

Electron (and positron) scattering cross sections for low temperature plasmas: experimental and semiempirical

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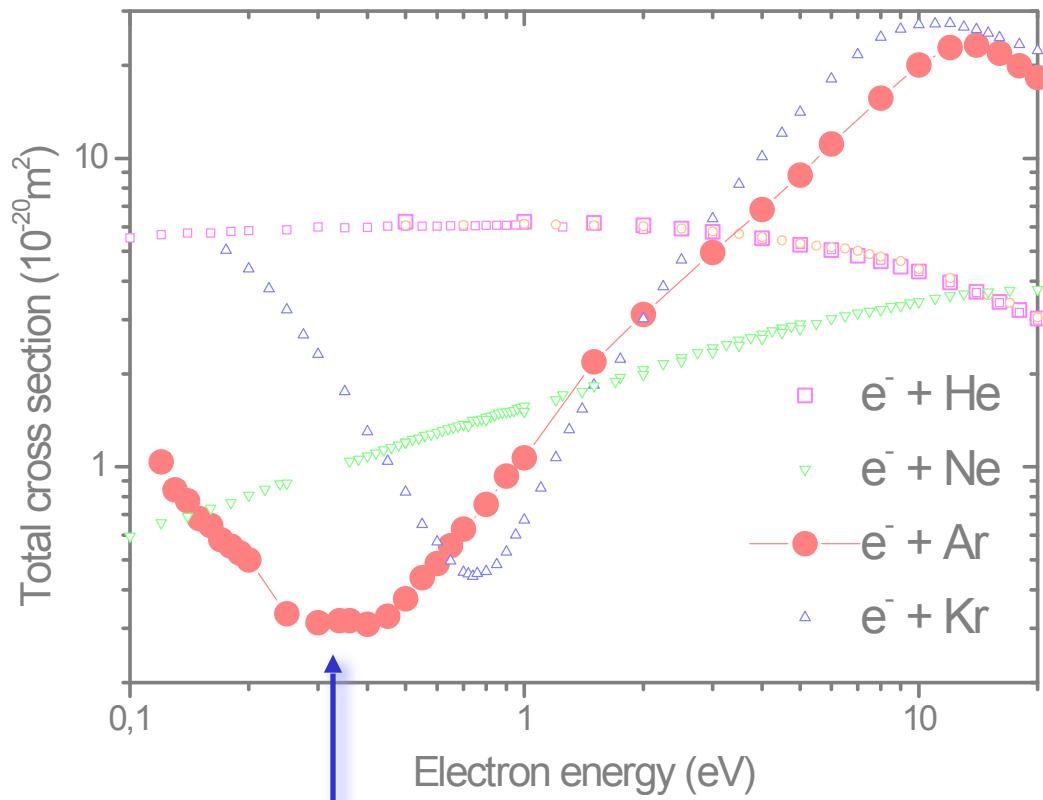
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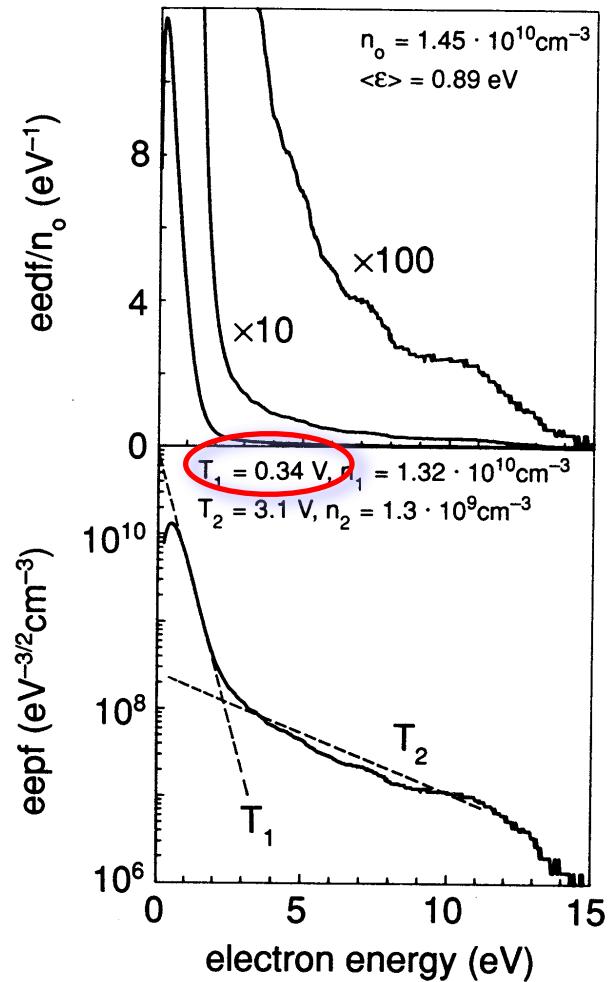
Electron scattering:

- Why we need cross sections?
- Which cross sections do we need?
- Total scattering cross sections
- Ionization cross sections
- Electronic excitation – state of art
- Polar molecules – what can be done?

Plasma temperature ← integral cross sections

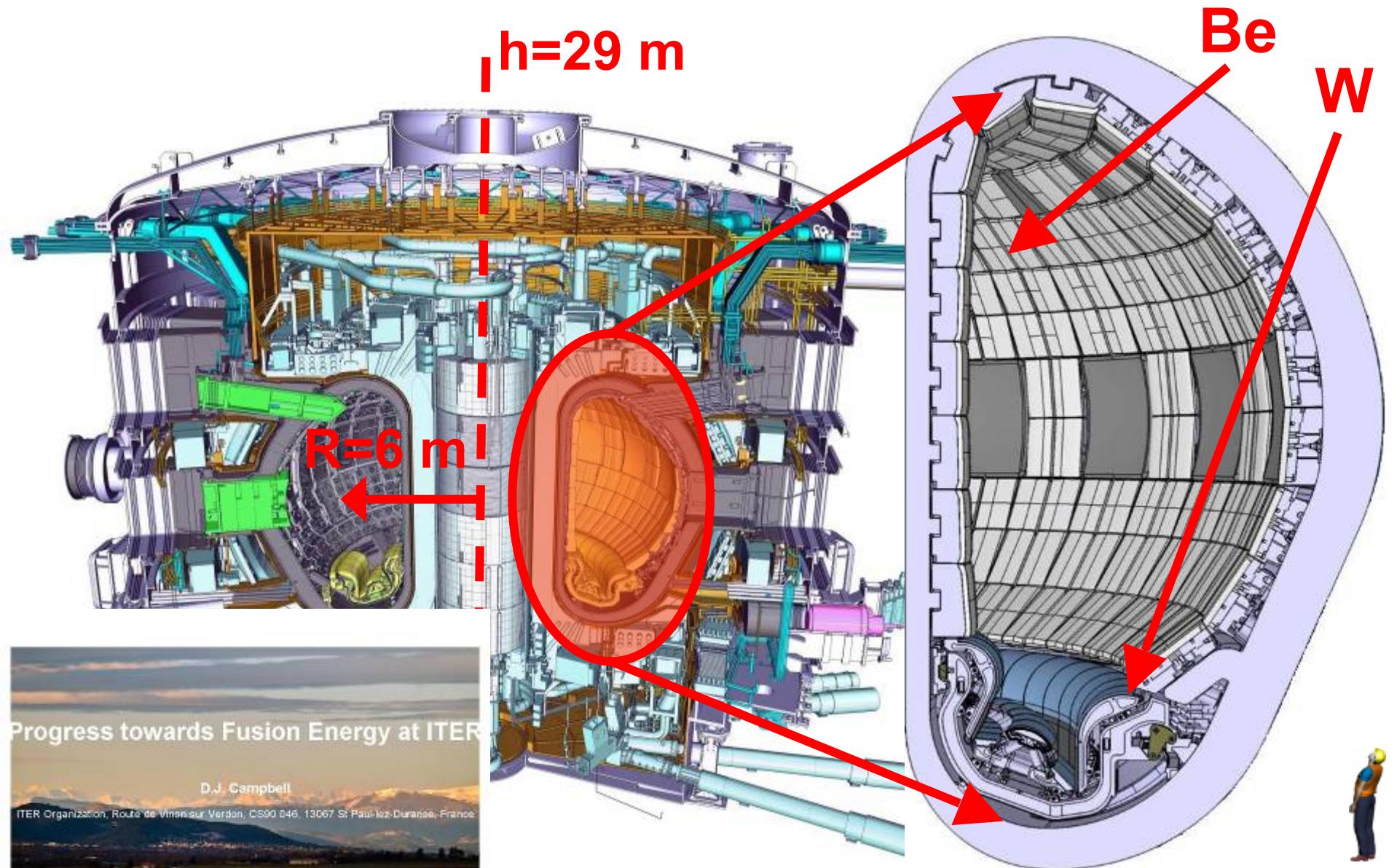


Ramsauer
minimum
(zero in s-wave)



V. Godyak, Sendai 2006

The ITER Tokamak



Credits: D. J. Campbell (IAEA, Daejon, 2014)

Rationale: edge and divertor plasma

Influence of atomic physics on
EDGE2D-EIRENE simulations of JET
divertor detachment with carbon and
beryllium/tungsten plasma-facing
components

Table 3. Atomic and molecular reactions included in the physics models used in EIRENE (also valid for D).

NIMBUS-like model	Kotov-2008 model
(1) $e + H^0 \rightarrow 2e + H^+$	Same reactions as default plus:
(2) $H^+ + H^0 \rightarrow H^0 + H^+$	(9) $H_2 + H^+ \rightarrow H^+ + H_2$
(3) $e + C^0 \rightarrow 2e + C^+$	(10) $H_2 + H^+ \rightarrow H_2^+ + H^0$
(4) $e + H_2 \rightarrow 3e + 2H^+$	(11) $e + H_2 \rightarrow 2e + H_2^+$ (replacing (4))
(5) $e + H_2 \rightarrow e + 2H^0$	
(6) $e + H_2 \rightarrow 2e + H^+ + H^0$	(12) $e + H_2^+ \rightarrow e + H^0 + H^+$
(7) $e + H^+ \rightarrow H^0$	(13) $e + H_2^+ \rightarrow 2e + 2H^+$
(8) $2e + H^+ \rightarrow e + H^0$	(14) $e + H_2^+ \rightarrow 2H^0$
No CRM ^a for (4), (5) and (6)	CRM ^a for (11), (5) and (6)

^a Collisional Radiative Model.

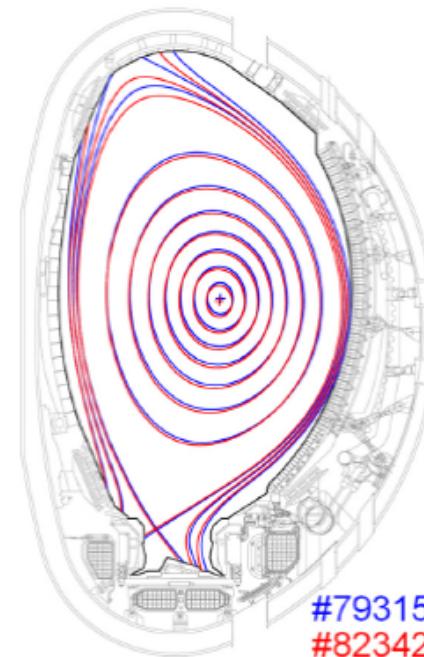


Figure 1. Magnetic equilibria for the shots #79315 and #82342 at 20 s and 13 s, respectively.

Data needed:

I Neutrals (H, C, C₂, Be, BeH₂, CH₄)

1. Total cross section

2. Partial cross sections:

elastic scattering $e + A \rightarrow e + A$

rotational excitation $e + CH_4 (J=0) \rightarrow e + CH_4 (J=2)$

vibrational excitation $e + AB (v=0) \rightarrow e + AB (v>0)$

electron attachment (dissociative) $e + AB \rightarrow A^- + B$

electronic excitation $e + A \rightarrow e + A^*$

emission lines: $A^* \rightarrow A + h\nu$

neutral dissociation $e + AB \rightarrow A + B + e$

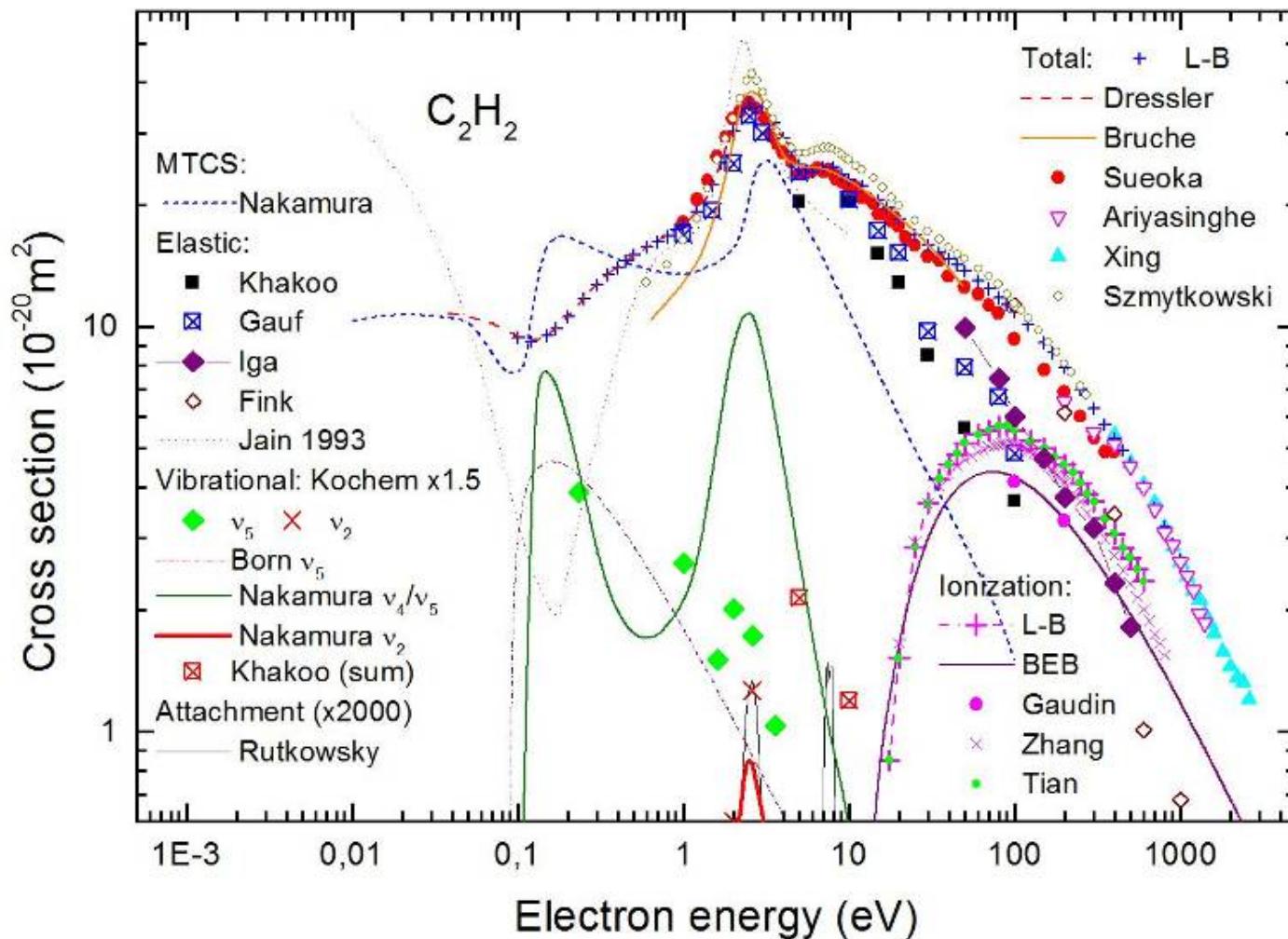
emission from dissociation $e + AB \rightarrow A^* + B + e + h\nu$

ionization $e + A \rightarrow A^+ + 2e$

dissociative ionization $e + AB \rightarrow A + B^+ + 2e$

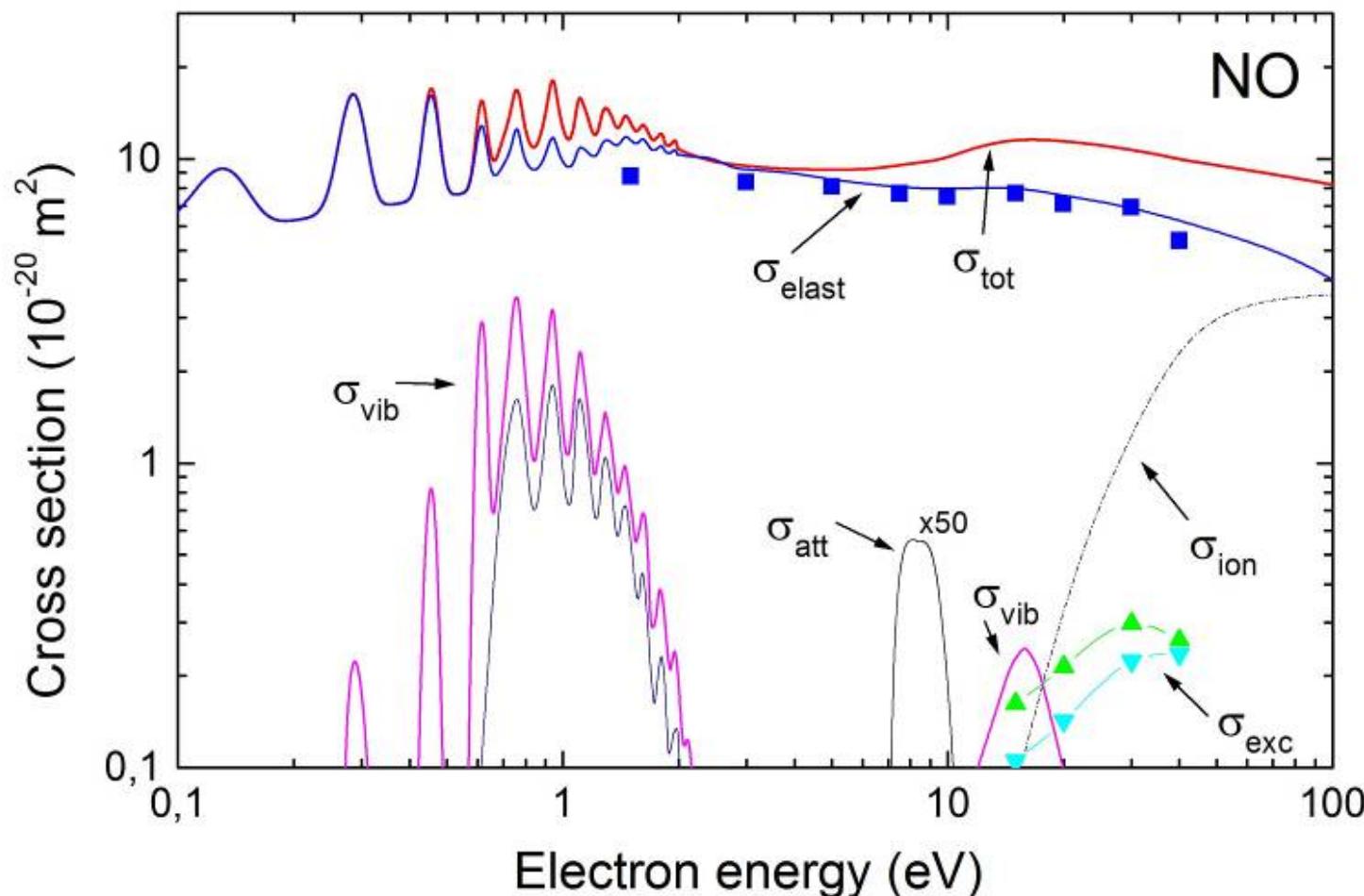
ionization into excited states $e + A \rightarrow (A^+)^* + 2e$

C_2H_2 - review



For some processes, like vibrational excitation different determinations (beam, swarm, semi-empirical) seriously disagree

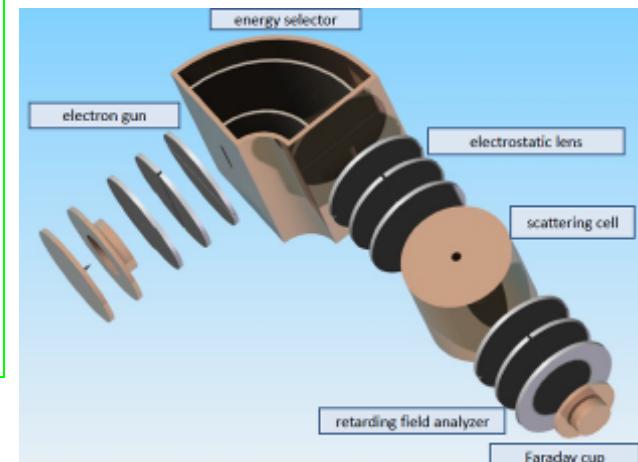
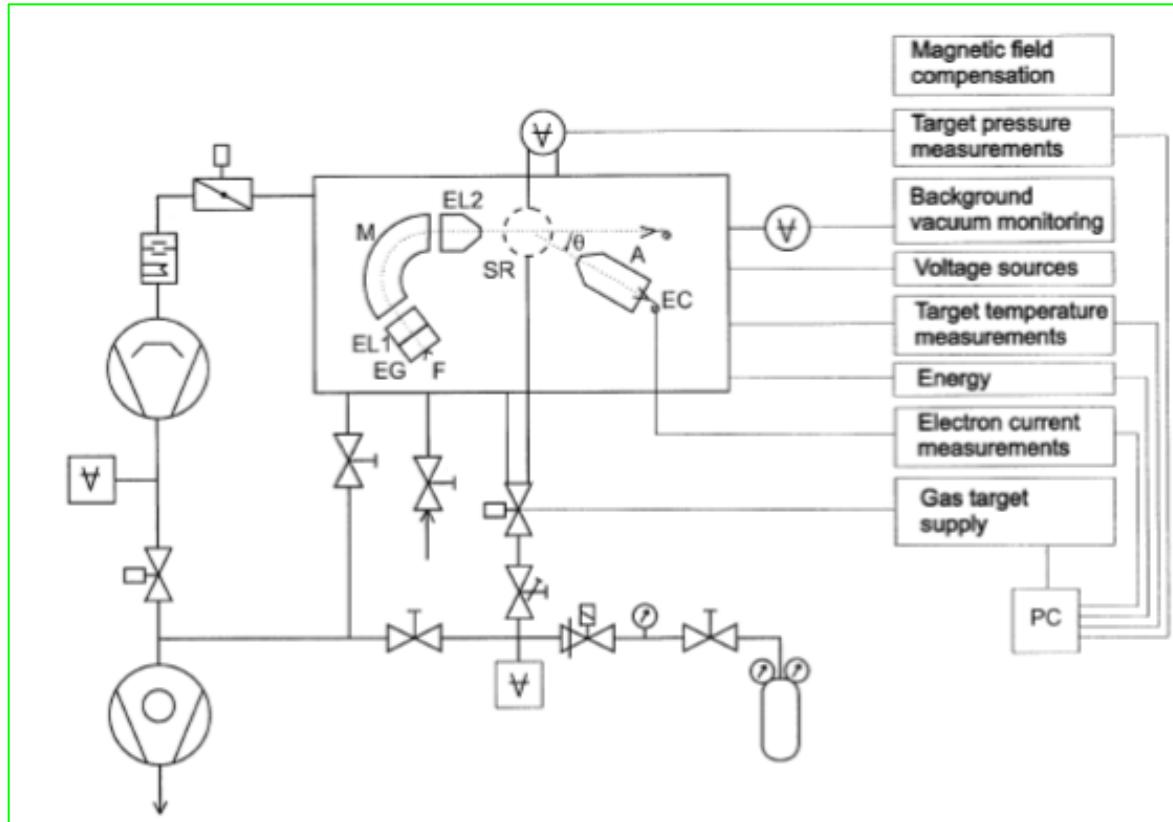
NO review - preliminary



