



## Manifestations of Light-Matter Interactions

- Reflection
- Refraction
- Scattering
- Absorption



# Why are most plants green?

Chlorophyll absorbs in the red and blue, and hence reflects in the green.





Colocasia Esculenta "Black Magic"

It would seem that leaves should be **black** in order to more efficiently absorb all of the sun's light spectrum.



### 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>.





John William Draper (1811-1: 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.



Grotthus



Einstein

**Third law of photochemistry Probability of light absorption is related to the energy gap** and wavelength of light. The energy conservation rule (Eq. 4.8): There must be an exact matching of the energy difference that corresponds to the energy required for the transition ( $\Delta E$ ) between orbitals and the energy of the photon (hv); that is,  $\Delta E$  must exactly equal hv (Eq. 4.8).  $R^* - \Psi_2$   $\Delta E = E_1 - E_2 = hv$   $v = (E_1 - E_2)/h$   $B - \Psi_1$ 













## Interaction Between Photon and Electron



















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Chromophore	λ <sub>max</sub> (nm)	8 <sub>max</sub>	Transition type
C-C	<180	1000	σ,σ*
C=C	180	10,000	π,π*
C=C-C=C	220	20,000	π,π*
C=C-C=C-C=C	260	40,000	π,π*
C=O	280	20	n,π*
C=C-C=O	350	30	n,π*
C=C-C=O	280	10,000	π,π*
Benzene	260	200	π,π*
Pyrene	350	510	π,π*
Anthracene	380	10,000	π,π*





















Radiative rate constant	$k_e^0 = 3 \times 1$	$10^{-9}\overline{v}_0^2\int \varepsilon d\overline{v}$	$\approx \overline{v}_0^2 f$				
	$1/\tau^{0} = k_{e}^{0}$	$\sim \varepsilon_{\rm max} \Delta v^2 \sim 1$	$0^4 \varepsilon_{\text{max}}$				
Experimer	Experimental and Calculated Radiative Lifetimes for Singlet- Singlet Transitions						
Compo	und	$\tau^{0} (x \ 10^{9})$	τ (x 10 <sup>9</sup> )				
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	Rhodamine B		6.0				
Acetone	Acetone		1,000				
Perfluoroace	tone	10,000	5,000				
Benzene		140	600				





























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(Adapted from Greenspan and Fischer <sup>208</sup> )		
Solvent	Approximate viscosit in poise at - 180°C	
1-Propanol/2-propanol (2:3)	6 × 10 <sup>12</sup>	
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)	$9 \times 10^{3}$	



























































































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