

# Evaluated electron and positron-molecule scattering data for modelling particle transport in the energy range 0-10000 eV

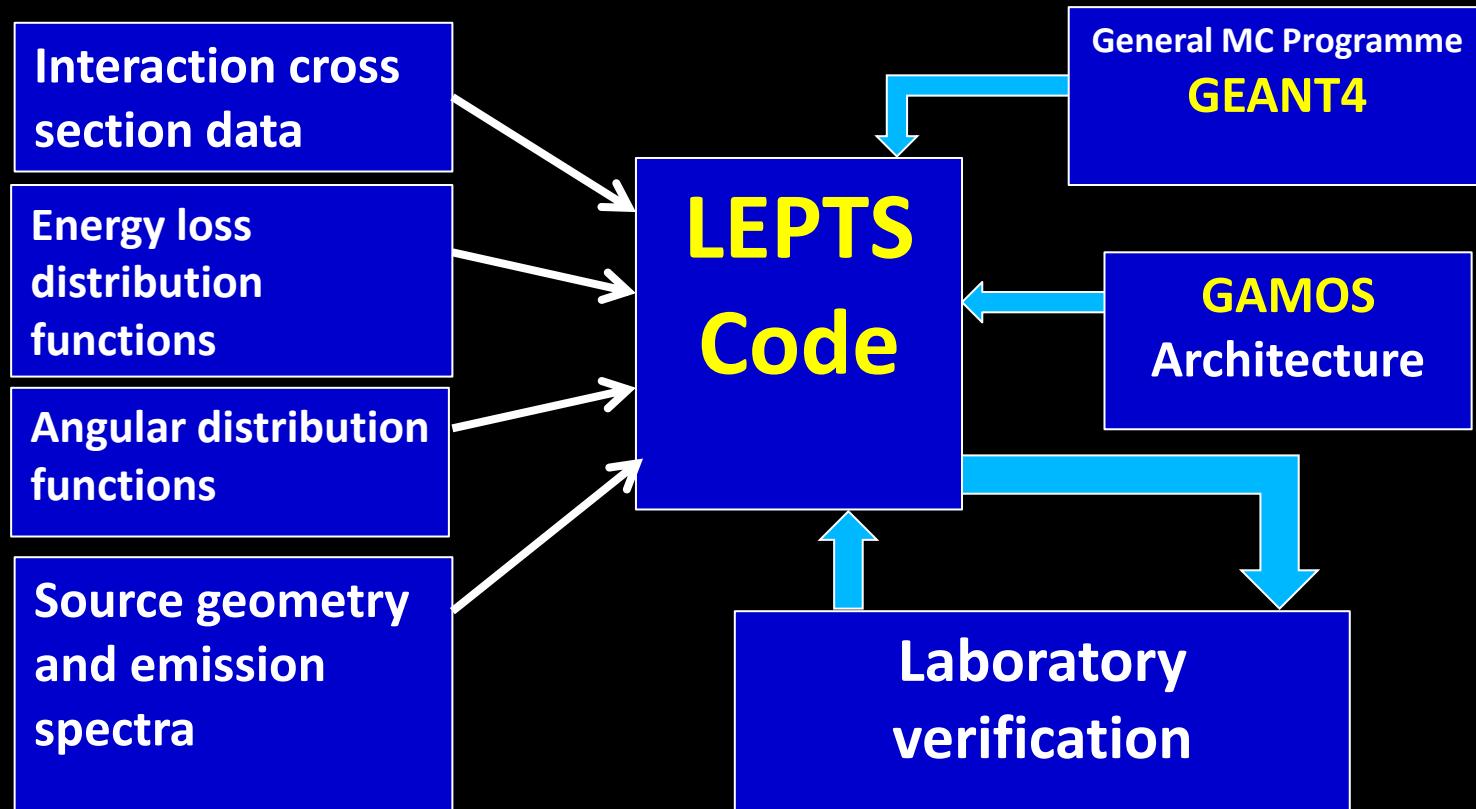
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# Modelling tools for molecular data validation

- High energy ( $E > 10$  keV) primary radiation (photons, electrons and ions):  
GEometry ANd Tracking4 (GEANT4)
- Low energy ( $E < 10$  keV) secondary particles (electrons, positrons and radicals):  
Low Energy Particle Track Simulation (LEPTS)

# Modelling procedure to validate interaction data in molecular media



# Input data

- High energy photons and ions:  
(Literature: Evaluated Data Bases)
- High energy ( $>10\text{keV}$ ) electrons/positrons :  
(First Born approximation- Bethe surfaces)
- Low energy electron, positrons and radicals :  
(Evaluated theoretical and experimental data- EPEDAT)

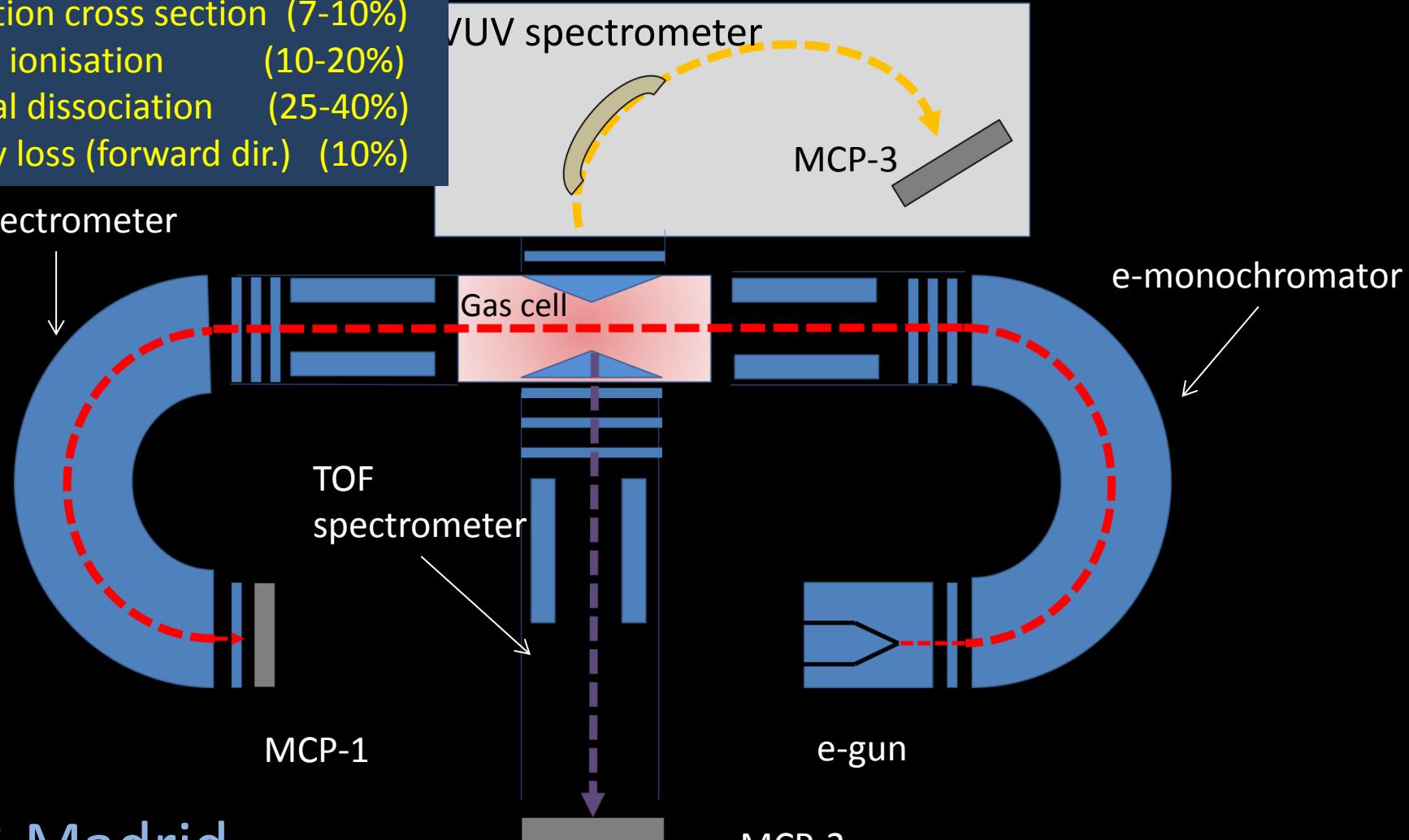
# Electron and positron evaluated data

## EPEDAT

- Experimental sources:
  - Electron and positron scattering with molecules: CSIC, Flinders University (FU), Universidade Nova de Lisboa (UNL), Sophia University (SU), Australian National University (ANU)
  - Electron transfer to molecules: CSIC, New University of Lisbon (UNL)
- Theoretical methods:
  - Electron and positron scattering with molecules: CSIC (IAM-SCAR), Open University (R-matrix), University of Innsbruck (Single-Centre Expansion)

