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# Toward a “Polanyi Rule” Picture of Nuclear Dynamics in Complex Polyatomic Ion-Molecule Reactions

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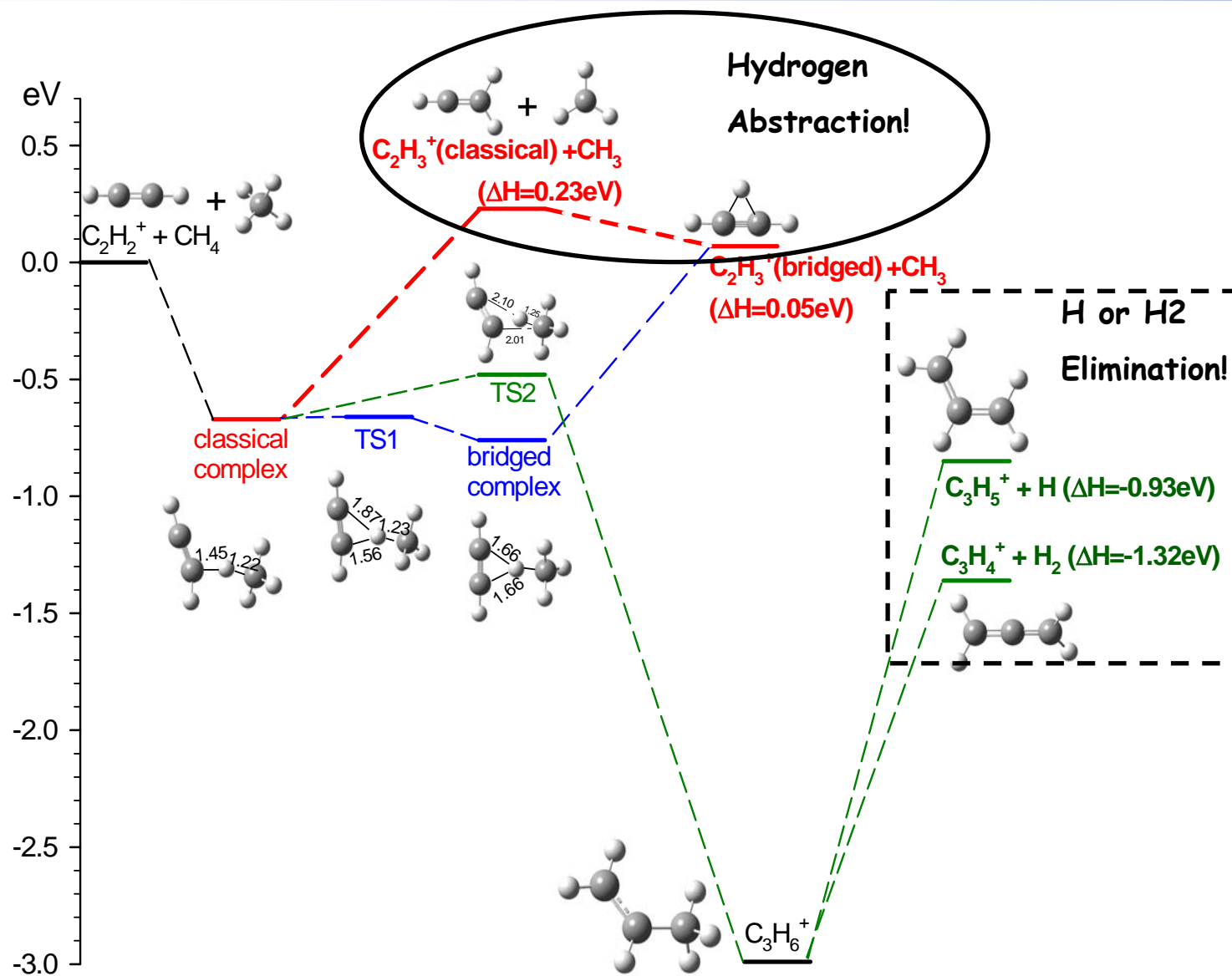
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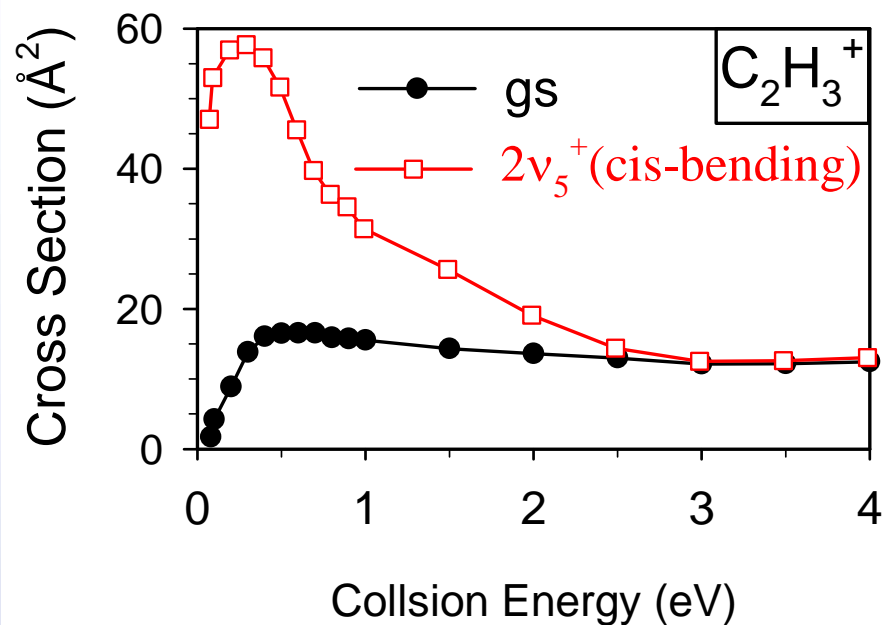
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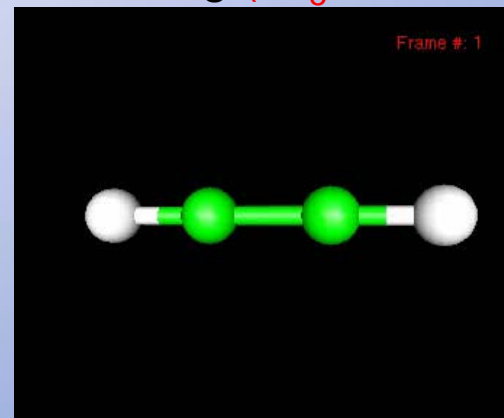
# Properties of the System — Early Time Dynamics



