

Evidences of Conformational Fluctuations of 2-methylaminofluorenone and 2-dimethylaminofluorenone in Polar Solvents

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The absorption and fluorescence spectra of 2-methylaminofluorenone (2MAFI) and 2-dimethylaminofluorenone (2DMAFI) were determined at 293 K in a variety of solvents with different polarities. The spectral data were used, in combination with the 2MAFI and 2DMAFI ground state dipole moment (μ_g), to evaluate μ_e of the S_1 state, to determine the outer-sphere solvent reorganization energy λ_{outer} , and the intramolecular reorganization energies: λ_i^* (associated with vibrations for which $h\nu < kT$) and $\lambda_i(h\nu > kT)$. At 77 K the fluorescence spectra in a non-polar solvent are shifted to longer wavelengths. In polar solvents, for both molecules the behavior is opposite. The fluorescence decay data for 2MAFI and 2DMAFI in non-polar solvents are very well fitted by one-exponential functions, while in polar solvents by two-exponential functions. The spectroscopic data distinctly show that both studied molecules in polar solvents form an inhomogeneous emitting system.

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