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Modelling Chemical Kinetics and Vibrational Excitation in Plasma Discharges

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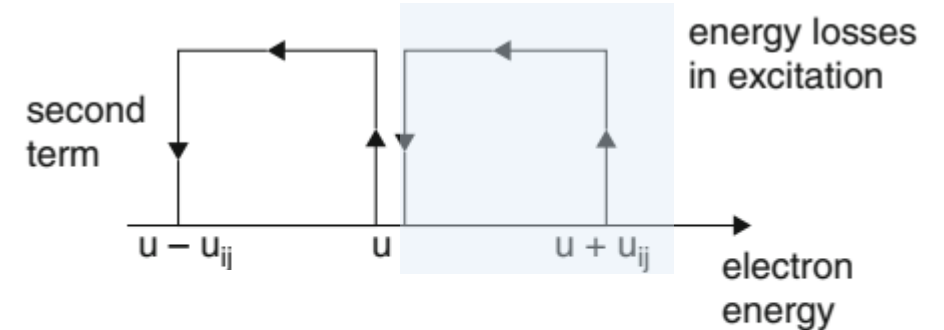
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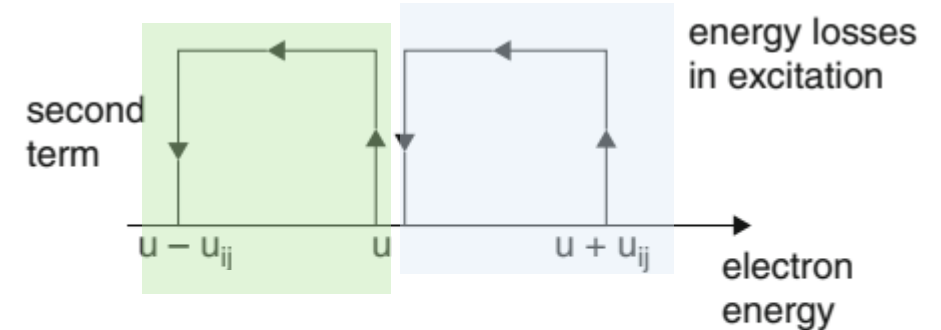
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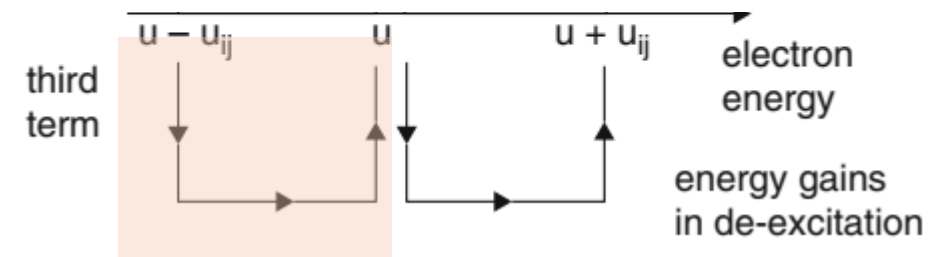


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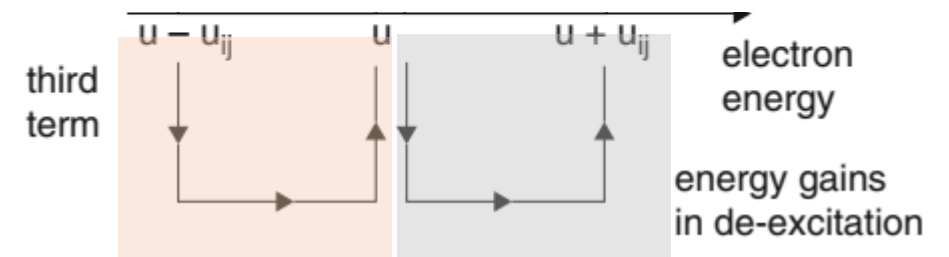
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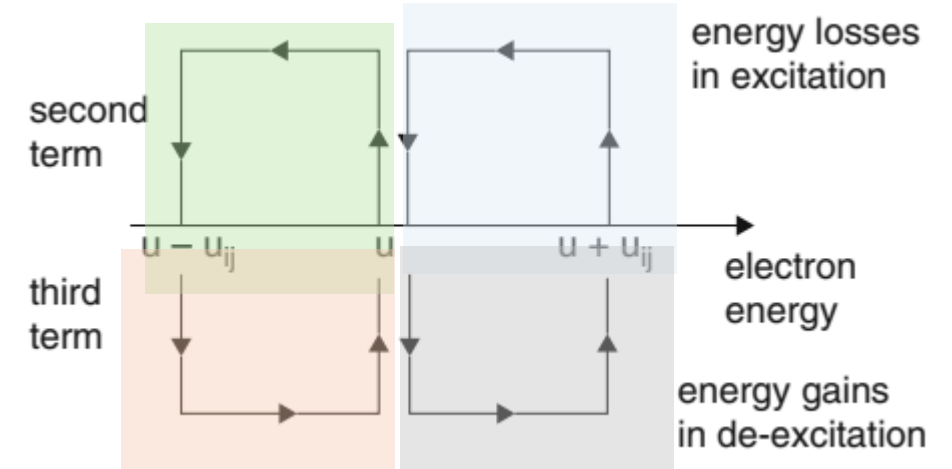


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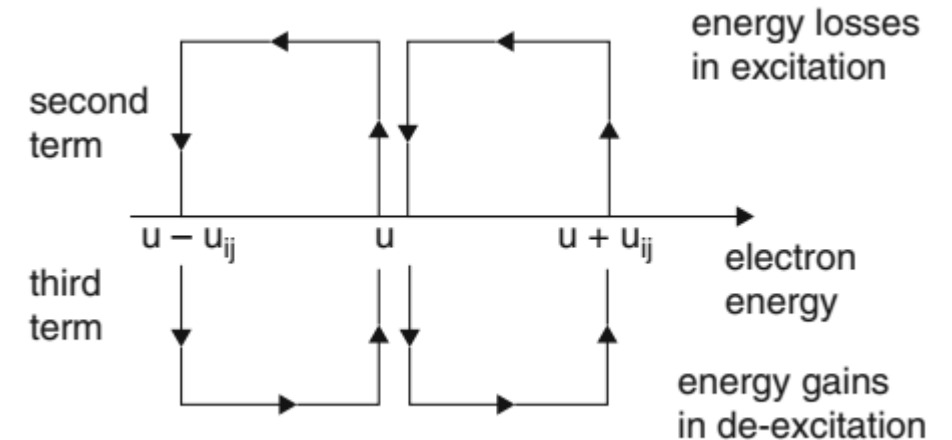
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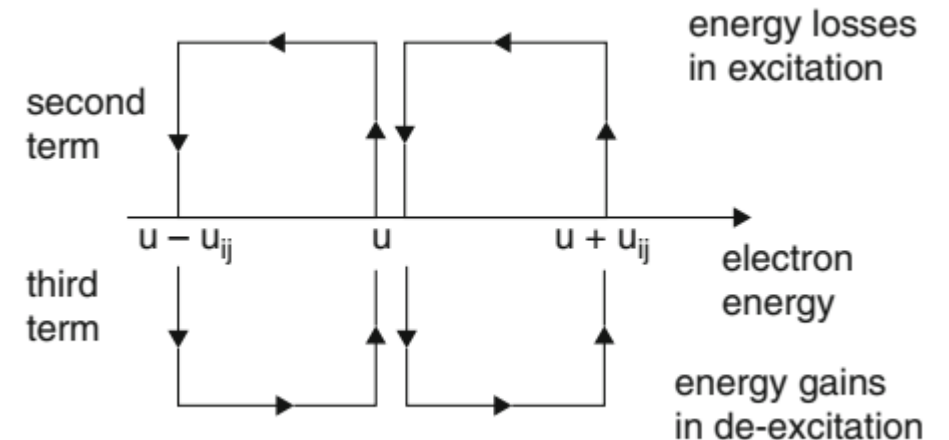
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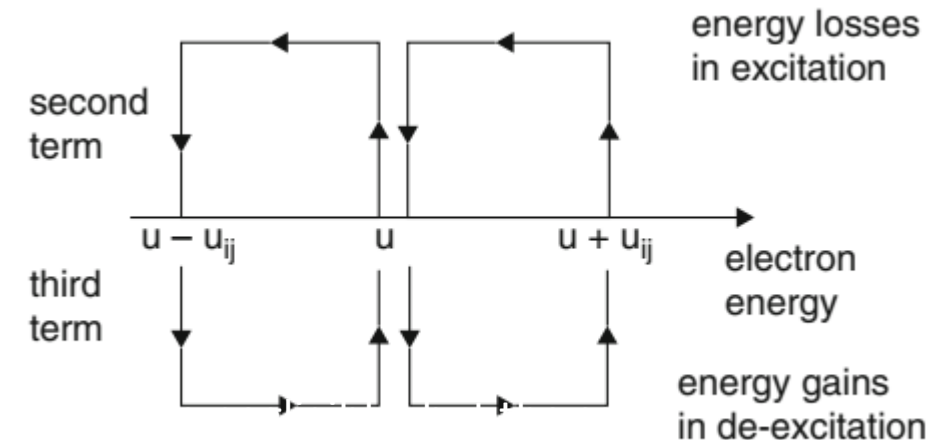


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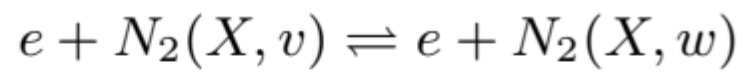
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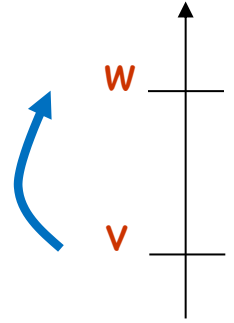
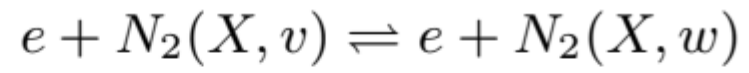


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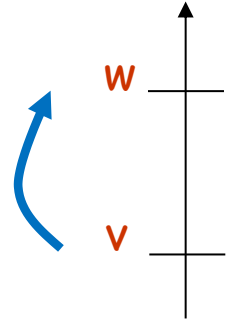
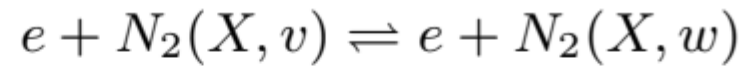
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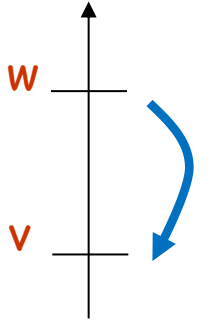
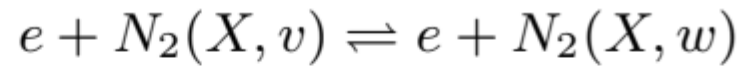


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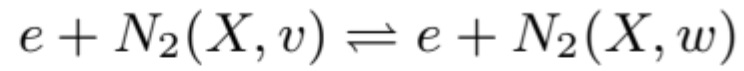


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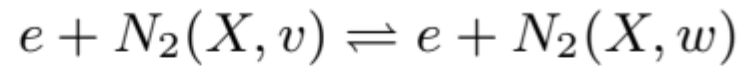


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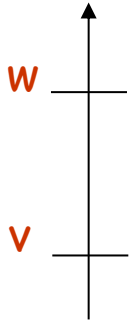
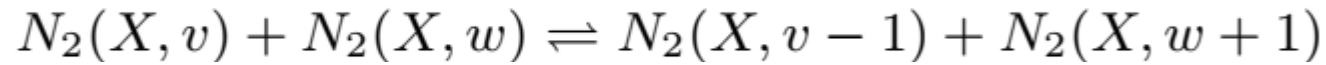
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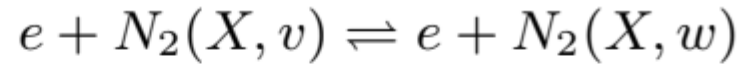


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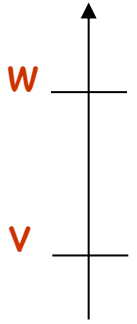
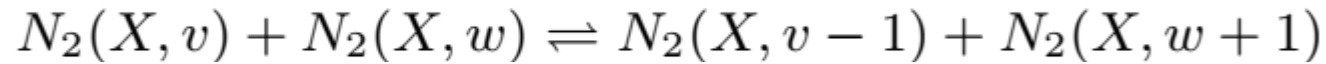
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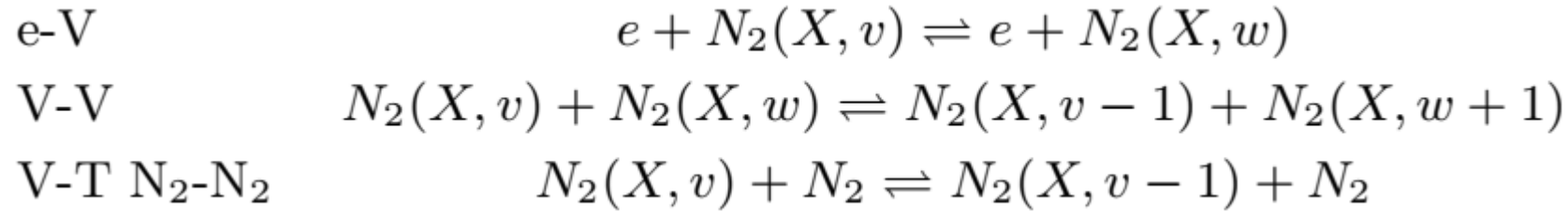


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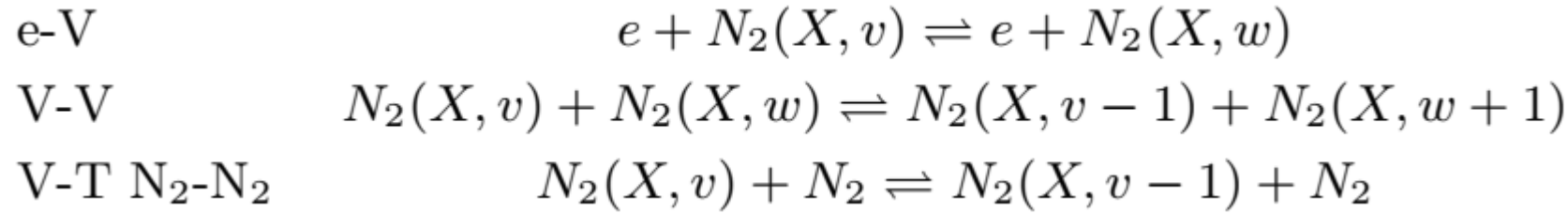
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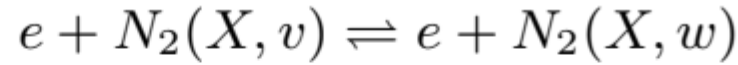


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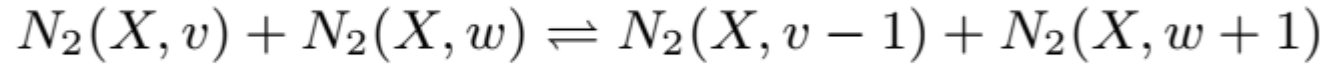
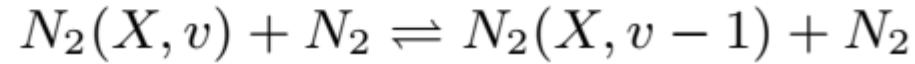
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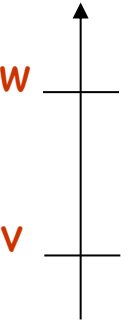
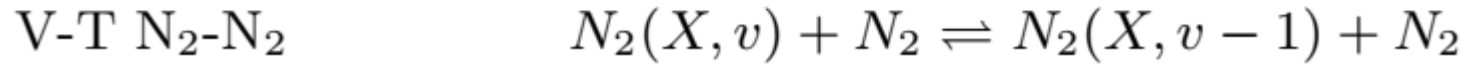
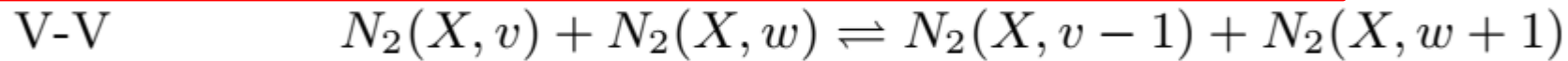
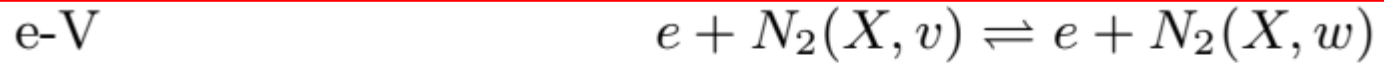
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& + \sum_{j,i} \delta_w \{ (u - u_{ij}) \sigma_{ji}(u - u_{ij}) f_e^0(u - u_{ij}) - u \sigma_{ji}(u) f_e^0(u) \} = 0 .
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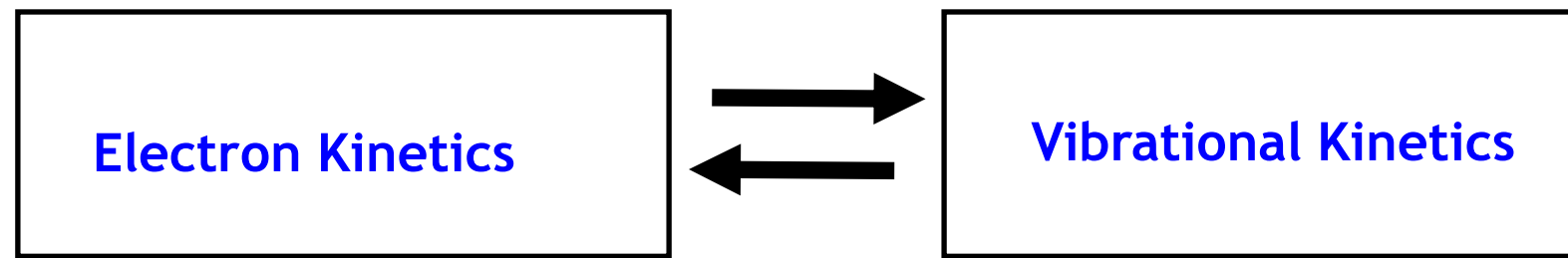


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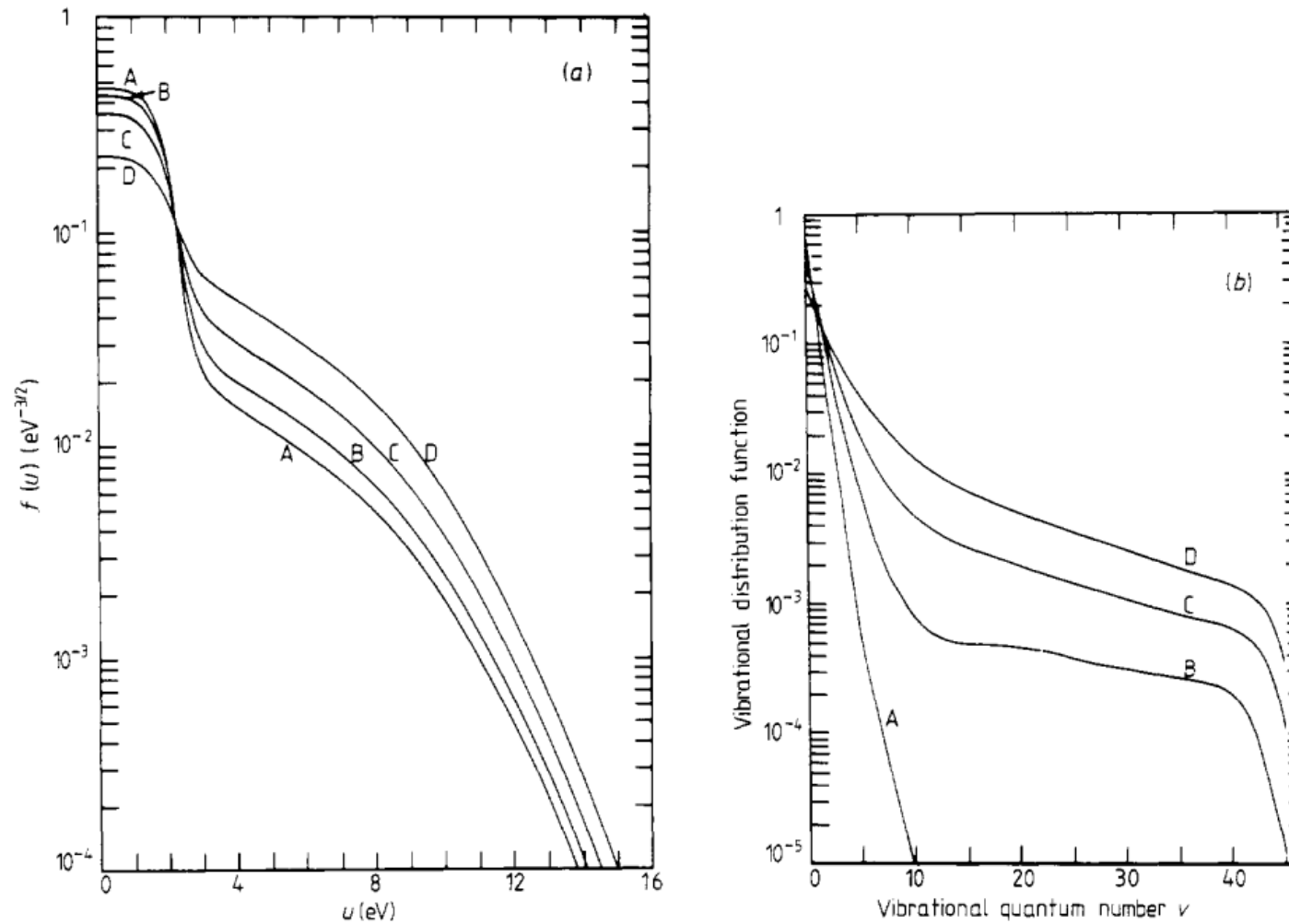


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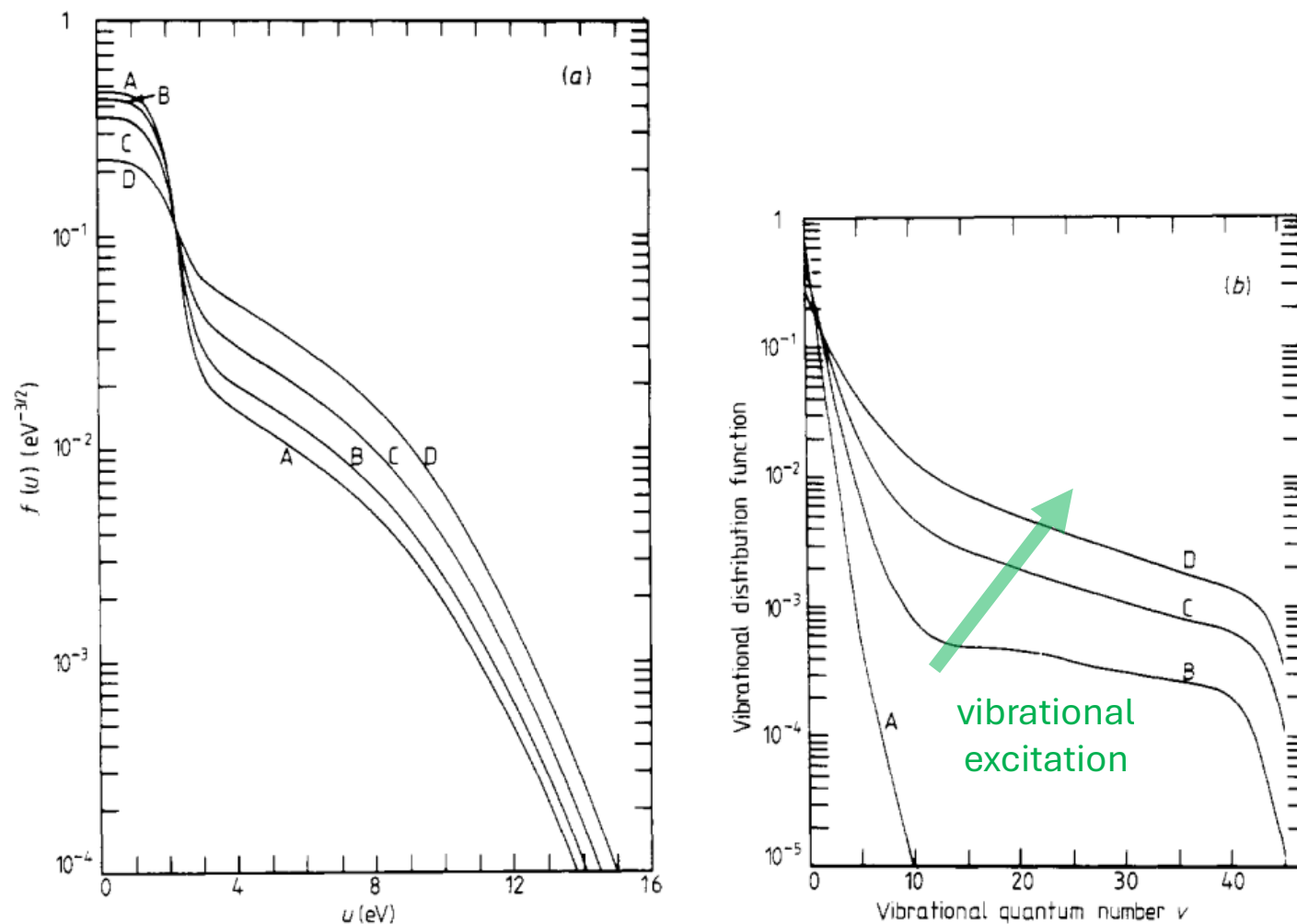


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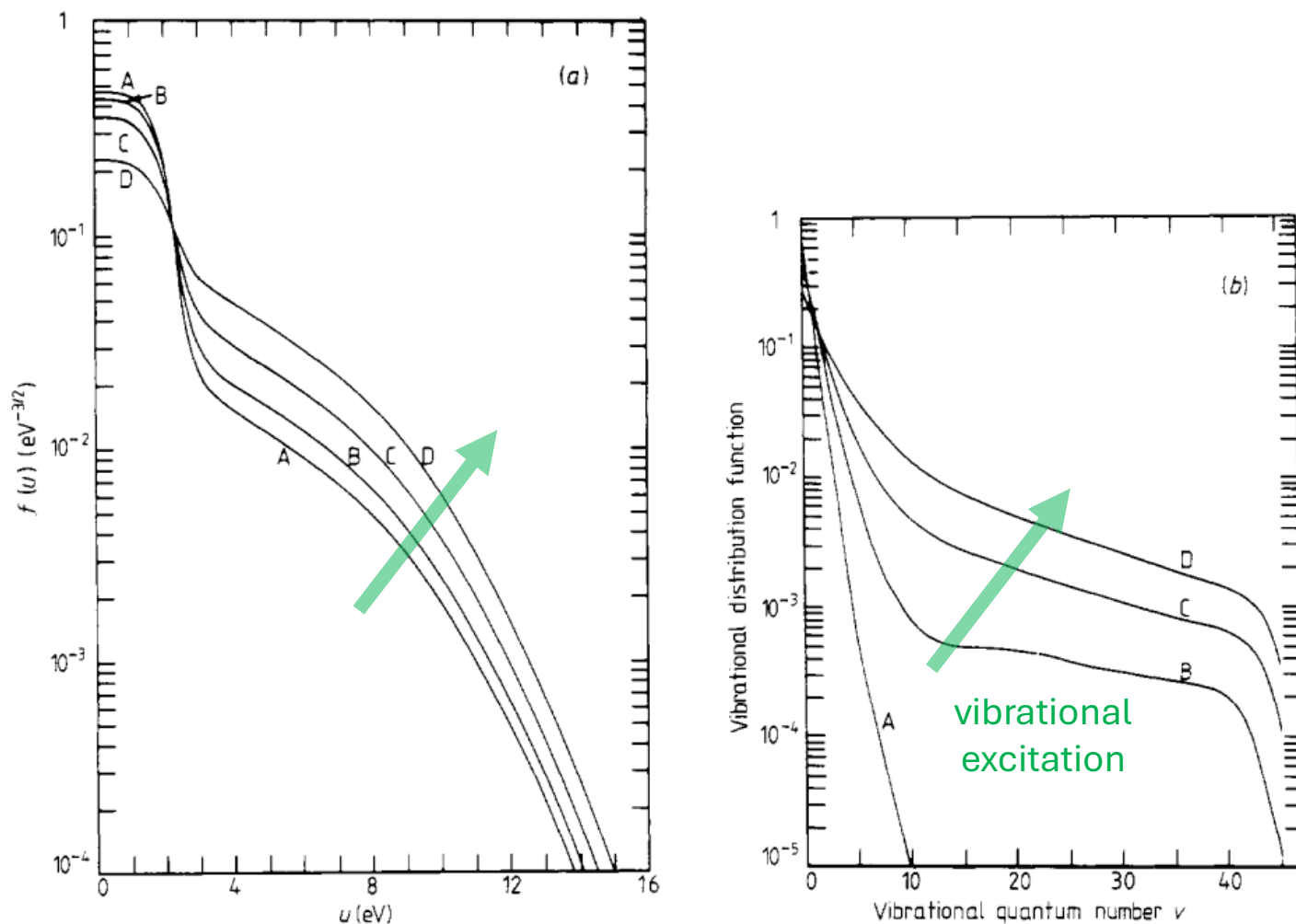
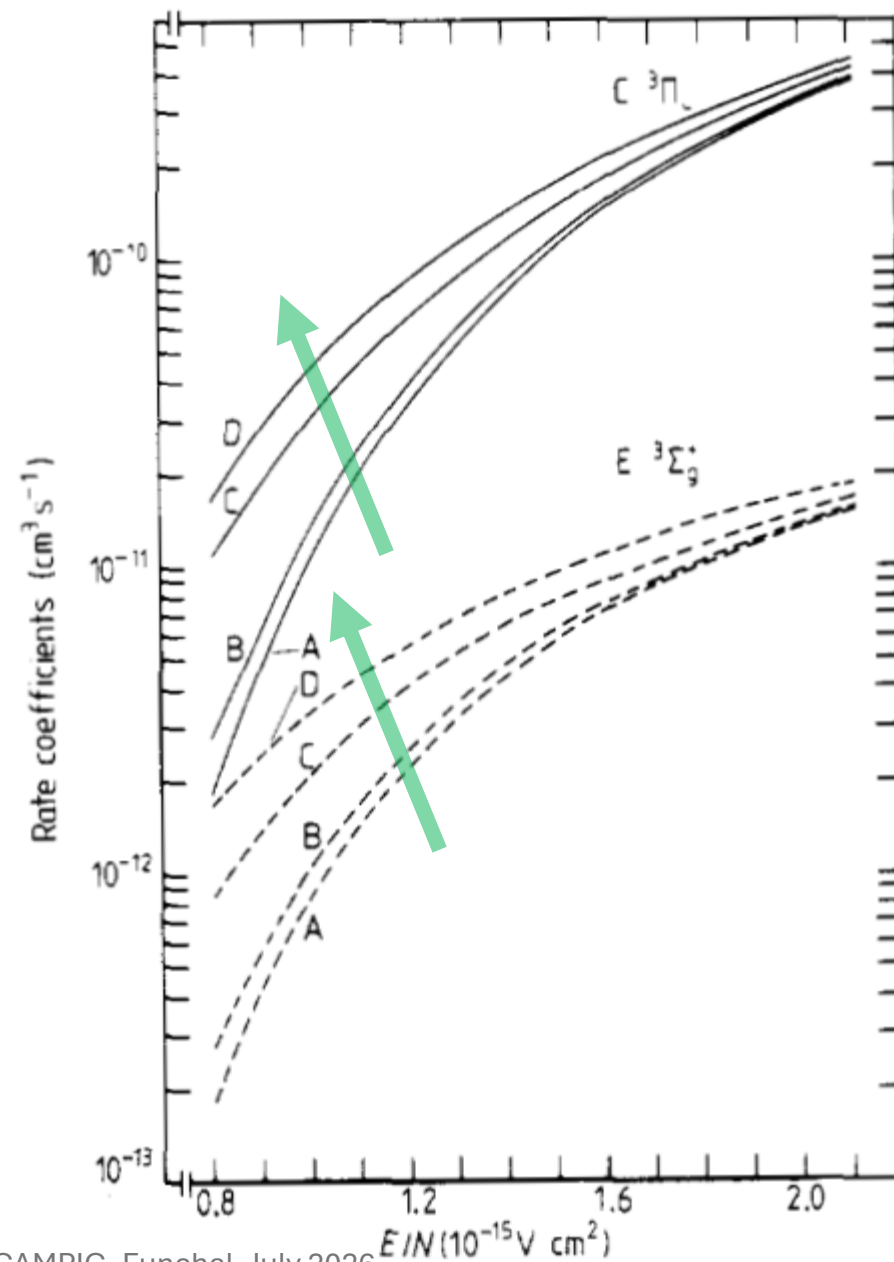
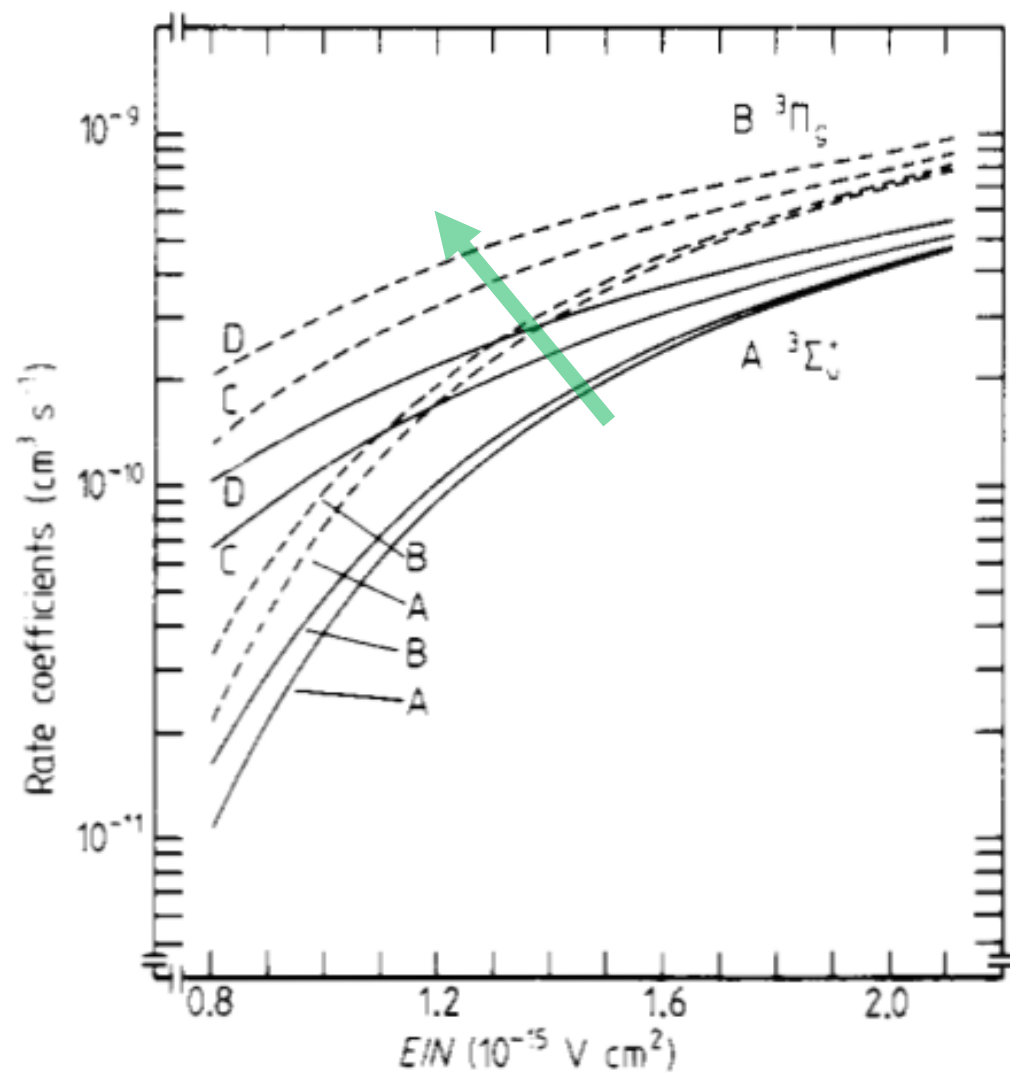


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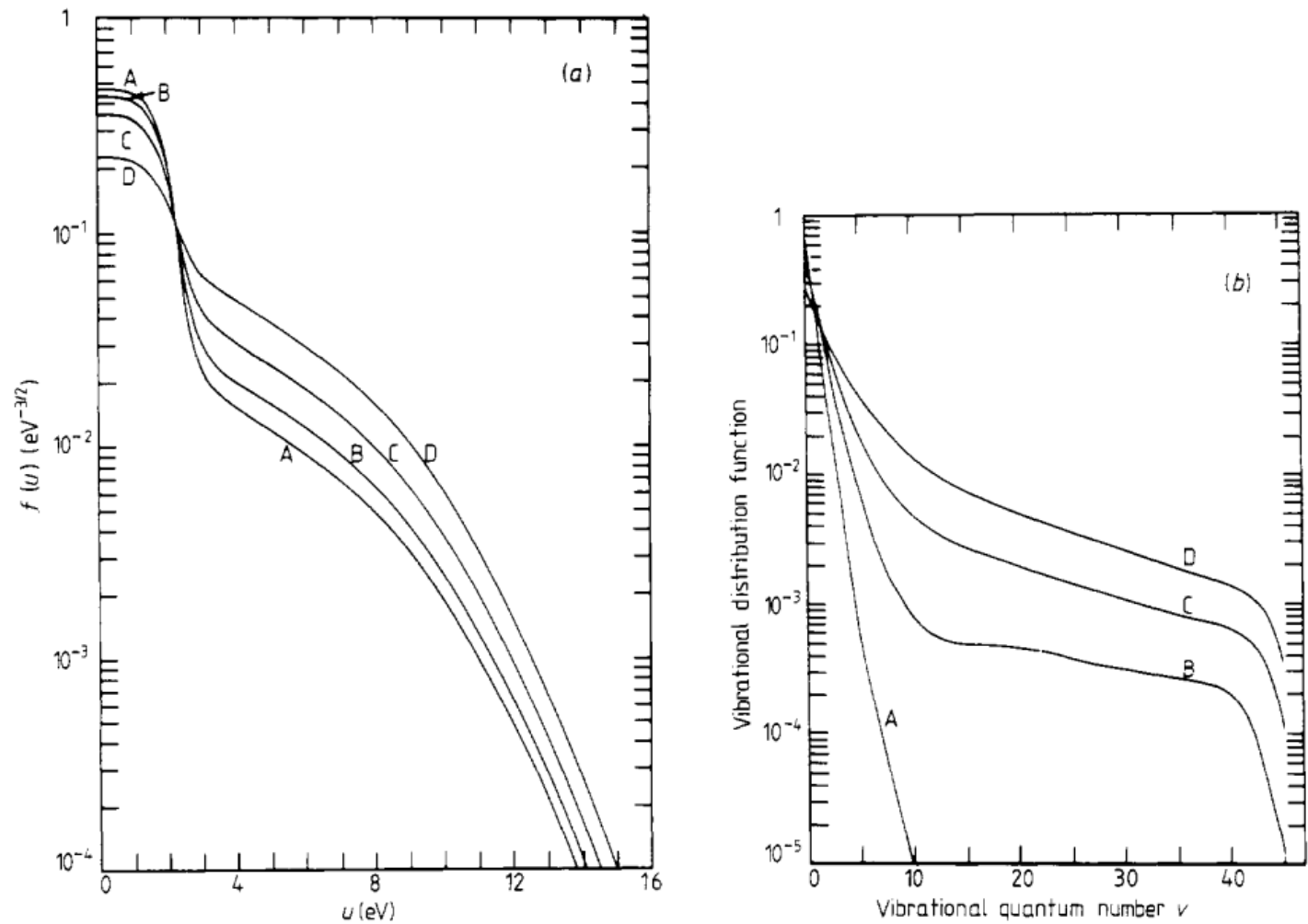
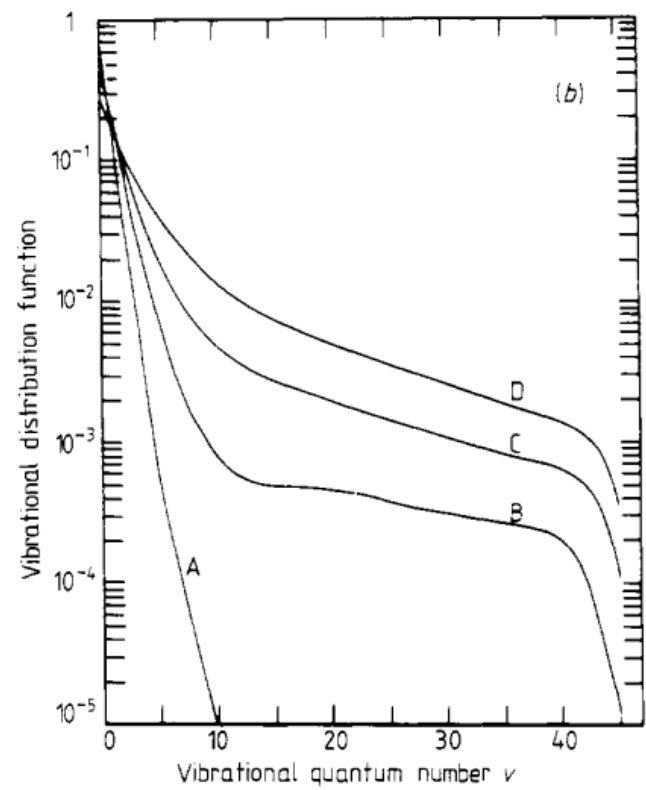
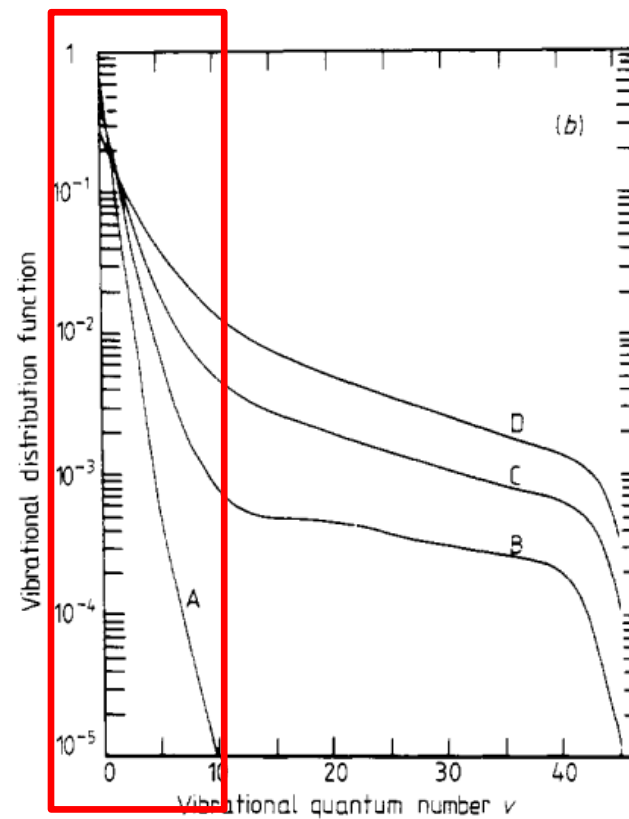
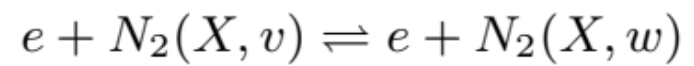