# Summary of Experimental Results



Excitation of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> with two quanta of cis-bending (2v<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup>, 0.155 eV)



Y. Chiu, H. Fu, J. Huang, and S. L. Anderson. JCP, 102, 1199(1995)

# Direct Dynamics Simulations on $C_2H_2^+ + CH_4$ : Nature and Time Scale of Nuclear Motions

□ Set initial conditions using Hase's VENUS

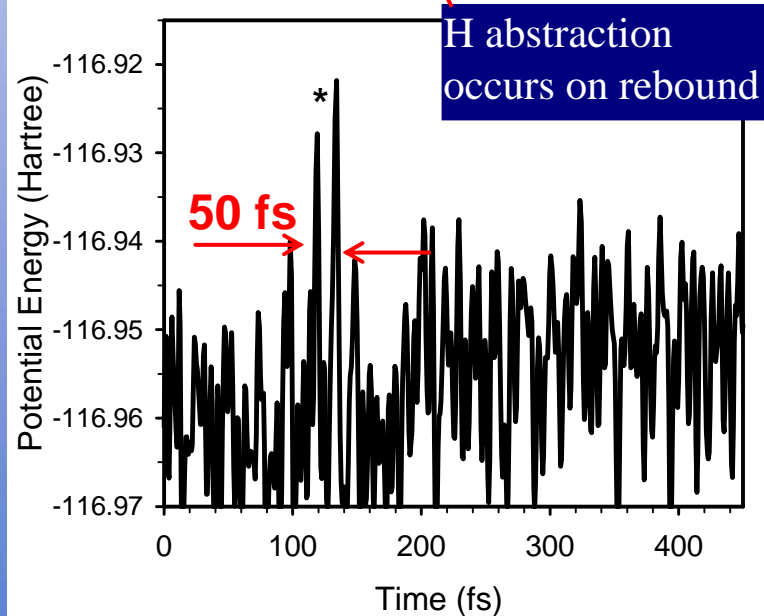
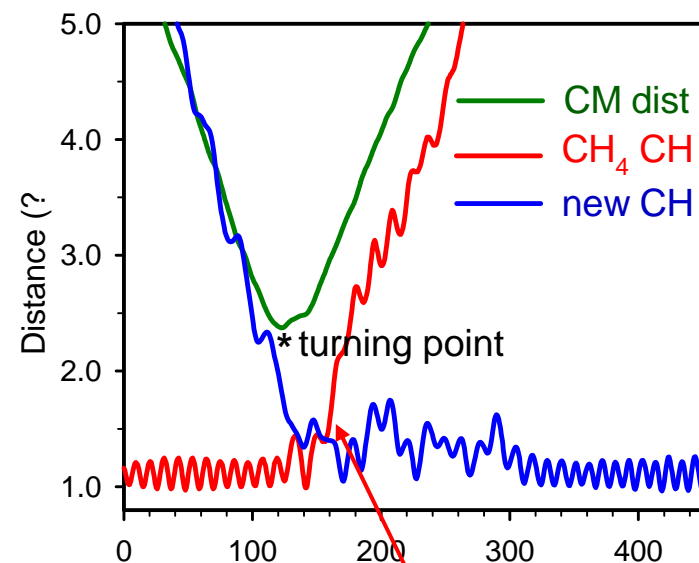
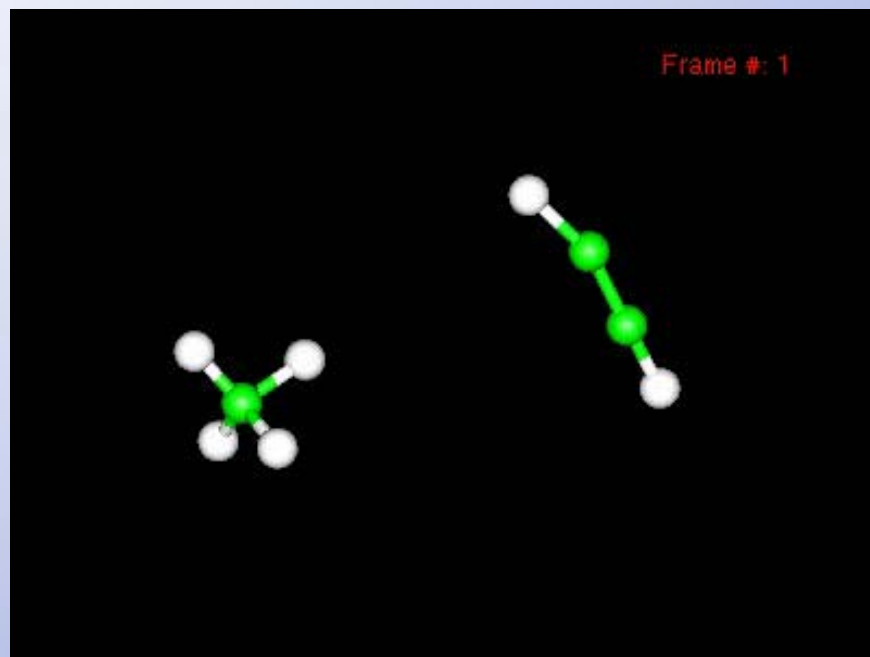
(represent expt. conditions)

