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Effect of Solvent on Some Excited States Processes of Mg- and Zn-Phthalocyanines[†]

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The solvent coordination effect on the excited state processes of Mg(II)- and Zn(II)-phthalocyanines has been described. The triplet state of these compounds decays with mixed first and second order kinetics or mainly second order kinetics depending on the solvents used. The first order component of the rate constants decrease along with the series, dimethylsulfoxide (5-coordinated), 1-chloronaphthalene (4-coordinated) and piperidine (6-coordinated), while the second order rate constant is dependent on the diffusion rate constant of the solvents. The excited state quenching by methylviologen or p-benzoquinone is discussed. And ion recombination rate constant is given.

Introduction

The metallophthalocyanine has been the subject of many theoretical and experimental works because of their photocatalyst character and similarities to biological systems. Therefore the photophysical and photochemical behavior of the biologically important metallophthalocyanine has been investigated for a number of years.¹⁻⁴

Despite all these efforts, not much work has been done especially about the singlet excited state and the photoexcited electron transfer reaction. Another reason for difficulty is the limitation of the solubility. Also the metallophthalocyanine interacts strongly with its environment, both via the central metal atom and peripheral functional groups. Therefore in vitro measurements must be interpreted with the solvents employed. Through the previous resonance Raman studies⁵ and X-ray crystal structure work^{6,7} on chlorophyll and bacteriochlorophyll, it is inferred that the central metal atom moves out of plane or in plane depending on the coordinating solvents. So the influence of different excited state

energies must be considered along with the geometric effects of the solvent coordination on the photophysics of the metallophthalocyanine.

Also there is a difference in structure between the metallophthalocyanine.¹ This structural change is also expected to have an effect on the radiationless decay route in the excited singlet and triplet states (Figure 1).

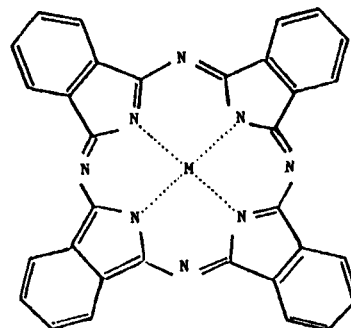


Figure 1. The structure of metallophthalocyanine. M represents the metal.

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One motivation for the study of the metallophthalocyanine and related pigments is to provide fundamental information that might be useful in the development of artificial systems for photosynthetic energy conversion. We report the results of the triplet state spectra, kinetics, singlet state kinetics, and electron transfer reaction in various solvents. (DMSO, piperidine, and 1-chloronaphthalene)

The state of coordination of the central metal (Zn, Mg) is either four, five, six or mixed in the solvents employed. Also we tried to see the electron transfer reaction upon the nanosecond flash photolysis of the sample in DMSO with 30 mM MV²⁺ (methylviologen) and 50 mM p-benzoquinone.

Experimental

The samples of Mg(II)-phthalocyanine(Mg-Pc) and Zn(II)-phthalocyanine(Zn-Pc) are purchased from the Eastman-Kodak chemical Co., These Samples were used without any further purification. The p-benzoquinone (Aldrich) was purified by vacuum sublimation and stored in the dark in a refrigerator. Commercially available $MVCl_2$ (Aldrich) was converted to the triflate (OTF) salt by the method of Milder *et al.*⁸ in order to obtain greater solubility in organic solvents and to purify the MV^{2+} . The MV (OTF)₂ obtained was stored in the dark in a dessicator. The solvents (DMSO, piperidine, and 1-chloronaphthalene) are spectral grade.

Our Ruby laser system is based on a Korad Q-switched Ruby laser which delivers a 35 ns, 694 nm single pulse every minute. Figure 2 presents the block diagram of our Ruby laser system. The maximum energy of the pulse is around 1000 mJ, however for most of our experiments we reduced the energy to 150 - 200 mJ by changing the voltage of the flash lamp power supply unit.

The monitoring light was produced by a tungsten or AC

xenon continuum source lamp. Right angle geometry was used to eliminate the scattering light of the laser, with two monochromators before and after the sample with bandwidth 10 nm.

