

Unraveling Molecular Collisions in Protoplanetary Disks

Rovibrational transitions in HCCH and CO₂ involving the ν_3 IR active modes induced by collisions with He atoms

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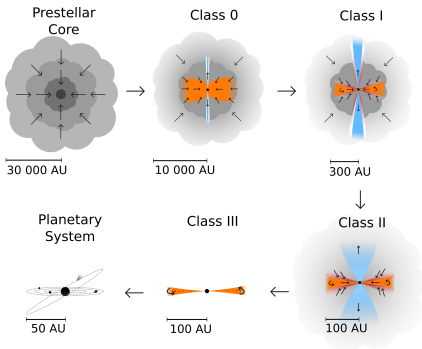
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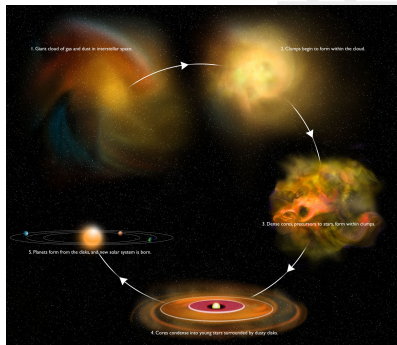
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The quest to understand the **formation of planets** and **origin of life!**

Circumstellar/Protoplanetary Disks



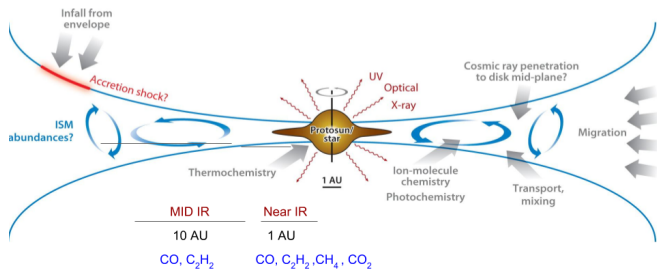
– Persson, Magnus Vilhelm (2014)



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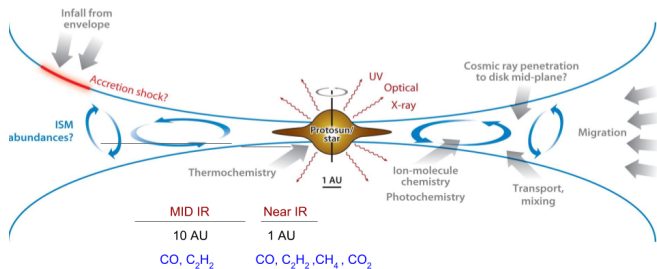
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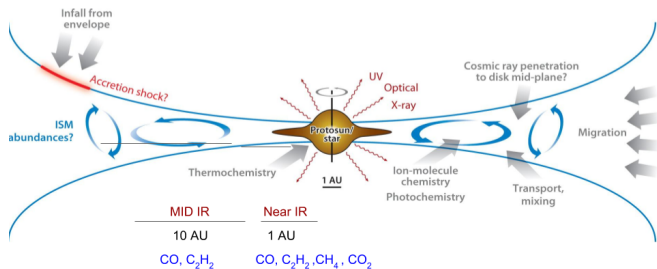


