

# Cold molecular ion $\text{RbBa}^+$



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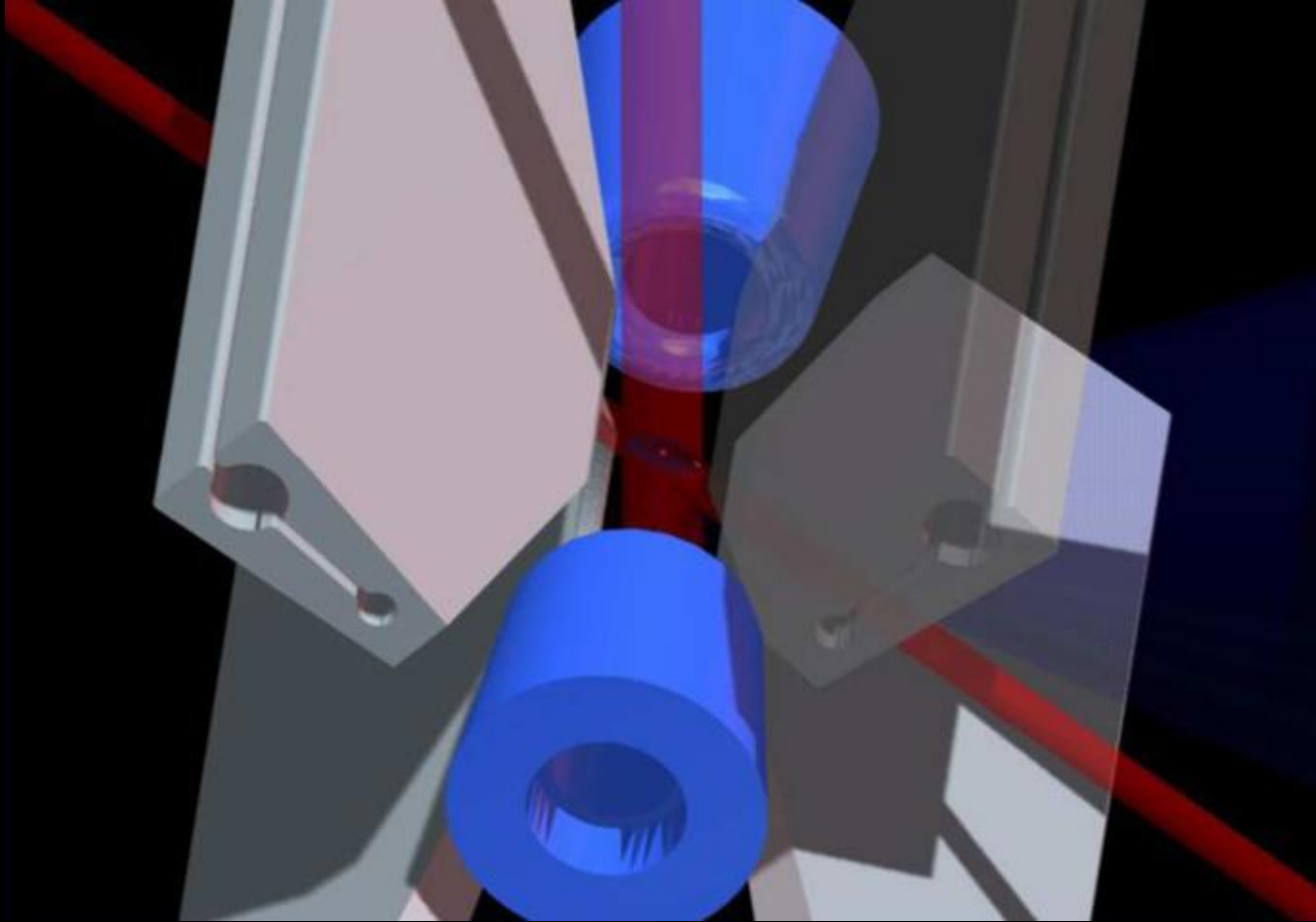
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Doppler cooling of Ba<sup>+</sup> ions: **493 nm**, **685 nm** and **986 nm** lasers.  
Dipole trap: 1064 nm laser.

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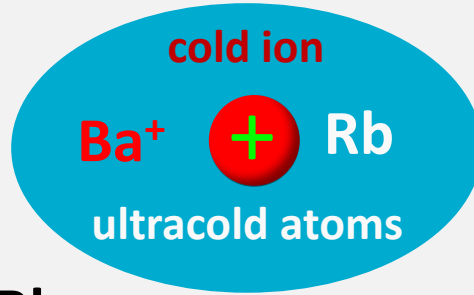
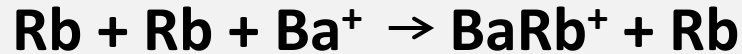
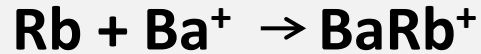
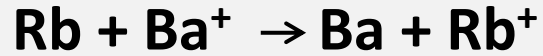
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 $\text{Ba}^+$  

  
Rb  
ultracold atoms



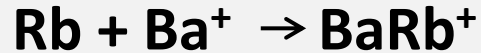
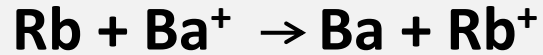
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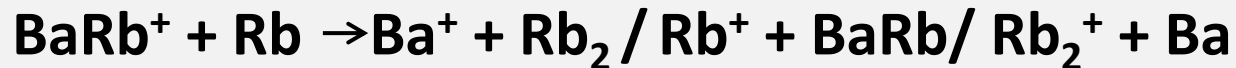
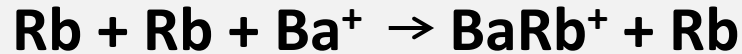


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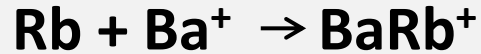
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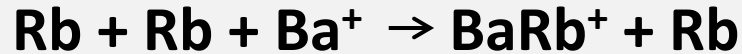


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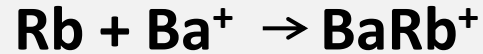
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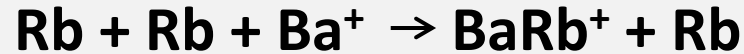
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## Possible reactions

Two body collisions:



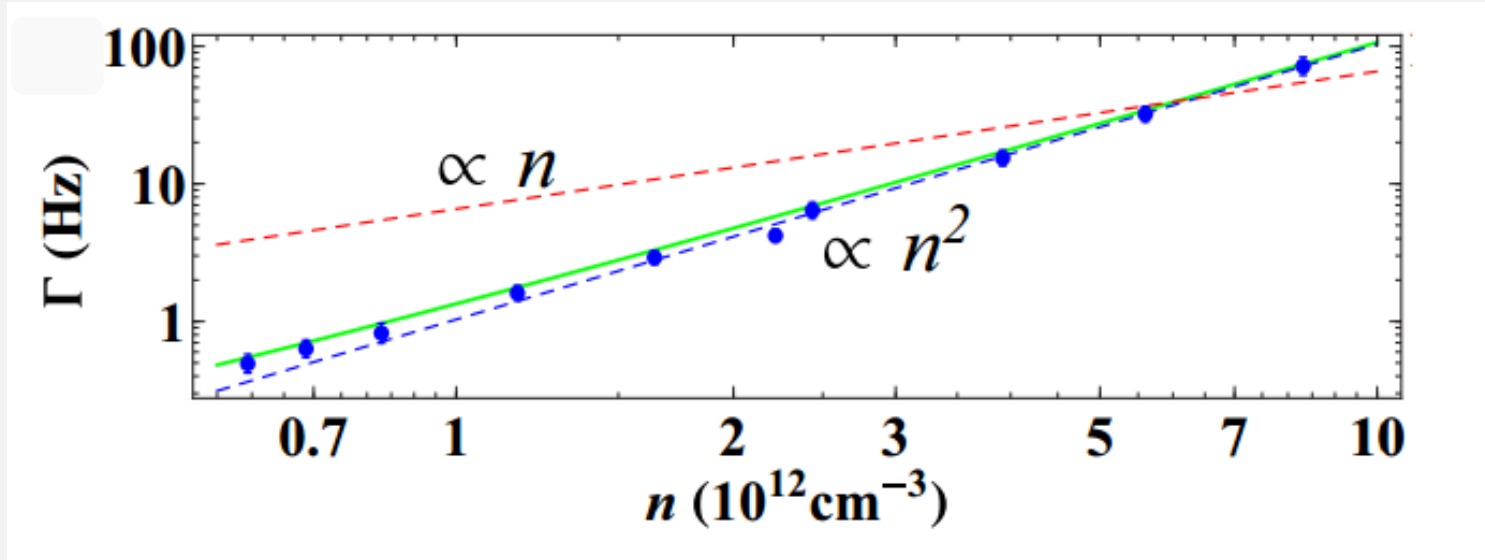
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Photodissociation:



# Binary and Ternary reaction-rate constants



$$\Gamma = K_2 \times n_{atoms} + K_3 \times n_{atoms}^2$$

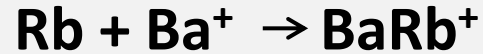
$$K_2 < 9 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \quad K_3 = 1.02(1) \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

**$\sim 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$**

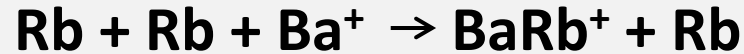


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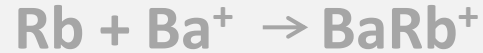


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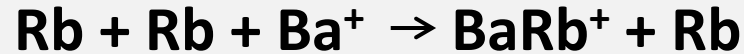


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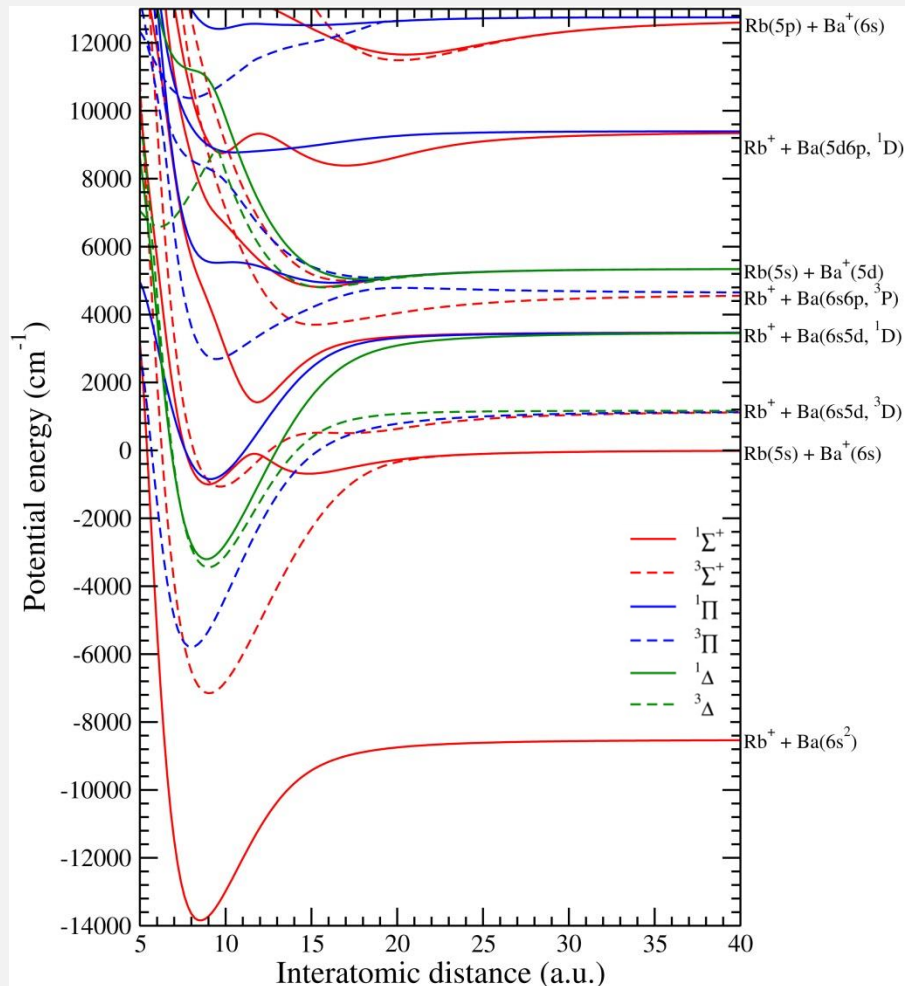
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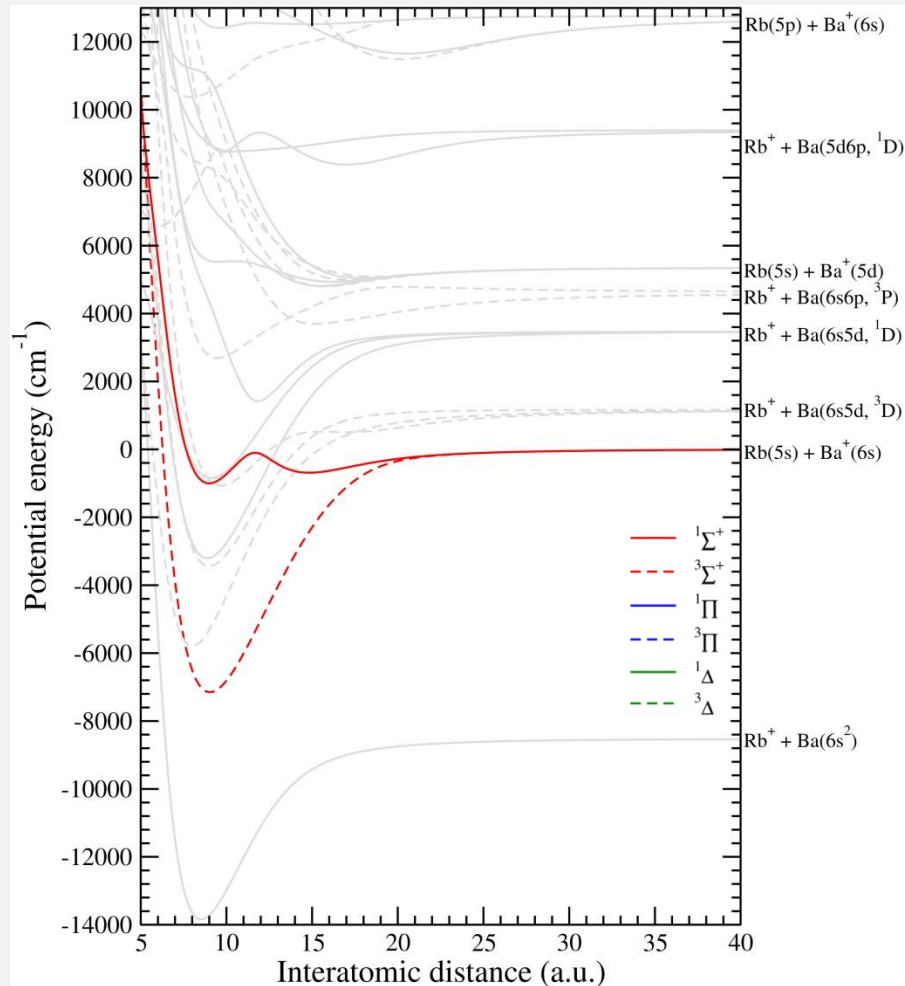
Potential energy curves calculated by **Romain Vexiau**