Electronic excitation needs some re-analysis, before its use in plasma modelling

Experimental total: electrostatic analyser

attenuation method $I = I_0 \exp(-\sigma n L)$; precision <5%
(apart from the angular resolution error)

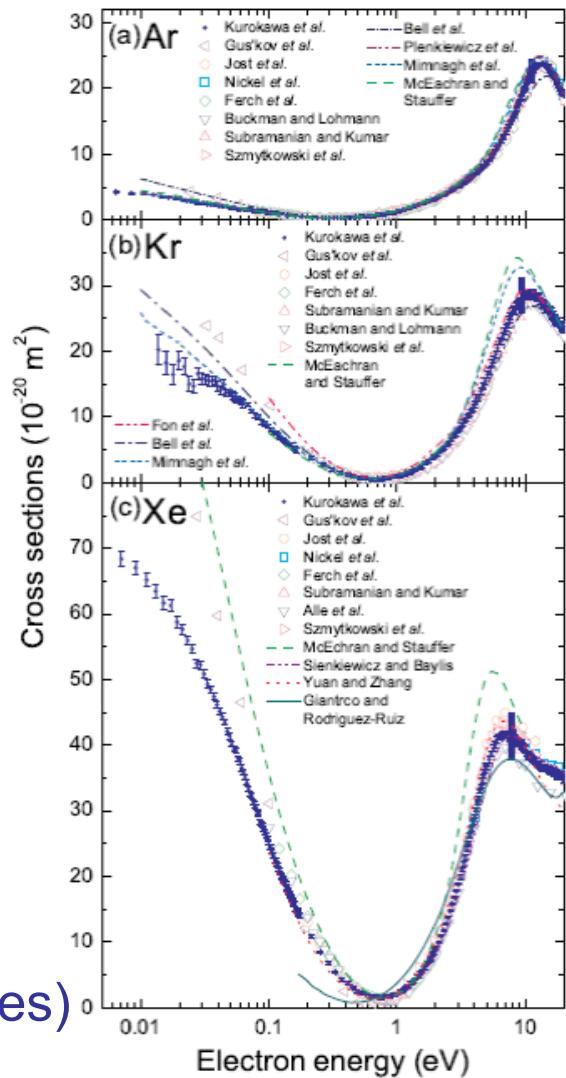
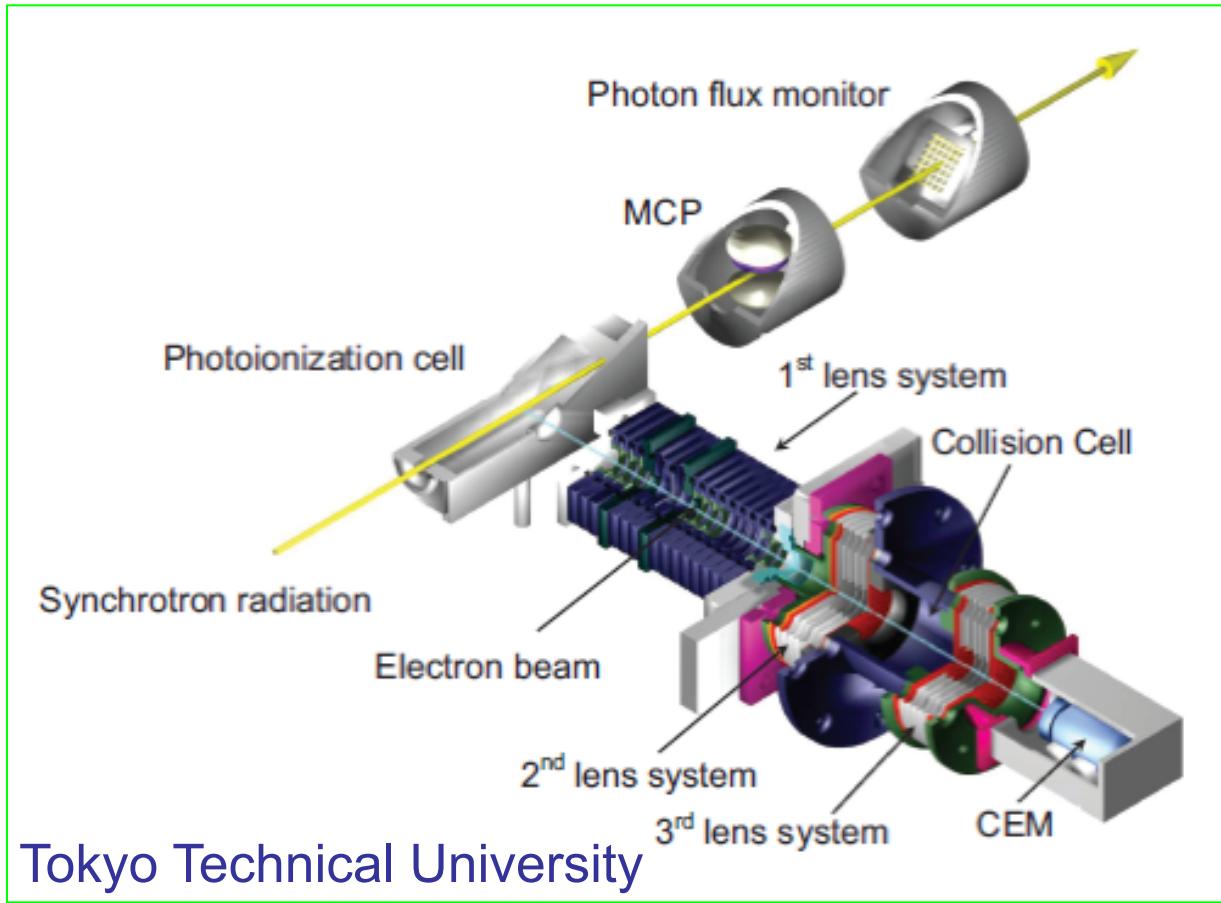


Gdańsk Technical University
Szmytkowski & collaborators > 1982

Cz. Szmytkowski, K. Maciąg, G. Karwasz, Chem. Phys. Lett. 107 (1984) 481

Courtesy: P. Możejko,
A. Domaracka, PhD

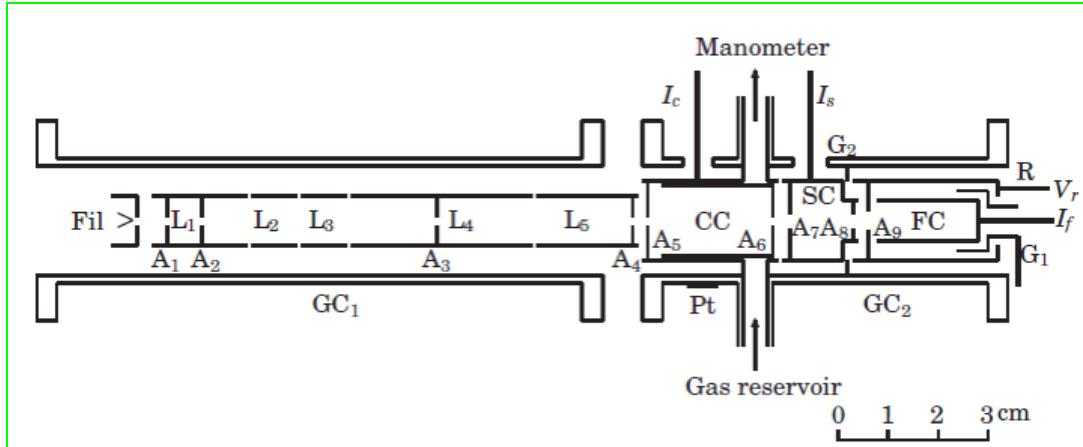
Experimental total at $E < 1\text{eV}$



Excellent quality data at very low energies (noble gases)

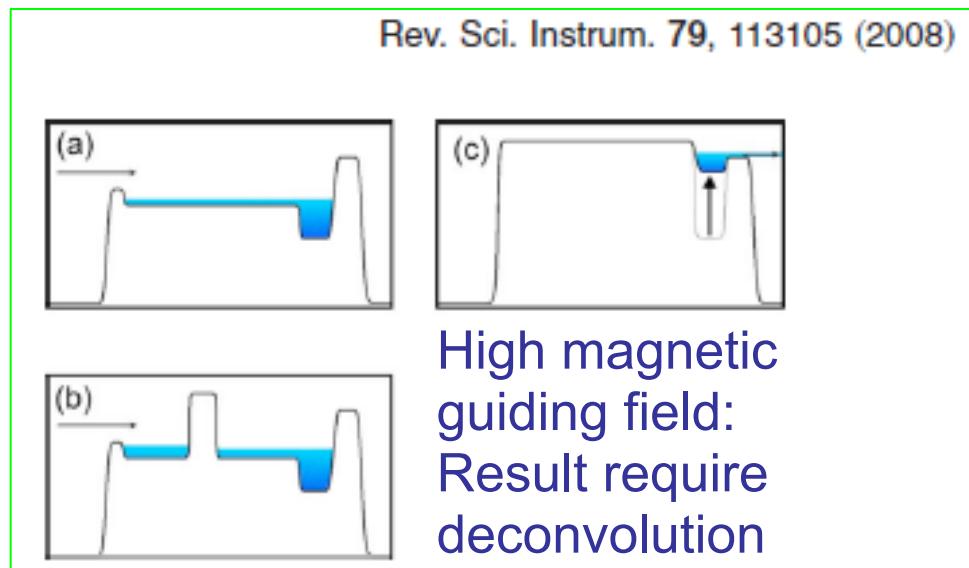
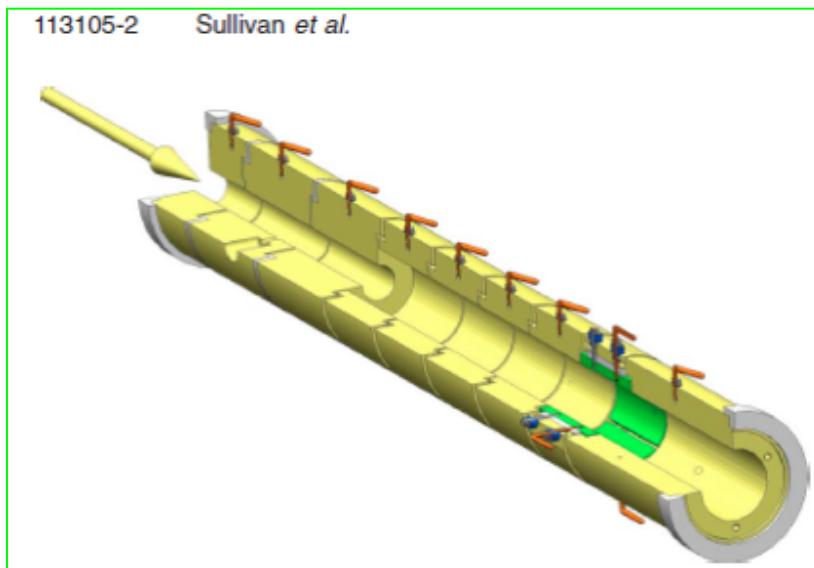
Experimental total: magnetic guiding

Problem: deconvolution of data vc angle is needed



H. Nishimura et al.,
J.Phys. Soc. Japan 72 (2003) 1080

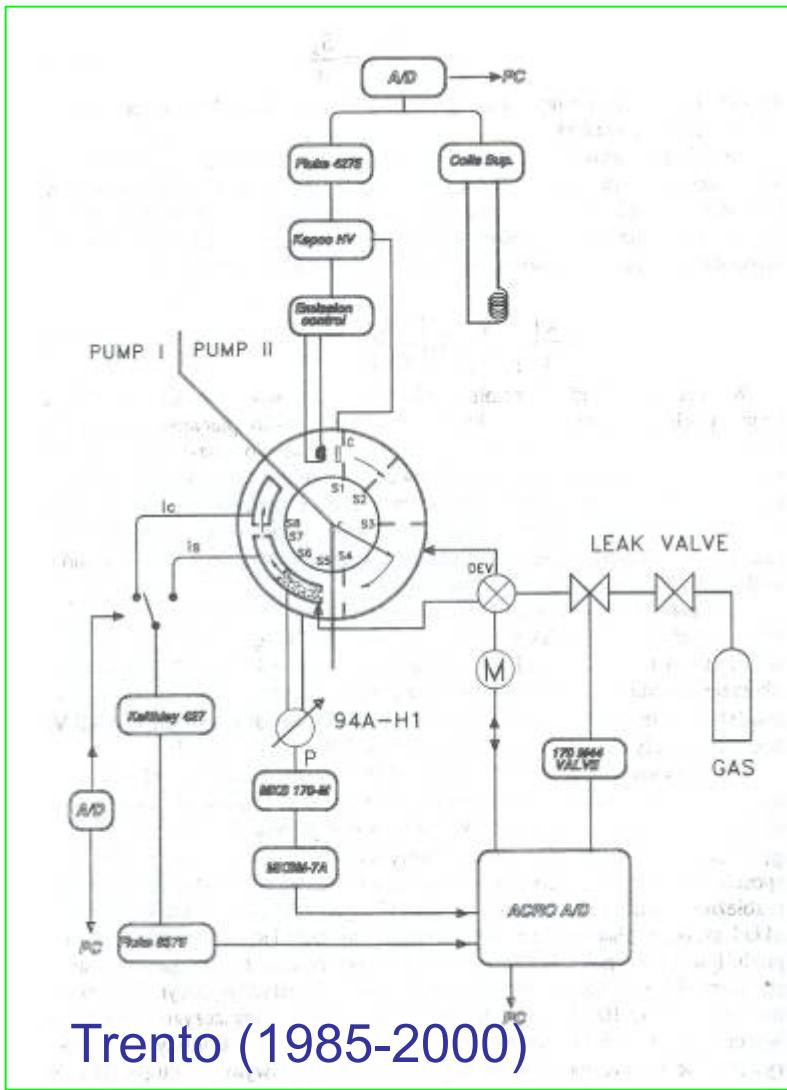
Linear transmission:
Good quality data
at about 100 eV



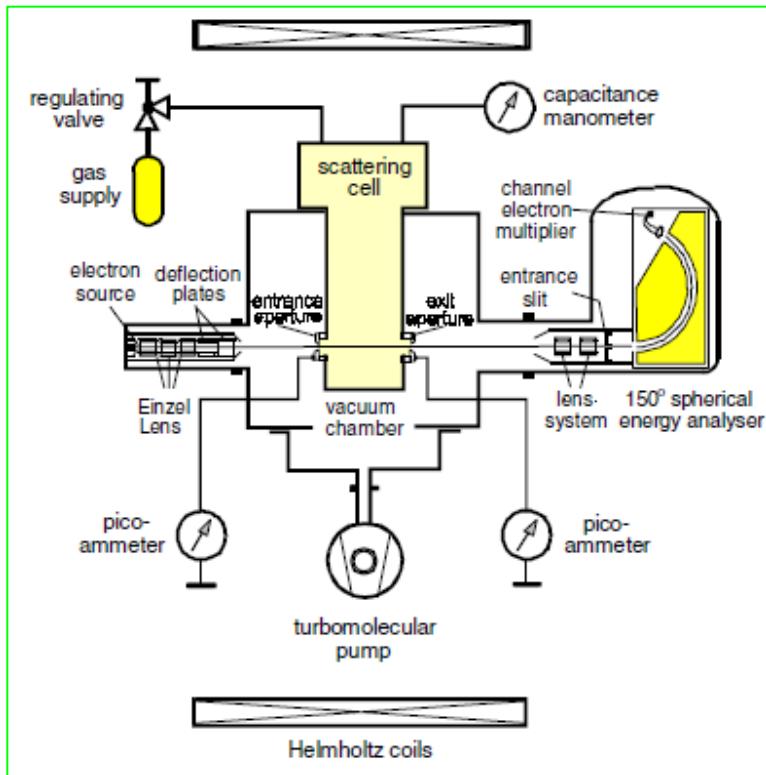
High magnetic
guiding field:
Result require
deconvolution

High-energy total cross sections

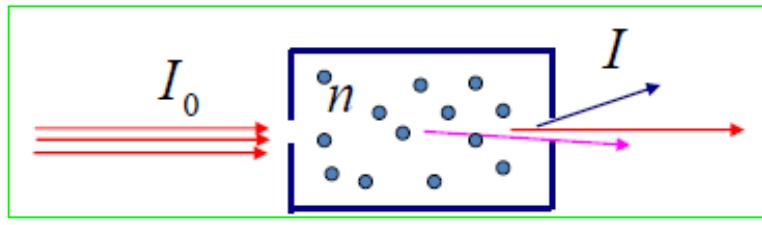
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Trento (1985-2000)



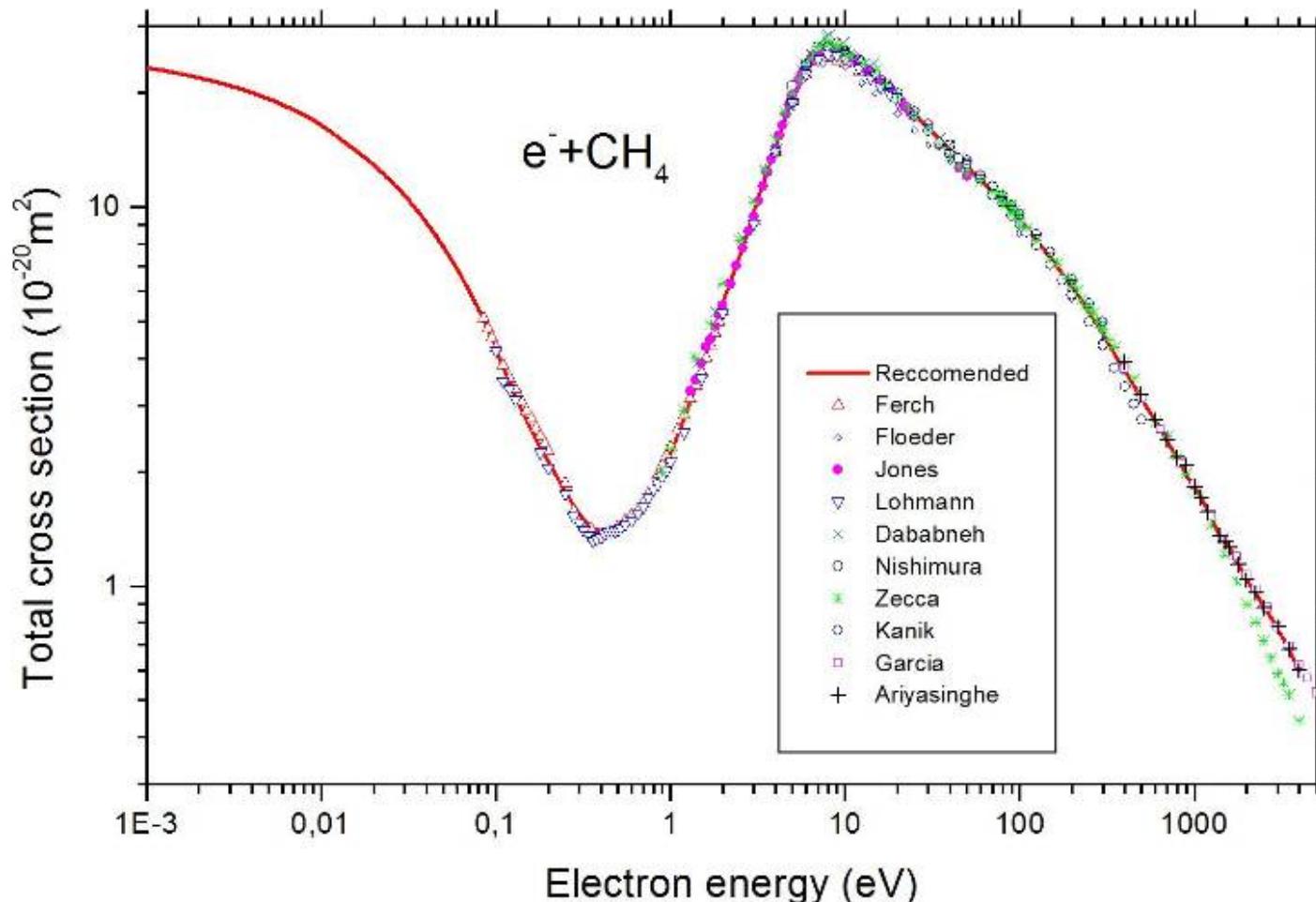
Braunschweig (2003)



Angular resolution error !