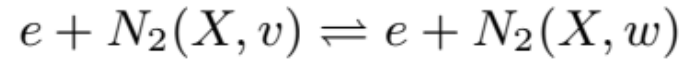
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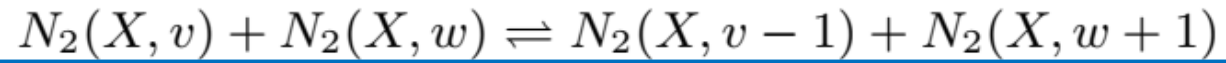
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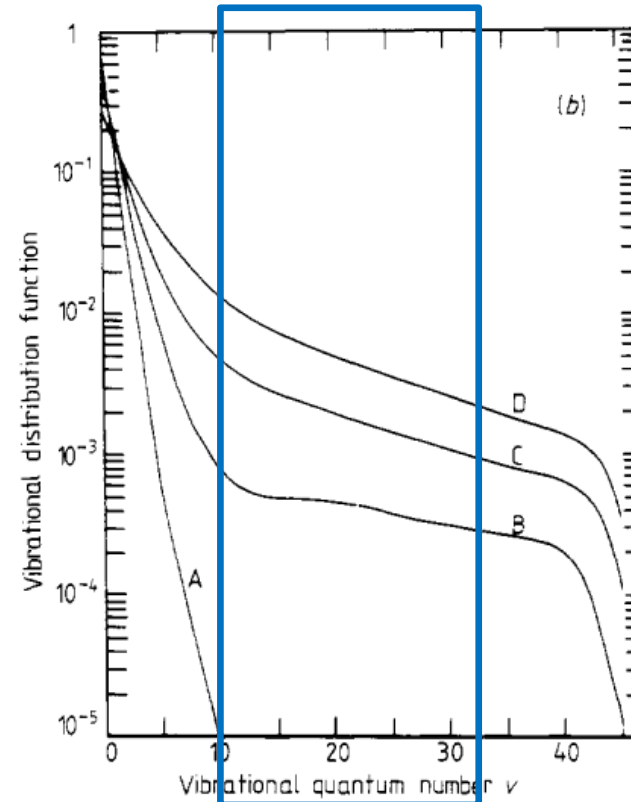
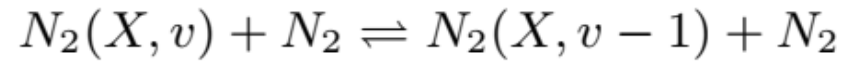
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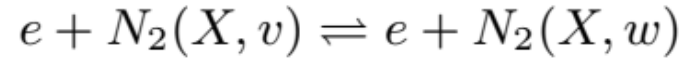
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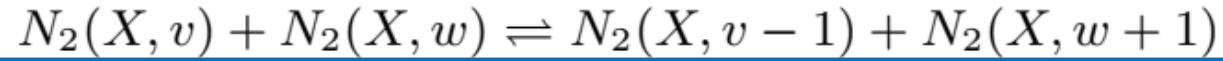
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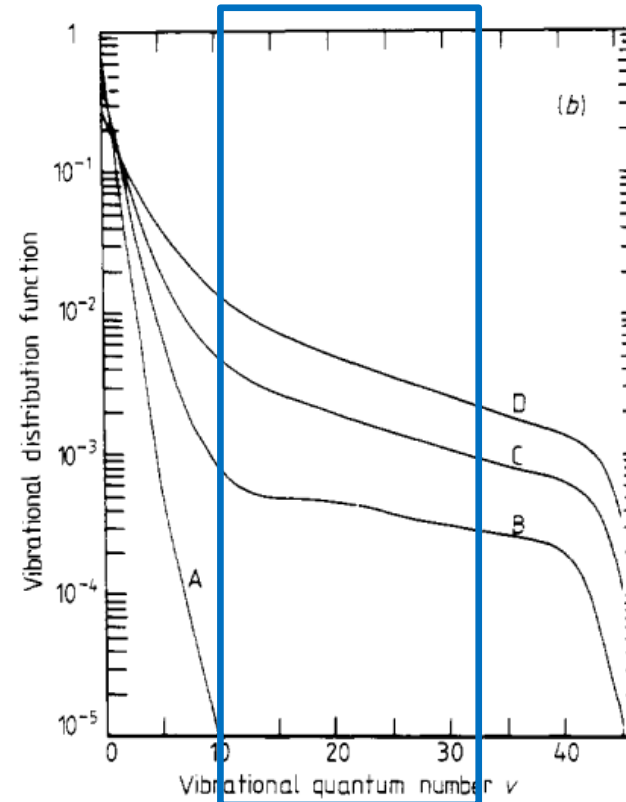
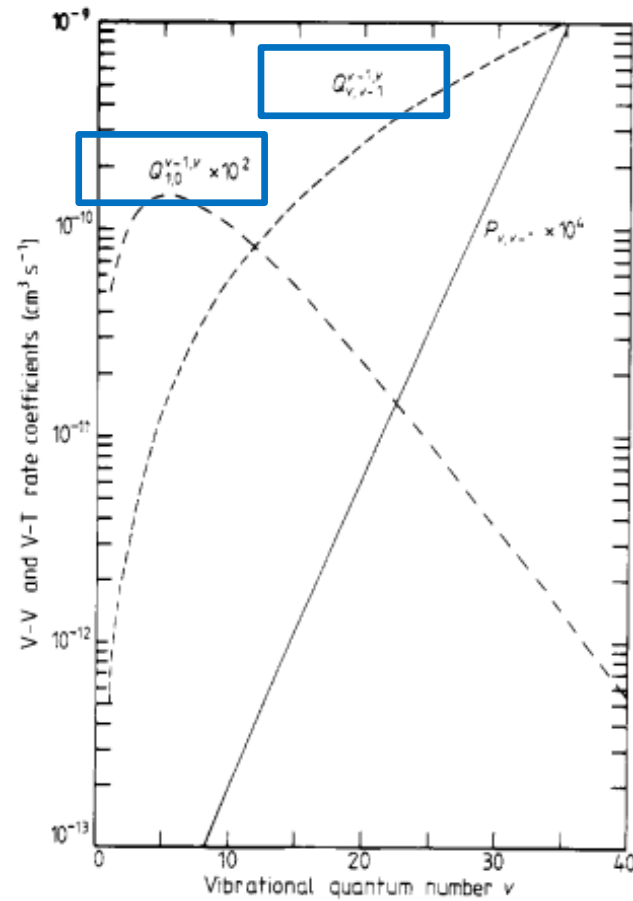
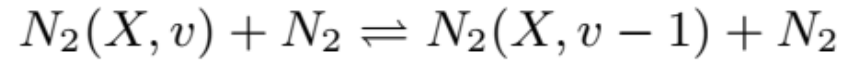
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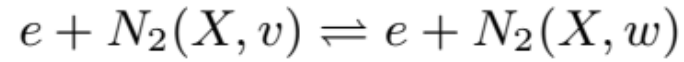
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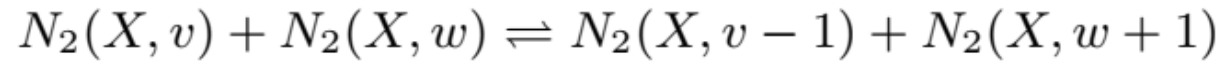
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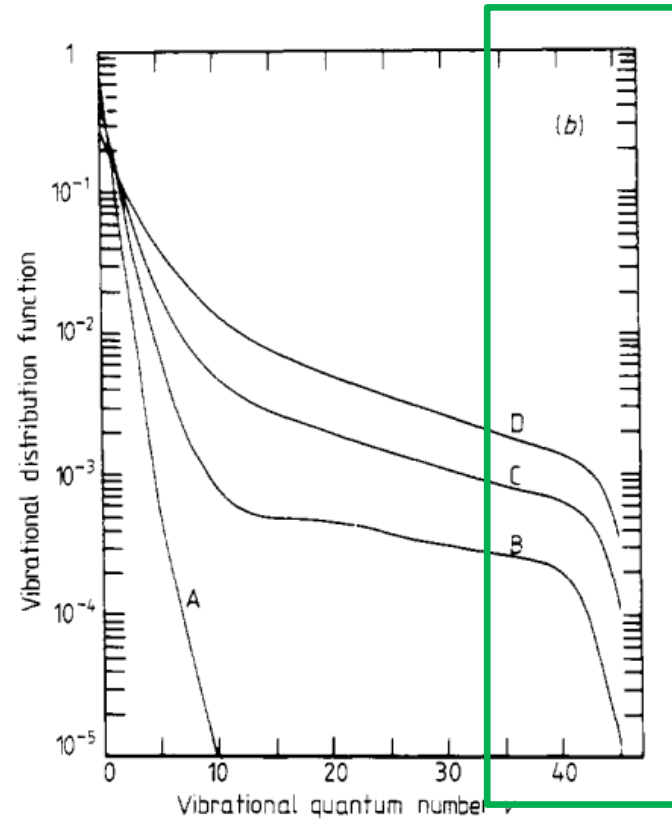
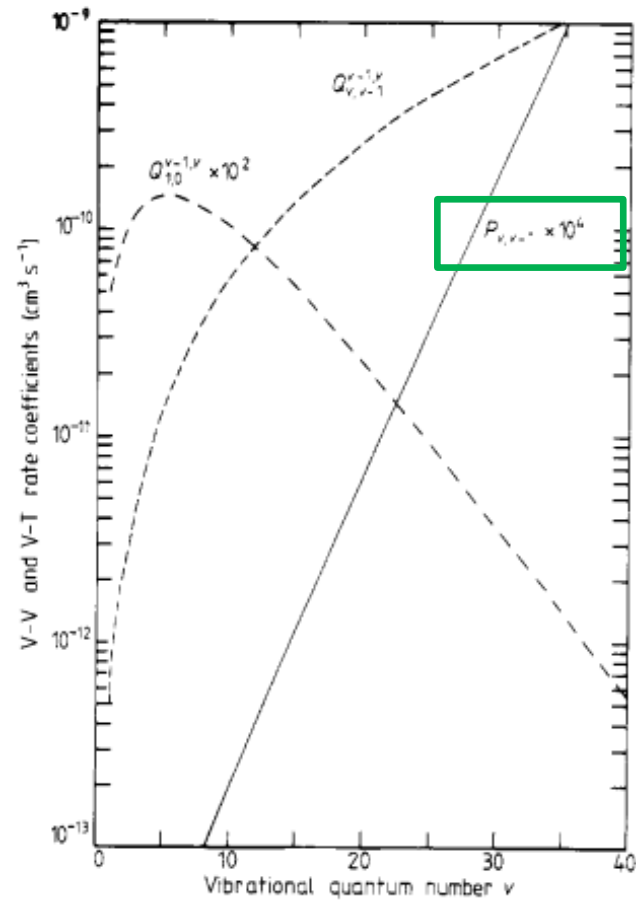
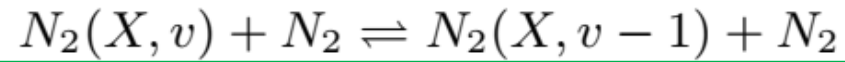
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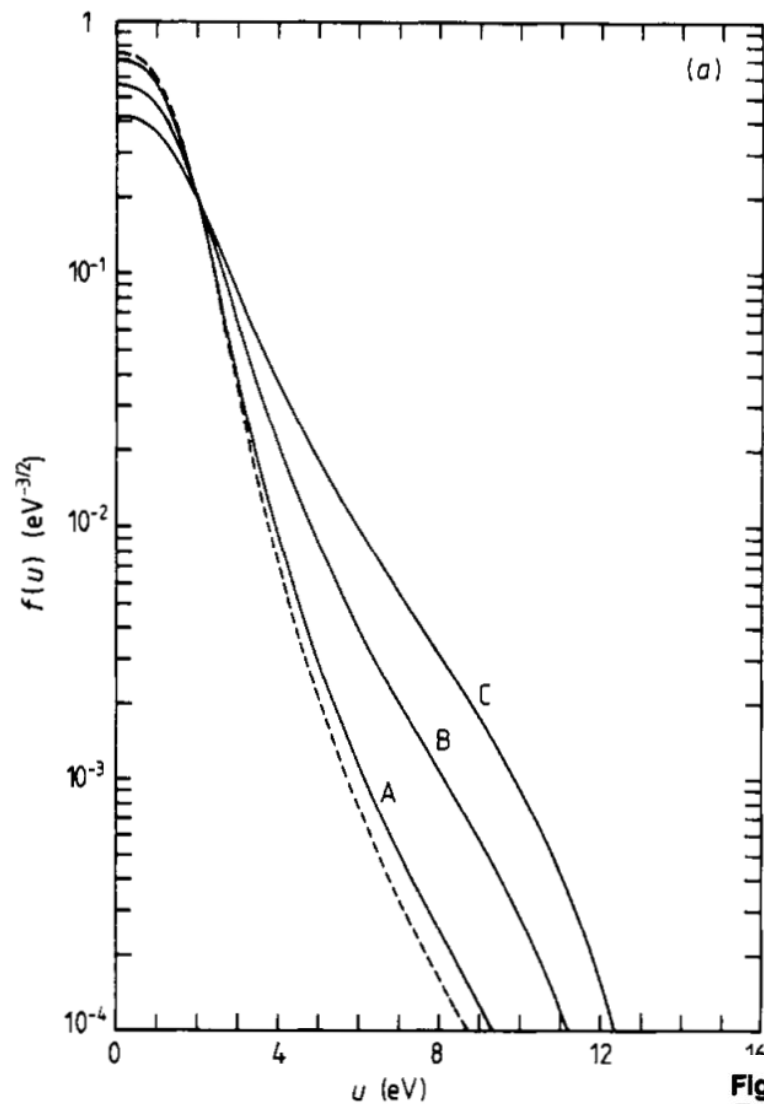
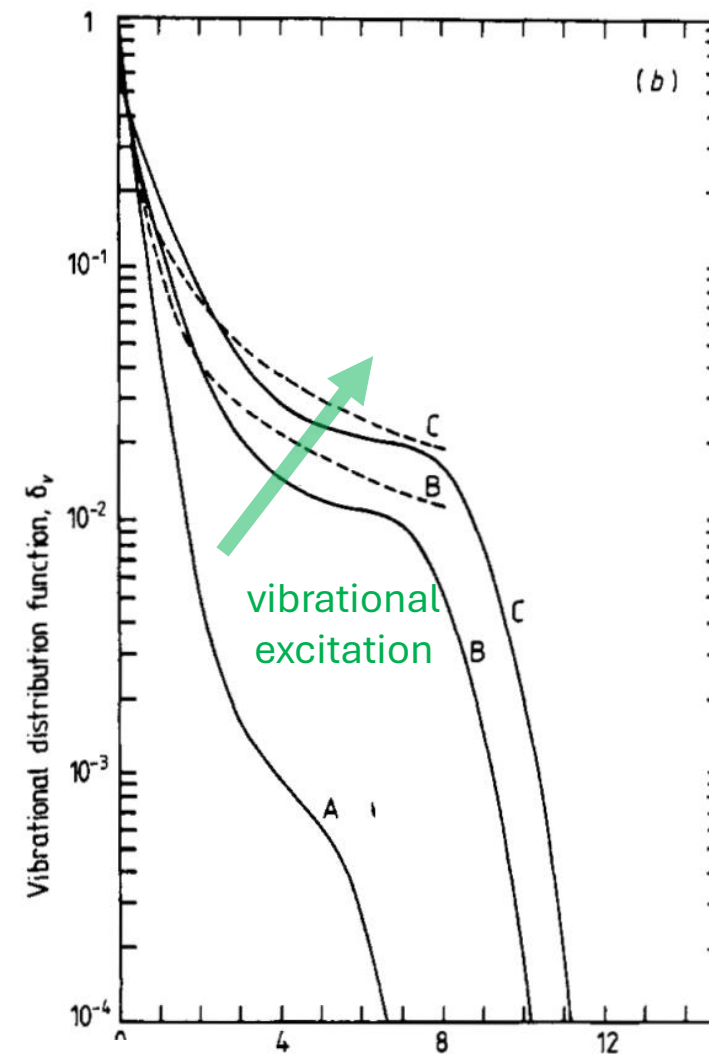

 H_2


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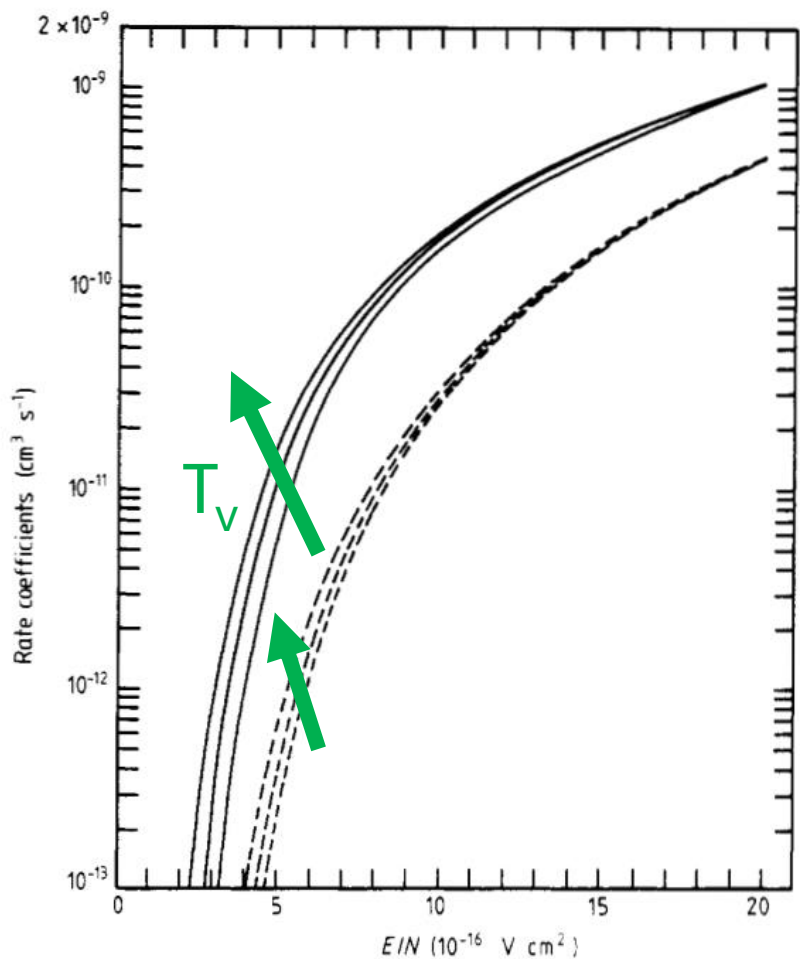


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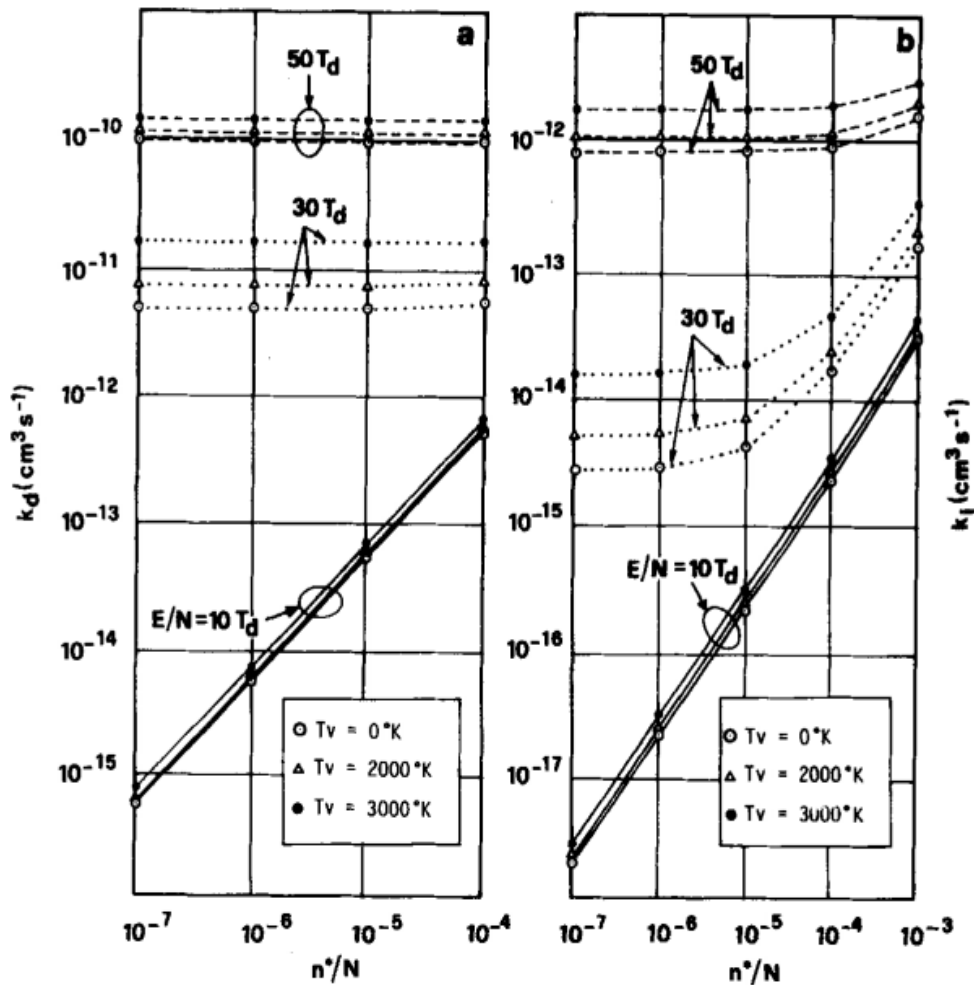


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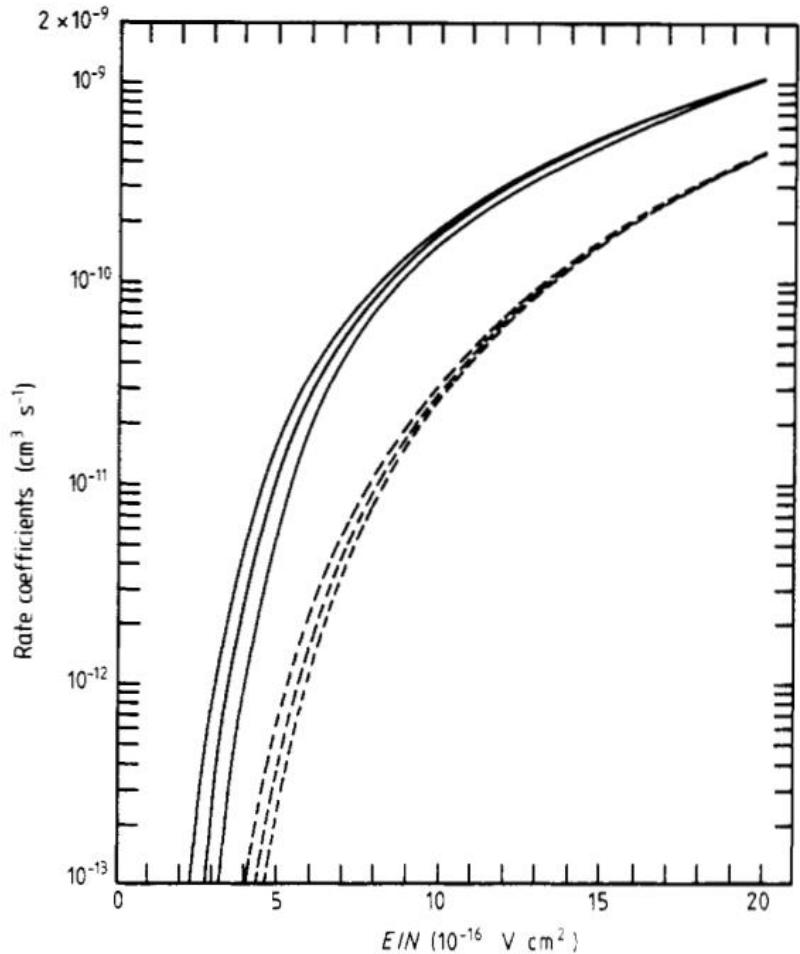


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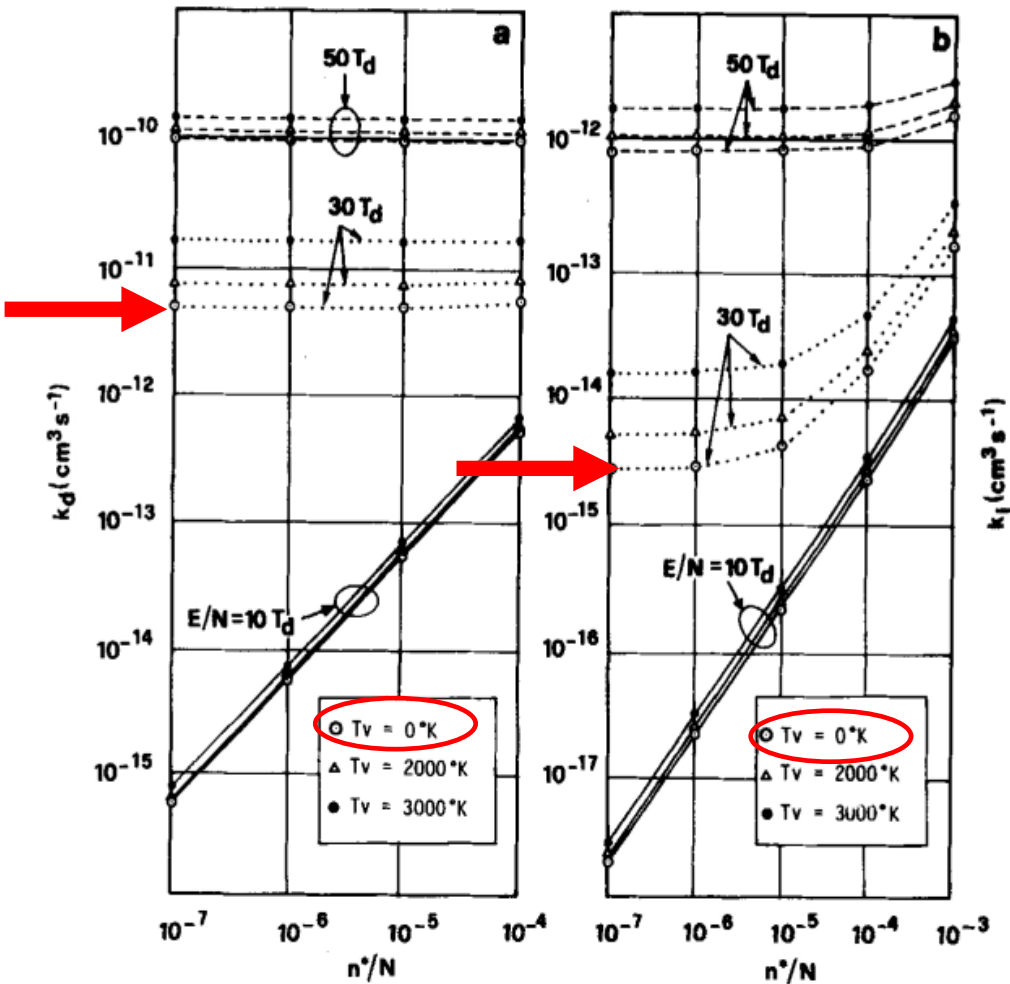


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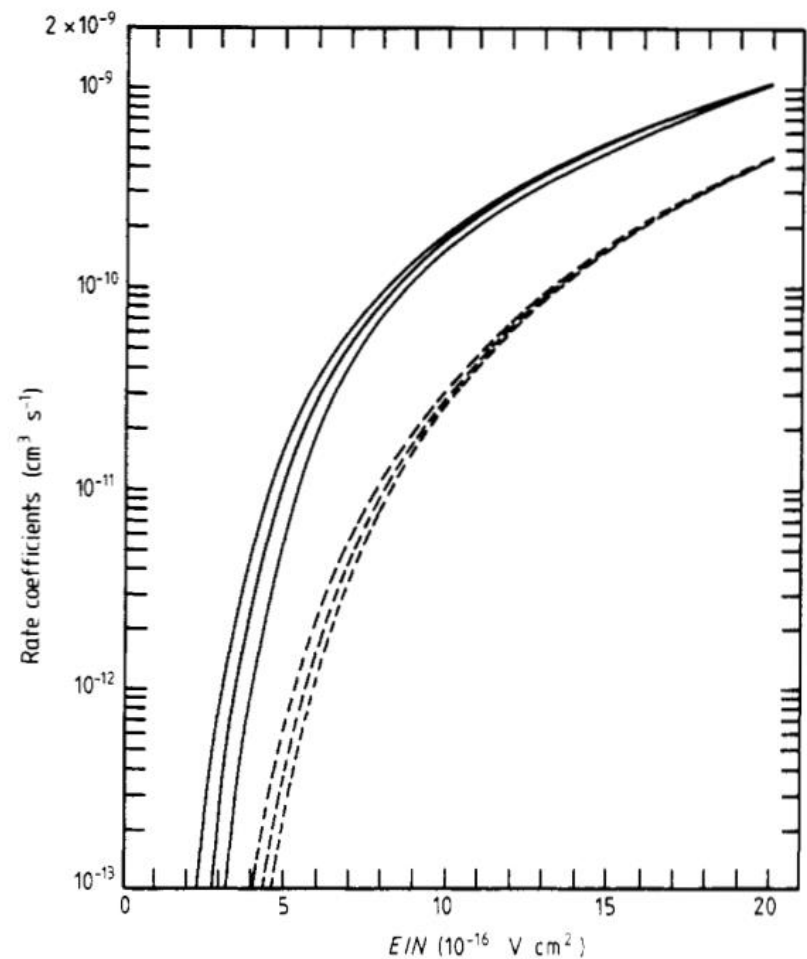


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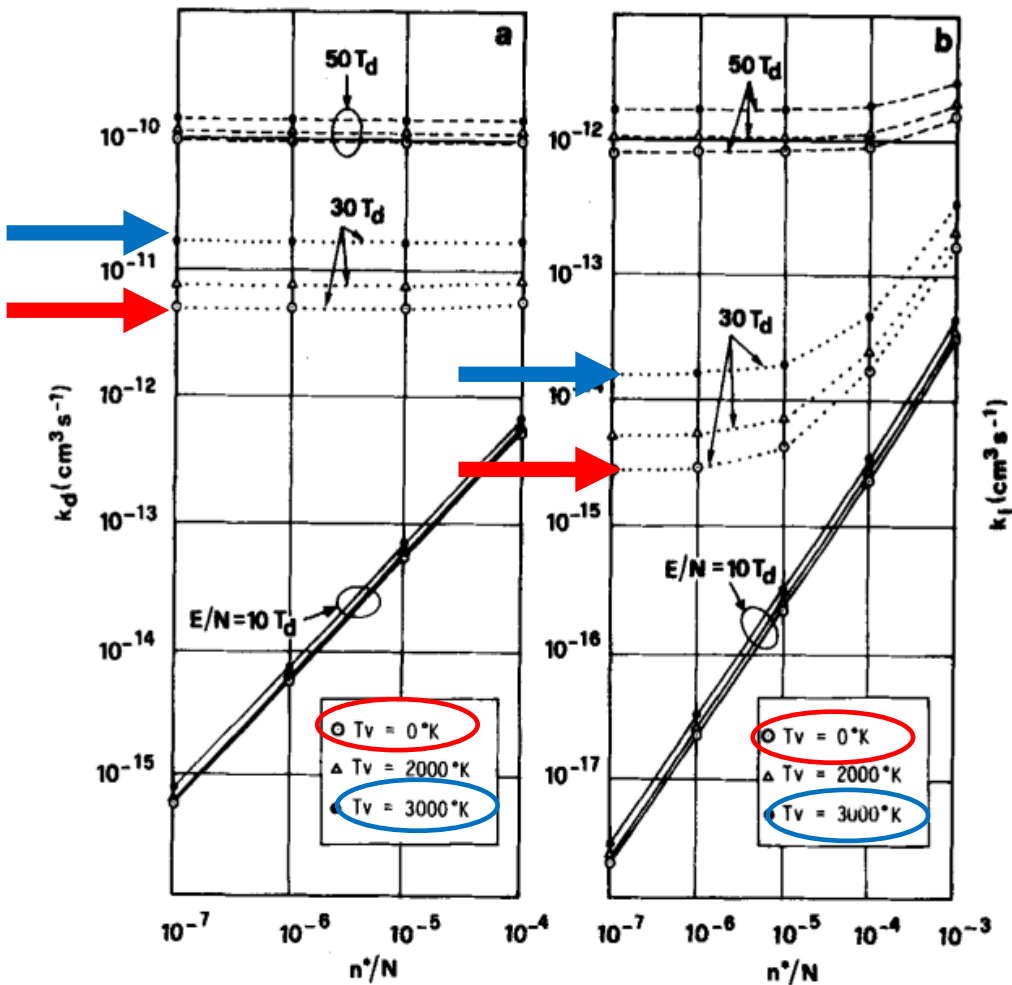
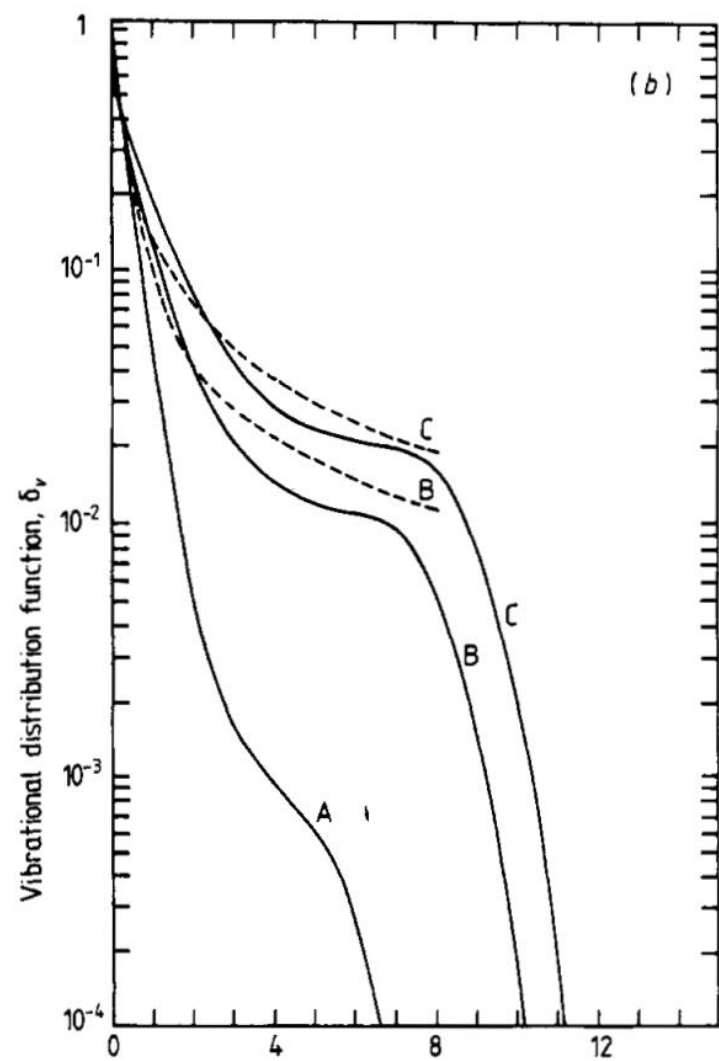


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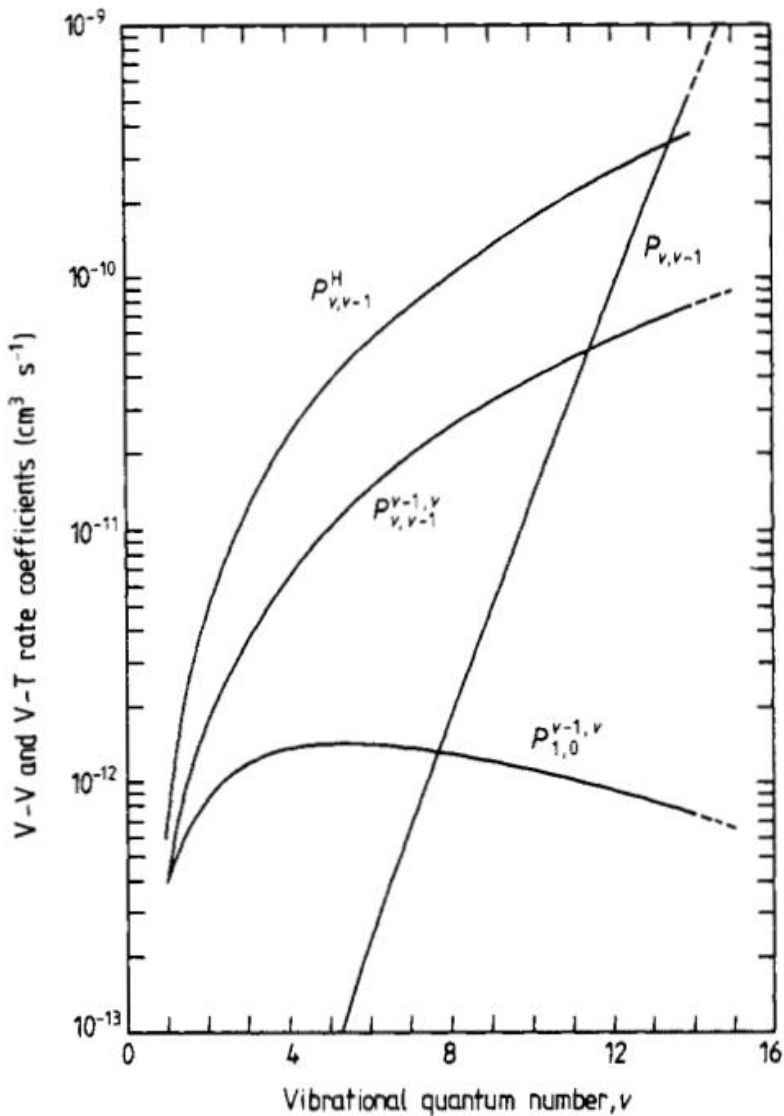
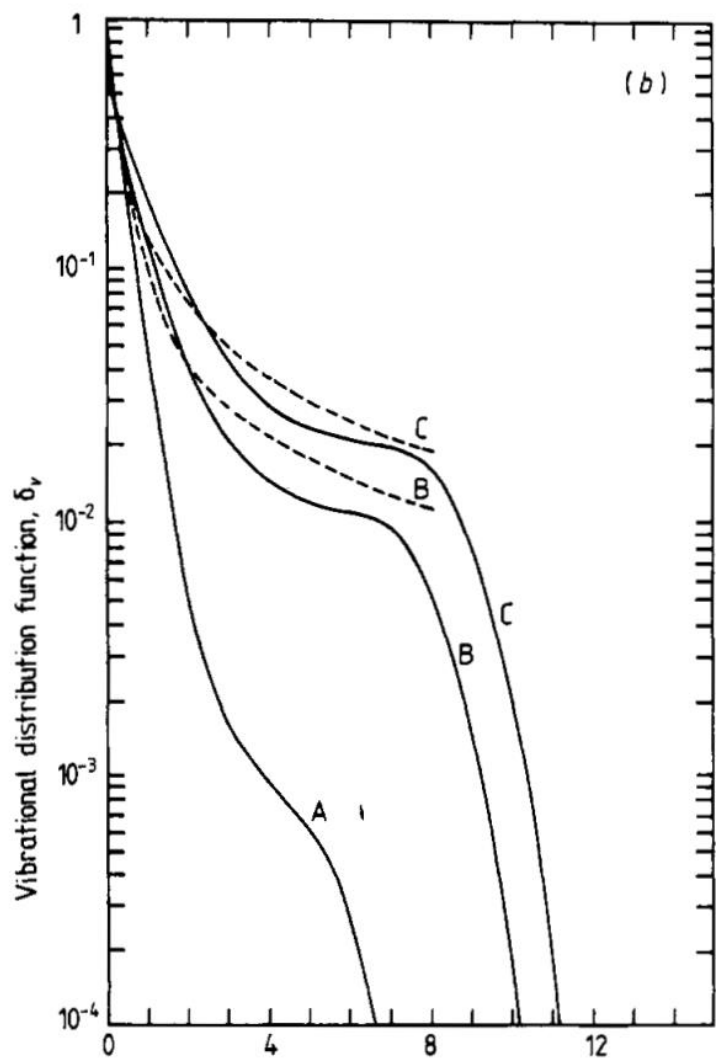


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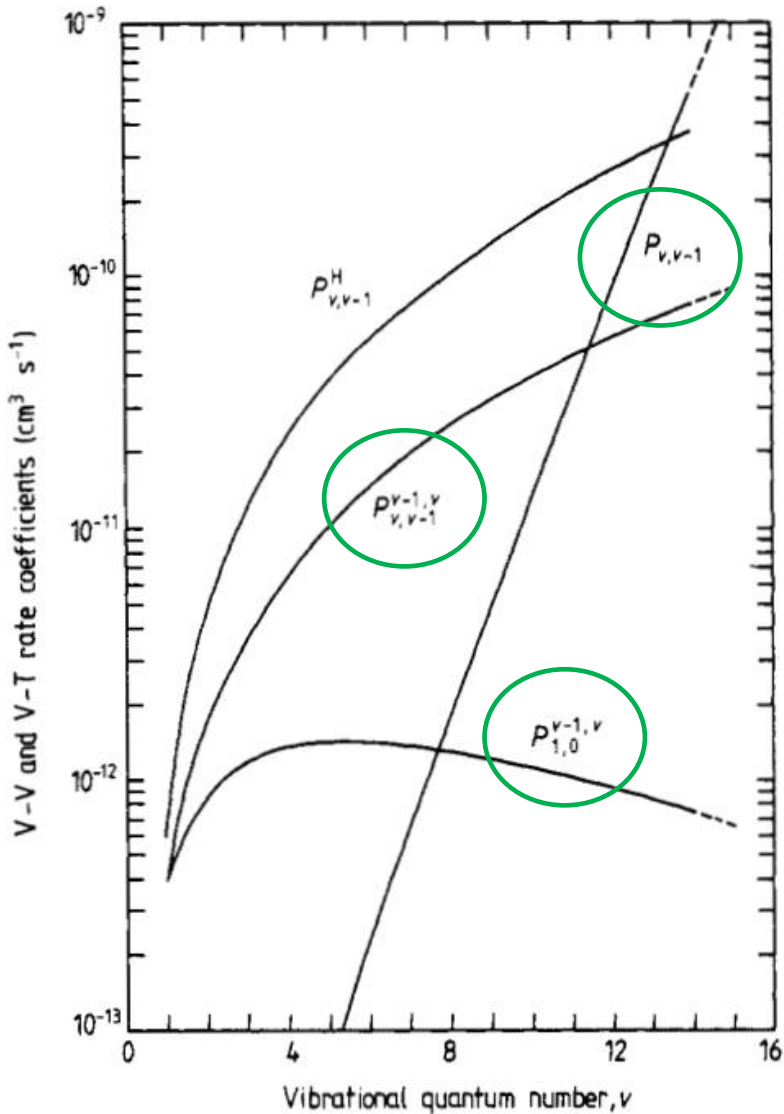
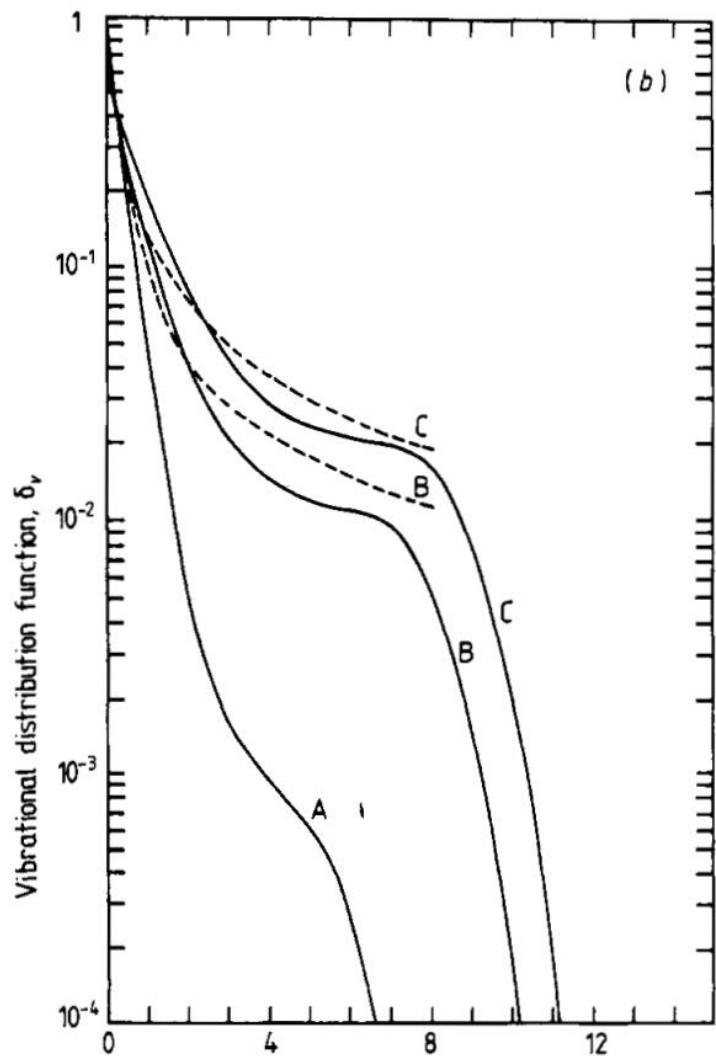