-  $E_{col}$  : 0.5 eV

- Vibrational states:  $C_2H_2^+(gs \text{ and } 2\nu_5^+)$

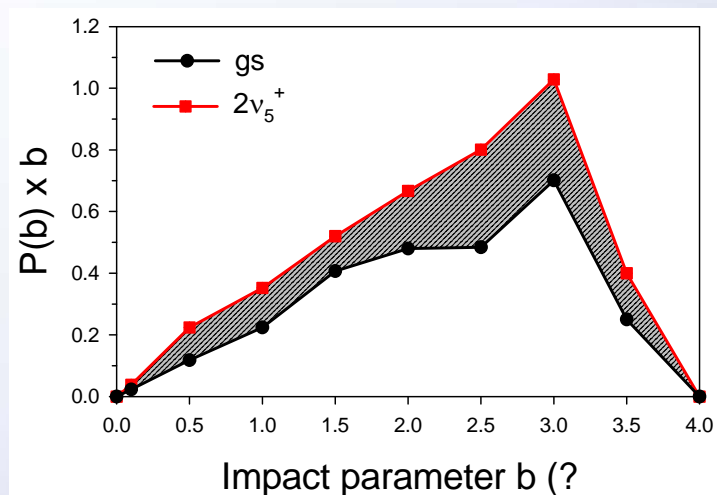
- Integrate trajectory using G03

- MP2/6-31+G\* with "SCF=XQC" option



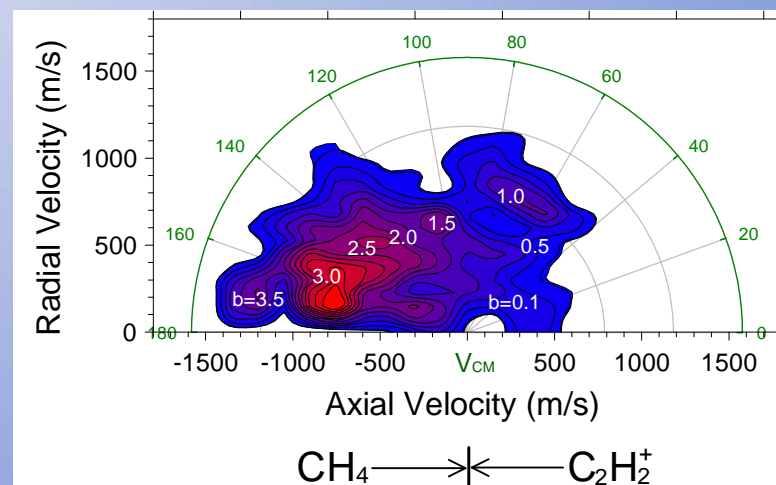
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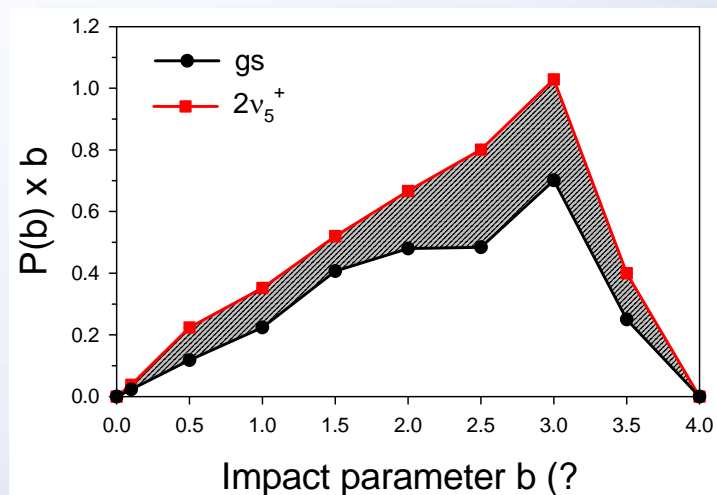
