

Interactions of electron with atoms, molecules, ions

Ionization



Collisions of electrons with atoms

Classical or quantum approach?

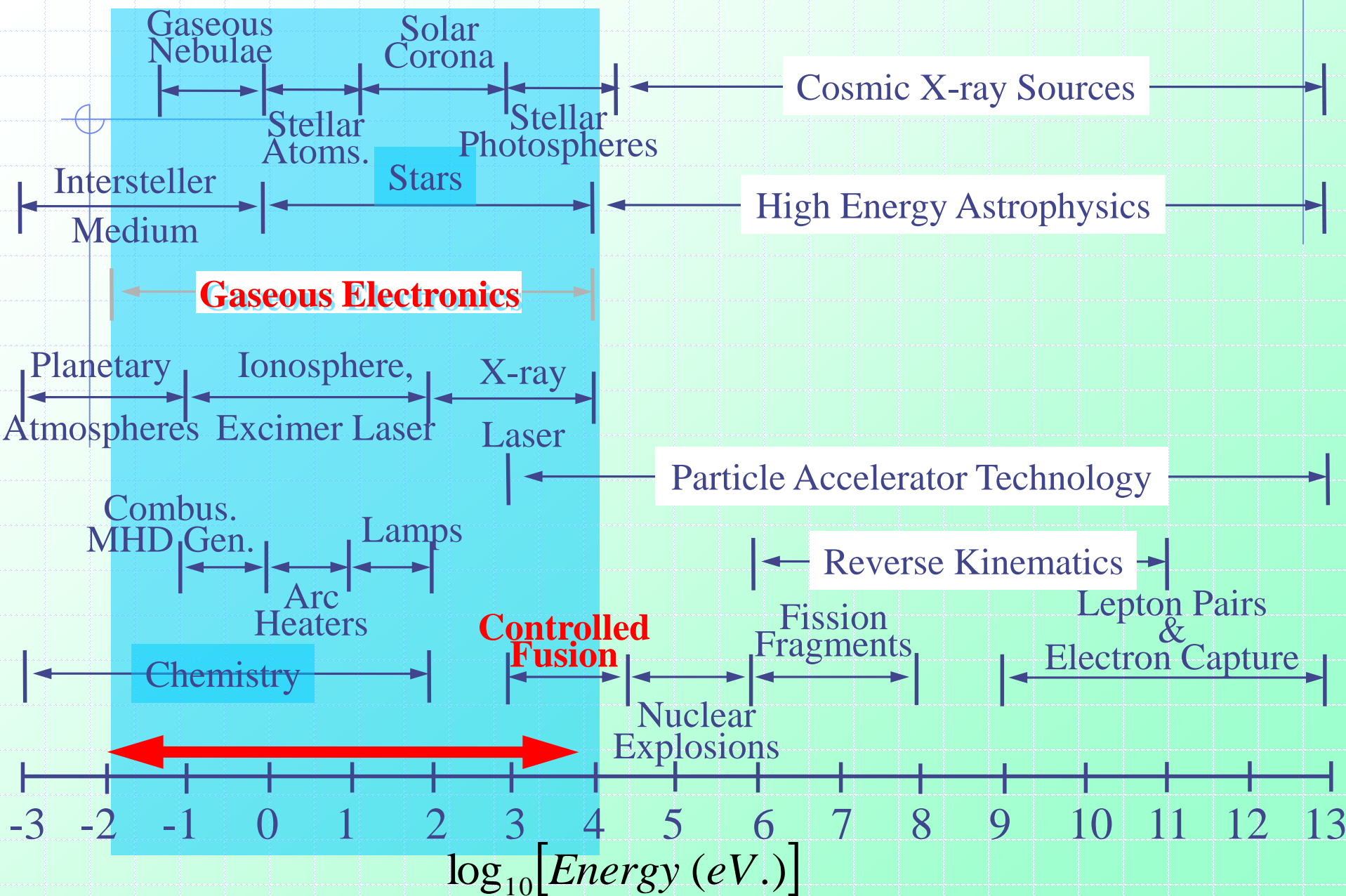
Electron:

$$\begin{aligned} 1\text{eV} &\rightarrow v=5.9\times 10^7\text{cm s}^{-1} \\ &\tau\sim a_0/v \sim 10^{-8}/5.9\times 10^7=2\times 10^{-16}\text{s} \\ &\lambda\sim 2A = 2\times 10^{-8}\text{cm de Broglie} \end{aligned}$$

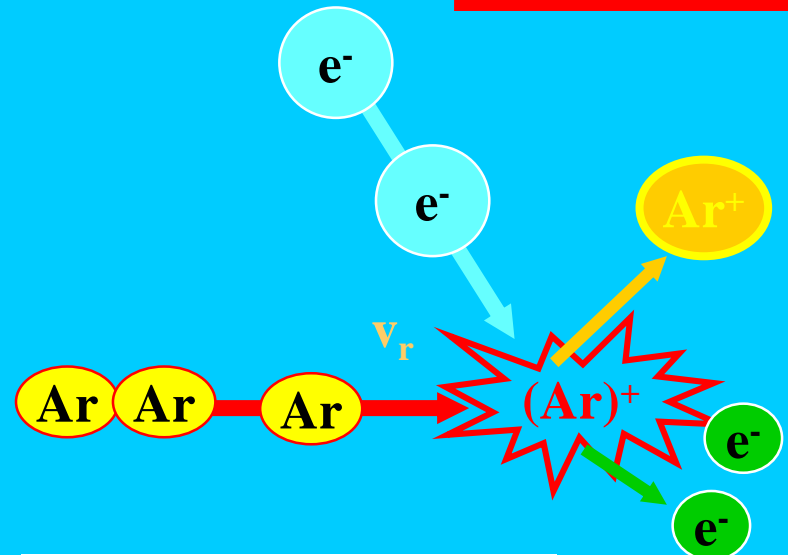
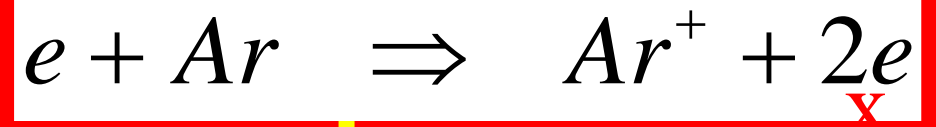
Ar+:

$$\begin{aligned} 1\text{eV} &\rightarrow v=2\times 10^5\text{cm s}^{-1} \\ &\tau\sim a_0/v \sim 10^{-8}/2\times 10^5\sim 6\times 10^{-14}\text{s} \\ &\lambda\sim 9\times 10^{-11}\text{cm de Broglie} \end{aligned}$$

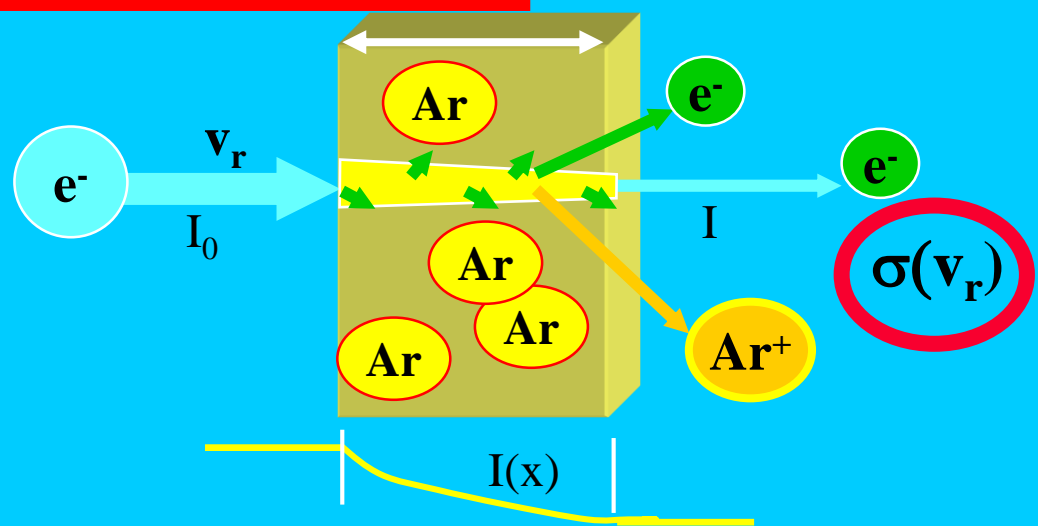
Illustration of a variety of applications wherein cross-section data involving atomic & molecular physical processes are important.



Single collision



reaction cross section



$$I = I_0 \exp(-\sigma n_{Ar} x)$$

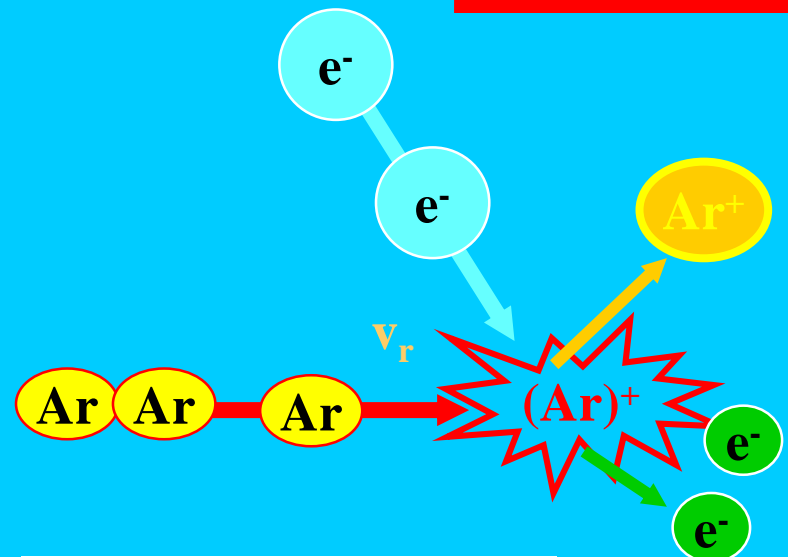
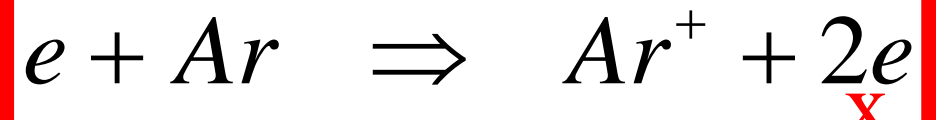
Proportionality factor

$$\frac{dI}{dx} \sim -IN \quad \frac{dI}{dx} = -\sigma IN$$

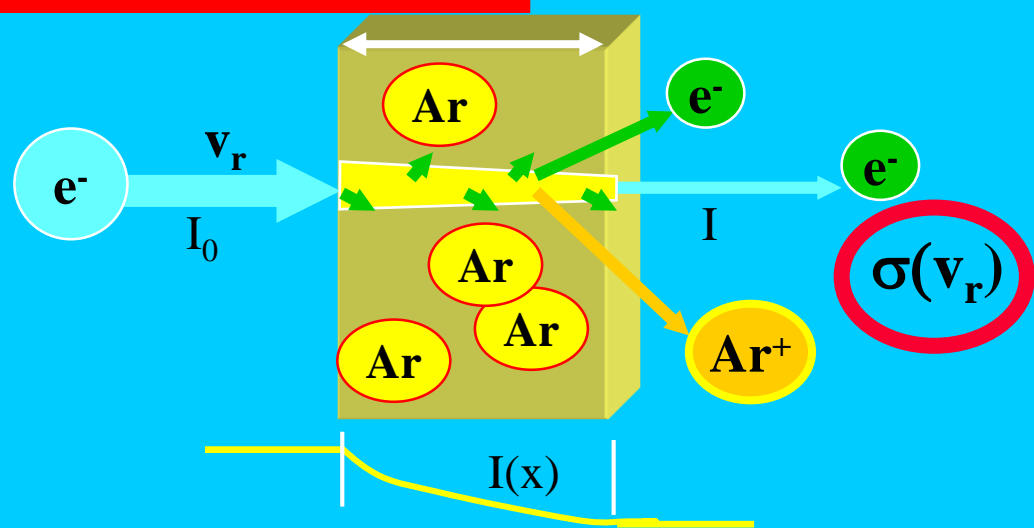
$$\frac{dI}{I dx} = \frac{d \ln(I)}{dx} = -\sigma N$$

$$I(x) = I_0 \exp(-\sigma N x)$$

Single collision



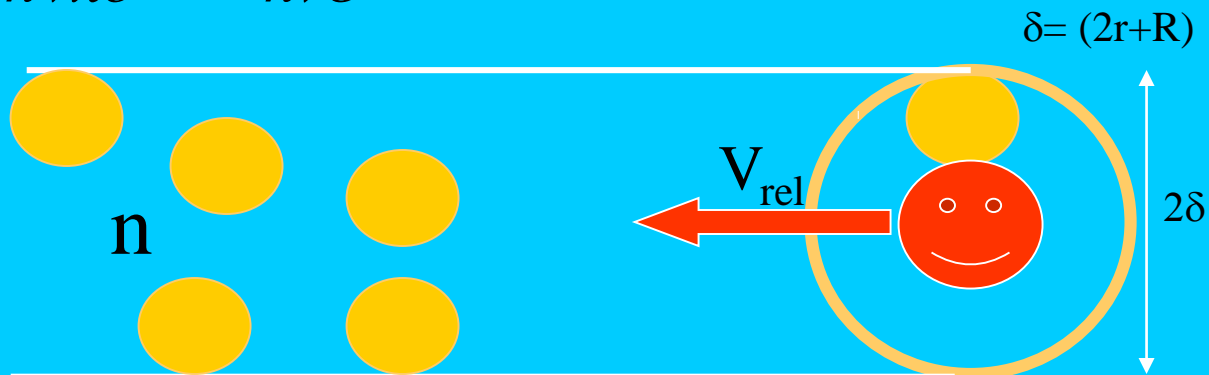
reaction cross section



$$I = I_0 \exp(-\sigma n_{Ar} x)$$

$$v_{coll} = -nV_{rel} = -nvS = -nv\pi\delta^2 = -nv\sigma$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = -\frac{I}{\tau_{coll}} = -Iv_{coll}$$



$$I(t) = I_0 \exp(-v_{coll}t) = I_0 \exp(-\sigma n v_{rel}t)$$

$$I = I_0 \exp(-\sigma n_{Ar} x)$$

At low energies

Threshold Photoelectron Source for Ultra-Low-Energy Electron Collision Experiments

low energies - 2010

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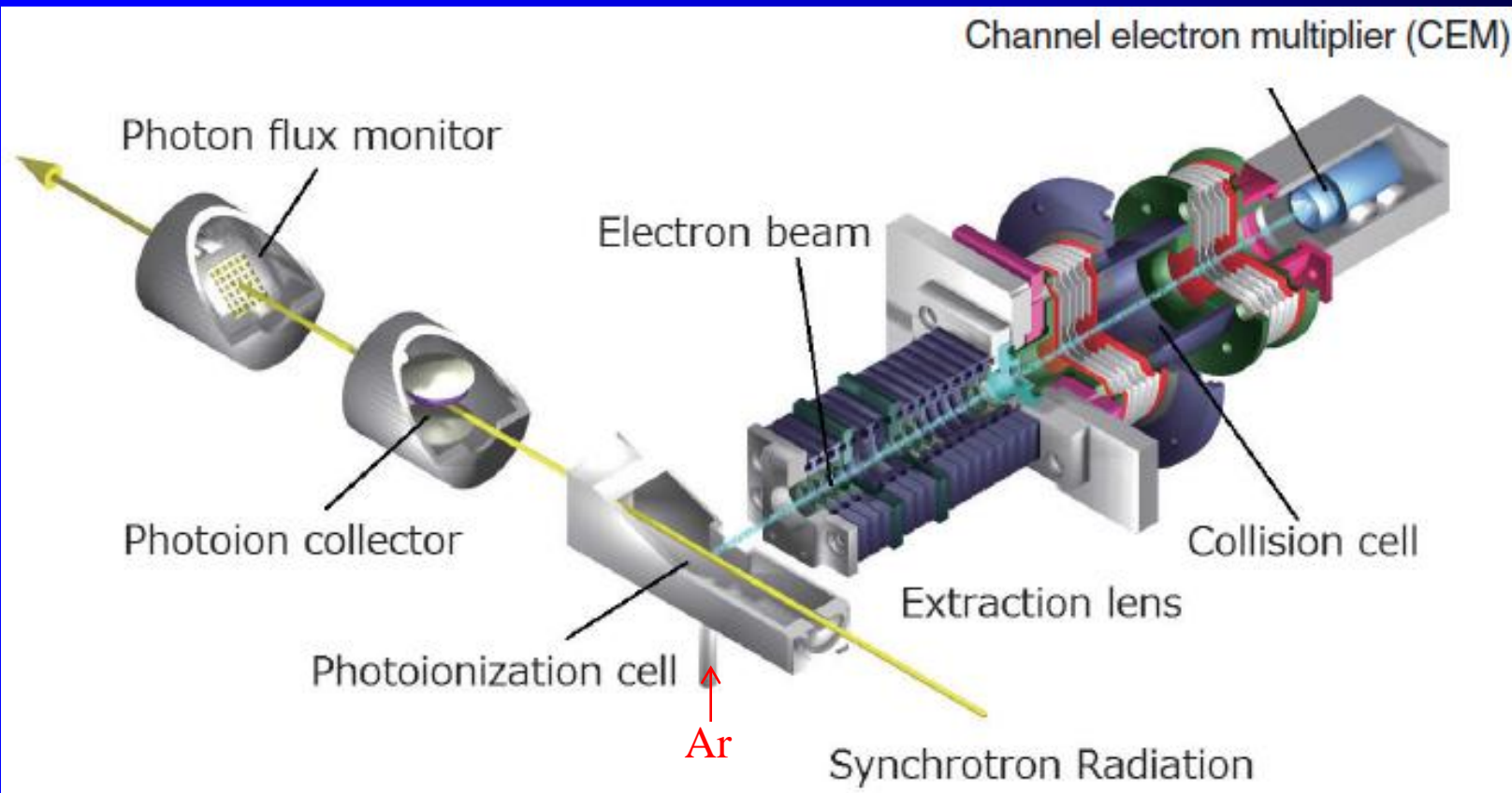
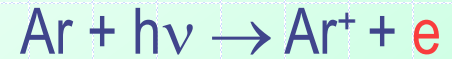


Figure 1
Schematic view of the experimental set-up. The system consists of an electron scattering apparatus with a photoionization cell, a photoion collector, and photon flux monitor of the monochromatized SR.

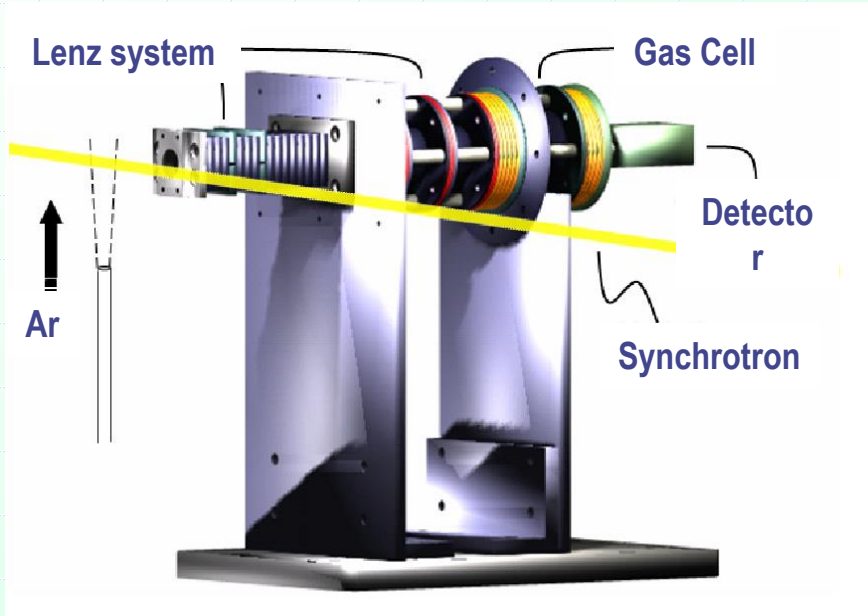
Cold Collision Experiments

- photoelectron source induced by SR -



$$\Delta E \leq 10 \text{ meV}$$

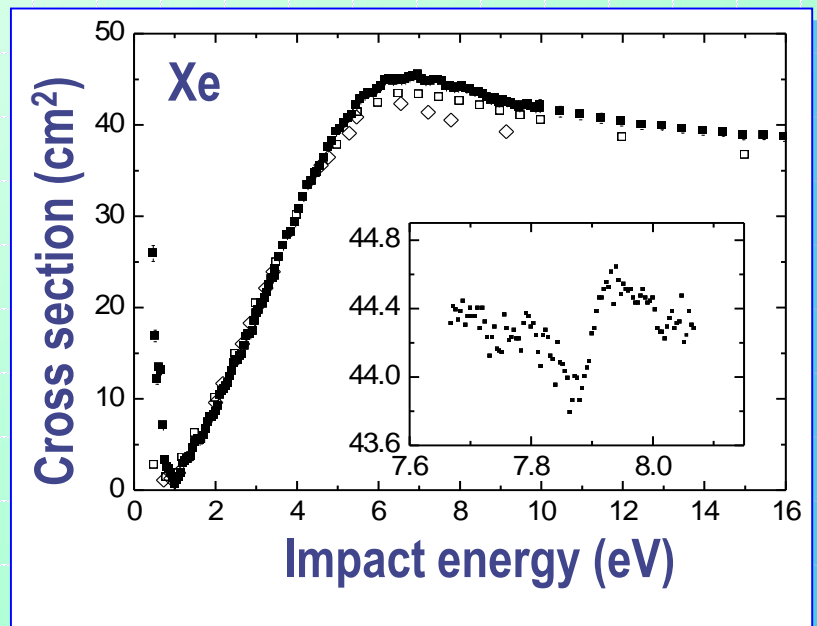
$$E_0 \leq 30 \text{ meV}$$



Schematic view of experimental setup

Research site: Photon Factory at KEK

Total cross section of Xe in low energy region (preliminary data)



Xe, Kr, O₂

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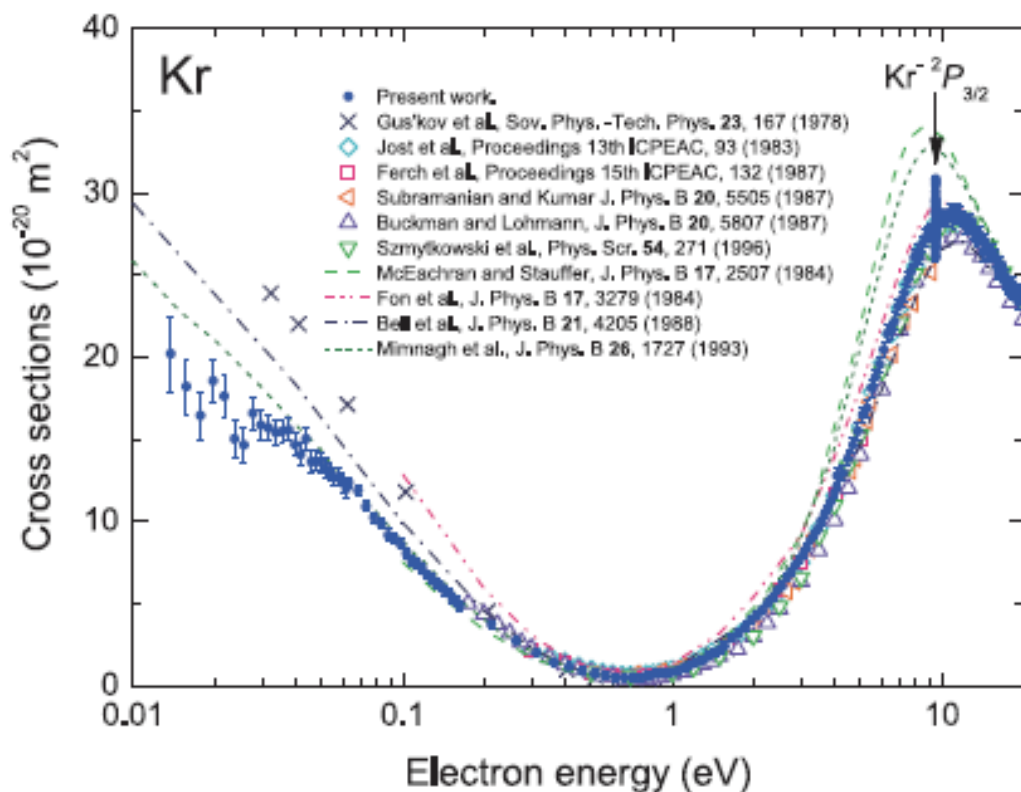
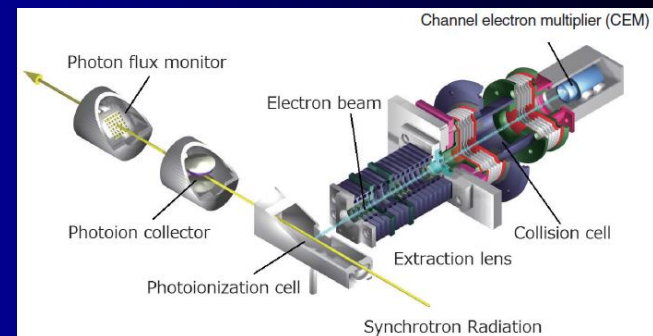


Figure 2
Total cross sections for electron scattering from krypton. The vertical arrow at around 10 eV shows the position of the structure due to $\text{Kr}^- (4p^5 5s^2 \ ^2P_{3/2})$ Feshbach resonance.

Details of Ramsauer effect

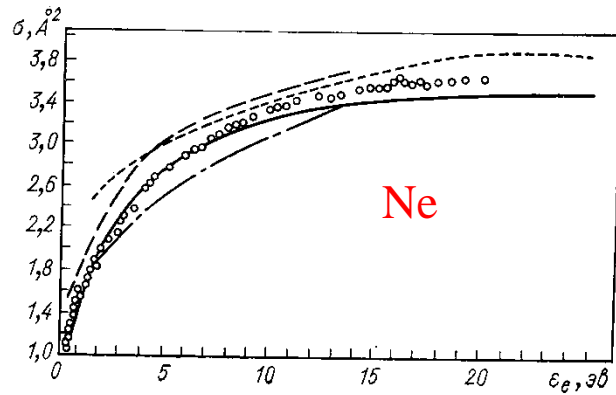


Рис. 5.8. Полное сечение рассеяния электрона на атоме неона.

Эксперимент (метод Рамзауэра): \circ — [101]; — [29]; — [92]; — [95]. Теория: — — — [109].

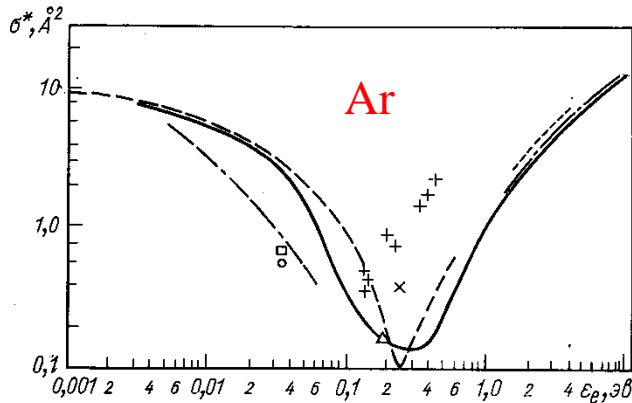
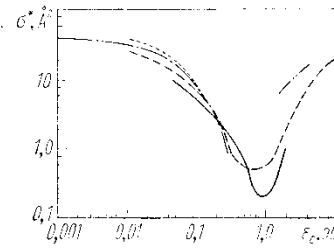


Рис. 5.9. Диффузионное сечение столкновения электрона с атомом аргона.

Эксперимент (подвижность электронов при малых полях и температурах): — [21]; — [47]; \times — [60]; \circ — [91]; \square — [112]; \triangle — [44]; — [16]; — [108]; + — [43]. Теория: — — — [87].



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Рис. 5.12. Диффузионное сечение столкновения электрона с атомом криптона.

Эксперимент (подвижность электронов при малых полях и температурах): — [34]; — [21]; — [47]; — [63]. Теория: — — — [87].

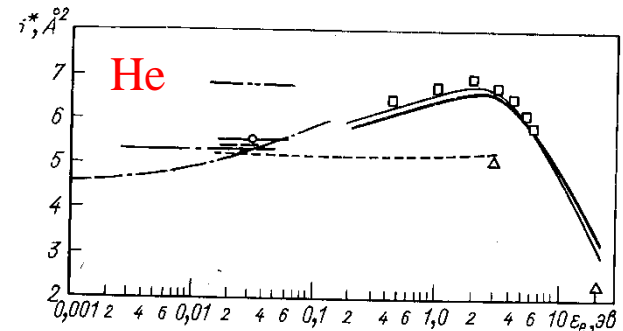
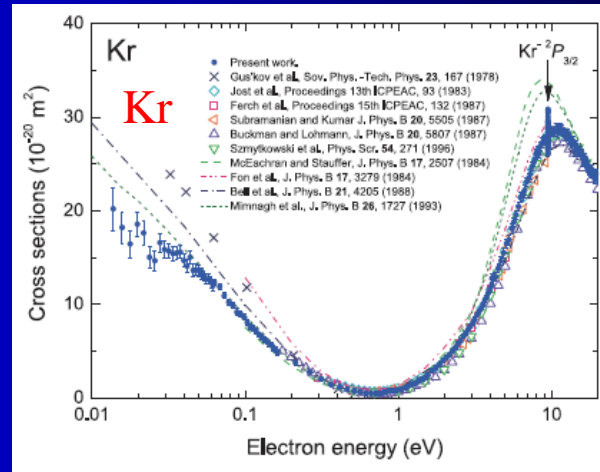


Рис. 5.3. Диффузионное сечение столкновения электрона с атомом гелия.

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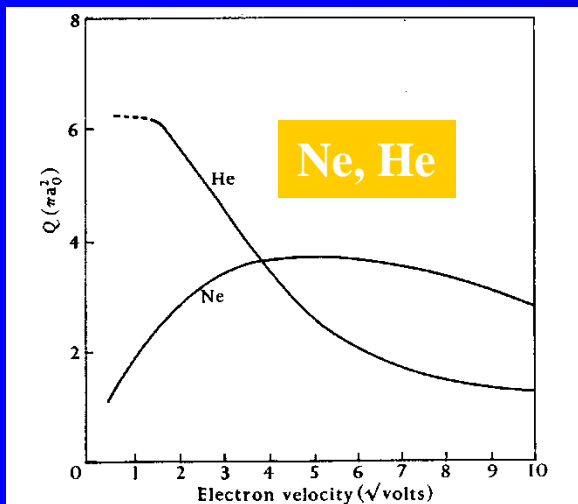


FIG. 1.10. Observed total collision cross-sections of He and Ne.

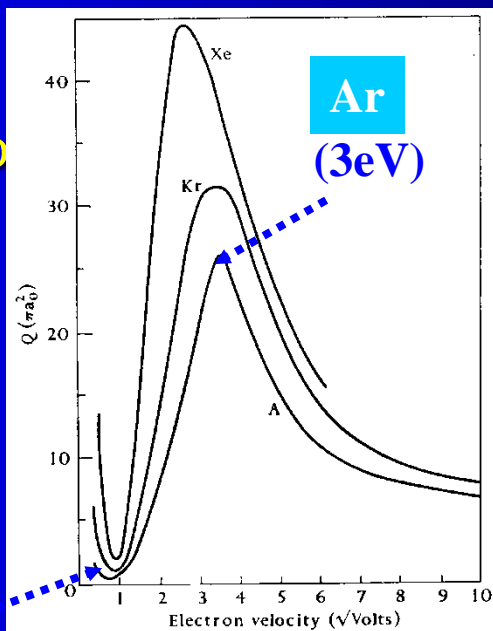


FIG. 1.9. Observed total collision cross-sections of Ar, Kr, and Xe.

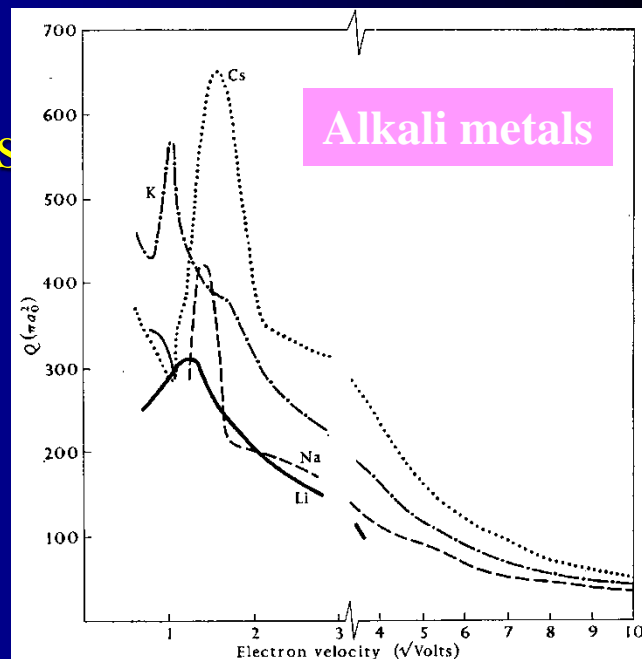
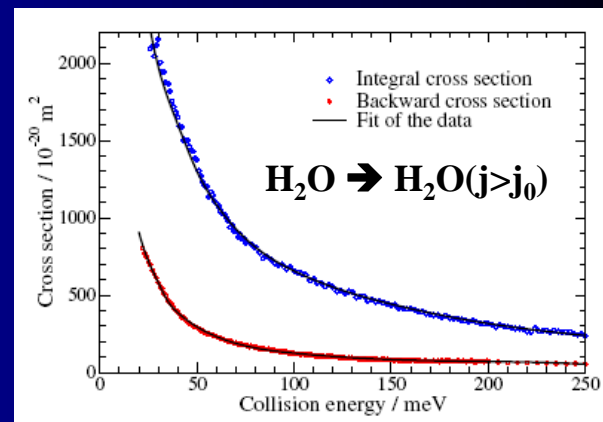
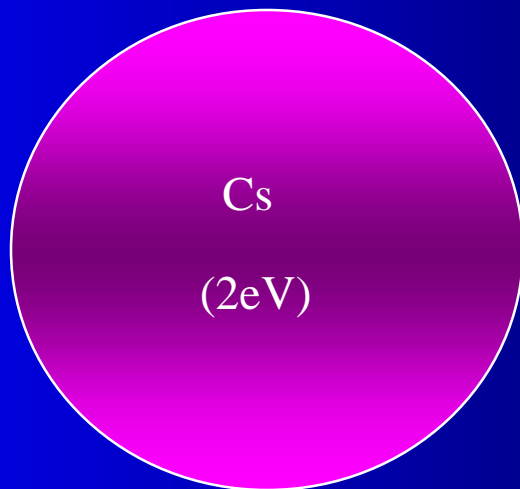
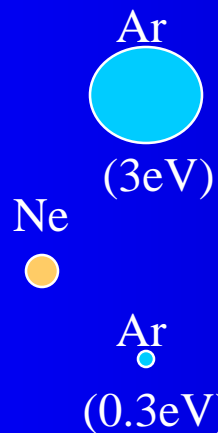
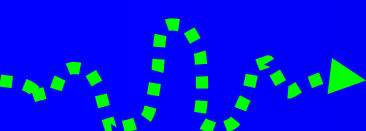


FIG. 1.16. Observed total collision cross-sections of Li, Na, K, and Cs.

(0,3eV)

$\sigma(v)$

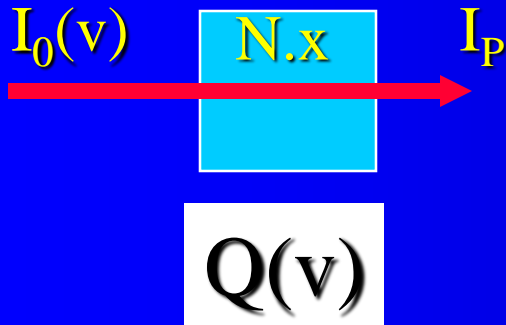
$e^-(v)$



Frequencies of elastic collisions

$$\delta I = -NQI_p \delta x$$

$$I_p = I_0 \exp(-QNx)$$



$a_0 = 0.53 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm} \sim 0.5 \text{ \AA}$
 Radius of the first Bohr orbit of H atom

$$v \sim n v \sigma$$

Collision Frequencies

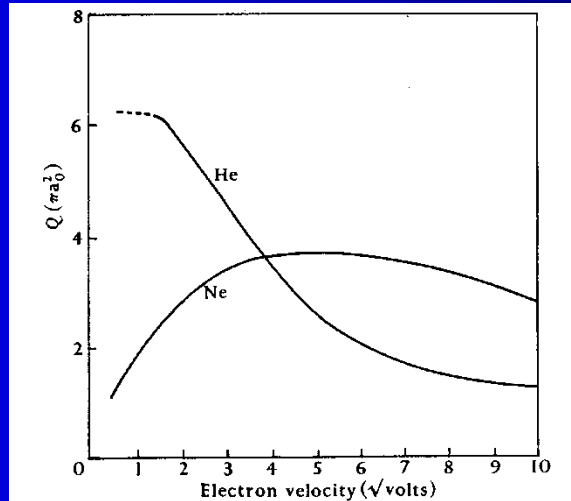


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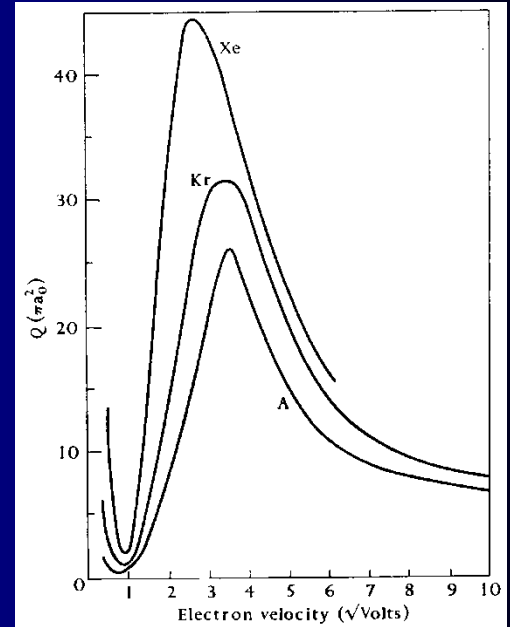
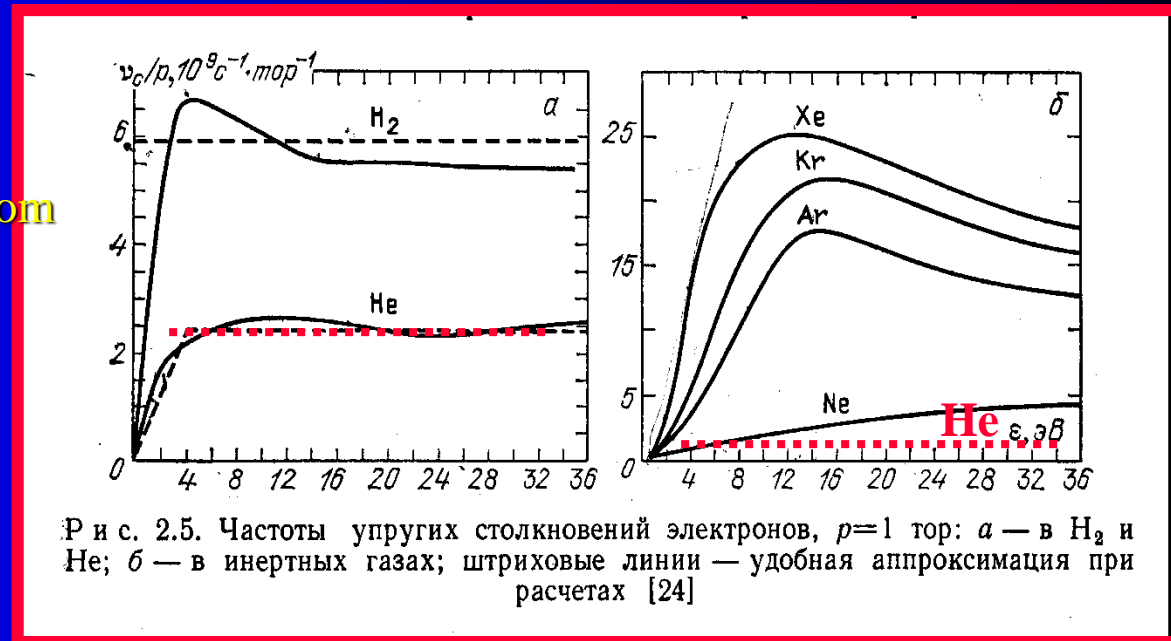


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Р и с. 2.5. Частоты упругих столкновений электронов, $p=1$ топ: а — в H_2 и He; б — в инертных газах; штриховые линии — удобная аппроксимация при расчетах [24]

Very low energies

Very low collision energies

TOPICAL REVIEW

Electron-molecule collisions at very low electron energies

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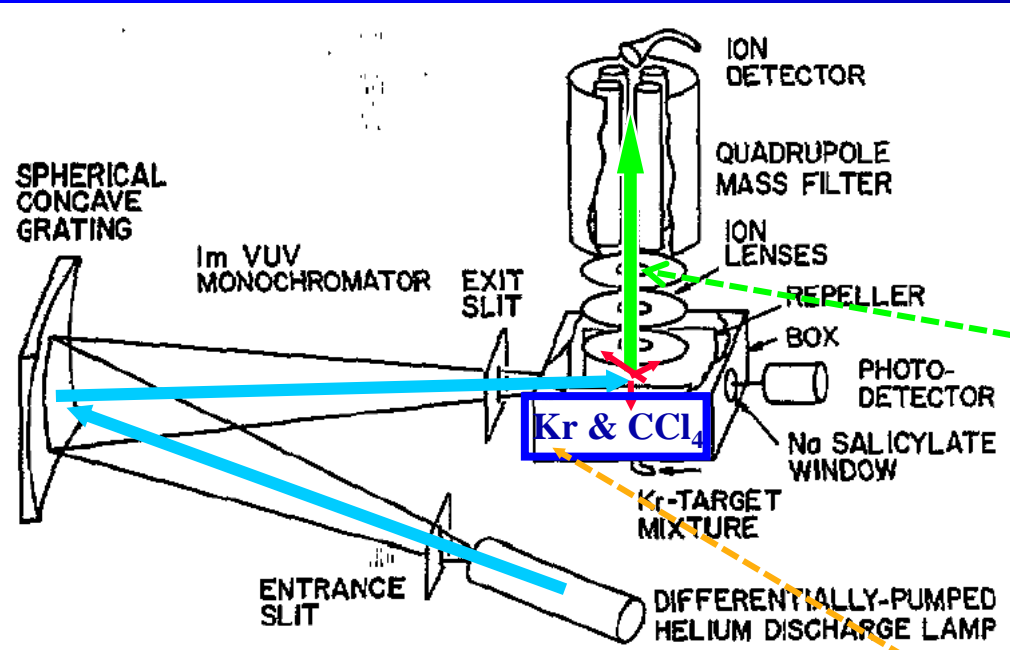
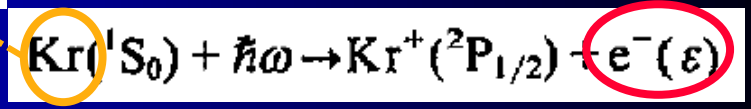
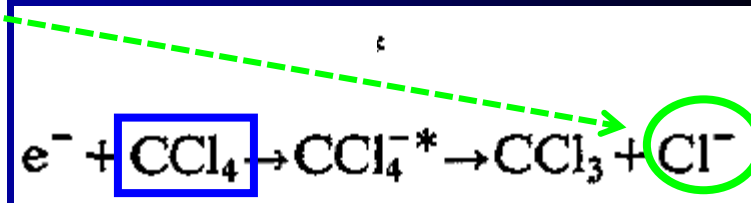


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the vuv photoionization apparatus used for attachment studies (Chutjian and Alajajian 1985a, b).



