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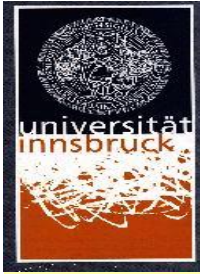
# Outline

## Part I: Fundamentals

- A. Ionization processes and Ions produced
- B. Ionization mechanisms

## Part II: Kinetics and energetics for the production of cations

## Part III: Electron attachment



## Part II: Kinetics and energetics for the production of cations

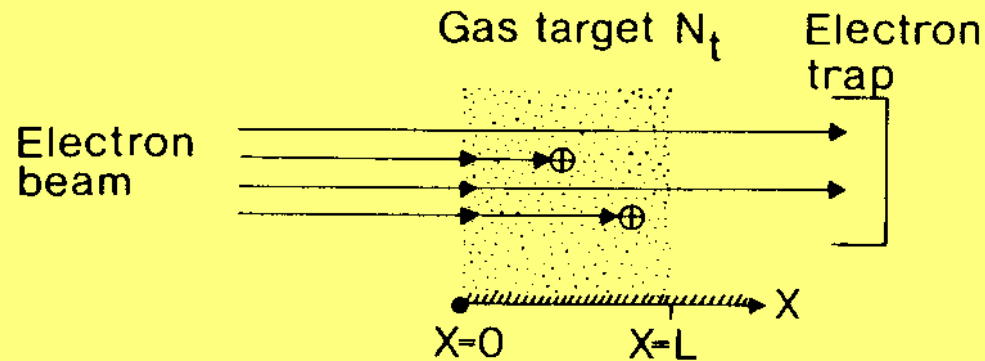


Properties to be determined:

$\sigma = \sigma(E)$ , KER and AE (ions)

# Electron impact ionization

## 1. Principle of experimental set-up



$$dN \sim N_t N(x) dx$$
$$N(x) = N(0) \exp(-N_t x \sigma)$$

## 2. Principle of analysis

Using Beer's law and assuming single collision conditions:  $N_t L \sigma_t \ll 1$

$$i_t = i_e N_t L \sigma_t$$

$$i_{ms} = i_e N_t L z \sigma_p$$

# Electron impact ionization

Consider, as shown in Fig. 21, a parallel, homogeneous, and monoenergetic beam of electrons crossing a semiinfinite medium containing  $N_t$  target particles per cubic centimeter at rest. If  $n(0)_e$  represents the initial intensity of the incident electrons per square centimeter per second, the density of the electron beam at depth  $x$  is given by the exponential absorption law

$$n(x)_e = n(0)_e \exp(-N_t q x). \quad (18)$$

If  $N_t q x \ll 1$  (single-collision condition), the number of ions generated per second along the collision interaction path  $x = L$  (over which the ions are collected and analyzed) is

$$n(L)_i = n(0)_e N_t q_c L, \quad (19)$$

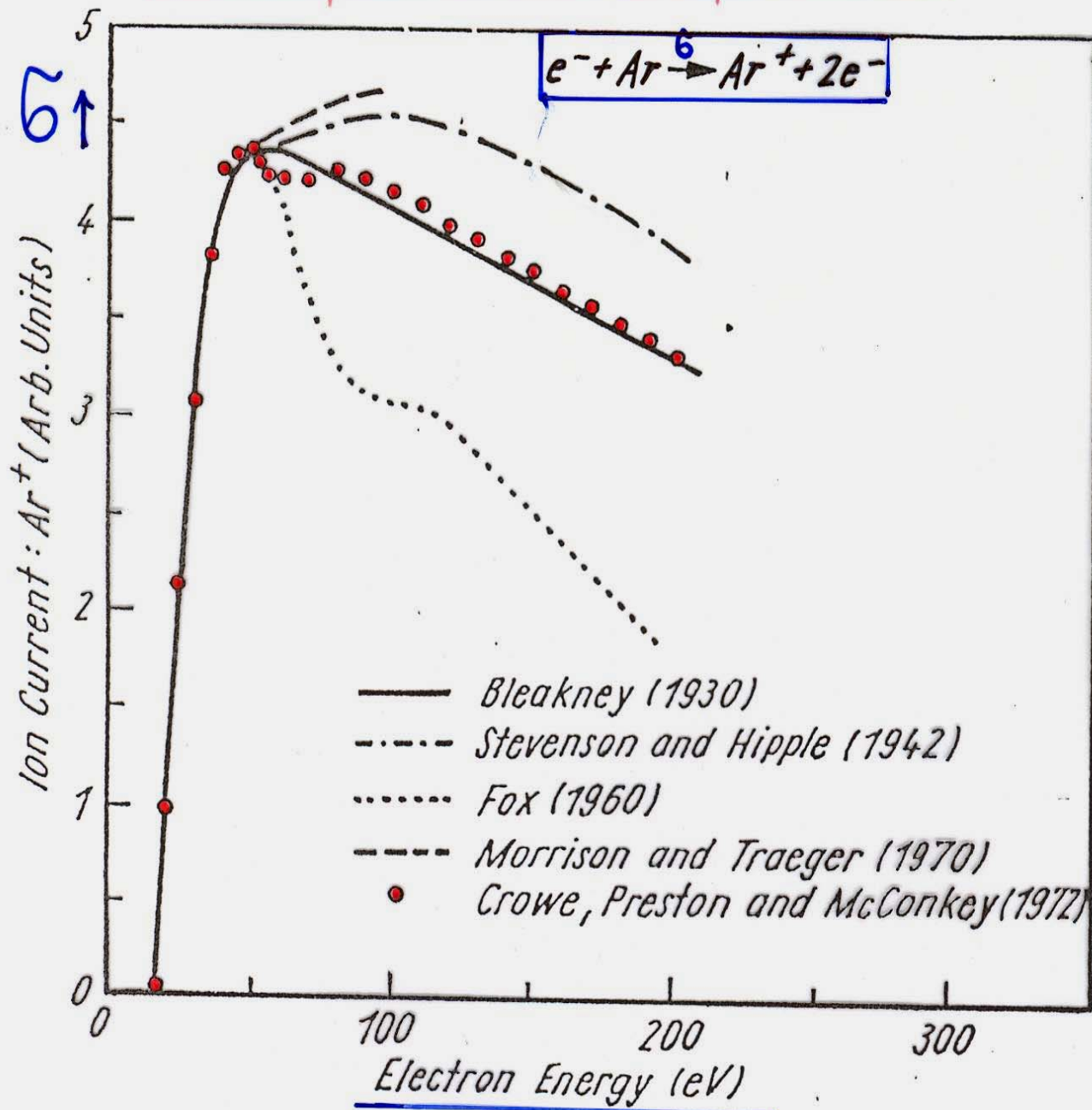
where  $q_c$  is the *counting ionization cross section* in square centimeters. The total positive-ion current  $i_t$  produced in this interaction volume is given by

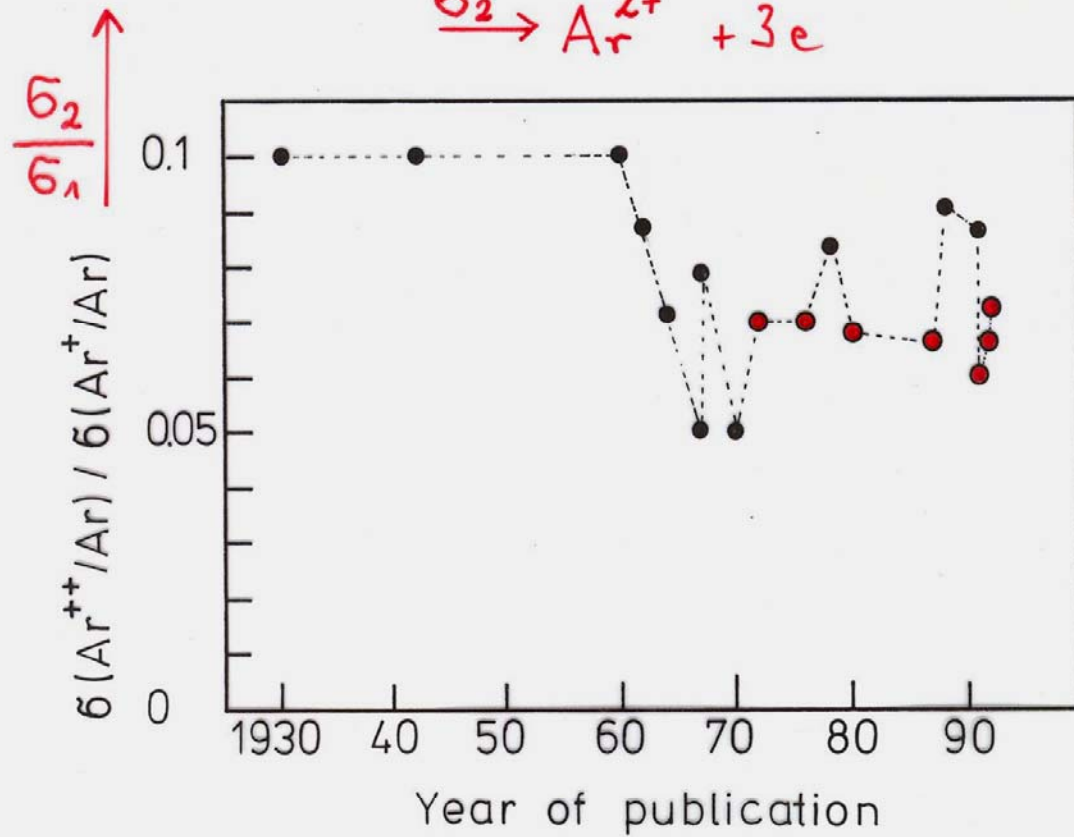
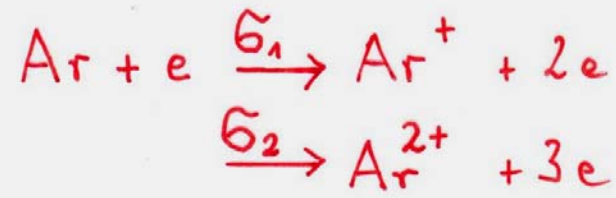
$$i_t = n(0)_e e N_t q_t L, \quad (20)$$

where  $q_t$  is the *total ionization cross section*. If the produced ions are analyzed with respect to their mass  $m$  and charge  $ze$ , the respective individual ion currents are given by

$$i_{ms} = n(0)_e e N_t q_{zi} L, \quad (21)$$

State of the art as of 1980!



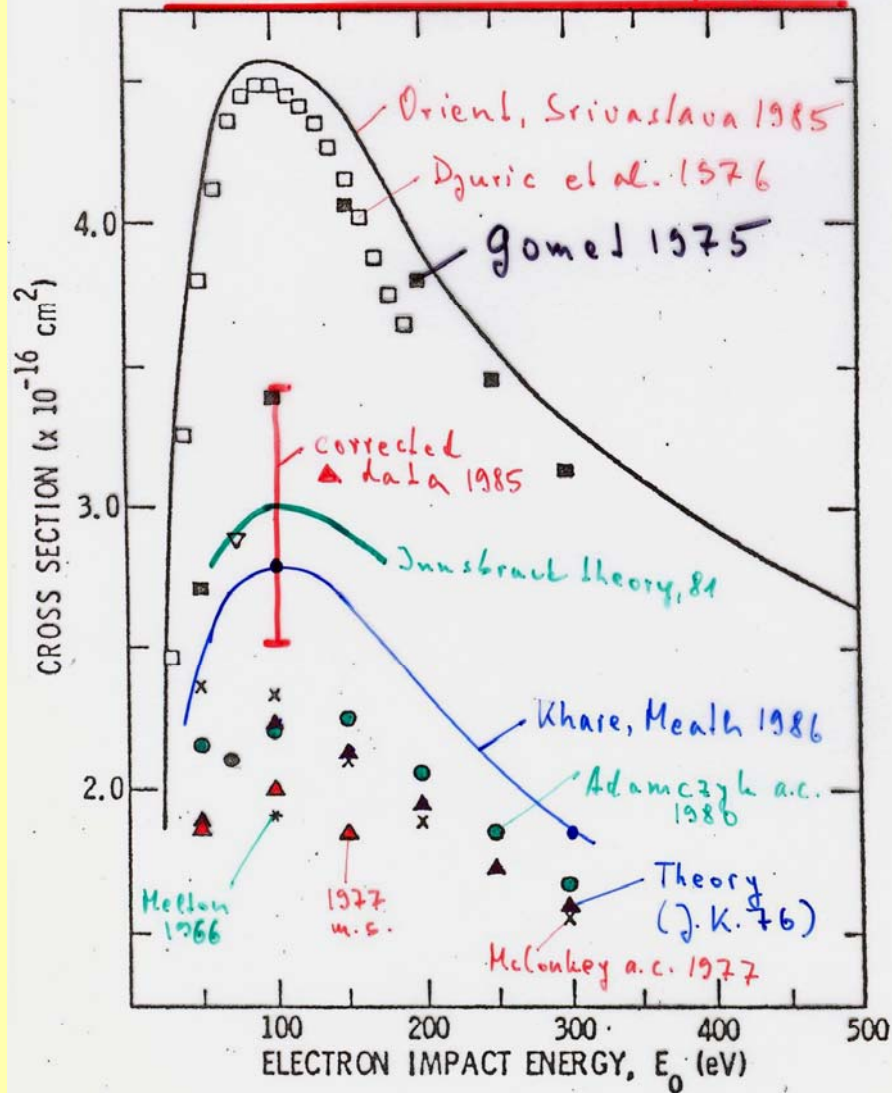



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Theoretical results:

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1978	0.18
	0.20

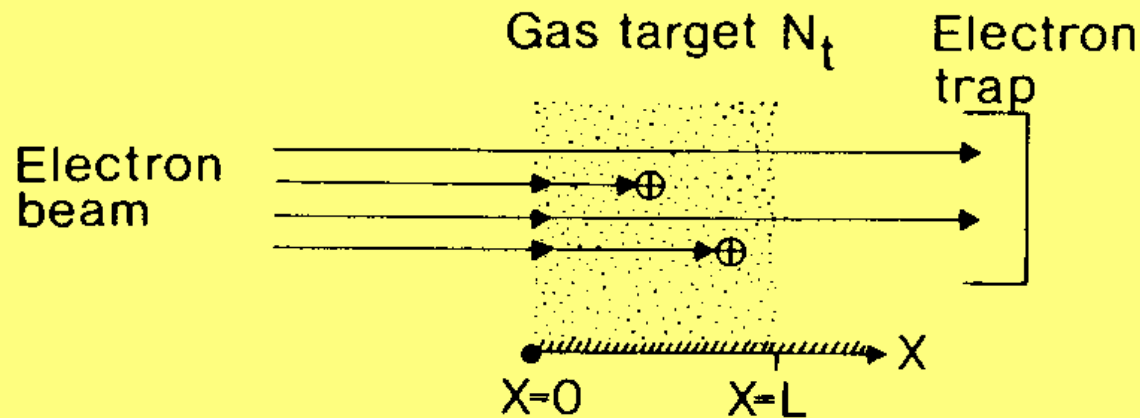
$NH_3 + e \rightarrow \text{ions}$  1986:



Total ionization cross sections for  $NH_3$ .  
 present measurements;  $\square$  Djuric-Preger et al.<sup>3</sup>;  $\blacktriangle$  Märk et al.<sup>4</sup>;  $\times$  Crowe and McConkey<sup>5</sup>;  $\blacktriangle$  Jain and Khare<sup>6</sup>;  $\bullet$  Bederski et al.<sup>7</sup>;  $\odot$  DeMaria et al.<sup>8</sup>;  $\ast$  Melton<sup>9</sup>; and  $\nabla$  Lampe et al.<sup>10</sup>;  $\blacksquare$  Gomet<sup>12</sup>; —, Orient, Srivastava



**Necessary conditions in order to obtain accurate ionization cross sections from:**  $i_{\text{ion}} = i_e N_t L \sigma$



$i_{\text{ion}}$  : Collection of known fraction of ions

$i_e$  : Total collection of electron current

$N_t$  : Accurate number density determination

$L$  : Path length known for electron orbits



# Electron impact ionization. Determination of cross sections

**1975-1985:**

Some experimental progress

Before 1985: Cross Sections for 31 Molecules

**1985-2005:**

Improved calibration techniques  
pressure measurements

Improved experimental techniques  
controlled extraction and transmission techniques

Improved theoretical methods  
DM, BEB, BED, JK

## Absolute calibration:

$$i_{\text{ion}} = i_e N_t L \sigma$$

$N_t$  : Accurate number density  
determination: Methods

### 1. Absolute pressure measurement

### 2. Relative measurements:

- Summation method ( $\sigma_{\text{total}}$ )
- Relative flow methods ( $\sigma_X / \sigma_{\text{Stand}}$ )
  - effusive flow method
  - constant gas porous plug method
- NEPO method (Negative/positive ion method)

[Dünser et al., Phys.Rev.Letters, 74 (1995) 3364]

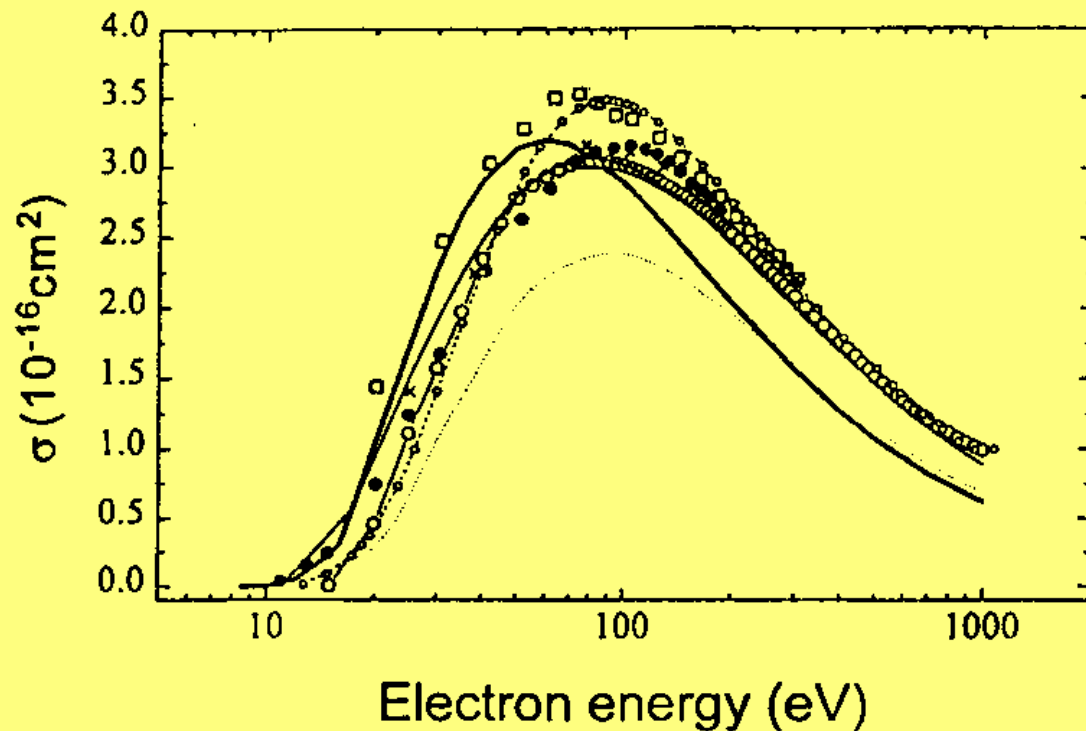
$$\sigma/(C_{60}^+)/\sigma/(C_{60}^-) = k i(C_{60}^+)/i(C_{60}^-)$$

$$\sigma/(SF_4^+)/\sigma/(SF_4^-) = k i(SF_4^+)/i(SF_4^-)$$

# Electron impact ionization

## Total ionization cross section for $\text{NH}_3$

Deutsch et al., Int.J.Mass Spectrom.,197 (2000)37-69



Open squares: Crowe et al. 1977

Filled circles: Djuric et al. 1985

Open circles Rao et al. 1992

Crosses: Bederski et al. 1980

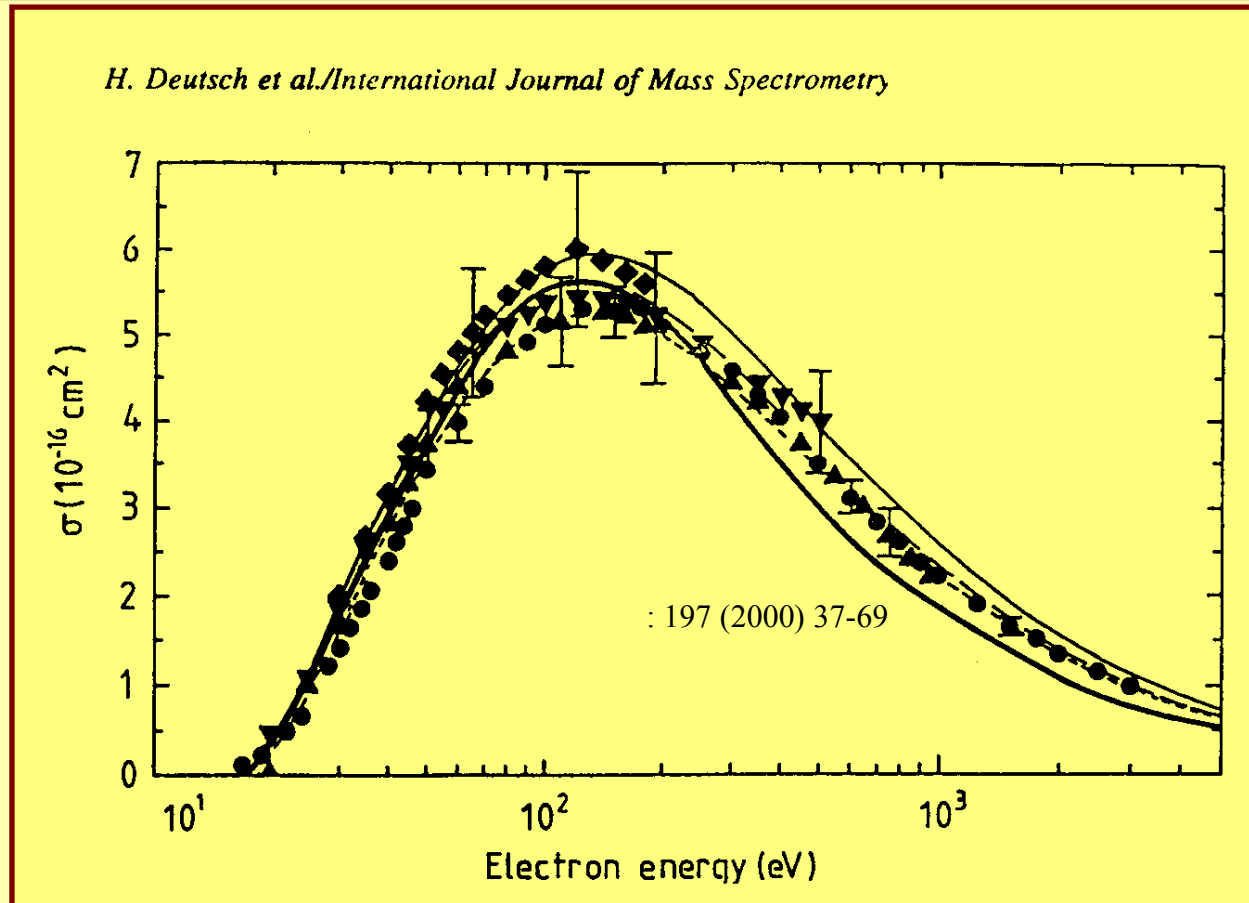
Thick line: Deutsch et al. 1999 (DM)

Thin line: Hwang et al. 1996 (BEB)

Dotted line: Jain et al. 1976

Dashed line: Saksena et al. 1997

# Total electron ionization cross section: $\text{CF}_4 + e \rightarrow \text{ions}$

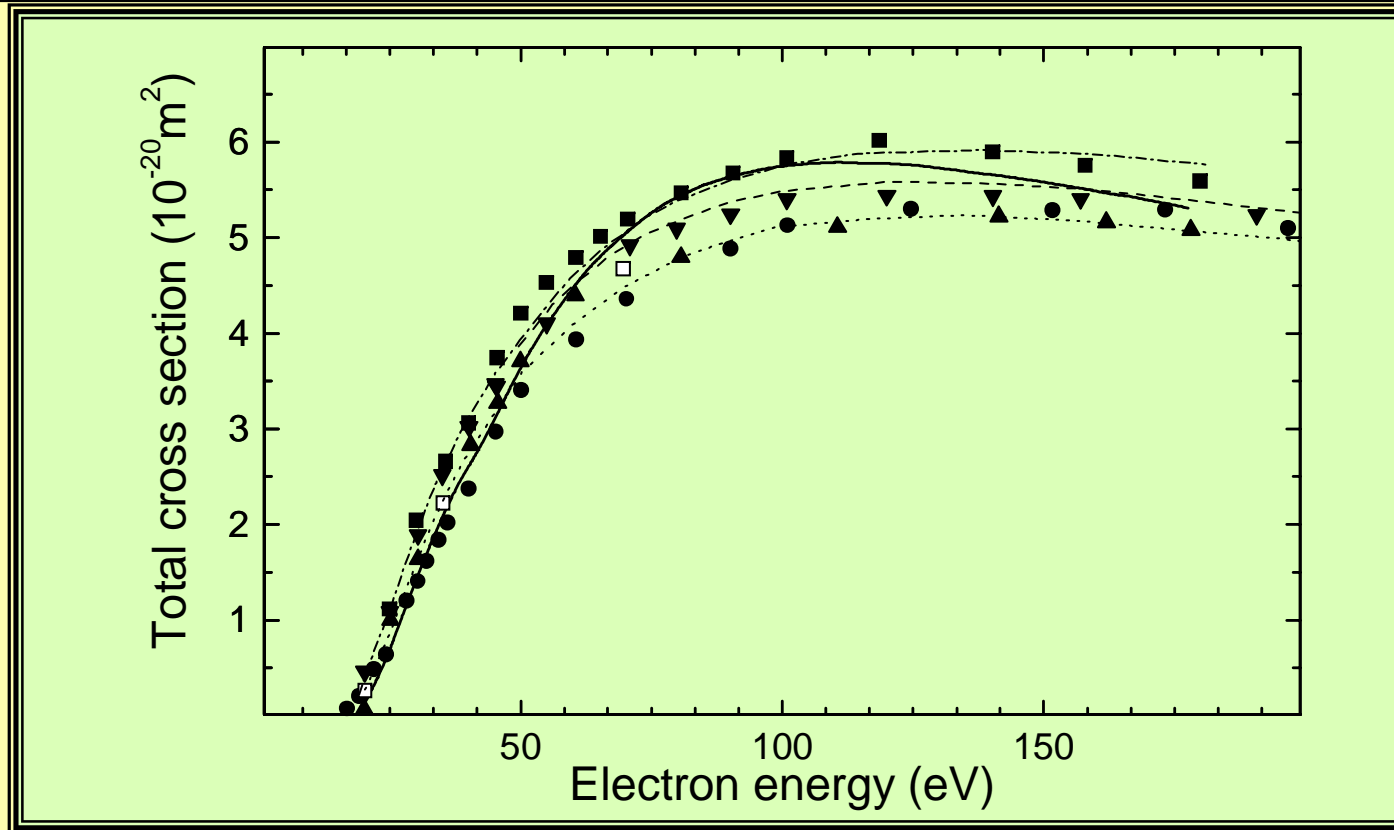


Full line: DM calculation 2000

Interrupted lines: BEB calculations 1999

Filled circles: Nishimura et al.1999; filled diamonds: Poll et al.1992; filled triangles: Rao et al.1997; filled inverted triangles: Bruce et al.1993; filled square: Beran et al.1969

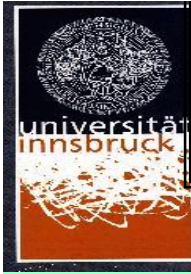
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# High resolution electron impact ionization of molecules