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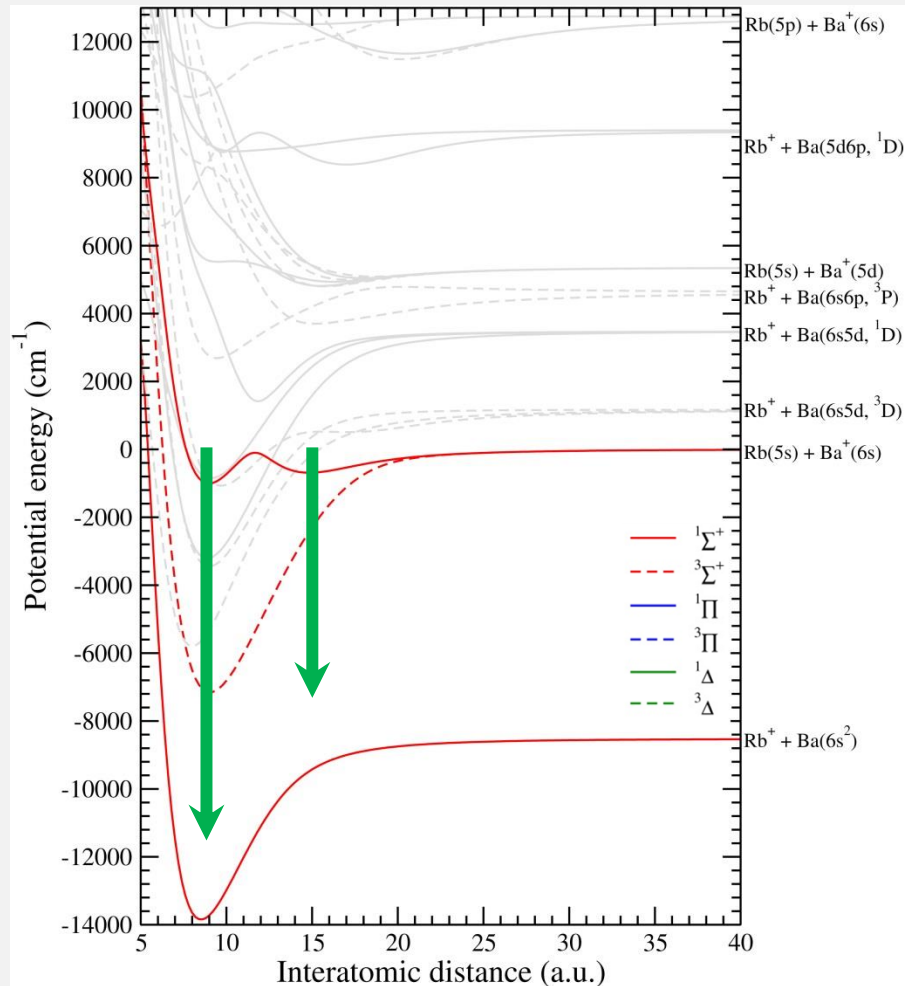
entrance channel

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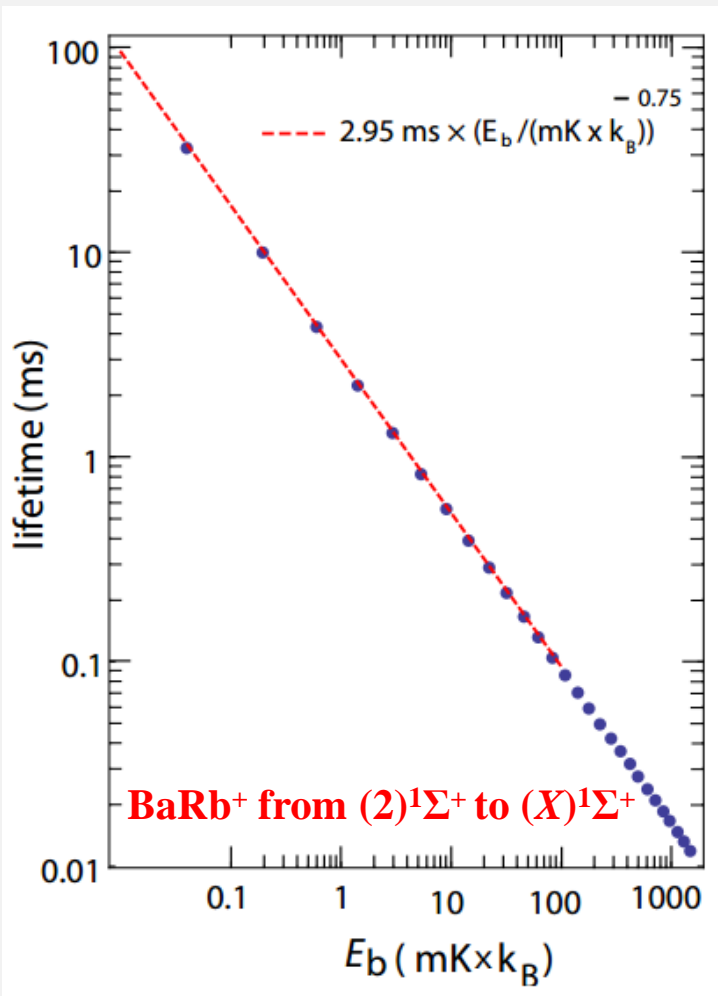


