

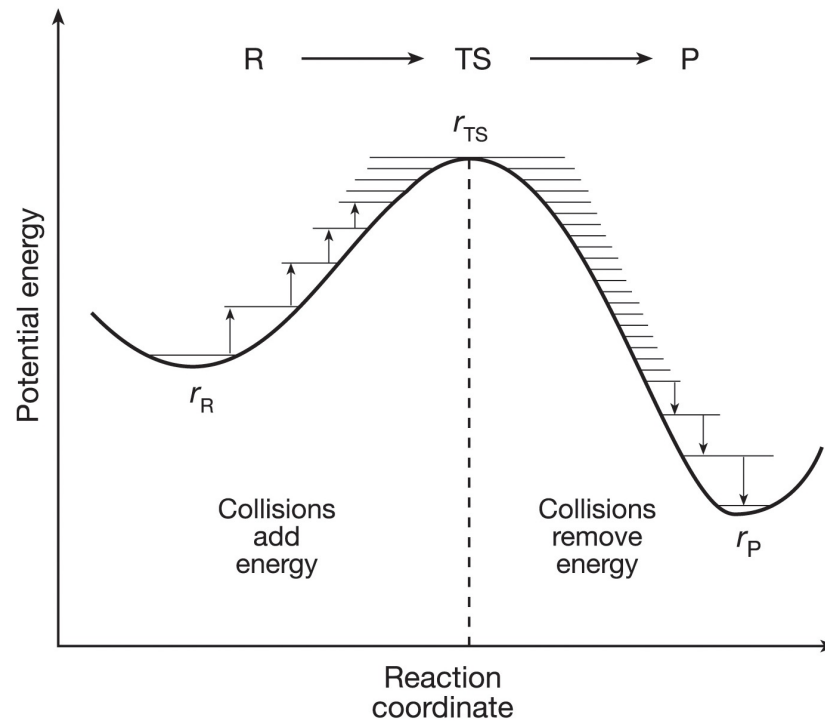
Dynamics of molecules on excited state surfaces

Chapter 6

Principles of Molecular Photochemistry: An Introduction

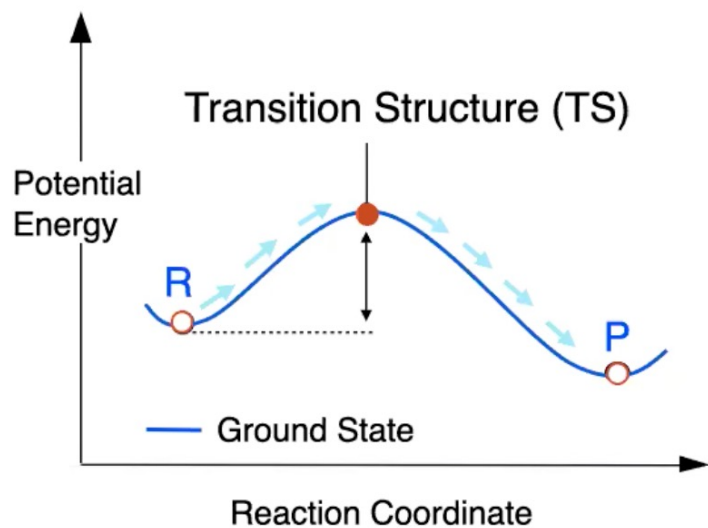
NJT, VR and JCS

Visualization of Thermal Reactions



- Transition state connects a **single** reactant to a **single** product and it is a **saddle point** along the reaction course.
- Collisions are a reservoir of continuous energy (~ 0.6 kcal/mol per impact).
- Collisions can add or remove energy from a system.
- Concerned with a single surface.

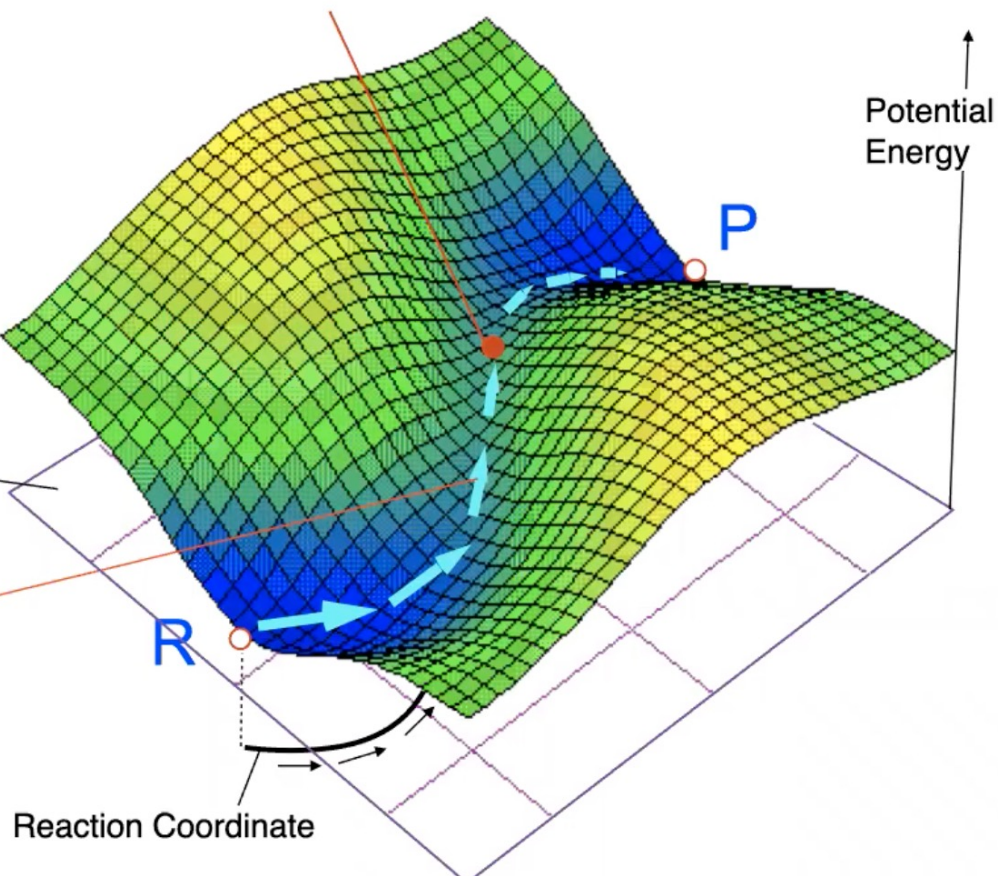
An Elementary Thermal Reaction Path



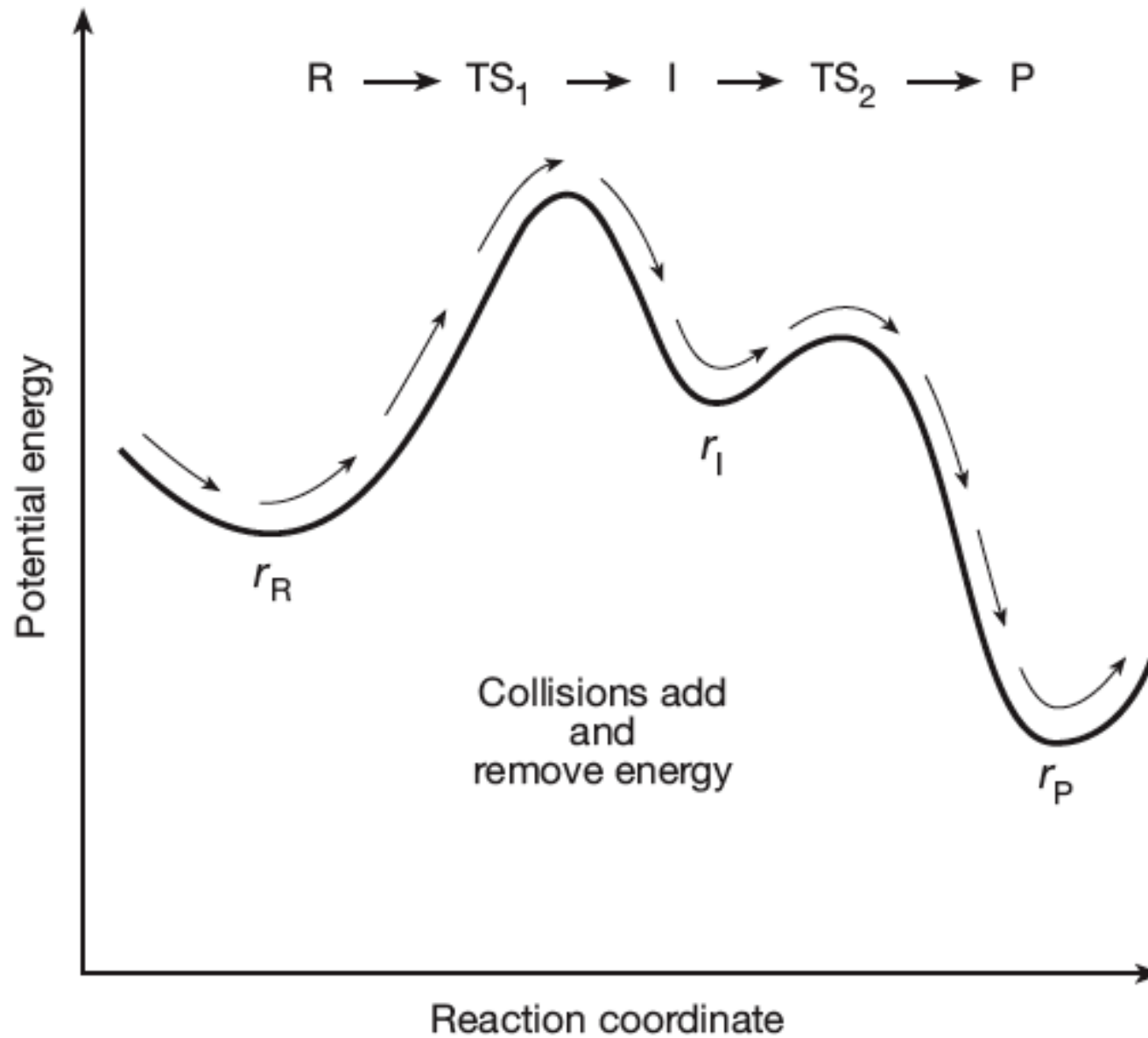
TS or "activated complex"
1935 Eyring, Evans and Polanyi

3N-6 dimensional coord. space

Minimum Energy Path

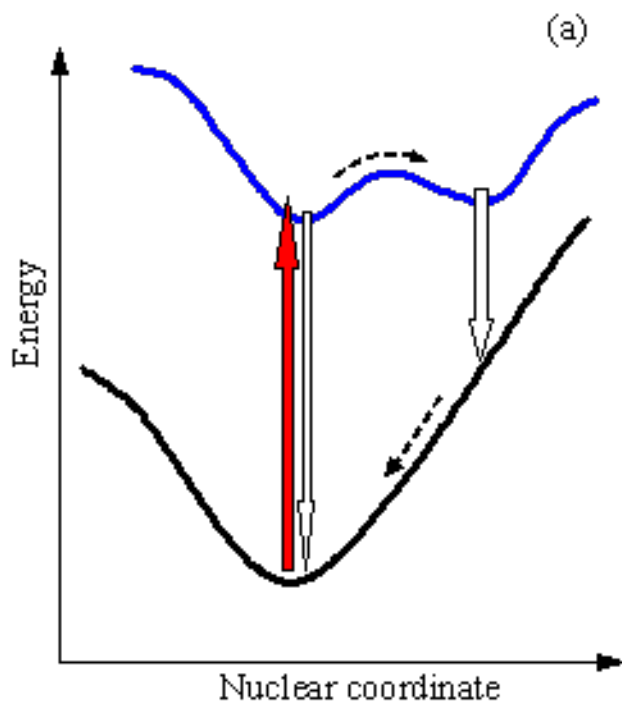


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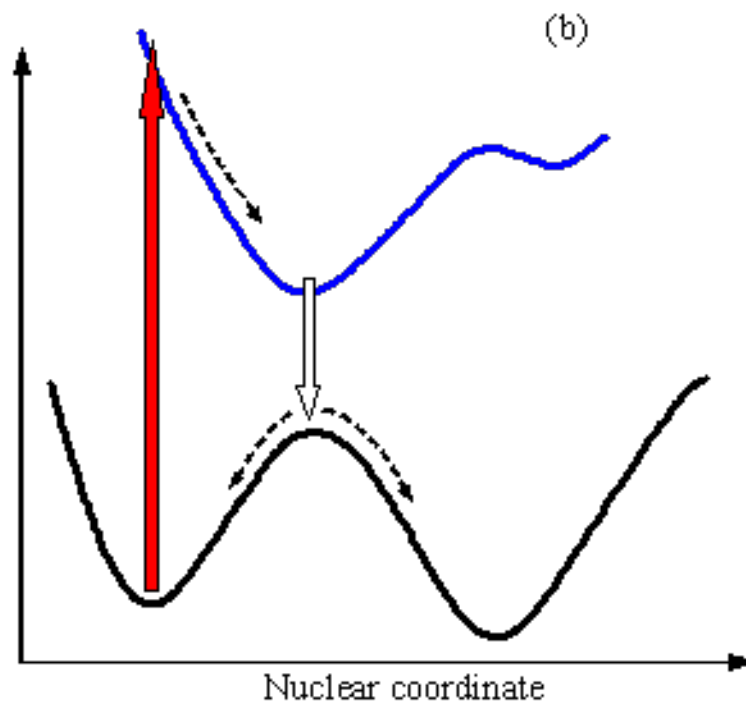


Radiative transition vs Reaction

How do molecules move on surfaces?
How molecules navigate between surfaces?

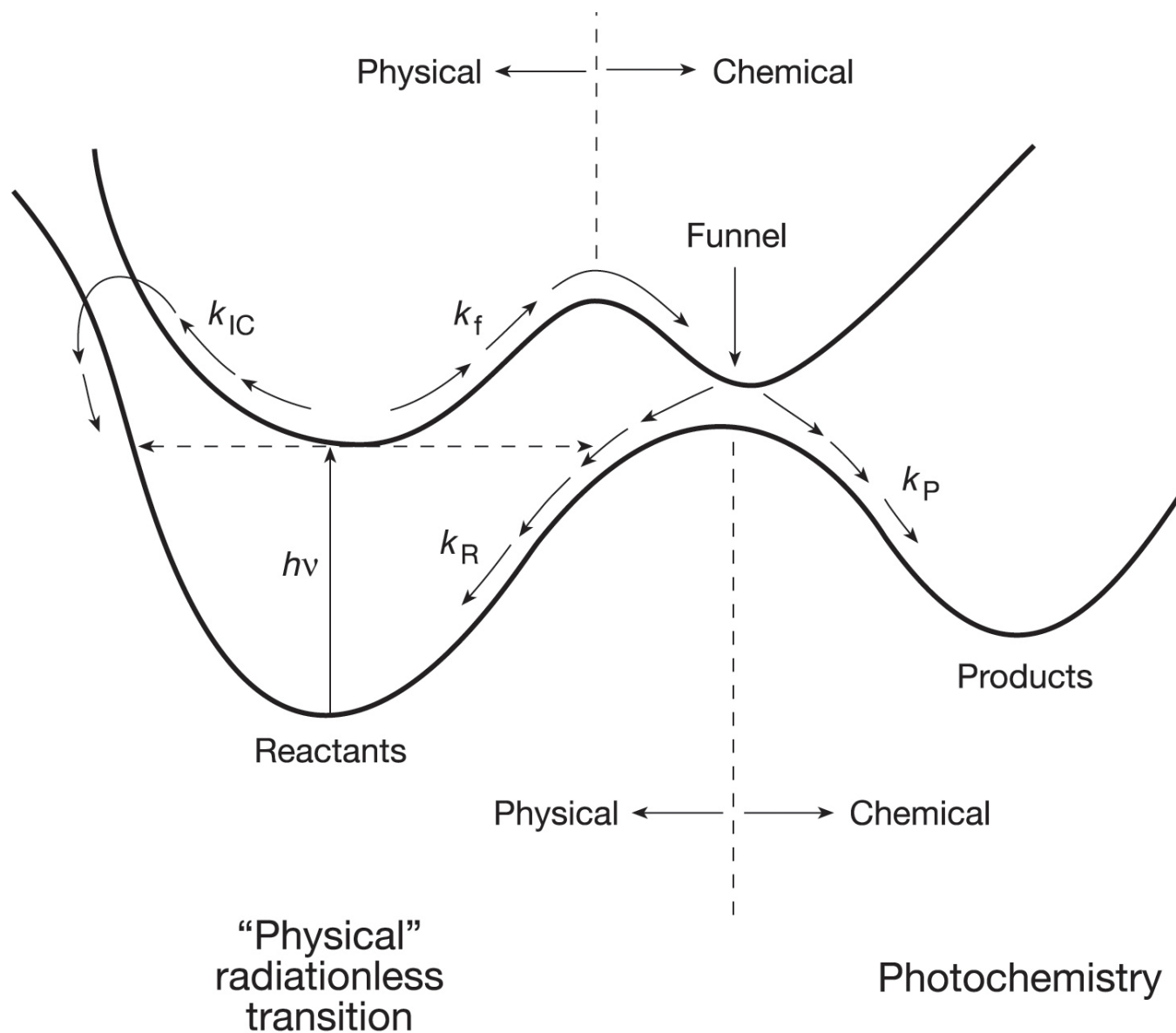


Radiationless Transition

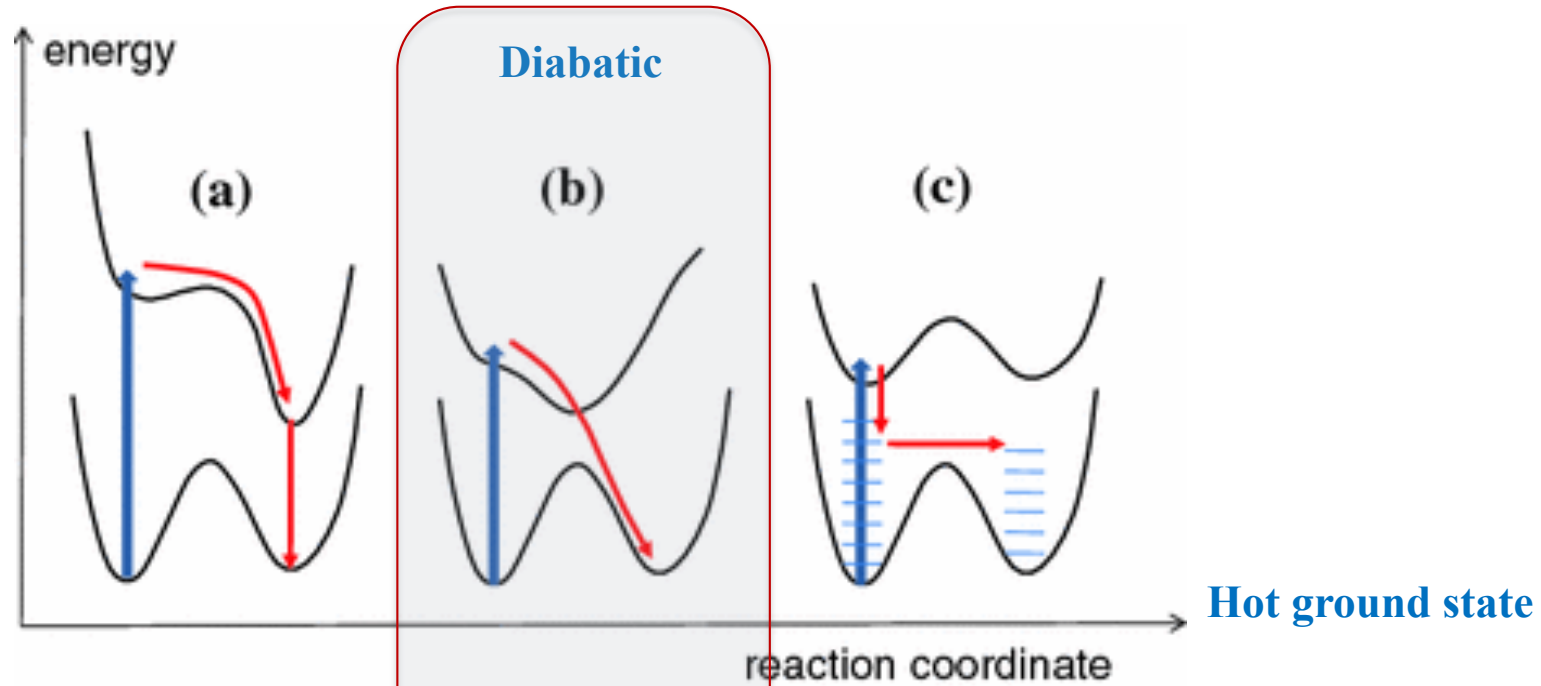
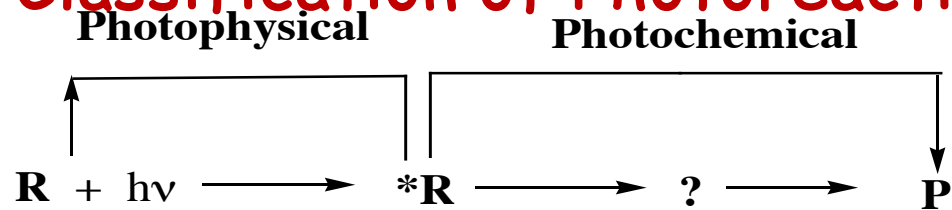


Photoreaction

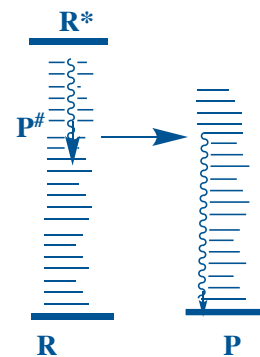
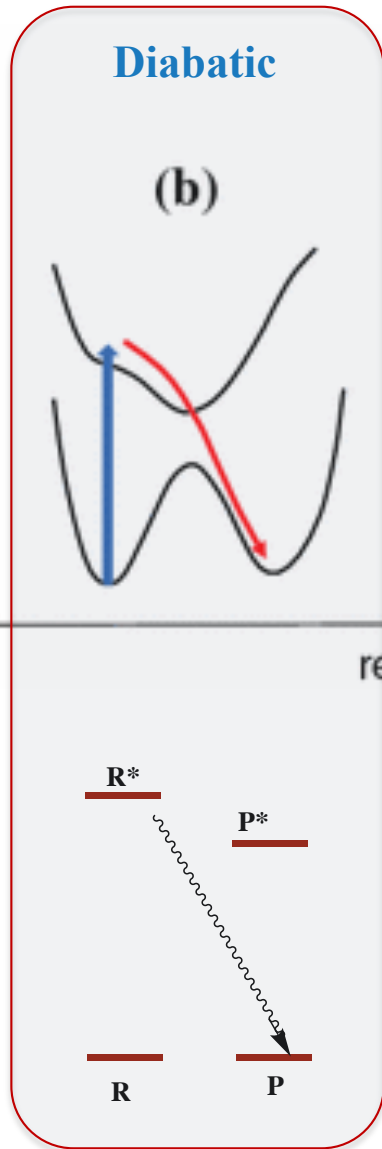
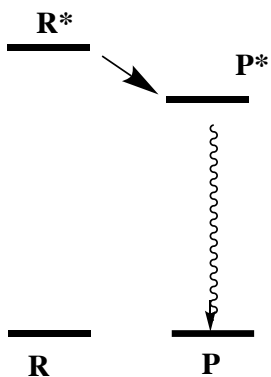
A Model for Photochemistry and Photophysics of Organic Molecules



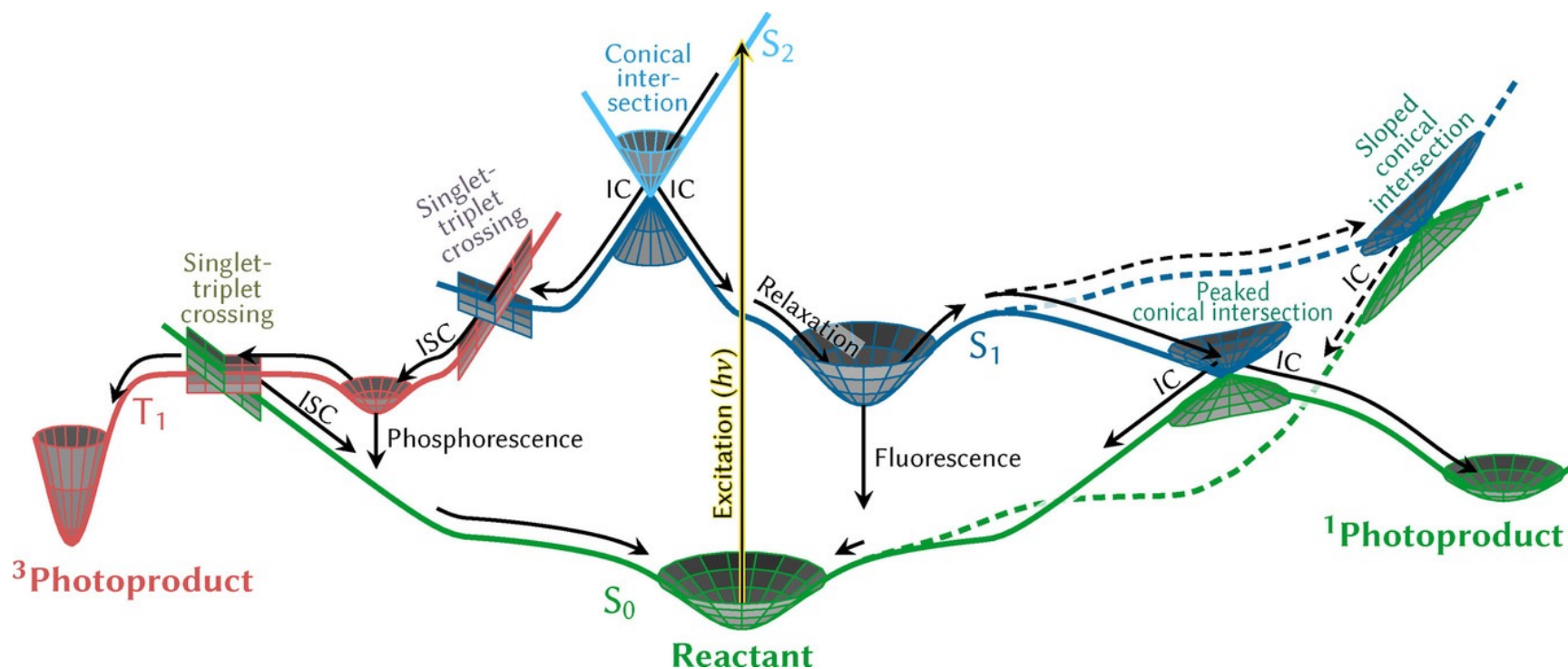
Classification of Photoreactions



Adiabatic



A fancier way of drawing the actions on excited surfaces

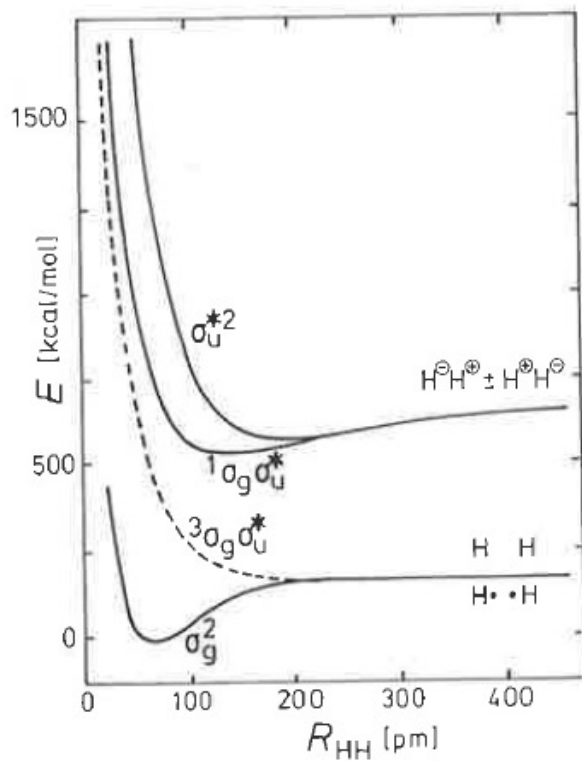
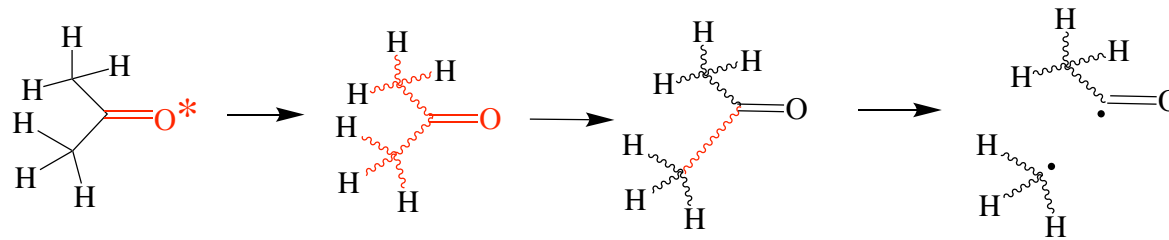
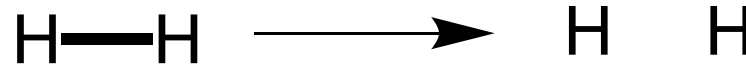


Molecular Photochemistry: Recent Developments in Theory, S. Mai and L. Gonzalez, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2020**, *59*, 16832 – 16846

Models used to understand reactions on excited surfaces

- Adiabatic and diabatic surfaces
- Crossing and avoided crossing
- Funnel
- Conical intersection
- Energy gap law / Fermi's golden rule
- Wave packets vs particles (marbles)

Photodissociation of σ bond



H_2

- E. Schrödinger developed the famous Φ equation in 1926
- Based on E.Sch. eq. Heitler and London developed the concept of bonding for H_2 molecule in 1927.
- L. Pauling extended this to the concept of valence-bond theory.



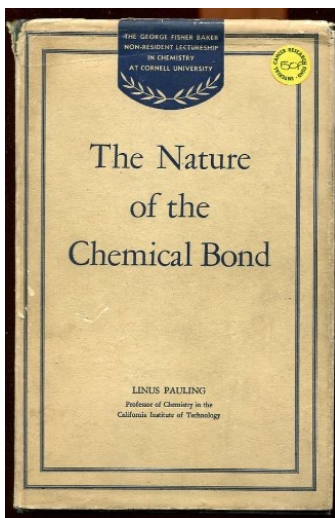
W. Heitler



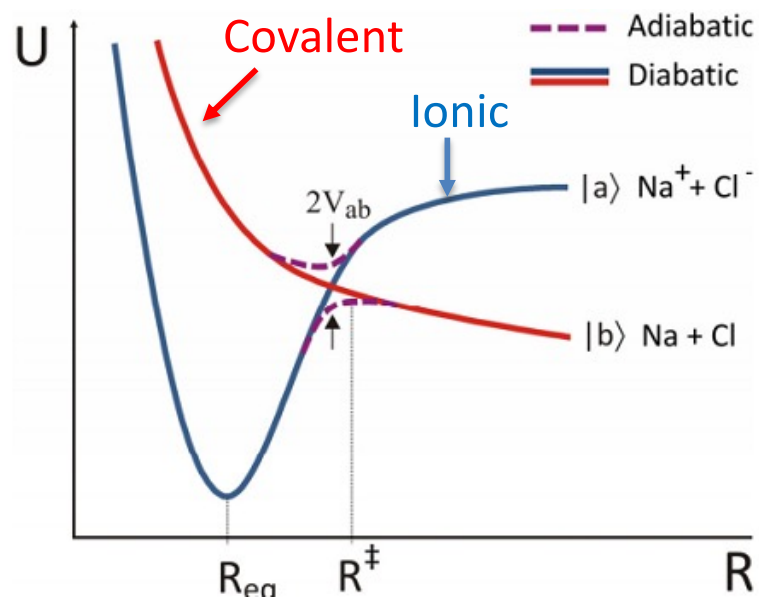
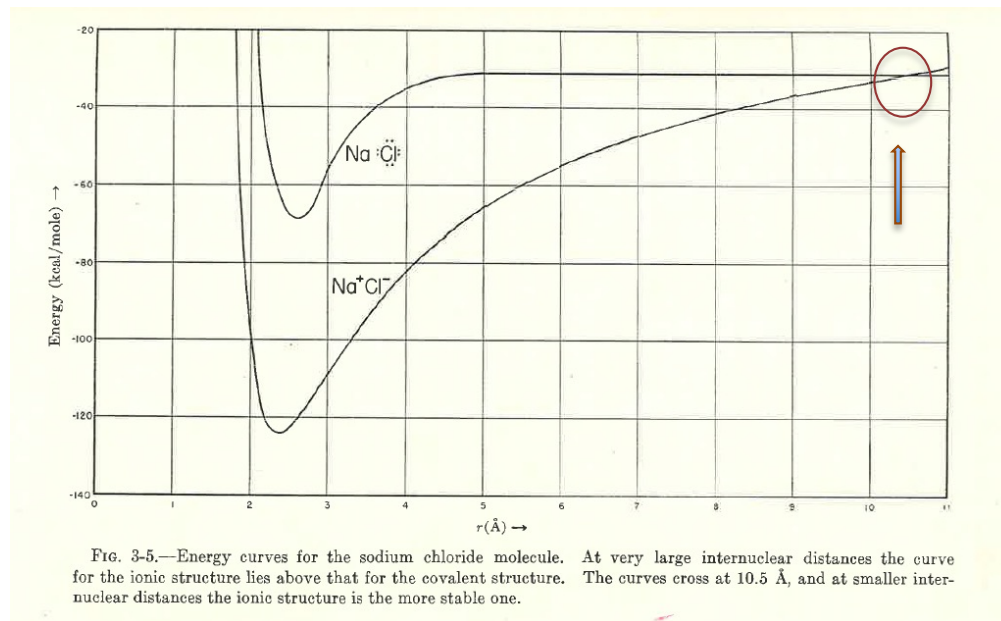
F. London

These formed the basis of energy diagrams for photodissociation.

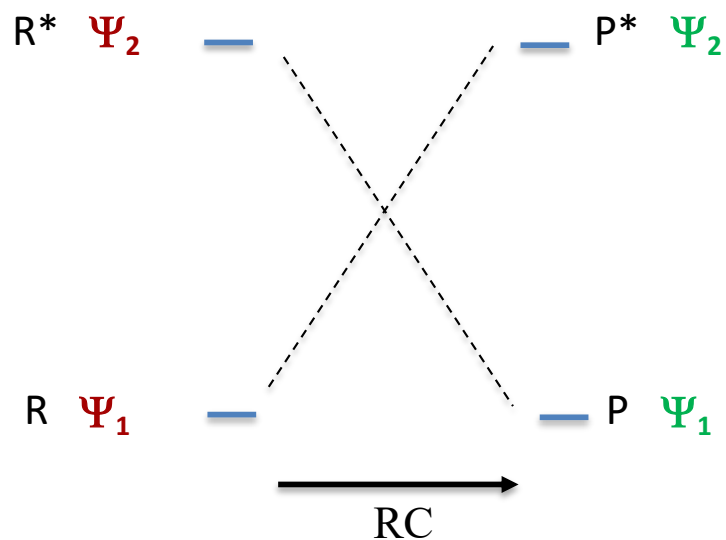
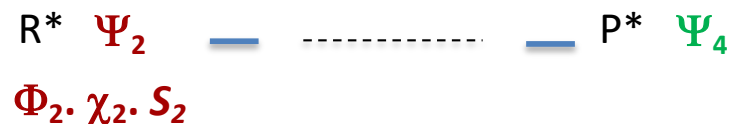
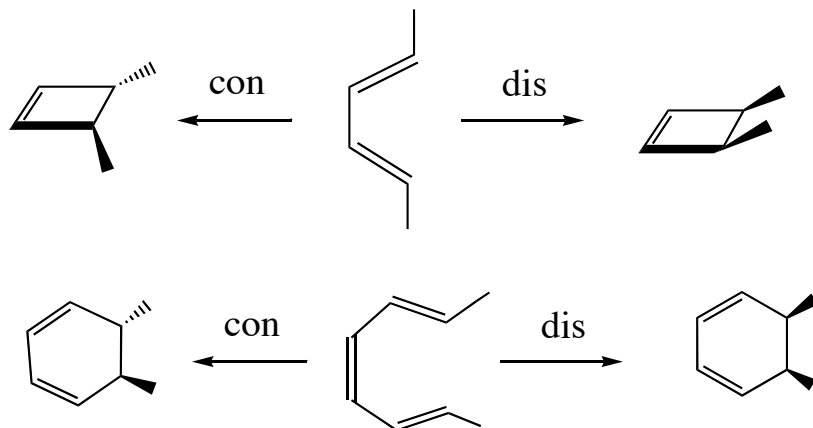
Potential energy curves for dissociation of NaCl



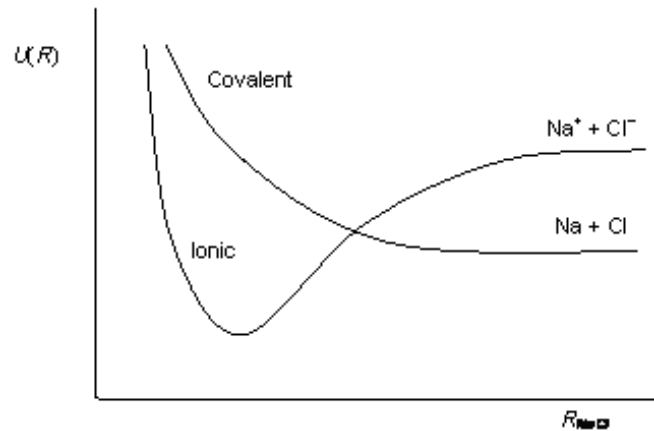
Linus Pauling, 1938



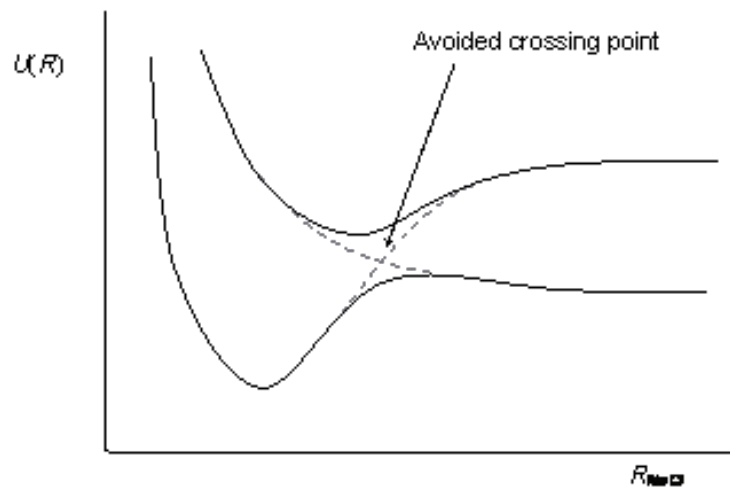
Electronic correlation diagram for a given reaction co-ordinate



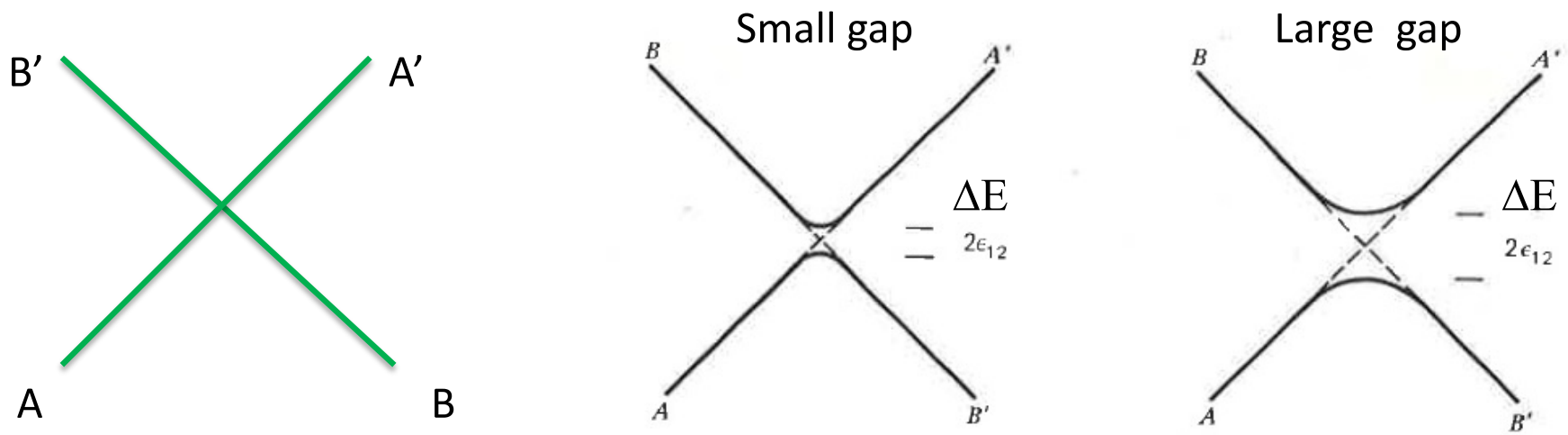
Crossing and avoided crossing



The curves are based on simple coulombic attraction between charged spheres (of which there is zero for the covalent model), and repulsion of nuclear charge and physical interaction between hard spheres.



To obtain the best wavefunctions and energies at any particular point, we must mix the ionic and covalent wavefunctions. The resulting energies repel each other. Therefore, at every internuclear separation, the energies of the original wavefunctions are “split apart.” At the crossing point, the new energies (which will be closer to the true energies than the original ionic and covalent wavefunction energies) split apart and the curves no longer cross. This point of nearest approach is called an avoided crossing point



Landau-Zener-Stueckelberg equation

$$P = \exp(-\Delta E^2/v\Delta s)$$

Probability of jump from lower to upper or the reverse

- Energy gap (ΔE)
- Velocity (v)
- Slope difference (Δs)

A Bit of History

Molecular Physics



- E. Teller *Isr. J. Chem.* 7, 227, 1969

“...in a polyatomic molecule the non-crossing rule, which is rigorously valid for diatomics, fails and two electronic states, even if they have the same symmetry, are allowed to cross at a **conical intersection**..”.

“...radiationless decay from the upper to the lower intersecting state occurs **within a single vibrational period** when the system “travels” in the vicinity of such intersection points...”



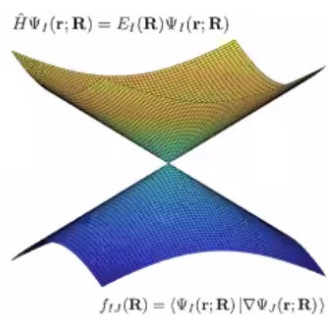
- H.C. Longuet-Higgins, “The Intersection of Potential Energy Surfaces in Polyatomic Molecules”, *Proc. R. Soc. Lond. Ser. A.*, 344, 147-156, 1975

“...thereby disposing of a recent claim that the non-crossing rule for diatomic molecules applies also to polyatomic molecules...”.

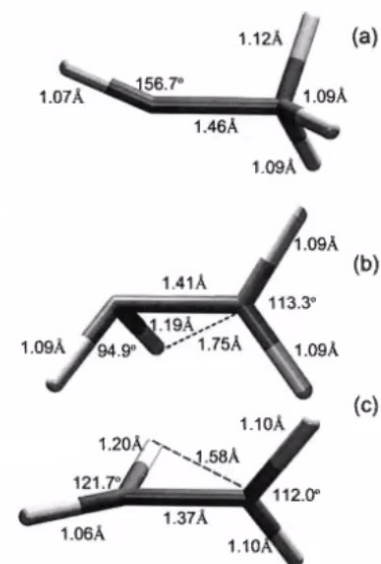
Conical Intersection



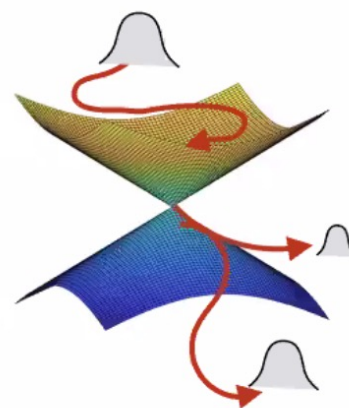
David Yarkony



Todd Martinez



John Tully



A Bit of History

Photochemistry

- Zimmerman, Michl and Salem were the first to suggest that, in photochemical organic reactions, the point of return M^* may correspond to a conical intersection. Zimmerman and Michl call it photochemical funnel.