Review case study: CH₄

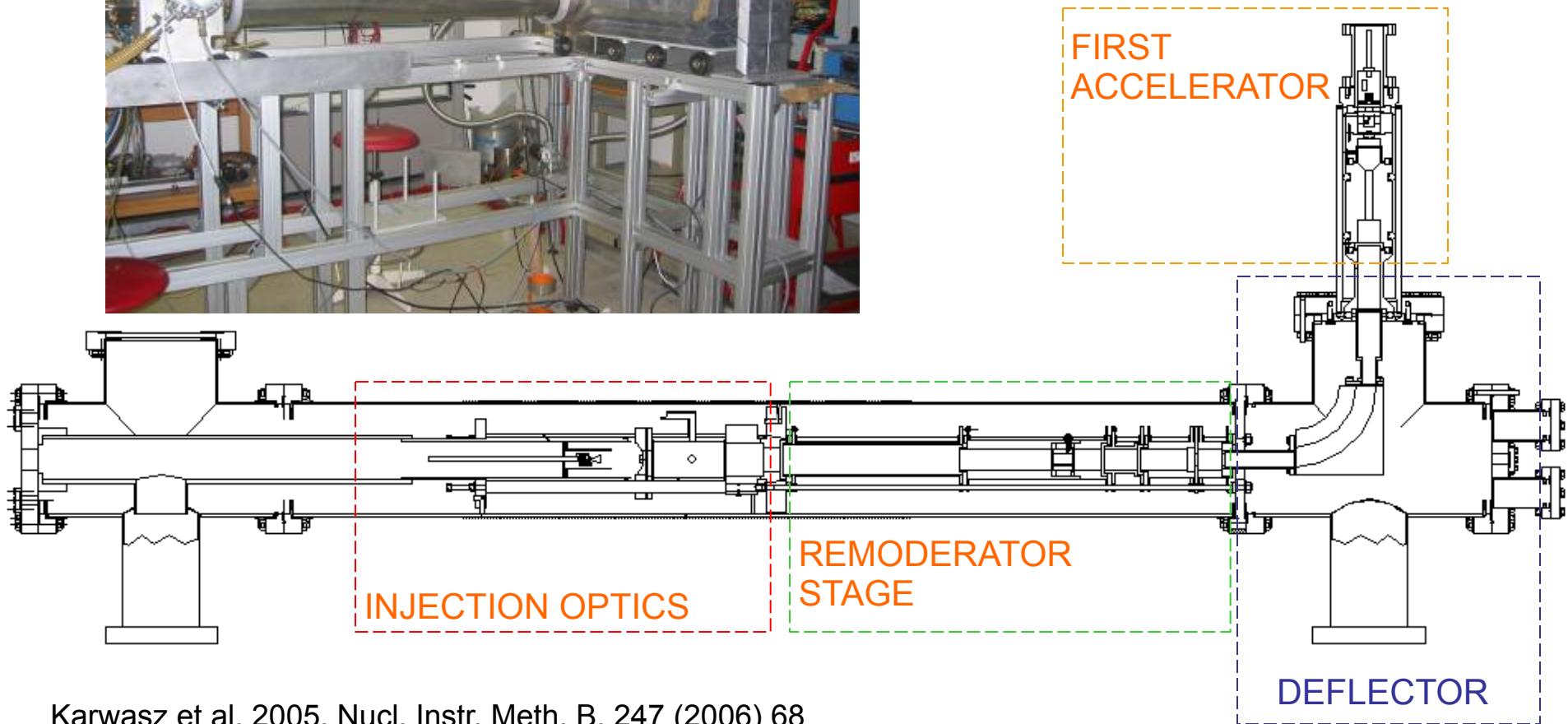
Excellent ($\pm 5\%$) agreement for total CS, but after some semi-empirical refinement at very low and at high energies (see later)



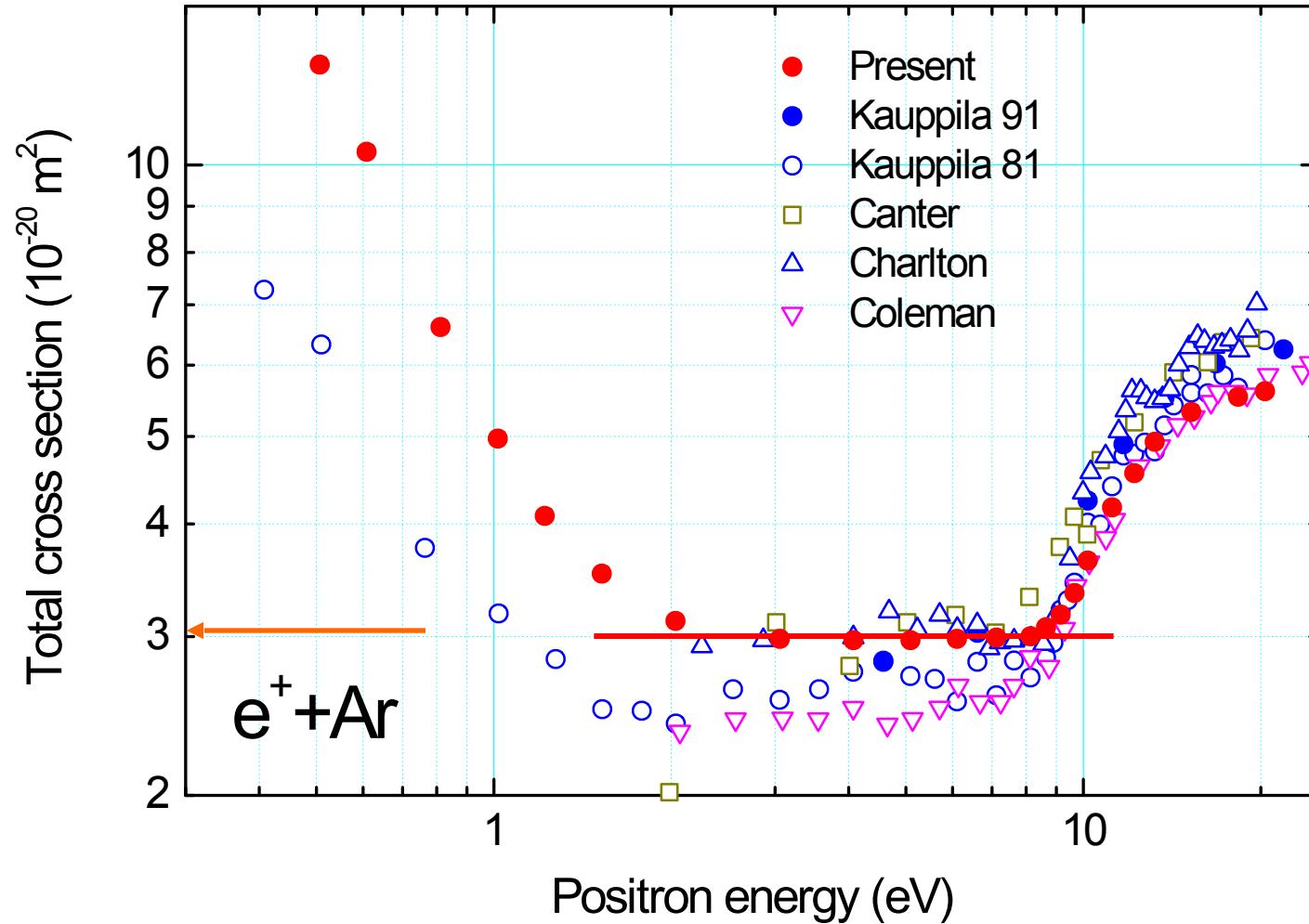
Positron – total cross sections



Easy to be calculated, difficult to measure: a careful experiment may serve as benchmark for theory



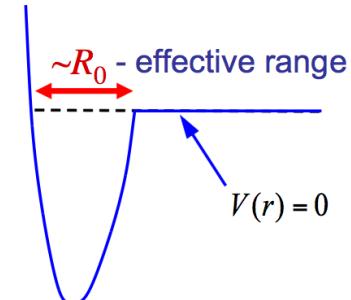
Argon: a flat cross section up to Ps threshold ?



Modified effective range theory

Standard effective-range expansion for finite range potential

$$k \cot \delta_0(k) = -\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{2} R_0 k^2 + O(k^4)$$



Modified effective range expansion (MERT) for r^4 potential

$$\tan \delta_l = \frac{s^2 - \tan \eta^2 + B_l \tan \eta (s^2 - 1)}{\tan \eta (1 - s^2) + B_l (1 - s^2 \tan^2 \eta)}$$

O'Malley, Spruch, Rosenberg,
Journal of Mathematical Physics 2, 4 (1961).

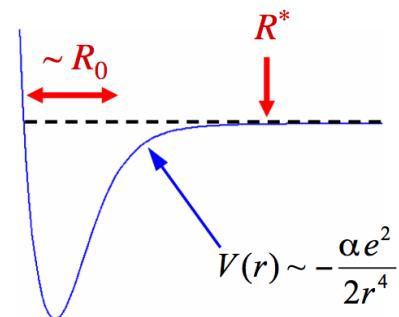
$$B_l = \tan(\phi_l + l \frac{\pi}{2})$$

η, s – parameters given by analytic solutions
(Mathieu functions)

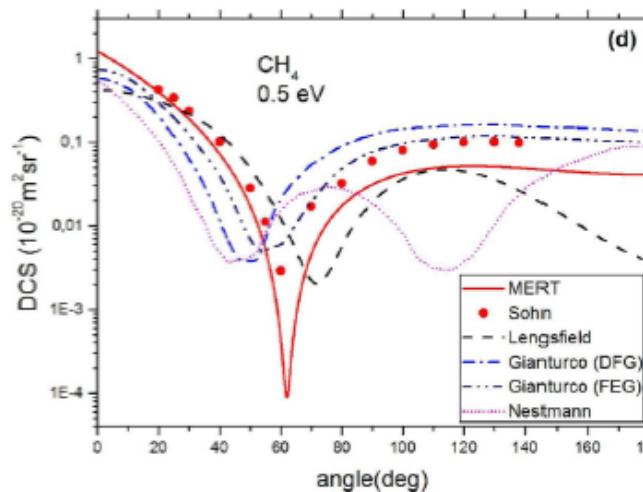
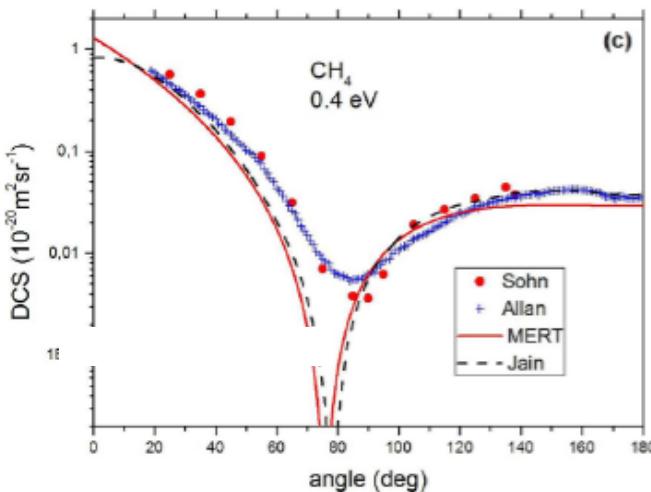
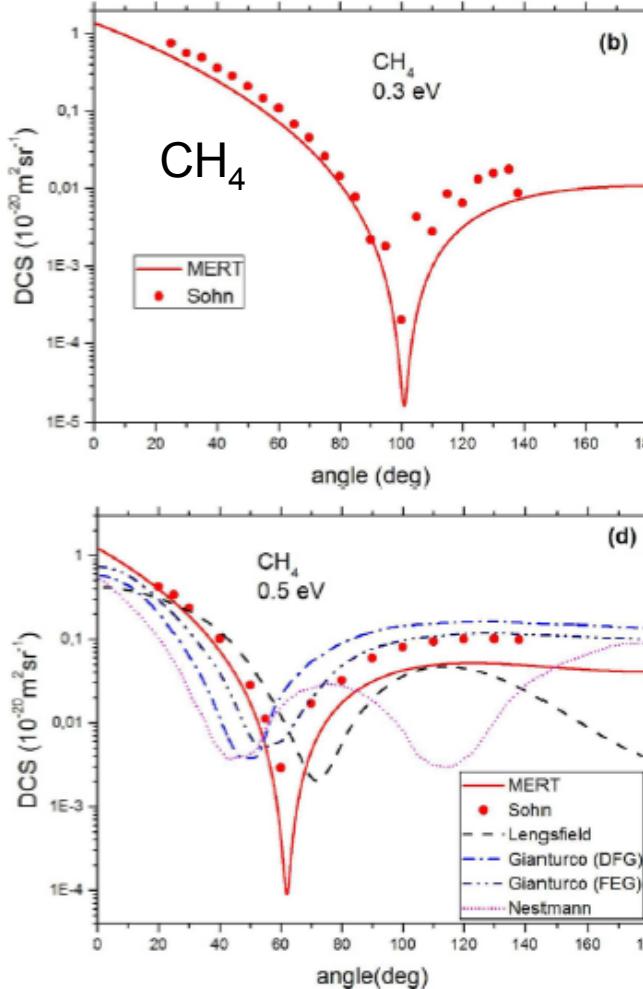
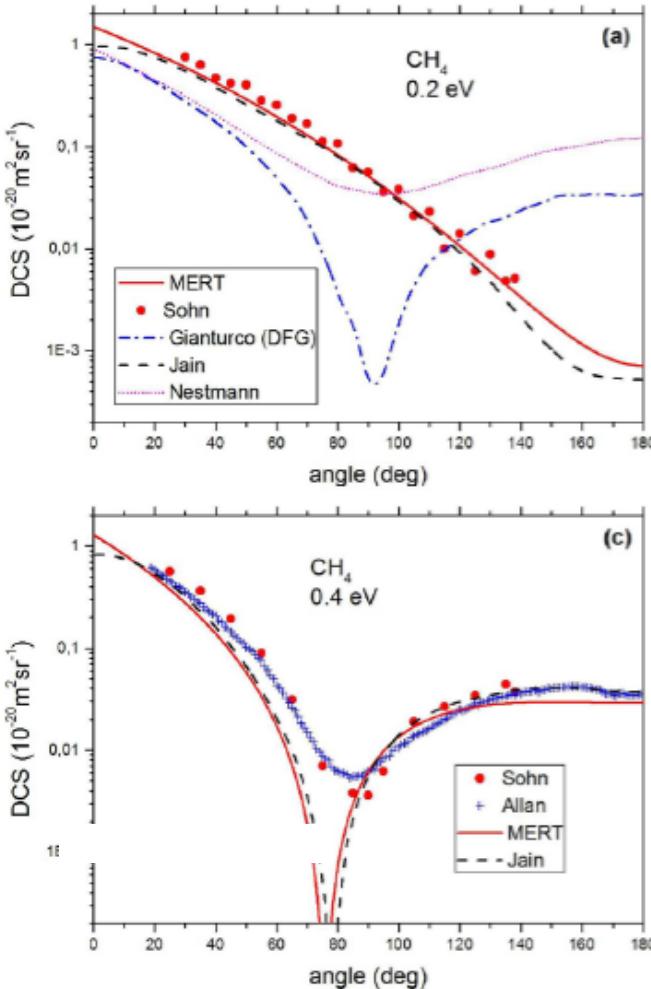
Contribution from the short-range potential

$$B_l(k) = B_l(0) + \frac{1}{2} R^* R_0 k^2 + O(k^4)$$

R_0 – effective range



Very low energies: Modified Effective Range Theory

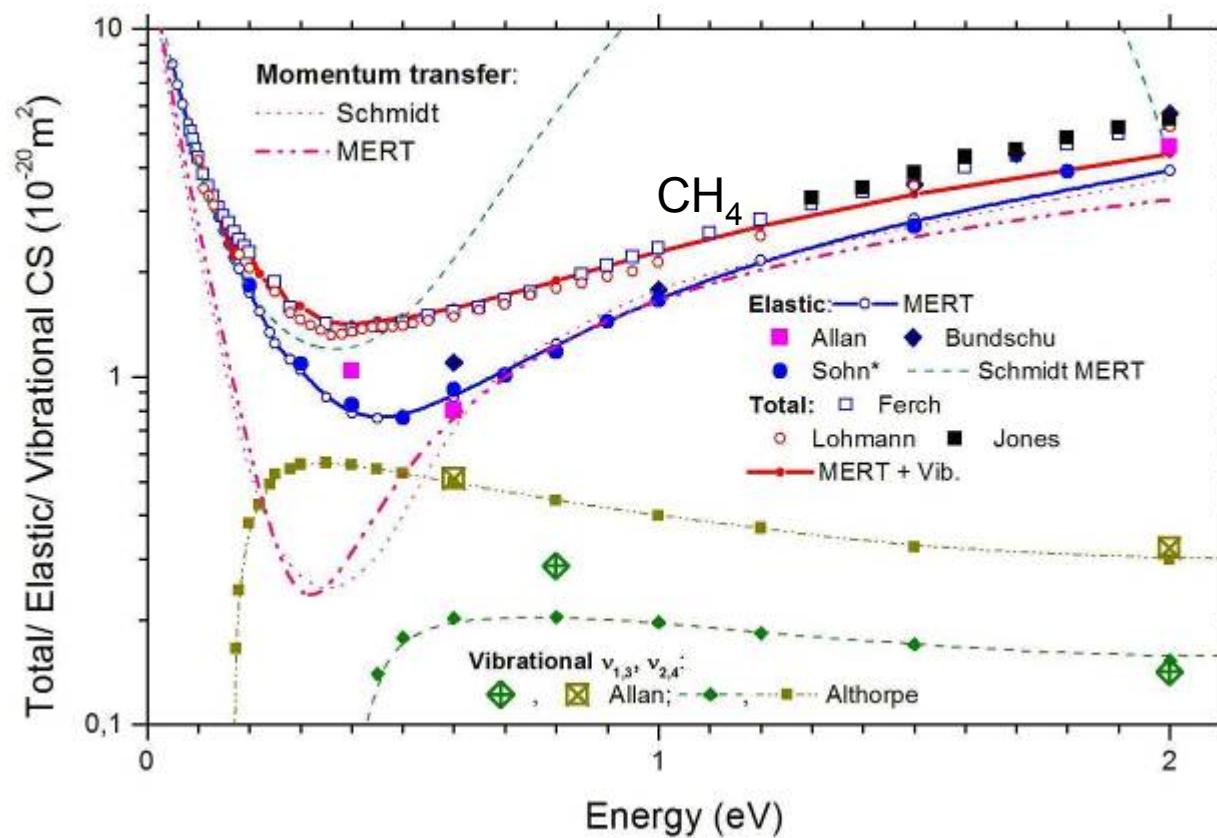


Two fitting parameters:
 A – scattering length
 R – effective range
(for s and p
partial waves)

Analysis of DCSs
allows check of
consistency for
other results

Semi-empirical methods: elastic (MERT)

Link between elastic, total, MTCS: for spherical targets at low energies



MERT links elastic, total, MTCS:
for atoms, spherical molecules @ energies < few eV

Positron total in H_2 : experiment vs theory

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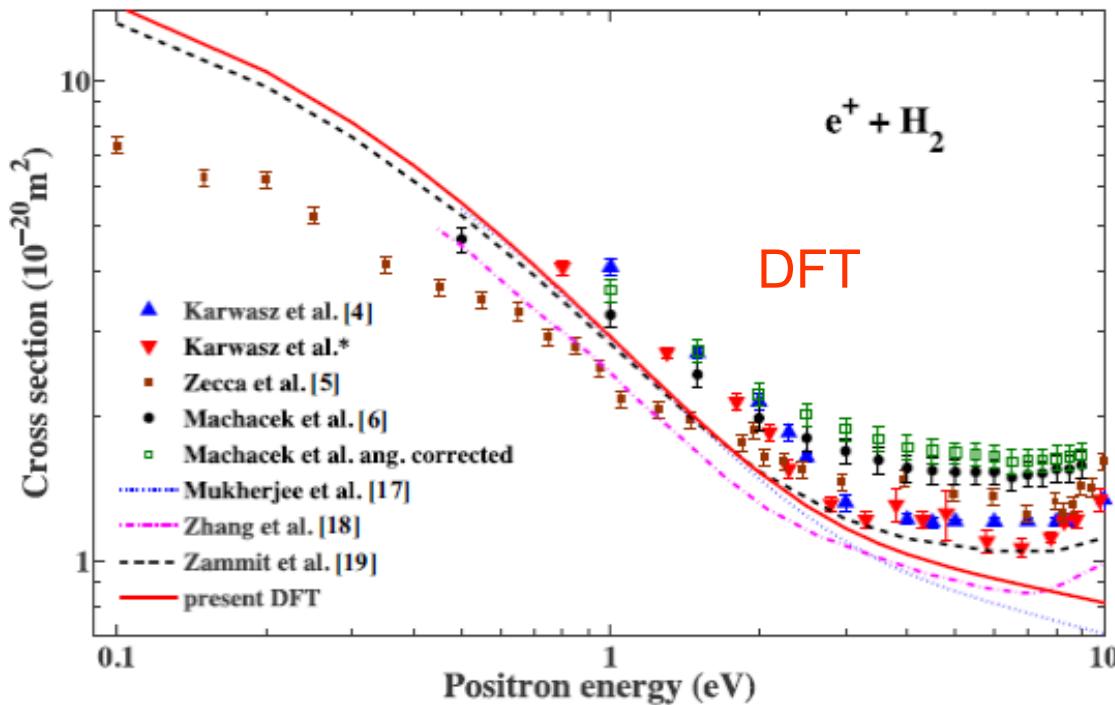
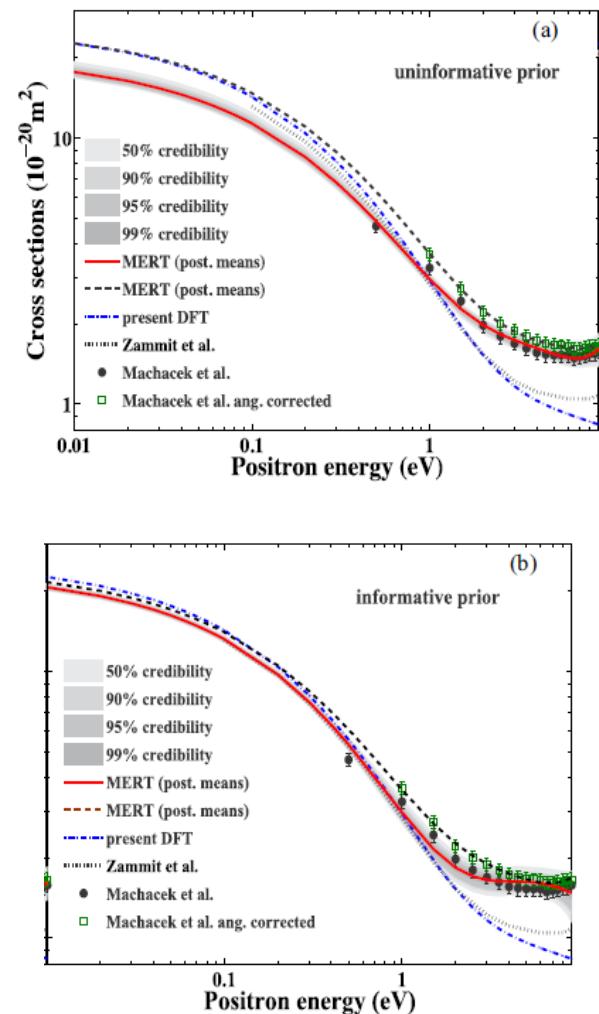


FIG. 1. (Color online) Total cross sections for positron scattering from the ground state of H_2 . Present DFT results are compared with the calculations of Mukherjee *et al.* [17], Zhang *et al.* [18], Zammit *et al.* [19], and experiments of Karwasz *et al.* published in 2006 [4] and the same set presently reanalyzed (Karwasz *et al.**), Zecca *et al.* [5] and Machacek *et al.* [6] (directly measured and corrected).



Do positrons measure atomic radii?

