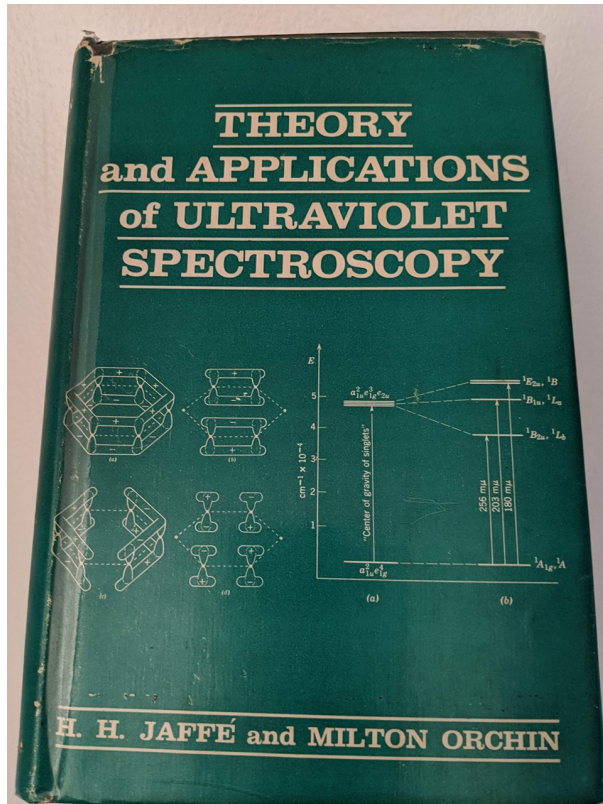


# Manifestations of Light-Matter Interactions

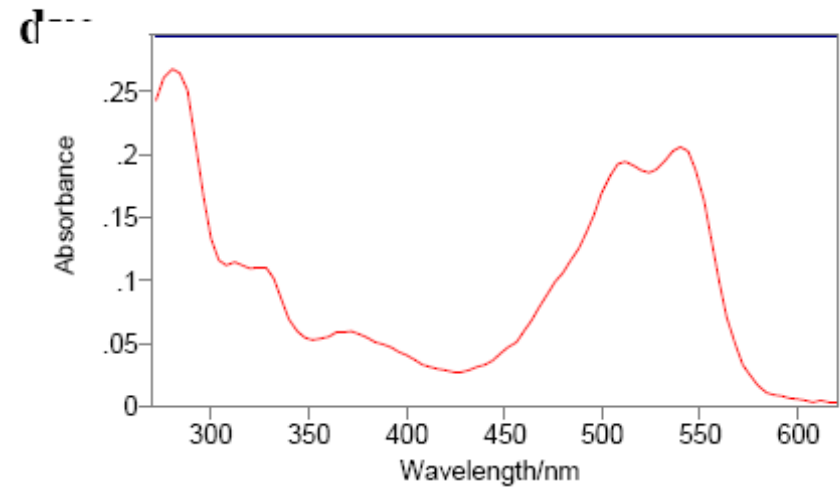
- Reflection
- Refraction
- Scattering
- **Absorption**

# Absorption

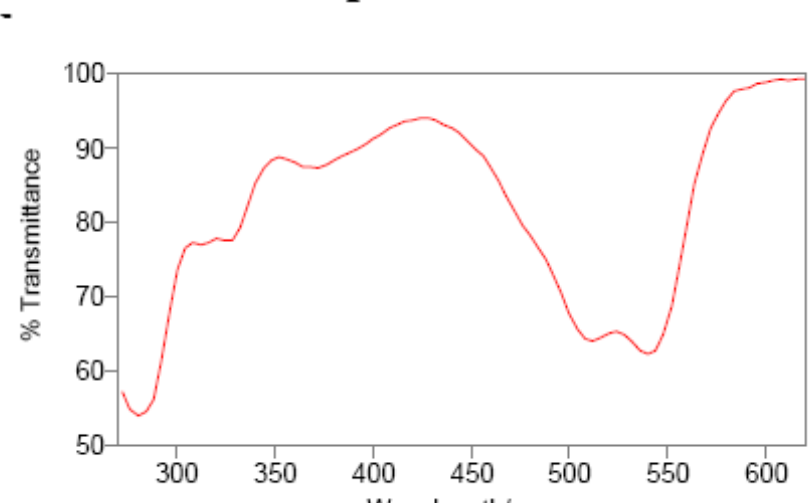


Theory and Applications of Ultraviolet Spectroscopy, by [H. H. Jaffe](#) and [M. Orchin](#)

- Absorption spectrum of a red textile

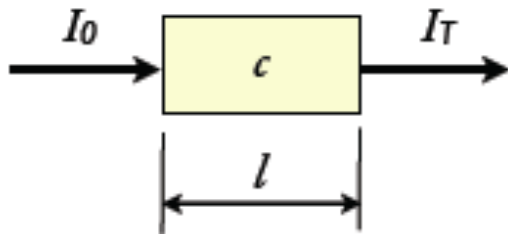


- Transmission spectrum of the same



# Absorption

## Beer-Lambert Law



$$A = -\log \frac{I_T}{I_0} = -\log T = \varepsilon \cdot c \cdot l \quad [-]$$

$c$  molar concentration [ $\text{mol l}^{-1}$ ]

$l$  optical pathlength [cm]

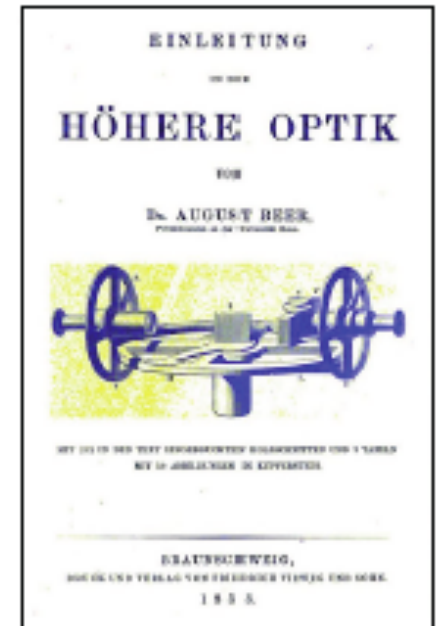
$\varepsilon$  molar decadic extinction coefficient

Example:  $c = 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ ,  $\varepsilon = 10^4 \text{ mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{l} \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$

$\Rightarrow T = 0.01$ ,  $A = 2 \Rightarrow$  99% of the light is absorbed within the first 2 mm of the solution

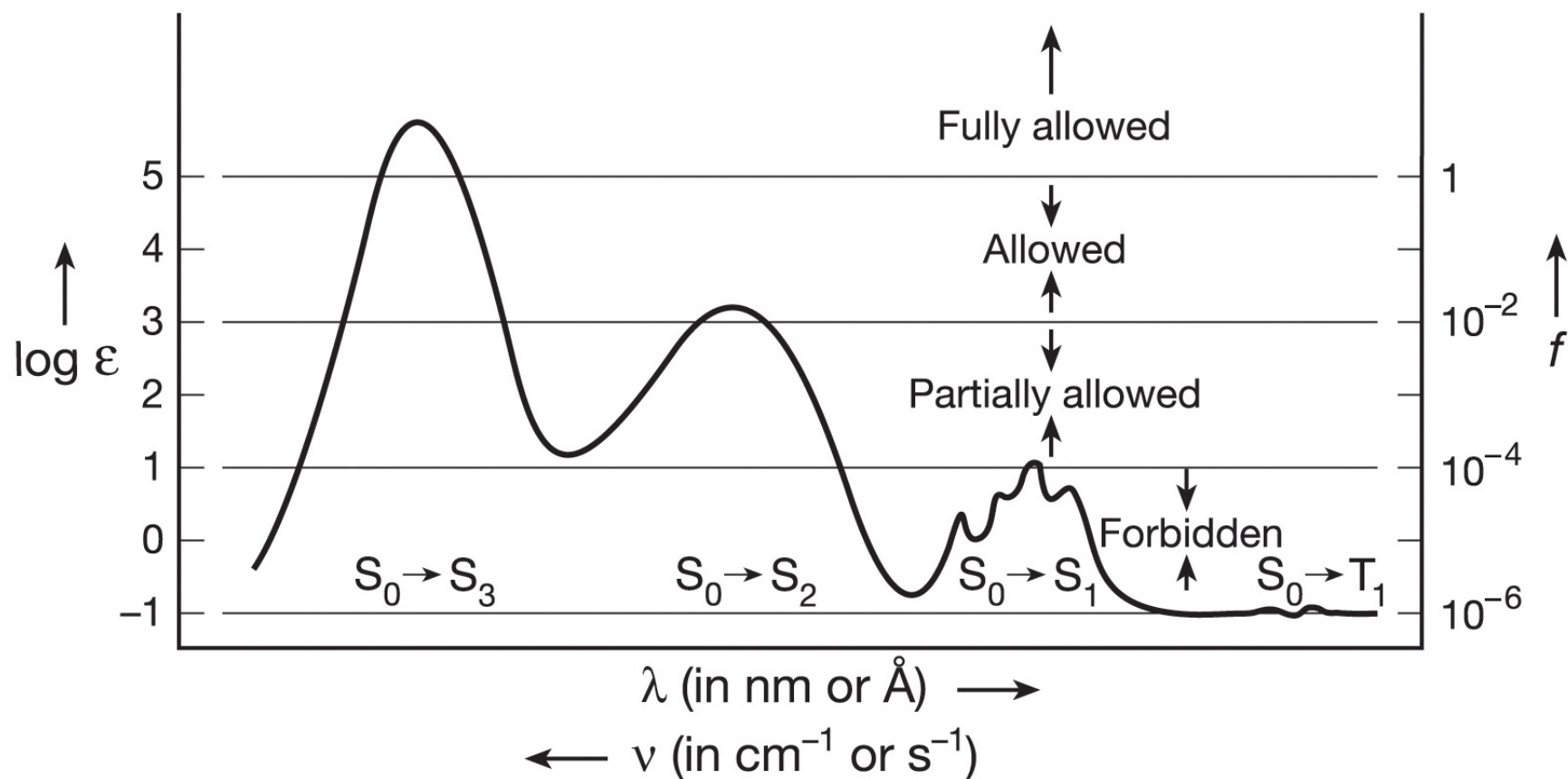
- OD  $\sim 2$ : 1% transmission
- OD  $\sim 1$ : 10% transmission
- OD  $\sim 0.01$ : 98% transmission

OD can be adjusted with concentration

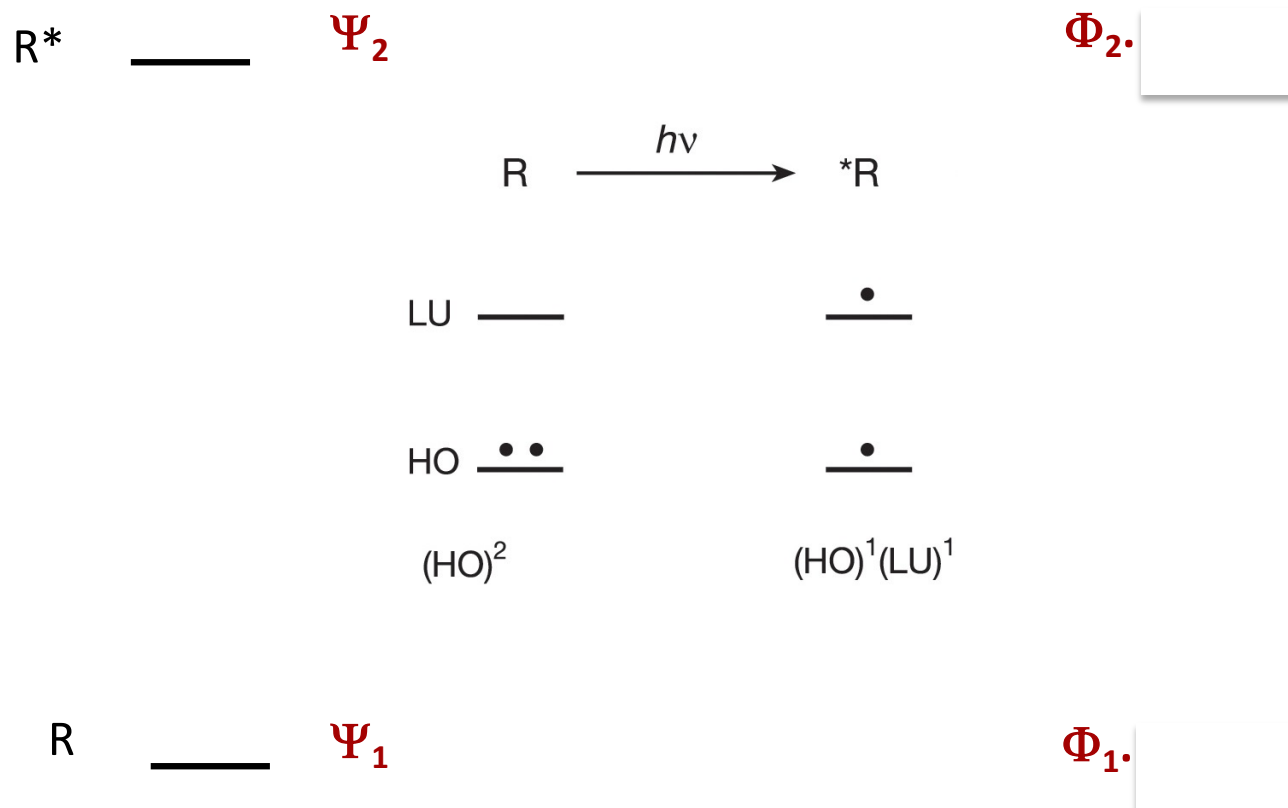


August Beer  
(1825-1863)

# Absorption Spectra: Why the $\epsilon$ and $f$ vary with the band?



Electronic structures for various states are generated assuming the molecule is stationary and it is in its lowest energy state

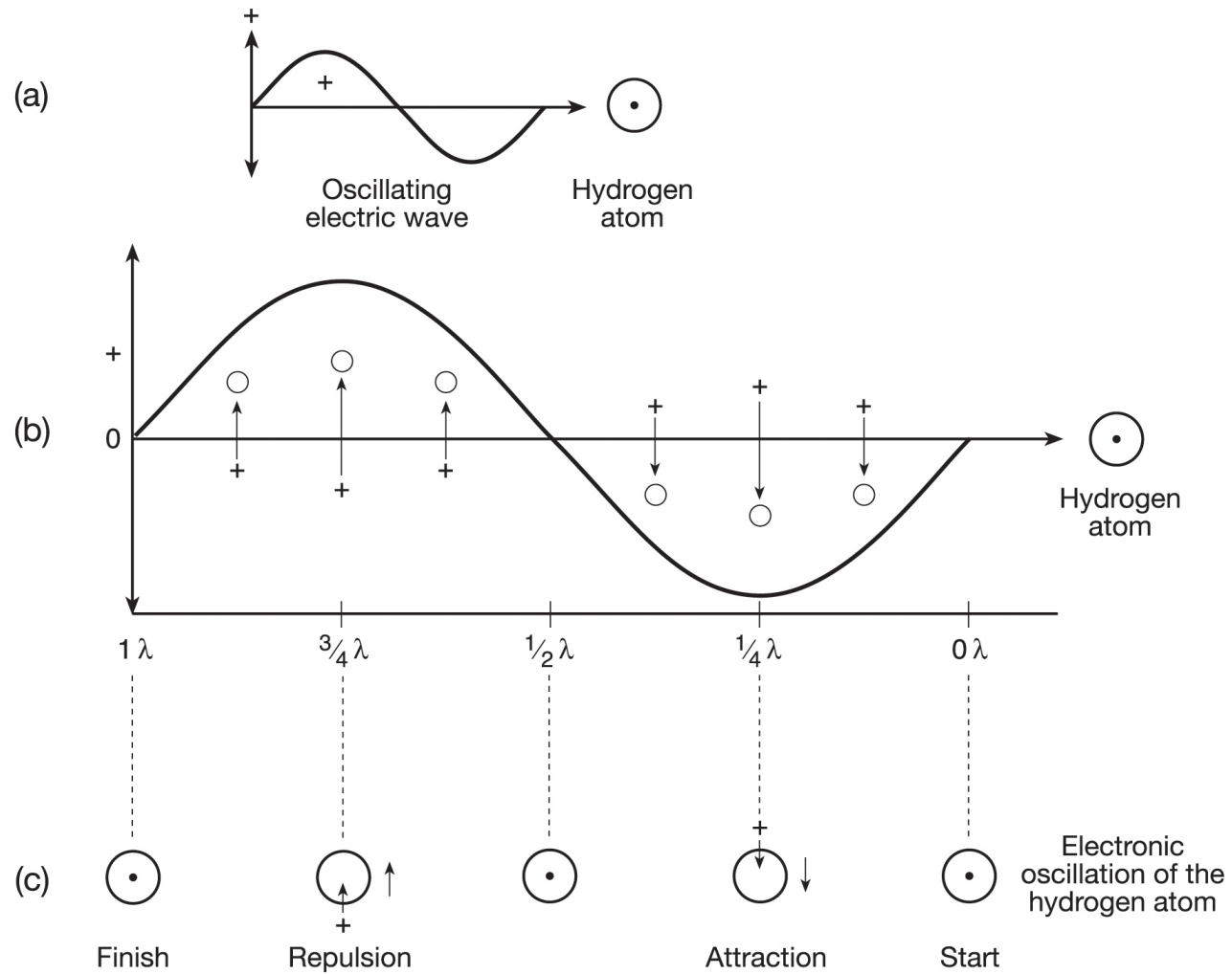


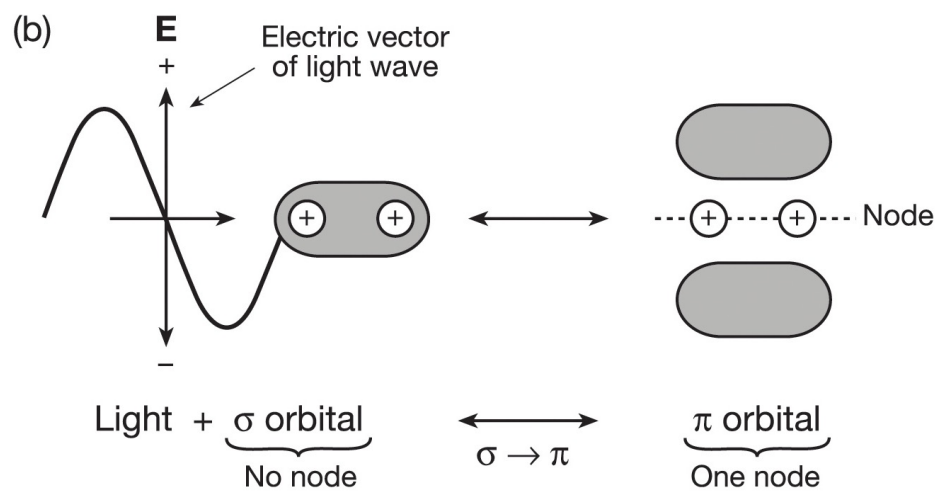
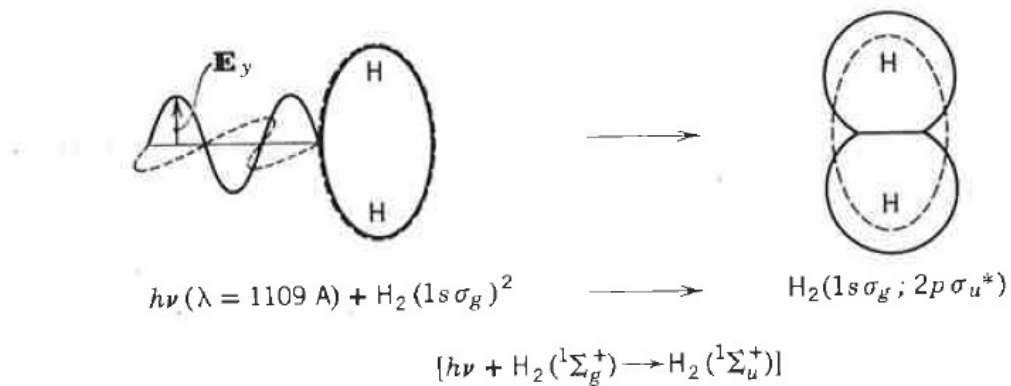
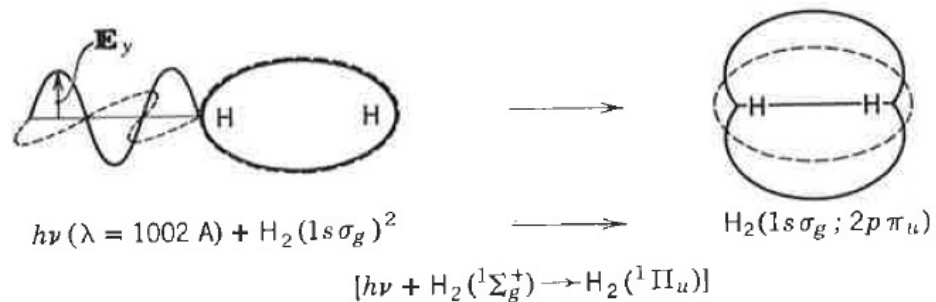
Electron jump between orbitals generally takes  $\sim 10^{-15}$  to  $10^{-16}$  s

Nuclear vibrations take  $\sim 10^{-13}$  to  $10^{-14}$  s

Spin frequency even at very high magnetic field occurs in  $\sim 10^{-12}$  s

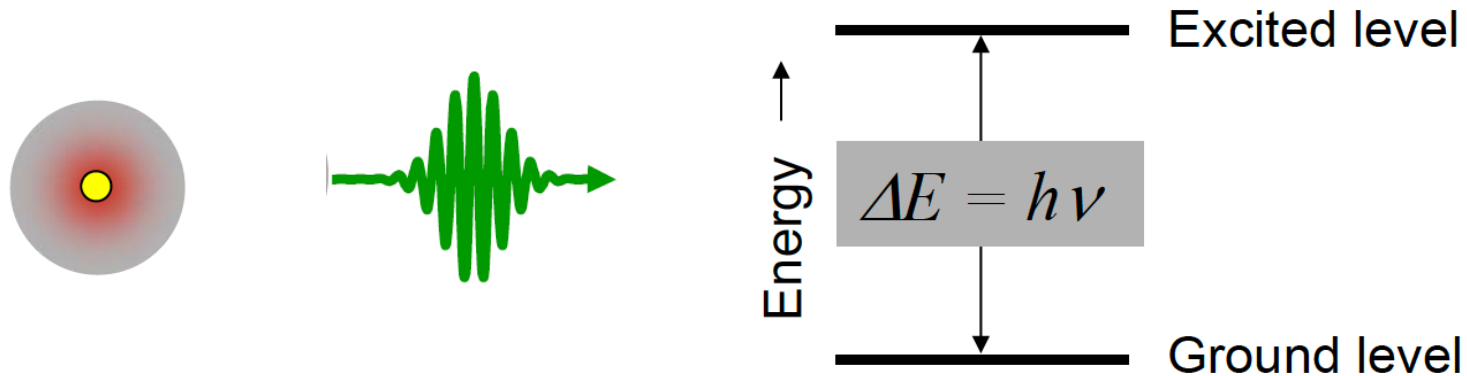
# Light as an oscillating electric field



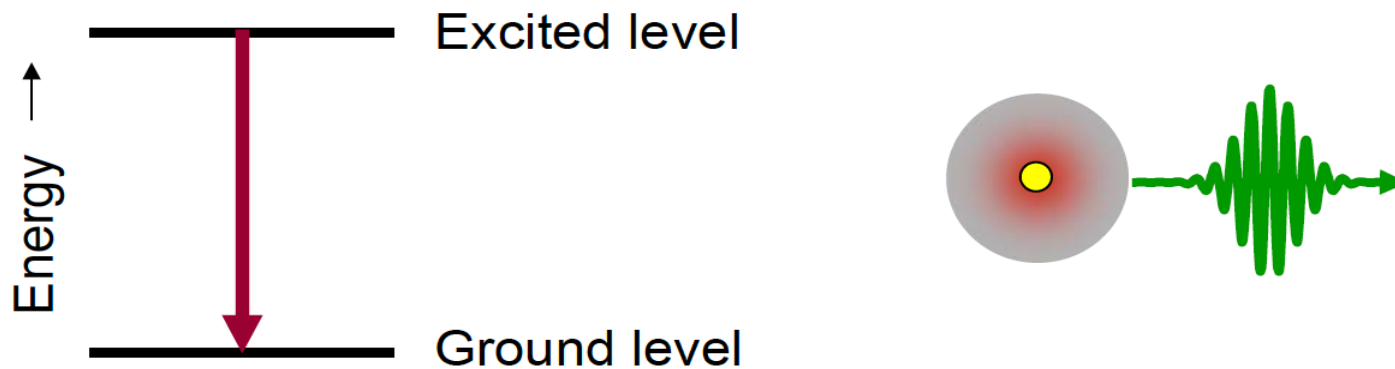


# Rules for absorption and emission are the same

## Absorption



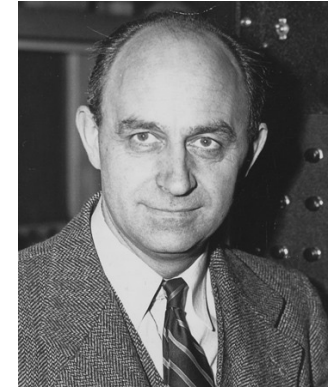
## Emission





# Probability of light absorption and emission

## Fermi's Golden Rule



Enrico Fermi  
Nobel Prize, 1938

$$\Psi_1 | P_{1 \rightarrow 2} | \Psi_2 \quad \Phi \cdot \chi \cdot S$$

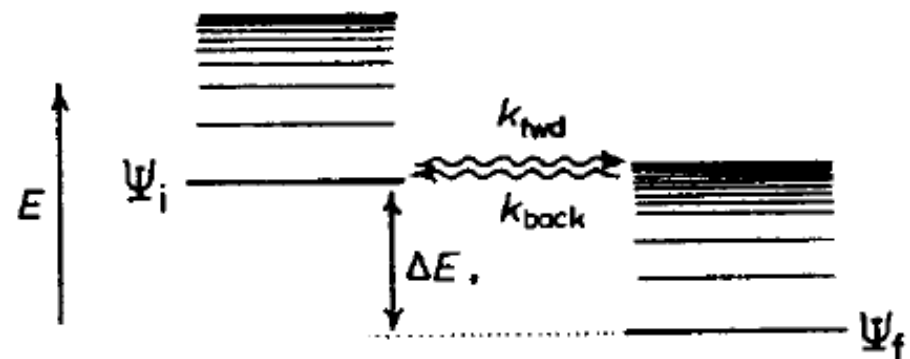
$$k_{\text{OBS}} \sim P_{1 \rightarrow 2} \quad \rho \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} [ \langle \Psi_1 | P_{1 \rightarrow 2} | \Psi_2 \rangle ]^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} R + h\nu &\rightarrow {}^*R \\ {}^*R &\rightarrow R + h\nu \end{aligned} \quad \rho \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \langle \Psi_1(R) | P_{h\nu} | \Psi_2({}^*R) \rangle^2$$

$k_{\text{OBS}}$  allowedness of  
absorption or emission

$\rho$  density of states

$P_{1 \rightarrow 2}$  perturbing Hamiltonian



# Oscillator Strength-Absorption

$$\Psi_1 | P_{1 \rightarrow 2} | \Psi_2 \quad \Phi \cdot \chi \cdot S$$

Probability of light absorption and emission are related to the oscillator strength ' $f$ '

A perfectly allowed transition has  $f = 1$

Electronic ( $\Phi$ )	{	<b>Orbital Overlap</b>	$f_e$
		<b>Orbital Symmetry</b>	
Vibronic ( $\chi$ )		<b>Nuclear position</b>	$f_v$
Spin ( $S$ )		<b>Electron Spin</b>	$f_s$

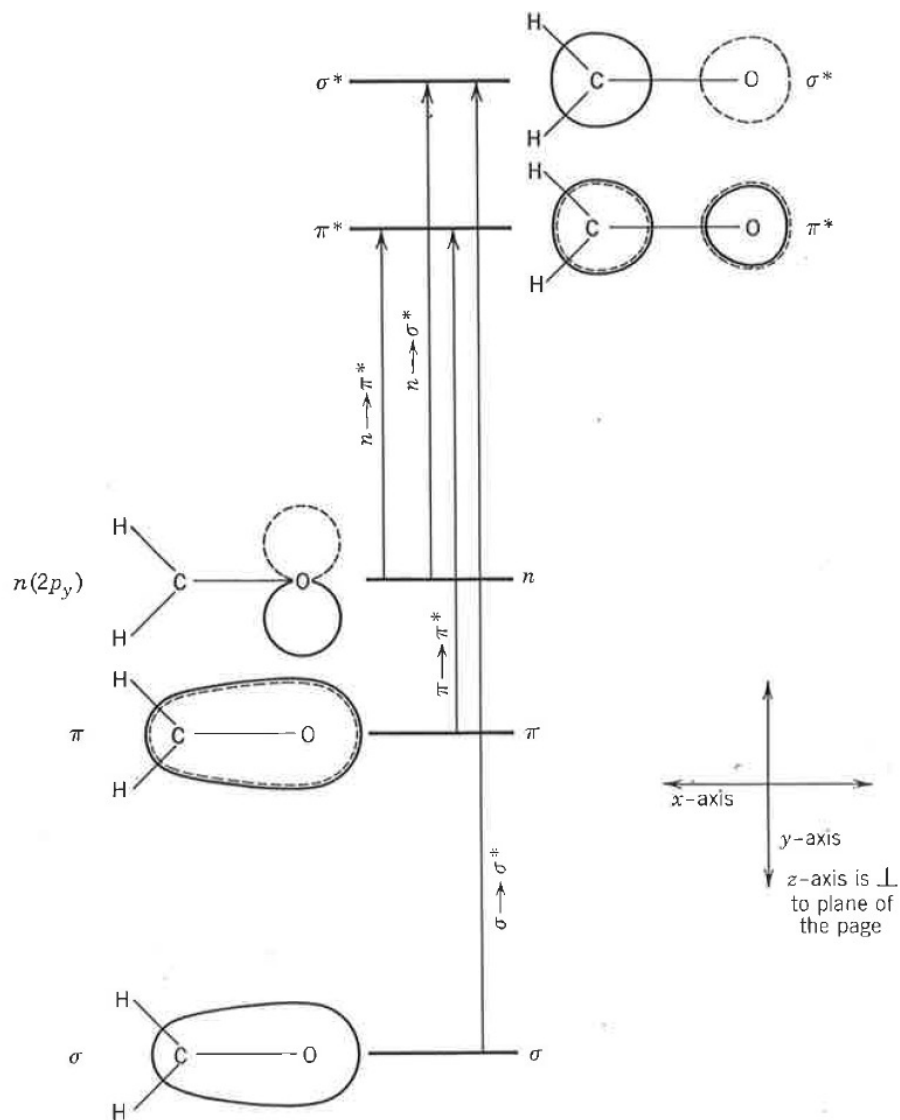
How probable  $(\Phi \cdot \chi \cdot S)_2$  would 'look like'  $(\Phi \cdot \chi \cdot S)_1$ ?

# Electronic transitions: Overlap and symmetry of orbitals involved

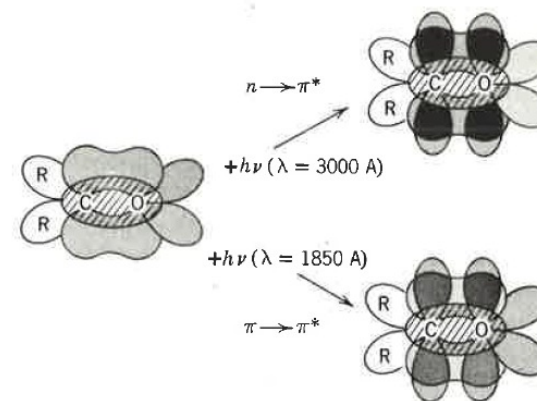
The electronic factor  $f_e$  may be subclassified in terms of different kinds of forbiddenness:

- (1) *Orbital overlap* forbiddenness, which results from **poor spatial overlap** of the orbitals involved in the electronic transition, example, the  $n, \pi^*$  transition in ketones, for which the HO and LU are orthogonal to one another and the overlap integral  $\langle n | \pi^* \rangle$  is close to zero.
- (2) *Orbital symmetry* forbiddenness, which results from orbital wavefunctions (involved in the transition) that overlap in space but have their overlap integral canceled because of the **symmetry of the wave functions**. Examples transitions in benzene, naphthalene, and pyrene.

