

## Solid State Reaction between $\alpha$ -Naphthol and $p$ -Benzoquinone

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The solid state reaction between  $\alpha$ -naphthol and  $p$ -benzoquinone yields a red crystalline 1:1 adduct; in very concentrated solutions the red color can be seen, but it may be due either to Mulliken charge transfer or hydrogen bonding interactions. Kinetic studies of the solid state reaction by a capillary technique indicate that  $p$ -benzoquinone is the diffusing species, and that either surface migration or vaporphase diffusion plays an important role in the rate of complex formation. Microscopic examination of a single crystal of  $\alpha$ -naphthol in the presence of  $p$ -benzoquinone vapor suggests that the reaction occurs only at defect centers on the  $\alpha$ -naphthol surface. Since the reaction in the solid state goes to completion, it is suggested that cracks and crevices are formed, through which  $p$ -benzoquinone can diffuse easily into the lattice of the complex. © 1987 Academic Press, Inc.

### Introduction

The reaction between quinones (as electron acceptors) and other organic molecules (as donors) was first described by Woehler in 1844 (1) and has been studied extensively (2-5). Crystal structures have been determined for quinhydrone (QH), the greenish-black 1:1 complex between hydroquinone (HQ) and  $p$ -benzoquinone (BQ),  $HQ_1BQ_1$ , in a monoclinic polymorph (6) and a very similar triclinic polymorph

(7), and for phenoquinone, the 2:1 complex  $HQ_2BQ_1$  (8). The solid state reaction between HQ and BQ has been shown to be diffusion-controlled and to occur through cracks and crevices (9). The crystalline optical spectrum of QH has also been measured (10-12). The crystal structures have been obtained for the following 1:1 complexes:  $o$ -phenyl- $p$ -hydroquinone with  $o$ -phenyl- $p$ -benzoquinone (13),  $o$ -( $p$ -chlorophenyl)- $p$ -hydroquinone with  $o$ -( $p$ -chlorophenyl)- $p$ -benzoquinone (13), HQ with naphthoquinone (NQ) (14), and of the 2:1 complexes between  $p$ -chlorophenol and  $p$ -bromophenol with BQ (15).

In these complexes in the solid state two effects are presumed to be operative: (1)

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the in-plane O–H . . . O hydrogen bonding between coplanar or nearly coplanar molecules, and (2) the out-of-plane  $\pi$ – $\pi$  Mulliken charge-transfer (CT) interaction between the donor molecule (HQ or its analog) and the acceptor molecule (BQ or its analog). In CT complexes the donor is sandwiched above the acceptor within a van der Waals distance or less (this donor–acceptor distance is 3.16 Å in QH); there is either eclipsed or slipped overlap between the aromatic rings (16, 17). The CT complexes show almost unchanged visible and ultraviolet absorption spectra of the neutral donor and neutral acceptor molecules, plus a new, broad, and intense band, with no vibronic structure, which in the solid state is polarized with the electric vector pointing between the donor and the acceptor molecules (11): this is the Mulliken charge-transfer band (18), which occurs at 571 nm for QH (19). In solution the CT band is observed, blue-shifted, at 416 nm for QH in acetonitrile (19), and it is presumed to receive “no contribution from hydrogen bonding (19).”

In the solid state the reaction between hydroquinones and benzoquinones seems to be controlled by the diffusion of vapors of the more volatile component across the surface of the crystal of the other component, followed by penetration into cracks and crevices (9, 12, 20): this is consistent with similar studies by Rastogi and co-workers (21–23) for the reactions of picric acid with naphthols (21), aromatic hydrocarbons (22), and 2-naphthylamine (23). Whereas previous studies concentrated on QH-type structures, where there are two hydroxyl groups on the donor molecule, and two carbonyl groups on the acceptor (9, 12, 20), it is of some interest to study the reaction between a donor with a single hydroxyl group and an acceptor with two carbonyl groups, and to ask anew the following questions for the solid state reaction (24–27): (1) how is the reaction propagated

in the solid state, (2) how does it go to completion, (3) does the diffusion of the more volatile component occur (3a) through surface migration, (3b) across grain boundaries, (3c) through other types of defects, or (3d) by vapor phase diffusion?

