

suggest that the association rate is dominated by ligand to metal donor interactions. Further investigations on the origin of barriers to ligand addition and a comparison of the relative reactivity of  $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_5$  and  $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_4$  will be reported in a subsequent paper.<sup>10</sup>

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### Resolution and Structural Assignment of the Three Components in *trans*-1,2-Di(2-naphthyl)ethene Fluorescence<sup>1</sup>

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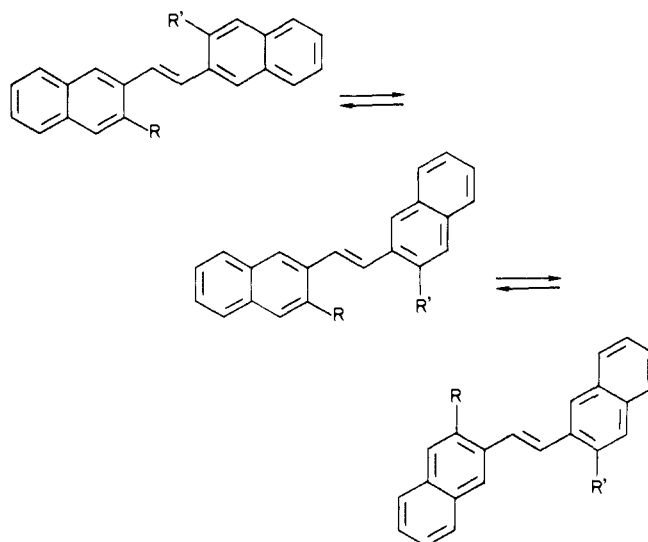
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The dependence of the 1,2-diarylethene fluorescence spectral shape on excitation wavelength,  $\lambda_{\text{exc}}$ , and other variables,<sup>2</sup> and fluorescence decay results requiring multiexponential fits<sup>3</sup> are attributed to the presence of equilibrating mixtures of aryl-rotational conformers. Electronic excitation reverses double- and single-bond character "freezing" ground-state conformers into noninterconverting populations of excited-state species exhibiting different intrinsic properties.<sup>2,3</sup> Pure component fluorescence spectra were obtained for *trans*-1-phenyl-2-(2-naphthyl)ethene, *t*-2-NPE, by application of principal component analysis (PCOMP), a curve resolution technique,<sup>4</sup> and structures were assigned by comparison with spectra from analogues.<sup>5</sup> We now report the application of the PCOMP/analogue approach to the resolution of three-component spectra using *trans*-1,2-di(2-naphthyl)ethene, DNE, and its conformationally restricted (steric hindrance) 3-methyl, MDNE, and 3,3'-dimethyl, DMDNE, derivatives.

Corrected fluorescence spectra of DNE, MDNE, and DMDNE ( $\sim 10^{-5}$  M in methylcyclohexane, 30.0 °C) were measured as previously described,<sup>5</sup> except that the fluorimeter was interfaced to a CompuPro System 816 series microcomputer and digitized intensities were recorded at 1.0-nm increments. Changes in DNE fluorescence spectral shape with  $\lambda_{\text{exc}}$  and with  $[\text{O}_2]$  agreed with earlier reports (Figure 1).<sup>2,3</sup> Subtle changes were observed for MDNE, but the fluorescence spectrum of DMDNE was insensitive to changes in  $\lambda_{\text{exc}}$  and  $[\text{O}_2]$ .

PCOMP analyses of emission spectra have been described.<sup>5-7</sup> Spectroexcitatory emission input matrices (up to  $150 \times 150$ ) were employed, each row of which represented a digitized, normalized fluorescence spectrum obtained at one of eight  $\lambda_{\text{exc}}$  in the presence or absence of  $\text{O}_2$ . Matrix columns differed by 1.0-nm increments spanning the fluorescence spectra. Recognition of significant eigenvectors was based on the magnitude of the eigenvalues. Both DNE and MDNE, treated separately, gave