# Beam-gas experiments-1

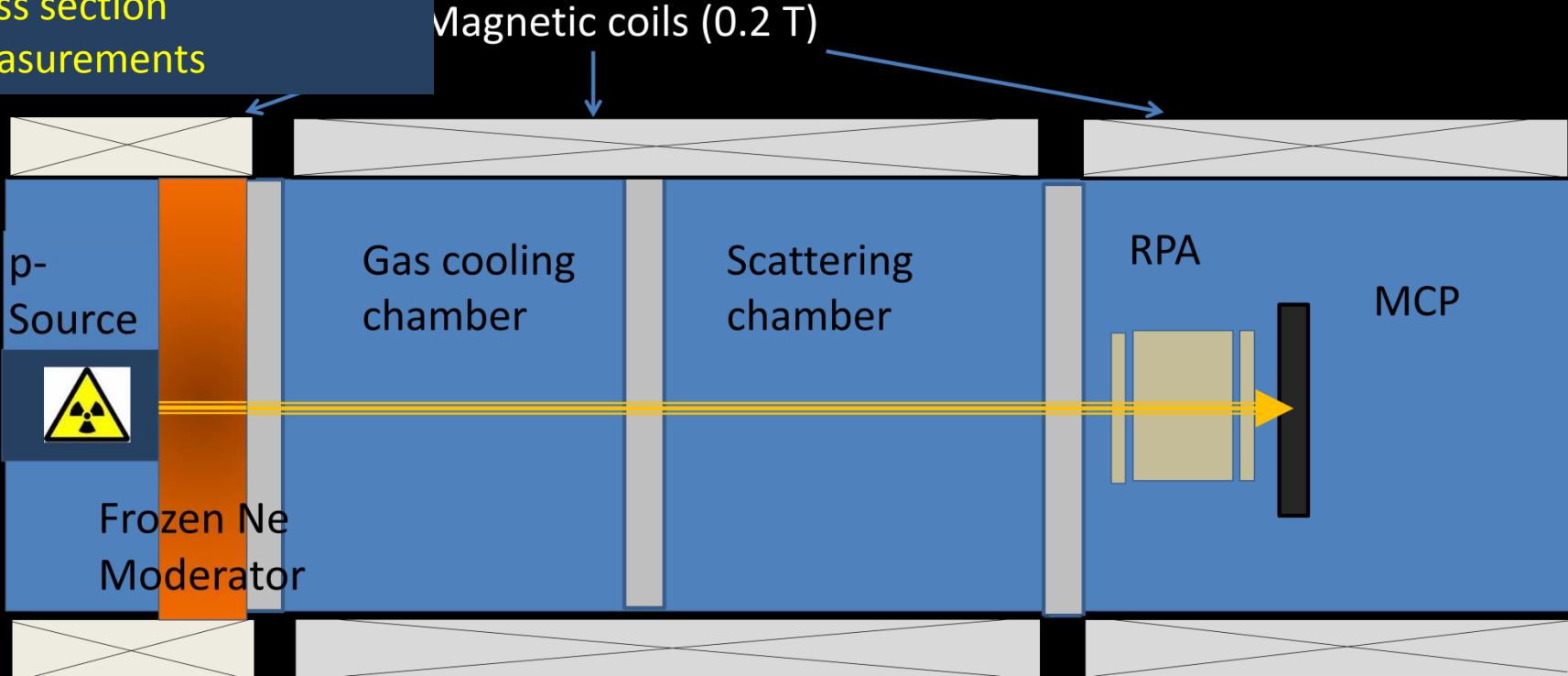
Total cross sections (5-7%)  
Ionisation cross section (7-10%)  
Partial ionisation (10-20%)  
Neutral dissociation (25-40%)  
Energy loss (forward dir.) (10%)



# Beam-gas experiments-2

e/p magnetically confined beam

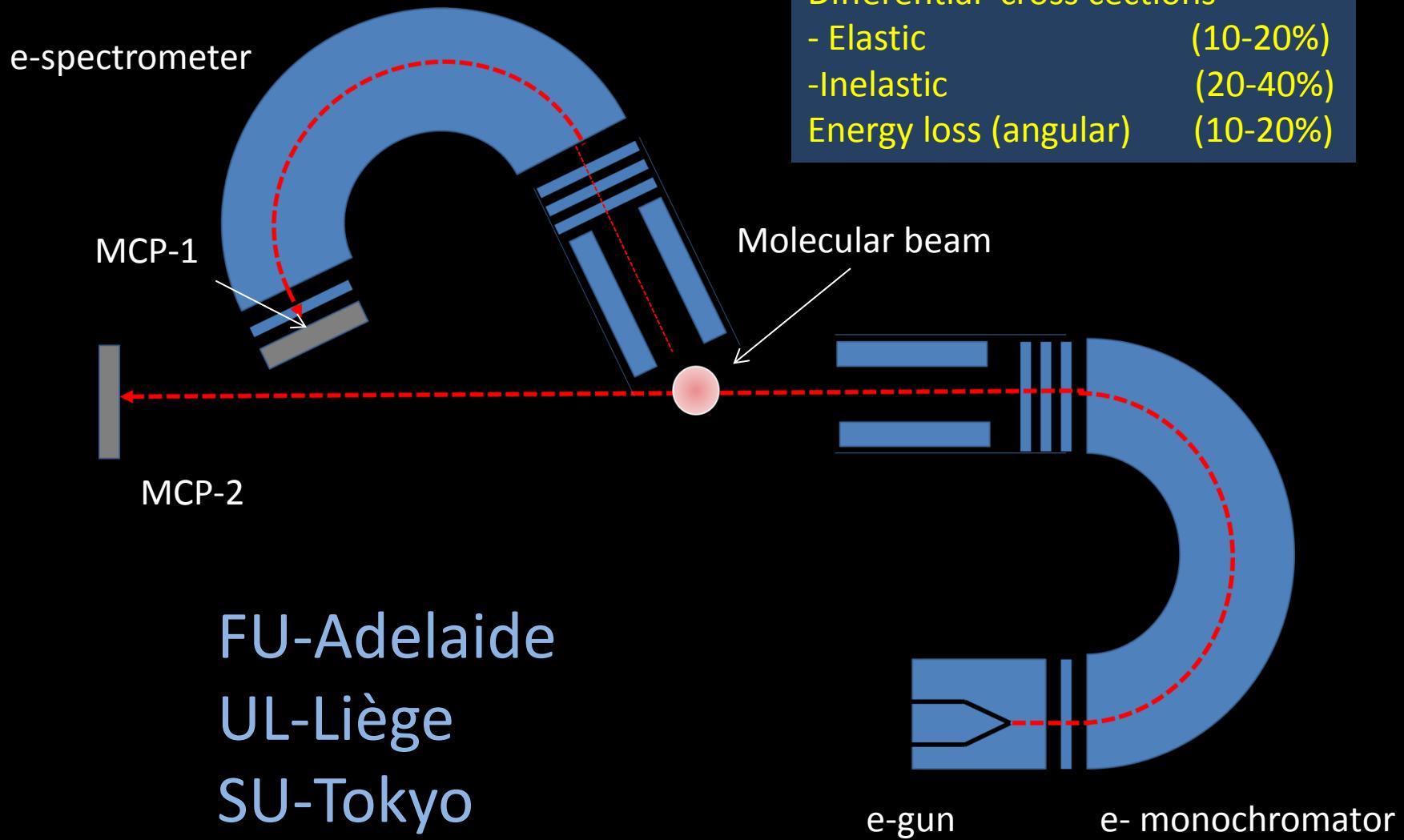
Differential and integral  
cross section  
measurements



ANU-Canberra (p)

