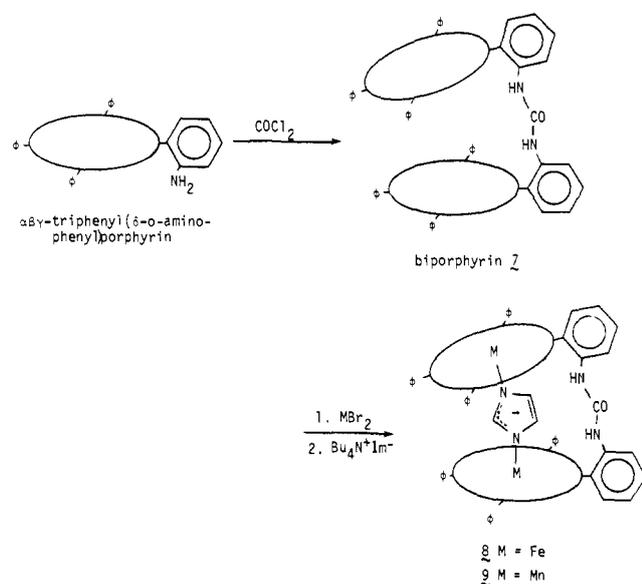


Scheme I



cm^{-1} . However, since in the polymeric chain each Mn atom has two interacting neighbors the value of J per Mn/Im/Mn dimer must be $\ll 8 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. A magnetic investigation of the presumably isostructural, previously reported,¹⁵ low-spin Fe(III) polymer $[\text{Fe}(\text{Im})(\text{TPP})\cdot\text{THF}]_n$, **6**, which we prepared from $\text{Fe}(\text{OCIO}_3)(\text{TPP})$ ¹⁶ and $(\text{Bu}_4\text{N})(\text{Im})$ in THF,¹⁷ reveals a similar Curie plot (Figure 2a). An upper limit $-J < 2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ can be placed on **6** and it has been argued that antiferromagnetism is nonexistent.¹⁵ Thus, antiferromagnetic coupling in these polymers is weak or negligible and, although they are useful for arguments regarding the orbital coupling mechanism (vide infra), better estimates of $-J$ for metal/Im/metal systems and commentary on possible biological situations can be made only by studying discrete dimers.

Adaption of a reported^{2a} face-to-face porphyrin synthesis leads to a new biporphyrin **7** (Scheme I). The synthetic strategy was to favor entropically imidazolate bridging by employing a urea linkage whose planarity and dimensions favor a "clamshell" configuration but which also retains enough flexibility to allow canting of the porphyrin rings to readily accommodate the five-membered ring. We find that the iron(II) and manganese(II) imidazolate bridged dimers **8** and **9** are synthetically accessible by straightforward procedures and they were isolated as well-characterized purple crystals.¹⁸ Five coordination in **8** and **9** is expected^{19,20} to give rise to high-spin states and their 300 K magnetic moments ($\mu_{\text{eff}} = 5.2$ for **8**; $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 6.1$ for **9**) are close to the uncoupled values of their respective monomers $\text{Fe}(2\text{-MeHIm})(\text{TPP})\cdot\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$, **10** ($\mu_{\text{eff}} = 5.4$) and $(\text{Bu}_4\text{N})[\text{Mn}(\text{Im})(\text{TPP})]$ ($\mu_{\text{eff}} = 6.4$). The Curie plots of the iron $S = 2$ dimer **8** and its analogous monomer **10** are compared in Figure 2b; the minimum for **8** identifies it as an antiferromagnet. The more familiar χ_M vs. T plot in Figure 3 shows T_{max} at 22 K and to a good approximation²¹ the relationship of T_{max} to the coupling constant gives $-J = 8 \pm 2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. The $S = 5/2$ manganese(II) dimer **9** behaves similarly with T_{max} at 10 K and $-J = 8 \pm 2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

Taken together with the literature values of $-J$ for $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Im}/\text{Cu}^{2+}$ systems ($26\text{--}90 \text{ cm}^{-1}$),⁶ a pattern seems to be emerging. Significant antiferromagnetic coupling ($-J$ in the range $8\text{--}90 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) occurs only in systems where the d orbitals containing the unpaired electrons have mutual σ symmetry, i.e., $(d_z)^1$ and/or $(d_{x^2-y^2})^1$ occupation. This includes the $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu}^{2+}$, the high-spin $\text{Fe}^{2+}/\text{Fe}^{2+}$, and the high-spin $\text{Mn}^{2+}/\text{Mn}^{2+}$ systems but not those of the low-spin $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{3+}$ or high-spin $\text{Mn}^{3+}/\text{low-spin Mn}^{3+}$ polymers. These latter