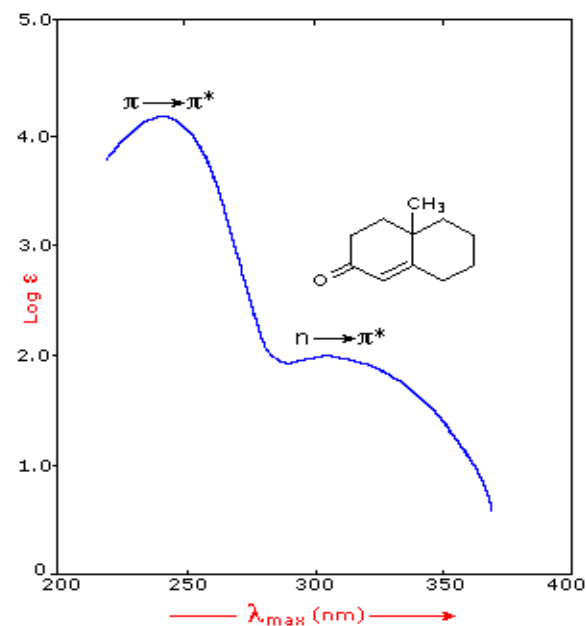
# Electronic factor - Orbital overlap



No orbital overlap  $n$  and  $\pi^*$



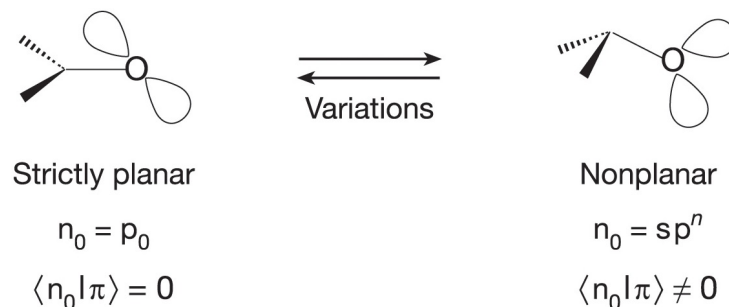
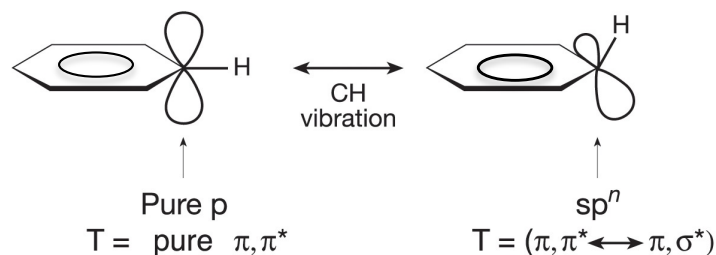
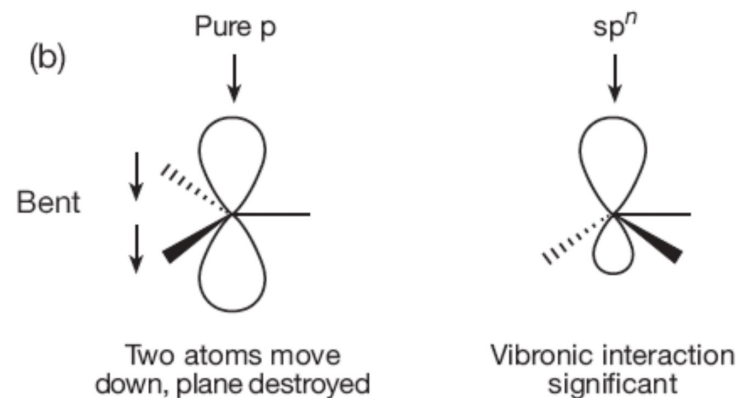
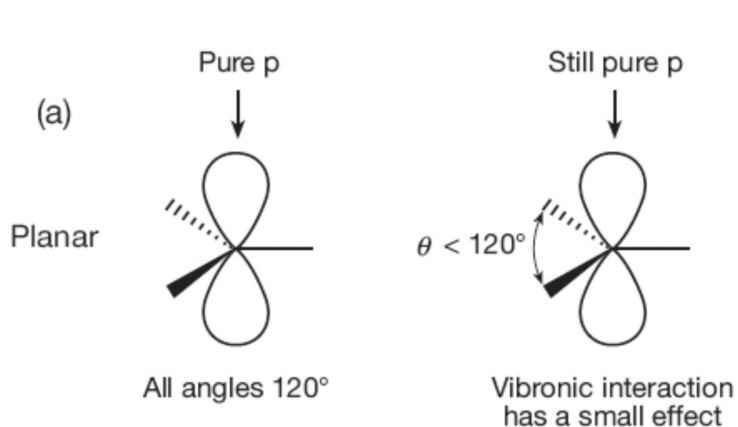
Orbital overlap  $\pi$  and  $\pi^*$



**Long-Wavelength Absorption Bands (Corresponding to  
HO → LU Transitions) of Some Typical Organic Chromophores**

<b>Chromophore</b>	<b><math>\lambda_{\max}(\text{nm})</math></b>	<b><math>\epsilon_{\max}</math></b>	<b>Transition type</b>
C-C	<180	1000	$\sigma, \sigma^*$
C=C	180	10,000	$\pi, \pi^*$
C=C-C=C	220	20,000	$\pi, \pi^*$
C=C-C=C-C=C	260	40,000	$\pi, \pi^*$
C=O	280	20	$n, \pi^*$
C=C-C=O	350	30	$n, \pi^*$
C=C-C=O	280	10,000	$\pi, \pi^*$
Benzene	260	200	$\pi, \pi^*$
Pyrene	350	510	$\pi, \pi^*$
Anthracene	380	10,000	$\pi, \pi^*$

# Zero Order to First Order Through Vibronic Coupling



Vibrational mixing could change the shape of the zero-order orbital and lead to slight overlap between perpendicular orbitals (e.g., 'n',  $\sigma$  and ' $\pi$ ' and ' $\pi^*$ ')

## Vibronic mixing results in state mixing

Due to vibration an  $n, \pi^* S_1$  state is no longer pure but contains a finite amount of  $\pi, \pi^*$  character mixed in so the zero order wavefunction is not valid and the first order wavefunction may in fact be:

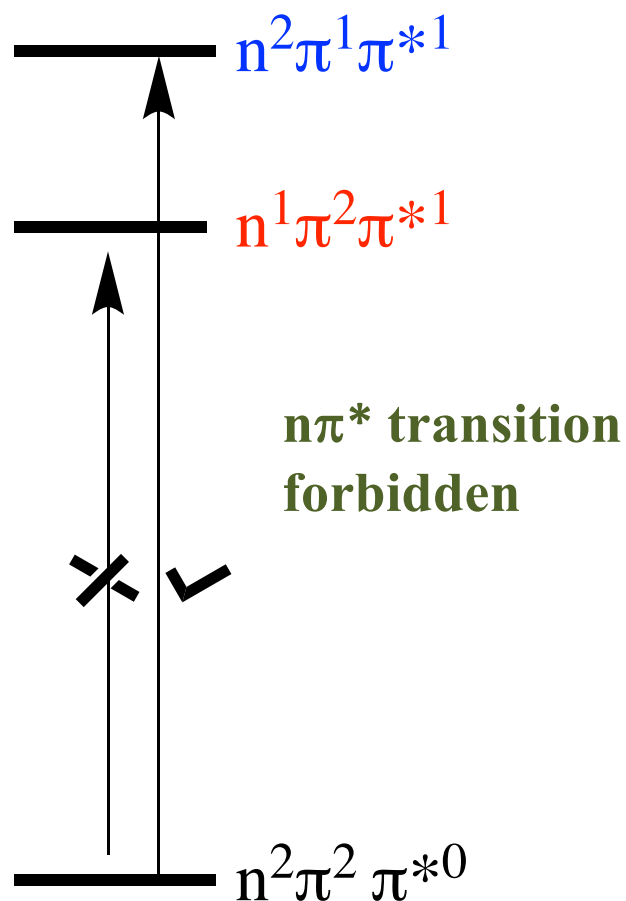
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{first order} & \longrightarrow & \psi(S_1) = \psi(n, \pi^*) + \lambda \psi(\pi, \pi^*) \\ n, \pi^* & & \uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow \\ & & \text{zero order} \quad \text{zero order} \\ & & n, \pi^* \qquad \quad \pi, \pi^* \end{array}$$

Mixing coefficient

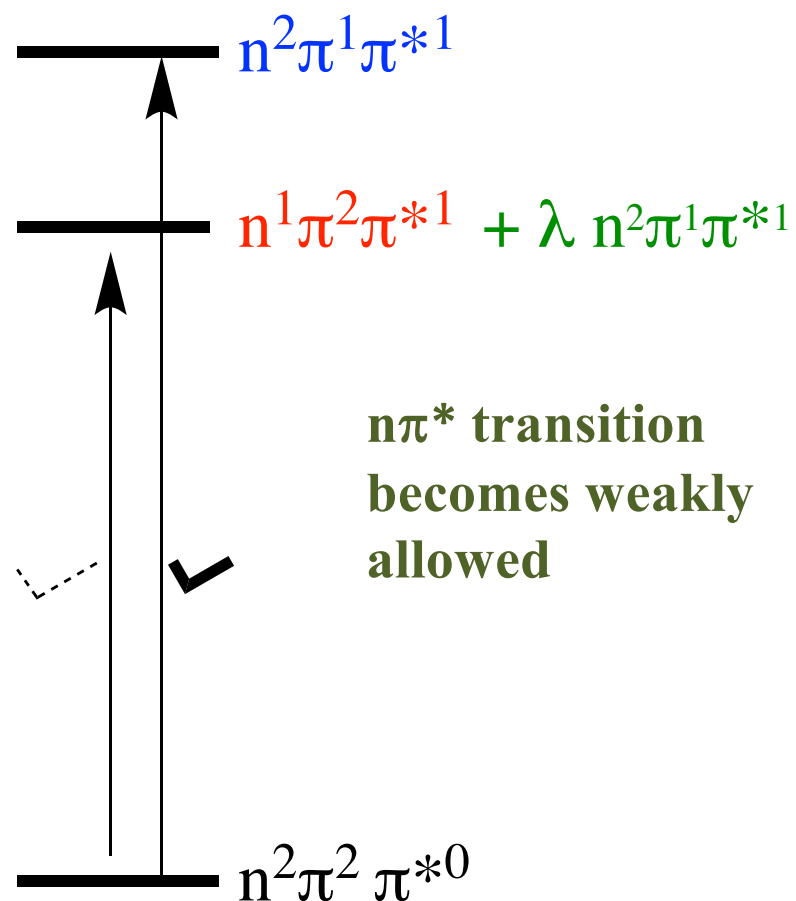
$$\lambda = \left| \frac{\langle \psi_a | H | \psi_b \rangle}{E_a - E_b} \right|$$

In general,  $\lambda$  is the result of **vibrational mixing** (break down of Born-Oppenheimer approximation)

# Result of vibrational - electronic mixing (vibronic coupling)



As per Born-Oppenheimer  
approximation

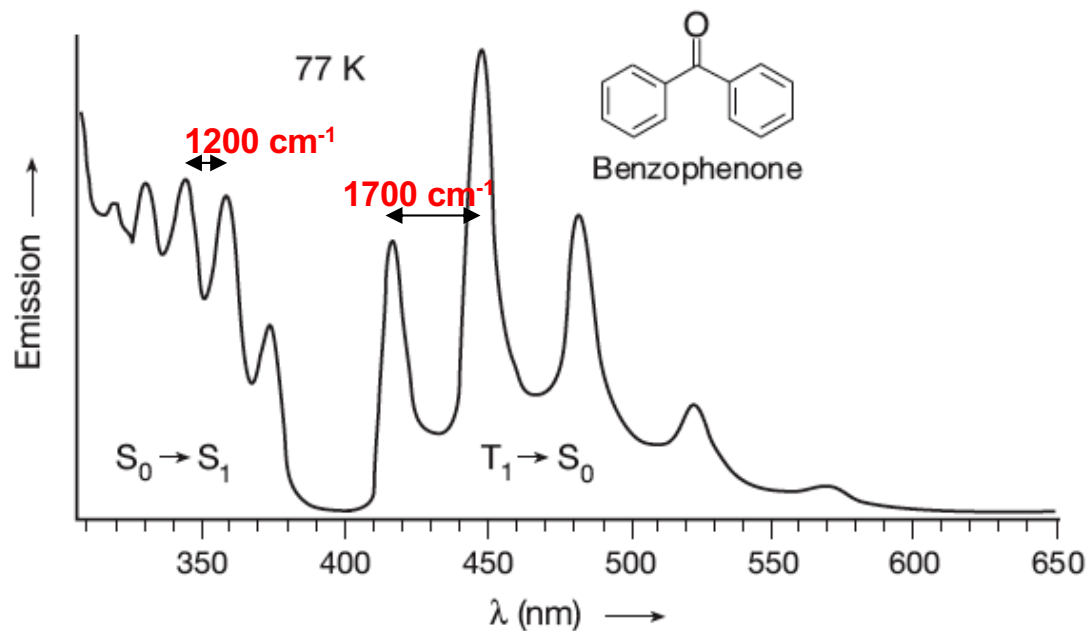
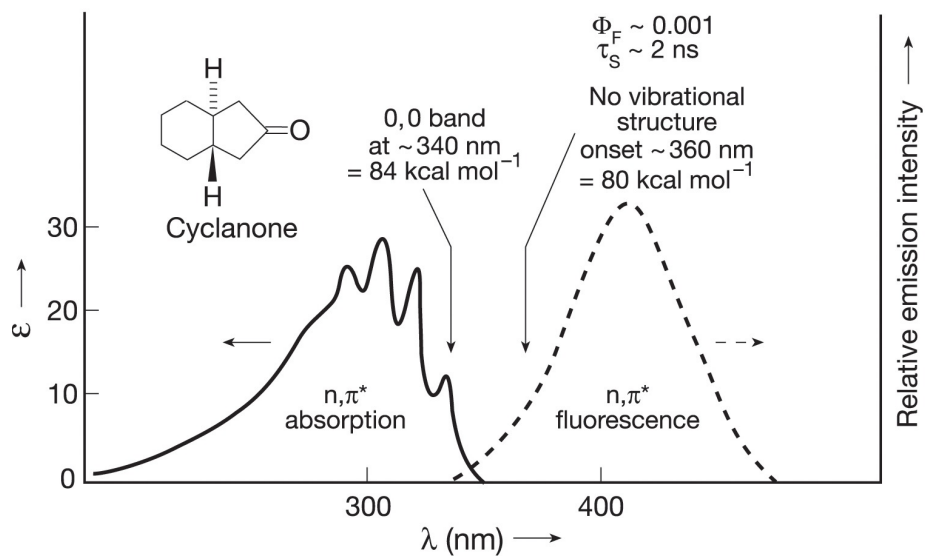


Vibration mixes the states,  
no longer pure states

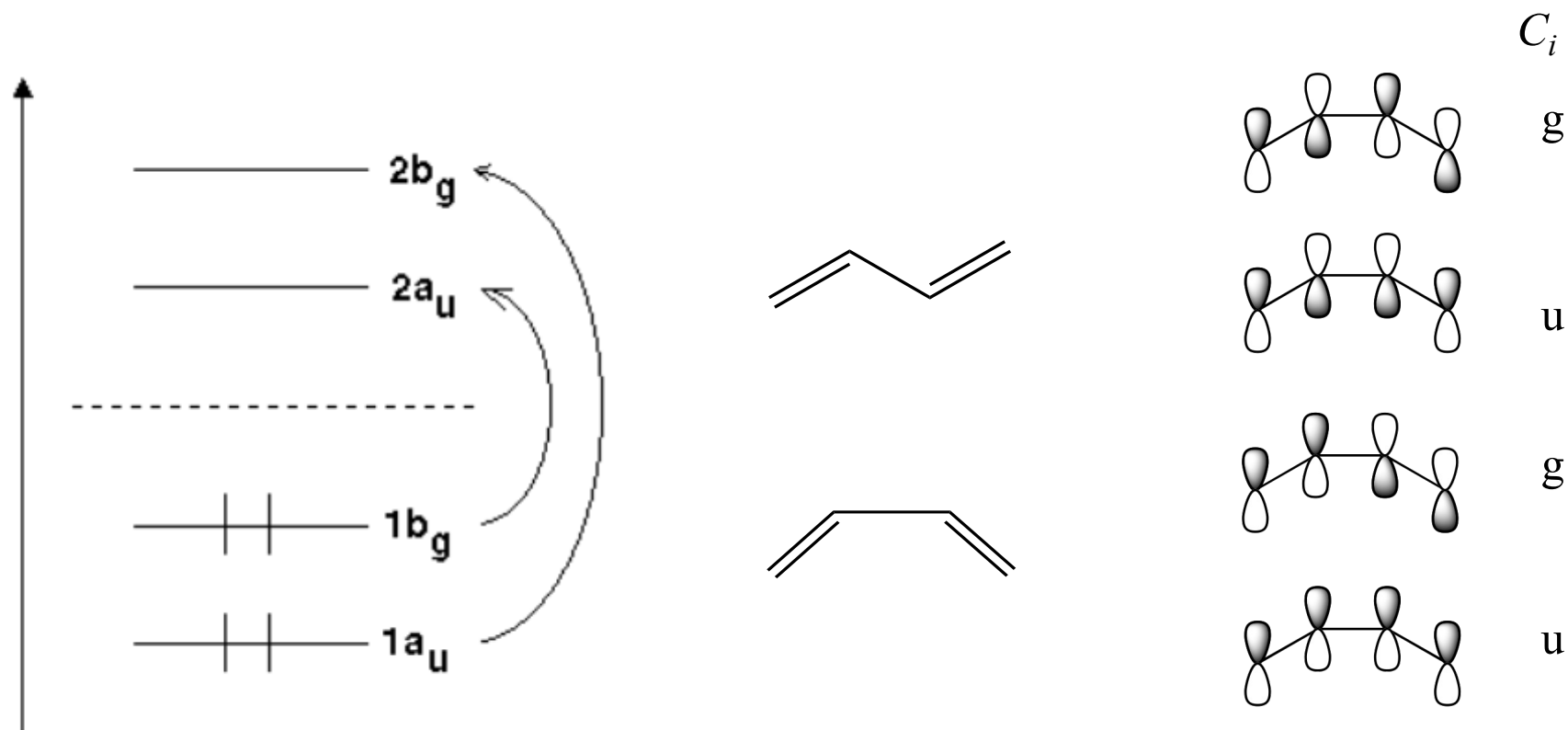


# Absorption and emission spectra

## Vibrational structure due to vibrational mixing



# Symmetry based selection rules



The absorption spectra of conjugated dienes in the vacuum ultra-violet (1)

BY W. C. PRICE AND A. D. WALSH  
Physical Chemistry Laboratory, Cambridge

(Communicated by R. G. W. Norrish, F.R.S.—Received 14 August 1939)

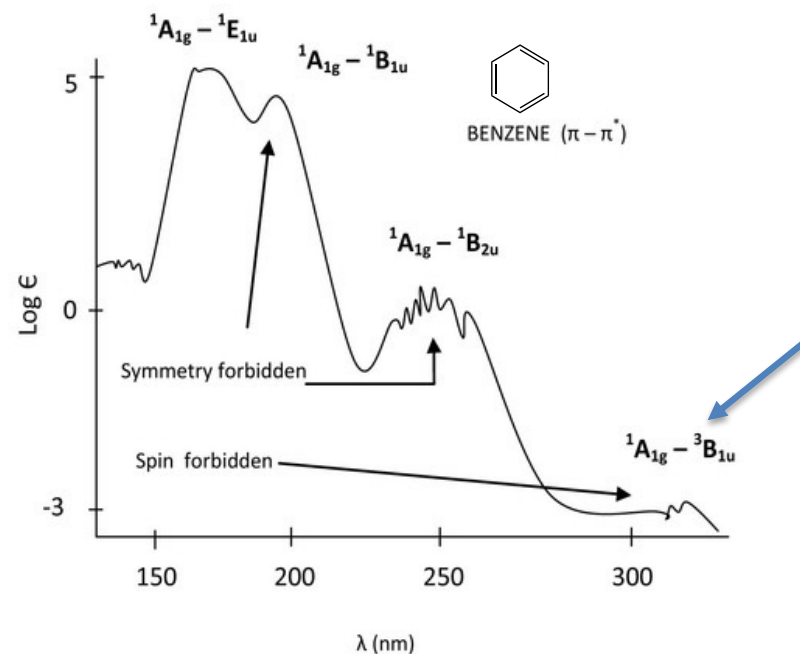
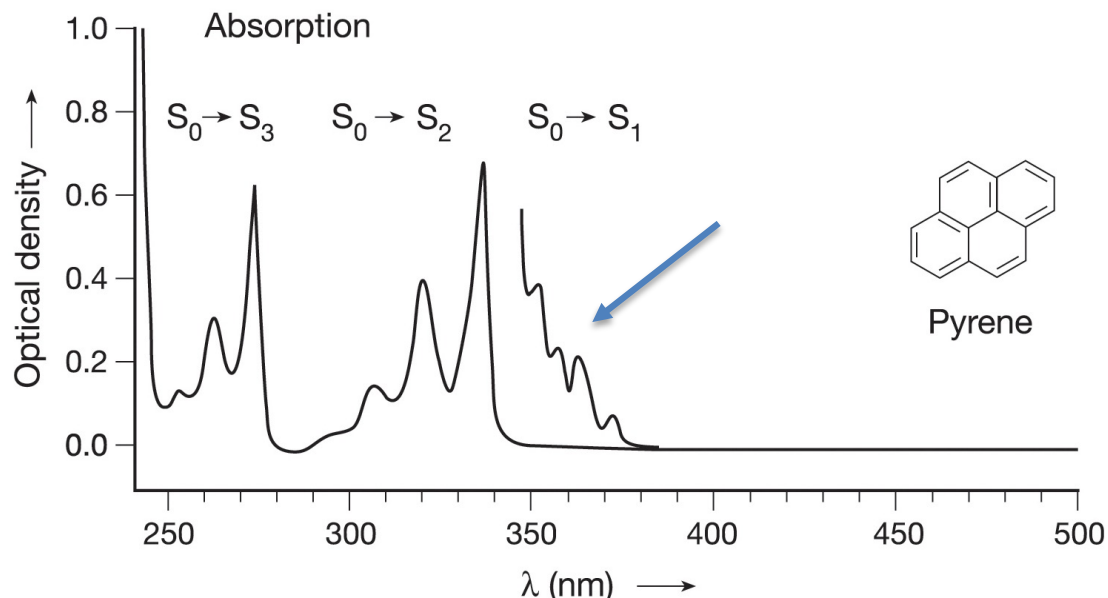
Intensities of Electronic Transitions in Molecular Spectra

III. Organic Molecules with Double Bonds. Conjugated Dienes

ROBERT S. MULLIKEN  
Ryerson Physical Laboratory, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

(Received December 9, 1938)

# Selection Rules (Electronic part)



## Orbital Symmetry ( $\pi\pi^*$ , e.g., benzene, pyrene)

The two orbitals involved in the transition can't have the same symmetry, i.e., ***g*** to ***g*** or ***u*** to ***u*** transition is forbidden

Symmetry can be destroyed by vibration and these symmetry forbidden transitions can become weakly allowed due to vibrational mixing.

# Probability of Absorption and Emission

Probability of light **absorption** is related to the oscillator strength  $f$

Theoretical oscillator  
strength

$$f \sim 4.3 \times 10^{-9} \int \epsilon \, d\nu$$

Experimental  
absorption



Area under  $\epsilon$  vs. wavenumber plot

**Emission follows the same rules as absorption**

# Relationship between absorption intensity (and fluorescence lifetime)

Strickler and Berg “Relationship between Absorption Intensity and Fluorescence Lifetime of Molecules” *J. Chem. Phys.* **1962**, 37, 814.

## Strickler-Berg relation

The relation of the radiative lifetime of the molecule and the absorption coefficient over the spectrum

$$k_r = \frac{1}{\tau_n} = \frac{\tilde{\nu}_{\max}^2 \cdot n^2}{3.42 \cdot 10^8} \int \varepsilon(\tilde{\nu}) d\tilde{\nu}$$

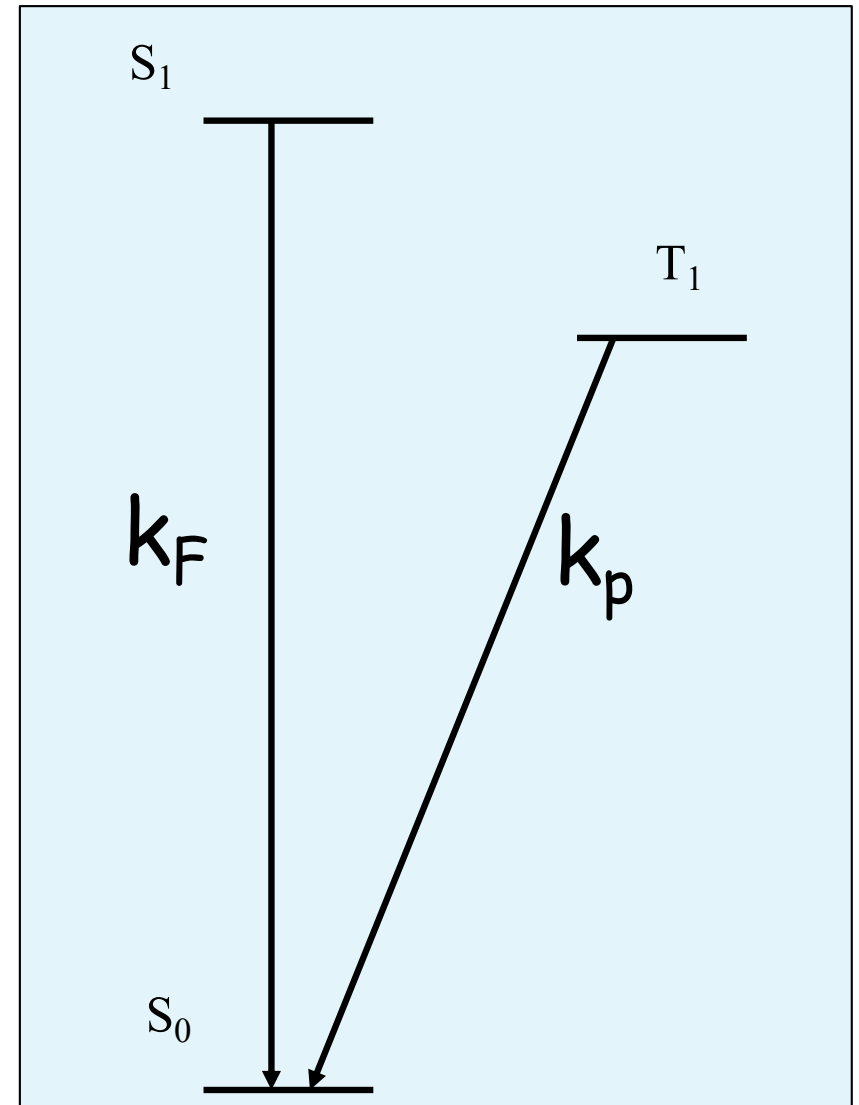
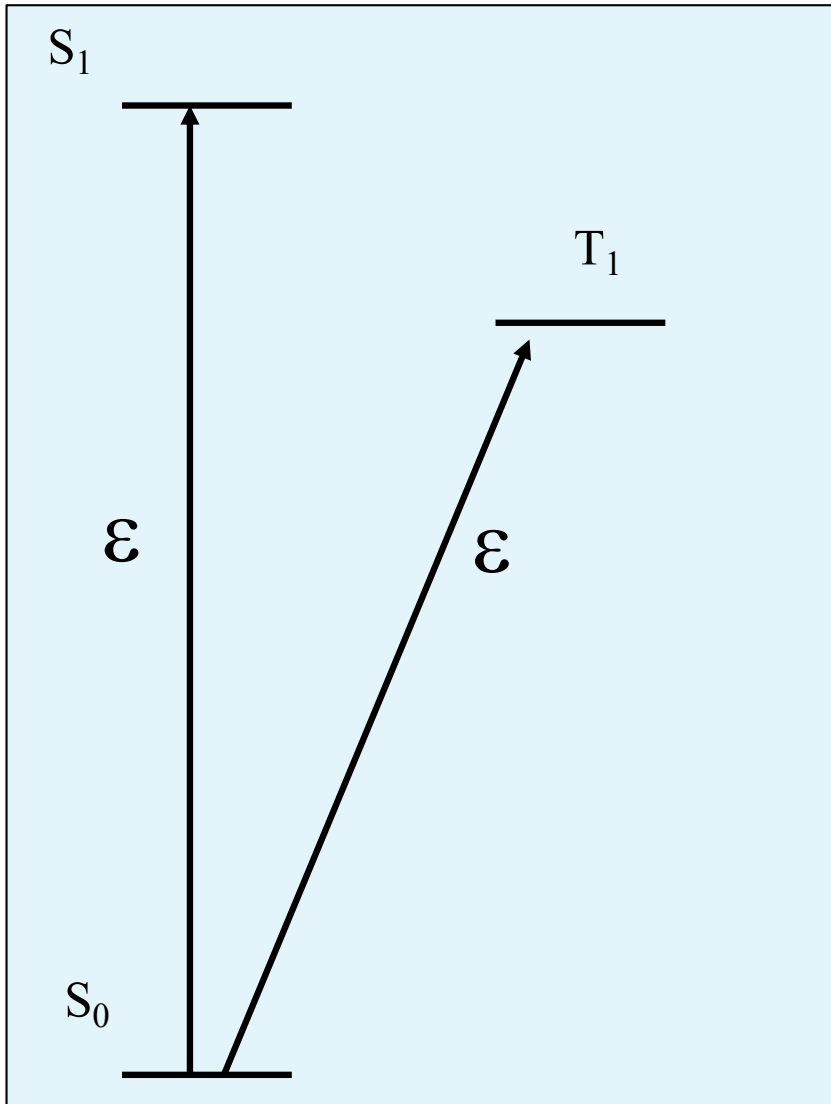
n: refractive index of medium

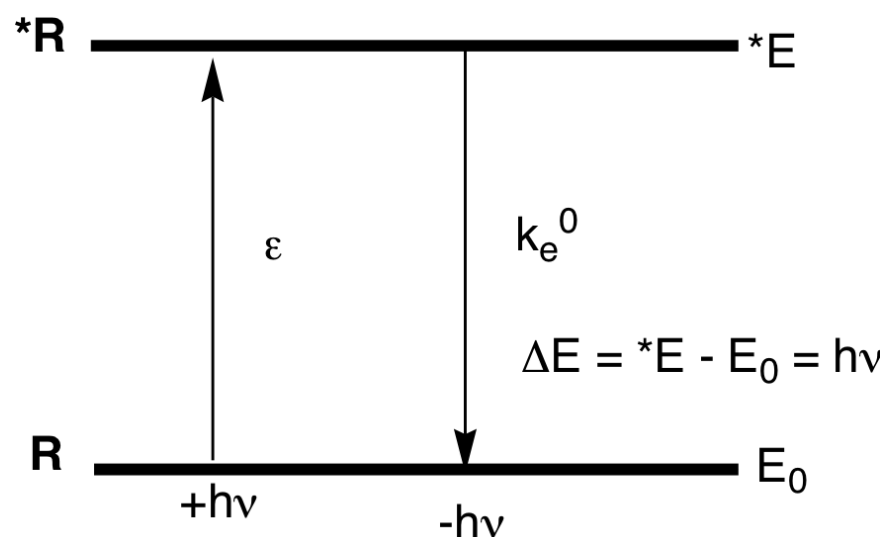
$\nu$ : position of the absorption maxima in wavenumbers [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]

$\varepsilon$ : absorption coefficient

$\tau_n$ : radiative lifetime

# Same Rules for Excitation & De-excitation





$k_e (s^{-1})$	Example	Transition type	$\epsilon_{\max}$	$f$
$10^9$	<i>p</i> -Terphenyl	$S_1(\pi, \pi^*) \rightarrow S_0$	$3 \times 10^4$	1
$10^8$	Perylene	$S_1(\pi, \pi^*) \rightarrow S_0$	$4 \times 10^4$	$10^{-1}$
$10^7$	1,4-Dimethyl-benzene	$S_1(\pi, \pi^*) \rightarrow S_0$	$7 \times 10^2$	$10^{-2}$
$10^6$	Pyrene	$S_1(\pi, \pi^*) \rightarrow S_0$	$5 \times 10^2$	$10^{-3}$
$10^5$	Acetone	$S_1(n, \pi^*) \rightarrow S_0$	10	$10^{-4}$

