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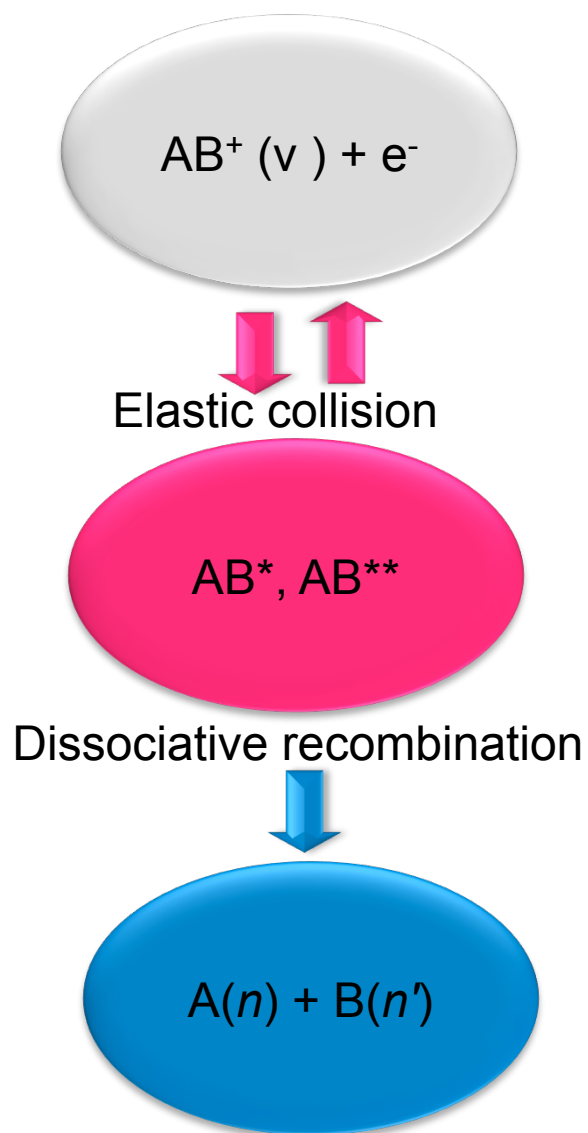
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O. Motapon (Douala), K. Chakrabarti (Kolkatta), N. Pop (Timisoara),  
X. Urbain (Louvain), A. Wolf (Heidelberg),...

# **e<sup>-</sup>/MOLECULAR CATION collisions**

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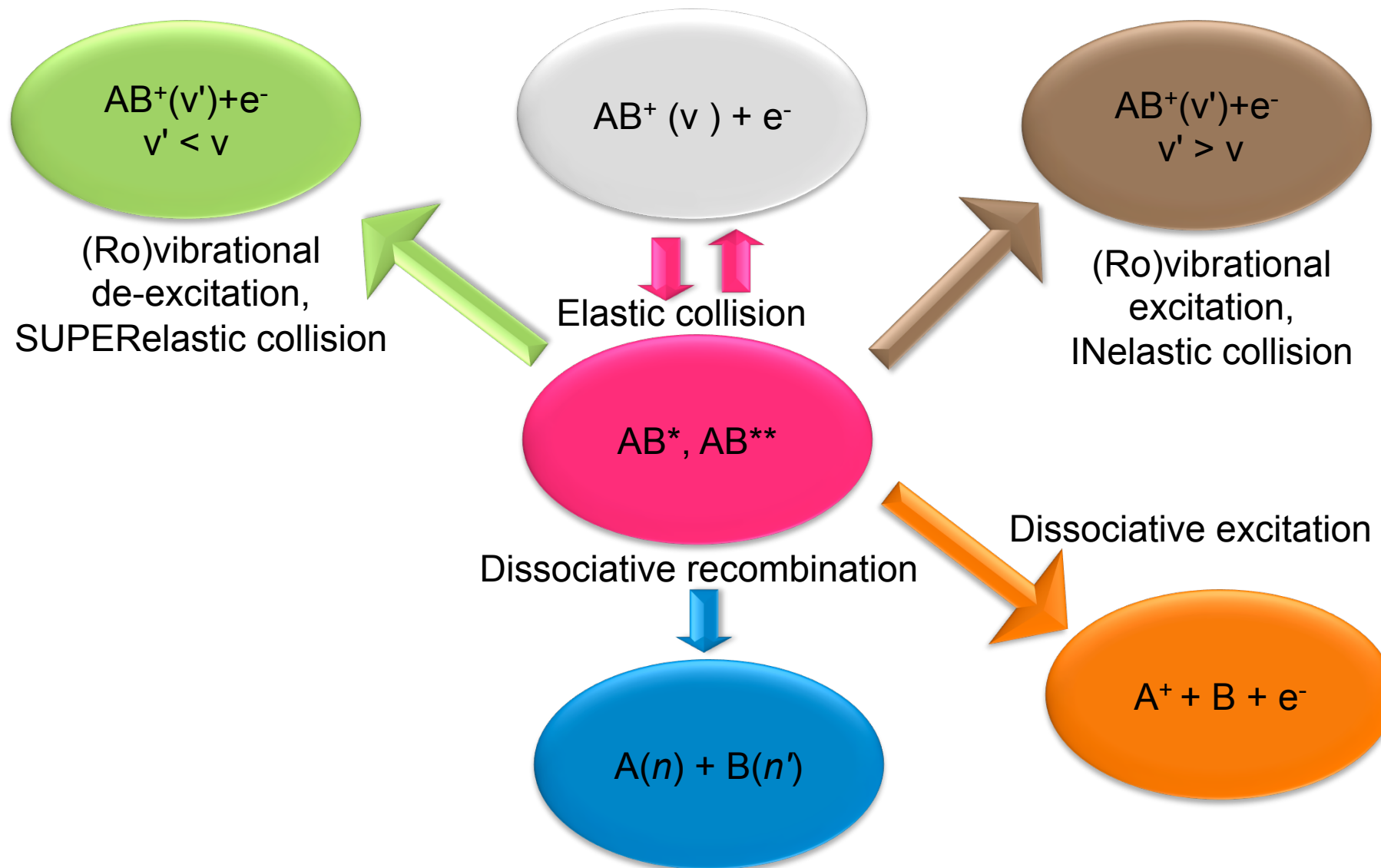
# Electron/molecular cation reactive collisions

Rich dynamics, many continua, unified treatment



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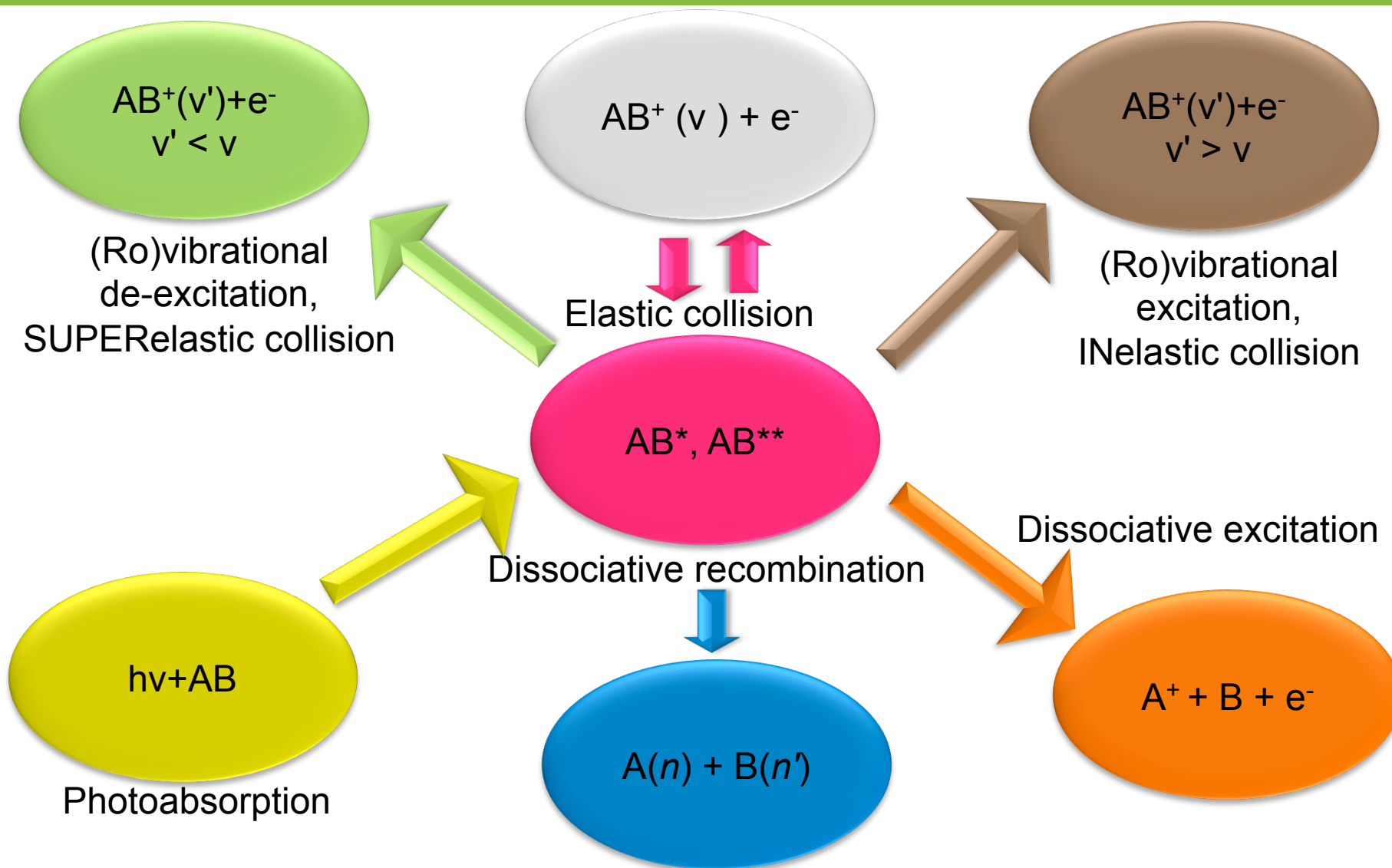
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# Electron/molecular cation reactive collisions

AND photoabsorption by neutral molecules

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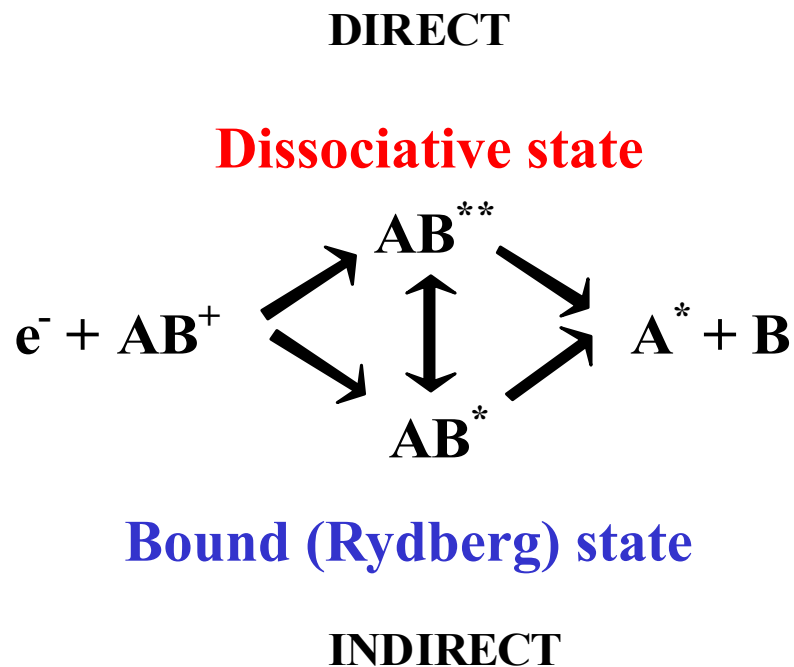
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Main THEORETICAL approach: MQDT

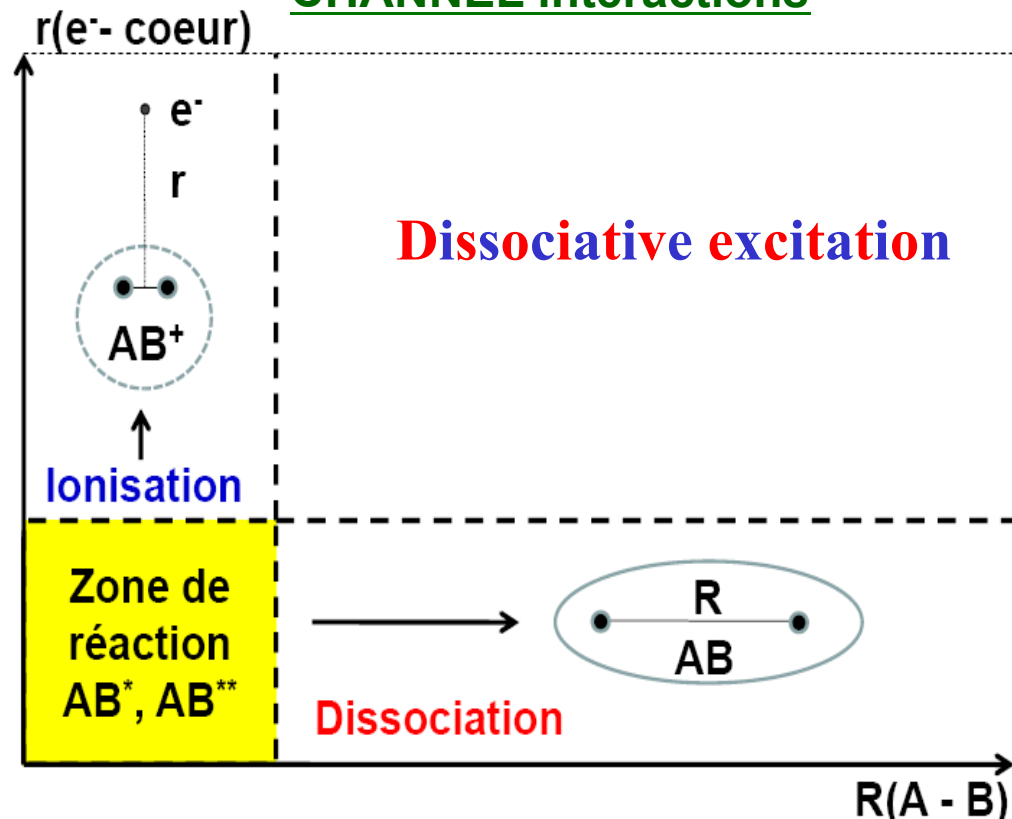
## Multichannel Quantum Defect Theory

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

### Quantum Interferences



### CHANNEL interactions



**VERY ACCURATE**  
**computations:**  
**rotational & vibrational**  
**interactions**



# $\text{H}_2^+$ et isotopomers

# Electron/molecular cation reactive collisions

RESULTS: MQDT computations and comparison with experiment

## Decisive role of ROTATIONAL effects

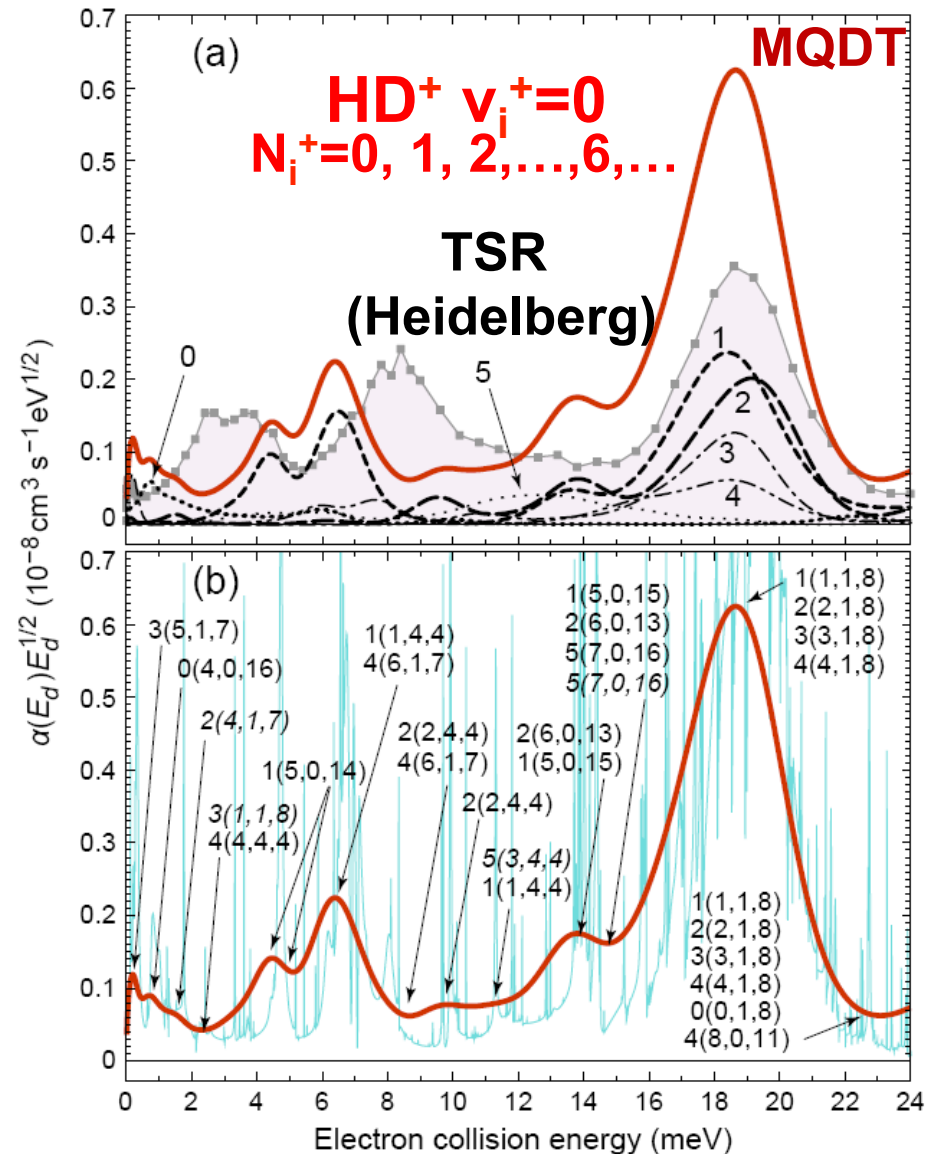
Assignment of resonances in dissociative recombination of HD<sup>+</sup> ions: high-resolution measurements compared with accurate computations

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LOMC, MPIK, UCL (Louvain)

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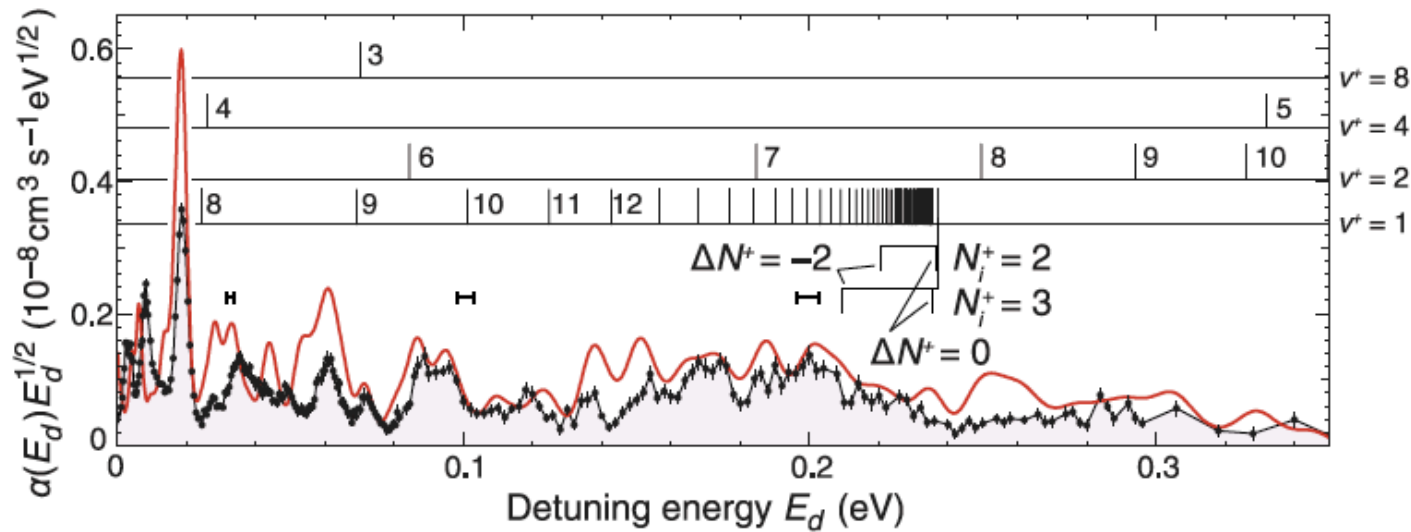


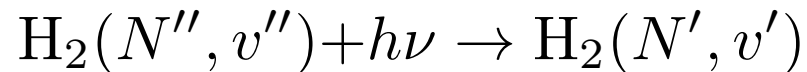
FIG. 10. (Color online) Reduced DR rate coefficients for the DR of  $\text{HD}^+(^2\Sigma_g^+, v_i^+ = 0)$  from experiment (black dots and thin line) and MQDT theory (thick solid curve) after collision energy convolution and initial state averaging as in Fig. 9. Prediction bars: Rydberg resonance energies (labeled by principal quantum numbers  $n$ ; zero quantum defect) below the energy thresholds for vibrational excitation to levels  $v^+$  as indicated, assuming  $\Delta N^+ = 0$  in the resonance formation. Near the  $v^+ = 1$  threshold, its energetic shifts due to molecular rotation are indicated for initial states  $N_i^+ = 2, 3$  and the cases  $\Delta N^+ = 0$  and  $\Delta N^+ = -2$ . Horizontal bars: FWHM experimental collision energy spread in the respective energy regions (see Sec. III).