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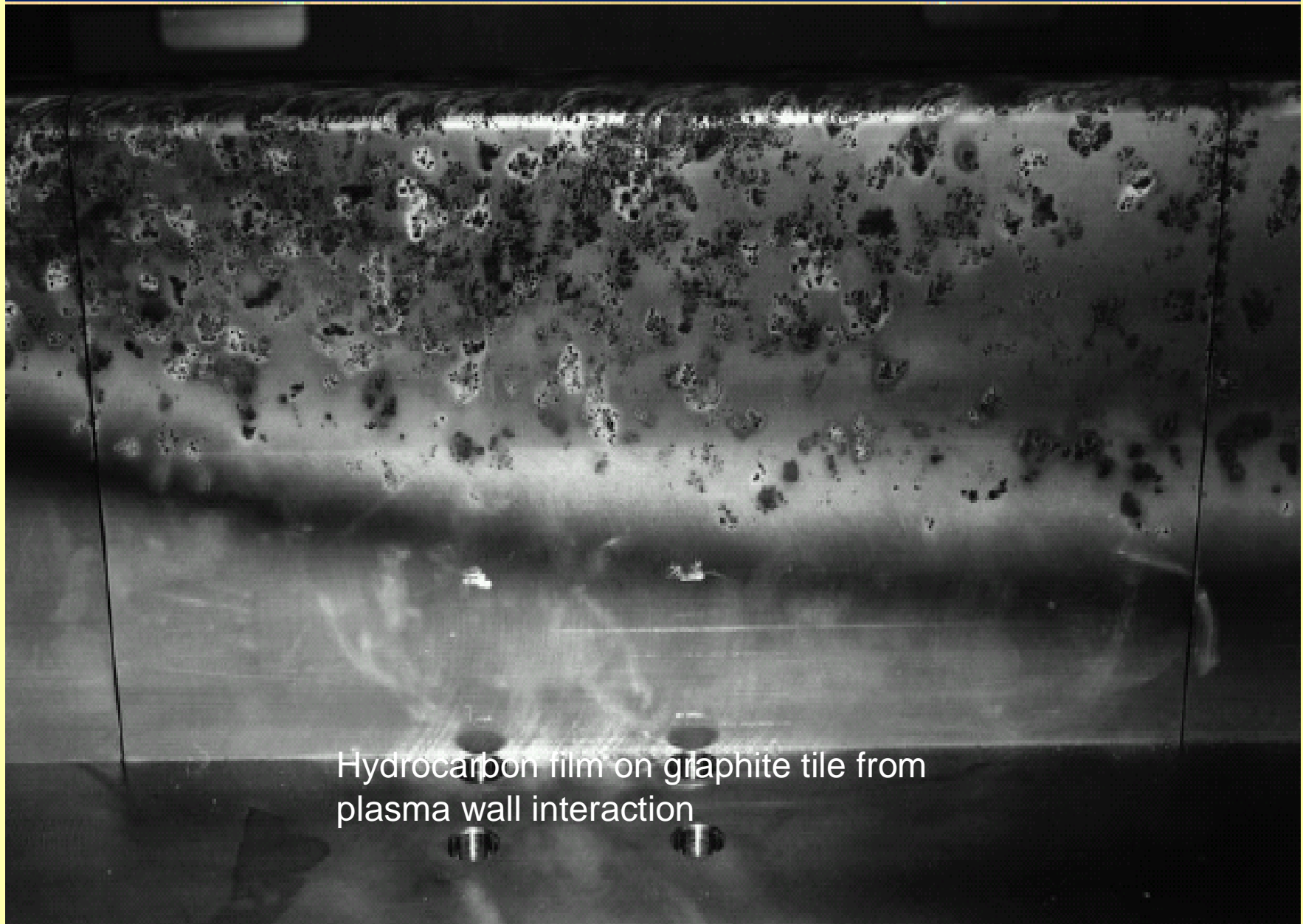


1. Kinetics:  $\sigma = \sigma(E)$
2. Differential kinetics: KER
3. Energetics: AE

# Motivation for hydrocarbons

- Prototype of polyatomic molecules
- Formed in the edge region of fusion plasmas (wall plasma interaction)
- Cometary atmospheres, interstellar medium (synthesis of biomolecules?)
- Concentration of  $C_2H_2$  in the atmosphere of earth is expected to nearly double by the year 2030 due to the increased use of automobiles
- Radiation chemistry



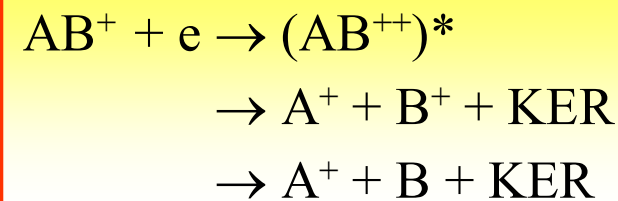
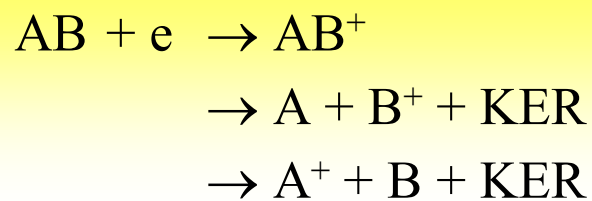
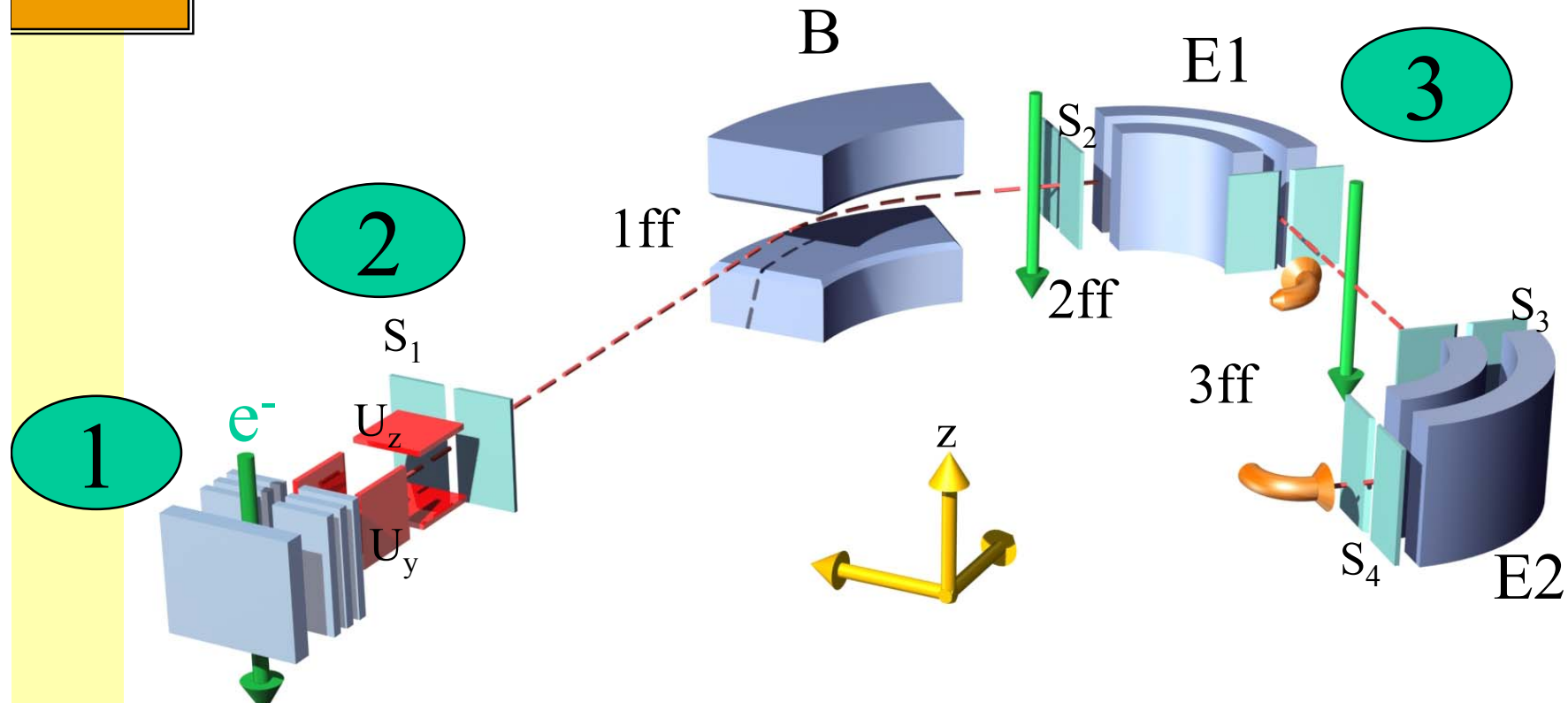
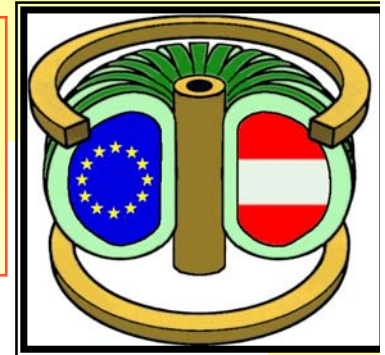


Hydrocarbon film on graphite tile from  
plasma wall interaction



# Ionization cross sections from:

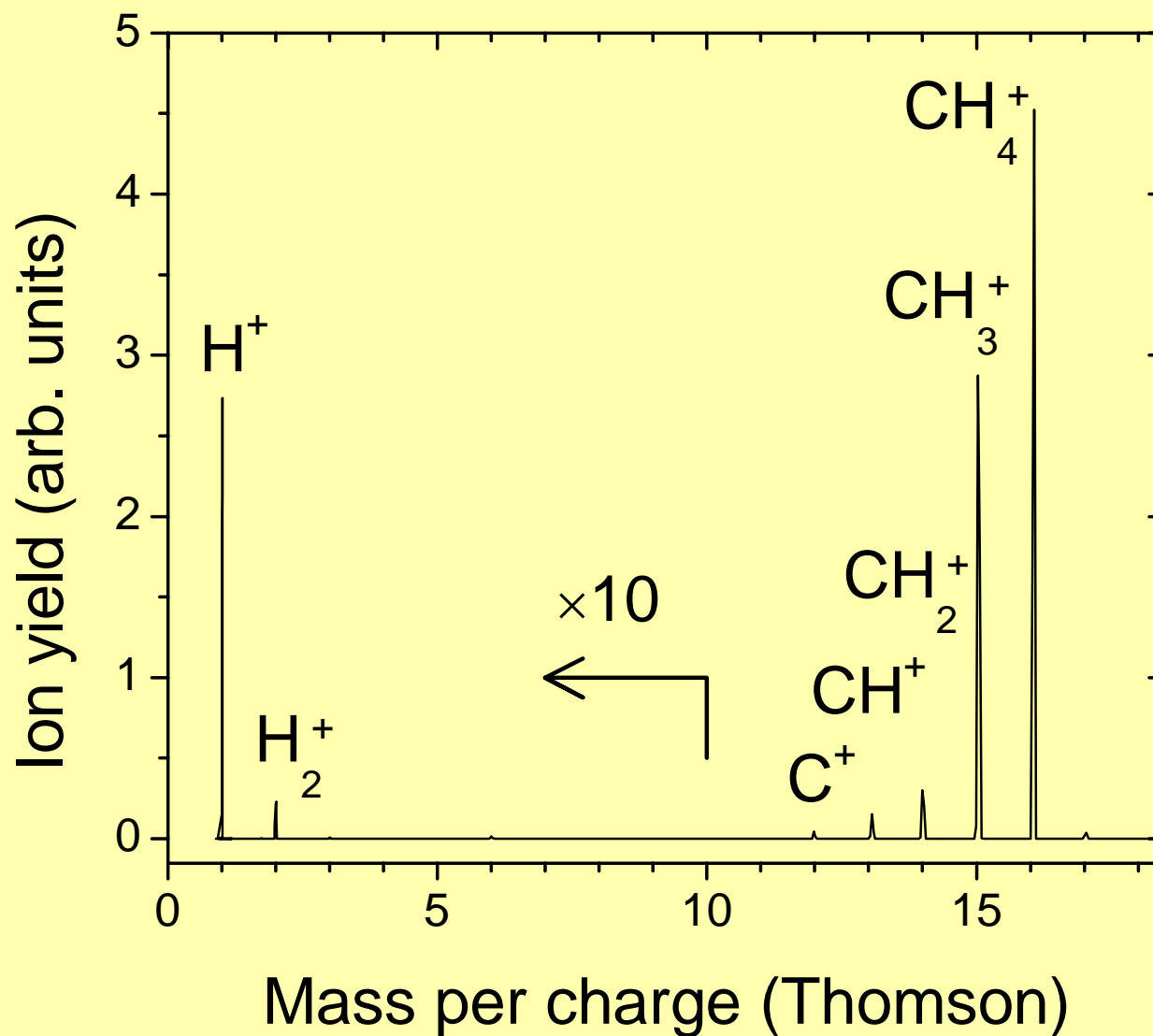
$$i_{\text{ion}} = i_e N_t L \sigma$$



# Electron ionization of molecular ions:



Mass spectrum



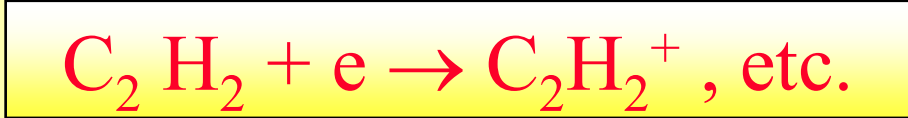
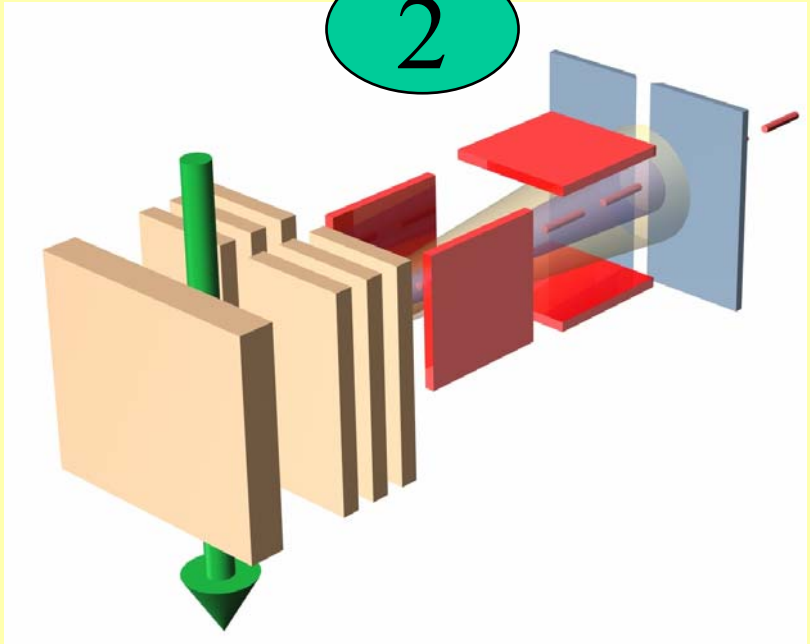
100 eV

10  $\mu\text{A}$

500K

$6 \times 10^{-5}$  Pa

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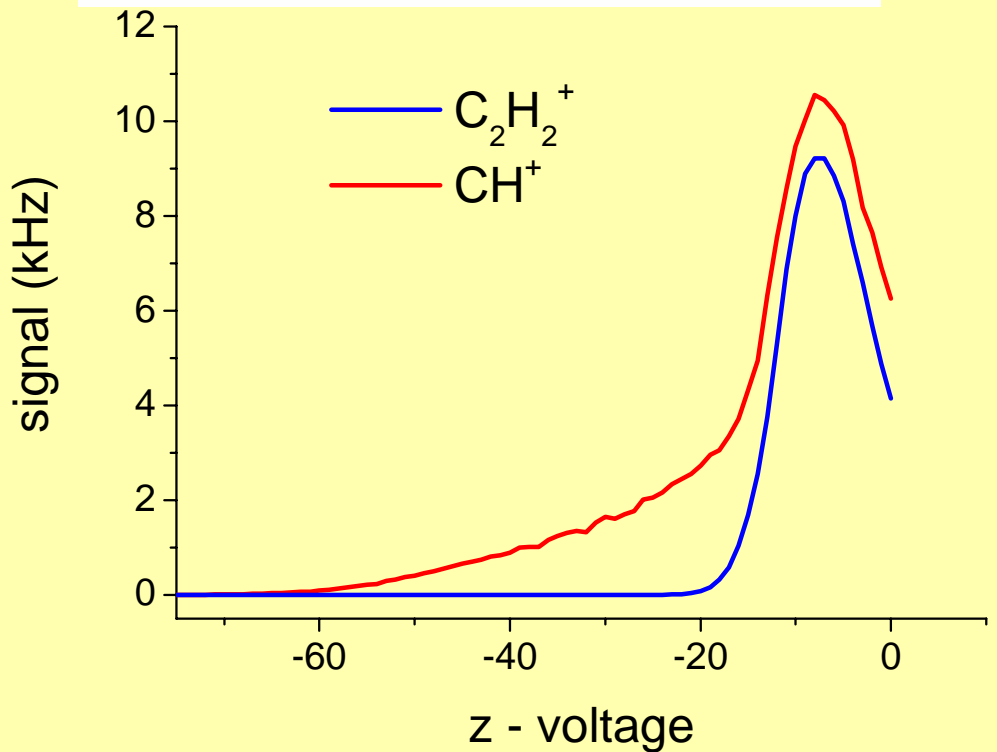
Measurement z - profile

Smoothing (with gauss)  
then differentiate →  
distribution function

$$E_{\text{kin}} = c \times U_z^2$$

c from parent ions

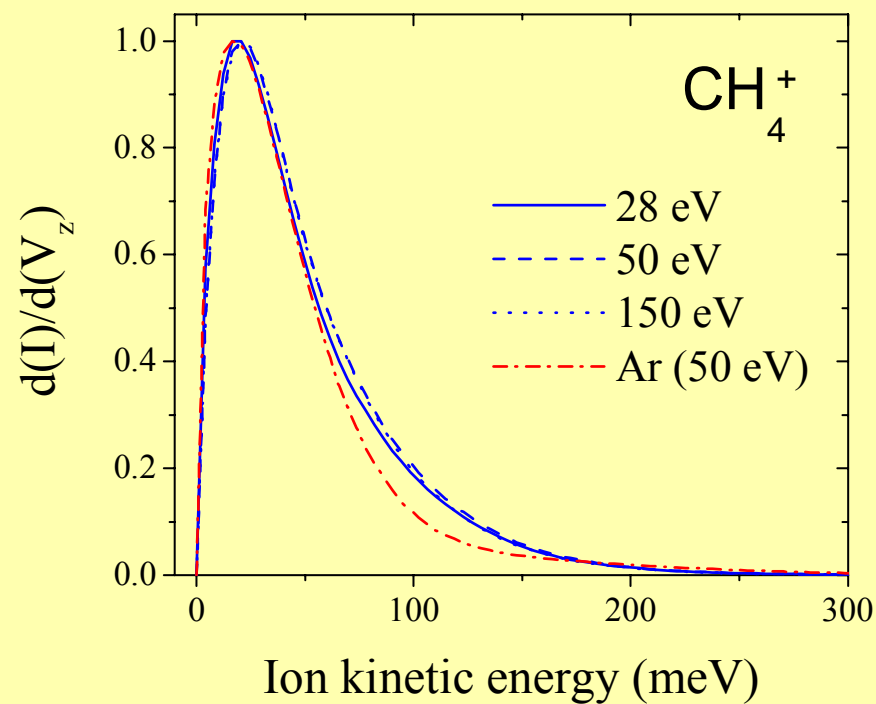
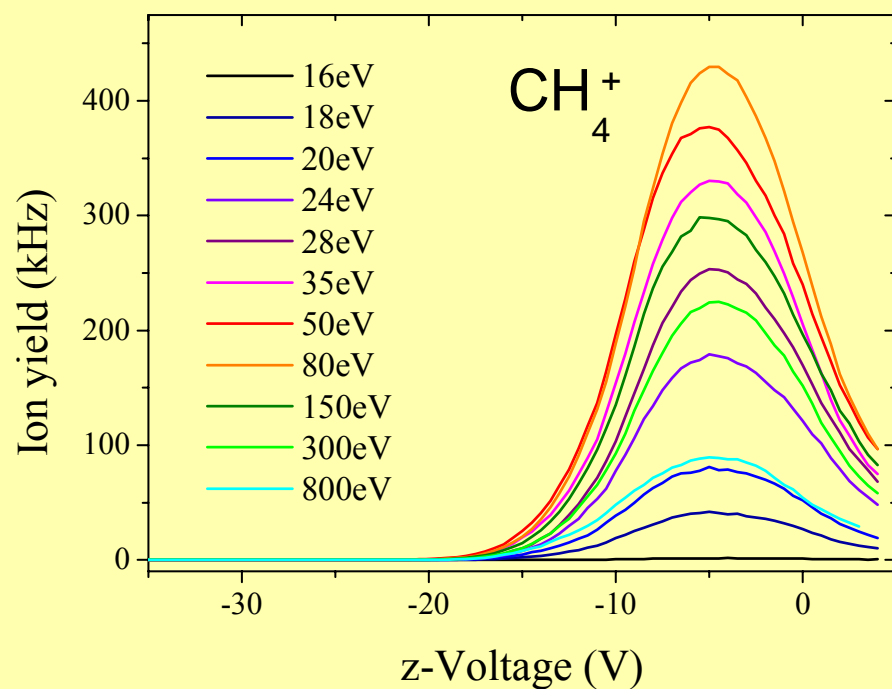
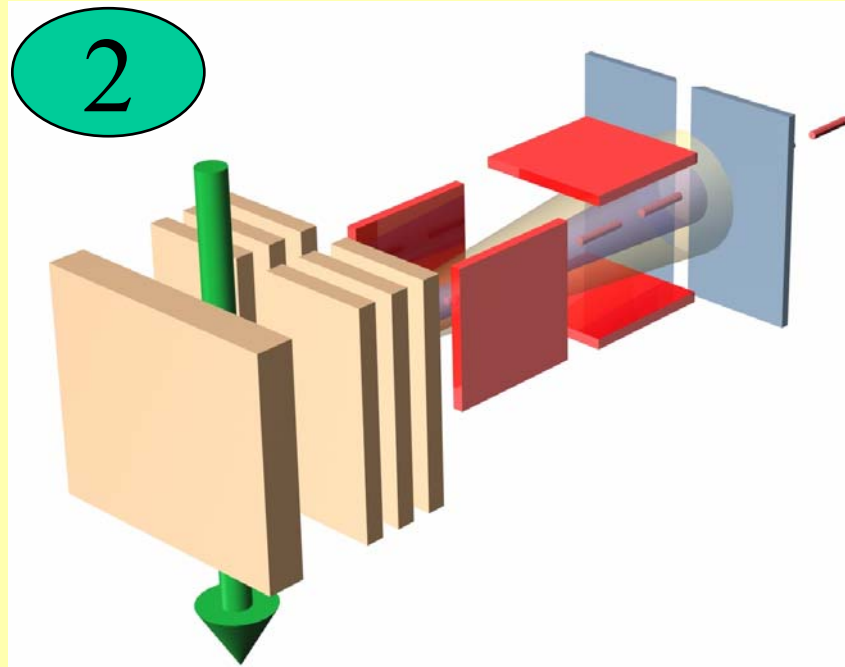
Include discrimination



# Electron ionization of molecules:



z-deflection  
curves and  
KERD

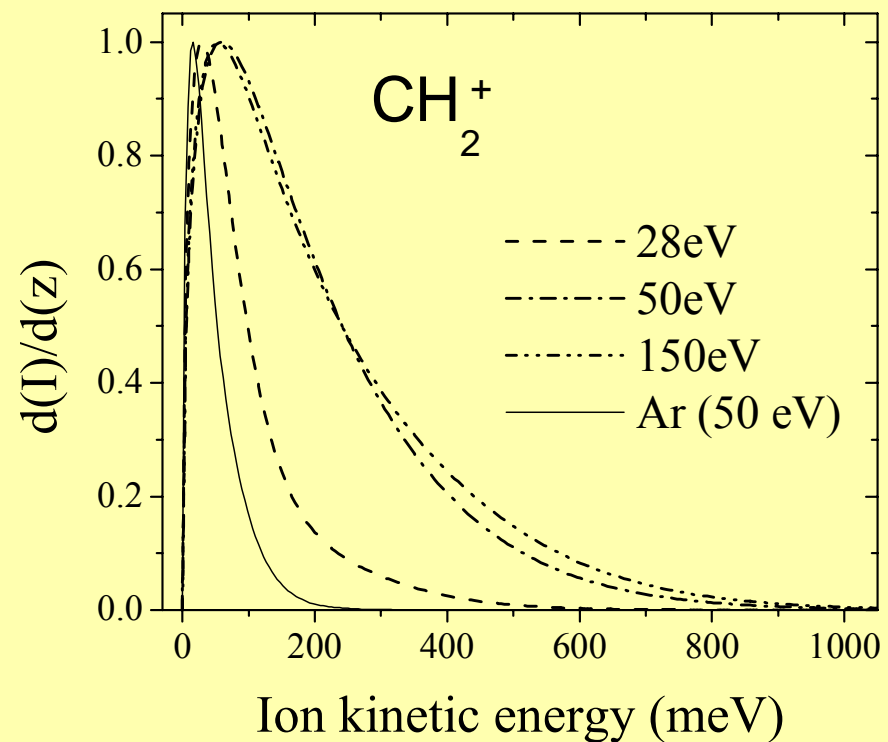
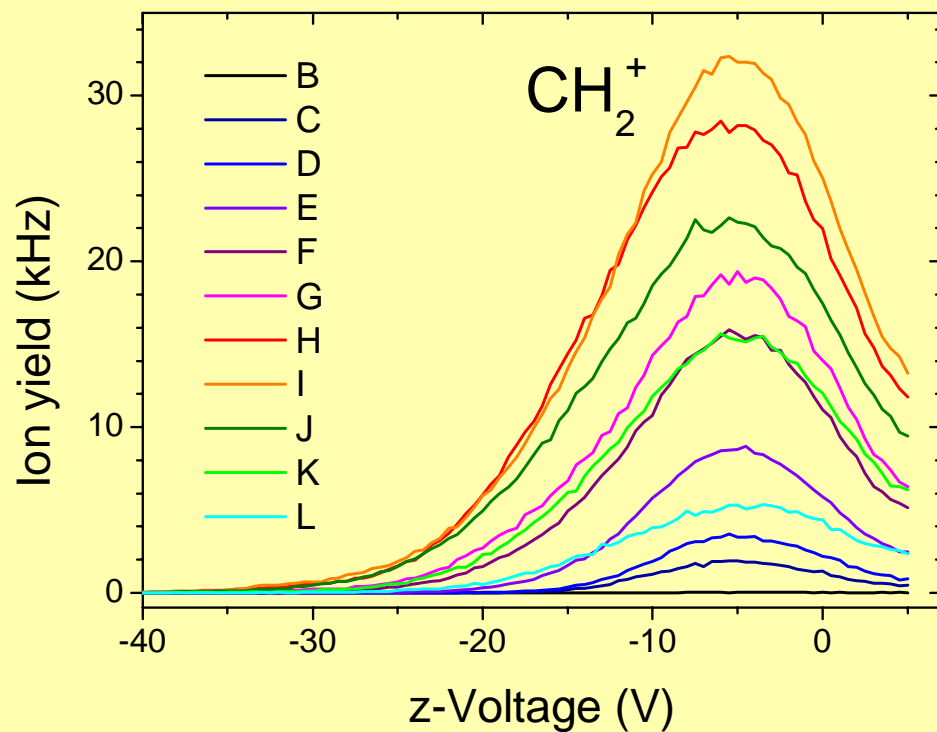