Electron attachment at very low electron energies

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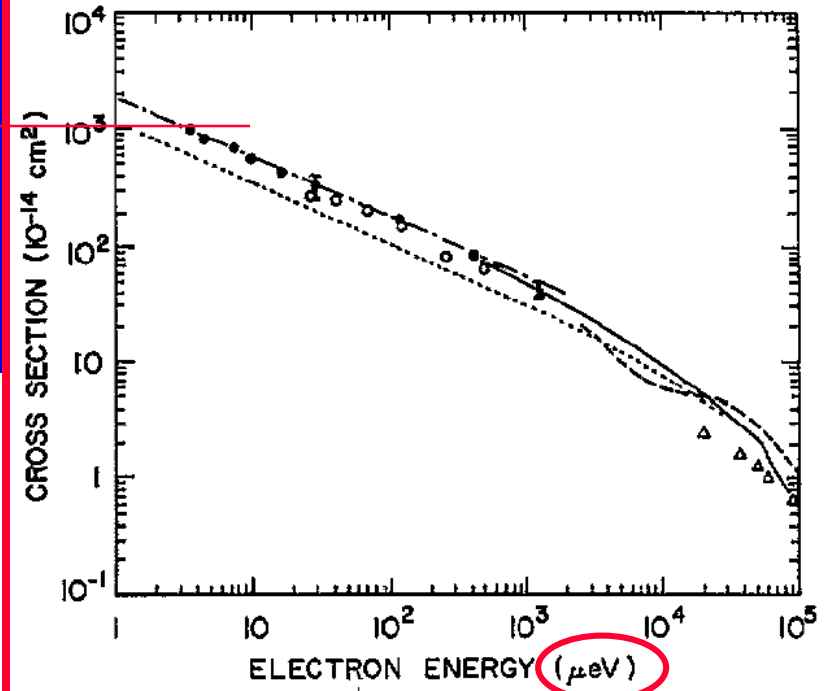


Figure 3. Cross sections for electron attachment to CCl_4 . \bullet , $\bar{\sigma}_e\text{-K}(np)$; $-\cdot-$, $\sigma_e(\nu)\text{-K}(np)$ (Frey *et al* 1994b); \circ , $\bar{\sigma}_e\text{-K}(np)$ (Ling *et al* 1992); $---$, free electrons (Hotop 1994); $----$, free electrons (Orient *et al* 1989); Δ , free electrons (Christodoulides and Christophorou (1971); $----$, theory (Klots 1976).

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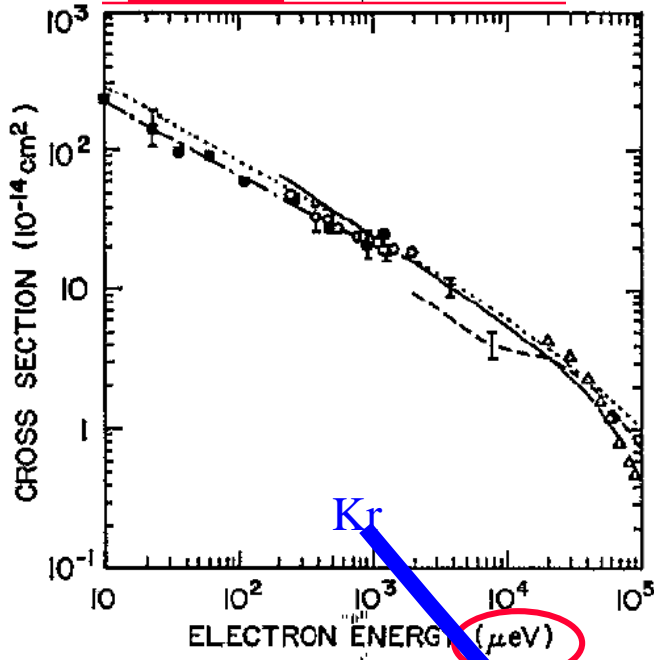
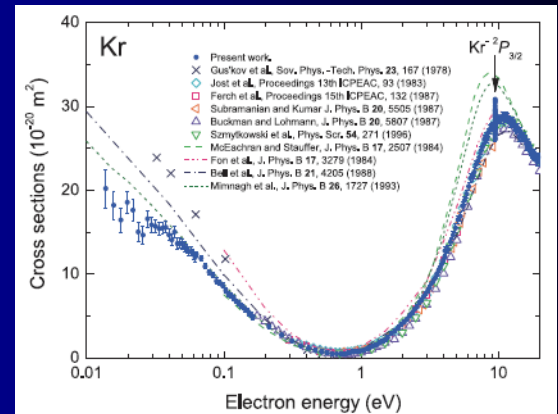


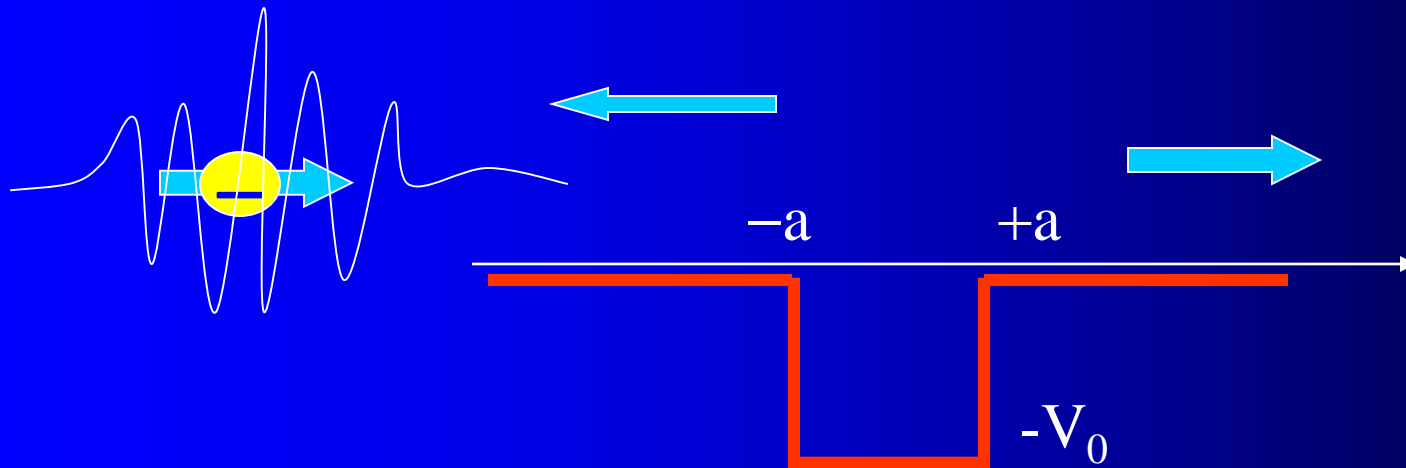
Figure 2. Cross section for electron attachment to SF_6 . \blacksquare , $\bar{\sigma}_e\text{-K}(np)$; $-\cdot-$, $\sigma_e(\nu)\text{-K}(np)$ (Ling *et al* 1992). \circ , $\bar{\sigma}_e\text{-Rb}(ns)$ (Zollars *et al* 1985); $---$, free electrons (Klar *et al* 1992a, b); $----$, free electrons (Chutjian and Alajajian 1985); Δ , free electrons (Pai *et al* 1979, Chutjian and Alajajian 1985a); $----$, theory (Klots 1976).

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Kvantová mechanika

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Kvantová mechanika I
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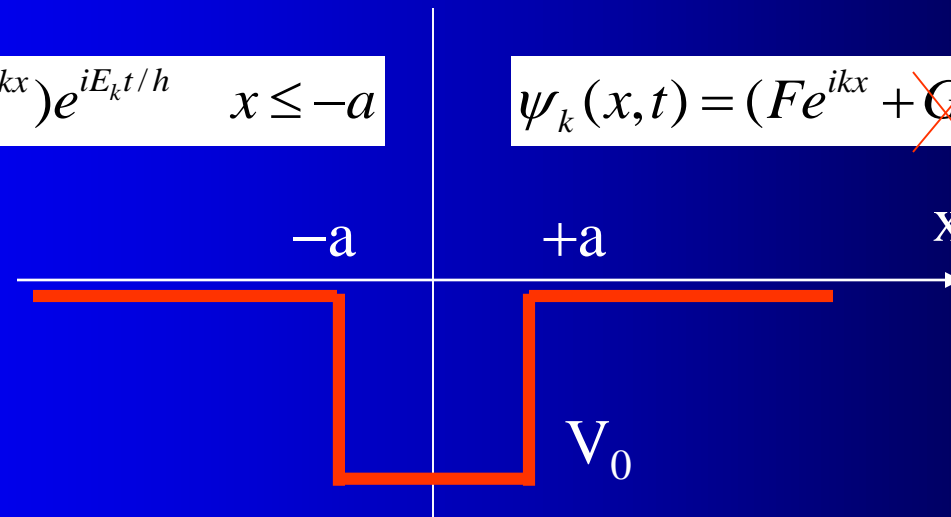
Vlnová funkce má tvar superposice Brogliových vln

$$k = \sqrt{2mE / \hbar^2}$$

$$\psi_k(x, t) = (Ae^{ikx} + Be^{-ikx})e^{iE_k t / \hbar} \quad x \leq -a$$

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$$k' = \sqrt{2m(E + V_0) / \hbar^2}$$

a) dopadající částice $\rightarrow A$

b) odražená částice $\rightarrow B$

c) procházející částice $\rightarrow F \neq 0, G = 0$

Jednorozměrný rozptyl

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Parametry jsou E, V_0, a

Hladkost řešení v bodech $\pm a$
 Urči konstanty B, C, D, G,
 Hodnota A je vstupní parametr

Tok dopadajících částic

$$j_{in} = \frac{\hbar k}{m} |A|^2$$

Tok odražených částic

$$j_{rf} = \frac{\hbar k}{m} |B|^2$$

Tok prošlých částic

$$j_{tr} = \frac{\hbar k}{m} |F|^2$$

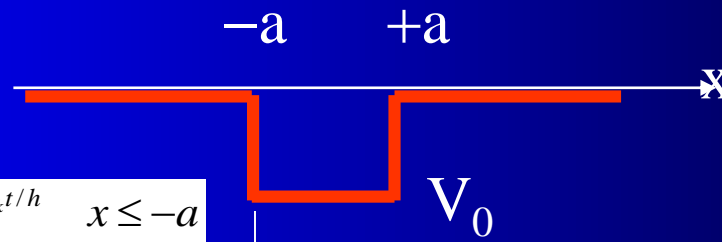
$$C = \frac{F}{2} (1 + k/k') e^{i(k-k')a}$$

$$D = \frac{F}{2} (1 - k/k') e^{i(k+k')a}$$



$$A = \text{function}(F)$$

Jednorozměrný rozptyl



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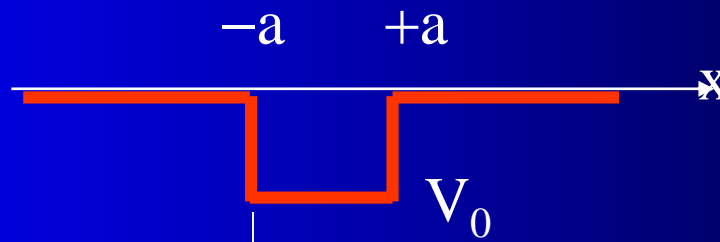
$$\varepsilon = \frac{k'}{k} + \frac{k}{k'}$$

$$A = e^{2ika} (\cos(2k'a) - i(\varepsilon/2) \sin(2k'a)) F$$

Koeficient průchodu T, koeficient odrazu R

$$\frac{1}{T} = \left| \frac{A}{F} \right|^2 = 1 + \frac{V_0^2}{4E(E + V_0)} \sin^2(2k'a)$$

Jednorozměrný rozptyl



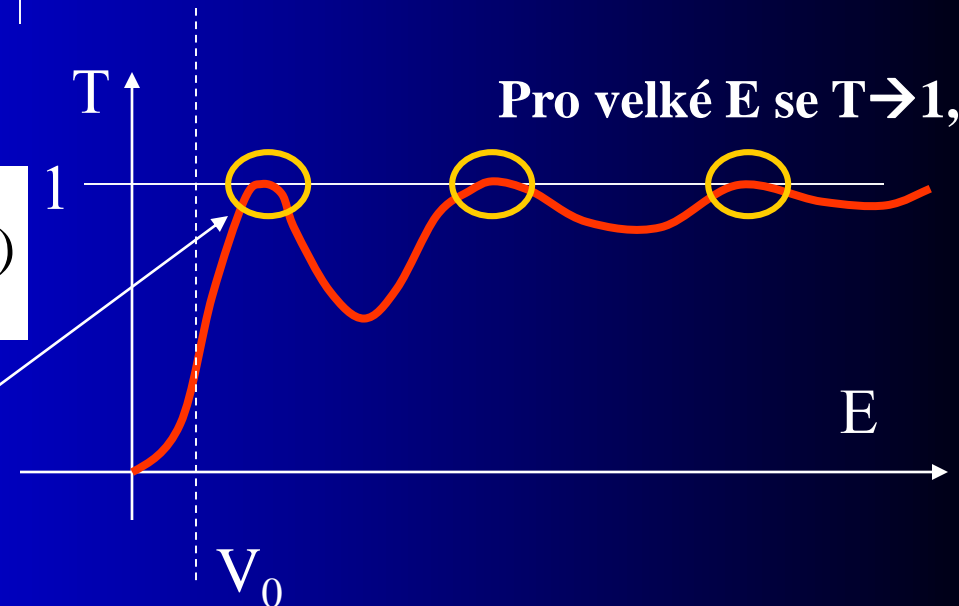
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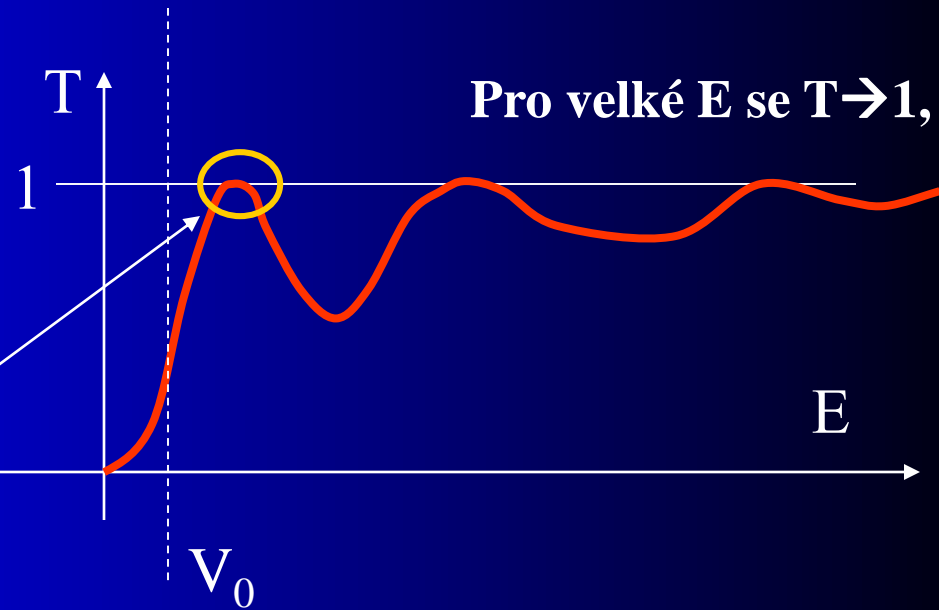


$$T=1 \quad 2k_n' a = n\pi$$

Efekt Ramsauera - Kr

Parametry jsou E, V_0, a

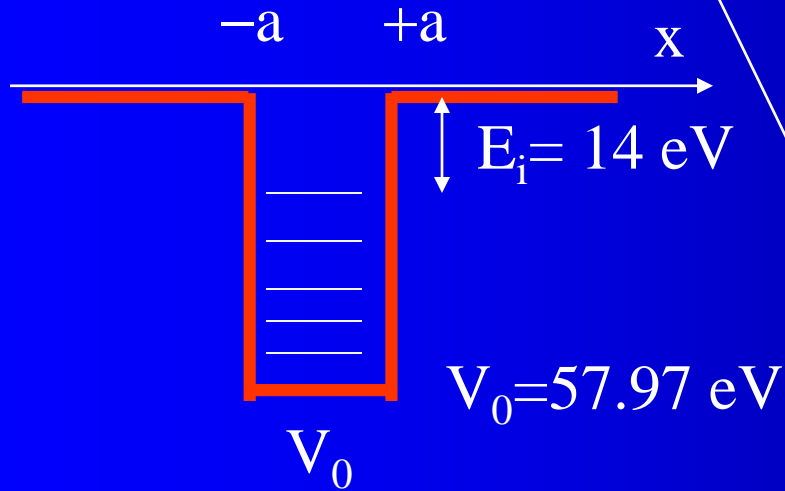
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$$2k_n'a = n\pi$$

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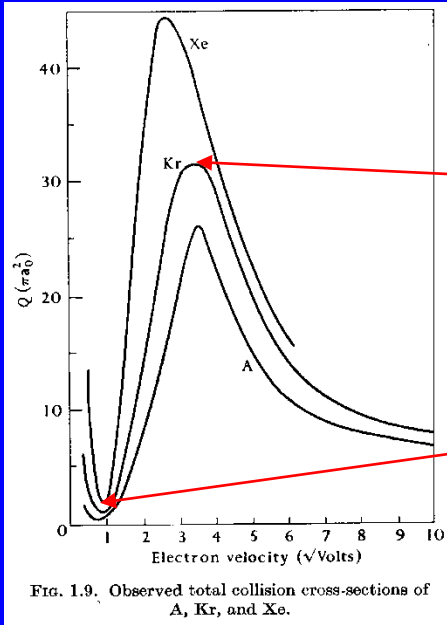
Kr; $a=2\text{\AA}$
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$E=0.013 V_0=0.75 \text{ eV}$

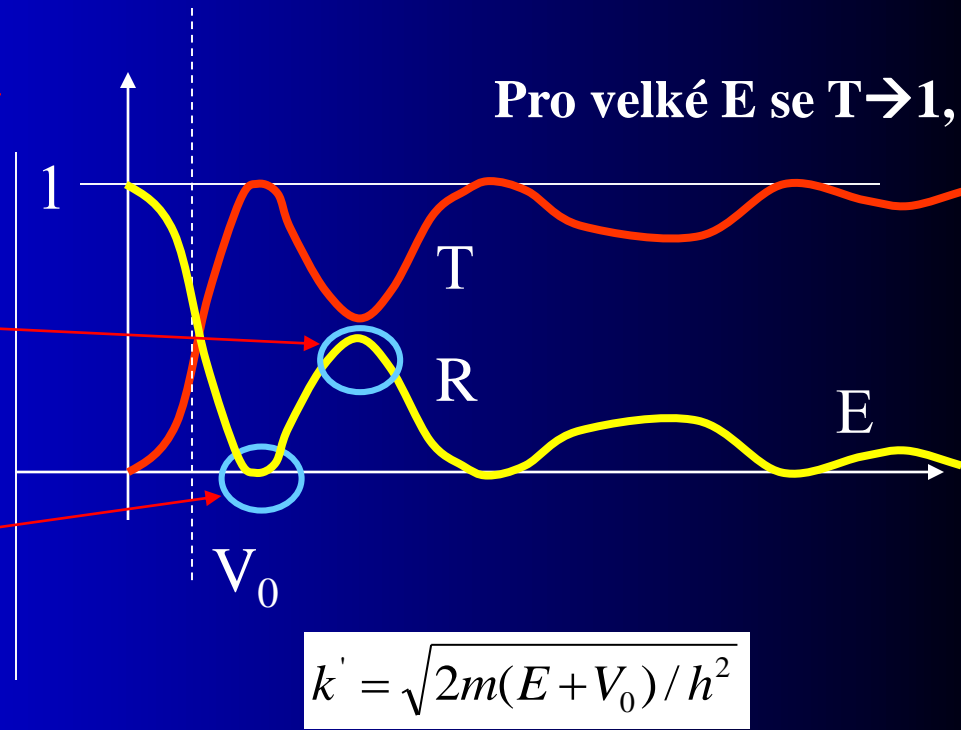
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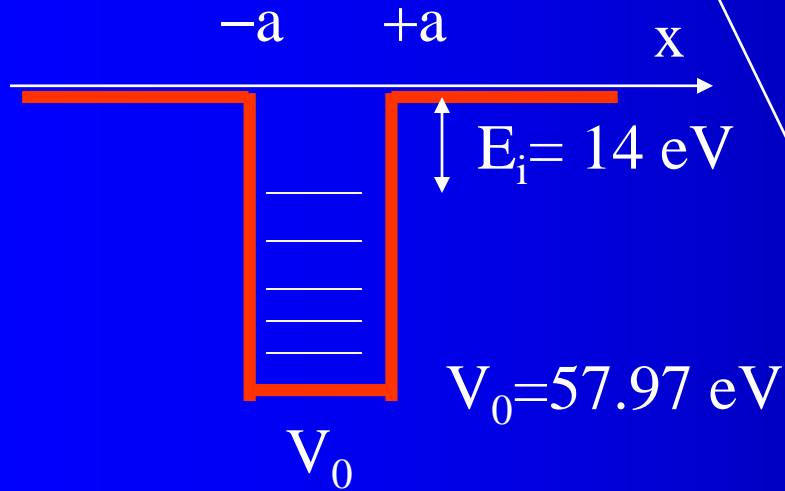
$T+R=1$



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Excitation energies

Energy levels H

Rotational states
Vibrational states
Electronic states
Ionisation

5.2 Atomic structure and atomic spectra

Fig. 15.12. A Grotrian diagram which summarizes the appearance and analysis of the spectrum of atomic hydrogen. The thicker the line, the more intense the transition.

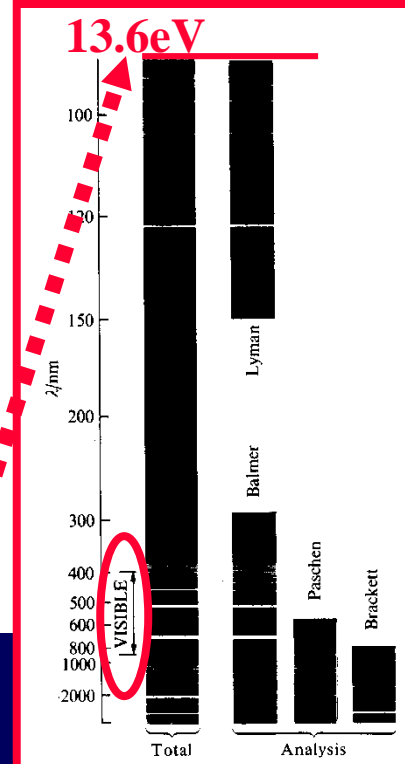
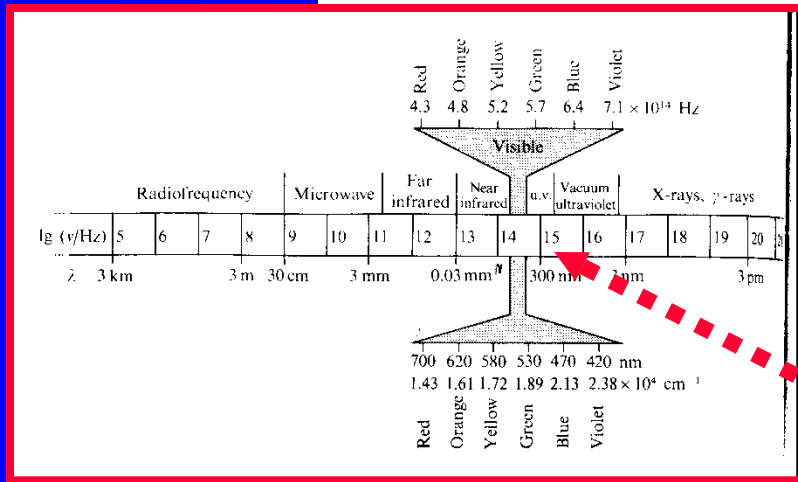
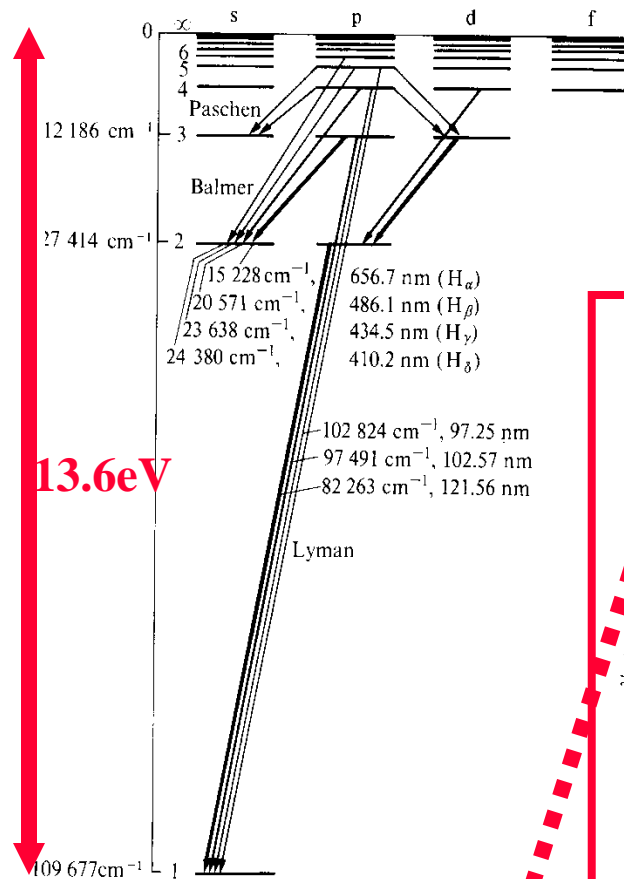


Fig. 15.1. The spectrum of atomic hydrogen. The spectrum is shown on the left, and is analysed into its overlapping series on the right. Note that the Balmer series lies in the visible region.

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Energy levels H

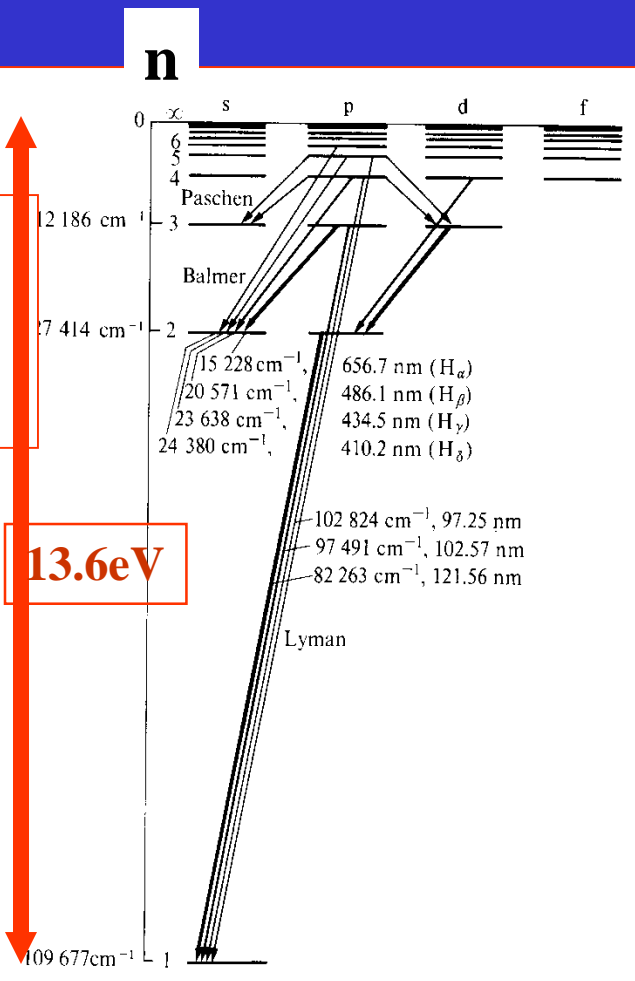
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$$E_n = -\frac{Z^2 \mu e^4}{32\pi^2 \epsilon_0^2 \hbar^2} \times \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$h\nu = 13.6\left(\frac{1}{n_f^2} - \frac{1}{n_i^2}\right)[eV]$$

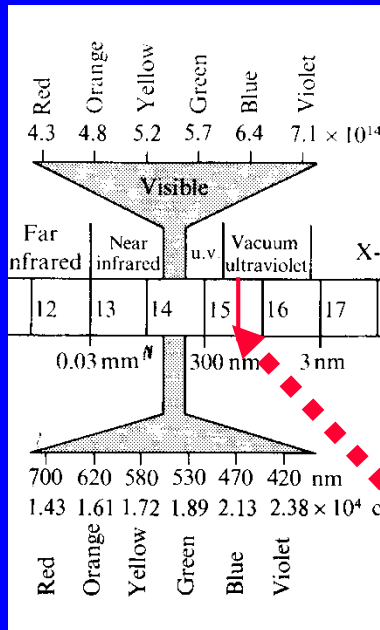
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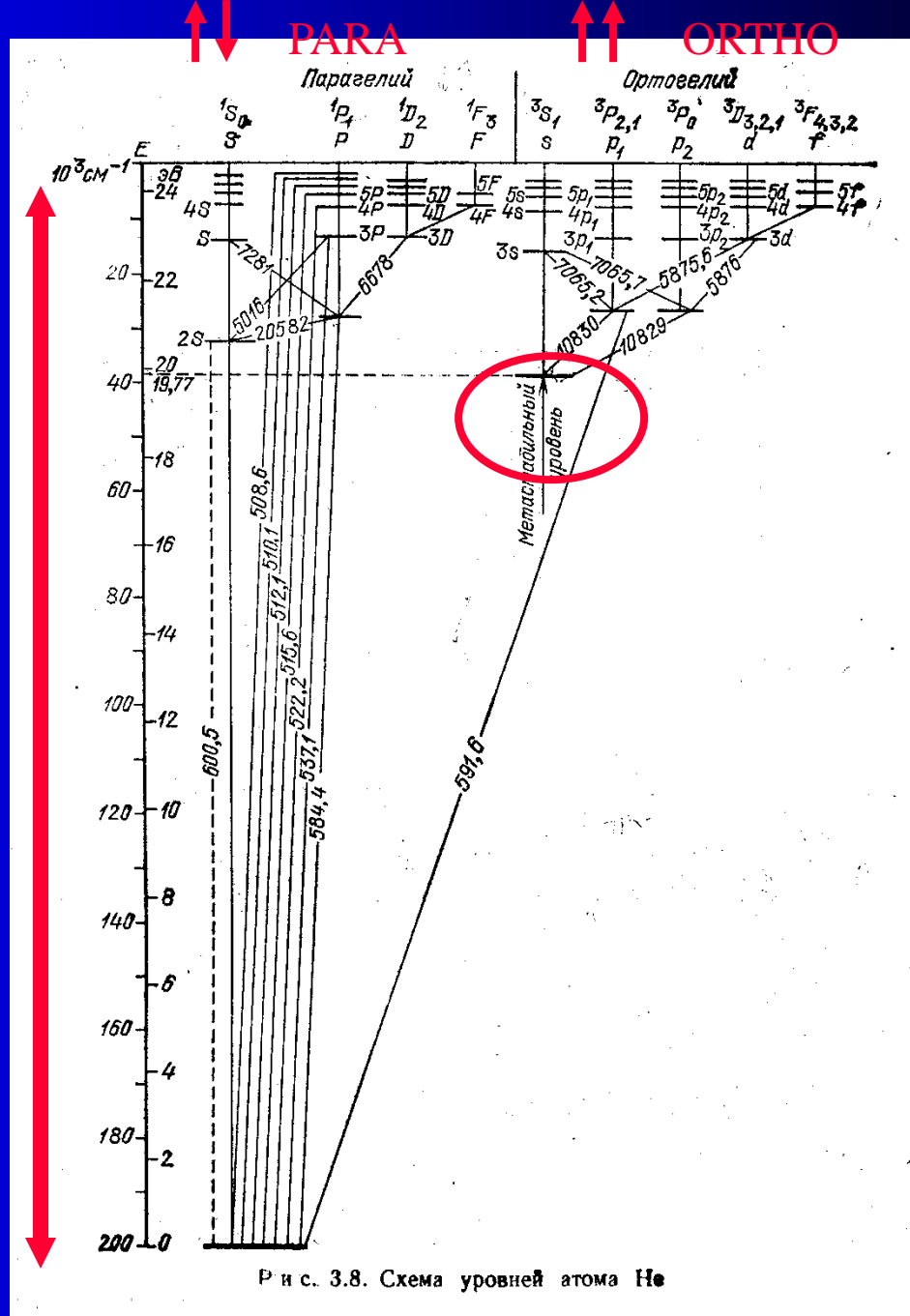
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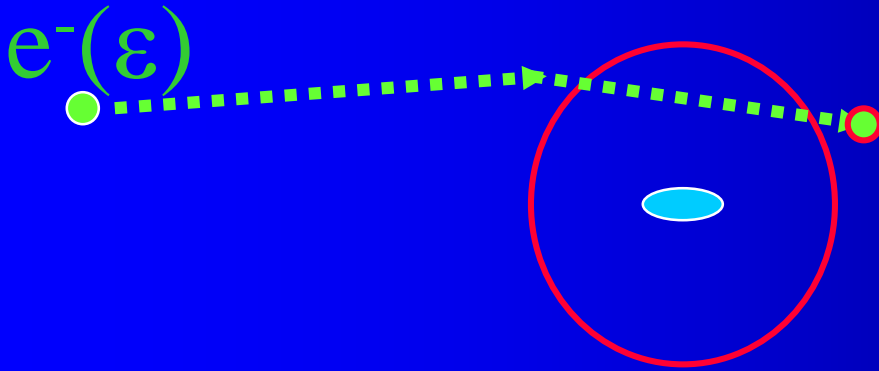
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24.46eV → $\sim 198400 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ → $\sim 50 \text{ nm}$
vacuum ultraviolet



Molecules

Time scale of interaction with electron



- What happens to the molecule when an electron goes by?

- 70 eV electron $\Rightarrow 5 \times 10^6$ m/s

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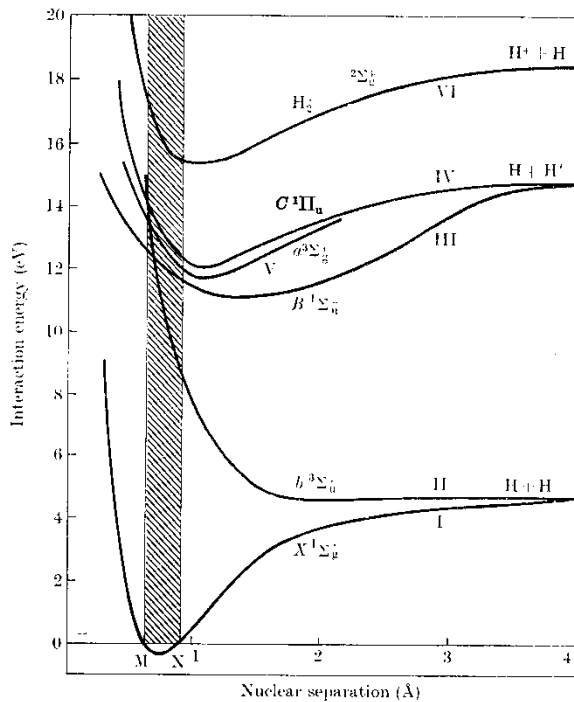
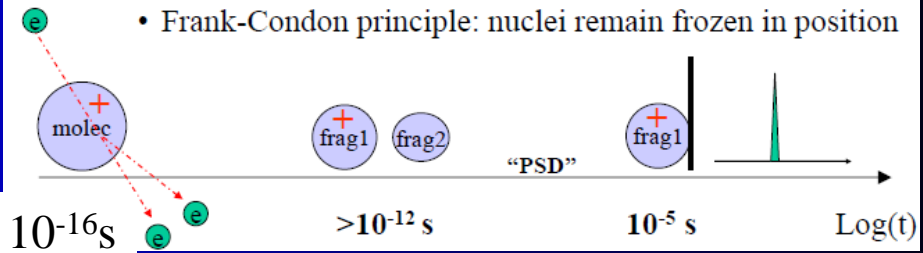


FIG. 13.1. Potential energy curves for electronic states of H_2 and H_2^+ lying within 20 eV of the ground state.

Interaction with molecules

Typical potential curves of diatomic molecules and H_2

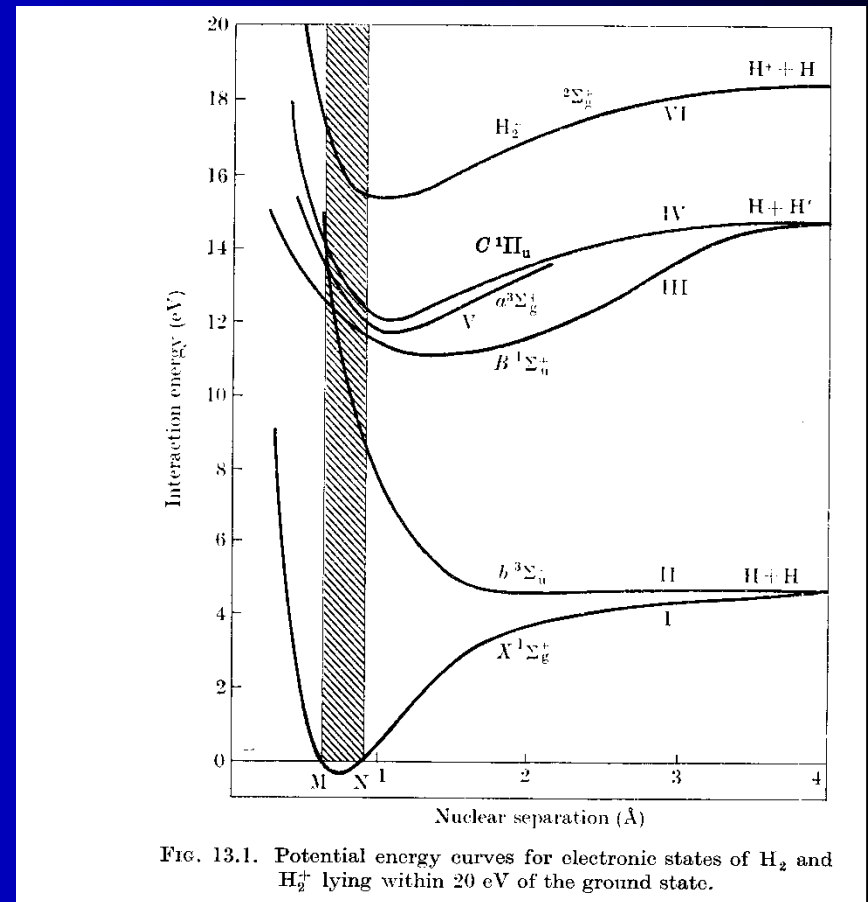


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Franck-Condon Principle

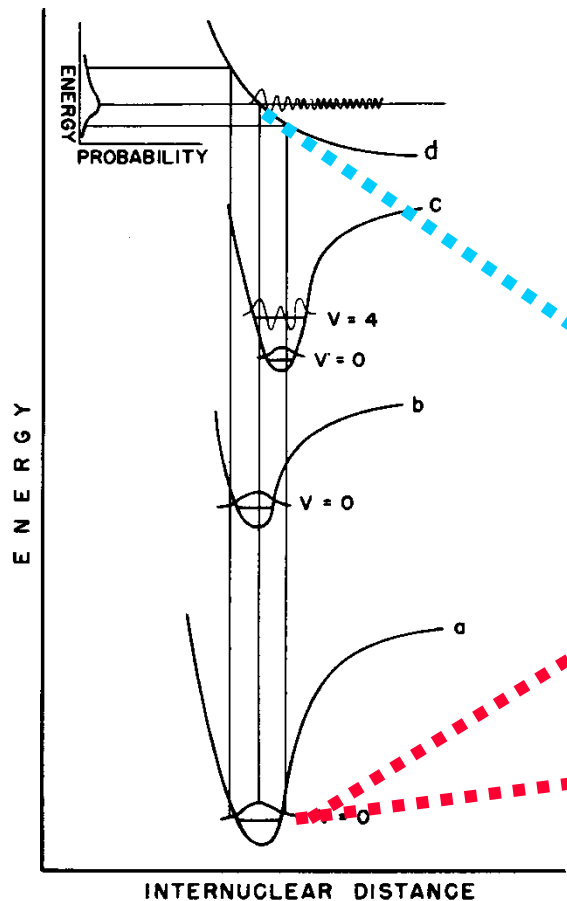
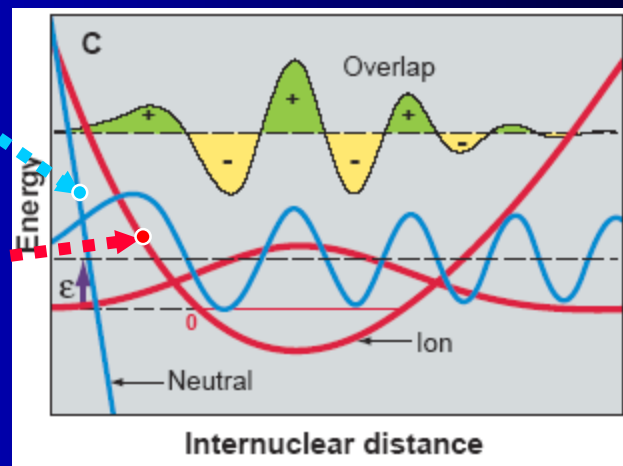
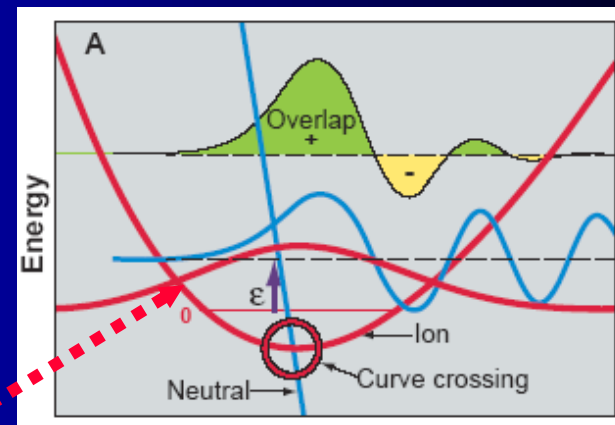


FIG. 21. Illustrative diatomic molecule and molecule-ion potential energy curves. The actual energy difference between curves a and b, c, and d is much greater than represented.