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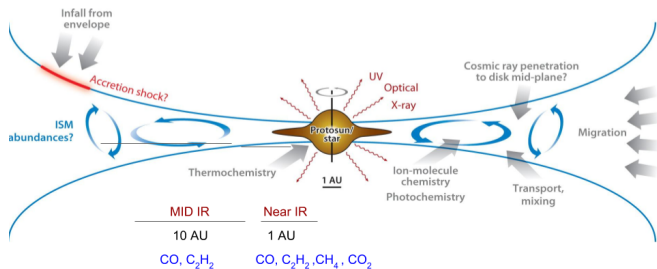
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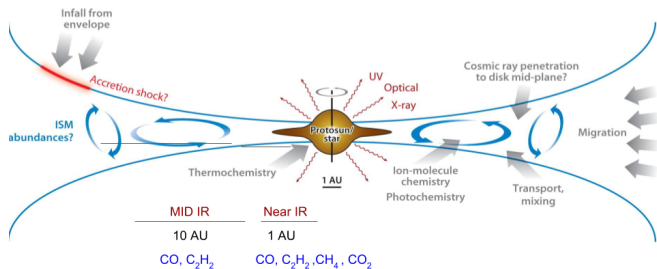
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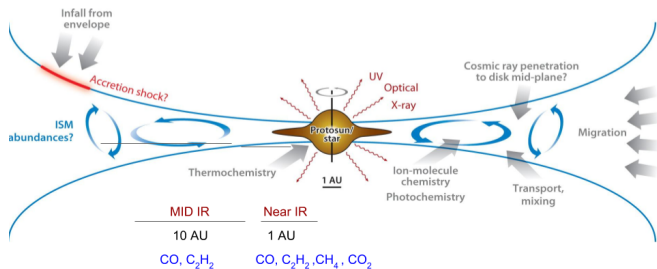
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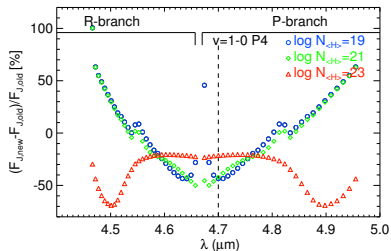
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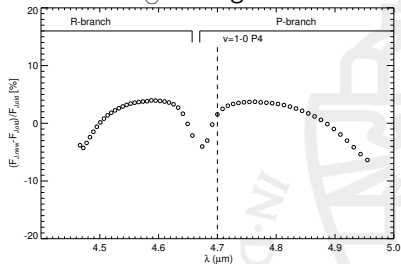
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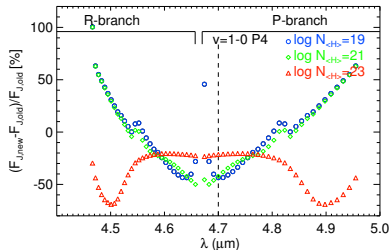


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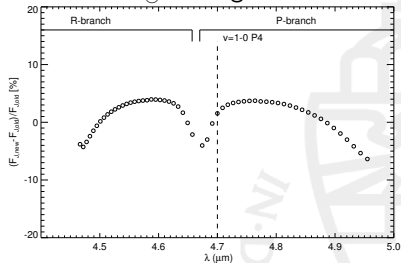
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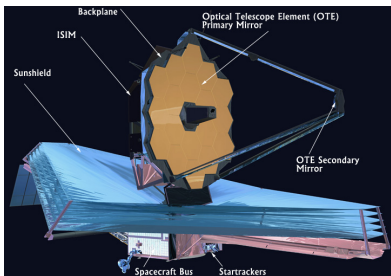


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Accurate rate coefficients yields highly reliable astrochemical models!

JAMES Webb Space Telescope (JWST)



Credit: NASA

- **Rovibrational** Transitions/Spectra
- **Large IR telescope:** 6.5 m mirror
- $0.6 - 28 \mu m \sim 350 - 16\,500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
- Observations are expensive!

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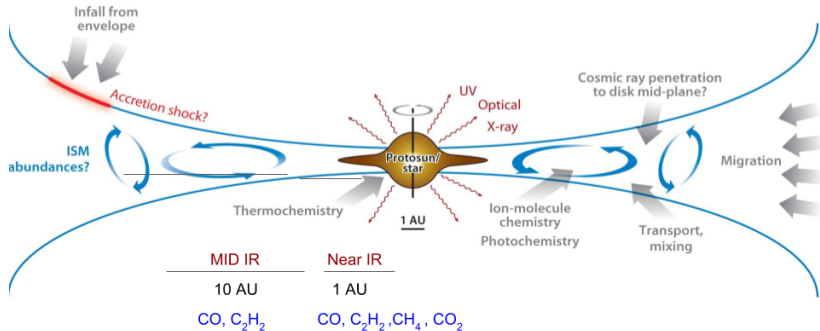