A Hamamatsu 1P28A or R928 photomultiplier tube is located in a housing attached to the output slit of the monochromator after the sample. The current from the photomultiplier tube was read across a 10 K resistor into a Tektronix 468 digital storage oscilloscope (8 bit vertical resolution, 512 channels across the horizontal line, 64 channels gives the pre-triggering points) which allows for averaging signals. The termination resistance to the oscilloscope could be changed depending on the time scale. A voltage of 300 to 400 V was applied to the PMT to obtain a quiescent offset voltage of 200 mV. The voltage change was converted to absorbance change according to the formula; $\Delta A = \log_{10} (V_{off}/[V_{off} - \Delta V])$. The trigger pulse from the voltage supplier for the Pockels Cell went through the external trigger input of the oscilloscope by the BNC cable. This gives a synchronous triggering with the firing of the Ruby laser system.^{9,10} The time resolution of this set-up was 15 μ s. Singlet absorption spectra and picosecond time scale kinetic measurements were performed with a dual beam picosecond flash photolysis apparatus using 35 ps duration of 532 nm or 355 nm excitation pulses. The details of picosecond laser experimental system were described elsewhere.¹¹ The samples used were rigorously degassed by freeze-pump-thaw method (8 to 10 cycles each) on a high vacuum system (< 1 micron pressure) and sealed. The samples used in picosecond experiment are flowed. The concentration of the sample is adjusted for 0.5 A in the ground state absorption in the Q band region.

Results and Discussion

I. Ground State. Most metallophthalocyanines belong to

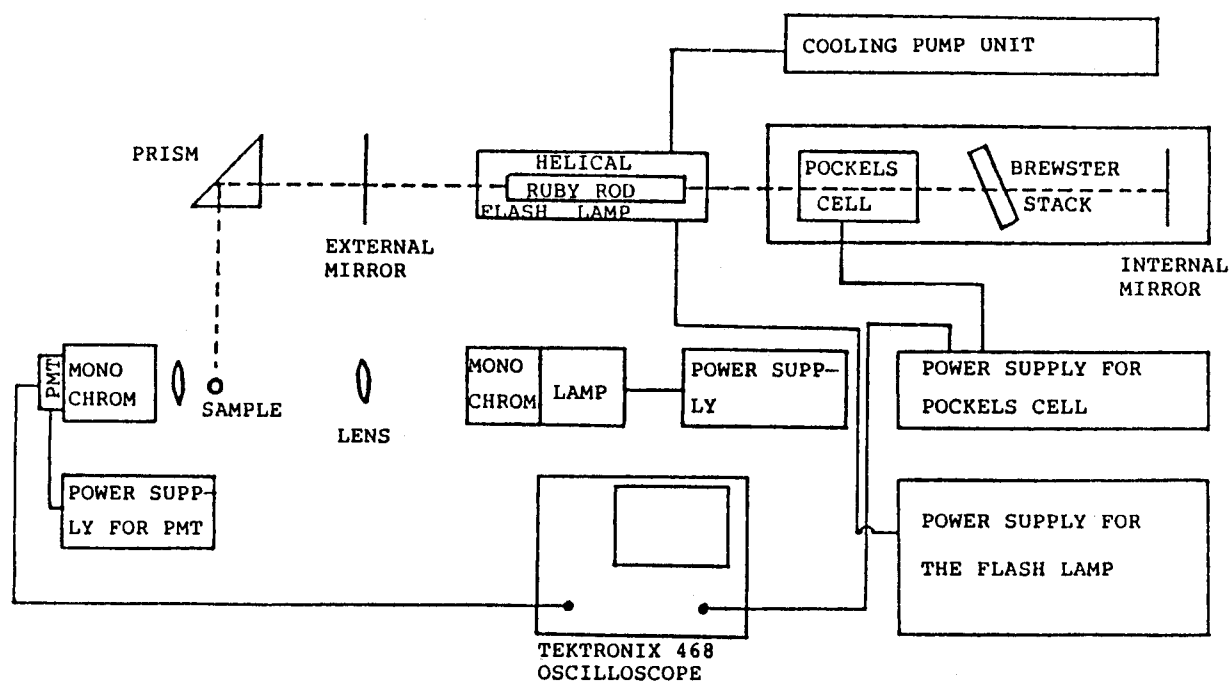


Figure 2. Block diagram of ruby laser system.

