly observed if sensitizers are excited with pulses of high energy in solvents of rather long singlet-oxygen lifetimes.<sup>4,69</sup>

The double-logarithmic representation of Figure 9 is almost linear although a significant deviation from linearity is observed for the same experiment in the time-dependent representations of Figure 8. This indicates that the square dependence of  $I_D$  on  $I_\Delta$  holds also true for more complex and faster deactivation in complete accordance with the very fast equilibrium 4.



**Figure 7.** Decay of photosensitized  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  and  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  luminescence signals  $I_{\Delta}$  (curve a) and  $I_{D}$  (curve b). Sensitizer AC in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.



**Figure 8.** Semilogarithmic plot of  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  and  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  luminescence signals  $I_{\Delta}$  (curve a) and  $I_{D}$  (curve b) indicating the initial deviation from first-order decay. Sensitizer AC in CD<sub>3</sub>CN. The lifetime ratio  $\tau_{\Delta}/\tau_{dec} = 1.96$  is calculated from the slopes of both linear fits.



**Figure 9.** Double-logarithmic plot of  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  signal  $I_{D}$  versus  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  signal  $I_{\Delta}$ . Sensitizer: AC in CD<sub>3</sub>CN. The slope of the fit is 1.99.

An acceleration of the decay is caused upon addition of a quencher of  ${}^{1}\text{O}_{2}$ . Because  ${}^{1}\text{O}_{2}$  is the precursor of  $({}^{1}\text{O}_{2})_{2}$ , the luminescence of the latter should also be diminuished and that is indeed the case. The decay time  $\tau_{\text{dec}}$  of the  $({}^{1}\text{O}_{2})_{2}$  luminescence sensitized either by AC or PH in CD<sub>3</sub>CN, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub>, and C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> is efficiently reduced by addition of TME. Moreover, the ratio  $\tau_{\Delta}/\tau_{\text{dec}}$  remains constant between 2.0 and 2.3 under a wide range of TME concentrations (up to  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  M) in CD<sub>3</sub>CN reducing  $\tau_{\Delta}$  down to about 30  $\mu$ s.



**Figure 10.** Stern–Volmer dependence of the quenching of the  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  (line a) and  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  (line b) emissions by DABCO. Sensitizer AC in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>. Note the different scaling of the  $\tau_{dec}^{0}/\tau_{dec} - 1$  and  $\tau_{\Delta}^{0}/\tau_{\Delta} - 1$  axis.

TABLE 1: Stern–Volmer Constants  $K_{SV,D} = \tau_{dec}^0 k_D^Q$  and  $K_{SV,\Delta} = \tau_{\Delta}^0 k_{\Delta}^Q$  of (<sup>1</sup>O<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and <sup>1</sup>O<sub>2</sub> Emission Quenching by DABCO, Respectively

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	(	C <sub>6</sub> D <sub>6</sub> C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>6</sub>		CD <sub>3</sub> CN		
sensitizer	$\overline{ au_{ m dec}}^0/\mu{ m s}$	$K_{\rm SV,D}/M^{-1}$	$ au_{ m dec}^0/\mu s$	$K_{\rm SV,D}/M^{-1}$	$ au_{ m dec}^{0}/\mu{ m s}$	$K_{SV,D}/M^{-1}$
PH	240	$1.4  imes 10^5$	790	$2.7  imes 10^4$	350	$1.60 \times 10^{5}$
AC	250	$1.3 \times 10^{5}$	460	$2.6 \times 10^{4}$	200	$2.80 \times 10^{5}$
	solvent					
		$C_6D_6$	$C_6F_6$		CD <sub>3</sub> CN	
sensitizer	$\overline{ au_{\Delta}^{0}/\mu s}$	$K_{SV,\Delta}/M^{-1}$	$\tau_{\Delta^0}/\mu s$	$K_{SV,\Delta}/M^{-1}$	$\tau_{\Delta^0}/\mu s$	$K_{SV,\Delta}/M^{-1}$
PH	550	$1.5 \times 10^5$	2320	$4.3 \times 10^4$	820	$3.4 \times 10^{5}$
AC	555	$1.5 \times 10^5$	1280	$3.6 \times 10^4$	560	$2.2 \times 10^{5}$