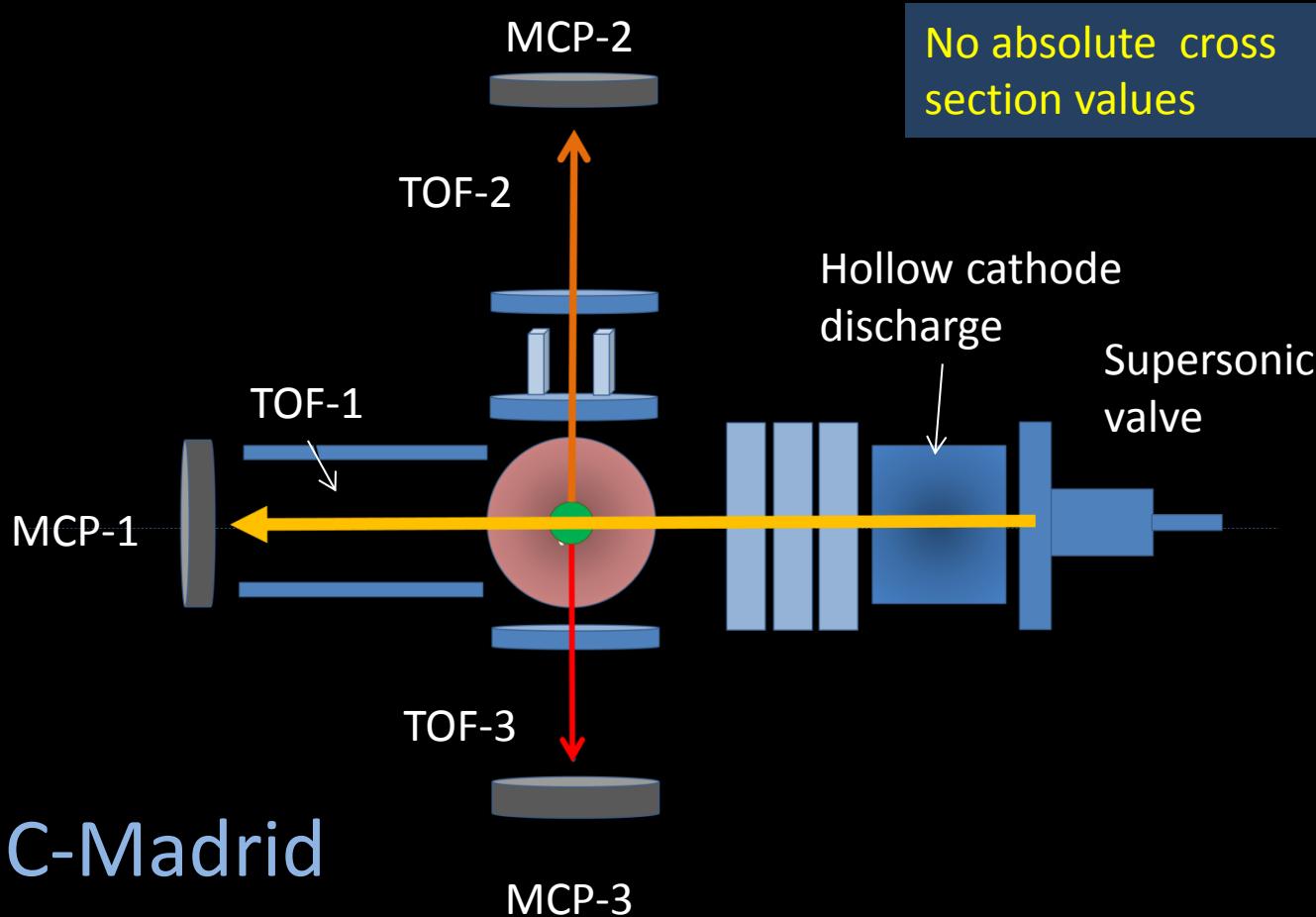
CSIC-Madrid (e)

# Crossed-beam experiments-1



# Crossed-beam experiments-2

electron transfer induced dissociation



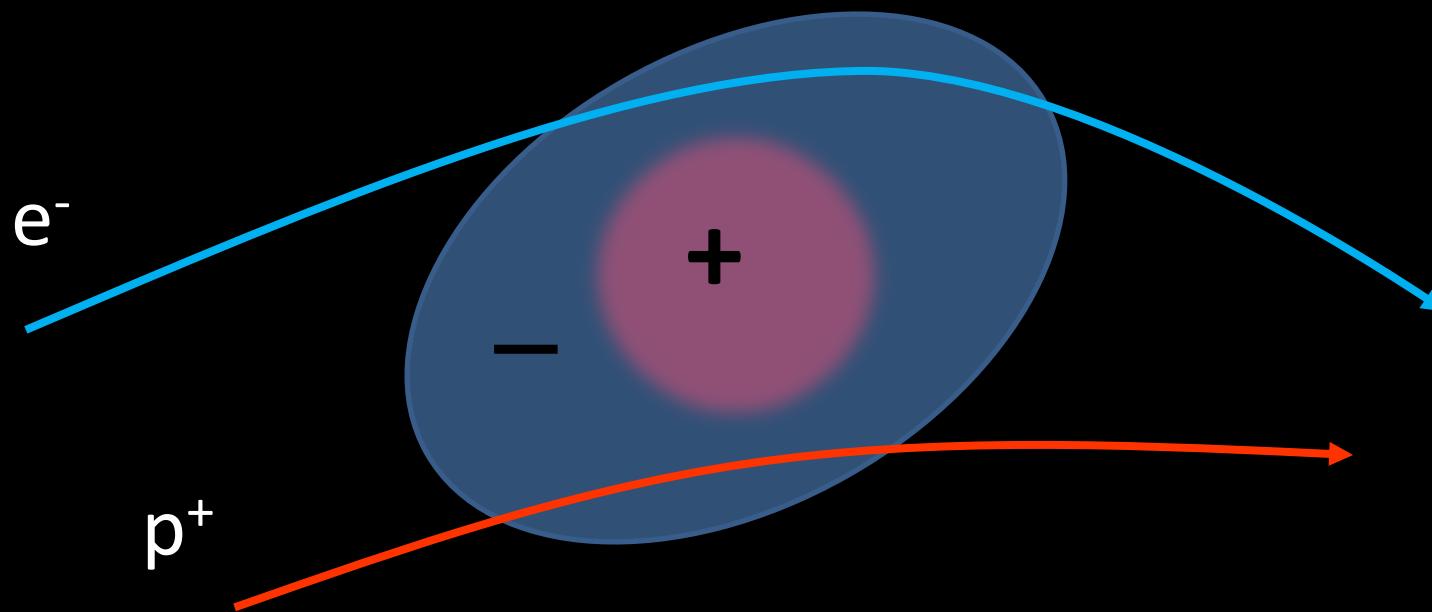
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UNL-Lisbon

# Calculations

Electron and positron scattering in molecular and condensed media

- **Atoms:** Model potential representation,
- **Molecules:**
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  - Additional dipole rotational excitations (FBA)
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# Atoms



Electrons:  $V(r) = V_{st}(r) + V_{ex}(r) + V_{pol}(r) + i[V_{abs}(r)]$

Positrons:  $V(r) = V_{st}(r) + V_{pol}(r) + i[V_{abs}(r) + V_{ps}(r)]$

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# Molecules

## Differential cross sections

$$\frac{d\sigma_{molecule}^{elastic}}{d\Omega} = \sum_{i,j} f_i(\theta) f_j^*(\theta) \frac{\sin qr_{ij}}{qr_{ij}} = \sum_i |f_i(\theta)|^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} f_i(\theta) f_j^*(\theta) \frac{\sin qr_{ij}}{qr_{ij}}$$

## Integral cross sections

$$\sigma_{molecule}^{total} = \sum_{atoms} \sigma_{atomi}^{total} + \sigma^{interference}$$

$$\sigma^{interference} \equiv \int d\Omega \sum_{i \neq j} f_i(\theta) f_j^*(\theta) \frac{\sin qr_{ij}}{qr_{ij}}$$

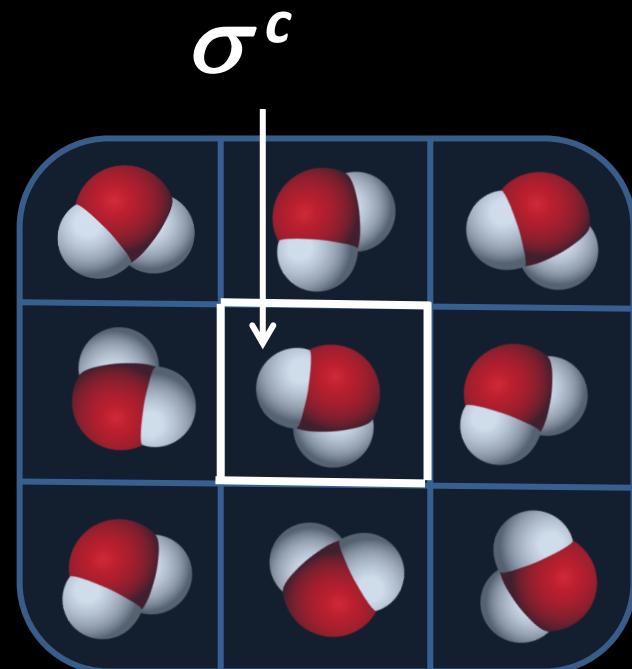
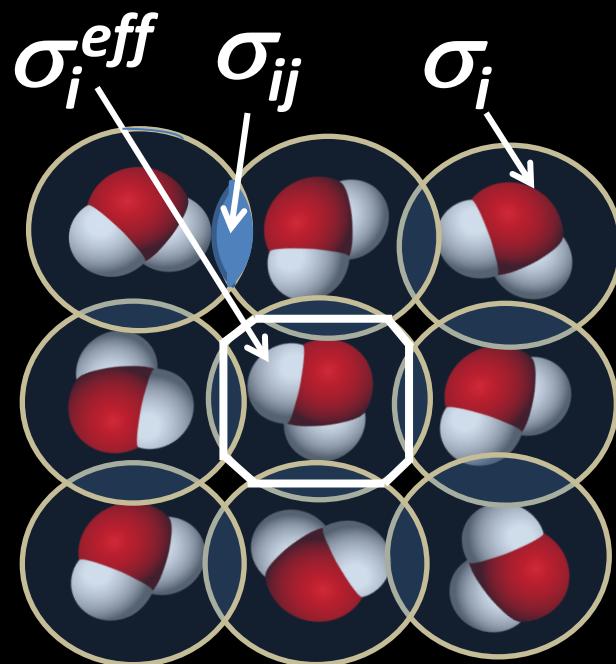
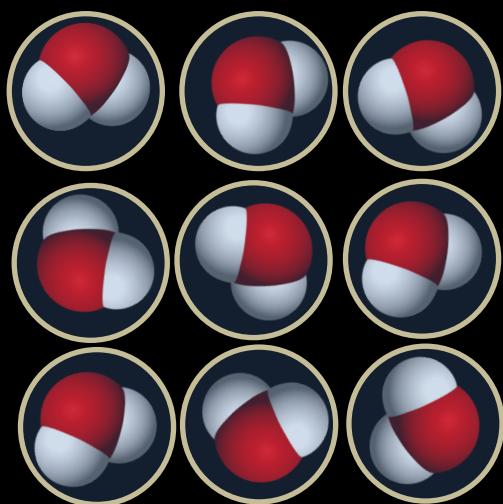
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# Condensed matter