**The SAME**  
**Rydberg resonances**  
**(related to CLOSED channels !)**  
**have an enhancing role in the**  
**PHOTOIONIZATION of H<sub>2</sub>**

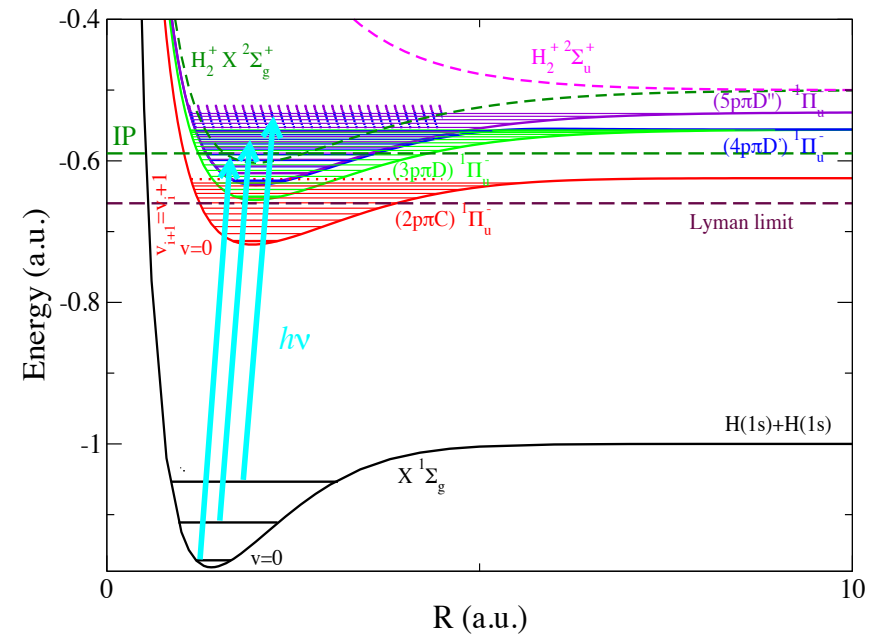
# Photoabsorption by neutral molecules

Ch. Jungen's Global-MQDT method

- Photoabsorption,  
spontaneous emission  
probability



- Photoionization



# Photoabsorption by neutral molecules

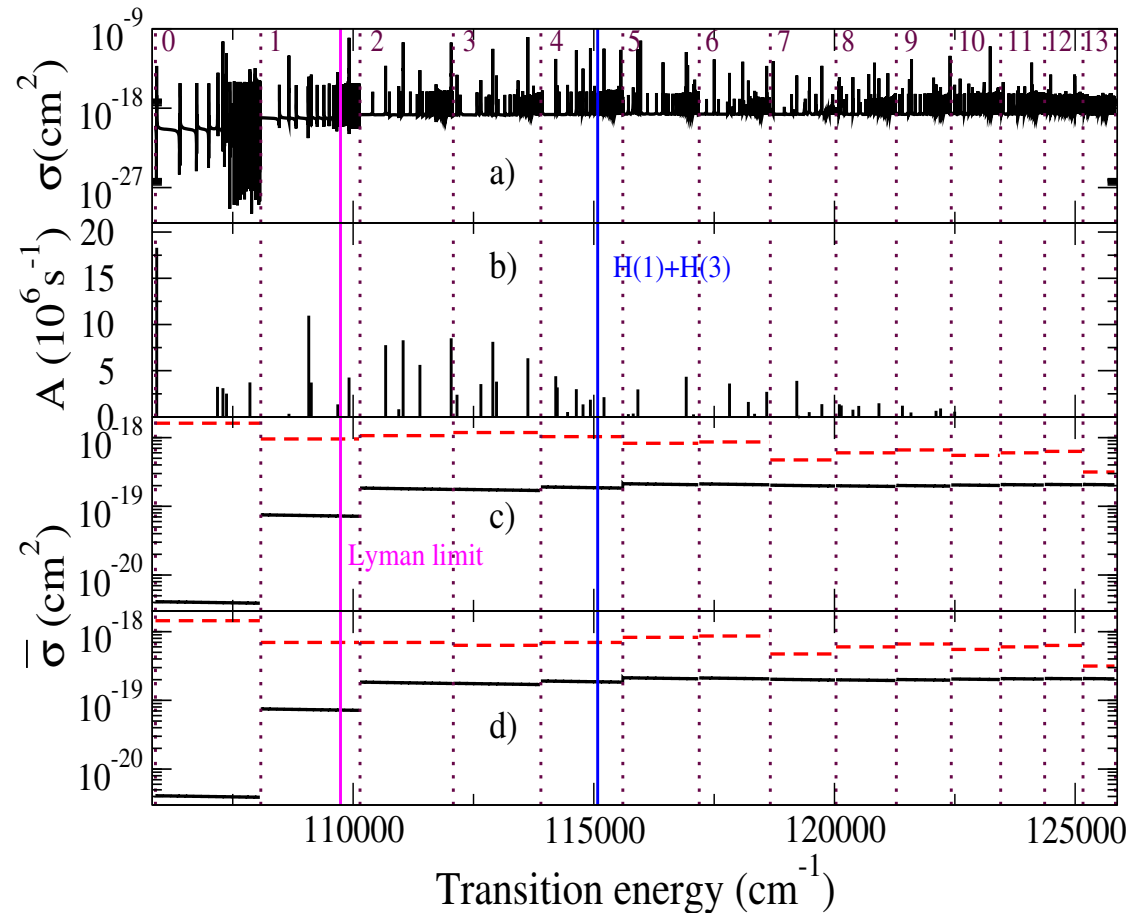
Ch. Jungen's Global-MQDT method

Resonances in photoionisation: Cross sections for vibrationally excited  $H_2$

J. Zs. Mezei, I. F. Schneider, E. Roueff et Ch. Jungen

*Physical Review A* **85** 043411 (2012).

## Photoionization

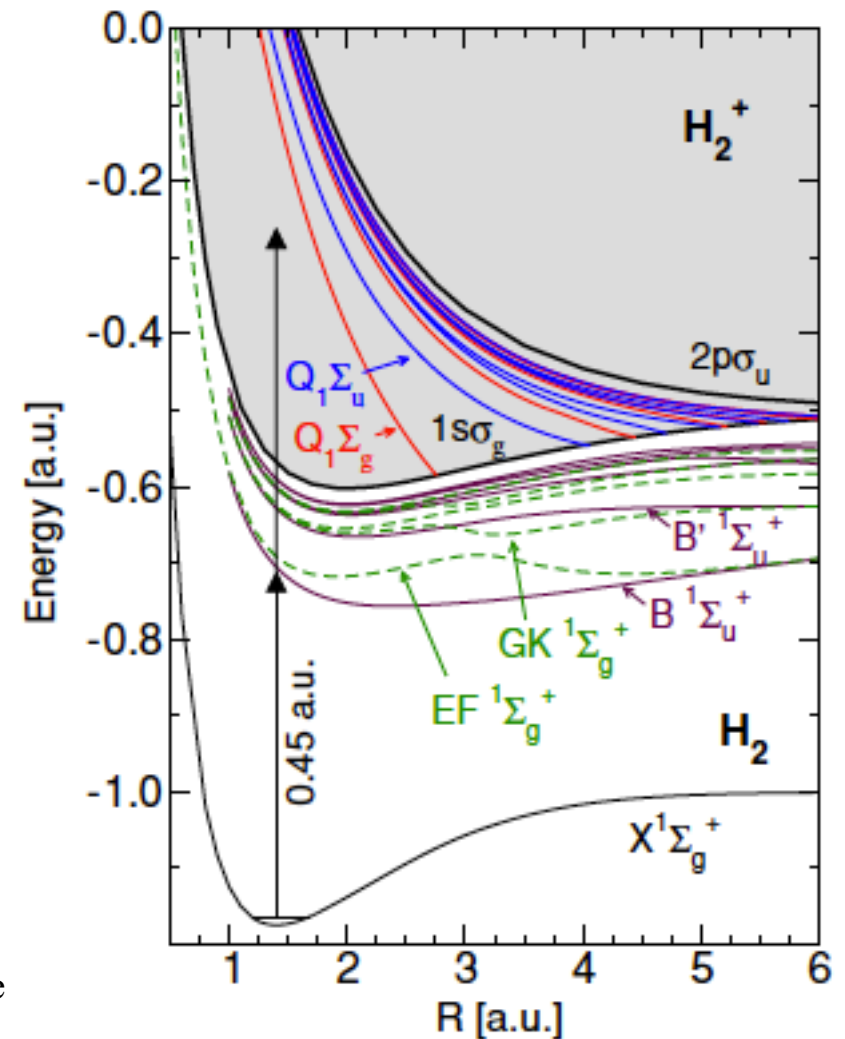


$Q(1), v'' = 5$

$H_2$

# Spectroscopy & reactivity perspectives (Jungen, Mezei, Schneider)

- \* Adapt the Global-MQDT method to the study of the Dissociative Recombination
- \* Study the resonant role of the mono-excited Rydberg  $H_2$  states in two-photon absorption (collaboration with D. Doweck, F. Martin)



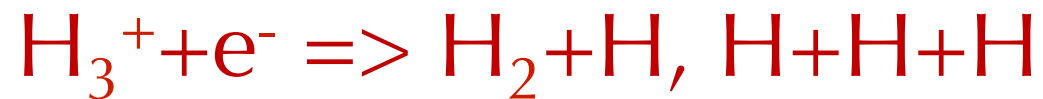
**QUICK & APPROXIMATE,  
but REALISTIC  
estimations**







# Dissociative Recombination



# DR of $H_3^+$ : ... a «long-lived» mystery since the 1970's

## **letters to nature**

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### **Mechanism for the destruction of $H_3^+$ ions by electron impact**

**V. Kokoouline\***, **Chris H. Greene\*** & **B. D. Esry†**

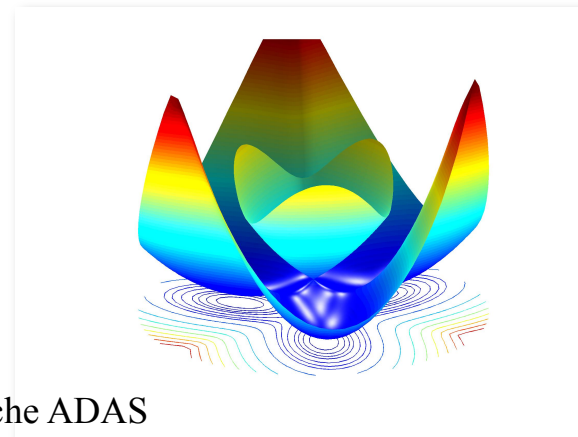
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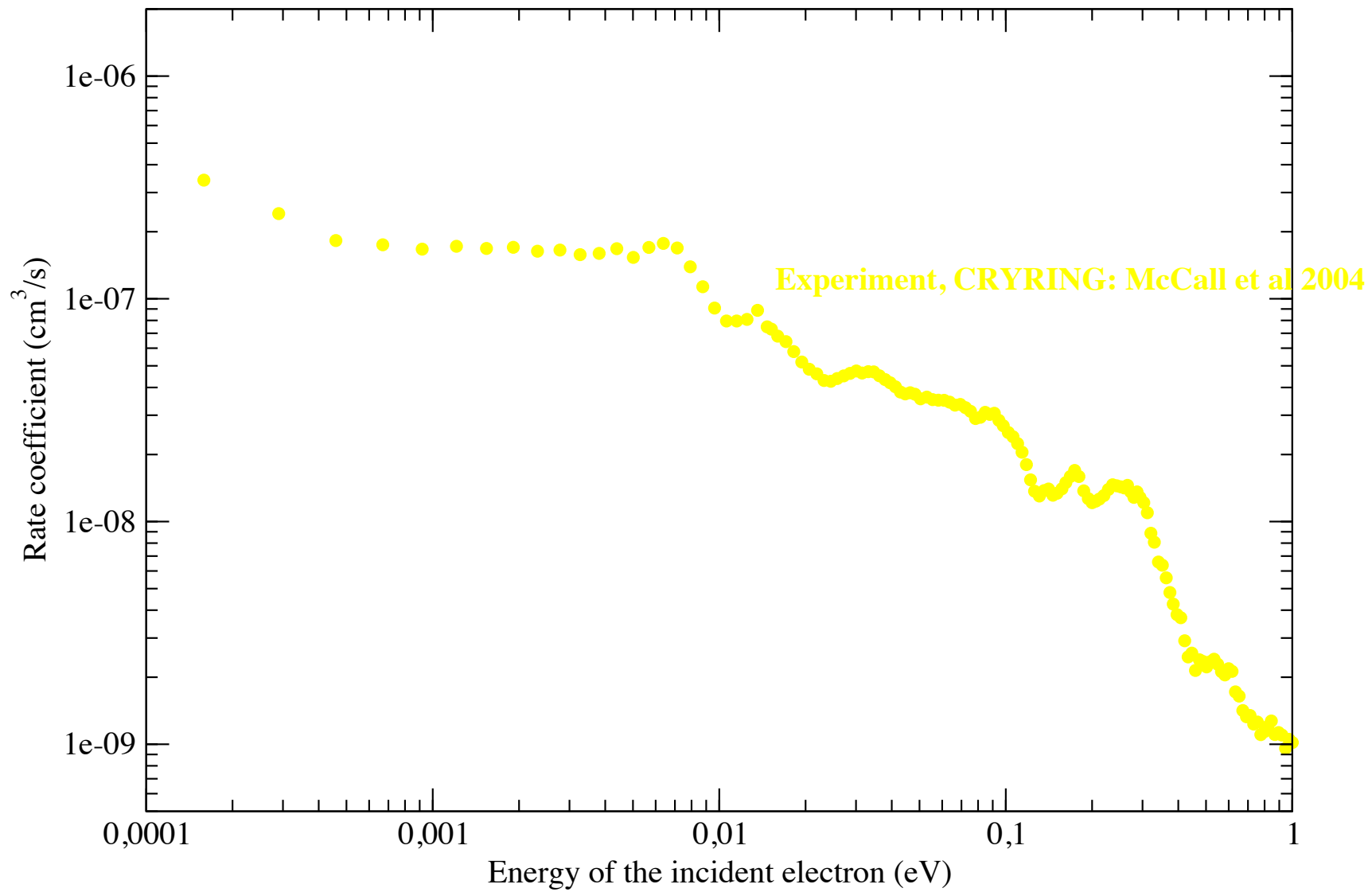
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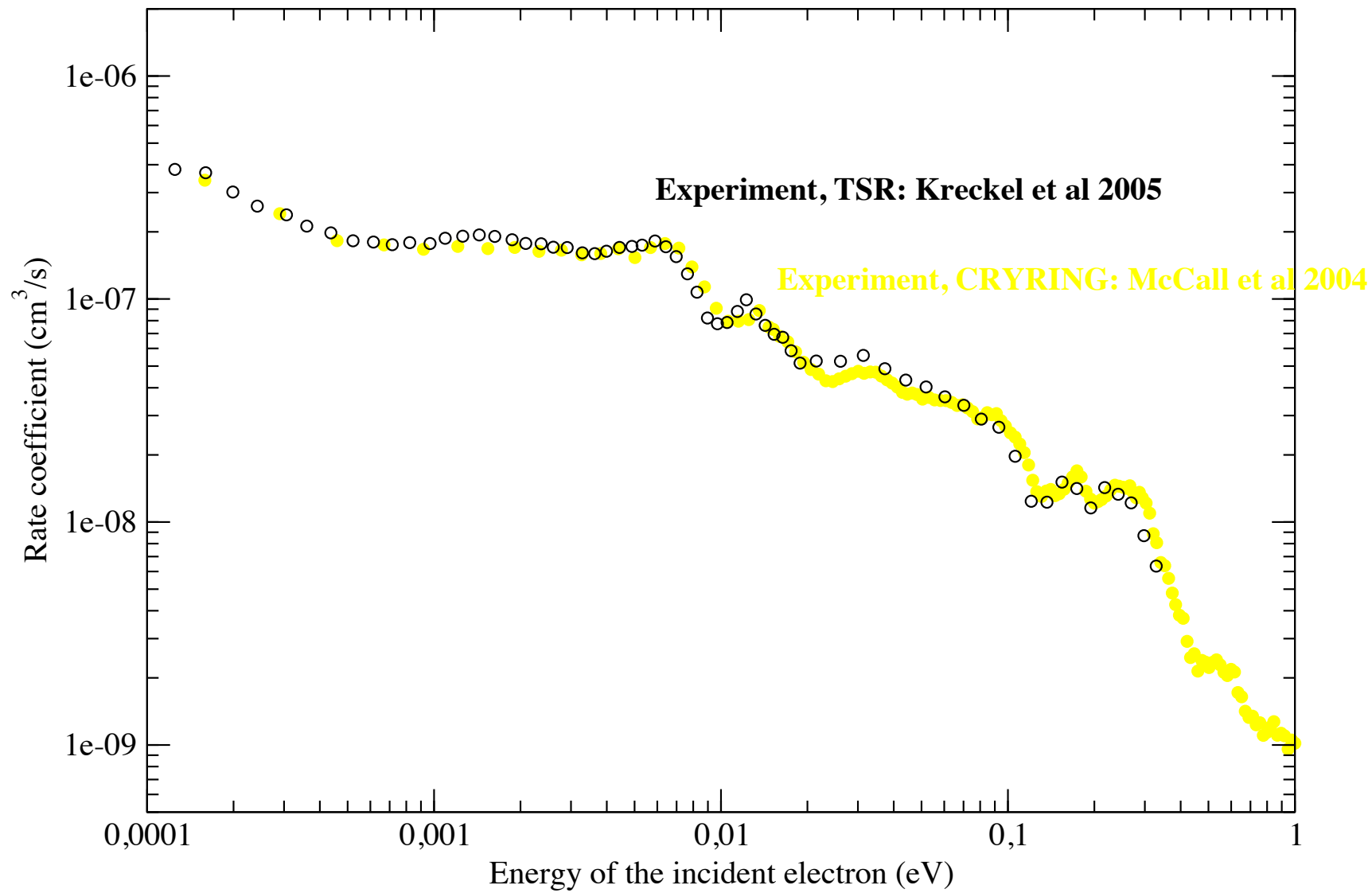
2001 theoretical breakthrough:

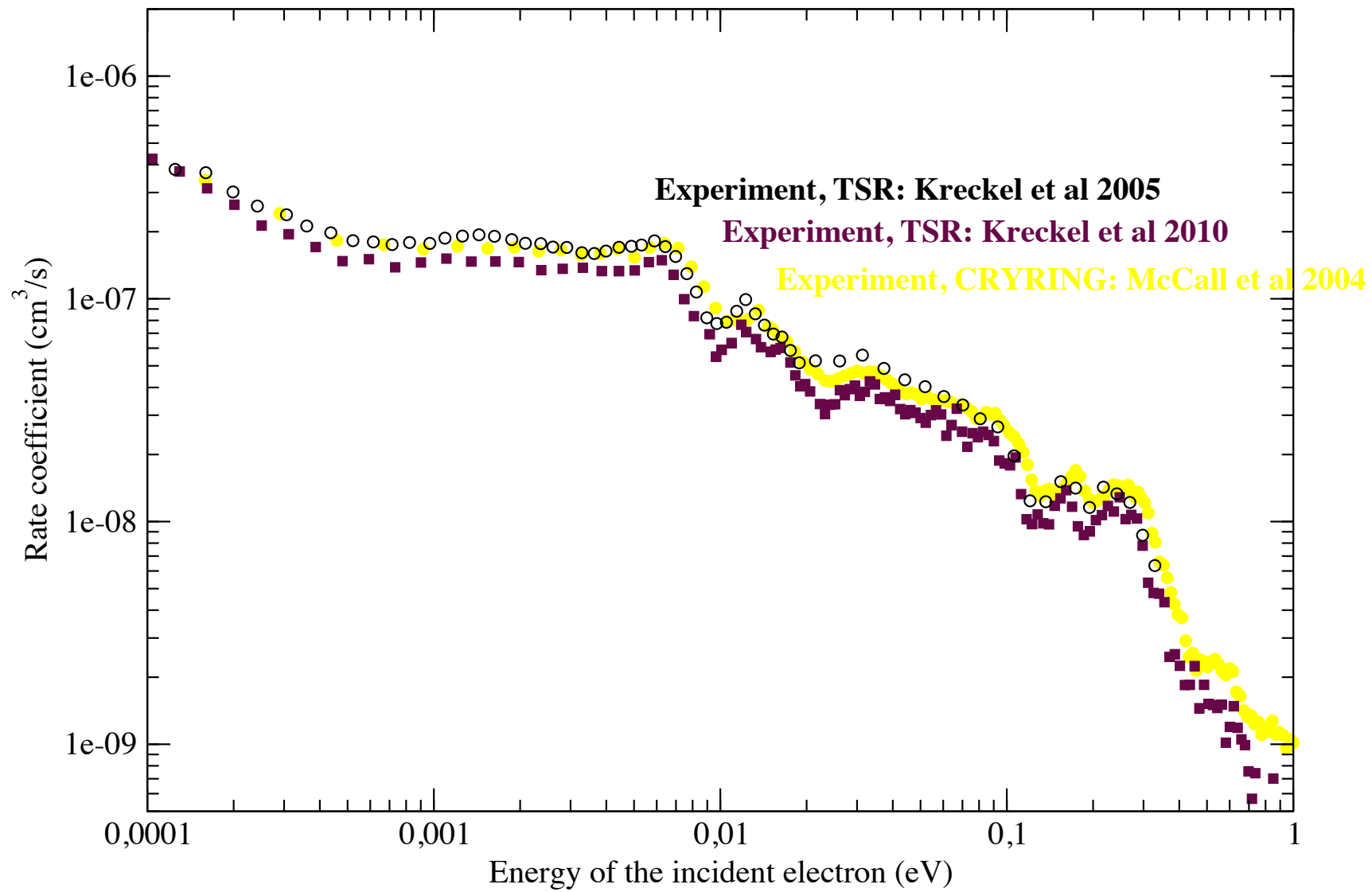
DR in  $H_3^+$  is an indirect process mediated by the Jahn-Teller mode in the p-wave channel

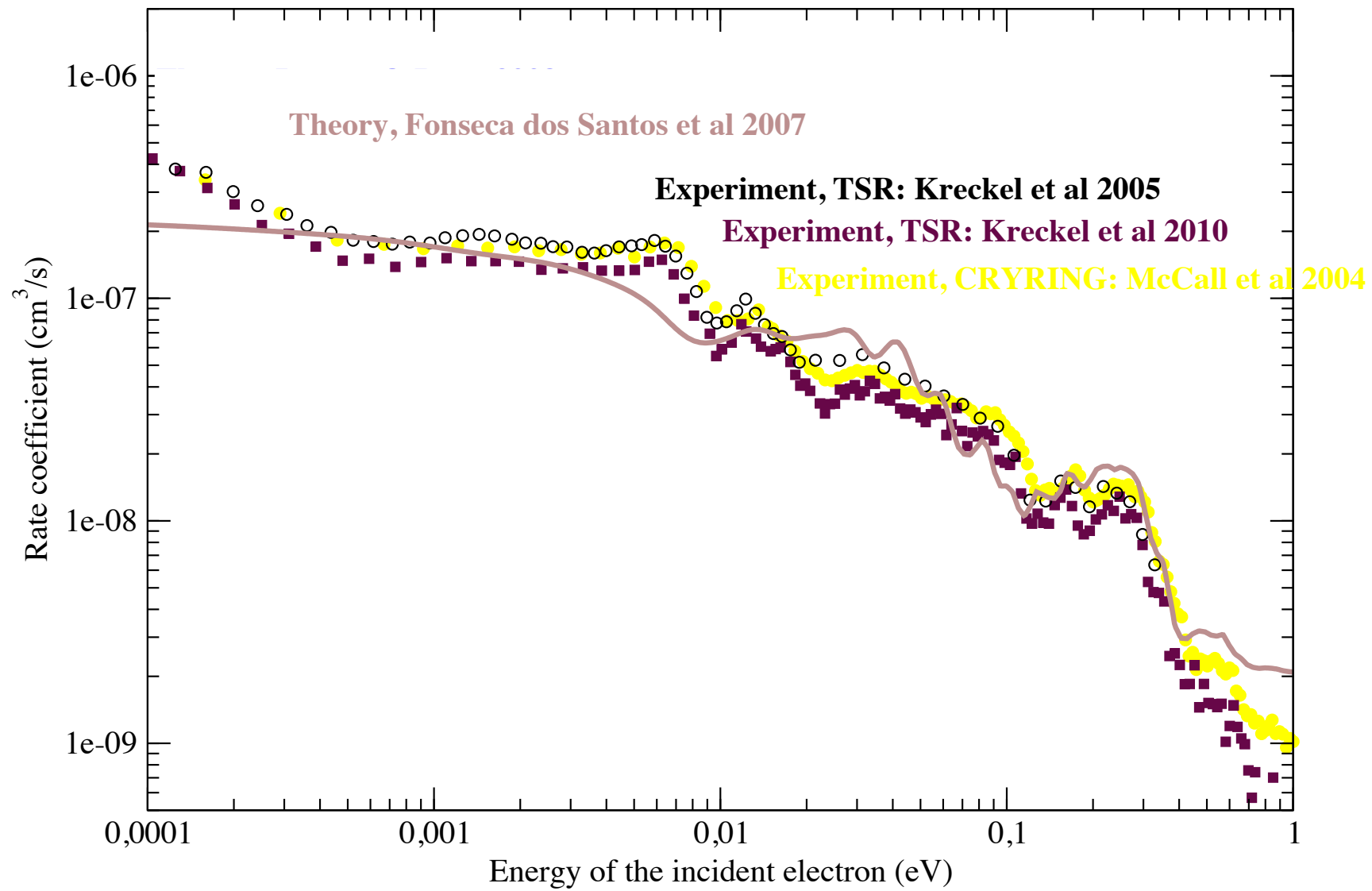
since then sophisticated large-scale calculations by the same group





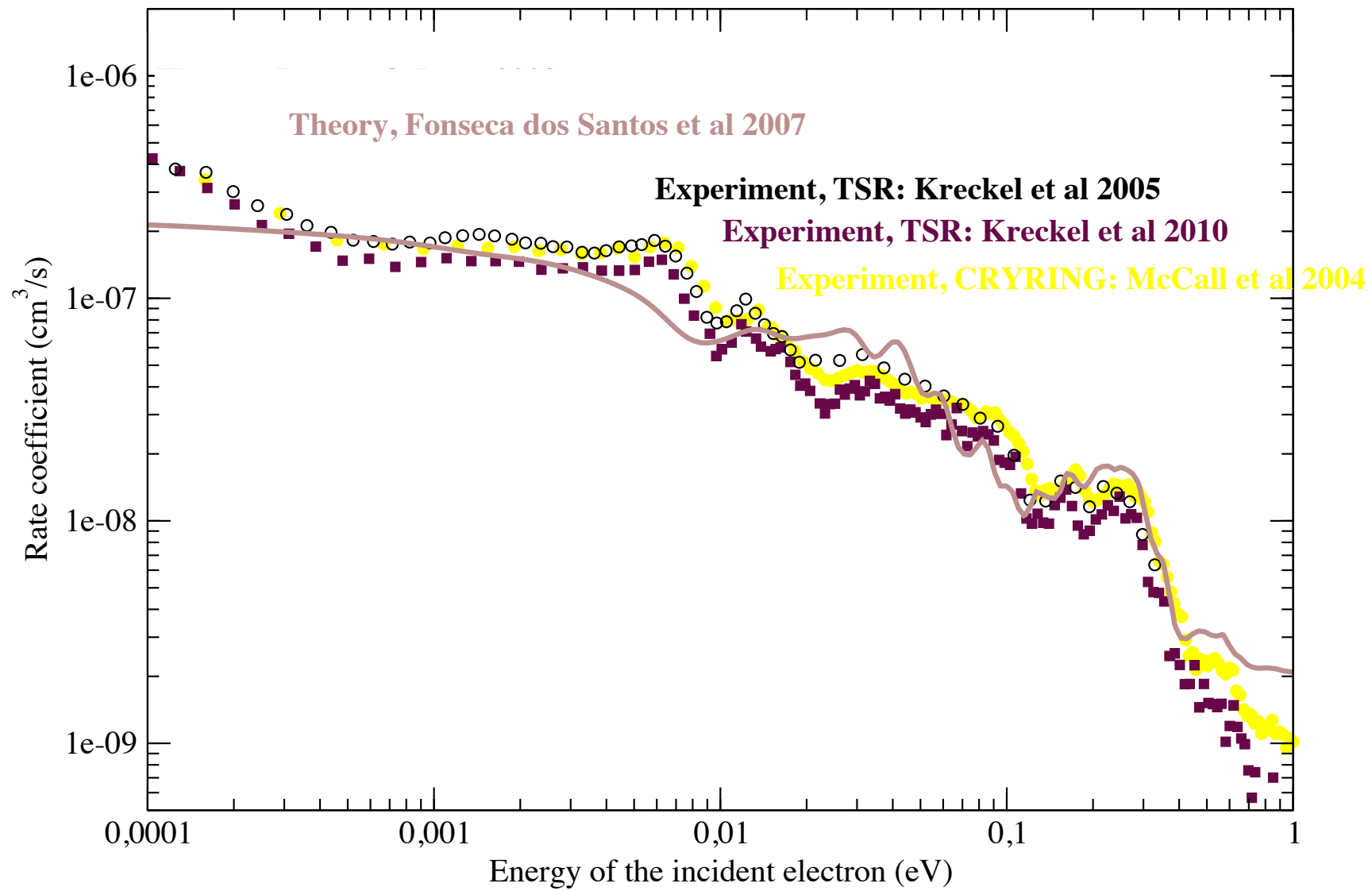


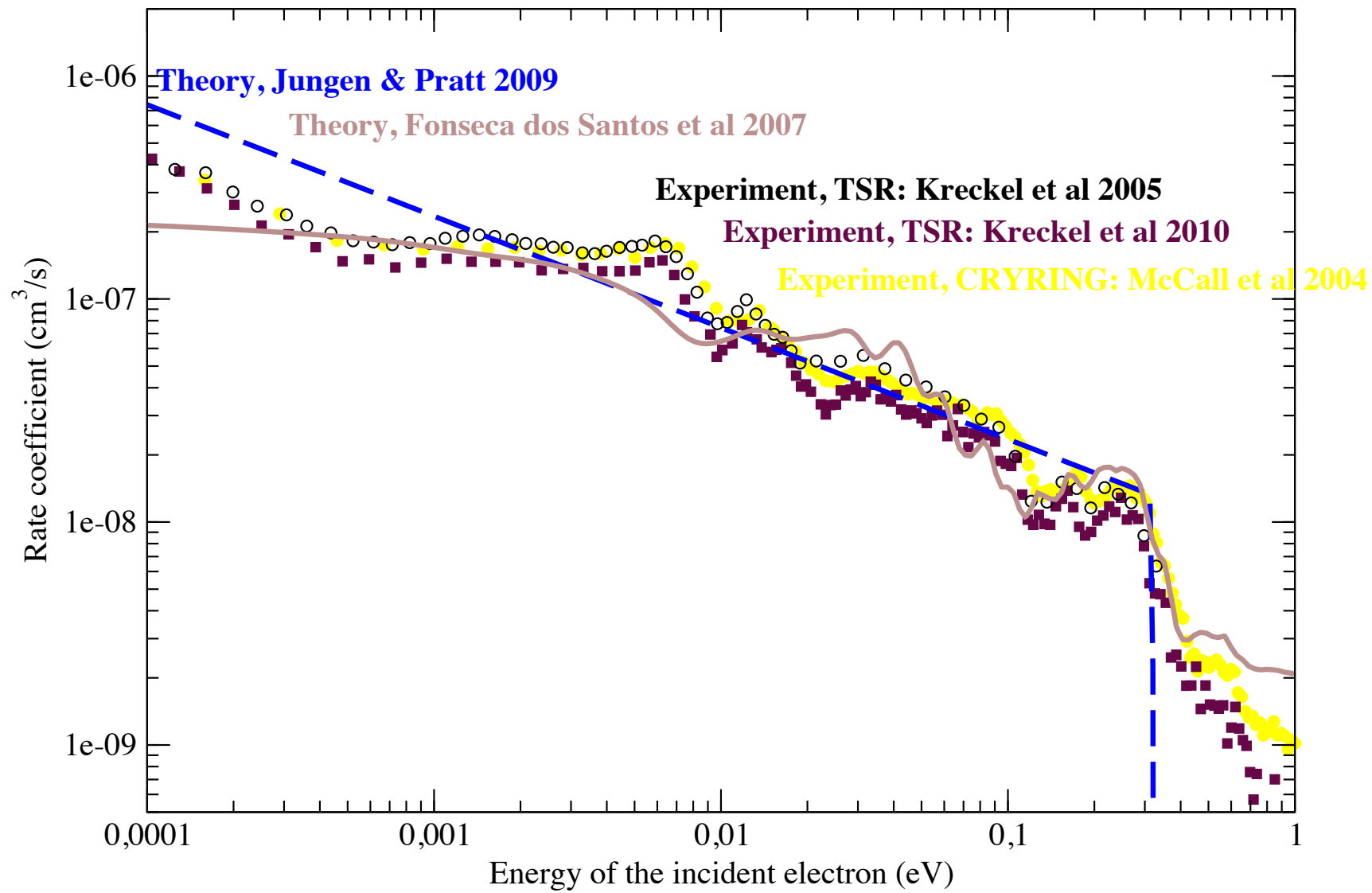




**A spectroscopic approach of the  
Dissociative Recombination**  
Jungen & Pratt 2008-2010







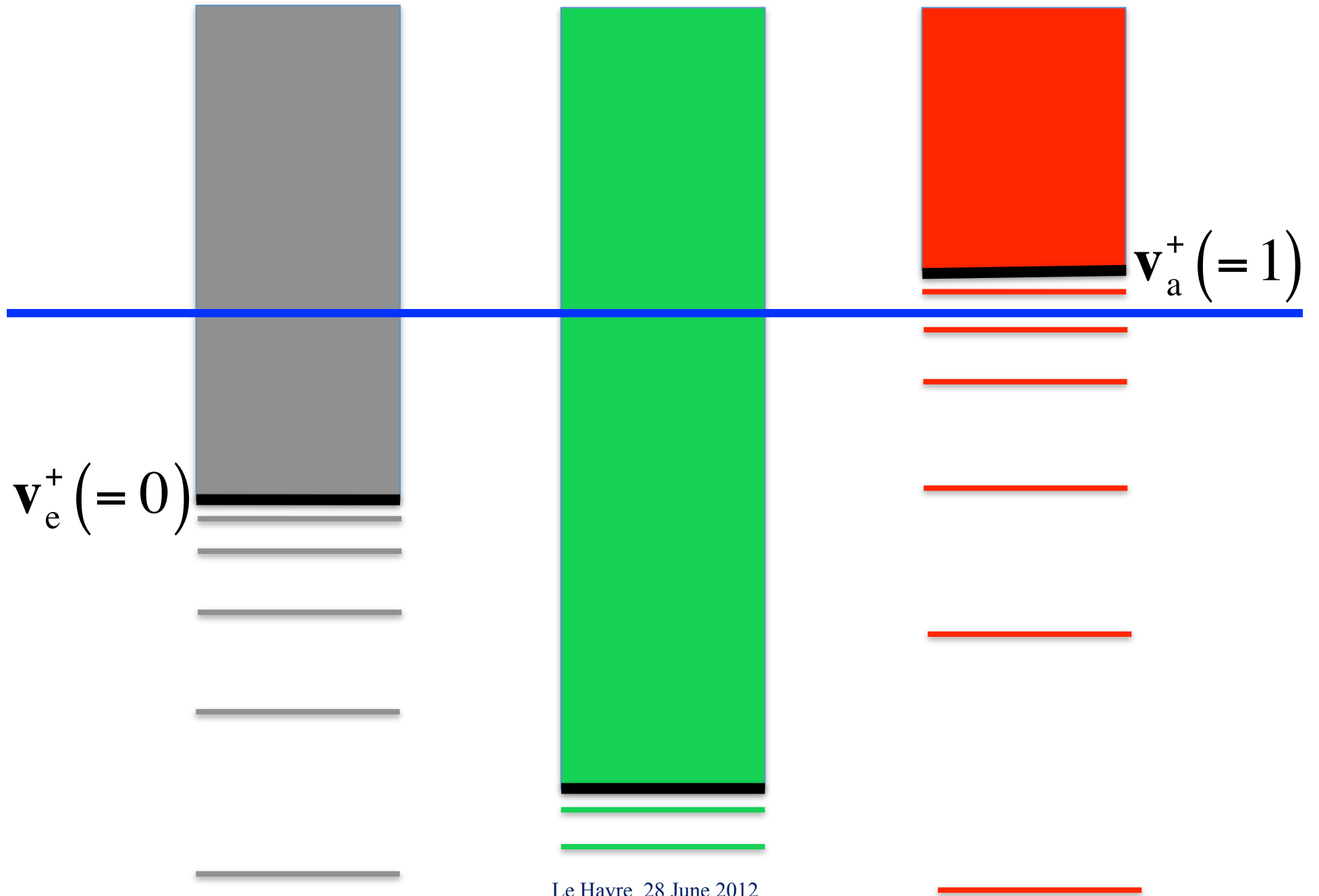
**Refined model:  
3-channels  
(MINIMUM number of channels)**

