

Focus 17: Chemical Kinetics

The rates of chemical reactions

Integrated rate laws

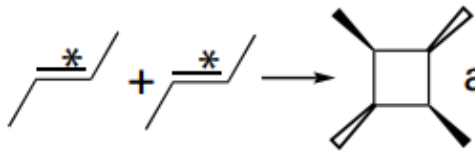
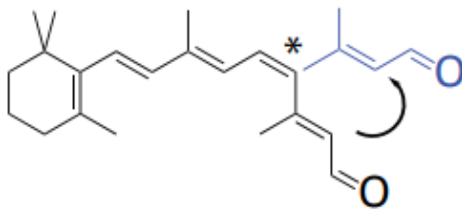
Reactions approaching equilibrium

The Arrhenius equation

Reaction mechanisms

Photochemistry

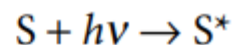
Photochemical processes

Process	General form	Example
Ionization	$A^* \rightarrow A^+ + e^-$	$NO^* \rightarrow NO^+ + e^-$
Electron transfer	$A^* + B \rightarrow A^+ + B^-$ or $A^- + B^+$	$Ru(bpy)_3^{2+*} + Fe^{3+} \rightarrow Ru(bpy)_3^{3+} + Fe^{2+}$
Dissociation	$A^* \rightarrow B + C$	$O_3^* \rightarrow O_2 + O$
	$A^* + B-C \rightarrow A + B + C$	$Hg^* + CH_4 \rightarrow Hg + CH_3 + H$
Addition	$A^* + A^* \rightarrow B$	 and isomers
	$A^* + B \rightarrow AB$	$Hg^* + H_2 \rightarrow HgH + H$
Abstraction	$A^* + B-C \rightarrow A-B + C$	$Hg^* + CH_3-H \rightarrow Hg-CH_3 + H$
Isomerization or rearrangement	$A^* \rightarrow A'$	

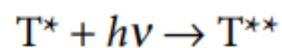
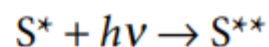
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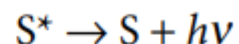
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Excited-state absorption



Fluorescence



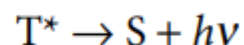
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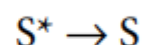
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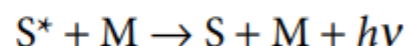
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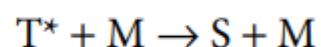
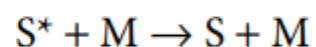
Internal conversion (IC)



Collision-induced emission

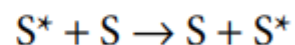


Collisional deactivation

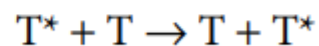


Electronic energy transfer:

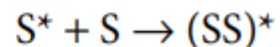
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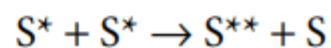


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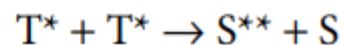


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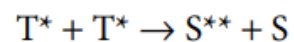
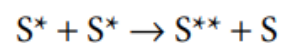
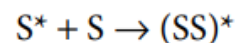
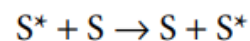
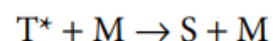
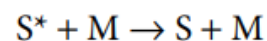
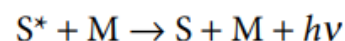
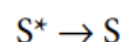
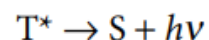
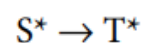
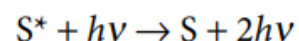
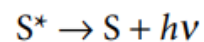
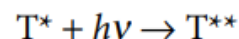
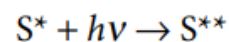
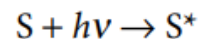
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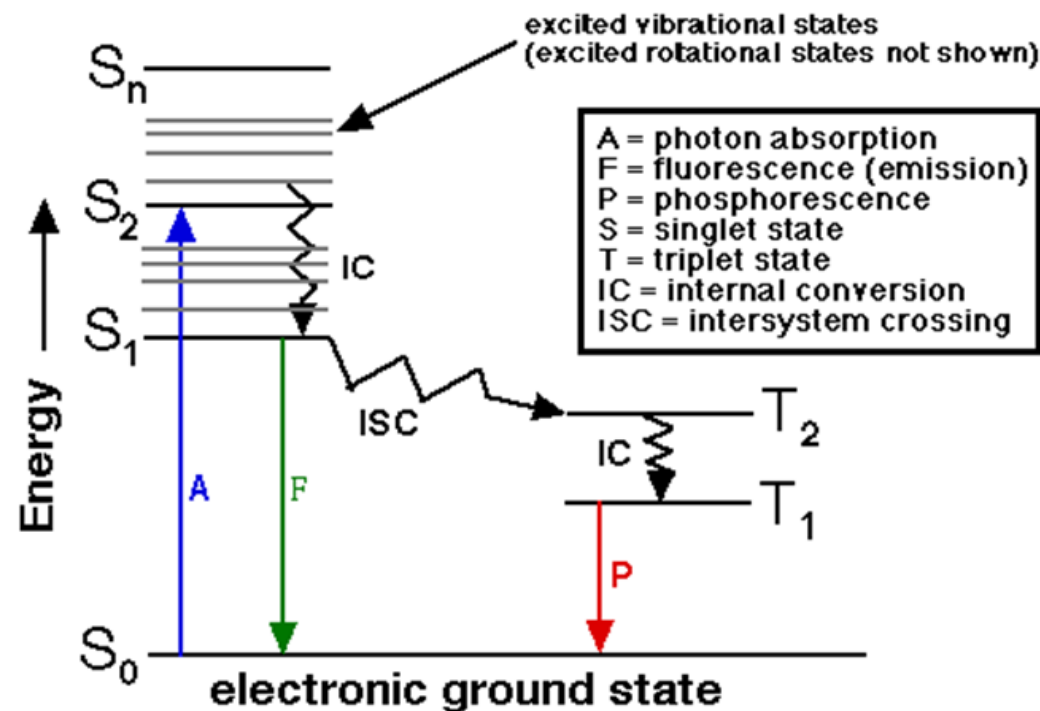
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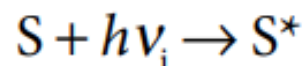
$$\sum_i \phi_i = \sum_i \frac{\nu_i}{I_{\text{abs}}} = \frac{1}{I_{\text{abs}}} \sum_i \nu_i = 1$$

