

## Synthesis and Properties of *N*-Alkyl-*N'*-aryl-3,4:9,10-Perylenebis(dicarboximide)

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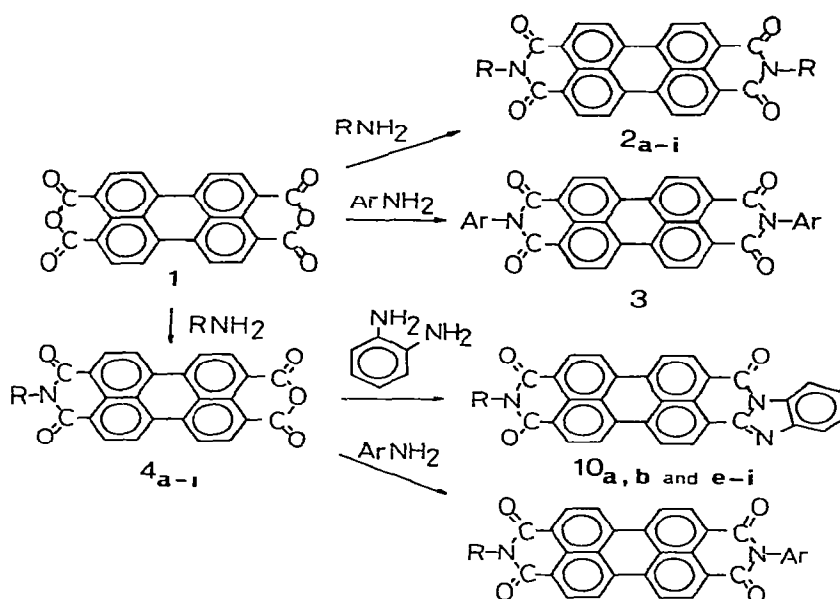
### SUMMARY

*N'*-Alkyl-*N'*-aryl-3,4,9,10-perylenebis(dicarboximide) (alkyl = isobutyl, pentyl, hexyl, octyl, etc., aryl = phenyl, p-tolyl, p-methoxyphenyl, etc.) were prepared by the condensation of *N*-alkyl-3,4,9,10-perylene-tetracarboxylic monoanhydride monoimide with arylamines (aniline, p-toluidine, p-anisidine, o-phenylenediamine, etc.). The properties of these derivatives as pigments were tested, and also the thermal stability of 3,4,9,10-perylenebis(dicarboximide) derivatives was measured.

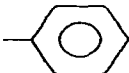
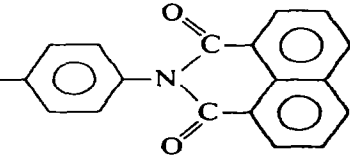
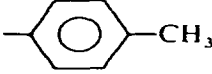
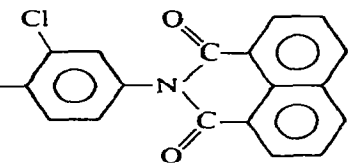
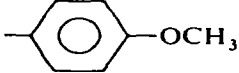
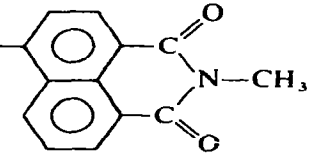
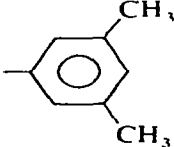
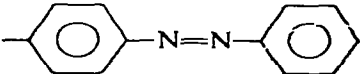
### 1. INTRODUCTION

In general symmetrical 3,4:9,10-perylenebis(dicarboximide)s (2 and 3) have excellent resistance to light, heat, and solvents. Some of them are used as dyes or pigments. Recently there have been reported several studies of their application as organic photoconductors in electroreprography<sup>1–4</sup> and for colouring plastics<sup>5–8</sup>. One characteristic of these compounds is said to be their excellent heat resistance, but detailed measurements have not been previously reported.

Earlier papers<sup>9,10</sup> describe the preparation of *N*-alkyl-*N'*-aryl-3,4,9,10-perylenebis(dicarboximide) (alkyl = H, methyl, ethyl, propyl, and butyl) (5–9<sub>(a-e)</sub> and 10<sub>a,b</sub>) by the condensation of *N*-alkyl-3,4,9,10-perylene-tetracarboxylic monoanhydride monoimide (4<sub>a-e</sub>) with aromatic amines. In this paper the preparation of similar derivatives with alkyl = isobutyl,



Compd	B	Compd	B
a	H	f	$CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$
b	$CH_3$	g	$(CH_2)_4CH_3$
c	$CH_2CH_3$	h	$(CH_3)_5CH_3$
d	$(CH_2)_2CH_3$	i	$(CH_2)_7CH_3$
e	$(CH_2)_3CH_3$		