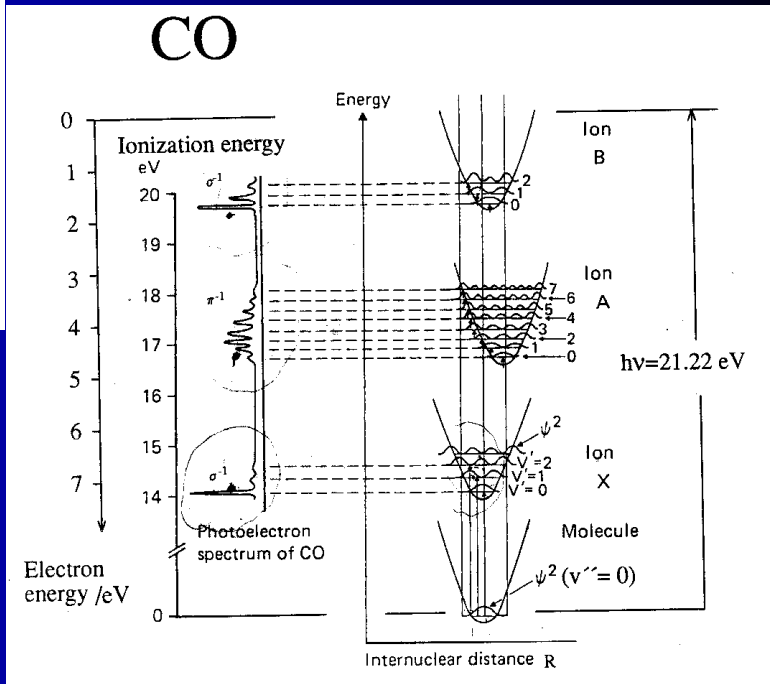
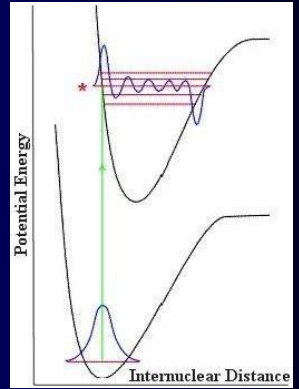
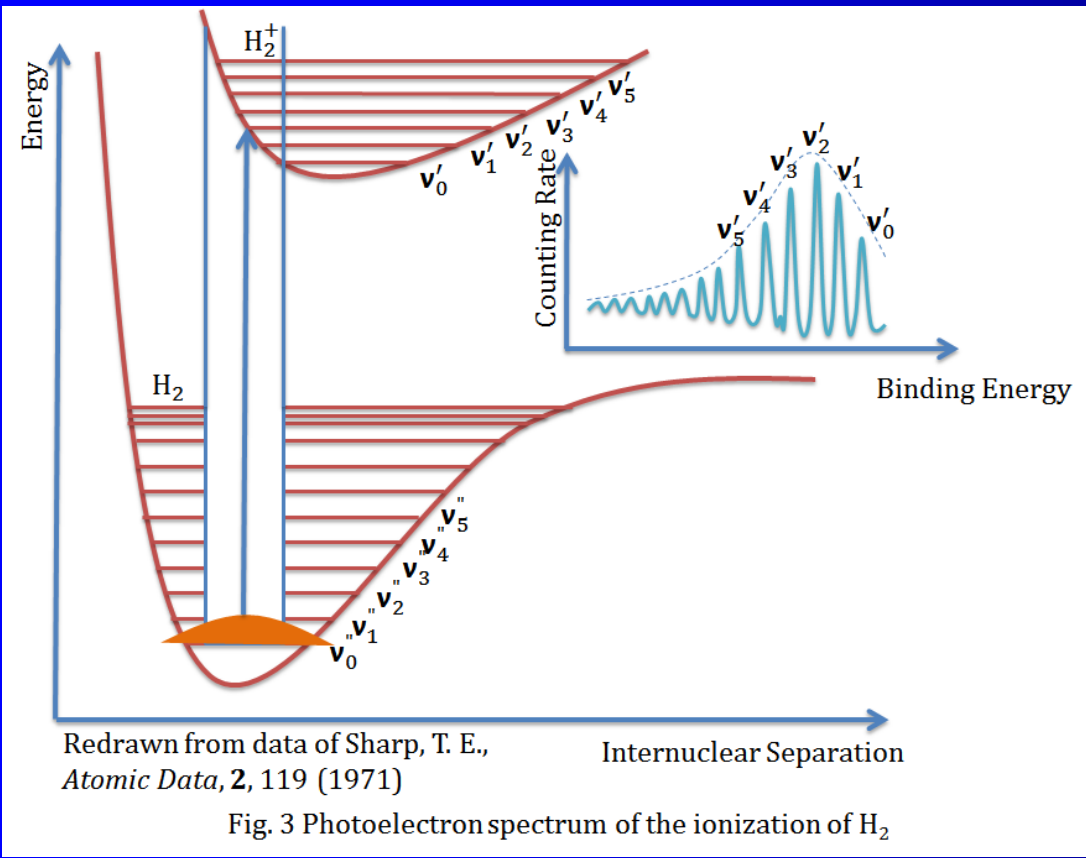
Franck-Condon Factors

$$P \sim \langle \Psi_{\text{initial}} | \Psi_{\text{final}} \rangle^2$$

Photoelectron spectrum H2

Franck-Condon Factors

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Cross sections for vibrational excitation, dissociation, ionization...H₂

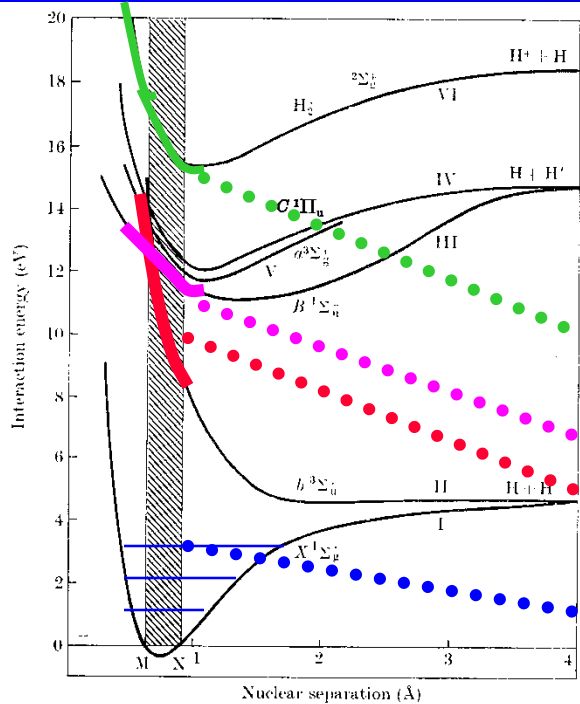


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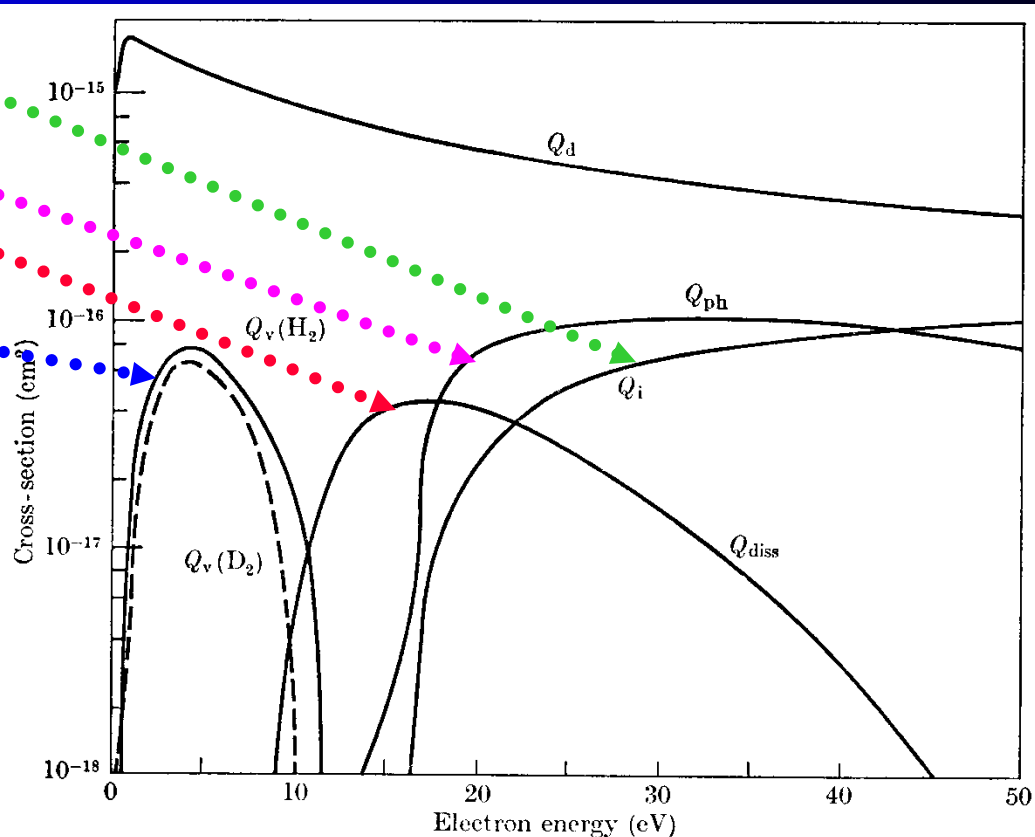
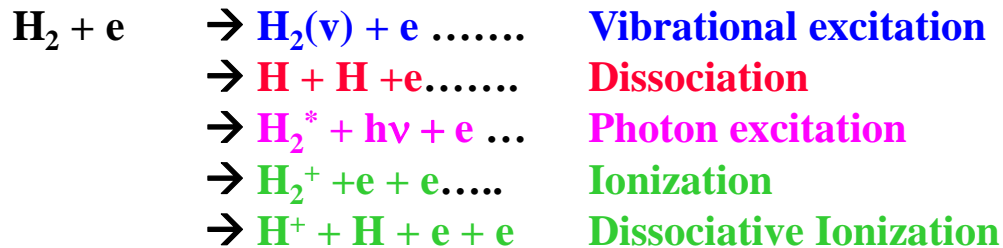
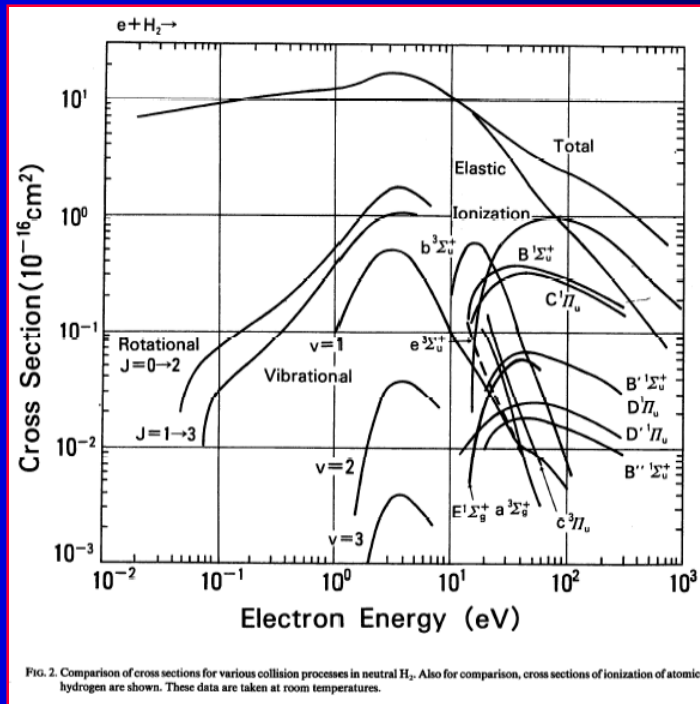
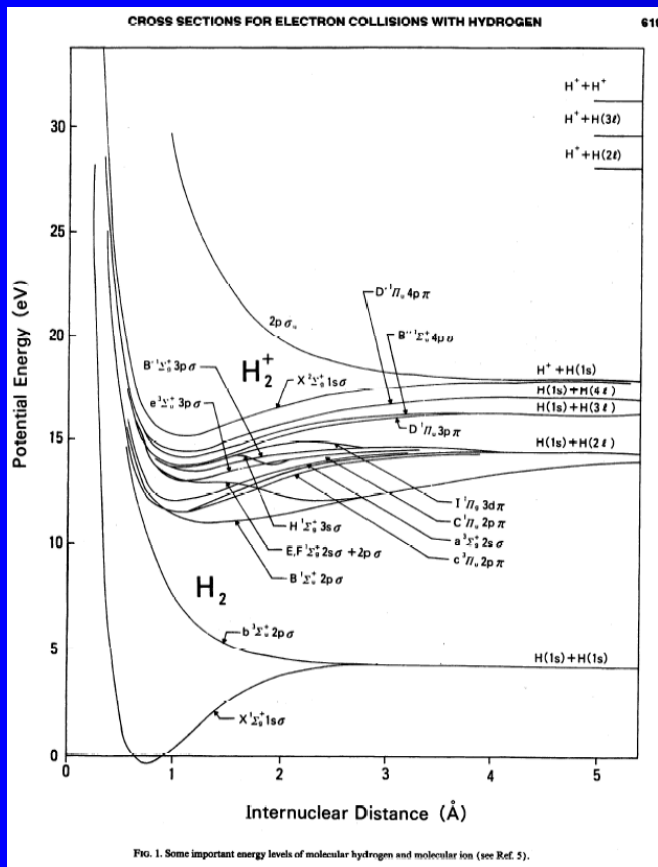


FIG. 13.37. Cross-sections assumed by Engelhardt and Phelps in their analysis of swarm data in H₂ and D₂ for electrons of characteristic energy greater than 1 eV. Q_d momentum-transfer cross-section, Q_i ionization cross-section, Q_{diss} dissociation cross-section, Q_{ph} photon excitation cross-section, Q_v vibrational excitation cross-section (— H₂, --- D₂).

Details of interaction of electron with H₂ (1990)



Cross Sections and Related Data for Electron Collisions with Hydrogen Molecules and Molecular Ions^(a)

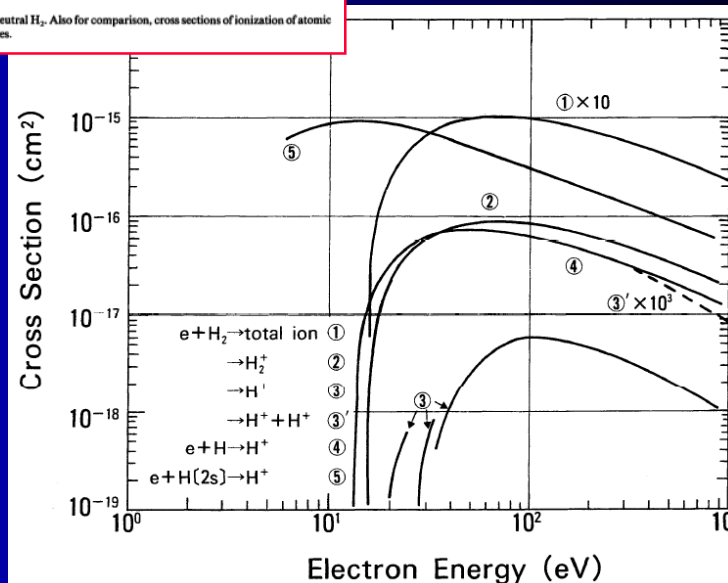
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Data are compiled and evaluated for collision processes of excitation, dissociation, ionization, attachment, and recombination of hydrogen molecules and molecular ions (H_2^+ , H_3^+) by electron impact as well as for properties of their collision products.

Key words: electron impact; hydrogen molecule; hydrogen molecular ion; scattering; elastic integral; vibrational excitation; rotational excitation; dissociation; ionization; photon emission; cross section.



Dissociative ionization

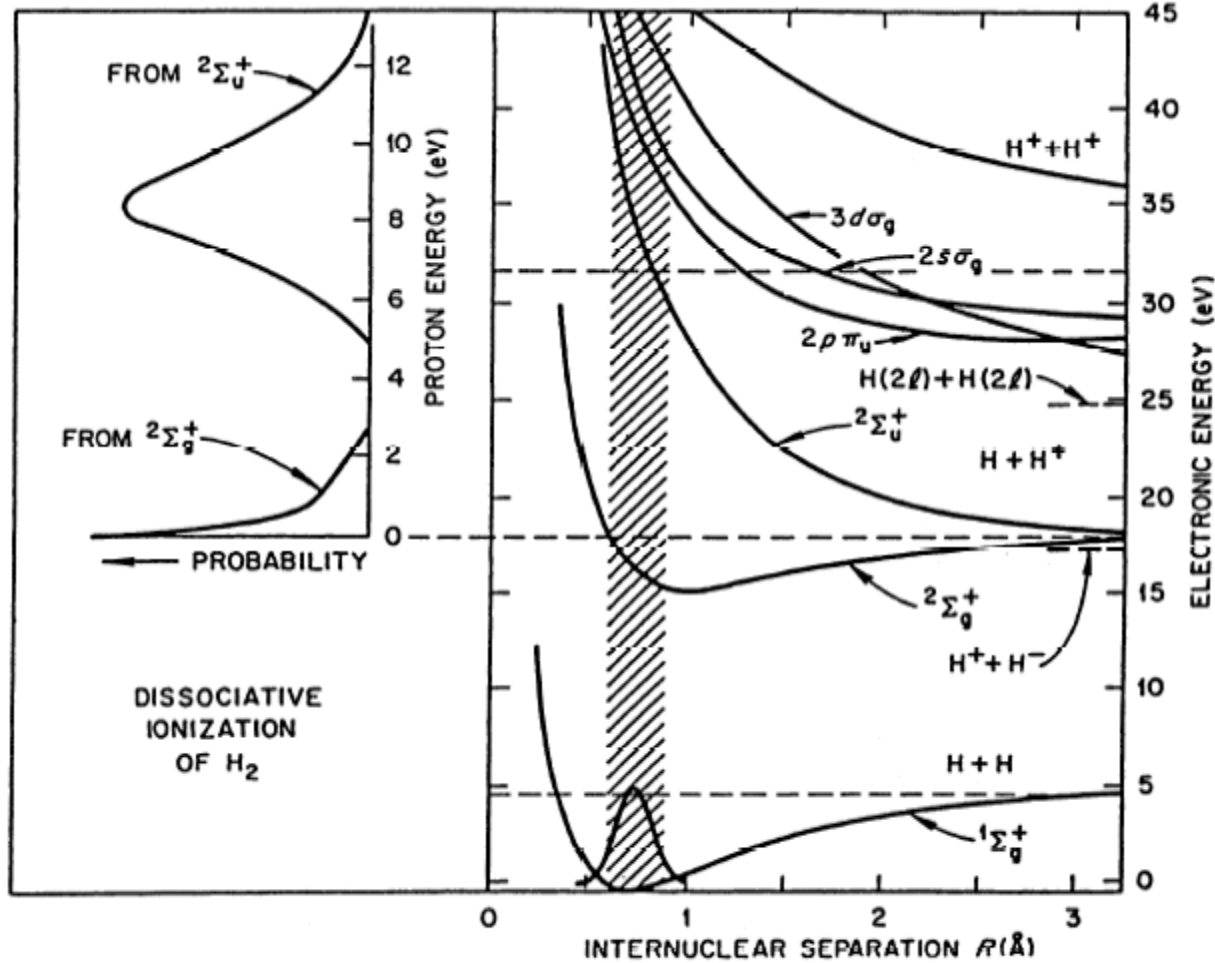


FIG. 21. Potential energy curves of H_2 , H_2^+ and H_2^{2+} and the expected energy distributions of protons produced via $2\Sigma_g^+$ and $2\Sigma_u^+$ states of H_2^+ in dissociative ionization of H_2 (see Ref. 115).

Rotational excitation N₂

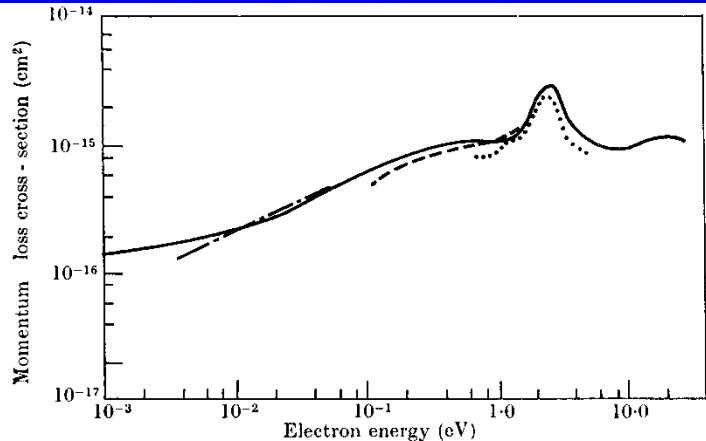


FIG. 11.30. Momentum-transfer cross-section for electrons in N₂. — derived by Engelhardt, Phelps, and Risk from analysis of swarm data. - - - derived by Pack and Phelps from analysis of their drift velocity observations. - · - · derived from drift velocity observations of Crompton and Sutton. · · · total cross-section measured by Ramsauer method.

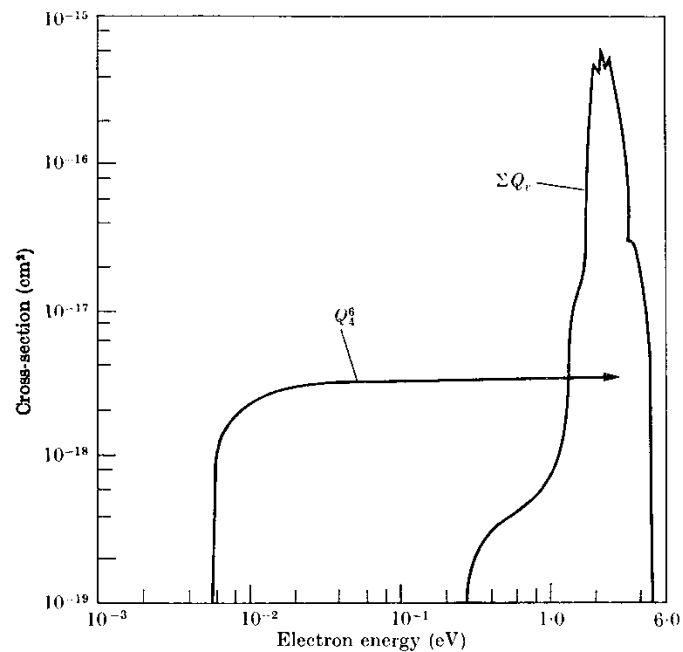


FIG. 11.31. Cross-sections for rotational and vibrational excitation of nitrogen. Q_4^6 is the cross-section for the rotational excitation $J = 4 \rightarrow J = 6$. $\sum_v Q_v$ is the sum of the cross-sections for vibrational excitation consistent with the swarm data.

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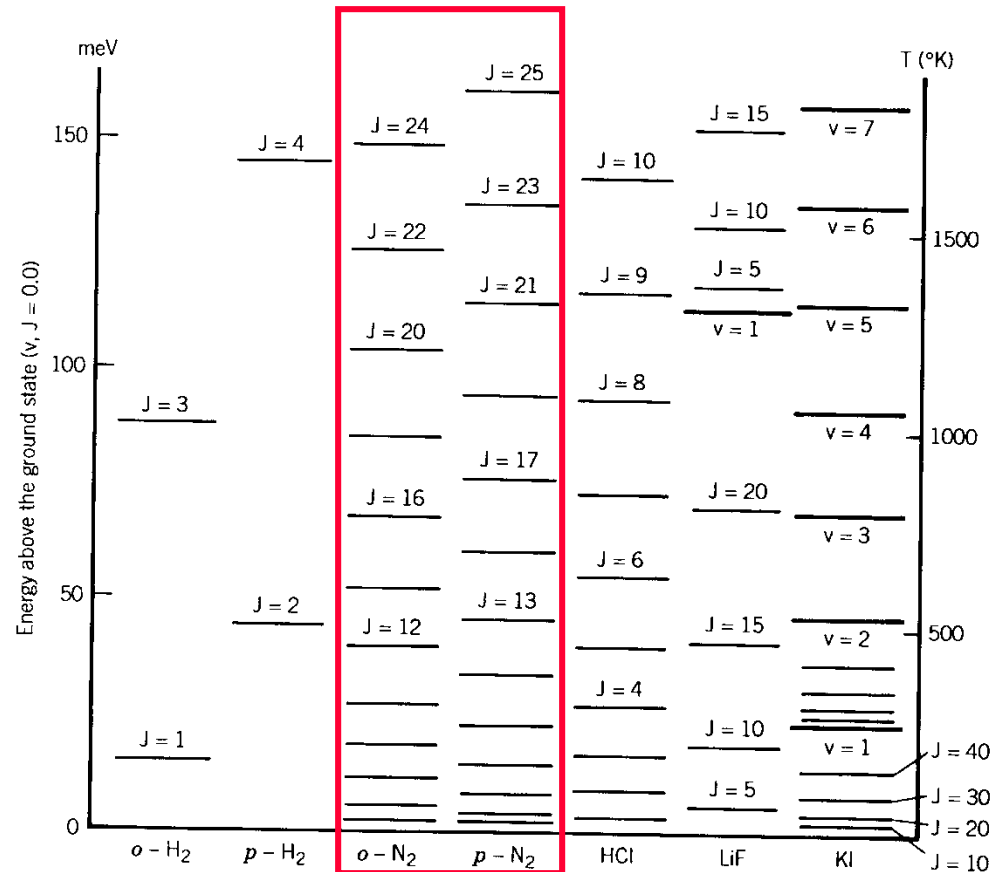


Figure 2-2-1. Vibrational-rotational levels (quantum numbers v and J) of a few diatomic molecules. The ($v = 1, J = 0$) level of H₂ lies 0.54 eV above the ground state ($v = 0, J = 0$). Rotational level spacings for H₂ are uniquely large, about $15J$ meV, where J is the quantum number for the upper level. For the ortho species of H₂ (o -H₂), the nuclear spins are parallel; for the para version (p -H₂), the nuclear spins are antiparallel. [From Shimamura (1984).]

Vibr. excitation of N₂ fine structure

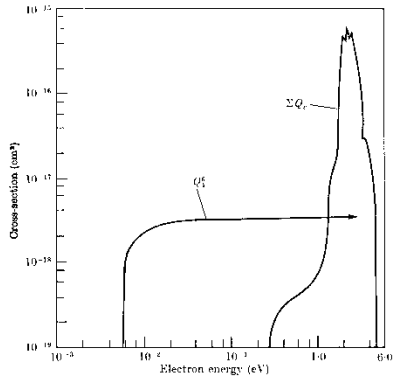


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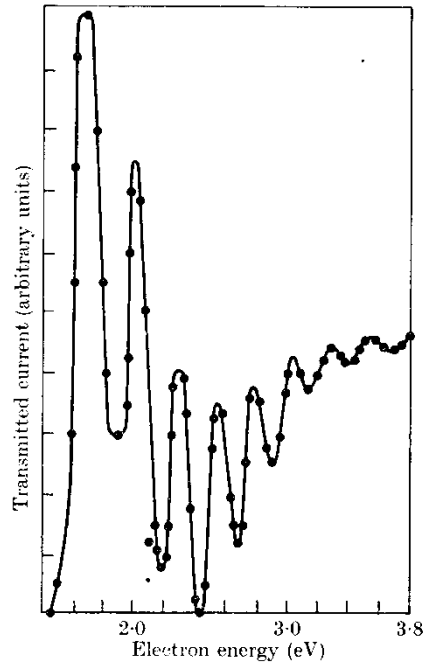


FIG. 10.32. Fine structure observed by Golden and Nakano in the transmission of electrons through N₂. The points are obtained from a number of plots of the transmitted current. Because of electron optical effects no significance attaches to the relative magnitudes of peaks and troughs.

of a theory such as that outlined above. Haas suggested that we must regard the collisions as taking place in two stages—the incident electron is first captured to form a negative ion N₂⁻ that is energetically unstable but has a lifetime greater than a vibrational period. It eventually breaks up, becoming a neutral molecule that may be in an excited vibrational state—in other words, the process is regarded as a resonance of the same type as that found in elastic scattering of electrons by helium and other atoms and molecules (see Chap. 9).

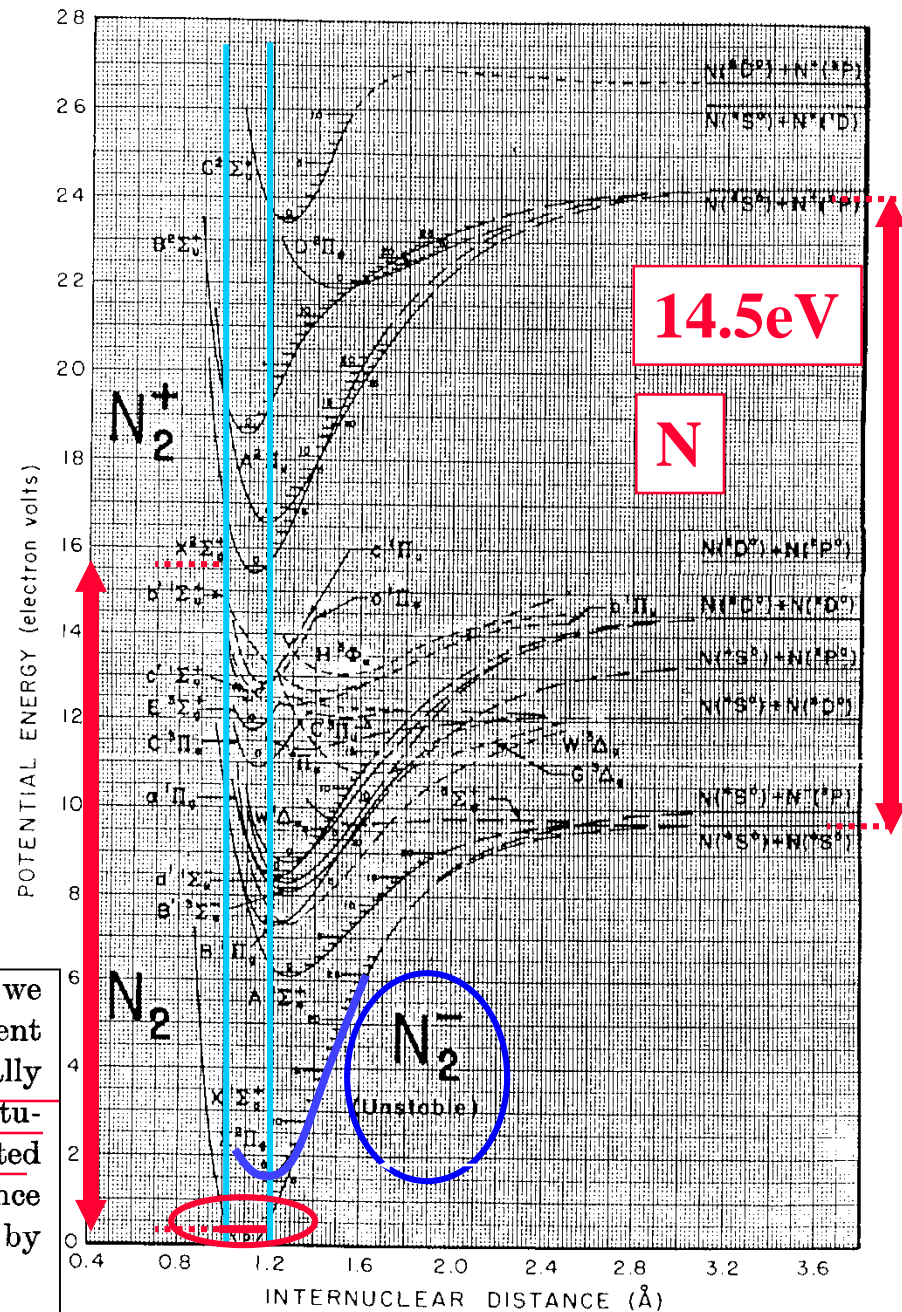
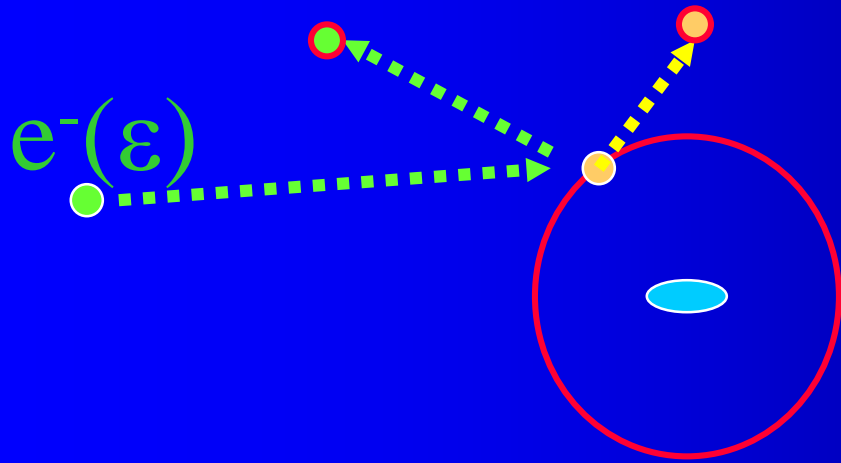


FIGURE 1. Potential energy curves for N₂ and N₂⁻.

Next → IONIZATION

Time scale of ionization



- What happens to the molecule when an electron goes by?

- 70 eV electron $\Rightarrow 5 \times 10^6$ m/s

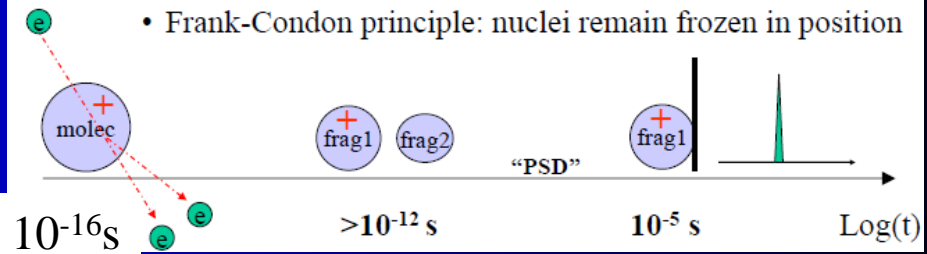
- Molecule = 10 Å = 1 nm

- Transit time = 2×10^{-16} s

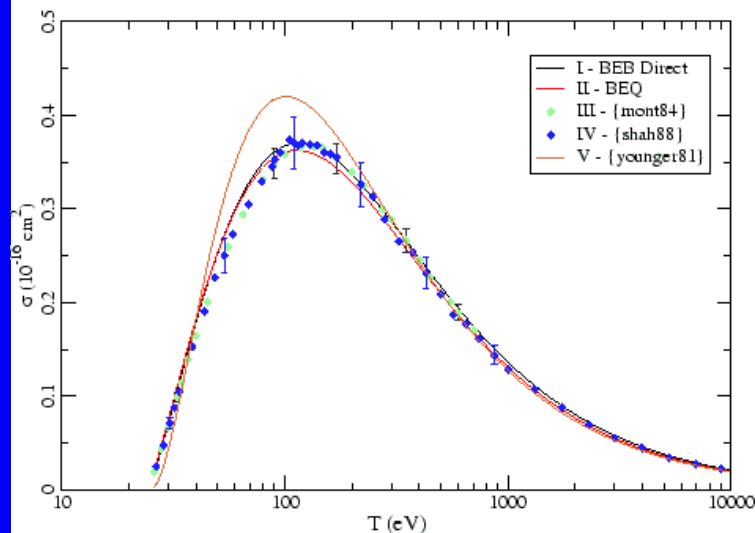
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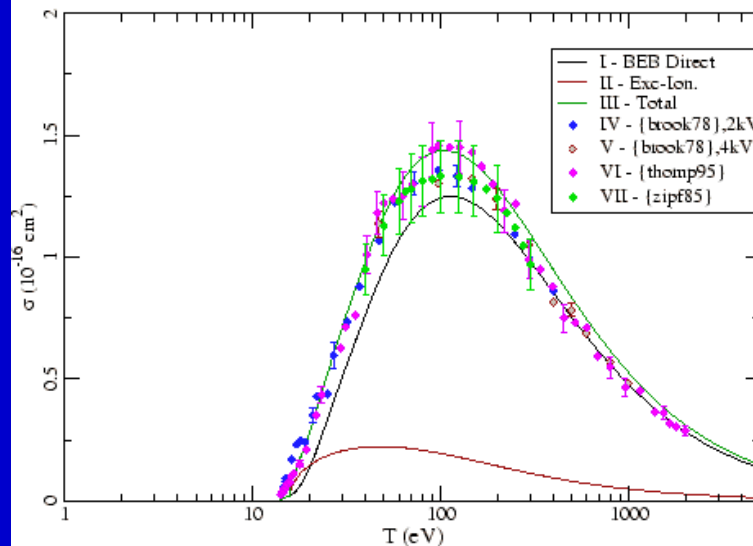
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Neutral Helium Total Ionization Cross-Section



Neutral Oxygen Total Ionization Cross-Section



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[Table of Ionization Cross Sections at Specific Energies \(tab-delimited ASCII\)](#)

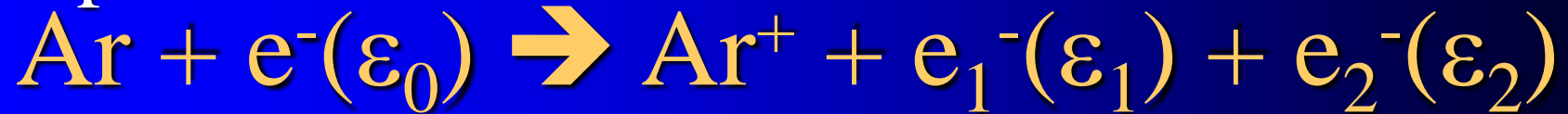
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Total Ionization Cross Section

