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Theoretical study of electron-
impact ionization in atoms
and ions

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- Theory
- Single ionization
 - Convergence of the excitation-autoionization (EA) cross sections
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Single ionization by electron impact

- $\sigma_{if}(\varepsilon) = \sigma_{if}^{\text{DI}}(\varepsilon) + \sigma_{if}^{\text{indir}}(\varepsilon)$
- $\sigma_{if}(\varepsilon) = \sigma_{if}^{\text{DI}}(\varepsilon) + \sum_k \sigma_{ik}^{\text{EXC}}(\varepsilon) B_{kf}^a(\varepsilon)$
- Autoionization branching ratio:

$$B_{kf}^a(\varepsilon) = \frac{A_{kf}^a}{\sum_n A_{kn}^a + \sum_{m < k} A_{km}^r}$$

A^a – Auger transition probability,

A^r – radiative transition probability

The scaled DW cross sections

- DI for atoms:

$$\sigma_{if}^{\text{DI}*}(\varepsilon) = \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon + I + \varepsilon_k} \sigma_{if}^{\text{DI}}(\varepsilon)$$

I is the ionization energy, ε_k is the kinetic energy of the bounded electron

- DI for ions:

$$\sigma_{if}^{\text{DI}*}(\varepsilon) = \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon + I} \sigma_{if}^{\text{DI}}(\varepsilon)$$

- Excitation:

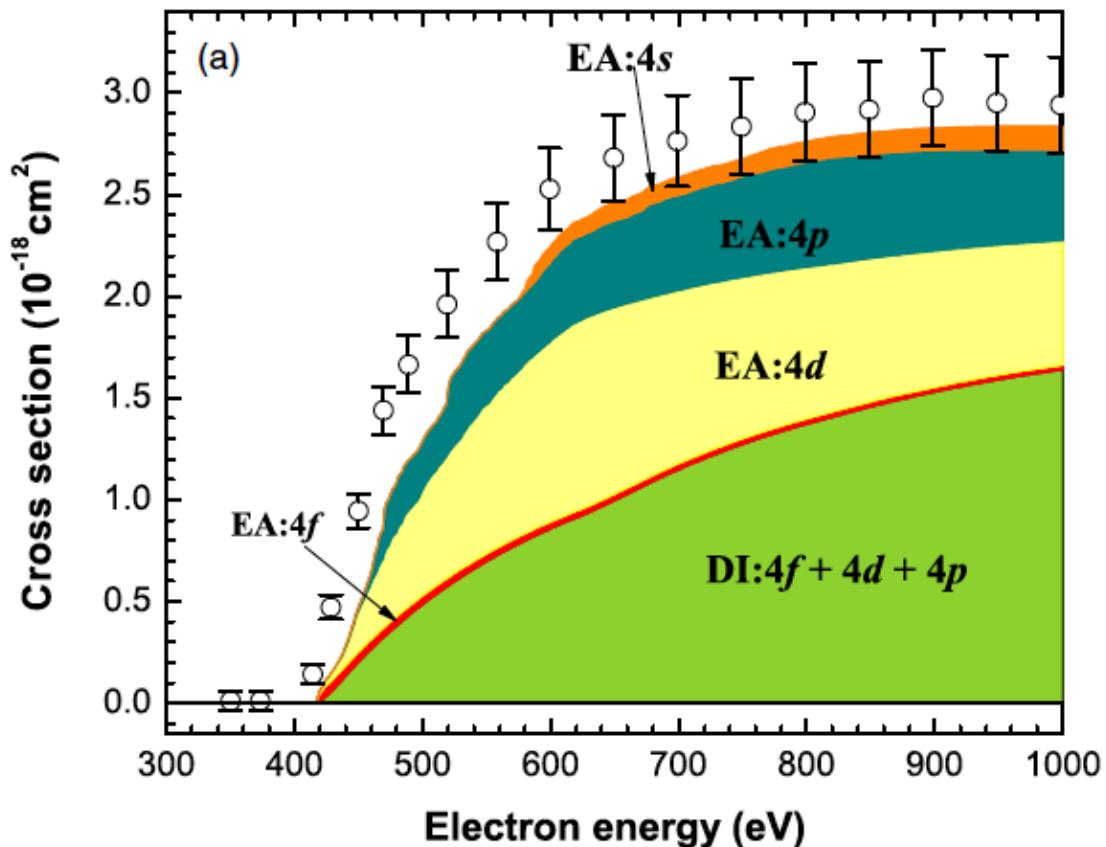
$$\sigma_{if}^{\text{EXC}*}(\varepsilon) = \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon + \Delta E_{if} + \varepsilon_b} \sigma_{if}^{\text{EXC}}(\varepsilon)$$