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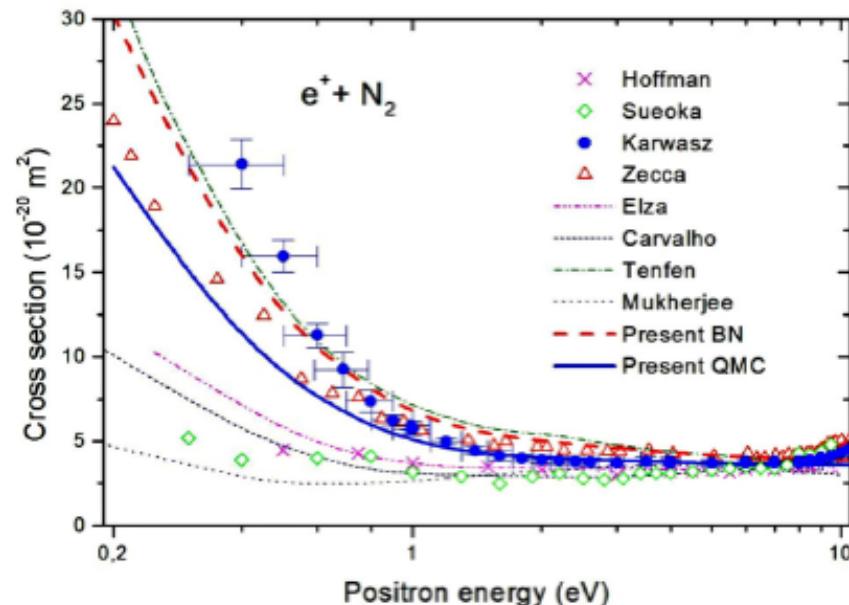
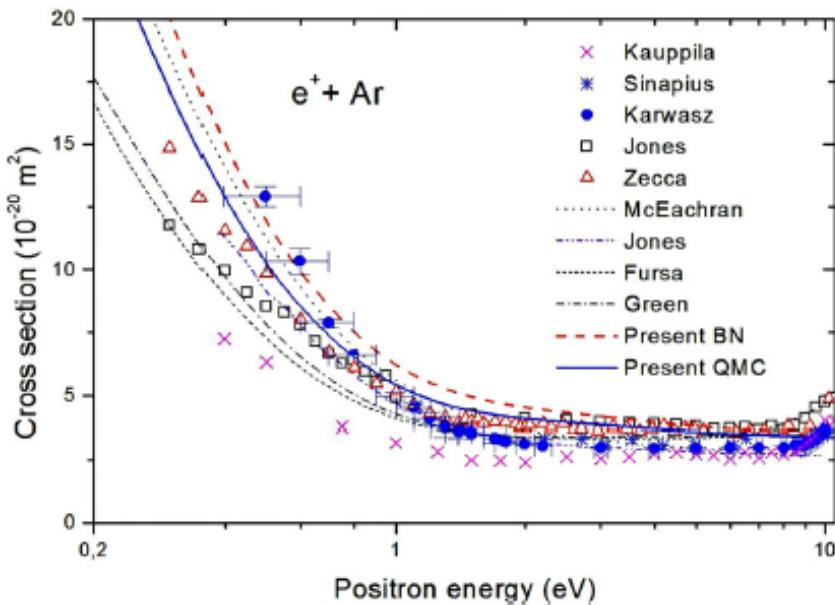
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Do positrons measure atomic and molecular diameters?*

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DFT calculations



Quantum mechanics explains the classical-like result

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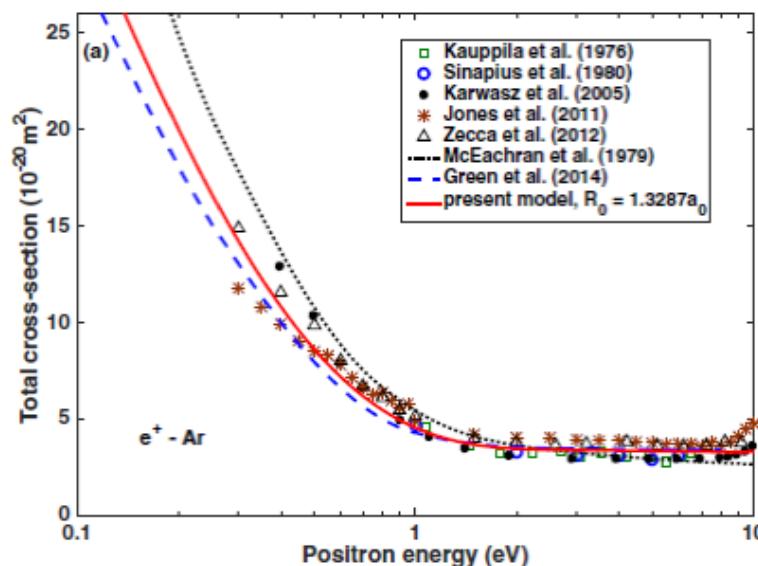
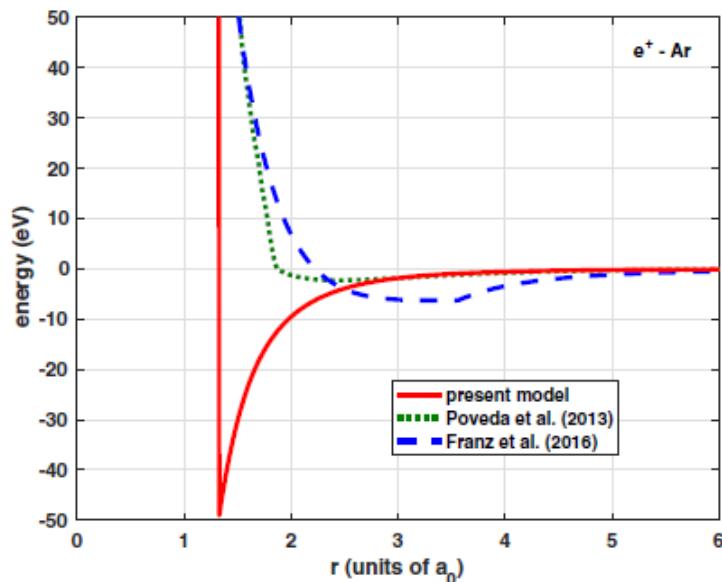
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But this is still only a model, not mechanism: not hard, but sticky ball

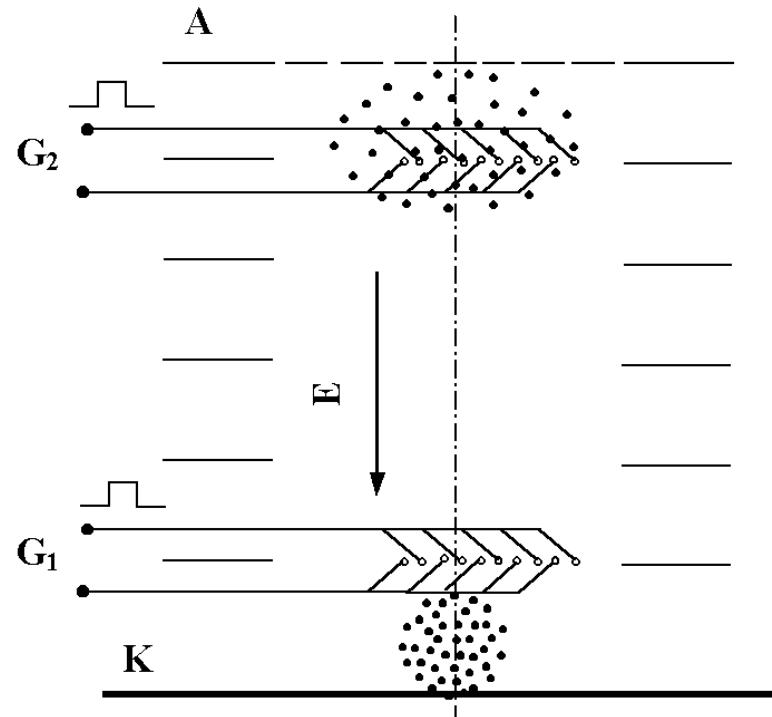
A rigid sphere approach to positron elastic scattering by noble gases, molecular hydrogen, nitrogen and methane

Kamil Fedus^a



Swarm experiments: diffusion coefficients → cross sections

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_e(\mathbf{r}, t) = -w \frac{\partial}{\partial z} n_e(\mathbf{r}, t) + D_T \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} n_e(\mathbf{r}, t) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} n_e(\mathbf{r}, t) \right] + D_L \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} n_e(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

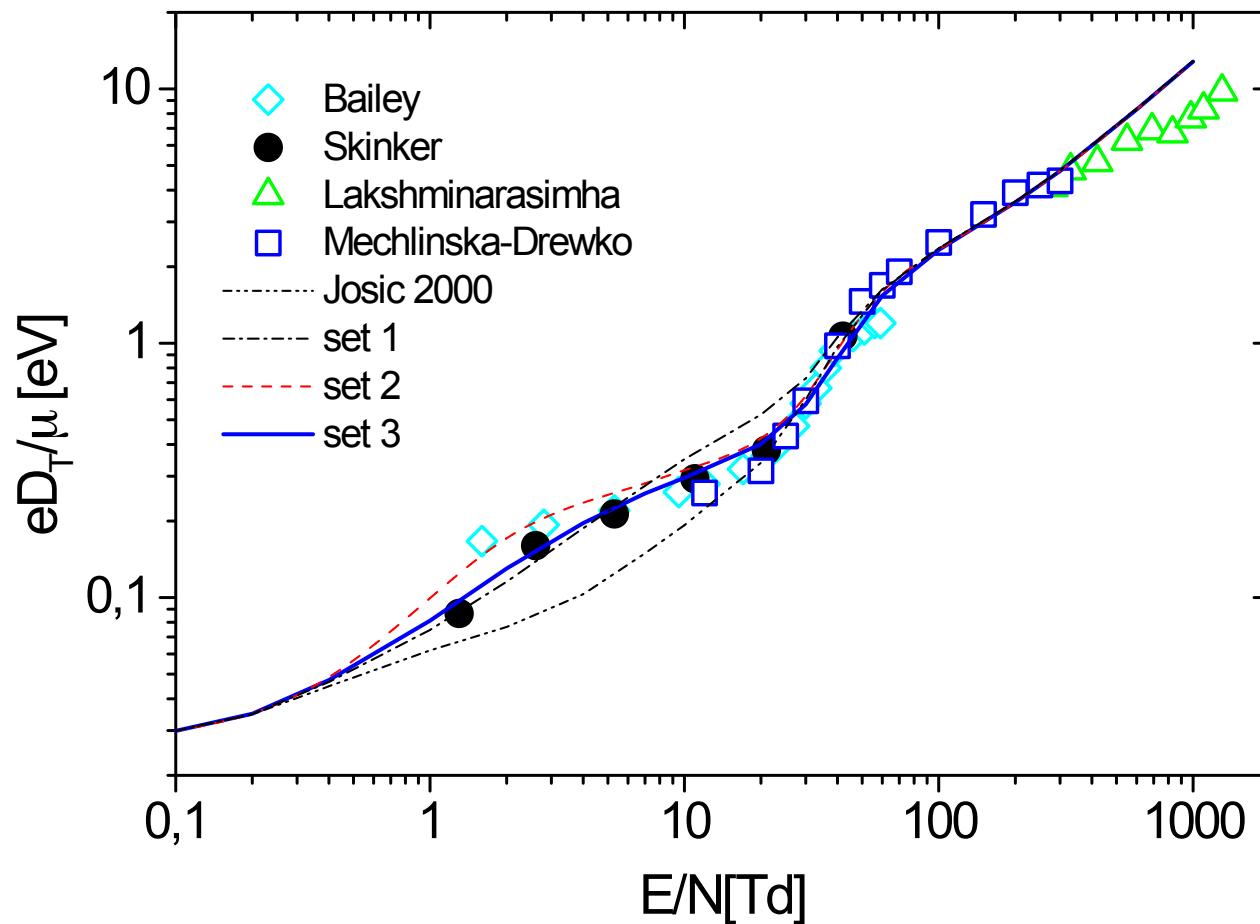


$$w = - \left(\frac{2}{m} \right)^{1/2} \frac{eF}{3N} \int_0^\infty \frac{E}{\sigma_m(E)} \frac{df_0(E)}{dE} dE$$

$$D_T = \left(\frac{2}{m} \right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{3N} \int_0^\infty \frac{E}{\sigma_m(E)} f_0(E) dE$$

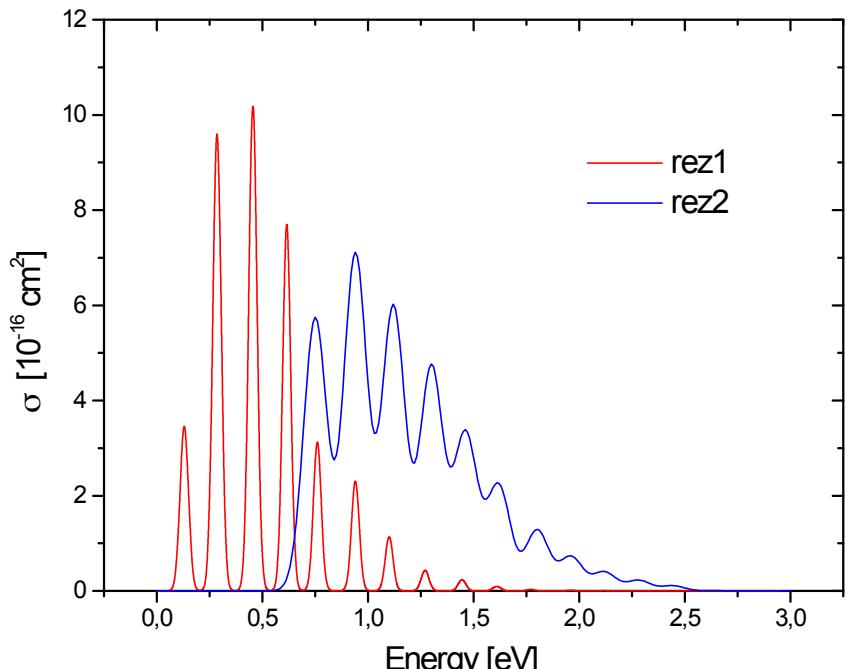
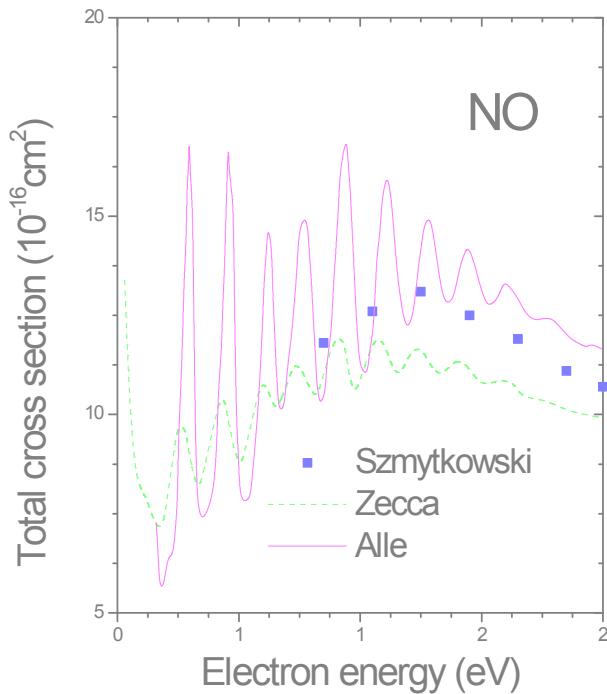
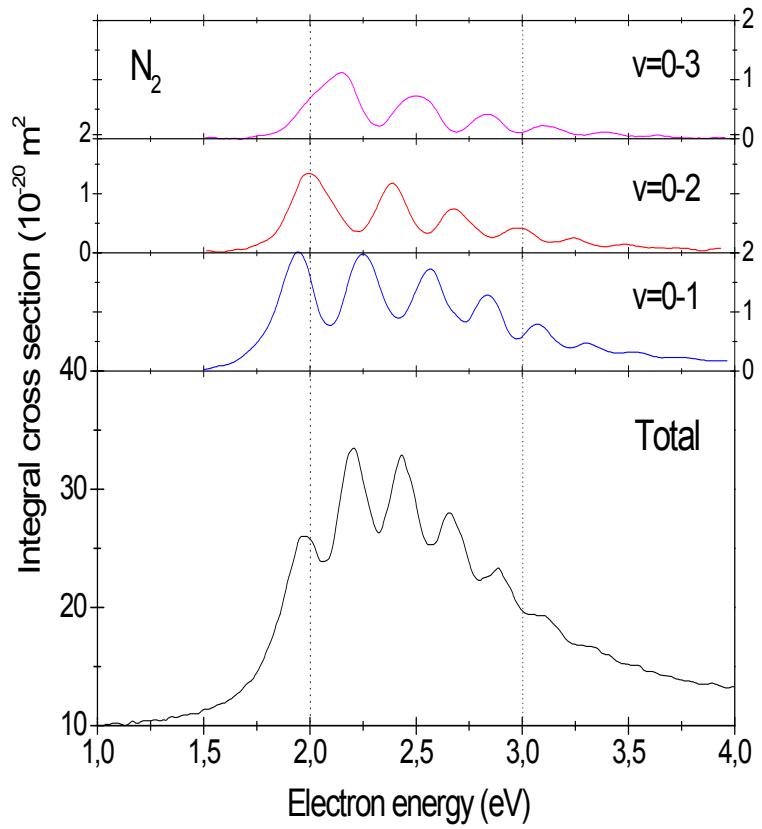
Experiment is simple, but requires fitting cross sections, that can form a non-unique set

Analogy: NO swarm data

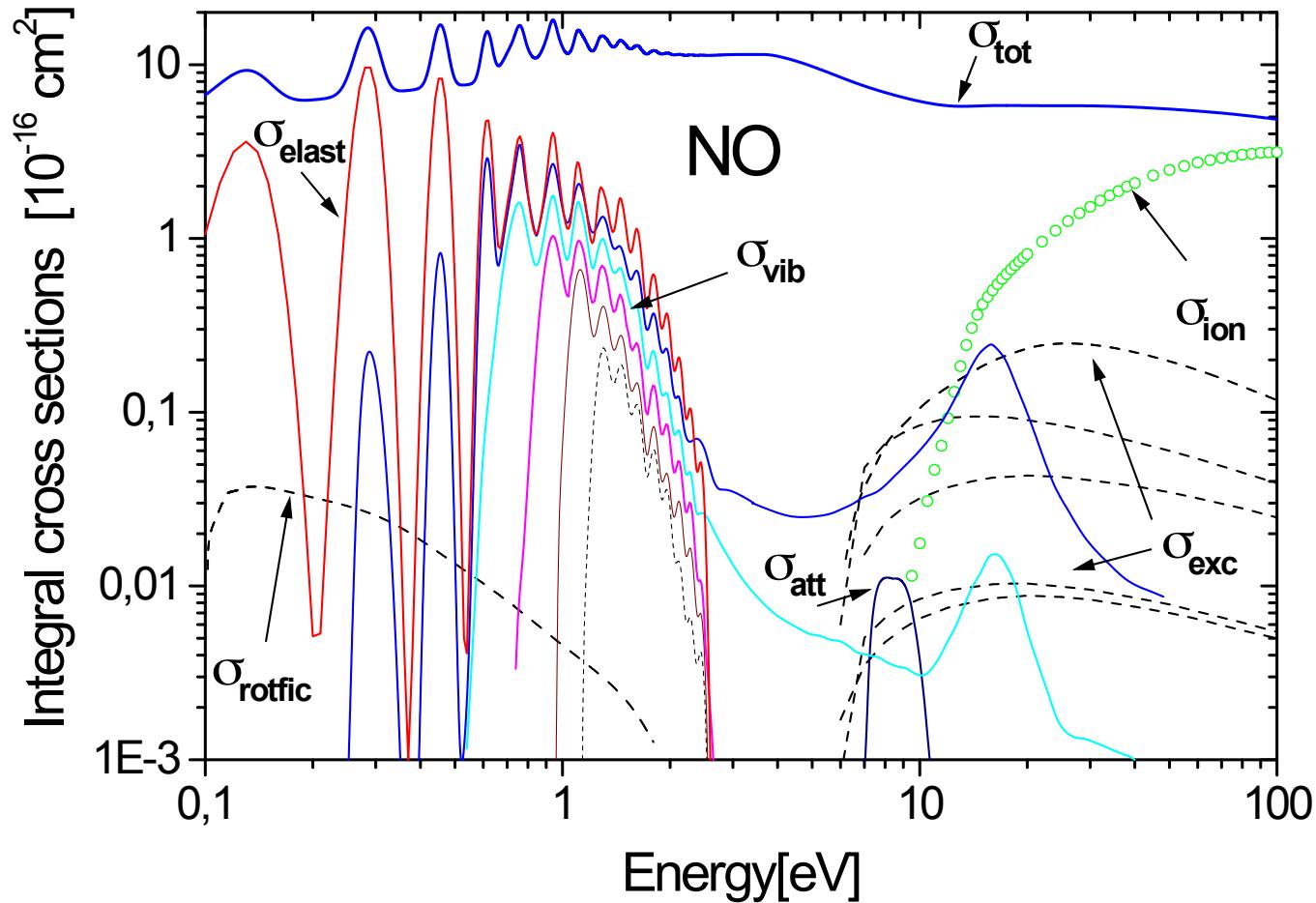


NO resonances – search for analogies

N₂ and O₂ – like



NO – a congruent set of cross sections



Confirmed by beam experiments (ANU Canberra, Fribourg Uni)

Resonances: theory allows more precise prediction

Plasma Sources Sci. Technol. 21 (2012) 055018

V Laporta *et al*

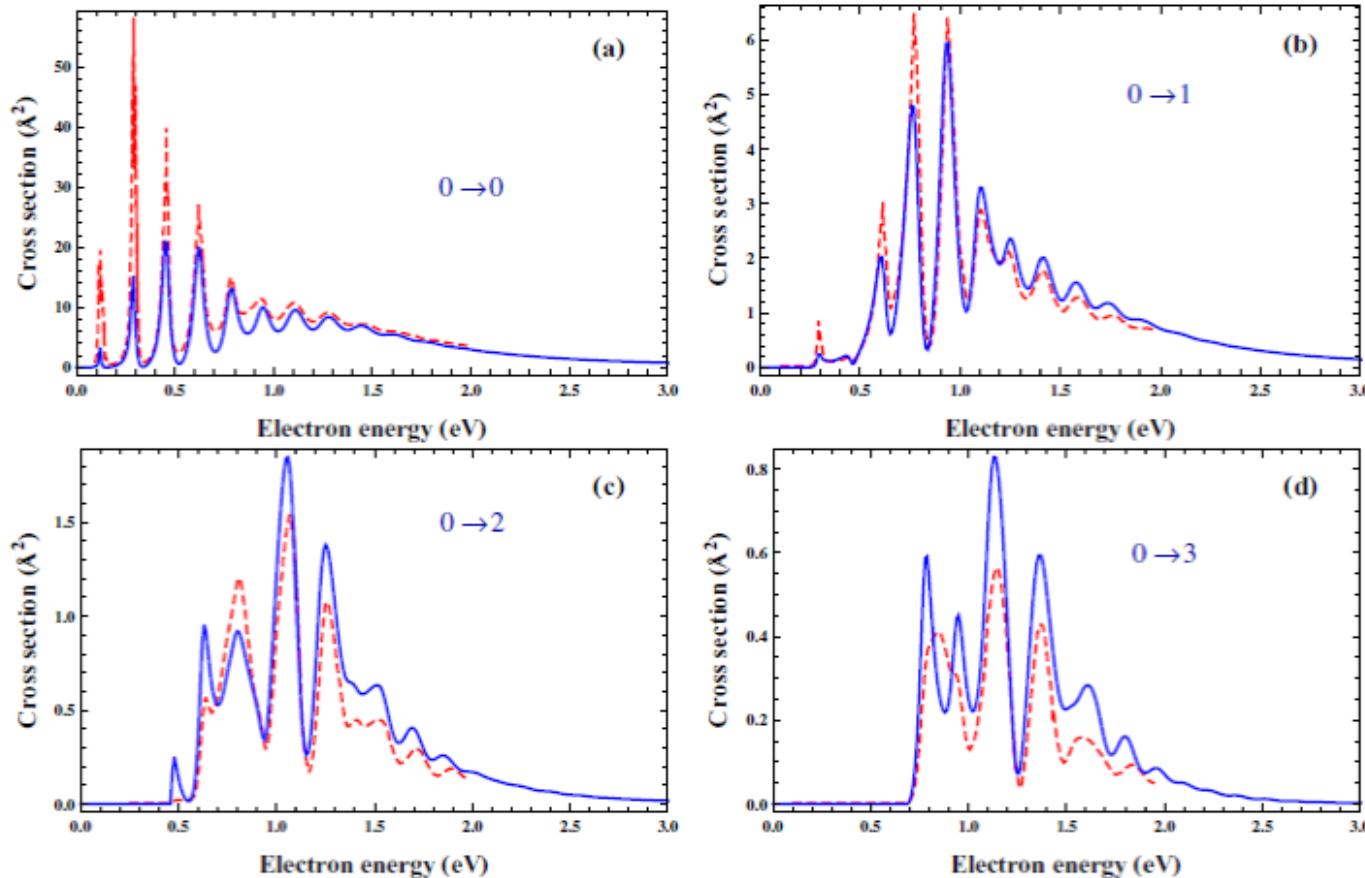
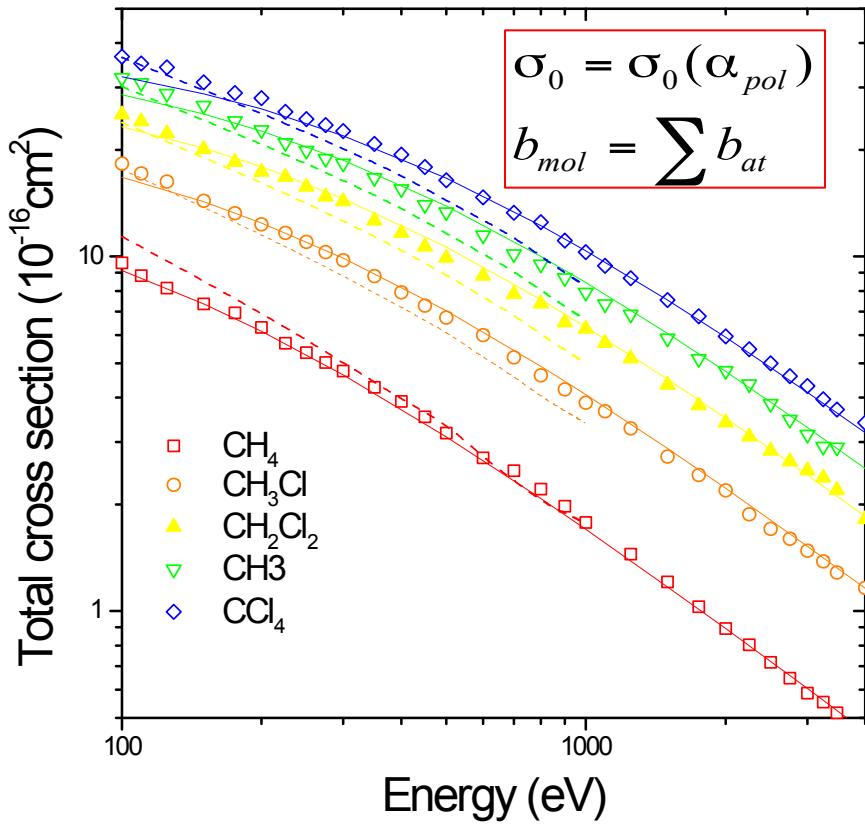
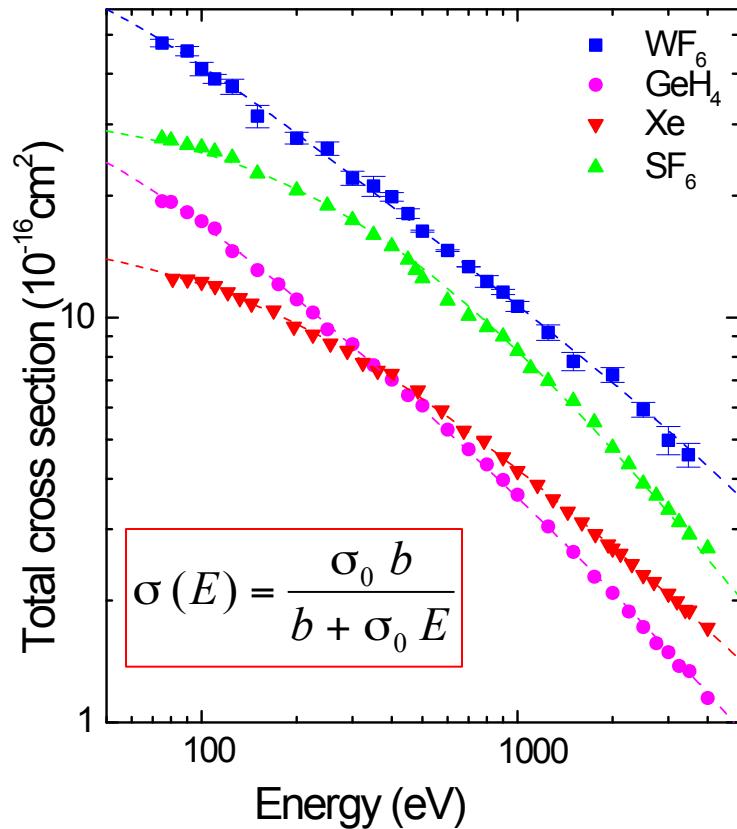


Figure 7. Electron–NO comparison of the present RVE calculations (full lines) with those of Trevisan *et al* [18] (dashed lines) for the vibrational transitions $0 \rightarrow 0, 1, 2, 3$.