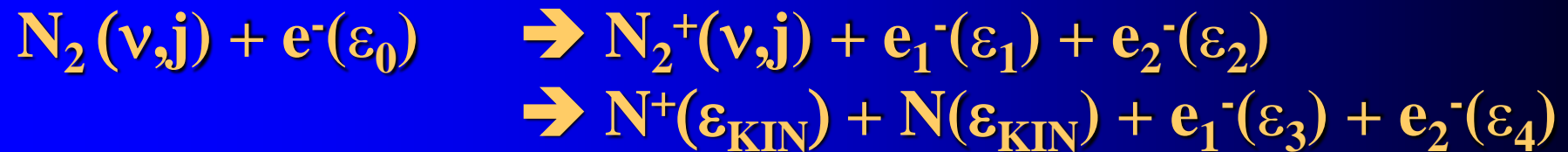
Ionization cross section

Ionization

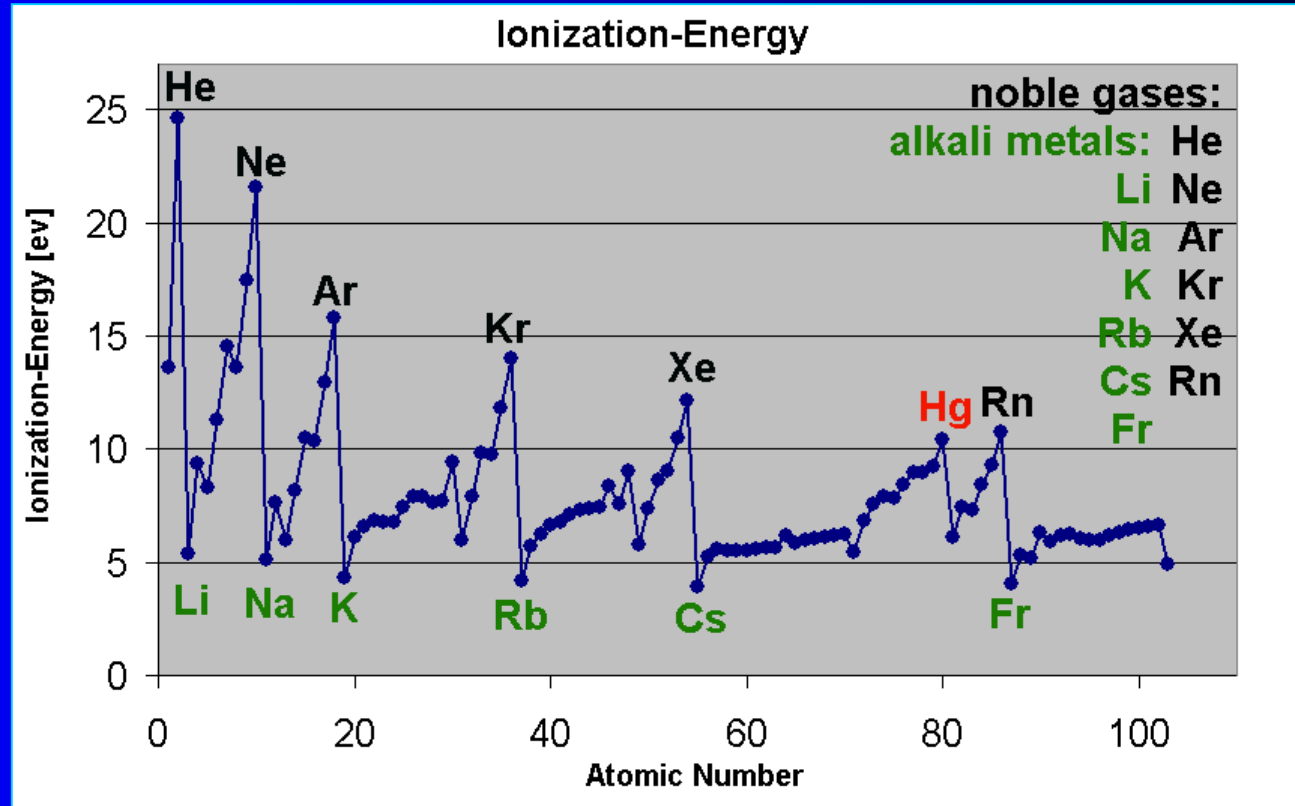
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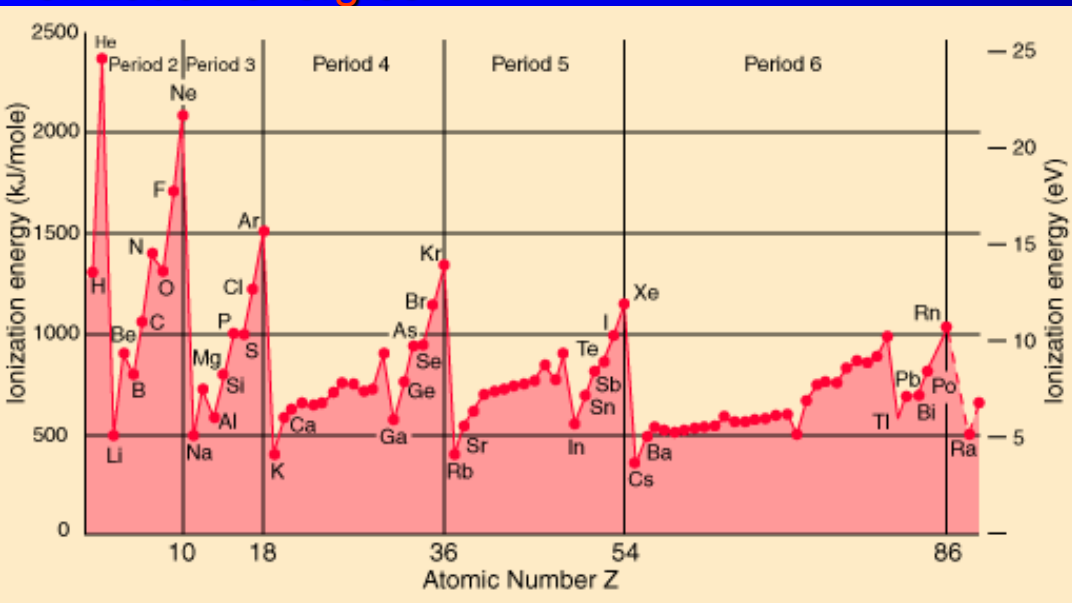
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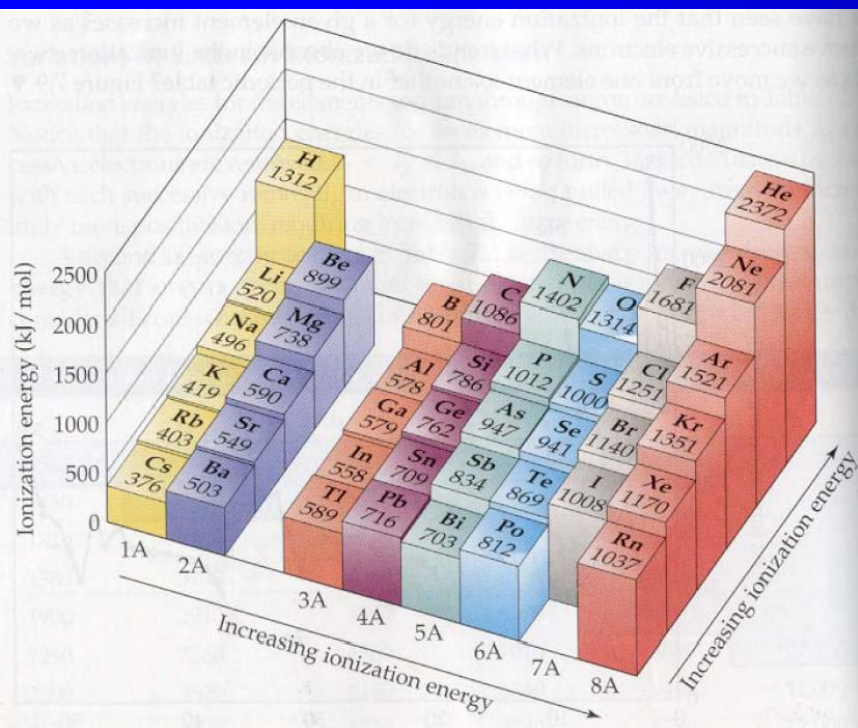
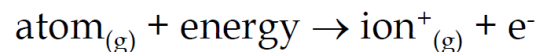
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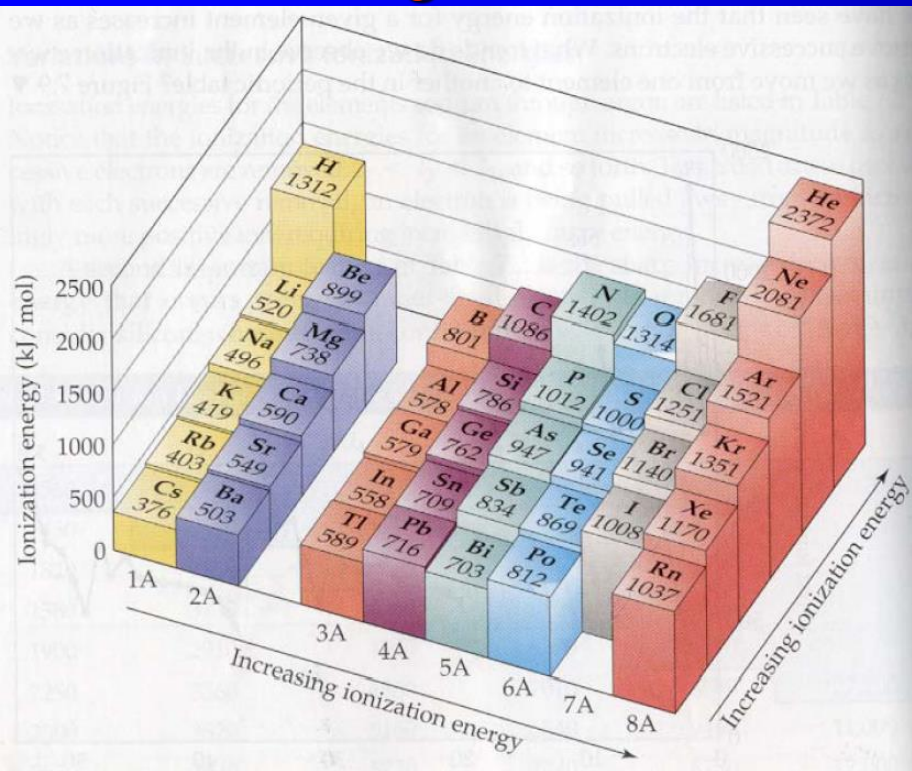
- First ionization energy (IE₁)**

The minimum amount of energy required to remove the most loosely bound electron from an isolated gaseous atom to form a 1+ ion.

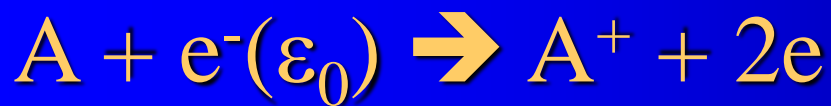
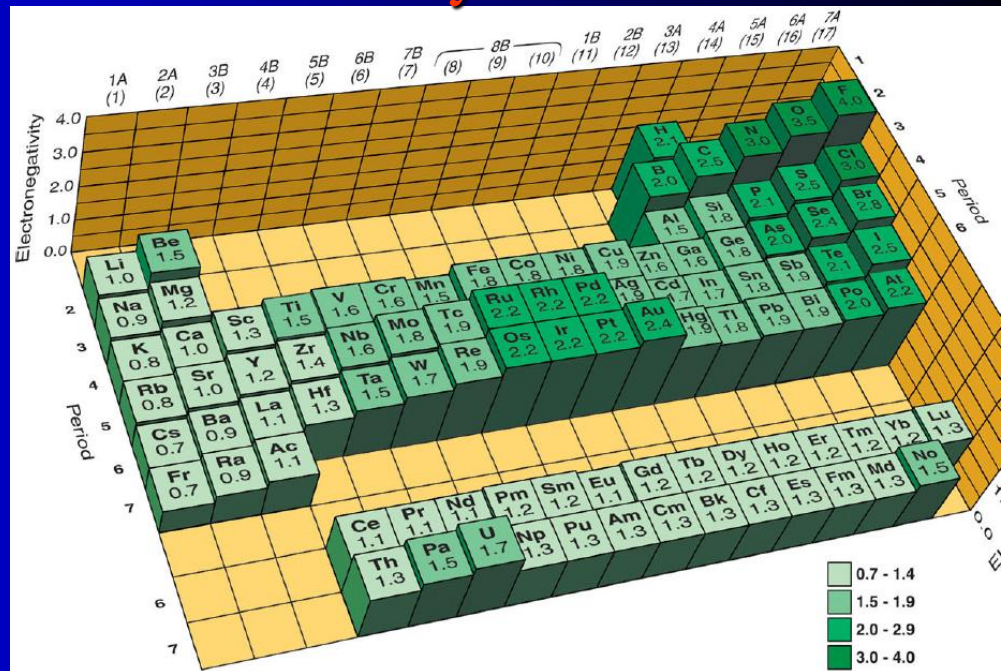


Element/Compound	Ionization Potential (Volts or eV)
He	24.6
Ar	15.8
H ₂	15.4
N ₂	15.6
O ₂	12.1
CO ₂	13.8
CO	14.1
C	11.3
Si	8.2
Fe	7.9
Ni	7.6
Na	5.1
K	4.3
Cs	3.9

Ionization energies

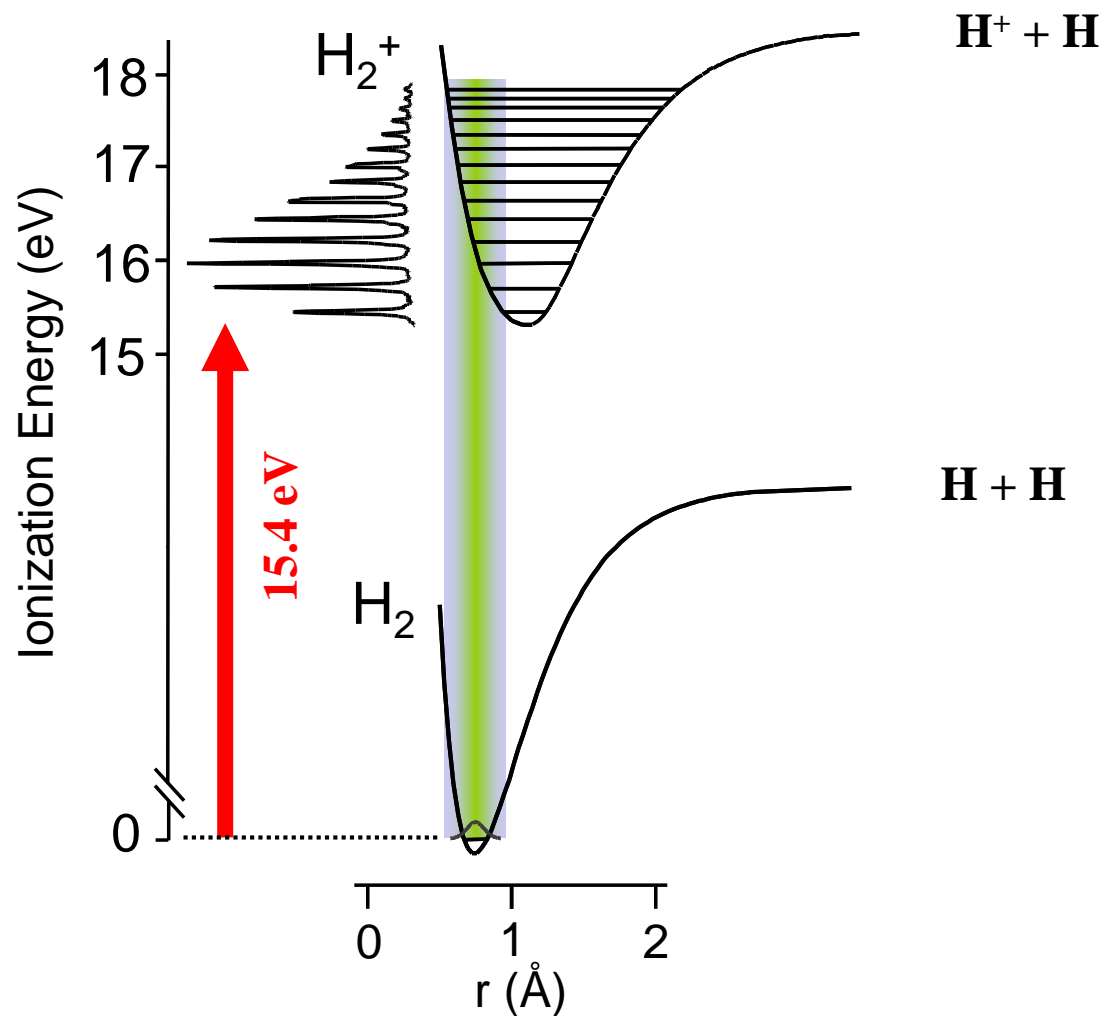


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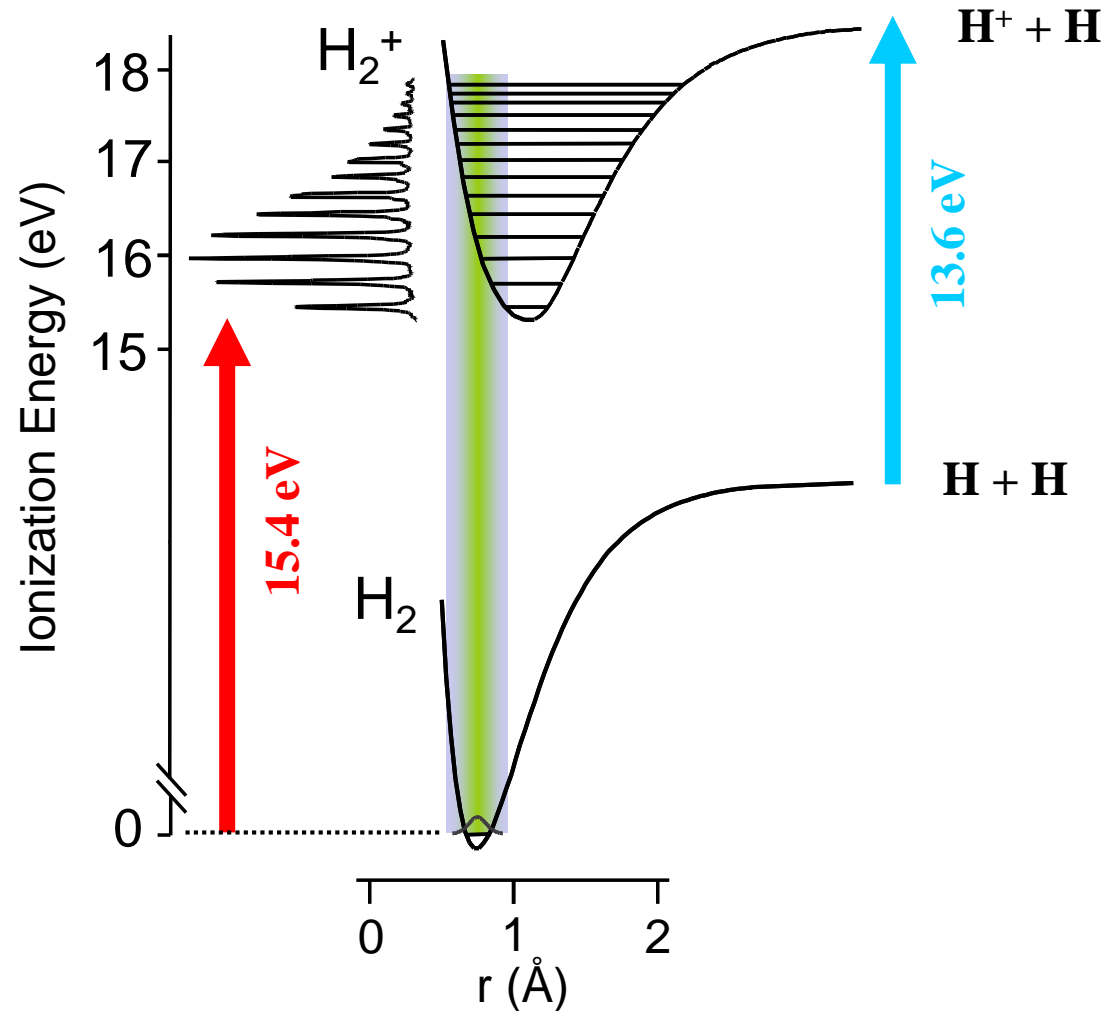
Ionization of molecules

Potential Energy Surface Description of the Ionization of Dihydrogen

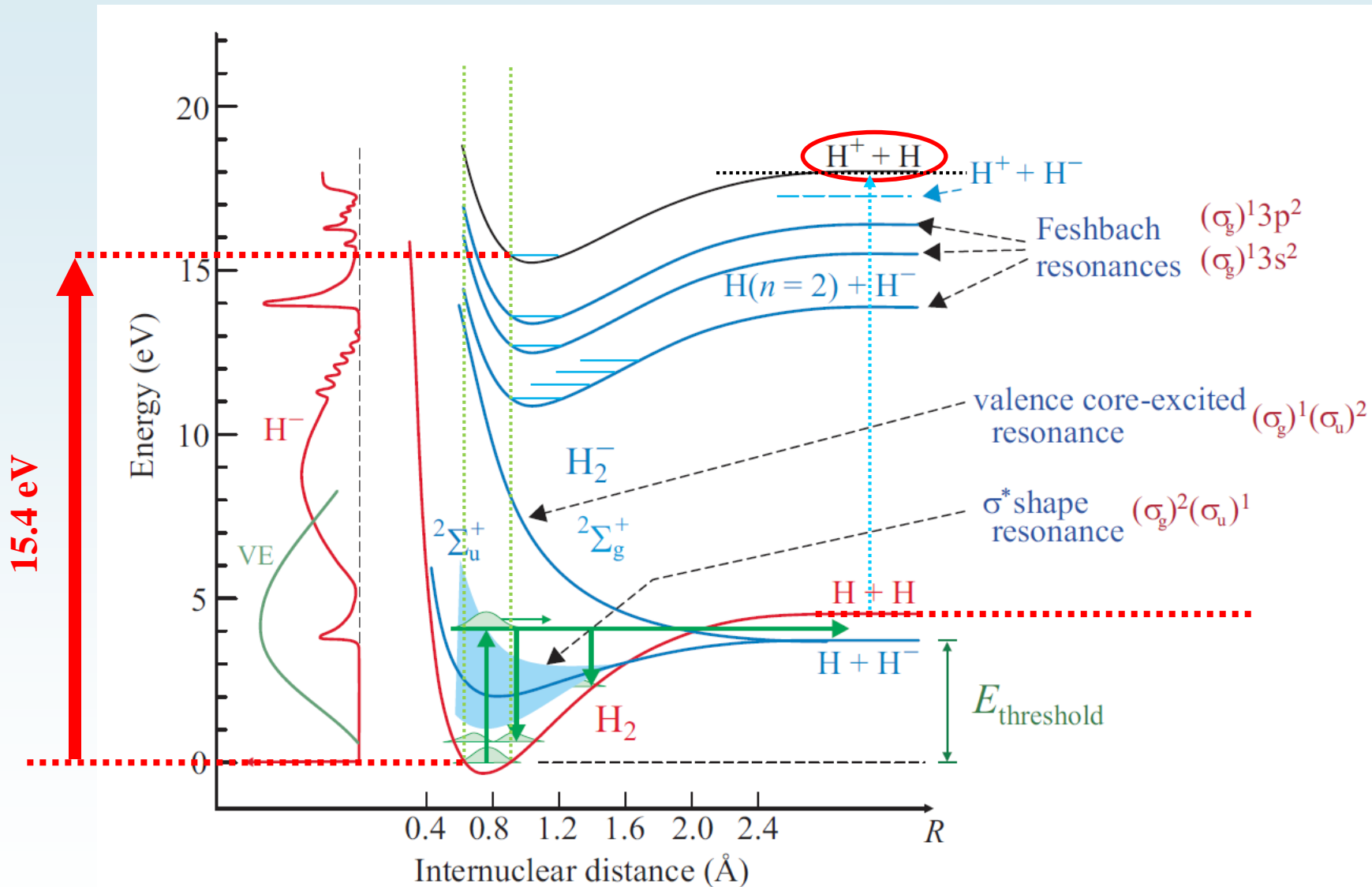


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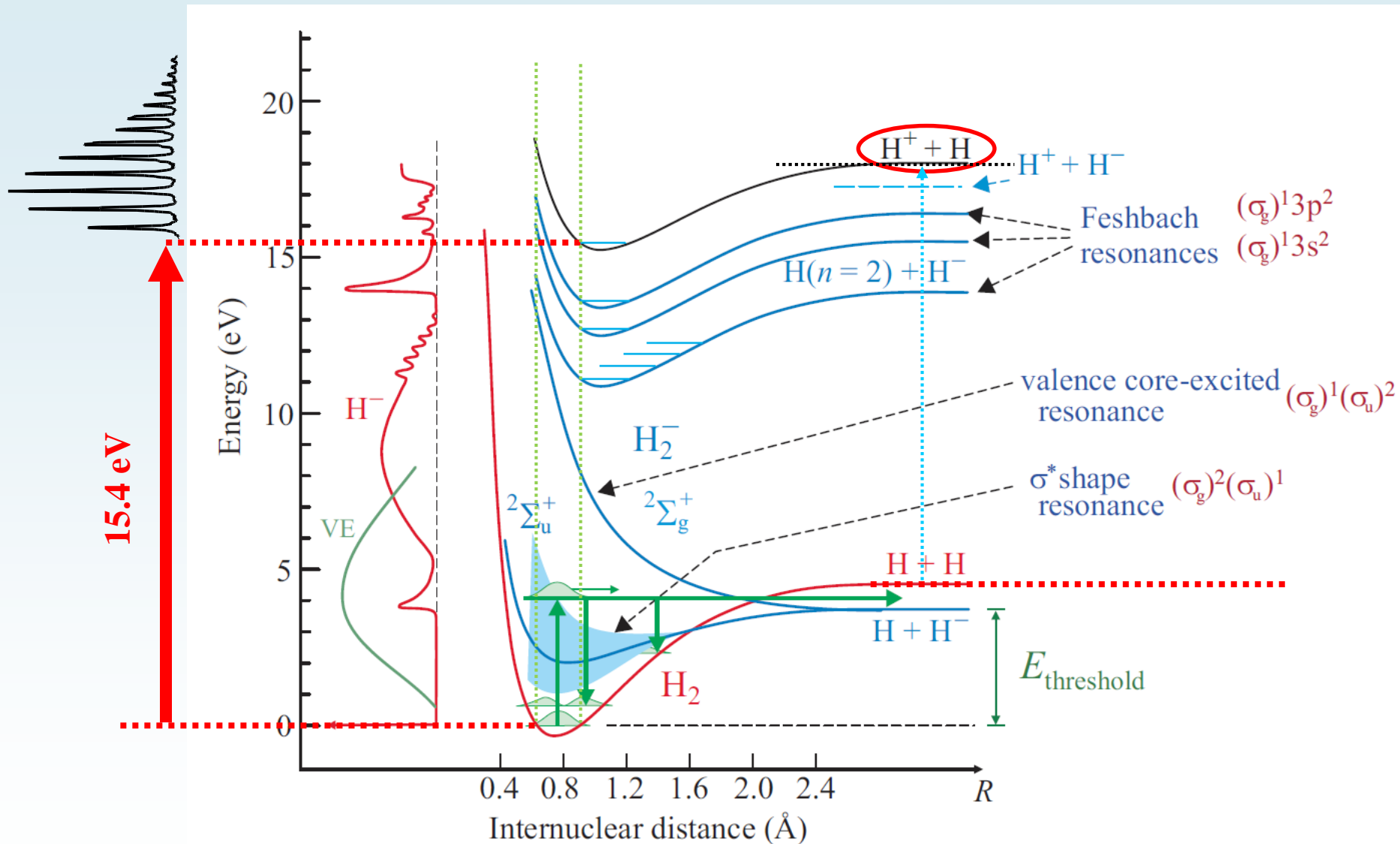
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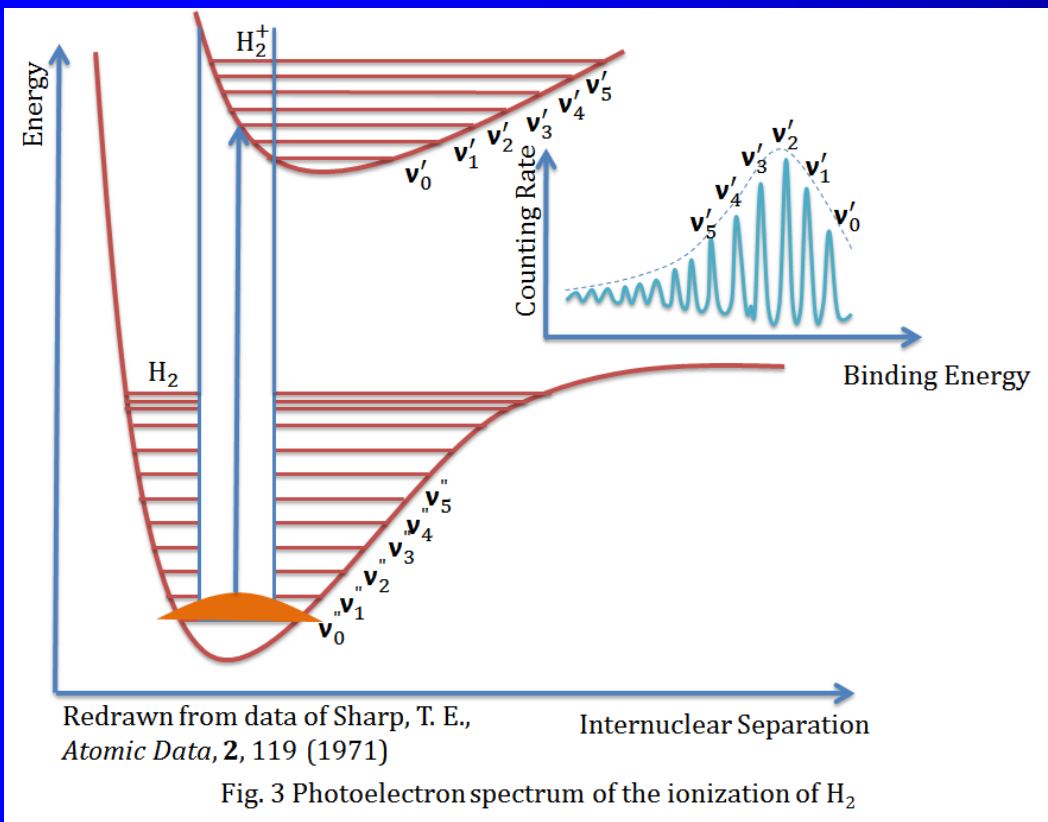
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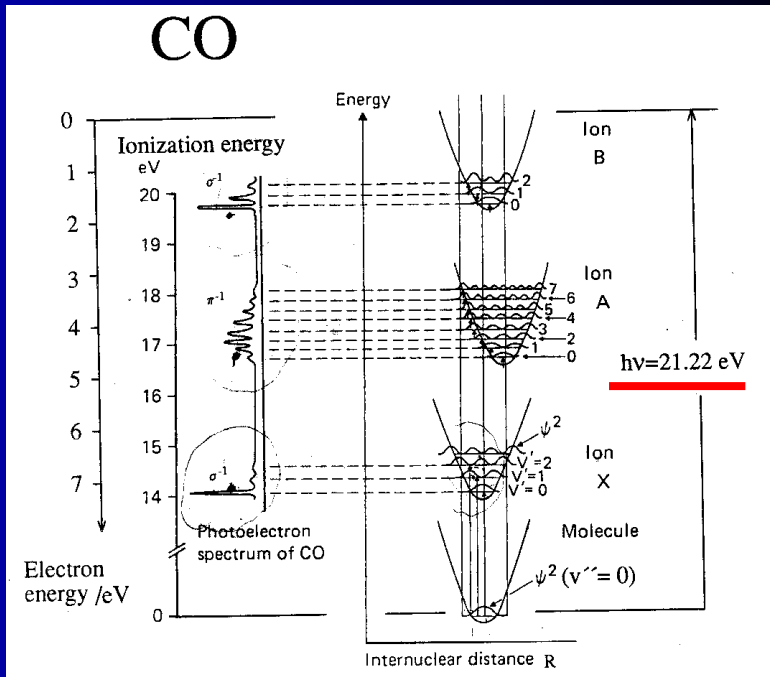
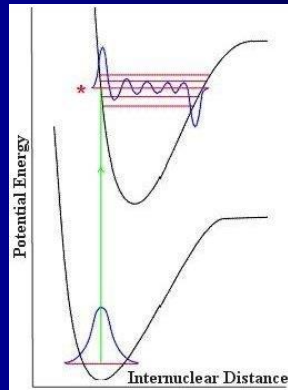
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Photoelectron spectrum H2

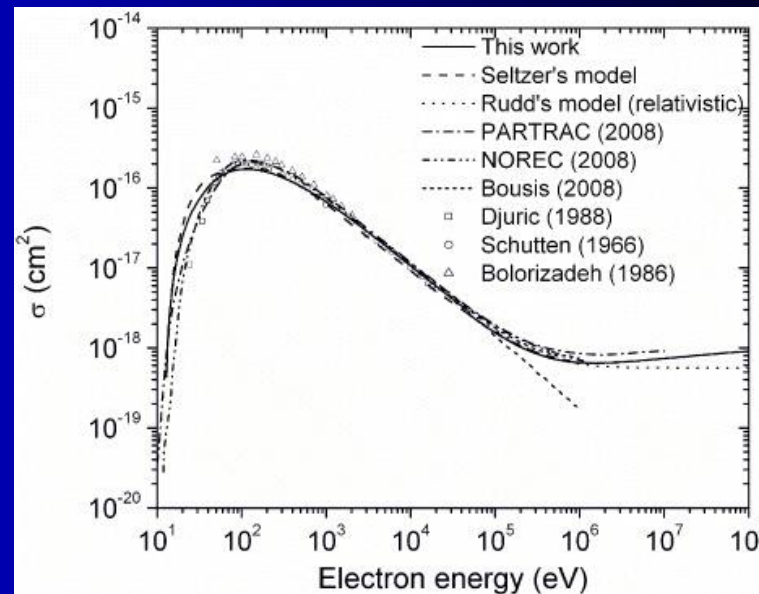
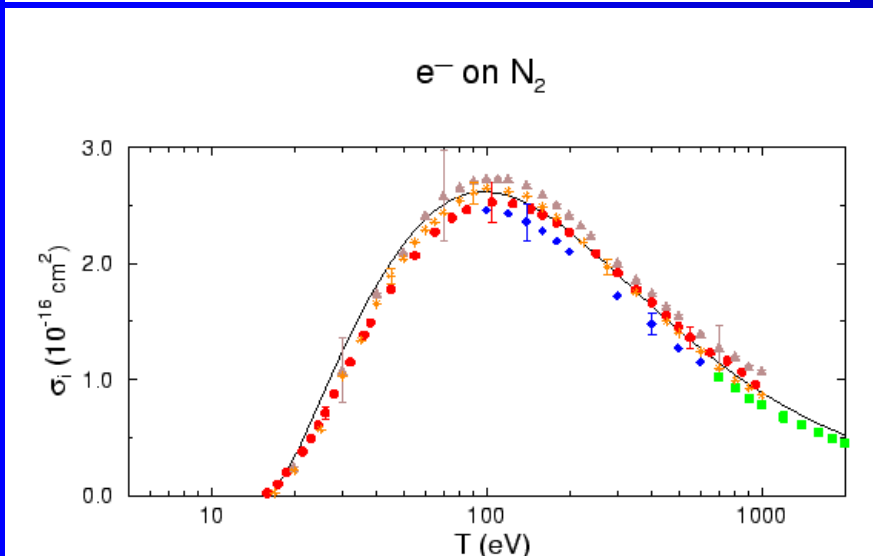
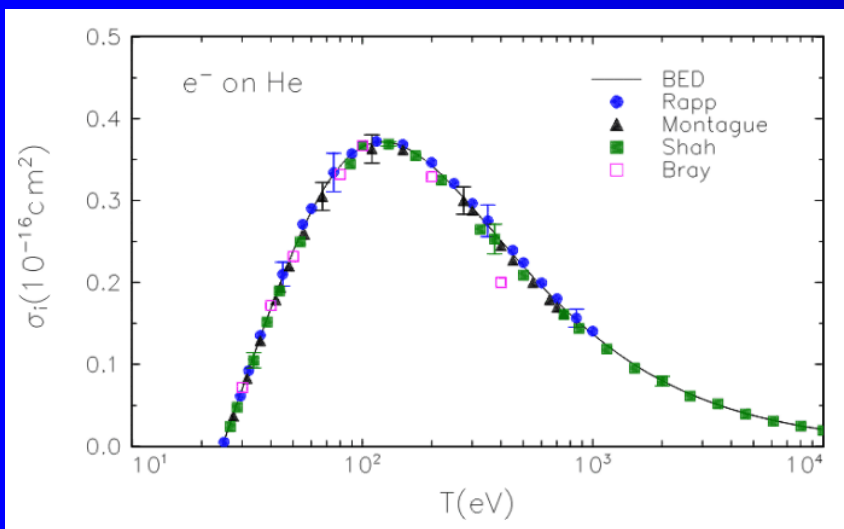


$$P \sim \langle \Psi_{\text{initial}} | \Psi_{\text{final}} \rangle^2$$



Ionization cross section He and N₂

Electron impact

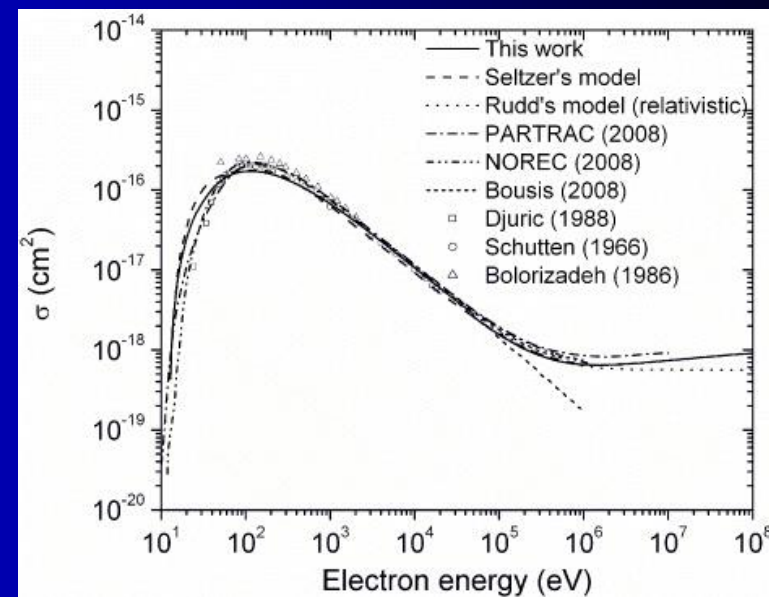
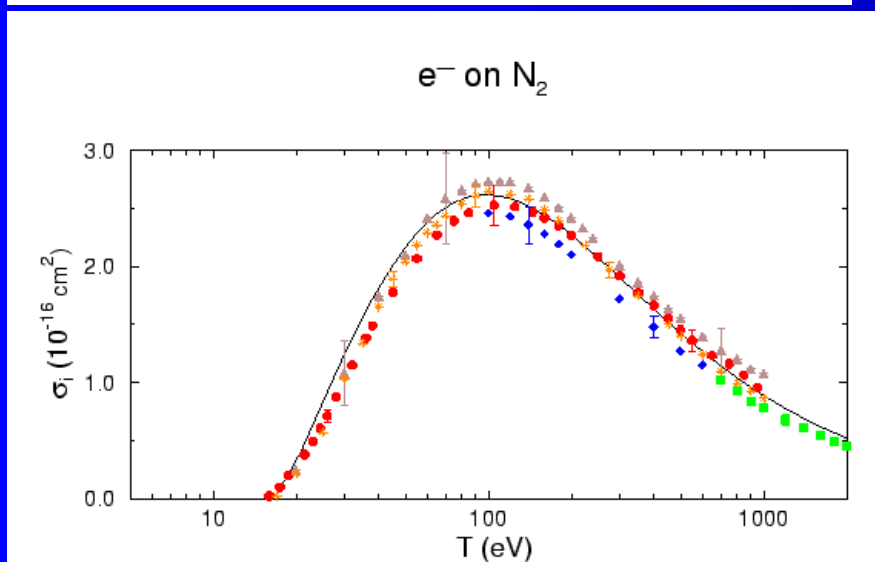
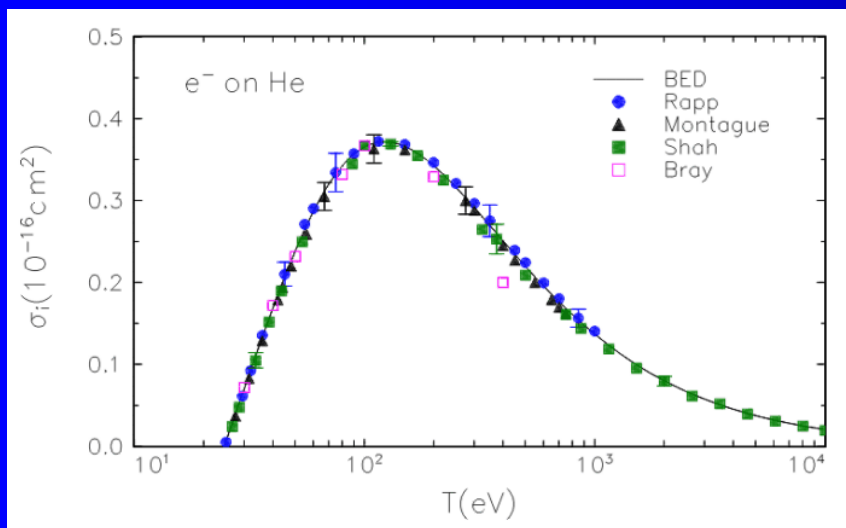


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2.3. Electron impact ionization

The electron impact ionization is the most fundamental ionization process for the operation of ion sources.

Why?

