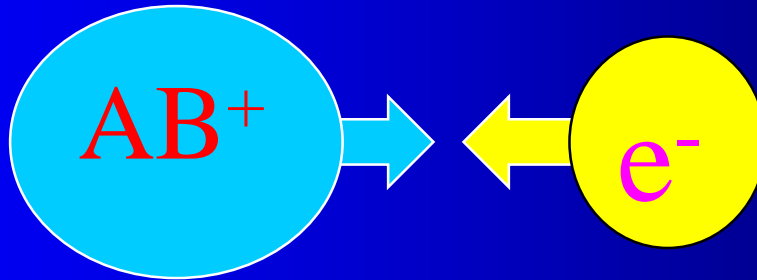


Recombination ... electron - ions



Recombination



Radiative recombination



Dissociative recombination



Processes: at low impact energies

Elastic scattering



Electronic excitation



Vibrational excitation



Rotational excitation



Dissociative attachment



Impact dissociation



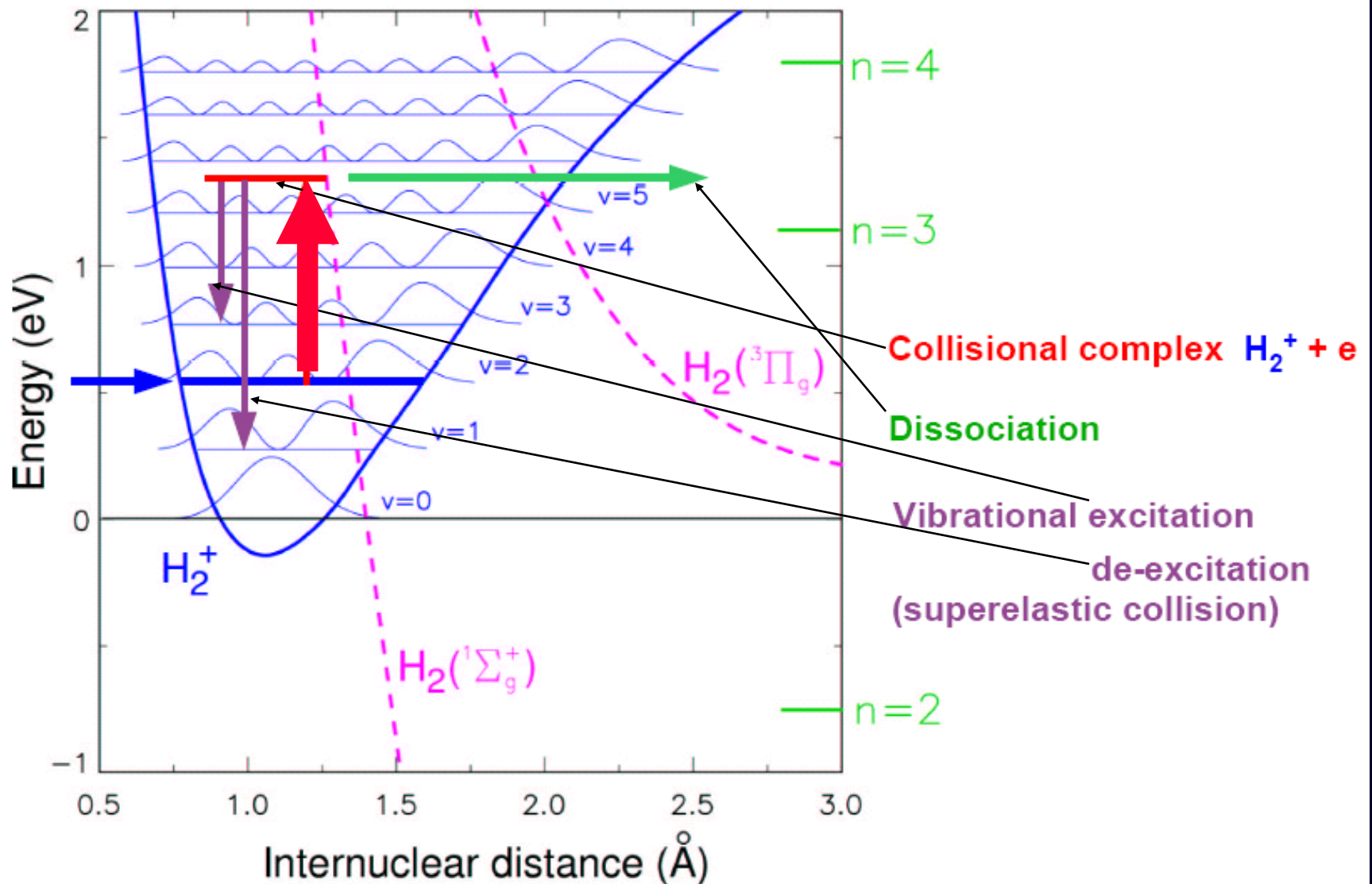
all go via $(AB^-\dots)**$.

Dissociative recombination

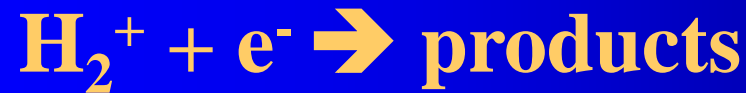
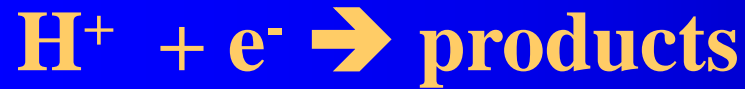


Go via $(AB\dots)**$.

Vibrational excitation, deexcitation and dissociation in $\text{H}_2^+ - \text{e}^-$ collisions



Electron –ion recombination

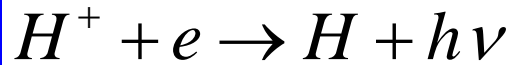


**92.1% of nucleons in the universe are protons
7.8% are helium nuclei !**

Recombination processes in plasma

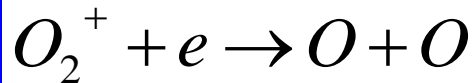
Binary recombination

$$\alpha [\text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}]$$



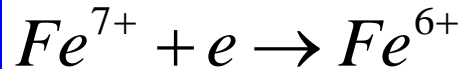
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radiative recombination



DR

dissociative recombination



DiR

dielectronic recombination

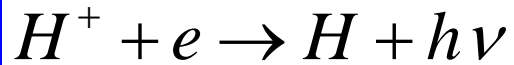
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Ternary electron assisted recombination

Recombination processes in plasma

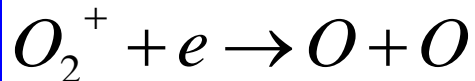
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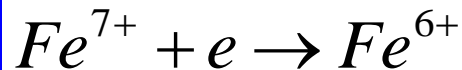
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Ternary electron assisted recombination



Collisional Radiative Recombination

CRR

$$\frac{dn_e}{dt} = \frac{d[Ar^+]}{dt} = -K_e[Ar^+]n_e^2 = -\alpha_{eff}[Ar^+]n_e$$

$$K_{CRR} [\text{cm}^6 \text{s}^{-1}]$$

$$\alpha_{eff} = K_e n_e$$

Ternary neutral assisted recombination

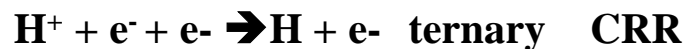


$$\frac{dn_e}{dt} = \frac{d[Ar^+]}{dt} = -K_M[Ar^+]n_e[He] = -\alpha_{eff}[Ar^+]n_e$$

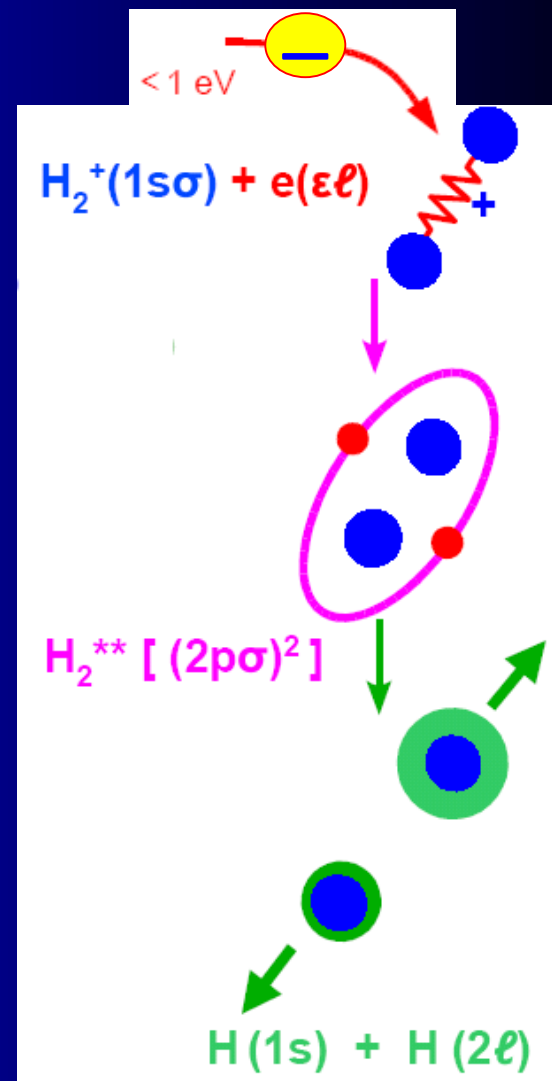
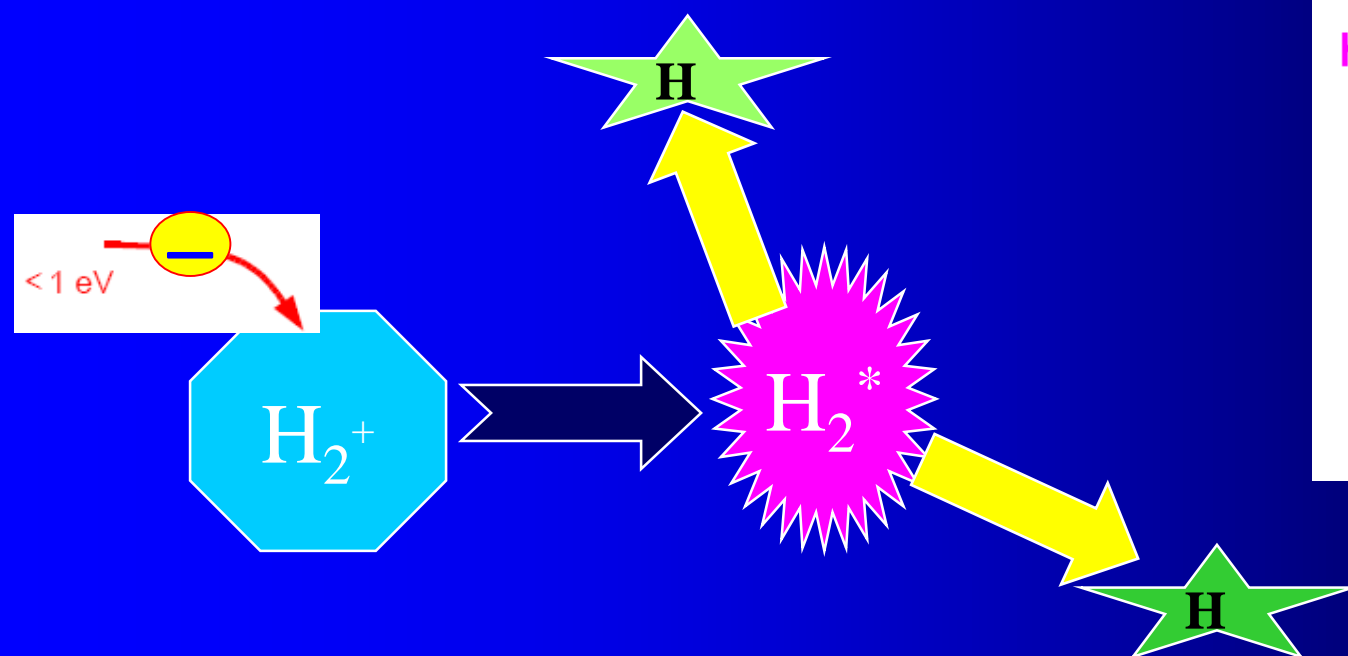
$$K_M [\text{cm}^6 \text{s}^{-1}]$$

$$\alpha_{eff} = K_M [He]$$

Electron - Ion Collision



Dissociative Recombination - DR



Electron collisions with H_2^+ - how to describe ????



Capture

Autoionization

AB^* resonant state(s)

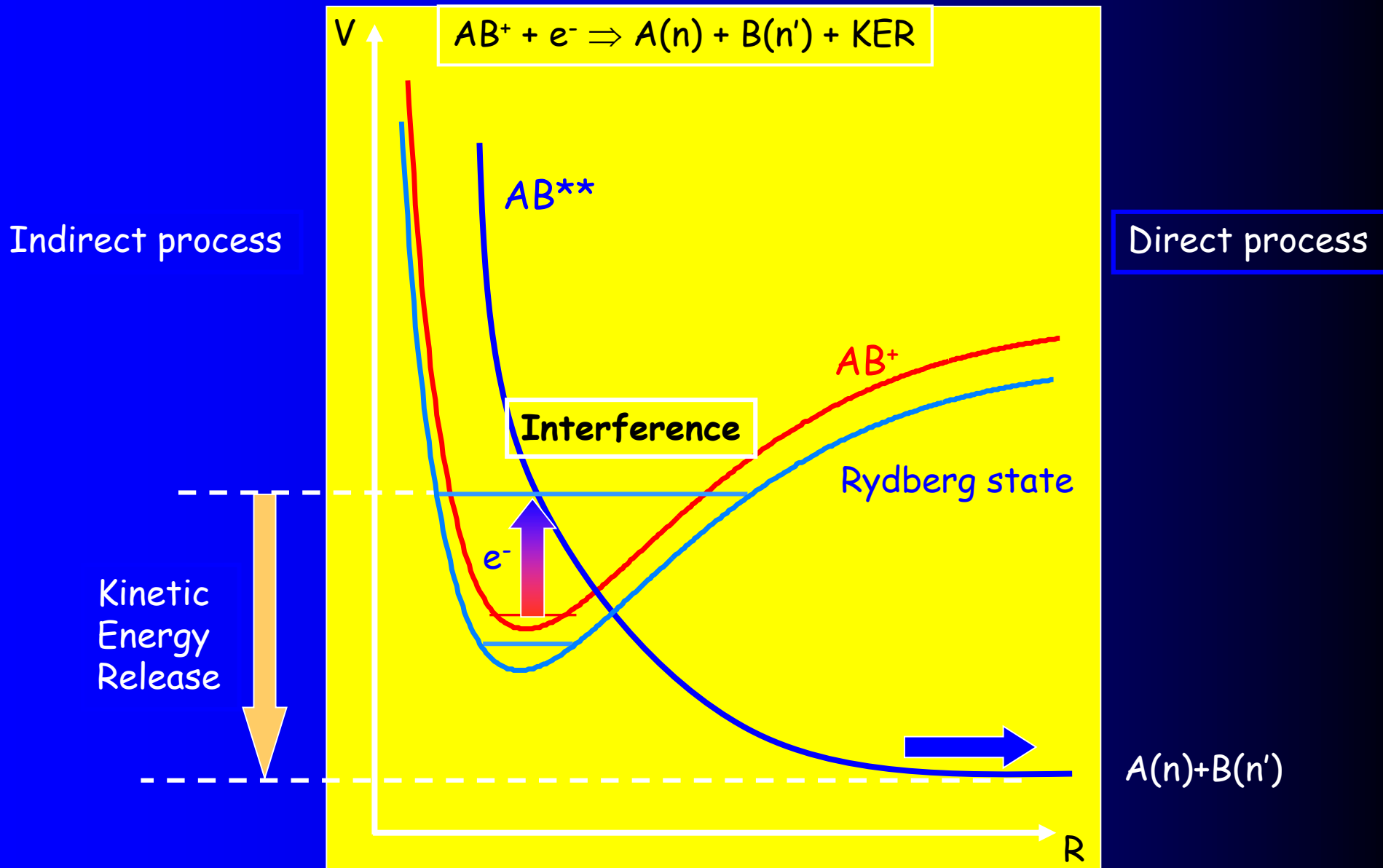
predissociation

To get high recombination rate, we need

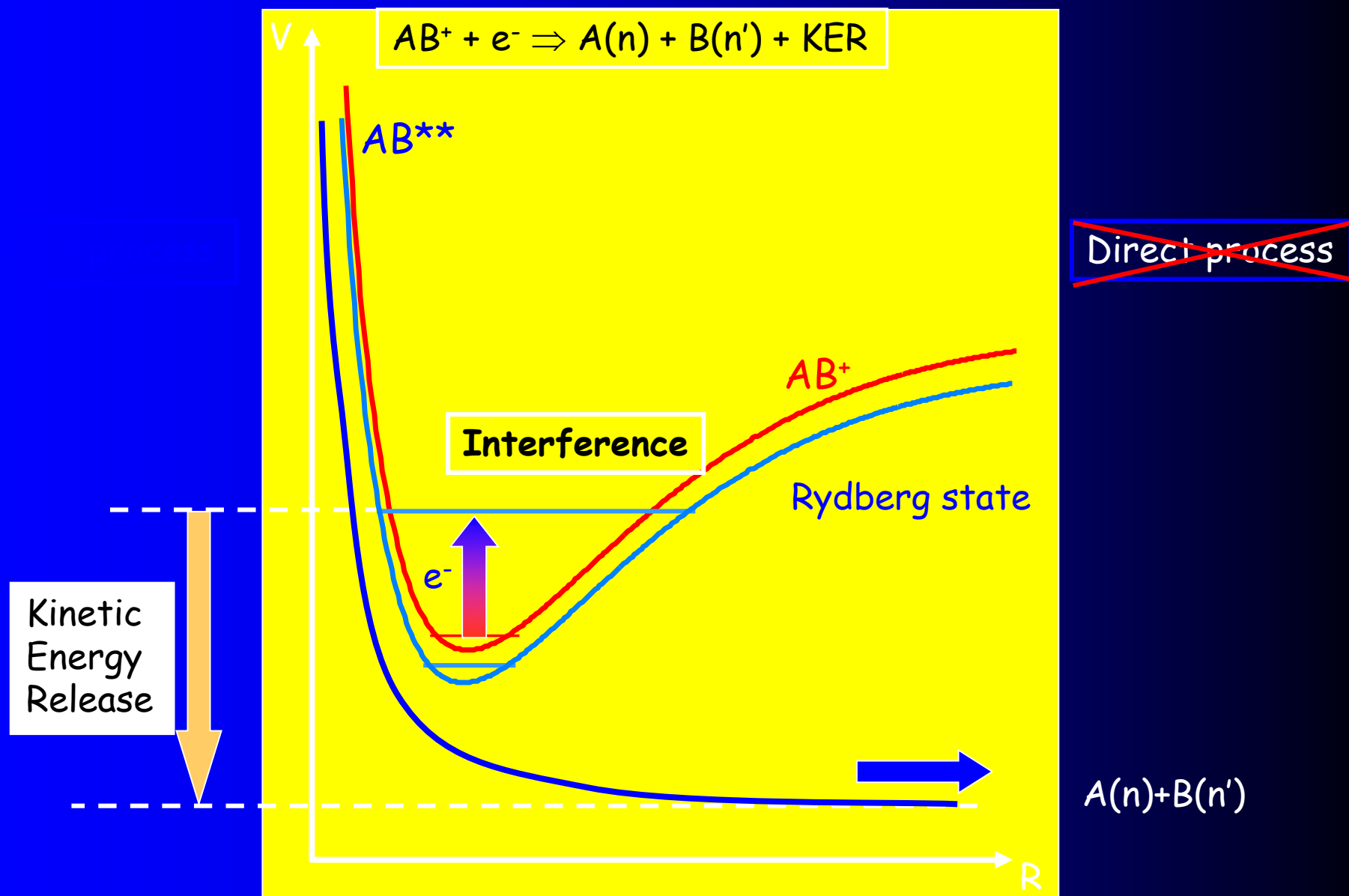
(a) efficient capture

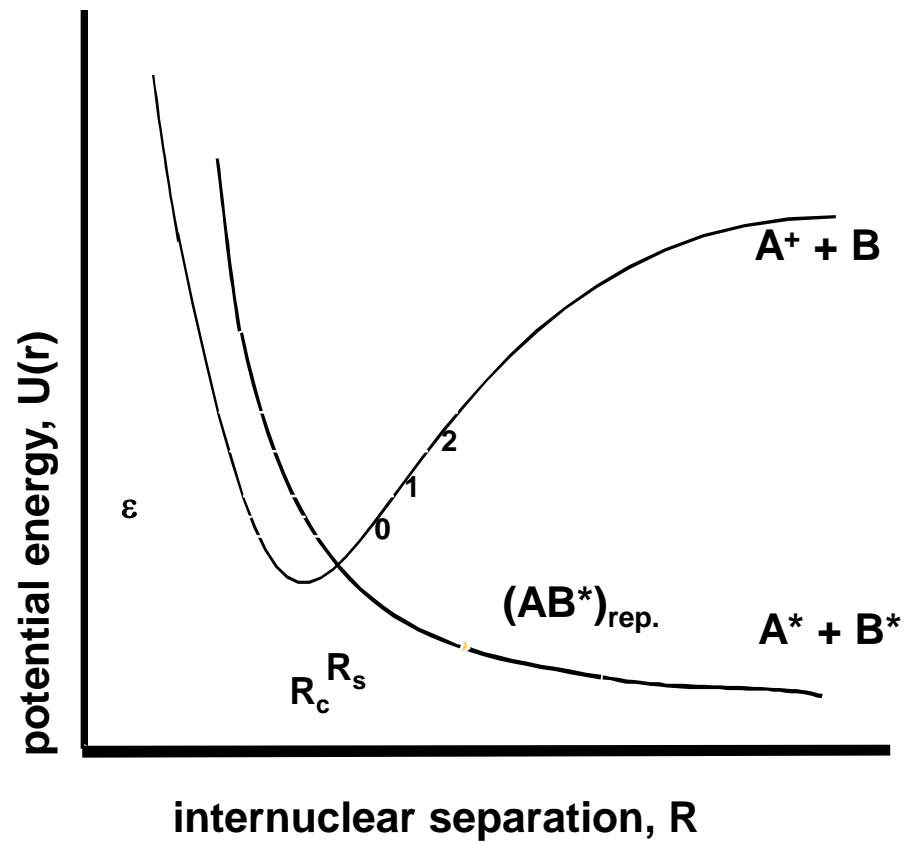
(b) predissociation faster than auto-ionization

Electron-cold molecular ion reaction: Dissociative Recombination

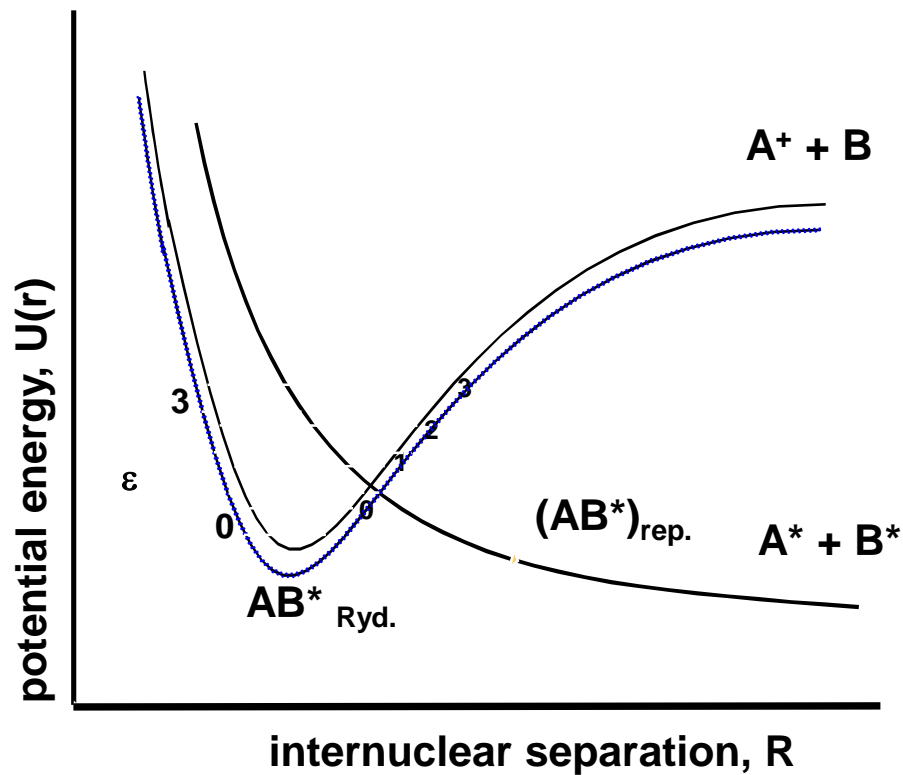


Recombination of H_3^+ : No ion-neutral crossing





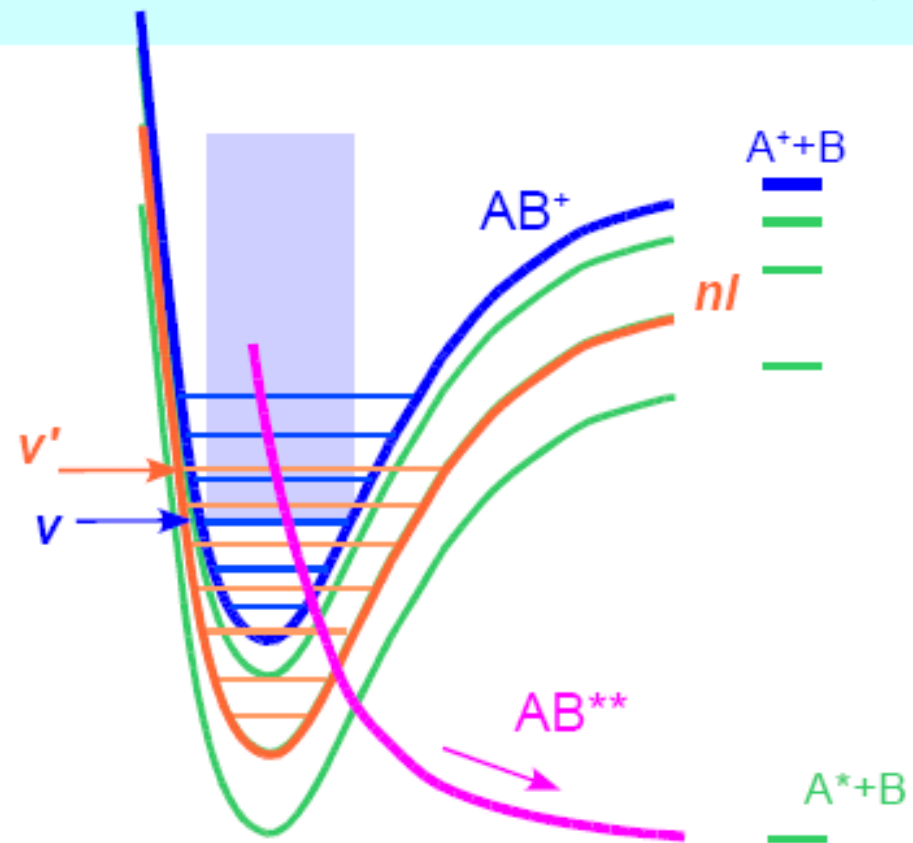
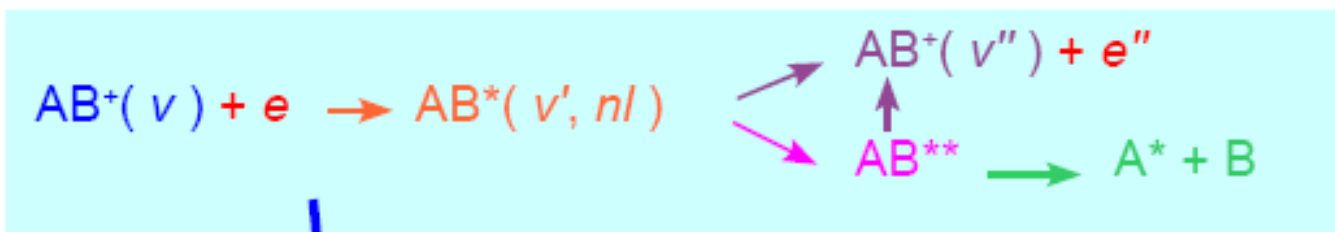
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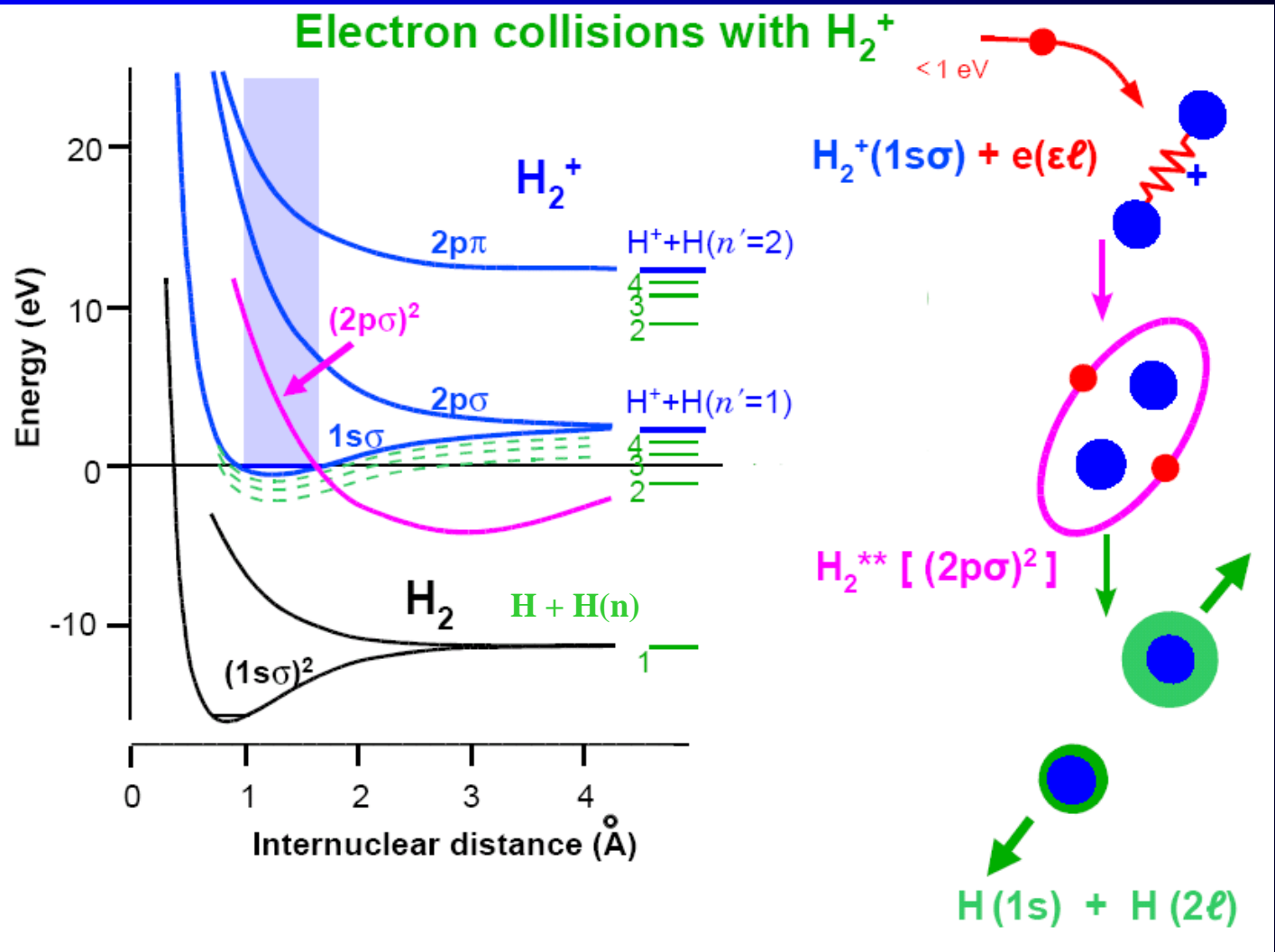
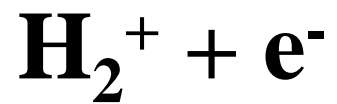


Indirect mechanism

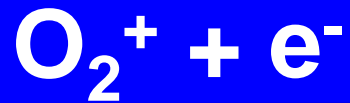
Resonances

Autoionizing and pre-dissociating Rydberg states





Next lecture: SA and absorption experiments (CRDS)



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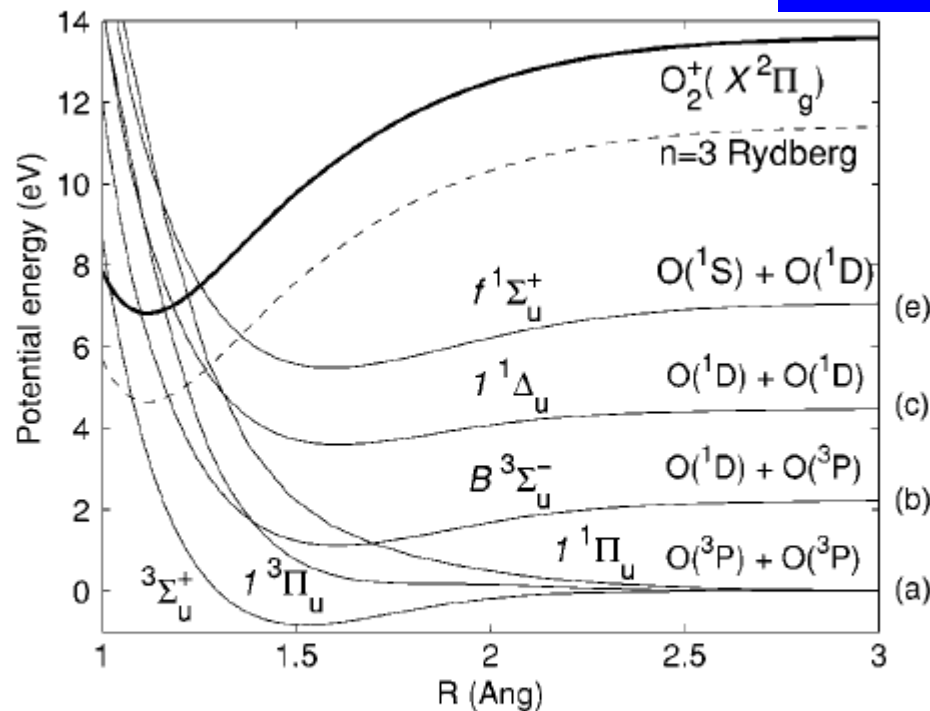
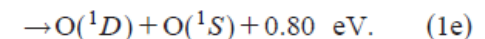
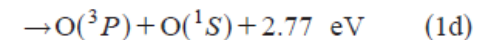
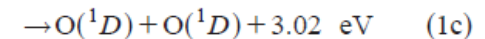
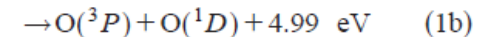
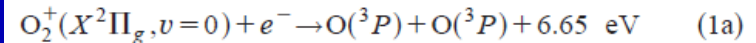


FIG. 1. Schematic of the diabatic potential curves relevant for the DR of O_2^+ . The dissociation limits connected with each valence capture state are given on the right. The labels (a)–(c), and (e) refer to Eqs. (1a)–(1c) and (1e), respectively.