The sum of all primary quantum yields for all events must be equal to 1

Mechanism of decay of excited singlet states

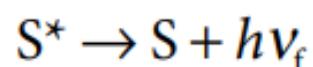
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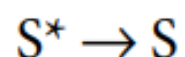
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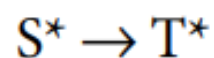
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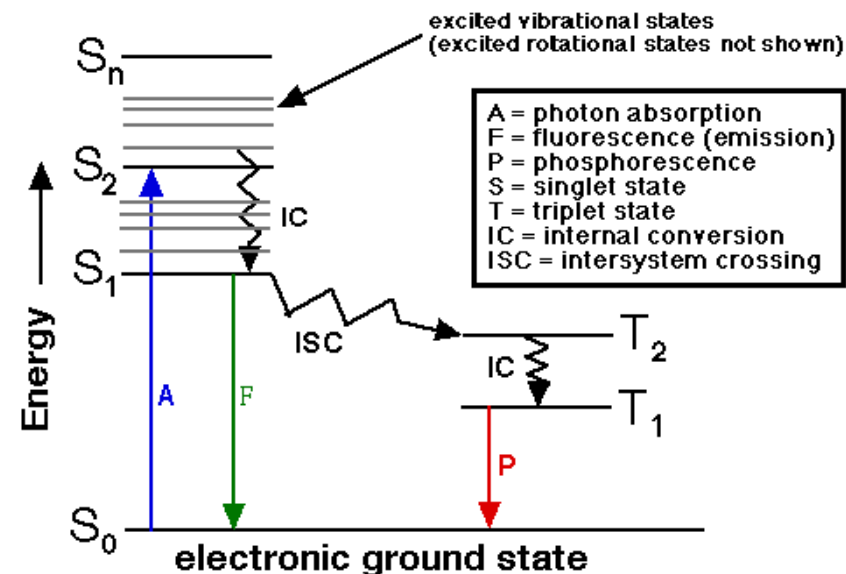


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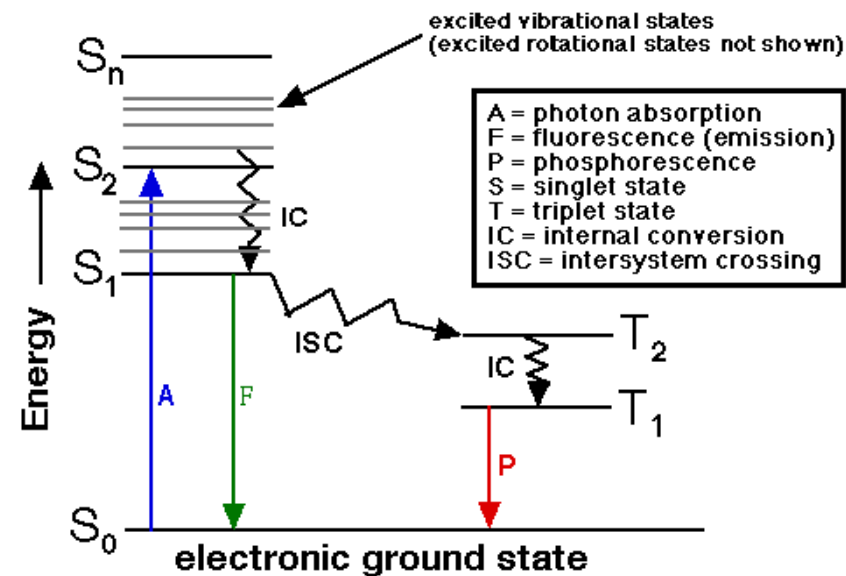


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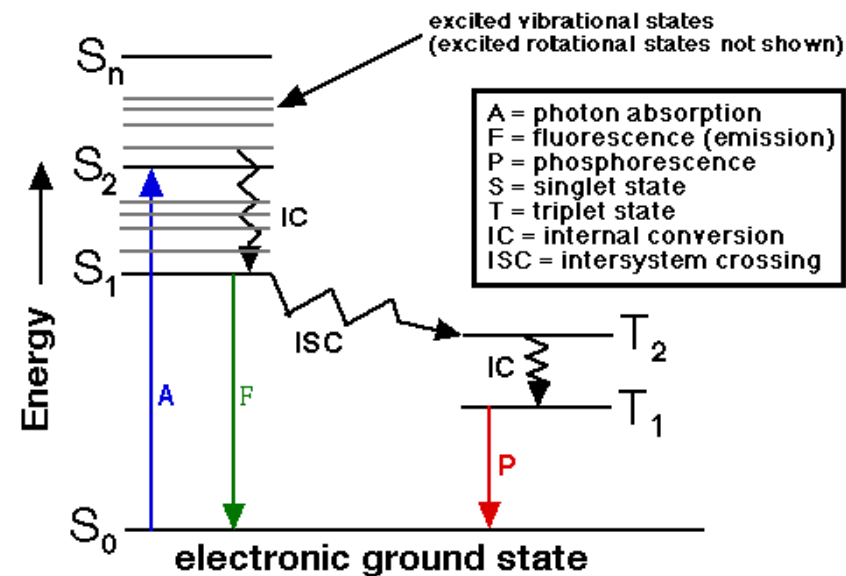
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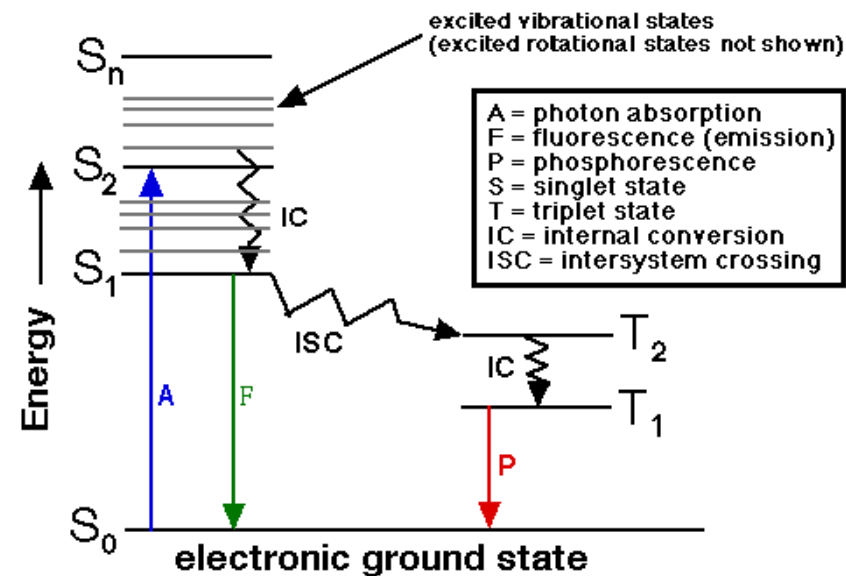
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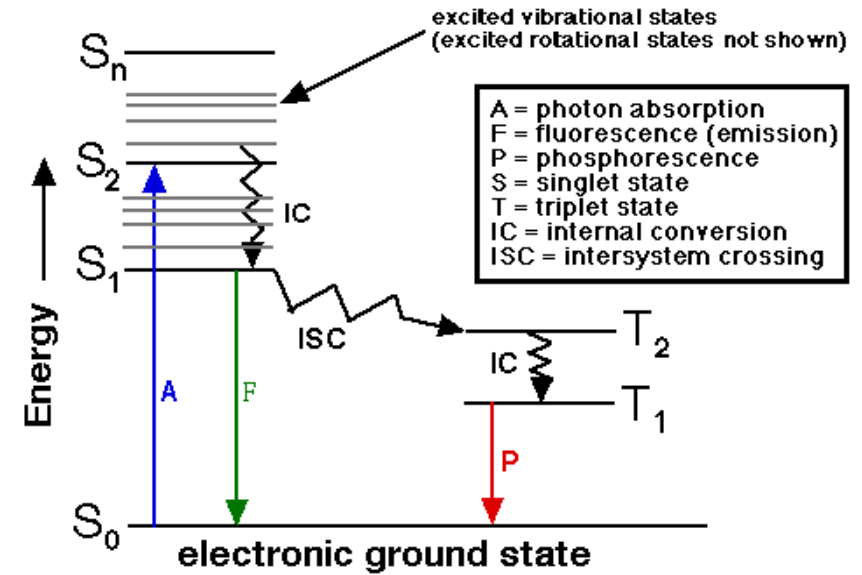
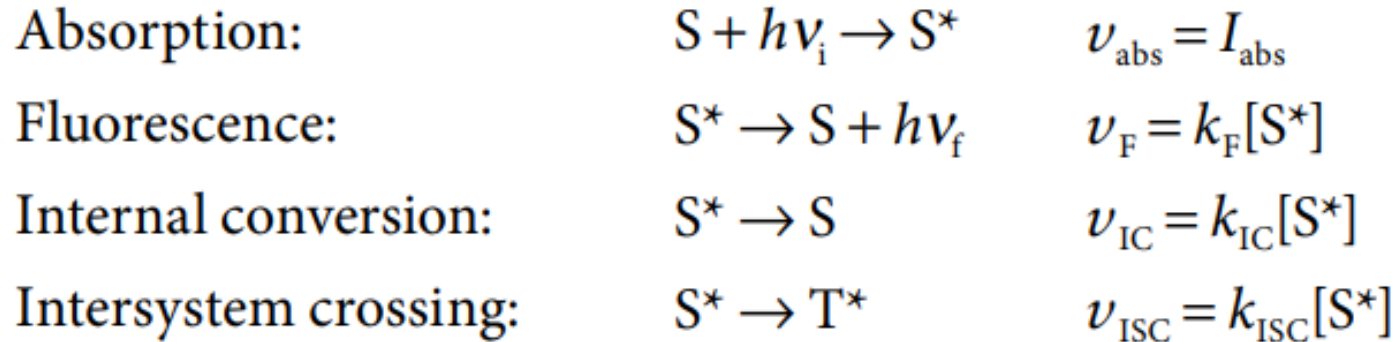