Compd	Ar	Compd	Ar
5a-i		11h,i	
6a-i		12b,i	
7a-i		13b,i	
8a-c,h,i			
9a-i			

pentyl, hexyl, octyl, etc. (5-7<sub>(f-i)</sub>, 8<sub>h,i</sub>, 9<sub>f-i</sub>, 10<sub>e-i</sub>, and 11-13<sub>(h,i)</sub>), is described. An extended series of aromatic amines has been used in condensation reactions. The properties of the derivatives as pigments have been tested, and also the thermal stability of 3,4:9,10-perylenebis(dicarboximide) derivatives (2, 3, and 5-13) has been examined to determine the effects of *N*-substituents on the heat resistance

## 2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 2.1. Preparation of 5-7<sub>(f-i)</sub>, 8<sub>h,i</sub>, 9<sub>f-i</sub>, 10<sub>e-i</sub>, and 11-13<sub>(h,i)</sub>

The *N*-alkyl-*N'*-aryl-3,4:9,10-perylenebis(dicarboximide)s (5-7<sub>(f-i)</sub>, 8<sub>h,i</sub>, 9<sub>f-i</sub>, 10<sub>e-i</sub>, and 11-13<sub>(h,i)</sub>) prepared by the condensation of *N*-alkyl-3,4:9,10-perylenetetracarboxylic monoanhydride monoimide (4<sub>e-i</sub>) with arylamines are listed in Table 1. Their structures were confirmed by elemental analysis, absorption spectra, and IR or MS spectra. These data are given in Table 2. Among these compounds, 5-7<sub>(f-i)</sub> and 10<sub>e-i</sub> were prepared in good yield (87-99%). The reaction with *p*-toluidine and *p*-anisidine gave good yields even at lower temperatures, but a higher temperature was necessary for the reaction with *o*-phenylenediamine because it included a cyclization step, as Maki and Hashimoto<sup>11</sup> reported with respect to the reaction of 3,4:9,10-perylenetetracarboxylic dianhydride (1) with *o*-phenylenediamine. The reactivities of the arylamines were in agreement with previous results.<sup>10</sup>

In the visible spectra in 95% conc. sulphuric acid solution  $\lambda_{\max}$  was 600-601 nm for 5-9, 620-622 nm for 10, and 595-600 nm for 11-13. No difference in  $\lambda_{\max}$  due to the alkyl group was found. The long  $\lambda_{\max}$  of 10 was due to its benzimidazole residue. All the IR spectra indicate  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  of imide: 1690-1698 and 1650-1657 cm<sup>-1</sup> for 5-9, 1685-1687 and 1650-1651 cm<sup>-1</sup> for 10, and 1680-1688 and 1637-1644 for 11-13. No differences in  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  due to alkyl group were found, but again 10 displayed a different value due to its benzimidazole residue. Mass spectra for 5-8 and 10<sub>e-h</sub> show the corresponding molecular ion peak. But mass spectra for 9<sub>f-i</sub>, 10<sub>i</sub>, and 11-13 were not obtained because of their low volatility.

### 2.2. Properties of 3,4:9,10-perylenebis(dicarboximide) derivatives

The properties of 5-7<sub>(f-i)</sub>, 8<sub>h,i</sub>, 9<sub>f-i</sub>, 10<sub>e-i</sub> and 11-13<sub>(h,i)</sub> as pigments were tested by methods similar to those previously described.<sup>10</sup> Figure 1 shows