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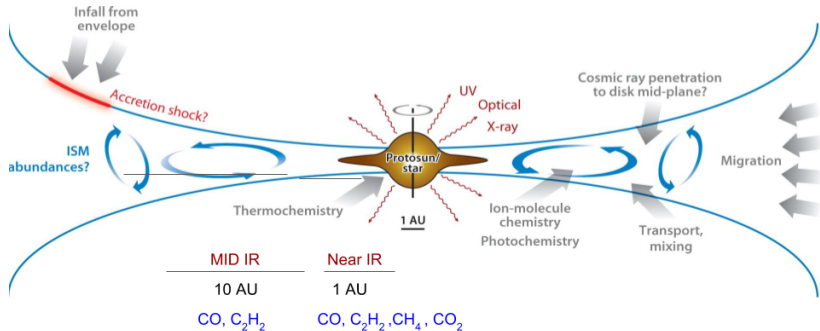


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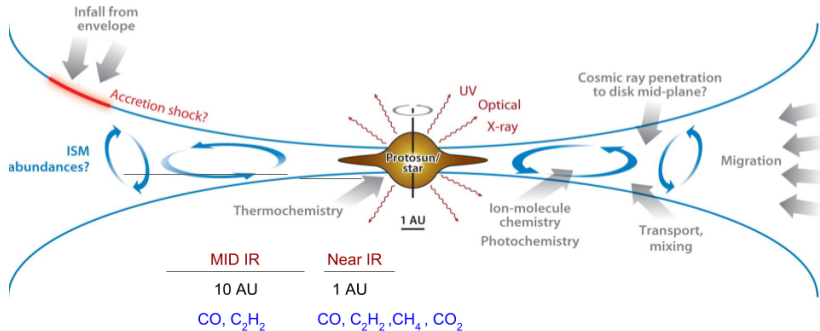


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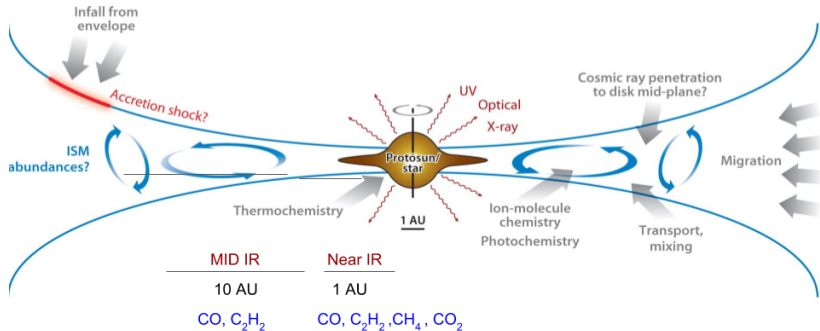
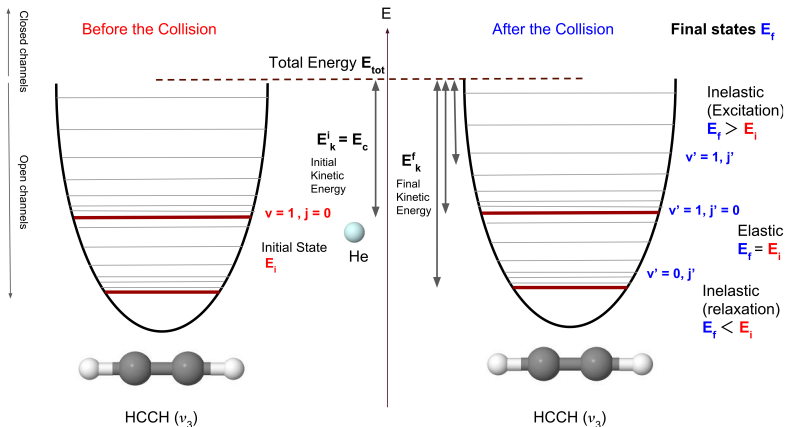