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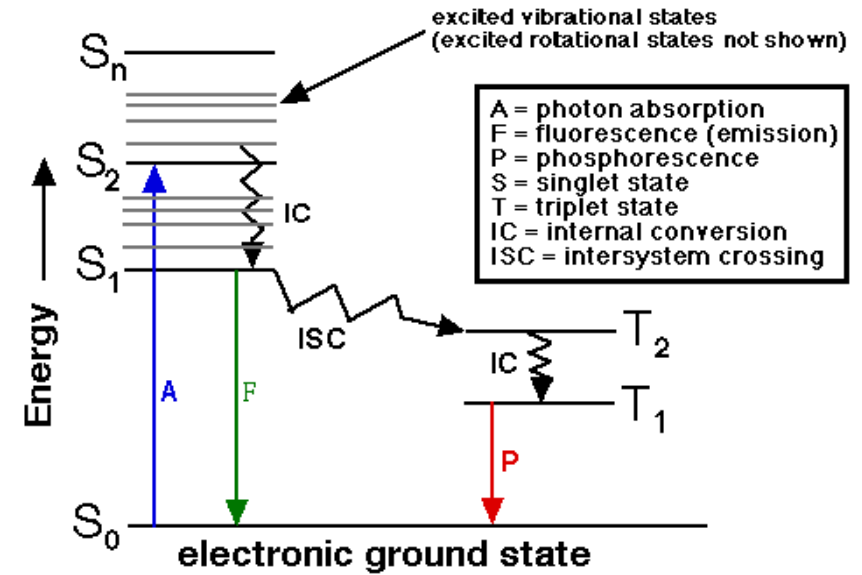
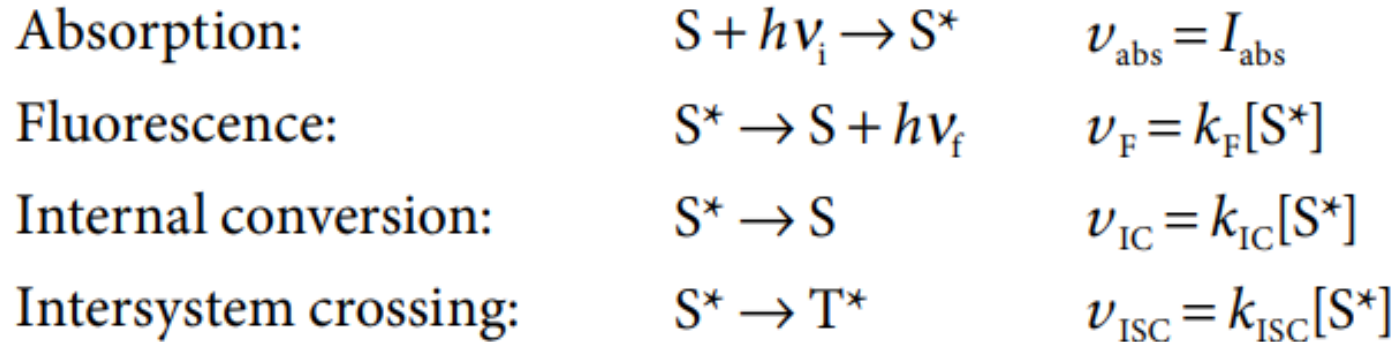
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First-order	Average survival time of molecules ($\tau = 1/k$)
Zero-order	τ linked to half-depletion ($[A]_0/2k$)
Second-order	Lifetime depends on $[A]_0$