**TABLE 1**  
Reaction Conditions for the Preparation of 3,4 9,10-Perylenebis(dicarboximide)s (5-13)

Starting compound	Wt (g)	Arylamine	Wt (g)	Temp. (°C)	Time (h)	Product	Yield (%)
$4_t$	1.0	Aniline	30	183	7	$5_t$	95
		<i>p</i> -Toluidine	30	125	7	$6_t$	96
		<i>p</i> -Anisidine	30	185	7	$7_t$	97
		<i>p</i> -Aminoazobenzene	5.0 <sup>a</sup>	235	10	$9_t$	73
$4_z$	1.0	Aniline	30	183	7	$5_z$	99
		<i>p</i> -Toluidine	30	125	7	$6_z$	96
		<i>p</i> -Anisidine	30	185	7	$7_z$	96
		<i>p</i> -Aminoazobenzene	5.0 <sup>a</sup>	235	8	$9_z$	75
$4_h$	1.0	Aniline	30	183	7	$5_h$	87
		<i>p</i> -Toluidine	25	105	11	$6_h$	97
		<i>p</i> -Anisidine	30	125	7	$7_h$	99
		3,5-Xyldine	2.0 <sup>a</sup>	233	7	$8_h$	91
		<i>p</i> -Aminoazobenzene	5.0 <sup>a</sup>	233	6	$9_h$	86
		<i>N</i> -(4-Aminophenyl)-1,8-naphthalenedicarboximide	2.0 <sup>a</sup>	233	12	$11_h$	83
		<i>N</i> -(4-Amino-3-chlorophenyl)-1,8-naphthalenedicarboximide	2.0 <sup>a</sup>	233	12	$12_h$	58
		<i>N</i> -Methyl-4-amino-1,8-naphthalenedicarboximide	2.0 <sup>a</sup>	233	12	$13_h$	79
$4_i$	1.0	Aniline	30	183	7	$5_i$	96
		<i>p</i> -Toluidine	30	185	7	$6_i$	94
		<i>p</i> -Anisidine	30	125	7	$7_i$	92
		3,5-Xyldine	5.0 <sup>a</sup>	233	7	$8_i$	88
		<i>p</i> -Aminoazobenzene	5.0 <sup>a</sup>	233	7	$9_i$	93
		<i>N</i> -(4-Aminophenyl)-1,8-naphthalenedicarboximide	2.0 <sup>a</sup>	233	12	$11_i$	43
		<i>N</i> -(4-Amino-3-chlorophenyl)-1,8-naphthalenedicarboximide	2.0 <sup>a</sup>	233	12	$12_i$	66
		<i>N</i> -Methyl-4-amino-1,8-naphthalenedicarboximide	2.0 <sup>a</sup>	233	12	$13_i$	42
$4_c$	2.0	<i>o</i> -Phenylenediamine	8.0	250	8	$10_c$	91
$4_f$	3.0	<i>o</i> -Phenylenediamine	12	250	8	$10_f$	94
$4_g$	3.0	<i>o</i> -Phenylenediamine	12	250	8	$10_g$	93
$4_h$	1.0	<i>o</i> -Phenylenediamine	4.0	250	8	$10_h$	90
$4_j$	1.0	<i>o</i> -Phenylenediamine	4.0	250	8	$10_j$	91

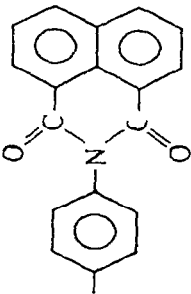
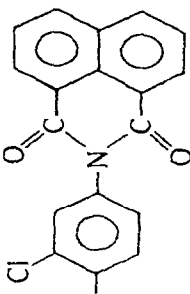
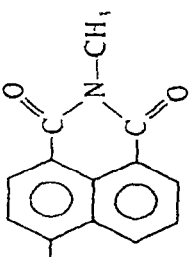
<sup>a</sup> Added with 50 ml of quinoline

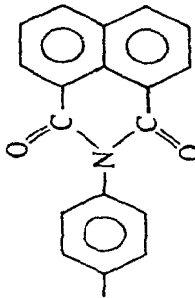
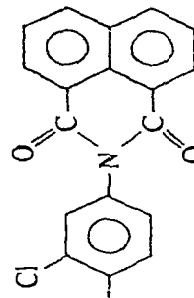
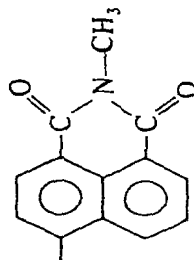
TABLE 2  
Analytical and Spectral Data for 3,4,9,10-Perylenebis(dicarboximide)s (5-13)

Compound	R	Ar	Analysis (%)			$H_2SO_4$ $\lambda_{max}$ (nm)	IR(KBr) $\nu_{C=O}$ ( $cm^{-1}$ ) Imide	MS(m/e) ( $M^+$ )
			Found (Calculated)	C	H	N		
5 <sub>f</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Phenyl	78.53 4.06 5.47 (78.15 4.24 5.36)				1697 1657	522
6 <sub>f</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	p-Tolyl	78.82 4.33 5.15 (78.34 4.51 5.22)				1695 1654	536
7 <sub>f</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	p-Methoxyphenyl	76.10 4.18 5.08 (76.08 4.38 5.07)				1697 1655	552
9 <sub>f</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	p-Phenylazophenyl	76.02 4.09 10.37 (76.67 4.18 8.94)				1690 1652	—
5 <sub>g</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Phenyl	78.25 4.36 5.28 (78.38 4.51 5.22)				1698 1654	536
6 <sub>g</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	p-Tolyl	78.53 4.57 5.37 (78.53 4.76 5.91)				1698 1652	550
7 <sub>g</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	p-Methoxyphenyl	76.22 4.42 5.05 (76.31 4.62 4.94)				1697 1655	560
9 <sub>g</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	p-Phenylazophenyl	76.50 4.49 9.13 (76.86 4.40 8.74)				1690 1652	—
5 <sub>h</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Phenyl	78.20 4.69 5.18 (78.53 4.76 5.09)				1690 1651	550
6 <sub>h</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	p-Tolyl	78.72 4.73 5.06 (78.71 5.00 4.95)				1697 1652	564
7 <sub>h</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	p-Methoxyphenyl	76.74 4.25 5.02 (76.54 4.86 4.82)				1697 1652	580
8 <sub>h</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	3,5-Dimethylphenyl	79.06 5.10 4.91 (78.87 5.23 4.84)				1689 1651	578

