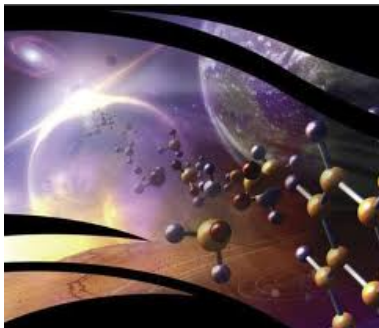


# Ortho/para conversion of $H_3^+$ in collisions with $H_2$ and H

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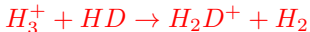
# Hydrogen in Universe

- Hydrogen is  $\approx 90\%$  of the mass of Universe

- The most abundant ion is  $H_3^+$ :

- Participate in the formation cycle of many molecules at low T

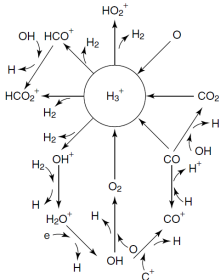
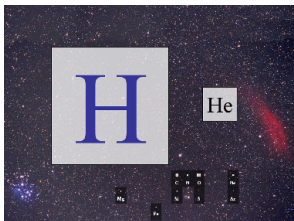
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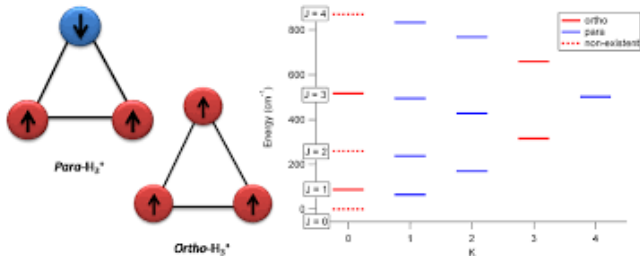


Deuterated species > D quantity

- Formation:  $H_2 + H_2^+ \rightarrow H_3^+ + H$

- Quantum** behaviour and **low** temperatures



Ortho/para  $H_3^+$ 

- Differences between ortho/para energies at low T
- Nuclear spin is non-separable for three particles

**But** Full symmetry as:  $\Gamma^{Spin} \times \Gamma^{Rovib}$

For  $H_3^+$  this is possible using hyperspherical coord.

Bound states: Aguado et al. ('00)

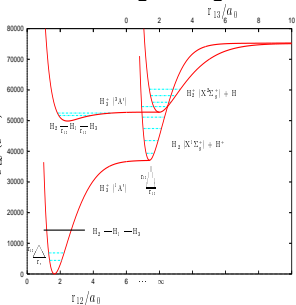
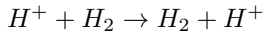
Collisions: Honvault et al. ('06,...)

**For larger systems ?**

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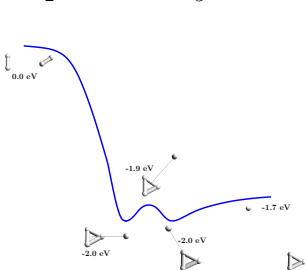
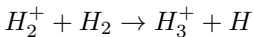
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# $H_n^+$ : Potential energy surfaces



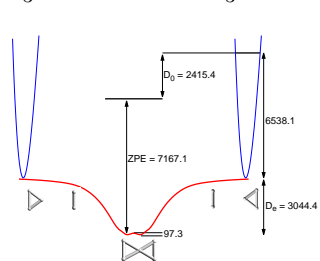
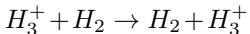
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Aguado, et al.('00)



6 Dimensions

Sanz-Sanz, et al.('13)



9 Dimensions

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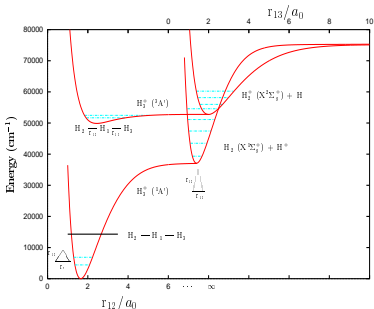
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$$\hat{H}_{TRIM}(i) = \sum_{n>i, o>n} \hat{H}_{ino}^+(n-i, o-i) - 2 \sum_{p>i} \hat{H}_{ip}^+(p-i)$$