- The cross section for the impact ionization is by orders of magnitudes higher than the cross section for the photo ionization.
- The cross section depends on the mass of the colliding particle. Since the energy transfer of a heavy particle is lower, a proton needs for an identical ionization probability an ionization energy three orders of magnitudes higher than an electron

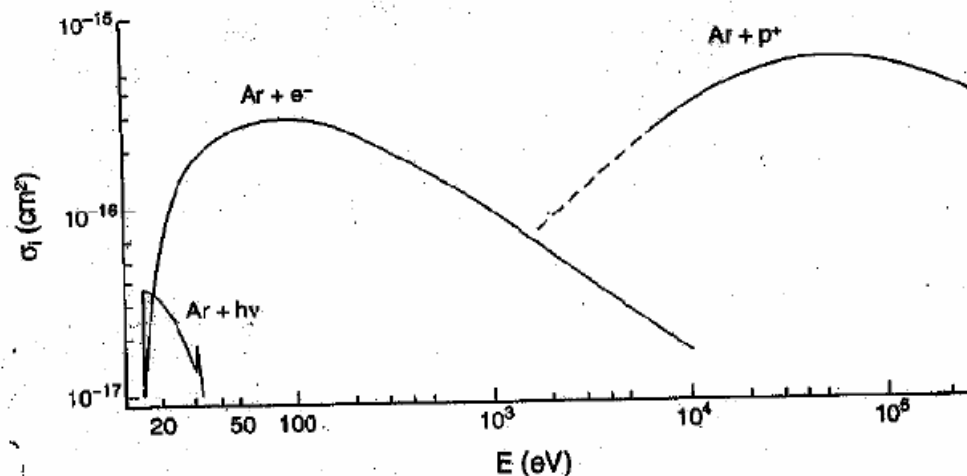
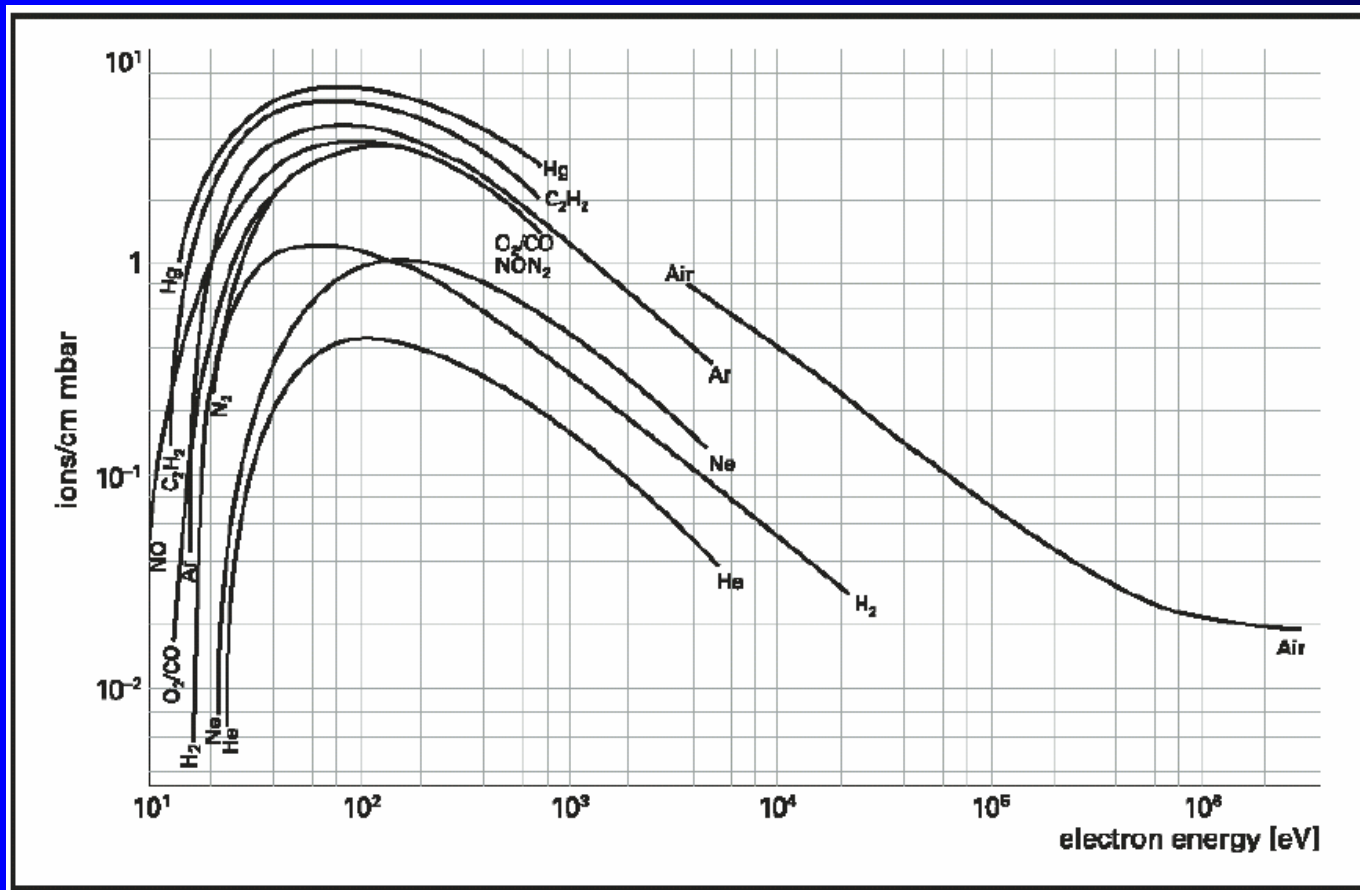


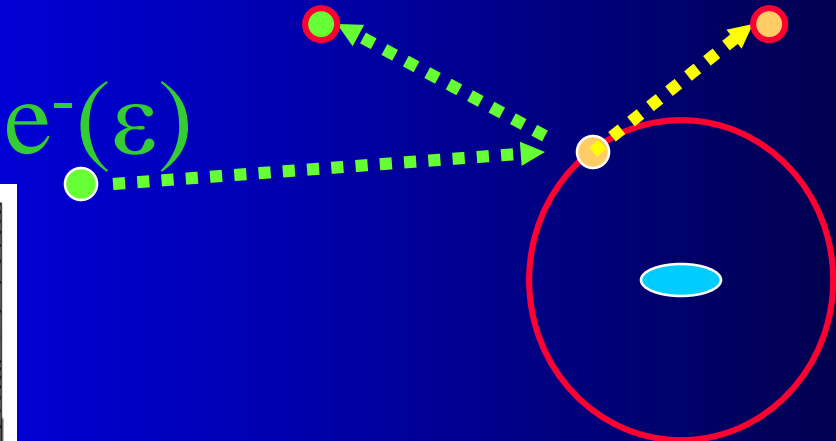
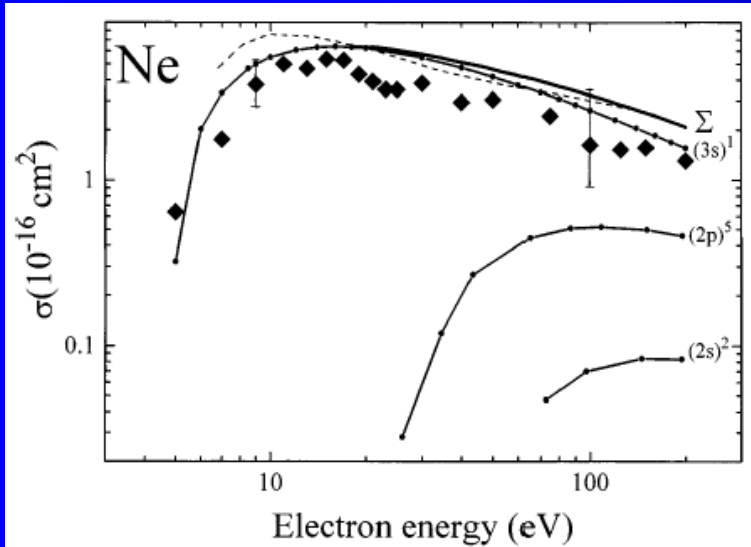
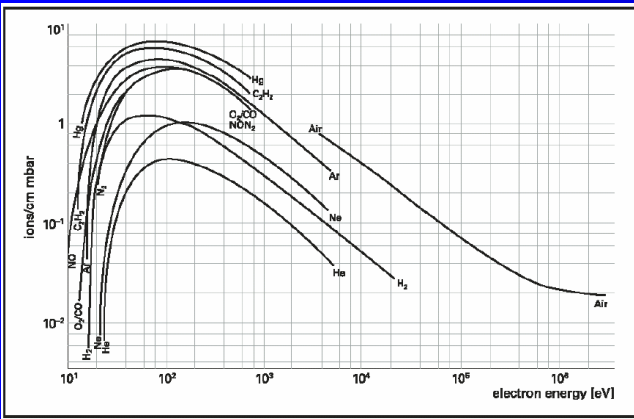
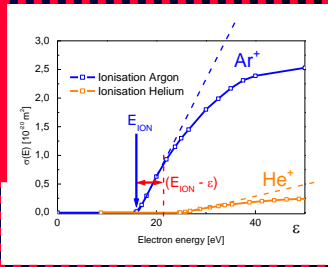
FIGURE 4
Ionization cross sections as functions of energy for ionizing collisions with fast electrons, protons, and photons. (From Winter, H., in *Experimental Methods in Heavy Ion Physics*, Springer-Verlag, 1977, p. 1099. With permission.)

Ionization by electron impact



Thomson's formula

$$\sigma_j = C_j (\epsilon - E_{ION})$$



Ionization if $\Delta\epsilon > I$

Formula of Rutherford for coulomb force

$$d\sigma = e^4 d\Theta / 4\epsilon^2 \sin^4(\phi/2) \dots \sigma_i = \pi e^4 / I \cdot (\epsilon - I) / \epsilon^3$$

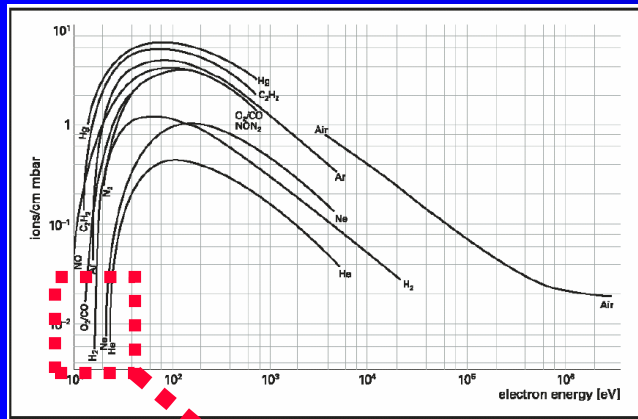
$$\sigma_i = 4\pi a_0^2 (I_H / \epsilon)^2 \cdot (\epsilon - I) / I$$

$$\rightarrow \sigma_i = 4\pi a_0^2 (I_H / \epsilon)^2 \cdot (\epsilon / I - 1) = f_{function}(\epsilon / I)$$

$$\sigma_i = \sum \sigma_{in} \quad \text{sum of the various subshell contributions}$$

Calculated ionization cross section of the 3P_0 state in Ne using the DM formalism. The full curves refer to the contributions from the various subshells and have been labeled appropriately. The sum of the various subshell contributions has been labeled by the symbol Σ . Also shown is the Born calculation of Ton-That and Flannery (broken curve, see text for details). The experimental data points (diamonds) are those of Johnston *et al.* Two typical error bars (combined systematic and statistical uncertainty) are shown for the experimental data.

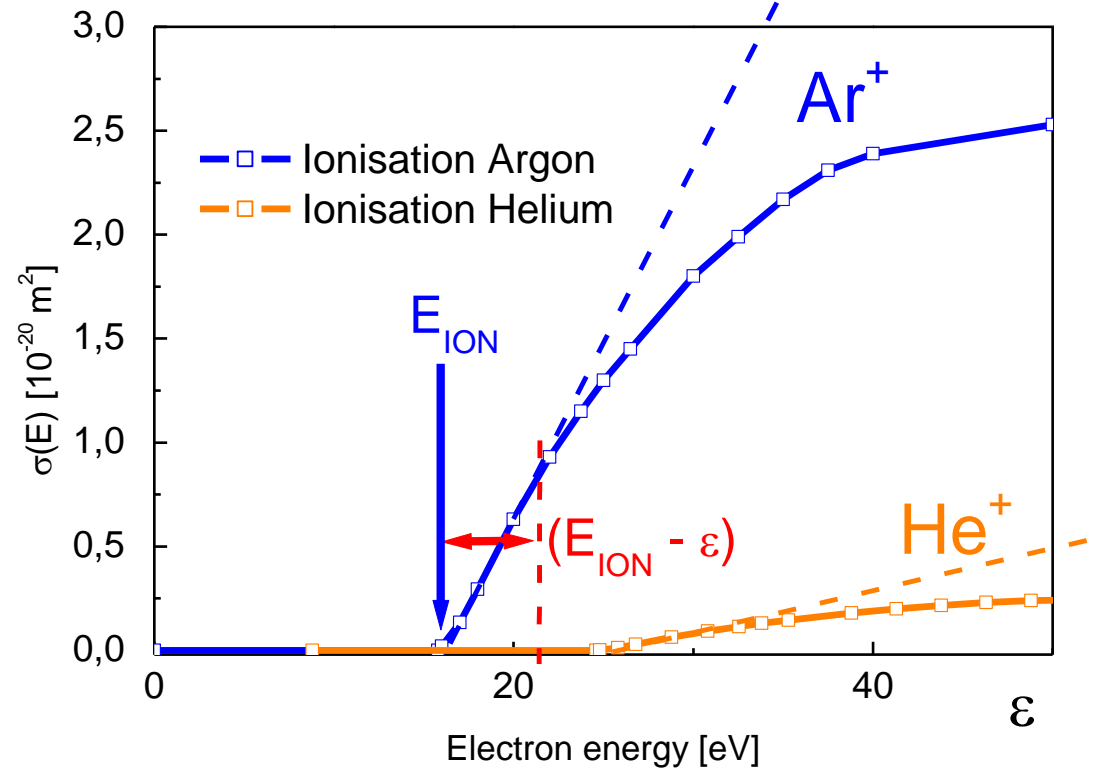
Near the threshold \rightarrow linear approximation



$$\sigma_i = 4\pi a_0^2 (I_H / \varepsilon)^2 \cdot (\varepsilon - I) / I$$

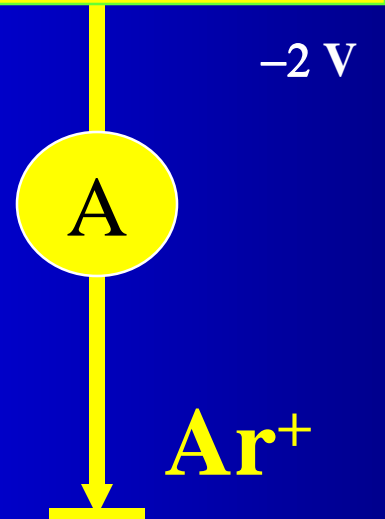
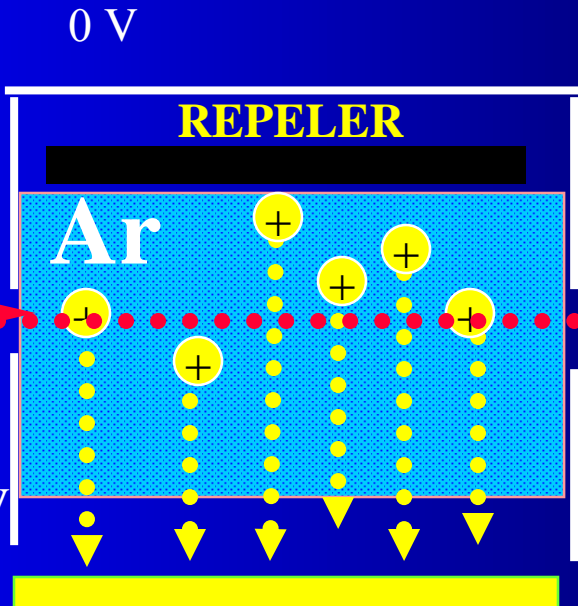
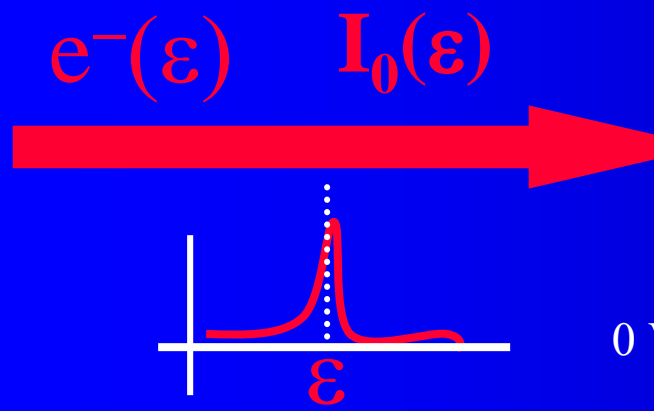
$$\rightarrow \sigma_i = 4\pi a_0^2 (I_H / \varepsilon)^2 \cdot (\varepsilon / I - 1) = f_{\text{function}}(\varepsilon / I)$$

$$\sigma_j = C_j (\varepsilon - E_{\text{ION}})$$

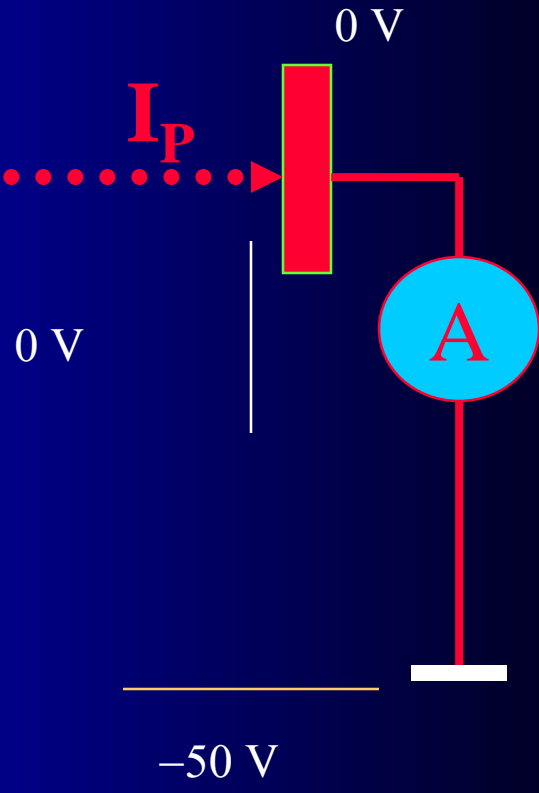


Ionization cross section – idea of experiment

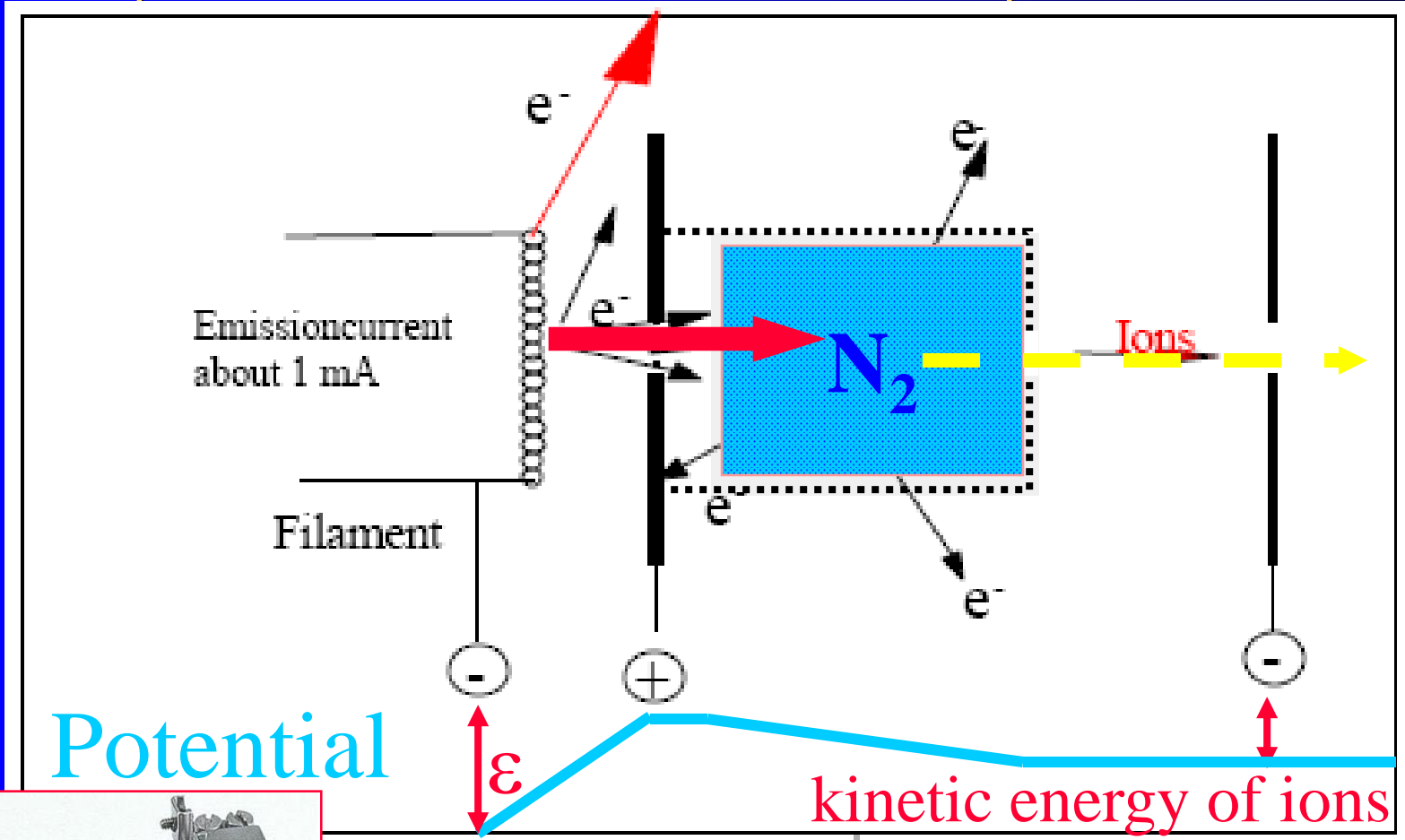
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$$I_p = I_0 \exp(-\sigma N x)$$



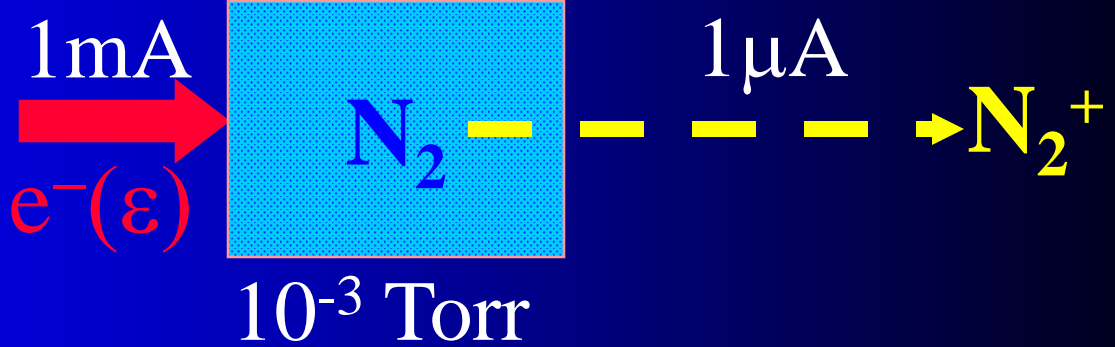
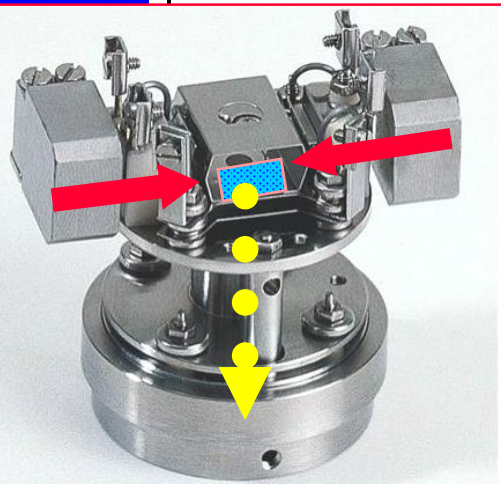
Electron impact ion source – ion source of mass spectrometer



Potential

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kinetic energy of ions



Electron impact ionization

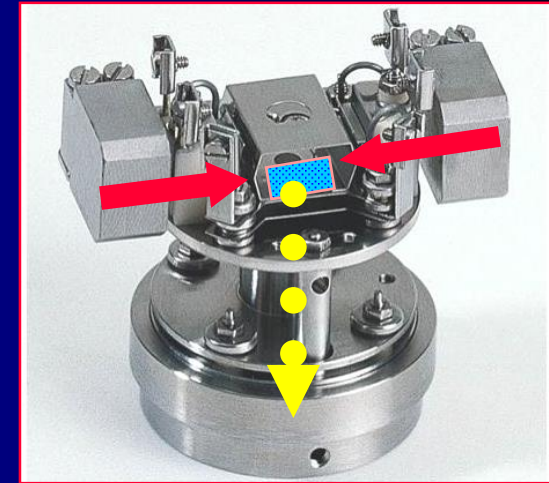
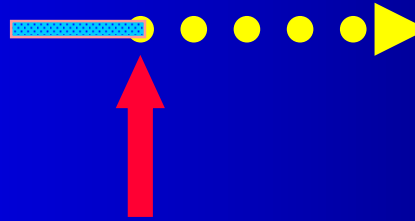
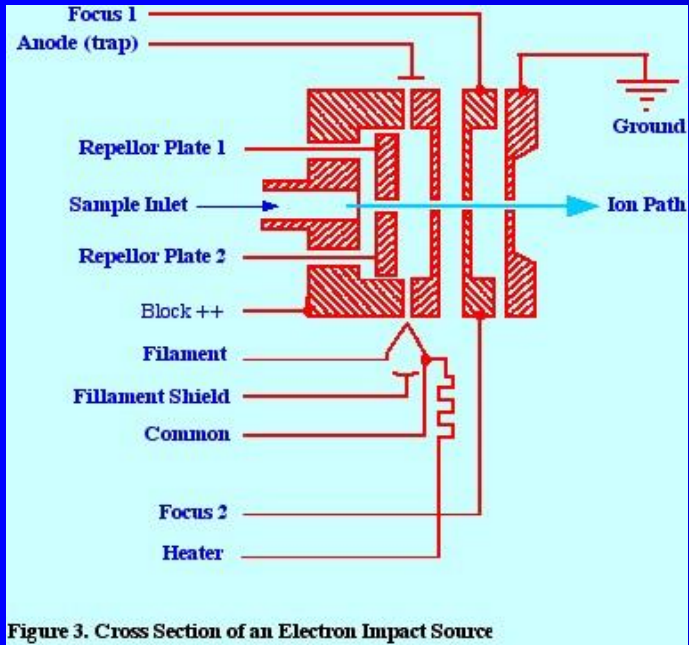
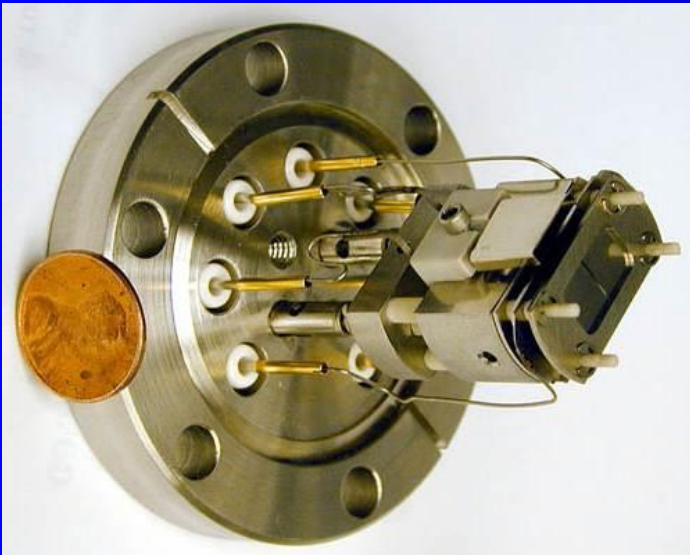


Figure 3. Cross Section of an Electron Impact Source

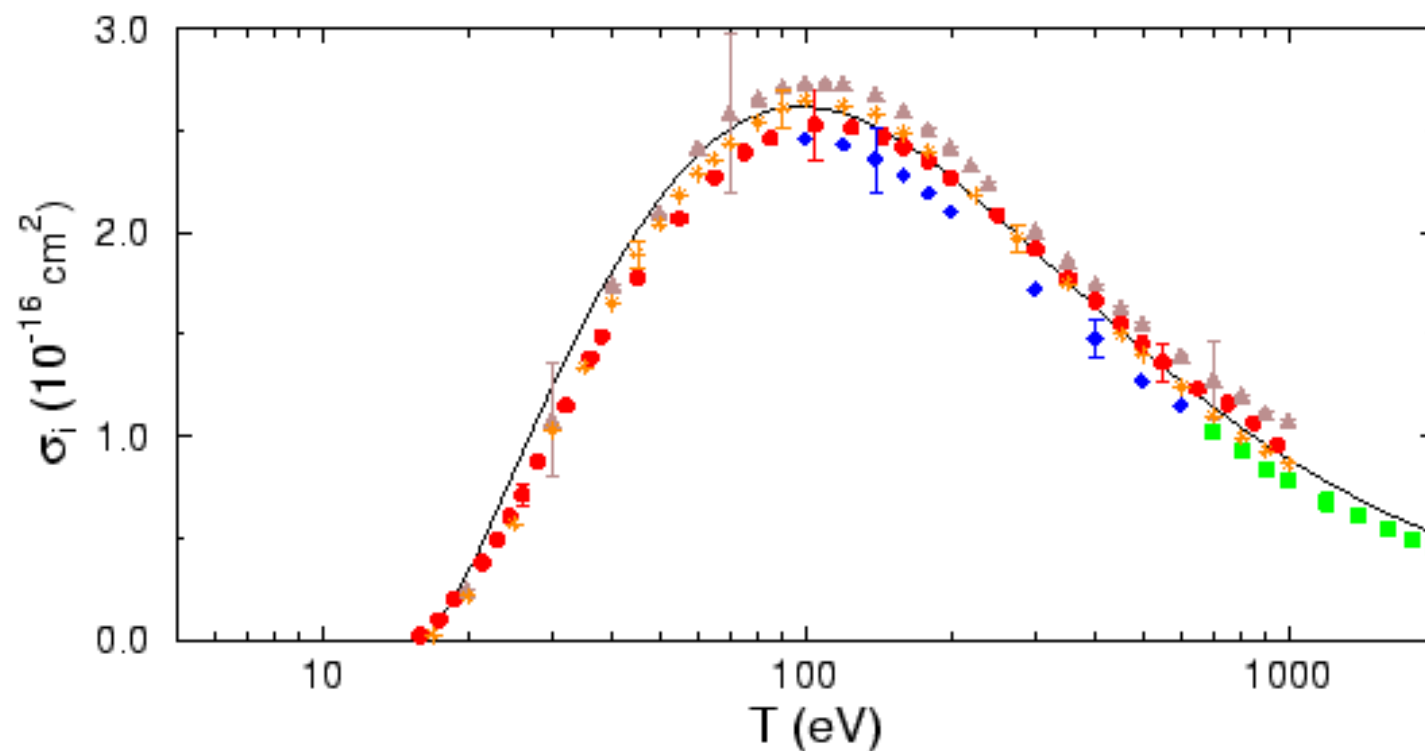


Ionization cross section N_2

BEB

W. Hwang, Y.-K. Kim and M.E. Rudd, J. Chem. Phys. **104**, 2956 (1996).

e^- on N_2



Ionization cross section -acetylene C_2H_2

Product channels

Pragmatic approach

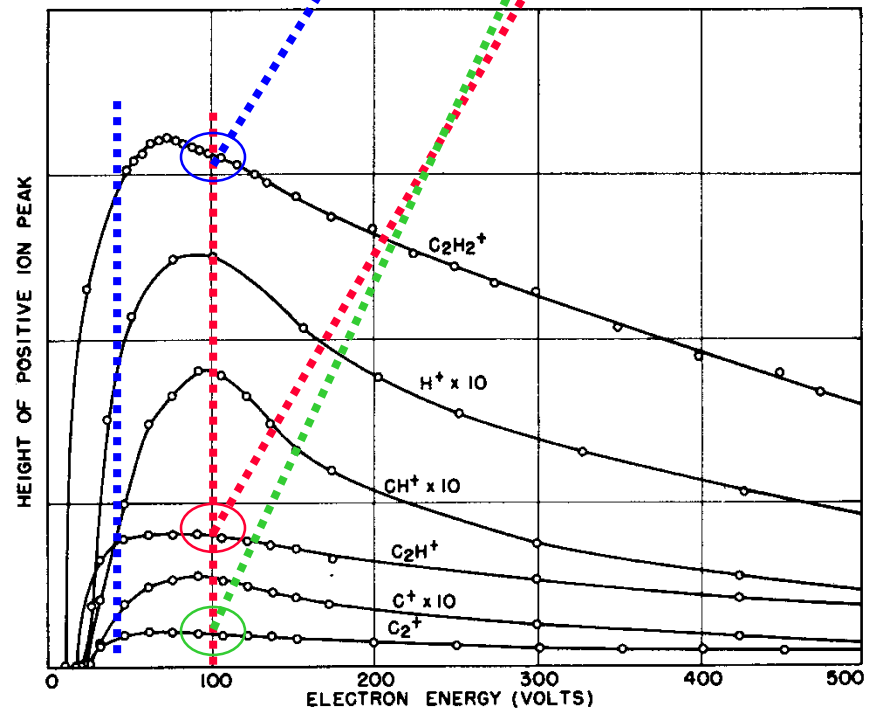
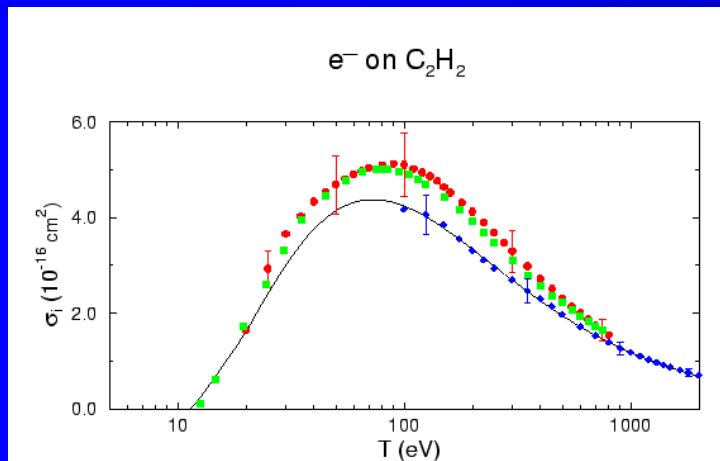
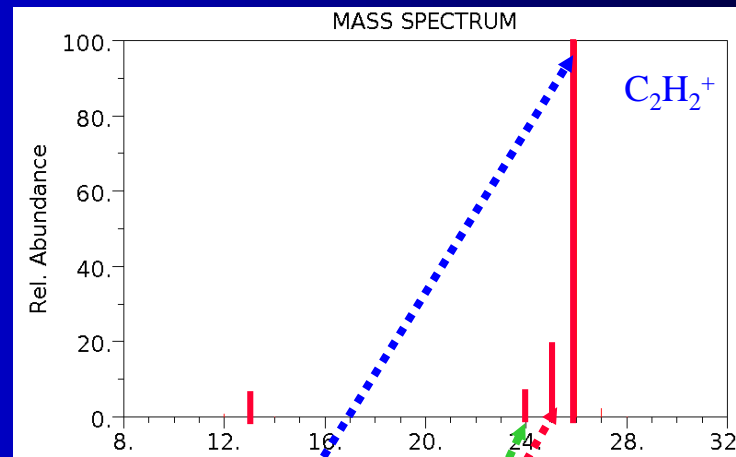
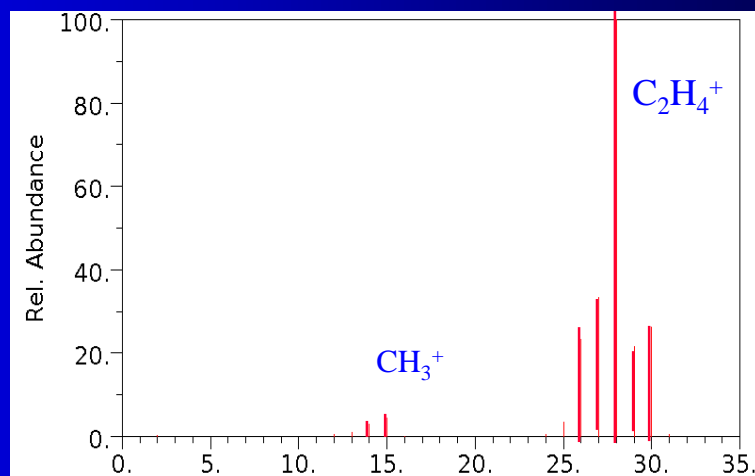
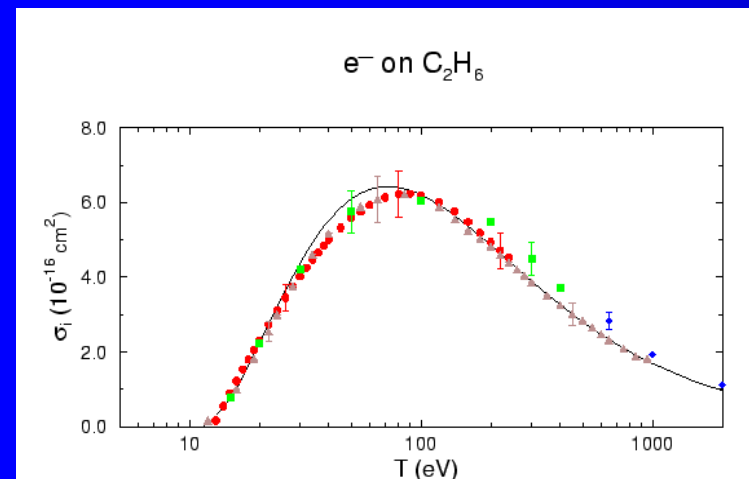
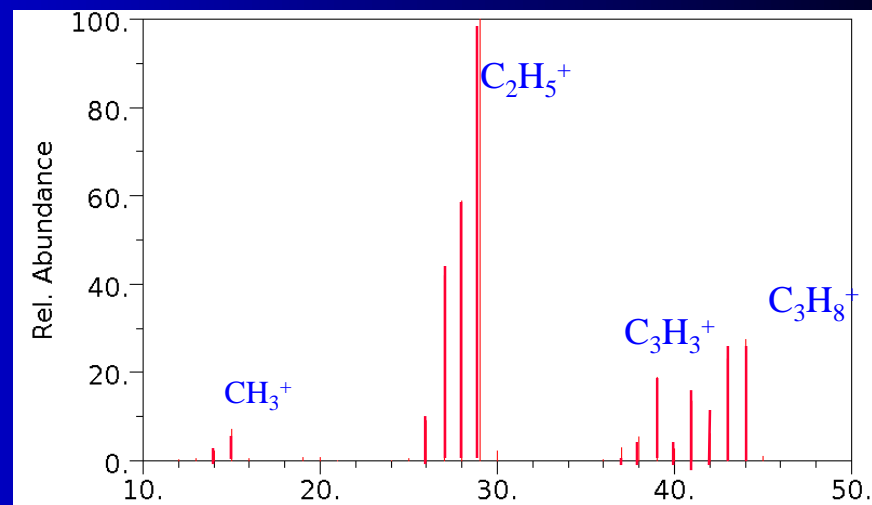
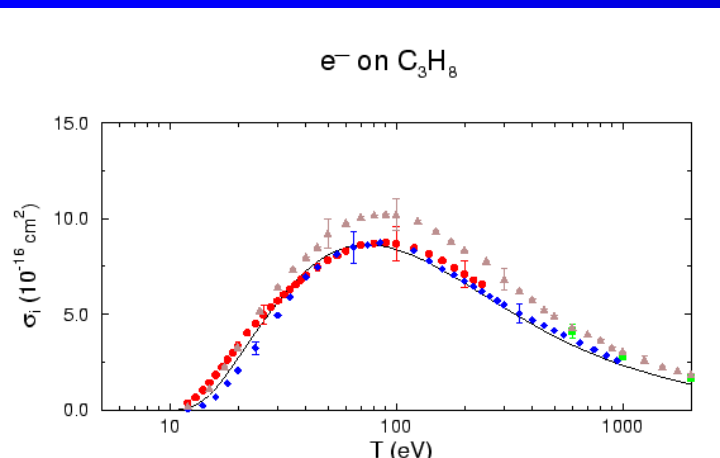


FIG. 6. Ionization efficiency curves for several ions from acetylene (493).

Ionization cross section data from <http://webbook.nist.gov>

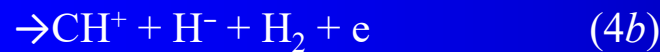


How to recognize spectra ???

Ionization - EII of CH₄

Determination of ionization energies (IEs)

for EII of CH₄ for the following reactions:



$$\sigma w(E, \rho) = 0$$

$$A_1(E - \text{IE}_1)^{d1}$$

$$A_1(E - \text{IE}_1)^{d1} + A_2(E - \text{IE}_2)^{d2}$$

for $E < \text{IE}_1(\text{Ar})$

for $E > \text{IE}_1$ and $E < \text{IE}_2$

for $E > \text{IE}_2$

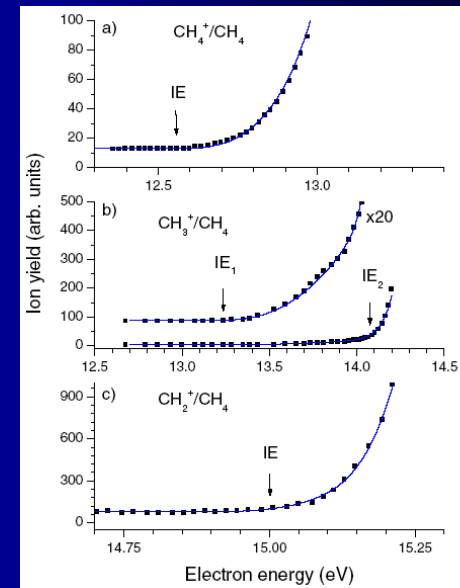


Figure A.1. Ion yield curve for CH₄⁺, CH₃⁺ and CH₂⁺/CH₄ obtained through digitalization of the data from [3]. Full curves present fits through these data. Arrows indicate the estimated IEs derived by the fitting procedure.

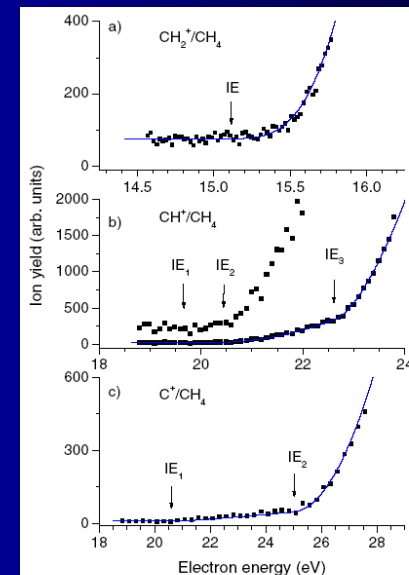


Figure 5. Ion yield curve for CH₂⁺, CH⁺ and C⁺/CH₄ as measured at 293 K. Full curves present fits through the experimental data. Arrows indicate the IEs derived by the fitting procedure. Note that for the case of CH⁺ only IE₂ and IE₃ have been derived from the present data; IE₁ has been calculated from the known EA of H (see text).

Multiple ionization

Multiple ionization of helium and krypton by electron impact close to threshold: appearance energies and Wannier exponents

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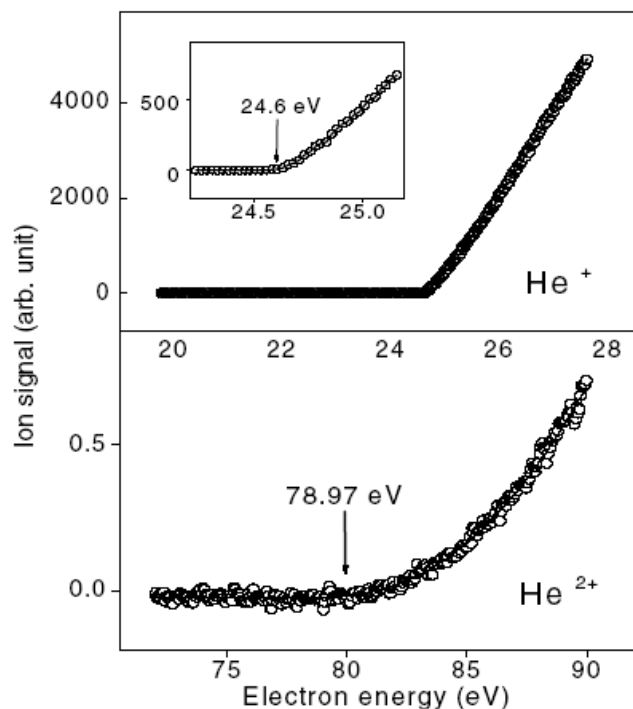


Figure 1. Ion signal as a function of electron energy for the formation of He⁺ ions (top) and He²⁺ ions (bottom) in the near-threshold region. The measured data are shown as open circles, the fits are shown as solid curves. The AEs, which are indicated, are the AEs for the individual data sets shown and may differ from the AE values listed in table 1 which were obtained from a comprehensive analysis of many individual data sets.

