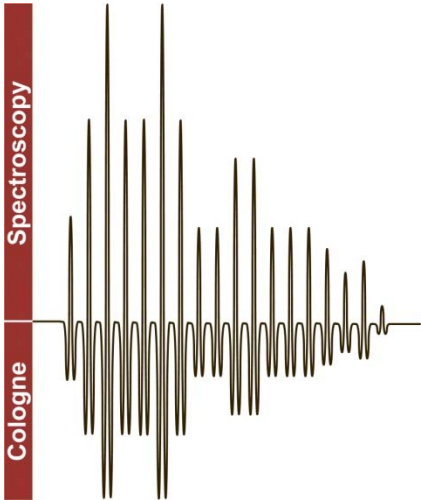
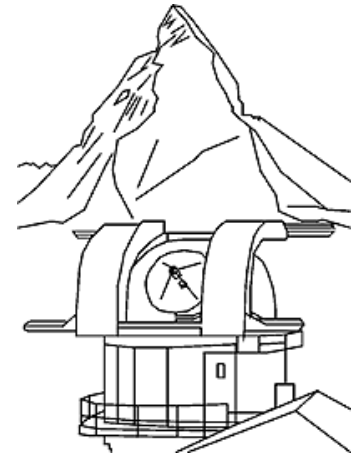




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Priority Program:

Physics of Star Formation

1999-2005 FGLA

(Chemnitz – Jena)

2011- SFB956 (Cologne)

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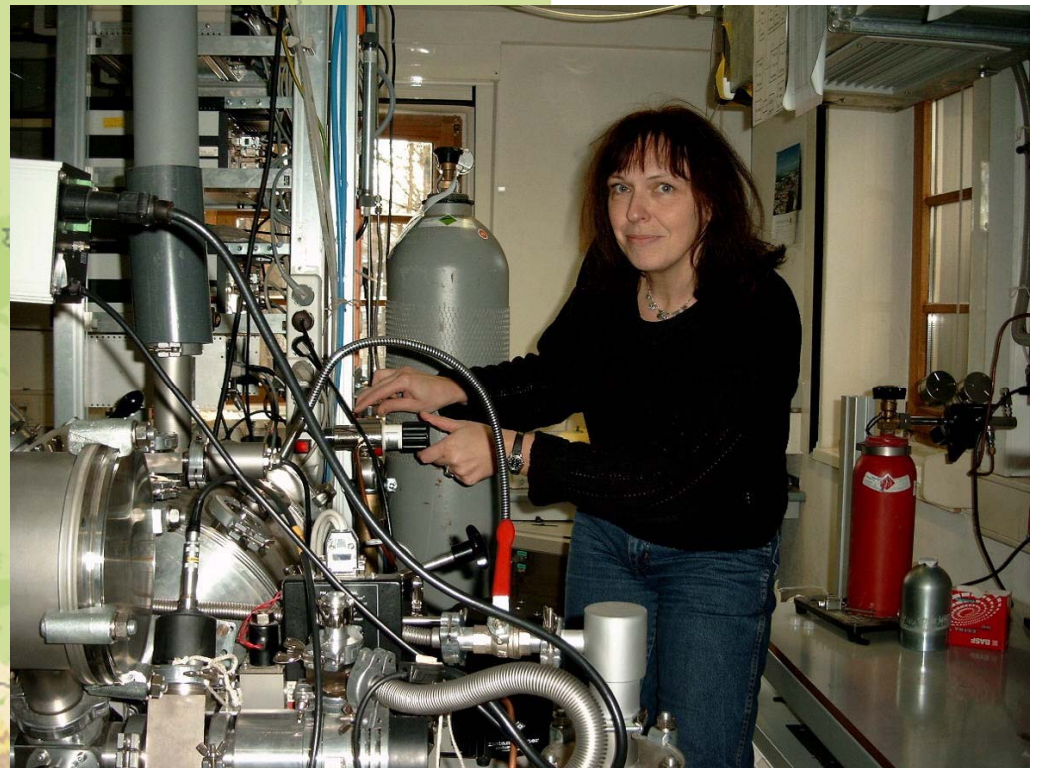
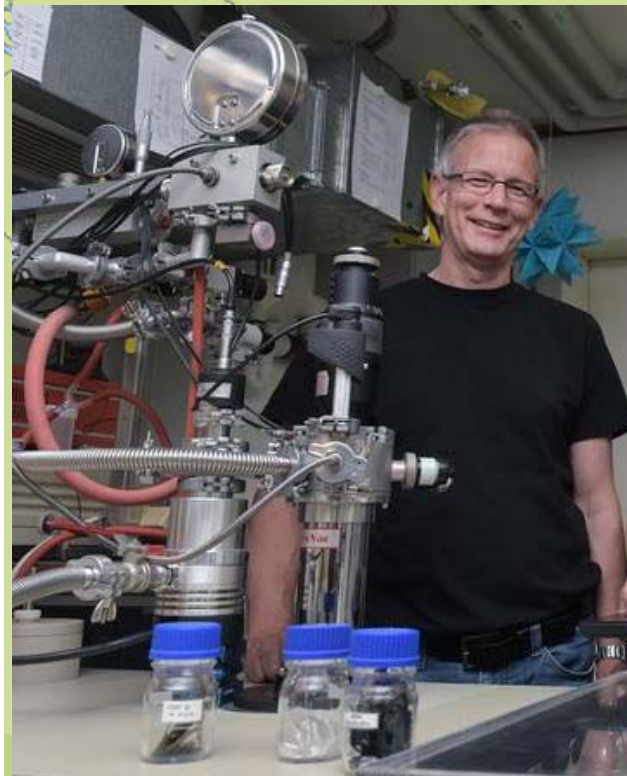
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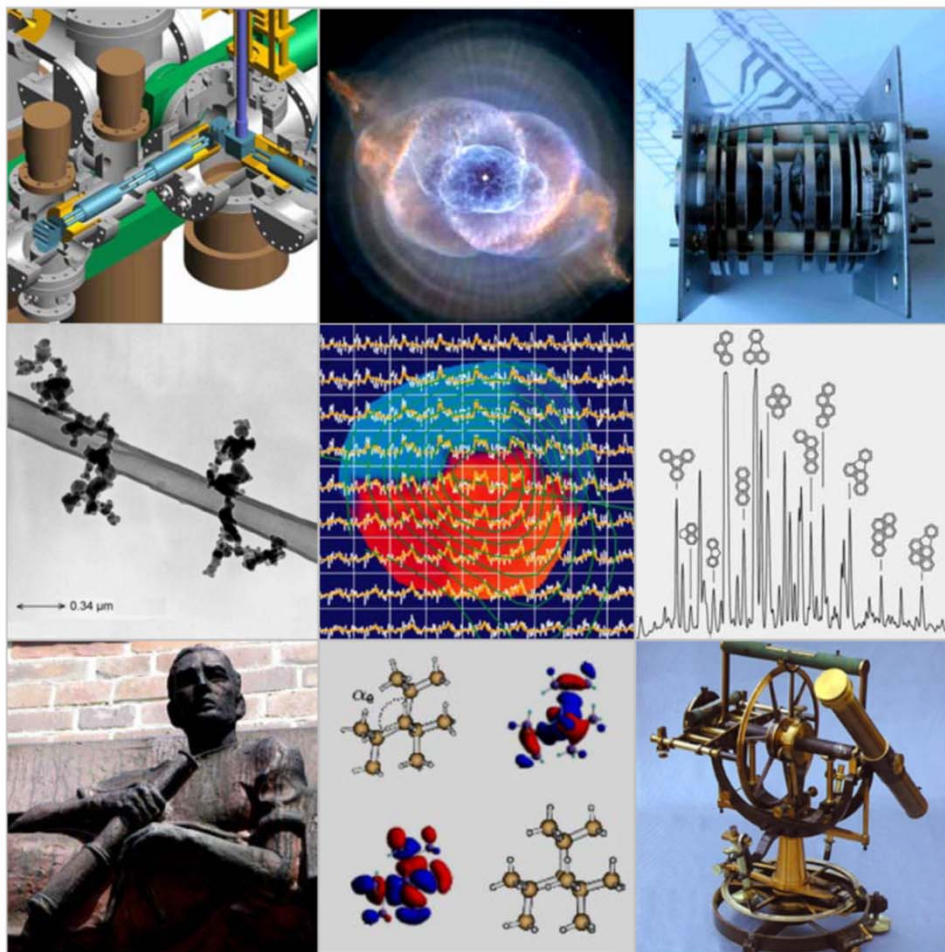
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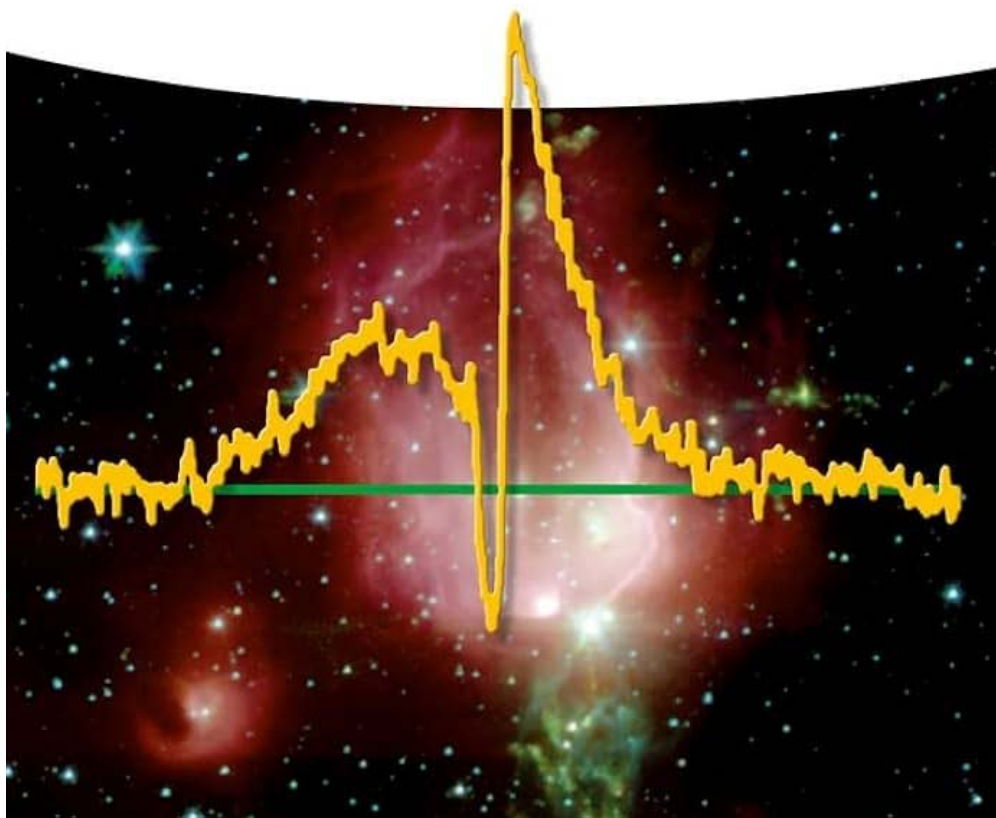
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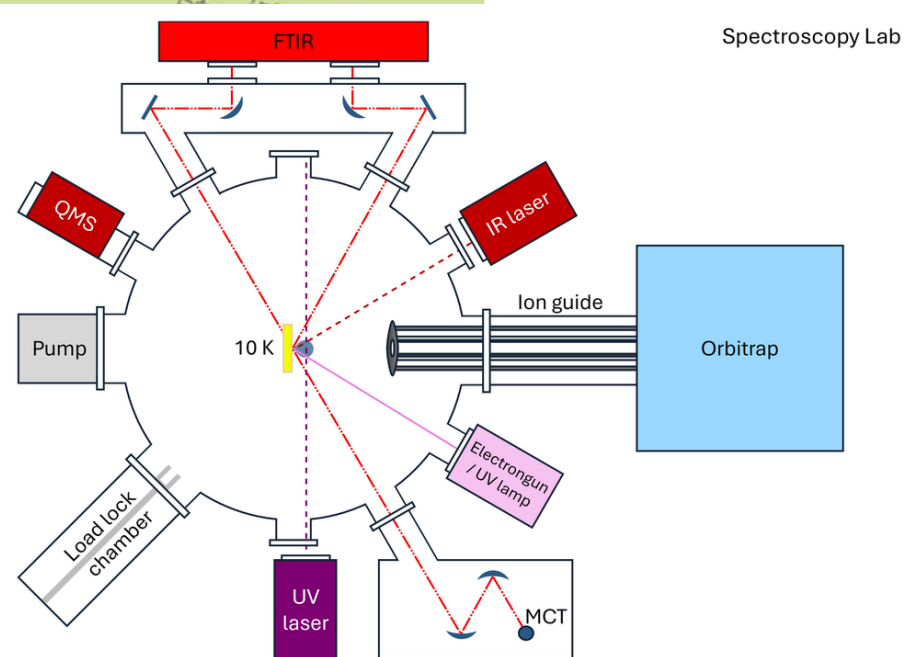
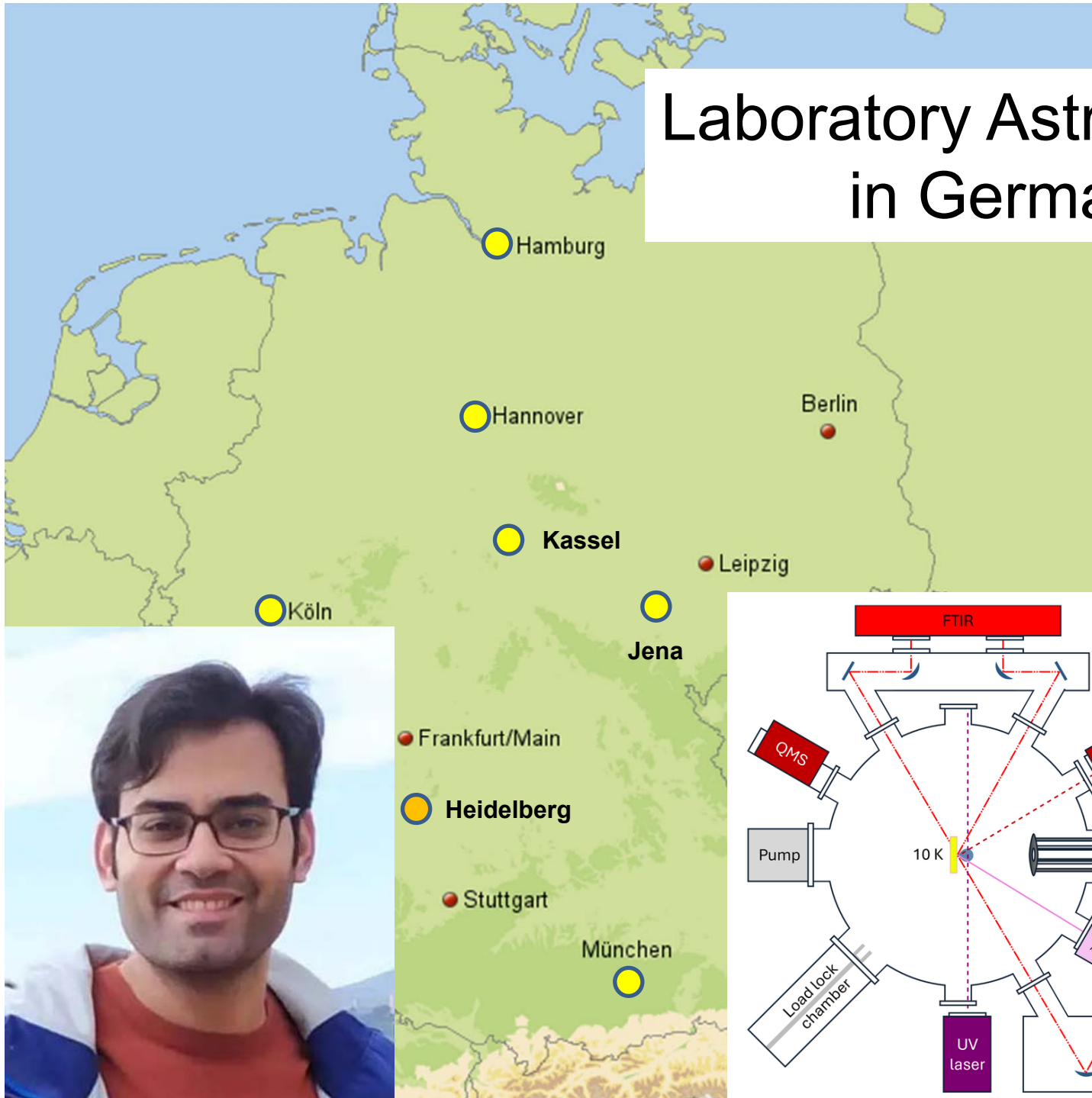
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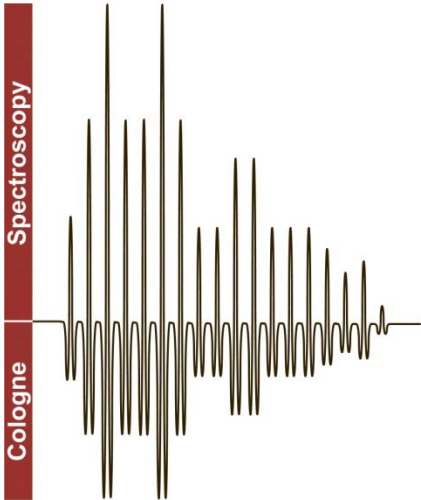
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From Molecules through Nanoparticles to Grains