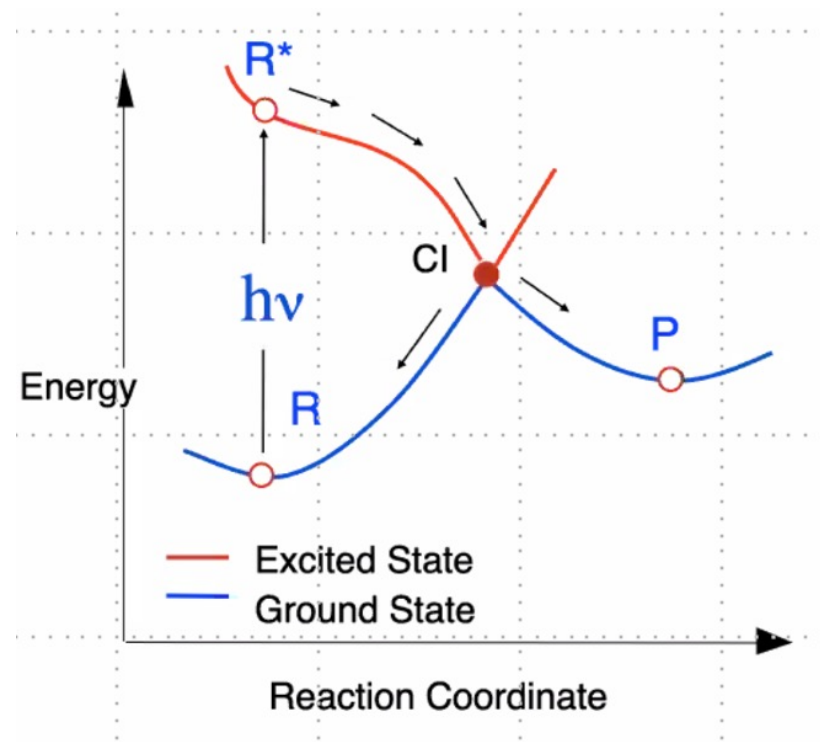
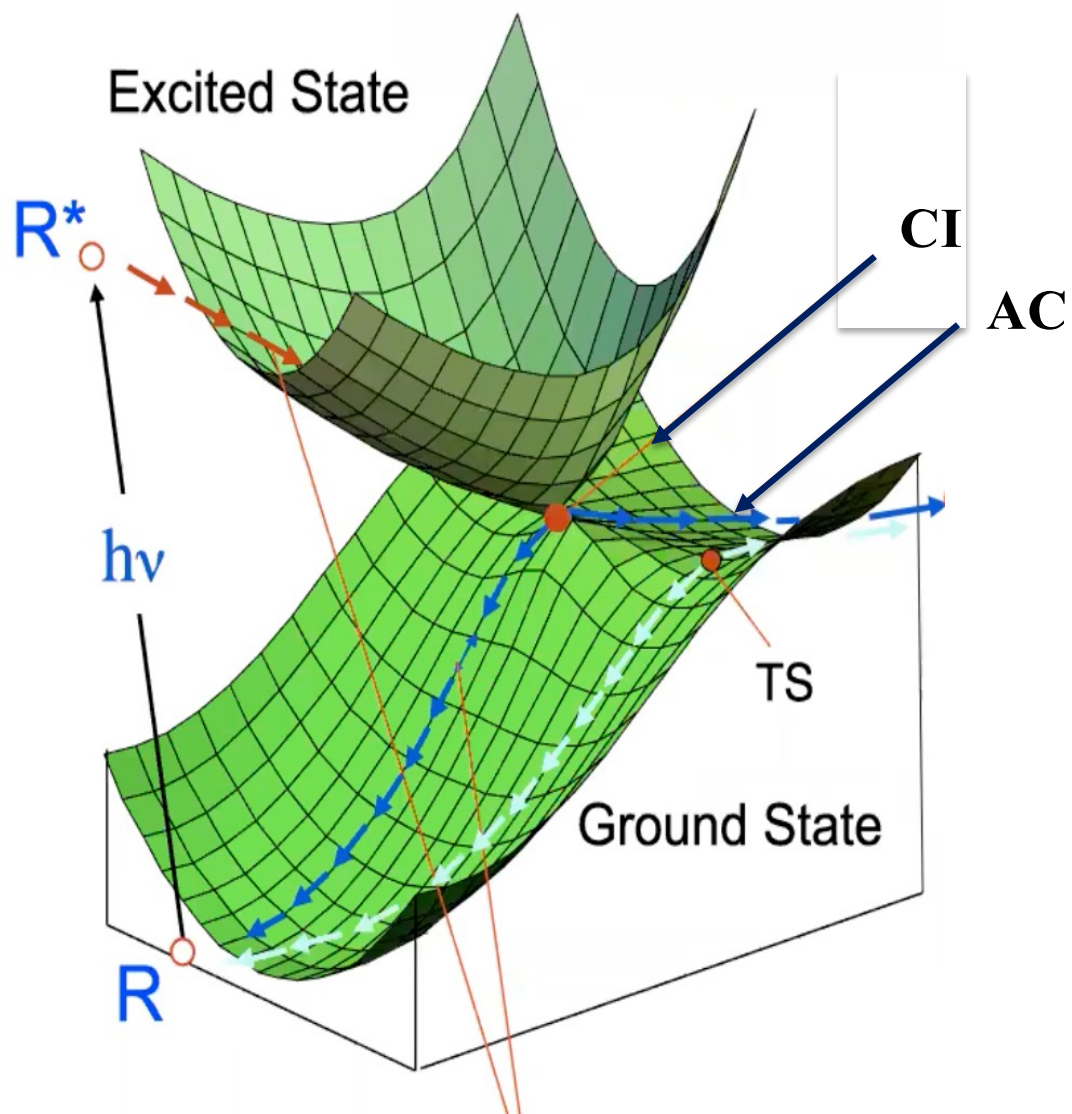
- 1966, Howard Zimmerman

1970, Josef Michl ●

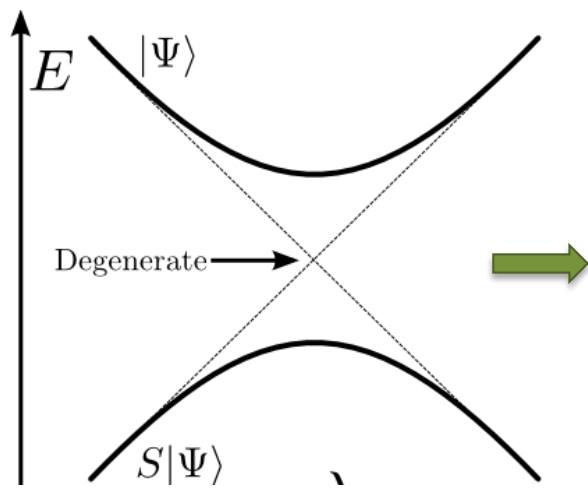


- 1974, Lionel Salem

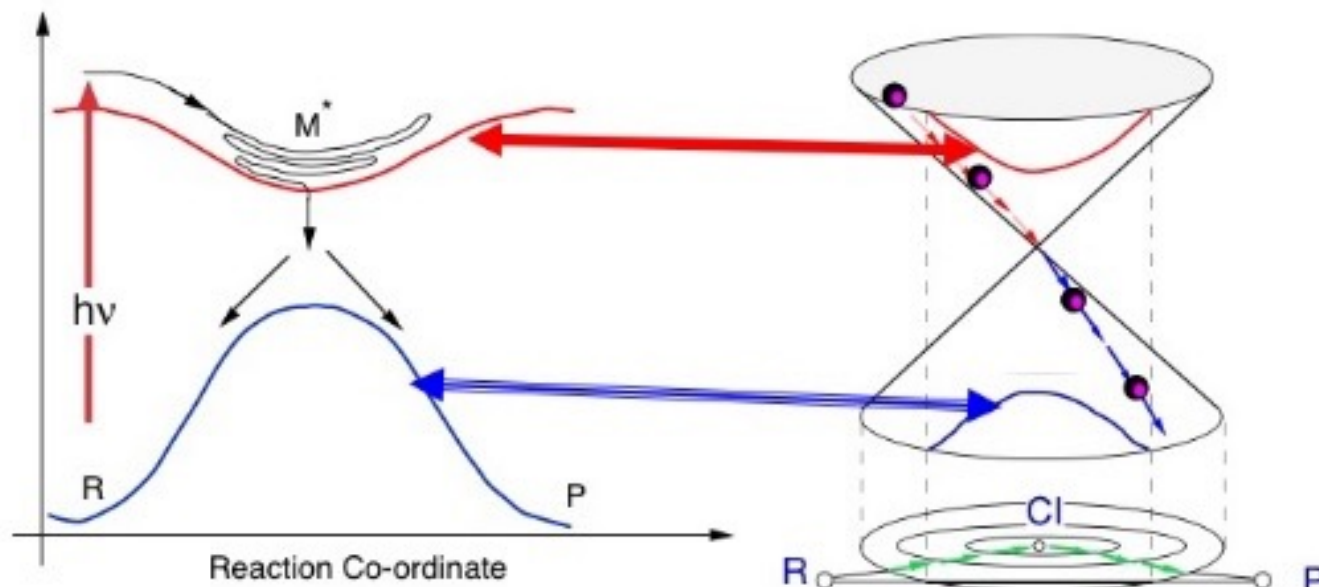
Minimum at Avoided Crossing & CI may not be at the same place



Avoided crossing, true crossing and conical intersection



Diatomic



Avoided crossing
in two dimensions

Product appears in ns

Allowed crossing in higher
dimensions (polyatomic
molecules); Conical
intersection

Product appears in ps-fs

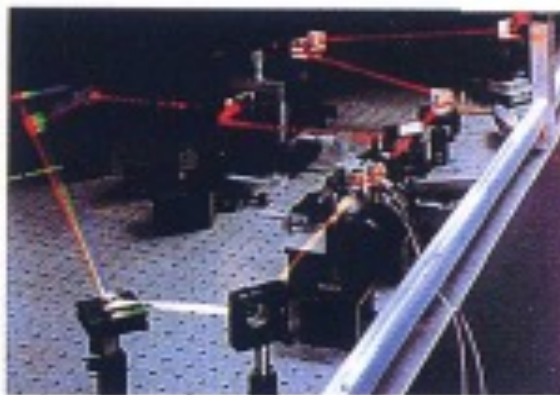
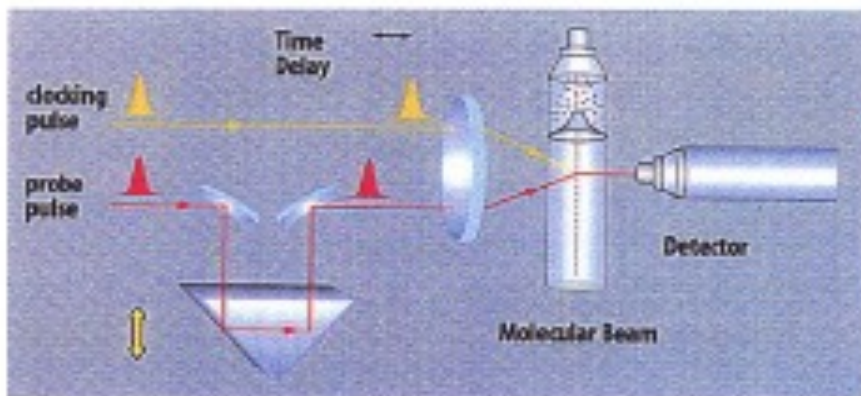
10⁻¹⁵ sec time resolution (1980s)



Ahmed H. Zewail

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1999

"for his studies of the transition states of chemical reactions using femtosecond spectroscopy."



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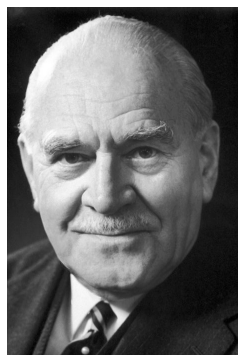
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10⁻⁶ sec time resolution (1960s)



M. Eigen

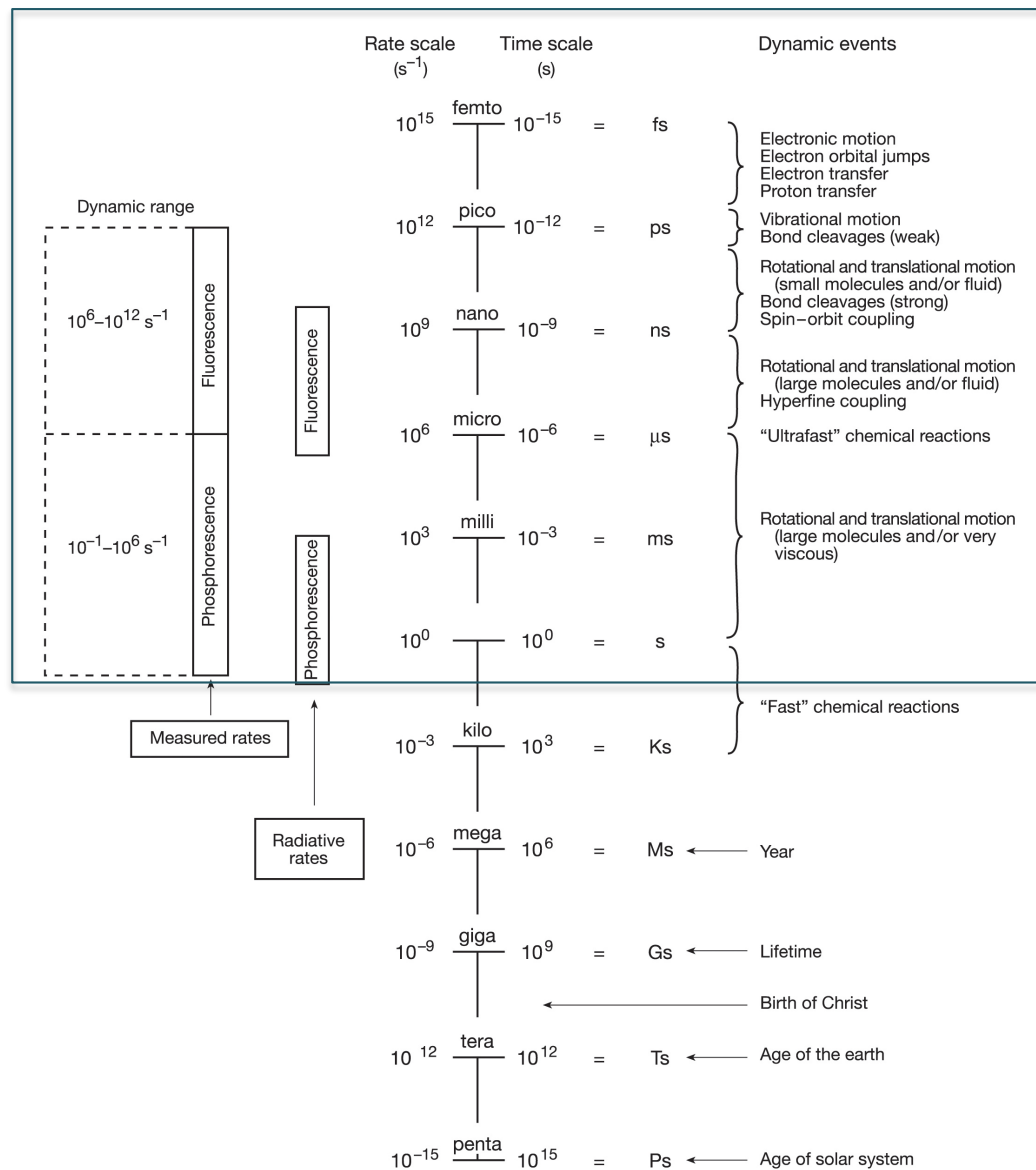


R. G. W. Norrish

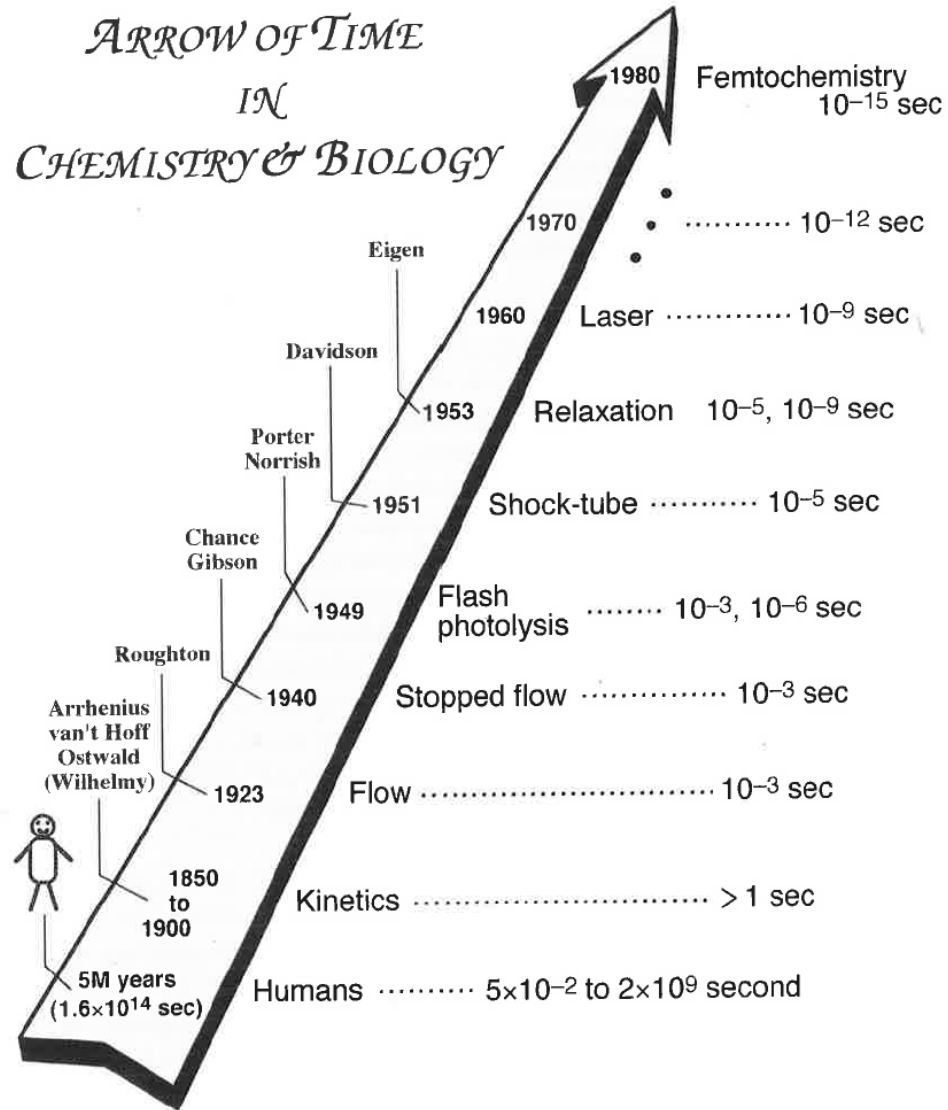


G. Porter

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1967 was divided, one half awarded to M. Eigen, the other half jointly to R. G. W. Norrish and G. Porter "for their studies of extremely fast chemical reactions, effected by disturbing the equilibrium by means of very short pulses of energy."



The birth of high-speed camera



Can a horse fly

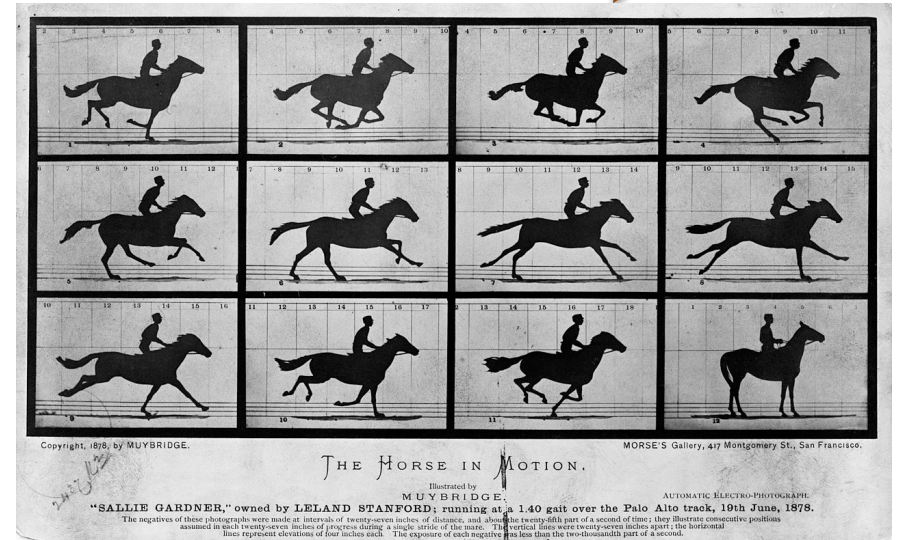


Photo series by Eadweard Muybridge, 1870

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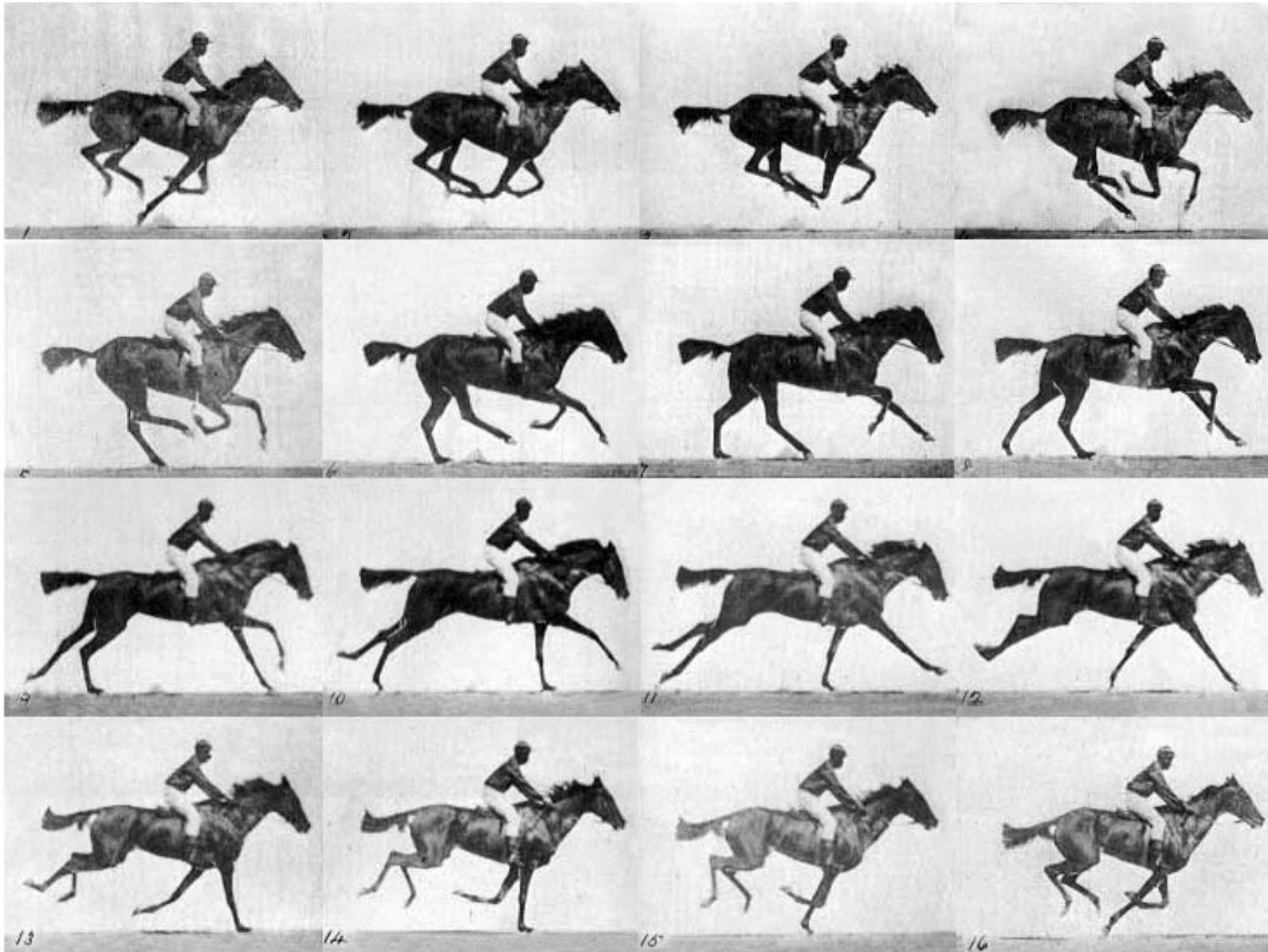


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Coherence



Incoherence



Partial Coherence

Millions of molecules are reacting

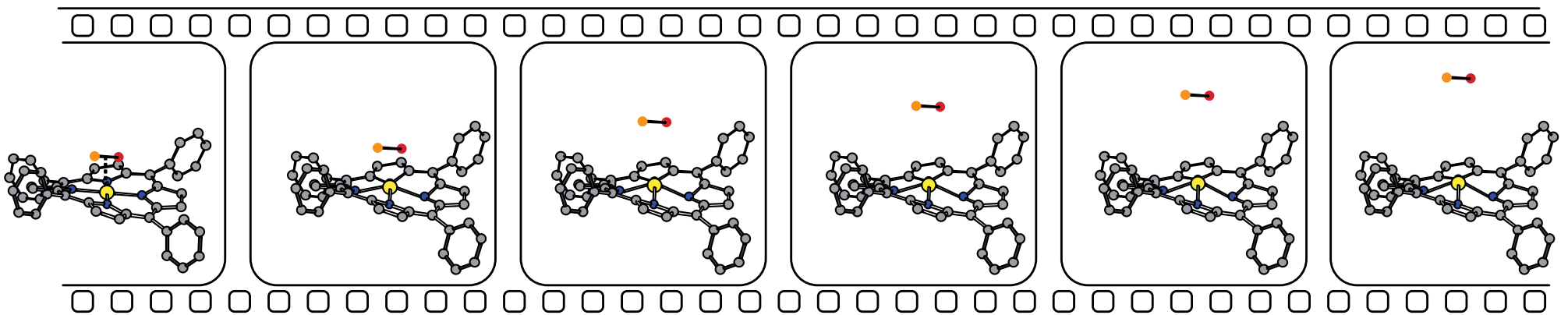
**Although same reaction – they don't run
in lock-step**

How to synchronize ?

**As if a whole herd of horses in lock-step
in one camera**

Coherence

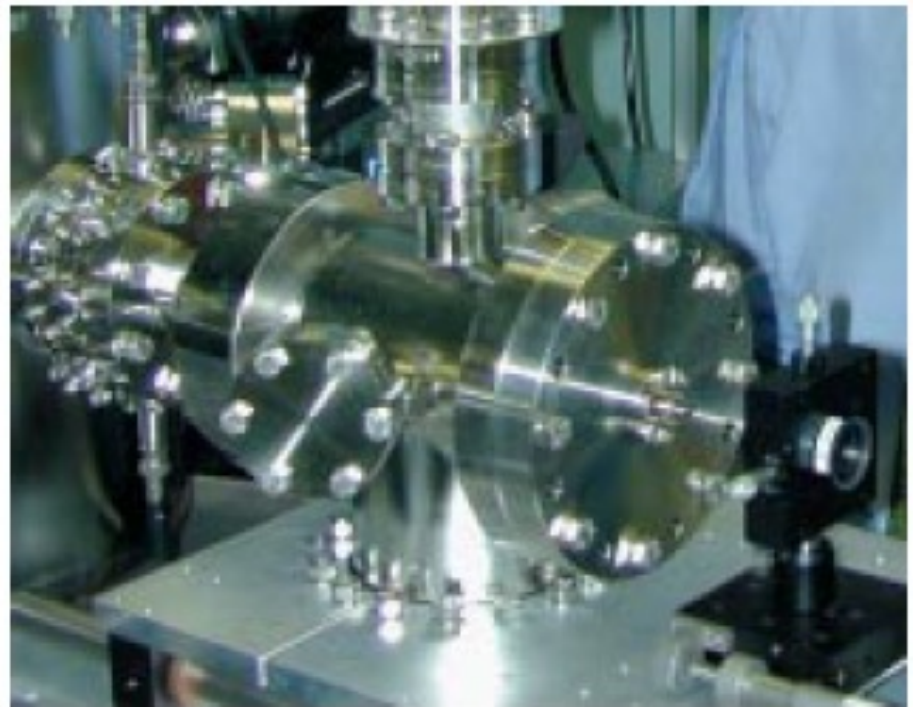
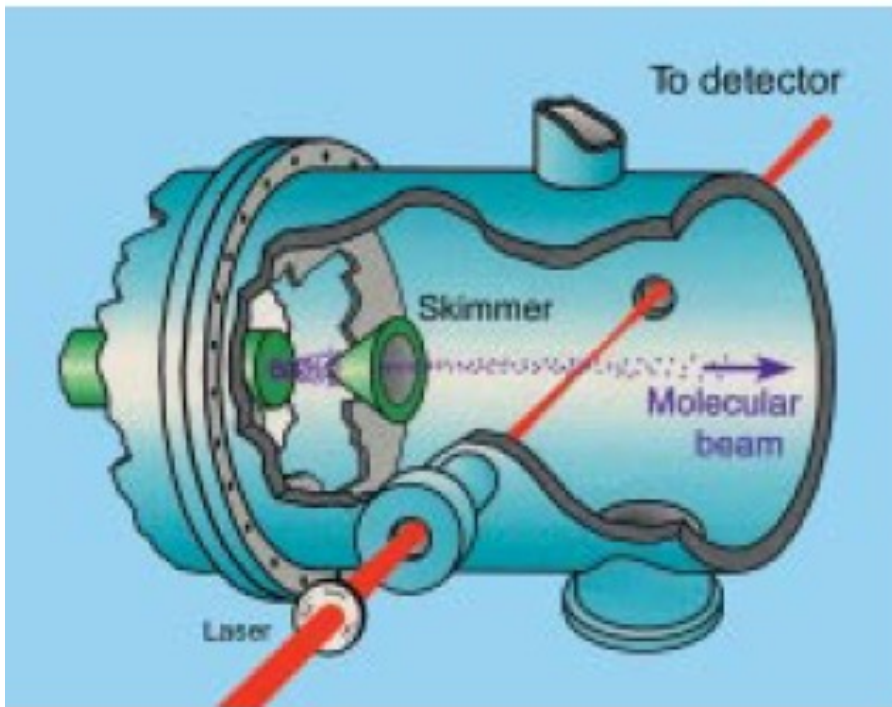
- **Millions of molecules could march in lock-step from a common starting point**
- **A series of pictures can be taken at different times**
- **Equivalent to a movie of a chemical reaction**



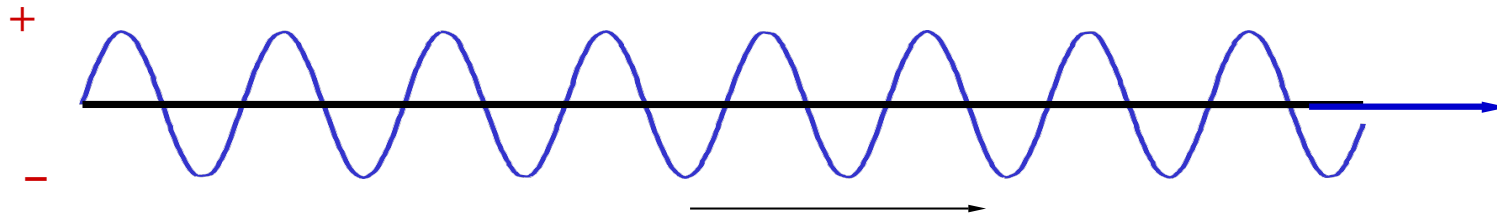
Coherence

**Coordinated fashion or acting together.
How to achieve this?**

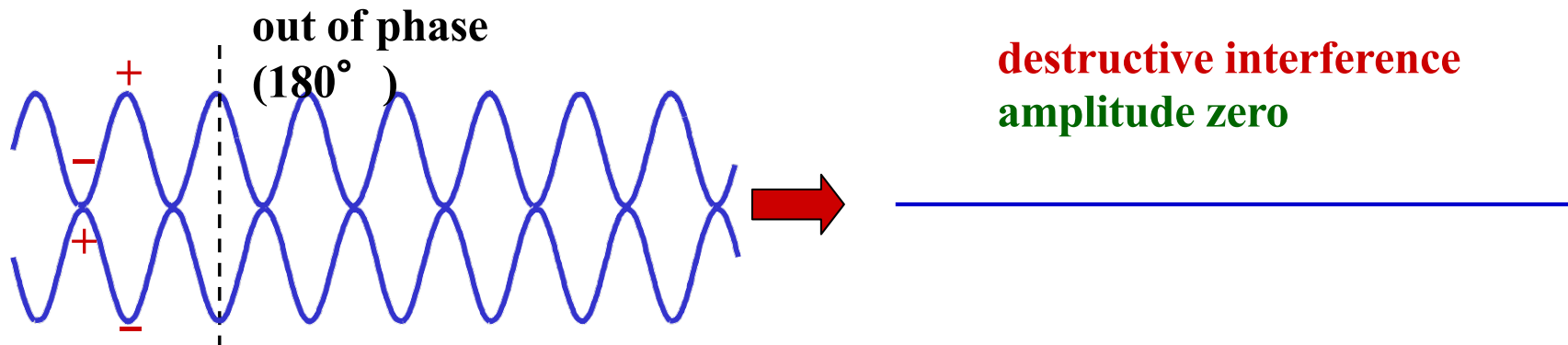
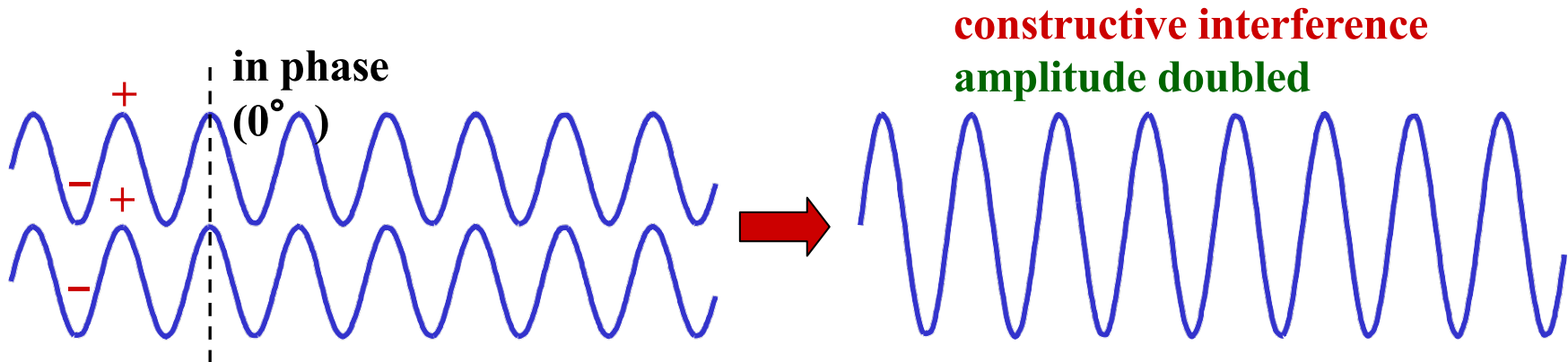
Molecular beam

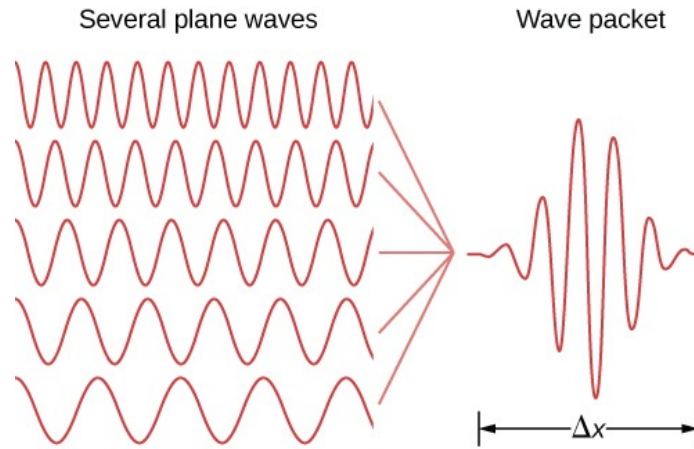


Waves oscillate positive and negative and travel

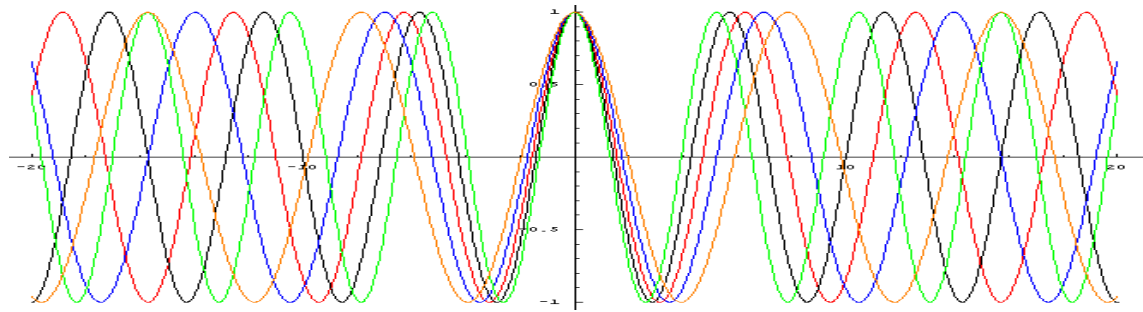


Waves can be added.

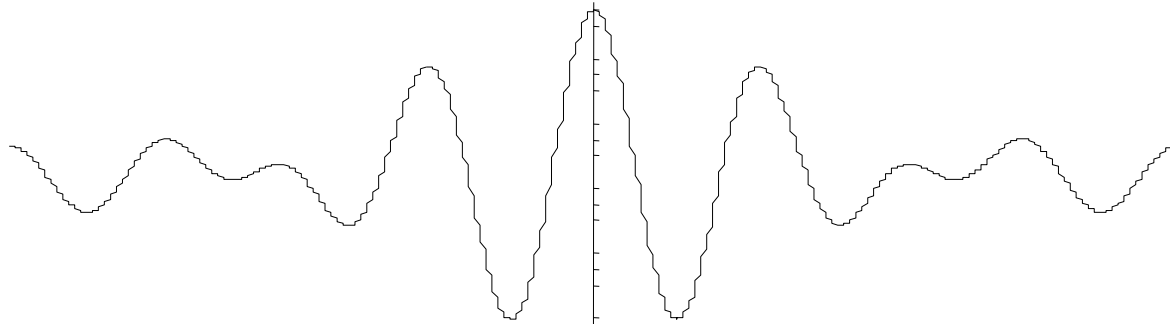




**Waves of different
wavelengths can be
added. Add 5 waves.
 $\lambda = 1.2, 1.1, 1.0, 0.9, 0.8$**



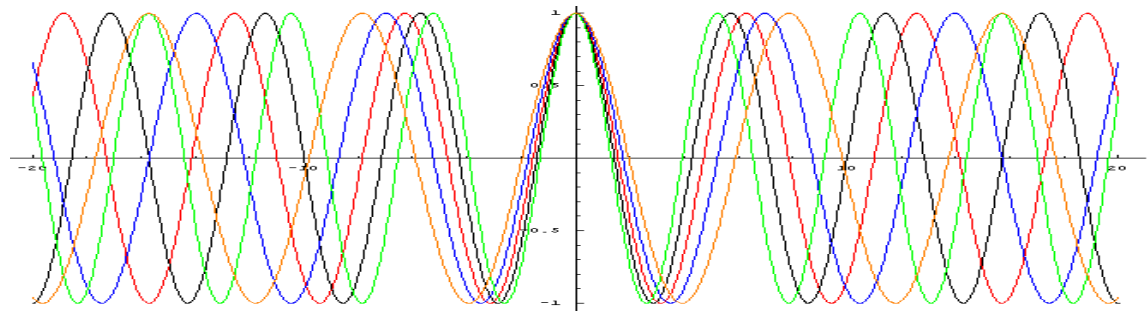
**Superposition
Sum of the 5 waves**



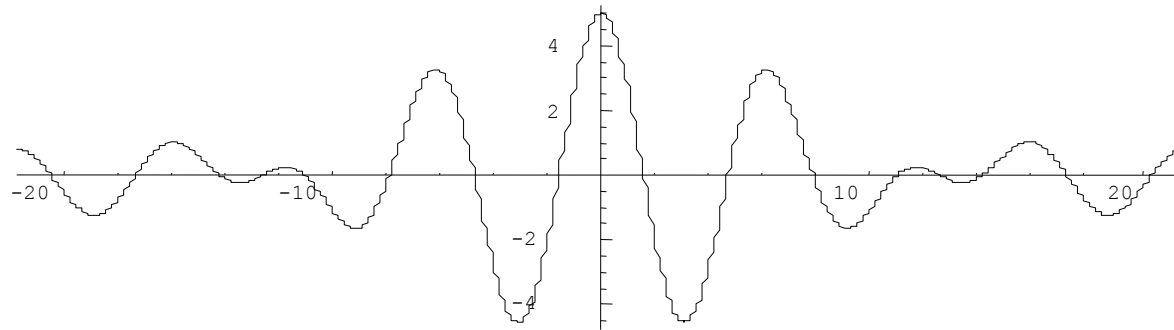
Classical – can know momentum p and position x exactly at the same time.

Quantum – know p exactly, x completely uncertain. Equal probability of finding particle anywhere.

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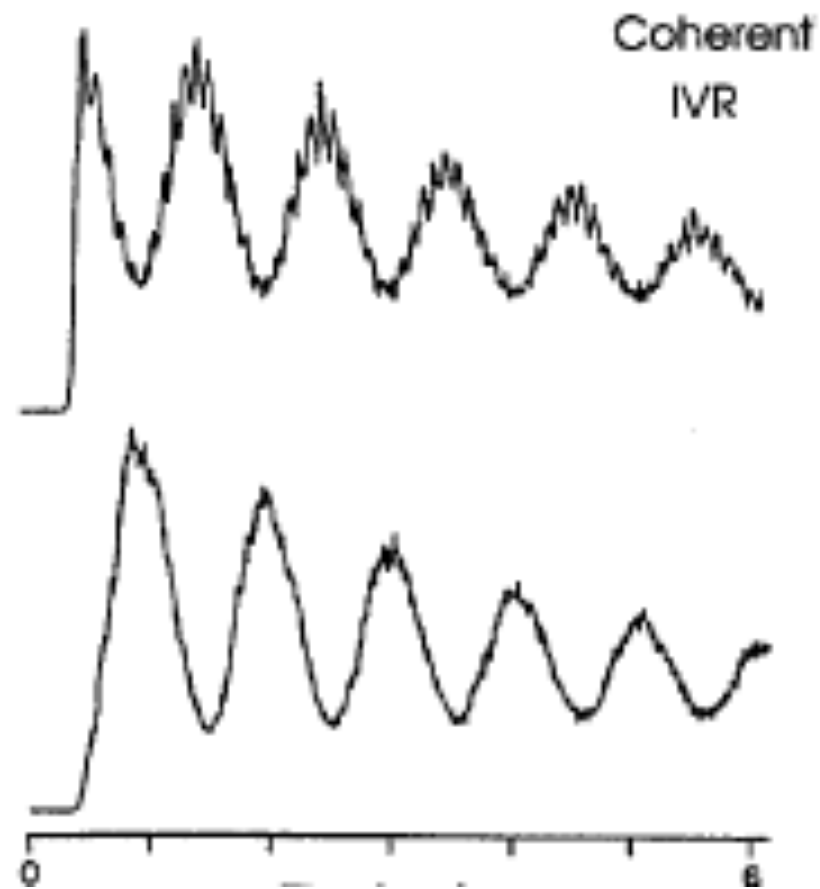
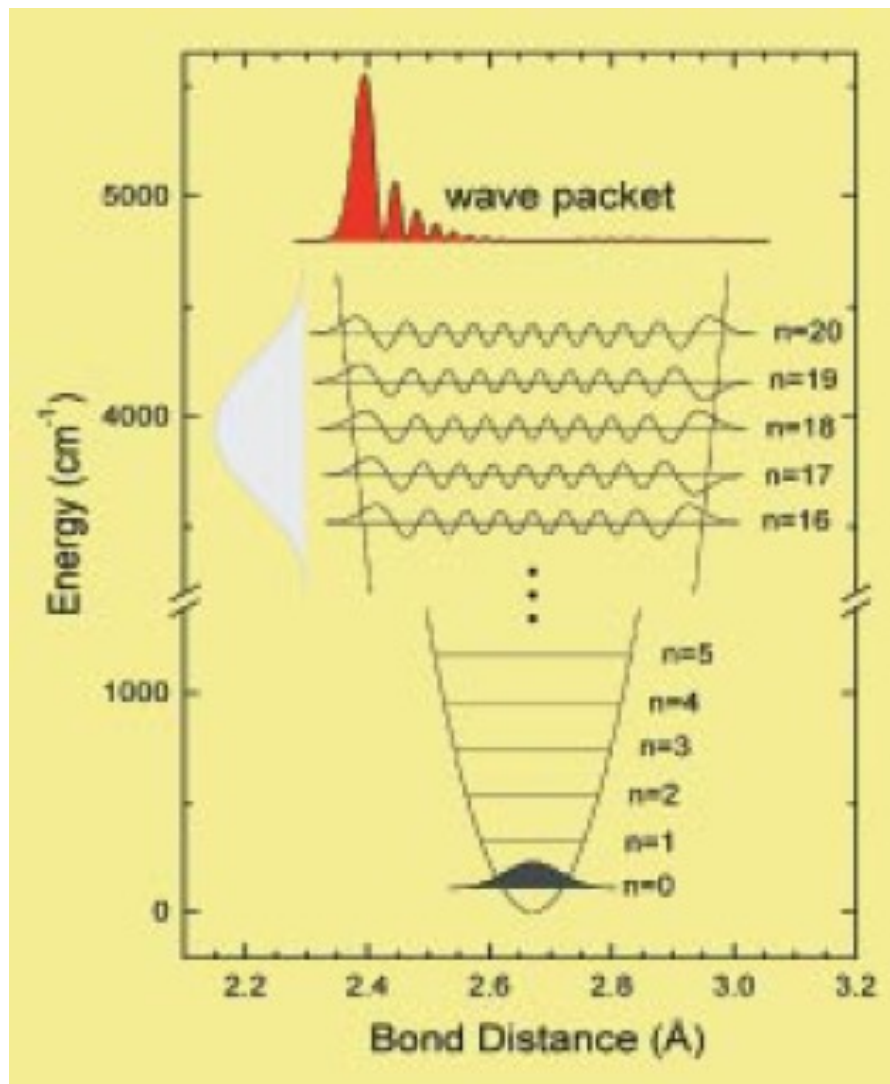


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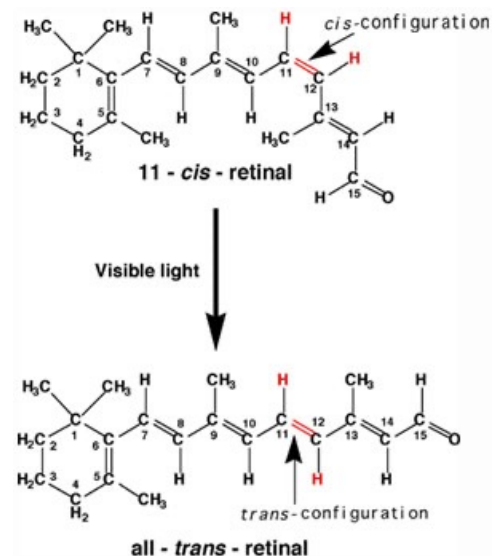
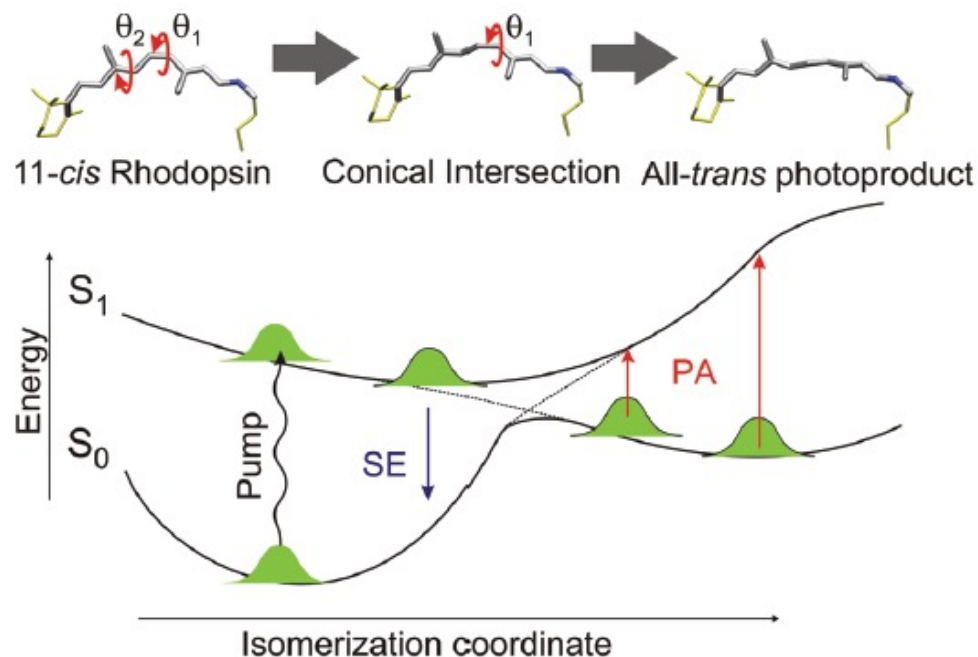


Superimposing 5 waves concentrates probability in a region of space, but now there are 5 values of the momentum.

