microcanonical variational transition-state theory (µVTST)

A development of transition-state theory in which the dividing surface is varied so as to minimize the rate calculated for a fixed energy. The rate expressions obtained in a microcanonical treatment can be integrated over the energy, taking into account the statistical distribution over energy states, so as to give the canonical, or thermal, rates.

**Source:**
PAC, 1996, 68, 149 (A glossary of terms used in chemical kinetics, including reaction dynamics (IUPAC Recommendations 1996)) on page 173