Five exothermic channels are available for vibrational ground state O_2^+ ions in zero relative energy collisions with electrons. They are summarized as follows with the associated kinetic energy releases:



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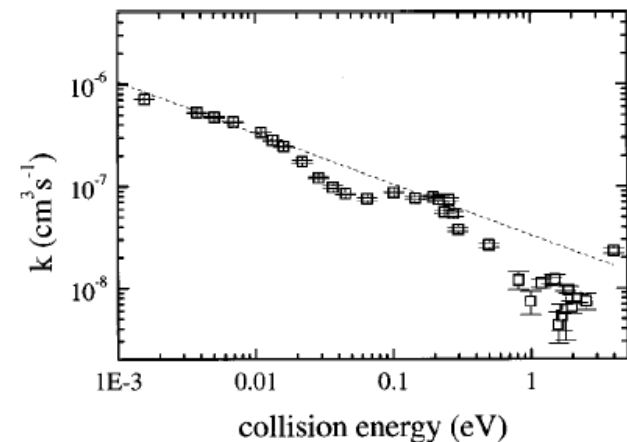
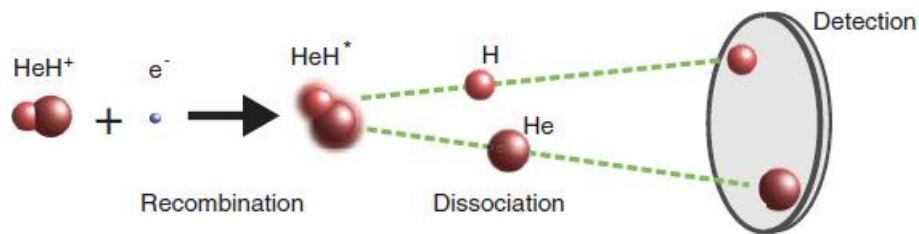


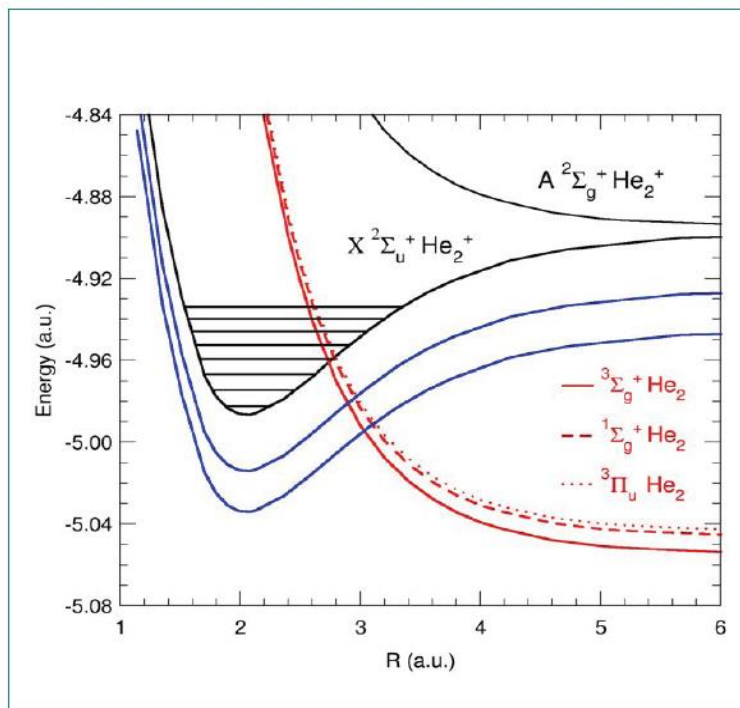
FIG. 2. DR rate coefficient k as a function of electron collision energy from 1 meV to 5 eV. Statistical errors are shown at the 1σ level. The dotted line shows the threshold $E^{-1/2}$ behavior. Both the rate coefficient and the energy are shown on a logarithmic scale.



THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

The states involved: exemple for He₂⁺/He₂ system

He₂⁺



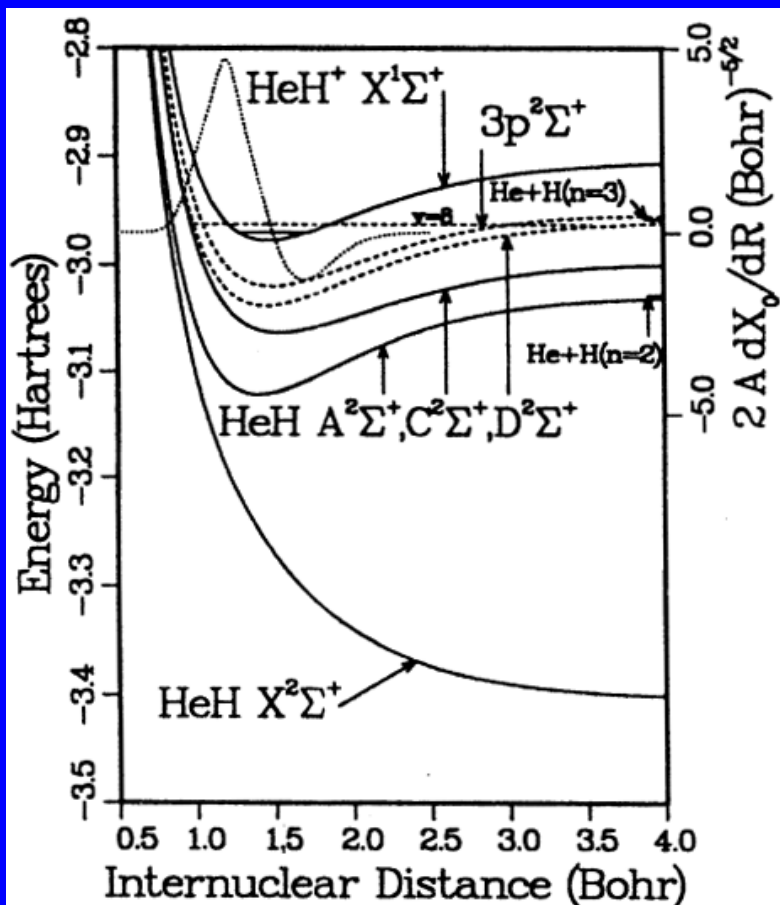
2004 DR6 Mosbach

I. Schneider, et al., DR2004 Mosbach

Theoretical background

Dissociative Recombination without a Curve Crossing

Theory predicted: DR rate coefficient is vary small $\sim 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3\text{s}^{-1}$



HeH^+ and HCO^+ ions-
examples of a non-crossing case.
However, experiments gave
 $\alpha \approx 2 \times 10^{-8}$ and $\alpha \approx 2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^3\text{s}^{-1}$

A new mechanism has been proposed!

Multi-step indirect
dissociative recombination
("tunneling mode" recombination)

Recombination HeH⁺

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Astrophysical detection of the helium hydride ion HeH⁺

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Extended Data Table 2 | Reaction rates used herein

Reaction	Rate coefficient [cm ³ s ⁻¹]	Notes
He ⁺ + H → HeH ⁺ + hν	1.4 × 10 ⁻¹⁶	1
HeH ⁺ + e → He + H	3.0 × 10 ⁻¹⁰ (T/10 ⁴ K) ^{-0.47}	2
HeH ⁺ + H → He + H ₂ ⁺	1.2 × 10 ⁻⁹ (T/10 ⁴ K) ^{-0.11}	3

(1) The rate coefficient (in cm³ s⁻¹) was obtained by averaging the published cross-sections²⁵ over a Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution, and applies to temperatures in the range 5,000 K to 20,000 K. The published cross-sections are for collisions in which He⁺ (1s) and H (1s) are in the singlet state (total spin 0), but as only one-quarter of collisions will have spin 0, the rate has been reduced by a factor of four. Values in the literature^{13,36,37} vary widely. (2) This value corrects an error in the computation²⁷ of the thermal rate coefficient from the cross-section measurements. Taking as valid the primary data of ref. 27, namely, the merged-beam cross-sections given in their figure 3, the thermal rate coefficients was recomputed by applying the methods developed; for example, for the calculation of the dissociative recombination cross-section of HCl⁺ (ref. 26); we find the thermal rate coefficient to be an order of magnitude below that originally computed²⁷. (3) Ref. 38 shows the rate coefficient obtained from quantum calculations.

Recombination HeH^+

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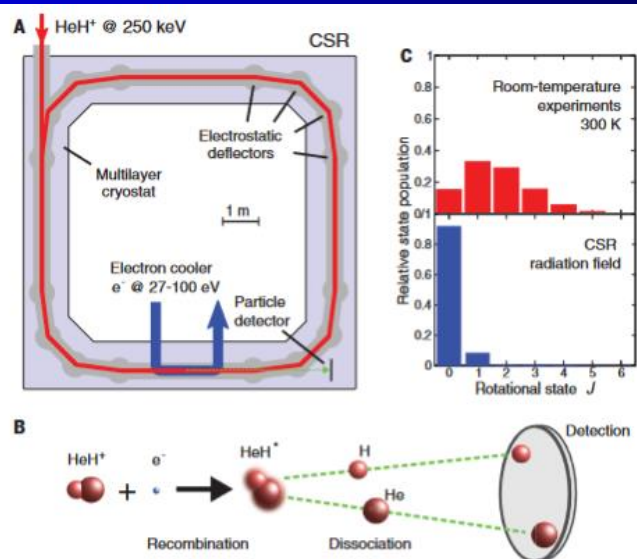


Fig. 1. Dissociative recombination in the cryogenic storage ring, CSR. (A) Scheme of the CSR ring structure with the injected and stored HeH^+ ion beam (red), merged electron beam (blue), reaction products (green), and particle detector. (B) Reaction scheme and position-sensitive detection of coincident fragments. (C) Equilibrium rotational state populations of HeH^+ for previous studies (300 K) and the estimated radiation field in the CSR.

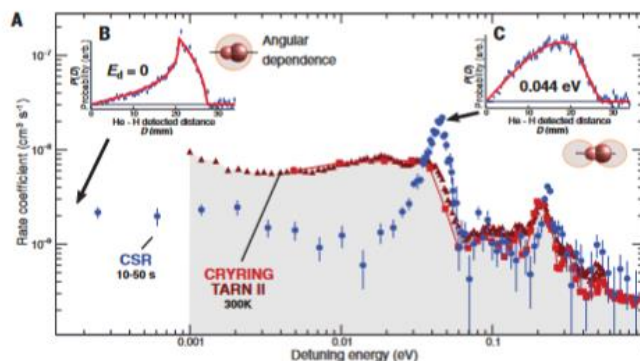


Fig. 2. DR for rotationally cold HeH^+ . (A) Blue circles indicate the merged-beams rate coefficient α_0 as a function of the detuning energy E_d after relaxation to $>50\%$ $J = 0$ (this experiment, $10 \text{ s} < t < 50 \text{ s}$, mean \pm SD; absolute scaling uncertainty $\pm 20\%$ (SEM). Red symbols represent room temperature data from (11) (squares, absolute scaling uncertainty $\pm 10\%$ SEM) and from (12) (triangles, scaled to (11) at 0.03 eV). (B) Fragment distance distribution projected into the detector plane for $E_d = 0$ (blue) with fit (19) for isotropic angular distribution (red). (C) Projected fragment distance distribution for $E_d = 0.044 \text{ eV}$ (blue) with fit (19) for a $|Y_{10}|^2$ angular distribution of the fragments (red). The angular dependences in (B) and (C) are indicated schematically, arb., arbitrary units.

Recombination HeH^+

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Dissociative Recombination of Cold HeH^+ Ions

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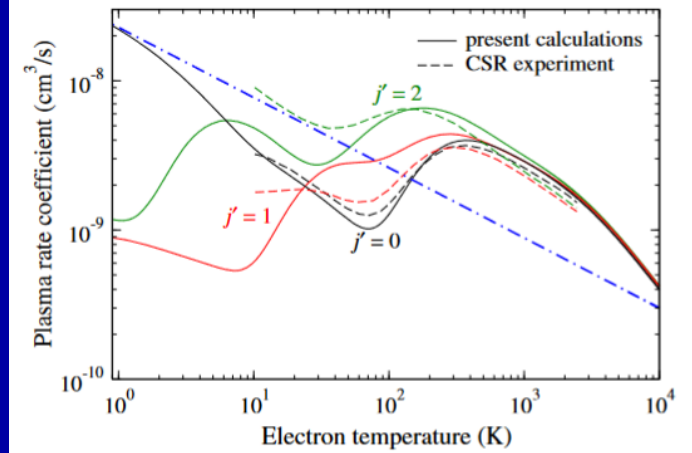


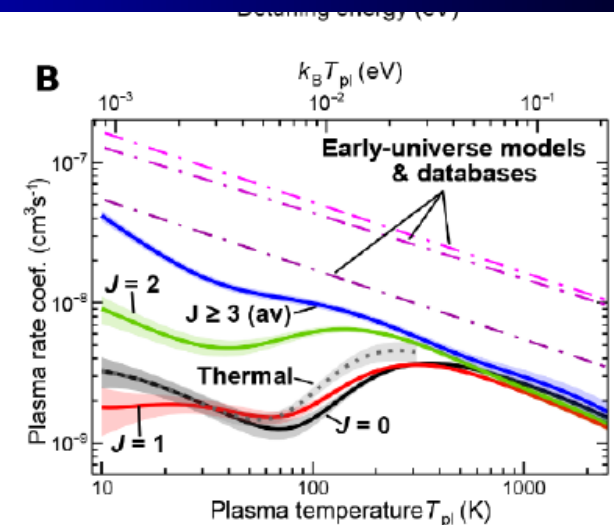
FIG. 5. Plasma rate coefficients are shown for different initial rotational states $j' = 0, 1, 2$. The solid curves result from the present theory, while the dashed curves are taken from the experiment at the CSR [4]. The dot-dashed line represents data employed by Guesten *et al.* [1] in their chemistry kinetics simulations of NGC 7027.

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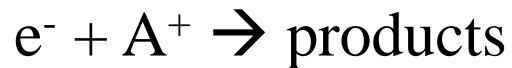
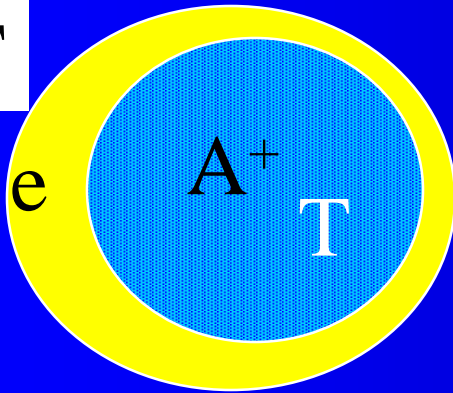
Fig. 4. Rotational-state selective DR rates for HeH^+ . (A) Merged-beams rate coefficients $\alpha_{\text{DR}}^J(E_d)$ for $J \leq 2$ and average for $J \geq 3$ (mainly 3 and 4; mean \pm SD). The dashed lines mark the shift of the maximum as J increases.

(B) Full lines: single- J plasma rate coefficients $\alpha_{\text{DR,pl}}^J(T_{\text{pl}})$ for $J \leq 2$ and average for $J \geq 3$ (mainly 3 and 4; mean with shaded areas as \pm SD). Dotted: fully thermal rate coefficient $\alpha_{\text{DR,therm}}(T_{\text{rot}} = T_{\text{pl}})$. Dashed-dotted: values applied in early-universe models (21, 22) and astrochemistry databases (23–25). See (19) for further discussion, numerical fitting functions and parameters.



Concept of recombination rate coefficient (plasma binary reactions)

at T



$$dN_A/dt = -\alpha n_e N_A$$

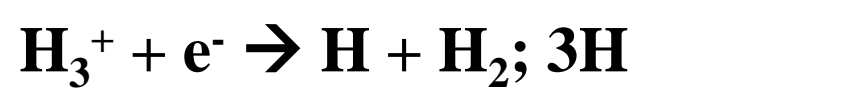
RECOMBINATION RATE COEFFICIENT

$$\alpha = \alpha(T)$$

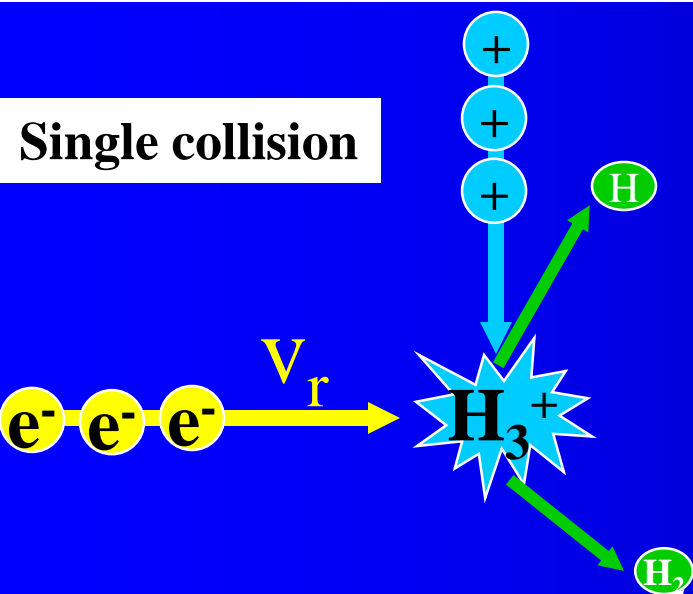
$$\sigma = \sigma(v) = \sigma(\epsilon)$$

Collision rate coefficient, Recombination rate coefficient

$$\alpha = \langle \sigma u_r \rangle$$

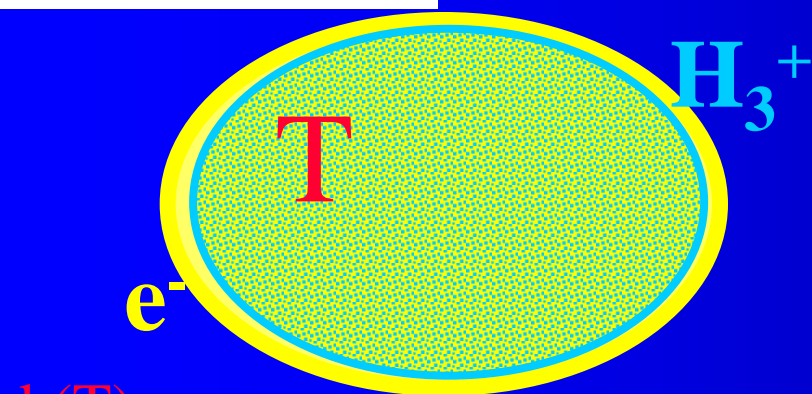


Single collision

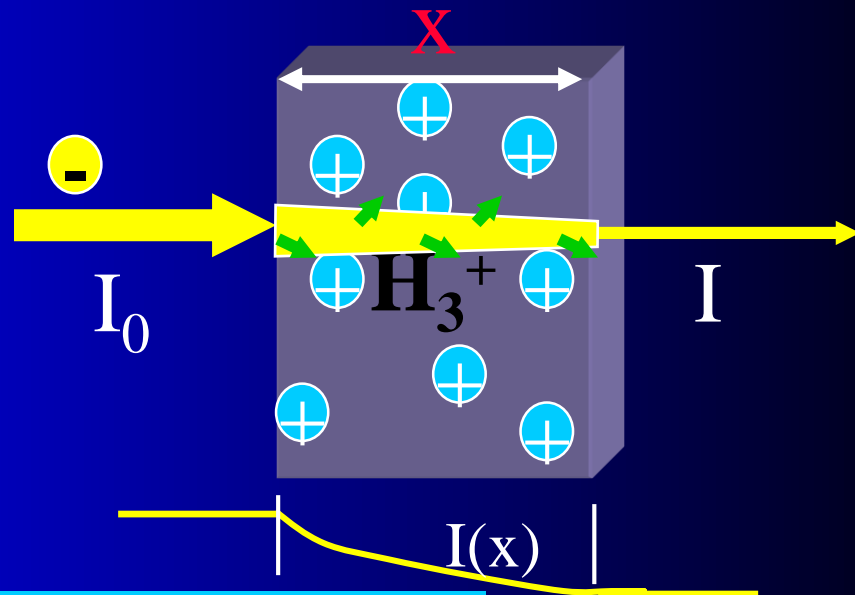


$\sigma(v_r)$ recombination cross section

Multiple collision

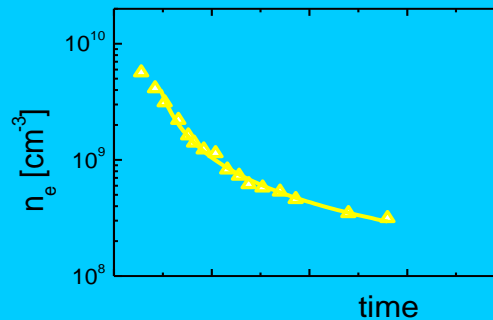


$k(T)$
recombination rate coefficient



$$I = I_0 \exp(-\sigma n_i x)$$

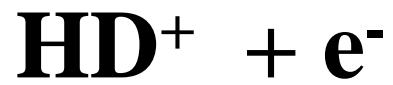
$$k(T) = \langle v \sigma \rangle$$



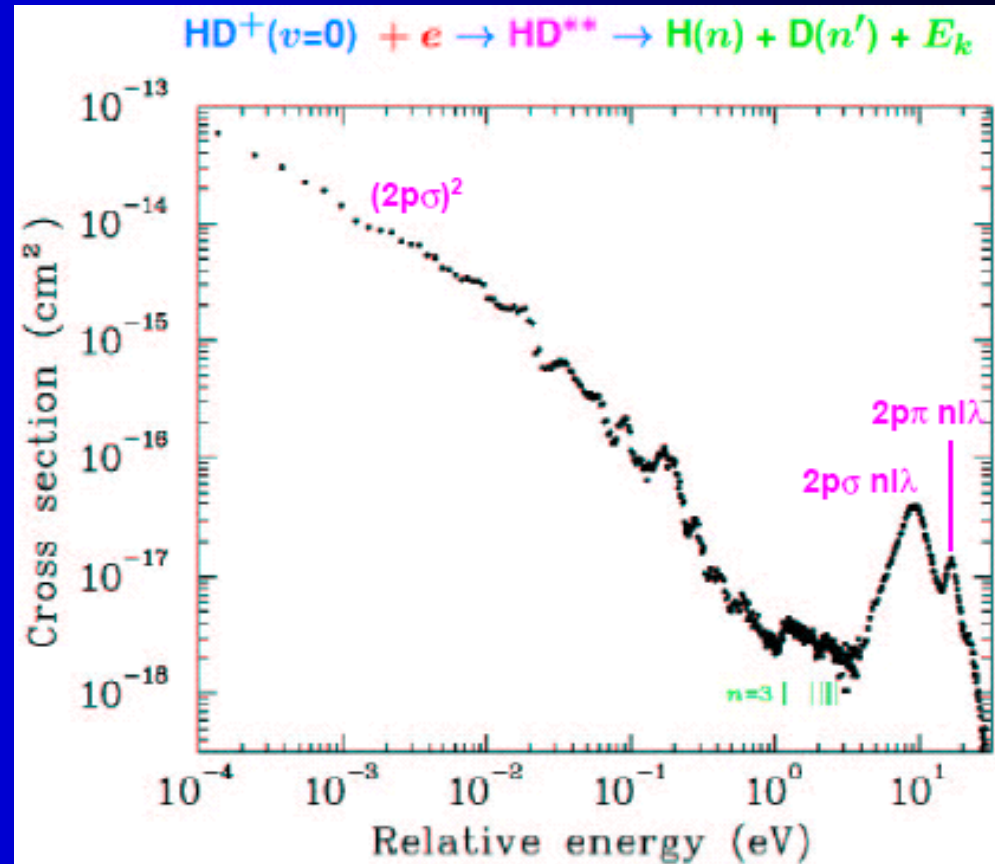
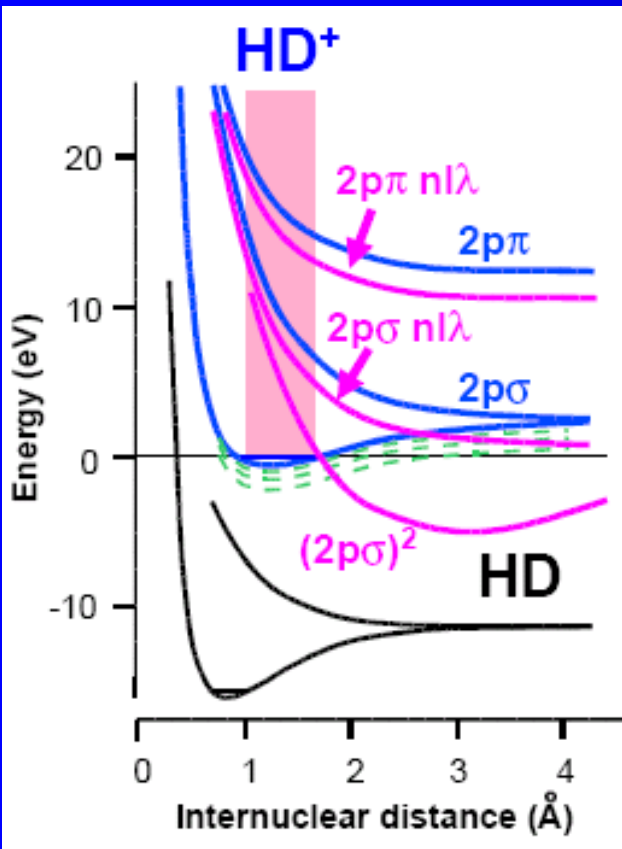
$$\frac{dn_i}{dt} = -k n_i n_e$$

**Cross sections measured obtained in
Ion Storage Ring experiments**

Quo vadis??

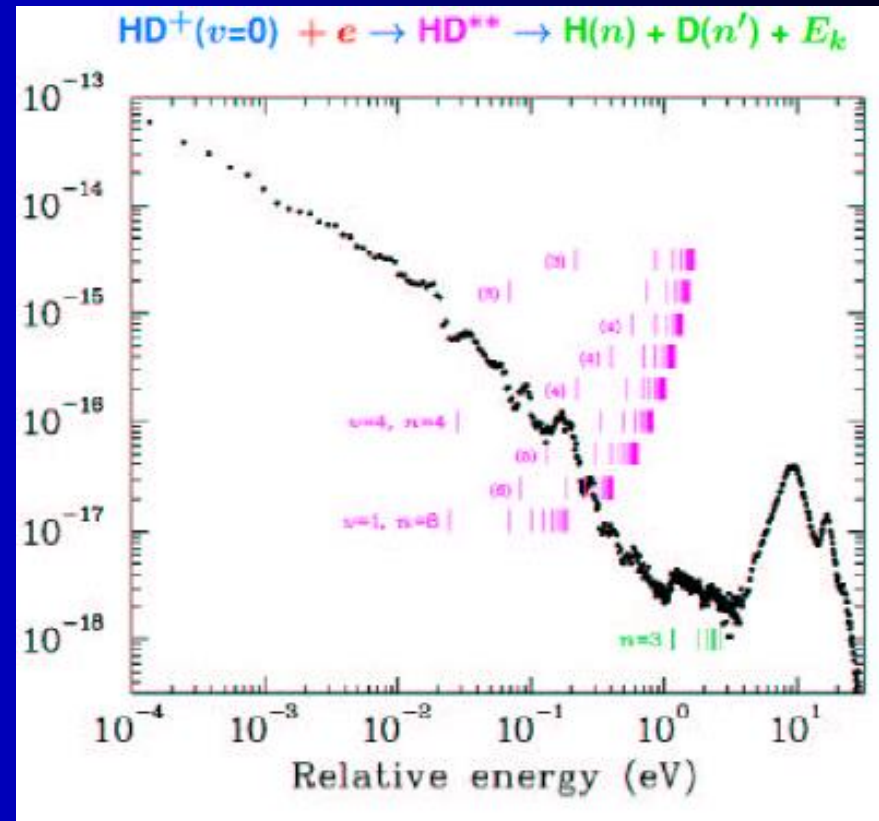
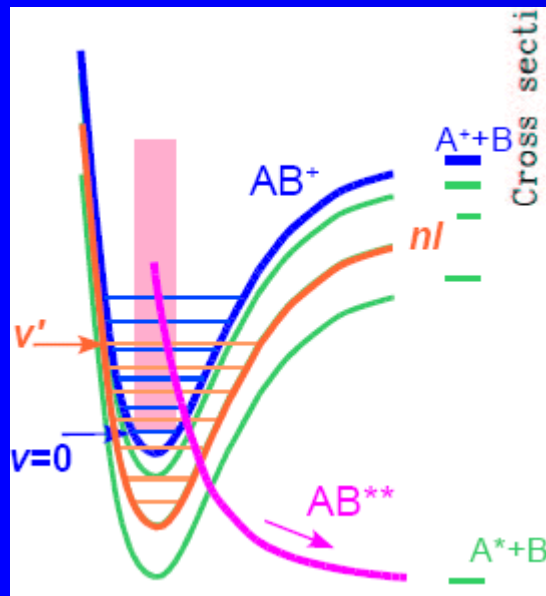
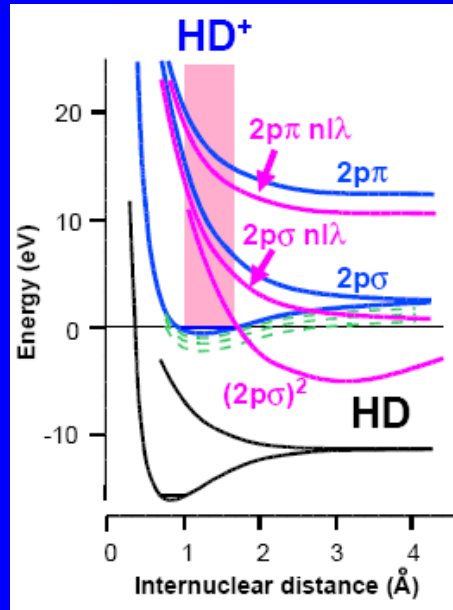


Dissociative recombination



TSR: M. Lange et al., PRL 83 (1999) 4979;
Al-Khalili et al., PRA (2003)

Dissociative recombination HD+



Scan of electron ion relative energy E

Electron temperature $kT_{\text{Per}}=4\text{meV}$ (30meV for $E>0.3\text{eV}$)

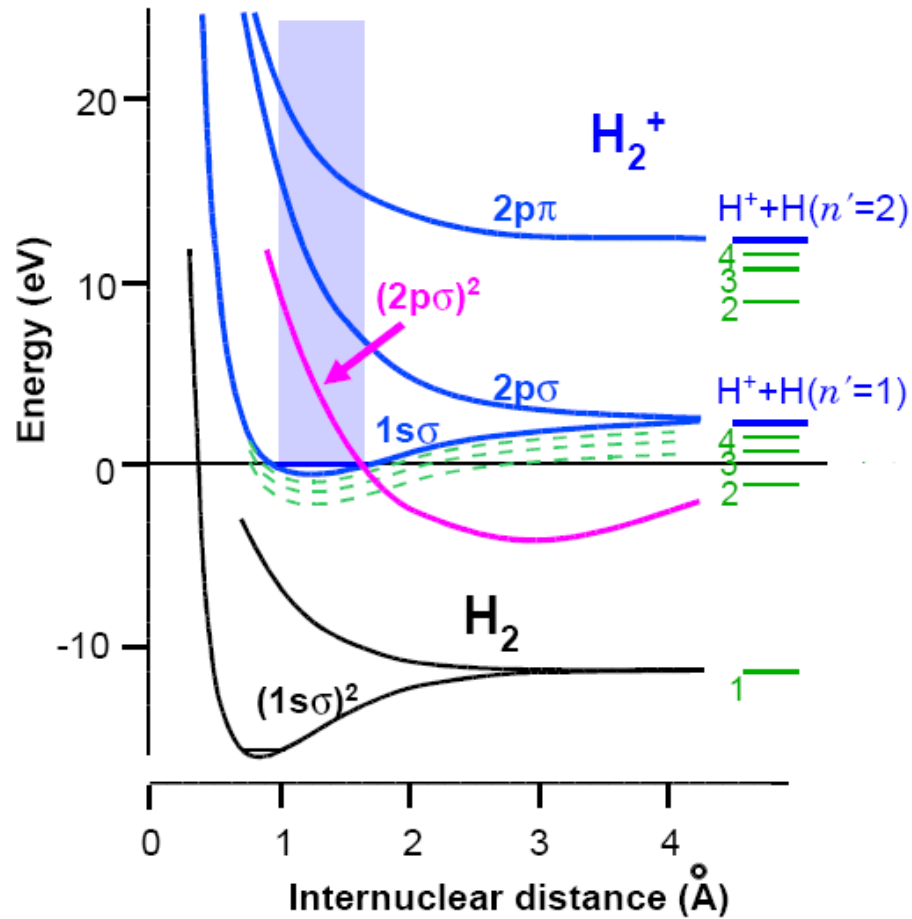
$kT_{\text{Par}}=0.1\text{meV}$

Energy resolution $\sim 4\dots 8\text{ meV}$ ($E<0.08\text{eV}$)

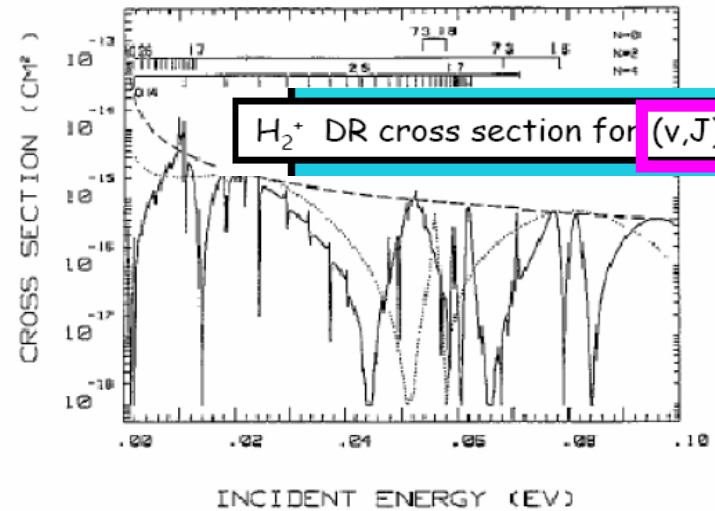
Absolute accuracy of cross section ca. $\pm 30\%$