Wave packets



Ultrafast time resolution (fs) has changed the way we visualize reactions on excited surfaces

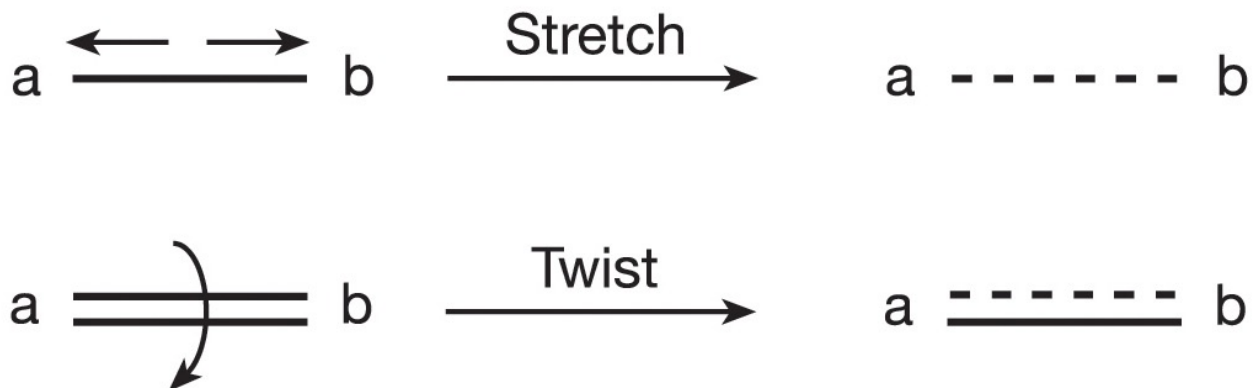


The **wavepacket** initially created in the **FC region** of the excited state of the reactant rapidly evolves along the reaction pathway towards the **conical intersection**, and the stimulated emission (SE) progressively shifts to the red as the band gap between the excited and ground states narrows. Near the conical intersection region, which is reached in **~80 fs** according to both experiments and simulations, the SE signal vanishes as the two surfaces approach each other. Following the “jump” to the hot ground state of the photoproduct, a symmetric photo-induced absorption (PA) signal is formed. This PA band rapidly shifts to the blue as the surfaces move away from each other energetically and the wavepacket relaxes to the bottom of the photoproduct well.

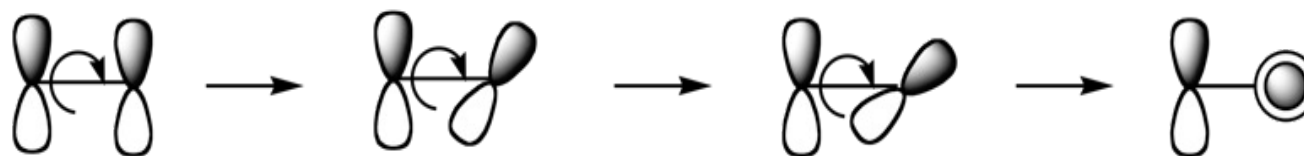
Classification of photoreactions

- Bond breaking----cleavage reactions
- Bond twisting-----geometric isomerization
- Addition at one end----abstraction, substitution
- Addition at two ends-----cycloaddition
- Concerted pericyclic reactions---electrocyclization
- Rearrangement

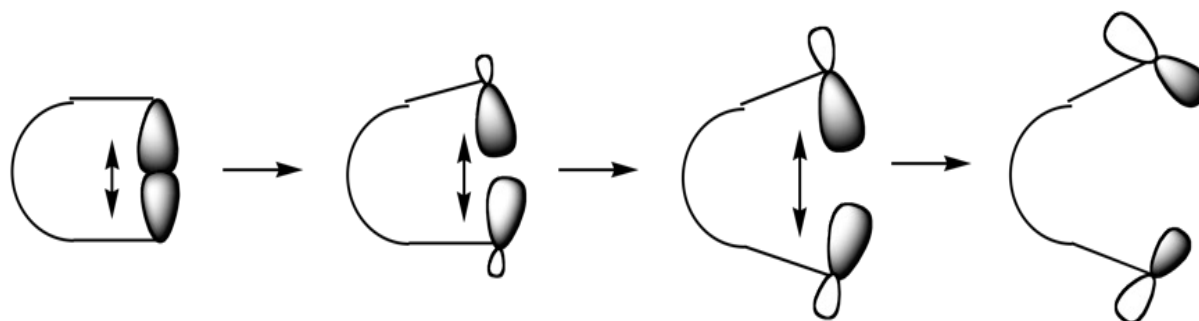
How do bonds break?: Stretching and twisting



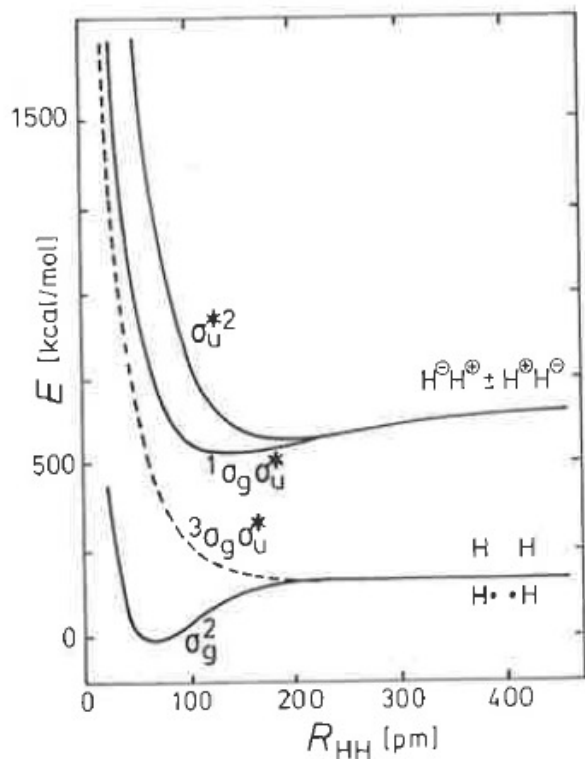
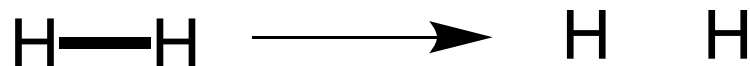
π -bonds break upon twisting



σ -bond break upon stretching



A model for breaking σ bond by stretching



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W. Heitler



F. London

These formed the basis of energy diagrams for photodissociation.

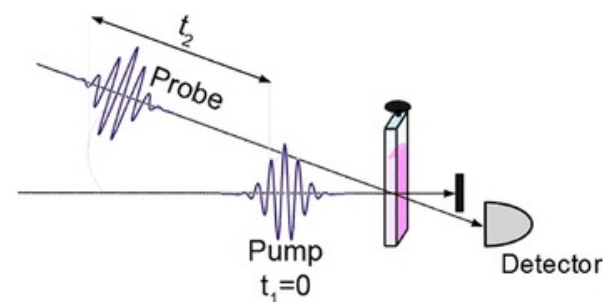
Homolytic photodissociation of I_2 , ICN , IBr , CH_3I etc.

Exemplars for σ bond cleavage in the excited state

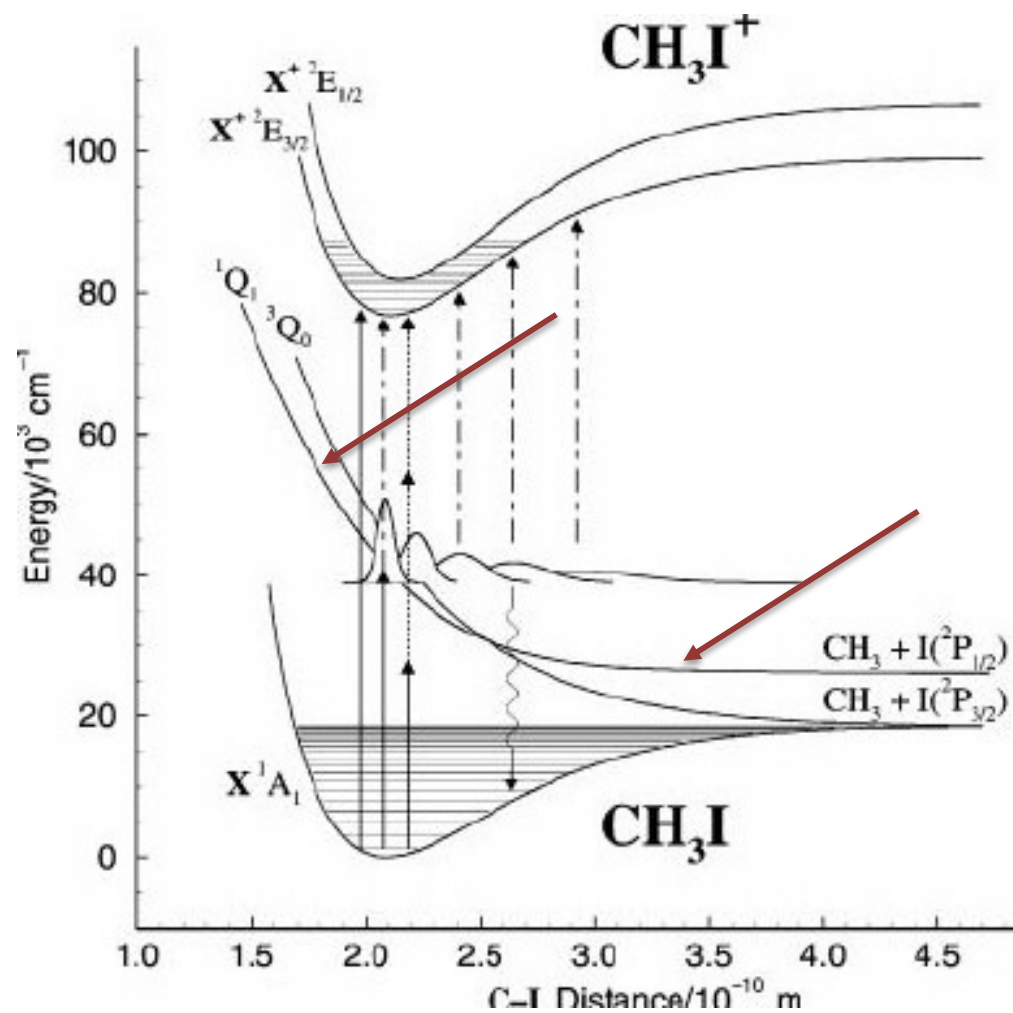
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Pump-Probe-Detect in fs time scale



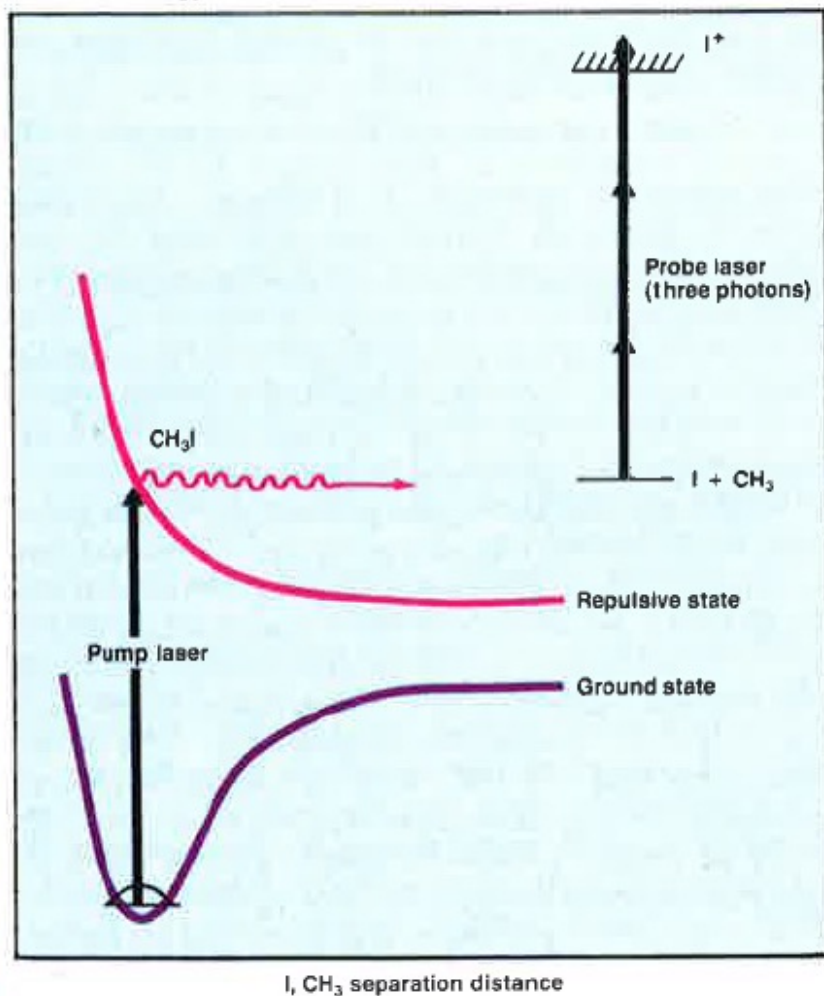
Potential energy curves for dissociation of CH_3I



The first study on photodissociation by Zewail (1985)

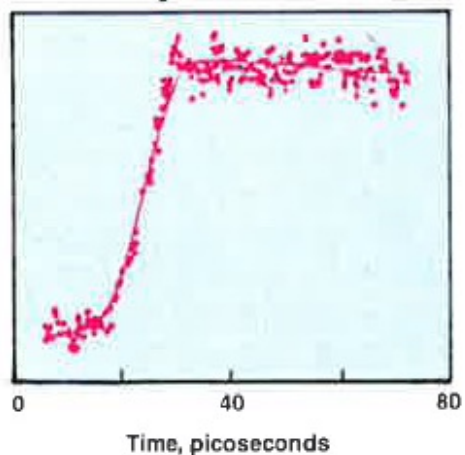
Pump-probe experiments show photofragmentation of CH_3I takes less than a picosecond

Potential energy



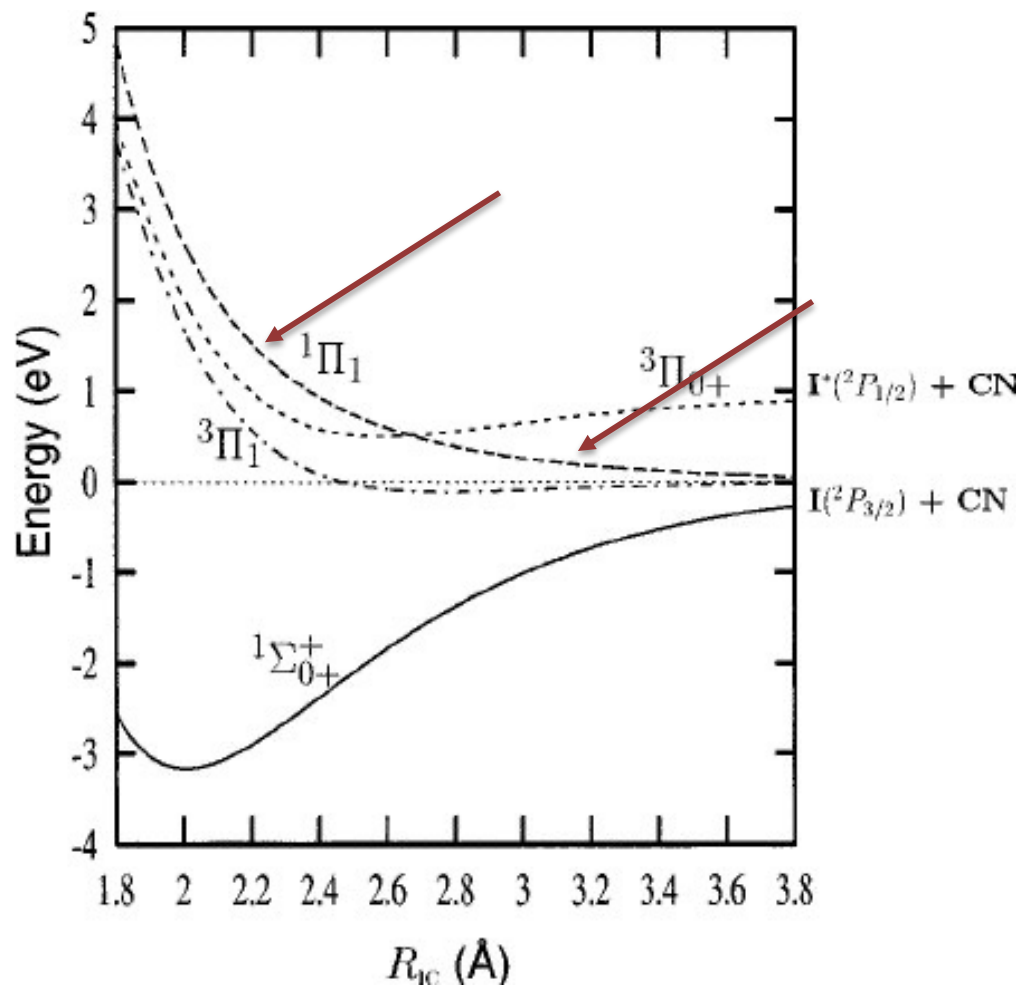
Concept of a picosecond laser experiment to determine the bond breaking time for methyl iodide is shown schematically at left. The pump laser excites the CH_3I molecule from the ground state to a higher energy repulsive state. Iodine product is detected by a delayed probe pulse using three-photon ionization. Varying the delay time between the pump and probe lasers produces the results shown below. Analysis gives an upper limit of 0.4 ps for the time required for separation of the photofragments. [Adapted from J. L. Knee, L. R. Khundkar, and A. H. Zewail, *J. Chem. Phys.*, **83**, 1996 (1985); L. R. Khundkar and A. H. Zewail, *Chem. Phys. Lett.*, **142**, 426 (1987).]

Iodine ion signal



Dissociates in
400 fs

Potential energy curves for dissociation of ICN

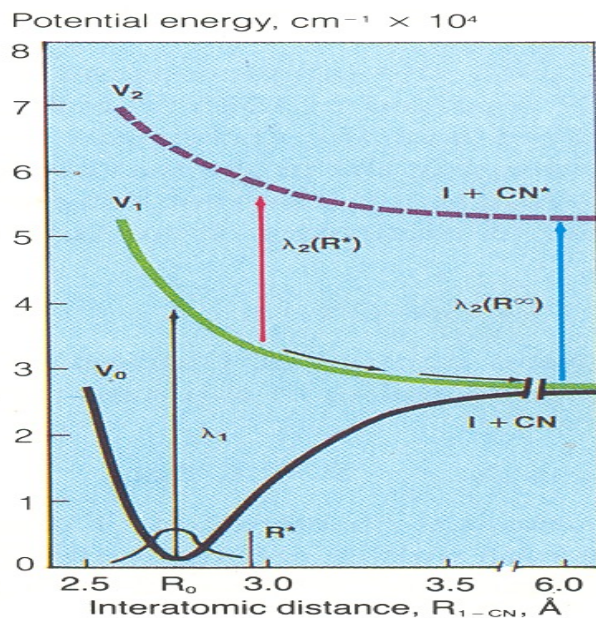


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Photodissociation of ICN (1987)

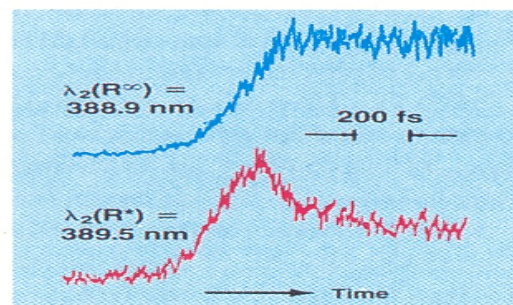
Real-time femtochemistry experiment catches excited ICN molecule in act of falling apart



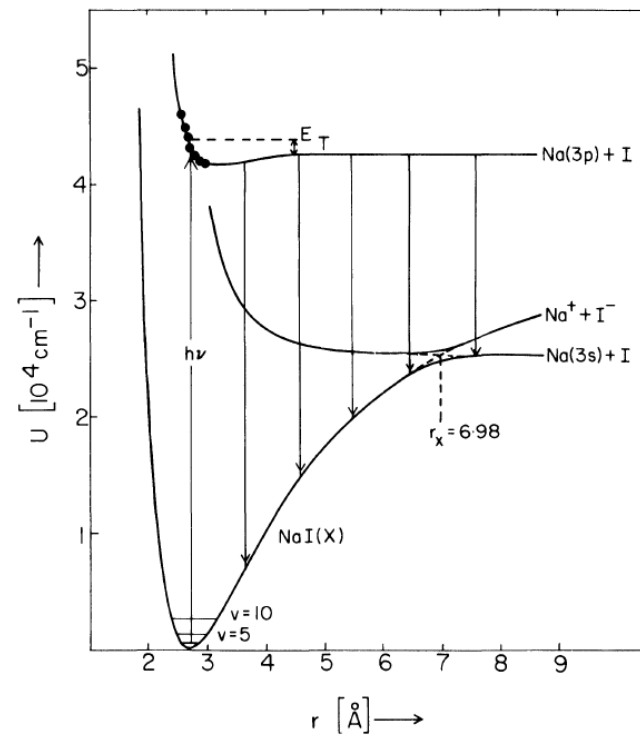
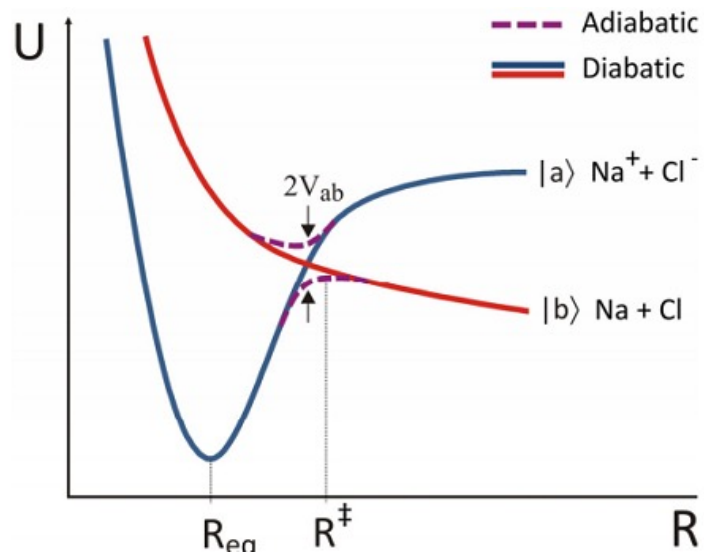
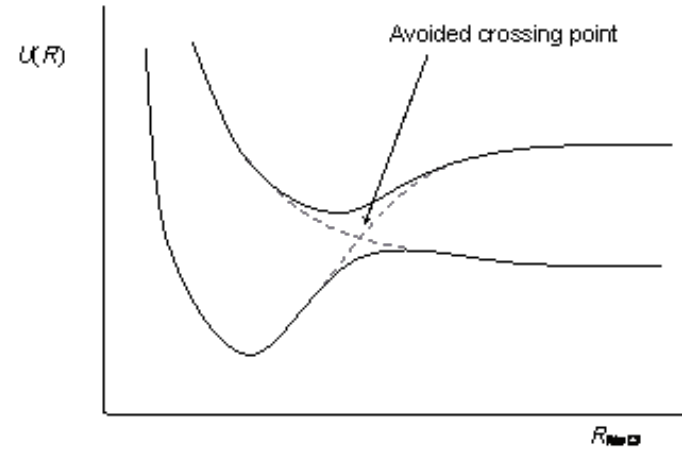
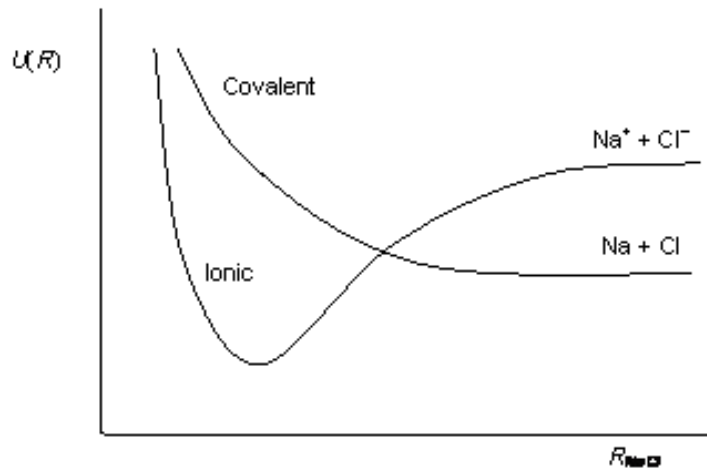
Above: The drawing shows the three relevant potential energy curves of ICN simplified to describe a femtochemistry study of its photodissociation. The lowest curve, V_0 , refers to the ground state molecule, the middle one, V_1 , to the lowest-lying repulsive excited state. The pump laser photon (λ_1) excites the ICN from V_0 to V_1 at R_0 . Here, R_0 is the equilibrium bond length I—CN. The probe laser pulse, whose wavelength is set for the free CN resonance, $\lambda_2(R^\infty)$, is delayed by variable time intervals with respect to the pump pulse. The laser-induced fluorescence intensity remains zero until the CN has separated to about 6 Å from the I atom. The probe laser pulse, now de-

tuned to the red to $\lambda_2(R^*)$, and delayed by a time interval measured in femtoseconds, excites the ICN at $V_1(R^*)$, as the molecule is in the process of falling apart (when the separation between I and CN has reached the distance R^*), to a higher electronic state, V_2 , which fluoresces. Thus the intensity of the fluorescence increases with time to a peak and then quickly falls as the distance between the I and CN fragments increases and the probe laser wavelength is no longer in resonance.

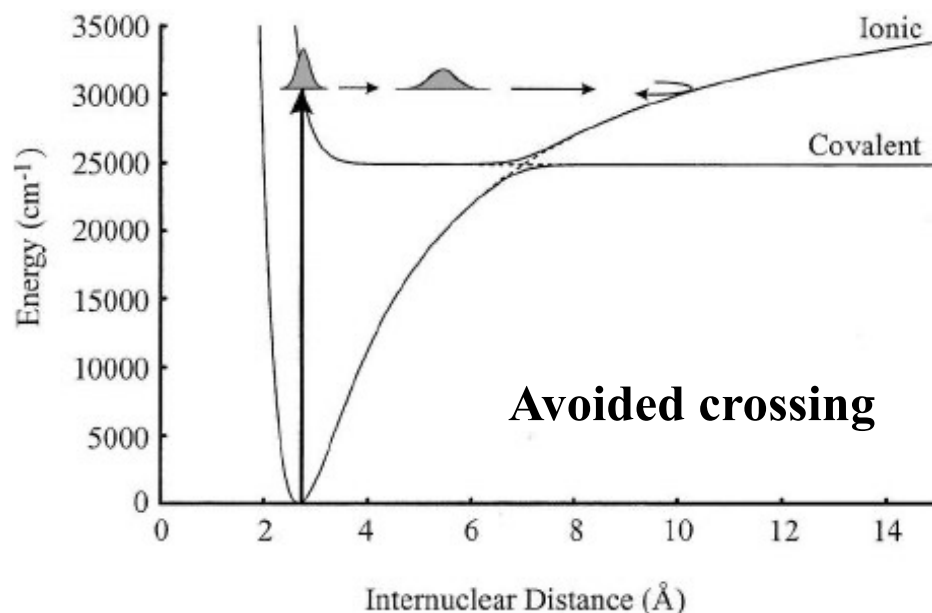
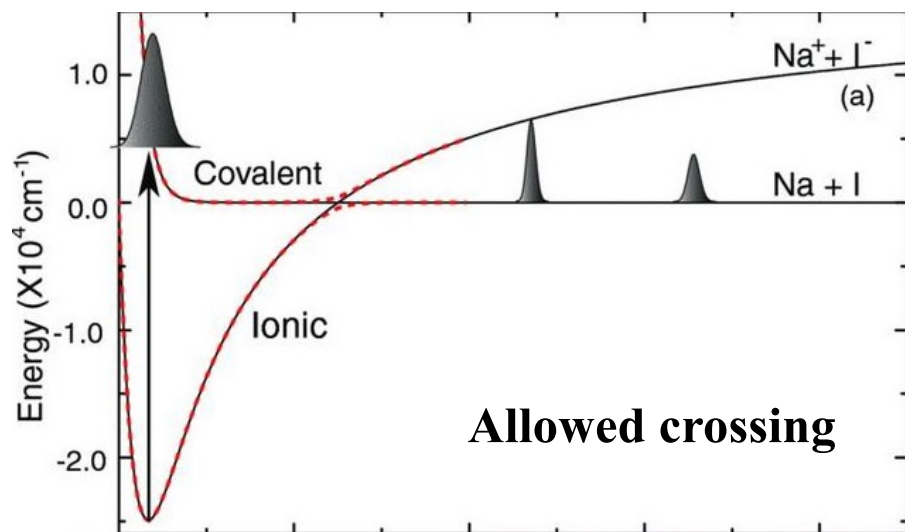
Below: Pump-probe transients are observed by laser-induced fluorescence of the CN photofragment. Upper: When the probe laser is tuned to the wavelength ($\lambda(R^\infty)$) corresponding to free CN, the signal is delayed until the I and CN have "fully" separated. Lower: The probe laser is detuned to the red to detect the perturbed CN in the process of separation from the I atom. The clocking of this reaction from $t = 0$ to complete separation of I and CN yields a 205 ± 30 fs delay time. [Adapted from M. Dantus, M. Rosker and A. H. Zewail, *J. Chem. Phys.*, **87**, 2395 (1987) and M. Rosker, M. Dantus, and A. H. Zewail, *Science*, **241**, 1200 (1988).]



Potential energy curves for dissociation of NaCl

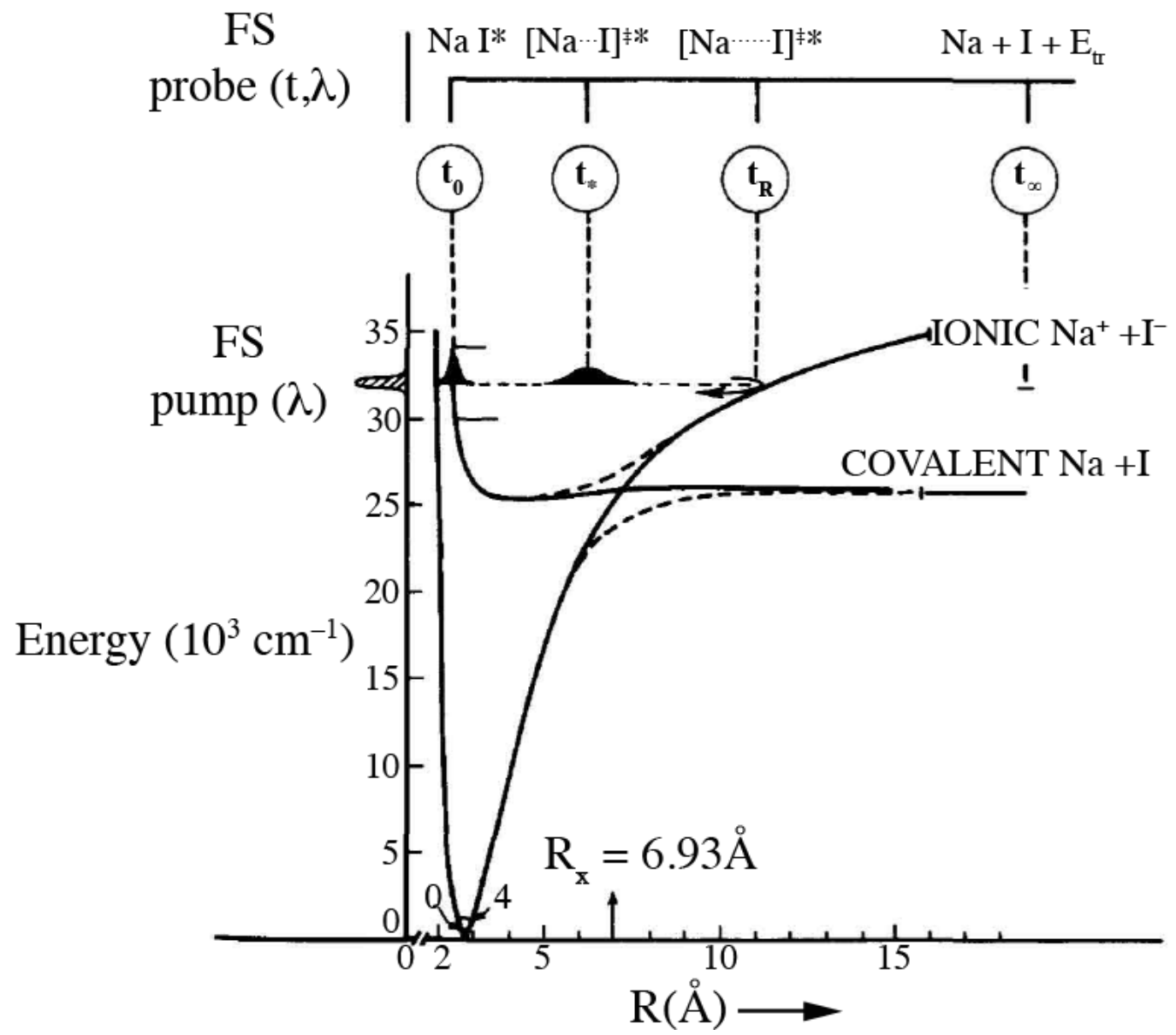


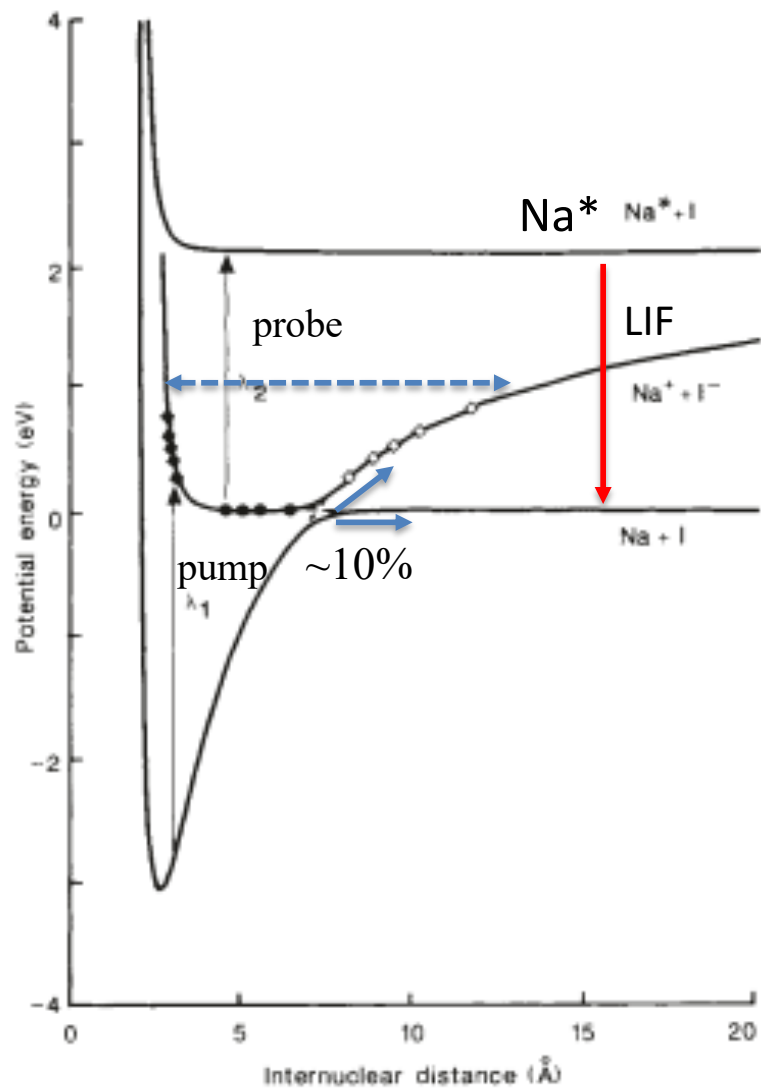
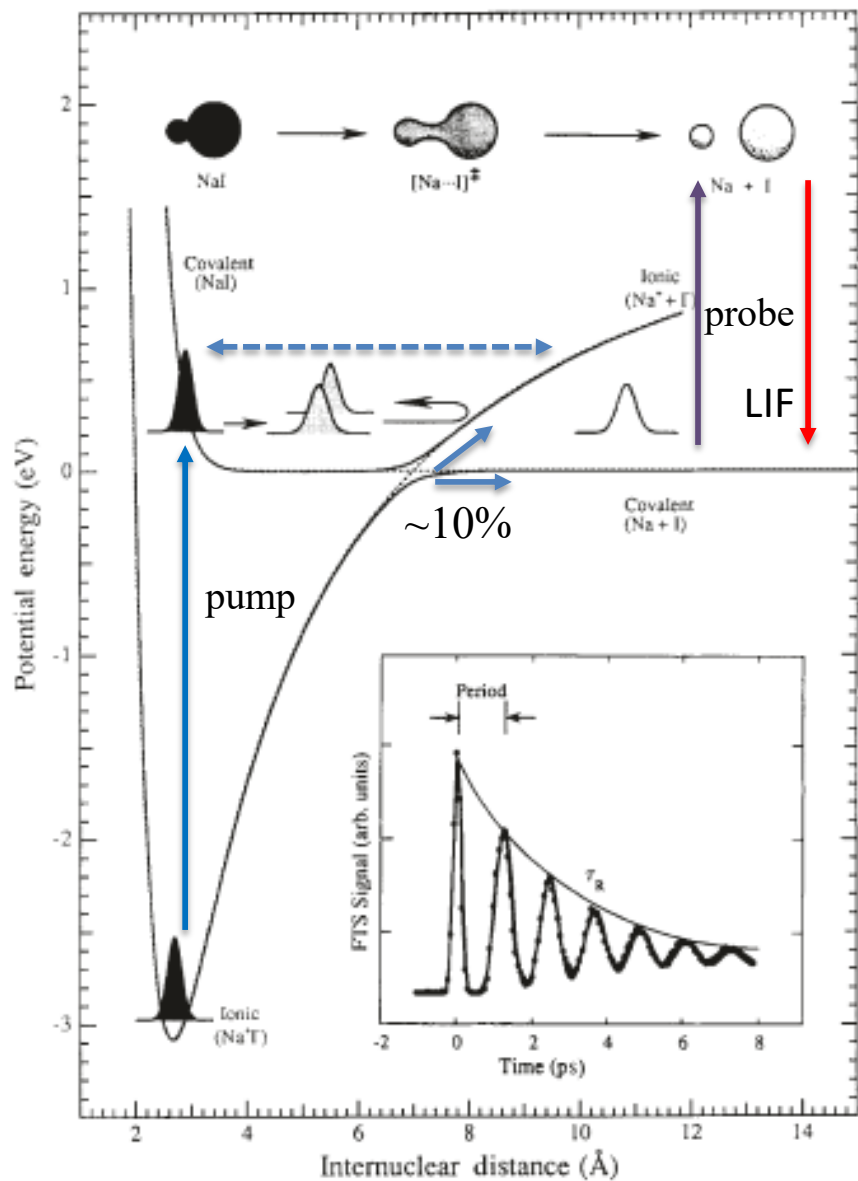
Detection of crossing and avoided crossing Resonance



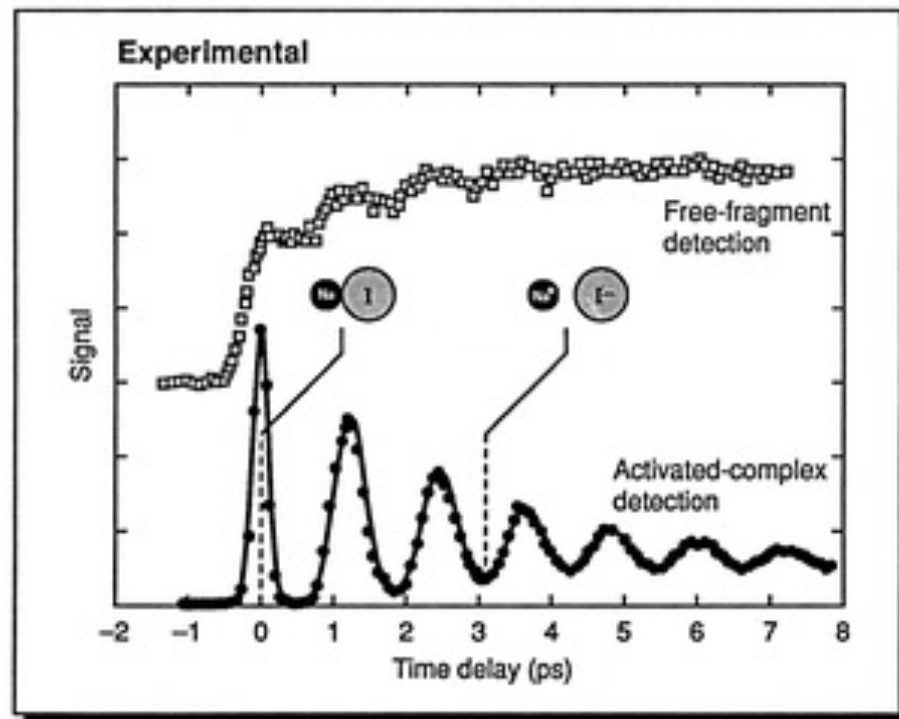
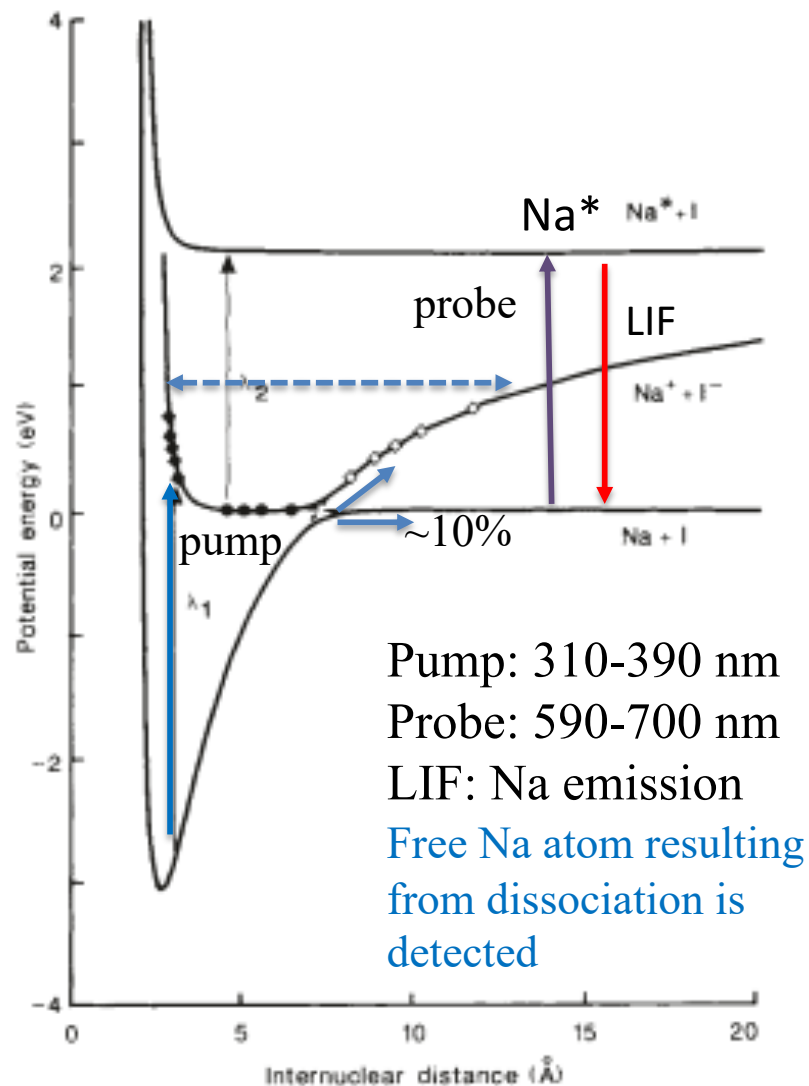
- If there is no mixing, the two curves would remain separate and the excited NaI will retain covalent character and dissociate like CH_3I and ICN .
- If the two first order curves mix the crossing will become avoided.
- The avoided crossing will lead to a 'well' where the excited NaI will get trapped and establish a resonance (oscillation) between covalent and ionic character.
- The molecule resonates between two electronic configuration

Experimental demonstration for curve crossing (1988)





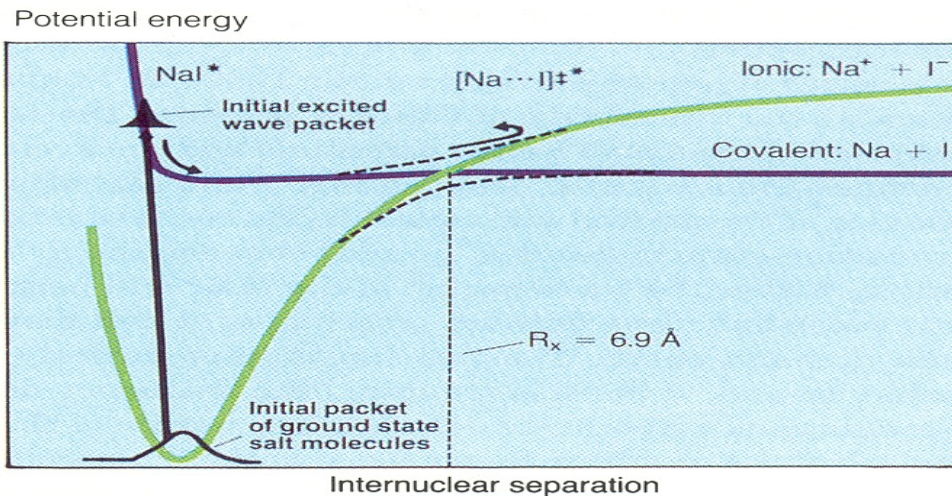
Ultrafast (fs) photodissociation of NaI: Consequences of surface crossing



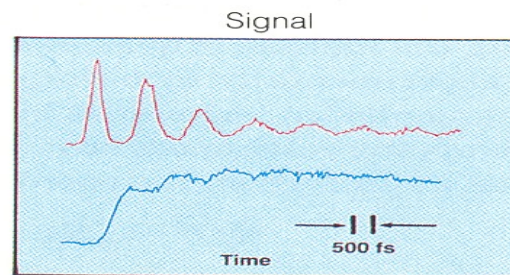
Every time the wave packets hit the outer potential wall, some tunneling occurs and a little puff of products, $\text{Na} + \text{I}$, comes out.

