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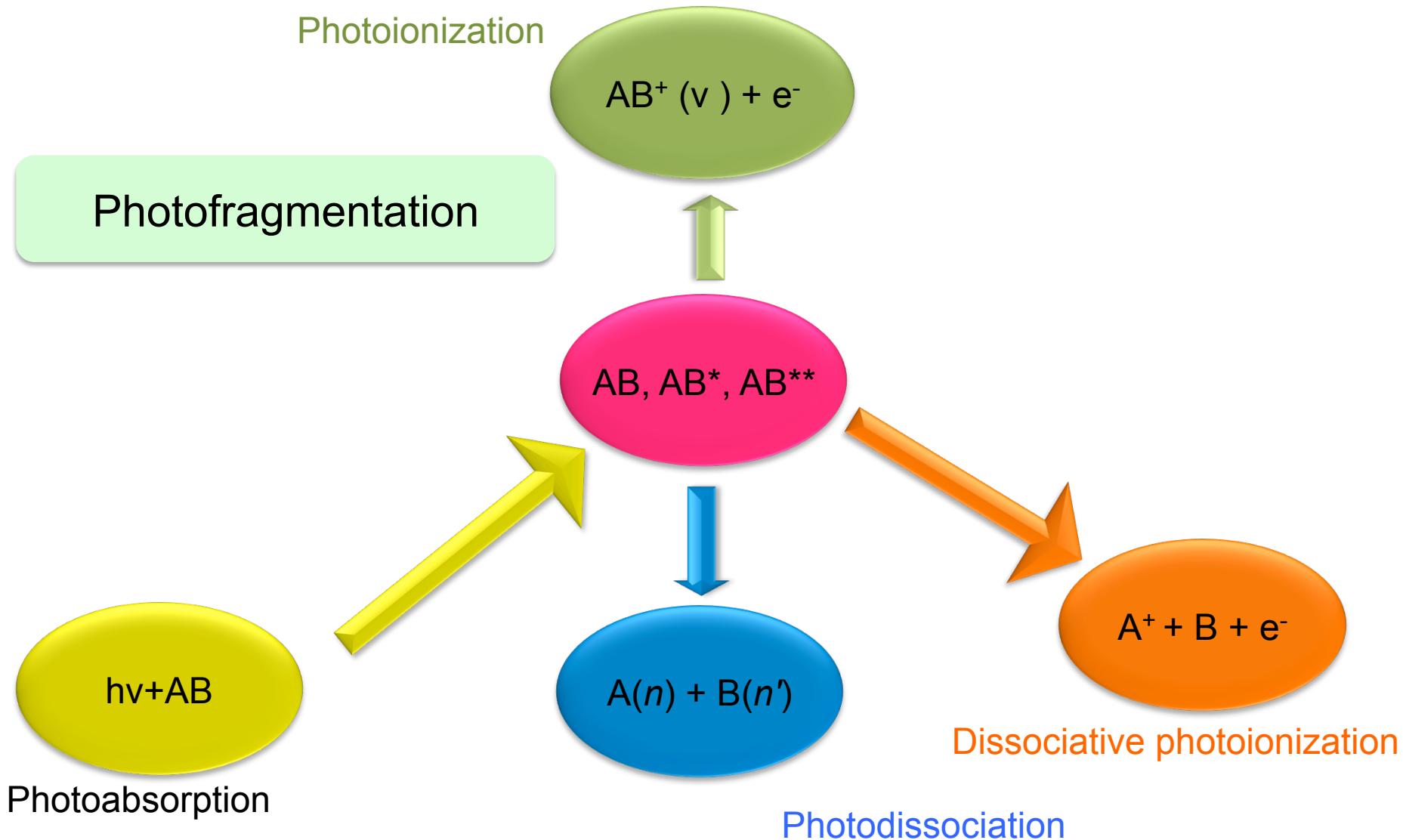


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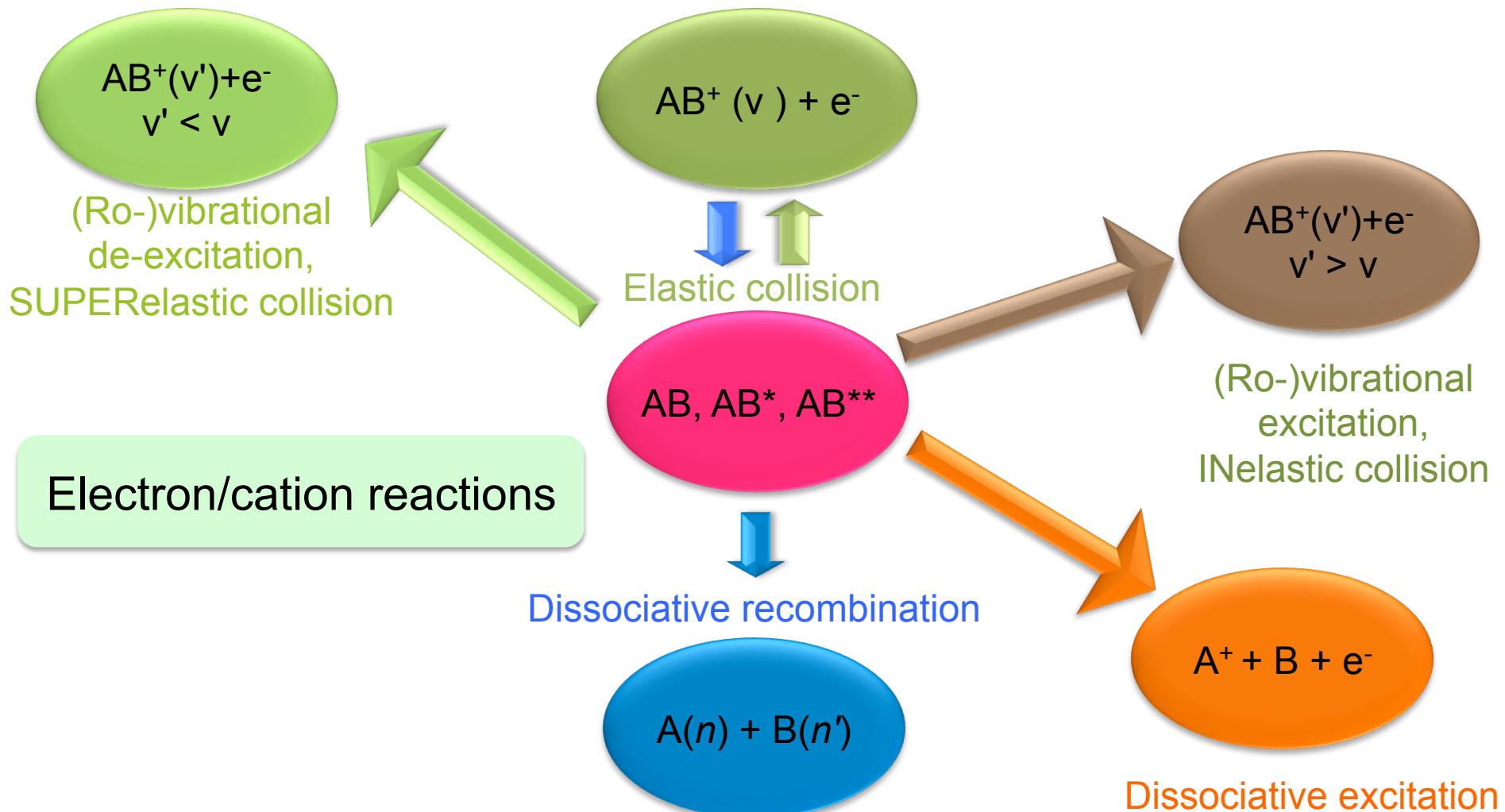
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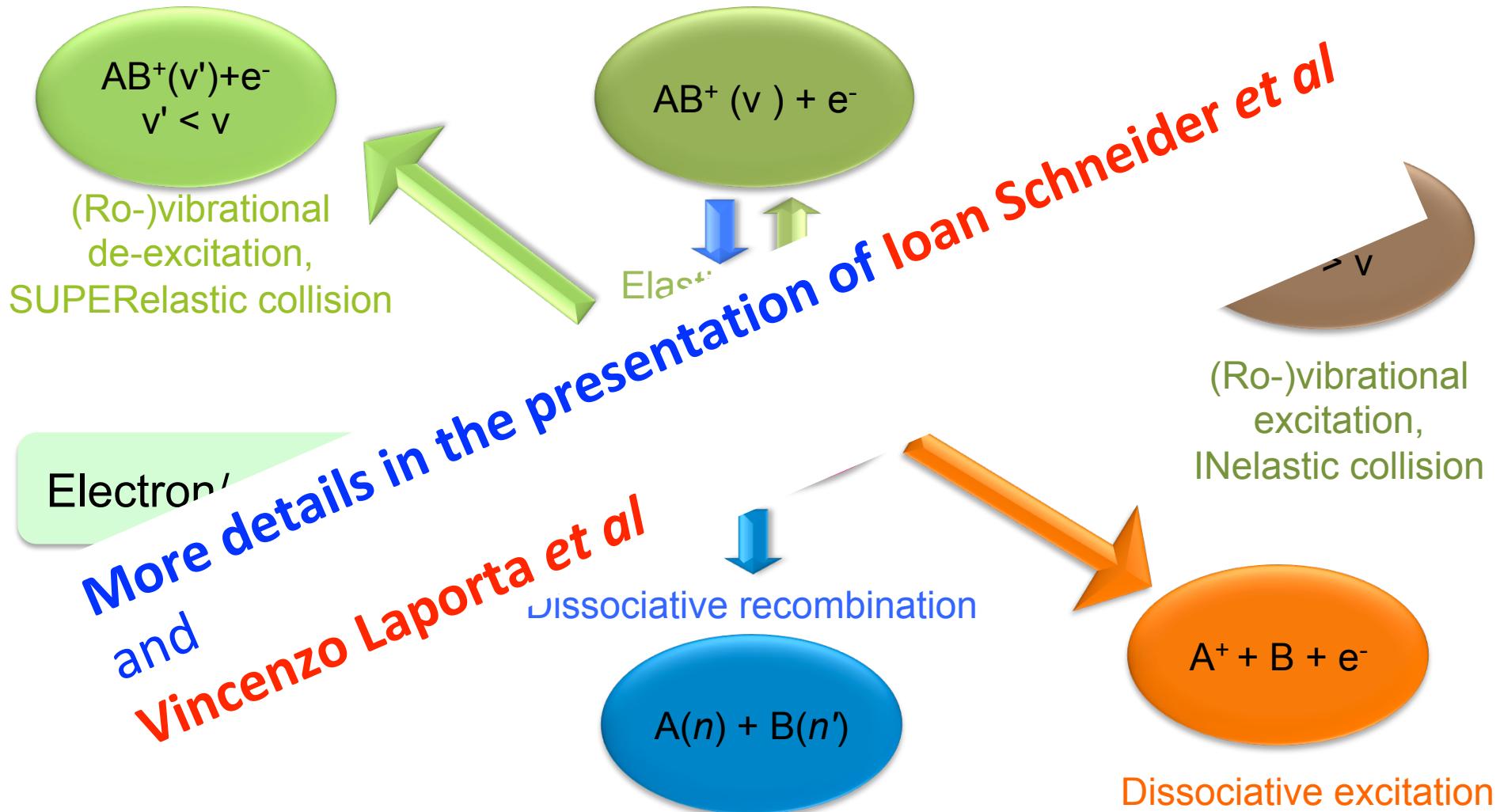
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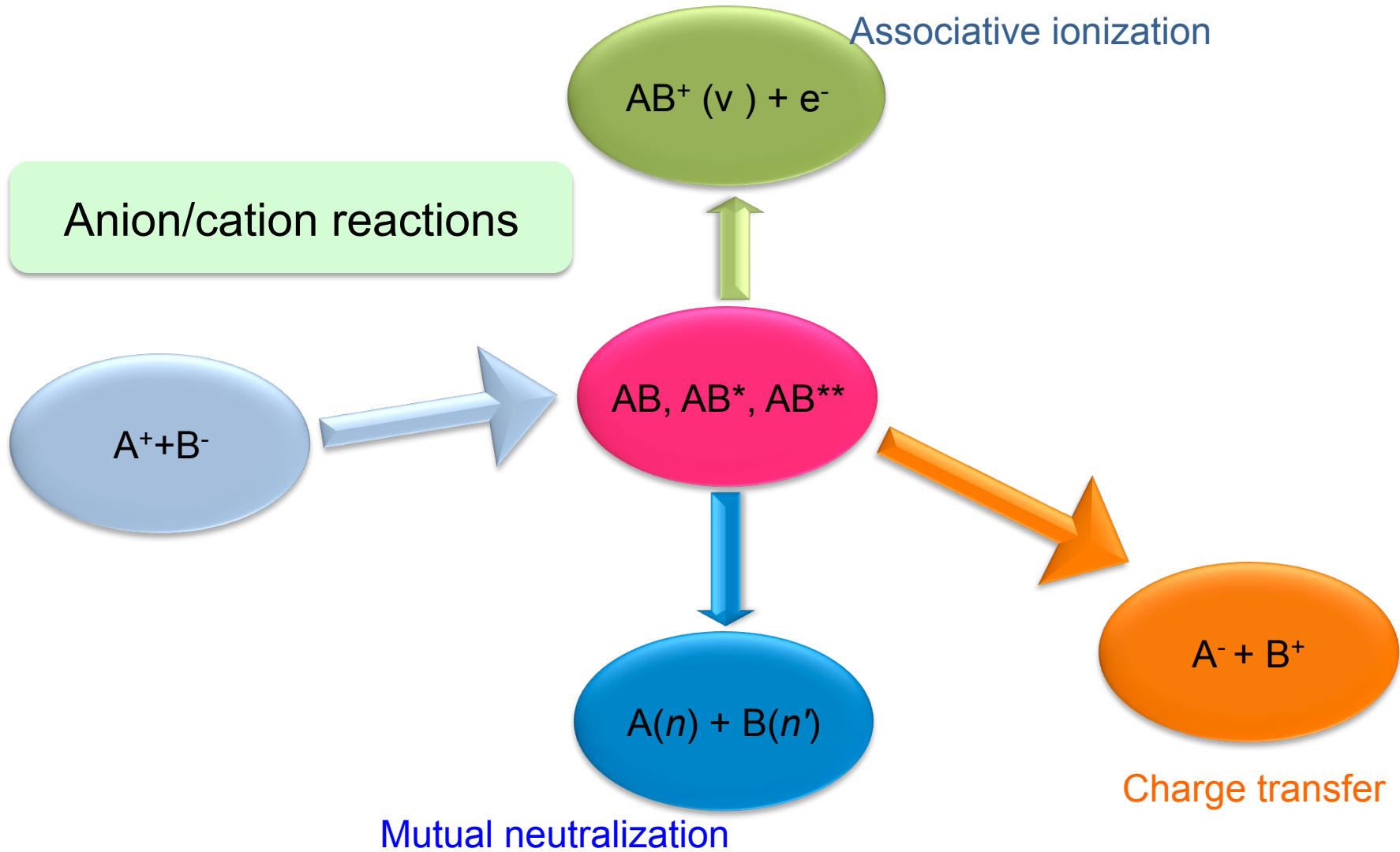
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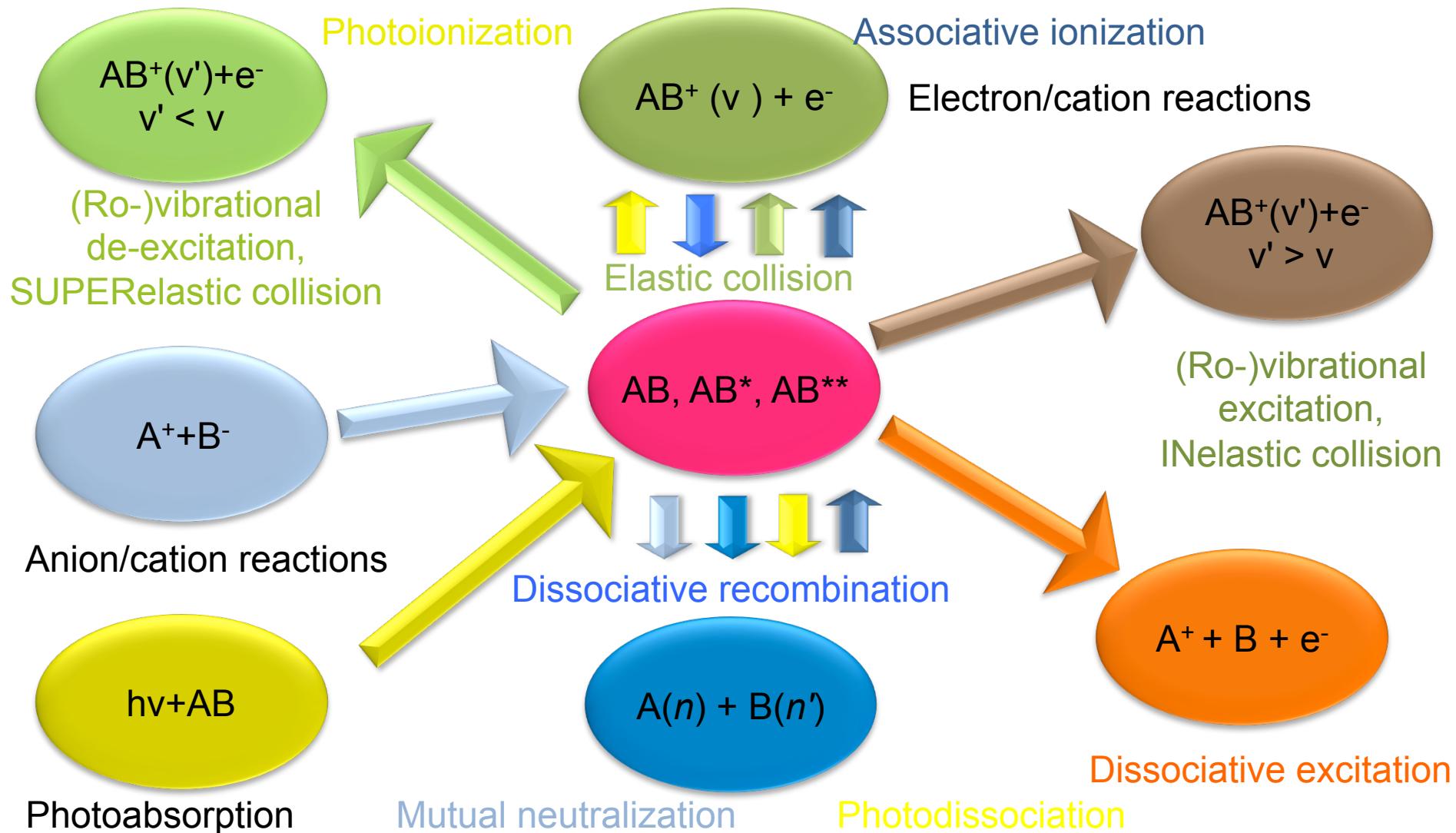
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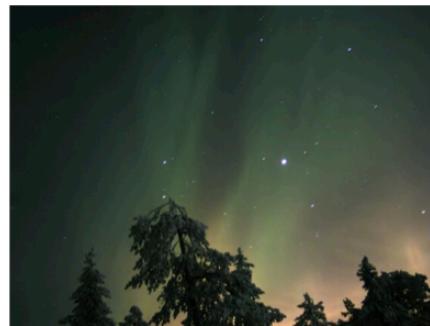


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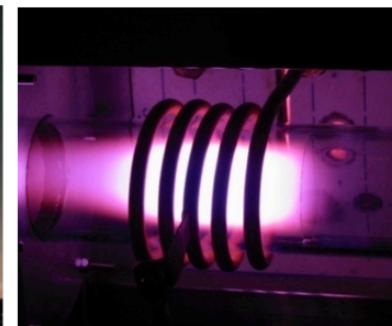
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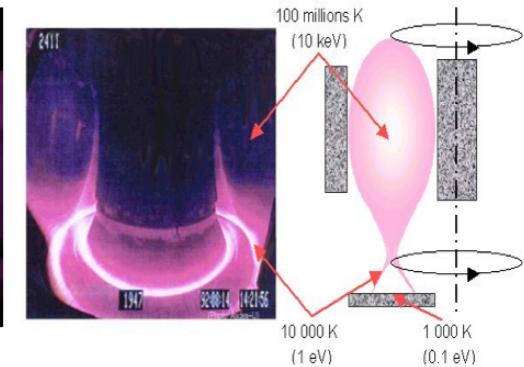
Planetary atmospheres



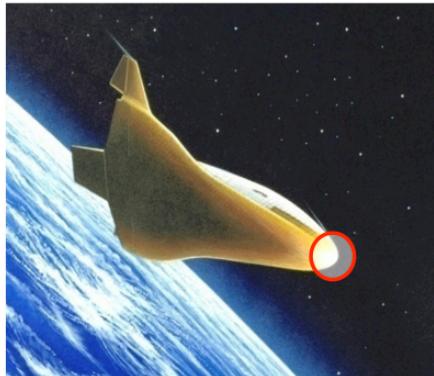
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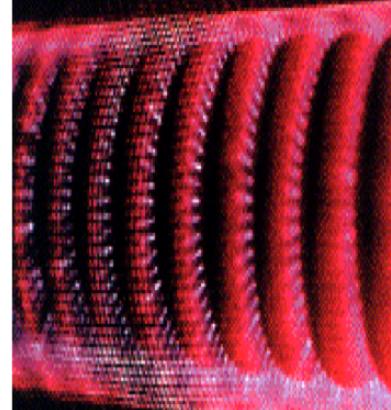
At the wall of the fusion devices (ITER) project