(continued)

TABLE 2—contd

Compound	R	Ar	Analysis (%) Found (Calculated)	H <sub>2</sub> SO $\lambda_{\max}$ (nm)	IR(KBr) $\nu_{C=O}$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) Imide	MS(m/e) (M <sup>+</sup> )
9 <sub>h</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	<i>p</i> -Phenylazophenyl	77.62 4.47 7.68 (77.05 4.62 8.56)	600	1688 1650	—
11 <sub>h</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		77.41 4.12 5.63 (77.94 3.41 5.68)	600	1688 1638	—
12 <sub>h</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		73.32 3.75 5.10 (74.47 3.12 5.43)	598	1682 1642	—
13 <sub>h</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		74.92 4.15 5.75 (76.21 3.42 6.20)	596	1680 1637	—
5 <sub>i</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Phenyl	78.94 5.27 4.95 (78.87 5.23 4.84)	600	1692 1652	578
6 <sub>i</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	<i>p</i> -Tolyl	79.63 5.15 4.98 (79.03 5.44 4.73)	601	1698 1653	592
7 <sub>i</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	<i>p</i> -Methoxyphenyl	77.44 4.96 4.76 (76.96 5.30 4.60)	601	1697 1653	608

8 <sub>i</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	3,5-Dimethylphenyl	79.32 5.53 4.69 (79.12 5.65 4.62)	601	1694 1653	606
9 <sub>i</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	p-Phenylazophenyl	77.69 5.02 8.21 (77.40 5.02 8.21)	600	1688 1647	—
11 <sub>i</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		77.52 4.32 5.34 (74.86 3.52 5.24)	600	1685 1638	—
12 <sub>i</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		74.10 4.34 5.47 (74.86 3.52 5.24)	597	1683 1644	—
13 <sub>i</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		73.95 4.54 5.35 (76.59 3.86 5.95)	595	1680 1643	—
10 <sub>e</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		78.49 3.82 8.06 (78.60 4.07 8.9)	620	1685 1650	519
10 <sub>f</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>		78.56 3.84 8.34 (78.60 4.07 8.09)	620	1687 1650	519
10 <sub>g</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		77.12 4.51 7.21 (78.78 4.34 7.81)	620	1685 1650	533
10 <sub>h</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		78.03 4.31 9.18 (78.96 4.60 7.67)	622	1687 1651	547
10 <sub>i</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		78.97 4.81 7.69 (79.29 5.08 7.30)	620	1687 1651	—

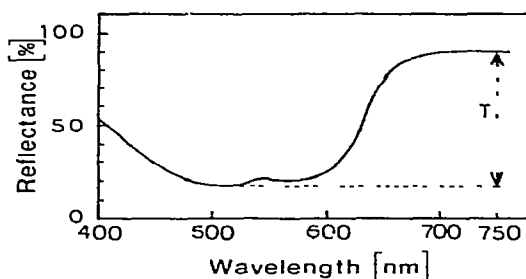


Fig. 1. Spectral reflectance curves of *N*-pentyl-*N'*-(*p*-tolyl)-3,4,9,10-perylenebis(dicarboximide) (**6<sub>g</sub>**)

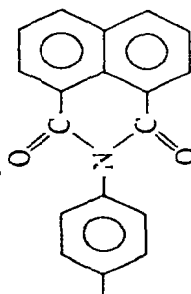
a typical spectral reflectance curve. All compounds showed greater reflectance in the long wavelength region which indicates a reddish colour. *T* values (reflectance maximum – minimum) were calculated from reflectance curves. The differences of the *T* values of the compounds were in agreement with the observed tinting strengths, so *T* values could be used conveniently for the evaluation of tinting strength. The lightfastness of the compounds was determined by light exposure in a fadeometer. Table 3 shows the colour, tinting strength (expressed as *T*%) and lightfastness values obtained. Compounds **5–7<sub>(f–i)</sub>** and **8<sub>h</sub>**, all gave reddish violet or reddish brown shades. **9<sub>f–i</sub>** gave dark reddish violet, and **11–13<sub>(h–i)</sub>** gave a brown violet shade. Compounds **10<sub>e–i</sub>** gave blue violet shades. The tinting strengths of **5–7<sub>(f–i)</sub>** were much the same as those of the lower alkyl compounds. The lightfastness standard was excellent, as was found also with the lower alkyl compounds.<sup>10</sup>