Photodissociation of NaI (1988)

Femtochemistry reveals fragment trapping in alkali halide photodissociation



Wave packet description of the photofragmentation of sodium iodide with two electronic degrees of freedom is shown schematically above. Light excites a packet of ground state NaI molecules into an initial excited state wave packet, shown as the upper bell-shaped curve in the diagram. From here the molecules may follow the purple diabatic potential curve and dissociate covalently, or they may attempt to cross to the ionic curve at an internuclear distance of 6.9 Å. Molecules that attempt this crossing become trapped and oscillate back and forth in the upper potential energy well. Such trapping can be seen experimentally on the femtosecond timescale, at right. The red curve shows the Na—I bond resonating in trapped molecules. The blue curve is that of the sodium



when separating from the iodine along the covalent curve. The curves were observed with different degrees of detuning. [Adapted from M. Rosker, T. S. Rose, and A. H. Zewail, *Chem. Phys. Lett.*, **146**, 175 (1988) and T. S. Rose, M. Rosker, and A. H. Zewail, *J. Chem. Phys.*, **88**, 6672 (1988).]

Can we get experimental support for avoided crossing?

Zewail et. al.

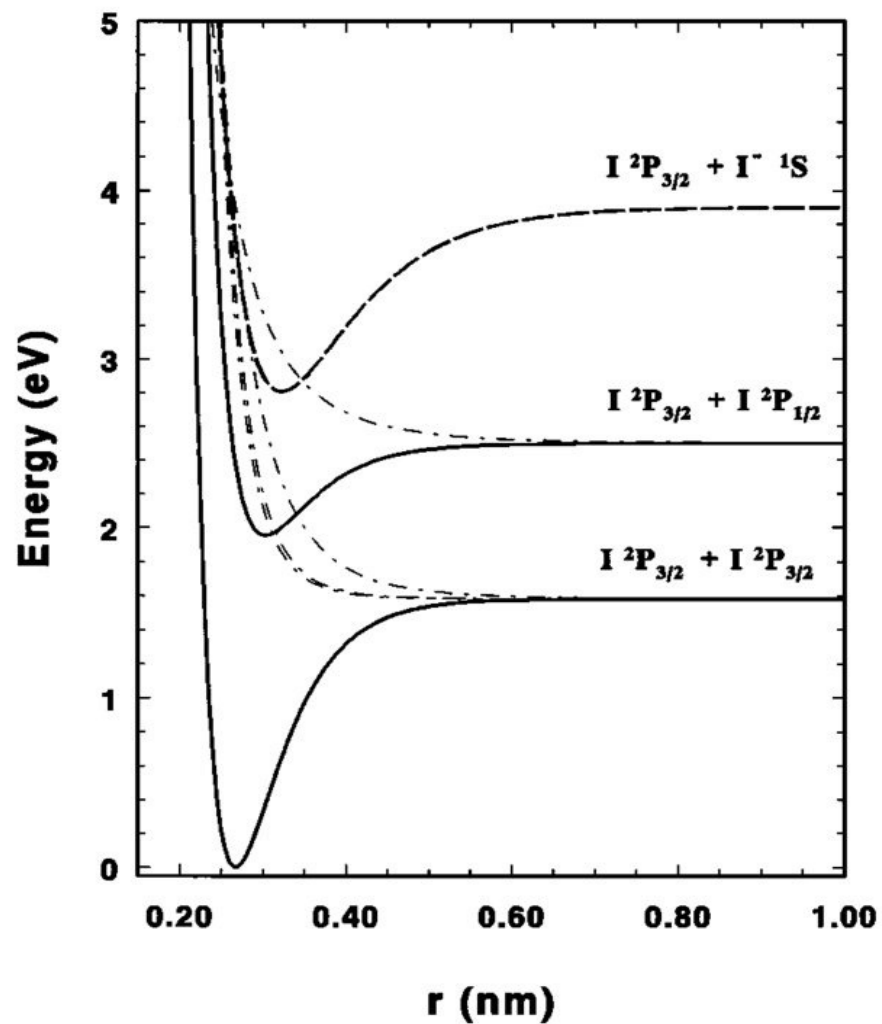
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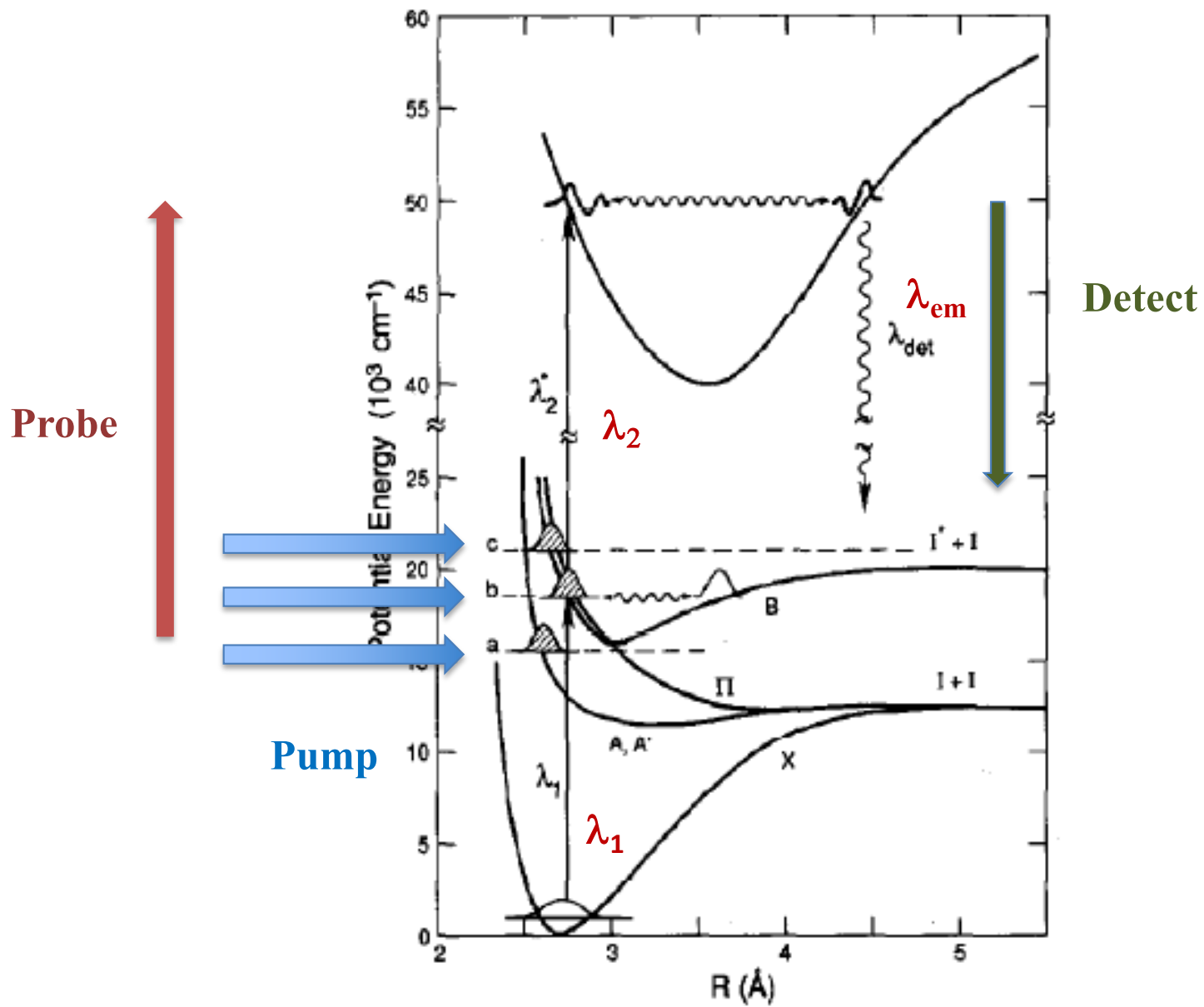
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Photodissociation of Iodine (1989)



I_2

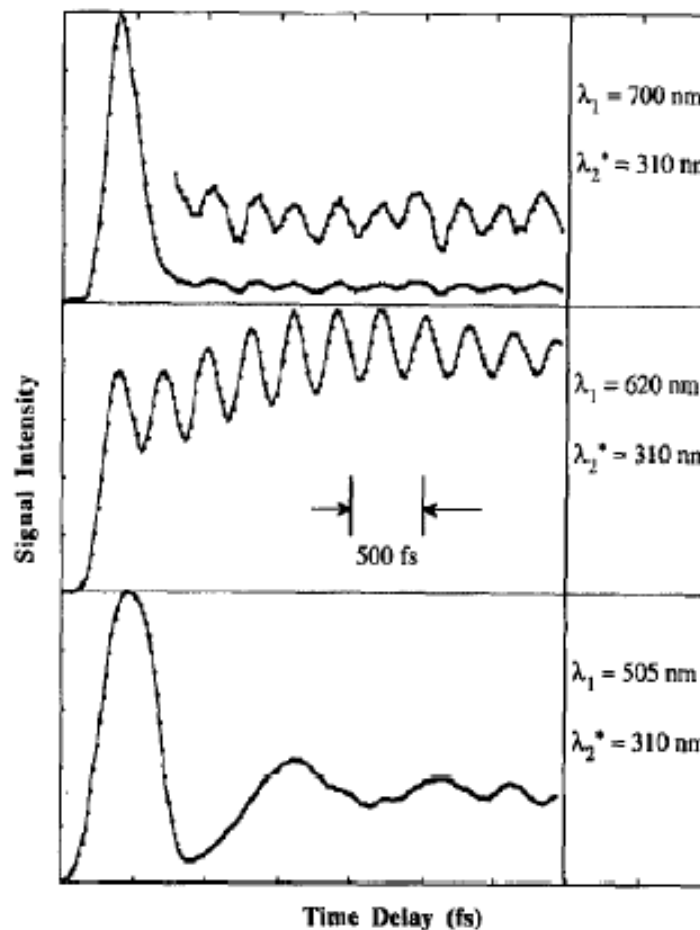
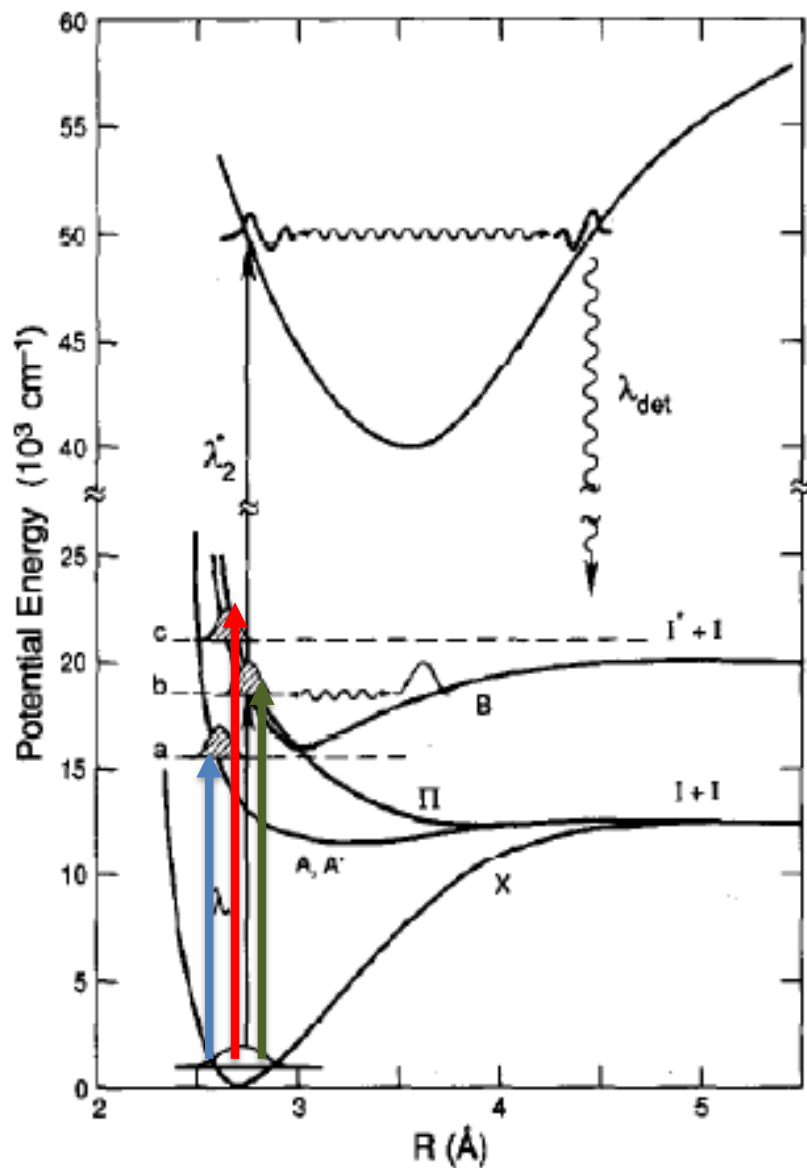
Photodissociation of I_2 : A model for cleavage reactions



R. S. Mulliken, *J. Chem. Phys.*, 55, 288, 1971

Photodissociation of Iodine (1989)

Tracing the unbound and the bound surfaces (a, b & c)



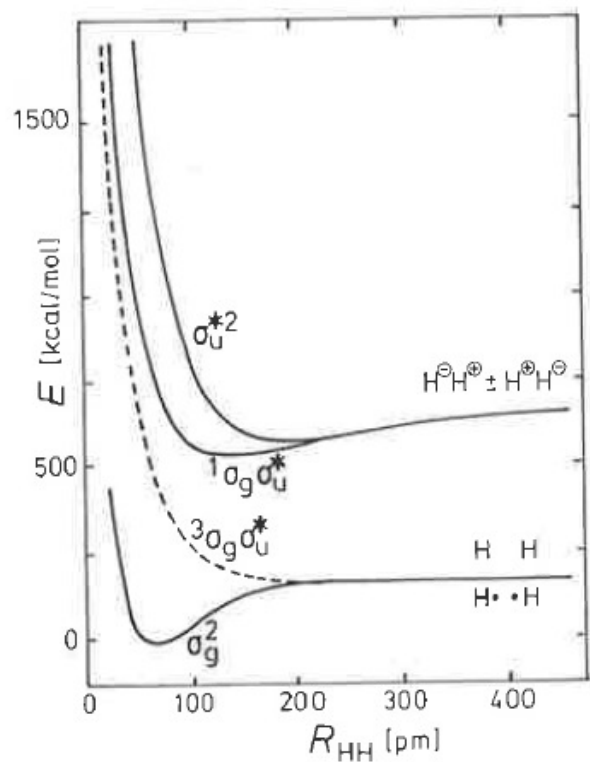
Conclusions based on ultrafast experiments

“The study of chemical events that occur in the femtosecond time scale is the ultimate achievement in half a century of development and, although many future events will be run over the same course, chemists are near the end of the race against time”

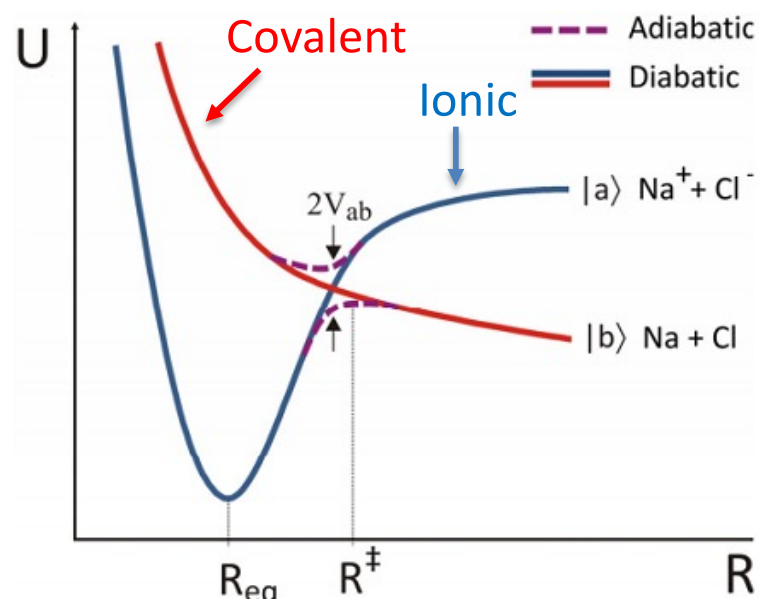
George Porter, 1993

- Considering molecules as particles (classical mechanics) or wave packets (quantum mechanics) lead to similar results. Wave packets can leak through a barrier (tunneling) while particles cannot.
- Surfaces generated based on electronic correlation diagrams help predict reaction dynamics
- Crossing of surfaces are common and these could lead to ‘real’, ‘avoided’ and conical intersections
- On excited state surfaces oscillation (resonance) of electronic structures occurs in fs time scale.

Models for photodissociation of covalent and ionic σ bond



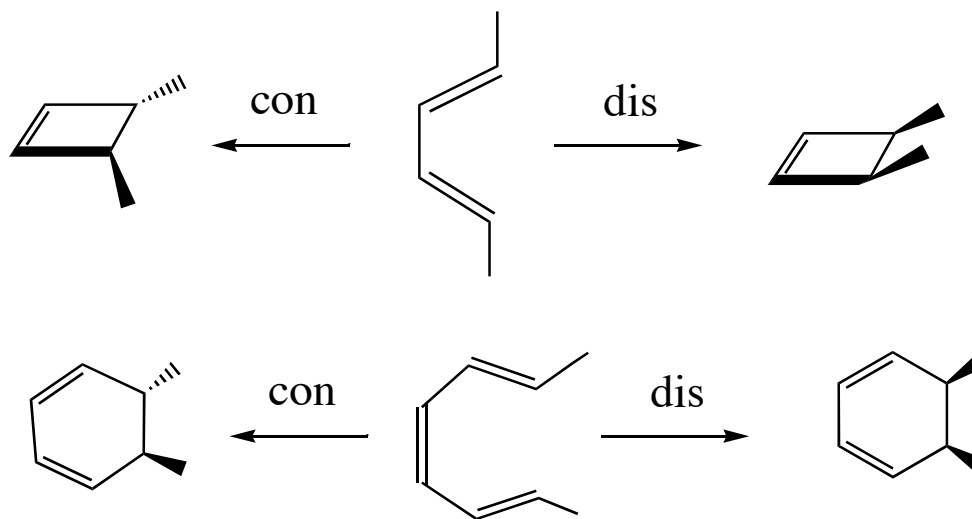
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$NaCl$

Energy surfaces generated by following the electrons as the nuclei move along the reaction co-ordinate.

Concerted (pericyclic) reactions: Cyclization



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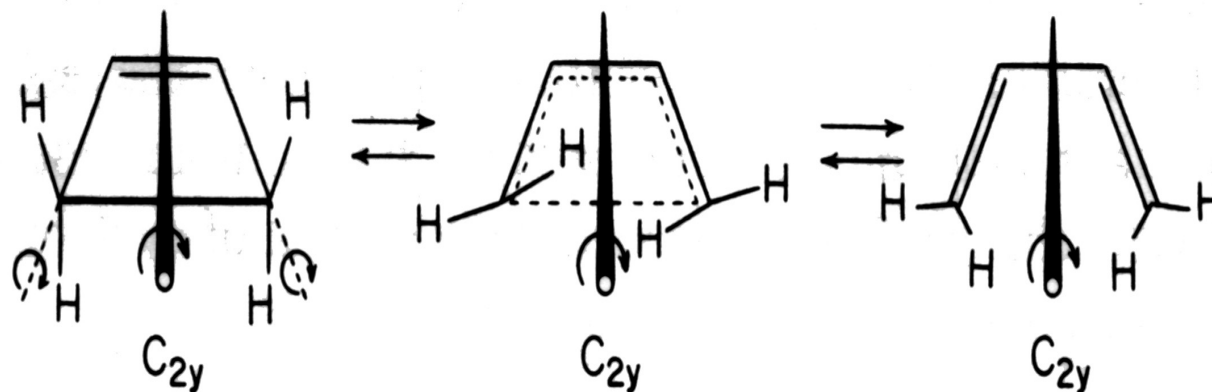
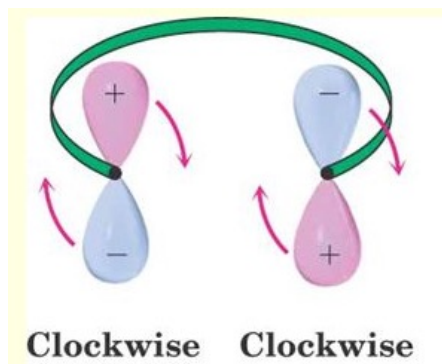
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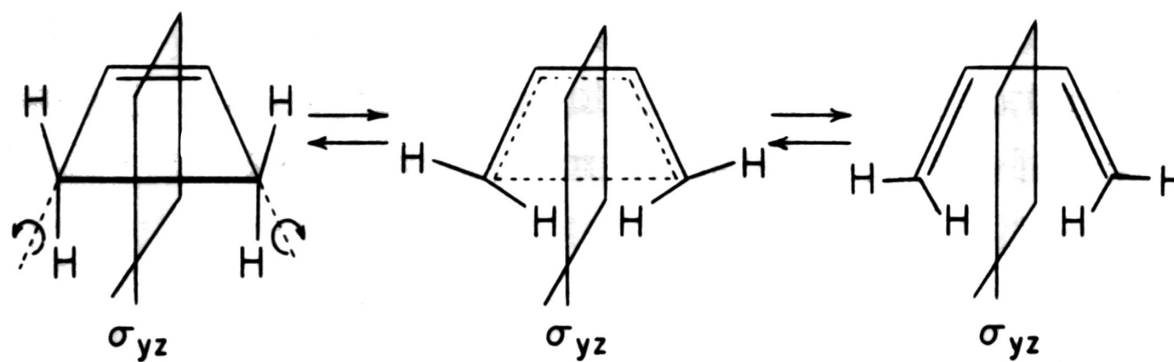
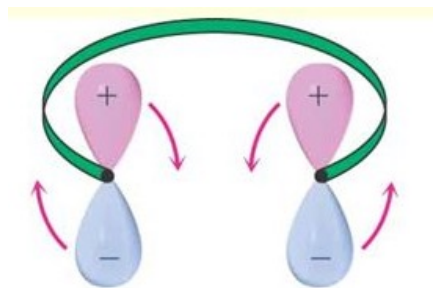
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Assigning symmetry to relevant orbitals

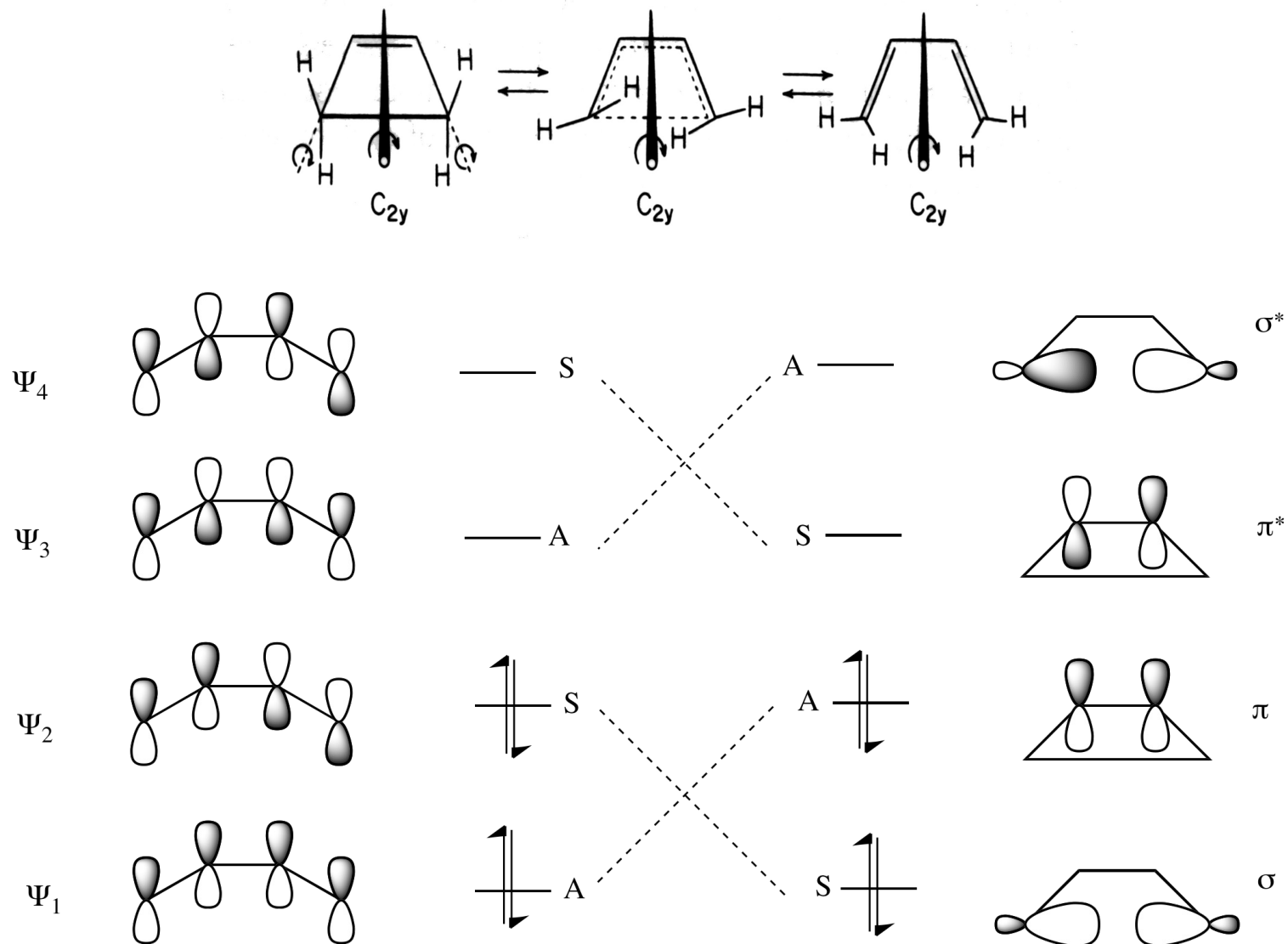
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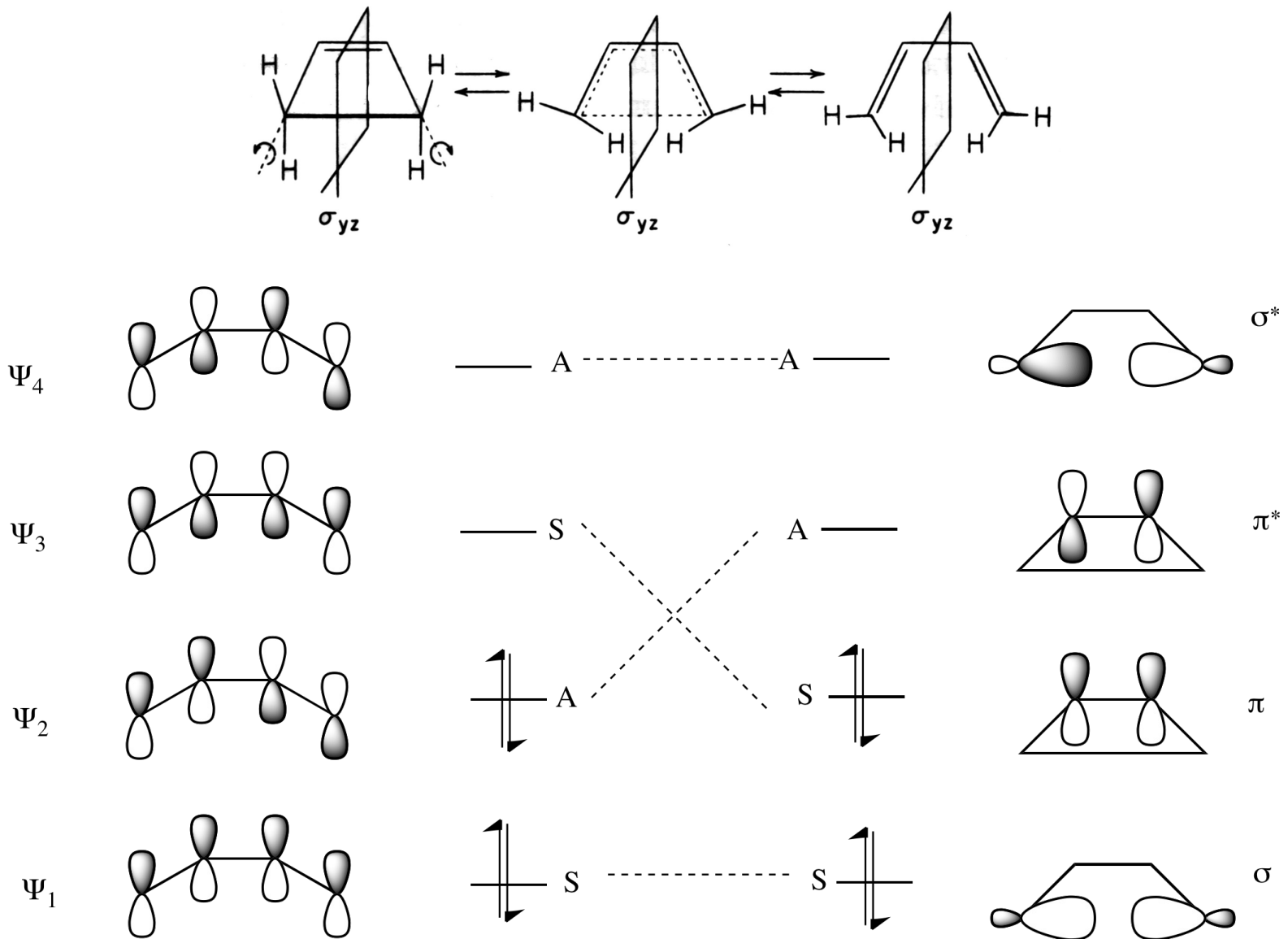


Conrotatory Orbital Correlation Diagram



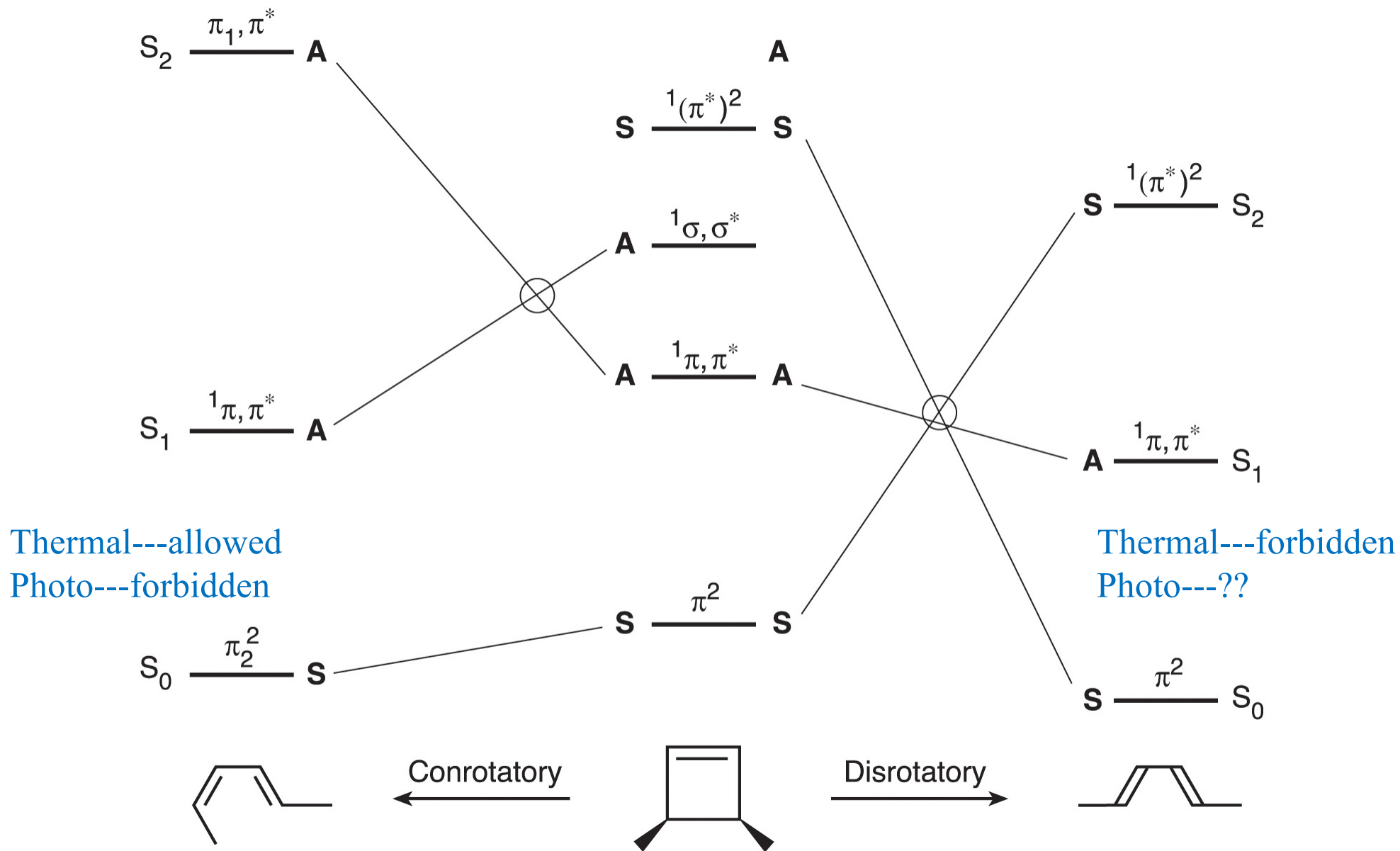
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Disrotatory Orbital Correlation Diagram

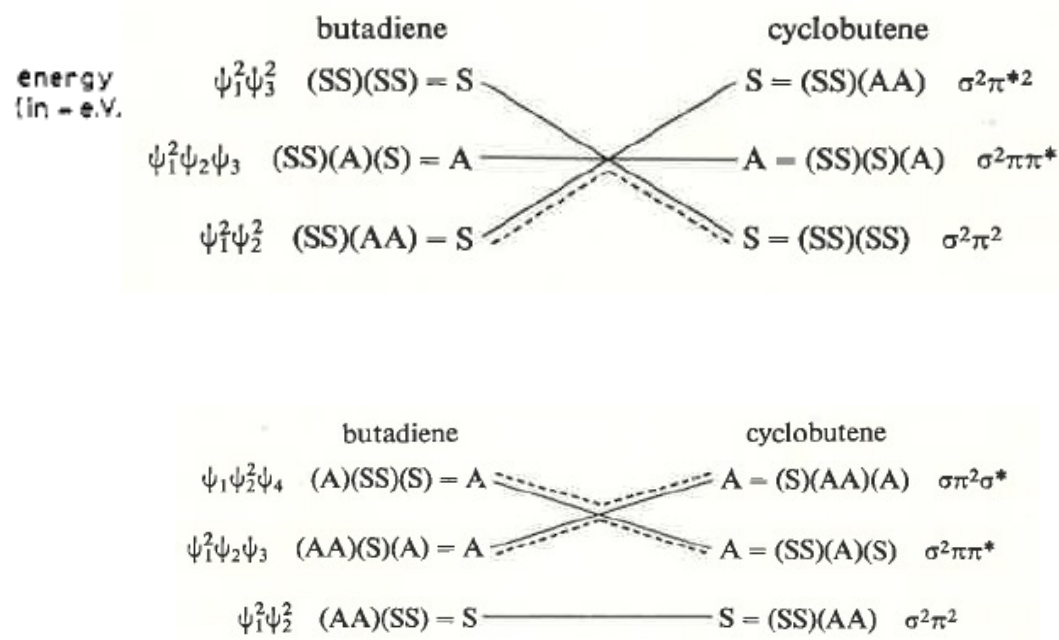
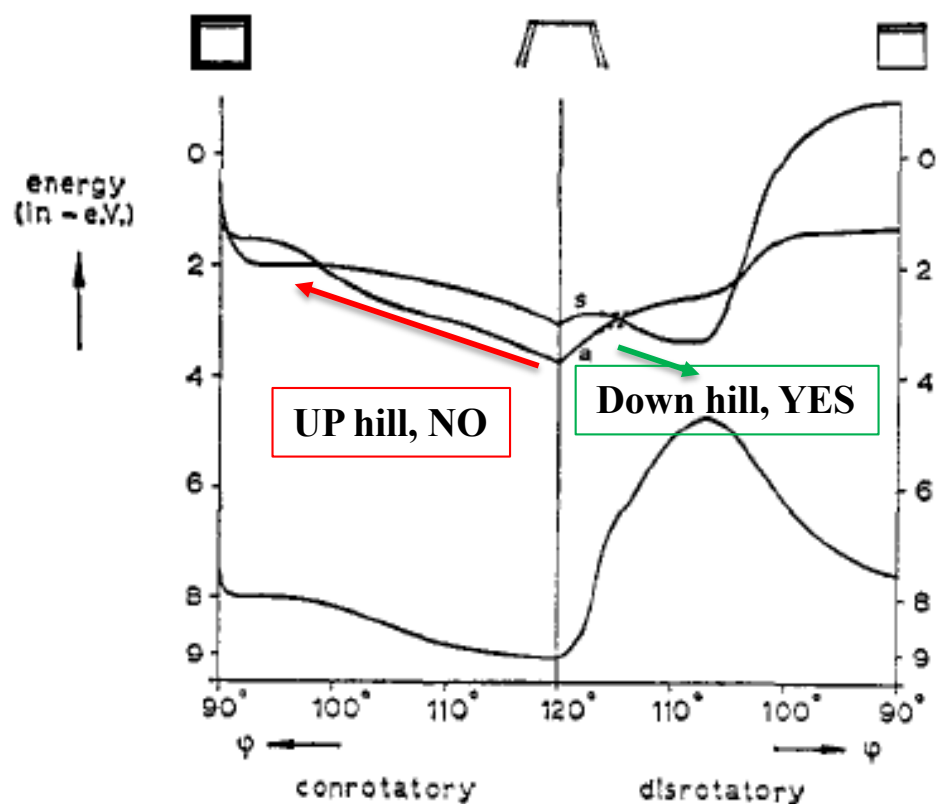


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State correlation diagram for an electrocyclic reaction



The photochemical reaction is facilitated by crossings of surfaces in the excited state