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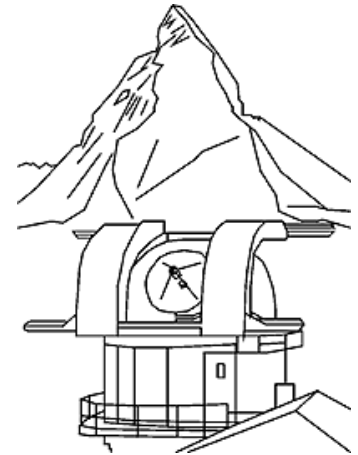




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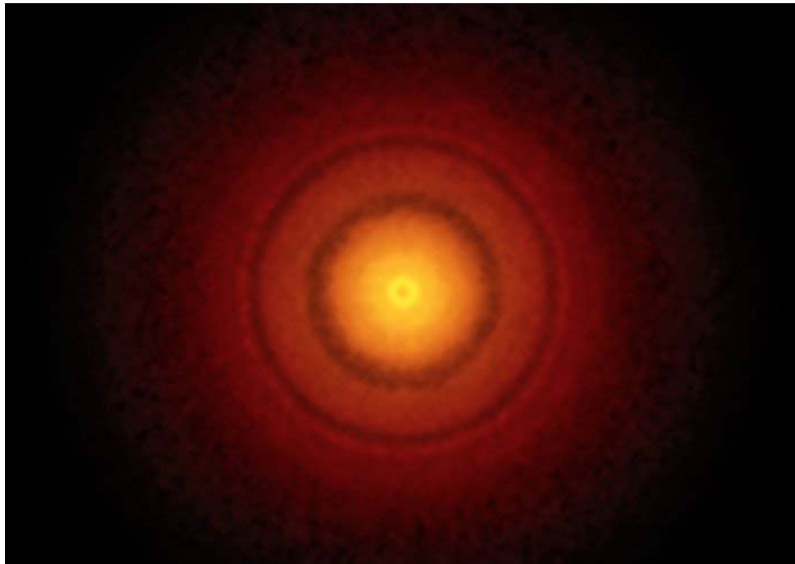
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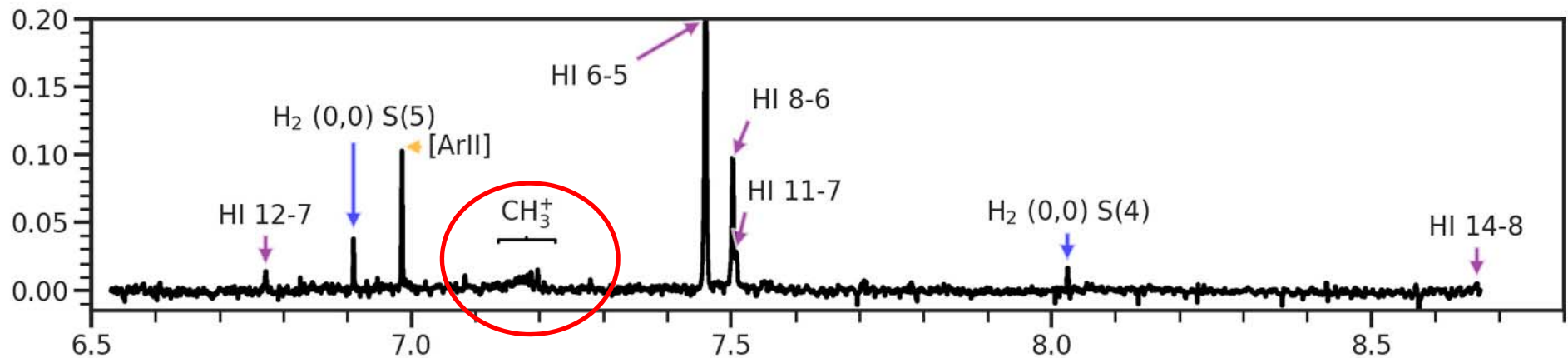


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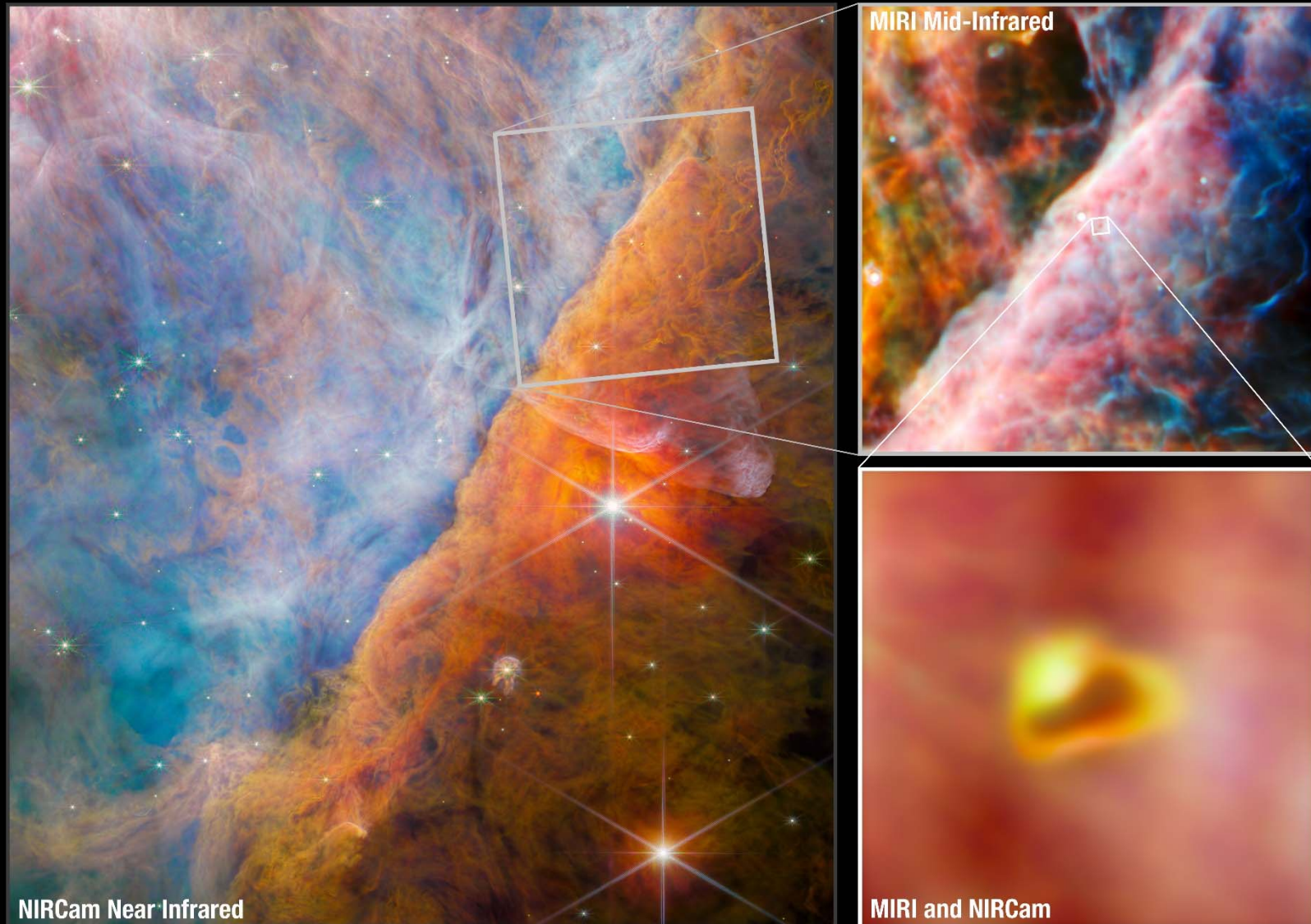


TW Hya MIRI spectrum: Ions appear like in PDRs...

James Webb Space Telescope (JWST):
Orion bar Photon Dominated Region (PDR)



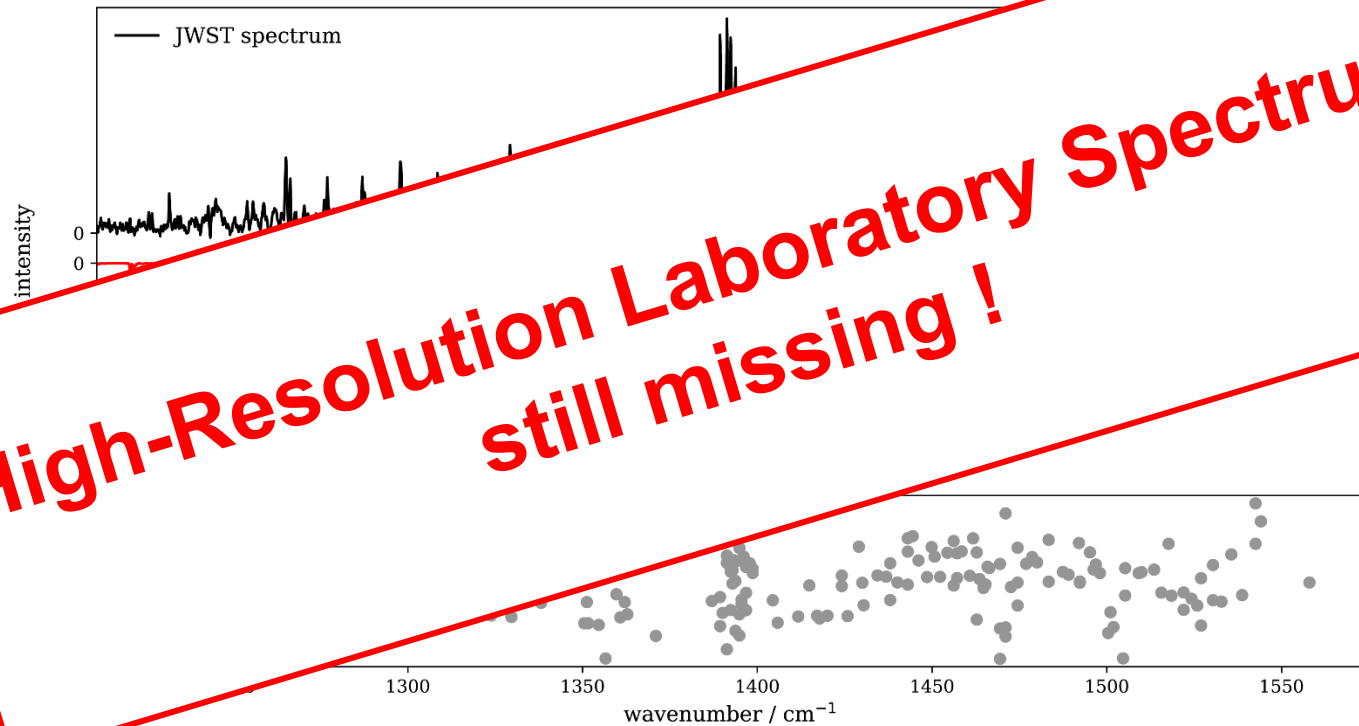
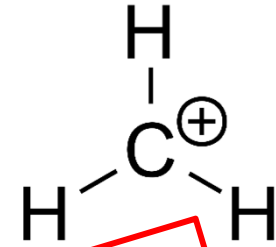
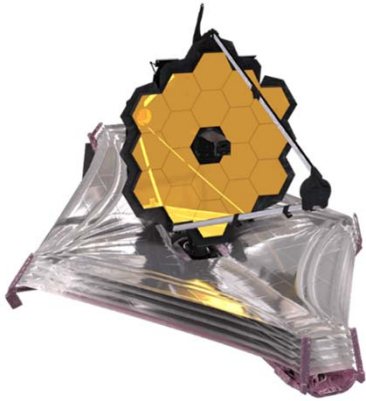
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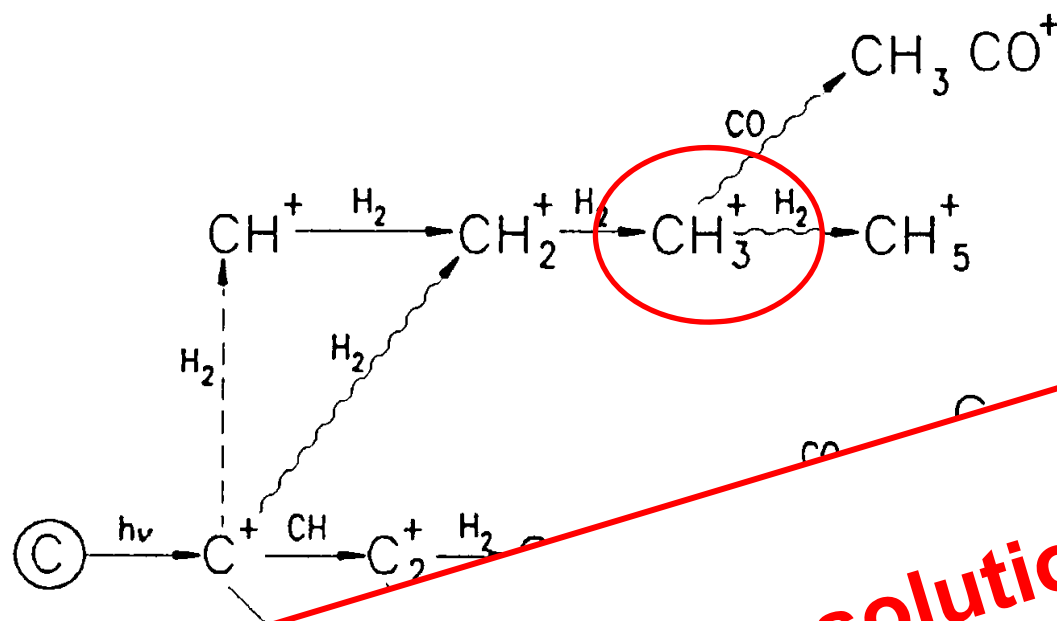
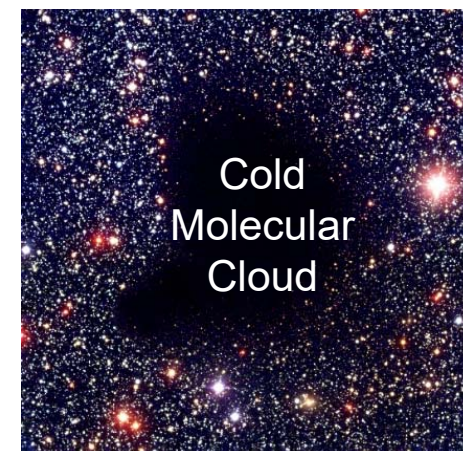
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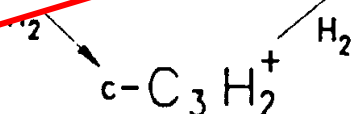
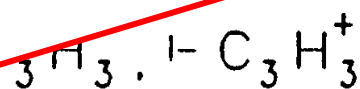