Recombination H_2^+

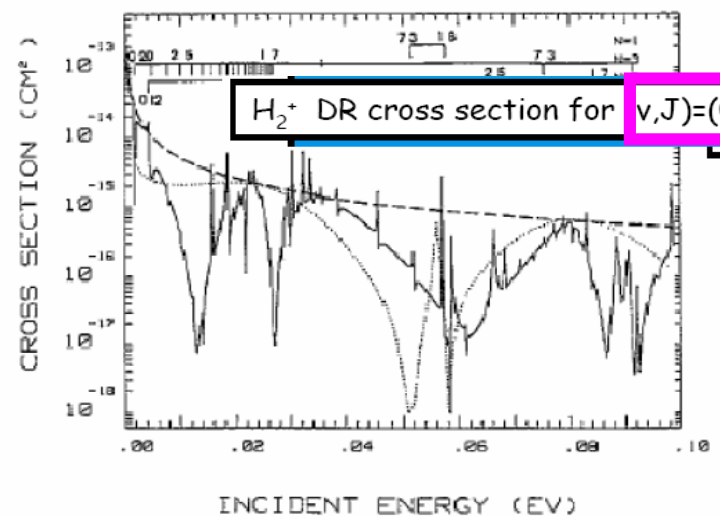
Electron collisions with H_2^+



H. Takagi, J. Phys. B, 26, 4815 (1993)

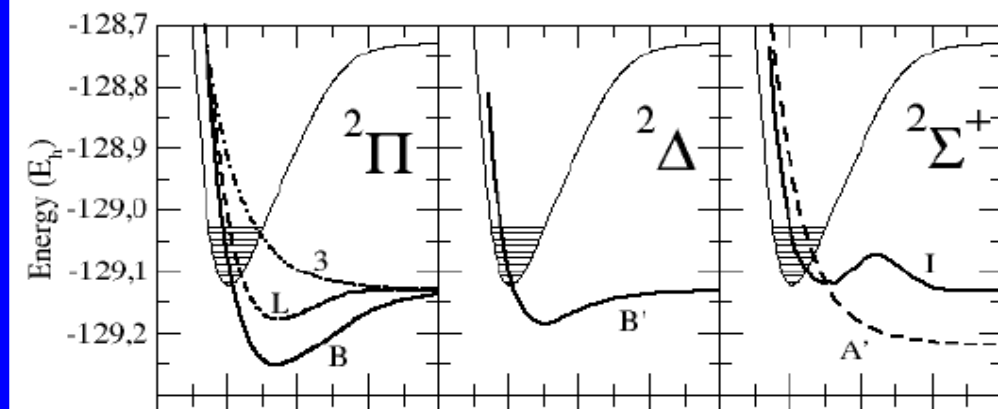


H_2^+ DR

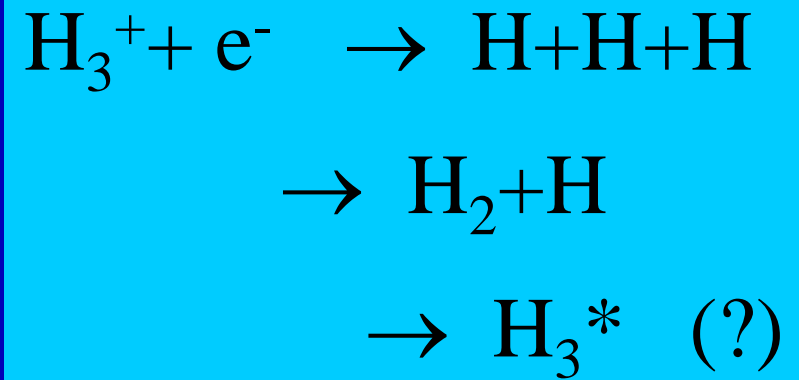
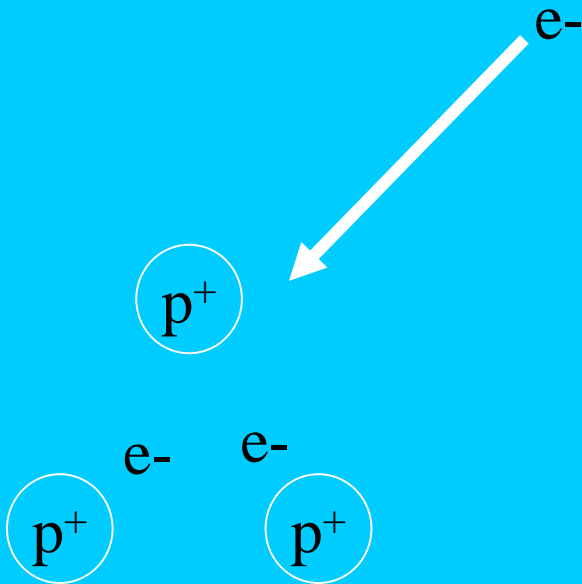


Recombination NO^+

Tennyson et al 1996-2000



Recombination of H_3^+



Tunneling dissociative recombination

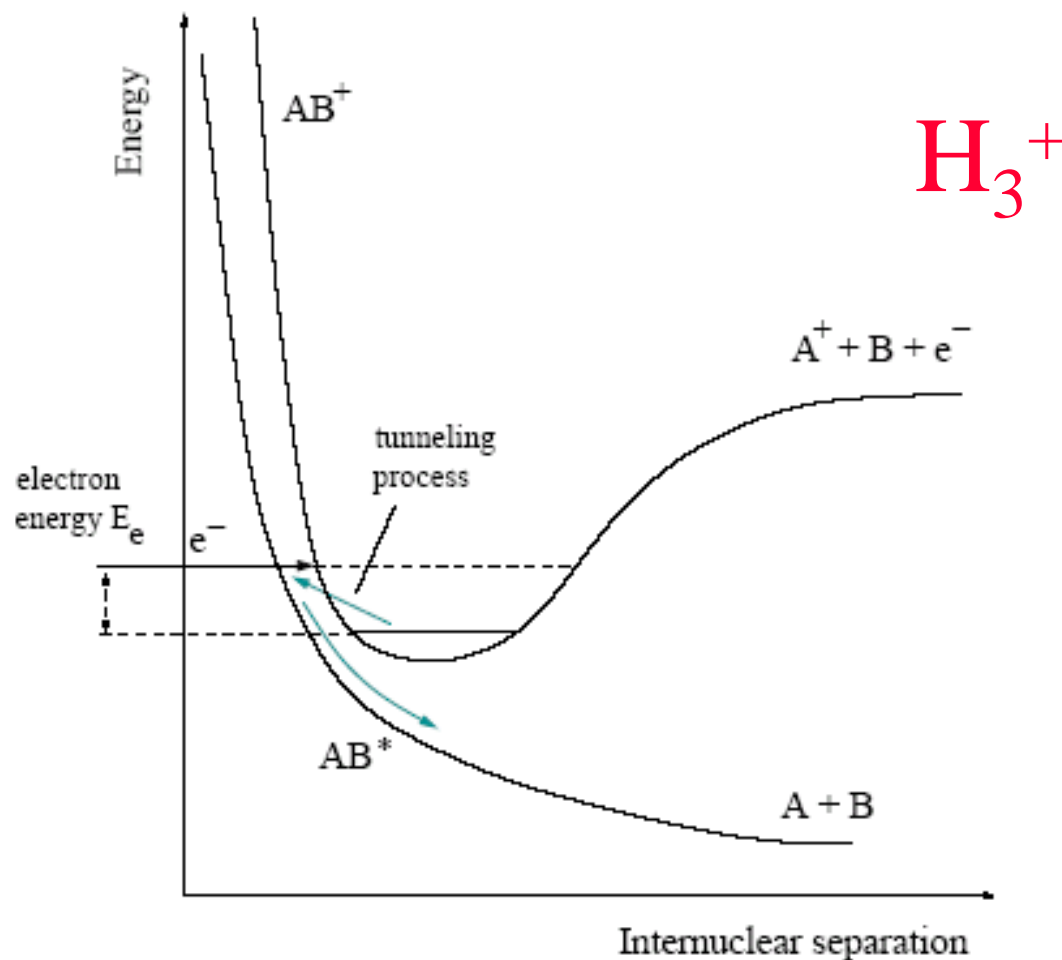


Figure 4.3: Sketch of tunneling mode dissociative recombination.

Tunneling dissociative recombination

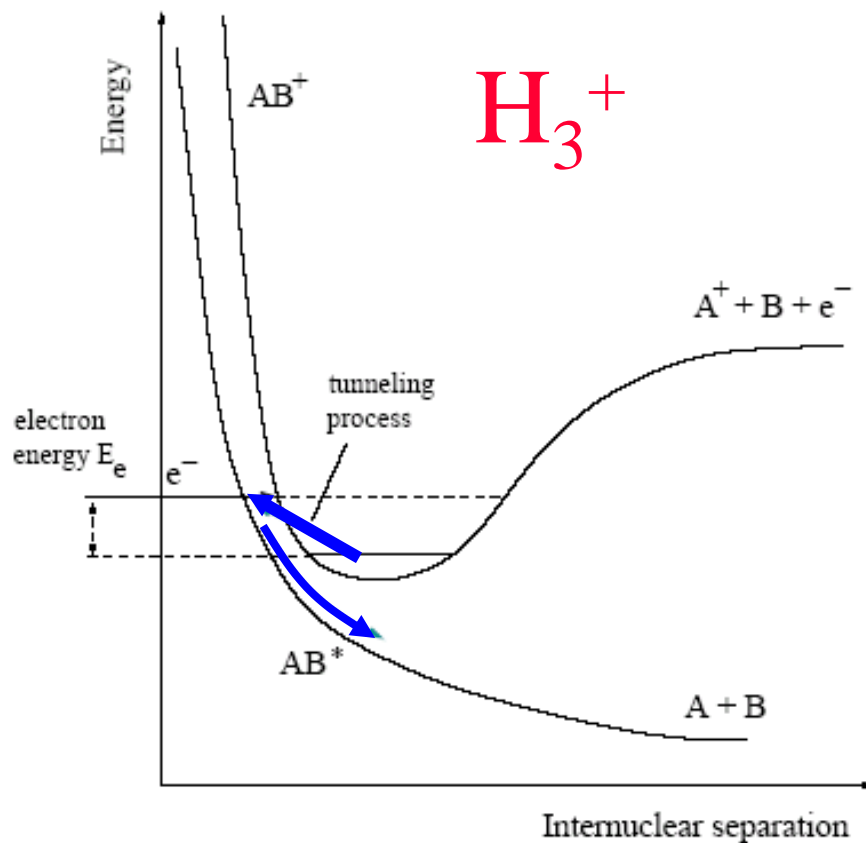
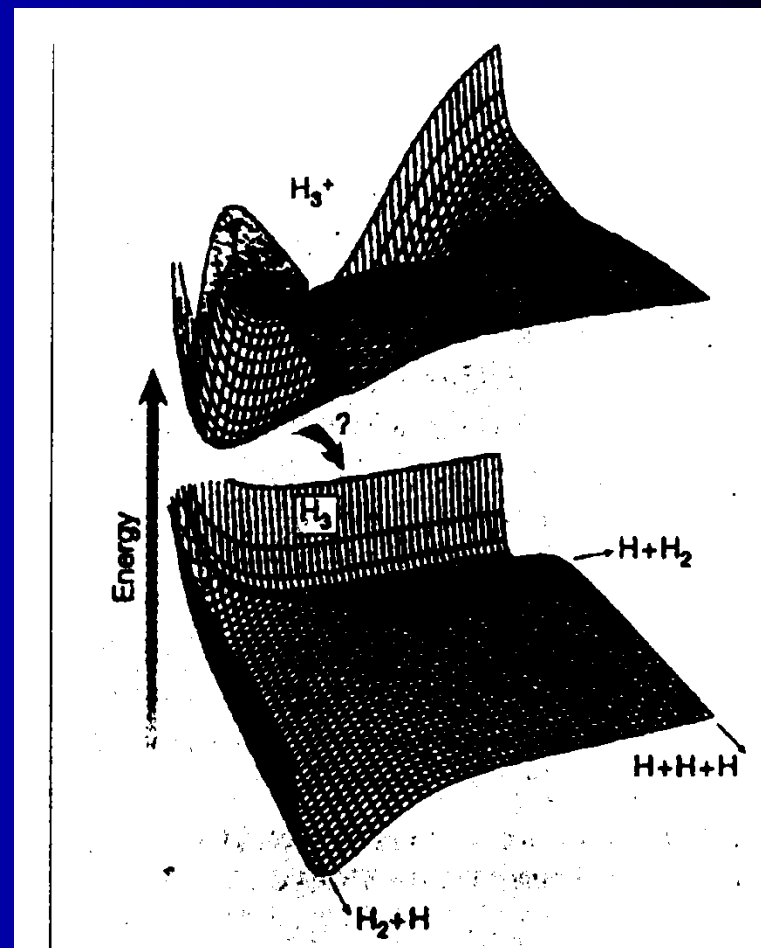
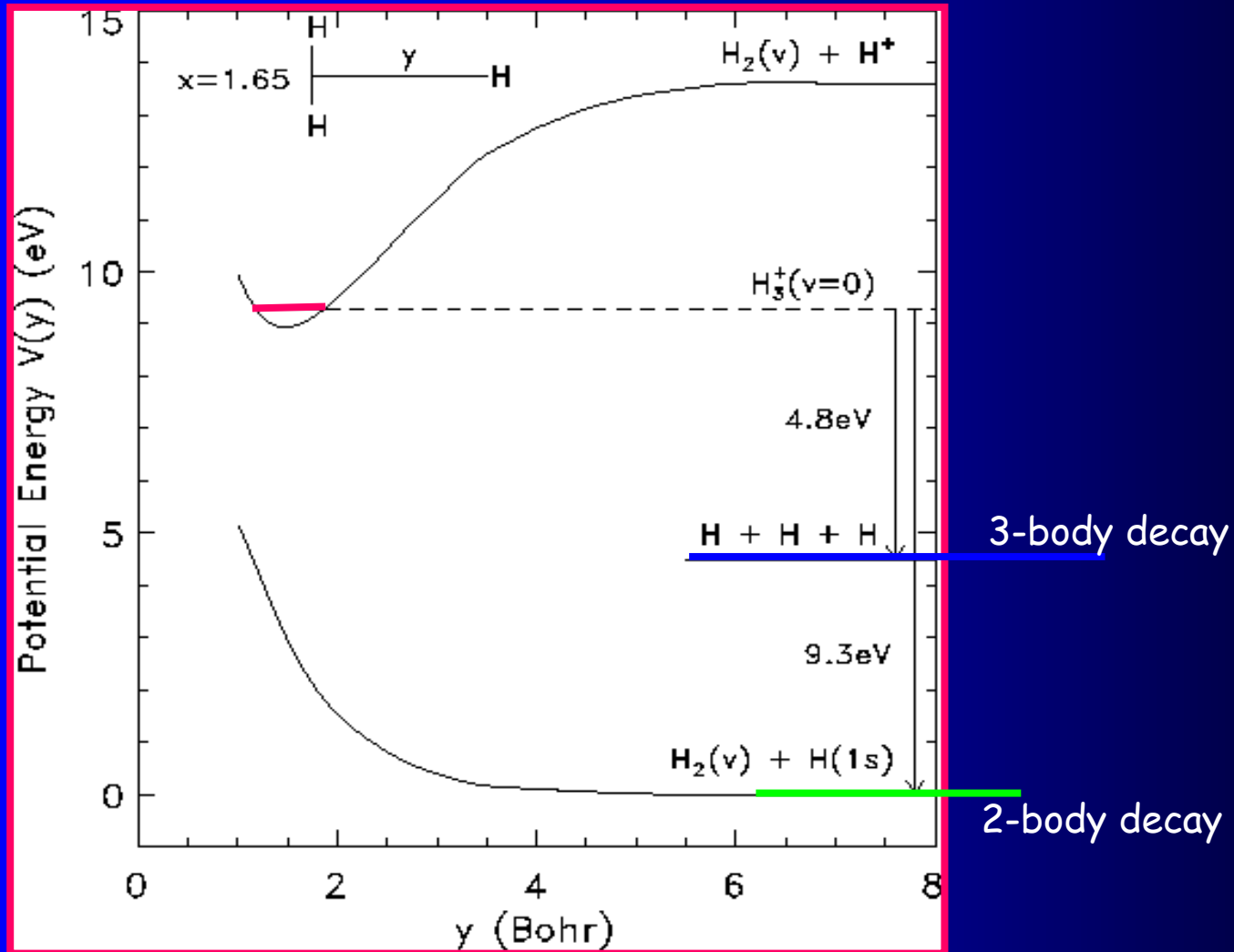


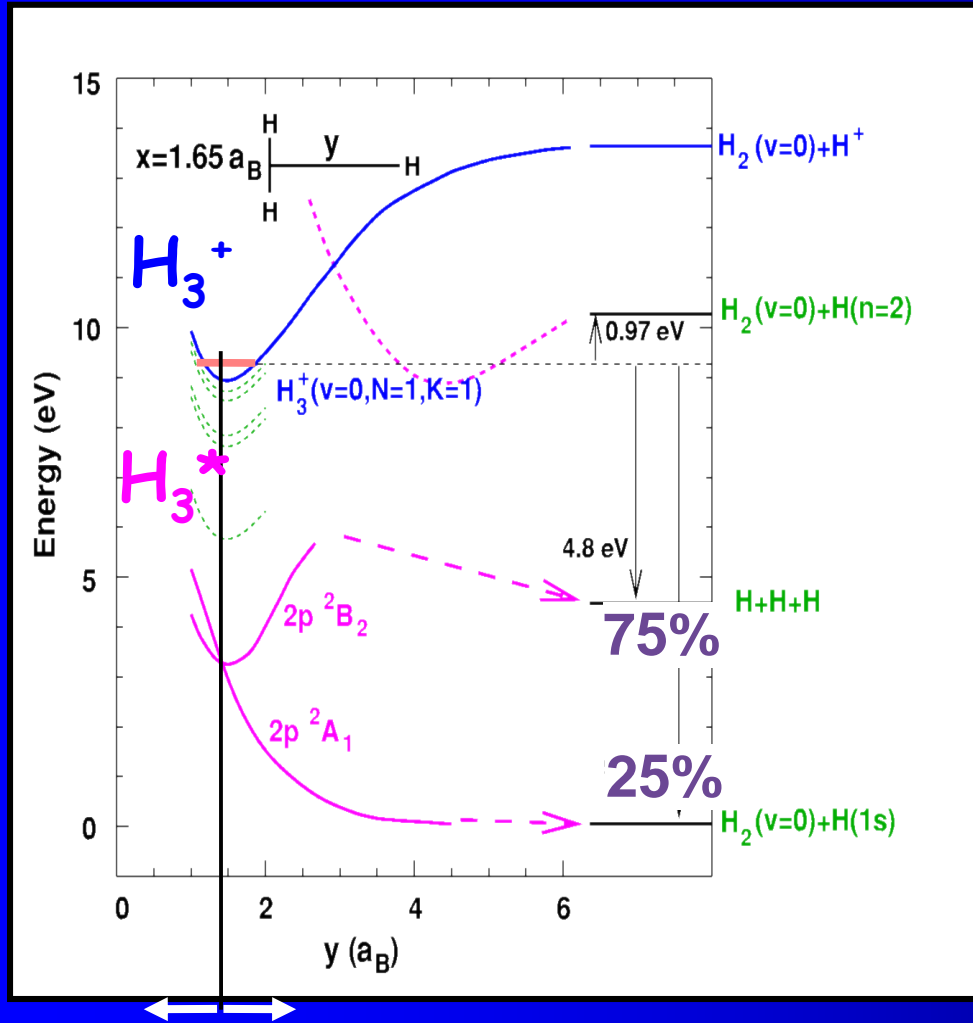
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Dissociative recombination of H_3^+ . Relevant potential curves



Dissociative recombination of H_3^+



Remote curve crossing

Electron capture via Jahn-Teller coupling of electronic and ro-vibrational motion

Symmetric deformation

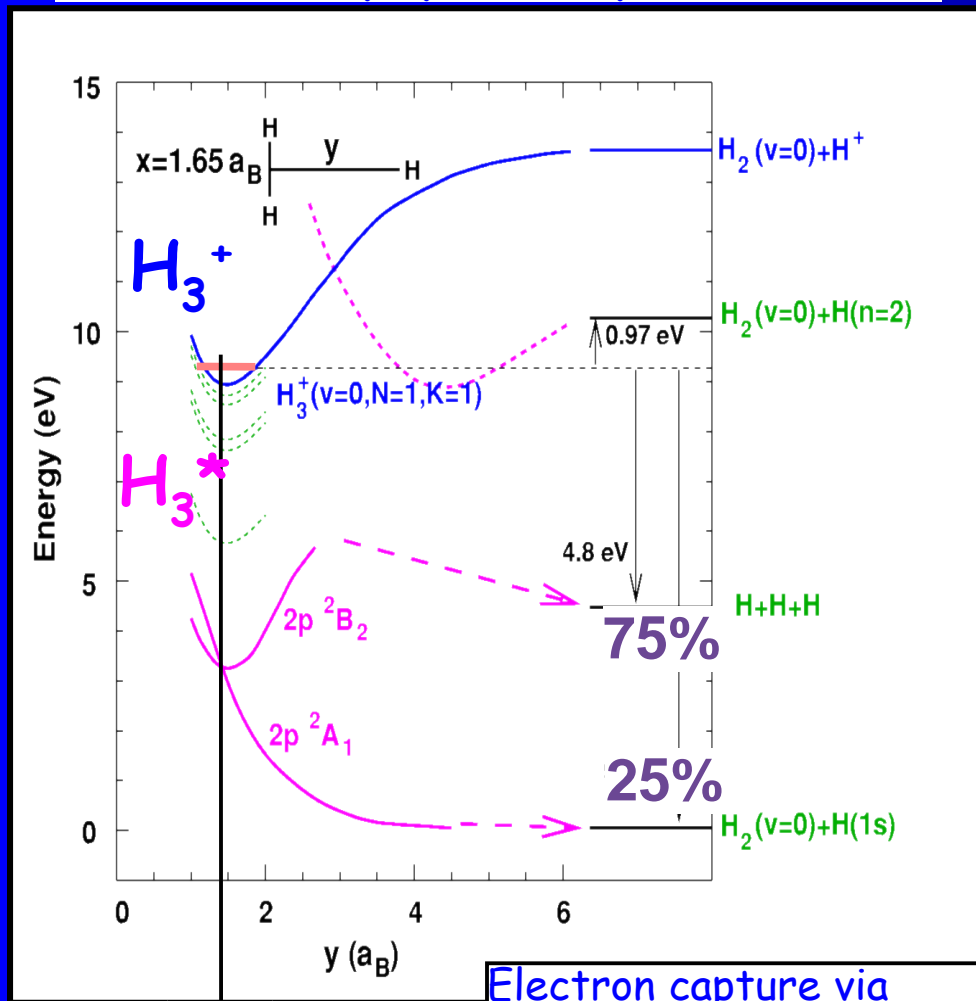


Prototype system for electron capture and dissociation mechanisms in polyatomic species

Three atomic ions

Dissociative recombination of H_3^+

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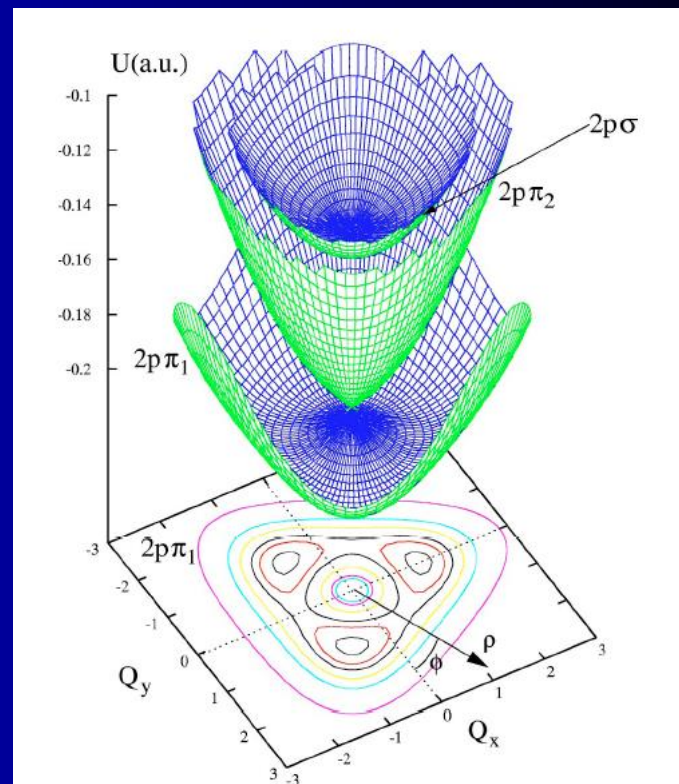


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Symmetric deformation



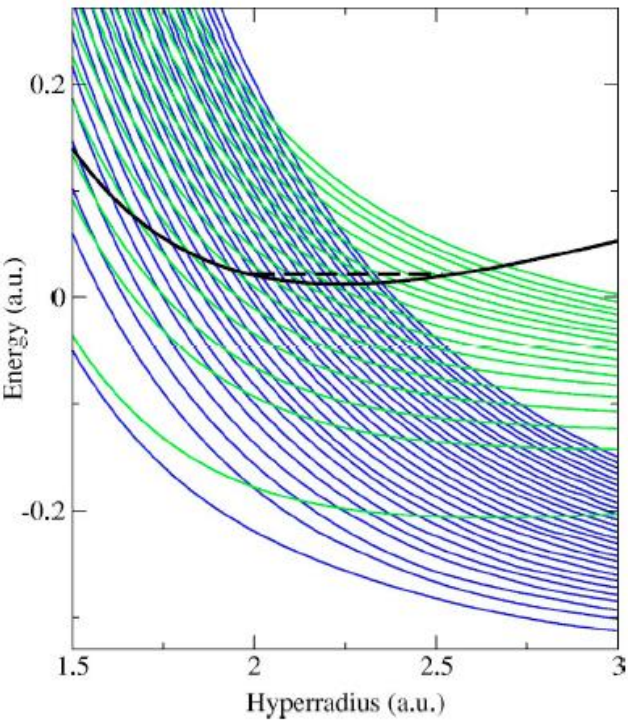


FIG. 1. The problem of DR of H_3^+ in the hyperspherical adiabatic approximation. The lowest hyperspherical adiabatic potential (thick full line) of the H_3^+ and number of hyperspherical adiabatic potentials of the neutral molecule (thin lines). Lower family of lines (darker lines) dissociate to the $\text{H}_2 + \text{H}$ channel; the upper family (lighter lines) dissociate to the $\text{H} + \text{H} + \text{H}$ channel. To calculate hyperspherical adiabatic curves we used the three-dimensional H_3^+ potential from Ref. [48] and the H_3 potential from Refs. [35–37]. Since the density of hyperspherical states is high, only every tenth H_3 potential curve is shown in the figure. The dashed line shows the position of the ground vibrational level of the ion, which is the only one populated in the relevant experiments.

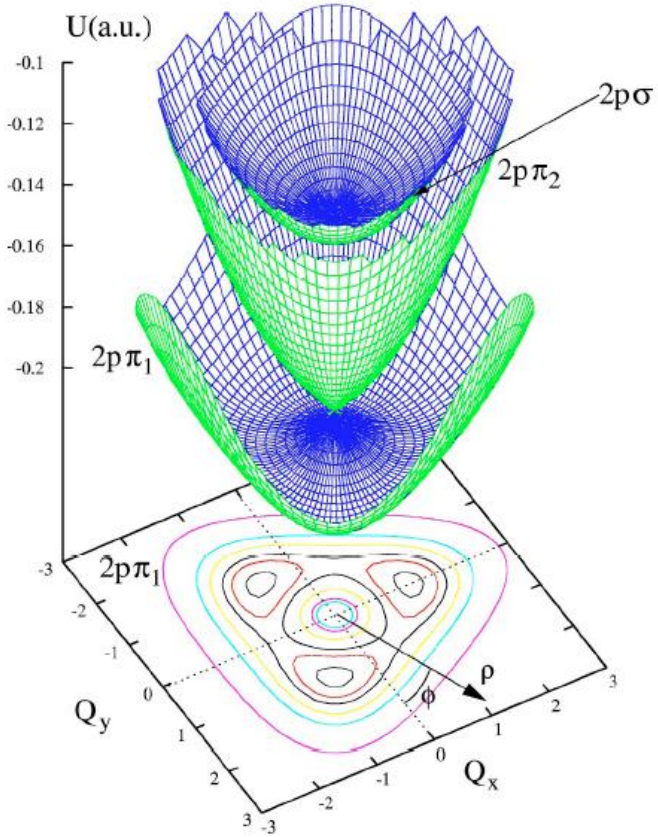


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Capture

Autoionization

H_3^* resonant state(s)

predissociation

To get high recombination rate, we need

(a) efficient capture

(b) predissociation faster than auto-ionization

Cosmic-ray ionisation rate

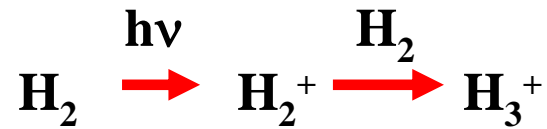
$$\gamma \sim 3 \times 10^{-17} \text{s}^{-1}$$

Dense Clouds



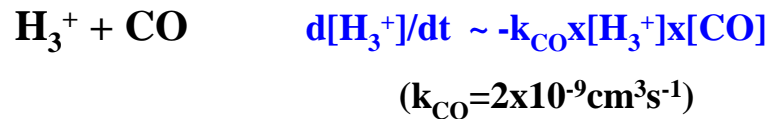
Barnard 68 (João Alves)

Formation



$$d[\text{H}_3^+]/dt \sim \gamma \cdot [\text{H}_2]$$

a) DENSE CLOUDS:



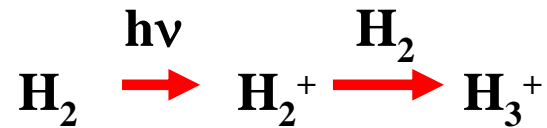
$$[\text{H}_3^+] = \gamma / k_{\text{CO}} \cdot [\text{H}_2] / [\text{CO}] = \underline{\sim 1 \times 10^{-4} \text{cm}^{-3}}$$

~OK with observation

Cosmic-ray ionisation rate

$$\gamma \sim 3 \times 10^{-17} \text{s}^{-1}$$

Formation



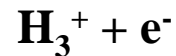
$$d[\text{H}_3^+]/dt \sim \gamma \cdot [\text{H}_2]$$

Diffuse Clouds



Cygnus OB2 (POSS)

b) DIFFUSE CLOUDS:



$$d[\text{H}_3^+]/dt \sim -\alpha_{\text{DR}} [\text{H}_3^+][\text{e}^-]$$

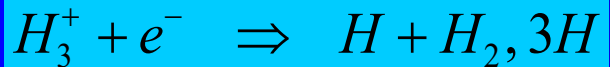
$$\alpha_{\text{DR}} = 2 \times 10^{-7} \text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1} \times (T/300)^{-0.65} \quad (\text{the value from 2005})$$

$$[\text{H}_3^+] = \gamma / \alpha_{\text{DR}} \cdot [\text{H}_2] / [\text{C}] = \sim \underline{1 \times 10^{-7} \text{cm}^{-3}}$$

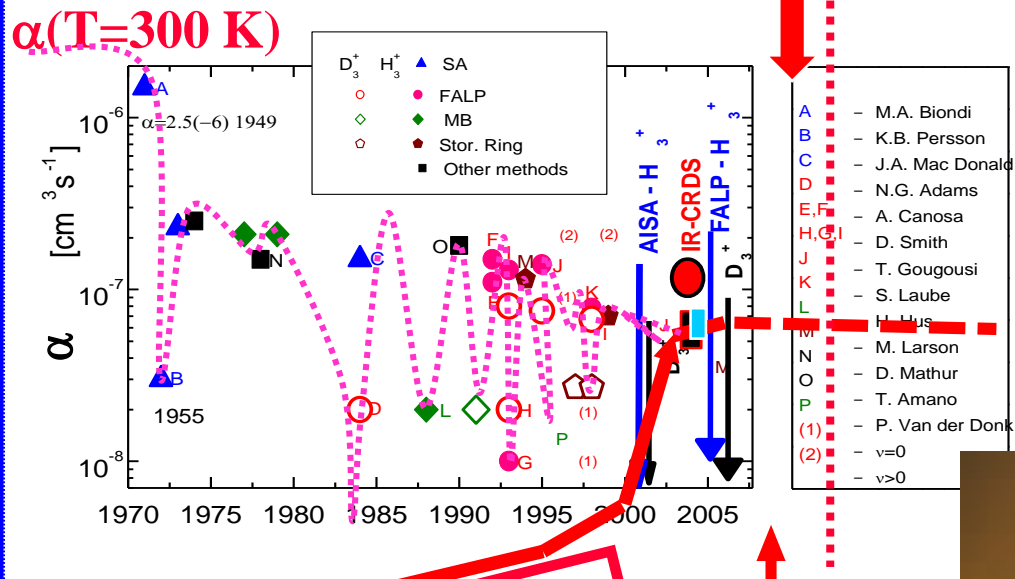
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... history is repeating itself



... One remaining problem is to understand the plasma afterglow experiments.



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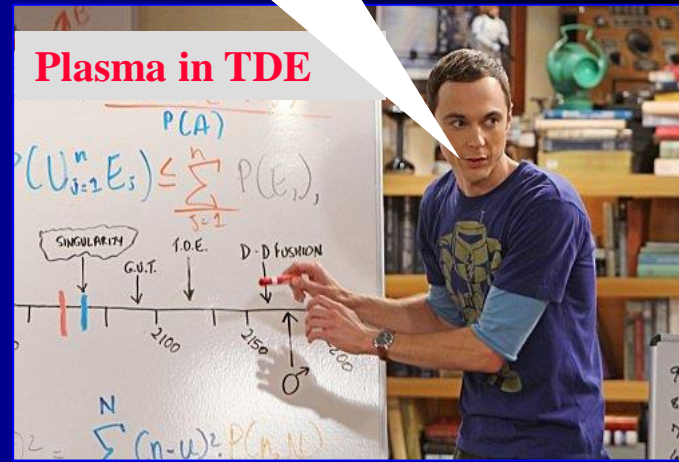
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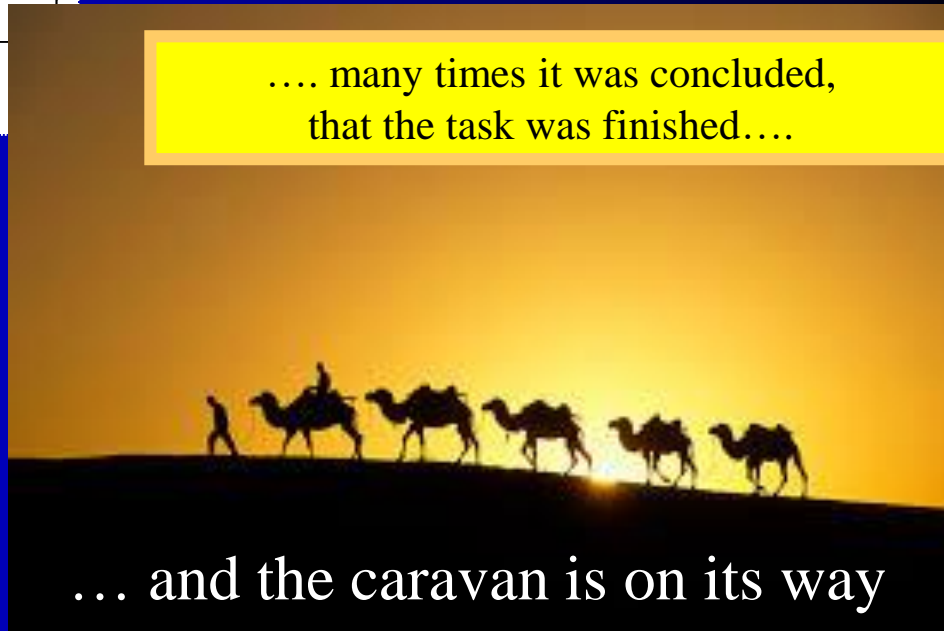
Petrignani *et al.* Phys. Rev. A (2011)

and ... history repeated itself.