# Dissociative ionization of molecules:



z- deflection  
curves and  
KERD

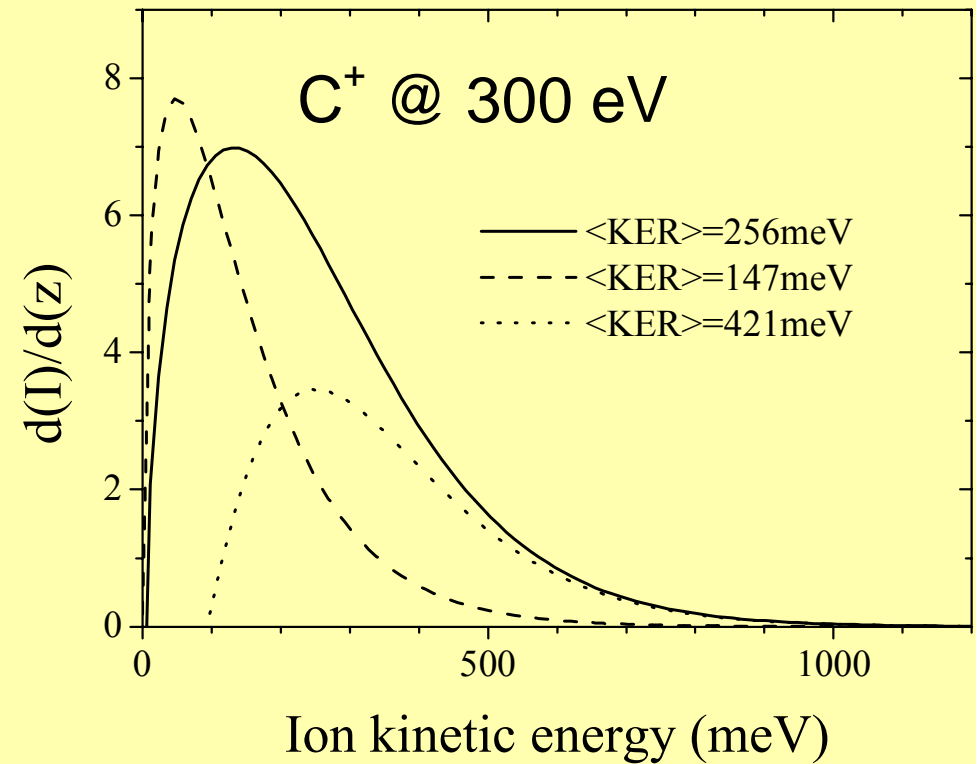
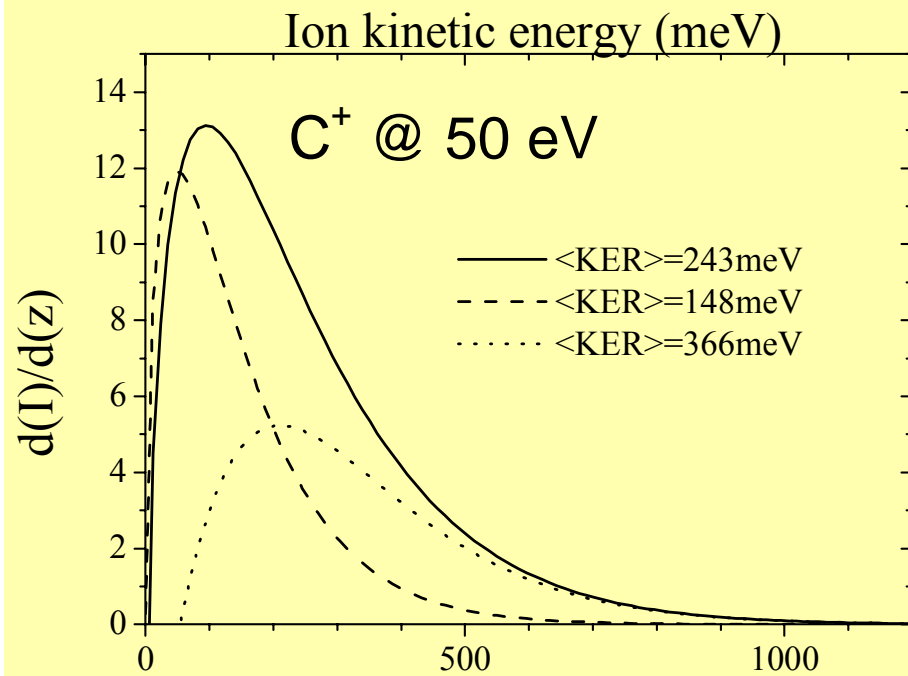
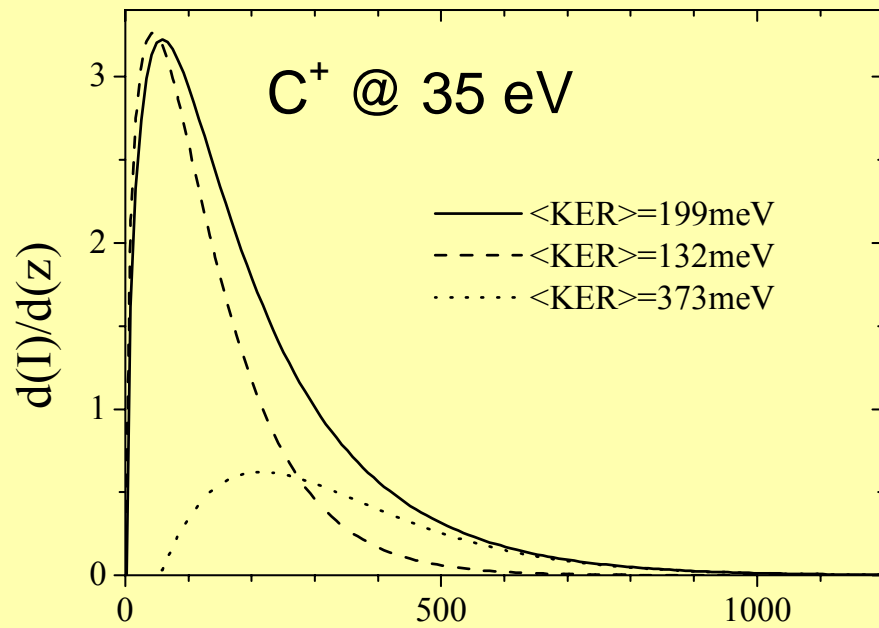






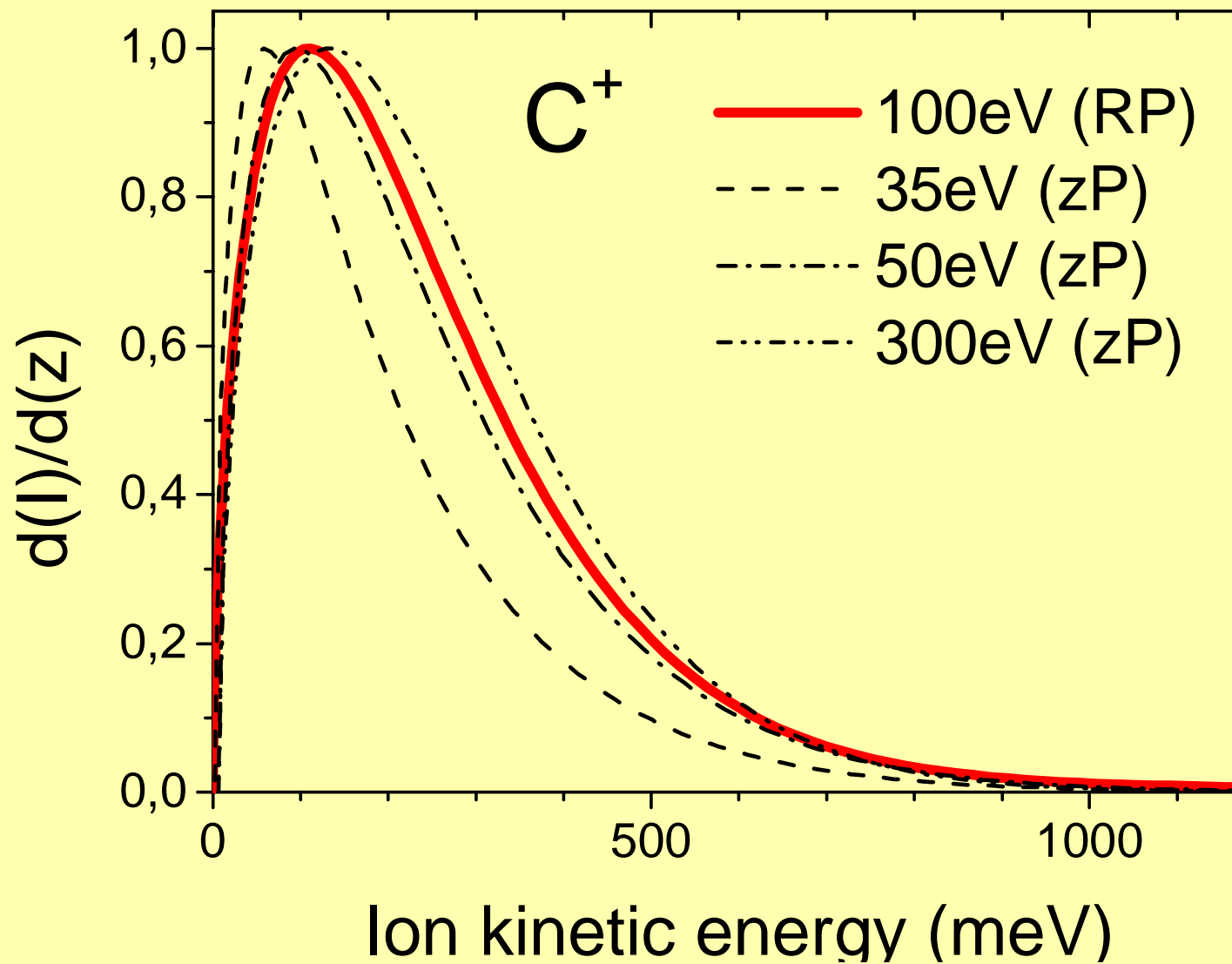


KERD





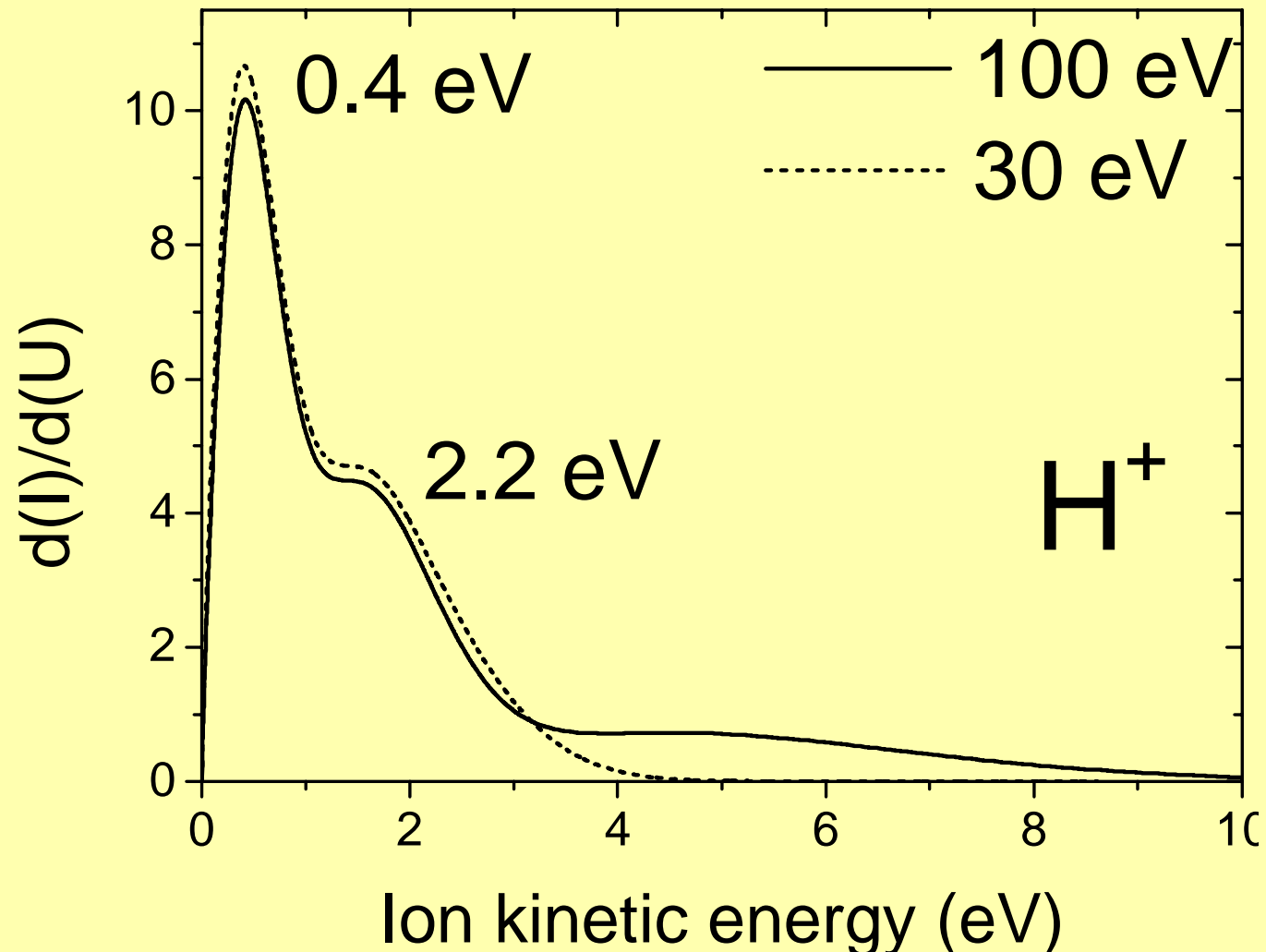
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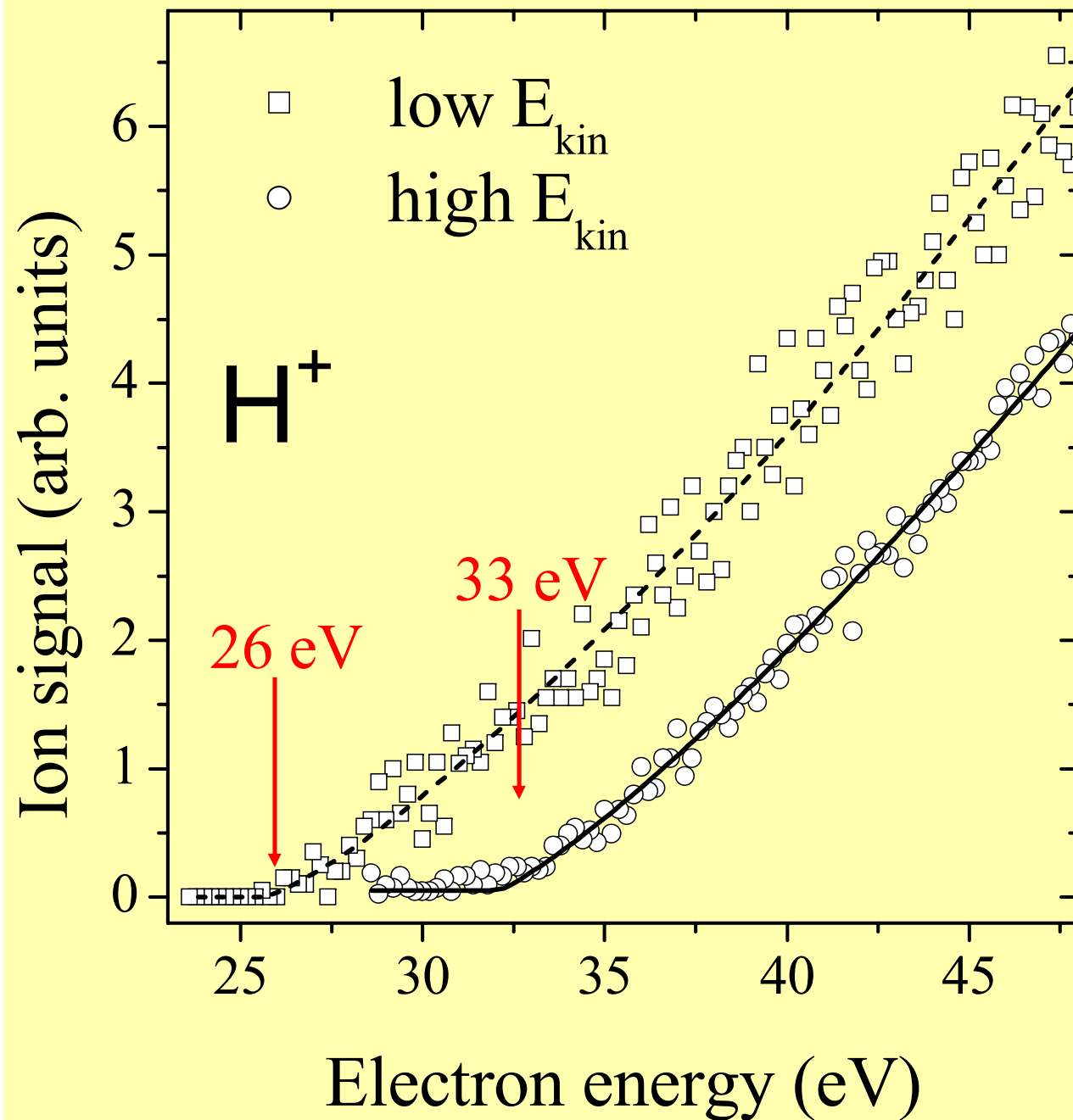


# Electron ionization of molecules:



KERD derived  
from retarding  
potential





Threshold behaviour  
of energy differential  
cross section:

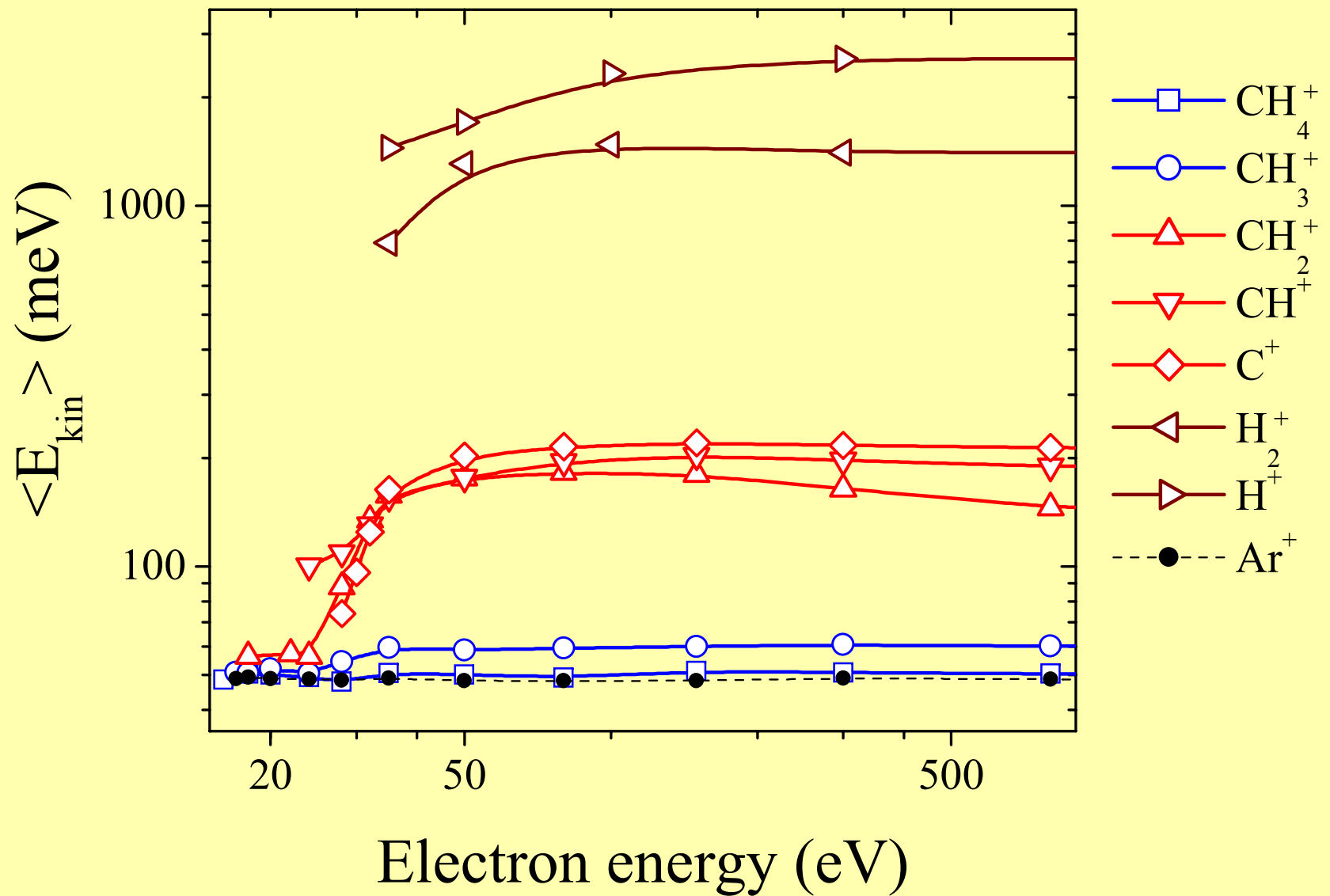


Latimer et al., JPB,  
B32(1999)2667:  
photoionization:  
26.6eV:  $(2a_1)^{-1}$  state  
35eV: double ionization

# Electron ionization of molecular ions:



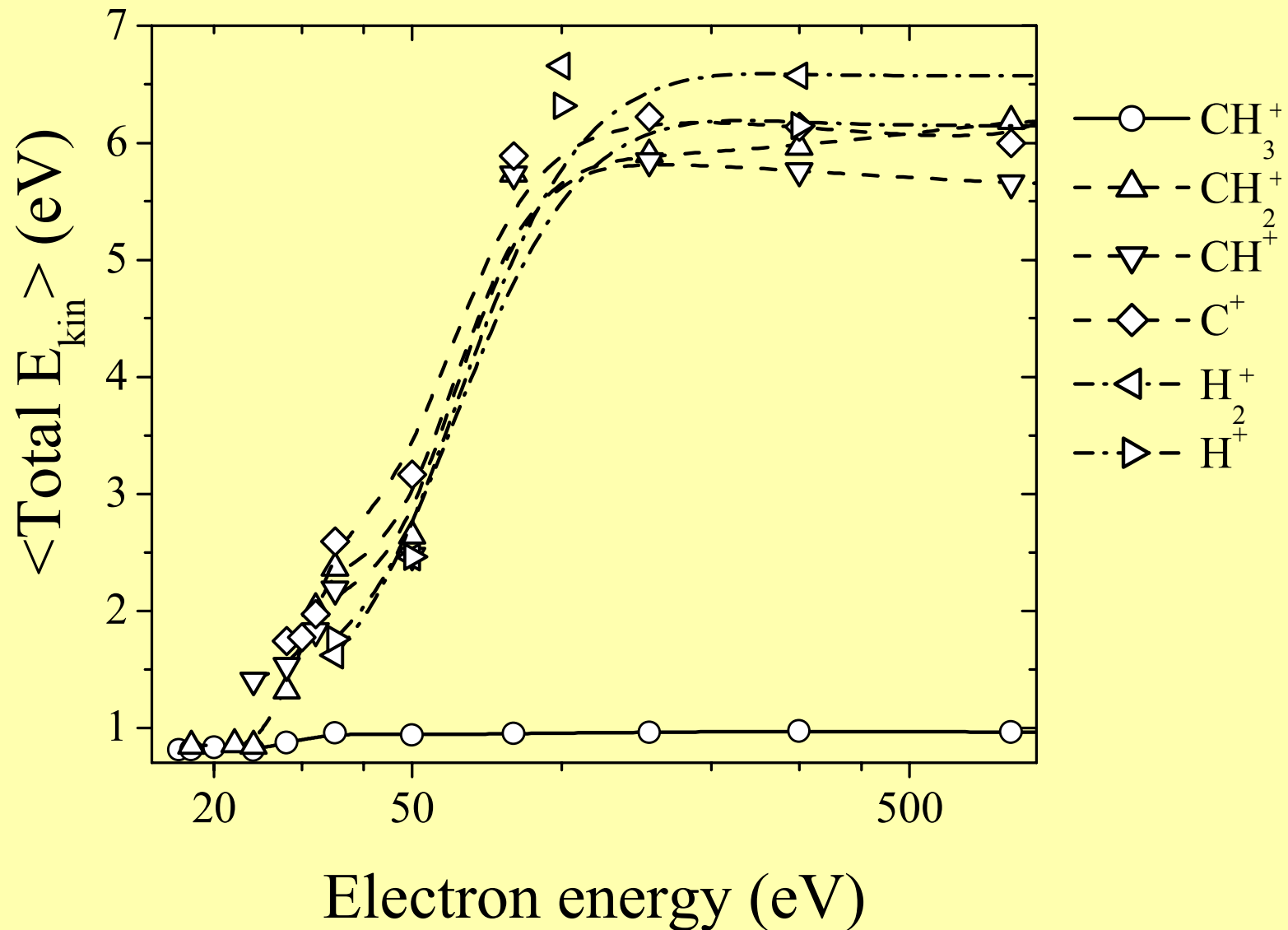
Average ion  
kinetic energy



# Electron ionization of molecular ions:

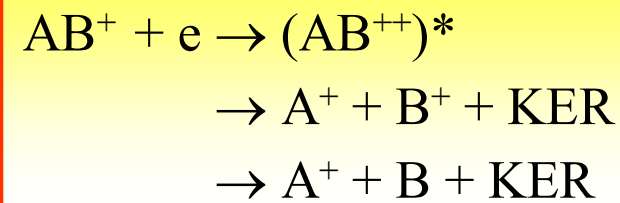
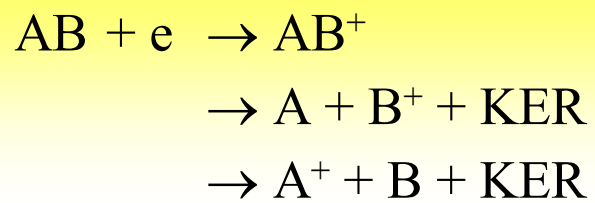
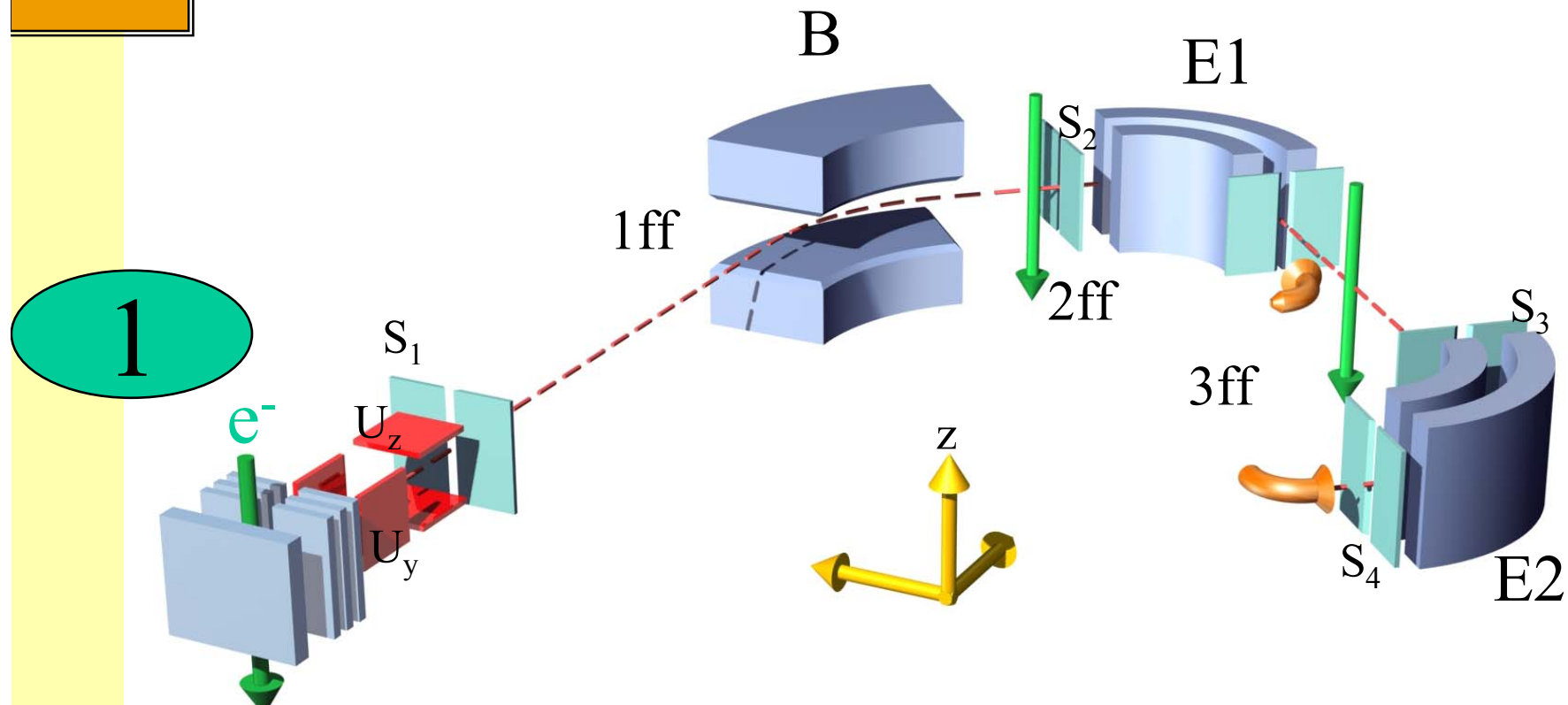
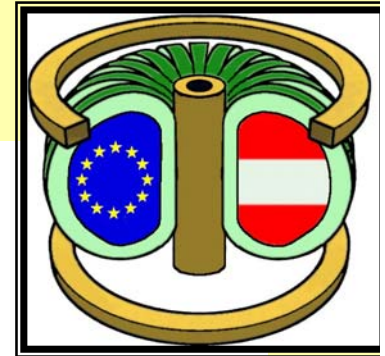