In the present paper we report on the solid state reaction between  $\alpha$ -naphthol (AN) and BQ. In 1909 Meyer isolated from benzene solution two complexes formed between AN and BQ, the dark-red 1:1 complex AN<sub>1</sub>BQ<sub>1</sub> (decomposition temperature 100°C), and the dark brown 2:1 complex AN<sub>2</sub>BQ<sub>1</sub> (decomposition temperature 120°C) (28). Tronov and Sokolovich reacted vapors of BQ in CO<sub>2</sub>-free air with solid AN to obtain the 2:1 complex AN<sub>2</sub>BQ<sub>1</sub> with melting temperature 120°C (29). The infrared spectrum of the 1:1 complex was studied by Lutskii *et al.* (30), but otherwise the complex has not been studied.

### Experimental Methods and Results

*Materials purification.* AN (Merck) was purified by several recrystallizations from water, giving colorless needles, melting temperature 95°C (lit. 94°C). It was also purified by sublimation from Baker and Adamson reagent-grade AN by repeated sublimation, melting temperature 93.5–94.5°C. BQ was synthesized by oxidizing hydroquinone with sodium chlorate in 2 mass% sulfuric acid (31): the product was crystallized from petroleum ether (80–100°C fraction), and purified several times by sublimation, yellow needles, melting temperature 116°C (lit. 110–117°C). BQ was also purified by repeated sublimation from Eastman Organic Chemicals practical grade BQ, melting temperature 109–111°C.

*Preparation of the reaction product.* The complex was obtained by both solid state reaction and from solution. In the solid state reaction 0.2 g of AN was allowed to react with BQ vapor at 60°C until constant mass was obtained after 240 h: mass in-

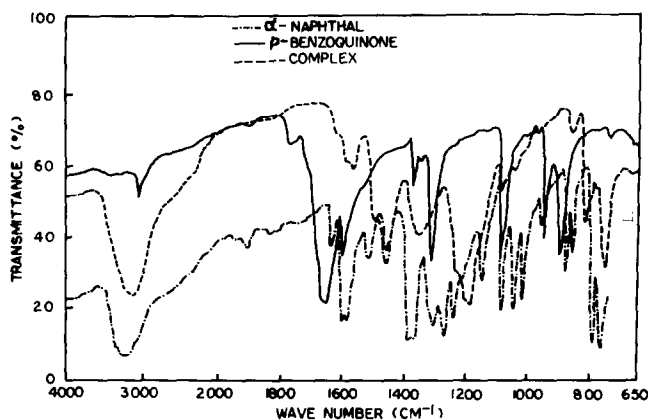


FIG. 1. Infrared transmittance spectra of KBr pellets of AN, BQ, and AN<sub>1</sub>BQ<sub>1</sub> complex.

crease 0.1535 g: this indicates a 1 : 1 stoichiometry AN<sub>1</sub>BQ<sub>1</sub>. In a separate experiment, equimolar amounts of AN and BQ were mixed in an agate mortar and pestle; the resulting solid was recrystallized as long needles from acetone, melting temperature 80°C (in disagreement with (28)). As discussed below, the powder X-ray diffraction pattern of the complexes obtained by these two methods were identical. The elemental analysis was performed at the Chemistry Department, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi: for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>3</sub> = AN<sub>1</sub>BQ<sub>1</sub>. Calc: C, 76.2%; H, 4.79%. Found: C, 75.9%; H, 4.90%.

The complex is dark red in color, but for very small crystals, upon 60 min standing in air its surface turns brown; on prolonged standing the needles look whitish, presumably because the BQ diffuses out of the lattice.

In spite of our best efforts we could not isolate the 2 : 1 complex AN<sub>2</sub>BQ<sub>1</sub> reported by Meyer (28) and by Tronov and Sokolovich (29).