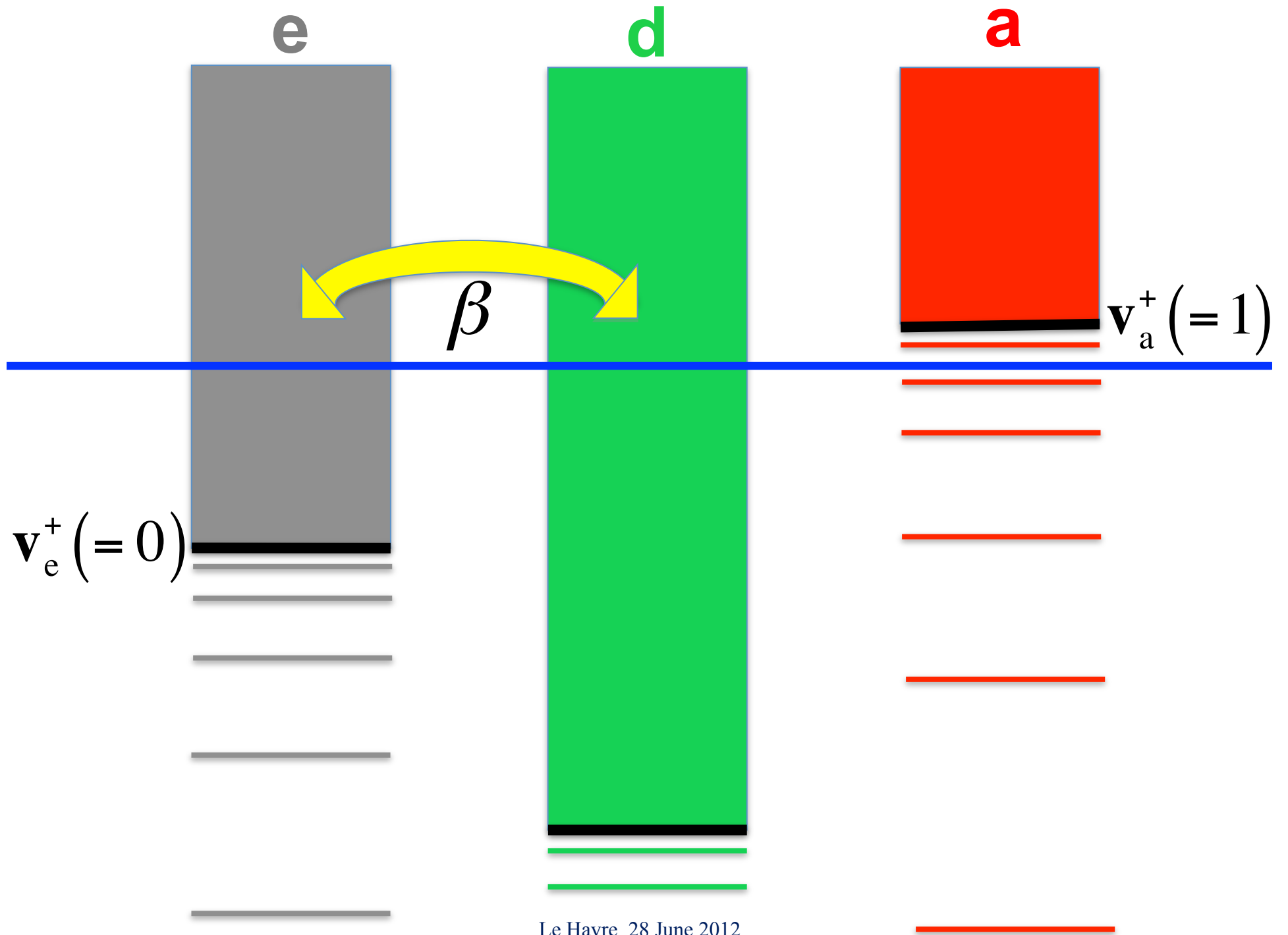
Schneider, Pop, Lique, Jungen 2010-2012

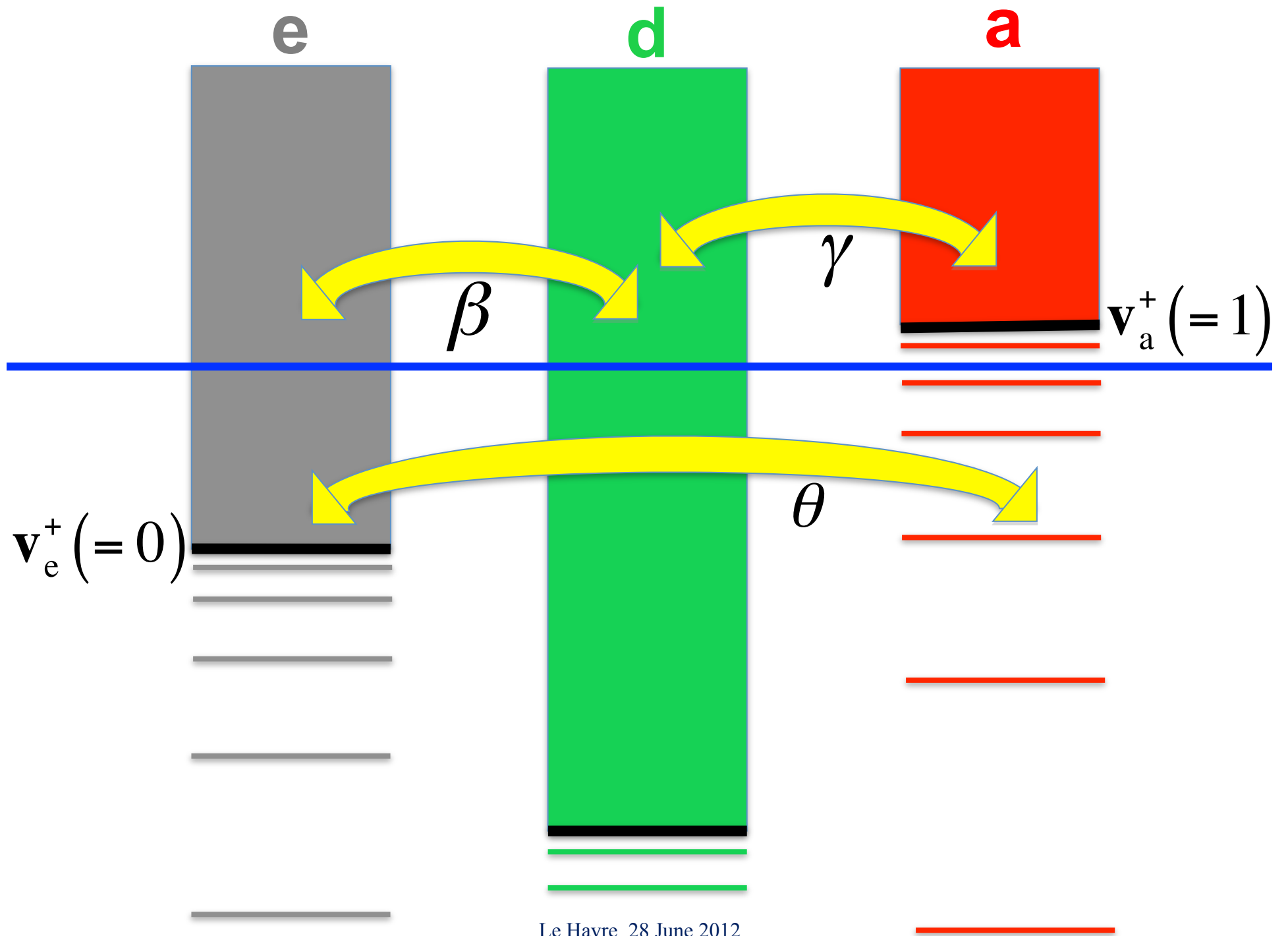
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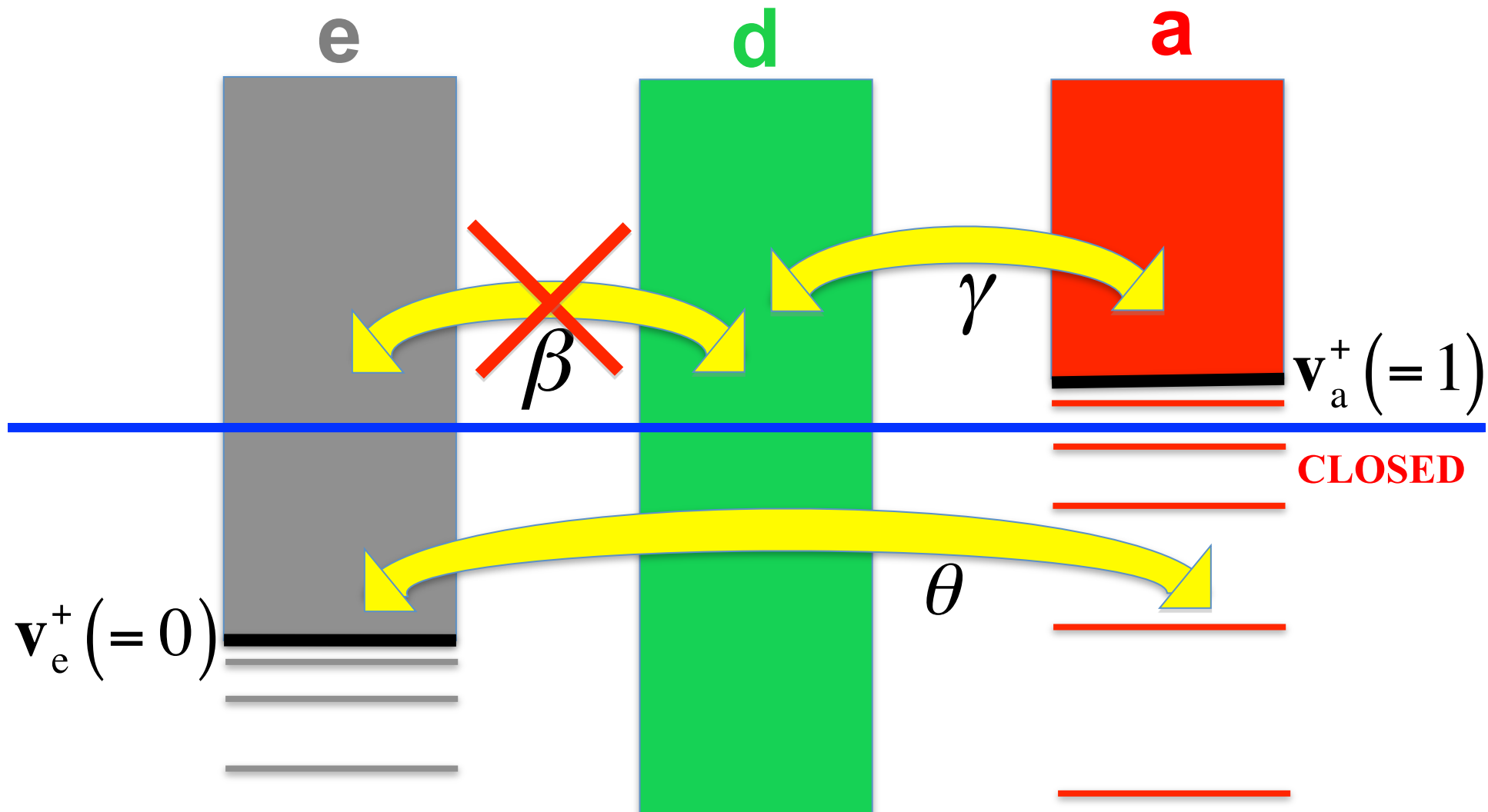
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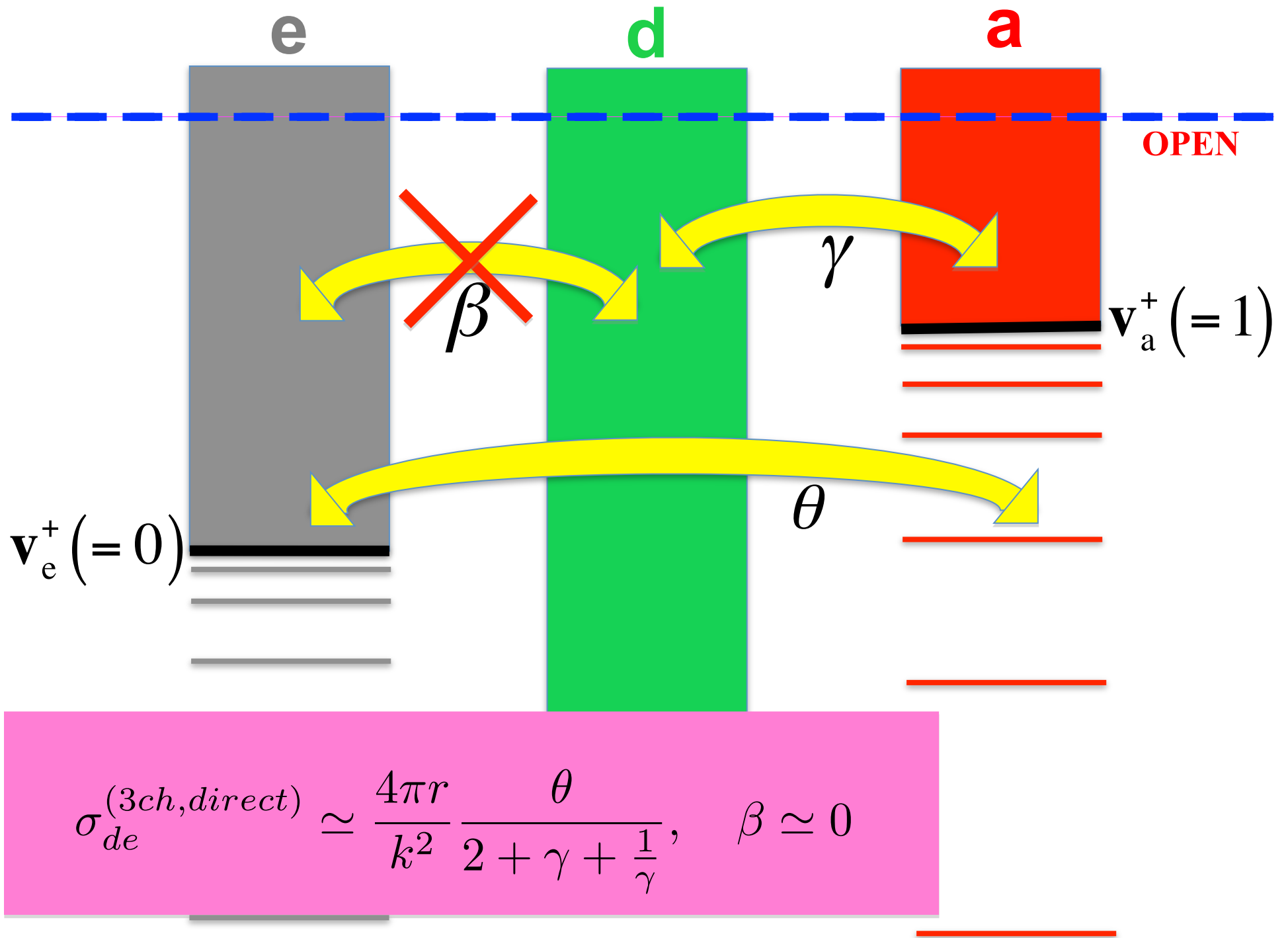




