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Molecular data for fusion (and other) plasmas

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Inner region

Outer region

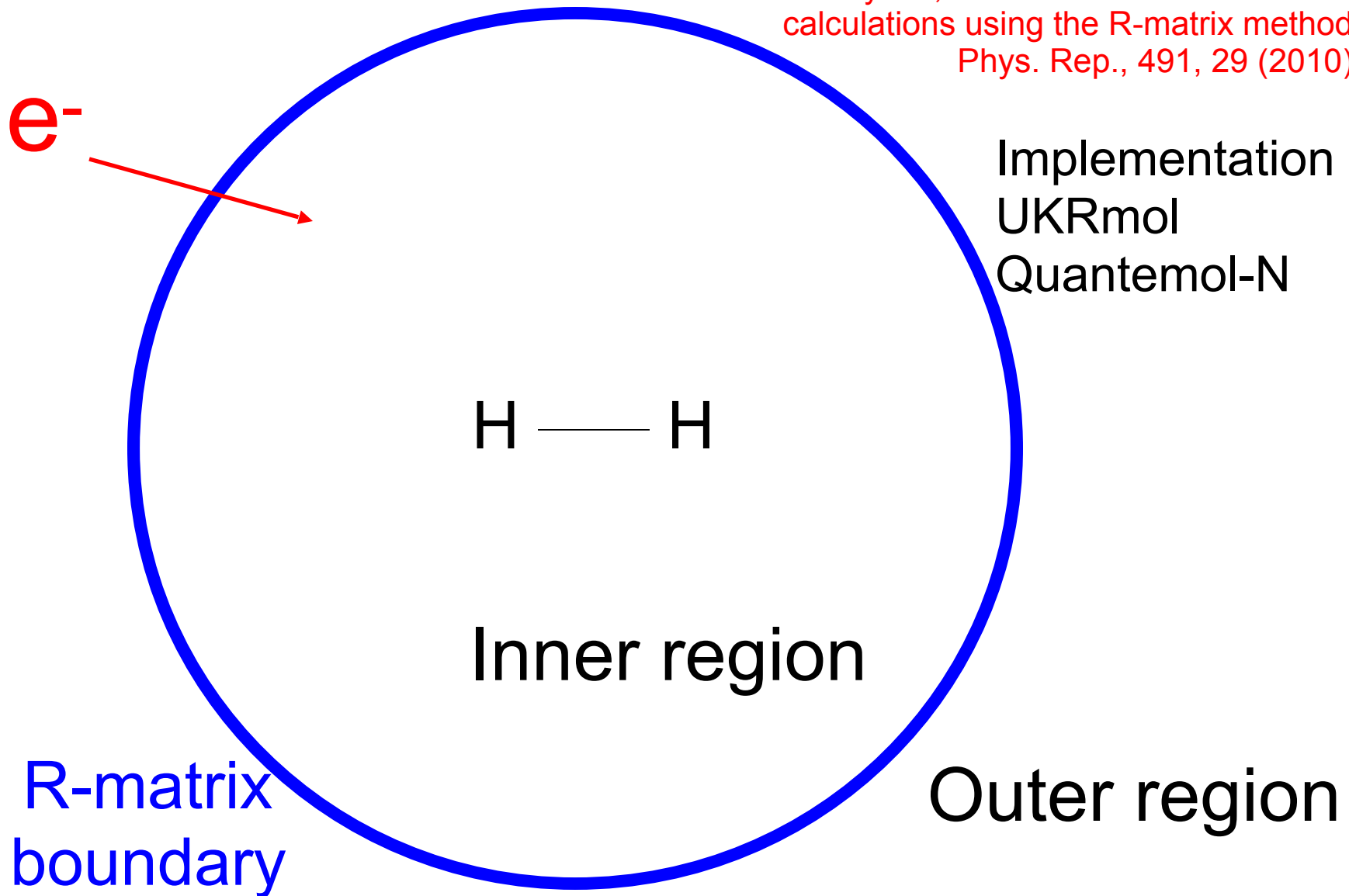
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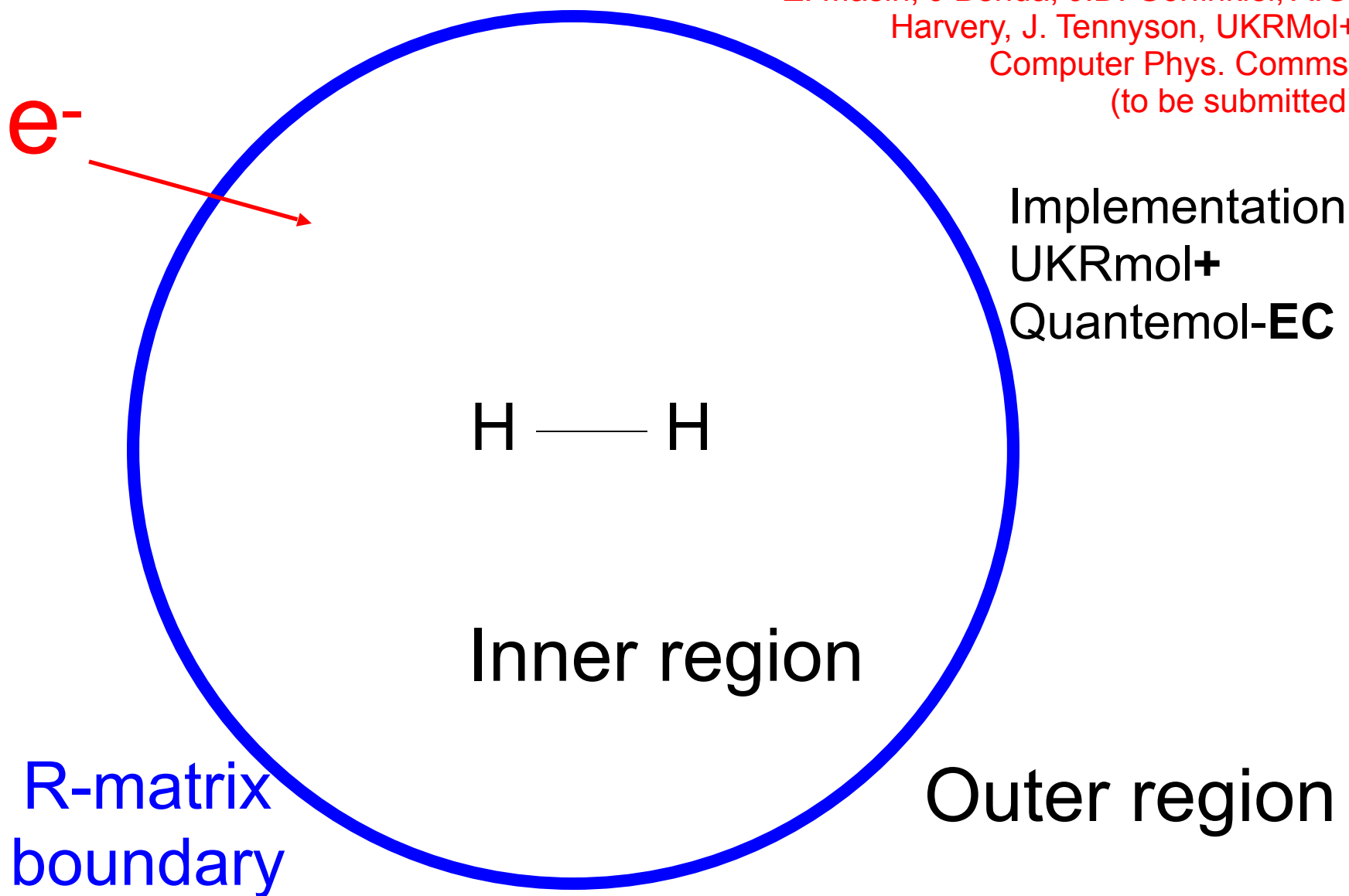
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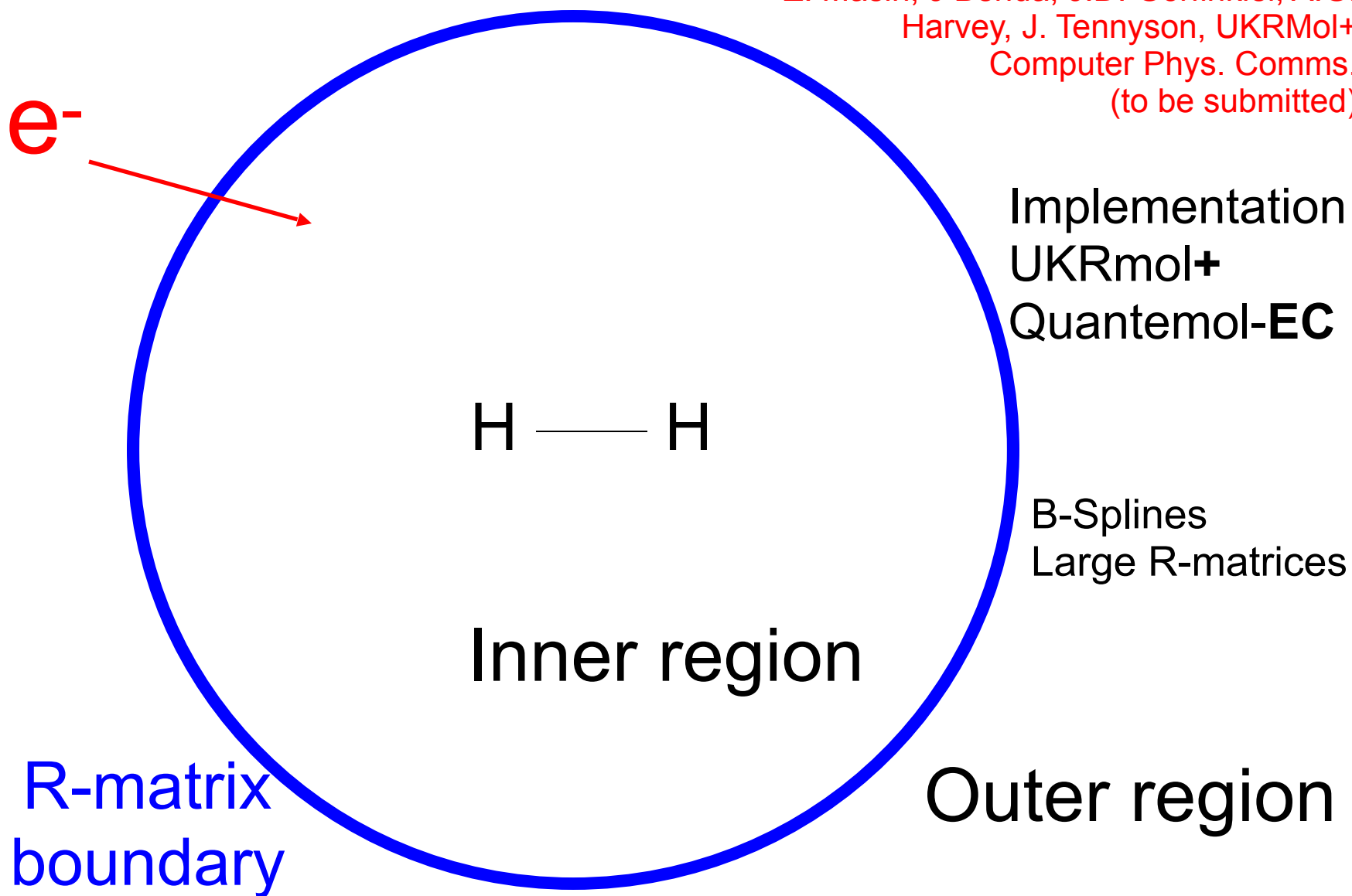
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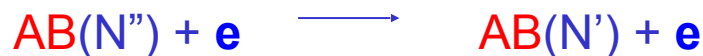