M. Larsson et al, CP Letters (2008)



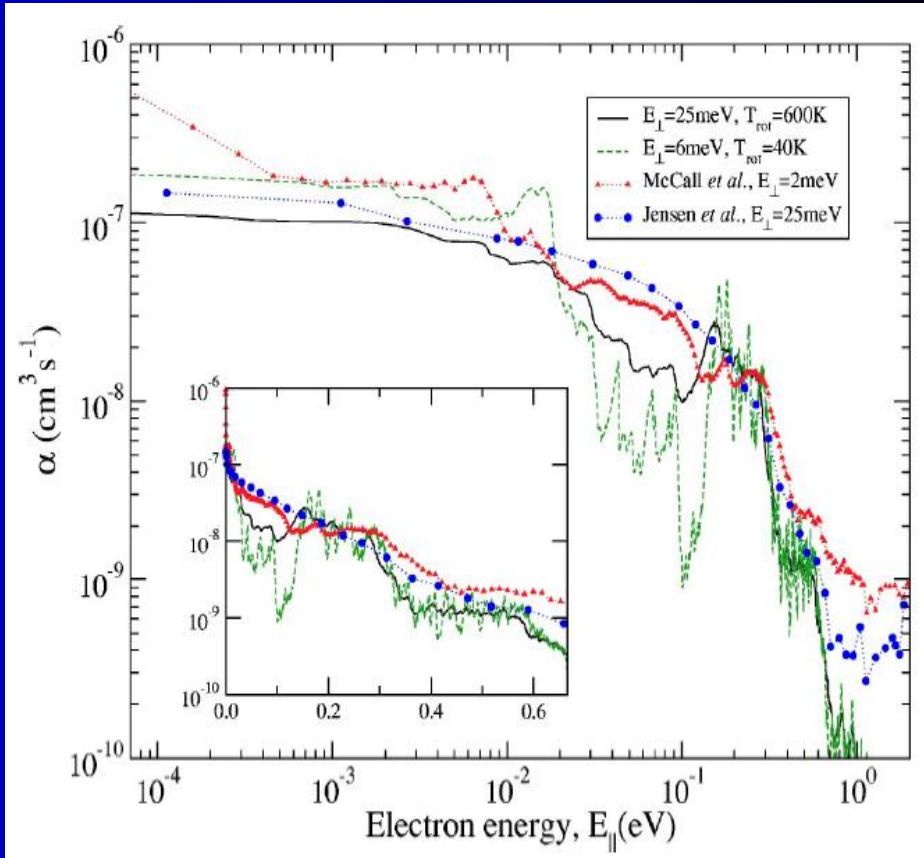
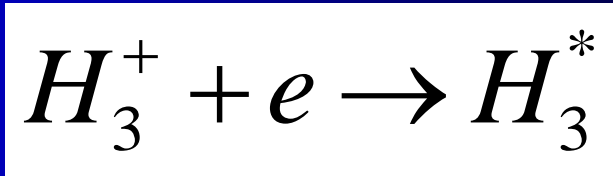
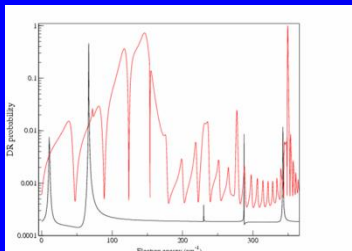
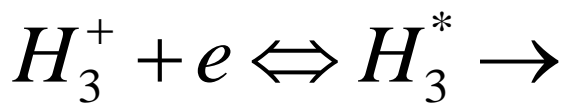
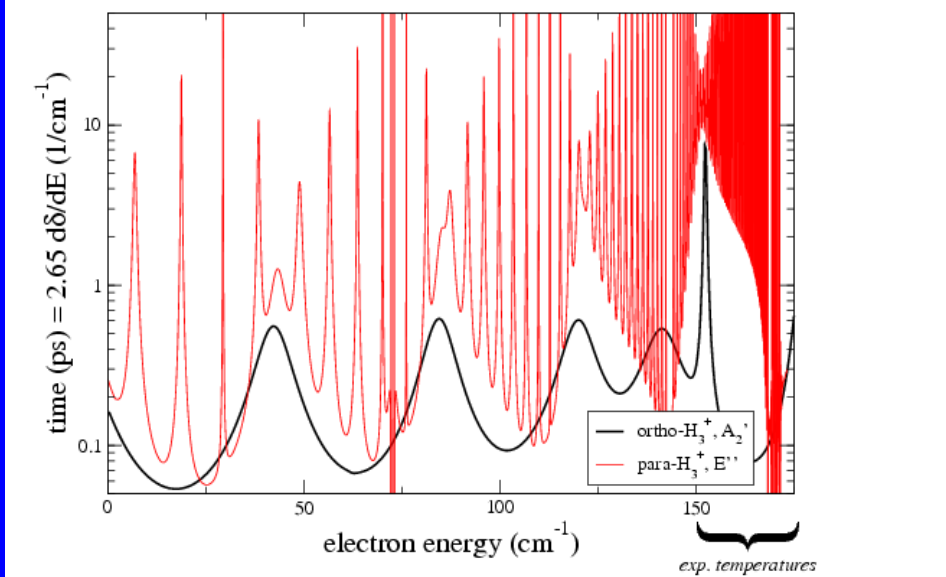
.... many times it was concluded,
that the task was finished....



... and the caravan is on its way

Calculated life time from Slava

Slava 30 08 07



Dear Juraj and Chris, I'm sending you the figure with the DR probabilities for two different symmetries (red and black curves). The red curve corresponds to the rotational autoionization region. Fro this figure you can have an idea about the widths of the resonances. With best wishes, Slava

Recombination rate coefficients

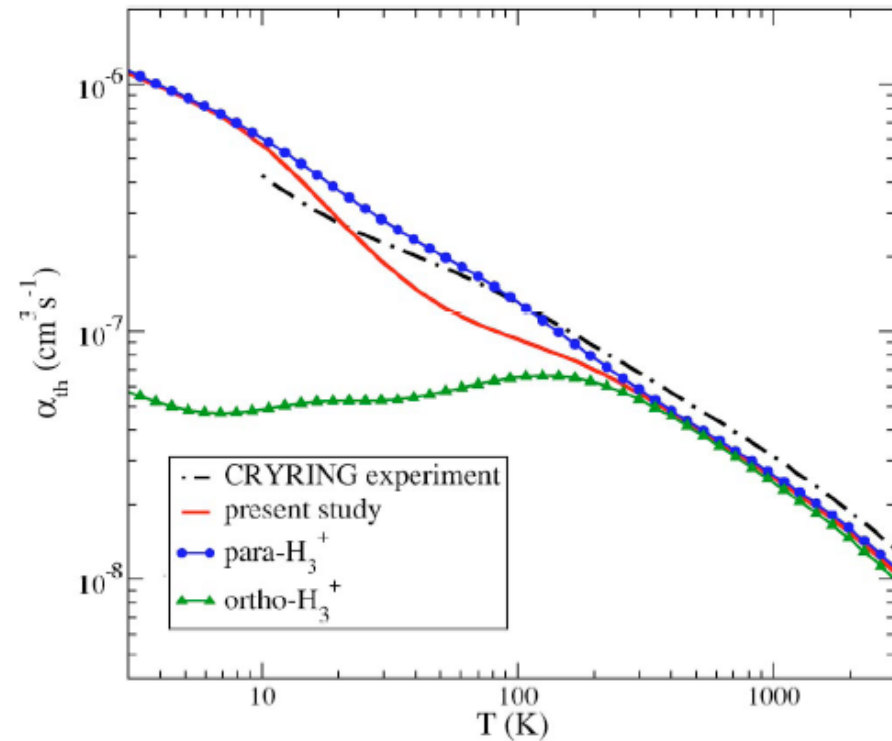


FIG. 5. (Color online) The present theoretical thermal rate coefficient for dissociative recombination of H_3^+ is compared with the experimental rate coefficient deduced from the storage ring experiment of McCall and co-workers (Refs. 9 and 10).

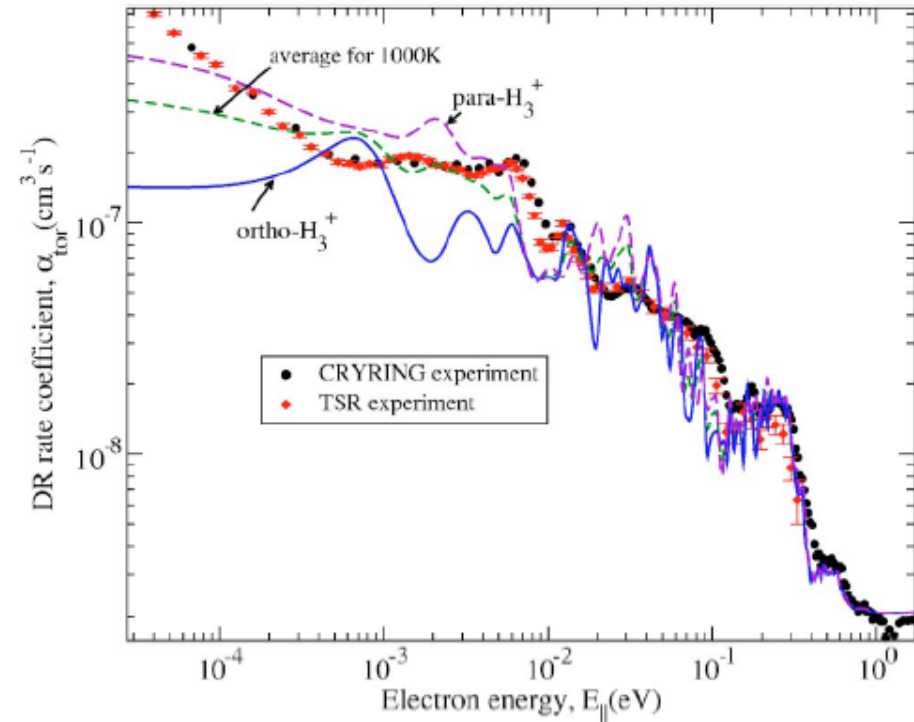
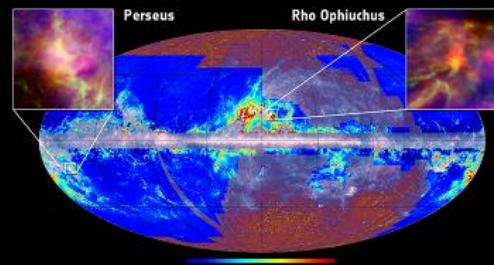


FIG. 3. (Color online) This figure compares the theoretical DR rate coefficient to the high-resolution storage ring experiment of Kreckel *et al.*¹² carried out at TSR. The experimental resolution parameters are ΔE_{\parallel} and ΔE_{\perp} are 25 μeV and 0.5 meV, respectively. The theoretical curve shown has been calculated with these parameters and rotational temperature $T_{rv} = 1000$ K. The figure also shows the theoretical DR rate coefficients calculated separately for ortho- and paraconfigurations of H_3^+ with the same parameters ΔE_{\parallel} , ΔE_{\perp} , and T_{rv} .

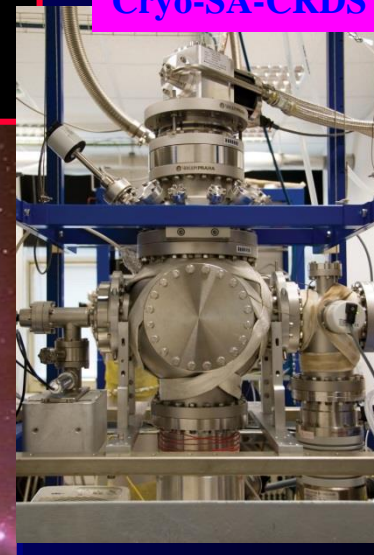
The battle ship enters the stage

H_3^+ is
fundamental

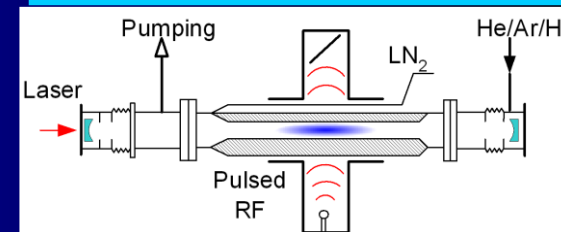
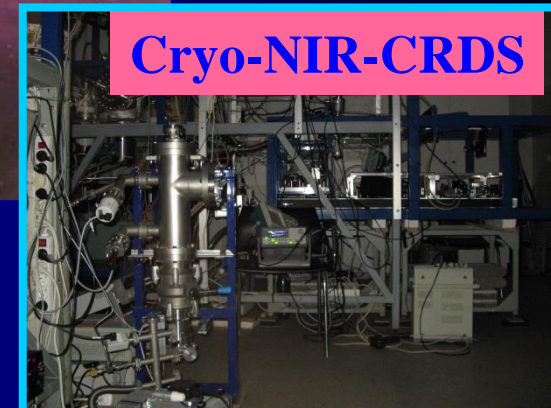
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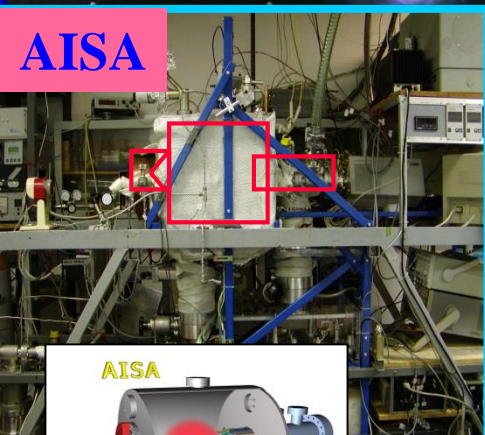
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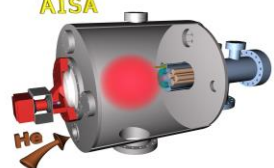
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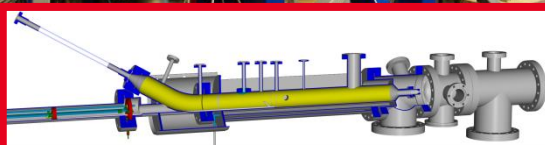
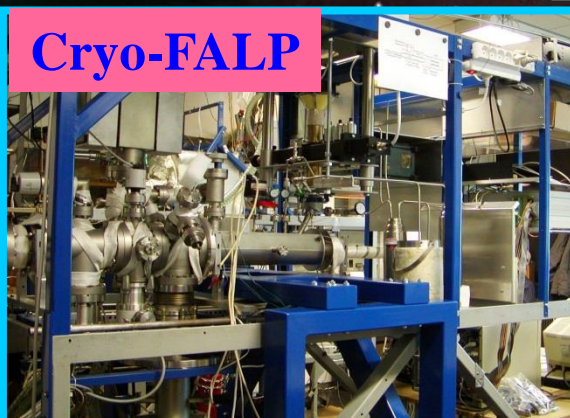
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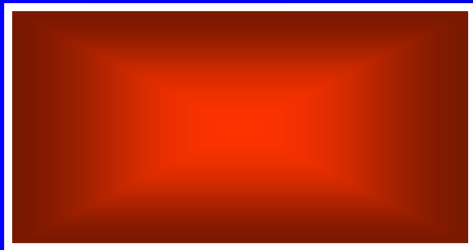
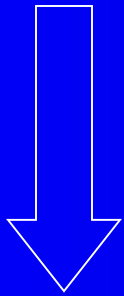


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Pulsed (stationary) afterglow

Discharge pulse

microwave, UV, x-ray, e-beam

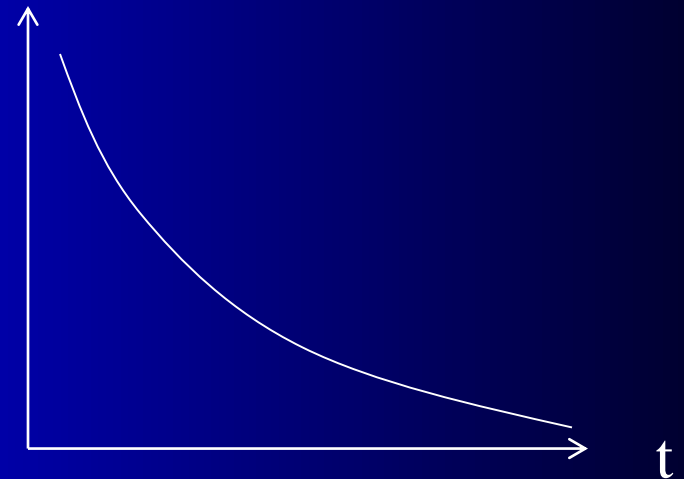


Plasma chamber

He: $\sim 1 - 20$ Torr

Ar: 10 to 30 %
+ molecules

Measure $n_e(t)$



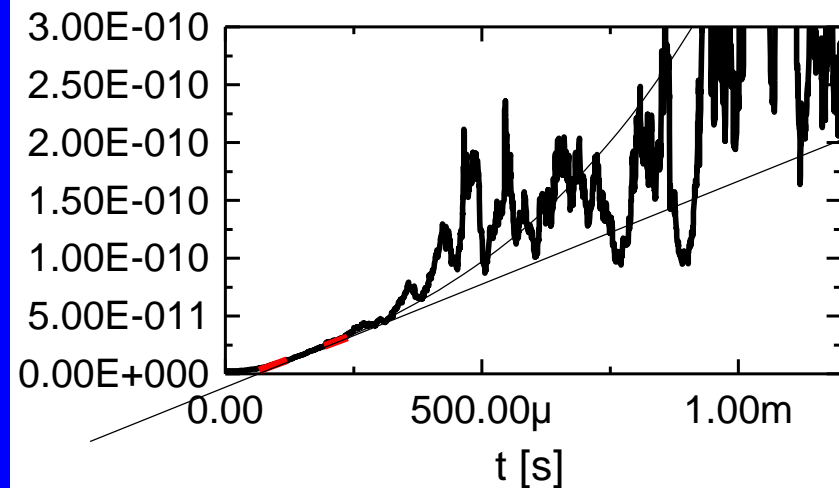
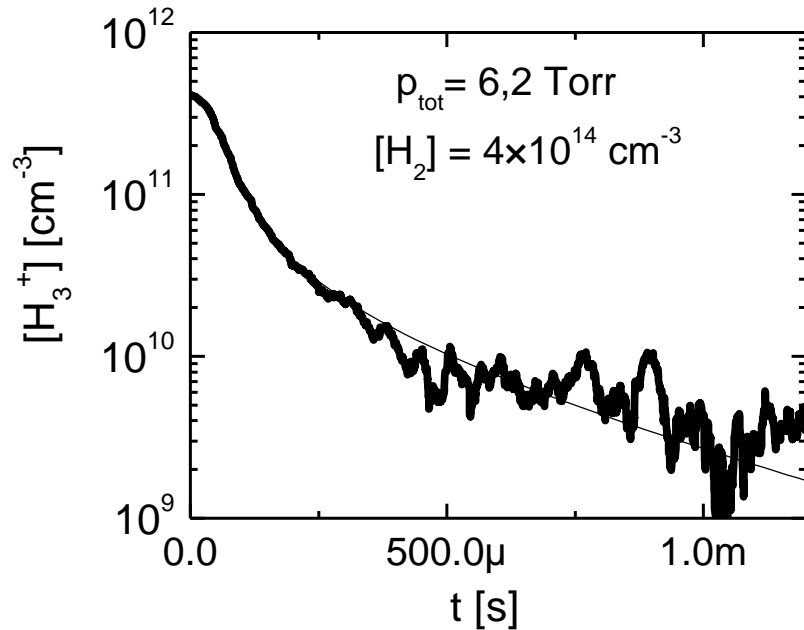
Get:

$$\frac{dn_e}{dt} = -\alpha n_e^2 + (\text{diffusion})$$

$$n_e(t) = \frac{n_{e0}}{1 + \alpha n_{e0} t}$$

We measure effective – apparent binary recombination rate coefficient

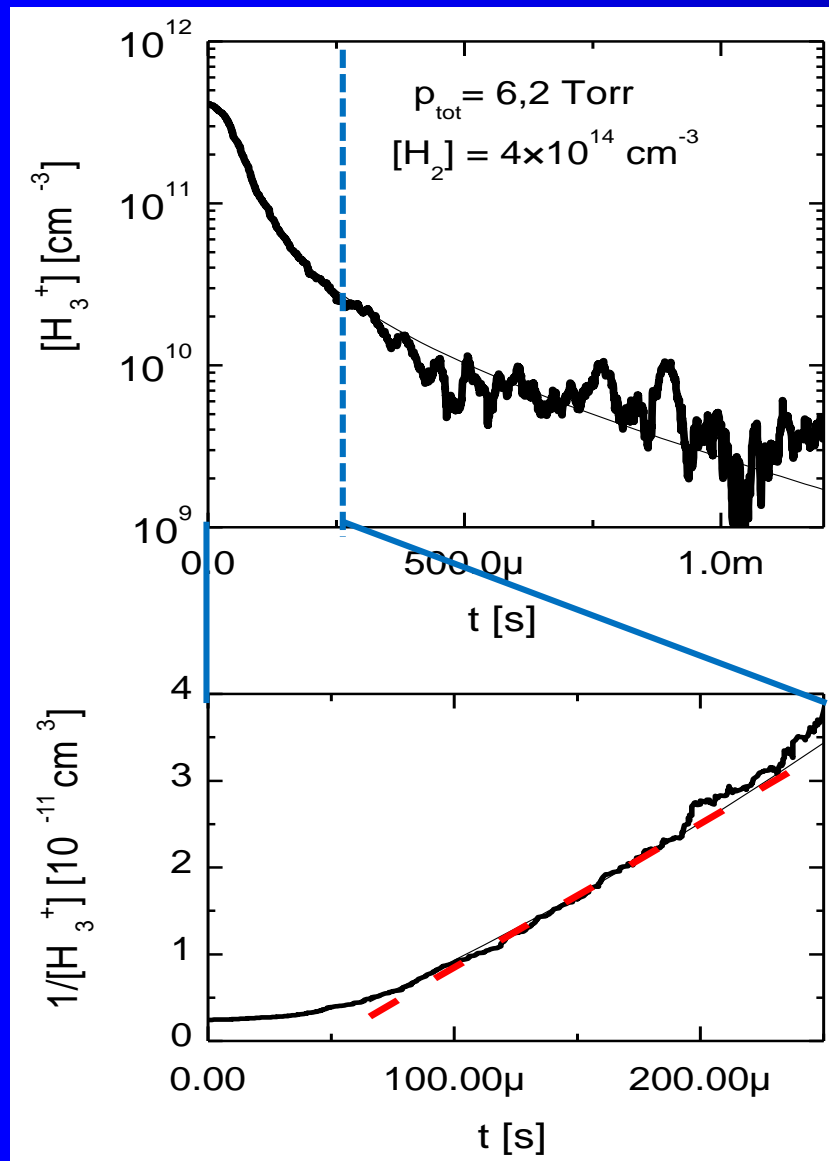
Quasineutral H_3^+ dominated plasma



$$\frac{dn_e}{dt} = -\alpha_{\text{eff}} n_e^2 - \frac{n_e}{\tau_L}$$

$$\frac{1}{[\text{H}_3^+]} = \frac{1}{[\text{H}_3^+]_0} + \alpha t$$

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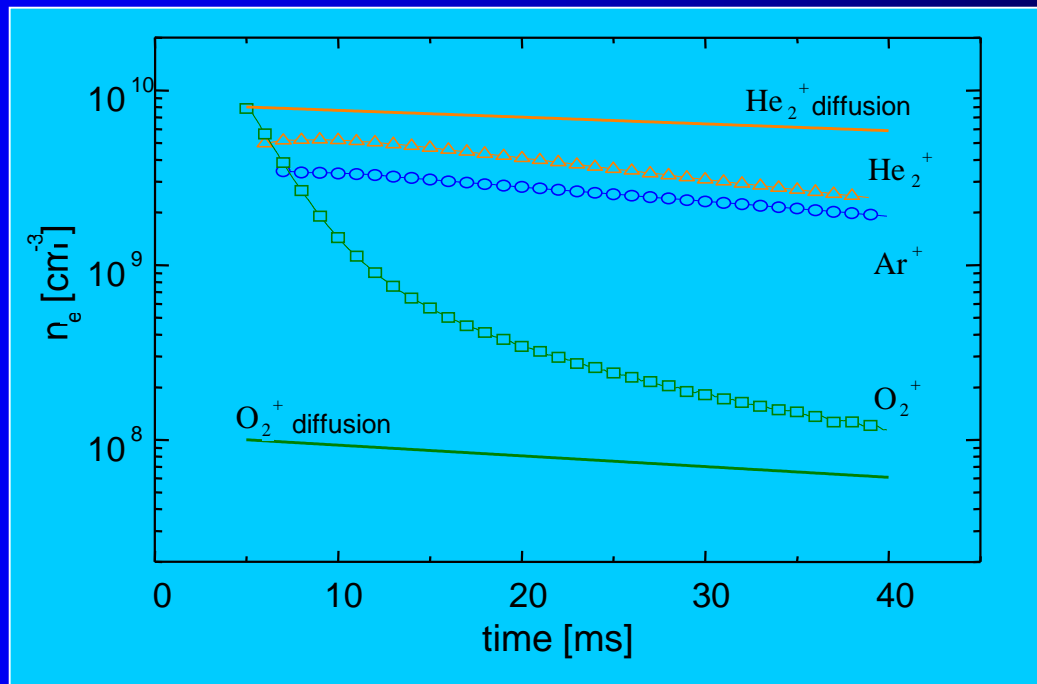
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Decay in diffusion and recombination governed plasma

$$\frac{dn_e}{dt} = -\alpha n_e^2 - \frac{D_a}{\Lambda^2} n_e$$

$$\frac{1}{n_e} = \alpha \frac{\exp(\nu t) - 1}{\nu_D} + \frac{1}{n_0} \exp(\nu_D t)$$



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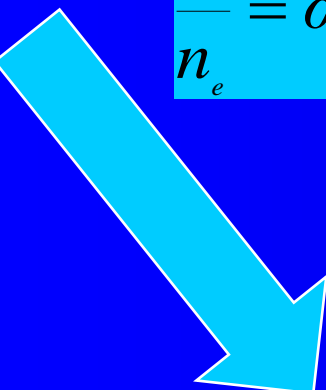
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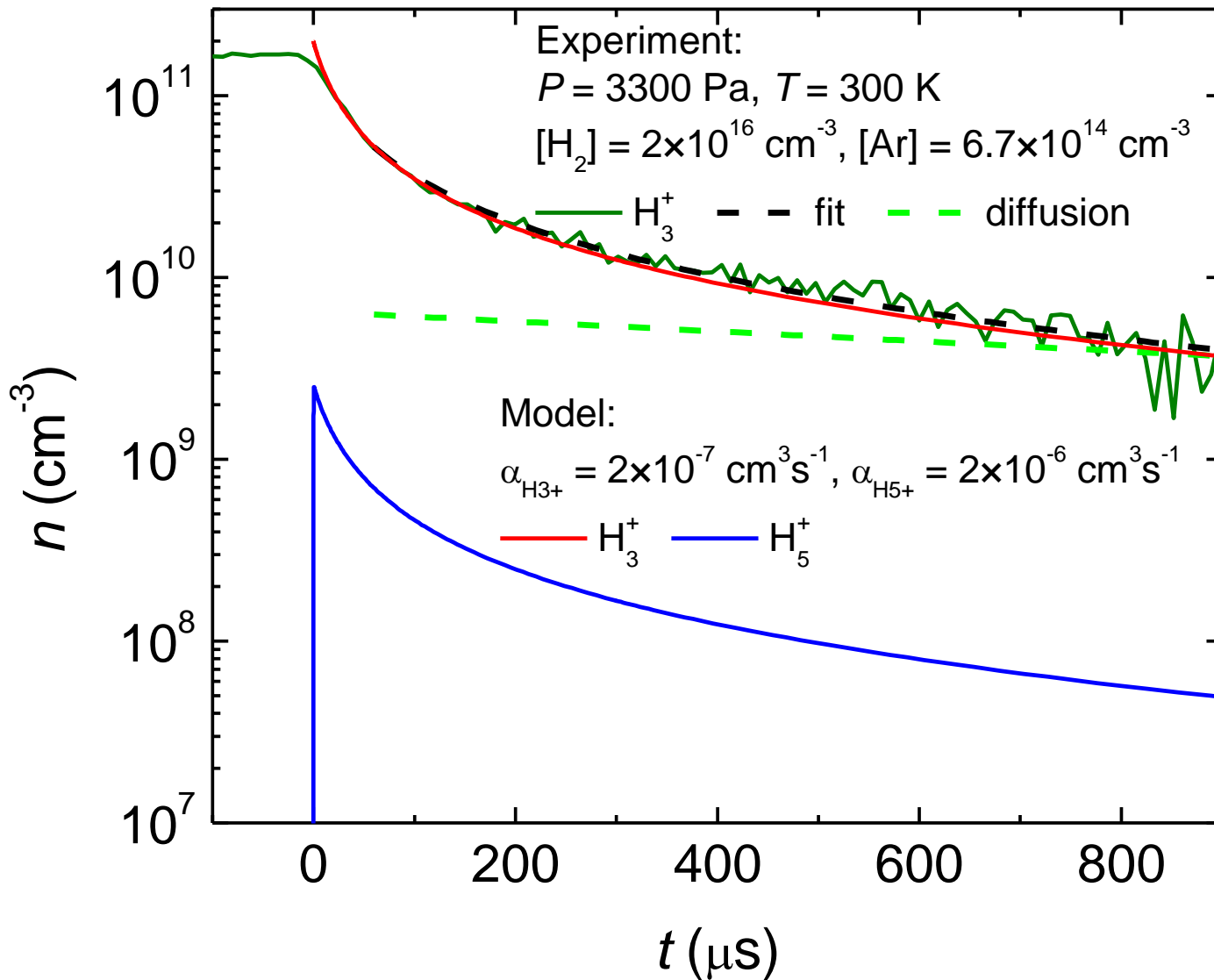
Limit for $t \rightarrow 0$

$$\frac{1}{n_e} = \alpha \frac{(1 + \nu_D t) - 1}{\nu_D} + \frac{1}{n_0} (1 + \nu_D t)$$

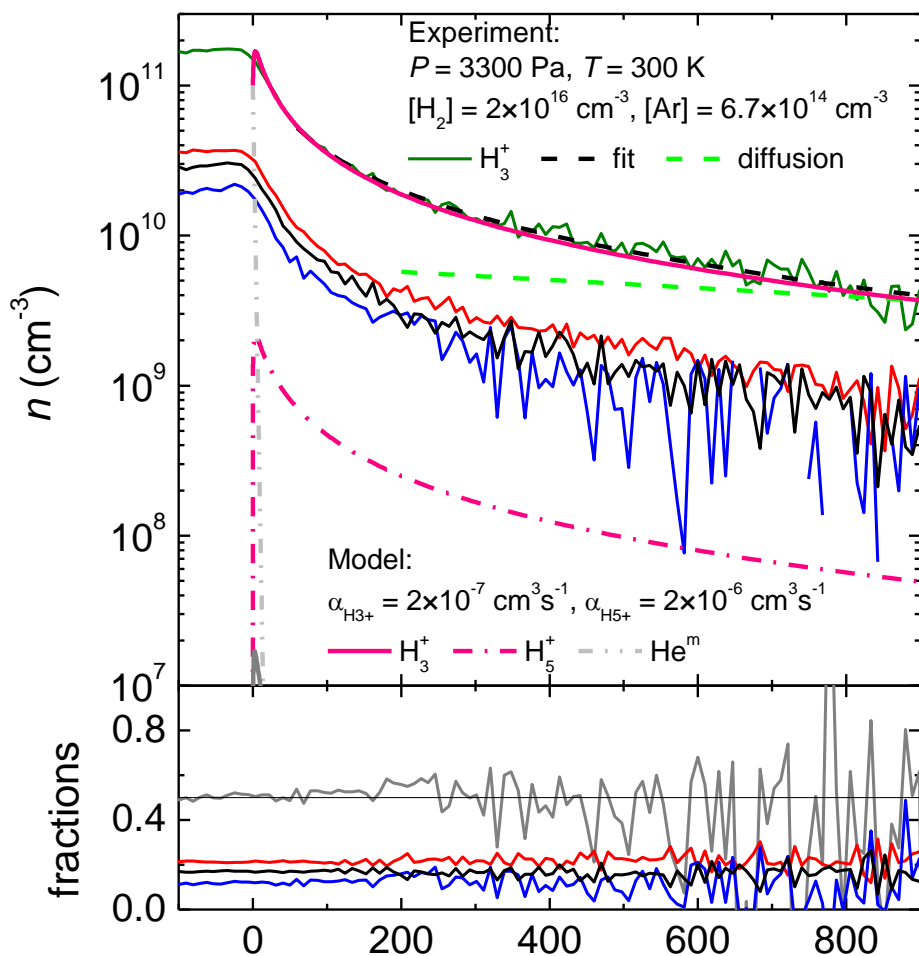
Limit for large t

$$\frac{1}{n_e} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\nu_D} + \frac{1}{n_0} \right) \exp(\nu_D t)$$


$$\frac{1}{n_e} = \alpha t + \frac{1}{n_0} (1)$$



Srovnani modelu a experimentu. Pocatecni podminka: $[\text{H}_3^+] = n_e = 2 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.



$$\frac{dn_e}{dt} = -[\alpha_1 n_1(t) + \alpha_2 n_2(t)] n_e$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_{\text{eff}}(t) = [\alpha_1 f_1(t) + \alpha_2 f_2(t)]$$

$$f_1 + f_2 = 1$$

Model + data. Počáteční podmínka: $n_e = \text{He}^m = [\text{H}_3^+]$.

Poznámka. Naměřené τ difúzních ztrát 1.6 ms. Teoretické τ při daném tlaku je 1.8 ms (odpovídá cca $4 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ koncentraci nečistot (při $2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ rychlosti reakce H_3^+ s nečistotami). Naměřená koncentrace vody $[\text{H}_2\text{O}] = 5 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ($[\text{He}] = 8 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$).