J. Tennyson & collaborators (2012)

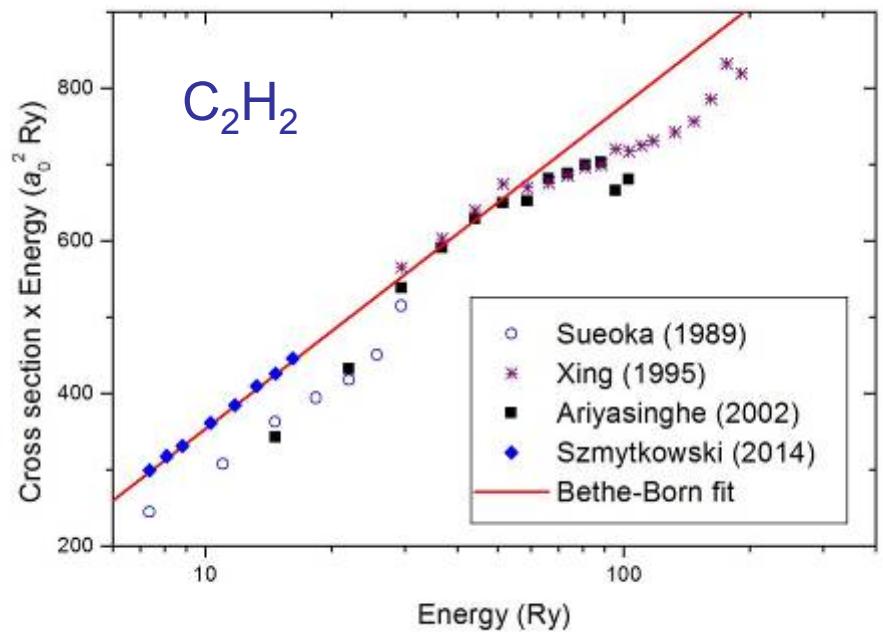
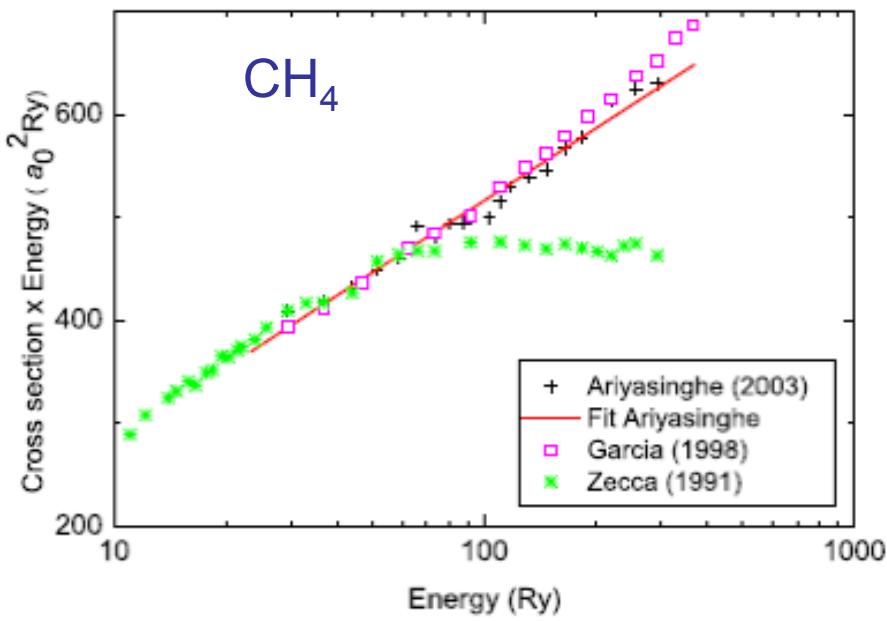
High energies total: in search for additivity rule

$\text{CH}_4, \text{CF}_4, \text{SiH}_4, \dots \text{WF}_6 \rightarrow \text{CH}_2\text{F}_2, \text{SiF}_4 \dots$
 $\rightarrow \text{H}, \text{C}, \text{Si}, \dots \text{W}$



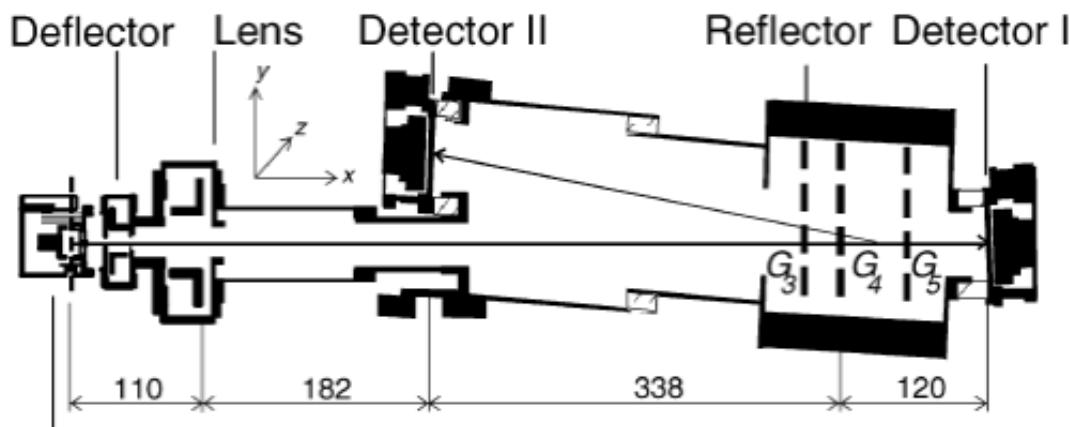
High energy limit (Born-Bethe plot)

$$\sigma(E) = A / E + B \log(E)/E$$

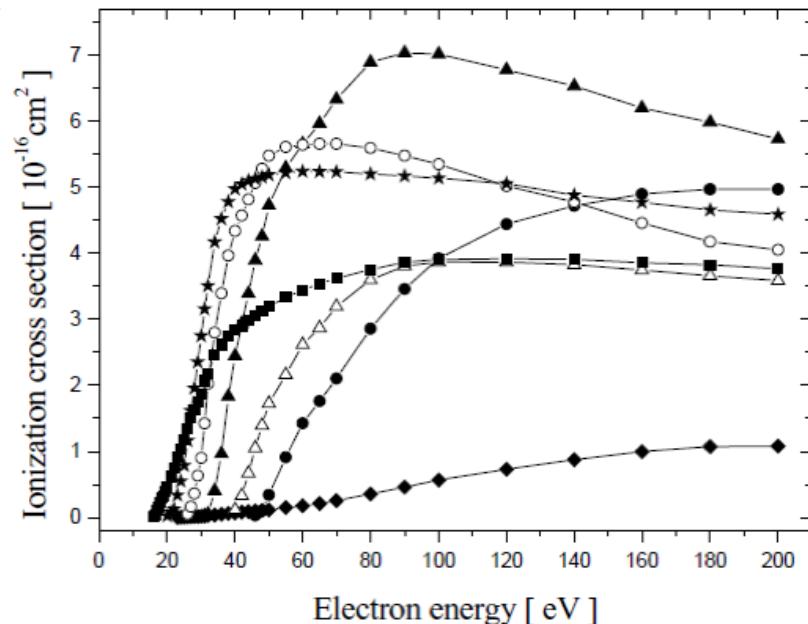


1. Trento experiment was underestimated in high-energy limit (>1000 eV)
2. We still have no idea, how do parameters link to other molecular features

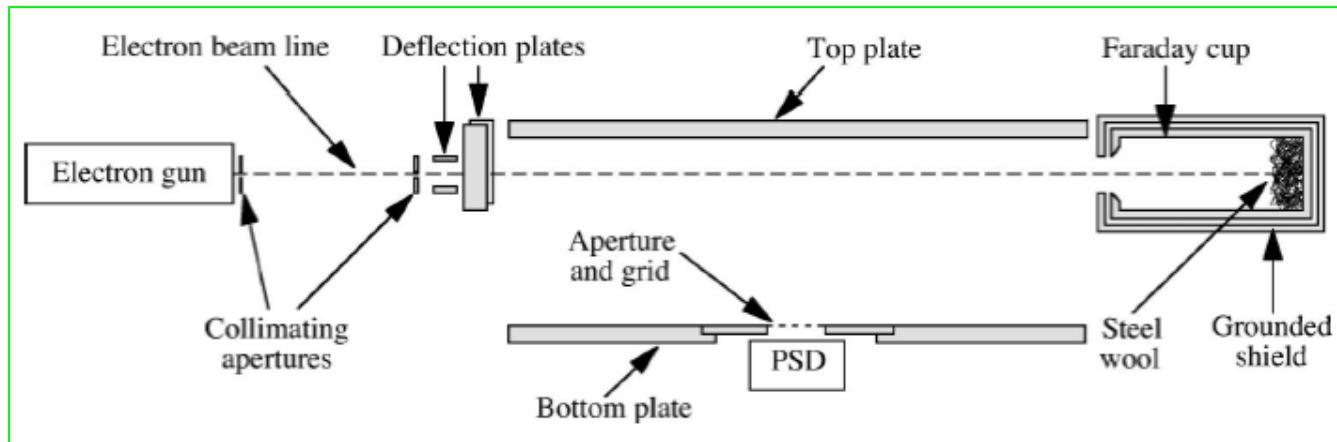
Experimental methods: ionization



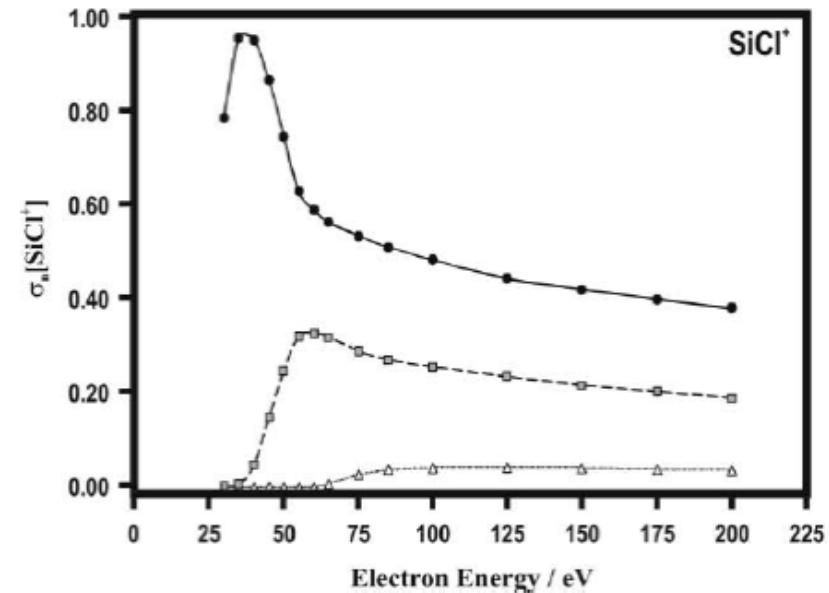
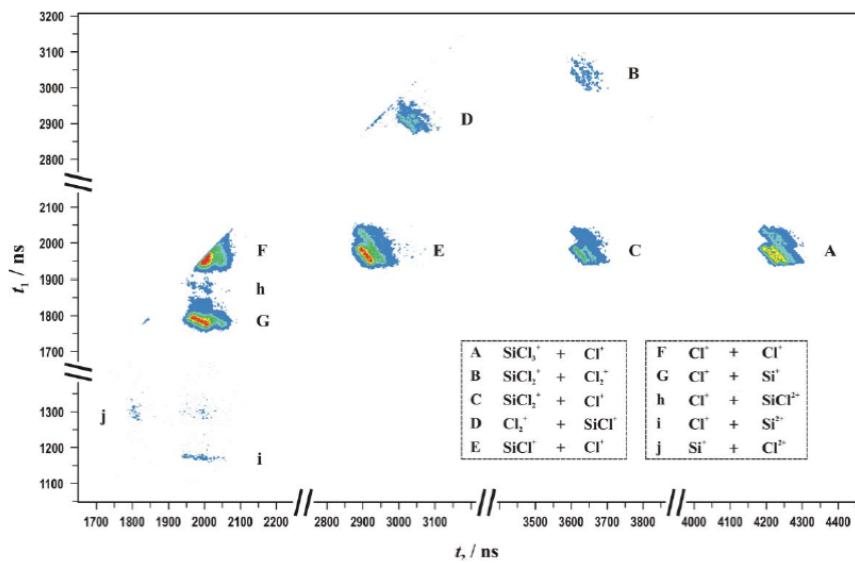
If two ions are formed
(for example $\text{CH}_4 \rightarrow \text{CH}_3^+ + \text{H}^+ + 2e^-$)
the ionization is counted twice



Experimental methods: ionization (2)

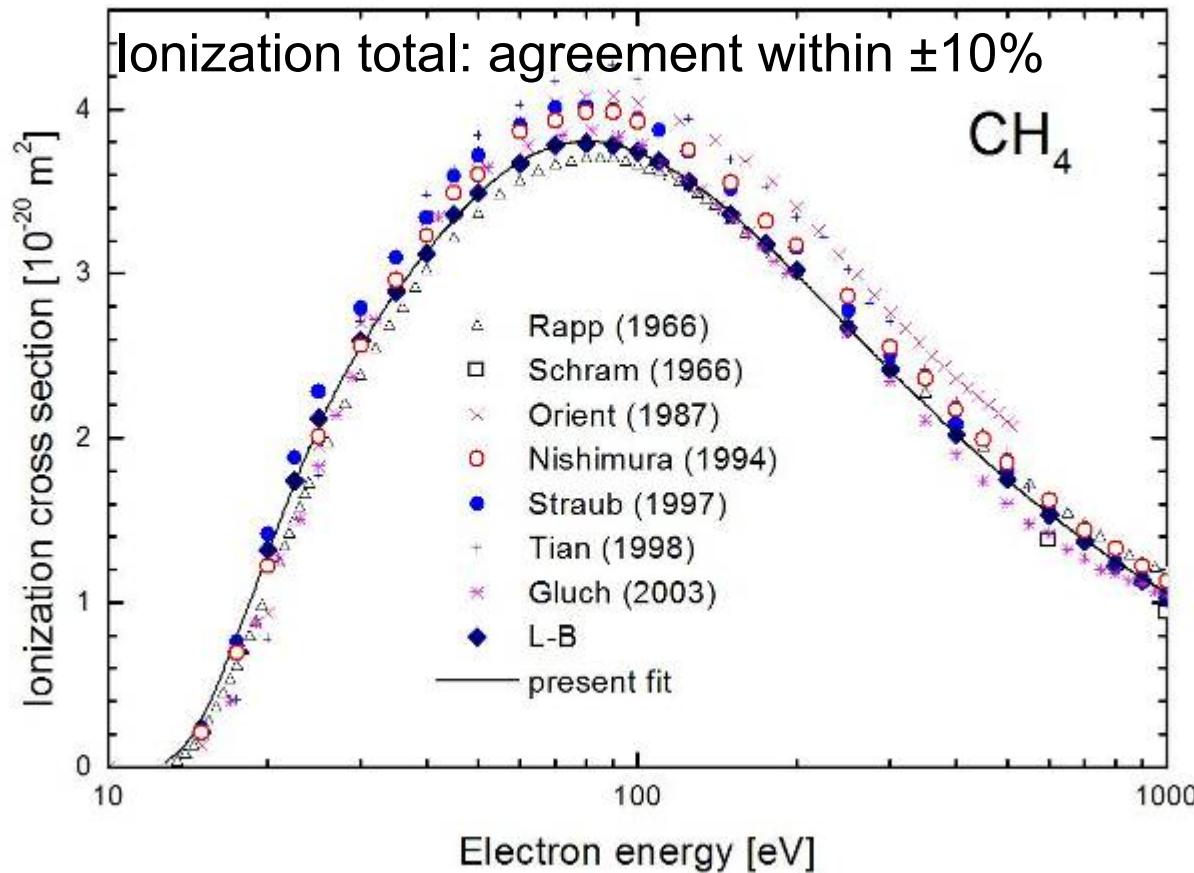


SiCl^+ from single, double, triple ionization of SiCl_4



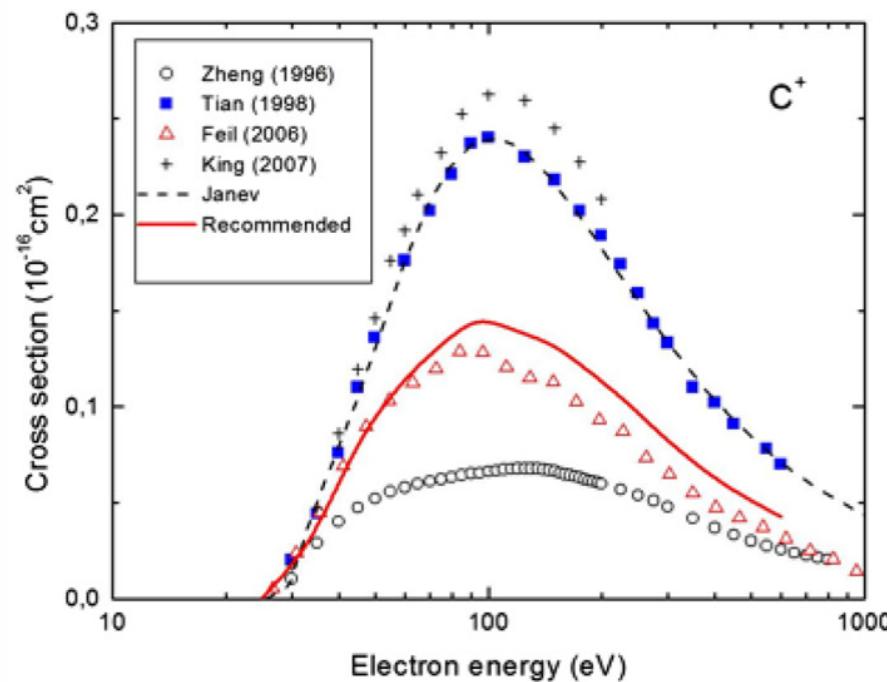
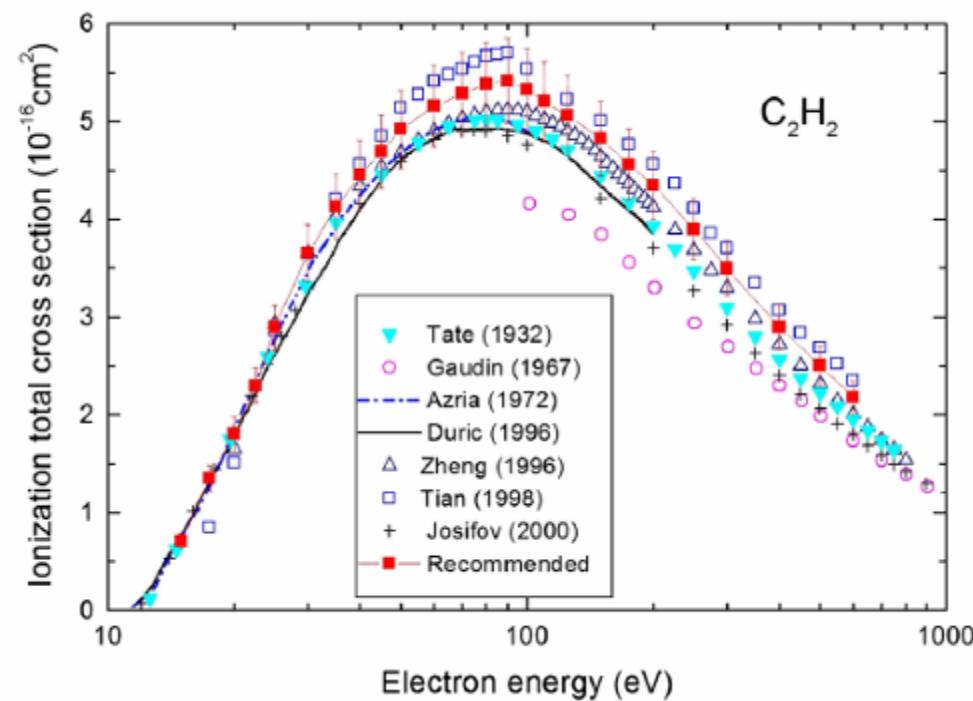
Ionization (excellent!): CH₄