- High accuracy in fitting
- Long range interaction
- Symmetric under permutation
- Accurate triatomic fragments
- Non-adiabatic couplings

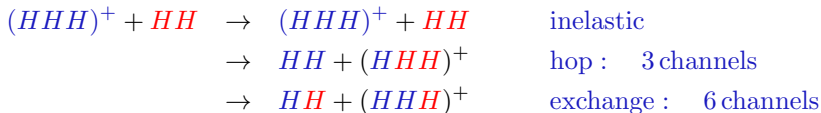
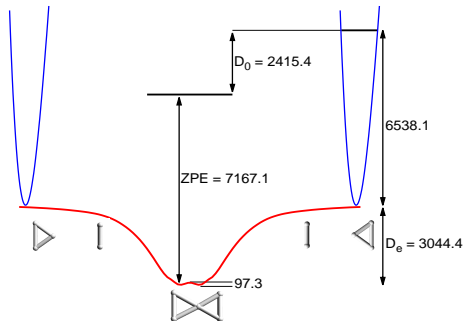


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- Large Zero Point energy

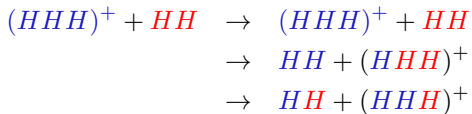
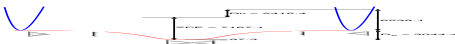
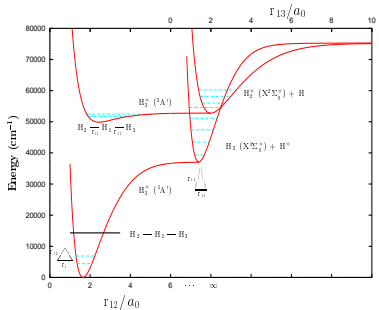


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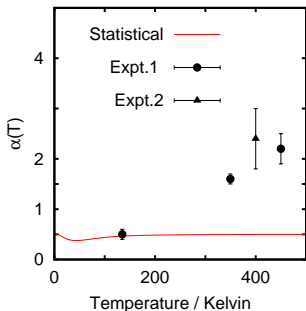
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hop/exchange ratio,  $\alpha$ , and statistical behaviour

$\alpha$  inferred from observed p- $H_3^+$  fraction vs. p- $H_2$  enrichment

Expt. 1: Crabtree et al. JCP ('11)

Expt. 2: Cordonnier et al. JCP ('00)

$H_5^+$  complex lives enough to allow full scrambling

## Statistical limits:

Parker & Light ('07),

Hugo *et al.* ('09)

- no scrambling  $S_M = \{1/4, 3/4, 0\}$

$$\alpha = \infty$$

- full scrambling  $S_M = \{1/10, 3/10, 6/10\}$

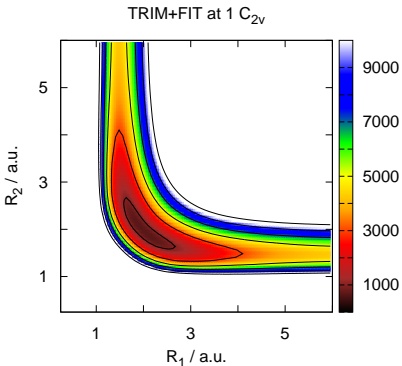
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Need of dynamics to describe transition

# Proton hop: direct mechanism

Double well for proton hop:  
barrier  $< 100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Stabilization of the complex