If there are 2 or more ion species, the fast recombining species disappears first

$$\frac{dn_e}{dt} = -[\alpha_1 n_1(t) + \alpha_2 n_2(t)]n_e$$

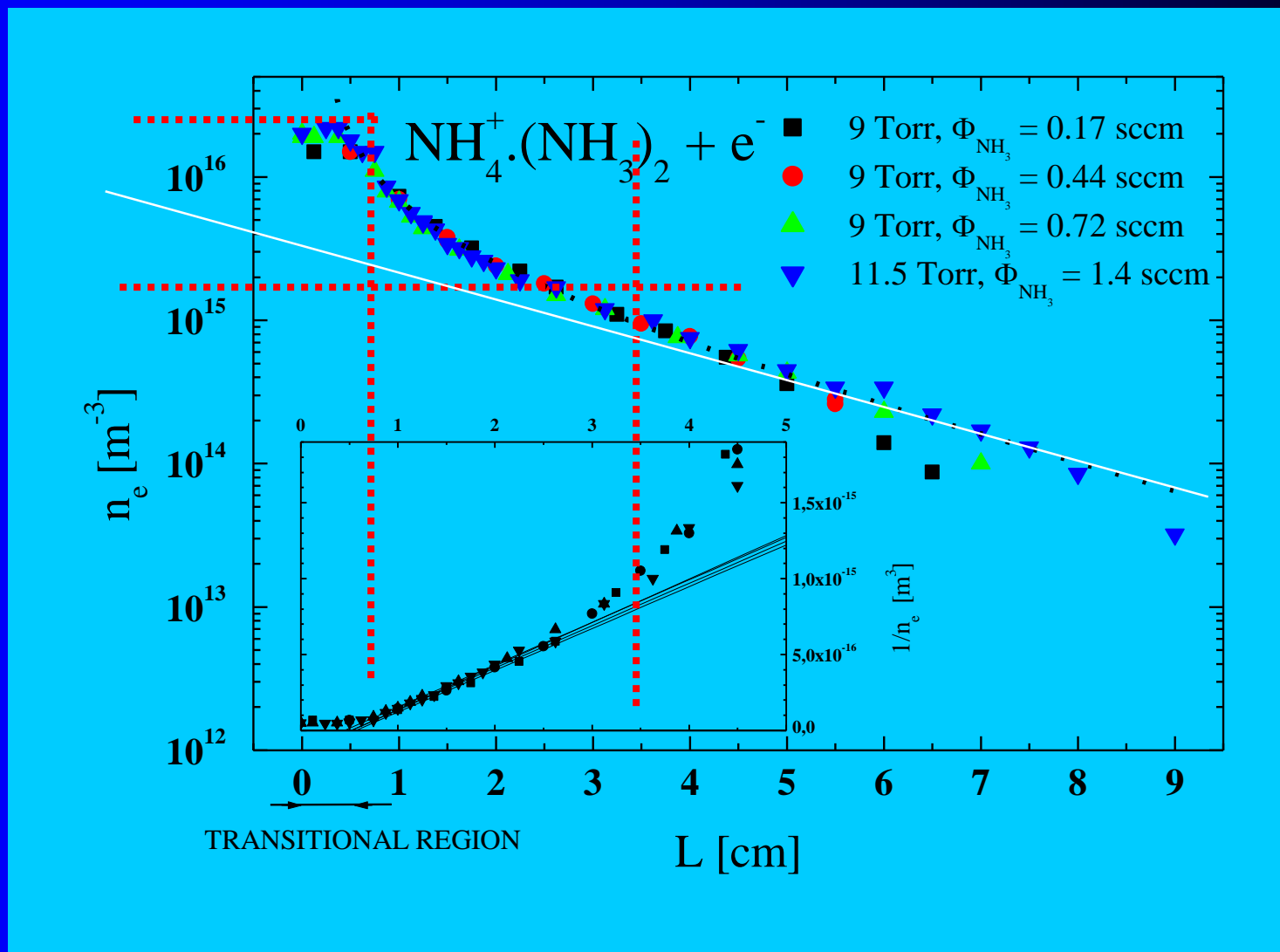
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Diffusion and recombination

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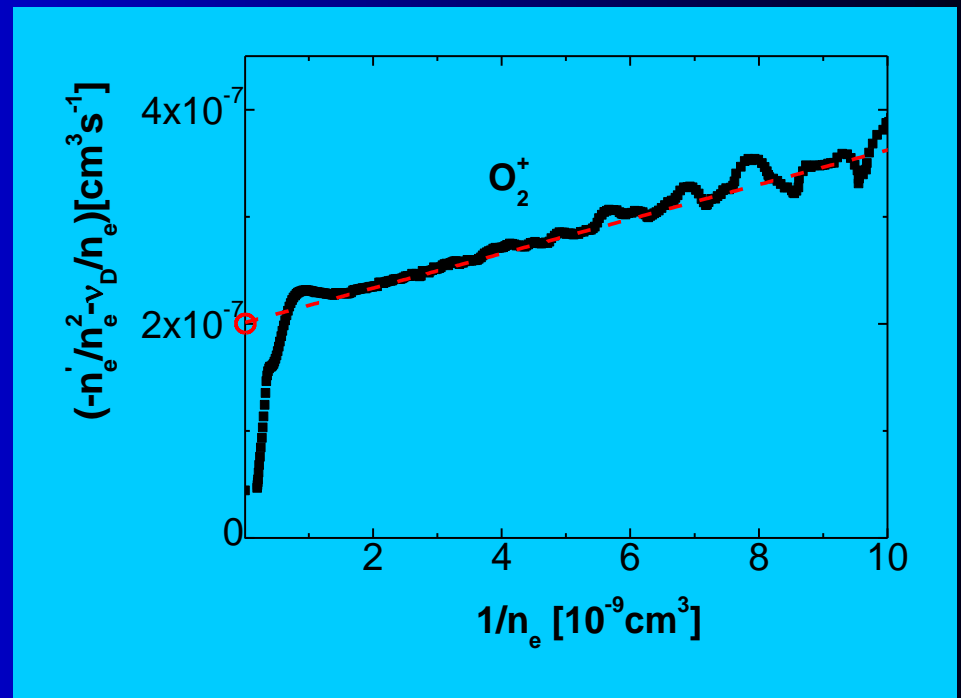
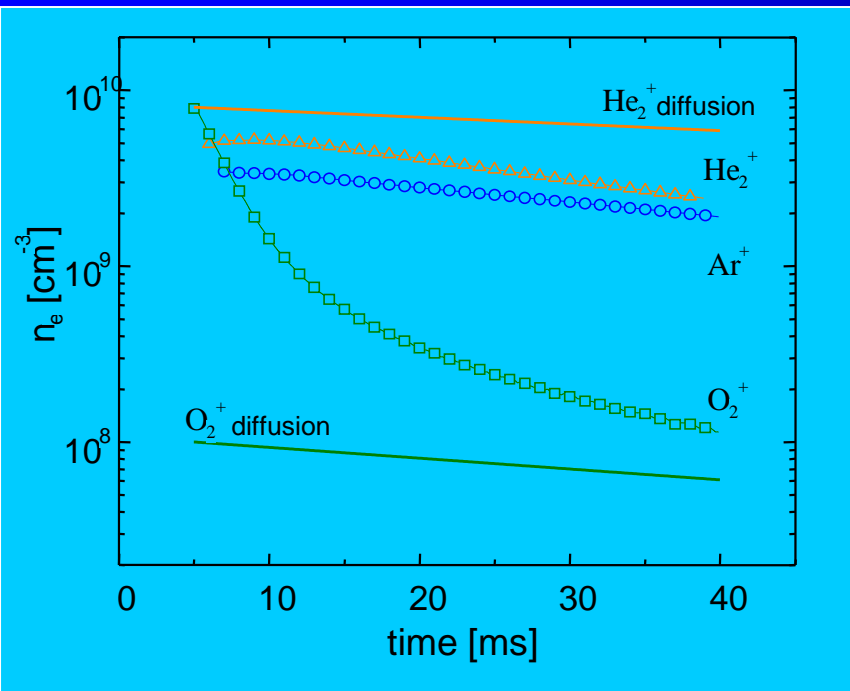
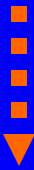
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 Study of the electron ion recombination in high pressure flowing afterglow. Recombination of $\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot (\text{NH}_3)_2$,
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Advanced analyze O_2^+

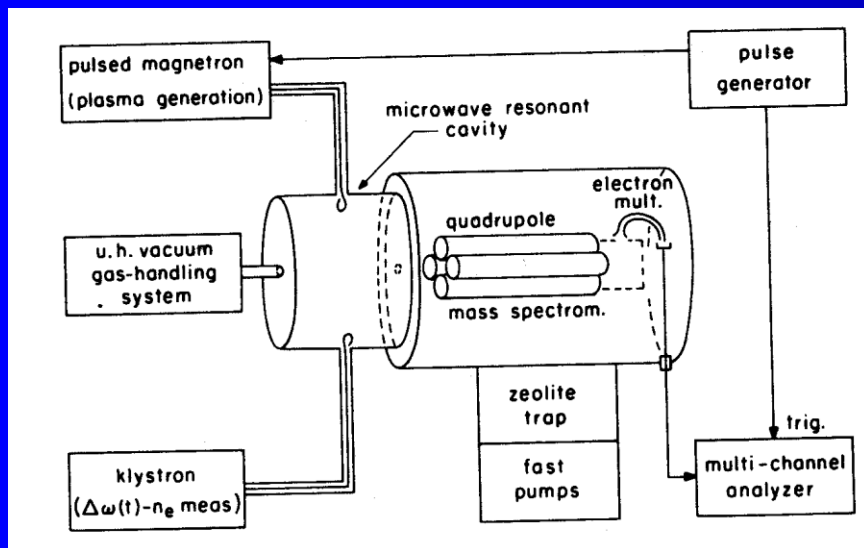
$$dn_e / dt = -\alpha[O_2^+]n_e - \nu_D n_e - \nu_R n_e = -\alpha n_e^2 - \nu_D n_e - \nu_R n_e$$

$$\frac{1}{n_e} - \frac{1}{n_0} = \alpha(t_e - t_0)$$

$$-n_e' / n_e^2 = \alpha + (\nu_D + \nu_R) / n_e$$

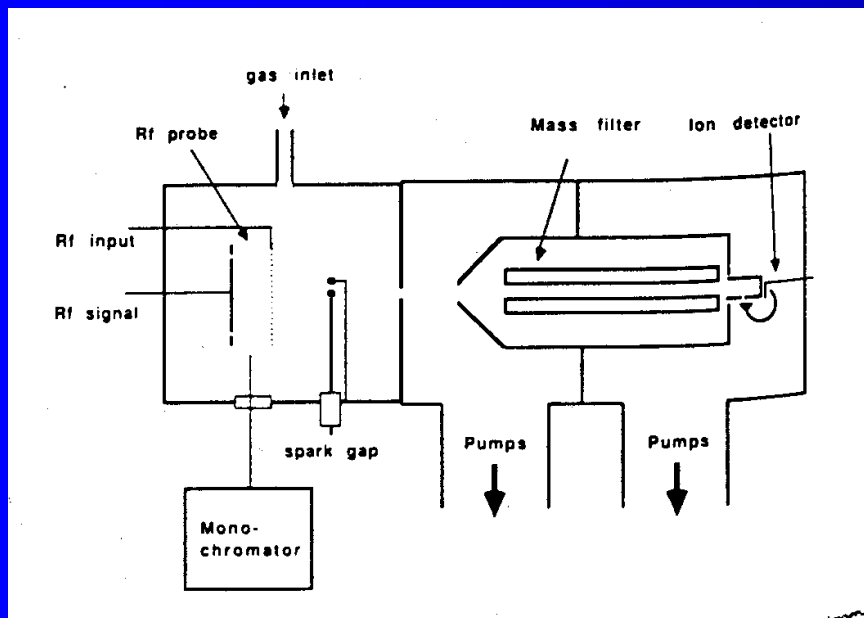


Stationary afterglow (M. Biondy, R. Johnsen)



M.T.Leu, M.A. Biondy, R. Johnsen
recombination of H_3^+ and H_5^+

μw SA



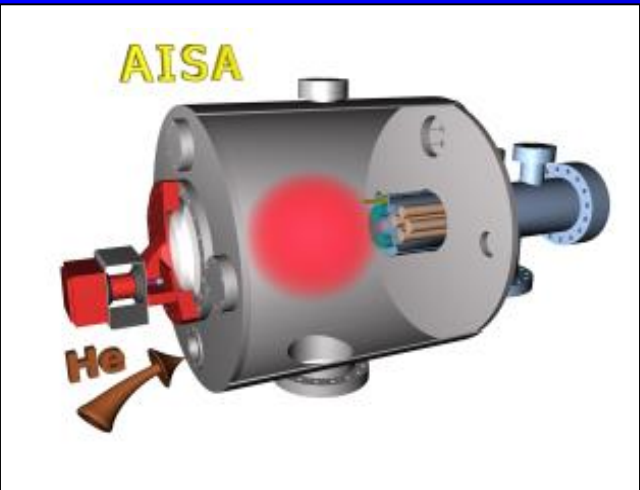
R. Johnsen N_4^+ recombination
at 300-800 Torr $\alpha = 2.6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$

High pressure SA

RF probe, spark discharge

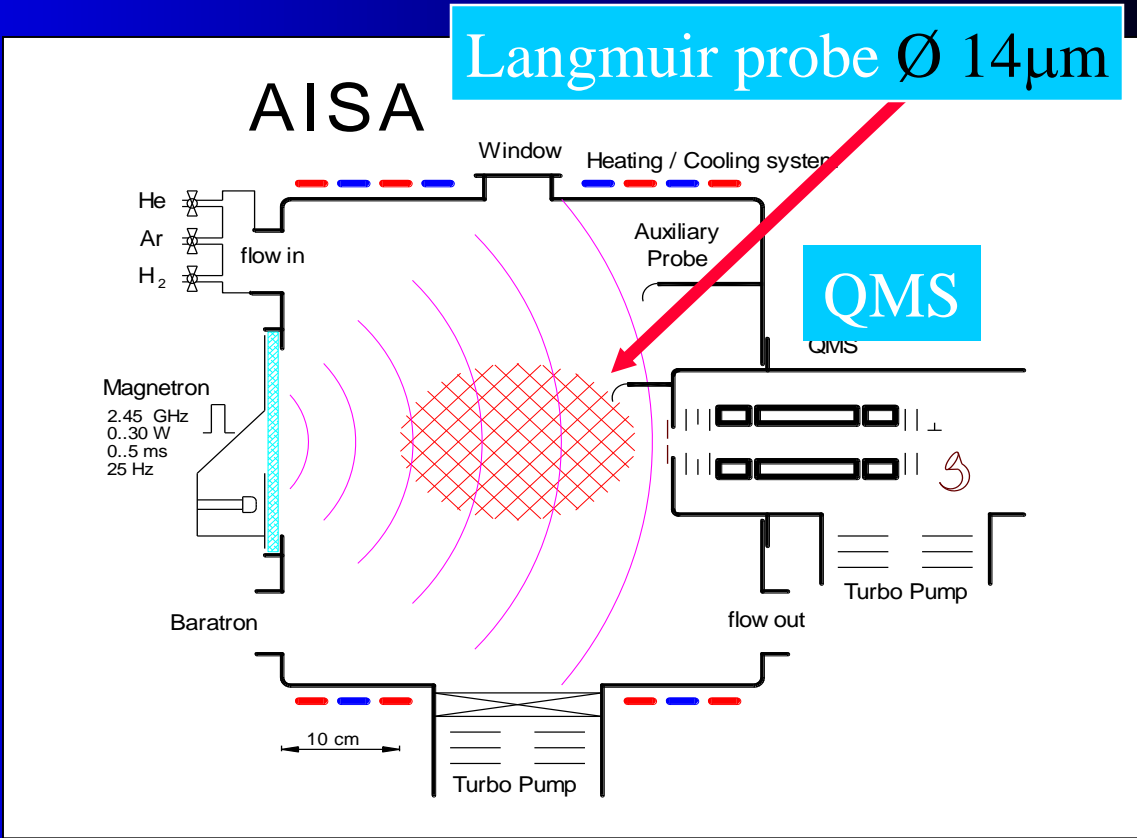
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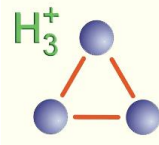


PULSED STATIONARY AFTERGLOW
20-100ms decay

40 cm diameter
UHV - 10^{-9} Torr
External magnetron
2 Torr of He/Ar/H₂

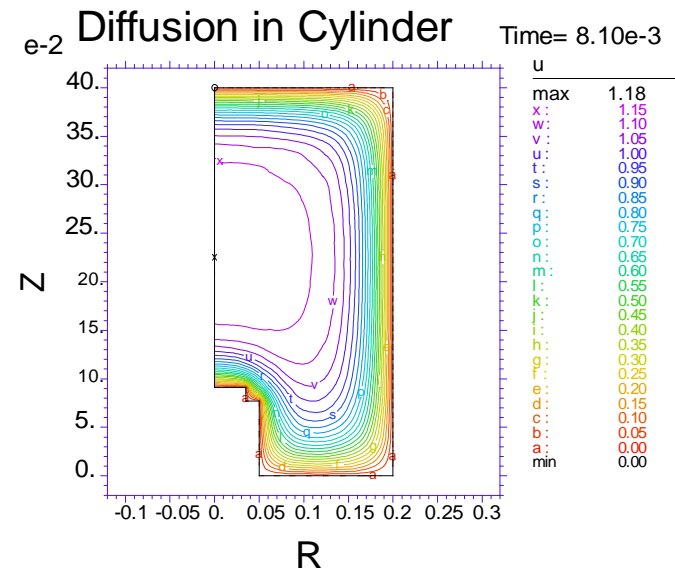
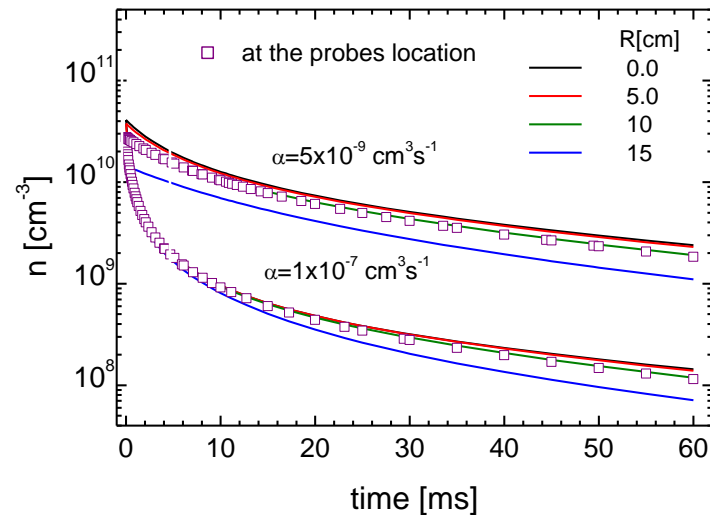


CALCULATION OF PLASMA DECAY IN CYLINDER



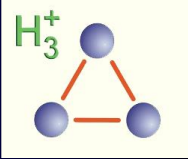
DIFFUSION AND RECOMBINATION

$\tau_D = 60 \text{ ms}$, $\alpha = 1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ and $\alpha = 5 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$



RECOMBINATION AND DIFFUSION

in He/O₂⁺/e⁻ plasma (2 Torr, τ_D~60ms)



$$\frac{d[O_2^+]}{dt} = -\alpha[O_2^+]n_e - \frac{n_e}{\tau_D}$$

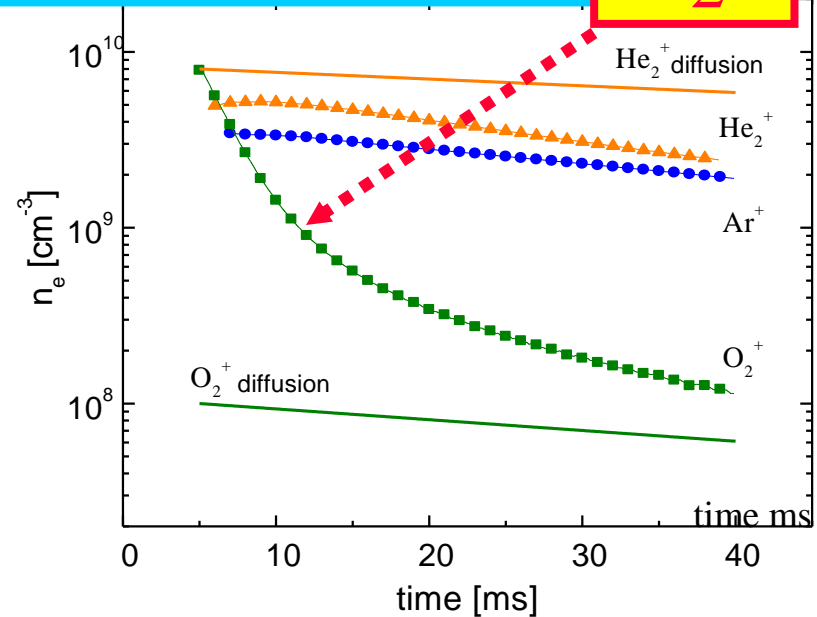
Only recombination:

$$1/n_e = 1/n_{e0} + \alpha t$$

Only diffusion

$$n_e = n_{e0} \exp(-t/\tau_D)$$

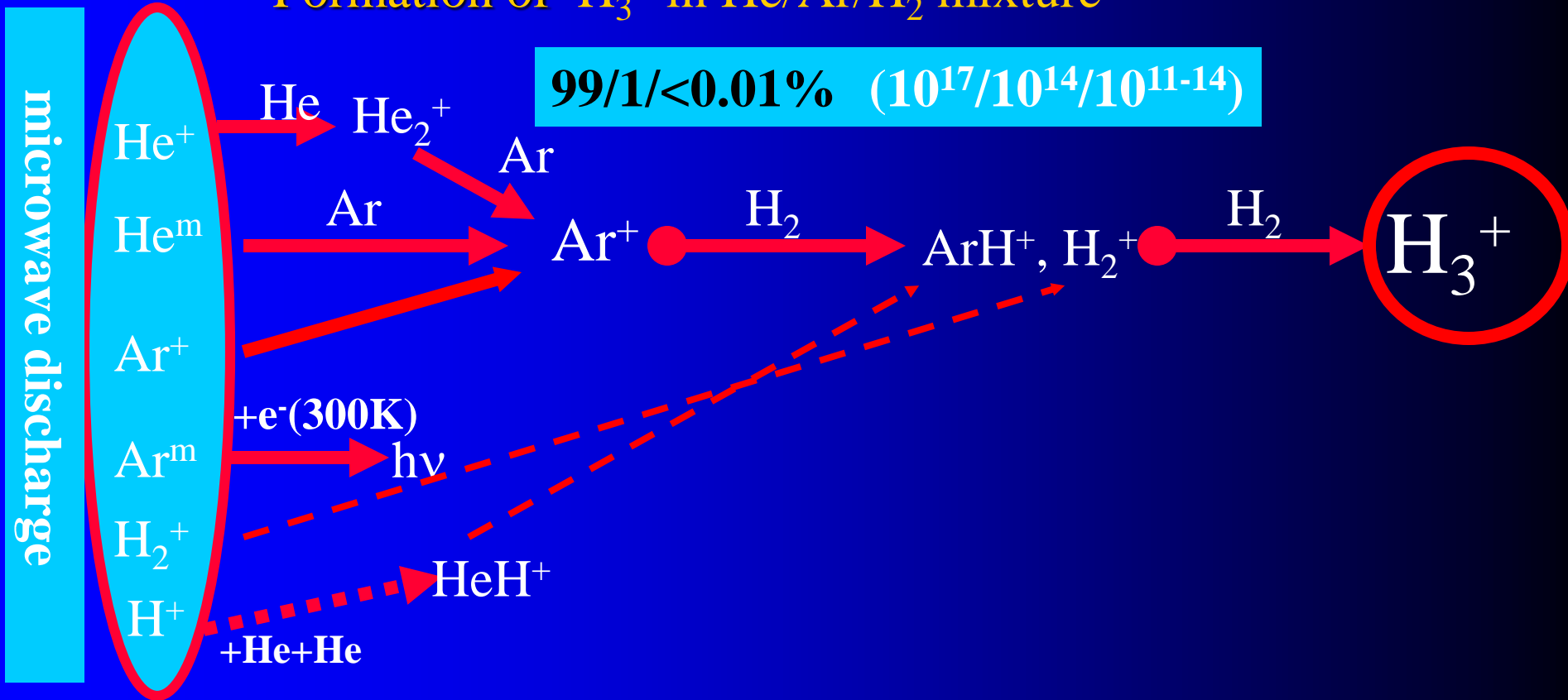
$$\alpha(O_2^+, 300K) = 2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$



With recombination and diffusion

$$n_e = \frac{1}{\alpha \tau_D \exp(t/\tau_D) + \frac{1}{n_0} \exp(t/\tau_D)}$$

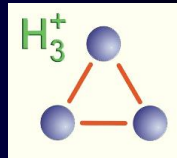
Formation of H_3^+ in He/Ar/ H_2 mixture



FORMATION:

Ion molecule reactions during the early afterglow

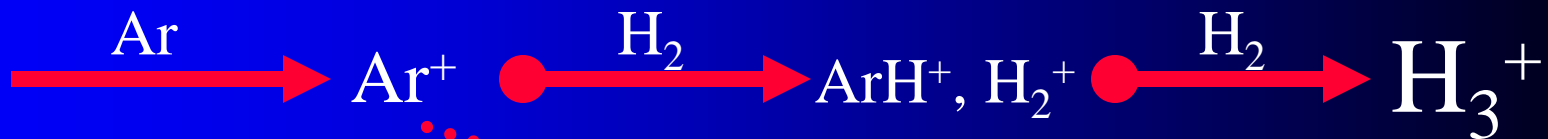
Formation of H_3^+ in He/Ar/ H_2 mixture



microwave discharge

He^+
 He^m
 Ar^+
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 H_2^+

$10^{17}/10^{14}/10^{11}$

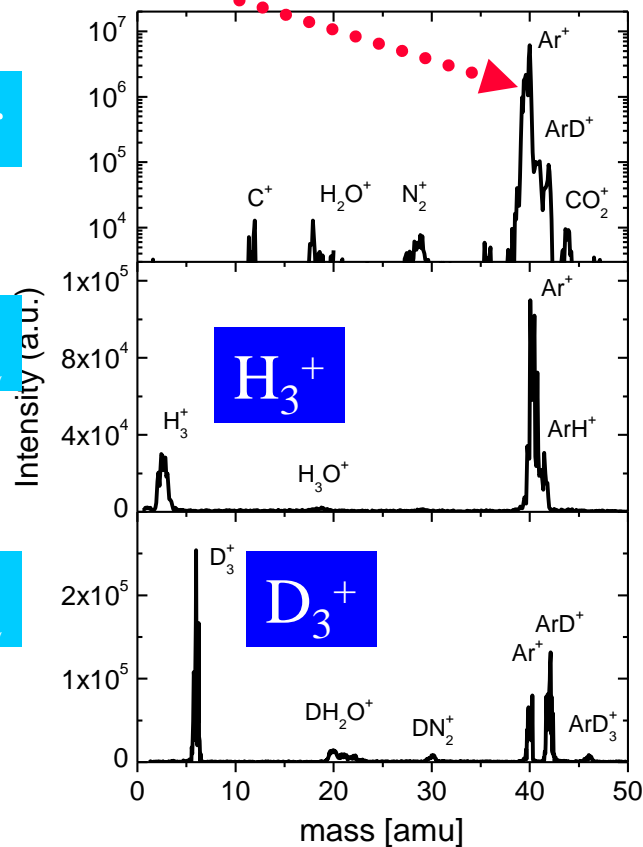


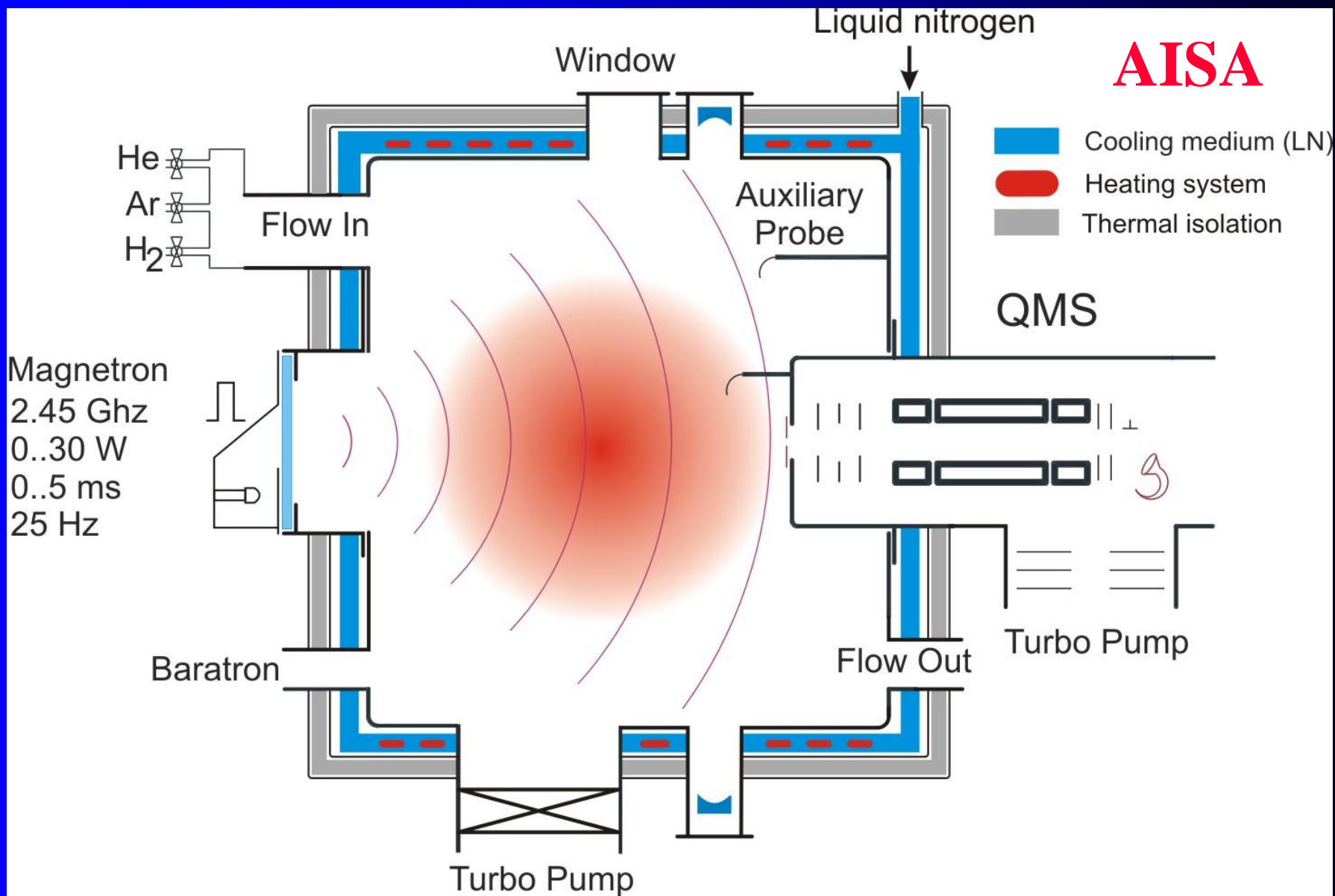
Changes due to the ion molecule reactions during the early afterglow

He/Ar

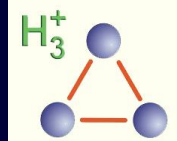
He/Ar/ H_2

He/Ar/ D_2

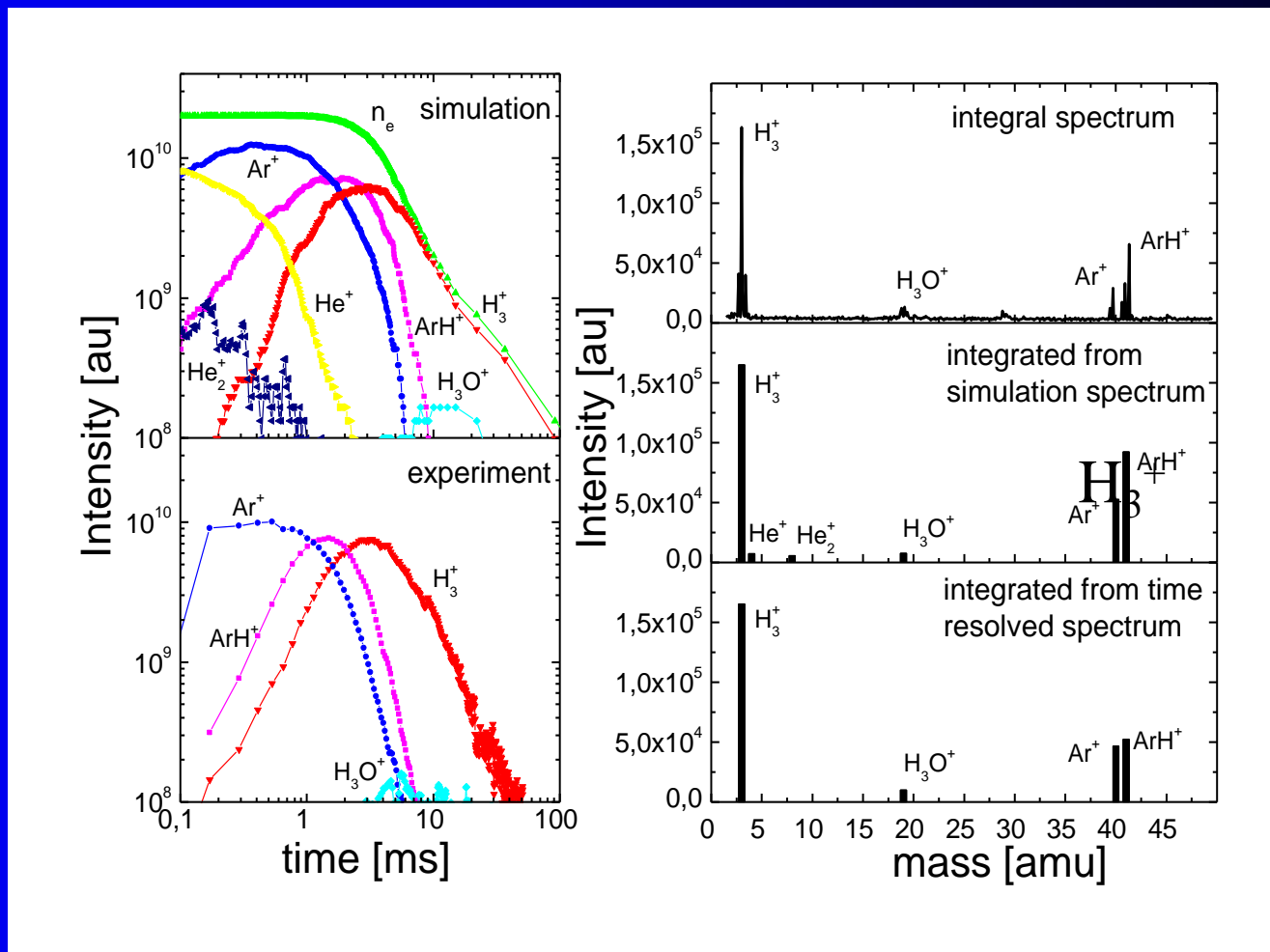
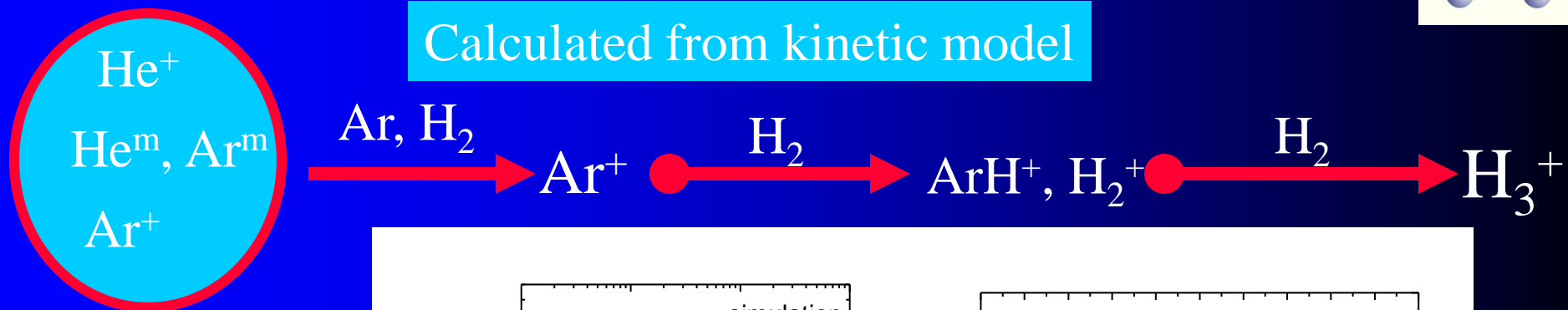