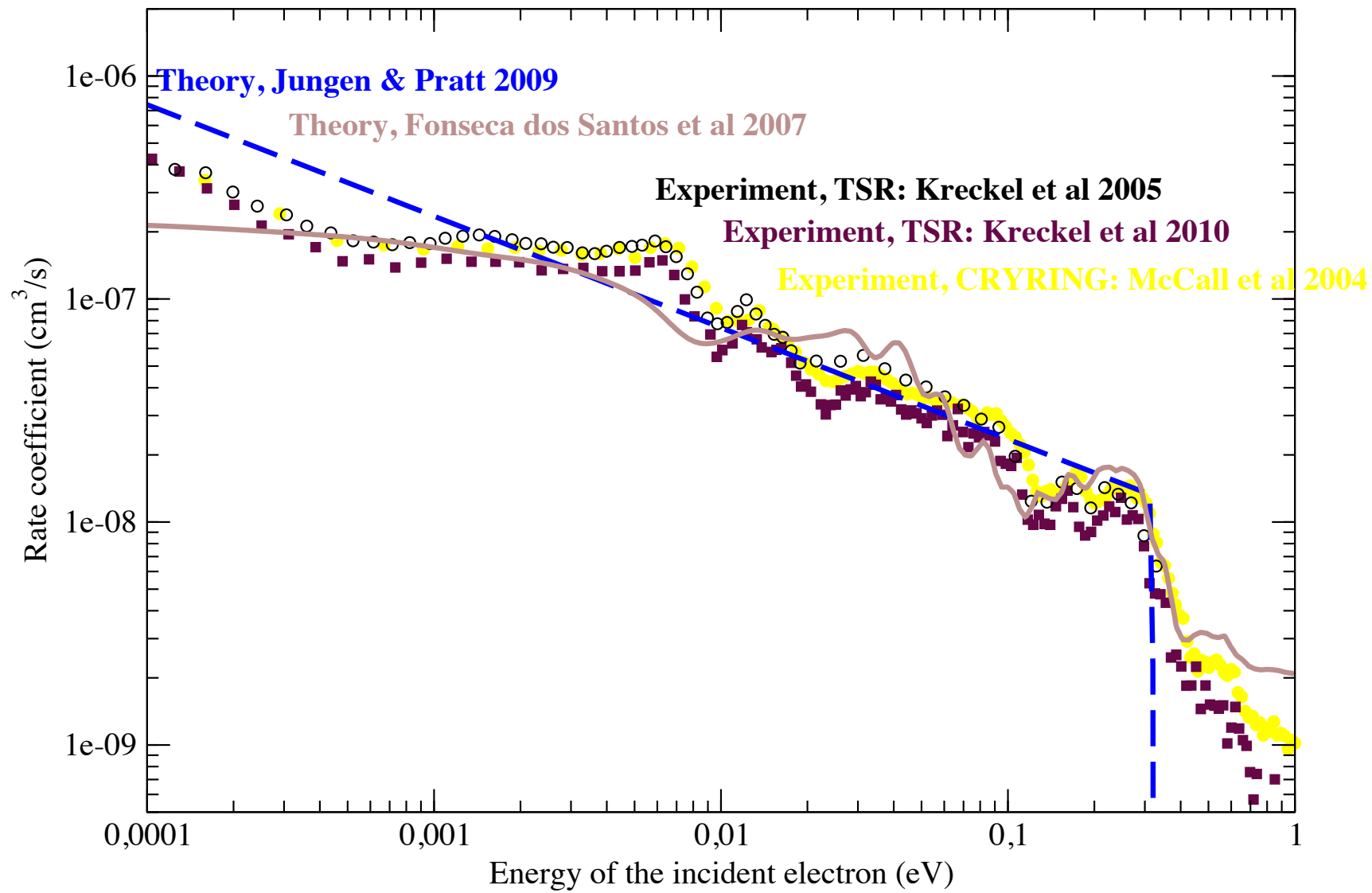


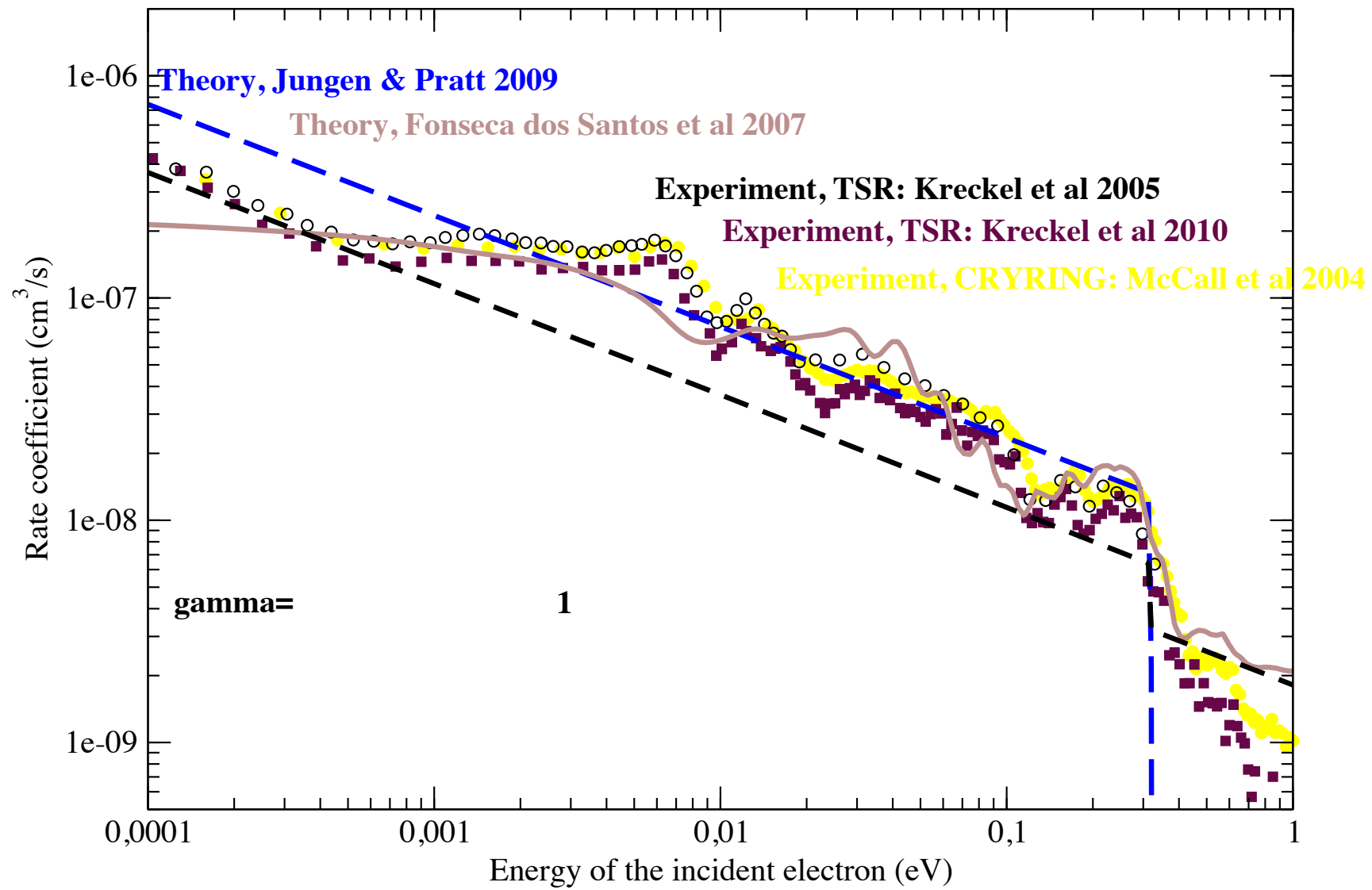


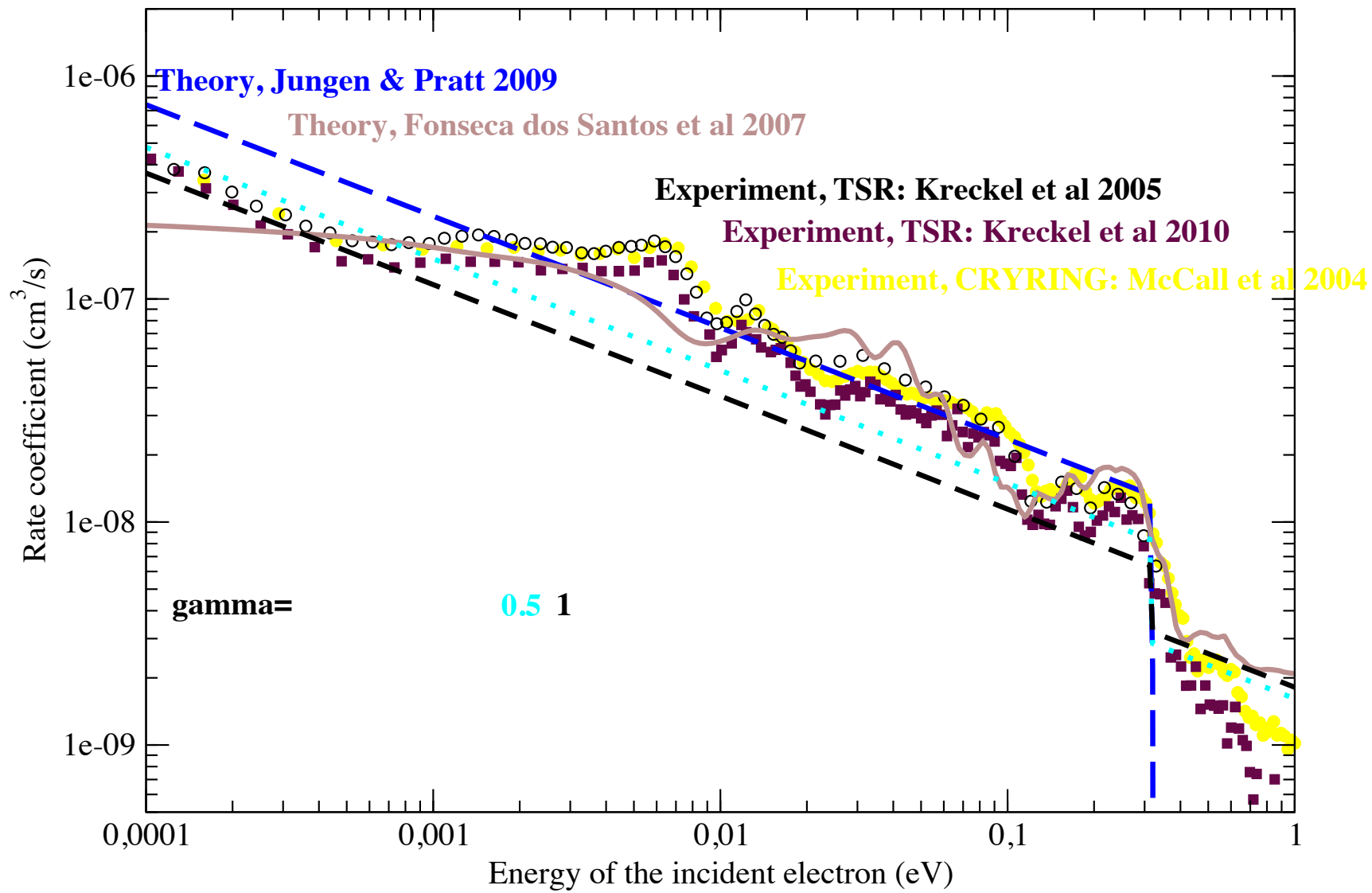
$$\langle \sigma_{de}^{(3ch, total)} \rangle \simeq \frac{4\pi r}{k^2} \frac{\theta(1 + \frac{1}{\gamma + \theta})}{2 + \gamma + \frac{1}{\gamma}}, \quad \beta \simeq 0$$

