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# Photodissociation of $H_2$ and HD in a non-thermal radiation background: application to the early Universe chemistry

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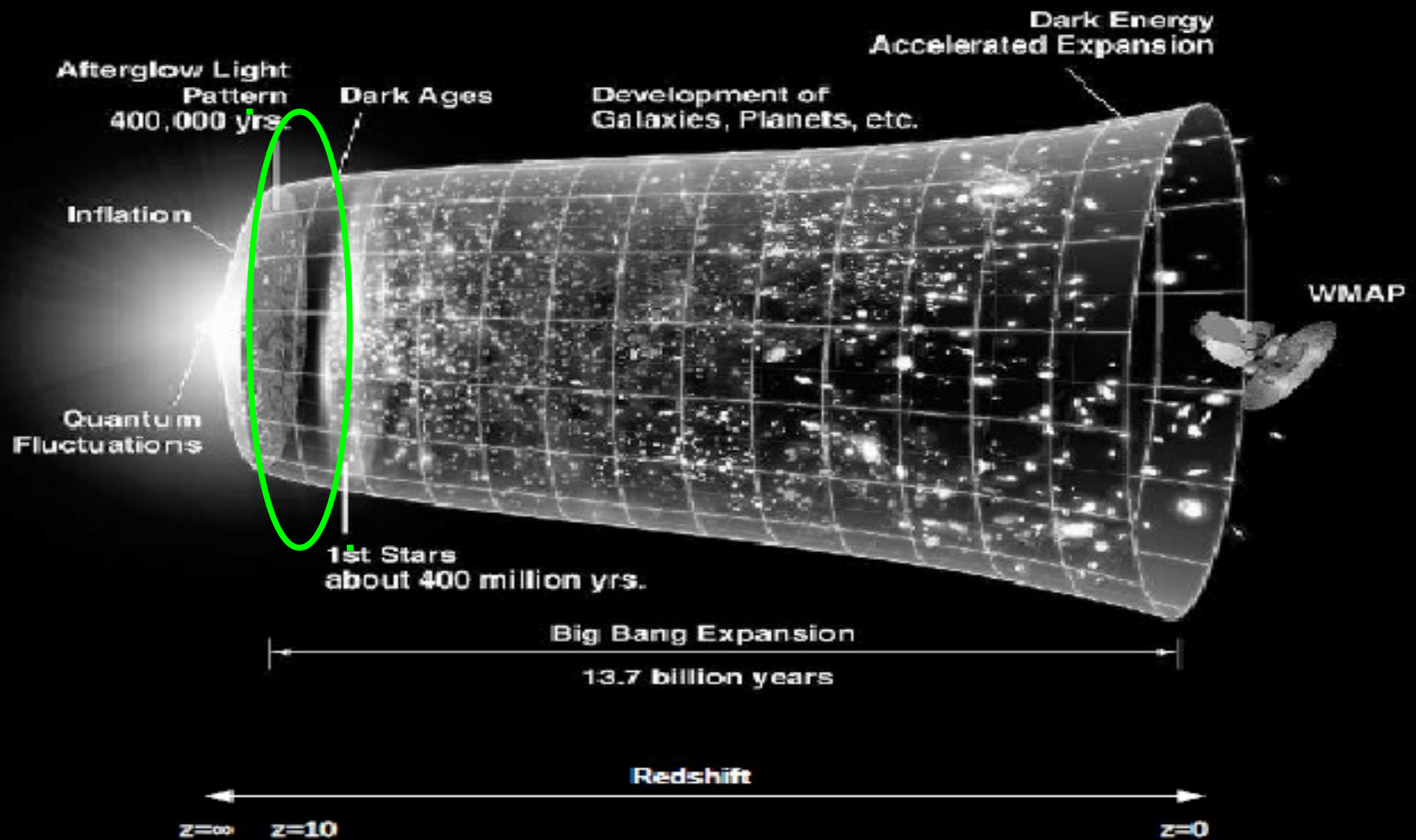
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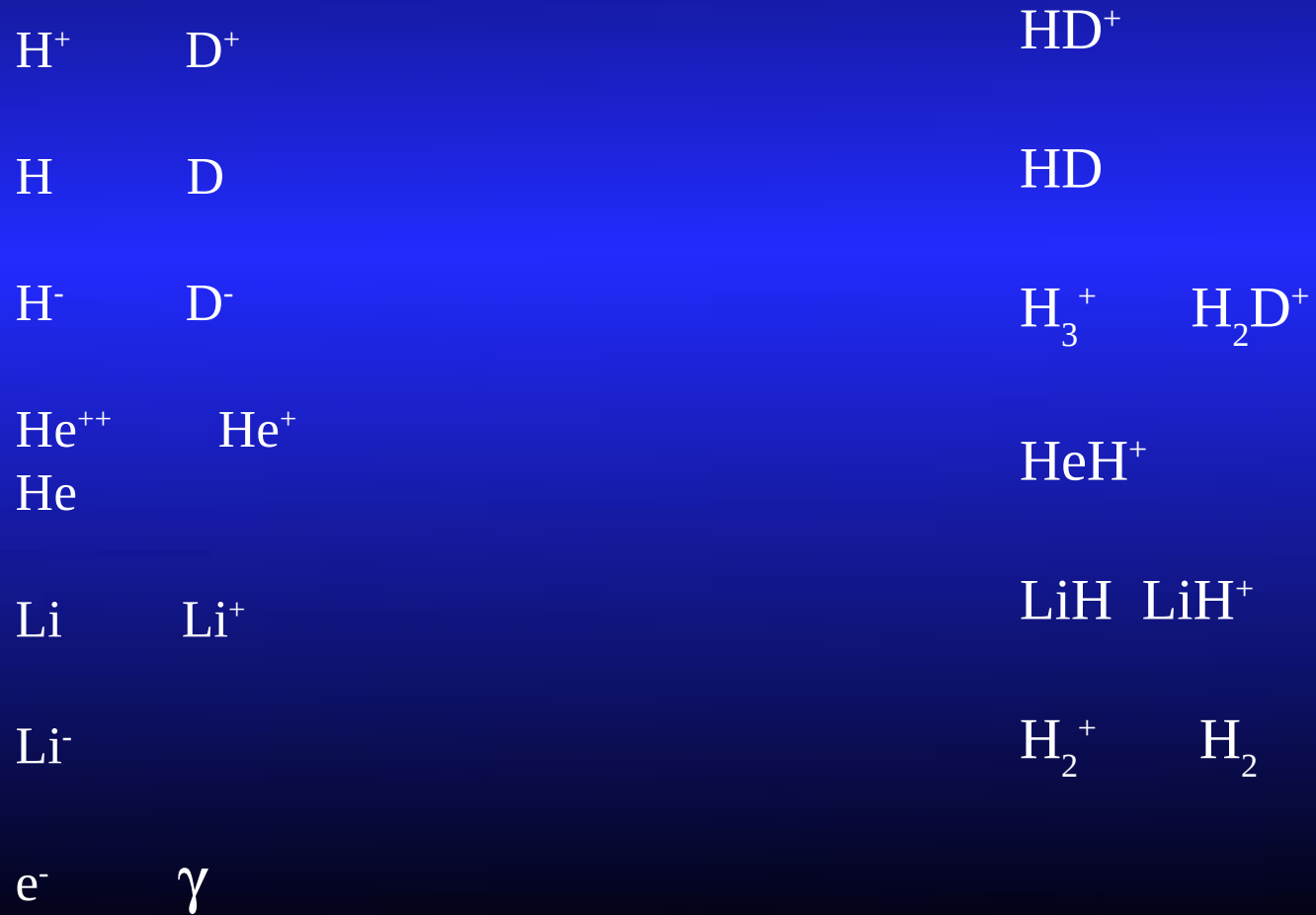
## OUTLINE:

1. early Universe: the “standard” chemistry
2. direct H<sub>2</sub> and HD photodissociation cross-sections:  
characteristics
3. spectral distortions:  
radiation transport in the expanding Universe →  
primordial atomic recombination
4. “modified” rate coefficients → chemistry

# UNIVERSE HISTORY...



# KINETIC MODELS: CHEMICAL SPECIES (I)



## KINETIC MODELS: A BRIEF OVERVIEW... (II)

'60s: studies on elementary processes useful in molecular hydrogen formation in the early Universe  
(Saslaw & Zipoy (1967), Peebles & Dicke (1968))

Chemical kinetics in the early Universe:

Dalgarno & Lepp (1987)

Black (1990)

Shapiro (1992)

Puy et al. (1993,1996)

Dalgarno & Fox (1994)

Lepp, Stancil & Dalgarno (1996), Lepp & Stancil (1998)

Bougleux & Galli (1997)

Galli & Palla (1998, 2002)

Schleicher et al. (2008)

# KINETIC MODEL: MATTER AND RADIATION TEMPERATURE (III)

$$\frac{dT_m}{dt} = -2H(t)T_m + \frac{8\sigma_t a T_r^4 (T_r - T_m) x_e}{3m_e c} + (\Gamma - \Lambda)_{\text{mol}}$$

$$T_r = 2.7(1 + z)$$

## RECFAST

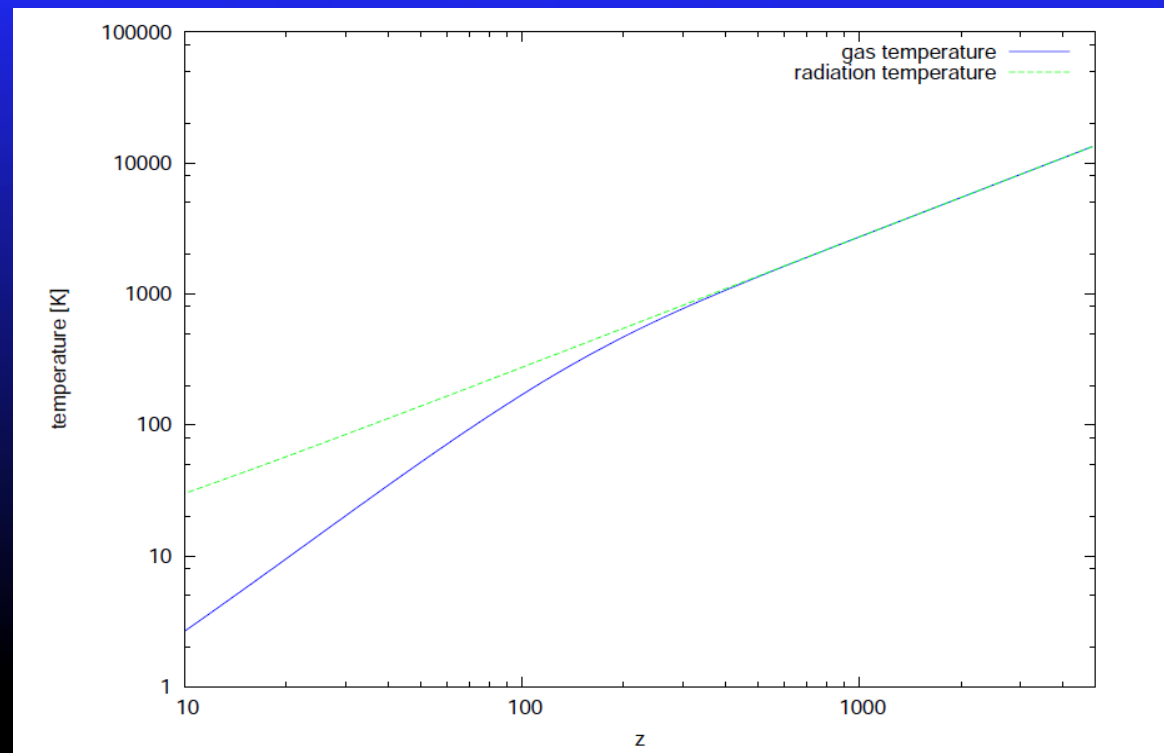
Wong et al.

2008, MNRAS, **386**, 1023-1028

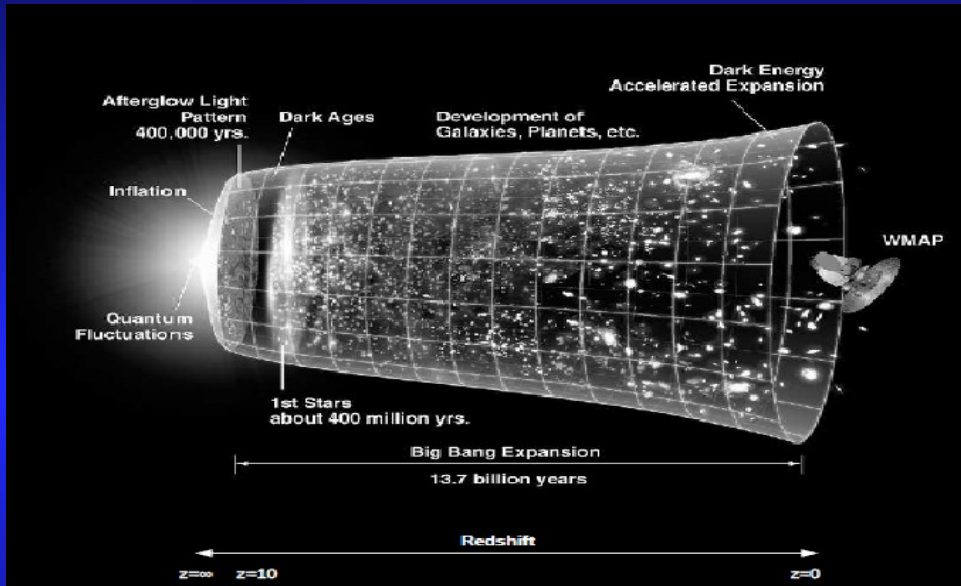
## CosmoRec

Rubiño Martín et al.

2010, MNRAS, **403**, 439-452



# KINETIC MODEL: ODEs SYSTEM (IV)



$$\frac{dn_i}{dt} = k_{form} n_j n_k - k_{dest} n_i + \dots$$

$$\frac{dn_i}{dz} = \frac{dt}{dz} \frac{dn_i}{dt}$$

$$n(z) = \Omega_b n_{cr} (1+z)^3$$

# KINETIC MODEL: CHEMICAL PROCESSES (V)

MASSIVE PARTICLES  
SCATTERING

$$k(T) = \left(\frac{2}{k_B T}\right)^{3/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\pi}} \int_0^\infty dE E e^{-\frac{E}{k_B T}} \sigma(E)$$

$$n_b = 1.123 \times 10 \cdot (1 - Y_p) \Omega_b h^2 (1 + z)^3 \quad [m^{-3}]$$

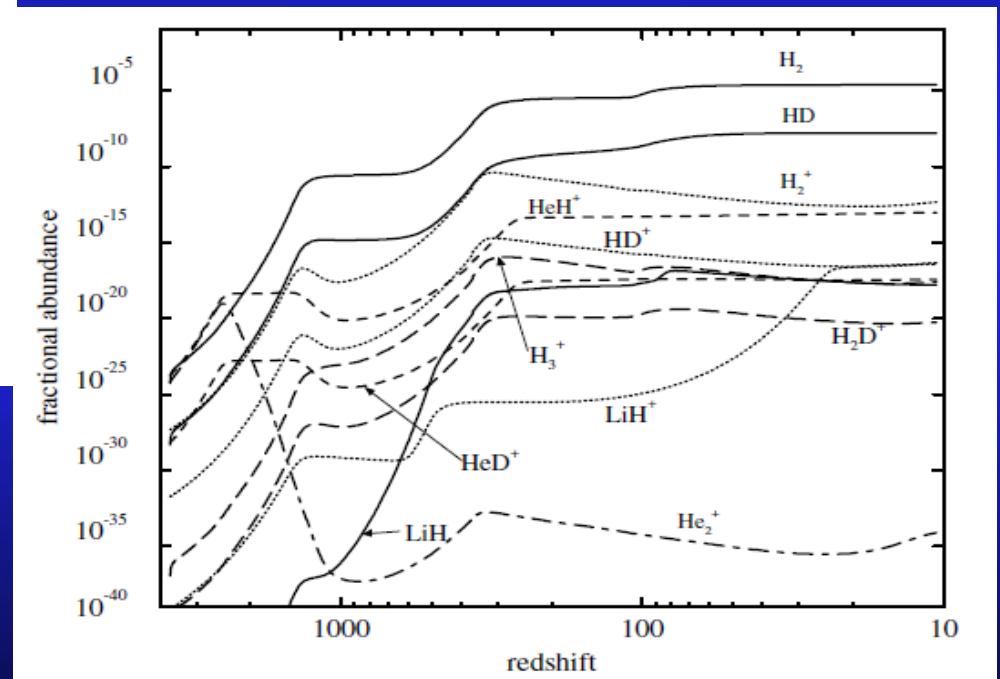
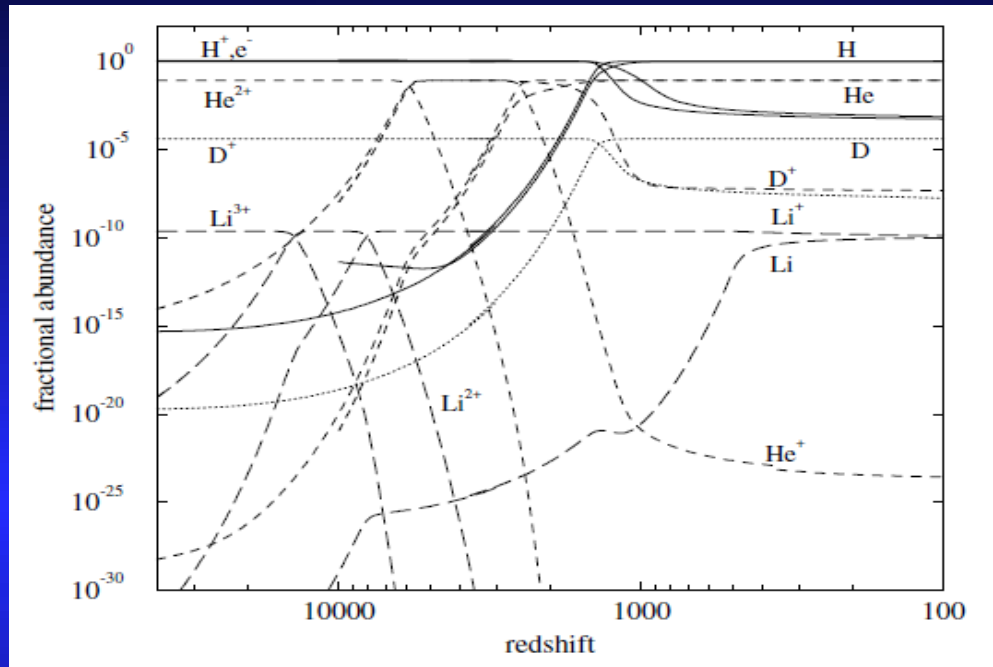
PHOTONIC PROCESSES

$$k_{rad}(T_{rad}) = 4\pi \int_0^\infty \frac{\sigma(\nu)}{h\nu} J_\nu(T_{rad}) d\nu$$

$$J_\nu(T_{rad}) = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \frac{1}{e^{h\nu/kT_{rad}} - 1}$$