	DNE <sub>1</sub>	DNE <sub>2</sub>	MDNE <sub>1</sub>	DNE <sub>3</sub>	MDNE <sub>2</sub>	DMDNE
R	H	H	H	H	H	CH <sub>3</sub>
R'	H	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>
$K_{sv}, \text{M}^{-1}$	$218 \pm 33$	$90 \pm 13$	$52 \pm 16$	$90 \pm 13$	$65 \pm 2$	$52 \pm 2$

two-component solutions which accounted for >99% of the total variance of all measured spectra. In each case a vibronic structure was well resolved in the shorter wavelength component spectrum and much less so in the longer wavelength component spectrum; moreover, the fluorescence spectrum of DMDNE showed a better developed vibronic structure than the second MDNE component. In pursuing a three-component solution for DNE, it was assumed that (1) the longer wavelength DNE component spectrum is a combination of DNE<sub>2</sub> and DNE<sub>3</sub> fluorescence and (2) the subtle changes in the ratio of MDNE<sub>1</sub>/MDNE<sub>2</sub> fluorescence in experimental spectra lead to poor estimates of the coefficients for the MDNE<sub>2</sub> fluorescence spectrum. The assumptions were tested by including the appropriately shifted DNE<sub>2</sub>/DNE<sub>3</sub> composite solution spectrum and the DMDNE spectrum in the MDNE spectroexcitatory matrix (see below). A two-component solution resulted with eigenvectors nearly identical with those obtained for MDNE alone. Thus, using MDNE and DMDNE fluorescence spectra to define the coefficients for resolved spectra for MDNE<sub>1</sub> and MDNE<sub>2</sub> allows separation of the broad DNE component spectrum into DNE<sub>2</sub> and DNE<sub>3</sub> contributions.<sup>8</sup> Finally, PCOMP was applied to a matrix of experimental spectra of DNE, MDNE (2-nm blue-shifted), and DMDNE (9-nm blue-shifted). The three pure component fluorescence spectra and the composite DNE<sub>2</sub>/DNE<sub>3</sub> solution obtained when the DNE spectra are treated separately are shown in Figure 1. The three-component PCOMP solution gives a set of coefficients ( $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i$ ) which define linear combinations of the eigenvectors  $\mathbf{V}_\alpha, \mathbf{V}_\beta, \mathbf{V}_\gamma$  that represent best fit approximations of the experimental spectra, i.e., the spectrum corresponding to the *i*th row of the matrix is  $\mathbf{S}_i = \alpha_i \mathbf{V}_\alpha + \beta_i \mathbf{V}_\beta + \gamma_i \mathbf{V}_\gamma$ .<sup>9</sup> For a well-behaved solution, all points of a plot of the coefficients in Cartesian coordinates fall within a triangle whose edges represent coefficients for two-component mixtures and whose corners represent coefficients for the pure component spectra. Orthogonal and edge views of the triangle are shown in Figure 2. DNE points are clustered about a line representing a 55:45 DNE<sub>2</sub>/DNE<sub>3</sub> ratio, hence the two-component solution when DNE spectra are treated alone and the essential role of the methyl derivative spectra in locating two corners of the triangle. Significantly, MDNE points are distributed about a 37:63 MDNE<sub>1</sub>/MDNE<sub>2</sub> composition suggesting that the shift from the DNE<sub>2</sub>/DNE<sub>3</sub> ratio reflects mainly the statistical factor of 2 (there

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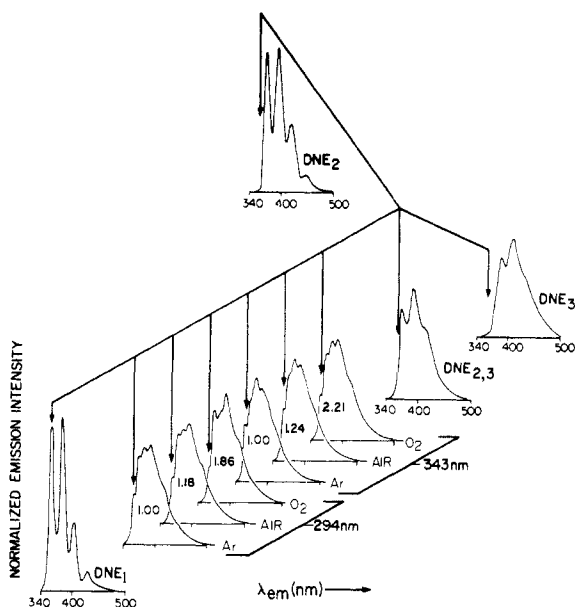
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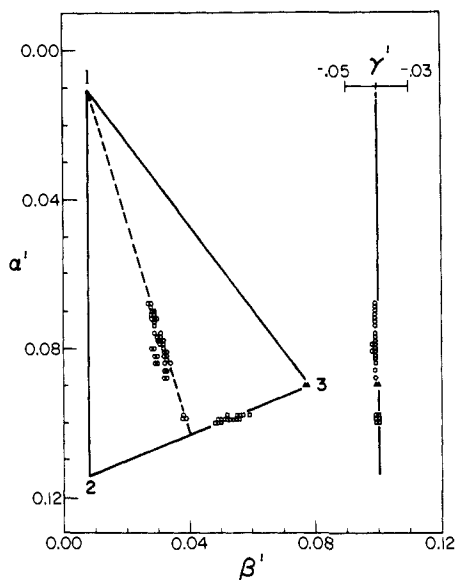
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**Figure 1.** Typical DNE fluorescence spectra in the presence of argon, air, and  $O_2$  at two  $\lambda_{exc}$ . Numbers are relative normalization factors. PCOMP component spectra are given at either end: two components for DNE alone, DNE<sub>1</sub> and DNE<sub>2,3</sub>; three components for DNE, MDNE, and DMDNE together DNE<sub>1</sub>, DNE<sub>2</sub>(MDNE<sub>1</sub>), and DNE<sub>3</sub>(DMDNE). Arrows indicate position of  $\lambda = 360$  nm for each spectrum.



