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# Few-body processes in cold chemistry

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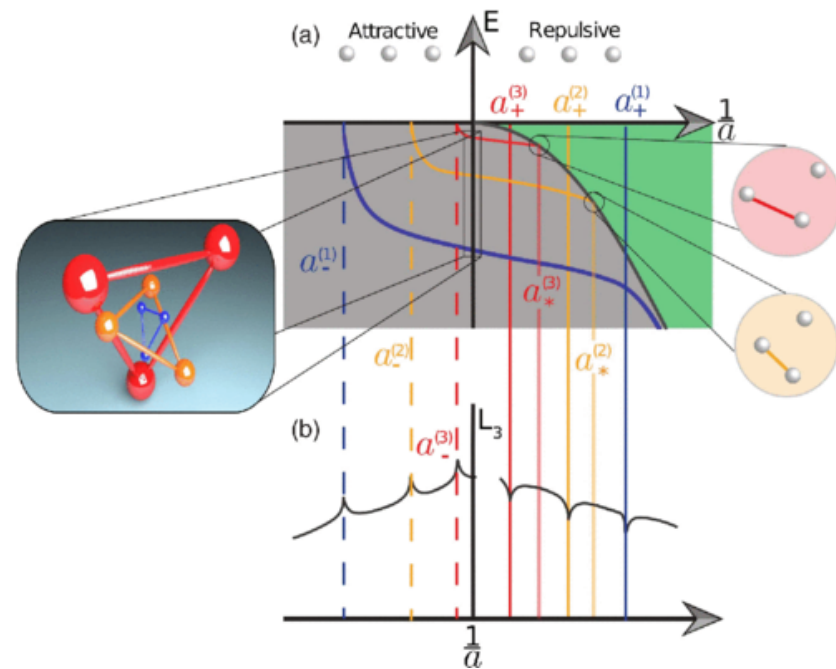
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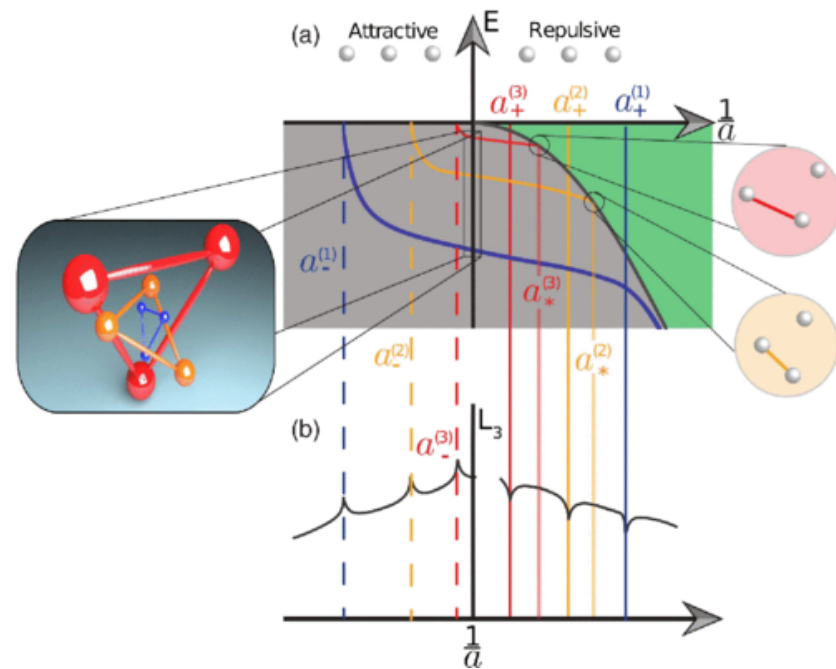


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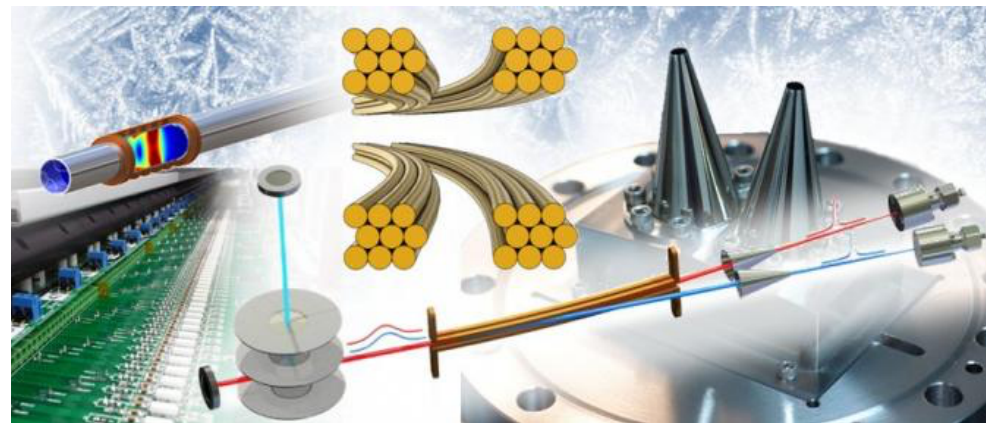
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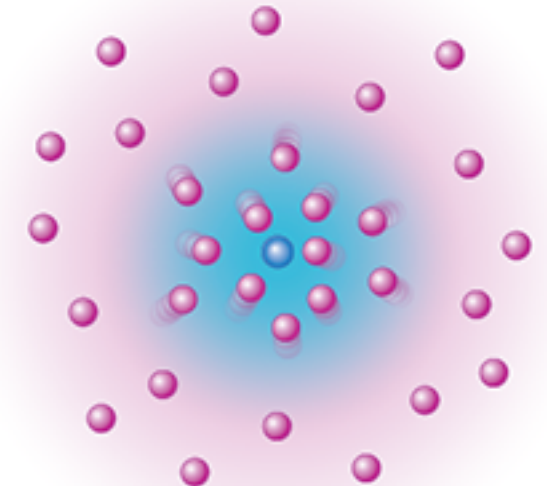
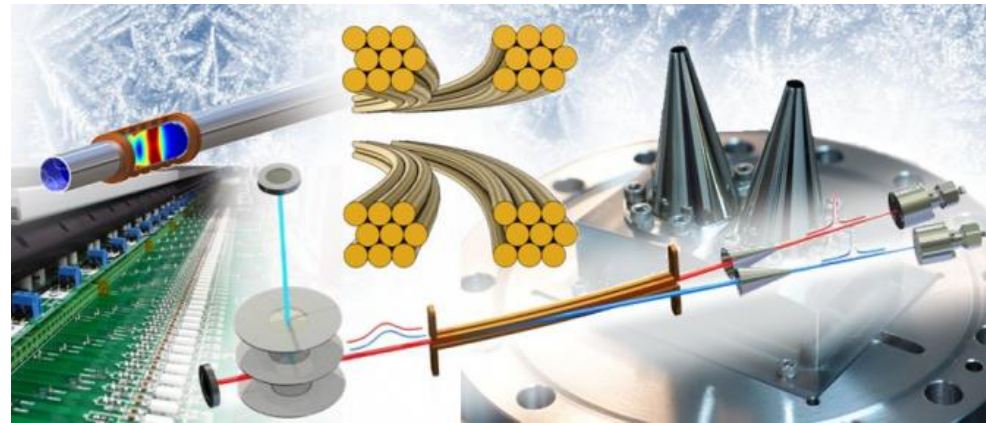
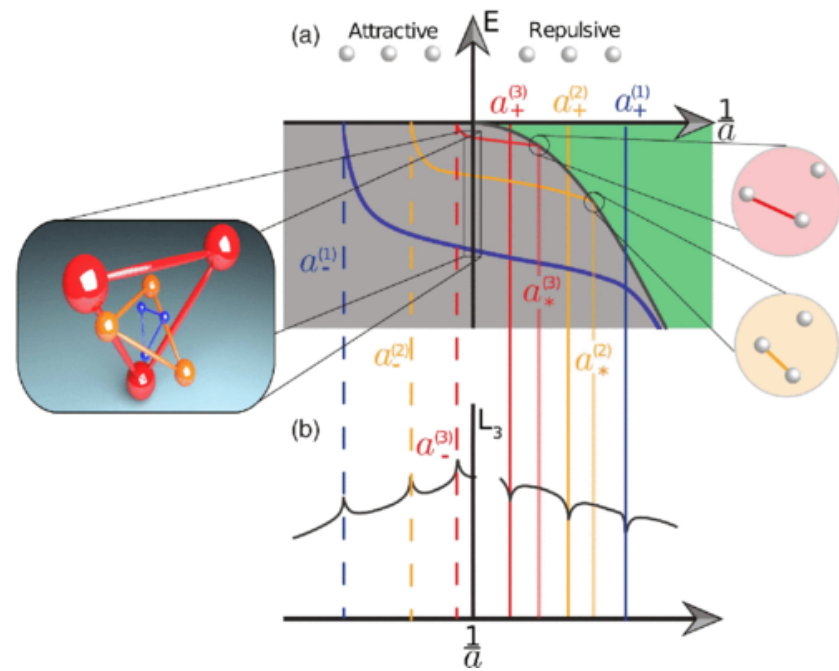
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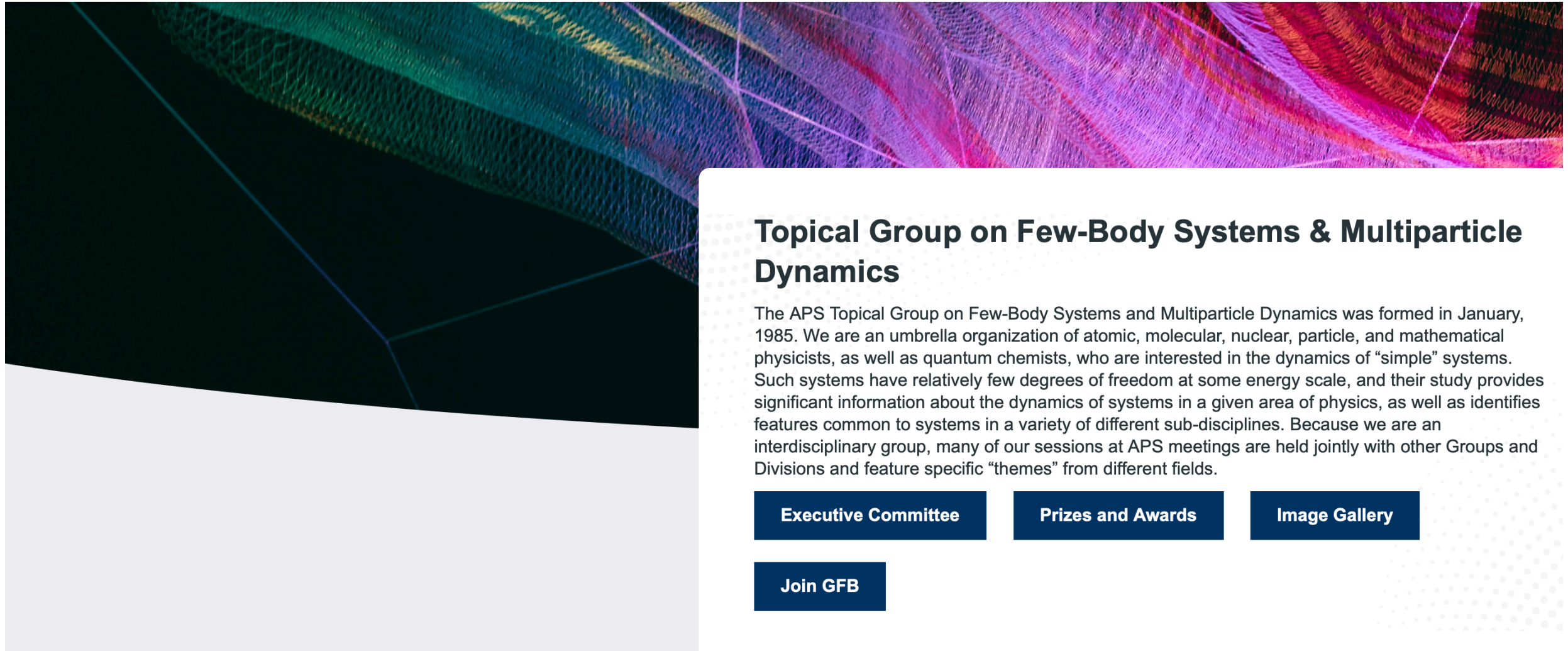