$\sigma \rightarrow \sigma^{eff}$



Corrective factor:  $s = \sigma^{eff}/\sigma = [1 + (\sigma^c/\sigma)^p]^{1/p}$

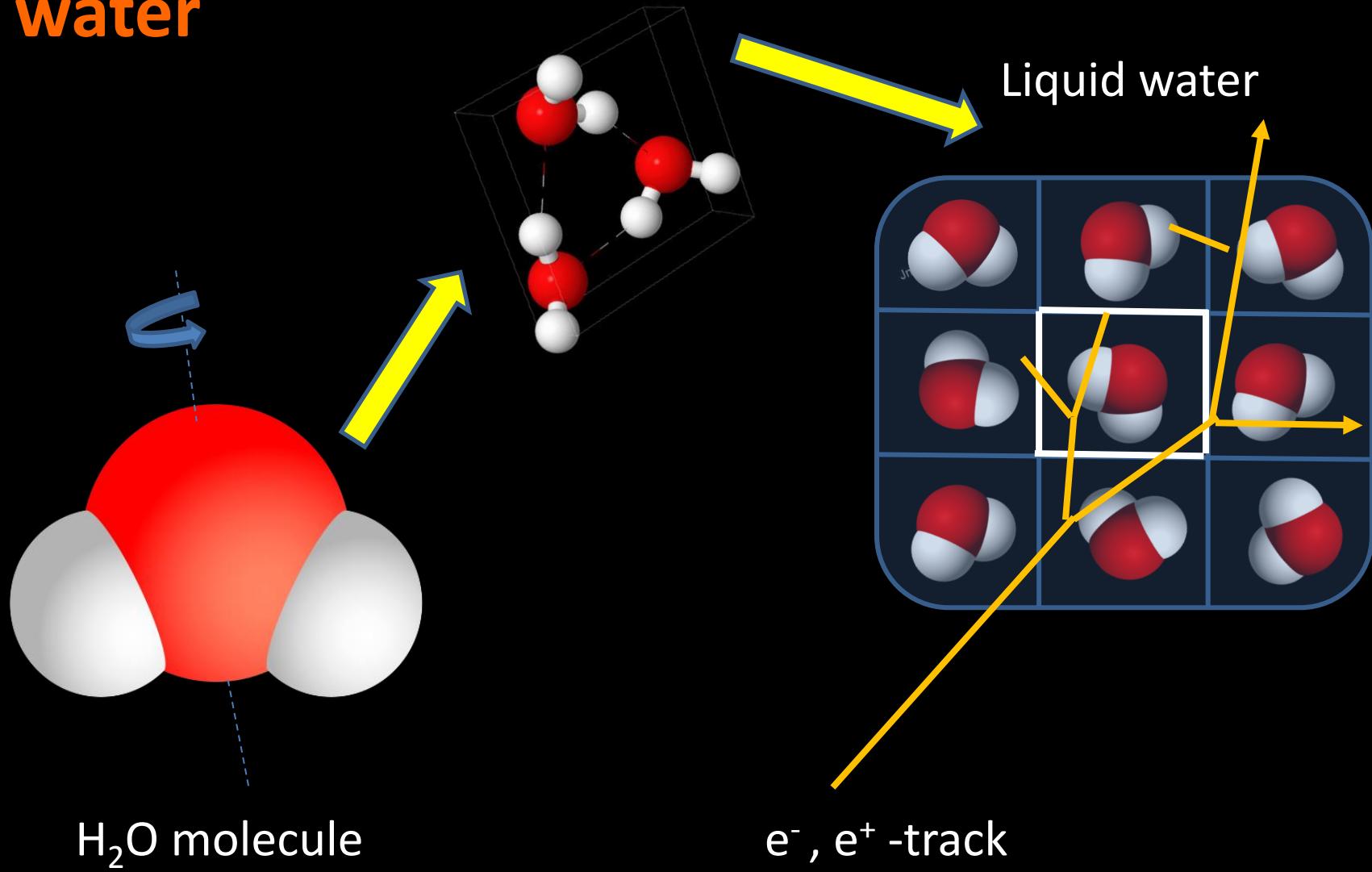
$p = -21 \rightarrow 0,5\%$  convergence

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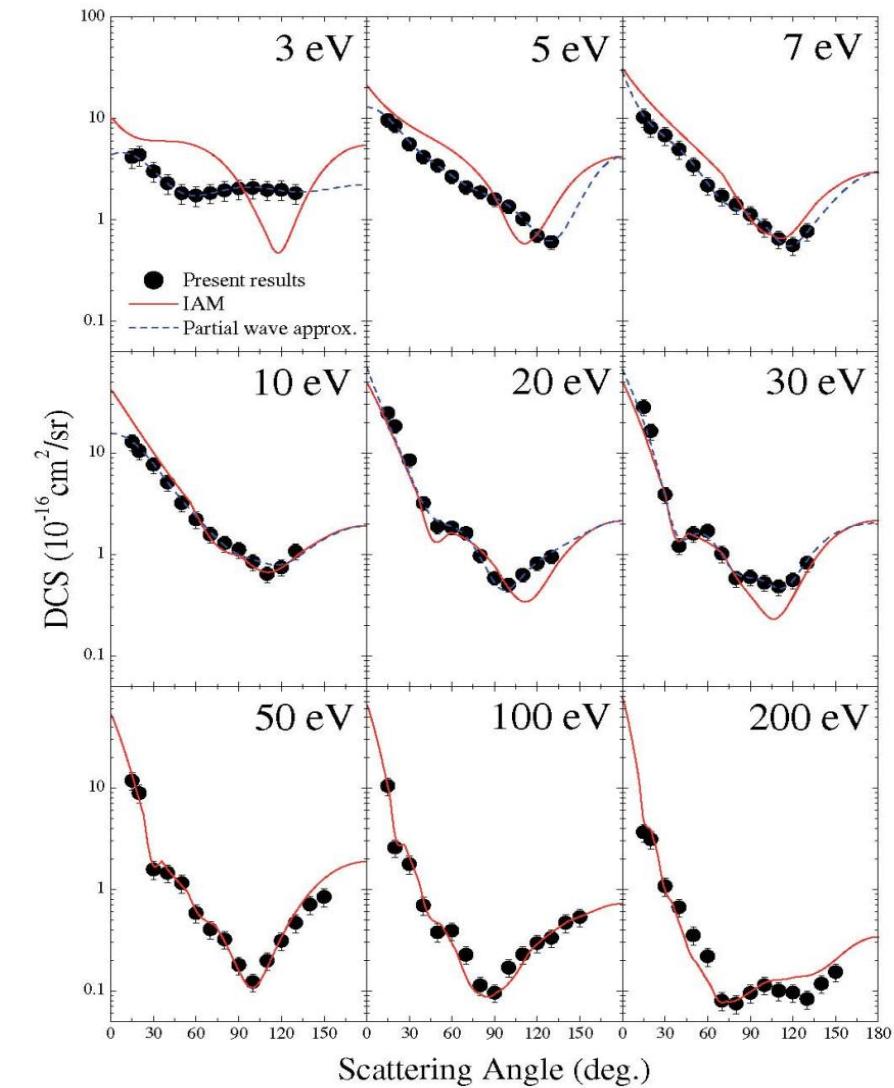
# IAM-SCAR water