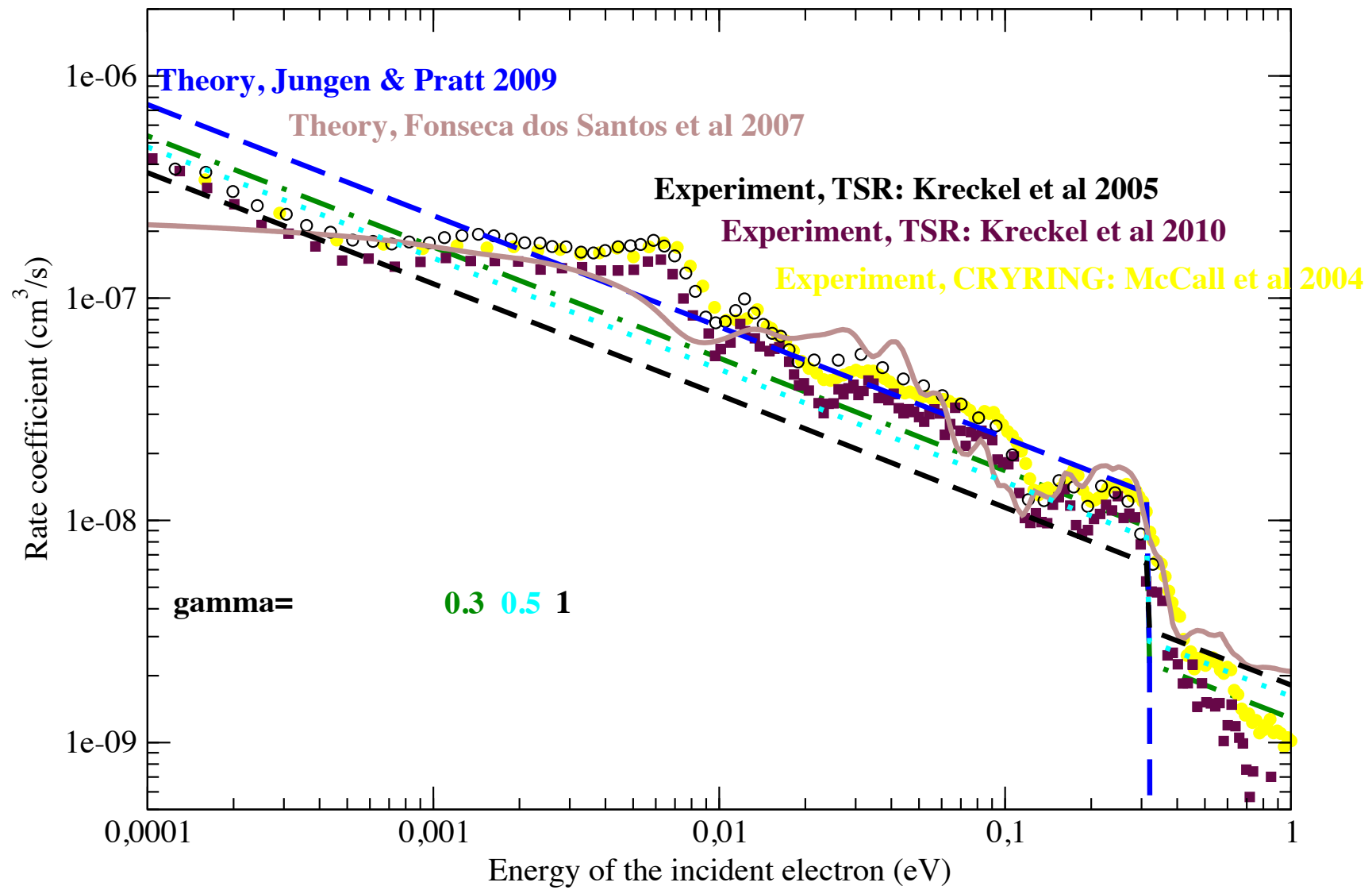


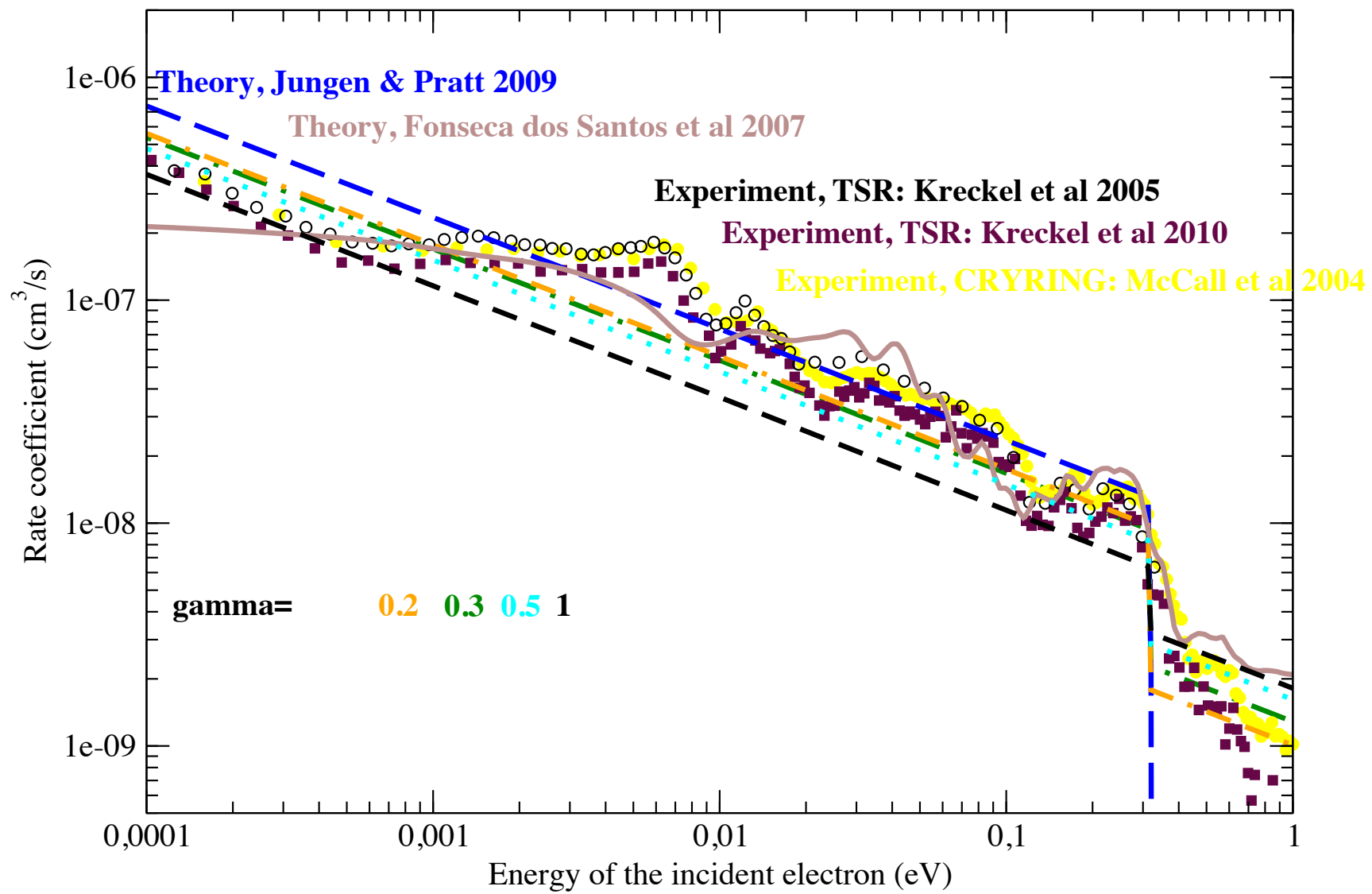


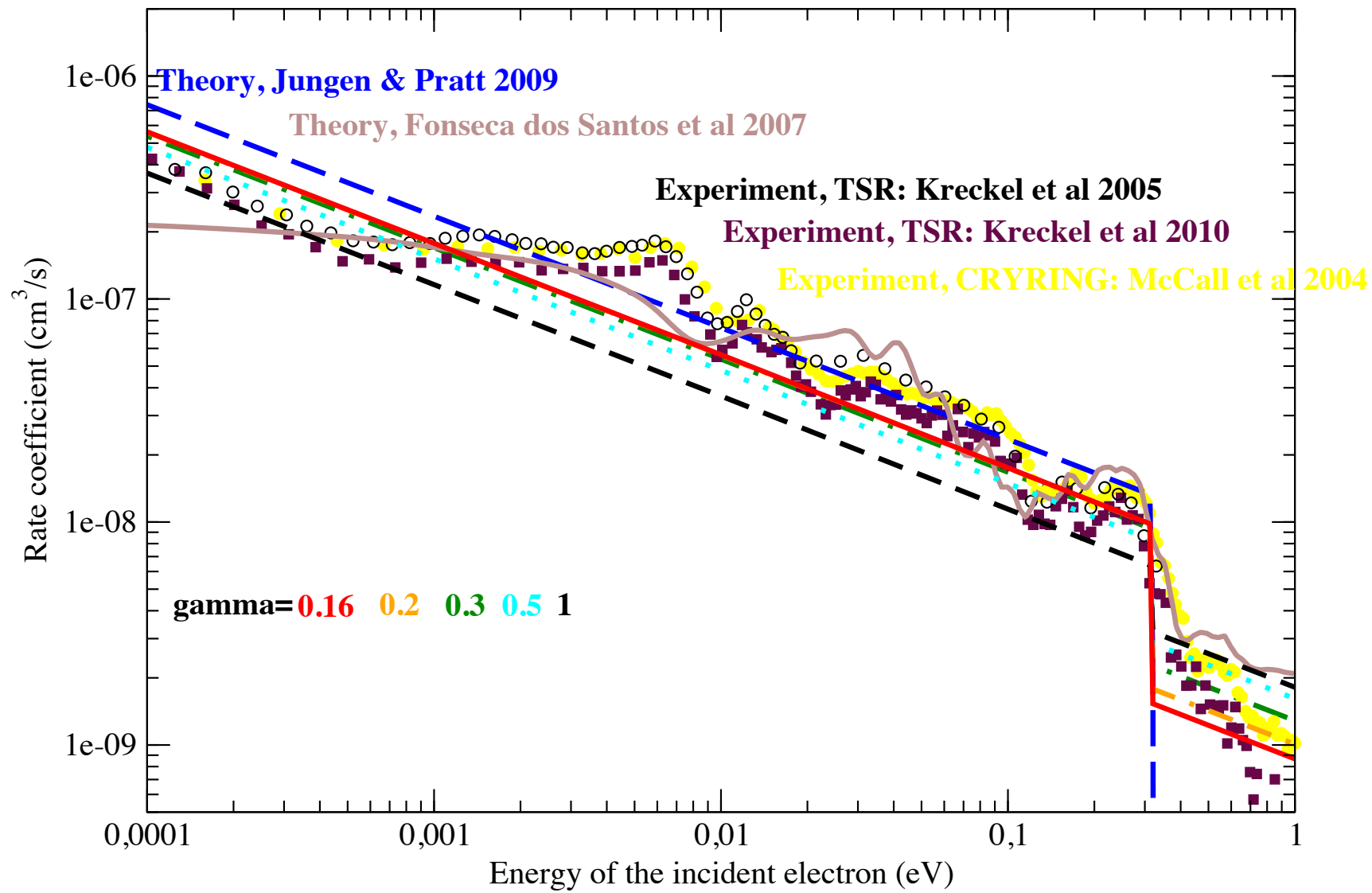








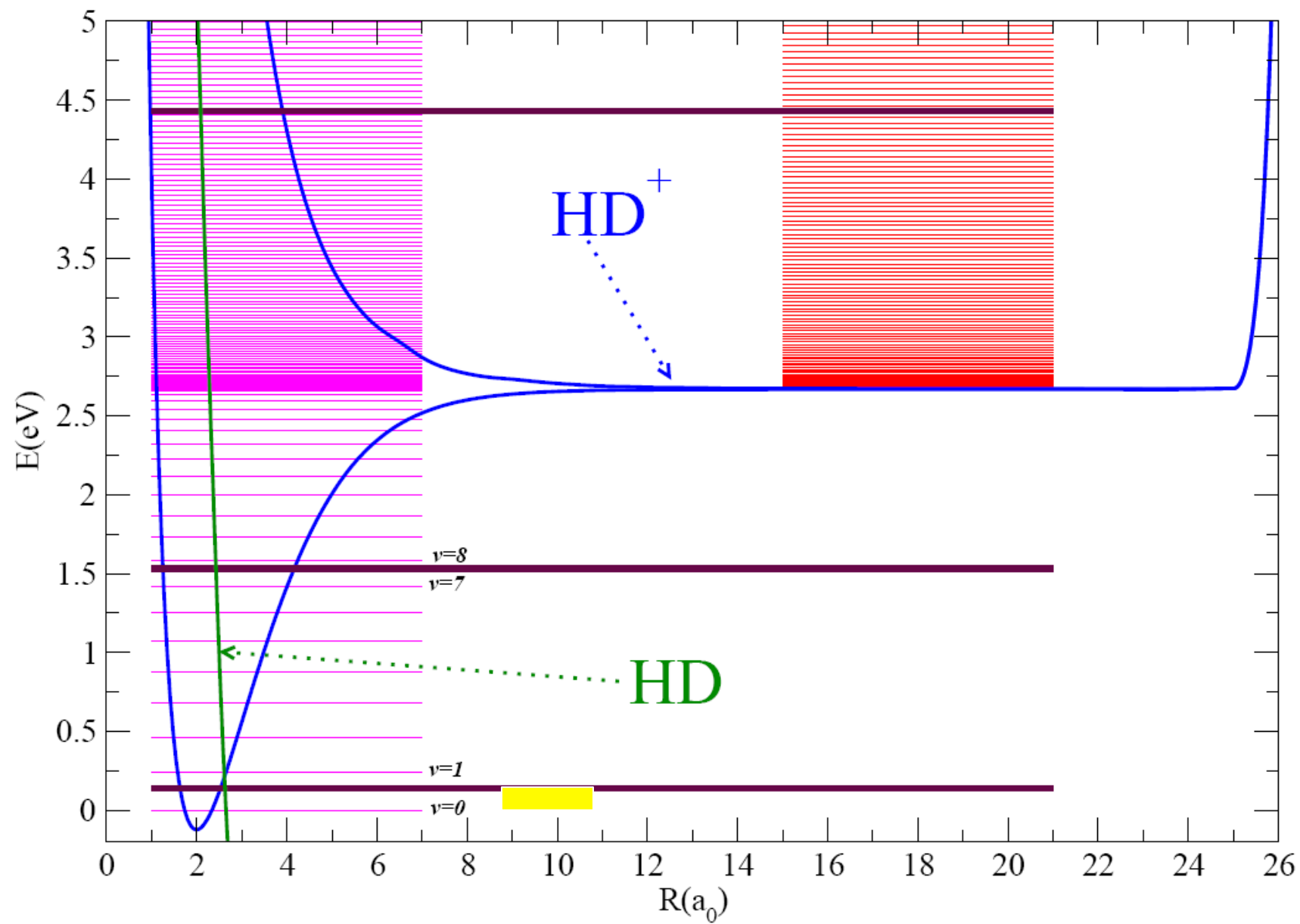


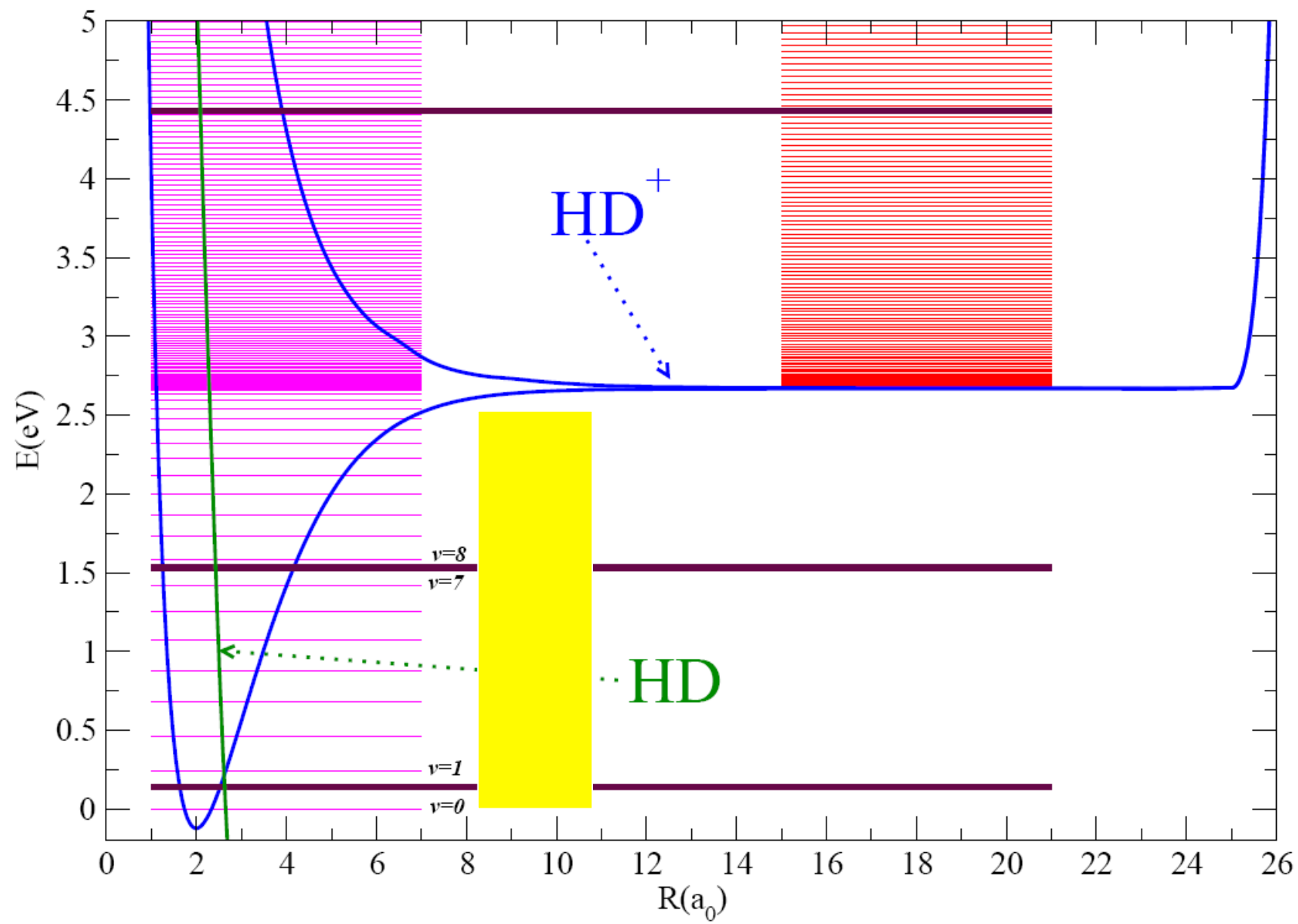


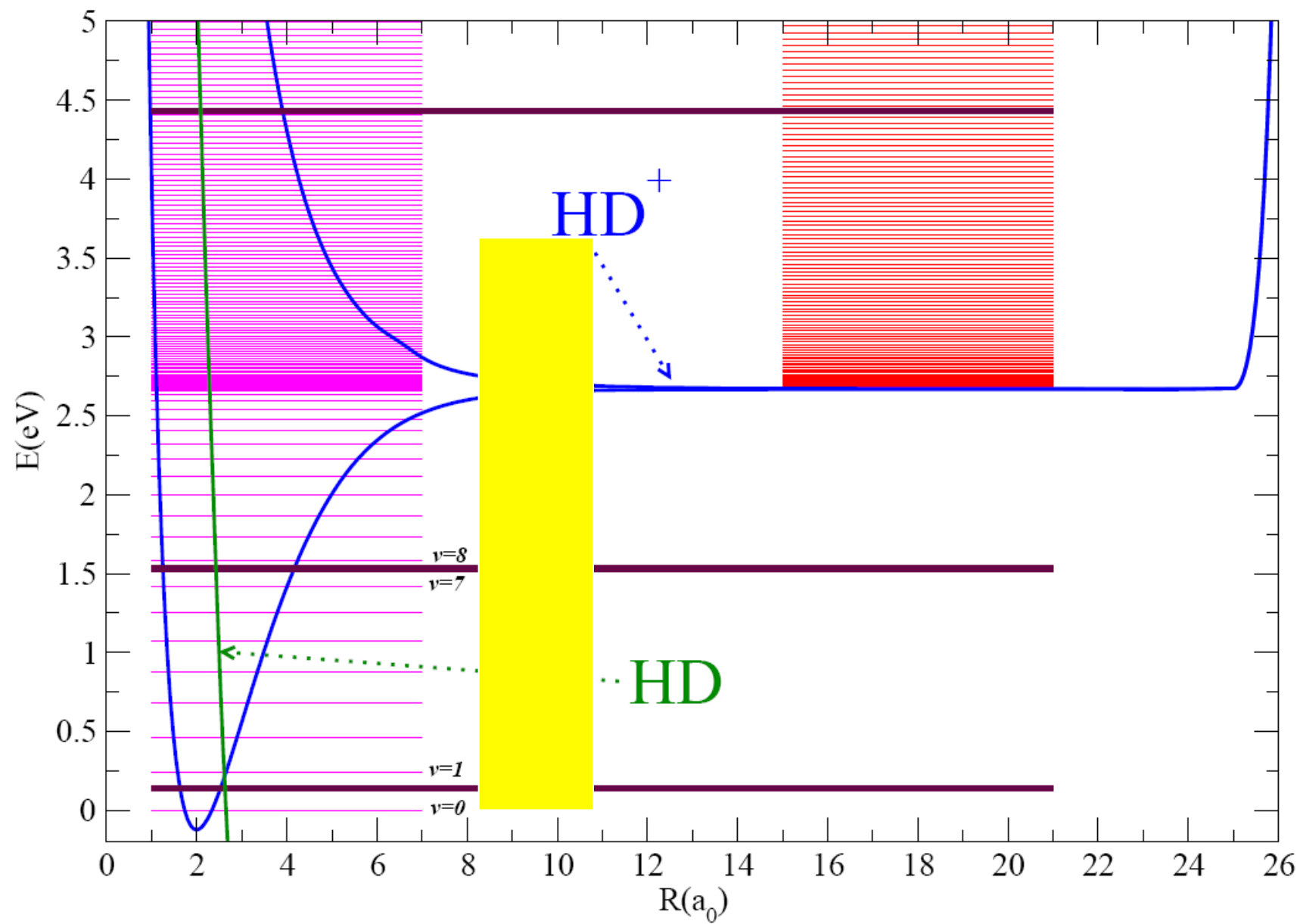
# **ACCURATE computations: VIBRATIONAL interactions**

# $\text{H}_2^+$ et isotopomers

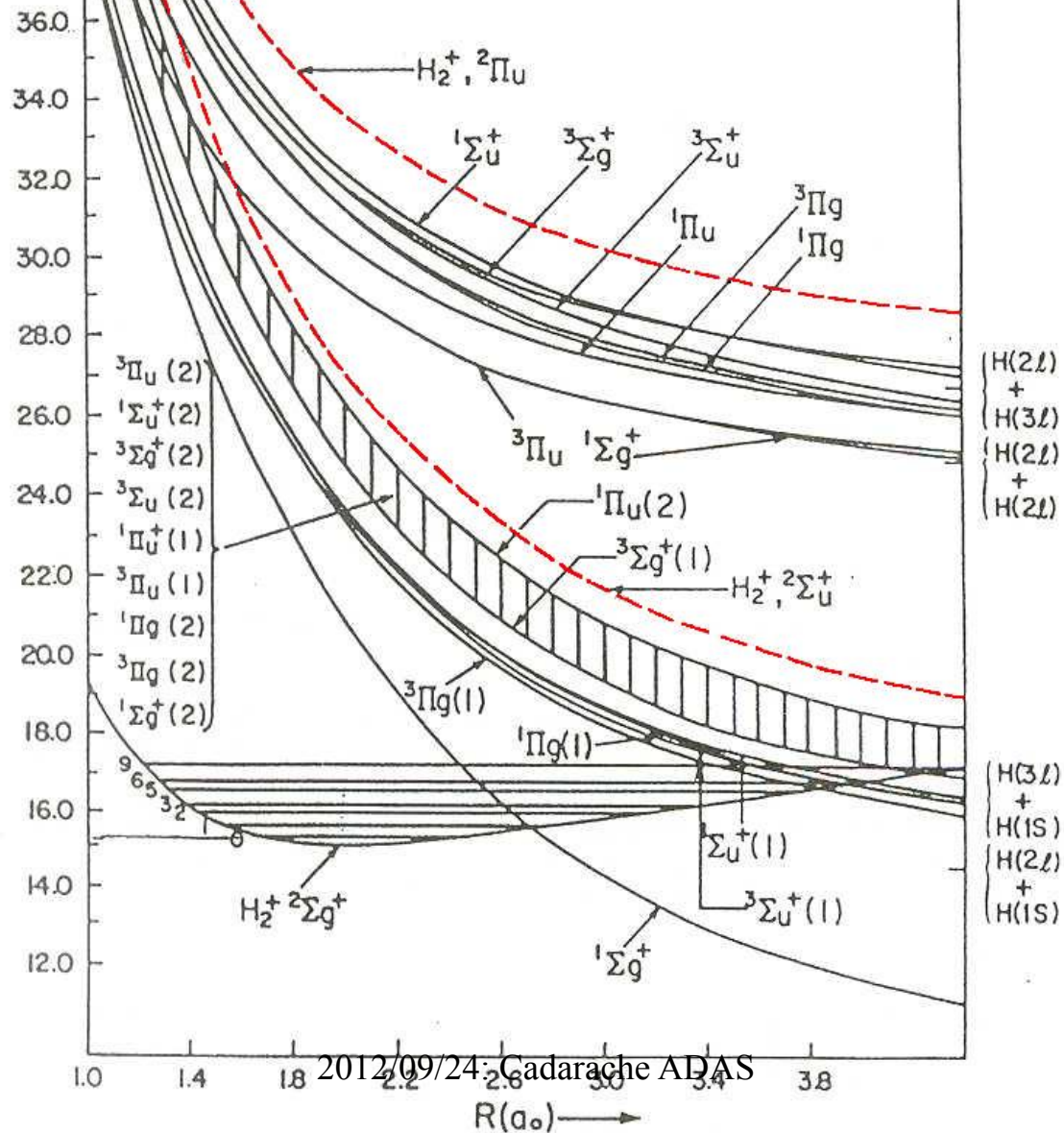




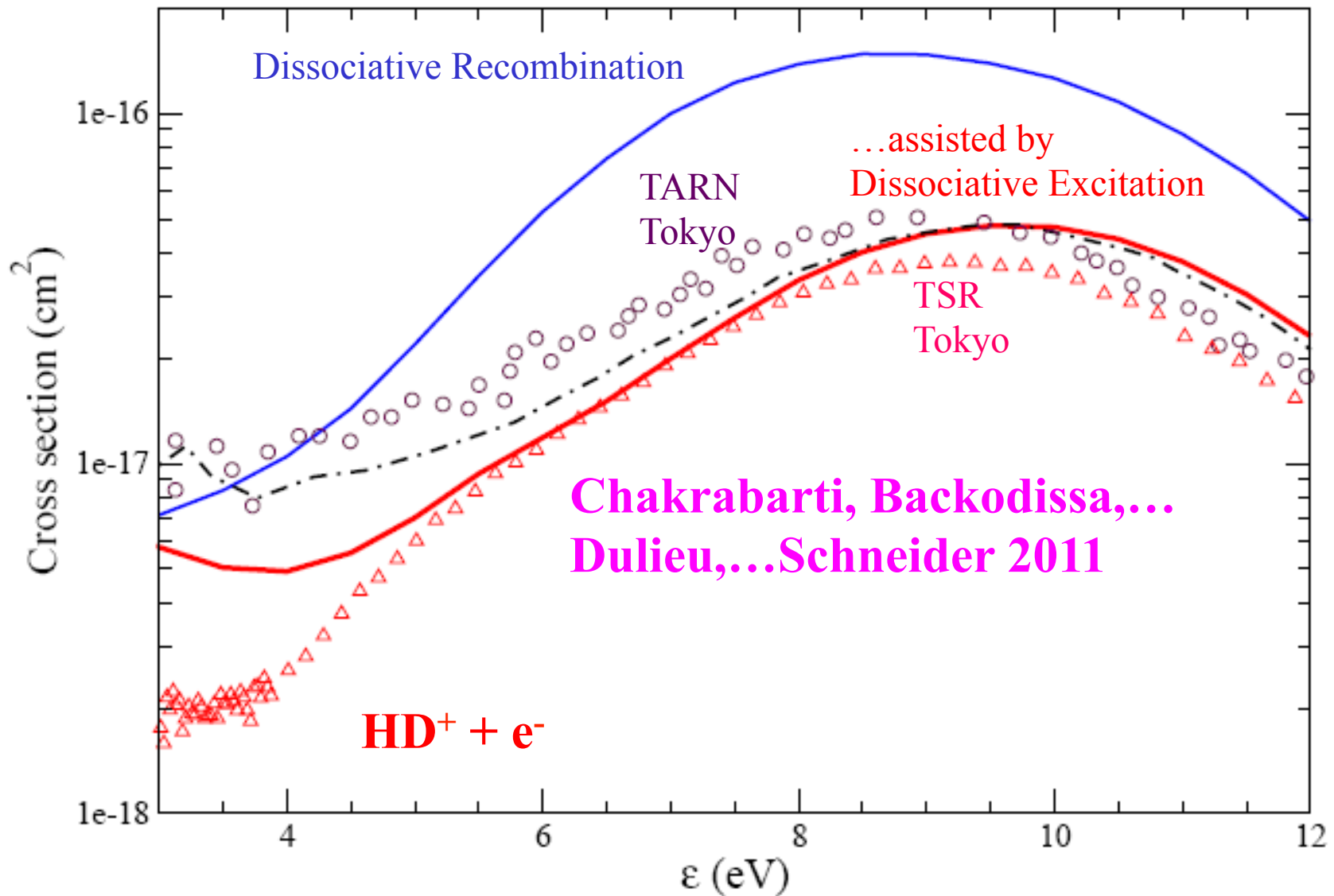




# Guberman 1983



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Dissociative recombination of high-energy electrons with diatomic molecular cations:  
application to  $\text{H}_2^+$  and  $\text{HD}^+$  ions

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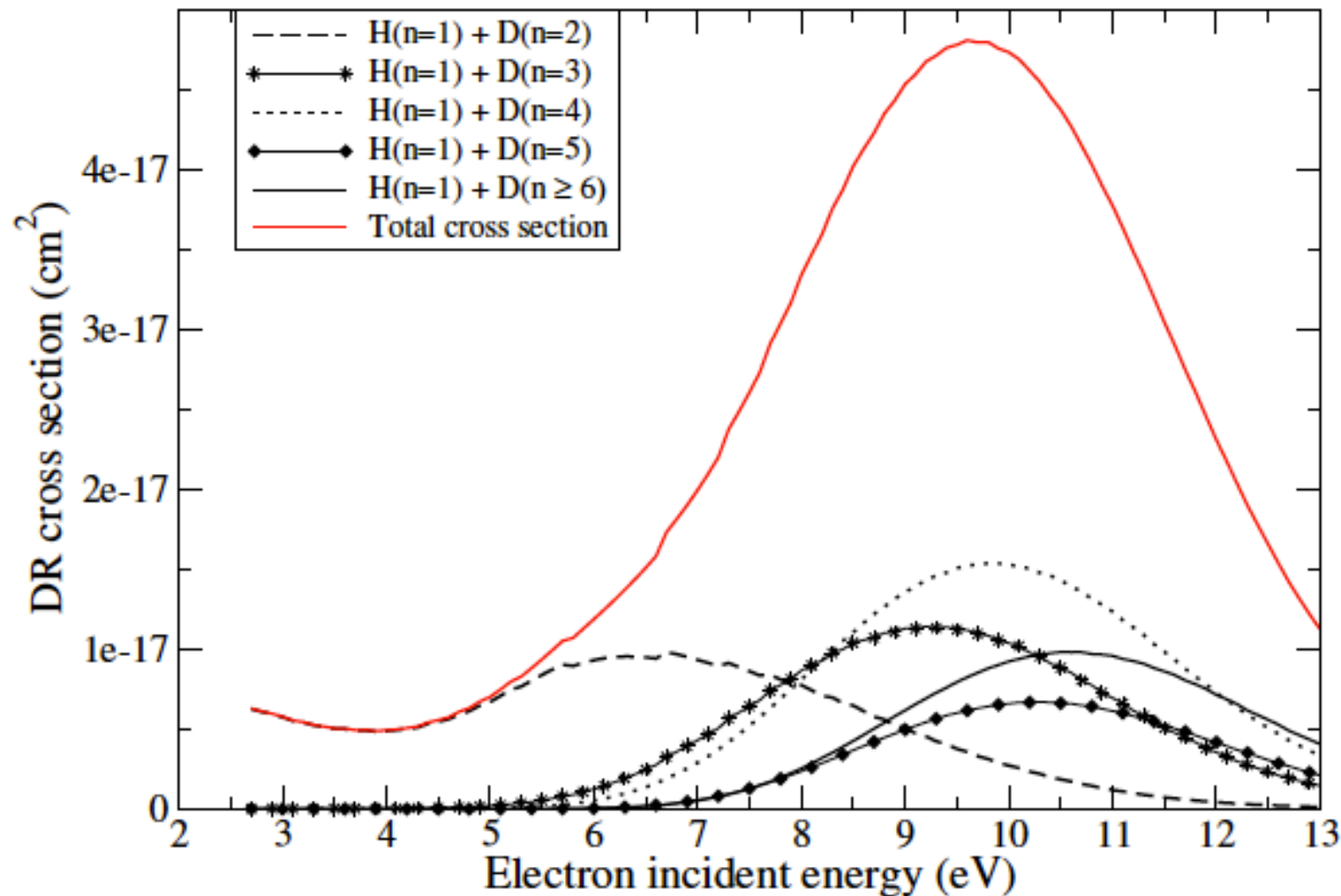


FIG. 6: (Colour online) Dissociative recombination of ground state  $\text{HD}^+$  ion, contributions of each pair of atomic states resulting from dissociation. 'H(n=1) + D(n=2,3,4,...)' stands for 'D(n=1) + H(n=2,3,4,...)' too.

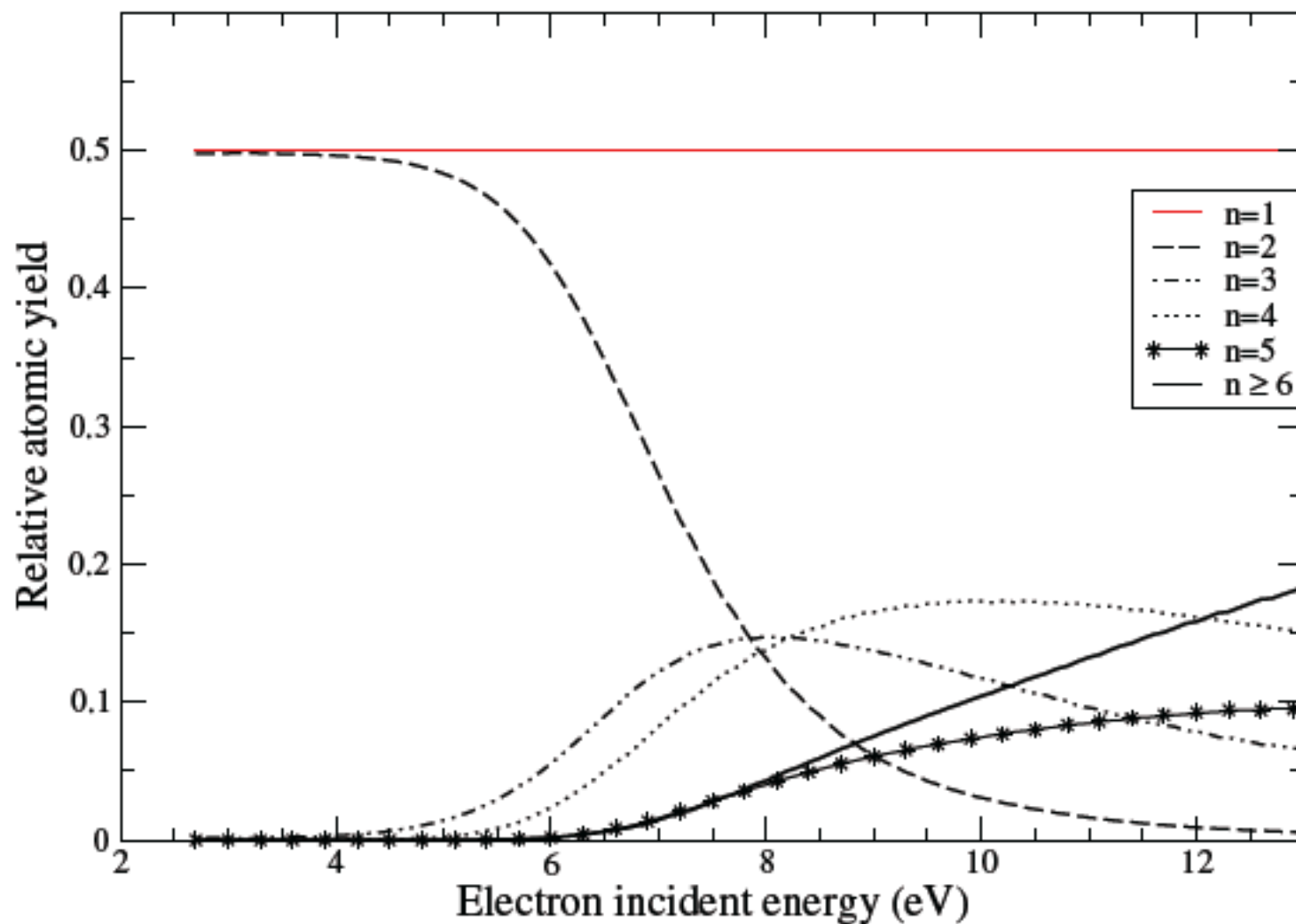


FIG. 7: (Colour online) Dissociative recombination of ground state  $\text{HD}^+$  ion, relative atomic  $\text{H}(n)$  or  $\text{D}(n)$  final states yields.