Total average kinetic energy released

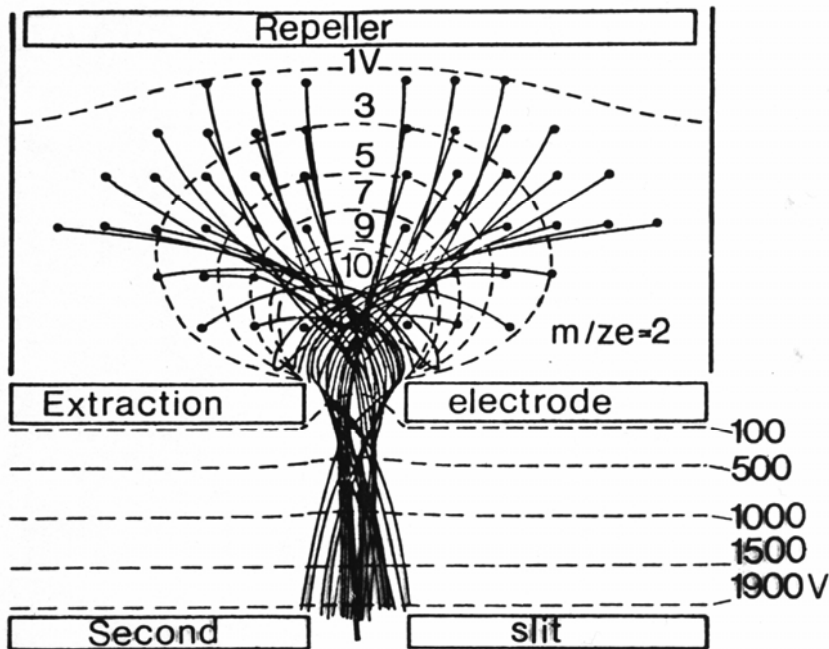




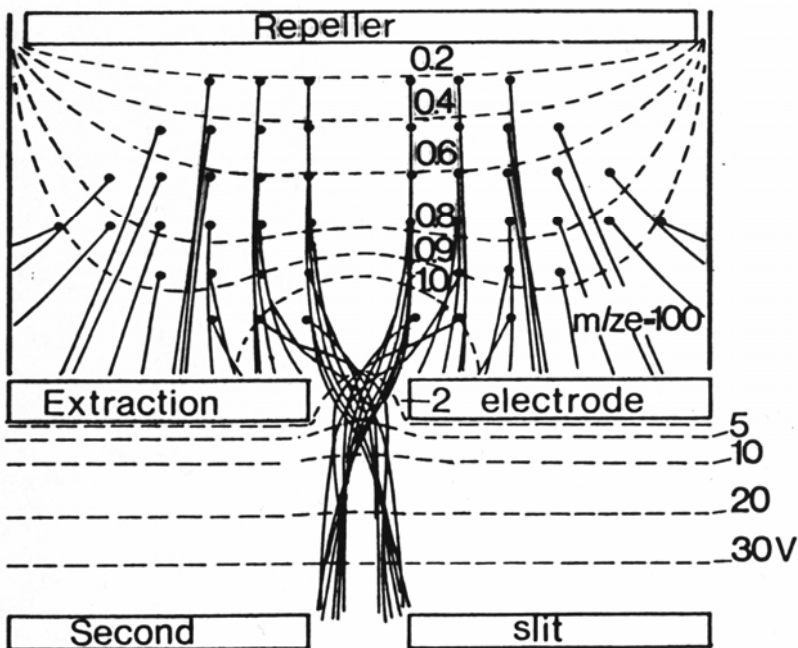
# *Ionization cross sections*



Calculated ion trajectories after Werner



Penetrating field extraction



Direct field extraction

# Potential distribution and ion trajectories in ion source

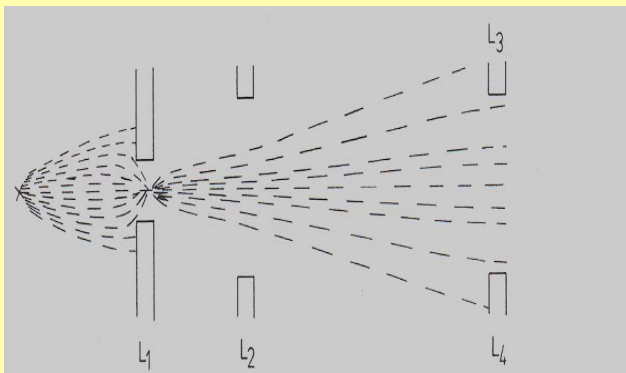
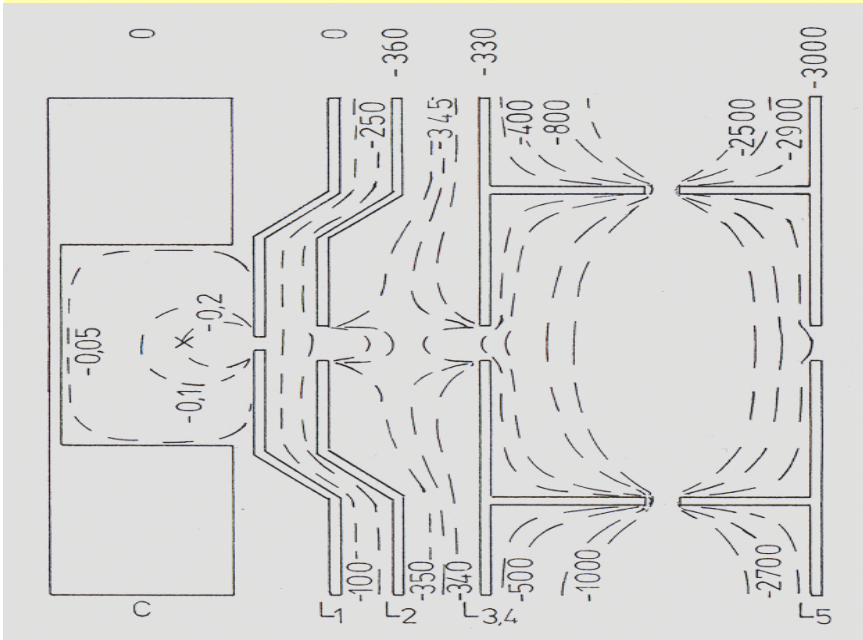
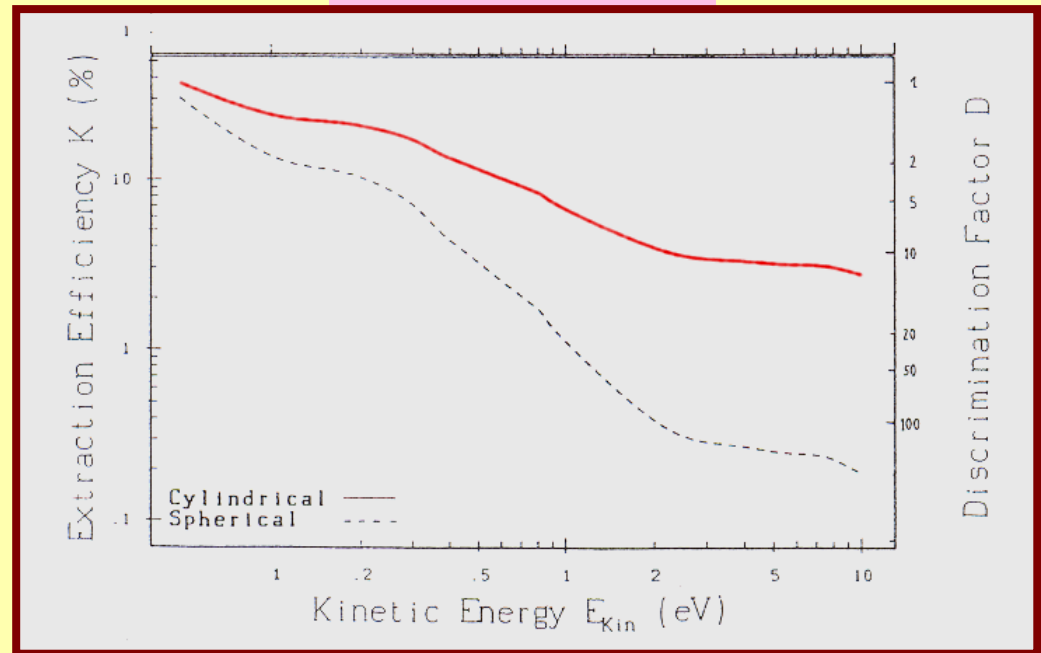
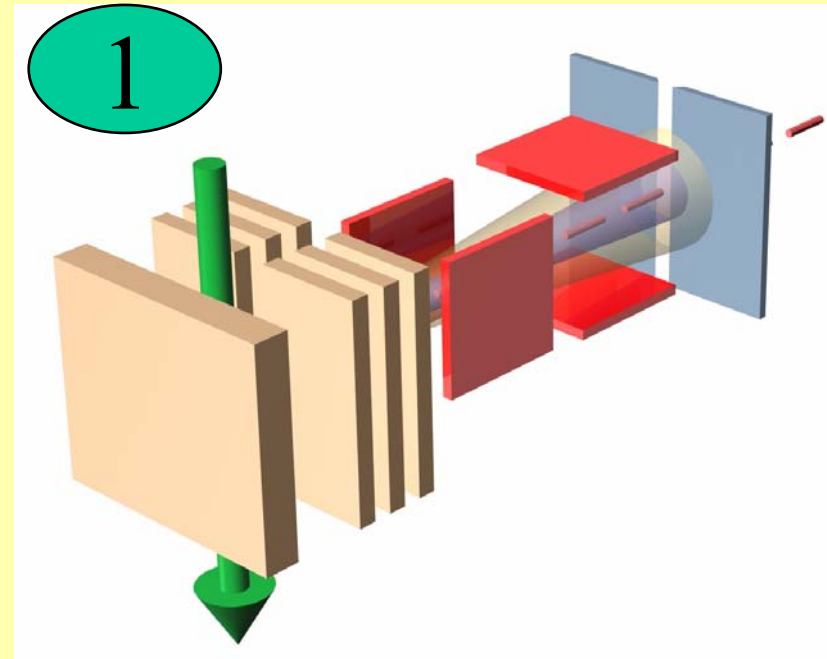


Fig. 3. Ion trajectories in the extraction region of the Nier-type ion source (Fig. 1) for ions with an initial energy of 1 eV. The figure shows the trajectories exemplarily with starting angles close to or smaller than the maximum starting angle  $\vartheta_{\max}$  (see text).

Discrimination function



Potential distribution and  
ion trajectories in ion  
source:  
discrimination

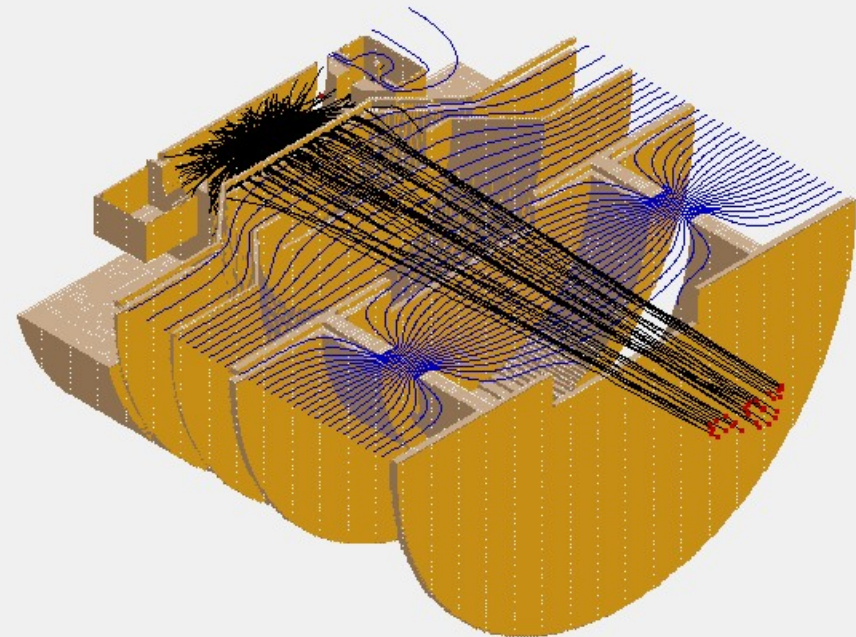


3D – Simulation with:

*Simion*

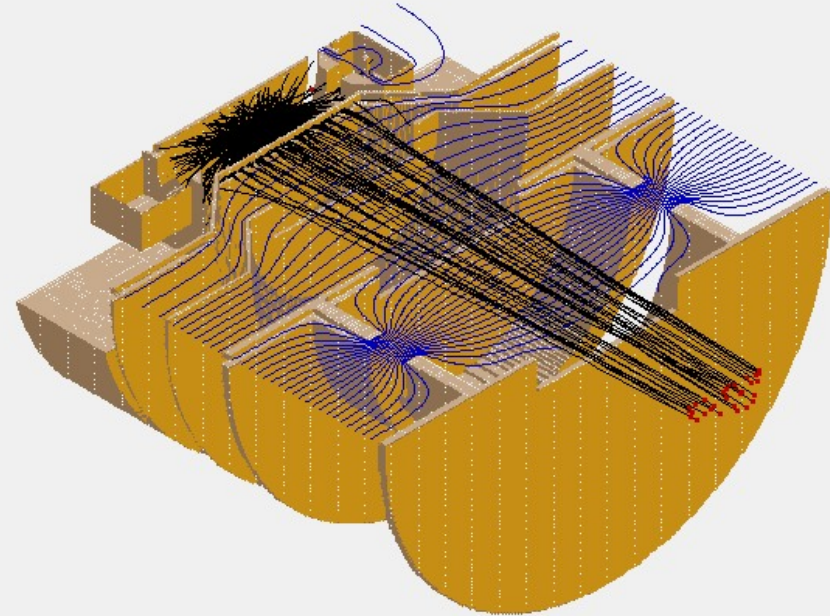
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Ziehblenden: 3000V

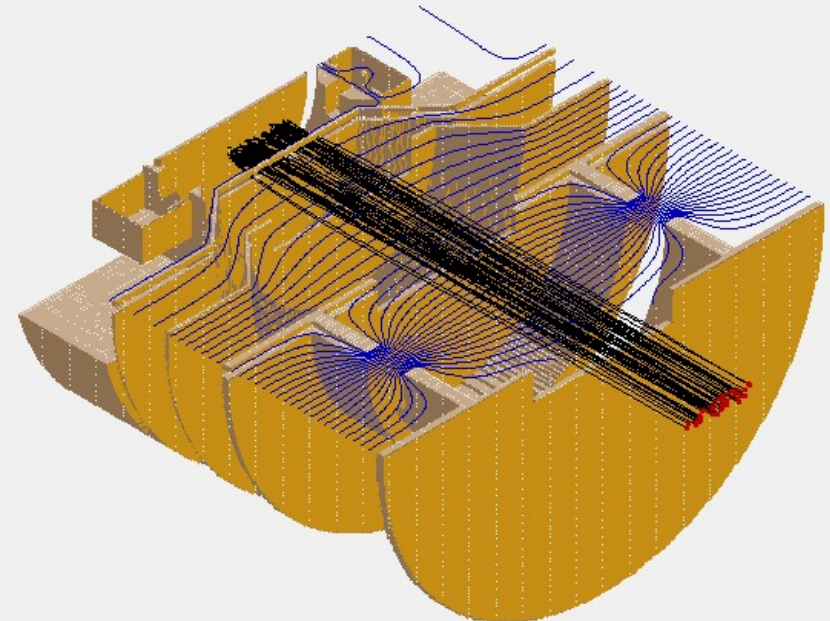




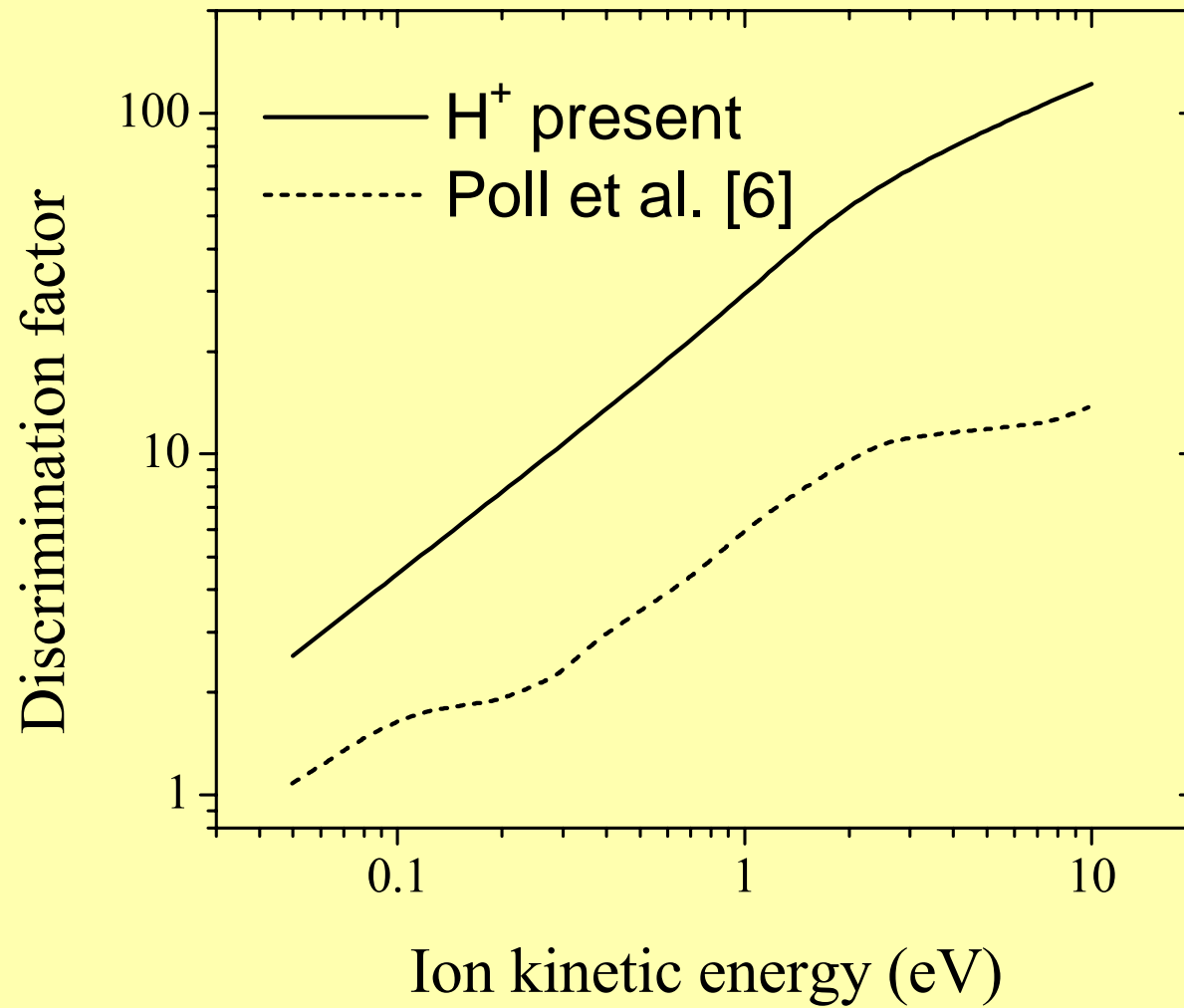
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Pusher: 3050V  
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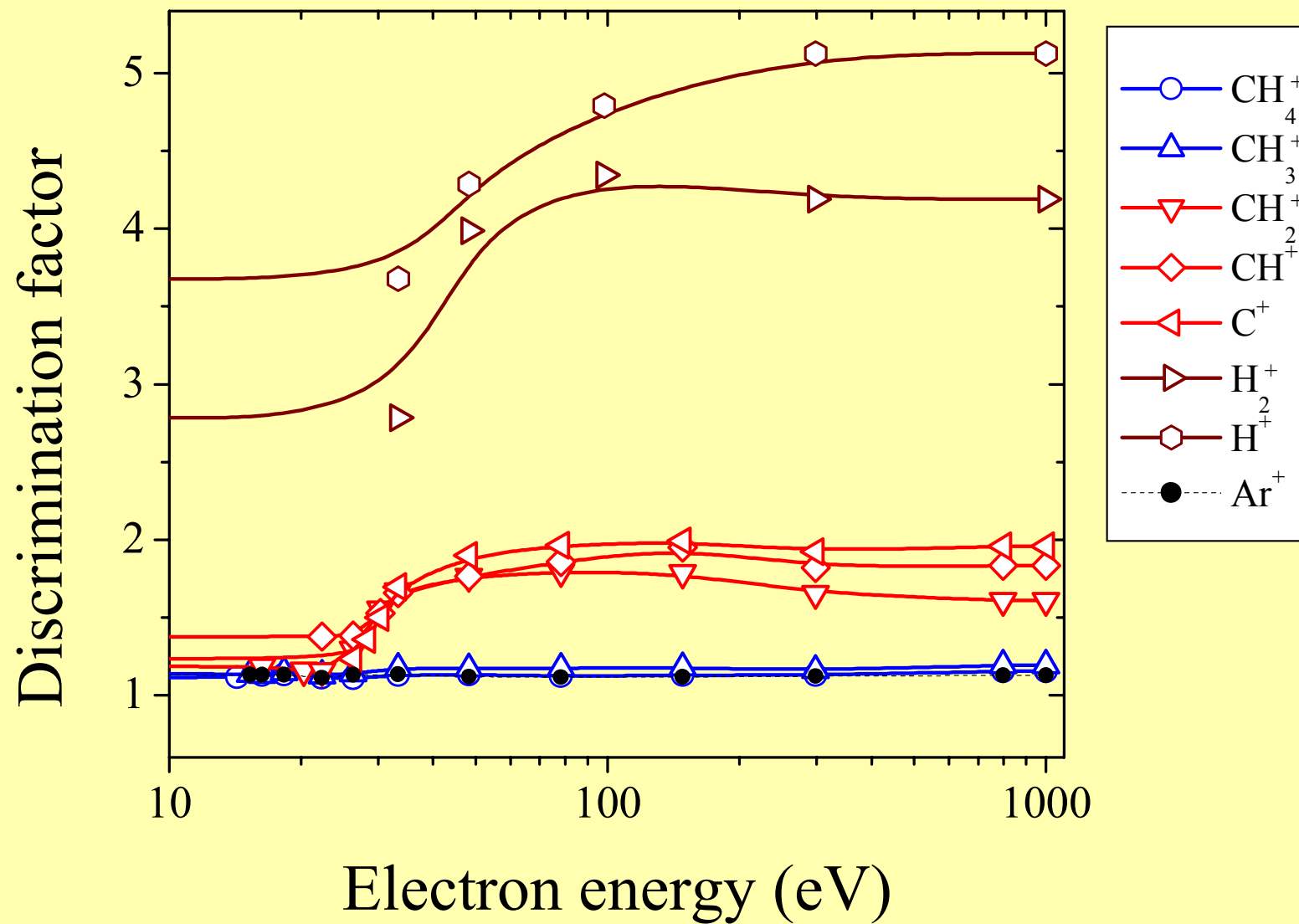
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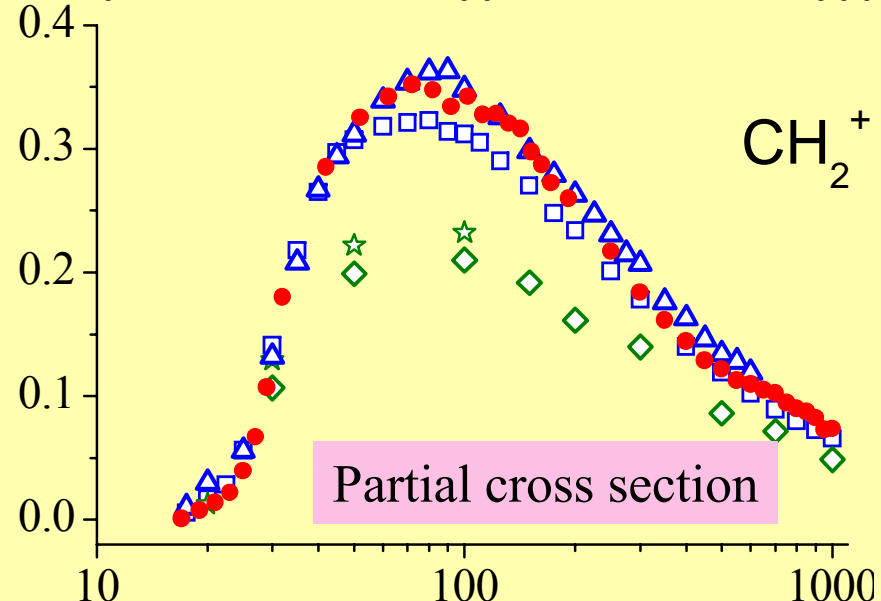
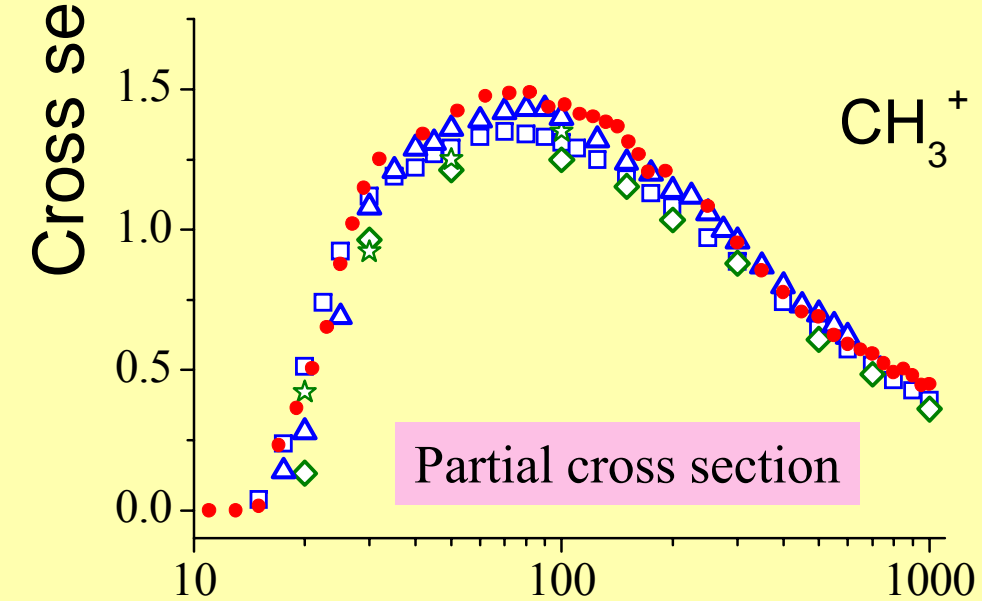
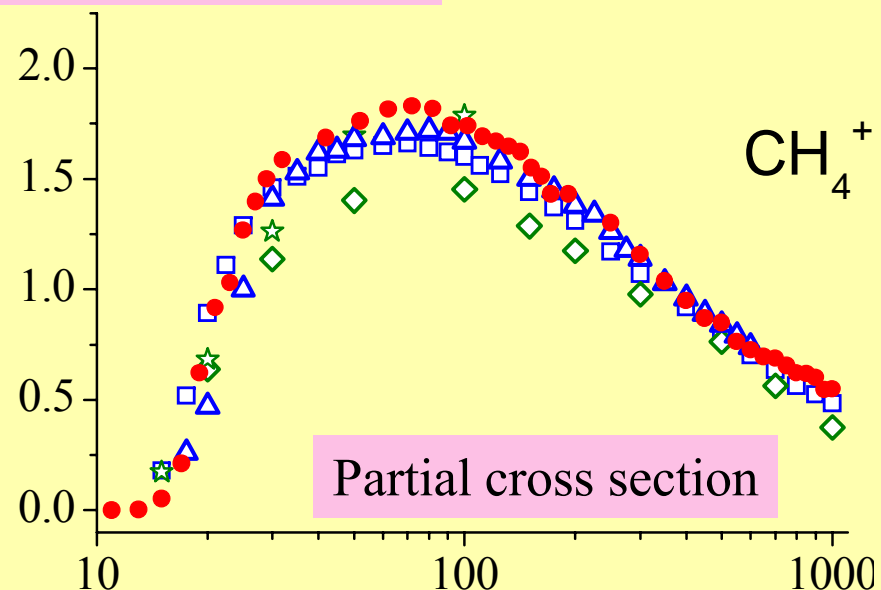
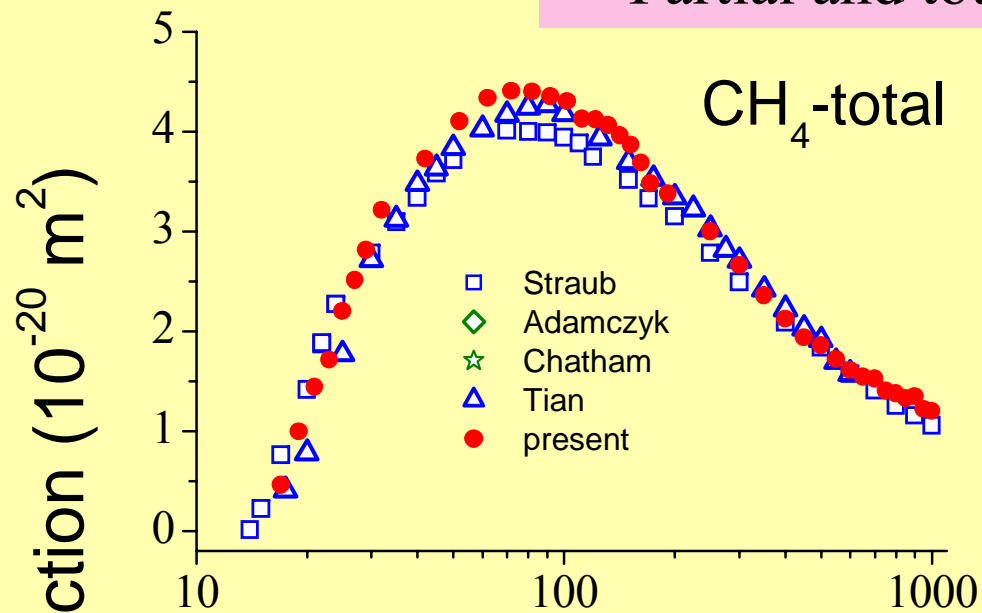
Discrimination  
function