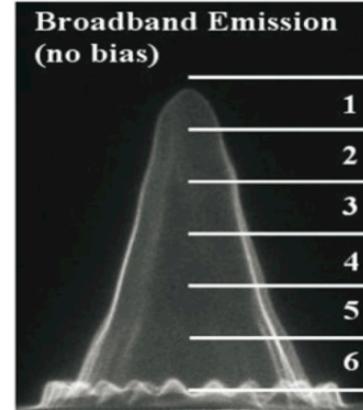
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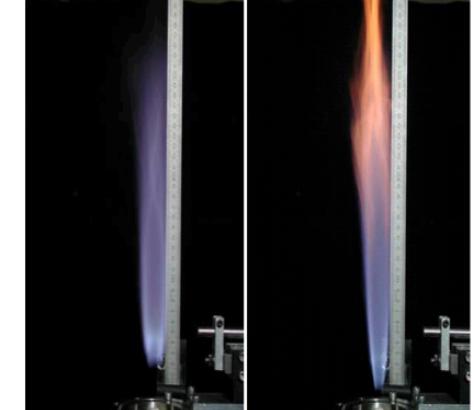
Plasma-assisted depollution



Electric-field-assisted combustion



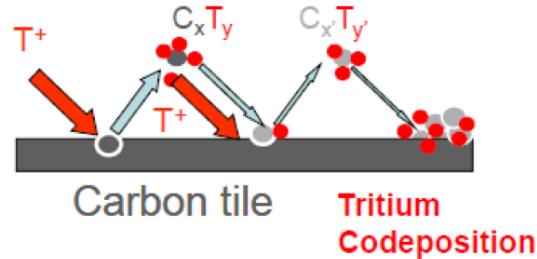
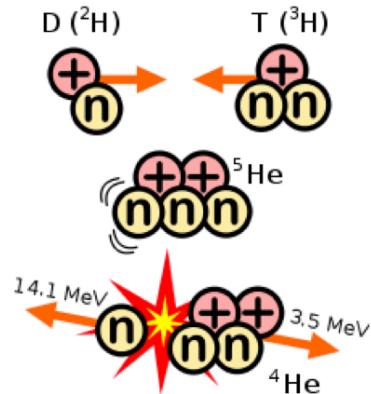
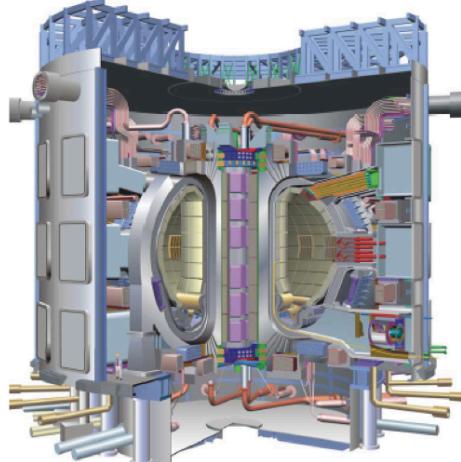
Plasma-assisted-combustion



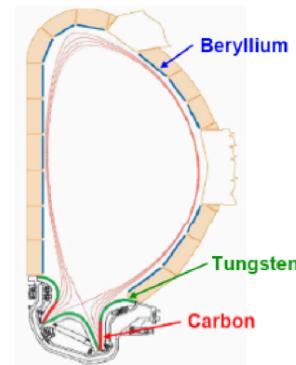
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## b. Plasma de fusion thermonucléaire (JET, ITER)

Combustibles: H, D,



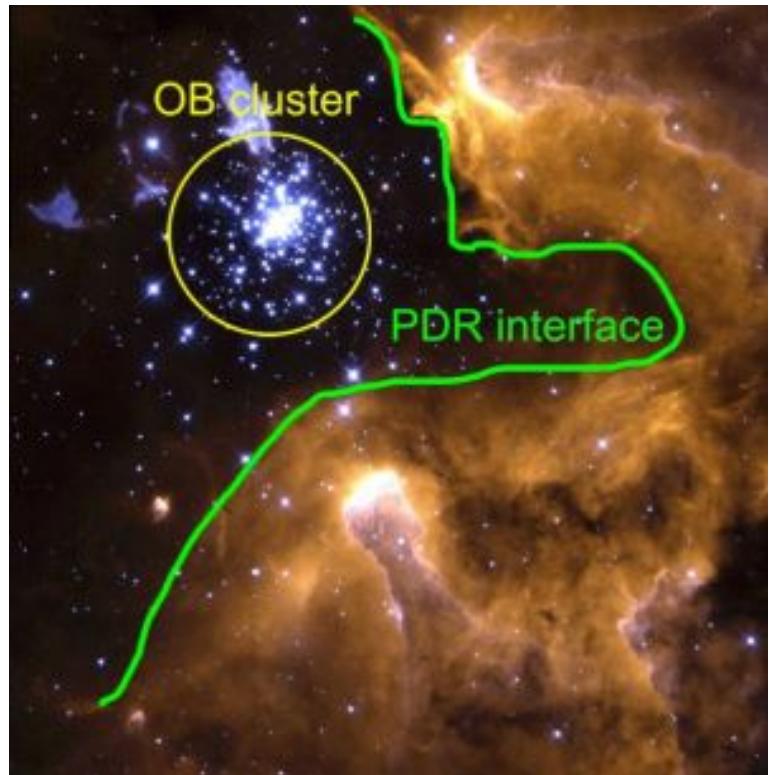
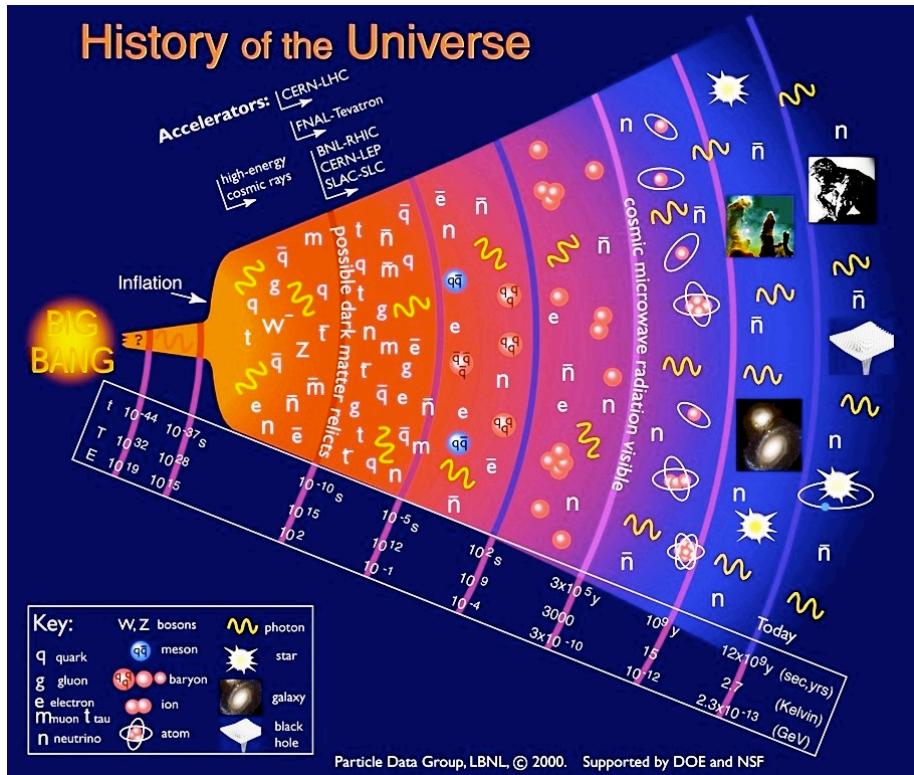
Be: matériau de parois dans les dispositifs de fusion.



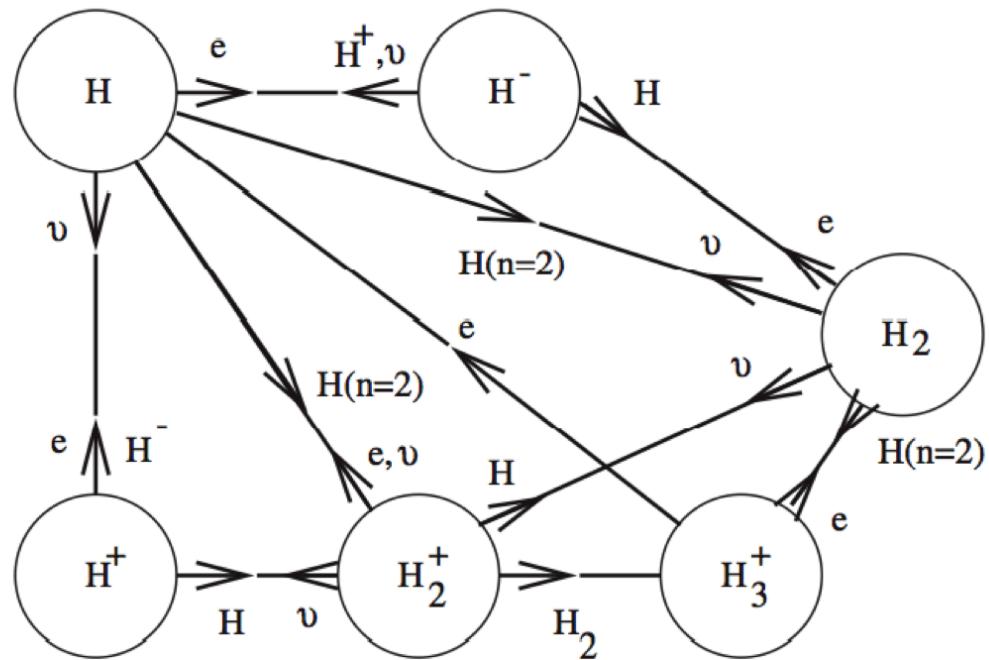
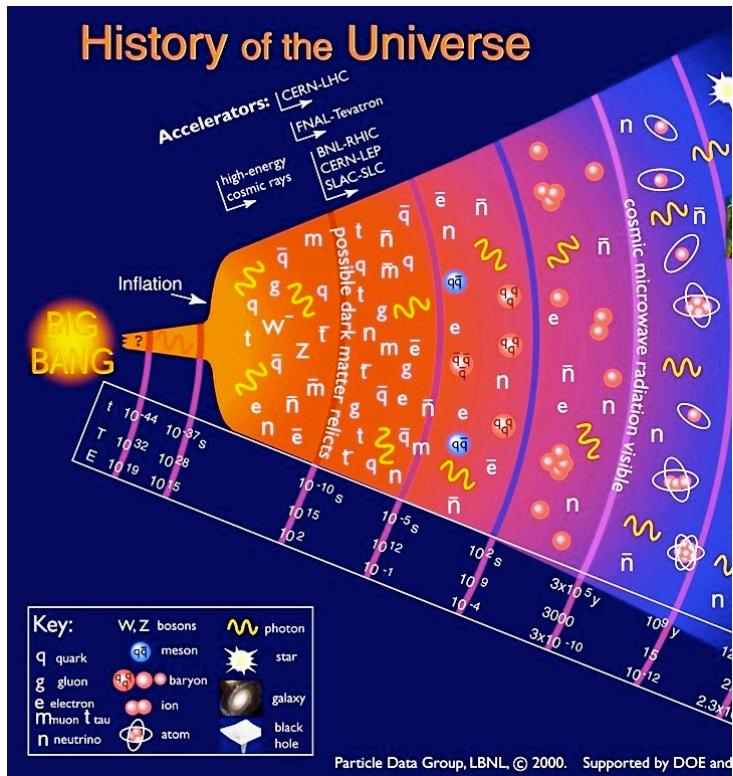
**Fig.1. Coupe schématique de l'ITER**

Formation des molécules: BeH/  
BeH<sup>+</sup>, BeC/BeC<sup>+</sup>, CH/CH<sup>+</sup>,  
CH<sub>4</sub>/CH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, CH<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>,  
HeH<sup>+</sup>, et isotopologues (H→D,  
H→T)

# Introduction: H<sub>2</sub> (most abundant molecule)

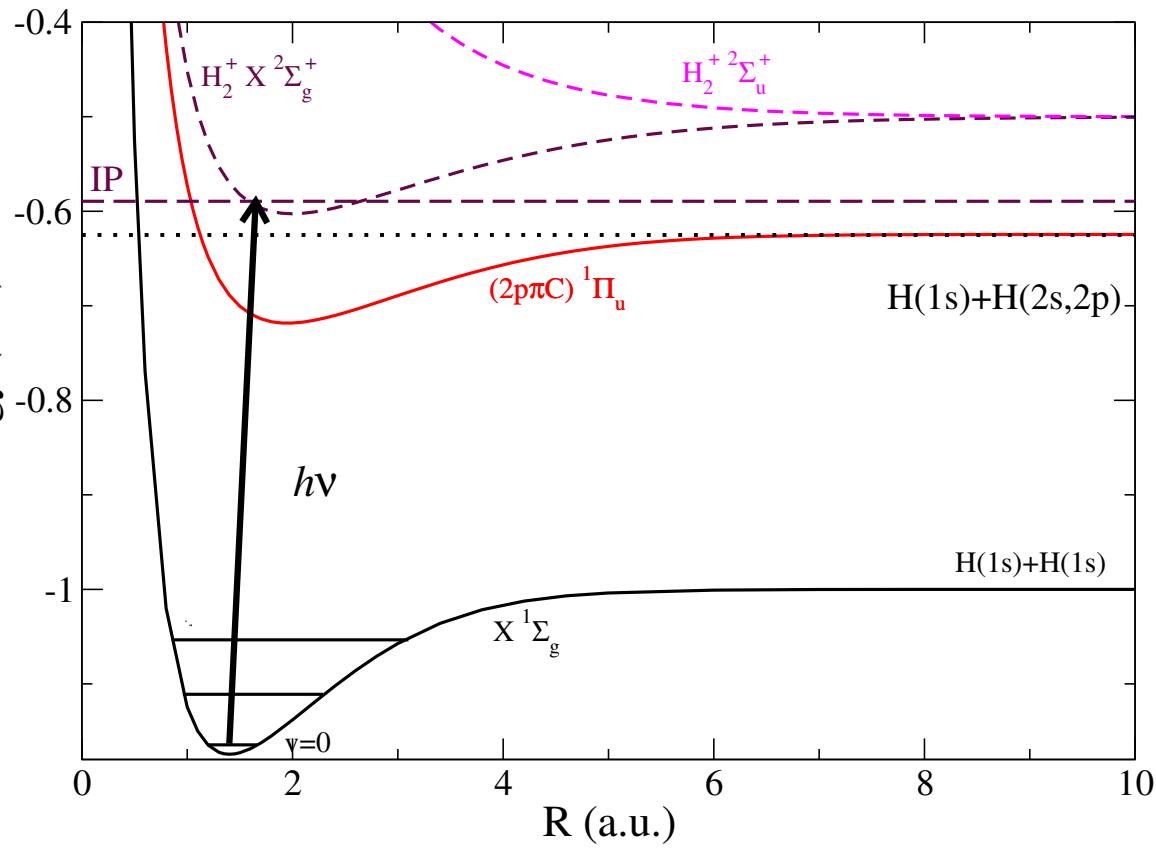
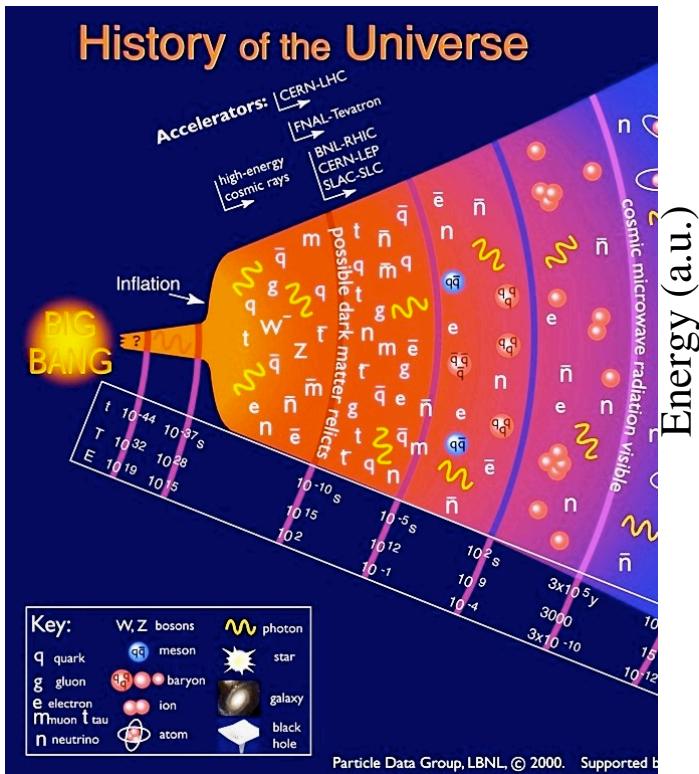


# Introduction: H<sub>2</sub> (basic building block of astrochemistry)

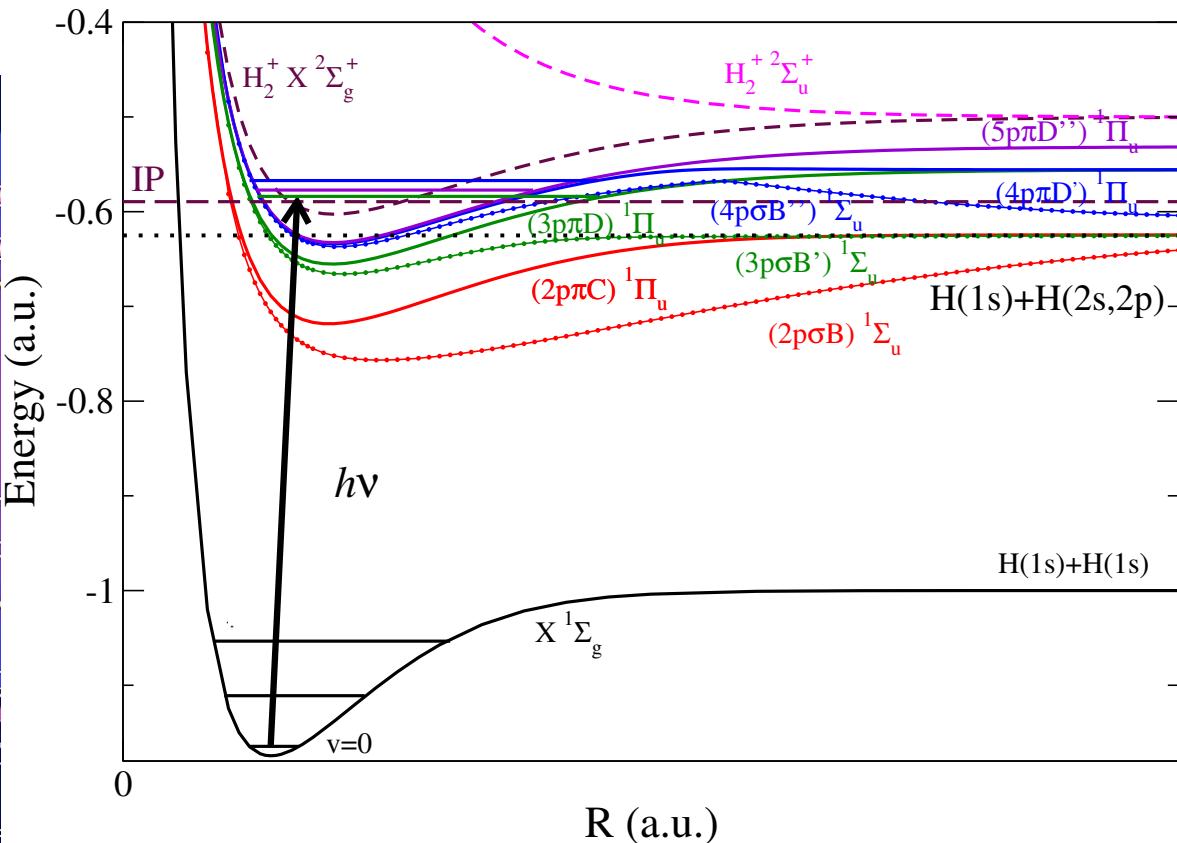
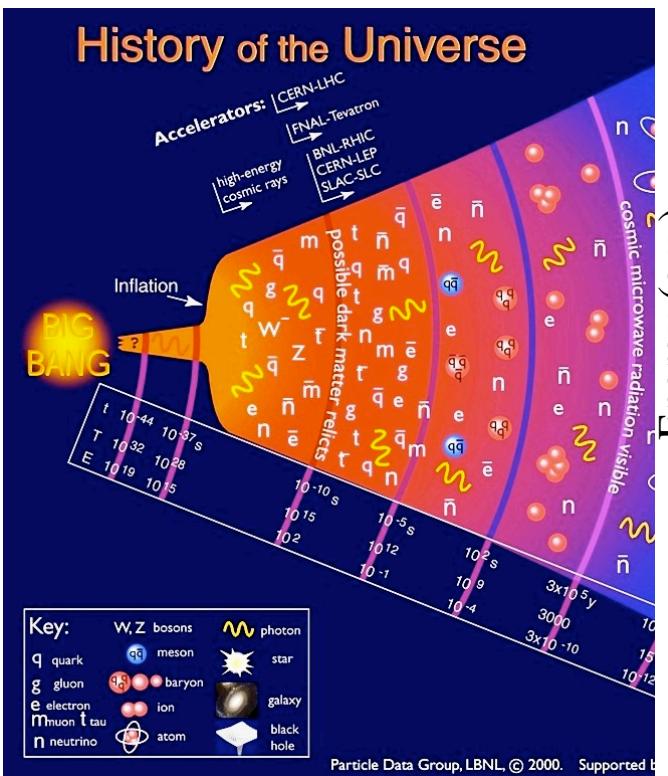


