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Quantum Effects in Ion-Neutral Reactions at Low Temperatures

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Introduction

Part I. The $\text{H}_2^+ + \text{H}_2 \longrightarrow \text{H}_3^+ + \text{H}$ reaction (**Katharina Höveler, Pitt Allmendinger, Johannes Deiglmayr**)

Part II. The $\text{H}^+ + \text{H} \longrightarrow \text{H}_2^+ + h\nu$ association reaction (**Maximilian Beyer**)

Conclusions

Cold hydrogen ion chemistry

H_2 and H_2^+ are the simplest molecules.

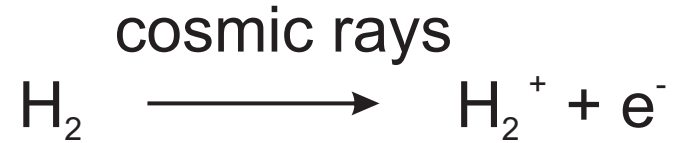
They are ideal for studies of quantum effects in ion-neutral chemistry

Hydrogen is the most abundant element in the universe

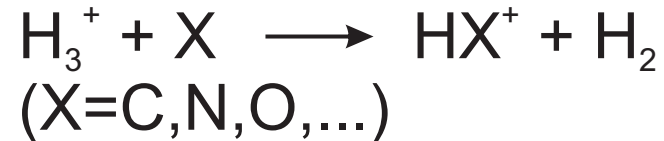
$$T_{\text{VLT}} = \frac{\hbar^4}{k_B \mu^2 q^2 \alpha} \quad \begin{array}{l} H^+ + H: 100 \text{ mK} \\ Mg^+ + Na: < 100 \text{ } \mu\text{K} \end{array}$$

Troe, Nikitin and coworkers,
JCP **122**, 184311 (2005)

In dense clouds (H_2 from grains):



Fast
(Langevin)



Herbst, E., & Klemperer, W. 1973,
"The Formation and Depletion of Molecules in
Dense Interstellar Clouds," ApJ, 185, 505-533

In early universe:



Dalgarno and others



Slow

Bates and coworkers

T. Oka, Chem. Rev. 13, 8738 (2013)

Interstellar H_3^+

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2.2.1. $\text{H}_2 + \text{H}_2^+ \rightarrow \text{H}_3^+ + \text{H}$, the Langevin Rate. The chemistry of interstellar H_3^+ is extremely simple. H_3^+ is produced by cosmic ray ionization of H_2 to H_2^+ followed by the proton-hop reaction in eq 1. This reaction is very efficient with a high exothermicity of 1.74 eV, the difference between the proton affinity of H_2 (4.39 eV) and H (2.65 eV), and a high Langevin cross section on the order of a few 100–1000 Å² in interstellar space depending on the temperature. When H_2 and H_2^+ approach at a distance of r , the positive charge on H_2^+ with the Coulomb field of e/r^2 polarizes H_2 and induces a dipole moment $d = \alpha e/r^2$, where α is the polarizability of H_2 . This leads to the attractive charge-induced dipole potential,⁶³ $V_L = -de/2r^2 = -\alpha e^2/2r^4$, the Langevin potential. The motion of a

Ion-neutral reactions at low temperature - Langevin capture

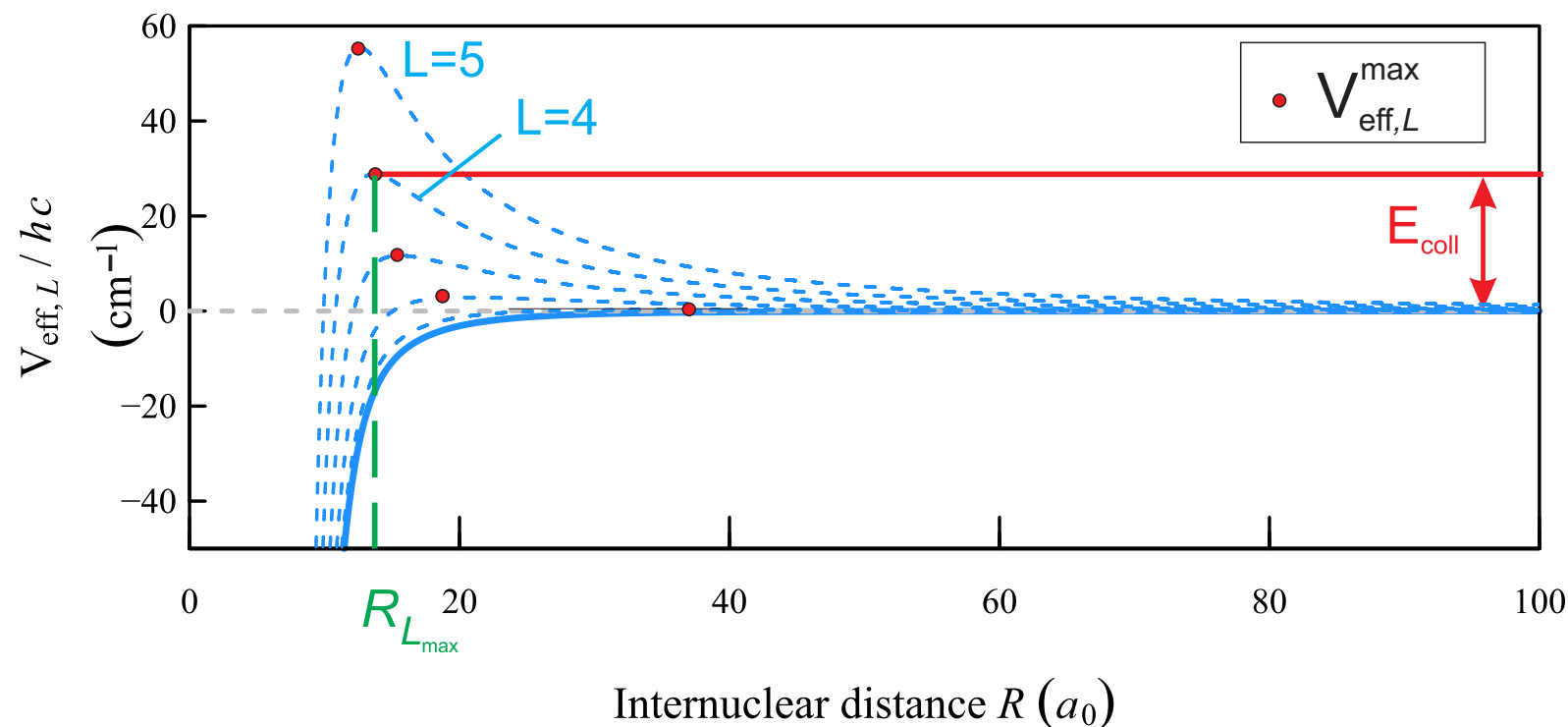
Langevin capture cross sections and rate coefficients



$$E_{\text{coll}} = \mu v_{\text{rel}}^2 / 2 + L^2 / (2\mu R^2) + V(R),$$

$$\text{with } V(R) = -\alpha E^2 / 2 = -(4\pi\epsilon_0\alpha') (e / (4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2))^2 / 2 = -\alpha' e^2 / (8\pi\epsilon_0 R^4)$$

$$T_{\text{VLT}} = V_{\text{eff},L=1}^{\text{max}} / (2k_B)$$



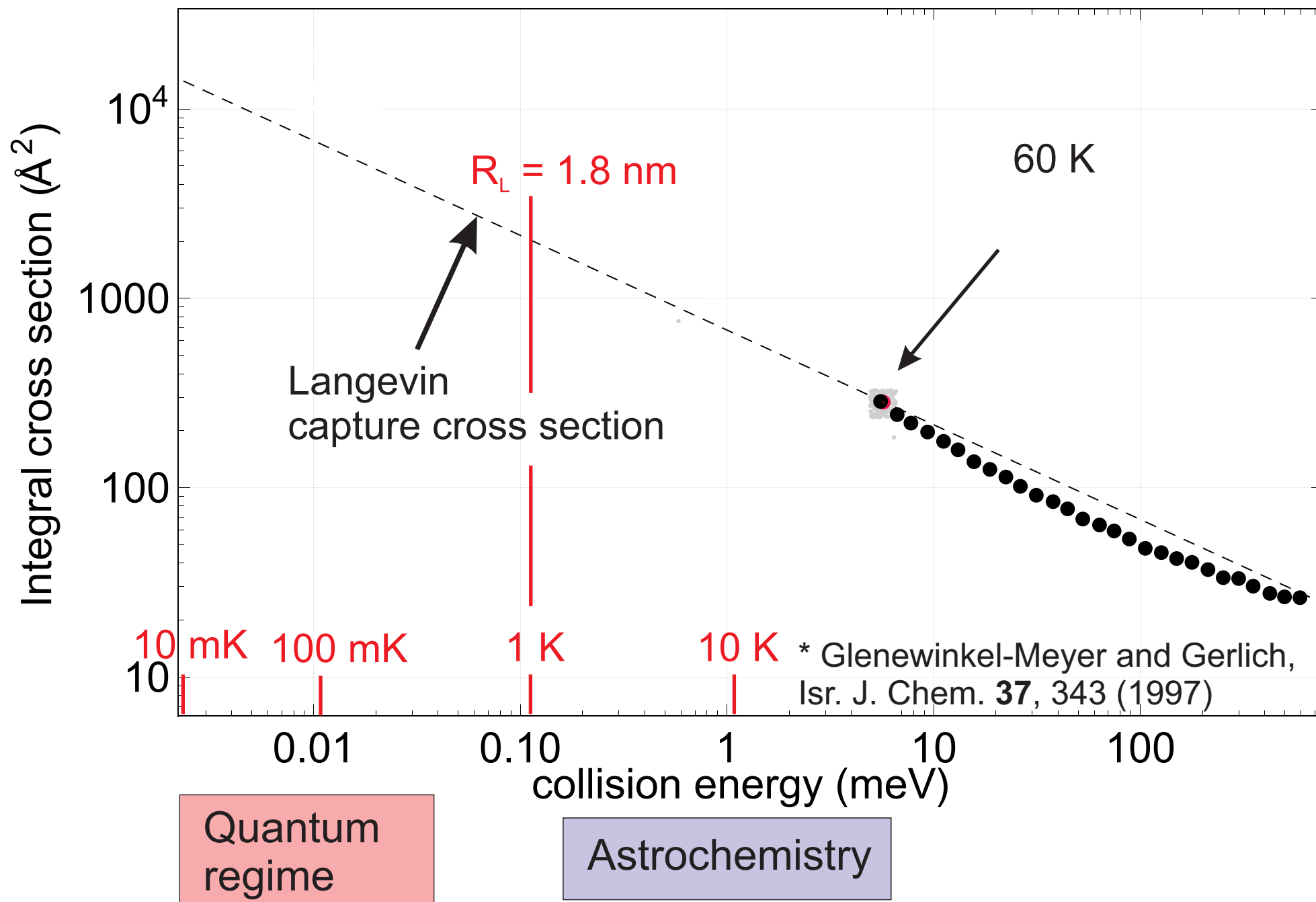
Rate coefficient

$$k_L = \sigma_L v_{\text{rel}} = \left(\pi \alpha' e^2 / (\epsilon_0 \mu) \right)^{1/2} v_{\text{rel}}$$

$$= \pi R_L^2 v_{\text{rel}}$$

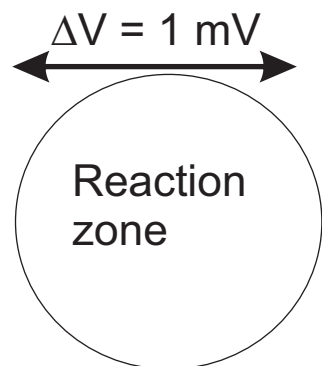
$$\sigma_L \sim E_{\text{coll}}^{-1/2}$$