Low-energy electron collision processes

Elastic scattering



Rotational excitation



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Electronic excitation



Impact dissociation



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In progress

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Planned

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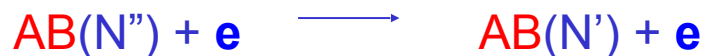


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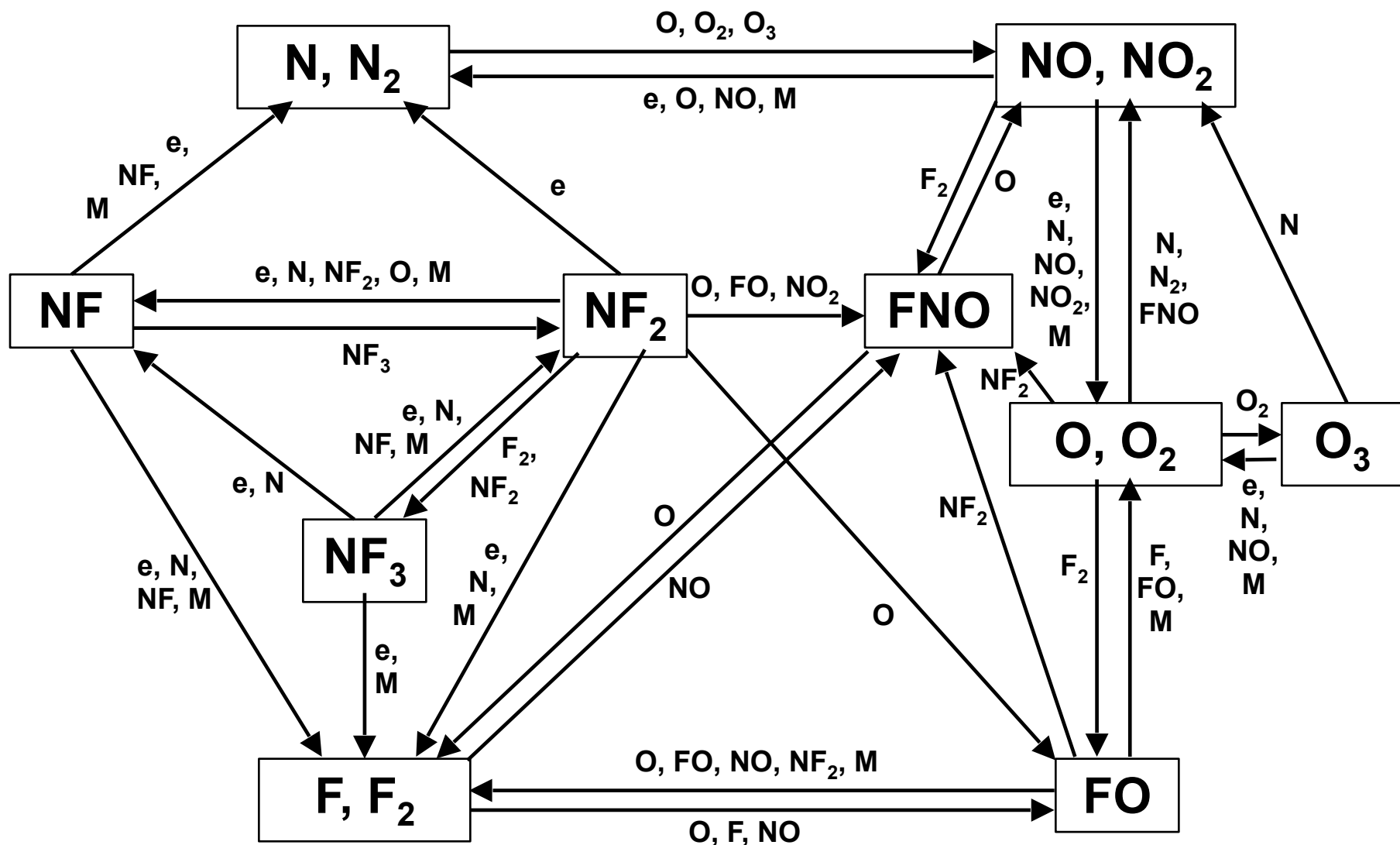


Impact ionisation (e,2e)



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REACTION MECHANISM: NF_3/O_2



M represents 3rd body.

Diagram ignores ions which are also important.

Plasma chemistries:

Driven by a whole variety of

e – molecules

Heavy particle reactions

Eg NF_3/O_2 mixture

S. Huang, V. Volynets, J.R. Hamilton, S. Lee, I.-C. Song, S. Lu, J. Tennyson & M.J. Kushner, Insights to Scaling Remote Plasma Sources Sustained in NF_3 Mixtures, *J. Vac. Sci. Technol. A*, **35**, 031302 (2017)

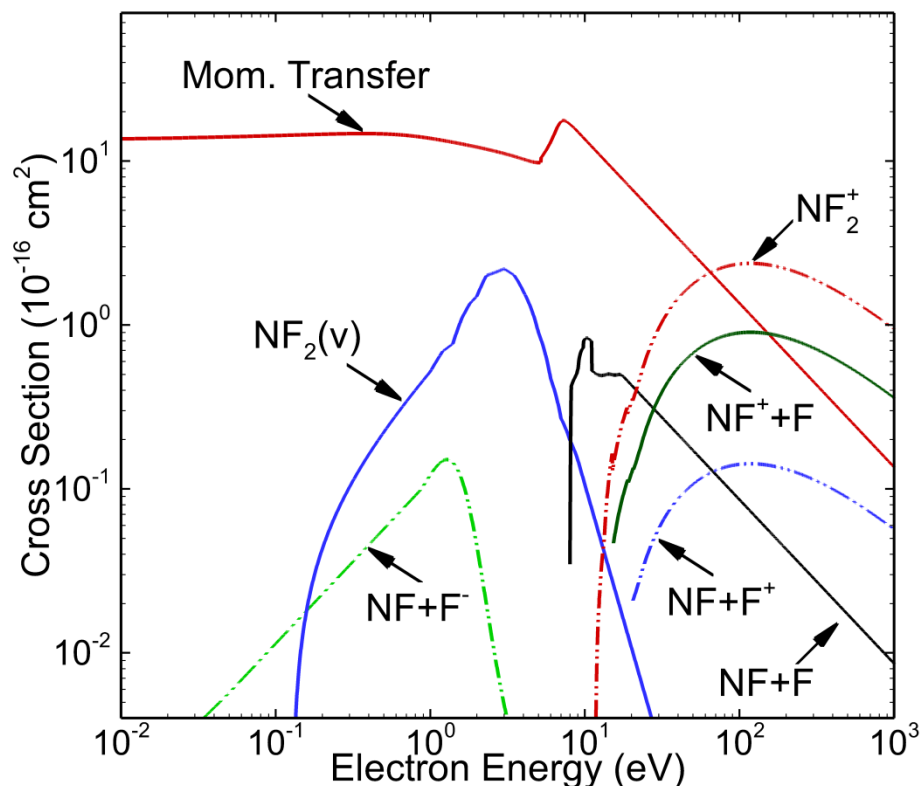
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$\text{e} + \text{NF}_3 \rightarrow \text{NF}_2 + \text{F}^-$	c), e)	[17]	-1.0
$\text{e} + \text{NF}_3 \rightarrow \text{NF}_3(\text{v}) + \text{e}$	c), f)	[17]	
$\text{e} + \text{NF}_3 \rightarrow \text{NF}_2 + \text{F} + \text{e}$	c)	[17]	-5.8
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$\text{e} + \text{NF}_3 \rightarrow \text{NF}_3^+ + \text{e} + \text{e}$	c)	[17]	
$\text{e} + \text{NF}_3 \rightarrow \text{NF}_2^+ + \text{F} + \text{e} + \text{e}$	c)	[17]	-0.5
$\text{e} + \text{NF}_3 \rightarrow \text{NF}^+ + \text{F} + \text{F} + \text{e} + \text{e}$	c)	[17]	-4.2
$\text{e} + \text{NF}_3 \rightarrow \text{F}^+ + \text{NF}_2 + \text{e} + \text{e}$	c)	[17]	-1.1 ^{g)}
$\text{e} + \text{NF}_2 \rightarrow \text{NF}_2 + \text{e}$	c)	[18]	
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$\text{e} + \text{NF}_3^+ \rightarrow \text{NF}_2 + \text{F}$	1×10^{-7}	est. [29], h)	-11.1
$\text{e} + \text{NF}_2^+ \rightarrow \text{NF} + \text{F}$	1×10^{-7}	est. [29]	-6.3 ^{g)}
$\text{e} + \text{NF}^+ \rightarrow \text{N}^+ + \text{F}$	1×10^{-7}	est. [29]	-7.1
<u>Electron Impact F_2/F</u>			
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<u>Electron Impact N_xO_y</u>			
$\text{e} + \text{NO} \rightarrow \text{NO} + \text{e}$	c)	[33]	

ELECTRON IMPACT NF_x CROSS SECTIONS

- Electron impact cross sections for NF_x are not well known.
- Few direct measurements of NF_3 cross sections – mostly derived from swarm data.
- No direct (or swarm) measurements for NF_2 , NF .
- *Ab initio* R-matrix method used to computationally generate self-consistent set of electron impact cross sections for NF_3 , NF_2 , NF .



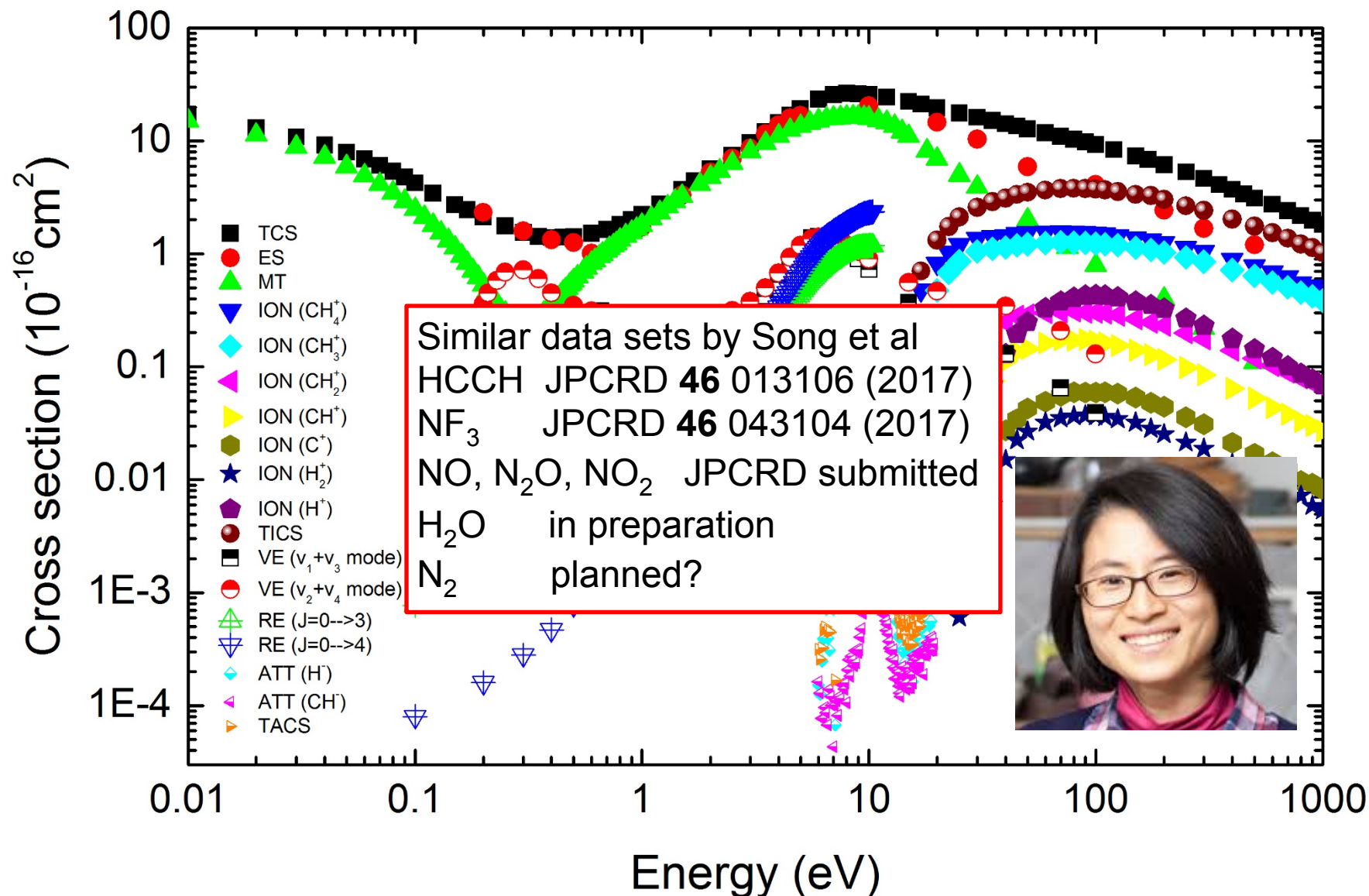
James Hamilton



NF_2 cross sections obtained using R-matrix method.