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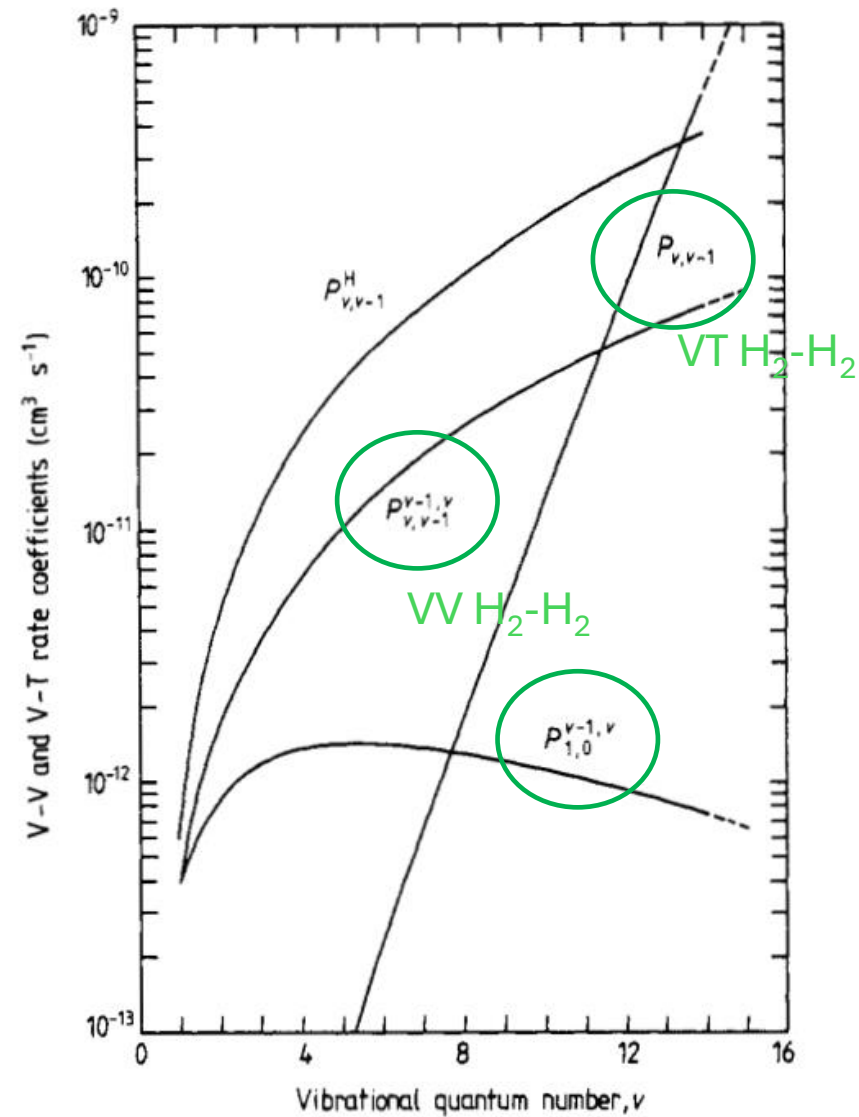
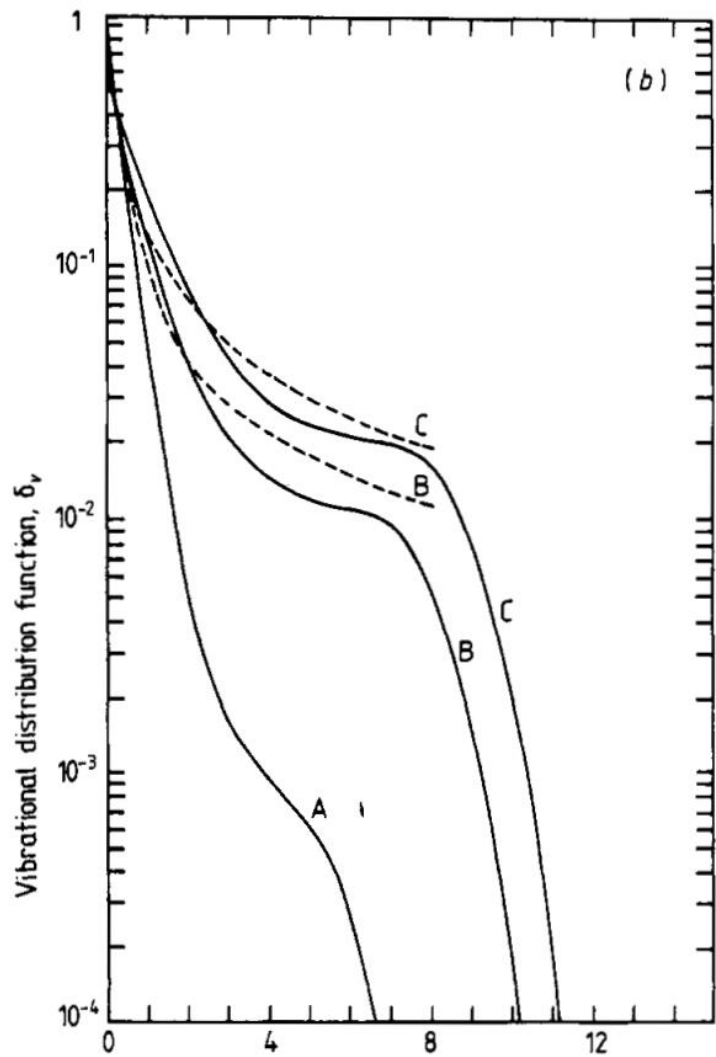


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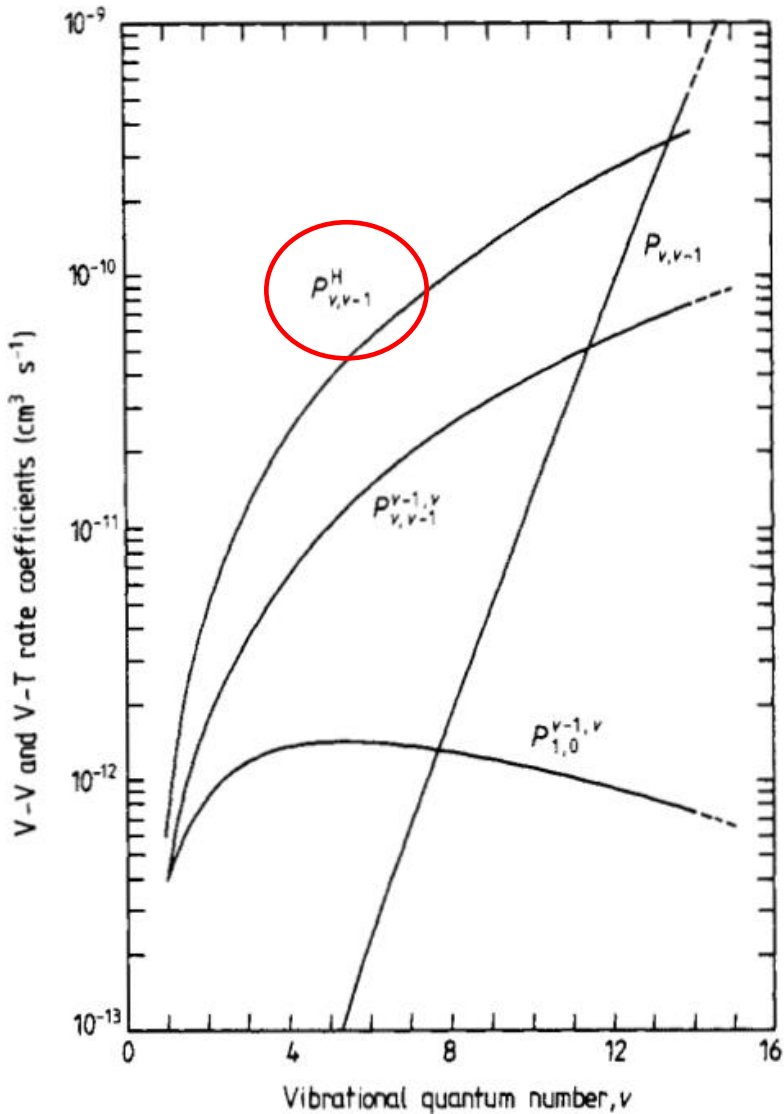
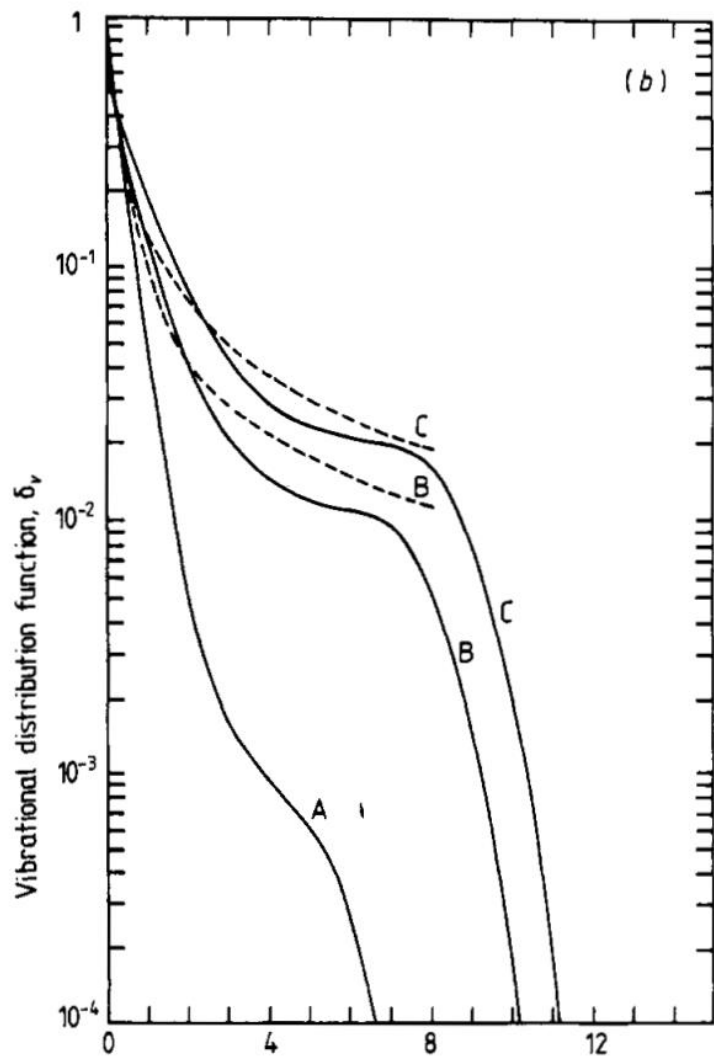
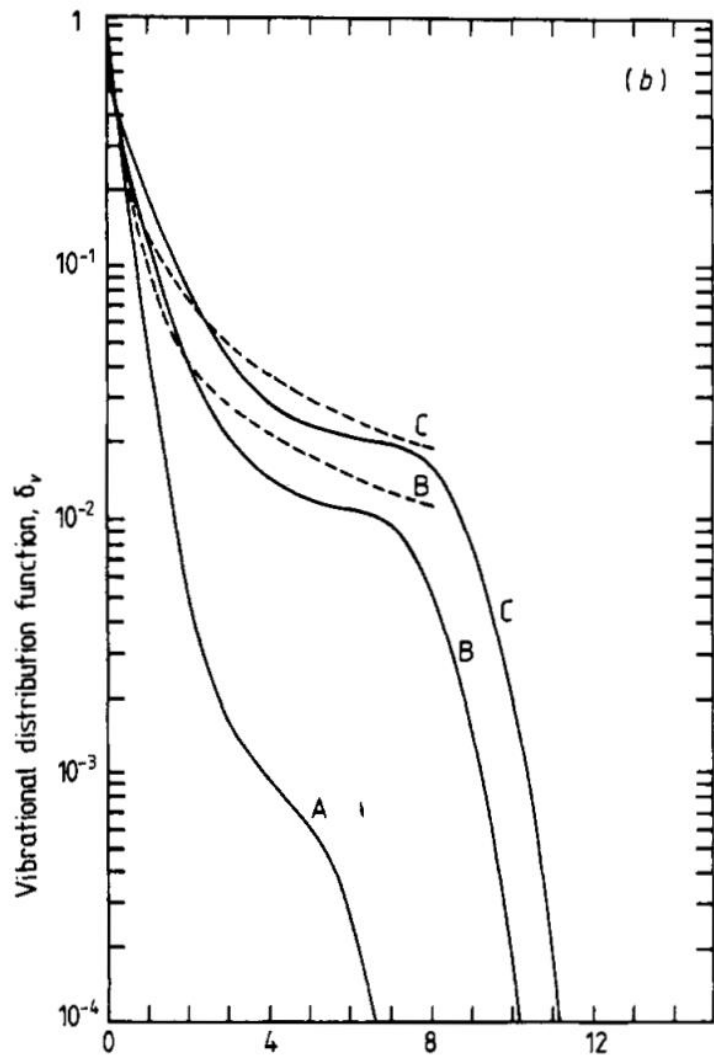


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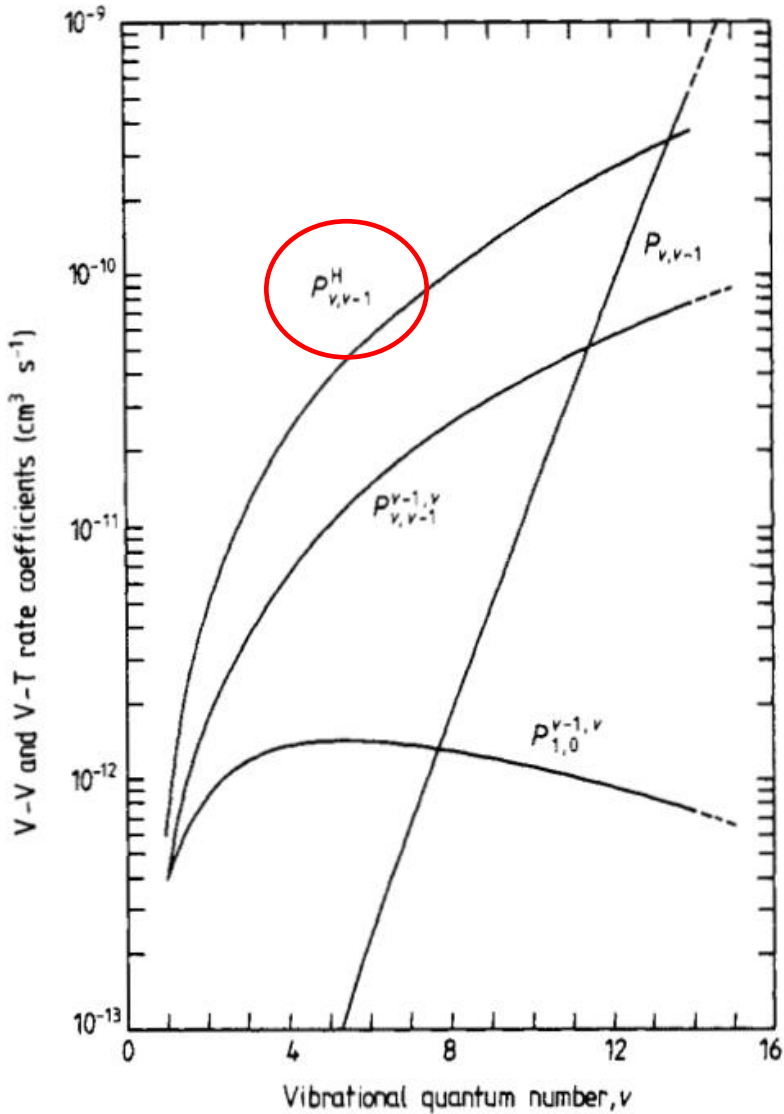


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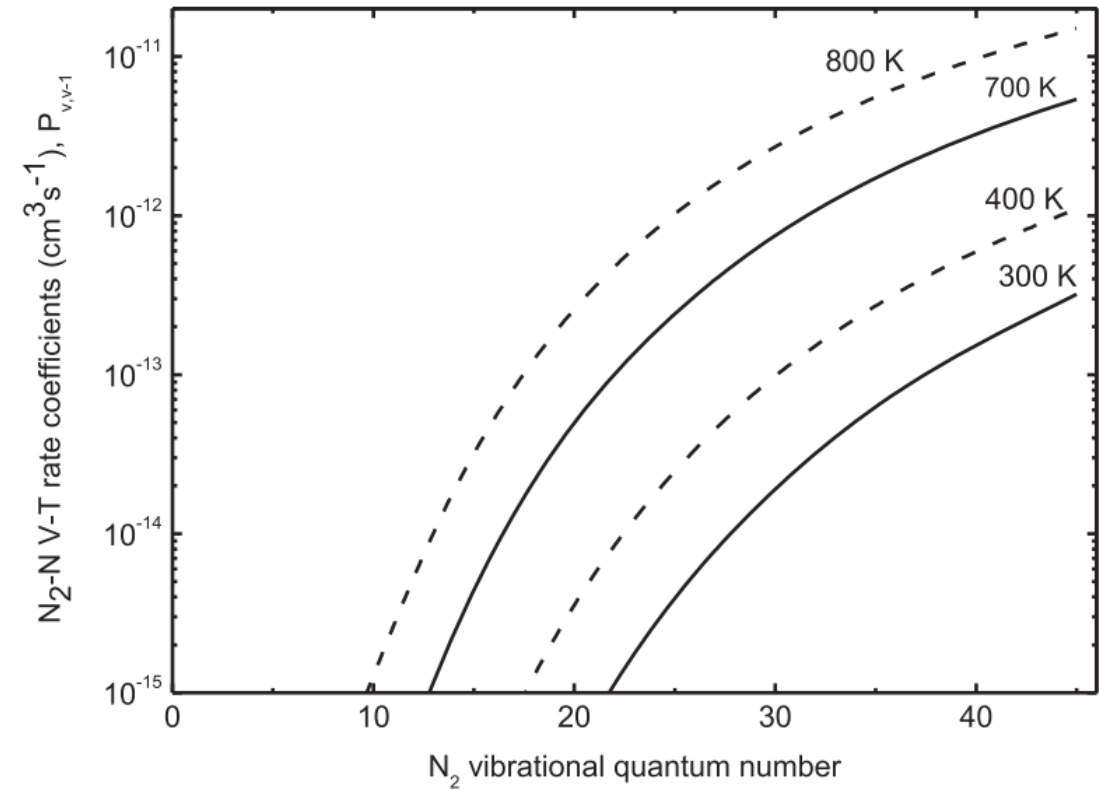
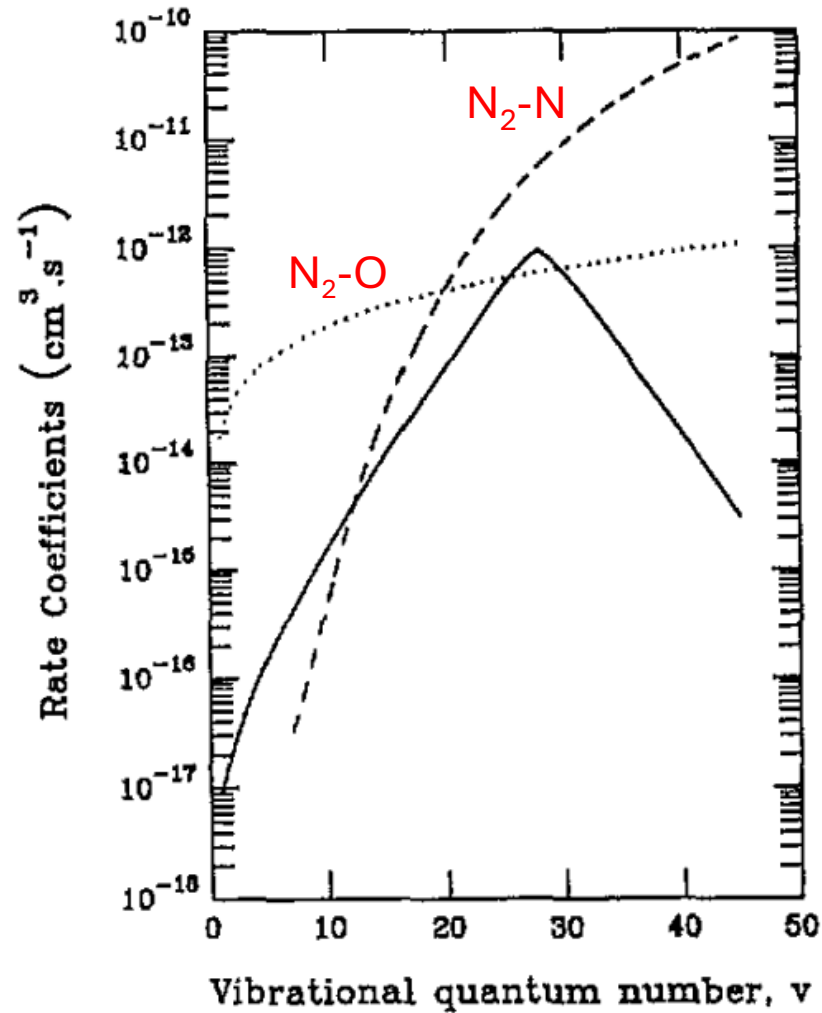
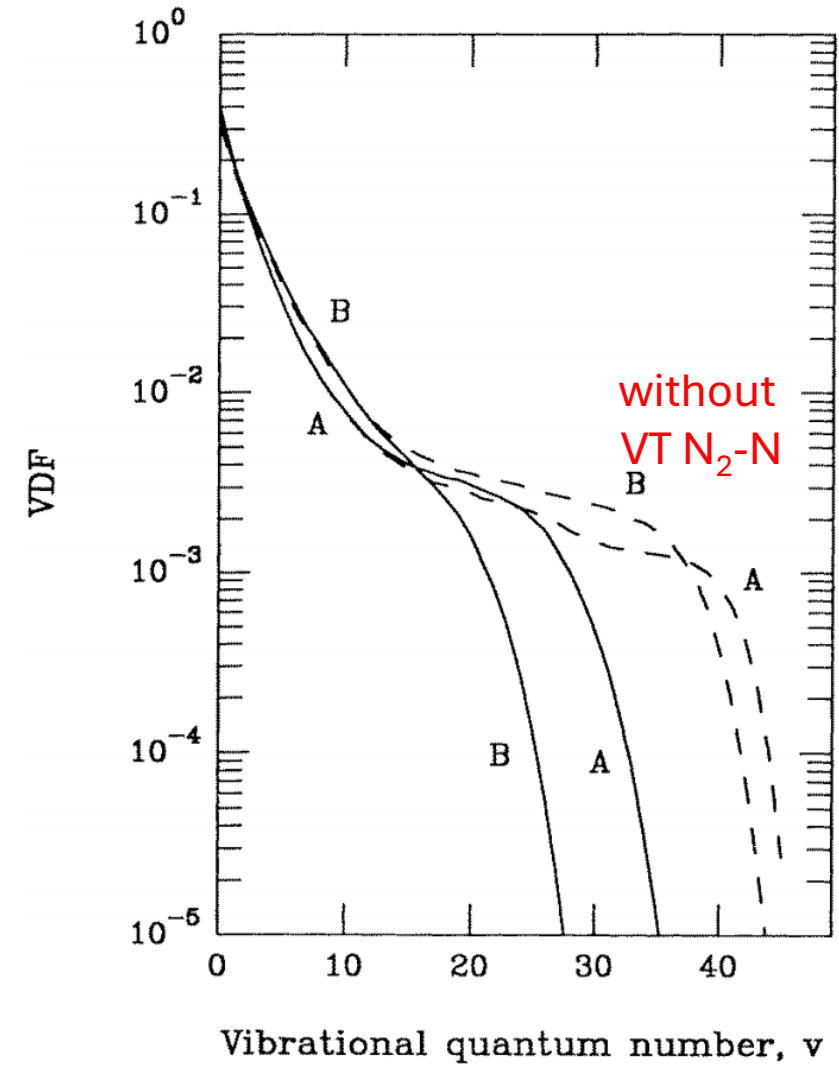
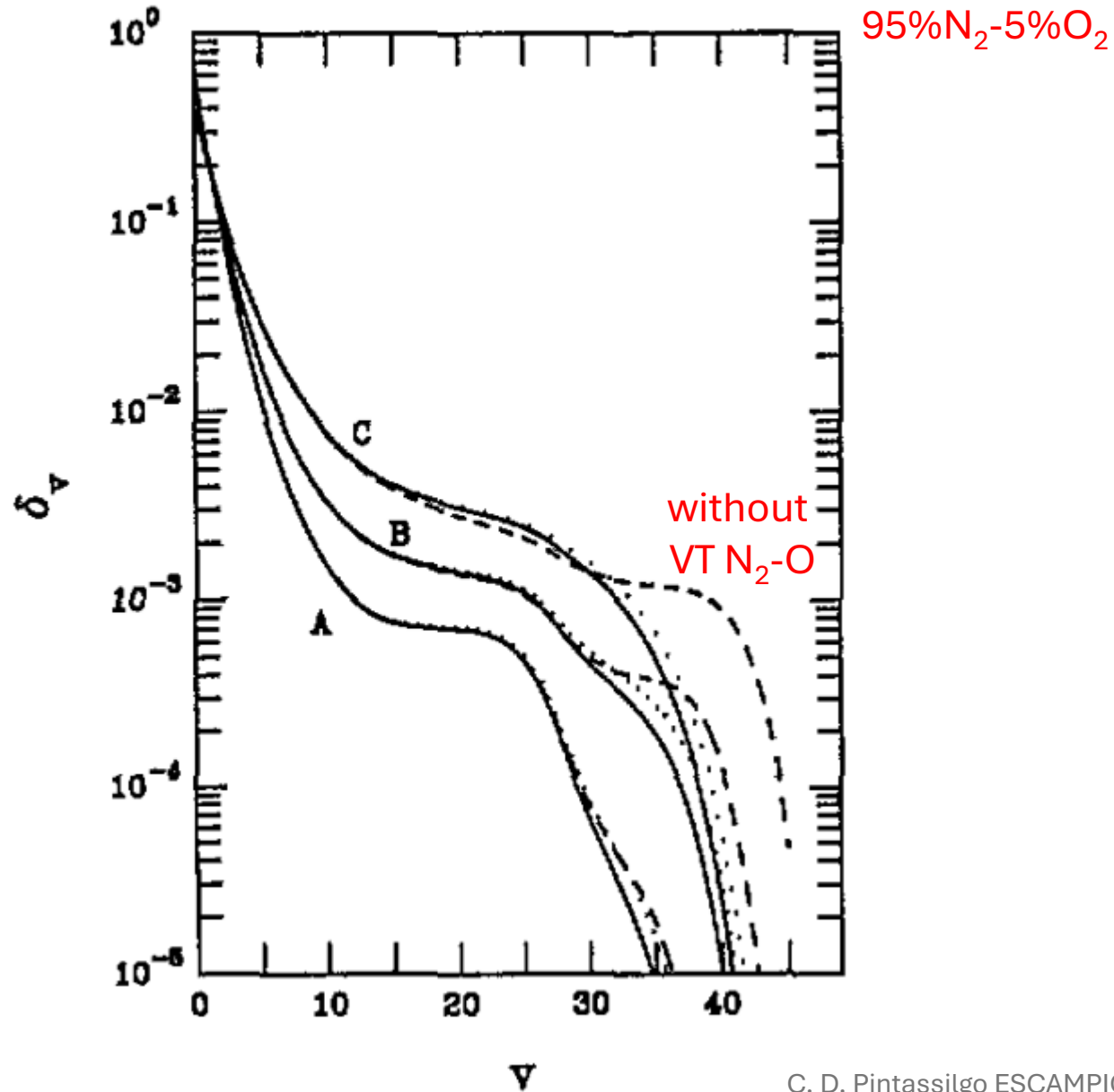
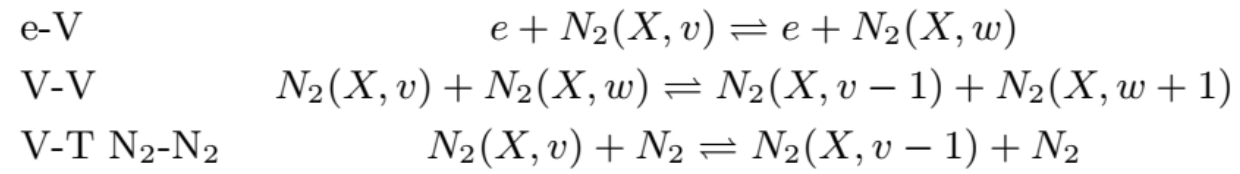
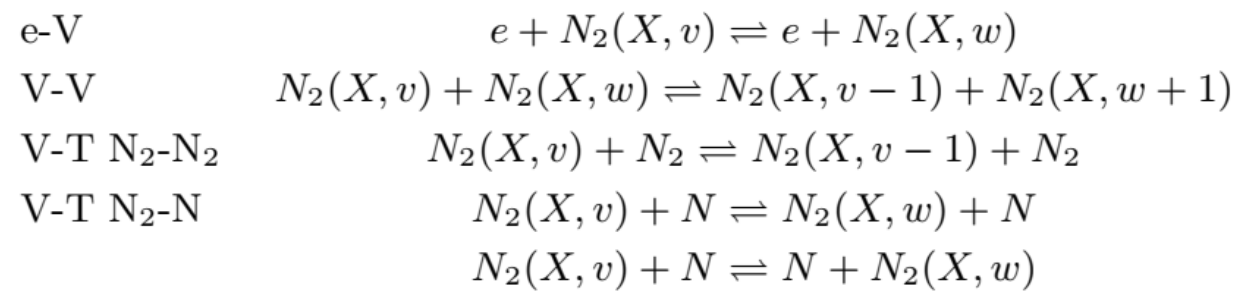


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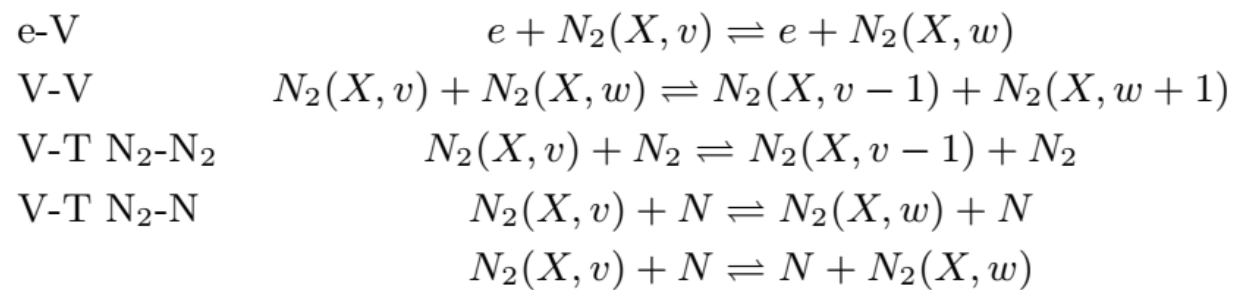
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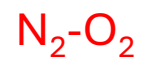


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V-T N ₂ -N ₂	$N_2(X, v) + N_2 \rightleftharpoons N_2(X, v - 1) + N_2$
V-T N ₂ -N	$N_2(X, v) + N \rightleftharpoons N_2(X, v' < v) + N$
V-T N ₂ -O ₂	$N_2(X, v) + O_2 \rightleftharpoons N_2(X, v - 1) + O_2$
V-T N ₂ -O	$N_2(X, v) + O \rightleftharpoons N_2(X, v - 1) + O$
V-V N ₂ -N ₂	$N_2(X, v) + N_2(X, v') \rightleftharpoons N_2(X, v - 1) + N_2(X, v' + 1)$
V-V N ₂ -O ₂	$N_2(X, v) + O_2(X, w) \rightleftharpoons N_2(X, v - 1) + O_2(X, w + 1)$
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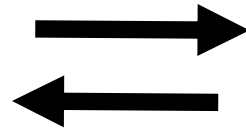
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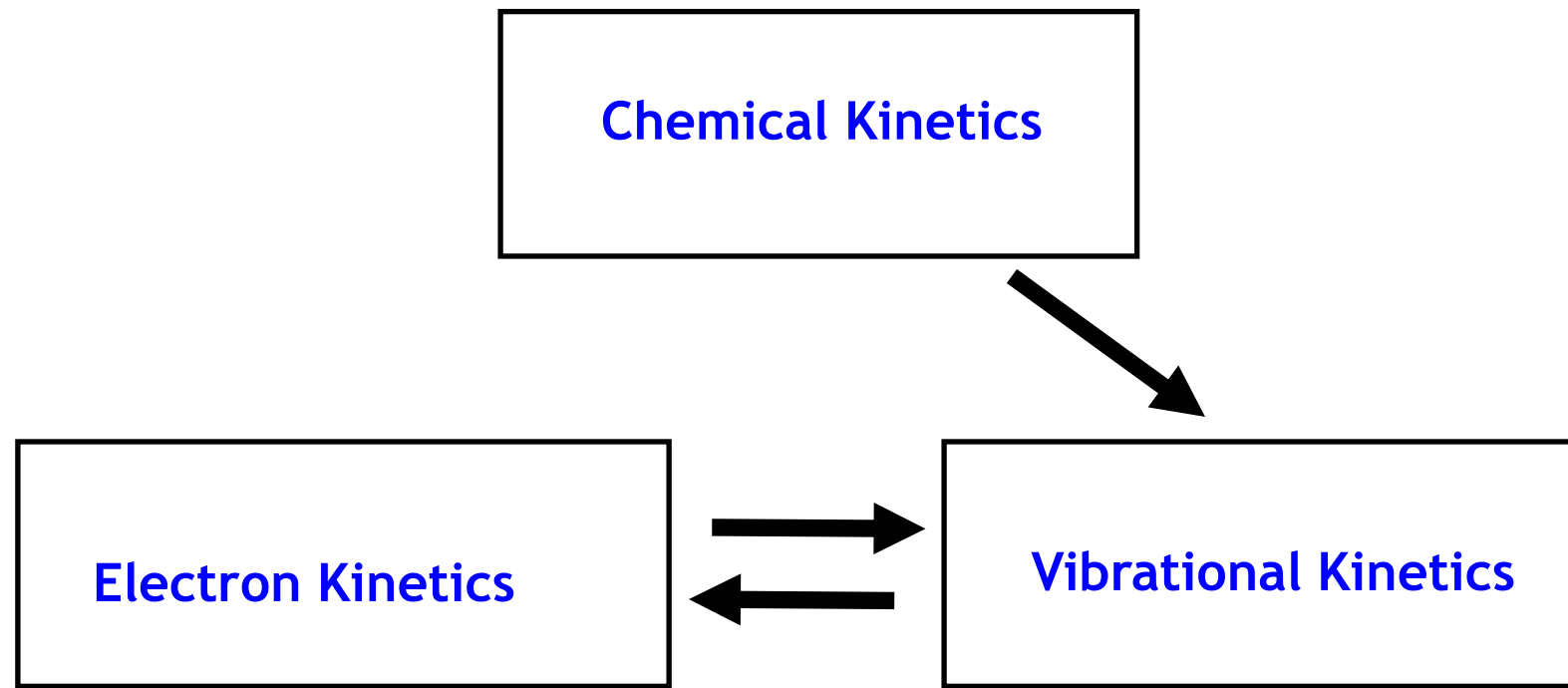
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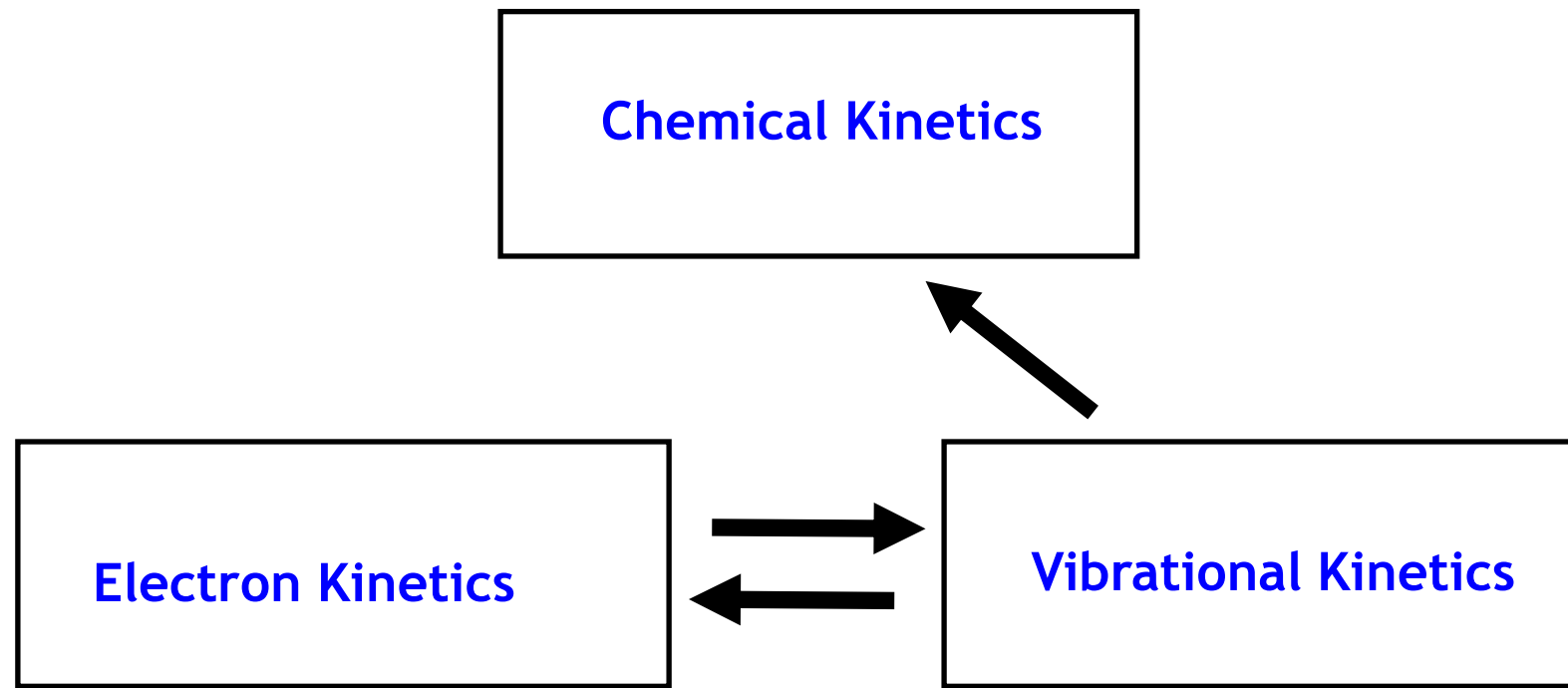
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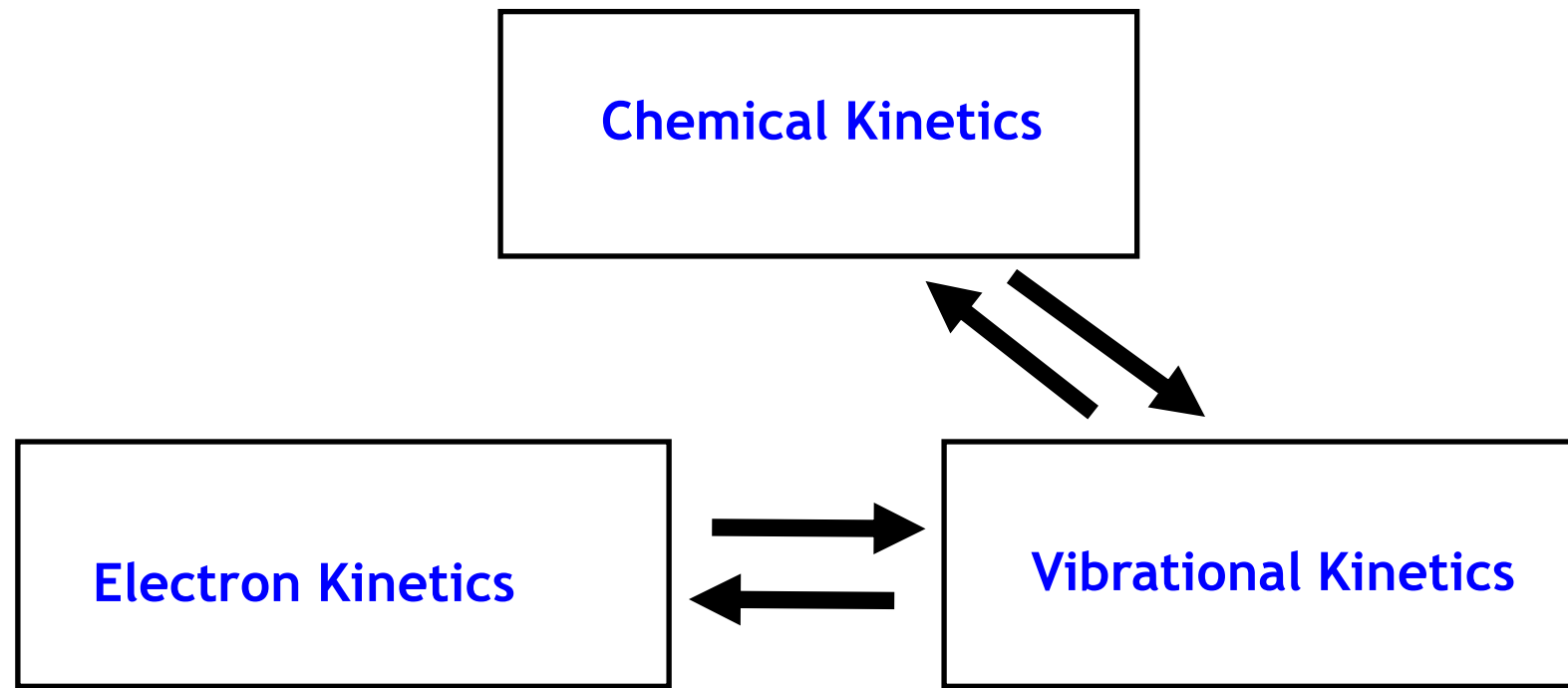
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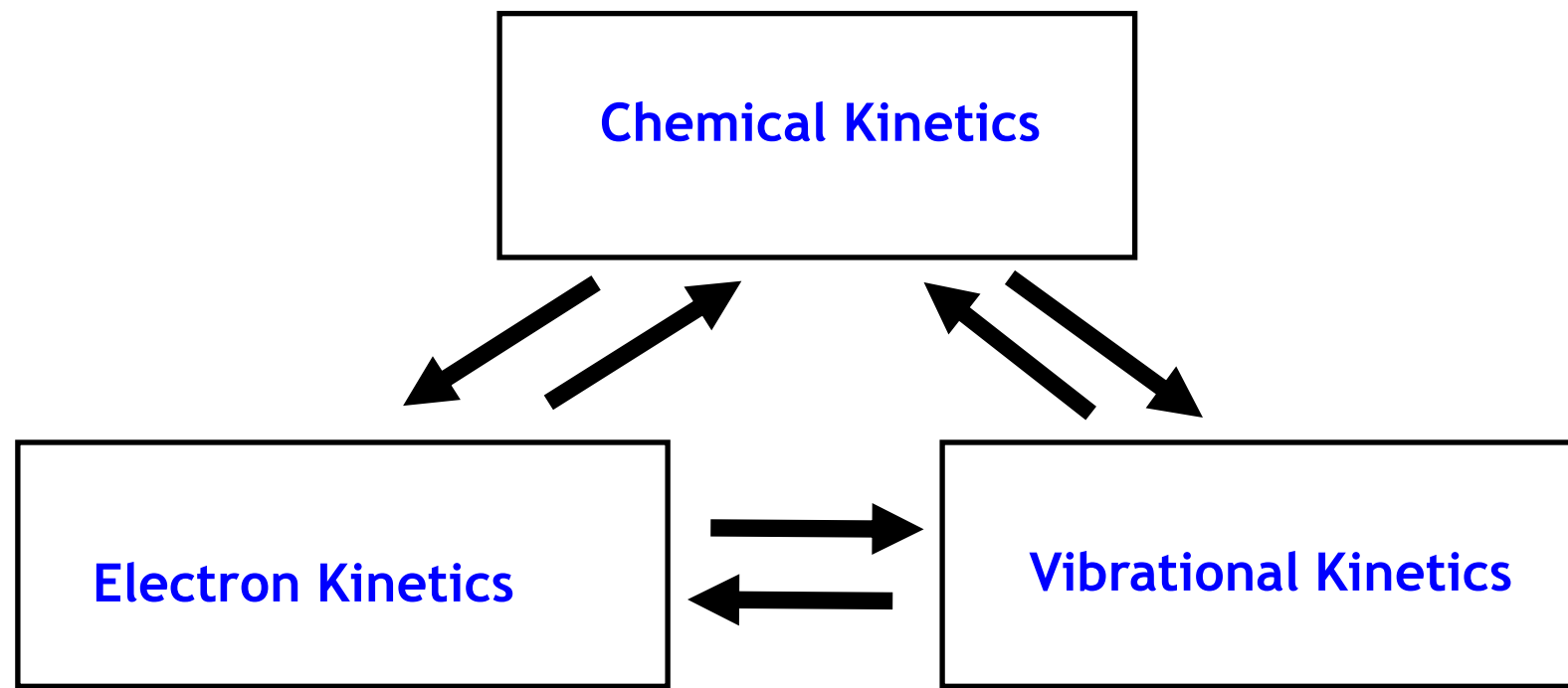


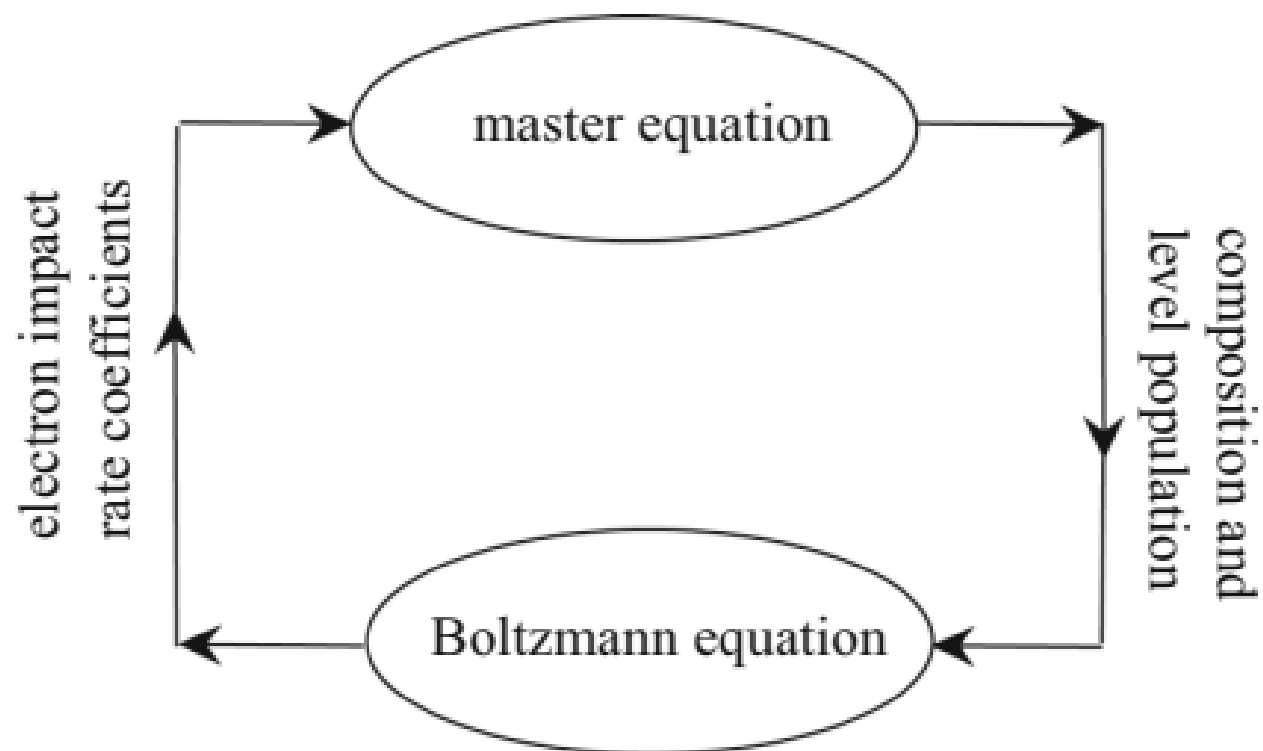
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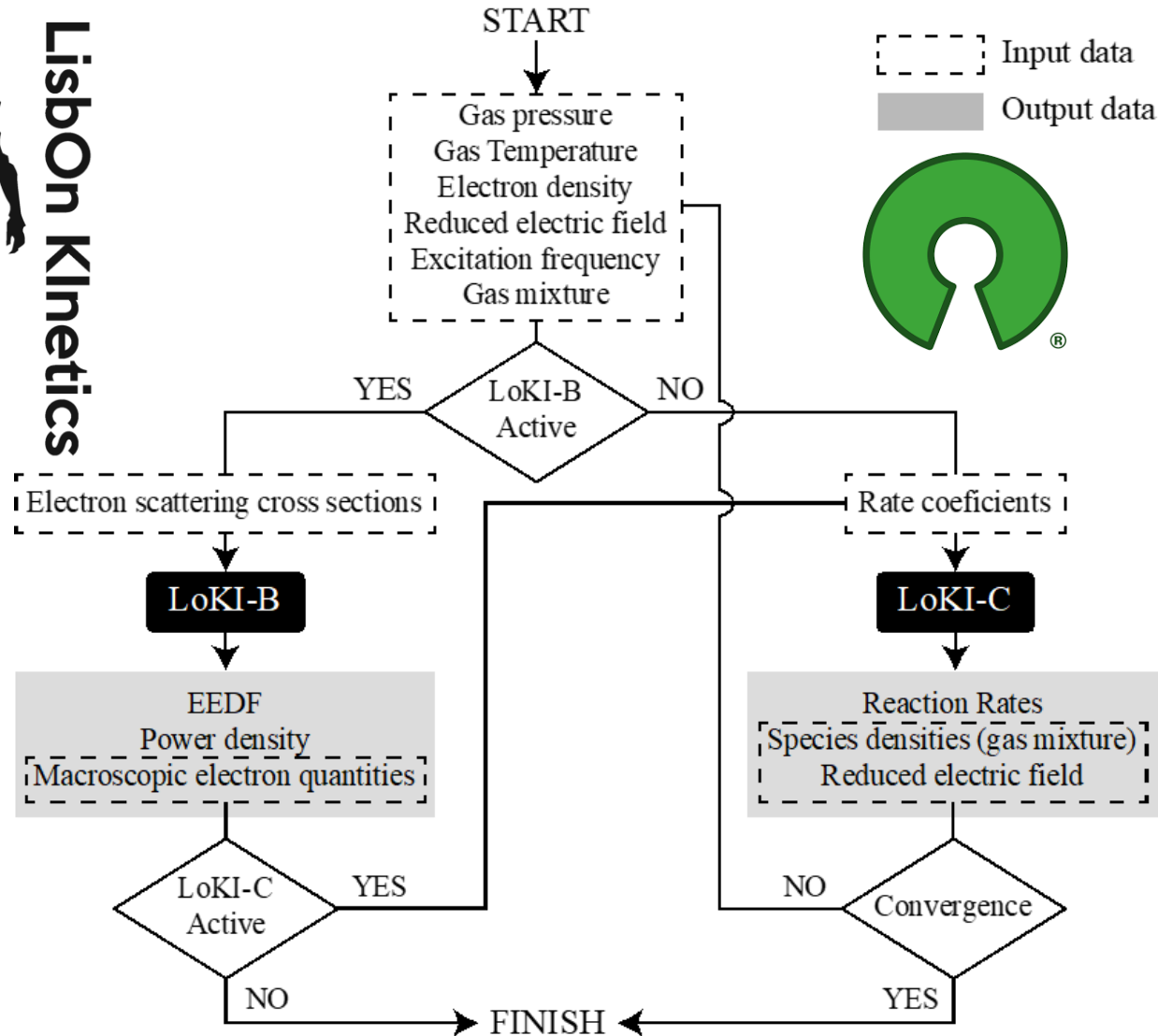
By the way...