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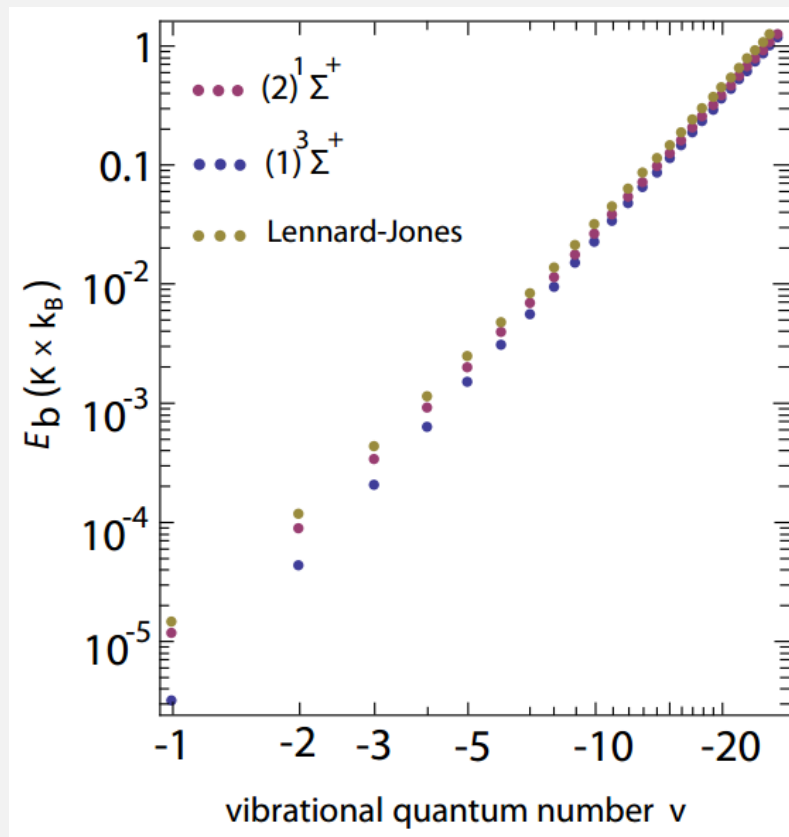
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## Radiative emission





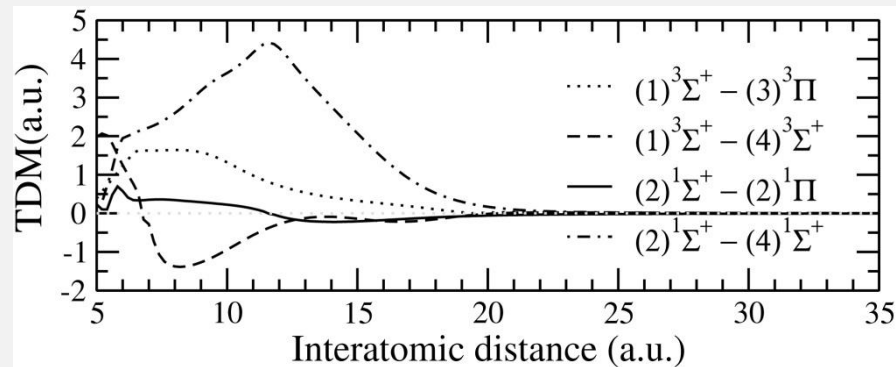
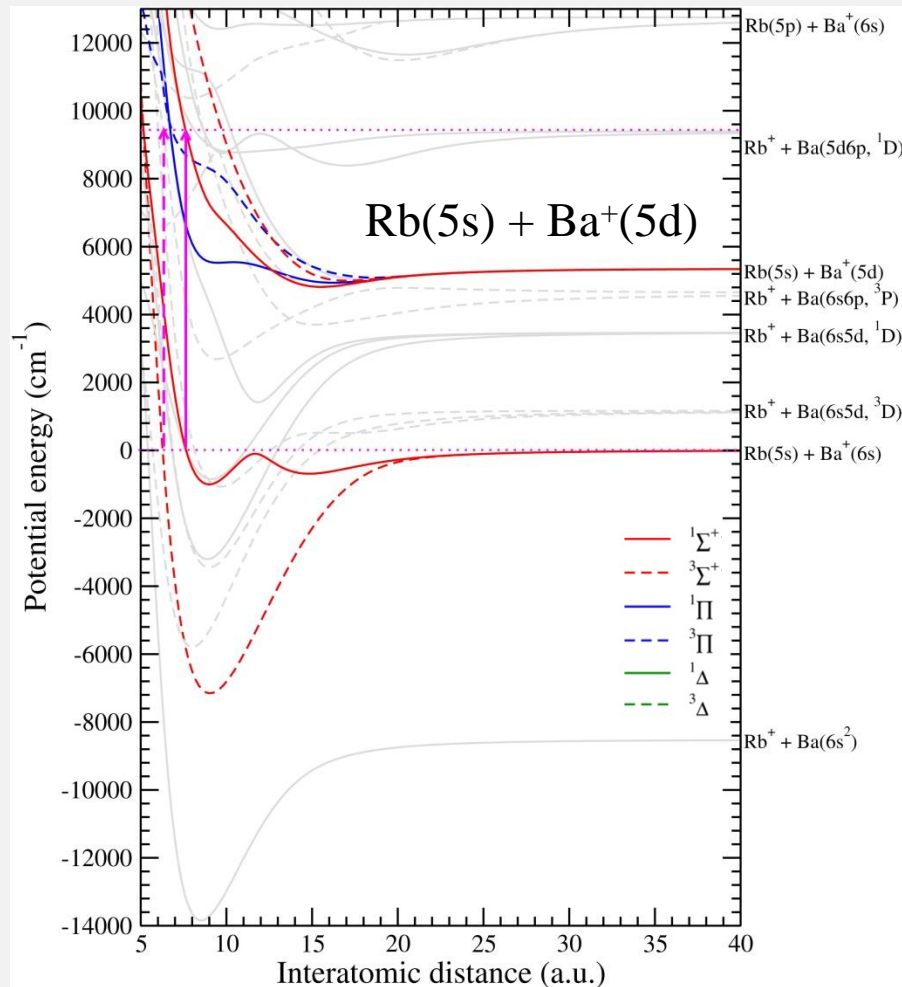
# Photodissociation

**Hot Ba<sup>+</sup> ~ 4000 k**

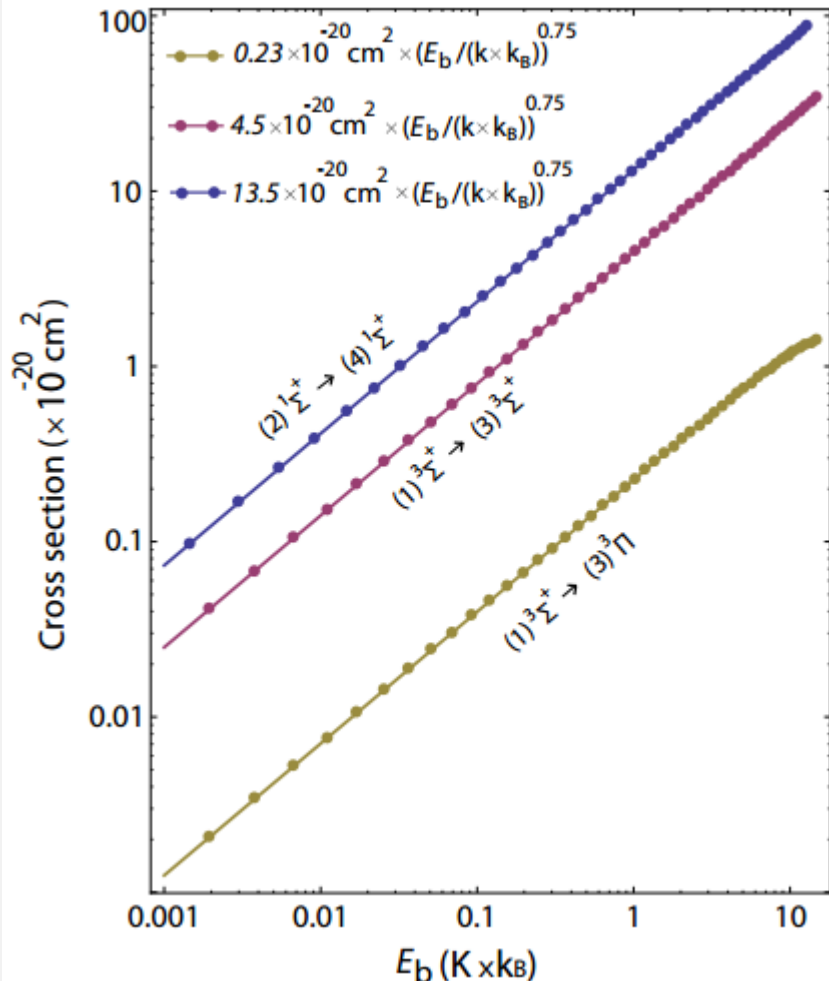
 exit channel

 entrance channel

**Laser: 16kW/cm<sup>2</sup>, 1064 nm, 9398.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>**



# State-to-state absorbing cross section



$$\sigma_v = \frac{4\pi^2}{3C} h\nu |\langle \Lambda_f, E_{cont} | D(r) | \Lambda_i, \mathbf{v} \rangle|^2$$