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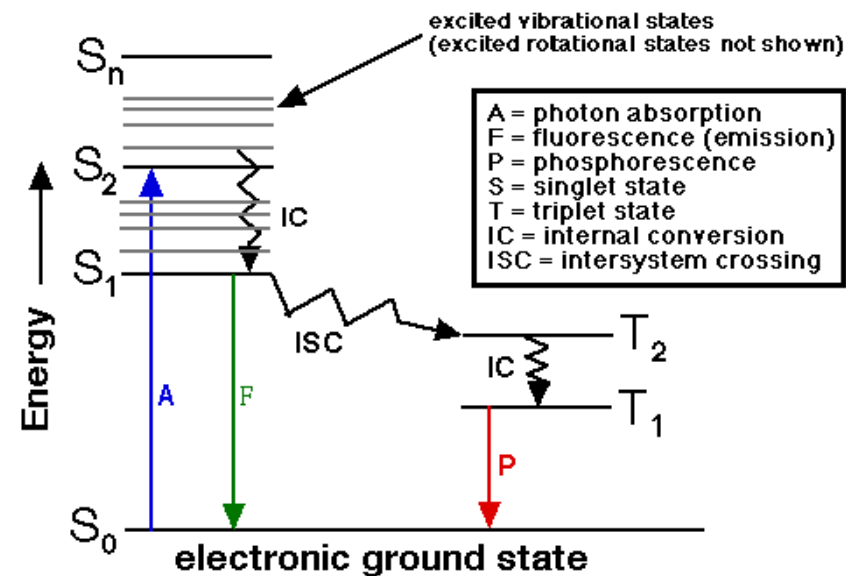
first-order exponential decay has a direct relationship between the decay rate and the lifetime

$$\tau_0 = \frac{1}{k_{\text{total}}} \quad \text{or} \quad k_{\text{total}} = \frac{1}{\tau_0}$$

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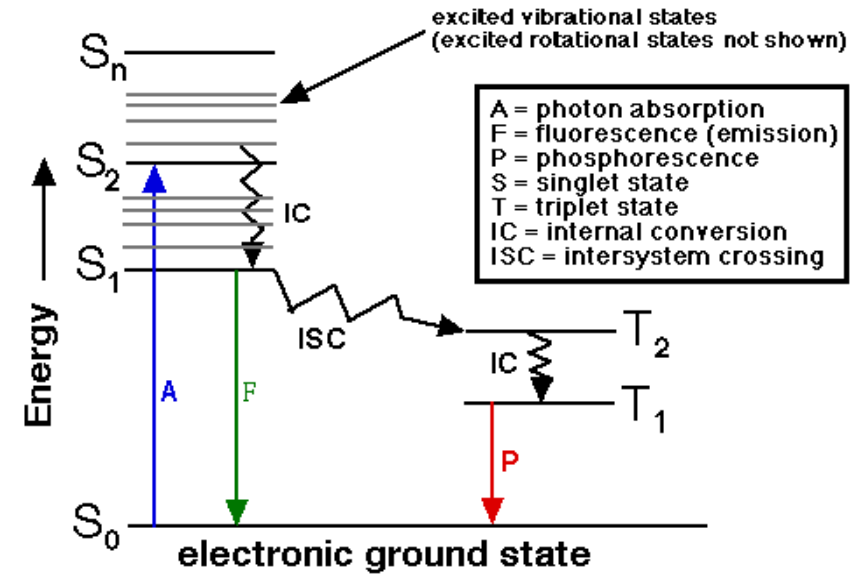
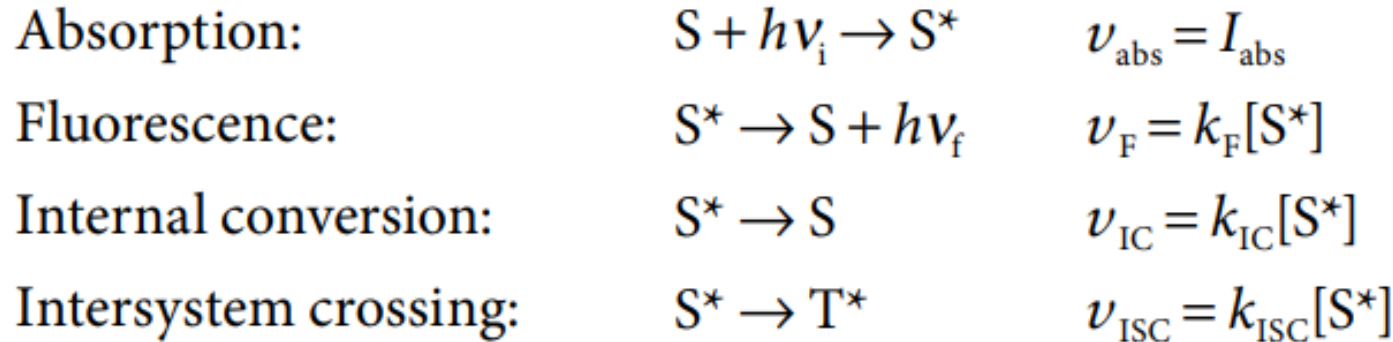
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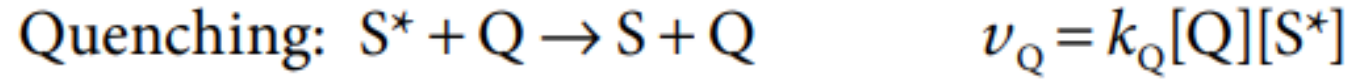


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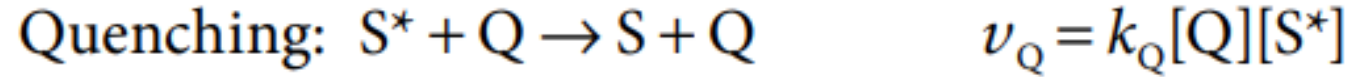
Quenching

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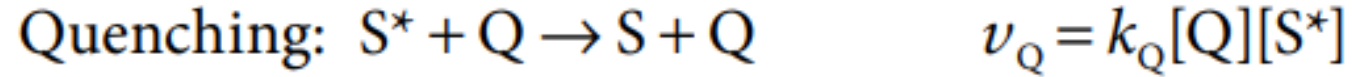