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Calculated cross sections for electron collisions with NF_3 , NF_2 and NF ,
Plasma Sources Sci. Technol, 26, 065010 (2017).

Cross sections for electron collisions with methane



M.-Y. Song, J.S. Yoon, H. Cho, Y. Itikawa, G. Karwasz, V. Kokoouline, Y. Nakamura & J. Tennyson, J. Phys. Chem. Ref. Data, **44**, 023101 (2015)

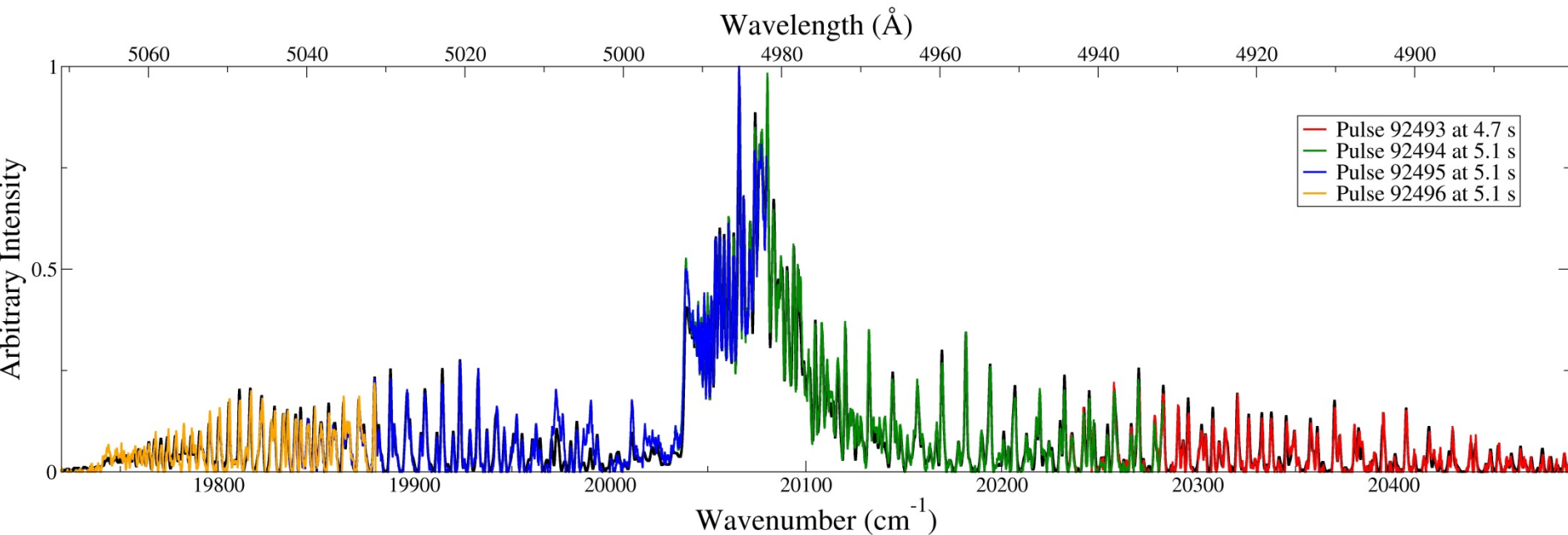
Fusion applications: BeH / BeD / BeT

- Be coating of walls at JET (ITER)
- BeD observed product
- Monitor Be erosion



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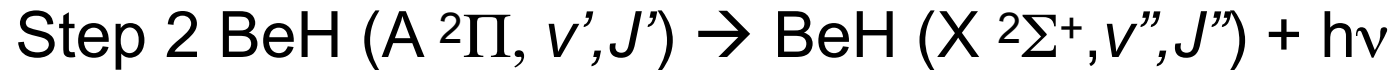
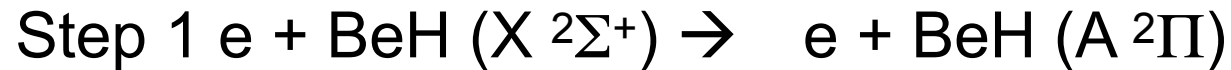
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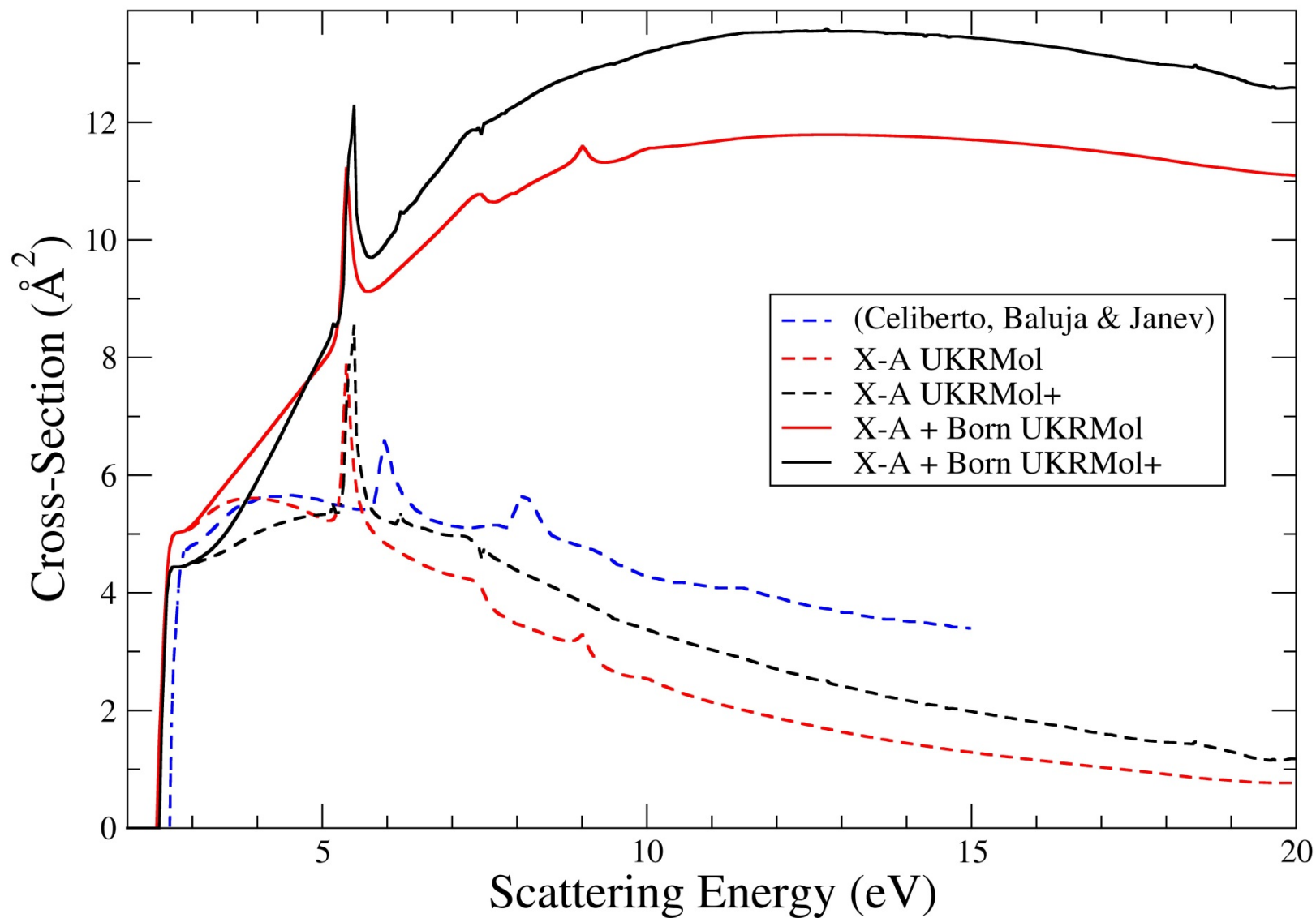