The thermal stabilities of unsubstituted (**2<sub>a</sub>**), *N,N'*-dibutyl- (**e<sub>g</sub>**), *N,N'*-diphenyl-, and *N*-butyl-*N'*-phenylperylenebis(dicarboximide) (**5<sub>g</sub>**) are shown in Fig. 2 as typical TG curves for *N,N'*-dialkyl-, *N,N'*-diaryl-, and *N*-alkyl-*N'*-arylperylenebis(dicarboximide)s. All weight losses were exothermic as shown by DTA curves. The one-step weight loss and the highest decomposition temperature are shown for **2<sub>a</sub>**. The one-step but slow initial weight loss and lower decomposition temperature is shown for *N,N'*-diphenylperylenebis(dicarboximide). In this case the decomposition is considered to be initiated by the degradation of *N* and *N'*-substituted phenyl groups. Curves for **2<sub>e</sub>** and **5<sub>e</sub>** show two-step weight loss. The initial slow weight losses of 23% (up to 480°C) for **2<sub>e</sub>** and 11% (up to 460°C) for **5<sub>e</sub>** correspond to the degradation of each butyl group. The degradation of the butyl group in **5<sub>e</sub>** is initiated at a higher temperature than



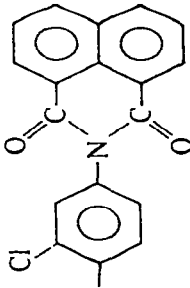
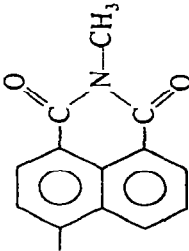
TABLE 3  
Properties of 3,4,9,10-Perylenebis(dicarboximide)s (5-13)

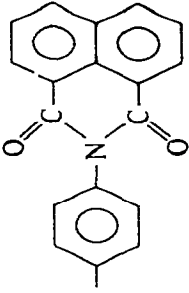
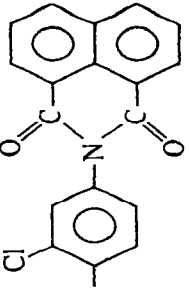
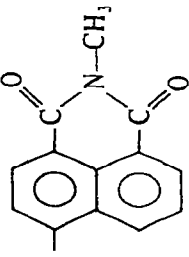
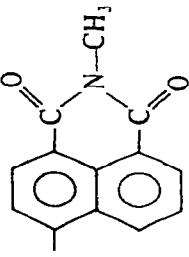
Compound	R	Ar	Colour	Tinting strength $T(\%)^a$	Lightfastness (Blue scale)
5 <sub>f</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Phenyl	Reddish violet	66	8
6 <sub>f</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<i>p</i> -Tolyl	Reddish violet	69	8
7 <sub>f</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<i>p</i> -Methoxyphenyl	Reddish violet	59	8
9 <sub>f</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<i>p</i> -Phenylazophenyl	Dark reddish violet	29	8
5 <sub>g</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Phenyl	Reddish violet	64	8
6 <sub>g</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	<i>p</i> -Tolyl	Reddish violet	73	8
7 <sub>g</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	<i>p</i> -Methoxyphenyl	Reddish brown	56	8
9 <sub>g</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	<i>p</i> -Phenylazophenyl	Dark reddish violet	36	8
5 <sub>h</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Phenyl	Reddish violet	63	8
6 <sub>h</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	<i>p</i> -Tolyl	Reddish brown	75	8
7 <sub>h</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	<i>p</i> -Methoxyphenyl	Reddish brown	67	8
8 <sub>h</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	3,5-Dimethylphenyl	Reddish violet	67	8
9 <sub>h</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	<i>p</i> -Phenylazophenyl	Dark reddish violet	33	7
11 <sub>h</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		Brown violet	36	8



(continued)

TABLE 3—*contd*

Compound	R	Ar	Colour	Tinting strength $\pi\%$ <sup>a</sup>	Lightfastness (Blue scale)
12 <sub>h</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		Reddish violet	43	7
13 <sub>h</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		Brown violet	45	8
5 <sub>i</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Phenyl	Reddish violet	67	8
6 <sub>i</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	<i>p</i> -Tolyl	Reddish violet	62	8
7 <sub>i</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	<i>p</i> -Methoxyphenyl	Reddish violet	66	8
8 <sub>i</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	3,5-Dimethylphenyl	Reddish violet	72	8
9 <sub>i</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	<i>p</i> -Phenylazophenyl	Dark reddish violet	37	7