the point group D_{4h} . According to the development of Gouterman and coworkers,¹⁻³ the HOMO orbital is $a_{1u}(\pi)$ and the next low-lying filled orbital is $a_{2u}(\pi)$. The LUMO is $e_g(\pi^*)$. Transitions from a_{1u} and a_{2u} to e_g are responsible for two ${}^1E_u \rightarrow {}^1A_{1g}(\pi-\pi^*)$ transitions labeled as the Q band (13,300–16,500 cm^{-1}) and Soret band (22,300–31,200 cm^{-1}) characteristic of the spectra of all metallophthalocyanine species. In addition, metallophthalocyanines exhibit one or two weaker bands near 16,500 cm^{-1} attributable to vibrational overtones of the Q band.¹² Main group (closed shell) phthalocyanines show no electronic bands other than these below about 33,000 cm^{-1} . Several metallophthalocyanines exhibit fluorescence and/or phosphorescence from the 3E_u state associated with the Q band. Such phosphorescence is commonly seen near 9,500–10,500 cm^{-1} . Absorption of the 3E_u state, however, is strongly forbidden and is not observed. We have taken the ground state spectra of Mg-Pc and Zn-Pc in piperidine, DMSO and 1-chloronaphthalene. In piperidine and DMSO the Q band and Soret band are shifted to the red by 3–4 nm compared with in 1-Cl-naph. We conclude that there is a coordination change depending on solvents. Even though the separation of the peaks is too small to interpret the coordination number, it is believed that the sample makes 6-coordinated complex in piperidine and 5-coordinated complex or 5- and 6-coordinated mixture in DMSO. Our interpretation of these data comes mainly from the behavior in basic solvents of metalloporphyrins and bacteriochlorophylls.^{13,14}

II. Singlet State. Because of the limited solubility of Zn-Pc in 1-Cl-naph, only the Mg-Pc^{*} lifetime was measured in 1-Cl-naph, DMSO, and piperidine. The measured value was 5 ± 2 ns in DMSO. The error associated with this measurement is larger than the other compounds on our picosecond apparatus. In the other two solvents the lifetimes seem too long to detect within our picosecond system detection time range, and the data also looks much scattered in these two solvents. Furthermore, because the samples strongly fluoresce around the Q band region, we limited the picosecond laser work to the blue side of the Q band. That is another reason for scattering of data points in kinetics. However, we can roughly state that the coordination number of metal is important in the decay of the singlet states.

Therefore the out-of-plane metal geometry in DMSO which is expected in 5-coordination case seems to have an effect on ISC. This effect becomes even more pronounced, because there is no methine C-H bond vibrations in phthalocyanines to provide an effective route for radiationless decay. From the equation of Bowman's work,¹⁵ the integral $\langle n | \partial H / \partial Q | \text{metal } I_n^* \rangle$ is large since the electrons in the four metal-N coordination bonds in chlorophyll are strongly mixed with the p-orbitals on the nitrogen. Likewise, the integral $\langle n | H_{\text{so}} | \pi^* \rangle$ contains large one center contributions from atomic orbitals centered on the nitrogen atoms of Chl.. From these theoretical views, our data are explained qualitatively, especially shorter lifetime in DMSO.

III. Triplet State. The difference transient spectra for the formation of the triplet (Mg-Tc^{*}, Zn-Pc^{*}) were taken in 1-Cl-naph (not shown), DMSO and piperidine (Figure 3 and 4). These transient spectra are similar to those reported previously¹⁶⁻¹⁸ for some other metallophthalocyanines and show the same general characteristics of a broad absorption increase around 500 nm broken by the Q_x bleaching, a bleaching of the Q_y band, and a bleaching of the Soret band

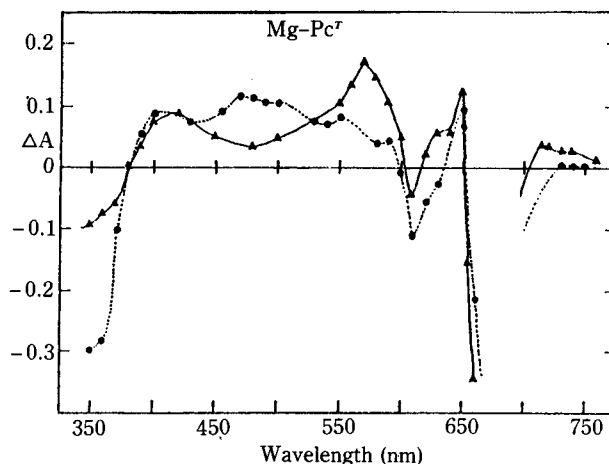


Figure 3. Transient state spectra for Mg(II) phthalocyanine in piperidine (Δ) at 100 μs delay and in DMSO ($\bullet$) at 40 μs delay following 35 ns, 100 mJ, 694 nm ruby laser flashes.