# Some examples of calculations

## Differential elastic scattering cross sections $e\text{-GeF}_4$

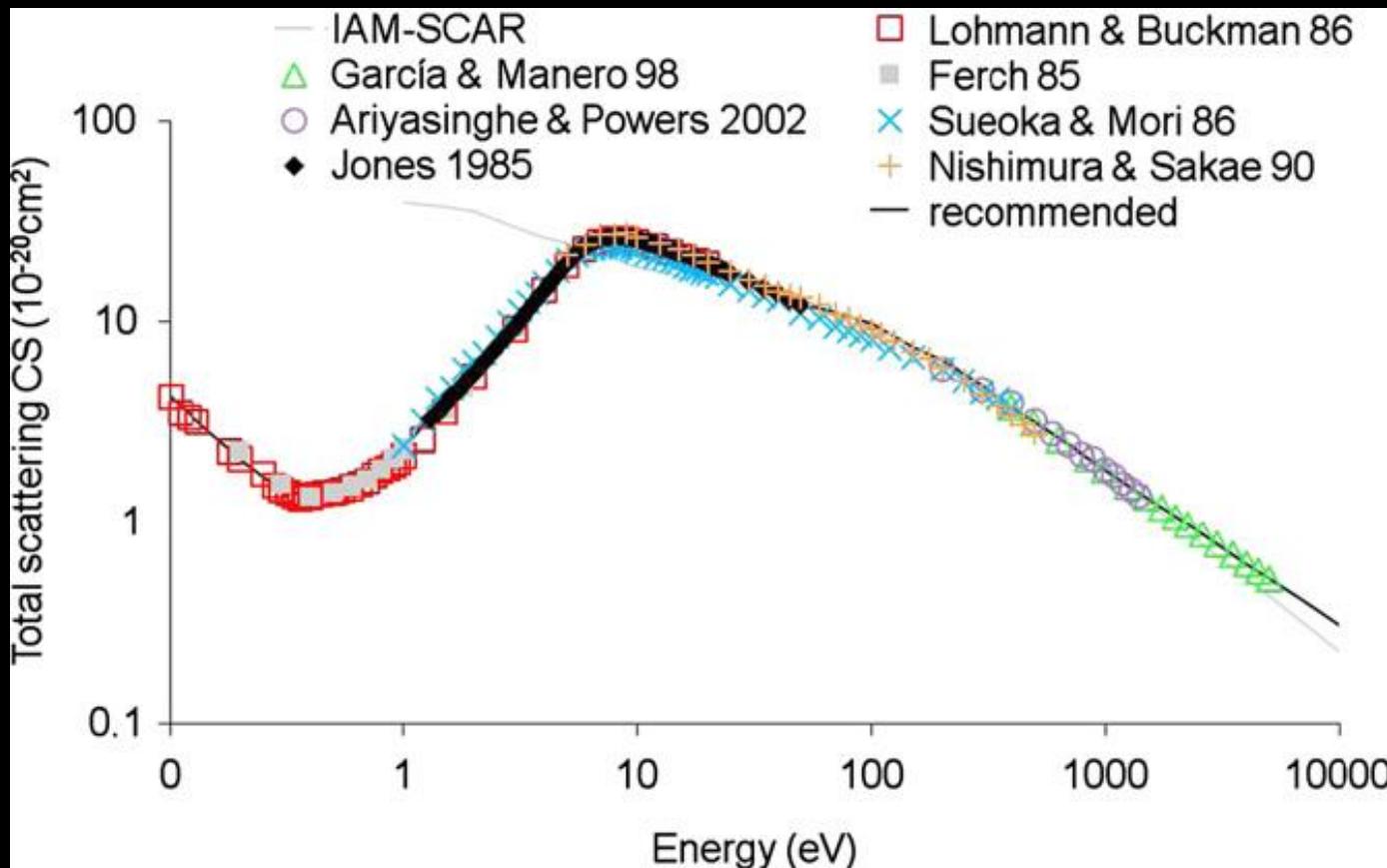
- Experimental data from  
H. Tanaka (SU Tokyo)
- IAM-SCAR calculation



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## Total electron scattering cross sections

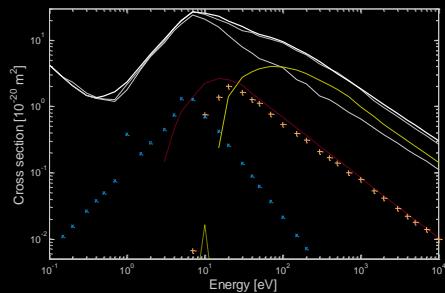
e-CH<sub>4</sub>



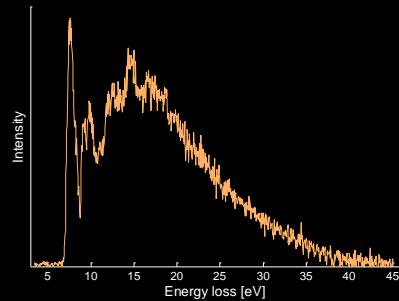
# Example of input data

Three main classes of input data are needed:

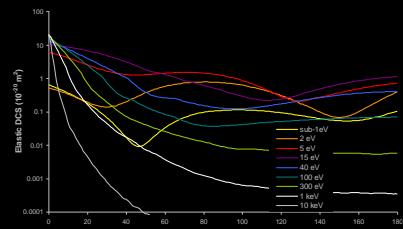
## 1. Scattering CS



## 2. Energy loss distrib. functions



## 3. Angular distrib. functions



Uncertainties: 5-20%

10-20%

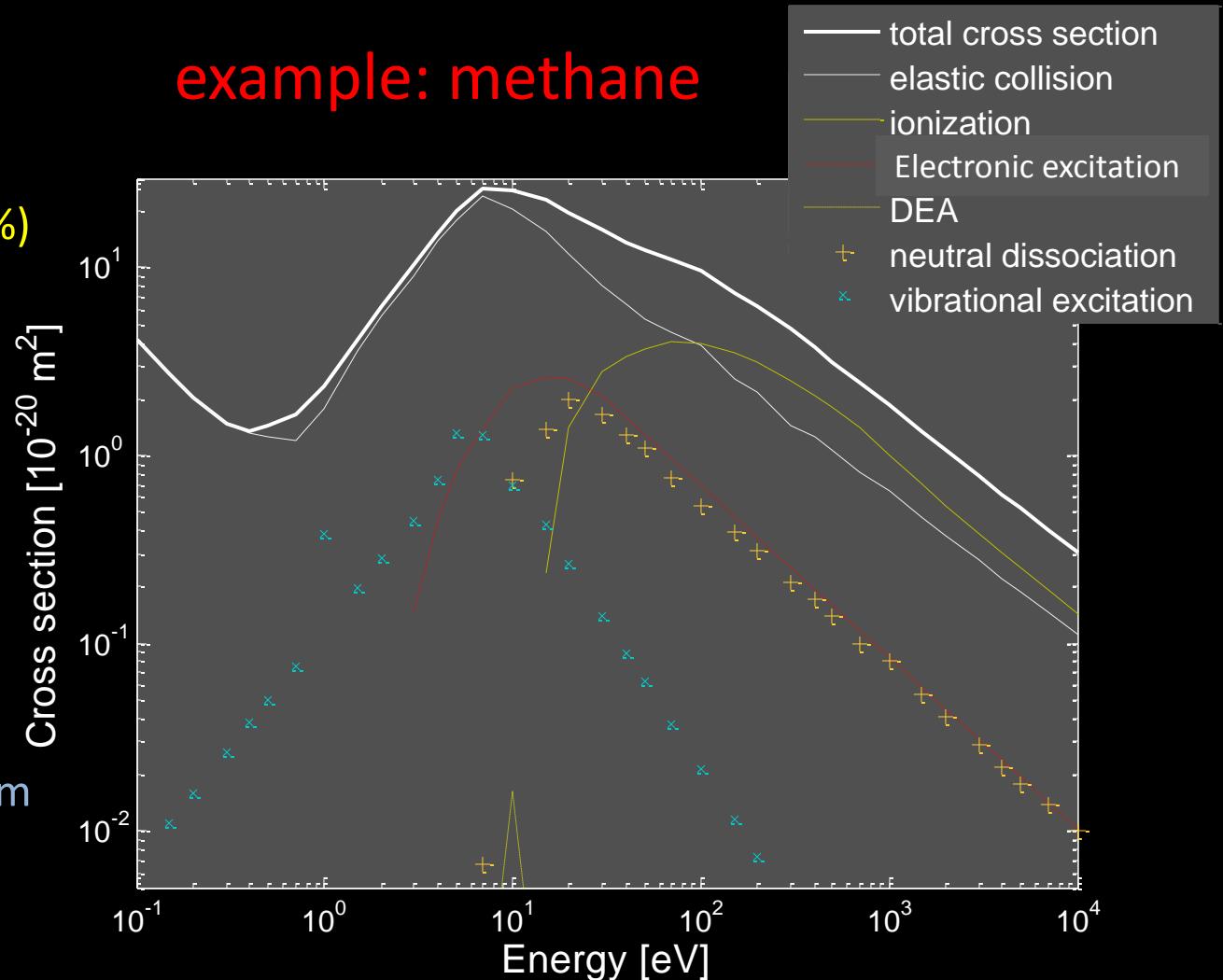
10-20%

# Integral CS: 0.1 eV – 10 keV

## 1. Scattering CS

- Total scattering CS (5-7%)
- Integral CS for:
  - elastic scattering (10-15%)
  - Ionization (7-10%)
  - electronic excitation (20%)
  - vibrational excit. (20%)
  - rotational exc. (10-15%)
  - neutral dissociation (25%)
  - DEA (10-15%)
  - self-consistency:  
 $\Sigma$  int. CS = total CS
- CS table is compiled from typically ~ 15 different sources!

