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temperature		h _{pp} ^b	ΔH _{pp} ^b	Ip	[PhCNSNS]°	
t (°C)	T (°K)	(mm)	(G)		(M)	
+20	293	89	1.80	288	0.0380	
+5	278	128	1.44	265	0.0350	
-10	263	153	1.28	252	0.0335	
-25	248	166	1.19	235	0.0310	
-40	233	168	1.14	218	0.0290	
-55	218	143	1.12	180	0.0237	
-70	203	127	1.07	145	0.0191	

Table S1 ESR Parameters and Concentrations of PhCNSNS^{.a} at Various Temperatures

(a) PhCNSNS[.] was generated by reduction of PhCNSNSAsF₆ (0.0139 g, 0.0376 mmol) with SbPh₃ (0.053 g, 0.15 mmol)/Me₄NCl (0.031 g, 0.28 mmol) in SO₂ (0.055 g)/CFCl₃ (1.417 g) mixture. (b) The h_{pp} and ΔH_{pp} stand for the peak height (arbitrary unit) and peak-to-peak width (in Gauss) respectively for the most upfield peak of the ESR spectra of PhCNSNS[.] (1:1:1 triplet); the I stands for the intensity of this peak, formulated as

$$I = h_{pp} \times \Delta H_{pp}^{2}$$

which is directly proportional to the concentration of the PhCNSNS⁻ monomer.

(c) The concentrations (C) of PhCNSNS[.] at various temperatures are determined using the formula

$$C = (C_0 I) / I_0$$

 C_0 and I_0 stand for the concentration and intensity of ESR spectrum of PhCNSNS[.] at +20 °C respectively. The dimerization of

(Table S1 continued)

PhCNSNS[.] at this temperature (ca. 3%) is reasonably negligible, therefore the initial concentration C_0 can be obtained based on the amount of original PhCNSNSAsF₆ added.

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Table S2 Equilibria Constants of the Dimerization^a of PhCNSNS[.]

temperature		[PhCNSNS [.]]	$[(PhCNSNS')_2]^a$	Kª	lnK
T(K)	$1/T(10^{3}K^{-1})$	(M)	(M)		
293	3.41	0.0380			
278	3.60	0.0350	0.0015	1.22	0.20
263	3.80	0.0335	0.0023	2.05	0.72
248	4.03	0.0310	0.0035	3.64	1.29
233	4.29	0.0290	0.0045	5.35	1.68
218	4.59	0.0237	0.0072	12.8	2.55
203	4.93	0.0191	0.0095	26.04	3.26

at Various Temperatures

a) There is an equilibrium between PhCNSNS^{\cdot} monomer (R) and dimer (R₂) in solution as follows:

$2 R \leftrightarrow R_2$

The dimerization equilibrium constant (K) can be formulated as

$$K = [R_2]/[R]^2$$

where $[R_2] = 1/2$ ($[R]_0 - [R]$), and $[R]_0$ represents the initial concentration of PhCNSNS[.] radical.

The concentrations of PhCNSNS[.] monomer [R] at various temperatures were determined by ESR spectroscopy.

The dimerization enthalpy (ΔH_d°) and entropy (ΔS_d°) were determined from the slope and intercept of lnK v.s. 1/T plot respectively according to the following equation:

$$\ln K = -\Delta H_d^{0} / RT + \Delta S_d^{0} / R$$

The linear relationship of lnK with 1/T (correlation coefficient 0.98) was established by computer regression analysis