ΔE_{if} is the transition energy, ε_b is the bounding energy of electron

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W^{17+} single ionization

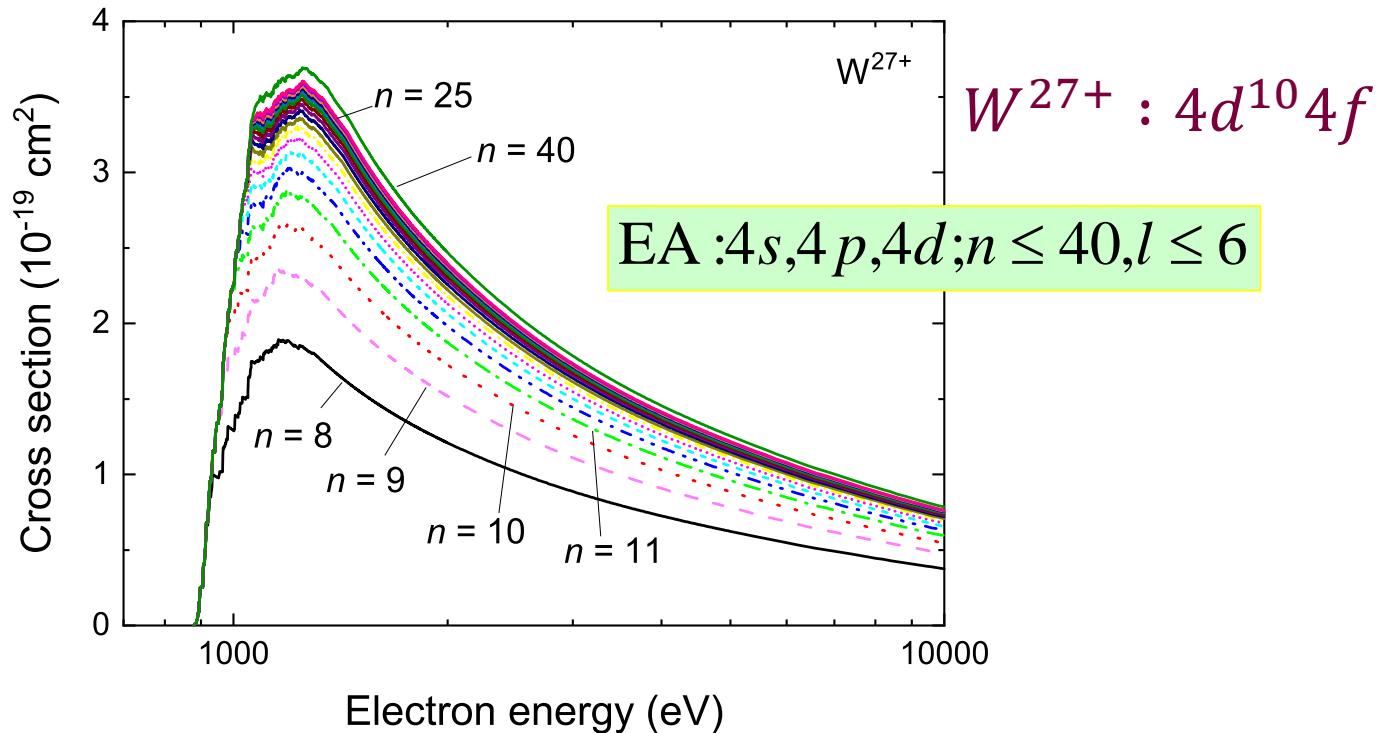


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$EA:$
 $4s, 4p \rightarrow nl \quad (4 \leq n \leq 25),$
 $4d \rightarrow nl' \quad (5 \leq n \leq 25),$
 $4f \rightarrow nl' \quad (10 \leq n \leq 38),$
 where $l' \leq 5.$

W^{27+} EA channels: convergence

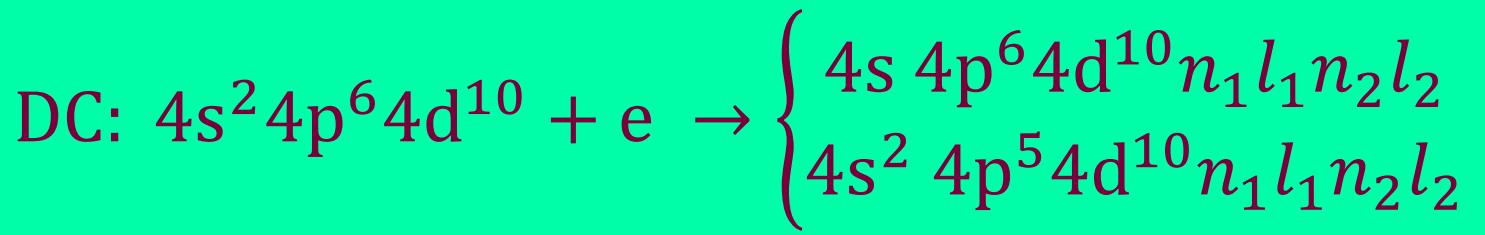
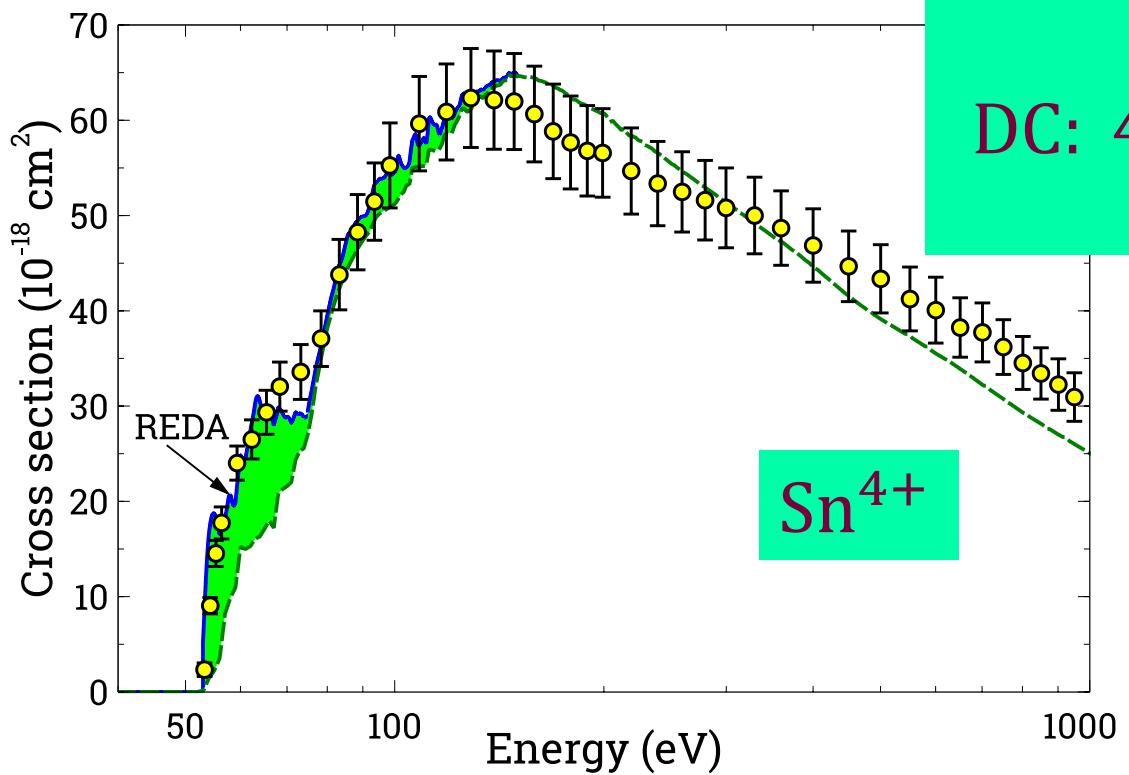