Radiative  
rate constant

$$k_e^0 = 3 \times 10^{-9} \bar{\nu}_0^2 \int \epsilon d\bar{\nu} \cong \bar{\nu}_0^2 f$$

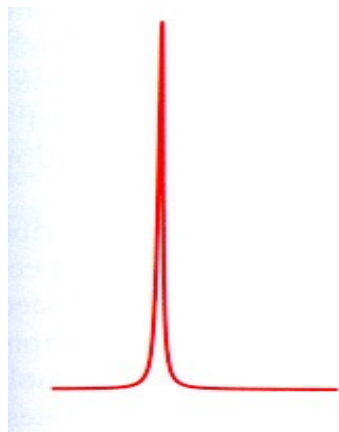
$$1/\tau^0 = k_e^0 \sim \epsilon_{\max} \Delta\nu^2 \sim 10^4 \epsilon_{\max}$$

**Experimental and Calculated Radiative Lifetimes  
for Singlet-Singlet Transitions**

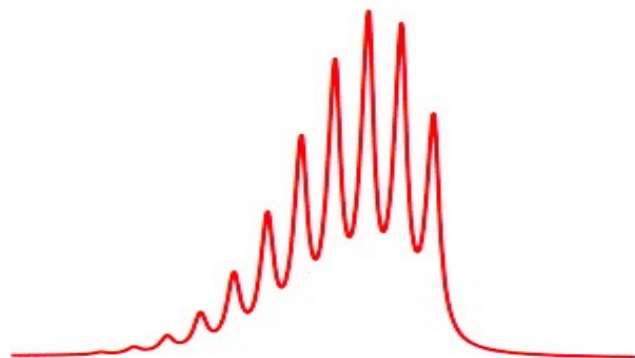
Compound	$\tau^0$ (x $10^9$ )	$\tau$ (x $10^9$ )
Anthracene	13.5	16.7
Perylene <sup>c</sup>	4.1	4.6
9,10-Diphenylanthracene	8.9	8.8
Acridone	14.9	14.1
Fluorescein	4.7	4.0
9-Aminoacridine	14.6	14.3
Rhodamine B	6.0	6.0
Acetone	10,000	1,000
Perfluoroacetone	10,000	5,000
Benzene	140	600



# Electronic spectra of larger molecules



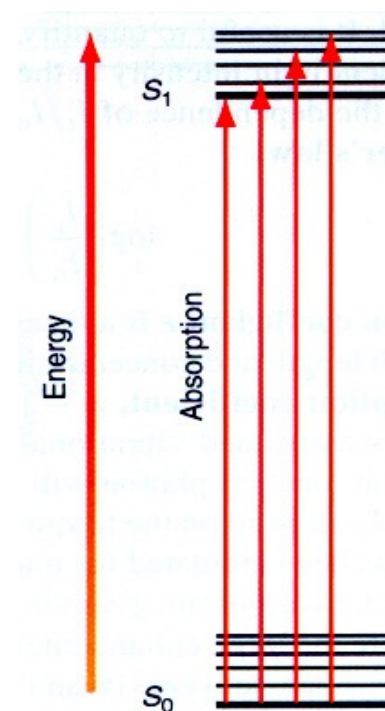
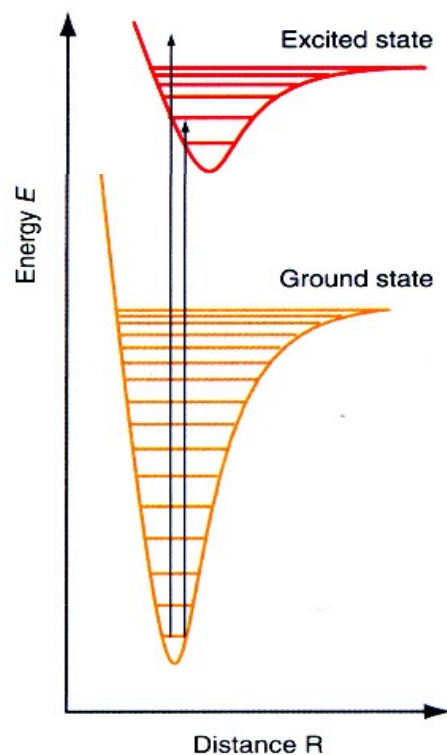
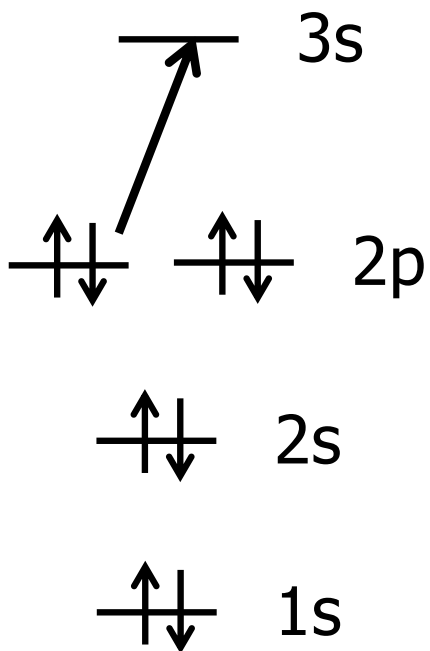
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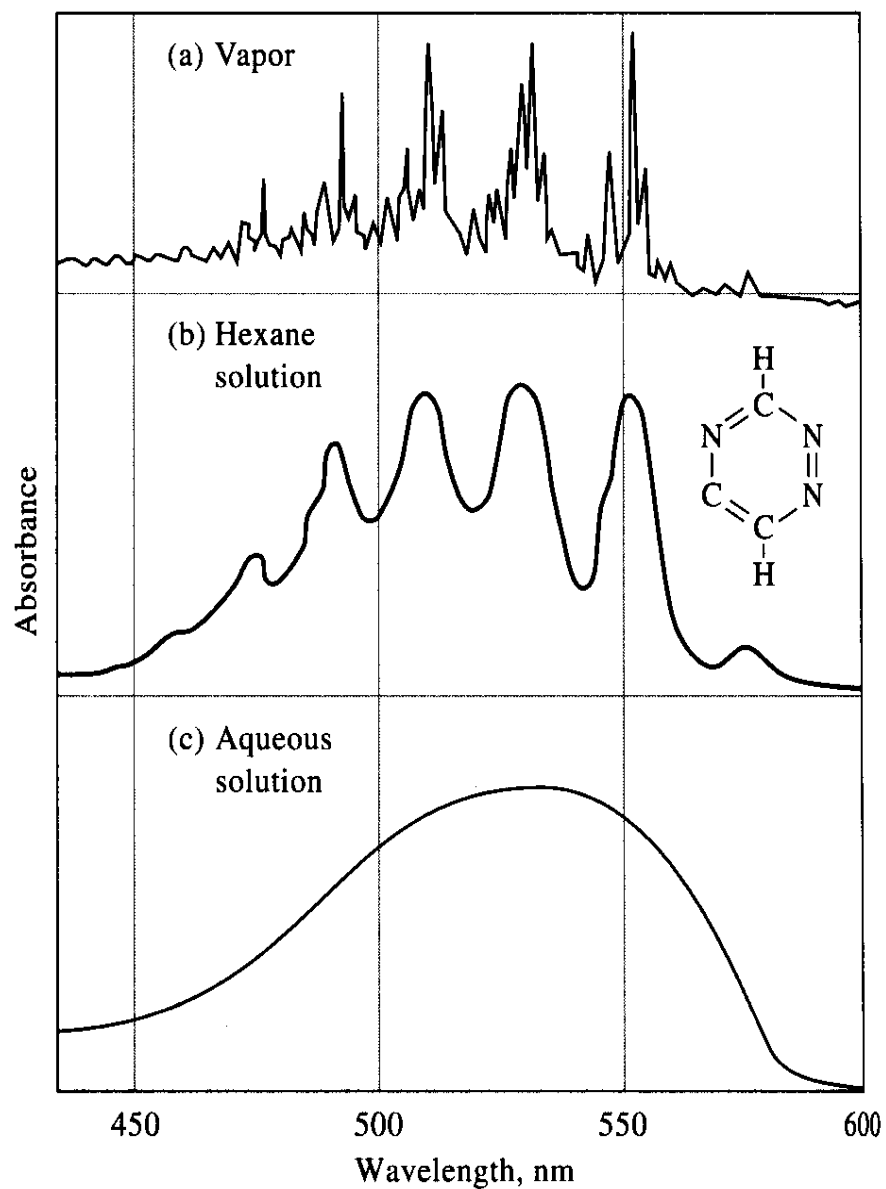
A diatomic (or other small) molecule



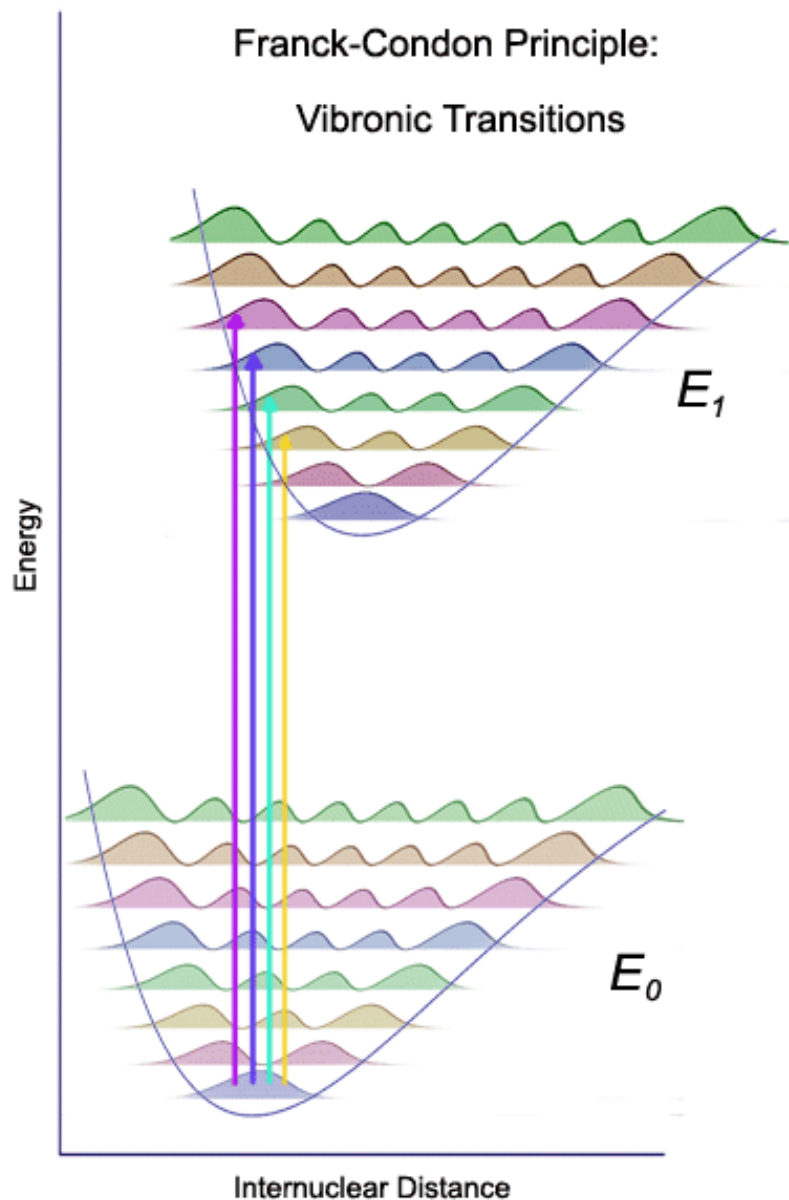
A large molecule



# Shapes of Absorption Spectra: medium dependent



# Franck-Condon principle and vertical transitions



J. Franck  
1882-1964  
Nobel Prize, 1925



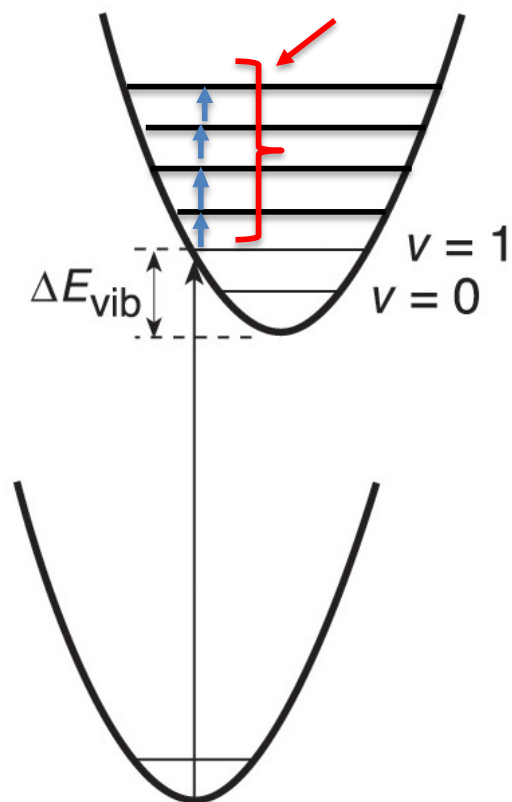
E. Condon  
1902-1974

The ground state ( $E_0$ ) supports a large number of vibrational energy levels. At room temperature, only the lowest vibrational level is populated, and electronic transitions originate from the  $v=0$  vibrational level.

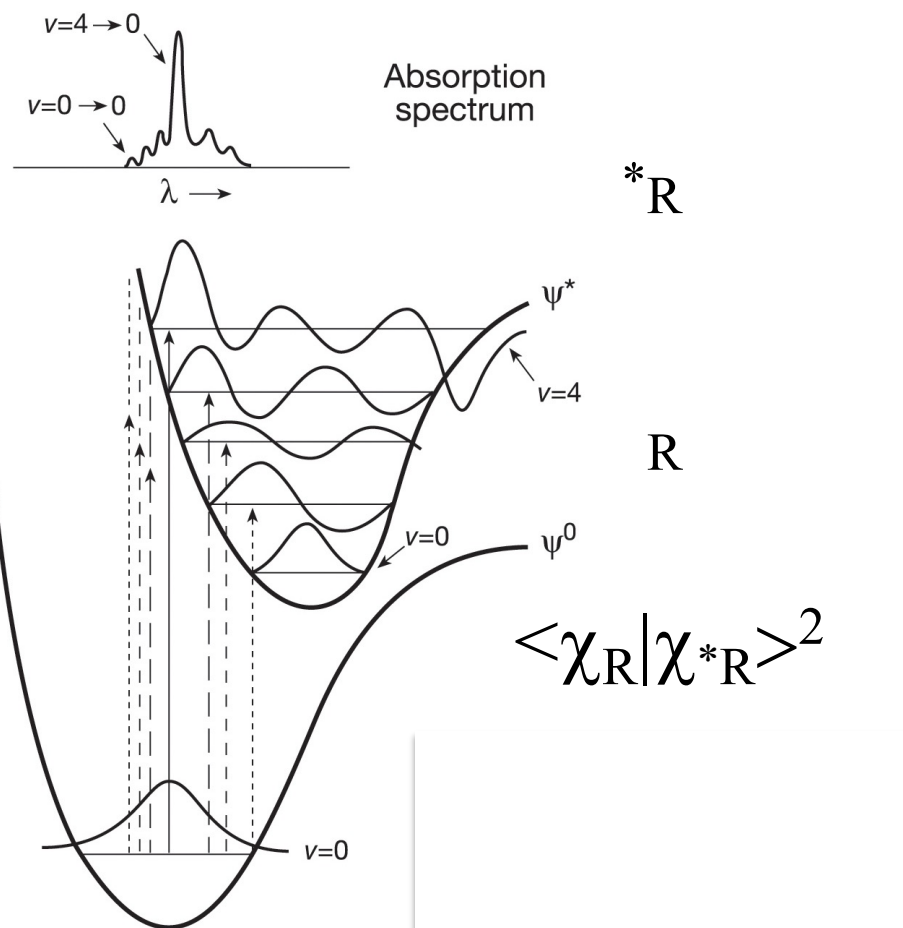
Franck-Condon principle is based on the fact that electrons move faster than nuclei that are heavier.

# Franck-Condon principle

An electronic transition occurs without changes in the positions of the nuclei in the molecules and its environment



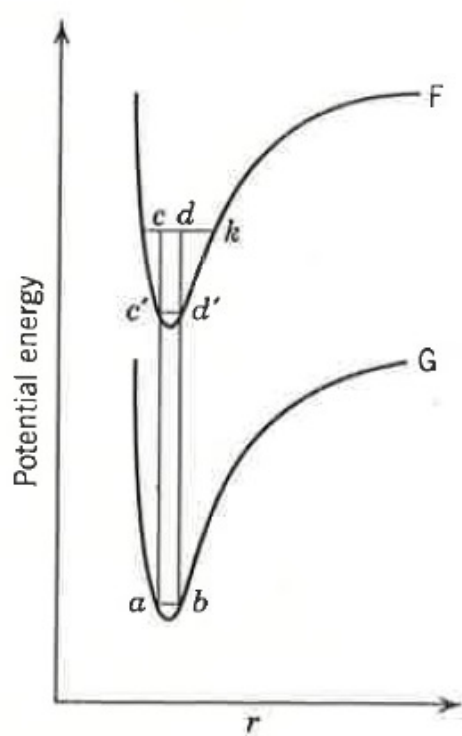
**QM harmonic oscillator**



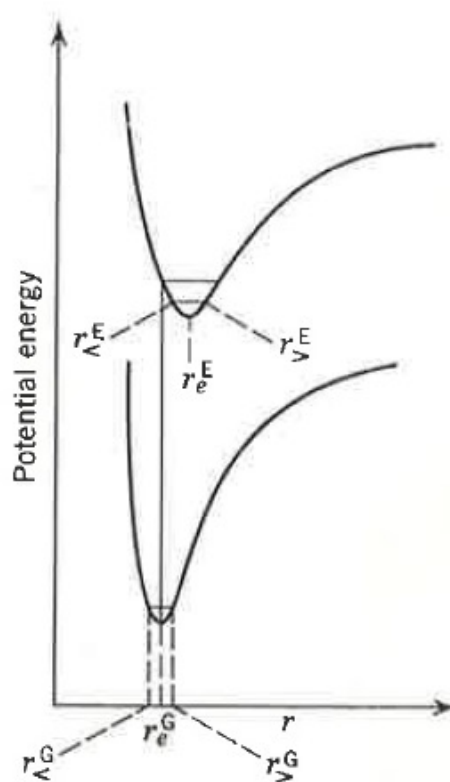
**QM anharmonic oscillator**

**Vibrational overlap integral decides the intensity of absorption**

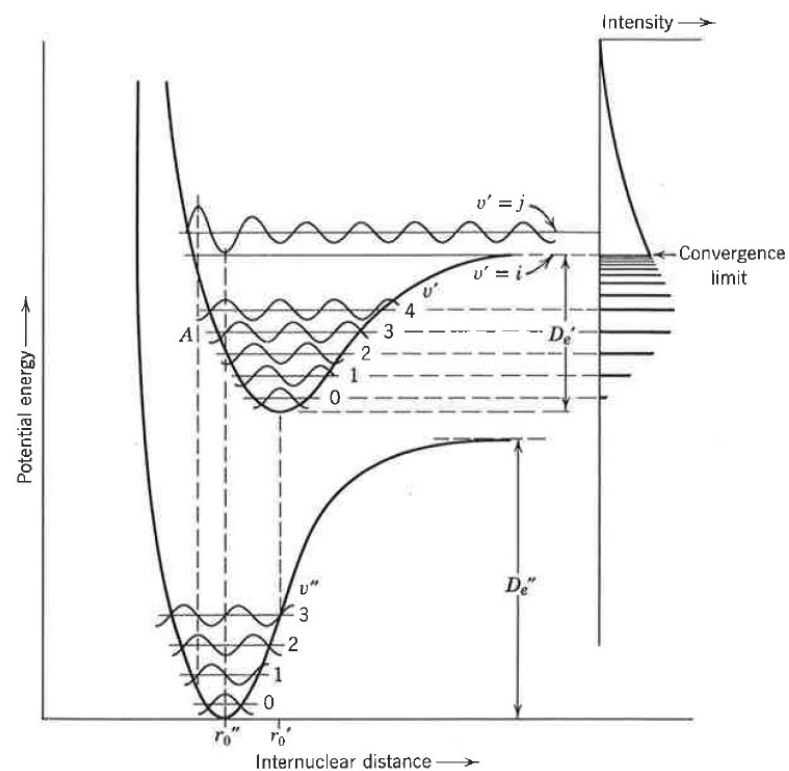
# Relative position of energy surfaces and Franck-Condon principle control the shape of the absorption and emission spectra



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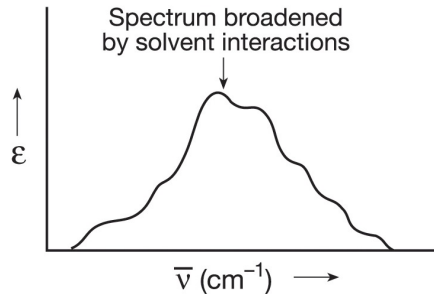
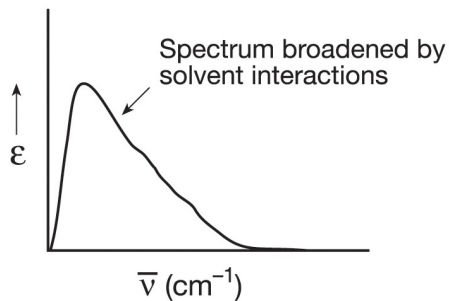
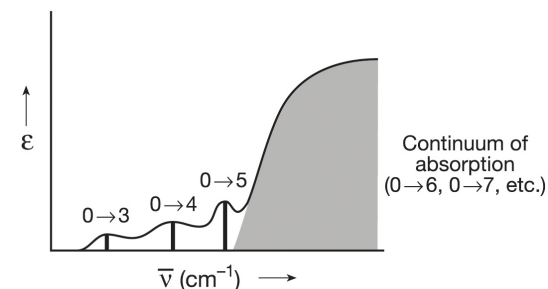
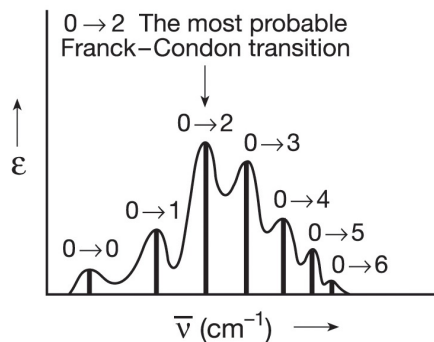
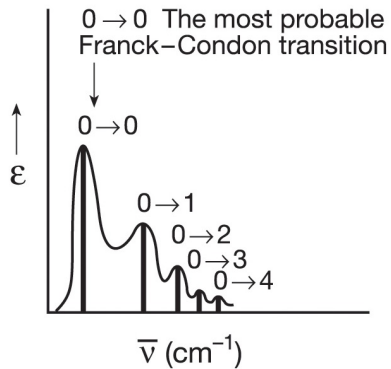
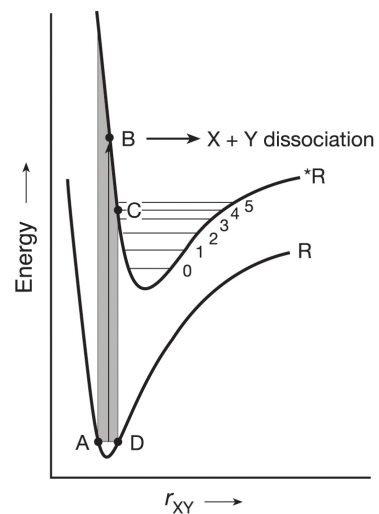
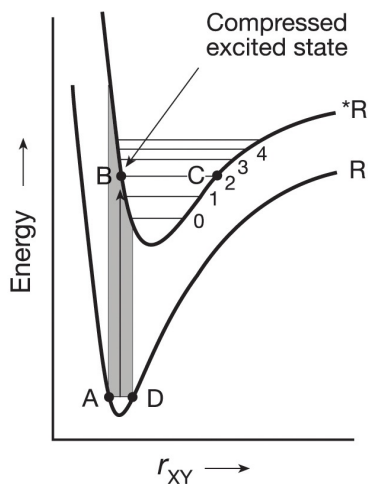
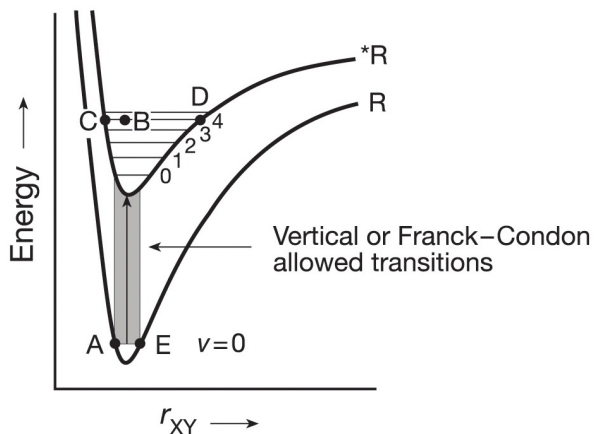


(b)



Internuclear distance  $\rightarrow$

# Relative position of energy surfaces and Franck-Condon principle control the shape of the absorption and emission spectra

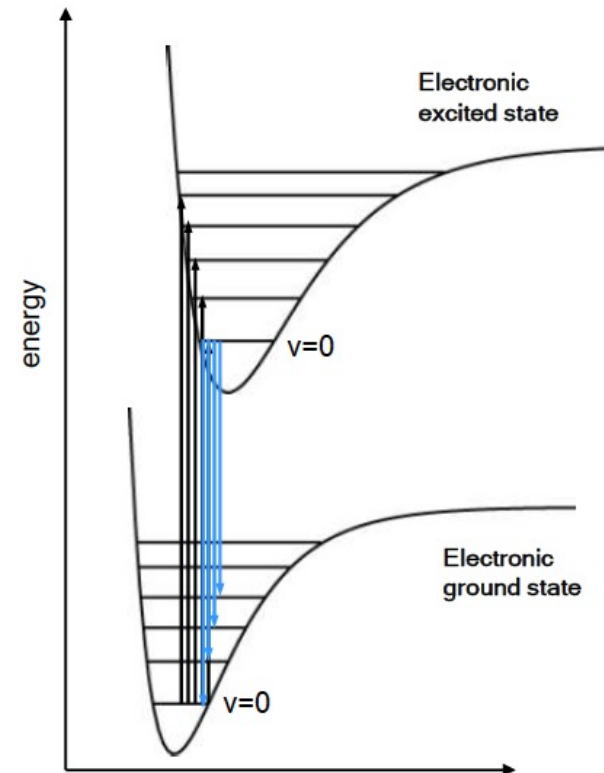
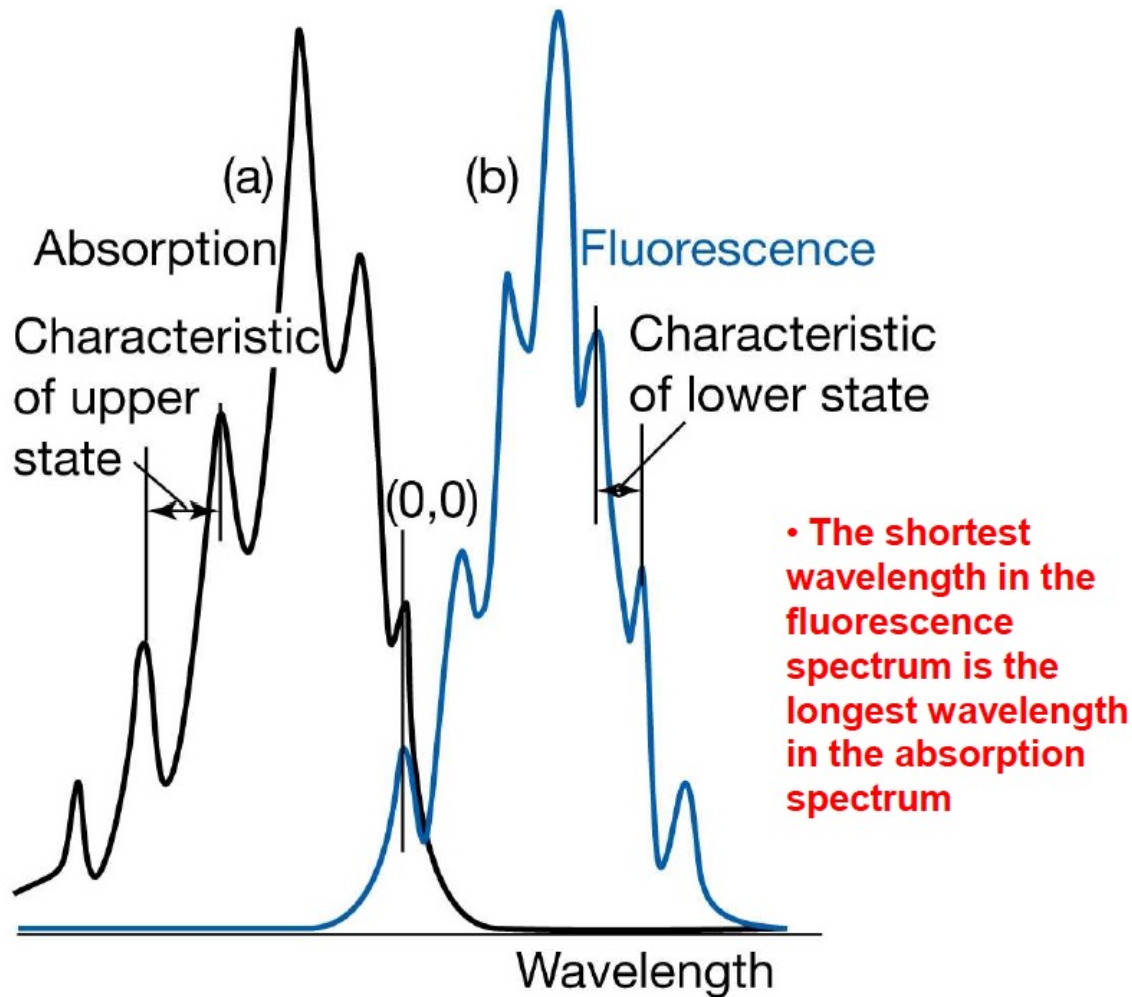


Photoablation & Lasik use this part of the spectrum

# Stoke's shift: Absorption and Emission Spectra



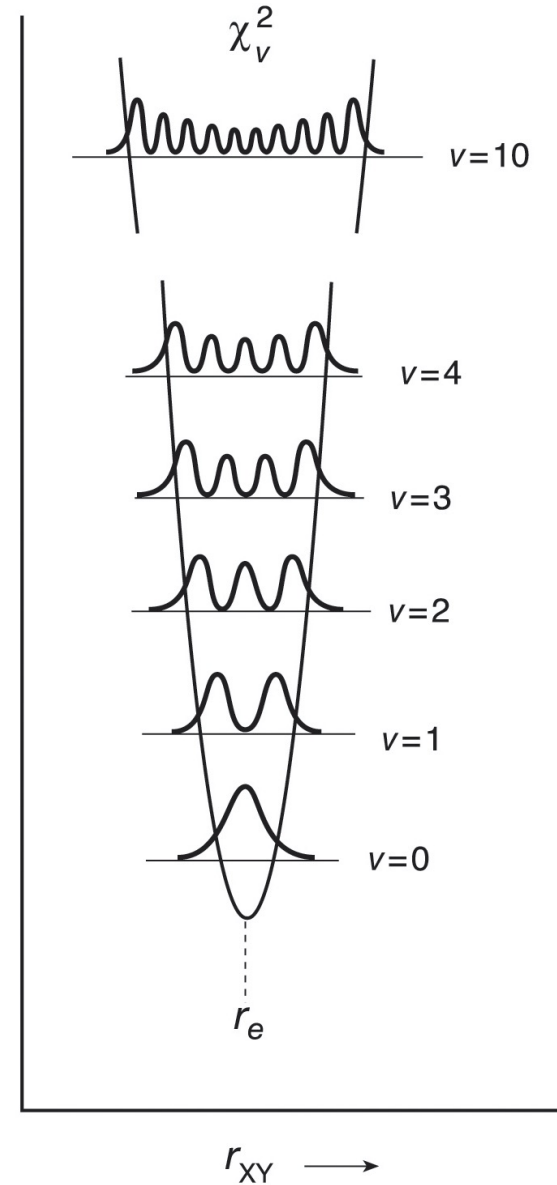
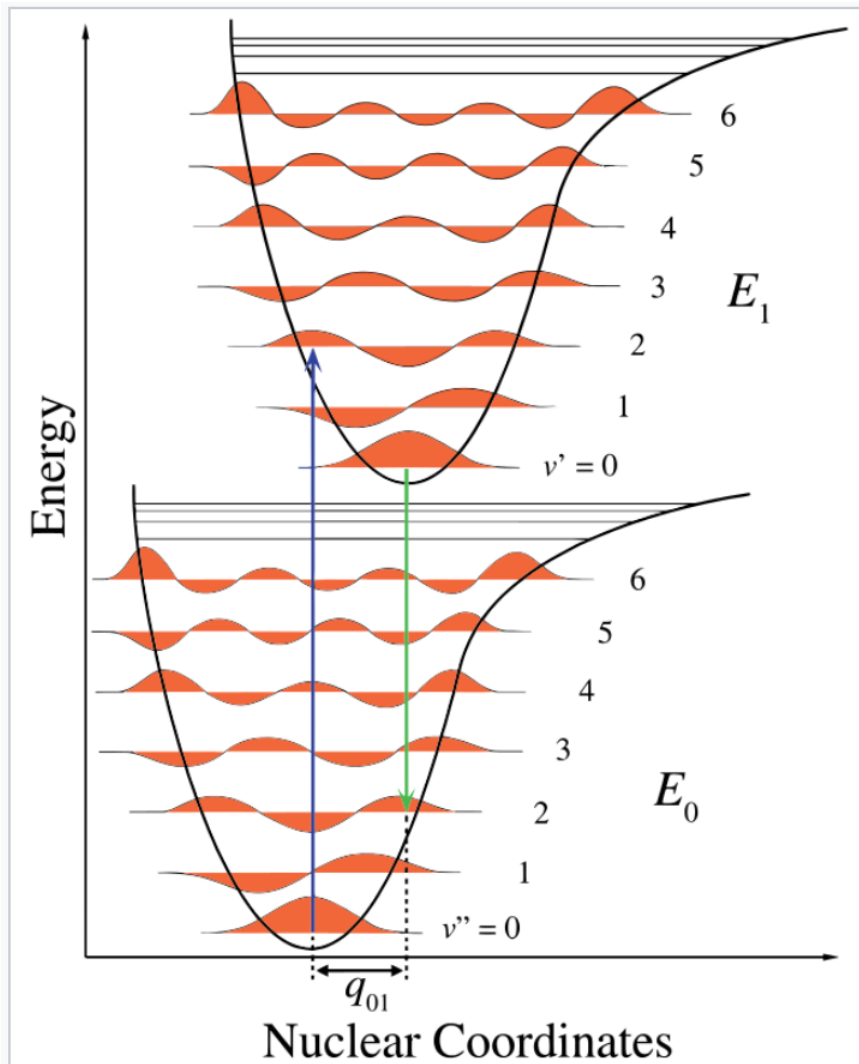
G.G. Stokes (1819-1903)



Owing to a decrease in bonding of the molecule in its excited state compared to that of the ground state, the energy difference between  $S_0$  and  $S_1$  is lowered prior to fluorescence emission. This is known as Stoke's shift.