Table 1. AE values in eV for the formation of He⁺ and He²⁺ ions in comparison with other measured or calculated AE values.

	Spectroscopic value [1]	Redhead [45]	This work
He ⁺	24.59	—	24.6 ± 0.15
He ²⁺	79.00	77.58	79.05 ± 0.3

Ionization of He

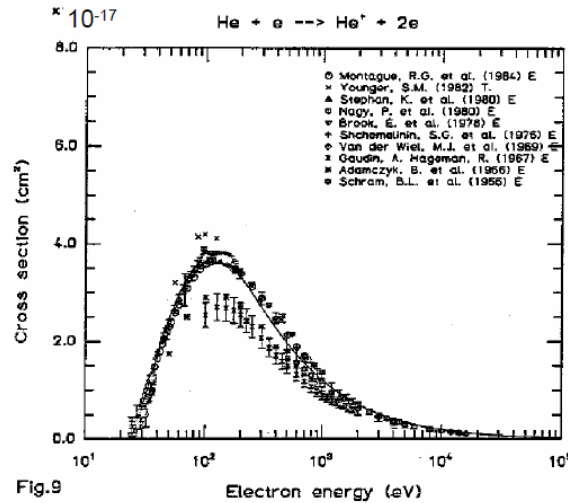
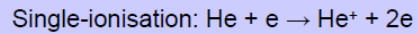


Fig.9

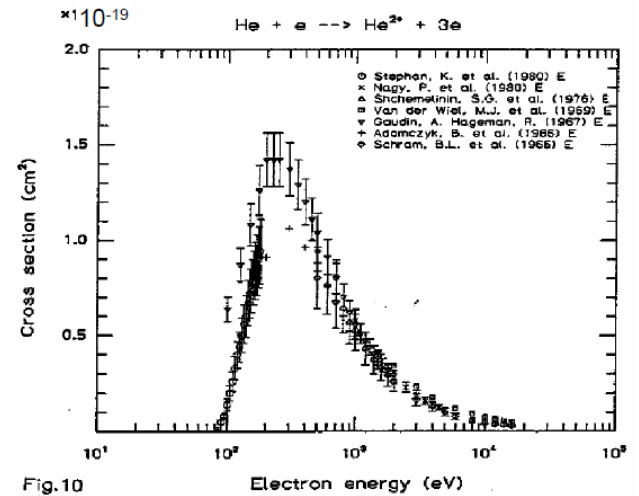
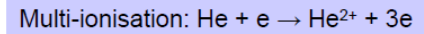


Fig.10

Ionization of the excited state

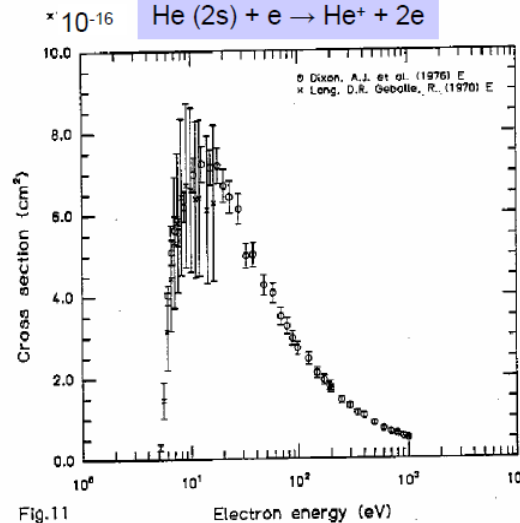
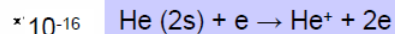


Fig.11

Ionization of singly charged He

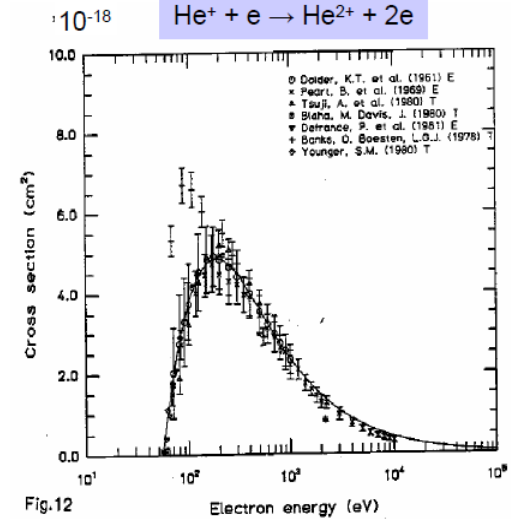
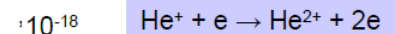
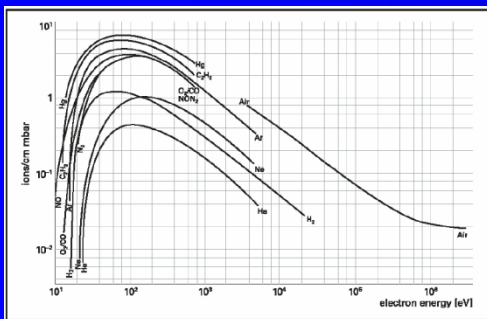


Fig.12



Multiple ionization

Multiple ionization of helium and krypton by electron impact close to threshold: appearance energies and Wannier exponents

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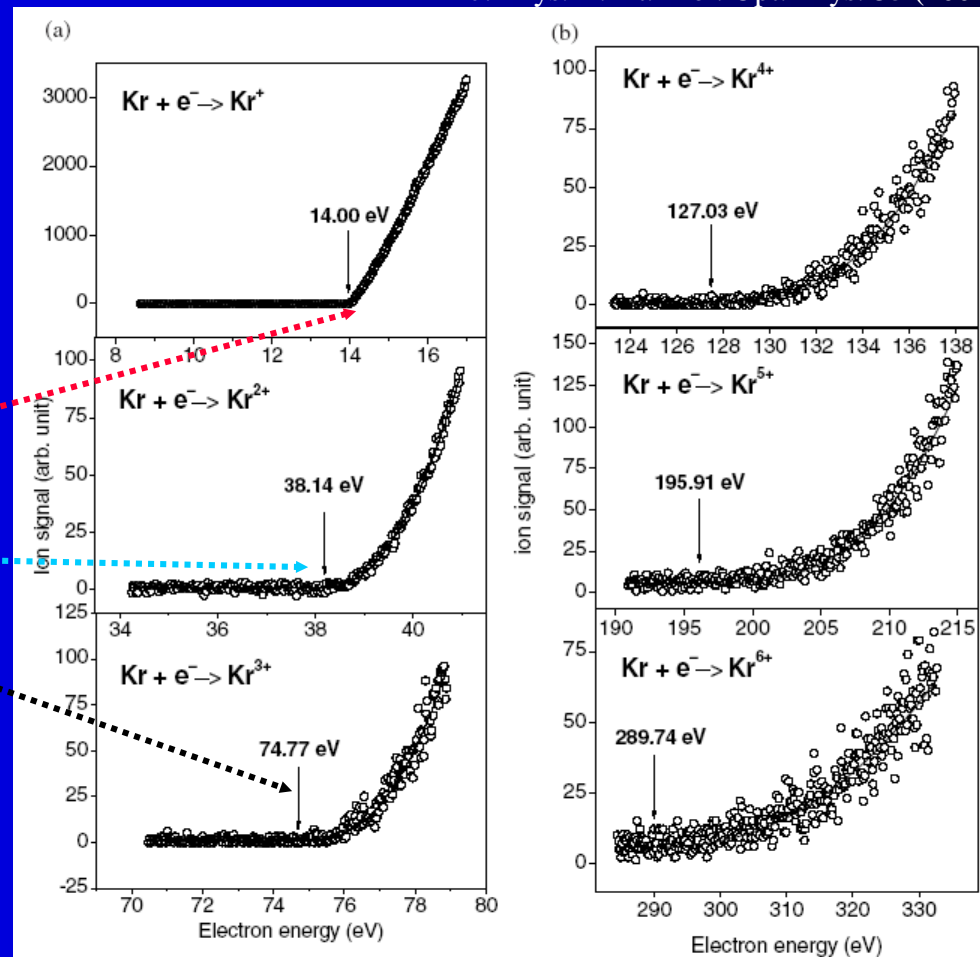
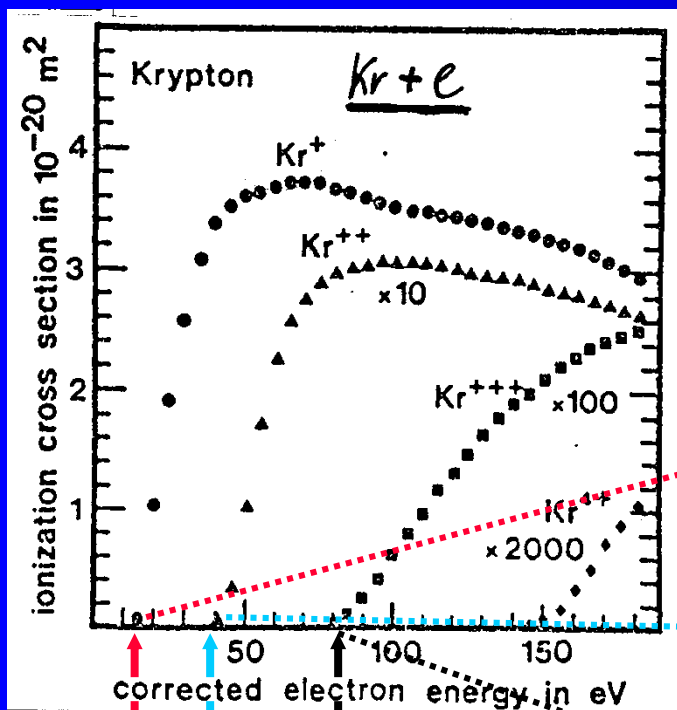
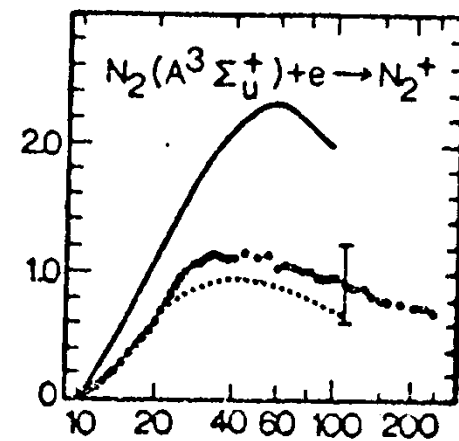
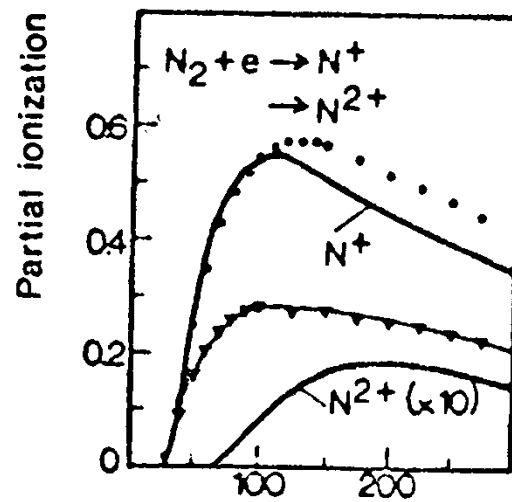
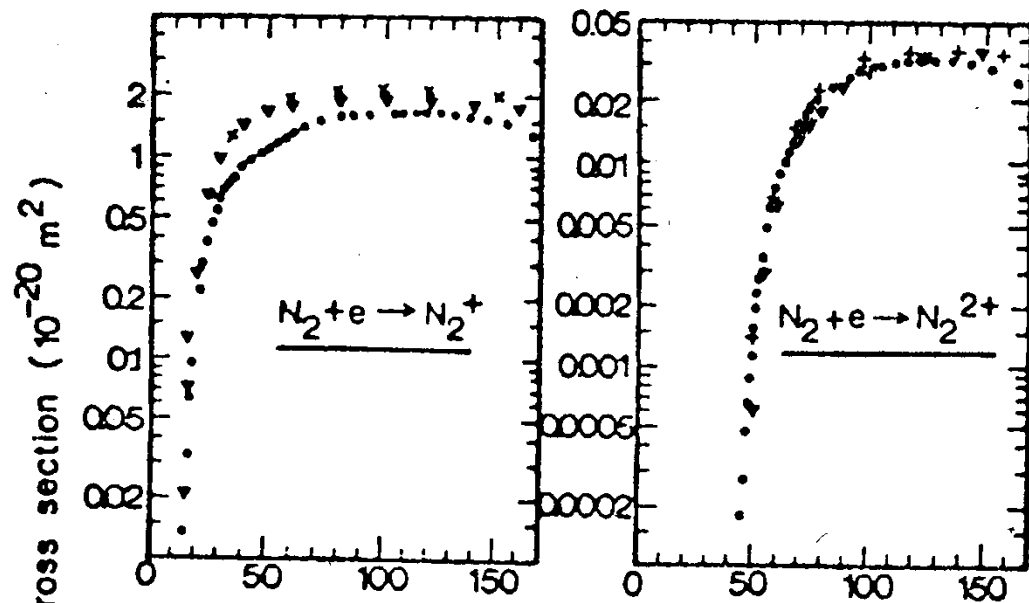
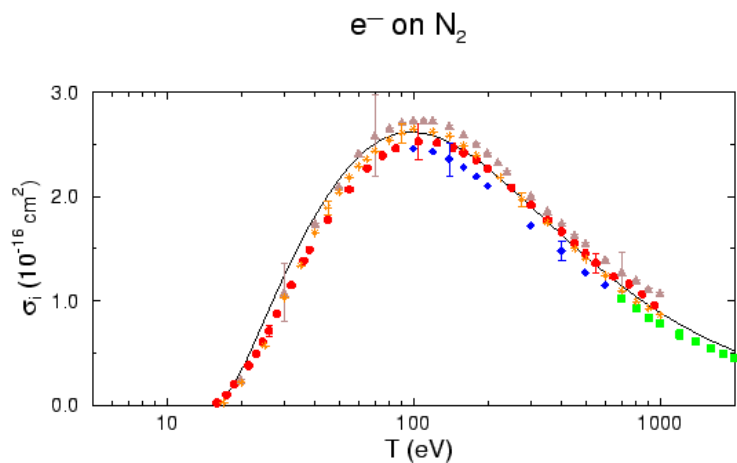


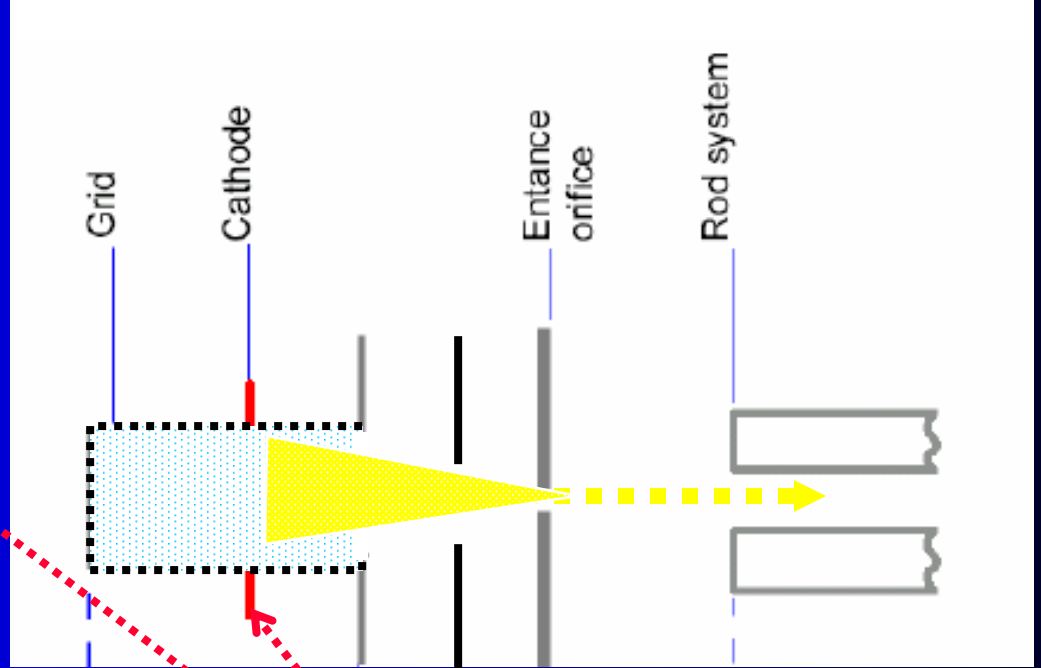
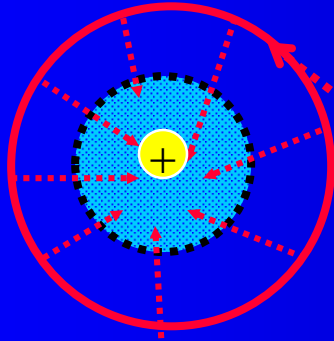
Figure 2. Ion signal as a function of electron energy for the formation of Kr^{n+} ions ($n = 1-6$) in the near-threshold region. The measured data are shown as open circles, the fits are shown as solid curves. The AEs, which are indicated, are the AEs for the individual data sets shown and may differ from the AE values listed in table 2 which were obtained from a comprehensive analysis of many individual data sets.

Multiple ionization



Electron energy (eV)

High efficiency Grid ion source



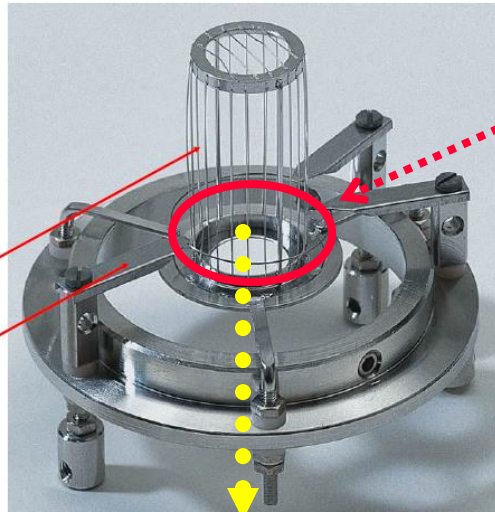
Ion optics

Mass filter

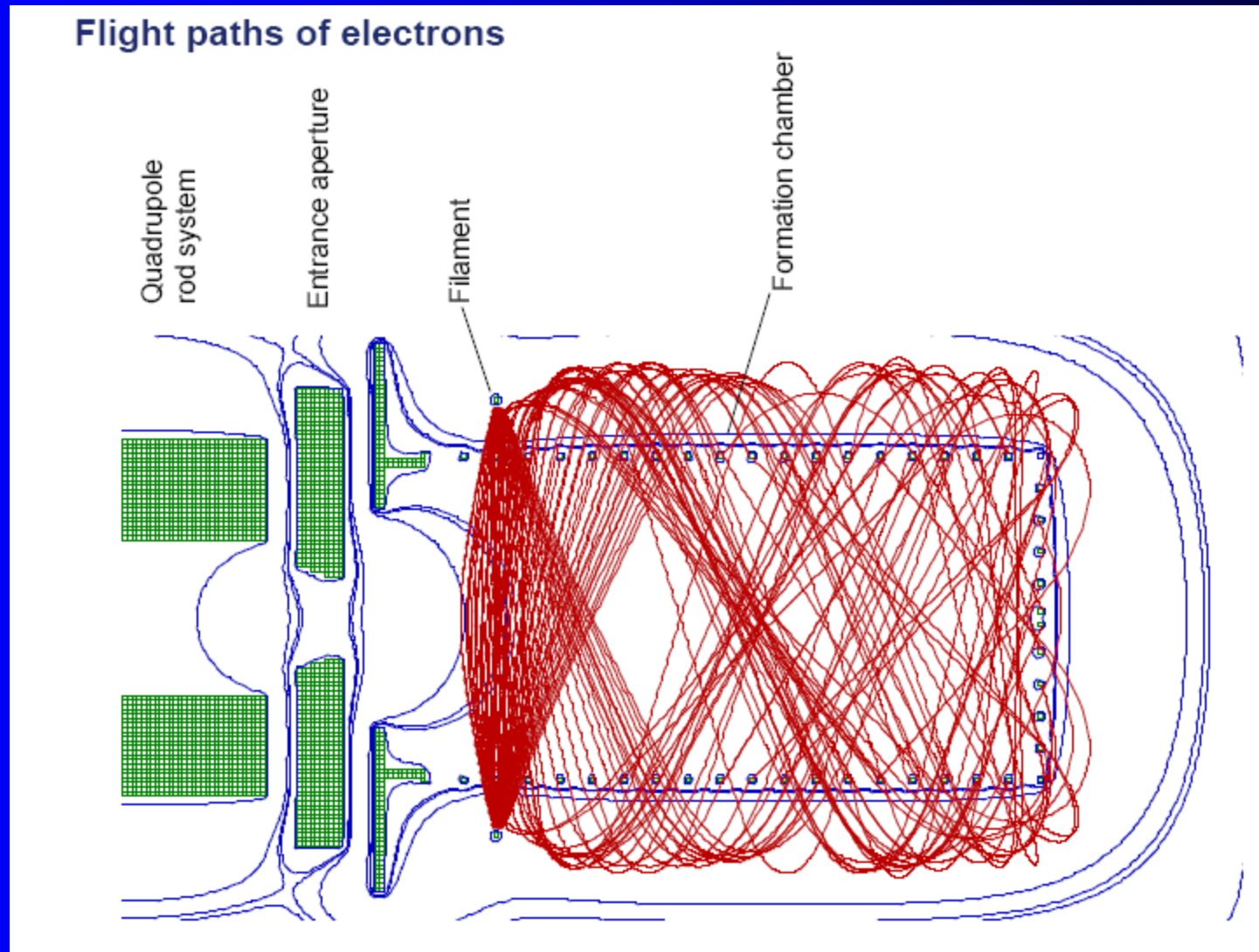
Filament

Grid ion source

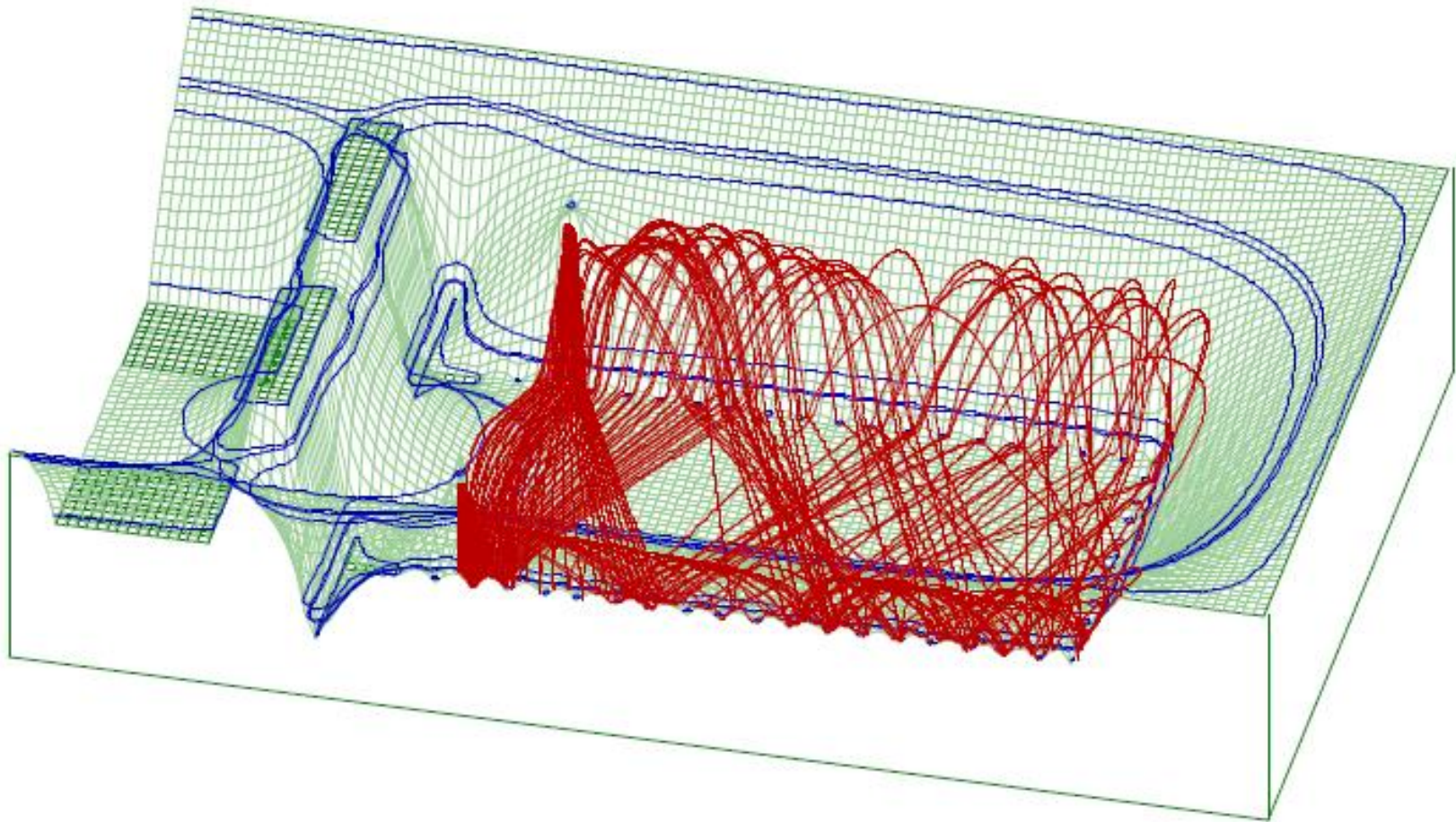
- Open design
- Two filaments (W)
- Low degassing rate
 - minimum amount of material
 - Pt-Ir wires for formation chamber
 - Molybdenum filament holders
- Easy to degas via electron bombardment
- Filaments on positive potential



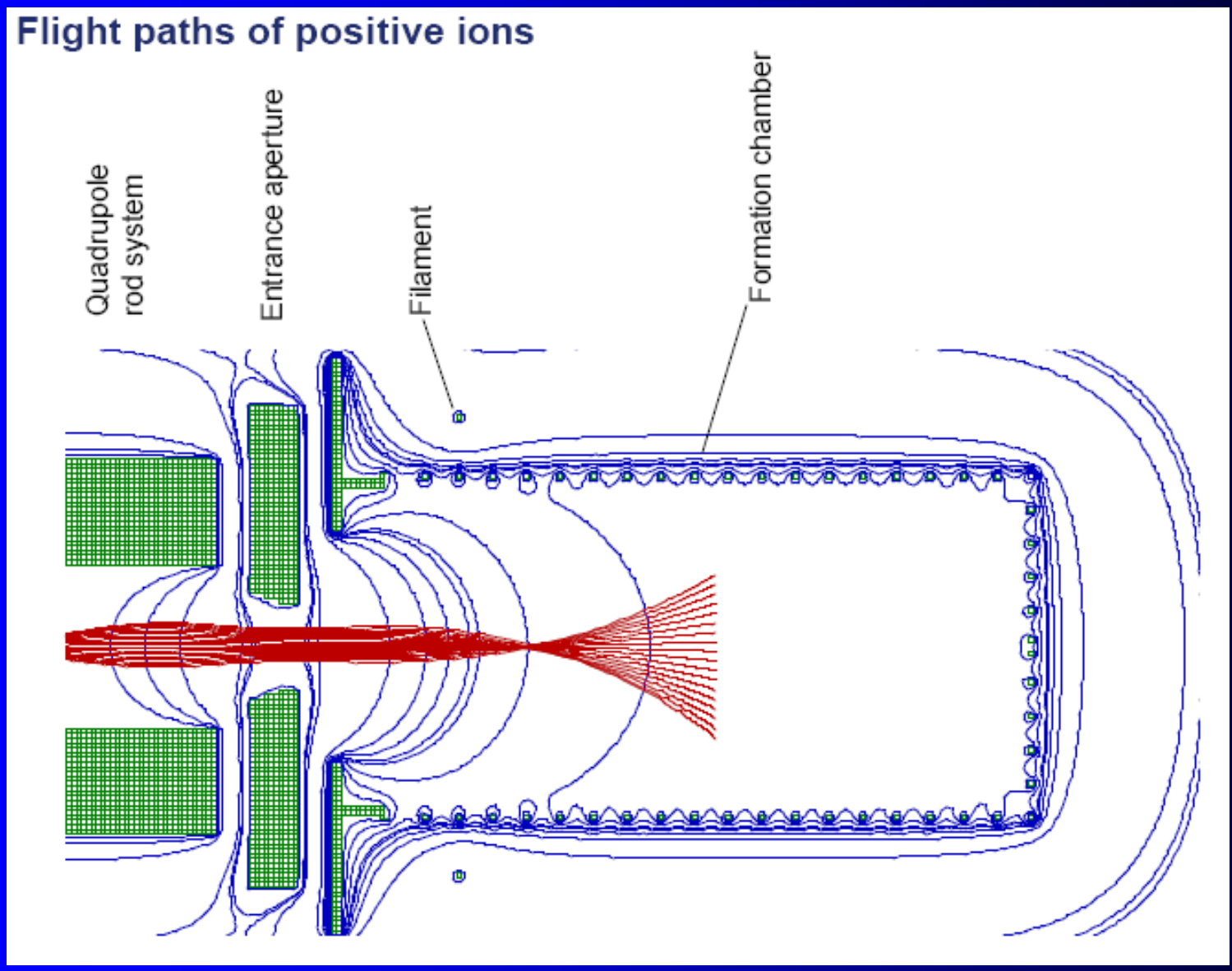
Flight paths of electrons



Flight paths of electrons 3D

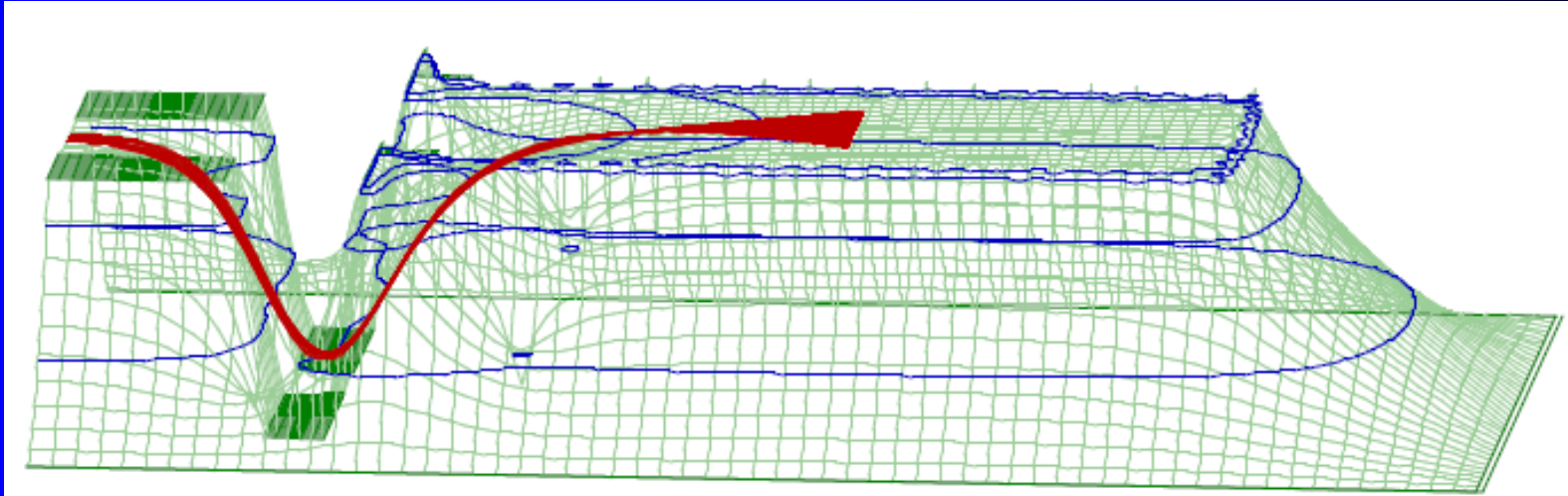
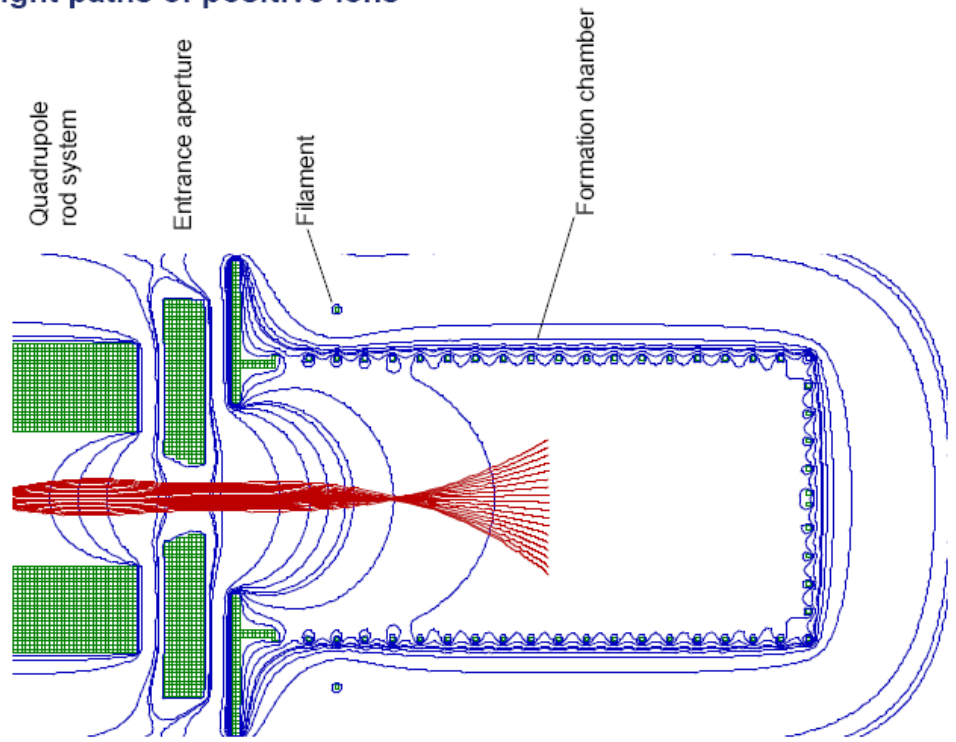


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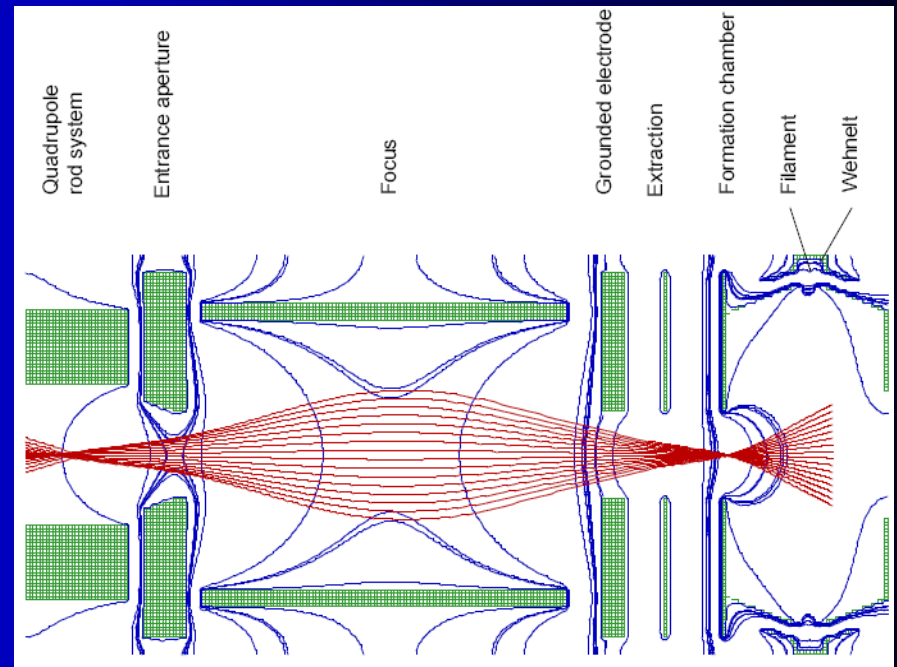
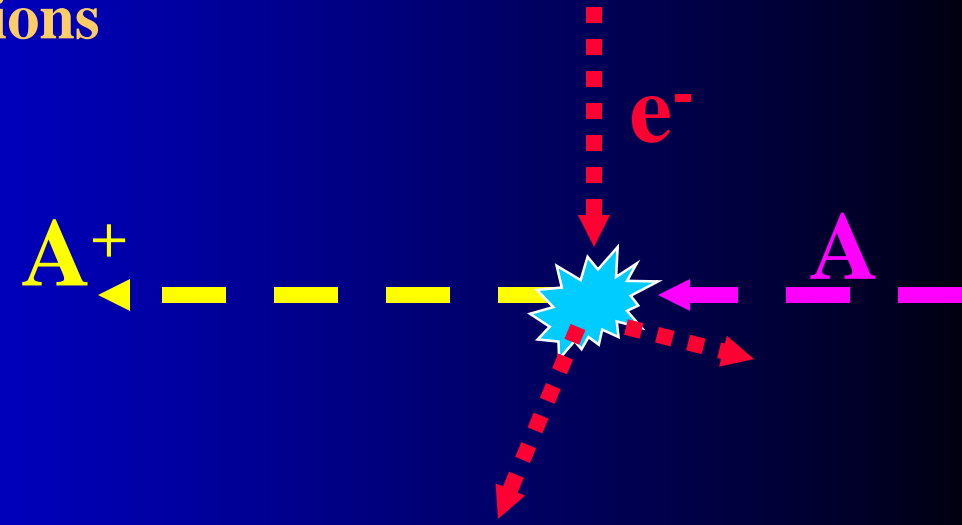
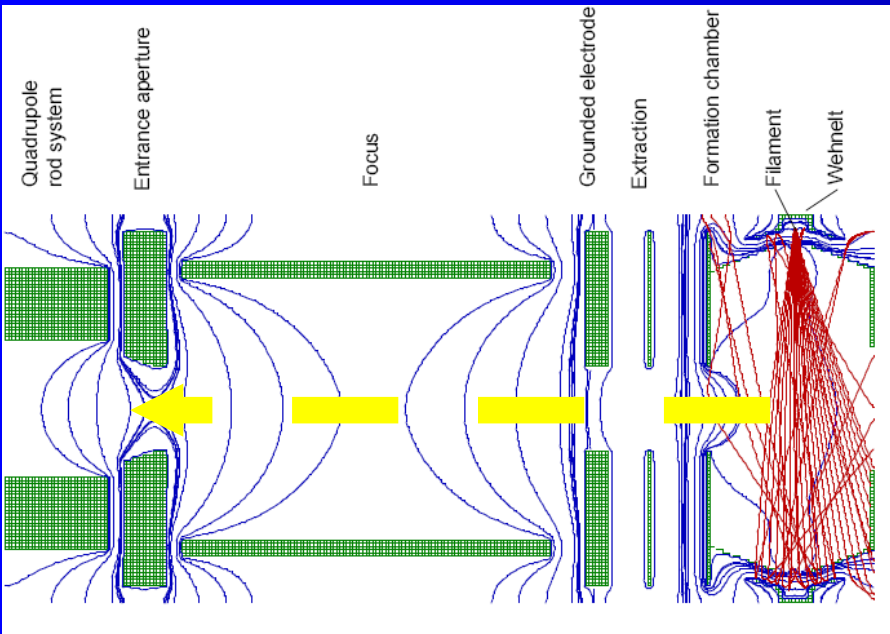


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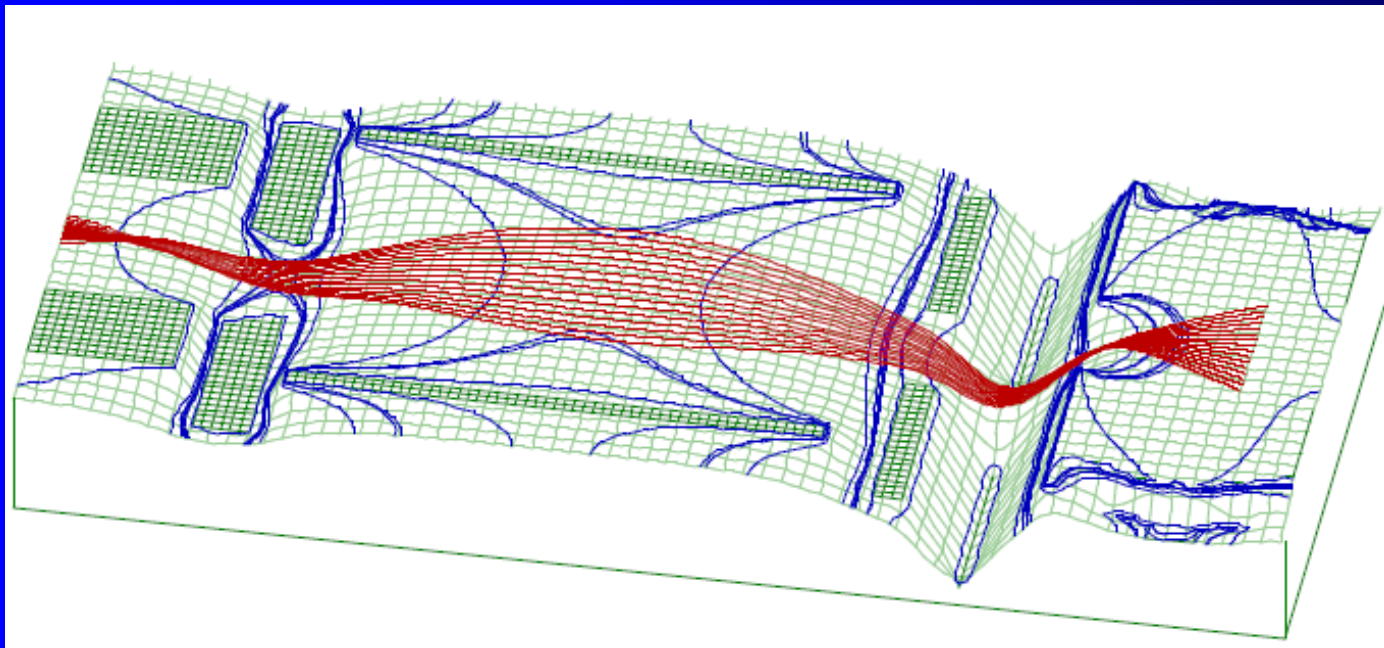