*Spectroscopic Identification.* The infrared spectra were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 157 spectrophotometer at CDRI, Lucknow. The solid AN, BQ, and AN<sub>1</sub>BQ<sub>1</sub> were measured in KBr pellets; the spectra are given in Fig. 1. The solution spectrum

was measured in CCl<sub>4</sub> in a cell with LiF windows: the spectrum is displayed in Fig. 2. Whereas one expects an O-H stretching band around 3610 cm<sup>-1</sup> for a compound exhibiting no hydrogen bonding (e.g., phenol, or benzyl alcohol in CCl<sub>4</sub>) (30), the observed band for AN in CCl<sub>4</sub> solution is at 3615 cm<sup>-1</sup>, but is shifted to 3250 cm<sup>-1</sup> (KBr pellet), which indicates some hydrogen bonding in the solid AN; in the complex, in CCl<sub>4</sub> solution, the 3615 cm<sup>-1</sup> band is reduced in intensity, and a broad absorption band in the region 3400–3500 cm<sup>-1</sup> appears; in KBr pellets, the band is shifted to 3150 cm<sup>-1</sup>: this suggests that the complex is mostly dissociated in carbon tetrachloride, but has pronounced hydrogen bonding in the solid state. The C=O stretching frequency of BQ (KBr pellet) (1650 cm<sup>-1</sup>) is

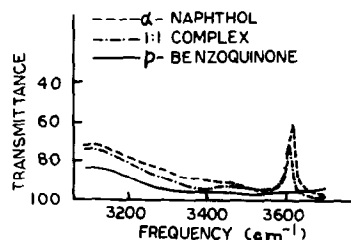


FIG. 2. Infrared transmittance spectra of 0.03 M CCl<sub>4</sub> solutions of AN, BQ, and the AN<sub>1</sub>BQ<sub>1</sub> complex.

shifted to  $1610\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the complex, again indicating hydrogen bonding in the solid complex. These data agree with the findings of Lutskii *et al.*, who resolve a doublet C=O band absorption for BQ ( $1660$  and  $1670\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in mineral oil suspension and  $1656$  and  $1670\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in  $0.015\text{ M CCl}_4$  solution) and find the absorption shifted to  $1637\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for the complex in mineral oil suspension (30). However, Lutskii *et al.* failed to observe the O–H band in the complex (30).

The nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were measured in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution using the Perkin–Elmer R-32 spectrometer at CDRI, Lucknow. The spectra are shown in Fig. 3. The phenolic proton at  $\delta = 4.7$  ppm in AN is shifted to 6.6 ppm in the 1:1 complex; this downfield shift may be due to H-bonding (32).

The ultraviolet and visible spectra were first measured on a Perkin–Elmer 202 double-beam spectrophotometer at CDRI, Lucknow, and later on a Perkin–Elmer Lambda-4B double-beam spectrophotometer (190–900 nm) and on a Hewlett–Packard 8451A single-beam diode array spectrometer (350–600 nm), both at the University of Alabama. The spectra are given in Figs. 4 and 5.

In acetone solution the donor (AN) has an absorption maximum at 330 nm ( $\log_{10}\epsilon$  1.94); the acceptor (BQ) has three absorption maxima in *n*-hexane solution: a very intense band (BQ1) at 242 nm ( $\log_{10}\epsilon$  4.39),

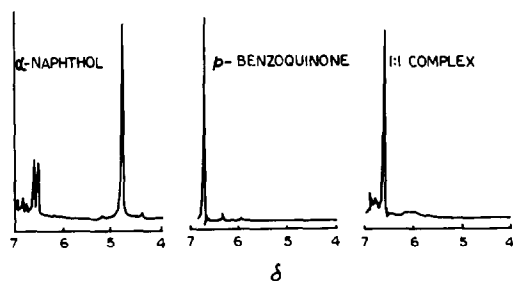


FIG. 3. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra of AN in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , BQ in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , and of the 1:1 complex in acetone.