# Absorption and Emission Spectra

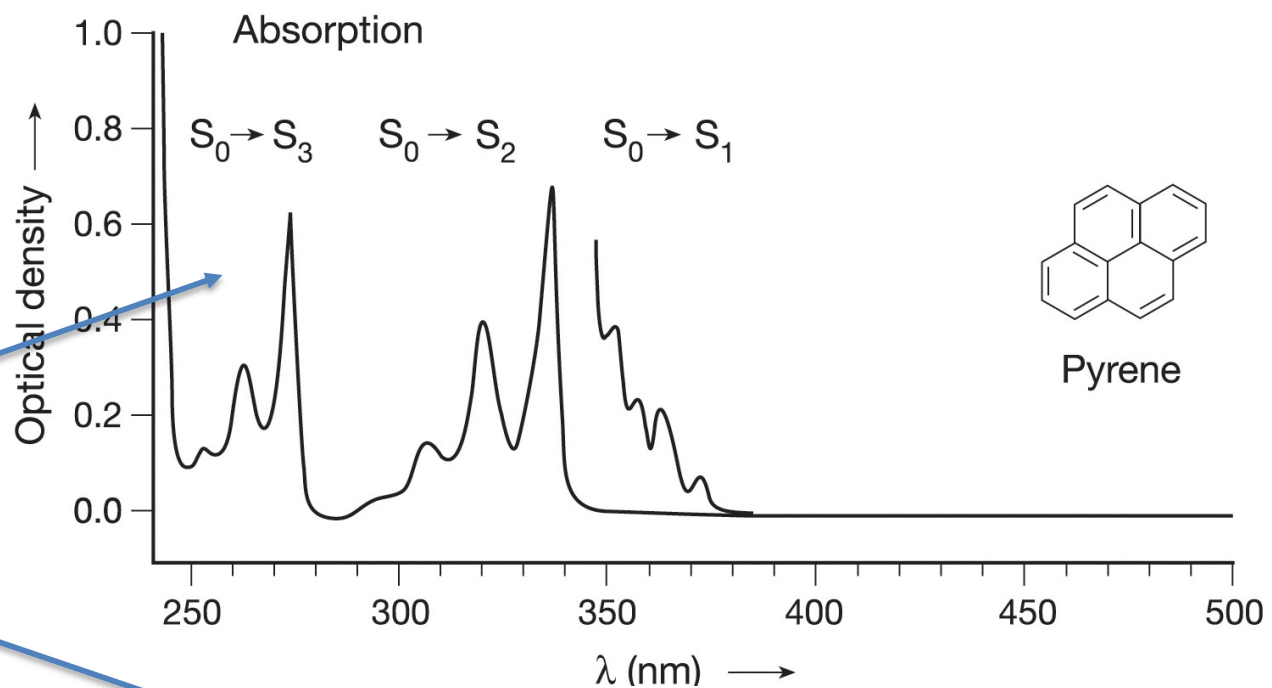
Mirror Image Rule, Franck-Condon Principle, and Stoke's shift



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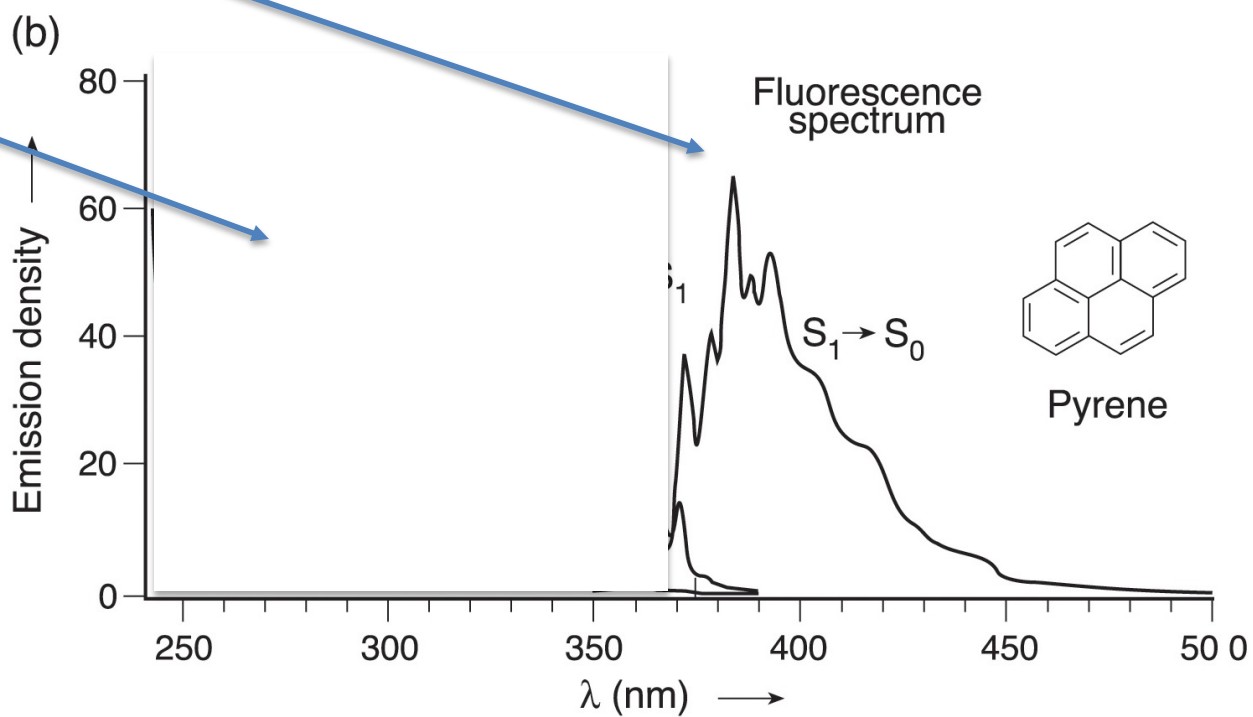


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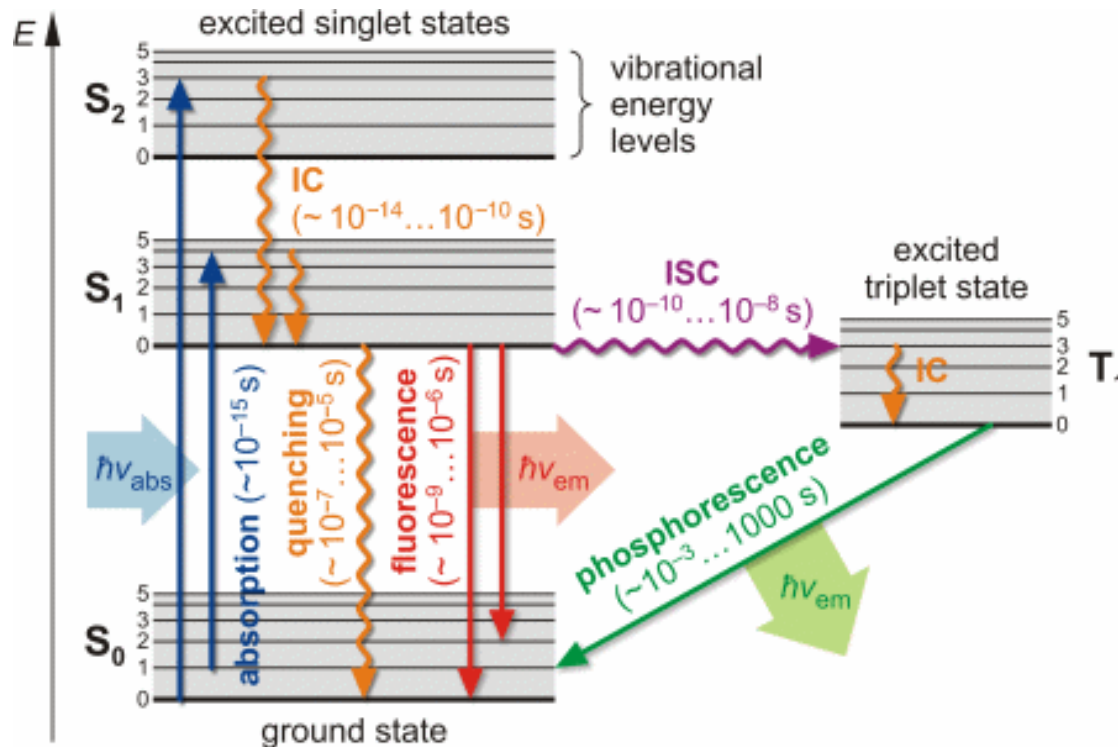
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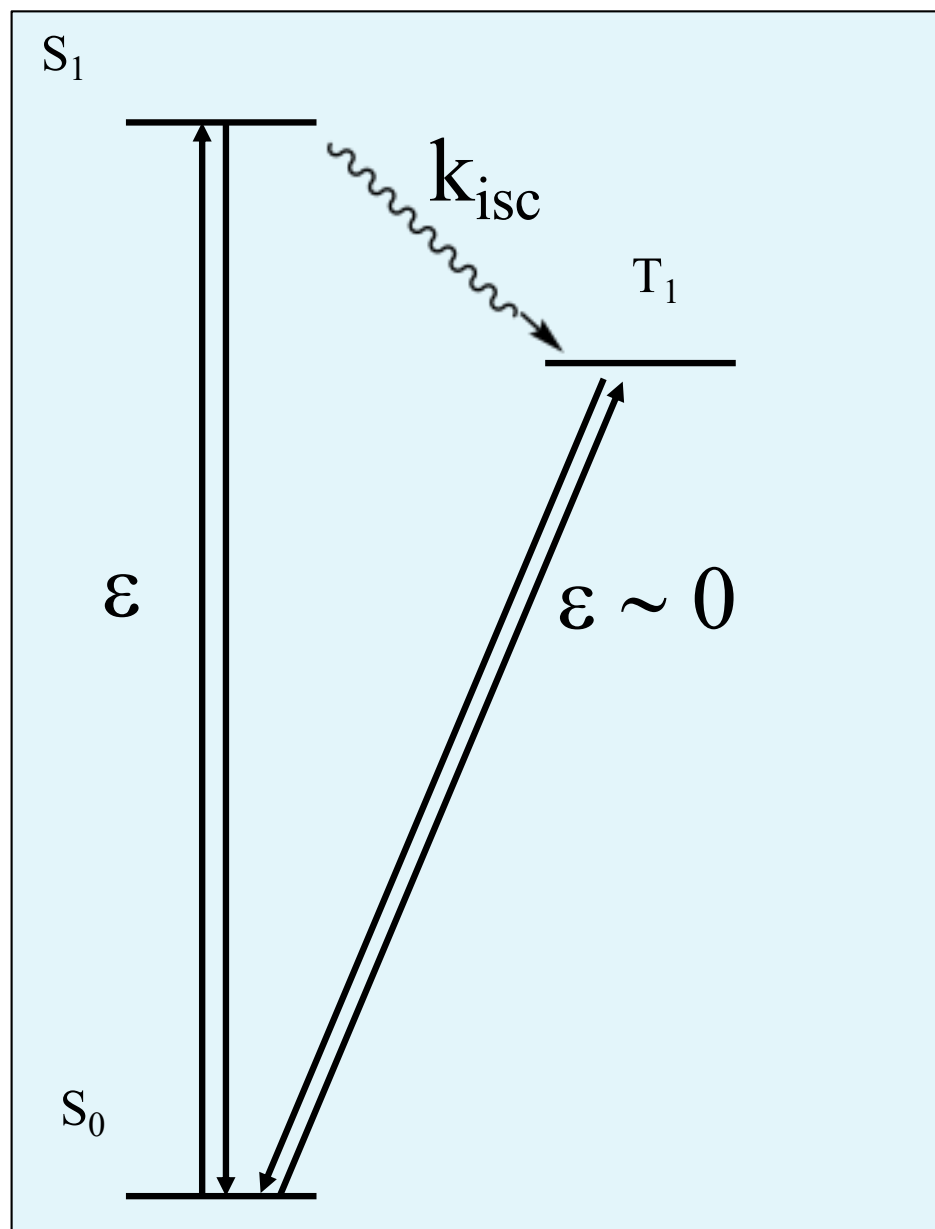
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The quantum yield of fluorescence (and the quantum yield of phosphorescence) are independent of initial excitation energy.  
Emission originates from the lowest vibrational level.

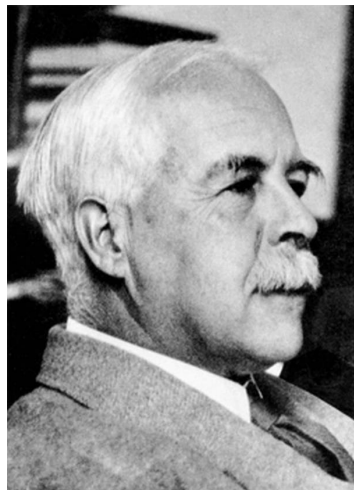


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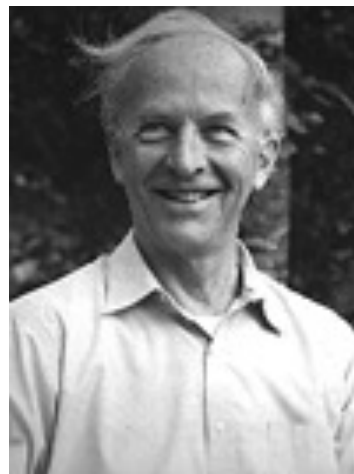
# Singlet-Triplet Crossing and Phosphorescence



# Triplet State and Phosphorescence



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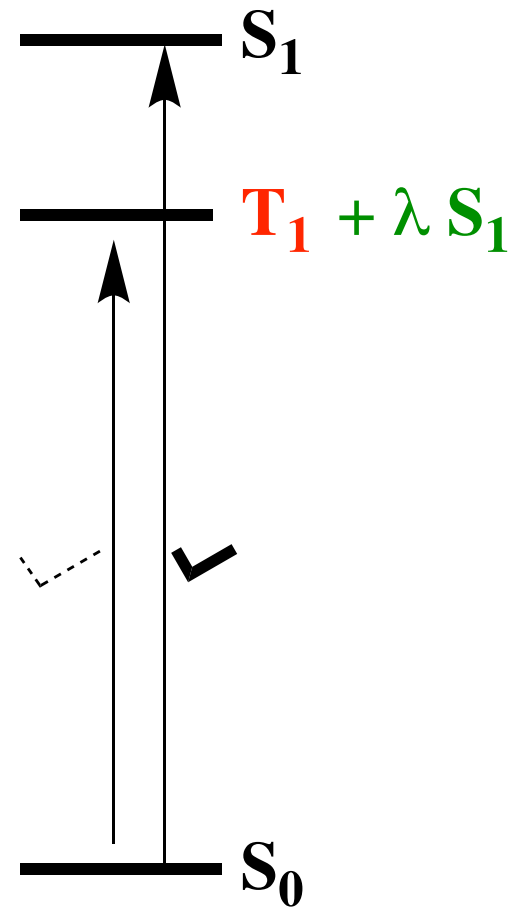
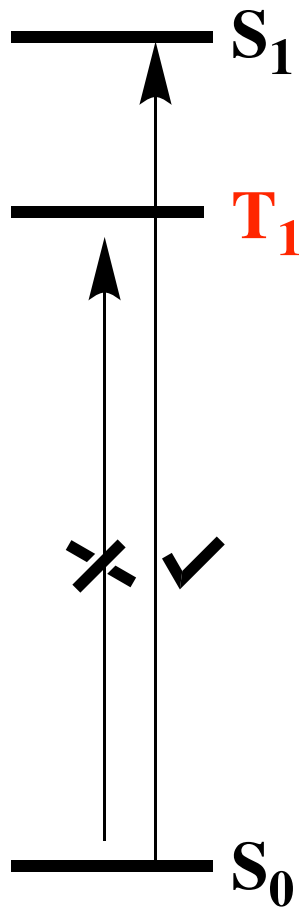
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# Singlet-Triplet Transitions Role of Spin-Orbit Coupling



Spin-Orbit coupling mixes the states,  
no longer pure states

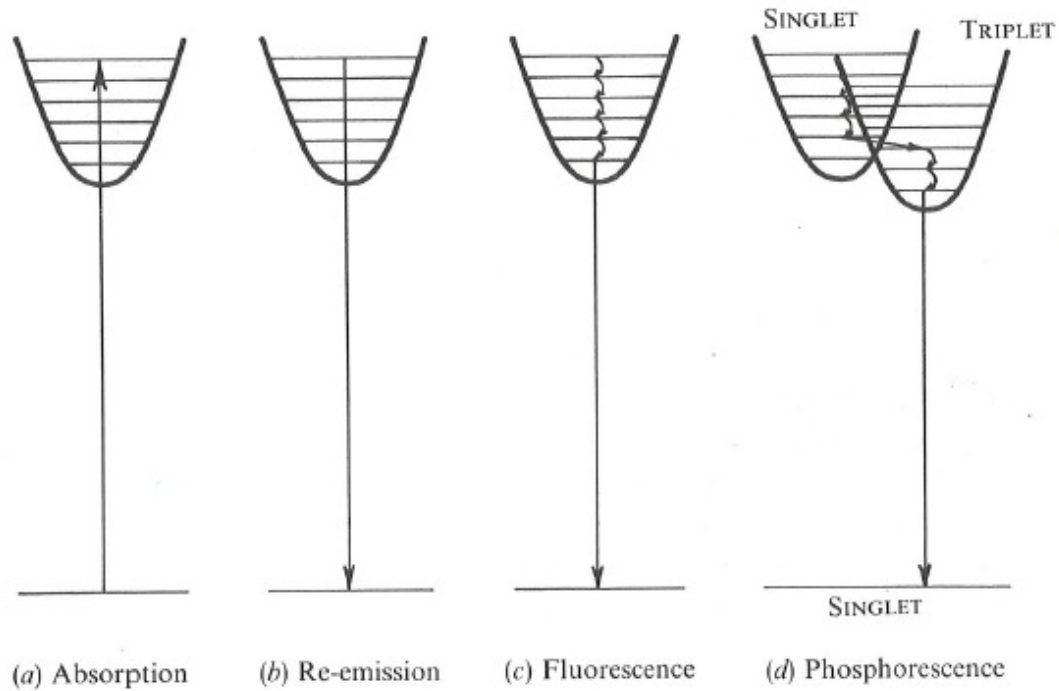
$$\text{Observed Rate Constant} = \text{Zero-point Motion-Limited Rate Constant} \times \text{“Fully Allowed Rate”} \quad (3.7)$$

$$\underbrace{k_{\text{obs}}}_{\text{Prohibition to maximal caused by “selection rules”}} = k_{\text{max}}^0 \times \underbrace{f_e \times f_v \times f_s}_{\text{Prohibition factors due to changes in electronic, nuclear, or spin configuration}}$$

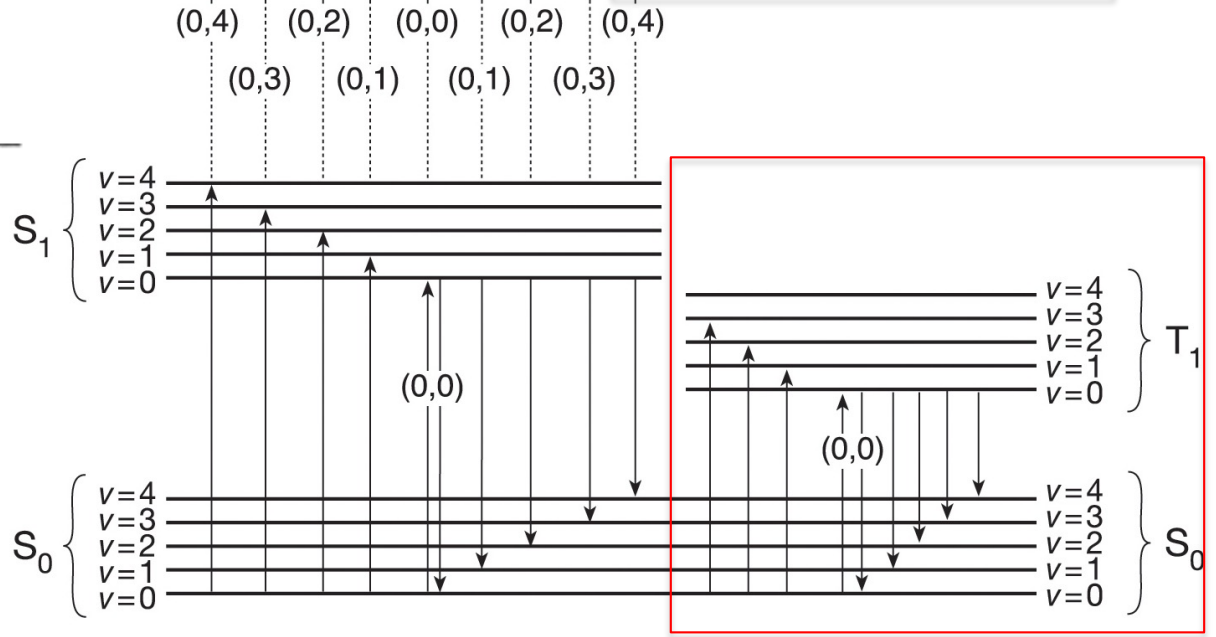
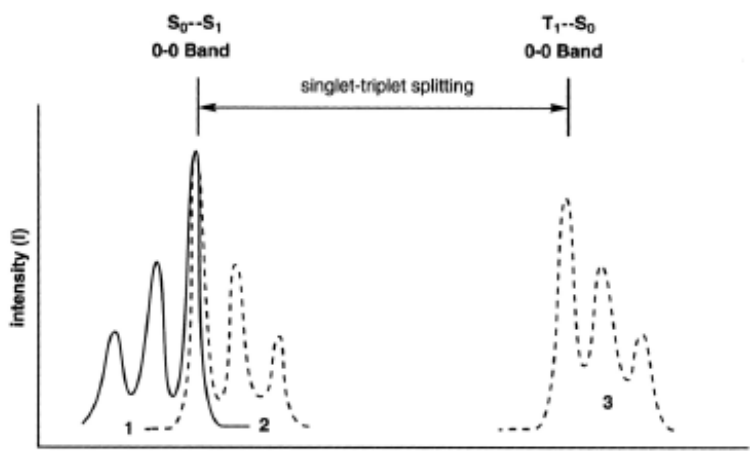
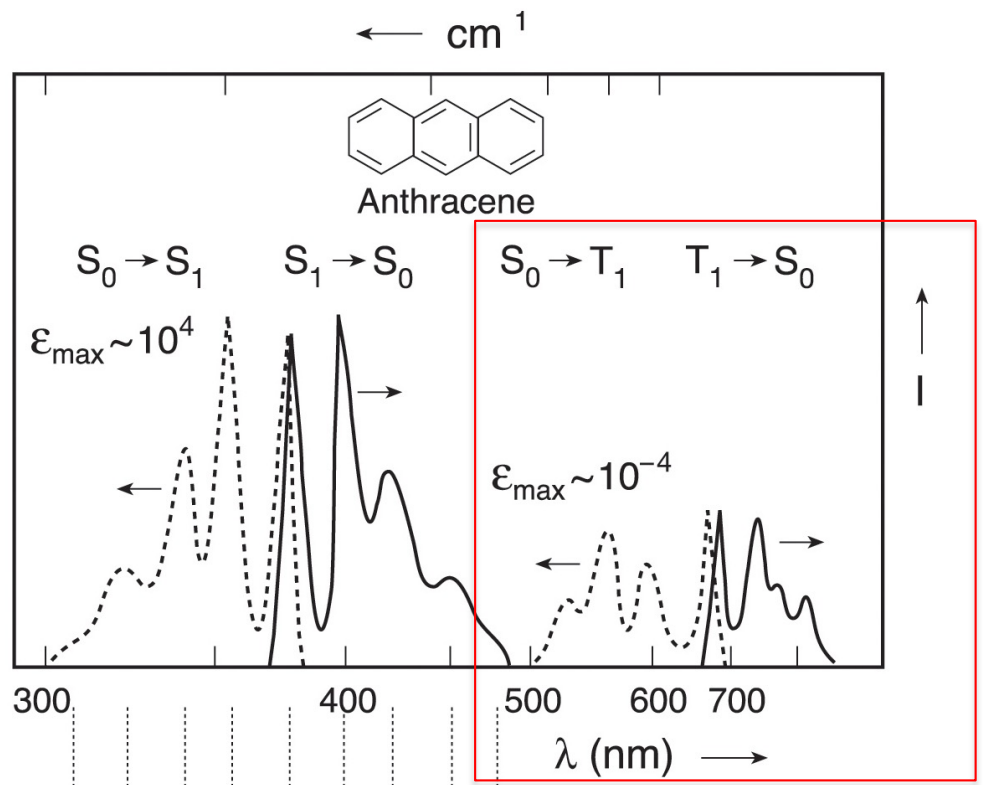
$$k_{\text{obs}} = \underbrace{\left[ \frac{k_{\text{max}}^0 \langle \psi_1 | P_{\text{vib}} | \psi_2 \rangle^2}{\Delta E_{12}^2} \right]}_{\text{Vibrational coupling}} \times \underbrace{\left[ \frac{\langle \psi_1 | P_{\text{so}} | \psi_2 \rangle^2}{\Delta E_{12}^2} \right]}_{\text{Spin-orbital coupling}} \times \underbrace{\left[ \langle \chi_1 | \chi_2 \rangle^2 \right]}_{\text{Vibrational overlap Franck-Condon factors}}$$

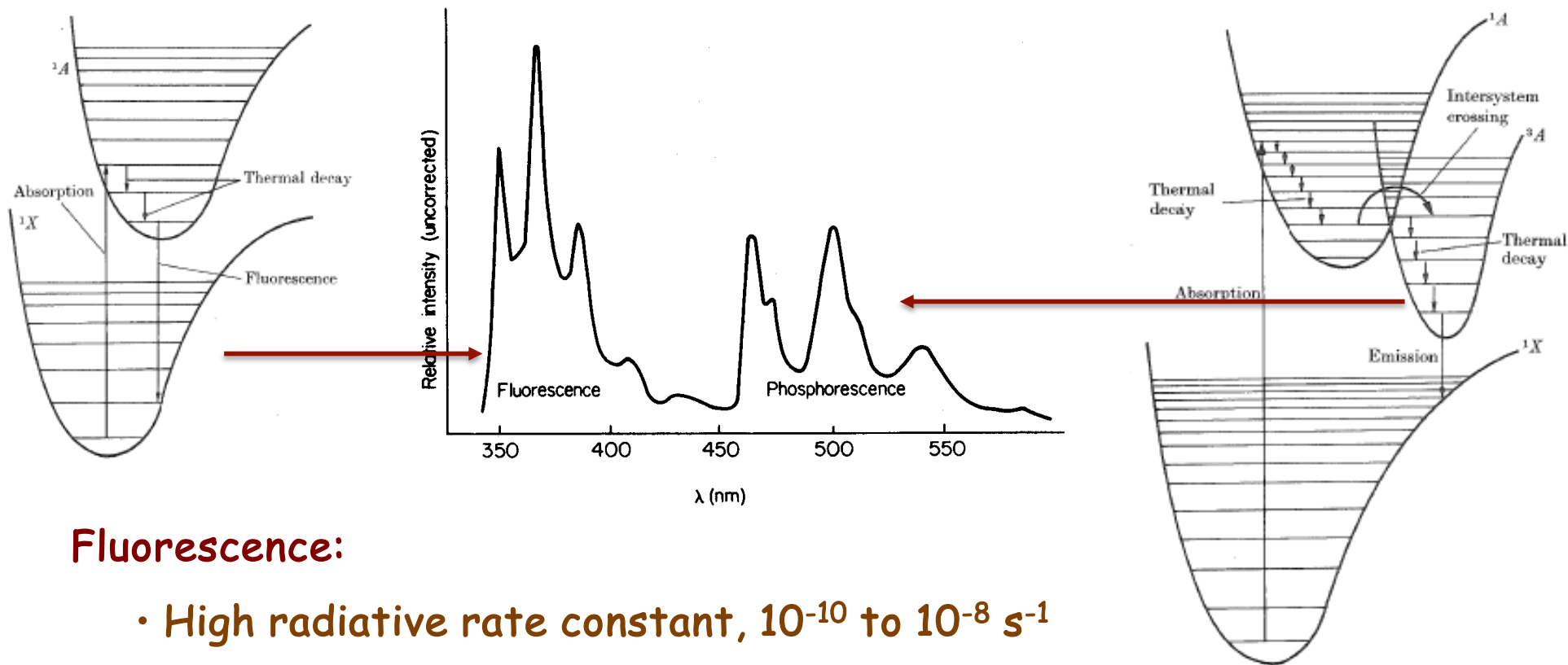


# Absorption and Emission



# Phosphorescence





## Fluorescence:

- High radiative rate constant,  $10^{-10}$  to  $10^{-8} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Precursor state ( $S_1$ ) has short lifetime
- Generally not susceptible to quenching

## Phosphorescence:

- Low radiative rate constant,  $10^{-6}$  to  $10 \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Precursor state ( $T_1$ ) has long lifetime
- Very much susceptible to quenching
- Emission quantum yield depends on  $S_1$  to  $T_1$  crossing

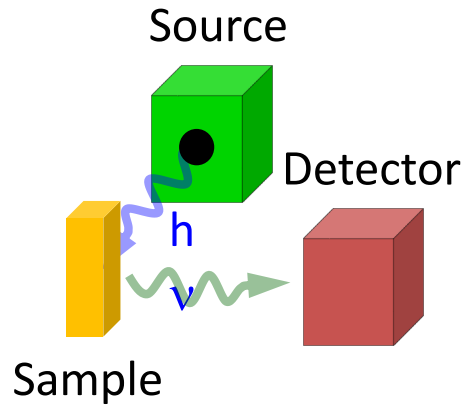
# Organic Glass for Phosphorescence

VISCOSITY OF LOW TEMPERATURE GLASSES  
(Adapted from Greenspan and Fischer<sup>208</sup>)