example: methane



# Differential CS 0° -180°

## 3. Angular distrib. functions

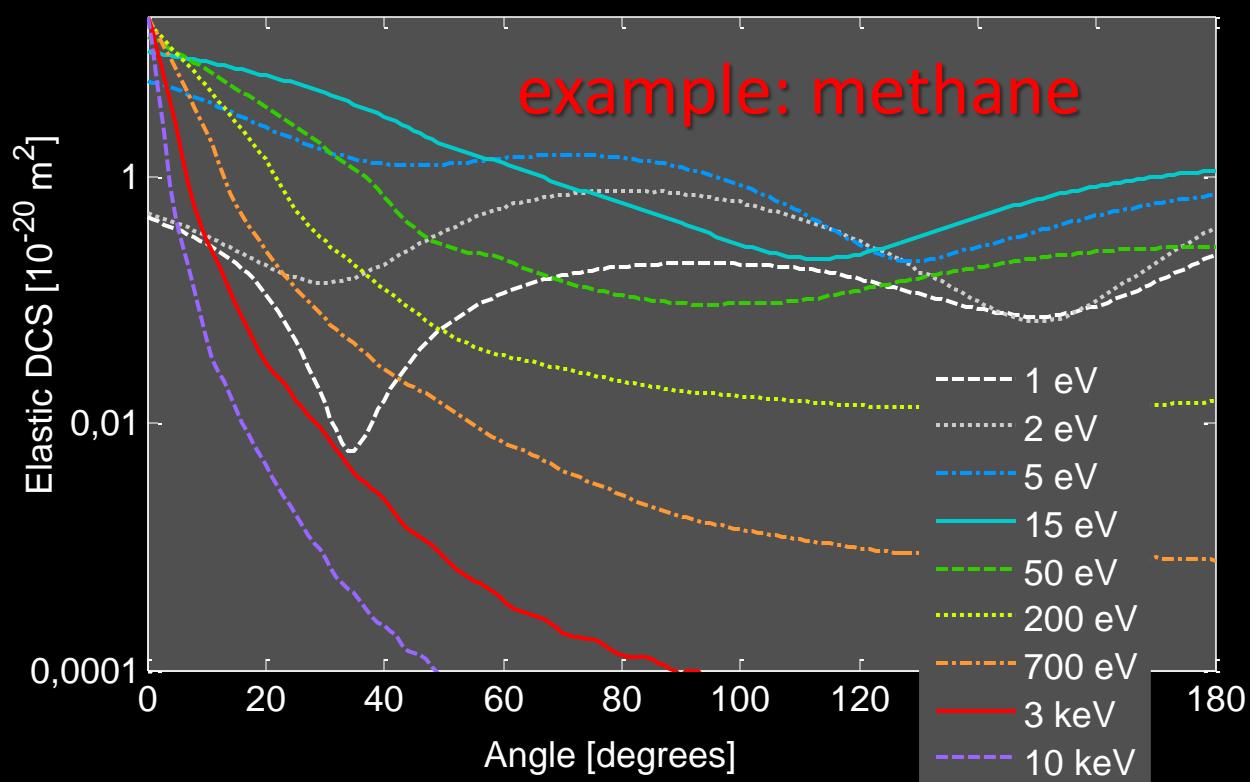
### Elastic DCS

- Tabulated values from 0° to 180° on a 1° grid from ~6 sources
- Data from experimental sources are extrapolated towards 0° and 180°

### Inelastic DCS

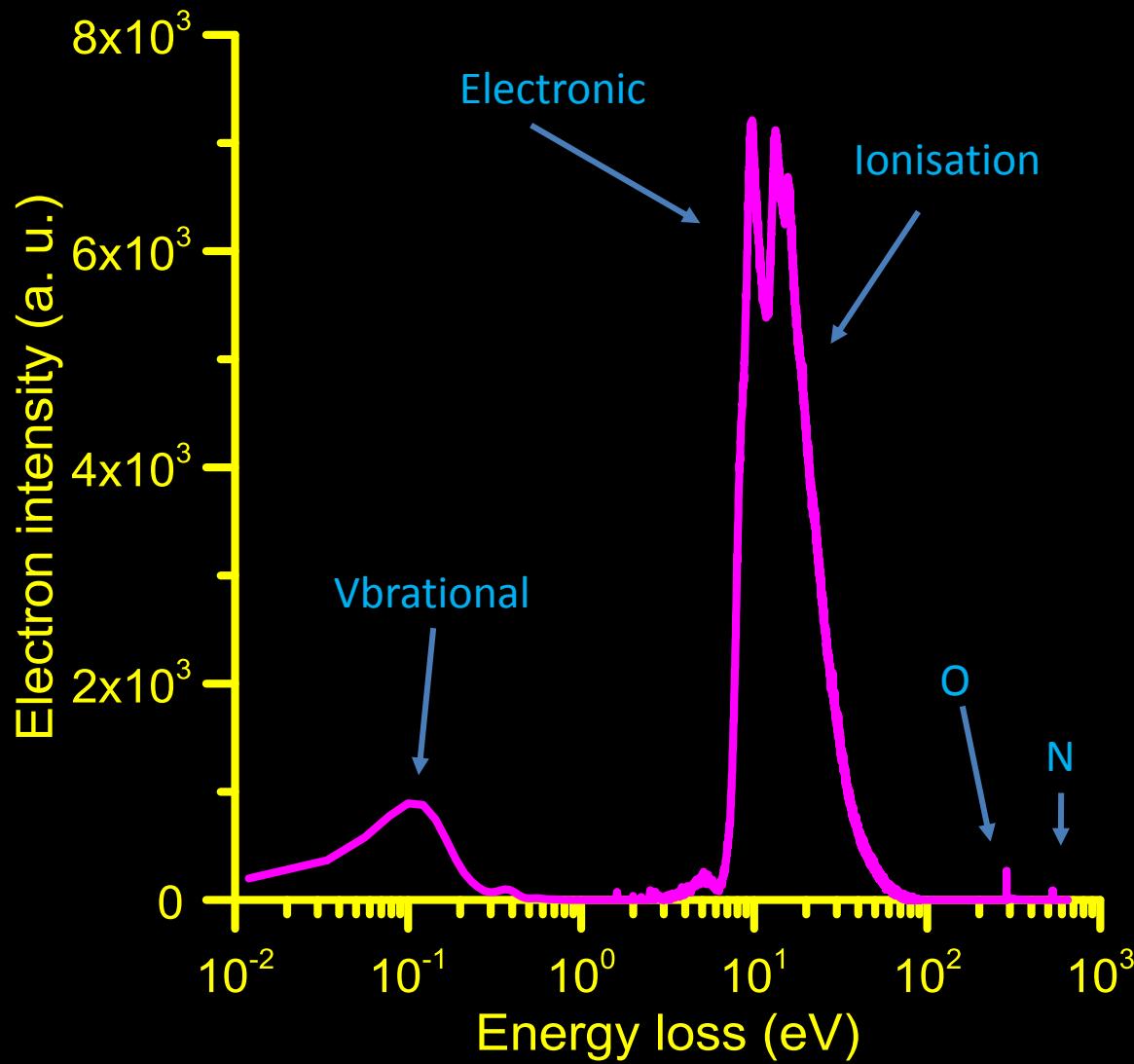
- Aim: tabulated form, 0°-180°
- present source: approximation by empirical formula

$$\frac{d^2 \sigma(E)}{d\Omega d\Delta E} \propto \left( \frac{d\sigma(E)}{d\Omega} \right)_{el}^{1-\Delta E/E}$$



# e-Furfural

## Energy loss distribution function



# Current state of the Madrid data collection

## Molecules currently included:

- Water (e, p)



- Argon (e,p)



- Nitrogen, Oxygen (e,p)



- Methane (e)



- Ethylene (e)



- Tetrahydrofuran (e)



- Sulphur hexafluoride (e)



- Pyrimidine (e, p)



- Furfural (e)



## Processes currently included:

- elastic scattering

- ionization, Auger e- generation

- vibrational and rotational excitation (average of existing states)

- electronic excitation (all states according to EEL spectra)