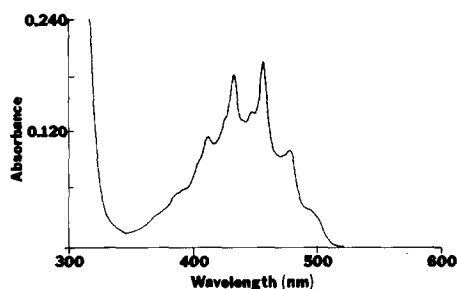


FIG. 4. Visible absorbance spectrum of BQ in heptane ( $8.9 \times 10^{-3}\text{ M}$ ).

a medium peak (BQ2) at 281 nm (1.60) and a partially resolved multiplet (BQ3) at 434 (1.30), 457 (1.29), and 479 nm (1.08) (33); the BQ3 multiplet is assigned to a forbidden  $^1A_g \rightarrow (^3B_{1g}, ^3A_u)$  transition (34, 35). We have observed the BQ3 multiplet in *n*-heptane, with partially resolved peaks at 412, 434, 457, and 478 nm (Fig. 4).

The difficulty with observing the spectrum of the red complex, is that the complex stability in solution is very limited (it must readily dissociate into the separately solvated donor and acceptor). In methanol or cyclohexane only a yellow solution is observed. The red complex was seen in  $0.05\text{ M HCl}$  solution, in heptane, acetone, and in acetonitrile, but only in extremely concentrated solutions. In heptane the red complex forms a reddish insoluble “oil,”

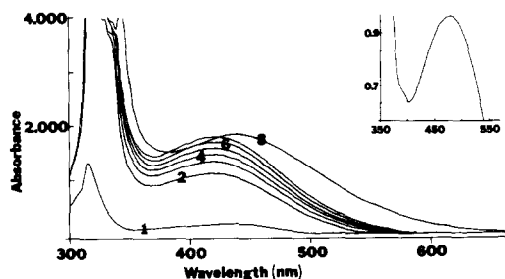
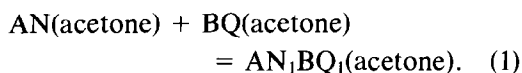


FIG. 5. Visible absorbance spectra in acetone of BQ (0.10 mole/liter) with varying concentrations (mole/liter) of AN: (1) 0.0, (2) 1.68, (3) 2.04, (4) 2.32, (5) 2.57, (6) 2.89, (7) 3.07, (8) 4.67; insert: spectrum of acetone solution of BQ and an extremely high concentration of AN.

which can be redissolved by adding acetone. In acetone solution the complex shows the unchanged absorptions of AN and BQ, except that the vibrationally resolved BQ<sub>3</sub> multiplet is replaced by a much broader, unresolved peak, under which one can infer the BQ<sub>3</sub> peak at 430 nm plus a broad peak which at lower concentrations (BQ: 0.1 M, AN: 0.02–0.38 M) also occurs at 430 nm, but at extremely high concentrations (BQ: 0.5 M, AN: above 4 M) shifts to 478 nm (Fig. 5). A Benesi–Hildebrand (36) plot of the data of Fig. 5 (except for curves 1 and 8) yields an equilibrium constant  $K_{eq} = 0.052$ , and an extinction coefficient for the 1:1 complex  $\log_{10}\epsilon = 3.10$ , assuming the reaction



It should be realized, however, that in cells of 1-mm path length, the absorbance maxima are still at 430 nm (the same place as BQ<sub>3</sub>), and that an isosbestic point could not be observed because the solutions were too dilute (!).