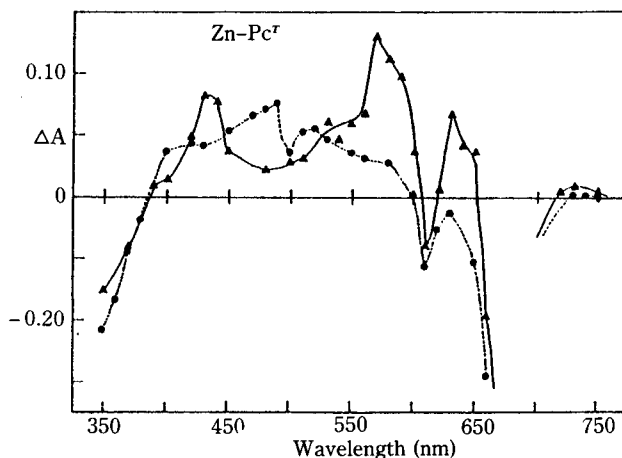


Figure 4. Transient state spectra for Zn(II) phthalocyanine in piperidine (Δ) at 100 μs delay and in DMSO ($\bullet$) at 40 μs delay following 35 ns, 100 mJ, 694 nm ruby laser flashes.

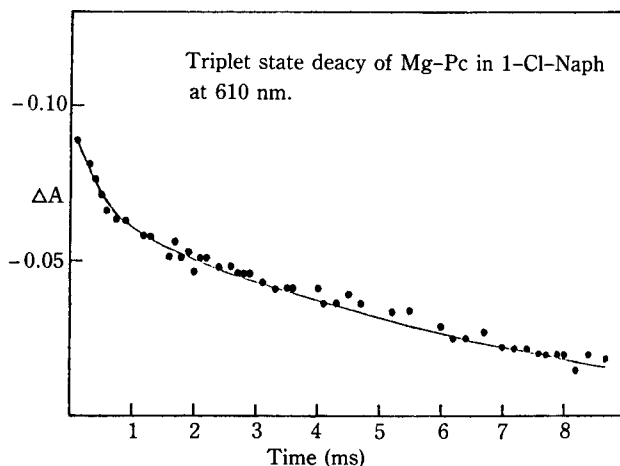


Figure 5. Triplet state decay curve for Mg(II) phthalocyanine in 1-chloronaphthalene following 35 ns, 100 mJ, 694 nm ruby laser flashes.

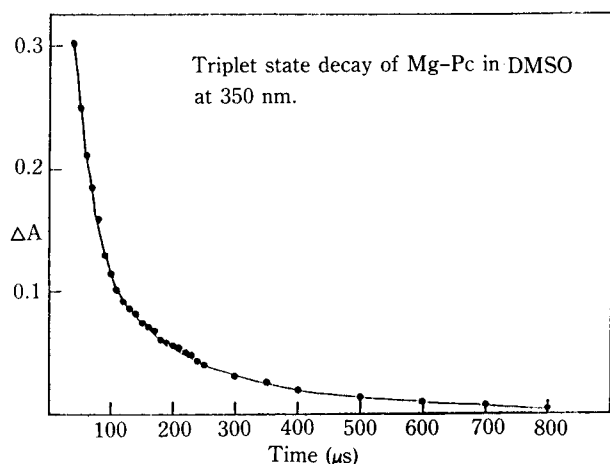


Figure 6. Triplet state decay curve for Mg(II) phthalocyanine in DMSO following 35 ns, 100 mJ, 694 nm ruby laser system.

