# Personalities in Photochemistry

It is the people who make the science

### **Concept of Photon**



Newton (1643-1727)



Maxwell (1831-1879)



Max Planck (1918)



Albert Einstein (1921)



Niels Bohr (1922)



De Broglie (1929)

### The Basic Laws of Photochemistry

**Grotthuss-Draper law** 

The First Law of Photochemistry: <u>light</u> <u>must be absorbed for photochemistry</u> <u>to occur</u>.



Theodor v. Scotthufs

Grotthus



John William Draper (1811-1882) Drapper

**Stark-Einstein law** 

The Second Law of Photochemistry: for <u>each photon</u> of light absorbed by a chemical system, <u>only one molecule</u> is activated for a photochemical reaction.



Stark



Einstein

#### **Born - Oppenheimer Approximation**





Oppenheimer

- Electronic motion faster than nuclear vibration.
- Weak magnetic-electronic interactions separate spin motion from electronic and nuclear motion.

$$\Psi$$
 -  $\Psi_o$   $\chi$  S  
Electronic Nuclear Spin

Zeroth-order Approximation

#### Vibrational Part Limits the Electronic Transition

#### 5.8 The Franck-Condon Principle

Assumption: electronic transitions take place on such a short timescale that the nuclei remain frozen (*R* unchanged) during the transition.



Franck



We talk of "vertical transitions" between potential energy curves.

There is no selection rule governing the allowed vibrational changes accompanying an electronic transition.

Instead, the probability of undertaking a  $v'' \rightarrow v'$  transition is governed by Franck-Condon factors (the overlap of the two vibrational wavefunctions).



#### Condon



G.G. Stokes (1819-1903)

## Stokes shift

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 (in about 0.1 to 100 ps). This is called Stokes' shift.



#### Vavilov's rule

The quantum yield of fluorescence and the quantum yield of phosphorescence are independent of initial excitation energy.





S. Vavilov

### Kasha's rule

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.





Kasha

#### Ermolaev's rule

For large aromatic molecules the sum of the quantum yields of fluorescence and ISC is one i.e., rate of internal conversion is very slow with respect to the other two.

Table 4.2	Quantum	yields for	fluorescene	$e(S_1 -$	$\rightarrow S_0 + hv$	and	inters	ystem	crossing
$(S_1 \rightarrow T_1)$ for	· some aron	natic hydro	ocarbons in	ethano	l solution	(Data	from	Birks, J	I. B. (ed.)
(1975). Org	anic mole	cular phot	ophysics, I	'ol. 2,	Tables 2.	5 and	3.4. V	Viley,	London)

Compound	$oldsymbol{\phi}_{ ext{f}}$	$\phi_{ m ISC}$	$\phi_{\rm f} + \phi_{\rm ISC}$				
Benzene	0.04	0.15	0.19				
Naphthalene	0.80	0.21	1.01				
Fluorene	0.32	0.68	1.00				
Anthracene	0.72	0.32	1.02				
Tetracene	0.66	0.16	0.82				
Phenanthrene	0.85	0.13	0.98				
Pyrene	0.38	0.65	1.03				
Chrysene	0.85	0.17	1.03				



Valerii L. Ermolaev

## El Sayed's Rule



**El-Sayed** 

Intersystem crossing is likely to be very slow unless it involves a change of orbital configuration.

#### Jablonski Diagram





Alexander Jablonski (1898-1980)



F. Perrin



J. Perrin

## Triplet State (Phosphorescence)



S. Vavilov



A. Terenin



A. Perrin



A. Jablonski



G. N. Lewis



Kasha



Porter

## Excimers





Th. Förster



A. Weller





Dexter



## **Electron transfer**









W. Libby

R. Marcus

G. Closs

J. R. Miller

### Organic Photochemistry



George S. Hammond



Howard E. Zimmerman



Egbert Havinga



G. O. Schenck



P. de Mayo



Nien-chu C. Yang



O. Chapman

















## Supramolecular Photochemistry





G. M. J. Schmidt

P. de Mayo

N. J. Turro



Giacomo Ciamician 1857-1922



"On the arid lands there will spring up industrial colonies without smoke and without smokestacks, forests of glass tubes will extend over the plains, and glass buildings will rise everywhere; inside of these will take place the photochemical processes that hitherto have been the guarded secret of the plants, but have been mastered by human industry which will know how to make them bear even more abundant fruit than nature, for nature is not in a hurry and mankind is."

(Giacomo Ciamician Science 1912, 36, 385.)

## Photosynthesis and Solar Energy

#### The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1961



Joseph Priestley 1733–1804





M. Calvin 1911-1997

#### The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1988



J. Deisenhofer



R. Huber



H. Michel

#### The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1992



R. Marcus

#### Nobels in Photochemistry

#### Development of Flash Photolysis and Femtosecond Chemistry



Norrish



Porter



Zewail



### The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1967







Ragnar Granit

Haldan Keffer Hartline

George Wald

"for their discoveries concerning the primary physiological and chemical visual processes in the eye"





## The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1992





The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1983 was awarded to Henry Taube "for his work on the mechanisms of electron transfer reactions, especially in metal complexes".

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1992 was awarded to Rudolph A. Marcus "for his contributions to the theory of electron transfer reactions in chemical systems".

#### The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2008

"for the discovery and development of the green fluorescent protein, GFP"







Osamu Shimomura

Martin Chalfie

Roger Y. Tsien





### The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1995







Paul J. Crutzen

Mario J. Molina

F. Sherwood Rowland

"for their work in atmospheric chemistry, particularly concerning the formation and decomposition of ozone"



The Antarctic ozone hole is recorded at approximately 10.5 million square miles on September 19, 1998. This image shows when chlorine and bromine from humanproduced compounds started to contribute to large annual losses of ozone.