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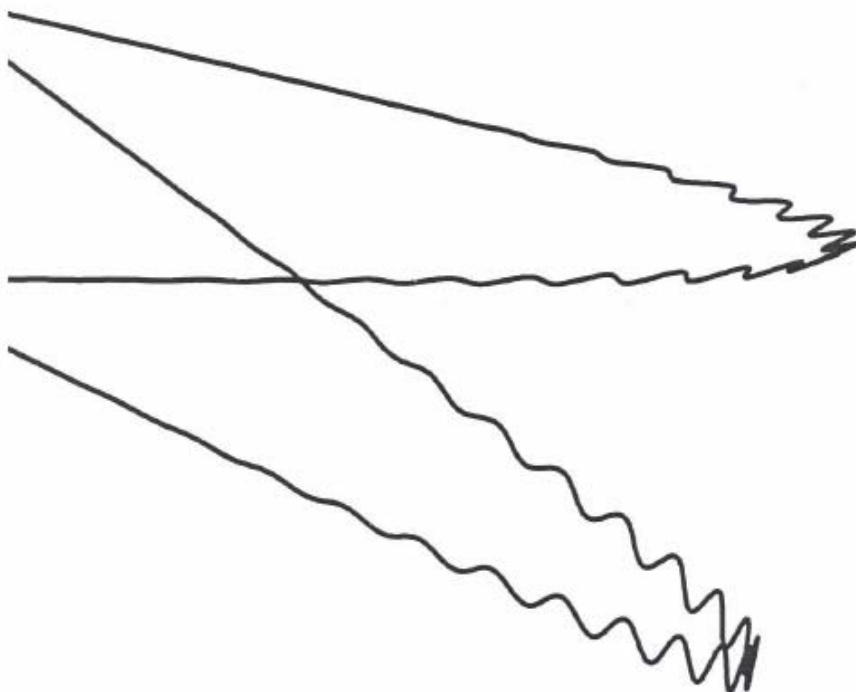
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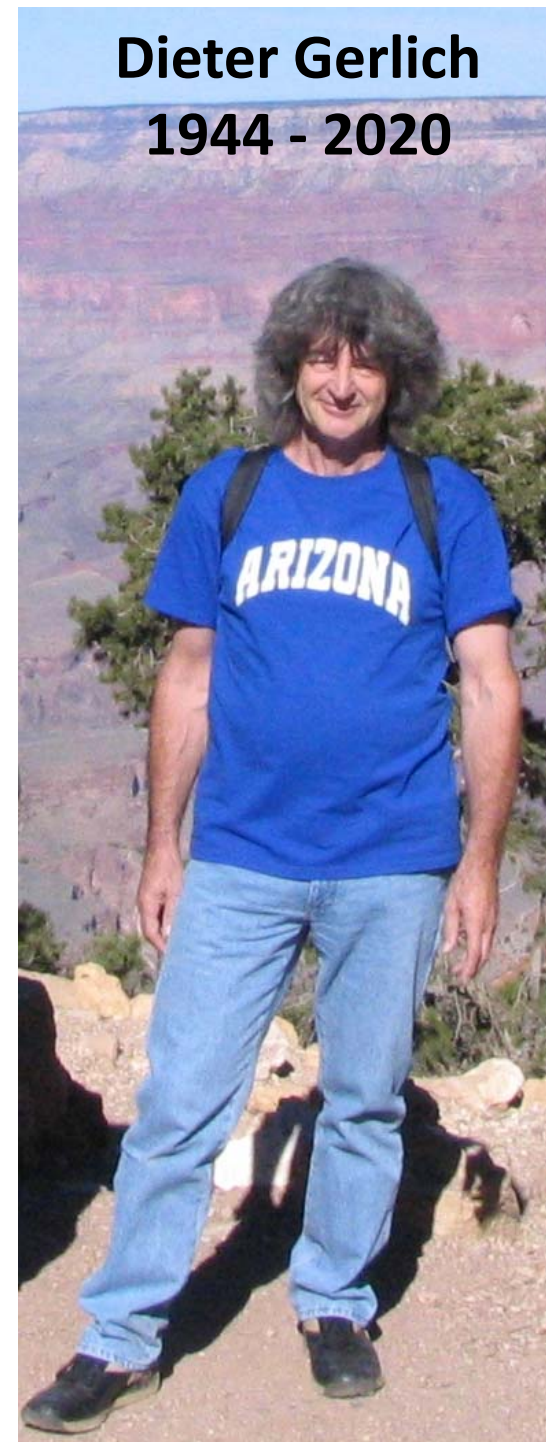
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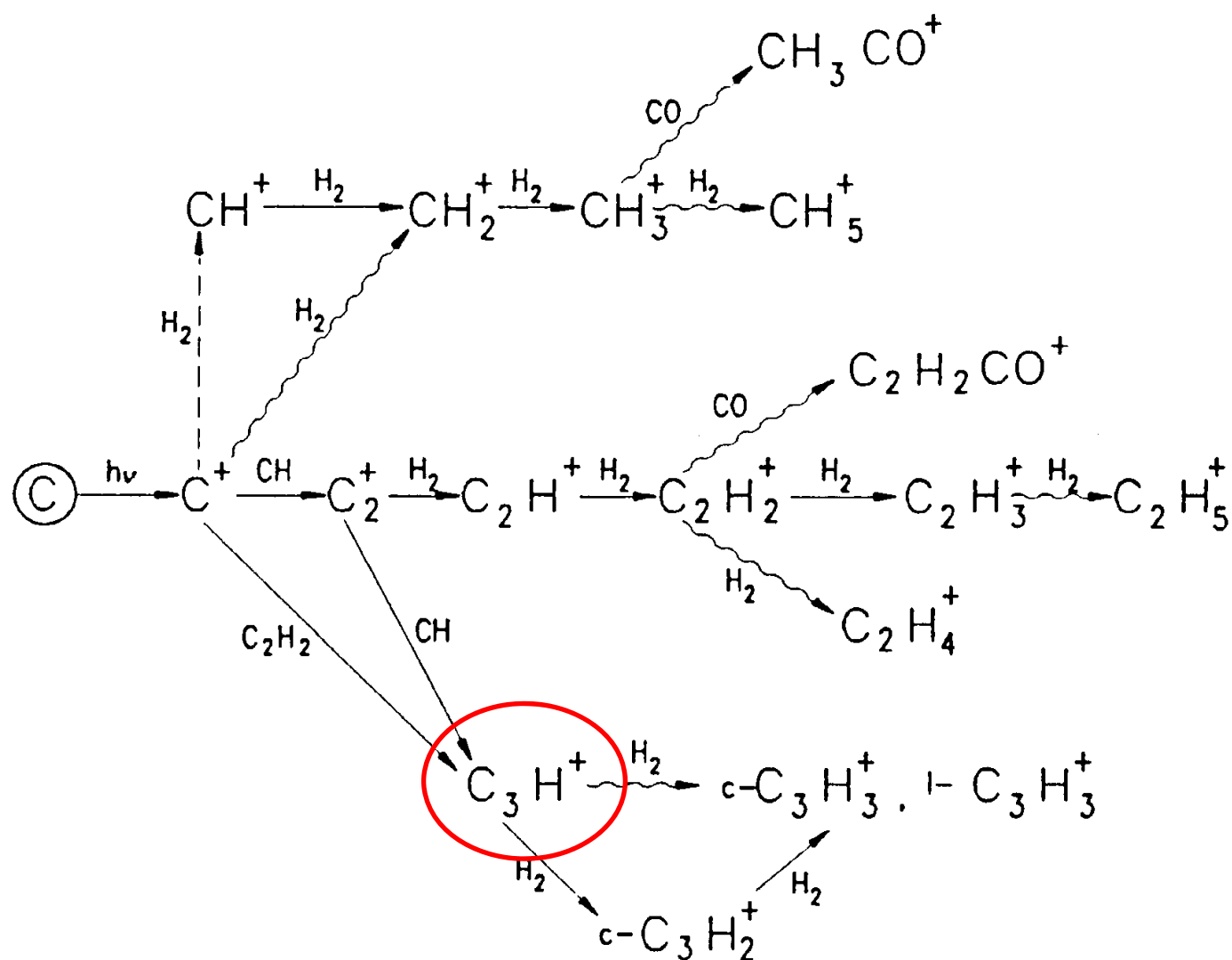


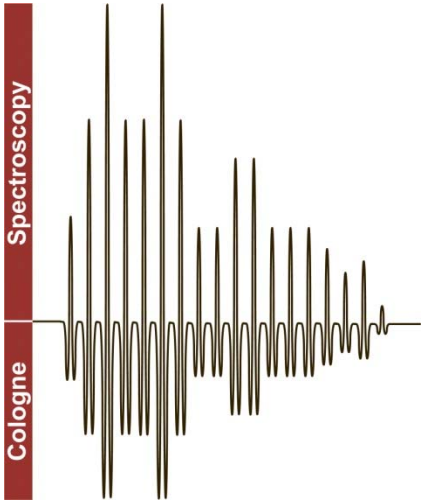
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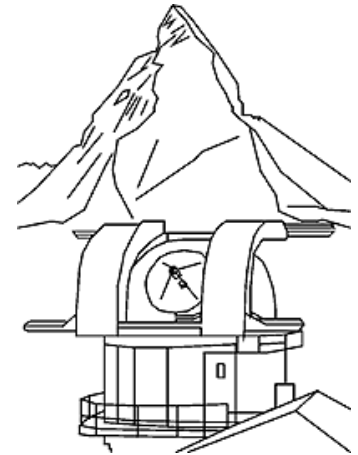