The LisOn Knetics (LoKI-GM) simulation tool

(developed under MATLAB®)



LisOn Knetics



LoKI-B

- solves the space independent form of the two-term electron Boltzmann equation, for DC/HF or time-dependent (non-oscillatory) electric fields.
- includes e-e collisions, CAR operator, and growth models for the electron density.

LoKI-C

- solves the system of 0D rate balance equations for the heavy particles of pure gases or gaseous mixtures.
- includes modules to describe
 - (i) the collisional, radiative and transport mechanisms controlling the creation / destruction of volume and surface species
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Let me mention **the numerical tool LoKI-GM**, available as open-source.

Release this evening 19h-20 h.

Poster session 2

LoKI-GM: a global model tool for plasma chemistry studies

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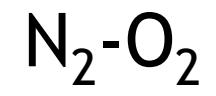


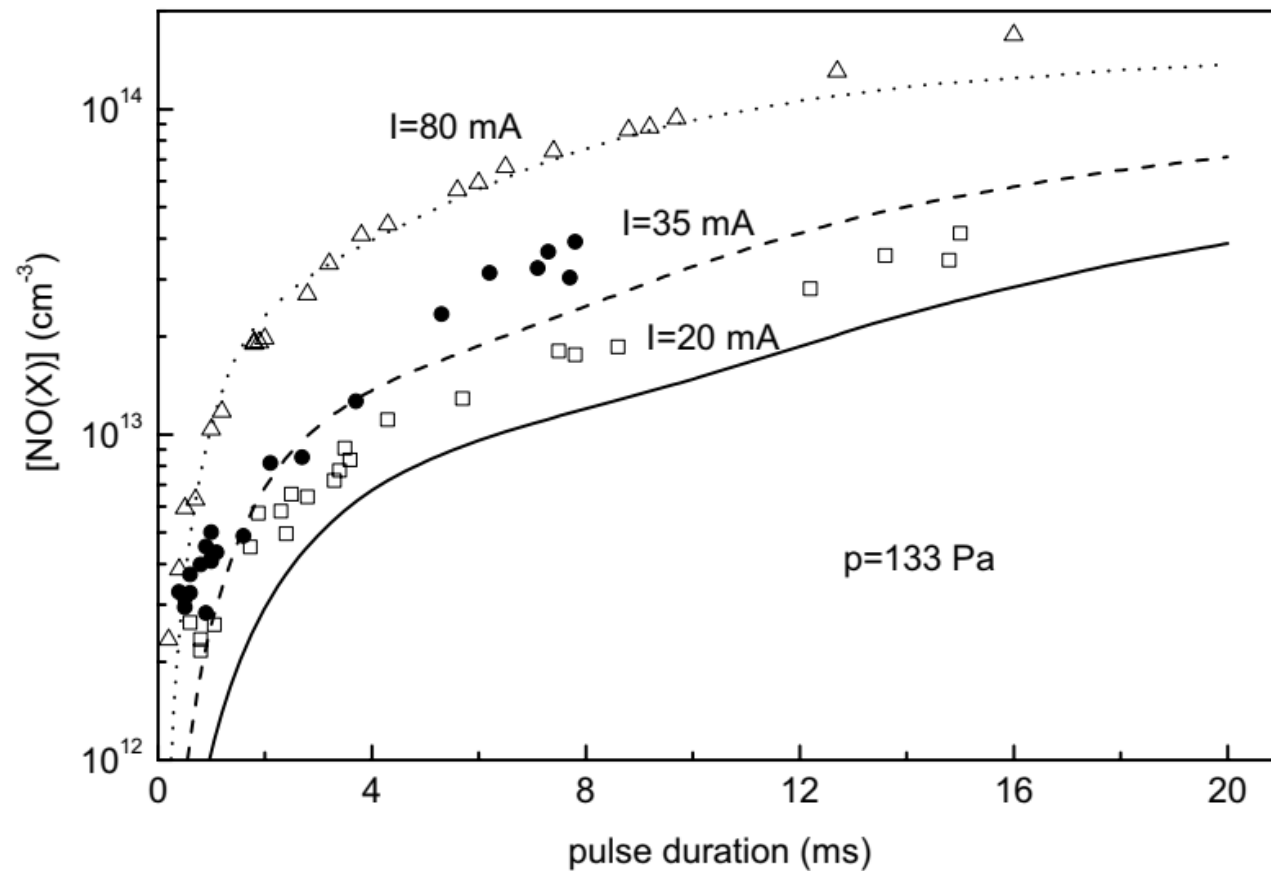
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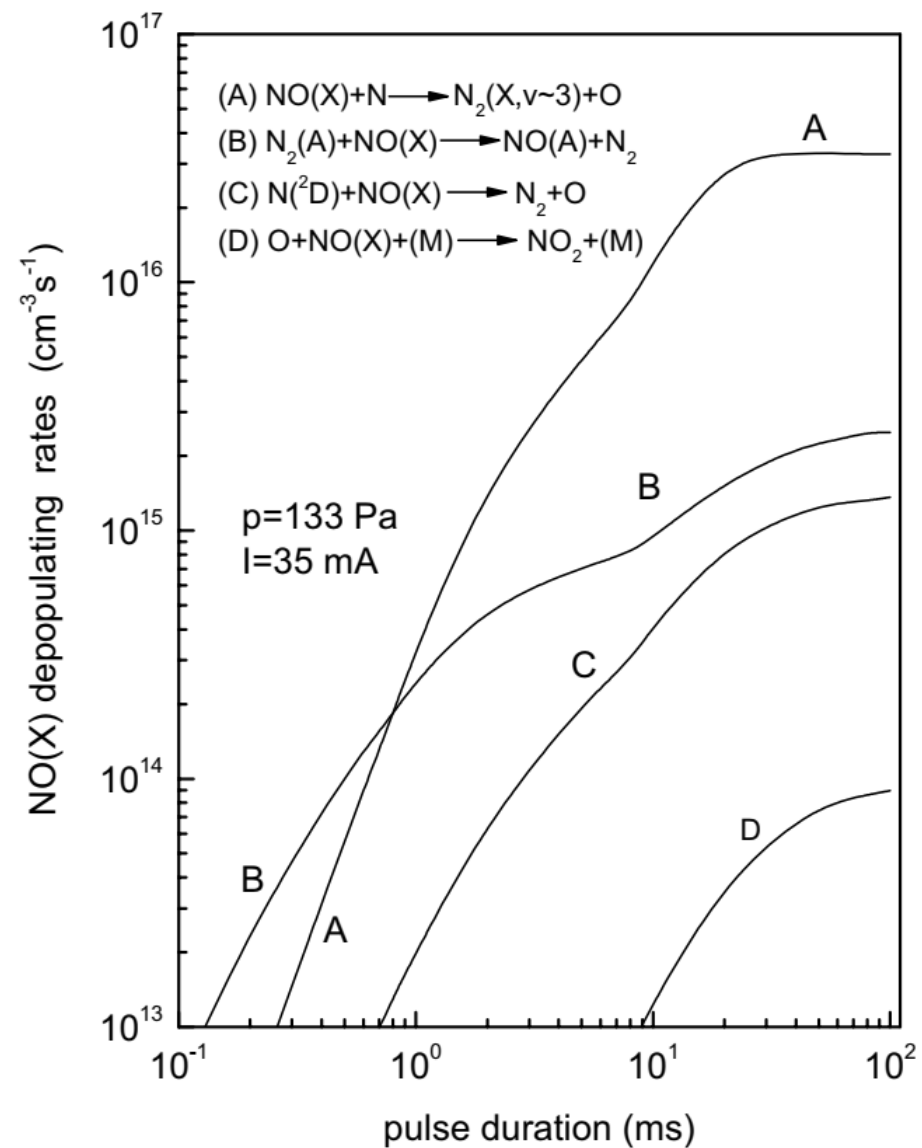
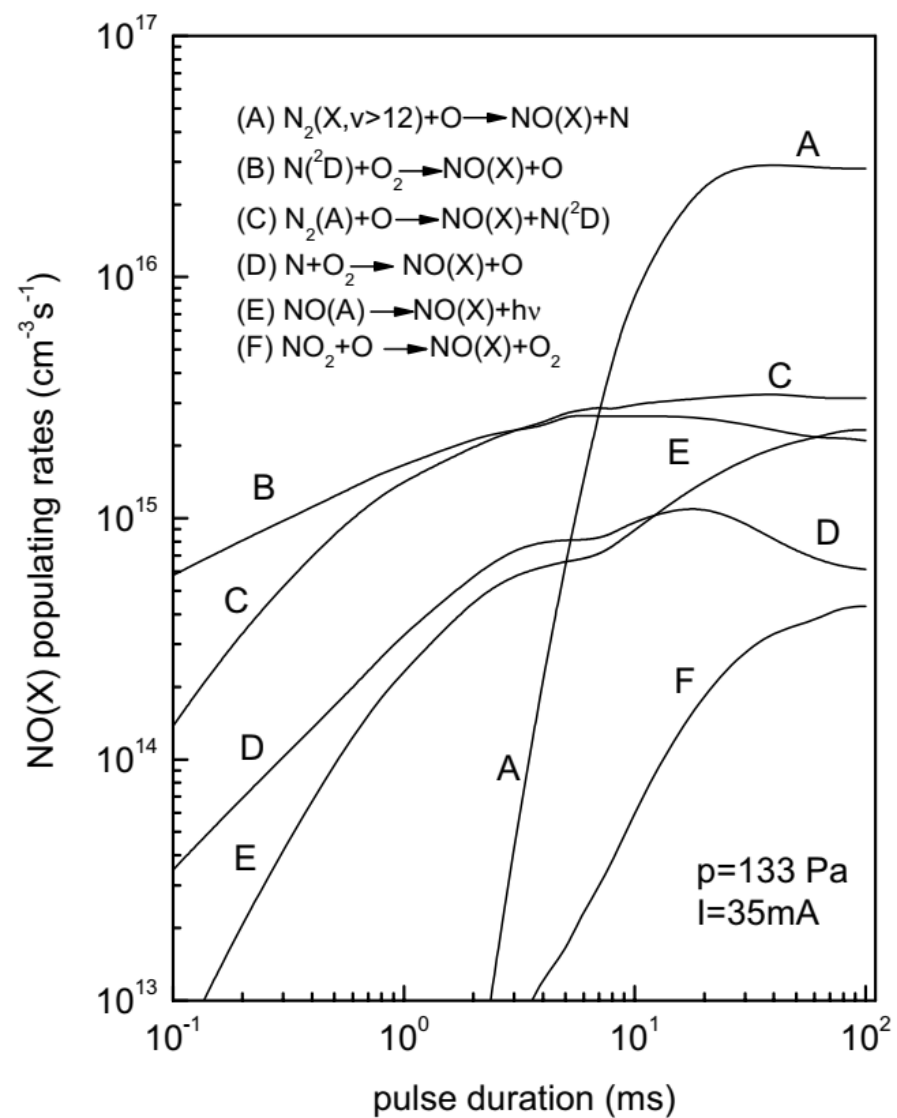
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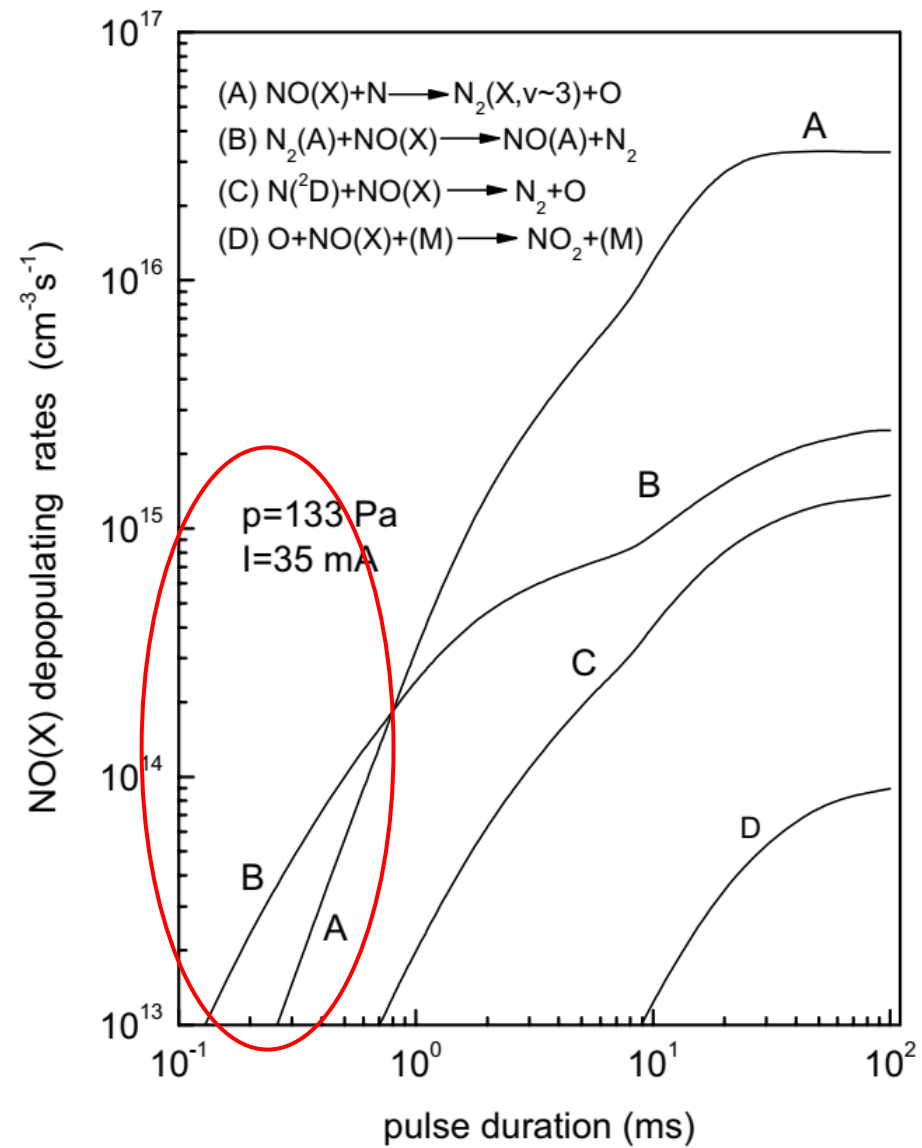
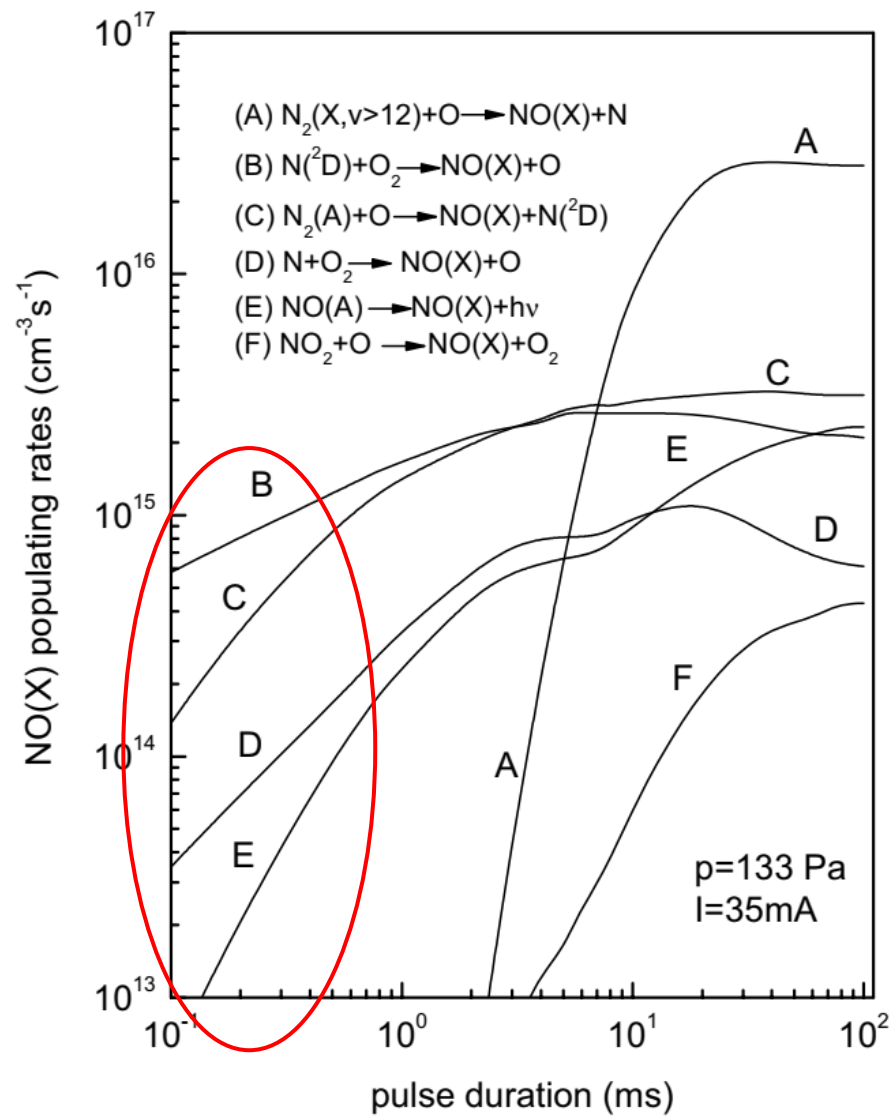
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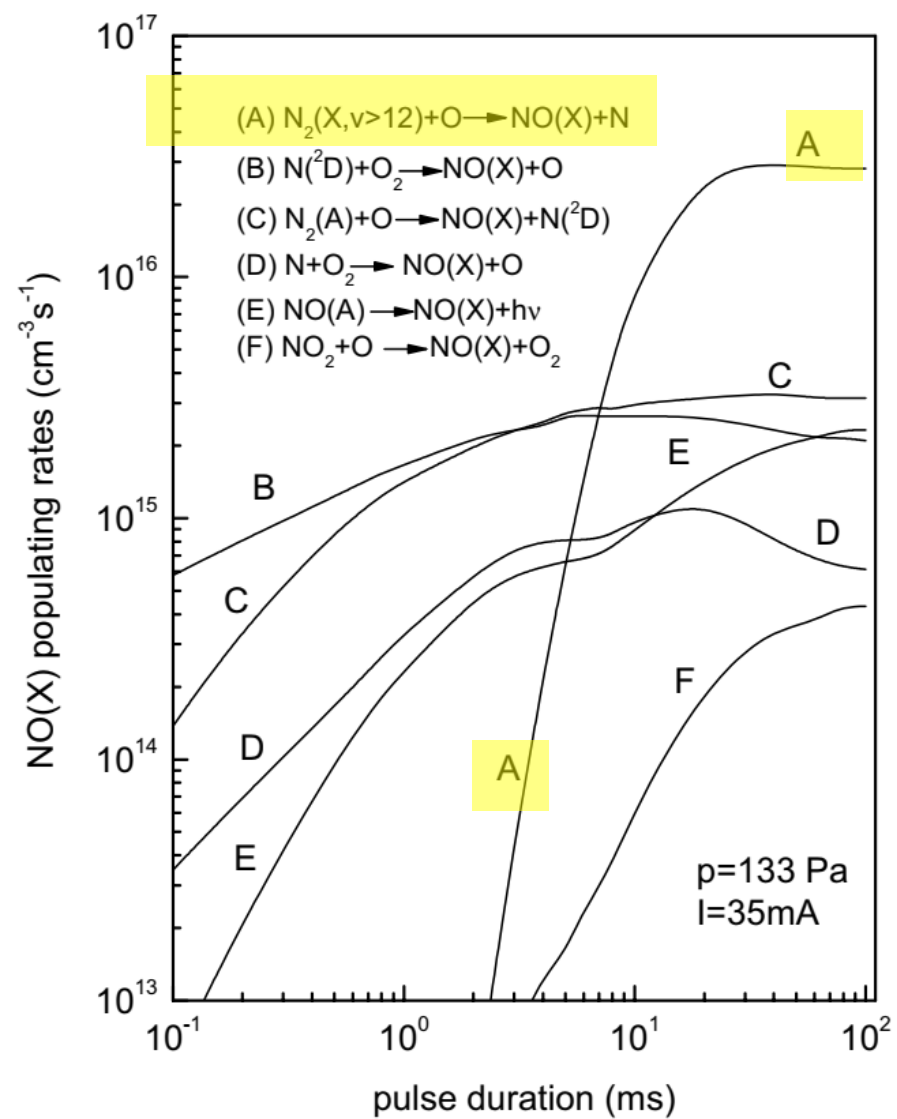


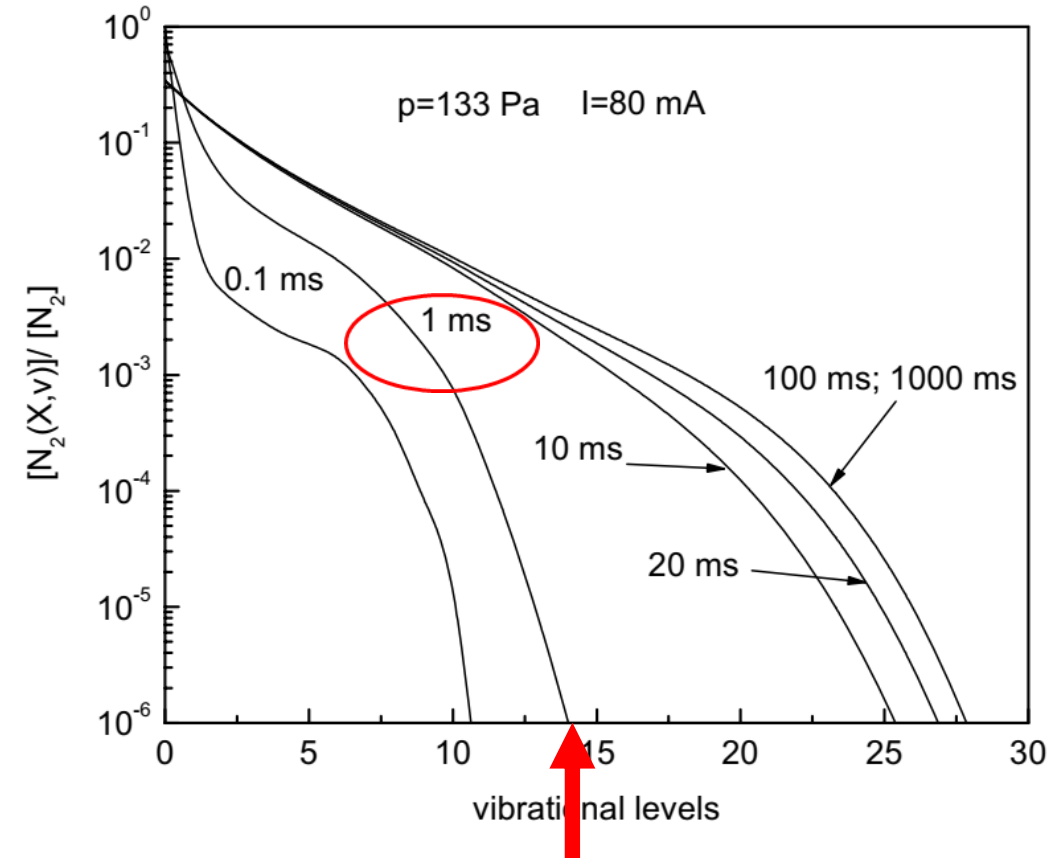
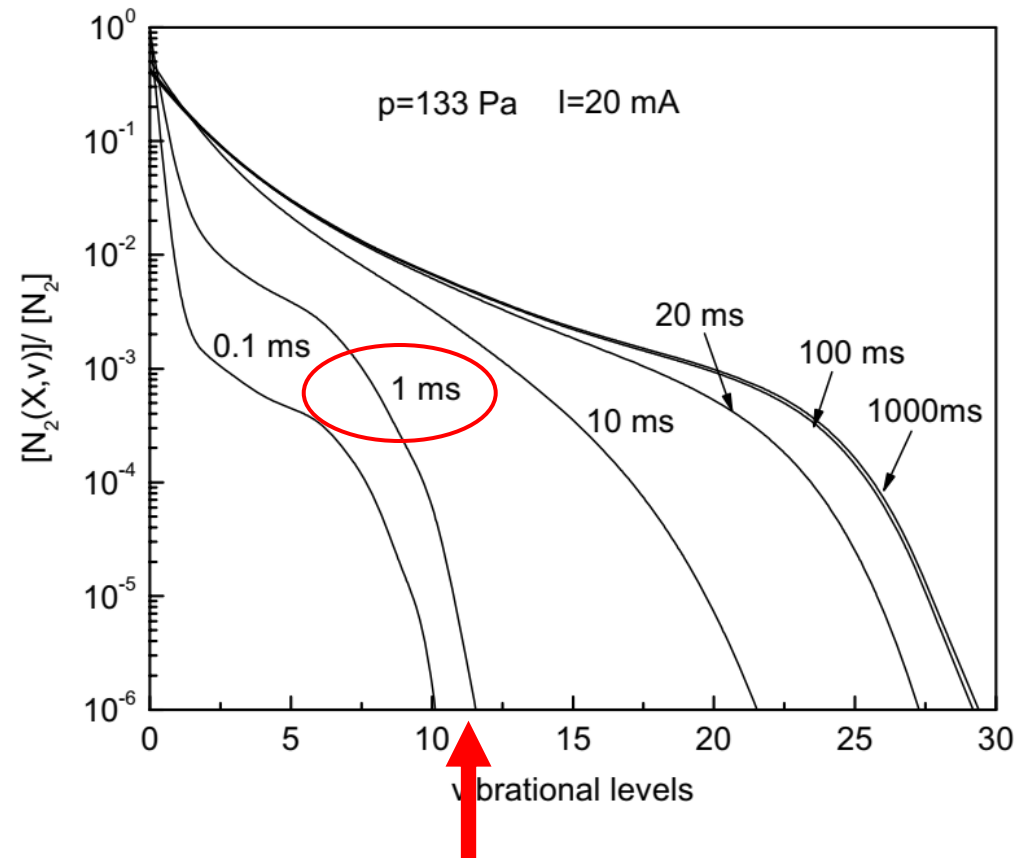


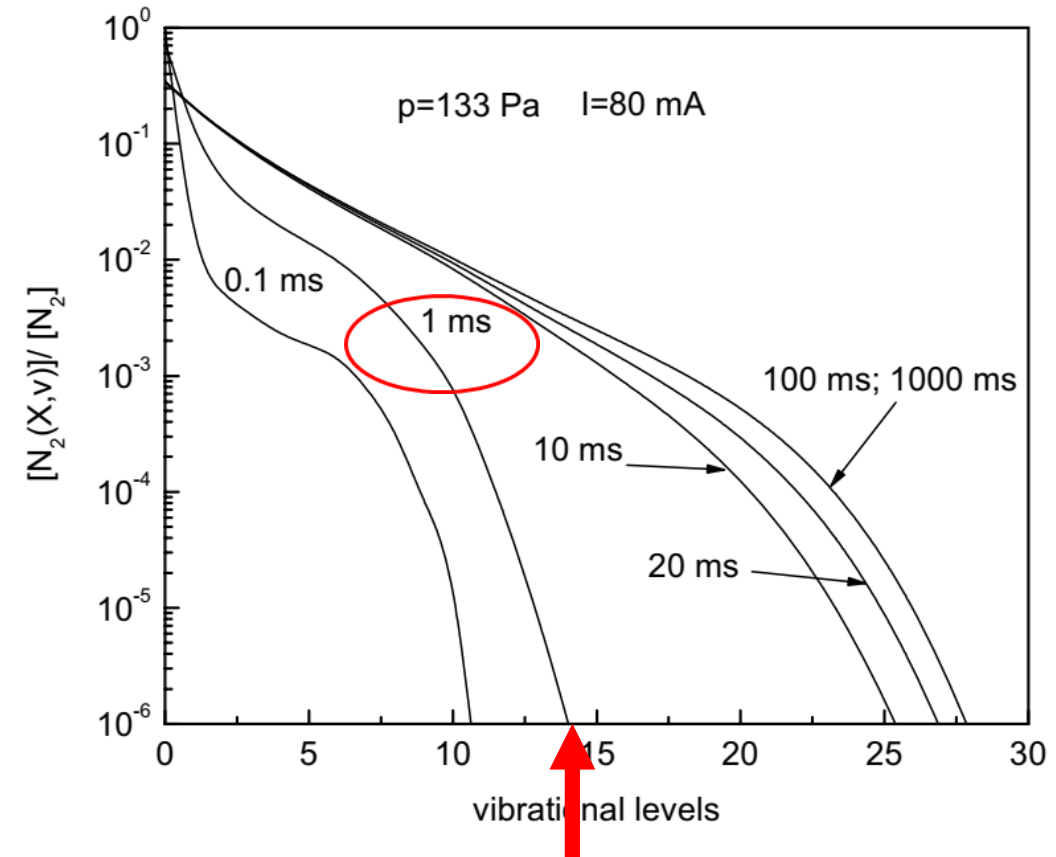
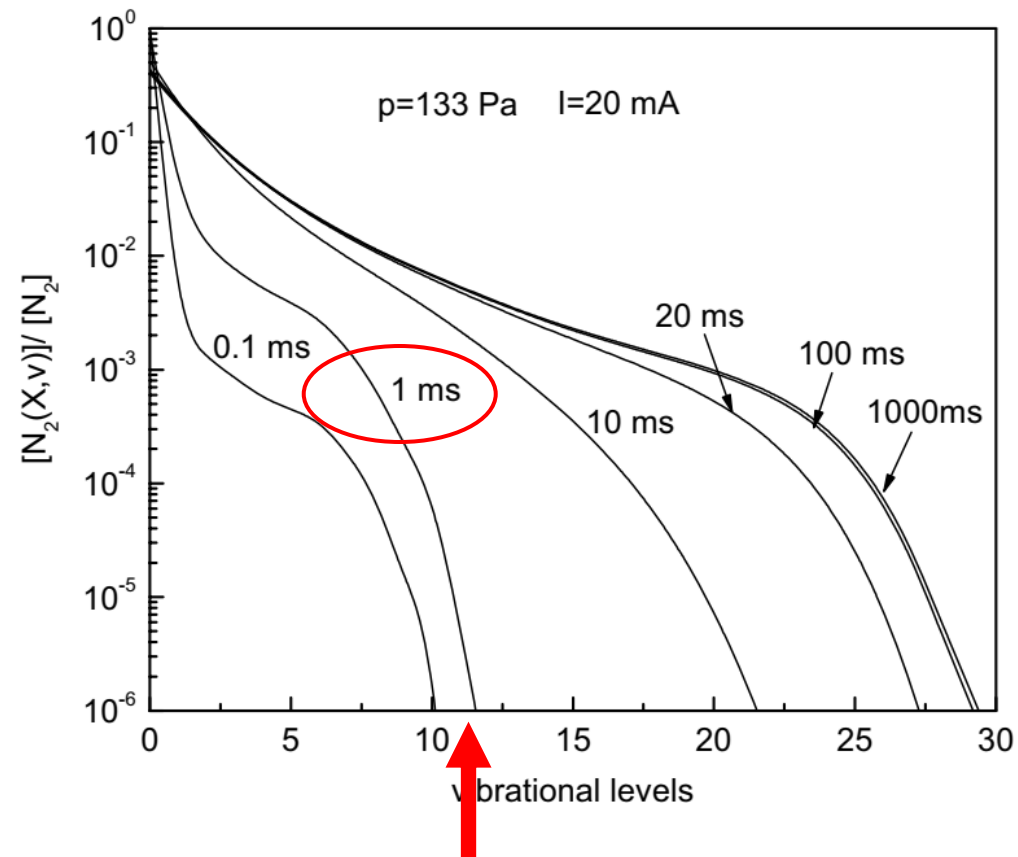
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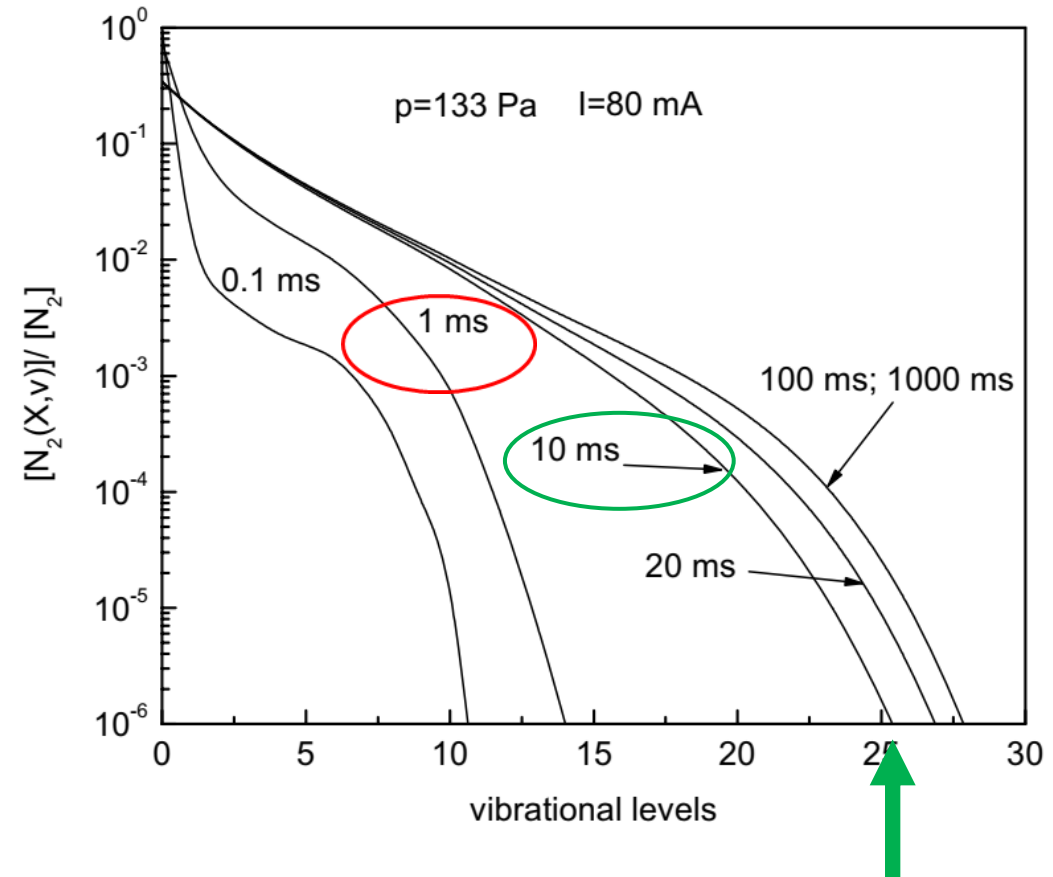
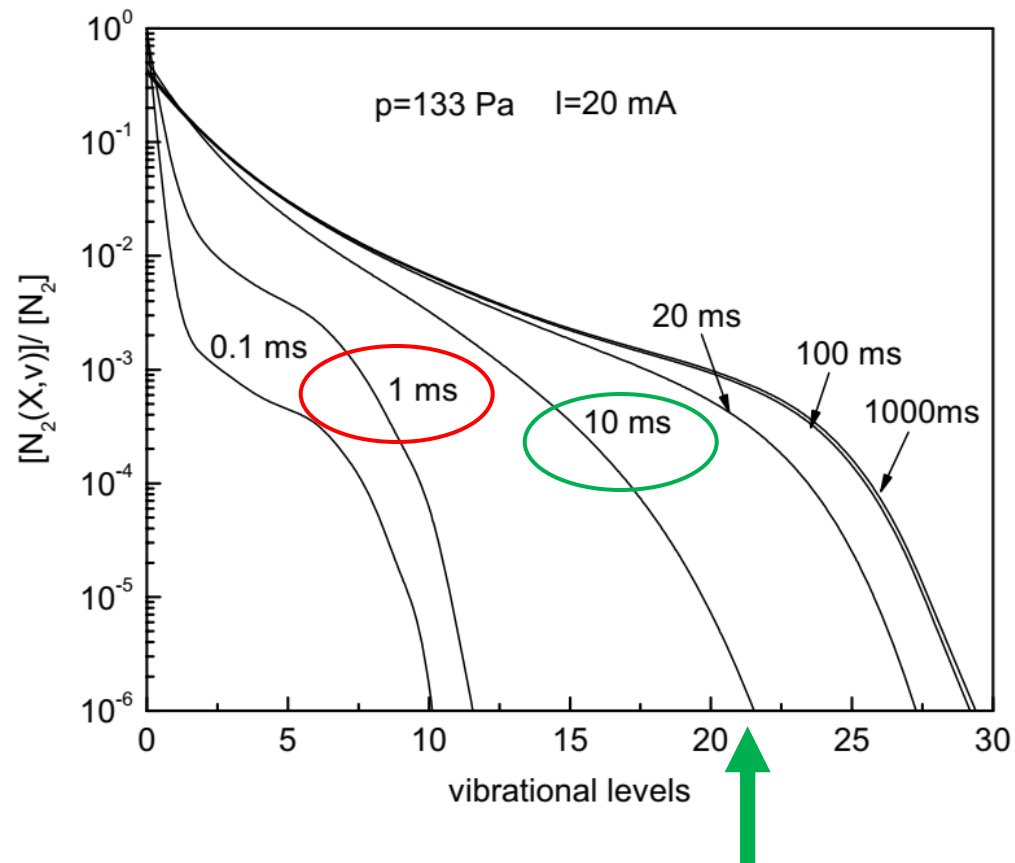