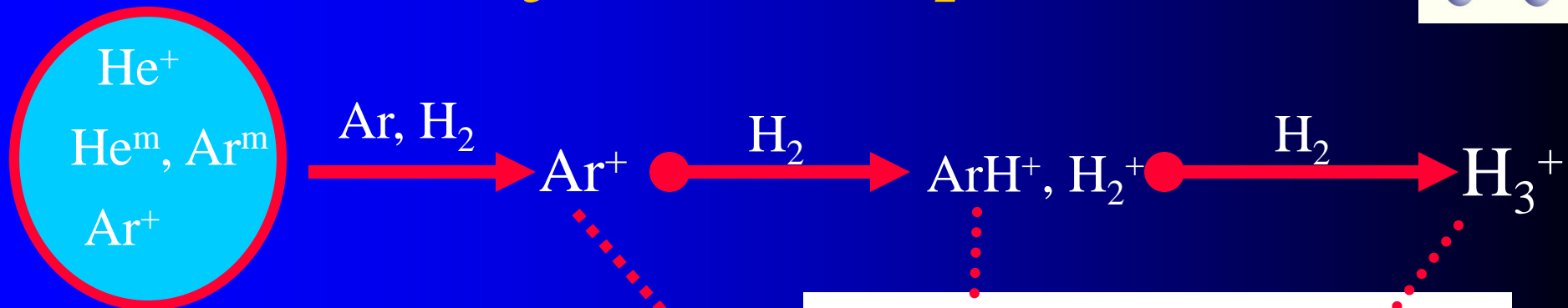
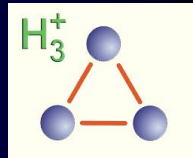
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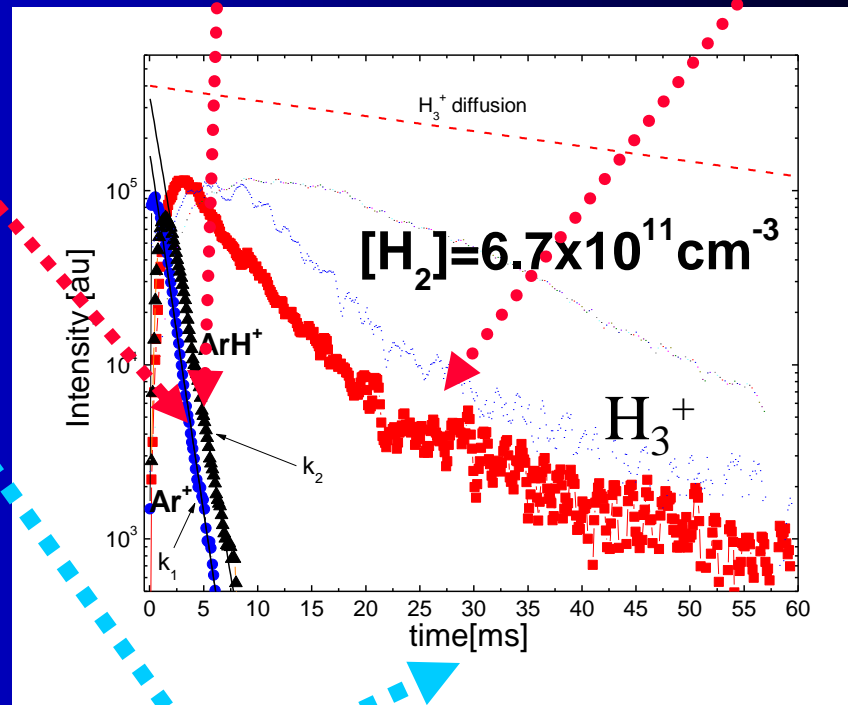
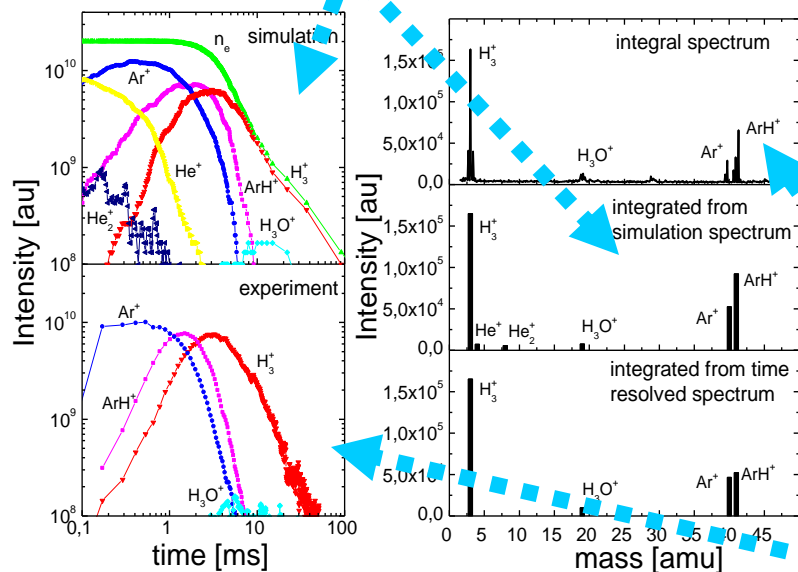
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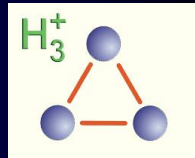


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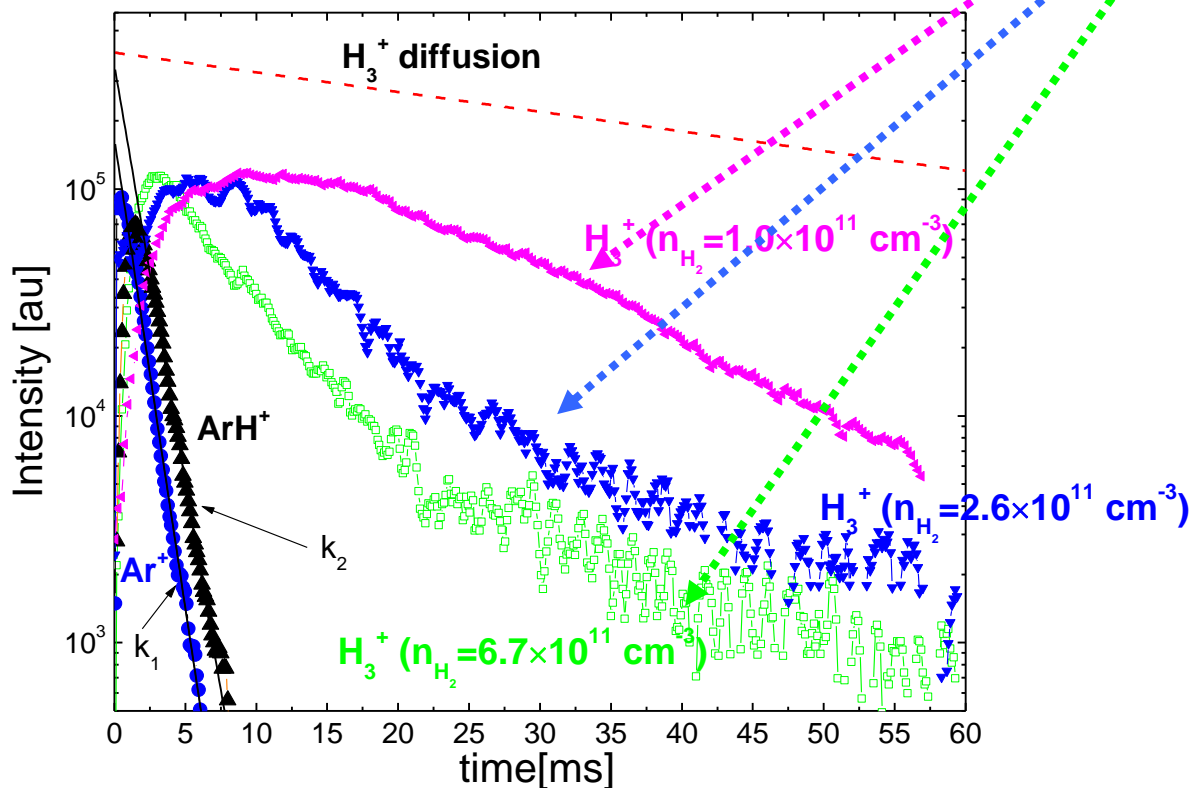


Measured time evolution

Time resolved mass spectra



Rates of the decays are dependent on $[H_2]$



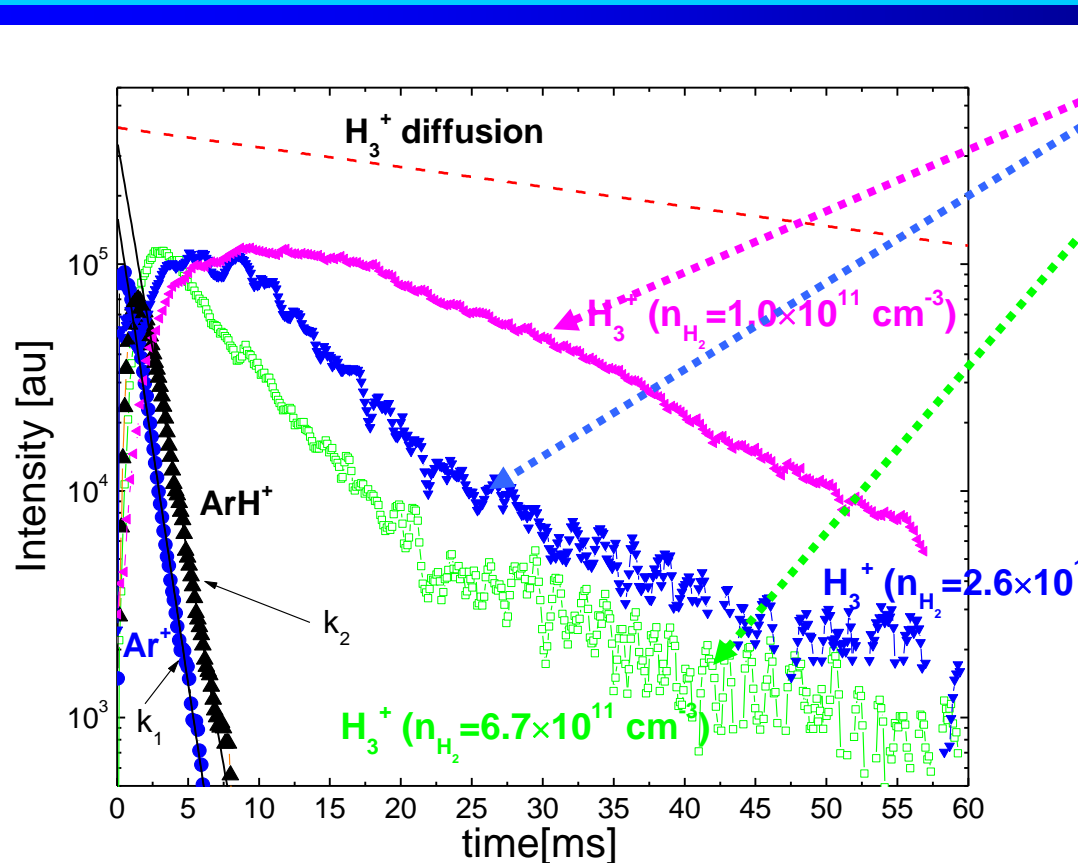
Time resolved mass spectra

$$\frac{dn_e}{dt} = -[\alpha_1 n_1(t) + \alpha_2 n_2(t)] n_e$$

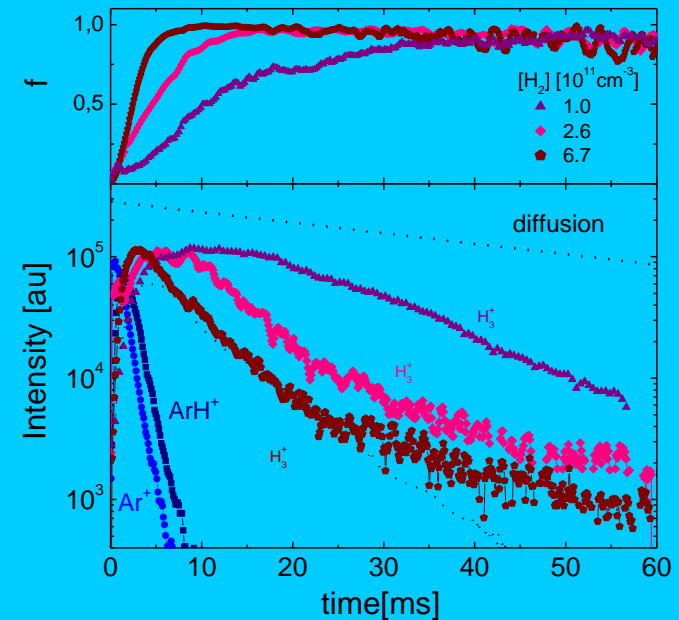
$$\Rightarrow \alpha_{eff}(t) = [\alpha_1 f_1(t) + \alpha_2 f_2(t)]$$

$$f_1 + f_2 = 1$$

OBSERVED DEPENDENCE ON [H₂]!!

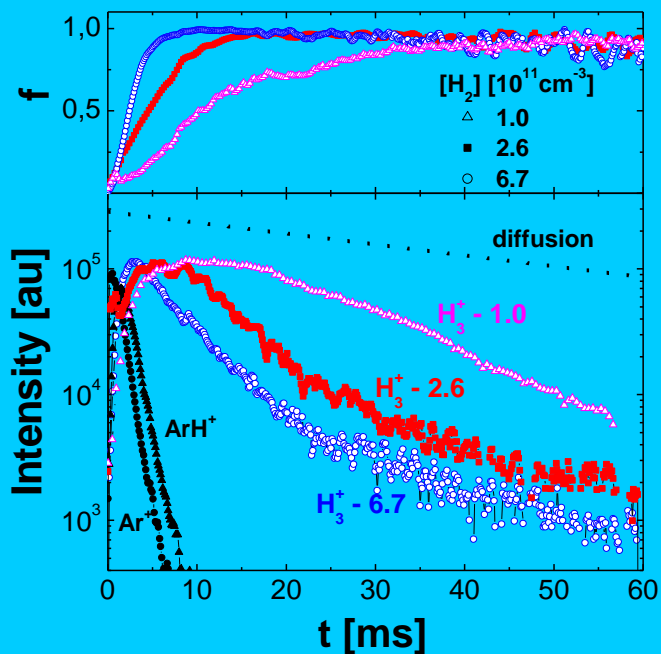


H₃⁺ fraction

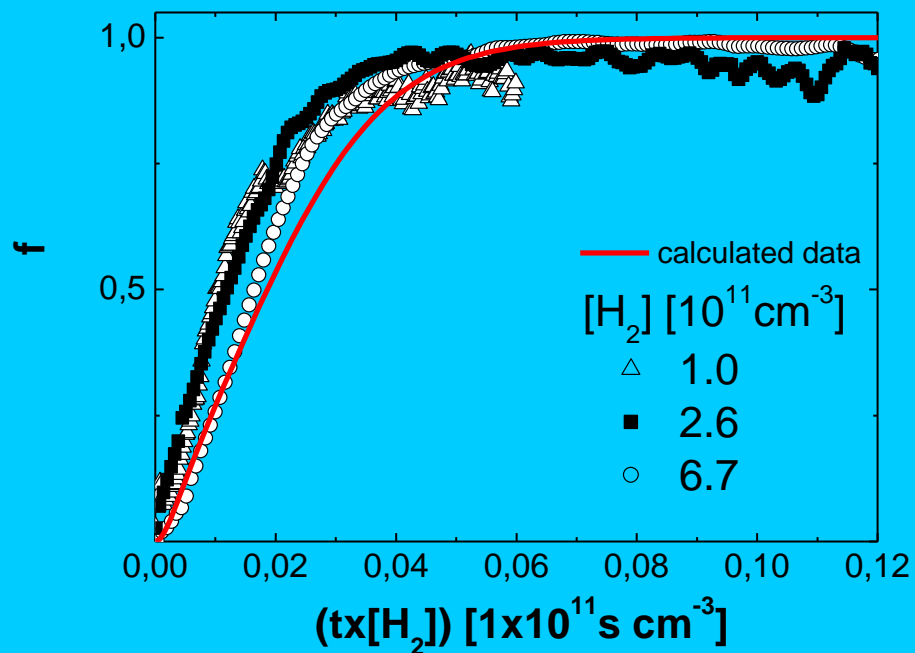


It is only qualitative information, not sufficient to obtain α

Correction to ion composition 1



$$f = H_3^+ / \Sigma_{\text{ions}}$$



Electron and gas temperature dependences of the dissociative recombination coefficient of molecular ions Ne_2^+ with electrons

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$$\alpha_{\text{Ne}_2^+}(T_e, T_g) = (1.8 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-7} (T_e/300 \text{ K})^{-0.42} (T_g/300 \text{ K})^{-0.7} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$300 \text{ K} \leq T_e \leq 6300 \text{ K} \text{ and } 300 \text{ K} \leq T_g \leq 500 \text{ K}.$$

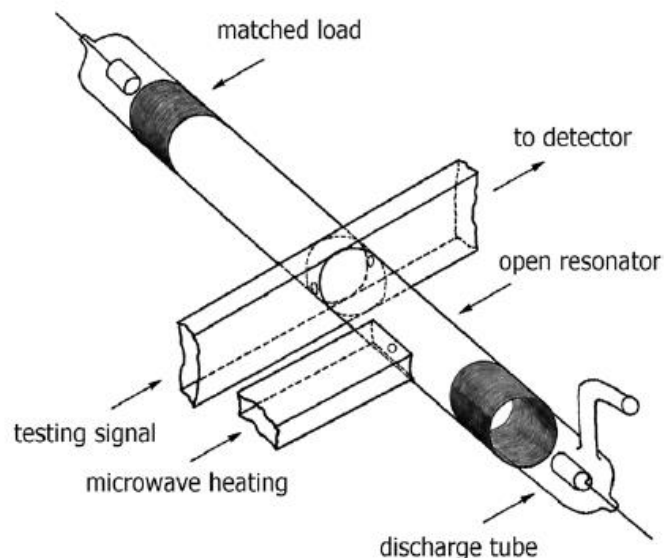


Figure 1. Cutaway view schematic of the open cylindrical TM_{011} cavity—wave guide section.

$$\alpha(T_e, T_g) \sim \alpha_0 T_e^{-\xi} T_g^{-\gamma},$$

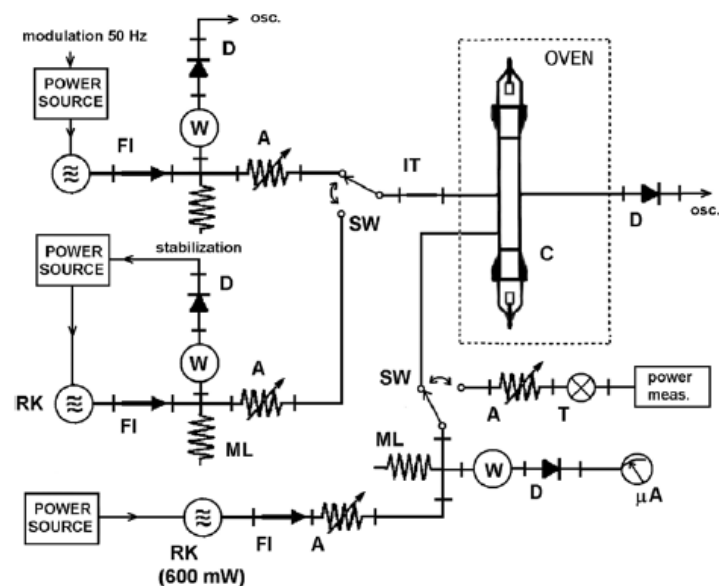
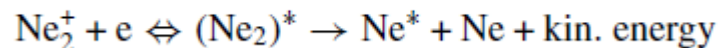


Figure 2. Diagram of the dual mode X-band microwave afterglow apparatus, FI—ferrite isolator, D—diode, A—attenuator, RK—reflex klystron, ML—matched load, W—wavemeter, T—thermistor, C—cavity, IT—impedance transformer, SW—microwave switch.

Table 1. Data of the dissociative recombination of Ne_2^+ ions.

α	T_g	T_e	ξ_g	ξ_e	Method of measurements	Method of heating	References
1.7×10^{-7}	300	300–11 000	—	0.43	Microwave cavity	Travelling microwave	Frommhold <i>et al</i> [5]
1.4×10^{-7}	450–900	$= T_g$	—	0.5	Double probe	Shock wave	Cunningham and Hobson [6]
1.4×10^{-7}	900–3500	$= T_g$	—	1.5	Double probe	Shock wave	
1.4×10^{-7}	300	1500–3000	—	1.5	Shock tube	Microwave	Chang <i>et al</i> [18]
?	300	?	—	0.9	Light quenching	Microwave cavity	Farhat [29]
?	300	?	—	0.5–0.66	Light quenching	Microwave cavity	Taylor and Herskovitz [30]
2×10^{-7}	300	300–600	—	0.25	Microwave cavity	Microwave cavity	Hess [31]
2×10^{-7}	300	900–2400	—	0.4	Microwave cavity	Microwave cavity	
?	300	?	—	1.4	Light intensity	Microwave	Nygaard [32]
1.8×10^{-7}	300–500	$= T_g$	—	0.42	Microwave cavity	Oven heating	Kasner [33]
1.8×10^{-7}	300	300–4600	—	0.49	Microwave cavity	Travelling microwave	Philbrick <i>et al</i> [34]
?	300	10 000–25 000	—	0.36	Relaxation disch. current	Glow discharge	Vinogradov <i>et al</i> [35]
1.8×10^{-7}	300	300–1500	—	0.36	Microwave cavity	Microwave cavity	Lukáč <i>et al</i> [36]
?	300	?	—	0.4; 1.4	Light intensity	Microwave	Talsky [37]
1.8×10^{-7}	300	300–6000	—	0.42	Microwave cavity	Travelling microwave	Our results [19]
1.5×10^{-7}	300–10 000	300–10 000	?	0.5–1.5	Theoretical		Ngassam <i>et al</i> [10]
1.8×10^{-7}	300–550	300–6000	0.7	0.42	Microwave cavity	Electrical oven and Travelling microwave	Present results

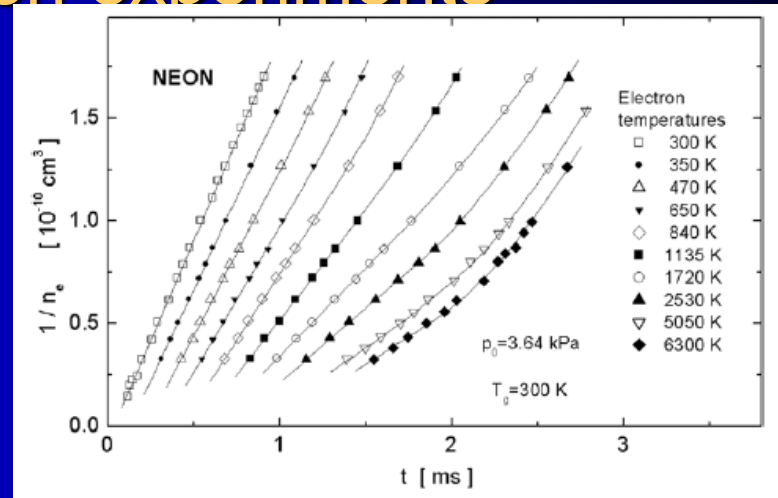


Figure 3. The reciprocal of the ‘average microwave electron density’ ($1/n_e$) as a function of the afterglow time (t) for different electron temperatures when $T_{\text{gas}} = 300$ K. The time zero point has been displaced 0.1 ms for various curves for clarity.

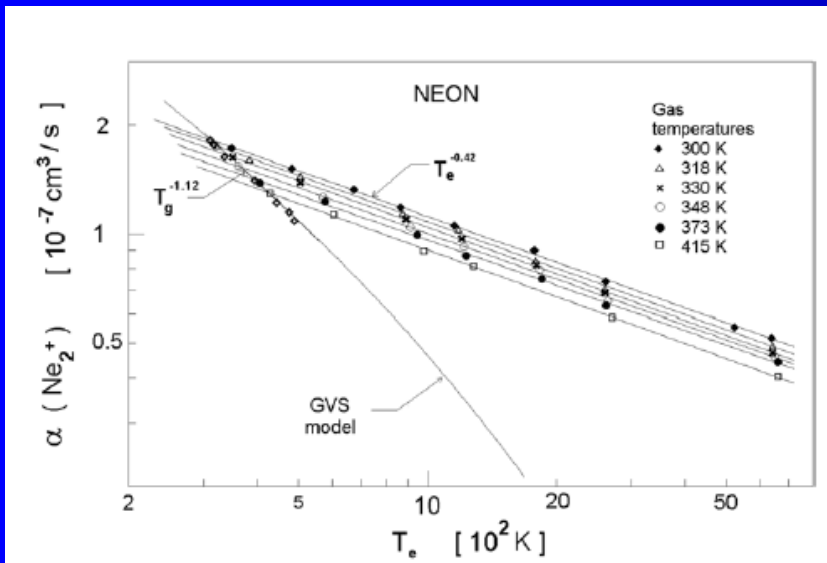


Figure 5. Dissociative recombination coefficient $\alpha(\text{Ne}_2^+)$ as a function of the electron temperature (T_e) at various gas temperatures. The GVS model assumes that $T_g = T_e = T$. (The figure is plotted in a log–log scale.)

Eliminating the electron temperature dependence of the recombination coefficients, we can describe the gas and electron temperature dependence in the form

$$\alpha(T_e, T_g) = \alpha(T_g)(T_e/300\text{ K})^{-0.42} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

or

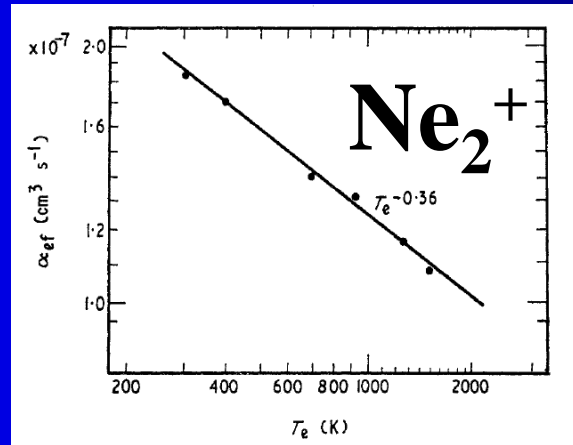
$$\alpha(T_e, T_g) = (1.8 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-7} \times (T_e/300\text{ K})^{-0.42} \times (T_g/300\text{ K})^{-0.7} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

for the ranges of $300\text{ K} \leq T_e \leq 6500\text{ K}$ and $300\text{ K} \leq T_g \leq 550\text{ K}$.

Temperature dependence

Abstract. A cylindrical TM_{010} microwave cavity has been used not only to determine the average electron density decay rates in a plasma afterglow, but also to heat the electrons. In this way it was possible to measure the electron temperature dependence of the recombination coefficient of Ne_2^+ ions with electrons. At $T_e = 300$ K, a value of $\alpha(Ne_2^+) = (1.8 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ was obtained. Over the range $300 \leq T_e \leq 1500$ K, $\alpha(Ne_2^+)$ decreased as $T_e^{-0.36}$.

$$\alpha = \alpha_0 T_e^{-\xi}$$



$$\alpha_{ef}(T_e) = \alpha_0(300 \text{ K}) T_e^{-0.36}.$$

Multiple collision

$$\alpha(Ne_3^+) = (1.1 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-6} (T_e(\text{K})/300)^{-0.36 \pm 0.04} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

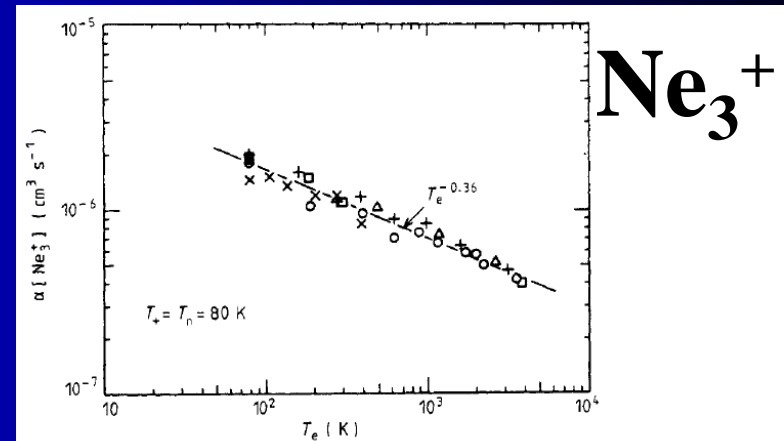
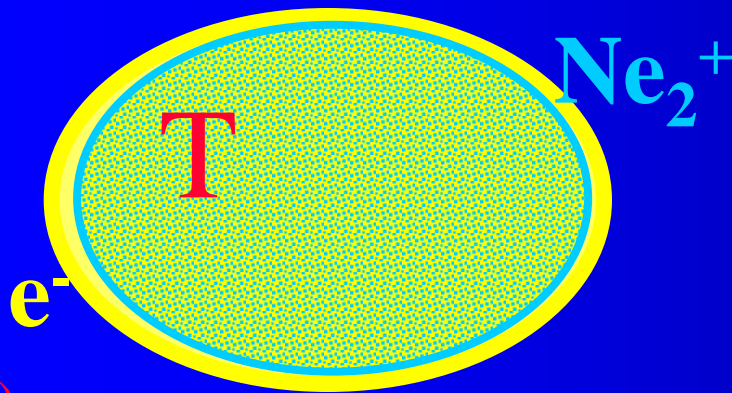


Figure 5. Measured values of the recombination coefficients $\alpha(Ne_3^+)$ plotted against electron temperature. The different symbols refer to runs taken on different days. The full curve is a least-squares fit of the form $\alpha \sim T_e^{-x}$ to the data.