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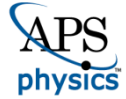
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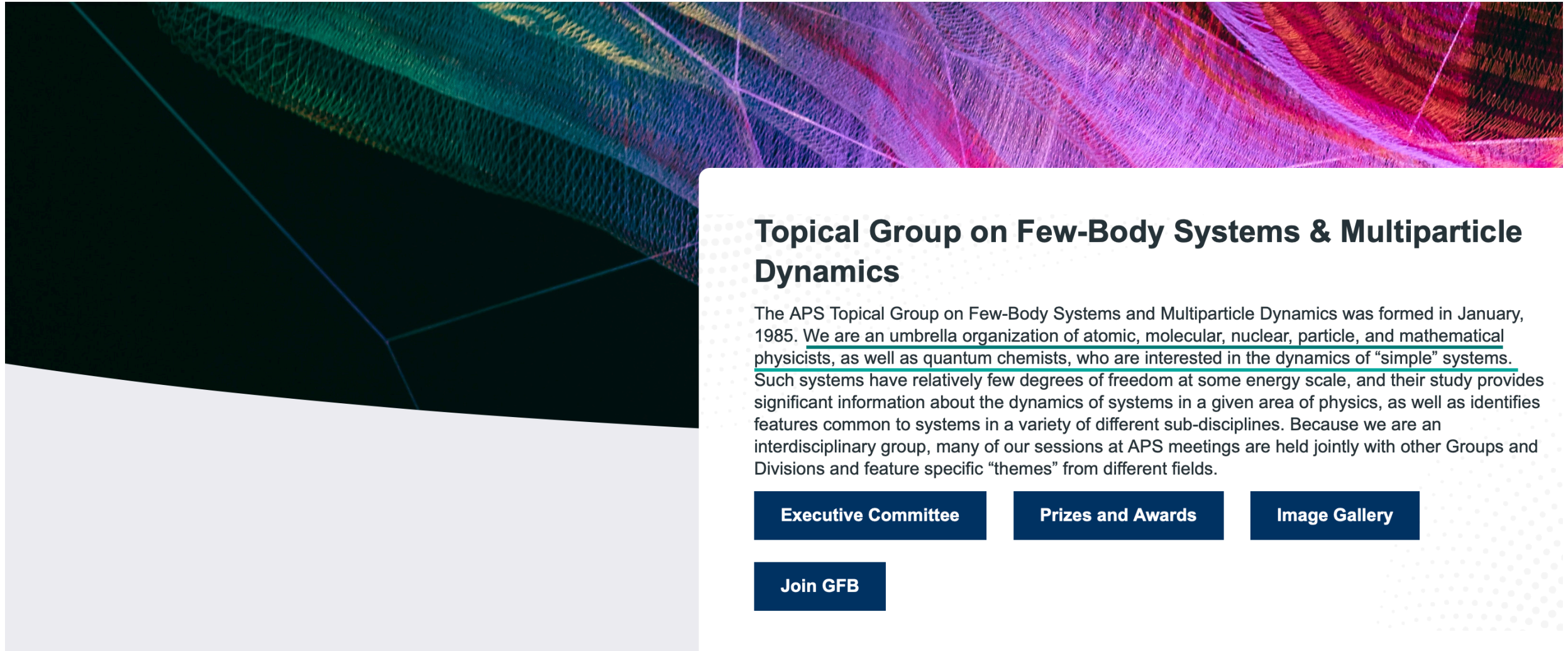
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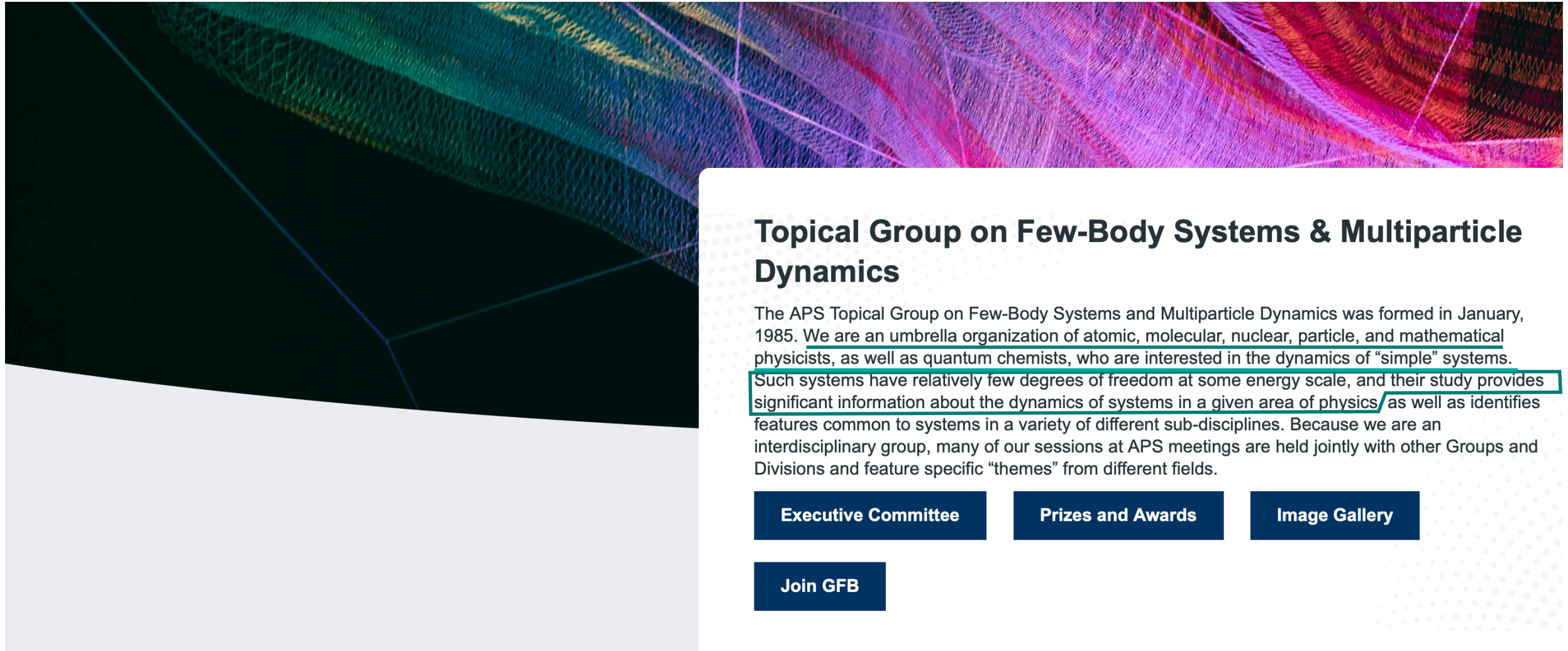
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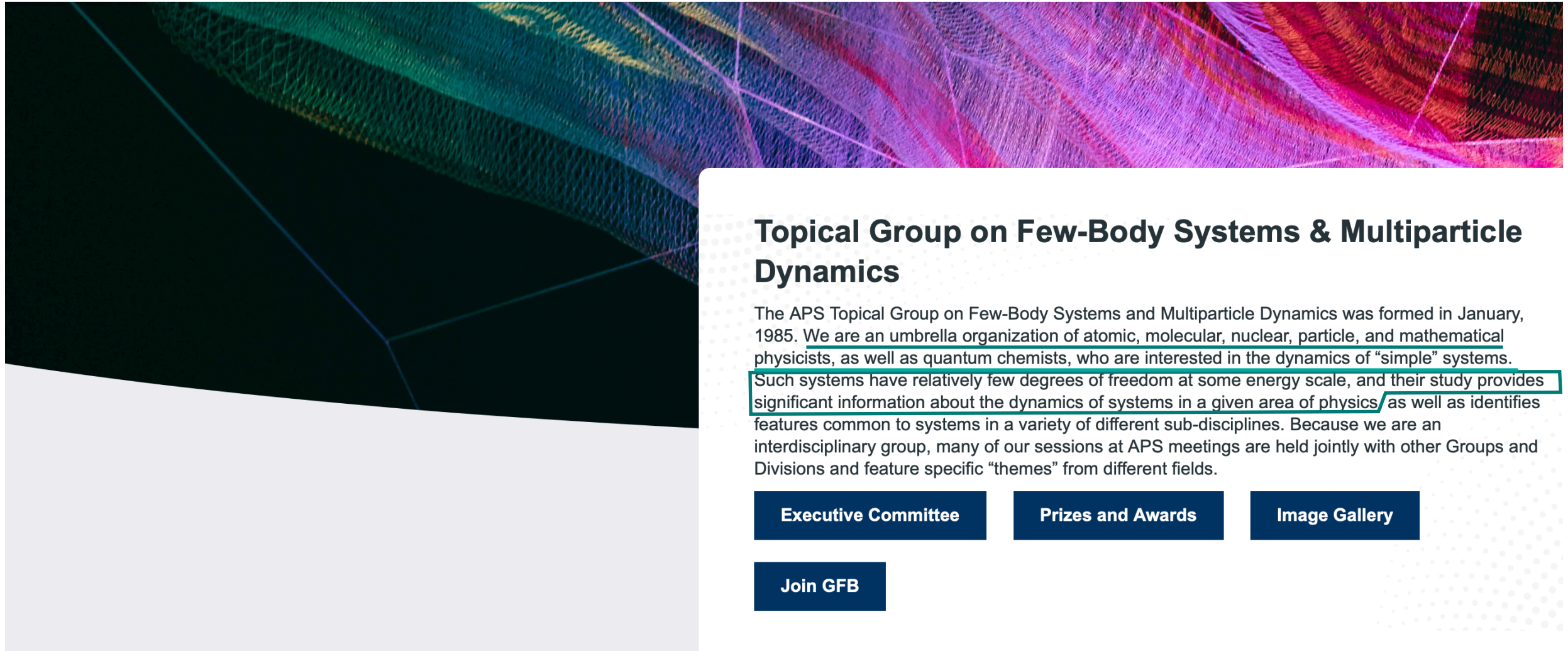
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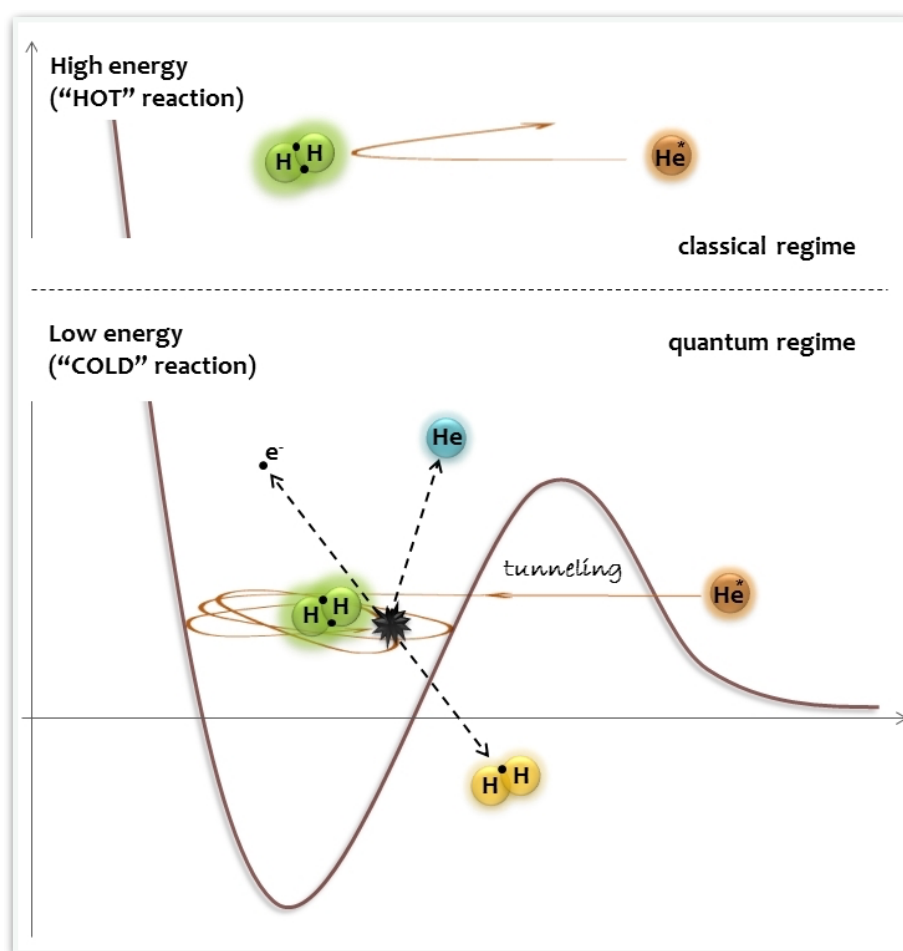
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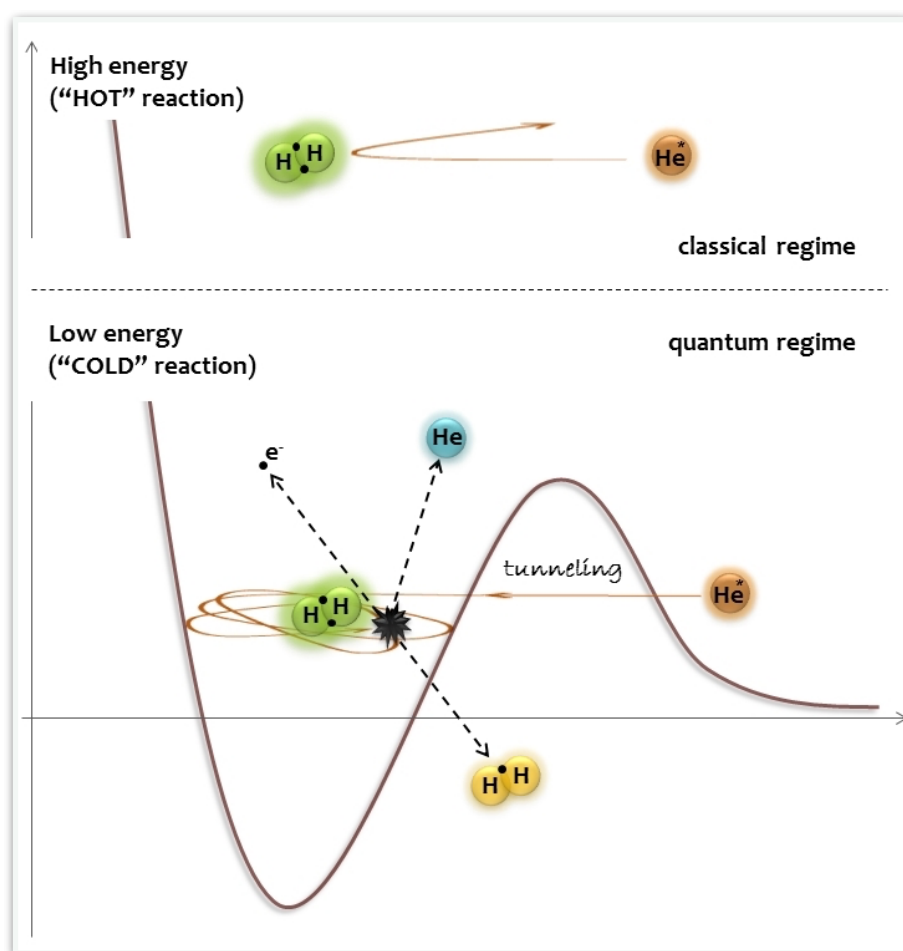
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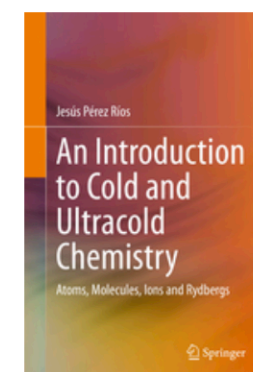
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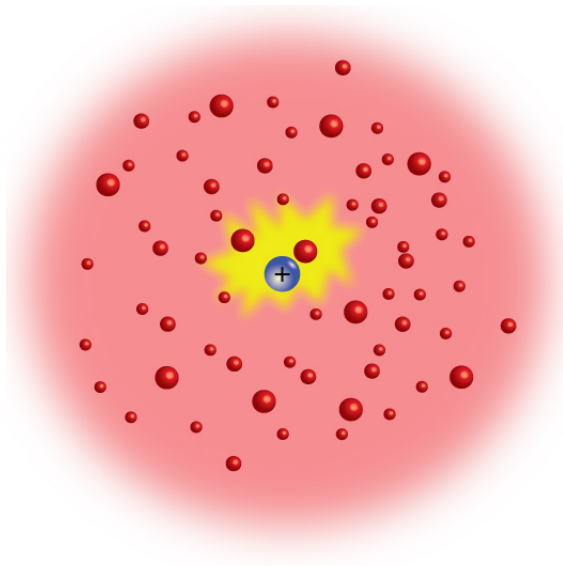
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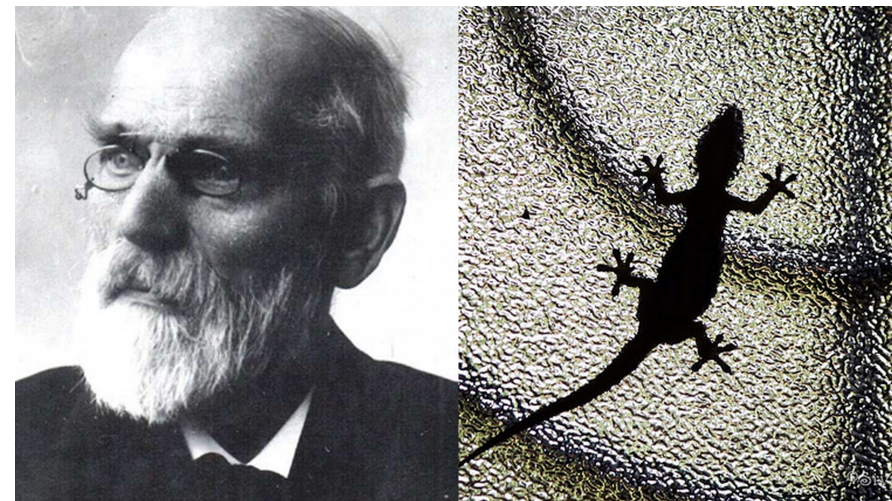
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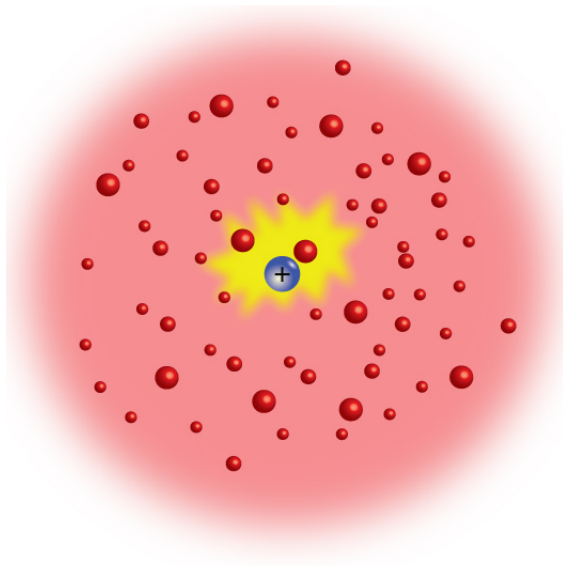
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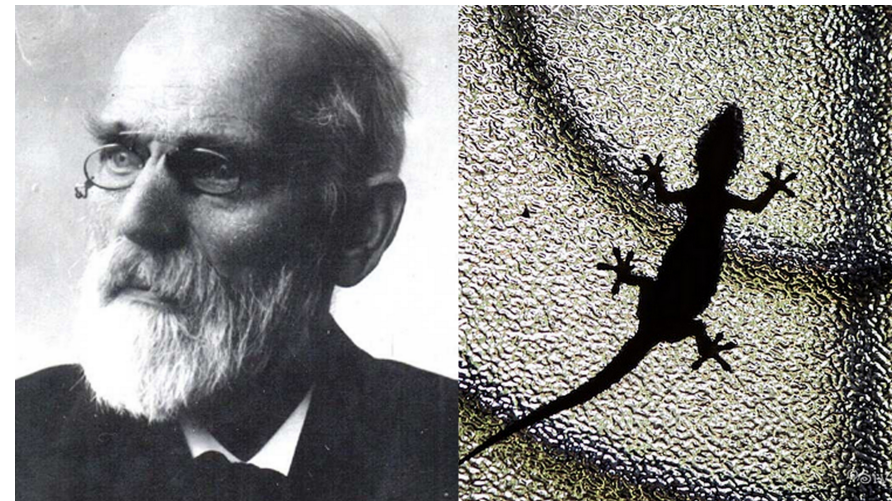
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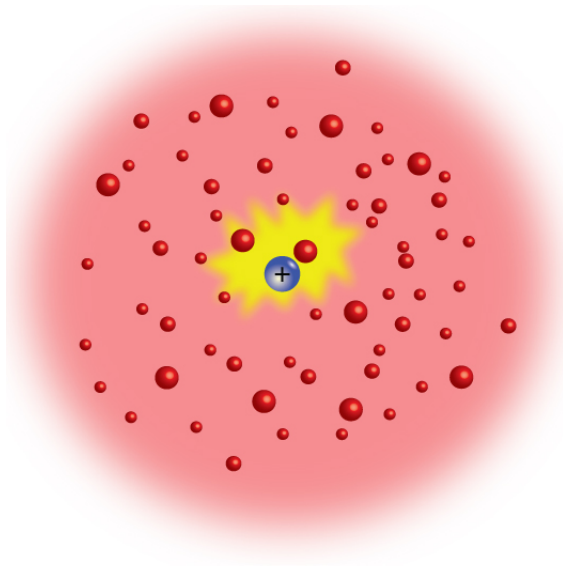
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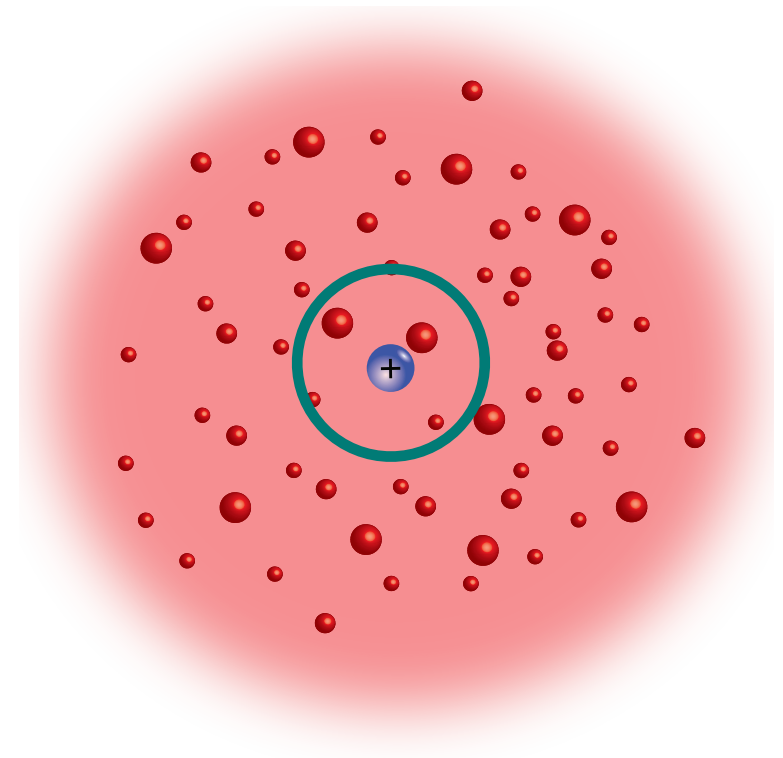


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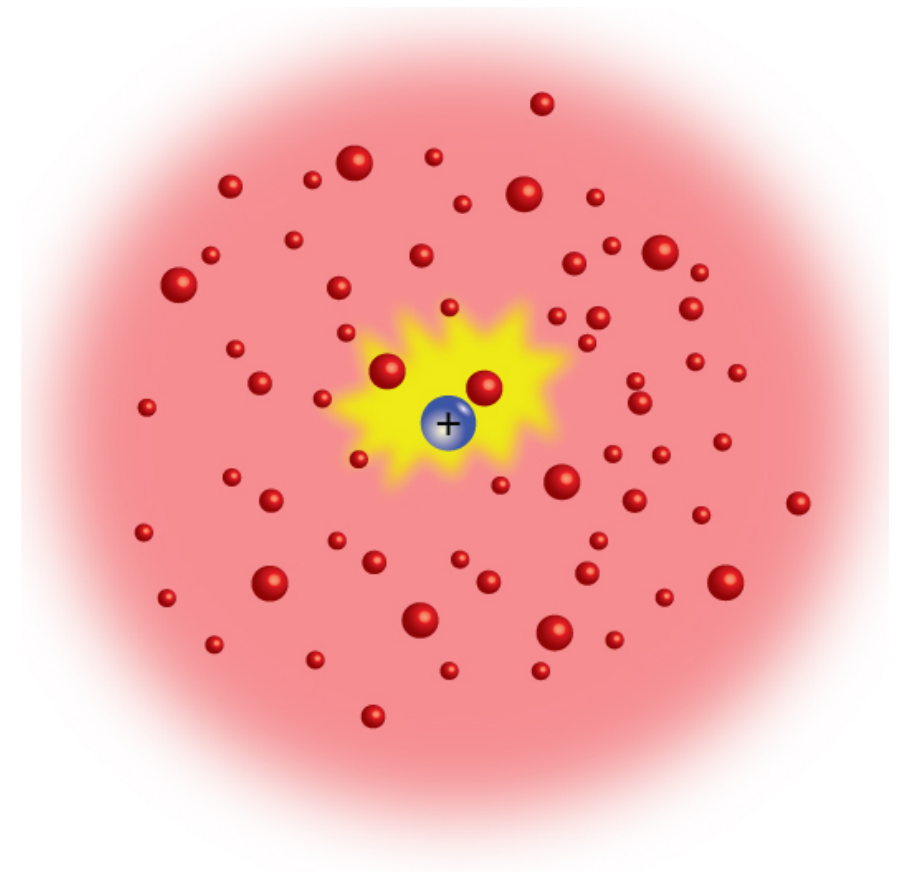
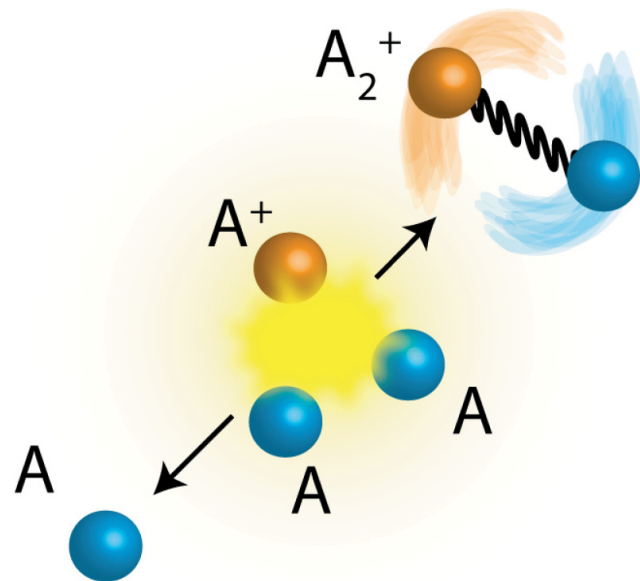
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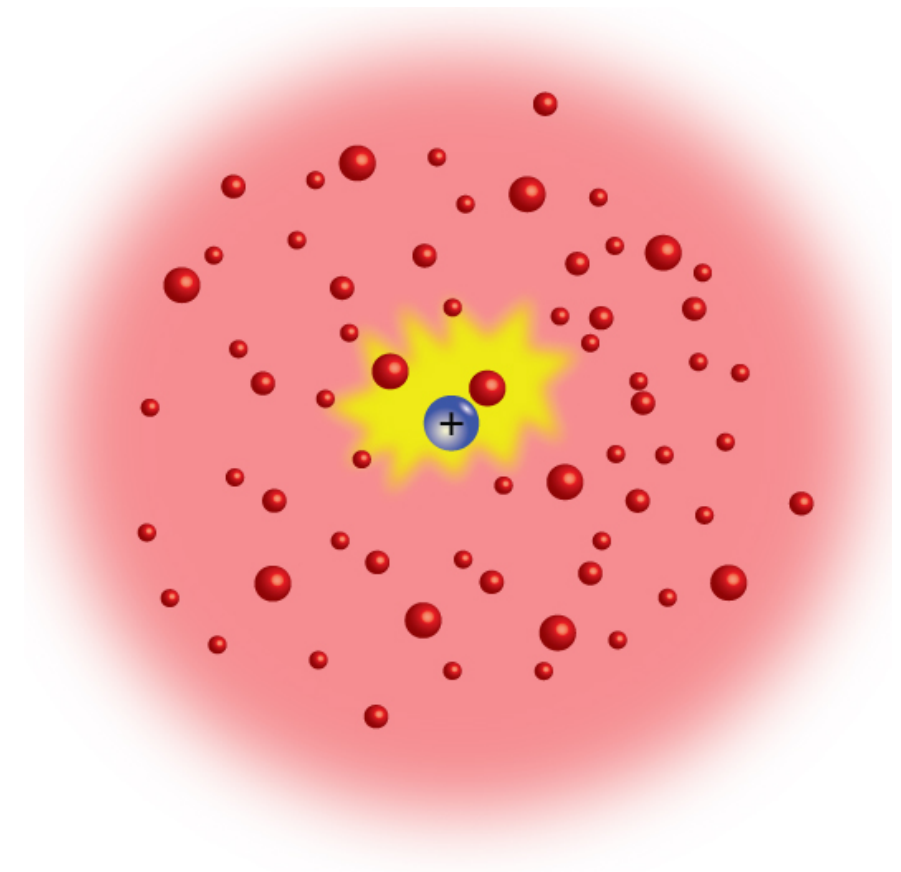
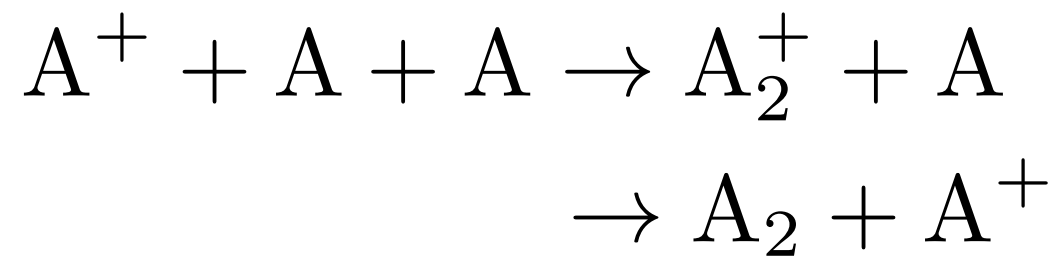
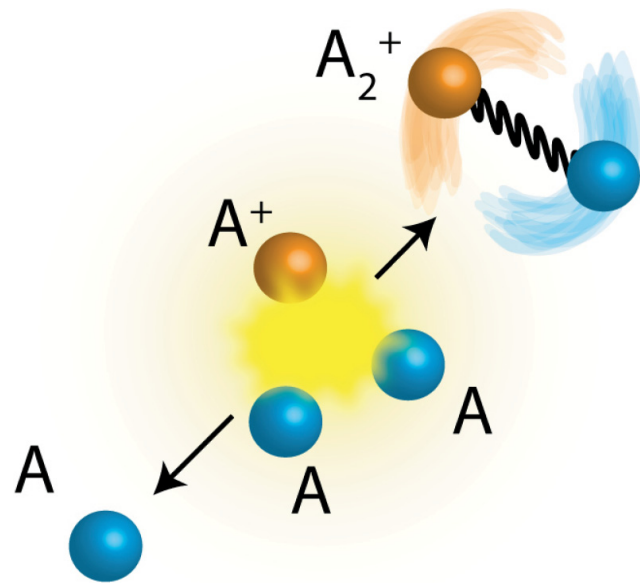
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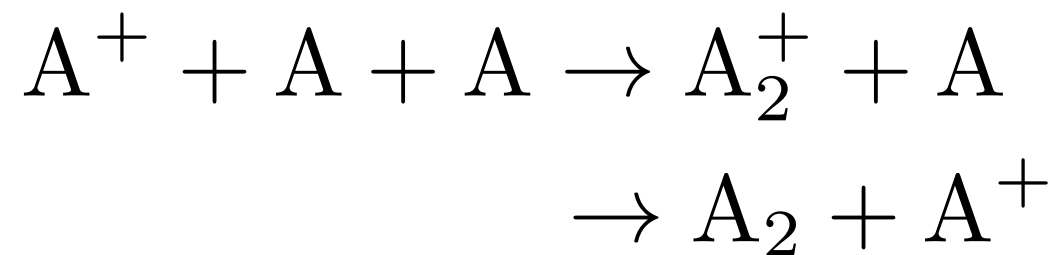
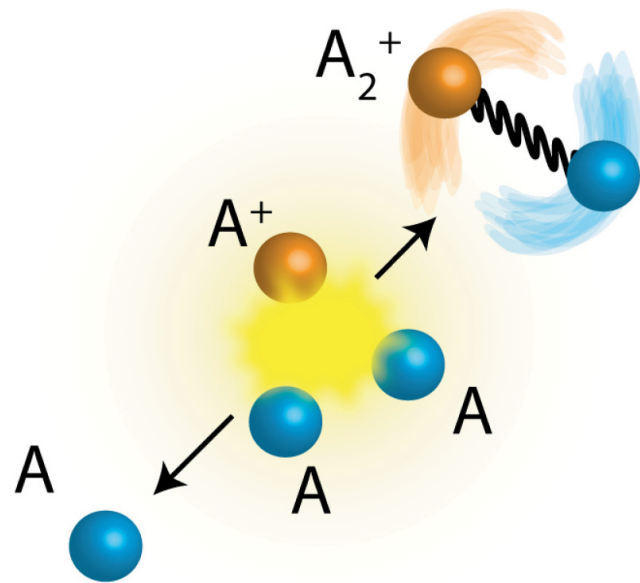
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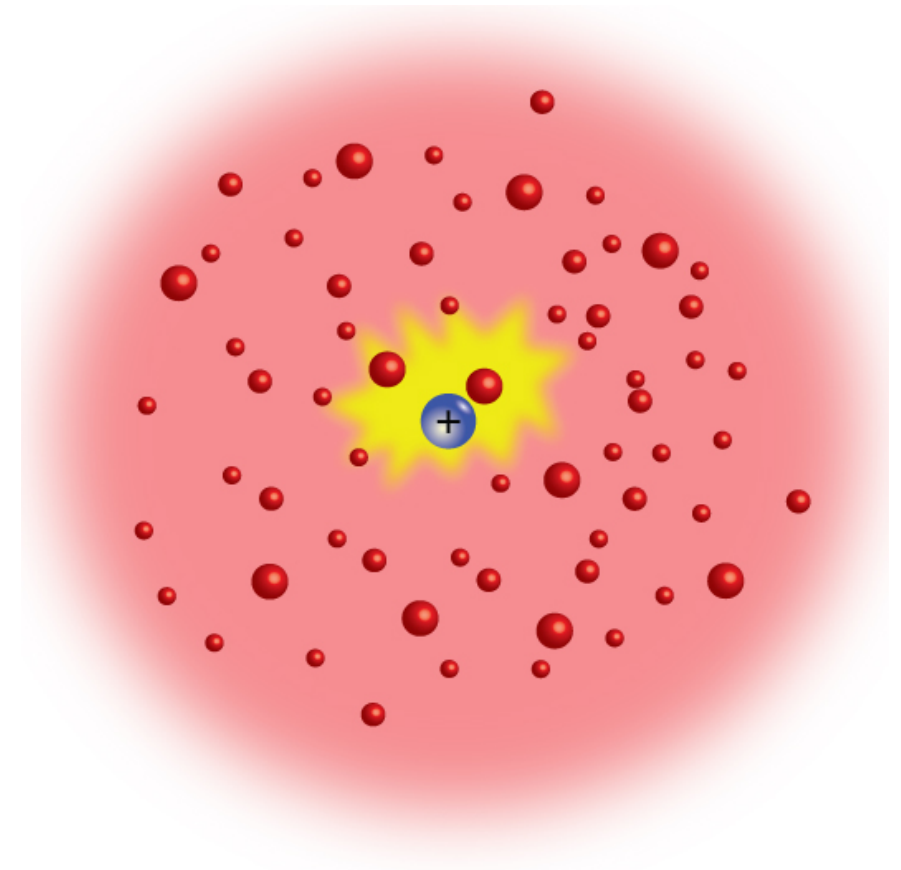


