

absorbed (spectral) photon flux density

Number of photons of a particular wavelength per time interval (spectral photon flux, number basis, $q_{p,\lambda}$, or spectral photon flux, amount basis, $q_{n,p,\lambda}$) absorbed by a system per volume, V . On number basis, SI unit is $\text{s}^{-1} \text{m}^{-4}$ common unit is $\text{s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-3} \text{nm}^{-1}$ On amount basis, SI unit is $\text{mol s}^{-1} \text{m}^{-4}$ common unit is $\text{einstein s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-3} \text{nm}^{-1}$.

Notes:

1. Mathematical expression: $\frac{q_{p,\lambda}^0 [1 - 10^{-A(\lambda)}]}{V}$ on number basis, $\frac{q_{n,p,\lambda}^0 [1 - 10^{-A(\lambda)}]}{V}$ on amount basis, where $A(\lambda)$ is the absorbance at wavelength λ and superscript 0 (zero) indicates incident photons.
2. Absorbed spectral photon flux density (number basis or amount basis) should be used in the denominator when calculating a differential quantum yield and using in the numerator the rate of change of the number concentration, $\frac{dC}{dt}$ or the rate of change of the amount concentration, $\frac{dc}{dt}$, respectively.

Source:

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