# Discrimination

Integrated  
discrimination  
factor



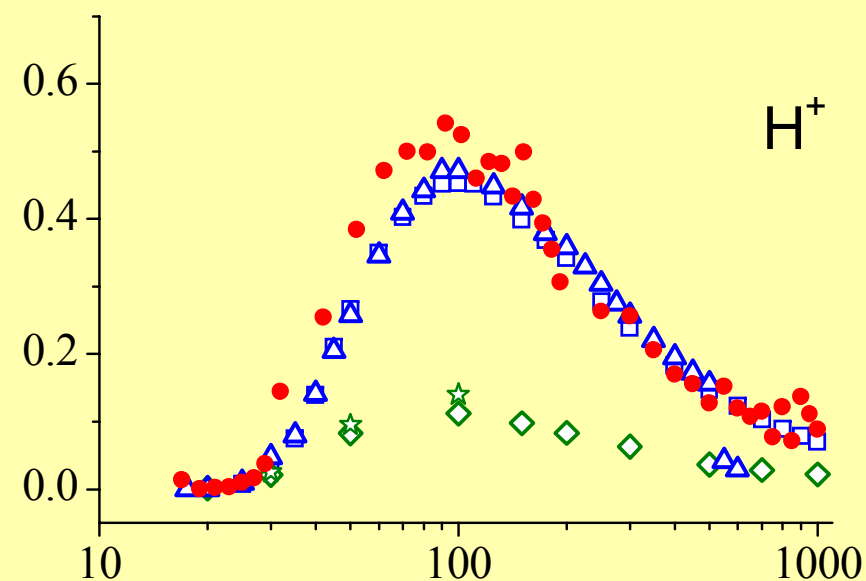
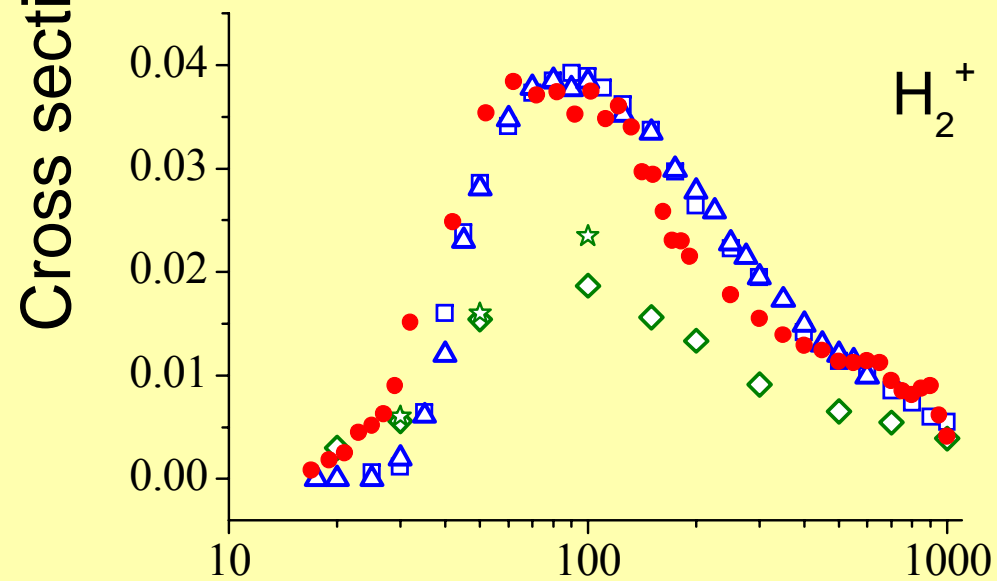
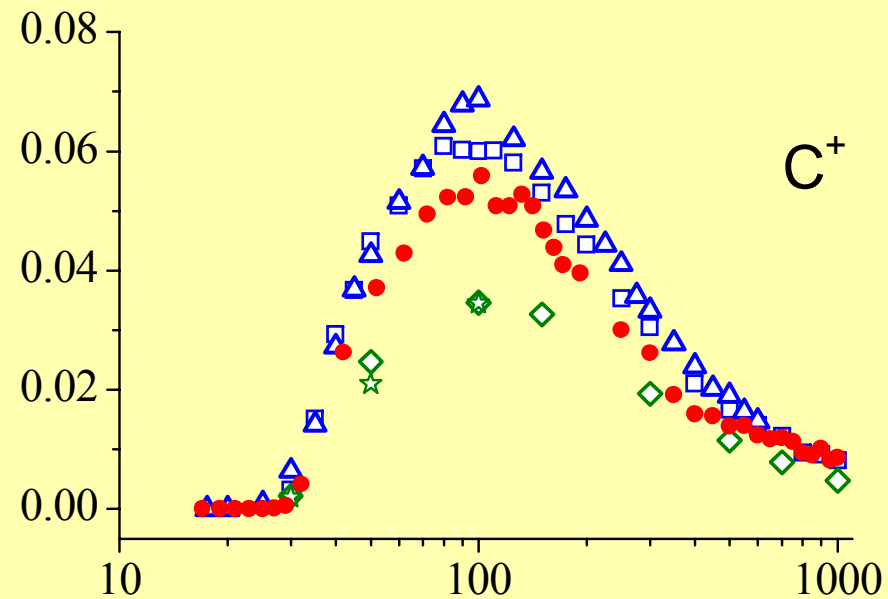
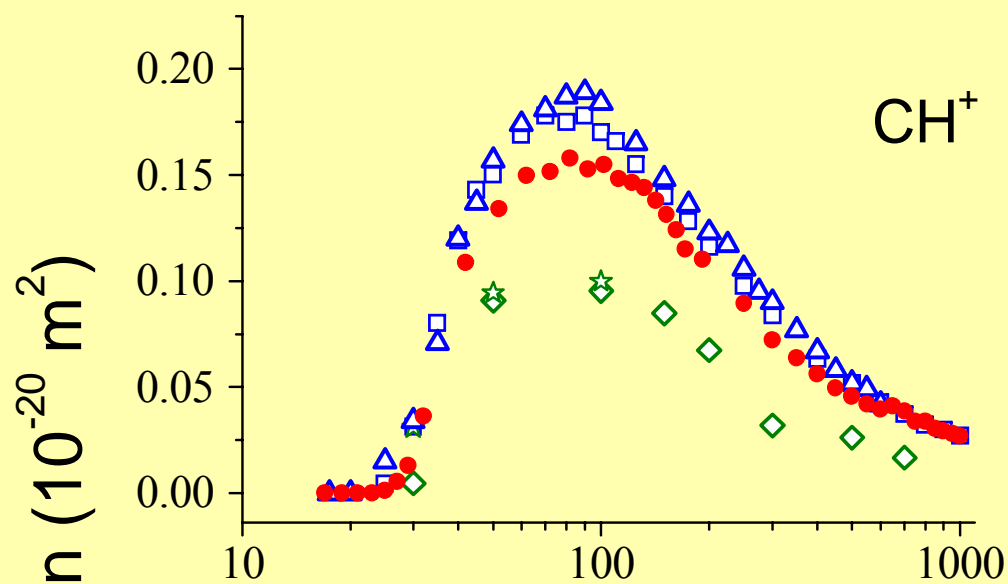
# Partial and total cross section



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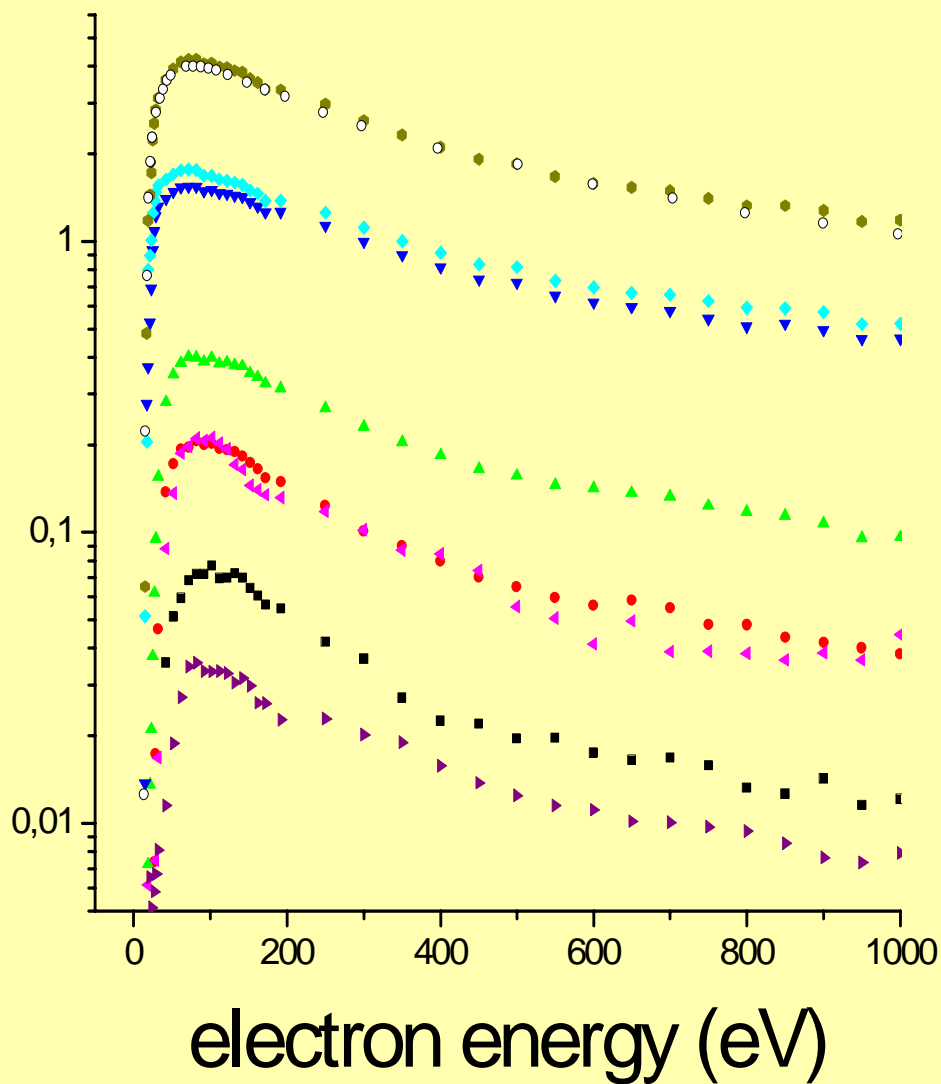
Partial cross sections:



Electron energy (eV)

# Cross sections CH<sub>4</sub>

cross section ( $10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$ )



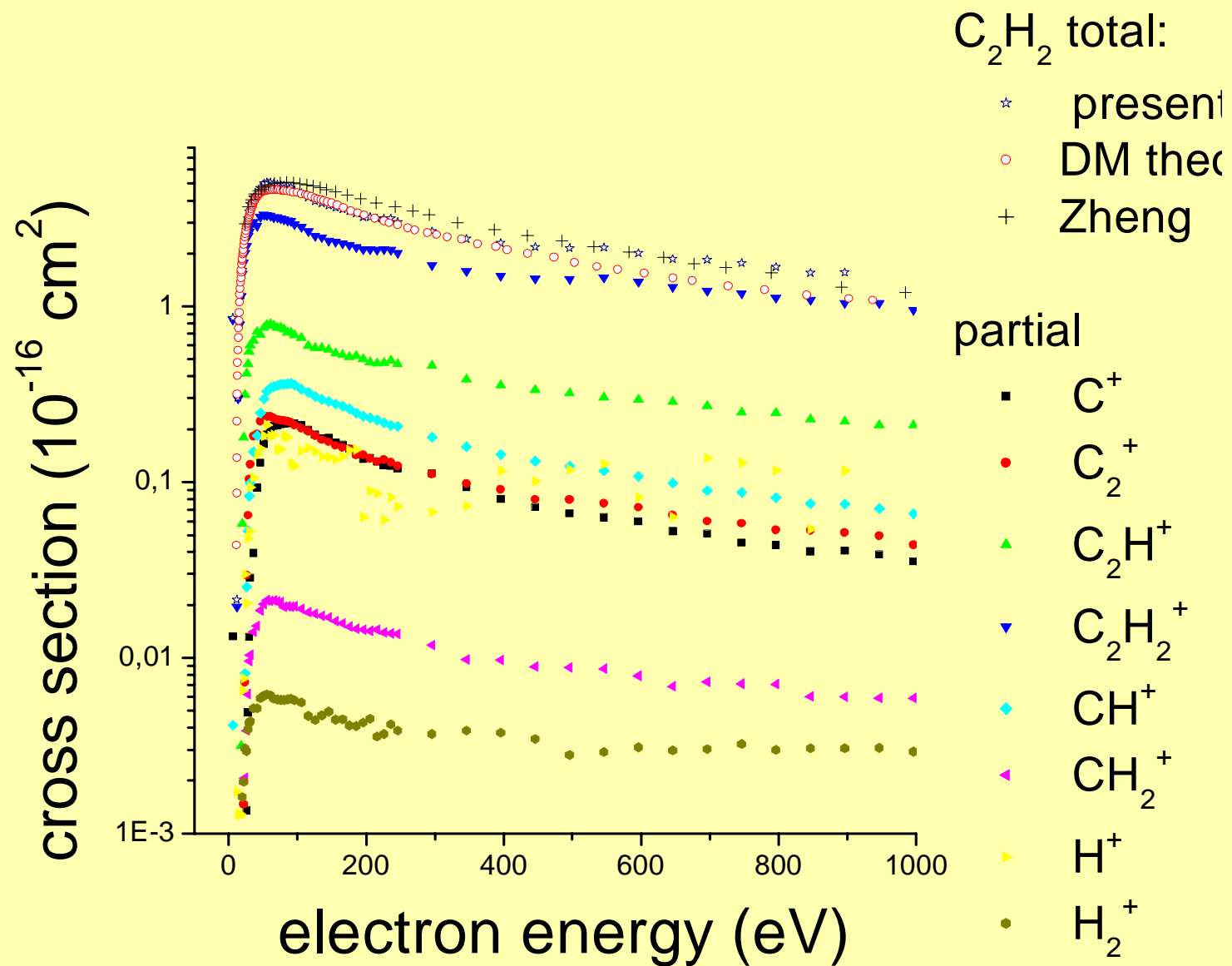
CH<sub>4</sub> total:

- present
- H.C.Straub

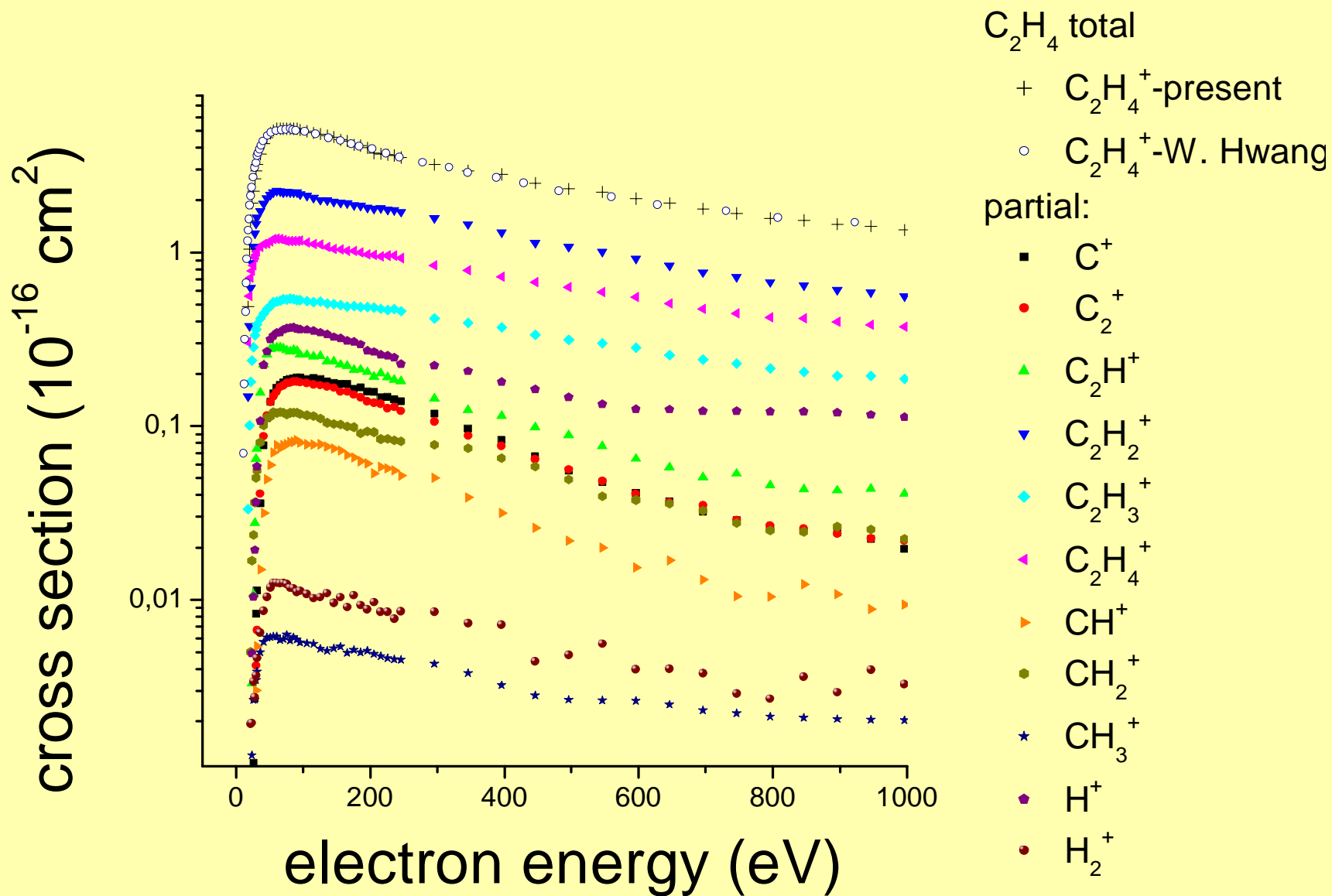
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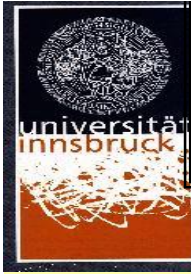
- C<sup>+</sup>
- CH<sup>+</sup>
- ▲ CH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>
- ▼ CH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>
- ◆ CH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>
- ◀ H<sup>+</sup>
- ▶ H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>

# Cross sections $C_2H_2$



# Cross sections $C_2H_4$





# High resolution electron impact ionization of molecules

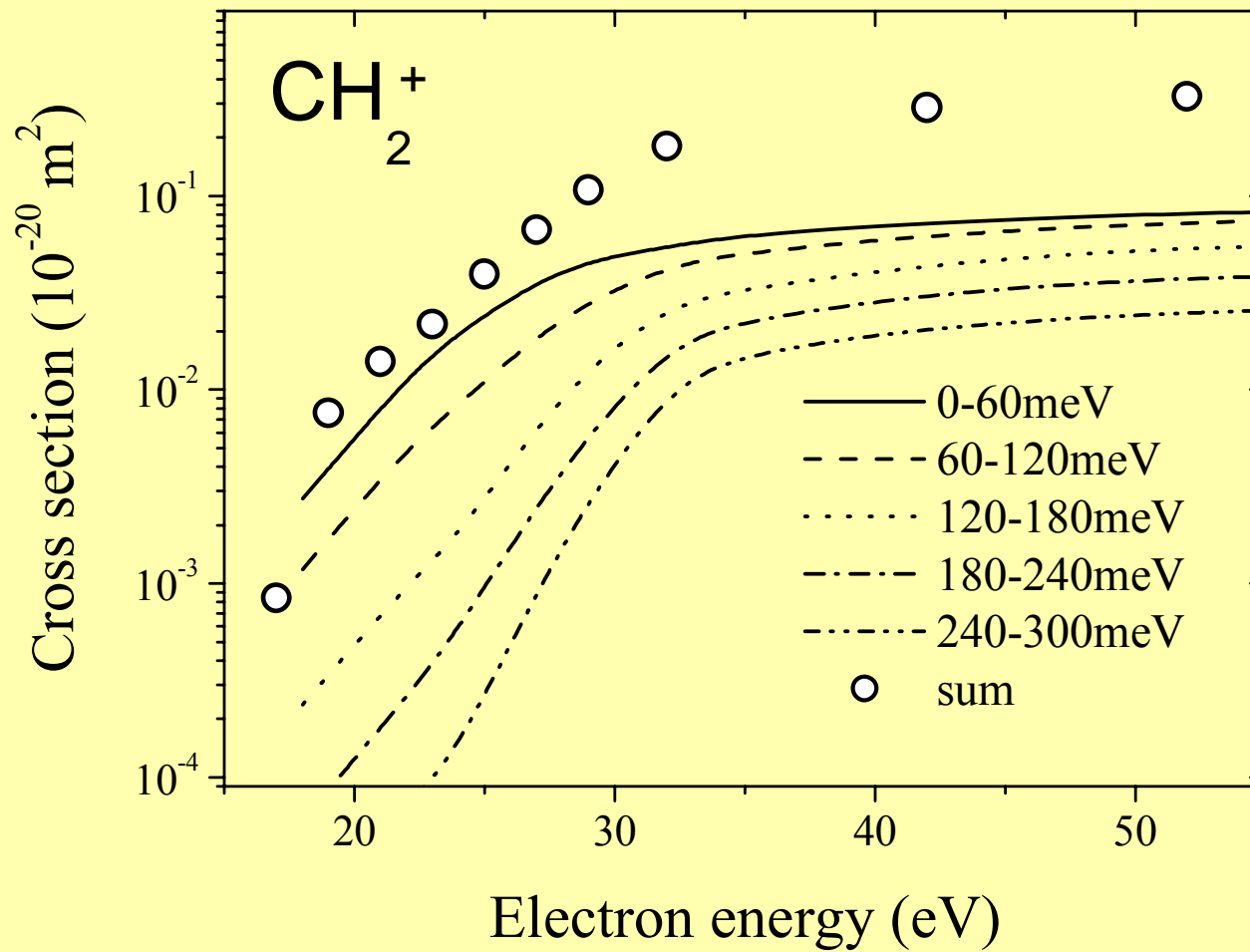


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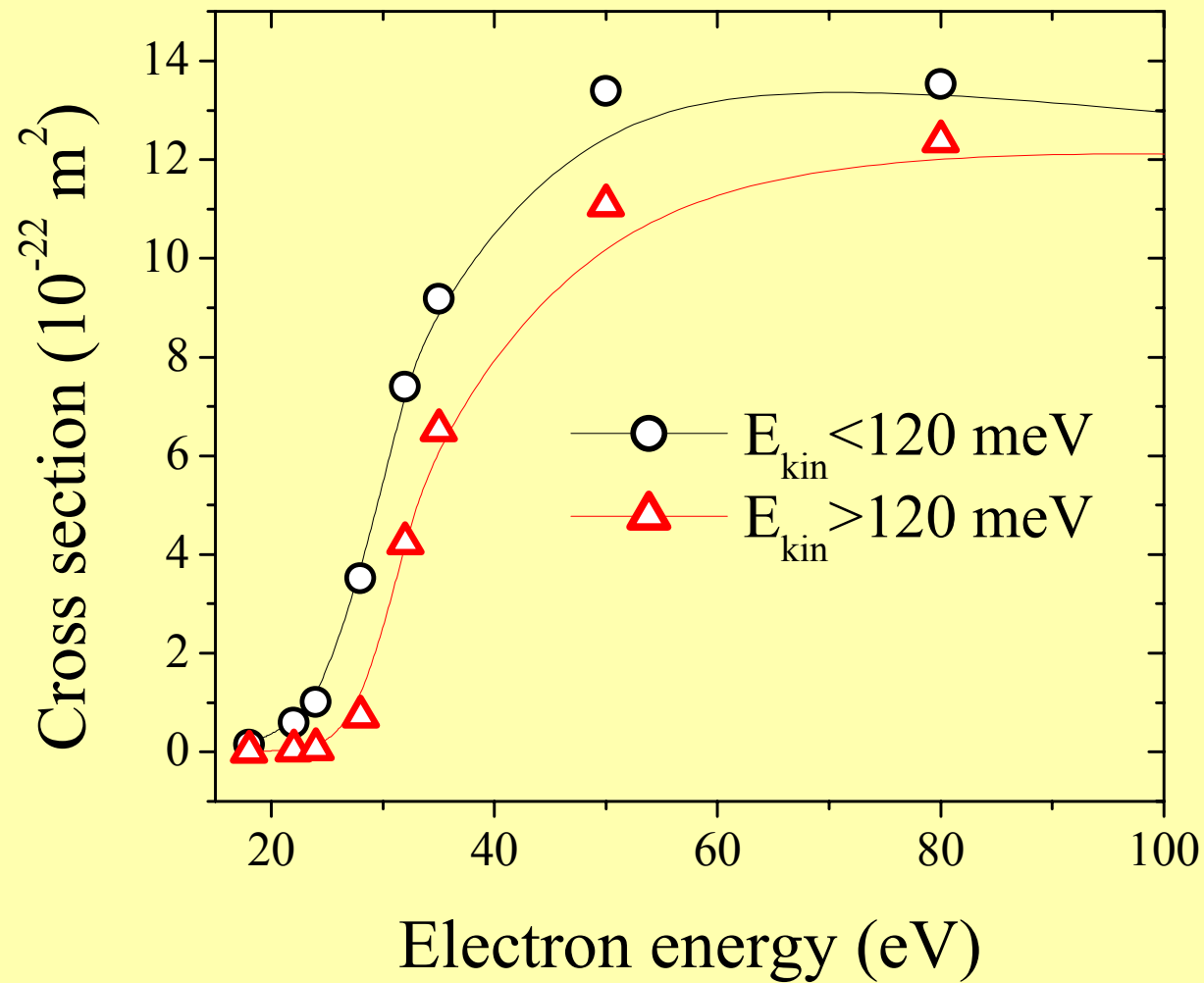