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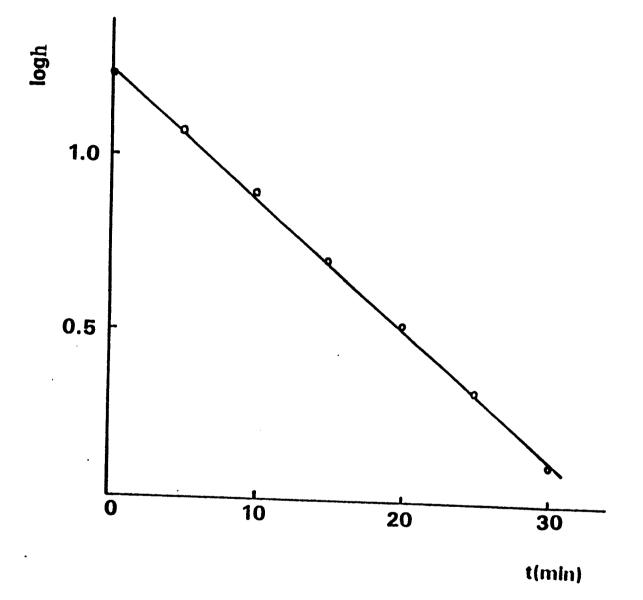
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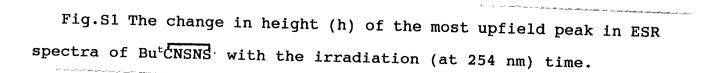
$$slope = -\Delta H_{d}^{\circ}/R = 2.28(2) \times 10^{3}$$

intercept = $\Delta S_{d}^{\circ}/R = -8.00(9)$
Therefore, $\Delta H_{d}^{\circ} = -19.0(2)$ kJ/mol and $\Delta S_{d}^{\circ} = -66.5(7)$ kJ/Kmol.
T = 298 K: $\Delta G_{298}^{\circ} = \Delta H_{d}^{\circ} - 298\Delta S_{d}^{\circ} = 817$ J/mol
 $\Delta G_{298}^{\circ} = -298 ln K_{298}$ K₂₉₈ = 0.72
At 298 K, the percentage of dimerization of 0.02 M PhCNSNS⁻ is ca

3%.