**Figure 2.** Orthogonal and edge views of triangle from plot of coefficients for a three-component solution, DNE (O), MDNE ( $\square$ ), and DMDNE ( $\Delta$ ); most points represent several independent spectra (148 total).

are two equivalent DNE<sub>2</sub> structures).

Stern-Volmer constants,  $K_{sv}$ , for  $O_2$  quenching, obtained from the dependence of normalization factors and fractional contributions on  $[O_2]$ ,<sup>5</sup> are given below the structures. Since, in contrast to NPE,<sup>5</sup> these  $K_{sv}$ 's are independent of  $\lambda_{exc}$ , it appears that in DNE each conformer exhibits one characteristic fluorescence lifetime.<sup>3a,10,11</sup> Assuming  $k_q = 3.0 \times 10^{10} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for  $O_2$  quenching,<sup>12</sup> fluorescence lifetimes are  $7.3 \pm 1.1$ ,  $3.0 \pm 0.5$ , and  $3.0 \pm 0.5$  ns for DNE<sub>1</sub>, DNE<sub>2</sub>, and DNE<sub>3</sub> and  $1.7 \pm 0.5$ ,  $2.2 \pm 0.1$ , and  $1.7 \pm 0.1$  ns for MDNE<sub>1</sub>, MDNE<sub>2</sub>, and DMDNE, respectively. Biexponential fits of DNE fluorescence decay curves

have given  $7.3 \pm 0.1$  and  $2.2 \pm 0.1$  ns in methylcyclohexane at room temperature<sup>3a</sup> and  $8.6 \pm 0.7$  and  $1.92 \pm 0.04$  ns in cyclohexane at 20 °C.<sup>10</sup> Excitation of DNE at 373 nm, which should favor absorption by DNE<sub>3</sub>, gives monoexponential decay with  $\tau = 1.7$  ns.<sup>3a</sup> It is likely, therefore, that the lifetime of DNE<sub>3</sub> is somewhat shorter than that of DNE<sub>2</sub>, as was inferred from differential quenching of DNE<sub>2</sub>/DNE<sub>3</sub> composite fluorescence by  $CCl_4$ .<sup>10a</sup> The similarity of DNE<sub>2</sub> and DNE<sub>3</sub> lifetimes is reflected in the early gated time-resolved fluorescence spectrum of DNE which shows mainly strong contributions from DNE<sub>2</sub> and DNE<sub>3</sub>.<sup>10b</sup> Assignment of DNE<sub>3</sub> to the most red-shifted fluorescence spectrum conforms with observations in rigid media using nonequilibrium conformer mixtures of *t*-DNE obtained from *c*-DNE isomerization.<sup>13</sup> Assignments of DNE<sub>1</sub> and DNE<sub>2</sub> to the other spectra agree with those based on the quasiline fluorescence spectrum of DNE obtained at 4 K in a polycrystalline *n*-hexane matrix.<sup>14,15</sup>

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## Tetramethylallene and 2,4-Dimethyl-1,3-pentadiene as Hydrogen Atom Acceptors in Reactions with $HMn(CO)_5$ and $HCo(CO)_4$

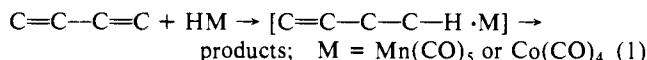
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Conjugated hydrocarbons such as anthracene,<sup>1</sup> 1,1-diphenylethylene,<sup>2</sup> styrene,<sup>3</sup> and phenylacetylene<sup>4</sup> react with  $HMn(CO)_5$  or  $HCo(CO)_4$  through initial molecule-assisted homolysis (MAH) steps,<sup>5</sup> hydrogen atom transfers, giving radical-pair intermediates (eq 1). For analogous reactions of 1,3-



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