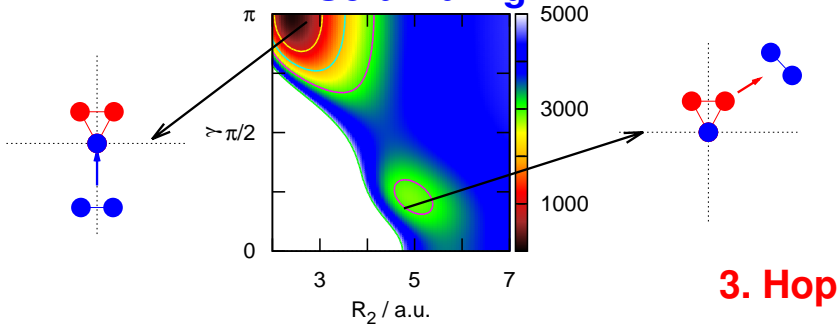


# Exchange: indirect mechanism

## 1. Hop

Three steps mechanism:

## 2. Scrambling



## 3. Hop

Rotation of  $H_2$  subunit with **Scrambling barrier**  $< 1500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$   
 $\approx 1500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  below  $H_2 + H_3^+$  asymptotic energy

# Beyond Pure Statistical Models

- Need of dynamics to describe  $\alpha$  transition
  - Many degree of freedom (10D)
  - Low energy and long-lived resonances
  - All atoms are equivalent: **NO** reduced dimension models
  - Quantum and many semiclassical methods difficult
- Introduce dynamical Bias through determination of  $S_M$  using Quasi-classical trajectories

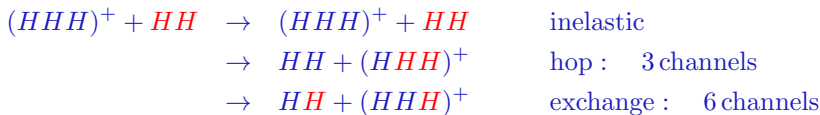
Gómez-Carrasco et . al. JCP **137**, ('12), 094303

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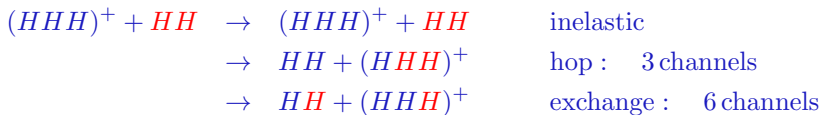


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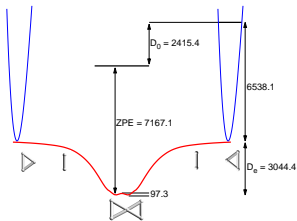
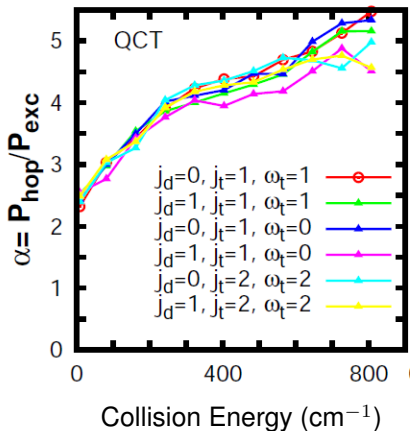
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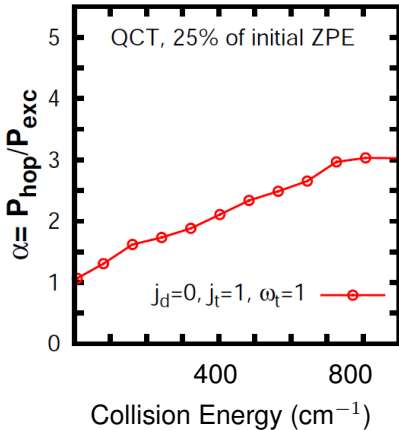
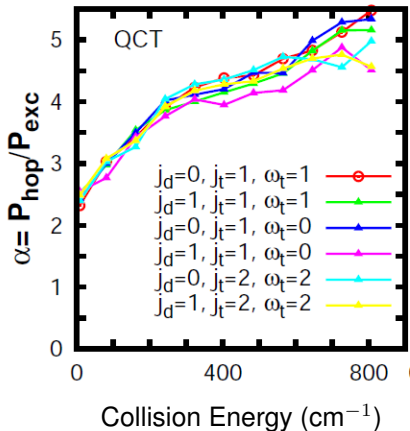