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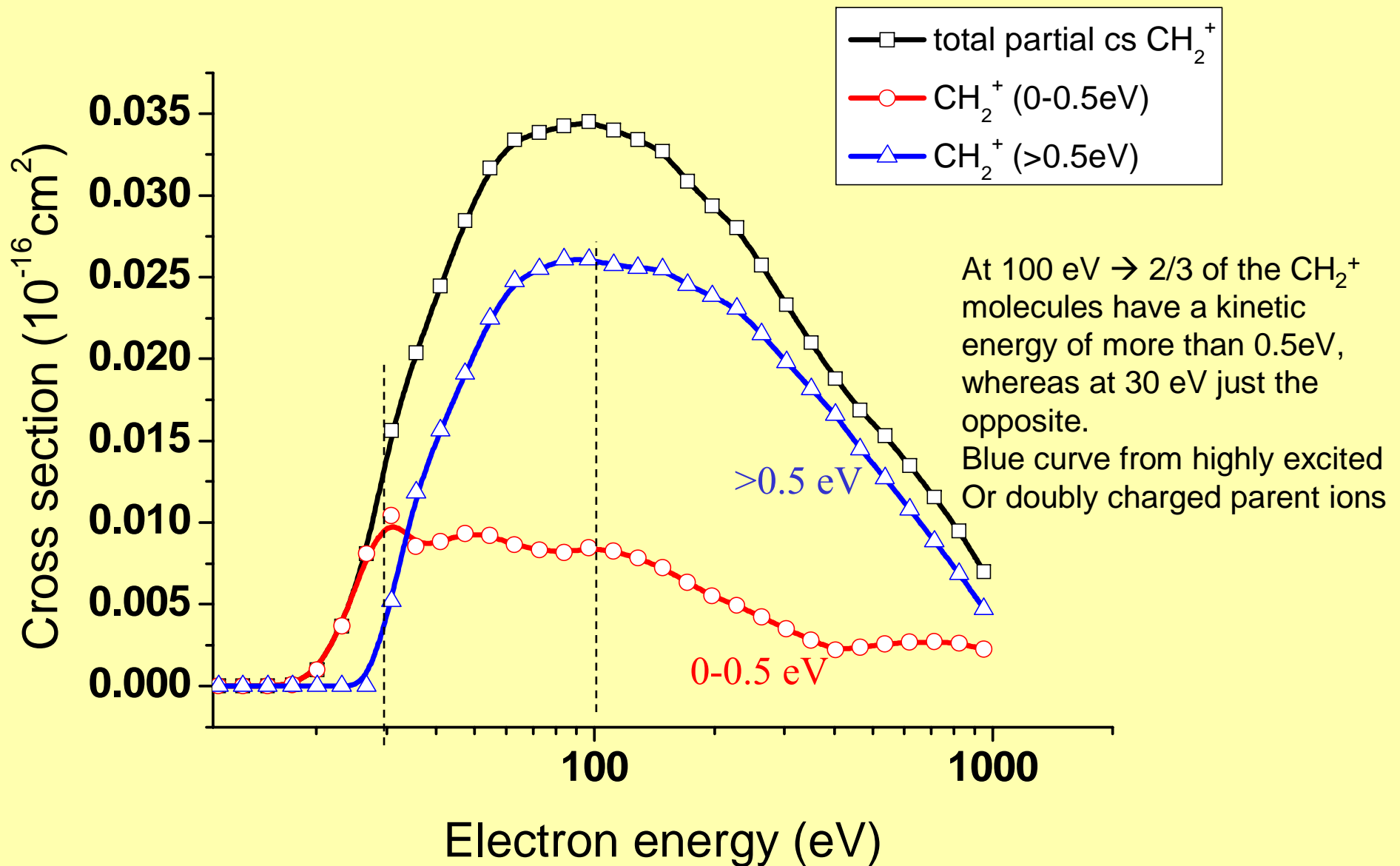
Energy differential partial cross  
sections:  $\text{CH}_4 + e \rightarrow \text{CH}_2^+$



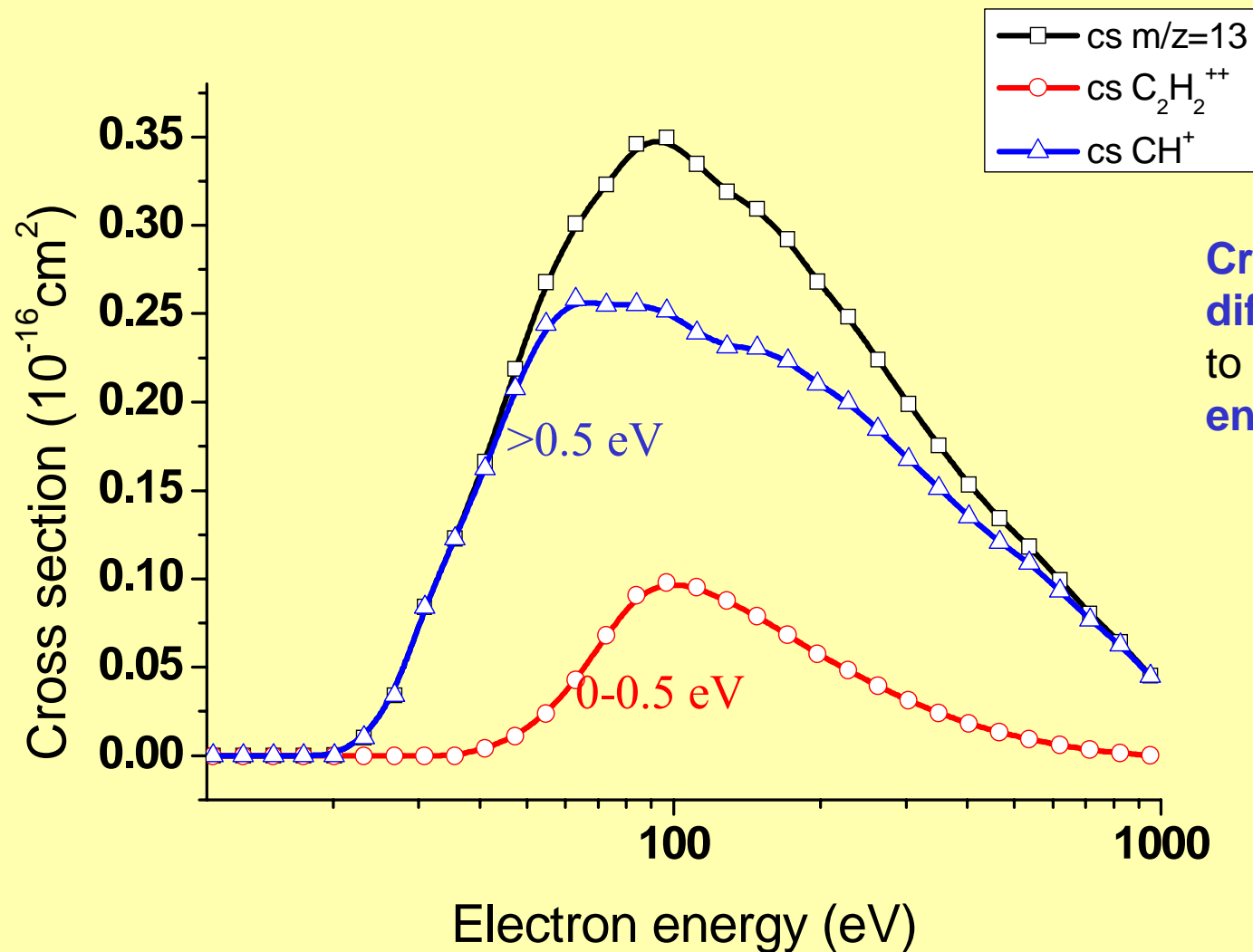
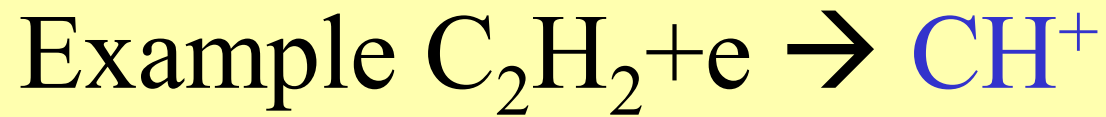
Energy differential total cross sections:



# Example $C_2H_2 + e \rightarrow CH_2^+$







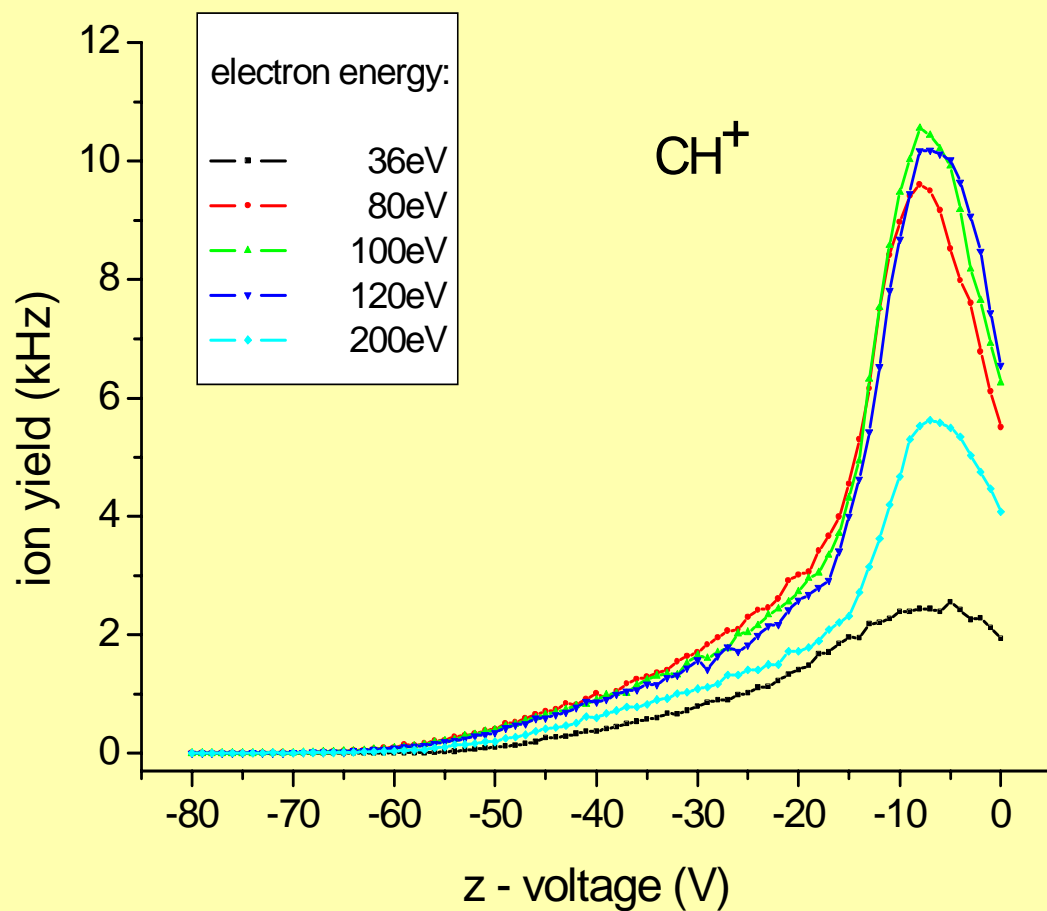
Cross section which is differential with respect to the initial kinetic energy

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# Electron ionization of molecular ions:

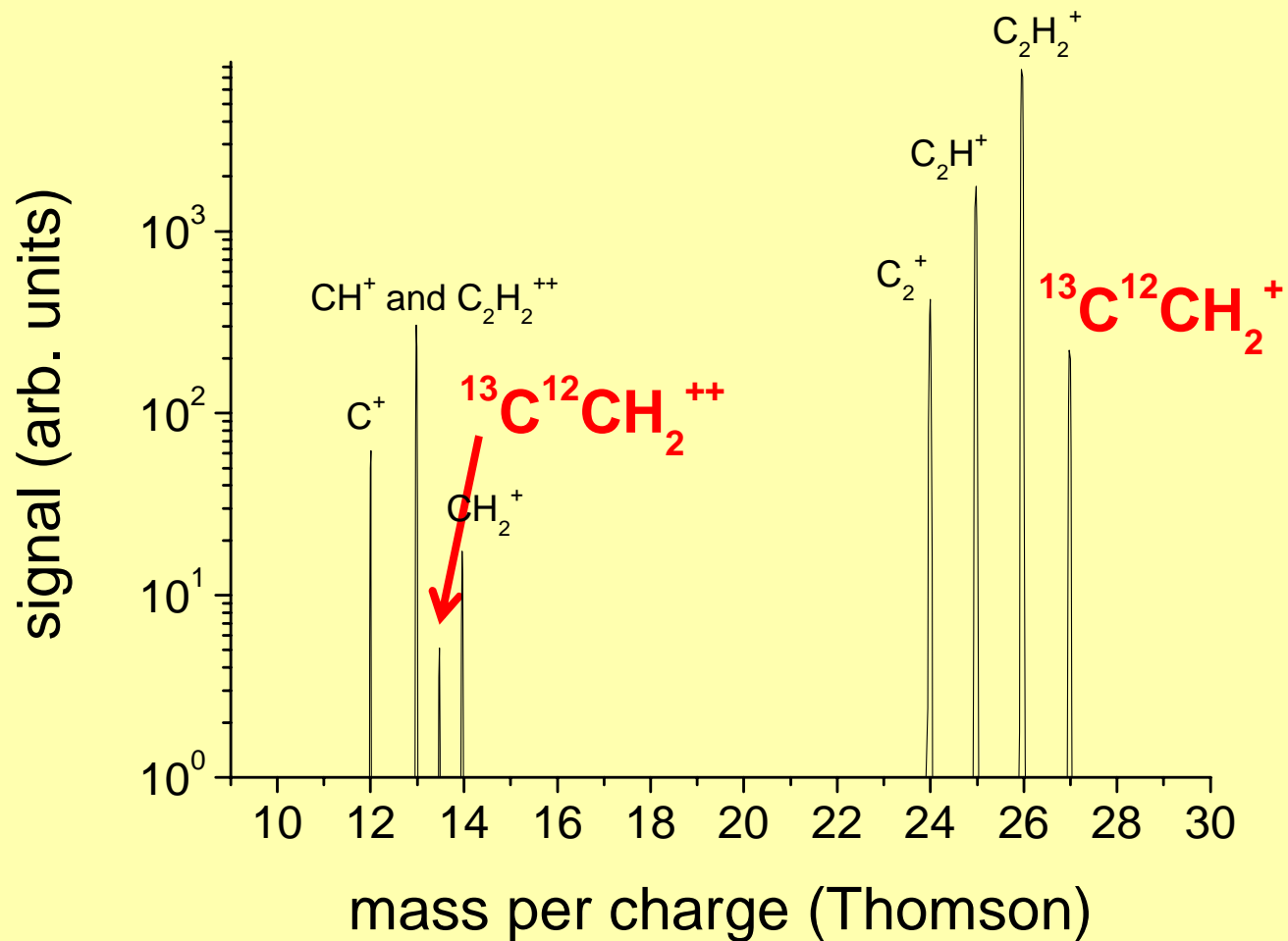


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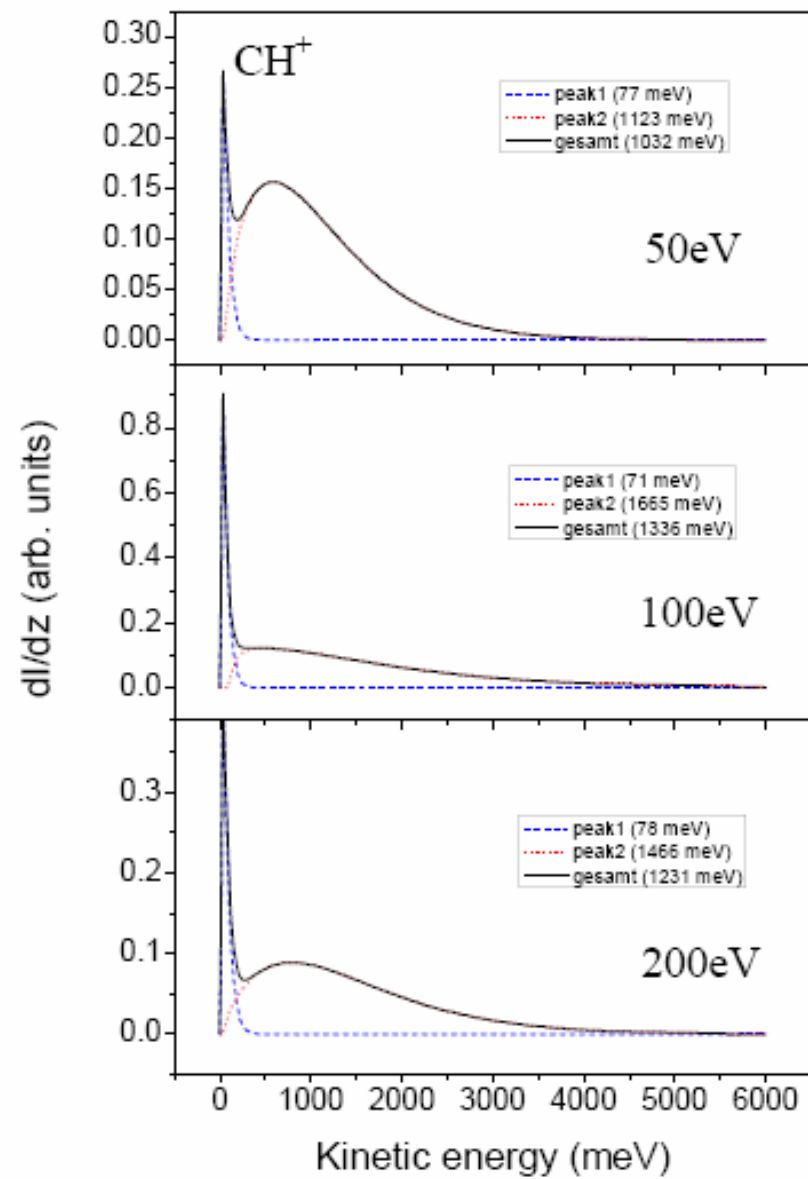
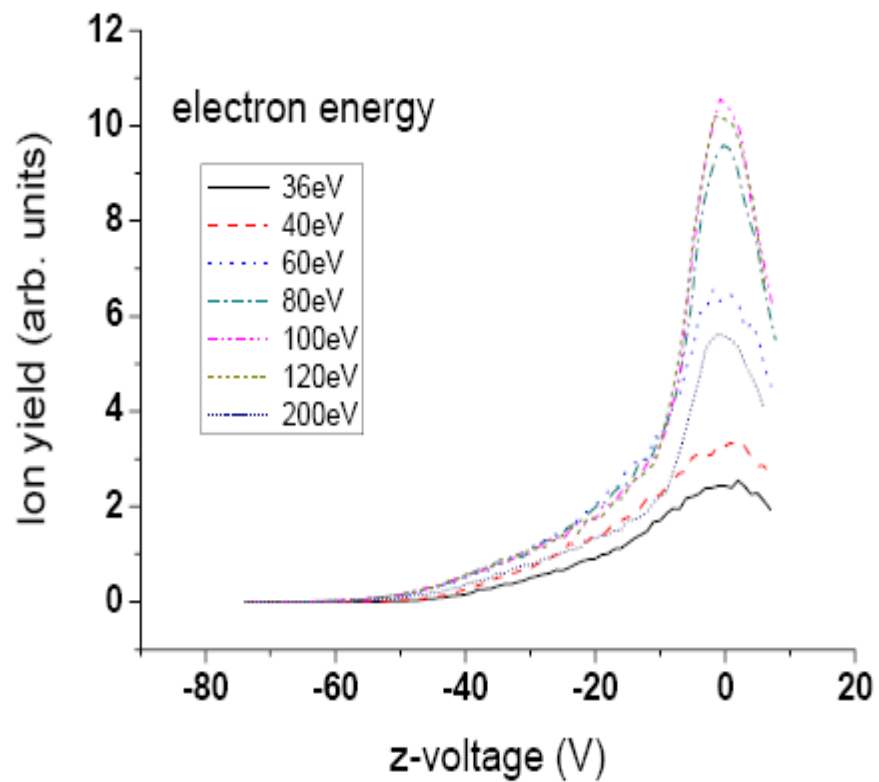


at same m/q ratio

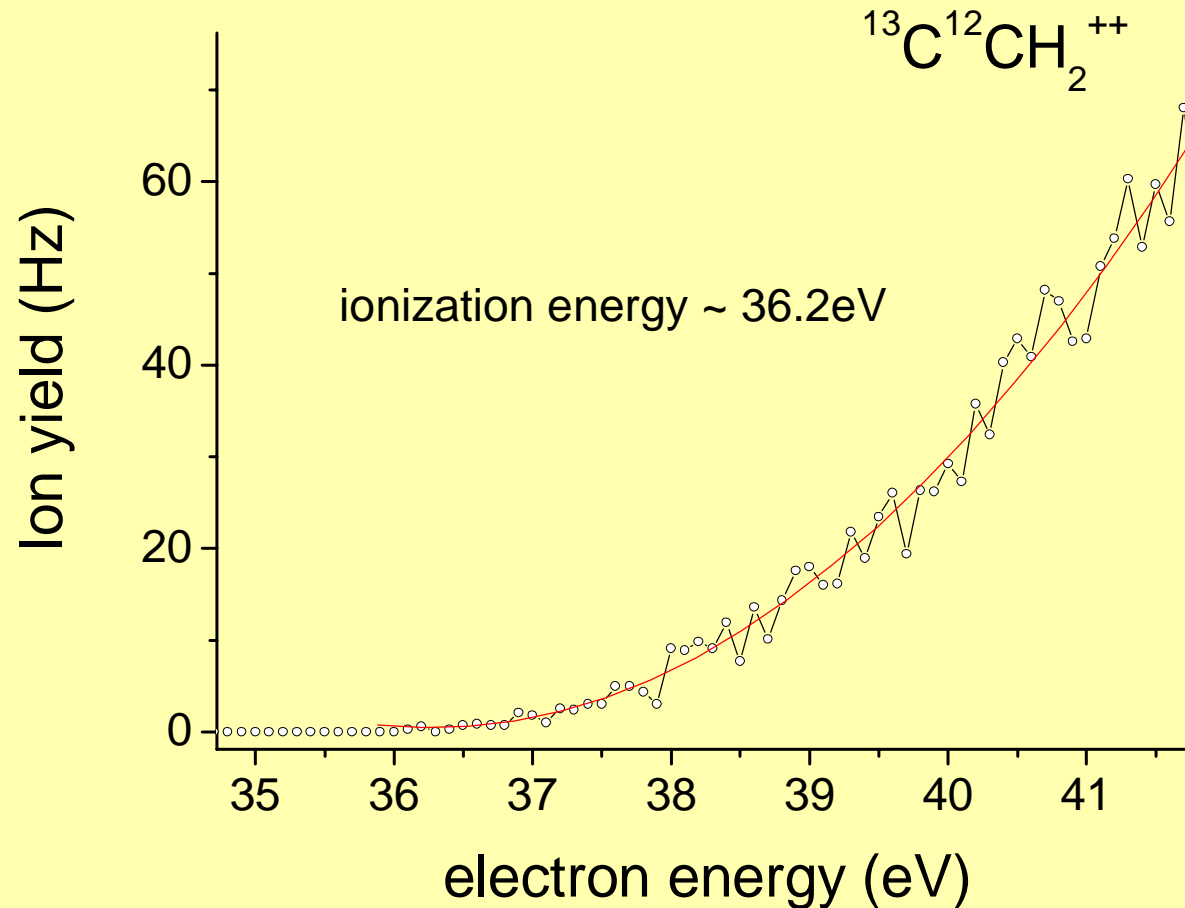
# Mass spectrum of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>



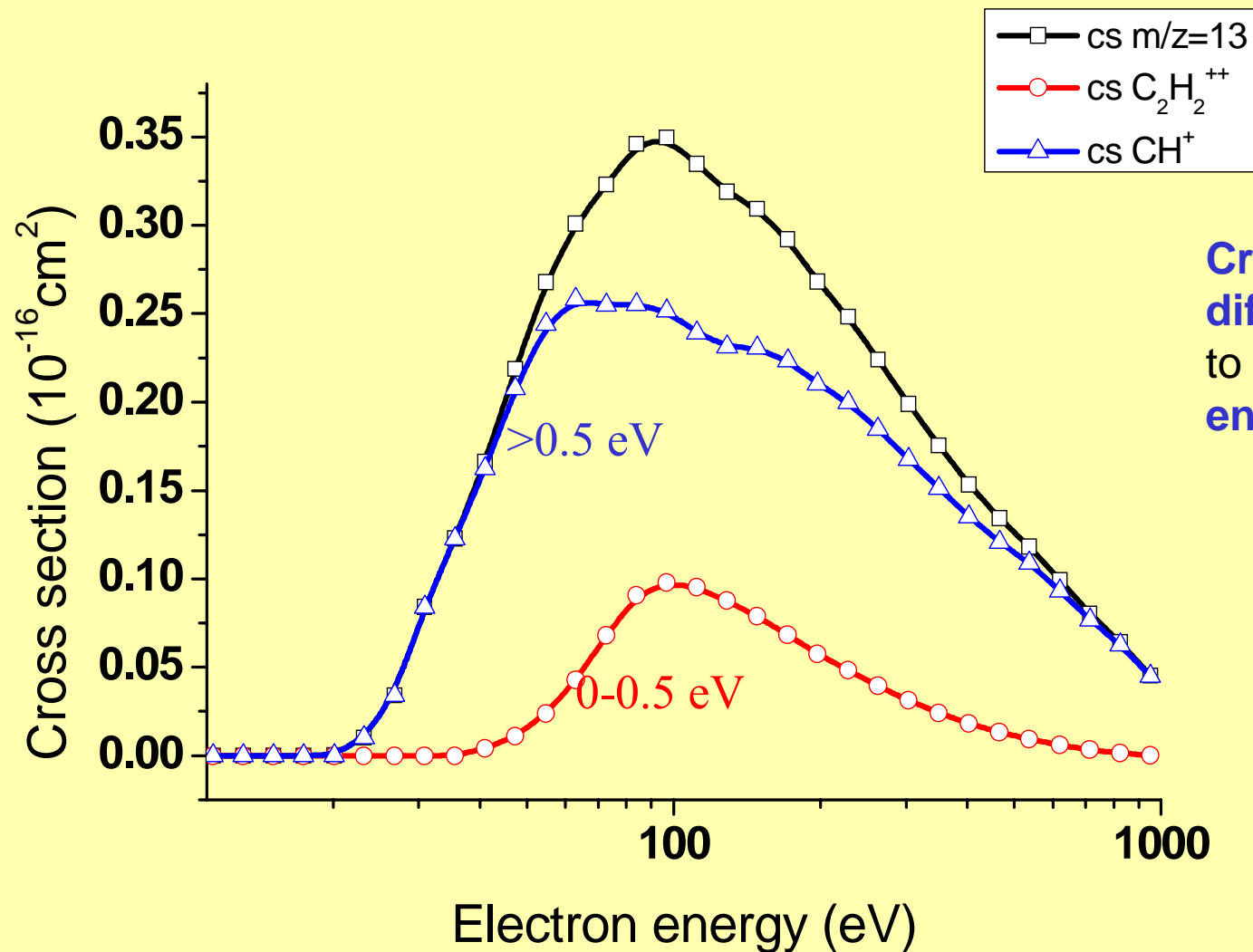
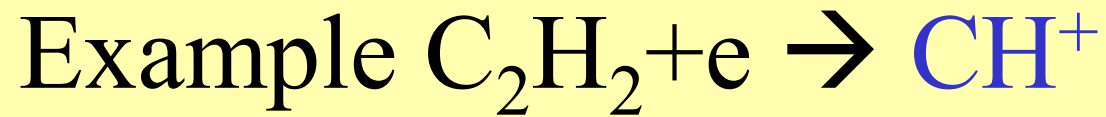
- An appreciable amount of  $m/q=13$  is C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub><sup>++</sup>