Three explanations are possible for the red color (RC) in solution: (1) RC could be a Mulliken  $\pi$ – $\pi$  charge-transfer complex, with  $h\nu_{CT}$  somewhere in the neighborhood of 480 nm, and with the low stability of the complex indicated by  $K_{eq}$  above; (2) RC could be the forbidden intramolecular BQ<sub>3</sub> band enhanced by some intermolecular as-

sociation (hydrogen bonding); (3) RC could be due to a reaction intermediate: upon heating the acetone solution above 50°C, or after storing the solution in air (but sealed) for 12–14 h, both RC and BQ<sub>3</sub> disappear, yielding a light yellow solution: obviously a chemical reaction has occurred, which could be the formation of an adduct such as 2-(1-naphthoxy)-1,4-benzoquinone; similar reactions have been studied for BQ and phenol (37, 38).

*X-ray diffraction, density, and solution conductivity.* Powder X-ray diffraction data for the complex grown both from solution and from solid state reaction were obtained on a General Electric XDR-5 2-circle diffractograph at Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur. Eighteen lines were measured, and are listed in Table I. The lines were indexed by the Hesse–Lipson method, and were determined to have orthorhombic symmetry, with a primitive unit cell. The calculated unit cell constants for the complex are compared with the unit cells of the crystals of the components (39, 40) in Table II.

The density of the complex was measured in a pycnometer at 30°C, using water as a displacing liquid.

The conductivity of 1 M nitrobenzene solutions of the components and the complex were measured at 30°C with a conductivity bridge. The results are given in Table III.

*Kinetics of the solid state reaction in a*

TABLE I  
COMPARISON OF OBSERVED AND CALCULATED INTERPLANAR DISTANCES FOR THE 1:1  
AN<sub>1</sub>BQ<sub>1</sub> COMPLEX, FROM POWDER X-RAY DIFFRACTION DATA

<i>h k l</i>	<i>d</i> <sub>obs</sub> (Å)	<i>d</i> <sub>calc</sub> (Å)	<i>h k l</i>	<i>d</i> <sub>obs</sub> (Å)	<i>d</i> <sub>calc</sub> (Å)	<i>h k l</i>	<i>d</i> <sub>obs</sub> (Å)	<i>d</i> <sub>calc</sub> (Å)
0 0 1	13.392	13.430	0 0 4	4.374	4.358	0 5 0	2.429	2.438
1 0 1	9.935	9.958	2 2 2	3.850	3.856	1 5 1	2.368	2.368
0 1 1	9.118	9.026	4 1 0	3.547	3.549	7 0 0	2.118	2.120
1 1 1	7.694	7.712	4 1 1	3.427	3.432	7 1 0	2.103	2.089
0 2 1	5.539	5.550	1 1 4	3.220	3.163	9 0 0	1.637	1.649
3 1 0	4.575	4.584	4 2 1	3.079	3.084	5 5 5	1.556	1.552

TABLE II  
LATTICE PARAMETERS FOR THE COMPONENTS AND  
THE COMPLEX

	AN (39)	BQ (40)	AN <sub>1</sub> BQ <sub>1</sub> (this study)
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic
a (Å)	13.00	7.005	14.84
b (Å)	4.80	6.795	12.19
c (Å)	13.40	5.767	13.43
$\beta$	117.16	101.47	—
Z (molecules/cell)	4	2	8
Volume/molecule (Å <sup>3</sup> )	185.98	134.51	303.69
Observed density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.224	1.318	1.41
Calculated (X-ray) density	1.287	1.335	1.38

capillary (with and without air gaps between reactants). For the study of the solid state reaction a method similar to that described by Rastogi *et al.* (22) was used. Half of a glass capillary was filled with 40 mg powdered AN (particle size 100–140 mesh), and the tube was tapped for 5 min in order to achieve a reproducible packing density. The surface of AN was made smooth with a glass rod. The remaining half of the capillary tube was filled with powdered *p*-benzoquinone (particle size 100–140 mesh); the capillary was sealed, and was placed horizontally into a constant-temperature incubator. The kinetics of the reaction were followed by measuring the thickness of the colored product layer formed at the junction of the two components at different time intervals, and measurements were performed at several temperatures. The reaction occurred only on the AN side of the capillary. The results were analyzed by

$$\varepsilon = k_1 t^n \quad (2)$$

TABLE III

ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITIES OF THE COMPONENTS  
AND THE COMPLEX IN 1 M NITROBENZENE  
SOLUTIONS AT 30°C