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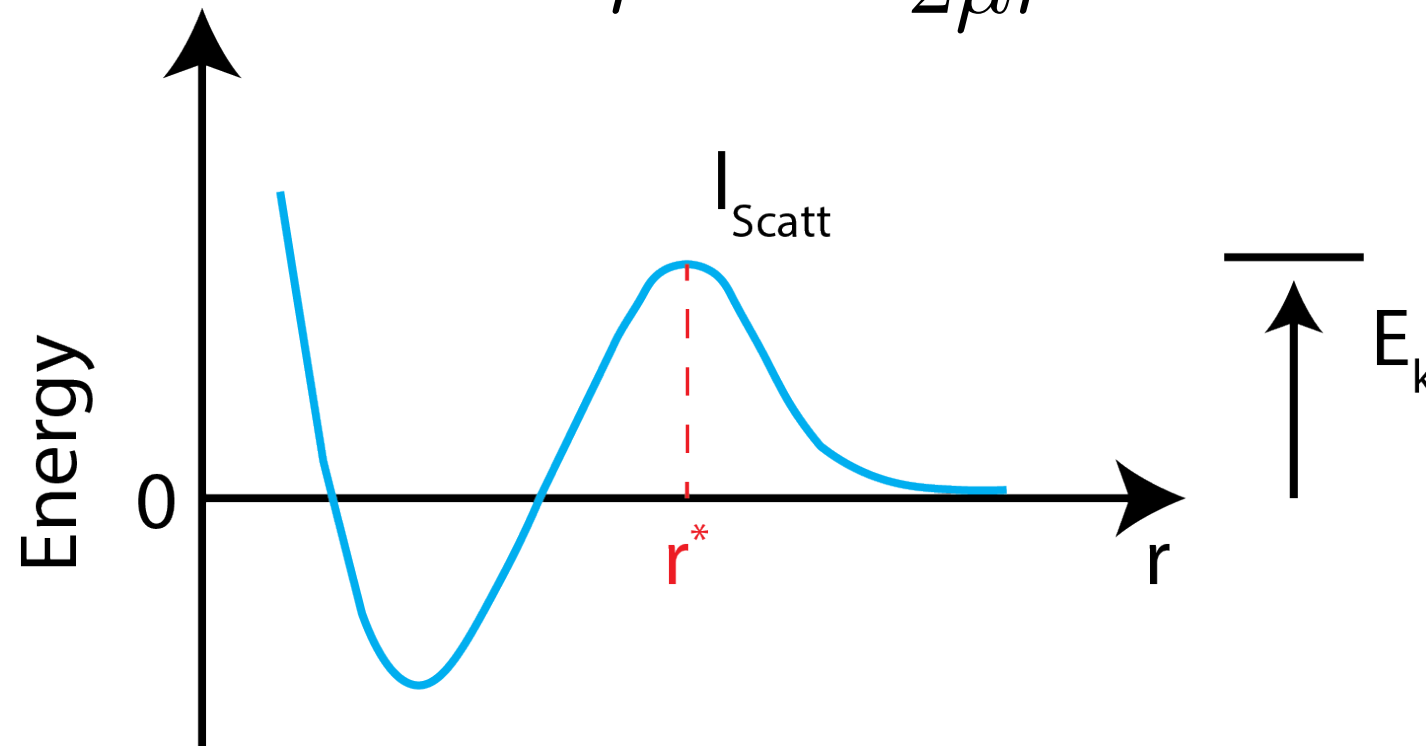
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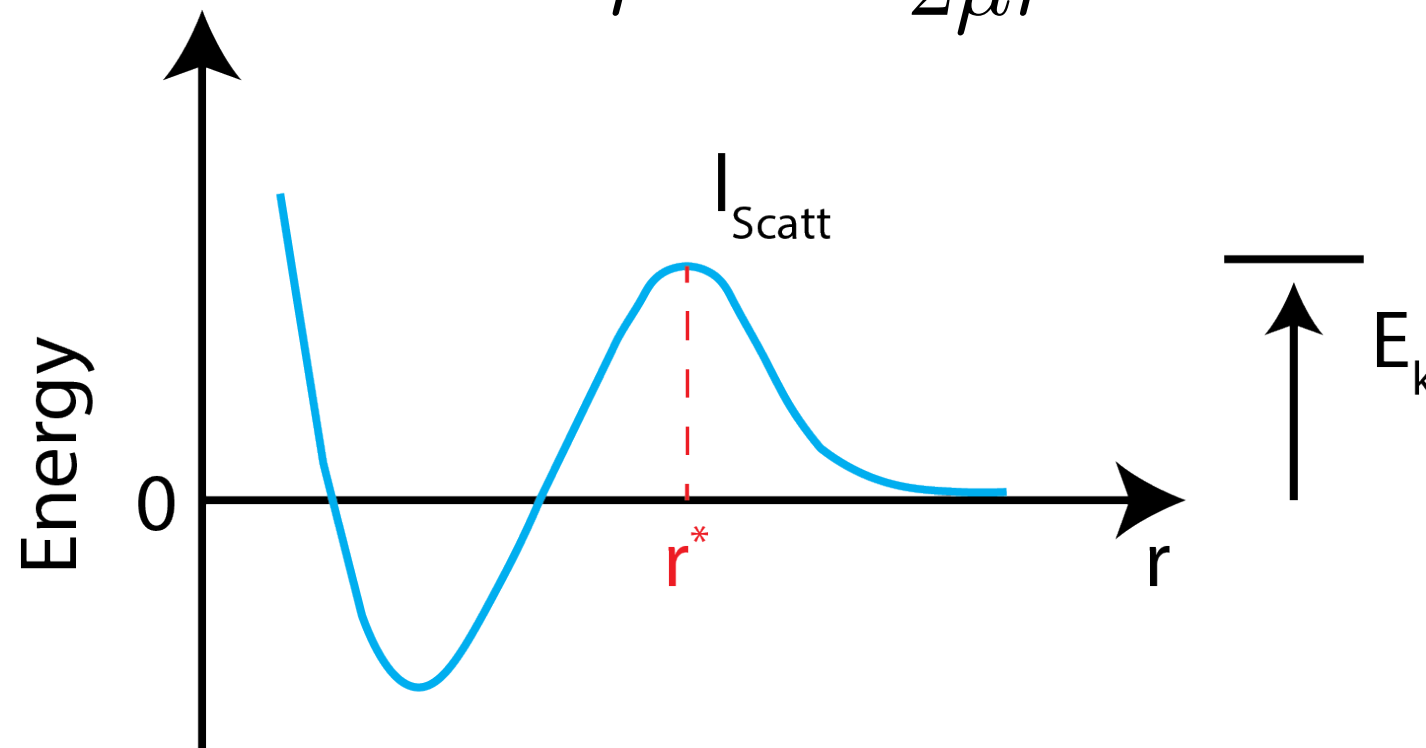
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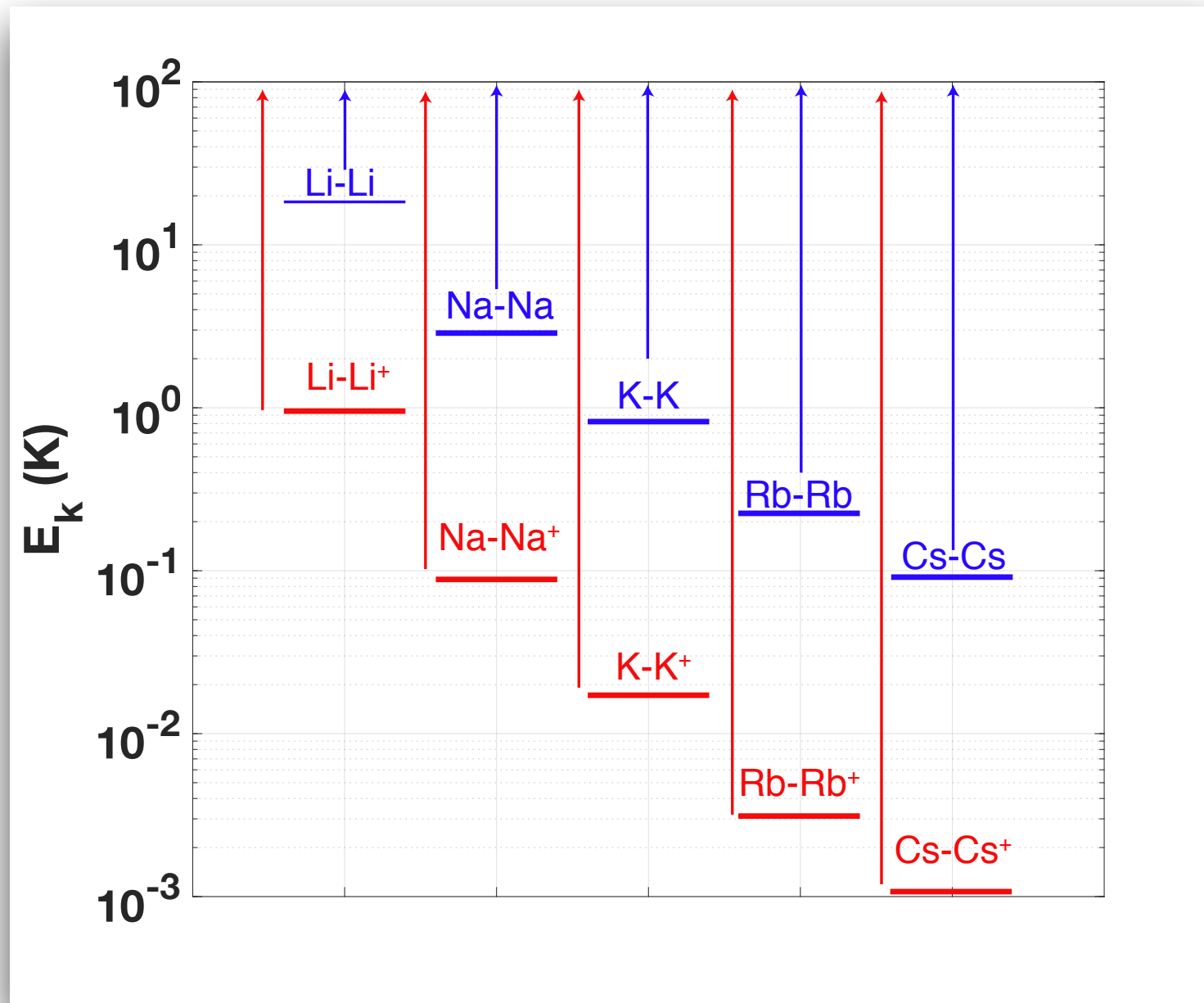


$$l_{\text{Scatt}} = \left( \frac{2}{n-2} \right)^{\frac{n-2}{2n}} \sqrt{n\mu} C_n^{1/n} E_k^{\frac{n-2}{2n}}$$

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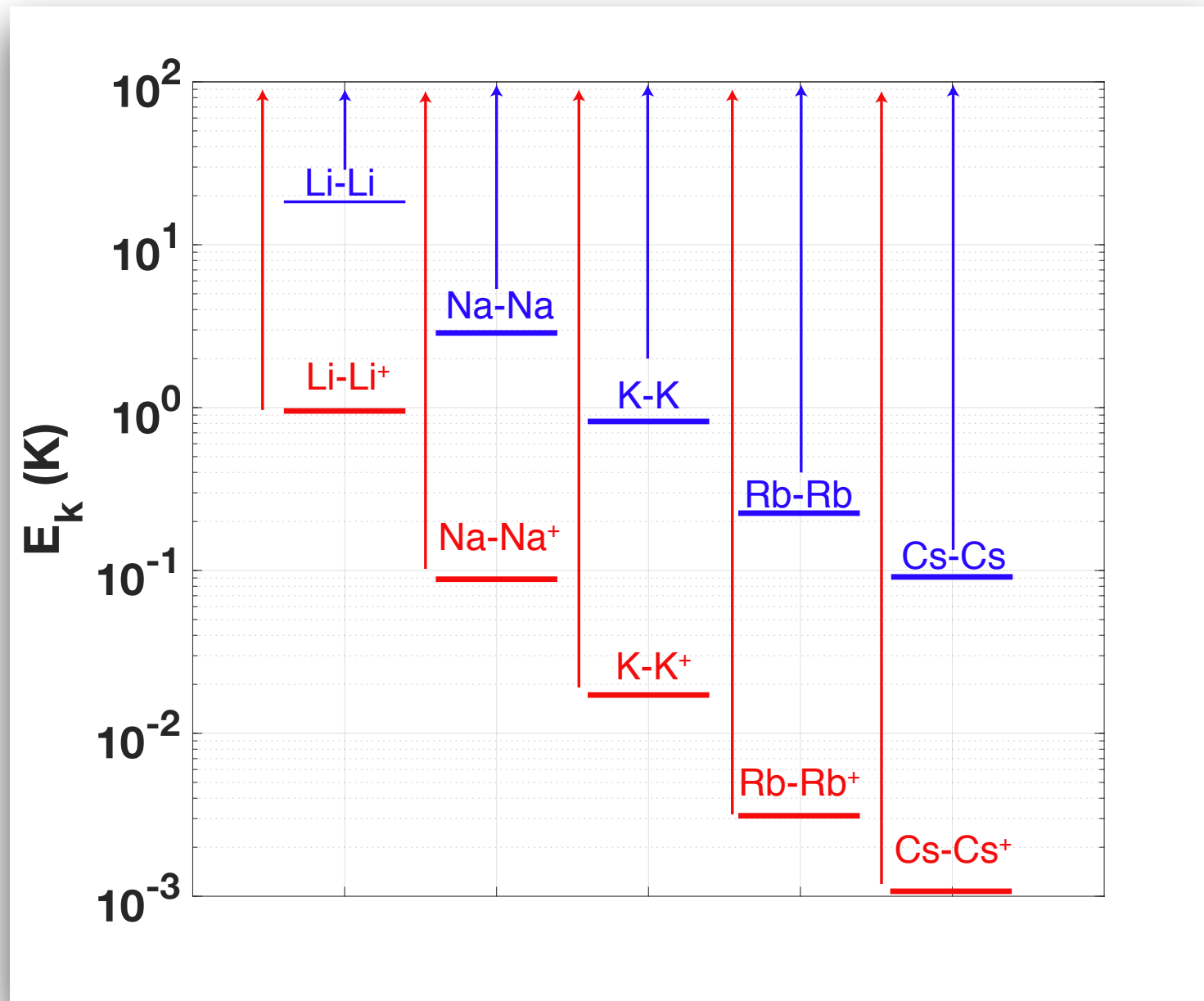


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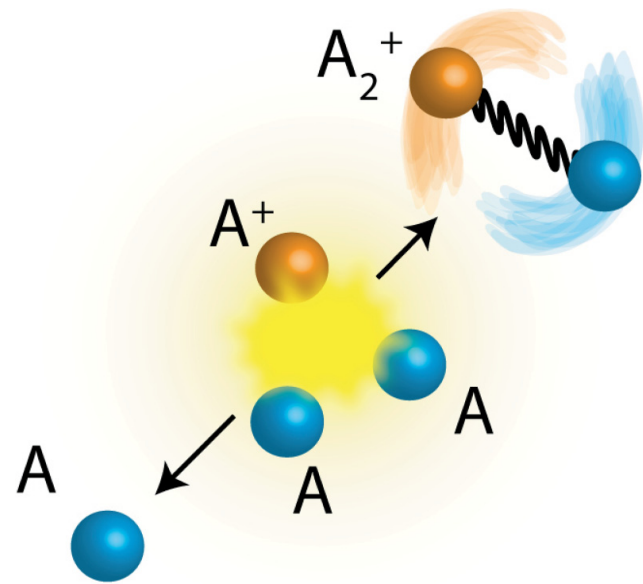