$(2)^1\Sigma^+ - (4)^1\Sigma^+$  dominated

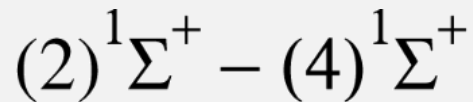
Theoretical data:

$$13.5 \times 10^{-20} \text{ cm}^2 \times (E_b / (\text{K} \times k_B))^{0.75}$$

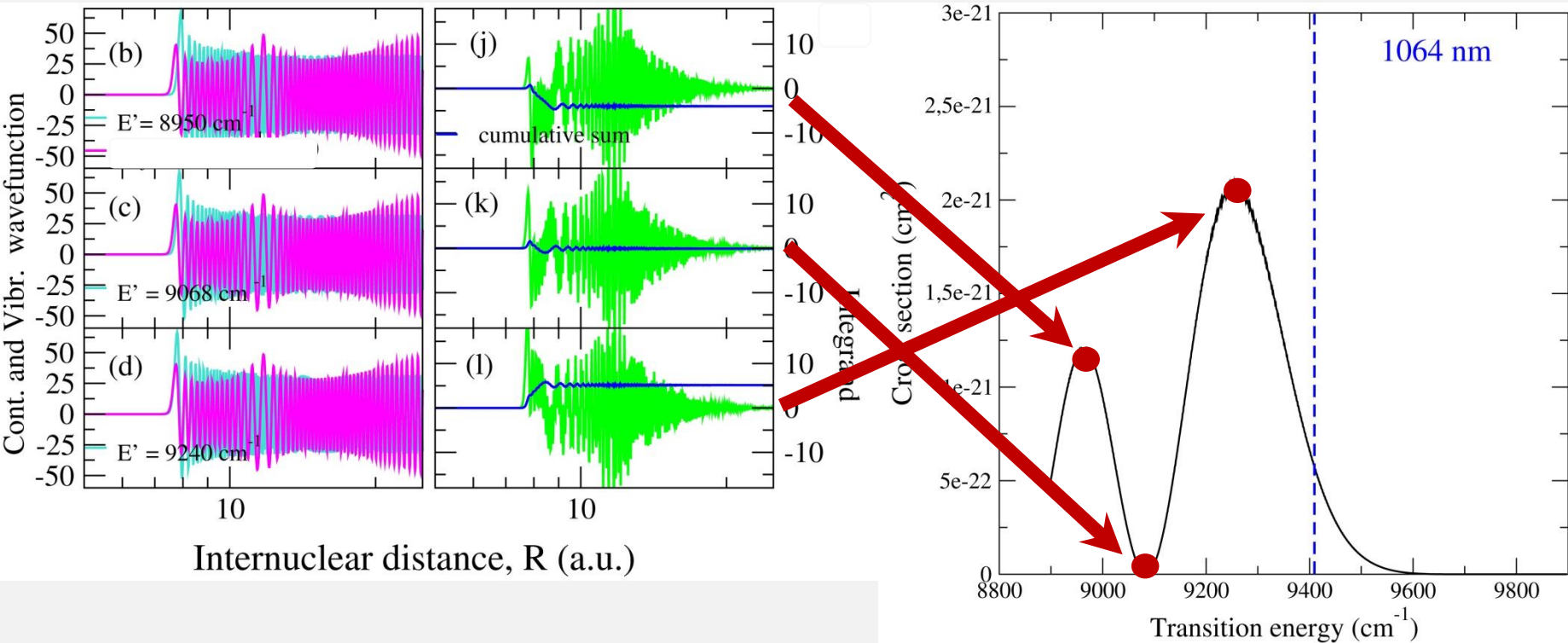
Experimental data:

$$340 \times 10^{-20} \text{ cm}^2 \times (E_b / (\text{K} \times k_B))^{0.75}$$

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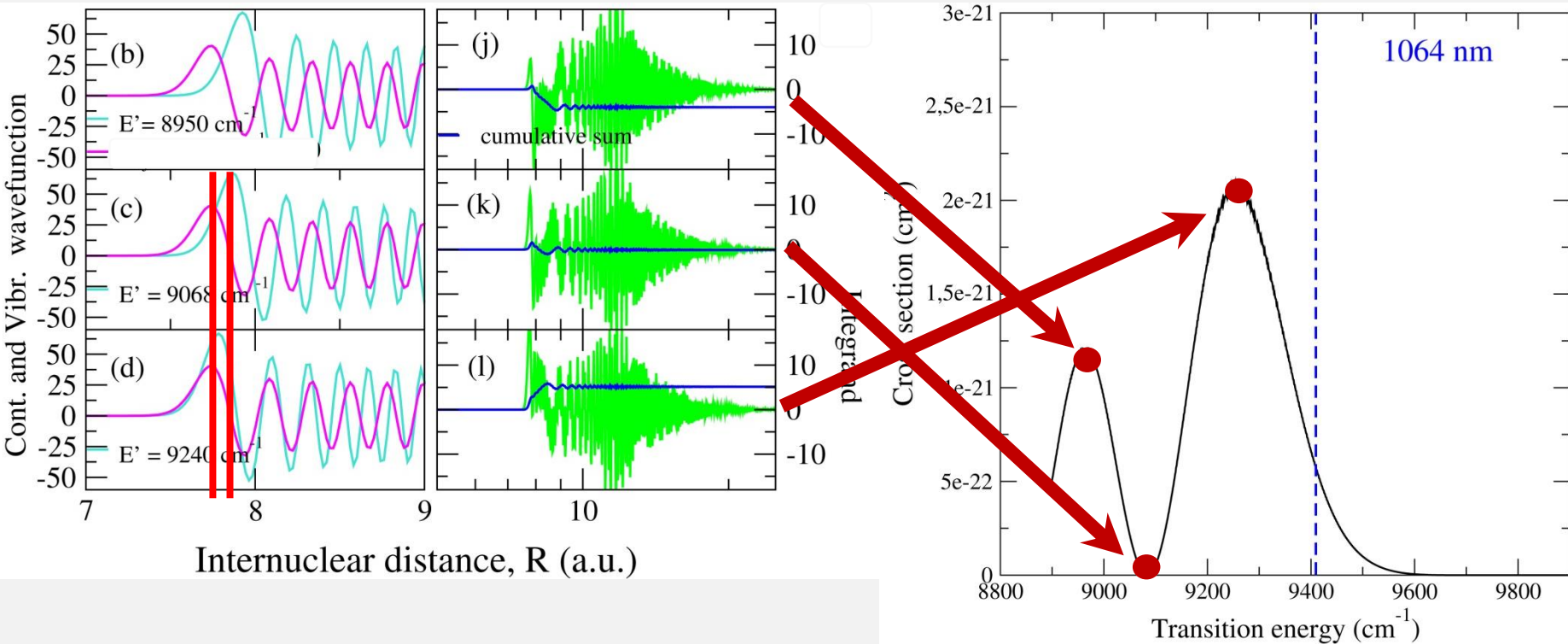