Cross Beam ion Source, calculations



Flight paths of ions

Cross Beam ion Source



Cross Beam ion source
with magnets

- Two filaments
- Easy to degas
- Good ion focussing
- Bakeable to 300°C



Mass spectrometer



16 mm rod system for highest resolution, stability and transmission (e.g. He/D₂ separation)

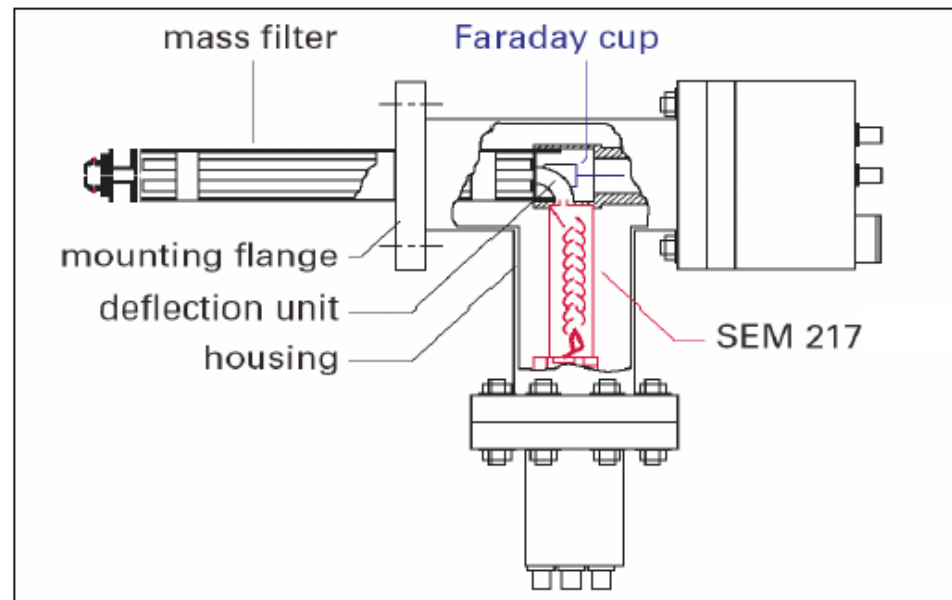
8 mm rod system for High-End RGA and analytical applications

6 mm rod system for common RGA

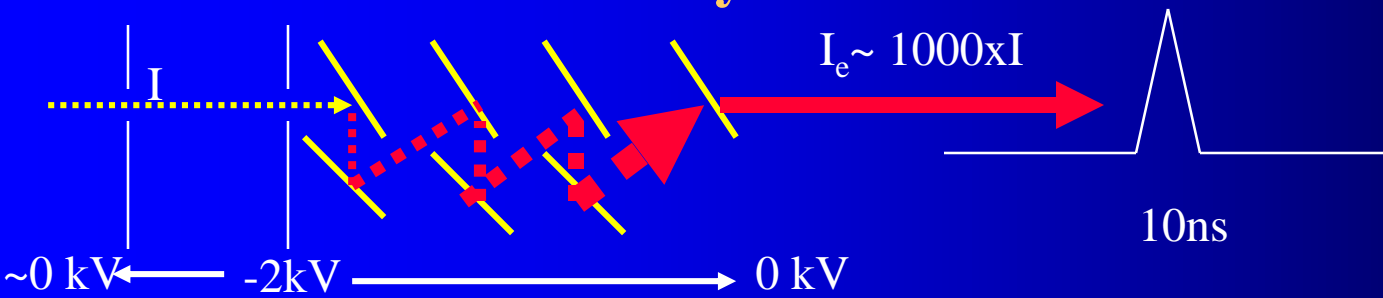
90° off axis arrangement

efficient suppression of

- photons
- fast neutral particles
- stray ions

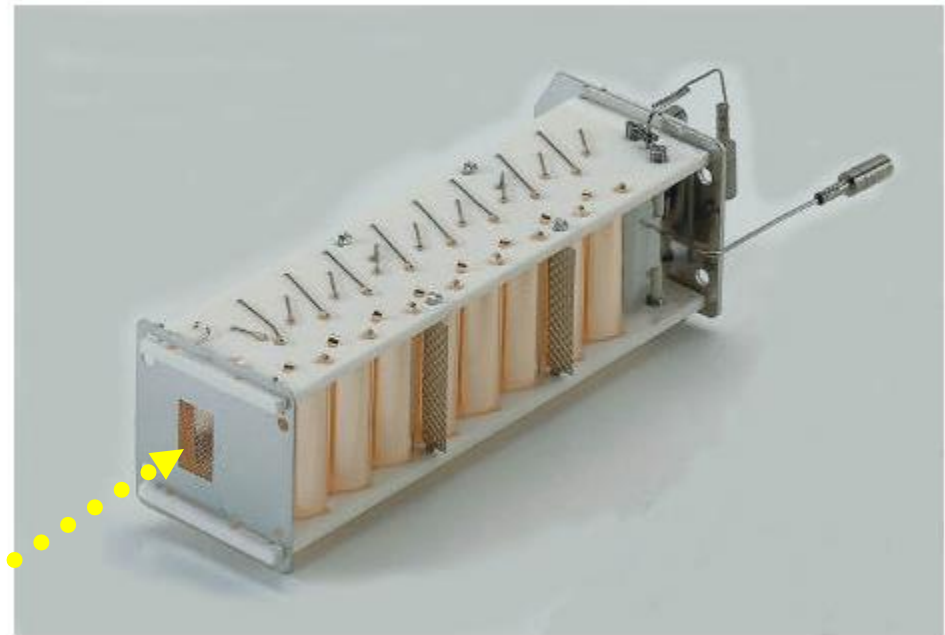


Ion detector – Discrete dynode SEM

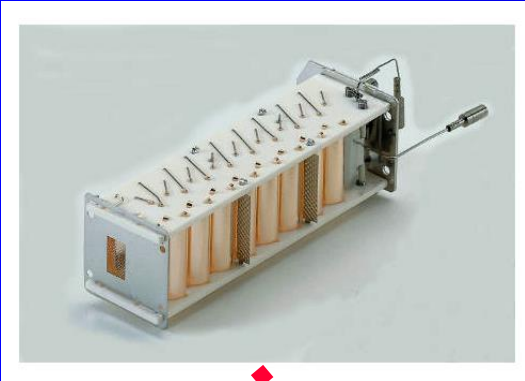


■ Ion Detection

- Discrete Dynode SEM
- Bakeable to 400°C
- for analog amplification and for pulse counting
- Low noise (< 0.1 cps)



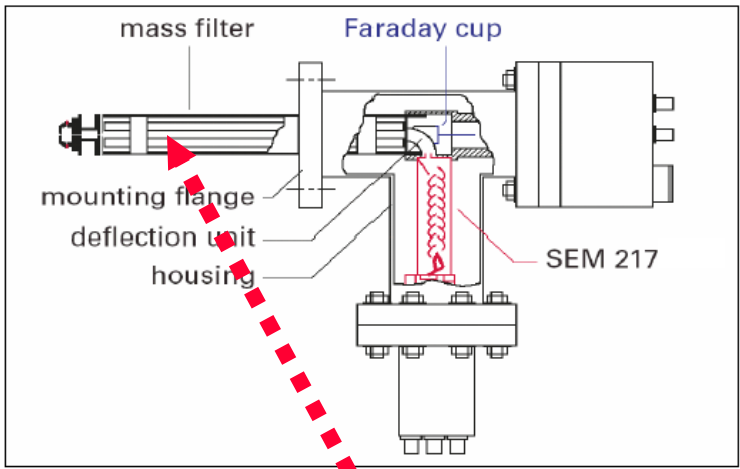
IONS



90° off axis arrangement

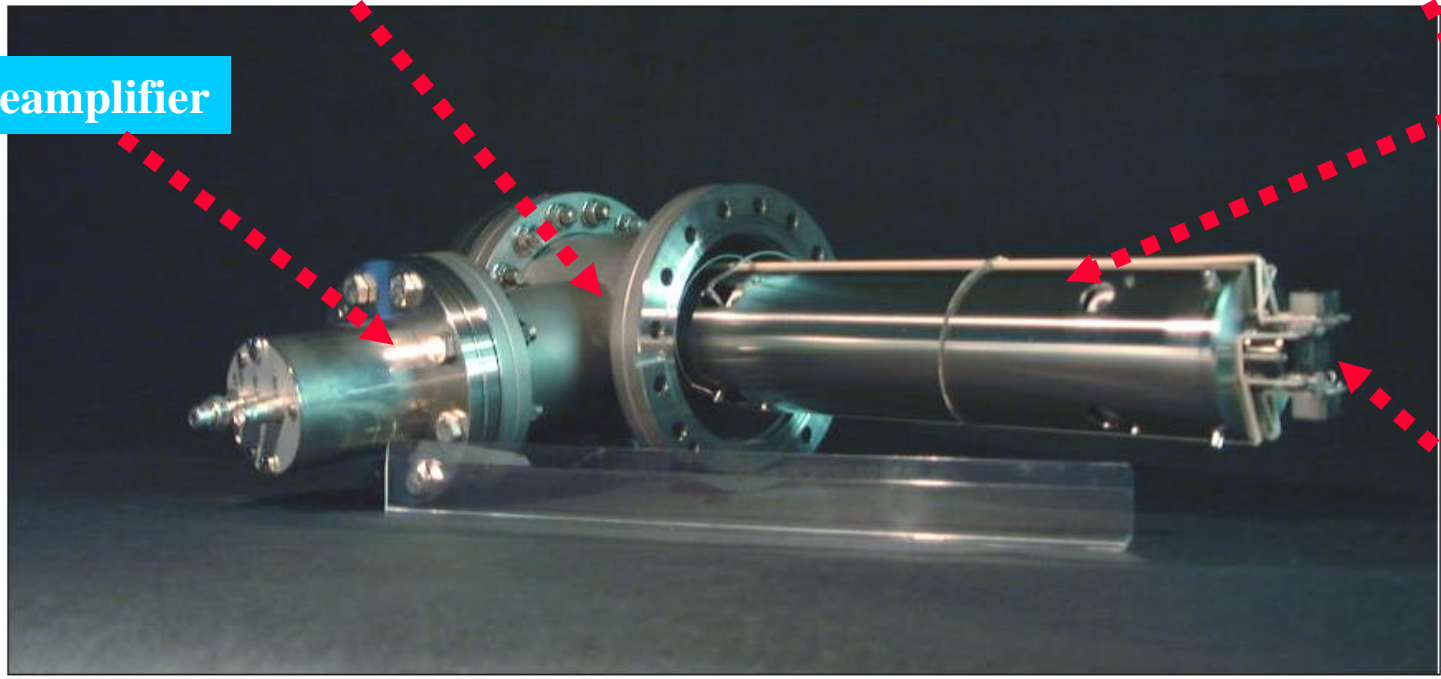
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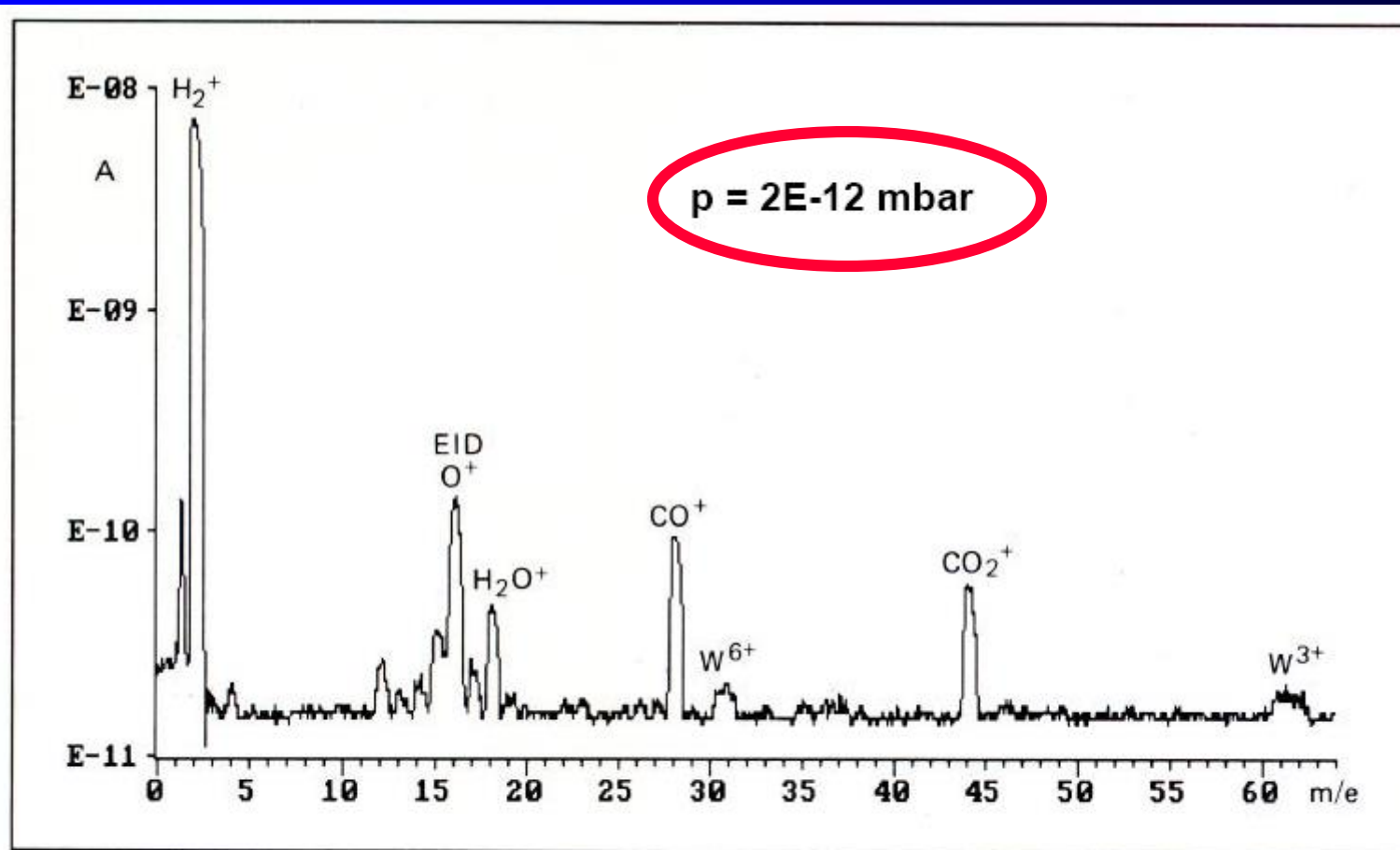
QMA 410 with Cross Beam ion source and 90° off axis SEM

Preamplifier



Cross Beam SOURCE

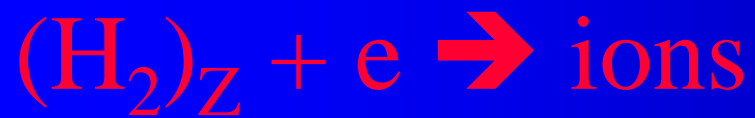
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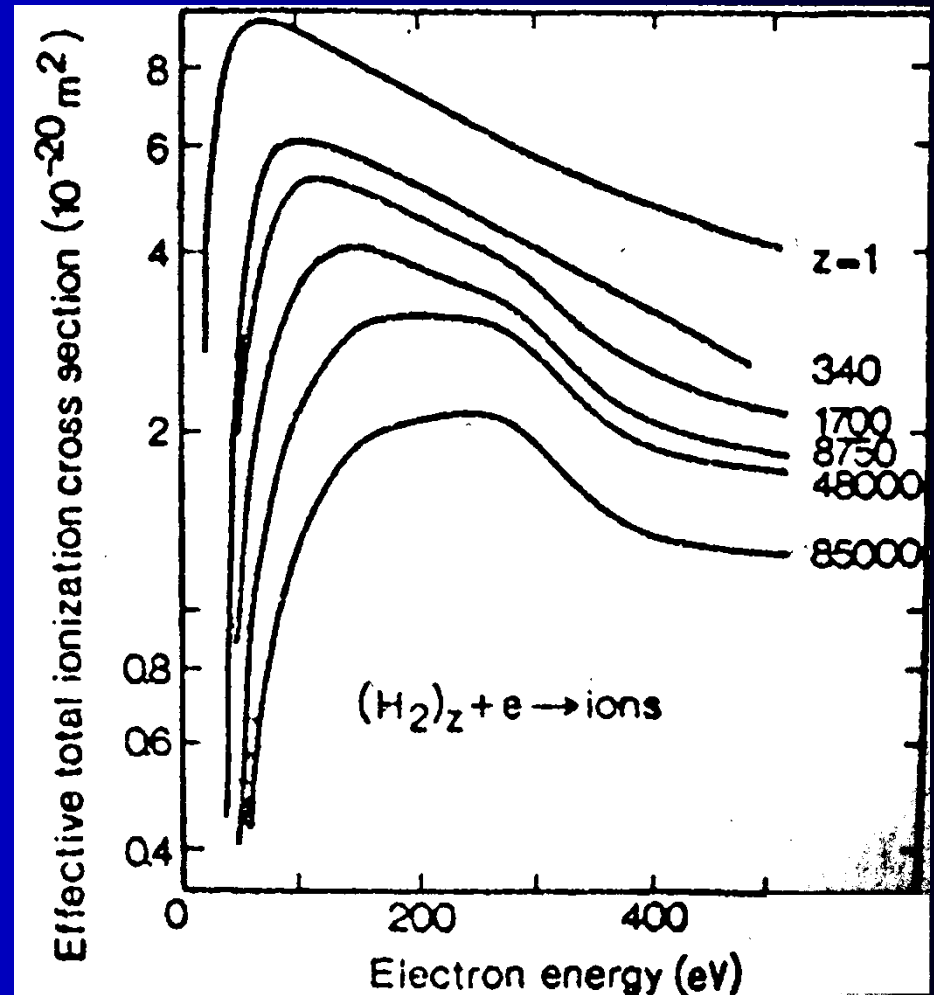
W.K. Huber, N. Müller, and G. Rettinghaus, *Vacuum*, 41, 2103 (1990)

Typical UHV spectrum

Ionization of clusters



$$\sigma_{\text{average total}} = Z \cdot \sigma_{\text{effective}}$$



Ionization of C60 Fulleren

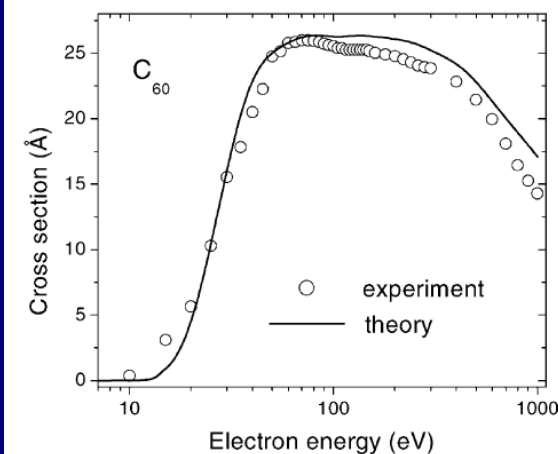
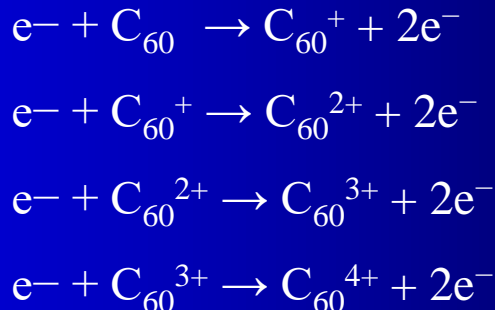
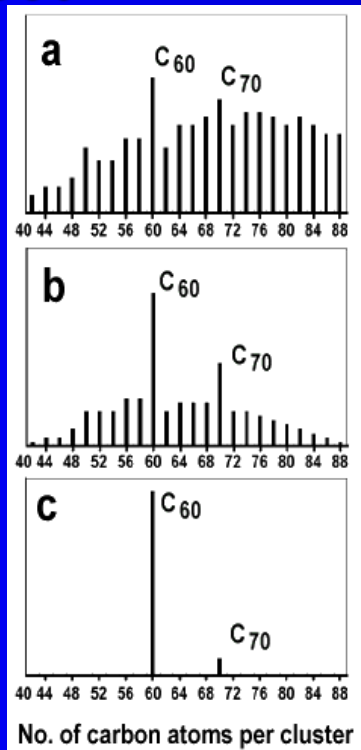
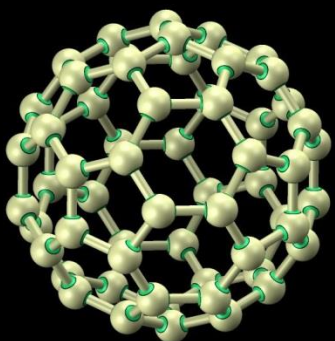


Fig. 6. Cross-section for the formation of C_{60}^+ ions following electron-impact single ionization of C_{60} . The experimental data (\circ) are from Ref. [18], the solid line represents the present calculation.

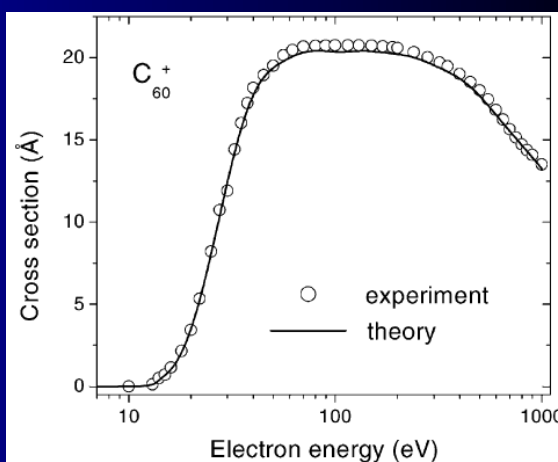
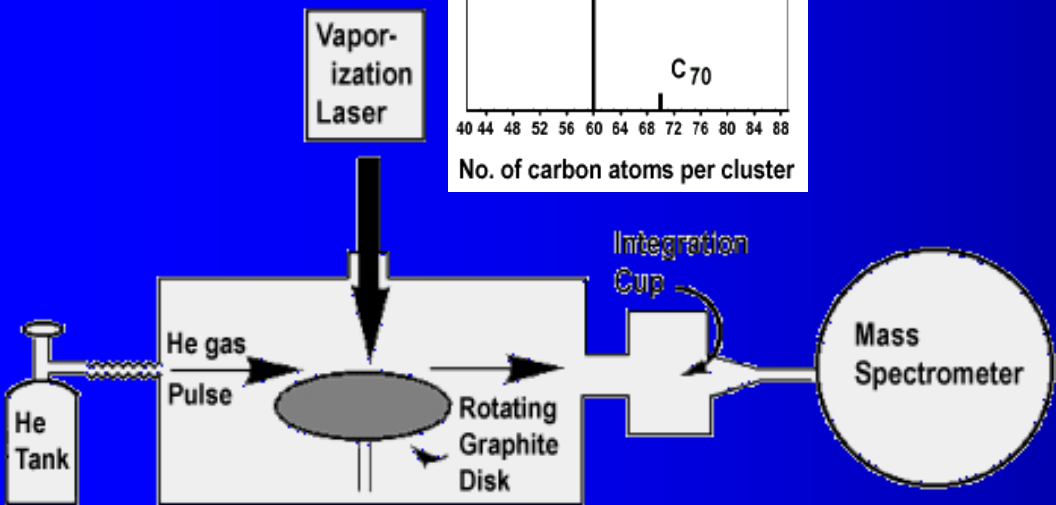


Fig. 3. Cross-section for the formation of C_{60}^{2+} ions following electron-impact single ionization of C_{60}^+ . The experimental data (\circ) are from Ref. [23], the solid line represents the present calculation.



Distribution of carbon clusters produced under various experimental conditions.

- a) Low helium density over graphite target at time of laser vaporization.
- b) High helium density over graphite target at time of laser vaporization.
- c) Same as b), but with addition of "integration cup" to increase time between vaporization and cluster analysis.

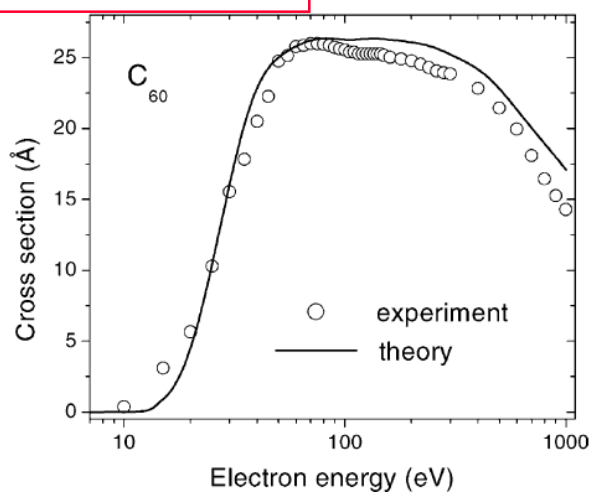
Electron-Impact Induced Fragmentation of Fullerene Ions

The measurements were performed employing the electron-ion crossed-beam setup. A commercially available powder of fullerenes was evaporated with an electrically heated oven. The neutral vapor was introduced into a 10 GHz Electron Cyclotron Resonance Ion Source (ECRIS). The extracted ion beam was collimated to $2 \times 2 \text{ mm}^2$ after mass to charge analysis and crossed with an intense electron beam. The energy of the electrons can be varied between 10 and 1000 eV. After the electron-ion interaction the fragment ions C_{58}^{q+} were separated from the incident ion beam of C_{60}^{q+} by a 90° magnet and detected by a single-particle detector. The flight time between the interaction of the C_{60}^{q+} ions and the analysis of the product ions is in the order of $10 \mu\text{s}$. The current of the parent ion beam was measured simultaneously in a Faraday cup.

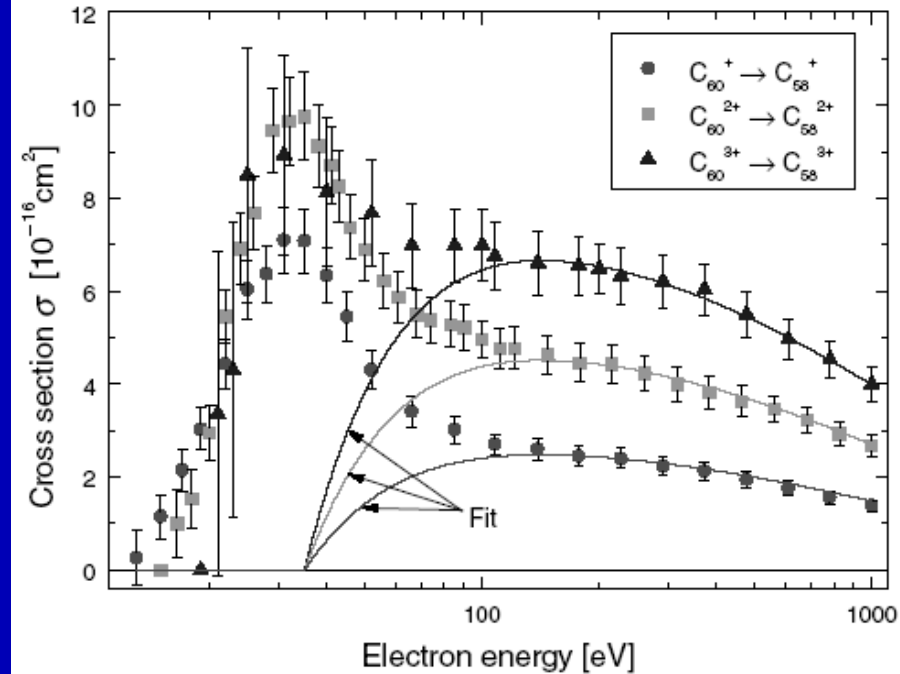
Binding energy value of about 11 eV



IONIZATION



FRAGMENTATION



Absolute cross sections σ for the electron-impact induced C_2 fragmentation of C_{60}^{q+} ions.

Electron-Impact Induced Ionization of Fullerene Ions

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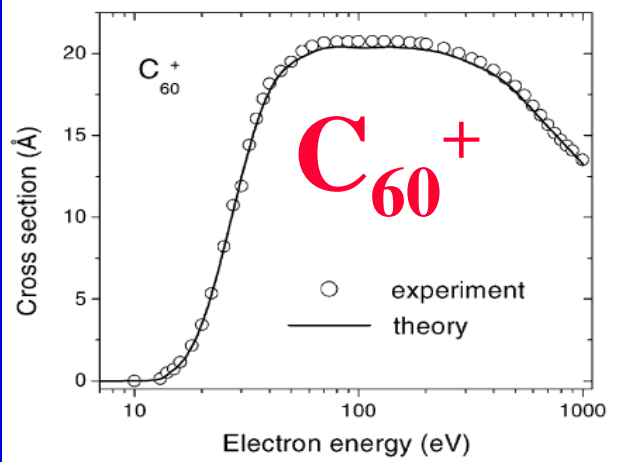
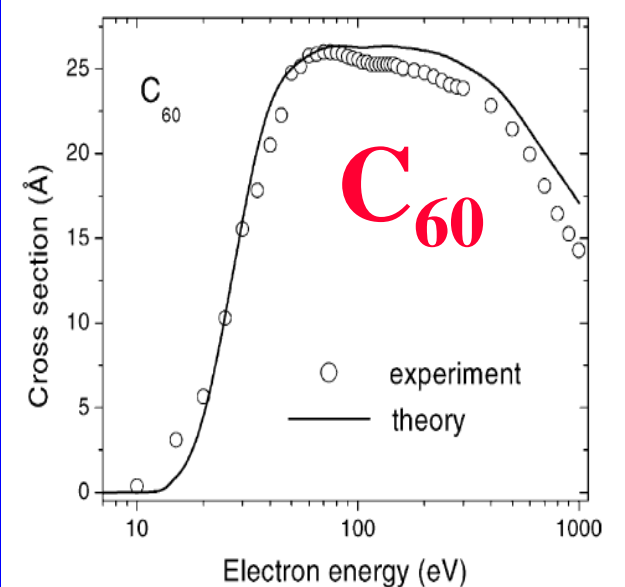


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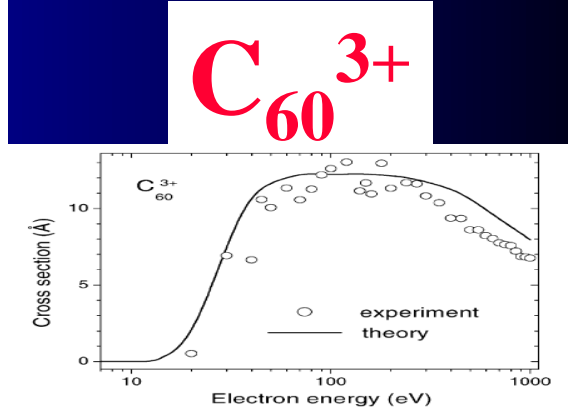


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Cross sections for vibrational excitation, dissociation, ionization...H₂

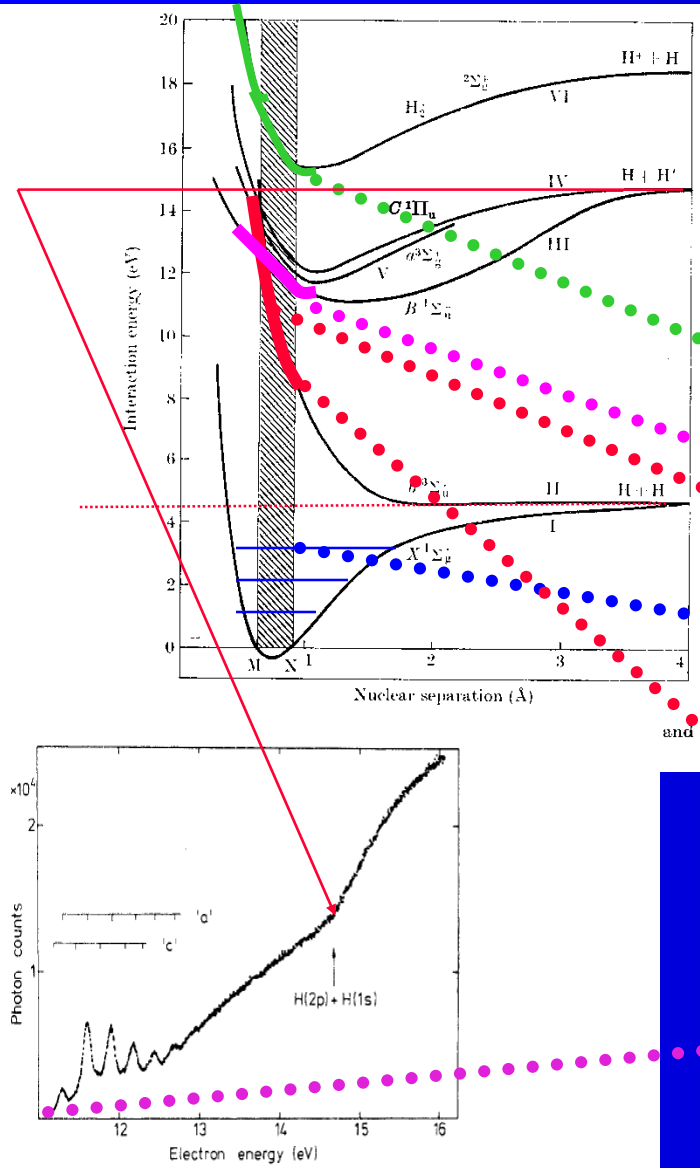


Figure 3. Optical excitation function for VUV photons measured with channeltron and MgF₂ window (1120-1300 Å); pressure 4 × 10⁻⁷ bar; collection time 7 h; 4.9 meV/channel. Energy positions of known resonances are indicated. The dissociation energy for H(2p)+H(1s) is marked by an arrow.

- H₂ + e**
- **H₂(v) + e** **Vibrational excitation**
 - **H + H + e**..... **Dissociation**
 - **H₂* + hv + e** ... **Photon excitation**
 - **H₂⁺ + e + e**..... **Ionization**
 - **H⁺ + H + e + e** **Dissociative Ionization**

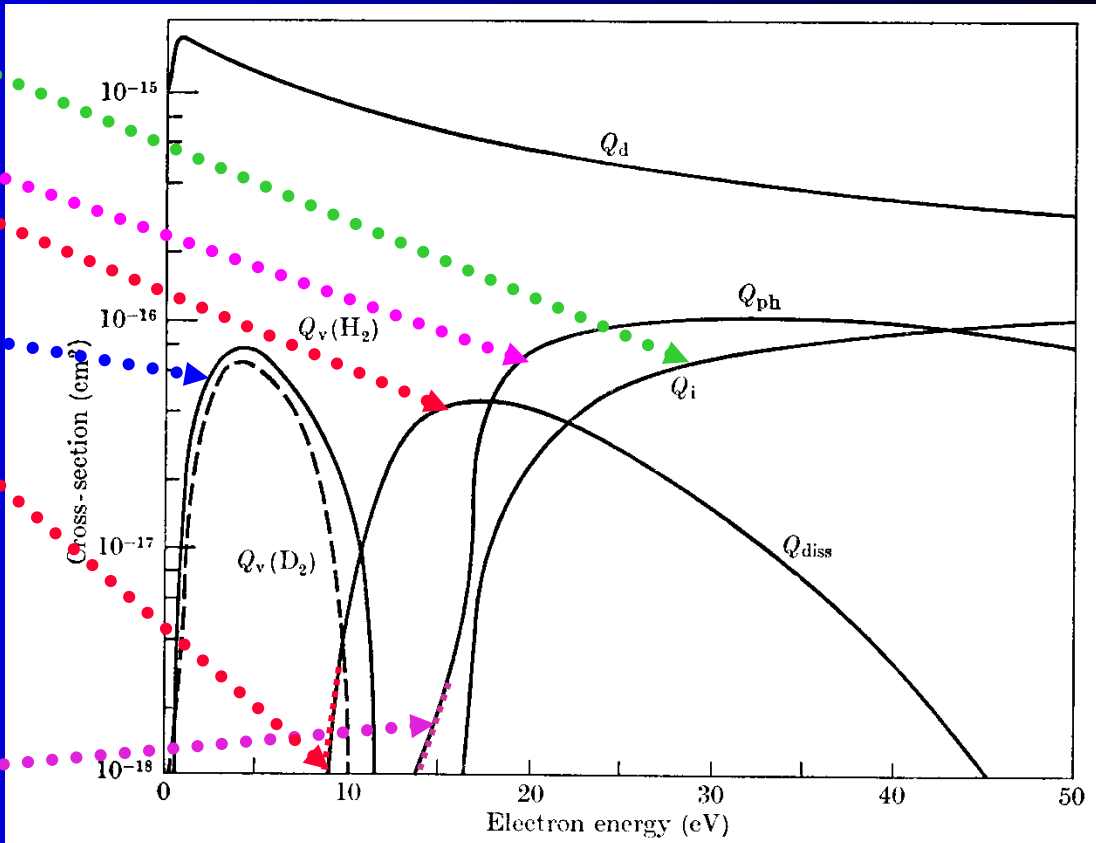


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Cross sections for ionization...H₂

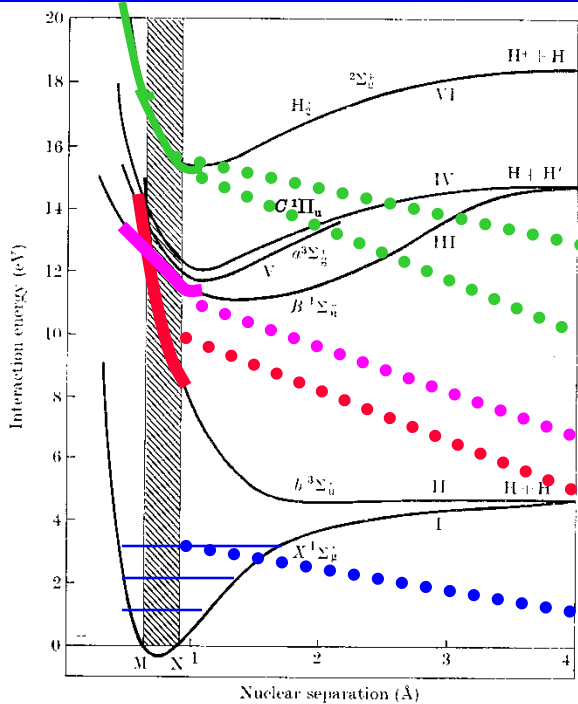
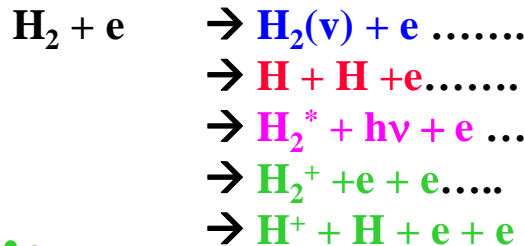


Fig. 13.1. Potential energy curves for electronic states of H₂ and H⁺ + H with 20 Å V. f. d.



Vibrational excitation
Dissociation
Photon excitation
Ionization

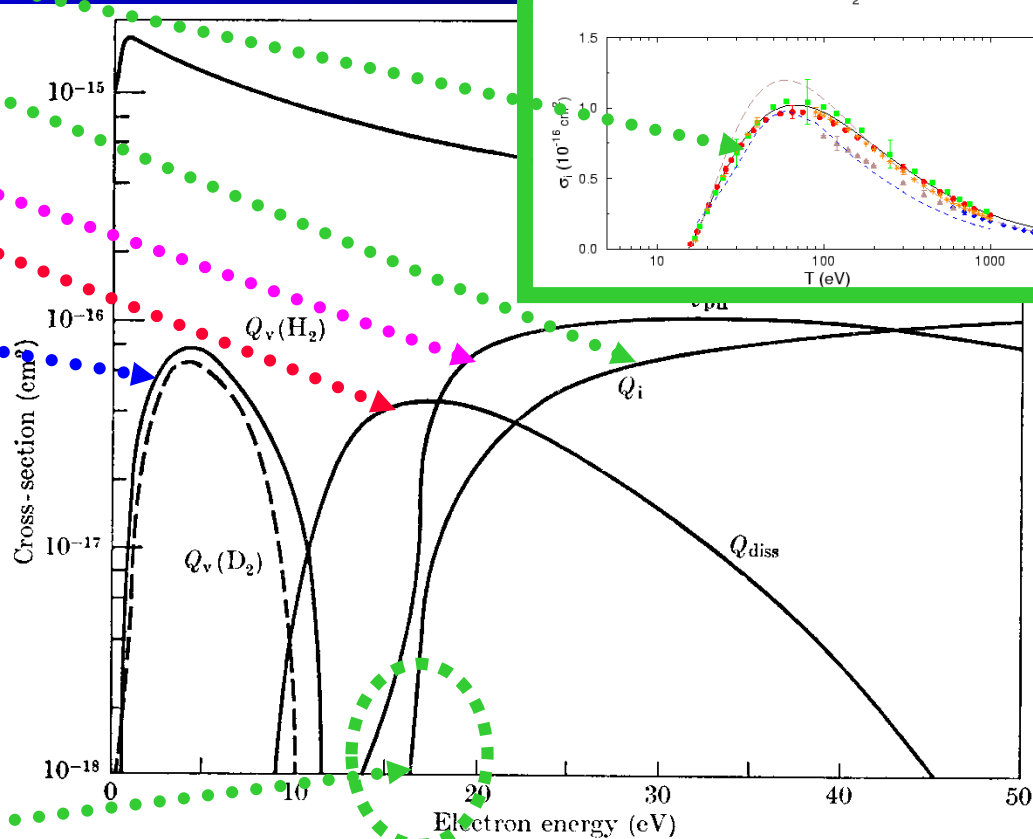
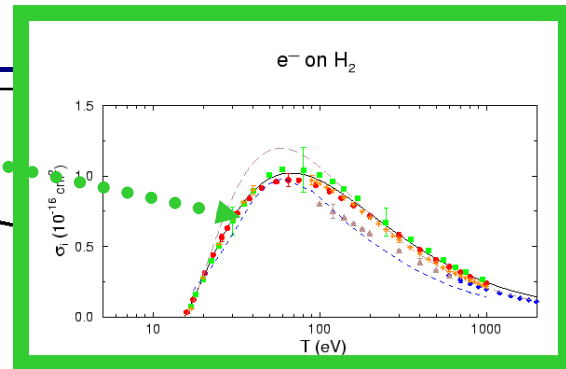


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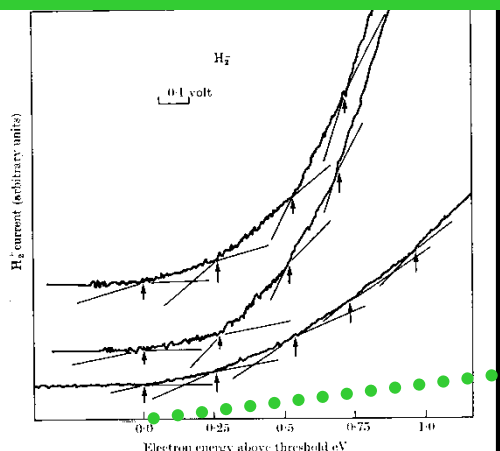


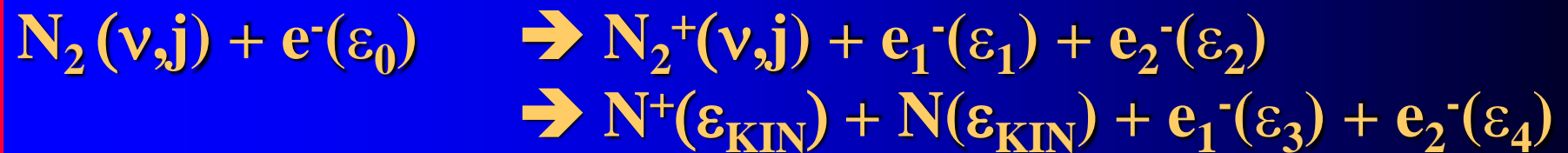
Fig. 13.19. Variation of the ionization cross-section of H₂ near the threshold as observed by Marmet and Kerwin.