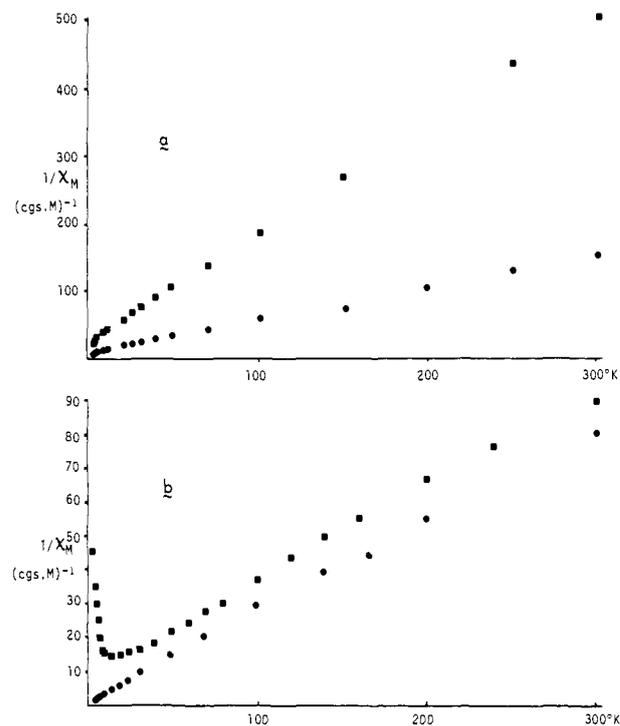


Figure 2. (a) Curie plots of the polymers $[\text{Mn}(\text{Im})(\text{TPP})\cdot\text{THF}]_n$, **3** (●), and $[\text{Fe}(\text{Im})(\text{TPP})\cdot\text{THF}]_n$, **6** (■). (b) Curie plots of the magnetically normal monomer $\text{Fe}(2\text{-MeHIm})(\text{TPP})\cdot\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$, **10** (●), and the antiferromagnetically coupled Fe(II) dimer **8** (■). The data for **8** have been corrected for paramagnetic impurities ($< 7\%$ if high-spin Fe(III)) by fitting the very low temperature data to a Curie-Weiss law and correcting in the usual way.²²

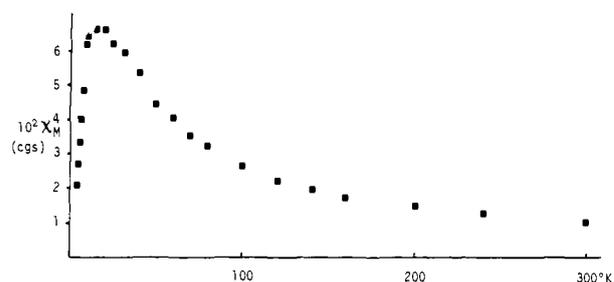


Figure 3. Molar susceptibility vs. temperature plot for the imidazolate bridged iron(II) dimer **8** showing the Neel temperature T_{max} at 22 K.

systems have $-J \ll 8 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and have only π overlap opportunities.²³ The implication for the superexchange mechanism is that orbital overlap via the σ bonding system of imidazolate may be more important than π .²⁴ However, since π effects should be dependent upon orientation,⁶ several detailed structural investigations will be necessary to establish the exchange pathway.

Again taken altogether, the presently known metal/Im/metal systems scan several different d^n configurations of first-row transition metals and set the range of $-J$ at $\sim 0\text{--}90 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. We suspect therefore that a $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Im}/\text{Fe}^{3+}$ heme system, such as that proposed for the heme a_3 site of cytochrome oxidase,⁴ will have $-J$ within, or close to, this range;²⁵ the synthetic analogue approach is uniquely suited to further testing this proposal. Since the coupling in oxidase ($-J \gg 200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$)²⁶ falls well outside this range a bridging ligand which brings the copper and heme centers in closer proximity may be present.²⁷

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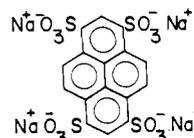
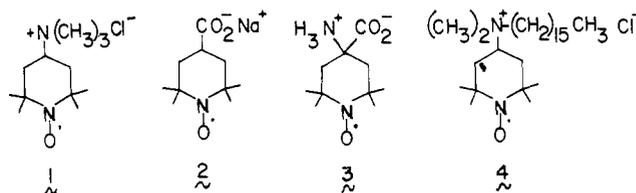
Fluorescence Quenching by Nitroxyl Radicals in Micellar Environments. A Useful Probe for Studying Micelle-Substrate Interactions

Sir:

Although it is now well established that micelles can catalyze or inhibit chemical reactions in aqueous solutions,¹ detailed descriptions of these effects are lacking. With the goal of elucidating such mechanisms, we have been investigating the fluorescence quenching of pyrene and pyrene derivatives by nitroxyl radicals in micelle environments.²

Previously, we showed that di-*tert*-butylnitroxide (a stable radical) quenches the fluorescence from a series of aromatic hydrocarbons at, or near, the diffusion limit with an interaction distance of 5-7 Å.³ We find that this reaction is equally as efficient in aqueous media. If the mechanism does not change in going from nonpolar to aqueous solutions,⁴ quenching still occurs over collisional distances so that the relative quenching efficiencies will reflect relative encounter frequencies between the excited fluorophors and quenchers. In this paper we show that the encounter frequency is strongly influenced by the micelle surface charge and that examples of both micelle-catalyzed and micelle-inhibited fluorescence quenching reactions can be realized.

The quenching of the fluorescence from 1.0 × 10⁻⁵ M tetrasodium pyrenetetrasulfonate (PTS)⁶ by nitroxyl radicals 1,⁷ 2,⁸ 3,⁹ and 4¹⁰ was studied in aqueous solutions in the ab-



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sence and presence of cetyltrimethylammonium chloride (CTAC) and sodium dodecylsulfate (SDS) micelles. The apparent *k*_q's in Table I were calculated from the essentially linear Stern-Volmer slopes observed between 1.0 × 10⁻⁴ M