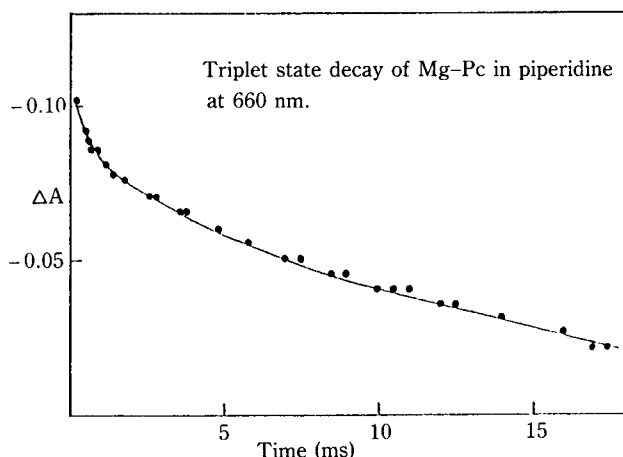


Figure 7. Triplet state decay curve for Mg(II) phthalocyanine in piperidine following 35 ns, 100 mJ, 694 nm ruby laser system.

around 360–370 nm regions. But a distinction between the triplet difference spectra in piperidine and in DMSO is the round and broad absorption around 500 nm. Also there is a discrepancy in the absorption at 570 nm. The absorption change at 390–400 nm is relatively small, this fact is useful in experiments described below for the identification of the Mg-Pc and Zn-Pc cation radicals. Representative decay curves for Mg-Pc⁺ in 1-chloronaphthalene, DMSO and piperidine are shown in Figures 5, 6, 7, respectively. Kinetics for the decay follow mixed first and second order kinetics or mainly second order kinetics depending on the solvents employed. The observed second order rate constant which has been multiplied by 9/5 to correct for the spin statistics associated with the formation of the singlet ground state from the interaction of two spin-one states.¹³

In Table 1, the values represent the average from several deoxygenated samples and from the decay curves at different wavelengths, mainly Q and Soret band regions. The average values of K_1 and K_2^{corr} in 1-Cl-naph and DMSO are taken by plotting first and second order mixed decay plot. However in piperidine, the second order decay processes are so

dominated and the average values are taken by plotting the second order decay. From these values it is easily notified that the kinetics is dependent on the solvents employed. In going from six- or four- to five-coordinated Zn- and Mg-phthalocyanines, the Mg and Zn atom moves out of plane of macrocycle. The resulting out-of-plane metal geometry has been suggested to increase the spin-orbit coupling and hence the triplet decay rate in chlorophyll by a factor of 1.75.¹⁵ The comparison between 6- and 4-coordinated species, it is inferred that the in-plane metal geometry is forced by two axial ligands bonding. Therefore this effect seems to decrease the spin-orbit coupling.

The other two possible factors is to shift the excited singlet state energy levels higher by the ligand coordination and to lower (n, π^*) transitions on the pyrrole nitrogens by increasing coordination numbers.¹⁹ However these two effects are not consistent to our results, especially six-coordinated species case.

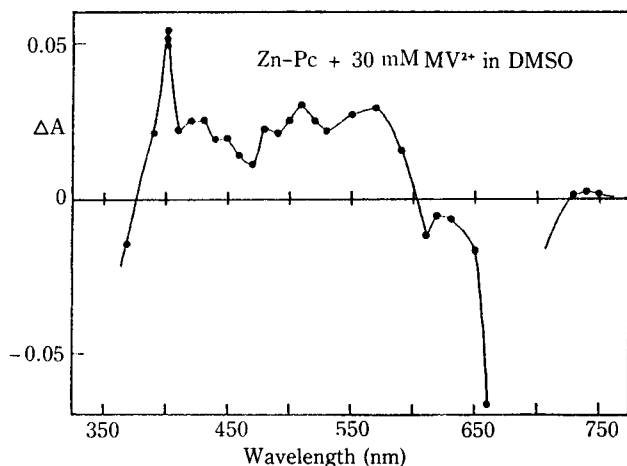
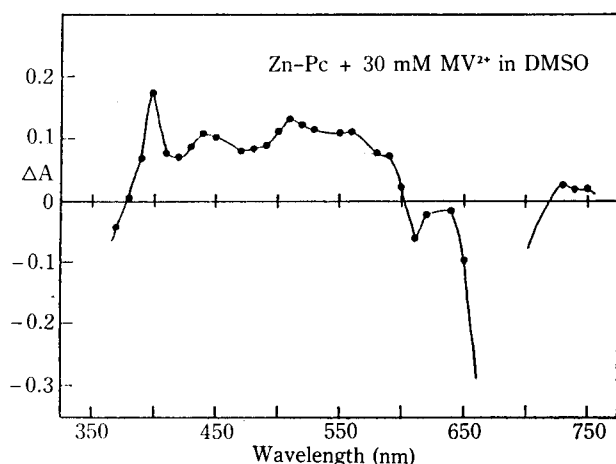
Another important mechanism of ISC is through C-H vibration but in metallophthalocyanines the carbon and hydrogen in the methine position of the macrocycle ring are replaced by nitrogen.¹⁵ Therefore the metal position on the macrocycle ring is more important factor than in Chl *a* case. However, it is unclear to explain the enormous kinetic behavior change between solvents. Especially in piperidine the triplet state is so long-lived, its decay process mainly through the second order kinetics. In DMSO, the triplet state becomes shorter-lived, the first order decay process participate in the overall decay. Finally in 1-Cl-naph, its decay process is a intermediate case between DMSO and piperidine cases, even though the data is so scattered because of limited solubility of the sample in 1-Cl-naph. The second order rate component of the triplet state (Table 1) shows a dependence on the diffusion rate constant in a particular solvent rather than a coordination number. The diffusion rate constant was estimated from the solvent viscosity and the Debye equation $k_{diff} = 8RT/(3000 \eta)$.²⁰