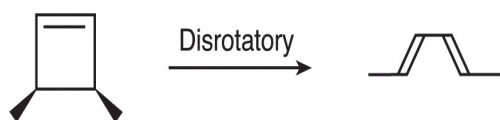
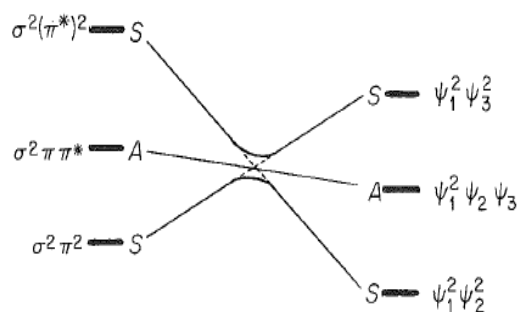
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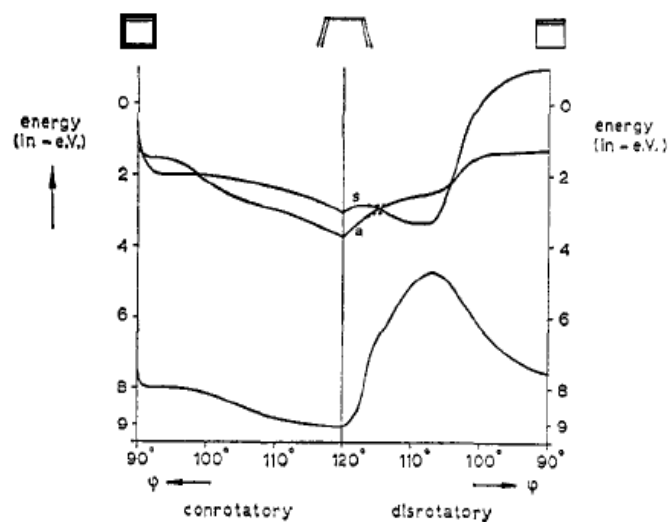
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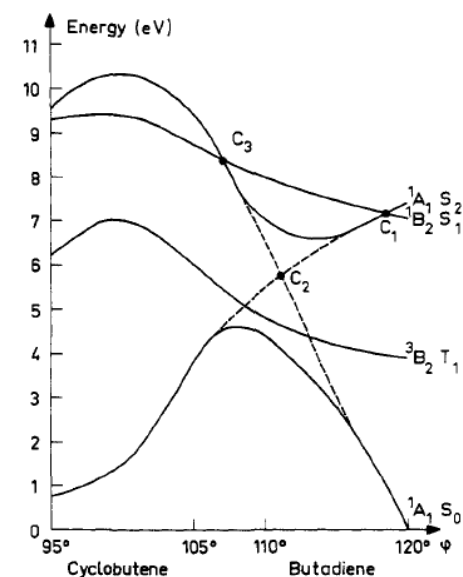
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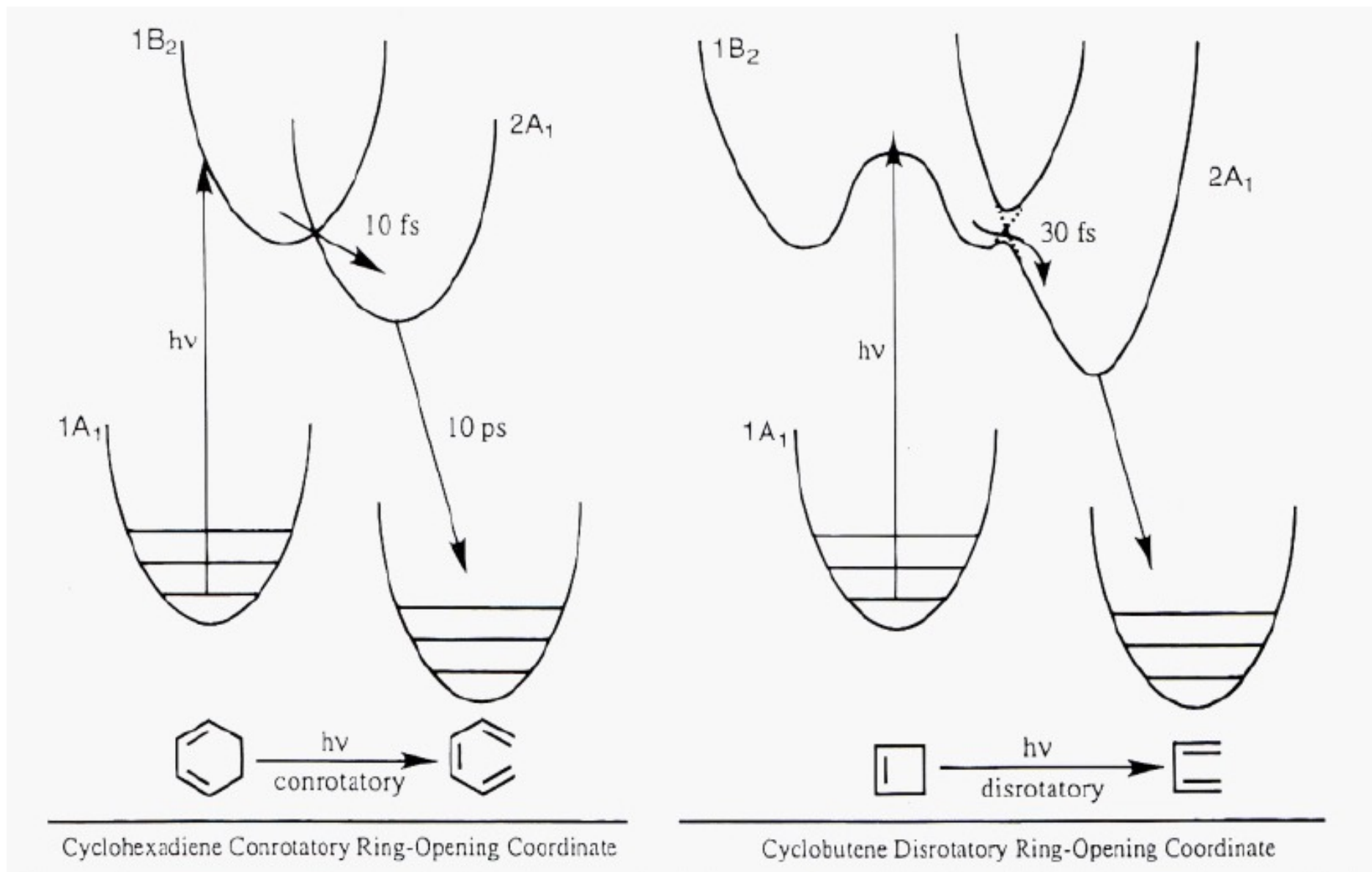
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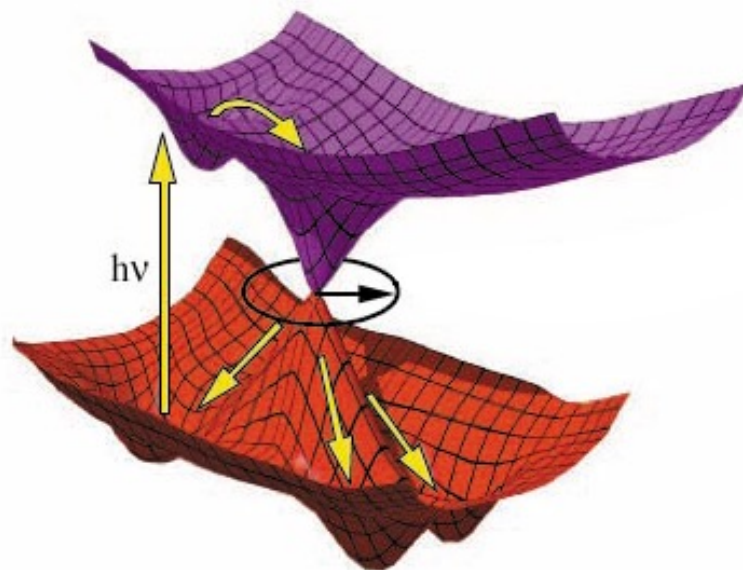
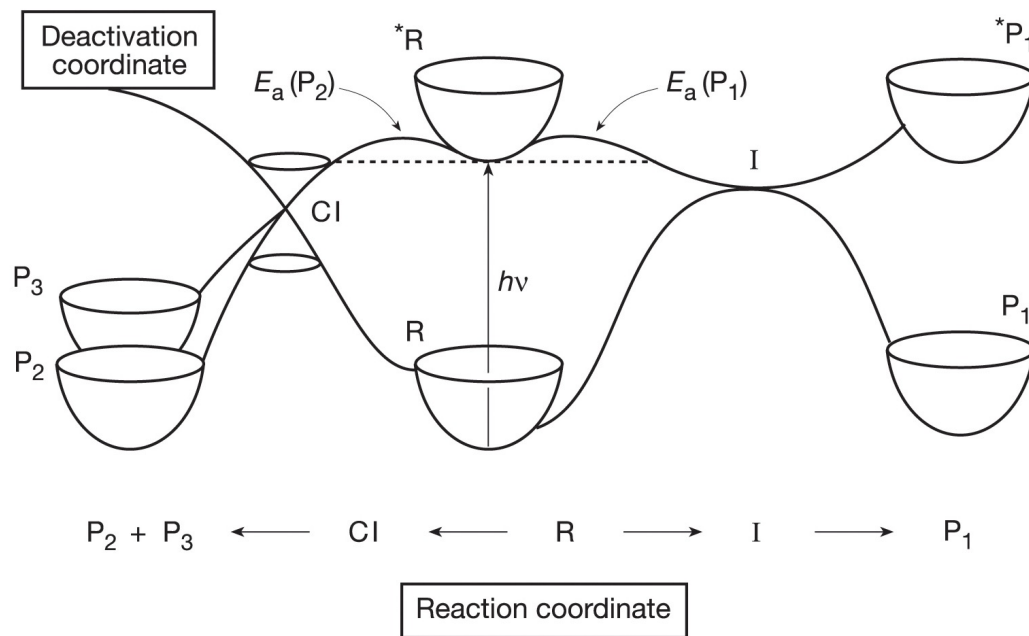


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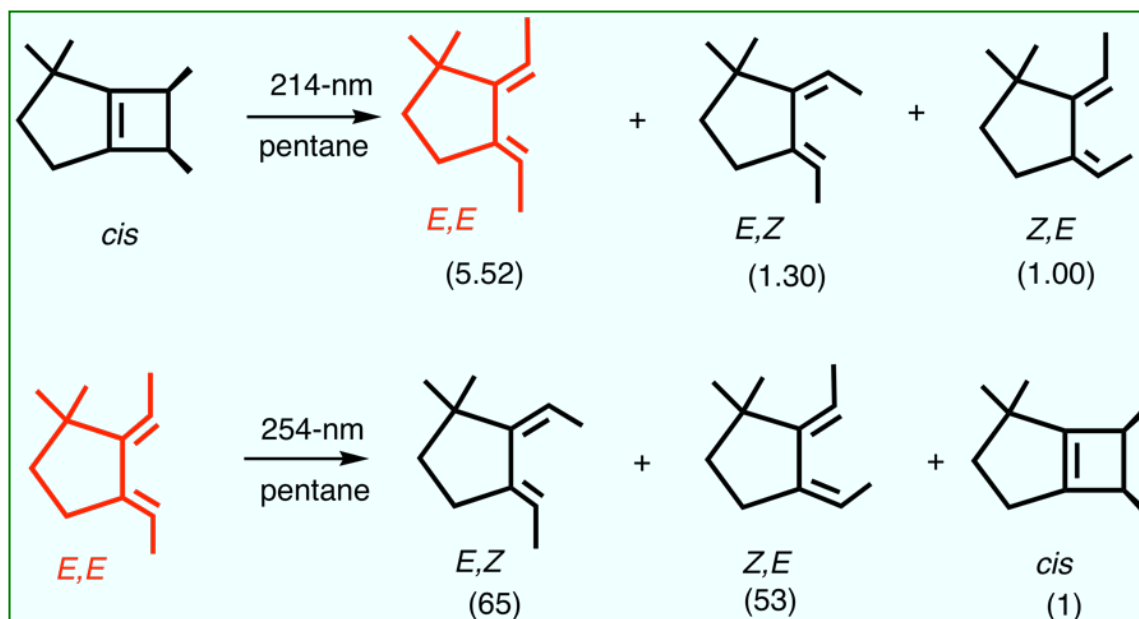
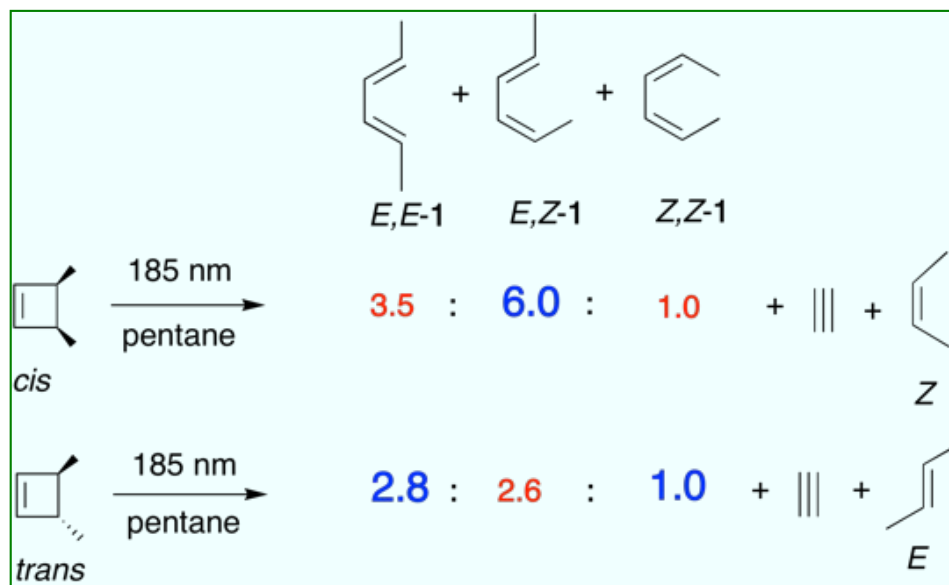
Ultrafast dynamics studies

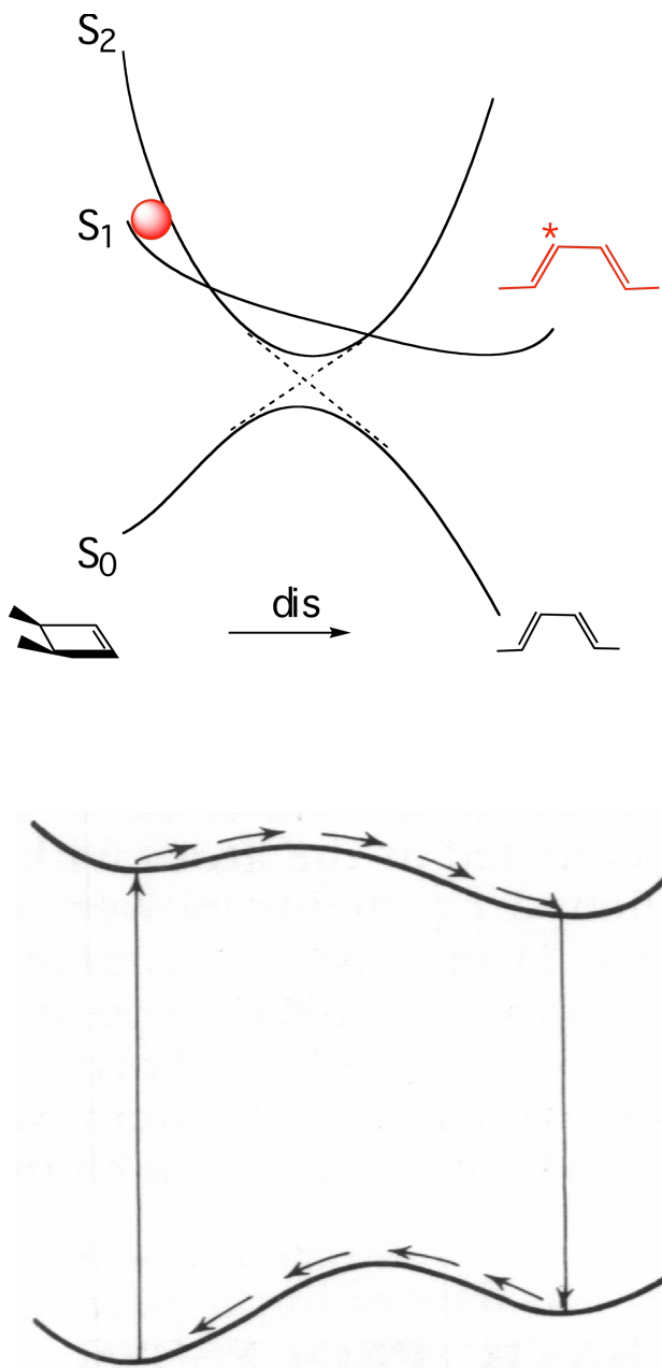


Conical Intersection and Multiple Products

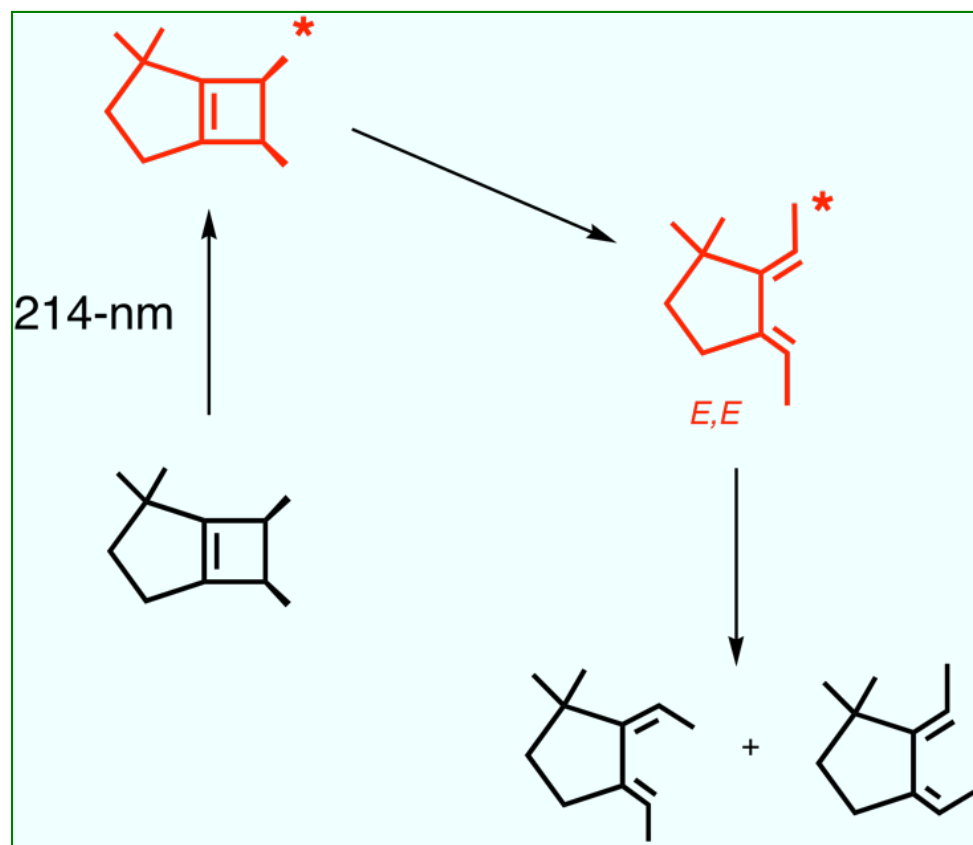


Cyclobutene ring opening is not stereospecific?

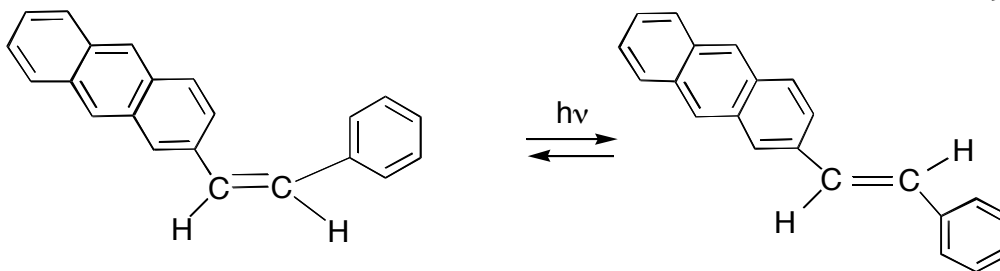
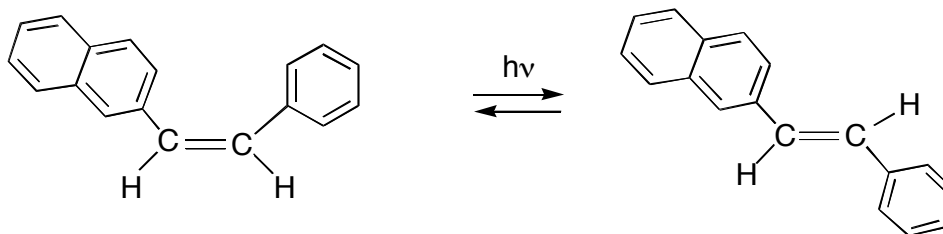
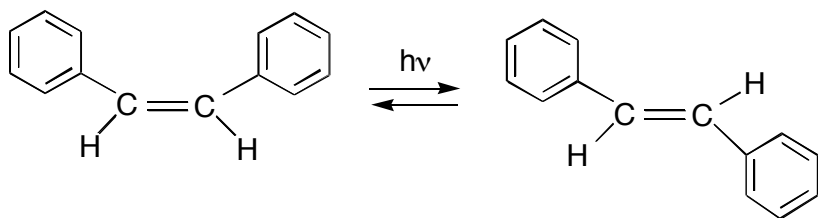
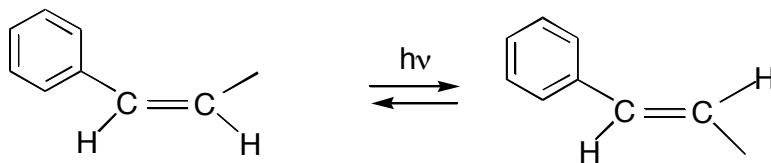
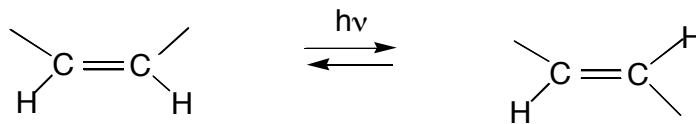




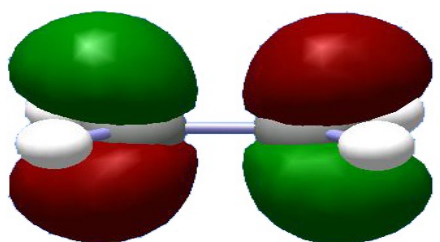
Adiabatic Photochemistry? Conical intersection with multiple exits?



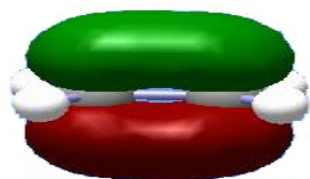
Geometric Isomerization



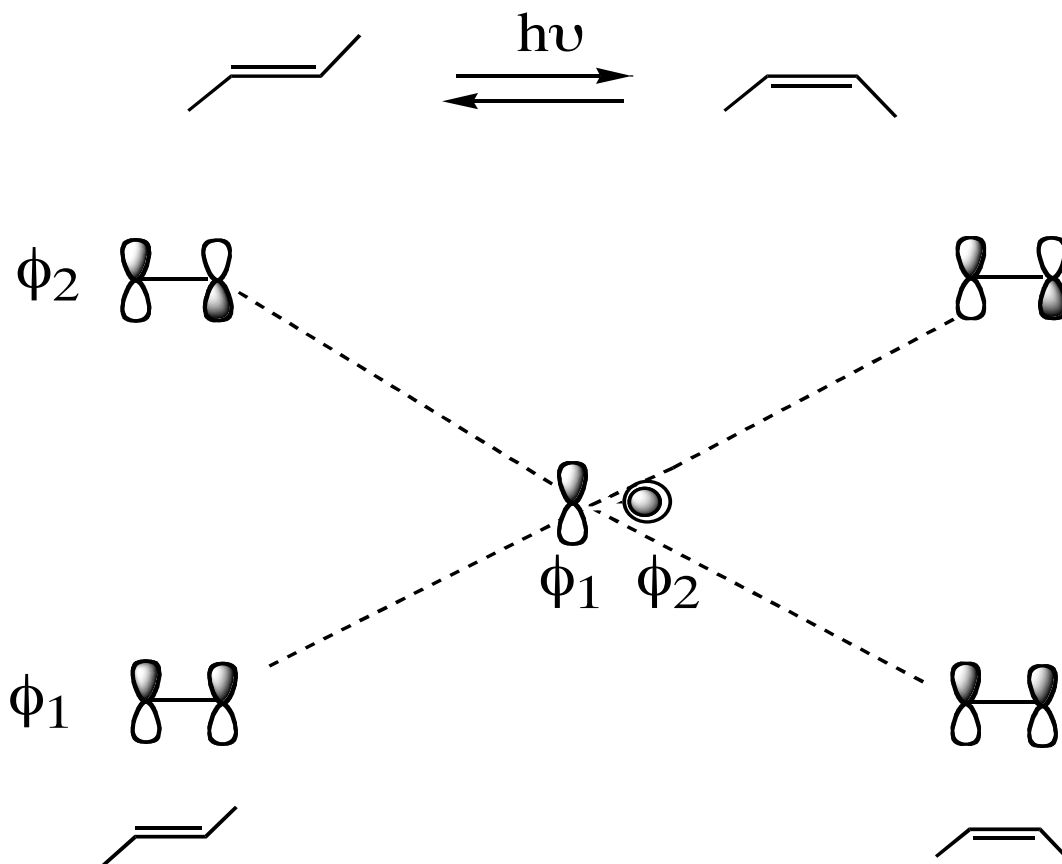
Geometric Isomerization: Twisting of a C=C π Bond

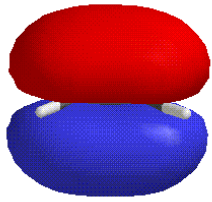


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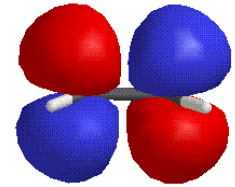


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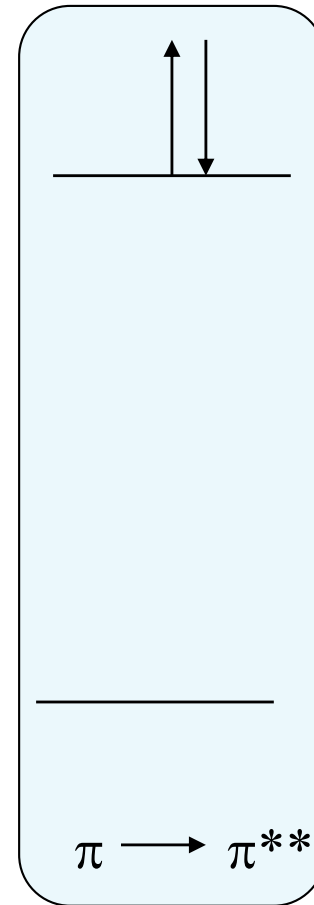
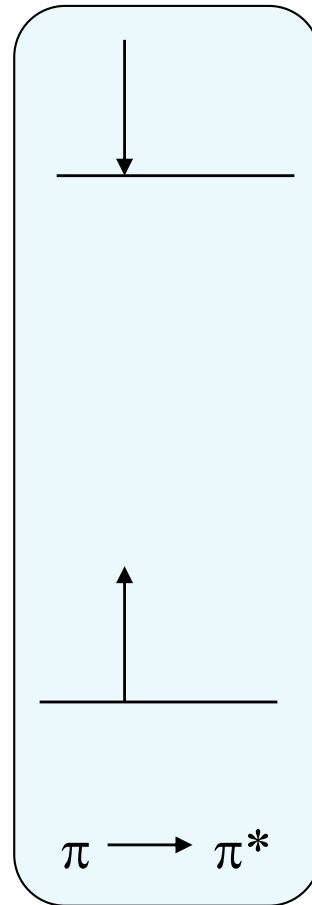
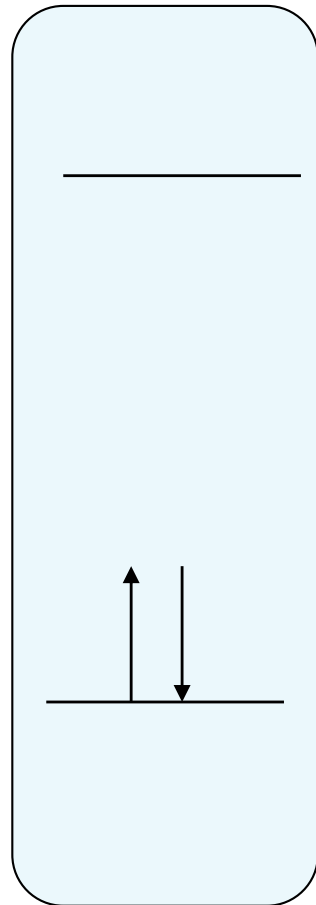


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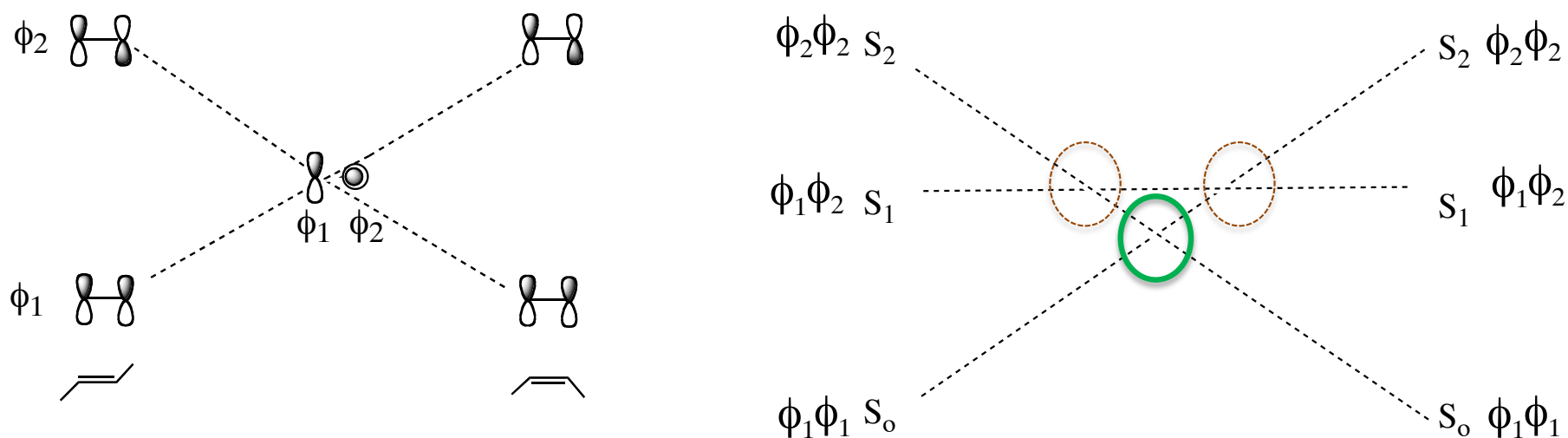


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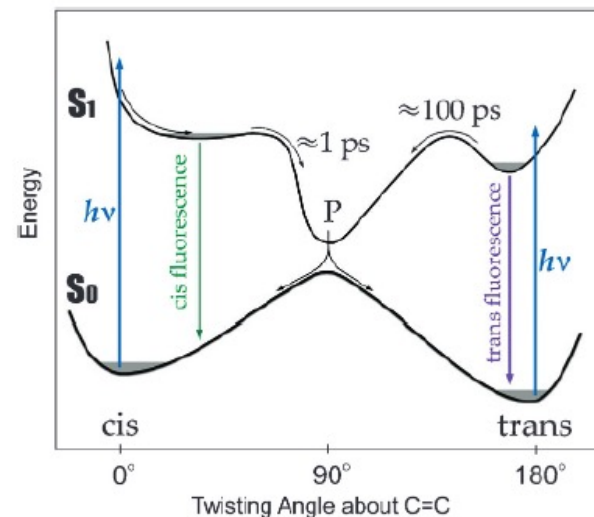
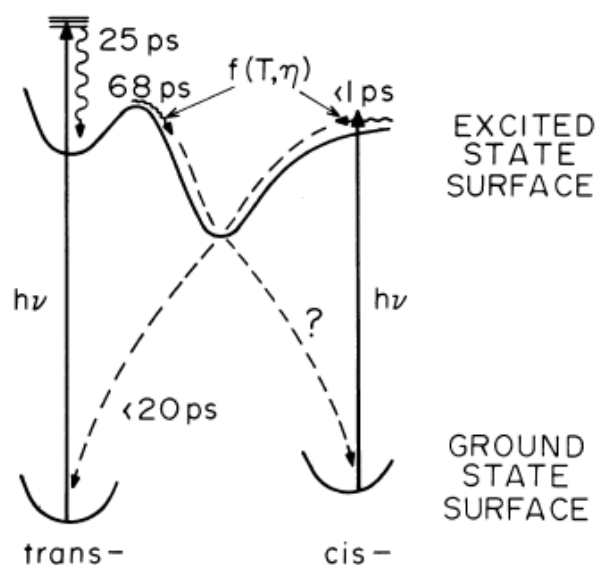
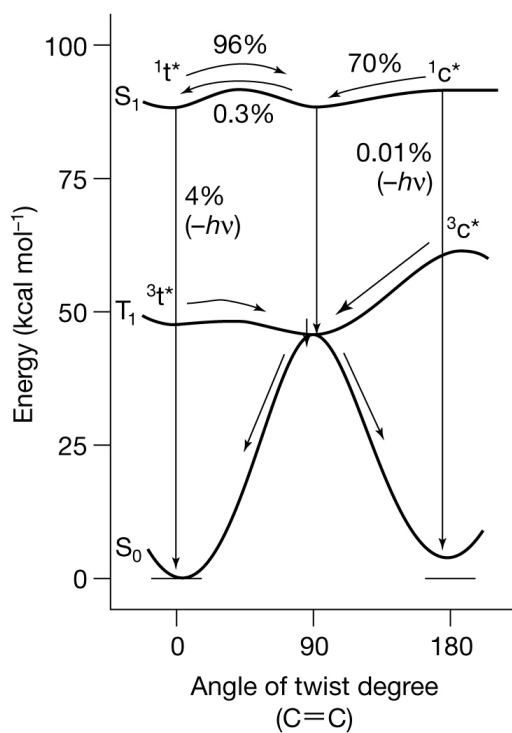
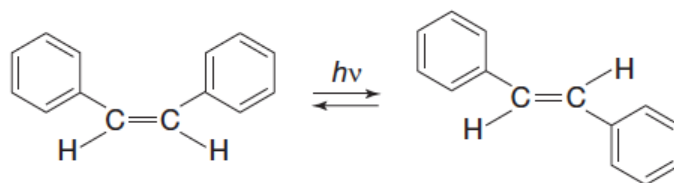


Correlation Diagram for Geometric Isomerization



Note the similarity between this diagram and WH diagram for electrocyclization

Energy surface for the isomerization of stilbene

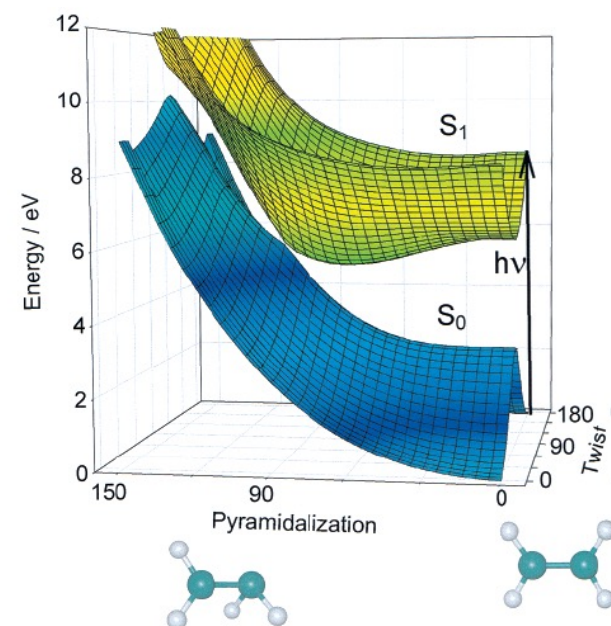
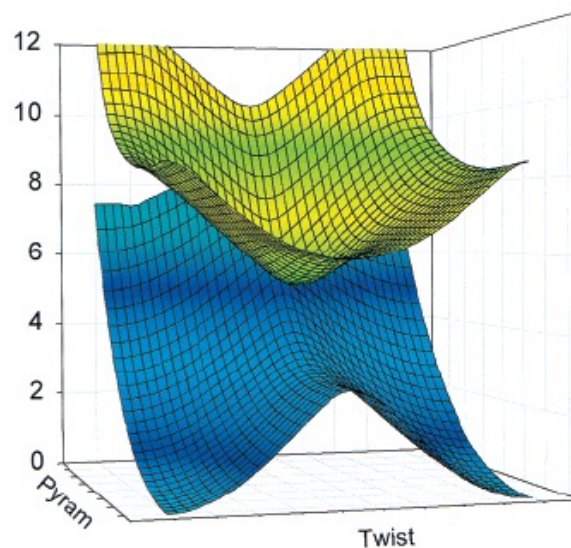
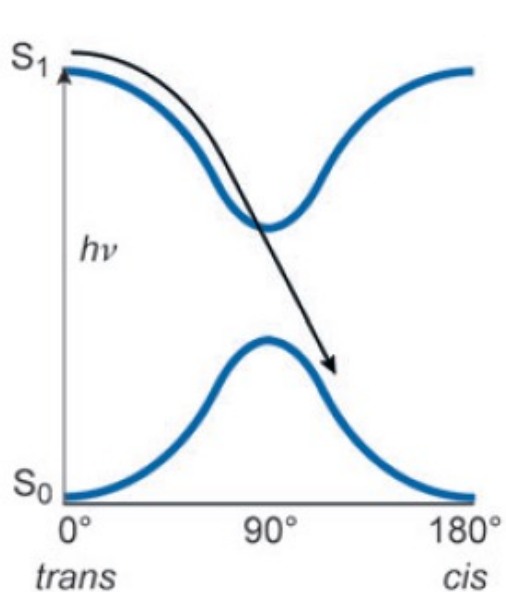


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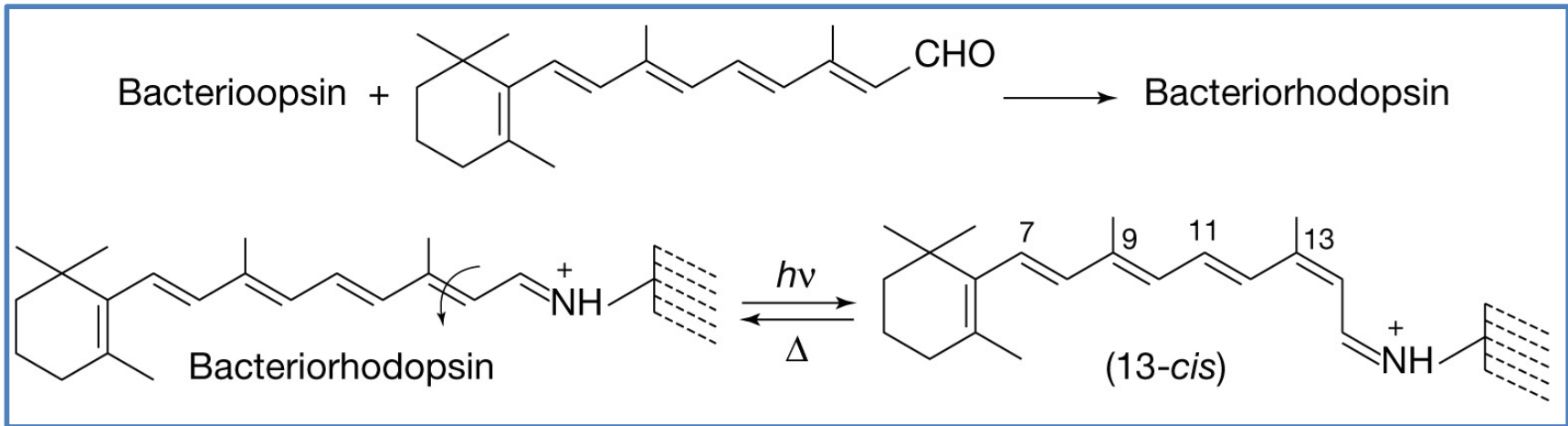
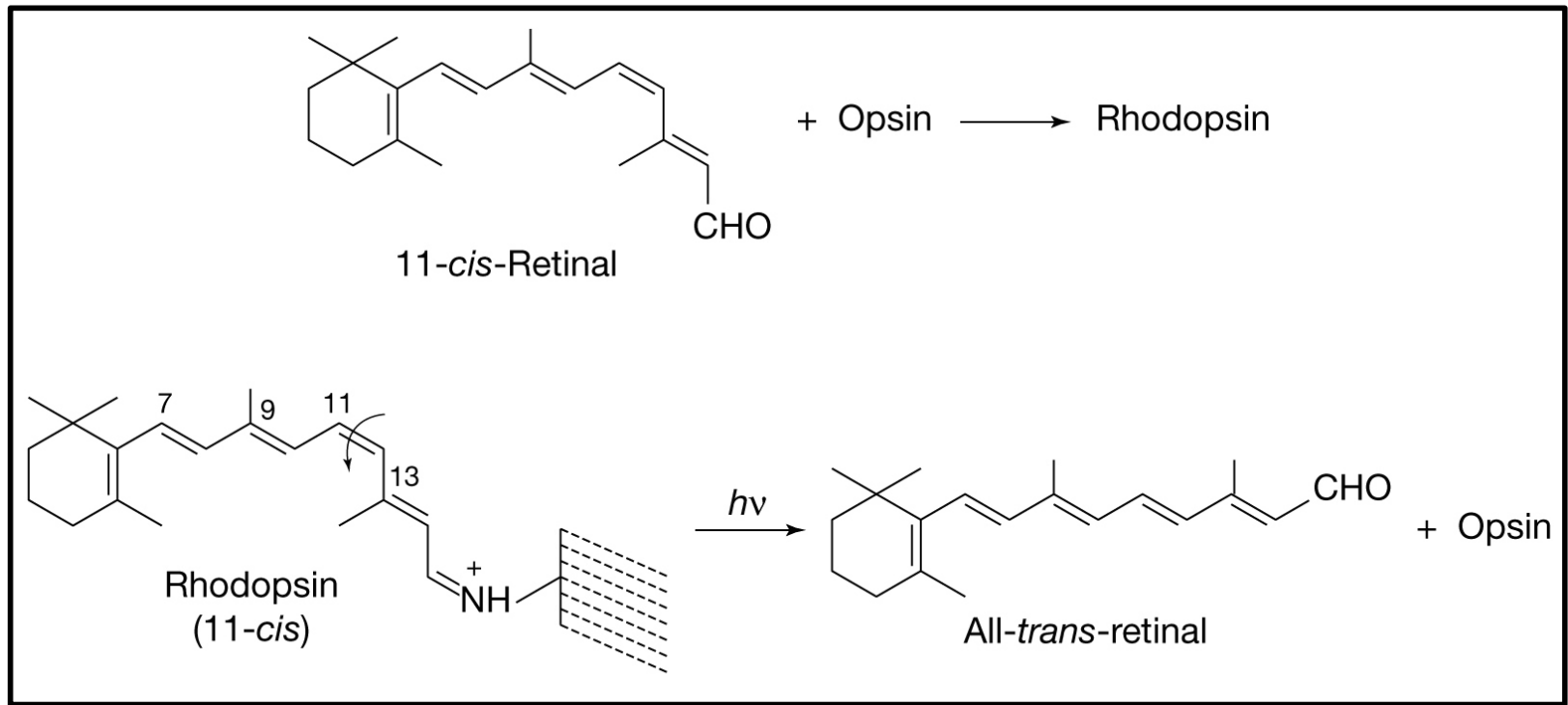
Geometric Isomerization of Ethylene Conical Intersection is a Possibility



Ethylene decays with a lifetime of 20 ± 10 fs (2×10^{-14} sec); computed
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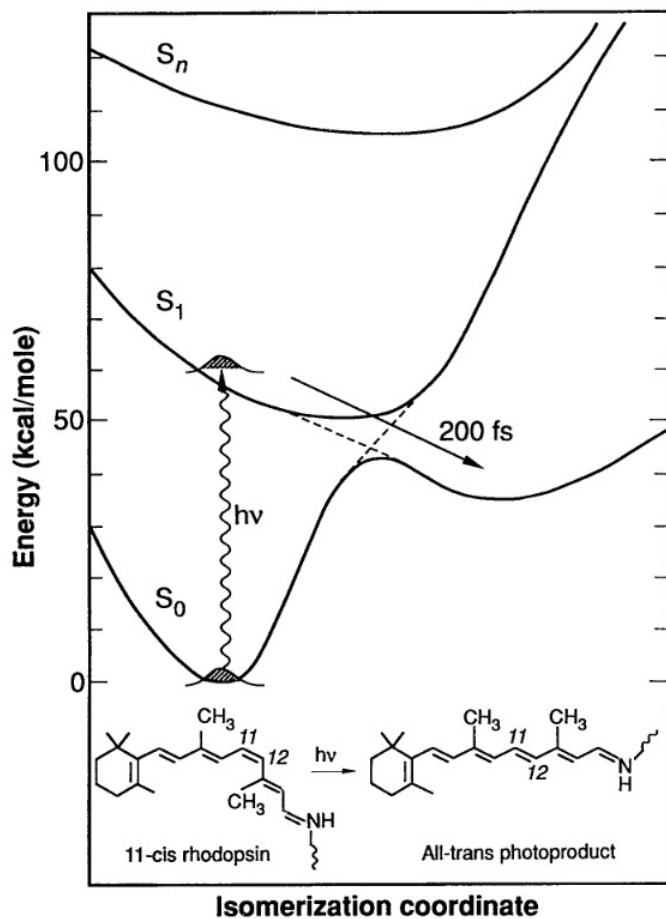


Fig. 1. Schematic ground-state and excited-state potential energy surfaces for the 11-*cis* → 11-*trans* isomerization in rhodopsin, adapted from (14). The reaction path of the photoisomerization is indicated by the nonadiabatic potential surfaces (broken lines).

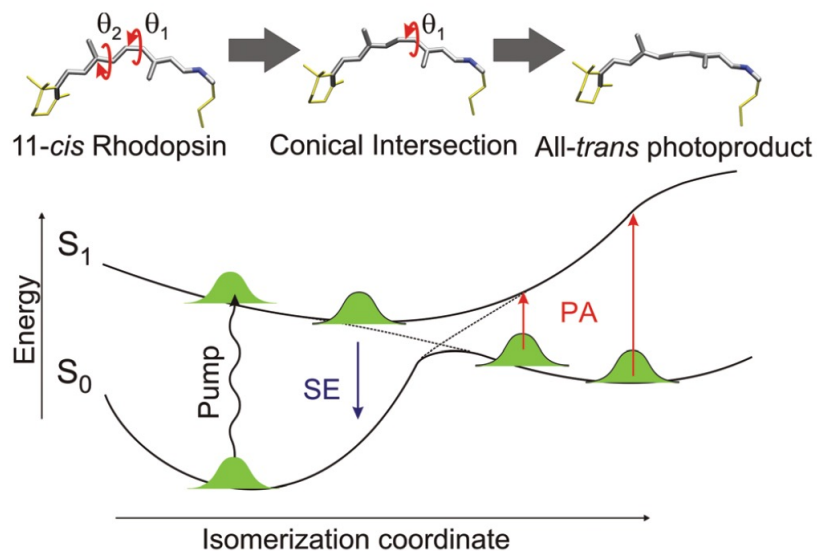


Fig. 7 Sketch of the ground- and excited-state PES of the retinal chromophore in Rh as a function of the isomerization coordinate. It shows that SE from the excited state of the parent molecule and PA from the hot photoproduct can monitor the wavepacket dynamics through the conical intersection. On top averaged structures of the chromophore at the initial 11-*cis*, conical intersection and final all-*trans* configurations; gray/yellow colours indicate the chromophore QM/MM mobile regions in the simulations.

Suggested references on excited state surfaces, crossings, avoided crossings, conical intersections etc.