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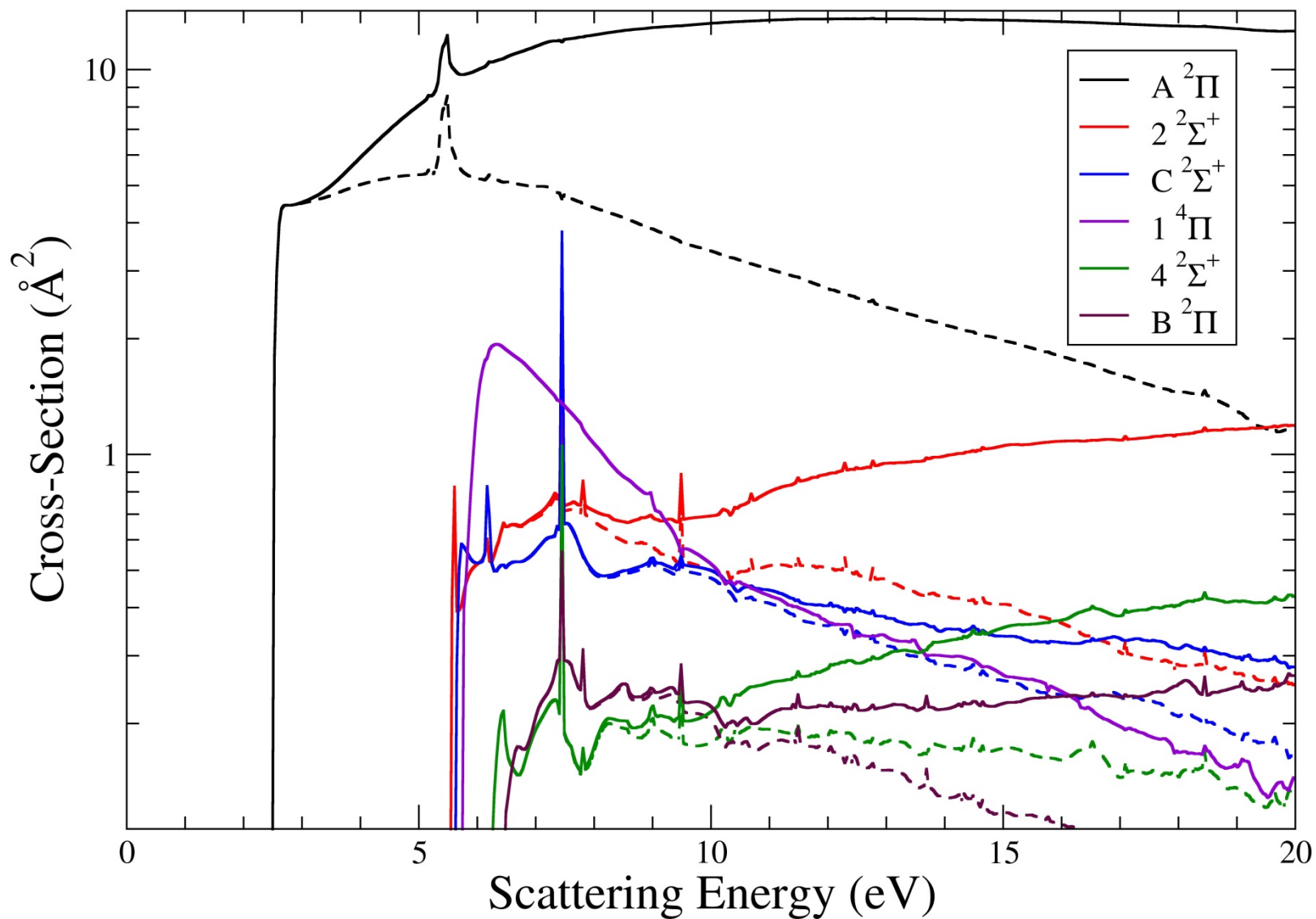
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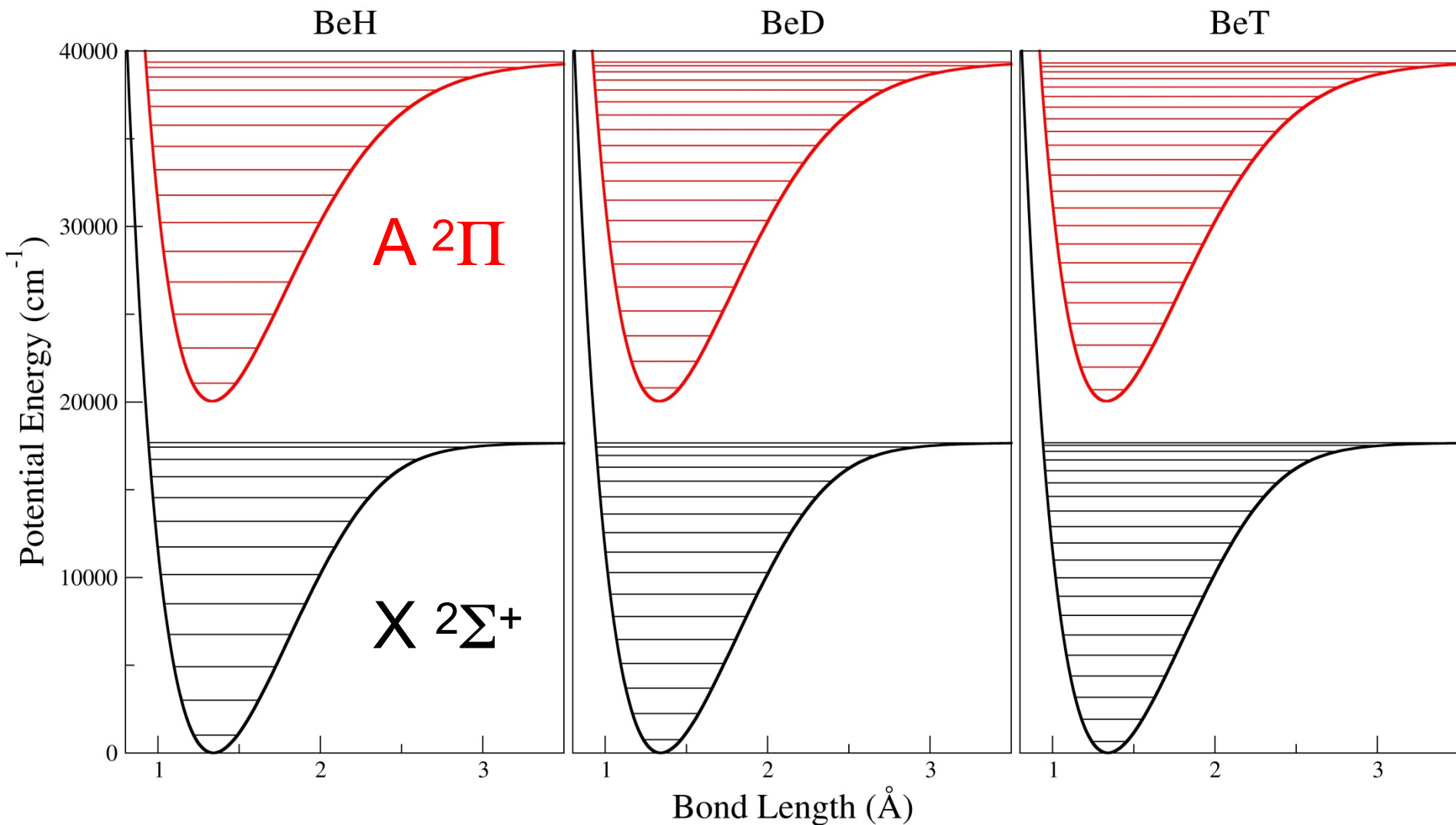


Electron impact electronic excitation of the BeH (BeD)



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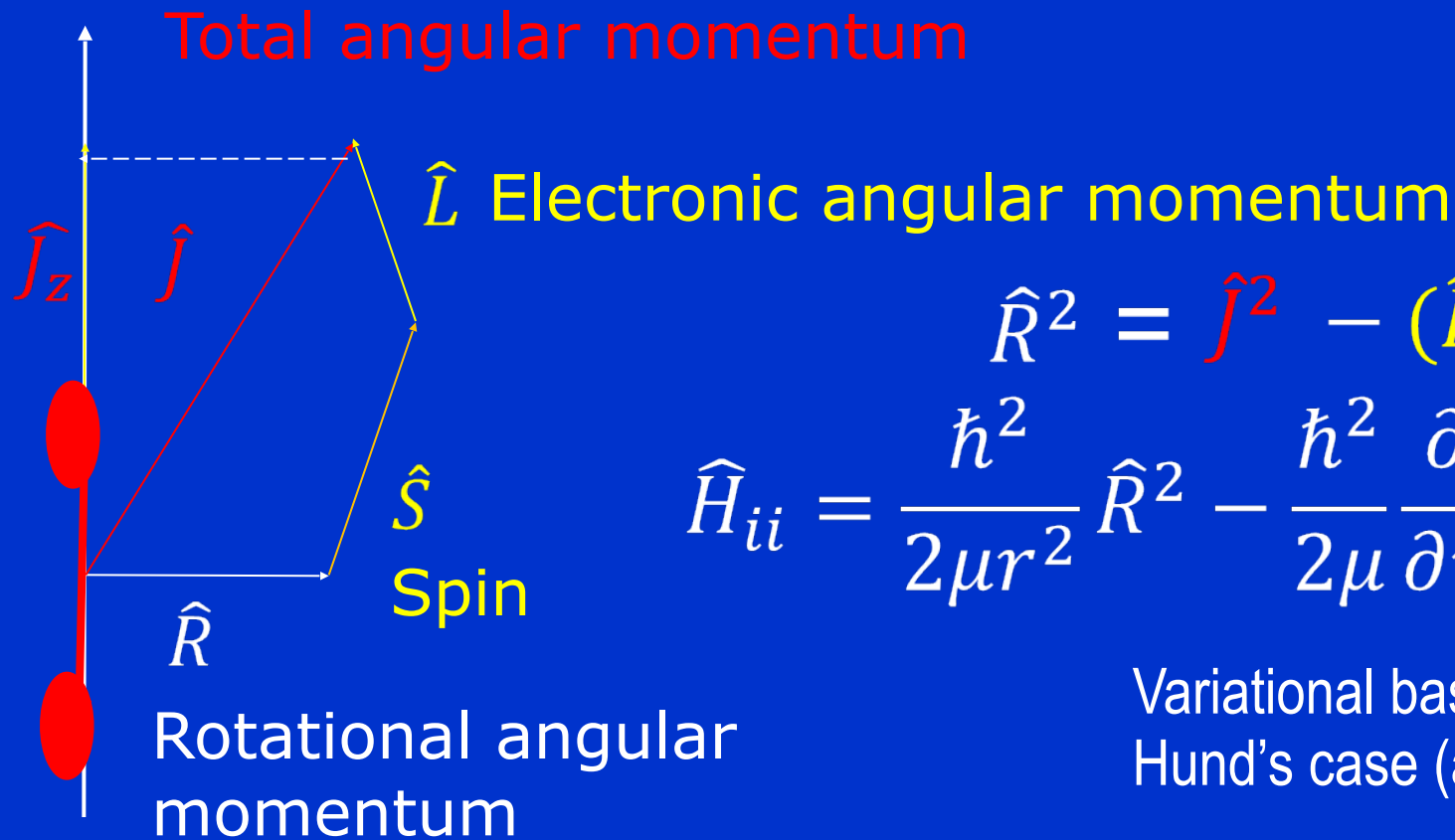
Spectroscopic model for BeH/BeD/BeT



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New general diatomic code: **Duo**

S.N. Yurchenko, L. Lodi, J. Tennyson & A.V. Stolýarov, Computer Phys. Comm. **202**, 262 (2016).



$$\hat{R}^2 = \hat{J}^2 - (\hat{L}^2 + \hat{S}^2)$$

$$\hat{H}_{ii} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu r^2} \hat{R}^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + V_i(r)$$

Variational basis set
Hund's case (a)