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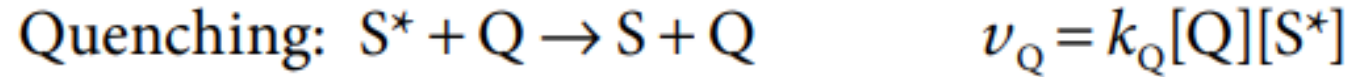
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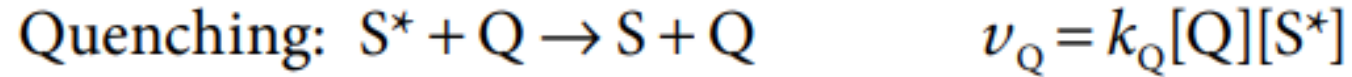
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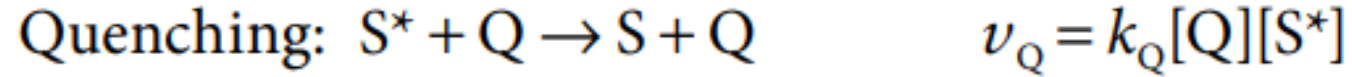
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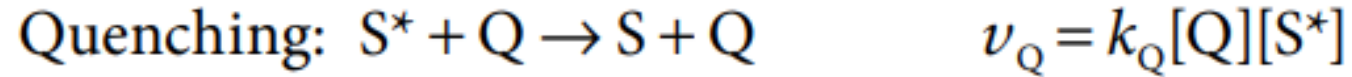
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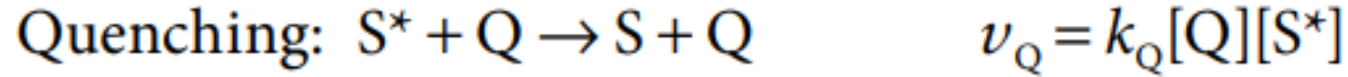
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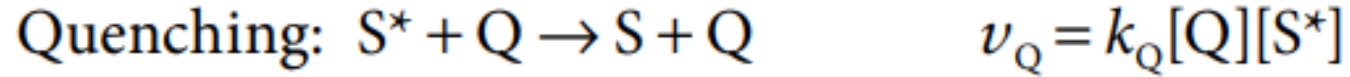
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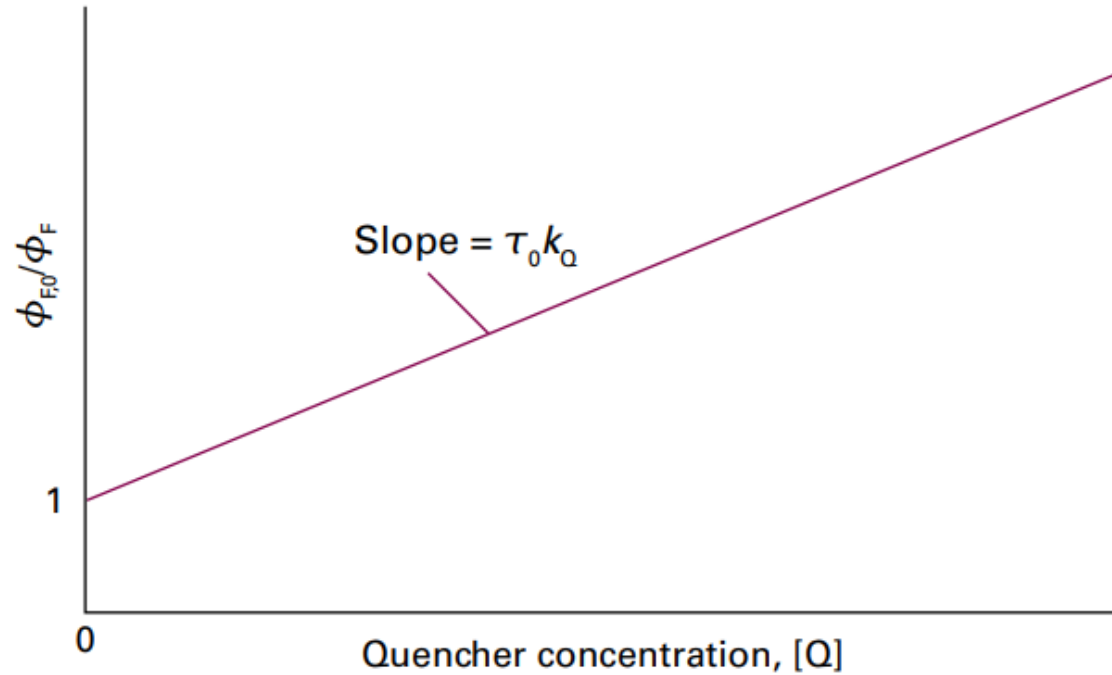
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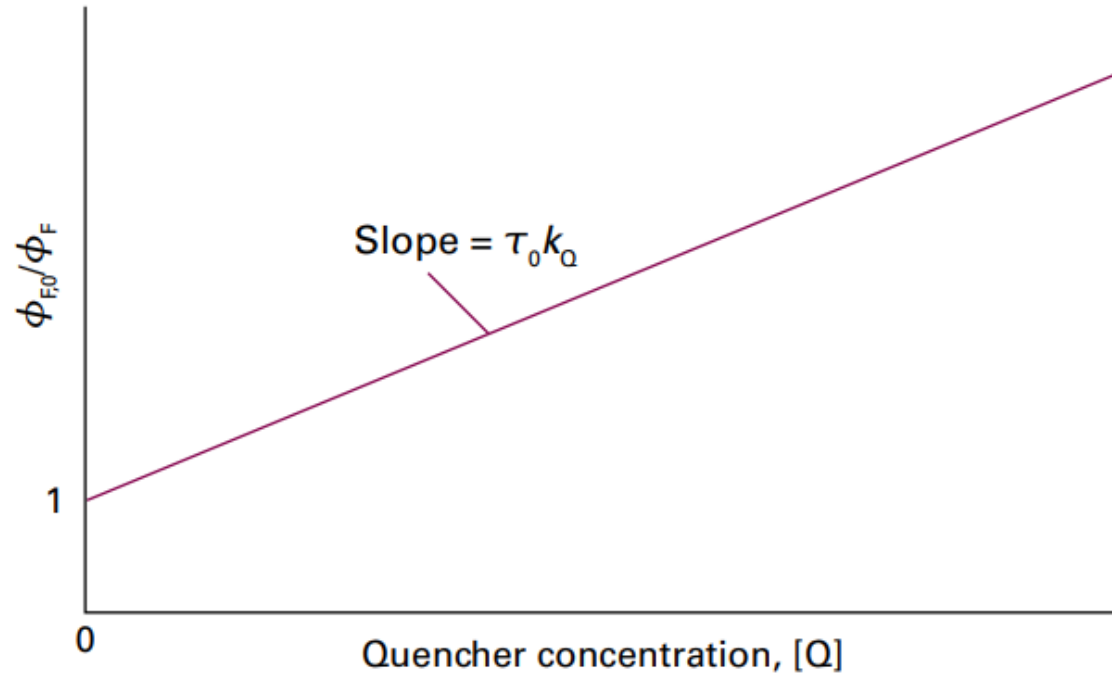
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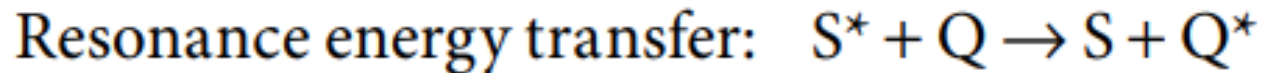
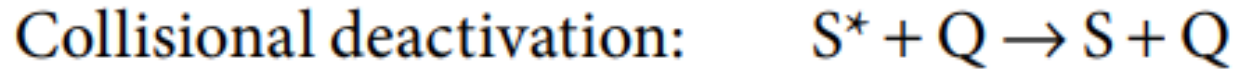
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Focus 18: Reaction Dynamics