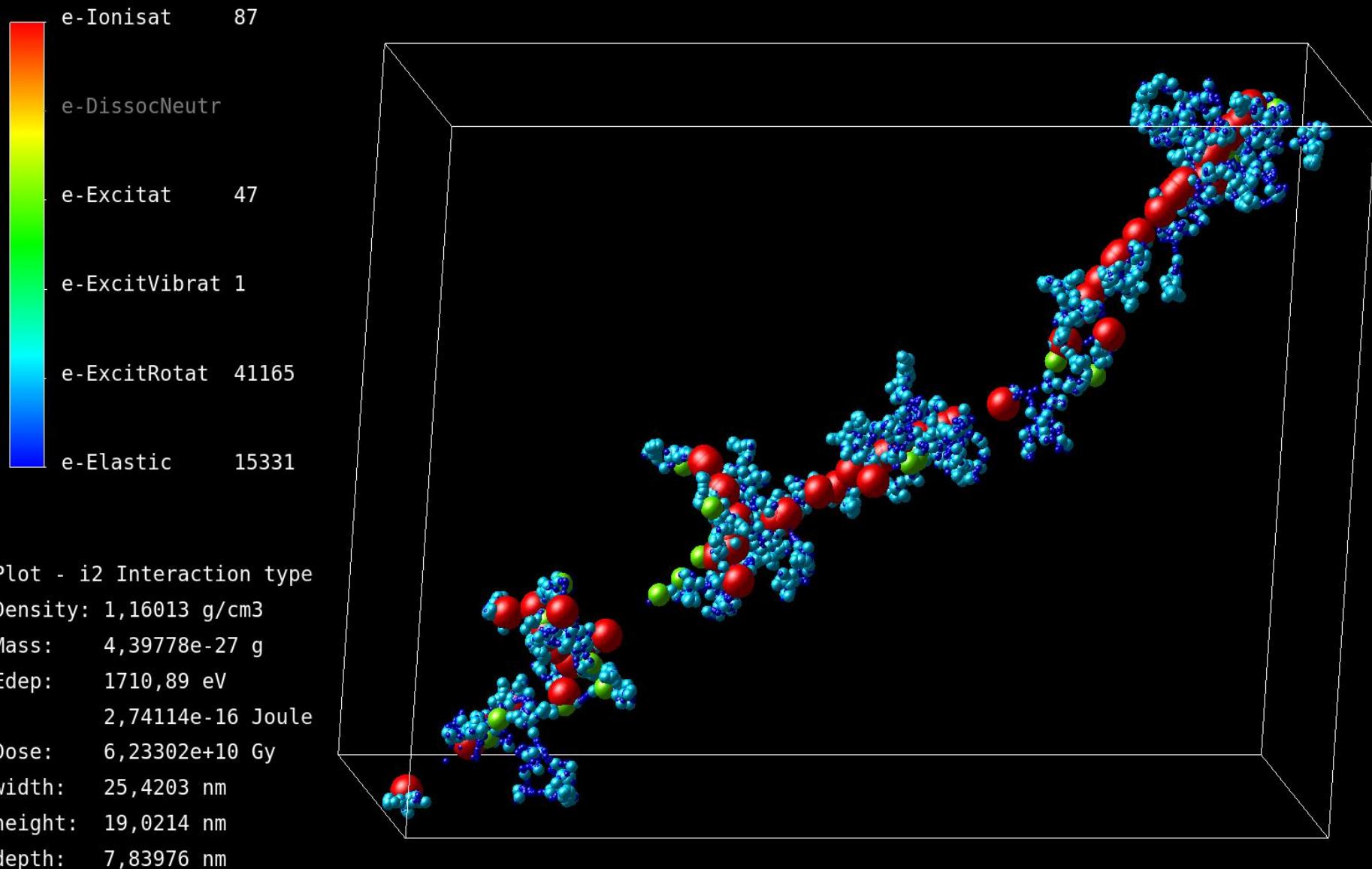
- neutral dissociation

- dissociative electron attachment

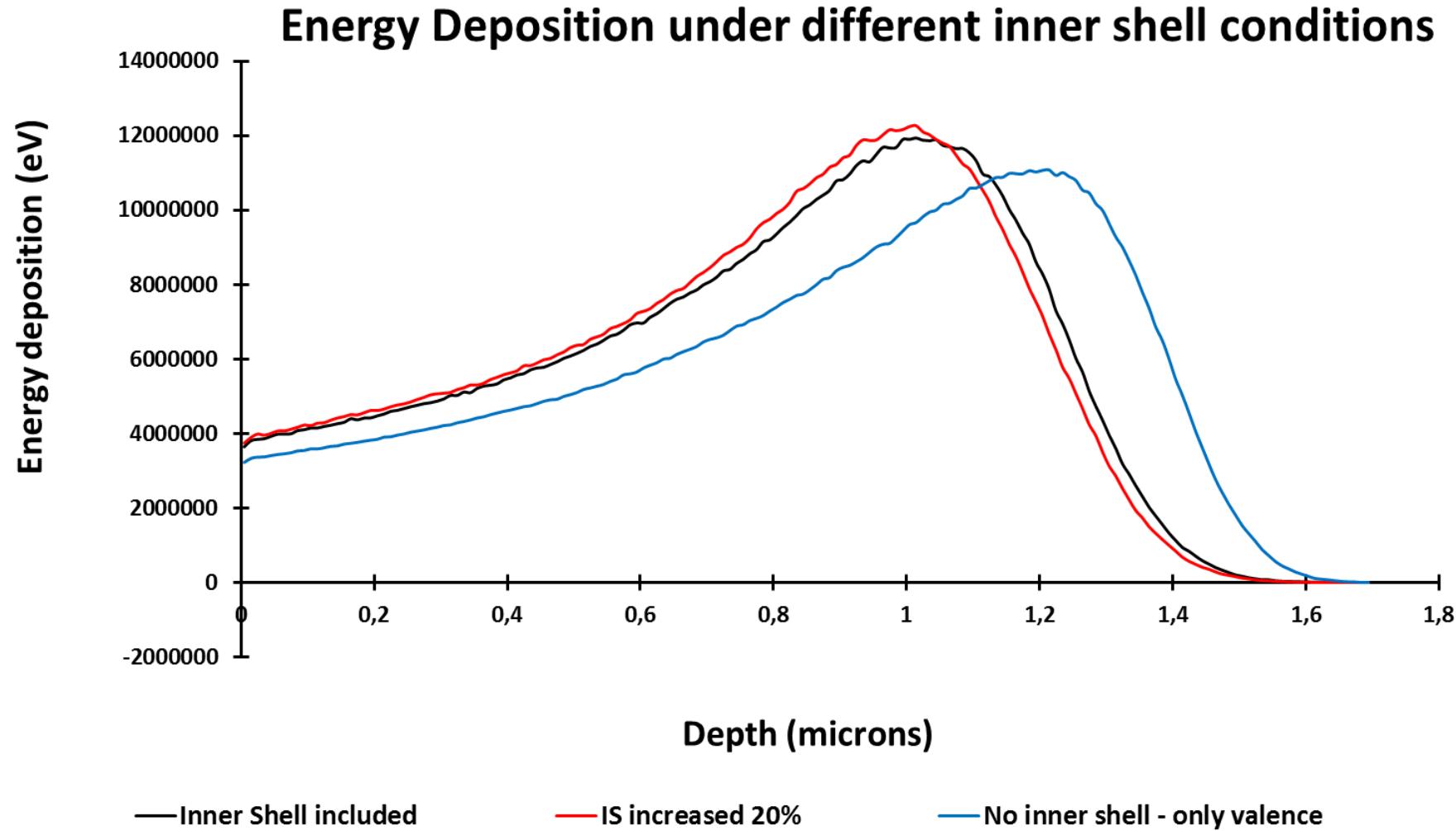
- positronium formation

- annihilation

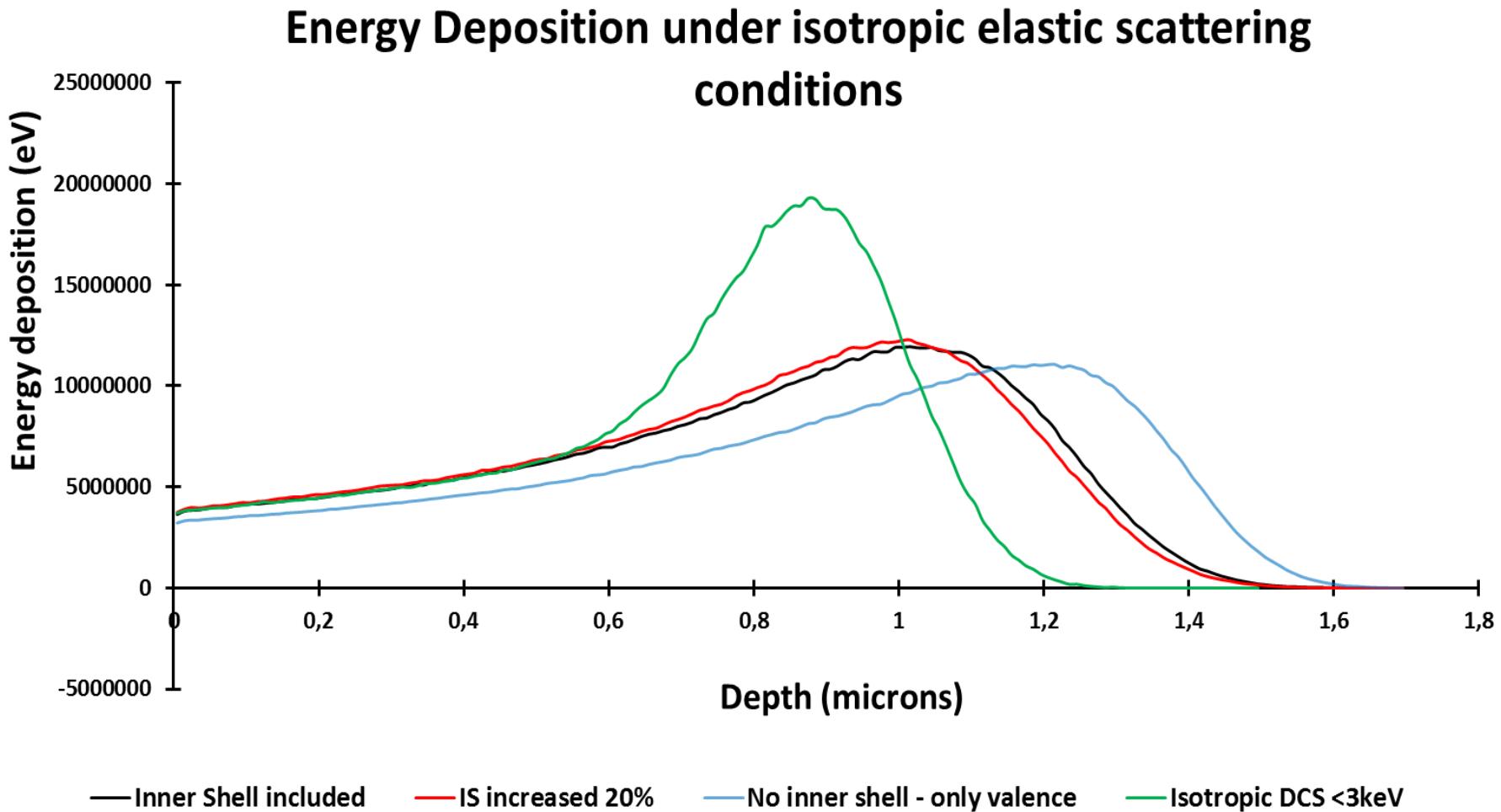
# Example: 10keV electrons through furfural



# Importance of energy loss uncertainties

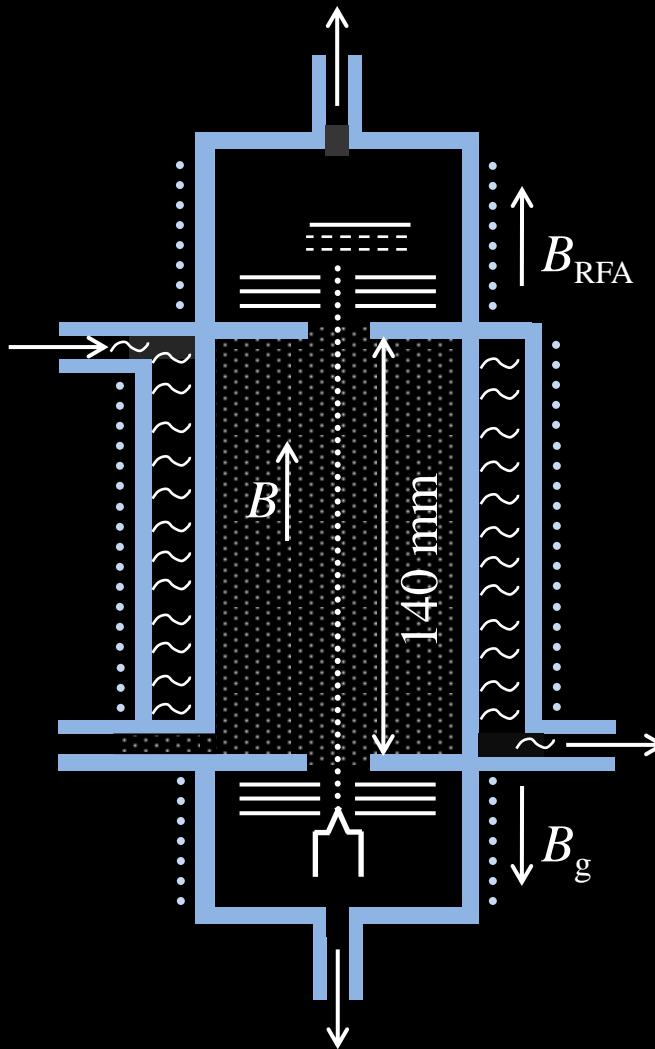