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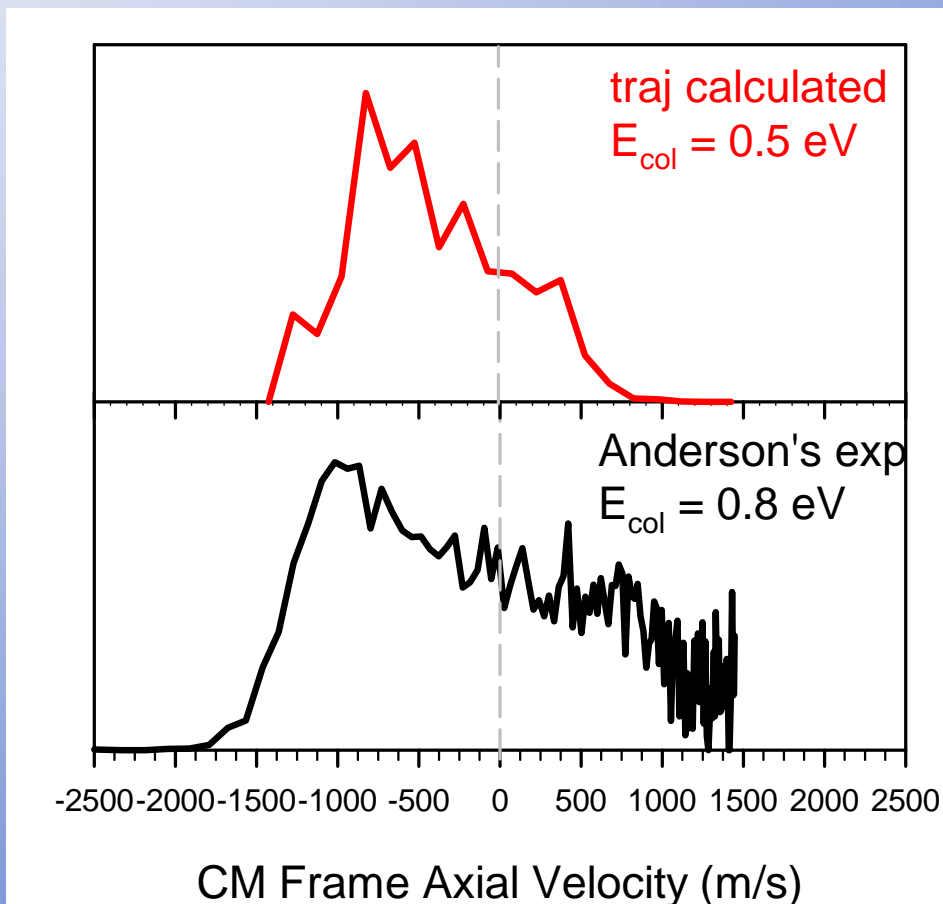
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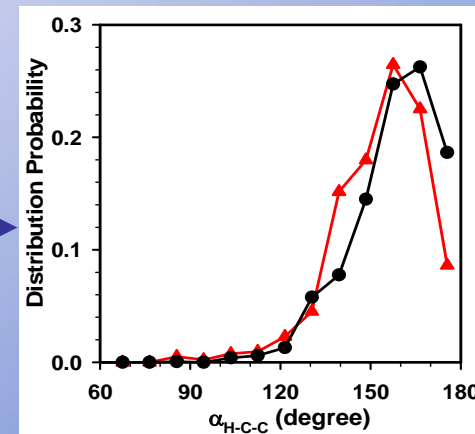
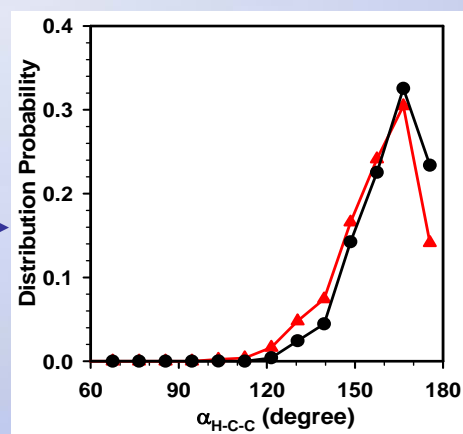
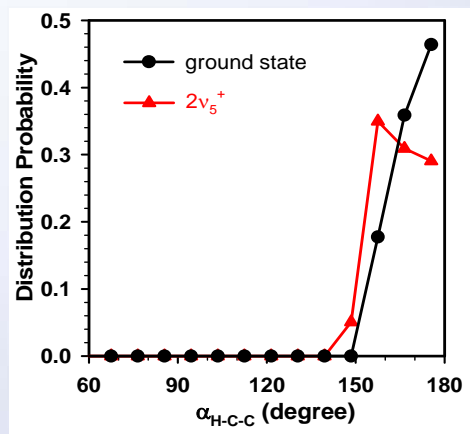
# Effects of $C_2H_2^+$ bending