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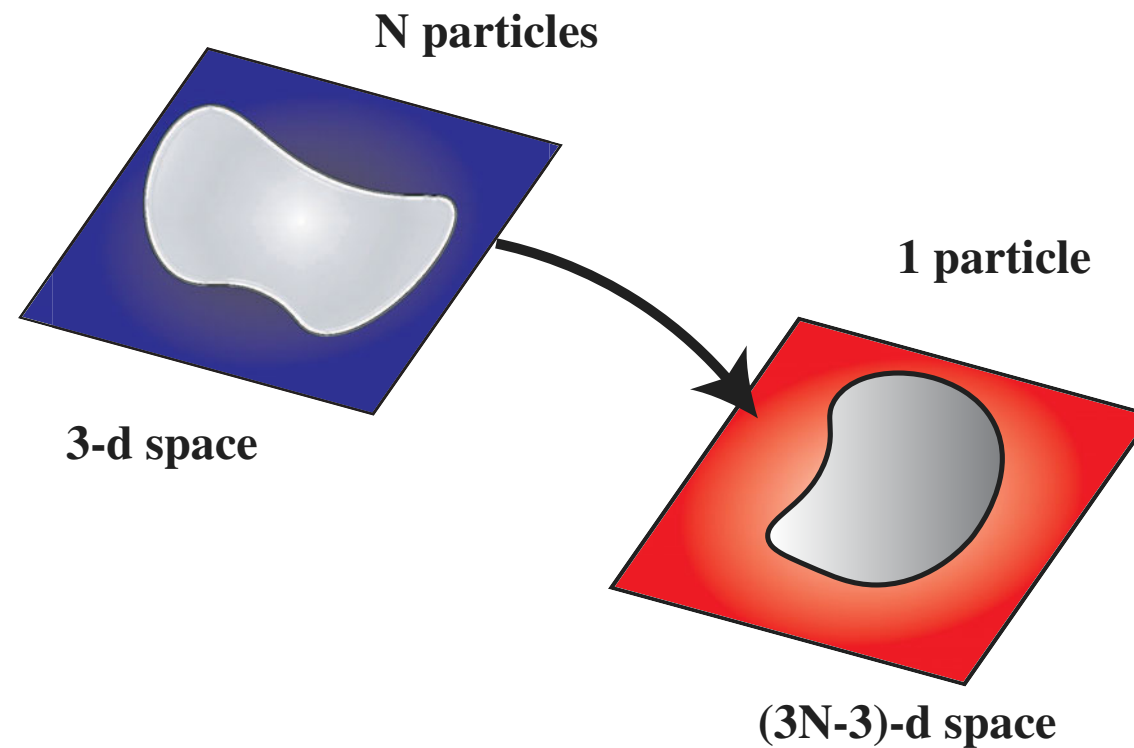
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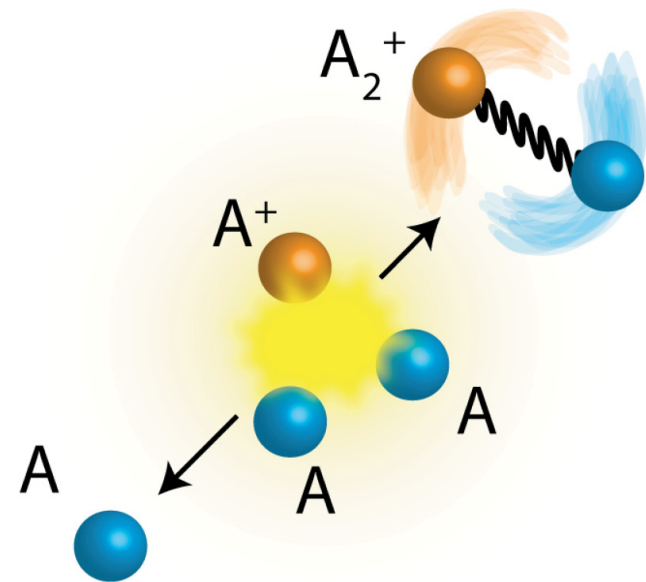
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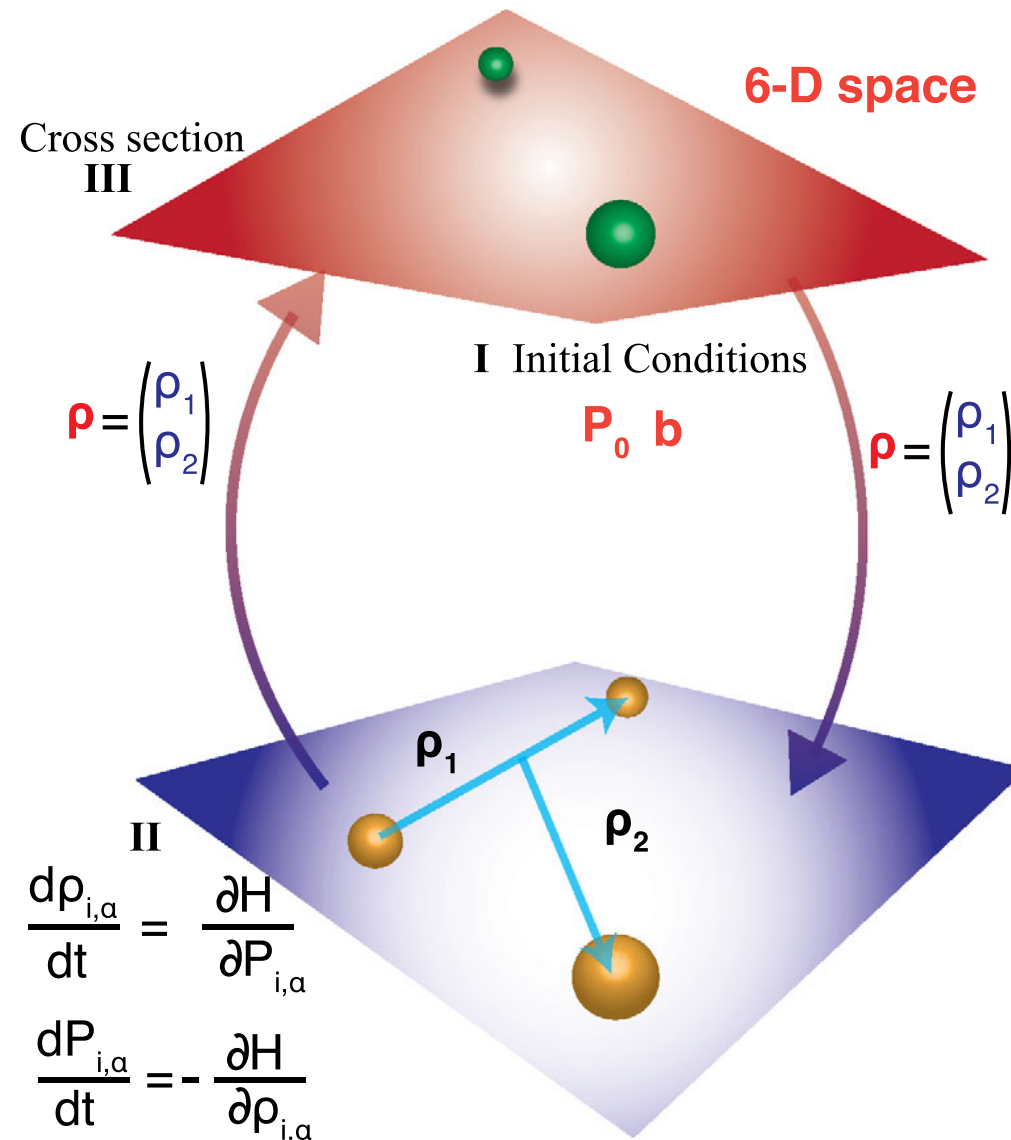


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$$H = \frac{P_1^2}{2m_{12}} + \frac{P_2^2}{2m_{3,12}} + V(\boldsymbol{\rho}_1, \boldsymbol{\rho}_2).$$

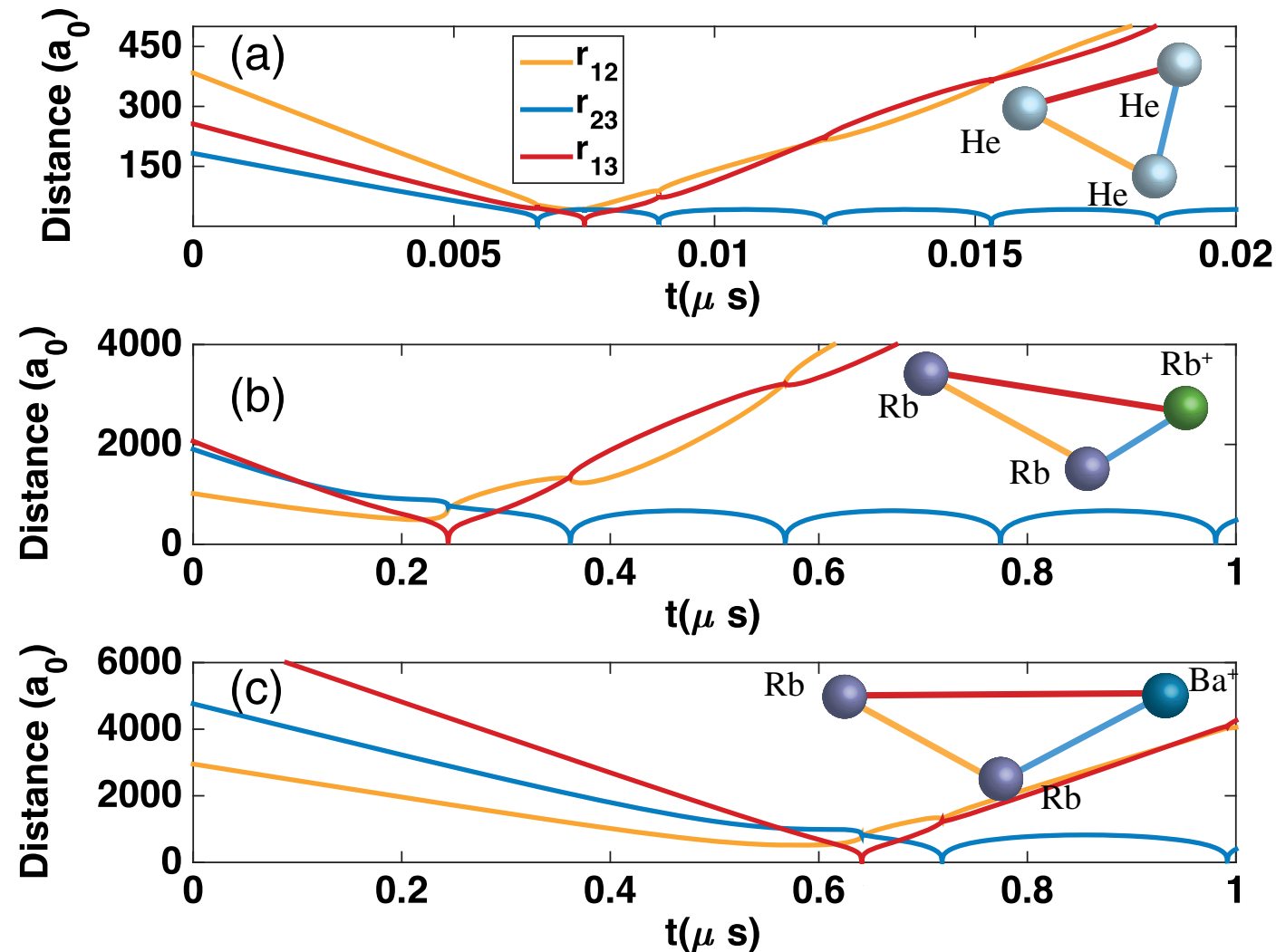
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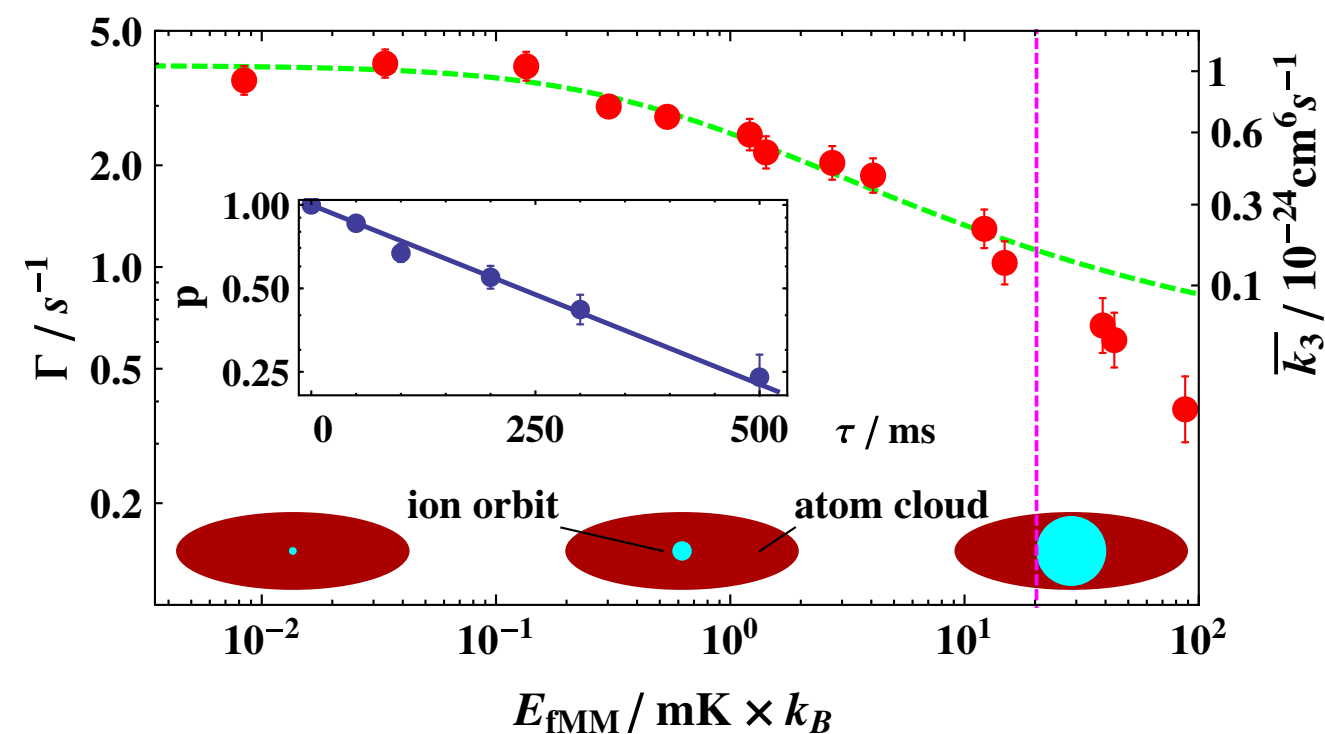
**E=1mK**



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$\text{Ba}^+ + \text{Rb} + \text{Rb}$

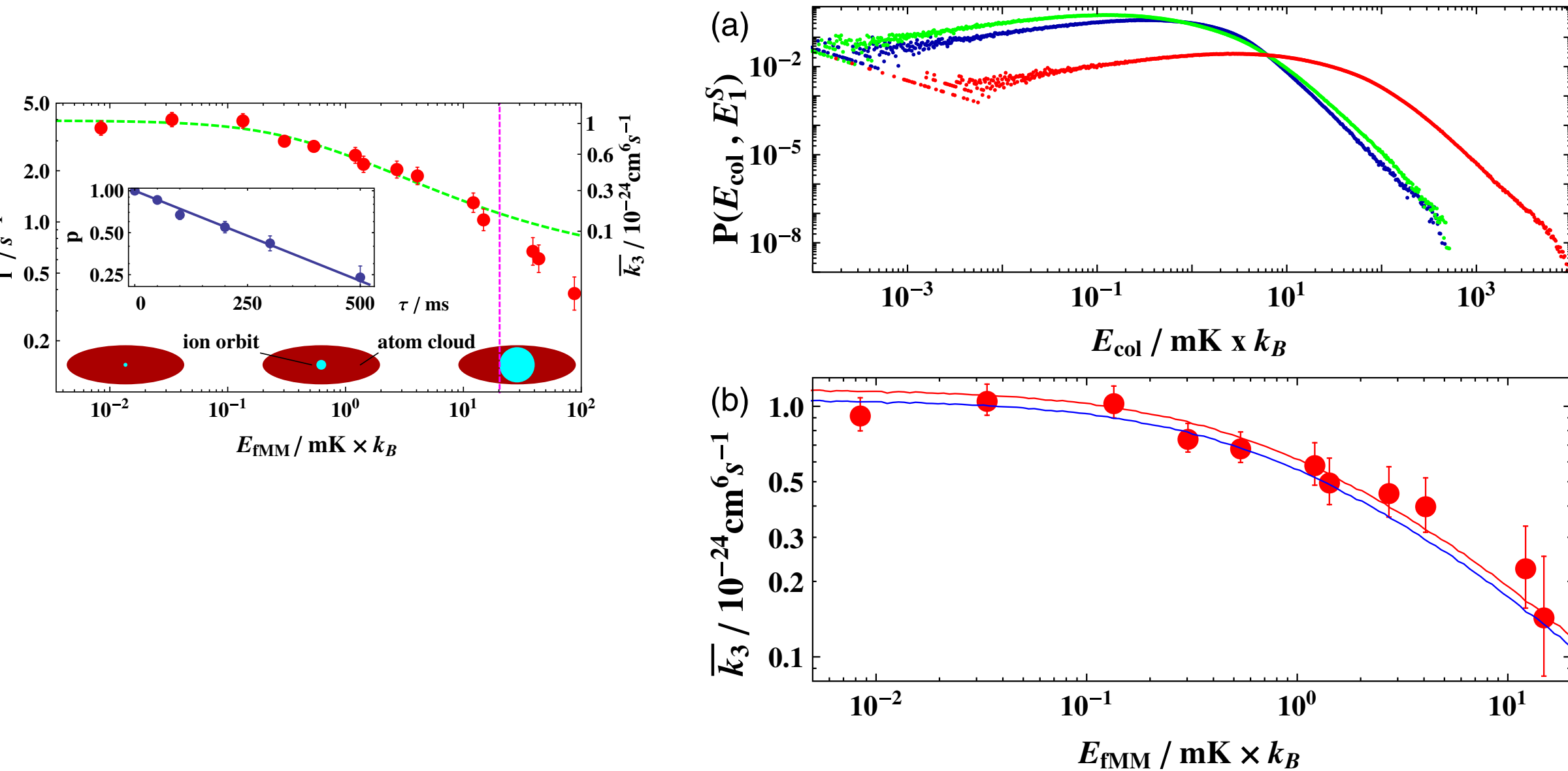
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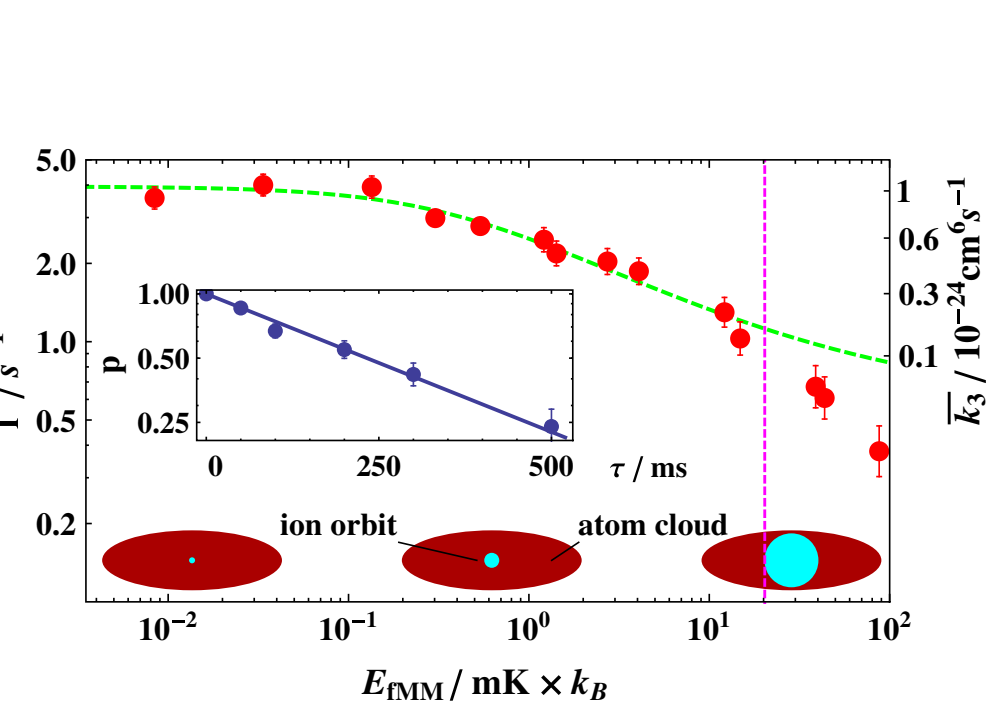
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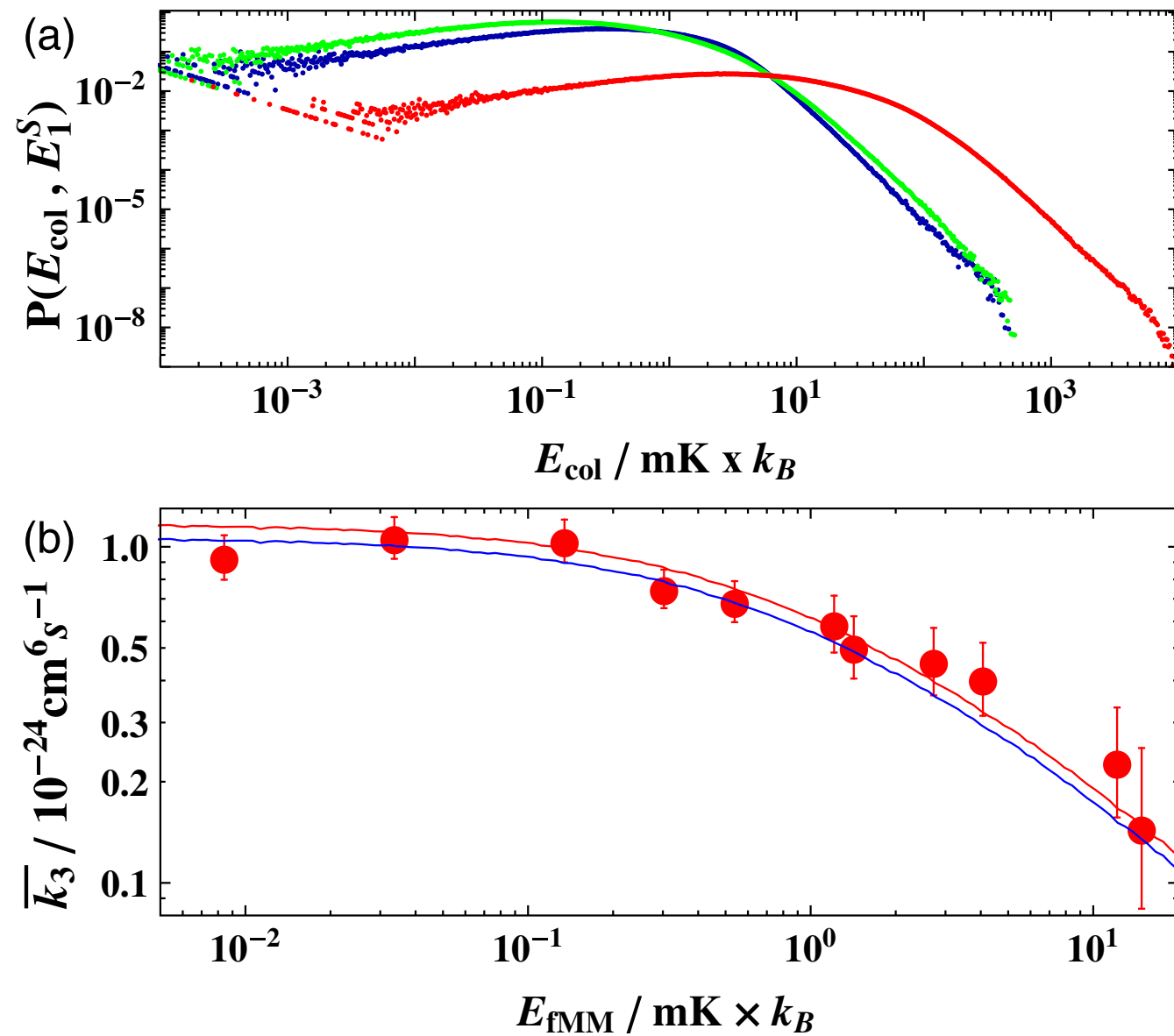
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$$\Gamma_3 \sim 10 \text{ms}^{-1}$$