P. M. Langevin,
Une formule fondamentale
de théorie cinétique,
Ann. Chim. Phys.,
Serie 8 (T5), 245 (1905)

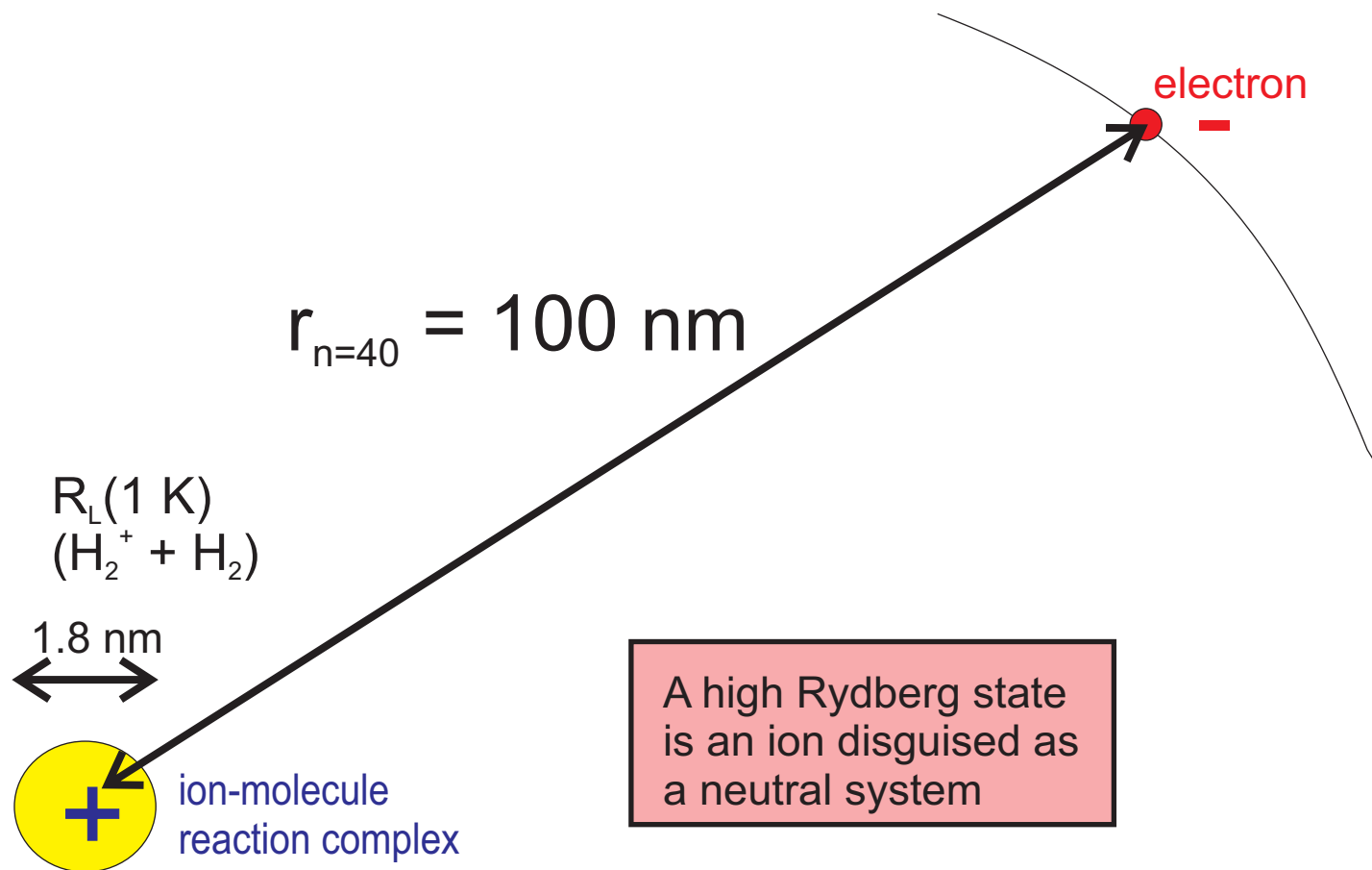


Ion-molecule reaction within the orbit of a Rydberg electron

Stray electric fields and acceleration of ions



$$1 \text{ meV} = k_B \cdot 12 \text{ K}$$



A high Rydberg state is an ion disguised as a neutral system

- S. T. Pratt, J. L. Dehmer, P. M. Dehmer and W. A. Chupka, J. Chem. Phys. 101 , 882 (1994)
D. Dai, C. C. Wang, G. Wu, S. A. Harich, H. Song, M. Hayes, R. T. Skodje, X. Wang,
D. Gerlich and X. Yang, Phys. Rev. Lett. 95 013201 (2005).
M. Matsuzawa, Phys. Rev. A 82 , 054701 (2010)

What happens at 0 K?

s-wave capture

Quantum Langevin model for exoergic ion-molecule reactions and inelastic processes

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(Dated: January 31, 2011)

We present a fully quantal version of the Langevin model for the total rate of exoergic ion-molecule reactions or inelastic processes. The model, which is derived from a rigorous multichannel quantum-defect formulation of bimolecular processes, agrees with the classical Langevin model at sufficiently high temperatures. It also gives the first analytic description of ion-molecule reactions and inelastic processes in the ultracold regime where the quantum nature of the relative motion between the reactants becomes important.

PACS numbers: 34.10.-x, 03.65.Nk, 34.50.Cx, 34.50.Lf

Generalized multichannel quantum defect theory for a $-1/R^4$ potential

Universal behavior of scattering in the 0 K limit

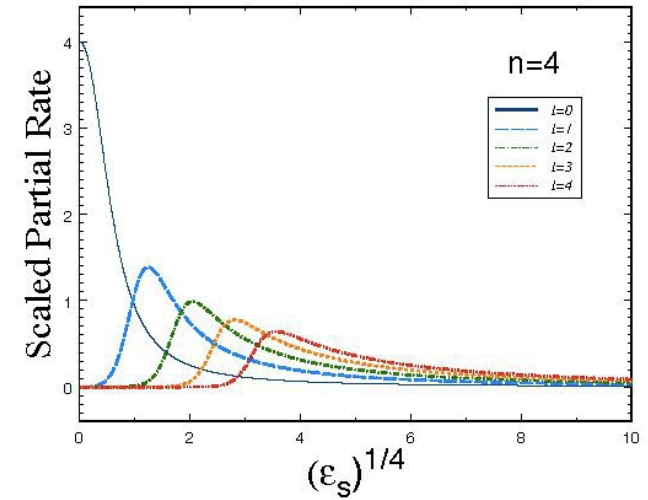


FIG. 1. (color online) The scaled partial rates $\mathcal{W}_l^{(n)}(\epsilon_s)$ for $n = 4$, corresponding to $-1/R^4$ type of interaction in the entrance channel.

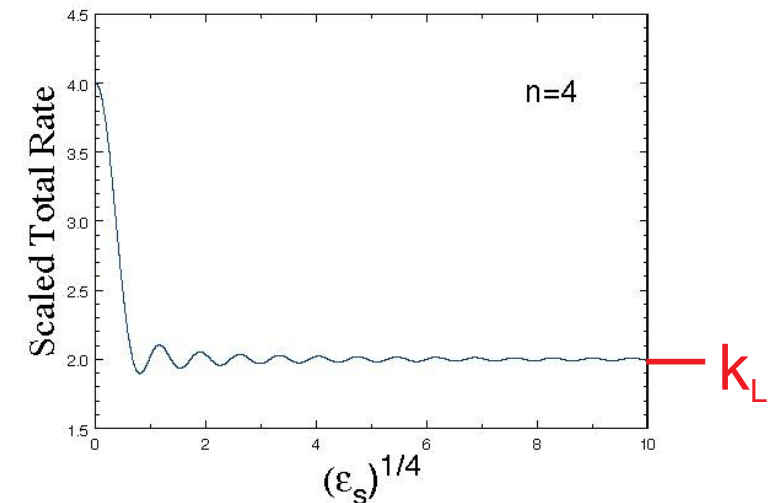


FIG. 2. (color online) The scaled total rate $\mathcal{W}^{(n)}(\epsilon_s)$ for $n = 4$, corresponding to $-1/R^4$ type of interaction in the entrance channel.

What happens at 0 K?