# Importance of elastic scattering



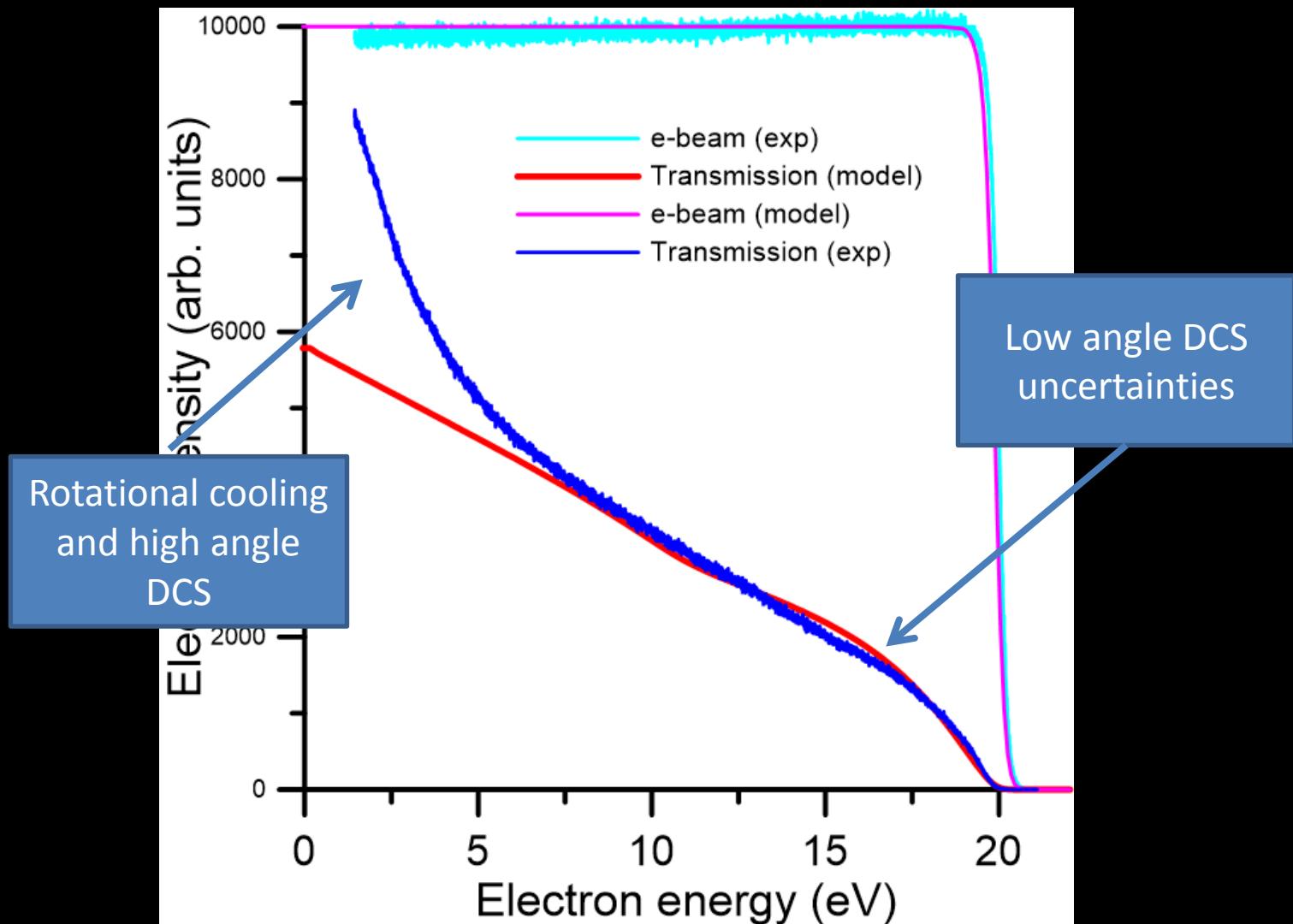
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20 eV magnetically confined electrons transmitted through 140 mm length gas (3 mTorr furfural pressure) cell



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