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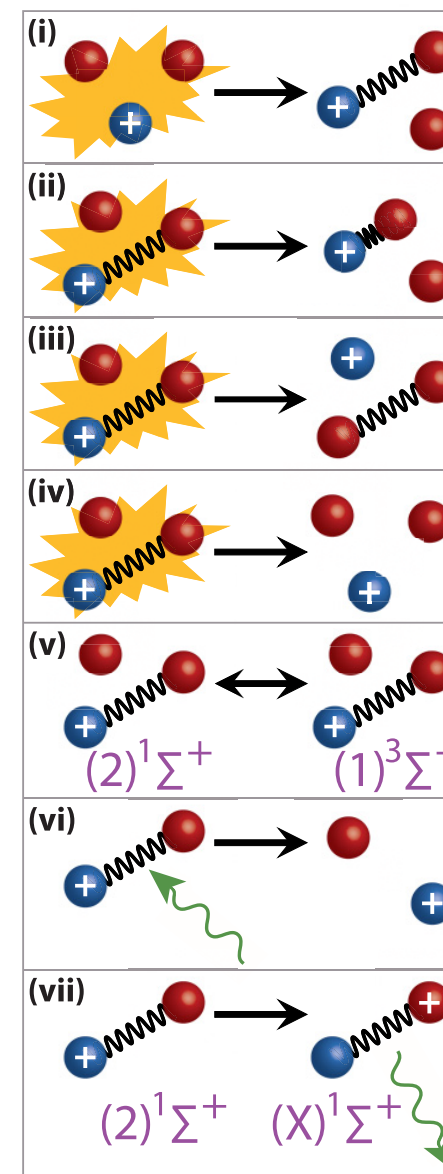
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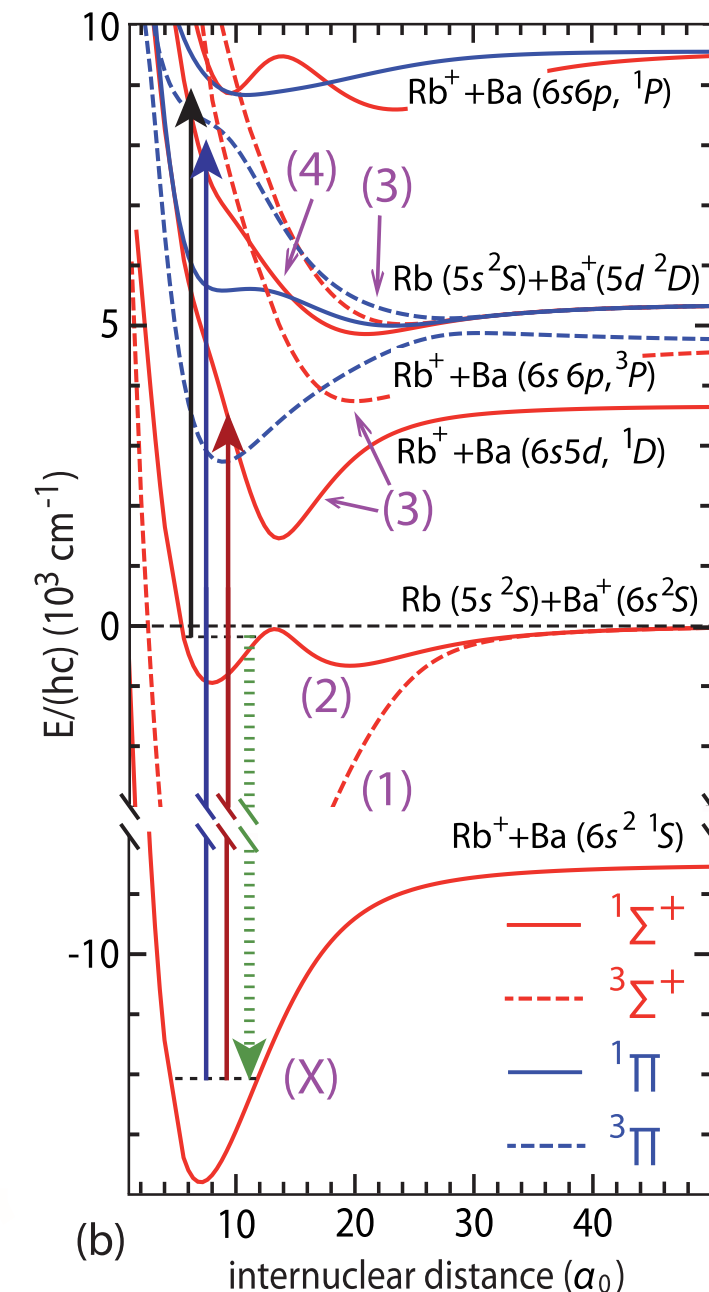
### Life and death of a cold BaRb<sup>+</sup> molecule inside an ultracold cloud of Rb atoms

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Maurice Raoult<sup>3</sup>, Olivier Dulieu<sup>3</sup> and Johannes Hecker Denschlag<sup>1,\*</sup>

### Photodissociation of weakly bound molecular ions



(a)



(b)



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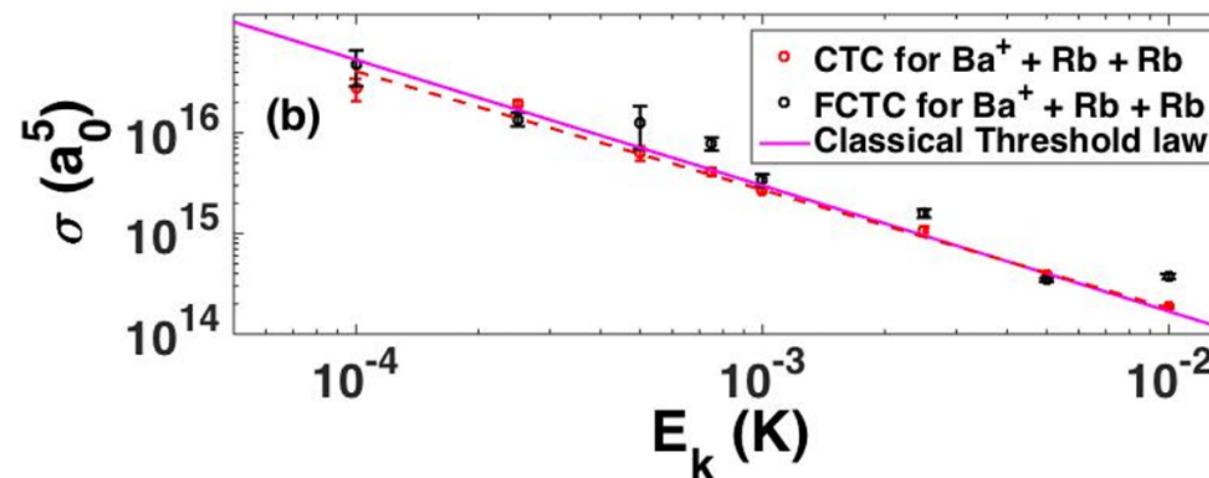
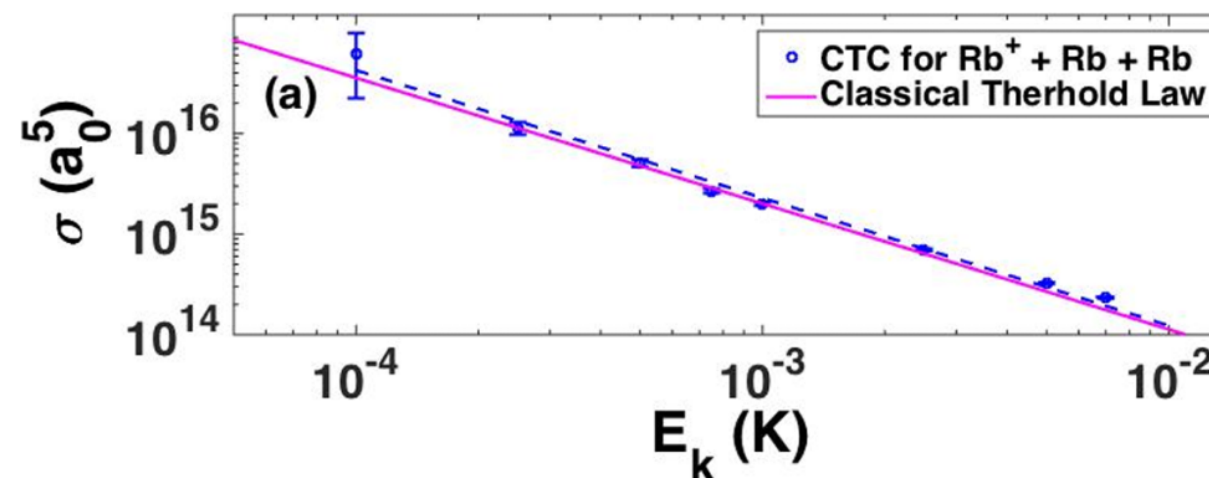
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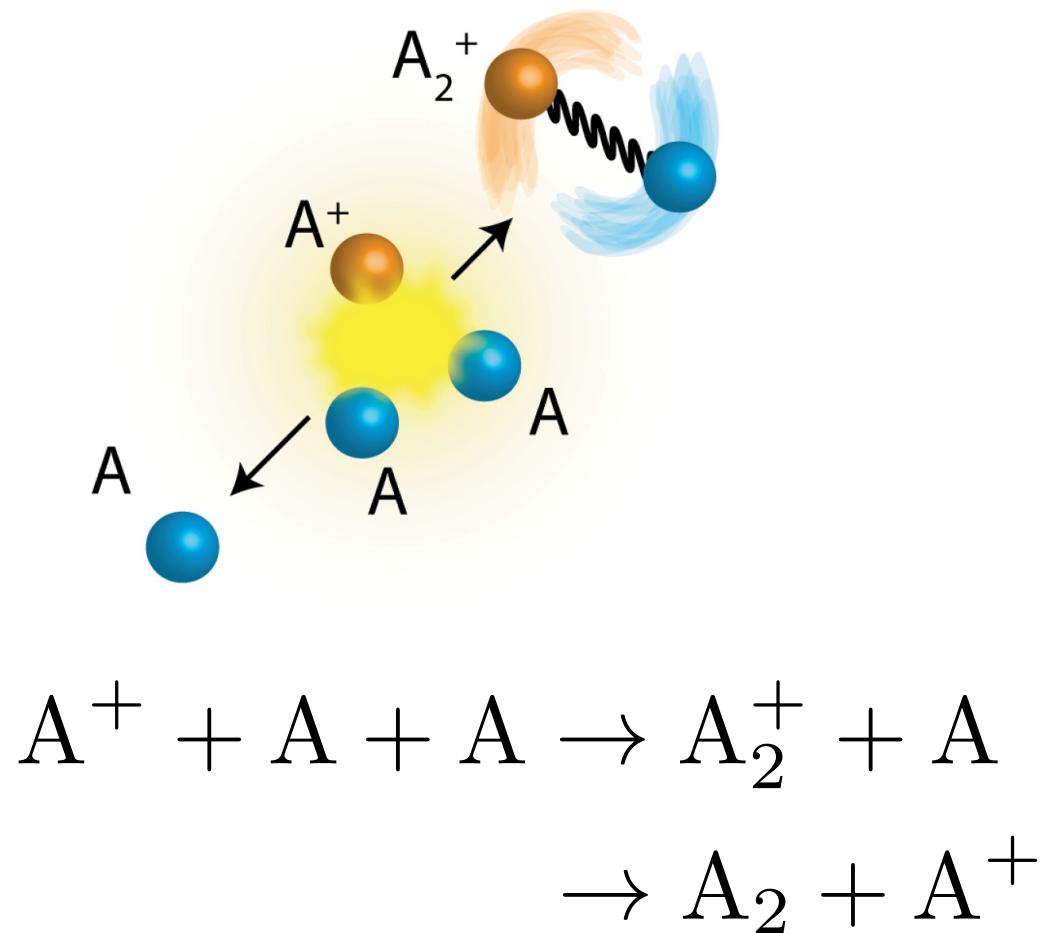


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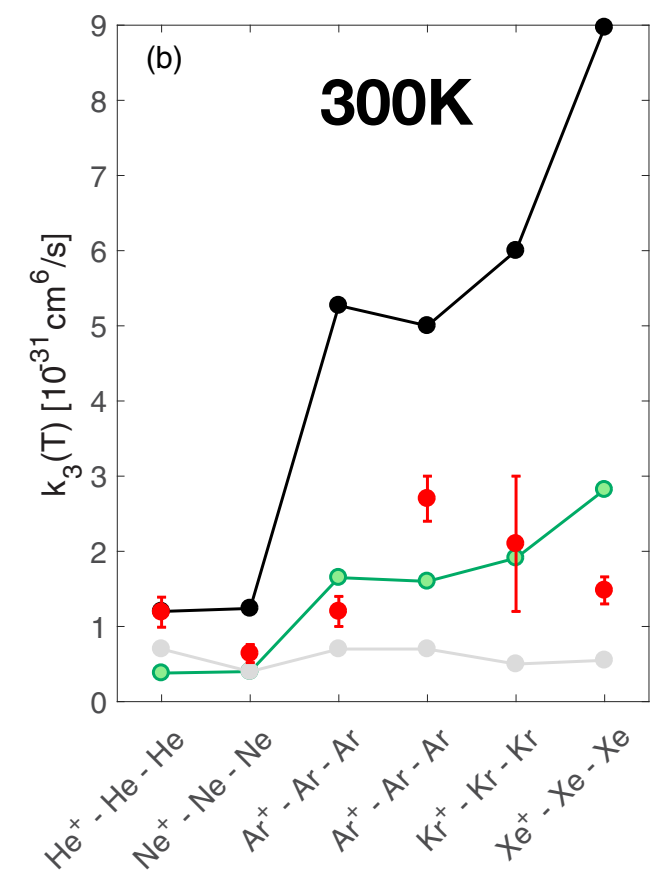
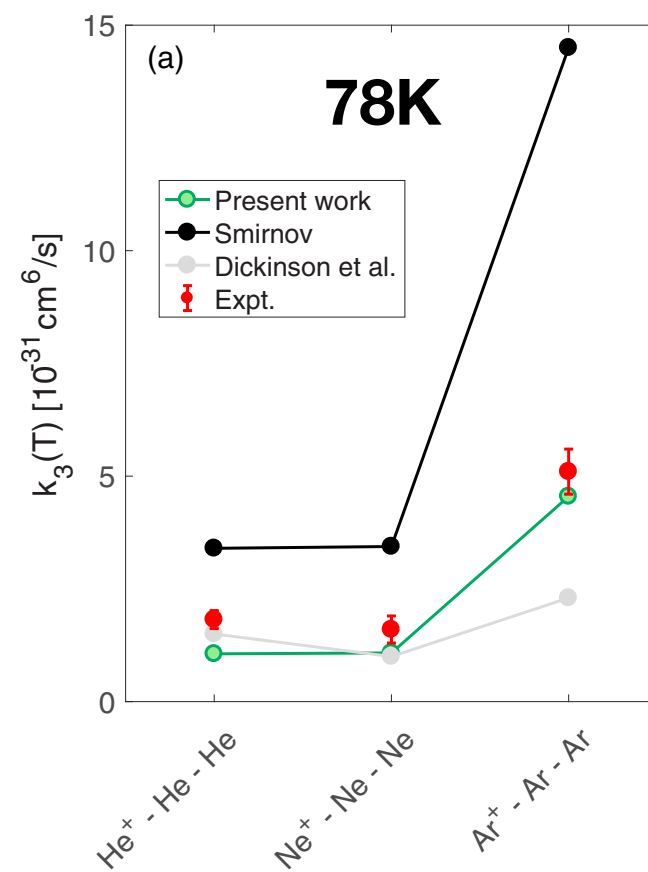
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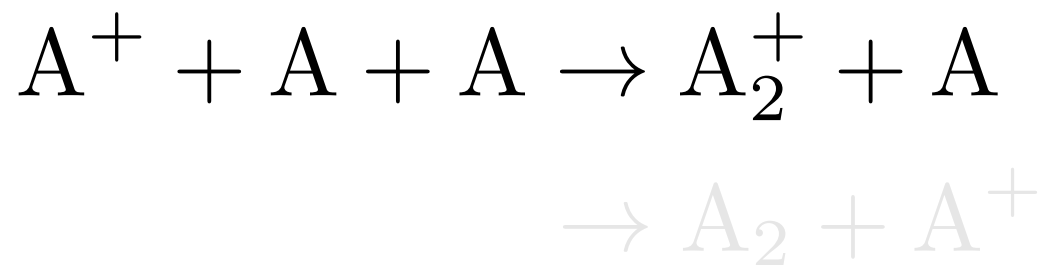
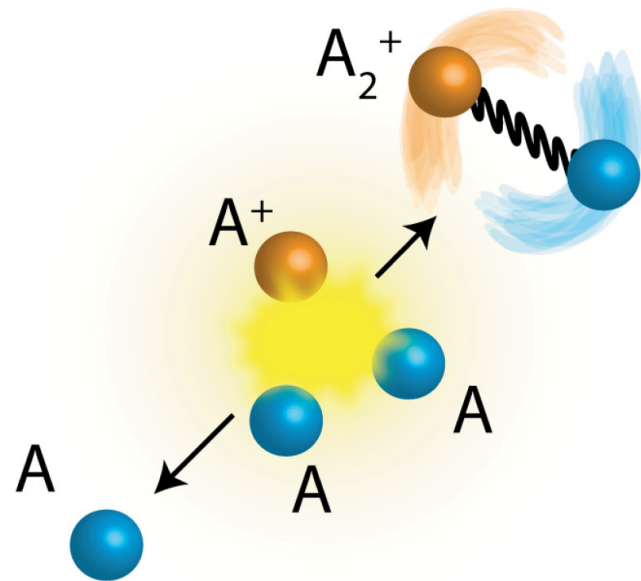
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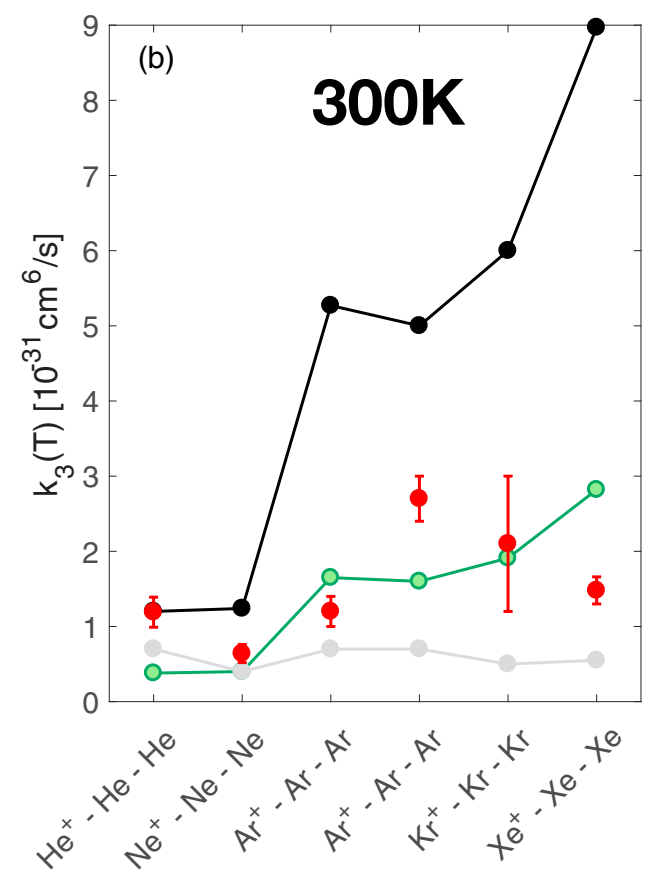
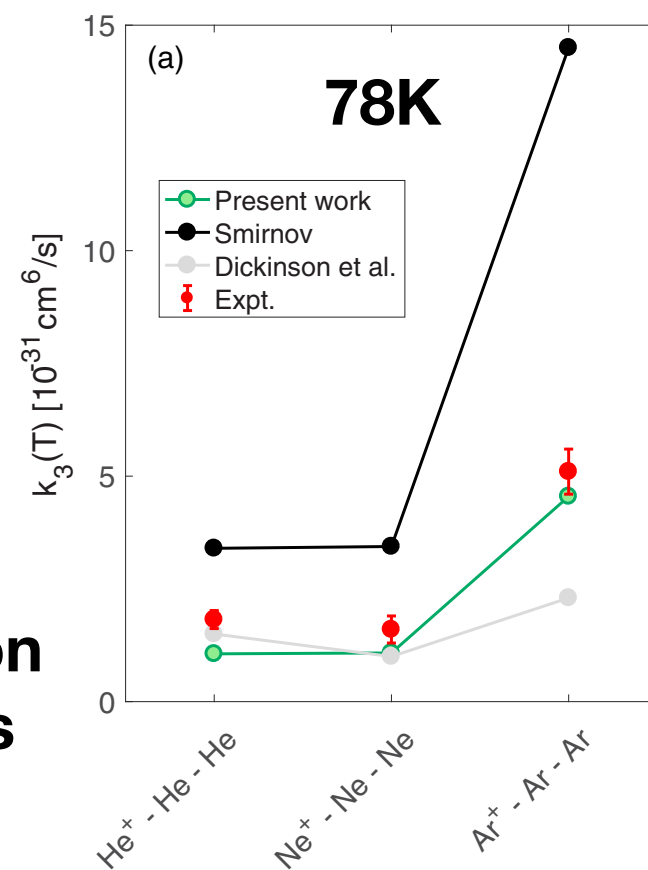
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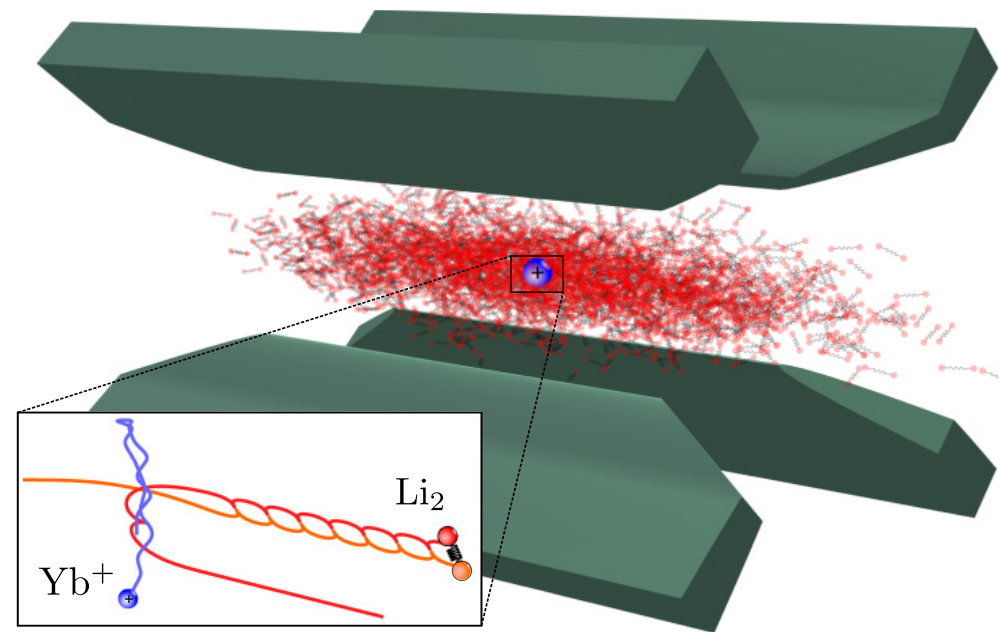
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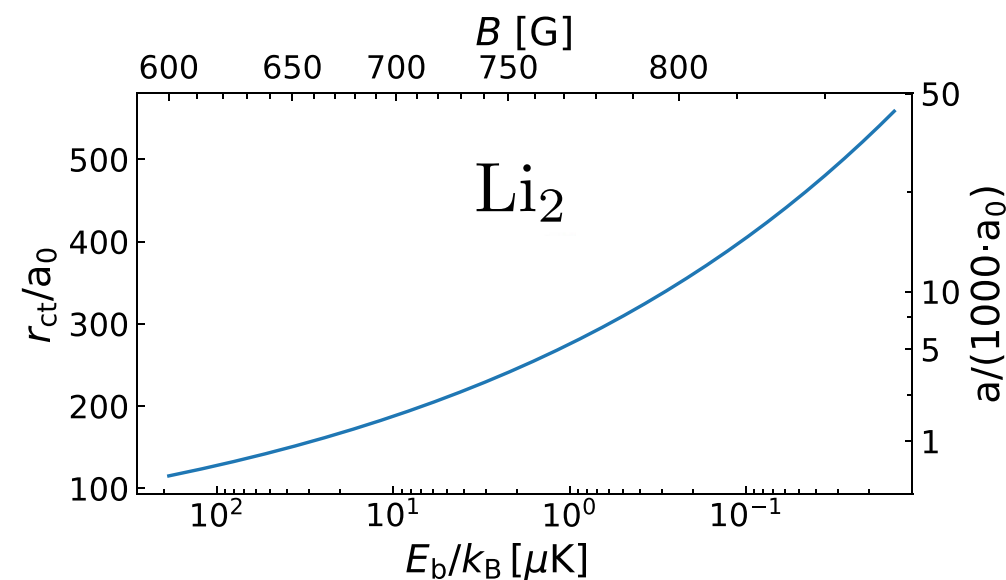
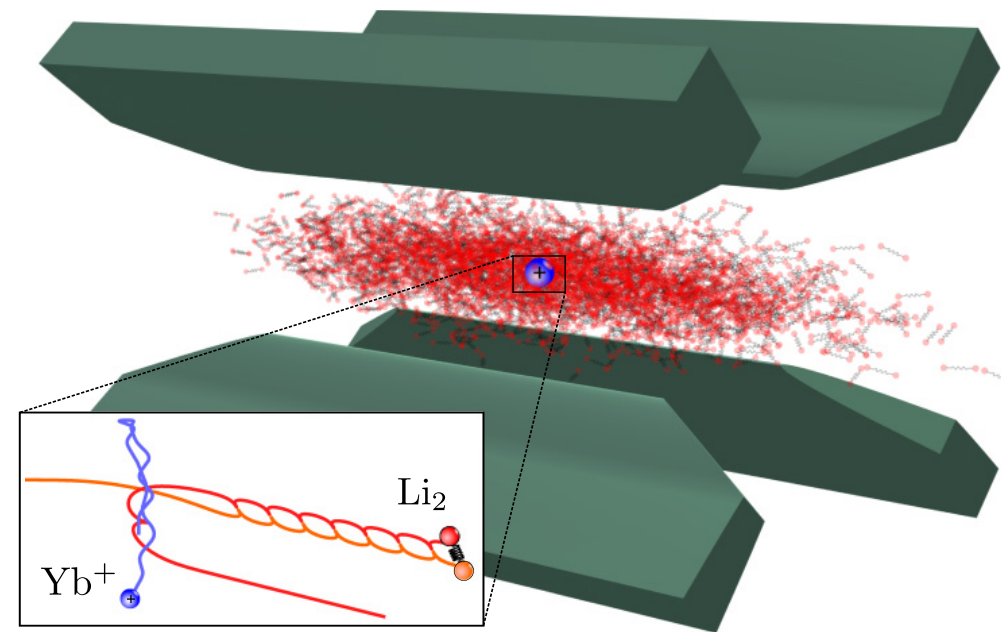
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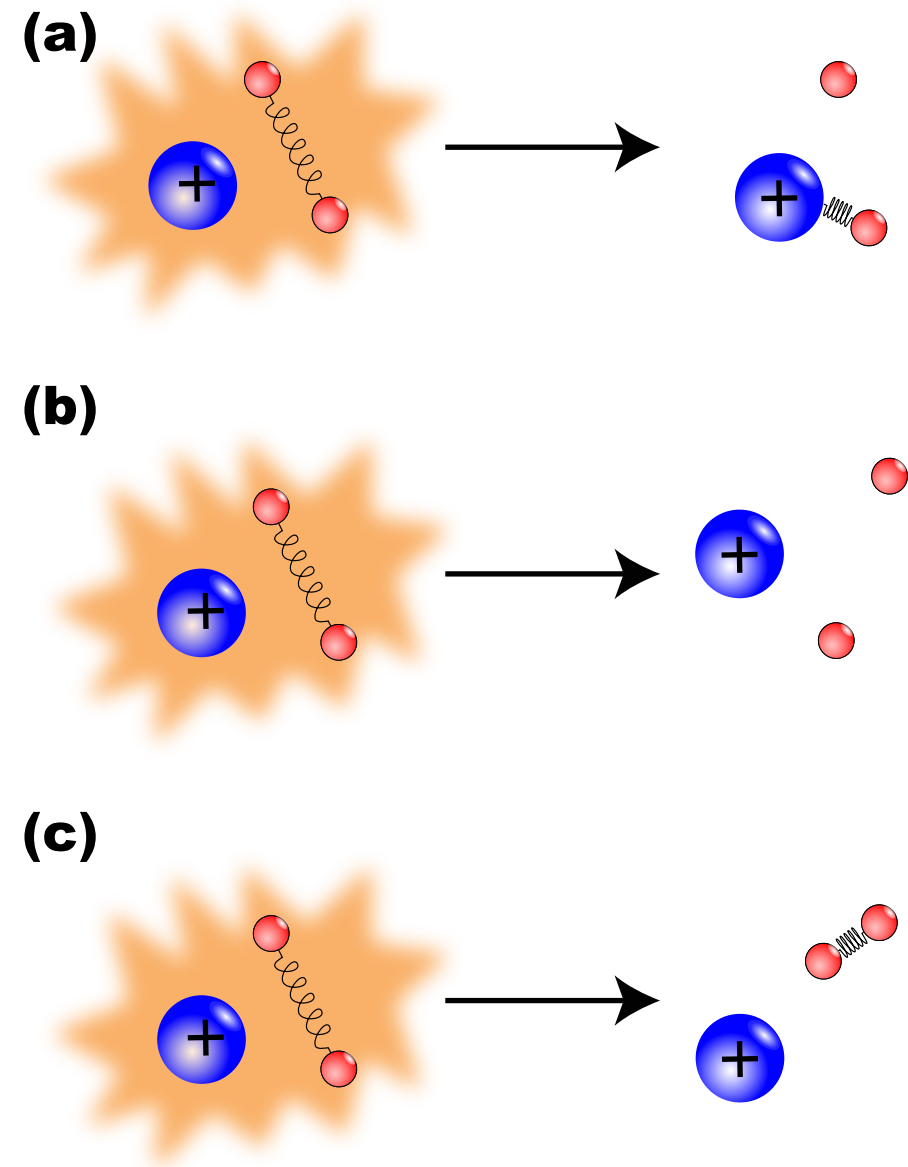
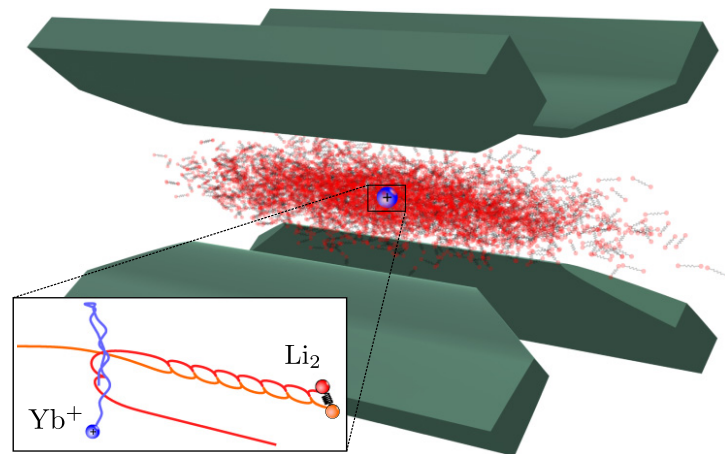