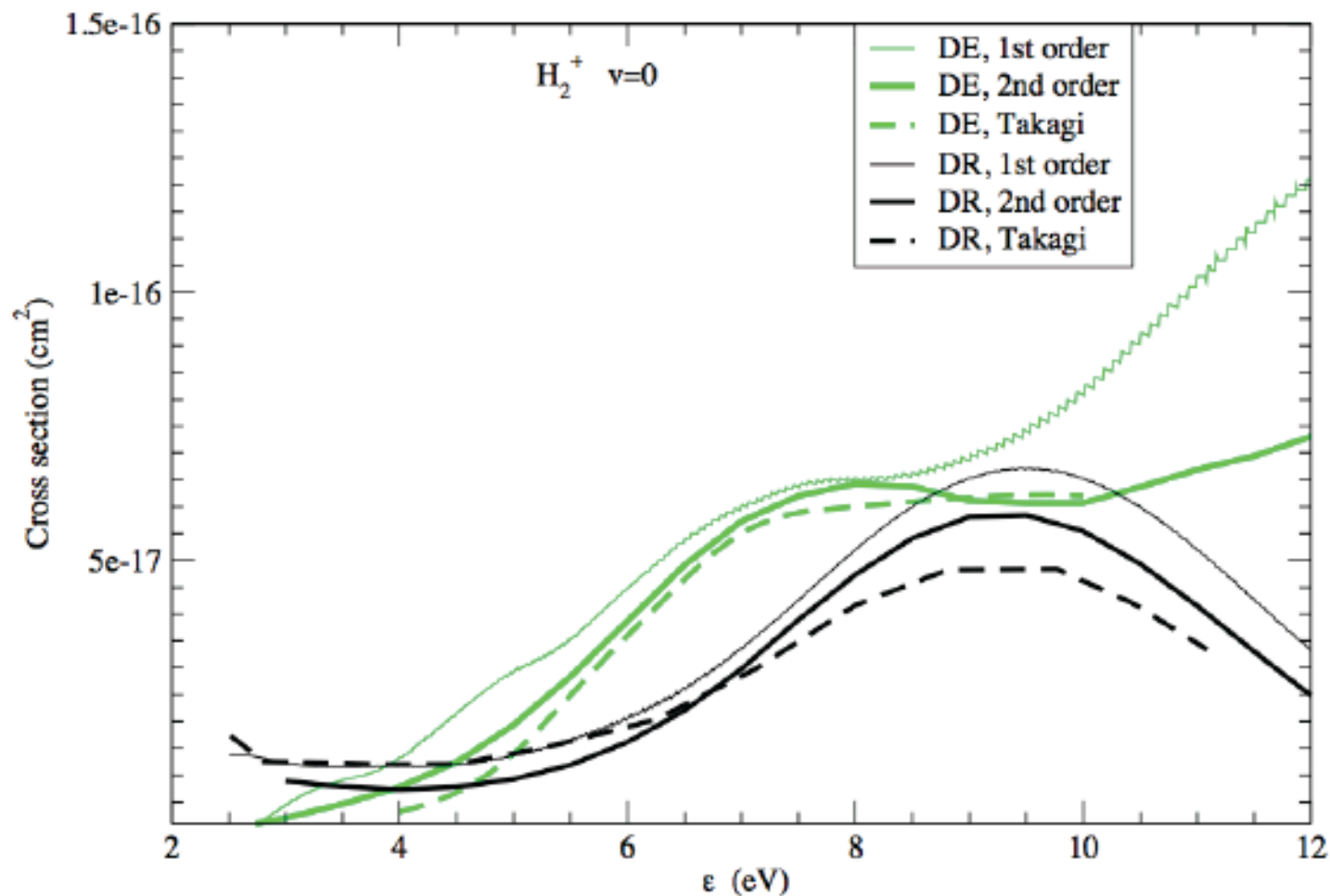


FIG. 8: (Colour online) Dissociative recombination - black curves - and dissociative excitation - green curves - of the  $\text{H}_2^+$  molecular ion. Thin/thick continuous curves: first order/second order calculations. Dashed curves: theoretical results of Takagi [22].



# The same doubly-excited Rydberg states:

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## Collisional production of fast metastable hydrogen atoms from cold H<sub>2</sub>: toward twin atoms

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# H<sub>2</sub> dissociation

- H<sub>2</sub> beam (supersonic nozzle beam)

+

- Pulsed electron beam



- H (2s) + H (2s) → correlated pair of metastable states with opposite velocity and correlated spin polarization (Twin Atoms)

# $\text{BeH}^+$ et isotopomers



# State-to-state electron impact cross sections for $\text{BeH}^+$ molecular ions in ITER-like fusion edge plasmas with Be walls

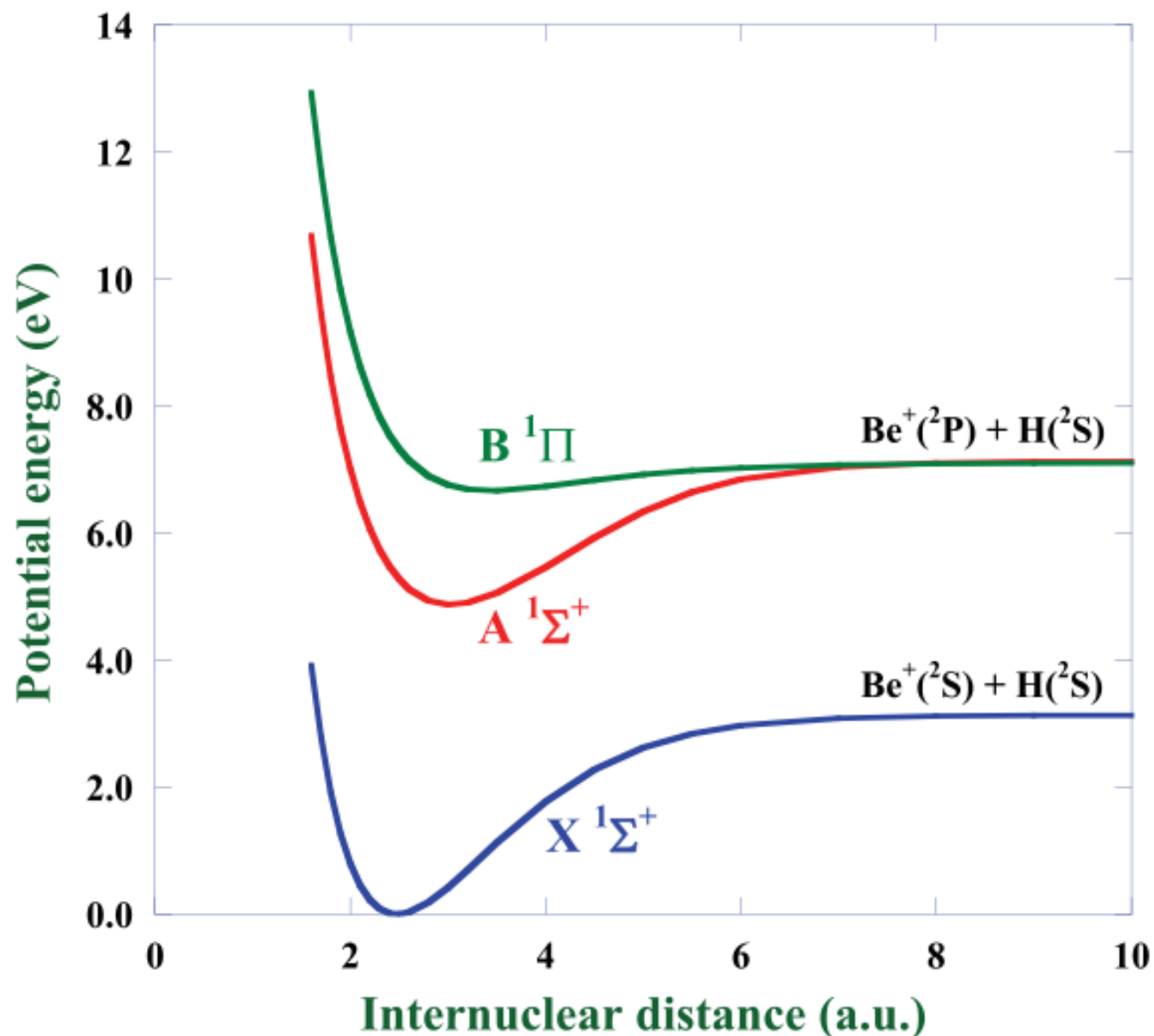
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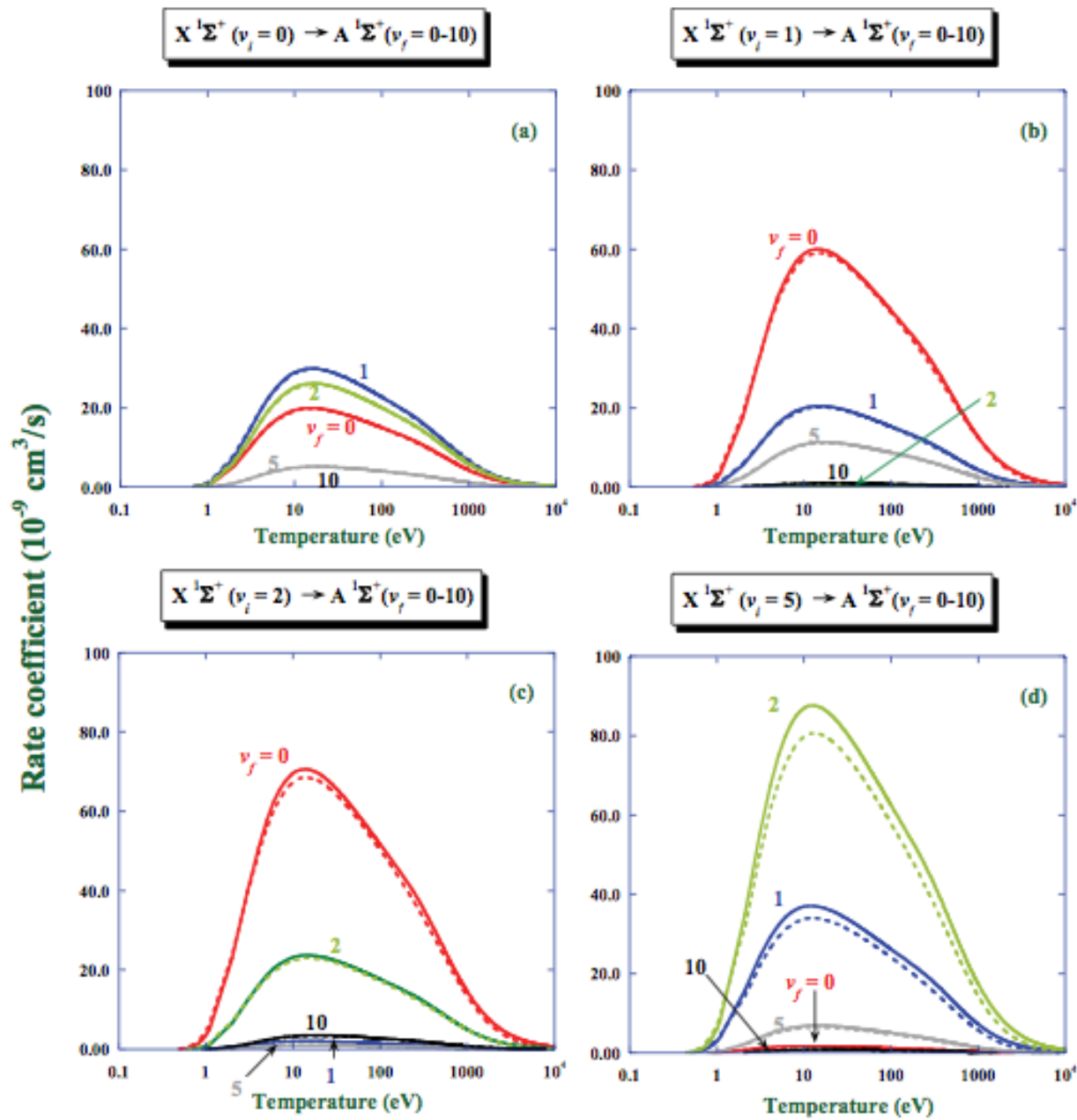
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**Figure 1.** BeH<sup>+</sup> potential energy curves, as a function of the internuclear distance, for the electronic states X <sup>1</sup>Σ<sup>+</sup>, A <sup>1</sup>Σ<sup>+</sup> and B <sup>1</sup>Π correlating with the atomic states indicated in the figure [18].

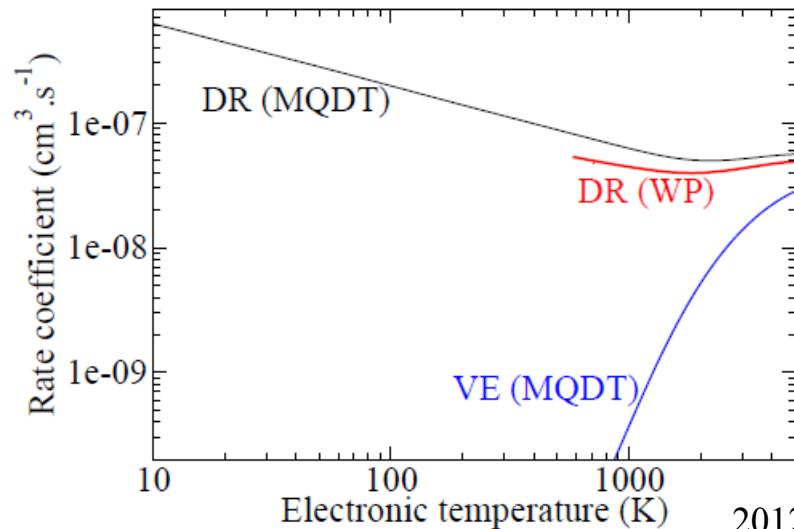
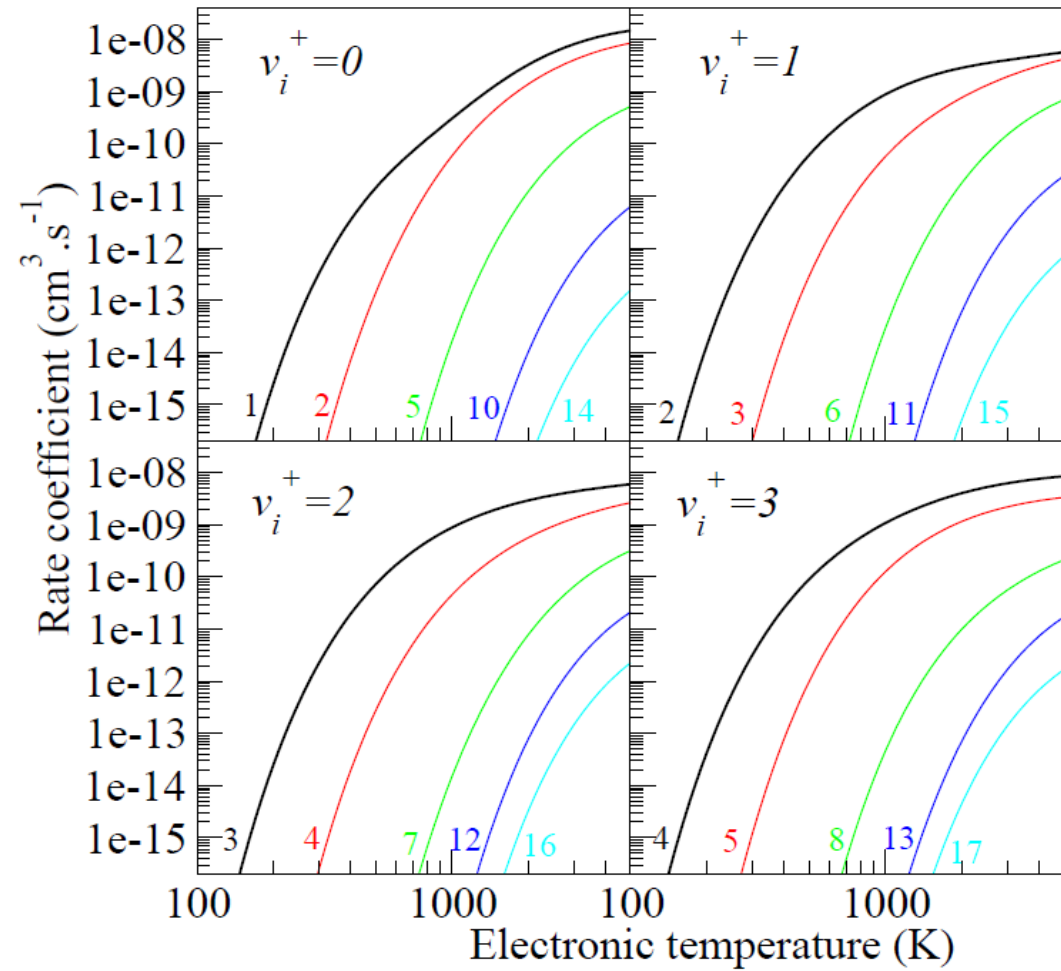
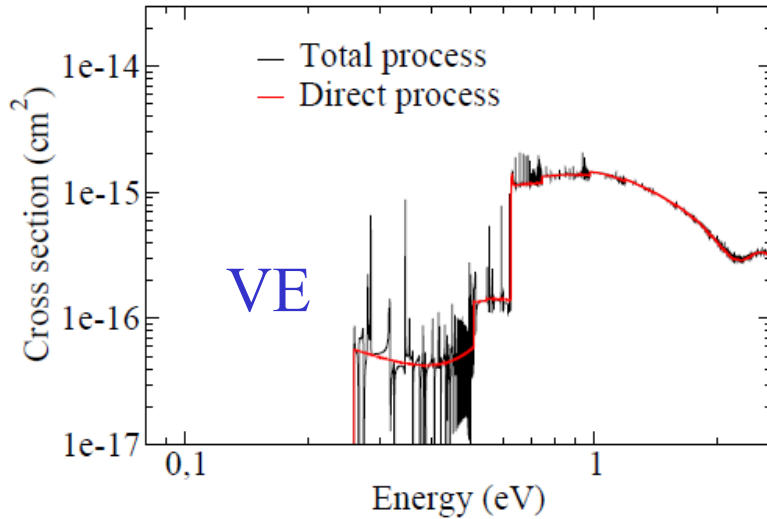


**Figure 7.** Rate coefficients for the  $X(v_i) \rightarrow A(v_f)$  transitions involving the indicated vibrational levels. Full lines: calculated data; dashed lines: results of the scaling formula, equation (8). The horizontal and vertical scales are kept the same for easy comparison.

