Time-resolved Spectroscopy of Solar Harvesting Complexes

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The World's Energy Crisis



Energy's Tricky Tradeoffs

The world's "energy problem" is in fact a slew of technological and sociological challenges involving the use of the land, water, and air we share



Fossil Fuels are Solar Energy



Harvesting Solar Energy



...In a Laser Lab!





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Supramolecular Fullerene-Porphyrin Chemistry. Fullerene Complexation by Metalated "Jaws Porphyrin" Hosts

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Calix[4]arene-Linked Bisporphyrin Hosts for Fullerenes: Binding Strength, Solvation Effects, and Porphyrin–Fullerene Charge Transfer Bands

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How long is long-lived?



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Transient Absorption (TrA) Spectroscopy



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A broadband (white-light) laser overlaps the pump at the sample to measure absorbance at different time delays

FsTrA Spectroscopy system in The Photon Factory



Tunable pump laser: 300-3000 nm Supercontinuum probe: 430-1500 nm Delay stage time range: up to 4 ns

Detection cameras Andor iDus CCD 1024 x 127 active pixels Andor InGaAs 512 x 1 active pixels

FsTrA Spectroscopy system in The Photon Factory



FsTrA Data Analysis



http://www.photonfactory.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/home/photon-factory/pytra

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Modulating Charge Separation and Charge Recombination Dynamics in Porphyrin–Fullerene Linked Dyads and Triads: Marcus-Normal versus Inverted Region

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Fc-ZnP-C₆₀ (M=Zn) Fc-H₂P-C₆₀ (M=H₂)

Lifetime of charge separated state of up to 16 µs

FsTrA Results

Experiment parameters:

Hypothesis: charge separated state lives longer in triad than in dyad

Is it electron transfer?

It's the ligation, not the electron transfer

Lifetime Measurements Summary

Correlation between C₆₀.- **lifetime and V**

Marcus theory of

electron transfer

V = electronic coupling (in cm⁻¹)

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Approximation from charge transfer bands

What's next?

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$$V = \frac{2.06 \times 10^{-2} (\varepsilon_{\max} v_{\max} \Delta v_{1/2})^{1/2}}{R_{cc}}$$

Cyclohexane

Solvent	К _F (С ₆₀)	К' ₁₁	K′ ₁₂		К _F (С ₇₀)	K' ₁₁	K′ ₁₂
toluene	17,950	63,063	9,502		214,500	82,250	8,400
cyclohexane	1,815,106	52,068	8,500		4,317,136	148,733	15,085
		K ₁₁	K ₁₂	К' _F (С ₆₀)	К' _F (С ₇₀)		
toluene		K ₁₁ 23,650	K ₁₂ 4,400	К' _F (С ₆₀) 25,000	К'_F (С₇₀) 289,500		

PyTrA Analysis Package

Dispersion correction

Visualization

0.09

0.08

0.07

0.06

0.05

Sq2 0.04

0.03

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Singular value decomposition

Markov Chain Monte Carlo