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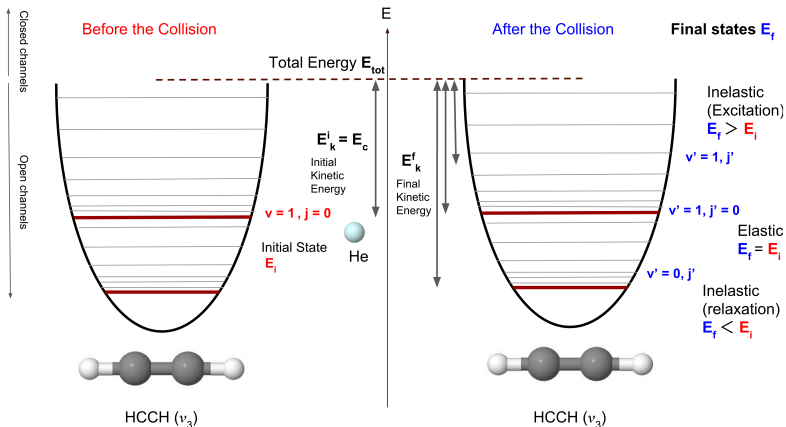
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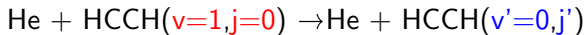
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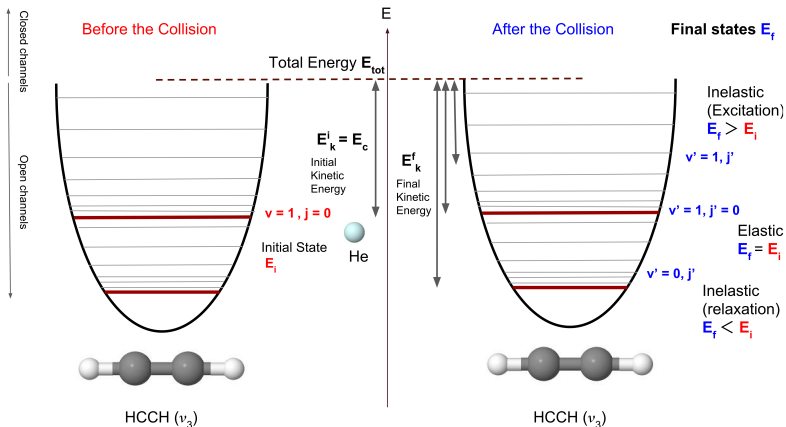
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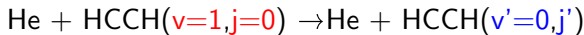
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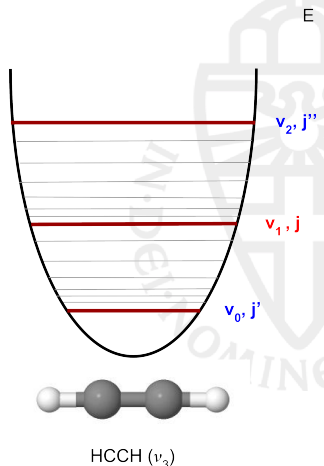
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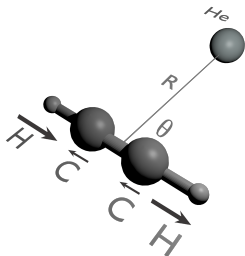
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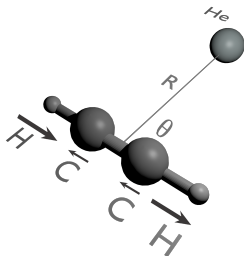
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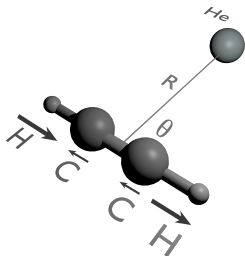
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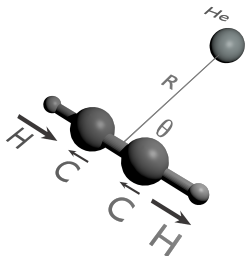
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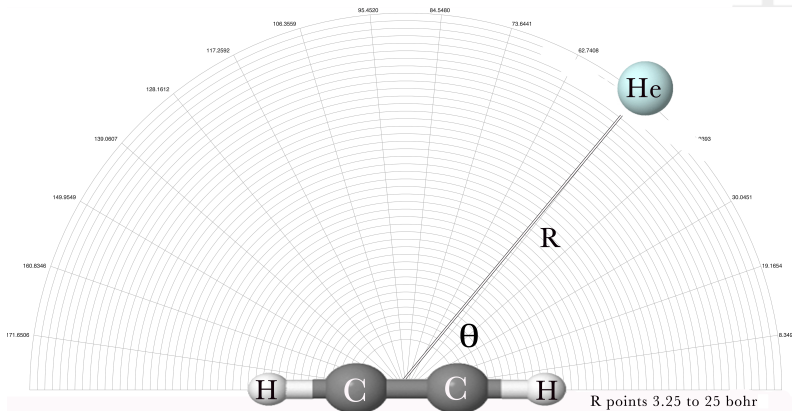


