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TOPIC - Jablonski diagram

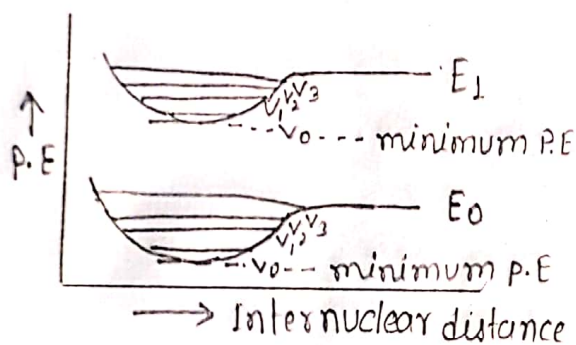
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Q Give Salient features of Jablonski diagram with special reference to inter system crossing.

Ans Absorption of UV-VIS radiation induces electronic excitation or transition. This is shown by the P.E curve -



E_0 = ground electronic level

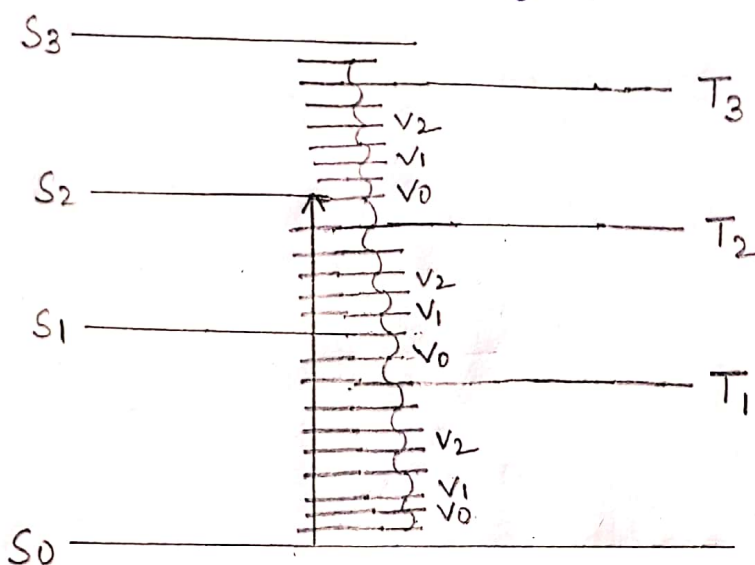
E_1 = excited electronic level

v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots = Vibrational energy levels.

The minimum in P.E of E_1 occurs at large inter-nuclear distance than in the E_0 . At the ground levels, majority of molecules reside at v_0 . During $E_0 \rightarrow E_1$ excitation, the position of nuclei remains the same and electron will still be v_0 at E_0 & E_1 levels.

Jablonski diagram shows excited states of molecules shown by Morse P.E vs. inter nuclear distance curves. Suppose a molecule absorbs a quantum ($h\nu$) of radiation in the Singlet ground state (S_0). In solution, the excess vibrational energy of S_2 will be rapidly dissipated by radiation process to the solution.

S_2 will undergo radiationless internal conversion to an upper vibrational level of S_1 . Here, it will lose the excess vibrational energy to the medium in 10^{-11} seconds. S_1 with v_0 state has a life time of $\sim 10^{-8}$ seconds. S_1 & T_1 are major energy states in photochemical reactions. Higher S & T states are observed in non-dissociative reactions. In $S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ transition, the excess vibrational energy is absorbed by solvent thermally.



Inter system crossing (ISC) involves spin inversion and gives to lower energy T-state. This is important because sometimes T_1 state is more stable than S_1 state. Low energy T_1 state may have 10^{-6} sec as the half-life. Intermolecular reaction is favoured by longer life time of T_1 state relative to S_1 state. $S_1 \rightarrow T_1$ ISC is spin forbidden. However it occurs in few cases with 100% efficiency. The efficiency of ISC is governed by -

- (1) Energy gap between lower S & T excited states. When it is large, spin forbidden is important the ISC efficiency is low or zero. Ketones have very high ISC efficiency because S_1 & T_1 gap is low. Alkenes have low ISC efficiency.

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(ii) The presence of heavy atoms, like S, Cl, Br, I etc increases ISC efficiency.

The Jablonski diagrams for benzophenone (ketone) and butadiene (olefin) are shown below -