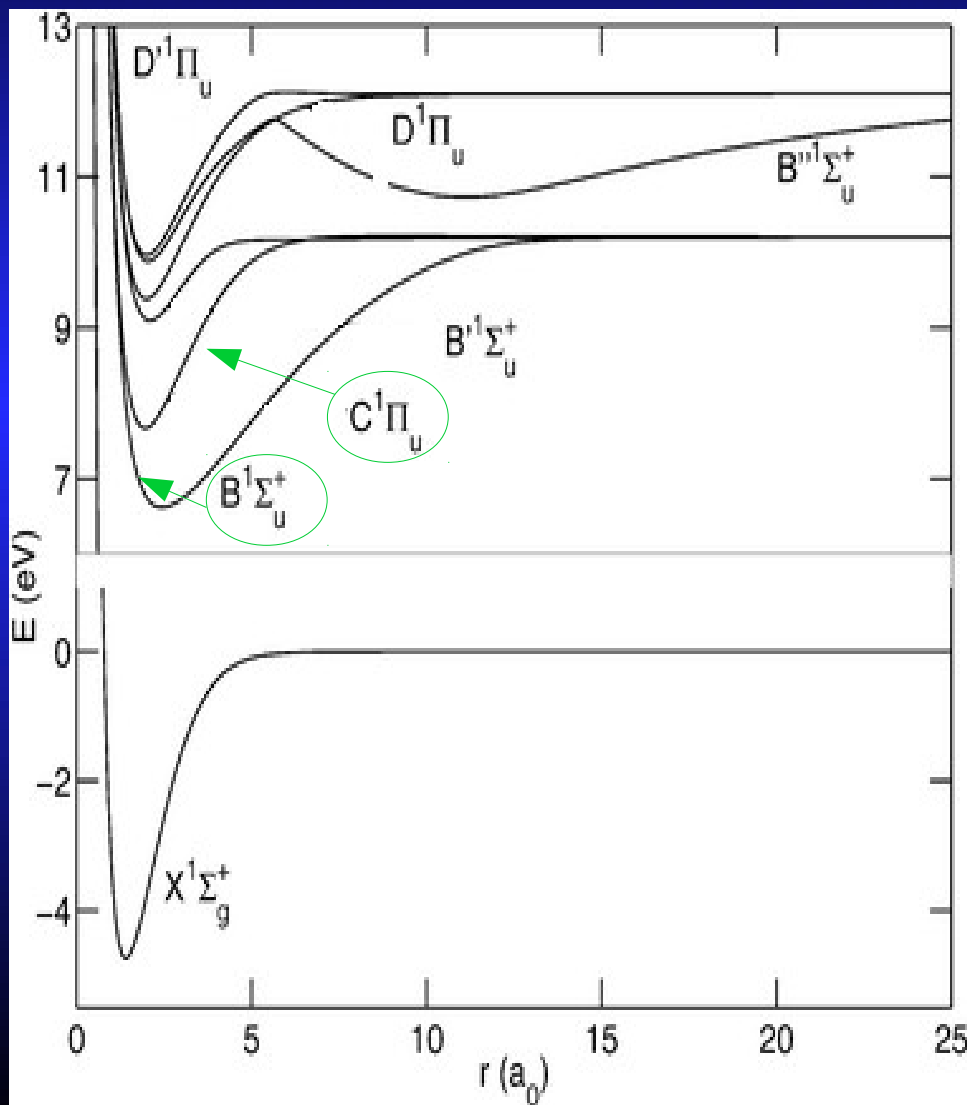


# KINETIC MODEL: FRACTIONAL ABUNDANCES (VI)



Lepp, Stancil & Dalgarno,  
2002, J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys. 35, R57–R80

# THE MECHANISM OF DIRECT PHOTODISSOCIATION



Early  
Universe



No high energy  
photons available



No effect on the chemistry,  
negligible reaction rates

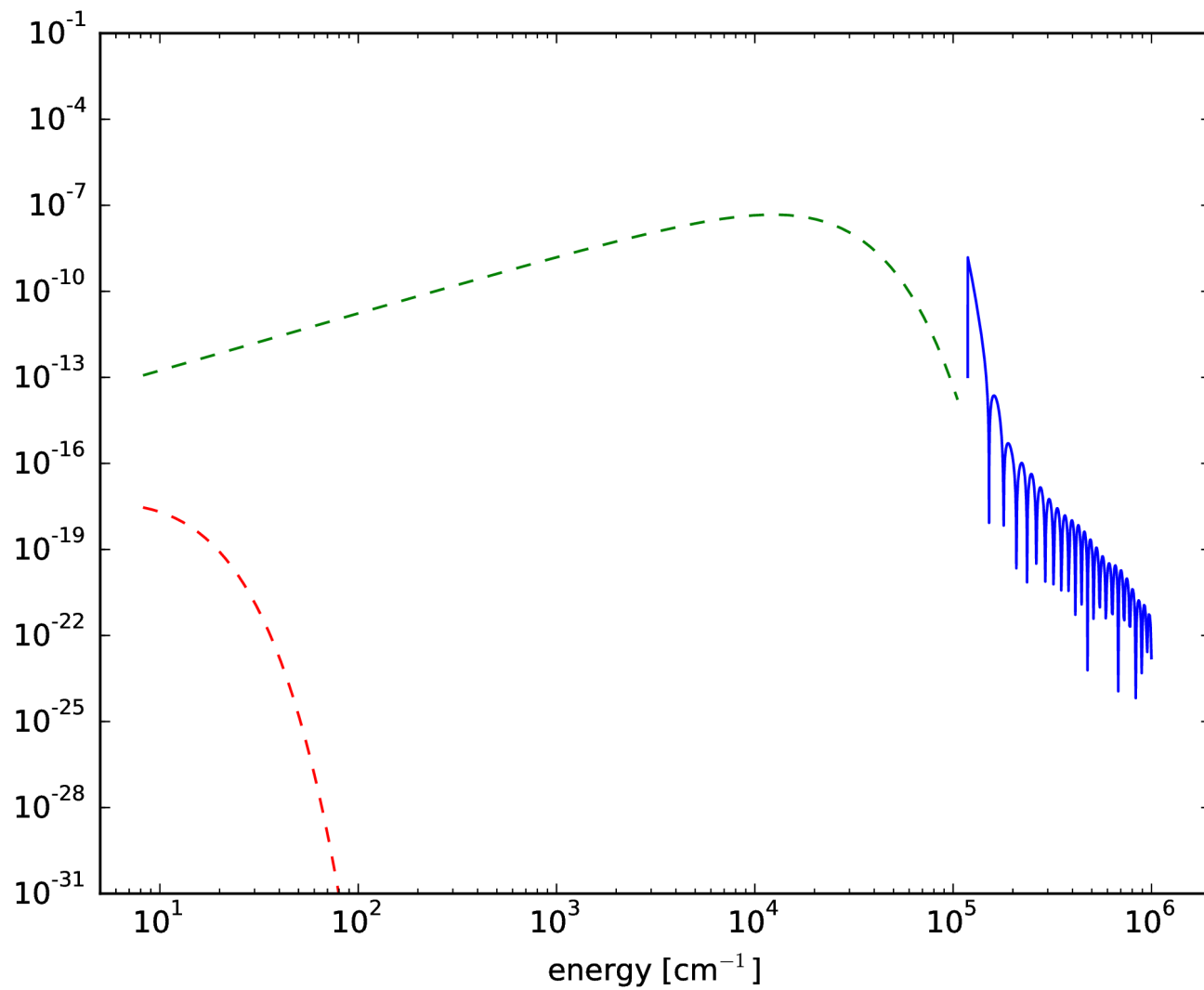
# SEARCH FOR CHEMICAL DATA: DIRECT PHOTODISSOCIATION OF H<sub>2</sub> and HD...



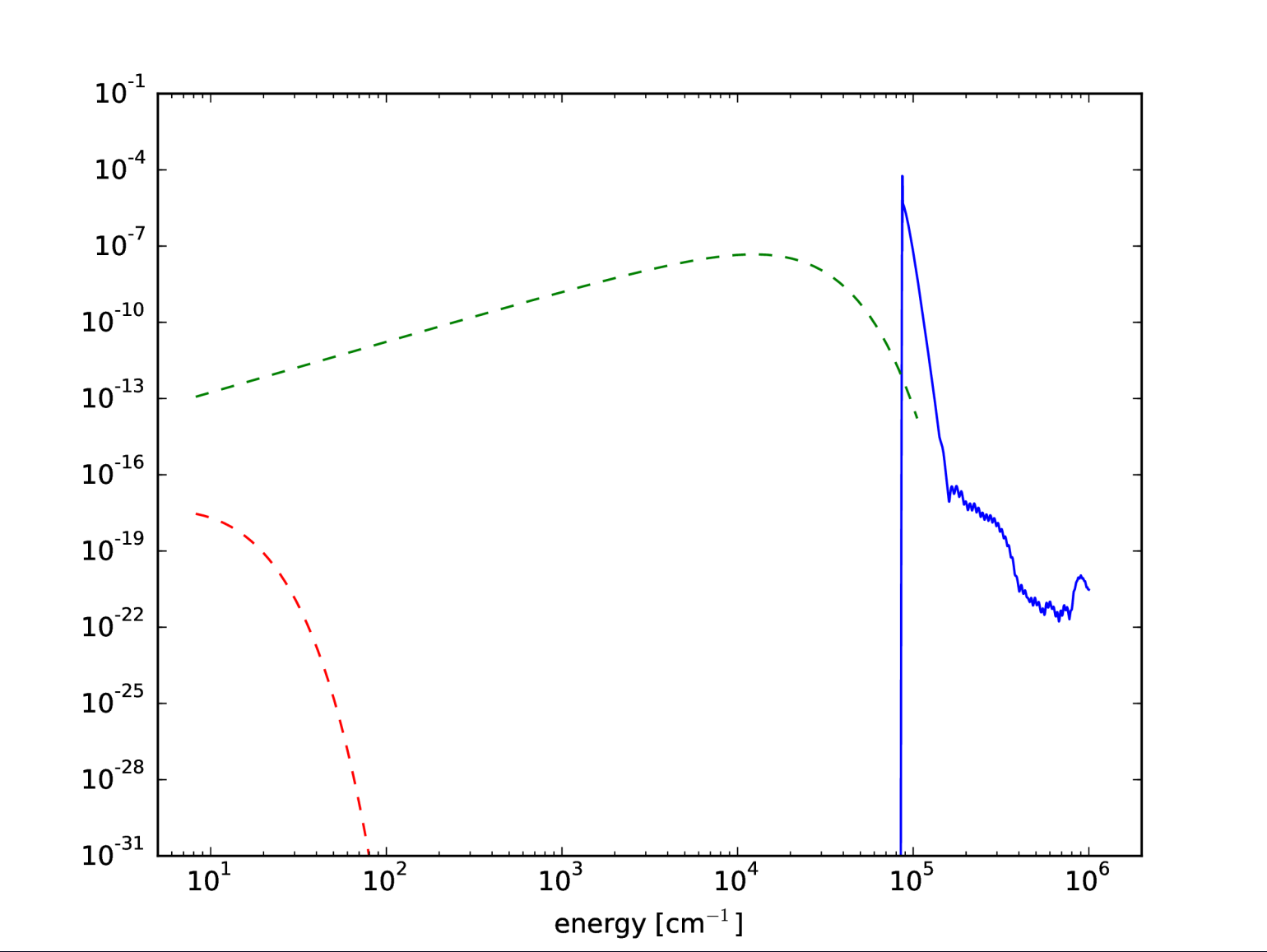
**Cross-sections:**

**Allison & Dalgarno 1969**

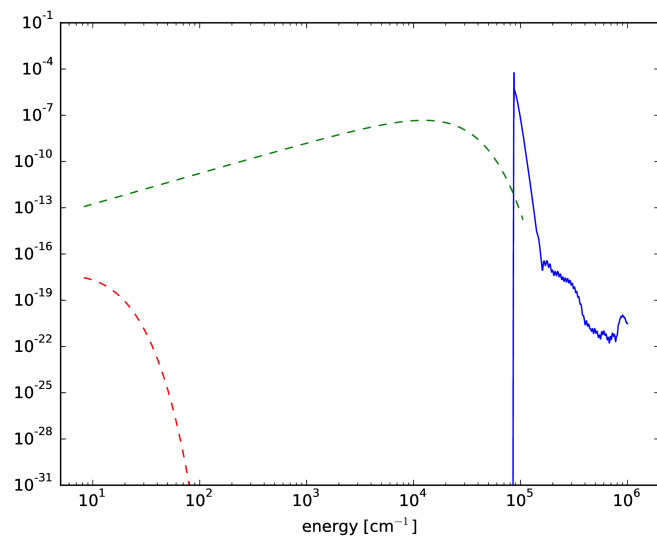
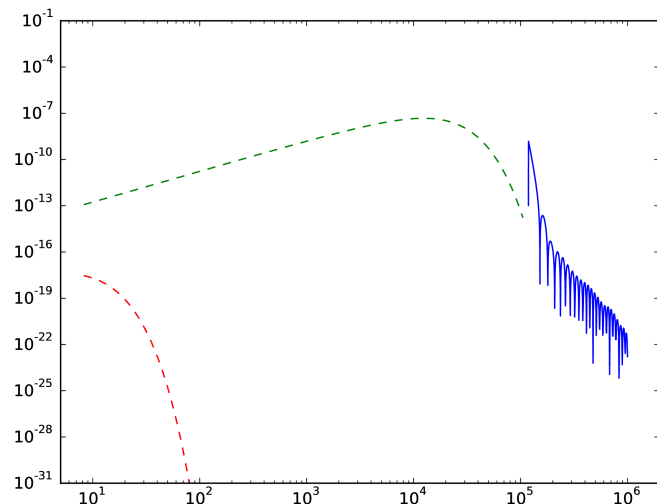
**Gay et al. 2012**



(Cross-sections by Gay et al. 2012)



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Selectivity of efficiency according to the rovibrational level



No a priori comments...calculations needed...