Solvent	Approximate viscosity in poise at $-180^{\circ}\text{C}$
1-Propanol/2-propanol (2:3)	$6 \times 10^{12}$
Ethanol/methanol	$2 \times 10^{12}$
Ethanol/methanol + 4.5% water	—
Ethanol/methanol + 9% water	—
Iso-octane/isononane	$3 \times 10^{10}$
Methylcyclohexane/cis/trans-decalin	$1 \times 10^{14}$
Methylcyclohexane/toluene	$7 \times 10^9$
Methylcyclohexane-isohexanes (3:2)	$3 \times 10^6$
Methylcyclohexane/methylcyclopentane	$2 \times 10^5$
Methylcyclohexane/iso-pentane	—
Methylcyclohexane-iso-pentane (1:3)	$1 \times 10^3$
2-Methylpentane	$7 \times 10^4$
2-Methyl tetrahydrofuran	$4 \times 10^7$
Ether/iso-pentane/ethanol (5:5:2)	$9 \times 10^3$

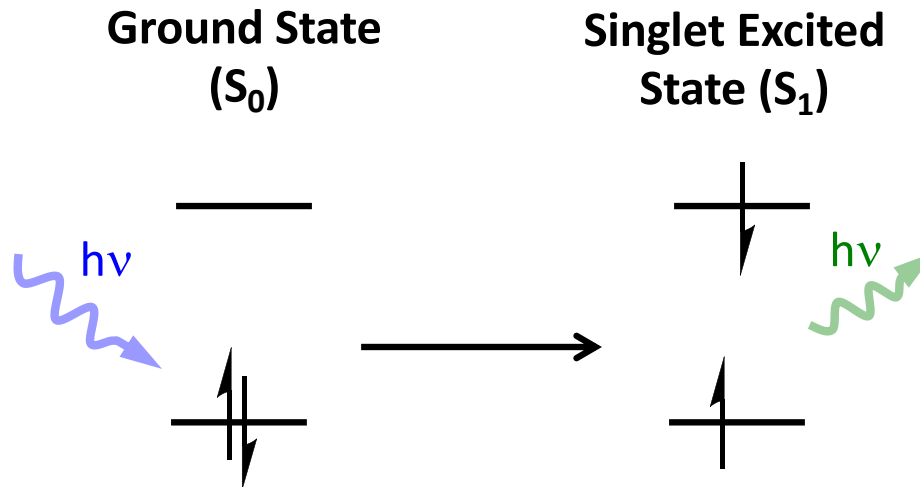
- Be chemically inert
- Have no absorption in the region of optical pumping
- Have a large solubility for the studied material
- Be stable (don't crack) to the action of light
- Have a good optical quality

# Emission Quantum Yield

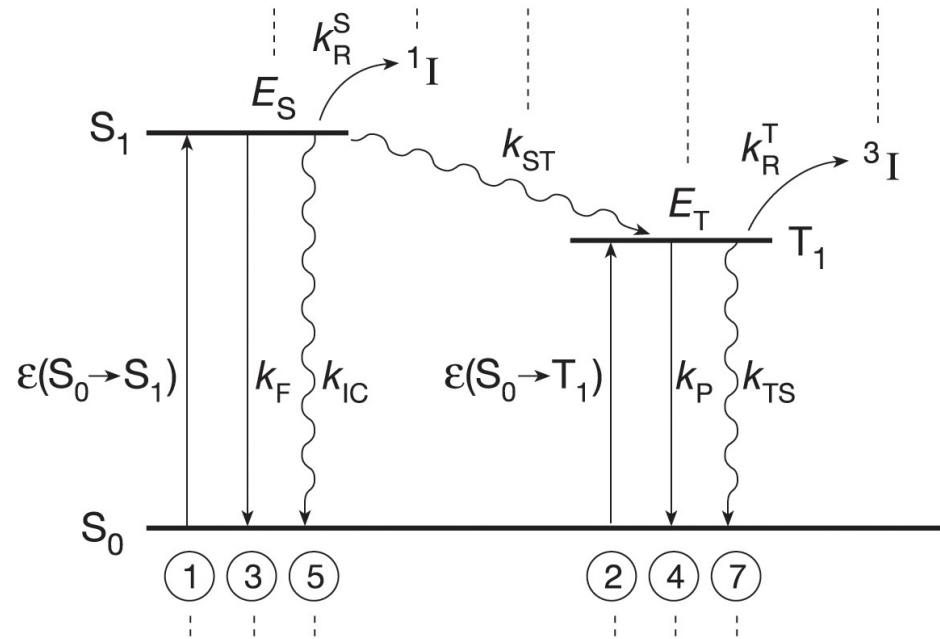
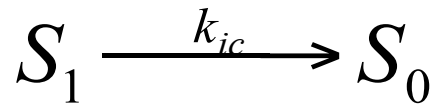
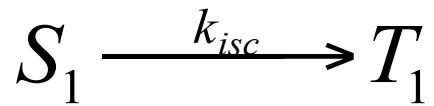
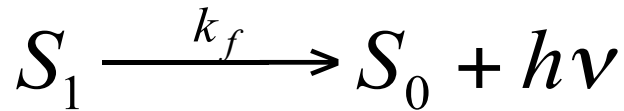
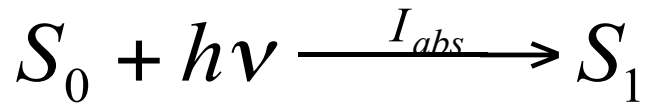


Emission Quantum Yield ( $\Phi$ )

$$\Phi = \frac{\text{\# of photons emitted}}{\text{\# of photons absorbed}}$$



# Competition with fluorescence



$$\phi_f = \frac{k_f [S_1]}{(k_f + k_{isc} + k_{ic} + \dots) [S_1]}$$

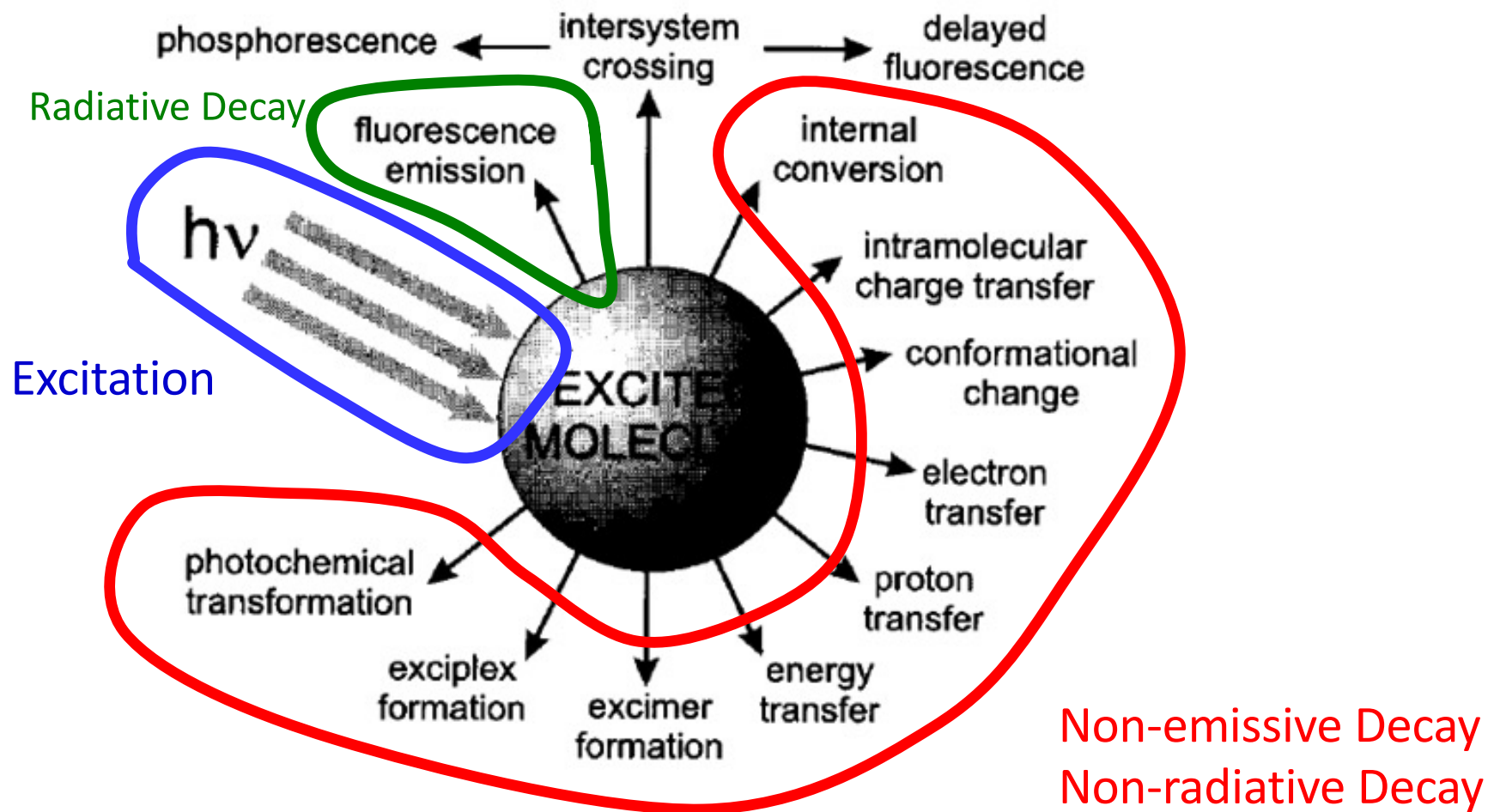
$$\tau_f = \frac{1}{k_f + k_{isc} + k_{ic} + \dots}$$

Lifetime

$$1/\tau^0 = k_e^0 \sim \epsilon_{\max} \Delta\nu^2 \sim 10^4 \epsilon_{\max}$$

Radiative lifetime

# Excited State Decay

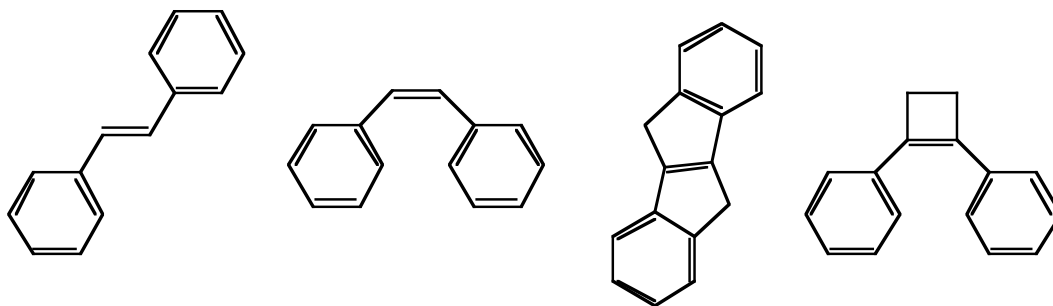


$$\Phi = \frac{\text{\# of photons emitted}}{\text{\# of photons absorbed}}$$

# Factors Controlling Quantum Yield of Fluorescence

## Rigid vs non-rigid molecules

Bond rotation



25°C

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0.00

1.0

1.0

77 K

0.75

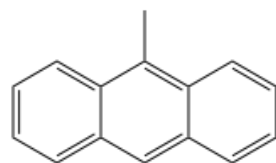
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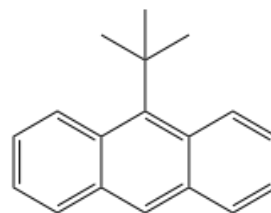
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**Molecular rigidity enhances  $\Phi_F$**

Loose Bolt



0.29



0.011



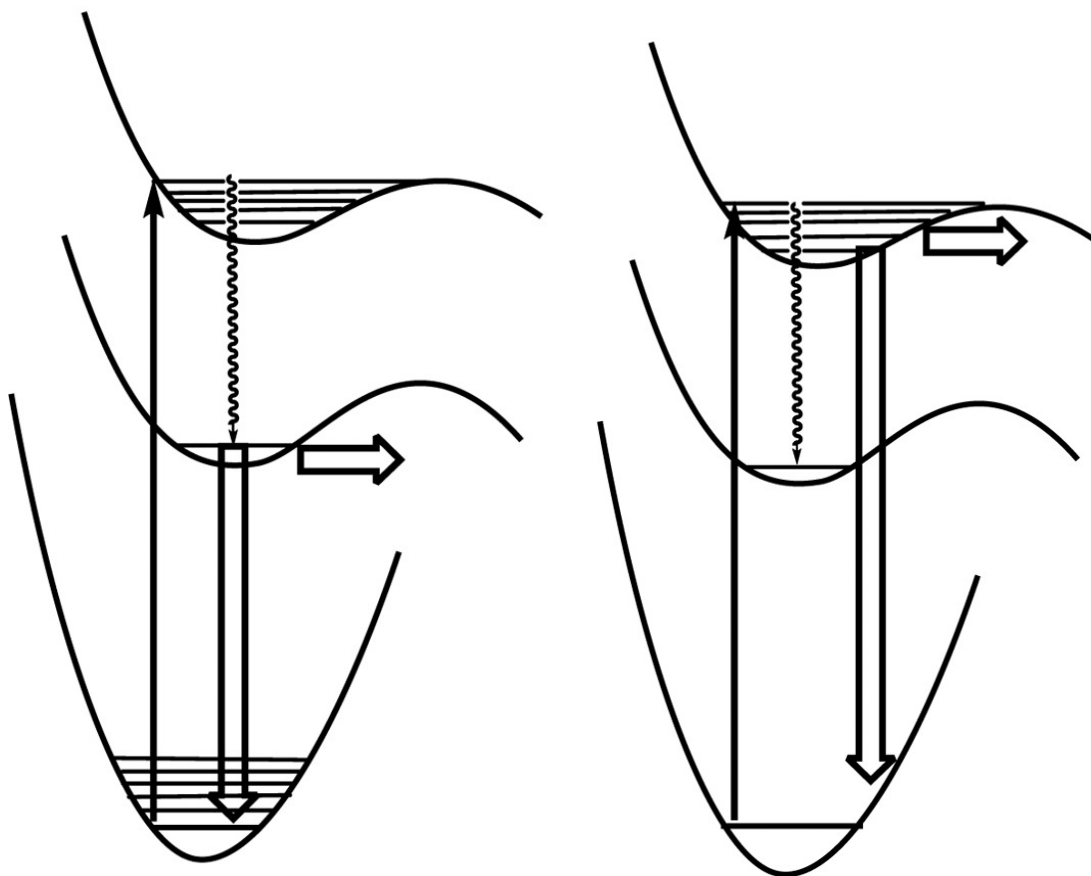
# Kasha's rule

**“The emitting level of a given multiplicity is the lowest excited level of that multiplicity”**

Kasha, Characterization of Electronic Transitions in Complex Molecules, *Faraday Soc. Discussion* **9**, 14-19 (1950)



Michael Kasha  
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Fluorescence occurs only from  $S_1$  to  $S_0$ ;

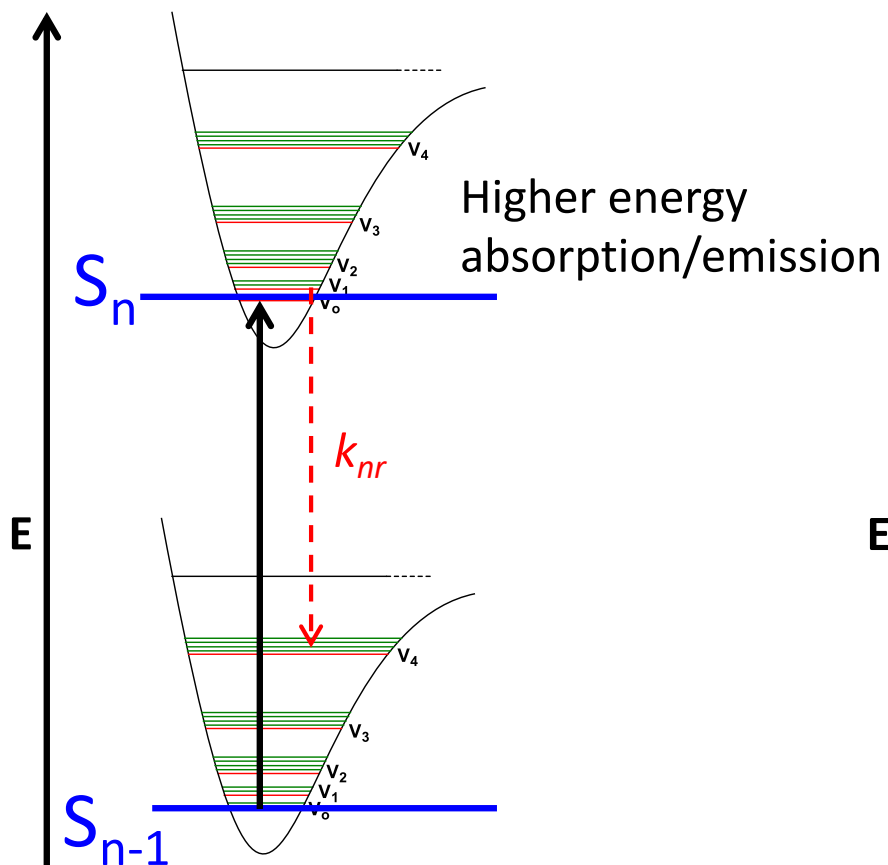
Phosphorescence occurs only from  $T_1$  to  $S_0$ ;

$S_n$  and  $T_n$  emissions are extremely rare.

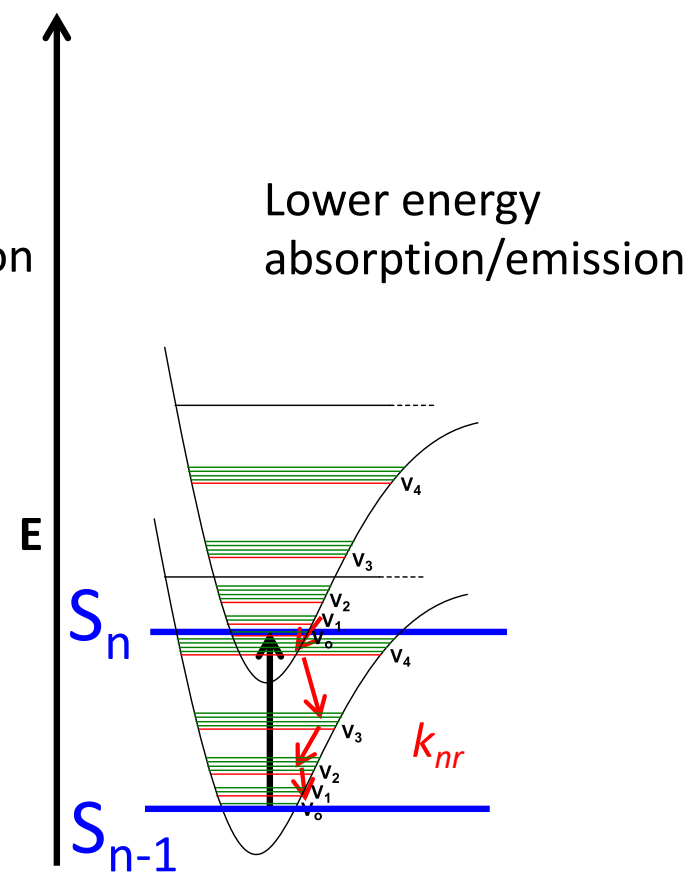
# Energy Gap Law

$$\Phi = \frac{k_r}{k_r + k_{nr}}$$

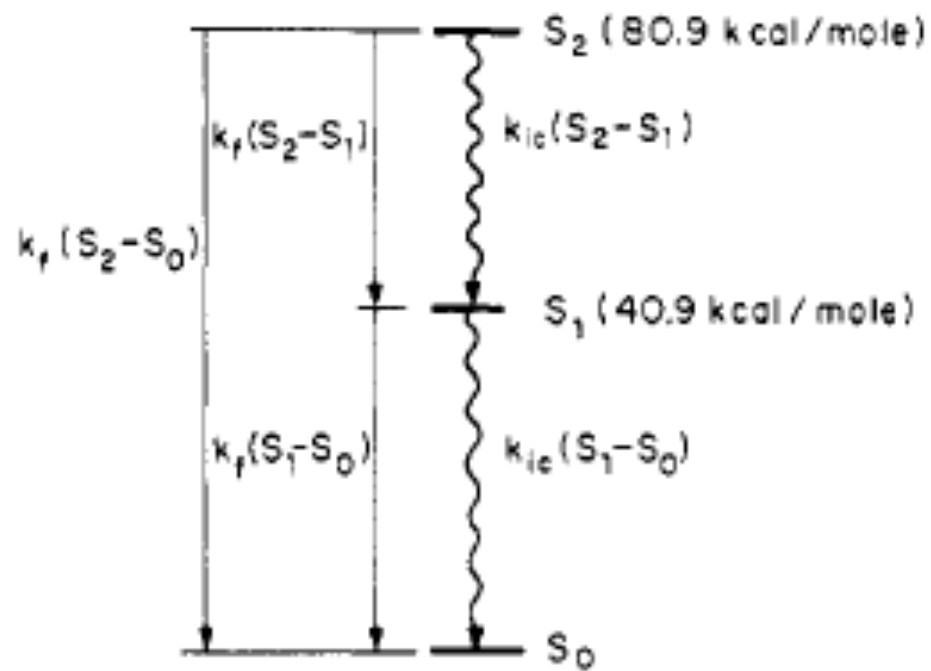
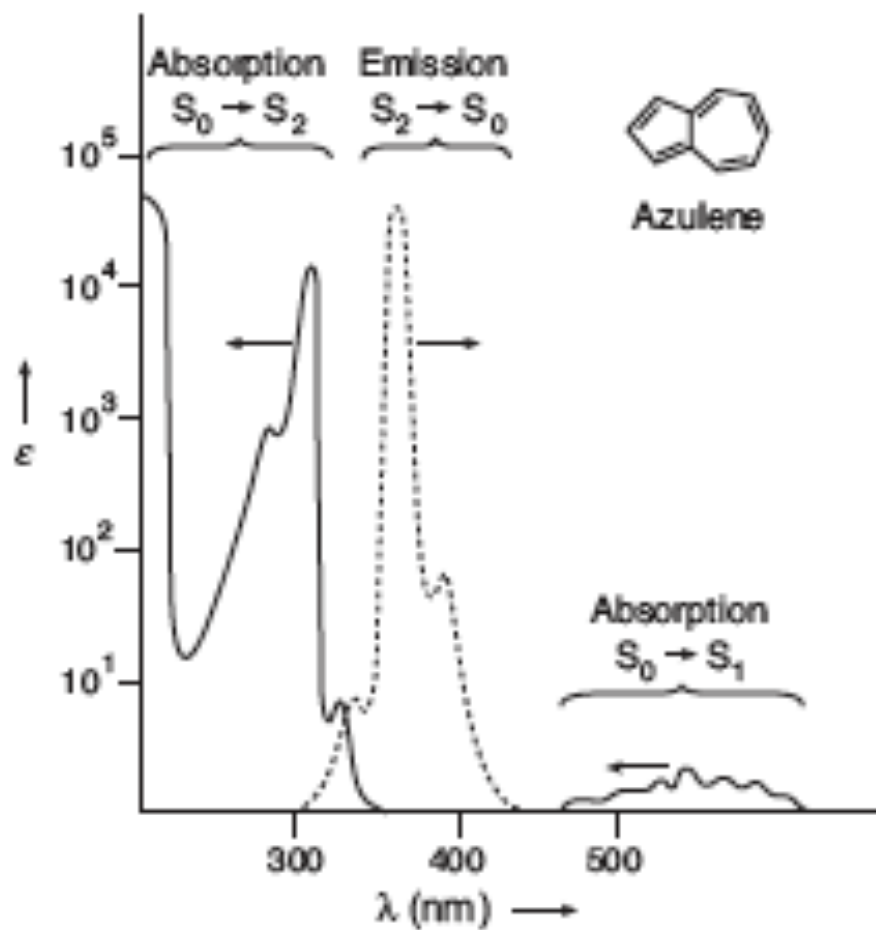
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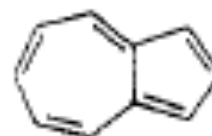
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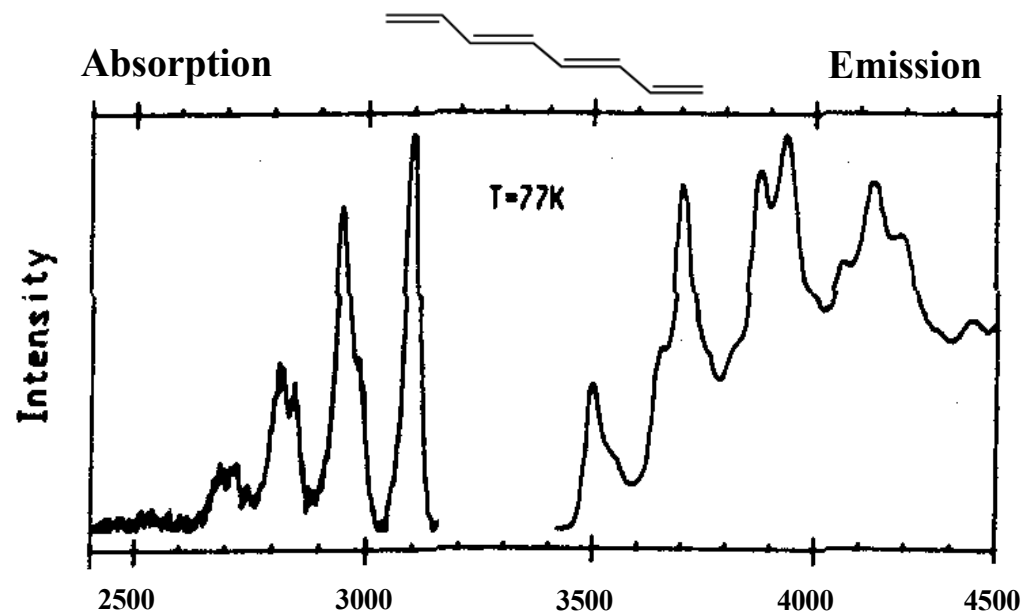
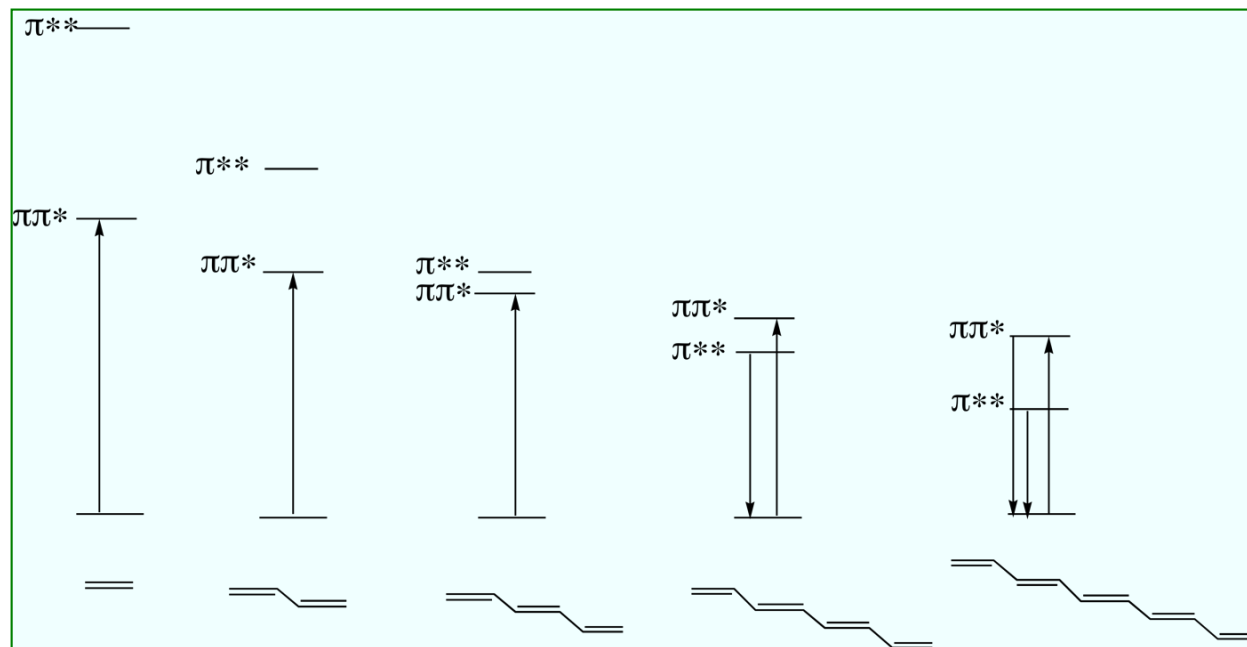


$$\begin{aligned}
 k_f(S_2 - S_0) &= 1.4 \times 10^7 \\
 k_f(S_2 - S_1) &\approx 1.4 \times 10^4 \\
 k_f(S_1 - S_0) &= 1.3 \times 10^6 \\
 k_{ic}(S_2 - S_1) &= 7 \times 10^8 \\
 k_{ic}(S_1 - S_0) &= 1.2 \times 10^{11}
 \end{aligned}$$

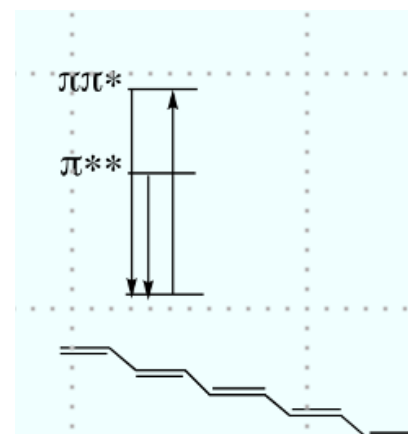
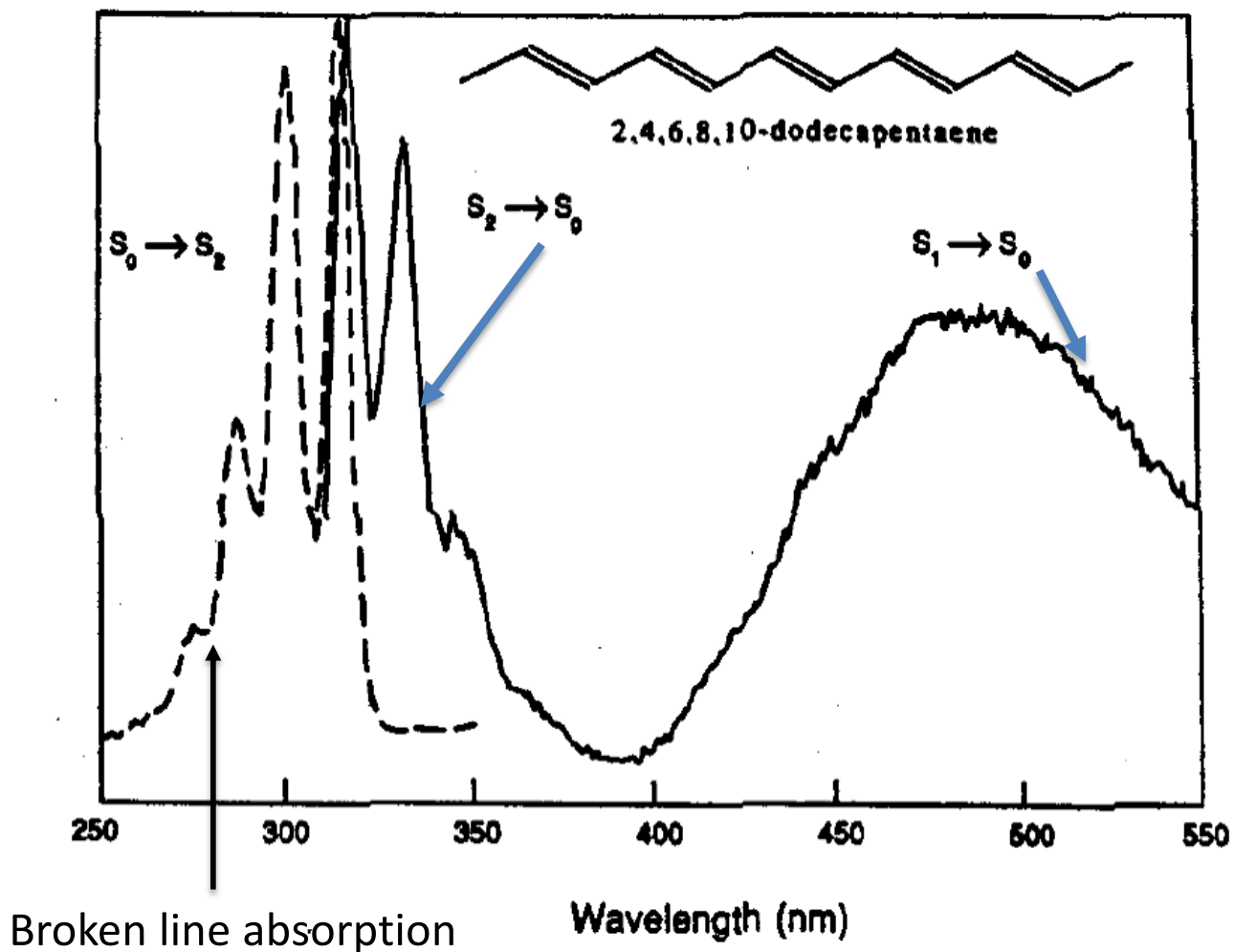