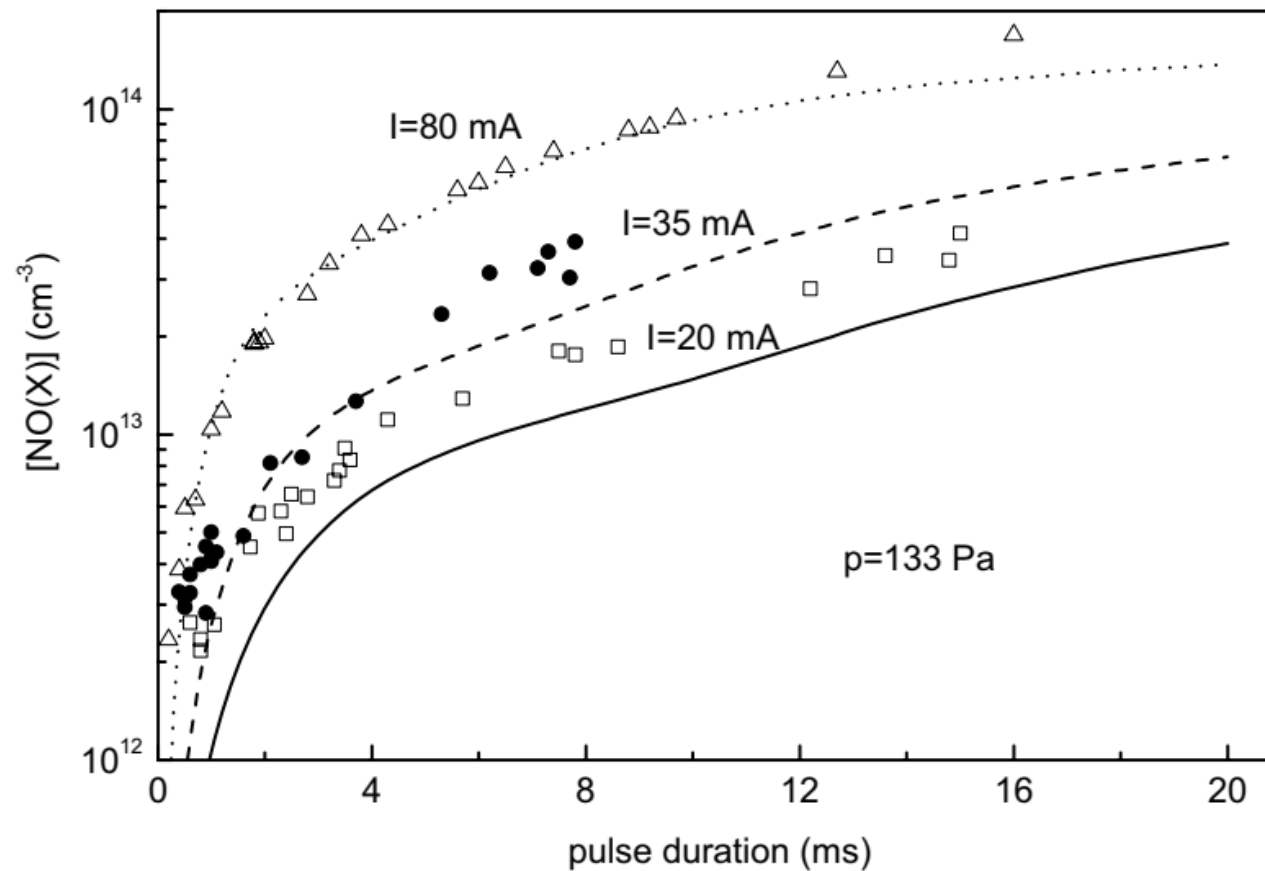












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More about chemical kinetics

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(O10)	$2\text{O}(^3P) + \text{O}_2(X) \rightarrow \text{O}_2(X, v=0) + \text{O}_2(X)$	$0.50 \cdot 3.81 \times 10^{-42} \exp(-170/T_g)/T_g$	[212, 213]
(O11)	$2\text{O}(^3P) + \text{O}_2(X) \rightarrow \text{O}_2(a) + \text{O}_2(X)$	$0.33 \cdot 3.81 \times 10^{-42} \exp(-170/T_g)/T_g$	[212, 213]
(O12)	$2\text{O}(^3P) + \text{O}_2(X) \rightarrow \text{O}_2(b) + \text{O}_2(X)$	$0.17 \cdot 3.81 \times 10^{-42} \exp(-170/T_g)/T_g$	[212, 213]
(O13)	$2\text{O}(^3P) + \text{O}(^3P) \rightarrow \text{O}_2(X, v=0) + \text{O}(^3P)$	$3.6 \times 10^{-44} (1/T_g)^{0.63}$	[171]
(O14)	$\text{O}_2(X, v=0) + \text{O}(^3P) + \text{O}(^3P) \rightarrow \text{O}_3(X) + \text{O}(^3P)$	$2.1 \times 10^{-46} \exp(345/T_g)$	[21, 212]
(O15)	$\text{O}_2(X, v=0) + \text{O}(^3P) + \text{O}_2(X) \rightarrow \text{O}_3(X) + \text{O}_2(X)$	$0.33 \cdot 6.4 \times 10^{-47} \exp(663/T_g)$	[21, 212]
(O16)	$\text{O}_2(X, v=0) + \text{O}(^3P) + \text{O}_2(X) \rightarrow \text{O}_3^* + \text{O}_2(X)$	$0.67 \cdot 6.4 \times 10^{-47} \exp(663/T_g)$	[212, 214]
(O17)	$\text{O}_2(X, v=0) + \text{O}(^3P) + \text{O}_3(X) \rightarrow \text{O}_3(X) + \text{O}_3(X)$	$1.66 \times 10^{-46} \exp(T_g/300)$	[215]
(O18)	$\text{O}_3(X) + \text{O}_2(b) \rightarrow 2\text{O}_2(X, v=0) + \text{O}(^3P)$	1.5×10^{-17}	[21, 212]
(O19)	$\text{O}_3(X) + \text{O}_2(a) \rightarrow 2\text{O}_2(X, v=0) + \text{O}(^3P)$	$5.2 \times 10^{-17} \exp(-2840/T_g)$	[21, 212]
(O20)	$\text{O}_3(X) + \text{O}(^3P) \rightarrow 2\text{O}_2(X, v=0)$	$0.50 \cdot 1.8 \times 10^{-17} \exp(-2300/T_g)$	[212, 213]
(O21)	$\text{O}_3(X) + \text{O}(^3P) \rightarrow \text{O}_2(a) + \text{O}_2(X, v=0)$	$0.33 \cdot 1.8 \times 10^{-17} \exp(-2300/T_g)$	[212, 213]
(O22)	$\text{O}_3(X) + \text{O}(^3P) \rightarrow \text{O}_2(b) + \text{O}_2(X, v=0)$	$0.17 \cdot 1.8 \times 10^{-17} \exp(-2300/T_g)$	[212, 213]

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(NO10)	$\text{N}(^4S) + \text{N}(^4S) + \text{O}_2(X) \rightarrow \text{N}_2(X) + \text{O}_2(X)$	$8.27 \times 10^{-46} \exp(500/T_g)$	[192]
(NO11)	$\text{O}(^3P) + \text{O}(^3P) + \text{N}_2(X) \rightarrow \text{O}_2(X) + \text{N}_2(X)$	$2.76 \times 10^{-46} \exp(720/T_g)$	[192]
(NO12)	$\text{O}(^3P) + \text{O}_2(X, v=0) + \text{N}_2(X) \rightarrow \text{O}_3 + \text{N}_2(X)$	$5.7 \times 10^{-46} (300/T_g)^{2.8}$	[131]
(NO13)	$\text{N}_2(X, v \geq 13) + \text{O}(^3P) \rightarrow \text{NO}(X) + \text{N}(^4S)$	10^{-19}	[79]
(NO14)	$\text{N}_2(A) + \text{O}(^3P) \rightarrow \text{NO}(X) + \text{N}(^2D)$	7×10^{-18}	[79]
(NO15)	$\text{O}_2(X, v=0) + \text{N}(^4S) \rightarrow \text{NO}(X) + \text{O}(^3P)$	$1.1 \times 10^{-20} T_g \exp(-3150/T_g)$	[192]
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(NO17)	$\text{O}_2(X, v=0) + \text{N}(^2D) \rightarrow \text{NO}(X) + \text{O}(^1D)$	$6 \times 10^{-18} \sqrt{T_g/300}$	[192]
(NO18)	$\text{O}_2(X, v=0) + \text{N}(^2P) \rightarrow \text{NO}(X) + \text{O}(^3P)$	2.6×10^{-18}	[192]
(NO19)	$\text{O}_2(a) + \text{N}(^4S) \rightarrow \text{NO}(X) + \text{O}(^3P)$	$2 \times 10^{-20} \exp(-600/T_g)$	[192]
(NO20)	$\text{N}(^4S) + \text{O}(^3P) \rightarrow \text{NO}(A)$	$1.18 \times 10^{-23} (300/T_g)^{0.35}$	[218]
(NO21)	$\text{N}(^4S) + \text{O}(^3P) + \text{N}_2(X) \rightarrow \text{NO}(X) + \text{N}_2(X)$	$1.76 \times 10^{-43} \sqrt{1/T_g}$	[192]
(NO22)	$\text{N}(^4S) + \text{O}(^3P) + \text{N}_2(X) \rightarrow \text{NO}(A) + \text{N}_2(X)$	$2.12 \times 10^{-46} (300/T_g)^{1.24}$	[218]
(NO23)	$\text{N}(^4S) + \text{O}(^3P) + \text{N}_2(X) \rightarrow \text{NO}(B) + \text{N}_2(X)$	$3.09 \times 10^{-46} (300/T_g)^{1.4}$	[218]
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(NO25)	$\text{N}(^4S) + \text{O}(^3P) + \text{O}_2(X) \rightarrow \text{NO}(B) + \text{O}_2(X)$	$3.09 \times 10^{-46} (300/T_g)^{1.4}$	[218]

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(NO11)	$\text{O}(^3P) + \text{O}(^3P) + \text{N}_2(X) \rightarrow \text{O}_2(X) + \text{N}_2(X)$	$2.76 \times 10^{-46} \exp(720/T_g)$	[192]
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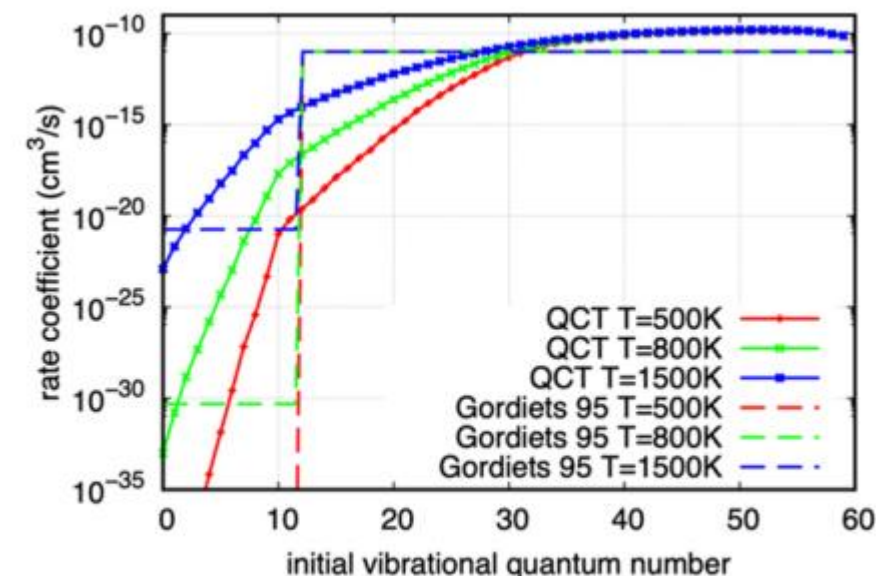
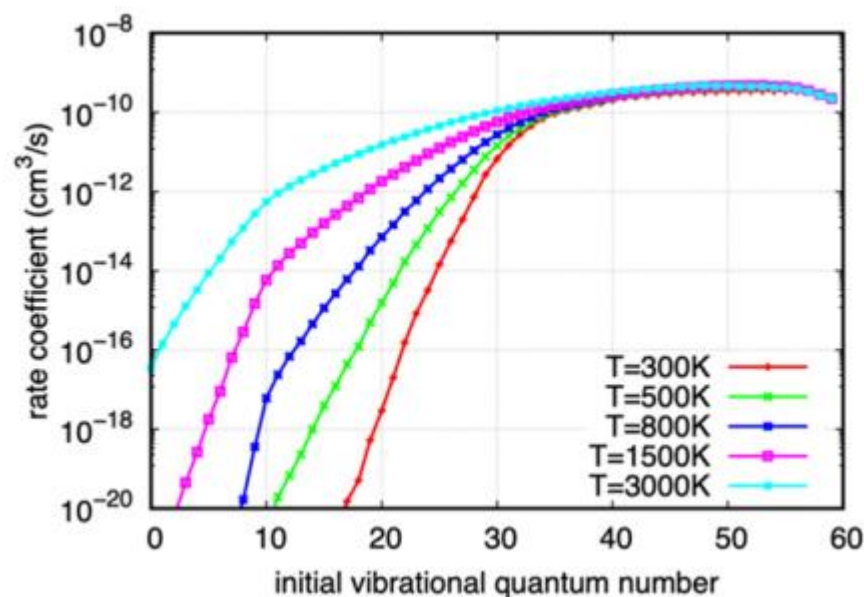


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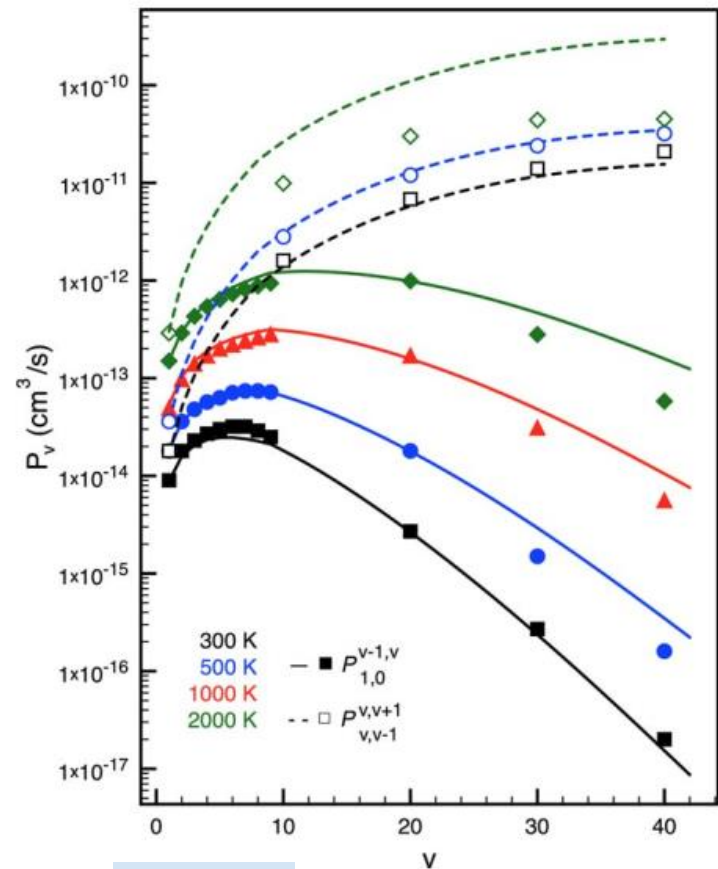


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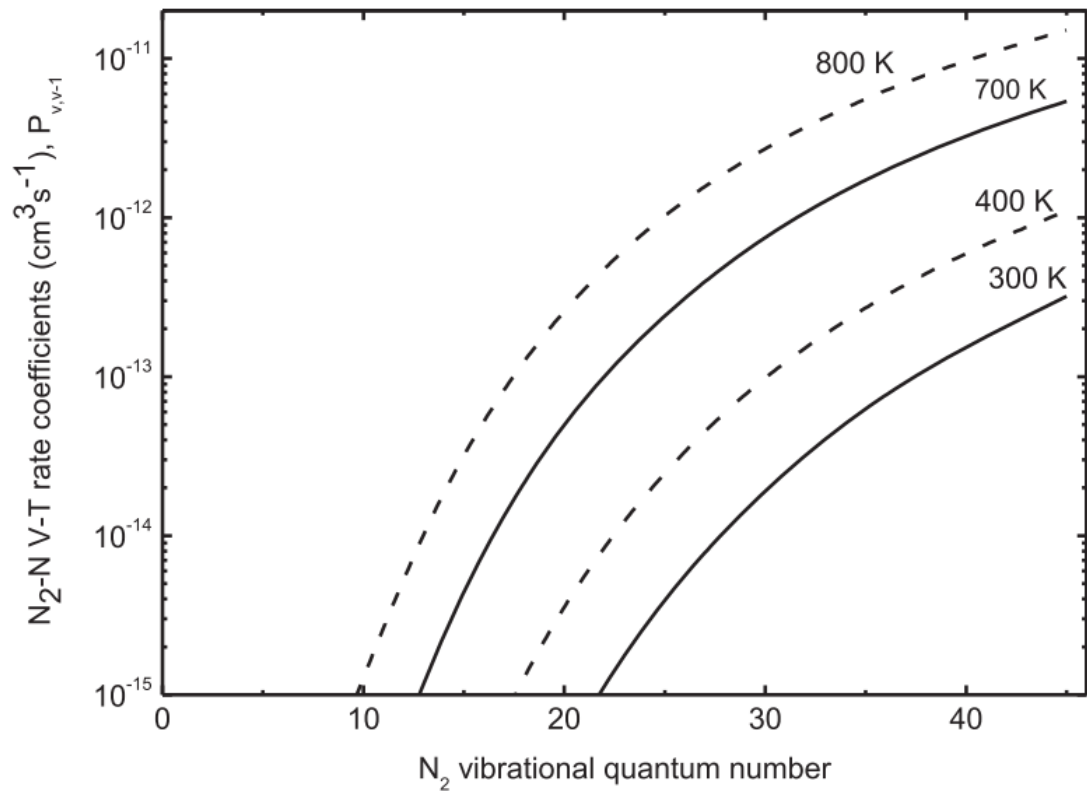


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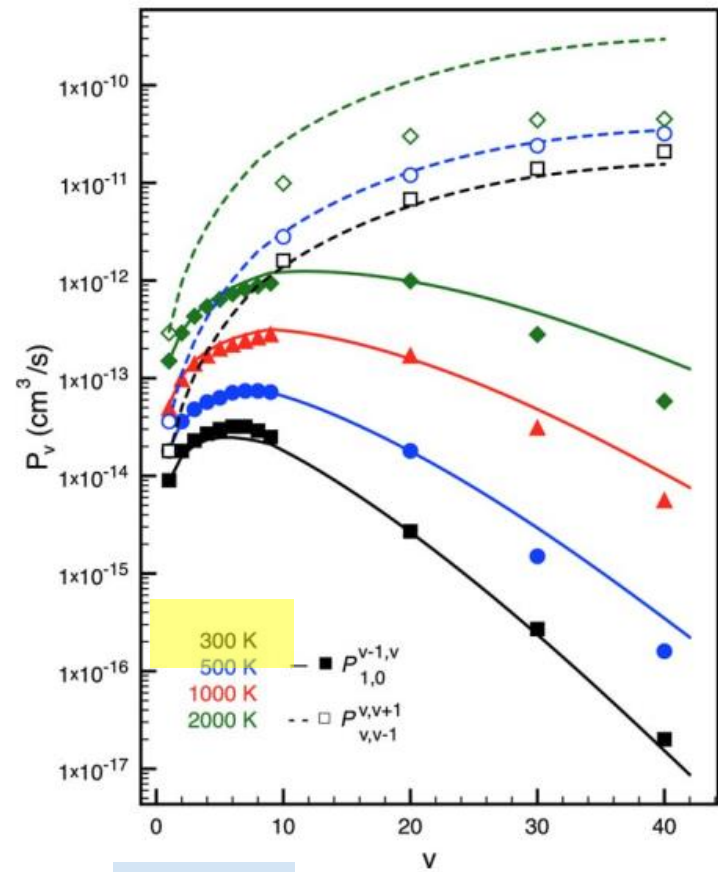


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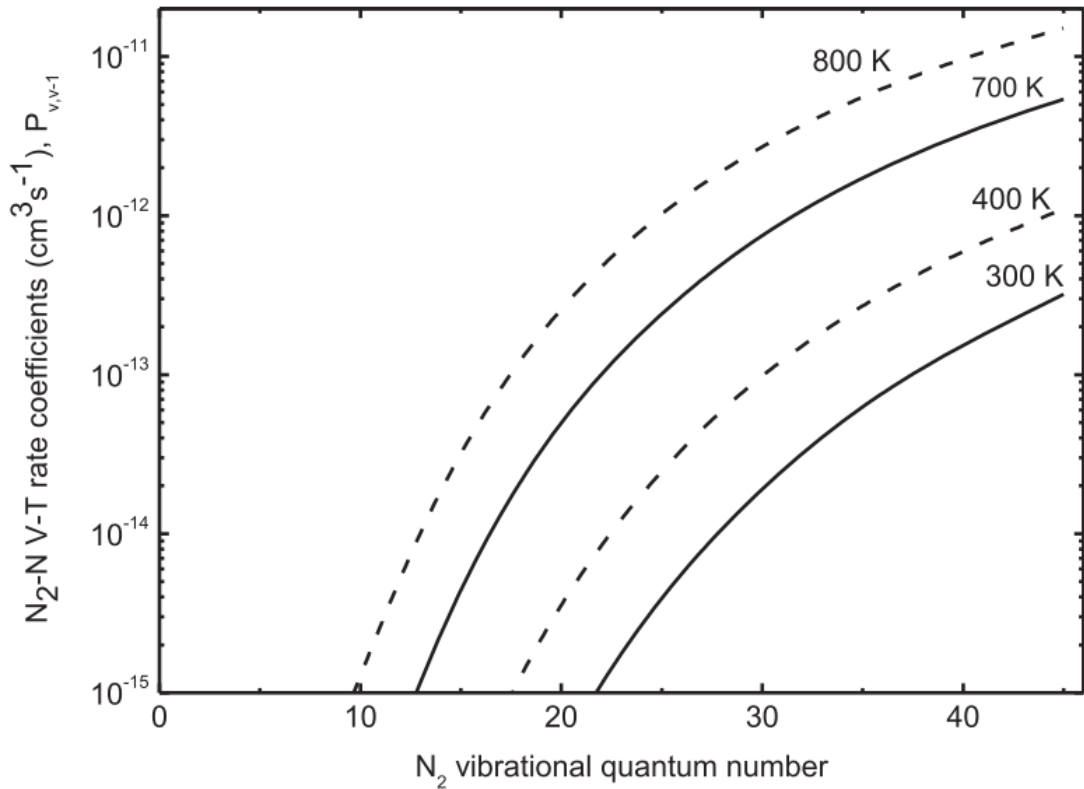
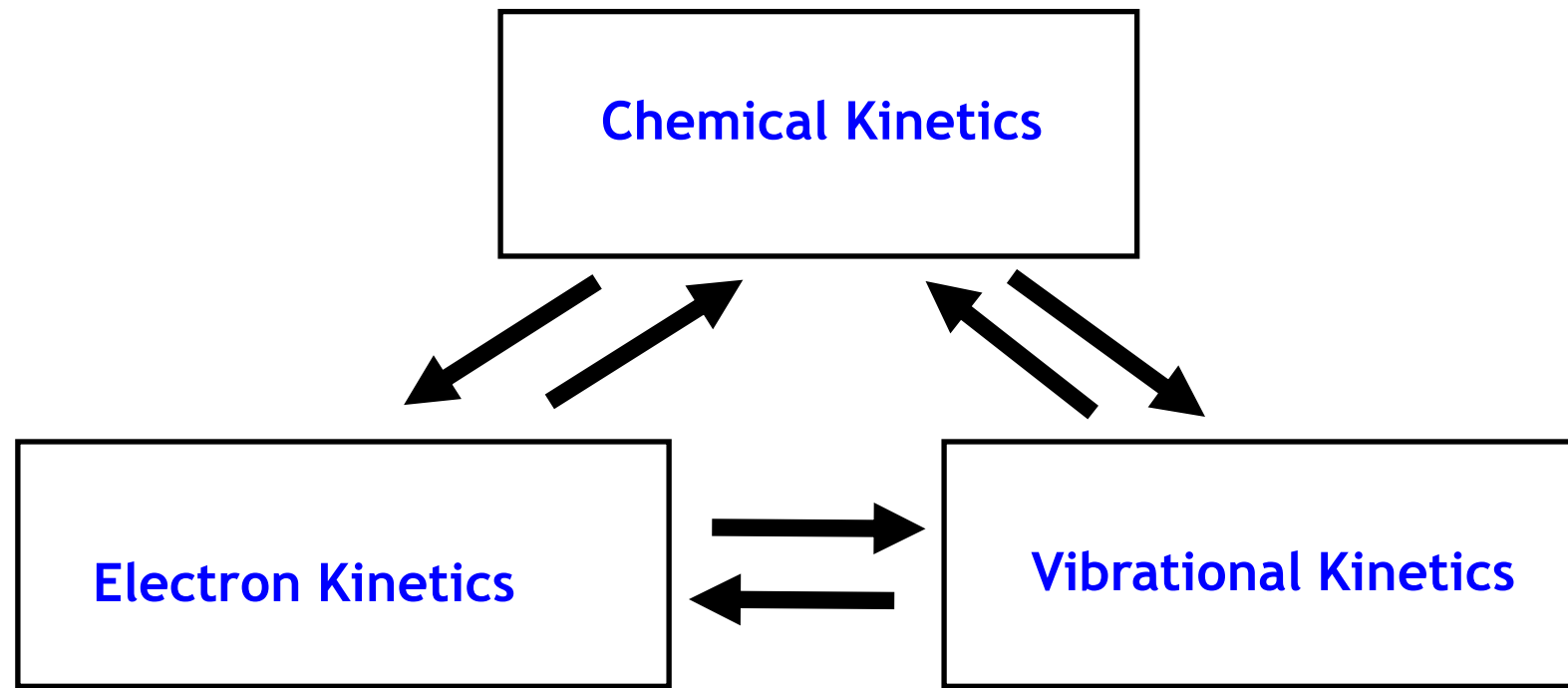
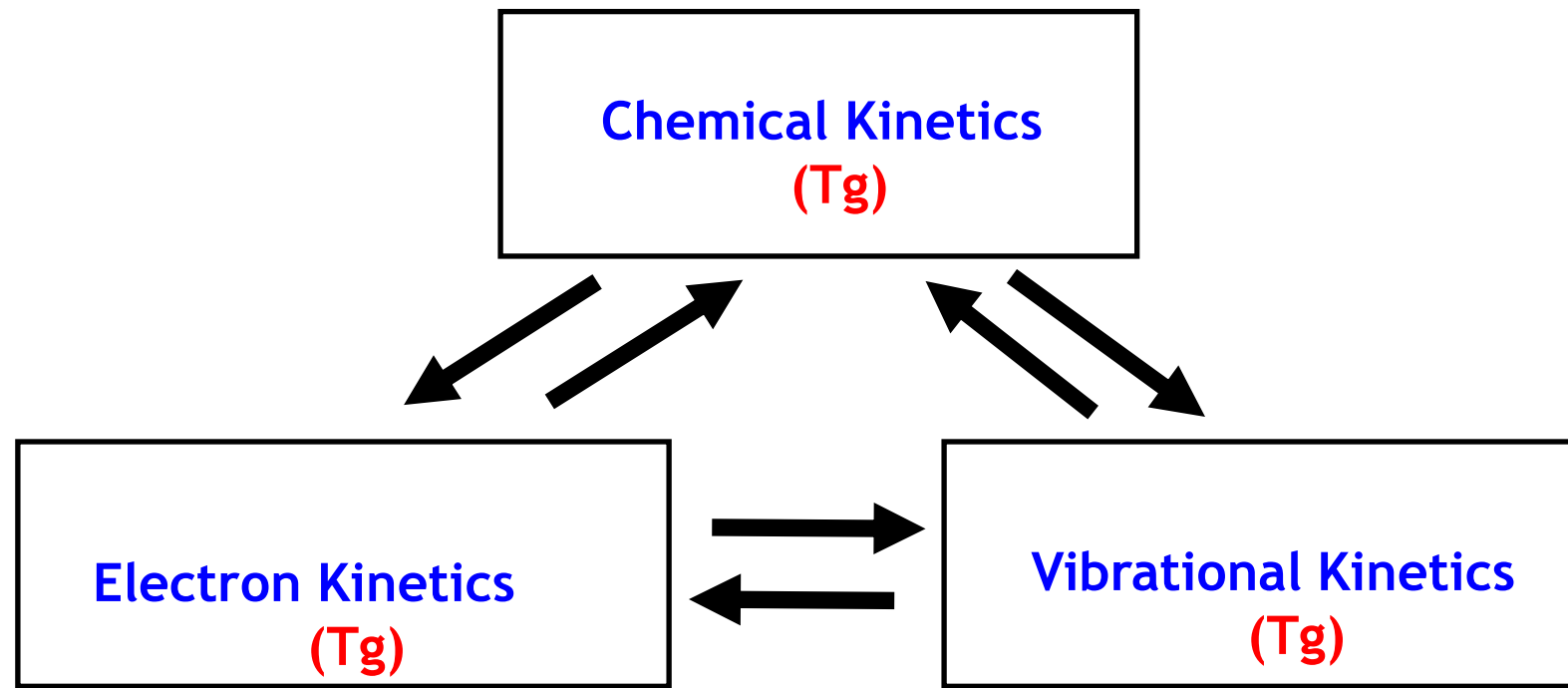
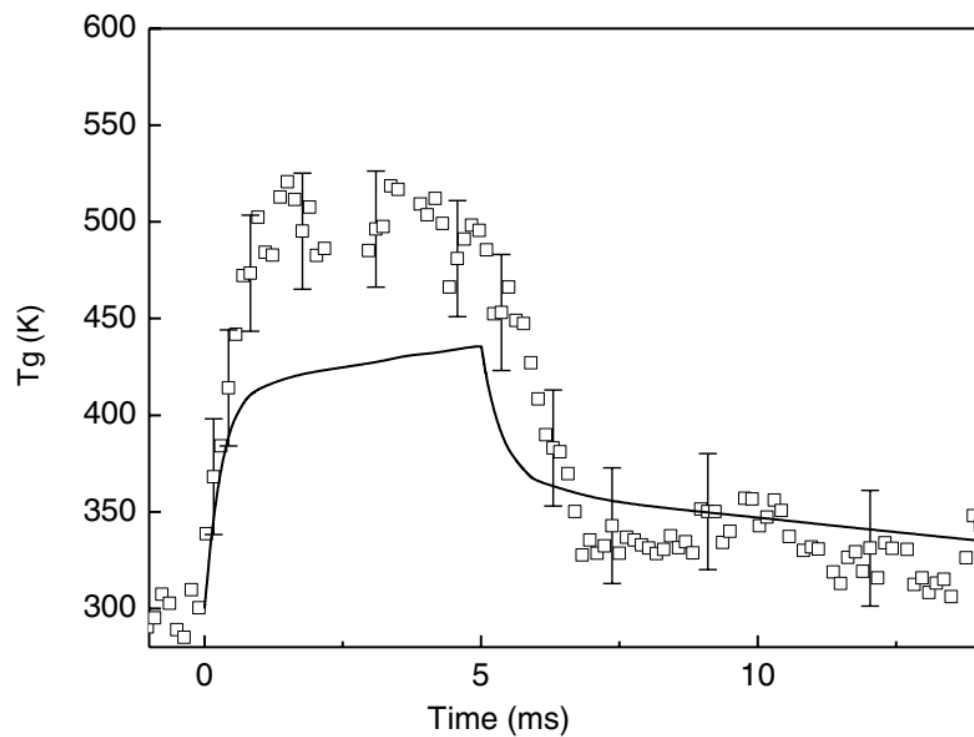


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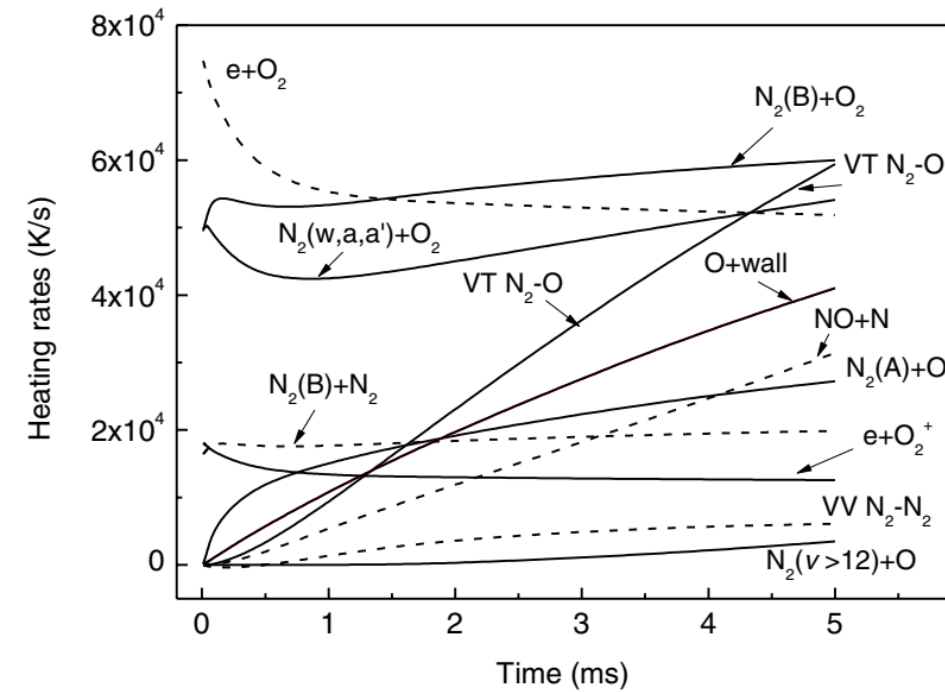
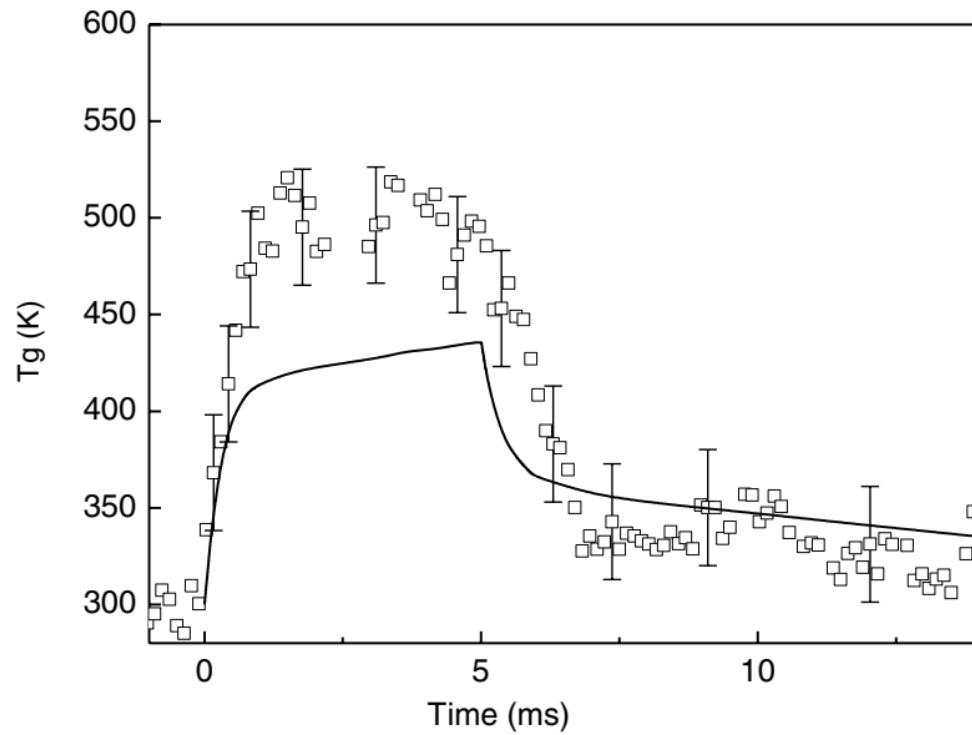