Semi-empirical (BEB model) allows to find-out error in experiments



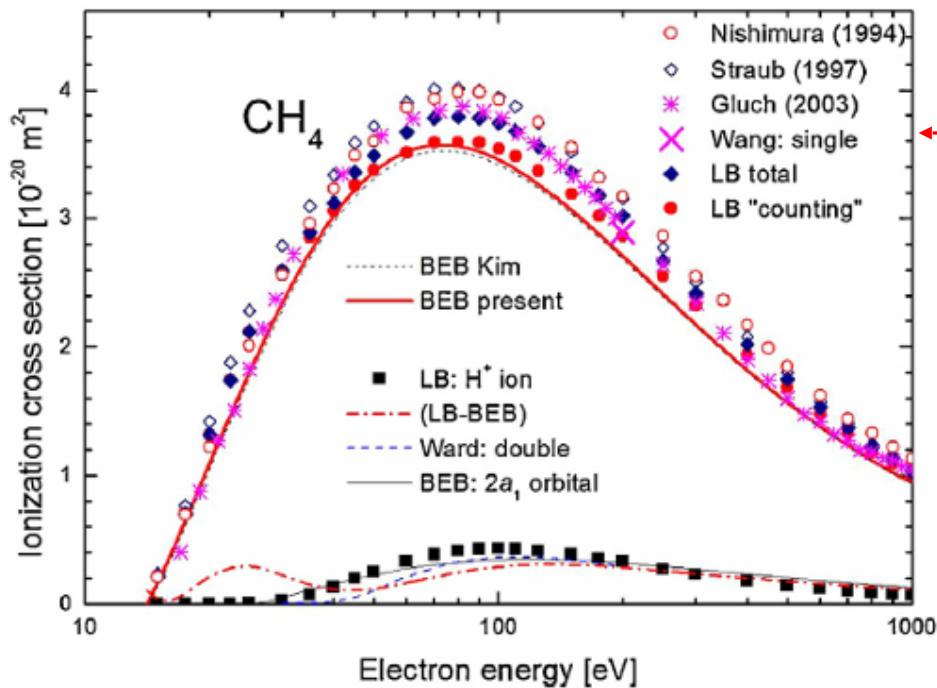
Ionization (fairly good): C₂H₂

We do not know channels via which the fragmentation occurs:
Quantum dynamics is needed



Poor agreement for C⁺ production from e⁻ + CH₄ process: King normalized to Tian

Ionization: BEB formula – check of experiments & prediction



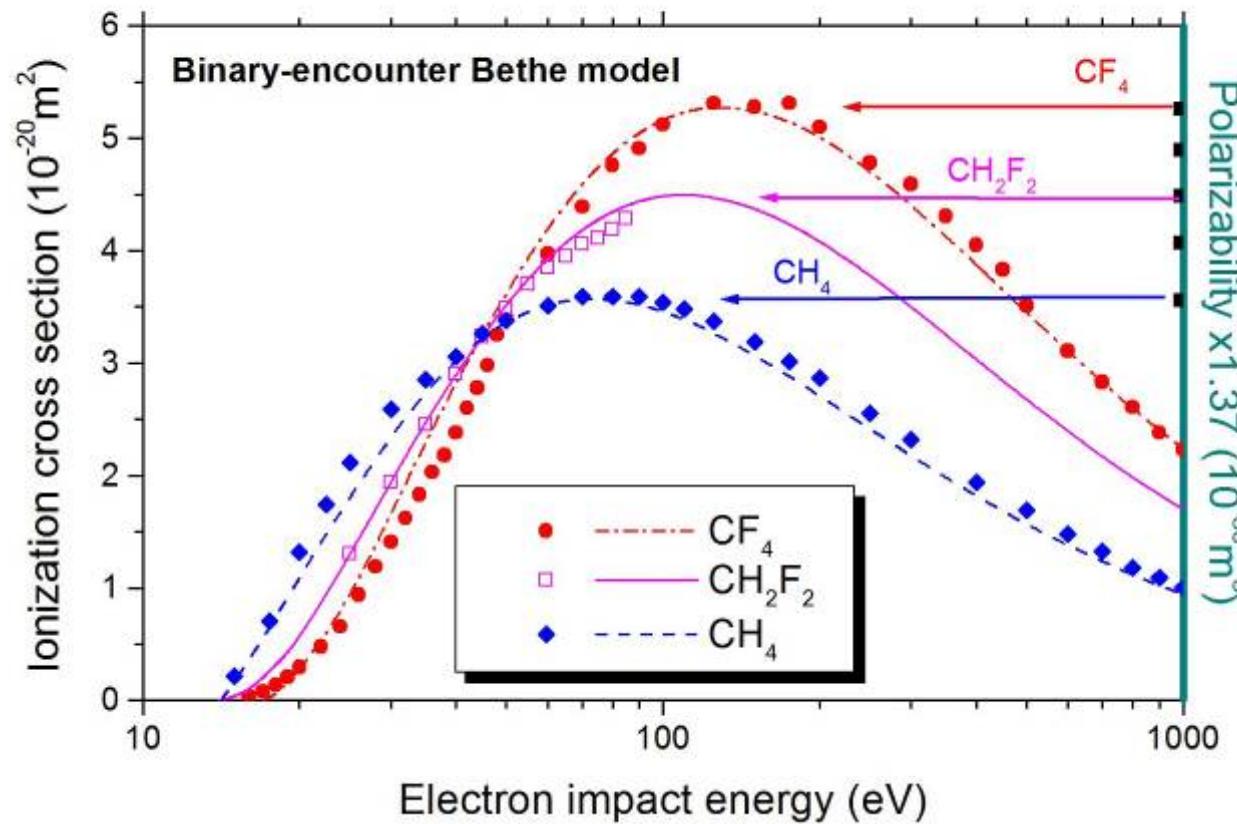
Experiment overestimates the *counting* ionization (due to double counting of the dissociative ionization)

$$\sigma = \sum_n 4\pi a_0^2 \xi_n \left(\frac{R}{I_n} \right)^2 \frac{1}{t + u_n + 1} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{t} + \frac{\ln t}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{t^2} \right) - \frac{\ln t}{t + 1} \right\}$$

Normalized energies: $t = E/I_n$, $u_n = E_{\text{kin}}/I_n$
Only two values needed from Quantum Chemistry

Ionization (BEB): CH_4 , CH_3F , ... CF_4

Scaling observed for the methane analogues



Thumb rule (?)

$$\sigma_{\max} = 4/3 \alpha$$

Ionization (Fe^{+24}): CCC theory

Scalling with the number of electrons?

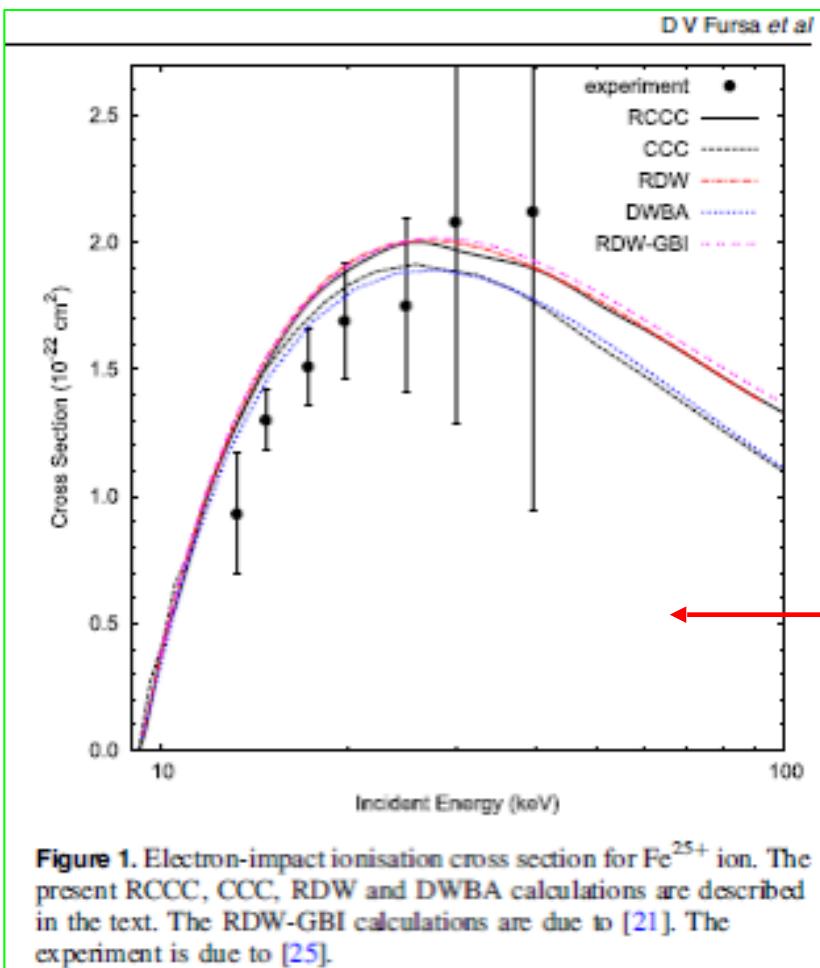


Figure 1. Electron-impact ionisation cross section for Fe^{25+} ion. The present RCCC, CCC, RDW and DWBA calculations are described in the text. The RDW-GBI calculations are due to [21]. The experiment is due to [25].

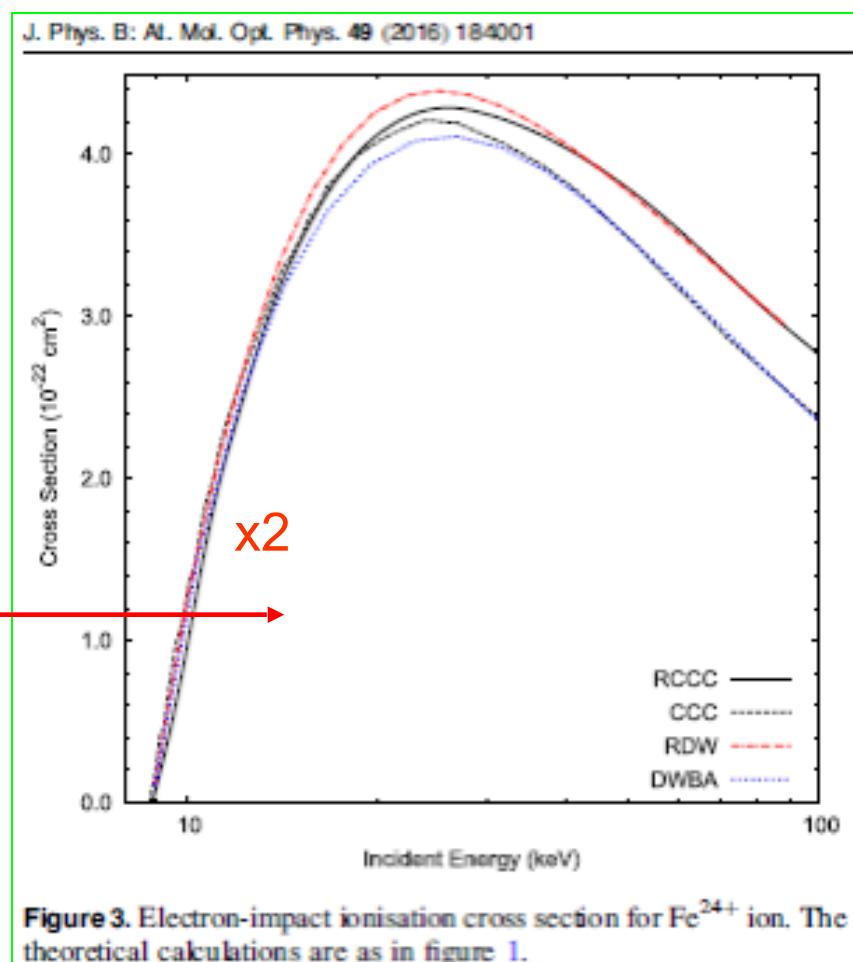
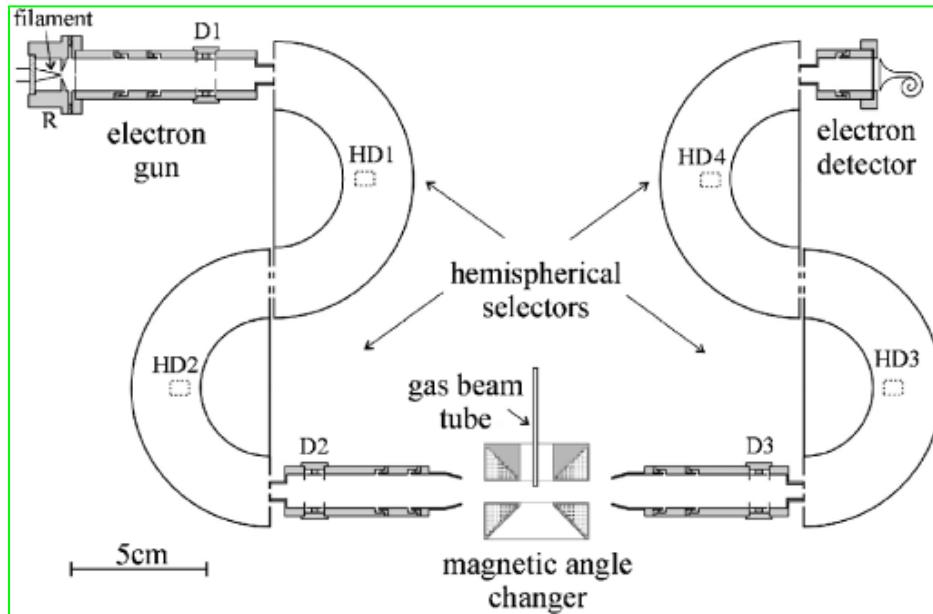


Figure 3. Electron-impact ionisation cross section for Fe^{24+} ion. The theoretical calculations are as in figure 1.

Experimental methods: excitation (electronic, vibrational)

These are difficult experiments: require careful normalization and extrapolation
→ uncertainty >20%

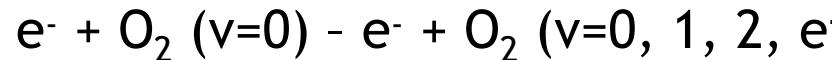
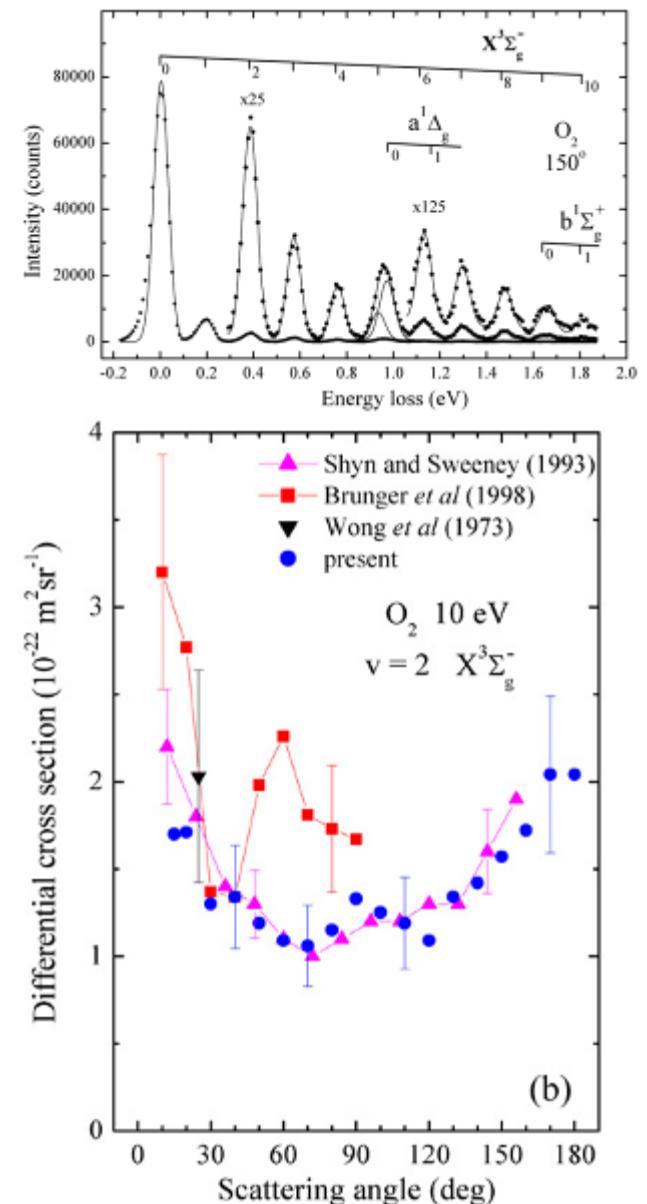


Experiments by:

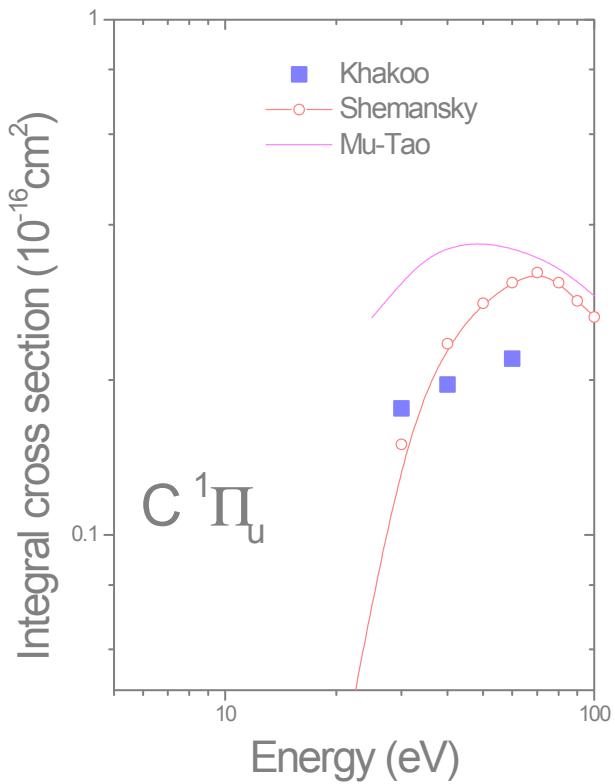
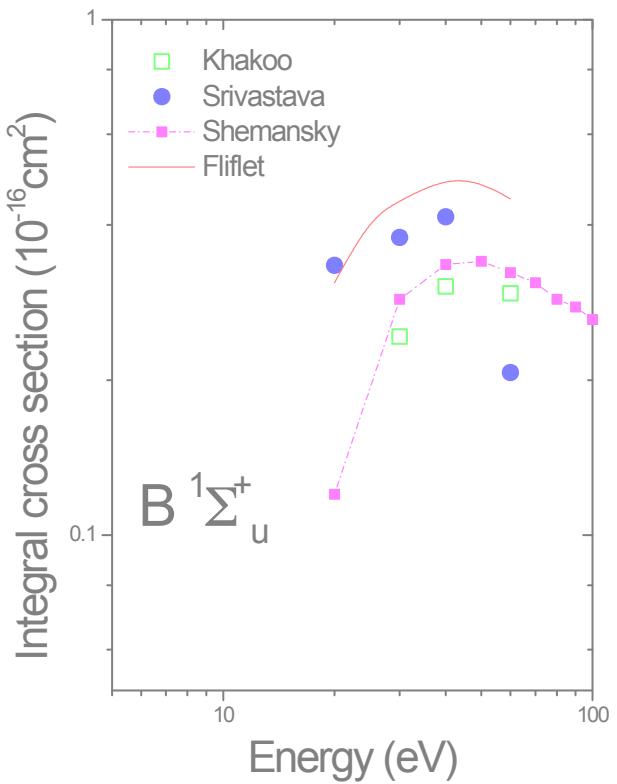
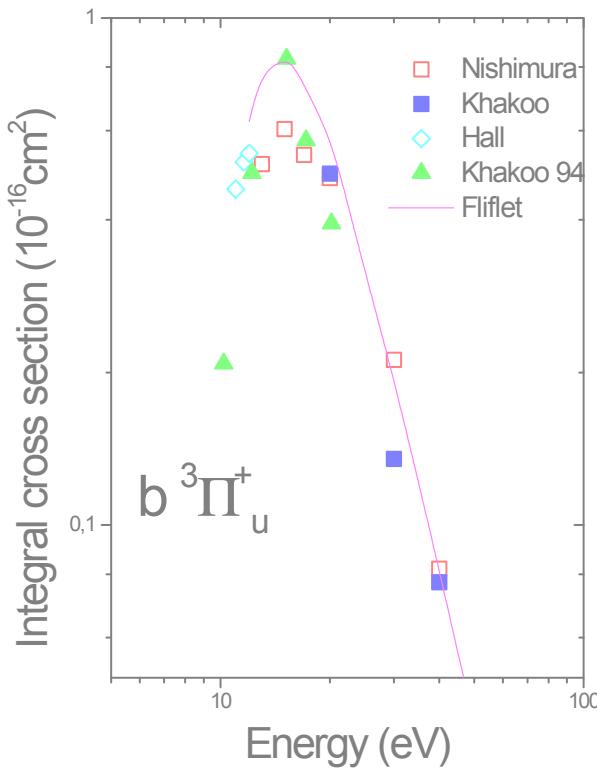
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Electronic excitation H_2 : state of art in 1996



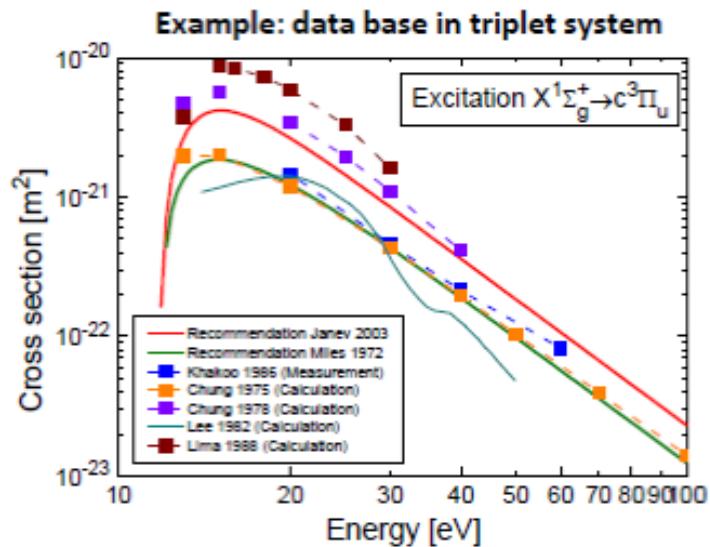
Electronic excitation: H₂ (experiment)

Molecular emission in negative hydrogen ion sources for fusion

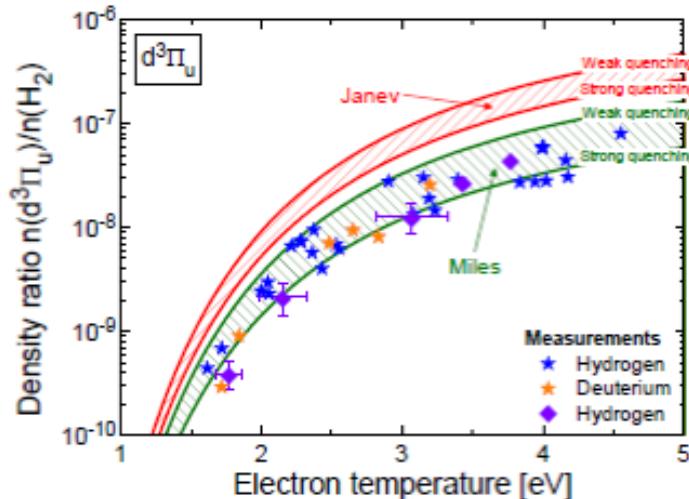


Collisional radiative model for H and for H₂: Yacora

Important parameter: density ratio H/H₂ obtained from the intensity ratio H_y / Fulcher band