Statistical adiabatic-channel approach Quantum capture

THE JOURNAL OF CHEMICAL PHYSICS 122, 184811 (2005)

Rates of complex formation in collisions of rotationally excited homonuclear diatoms with ions at very low temperatures: Application to hydrogen isotopes and hydrogen-containing ions^{a)}

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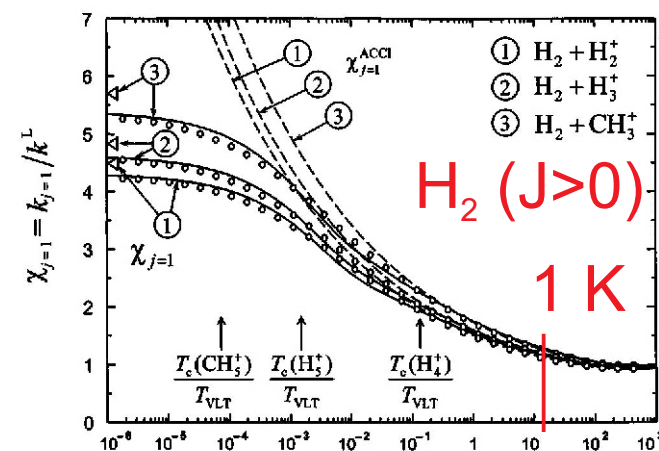
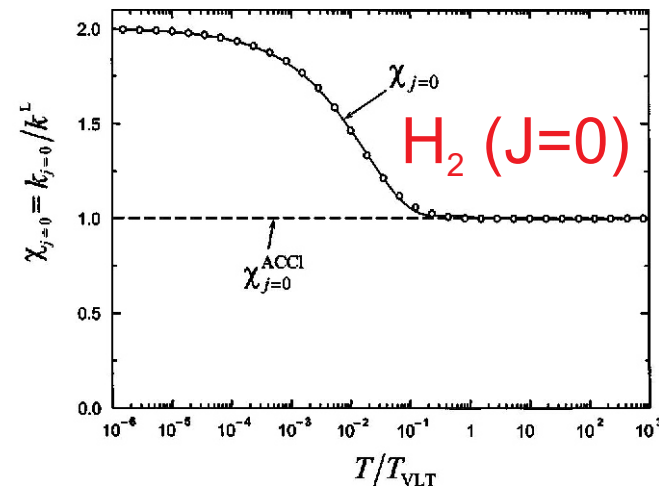
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Para H₂ (J=0): Pure Langevin

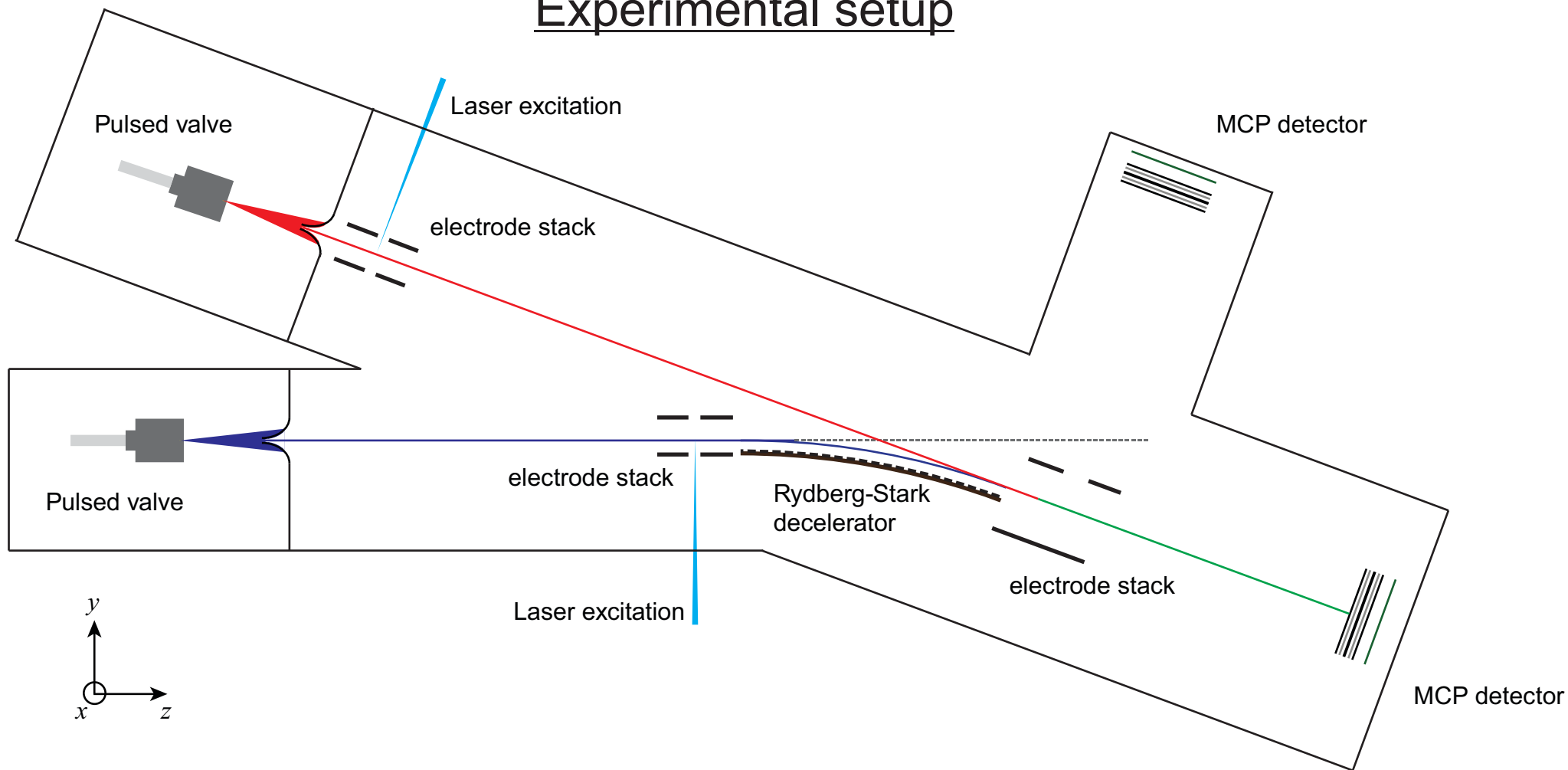
Ortho H₂ (J=1): Ion-quadrupole interaction



$$T_{VLT} = \frac{\hbar^4}{k_B \mu^2 q^2 \alpha}$$

Theory advanced; no experiments

Experimental setup



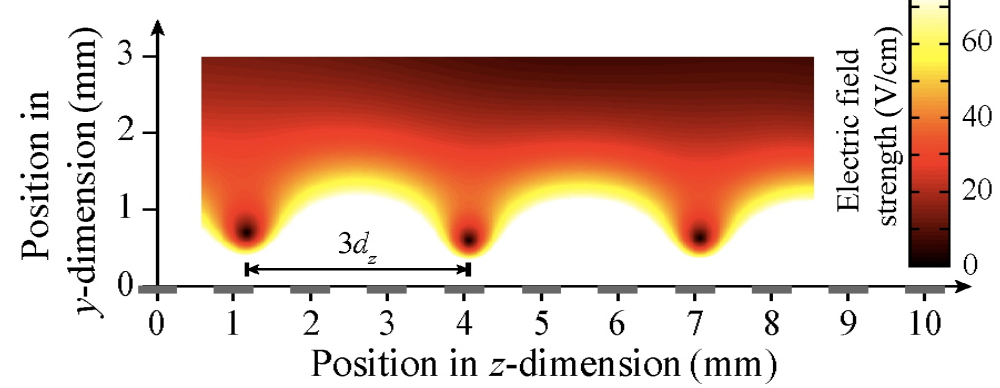
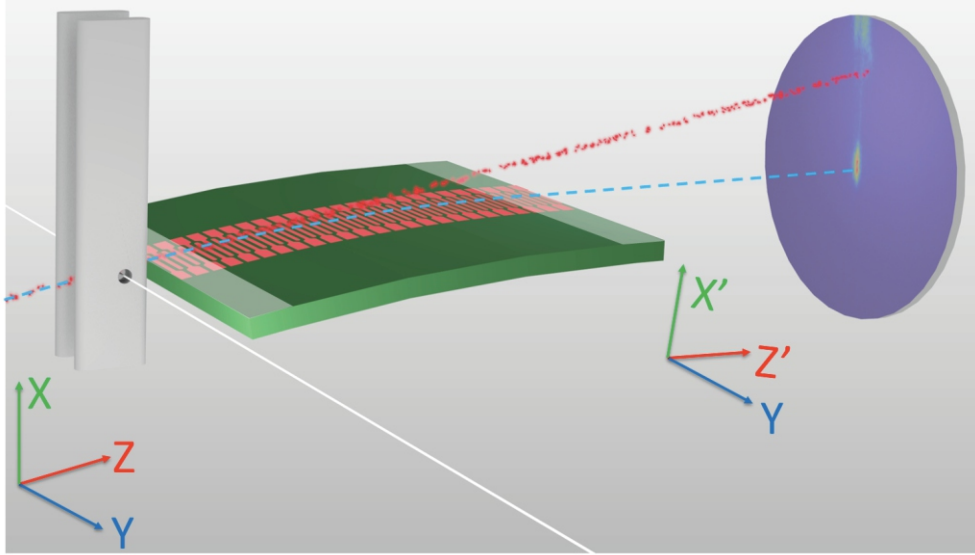
Formation of H_3^+ at
6 meV collision energy
 $v(H_2) = 2400$ m/s
 $v(H_2^*) = 1600$ m/s

Formation of H_3^+ at
0.1 meV collision energy
 $v(H_2) = 1540$ m/s
 $v(H_2^*) = 1600$ m/s

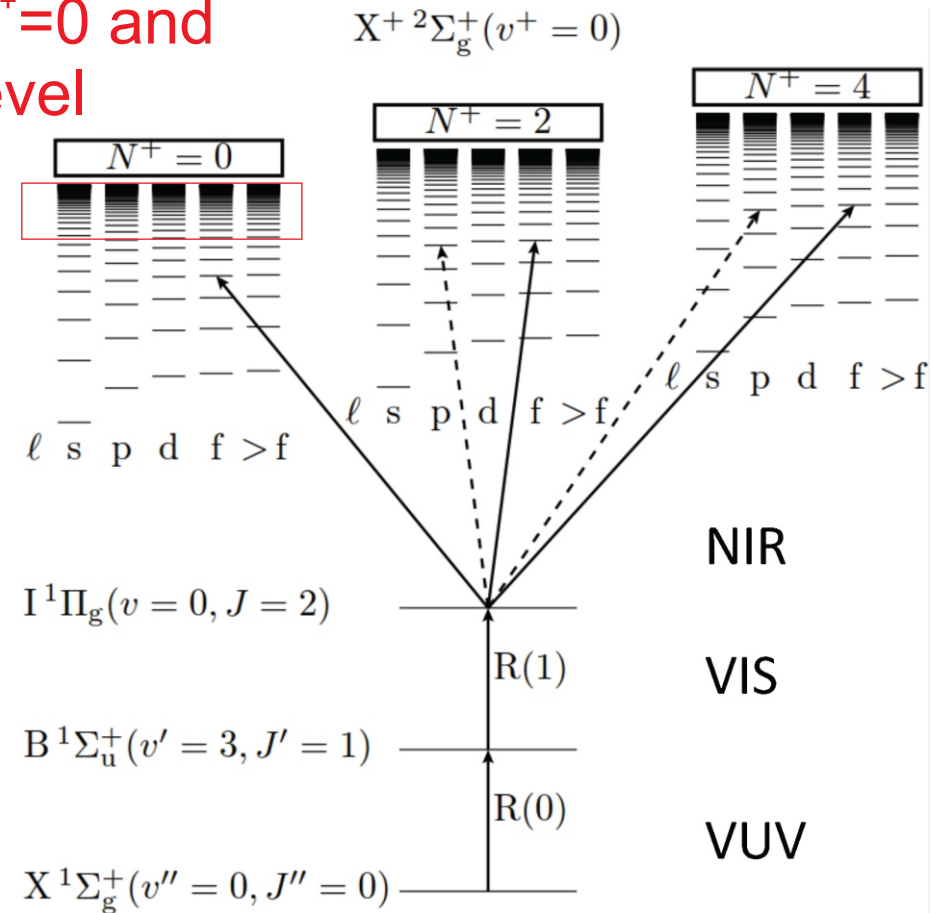
Rydberg-Stark decelerator and deflector

Moving traps for low-field-seeking Stark states

Dipole:



H_2^+ in $v^+ = 0$ and $N^+ = 0$ level



50 electrodes on a printed circuit board

Length: 50 mm

Amplitude of applied potentials: 40-80 V

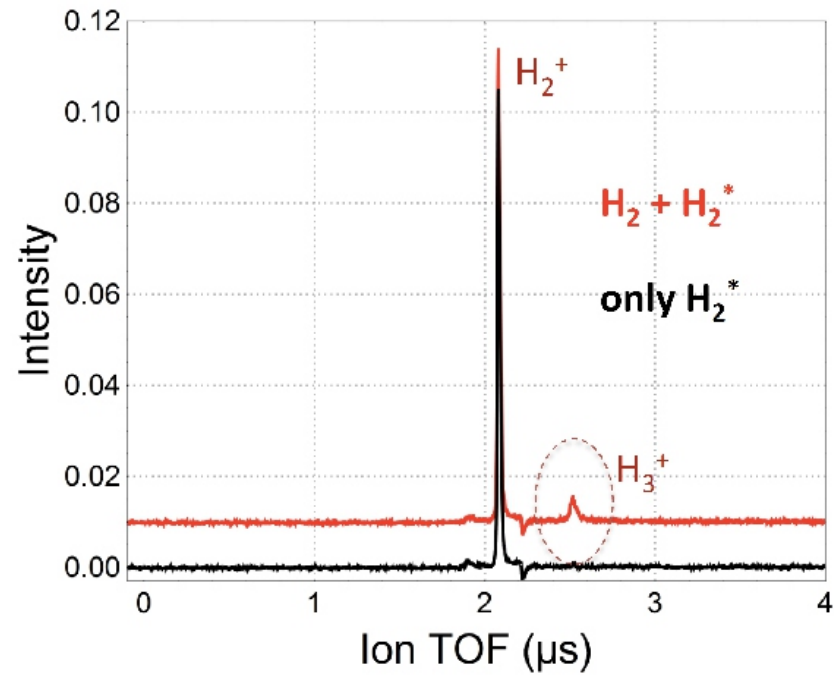
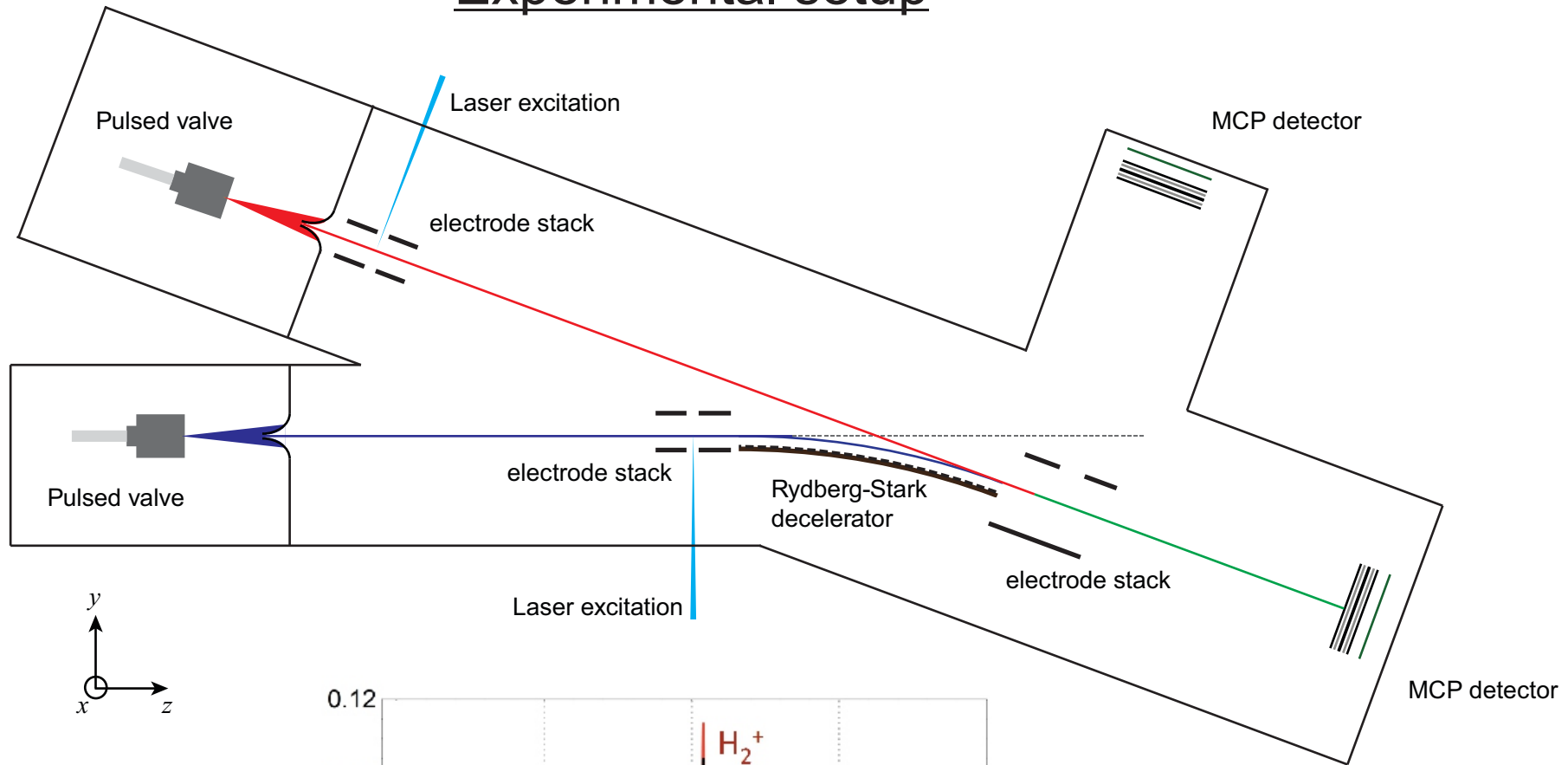
Deflection angle: 10°

Deceleration: Hogan et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **108**, 063008 (2012)

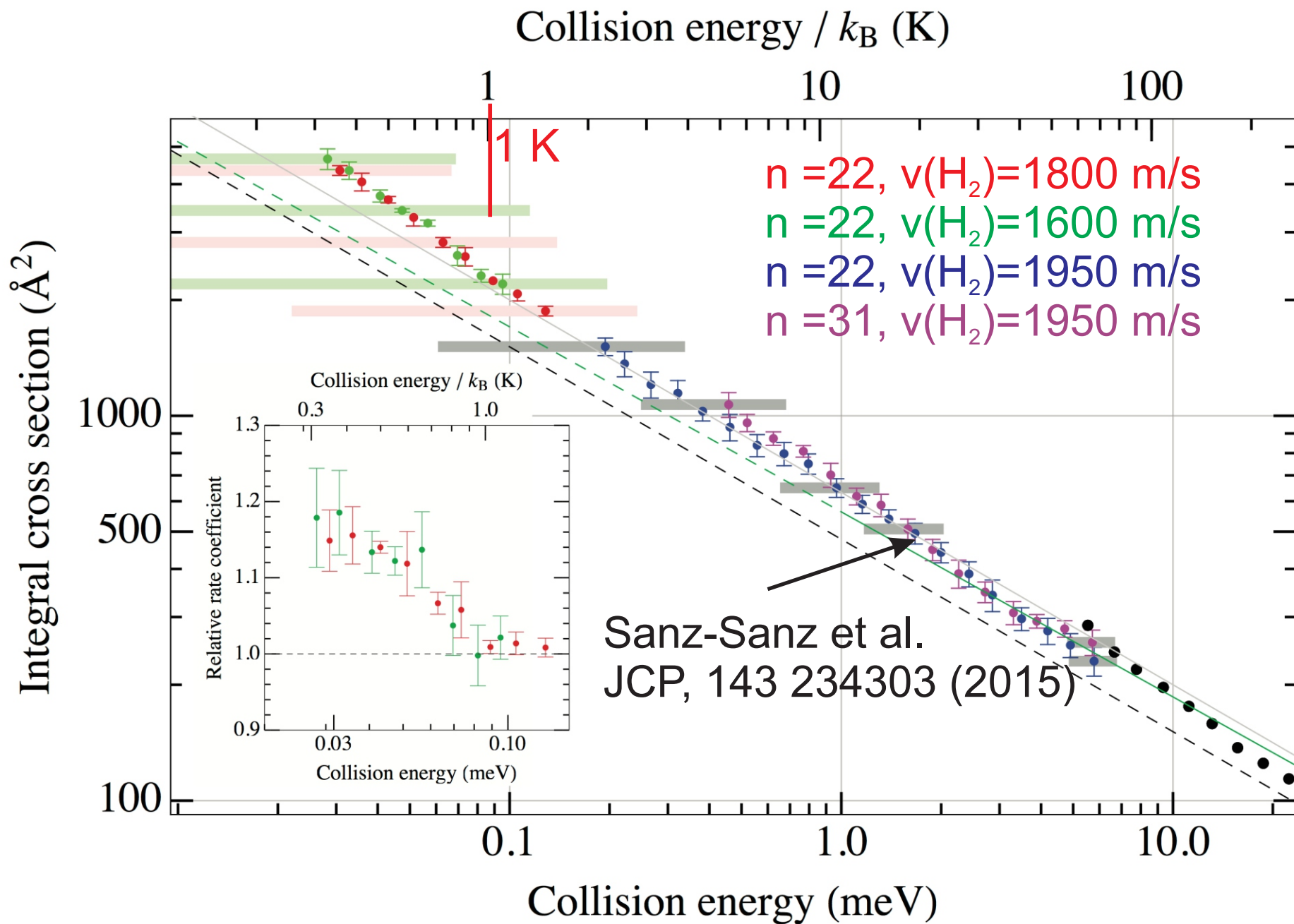
Deflection: Allmendinger et al., Phys. Rev. A **90**, 043403 (2014)