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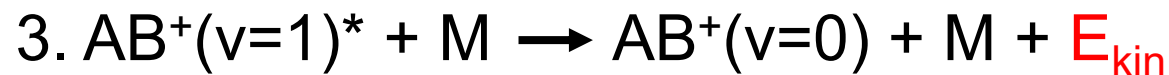
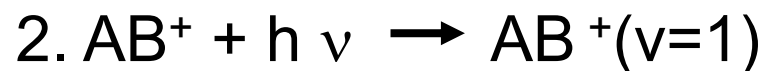
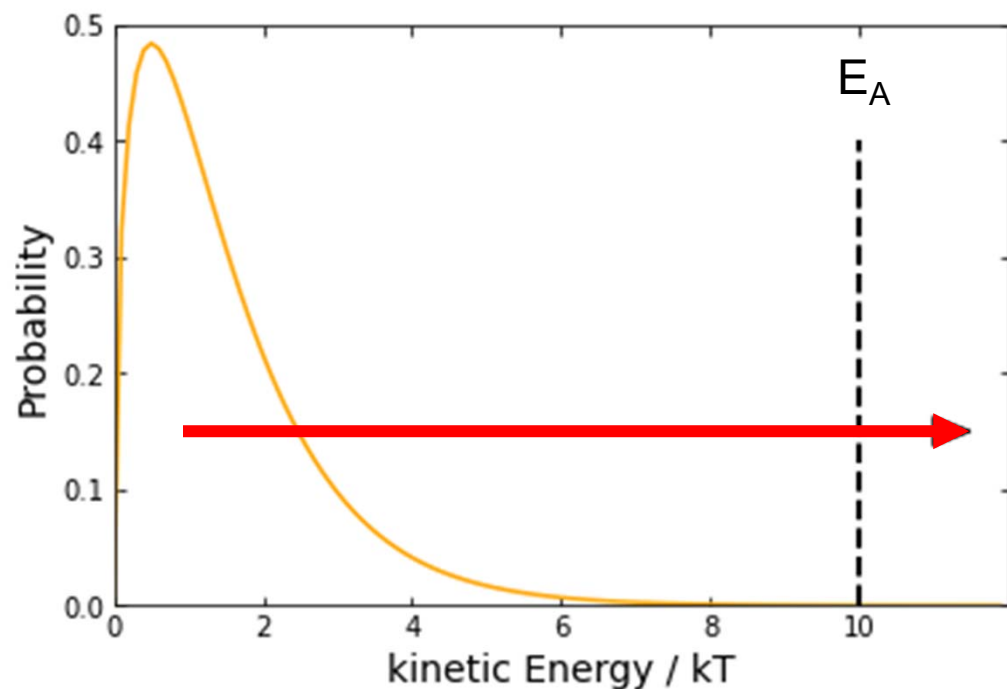
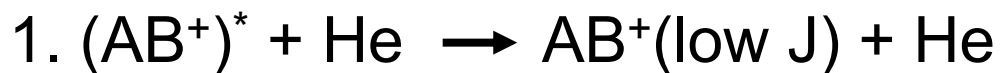
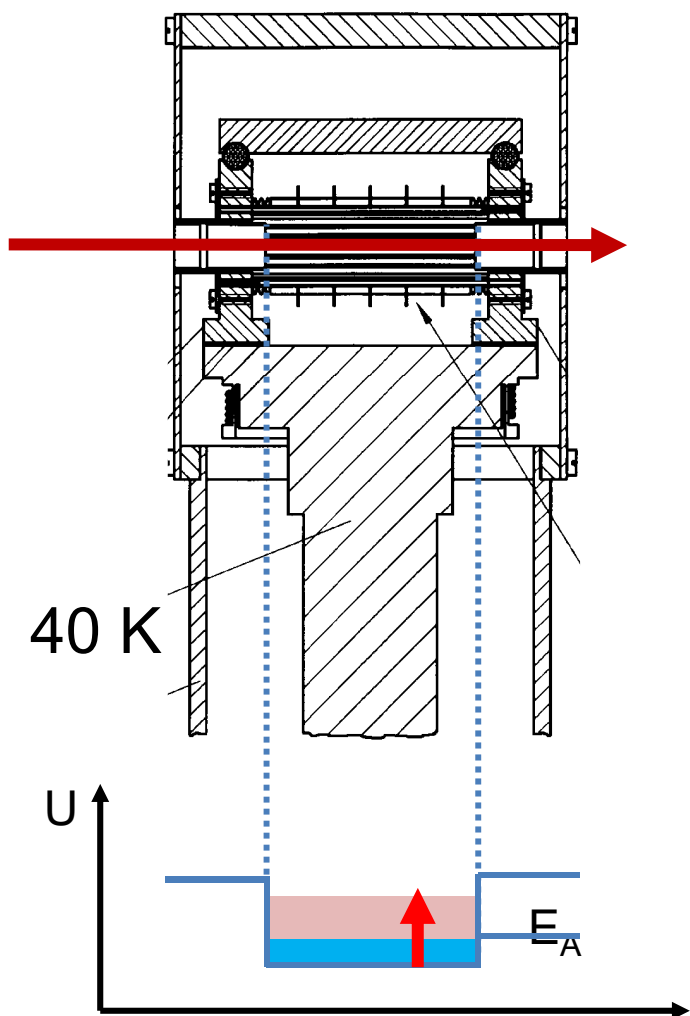
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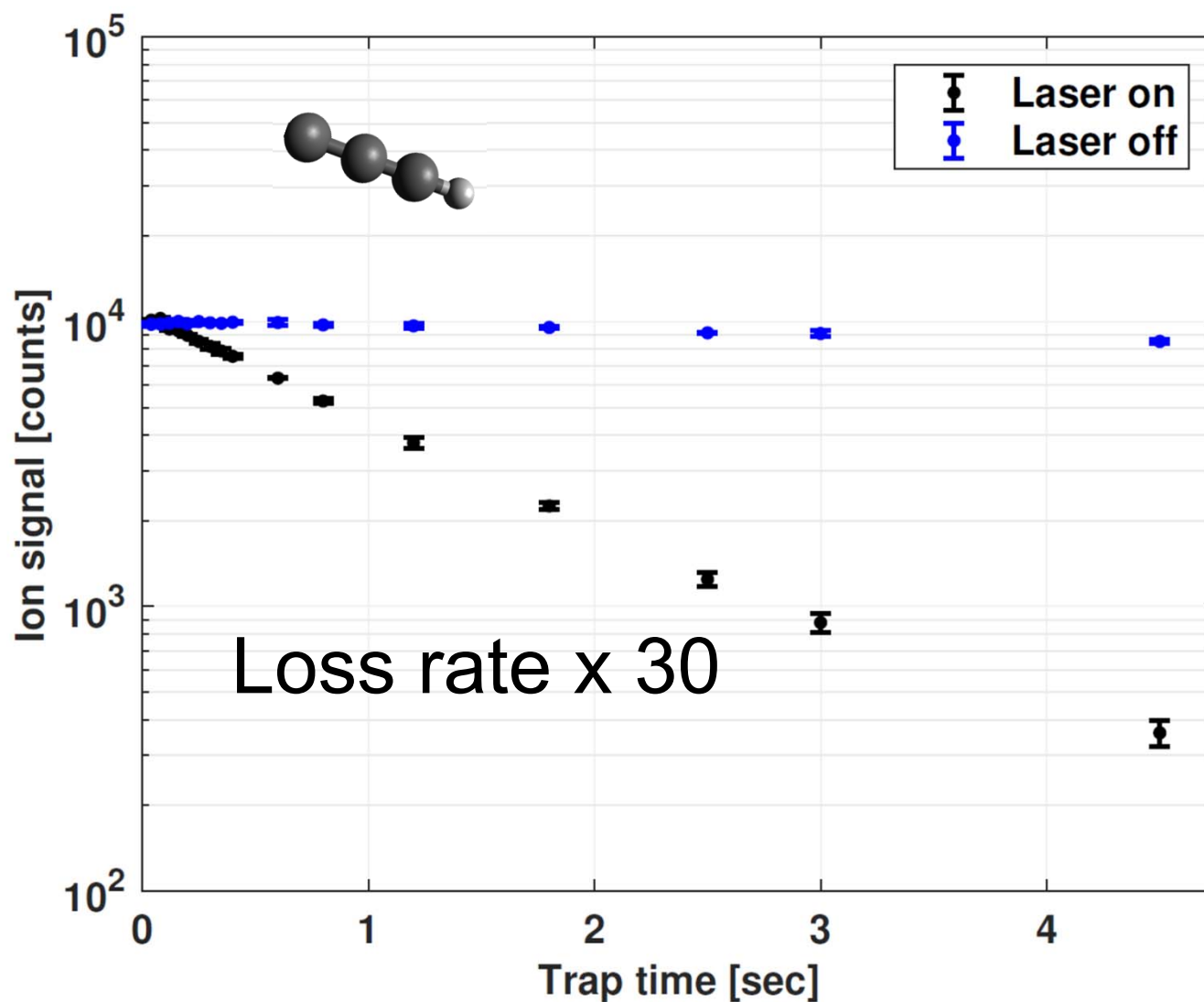
Leak-out Spectroscopy

Vibration to Translation Transfer



Principle of Leak-Out Spectroscopy

Cooling: Pulsed He, Leak-out: N₂ buffer gas



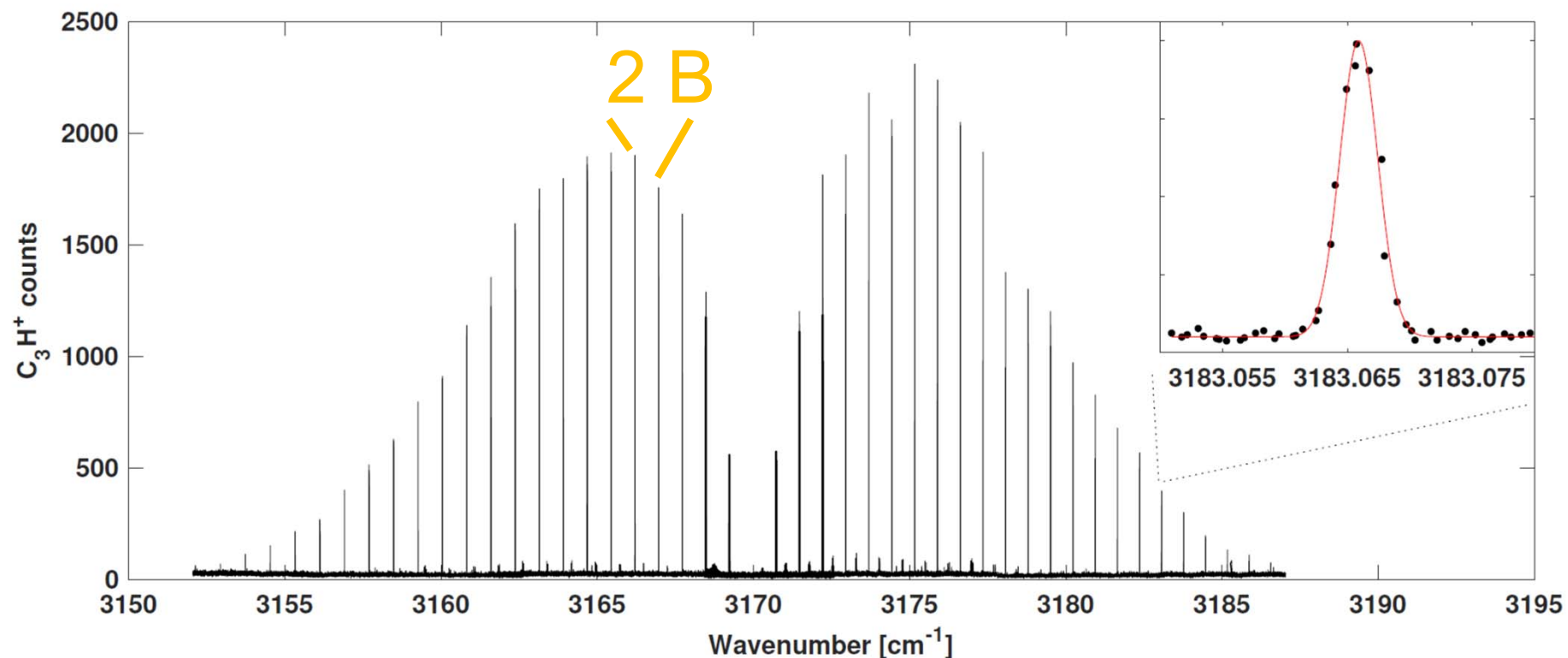
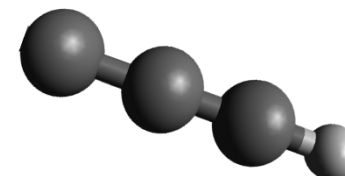


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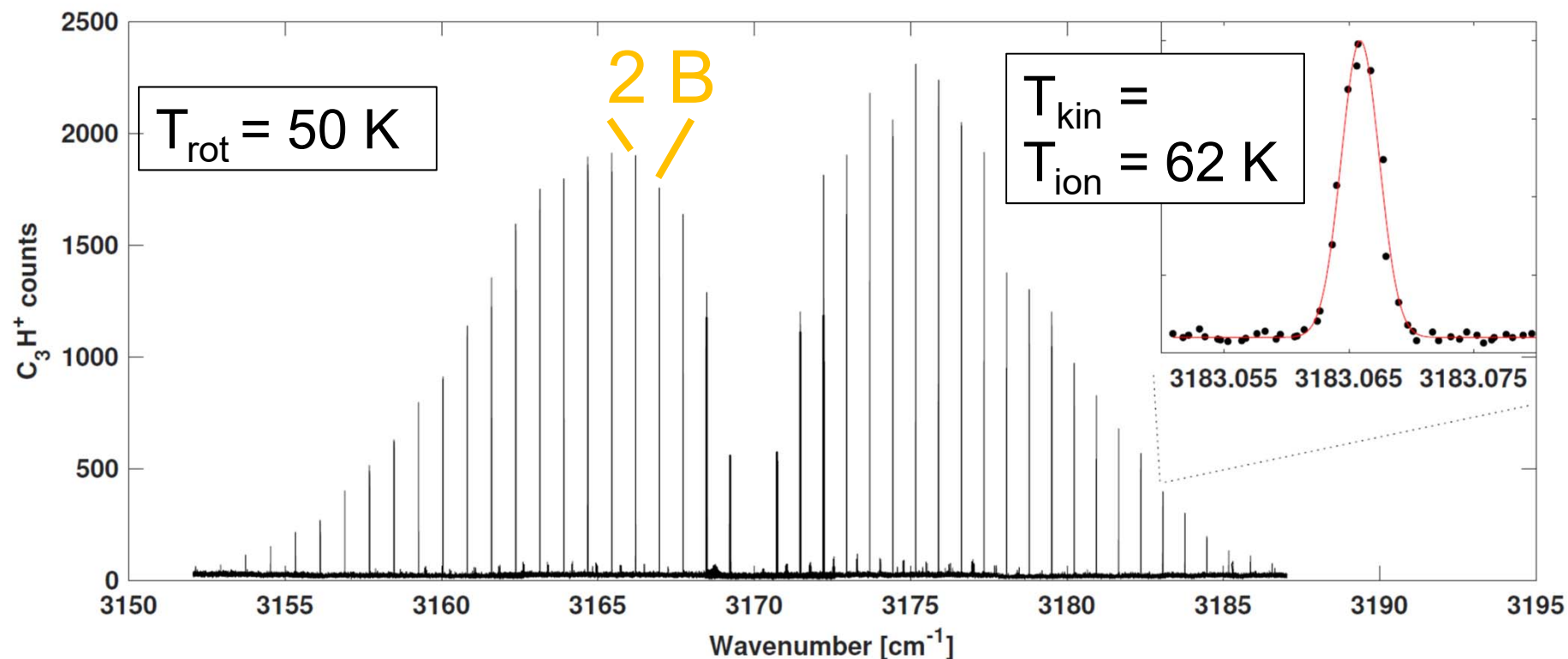
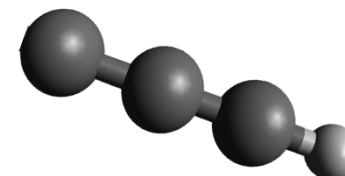