- $\alpha$  too high!!
- ZPE favors direct hop mechanism

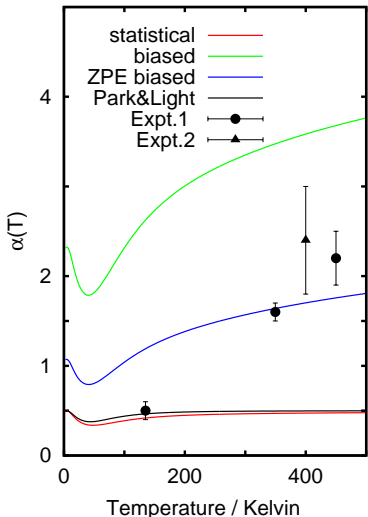
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$$S_M(E) = \text{QCT prob.} \quad \text{ZPE}_{H_2} + \text{ZPE}_{H_3^+} = 6538 \approx \text{ZPE}_{H_5^+} = 7167 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

ZPE reduction: Manikandan & Hase ('12)



# Comparison with Experiments



Expt. 1: Crabtree, *et al.*, J. Chem. Phys., **134**,('11)

Expt. 2: Cordonnier, *et al.*, J. Chem. Phys., **113**,('00)

Simul. Gómez-Carrasco *et al* J. Chem. Phys.,('12)

- ZPE plays a fundamental role
- ZPE-biased “works” at  $T > 300$  K
- Statistical behaviour at  $T < 200$  K
- Need of quantum treatments
- Direct experimental information in infrared predissociation spectra

Experiments by Cheng *et al.* JPCI ('10)

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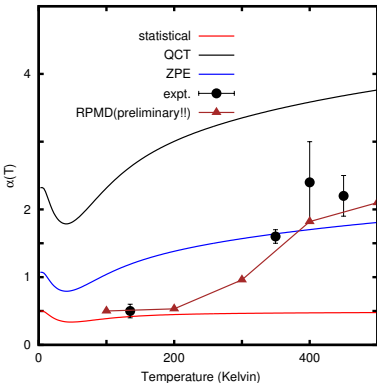
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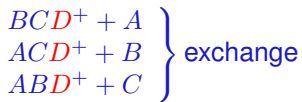


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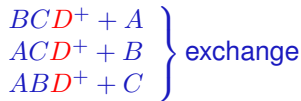
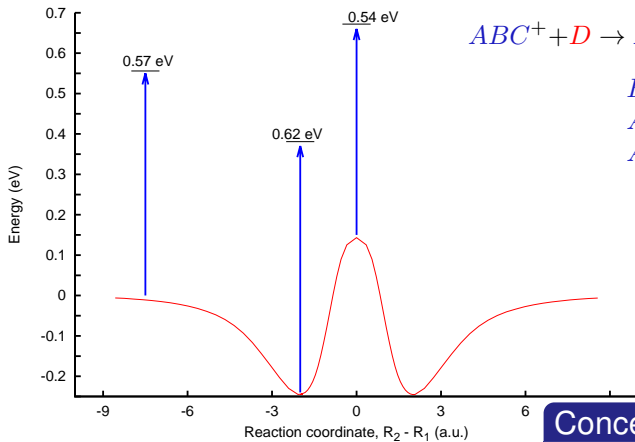


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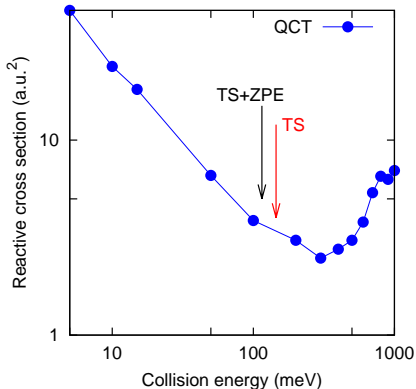


**Planar TS and well**

**Concerted mechanism**

1. formation of complex
2. exchange

# $H + H_3^+ \rightarrow H_3^+ + H$ exchange: cross section



- $\sigma$  increases with decreasing  $E$  below the TS.