For polar molecules: Meek, Conrad and Meijer, Science **324**, 1699 (2009)

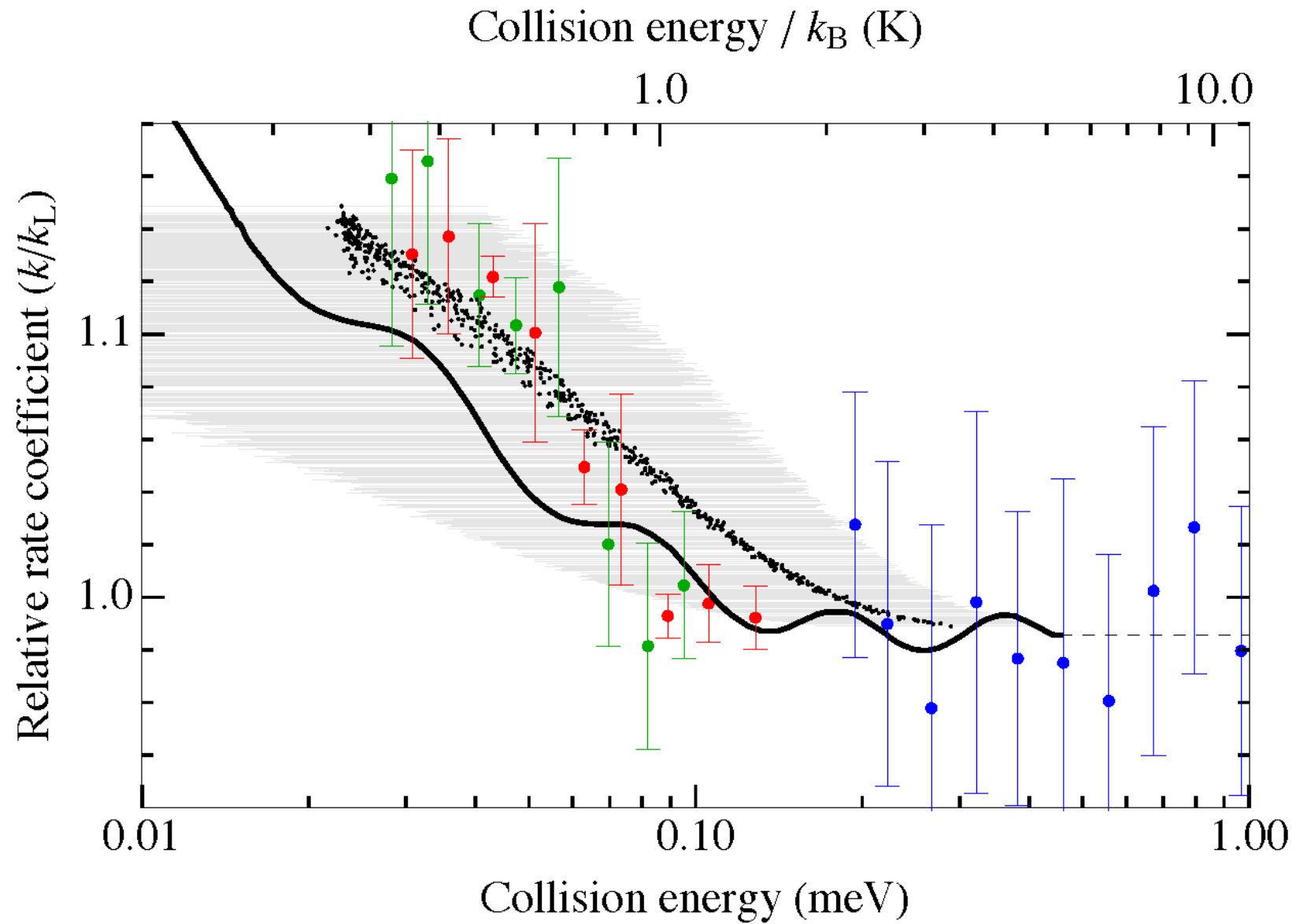
Experimental setup



Relative integral cross section as function of collision energy



Low-T behavior, comparison of experiment and theory



Allmendinger et al., J. Chem. Phys. **145**, 244316 (2016)

Dashevskaya, Litvin, Nikitin and Troe, J. Chem. Phys. **145**, 244315 (2016)

Conclusions (part I):

Equivalence of an ion-molecule reaction and a reaction within a Rydberg-electron orbit

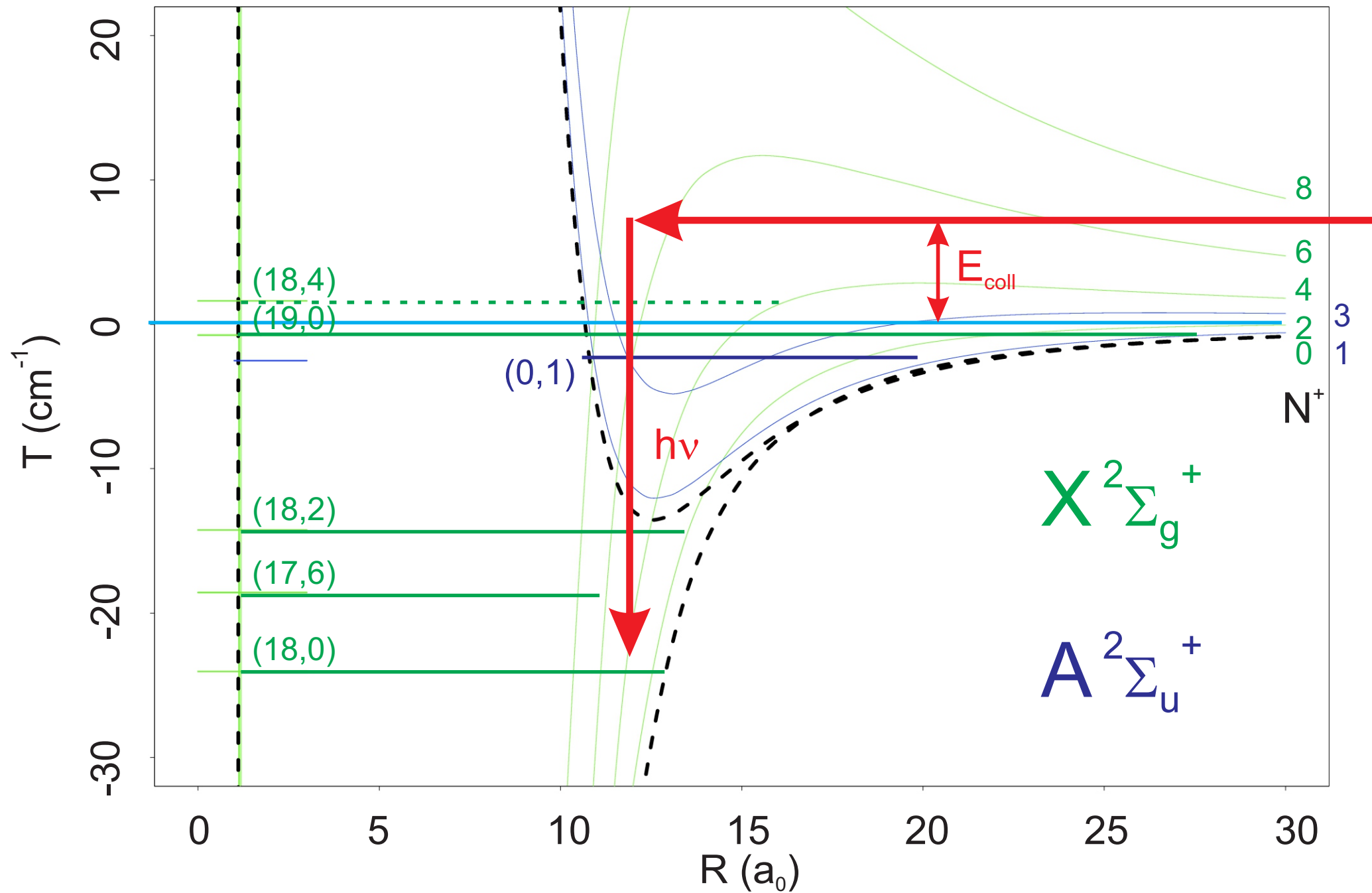
Measurements of relative cross sections from $k_B \cdot 60$ K down to below $k_B \cdot 1$ K

No resonances («Langevin» capture)

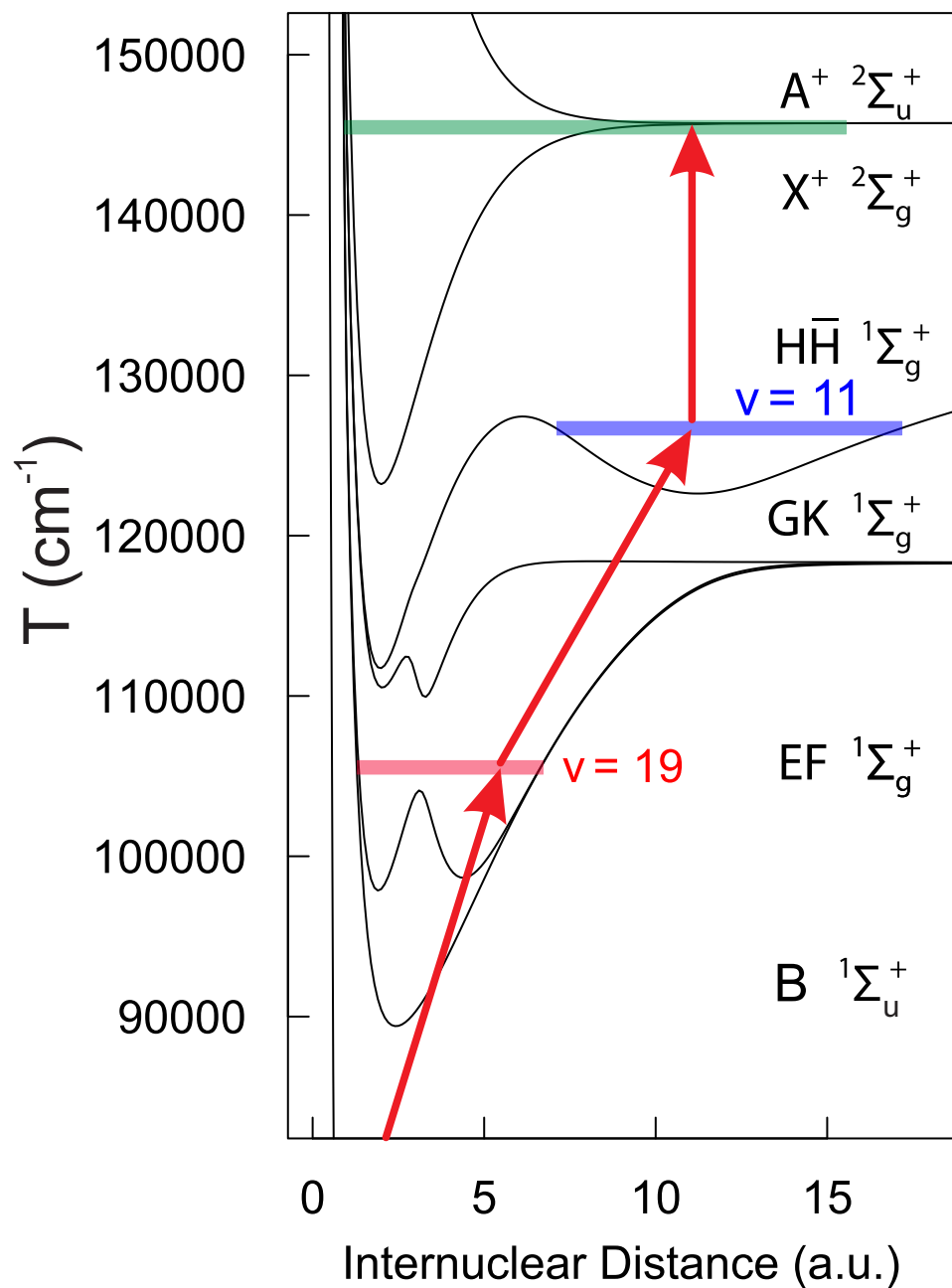
Observation of a deviation from classical Langevin capture below 1 K