# BEYOND THE “STANDARD” KINETICS...

MASSIVE PARTICLES  
SCATTERING

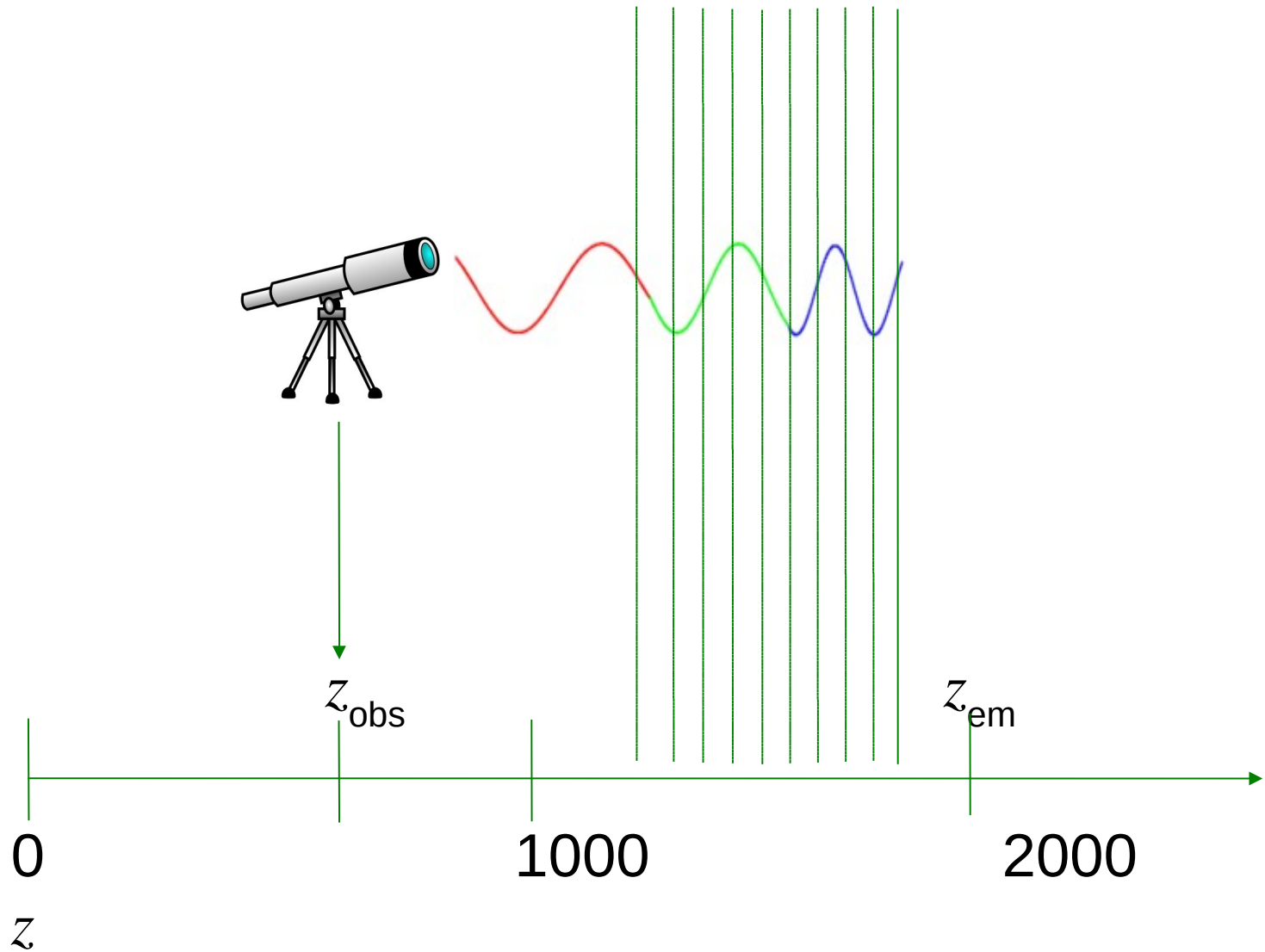
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PHOTONIC PROCESSES

$$k_{photo}(z) = 4\pi \int_0^\infty \frac{\sigma(\nu)}{h\nu} \left[ B_z(\nu) + \sum_{i \rightarrow j} I_{ij}^z(\nu) \right] d\nu$$

# SPECTRAL DISTORTIONS (I)



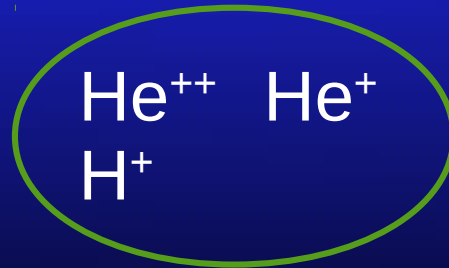


## SPECTRAL DISTORTIONS (II)

- matter/antimatter annihilation
- decaying particles
- interaction with matter

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- primordial atomic recombination ( $z \sim 1100$ )



- molecular radiative cascade



## SPECTRAL DISTORTIONS (III)

$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{dJ_\nu}{dz} = \frac{\kappa_\nu J_\nu - j_\nu}{H_0(1+z)^2 \sqrt{1+\Omega_0 z}} + \frac{3J_\nu}{c(1+z)}$$

$$\kappa_\nu = \frac{c^2}{8\pi\nu^2} n_l A_{ul} \frac{g_u}{g_l} \left(1 - \frac{g_l n_u}{g_u n_l}\right) \phi(\nu - \nu_{ul})$$

$$j_\nu = \frac{h\nu}{4\pi} n_u A_{ul} \phi(\nu - \nu_{ul})$$

$$\left. \frac{\Delta J_\nu}{J_\nu} \right|_{z=0} = [R(z_i) - 1] [1 - e^{-\tau(z_i)}]$$


$$R(z_i) = \left[ \frac{g_u n_l(z_i)}{g_l n_u(z_i)} - 1 \right]^{-1} \left\{ \exp \left[ \frac{h\nu_{ul}}{kT_r(z_i)} \right] - 1 \right\}$$

## SPECTRAL DISTORTIONS (IV)

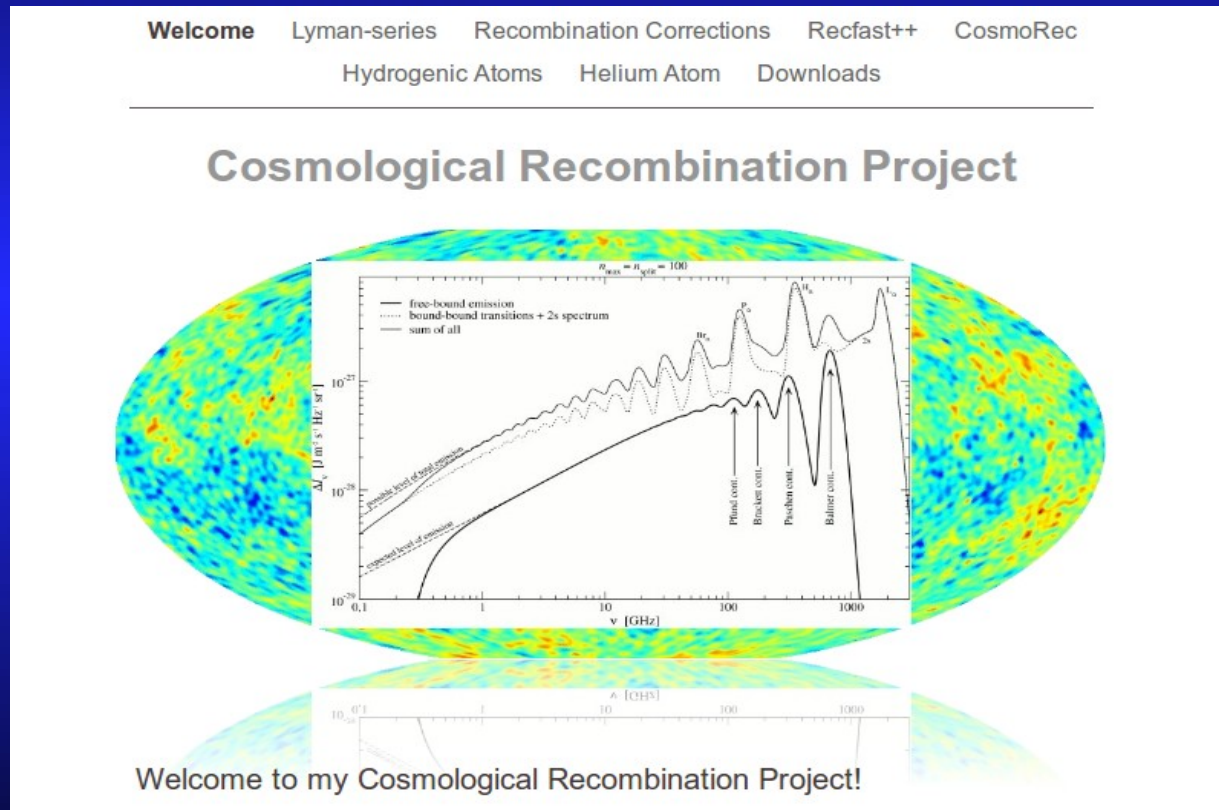
$$\dot{j}_{\nu_{ij}}(z) = h\nu_{ij}\Delta R_{ij}(z)\phi(\nu(z))$$

$$\Delta R_{ij}(\nu) = A_{ij}N_i \frac{e^{h\nu_{ij}/kT_r}}{e^{h\nu_{ij}/kT_r} - 1} \left[ 1 - \frac{N_j}{N_i} e^{-h\nu_{ij}/kT_r} \right]$$

$$I_{ij}^{z_{obs}}(\nu) = \frac{c}{4\pi} \int_{z_{em}}^{z_{obs}} \frac{\dot{j}_{\nu_{ij}}(z)}{(1+z)^3} (1+z_{obs})^3 \left| \frac{dt}{dz} \right| dz$$


$$I_{ij}^{z_{obs}}(\nu) = \frac{ch}{4\pi} \frac{\Delta R_{ij}(z_{em})}{H(z_{em})} \frac{(1+z_{obs})^3}{(1+z_{em})^3}$$

# PRIMORDIAL ATOMIC RECOMBINATION



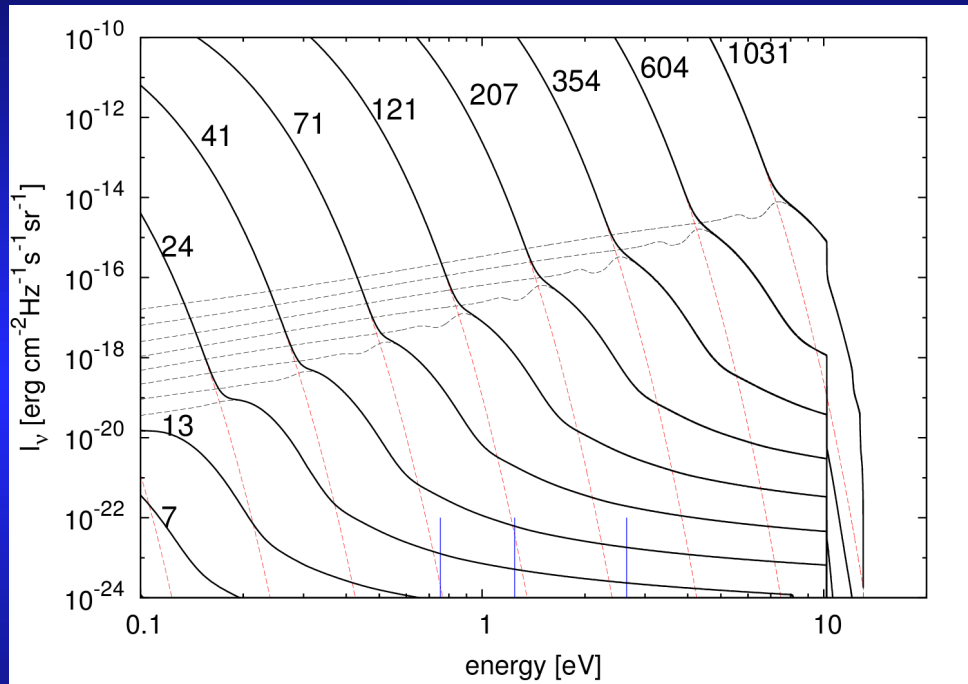
CosmoRec

by

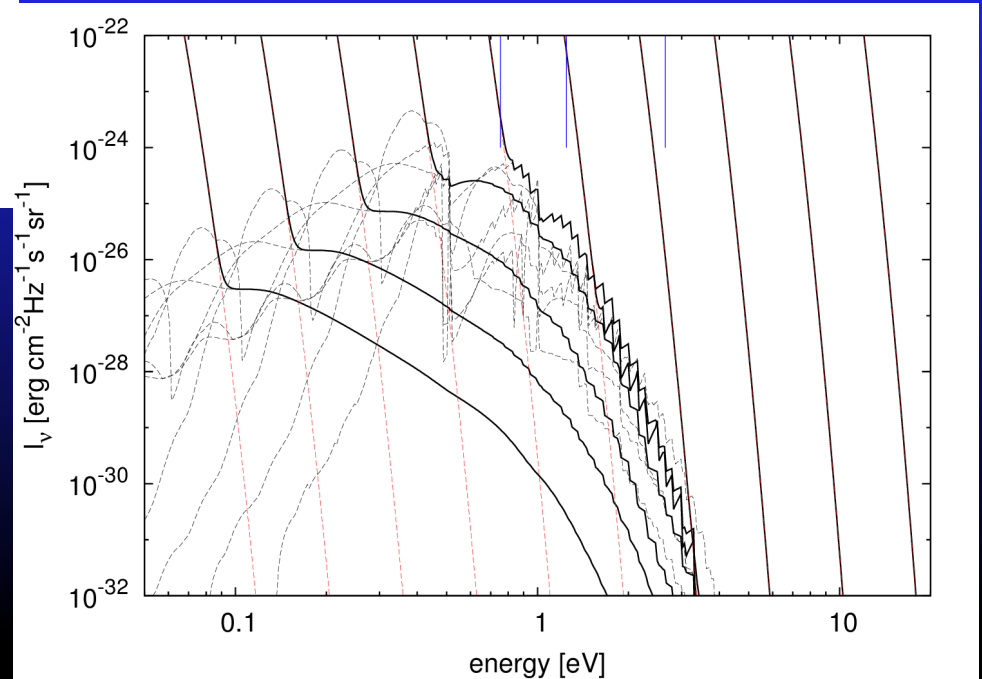
Jens Chluba

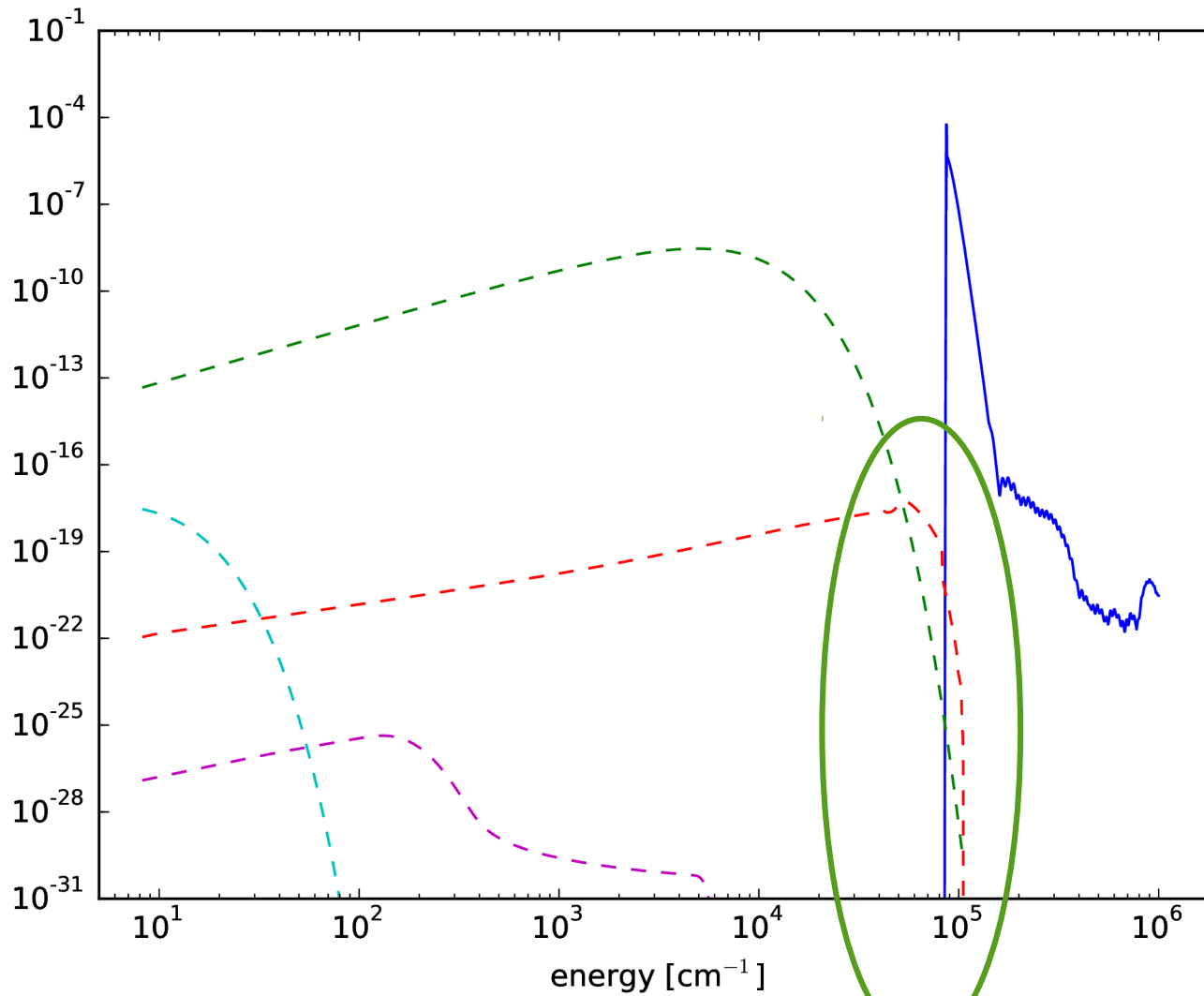
- effective multi-level approach;
- fast and accurate ( $\sim 1.3$  sec)
- solves a detailed radiative transfer problem for Ly-n
- available @ [www.Chluba.de/CosmoRec](http://www.Chluba.de/CosmoRec)