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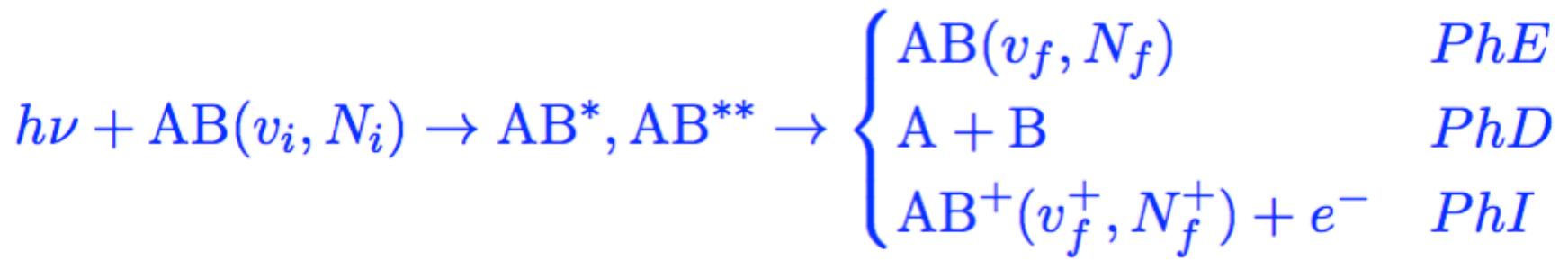
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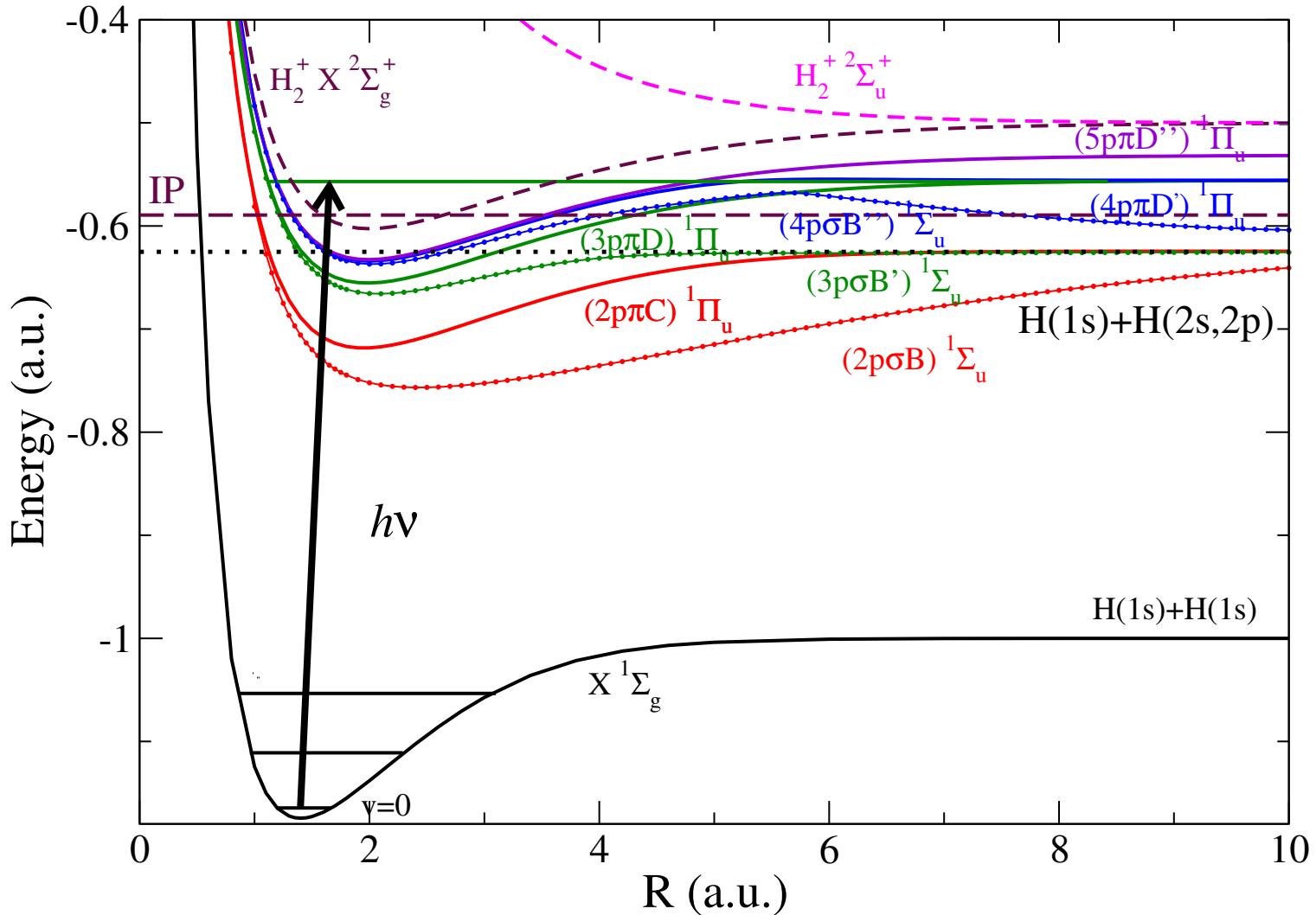
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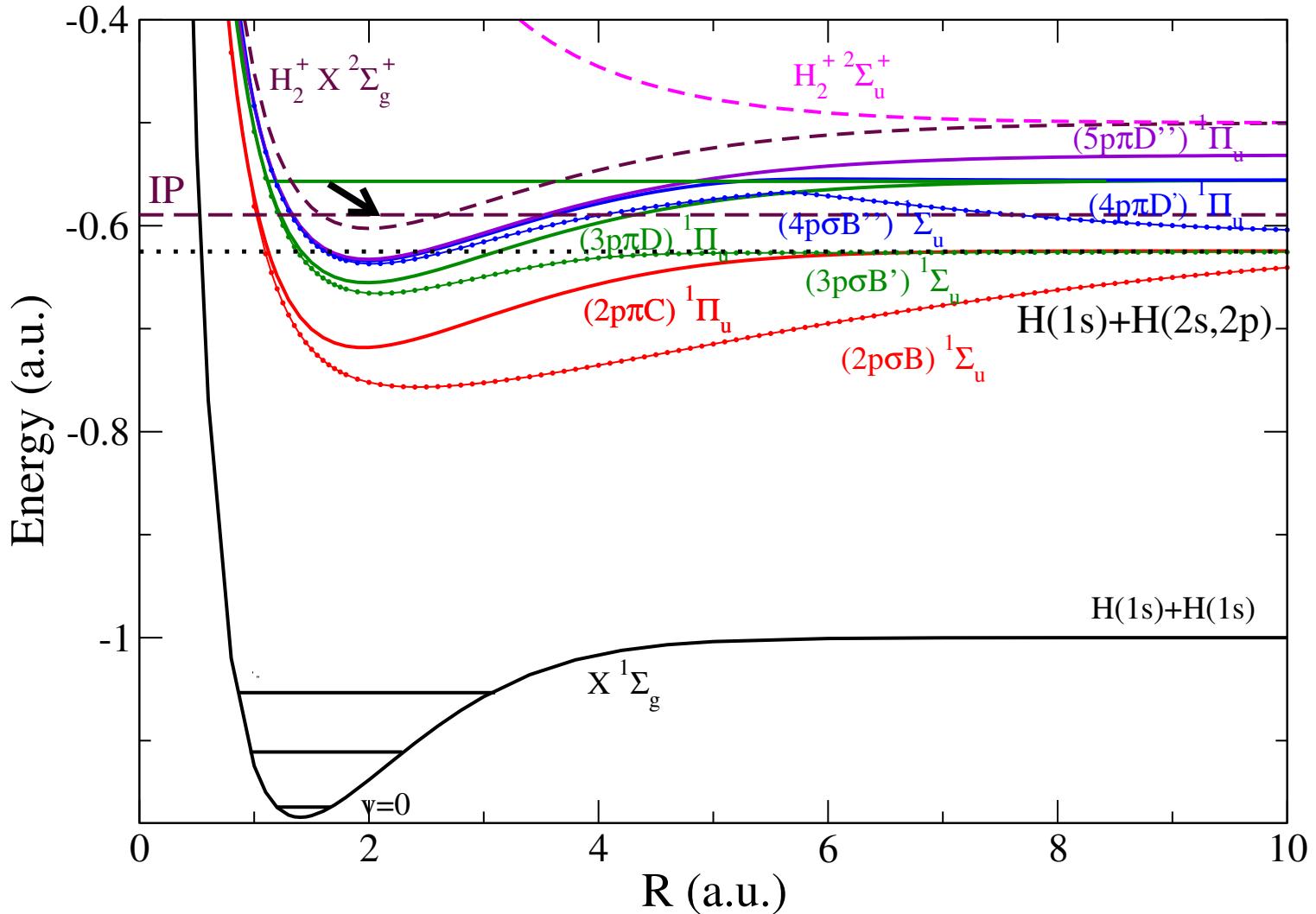
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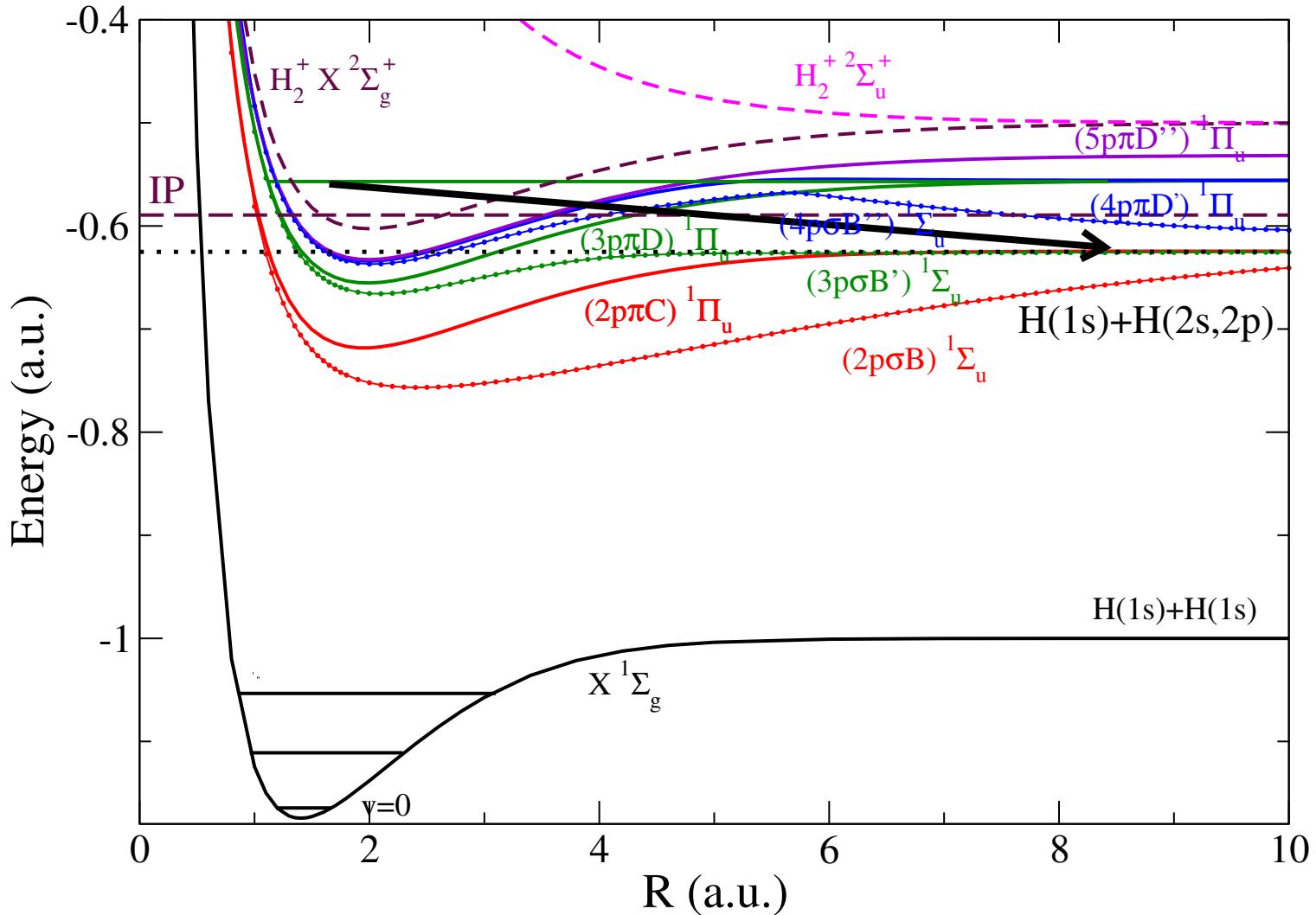
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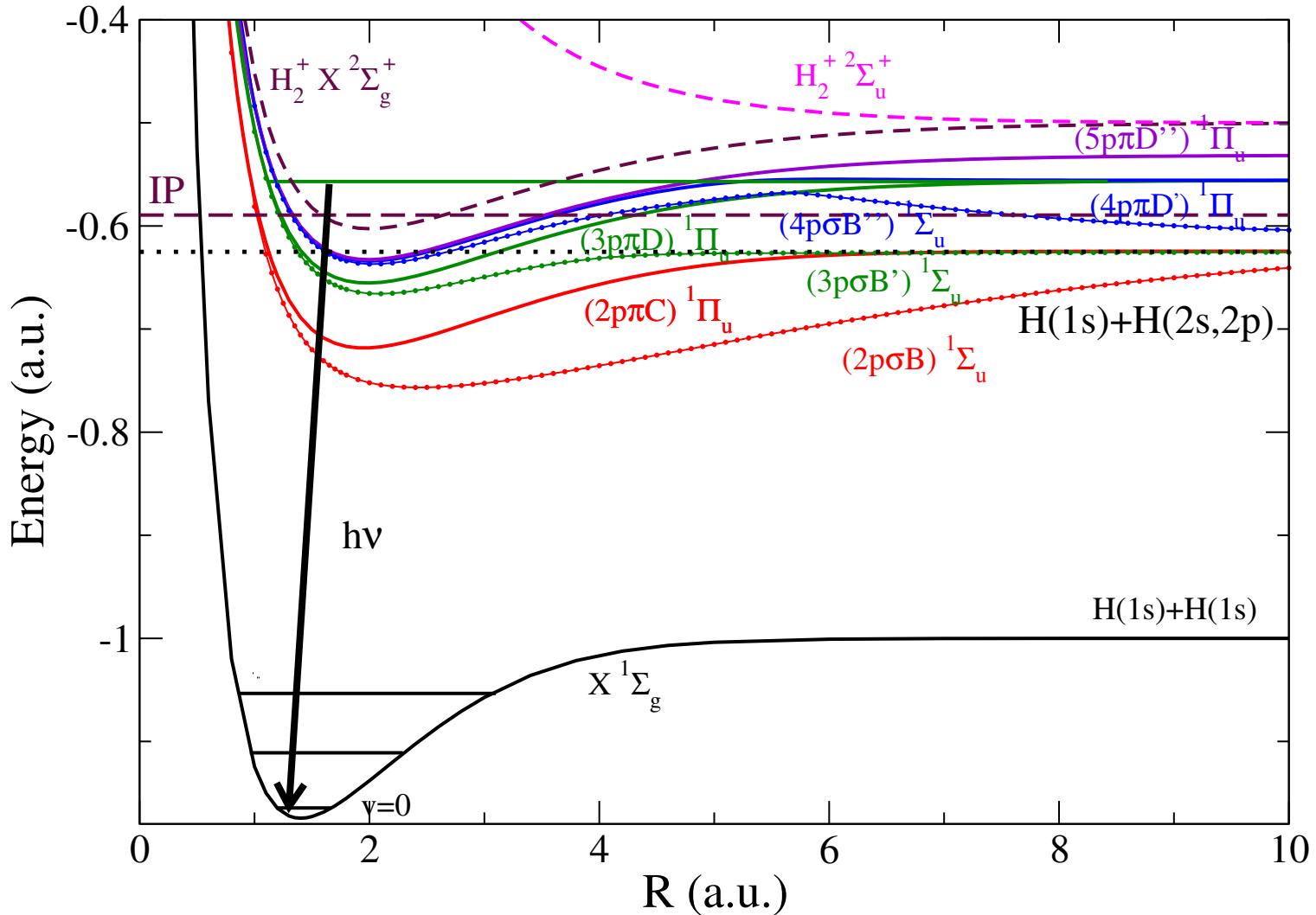
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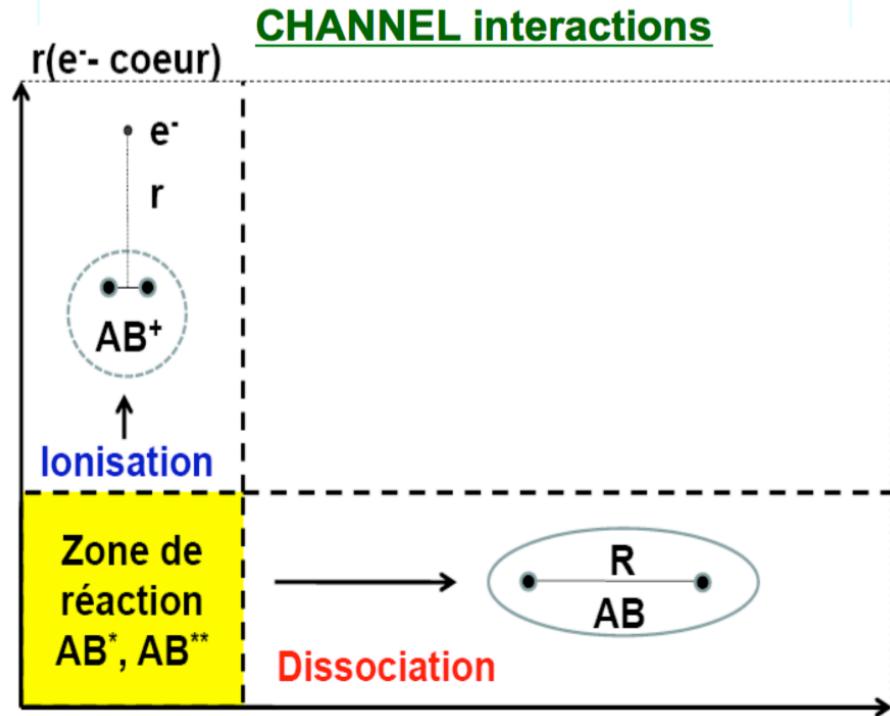
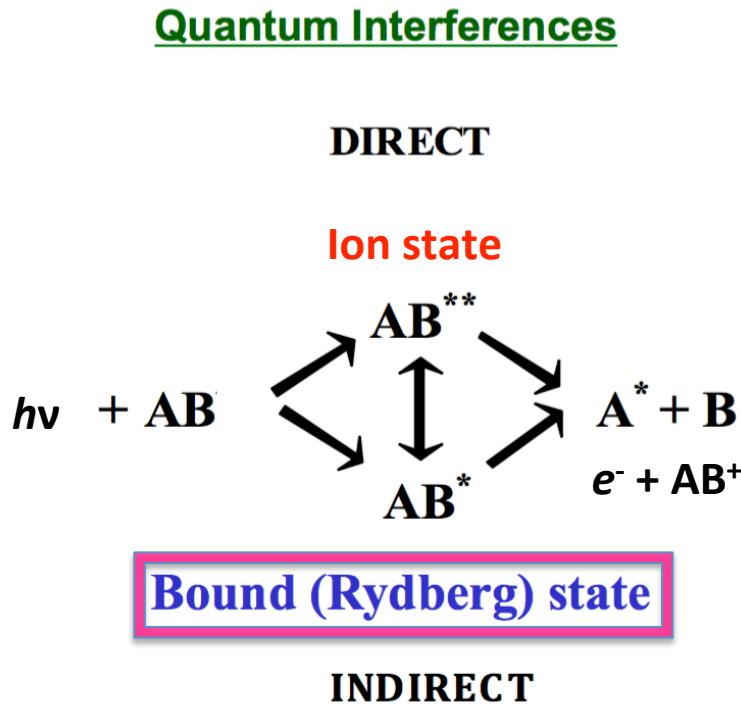
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# Theoretical approach: MQDT

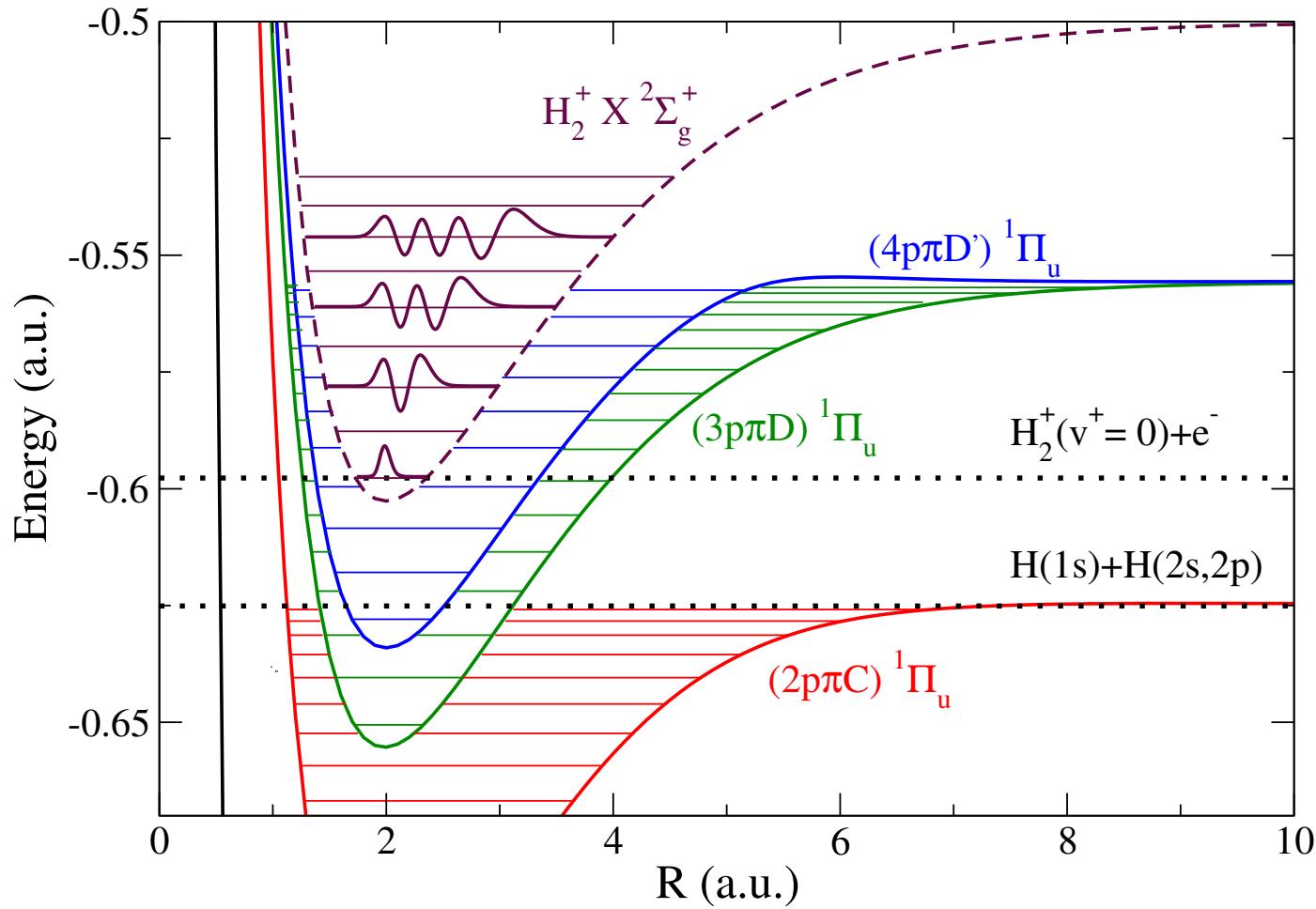
## Multichannel Quantum Defect Theory

Seaton (1958-1983), Fano, Jungen, Greene, Giusti -Suzor (1970-...),...