At beginning of trajectories

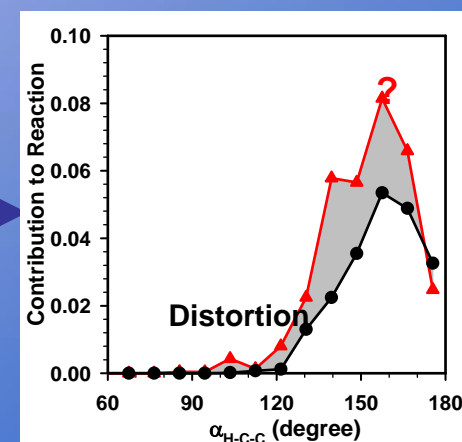
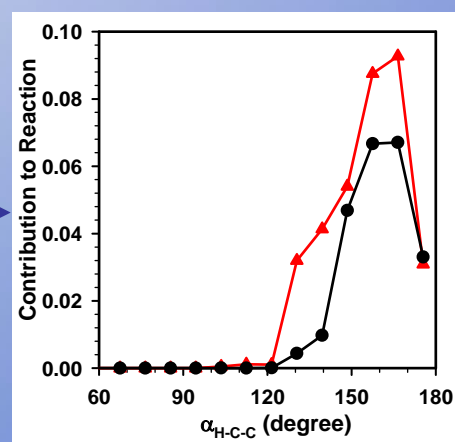
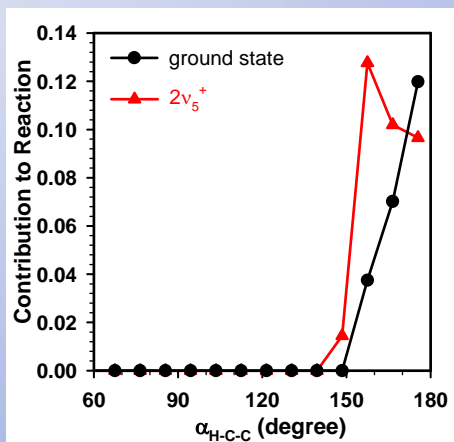
25 fs before CM turning points