# Ionization Energy of $C_2H_2^{++}$



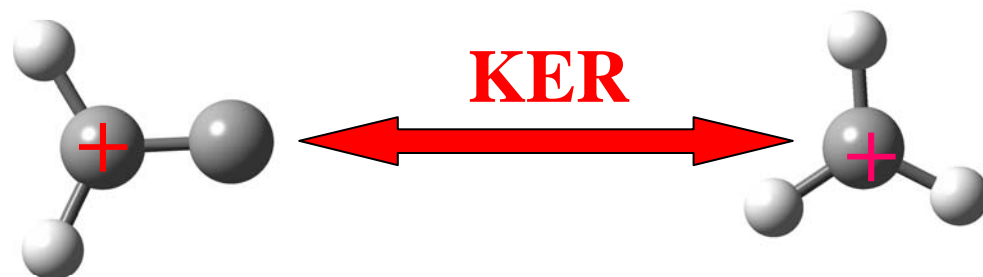
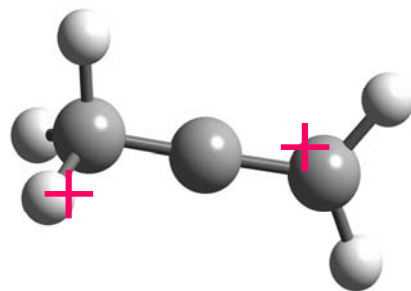
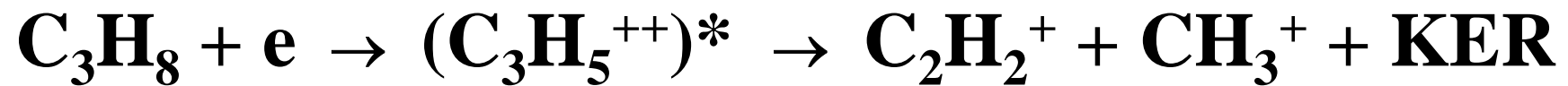
➡ One can deduce that the second (red) process comes only from the doubly charged acetylene



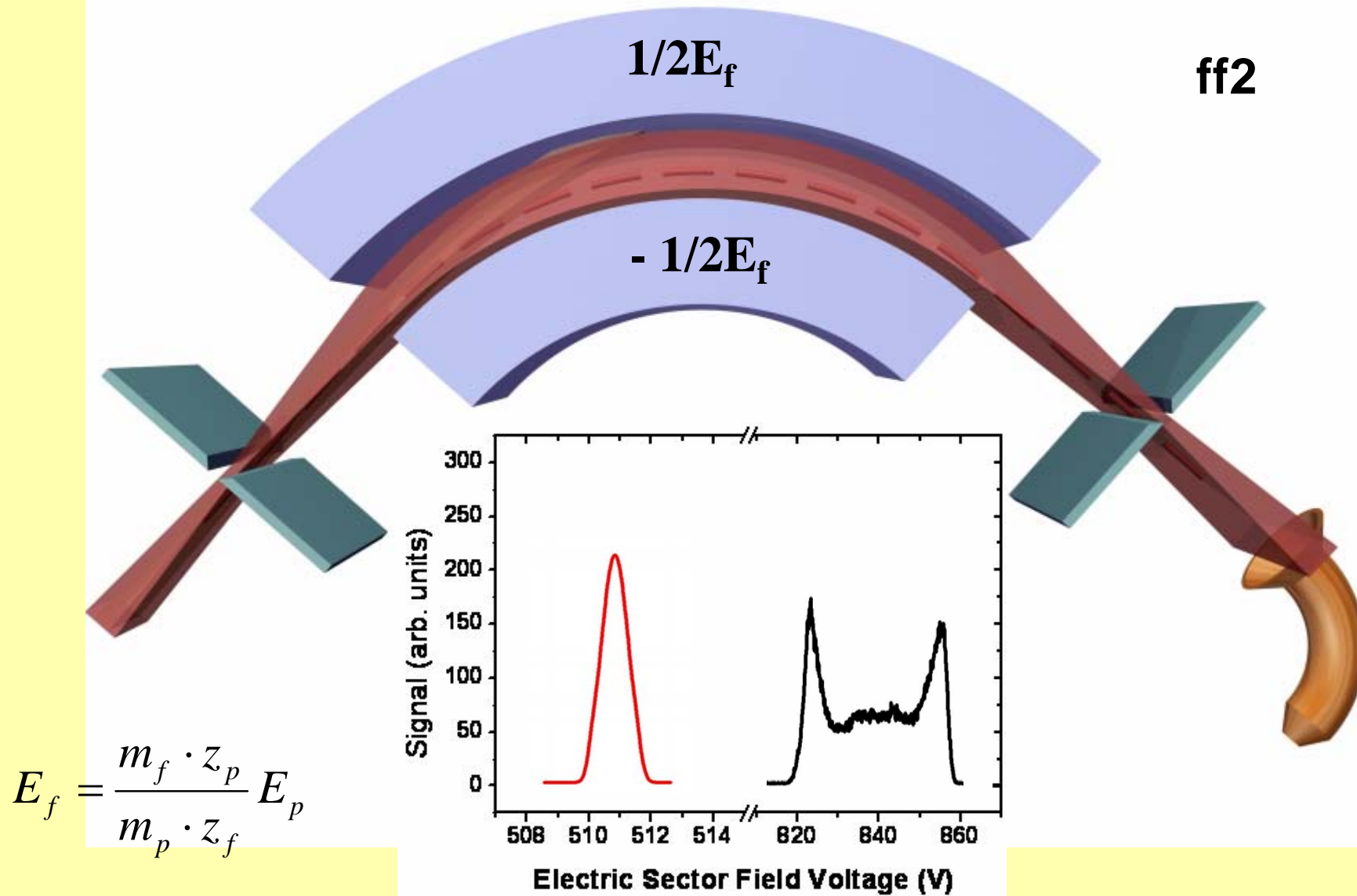
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Decay of doubly charged ions: Coulomb explosion of  $C_3H_5^{++}$



# MIKE scan technique

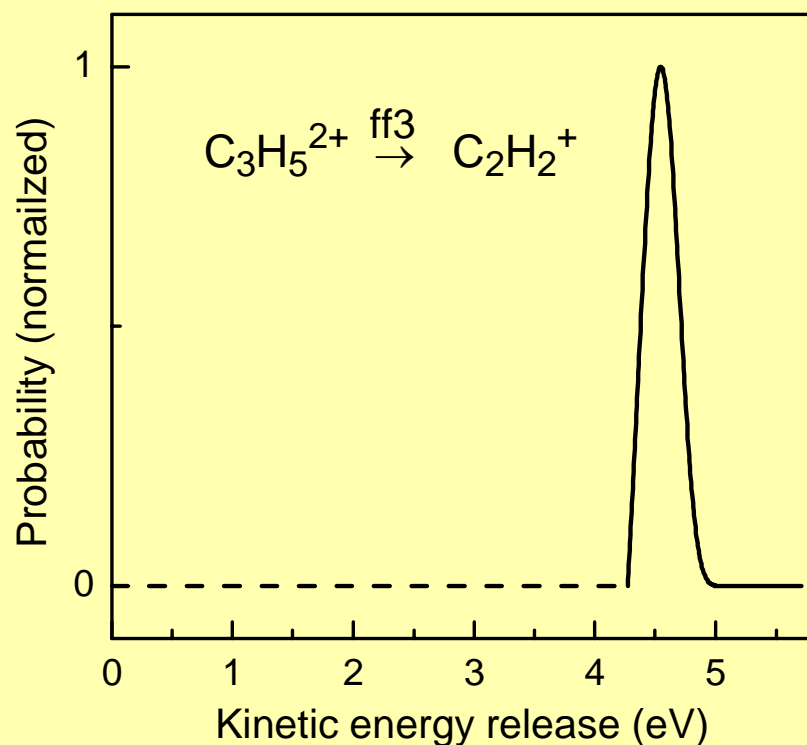




# Coulomb explosion of $C_3H_5^{++}$ : Results

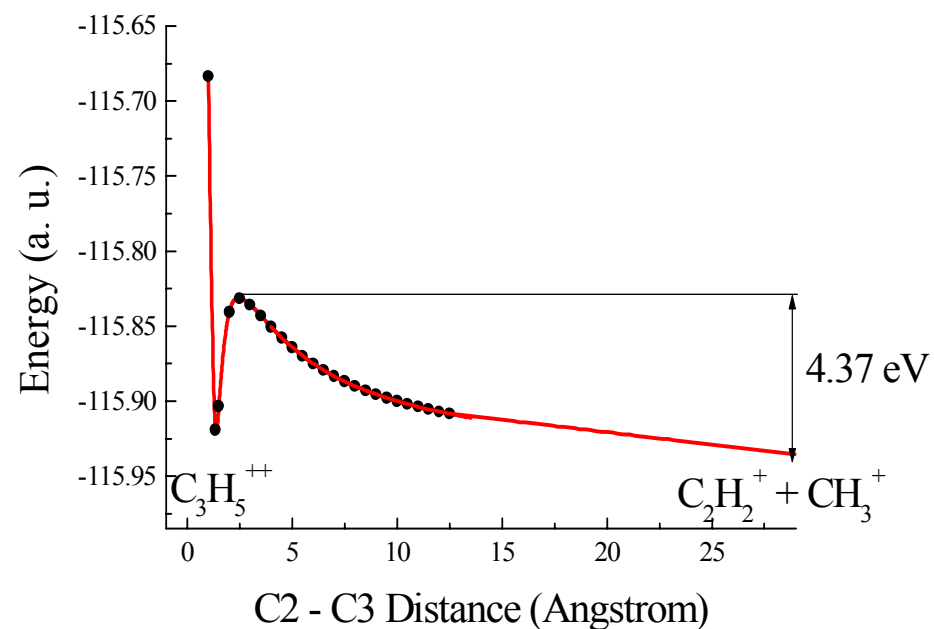
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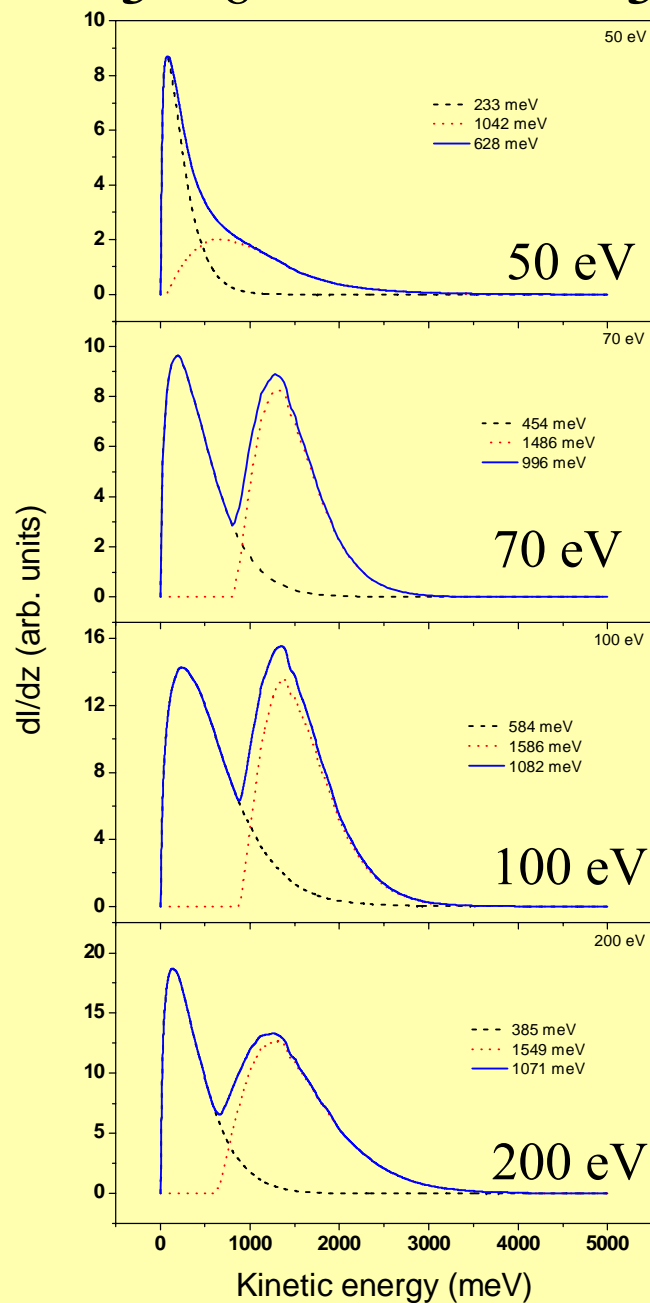
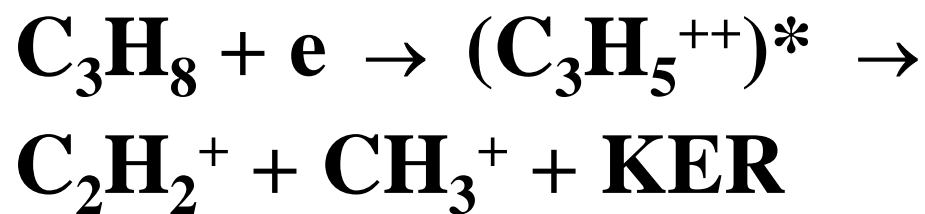
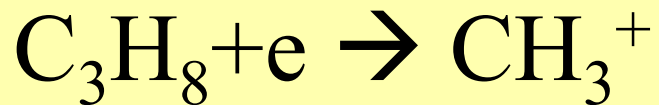
$4.58 \pm 0.15$  eV



## Calculation

[CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ // MP2/aug-cc-pVTZ]





### Ion source

$$4.99 \pm 0.5 \text{ eV}$$

### Various scans

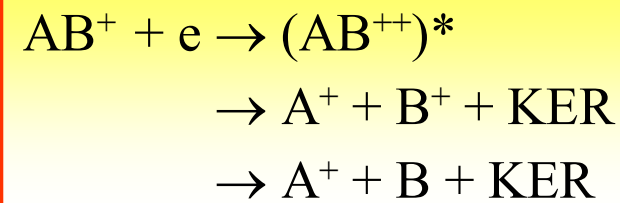
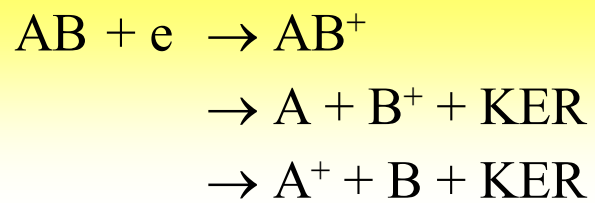
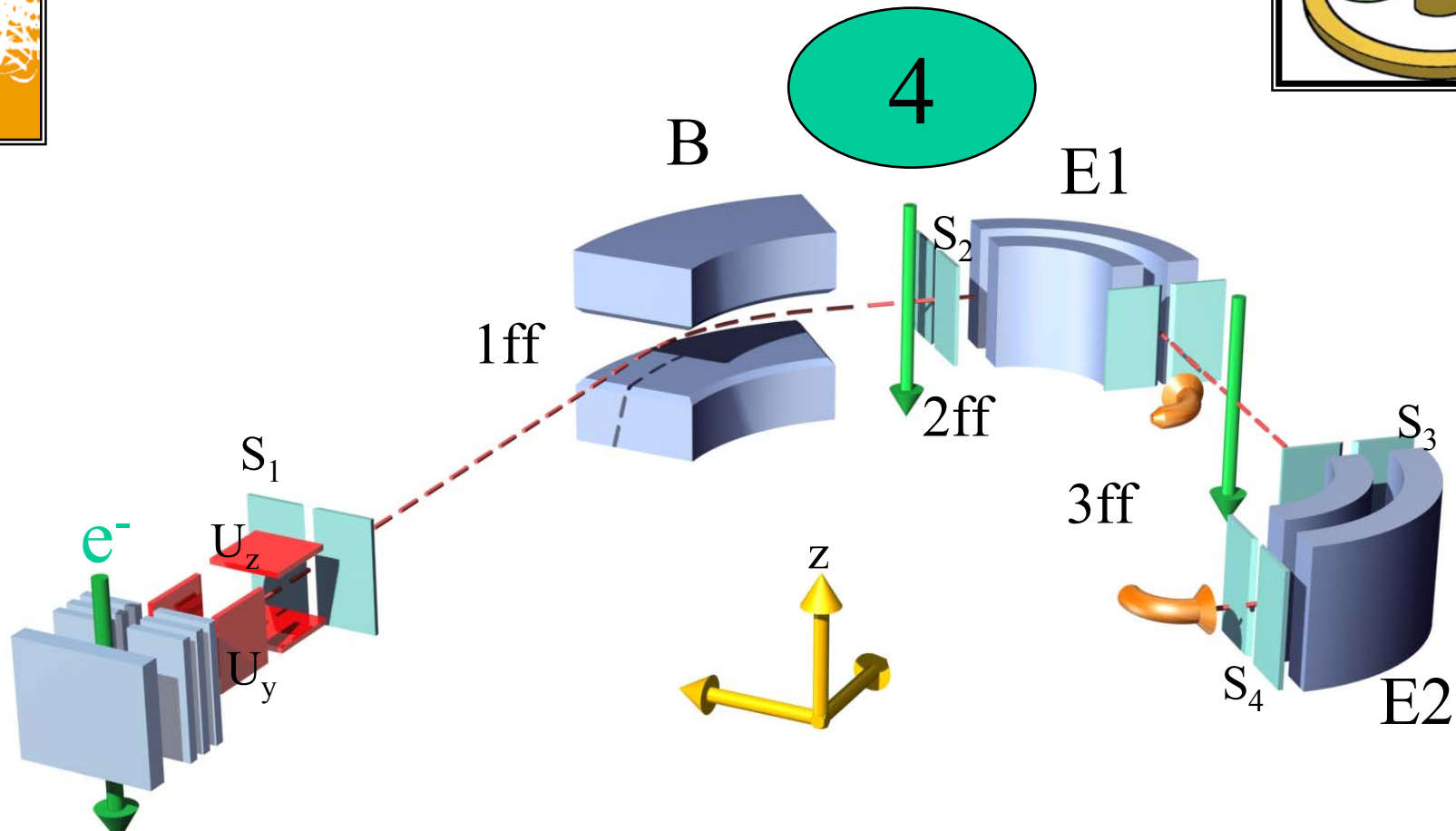
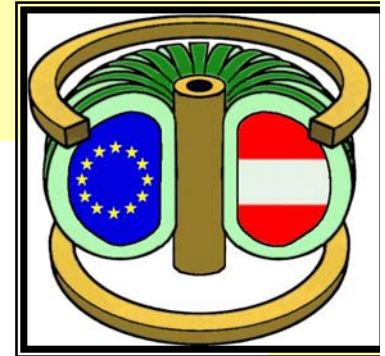
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Electron ionization of molecular ions:

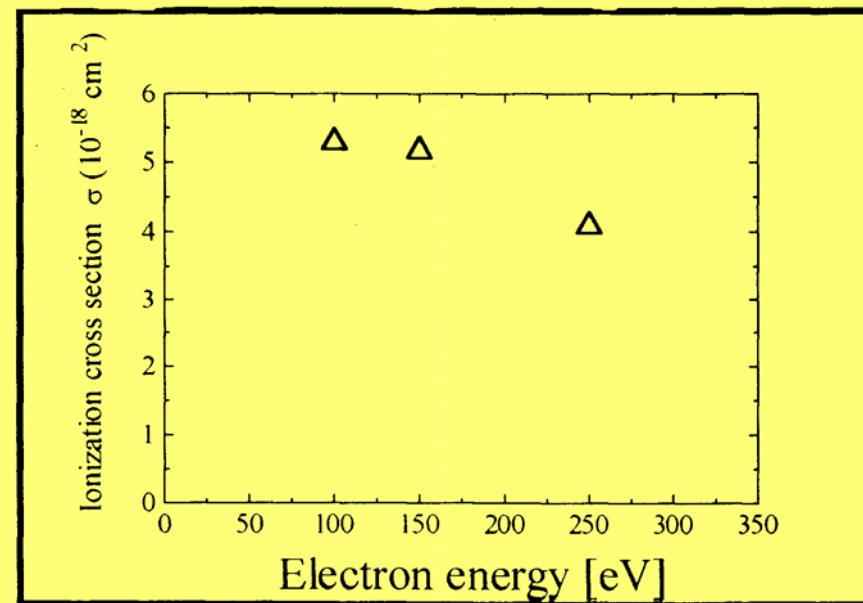
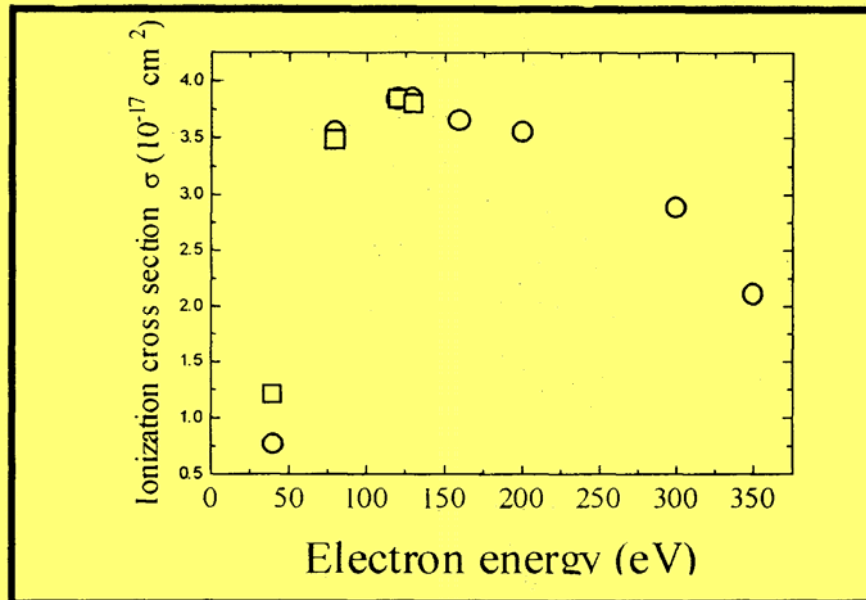


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# *Ionization cross sections*



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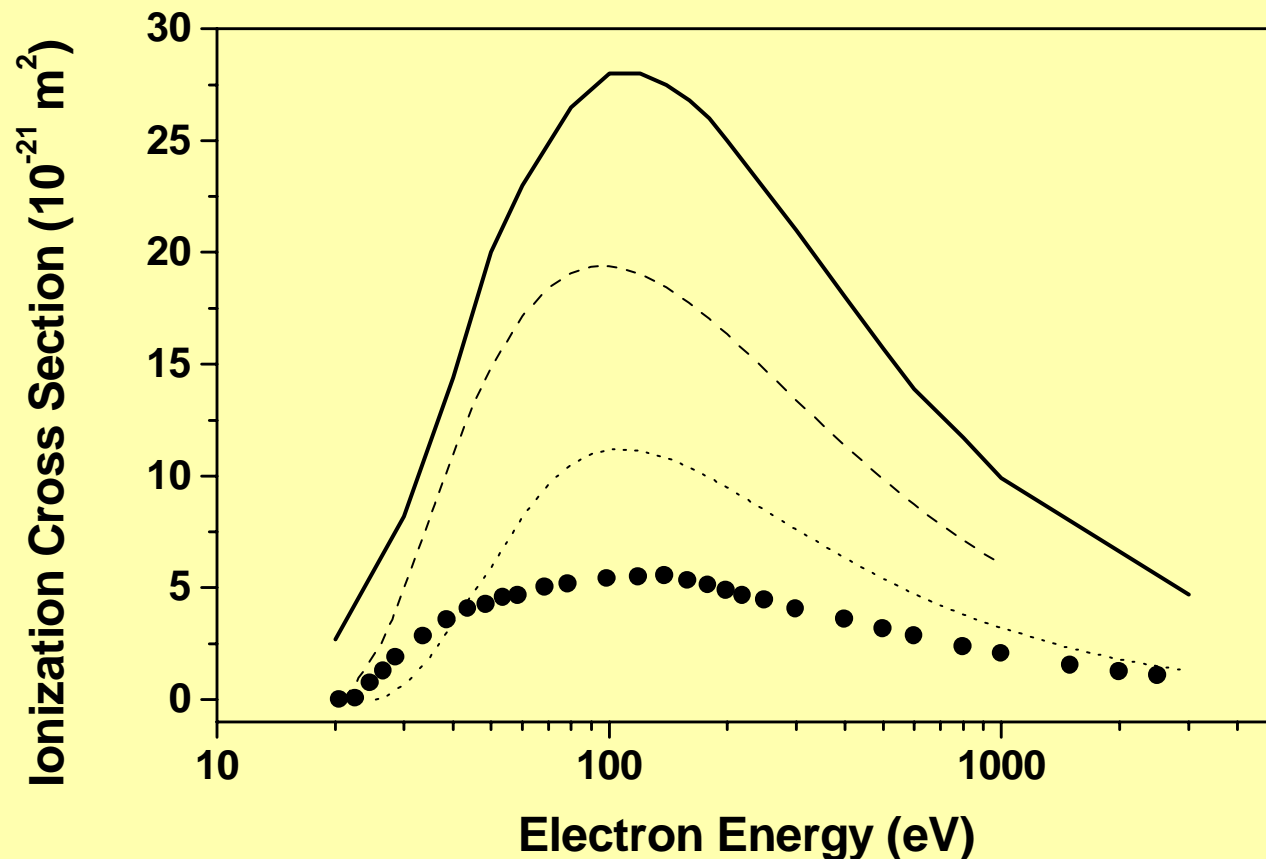


Open circles:  $\text{CO}_2^{2+}$  (Salzborn)

Open triangles:  $\text{O}^+$  (present)