Thus, it is proven that the luminescence recorded at  $\lambda > 595$  nm in these photosensitization experiments is caused by the emission from singlet-oxygen dimol species. Thus, we were able to test the controversial influence of DABCO on the  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  luminescence. In the absence of added quencher Q, when deactivation of  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  occurs principally by the solvent,  $\tau_{\Delta}^{0} = 1/k_{\Delta}$  holds true. In the presence of Q, the lifetime of  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  is given by eq 11.

$$\tau_{\Delta} = (k_{\Delta} + k_{\Delta}^{Q} [Q])^{-1} \tag{11}$$

If experiments are performed without and with quencher, the ratio  $\tau_{\Delta}^{0}/\tau_{\Delta}$  is given by the Stern–Volmer eq 12.

$$\tau_{\Delta}^{0} / \tau_{\Delta} = 1 + \tau_{\Delta}^{0} k_{\Delta}^{Q} [Q]$$
 (12)

Analogous treatment of the  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  luminescence leads with  $k_{D}^{Q}$ , the rate constant of  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  emission quenching, to eq 13.

$$\tau_{\rm dec}^{0} / \tau_{\rm dec} = 1 + \tau_{\rm dec}^{0} k_{\rm D}^{\rm Q} [\rm Q]$$
 (13)

We found that the decay times of the  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  emission are strongly reduced by DABCO. The quenching follows the Stern– Volmer eq 13. The straight line (a) of Figure 10 represents the linear least-squares fit of  $\tau_{dec}^{0}/\tau_{dec} - 1$  to [DABCO] in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> and yields as slope the Stern–Volmer constant  $K_{SV,D} = 1.3 \times 10^{5} \text{ M}^{-1}$ . Analogous linear dependences have been obtained in CD<sub>3</sub>CN and C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub> using both sensitizers PH and AC. Table 1 lists the Stern–Volmer constants  $K_{SV,D}$ .

For comparison, we have also investigated the quenching of  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  by DABCO. Again, a Stern–Volmer behavior was found, see the fitted straight line (b) of Figure 10 which results in the

TABLE 2: Rate Constant  $k_D^Q$  and  $k_{\Delta}^Q$  of  $({}^1O_2)_2$  and  ${}^1O_2$ Emission Quenching by DABCO, Respectively

sensitizer	$\frac{C_6 D_6}{k_D^Q/M^{-1}} s^{-1}$	$\frac{C_6 F_6}{k_D^Q/M^{-1}} s^{-1}$	$\frac{\text{CD}_3\text{CN}}{k_{\text{D}}\text{Q}/\text{M}^{-1}\text{ s}^{-1}}$
PH AC average	$5.6  imes 10^8 \ 5.1  imes 10^8 \ 5.4  imes 10^8$	$3.4 \times 10^7$ $5.7 \times 10^7$ $4.5 \times 10^7$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.6 \times 10^8 \\ 14 \times 10^8 \\ 9.3 \times 10^8 \end{array}$
	CD	C E	CD CN
sensitizer	$k_{\Delta}^{\rm Q}/{\rm M}^{-1}{\rm s}^{-1}$	$k_{\Delta}^{\rm Q}/{\rm M}^{-1} {\rm s}^{-1}$	$k_{\Delta}^{Q}/M^{-1} s^{-1}$

Stern–Volmer constant  $K_{SV,\Delta} = 1.5 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}$ . The values of  $K_{SV,\Delta}$  are also collected in Table 1. Inspection reveals that in a given solvent the Stern–Volmer constants  $K_{SV,D}$  and  $K_{SV,\Delta}$  are independent of the sensitizer used. Table 1 also lists the lifetimes  $\tau_{dec}^0$  and  $\tau_{\Delta}^0$  determined in the DABCO-free solutions. Dividing the Stern–Volmer constants by the corresponding lifetimes yields the quenching rate constants  $k_D^Q$  and  $k_{\Delta}^Q$  of the (<sup>1</sup>O<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and <sup>1</sup>O<sub>2</sub> emissions by DABCO given in Table 2. The average values of the rate constant  $k_{\Delta}^Q$  of Table 2 of 2.7 × 10<sup>8</sup> (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) and 4.0 × 10<sup>8</sup> M<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> (CD<sub>3</sub>CN) agree very well with reliable literature data of (2.5–2.9) × 10<sup>8</sup> (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>) and (4.0–4.9) × 10<sup>8</sup> M<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> (CH<sub>3</sub>CN) determined in the corresponding nondeuterated solvents.<sup>16,70–74</sup> The average value  $k_{\Delta}^Q = 2.3 \times 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1}$  s<sup>-1</sup> in the nonpolar C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub> is 1 order of magnitude smaller but is similar to  $k_{\Delta}^Q = 4.4 \times 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  in CCl4.<sup>57</sup>