Substance	Conductivity (Siemens)
$\alpha$ -Naphthol	$0.059 \times 10^{-5}$
<i>p</i> -Benzoquinone	$0.070 \times 10^{-5}$
1:1 Complex	$0.380 \times 10^{-5}$

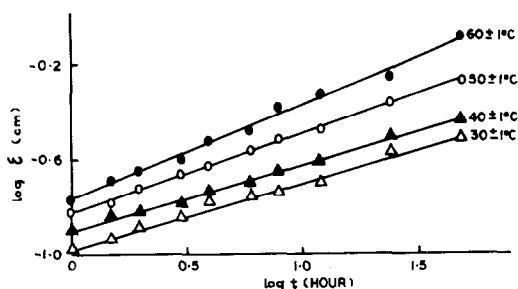


FIG. 6. Kinetic data for the reaction between AN and BQ in the solid state as a function of temperature (capillary experiment, no air gap).

where  $\varepsilon$  is the thickness of the product layer at time  $t$ , and  $n$  is a constant associated with the diffusion coefficient. The validity of Eq. (2) is verified by plotting  $\log \varepsilon$  vs  $\log t$  (Fig. 6).

The parameters for Eq. (1) were refined by a least-squares procedure. The results are given in Table IV for the case of no air gap. The validity of an Arrhenius-type law for  $k_1$  is shown by plotting  $\log k_1 1/T$  (Fig. 7). From the slope of the straight line, the energy of activation for interdiffusion is calculated to be  $E_d = 13.1$  kJ/mole.

Kinetic studies of the reaction in the capillary tube were also performed at a constant temperature when the two reactants were separated by air gaps of different length. When the reactants in the capillary tube are separated by air gaps of different lengths, Eq. (2) is obeyed, but the rate constant (now called  $k'_1$ ) depends on the air

TABLE IV

LEAST-SQUARES PARAMETERS OF EQ. (2) FOR SOLID  
STATE REACTION BETWEEN 100–140 MESH POWDER  
LAYERS OF AN AND BQ IN A GLASS CAPILLARY  
WITH NO AIR GAP BETWEEN LAYERS

Run	Temperature (°C)	$k_1$ (cm/h)	$n$
1	30	0.106	0.27
2	40	0.125	0.27
3	50	0.150	0.33
4	60	0.175	0.38

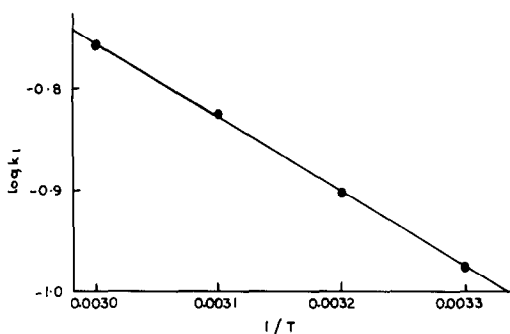


FIG. 7. Arrhenius plot of the effect of temperature on the reaction rate (capillary experiment, no air gap).

gap length  $d$  as follows:

$$k_1' = Be^{-pd} \quad (3)$$

where  $B$  and  $p$  are constants. The least-squares fits to Eq. (3) are shown in Table V, and the data are plotted in Fig. 8.