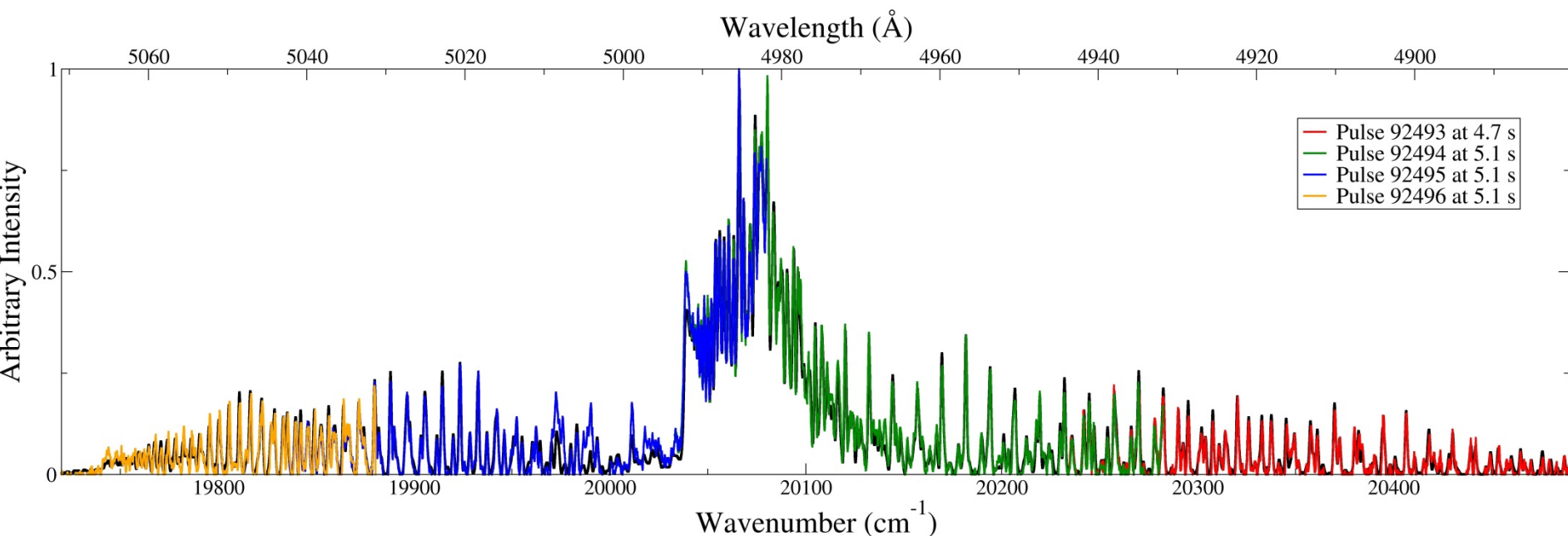
ExoMol



$$\phi_n = |v\rangle |J\Omega\rangle |S\Sigma\rangle |L\Sigma\rangle$$

Vibrational Spin Rotational Electronic

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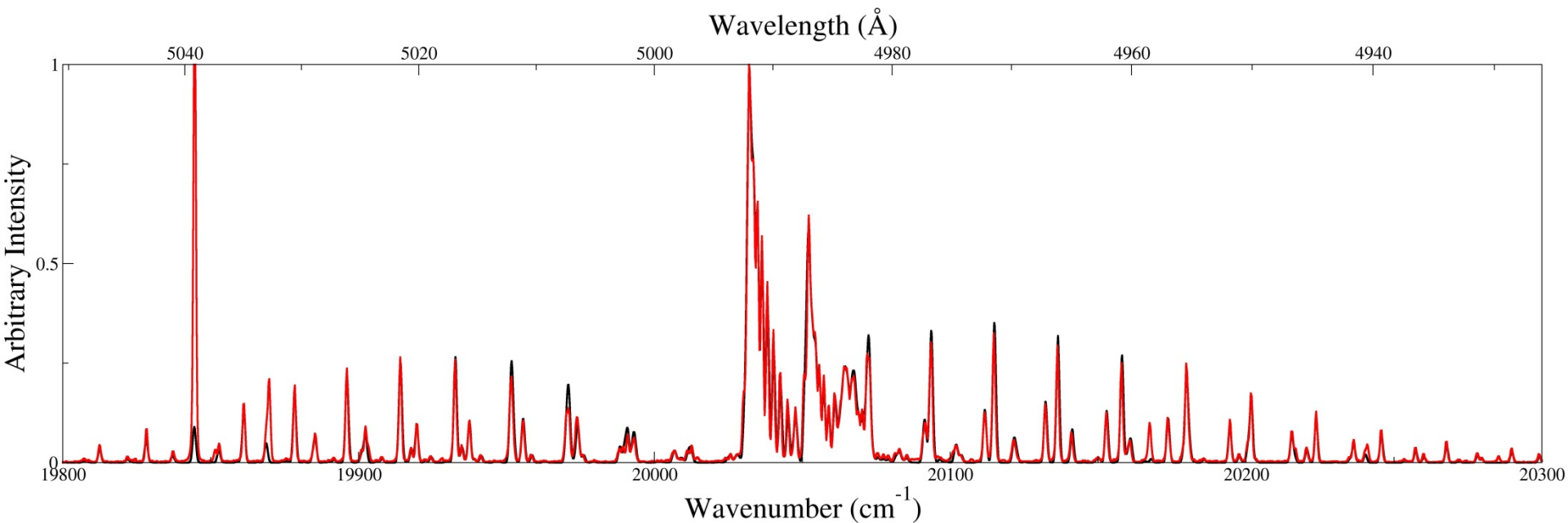


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Spectral fit: black lines. Gives: $T_{\text{rot}} = 3800 \text{ K}$, $T_{\text{vib}} = 4700 \text{ K}$

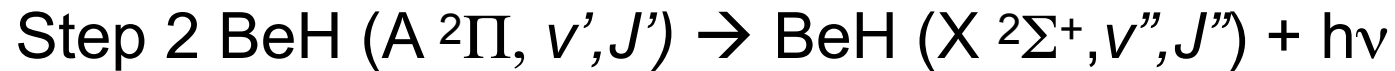
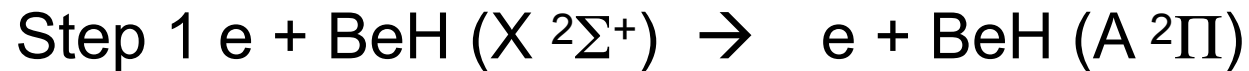
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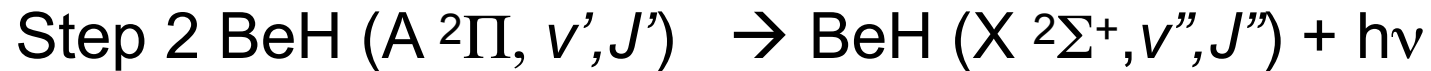
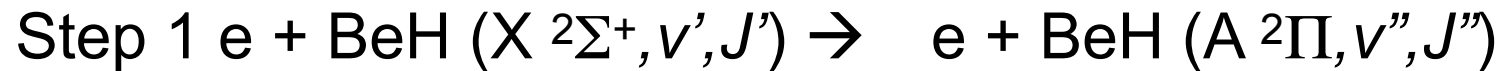


Spectrum from a H doped lamp with a Be target: **Measured red.**
Black synthetic generated at $T_{\text{rot}} = 540$ K and $T_{\text{vib}} = 3440$ K

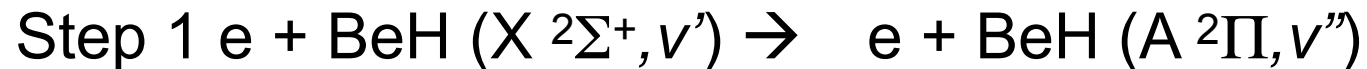
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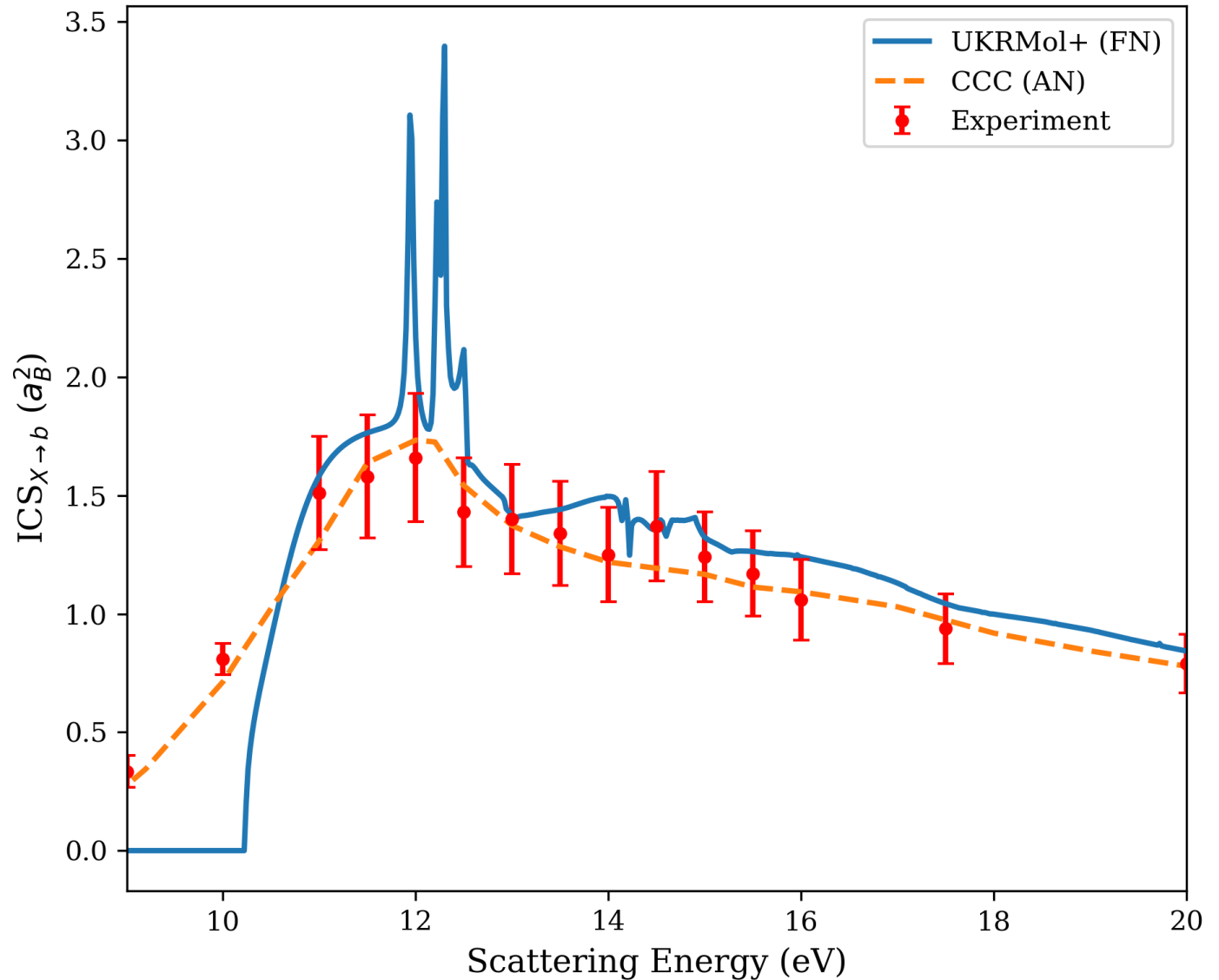
Fusion applications?: H_2 / D_2 / T_2 etc

- New UKRmol+ allows study of diffuse targets
- Considering collisions going up $\text{H}(n=3)$ states
- R-matrix sphere with $a = 100$ a.u. !

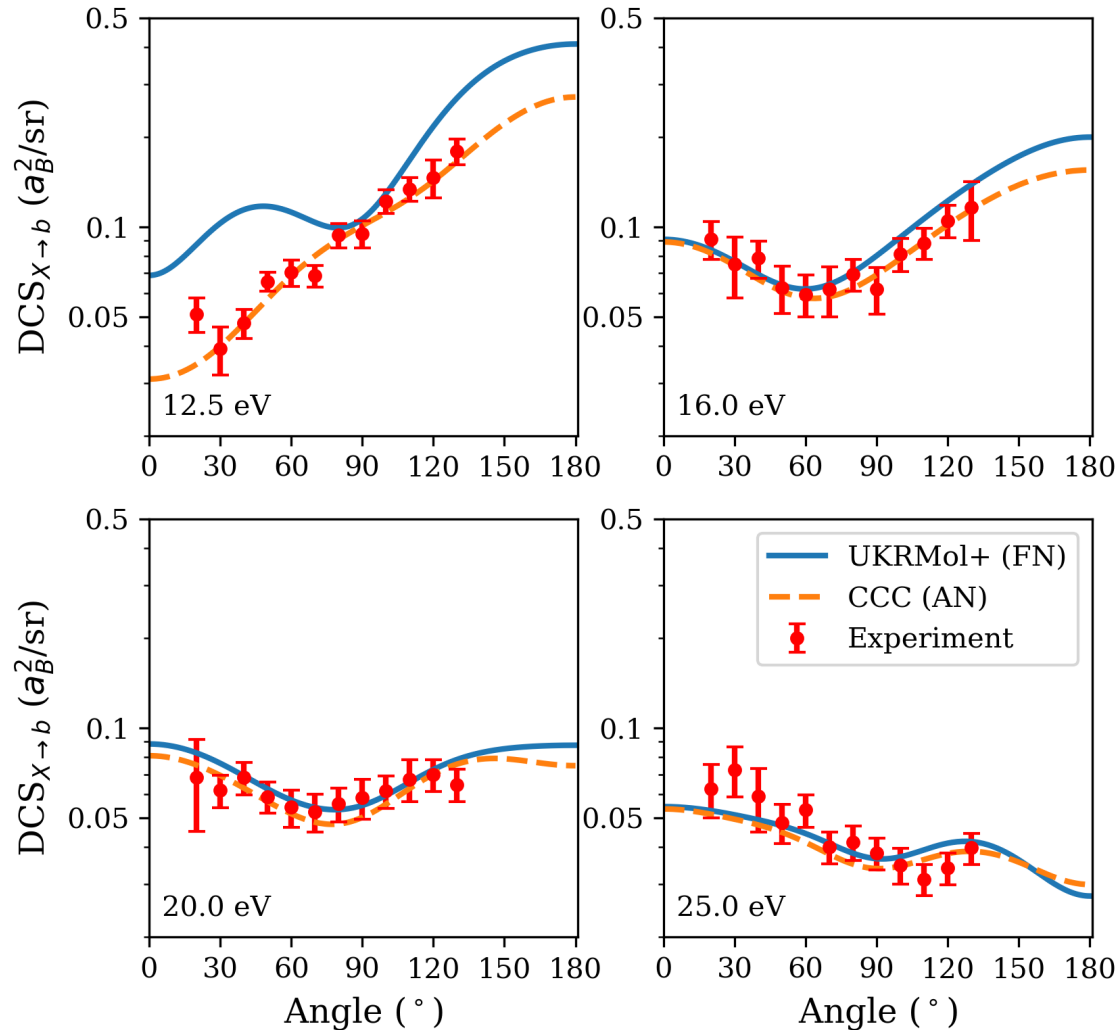


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$\text{H}_2 \text{ X} \rightarrow \text{b state electronic excitation}$ cross sections