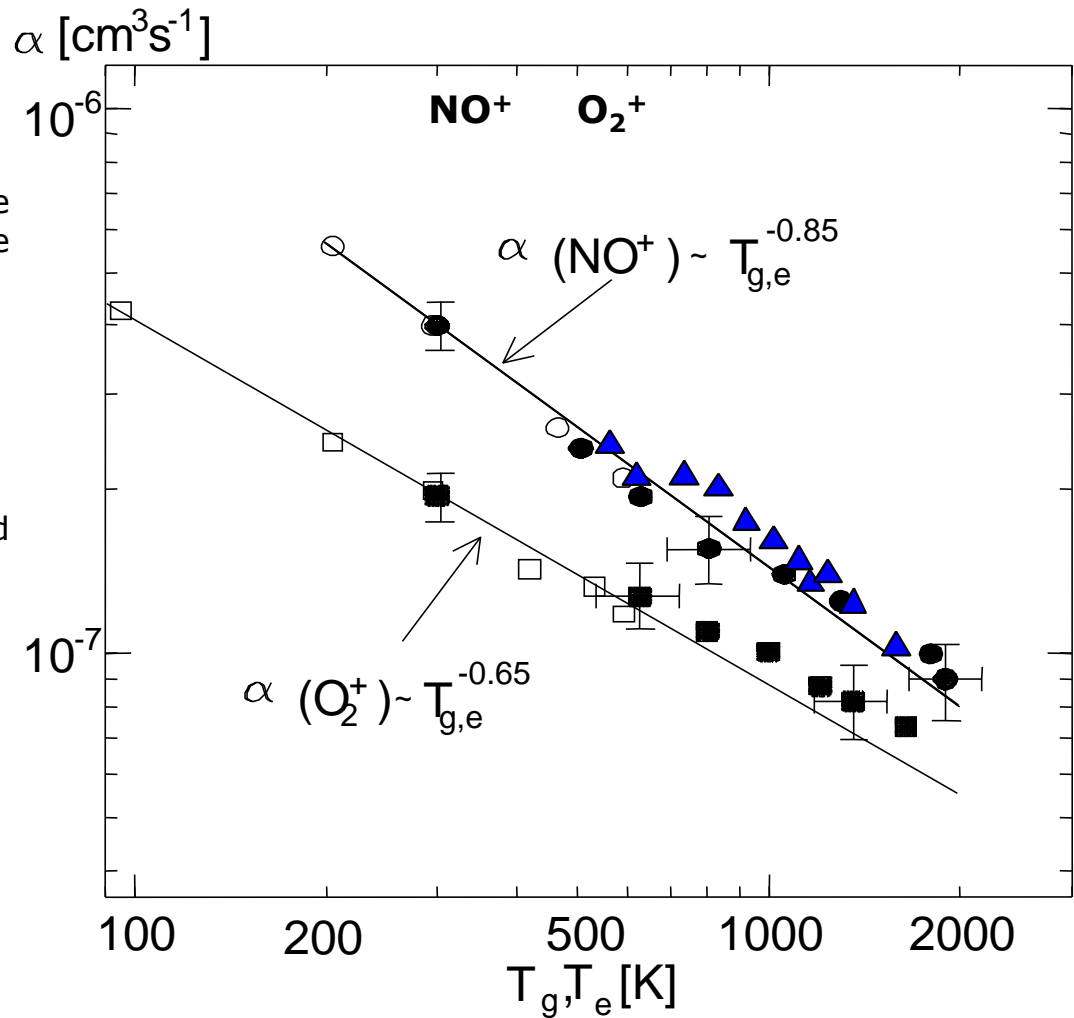
recombination rate coefficient

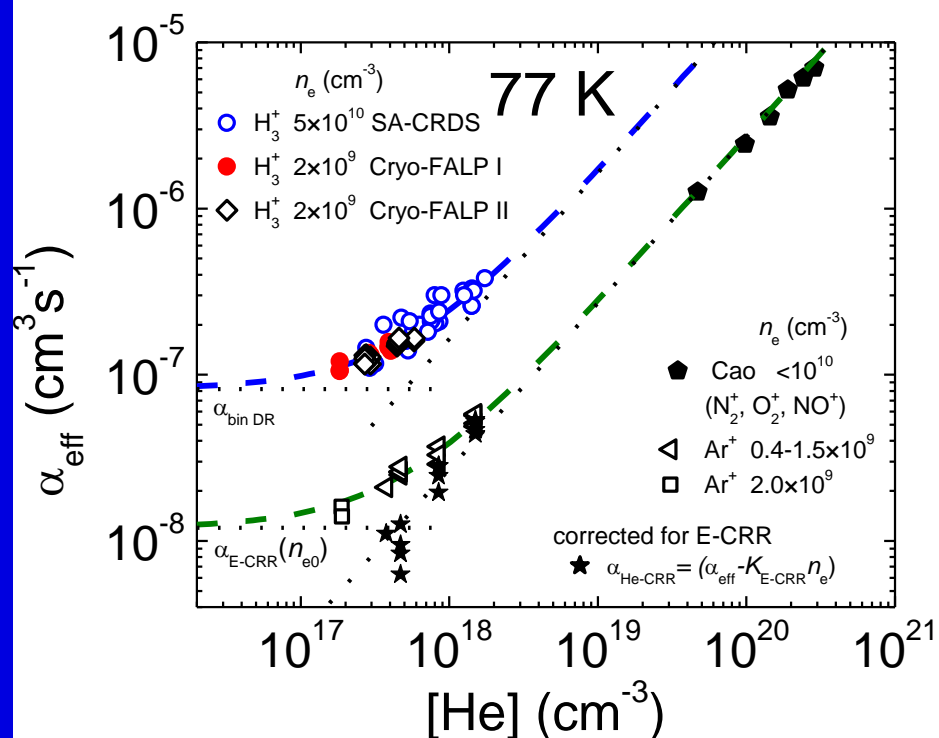
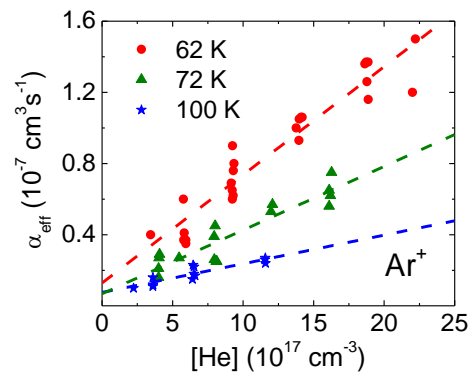
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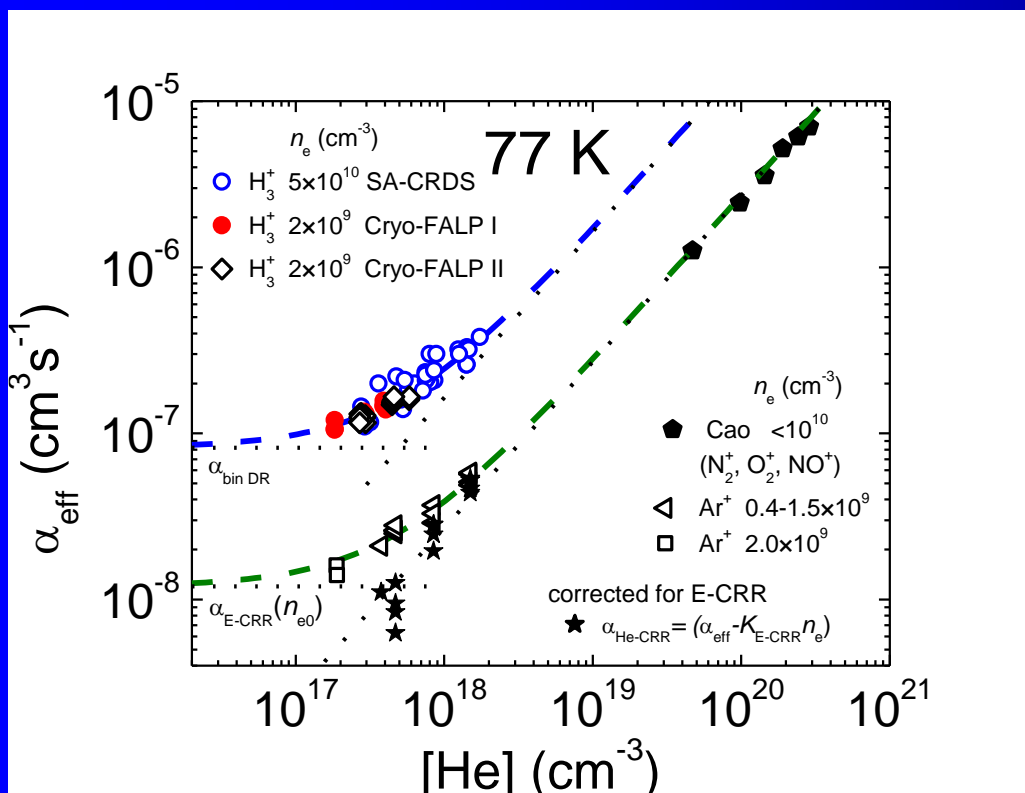
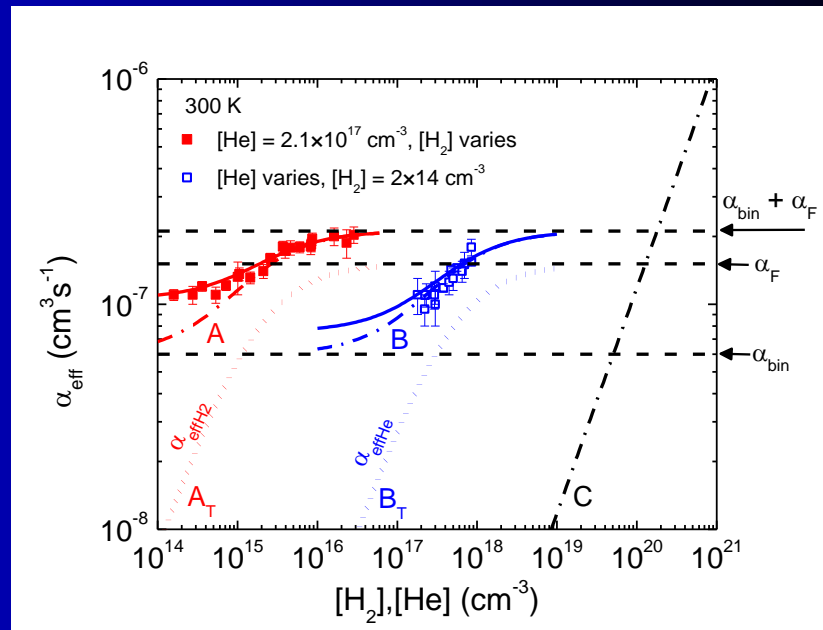
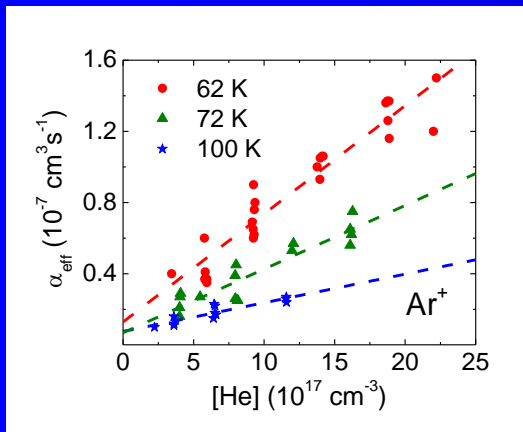
The points indicated by blue triangles are the $\alpha(\text{NO}^+)$ deduced from in-situ satellite data by

M. R. Torr, J. P. St-Maurice and D. G. Torr,
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The agreement between these data and
the laboratory data is remarkable.







If there are 2 or more ion species, the fast recombining species disappears first

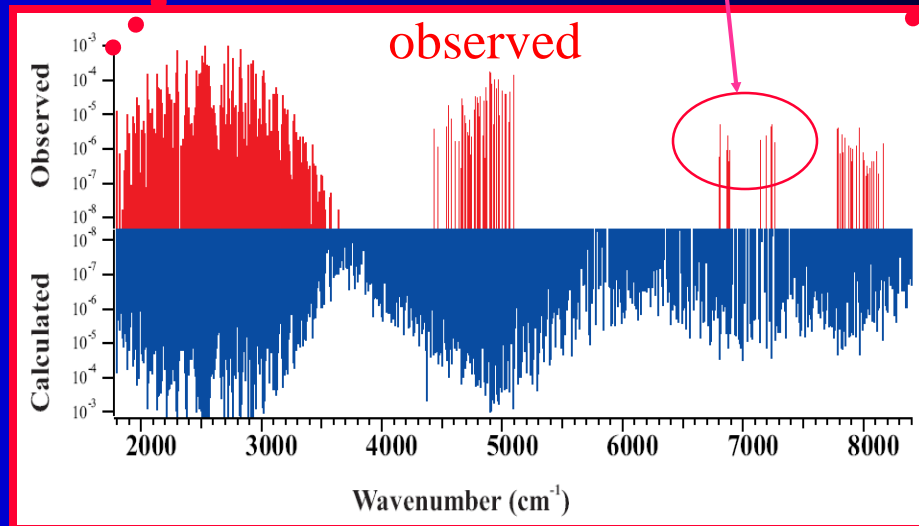
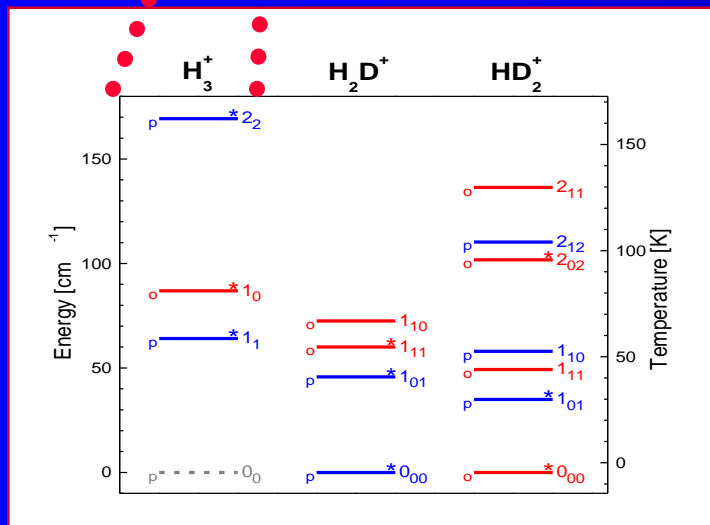
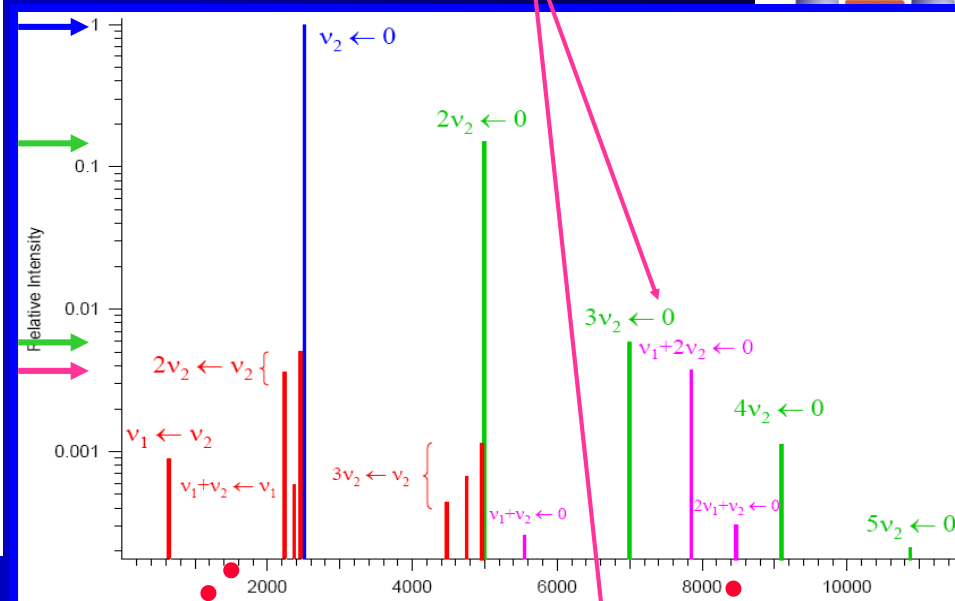
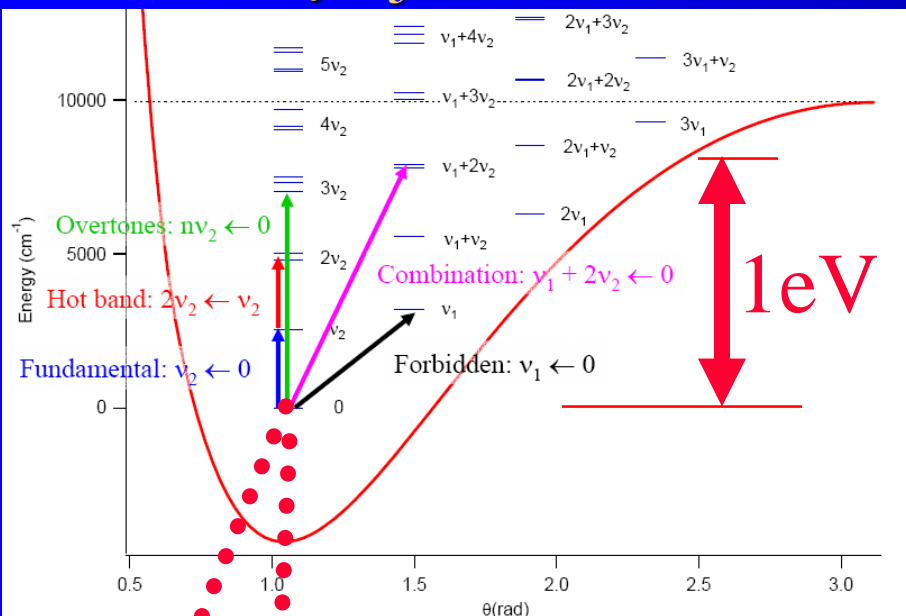
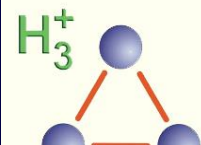
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Line intensity H_3^+

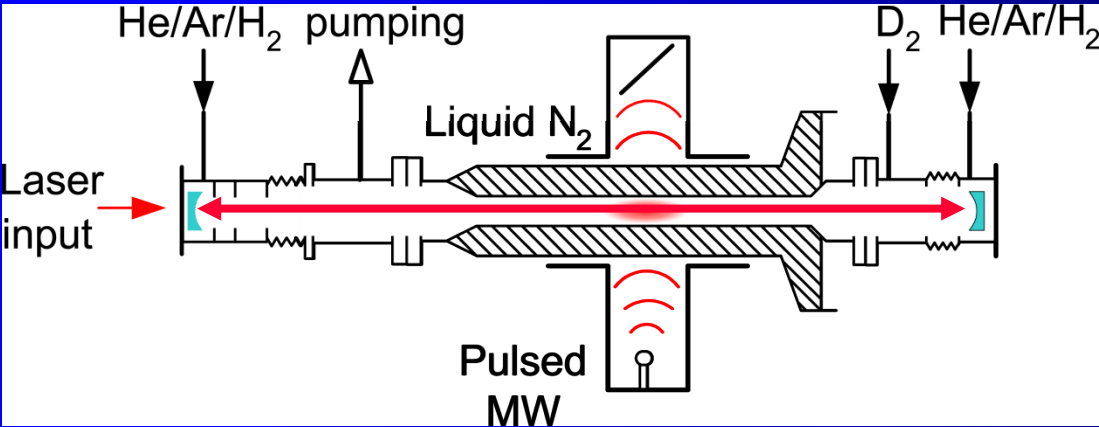
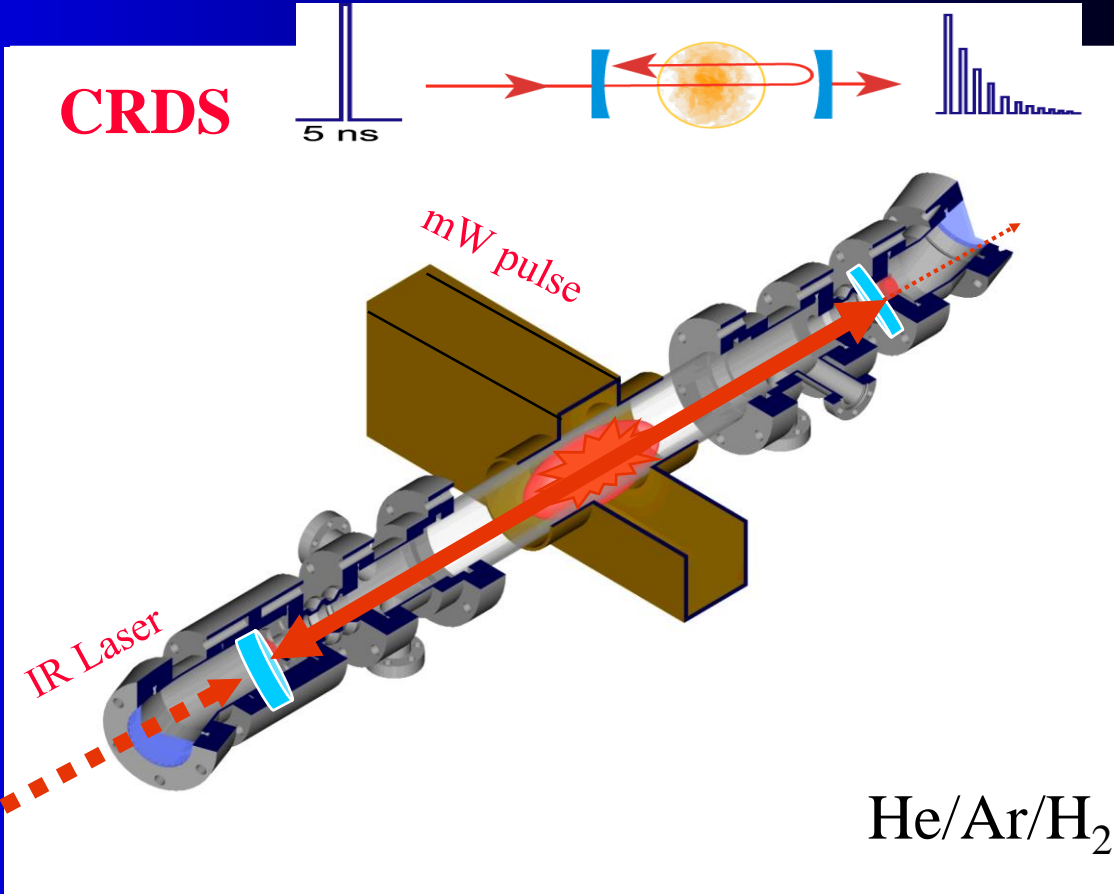
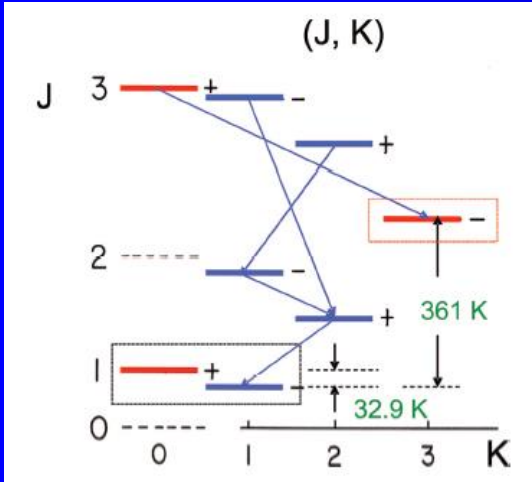
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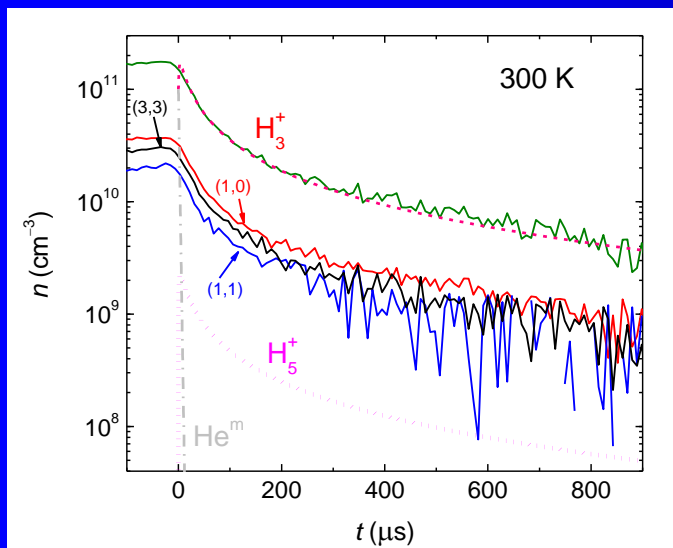
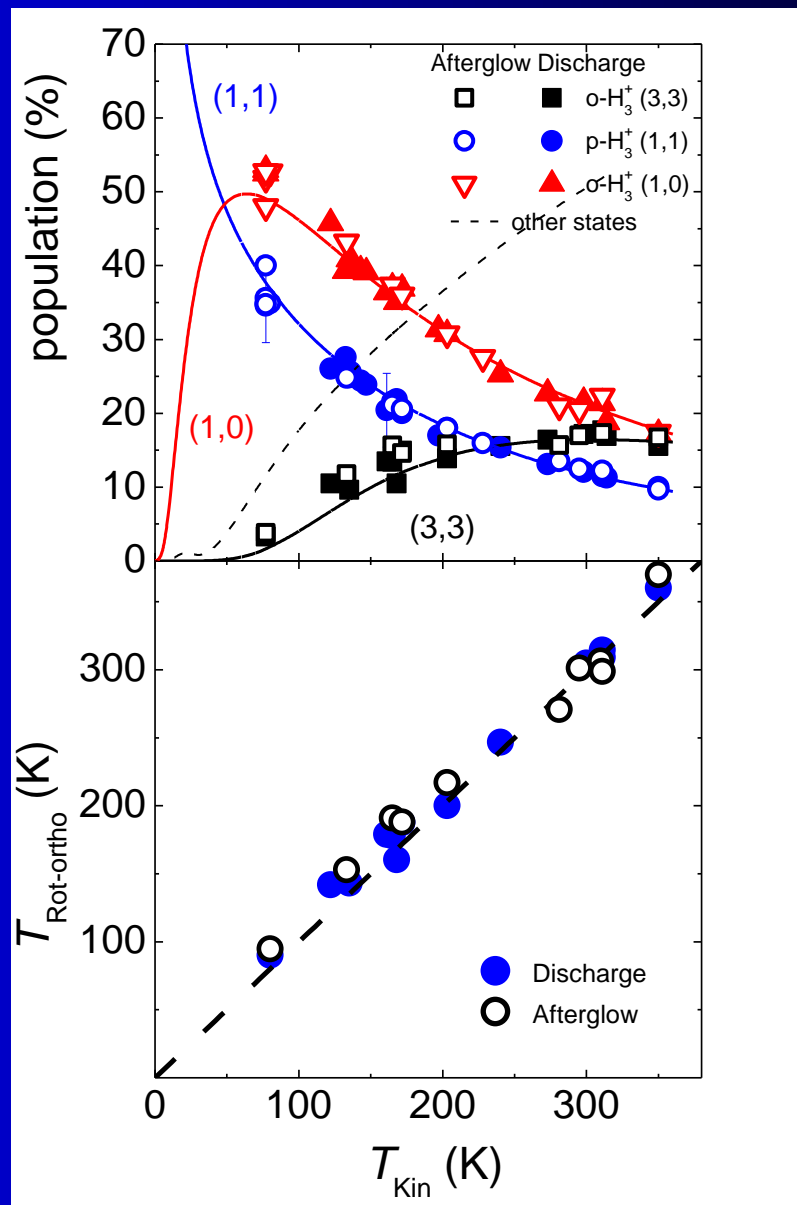
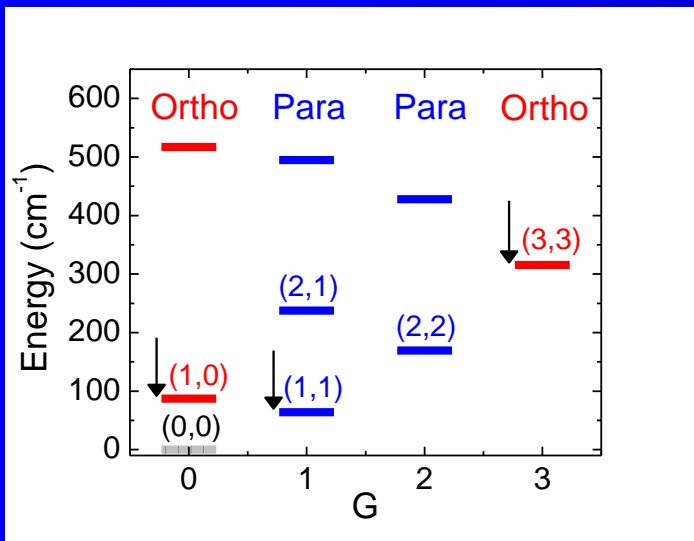


Stationary afterglow + Spectroscopic identification of recombining ions

$$\frac{d[H_3^+]}{dt} = -\alpha[H_3^+]n_e = -\alpha[H_3^+]^2$$

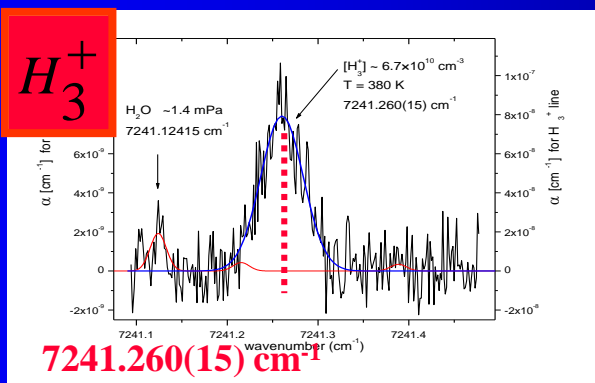
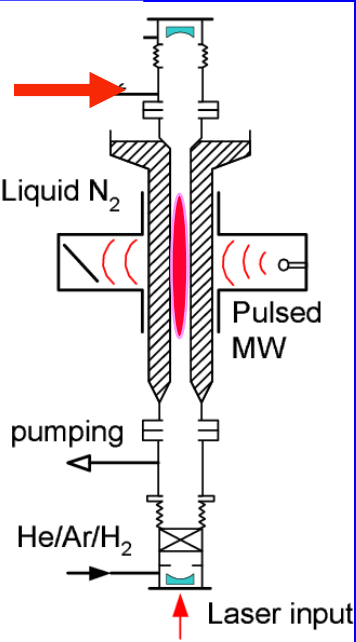
IR-CRDS Laser absorption spectroscopy



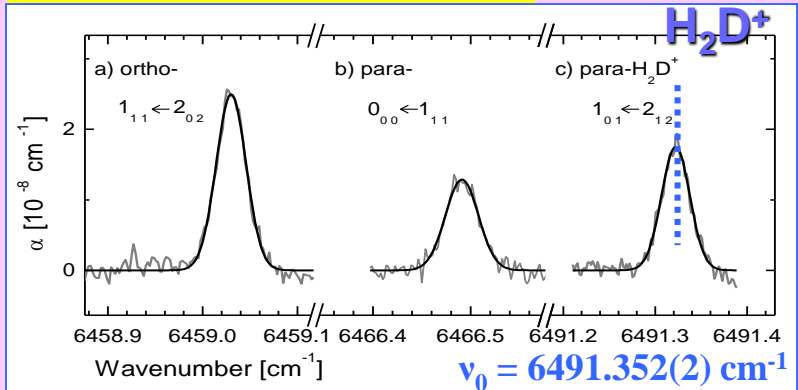


Absorption studies

He/Ar/H₂/D₂

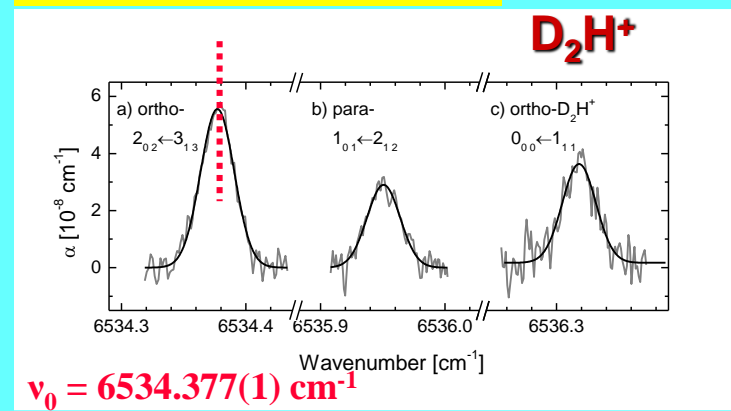


H₂D⁺ (2ν₂ + ν₃ ← 0)

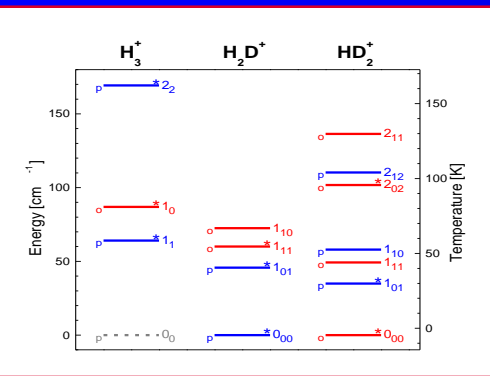
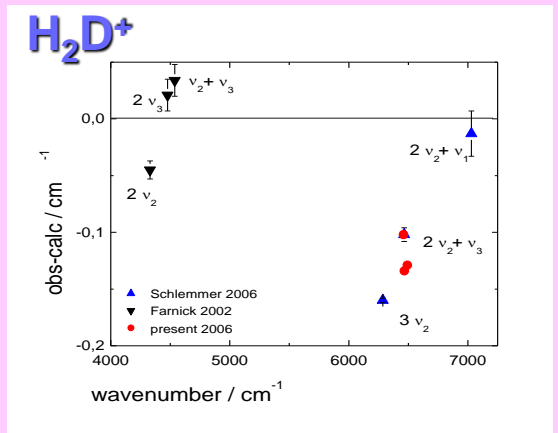


Combination band

D₂H⁺ (ν₁ + 2ν₃ ← 0)

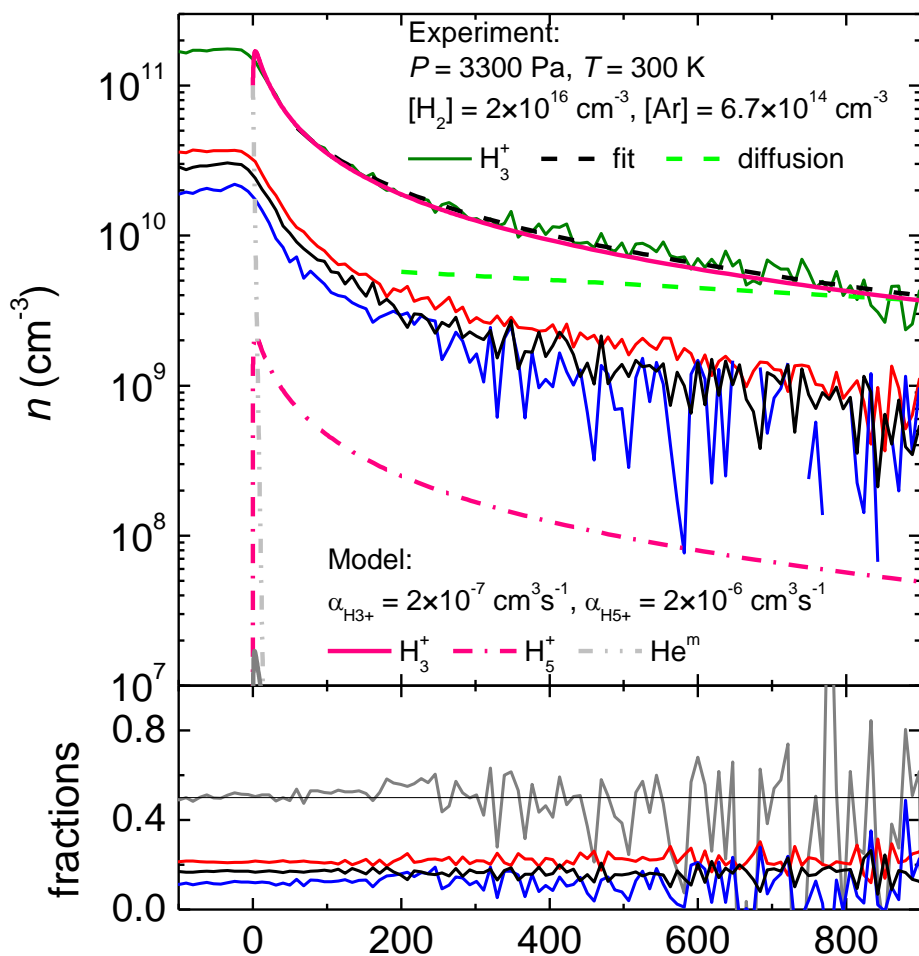


Combination band



E' [K]	Wavenumber [cm ⁻¹]		
	<u>V_{Exp}</u>	<u>V_{Theor}</u>	<u>V_{Theor} - V_{Exp}</u>
146.3	6534.377(1)	6534.374	0.003
50.2	6535.950(1)	6535.943	0.007
0	6536.319(2)	6536.301	0.018

D₃⁺ ???