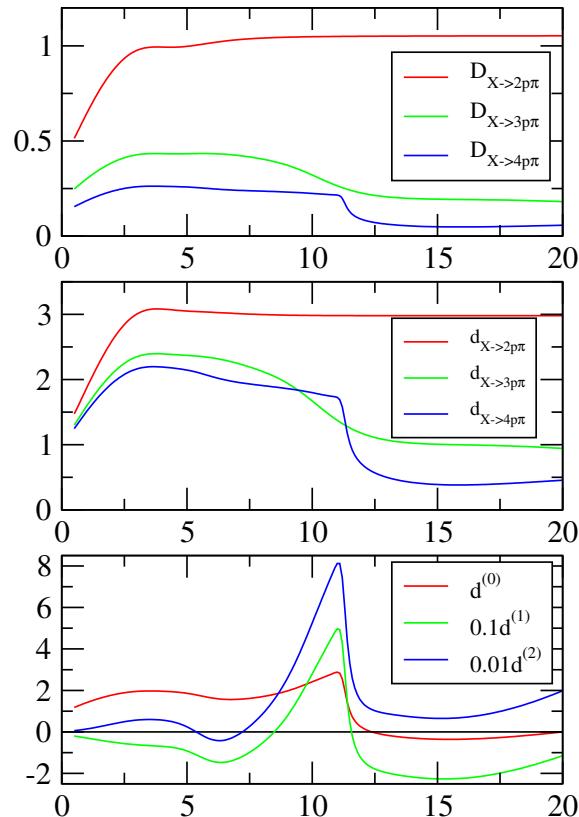
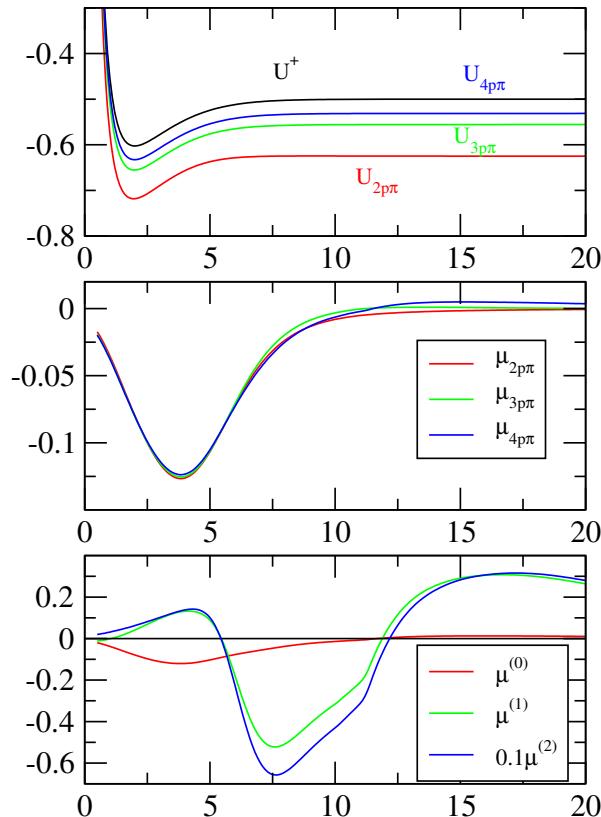
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# MQDT: Molecular data



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- Rydberg equation

$$U_{np\pi}(R) = U^+(R) - \frac{1}{2[n - \mu_{np\pi}(R)]^2},$$

- Energy dependent quantum defect

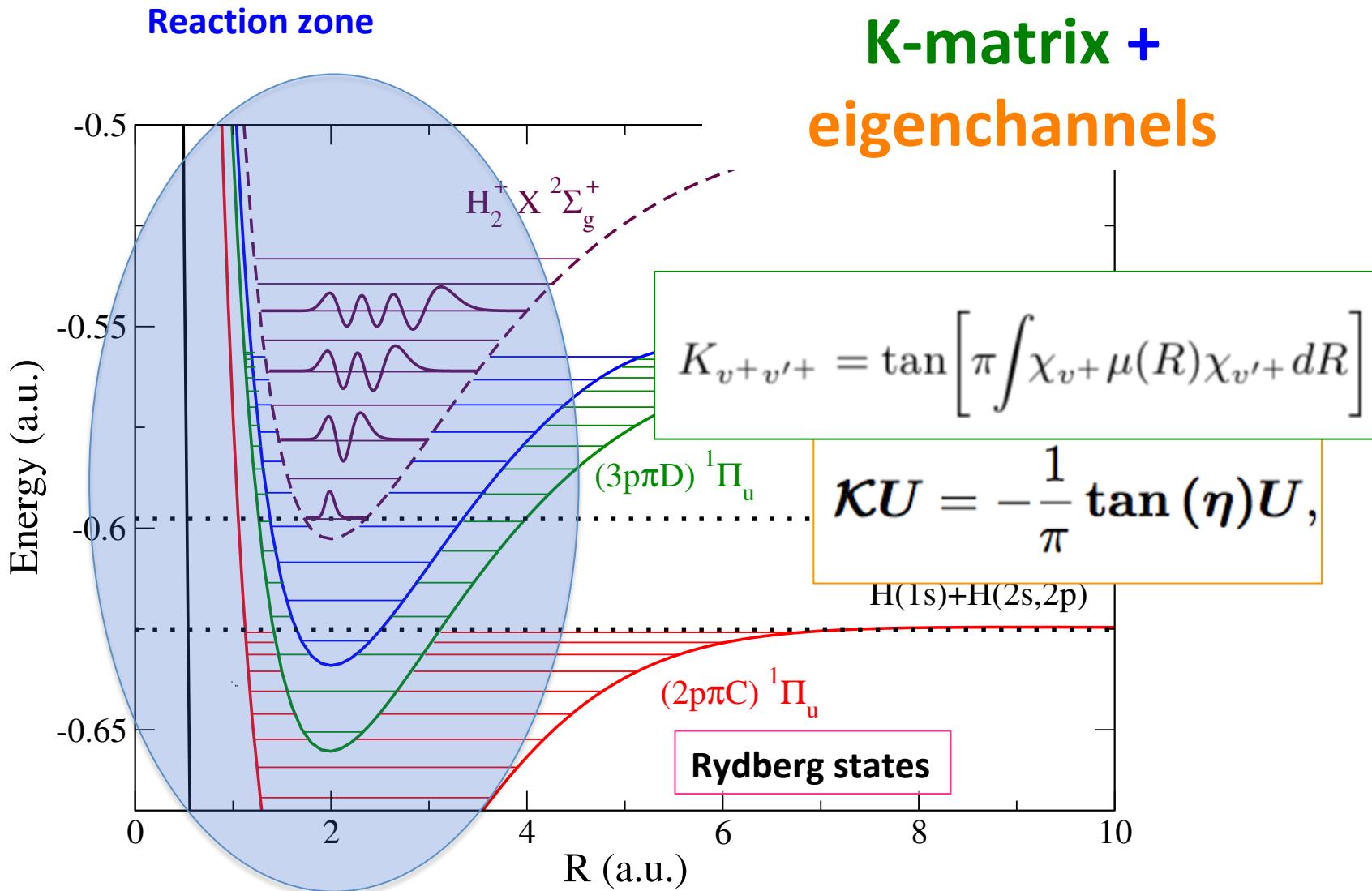
$$\mu(\epsilon, R) = \mu^{(0)}(R) + \epsilon\mu^{(1)}(R) + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^2\mu^{(2)}(R) + \frac{m}{M}\mu^{\text{spec}}(R).$$

- Energy dependent dipole moment

$$d(\epsilon, R) = d^{(0)}(R) + \epsilon d^{(1)}(R) + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^2 d^{(2)}(R),$$

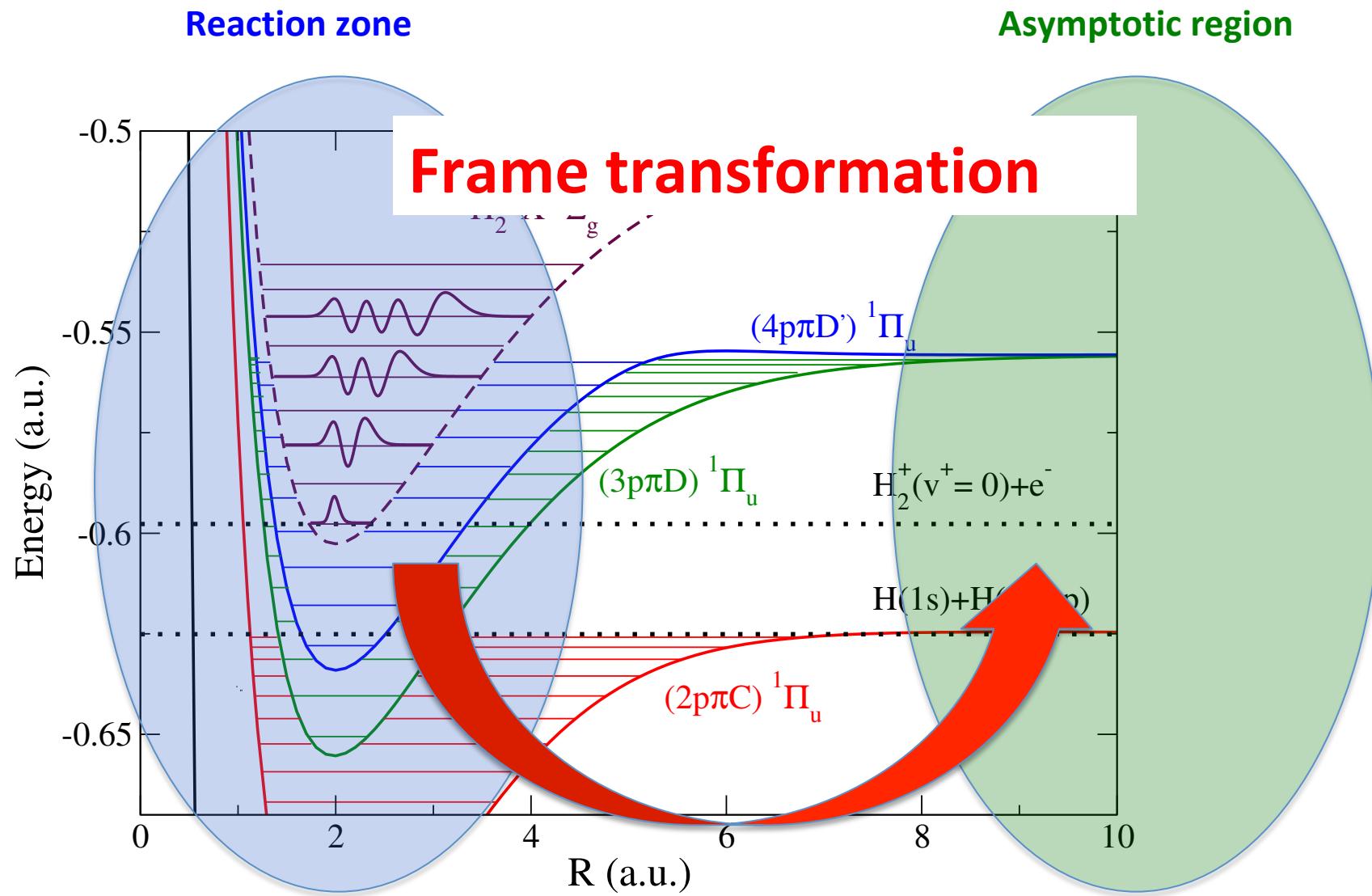
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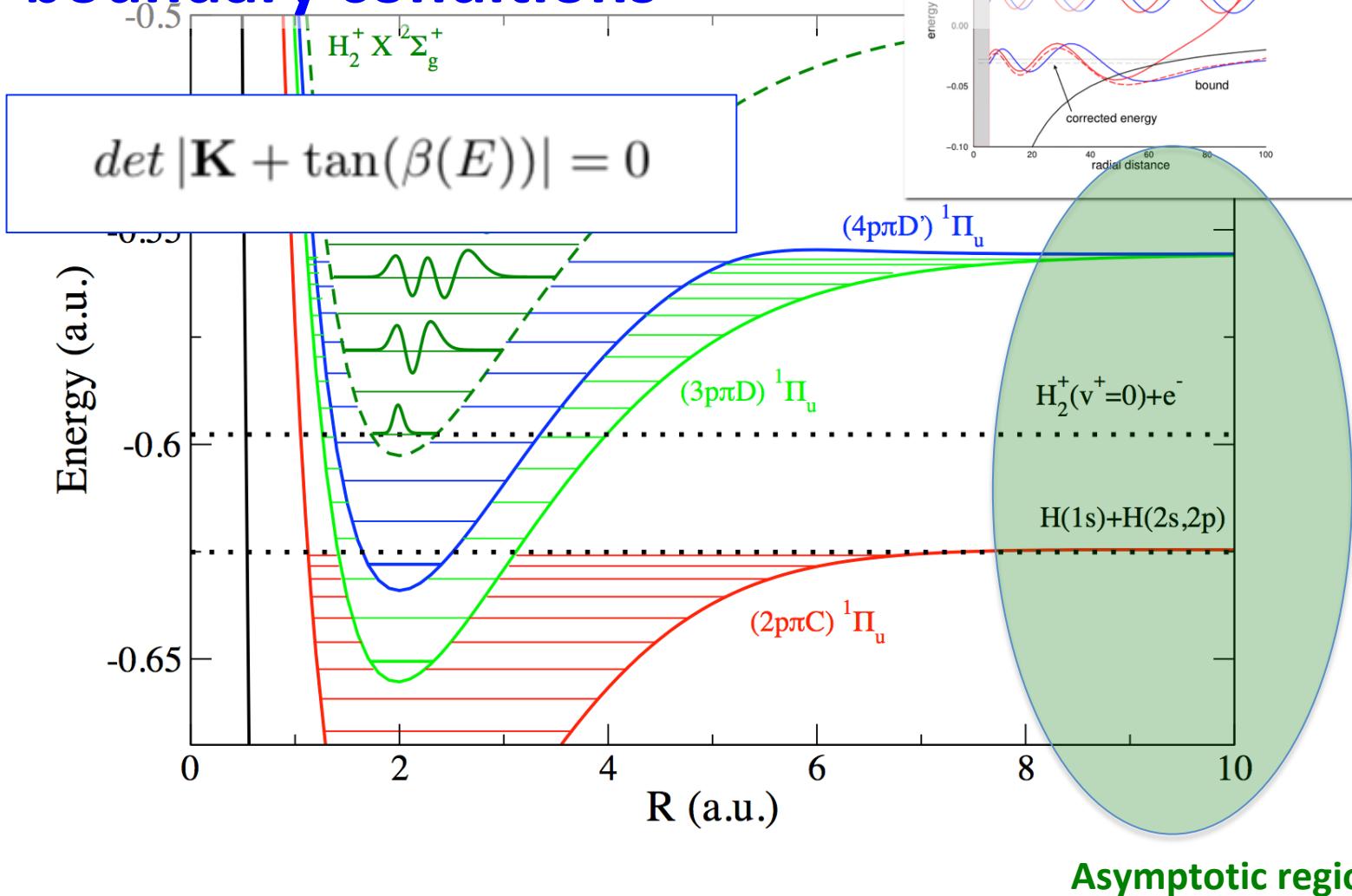
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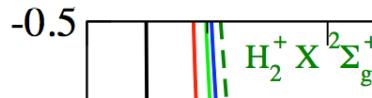
## Quantization condition from boundary conditions



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## Cross section



- Quantization condition:

$$\sum_k [\cos(\pi\tau_\rho)S_{jk} - \sin(\pi\tau_\rho)C_{jk}] B_k^{(\rho)} = 0$$

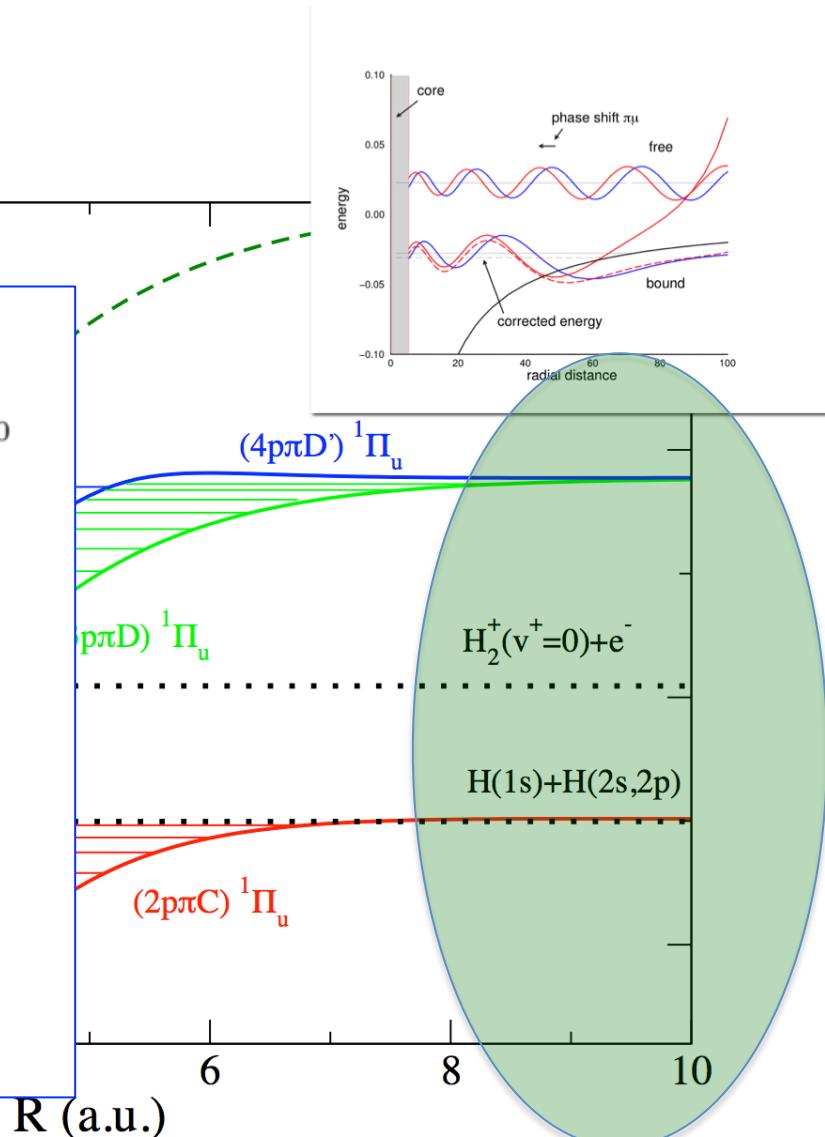
- Dipole transition moments :

$$D^{(\rho)}(E) = \sum_k d_{kk''}(E) B_k^{(\rho)}(E)$$

$$[D(E)]^2 = \sum_{\rho=1}^{N_P} [D^{(\rho)}(E)]^2$$

- Photoionization cross section:

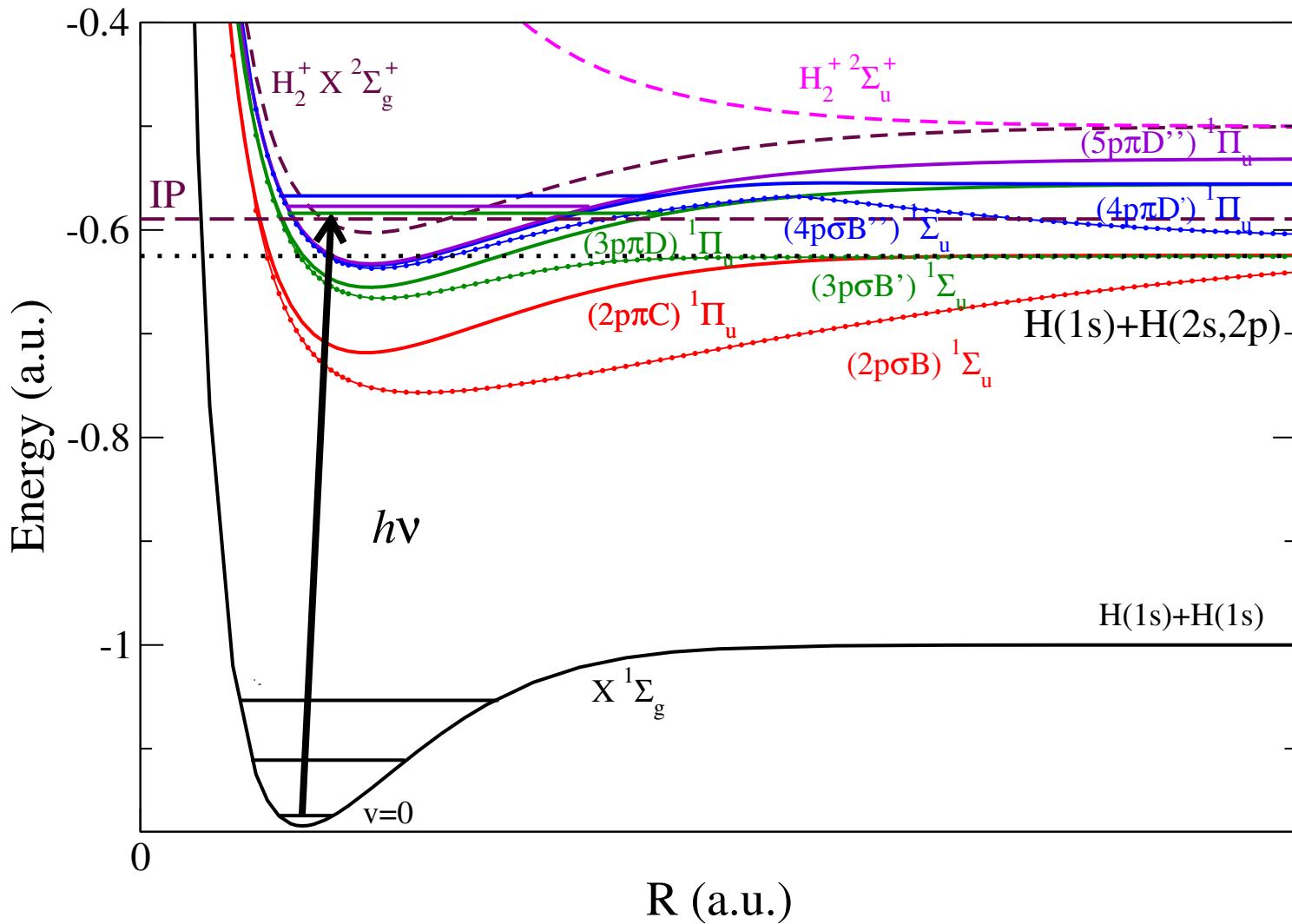
$$\sigma(E) = \frac{4\pi^2\alpha}{2N'' + 1} (E - E_{v+N+}^+) |D(E)|^2$$



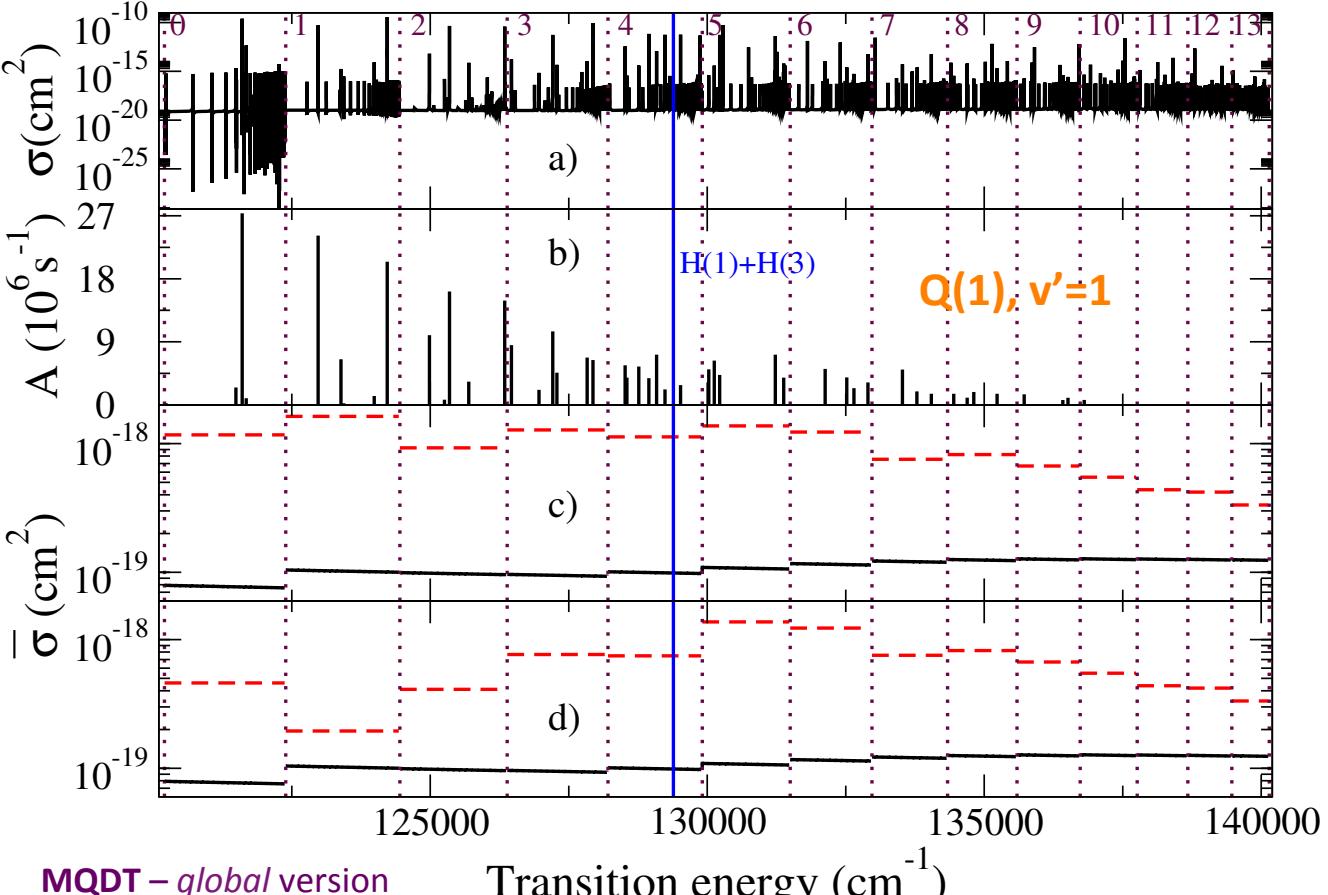
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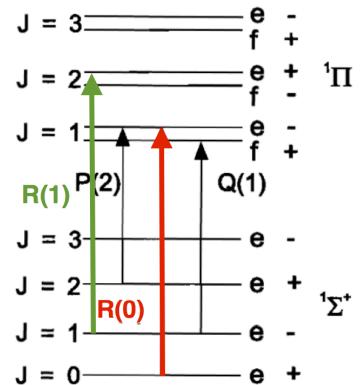
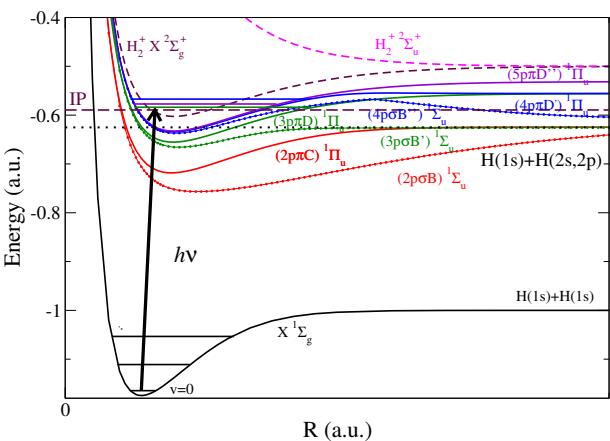
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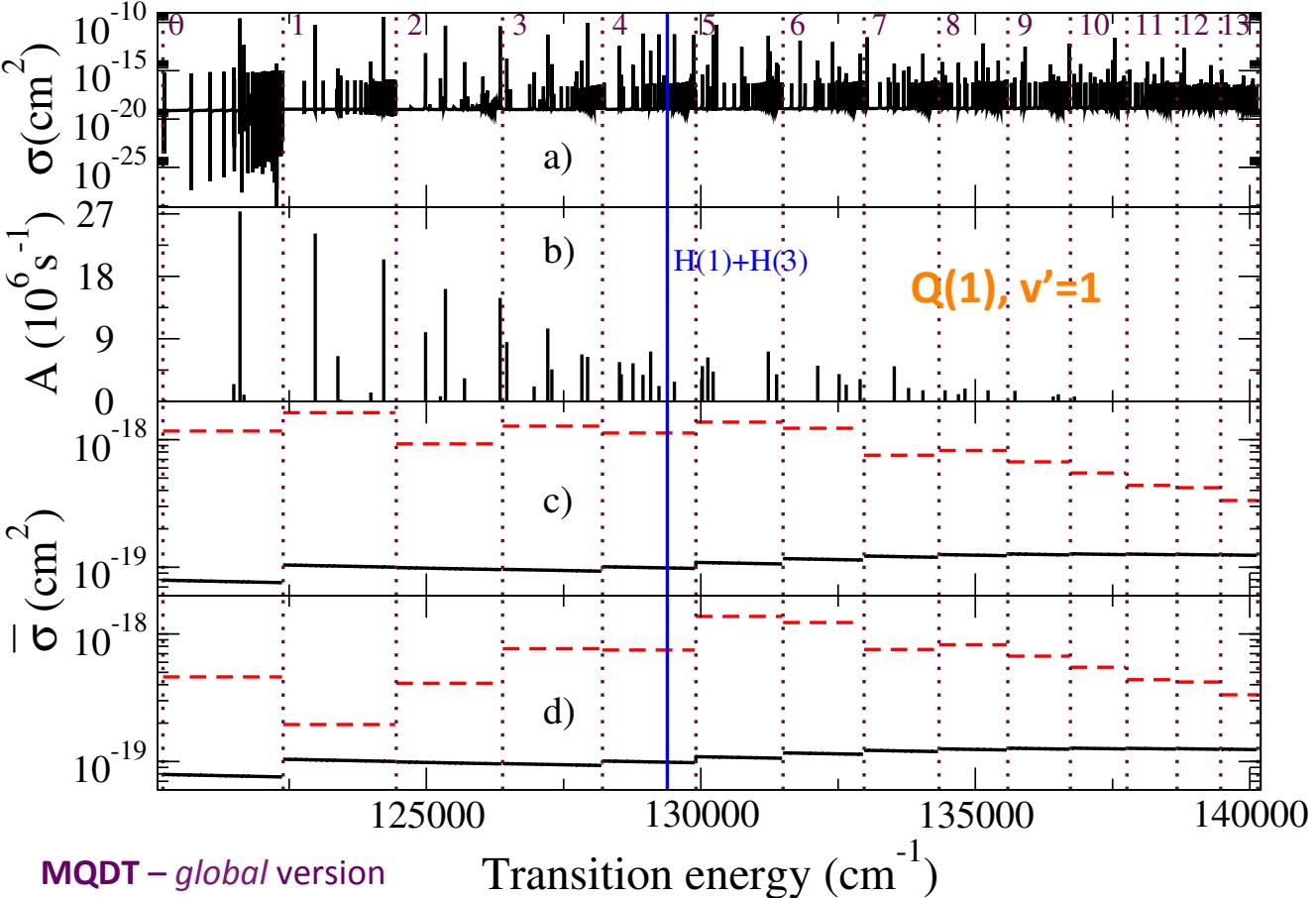
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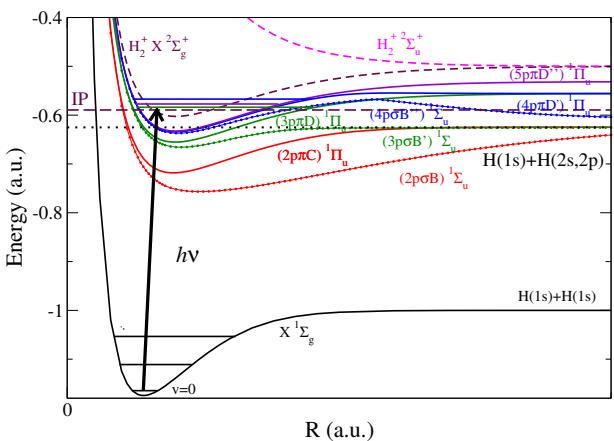
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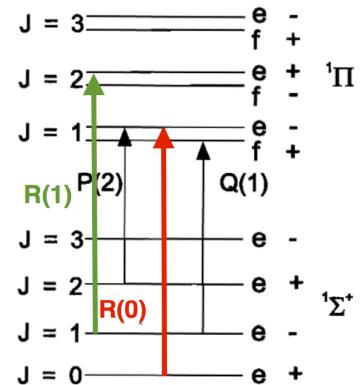
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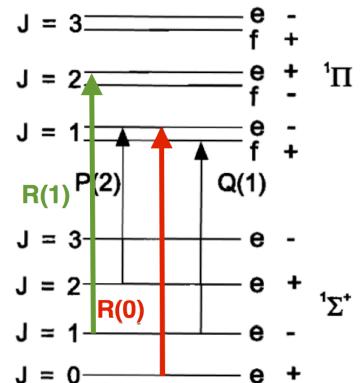
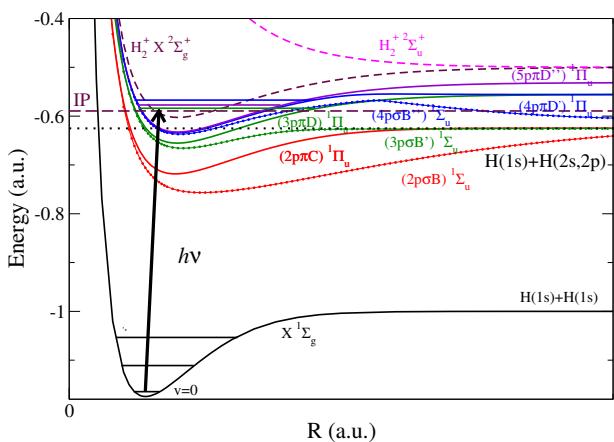
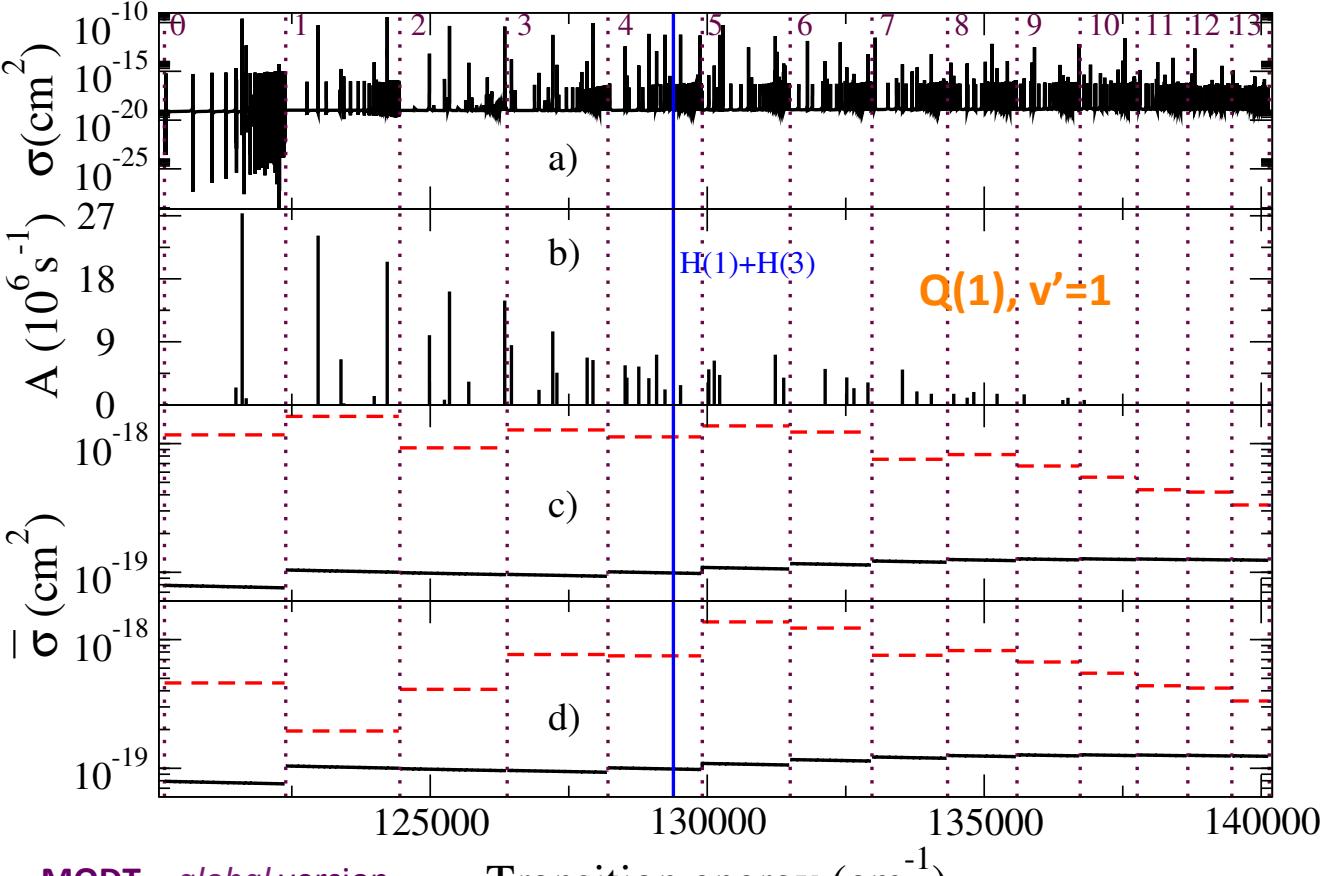
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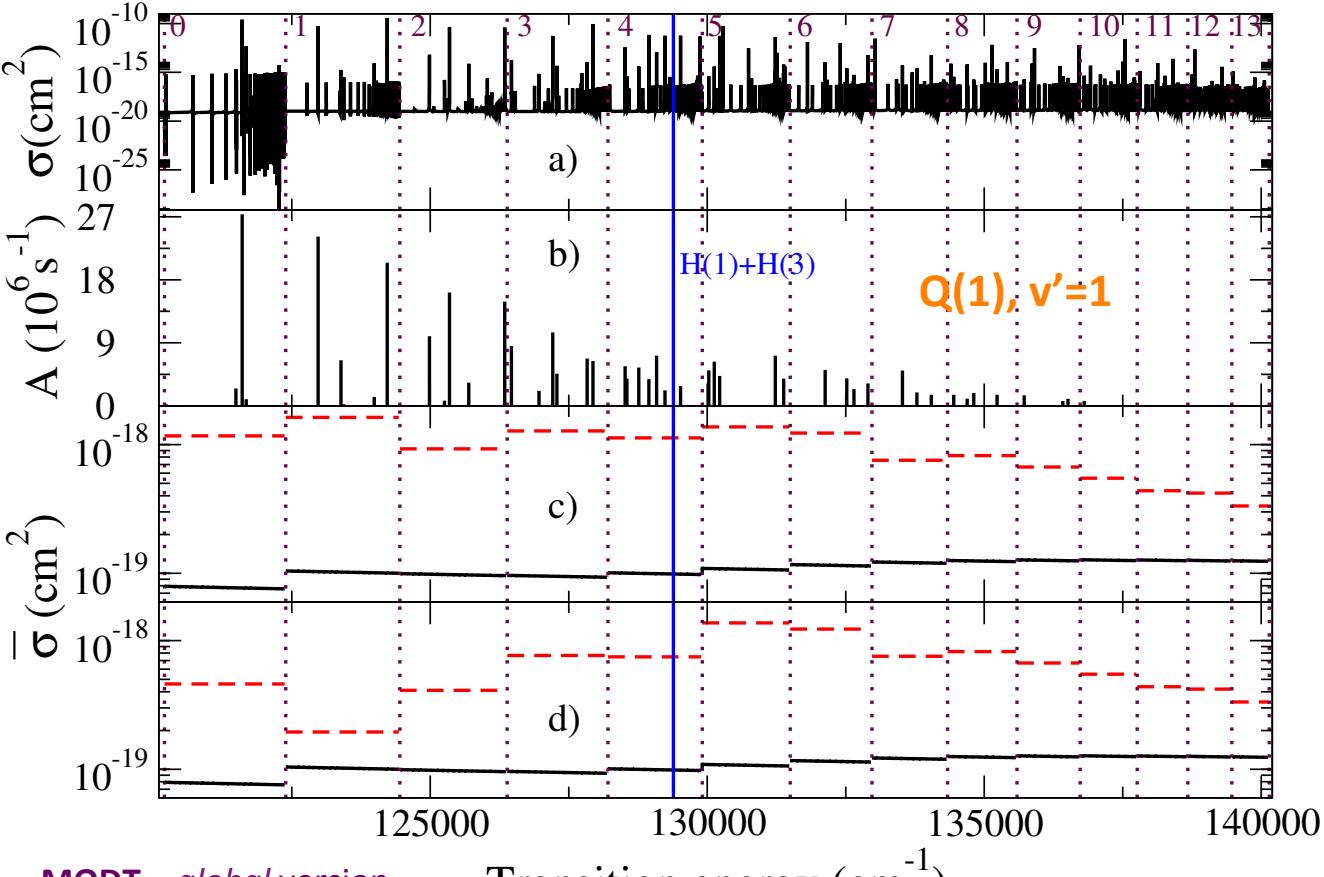