11 <sub>i</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		Brown violet	32	8
12 <sub>i</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		Reddish violet	43	7
13 <sub>i</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		Brown violet	41	8
10 <sub>e</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		Bluish violet	46	8
10 <sub>f</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>		Bluish violet	54	8
10 <sub>g</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		Bluish violet	48	8
10 <sub>h</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		Dark violet	23	7
10 <sub>i</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		Dark violet	18	7

<sup>a</sup> T, Reflectance maxima (750 nm) – minima

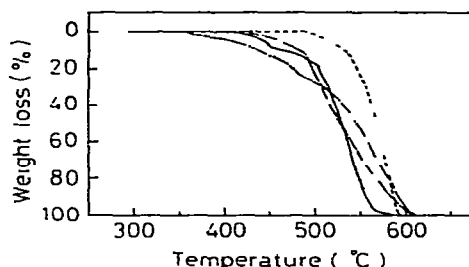


Fig. 2. Thermogravimetric curves for 3,4,9,10-perylenebis(dicarboximide) at a heating rate of  $10^{\circ}\text{C min}$  in air: - - - 3,4,9,10-Perylenebis(dicarboximide) ( $2_a$ ); — —,  $N,N'$ -bisphenyl-3,4,9,10-perylenebis(dicarboximide); — —,  $N,N'$ -dibutyl-3,4,9,10-perylenebis(dicarboximide) ( $2_c$ ); — —,  $N$ -butyl- $N$ -phenyl-3,4,9,10-perylenebis(dicarboximide) ( $5_c$ ); ····, 3,4,9,10-perylenebis(dicarboximide) ( $2_e$ ).

that for  $2_c$ . These phenomenon were shown for other  $N,N'$ -dialkyl-,  $N,N'$ -diaryl-, and  $N$ -alkyl- $N'$ -arylperylenebis(dicarboximide)s. All the decompositions of  $N,N'$ -disubstituted perylenebis(dicarboximide)s are considered to be initiated with the degradation of  $N$ -substituents, and the decomposition of  $N$ -alkyl- $N'$ -arylperylenebis(dicarboximide) is considered to be initiated first with the degradation of the  $N$ -substituted alkyl group followed by that of the  $N'$ -substituted aryl group.

The initiation temperatures of thermal decomposition are shown in

TABLE 4  
Thermal Decomposition Temperatures of Symmetrical 3,4,9,10-perylenebis(dicarboximide)s ( $2$  and  $3$ )

Compound	$R$ or $Ar$	Decomposition temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
$2_a$	H	490
$2_b$	$\text{CH}_3$	412
$2_c$	$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$	407
$2_d$	$(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$	394
$2_e$	$(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$	359
$2_f$	$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$	381
$2_g$	$(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CH}_3$	364
$2_h$	$(\text{CH}_2)_5\text{CH}_3$	314
$2_i$	$(\text{CH}_2)_7\text{CH}_3$	331
3	Phenyl	405
	$p$ -Tolyl	402
	$p$ -Methoxyphenyl	447
	3,5-Dimethylphenyl	415
	$p$ -Phenylazophenyl	327
	Benzimidazo	467

Table 4 for symmetrical perylenebis(dicarboximide)s (2 and 3) and in Table 5 for *N*-alkyl-*N'*-aryl substituted compounds (5–13). The highest temperatures are shown for unsubstituted (2<sub>a</sub>) and bis(benzimidazo) compounds. The pressure of a higher alkyl chain in the *N,N'*-dialkyl and the *N*-alkyl-*N'*-aryl compounds appeared to lower the decomposition temperature, but the degradative temperature of the alkyl chain in the *N*-alkyl-*N'*-aryl substituted compounds was higher than that in *N,N'*-dialkyl substituted compounds. A lower temperature for the *N*-(*p*-phenylazophenyl) substituted compounds (9<sub>a-i</sub>, etc.) shows the degradation of the phenylazophenyl group at low temperature. The higher degradation temperature for the *N*-isobutyl substituted compounds (2<sub>f</sub>, 5<sub>f</sub>, 6<sub>f</sub>, 7<sub>f</sub>), as compared with the *N*-butyl substituted compounds, shows the degradation of a branched chain to occur at a higher temperature.