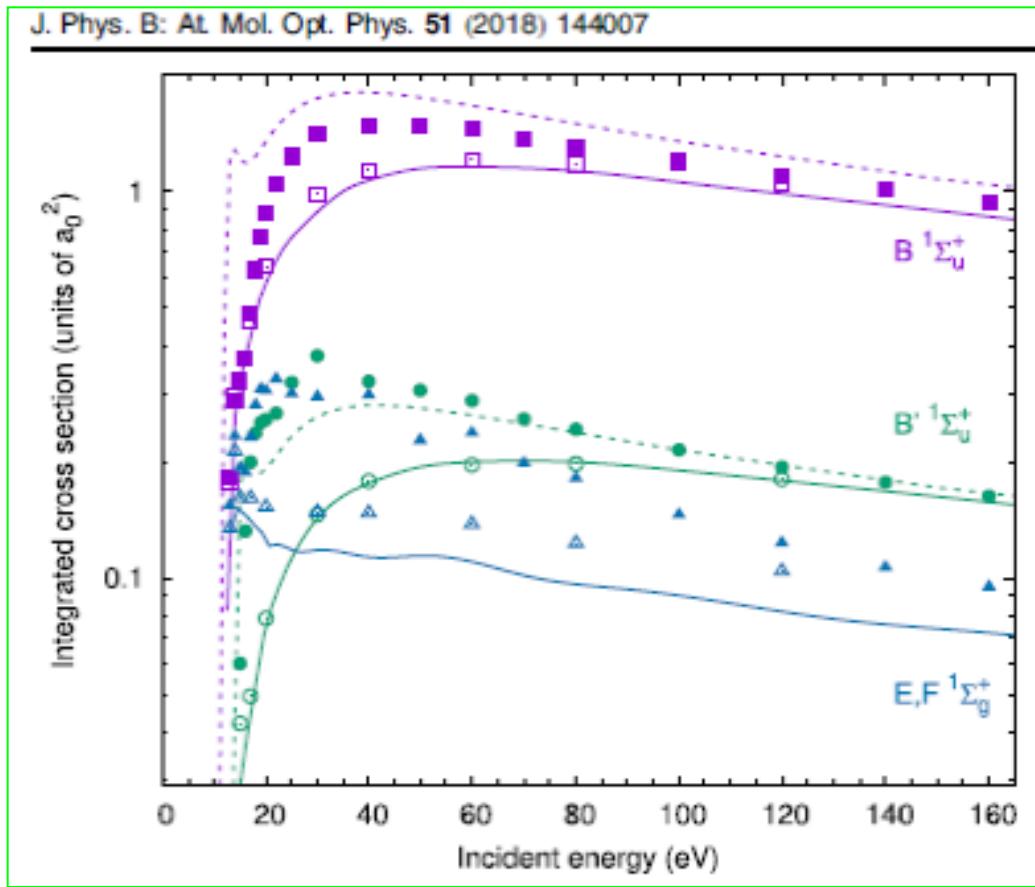


Benchmark with experiments:
better agreement for
the semi-empiric Miles data
but
uncertainty of a factor of 3 remains



Differences by 5-folds

Electronic excitation: H₂ (theory)

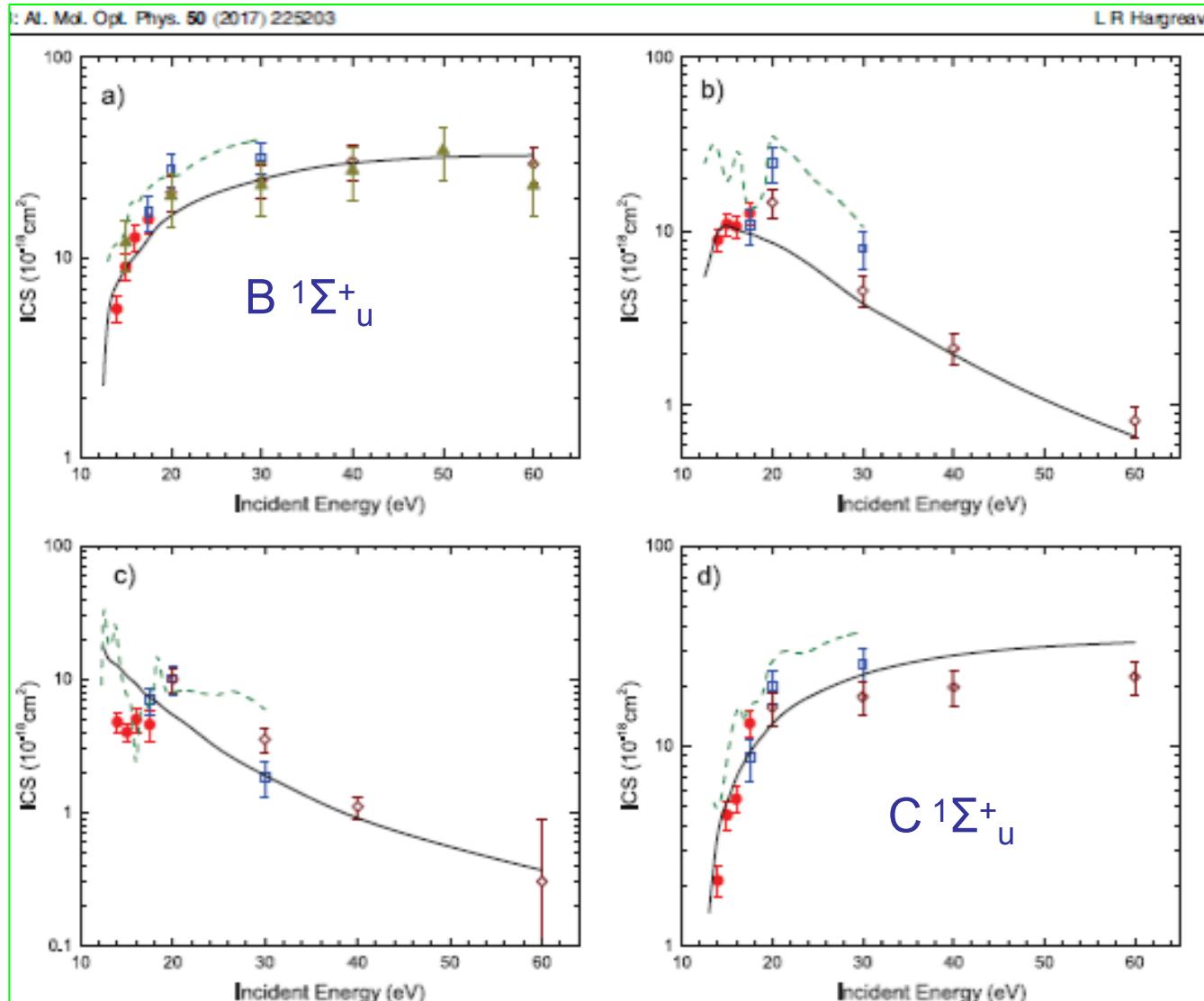


Agreement within error bar with experiments

Convergent close coupling:

J. K. Tapley,.. D. Fursa, I. Bray, J. Phys. B 51 (2018) 144007

Electronic excitation: H₂ (theory)



Electronic excitation: CH_4

Electronic excitation: reasonable agreement between dissociation into-neutrals experiment and R-Matrix calculation but theory shifted down in energy by 3 eV

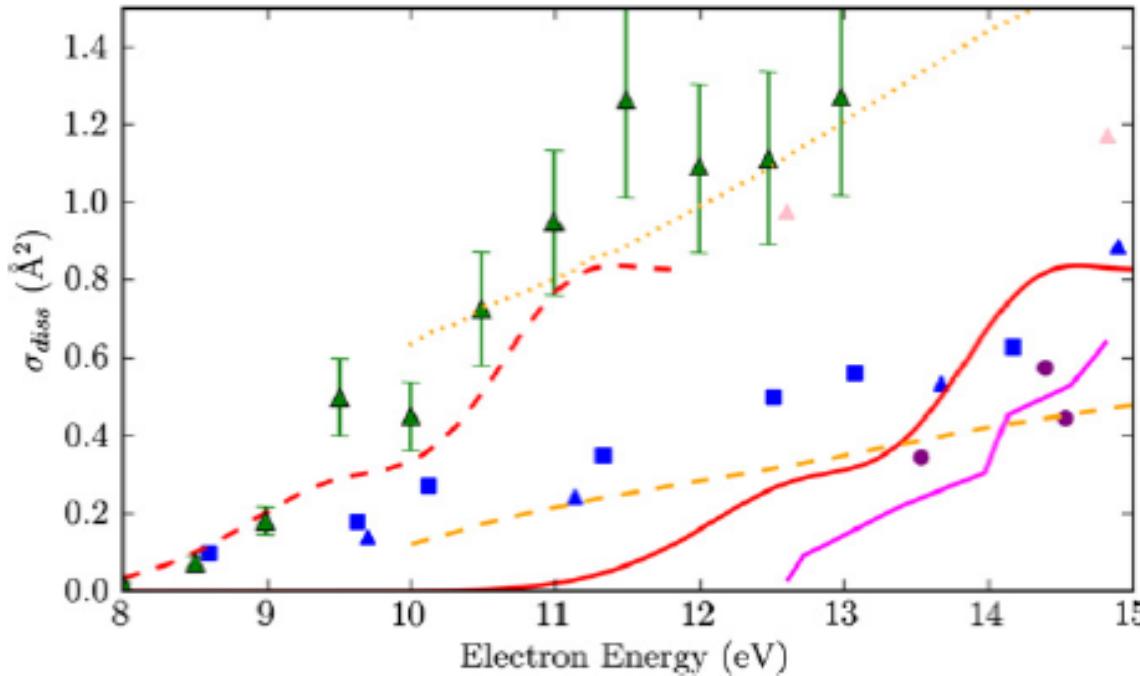
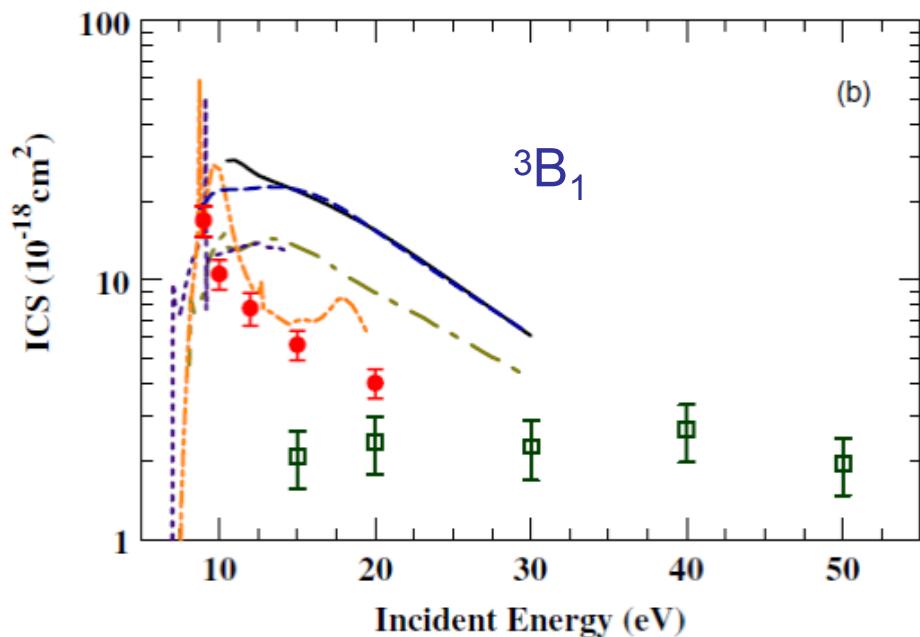
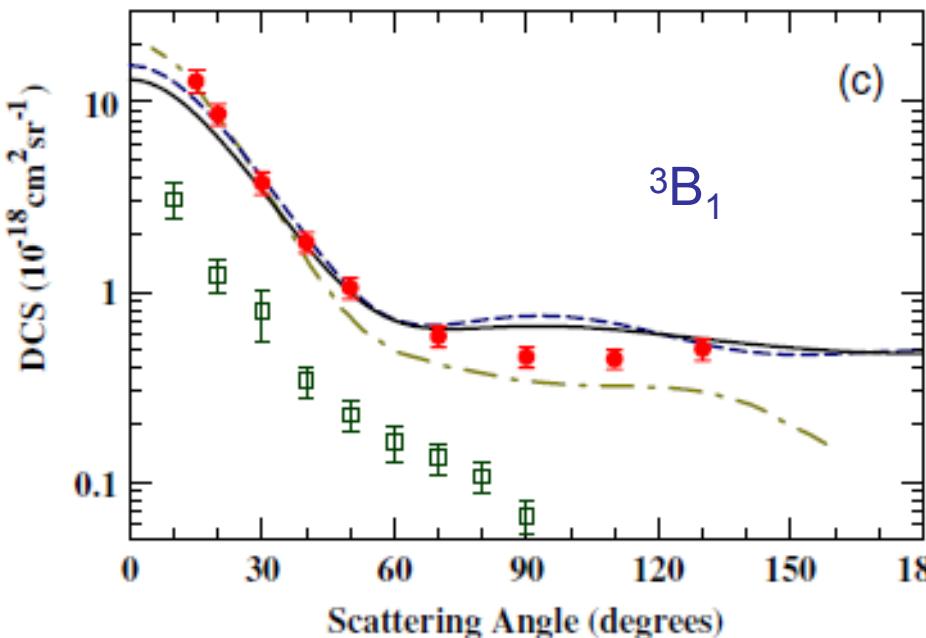


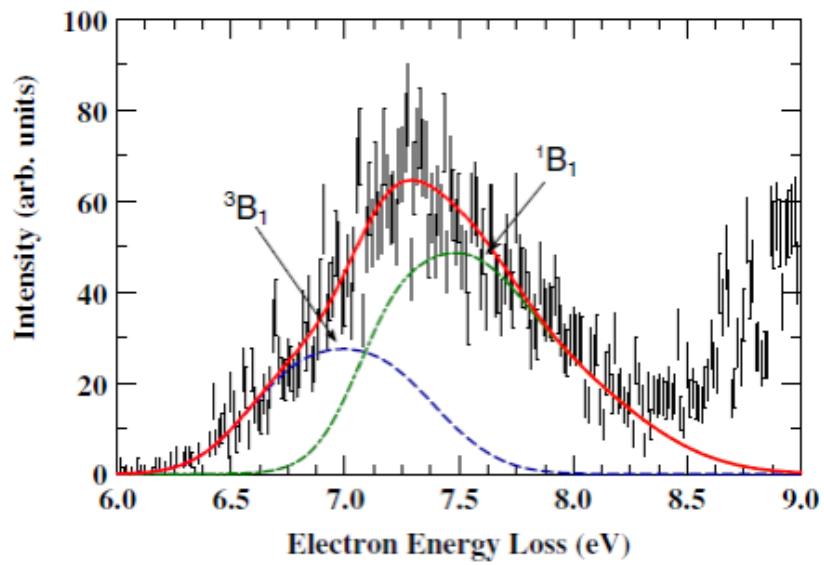
Figure 13. Electron impact dissociation cross section. Theory: red solid line: present work; red dashed line: present work, shifted to lower energy by 3.2 eV; purple solid line: Hayashi (1991); orange dashed line: CH_2 of Ziolkowski *et al* (2012); orange dotted line: CH_3 of Ziolkowski *et al* (2012). Experiment: blue squares: CH_2 of Nakano *et al* (1991); blue triangles: CH_3 of Nakano *et al* (1991); green triangles: CH_3 of Makochekanwa *et al* (2006); pink triangles: CH_3 of Motlagh and Moore (1998); purple circles: Winters (1975).

Electronic excitation: H_2O

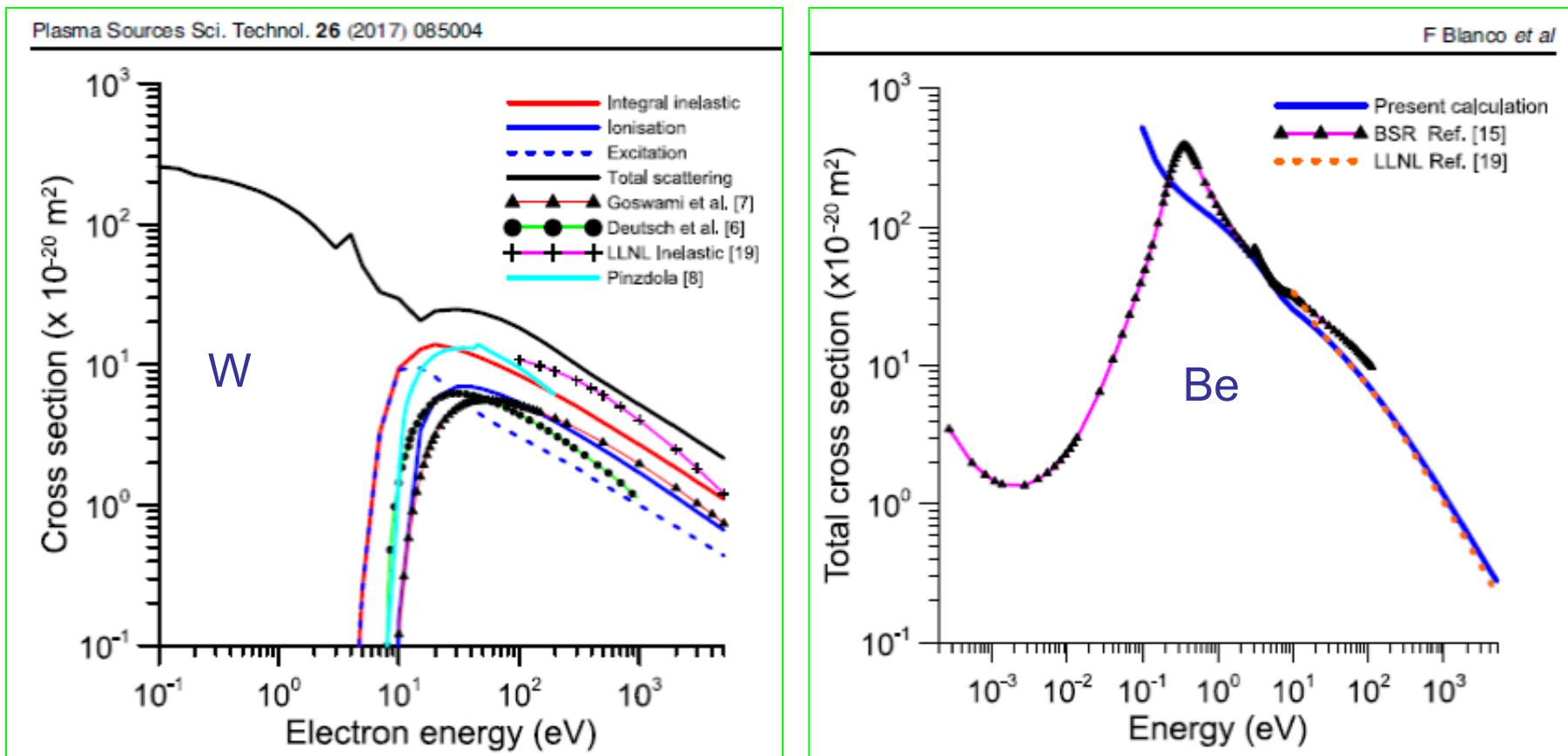


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Reason for discrepancy: wrongly resolved energy-loss spectra

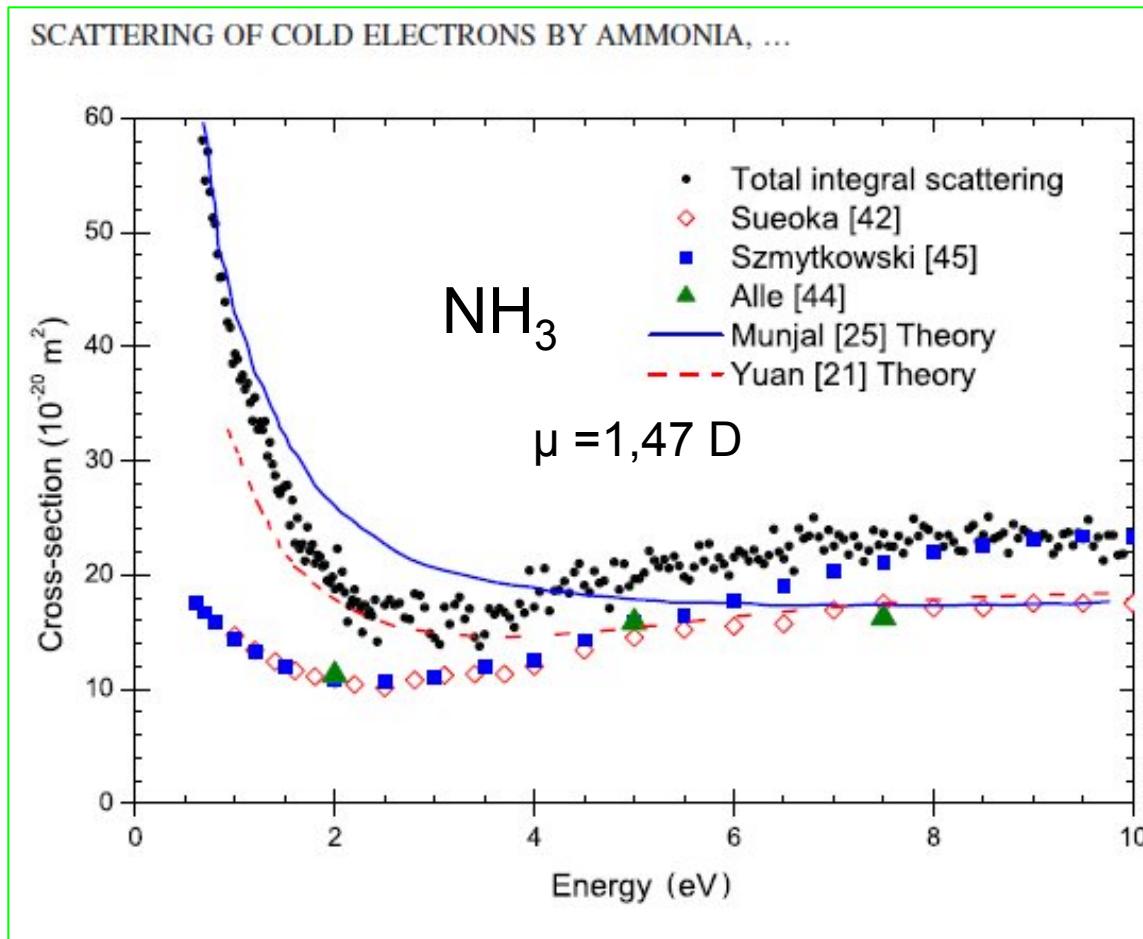


Tungsten, berillium (model potentials)