$$V = -4, E_b = 0.86 \text{ mk } k_B$$

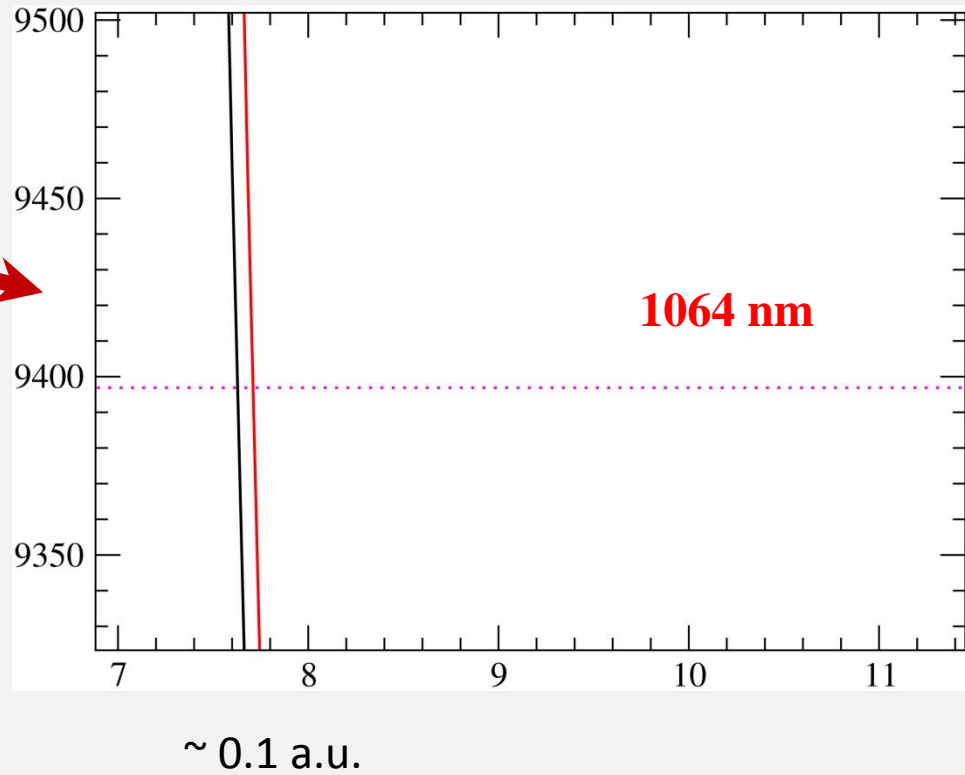
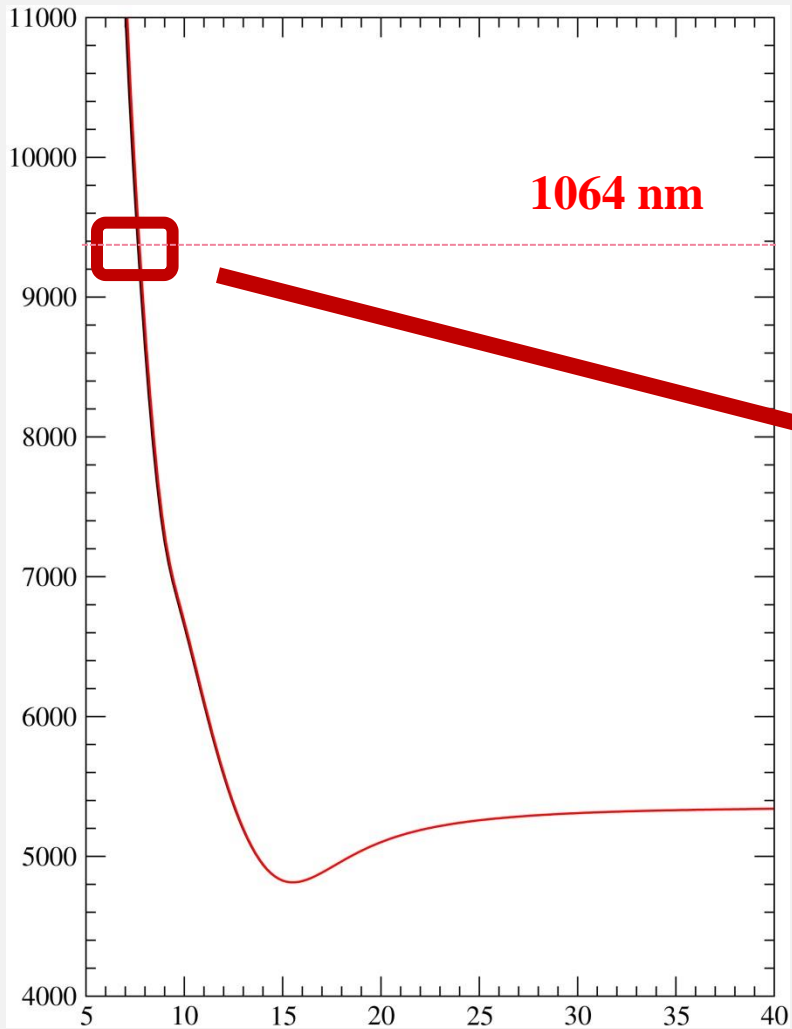


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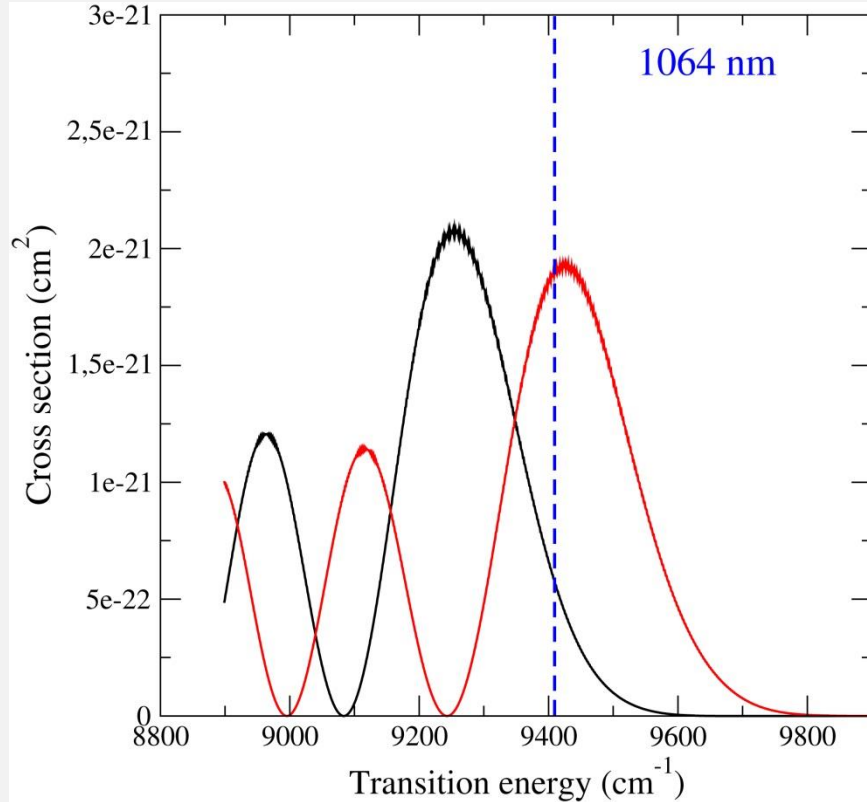
$$(2)^1\Sigma^+ - (4)^1\Sigma^+ \quad V = -4, E_b = 0.86 \text{ mk } k_B$$