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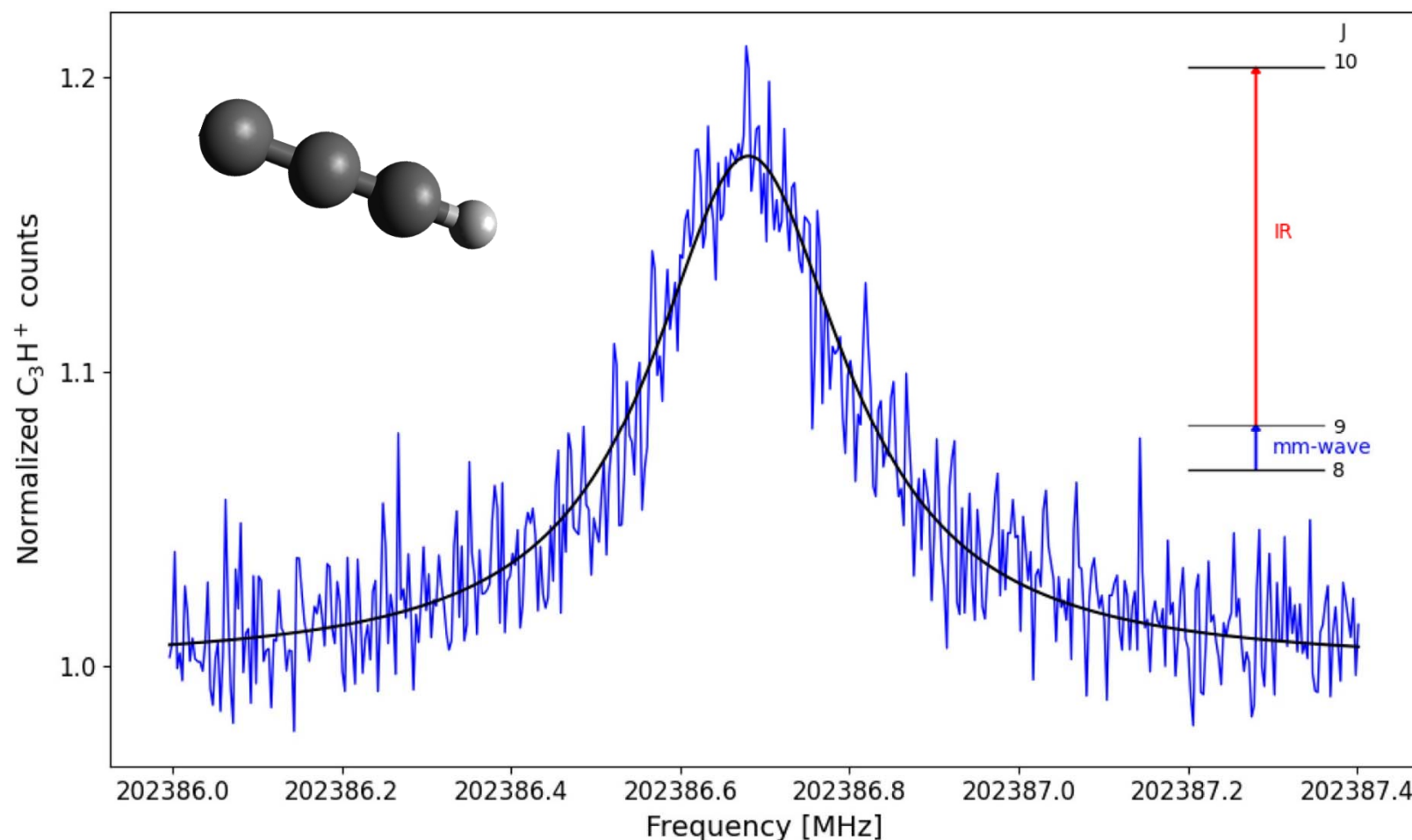
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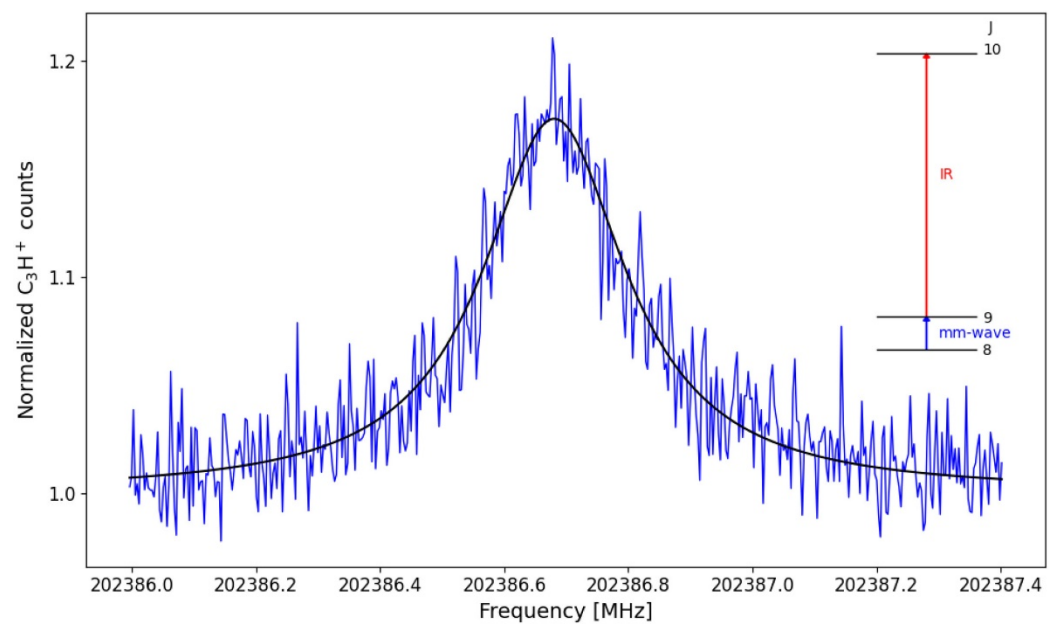
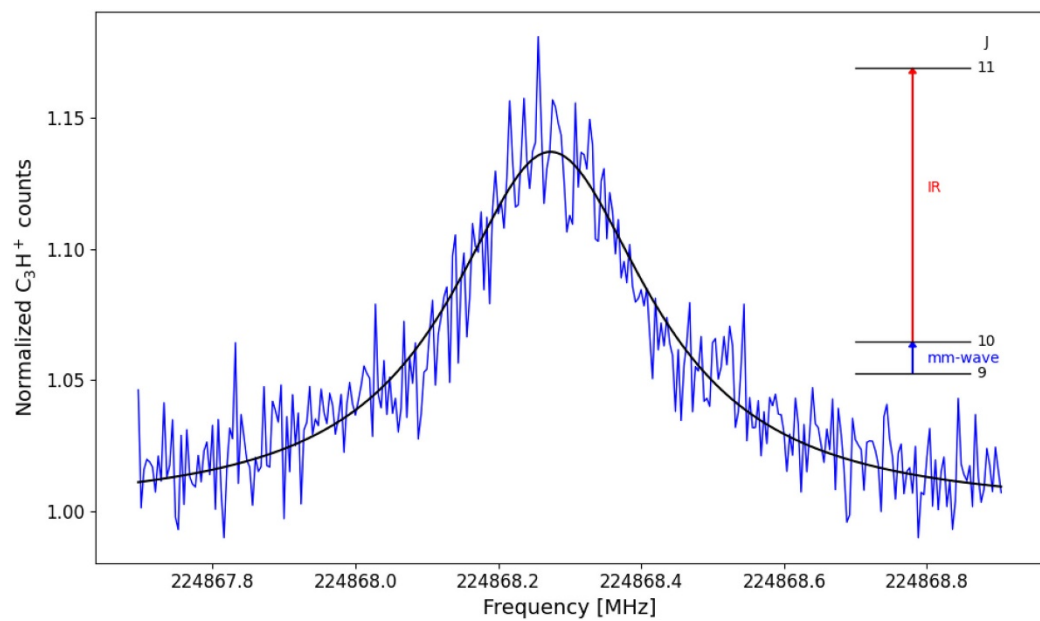
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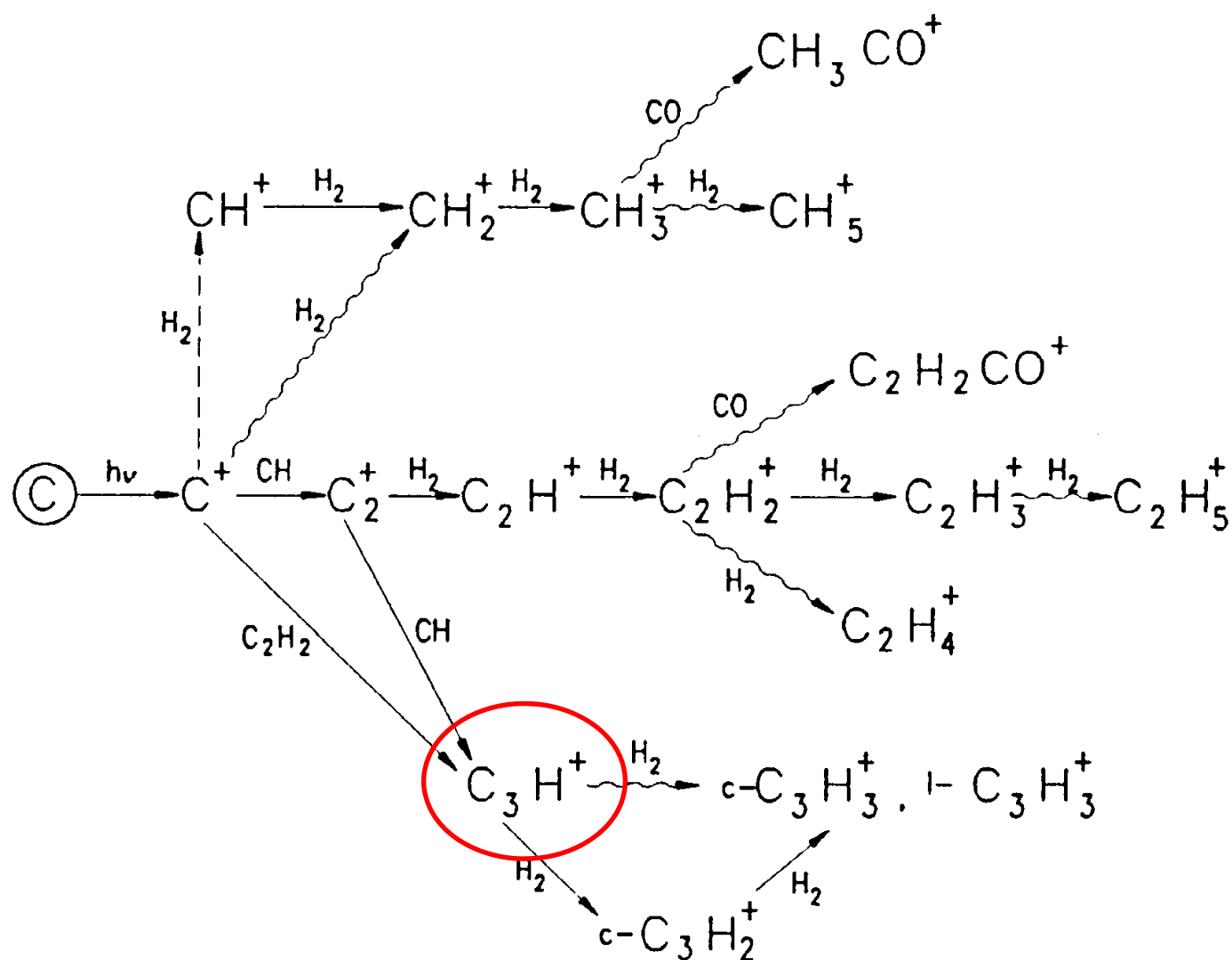
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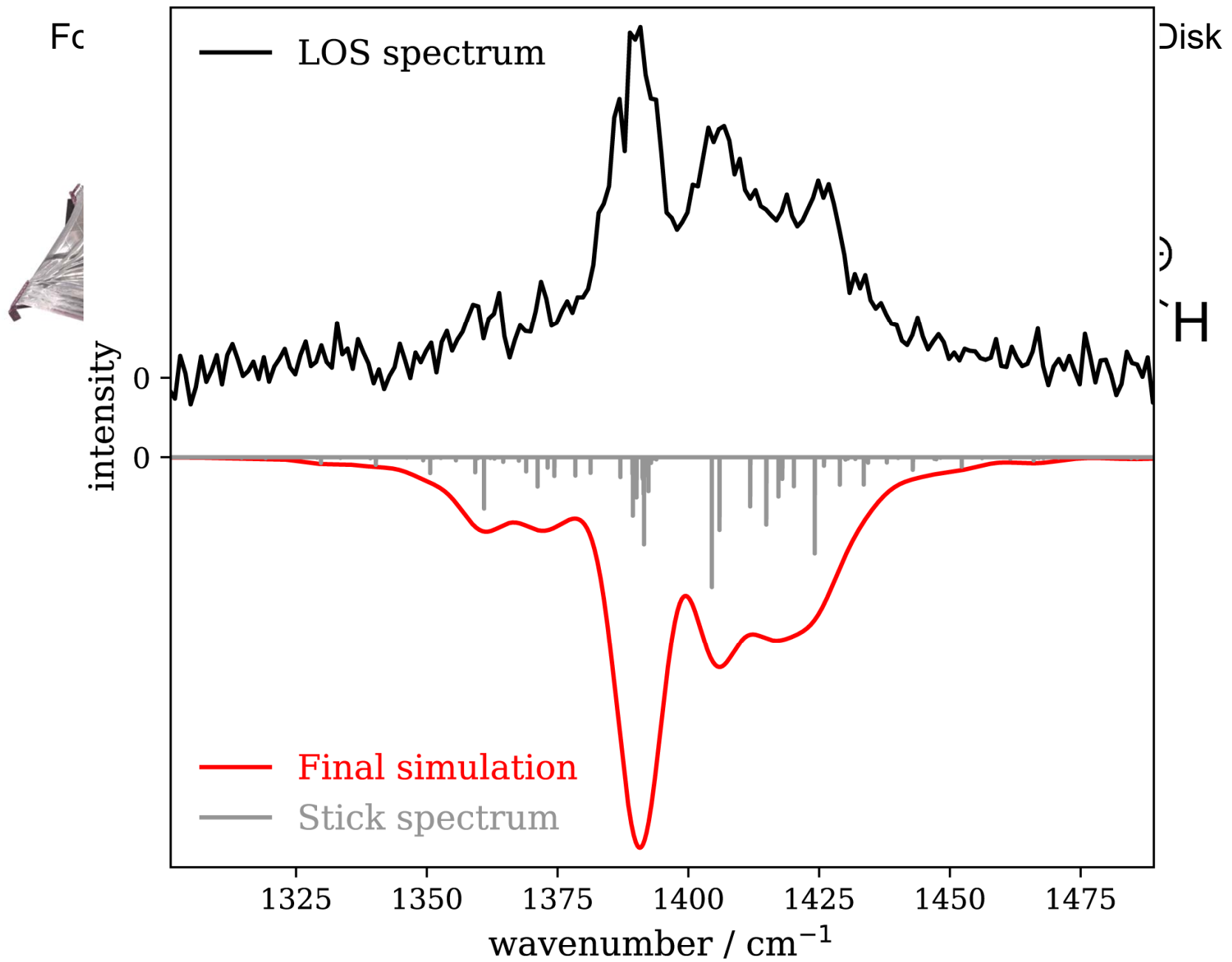