Good agreement with predictions of Dashevskaya et al. (JCP **145**, 244315 (2016)). Deviation from 75% contribution of ortho H_2 ($J=1$, with quadrupole) to the neutral beam.

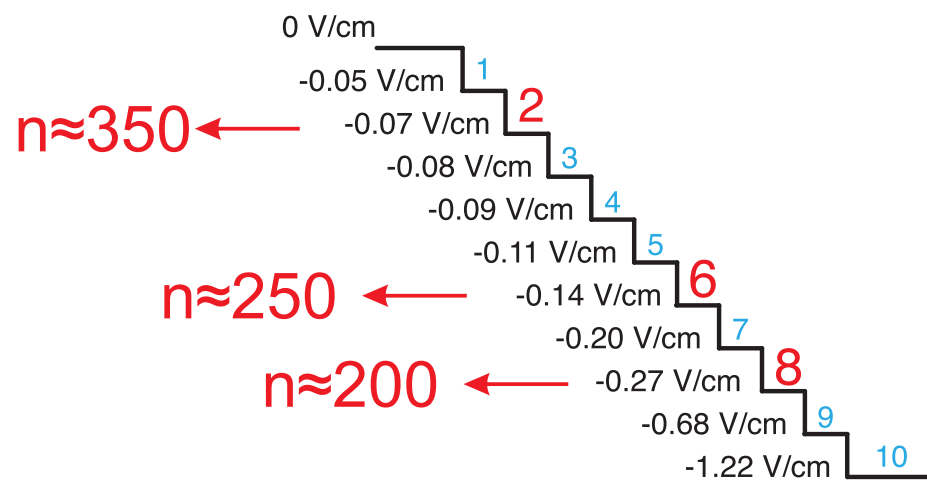
Part II. H_2^+ association / dissociation ($\text{H}_2^+ \leftrightarrow \text{H}^+ + \text{H}$)



PFI-ZEKE photoelectron spectroscopy of H₂ near the dissociative ionization threshold

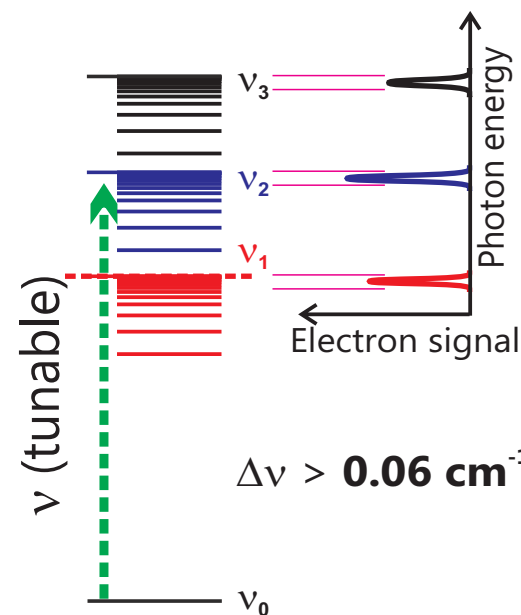


Field-ionization pulse sequence



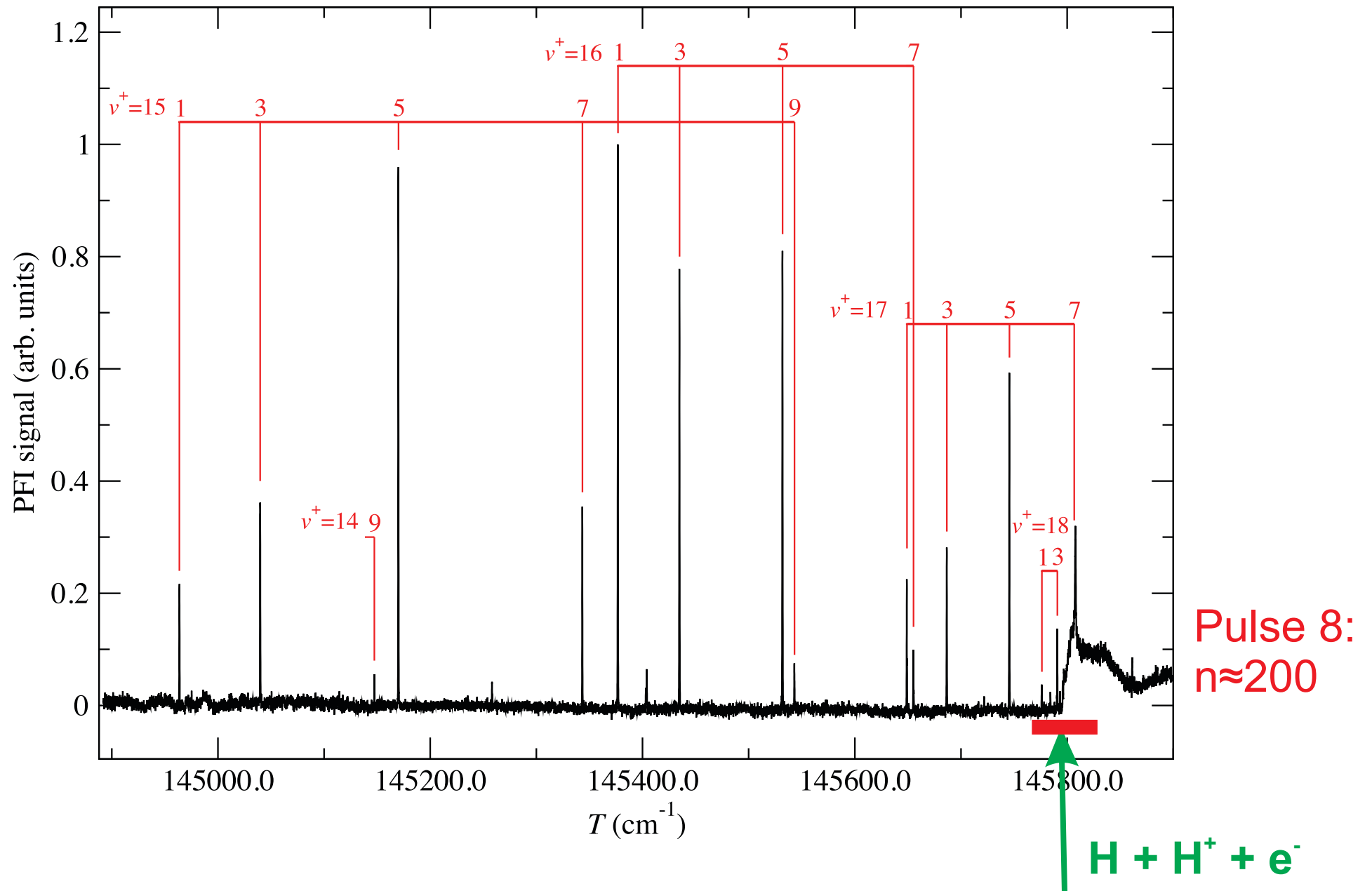
Pulsed-field ionisation

PFI-ZEKE photoelectron spectroscopy



Reiser et al. CPL **152**, 119 (1988)

The photoelectron spectrum of ortho H_2 from $\text{HH}^-(v=11, N=3)$



First complete calculation of shape resonances in H₂⁺

Dissociation energies

Resonance widths

v^+	N^+		BO	AD	NA	NArel	NArelrad	Exp
18	4	E_{res}	-1.991	-1.879	-1.876	-1.879	<u>-1.878</u>	<u>-1.84(4)</u>
		Γ	0.259 (0.002)	0.206 (0.002)	0.193 (0.001)	<u>0.194 (0.001)</u>		<u>0.21(7)</u>
17	7	E_{res}	-11.699	-11.210	-11.094	-11.104	<u>-11.104</u>	<u>-11.08(6)</u>
		Γ	0.232 (0.001)	0.177 (0.001)	0.162 (0.001)	<u>0.163 (0.001)</u>		<u>0.56(8)</u>

all values in cm⁻¹

NA corrections with R-dependent reduced masses
(see R. Jaquet, M. Kohma, Mol. Phys., 2018)

Beyer and Merkt, Phys. Rev. Lett. **116**, 093001 (2016)
J. Mol. Spectrosc. **330**, 147 (2016)
J. Phys. B **50**, 154005 (2017)

Bound levels of A ²Σ_u⁺ state:
v=0, N=0,1,2
v=1, N=0

Half-collision approach to $H^+ + H$ radiative association

- 1) Measurement of the positions and widths of the shape resonances of H_2^+ and D_2^+
- 2) Full *ab initio* quantum-chemical calculations of the resonance positions and widths
- 3) Validation of the calculations
- 4) --> scattering phase shifts for individual partial waves η_N in X^+ and A^+ states
- 5) --> elastic-scattering cross sections

$$\sigma_{\text{el}} = \frac{4\pi}{k^2} \sum_{N^+=0}^{\infty} \left[\omega_{X^+}^{\pm} \sin^2(\eta_{N^+}^{X^+}) + \omega_{A^+}^{\pm} \sin^2(\eta_{N^+}^{A^+}) \right]$$