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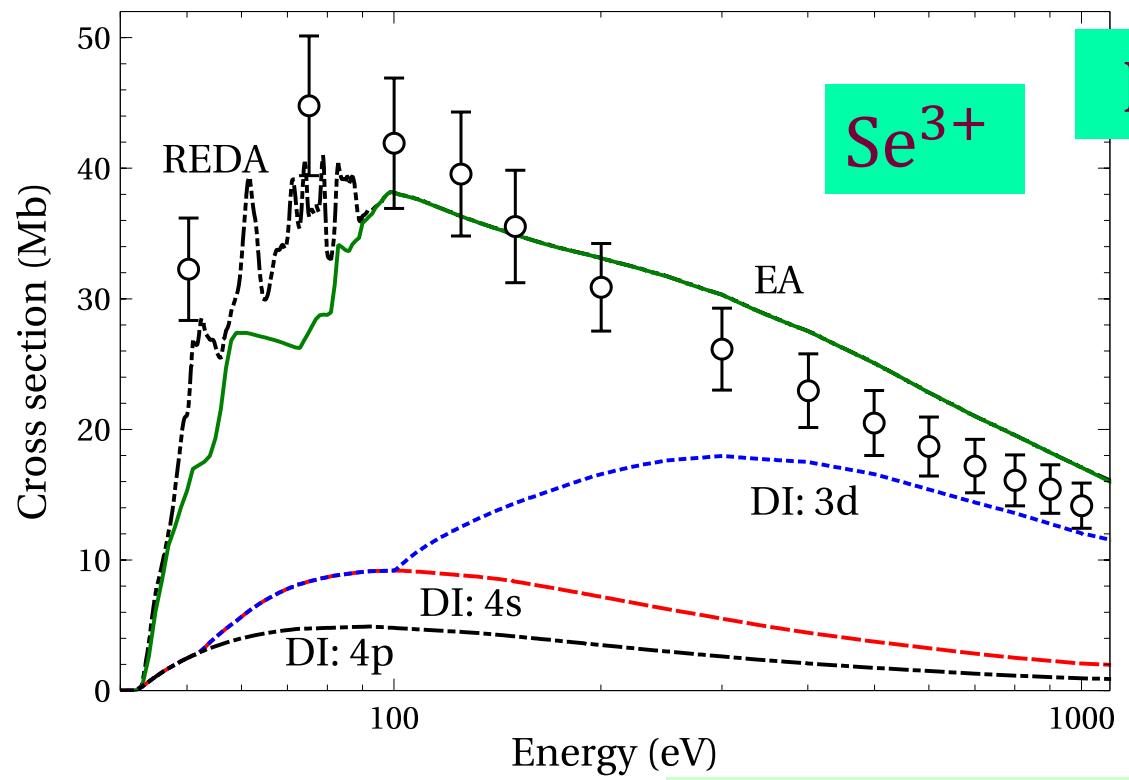
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REDA