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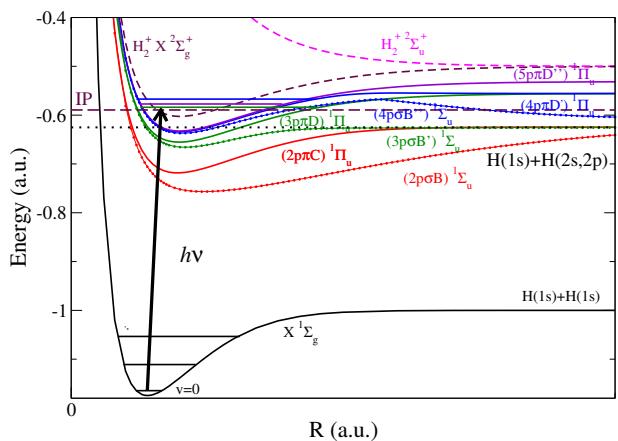


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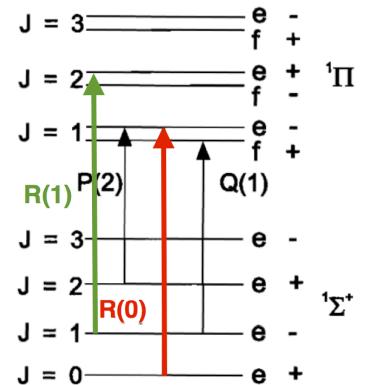
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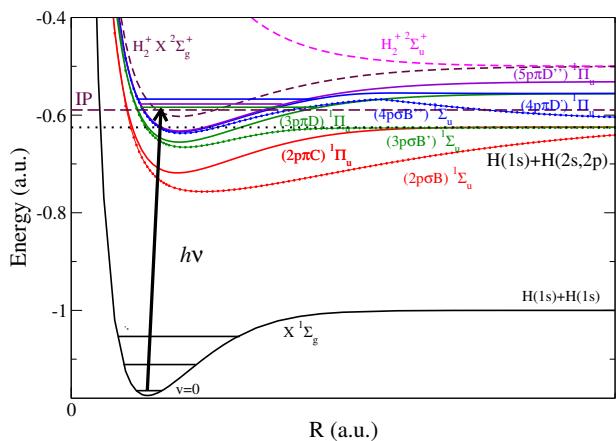
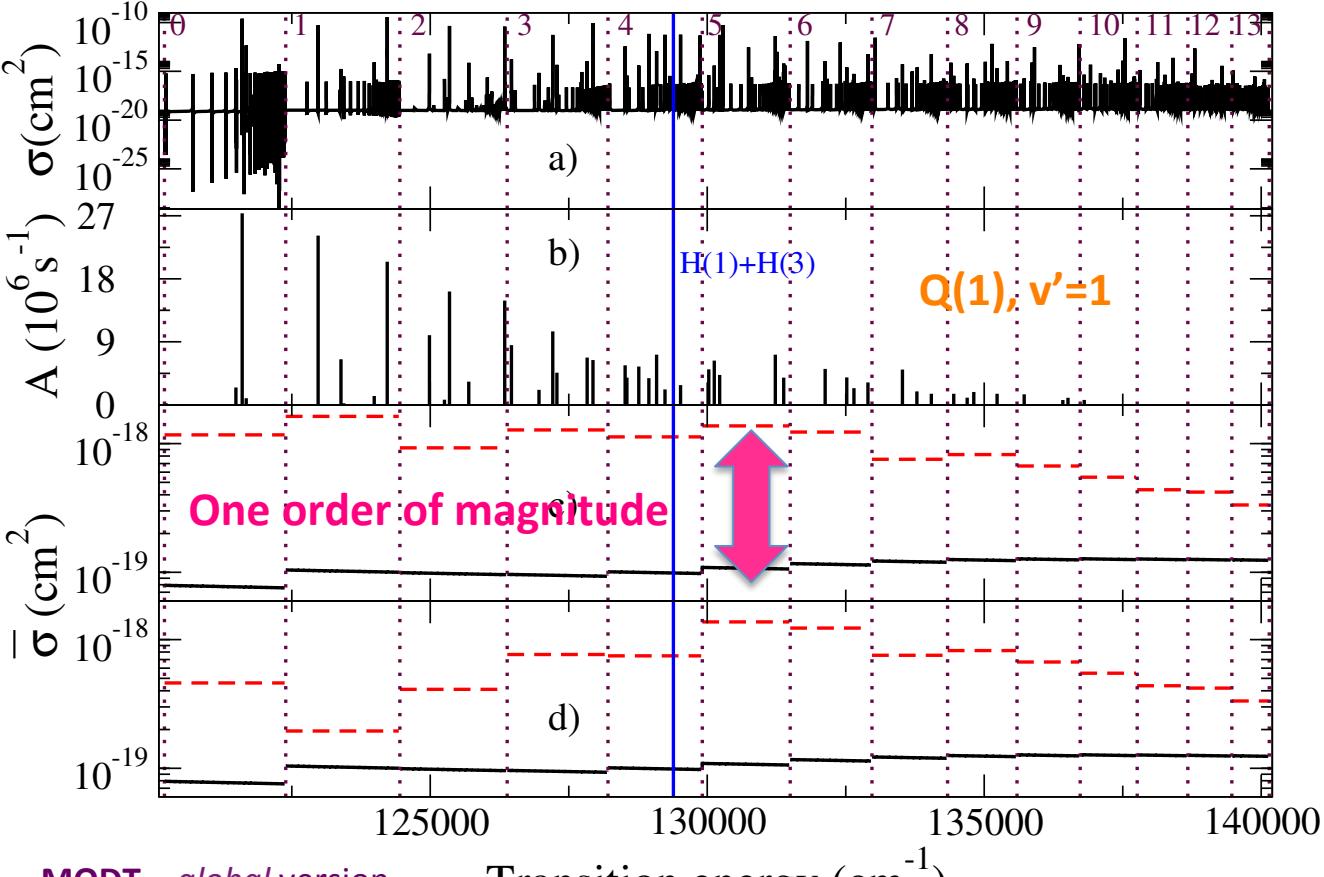
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### b) Most intense lines

## c,d) Average photoionization cross section



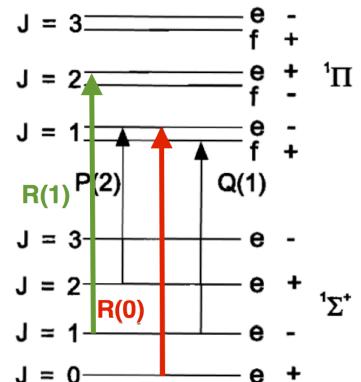
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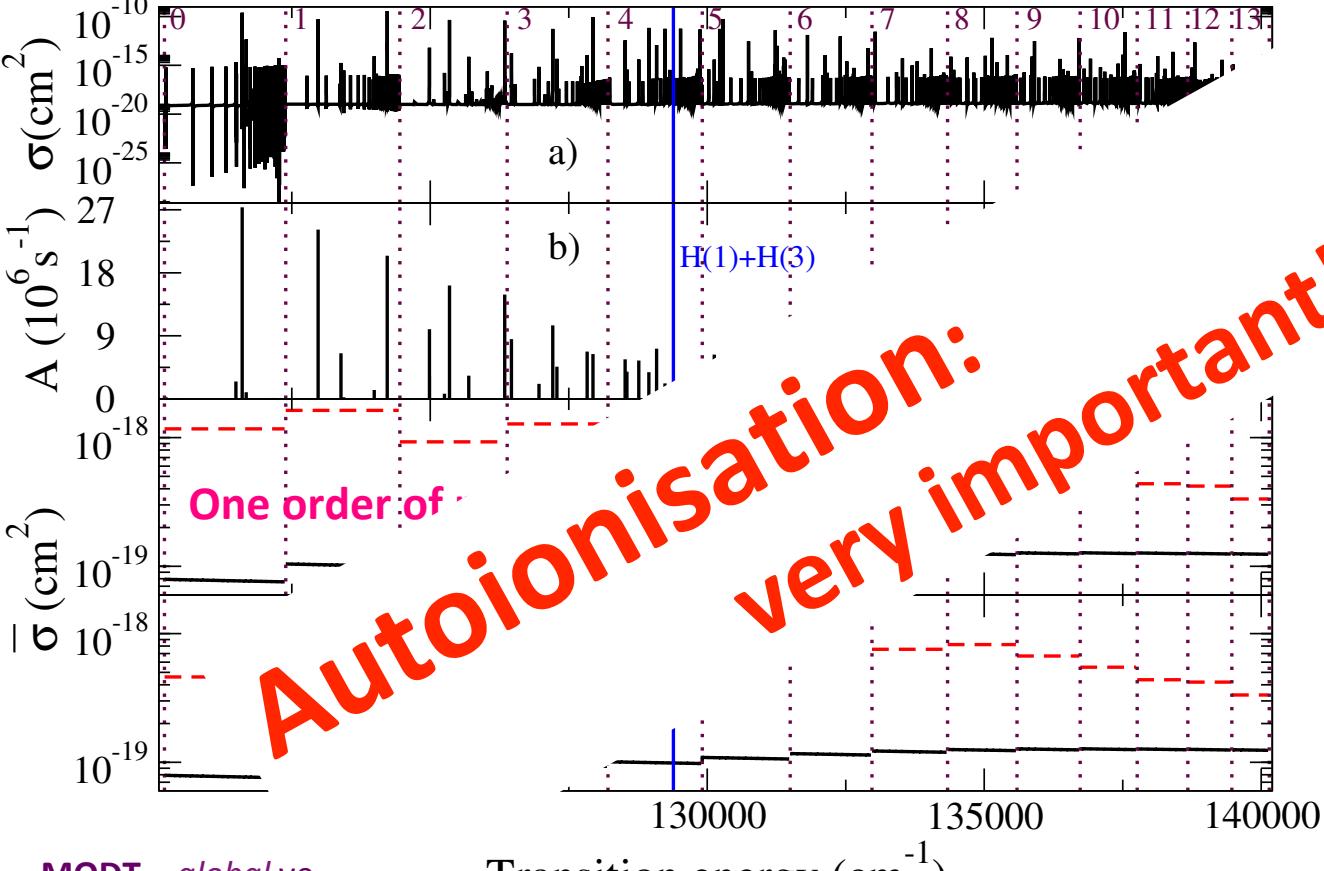
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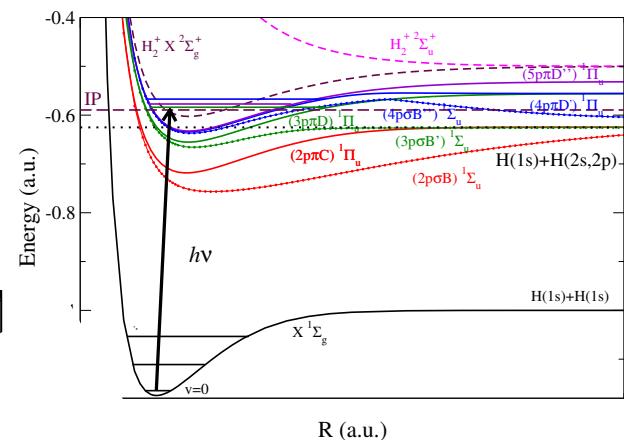


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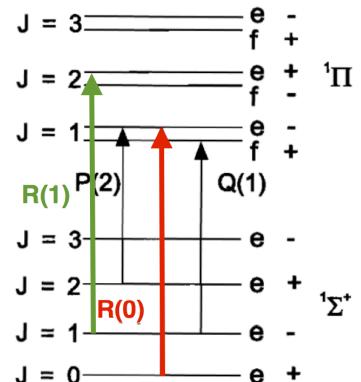
Autoionisation:  
very important!!!



Photoionization profile

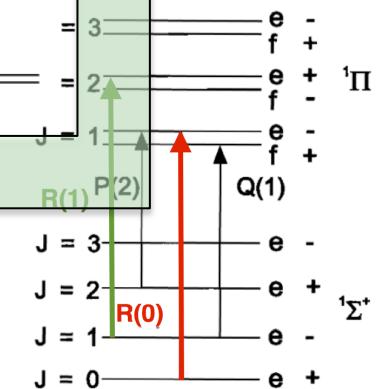
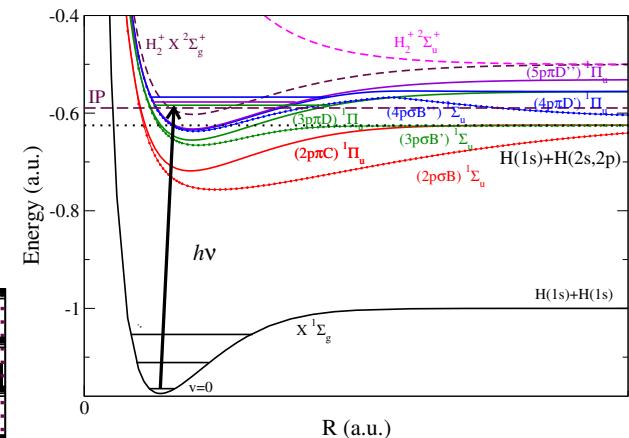
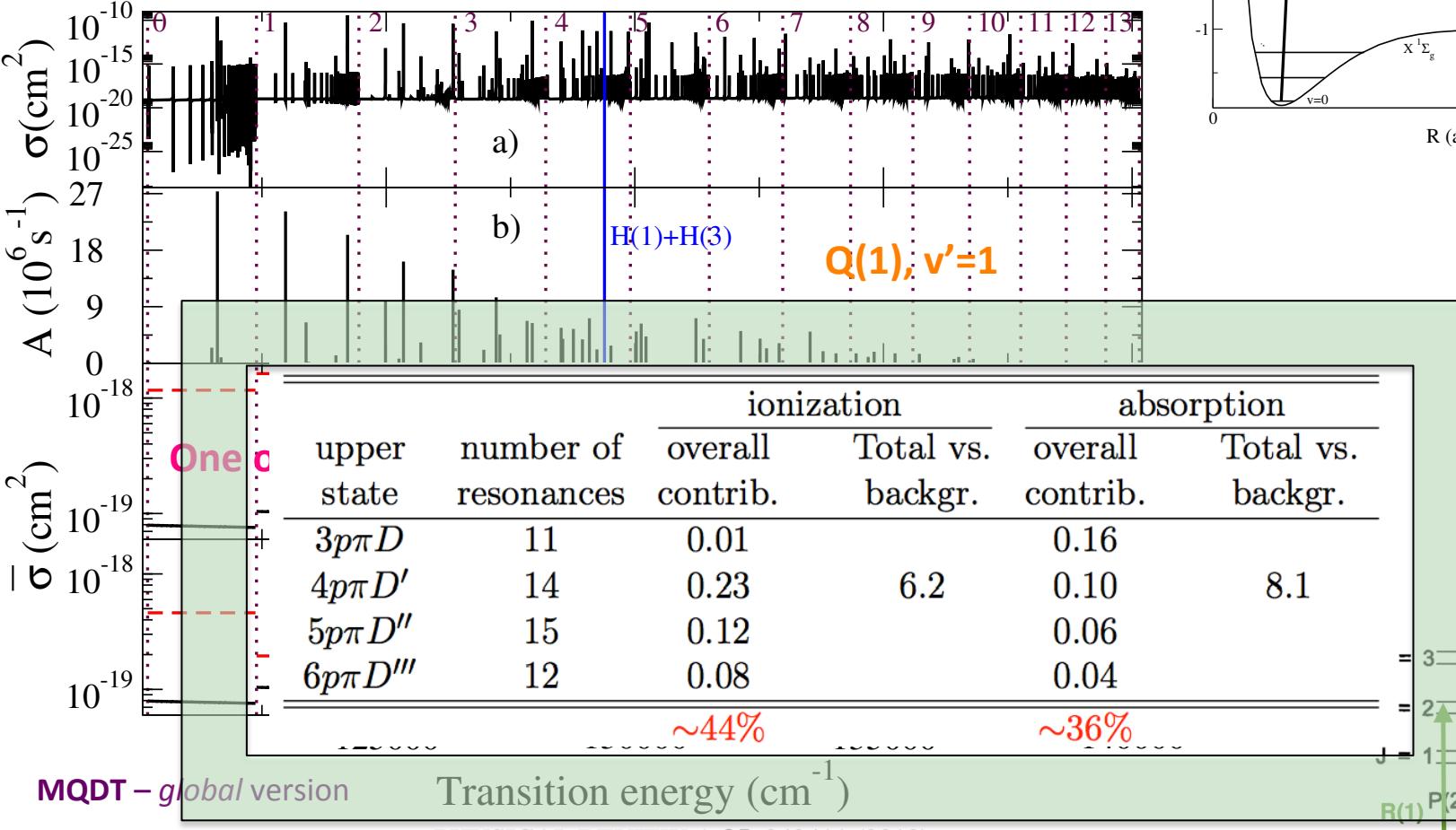
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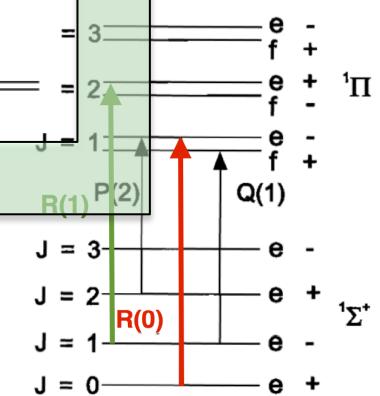
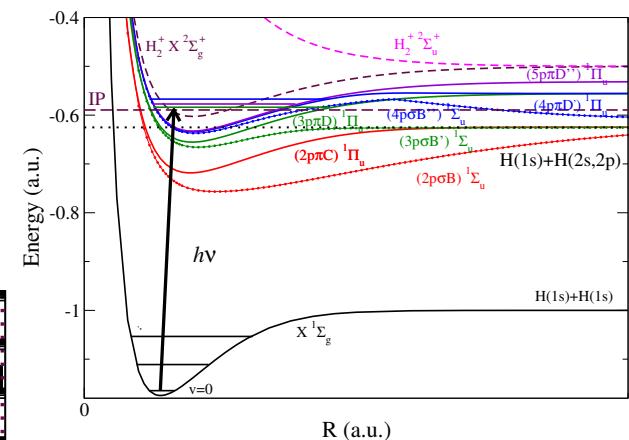
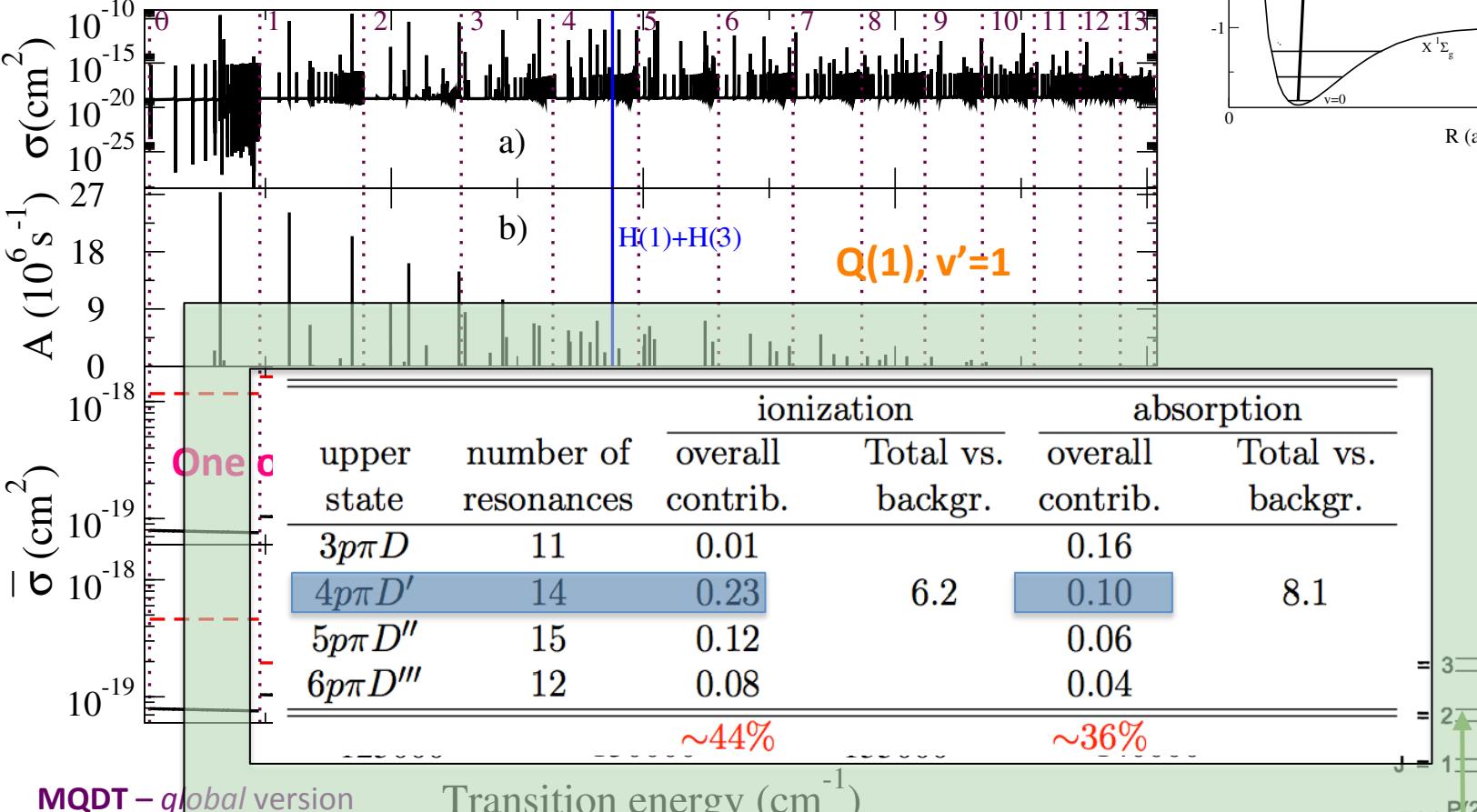
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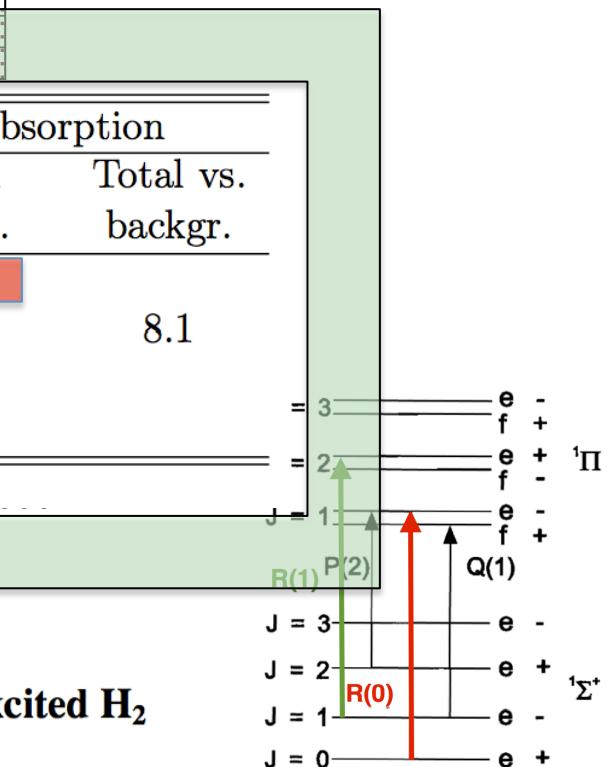
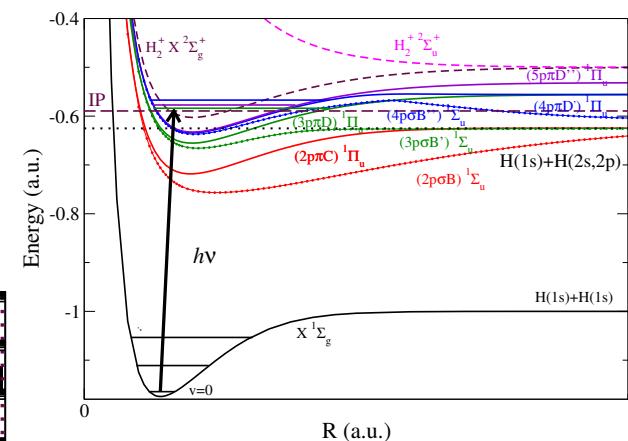
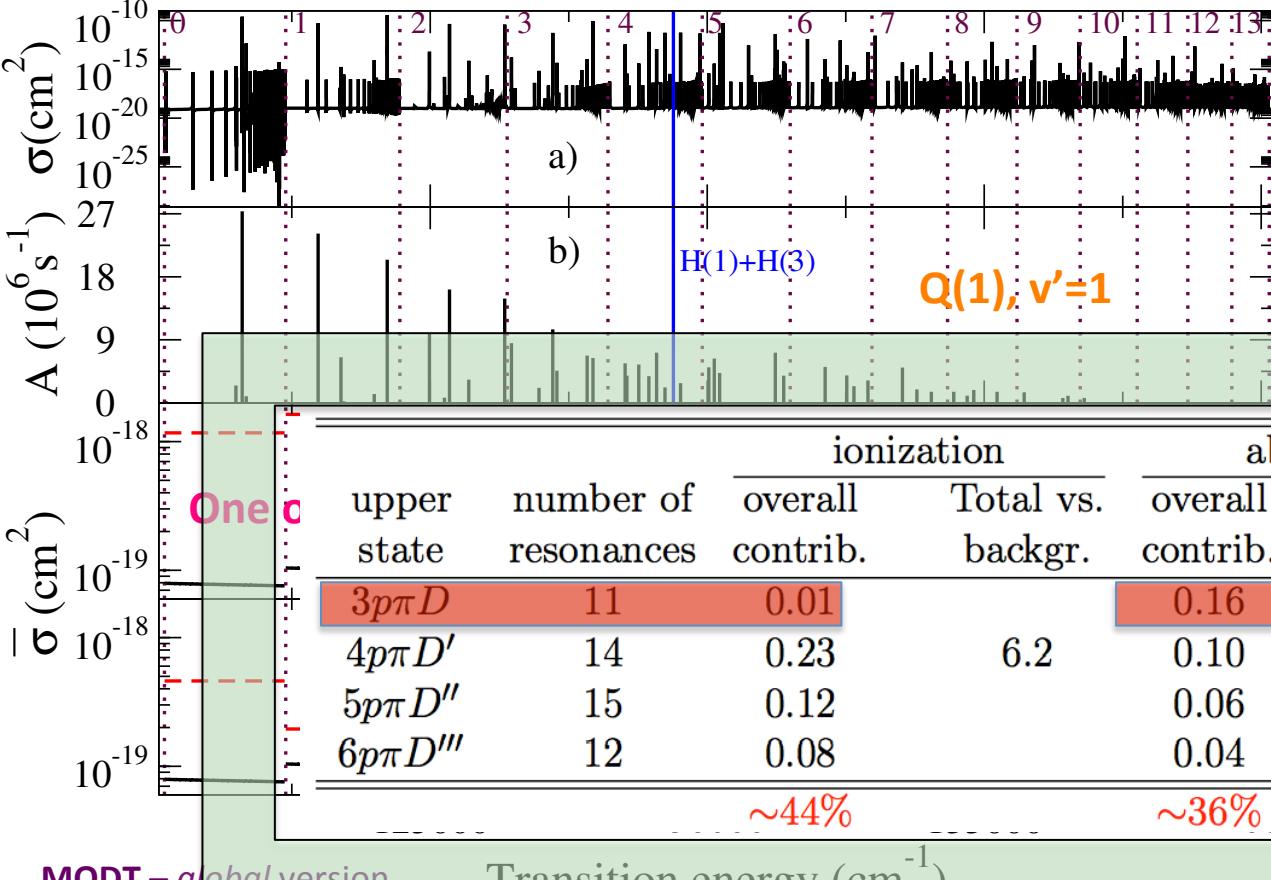
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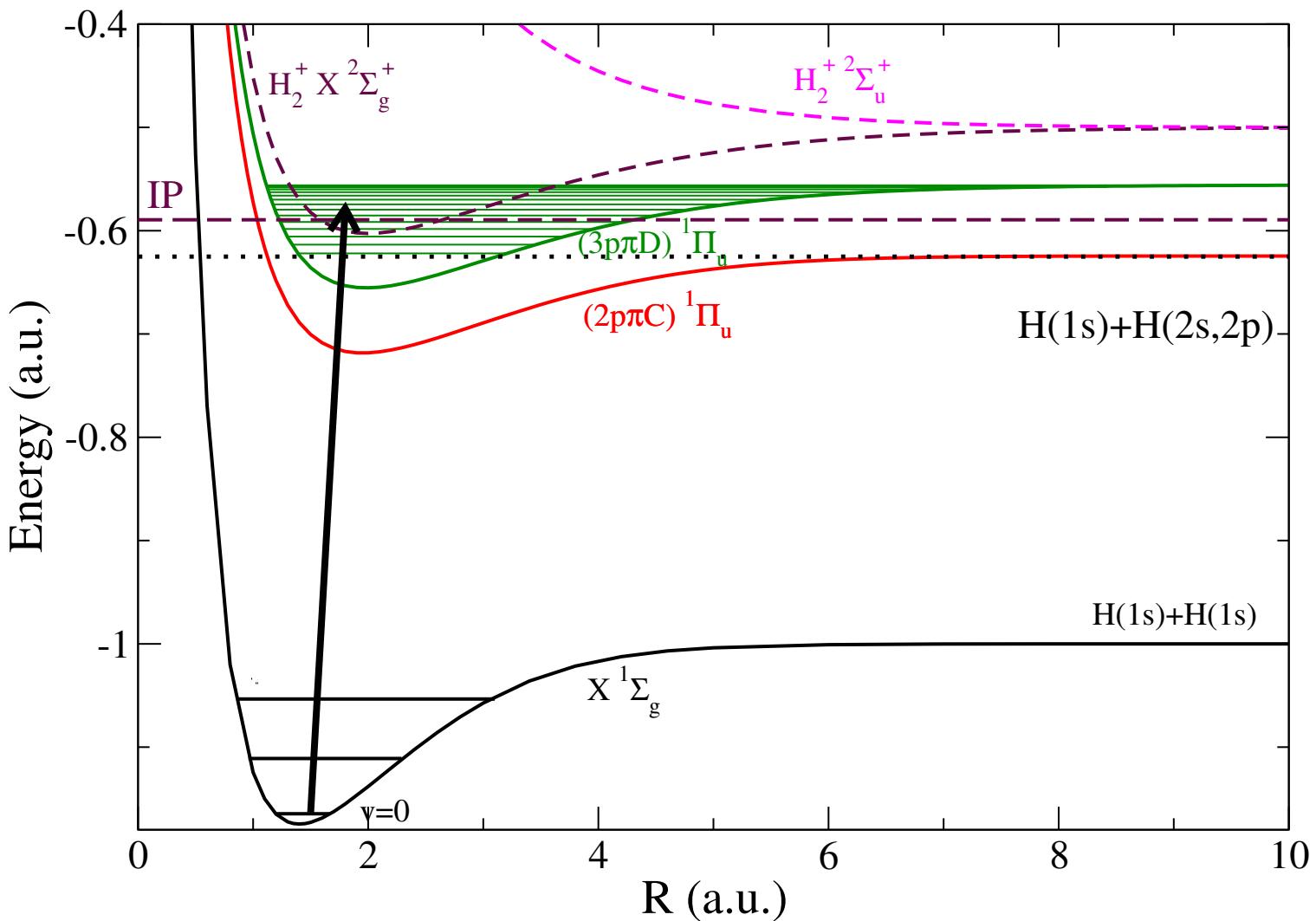