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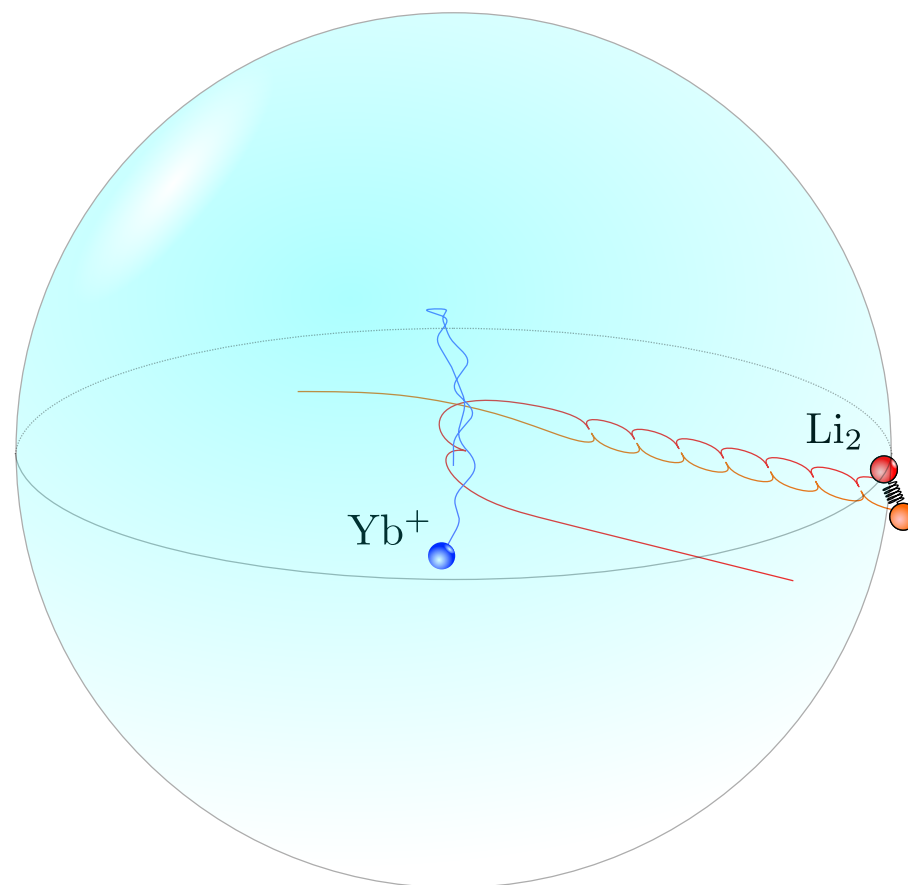




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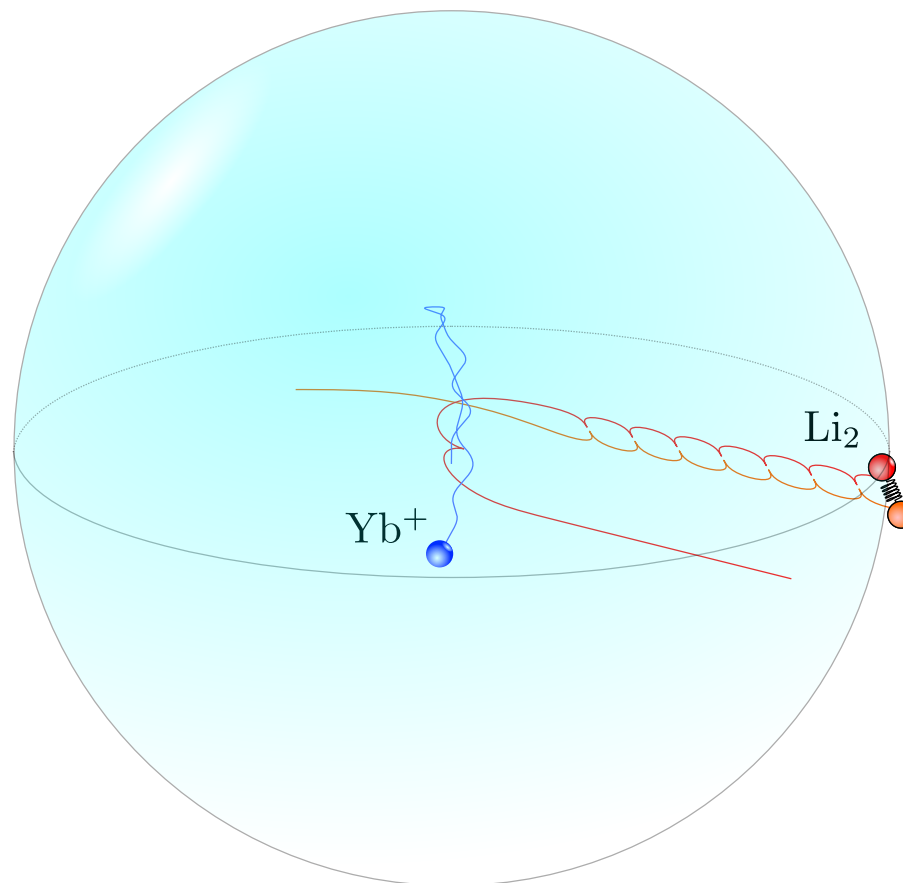
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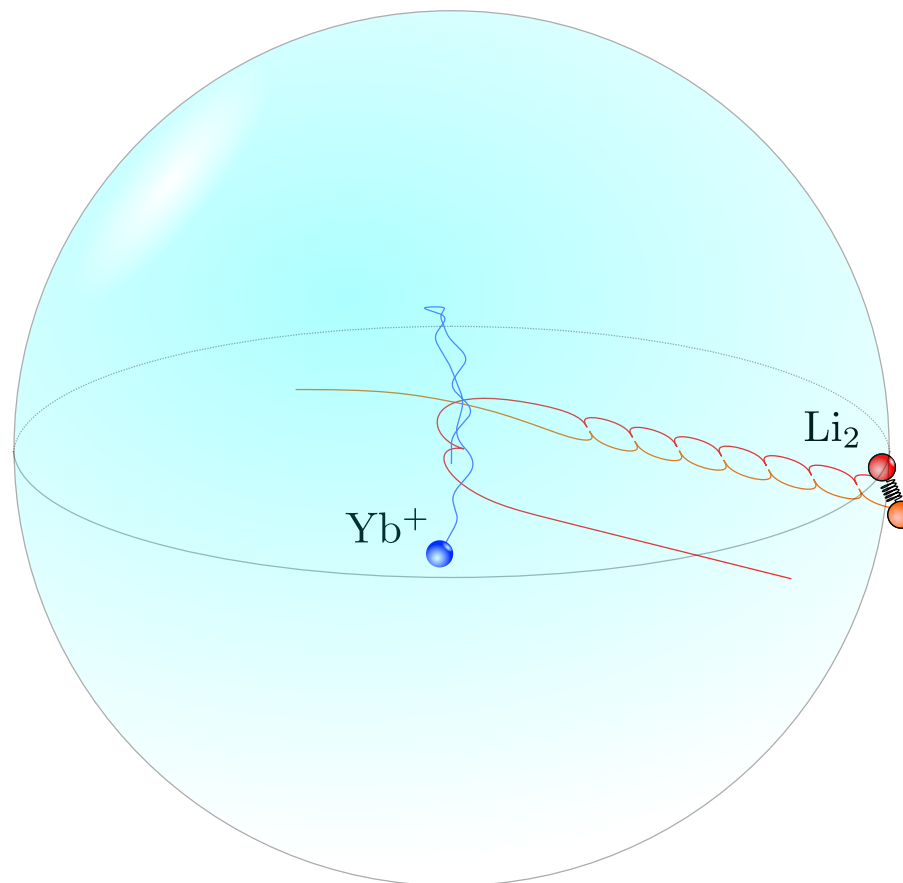
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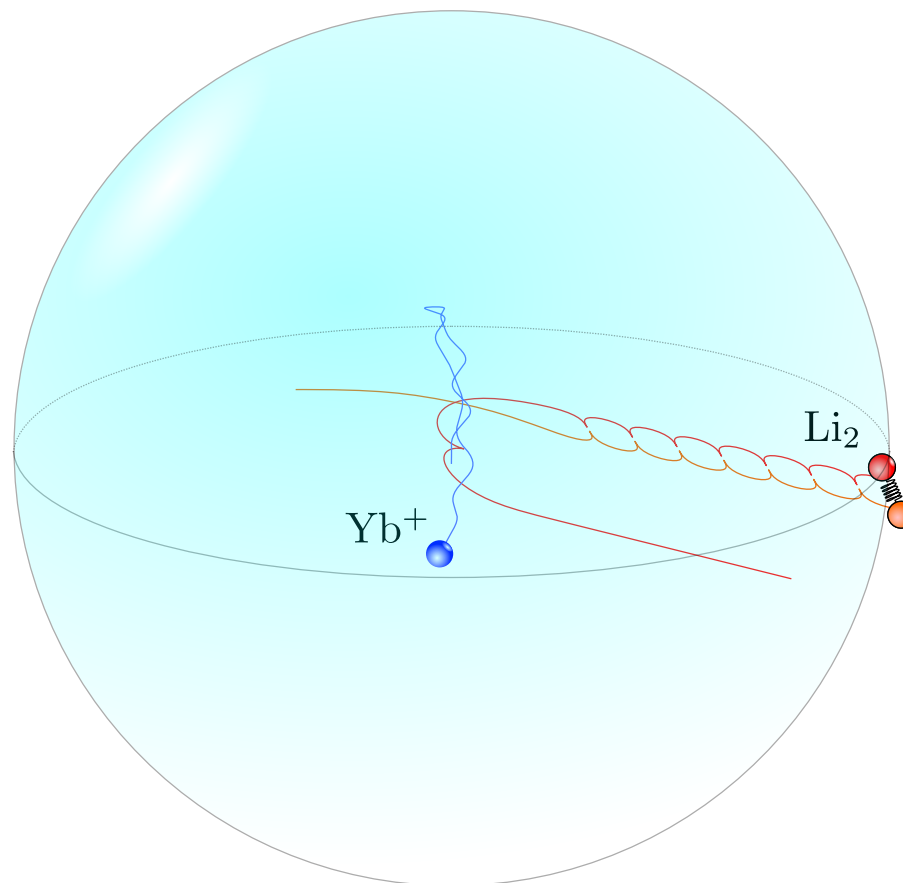
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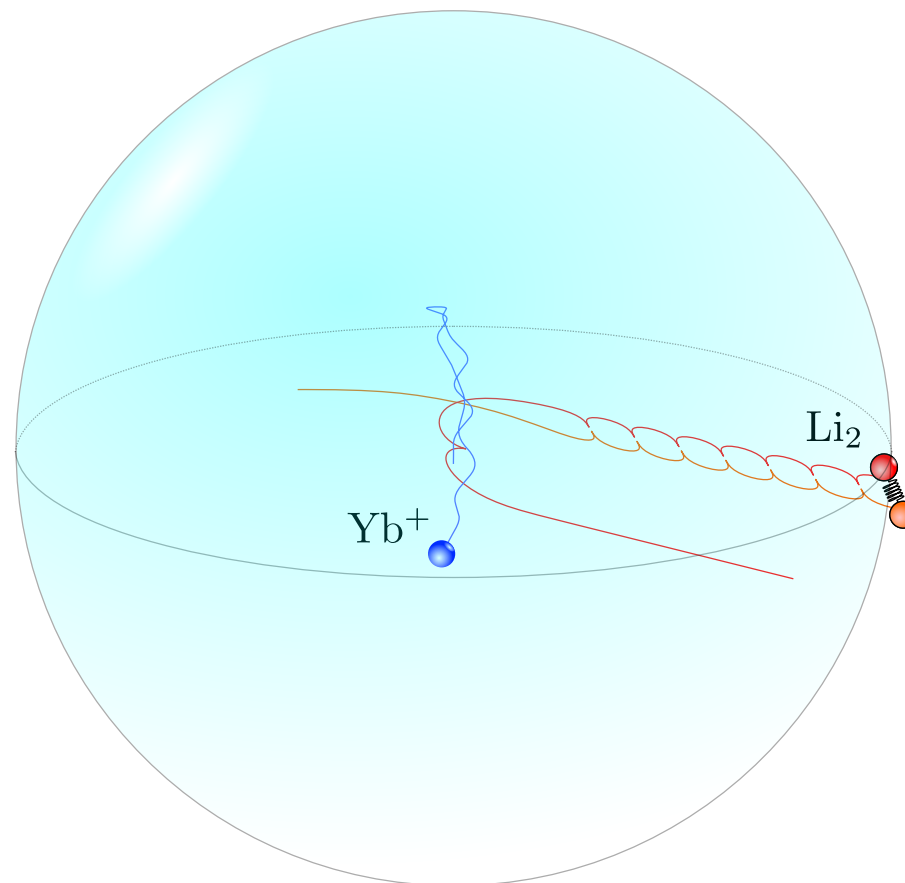
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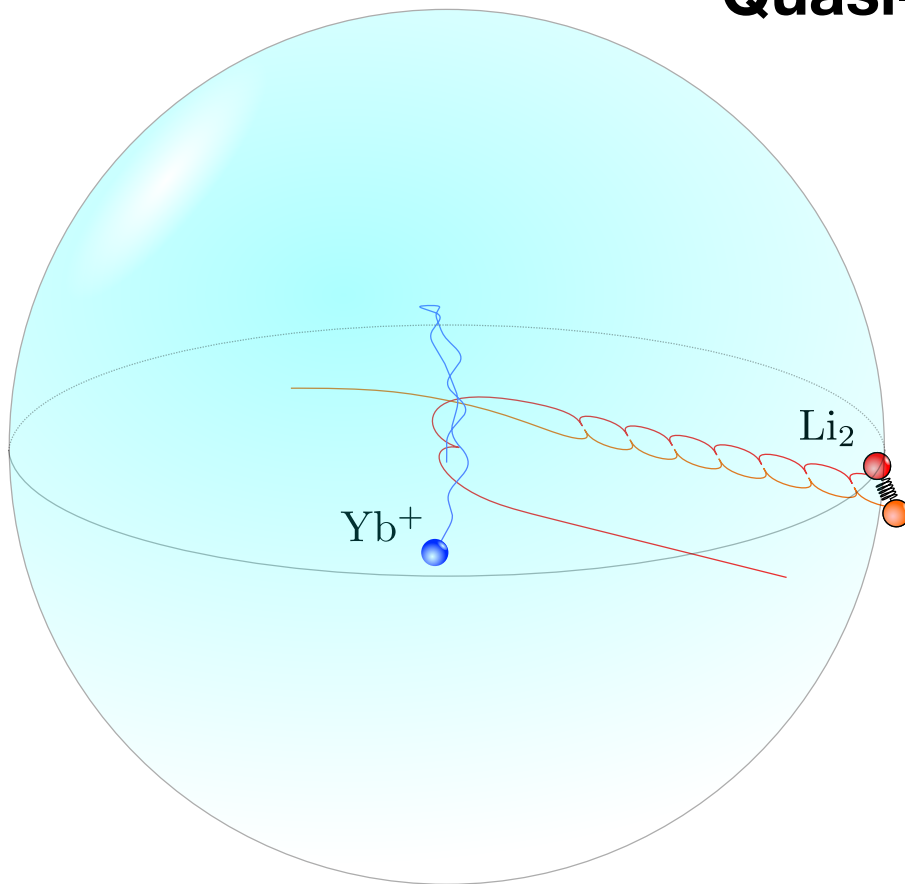
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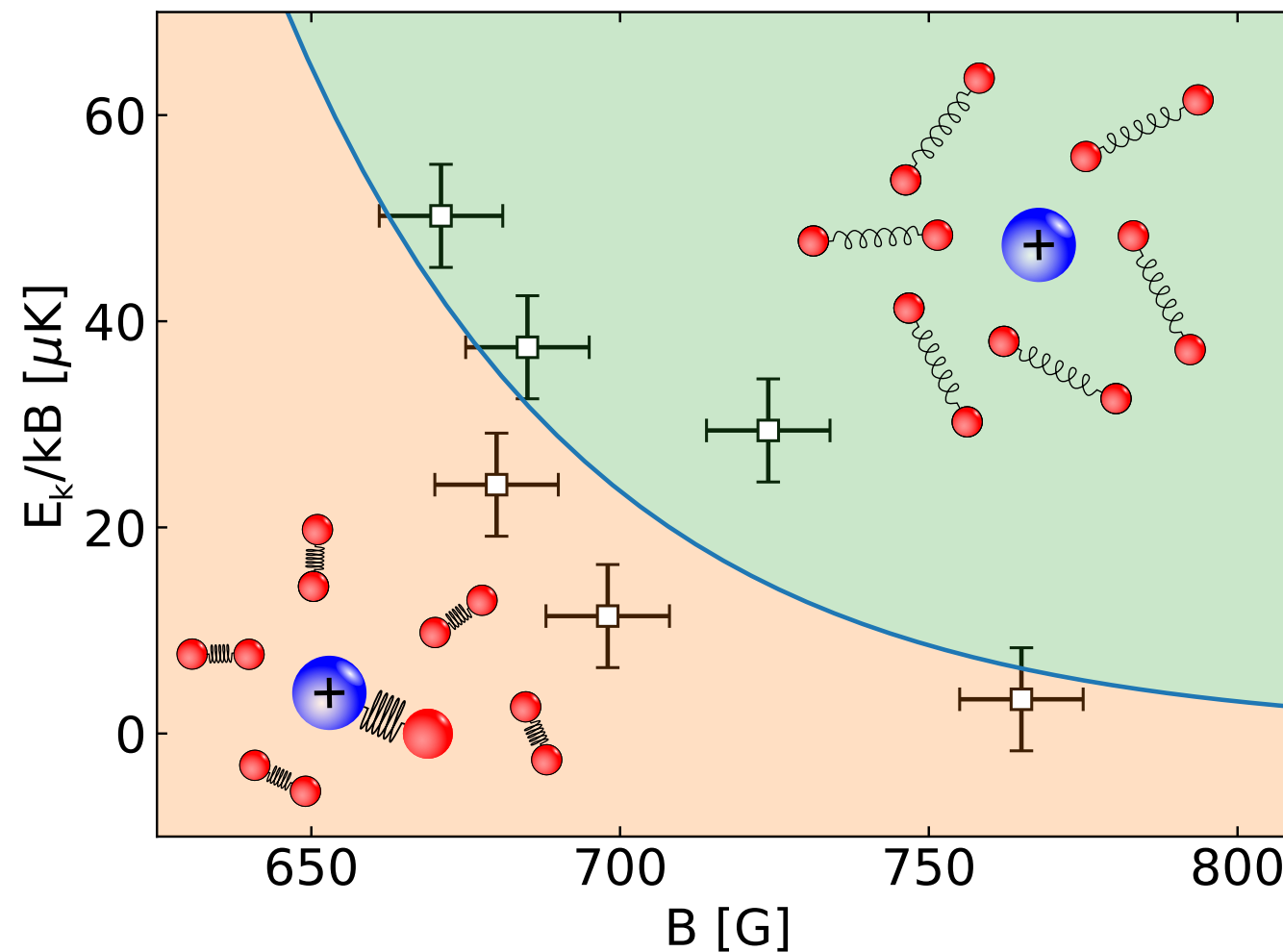
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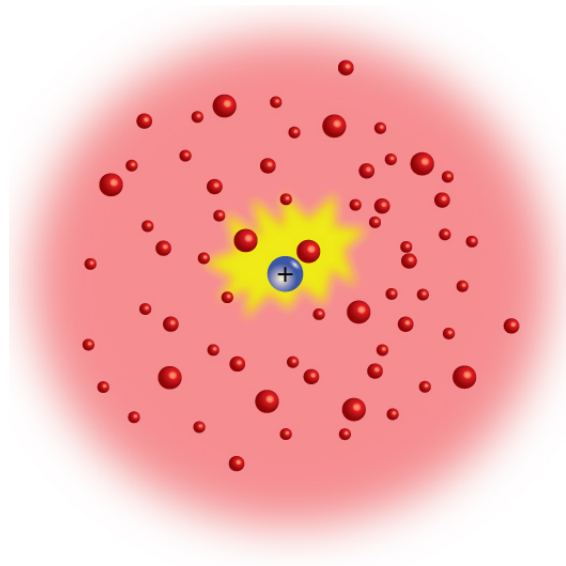