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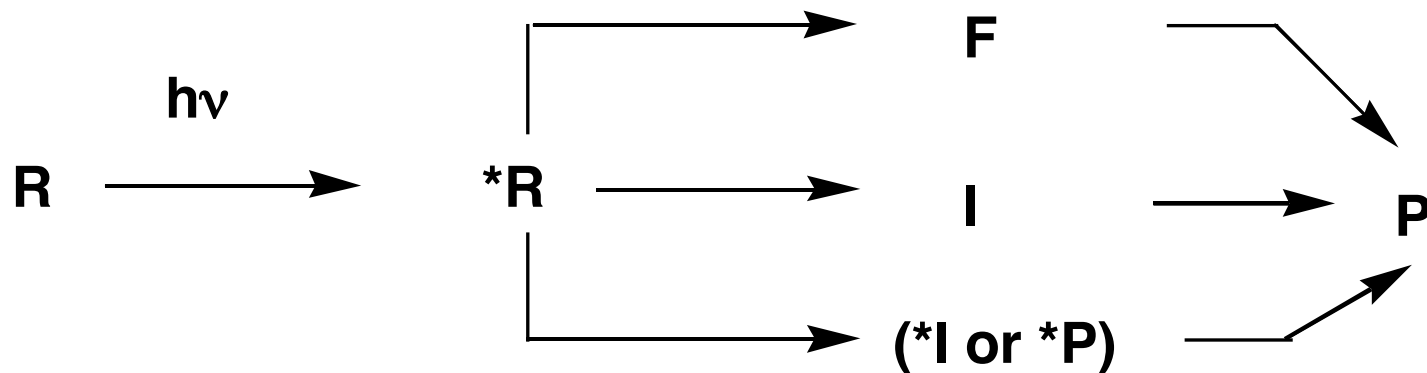
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Mechanistic Possibilities



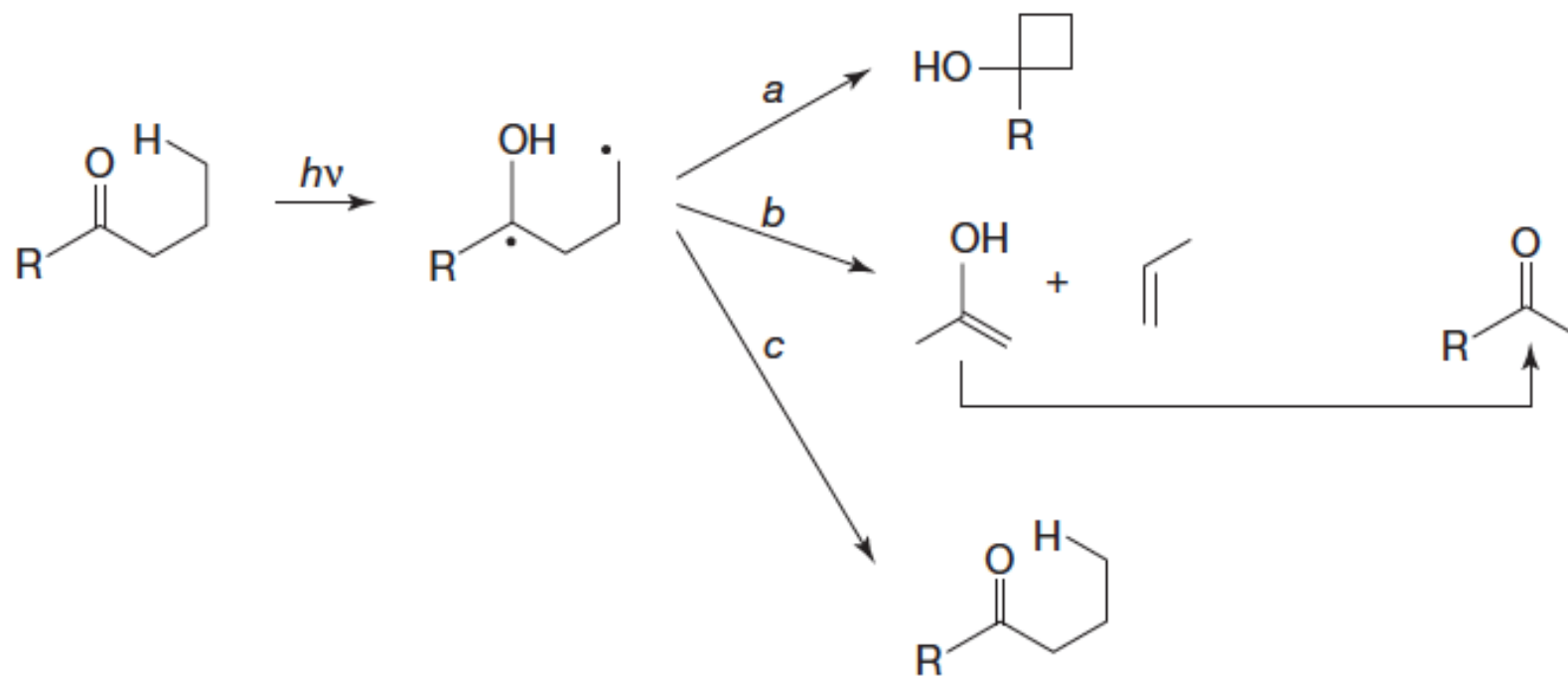
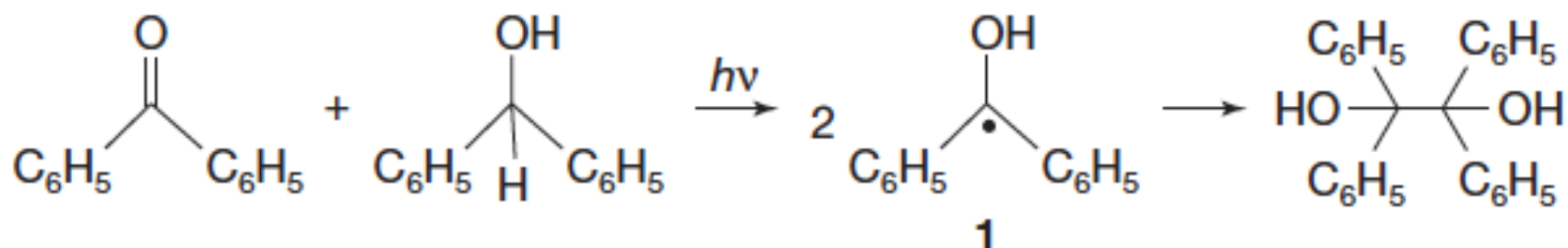
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I = ground state reactive intermediate

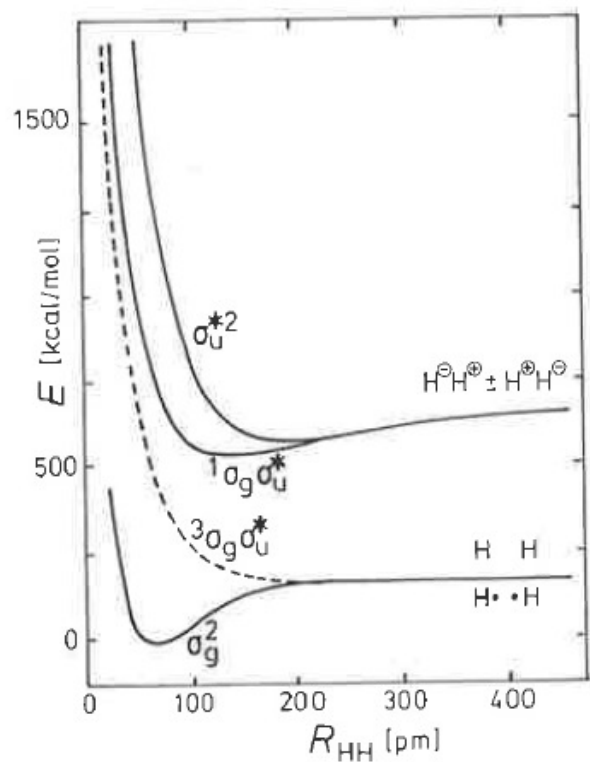
***I = excited state of a reactive intermediate**

***P = excited state of product**

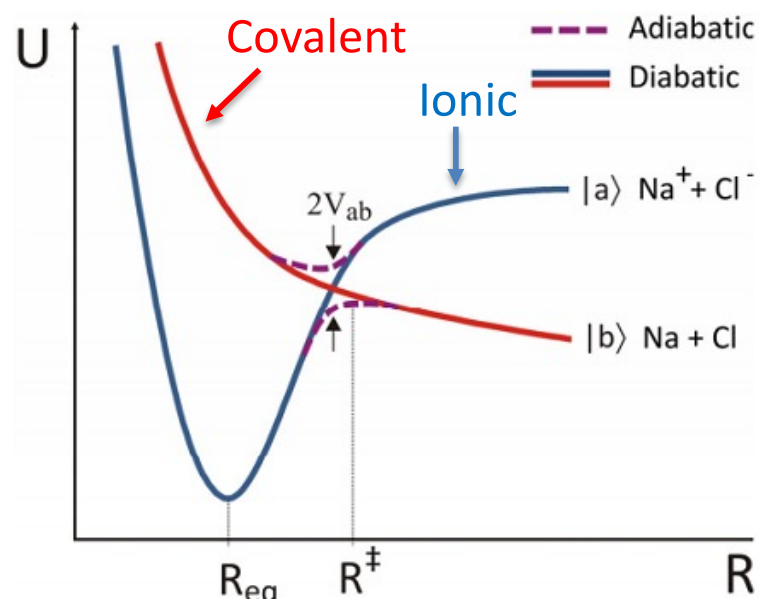
Hydrogen abstraction is a common photoreaction



Models for photodissociation of covalent and ionic σ bond



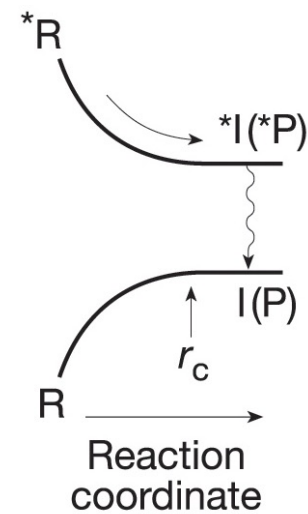
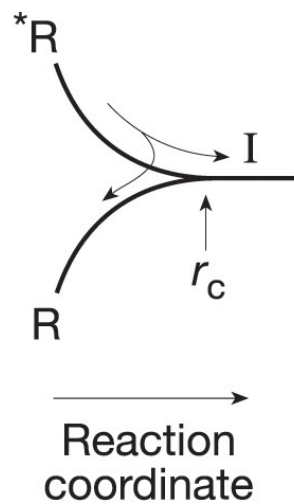
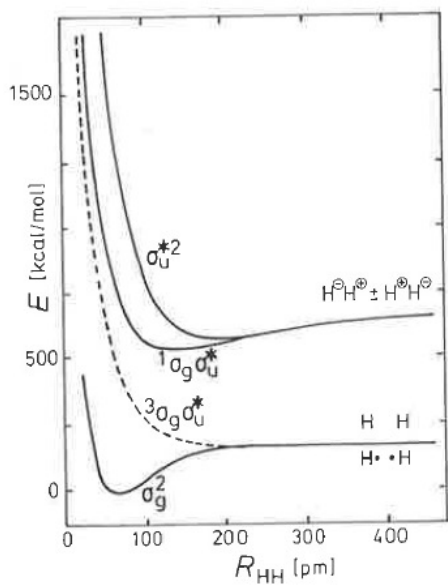
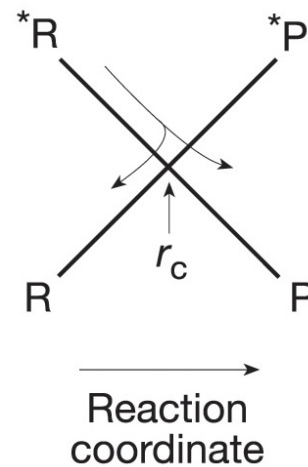
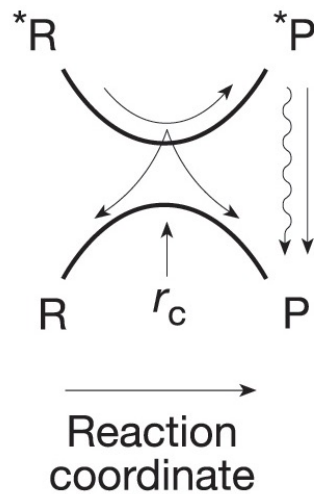
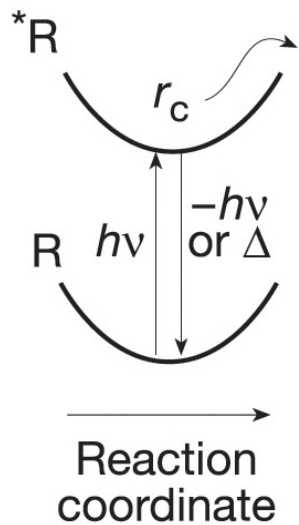
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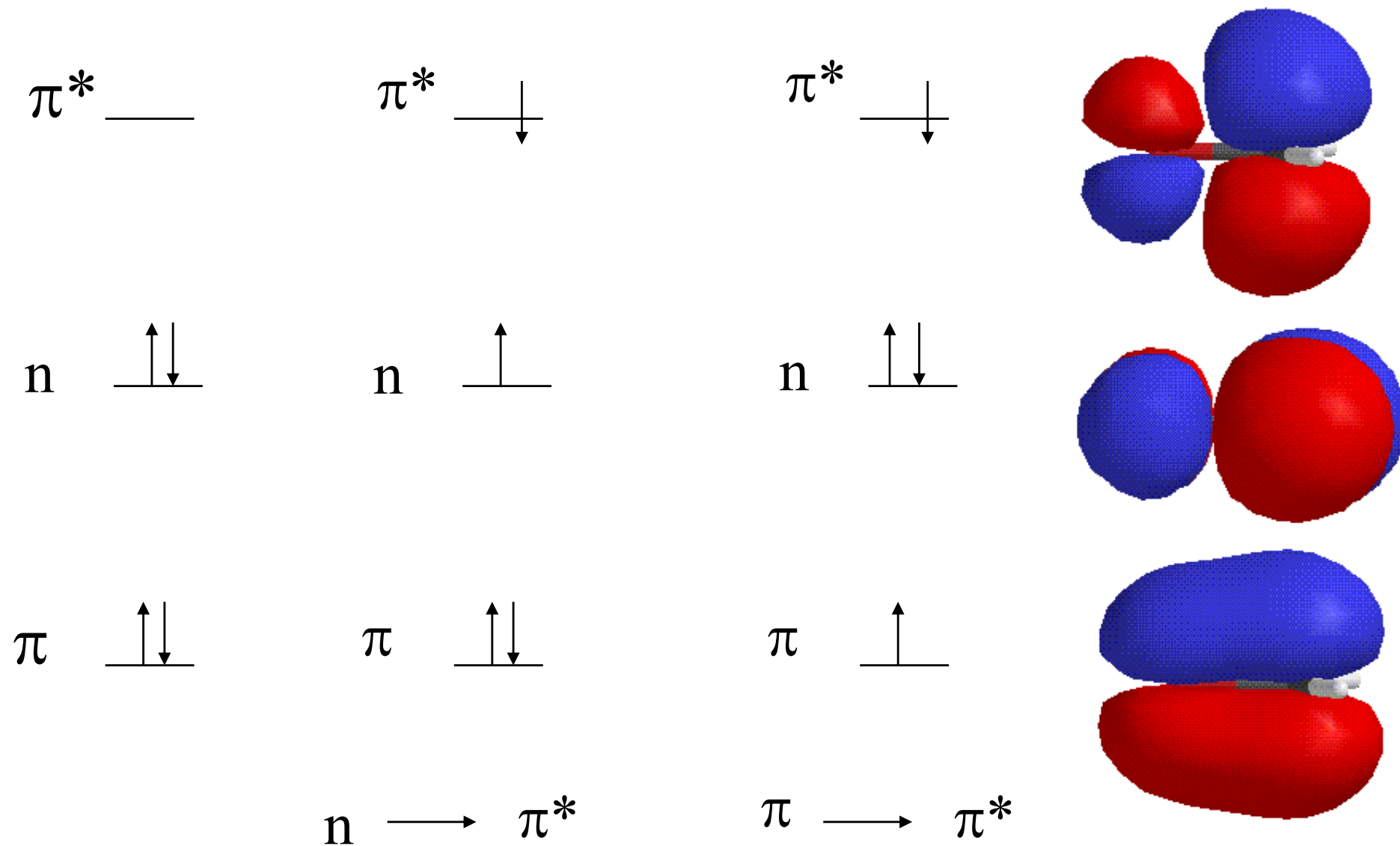
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Energy surfaces generated by following the electrons as the nuclei move along the reaction co-ordinate.

Types of surfaces

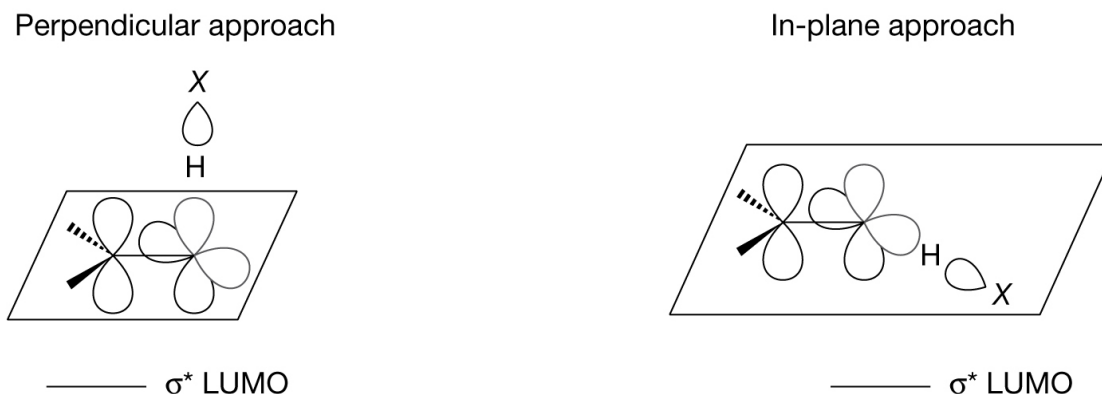


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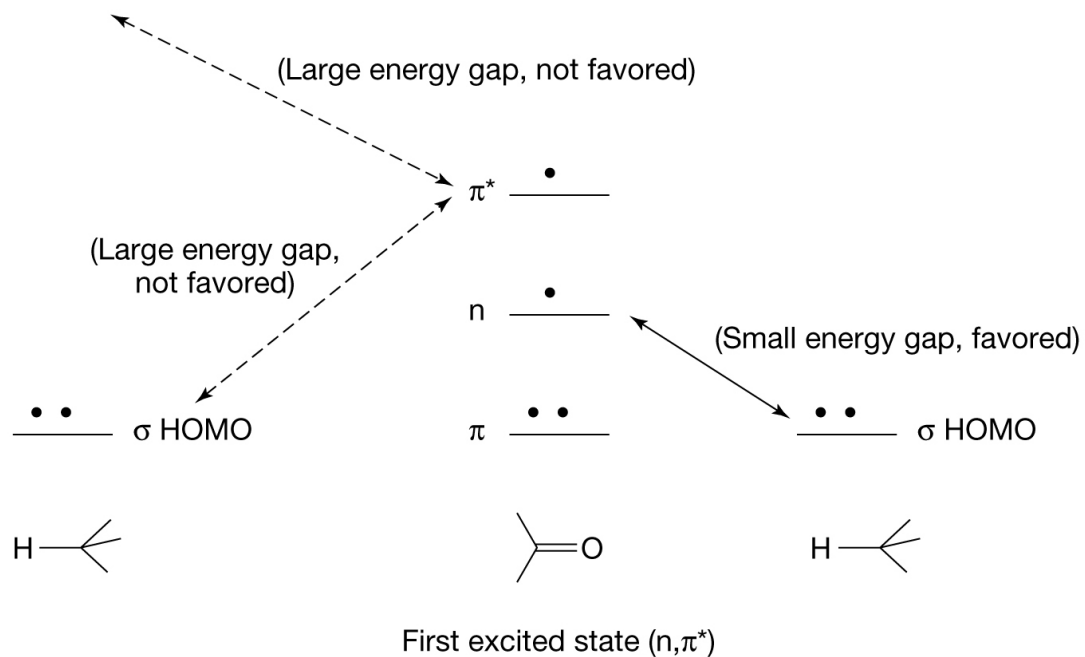


Frontier orbital view of hydrogen abstraction by carbonyl $n\pi^*$ triplet

Geometry of orbital interaction



Less likely



More likely

Non-concerted Photoreactions

Original publications on correlation diagrams, avoided crossings
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Salem Correlation Diagram

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Allowed and Avoided Crossings

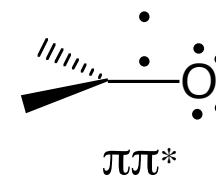
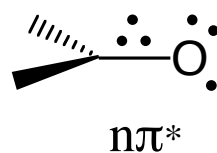
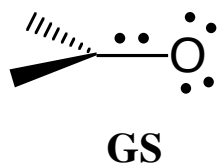
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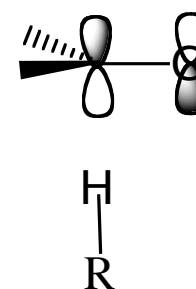
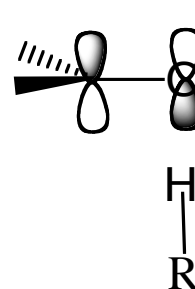
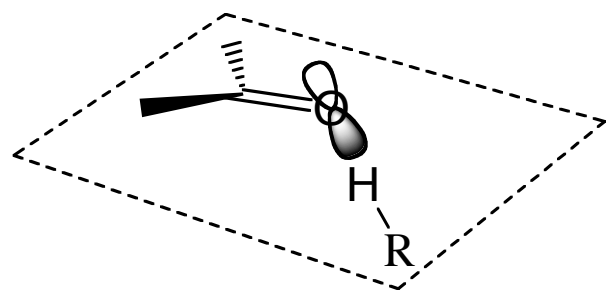
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Constructing Salem Diagram

Relevant
electronic states



Geometries of
approach



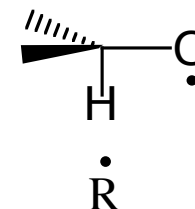
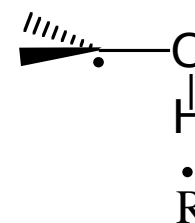
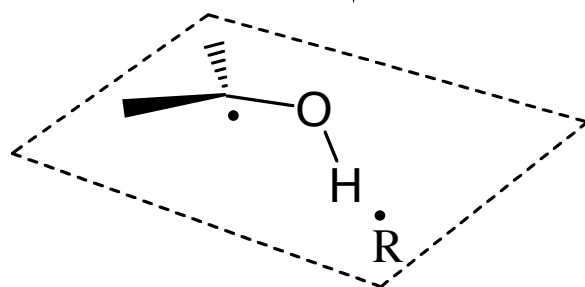
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π - plane

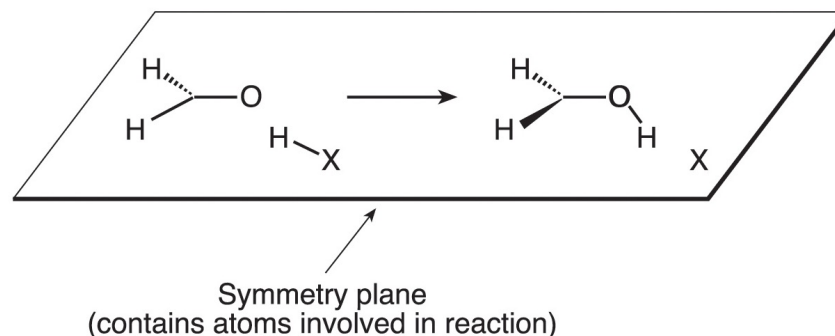


Diradical
intermediates
formed



Constructing Salem diagram for n-plane attack

Identify a symmetry plane to which relevant orbitals are *s* or *a*



Enumerate the relevant orbitals of the reactant and the intermediate in the order of their energy.

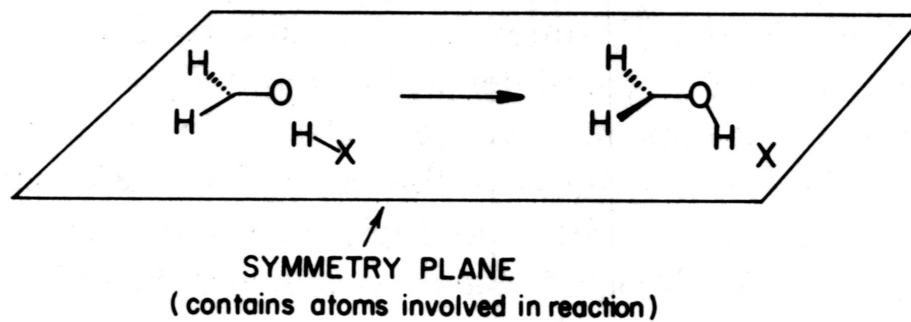
Build the orbital correlation diagram based on energy and symmetry.

Reactant orbitals	Orbital symmetries with respect to the symmetry plane		Product orbitals
σ_{XH}^*	s	s	σ_{OH}^*
π_{CO}^*	a	a	p_C
n_O	s	s	p_X
π_{CO}	a	a	p_O
σ_{XH}	s	s	σ_{OH}

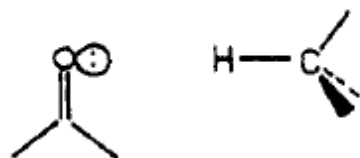
The diagram shows energy levels as horizontal lines. The reactant orbitals on the left are σ_{XH}^* , π_{CO}^* , n_O , π_{CO} , and σ_{XH} . The product orbitals on the right are σ_{OH}^* , p_C , p_X , p_O , and σ_{OH} . The central column shows the symmetry of each orbital with respect to the symmetry plane: **s** for symmetric and **a** for antisymmetric. Lines connect the reactant orbitals to the product orbitals of the same symmetry. A circle with an 'X' is placed at the intersection of the π_{CO} and σ_{XH} lines, indicating that these orbitals do not correlate.

Salem correlation diagrams:

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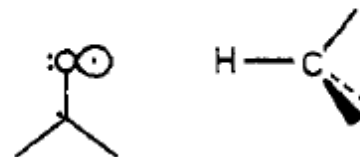
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$4\sigma, 2\pi$

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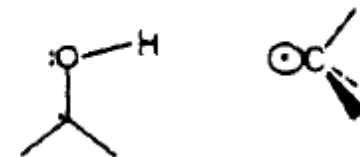
reactant (n, π^*) excited state



$3\sigma, 3\pi$

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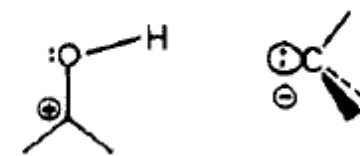
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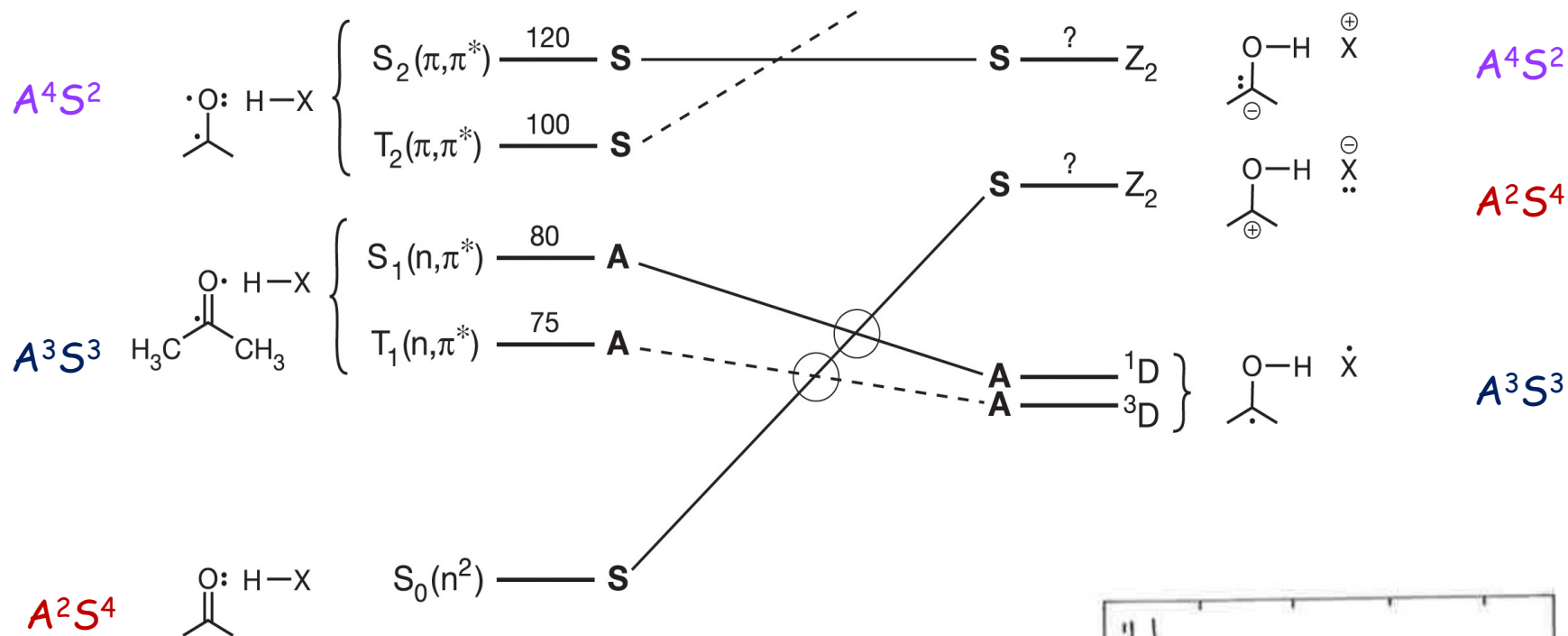
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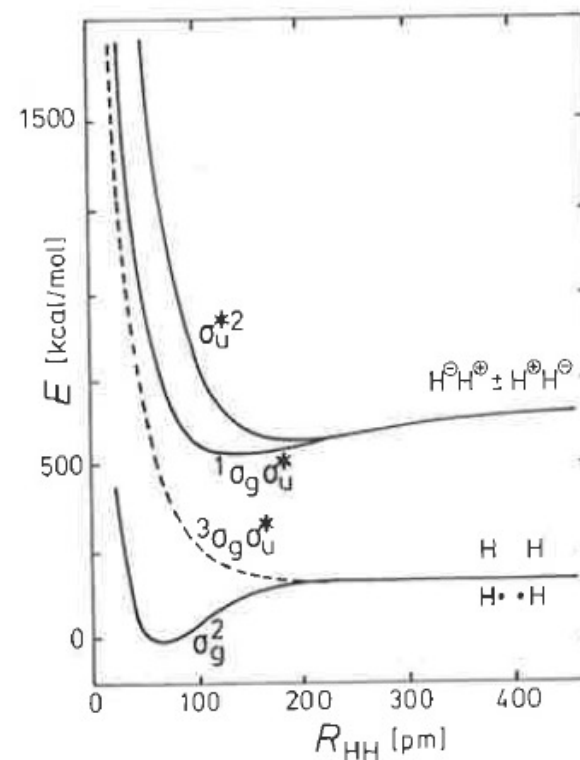
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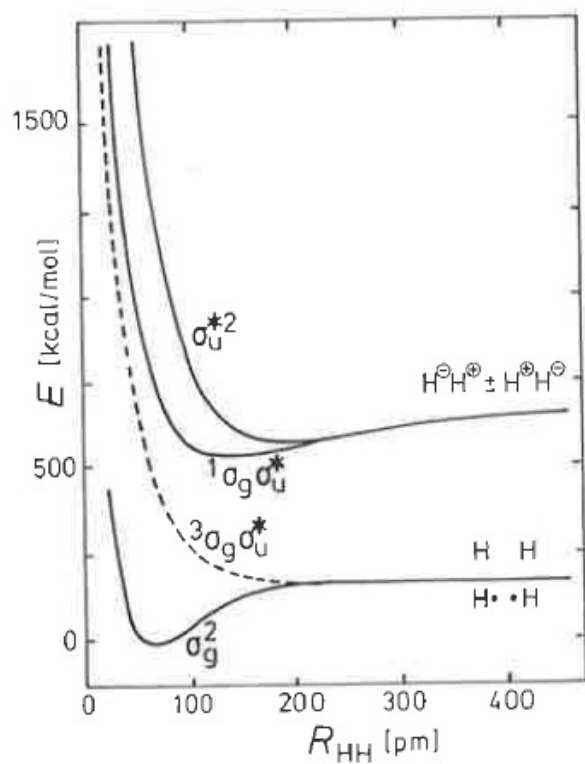
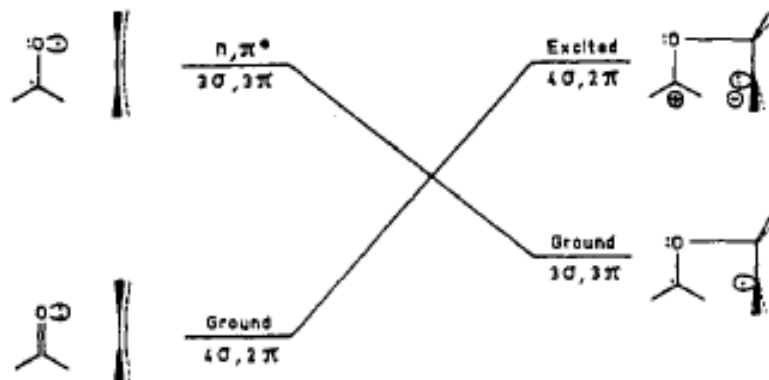
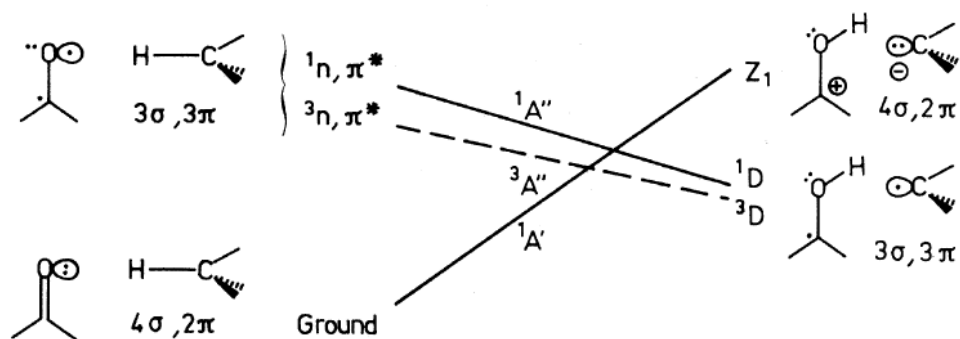
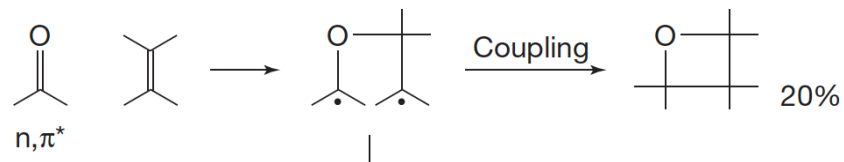
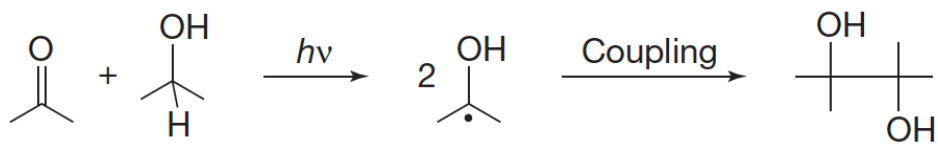


Hydrogen abstraction along n-plane is likely from $n\pi^*$ state.

Reaction from $T_1(n\pi^*)$ is likely to be more efficient than from $S_1(n\pi^*)$.

If T_1 is $\pi\pi^*$ the reaction from n-face is unlikely.





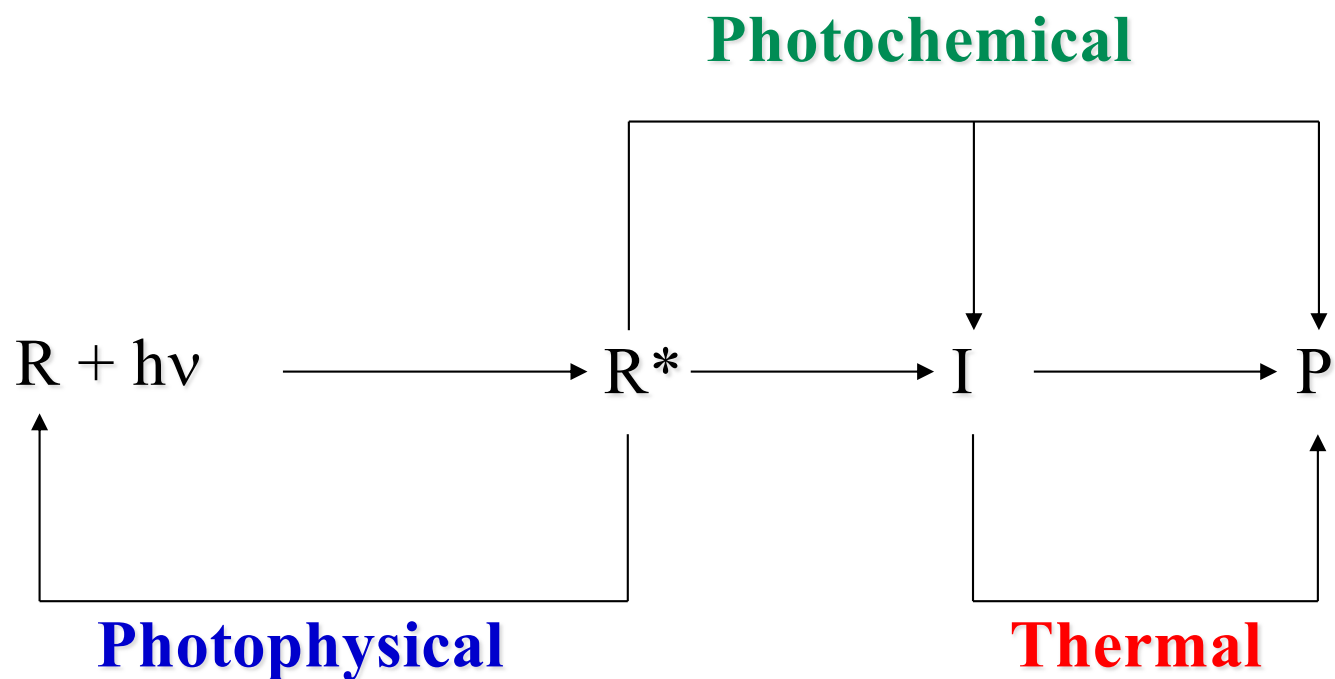
Mechanism of photoreactions involving intermediates

How do reactive intermediates in the triplet state transform to singlet products?

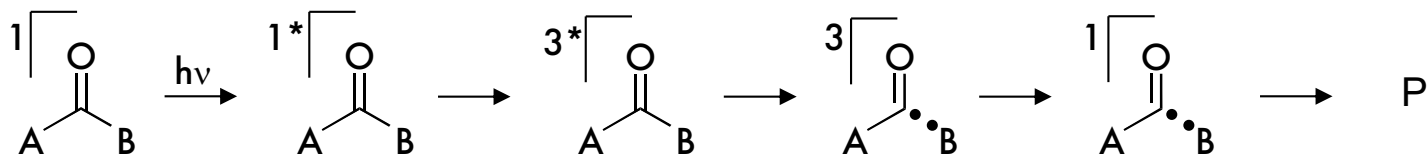
What is the mechanisms of intersystem crossing in diradicals?

Why excited singlet and triplet give different products?

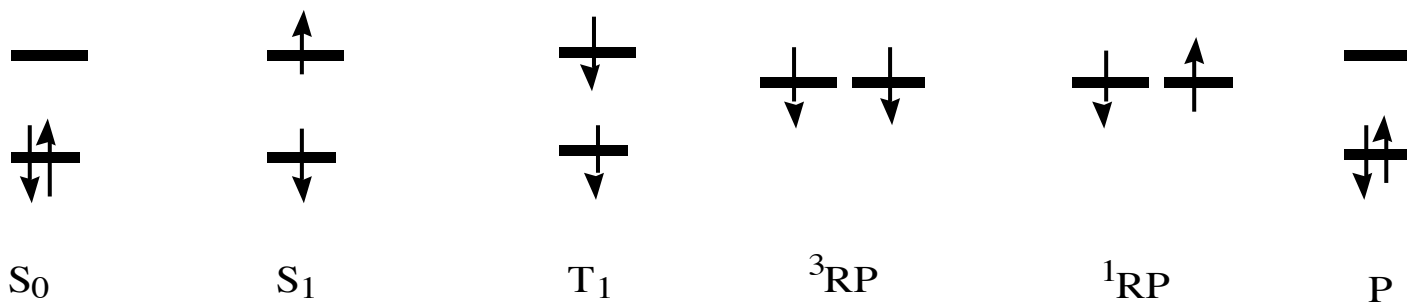
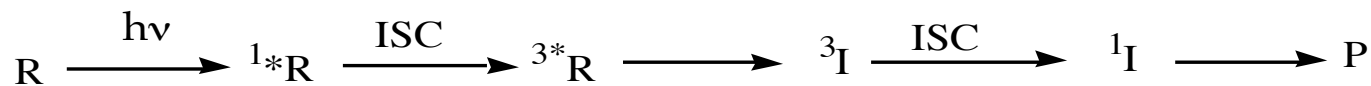
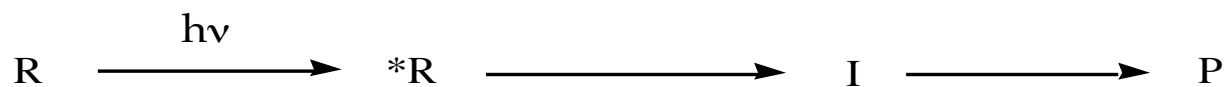
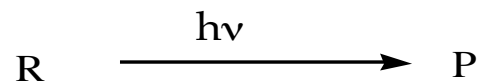
Molecular Structure and Dynamics

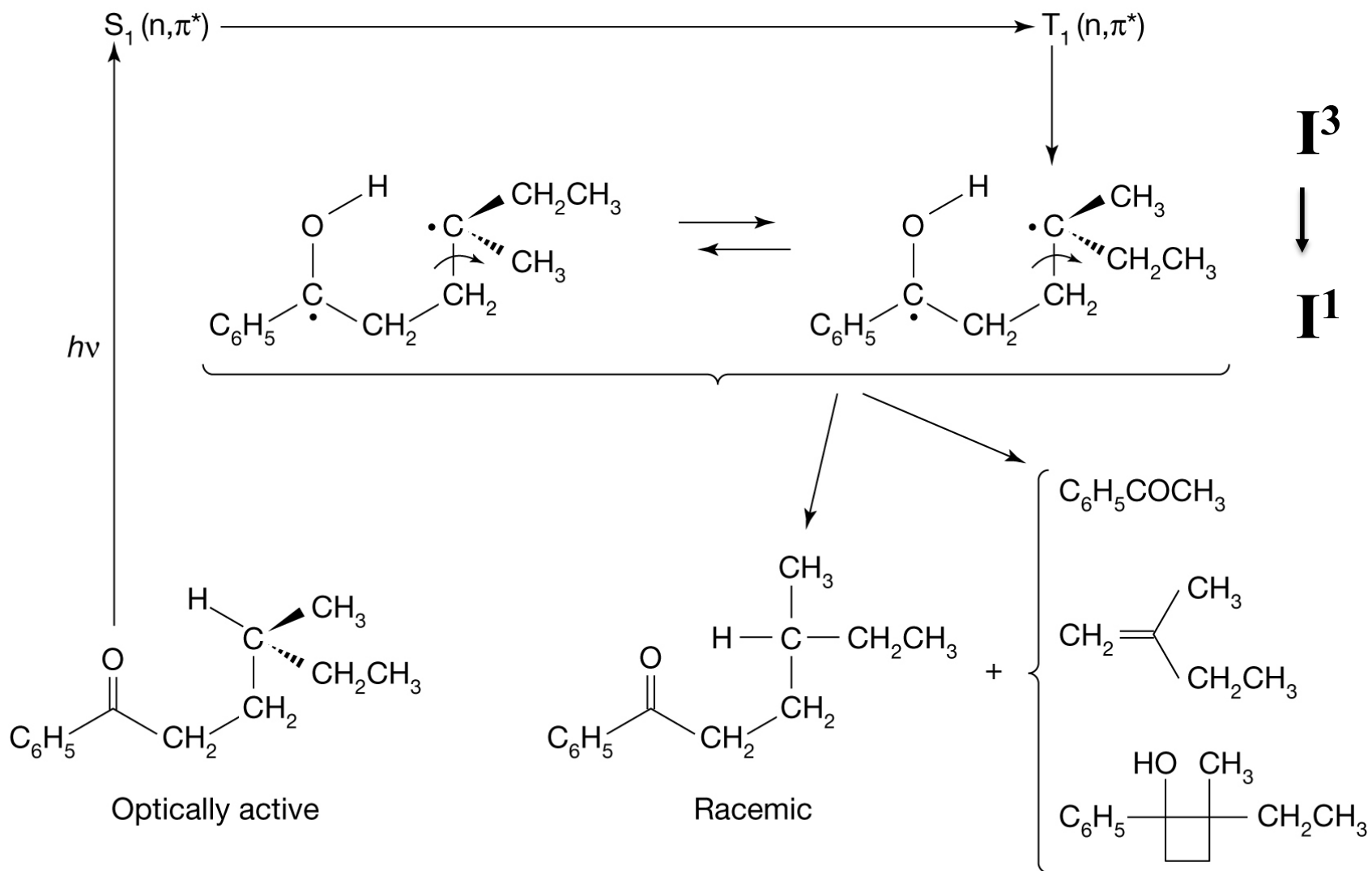


Importance of intersystem crossing

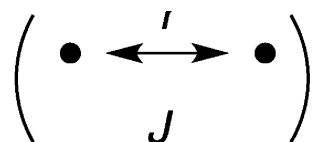


General Photochemical Paradigm

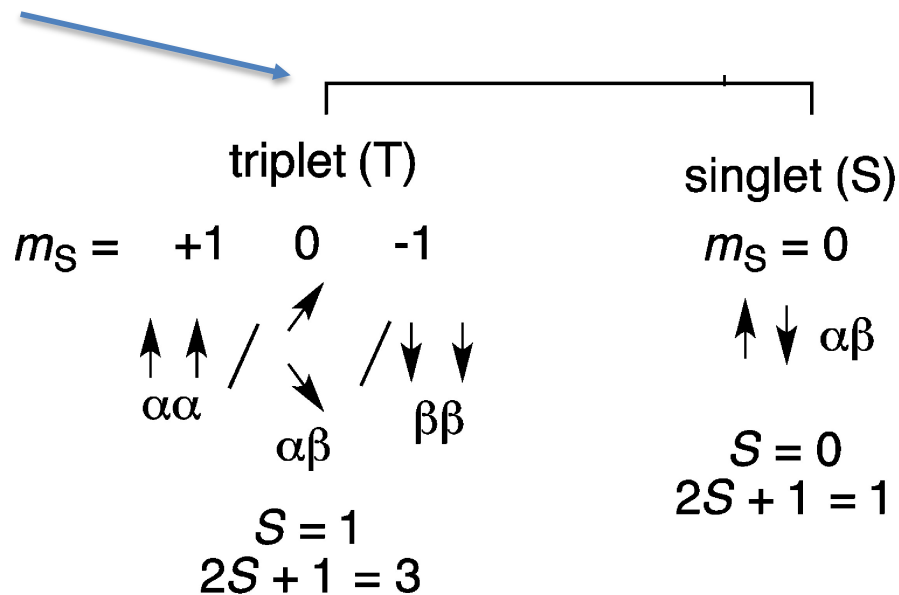
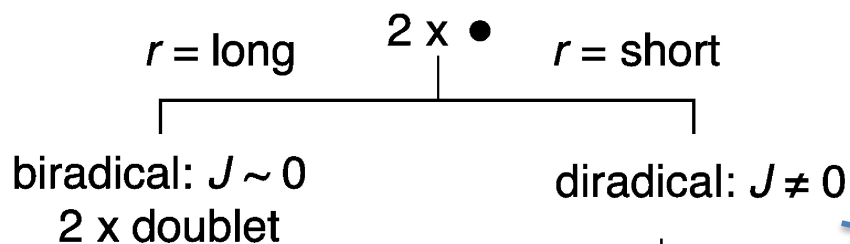




What is a diradical and a biradical?



electron exchange
integral



The Electronic Properties of Diradicals, L. Salem *and C. Rowland.*, *Angew. Chem. Internat. Edit. Eng.*, **1972**, *11*, 92.