# SPECTRAL DISTORTIONS (V)



Coppola et al. 2013  
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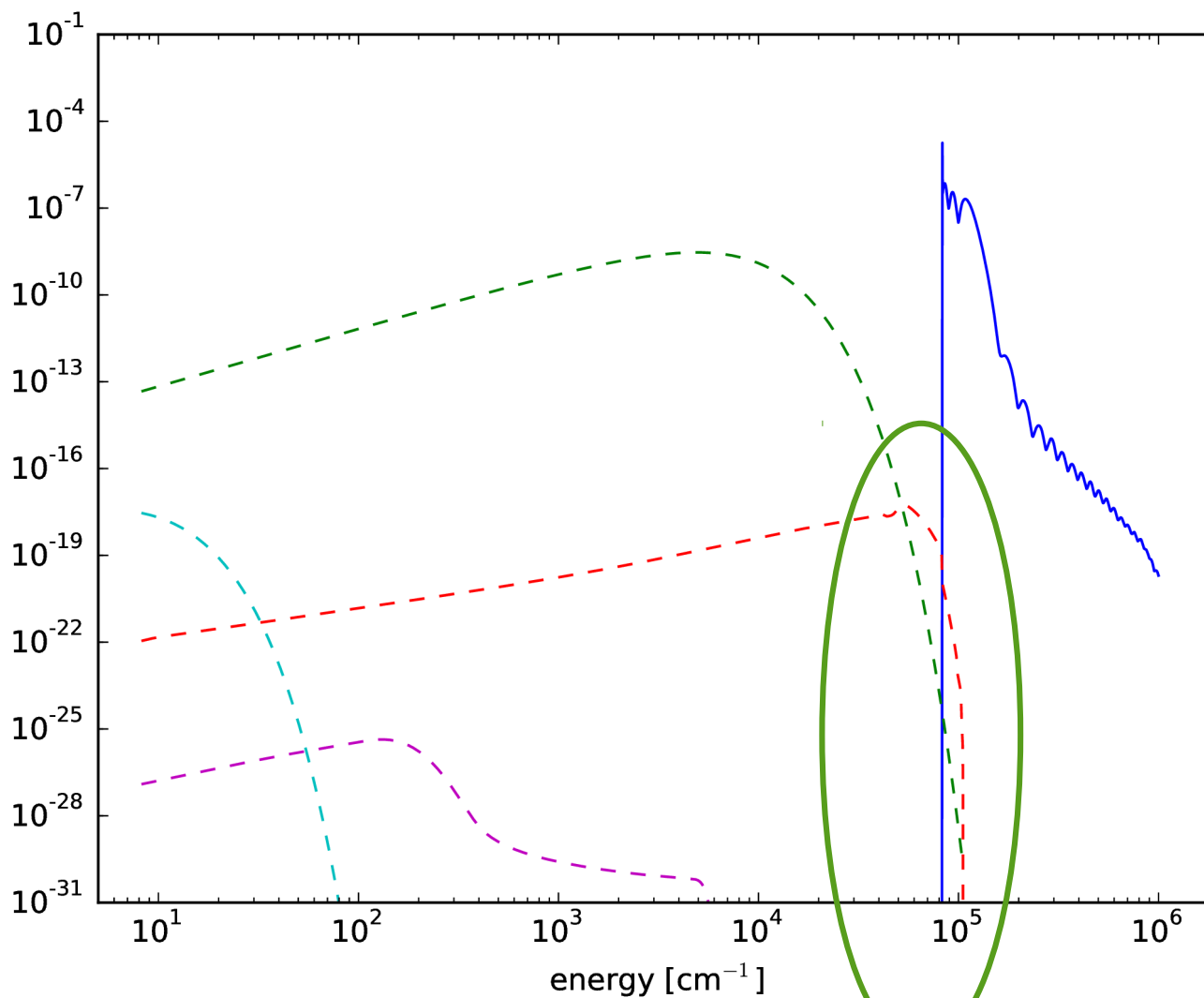




$v=0, j=30$

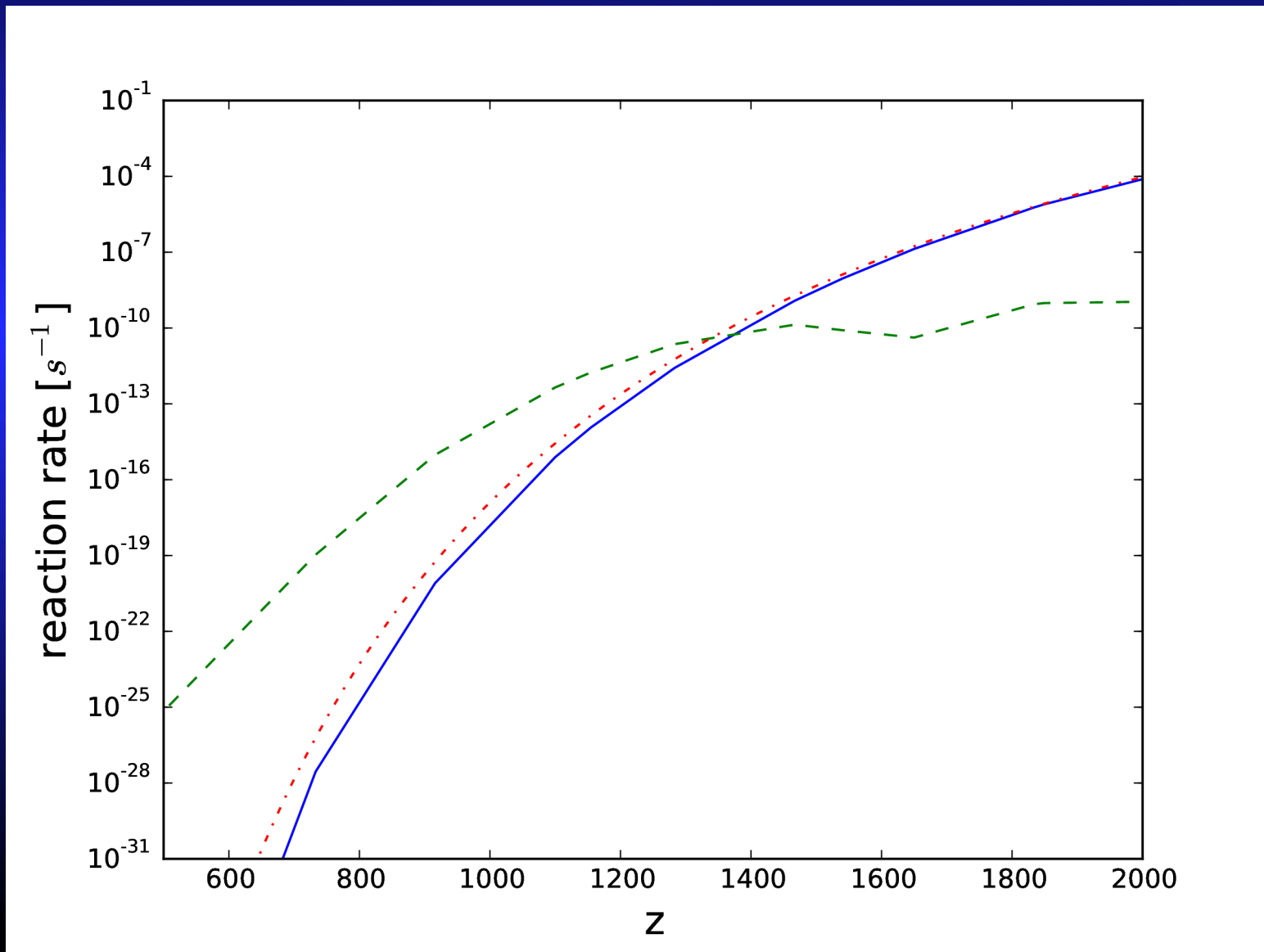
(Cross-sections by Gay et al. 2012)

$v=9, j=16$



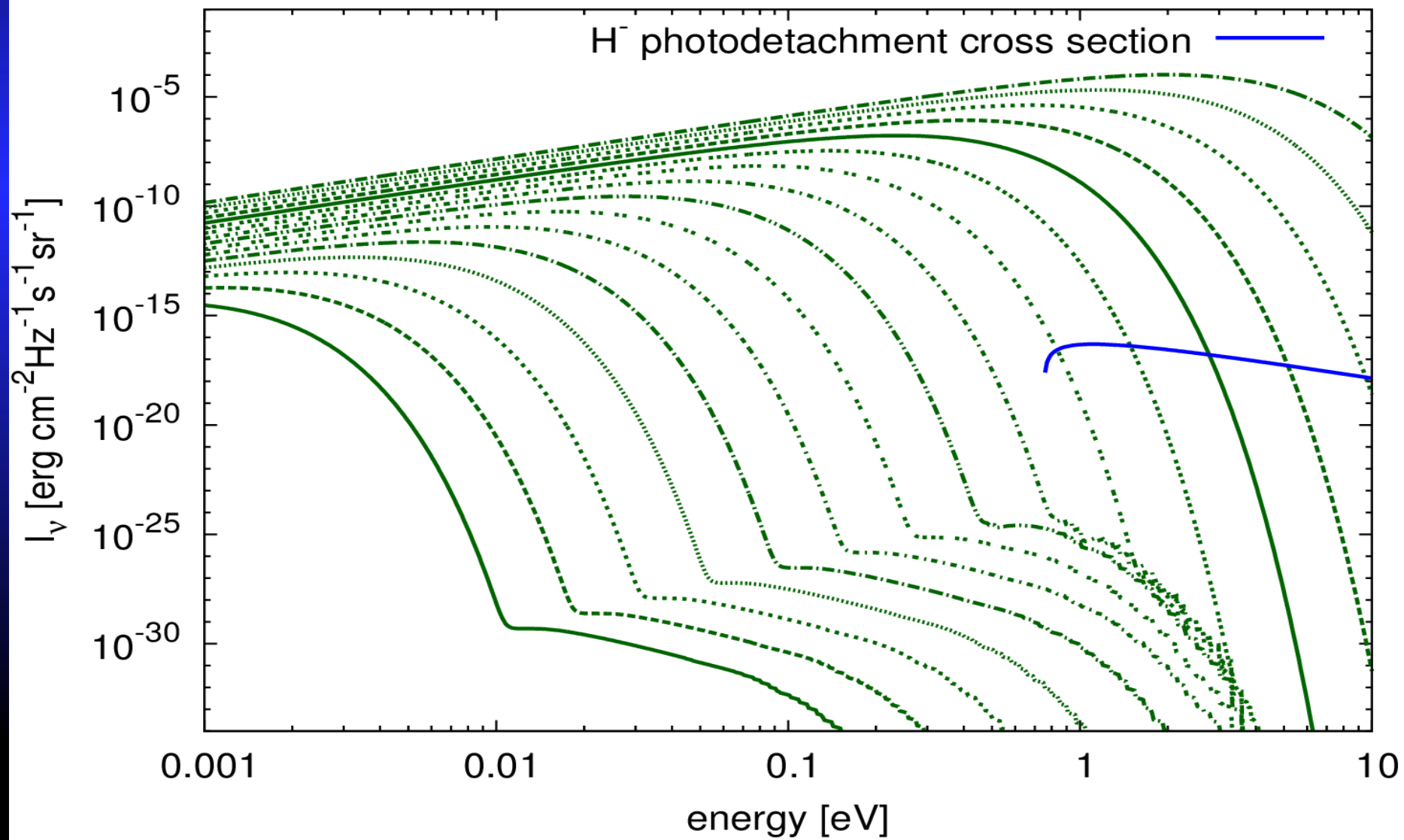
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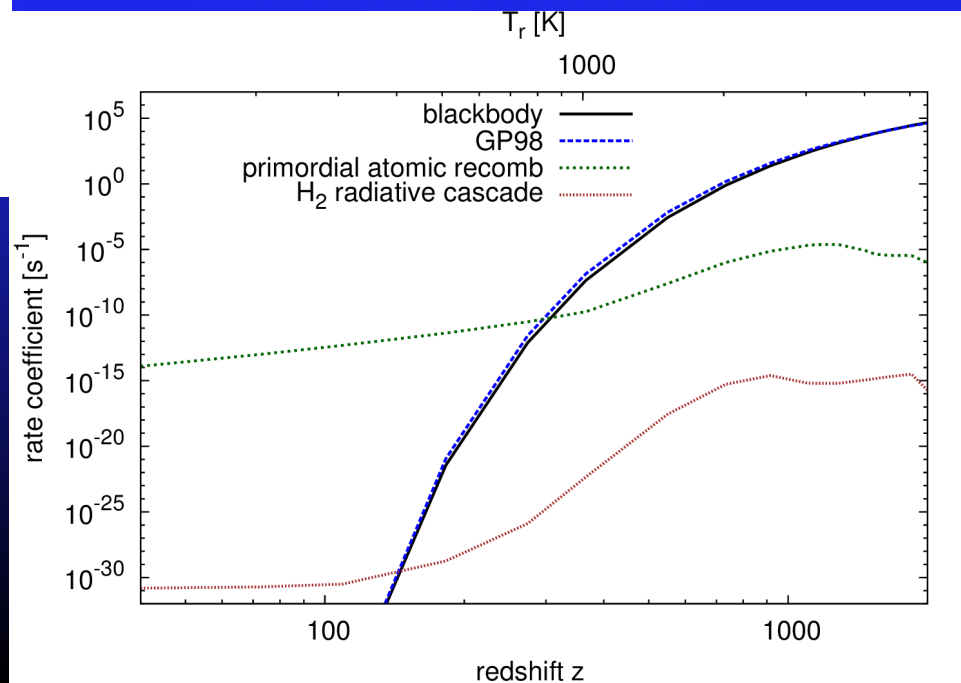
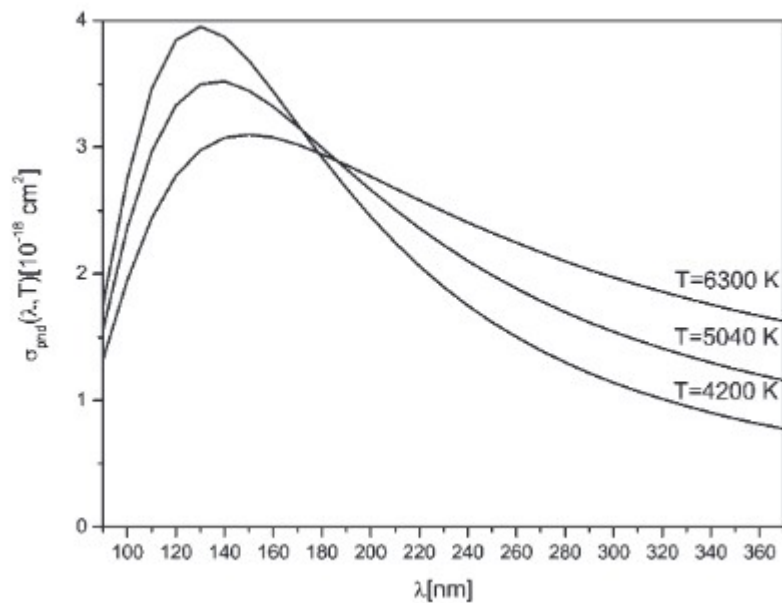