Collision theory

Diffusion-controlled reactions

Transition-state theory

The dynamics of molecular collisions

Electron transfer in homogeneous systems

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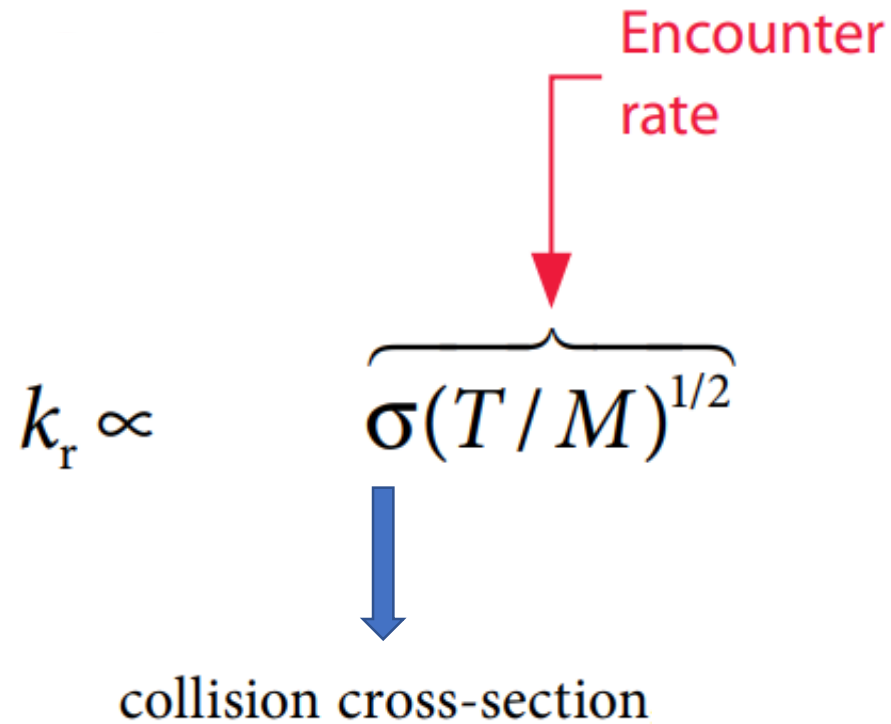


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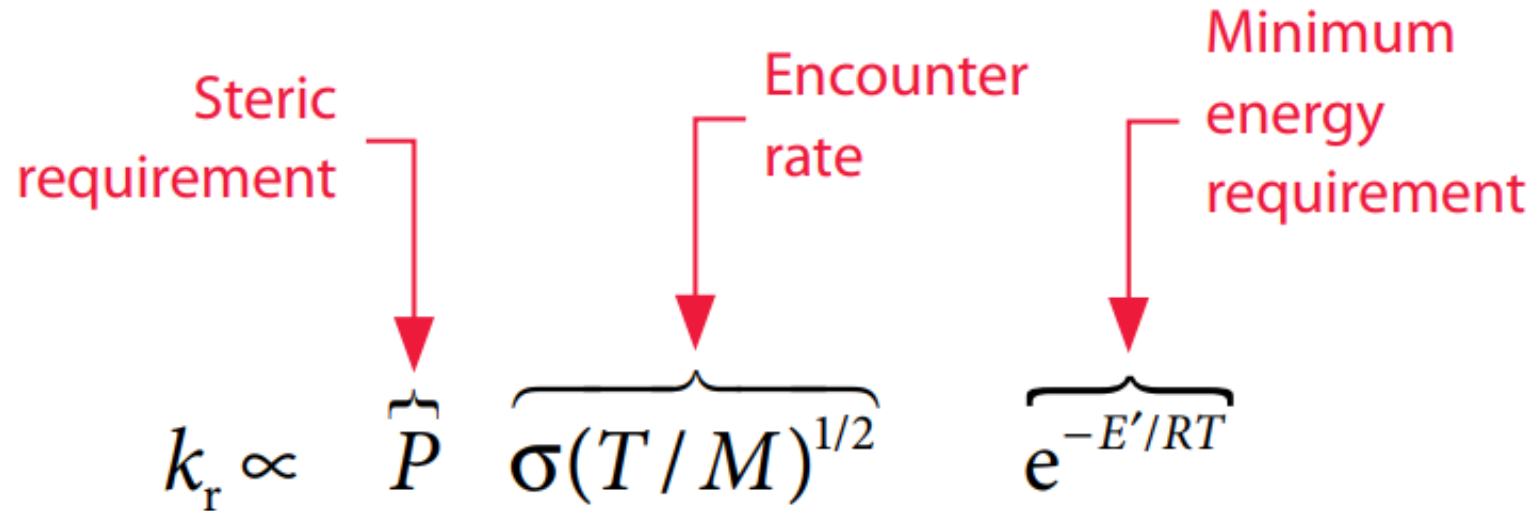
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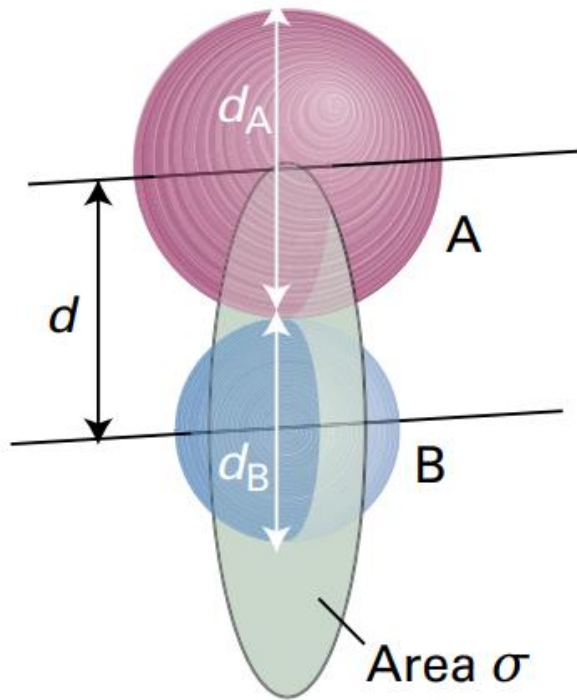
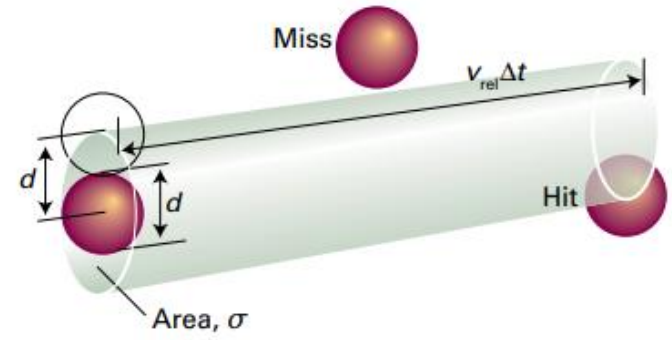
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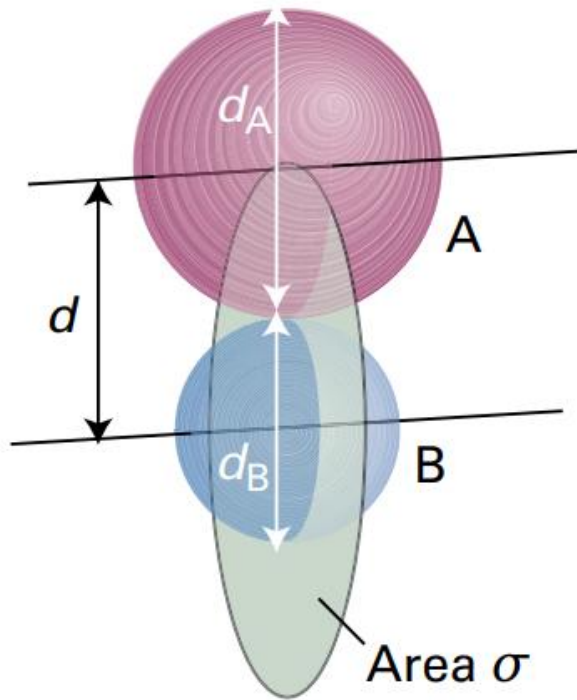
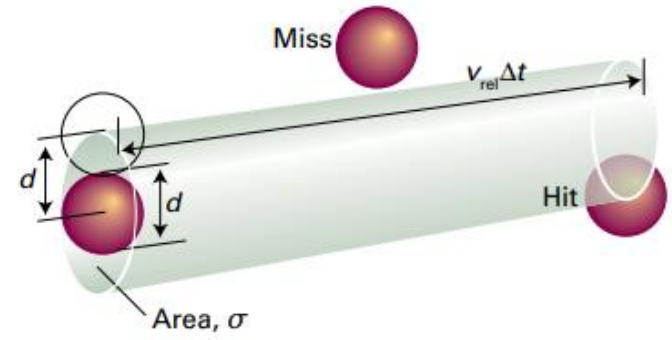