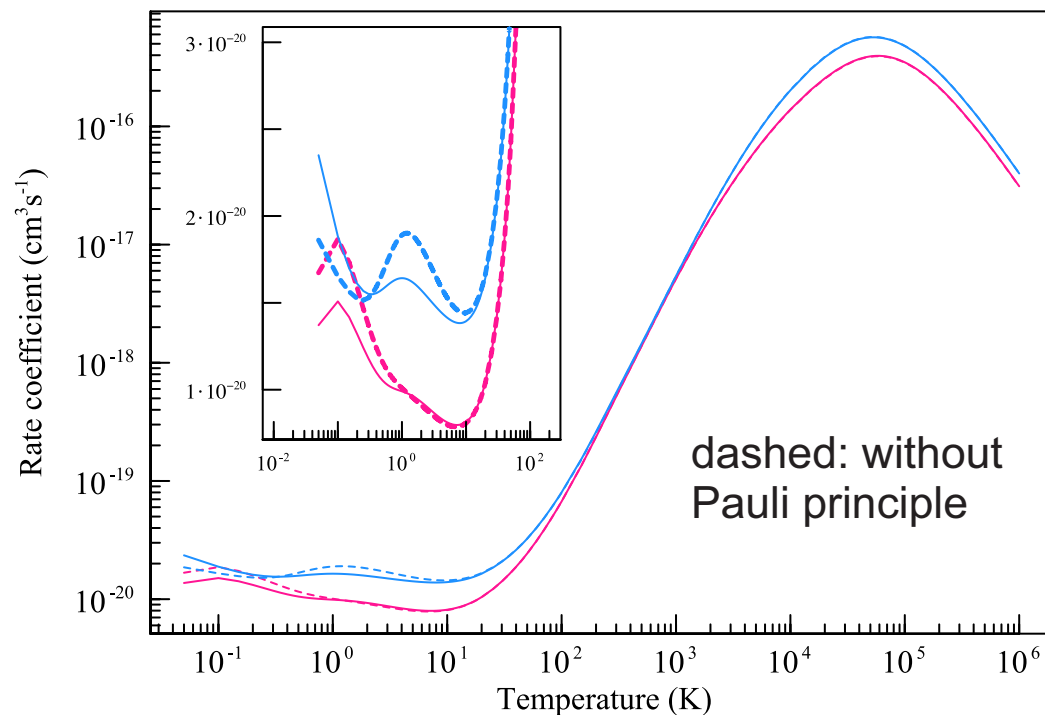
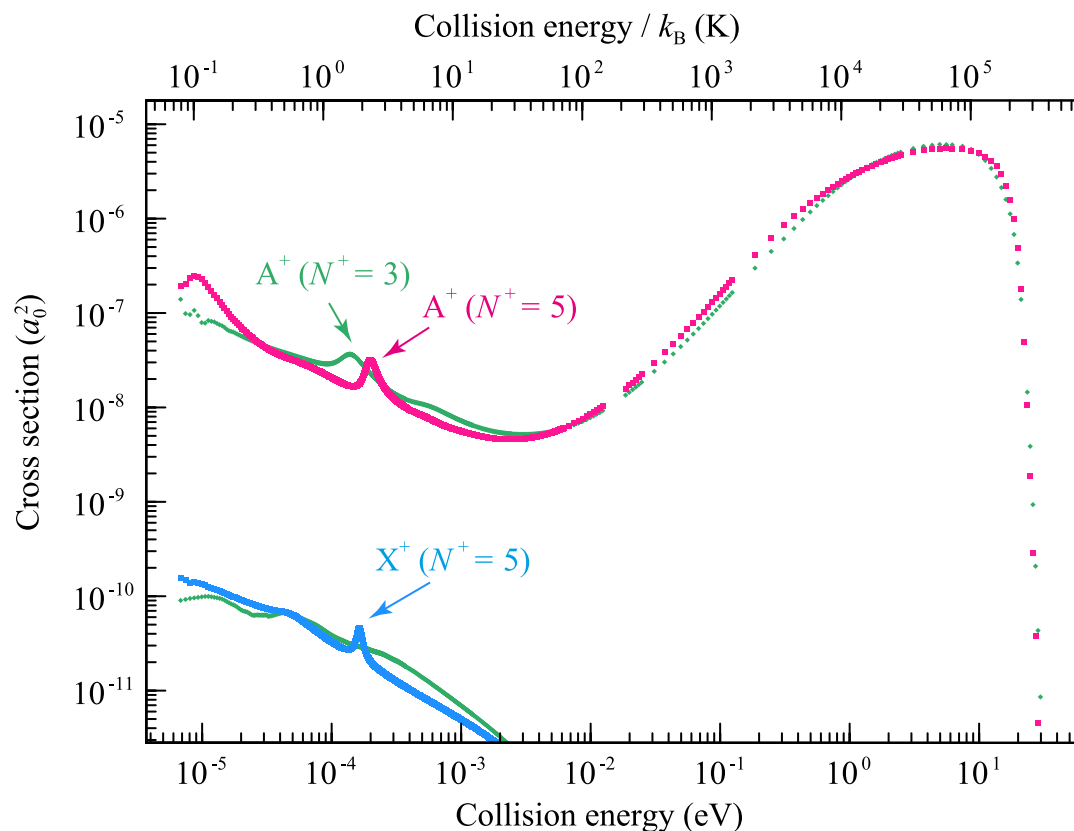
- 6) Determination of radiative-association cross sections and rate constants

$$\sigma(f, v'', N''; i, k, N') = \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha^3}{3\mu E} (E_{\text{coll}} - E_{v'', N''})^3 S_{N'', N'} \left| M_{N'', N'}^{fi} \right|^2 \quad \text{Einstein A coeff.}$$

$$\sigma_i(E_{\text{coll}}) = \sum_{N'} \sum_{v''} \sum_{N''} p_{N', i} \sigma(f, v'', N''; i, k, N'). \quad \text{Sum over possible transitions}$$

$$\alpha(T) = \left(\frac{8}{\pi\mu} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{1}{k_B T} \right)^{3/2} \int_0^{\infty} dE_{\text{coll}} \sigma(E_{\text{coll}}) E_{\text{coll}} \exp[-E_{\text{coll}}/k_B T]. \quad \text{Thermal average}$$

Radiative association cross sections and thermal rate coefficients



D_2^+ A^+ state

D_2^+ X^+ state

H_2^+ X^+ and A^+ state

TABLE III. Probabilities p_i for approaching in a given partial wave N' in the vibrational continuum of state $i = \{X^+, A^+\}$ for H_2^+ and D_2^+ .

N'	state	H_2^+	D_2^+
even	X^+	1/4	2/3
	A^+	3/4	1/3
odd	X^+	3/4	1/3
	A^+	1/4	2/3

Conclusions

Molecular hydrogen is a model system to study fundamental aspects of molecules and of chemical reactivity

Rydberg atoms and molecules are ions disguised as neutral molecules

Observation and full calculation of shape resonances of H_2^+
Full quantum treatment of $\text{H} + \text{H}^+$ association reaction.

Study of the reaction $\text{H}_2^+ + \text{H}_2 \longrightarrow \text{H}_3^+ + \text{H}$ at low collision energies

Observation of onset of quantum capture below 1 K

The two reactions exhibit opposite behaviors of low-temperature quantum reactivity (Langevin vs. resonance dominated)

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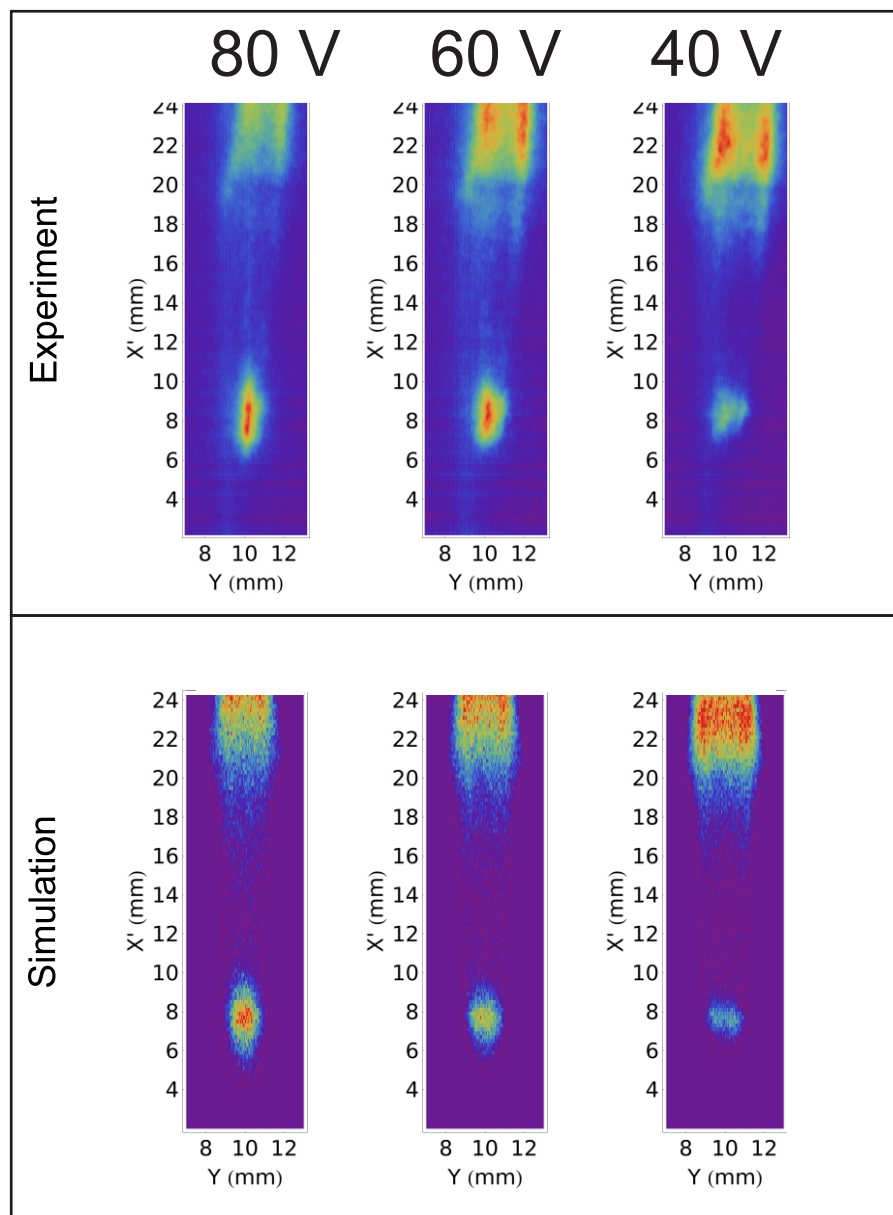
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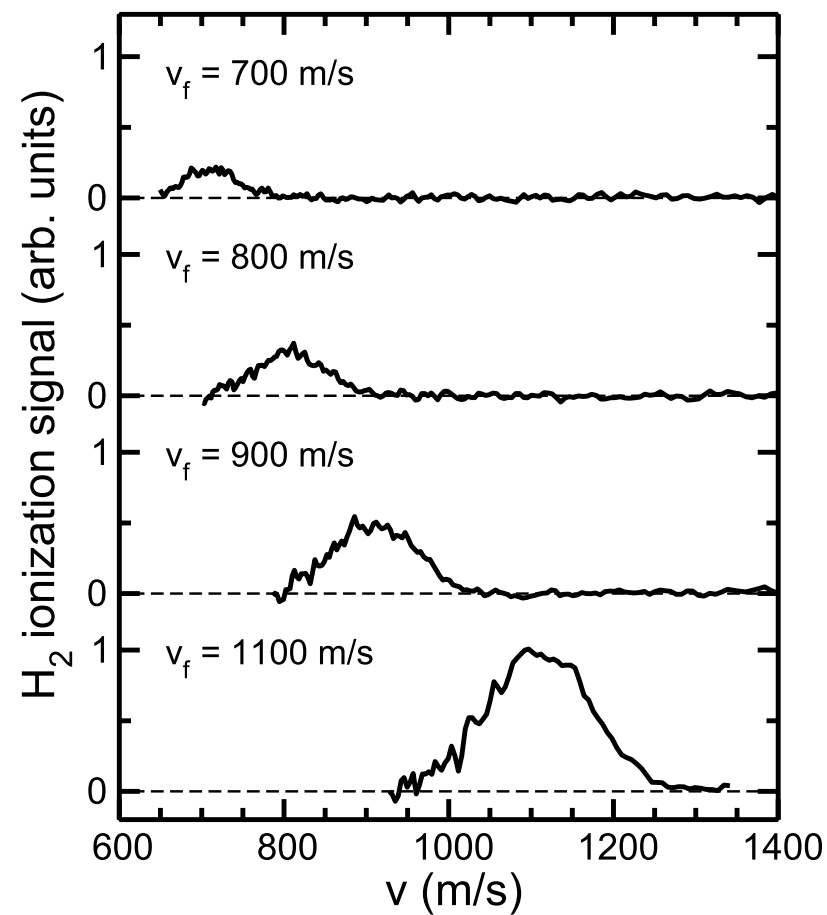
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Deflection