*Kinetics of interdiffusion by the inverted U-tube technique (gravimetric technique).* The reaction was also studied by placing known amounts of AN (0.2 g) and of BQ into two arms of an inverted U-tube connected by standard-taper joints, and kept in a incubator at a constant temperature, as described before (22). Since the reaction occurred always in the arm (tube) containing AN, the kinetics were followed by weighing the AN arm periodically. The data are given in Table VI and are displayed in Fig. 9: the data follow the law

$$W = k_2 t \quad (4)$$

TABLE V

LEAST-SQUARES PARAMETERS OF EQ. (3) FOR SOLID STATE REACTION BETWEEN 100–140 MESH POWDER LAYERS OF AN AND BQ WITH AN AIR GAP OF THICKNESS  $d$  BETWEEN THEM, AT  $30 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$

Run	$d$ (cm)	$k_1' \times 10^{-2}$ (cm/h)	$n'$
1	0.309	1.74	0.53
2	0.627	1.39	0.53
3	0.740	1.22	0.50
4	0.968	1.09	0.49

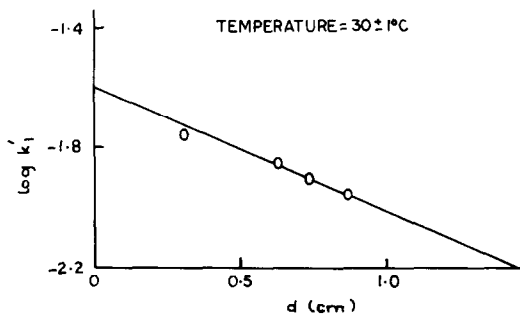


FIG. 8. Dependence of the rate constant  $k_1'$  on the size of the air gap,  $d$  at  $30 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  (capillary experiment).

where  $W$  is the increase in weight of AN at the time  $t$ , and  $k_2$  is a rate constant for interdiffusion, i.e., diffusion of BQ vapor into the AN lattice. An Arrhenius plot of  $\log k_2$  reciprocal temperature (Fig. 10) is linear, and yields an activation energy  $E_i = 56.5$  kJ/mol.

*Reaction with single crystal of AN.* A single crystal of AN was obtained by slow crystallization of AN from hot water. In spite of our best efforts, we could not obtain a single crystal which was free from cracks and crevices; however, a single crystal with a minimum number of cracks and defects was chosen and examined under a microscope (magnification  $15 \times 10$ ). The crystal was then exposed to the vapors of BQ at  $60^\circ\text{C}$  for 5 min. It was observed that the reaction started only at those points where cracks and crevices were

TABLE VI

PARAMETERS FOR THE INTERDIFFUSION OF BQ INTO BULK AN CRYSTAL, AS MEASURED BY THE INVERTED U-TUBE TECHNIQUE, FOLLOWING EQ. (4)

Run	Temperature ( $^\circ\text{C}$ )	$k_2 \times 10^{-4}$ (g/hr)
1	30	1.54
2	40	4.09
3	50	5.47
4	60	11.43

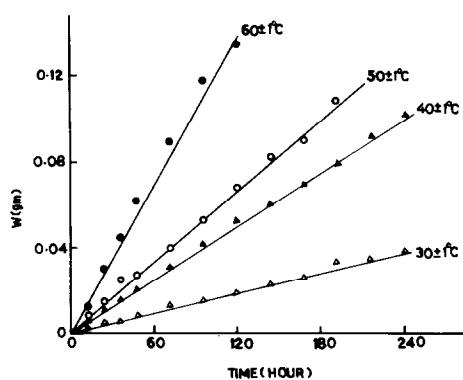


FIG. 9. Kinetic data for the reaction between AN and BQ (inverted U-tube experiment) at various temperatures.

present at the surface of the crystal. On further exposure the reaction product increased in size only at those points.

### Discussion

It has been shown here that a 1:1 red solid state complex is formed when AN and BQ are allowed to react either in solution or in the vapor phase, or when BQ vapor meets an AN crystal. In solution the NMR and IR evidence suggests the presence of hydrogen bonding. The red color in solution (peak at 480 nm) can be interpreted either as a very weak Muliken CT complex ( $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking) or as an intermolecular hydrogen-bonded complex (which enhances a forbidden BQ transition) or as a reaction intermediate prior to covalent bonding of AN to BQ.