### 3. EXPERIMENTAL

#### 3.1. Material

Compounds 2<sub>a-i</sub>, 3, 5–9<sub>(a-e)</sub>, 10<sub>a,b</sub>,<sup>9,10</sup> and 4<sub>a-i</sub> were prepared by the methods previously described.<sup>12,13</sup> Aniline, *p*-toluidine, *p*-anisidine, 3,5-xylidine, *o*-phenylenediamine, and *p*-aminoazobenzene were obtained commercially. Amines of 1,8-naphthalenedicarboximide structure were prepared as follows.

##### *N*-(4-Aminophenyl)-1,8-naphthalenedicarboximide

A mixture of 9.90 g of 1,8-naphthalenedicarboxylic anhydride, 5.40 g of *p*-phenylenediamine and 60 ml of water in a three-necked flask was stirred at 60°C for 4 h. The cooled reaction mixture was then filtered. The solid was washed with 20% methanol to remove *p*-phenylenediamine. It was then added to 5% sodium carbonate solution; the mixture was boiled, and filtered. The solid was dried and recrystallized from DMF to give 9.45 g (66%) of *N*-(4-aminophenyl)-1,8-naphthalenedicarboximide, m.p. 292–294°C (289°C<sup>14</sup>), MS: *m/e* 288(M<sup>+</sup>); IR(KBr): 1648 and 1700 cm<sup>-1</sup> (ν<sub>C=O</sub>); NMR(DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.3–8.5(d,4H), 7.7–7.9(t,2H), 6.8–7.0(d,2H), 6.5–6.7(d,2H), 5.2(s,2H).

##### *N*-(3-Chloro-4-aminophenyl)-1,8-naphthalenedicarboximide

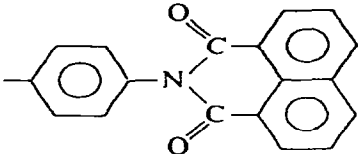
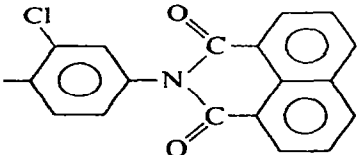
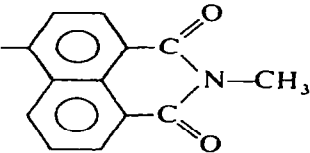
A solution of 9.60 g of *o*-chloro-*p*-phenylenediamine sulphate in 100 ml of water was neutralized with 4.24 g of sodium carbonate. To the mixture

TABLE 5

Thermal Decomposition Temperatures of *N*-Alkyl-*N'*-aryl-3,4,9,10-perylenebis(dicarboximide)s (5-13)

Compound	Ar	R	Decomposition temperature (°C)
5 <sub>a-i</sub>	Phenyl	H	463
		CH <sub>3</sub>	465
		CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	465
		CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	423
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	422
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	407
		CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	425
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	373
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	335
6 <sub>a-i</sub>	<i>p</i> -Tolyl	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	305
		H	419
		CH <sub>3</sub>	442
		CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	421
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	417
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	395
		CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	397
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	353
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	366
7 <sub>a-i</sub>	<i>p</i> -Methoxyphenyl	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	317
		H	408
		CH <sub>3</sub>	420
		CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	410
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	396
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	387
		CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	398
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	364
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	356
8 <sub>a-e, h, i</sub>	3,5-Dimethylphenyl	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	315
		H	388
		CH <sub>3</sub>	411
		CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	432
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	408
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	378
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	345

TABLE 5—contd

Compound	Ar	R	Decomposition temperature (°C)
9 <sub>a-i</sub>	<i>p</i> -Phenylazophenyl	H	327
		CH <sub>3</sub>	387
		CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	356
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	374
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	330
		CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	340
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	340
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	335
10 <sub>a b c-i</sub>		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	335
		H	429
		CH <sub>3</sub>	407
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	389
		CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	426
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	360
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	340
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	302
11 <sub>h,i</sub>		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	305
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	315
12 <sub>h,i</sub>		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	315
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	345
13 <sub>h,i</sub>		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	340
		(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	350

was added 7.92 g of 1,8-naphthalenedicarboxylic anhydride and 20 ml of water. Then the mixture was stirred at 90°C for 4 h and treated as in the previous case. The solid obtained was recrystallized from DMF to give 6.70 g (47 %) of *N*-(3-chloro-4-aminophenyl)-1,8-naphthalenedicarboximide, m.p. 273–274°C: MS:  $m/e$  322( $M^+$ ), IR(KBr): 1650 and 1698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  ( $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$ ); NMR(DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.35–8.5 (d, 4H), 7.7–7.9 (t, 2H), 7.2 (s, 1H), 6.8–7.0 (m, 2H), 5.4 (s, 2H). Found: C, 66.78; H, 3.39; N, 8.79 %. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{Cl}$ : C, 66.99; H, 3.44; N, 8.86 %.