$\text{H}_2 \text{ X} \rightarrow \text{b state electronic excitation}$ differential cross sections



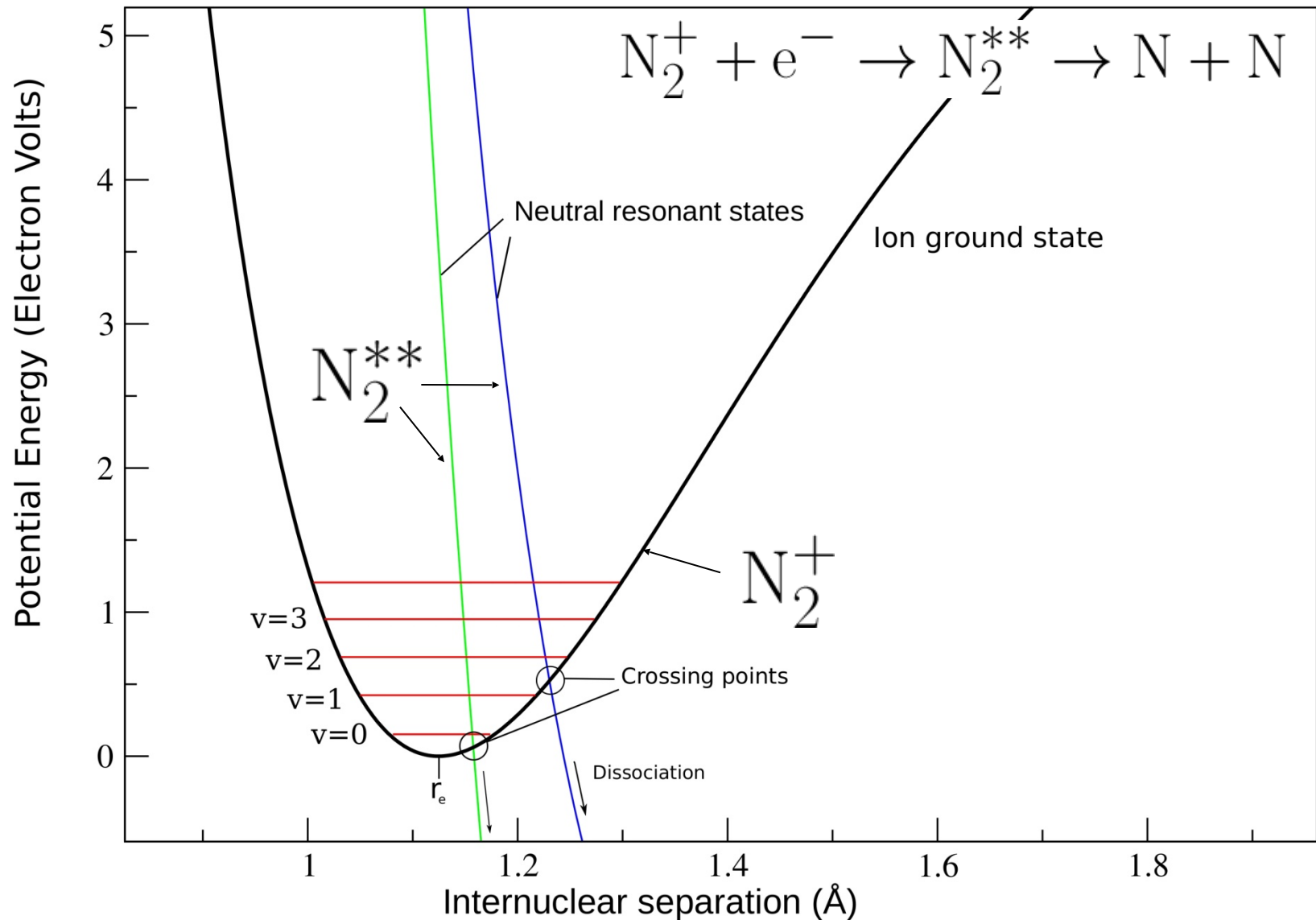
Future projects:

BeH₂ ?

Other systems (eg N₂) ?

Dissociative recombination (DR)

(Direct process)





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PLANETARY ENTRY INTEGRATED MODELS
SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME



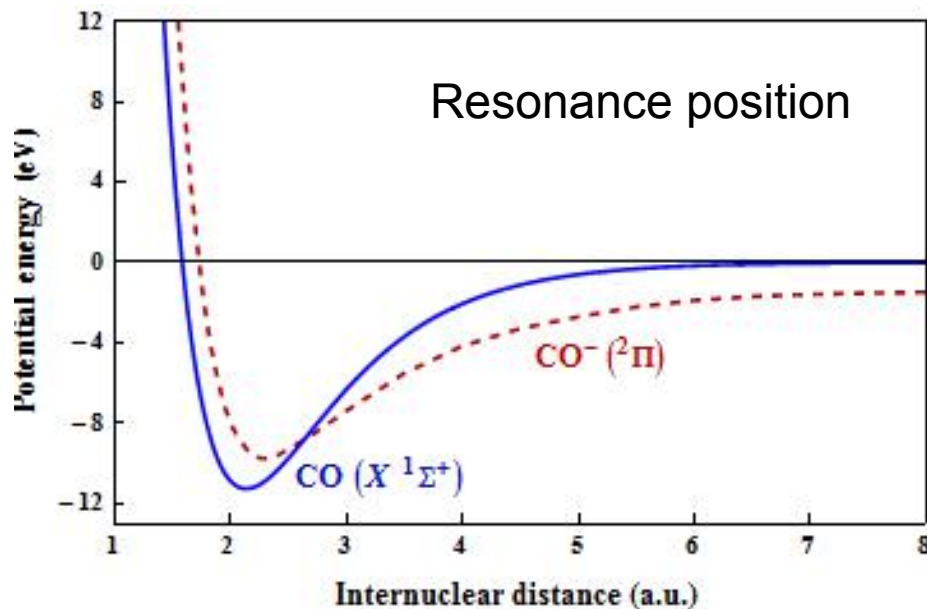
plasmas created on spacecraft (rocket) re-entry

Vibrational
excitation of
key molecule:
Venus, Mars, Earth



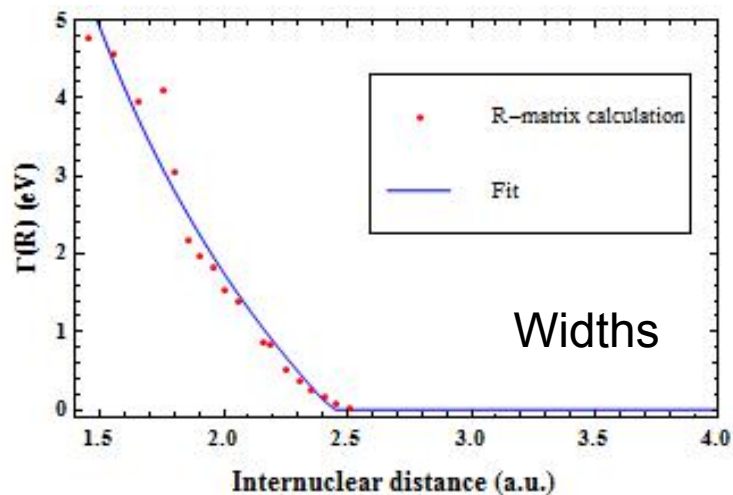
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Electron – CO: 2Π resonance



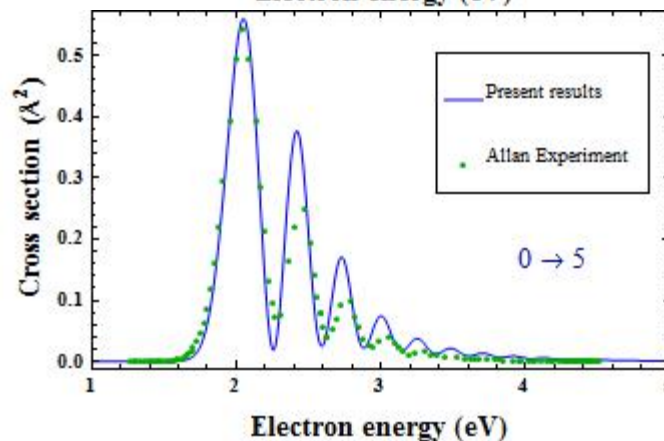
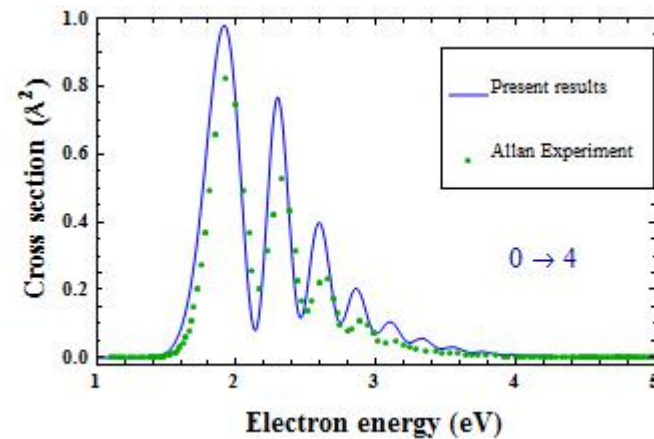
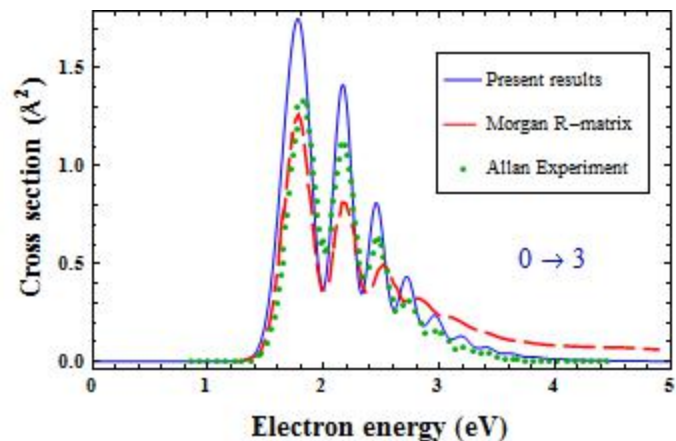
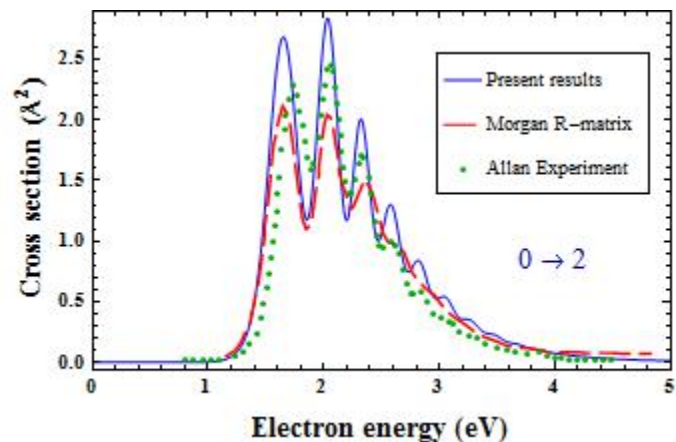
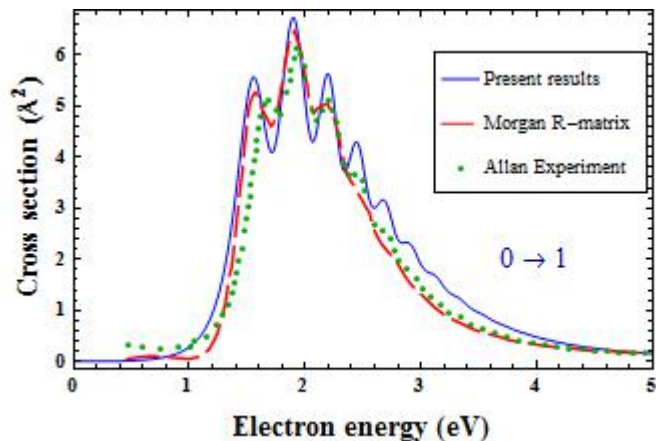
R-matrix resonance positions
and widths