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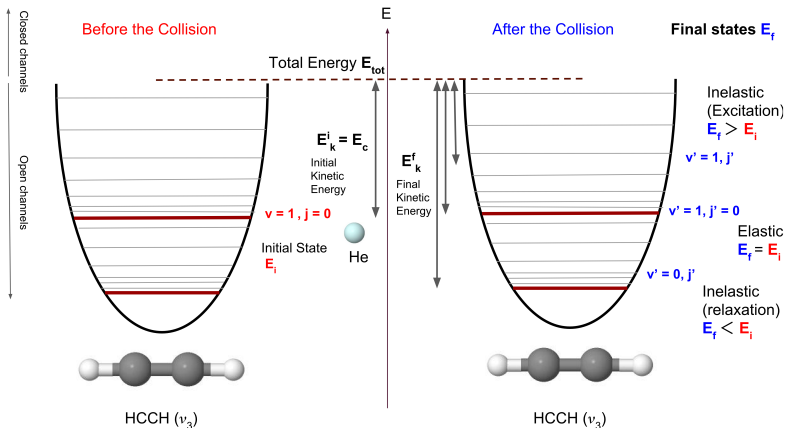
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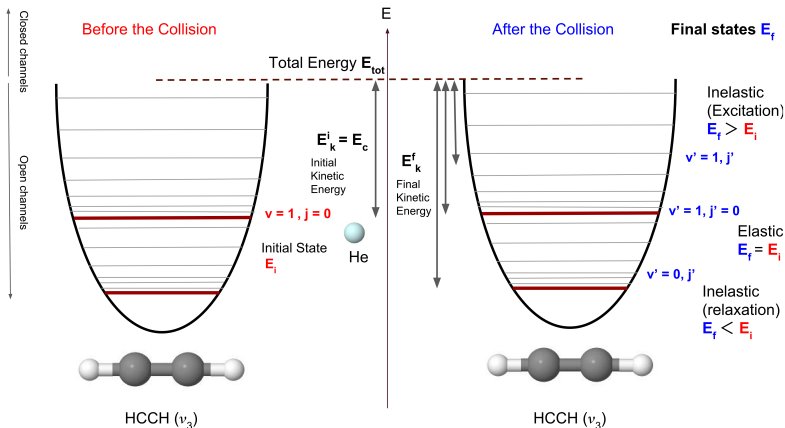
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