# BeH/BeH<sup>+</sup>

Niyonzima *et al* 2012, collaboration with A. Larson & A. Orel

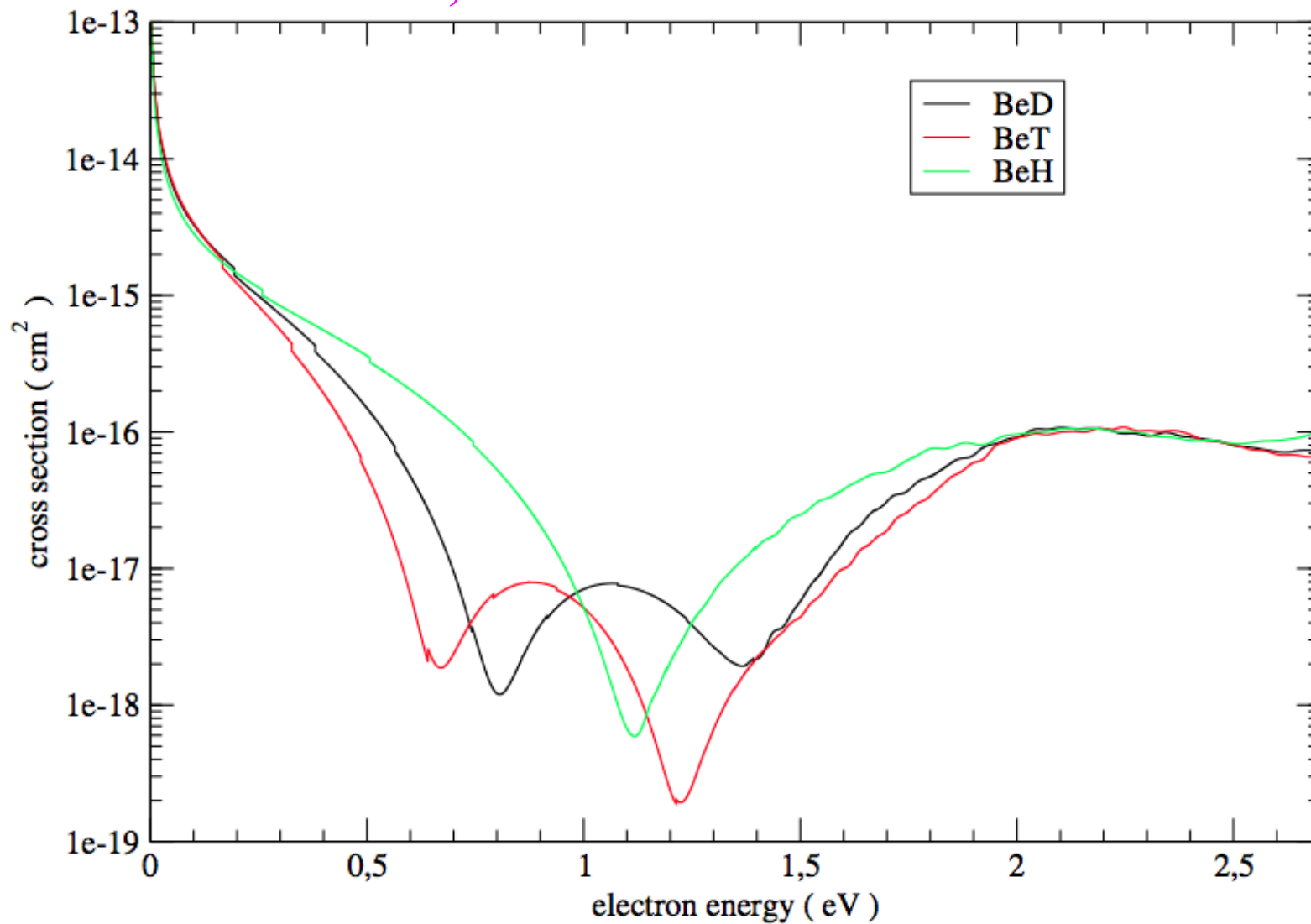
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# Isotopic effects in direct dissociative recombination of $\text{BeH}^+$ for $^2\Pi$

Lanza *et al* 2012, collaboration with A. Larson & A. Orel



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**ATOM/MOLECULE**

**collisions:**

**The role of the REACTIVITY**

## **Elastic and vibrationally inelastic slow collisions: $\text{H} + \text{H}_2$ , $\text{H}^+ + \text{H}_2$**

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**Abstract.** We report on a comprehensive study of the scattering of hydrogen atoms on the ground electronic surface of hydrogen molecules in the range of centre of mass energies 0.1–100 eV. Differential and integral elastic cross sections, the related transport cross sections, and vibrationally inelastic cross sections starting from both ground and excited vibrational states, are calculated using a fully quantal, coupled-channel approach in a truncated vibrational basis set, while the rotational dynamics of  $\text{H}_2$  is treated with the infinite order sudden approximation prescription. For comparison and to highlight the major physical mechanisms revealed in these collisions, a parallel study is carried out for scattering of protons on hydrogen molecules.

# State-to-state cross sections for H<sub>2</sub> and its isotopic variants

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## Abstract

State-resolved cross sections for electron–H<sub>2</sub> and H–H<sub>2</sub> collision-induced processes have been calculated, using semiclassical and quasiclassical approaches, respectively. Corresponding results for the deuterium system are presented, introducing mass-scaling relations.

Rotational excitation of H<sub>2</sub> by H: reactivity via ortho-para transitions  
**Beyond the rigid rotor model (proton exchange)**

**ortho-para-H<sub>2</sub> ratio in plasmas**

H<sub>2</sub> :

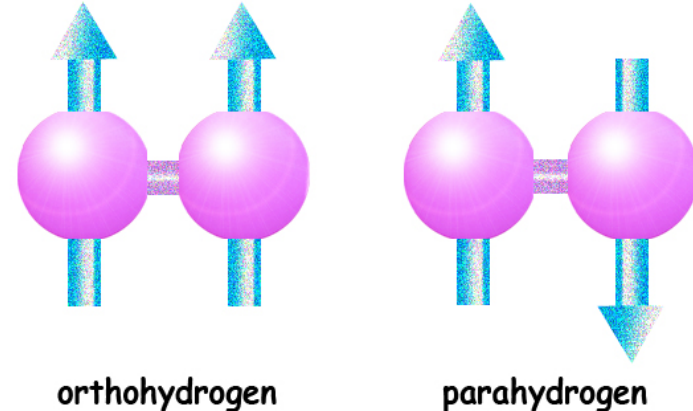
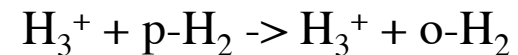
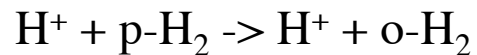
ortho/para ratio : key parameter for the physical chemistry of hydrogen dominated plasmas

H<sub>2</sub> is a homonuclear molecule (no dipole moment) -> Ro-vibrational transitions with  $\Delta j = \pm 2$

**Inelastic collisions do not change ortho/para ratio**



ortho-para-H<sub>2</sub> conversion in plasmas ?



*Odd j*

*Even j*

H<sub>3</sub>: three undistinguishable protons, symmetry D<sub>3h</sub>

- Wavefunctions properly antisymmetrized with the interchange of the protons (Miller 1969)
- Post-symetrization (protons as distinguishable) :

## Rotational excitation of H<sub>2</sub> by H

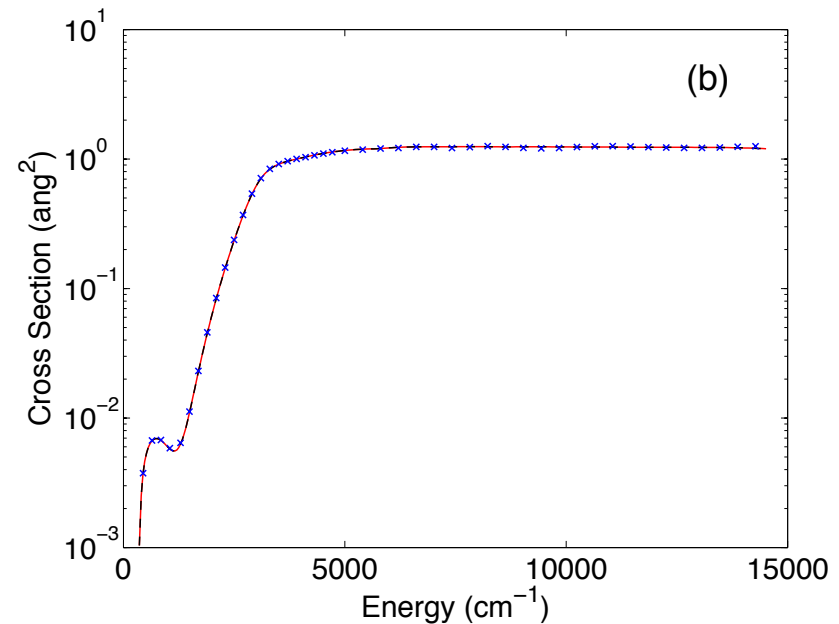
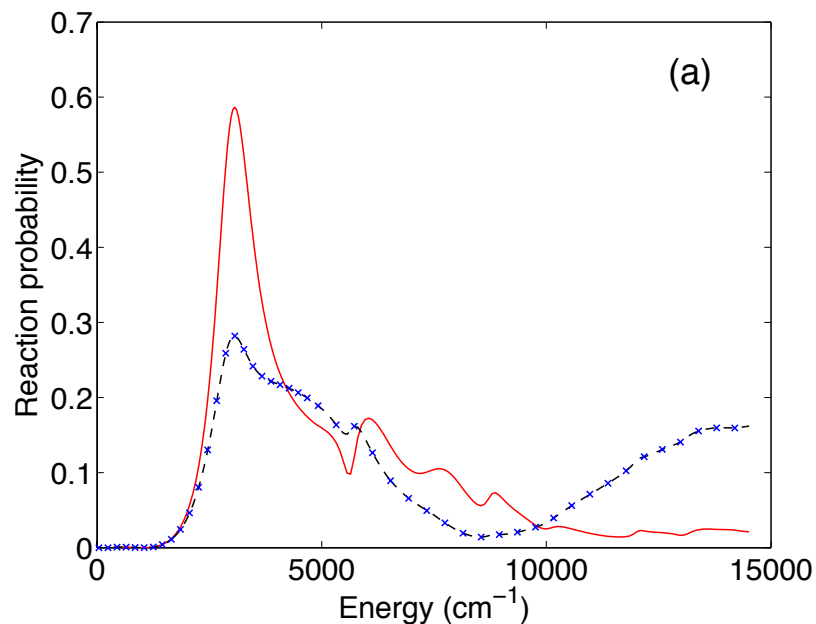
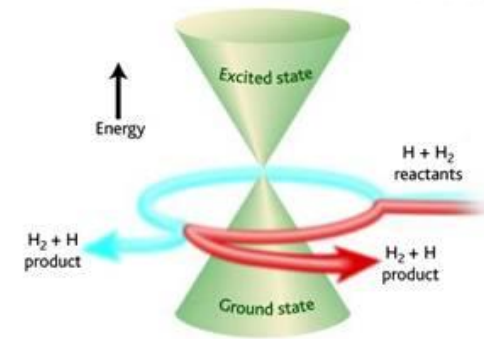
### Geometric phase (GP) effect and postsymmetrisation validation

#### Geometric phase effect:

the ground electronic state of H<sub>3</sub> conically intersects the first excited state of H<sub>3</sub>: sign change of the electronic wavefunction



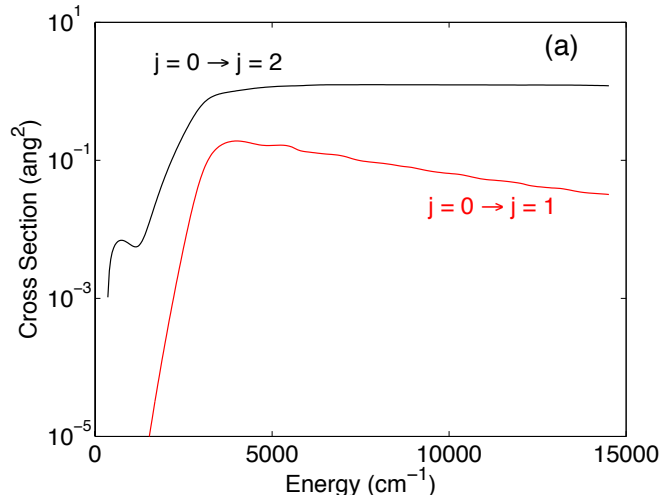
Sign change of the diffusion matrix



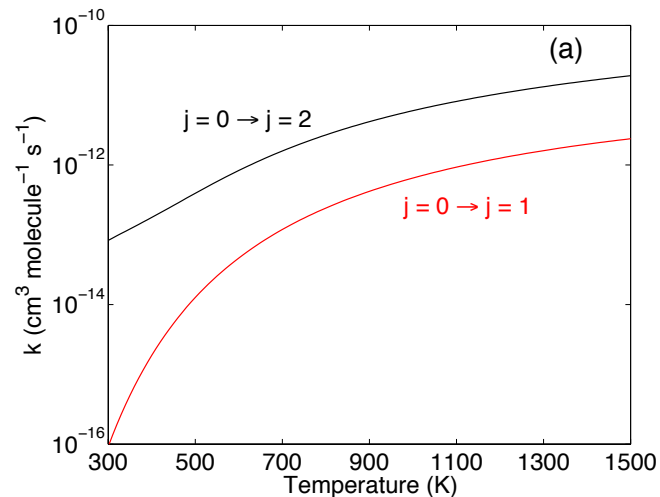
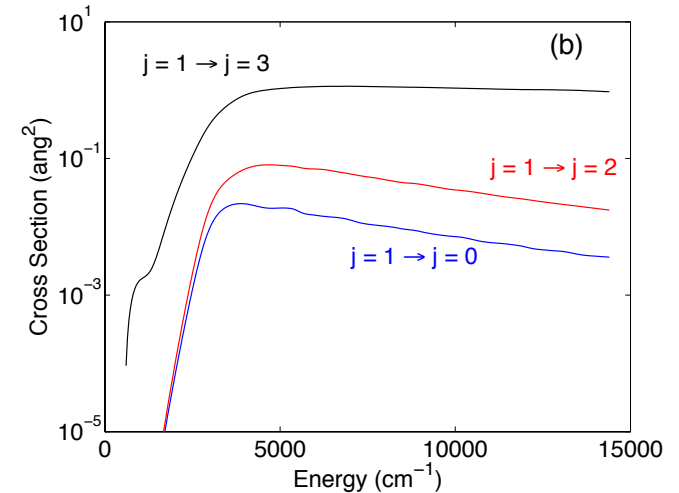
(a) Probabilities for the  $H+H_2(j=0)\rightarrow H+H_2(j'=2)$  reaction for  $J=0$ .

(b)  $H+H_2(j=0)\rightarrow H+H_2(j'=2)$  cross section: Dashed and continuous lines refer to the calculations excluding and including the GP respectively. Cross indicate the results obtained using the method of Miller (1969)

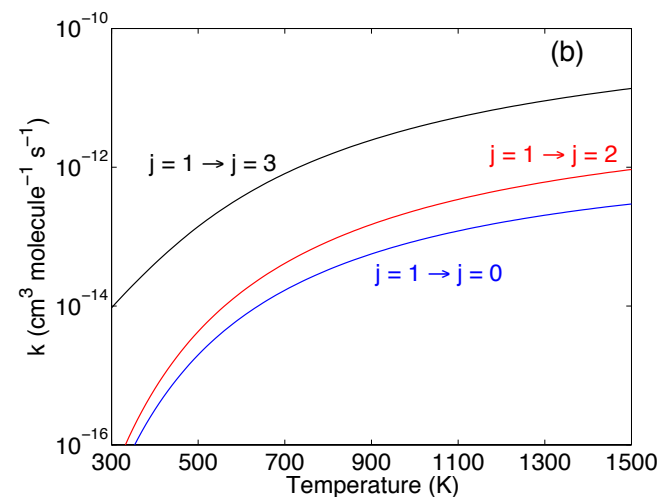
## Rotational excitation of H<sub>2</sub> by H



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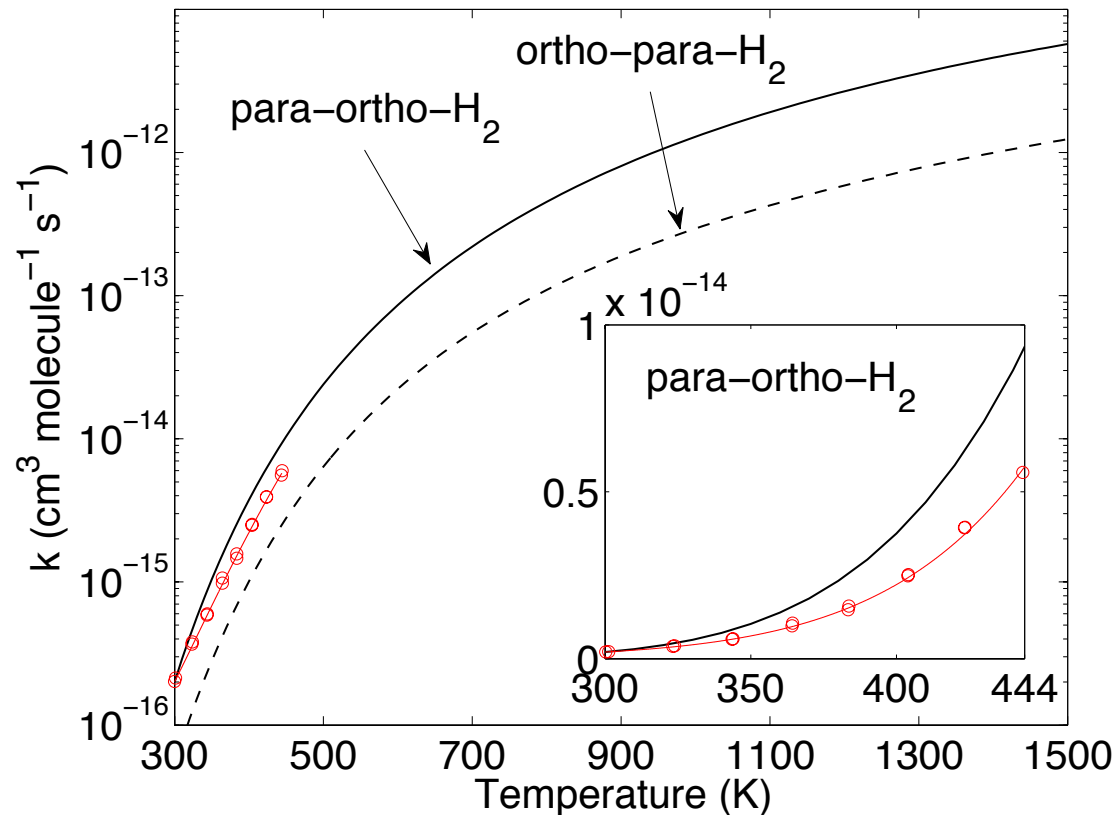
*Temperature dependence of the rate coefficients for the rotational excitation of p-H<sub>2</sub> (a) and o-H<sub>2</sub> (b) by H*



- The p-o-H<sub>2</sub> et o-p-H<sub>2</sub> transitions are slower than the transitions conserving nuclear spin
- Only one order of magnitude of difference for high temperature (T > 1000 K)
- Important process for hot plasmas

## Rotational excitation of H<sub>2</sub> by H

### Comparison with experiment



Temperature dependence of the rate coefficients for the p-o-H<sub>2</sub> and o-p-H<sub>2</sub> conversion. The line with circles indicates the experimental results of Schulz & Le Roy (1965).

Thermal average for the o-p-H<sub>2</sub> and p-o-H<sub>2</sub> conversion rates :

$$\bar{k}(j = 0 - 8) = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^8 (2j + 1) e^{-\epsilon_j/kT} k(j)}{Q}$$

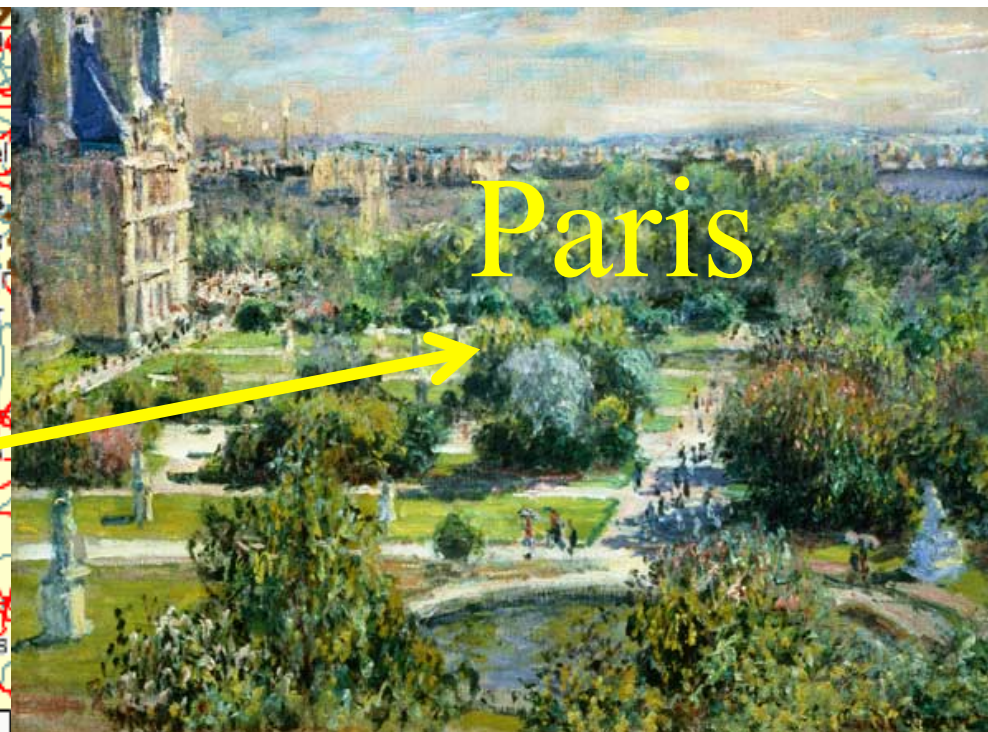
$$Q = \sum_j (2j + 1) e^{-\epsilon_j/kT}$$

- The rates increase rapidly with increasing temperature
- o-p-H<sub>2</sub> < p-o-H<sub>2</sub>
- Very good agreement between theory and experiments



**Accurate understanding of o-p-H<sub>2</sub> and p-o-H<sub>2</sub> conversion process**





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