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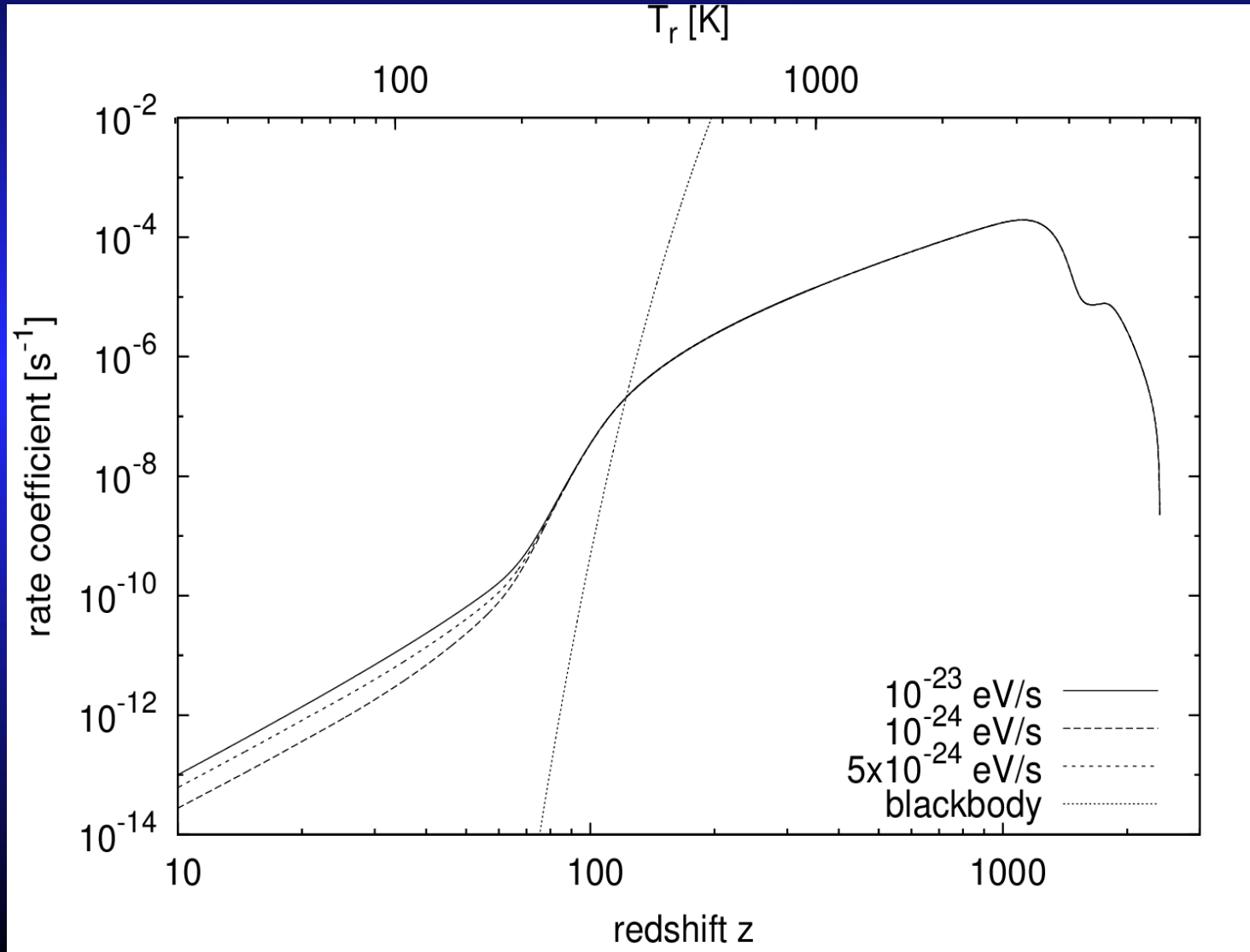


# SPECTRAL DISTORTIONS: $H_2^+$ photodissociation

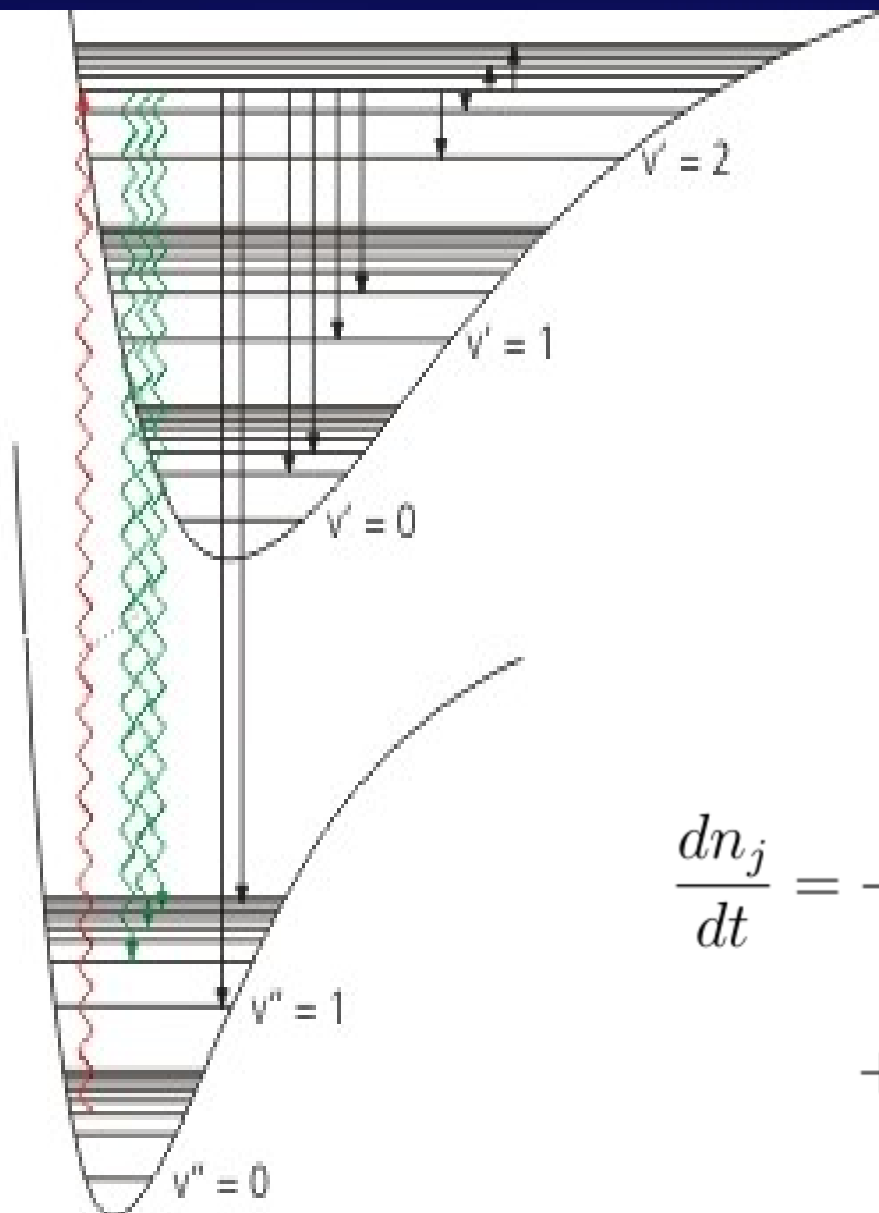


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# SPECTRAL DISTORTIONS: DARK MATTER ANNIHILATION



# STATE-TO-STATE APPROACH

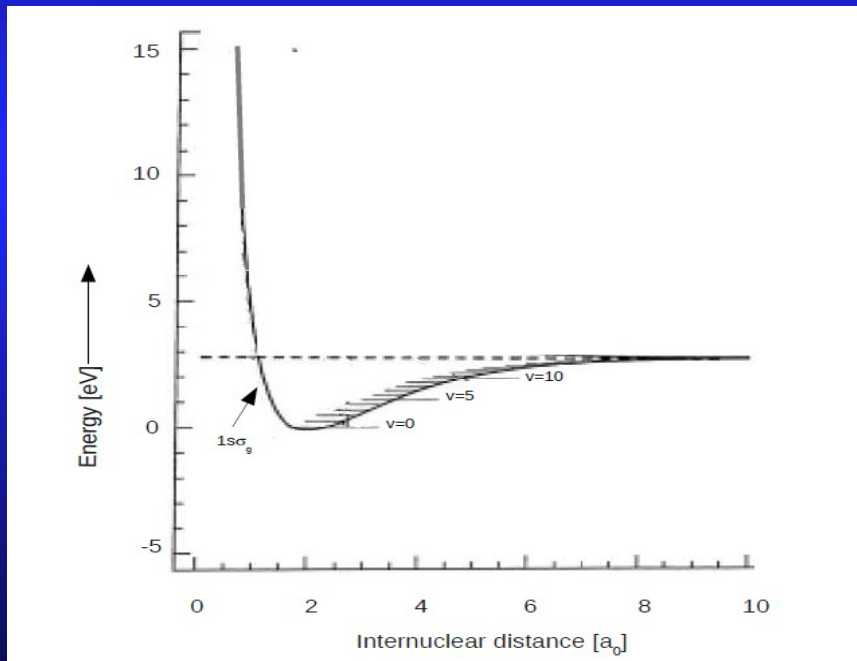


- Electronic
- Vibrational
- Rotational

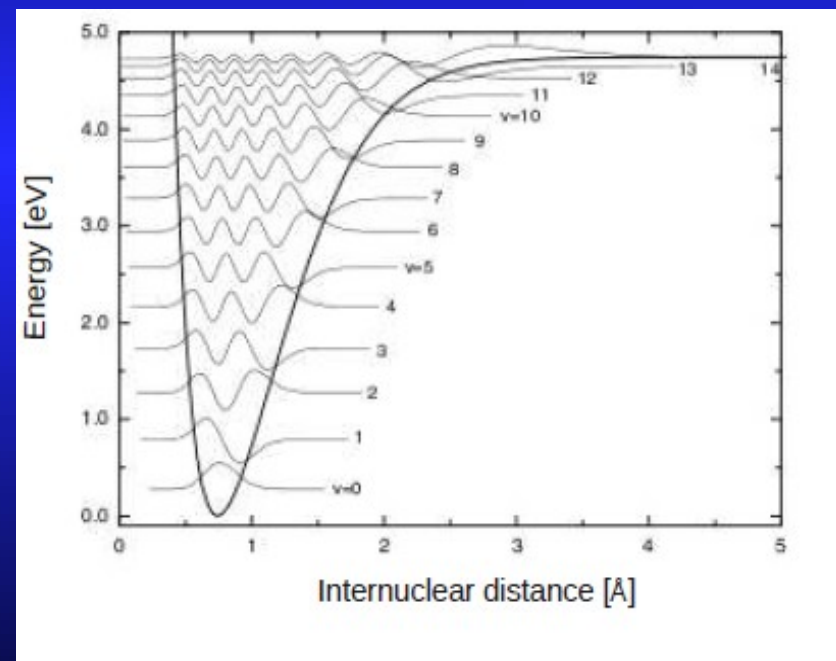
$$\frac{dn_j}{dt} = -n_j \sum_{j'} (R_{jj'} + P_{jj'} + C_{jj'} n_{j'}) + \sum_{j'} R_{jj'} n_{j'} + \sum_{j'} \sum_{j''} C_j^{j'j''} n_{j'} n_{j''}$$