Static exchange plus polarisation
(SEP) model



Electron – CO:

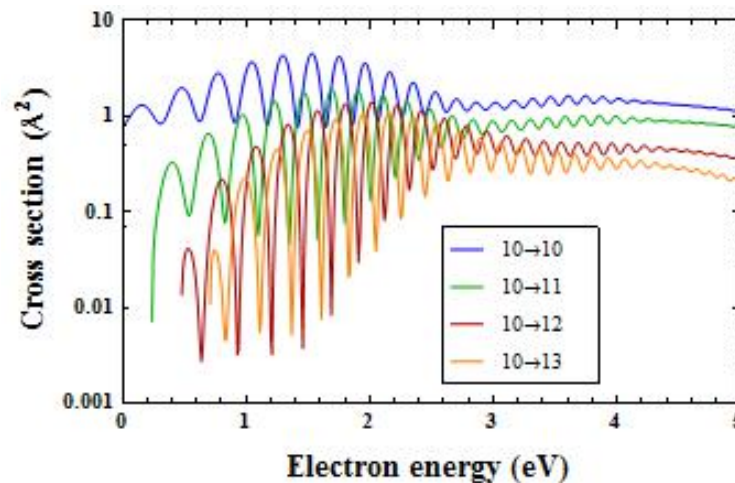
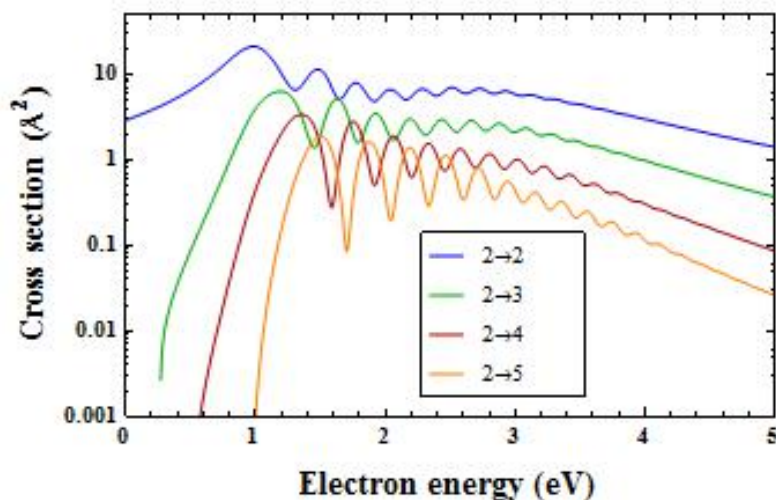
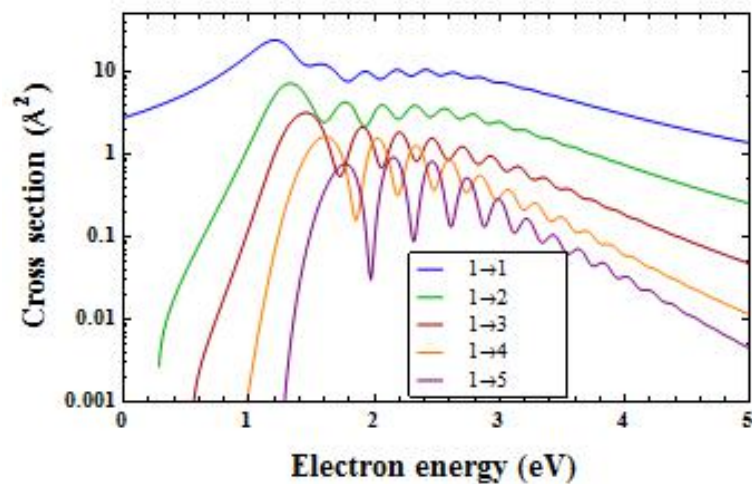
resonance enhanced vibrational excitation $0 \rightarrow v'$



Electron – CO:

resonance enhanced vibrational excitation

High $v' - v'' (>0)$



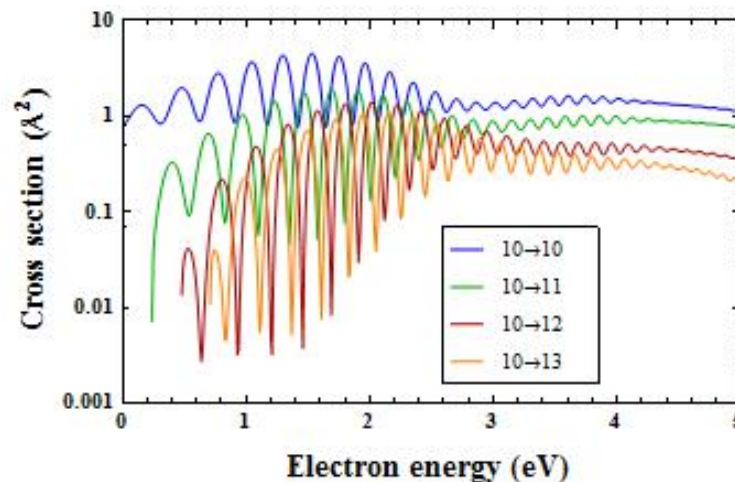
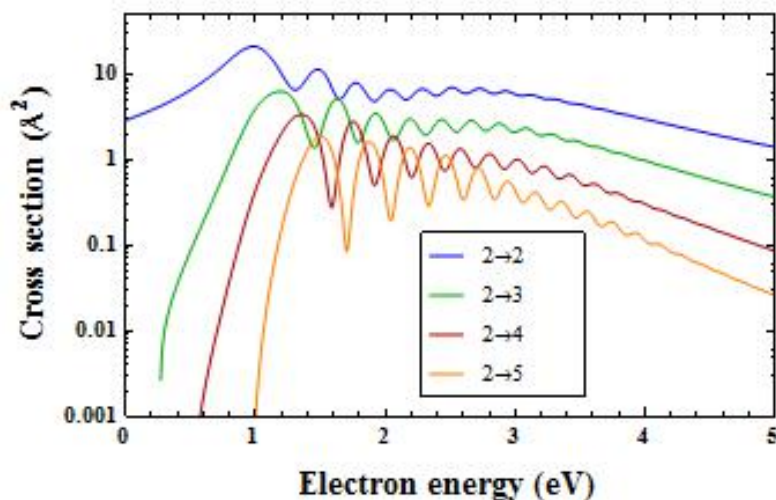
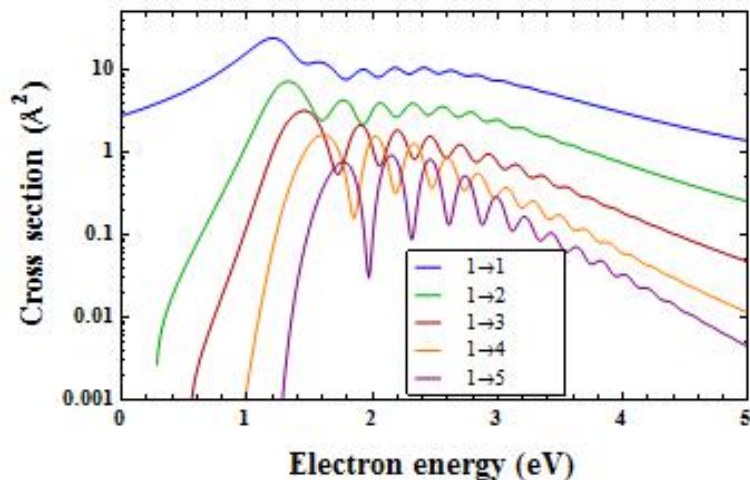
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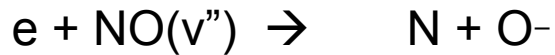
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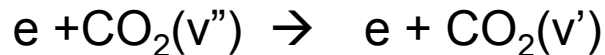
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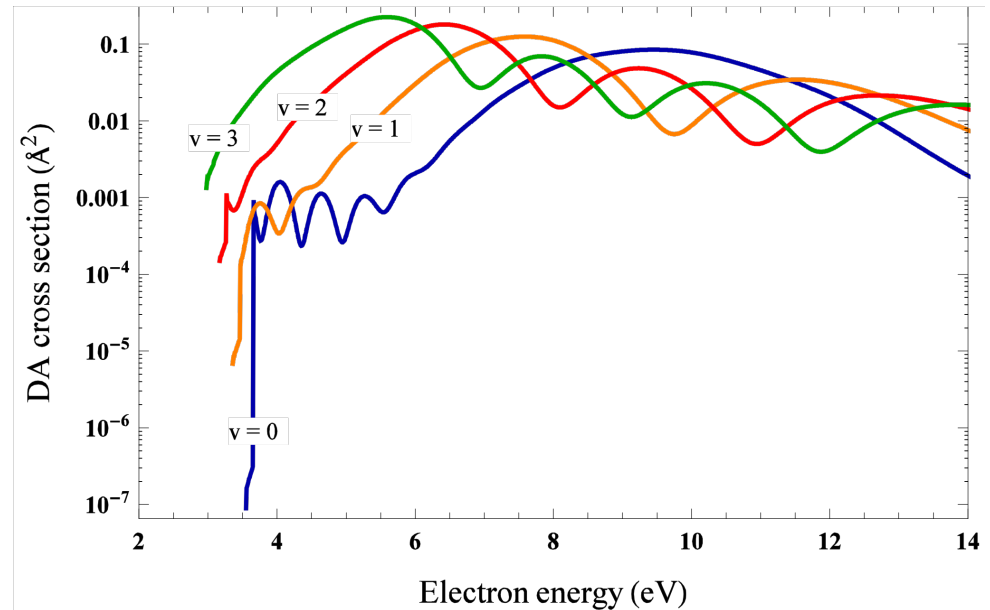