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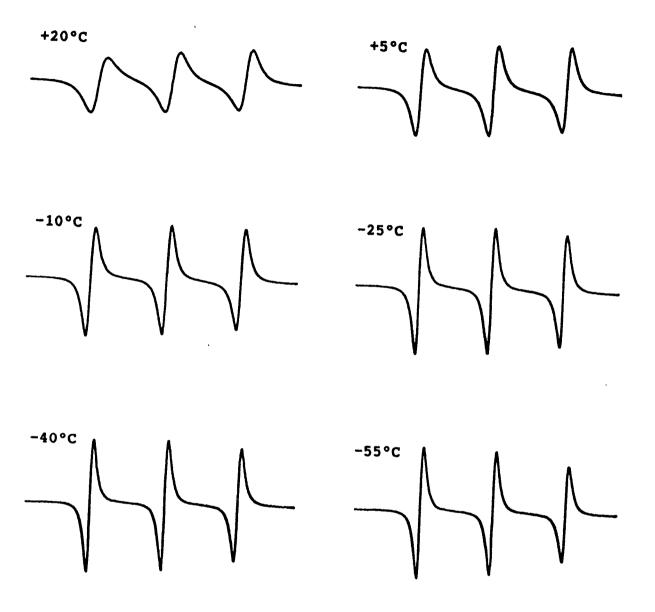
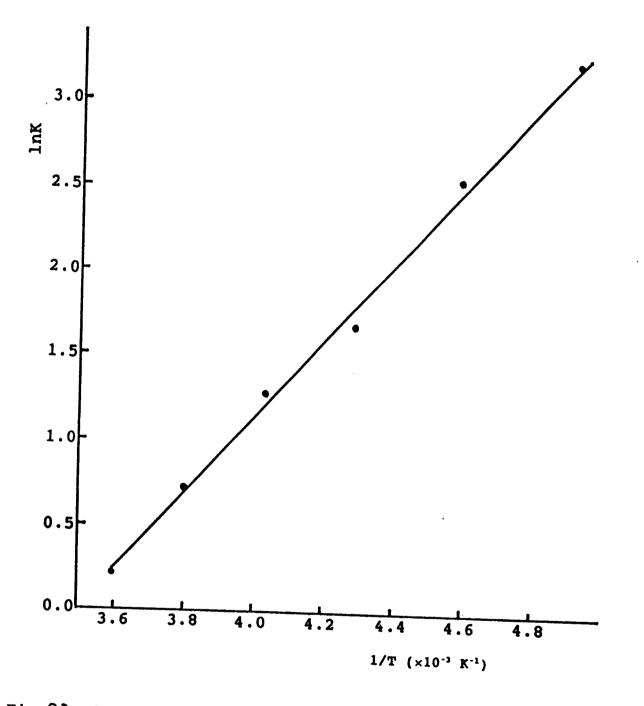
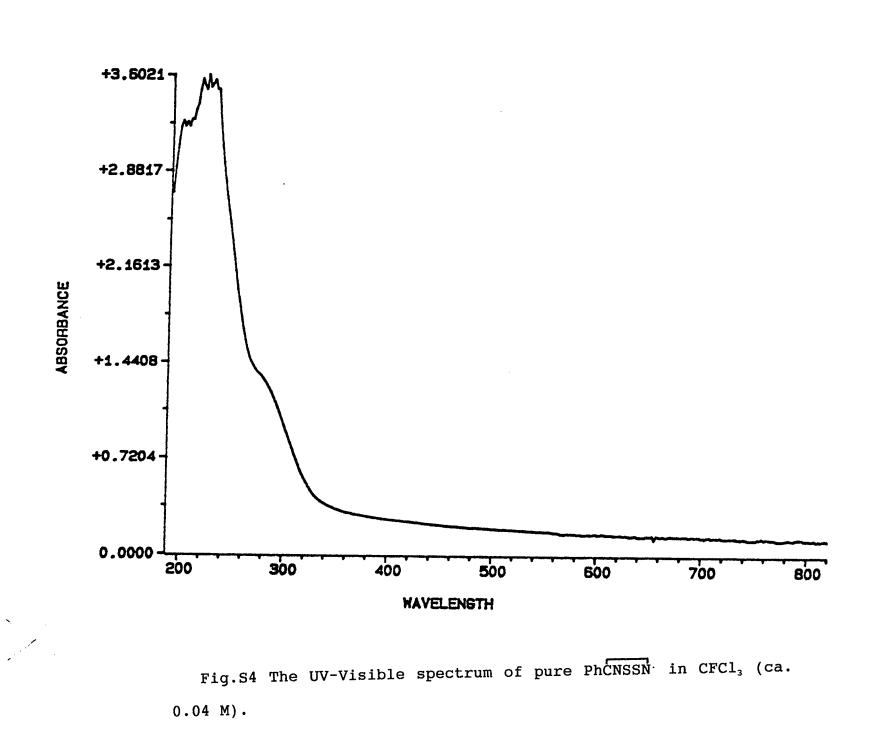


Fig.S2 The ESR spectra of PhCNSNS' radical (0.038 M) at various temperatures.



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Fig.S3 The plot of logarithm of the equilibrium constant (K) of PhCNSNS dimerization against the reciprocal of the absolute temperature.



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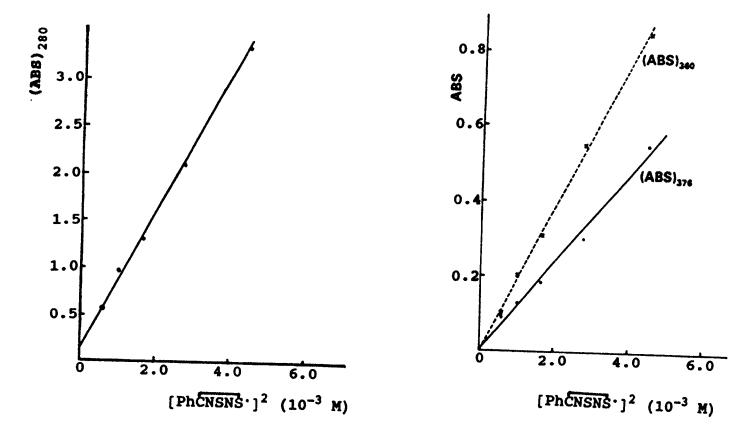


Fig. 55 The relationship between the absorbances of bands (at 280, 360 and 376 nm) in the simulated UV-Vis spectra of PhCNSNS⁻ and the square of the initial concentration of PhCNSNS⁻ (A) monomer [A]².