# KINETIC MODEL: CHEMICAL SPECIES

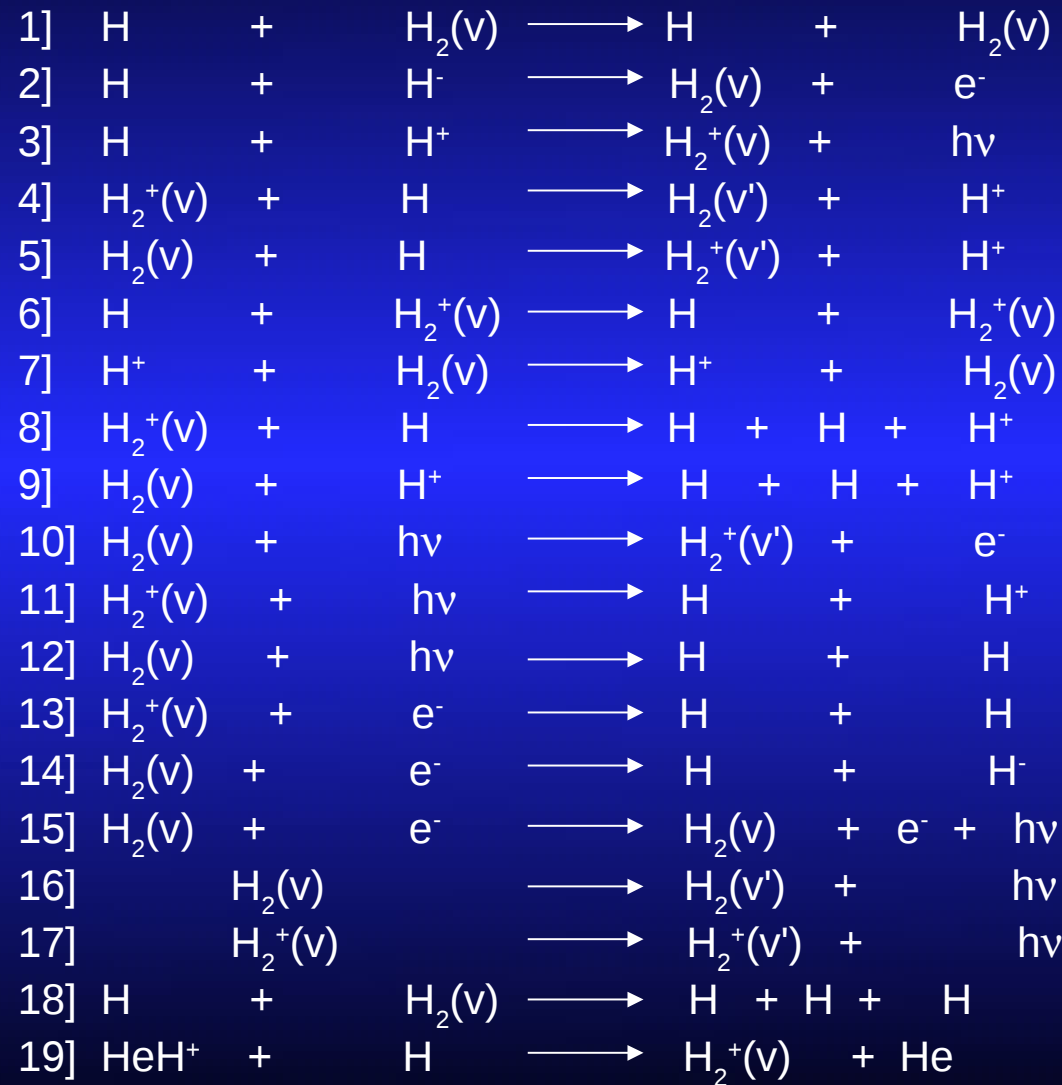
$H_2^+$  → 18 levels



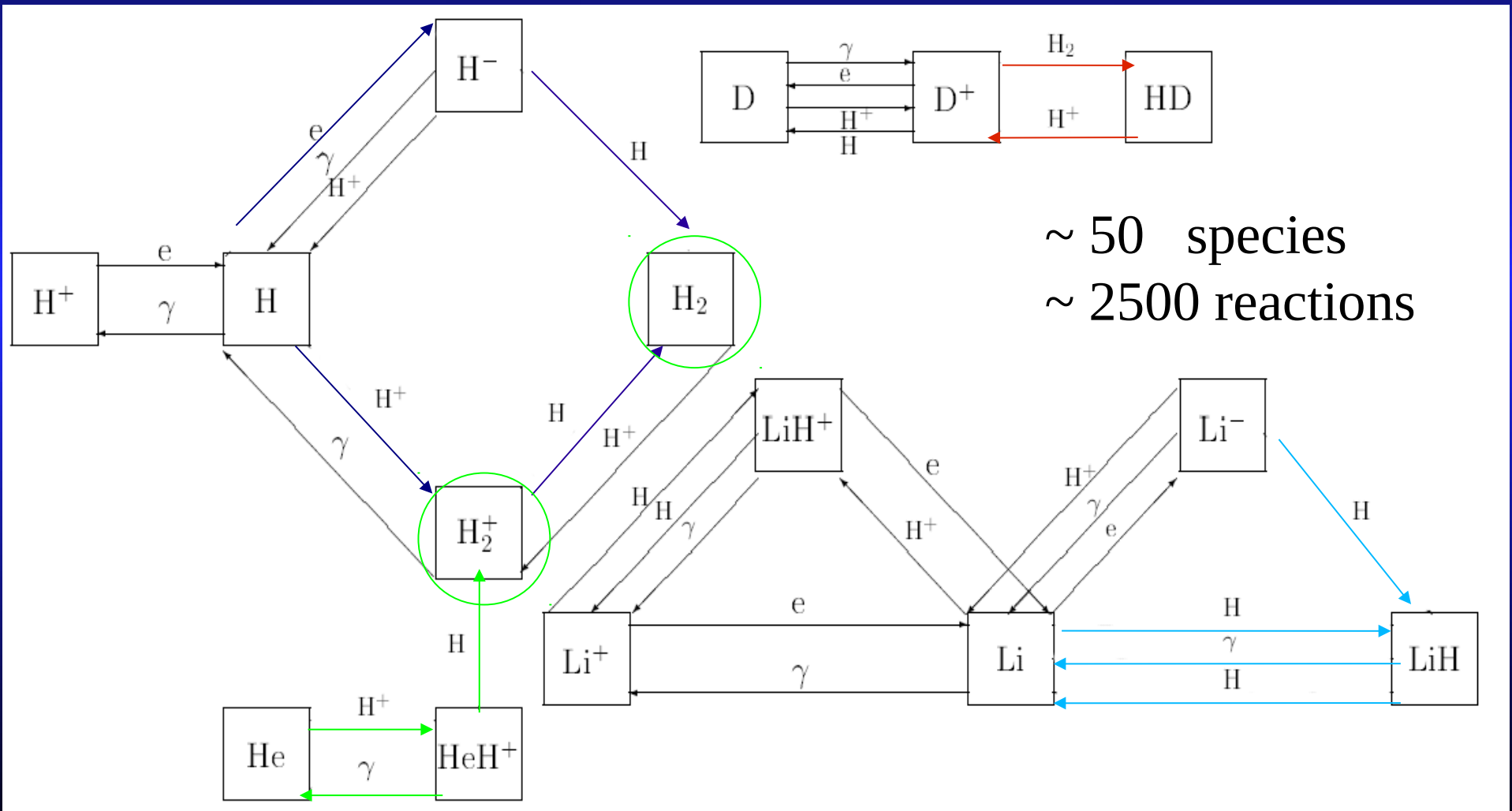
$H_2$  → 15 levels



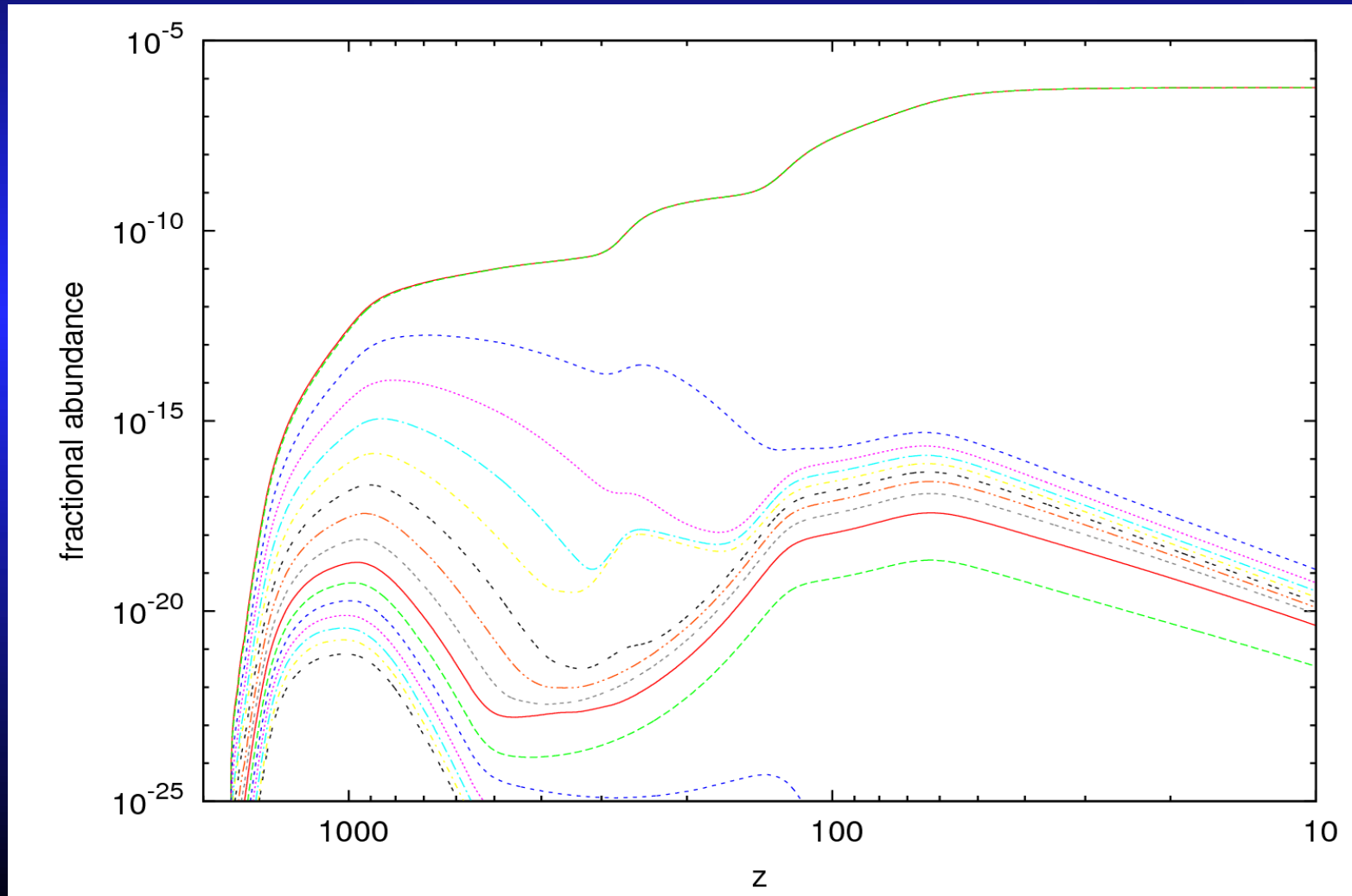
# KINETIC MODEL: CHEMICAL PROCESSES



# KINETIC MODEL: STATE-TO-STATE KINETICS



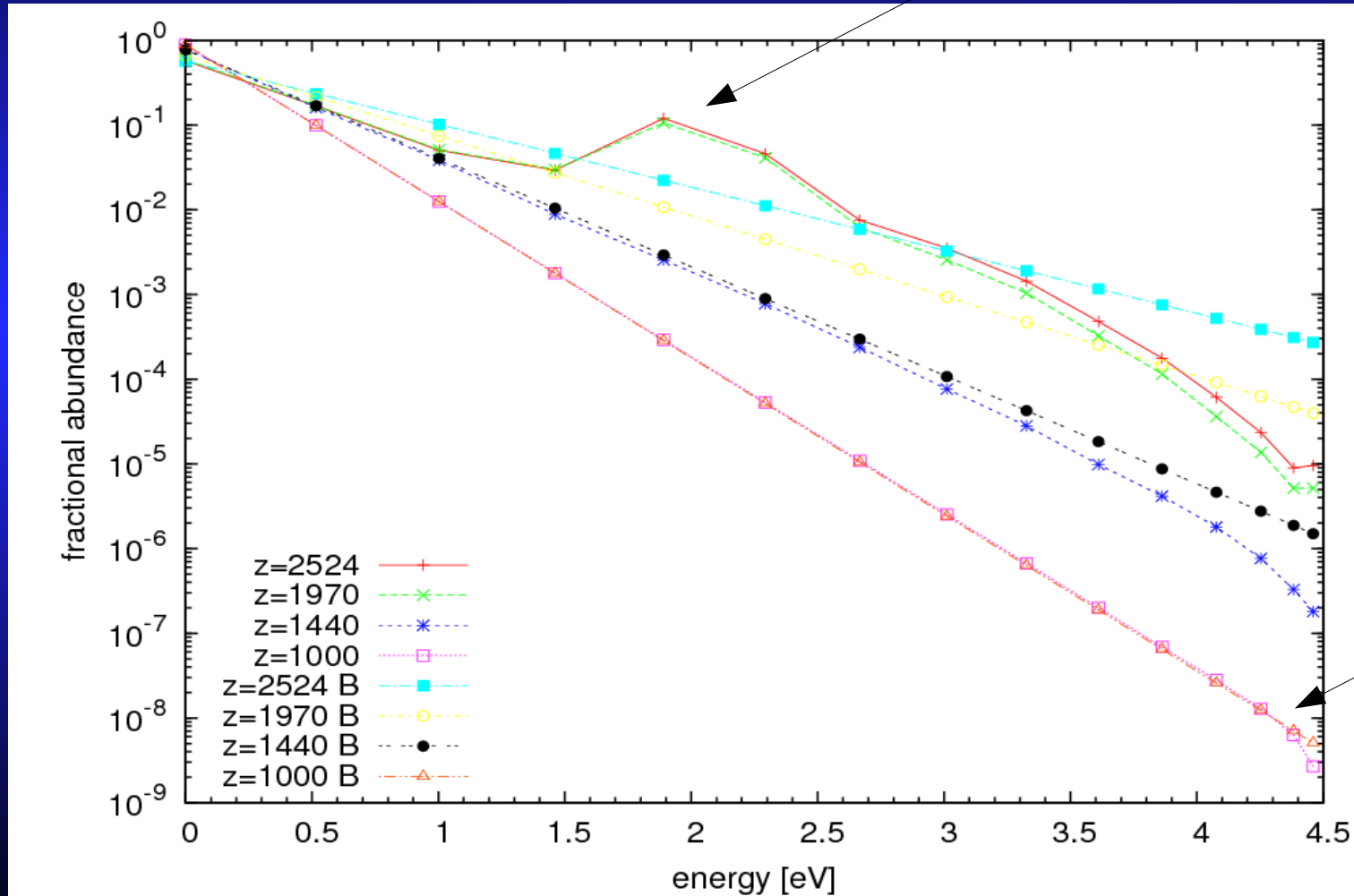
# RESULTS: VDF $H_2$ (I)





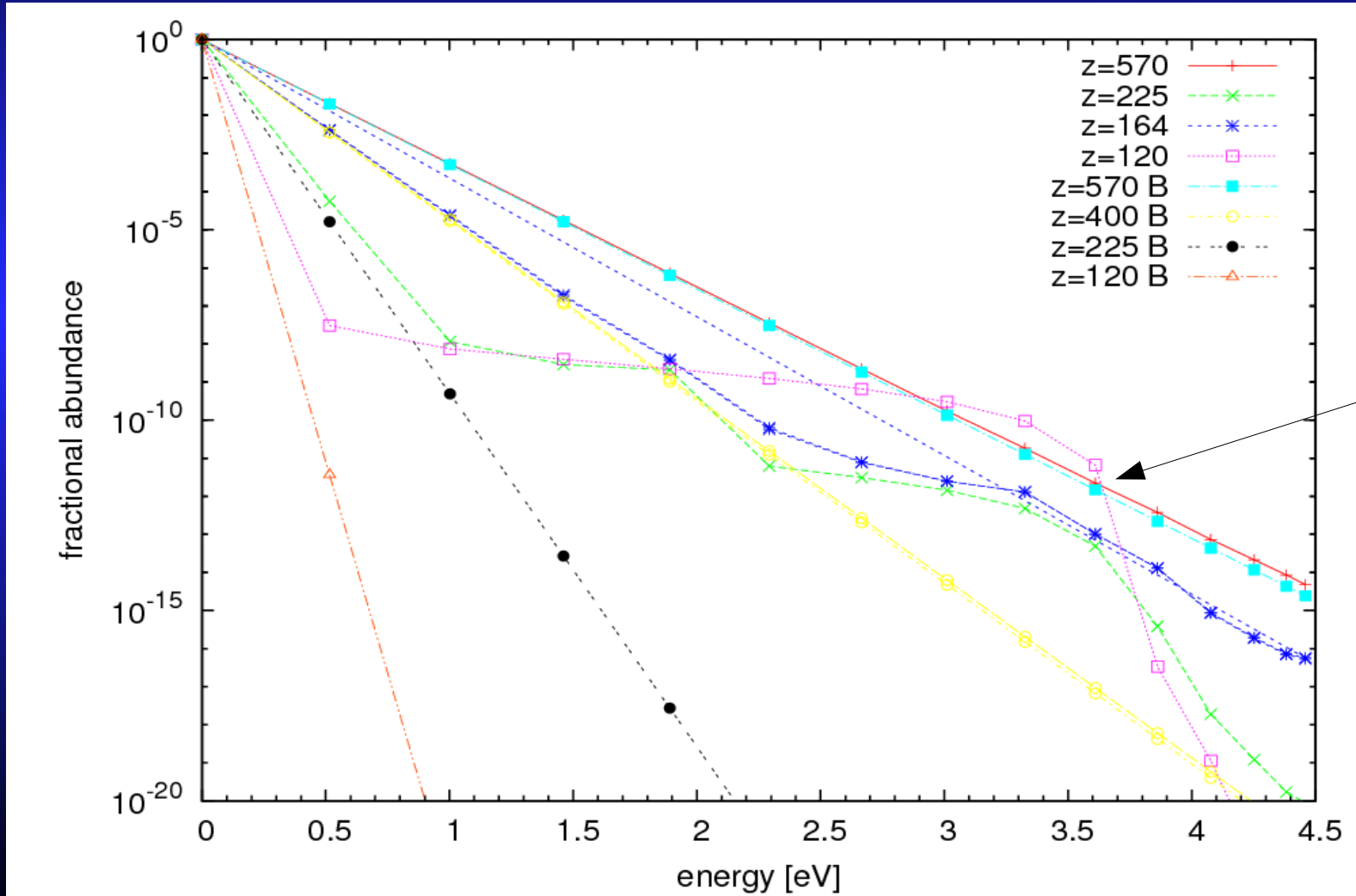
# RESULTS: VDF H<sub>2</sub> (II)

H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> channel

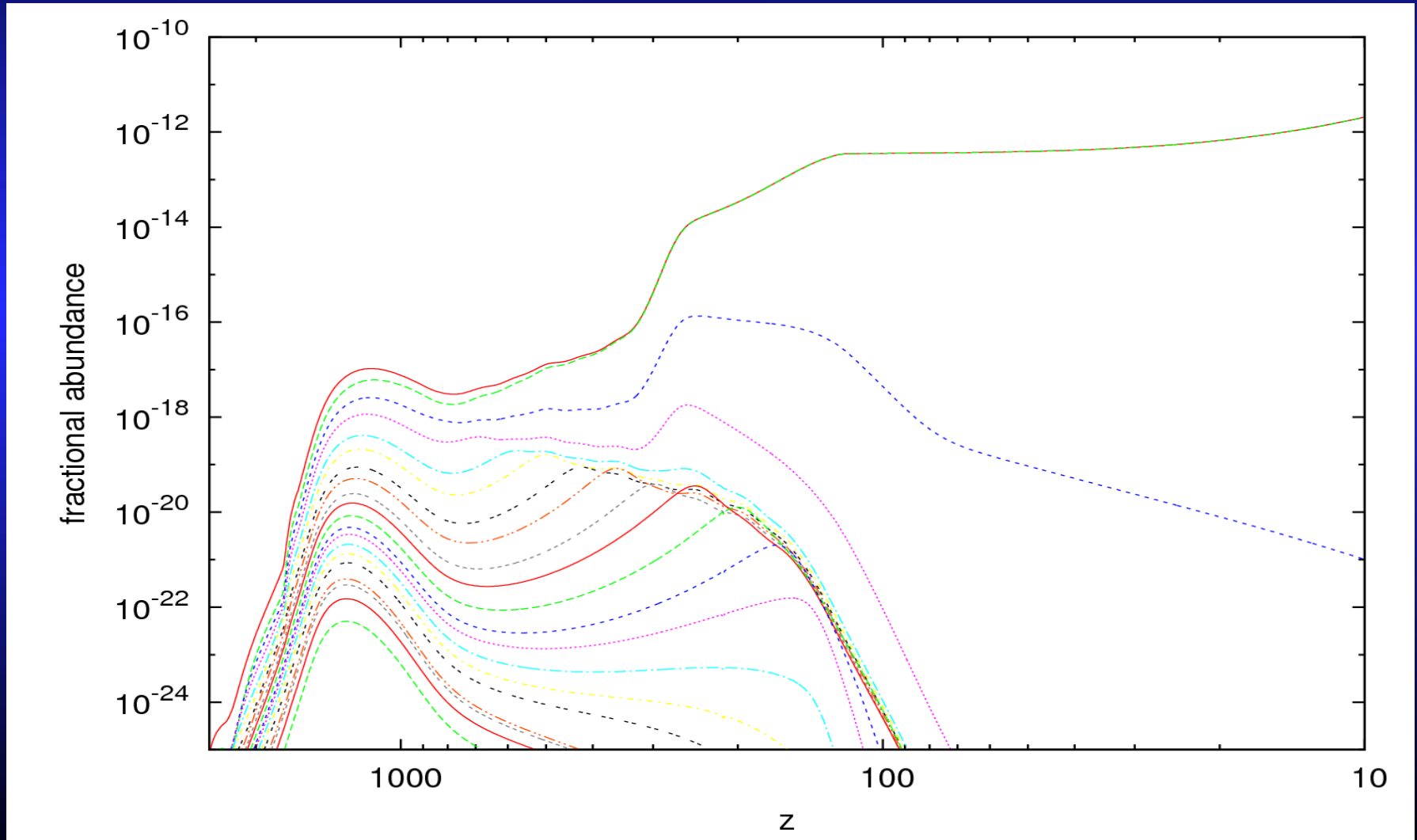


Equilibrium!!!