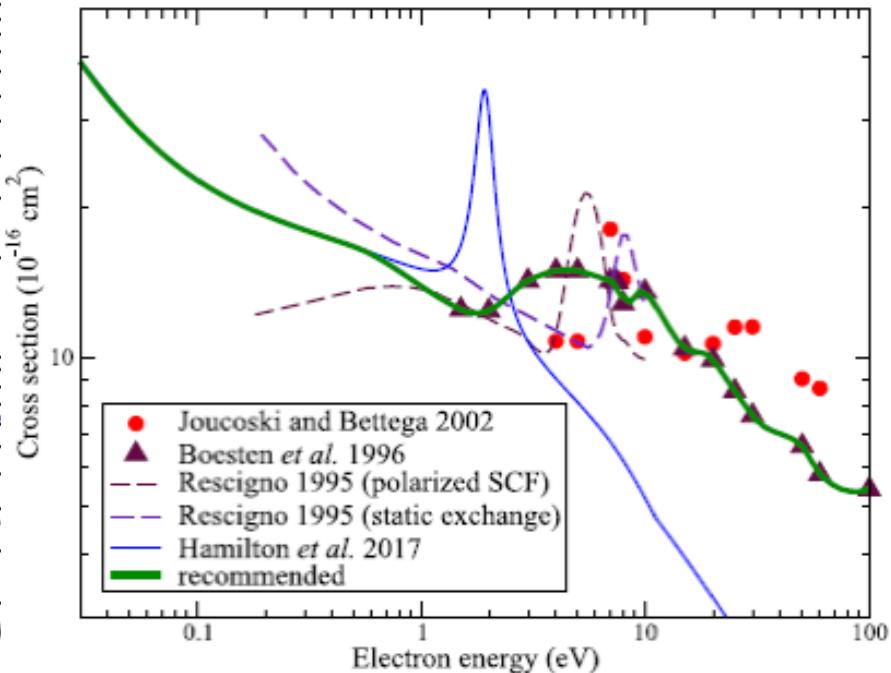
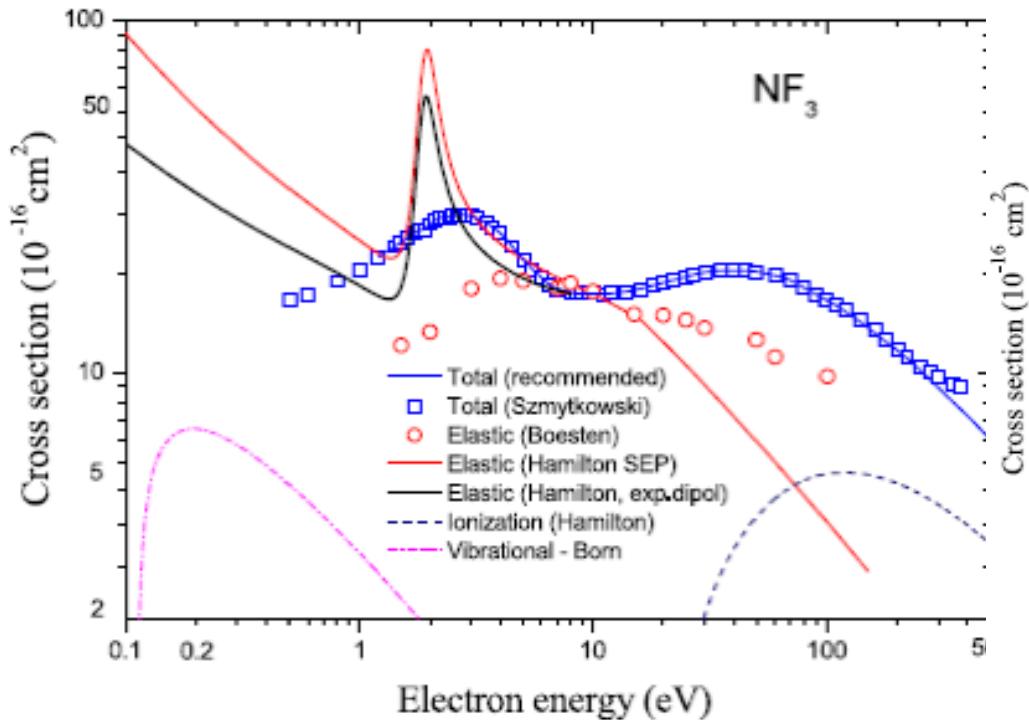
[15] Zatsarinny (2015)

ITER-like: NH₃ total cross section



A serious disagreement between different beam experiments
Gdańsk TU and synchronous-radiation very low energy data (Jones)

Weakly polar (NF_3)



Poor agreement between experiment total, theory and swarm-derived momentum cross sections (and no MERT developed)

Total $e^+ + H_2O$: ANU measurements

Recent „corrected” ANU & Trento [Zecca] do not agree

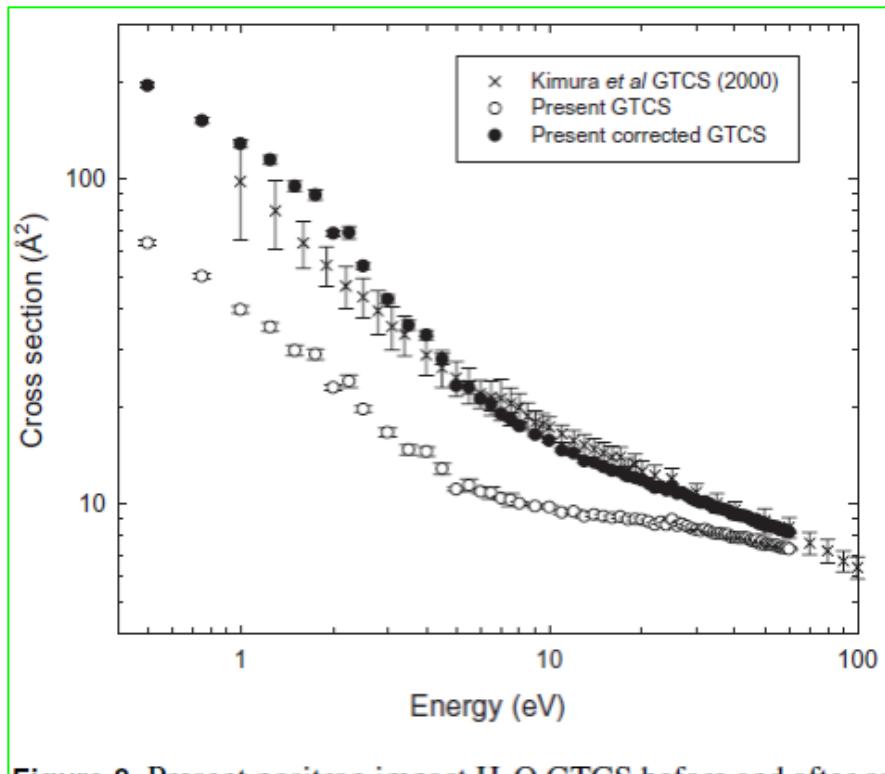


Figure 8. Present positron impact H_2O GTCS before and after co

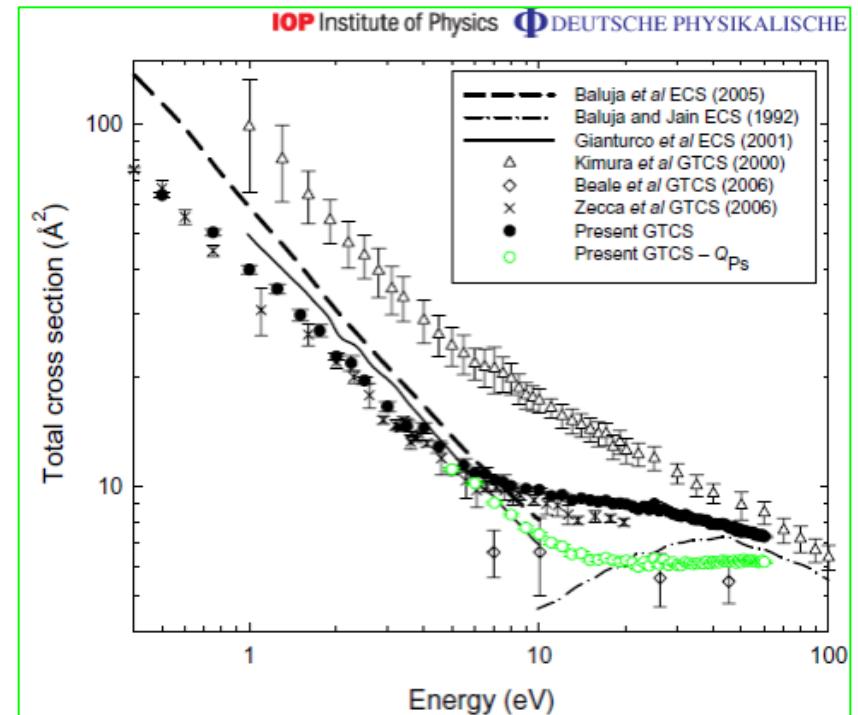


Figure 1. Present positron impact H_2O GTCS and GTCS – O_{ps} c

Difference by almost a factor of 3x

Polar molecules (aceton): low energies

- Experiment (total): angular resolution error
- Similar errors in other polar molecules including NH_3 , H_2O
- Theory: two models (Schwinger multichannel + Born and Independent Atoms) differ much!

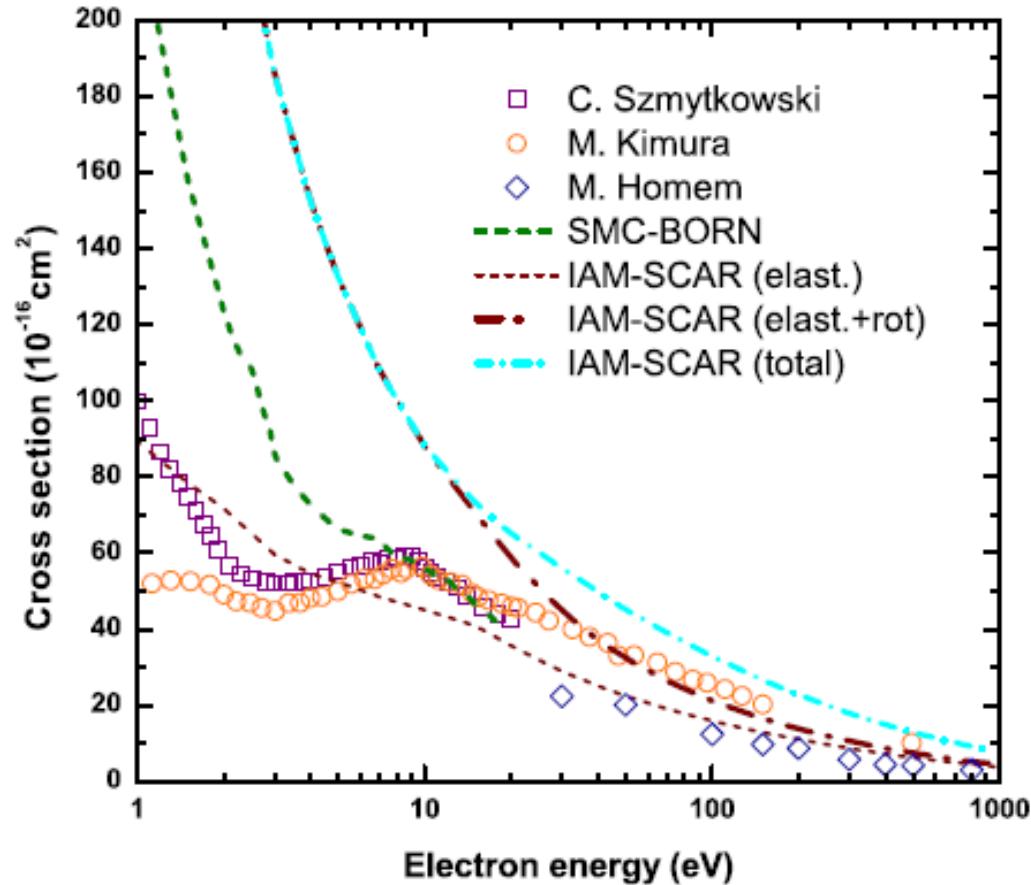
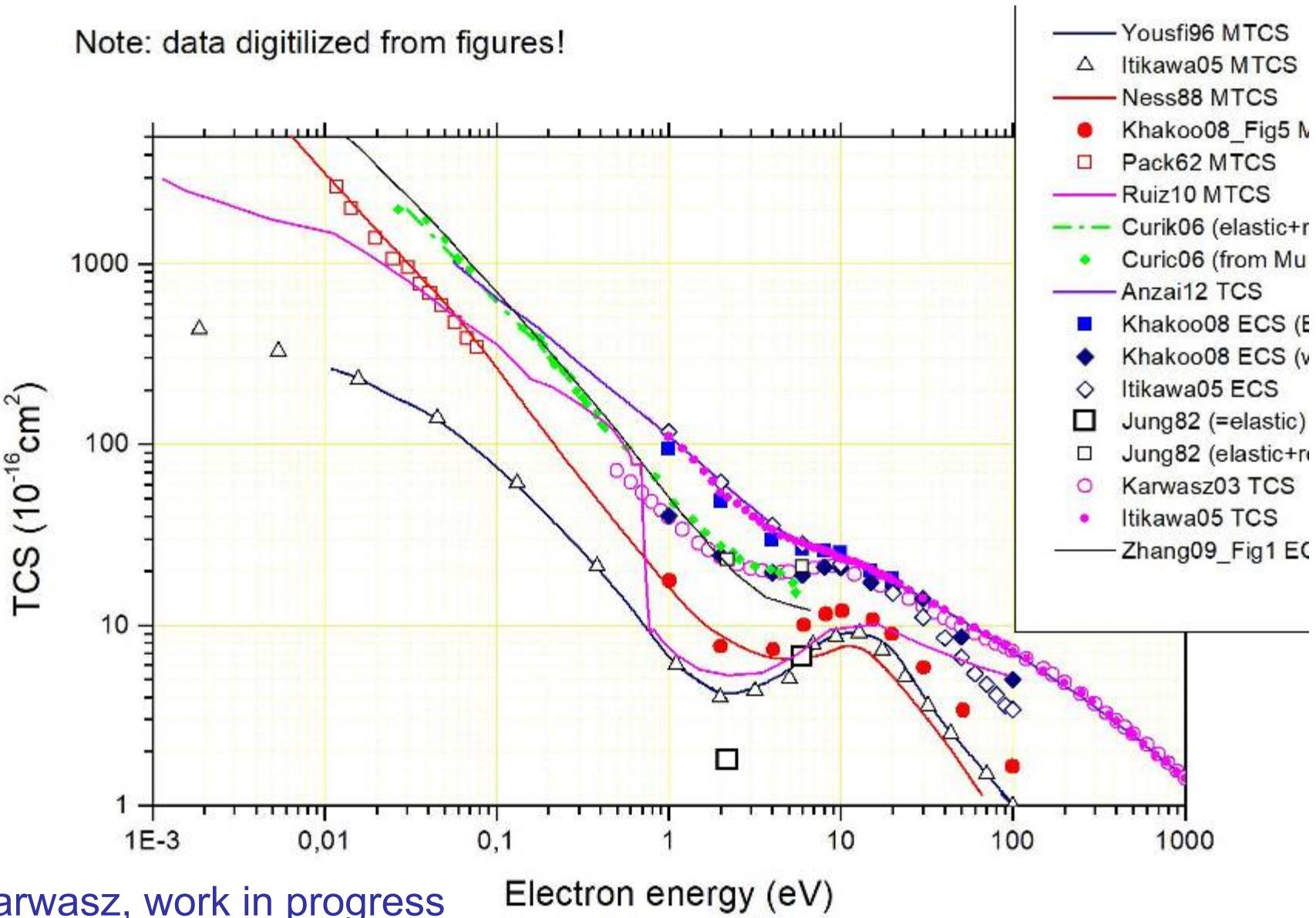


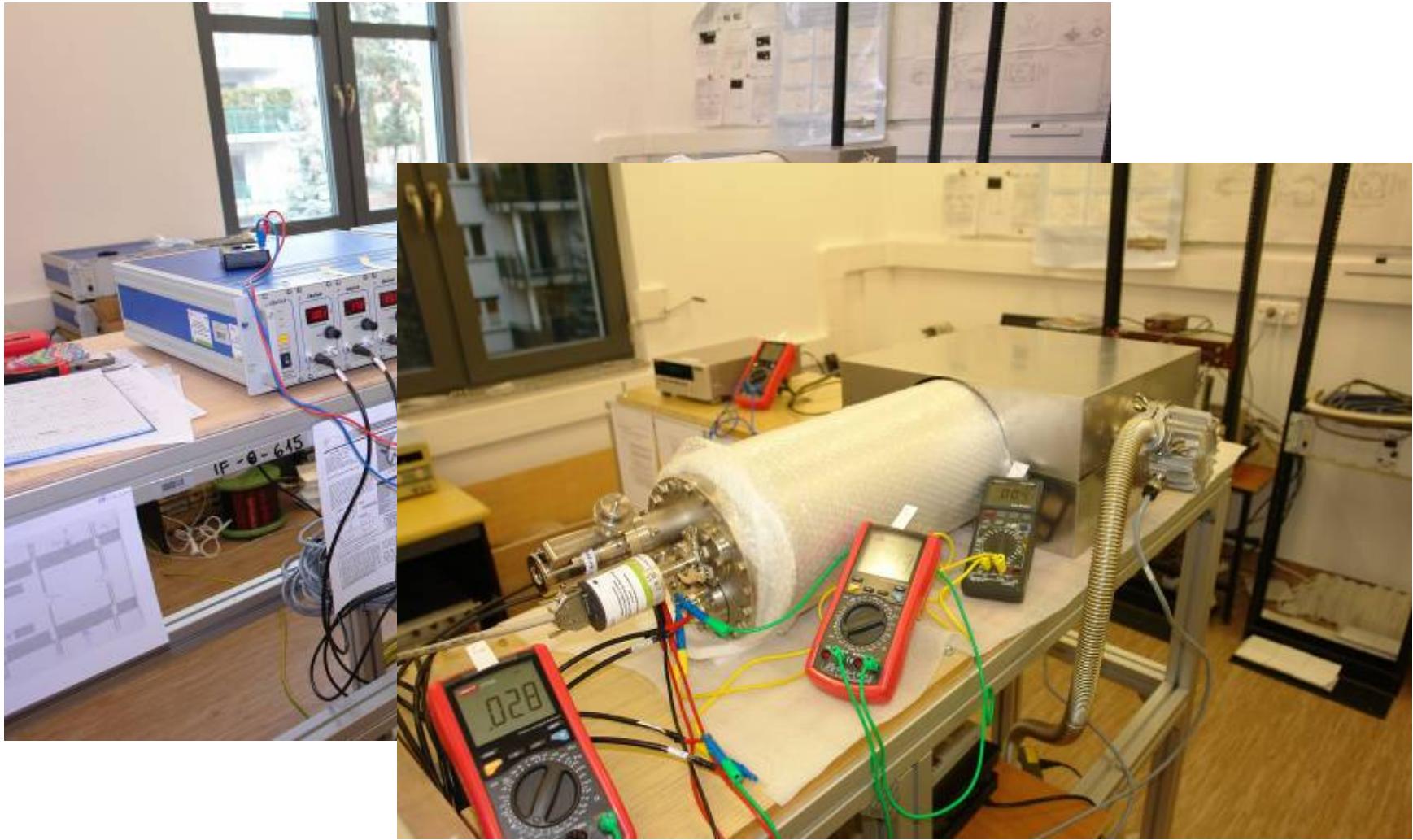
FIG. 2. Integral cross section for electron collisions with acetone. Our SMC-SEP results with Born-closure procedure, dashed line; total cross section of Szmytkowski [15], squares; total cross section of Kimura *et al.* [16], circles; integral cross section of Homem *et al.* [18], diamonds.

Total $e^- + H_2O$: state of art

Note: data digitized from figures!



Work in progress (Toruń lab)



A set for very-low energy total cross sections on polar molecules

Some pending ideas:

- Still no matching between cross sections from different methods (swarm, beam) in important ITER-like targets like NH₃, W – compounds etc.
- Semi-empirical models still in use:
 - in ionization total
 - in ionization partial (?)
 - in total at high energies (a possible additivity rule)
 - in total at very low energies (MERT) – but only spherical
 - in vibrational outside resonances (i.e. near threshold)
 - in polar molecules - search for scaling at low energies (?)
- **significant progress in theory has been done**

Optimistic resumé: excellent state of art is $e^+ + H_2$ (total, Ps, ionization)

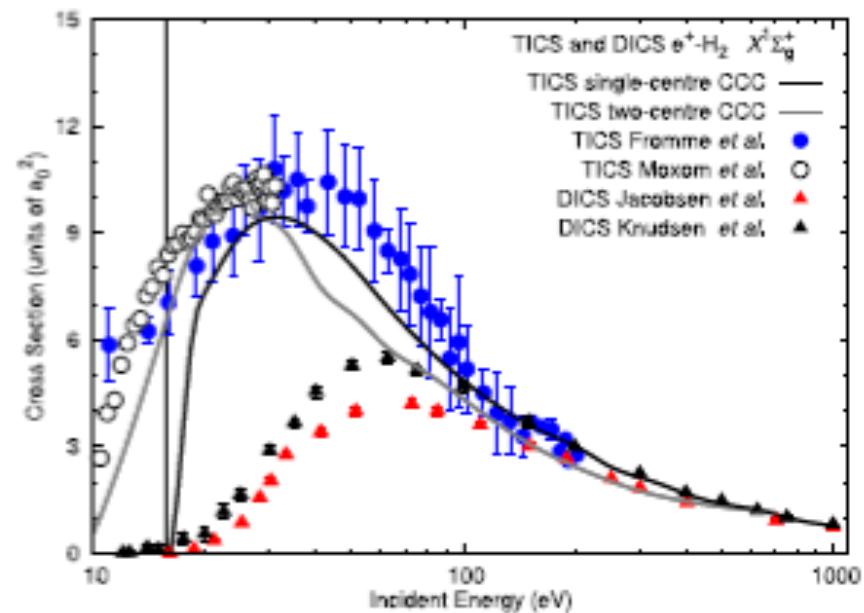
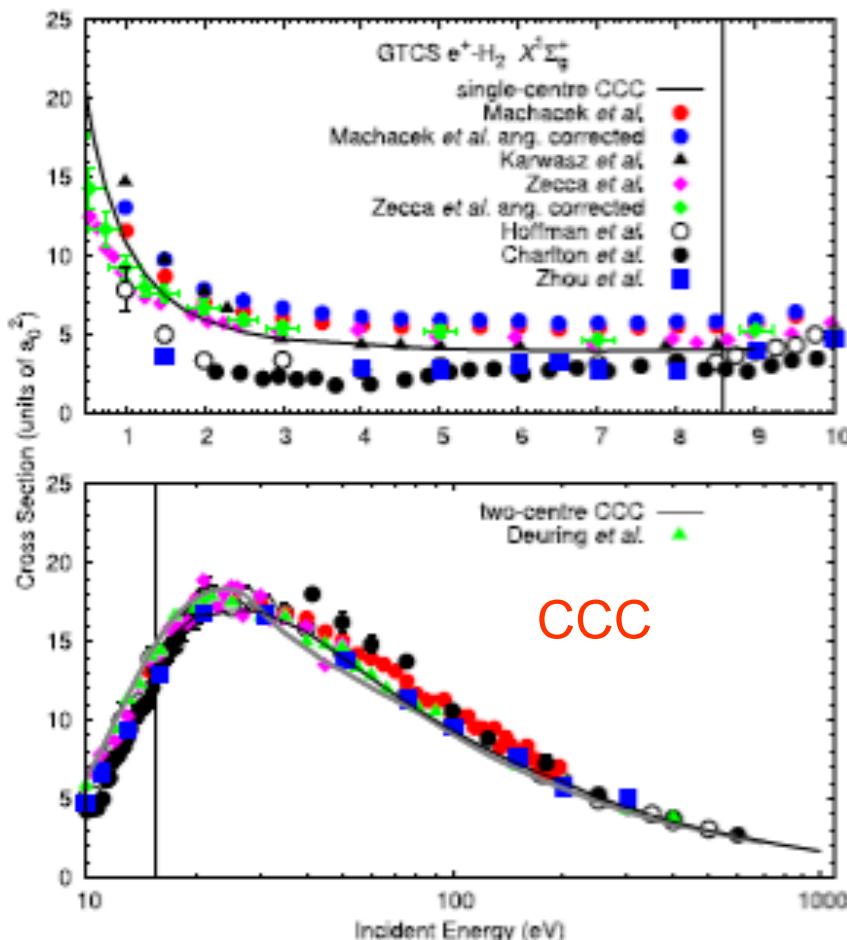


Figure 10. CCC results of the total (single) ionisation cross section (TICS) for positron scattering from the ground state of H_2 . The mean internuclear distance $R_m = 1.448 a_0$ single-centre CCC (present) TICS are compared with the $R_0 = 1.4 a_0$ two-centre CCC TICS [109], the measurements of Fromme *et al* [128] and Moxom *et al* [129], and the direct ionisation cross section (DICS) measured by Jacobsen *et al* [130] and Knudsen *et al* [131]. The dashed-dotted vertical line at 15.4 eV indicates the ionisation threshold of H_2 in the ground state.

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