The electrical conductivities of donor and acceptor in nitrobenzene are very close to that of the pure solvent; the conductivity of the complex in the same solvent is much higher; one is tempted to ascribe this to a partial ionic character of the complex, but, given the weak charge transfer forces expected, the explanation does not seem convincing.

The molecular volume of the complex in the solid state (Table II) is 5.53% smaller

than the sum of the volumes of AN and BQ separately: this volume contraction is quite typical for a weak charge-transfer complex (41, 42). Although we can only speculate about the packing geometry of the  $AN_1BQ_1$  crystal, it is tempting to guess that it should be similar to those of the 1:1 complexes of *p*-chlorophenol with BQ (15) and *p*-bromophenol with BQ (15), namely, with pancake stacks DADADA of phenol over quinone (with some staggering of the intermolecular overlap), and with hydrogen-bonding network in the plane perpendicular to the stacking direction. Since the crystals seem to be susceptible to efflorescence of the more volatile BQ component, a full structure determination may not be easy.

The kinetics of reaction of BQ with AN exhibit two activation energies,  $E_d = 13.1$  kJ/mol for the reaction between solid phases in contact within the capillary tube, and  $E_i = 56.5$  kJ/mol for the interdiffusion of BQ into solid AN. The enthalpies of sublimation of AN and BQ are 91.5 and 62.8 kJ/mol, respectively (43). It is clear that BQ is the more volatile component (its  $\Delta H_{\text{subl}}$  is two-thirds that of AN), which explains why the complex grows on the solid and less volatile AN surface. It is also clear that the activation energy of interdiffusion is much larger than that of diffusion,

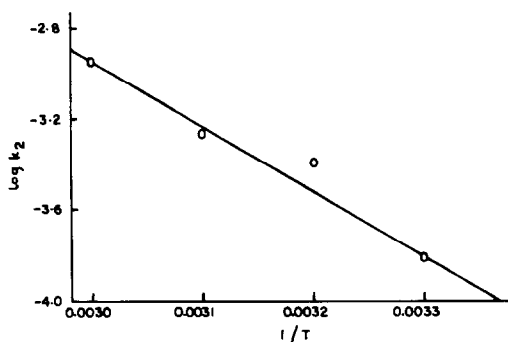


FIG. 10. Arrhenius plot of the effect of temperature on the rate of solid-vapor reaction (inverted U-tube experiment).



since migration into the solid AN lattice is implied by the interdiffusion experiment, with much greater resistance to reaction.

What is less clear is why the  $E_d$  value should be so much smaller than the enthalpy of sublimation of BQ. It may be that a surface diffusion process dominates, with a much smaller activation contribution than if the growth of the complex were limited by the vapor-phase diffusion of BQ toward AN. In fact, the analysis of Eq. (4) shows that when  $d = 0$ , the extrapolated value of  $k'_1$  is  $2.51 \times 10^{-2}$  cm/h, and not zero: this suggests that the diffusion between the separated layers occurs not only by vapor transport, but also by a surface migration process, as has been shown elsewhere (9).

The growth of the complex on cracks and crevices of the AN crystal can be explained by the initial requirements for free volume in which the complex can grow. Since the molecular volume per molecule of the complex crystal is 5.53% smaller than the volumes per molecule of the component crystals, strain energy will build up during crystal growth, so that formation of further cracks and crevices will be favored during the growth of the complex, as observed.

In conclusion, the following picture emerges for the kinetics of growth of the AN<sub>1</sub>BQ<sub>1</sub> crystal: vapor-phase diffusion of the more volatile component (BQ) and surface migration both can start crystal growth; since the growth ultimately goes to completion, one can surmise that at first a small nucleus is formed at the surface of AN, wherever surface defects (dislocations, grain boundaries, cracks, and crevices) are present. Once the nuclei of the complex reach a critical size, further growth occurs, and the reaction ultimately becomes diffusion-controlled. Given the strain energy involved in the growth of the complex crystal, more cracks and crevices are produced, thus facilitating further growth, and allowing the reaction to go to completion.

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