at CM turning points

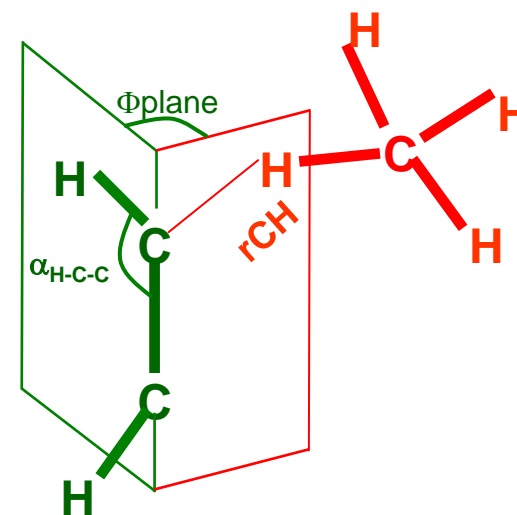
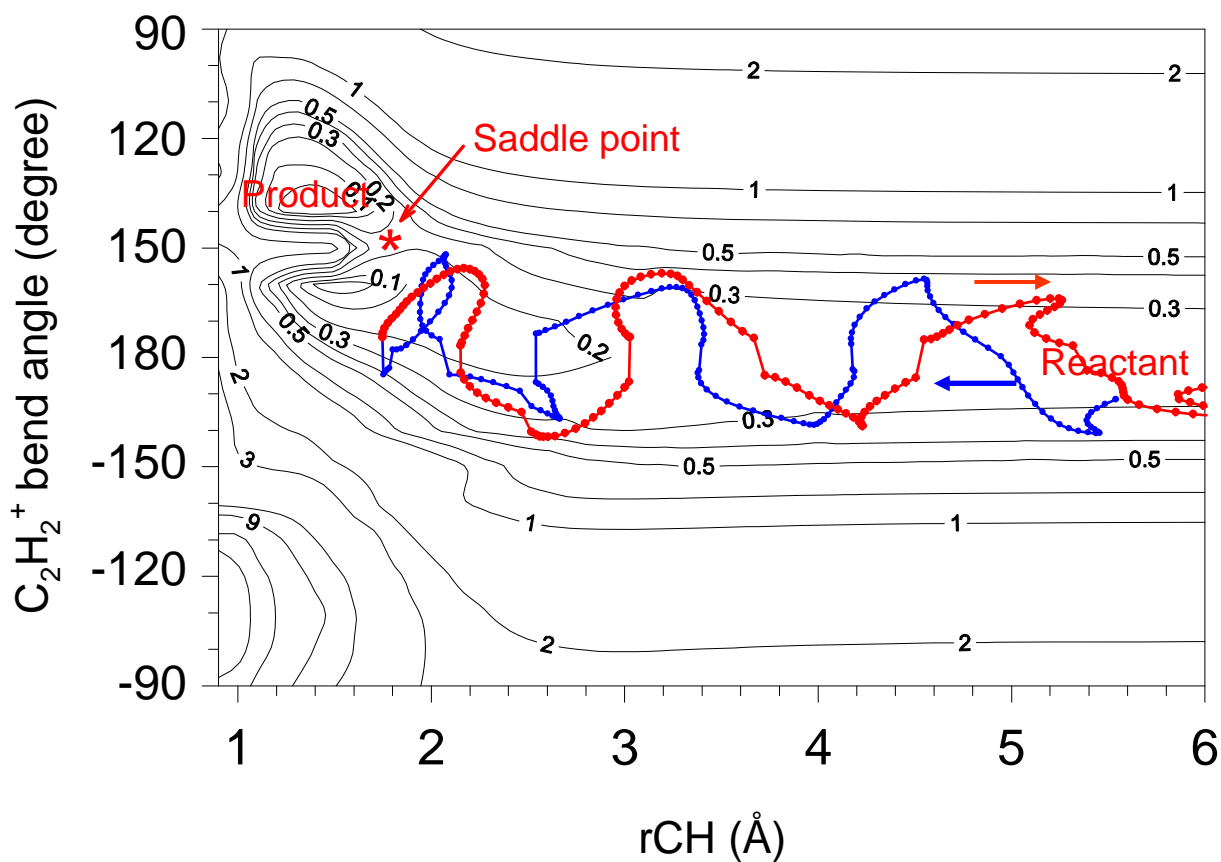
Distribution  
of  $C_2H_2^+$   
bend angle



