

**Take-Home Examination 2****Chemistry 262 - 60 points****December 6, 1996****Dr. Jay H. Baltisberger**

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**Please answer all questions, showing all calculations**

1. Suppose two molecules (A and B) dissolve in solution such that they form a complex (C) in the reaction:  $A + 2 B \rightarrow C$ . The molar absorptivities are  $\epsilon_A = 325 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $\epsilon_B = 0 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $\epsilon_C = 15500 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Calculate the equilibrium constant for the reaction, as well as the concentration of all species in solution, given that the absorbance of an equilibrium mixture is 1.970 in a 1 cm cell if the initial concentrations of both A and B were  $5.92 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ . (15 points)

*You know that  $[A_0] = [B_0] = 5.92 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ . At equilibrium,  $[A_{eq}] = 5.92 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M} - [C_{eq}]$ ,  $[B_{eq}] = 5.92 \times 10^{-3} - 2 [C_{eq}]$ . The observed absorption will be  $1.970 = l (\epsilon_A [A] + \epsilon_B [B] + \epsilon_C [C]) = 1 \text{ cm} (325 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1} (5.92 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M} - [C_{eq}]) + 15500 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1} [C_{eq}]) = 1.924 + 15175 \text{ M}^{-1} [C_{eq}]$ . This gives  $[C_{eq}] = 3.03 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$ ,  $[A_{eq}] = 5.92 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ ,  $[B_{eq}] = 5.92 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ . Since  $K = [C_{eq}] / [A_{eq}] [B_{eq}]^2 = 14.61$ .*

2. Suppose the fluorescence of a molecule is quenched by  $\text{Na}^+$  ions. If the measured lifetime is 8.1 ns in the absence of  $\text{Na}^+$  and 2.3 ns when  $[\text{Na}^+] = 0.0005 \text{ M}$ , calculate the rate constant  $k_Q$ . Calculate the intensity of a solution where  $[\text{Na}^+] = 0.0002 \text{ M}$  given that an unquenched solution has an intensity of 100. (15 points)

*Assume that  $\tau = (k_f + k_t + k_p + k_Q[Q])^{-1} = (K + k_Q[\text{Na}^+])^{-1}$ . If  $[\text{Na}^+] = 0 \text{ M}$  and  $\tau = 8.1 \text{ ns}$ , then  $K = 1/\tau = 1.23 \times 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Now we may solve for  $k_Q$  when  $[\text{Na}^+] = 0.0005 \text{ M}$ ,  $\tau = 2.3 \text{ ns}$  by inserting into the equation  $\tau = 2.3 \times 10^{-9} \text{ s} = (K + k_Q[\text{Na}^+])^{-1} = (1.23 \times 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1} + 0.0005 \text{ M } k_Q)^{-1}$ . This gives  $k_Q = 6.23 \times 10^{11} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1}$ . To calculate the intensity at 0.0002 M, we only need to compare  $\tau$  at this concentration to the unquenched  $\tau = 8.1 \text{ ns}$ . At this concentration,  $\tau = (1.23 \times 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1} + 0.0002 \text{ M } \times 6.23 \times 10^{11} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1})^{-1} = 4.03 \text{ ns}$  and thus  $\phi_f = (4.03 / 8.1) \times 100 = 49.78$ .*

3. Which of the following molecules will exhibit a pure rotational (microwave) spectrum? Which will exhibit a rotational raman spectrum? (15 points)

*To observe pure microwave spectrum, molecule must possess a dipole moment. To observe rotational raman spectrum, molecule must possess an anisotropic polarizability (changes upon rotation).*

$\text{SF}_6$  (octahedral) – *This molecule is completely symmetric and has no dipole moment, thus it exhibits neither variety of spectra.*

$\text{CO}_2$  (linear) – *This molecule has no dipole moment, so no rotational spectrum, but it does have an anisotropic polarizability (bond axis differs from perpendicular axis).*

$\text{NNO}$  (linear) – *This molecule has a dipole moment as well as anisotropic polarizability, thus exhibiting both spectra.*

$\text{XeF}_4$  (square planar) – *This molecule has no dipole moment, but it does have anisotropic polarizability, thus like  $\text{CO}_2$ , only rotational raman spectrum.*

4. Draw your expectation of what the 1D spectrum (i.e. what are the multiplicities for each different hydrogen type) as well as the 2D-COSY spectrum (i.e. what are the COSY connectivities between various hydrogens) for 2-chloro-4-ethyl-5-methyl-3-octanone would look like, assume that all protons are fully resolved. (15 points)

