

## charge separation

A process in which, under the influence of a suitable driving force (e.g. provided by photoexcitation), electronic charge moves in a direction that increases the difference in local charges between donor and acceptor sites. Electron transfer between neutral species is one of the most important examples.

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