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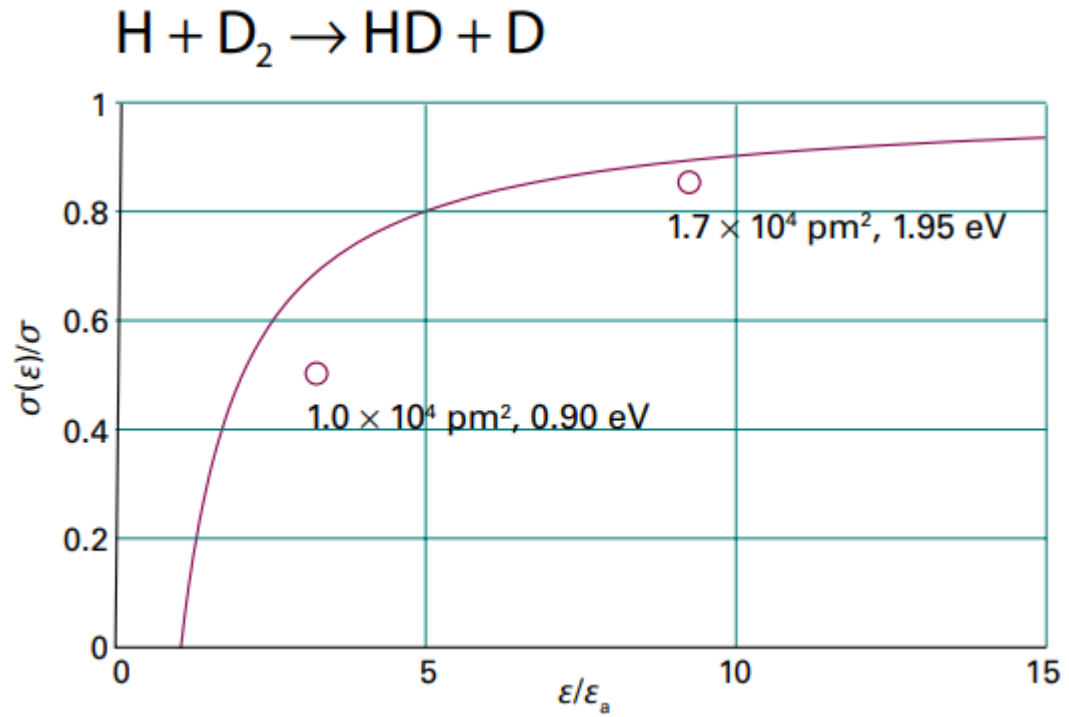
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[identical molecules]