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REDA



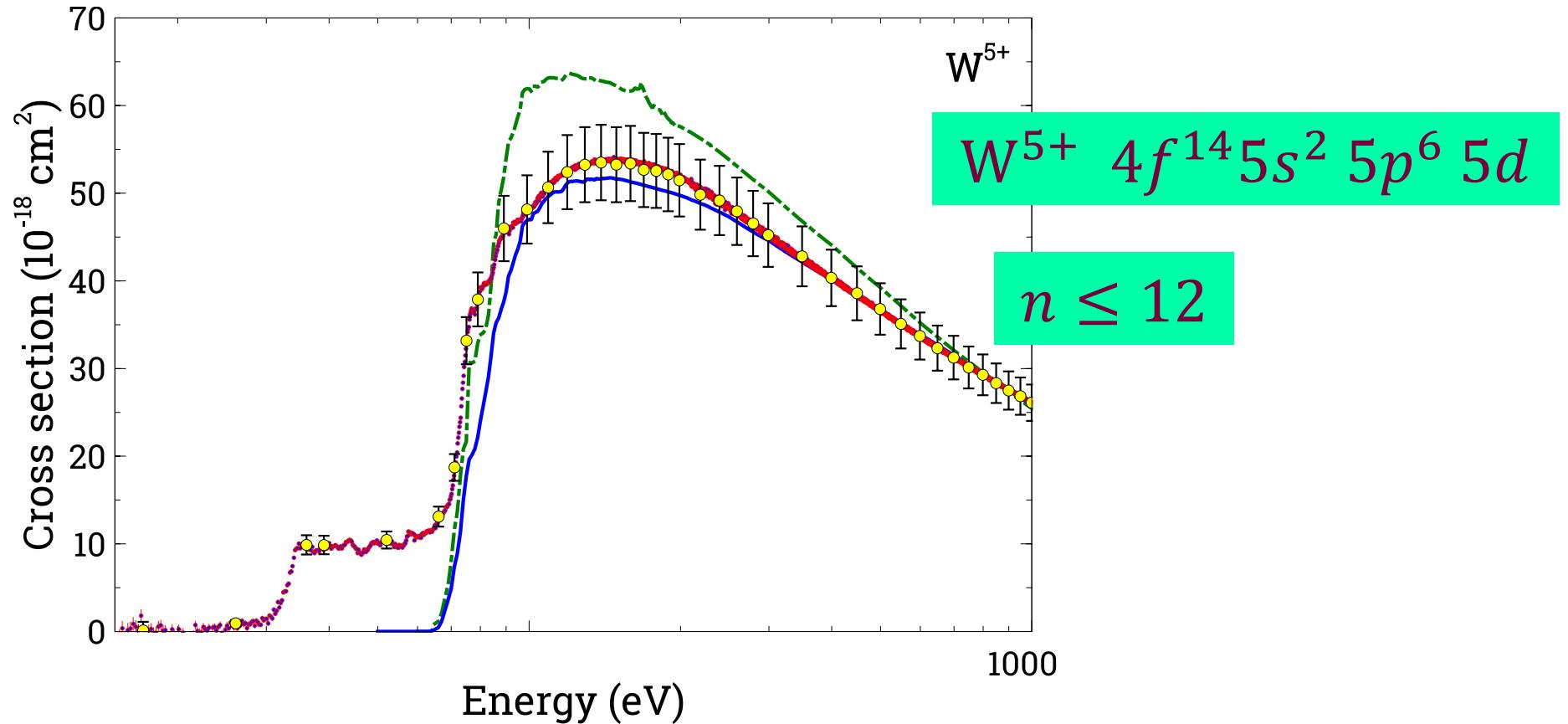
$$n_1 = 4 - 6, n_2 = n_1 - 50, l_1 l_2 < 5$$

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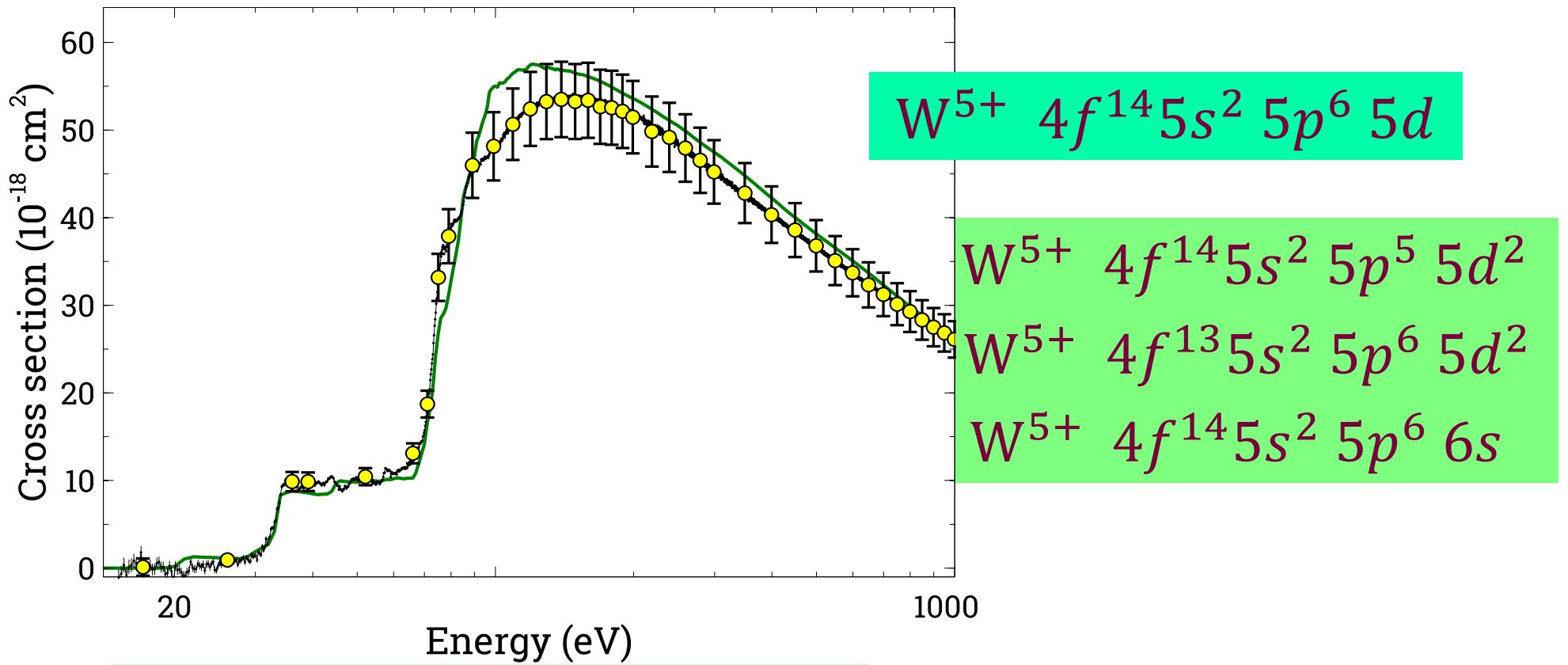
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Correlation effects: W⁵⁺