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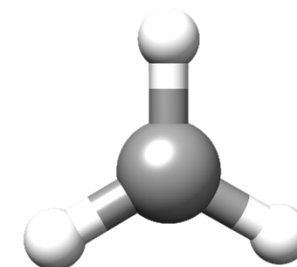
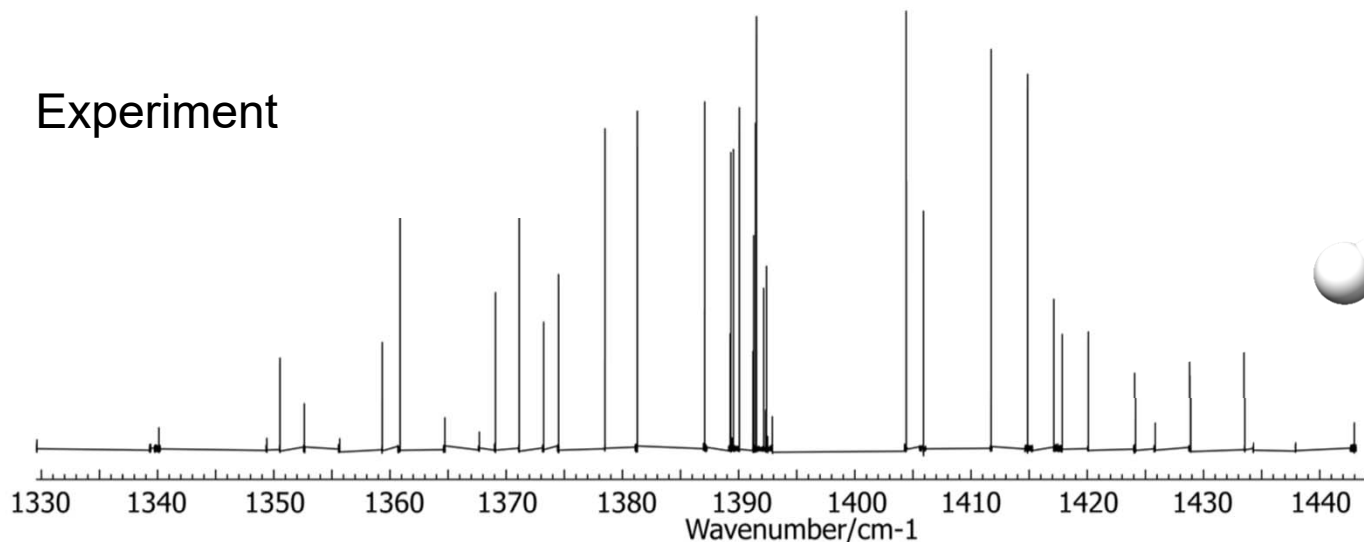
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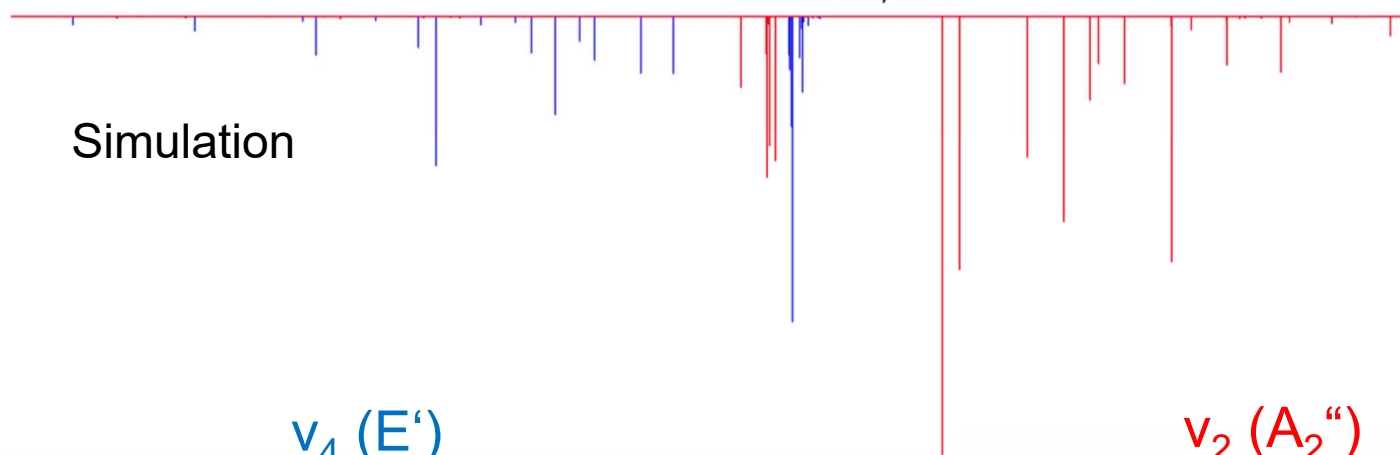


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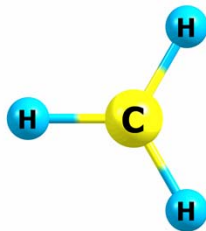
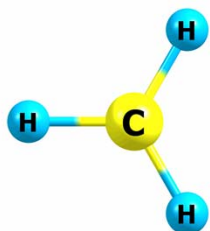
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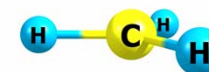
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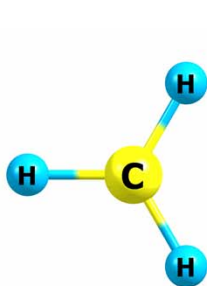
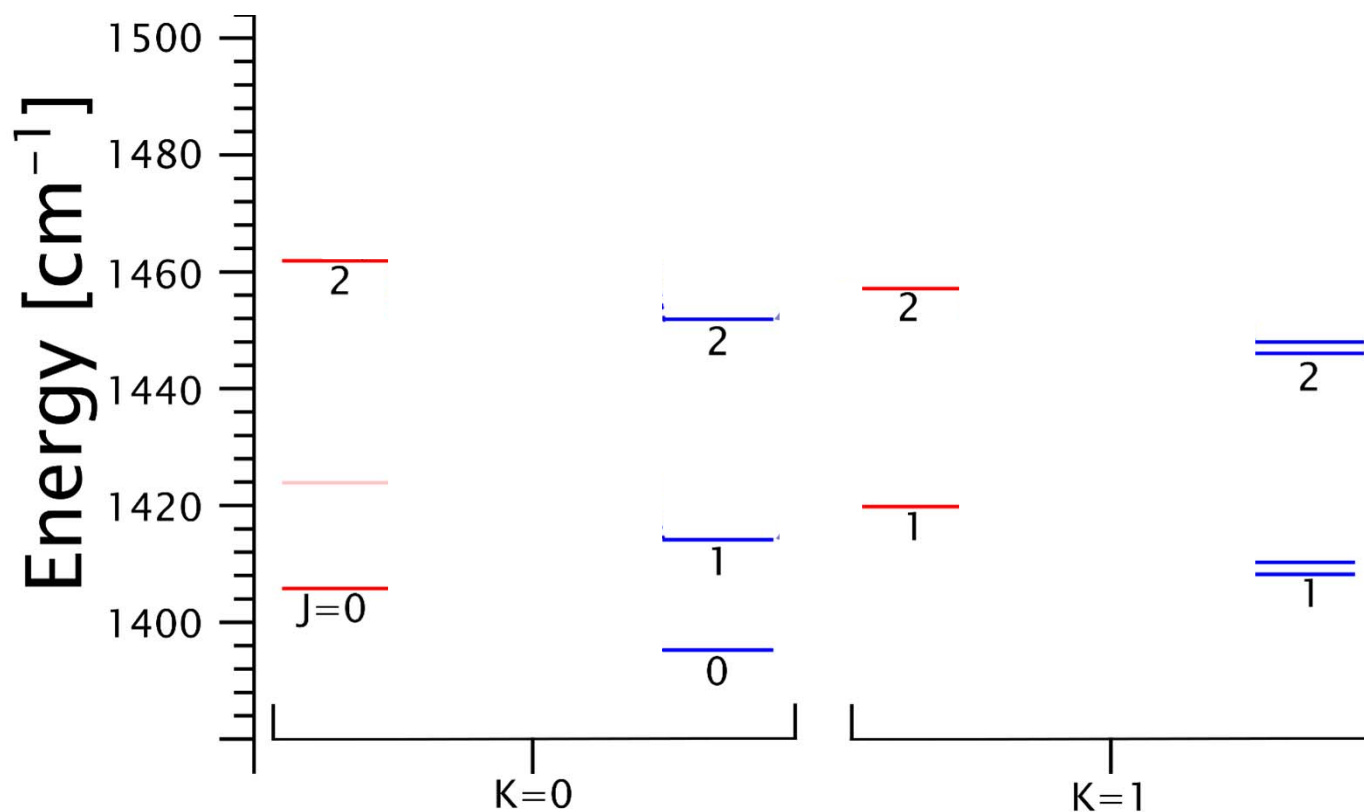


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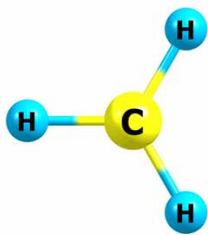


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CH₃⁺: Coriolis – Interaction



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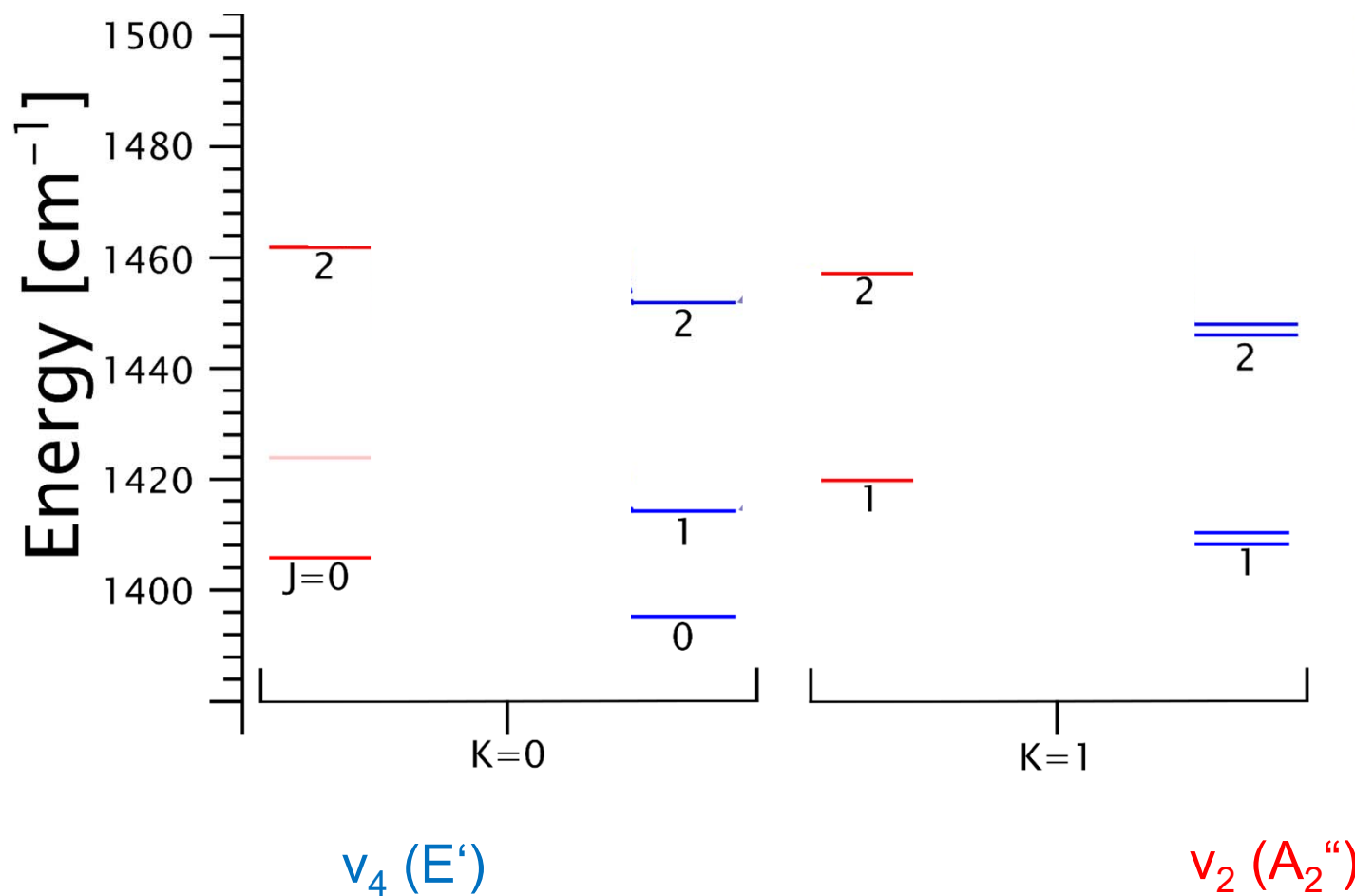