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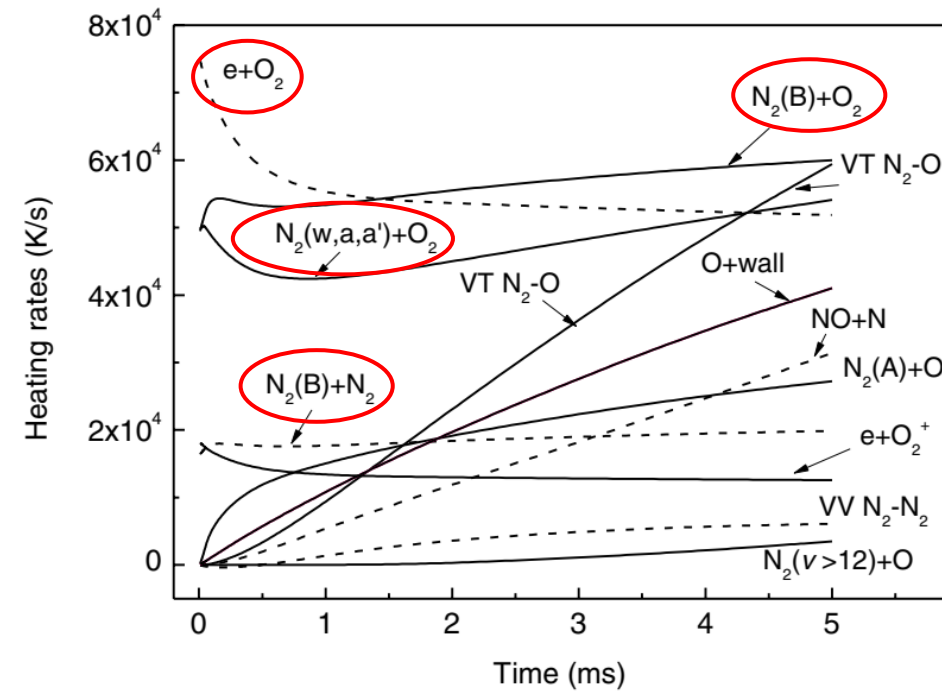
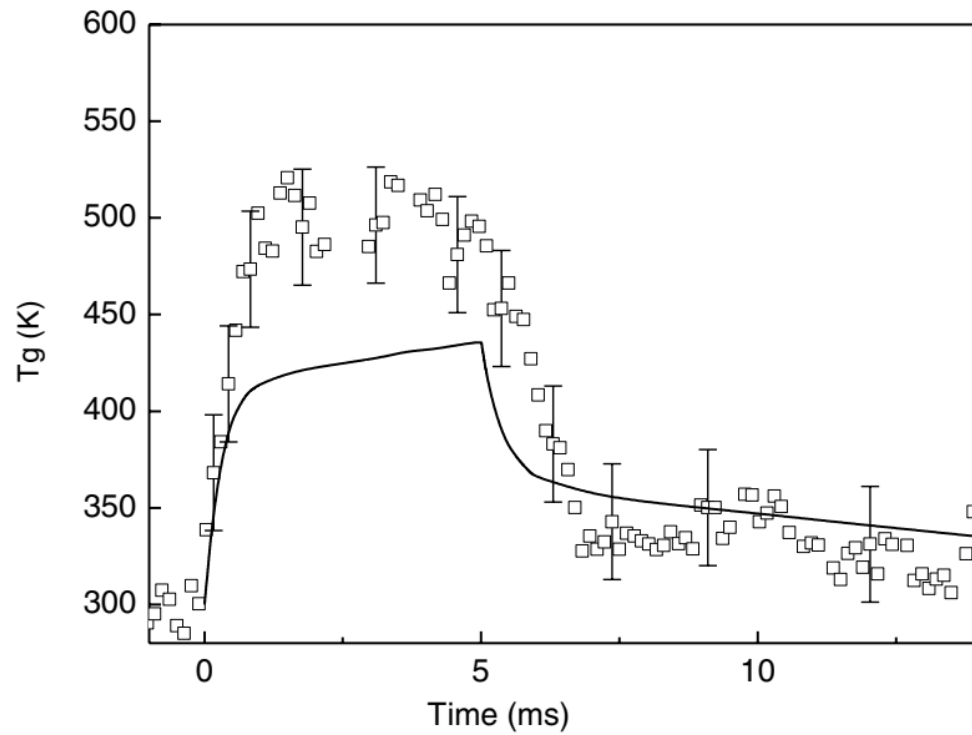
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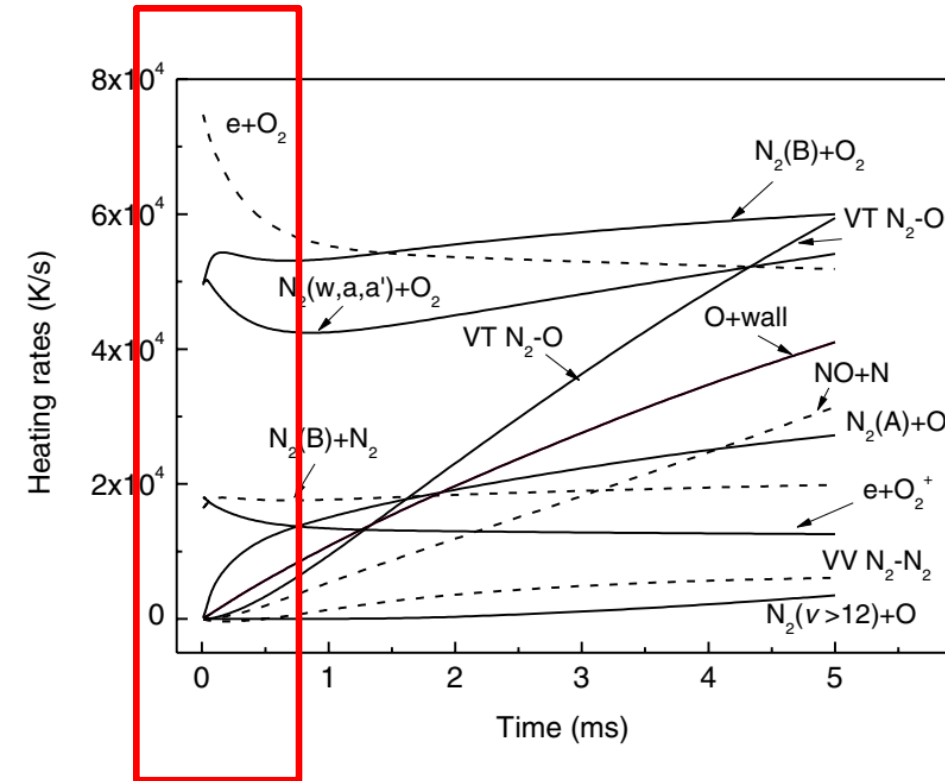
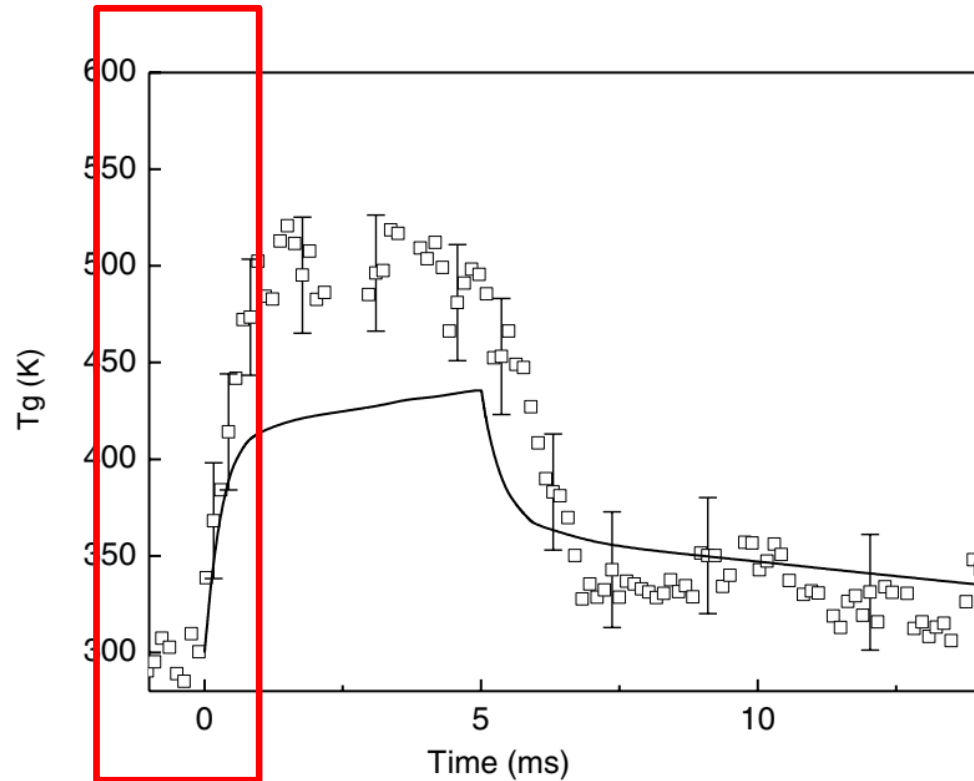
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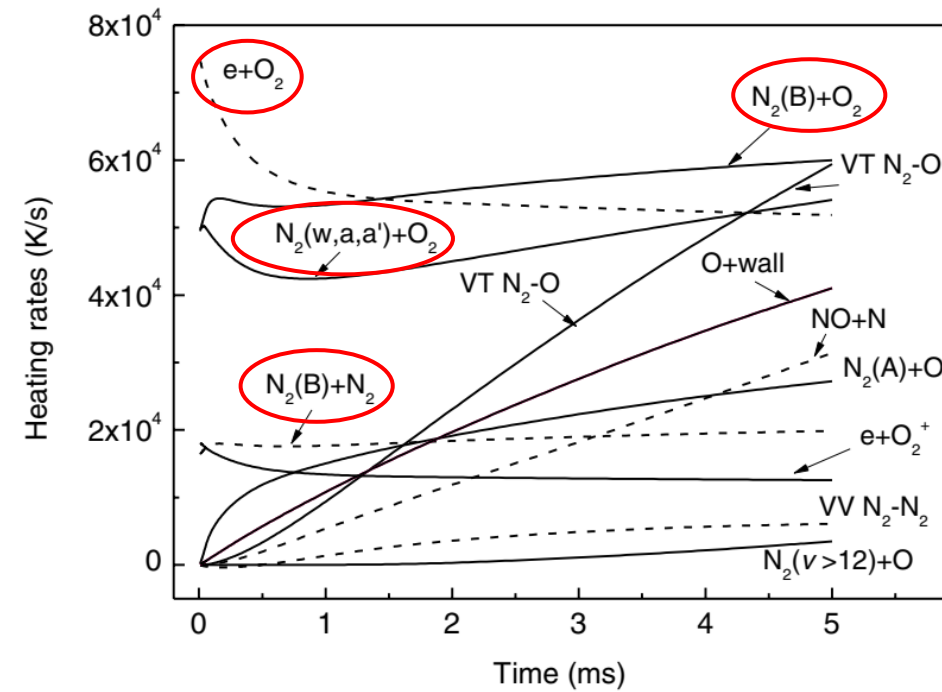
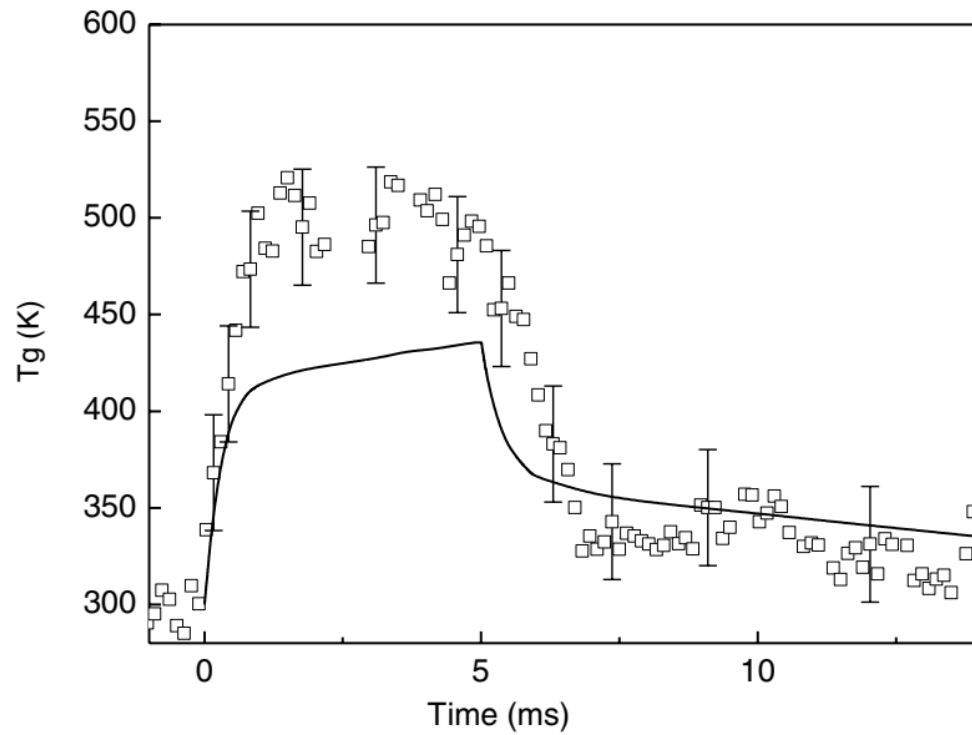
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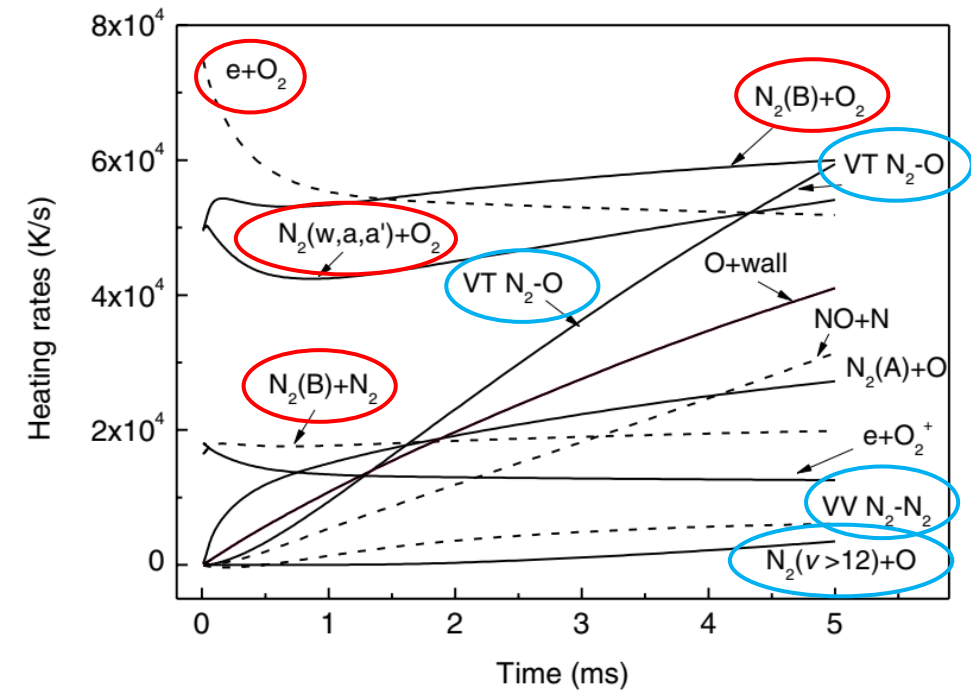
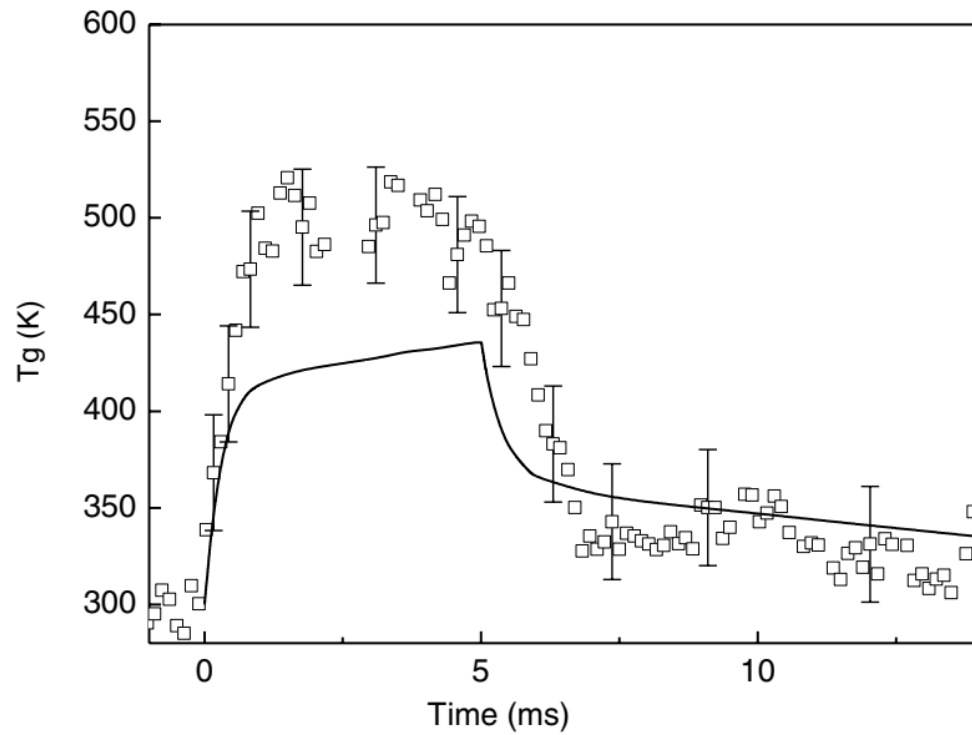
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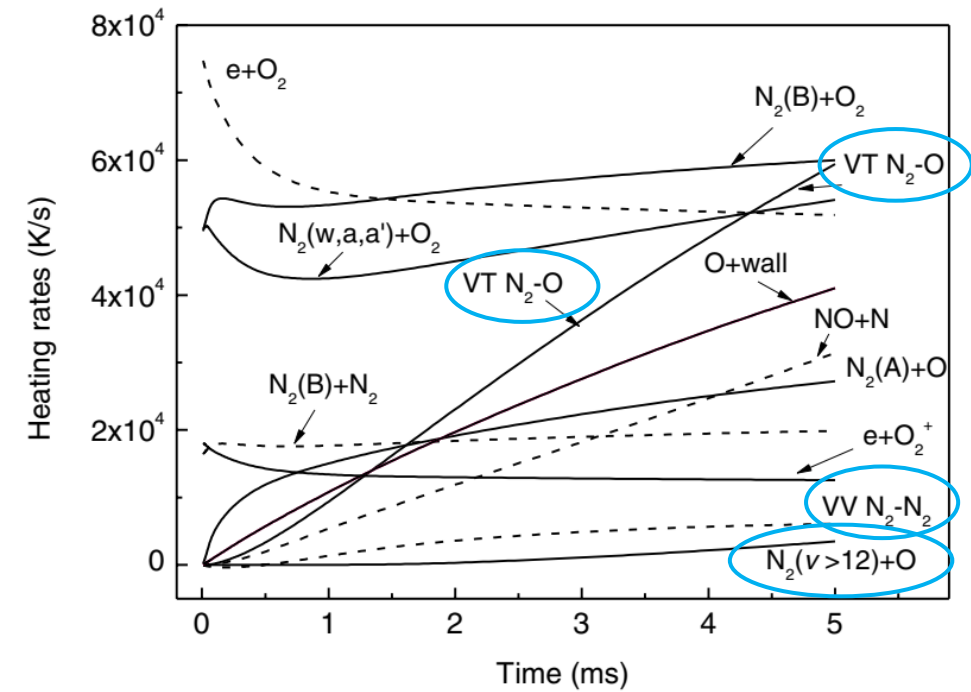
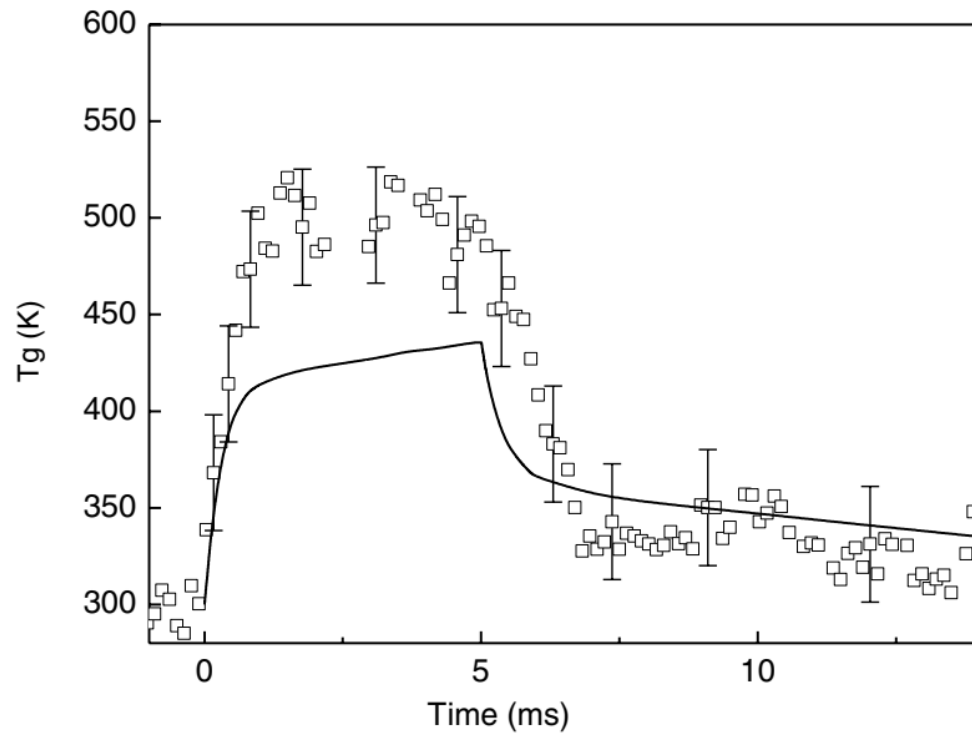
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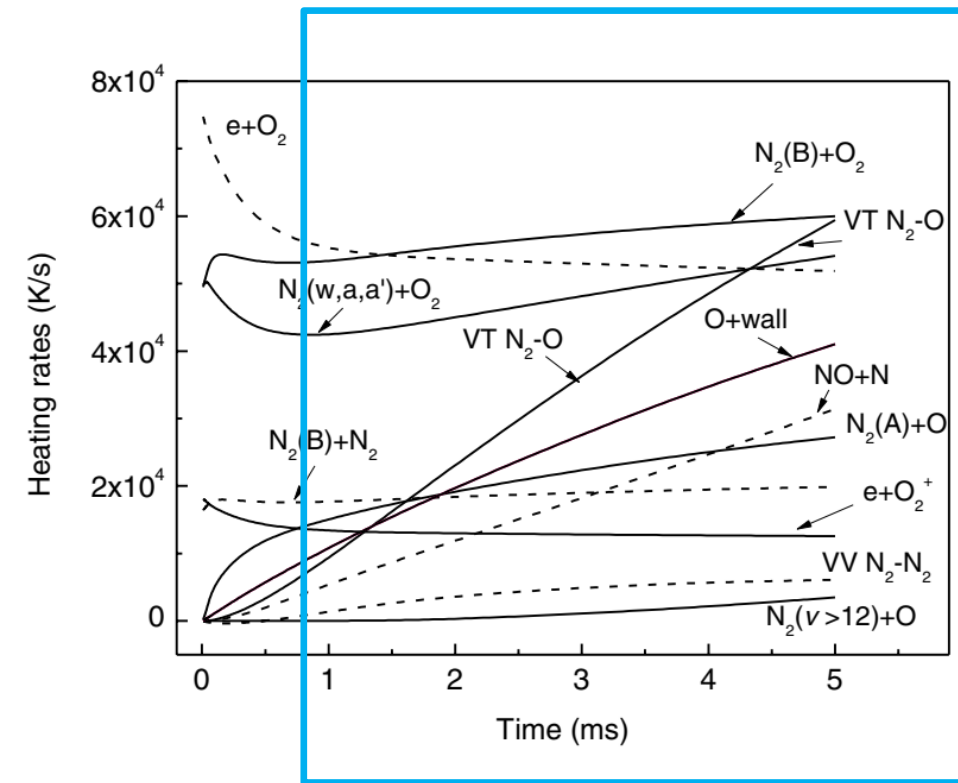
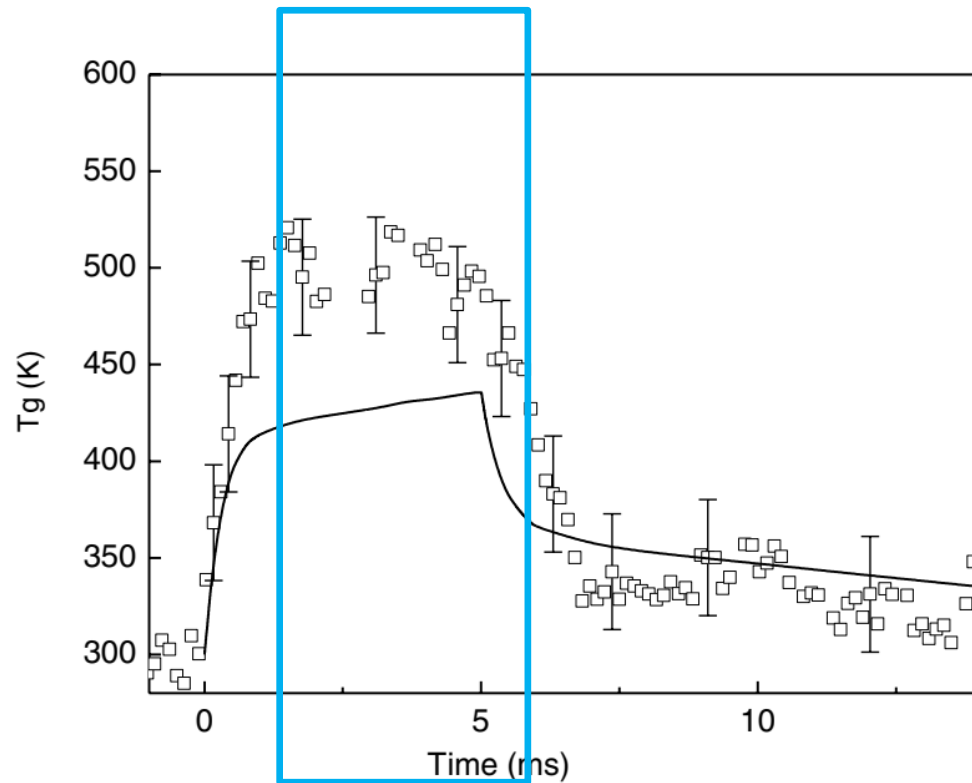
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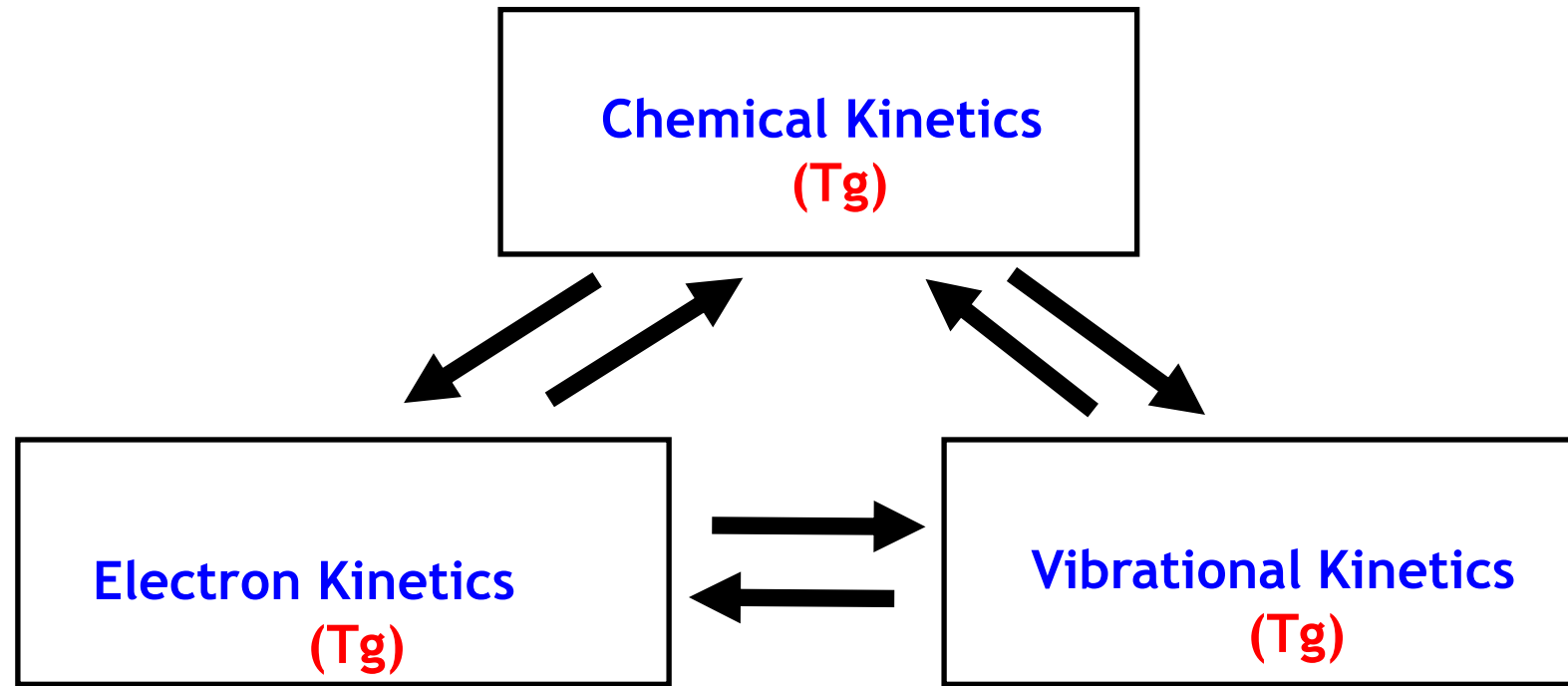
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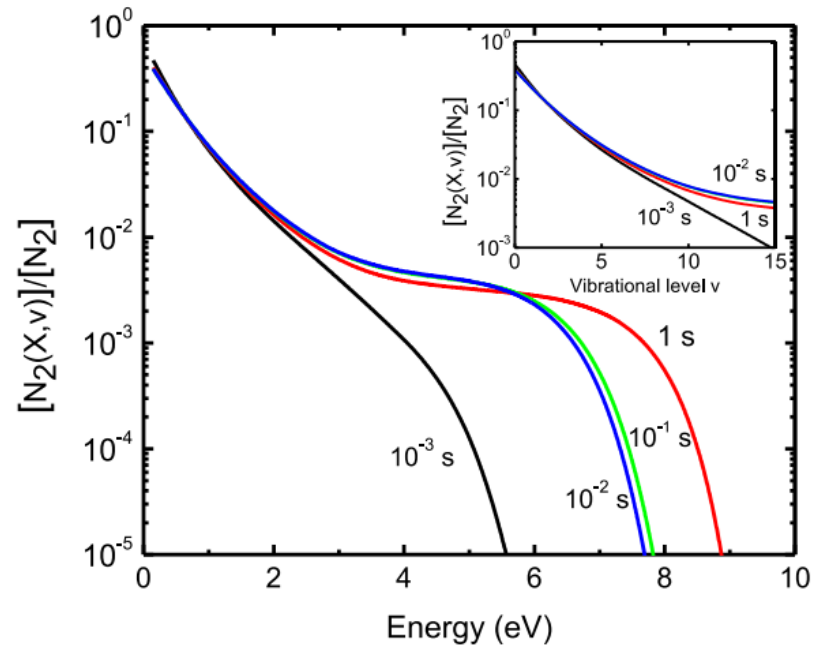
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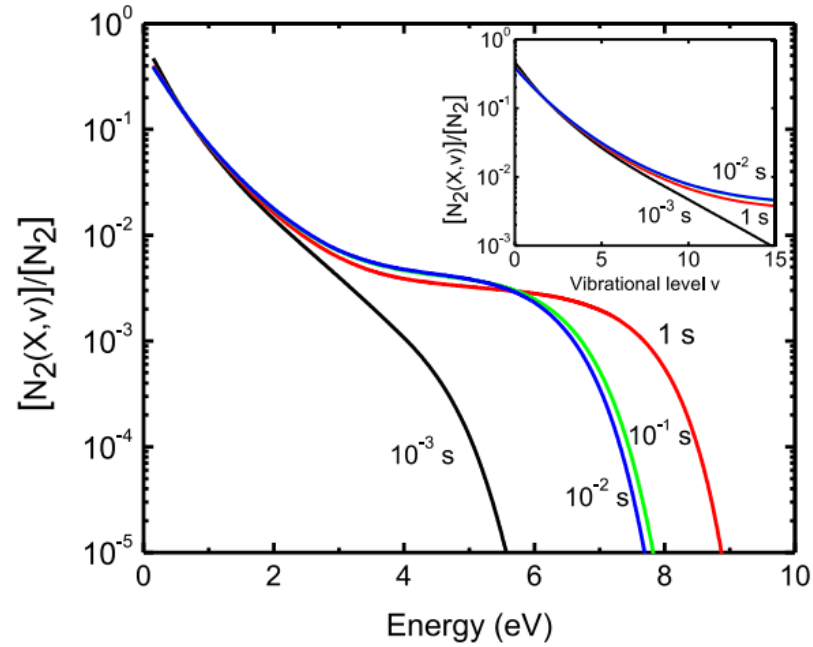


One last effect involving T_g and vibrational kinetics

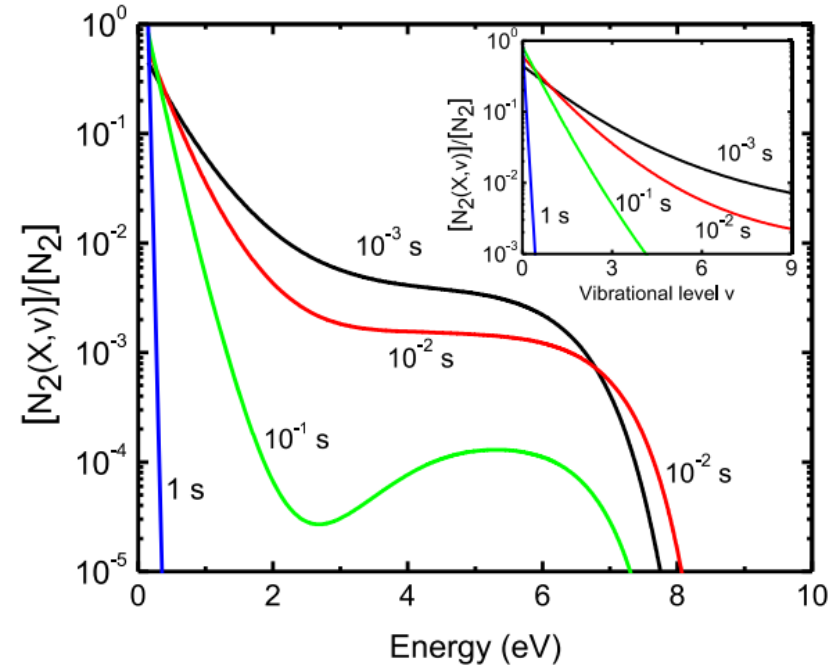
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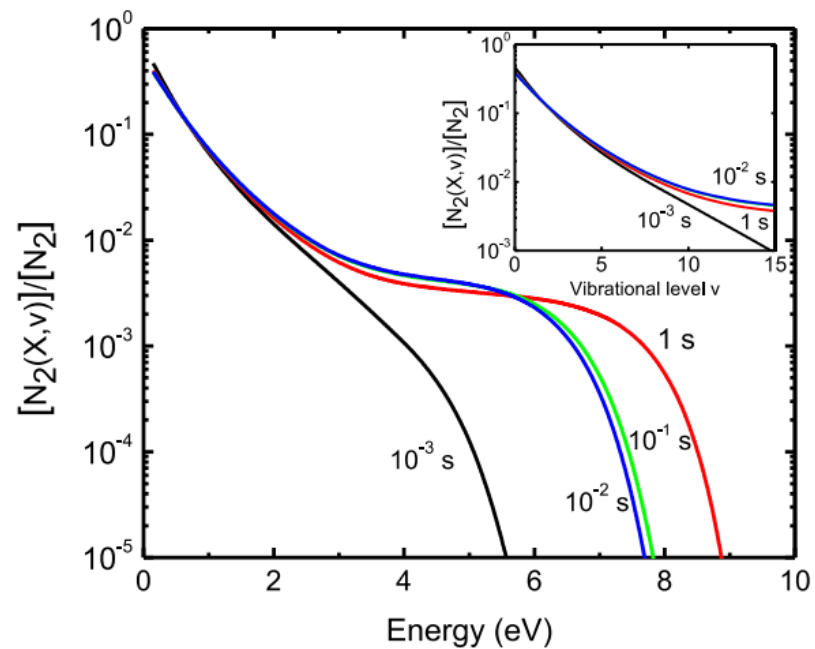
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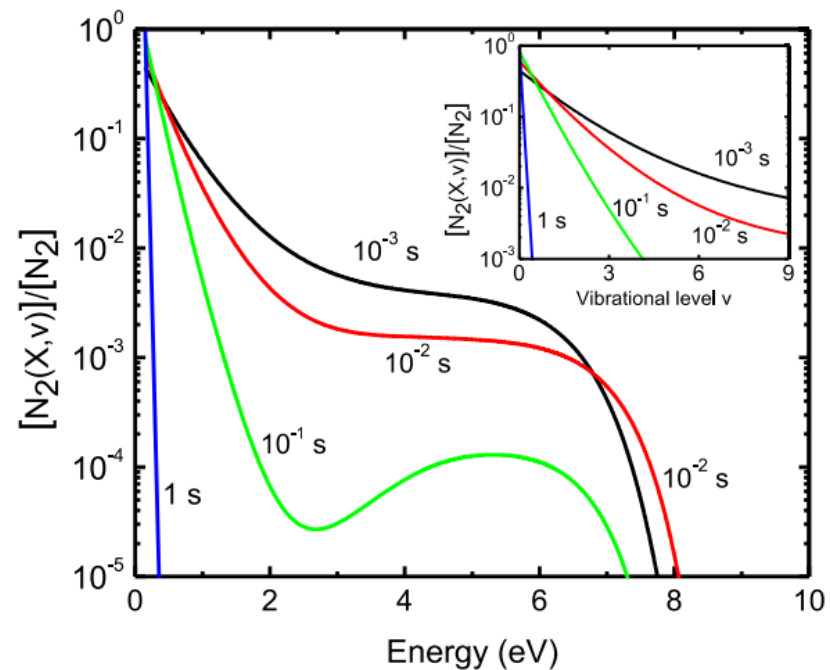
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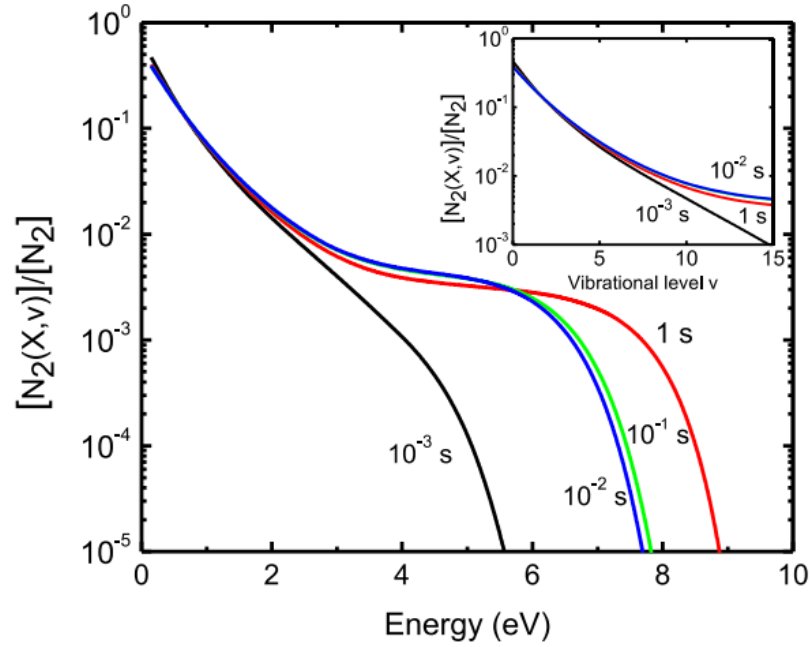


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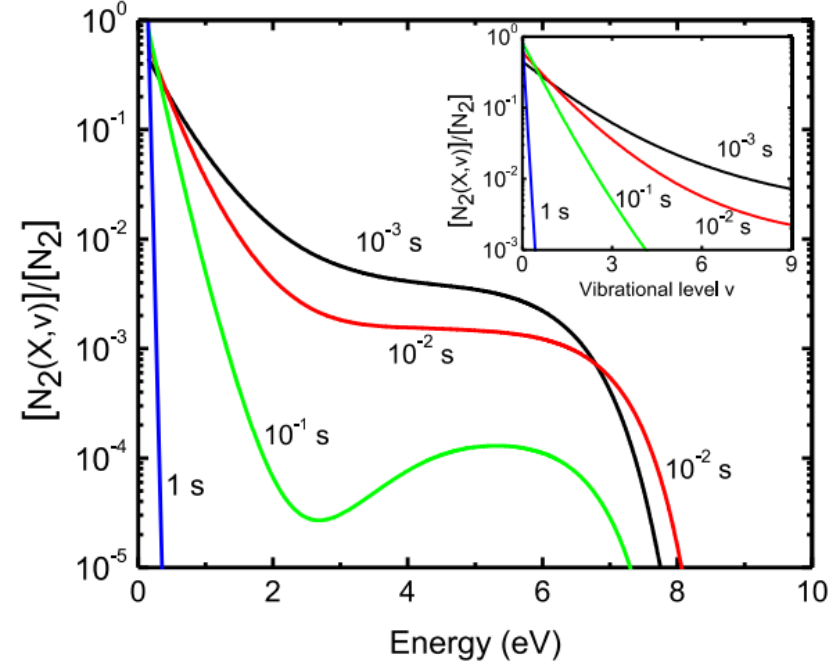


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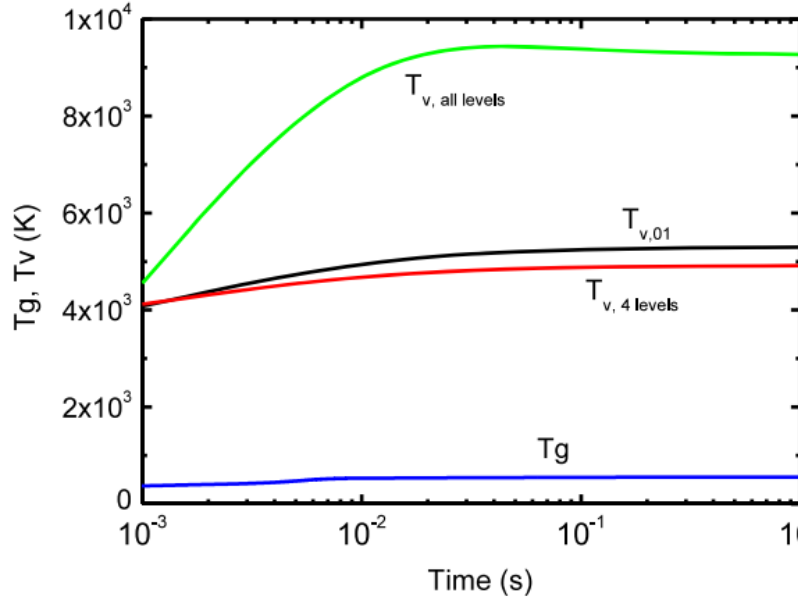
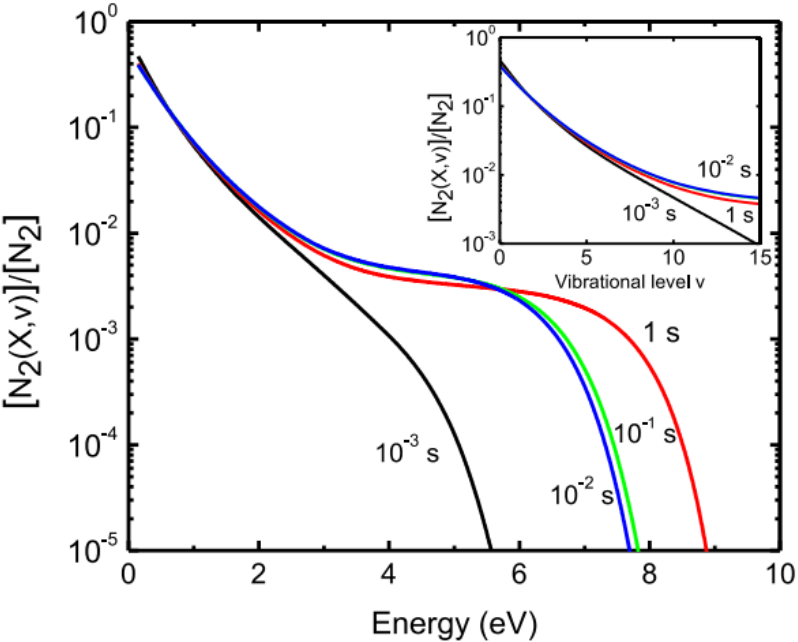


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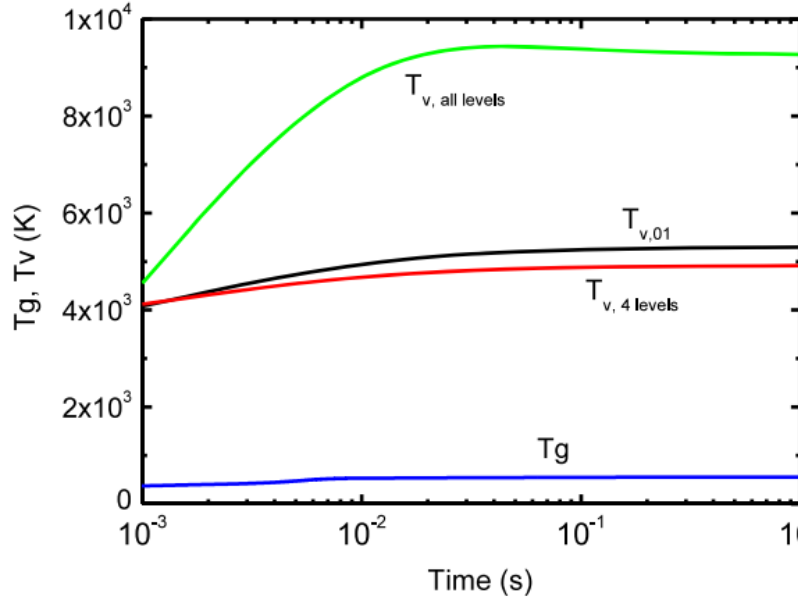
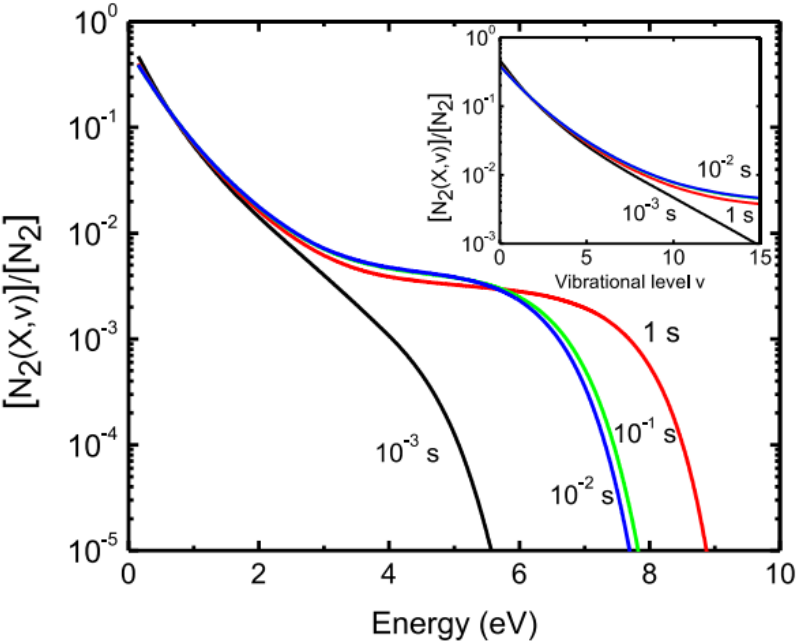
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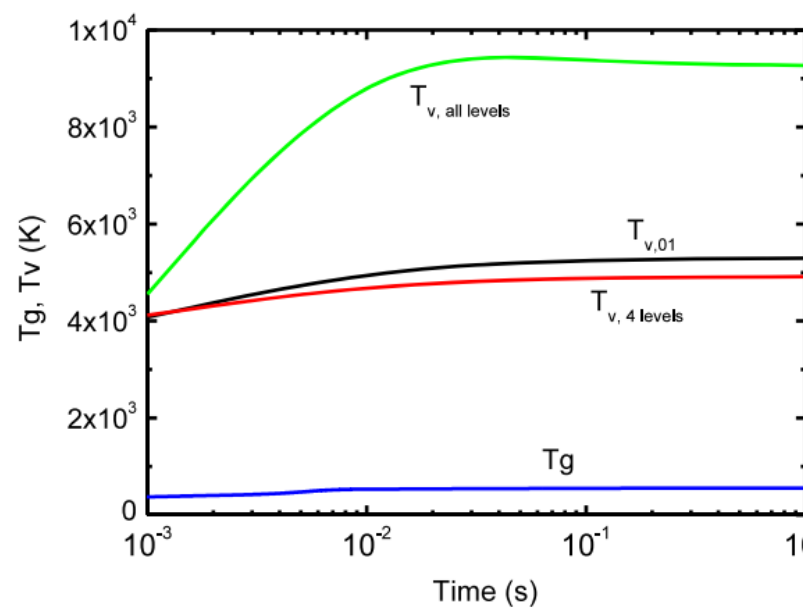
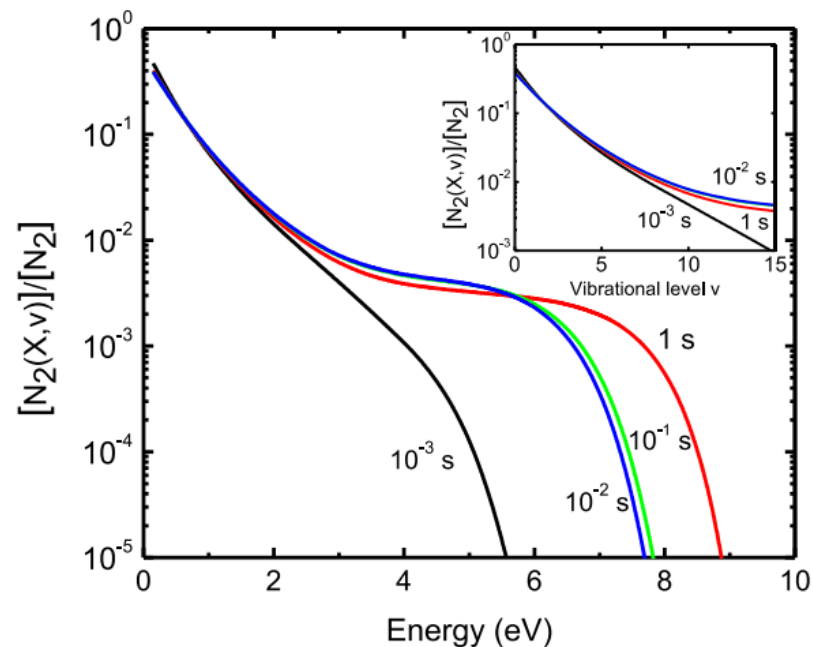