L. Salem, *Pure & Appl. Chem.*, **1973**, *33*, 317.

Concerted Reactions That Produce Diradicals and Zwitterions: Electronic, Steric, Conformational, and Kinetic Control of Cycloaromatization Processes, R. K.

Mohamed, P. W. Peterson, and Igor V. Alabugin, *Chem. Rev.*, **2013**, *113*, 7089.

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What controls the singlet-triplet energy gap in molecules and diradicals?

- **Molecules**
- **Intermediates (Diradicals)**

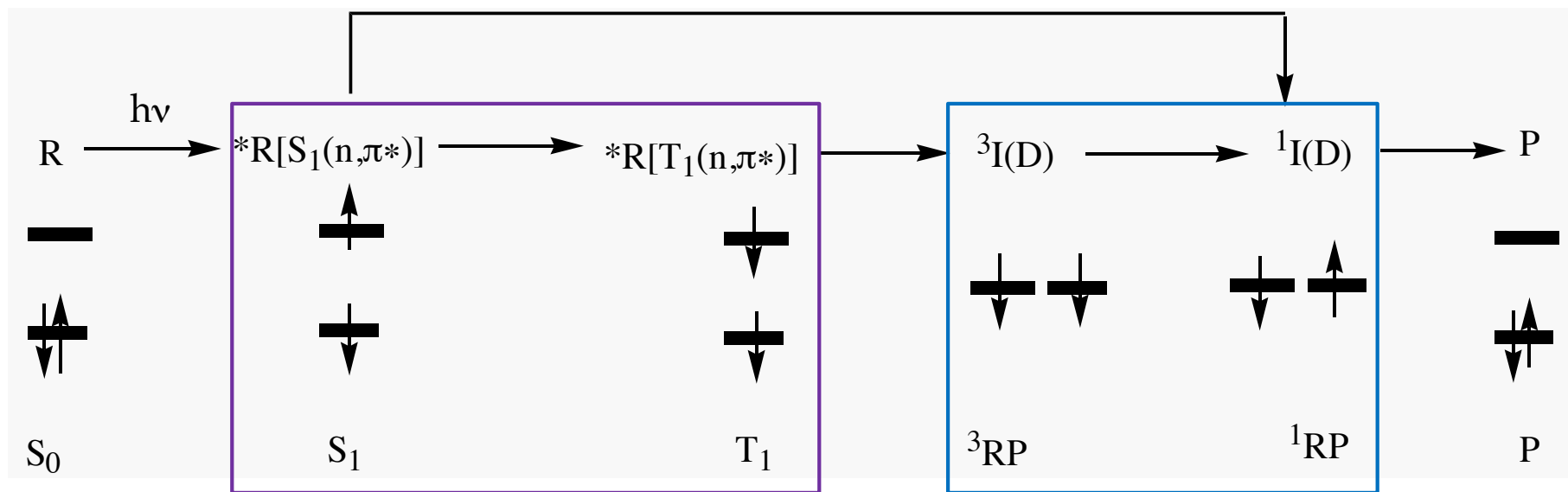
$\Delta E_{ST} = 2J$ in molecules where HOMO-LUMO gap is large

J: exchange integral, depends on the overlap of orbitals with one electron each

$\Delta E_{ST} = J - B$ in intermediates where HOMO-LUMO gap is very small

B: bonding interaction, interaction between nuclei due to the presence of two electrons in a bonding orbital

Electronic Energy Difference between Singlet and Triplet States in Diradical Reactive Intermediates, I(D)



HOMO-LUMO gap large

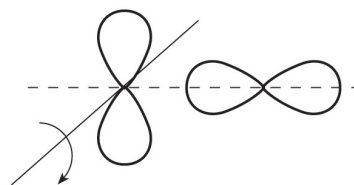
Only J, no B

$$S_1 > T_1$$

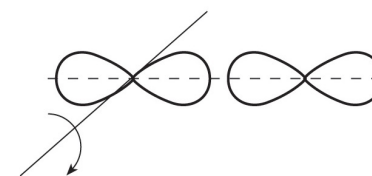
HOMO-LUMO gap small or equal energy

Only J
 $S_1 > T_1$

Both J and B
 $S_1 < T_1$



Perpendicular orientation

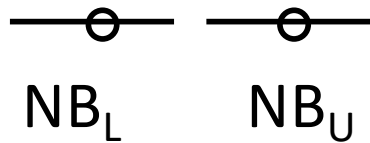
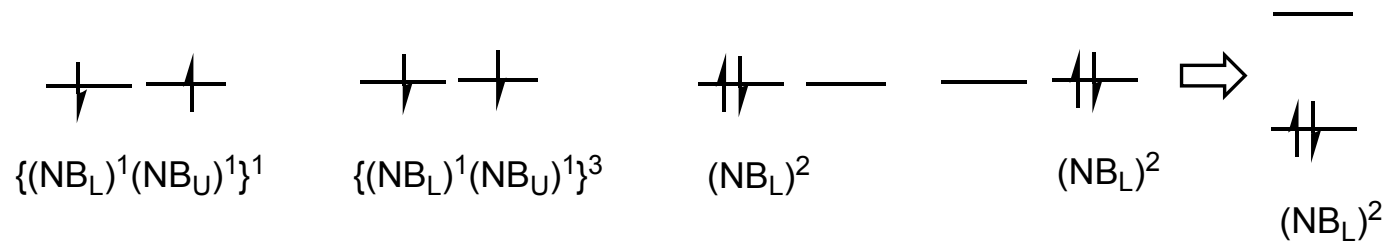


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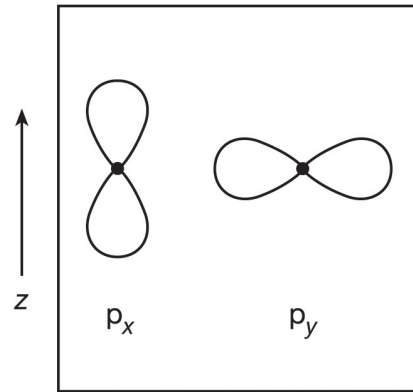
Singlet-triplet energy gap

J will be proportional to the electron exchange integral for the $(NB_L)^1(NB_U)^1$ configuration

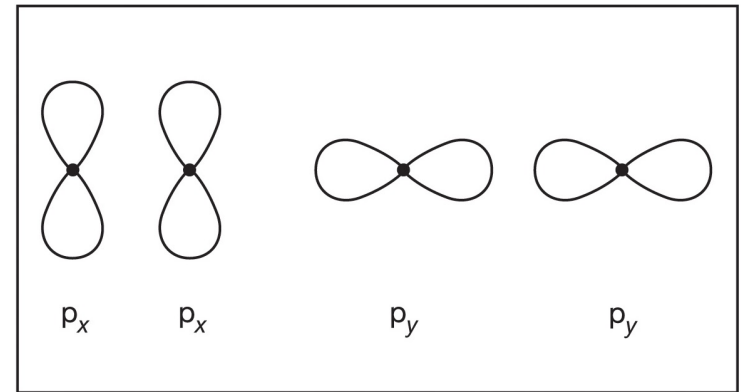
B will be proportional to the contribution of the $(NB_L)^2$ configuration. The latter corresponds to the bonding contribution.



$$\Delta E_{ST} = J - B$$



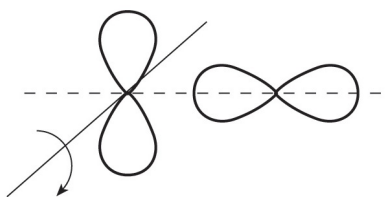
Good orientation for spin-orbit coupling



Poor orientations for spin-orbit coupling

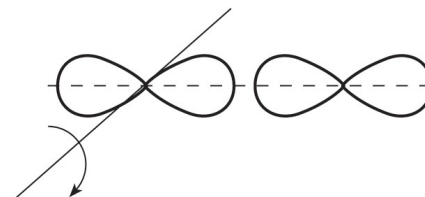


Energy Ordering in Diradicals Depends on Values of J and B



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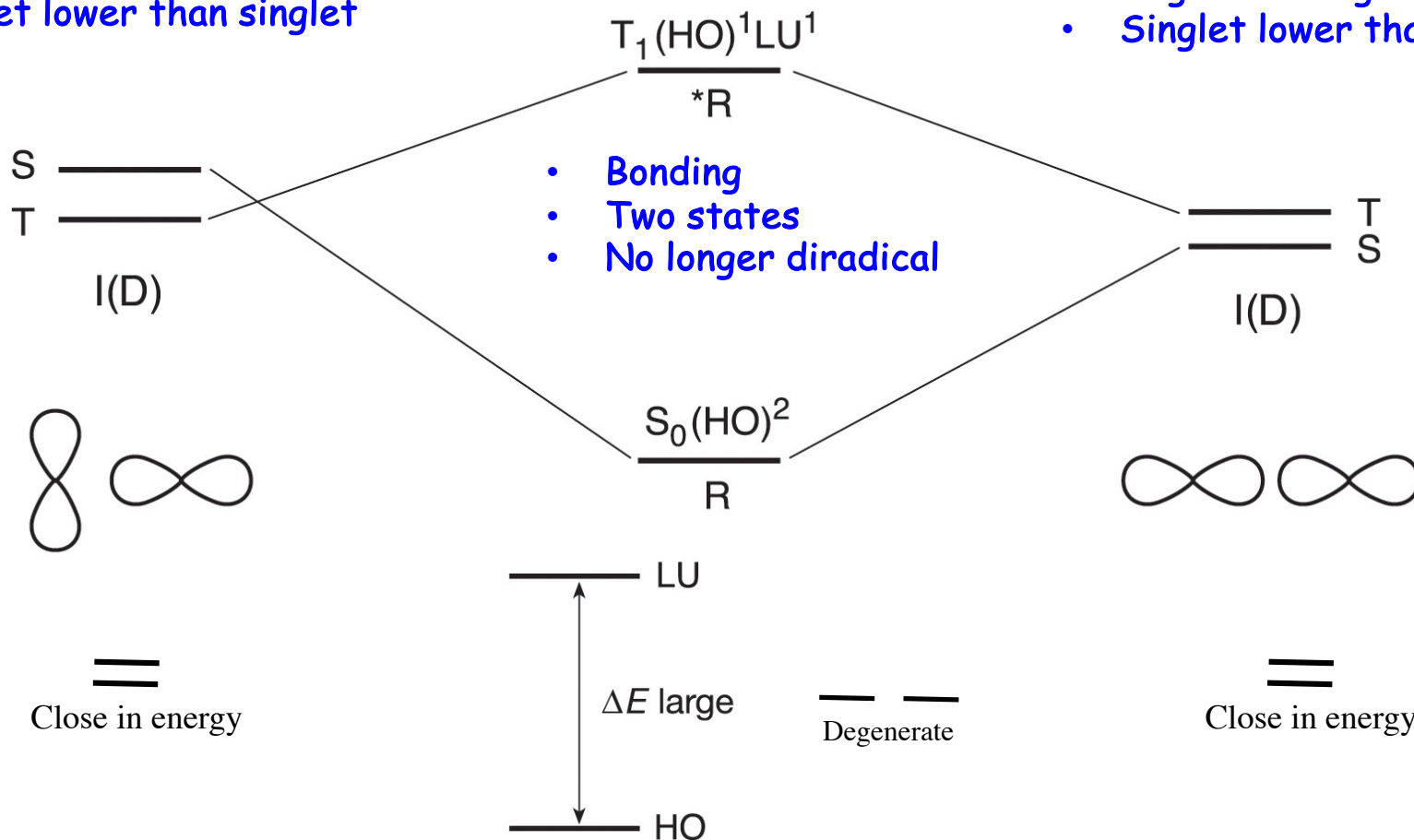
$$\Delta E_{ST} = J - B$$



Parallel orientation

- No bonding
- Triplet lower than singlet

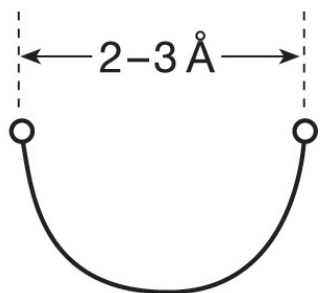
- Slight bonding
- Singlet lower than triplet



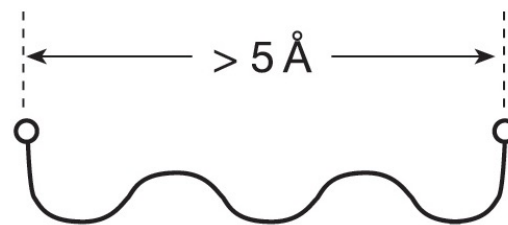
Salem's rules for ISC in diradicals-1

- (1) The value of the exchange interaction, J , between the two radical centers is less than the strongest available magnetic coupling mechanism.

In order to mix the S and T states of I(D) effectively, the two states must have essentially the same energy, i.e., they must be very close to degenerate. Since J causes the energy of the S and T state to “split,” the value of J must approach zero if the energies of the S and the T state of I(D) are to become degenerate and mix effectively.



J large, ISC slow

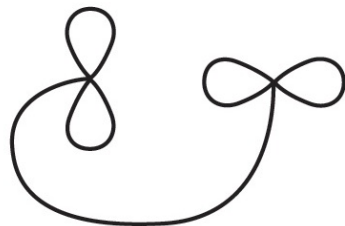


J small, ISC fast

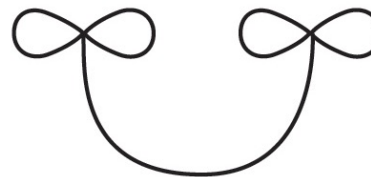
Salem's rules for ISC in diradicals-2

(2) The non-bonding orbitals of the diradical are in an orbital orientation that can interact to some extent and can create orbital angular momentum that couples with the spin angular momentum during the ISC step.

In order to generate angular momentum an orbital jump from a " $p_z \rightarrow p_x$ " type is required. The best orbital orientation for spin-orbit mixing is when the two non-bonded orbitals of the diradical are at a 90° orientation with respect to one another.



Good orientation for
ISC at any separation

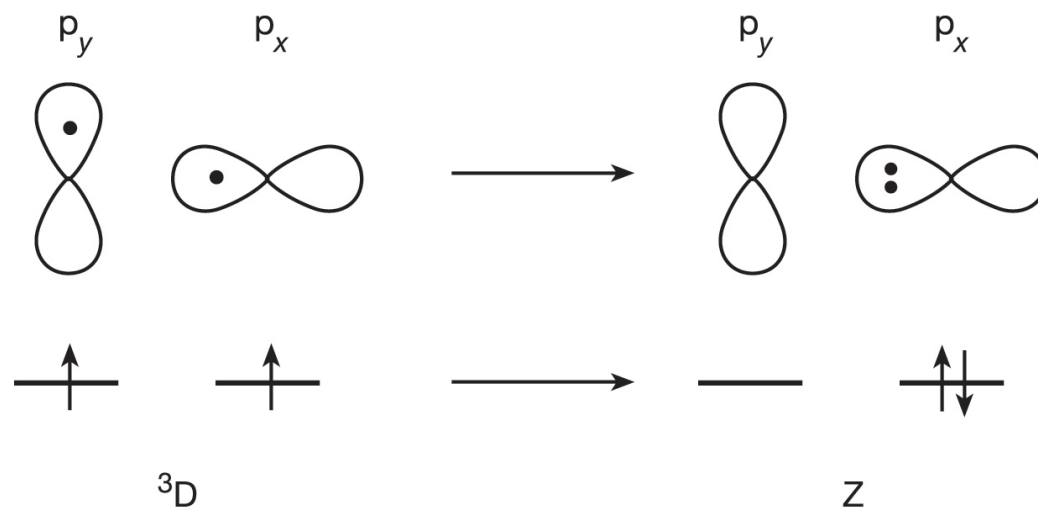


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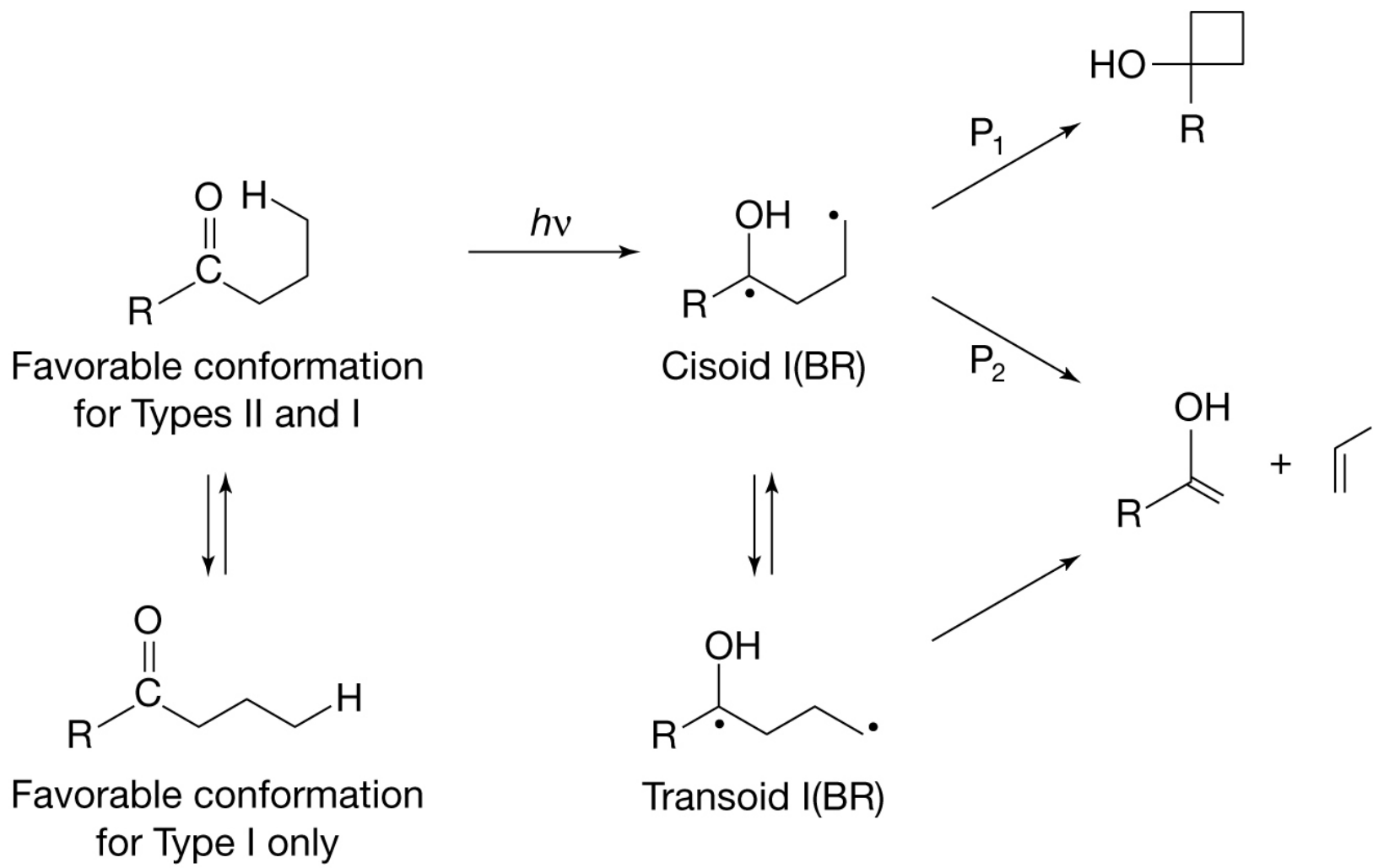
Salem's rules for ISC in diradicals-3

(3) The degree of electron pairing character in the singlet can become significant during the ISC step.

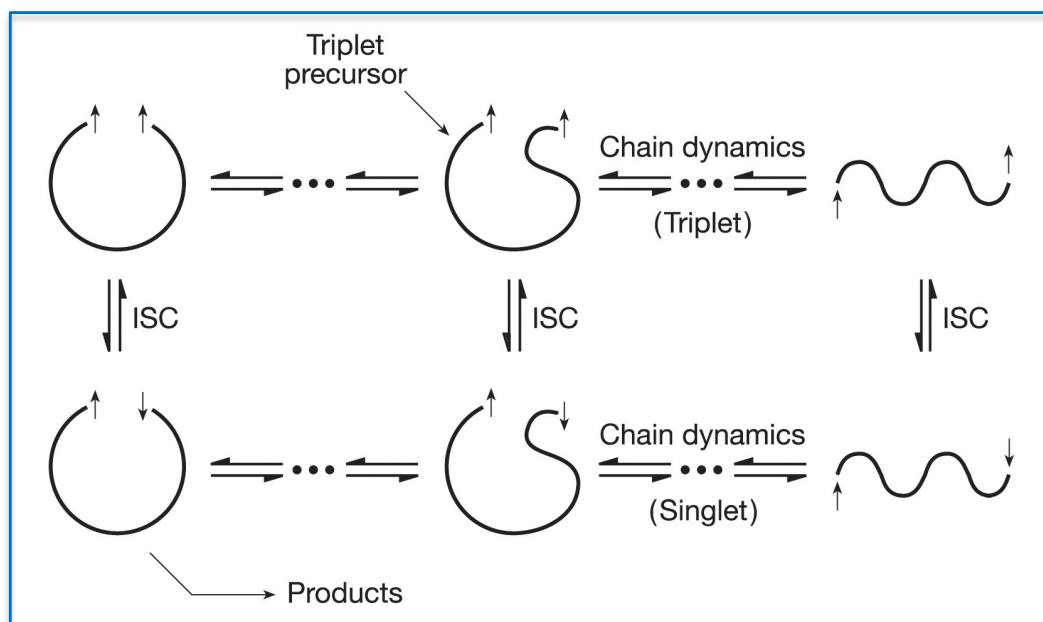
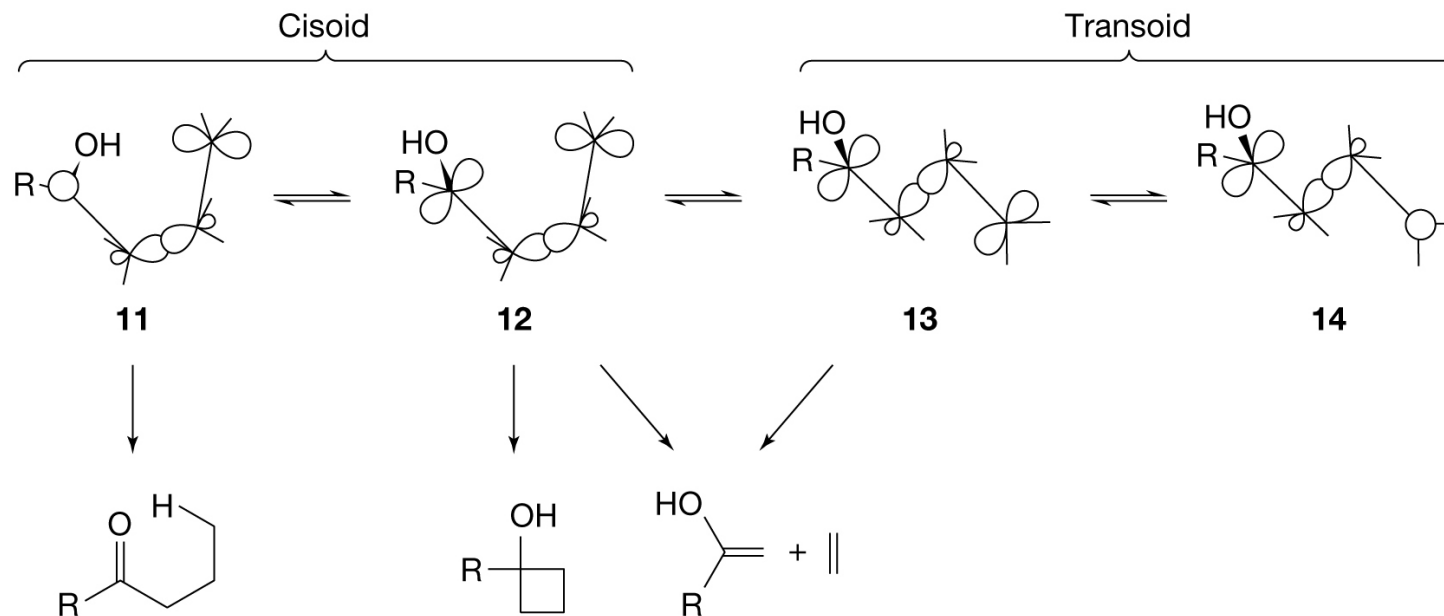
In order to effectively generate orbital angular momentum, the electron must jump from one orbital to the other half occupied orbital which is at a 90° orientation, as the singlet is created. This produces a situation for which there are two electrons in a non-bonding orbital to a "zwitterionic" structure (1Z). Thus, for the most effective creation of angular momentum, the singlet must possess a certain amount of spin paired character.



Conformation dependent product formation

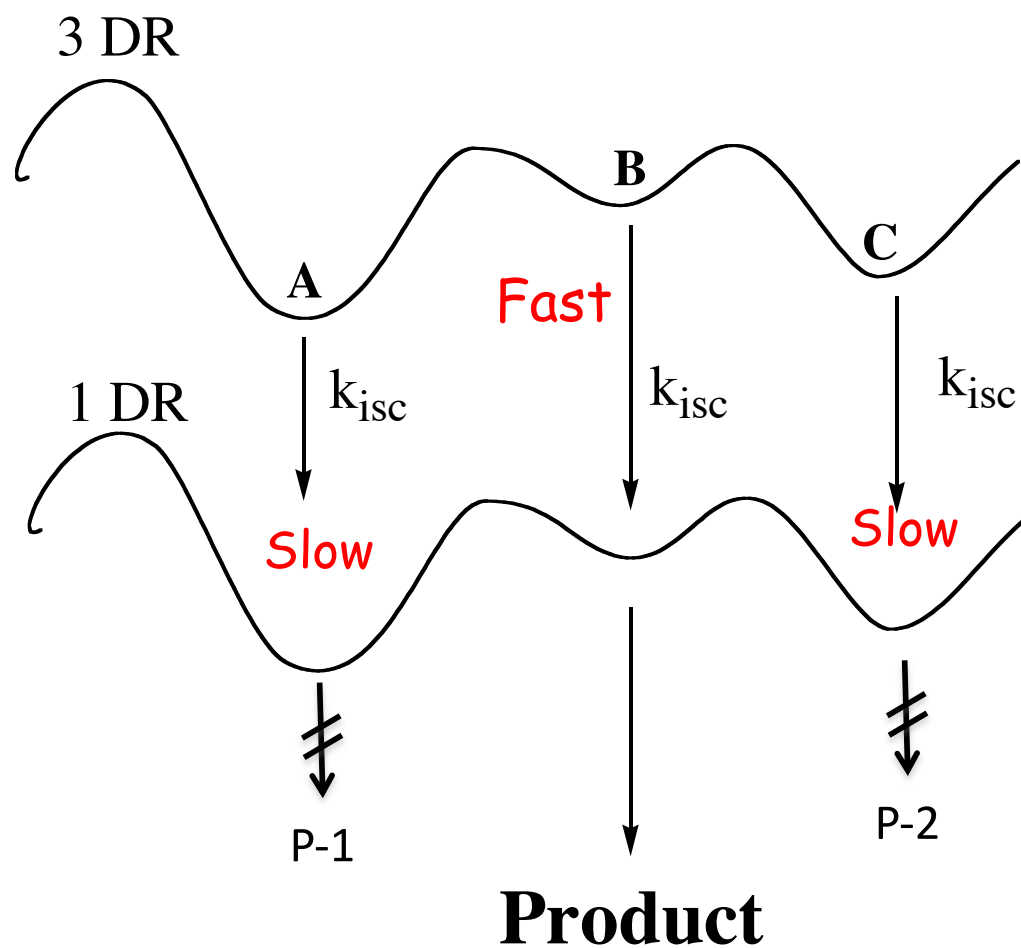


Conformation dependent ISC and its effect on product distribution

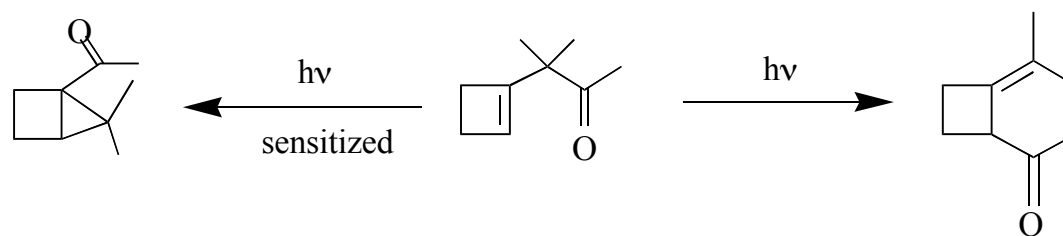
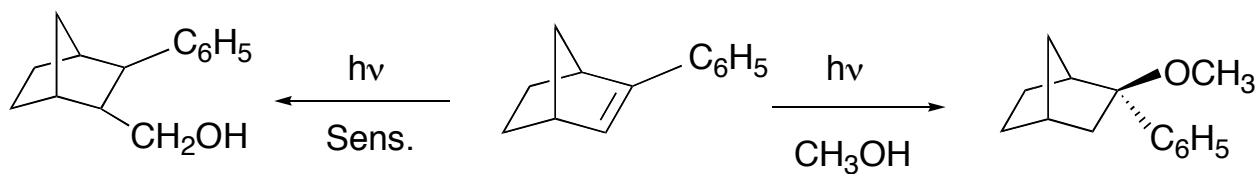
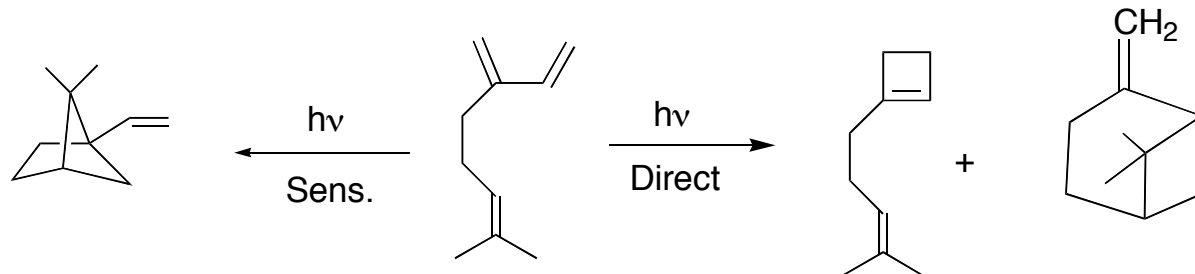
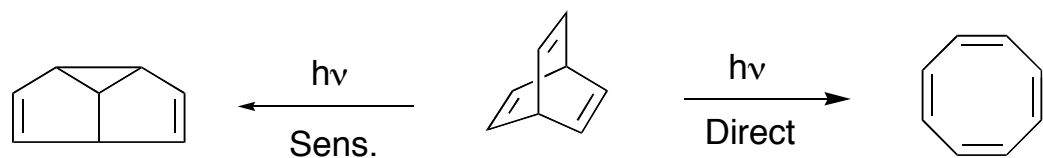


**Not all conformations would have the same J, and orientation
of the two p-orbitals**

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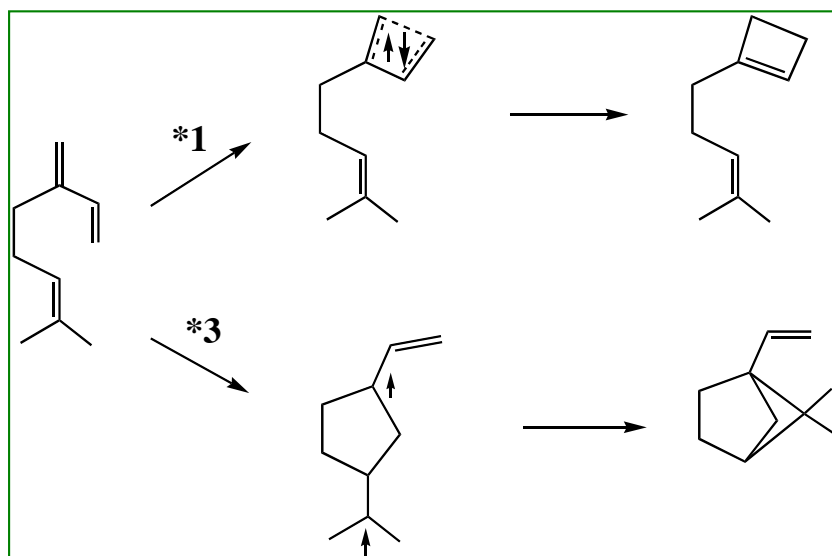
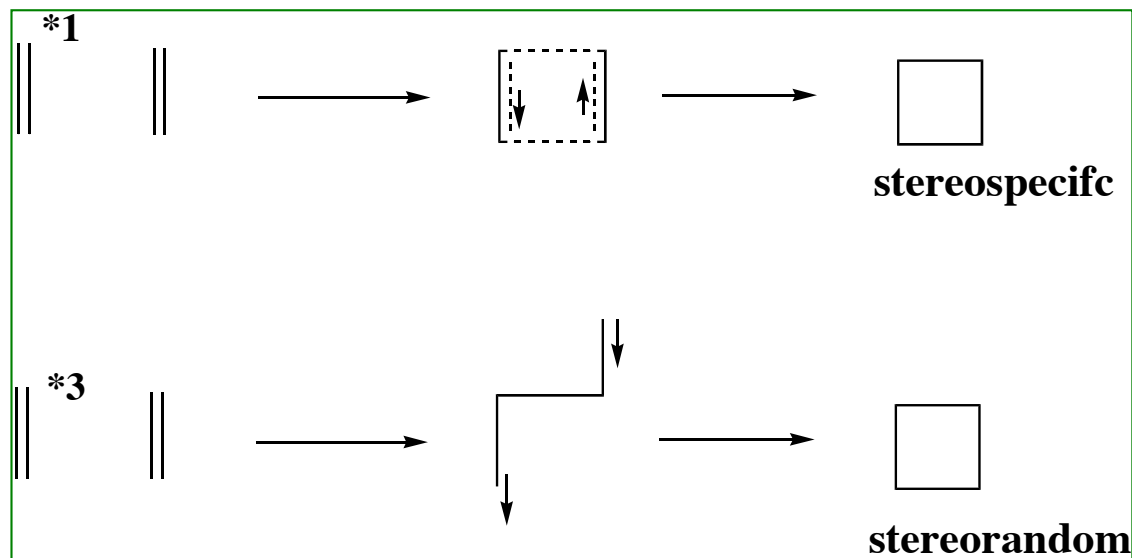


Excited Singlet and Triplet May Undergo Different Reactions

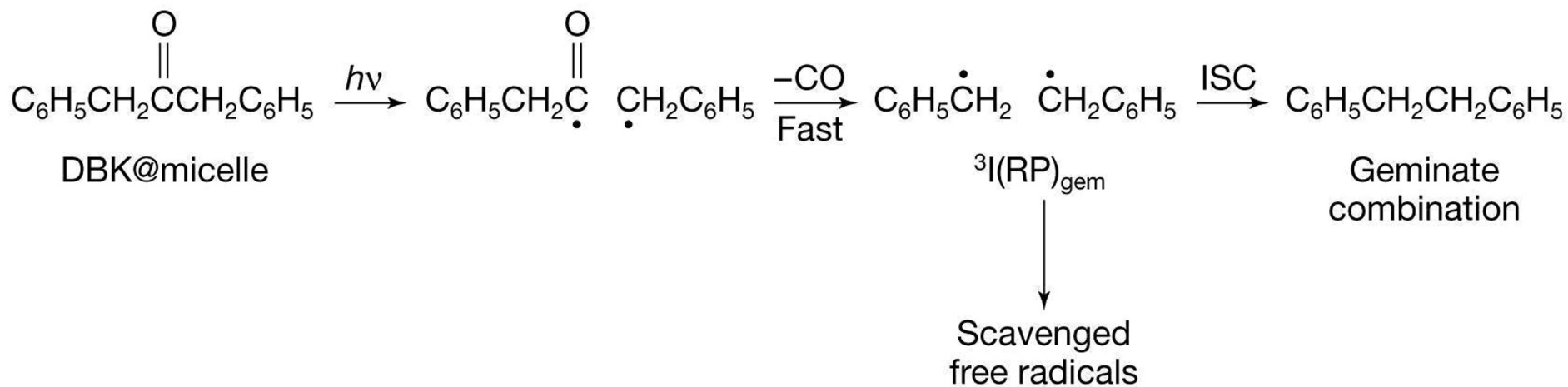


Why excited singlet and triplet give different products?