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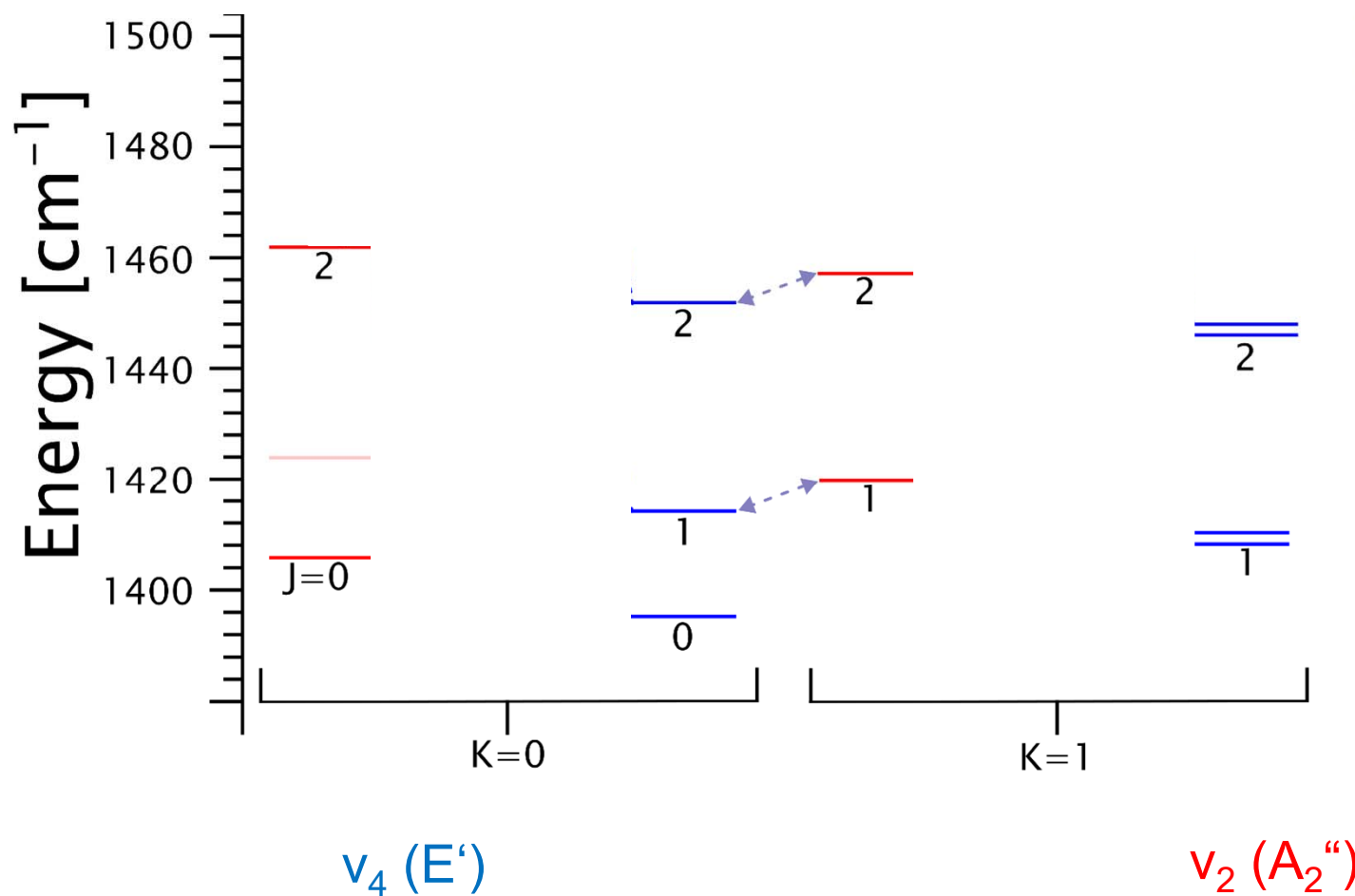


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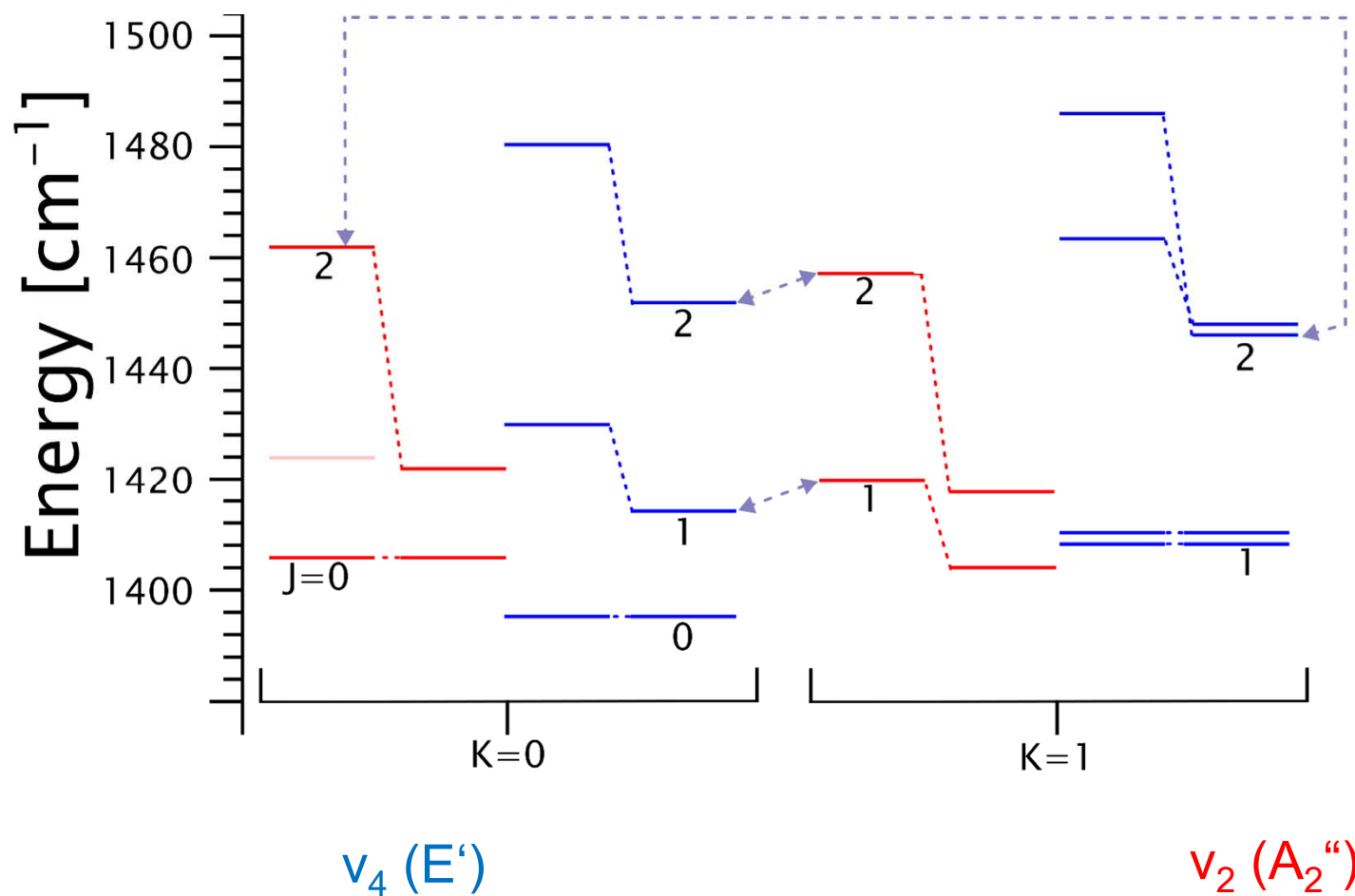
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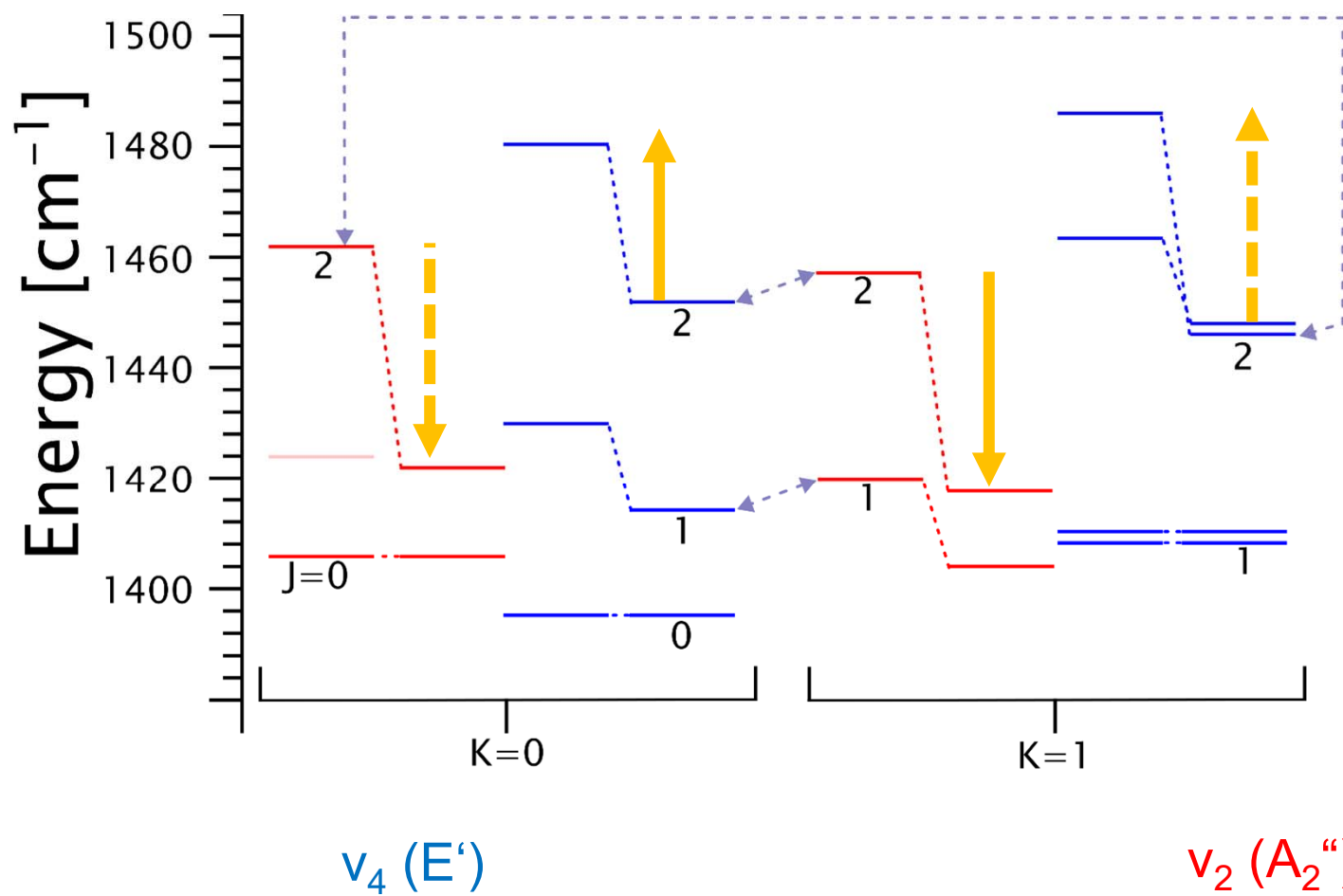
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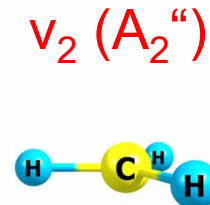
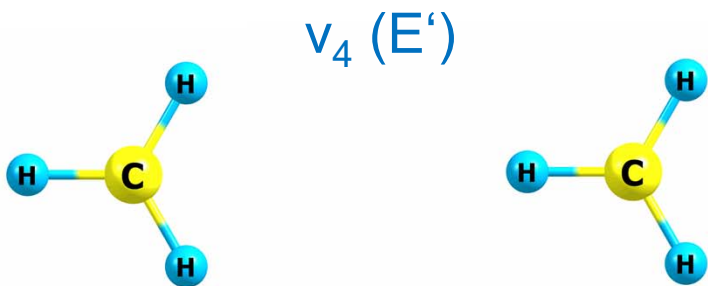
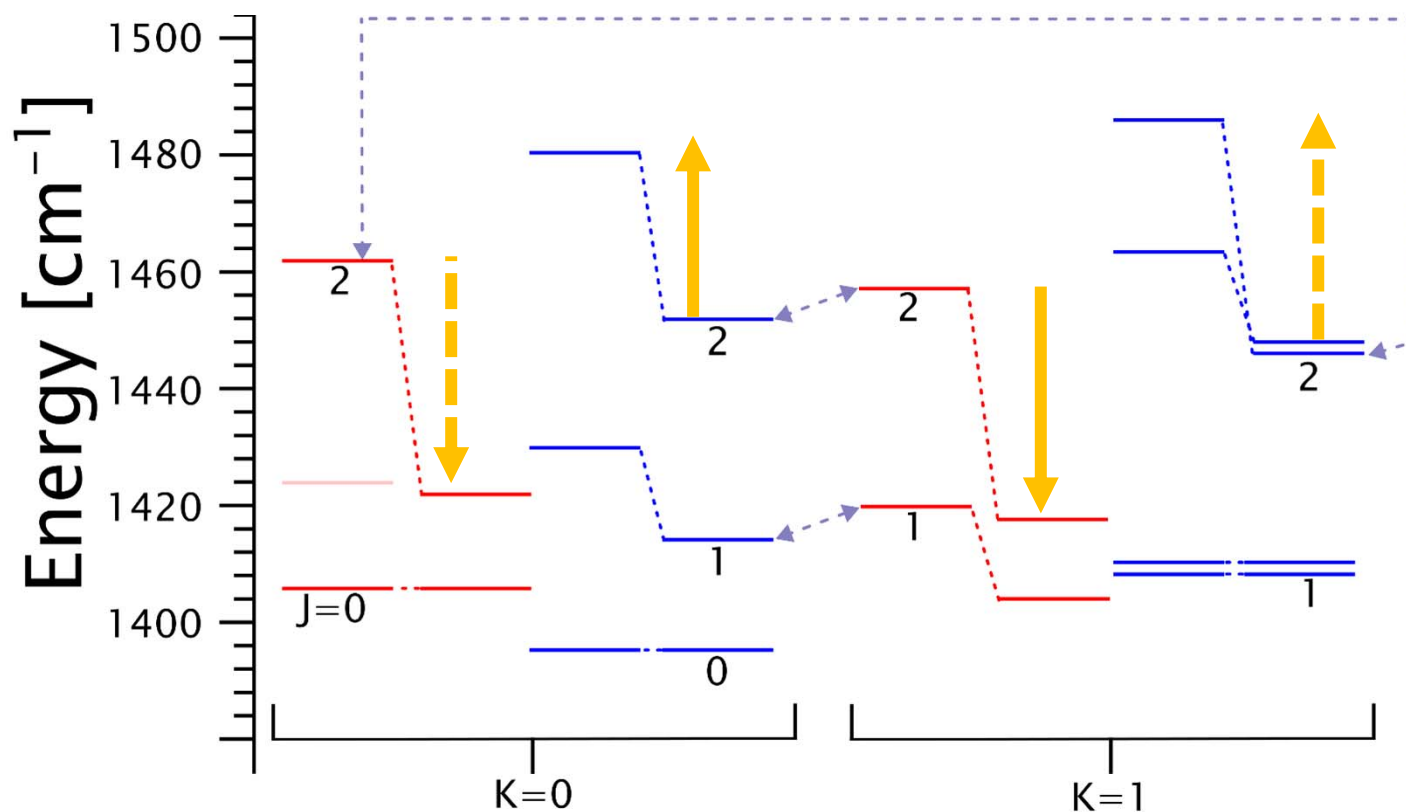
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C_3^+	C_3H^+ Rot Vib Ro-vib	$c-C_3H_2^+$ Ro-vib	$c-C_3H_3^+$ Vib, Ro-vib $c-C_3H_2D^+$ Ro-vib	$C_3H_4^+$	$C_3H_5^+$
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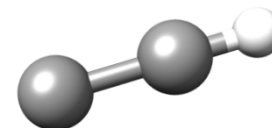