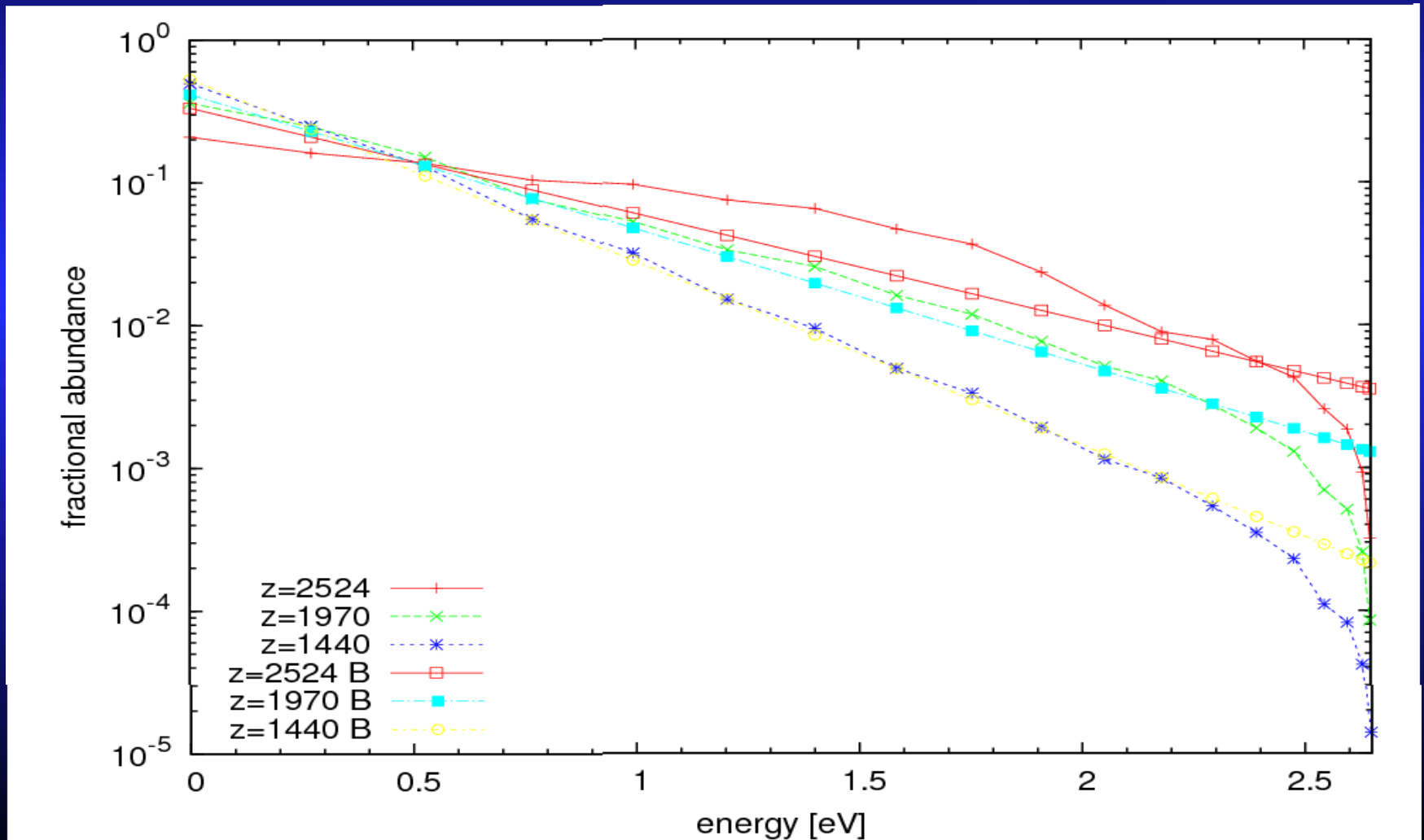
# RESULTS: VDF H<sub>2</sub> (III)



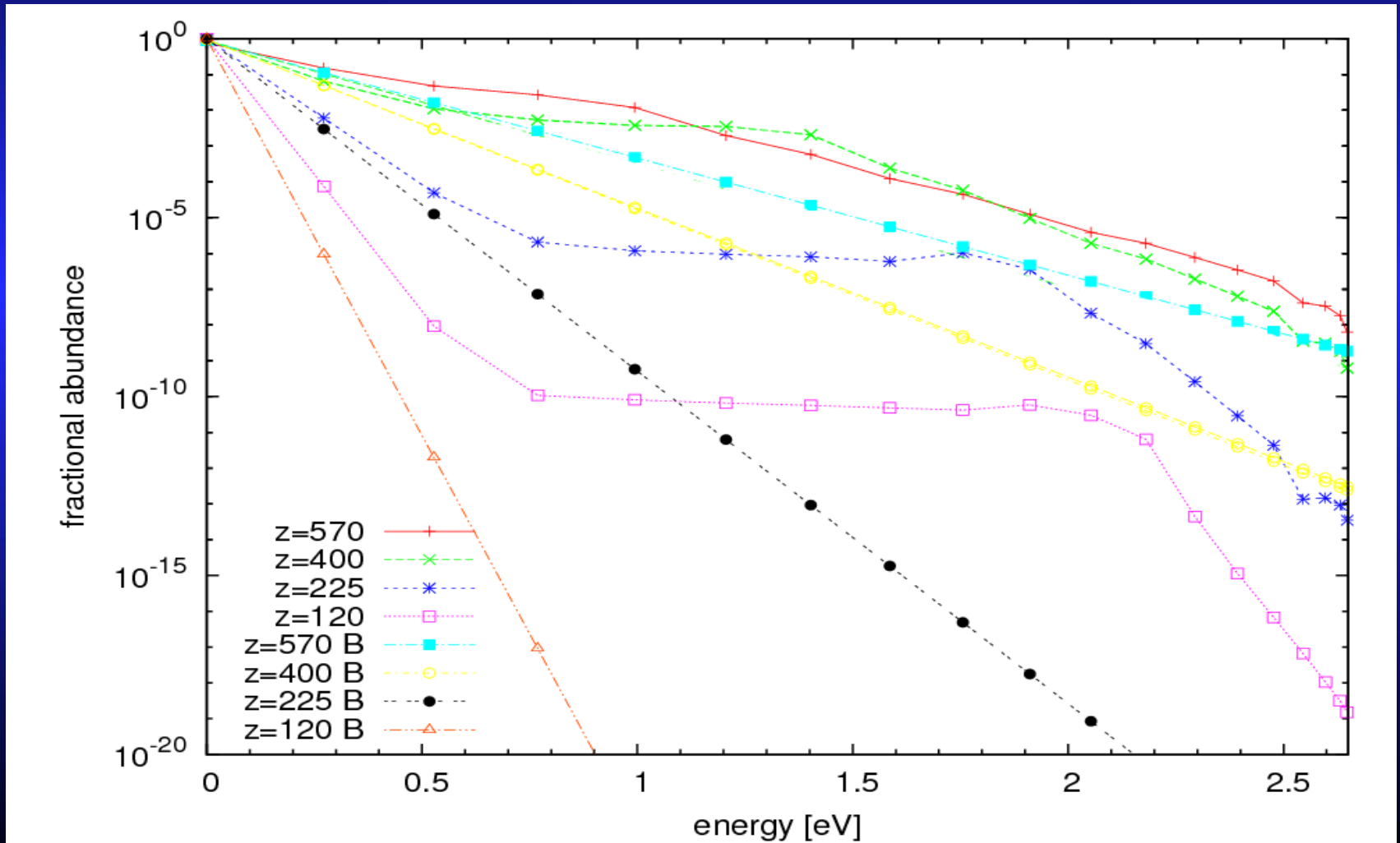
# RESULTS: VDF $H_2^+$ (I)



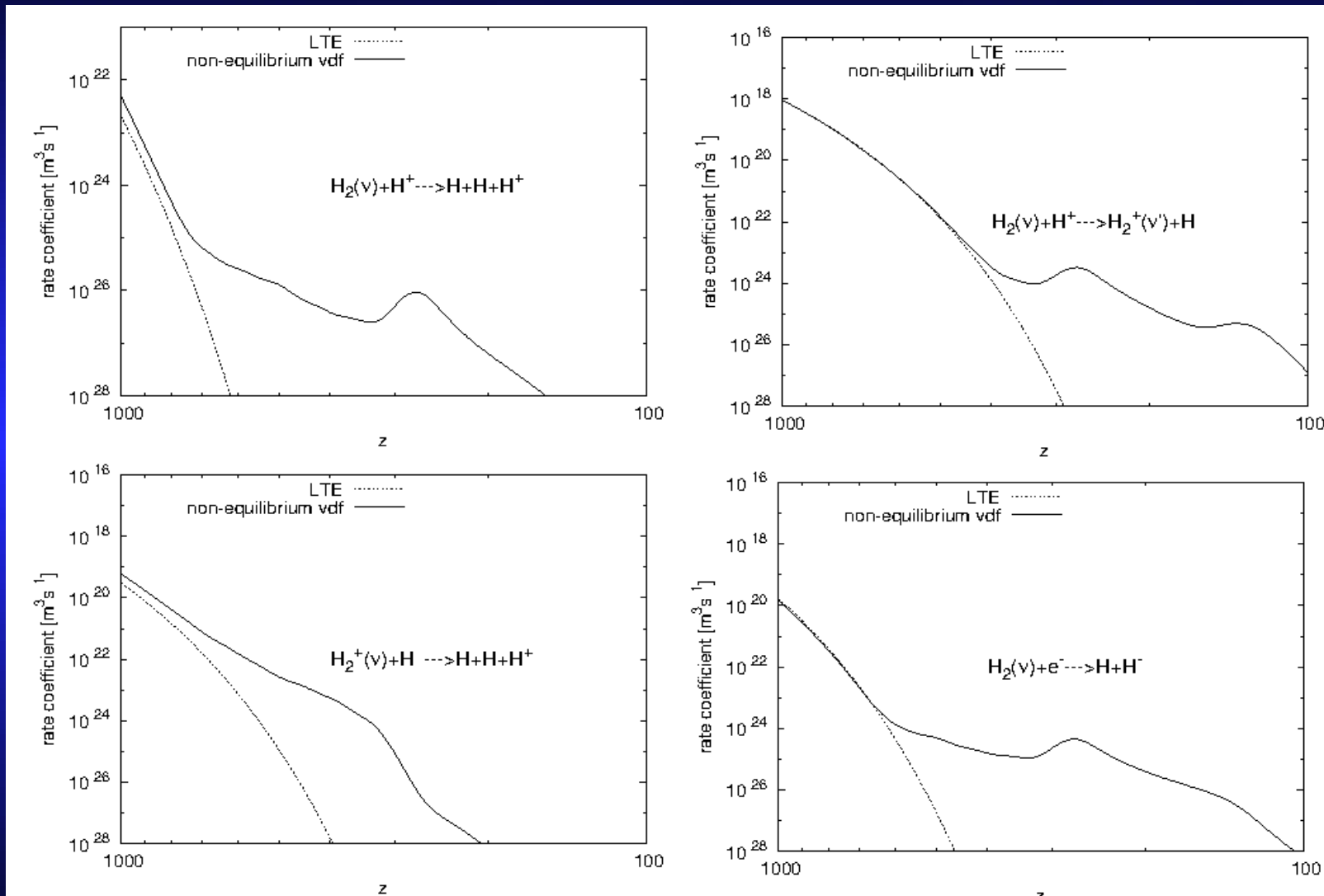
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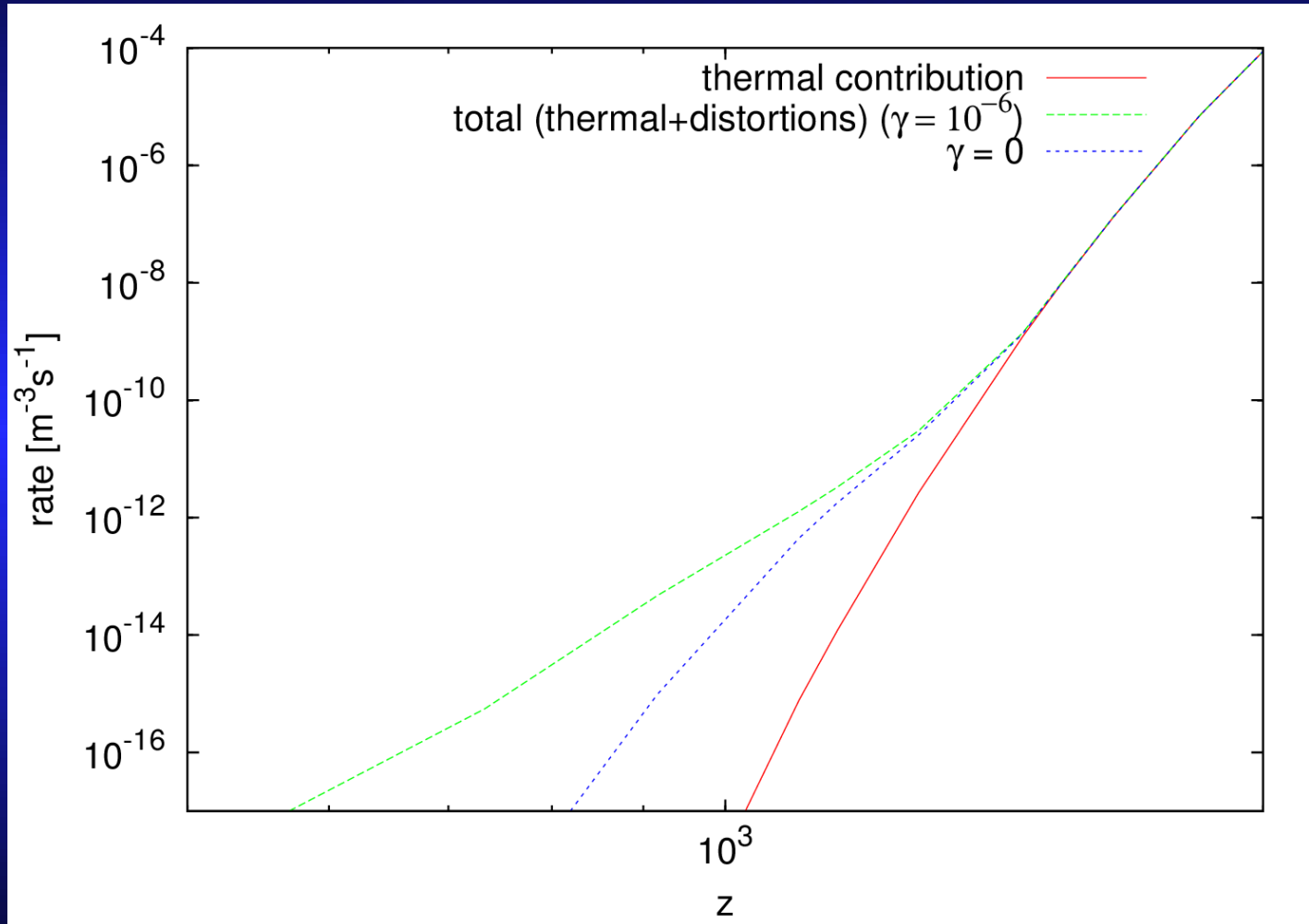
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# “MODIFIED” RATE COEFFICIENTS