Cross section  
as a function  
Of bend angle



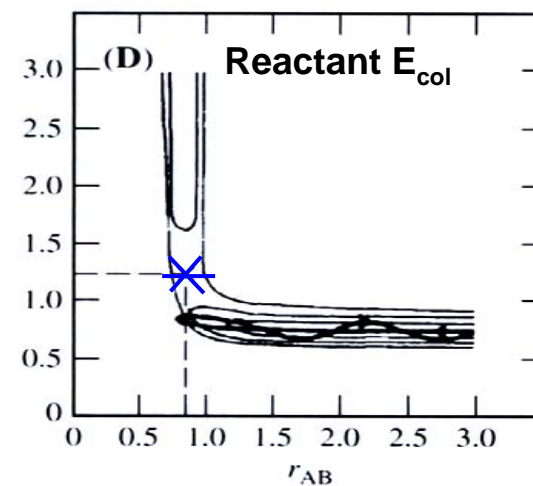
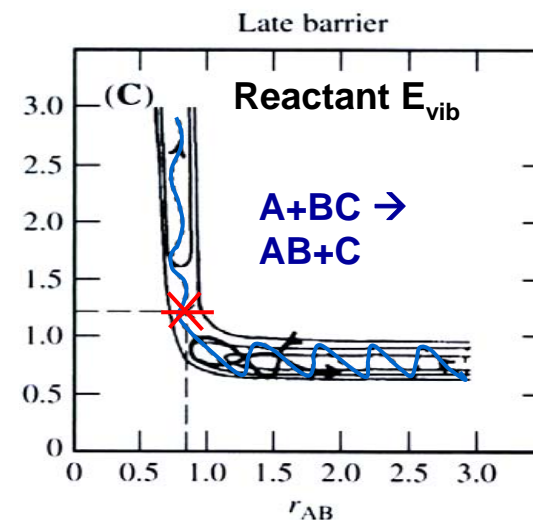
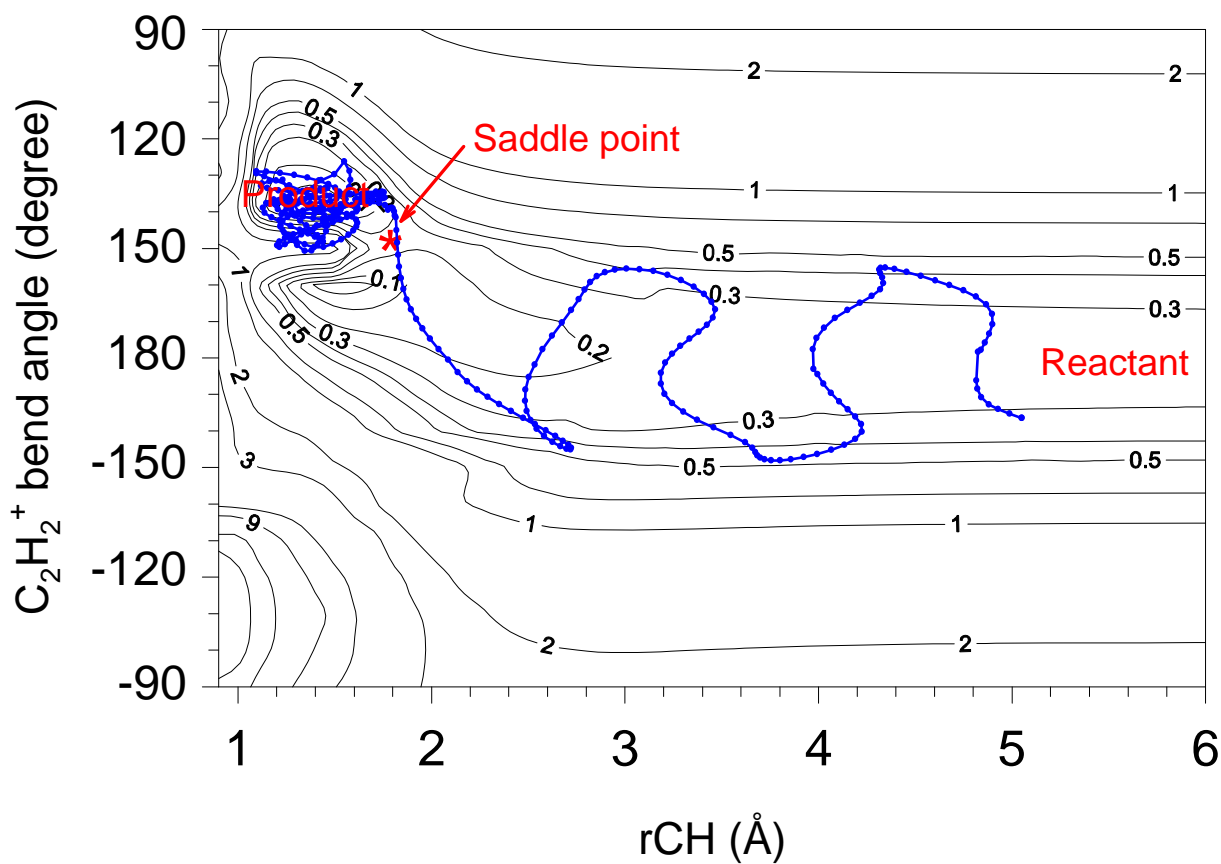
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$E_{\text{col}} = 0.5 \text{ eV}$ , and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2^+(2v_5^+)$  with  $E_{\text{vib}} = 0.15 \text{ eV}$