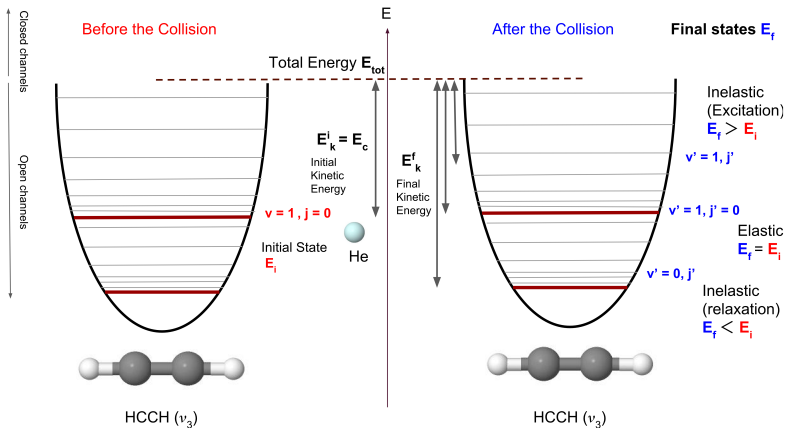
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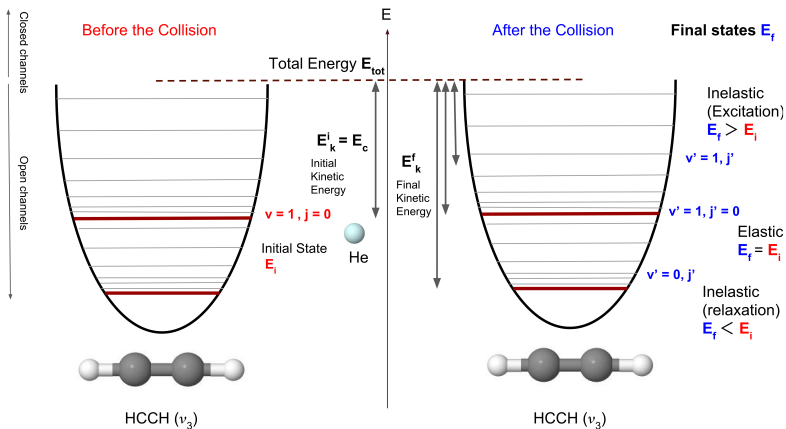
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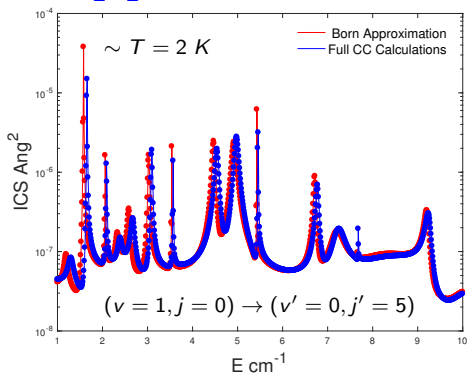