300 mK 150 mK 75 mK

Deceleration

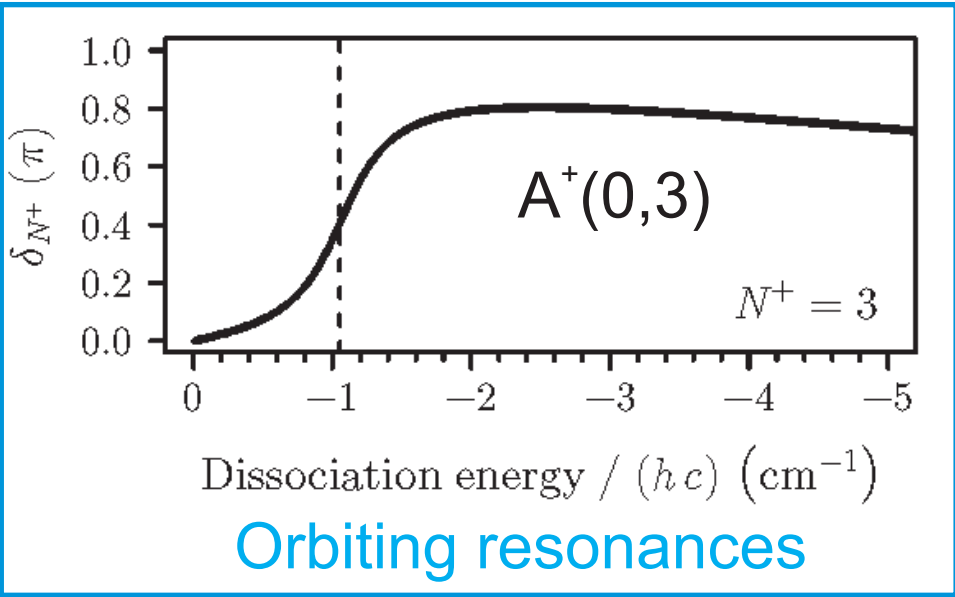
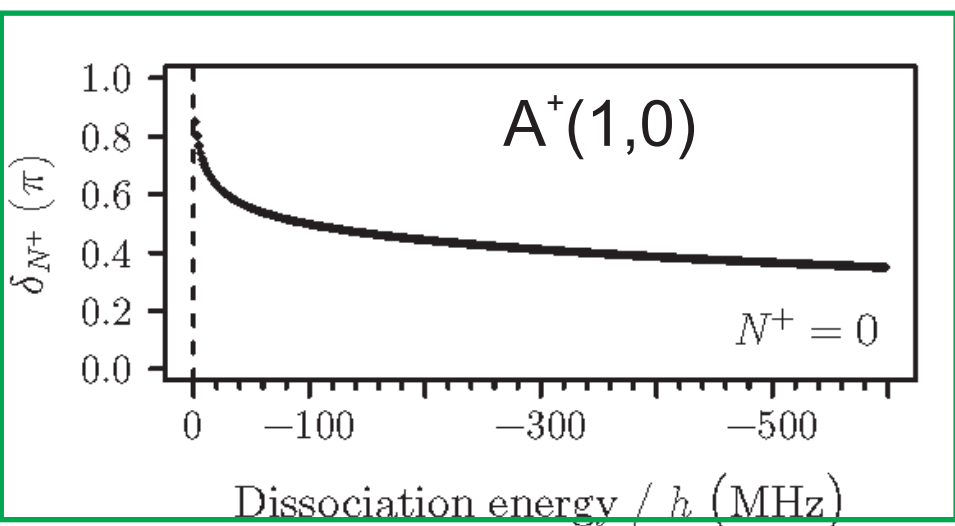
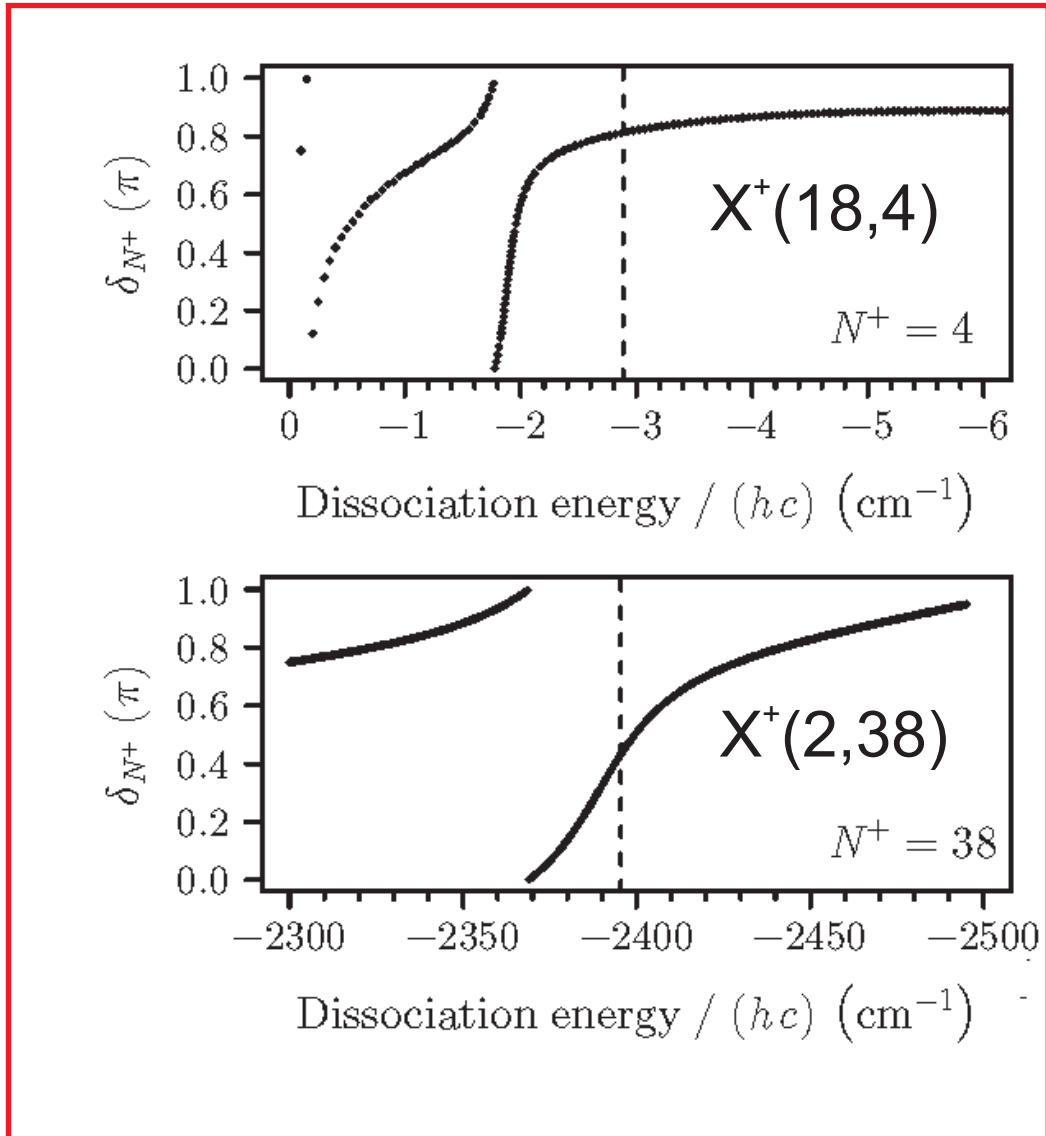


H₂, $n=30$ Rydberg-Stark states

Initial velocity: 1280 m/s

Scattering phase shift $\delta(N^+)$ modulo π as a function of the fragments kinetic energy

s-wave scattering



$\Delta\delta(N^+) = \pi$ Shape resonances

$\Delta\delta(N^+) < \pi$

Orbiting resonances

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