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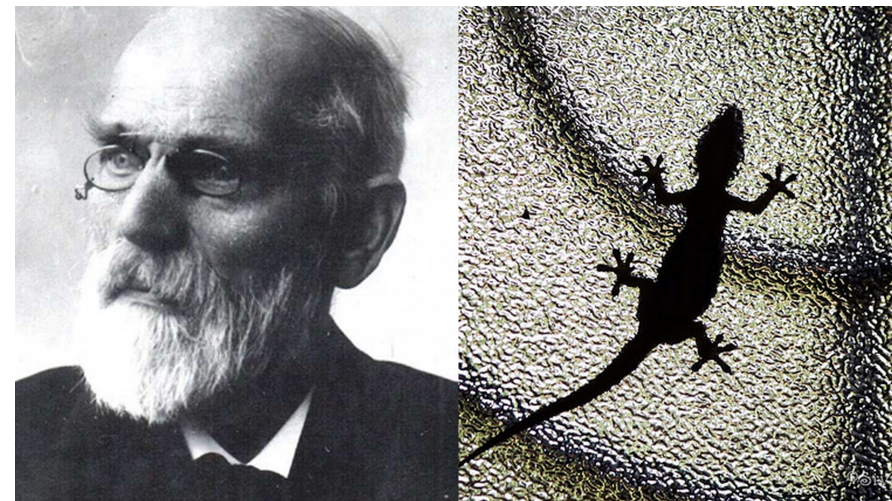
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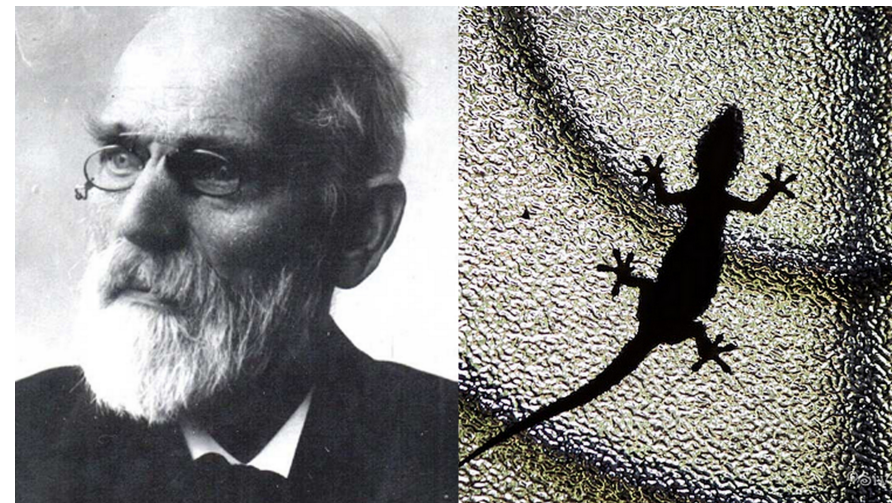
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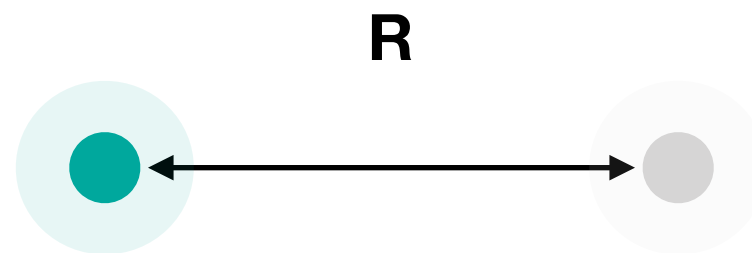
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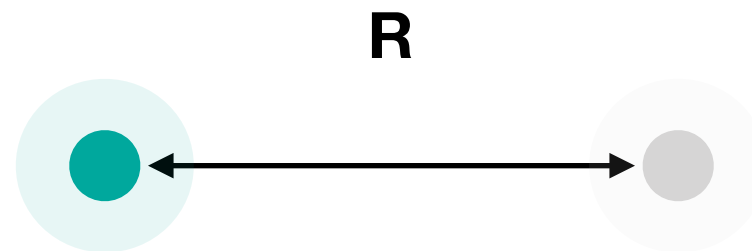
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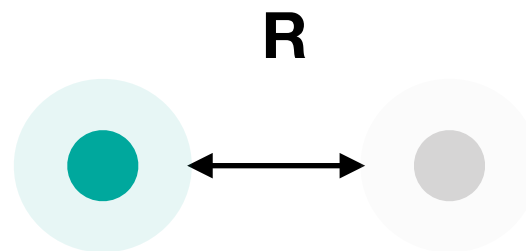


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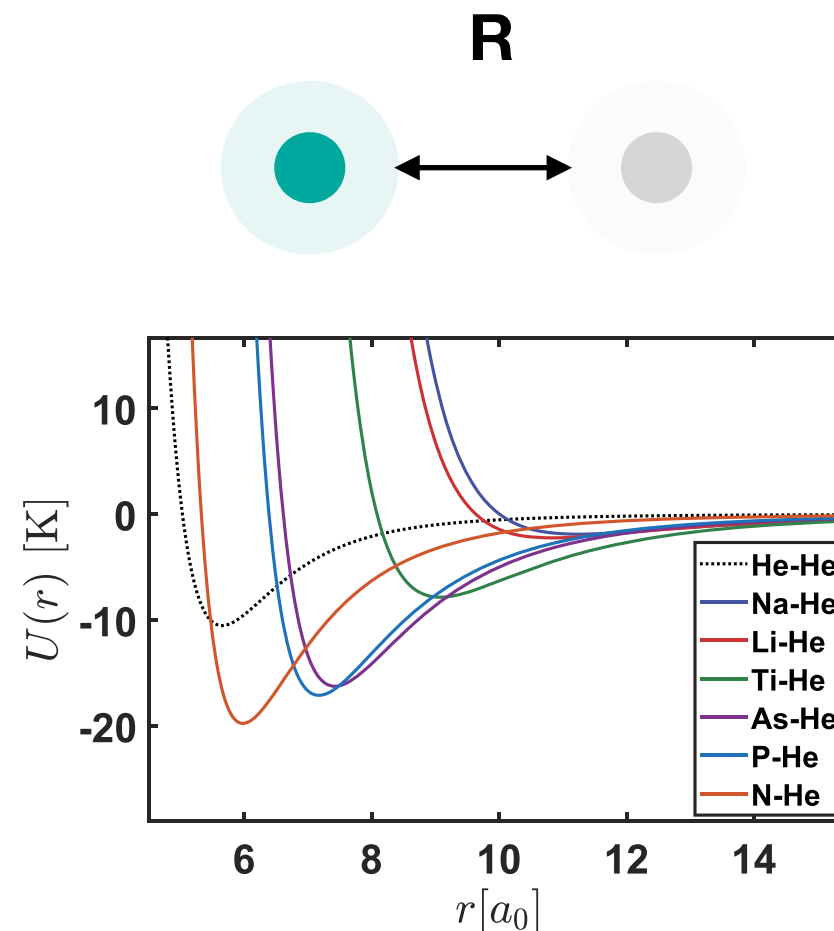




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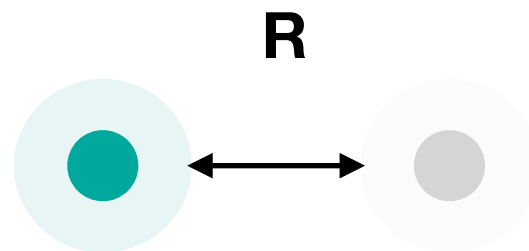