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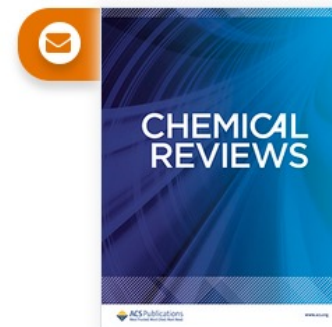
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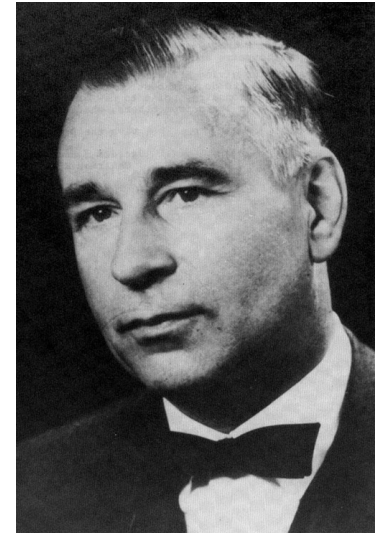
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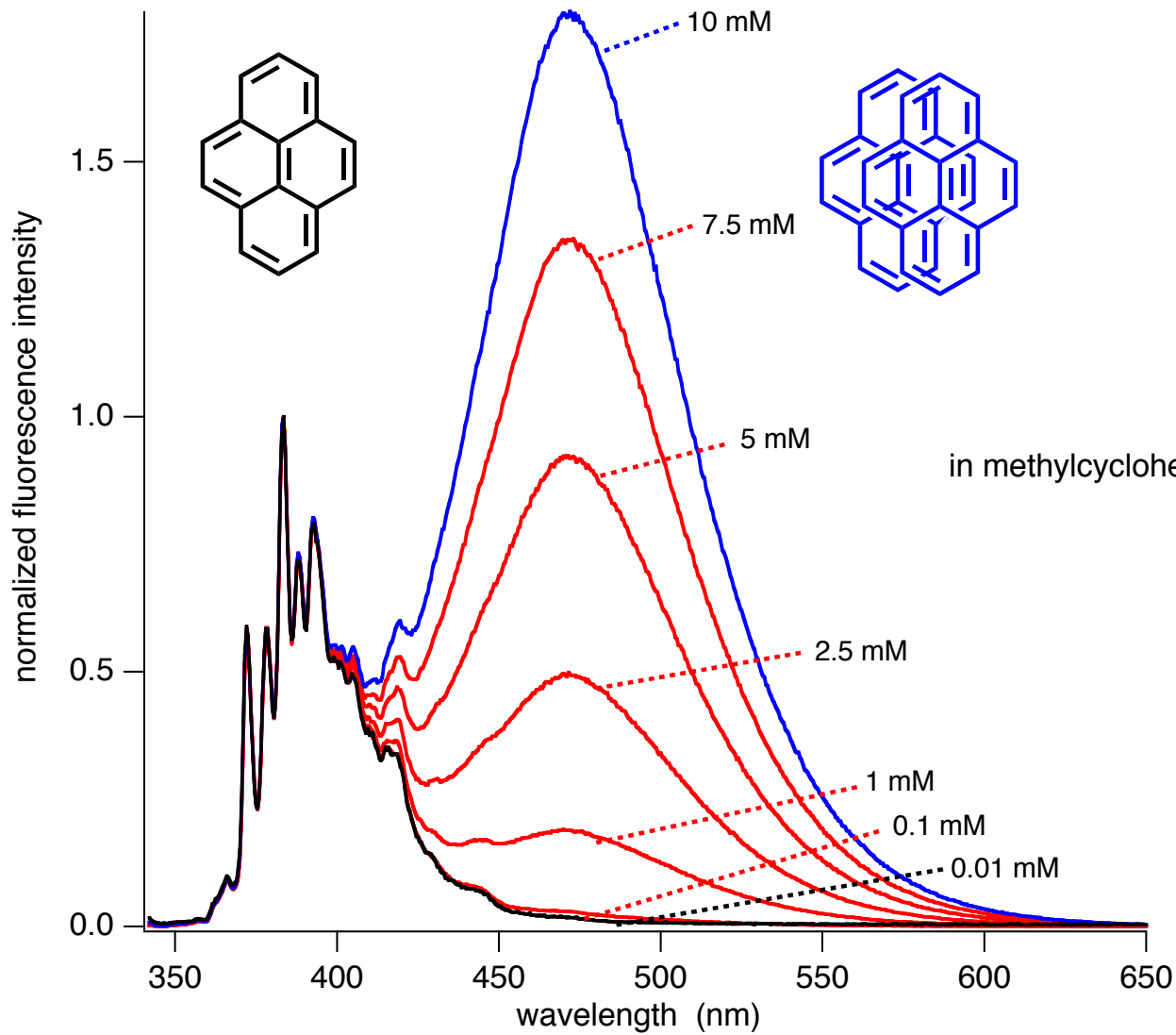
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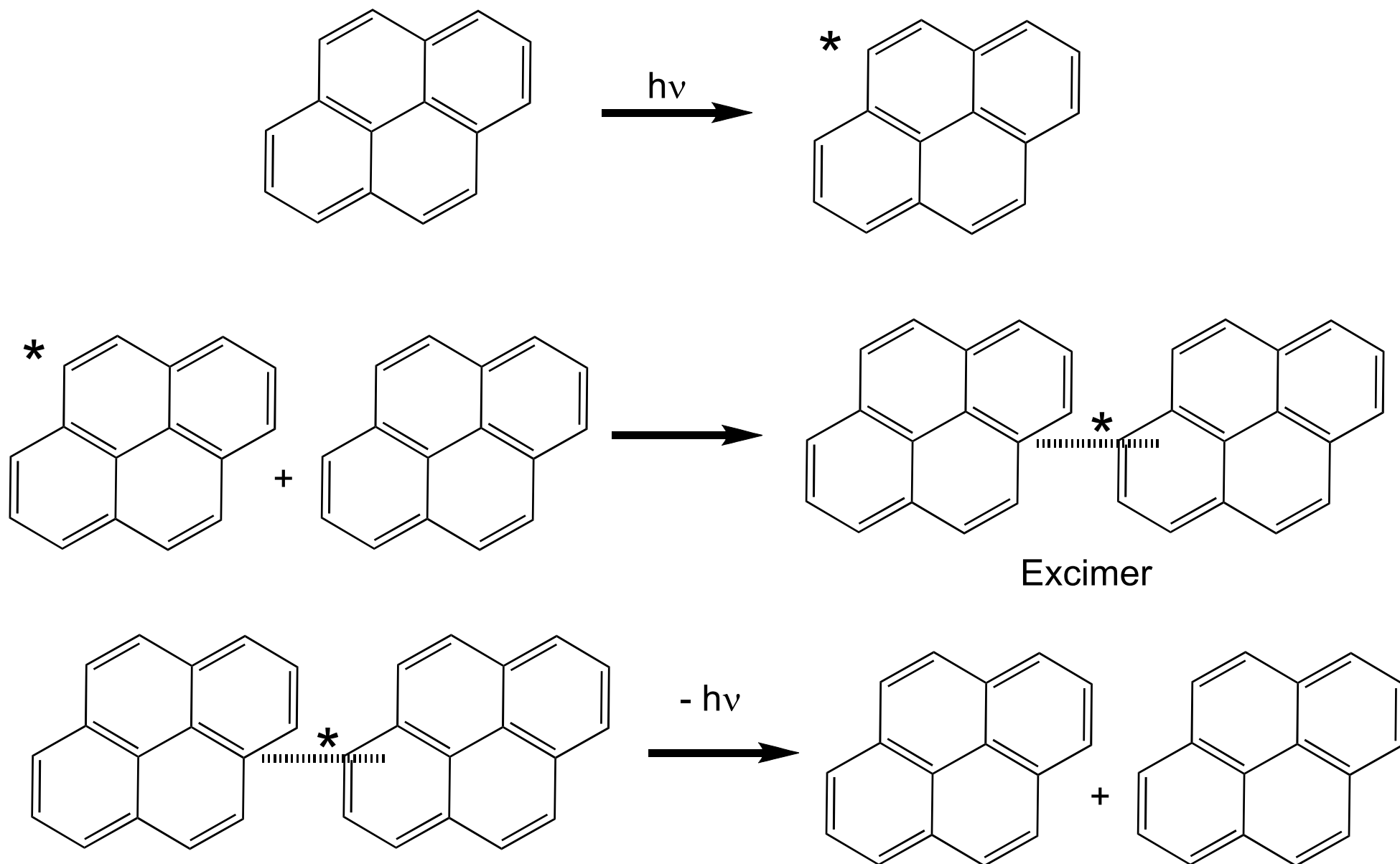
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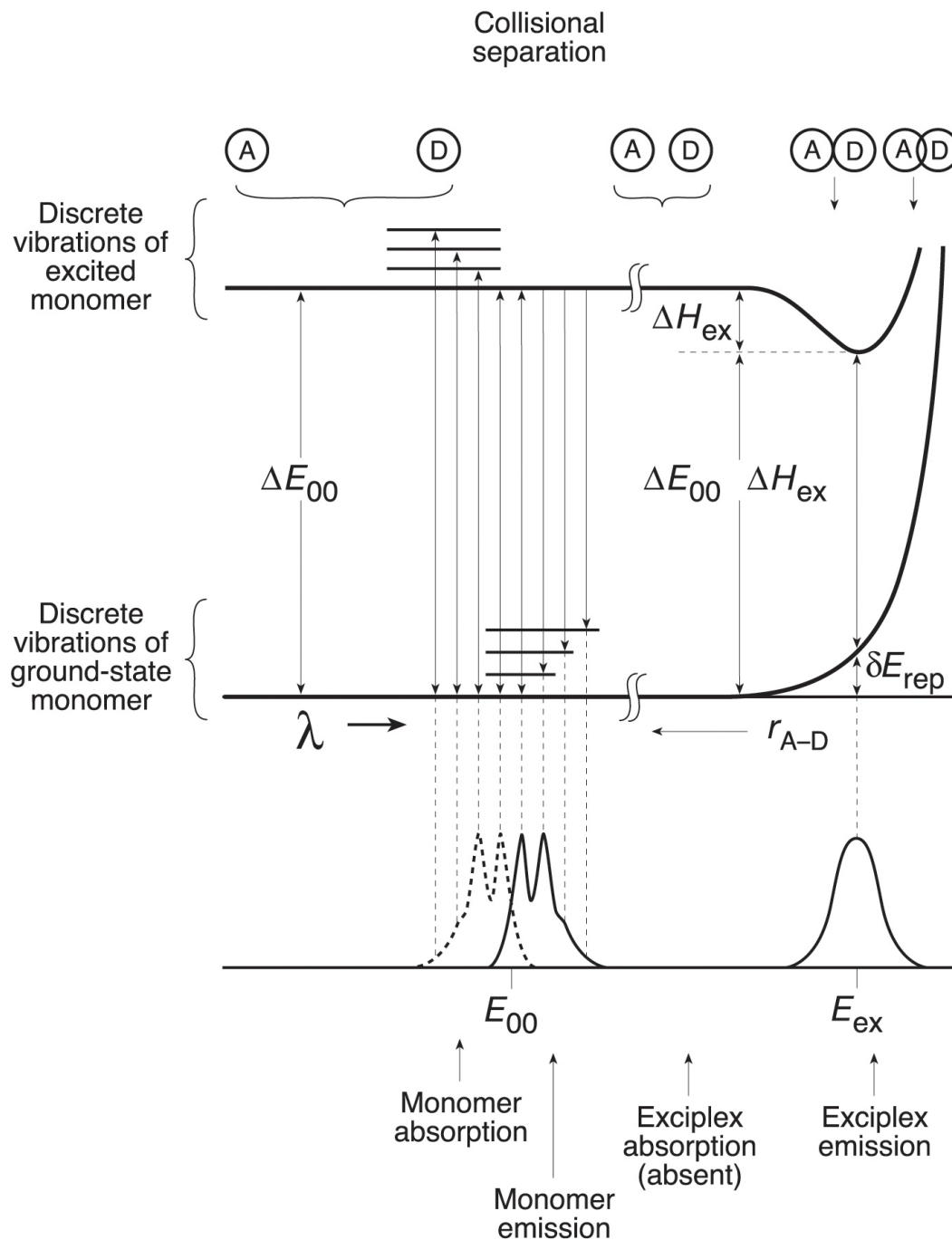
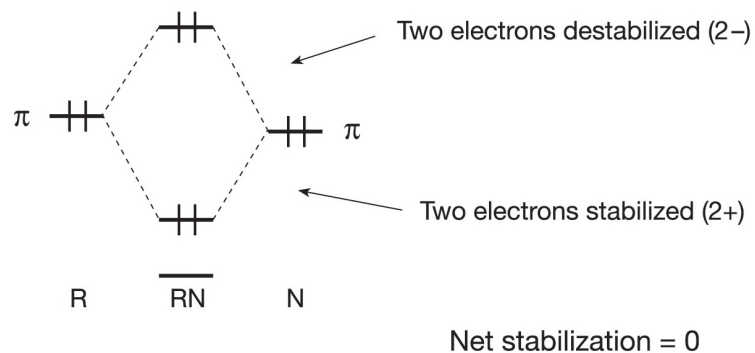
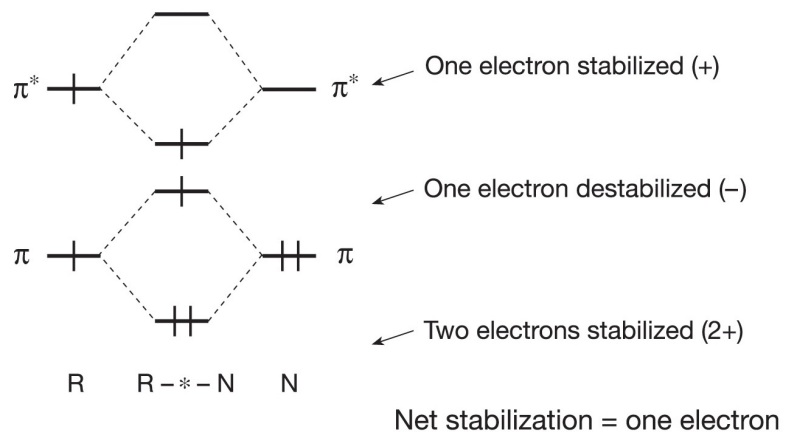


# Pyrene as an exemplar of excimer formation





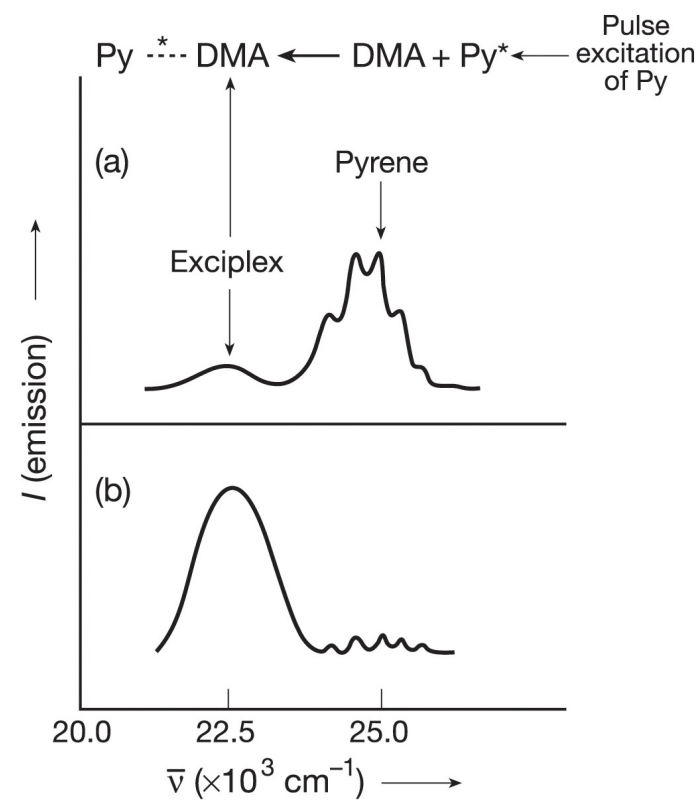
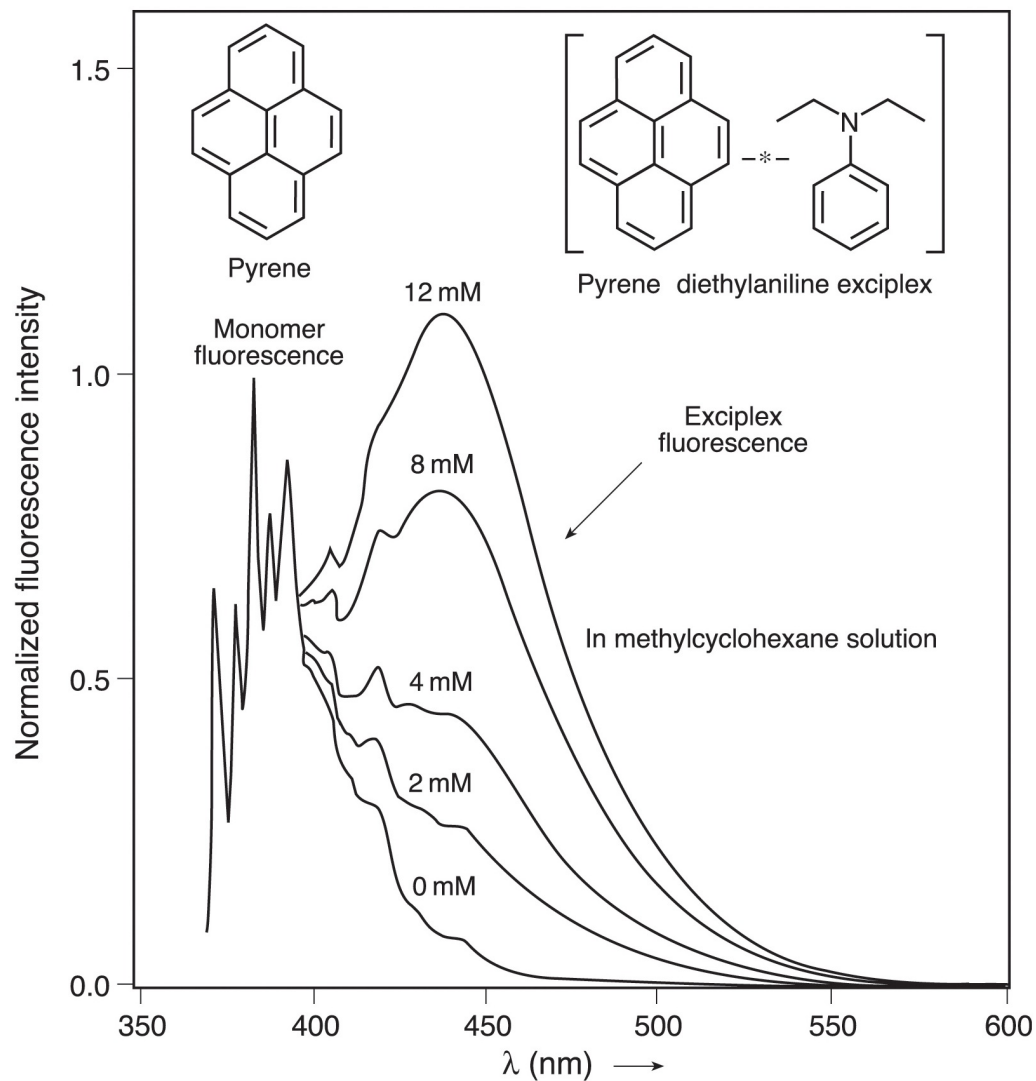
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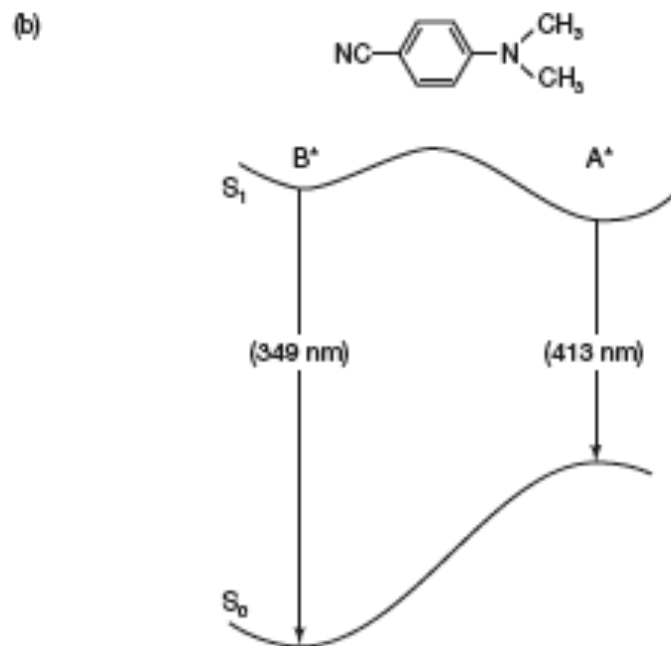
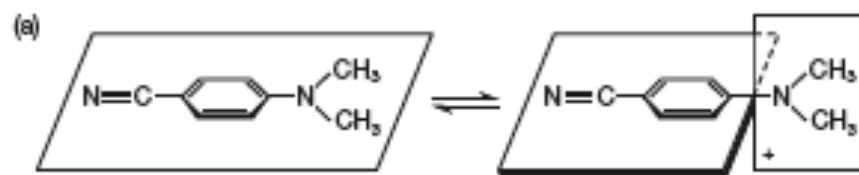
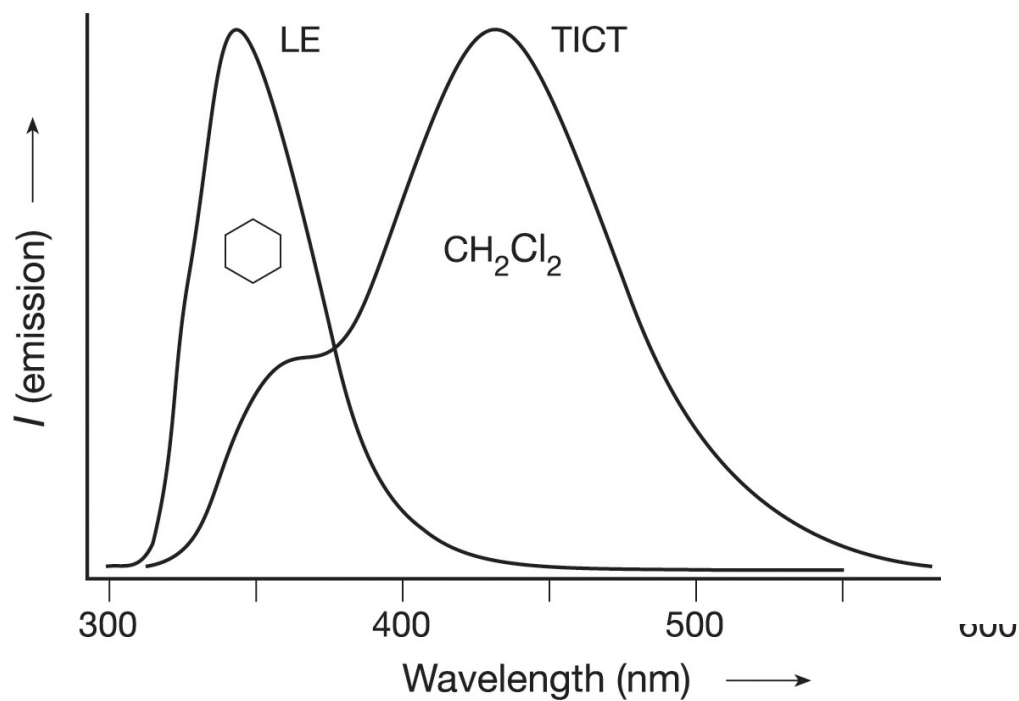
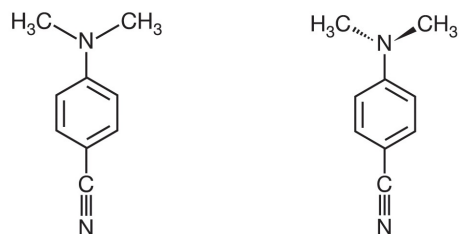
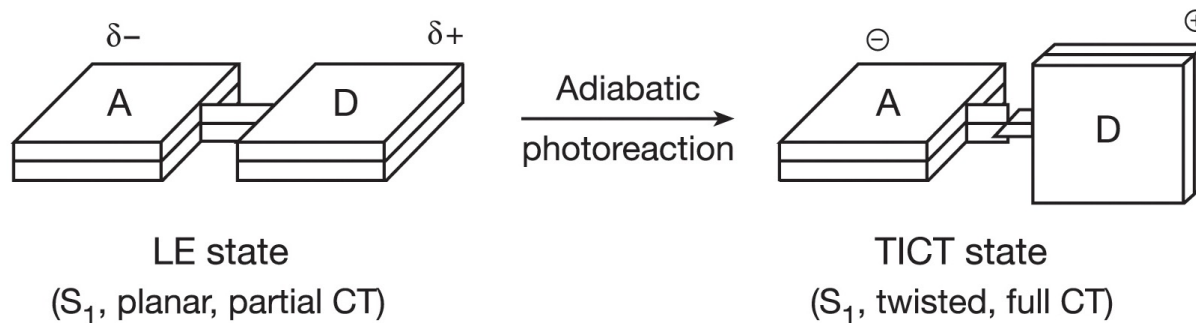
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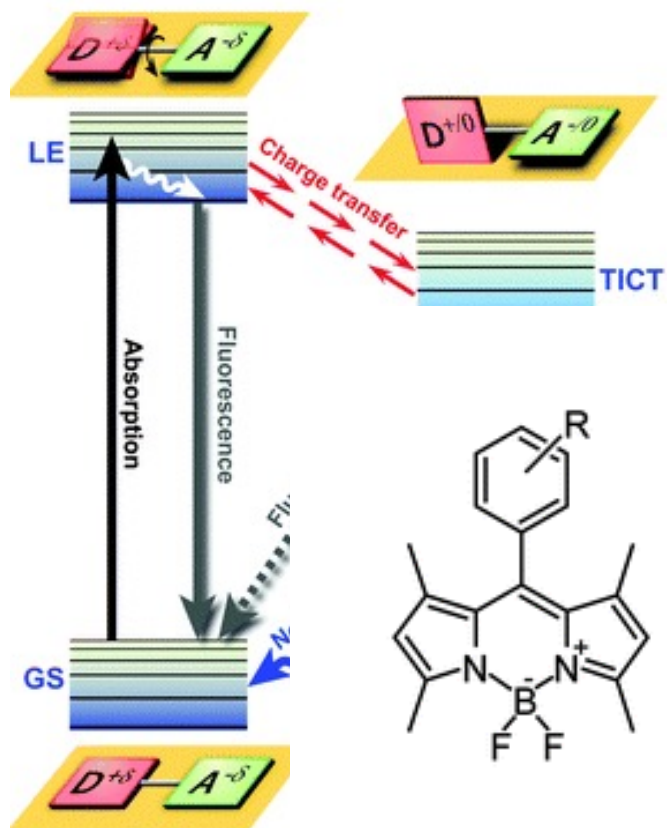


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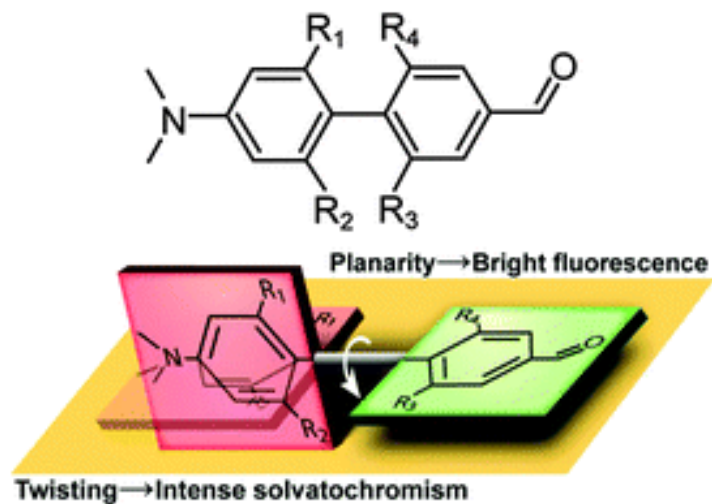


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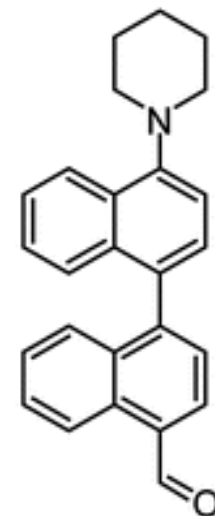




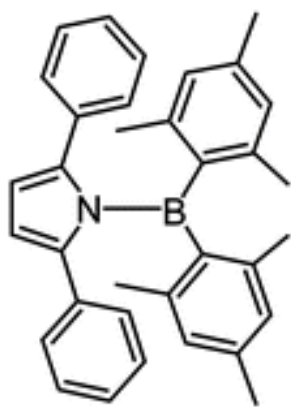
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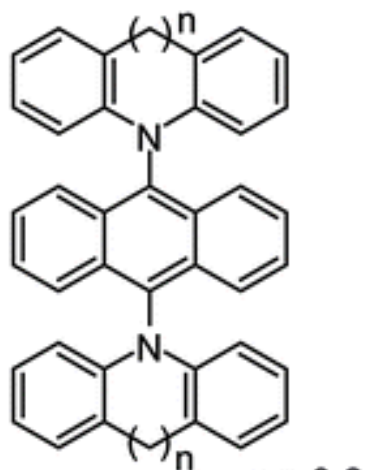
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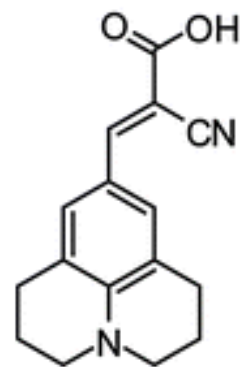


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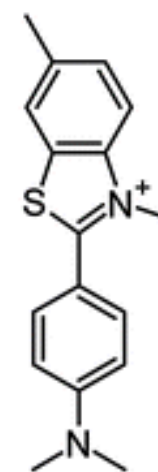