# Artificial $(4)^1\Sigma^+$



# State-to-state absorbing cross section for Artificial $(4)^1\Sigma^+$



**Theoretical data:**

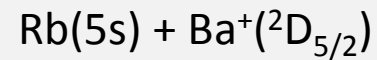
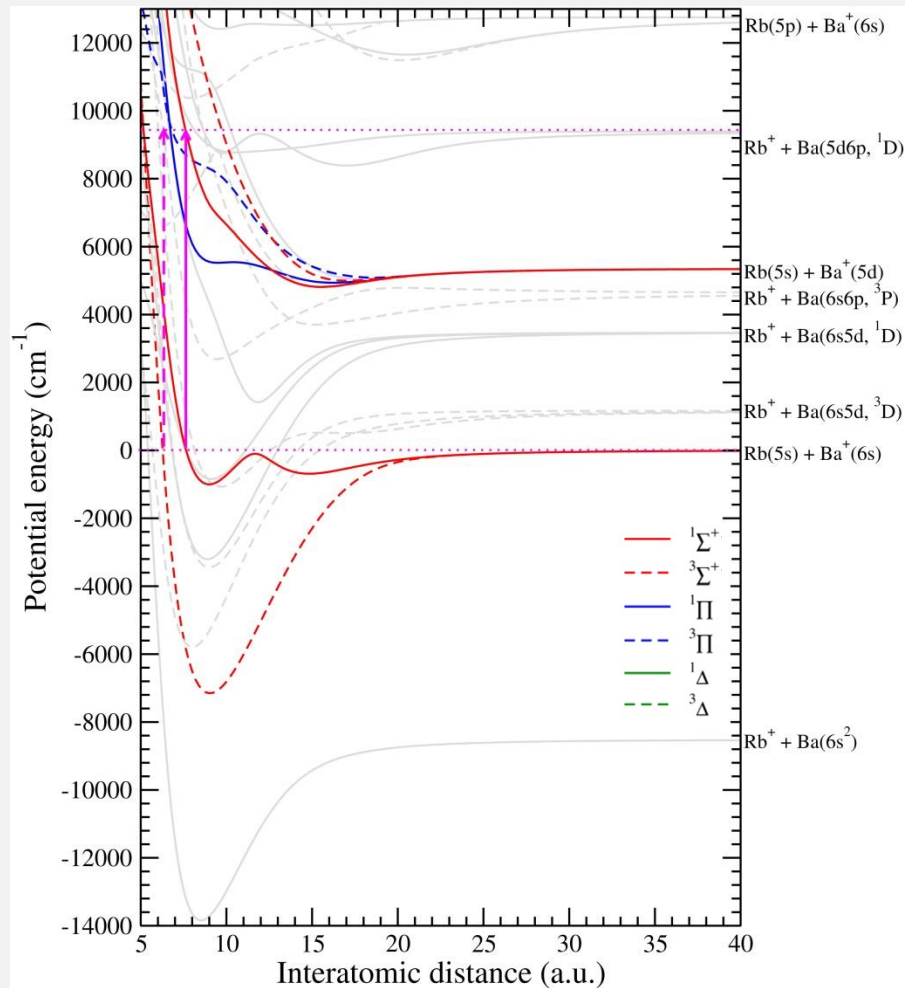
$$135 \times 10^{-20} \text{ cm}^2 \times (E_b / (\text{K} \times k_B))^{0.75}$$

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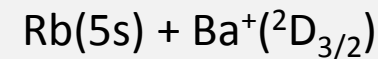
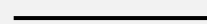
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Hot Ba<sup>+</sup> in Hund's case a

Hot **Ba<sup>+</sup>** in Hund's case c



$A_{\text{sosd}} = 800.955 \text{ cm}^{-1}$





$$\Omega = 3 \quad H = (A + V({}^3\Delta_u))$$

$$\text{Constant } A = 2/5A_{\text{sosd}} = 320.382 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

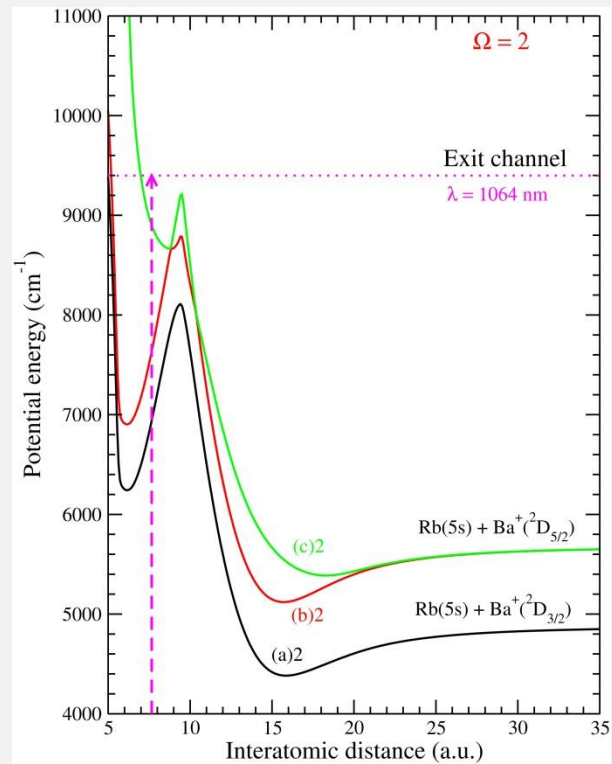
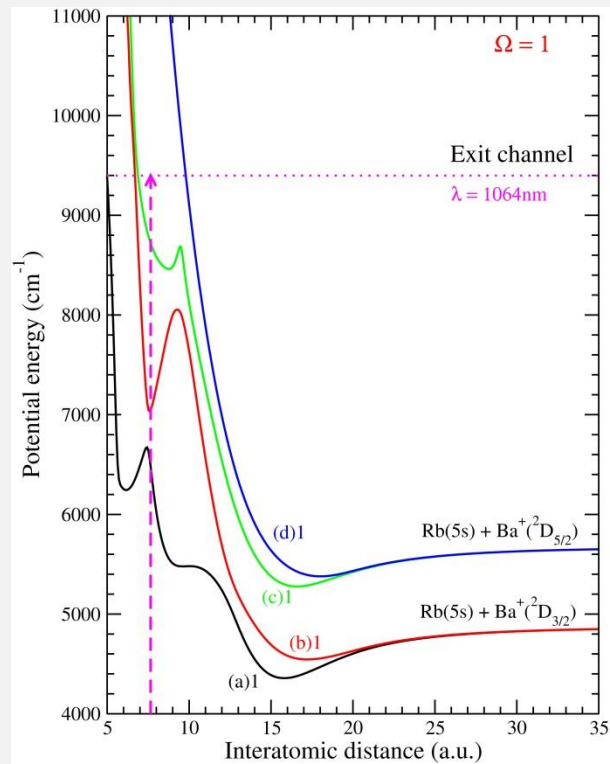
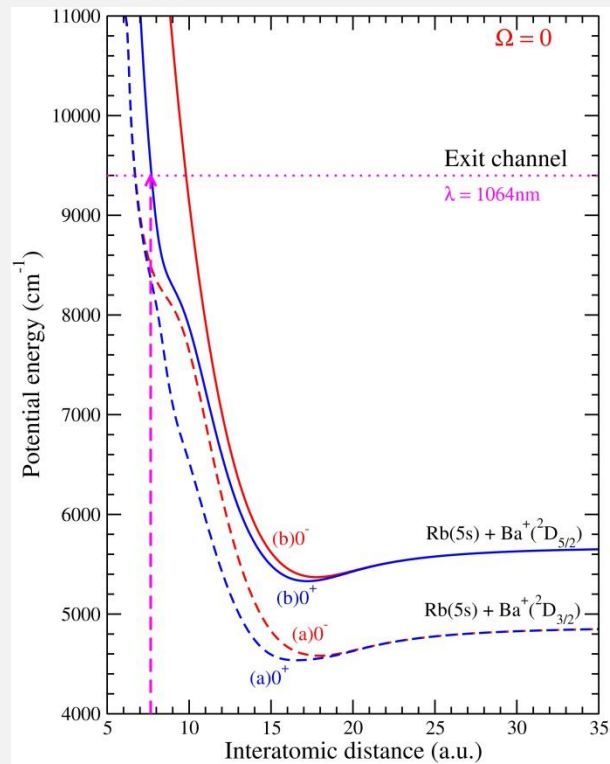
$$\Omega = 2 \quad H = \begin{pmatrix} V({}^3\Delta_u) & A & \frac{A}{\sqrt{2}} \\ A & V({}^1\Delta_u) & -\frac{A}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{A}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{A}{\sqrt{2}} & V({}^3\Pi_u) + \frac{A}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

