LASER INDUCED FLUORESCENCE AND LIFETIME MEASUREMENTS OF ORGANIC RADICALS

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Different isomers of vinoxy radical were produced in a pulsed supersonic expansion by excimer laser photolysis at 193 nm. The \tilde{B} to \tilde{X} electronic transitions were probed by laser induced fluorescence. The spectra are complicated. We find as many as 30 bands over a 2700 cm⁻¹ interval. We have measured fluorescence lifetimes of many of these bands. The lifetimes decrease slowly toward higher energies to as short as 25 ns and then the bands abruptly end. Comparisons with *ab initio* work will be discussed.