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- absorption spectra in the 74 – 94 nm range ( $115000 – 135000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )
- limited by Doppler broadening at 100 K ( $0.6 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), FT resolution:  $0.35 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
- estimated accuracy:  $0.06 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (Q-transition);  $\sim 0.7 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (R-transition)

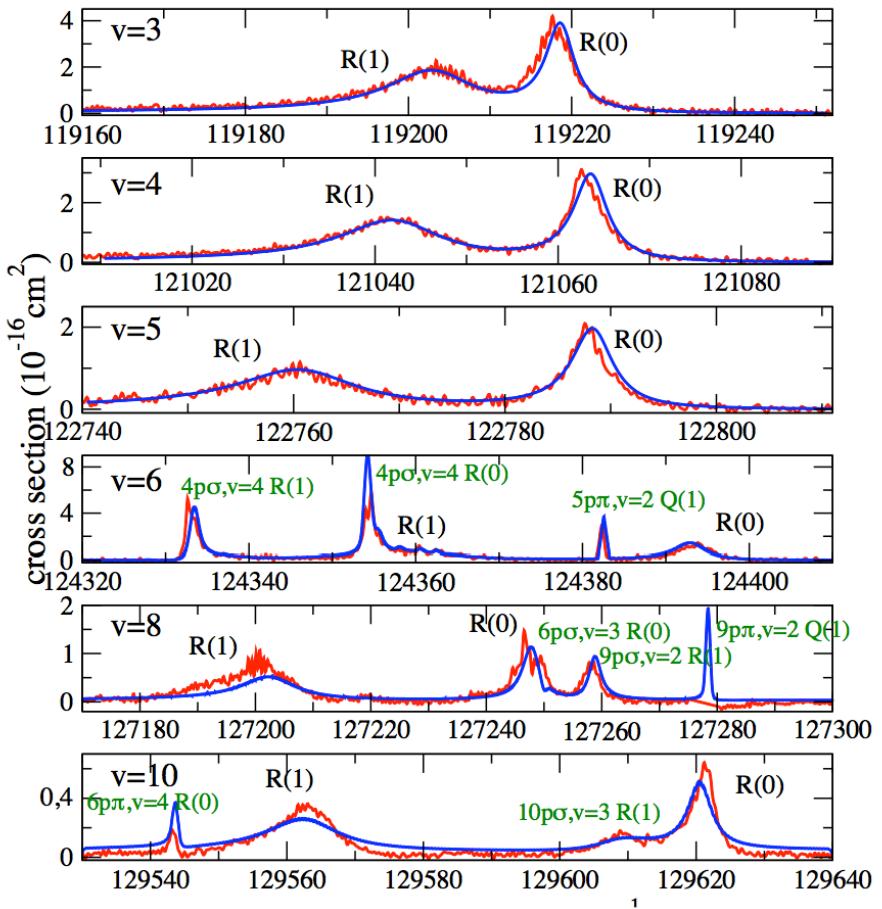
### DESIRS beamline SOLEIL

- Fourier transform spectrometer in the VUV
- high resolution and high absolute accuracy

### U125/2 beamline BESSY II

- 10m normal incidence scanning monochromator
- ionization, dissociation and fluorescence detection
- spectral resolution  $2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
- absolute intensity measurements

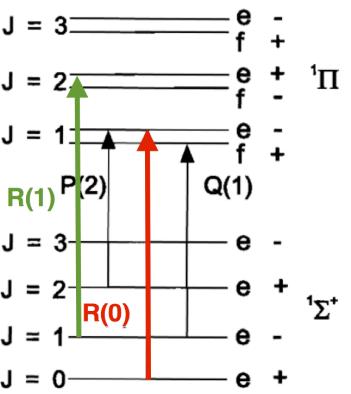
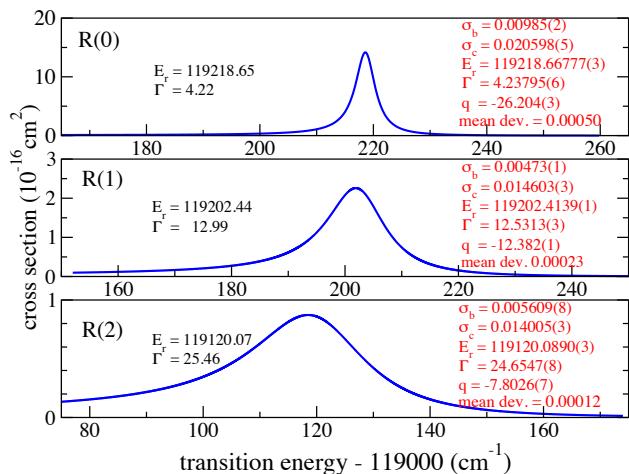
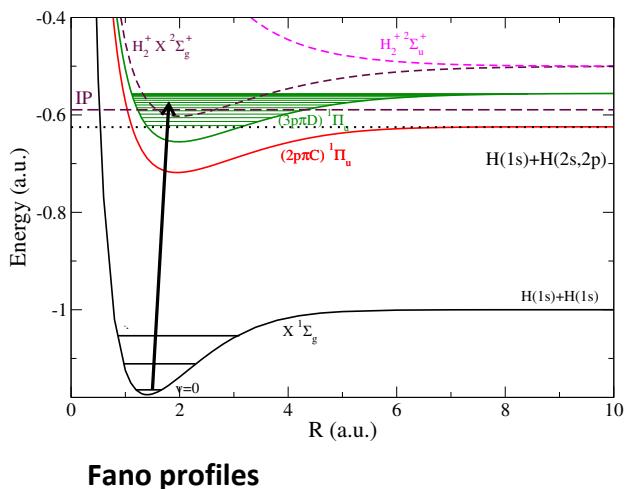
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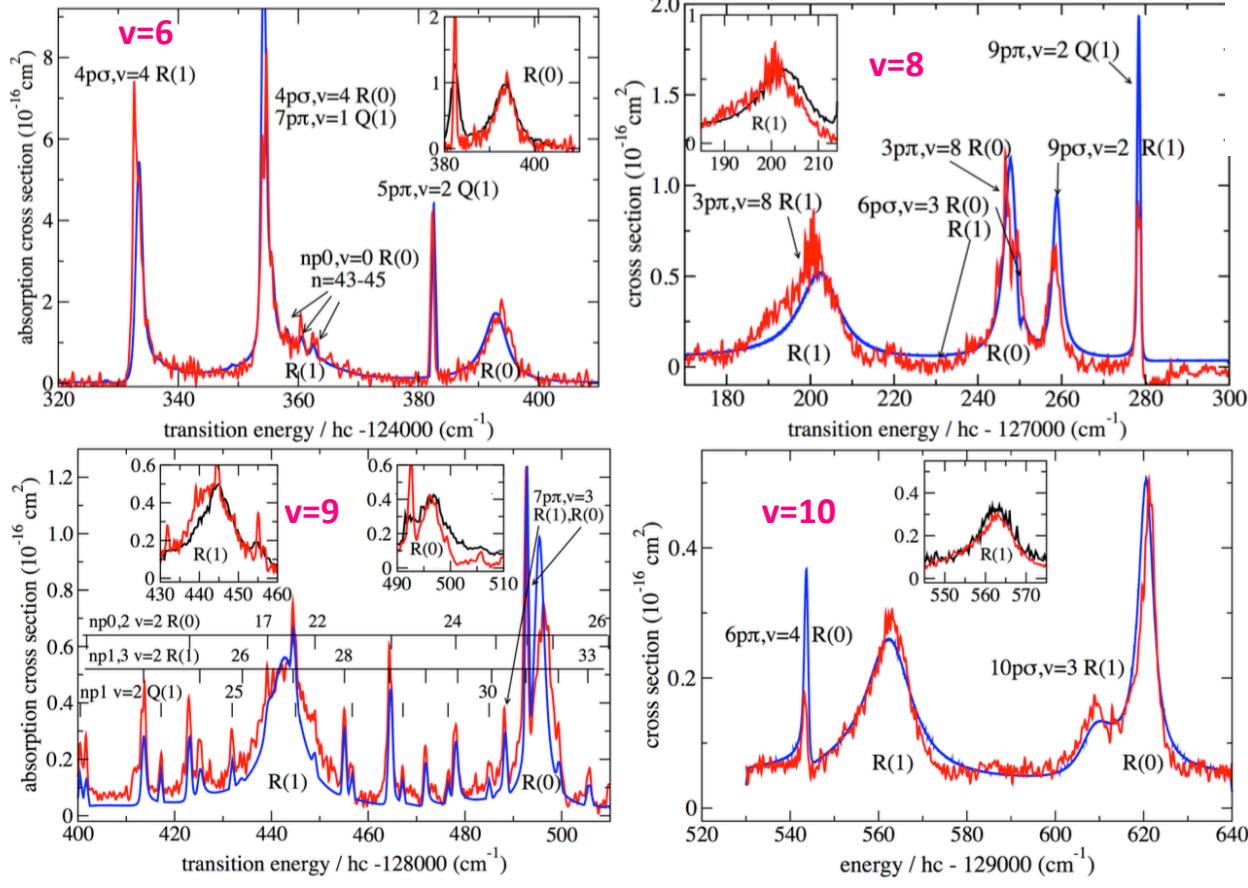
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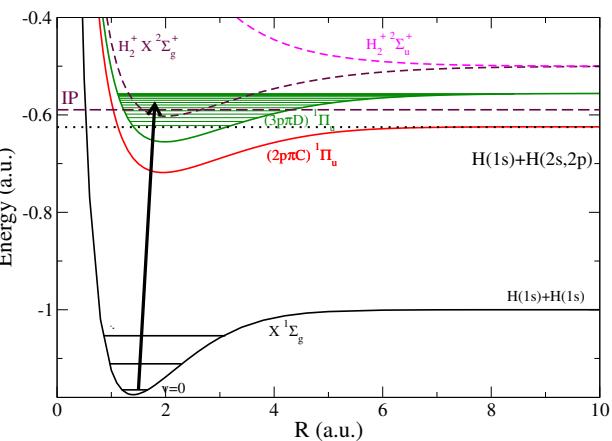
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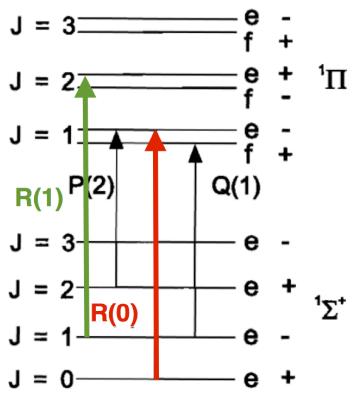
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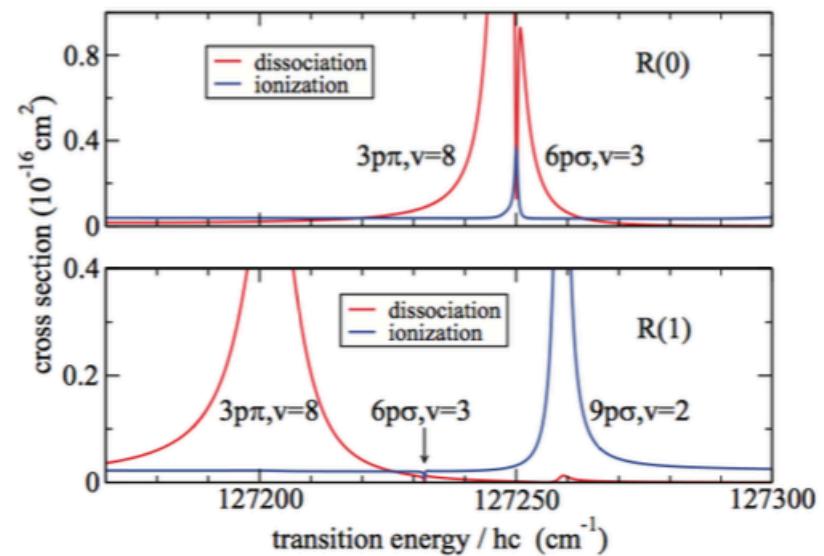
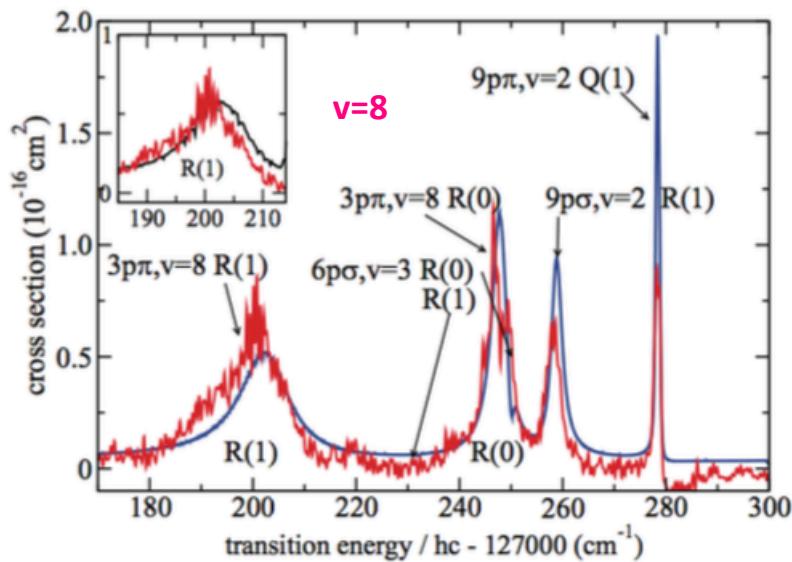