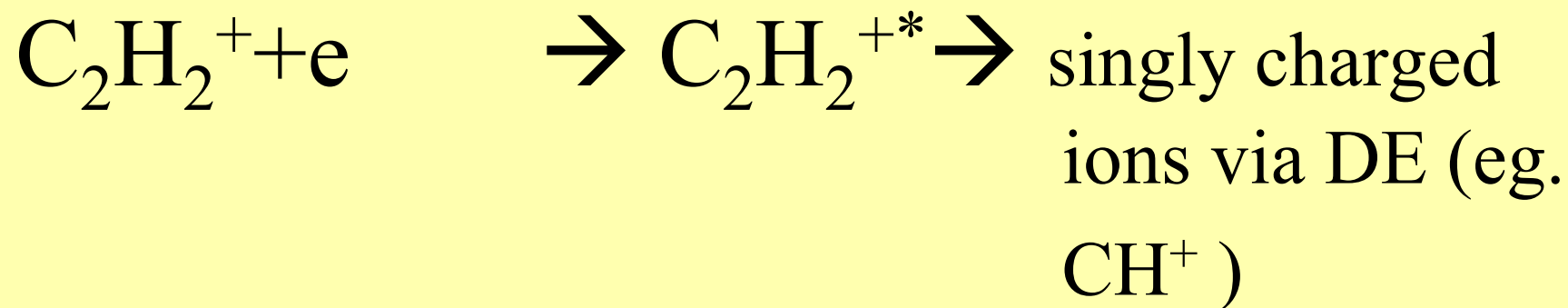
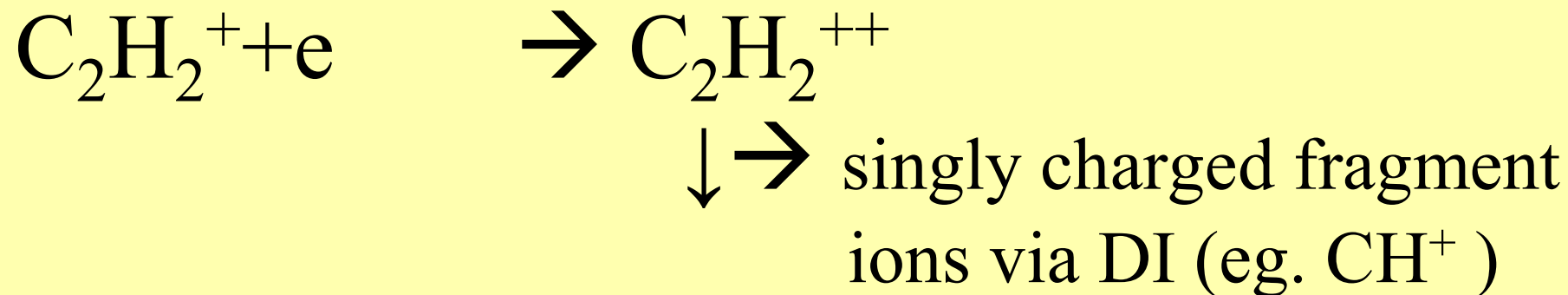
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# Electron ionization of molecular ions:

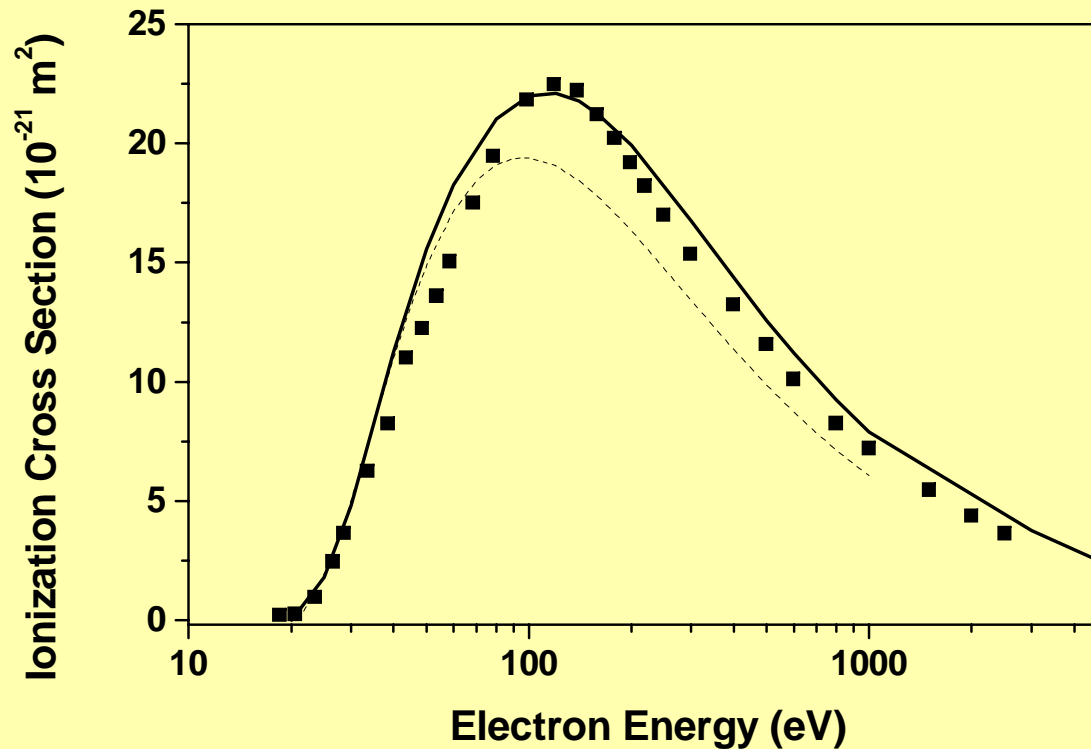


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## Electron ionization of molecular ions:



# Electron ionization of molecular ions:



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## Conclusion

Electron ionization of hydrocarbon molecules:



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Total, partial, and differential cross sections;  
Temperature effect on cross sections?

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Recommended cross sections are suggested in the energy range from threshold to 10 keV for those reaction channels for which more than one set of data were found in the literatures. For the molecules for which no cross section information was found available, the cross sections for the dominant ionization channels were derived on the basis semi-empirical cross section relationships.

The recommended and derived cross sections are represented by analytic fit functions, the coefficients of which are provided. The rate coefficients for all the ionization channels have been calculated in the temperature range from 1 eV to 1 keV.

The cross sections and rate coefficients for all studied ionization channels are presented in graphical form as well.



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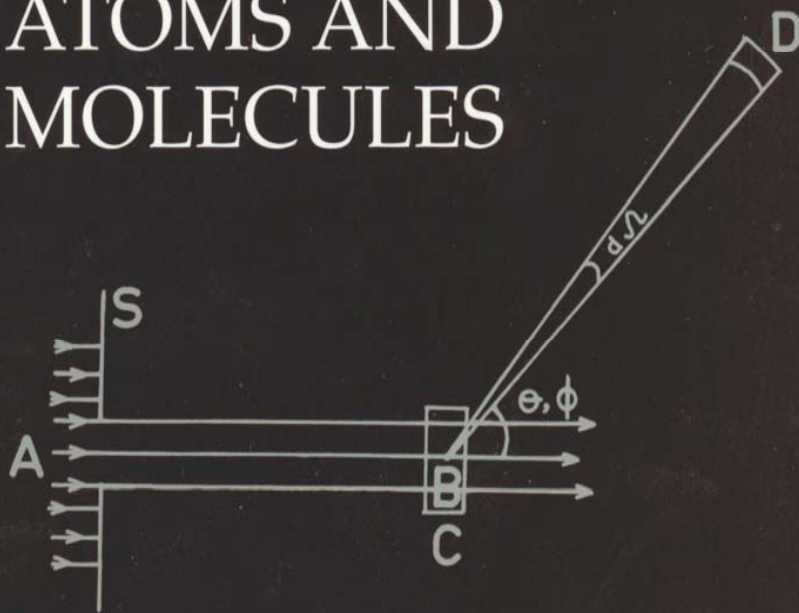
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# Metastable Decay Reactions

# Time dependent measurements of the KER of singly charged ions

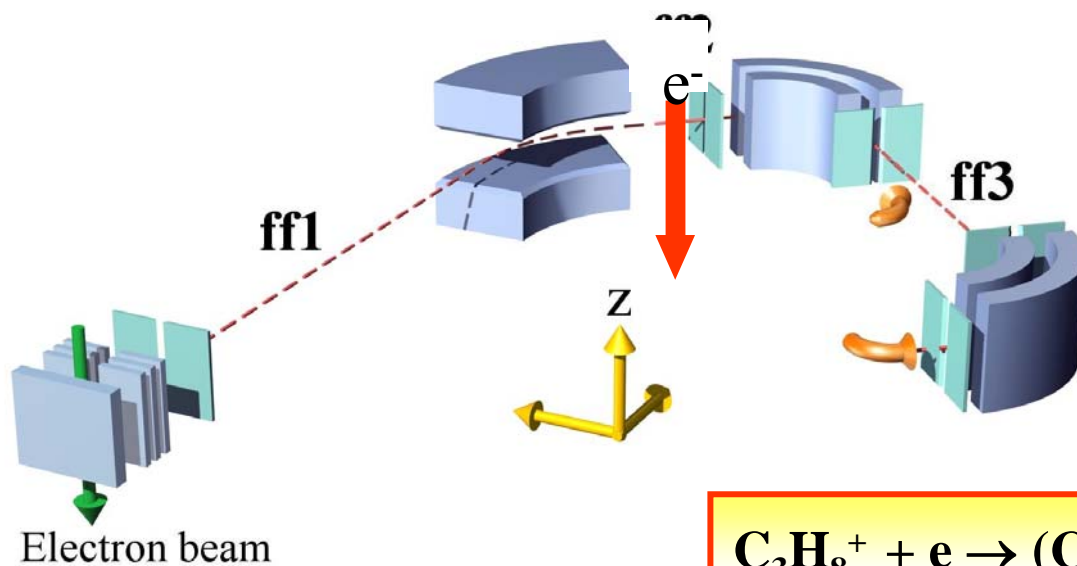
## Spontaneous decay reactions: Excitation: Ion source

Decay in ff2: time delay 11-14  $\mu\text{s}$

Decay in ff3: time delay 17-25  $\mu\text{s}$



## Experimental set up

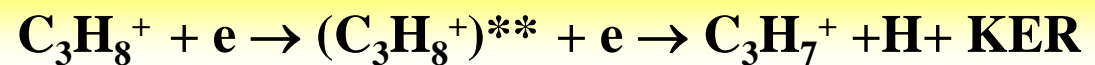


## Electron induced decay reactions:

Excitation: ff2

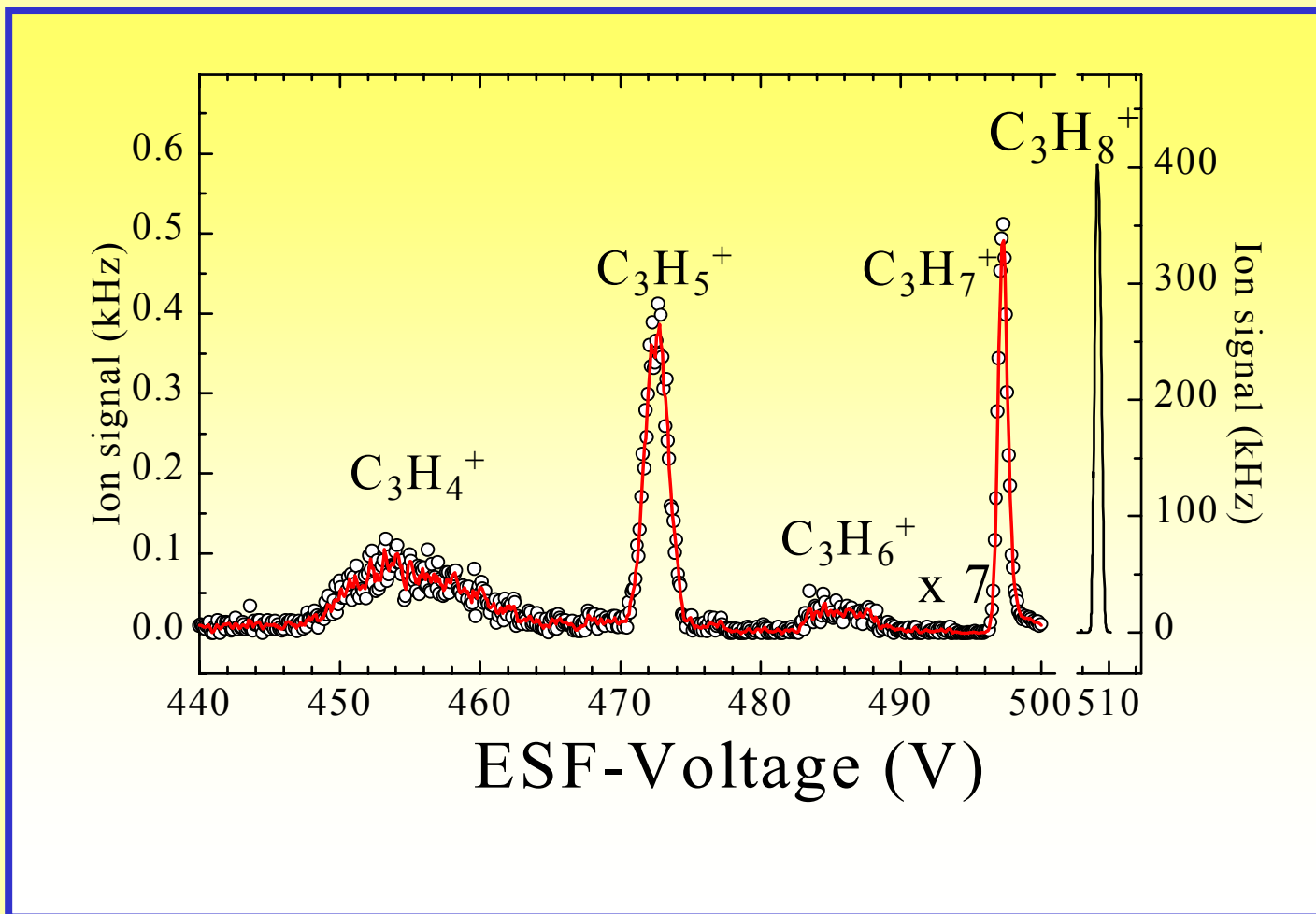
Decay: ff2

time delay of 0 - 0.75  $\mu\text{s}$





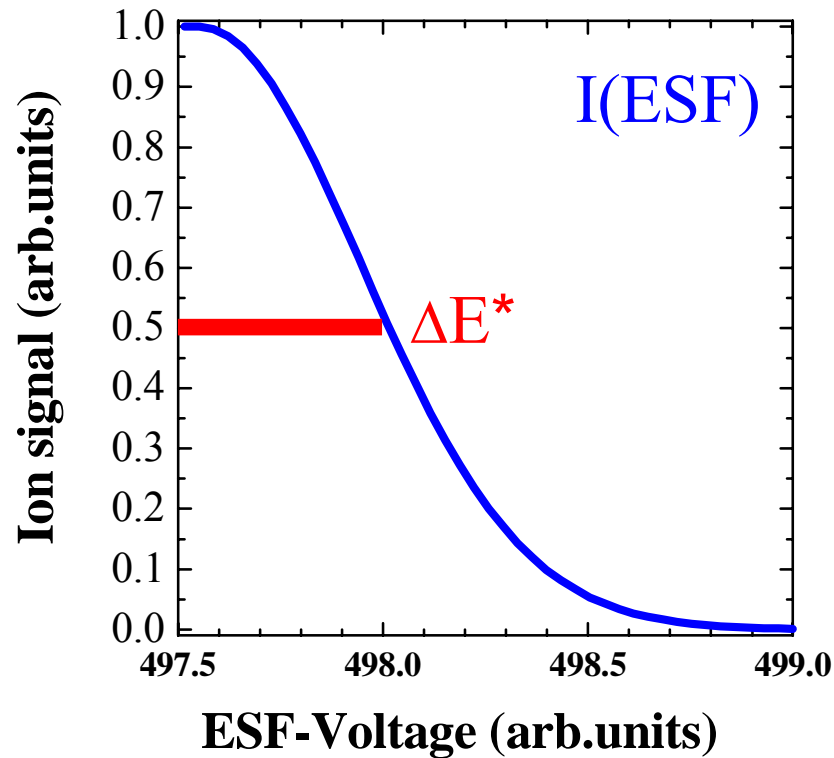
# MIKE-Spectrum



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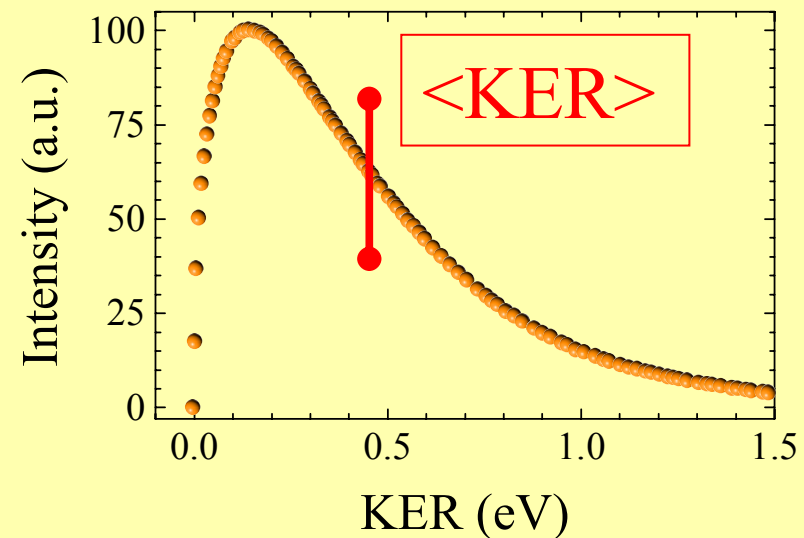
$$E^* = E^0 \frac{q_1 m_2}{m_1 q_2}$$

# Determination of the kinetic energy release distribution - KERD



## KER Distribution:

- 1<sup>st</sup> derivative to obtain the shape
- Lab system  $\rightarrow$  CMS absolute numbers



$$\langle KER \rangle = 2.16 \frac{z_2^2 m_1^2 U_0}{16 z_1 m_2 m_3} \left( \frac{\Delta E^*}{E^0} \right)^2$$

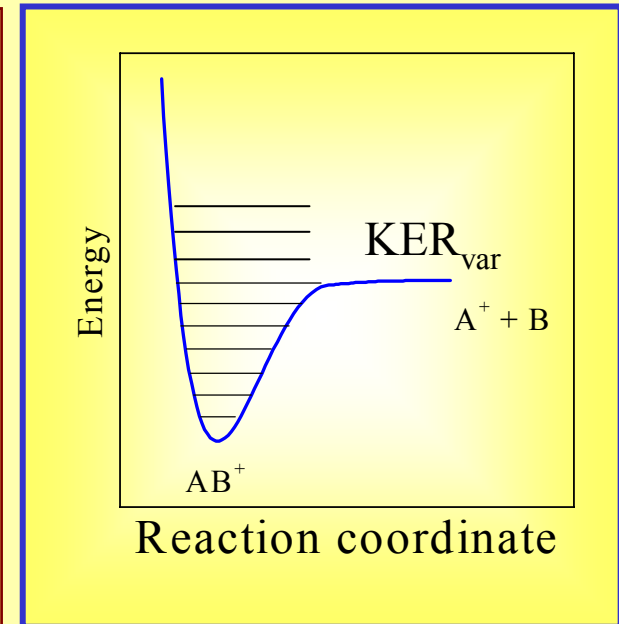
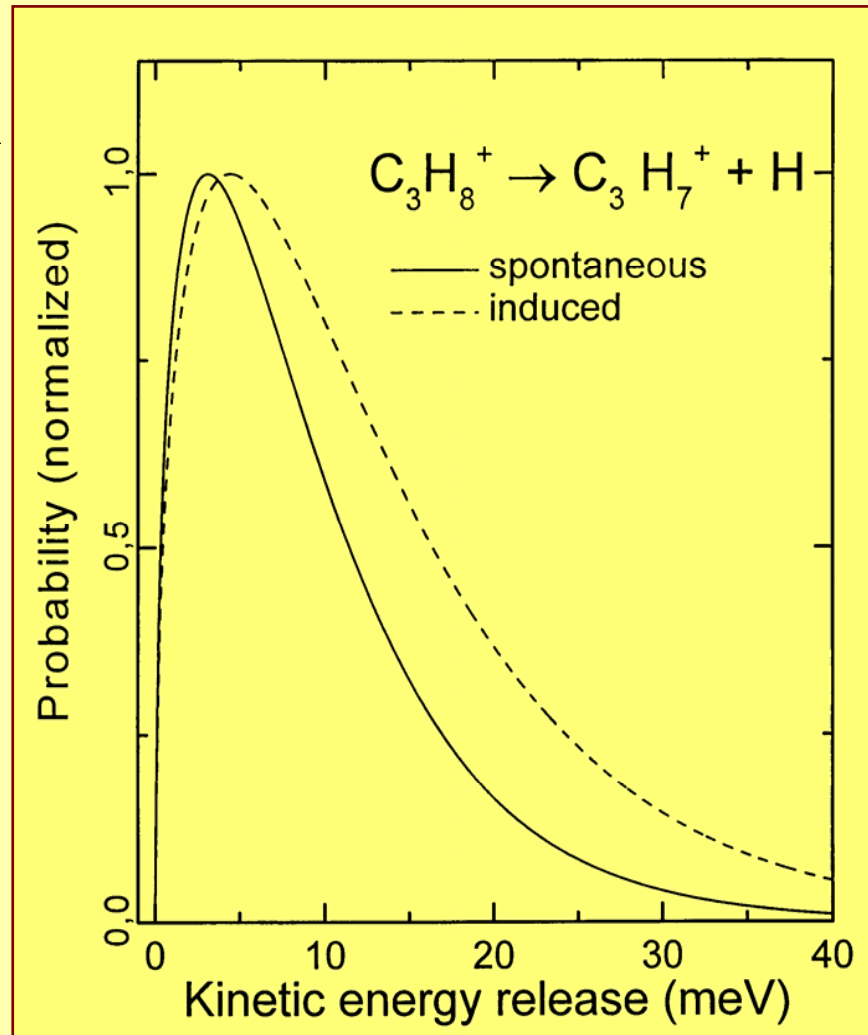
# Time dependence of kinetic energy release for decay reaction

Electron-induced decay reaction:

0-1  $\mu$ s time regime

Spontaneous decay reactions:

11-14  $\mu$ s time regime



# Finite heat bath theory

**Experiment:**  $\langle \text{KER} \rangle$  measured in three different time windows

**Theory:**  $\langle \text{KER} \rangle = 1.5k_B T^\#$   $T^\#$  is the transition state temperature

$$T^\# = T_b \frac{\gamma / (C - 1)}{\exp(\gamma / (C - 1)) - 1}$$

**C...vibrational heat capacity, depends on  $T_b$**   
calculated on the basis of the vibrational frequencies of the ion

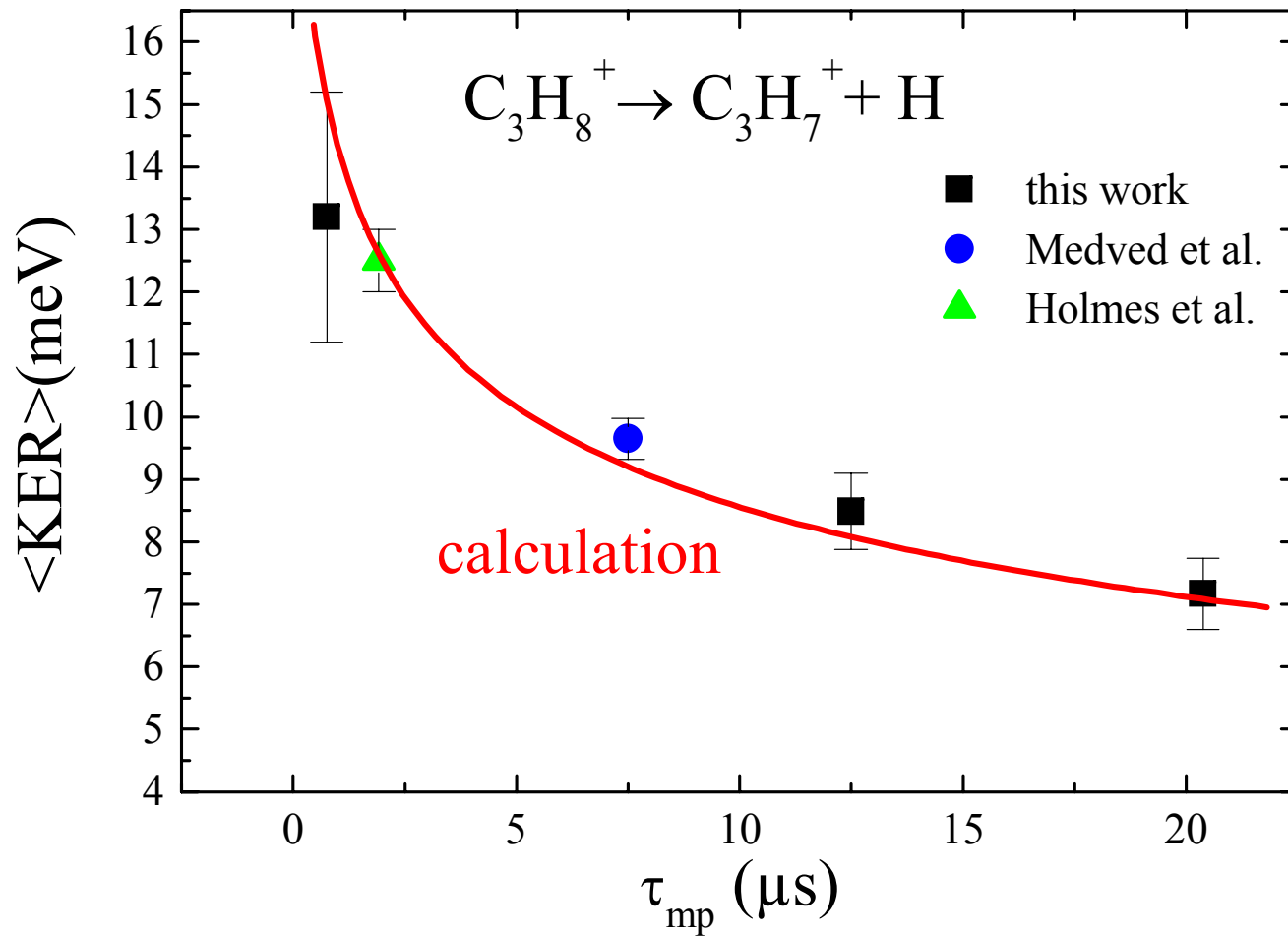
$$k(T_b) = k_{mp} \Rightarrow T_b(\tau_{mp})$$

$$\gamma = \ln\left(\frac{A}{k_{mp}}\right) = \frac{E_a}{k_B T_b}$$

$A$ ..... $9.2 \times 10^{12} \text{s}^{-1}$  result of ab initio calculations  
 $E_a$ ..... $0.65 \text{ eV}$  NIST: recommended value

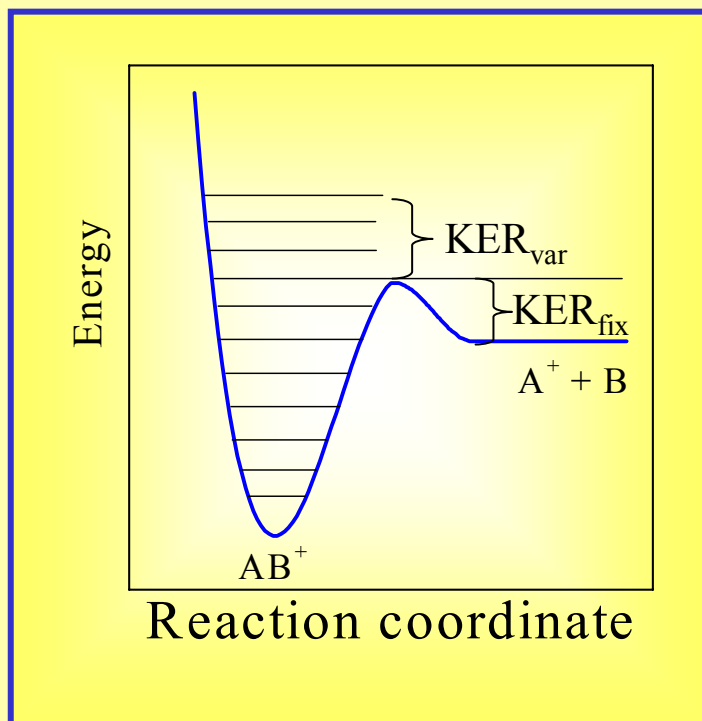
$$[\gamma(\tau_{mp}), T_b(\tau_{mp})] \Rightarrow T^\#(\tau_{mp}) \Rightarrow \langle \text{KER} \rangle(\tau_{mp})$$

# Time dependent measurements - results



$A = 10^{13} s^{-1}$   
 $BE = 0.65 eV$

# Kinetic energy release distributions (2)



$$E^* = E^0 \frac{q_1 m_2}{m_1 q_2} = 485.5$$

$$I(E^*) = I(KER=0)$$

$$KER_{meas} = KER_{fix} + KER_{var} \geq KER_{fix}$$