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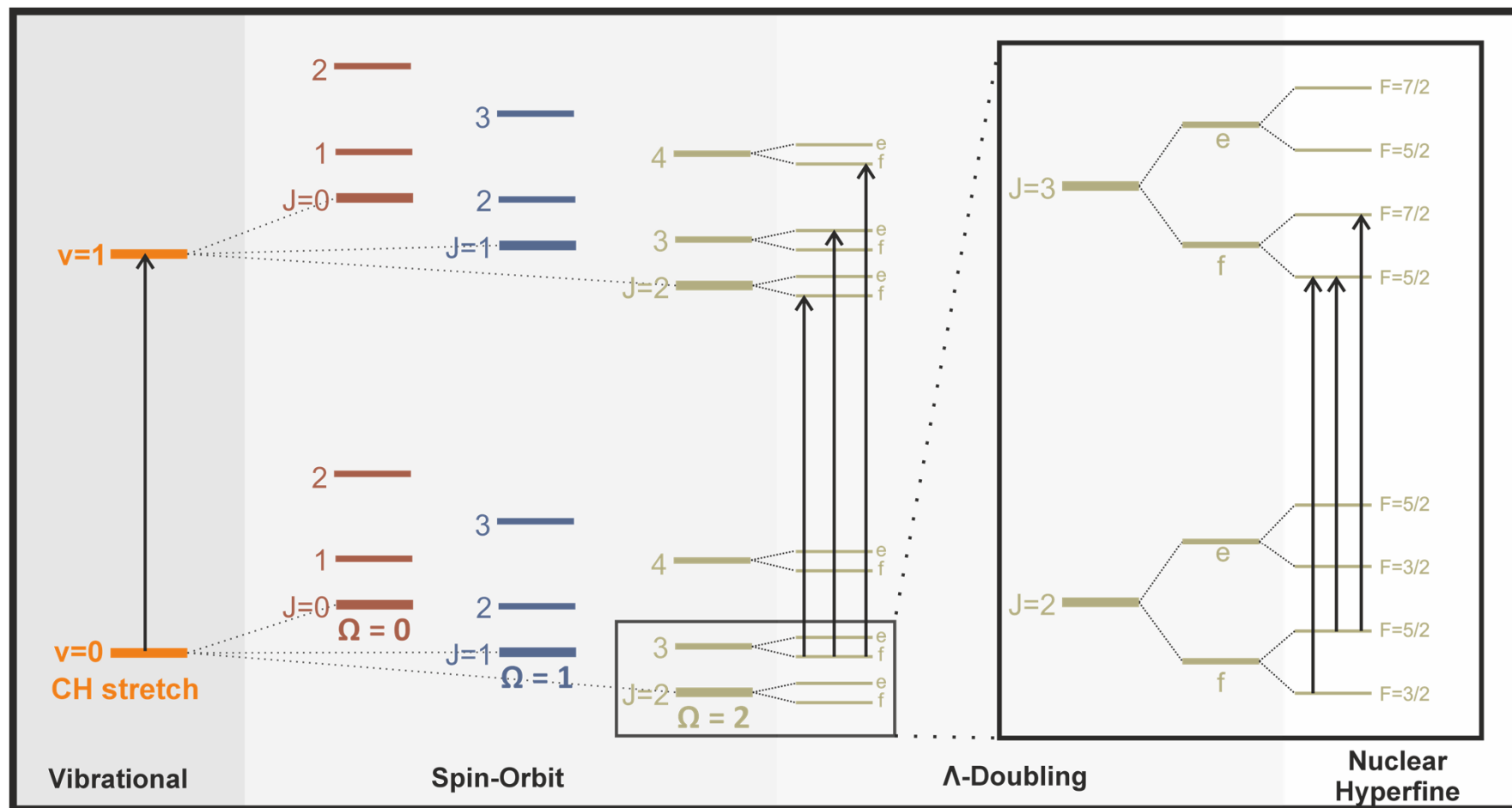
Electron spin $S = 1$ ($\Sigma = -1, 0, 1$)

$^3\Pi$ electronic ground state, $\Lambda = \pm 1$

$\Omega = |\Sigma + \Lambda| = 0, 1, 2$ (spin-orbit states), $A = -36 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



H ($I = 1/2$)

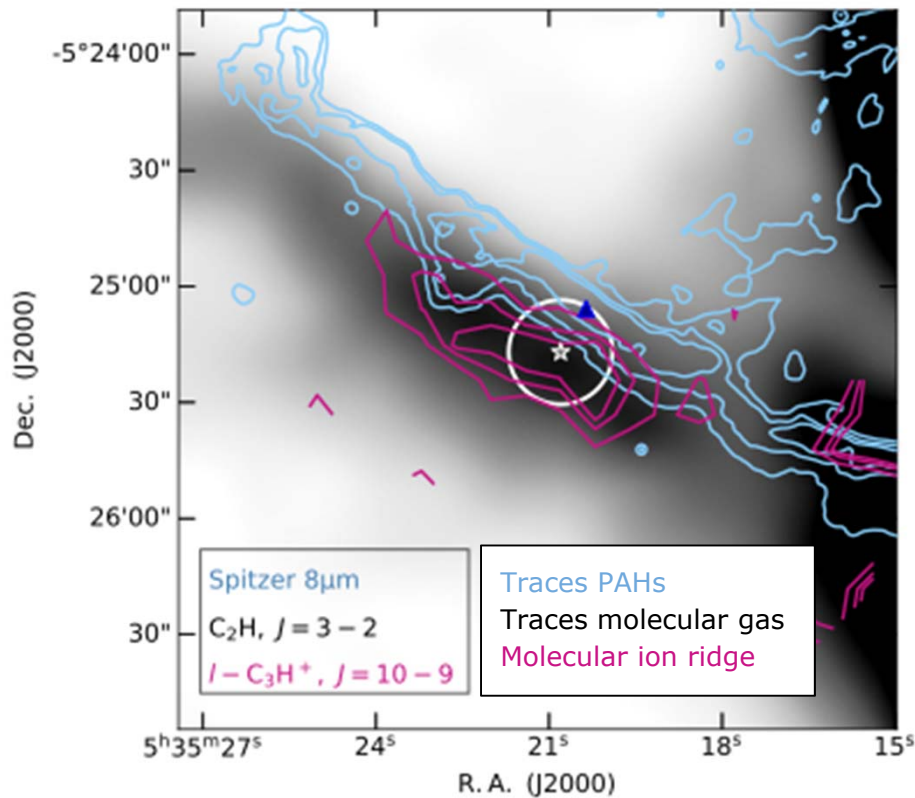


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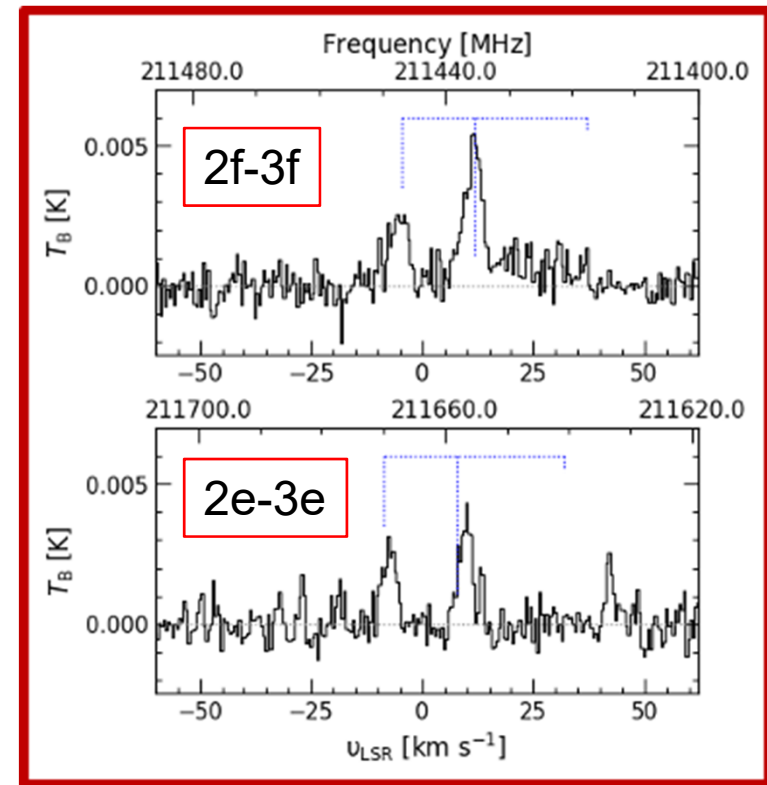


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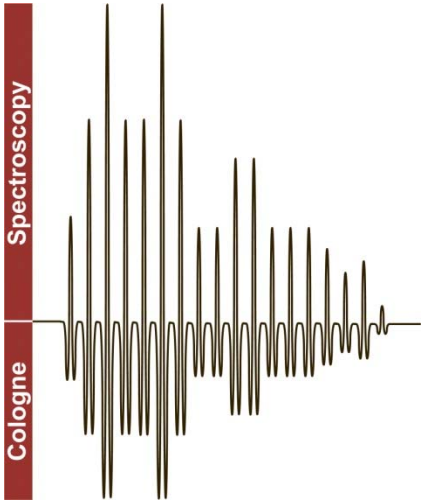
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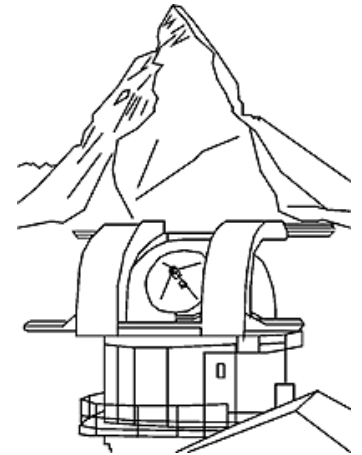
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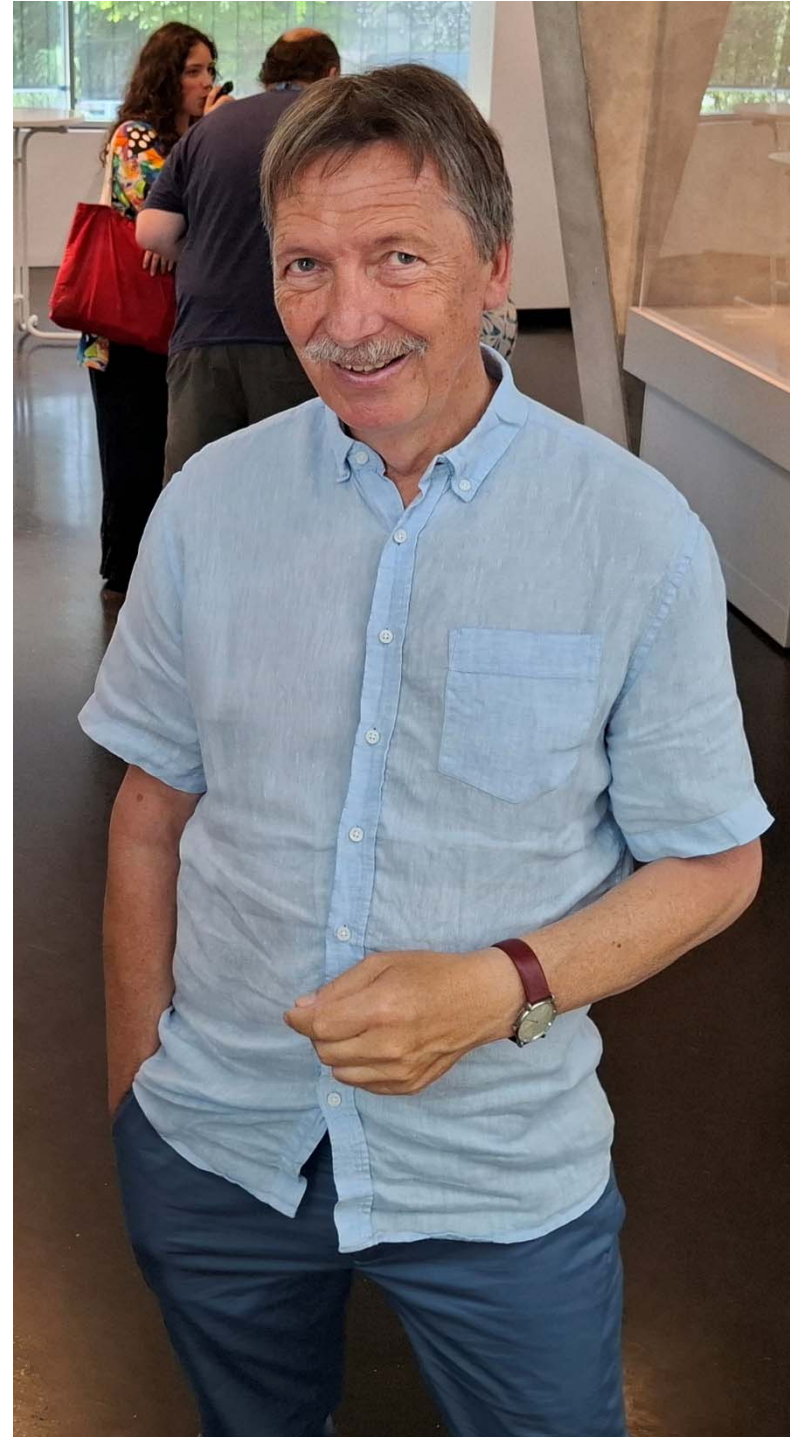
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