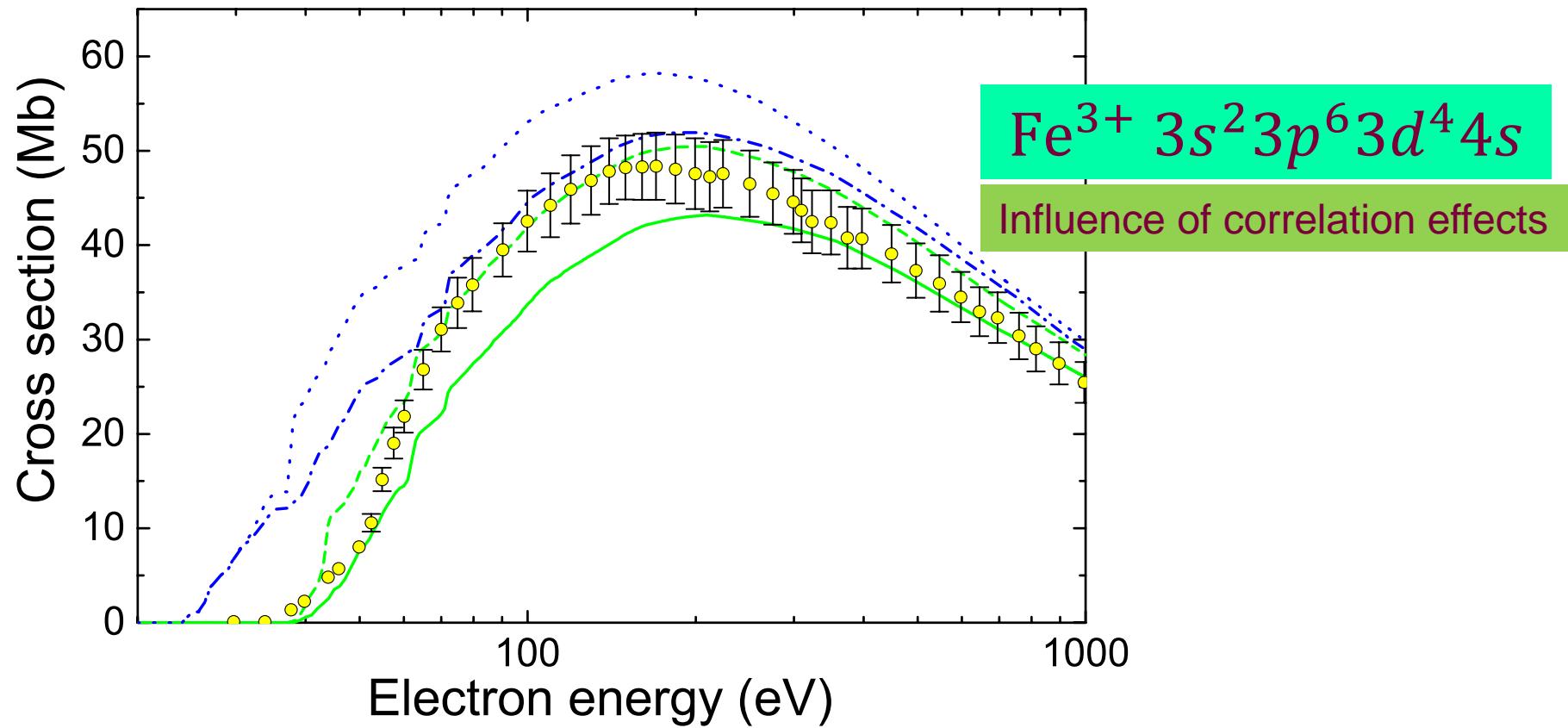


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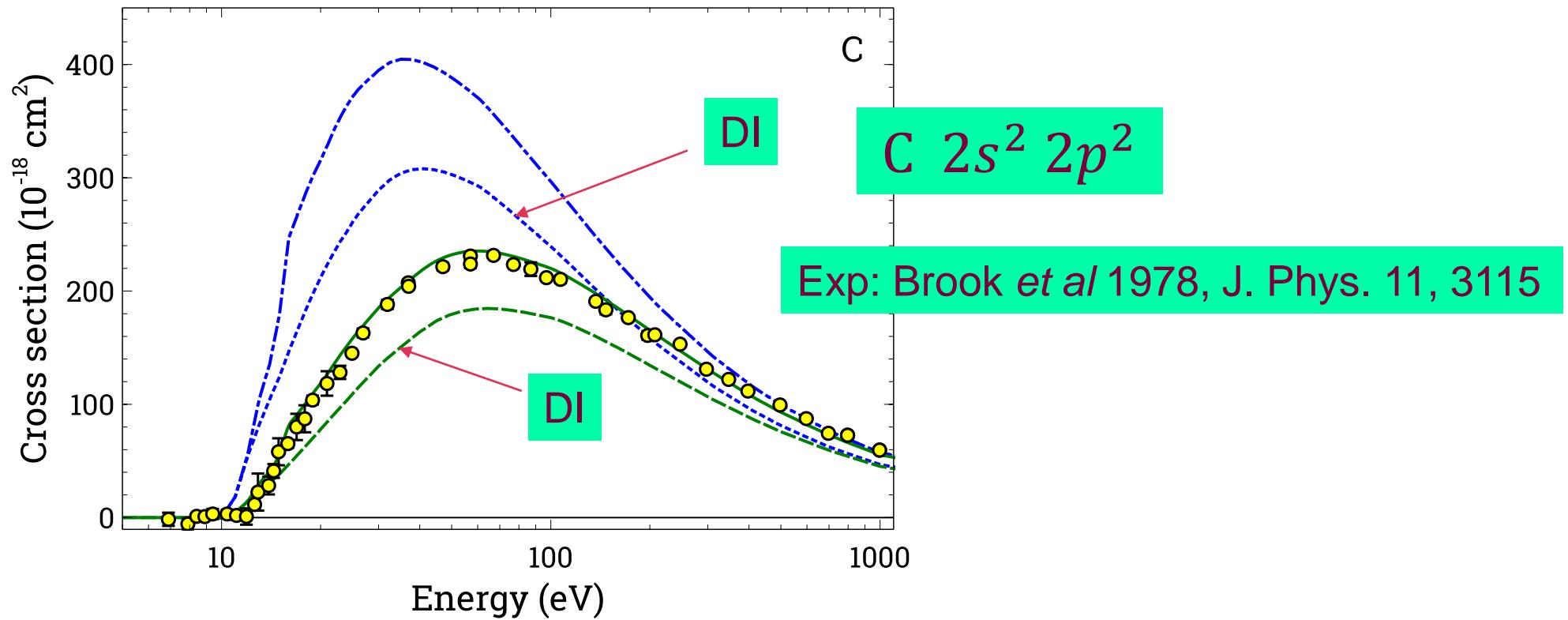
Correlation effects: Fe³⁺