Very high spectral resolution ( $\sim 0.7 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )

Very good agreement with the measurements performed on **SOLEIL** - Dickenson *et al*, JCP (2010) - and **BESSY** – Glass-Maujean *et al*, PRA (2012) - synchrotrons



# Results: H<sub>2</sub> – Photodissociation - competition



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# Results: H<sub>2</sub> – Photoabsorption - experiments

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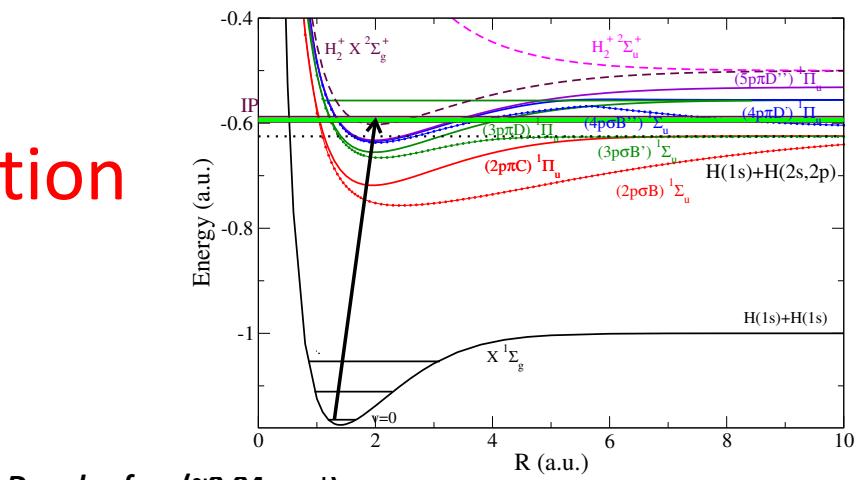
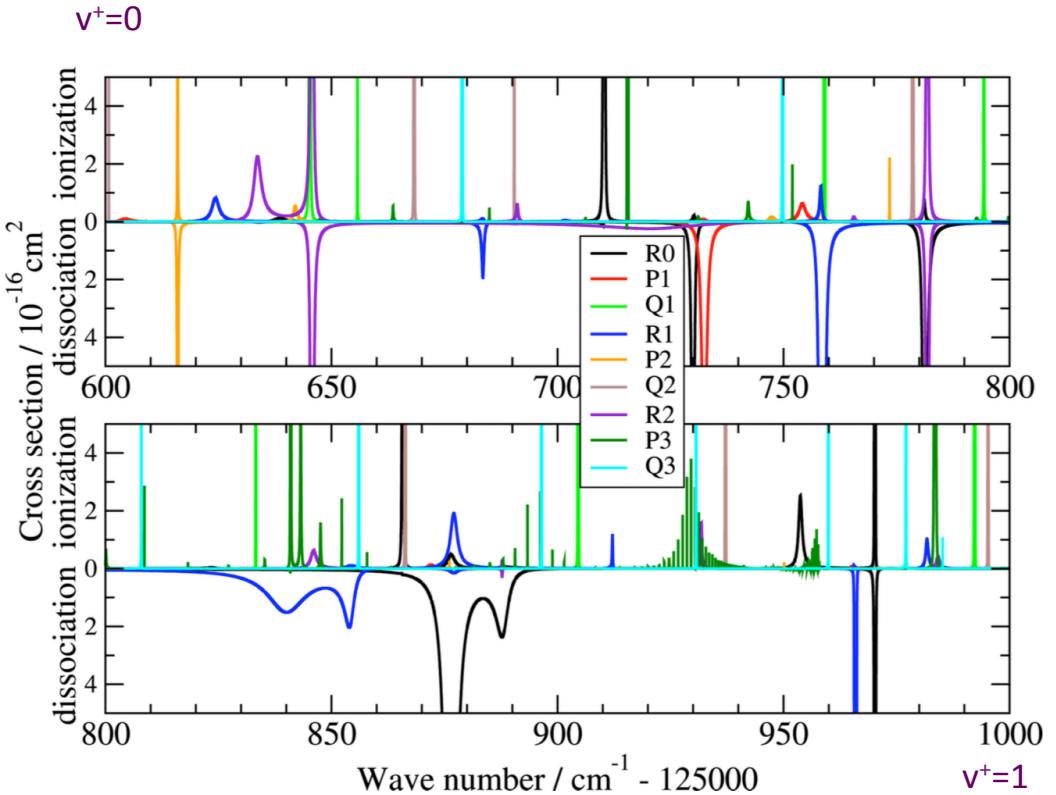
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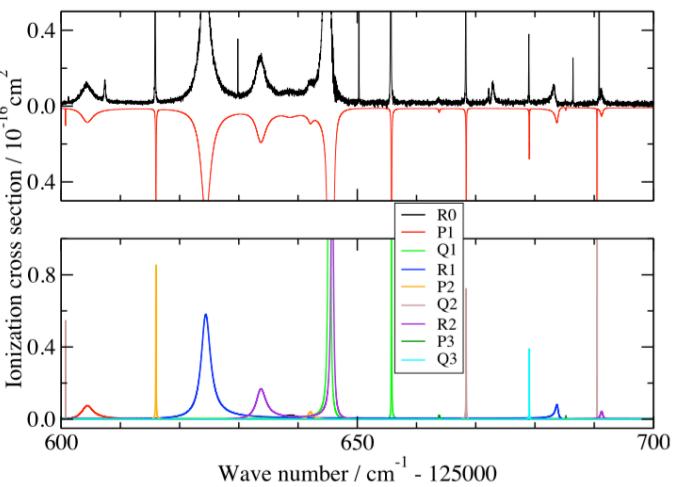
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Absorption and photoionization spectra of H<sub>2</sub> have been recorded at a resolution of 0.09 and 0.04 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively, between 125 600 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 126 000 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The observed Rydberg states belong to series ( $n = 10 - 14$ ) converging on the first vibrationally excited level of the X  $^2\Sigma_g^+$  state of H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, and of lower members of series converging on higher vibrational levels. The observed resonances are characterized by the competition between autoionization, predissociation, and fluorescence. The unprecedented resolution of the present experimental data leads to a full characterization of the predissociation/autoionization profiles of many resonances that had not been resolved previously. Multichannel quantum defect theory is used to predict the line positions, widths, shapes, and intensities of the observed spectra and is found to yield quantitative agreement using previously determined quantum defect functions as the unique set of input parameters. © 2016 AIP Publishing LLC. [<http://dx.doi.org/10.1063/1.4941920>]

# Results: $\text{H}_2$ - Photoabsorption



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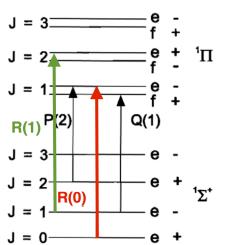
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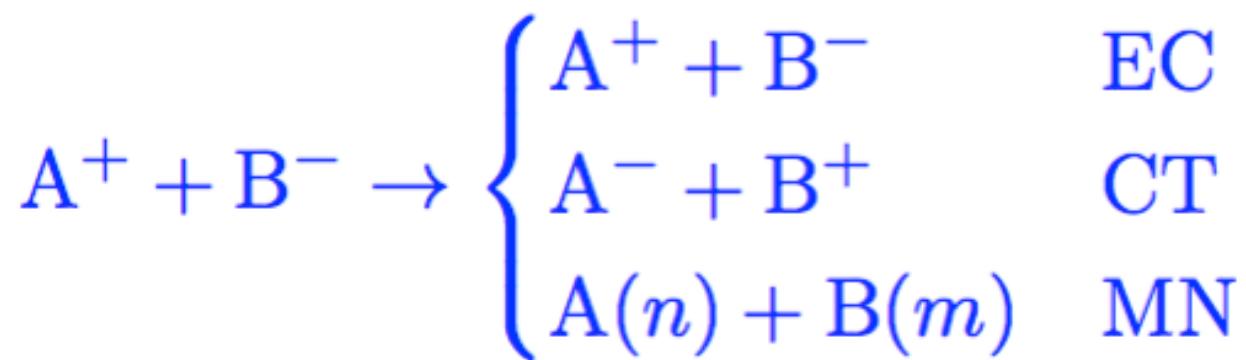
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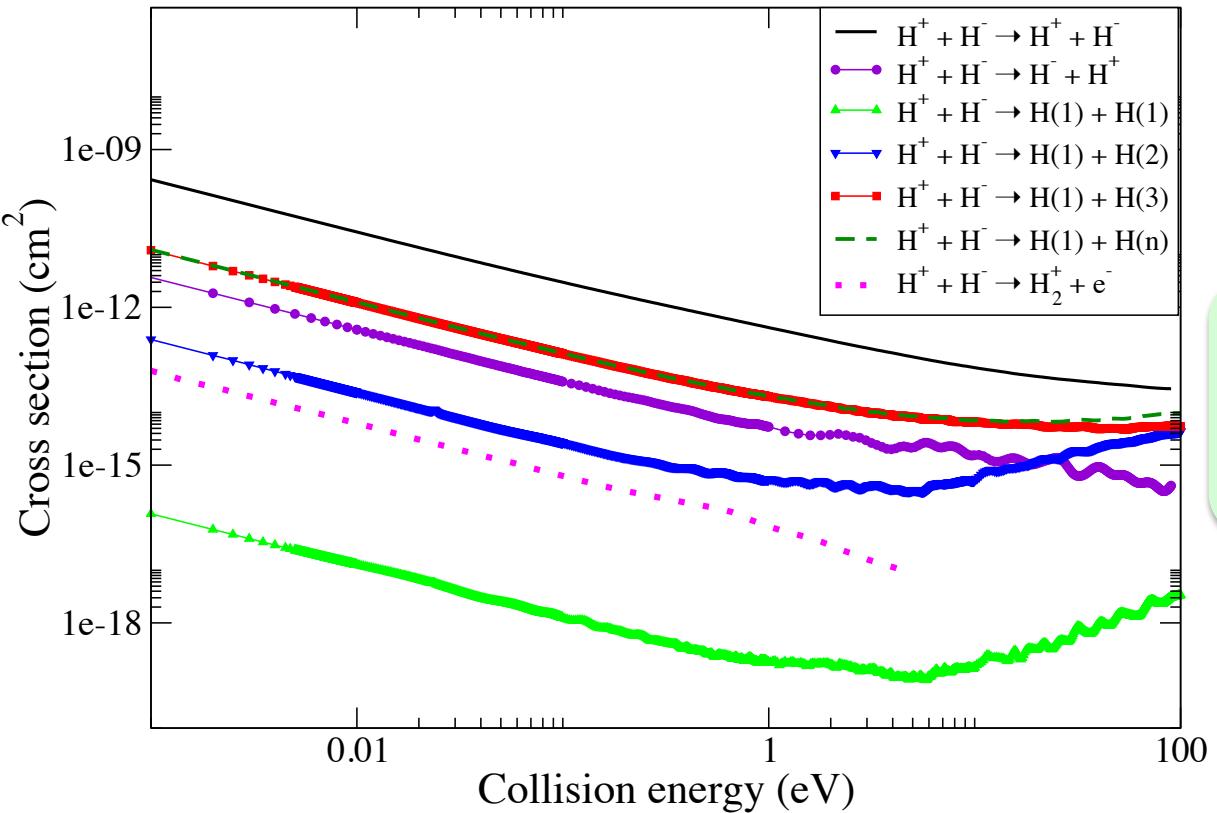
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- Introduction and motivations
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# Anion-cation: Reactive collisions



# Results: low energy $H^+ + H^-$

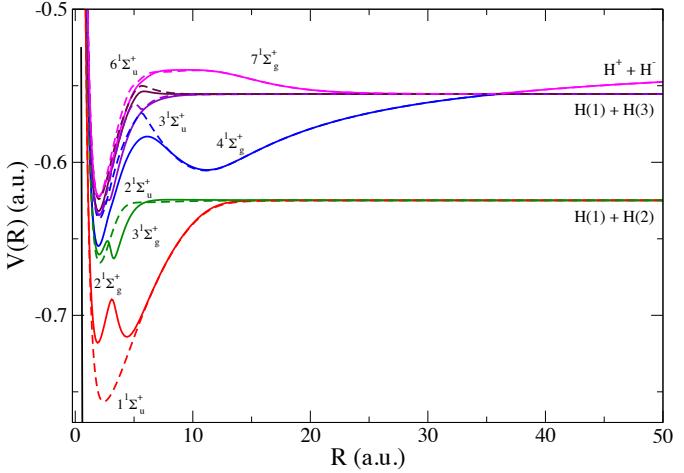


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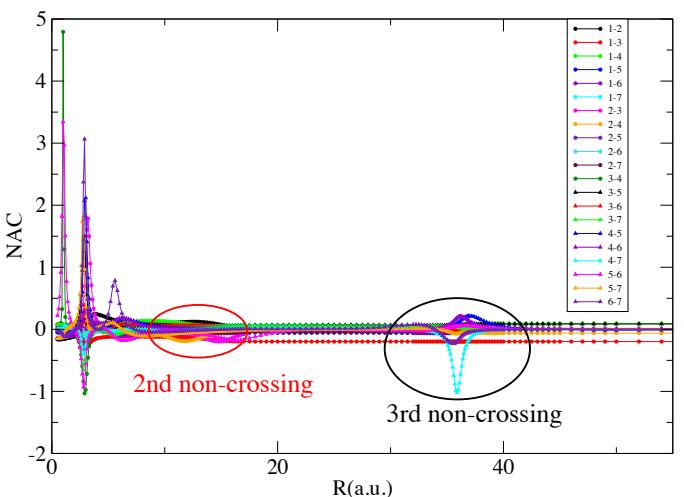
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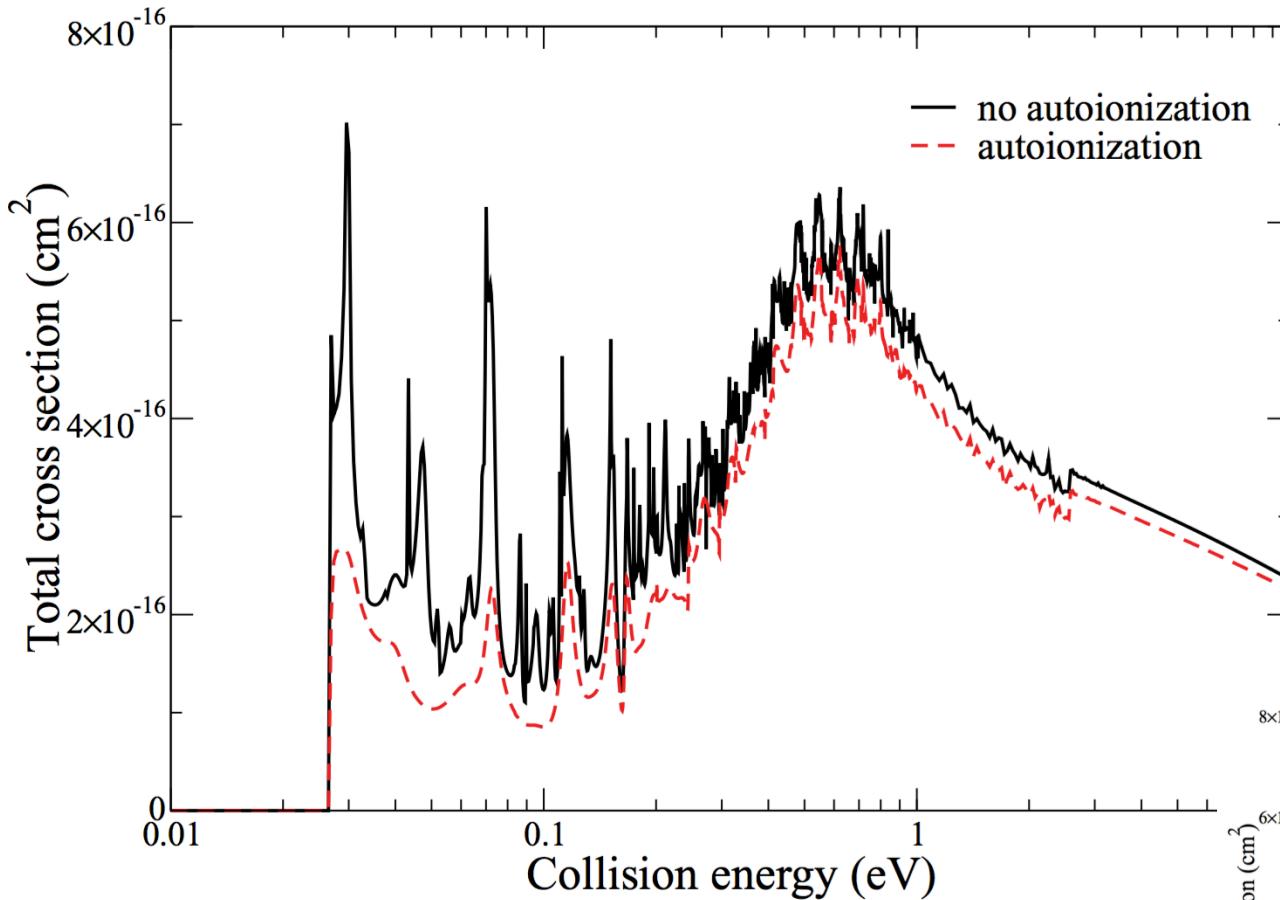
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- PES: Molpro et Wolniewicz *et al.* – Strict diabatisation
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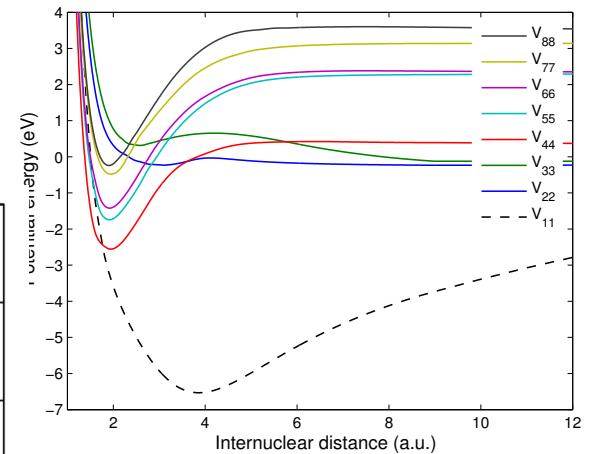
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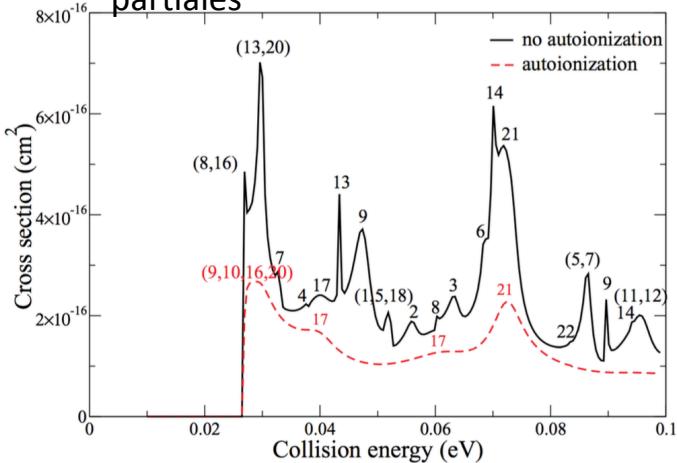
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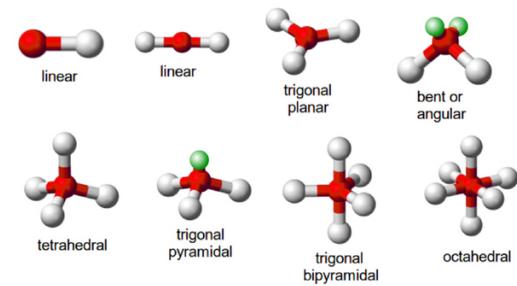
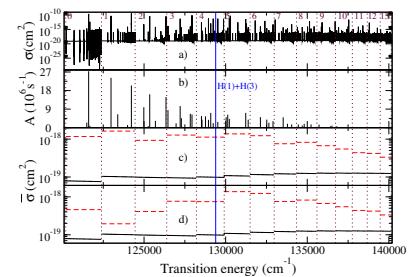
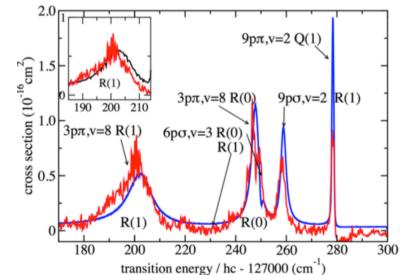
**L'autoionisation !!!**

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# Conclusions

- MQDT: state-to-state calculations
- Temporary captures into super-excited states: **HUGE RESONANT EFFECTS**
- Full study on  $\text{H}_2$  and other systems (di- and poly-atomics)





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