in agreement with Moyano, Pearson Collins ('04) for  $E \gg$

- Reactive trajectories are correlated to long time propagations associated to the formation of a  $H_4^+$  complex
- need of experimental or quantum results to confirm
- Similar to reactions of COM's with OH

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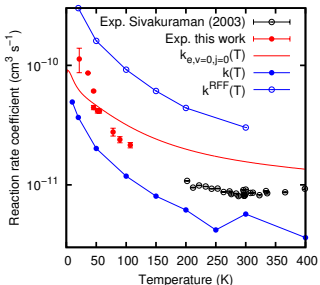
Reactivity due to dimer formation

- New experiments on  $H_2CO+OH$

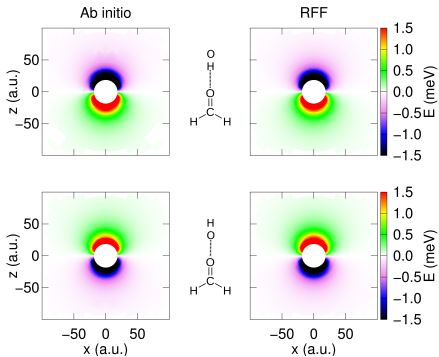
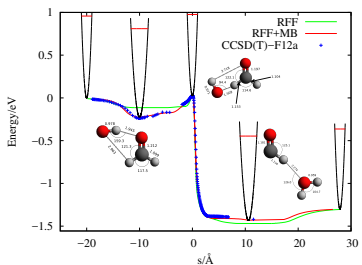
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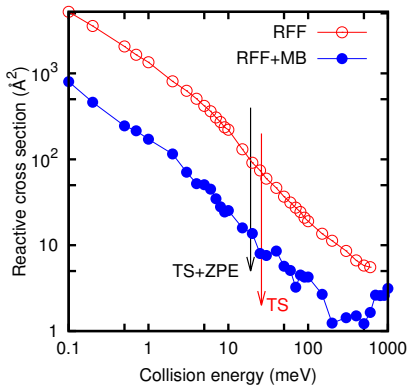
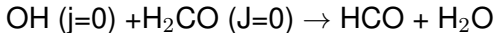
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# PES: IRC and long range check



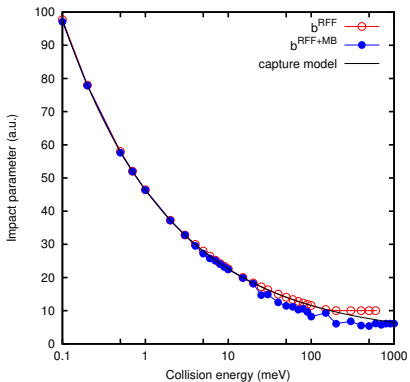
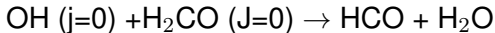
# Reactive cross sections: QCT treatment



- $\sigma(E) = \pi \quad b_{max}^2 \quad P_r(E)$

- $\sigma(E)$  increases below TS!!

# Impact parameter



- Long range interaction

$$V(R \rightarrow \infty) = A/R^3$$

The two dipoles re-orient at very long distances

- Assuming a capture model

$$b_{max} = \sqrt{3} (A/2E)^{1/3}$$

Levine & Bernstein in "Molecular Reaction Dynamics"



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# Conclusions ?

- $H_2+H_3^+$  collisions:  $\alpha$  ratio presents a transition from statistical behaviour at  $T < 200K$  and a more direct mechanism at  $T > 300 K$ .  
Need of Quantum methods to study this transition & to understand the statistical behaviour at low temperatures, due to long-lived resonances
- Ring Polymer Molecular Dynamics is a promising method  
Still challenging for low T
- $H+H_3^+$  exchange reaction cross section, with a barrier (of 0.15 eV)  
 $H_2CO+OH$  rate, also with a barrier (of 0.02 eV),  
studied with classical methods increase at low temperature  
Capture at low energies, non TST valid for dynamics far from IRC
- Experimental evidence in the case of reactions of COM's with OH  
Need of Quantum methods for large systems and low energies

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