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# Hund's case C Potential Energy Curves



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entrance  $1\Sigma^+$

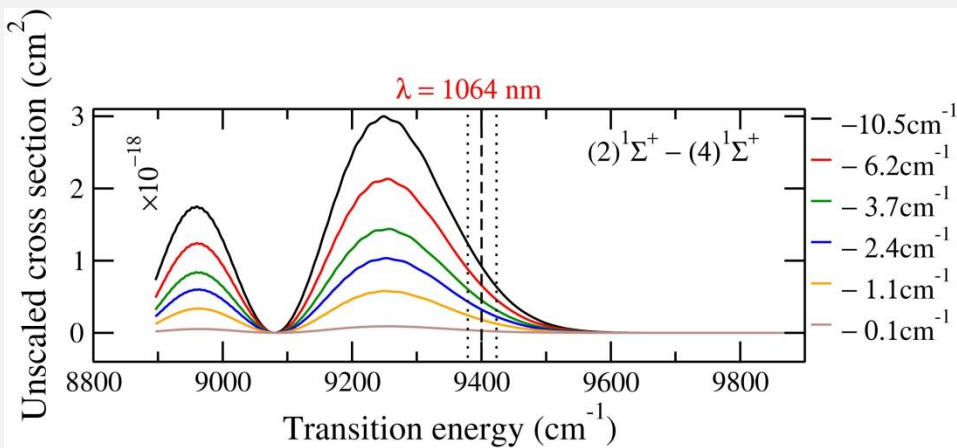
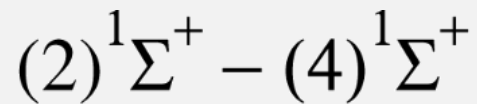
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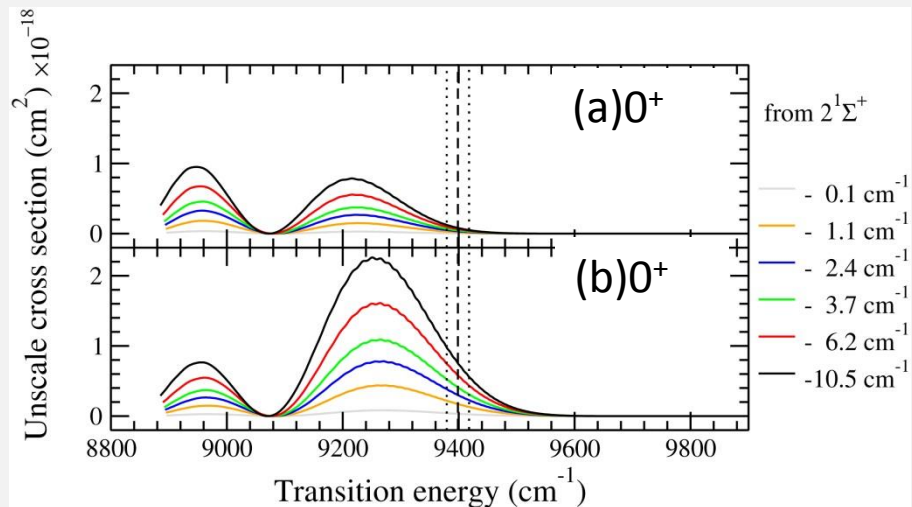
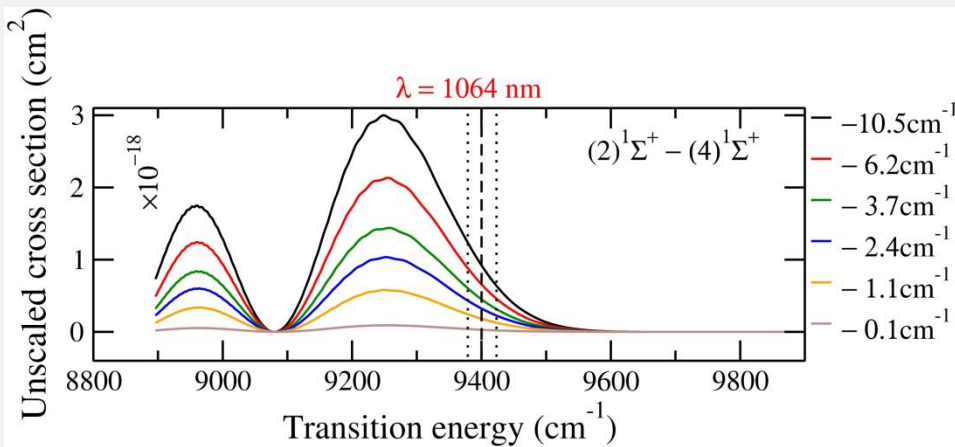


**Hund's case A**

# Conclusion and outlook

$$(2)^1\Sigma^+ - (4)^1\Sigma^+$$

For  $\Omega = 0^+$   $H = \begin{pmatrix} V(\overset{3}{\cancel{\Sigma_u^+}}) - \frac{A}{2} & A\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \\ A\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} & V(^1\Sigma_u^+) \end{pmatrix}$



Hund's case A



Hund's case C



Thanks