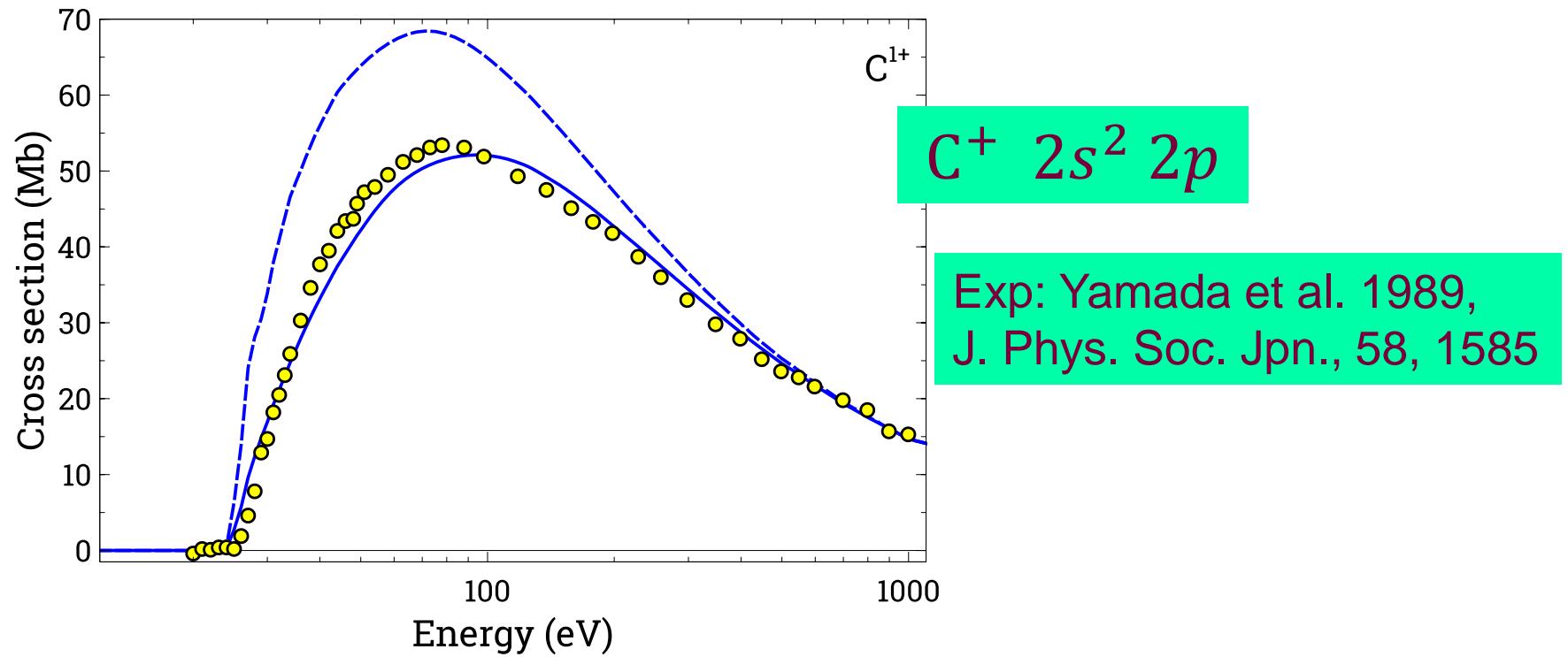
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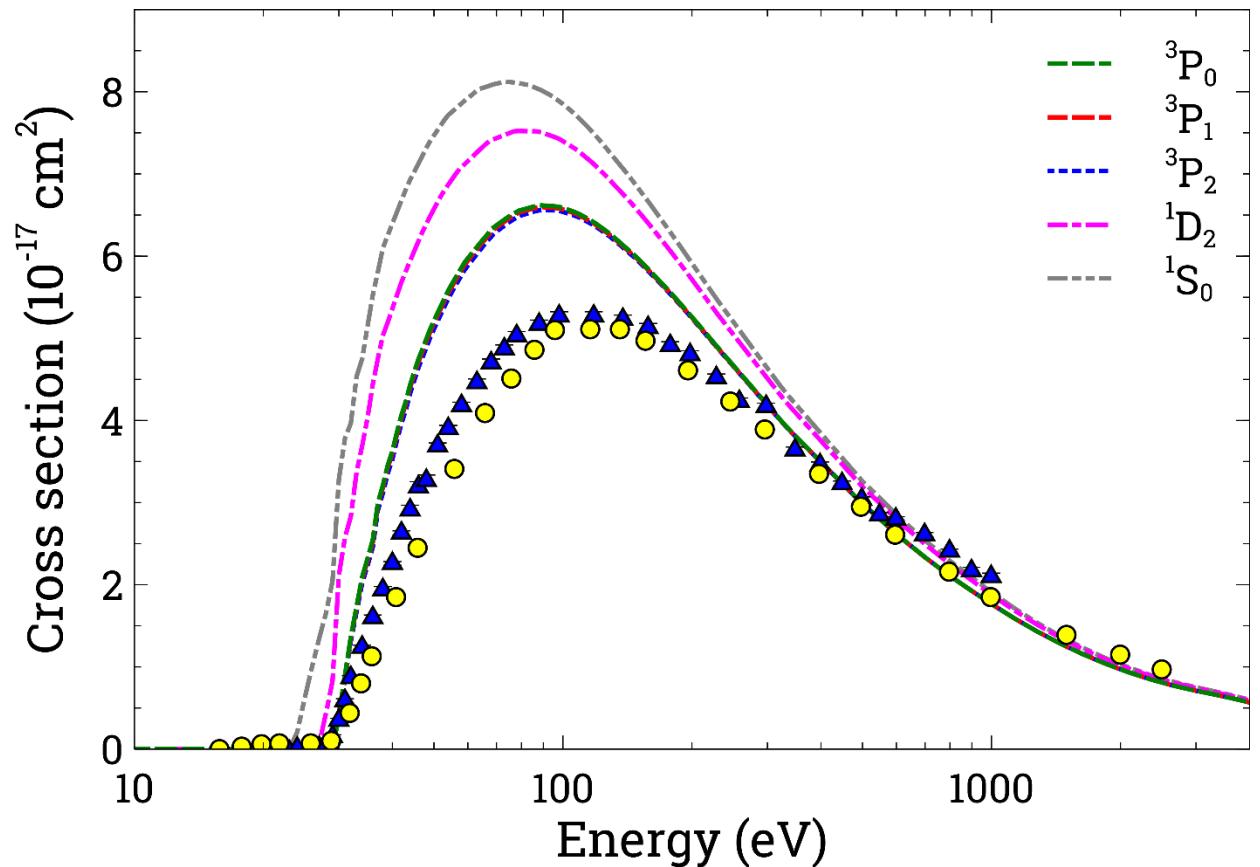
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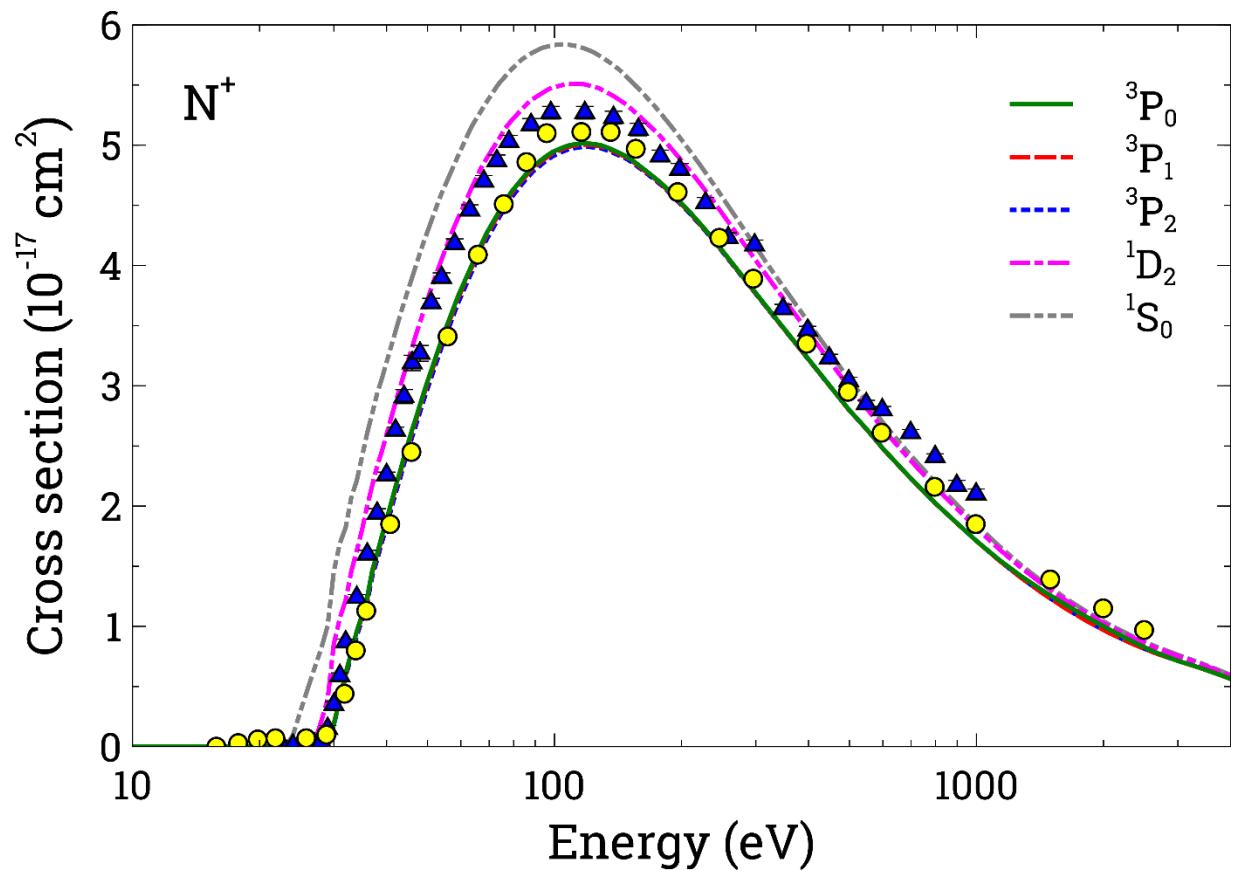
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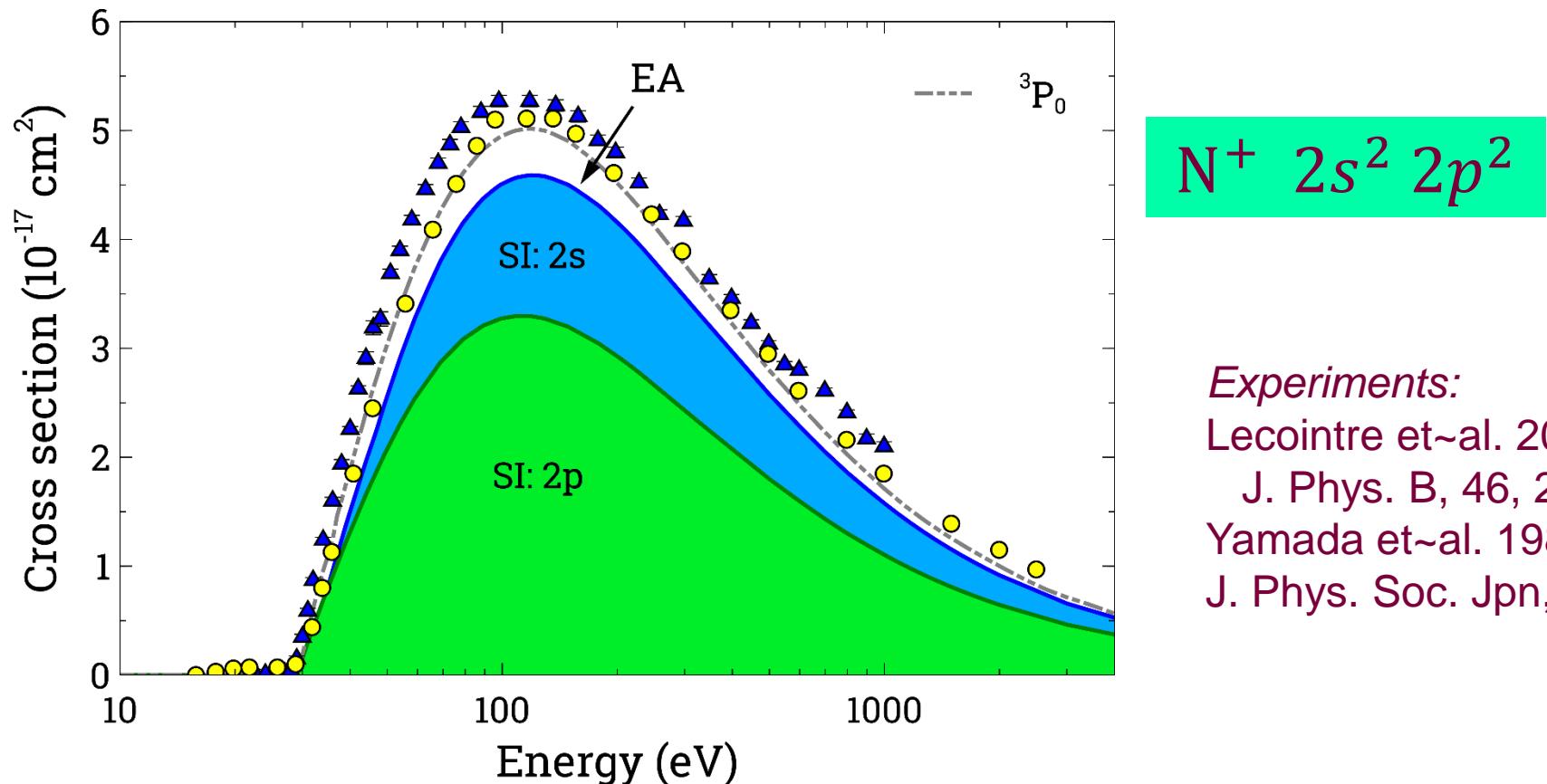
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Conclusions

- Convergence of the EA cross sections has to be studied to provide reliable data for single ionization process
- Resonant excitation double autoionization can produce important contribution at the lower energies of electrons.
- Correlation effects diminish single ionization cross sections.
- The scaled DW cross sections can be important in the analysis of the measurements for the neutral atoms and near neutral ions.



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