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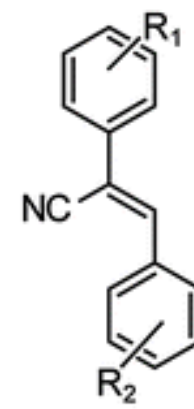
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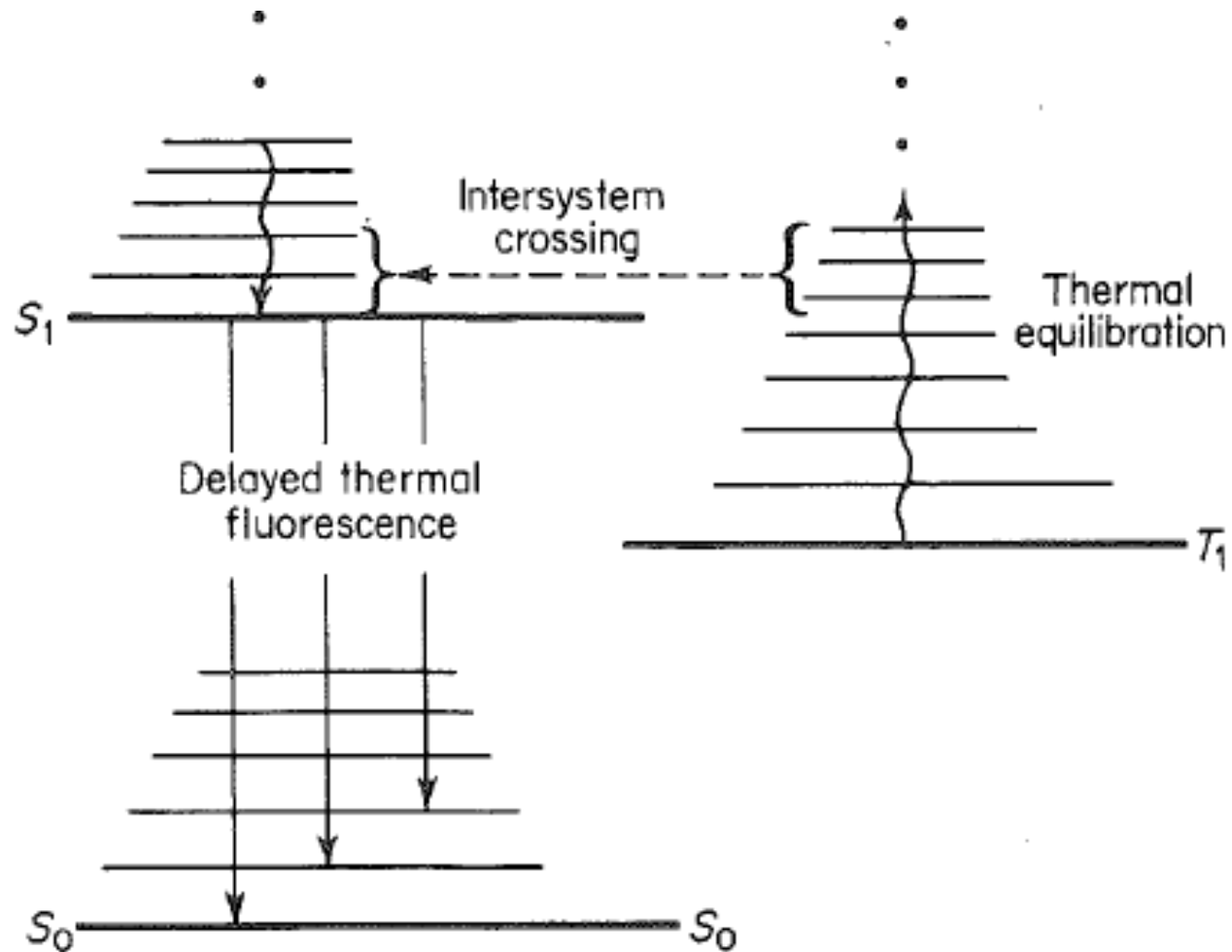


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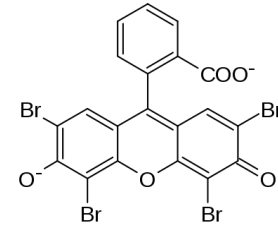
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# Delayed Fluorescence

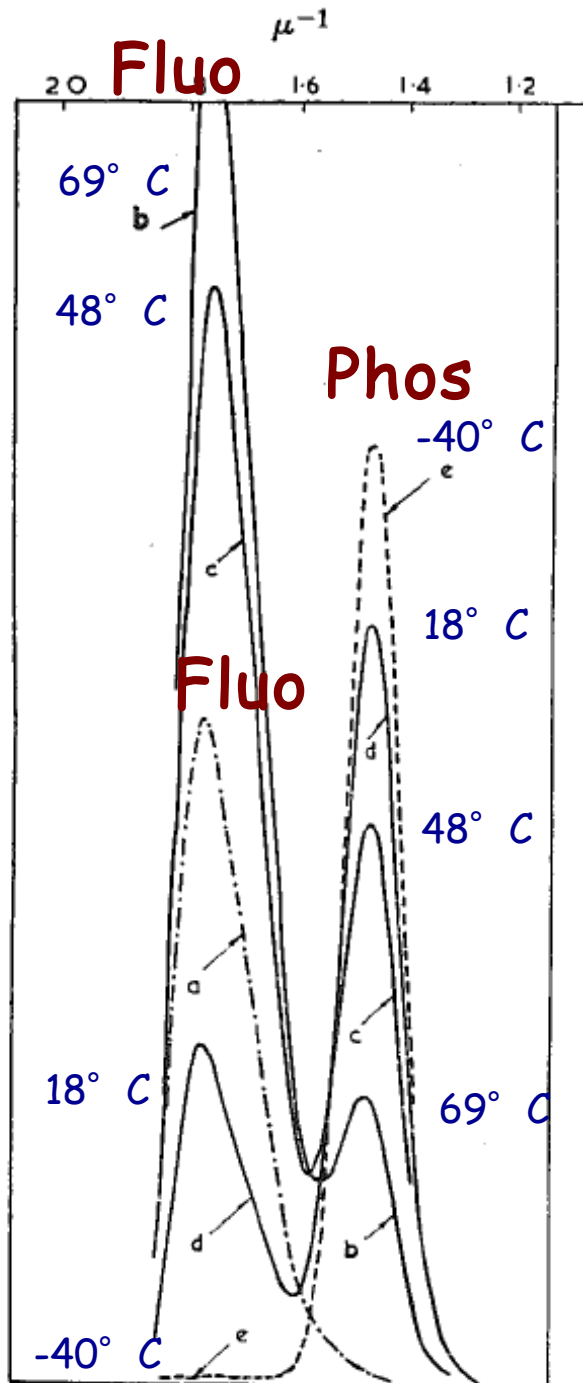


**Fig. 1.11** Illustrating production of delayed thermal fluorescence (DTF).

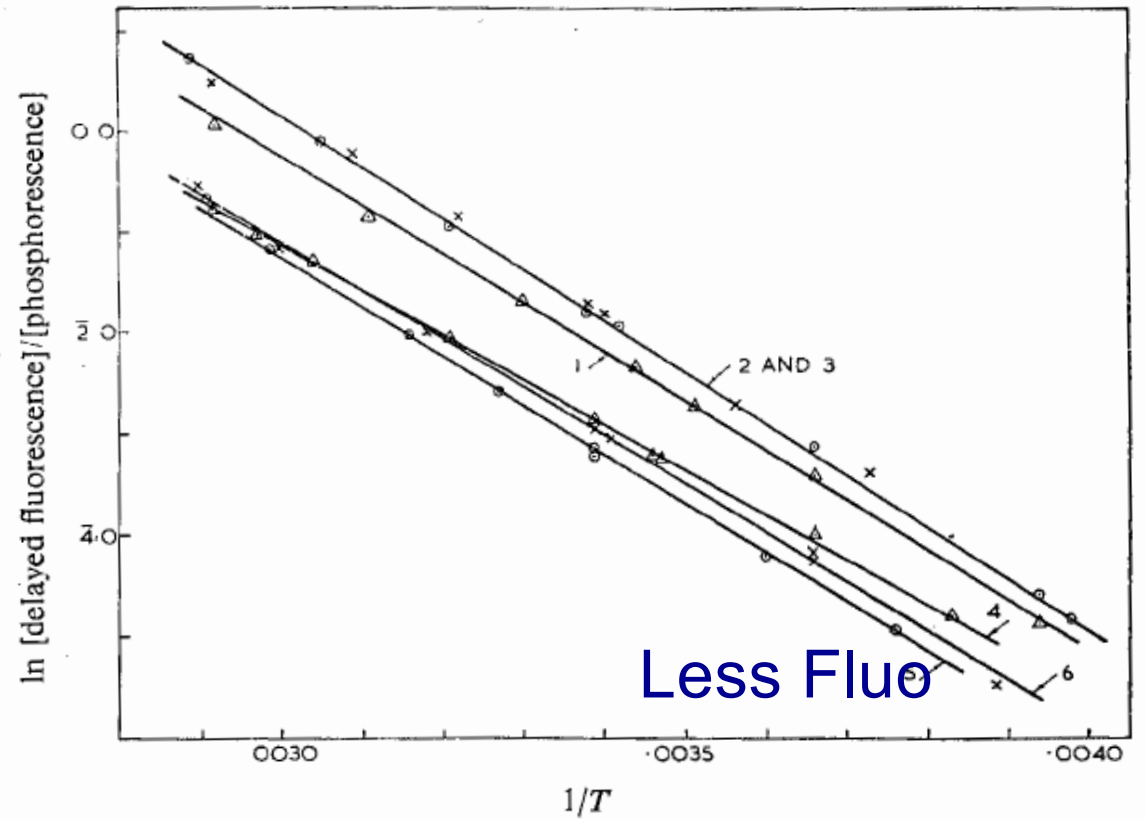
# Delayed Fluorescence



Eosin Y



More Fluo



High Temp

Low Temp

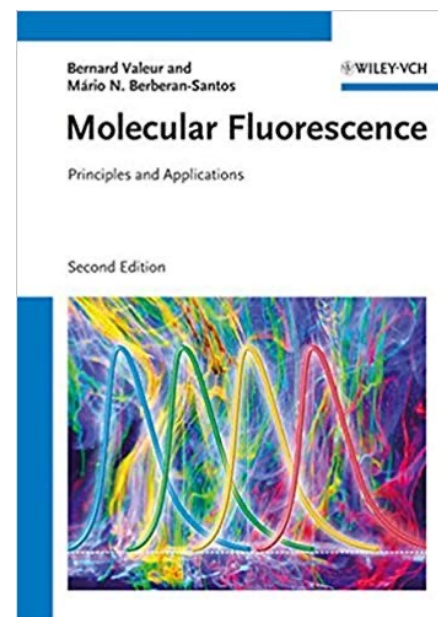
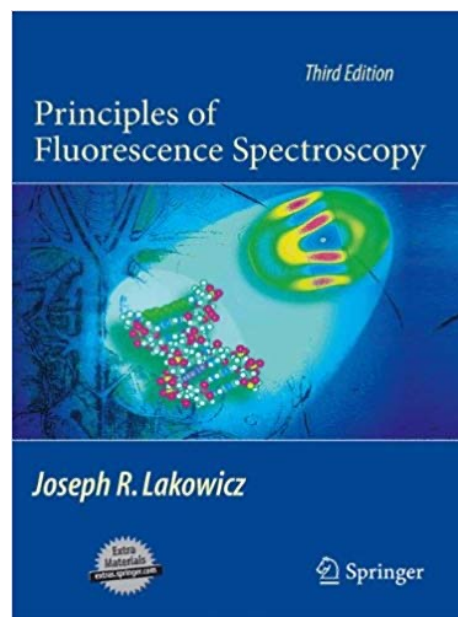
# Types of emissions

- Fluorescence
- Phosphorescence
- Emission from upper excited states
- Excimer emission
- Exciplex emission
- TICT emission
- Delayed emission

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# Intrinsic fluorophore and extrinsic fluorophore

- Intrinsic fluorophores are those which occur naturally
- Extrinsic fluorophores, fluorescence probes

## ◆ Intrinsic and Extrinsic Fluorophores

- Intrinsic or Natural Fluorophores

Proteins: Tryptophan, Tyrosine

Protein Fluorescence Spectroscopy:

Binding of ligands

Protein-protein association

Denature

Cofactors: NADH—NAD, FMN, FAD

- Extrinsic Fluorophores

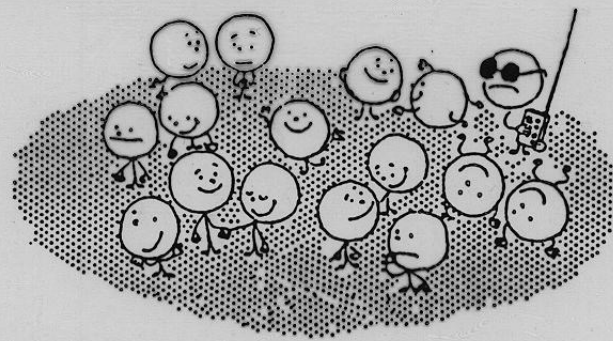
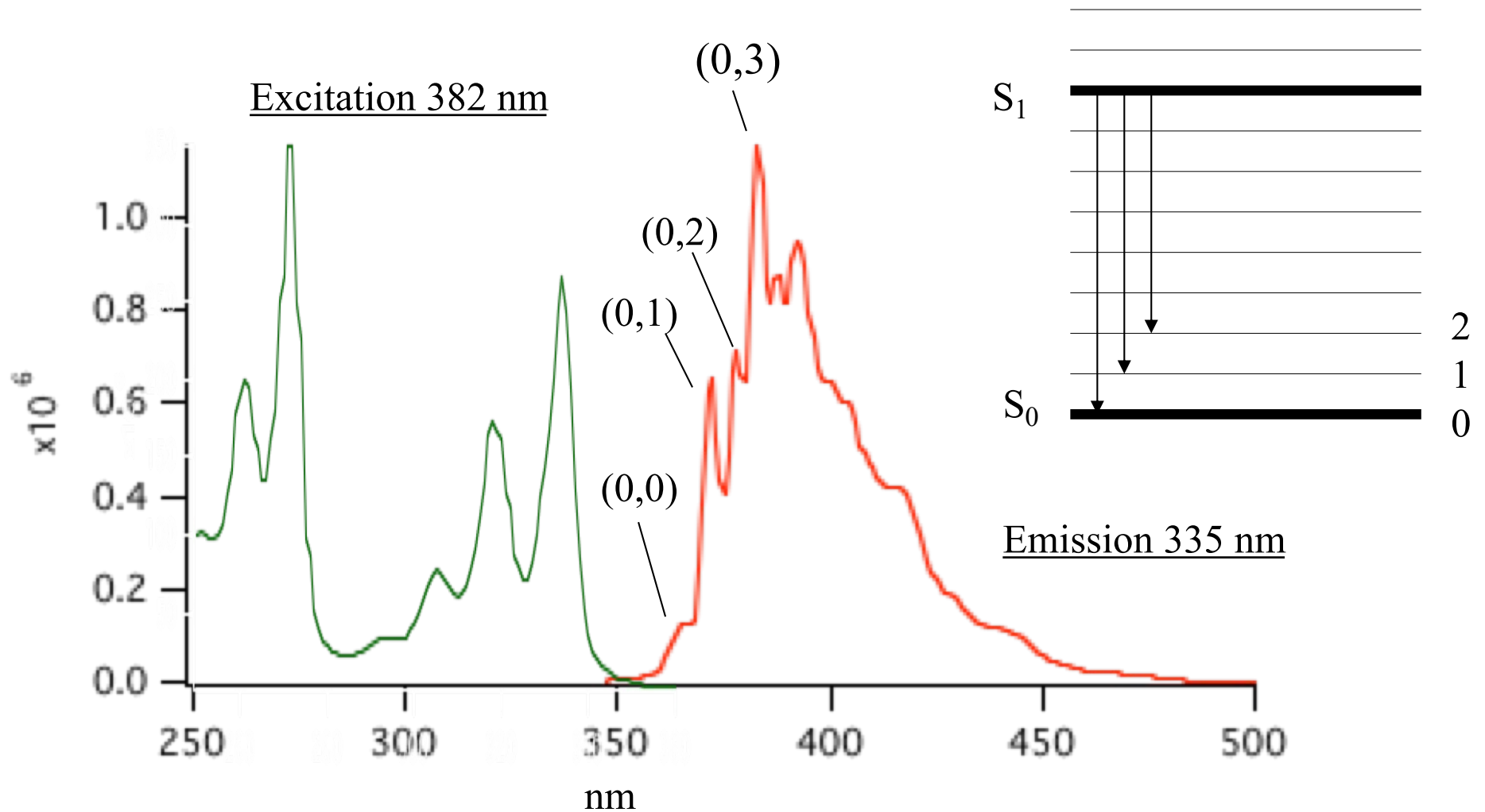
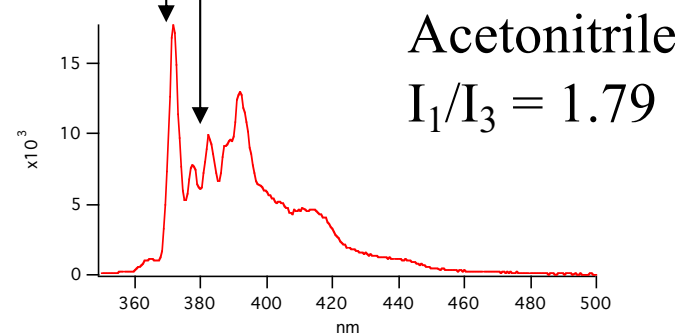
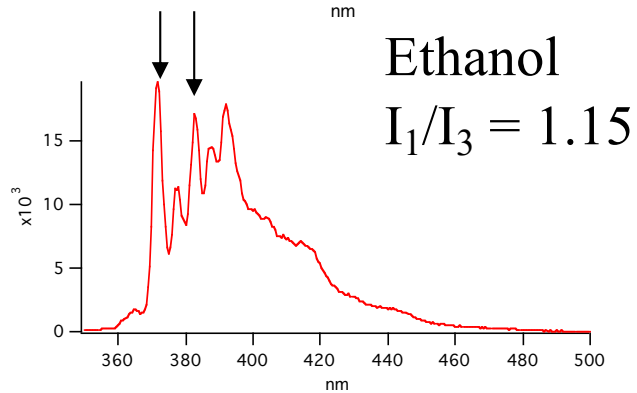
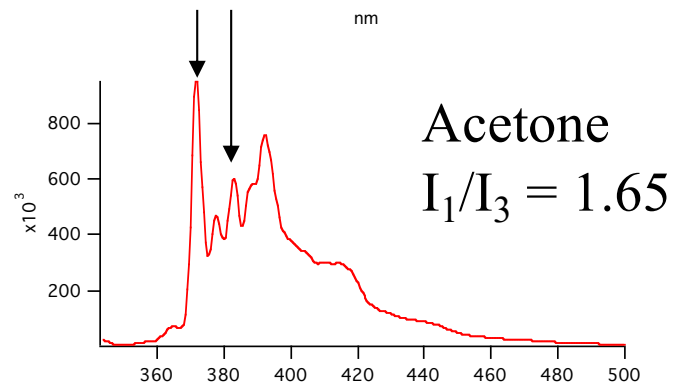
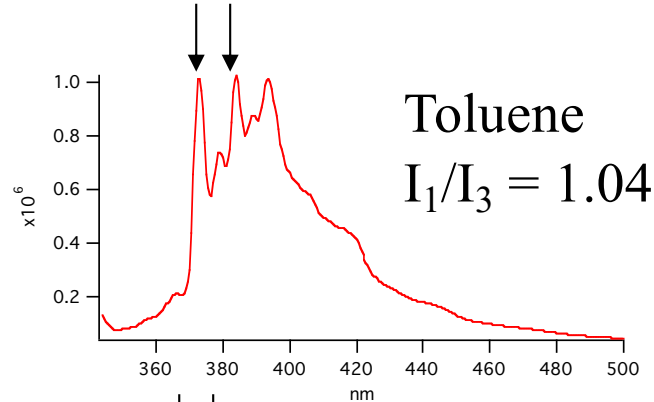
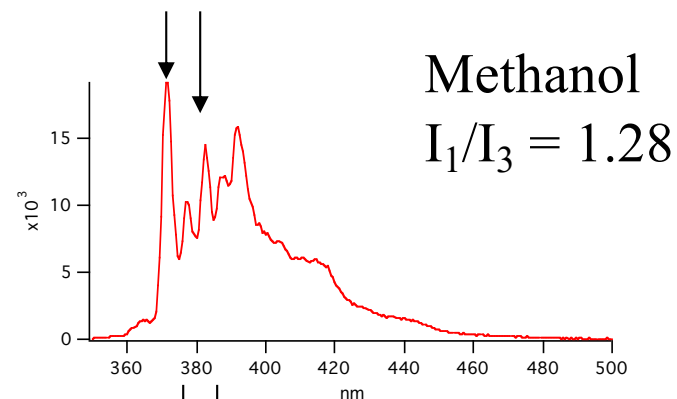
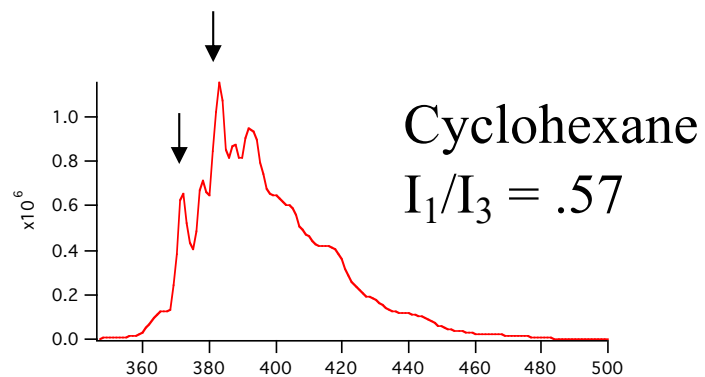


Fig.1. Fluorescent probe represents a molecular reporter in the biological sample.

# Pyrene Emission at Room Temperature Vibrational Pattern



# Comparison of Pyrene Emission in Different Solvents: $I_1/I_3$ as Polarity Probe

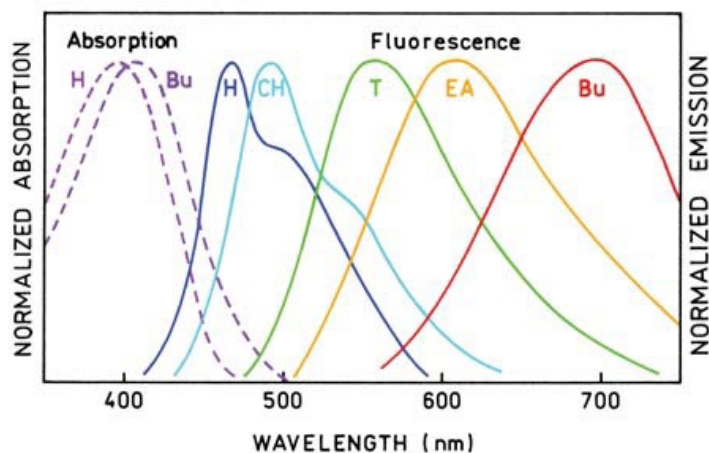
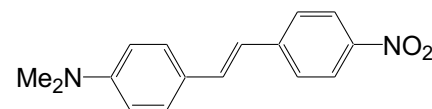


94 Solvents have been tested, showing ratios from 0.41 to 1.95. *Can. J. Chem.* 62, 1984

# Solvent Polarity Probe

**Solvent Polarity:** The emission wavelength generally increases with solvent polarity.

**Solvent Reorganization:** The energy of  $S_1$  after solvent reorganization generally decrease with solvent polarity.



H = Hexane

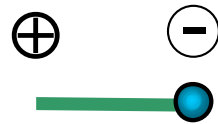
CH = Cyclohexane

T = Toluene

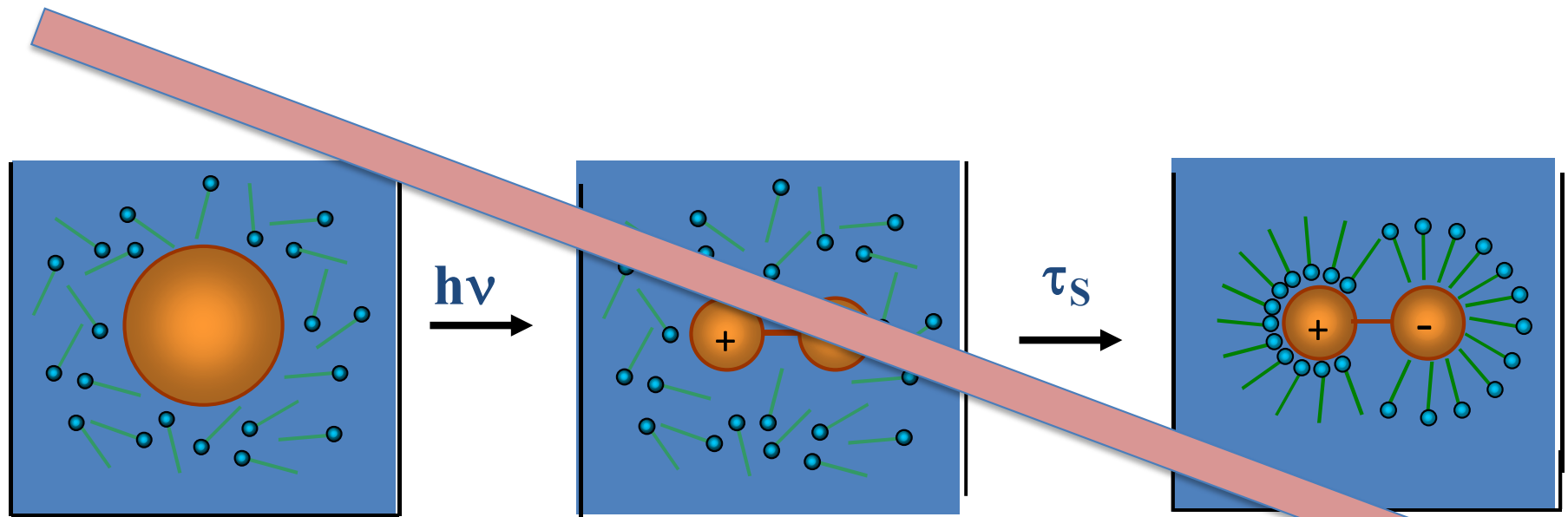
EA = Ethyl acetate

Bu = Butanol

# Solvation Dynamics



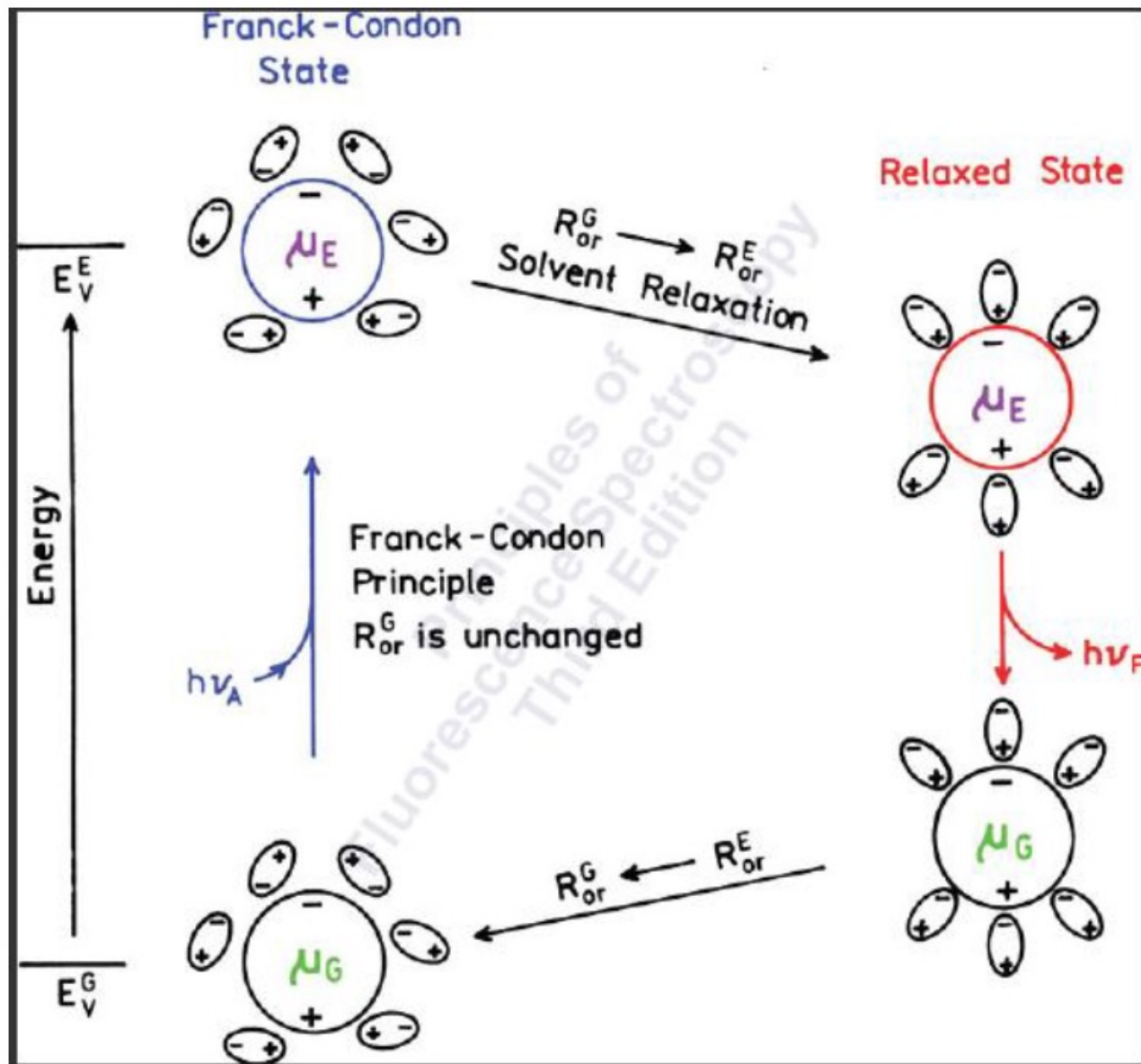
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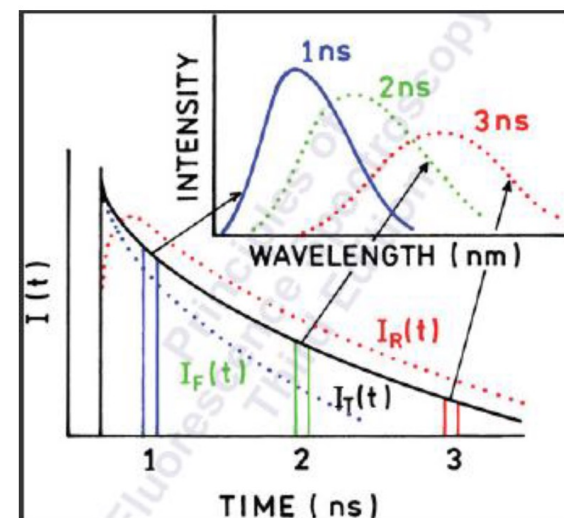
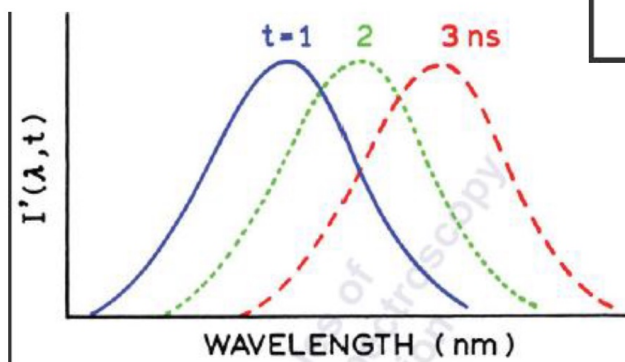
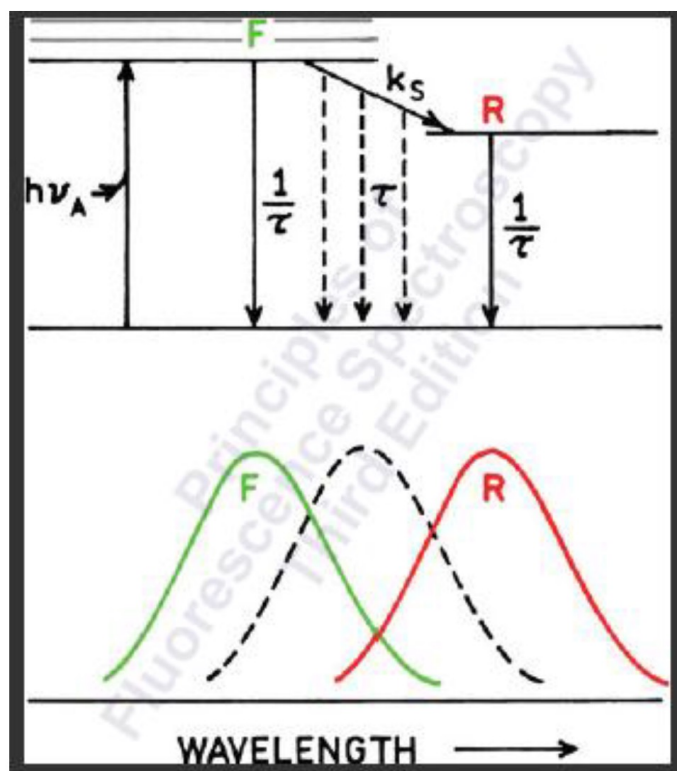
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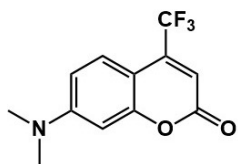
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**SOLVATED  
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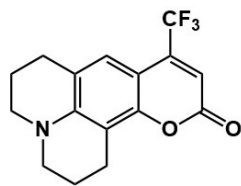


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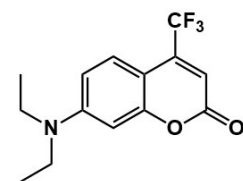