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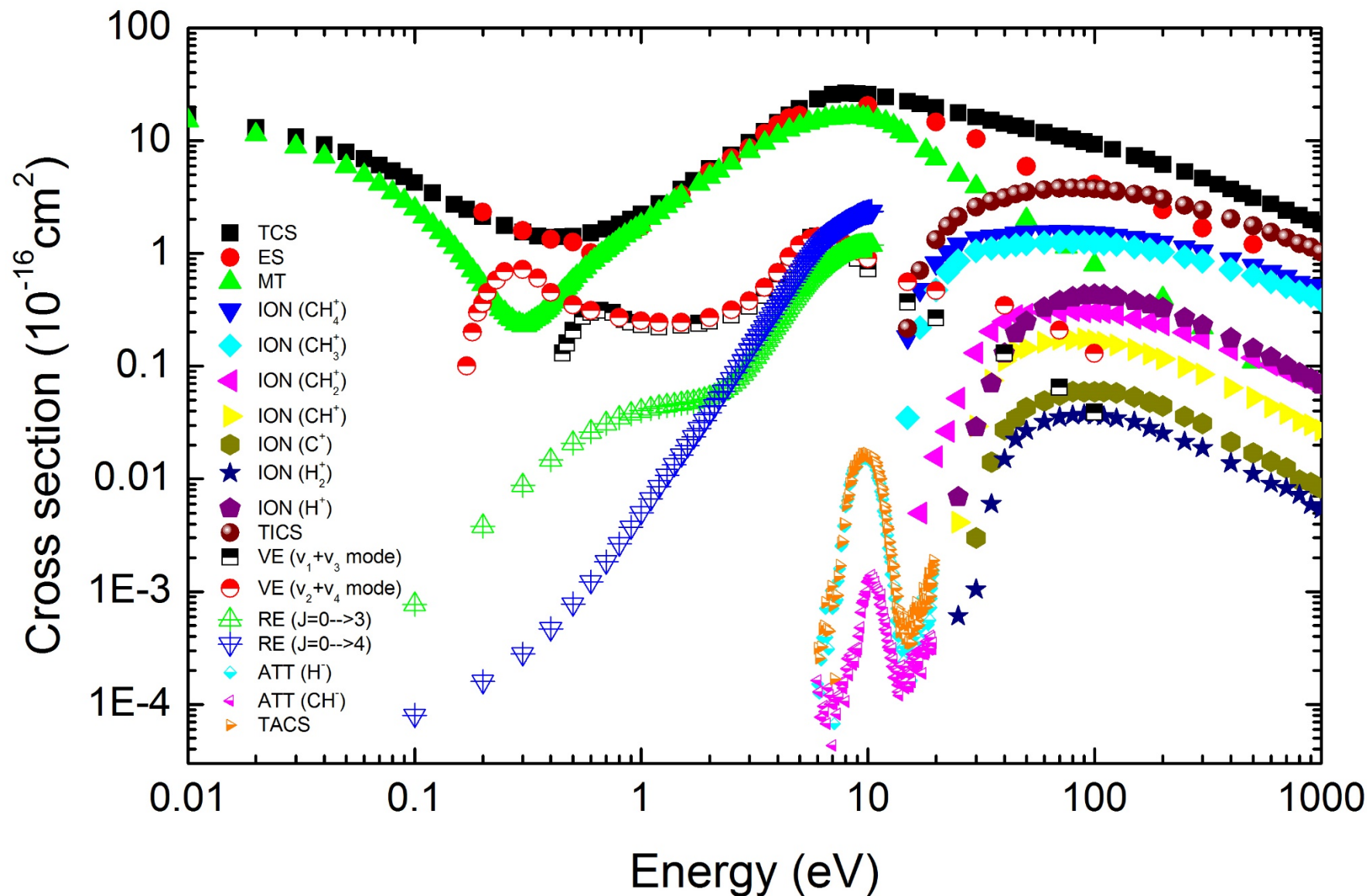


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Cross sections for electron collisions with methane



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Static exchange (SE)

Target representation: Frozen 1-state

Interaction: static and exchange interactions only

$$\Psi_k = \mathcal{A} \sum_j a_{j,k} \phi^N \eta_j + \sum_i b_{j,k} \phi_j^{N+1}$$

ϕ^N Single Hartree-Fock target state

ϕ_j^{N+1} Simple form $\phi^N \times \text{virtual}$

Captures: Long-range physics

Resonances? Recovers shape resonances (usually too high)
No Feshbach resonances

Energy range: Unlimited (works at high energy)

Other comments: Well-defined model,
same answer with all codes

SE plus polarisation (SEP)

Target representation: 1-state

Interaction: polarisation via single excitation from target wavefunction

$$\Psi_k = \mathcal{A} \sum_j a_{j,k} \phi^N \eta_j + \sum_i b_{j,k} \phi_j^{N+1}$$

ϕ^N Single Hartree-Fock target state

ϕ_j^{N+1} Complicated $\phi^N \times$ *virtual*

plus 1 hole – 2 particle excitations

Captures: Short-range polarisation effects

Resonances? Good for shape resonance
Can capture Feshbach resonances (no parent states)

Energy range: Only up to first excitation threshold

Other comments: Model implementation dependent
Can be unbalanced (eg resonances too low)

Close-coupling (CC)

Target representation: Many-state, usually CI

Interaction: polarisation via coupling between target states

$$\Psi_k = \mathcal{A} \sum_{i,j} a_{i,j,k} \phi_i^N \eta_{i,j} + \sum_i b_{j,k} \phi_j^{N+1}$$

ϕ_i^N Configuration interaction (CI); orbitals?
eg Complete Active Space CI
 ϕ_j^{N+1} (CAS-CI)^{N+1}

Captures: Short-range polarisation effects,
channel-coupling effects

Resonances? Shape resonance (Often less good than SEP)
Feshbach resonances (parent states)

Energy range: Only up to first missing excitation threshold

Other comments: Electron impact electronic excitation
Hard to recover full polarisation effects

Close-coupling with pseudostates (RMPS)

Target representation: Many physical states + pseudostates

Interaction: polarisation via coupling between target (pseudo)states

$$\Psi_k = \mathcal{A} \sum_{i,j} a_{i,j,k} \phi_i^N \eta_{i,j} + \sum_i b_{j,k} \phi_j^{N+1}$$

ϕ_i^N Complete Active Space CI
+ single excitations to pseudo-orbitals
 ϕ_j^{N+1} (CAS-CI)^{N+1}
+ occupation of pseudo-orbitals

Captures: All polarisation effects, state coupling, ionisation

Resonances? All (+ pseudo-resonances at high energy)

Energy range: Above ionisation

Other comments: Converged treatment of polarisation

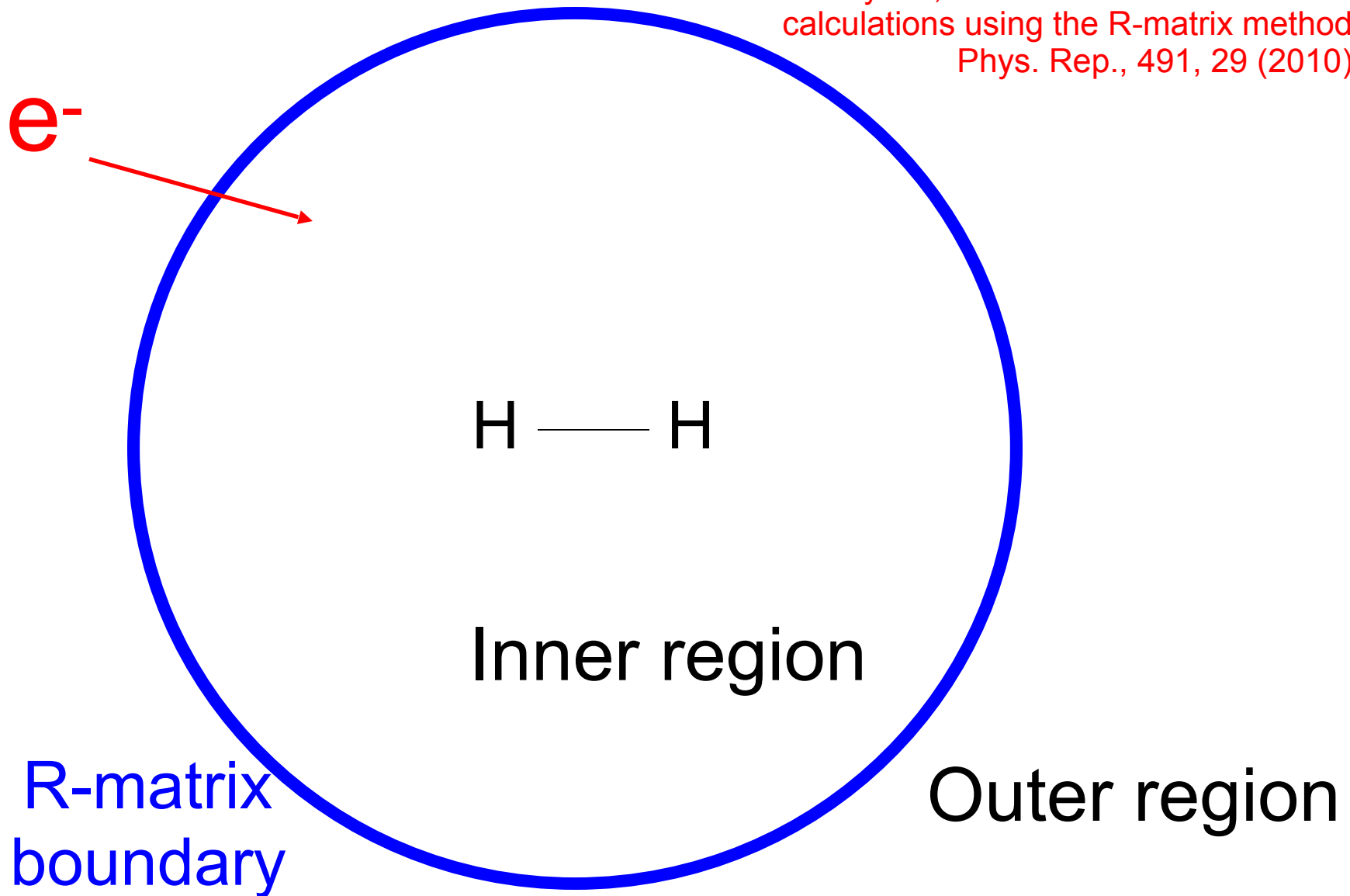
Computationally expensive

RMPS is R-matrix method; designed to treat many electrons

Similar in spirit to convergent close-coupling

The R-matrix method

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Dominant interactions

Inner region

Exchange
Correlation

Adapt quantum chemistry codes

High ℓ functions required

Integrals over finite volume

Include continuum functions

Special measures for orthogonality

configuration generation must be appropriate

Boundary

Target wavefunction has zero amplitude

Outer region

Adapt electron-atom codes

Long-range multipole potential

Many degenerate channels

Born approx for long-range dipole coupling

R-matrix method for electrons: inner region wavefunction

(within the Fixed-Nuclei approximation)

$$\Psi_k = \mathcal{A} \sum_{i,j} a_{i,j,k} \phi_i^N \eta_{i,j} + \sum_i b_{j,k} \phi_j^{N+1}$$

$\phi_i^N =$ *target states* = CI target built from nuclear centred GTOs

$\phi_j^{N+1} =$ *L² functions*

$\eta_{i,j} =$ *continuum orbitals* =
GTOs centred on centre of mass

$\mathcal{A} =$ Anti-symmetriser

$a_{i,j,k}$ and $b_{j,k}$ variationally determined coefficients