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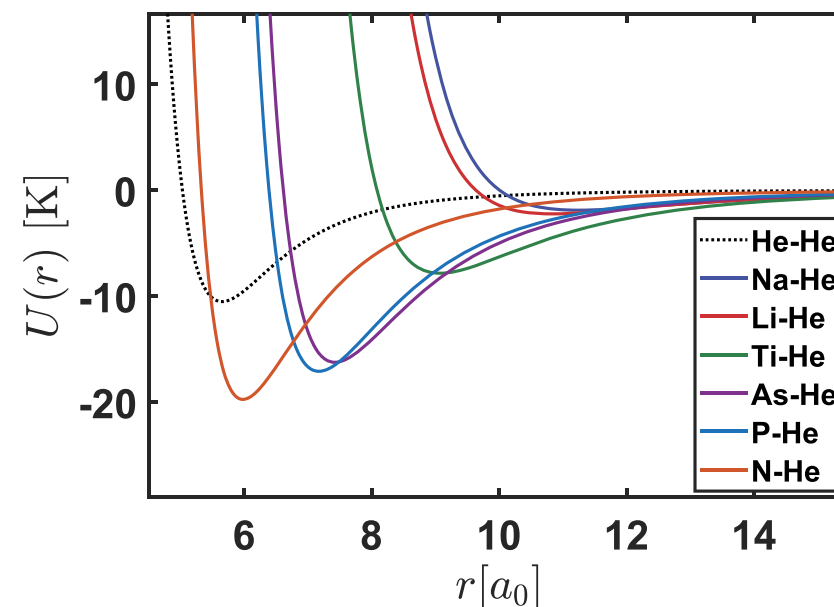
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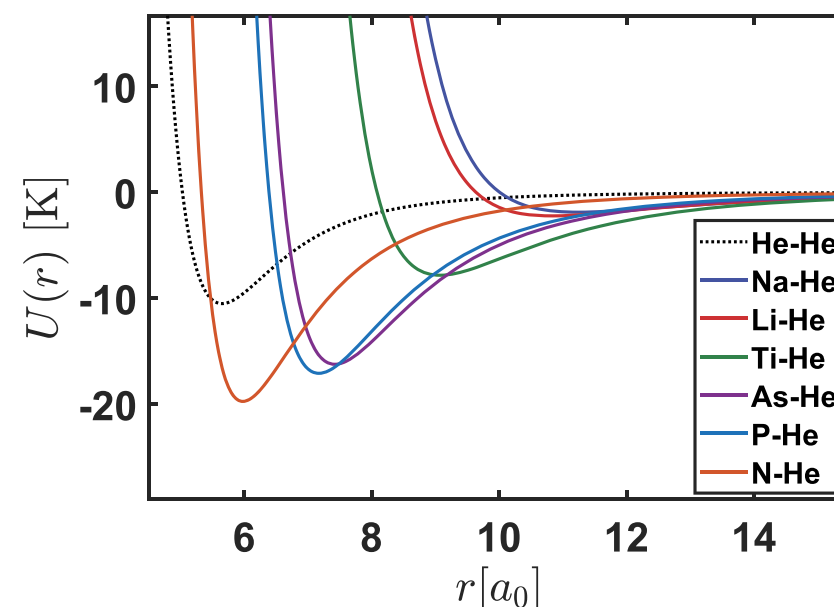
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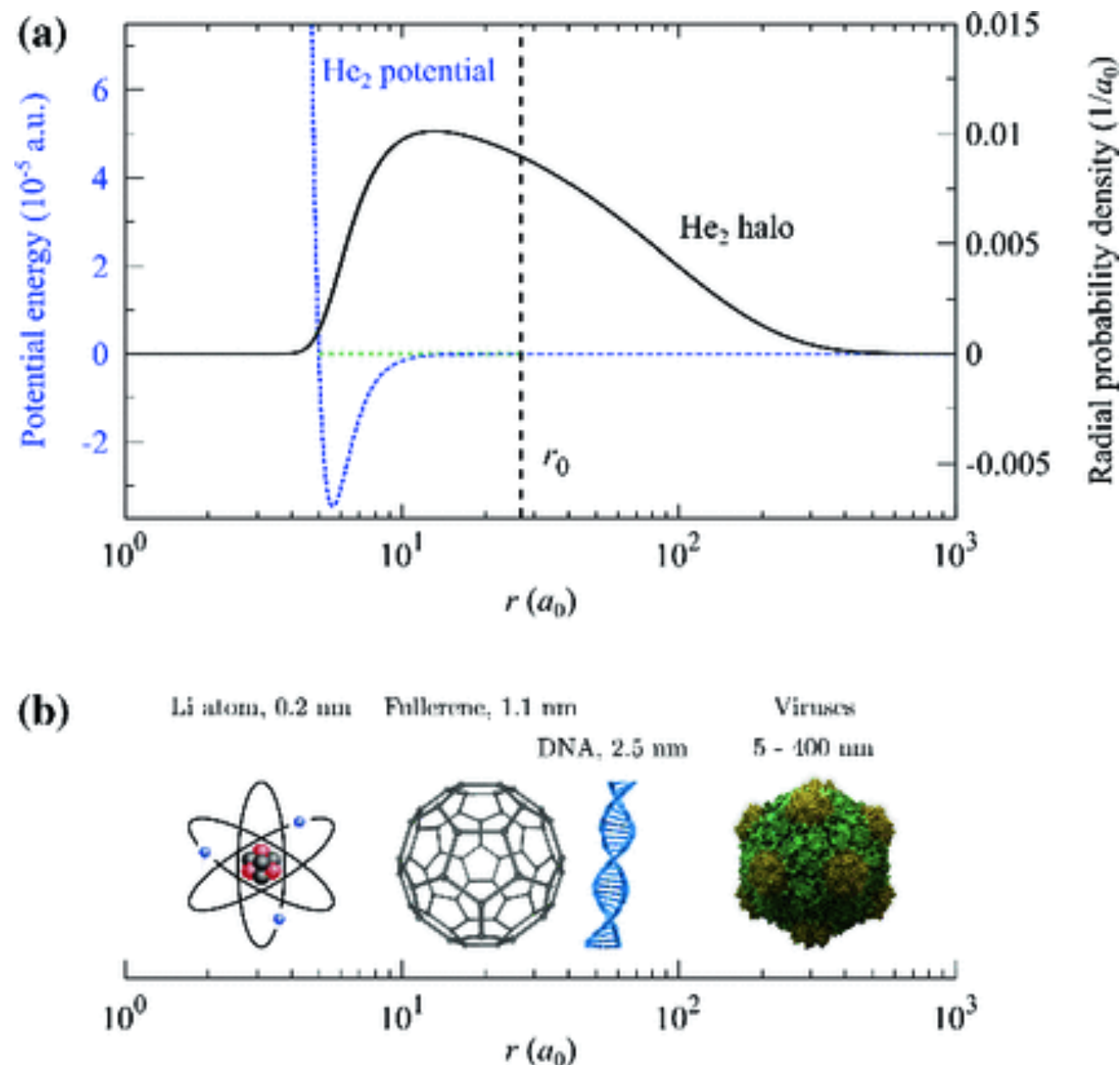
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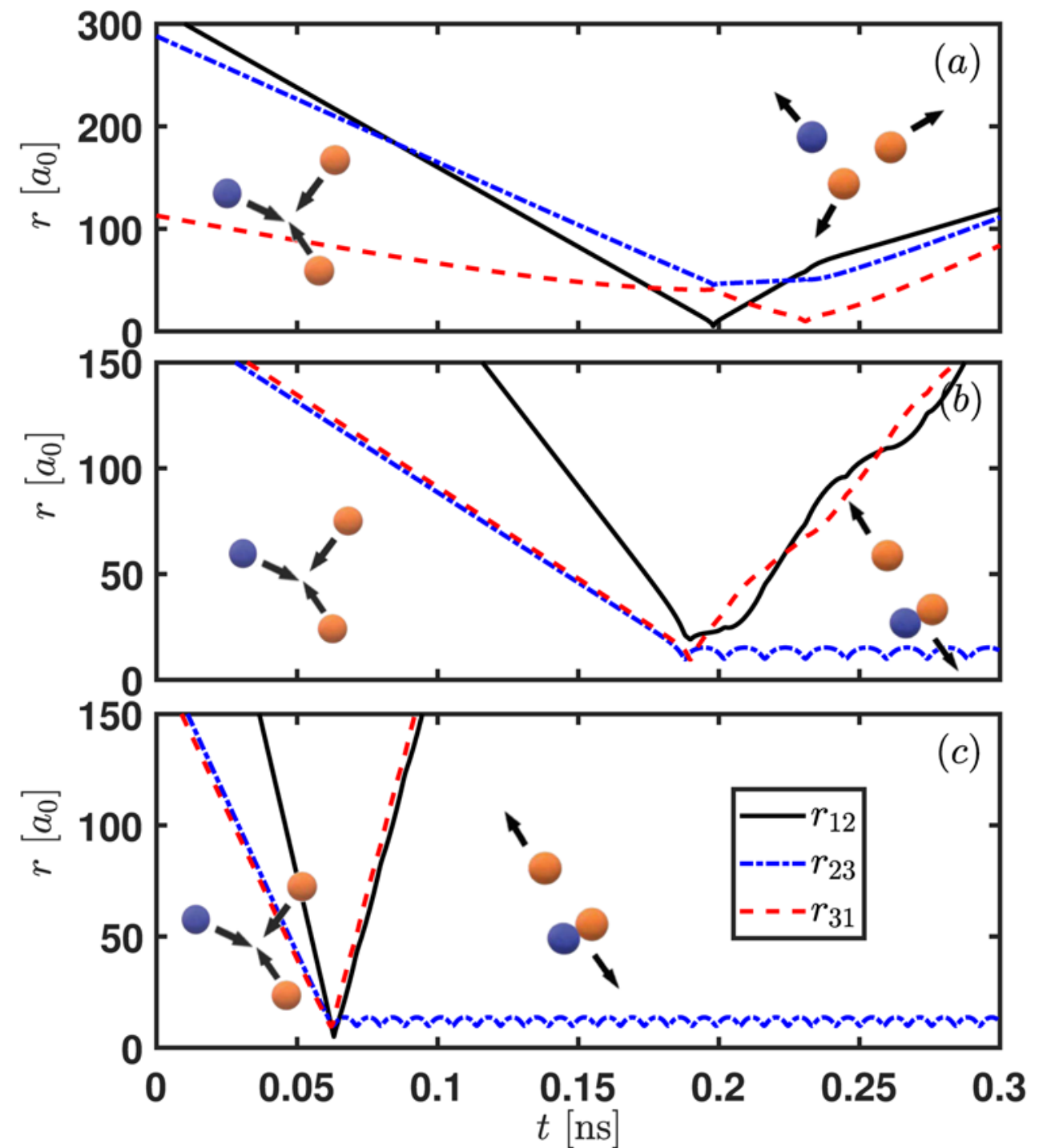
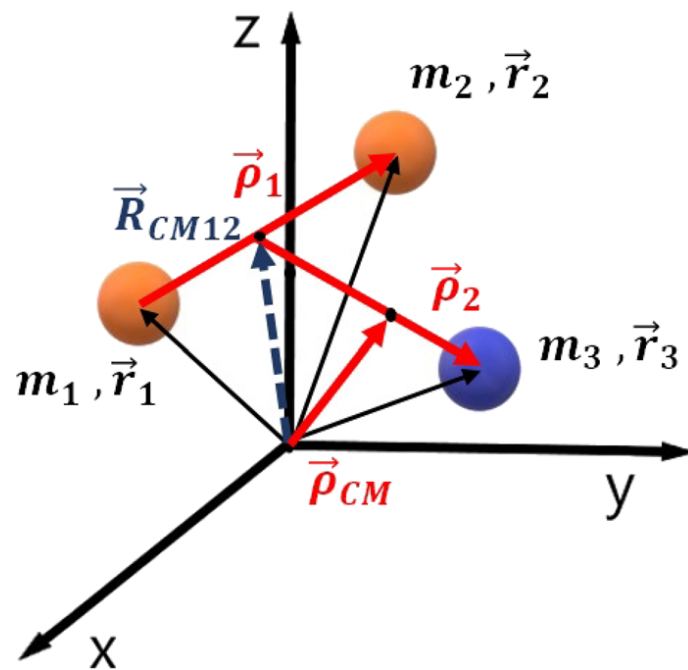
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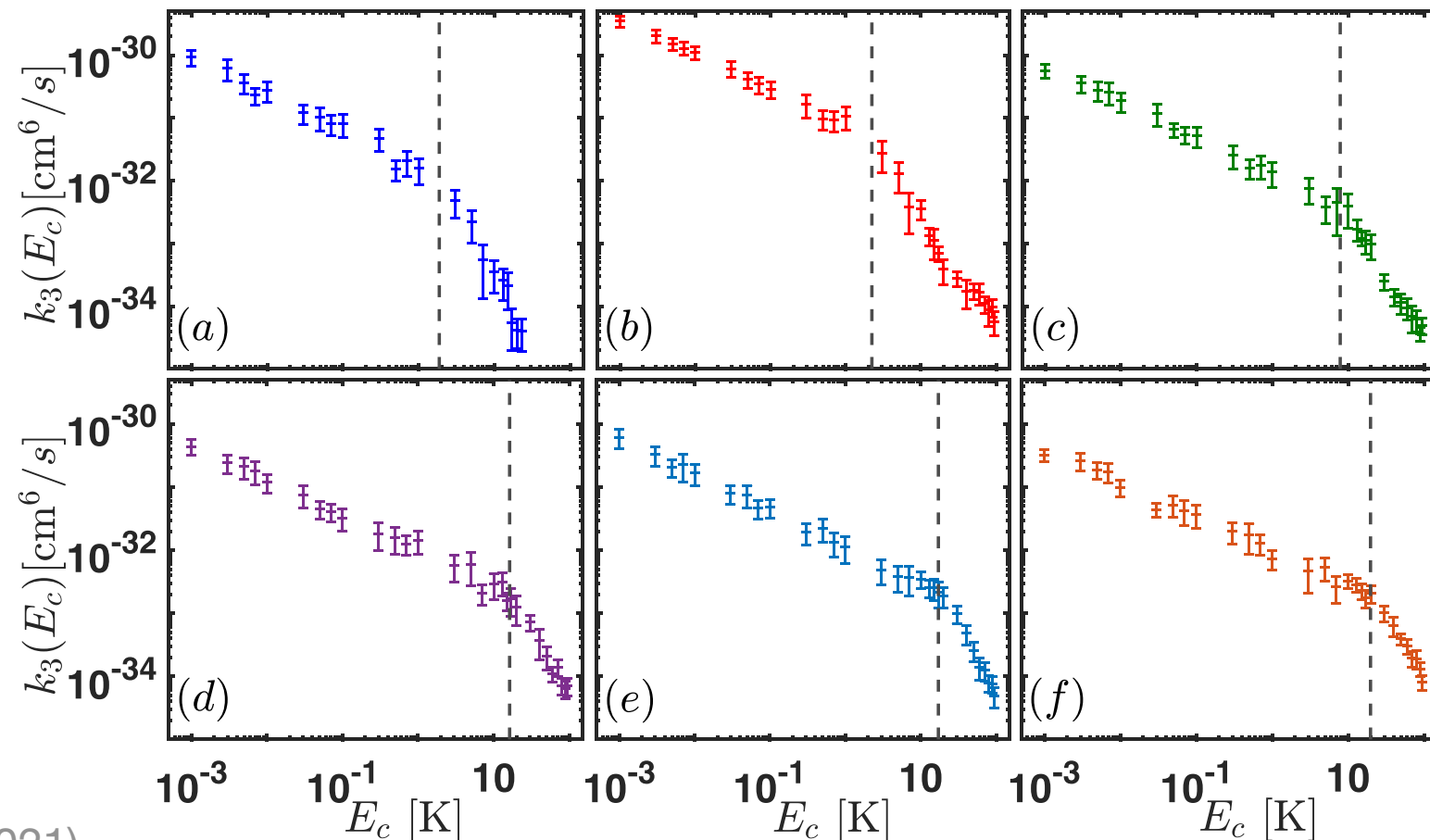
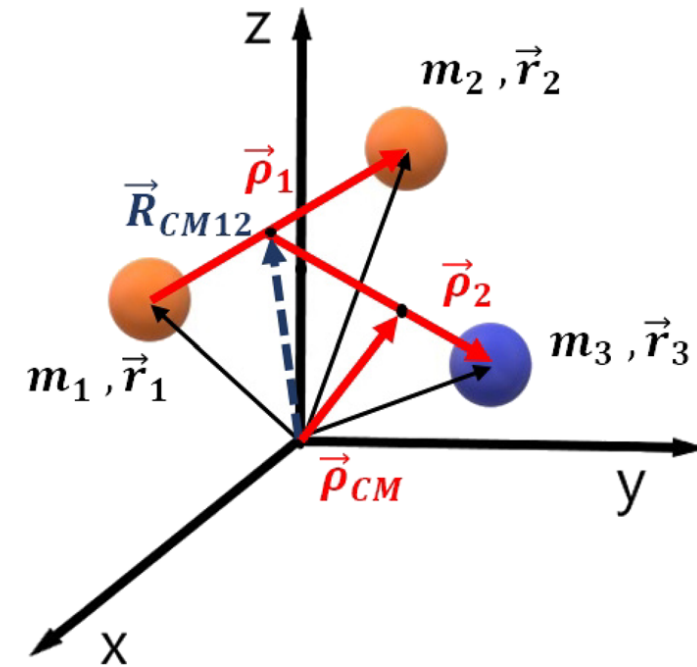
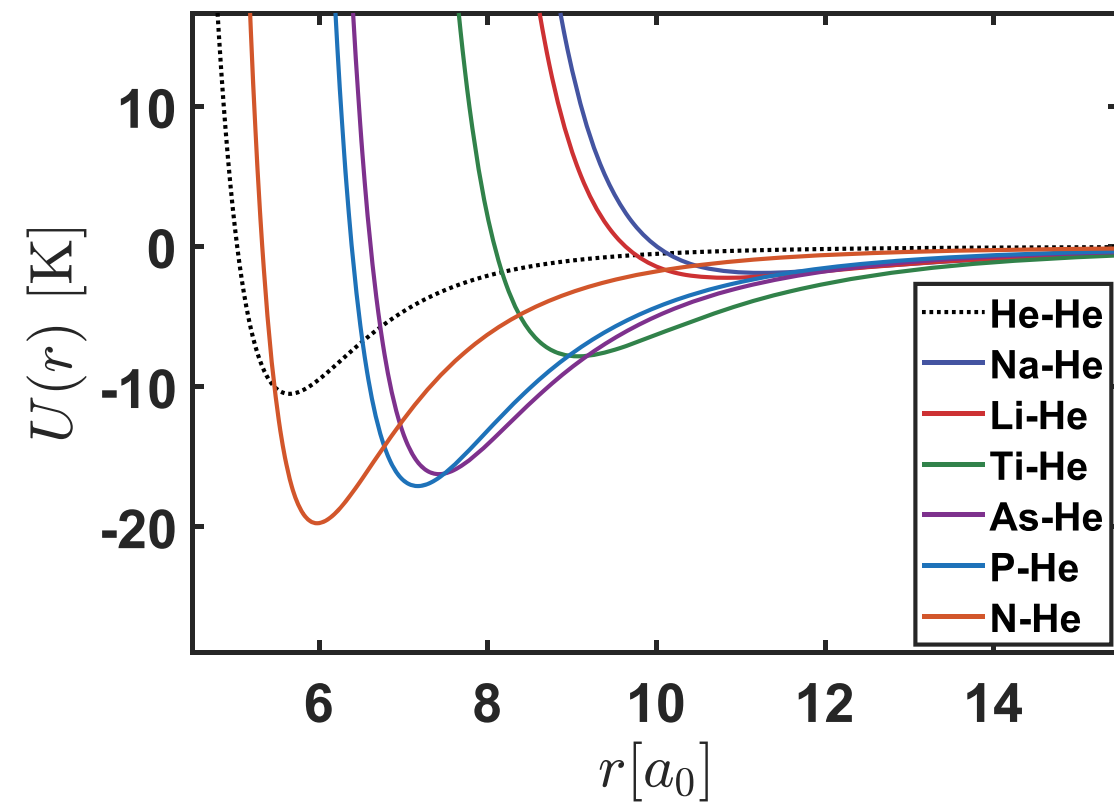
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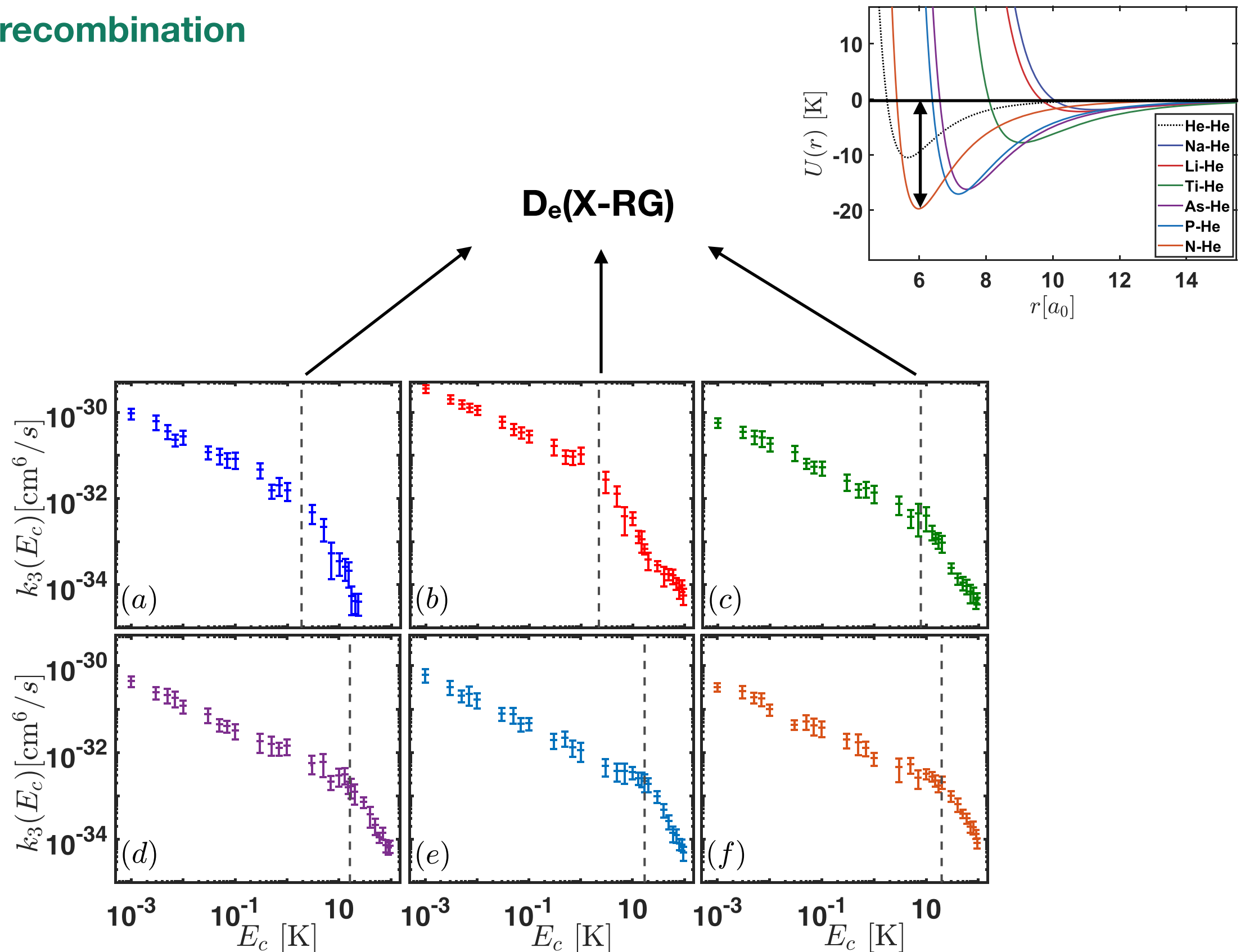


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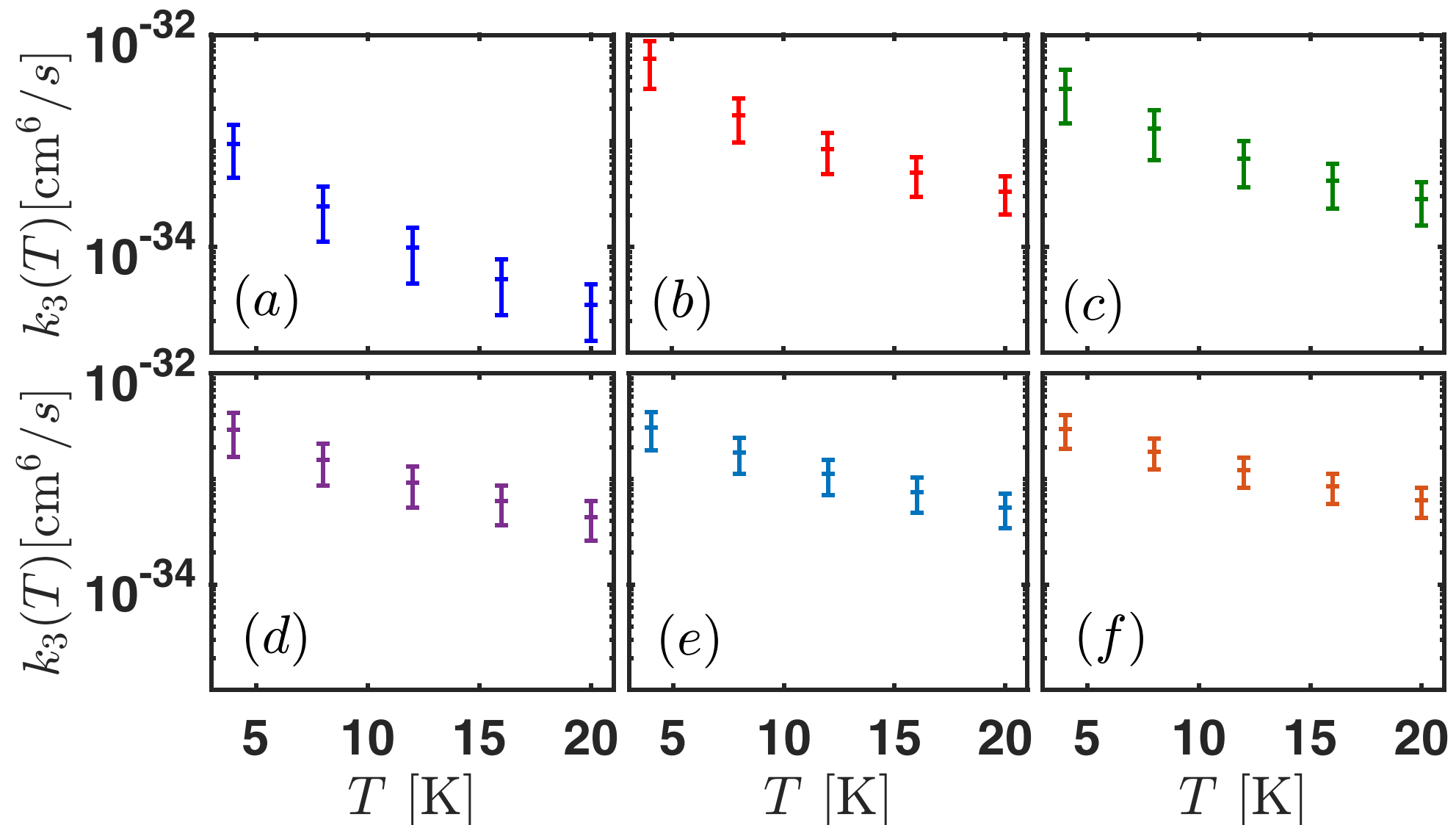
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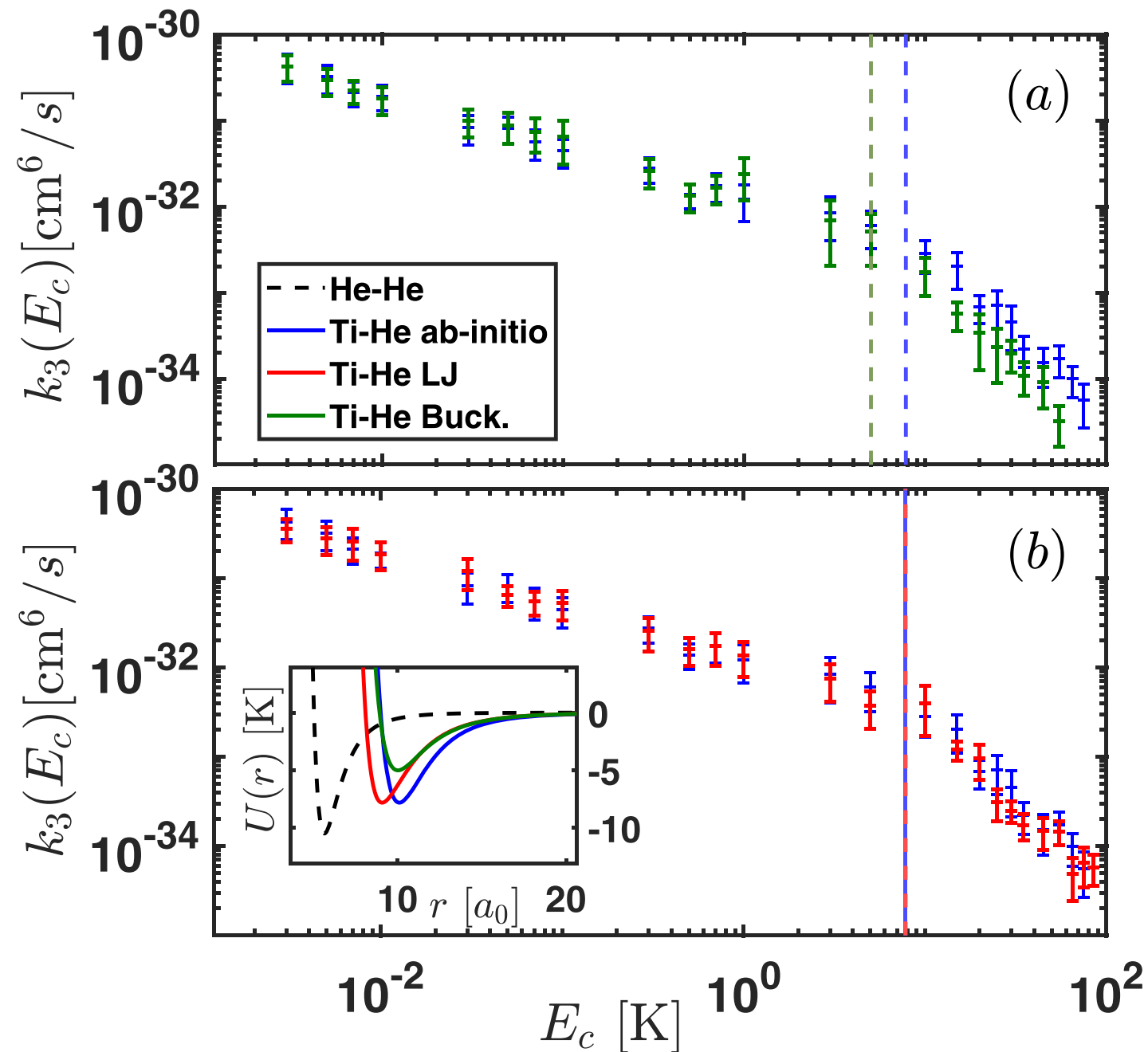
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## The role of short-range physics



**Few-body processes (cold chemistry) play a relevant role on impurity physics**

**A single ion evolves into a molecular ion in an atomic or molecular gas**

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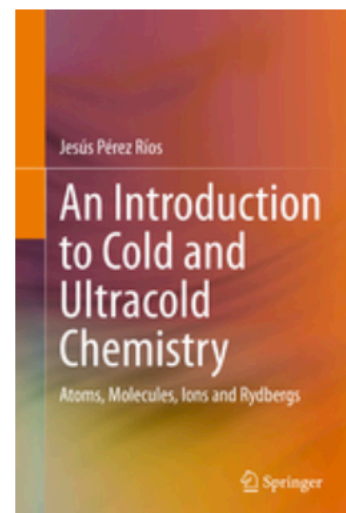
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