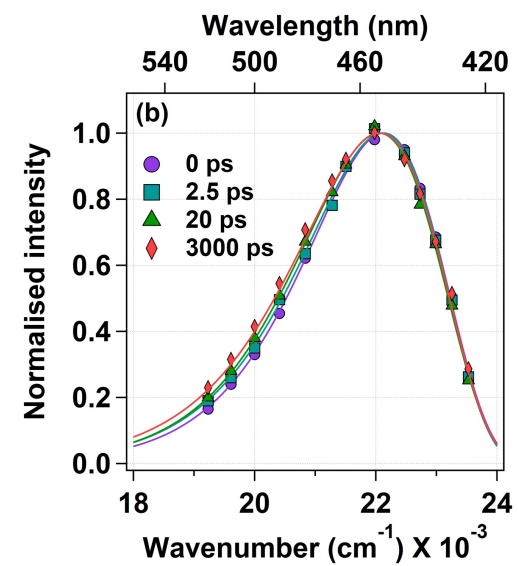
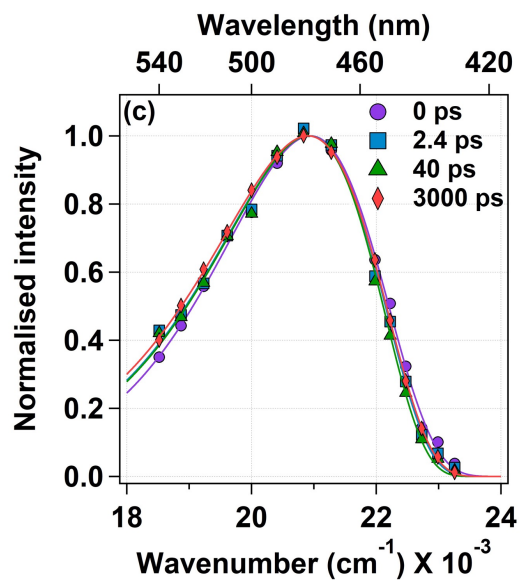
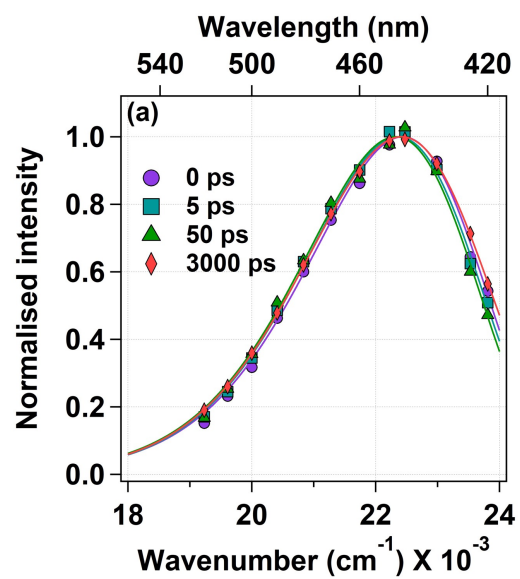
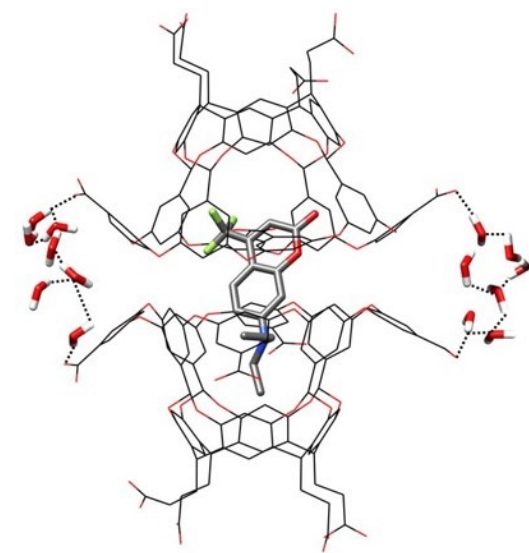
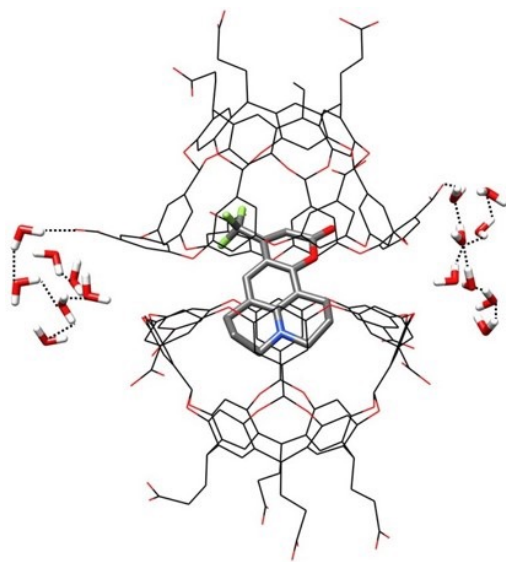
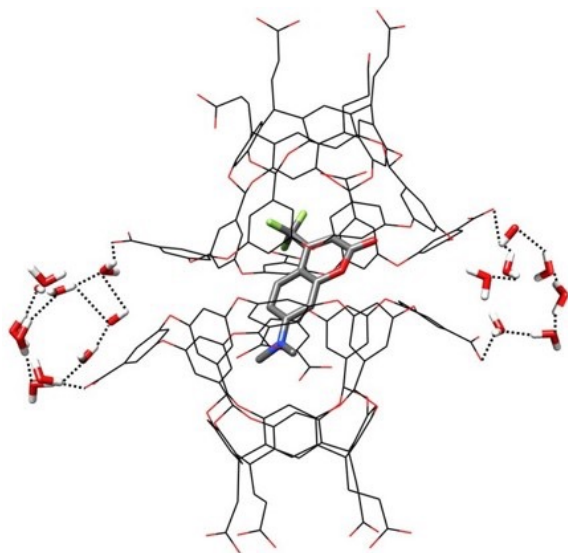
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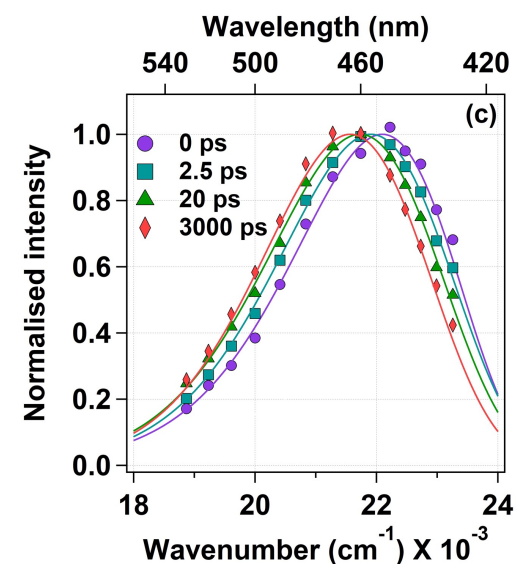
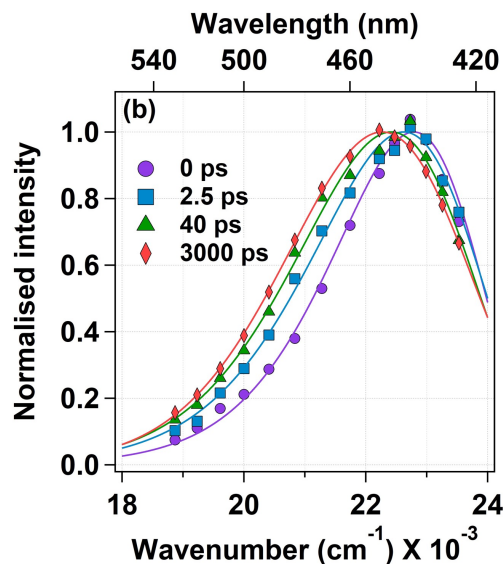
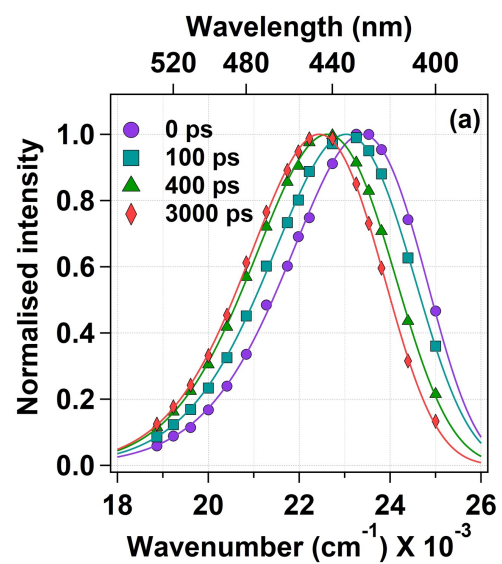
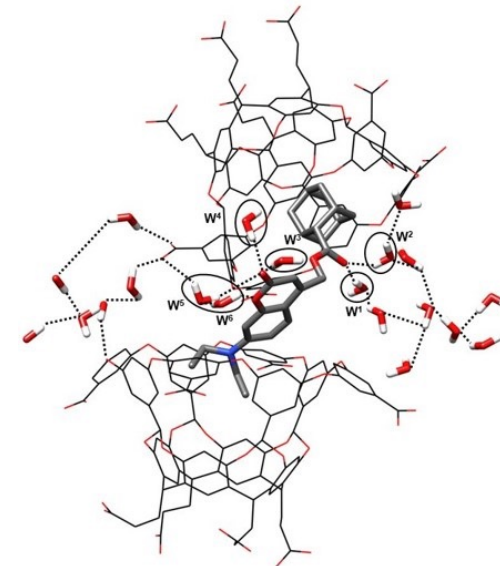
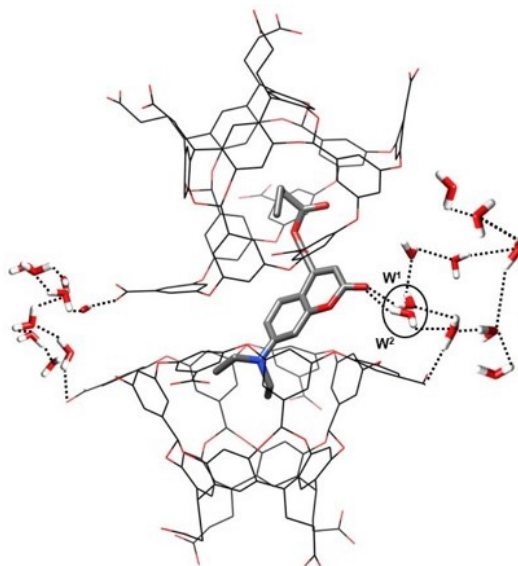
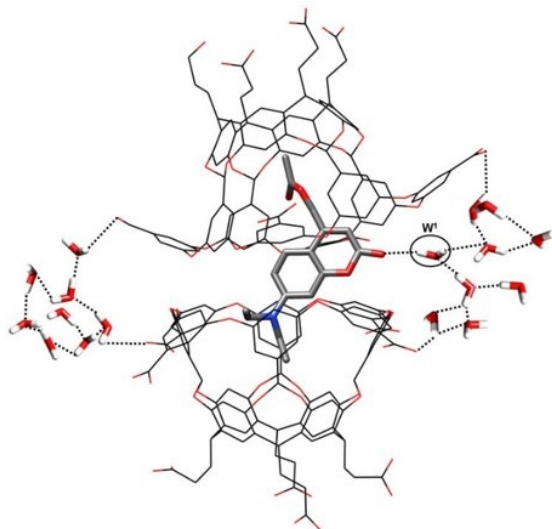
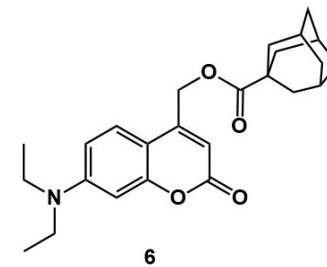
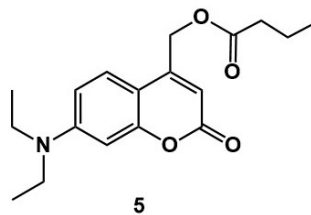
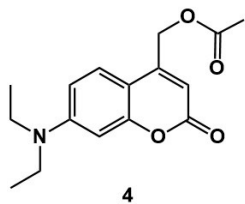
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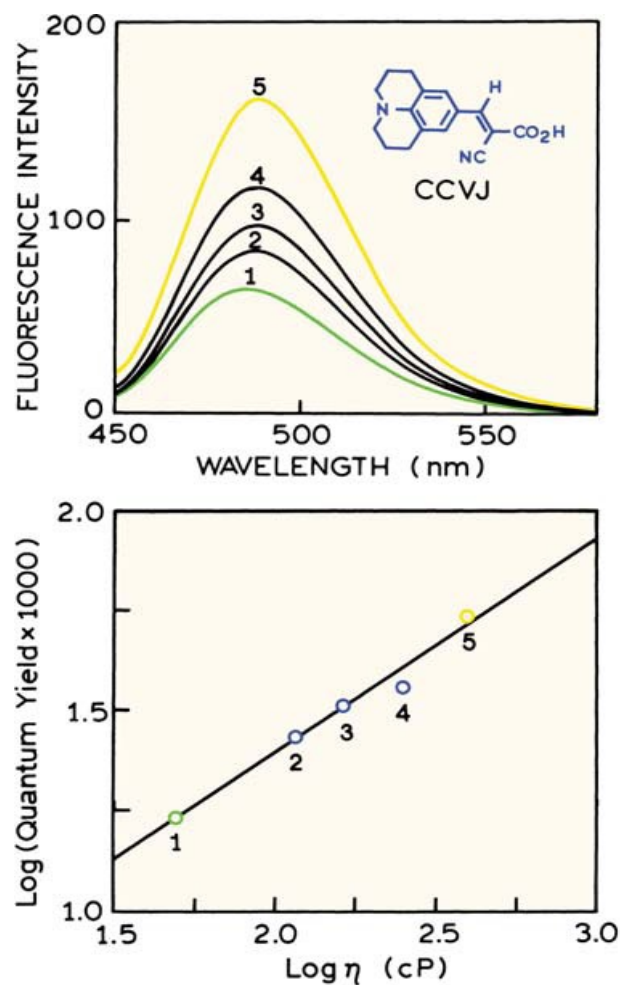




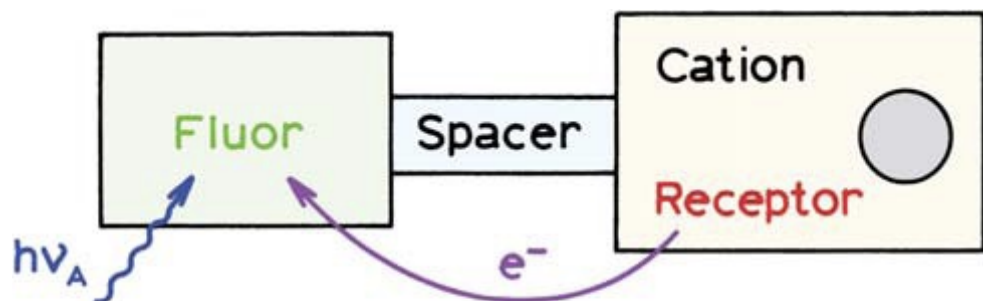


# Viscosity Probes

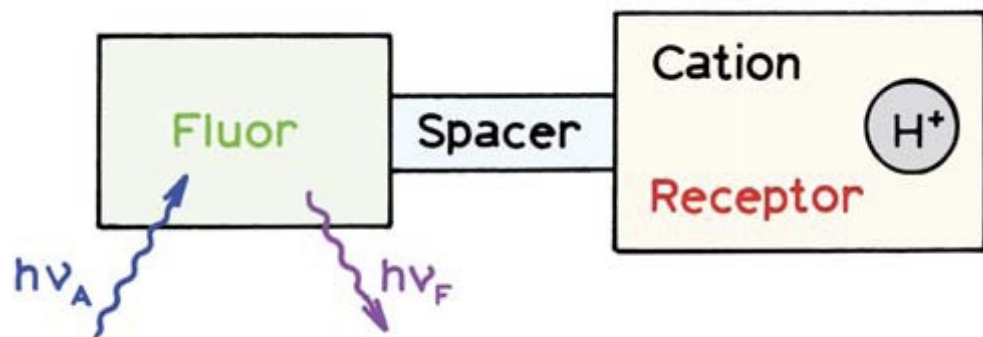
**Viscosity Probes** = An increase in the viscosity of the medium surrounding a fluorophore can restrict conformational freedom and alter the quantum yield



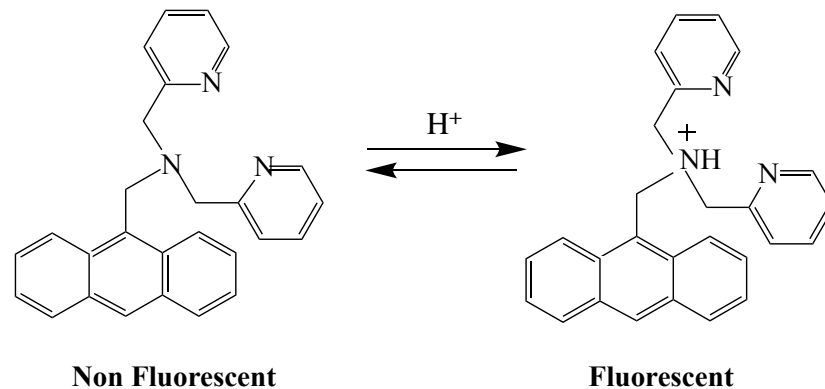
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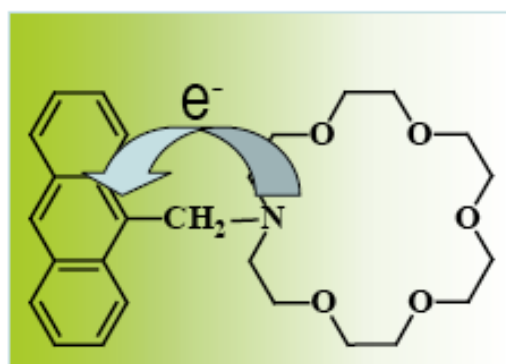
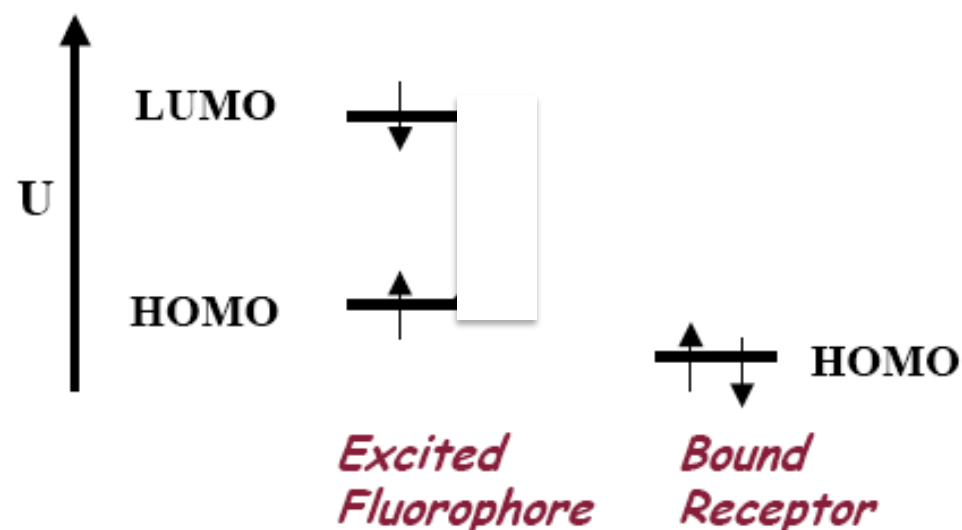
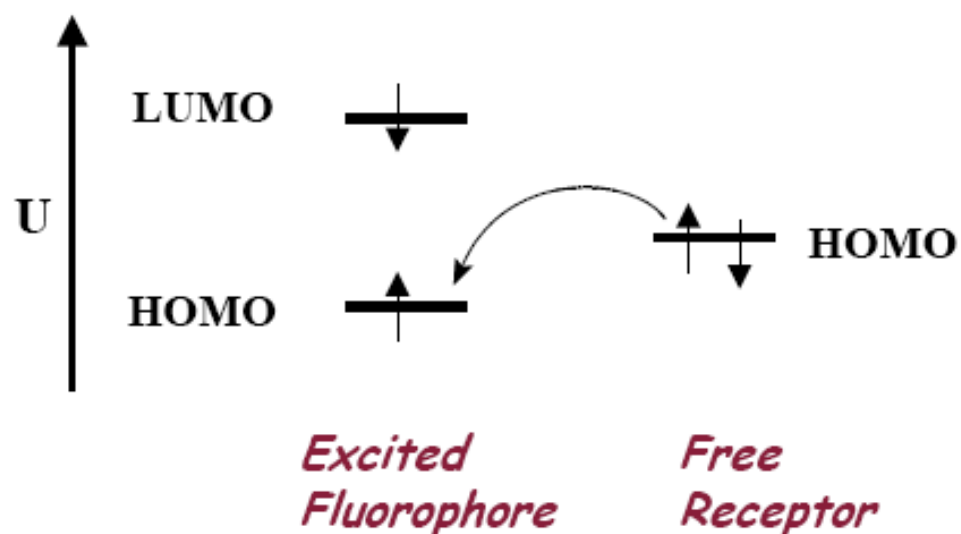
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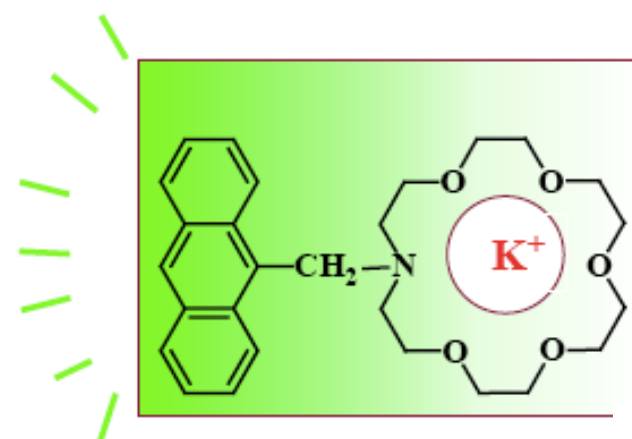
Fluorescent



# Mechanism of PET Signaling

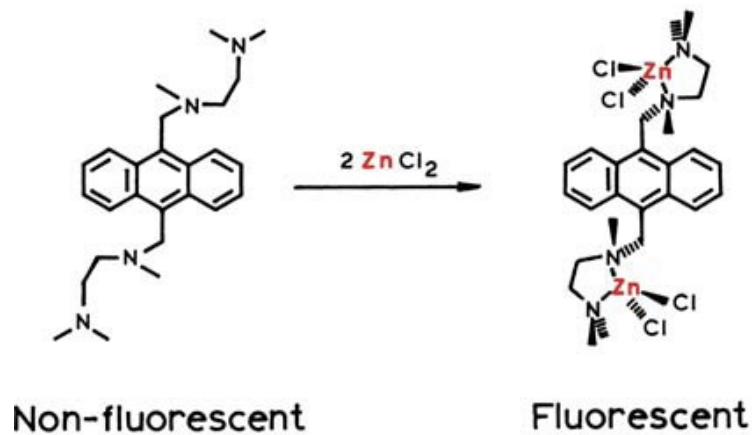


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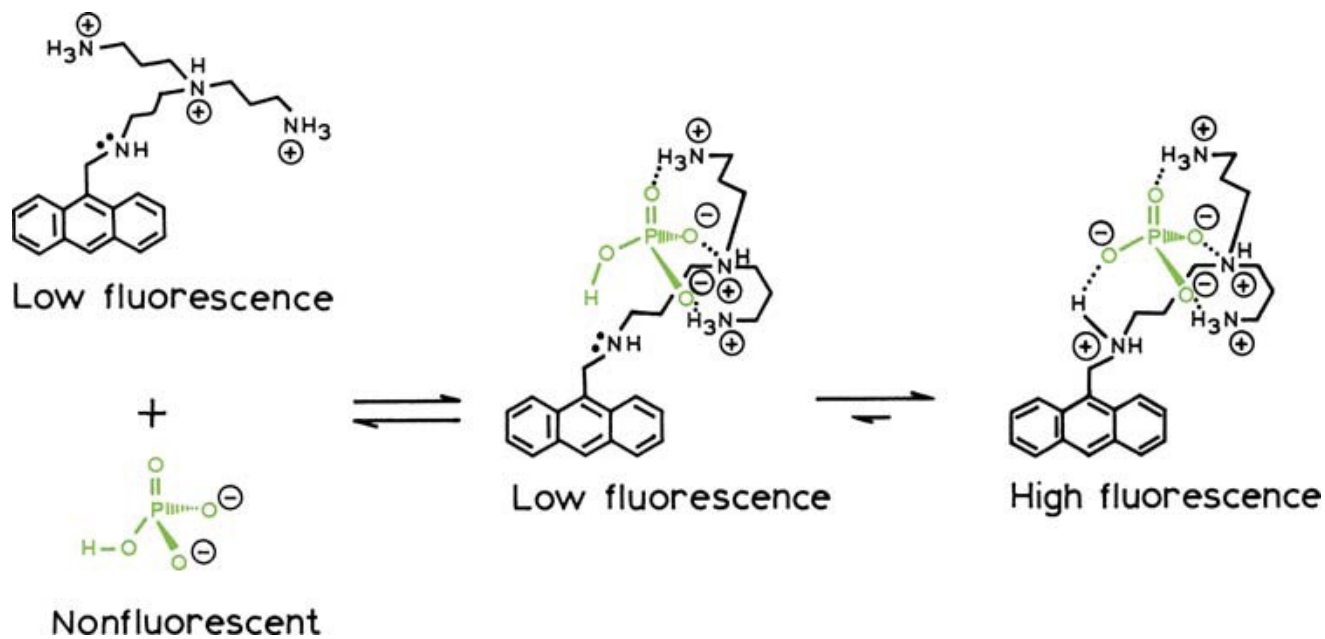


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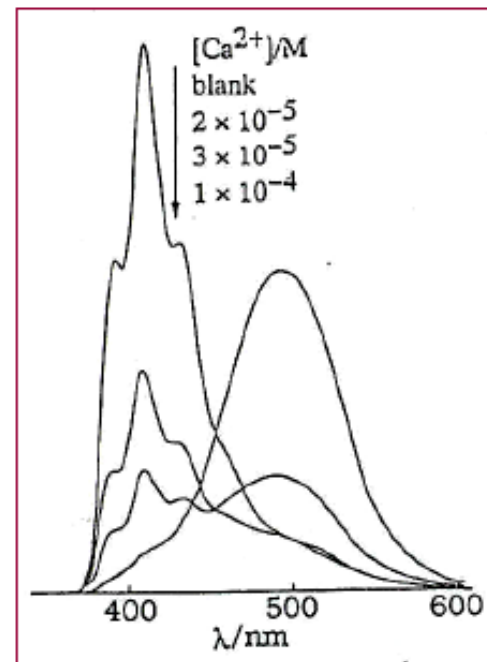
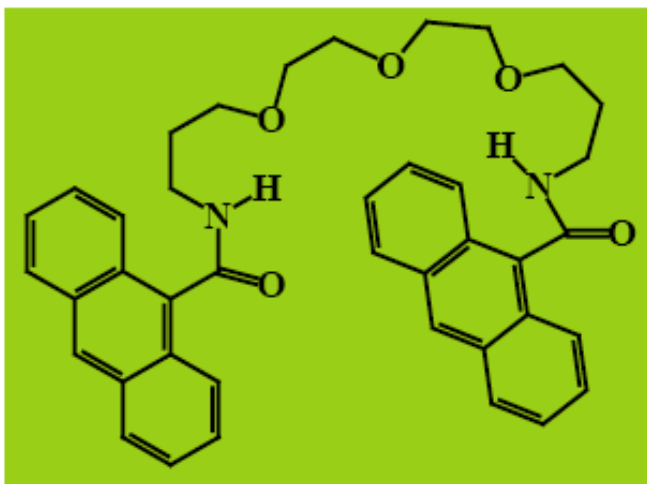
## Metal ion sensing



## Anion sensing



# Use of Excimer Emission in $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ Sensing



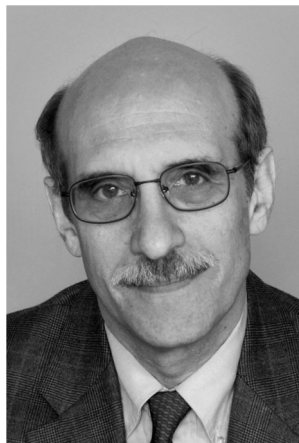
*Nakamura et al. J. Phys. Chem. B, 2001, 105, 2923*

- ➔ *A fluorescent host with anthracene moiety at each end of a linear polyether chain*
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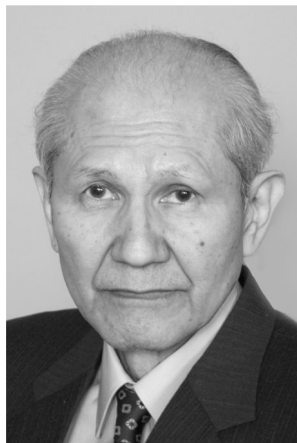
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*The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2008 was awarded for the discovery and development of the*



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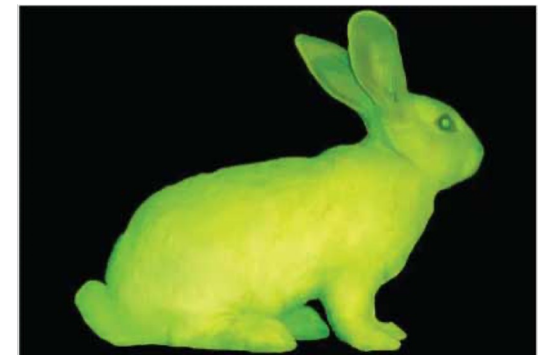
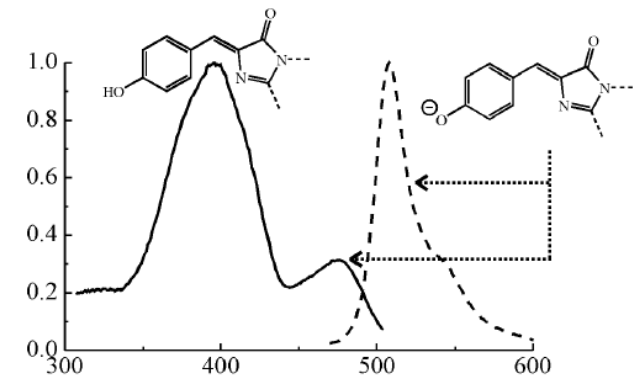
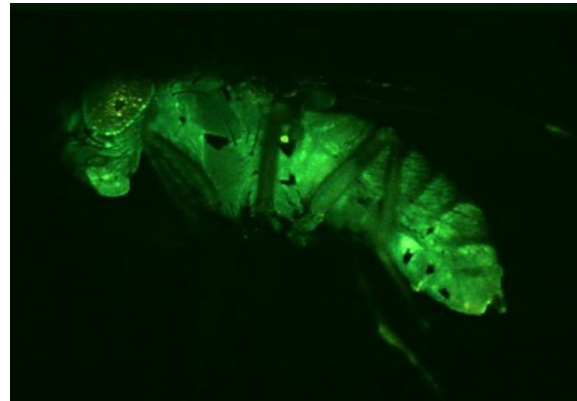
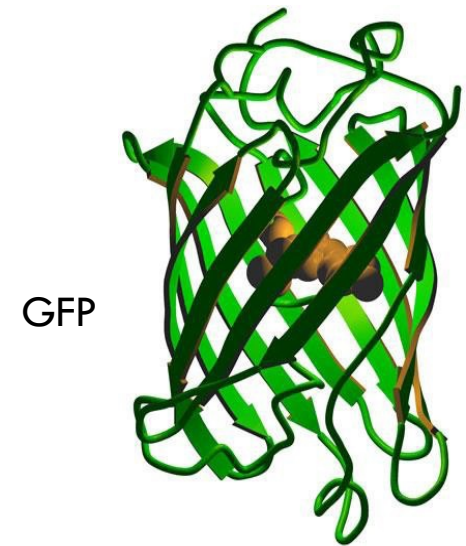
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# Fluorescent Proteins

- Green fluorescent proteins can be expressed in living organisms



Rabbit expressing GFP



# Modifications of Green Fluorescent Protein

**Mutants** = Mutations in the amino acid sequence can be exploited to regulate the absorption and emission properties of the chromophore

