B.Sc. Semester-VI GroupA / DSE-4 Organic Synthesis



III. Photochemistry

1. Jablonski Diagram, Allowed and Forbidden Transitions



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Questions need to be asked during the analysis of photochemical reaction

- 1. What are the products of the photo reaction
- 2. what are the electronic characters of the reactive state
- 3. what are the spin characters of the reactive state
- 4. what intermediates are involved in the reaction
- 5. what orbitals are involved and how do they react
- 6. what are the various chemical and physical processes and what are their rates with which a reaction of interest competes



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Relative energies of atomic and molecular orbitals



Relative energies of σ , π and n MOs



Absorption maxima for few molecules and functional groups

Molecule	Transition	λ_{\max} (nm)	E (Kcal/mol)
Iodobutane	n-σ*	224	127.7
Ethylene	ππ*	165	173.3
Ethyne	ππ*	173	165.3
Acetone	ππ*	150	190.7
	n-σ*	188	152.1
	n- π*	279	102.5
Butadiene	π – π *	217	131.8
Acrolein	π—π*	210	136.2
	n- π*	315	90.8
Functional group)		
RCH = CHR		165	173.3
		193	148.2
Alkyne		173	165.3
Ketones		188	152.1
		279	102.5
Aldehydes		290	98.6
Carboxylic acids		<205	<137.5



S₀: Ground state (spin paired, Pauli exclusion principle)

- S₁: Excited singlet state
- **T₁: Excited triplet state (spin inversion)**

T_1 is more stable than S_1 (parallel spin, lesser inter-electronic repulsion)

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Jablonski diagram

Instead of relaxation to the ground state with the emission of a photon, in photobleaching the fluorophore may interact with another molecule (i.e. oxygen) to produce irreversible covalent modifications.

Modes of Dissipation of Energy (Jablonski diagram)



F: Fluorescence (spin consevation); ISC: Inter system crossing

P: Phosphorescence (Spin inversion).



Thank You



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