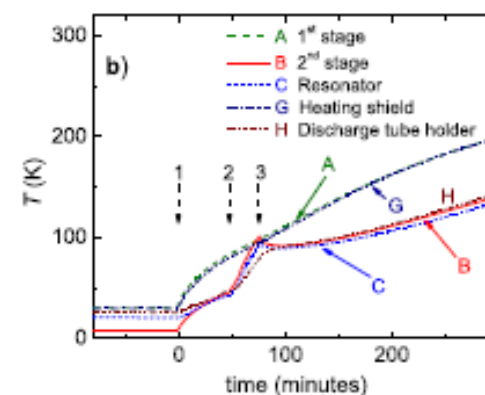
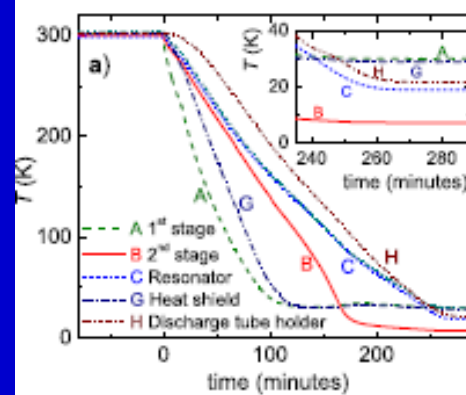
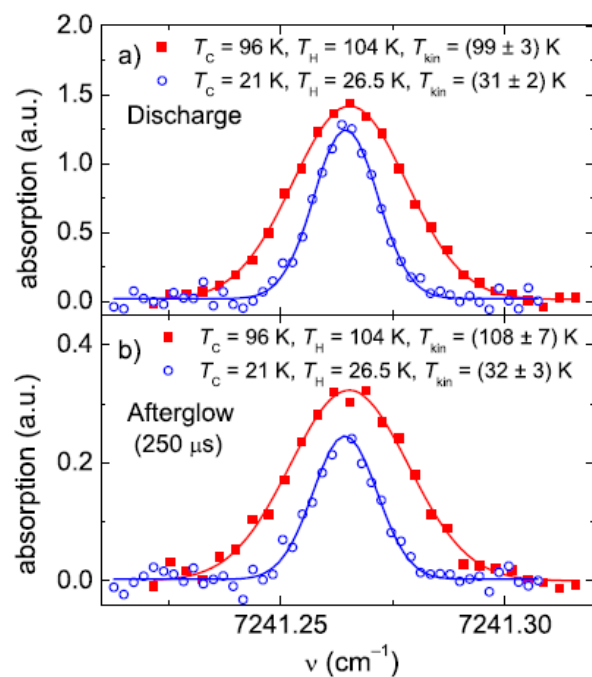
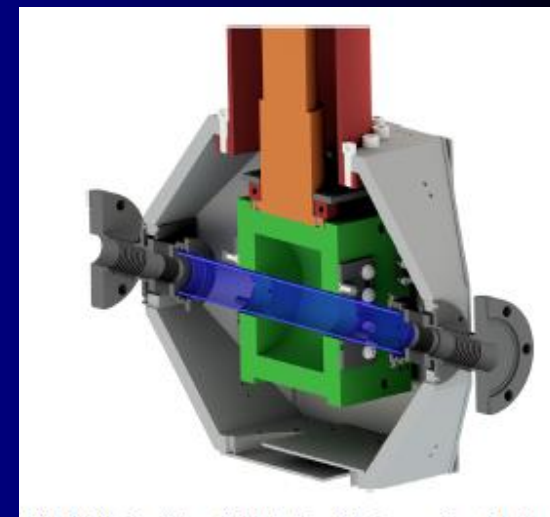
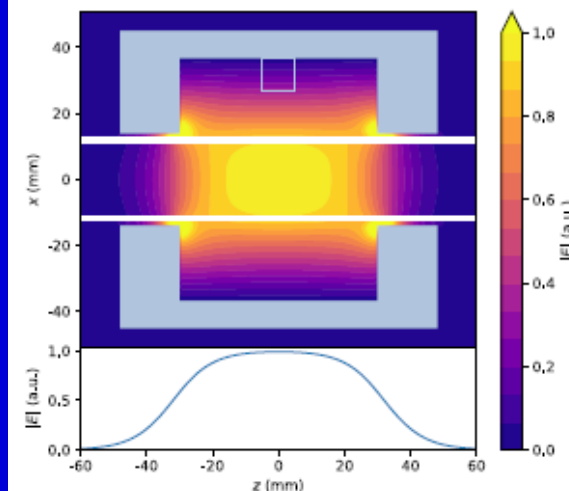
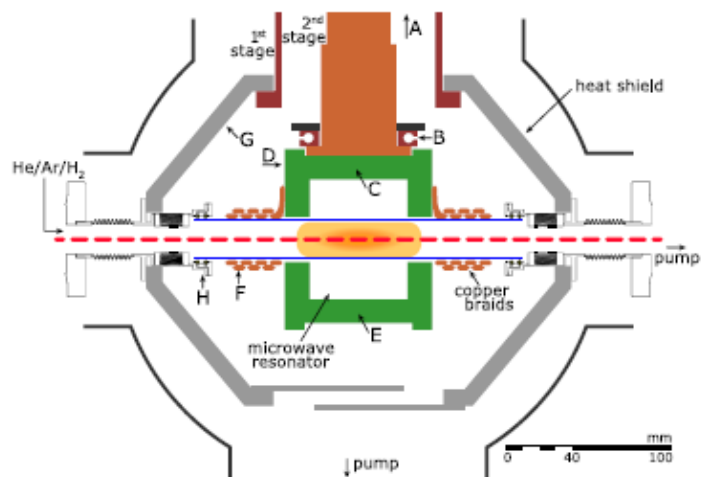
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Model + data. Pocatecni podminka: $n_e = \text{He}^m = [\text{H}_3^+]$.

Poznamka. Namerene τ difuznich ztrat 1.6 ms. Teoreticke τ pri danem tlaku je 1.8 ms (odpovida cca $4 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ koncentraci necistot (pri $2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ rychlosti reakce H_3^+ s necistotami). Namerena koncentrace vody $[\text{H}_2\text{O}] = 5 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ($[\text{He}] = 8 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$).

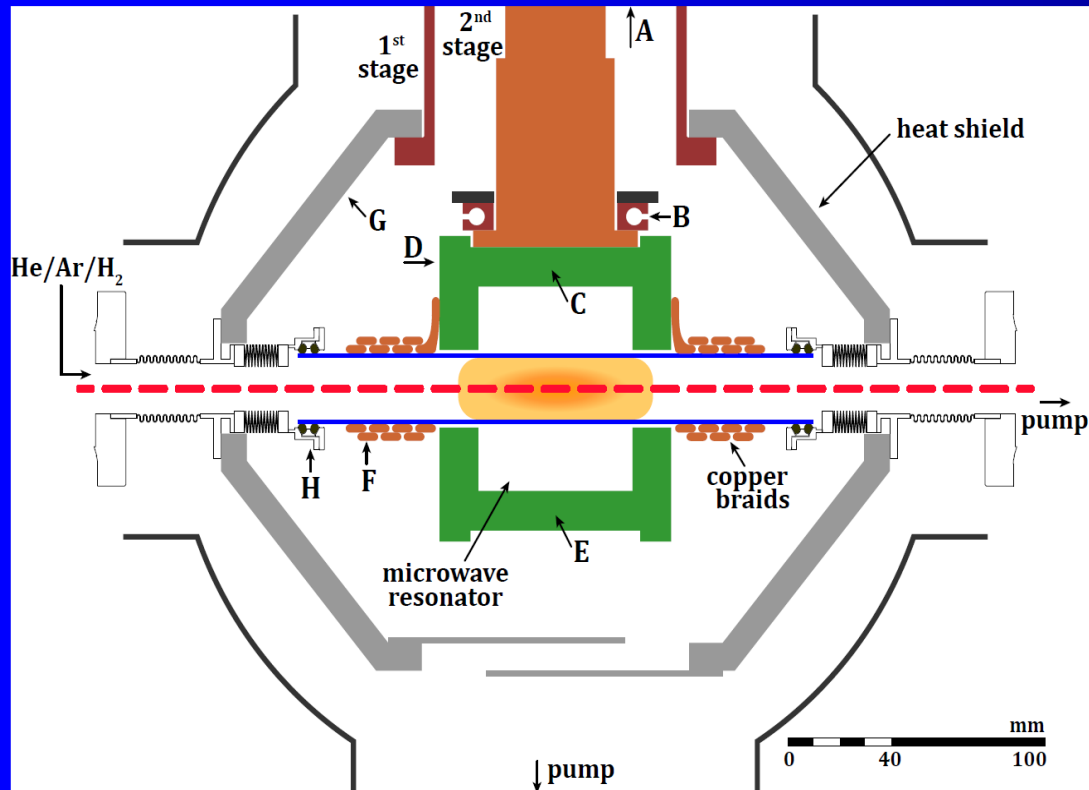


evolution of the temperatures of different parts of the apparatus during the cooling procedure. For information on

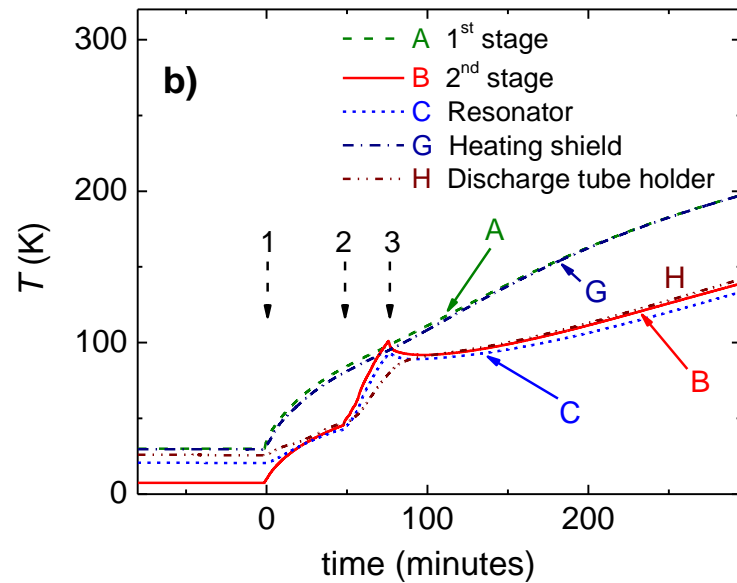
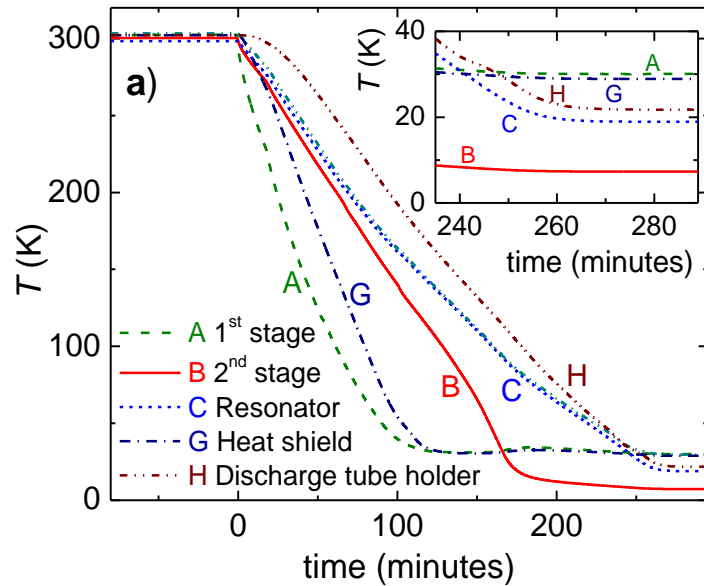
Stationary afterglow apparatus with CRDS for study of processes in plasmas from 300 K down to 30 K

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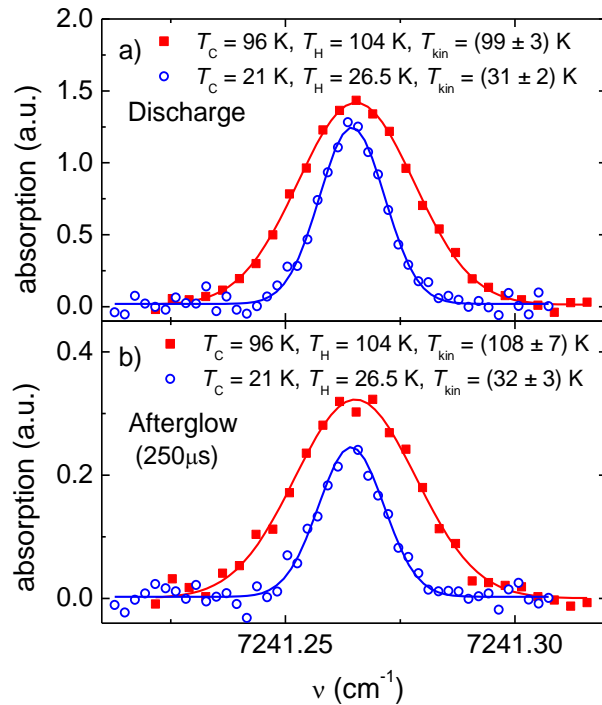
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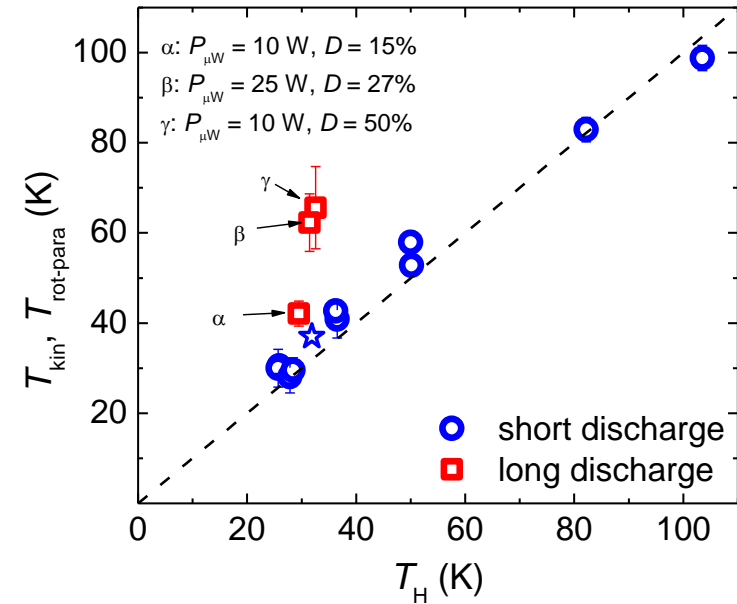
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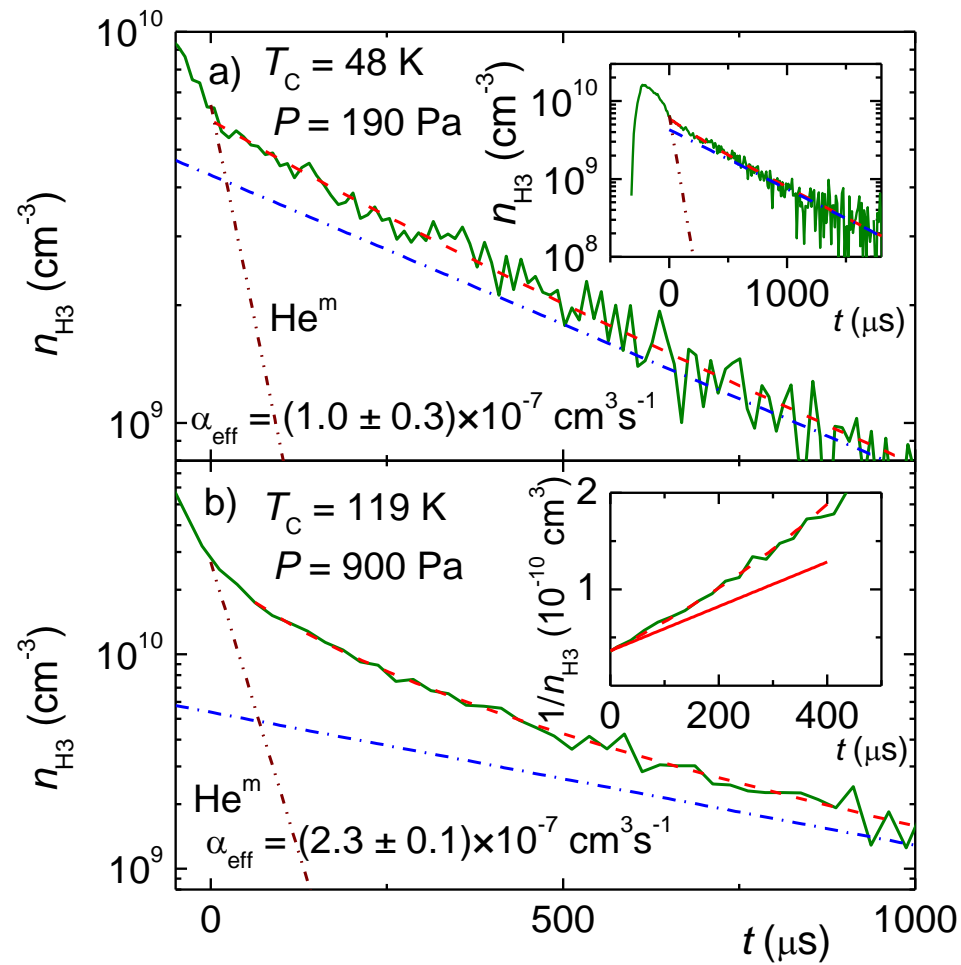


Examples of H_3^+ absorption line profiles



The dependence of the kinetic temperature (T_{kin}) of H_3^+ ions on the temperature T_H (temperature of the discharge tube holder).

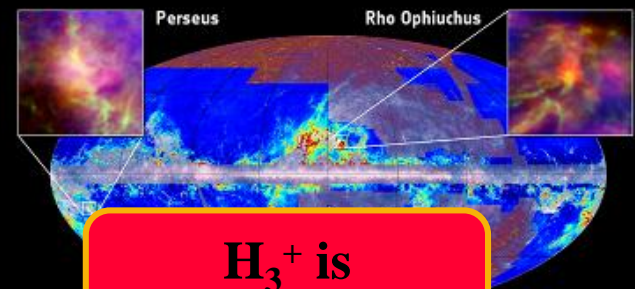
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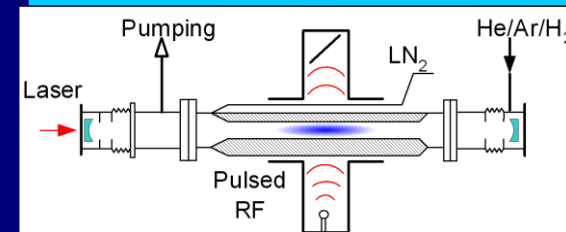
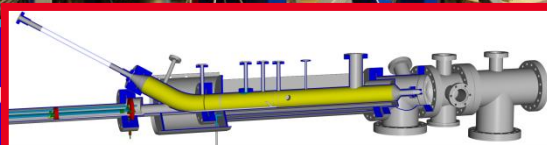
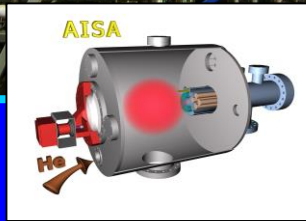
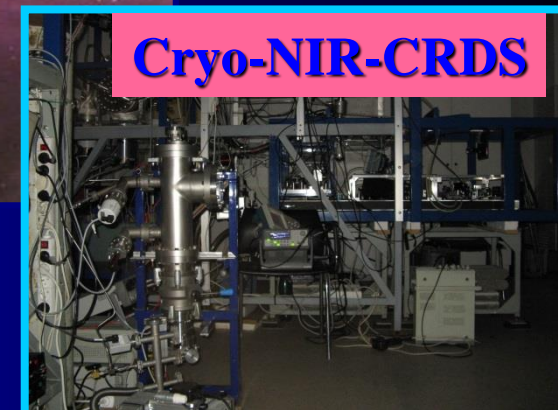
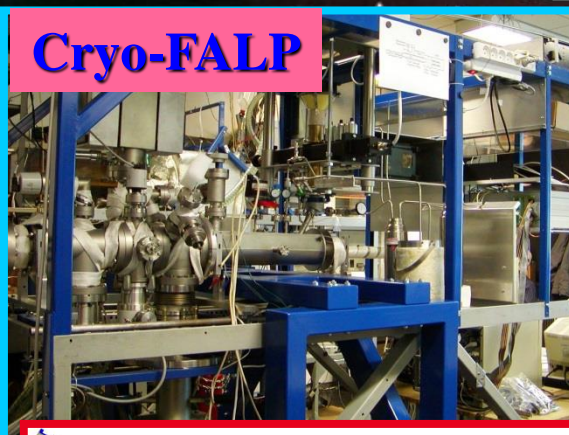
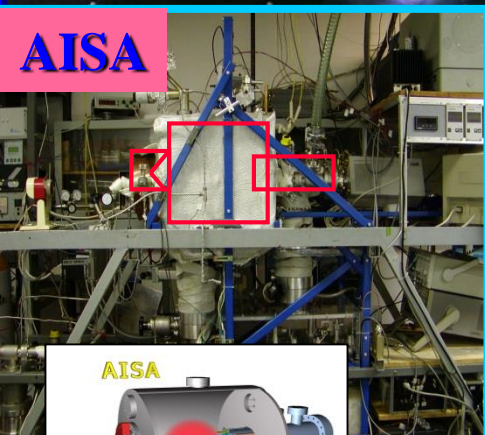
Time evolutions of the number densities of the H_3^+ ions measured at two different temperatures

The battle ship enters the stage

Πλασμα



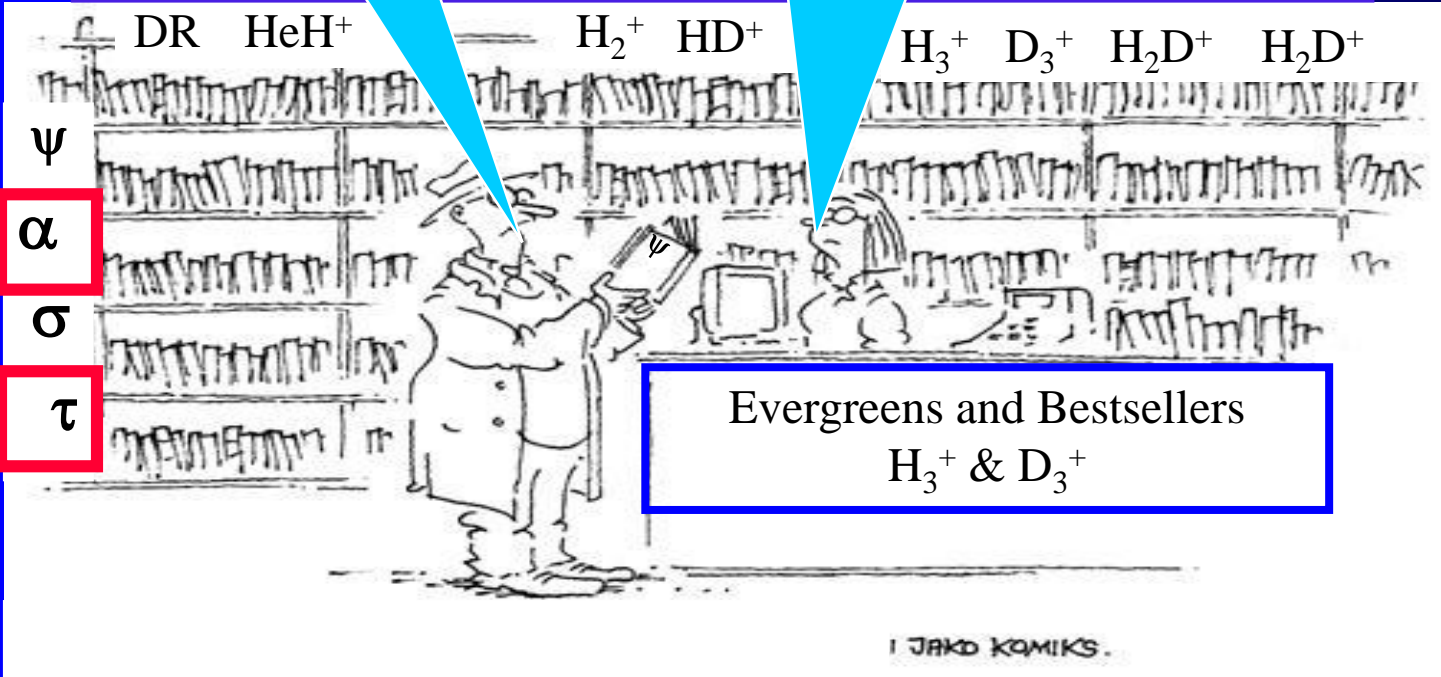
H_3^+ is fundamental



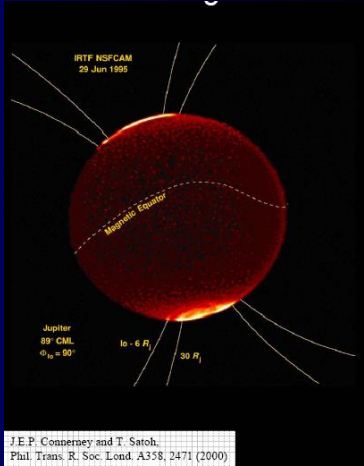
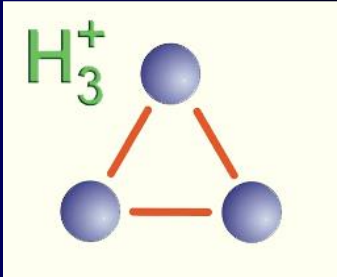
Different views
& different plasmas

H_3^+ and its interaction of with e^- is FUNDAMENTAL

If you understand hydrogen,
you understand all
that can be understood.
(V. Weisskopf & G. Herzberg).



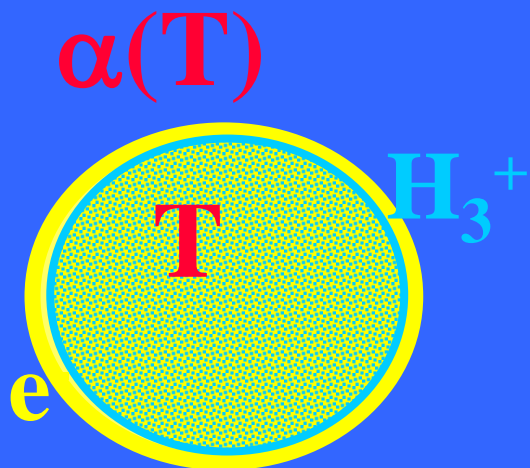
Evergreens and Bestsellers
 H_3^+ & D_3^+



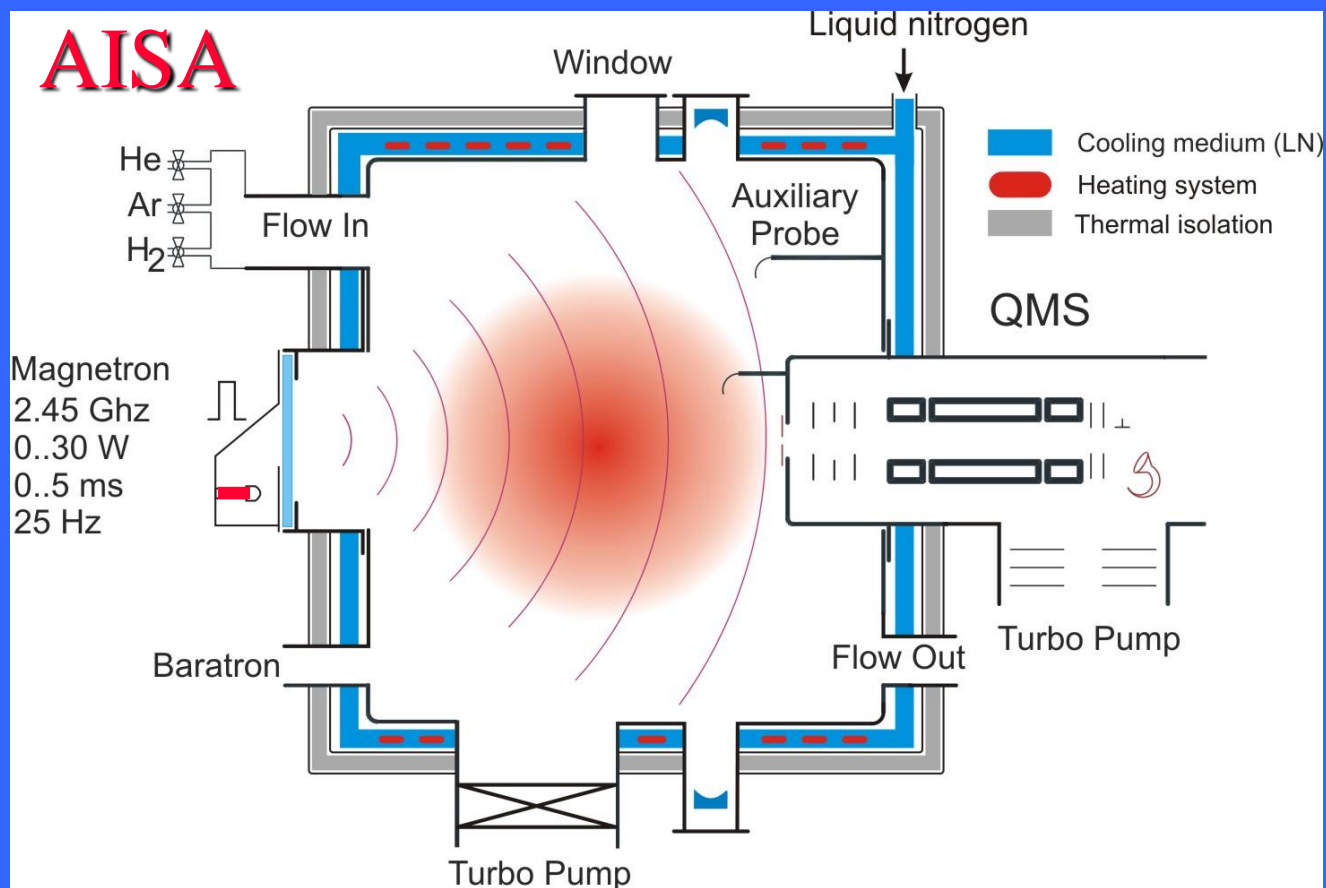
VT - AISA

$$\frac{dn_i}{dt} = -\alpha n_i n_e$$

He/Ar/H₂

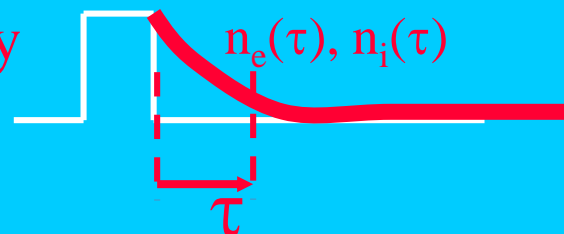


40 cm diameter
UHV - 10⁻⁹ Torr
External magnetron
2 Torr of He/Ar/H₂



PULSED STATIONARY AFTERGLOW

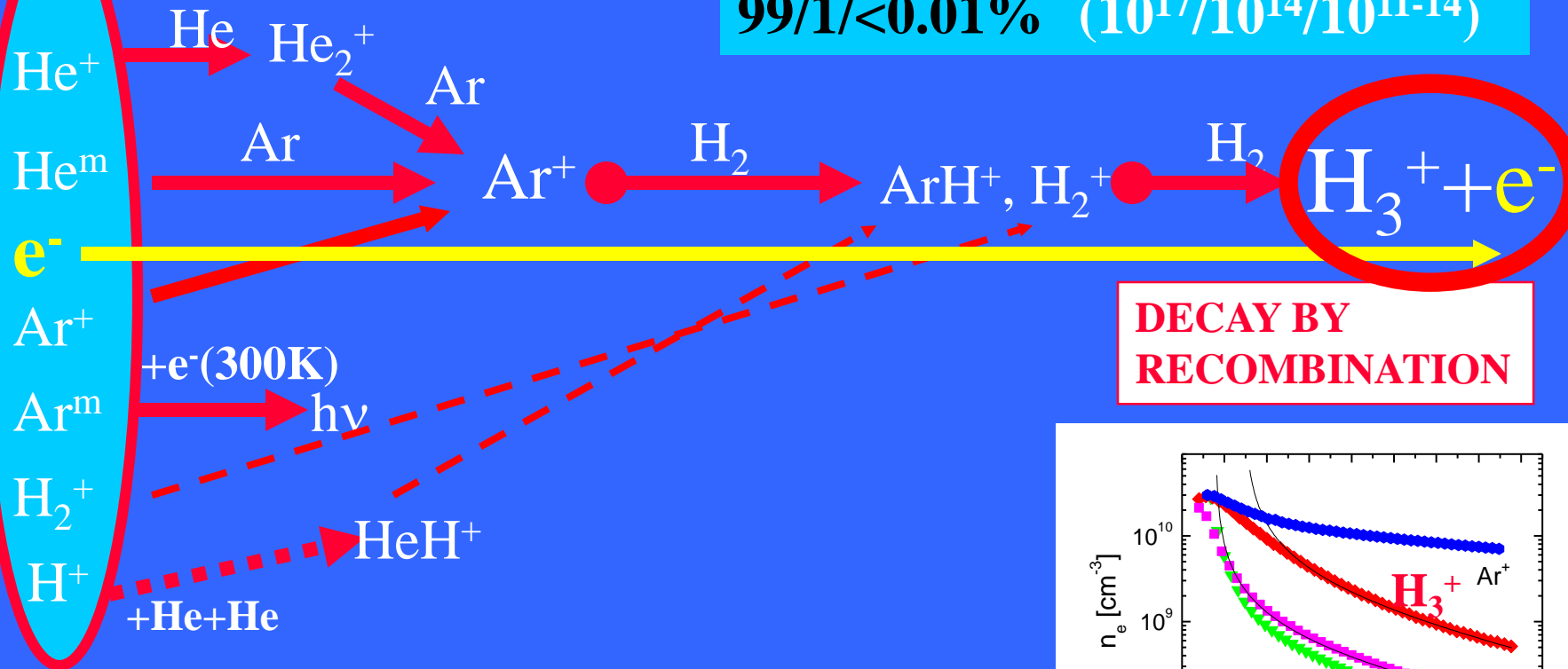
20-100ms decay



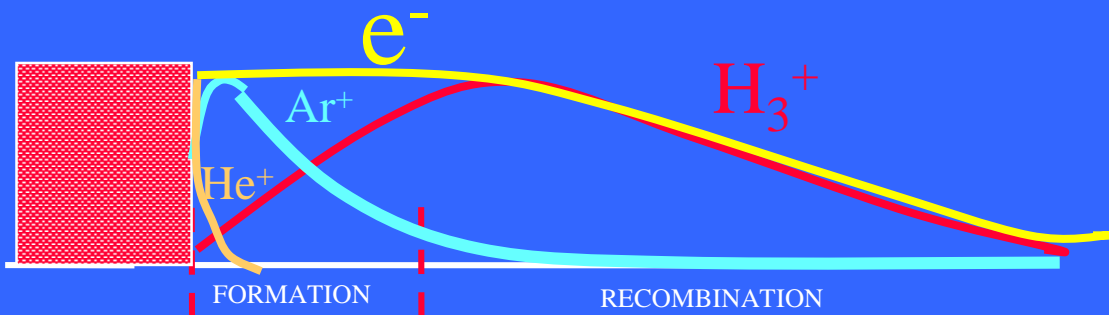
Formation of H_3^+ in He/Ar/ H_2

99/1/<0.01% ($10^{17}/10^{14}/10^{11-14}$)

microwave discharge



DECAY BY RECOMBINATION



Time resolved mass spectra