# Origins of Vibrational Effects on Reactions:

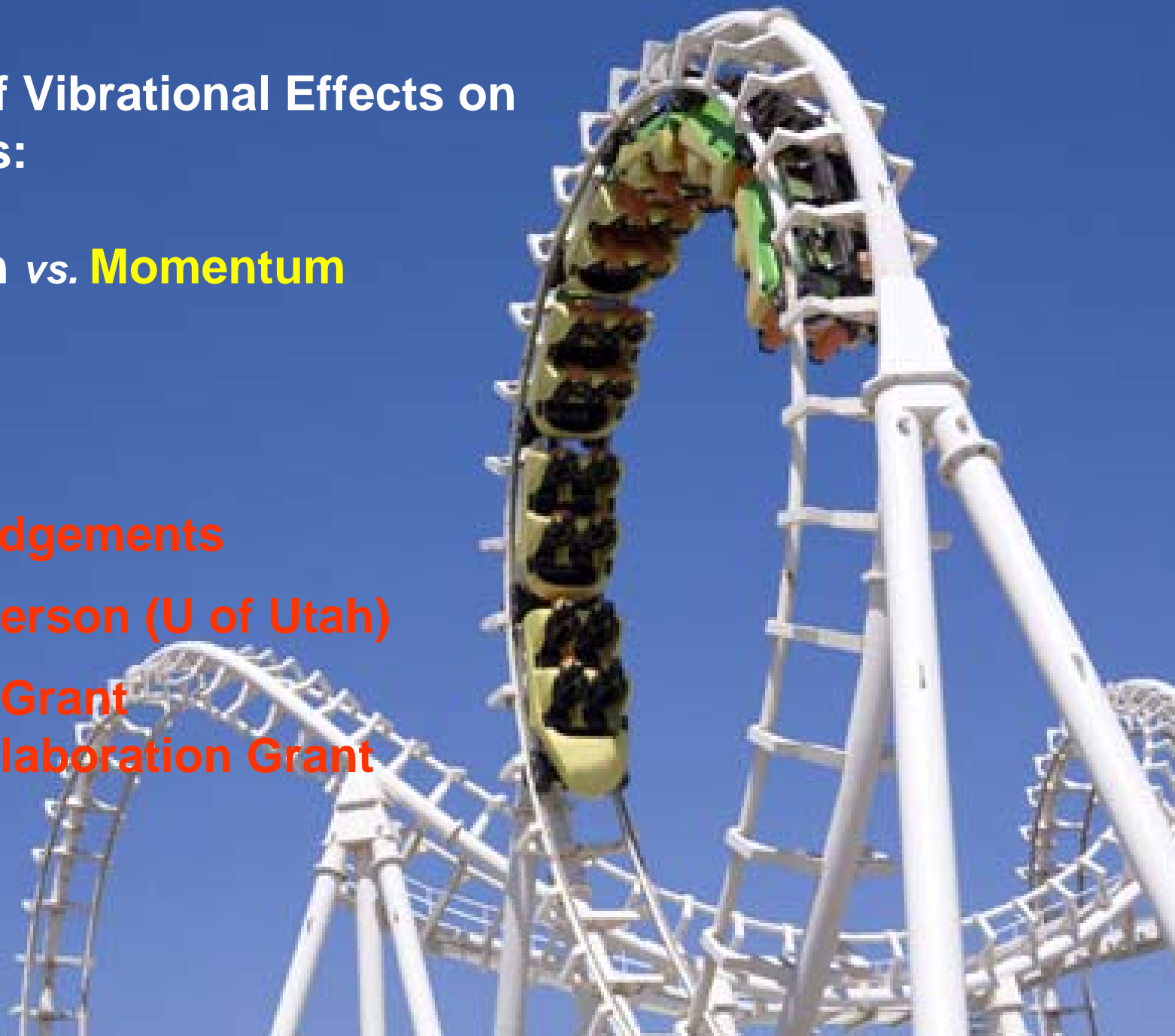
Distortion vs. **Momentum**

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# Biochemical ion-molecule reactions