Triplet yields for Mg-Pc and Zn-Pc in DMSO were measured by changing the strength of a 35 ns at 694 nm ruby laser flash. The Φ_T was calculated from the initial slope of the absorbance change at the Soret band region. Our estimated values of Φ_T were 6% in Mg-Pc and 4% in Zn-Pc. These lower triplet yields are consistent with previous work.¹² A natural radiative lifetime in DMSO is estimated by using our measured value of singlet lifetime $\tau_s = 5 \pm 2$ ns and an estimated fluorescence quantum yield of previous work on Mg-Pc $\Phi_F = 0.6$.¹² By the equation $\Phi_F = \tau_s/\tau_F$, the natural radiative lifetime is about 8 ns. Also a yield for $S_1 - S_0$ is calculated as $\Phi_{IC} = 1 - (\Phi_F + \Phi_T) = 35\%$ for Mg-Pc in DMSO. These calculated quantum yield values generally are in the same range as in previous work.²¹

IV. Quenching by quinone and methylviologen. Several quenchers were added to Mg-Pc and Zn-Pc to characterize the electron transfer reaction. Electron transfer reaction from Mg-Pc and Zn-Pc to p-benzoquinone or methylviologen has not been well characterized in this work. The absorption change at 390–400 nm in the triplet states of Mg-Pc and Zn-Pc is relatively small, this fact is useful for the identification of the Mg-Pc and Zn-Pc cation radicals. The quenching experiments were done only in DMSO, because of the solubility in the other solvents. Figure 8 and 9 show the spectra obtained at 30 μ s delay after photolysis of Mg-Pc and Zn-Pc

Table 1. Kinetic Summary for Mg-Pc^r and Zn-Pc^r in 1-Cl-naph, DMSO and Piperidine

Solvent	Coordination	k_{diff} (M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)	K_1 (s ⁻¹)		K_2^{corr} (M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)	
			Mg	Zn	Mg	Zn
1-Cl-Naph	4	2.2×10^9	$(5 \pm 2) \times 10^3$	$(5 \pm 2) \times 10^3$	10^9	10^9
DMSO	5	3.3×10^9	$(2.3 \pm 0.3) \times 10^3$	$(3.7 \pm 0.3) \times 10^3$	2.6×10^9	2.2×10^9
Piperidine	6	4.8×10^9	—	—	4.5×10^9	4.6×10^9

**Figure 8.** Transient state spectrum for Mg(II) phthalocyanine with 30 mM methylviologen in DMSO at 30 μs delay following 35 ns, 100 mJ, 694 nm ruby laser flashes.**Figure 9.** Transient state spectrum for Zn(II) phthalocyanine with 30 mM methylviologen in DMSO at 30 μs delay following 35 ns, 100 mJ, 694 nm ruby laser flashes.

in MV²⁺ with 35 ns flashes at 694 nm. Both the spectral and kinetic data suggest that the difference spectra are a composite of those of Mg-Pc^r and Mg-Pc^t or Zn-Pc^r and Zn-Pc^t respectively. The rather sharp absorbance increase at 400 nm is a characteristic of the viologen monocation MV⁺, while the Mg-Pc^t produces the shoulder around 420 nm region.^{17,18}