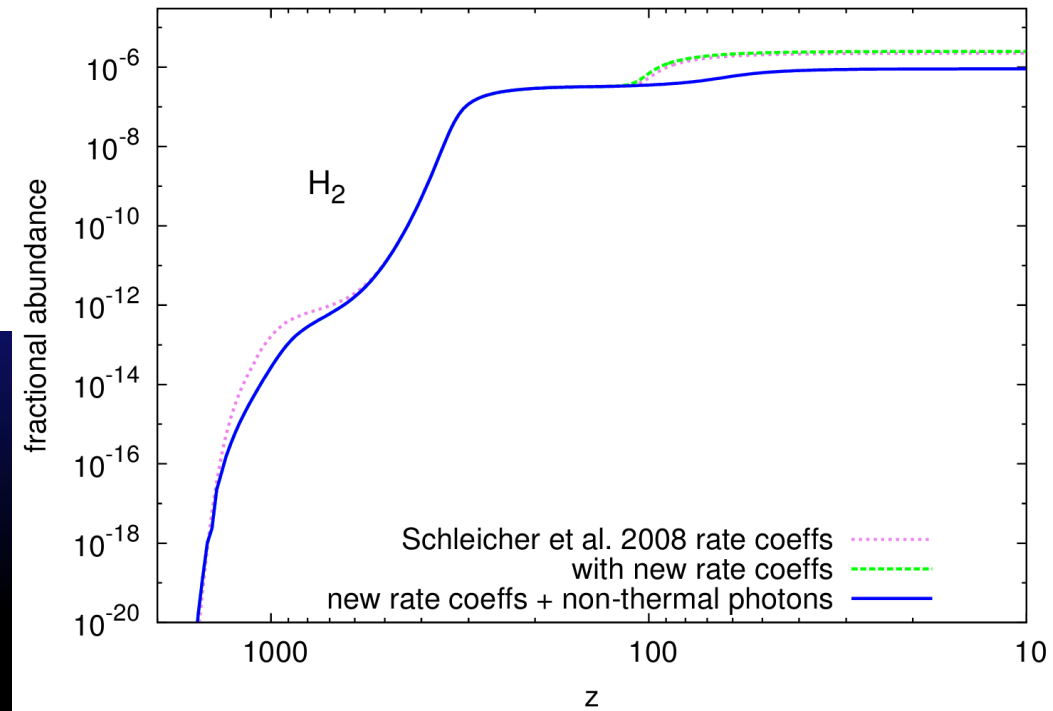
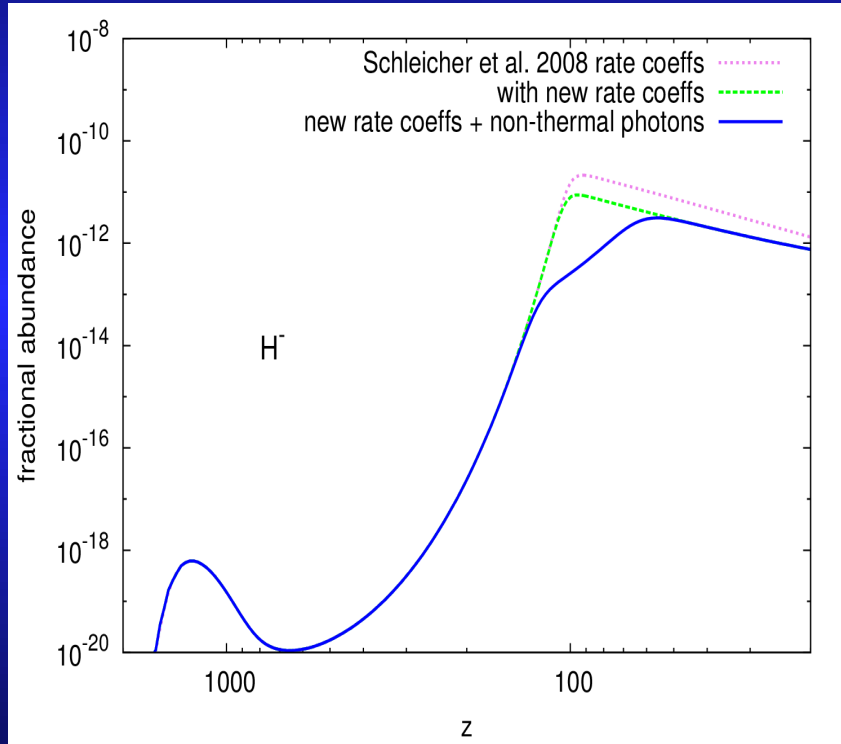


Coppola, C. M.; D'Introno, R.; Galli, D.; Tennyson, J.; Longo, S., 2012, ApJS, **199**, 16



$$\chi_v \propto \text{Boltzmann} + \gamma \cdot \frac{1}{(1+v)}$$

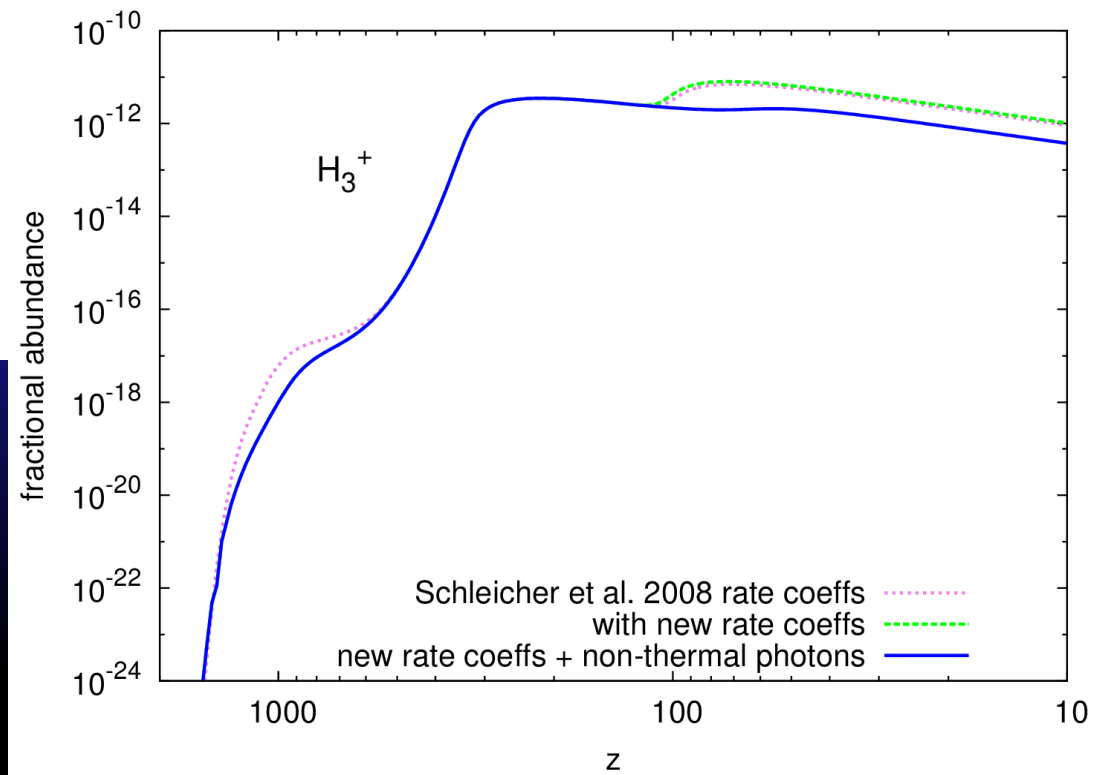
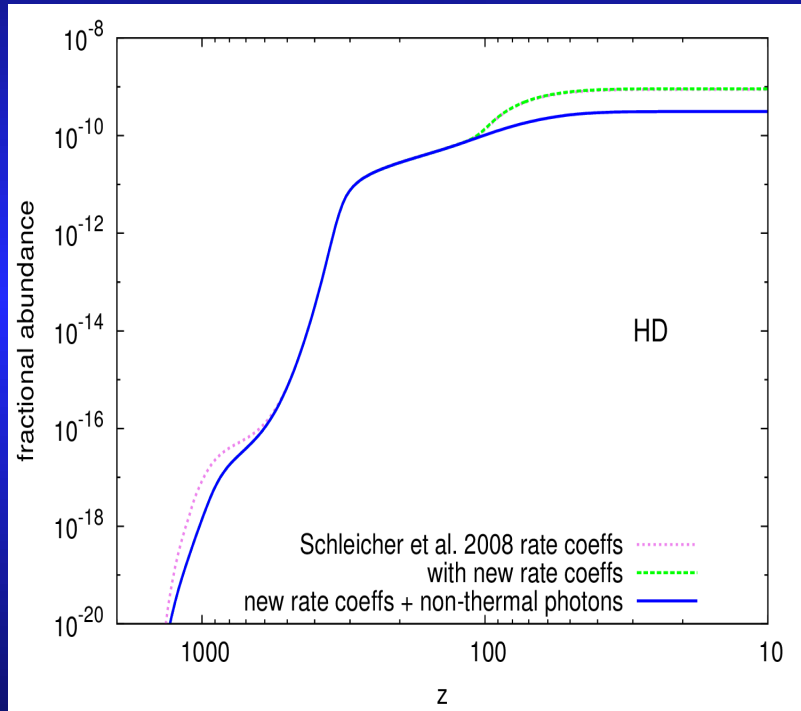
# SPECTRAL DISTORTIONS (VIII)



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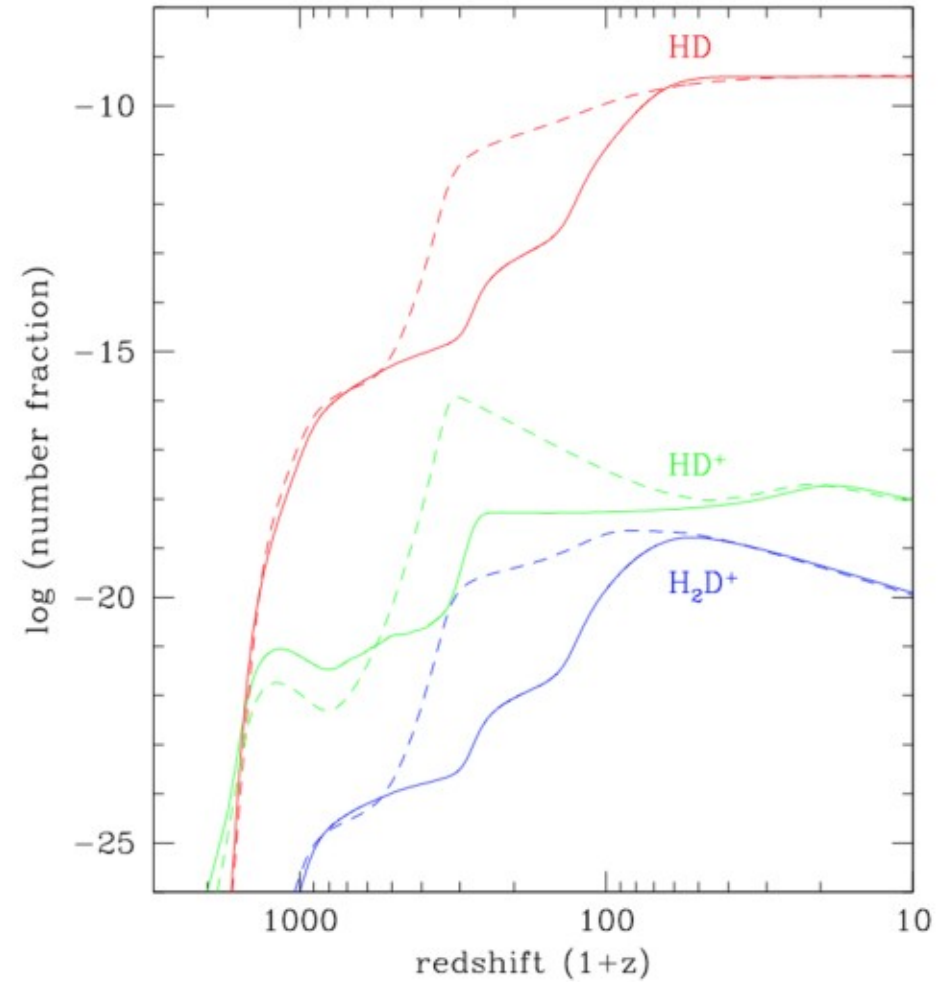
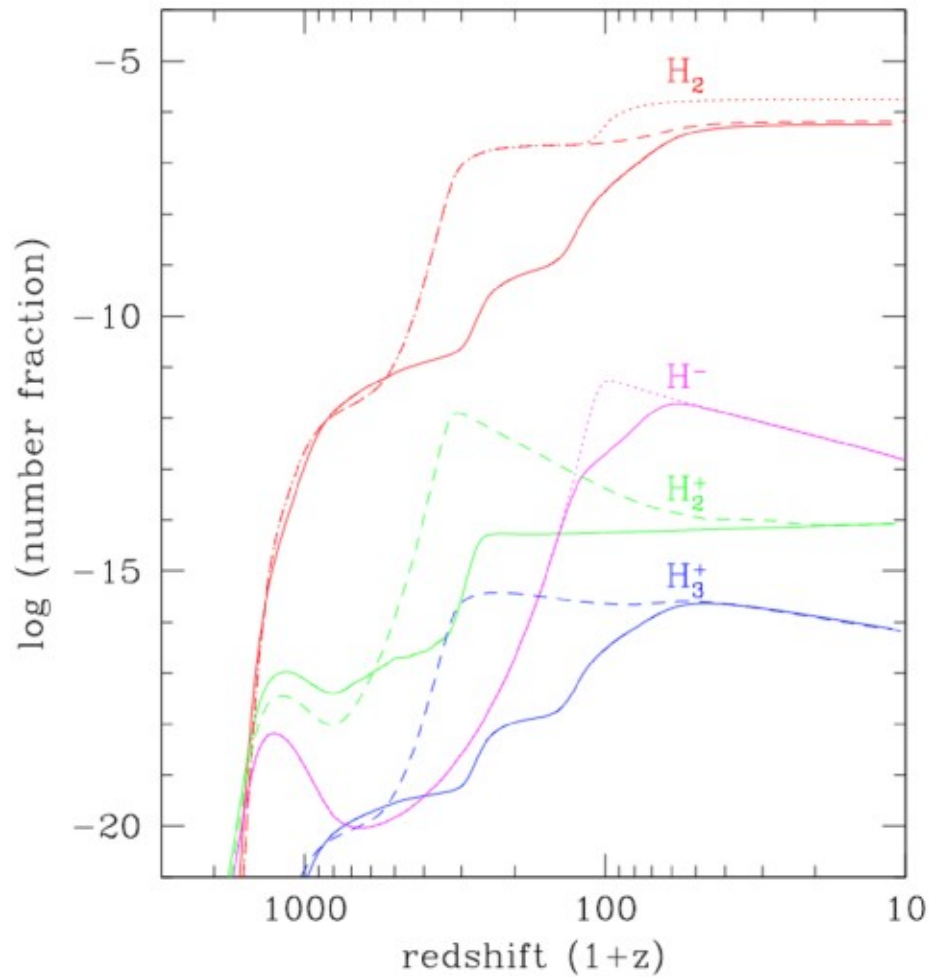


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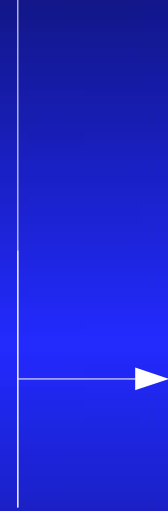
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# “MODIFIED” FRACTIONAL ABUNDANCES



## ...CONCLUSIONS...

- rovibrational selectivity
- non equilibrium distributions
- non-thermal photons



more realistic description  
for the early Universe

(same approach for other molecules,  
rotational levels etc

→ better description  
for the cooling mechanisms )

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**EUROPA: Early Universe: Research on Plasma Astrochemistry**  
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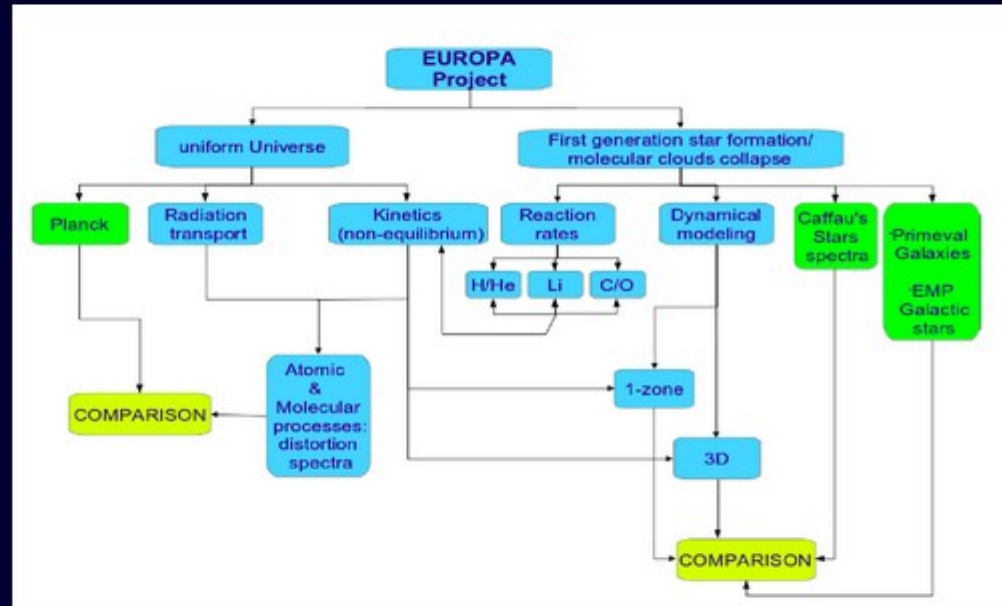
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The present era of high precision cosmology requires a proper treatment of the physical and chemical phenomena occurring in the primordial plasma. For this reason, it is crucial to obtain a description as detailed as possible of the environment of the early universe and to discuss feasible strategies to test theoretical models with present and future observational instrumentation. The basic goals of the project that will be divided into two main areas of interests are





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