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9. Outline of Research Findings:

A main object of this work was to probe electronic properties of large molecules using low temperature spectroscopic methods and by studying the effects of external fields on high resolution spectra.

The measurements of the Stark effect on the benzophenone crystal were completed. The dipole moments of the lowest ³ nπ* and ¹ nπ* states were obtained, by means of our Stark effect method, and found to be $\mu(^1n\pi^*) = 1.46 \text{ D}$, $\mu(^3n\pi^*) = 1.79 \text{ D}$. These values assume a ground state moment of 2.98 D, but the experimental value of $\Delta\mu_T/\Delta\mu_S$ (relative value of singlet and triplet dipole moments) is 0.78, and this is not dependent on ground state data. We believe this ratio is less than unity because it should be less difficult to separate two electrons in orthogonal orbitals when their spins are antiparallel.

A study of the singlet and triplet states of dichlorobenzophenone excitons in electric fields was completed. We achieved the first second-order Stark effect experiments on molecular solids in the study of the triplet exciton of this crystal: What was a single transition at zero-field became two exciton lines in the presence of an electric field. Our results suggest that this technique may be useful in probing anisotropic features of energy transfer processes by simultaneously examining the trap emissions and the exciton absorptions for different field directions. We also found $\Delta u_S = 1.29 \pm 0.06$ D and $\Delta u_T = 0.68 \pm 0.05$ D, again showing that $\Delta u_S > \Delta u_T$ for an aromatic ketone.

We have determined the dipole moment of the pyridine molecule in its lowest singlet ($\pi\pi^*$) state. This was done by measuring the energy of interaction between the dipolar molecules, dispersed in a single crystal of benzene at 1.6° K, and an external electric field. The result, $\Delta\mu = -3.2 \pm 0.1$ D, is confirmatory of traditional qualitative notions regarding the effect of promoting a nonbonding electron into an antibonding π - orbital. On the contrary, for pyridine N-oxide we have shown that $\Delta\mu = +0.71 \pm 0.03$ D for the lowest state, thereby demonstrating that this state is benzene-like $\pi\pi^*$. In both these systems (pyridine in benzene and pyridine - N - oxide in dichlorobenzene) we have used Stark effects to determine the orientation of the impurity molecule in the host

lattice, and in both cases the guest and host molecules are not aligned in any simply predictable fashion. These results present a challenge to the theory of the intermolecular forces that determine the orientations.

In other work we have completed a Zeeman effect study of solid carbon disulphide that showed the correctness of assignments based on applications of theory to gas phase spectra.

These studies have contributed greatly to our understanding of electronic processes in large molecules in the condensed phase, and they are a necessary adjunct to more mechanistic studies concerned with electronic behavior and relaxation in molecular crystals.