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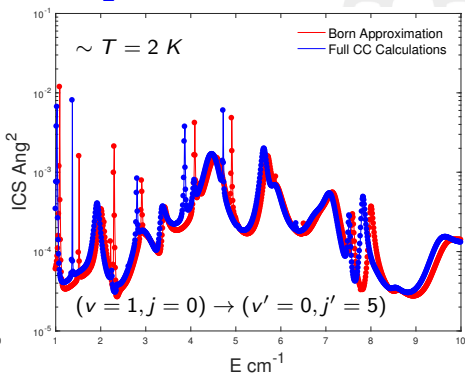
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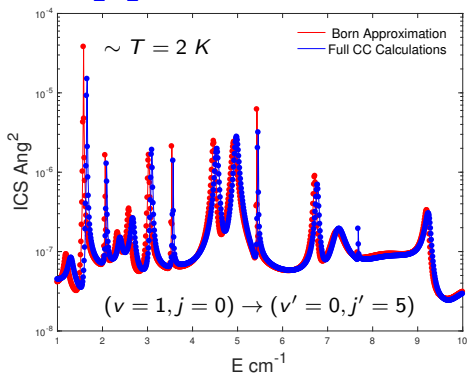


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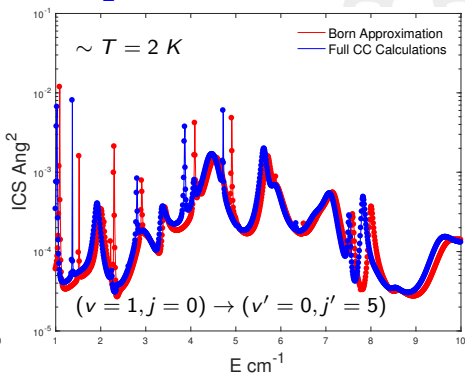
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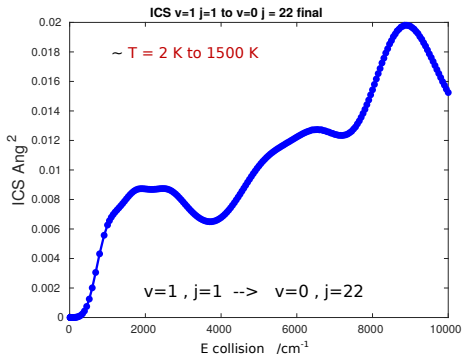
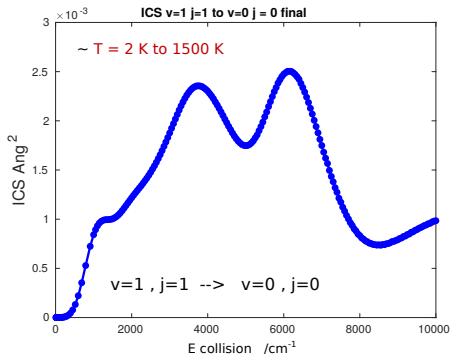


- Very sharp resonances

- Long lifetime of the complex

State-to-State Cross Sections: preliminary results

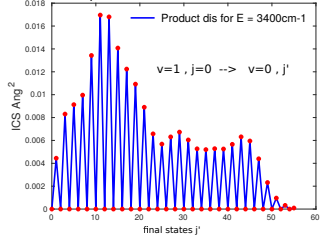
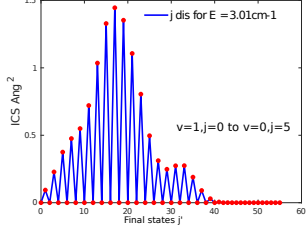
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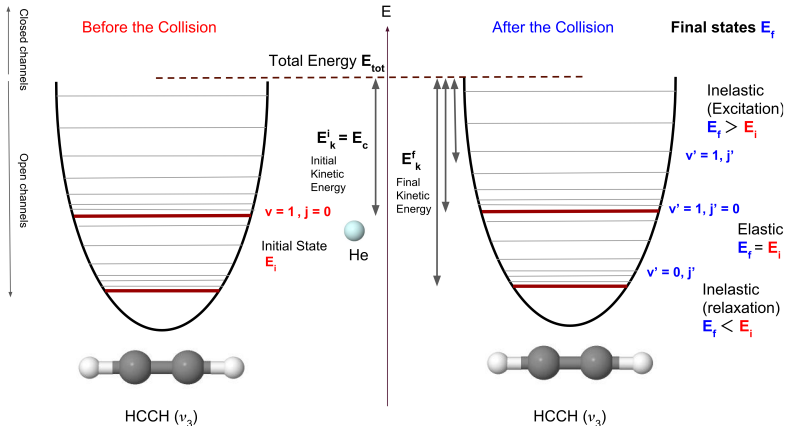
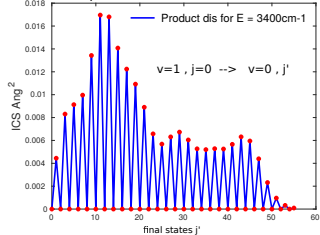
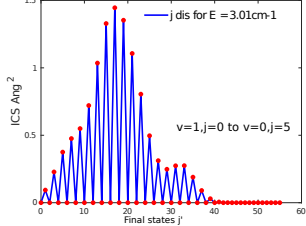