#### *N*-Methyl-4-amino-1,8-naphthalenedicarboximide

This was prepared from sodium *N*-methyl-1,8-naphthalenedicarboximide-4-sulphonate and 28 % ammonia solution,<sup>15</sup> and recrystallized from DMF, m.p. 341–342°C (339–340°C<sup>15</sup>), MS  $m/e$  226( $M^+$ ); IR(KBr): 1630 and 1654  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  ( $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$ ).

### 3.2. Preparation of 5-7<sub>(f-i)</sub>, 8<sub>h-i</sub>, 9<sub>f-i</sub>, 10<sub>e-i</sub>, and 11-13<sub>(h-i)</sub>

#### *Compounds 5-7<sub>(f-i)</sub>*

The preparation of 5<sub>f</sub> was as follows. To a three-necked flask were added 30 g of aniline and 1.0 g of 4<sub>f</sub>. The flask was heated at 183°C for 7 h with stirring. To the cooled reaction mixture was added methanol, then the mixture was warmed, filtered and washed with methanol to remove aniline. The residue was added to hot 1 % potassium hydroxide solution and filtered to remove unreacted 4<sub>f</sub>. The precipitate was washed with methanol and dried. The reddish violet powder of 5<sub>f</sub> was obtained (95 % yield). Compound 5<sub>g</sub> was prepared by the same treatment using 4<sub>g</sub> with aniline, 6<sub>f-i</sub>, and 7<sub>f-i</sub> were similarly prepared by the reaction of 4<sub>f-i</sub> with *p*-toluidine and *p*-anisidine, respectively.

#### *Compounds 8<sub>h-i</sub>, 9<sub>f-i</sub> and 11-13<sub>(h-i)</sub>*

These compounds were prepared by the reaction of 4<sub>h-i</sub>, 4<sub>f-i</sub> and 4<sub>h</sub> with 3,5-xylydine, *p*-aminoazobenzene, and the corresponding amines of 1,8-naphthalenedicarboximide structure, respectively, in boiling quinoline. The treatment was similar to that for 5-7<sub>(f-i)</sub>.

#### *Compound 10<sub>e-i</sub>*

Compound 10<sub>f</sub> was prepared as follows. A mixture of 12 g of *o*-phenylenediamine and 3.0 g of 4<sub>f</sub> was heated at 250°C for 8 h with stirring. To the cooled reaction mixture was added methanol, then the mixture was



warmed, filtered and washed with methanol to remove *o*-phenylenediamine. The residue was added to hot 1 % potassium hydroxide solution and filtered to remove the filtrate including unreacted **4<sub>f</sub>**. The precipitate was treated in alkaline dithionite solution (200 parts of water, 4 parts of potassium hydroxide, and 4 parts of sodium dithionite) at 45°C for 15 min, and filtered. The filtrate included intermediate products. The residue was added to water and acidified with hydrochloric acid. The resultant precipitate was filtered, washed with water, and dried. The dark bluish violet powder of **10<sub>f</sub>** was obtained in 94 % yield. Compounds **10<sub>g-i</sub>** and **10<sub>e</sub>** were prepared by the same procedures from **4<sub>g-i</sub>** and **4<sub>e</sub>** with *o*-phenylenediamine.

### 3.3. Measurement

Mass spectra were recorded on a Hitachi RMU-7M mass spectrometer. Visible spectra were recorded on a Hitachi 124 spectrometer for solutions in conc. sulphuric acid, and IR spectra on a Nippon Bunko IR-E spectrometer. Samples of **5-8** and **10** for analysis were obtained by sublimation at 300–350°C/3–5 mmHg. Thermal decomposition was measured with a Sinku-Riko TGD-3000 RH Differential Thermal Micro Balance at a heating rate of 10°C/min in air.

Pigment tests were carried out by the method of Japanese Industrial Standard K 5101. Prepared pigment (1.00 g) and 20.0 g of sodium sulphate were milled with a laboratory mill for 5 h. The mixture was added to water to remove sodium sulphate and filtered. The residue was dried under vacuum at room temperature. The sample (100 mg), titanium dioxide (rutile) (2.0 g) and boiled oil (1.2 ml) were mixed using a muller (3 × 100 revolutions). The mixture was painted on paper over a constant area (12.5 × 8 cm) and dried in air. The colour and tinting strength were estimated by measuring the reflectance with a Hitachi 124-0049 instrument. Lightfastness was tested by exposure in a Suga Fadeometer FAL-3. Blue Scales were supplied by the Japanese Industrial Standards Committee.

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