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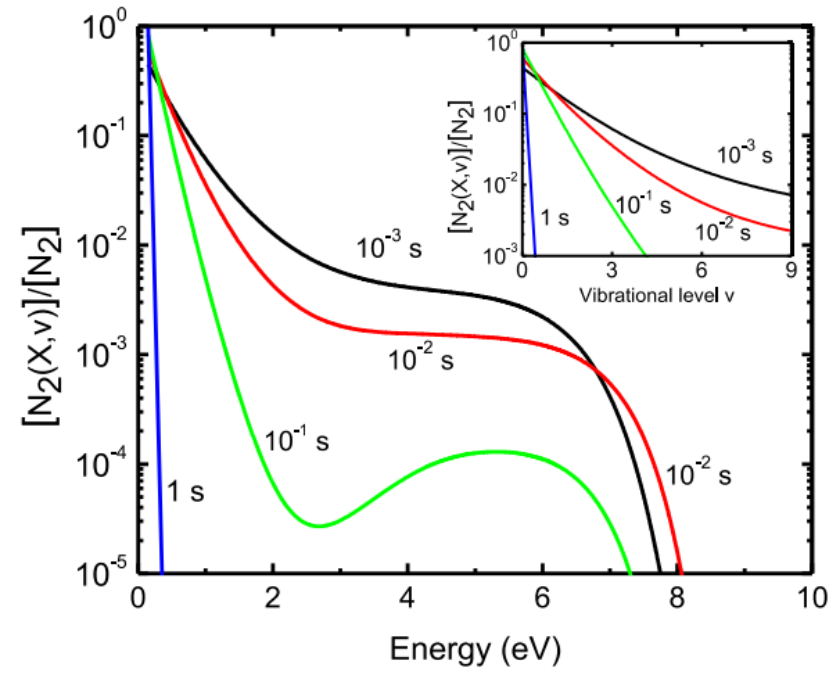
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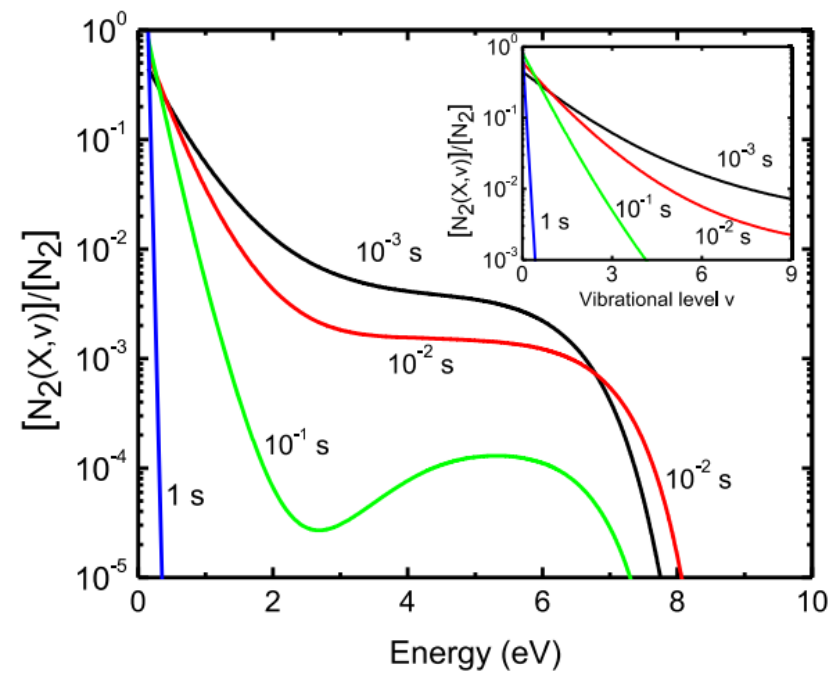
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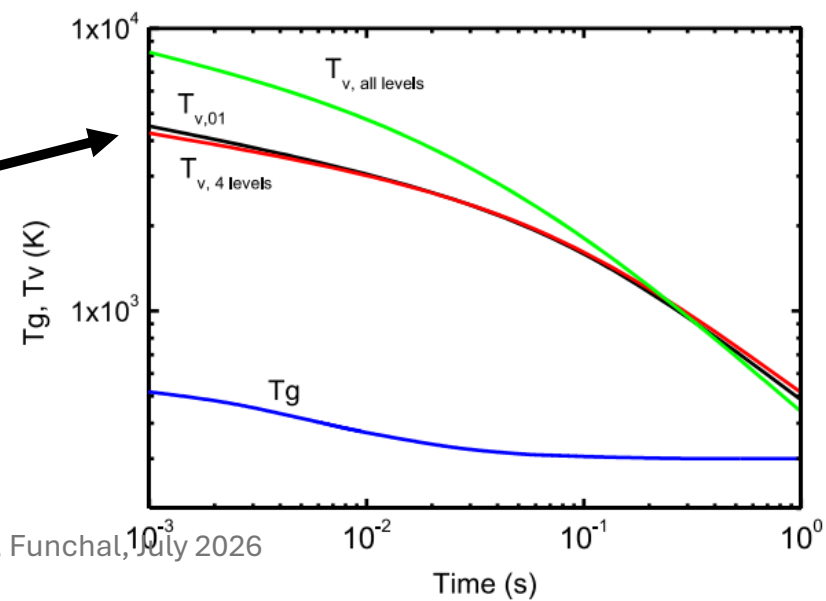
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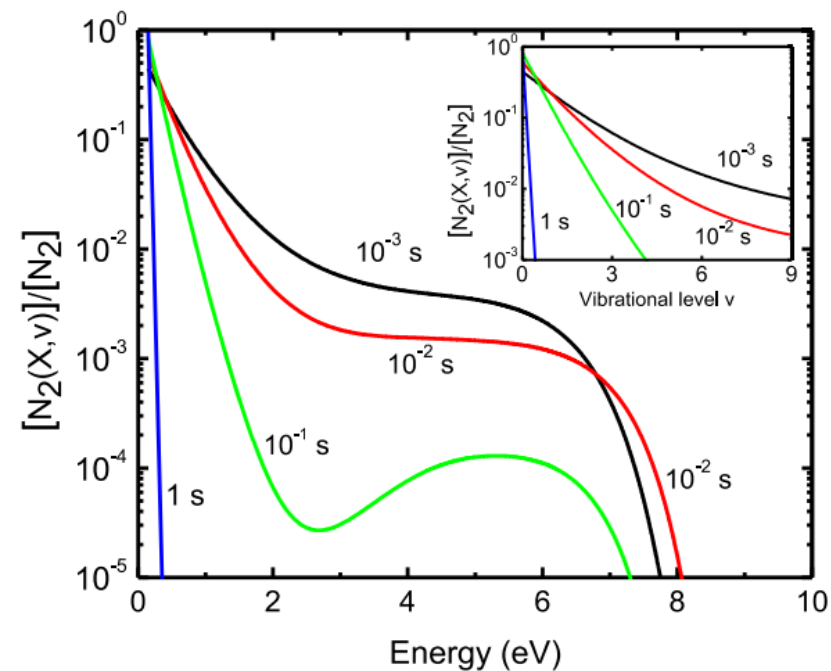
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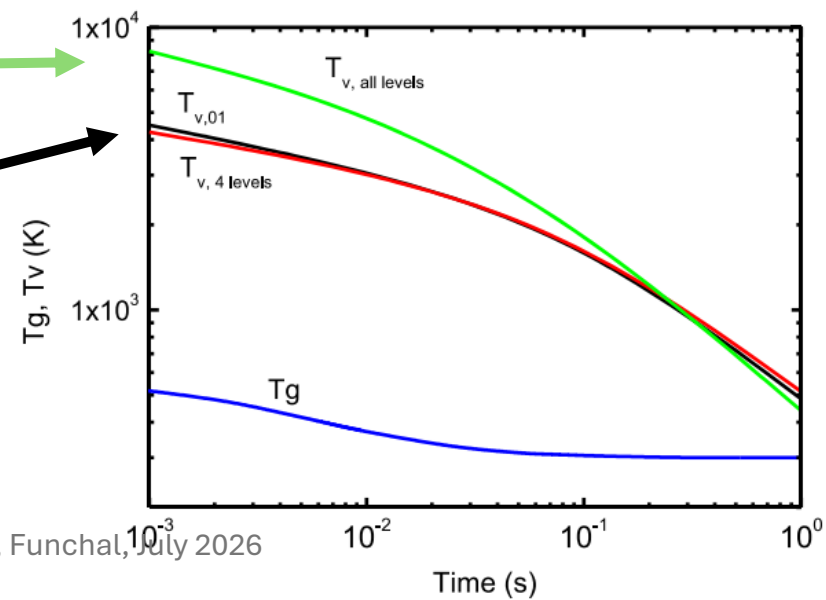


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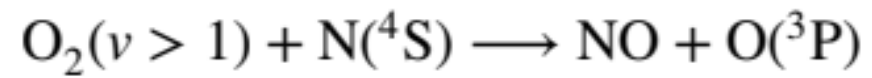
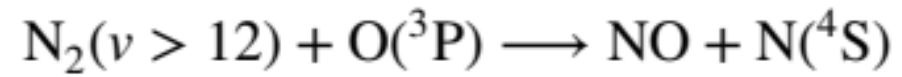
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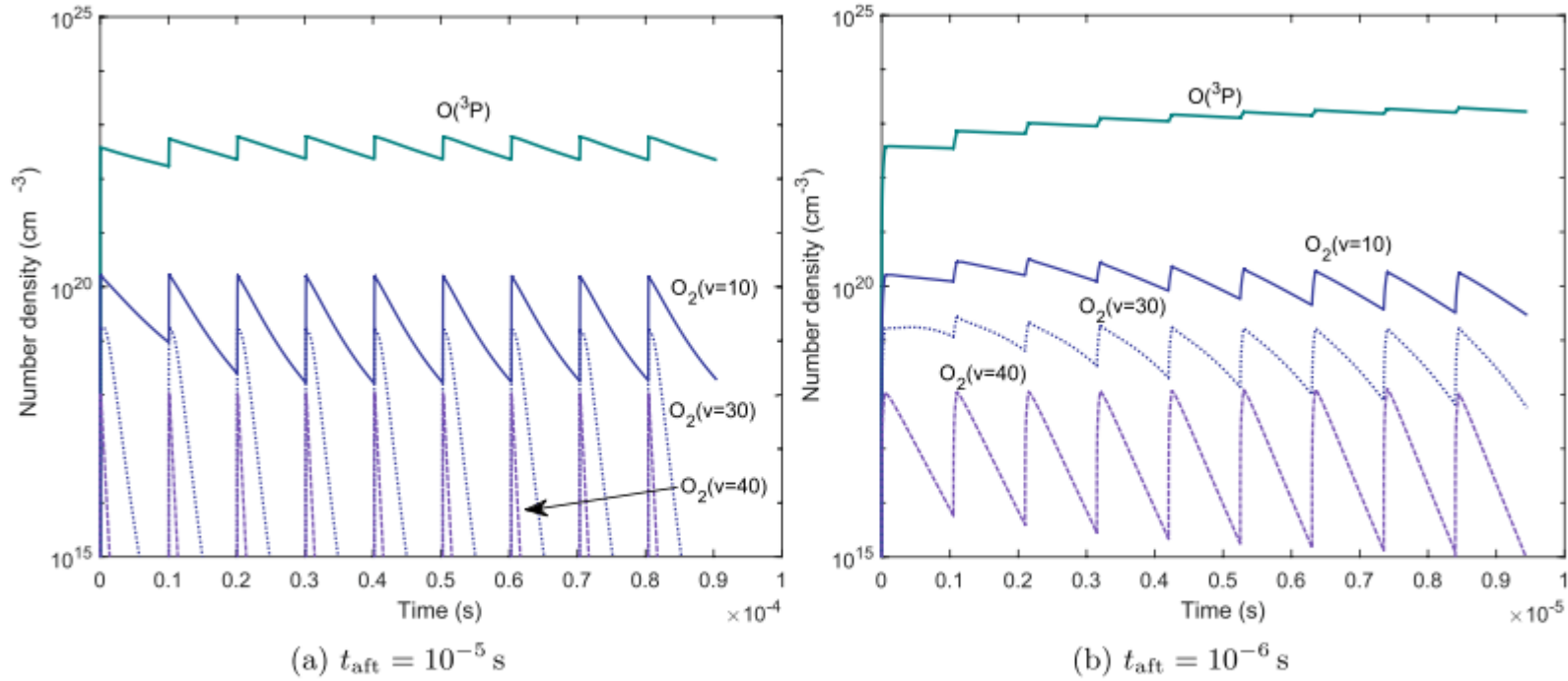


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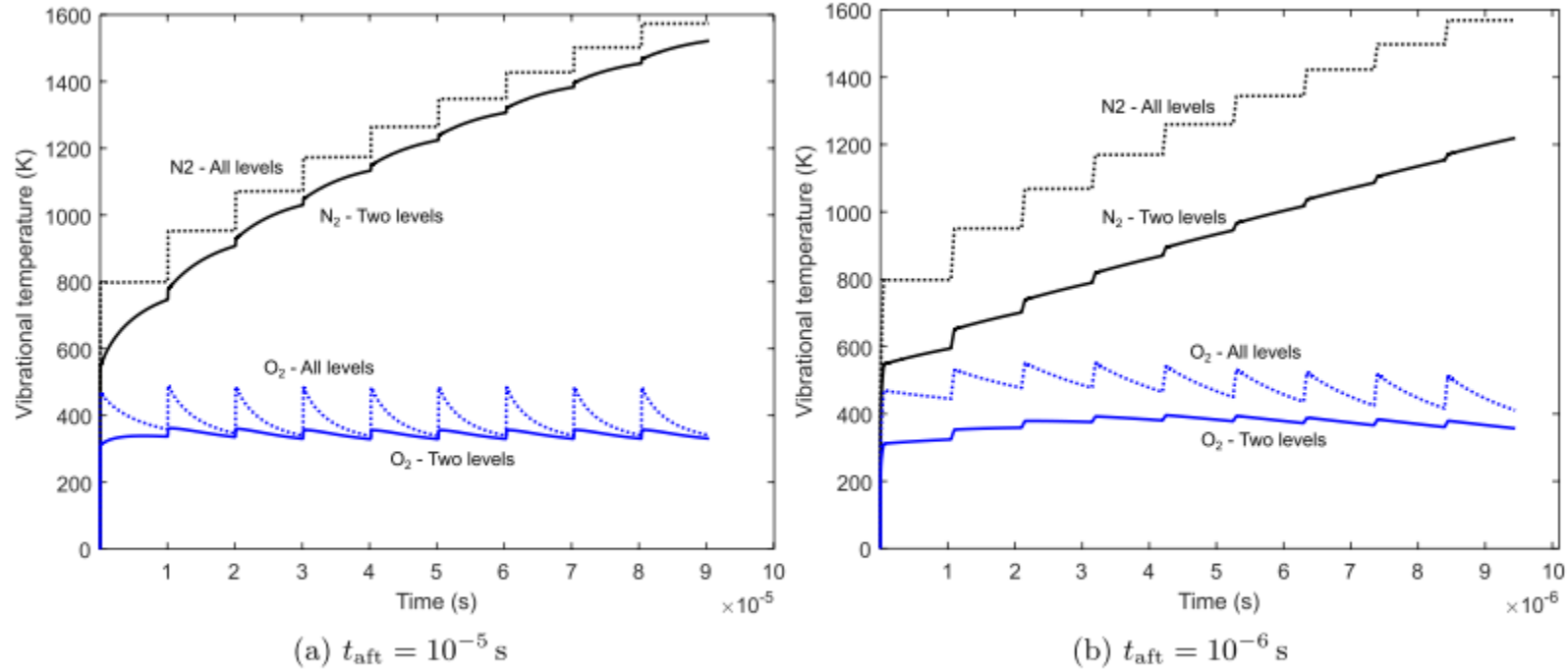


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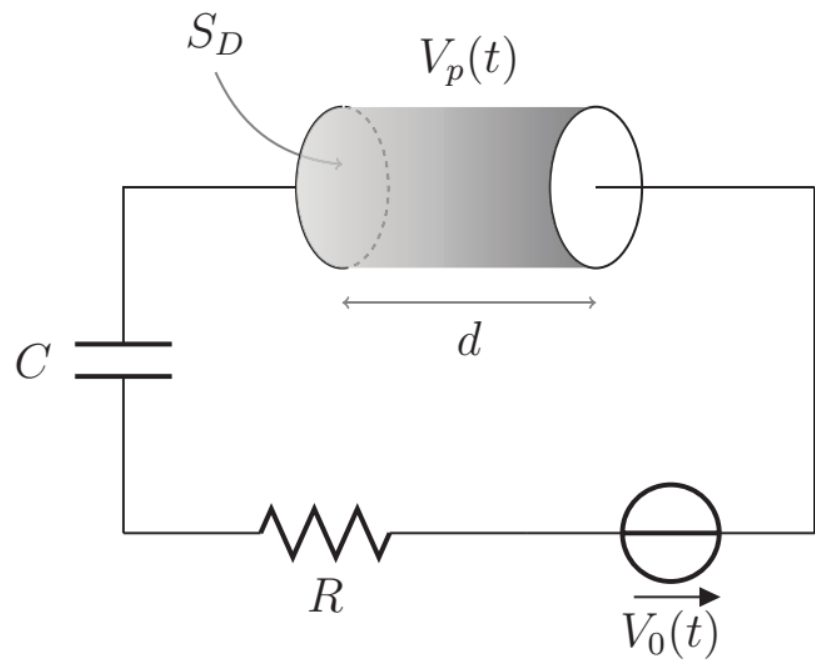


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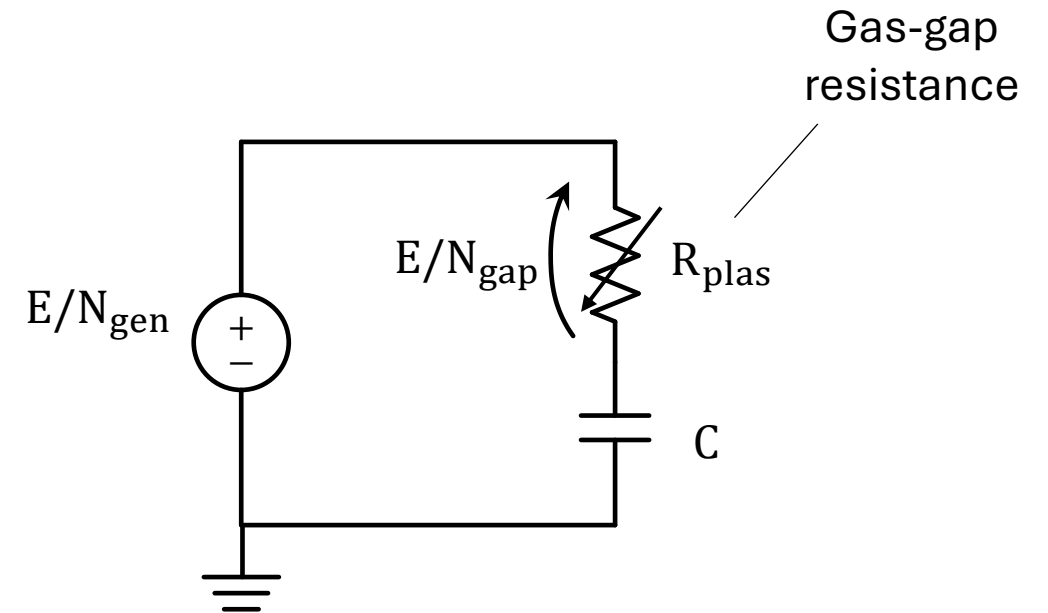
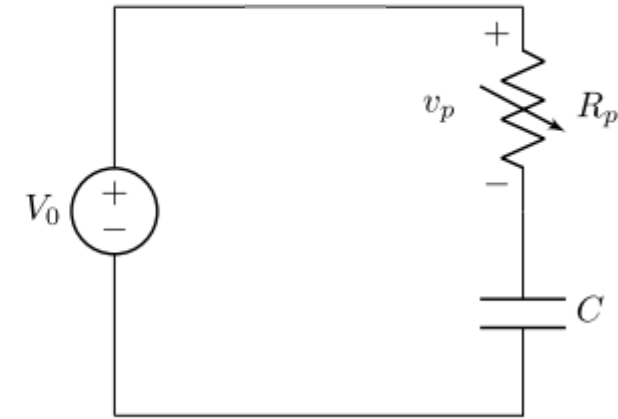


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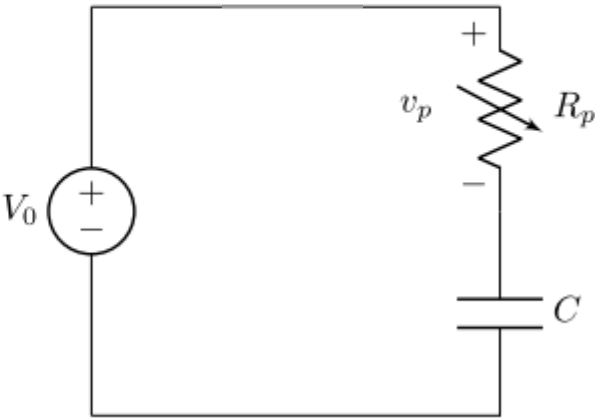
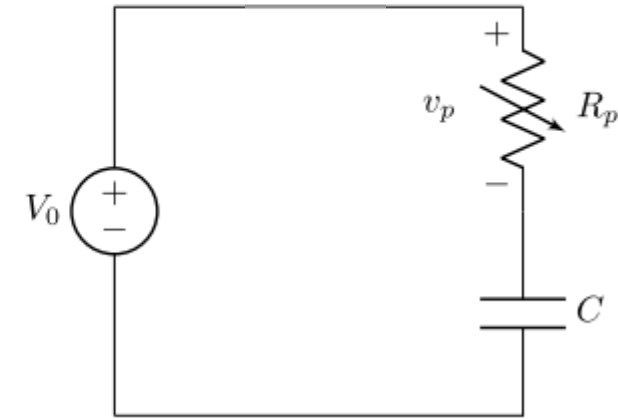


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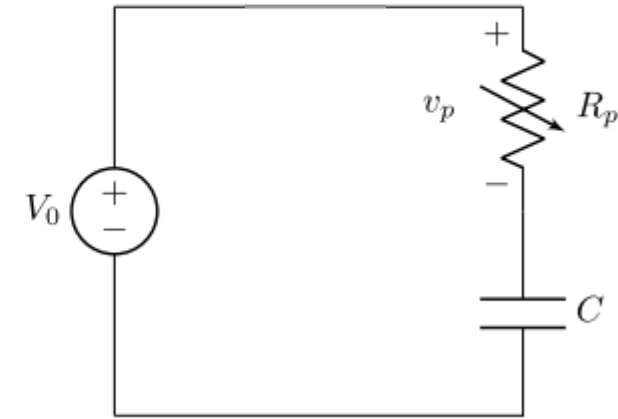
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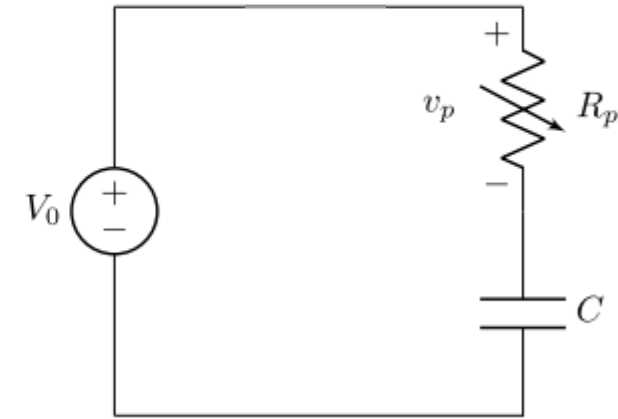
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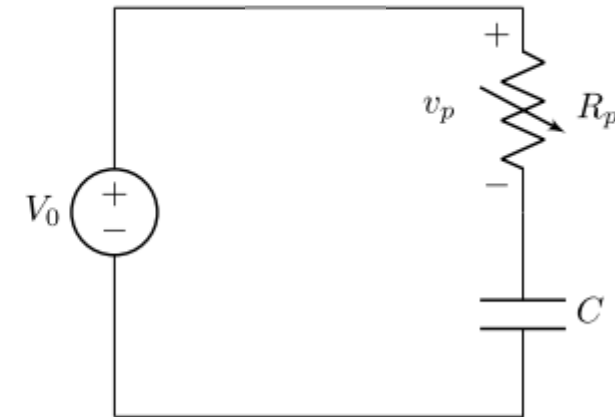
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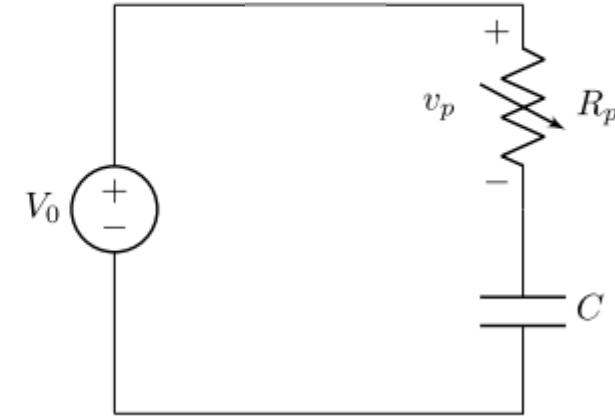
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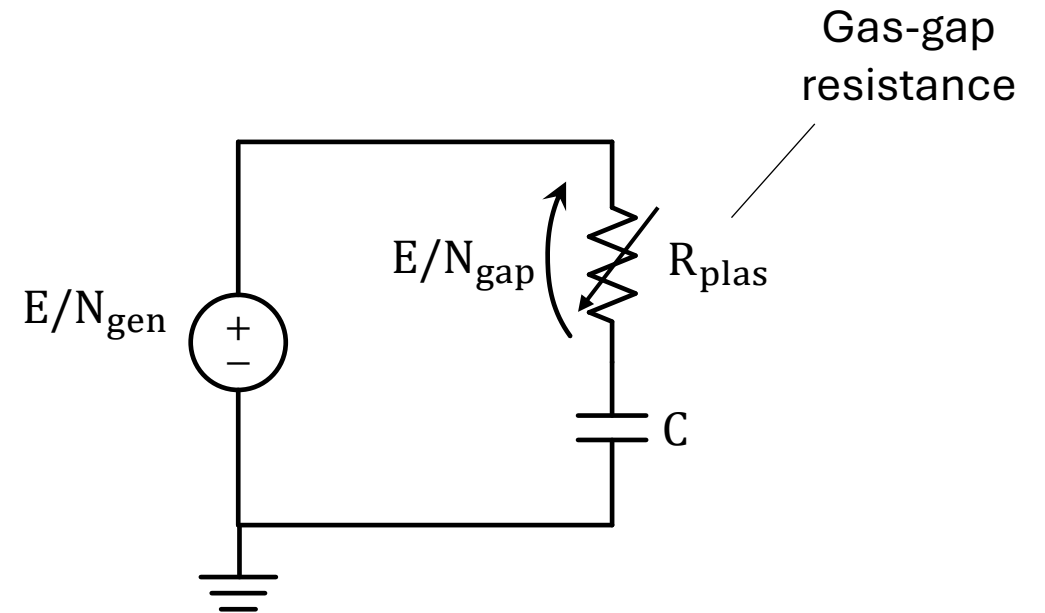
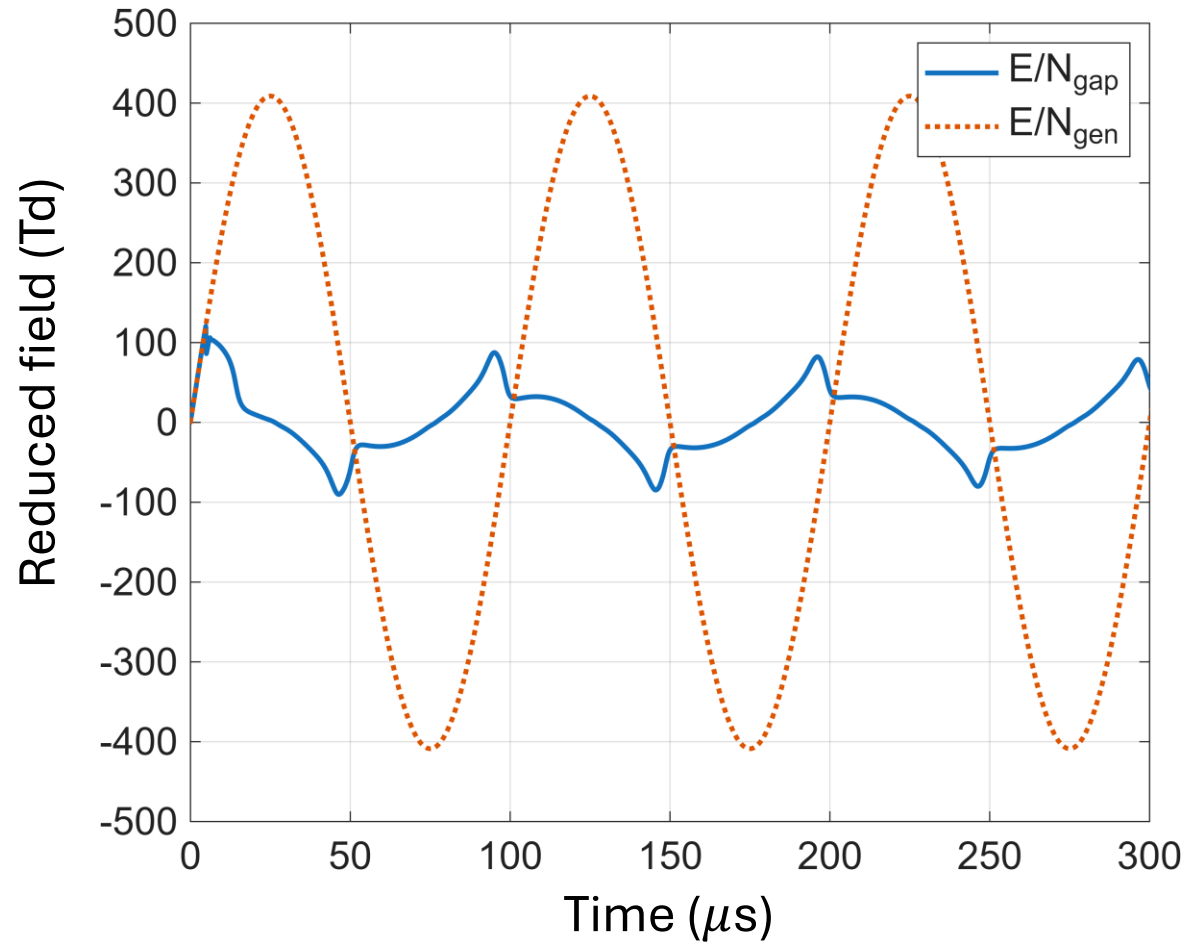
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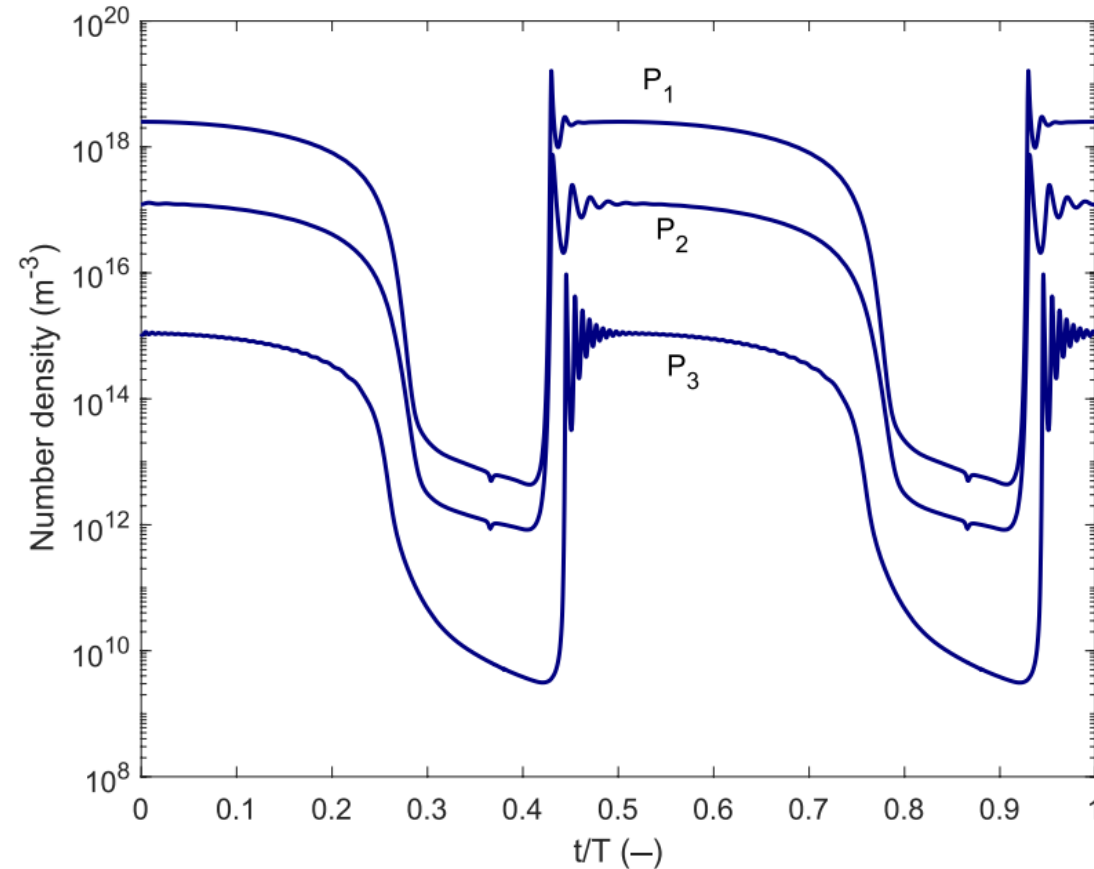
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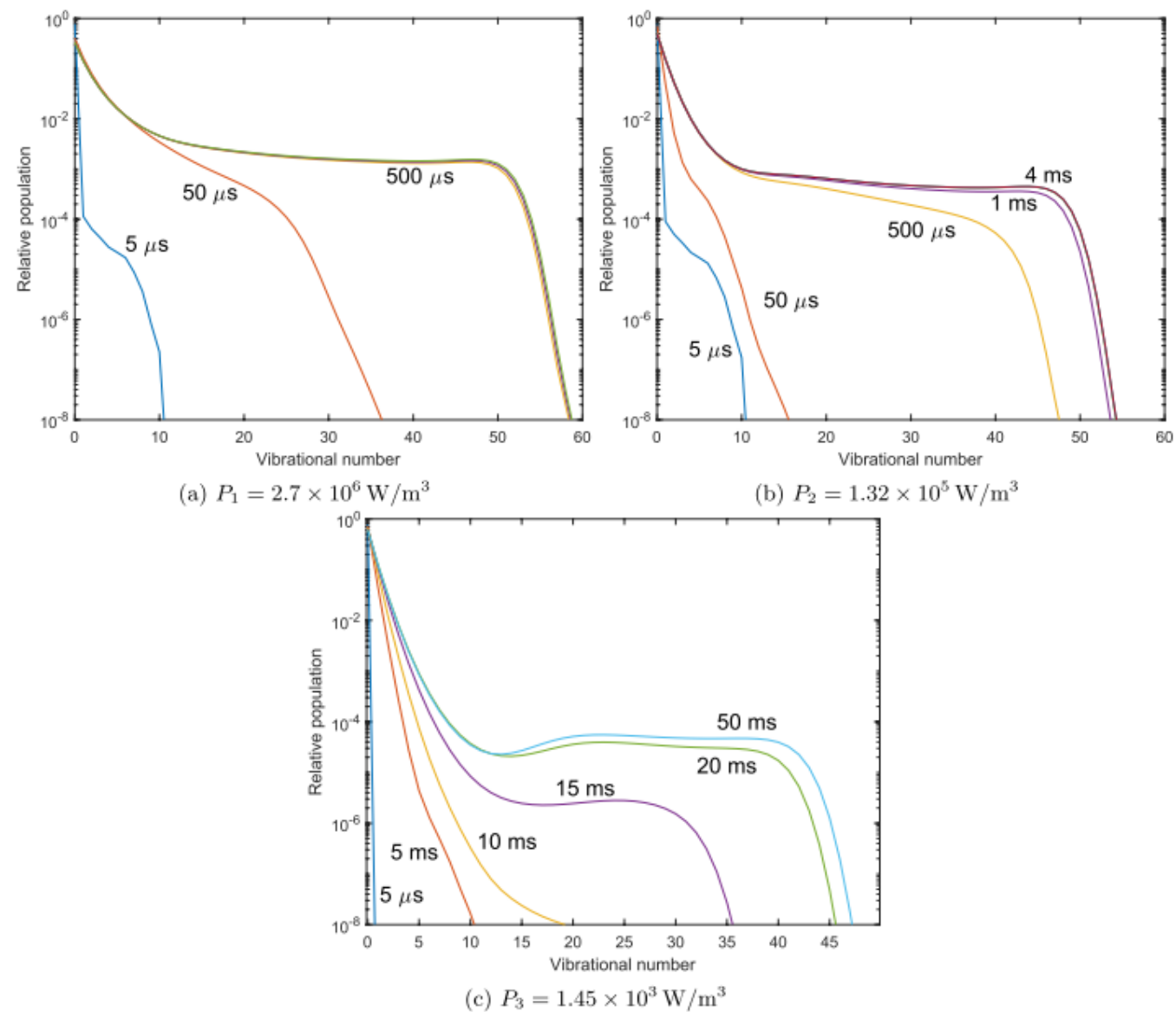


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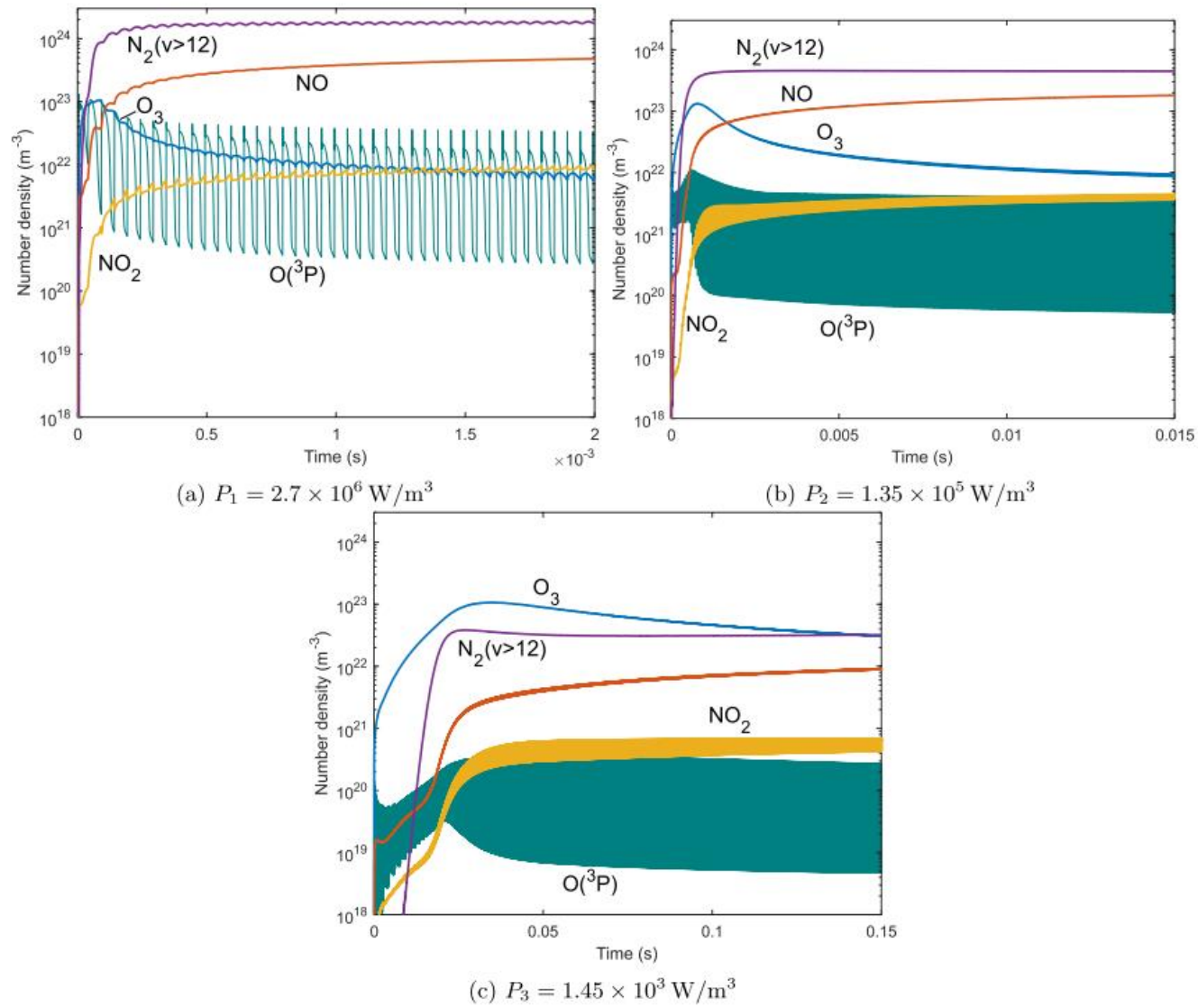


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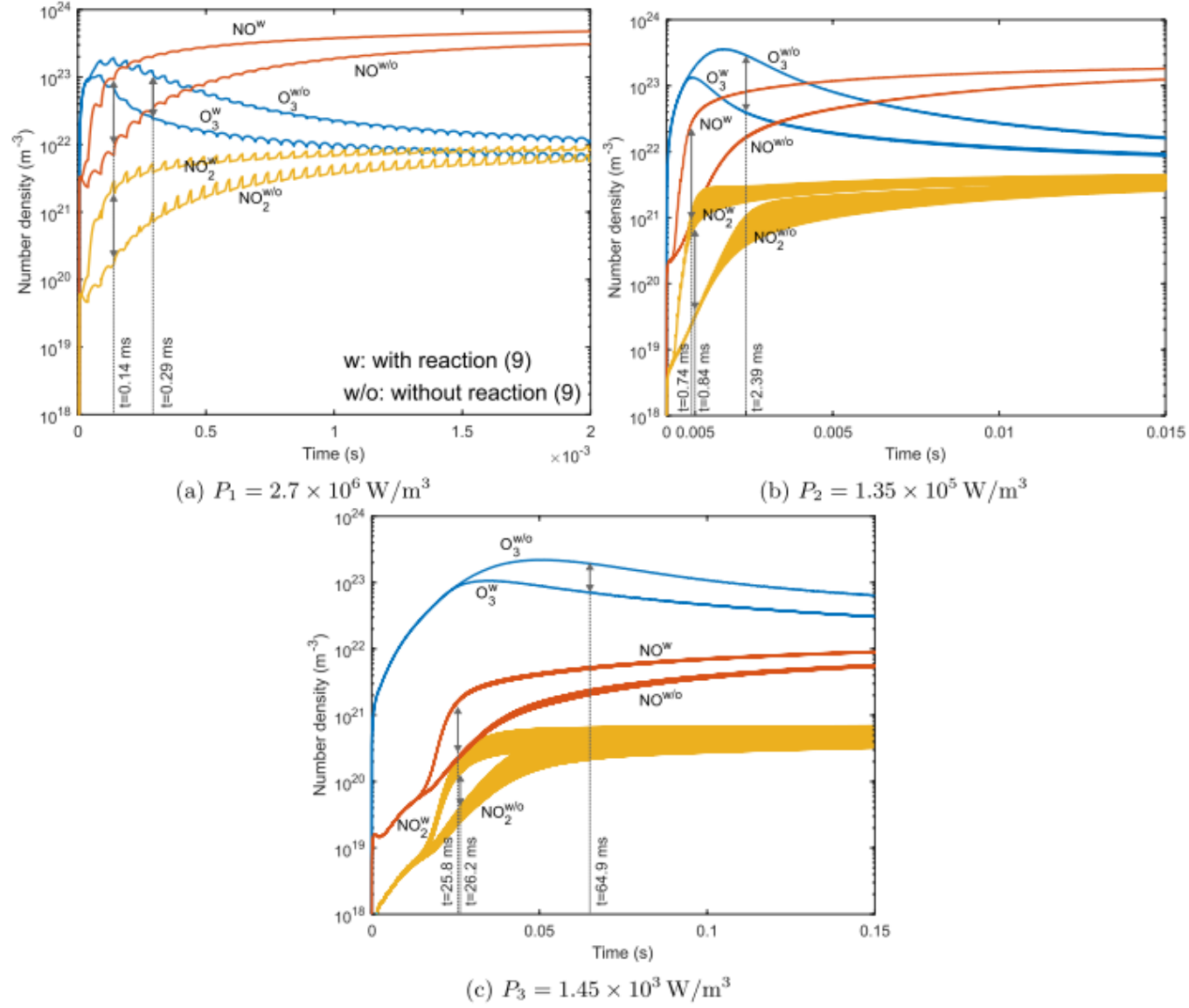


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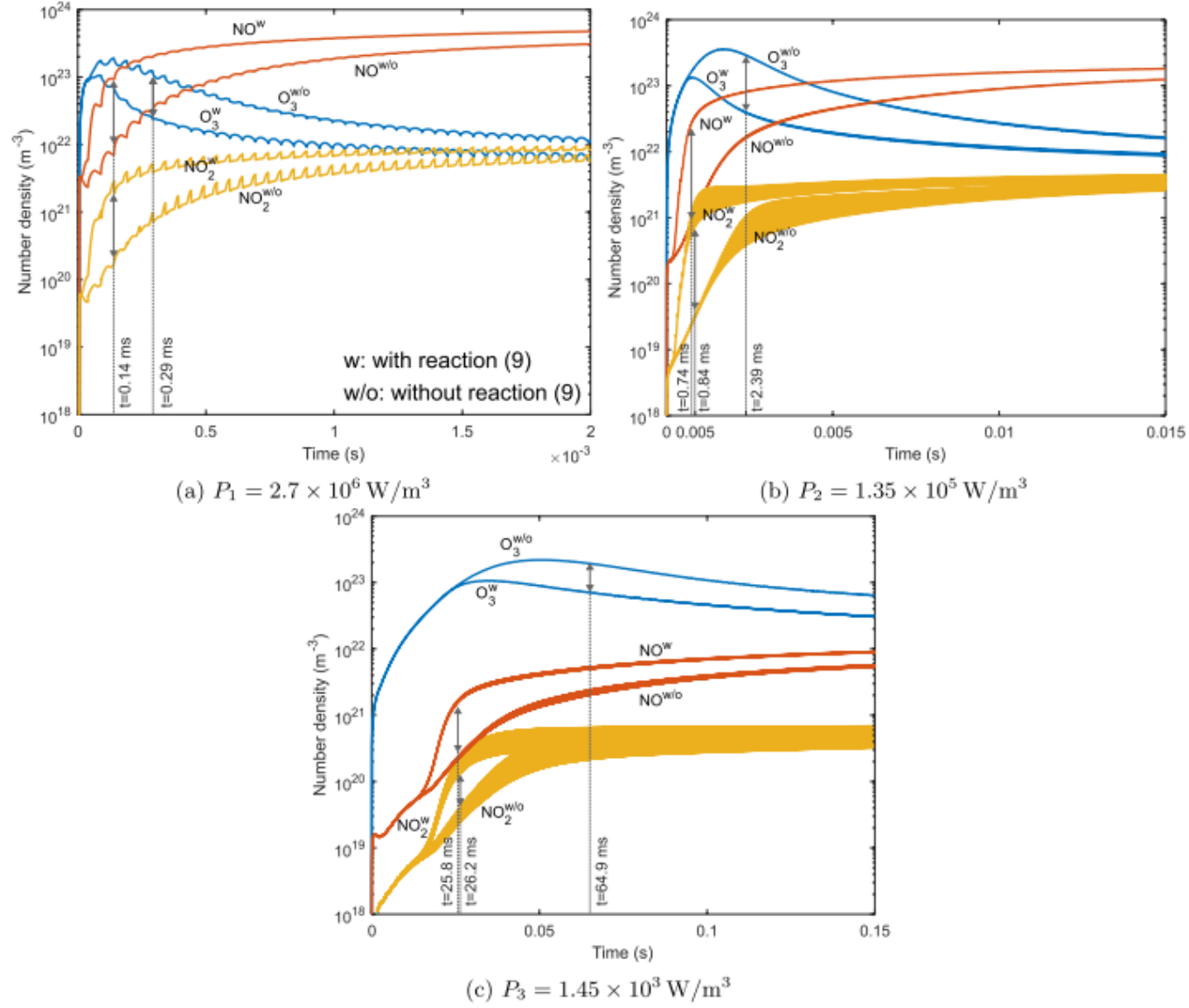


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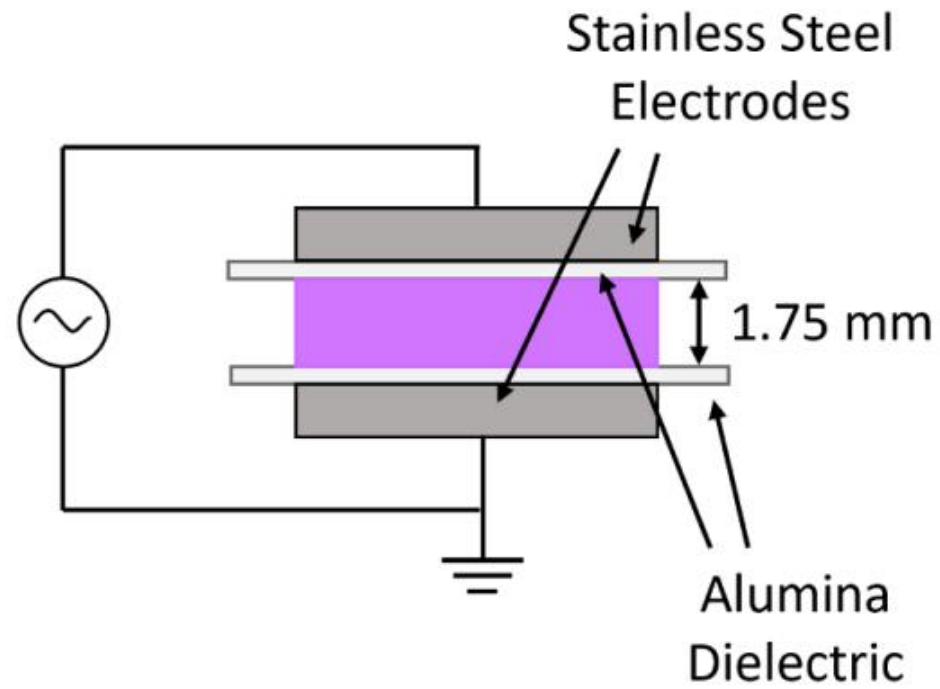
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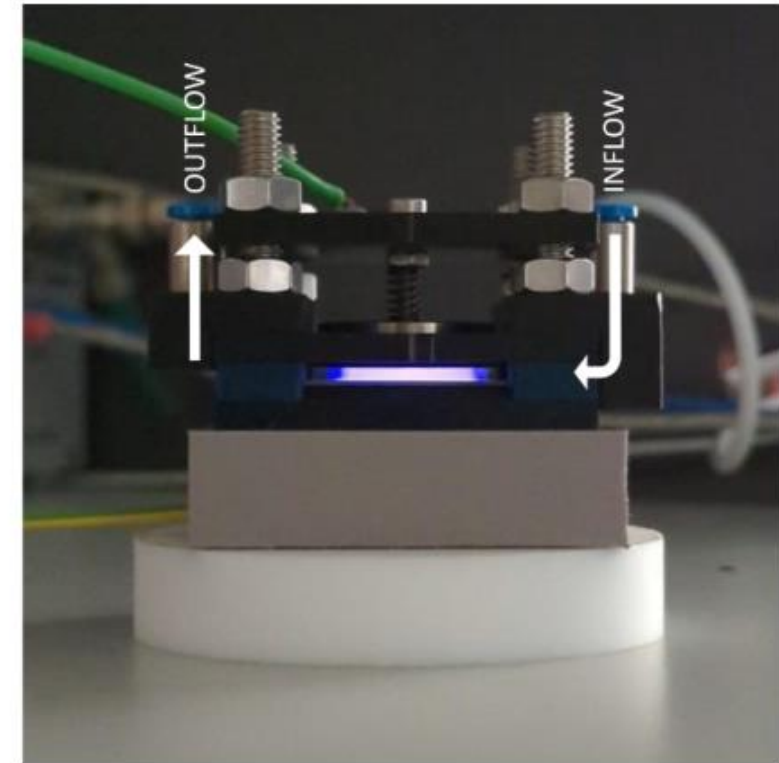
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- Use an equivalent electric circuit approach (see, e.g. [41, 48]) to derive $E(t)/N$ from the applied voltage $v(t)$.
- Incorporate experimental data directly describing the behavior of the electric field, as implemented in this work.