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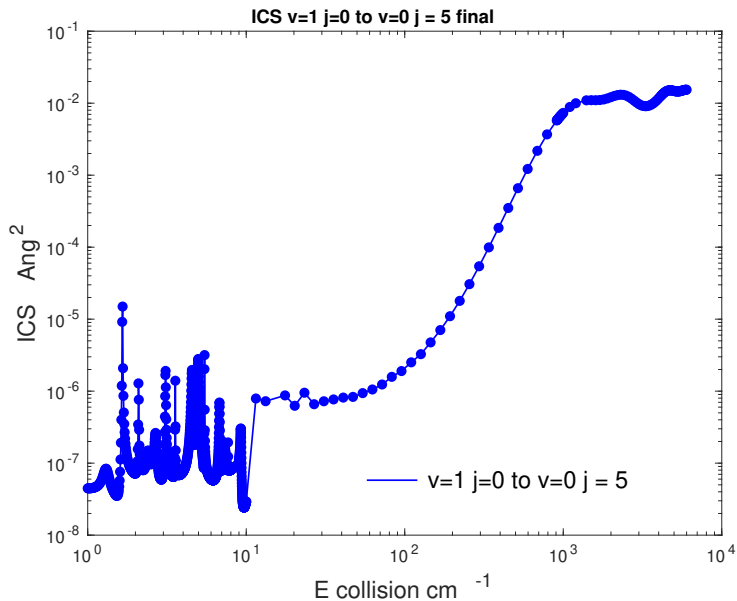
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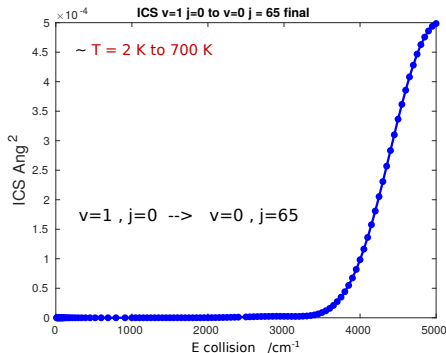
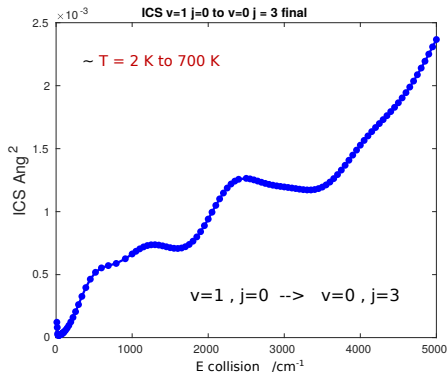


$T \sim 0 \text{ K to } 800 \text{ K}$



State-to-State Cross Sections: preliminary results

$He - CO_2$ (ν_3 IR active) $B \approx 0.39 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



symmetry:

$v = 1, j = 1 \rightarrow v' = 0, j' = \text{even}$

$v = 1, j = 0 \rightarrow v' = 0, j' = \text{odd}$

The collision energies (KE): 1 cm^{-1} to $10\,000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

Boltzmann averaging of the cross sections:

$$r_{v_j \leftarrow v'_{j'}}(T) = \left(\frac{8k_B T}{\pi \mu} \right)^{1/2} \int_0^\infty \sigma_{v_j \leftarrow v'_{j'}}(E) e^{-E/k_B T} E dE$$

Vibrational quenching:

$$r_{v \leftarrow v'}(T) = \frac{\sum_{j,j'} g_j e^{-E_{vj}/k_B T} r_{v_j \leftarrow v'_{j'}}(T)}{\sum_j g_j e^{-E_{vj}/k_B T}}$$



Current and future work

Now: **calculating rate coefficients**

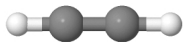
100 K to 1500 K $\sim 1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ to $10\,000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

ν_3 for HCCH = 3289 cm^{-1} ν_3 for CO₂ = 2349 cm^{-1} IR active

Future

4D & 5D PES + QM scattering by collision with:

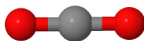
He / H₂



bending mode ν_5

IR active

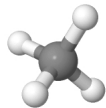
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bending mode ν_2

IR active (FR)

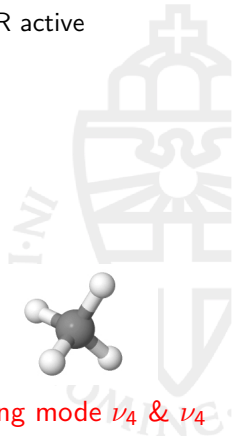
CO₂



bending mode ν_4 & ν_4'

IR active

CH₄



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