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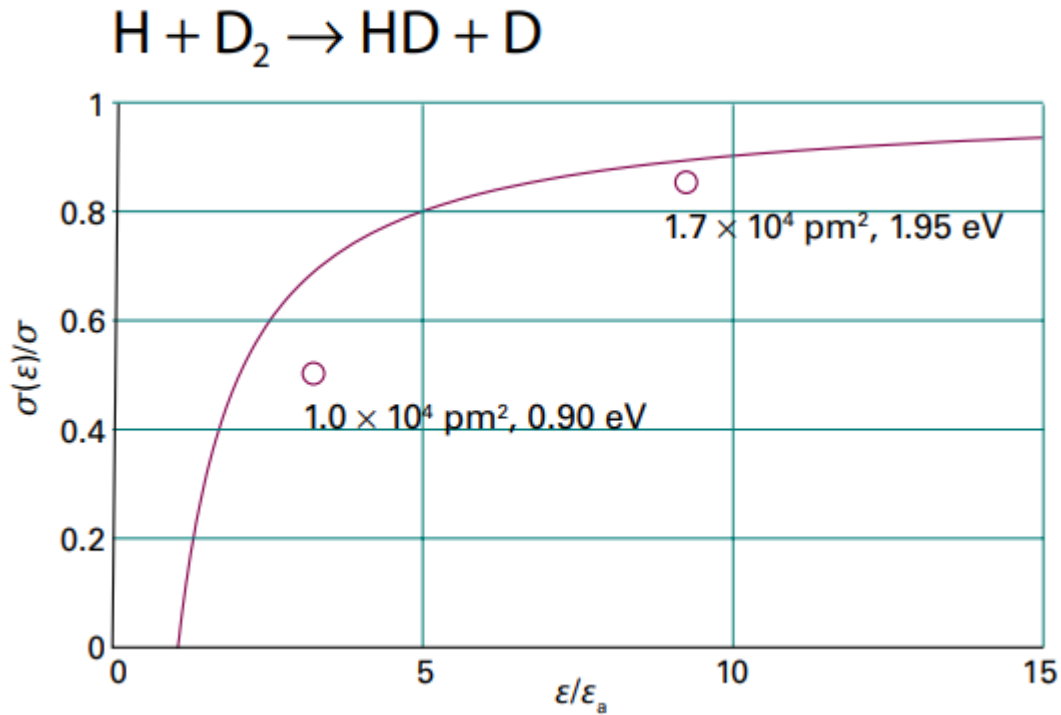
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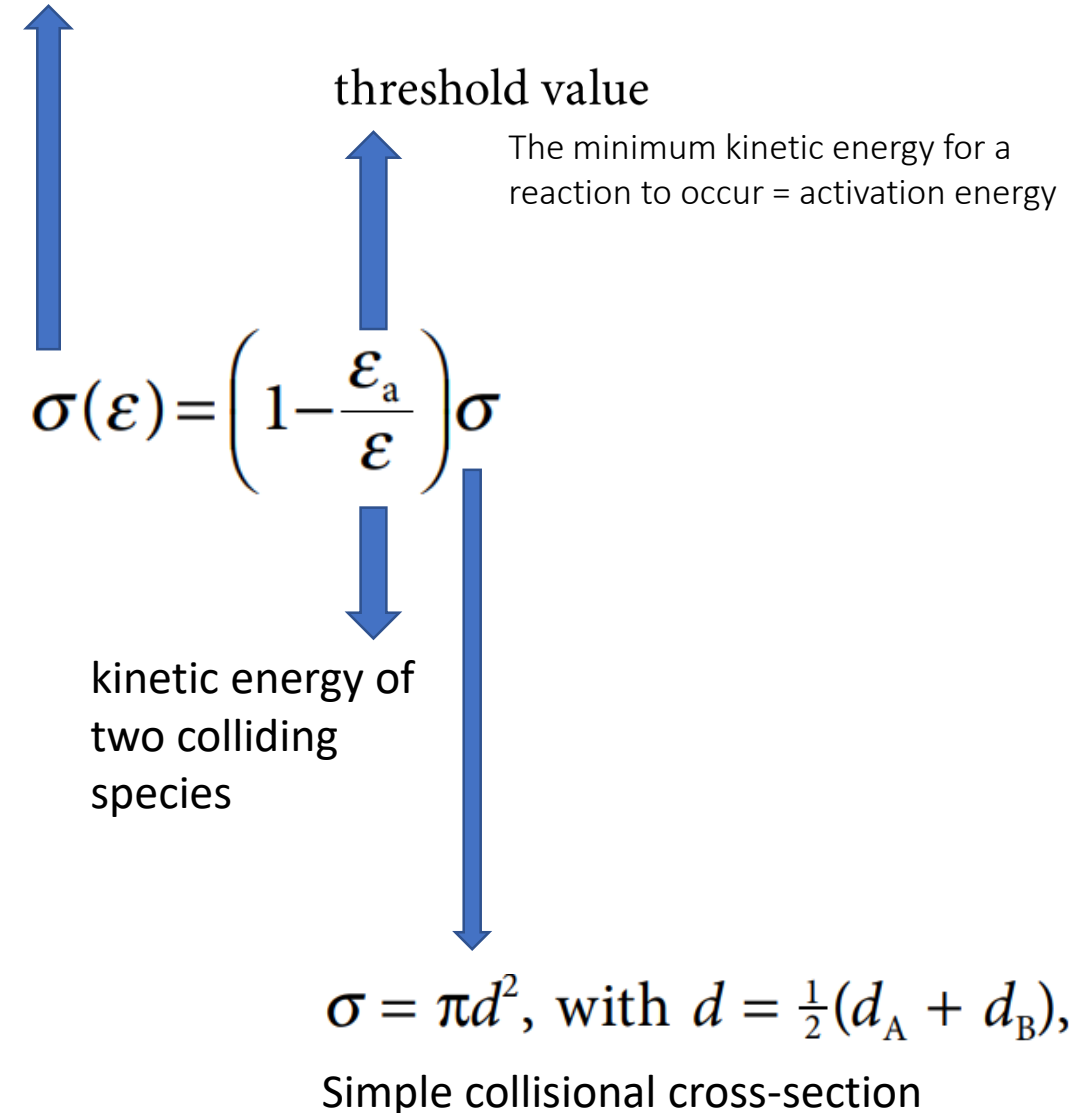
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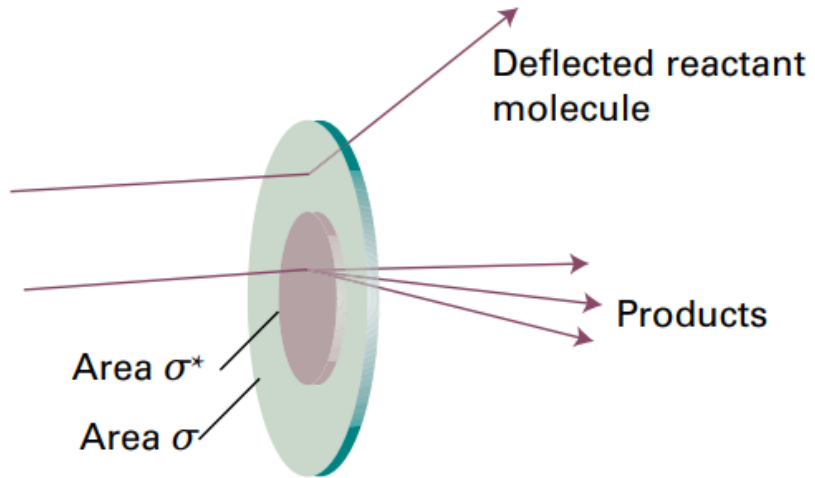
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energy-dependent collision cross-section



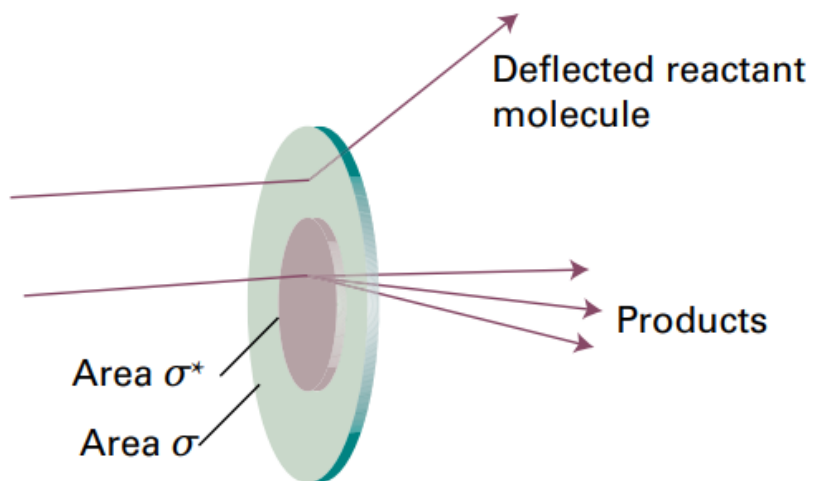
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