Table 2. Kinetic Summary for Triplet State Quenching by MV²⁺ in DMSO

Solvent	K_1 (s ⁻¹)		K_2^{corr} (M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)		Sample
	660 nm	400 nm	660 nm	400 nm	
DMSO	1.3×10^4	6×10^9	5×10^8	5×10^8	Mg-Pc + 30 mM MV ²⁺
	2.4×10^3	1.6×10^9	3.4×10^8	3.4×10^8	Zn-Pc + 30 mM MV ²⁺

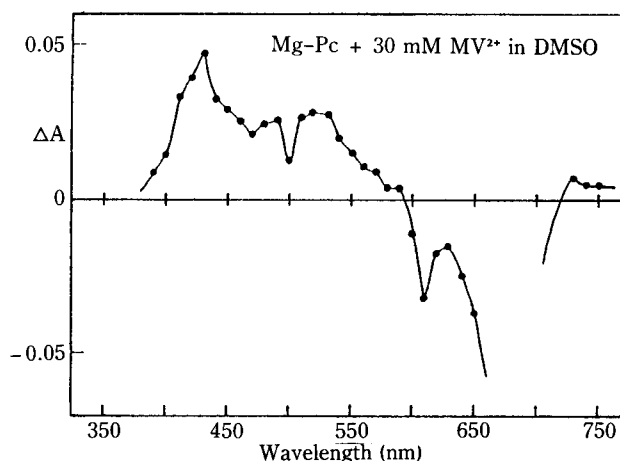
**Figure 10.** Transient state spectrum for Mg(II) phthalocyanine with 50 mM p-benzoquinone in DMSO at 30 μs delay following 35 ns, 100 mJ, 694 nm ruby laser flashes.

Table 2 tabulates mixdecay rate constants and second order rate constants depending on the wavelength. The rate constants taken at 400 nm represent major second order decay processes, while the rate constants at 660 nm produce the mixed first and second order decay processes. These observations stem from the fact that at 400 nm the triplet interference should be minimized, while at 660 nm the triplet species participate in overall decay processes. From these kinetic values, the recombination reactions between MV⁺ and Mg-Pc^t or Zn-Pc^t seem to be via the bimolecular processes with a rate constants a little lower than the diffusion rate constant of DMSO.^{17,18} However, at 660 nm the major component is triplet state of Mg-Pc or Zn-Pc, therefore the overall processes follow the mixdecay like in DMSO without a quencher.

The similar spectra is taken with Mg-Pc in 50 mM p-benzoquinone (Figure 10), the spectrum also shows a charac-

teristic of cation radical species at 420 nm, however for Zn-Pc the electron transfer reaction experiment in p-benzoquinone could not be done because of the decomposition in the ground state.

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Synthesis and Characterization of New Organotin (IV)-phenylenebisdithiocarbamate Complexes

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New di- and triorganotin(IV) complexes of meta- and para-phenylenebisdithiocarbamate(m- and p-pbdtc) have been synthesized and characterized by means of chemical analysis, mass spectrometry, and IR spectroscopy. The reaction of the m-pbdtc ligand with diorganotin(IV) halides resulted in 1:1 products, $R_2Sn \cdot m\text{-pbdtc}$ ($R = \text{Me, Cy, n-Bu}$) of dimeric nature whereas the p-pbdtc ligand led to an oligomeric or polymeric structure. The pbdtc ligands were also reacted with triorganotin(IV) halides to form monomeric complexes, $(R_3Sn)_2 \cdot pbdtc$. The tin coordination chemistry of these complexes were also discussed in terms of Sn-C and Sn-S bonding modes.

Introduction

Since the first report on phenyltin(IV) dithiocarbamates in 1965¹ dithiocarbamate complexes of alkyltin(IV) or aryltin(IV) with sulphur as the donor atom have been extensively studied with a view to establish relationship between structure and biological activity. The chemical and spectroscopic studies of these complexes have revealed that tin atom can expand its

coordination number above four and that dithiocarbamate ligand would be monodentate or bidentate.²⁻⁶ In the previous study⁷ diorganotin(IV) ethylenebisdithiocarbamate (ebdtc) complexes of the type $R_2Sn(S_2CNHCH_3)_2$ were synthesized in our laboratory and characterized by X-ray crystallographic study. In an effort to extend this chemistry we wish to report the syntheses and properties of the new organotin(IV) complexes of the m- and p-phenylenebisdithiocarbamate (m- and