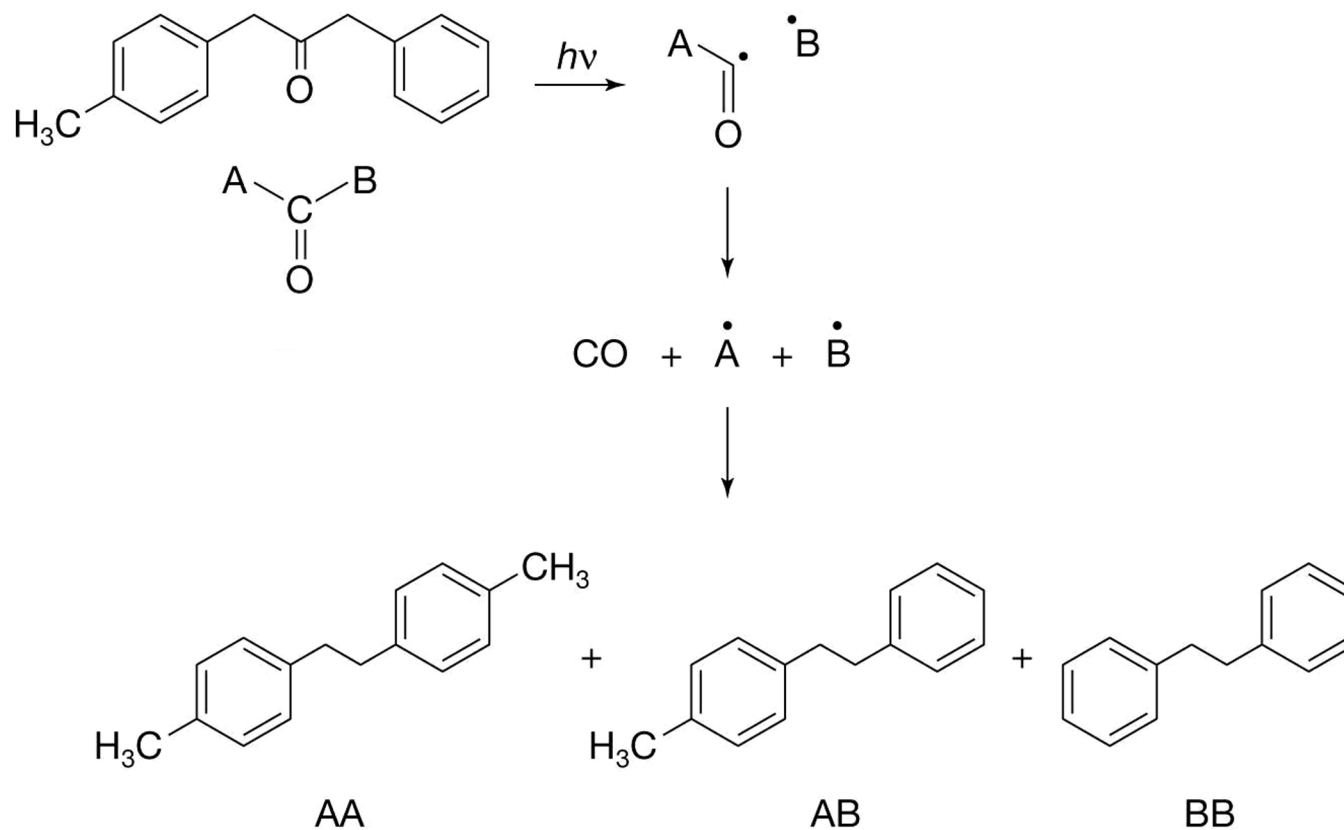
Loose and Tight Biradicals



Photochemistry of dibenzyl ketone as an exemplar of cage effect

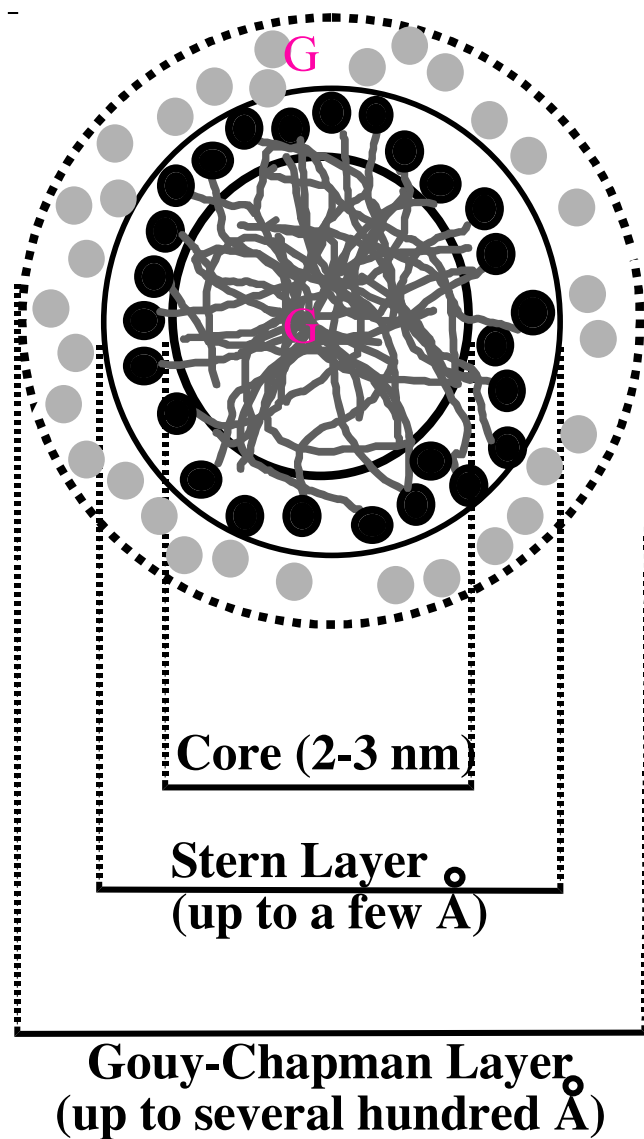


Definition of cage effect



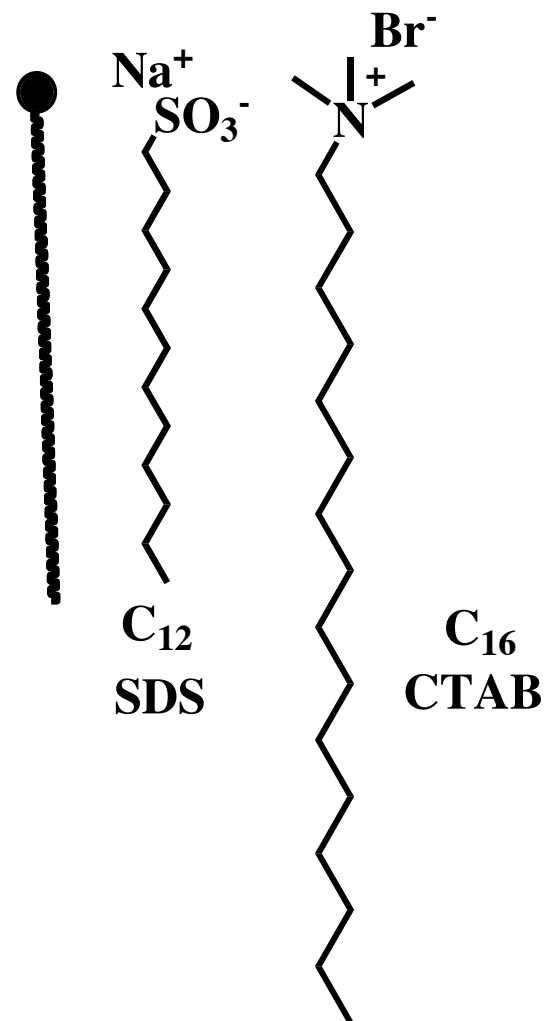
$$\text{Cage effect (\%)} = \frac{[\text{AB}] - ([\text{AA}] + [\text{BB}])}{([\text{AA}] + [\text{AB}] + [\text{BB}])} \times 100$$

Schematic representation of a guest@micelle complex

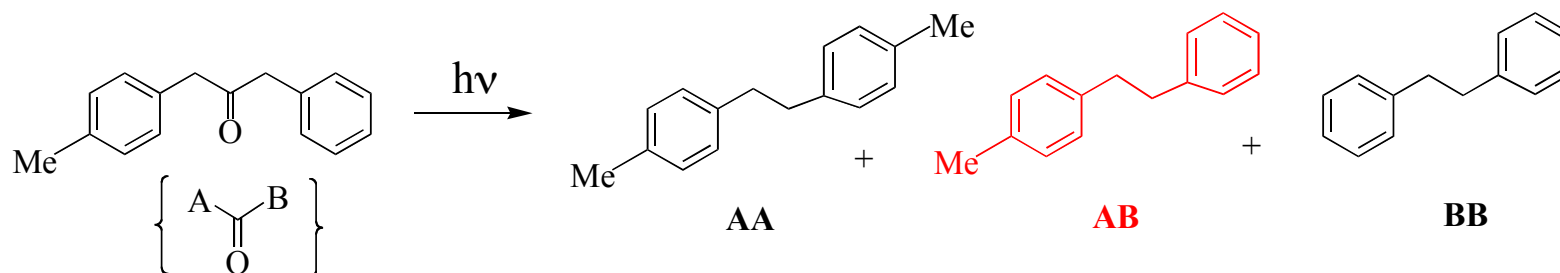


Surfactant monomers

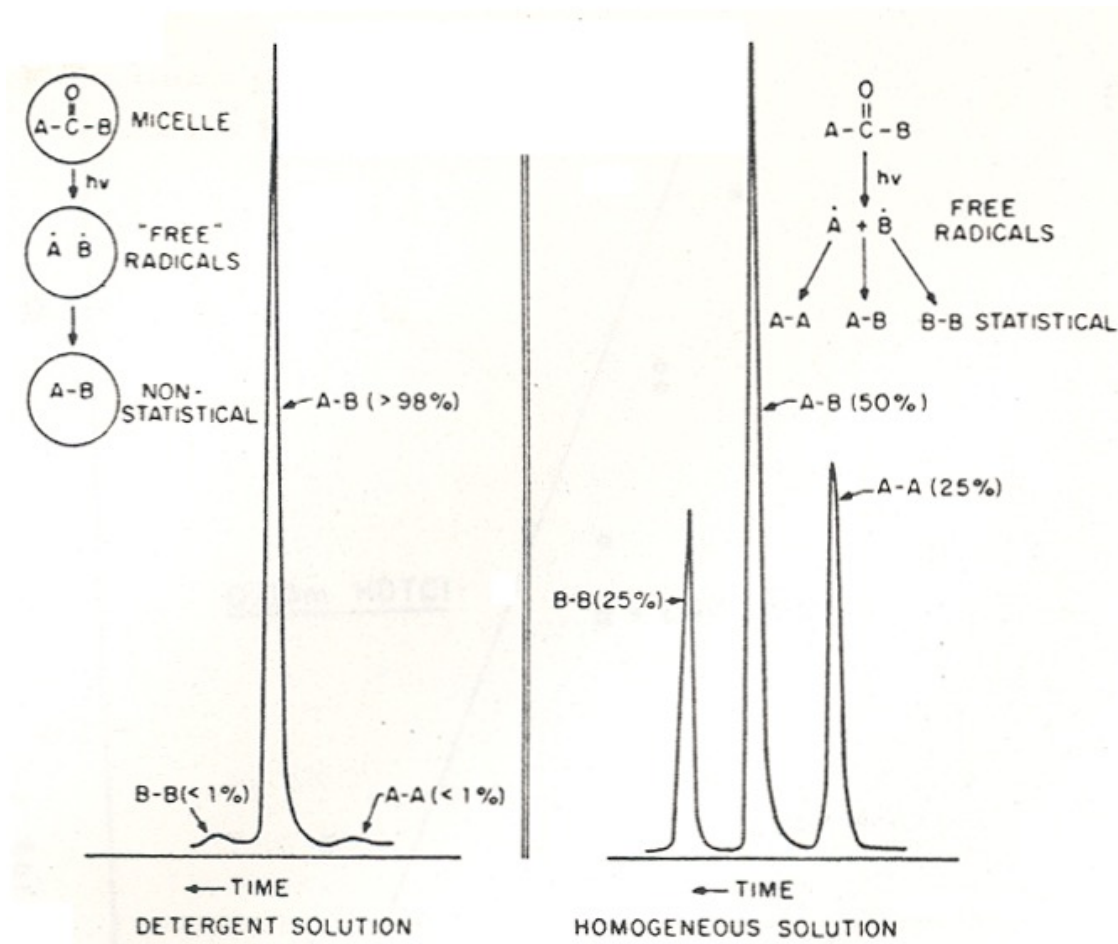
● Water molecule



A comparison between solution and micellar irradiations

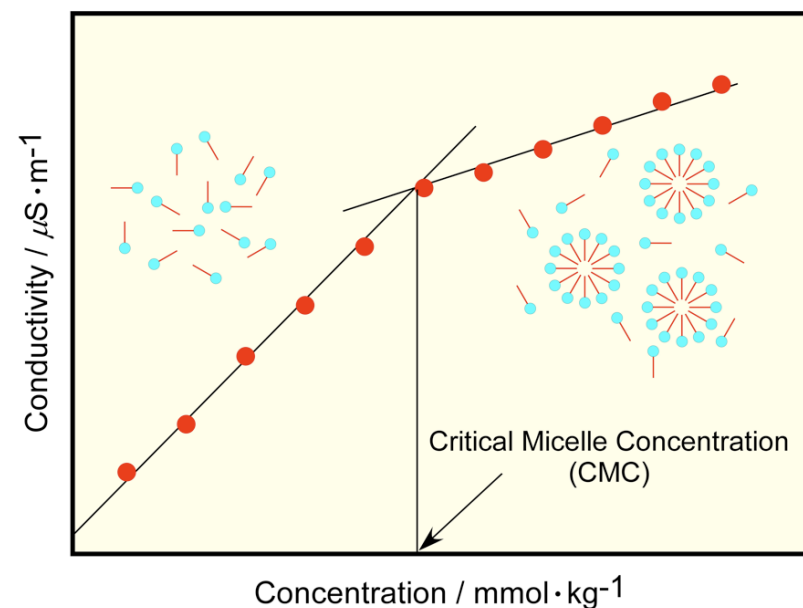
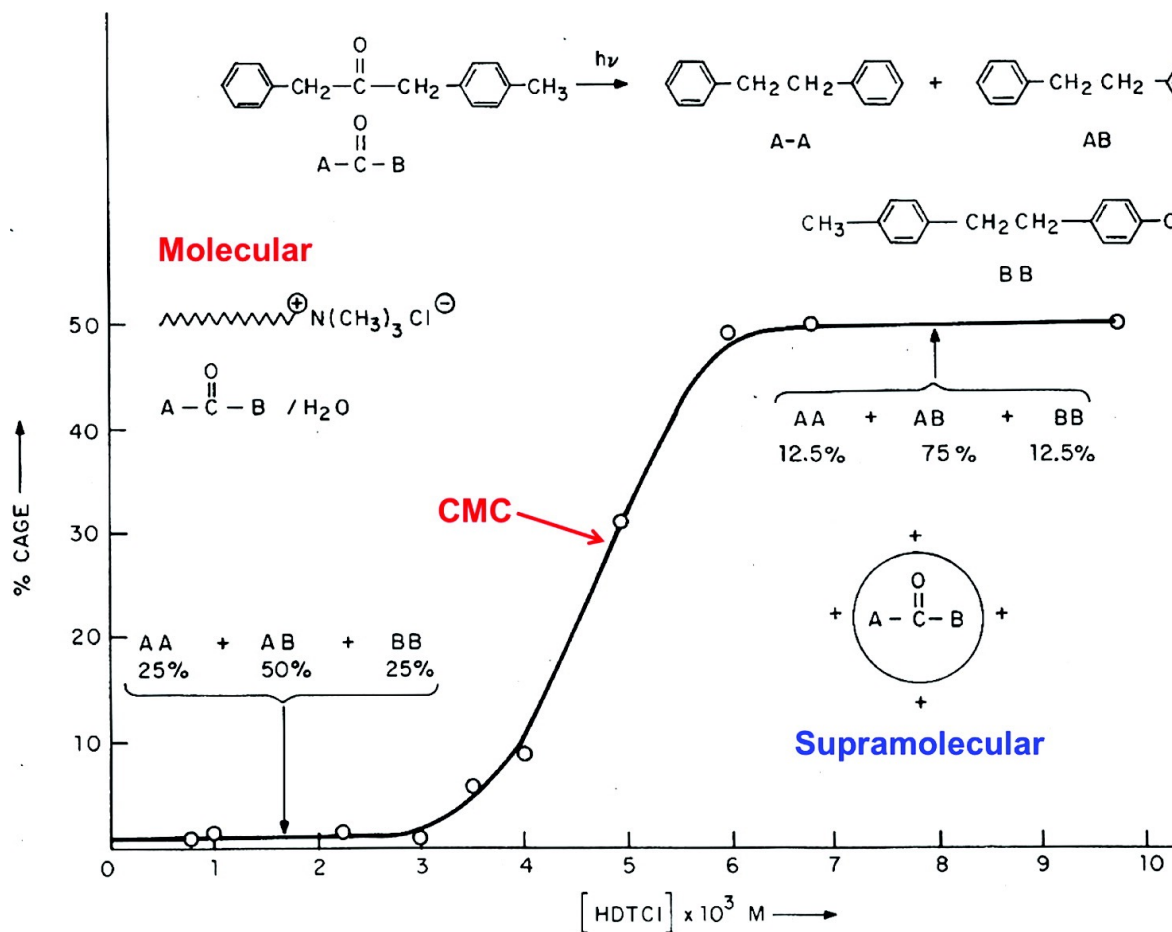


GC traces of product distributions upon irradiation in solution and in HDTCl micelle

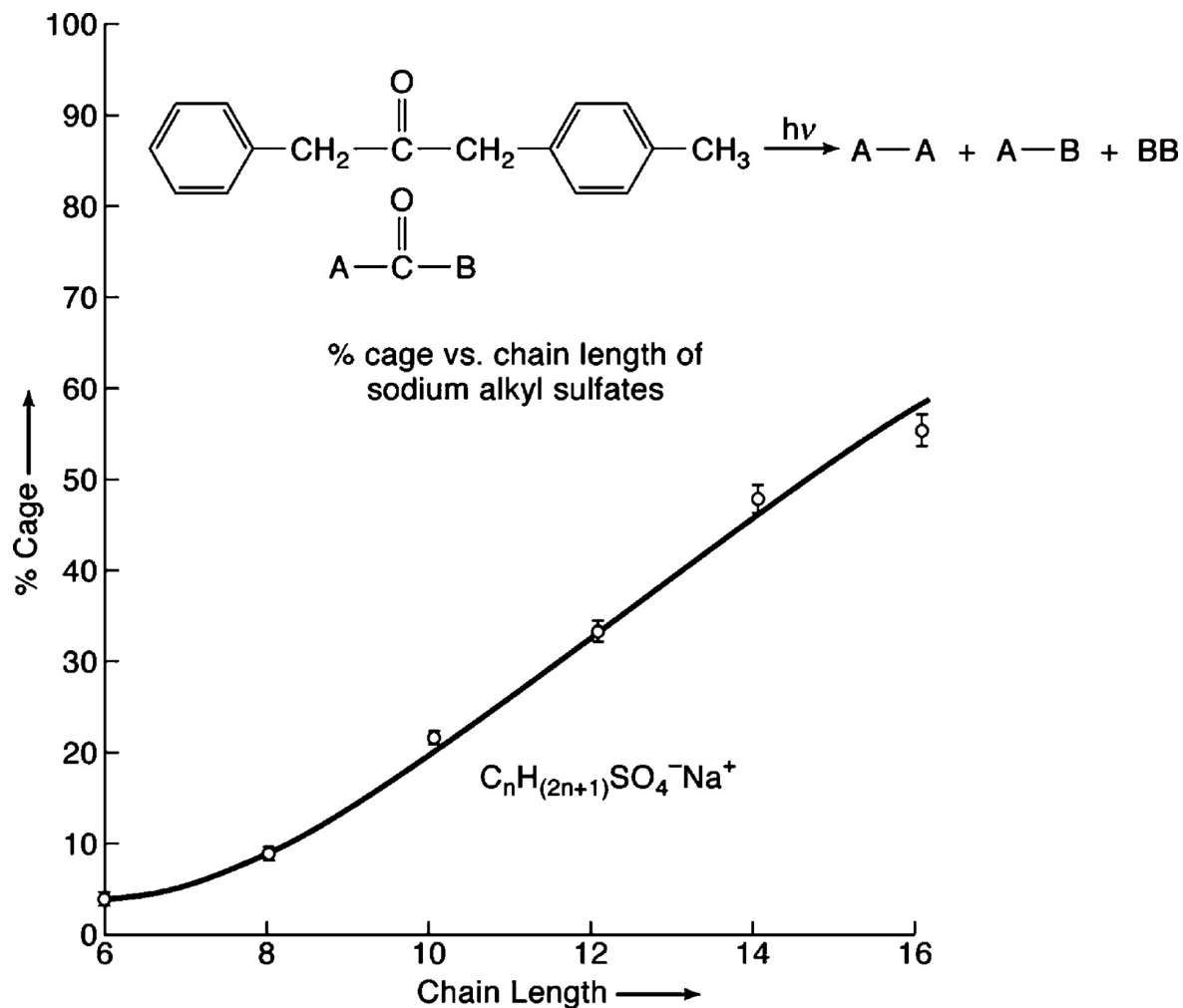


In micellar solutions the % cage depends on the surfactant concentration

Cage effect dramatically increases at a certain concentration of surfactant



In micellar solutions the % cage depends on the the cage size

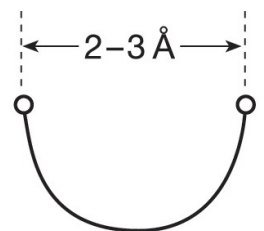
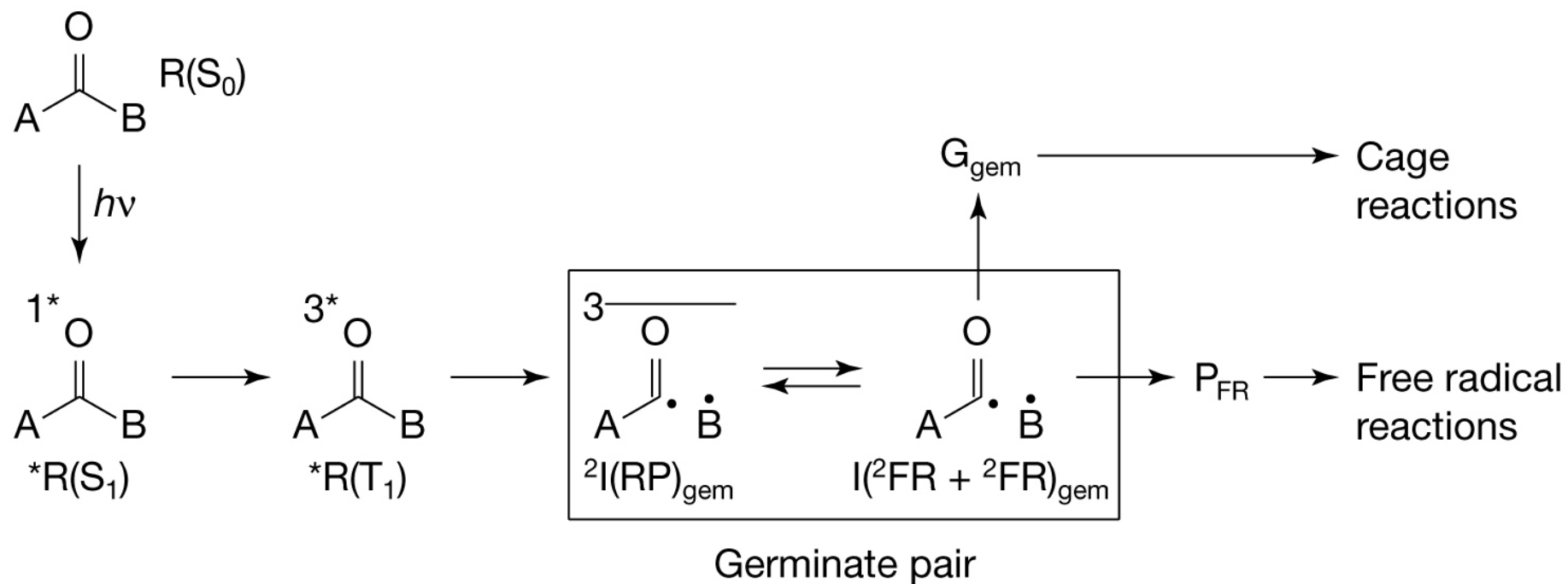


Sulfate surfactants
 $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{OSO}_3\text{Na}$

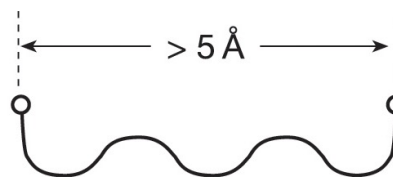
Reactive radicals escape from smaller cages more easily.

Bigger micelles, more hydrophobic cage, slower exit to water

Intersystem Crossing in Radical Pairs



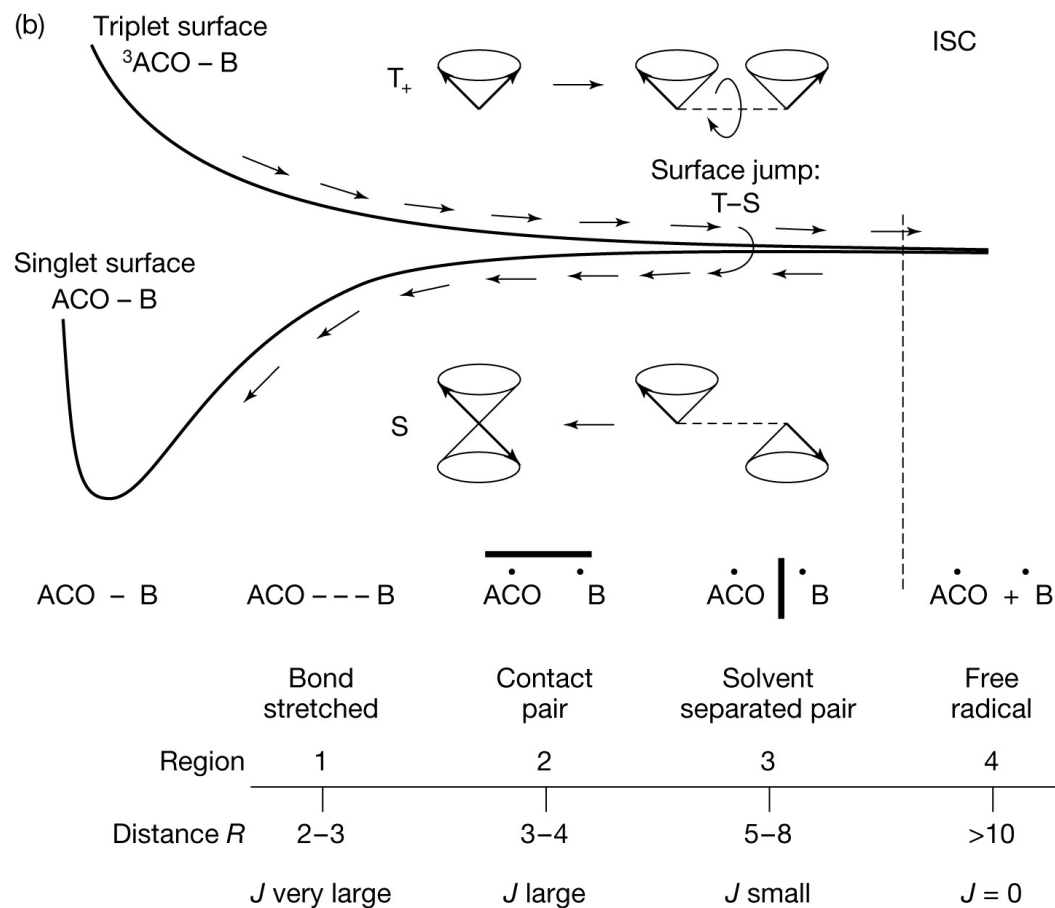
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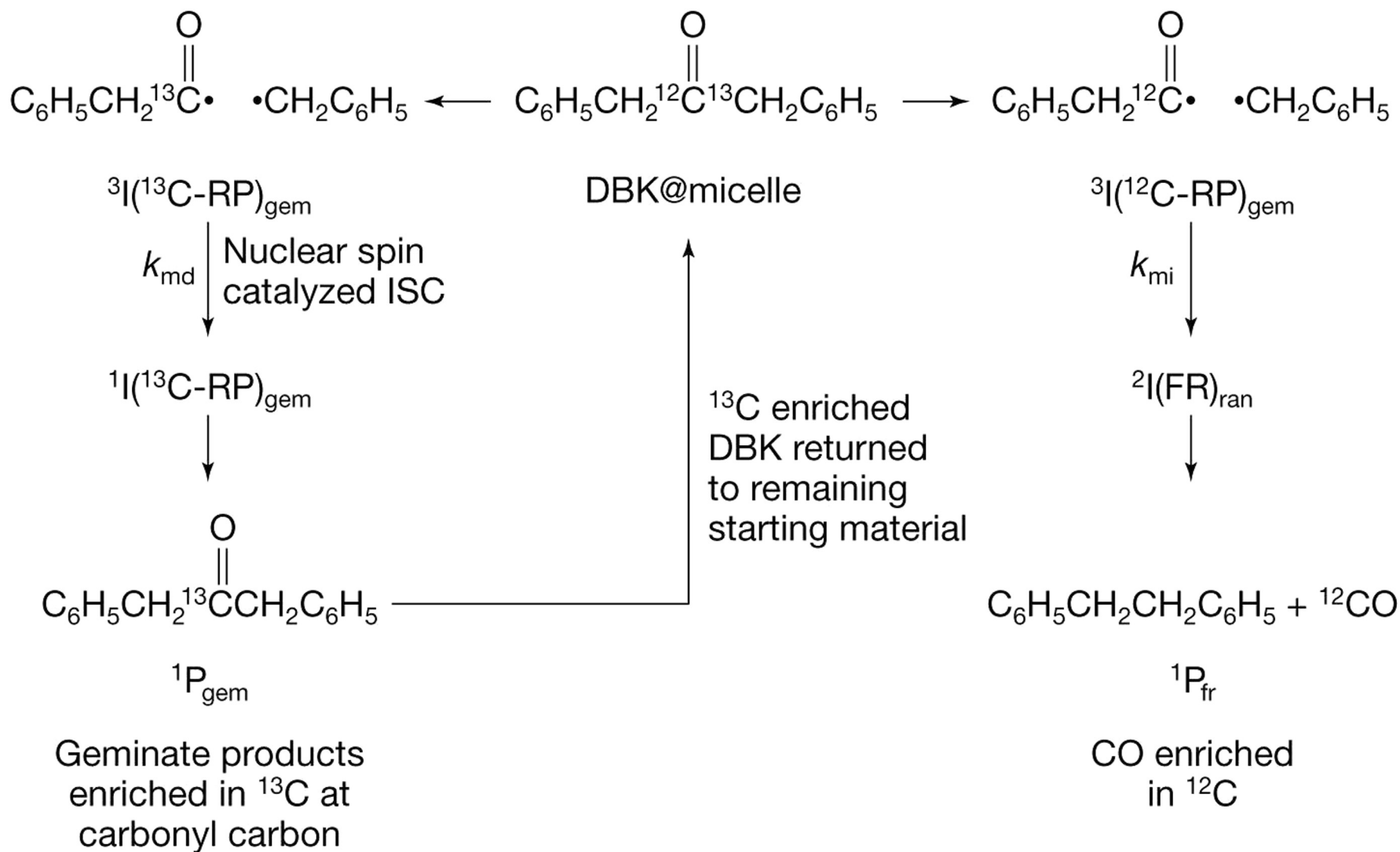
J small, ISC fast

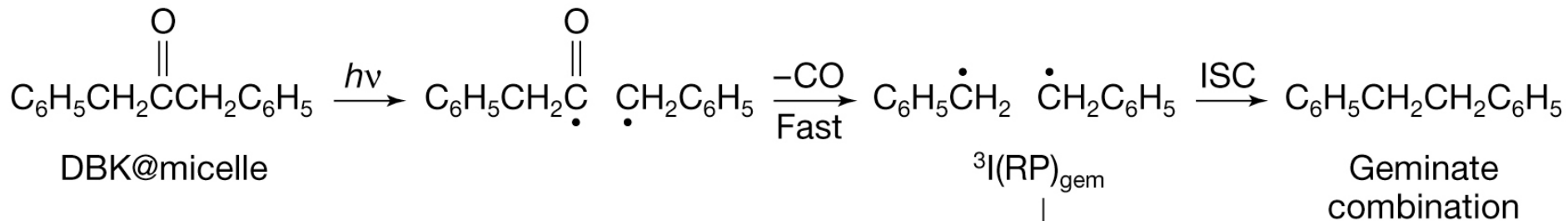
Spin Dynamics - pictorial view

The system, in its T_1 state, slides down along the T_1 surface energy. This correspond to an increased distance between the two nuclei: the bond breaking step occurs.

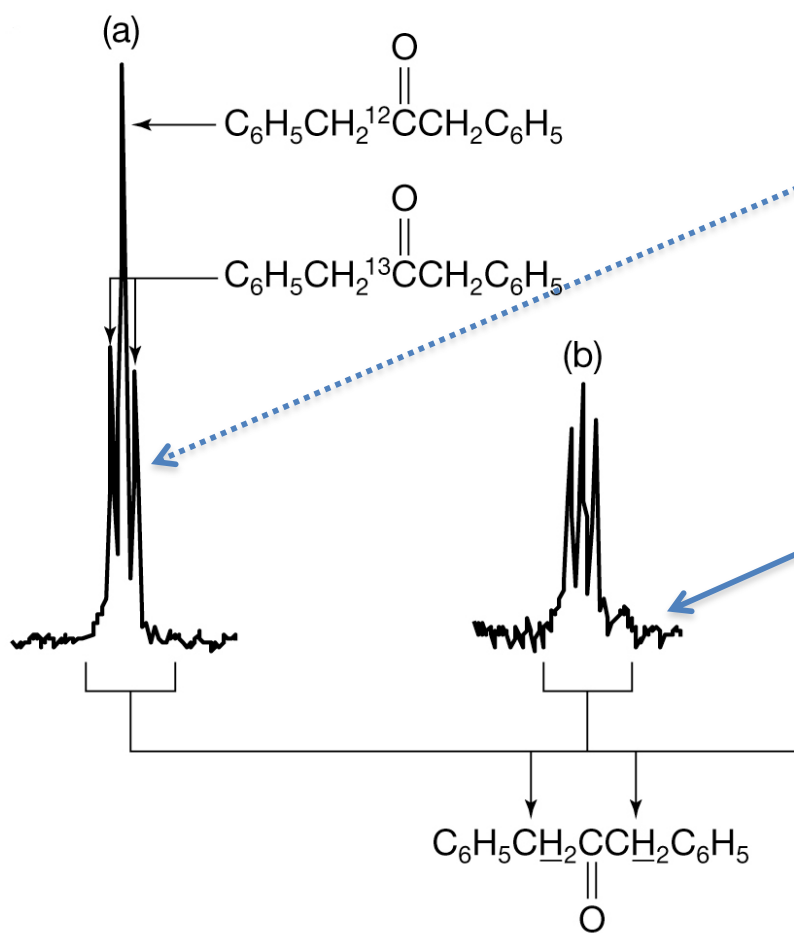


Cage effect and nuclear isotope effect





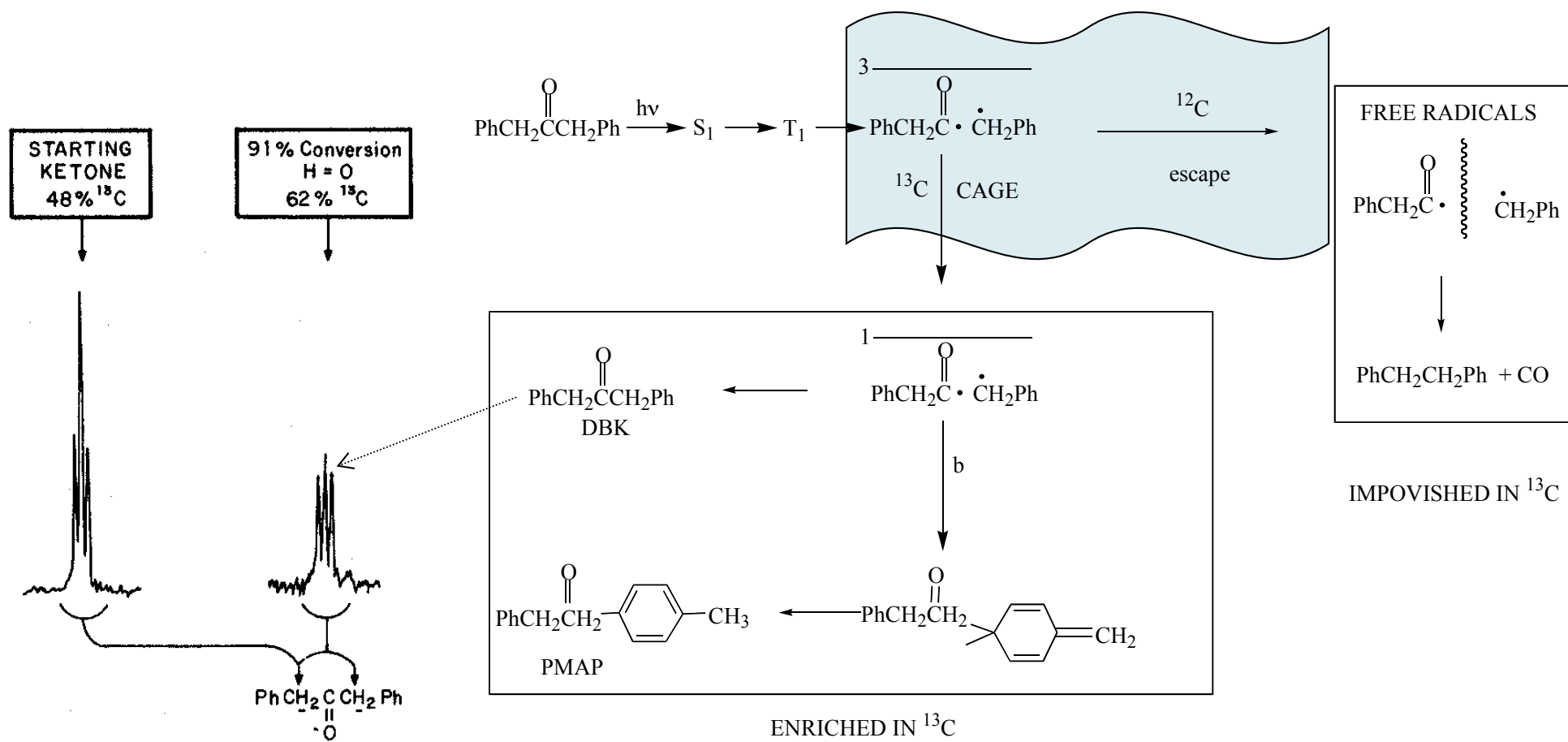
Scavenged free radicals



(a) Initial sample of $^{13}\text{C}=\text{O}$ enriched DBK

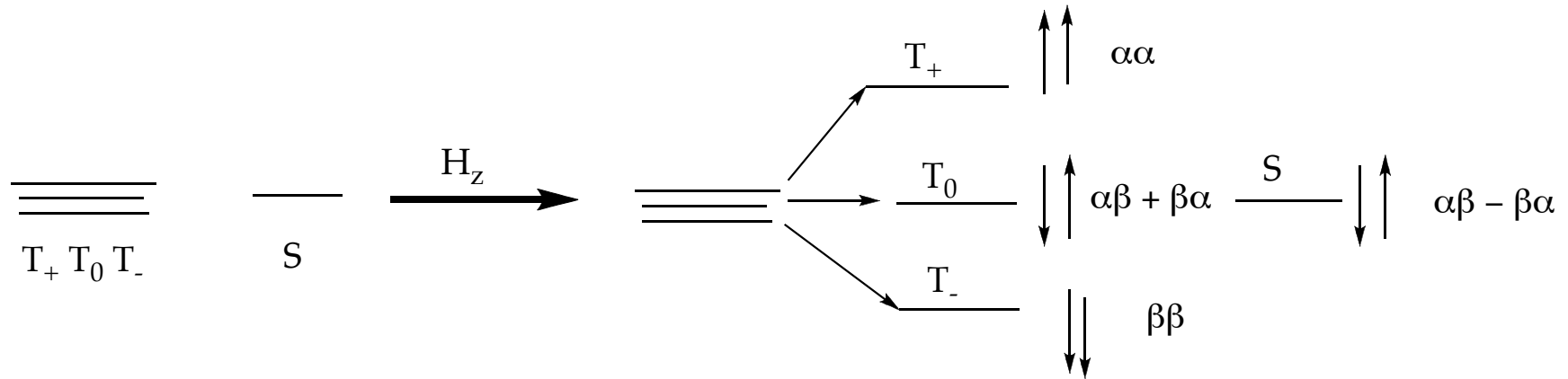
(b) The degree of $^{13}\text{C}=\text{O}$ in DBK increases with photolysis (90% conversion)

Cage effect can be utilized for isotope enrichment



The competition is between cage escape and hyperfine induced ISC

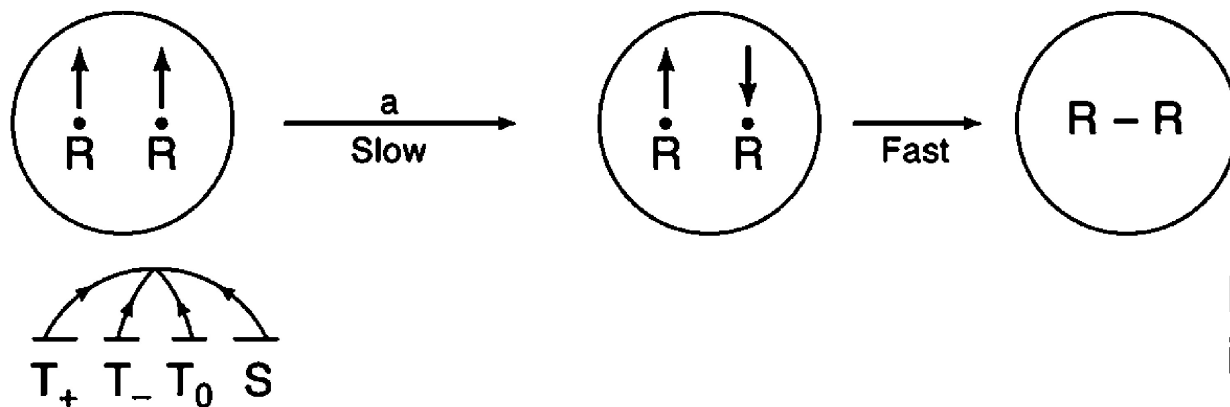
Effect of an applied magnetic field on the T splitting



T levels split apart, T_0 has the same energy as S

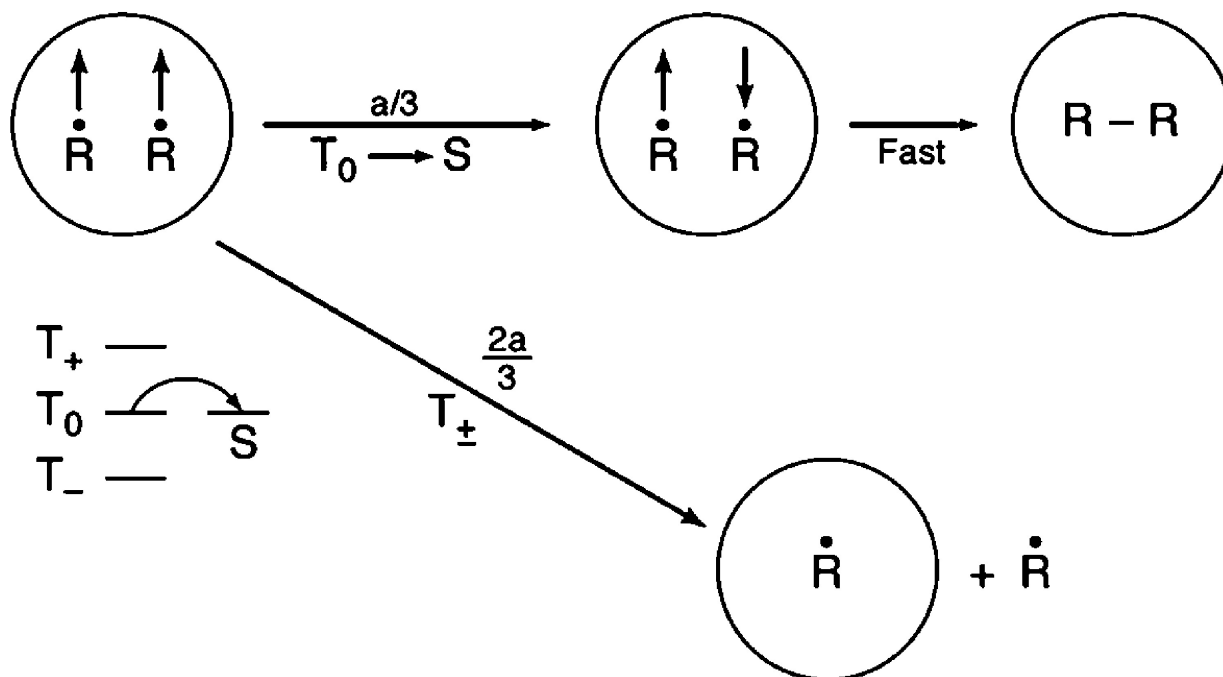
Only $T_0 \rightarrow S$ ISC allowed

When $H \sim 0$ (The earth's magnetic field)



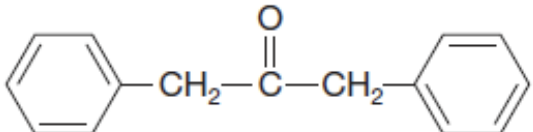
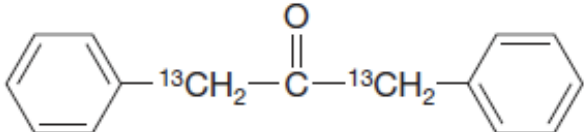
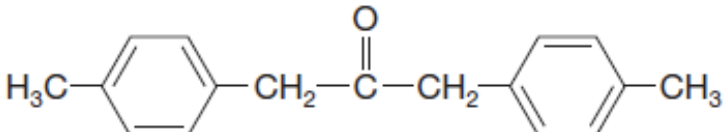
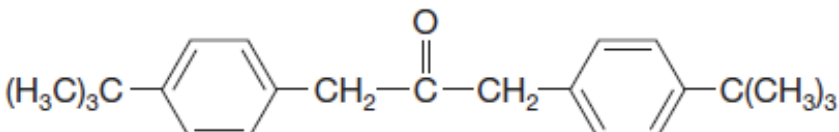
Nuclear isotope effect will increase cage reactions

When $H > a$



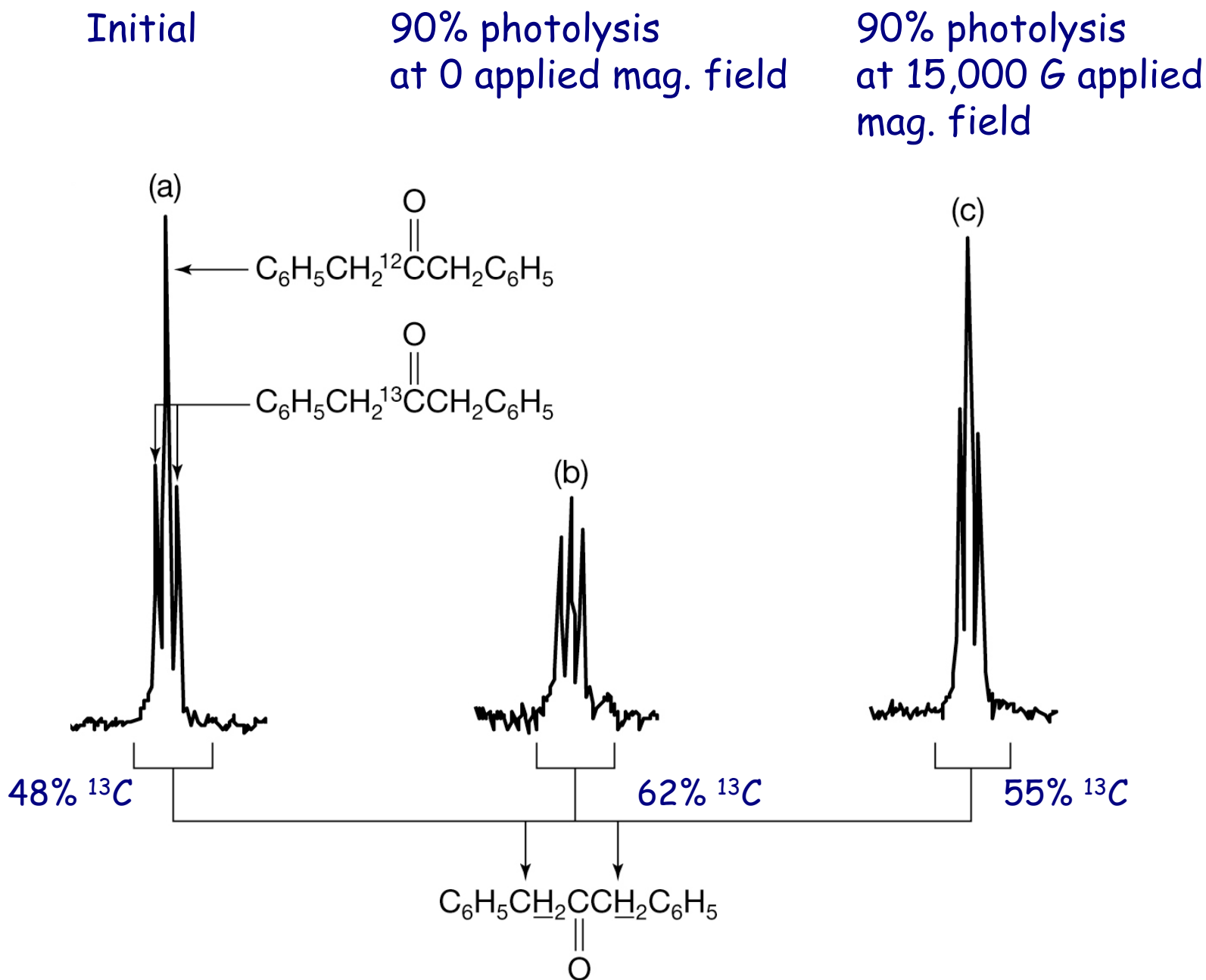
Magnetic field effect will decrease cage reactions

The effect of external magnetic field on the cage effect

Ketone	Cage Effect at 0 G	Cage Effect at 13,000 G
 DBK	31	16
 DBK-2,2'- ¹³ C	46	22
 4,4'-Di-MeDBK	59	31
 4,4'-Di- <i>t</i> -BuDBK	95	76

The cage effect decreases. More exit from host cage.

Isotope enrichment decreases in presence of applied magnetic field



Thank You