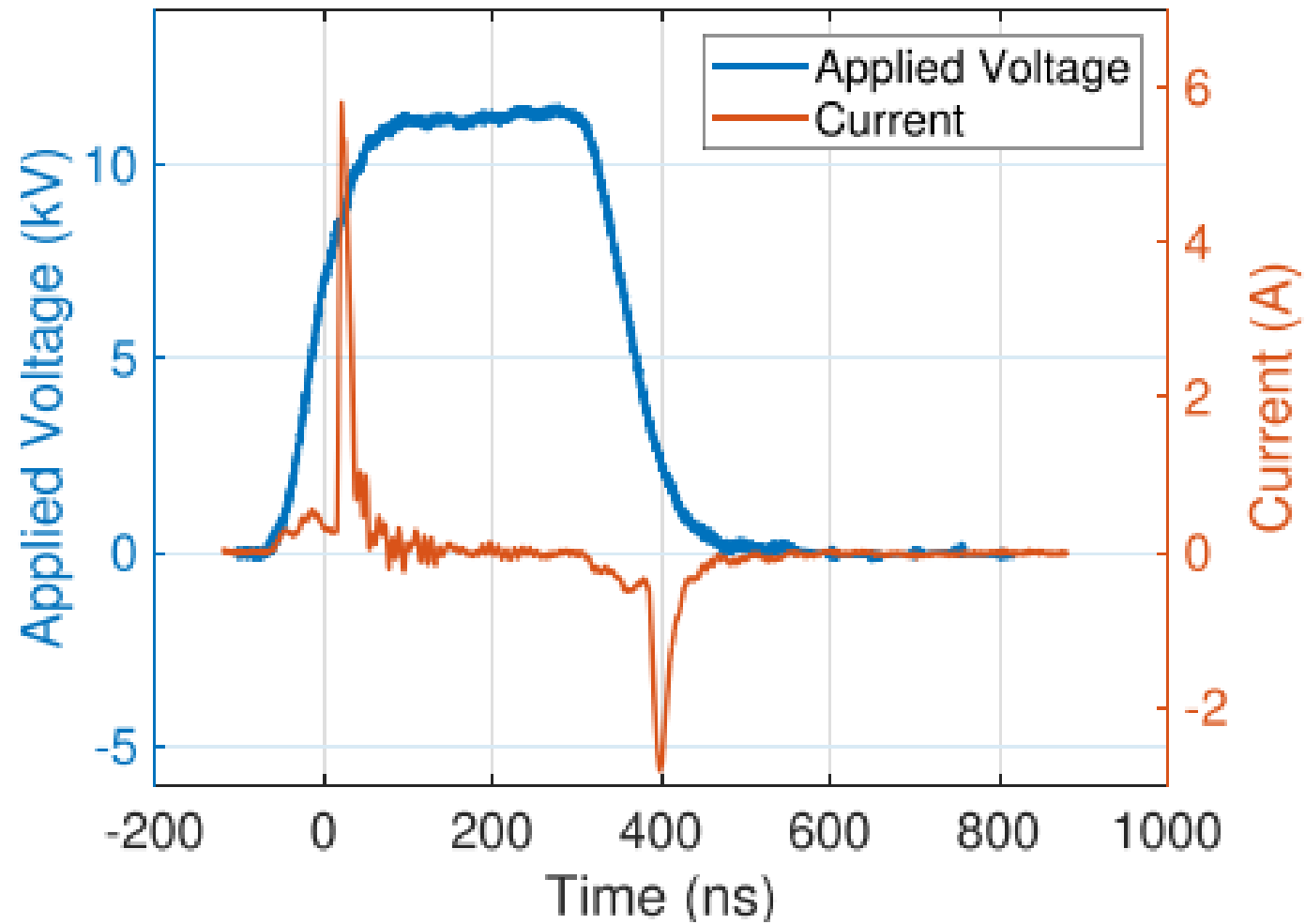


(a)



(b)

Figure 1. (a) Schematic of the VDBD components. (b) Picture of the operating VDBD with the schematics of the inflow and outflow positions.



200 ns HV pulse at approximately 11.6 kV

Repetition frequency of 1 kHz

Rise/fall time of approximately 50 ns

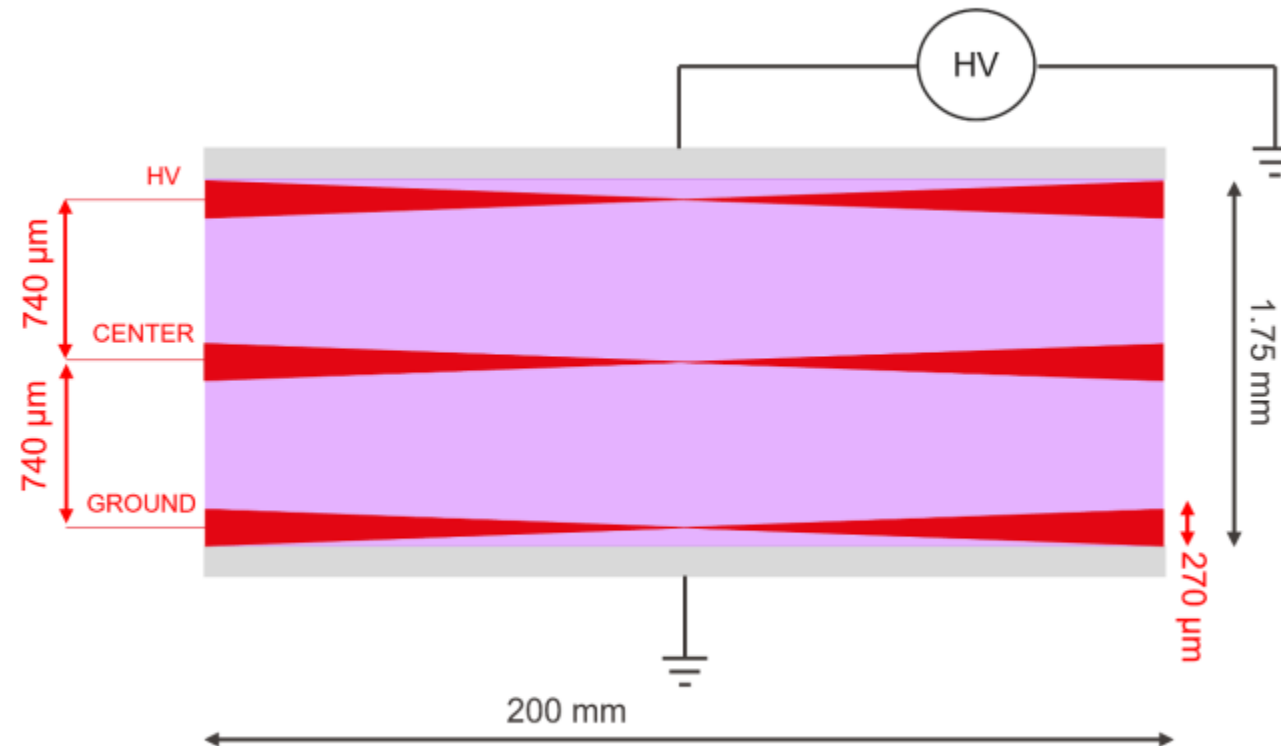


Figure 8. Position of the laser beam passing in the inter-electrode gap of the VDBD. The scheme shows the three distinct positions used for the EFISH measurements: Center, HV and Ground. The diagram also highlights that the beam width at the edge of the VDBD electrode measures approximately 270 μm .

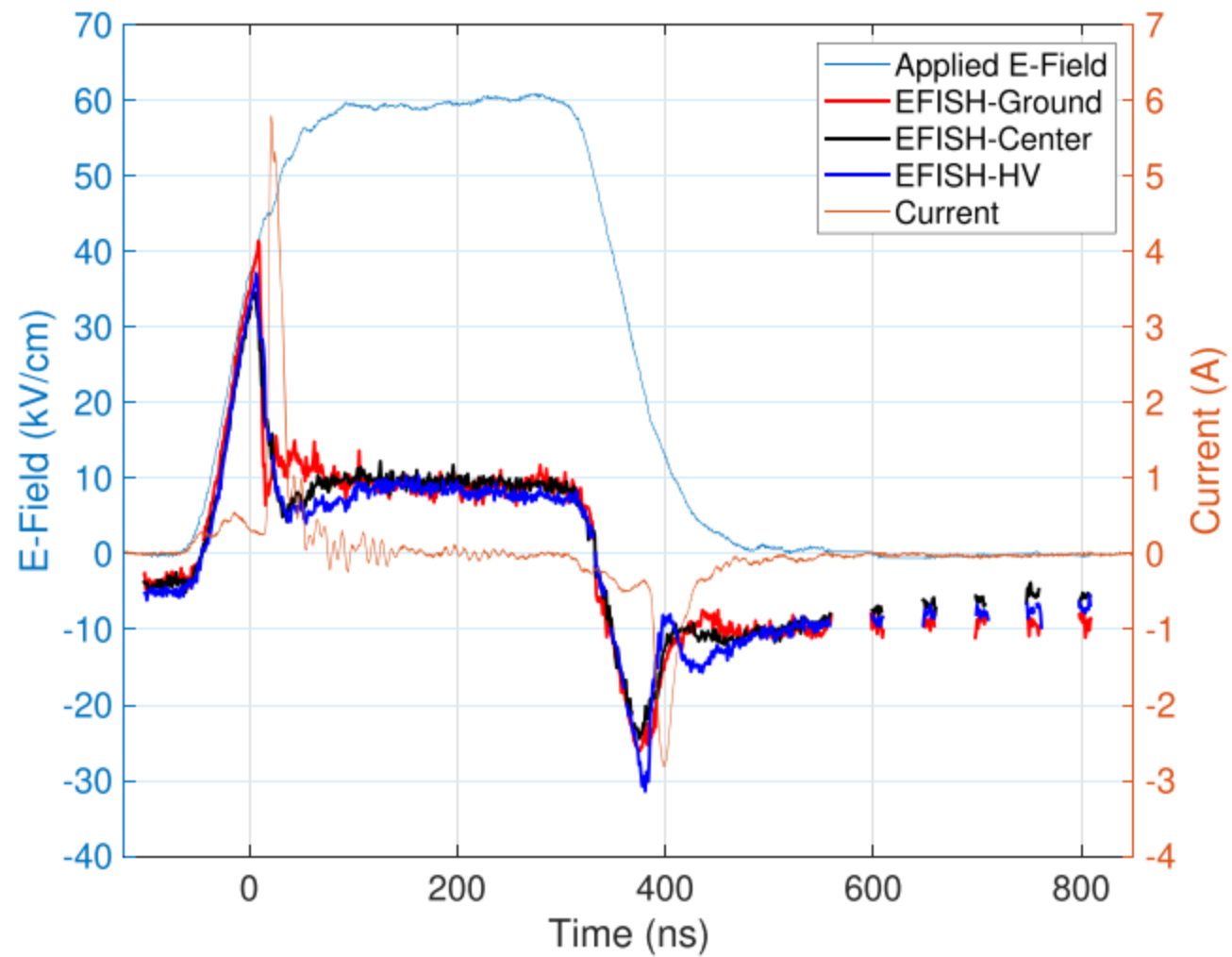
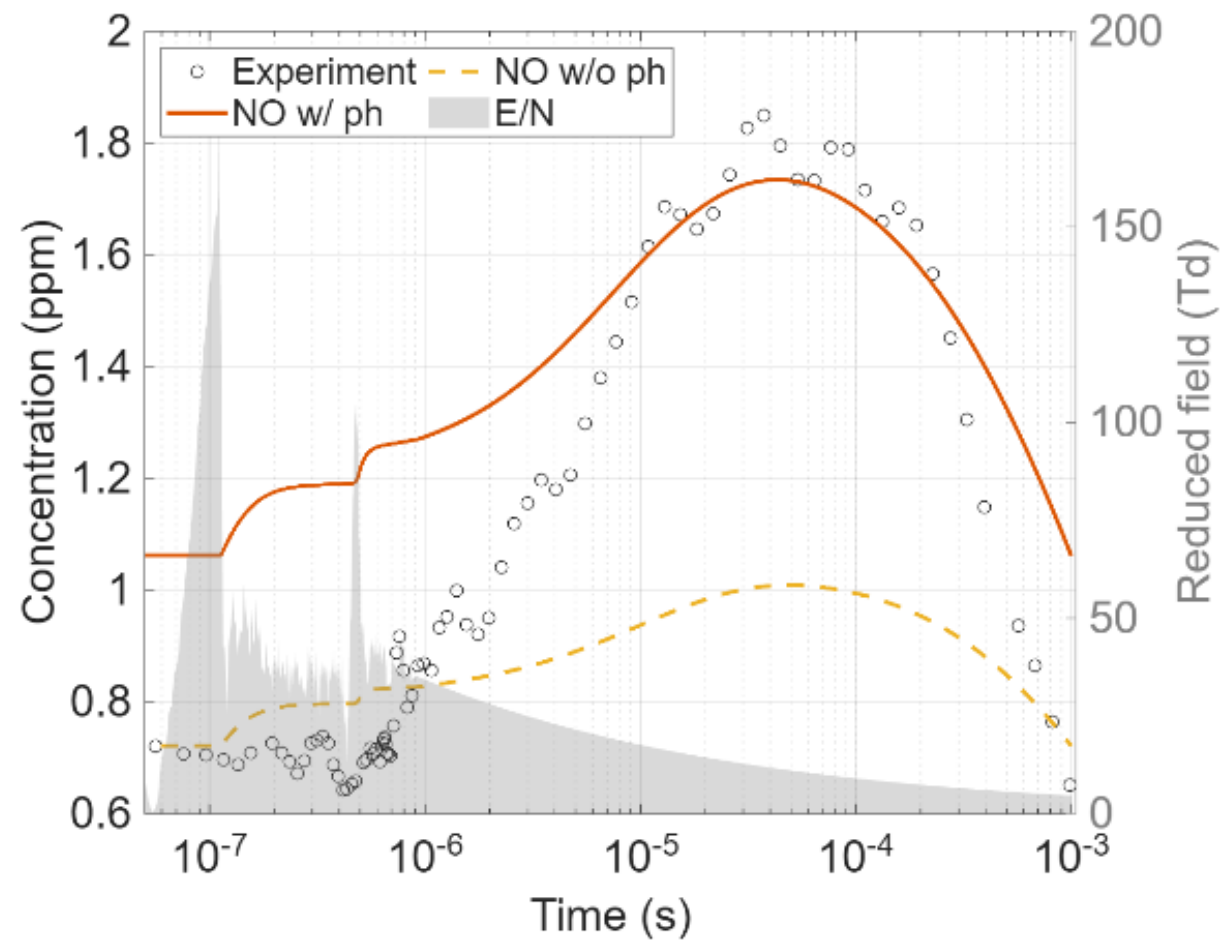


Figure 9. Calibrated and binned over 1 ns intervals EFISH measurements at the three different positions, namely Ground, Center and HV, within the inter-electrode gap of the VDBD. The applied electric field and the current are also reported.



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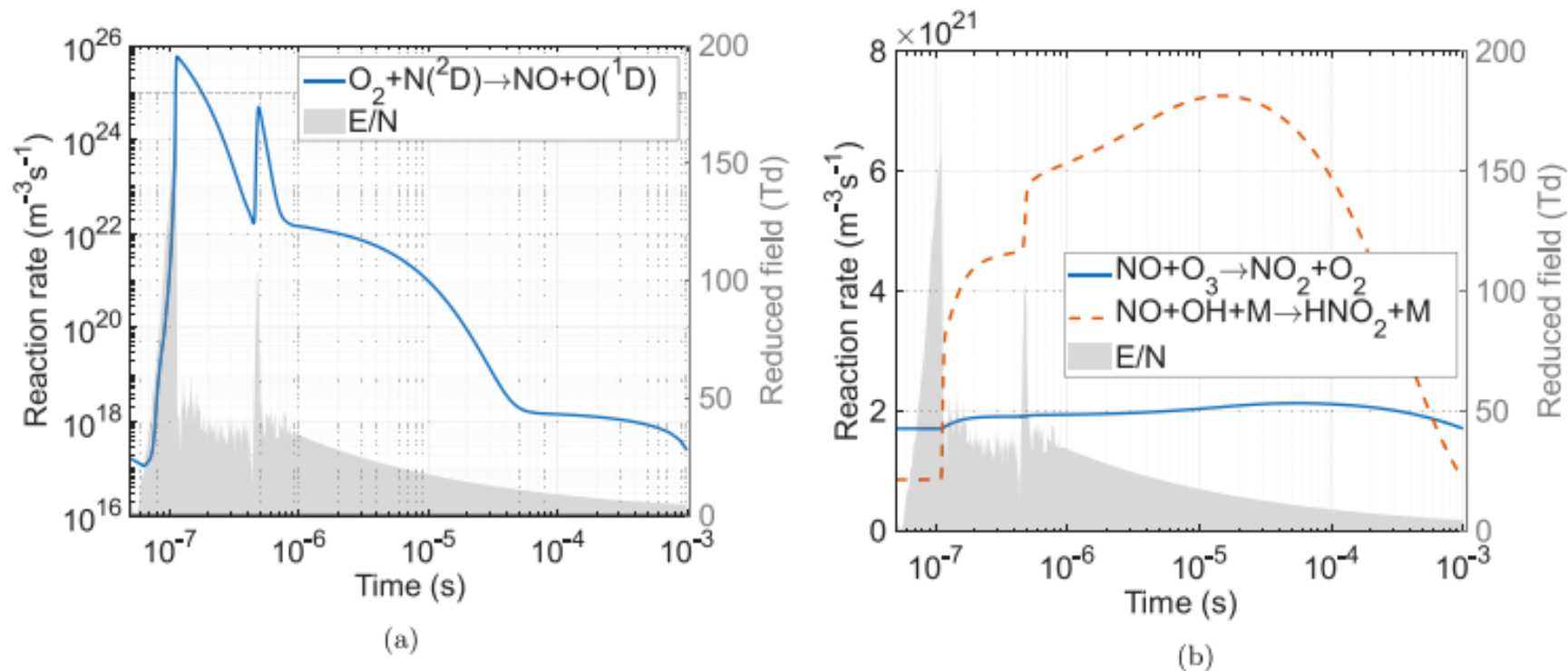


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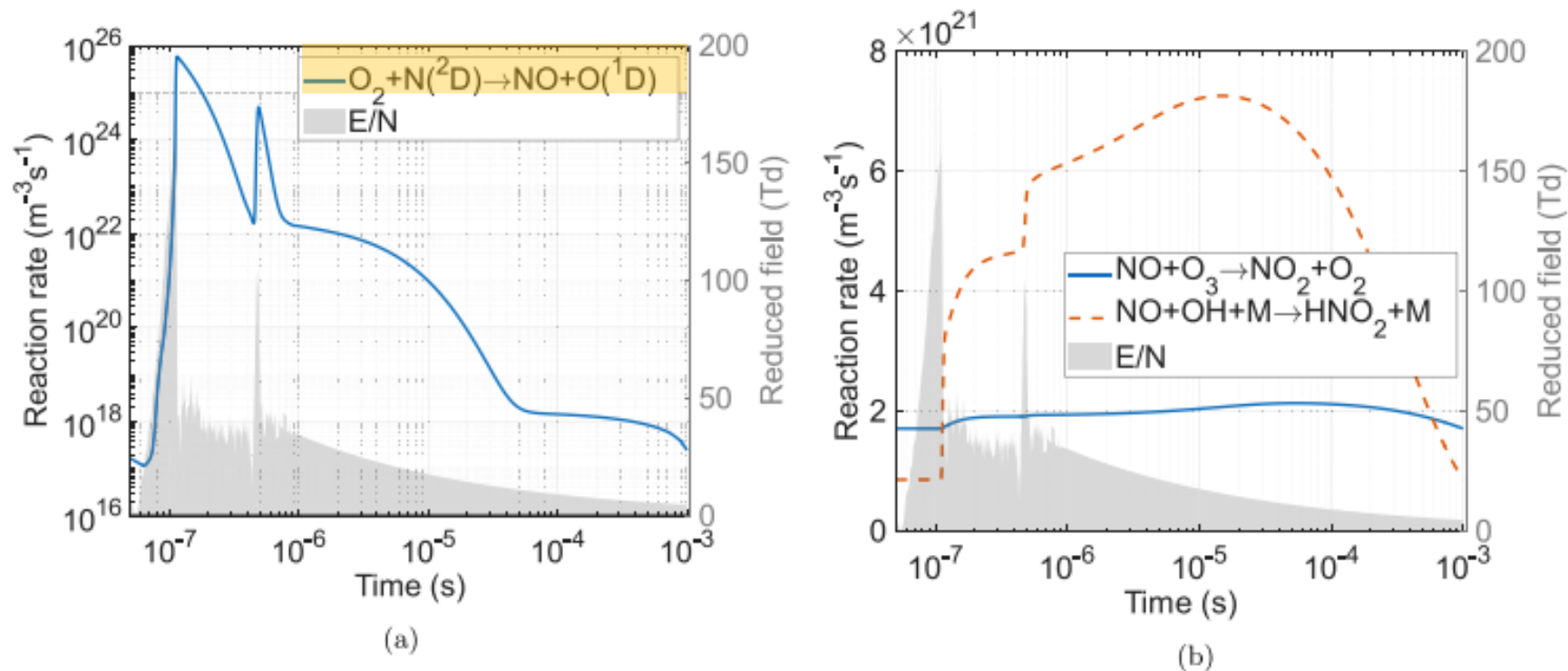


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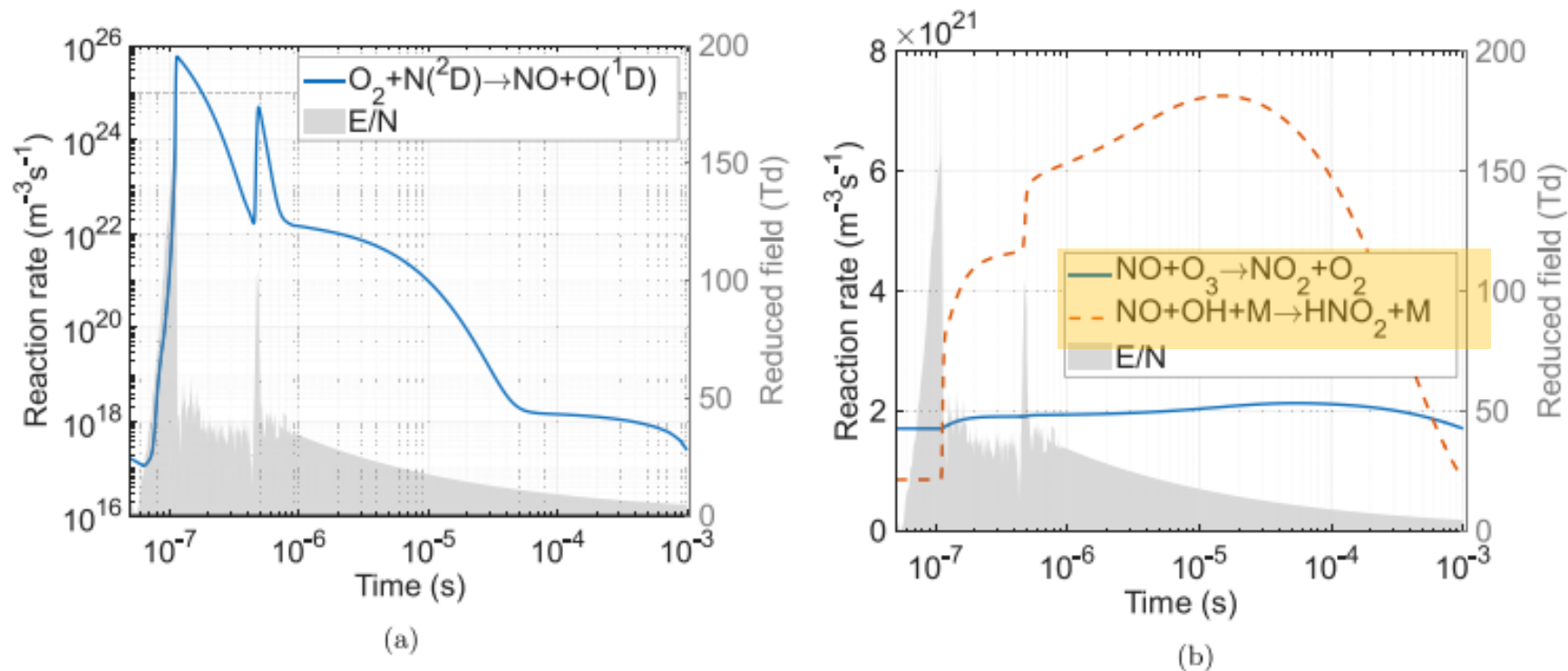


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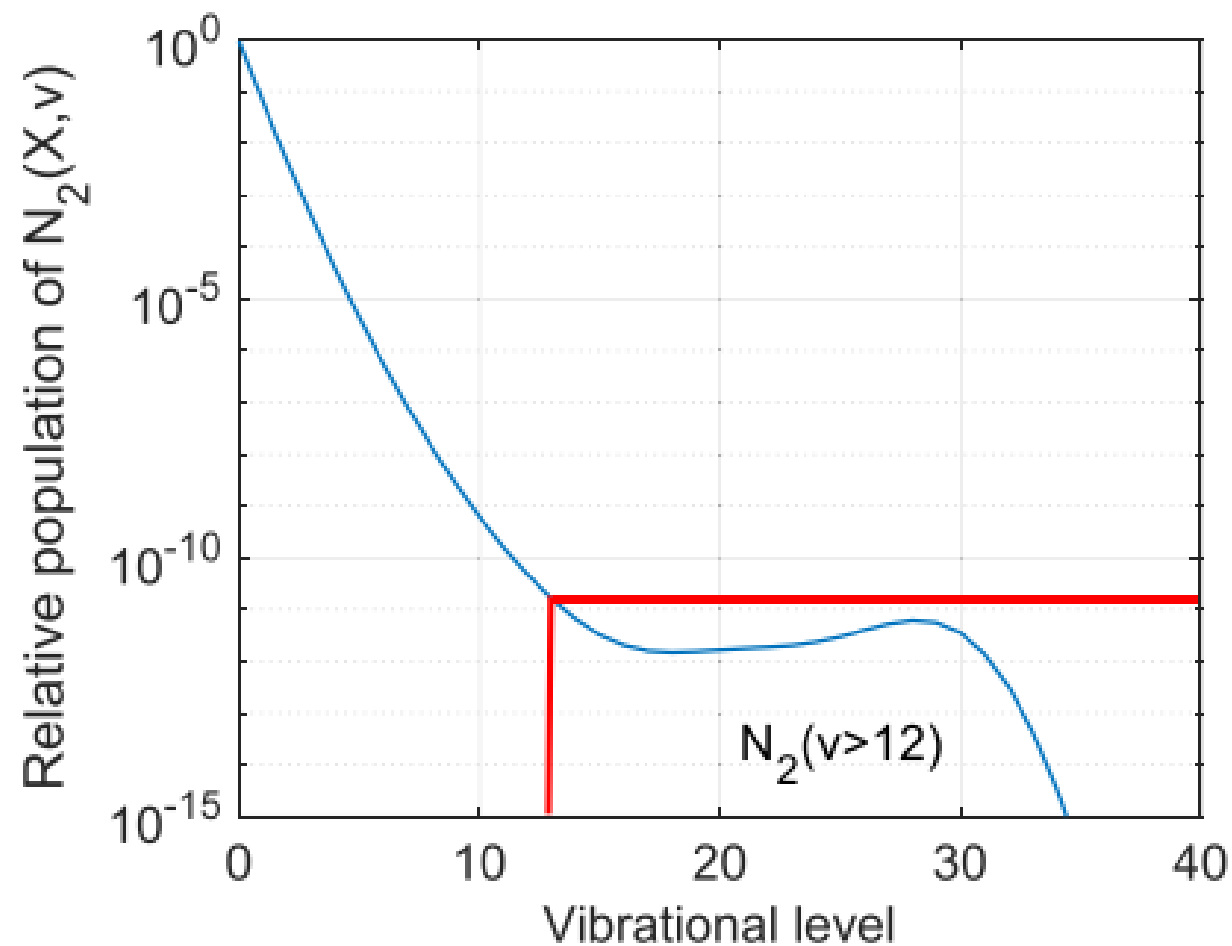
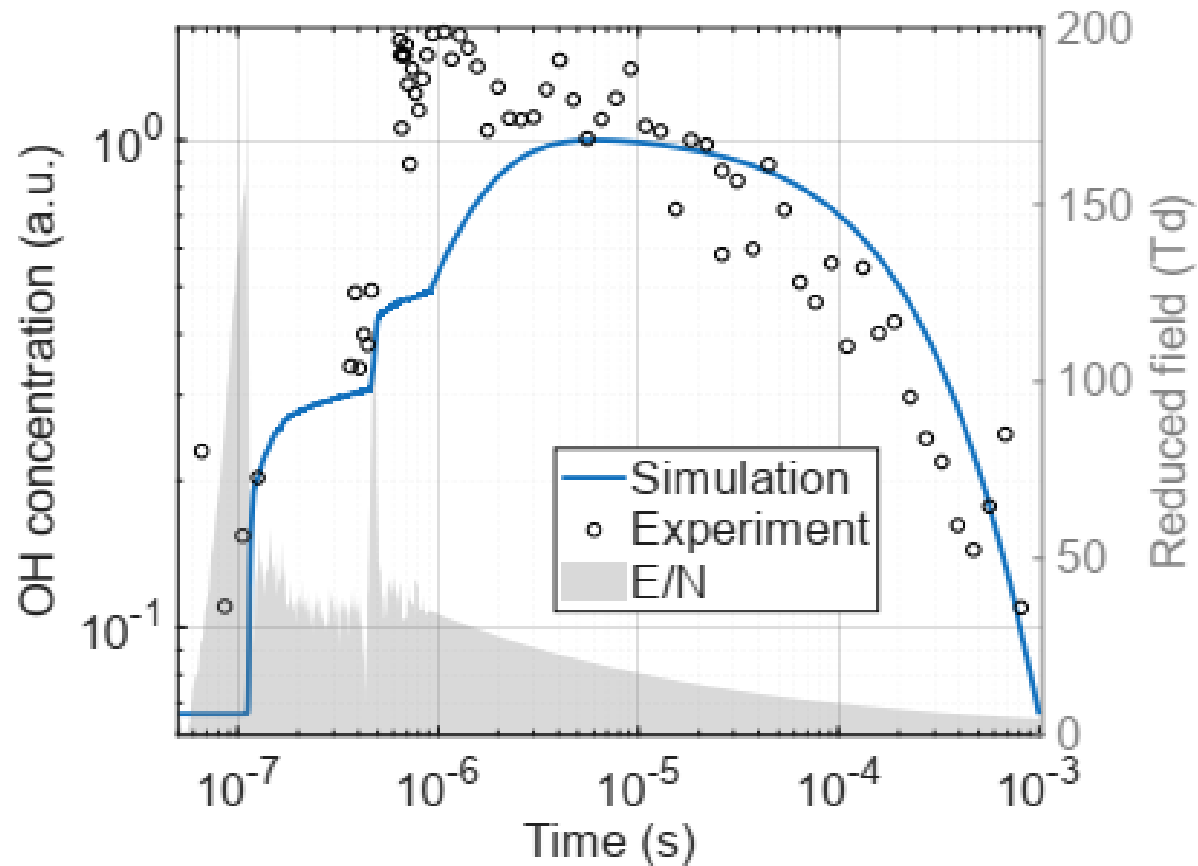
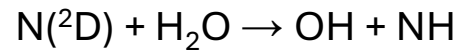
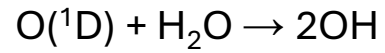


Figure 14. Vibrational distribution function of N_2 molecules immediately before the ignition of a voltage pulse. The part of the VDF contributing to NO formation is highlighted in red.

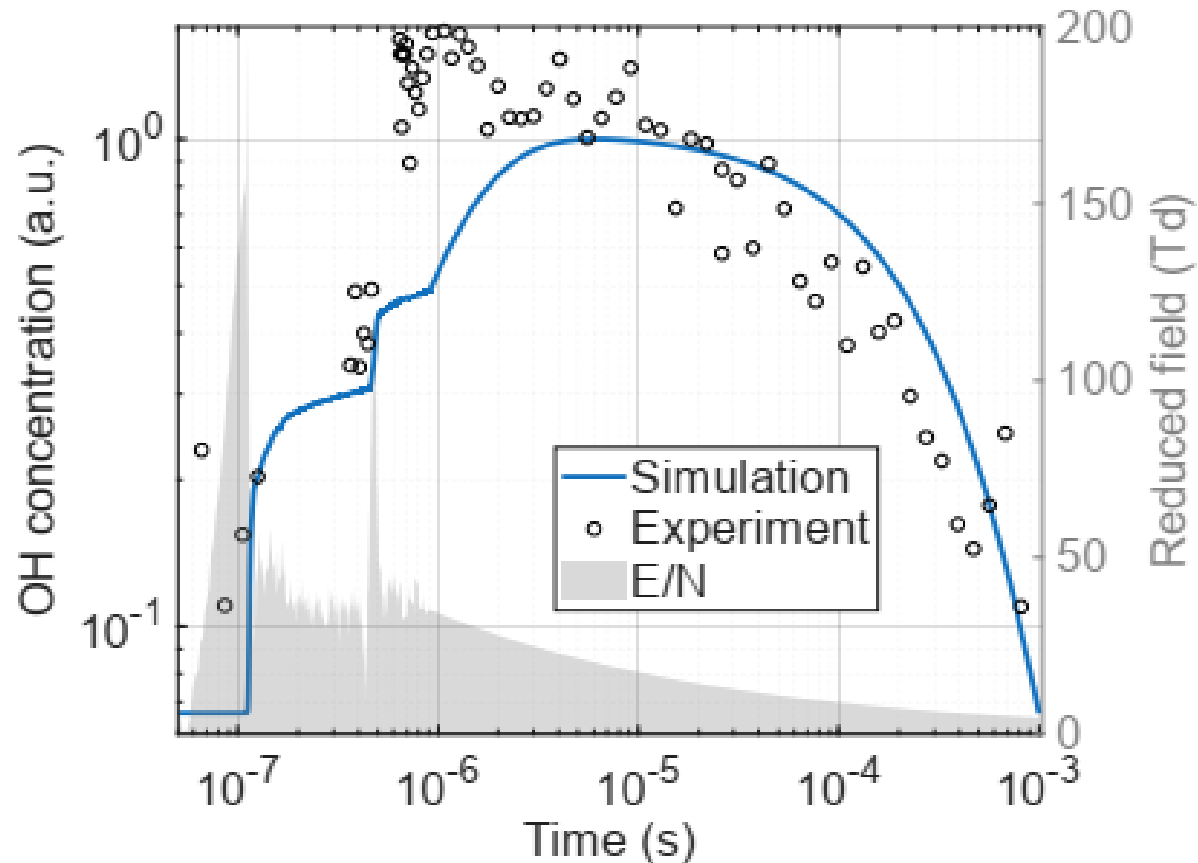
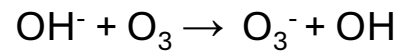
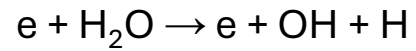


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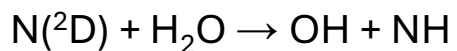
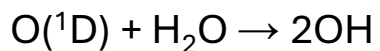


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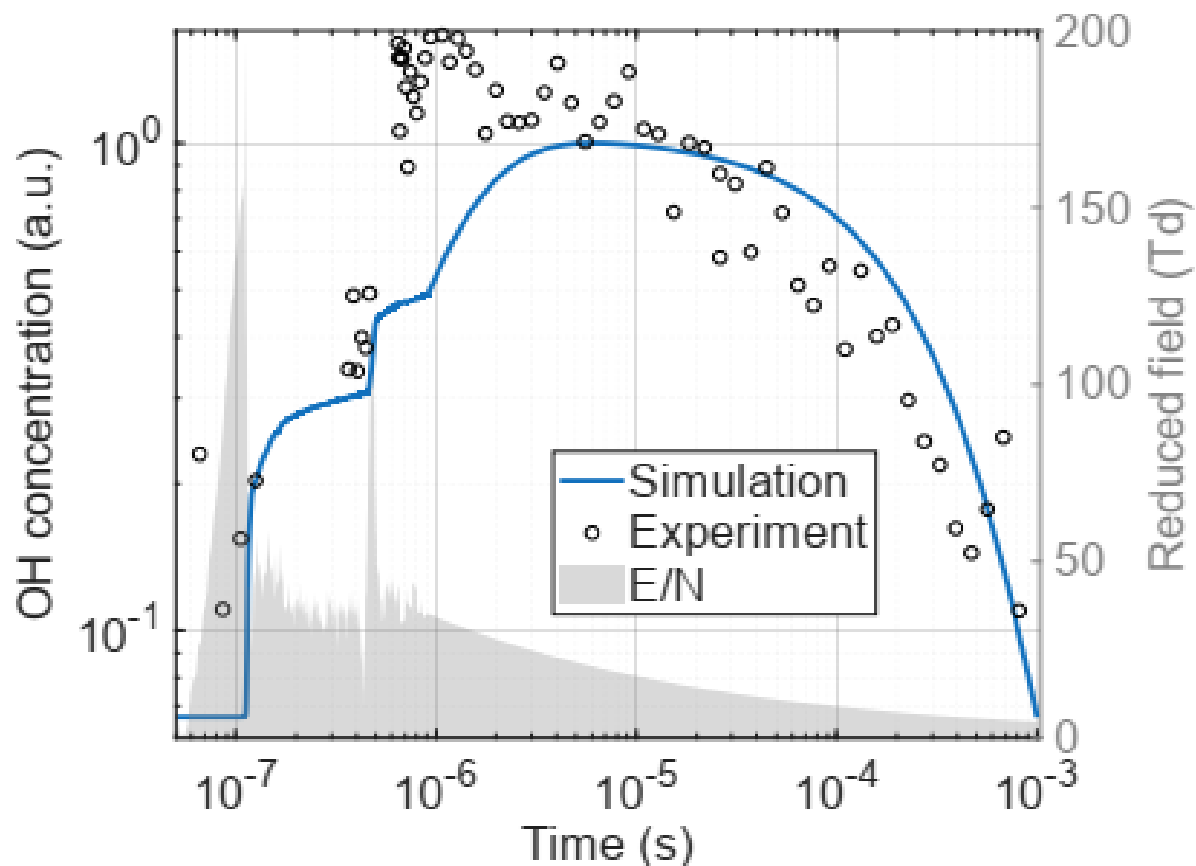
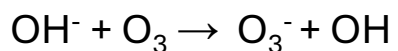
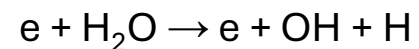


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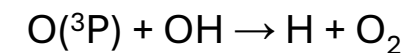


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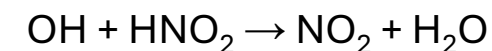
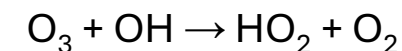
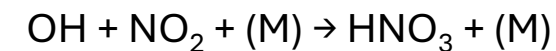
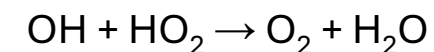


OH losses:

For shorter times, after ignition:



For longer times:



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