Table 2 reveals that, despite the scatter of the individual  $k_{\rm D}^{\rm Q}$ data in CD<sub>3</sub>CN, the average rate constants of  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  emission quenching are in all three solvents twofold larger than the average numbers of  $k_{\Delta}^{Q}$ . This result is only on first sight surprising, as the deactivation of  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  is strongly coupled to the deactivation of  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  via the fast equilibrium eq 4. The actual lifetime  $\tau_D$  of a single (<sup>1</sup>O<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> complex is entirely determined by the rate constant  $k_{diss}$  of its backward dissociation, which is with  $k_{\text{diss}} = 3.3 \times 10^{11} \text{ s}^{-1} (\text{CS}_2)$  and  $= 2.6 \times 10^{10} \text{ s}^{-1} (\text{CCl}_4)$ by orders of magnitude faster than other deactivation processes of eqs 4–6. Thus,  $\tau_D$  ranges between about 3 and 40 ps.<sup>45,48,50</sup> Because of this very short lifetime, any bimolecular quenching event will be extremely inefficient. Therefore, the bimolecular quenching of  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  affects indirectly the decay time  $\tau_{dec}$  of the  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  emission via eq 4. Since  $\tau_{dec} = \tau_{\Delta}/2$ , we obtain  $\tau_{dec}{}^{0} =$  $\tau_{\Delta}^{0}/2$  and  $\tau_{dec} = 0.5 \times (k_{\Delta} + k_{\Delta}^{Q} [Q])^{-1}$  and finally the Stern-Volmer eq 14.

$$\tau_{\rm dec}^{0} / \tau_{\rm dec} = 1 + \tau_{\rm dec}^{0} \times 2 \times k_{\Delta}^{Q} [Q]$$
 (14)

The comparison of eqs 13 and 14 demonstrates that  $k_D^Q = 2 \times k_{\Delta}^Q$  is actually expected as long as the forward and backword reactions of the equilibrium 4 are much faster than the single overall deactivation processes of  $({}^{1}O_2)_2$  and  ${}^{1}O_2$ . Consequently,  $k_D^Q$  does not have the meaning of a bimolecular quenching rate constant of  $({}^{1}O_2)_2$ . Instead, it represents twice the bimolecular quenching rate constant of  ${}^{1}O_2$ .

To check whether in our quenching experiments, in which solvent, sensitizer concentration, and excitation pulse energy have been kept constant and only [DABCO] was changed, an increase of the radiative probability of the dimol species took place, we carefully analyzed the double-logarithmic correlations according to eq 10. Since under these conditions the quantities  $c_D$ ,  $c_\Delta$ , K, and  $k_{r,\Delta}$  of the intercept log( $\{c_Dk_{r,D}K\}/\{c_\Delta k_{r,\Delta}\}^2$ ) are constant, an increase of the intercept with [DABCO] should indicate a bimolecular collision-induced enhancement of the  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}$  radiation probability. However, no significant changes of the intercept have been observed in the quenching experiments with AC and PH in the three different solvents investigated.

#### Conclusions

DABCO does not enhance radiative properties of the singletoxygen dimol species in perfluorobenzene, deuterobenzene, or deuteroacetonitrile but strongly reduces its luminescence decay time because of the quenching of  ${}^{1}O_{2}$ . Thus, this photoluminescence study confirms the results of our previous investigation of the effect of DABCO on the emission of singlet-oxygen dimol generated in different chemical peroxide reactions, which showed that DABCO quenches the chemiluminescence of  $({}^{1}O_{2})_{2}.^{57}$ 

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