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Ionization cross section

Ionization, excitation

Complicated



$\text{NH}_3 + e^-(\varepsilon_0) \rightarrow \dots$ to several product - channels

Neutral – Rydberg interaction

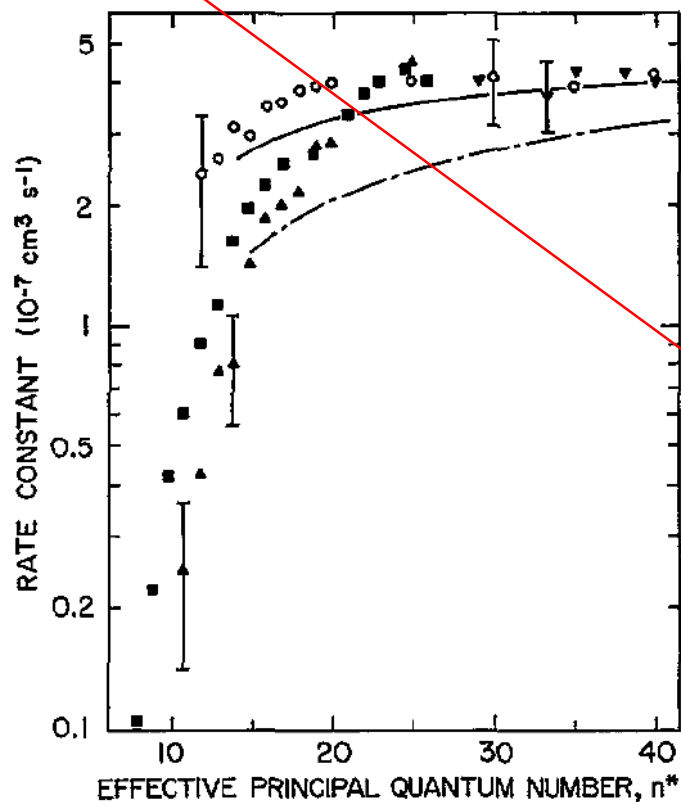


Figure 8. Rate constants for Rydberg destruction and free-ion production in Rydberg atom collisions with SF₆. The data are plotted as a function of $n^* = n - \delta$ when δ is the quantum defect. \circ , K(np) destruction (Zheng *et al* 1990); \blacktriangle , K(nd) free-ion production (Zollars *et al* 1986); \blacksquare , Ne(ns) free-ion production (Harth *et al* 1989); —, — · —, calculated values $l=2$, $l=l_{\max}=n-1$ (Klar *et al* 1994a).

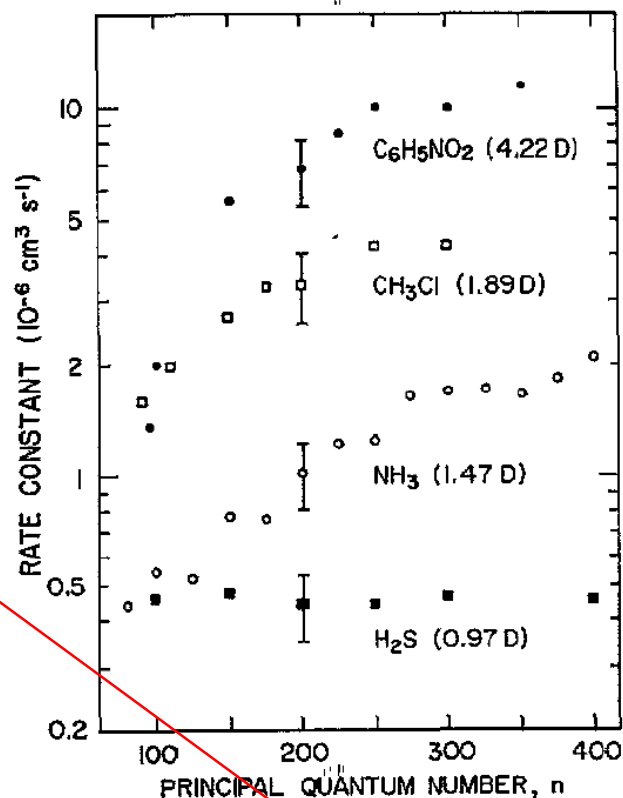
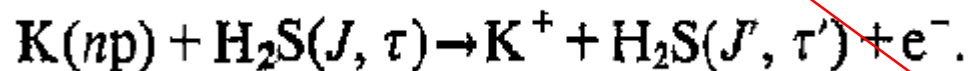


Figure 9. Rate constants for Rydberg atom destruction in collisions with polar targets. The data for H₂S are for destruction of parent K(np) atoms; the data for NH₃, CH₃Cl and C₆H₅NO₂ are for an l -mixed population (Ling *et al* 1993a, Frey *et al* 1994a, b). The numbers in parentheses give the dipole moment of each target.



Photoionization from Ar metastable

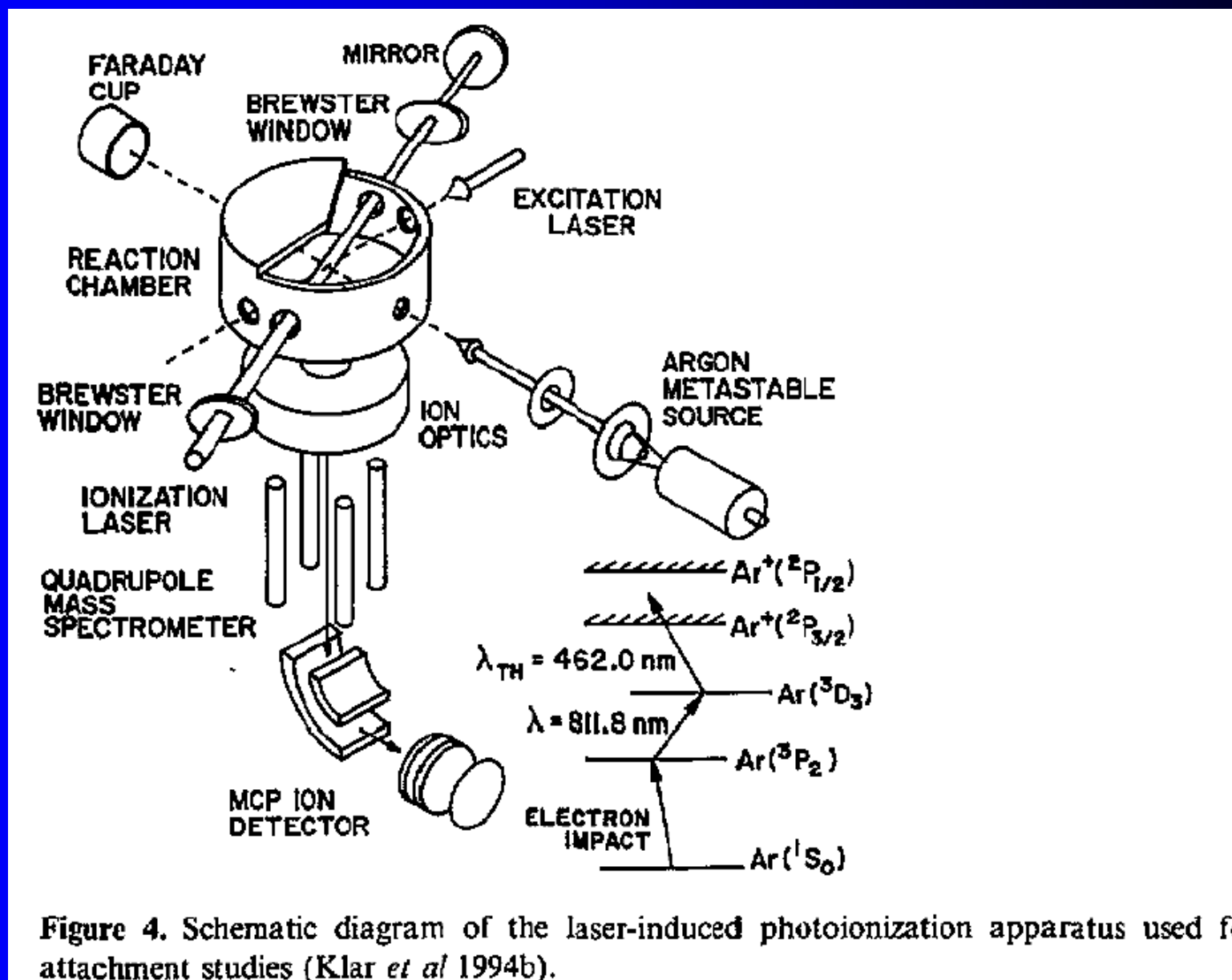
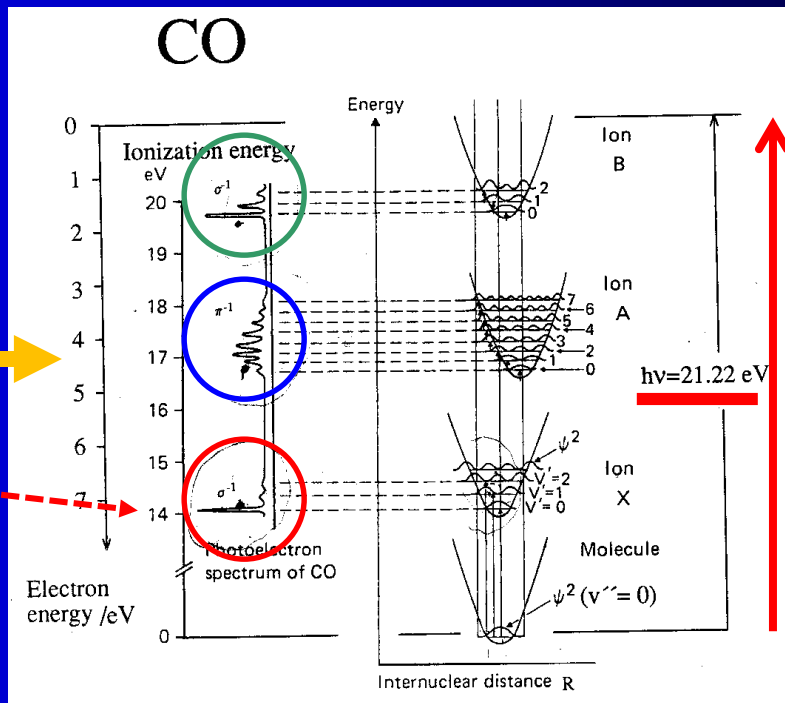
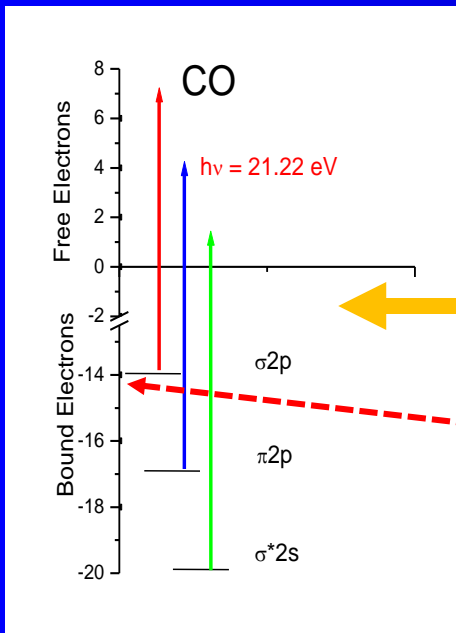


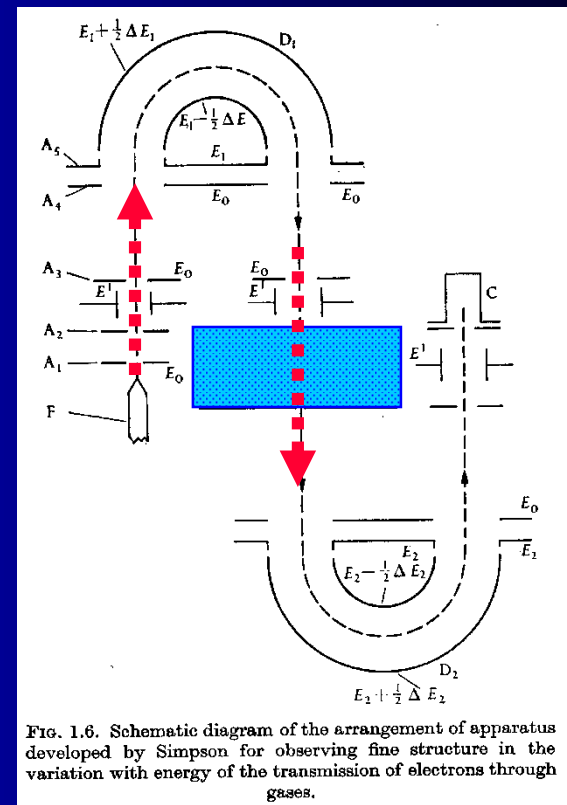
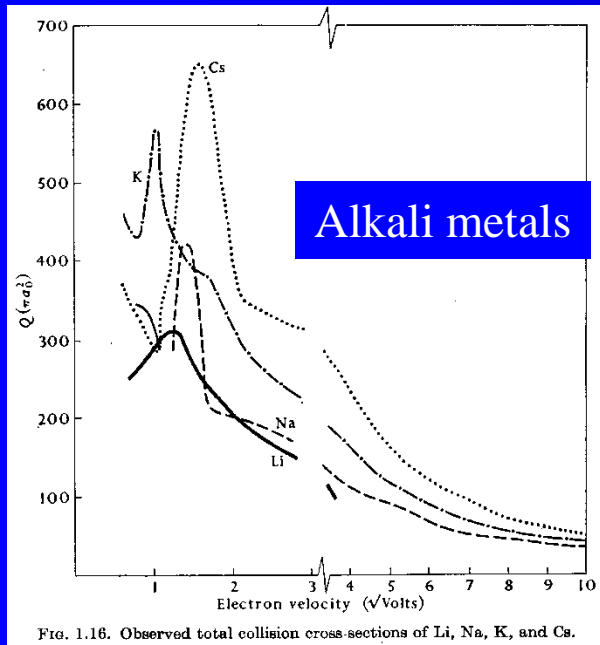
Figure 4. Schematic diagram of the laser-induced photoionization apparatus used for attachment studies (Klar *et al* 1994b).

Franck-Condon principle - FOTOIONIZATION

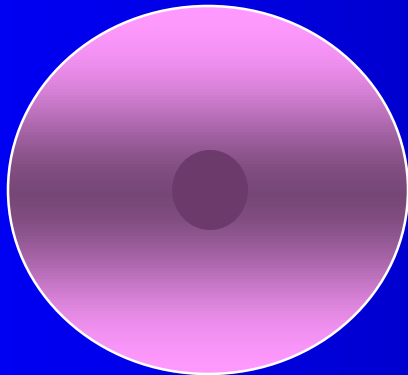
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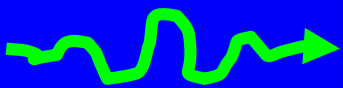
Total collision cross sections Na, K, Cs...



Cs



$e^- (v)$



Very low collision energies

Electron-molecule collisions at very low electron energies

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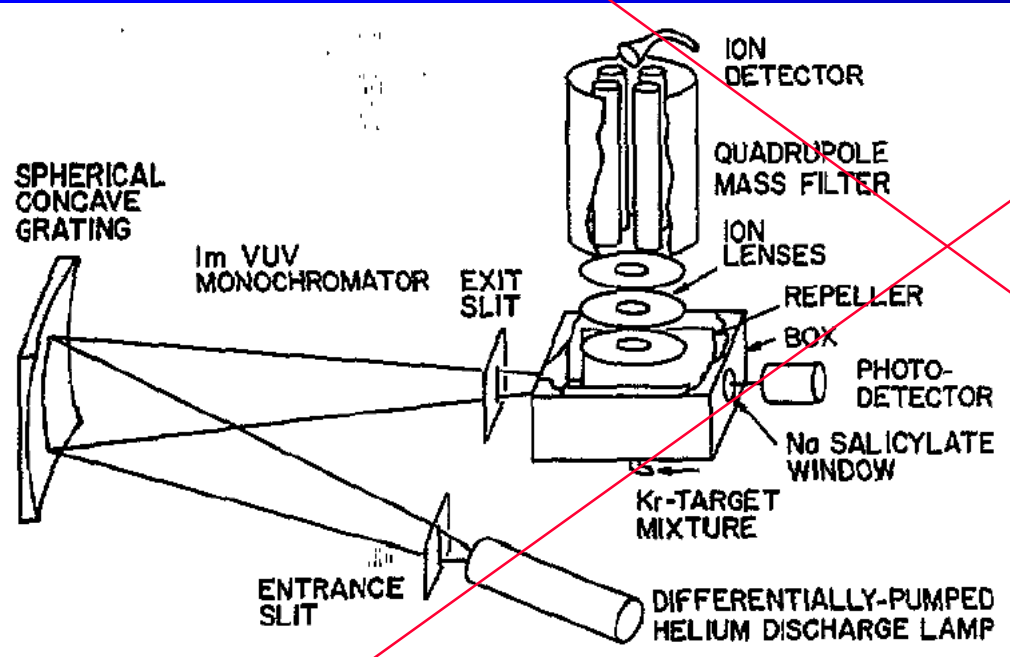
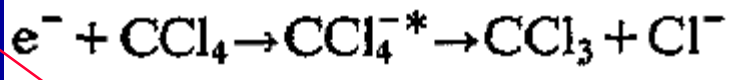
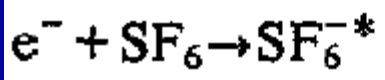


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the vuv photoionization apparatus used for attachment studies (Chutjian and Alajajian 1985a, b).



Electron attachment at very low electron energies

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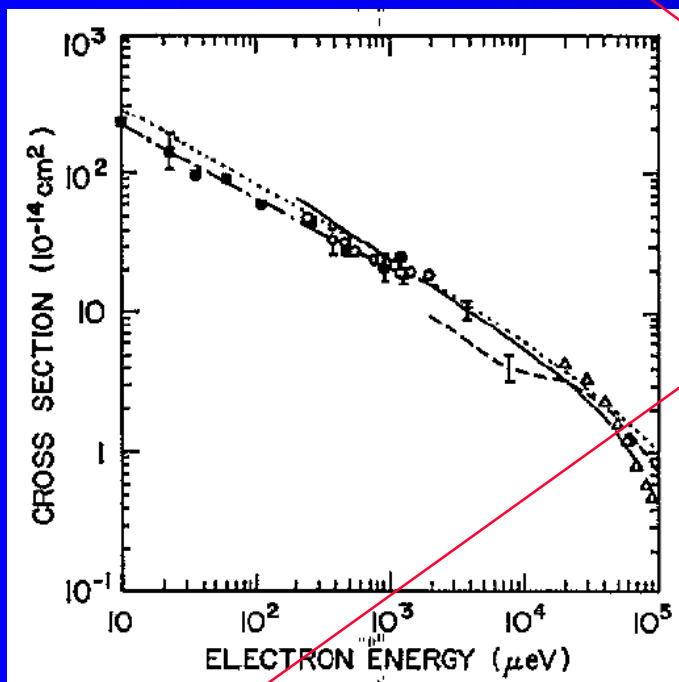


Figure 2. Cross section for electron attachment to SF_6 . \blacksquare , $\bar{\sigma}_e\text{-K}(np)$; $-\cdot-$, $\sigma_e(v)\text{-K}(np)$ (Ling *et al* 1992). \circ , $\bar{\sigma}_e\text{-Rb}(ns)$ (Zollars *et al* 1985); $—$, free electrons (Klar *et al* 1992a, b); $---$, free electrons (Chutjian and Alajajian 1985); Δ , free electrons (Pai *et al* 1979, Chutjian and Alajajian 1985a); $----$, theory (Klots 1976).

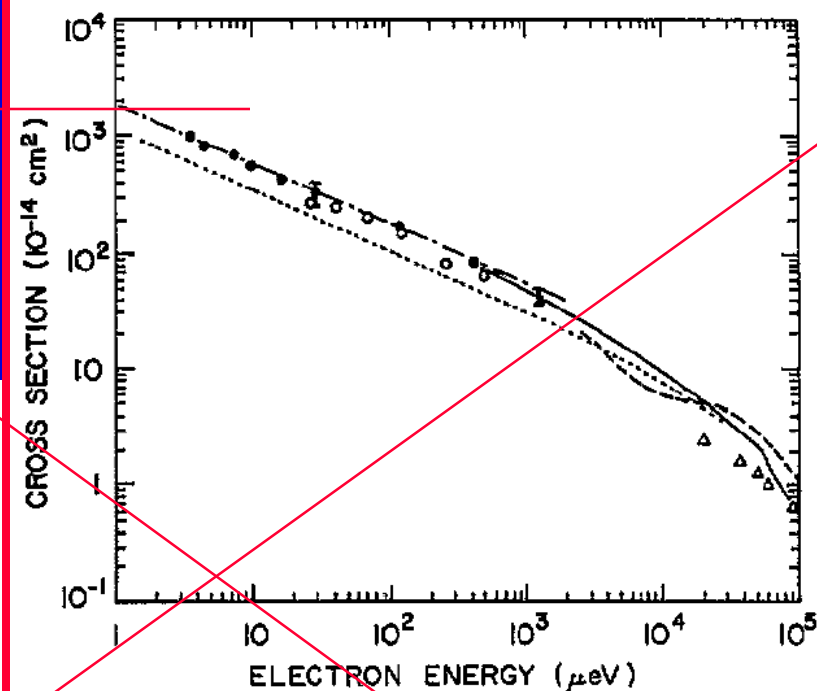


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Partial cross section for excitation

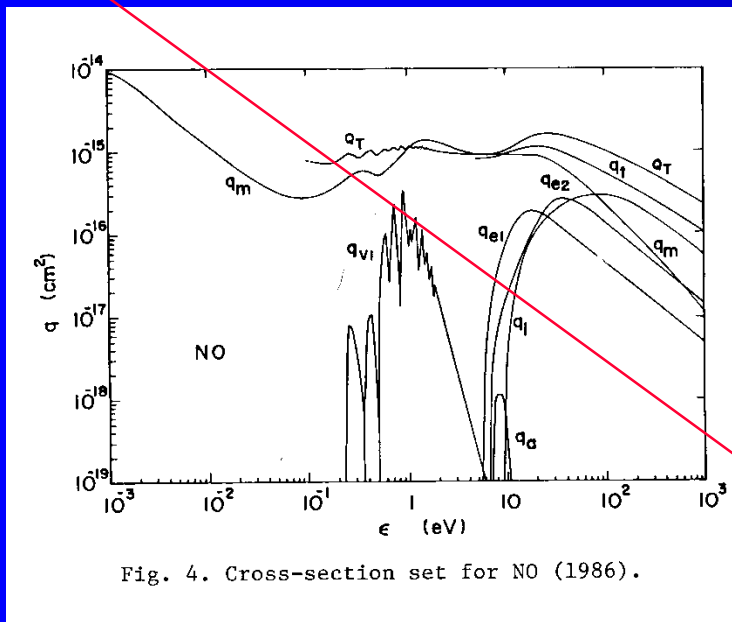


Fig. 4. Cross-section set for NO (1986).

NO + e

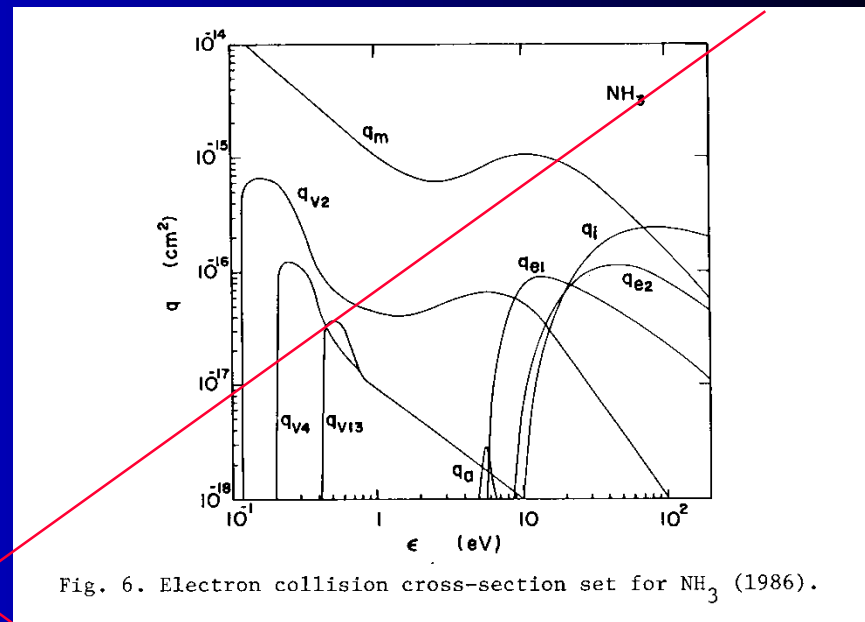


Fig. 6. Electron collision cross-section set for NH₃ (1986).

NH₃ + e

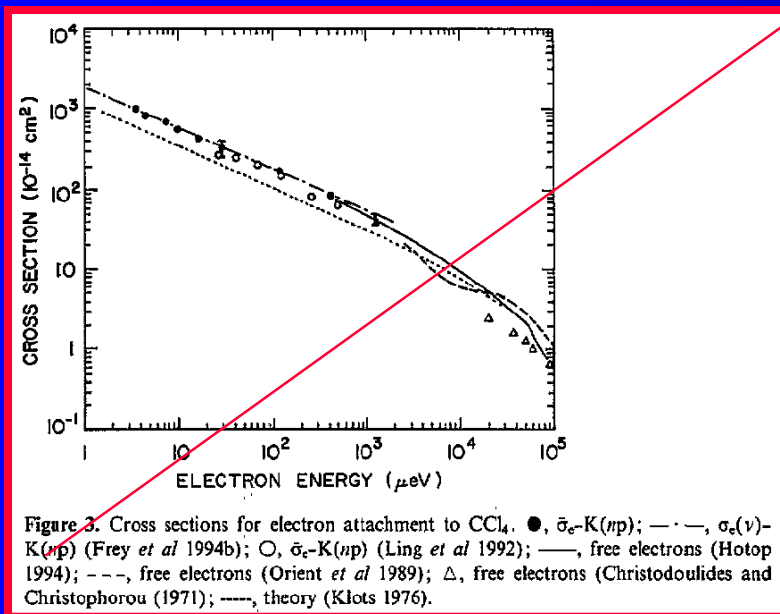
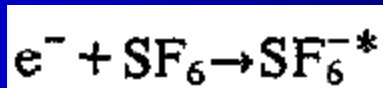
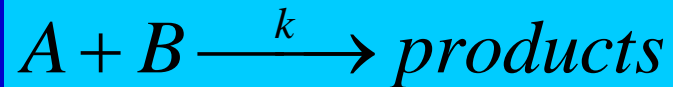
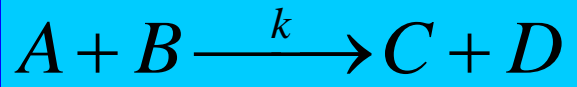


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Rate coefficients of elementary processes



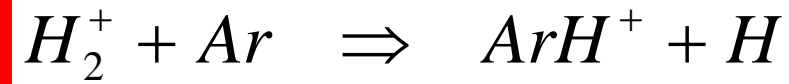
$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -k[A][B]$$

~300 K

- Electron atomic ion rec.
- Electron - ion recomb.
- Ion - ion recombination
- **Ion - molecule reactions**
- Attachment
- Penning ionization
- .

reactants	products	rate coefficient
Ar ⁺ + e ⁻	Ar + hv	~10 ⁻¹¹ cm ³ s ⁻¹
O ₂ ⁺ + e ⁻	O + O	2x10 ⁻⁷ cm ³ s ⁻¹
Ar ⁺ + Cl ⁻	Ar + Cl	2x10 ⁻⁸ cm ³ s ⁻¹
H₂⁺ + H₂->	H₃⁺ + H	2x10⁻⁹cm³s⁻¹
CCl ₄ + e ⁻	Cl ⁻ + CCl ₃	~10 ⁻⁷ cm ³ s ⁻¹
He* + Ar	Ar ⁺ + e ⁻ + He	7x10 ⁻¹¹ cm ³ s ⁻¹

Kinetics of elementary process



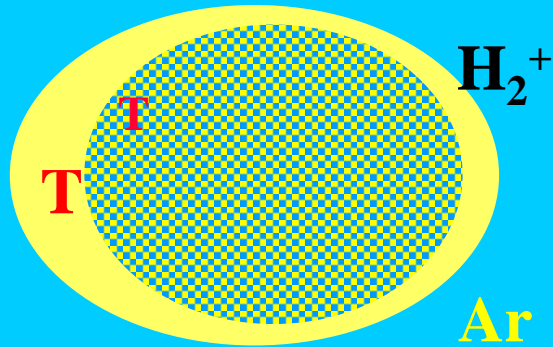
$$d(n_{H_2^+})/dt = -k n_{H_2^+} \cdot n_{Ar}$$

$$n_{H_2^+} \ll n_{Ar}$$

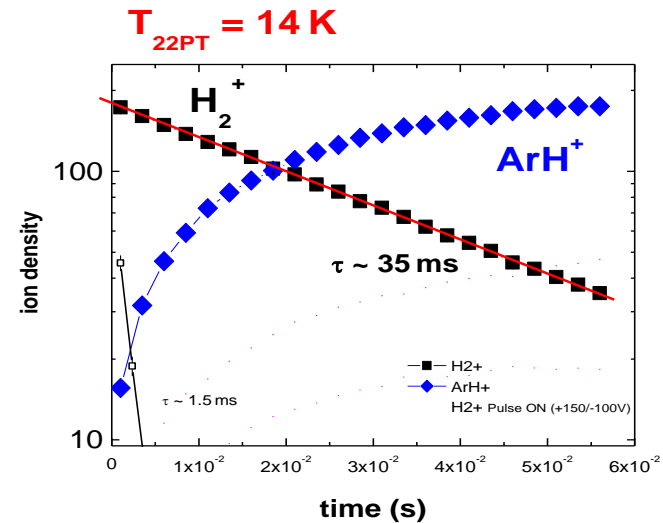
$$n_{H_2^+} = (n_{H_2^+})_0 \exp(-kn_{Ar}t)$$

Multiple collision

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reaction rate coefficient



k(T)

Electron attachment at very low electron energies

10^5 \AA

10^5 \AA

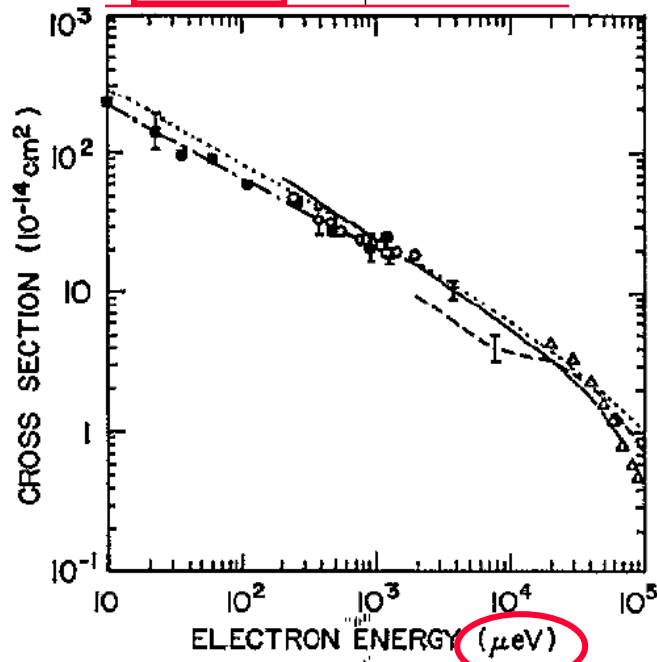


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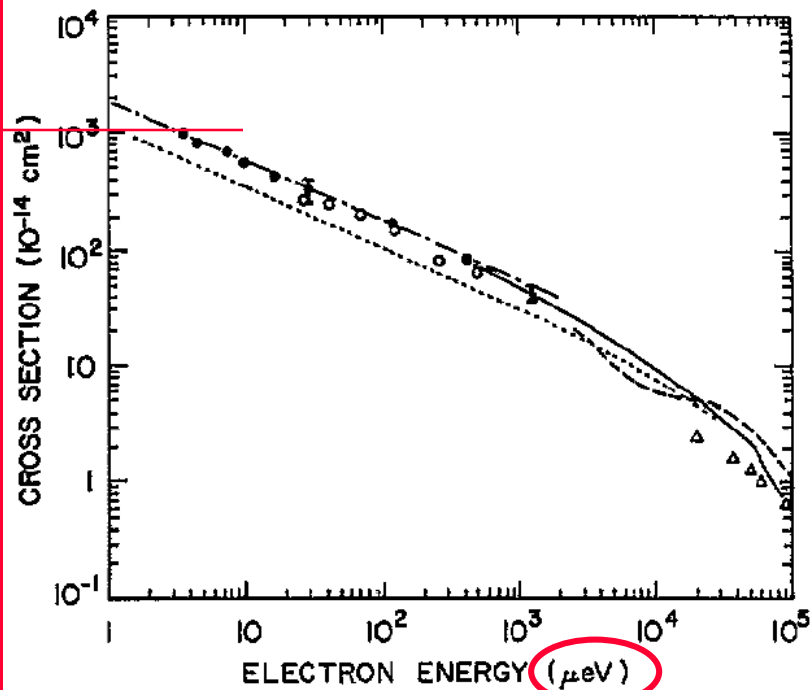
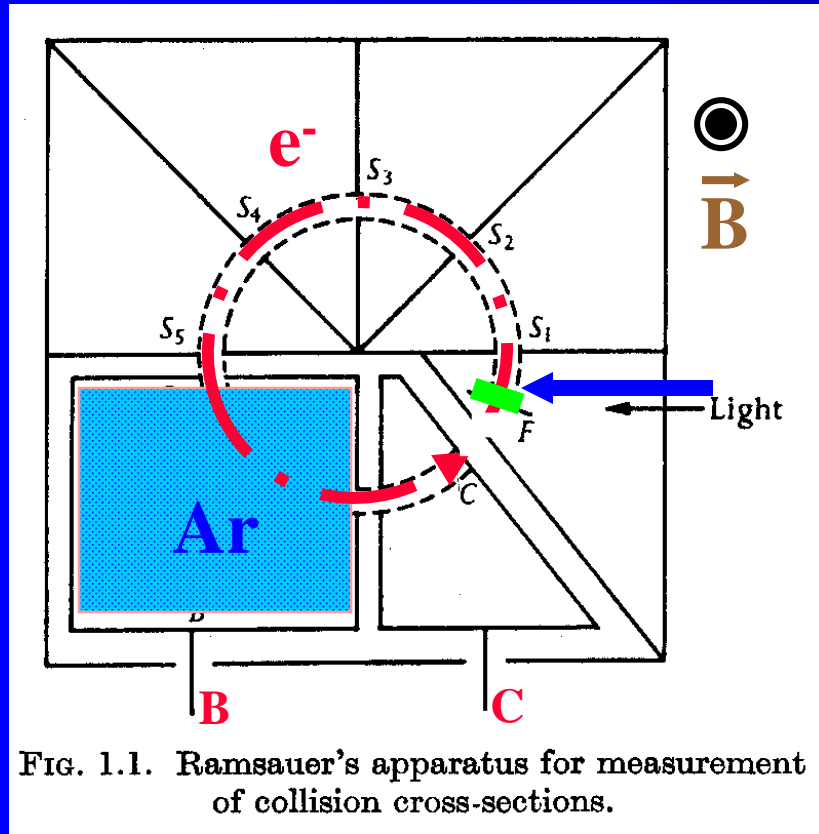


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Collisions of electrons with atoms – Ramsauer's method



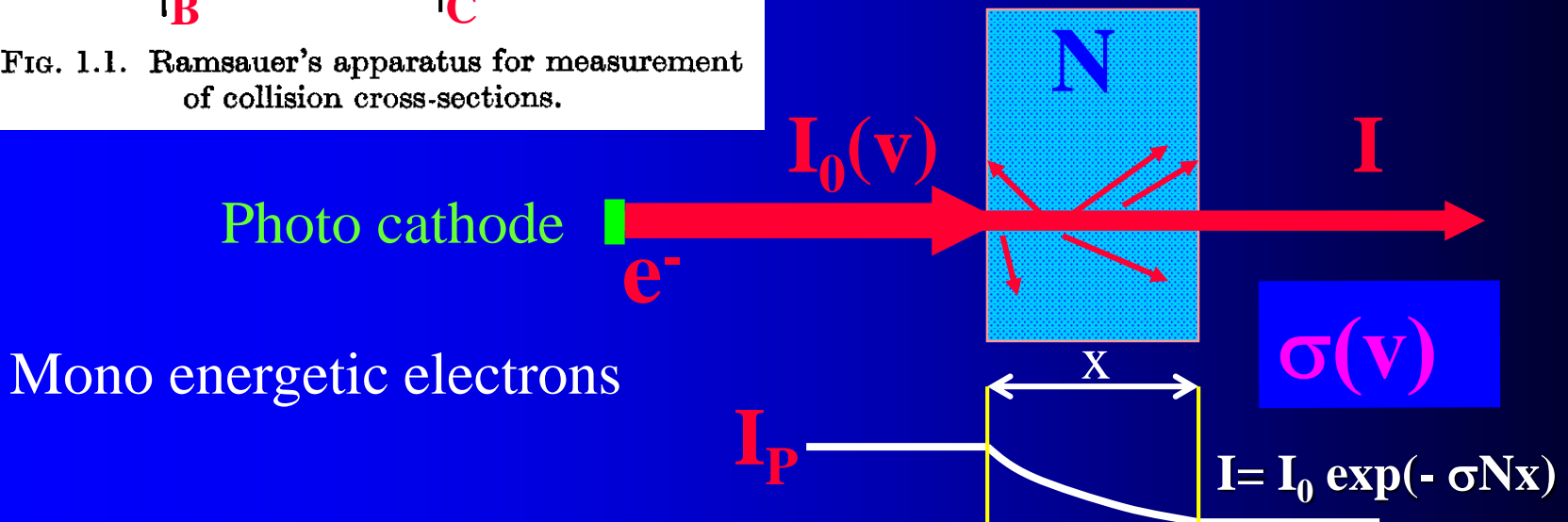
Lenard 1903
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 Ramsauer 1921

ATTENUATION METHOD

$$\delta I \sim -NI \delta x$$

$$\delta I = -N\sigma I \delta x$$

$$I = I_0 \exp(-\sigma N x)$$



Collisions of electrons with atoms – Ramsauer's method

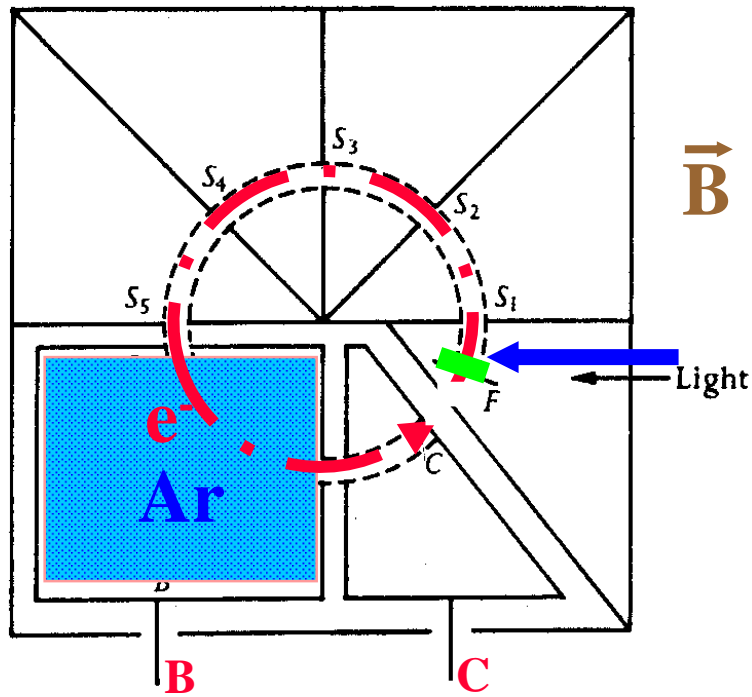


FIG. 1.1. Ramsauer's apparatus for measurement of collision cross-sections.

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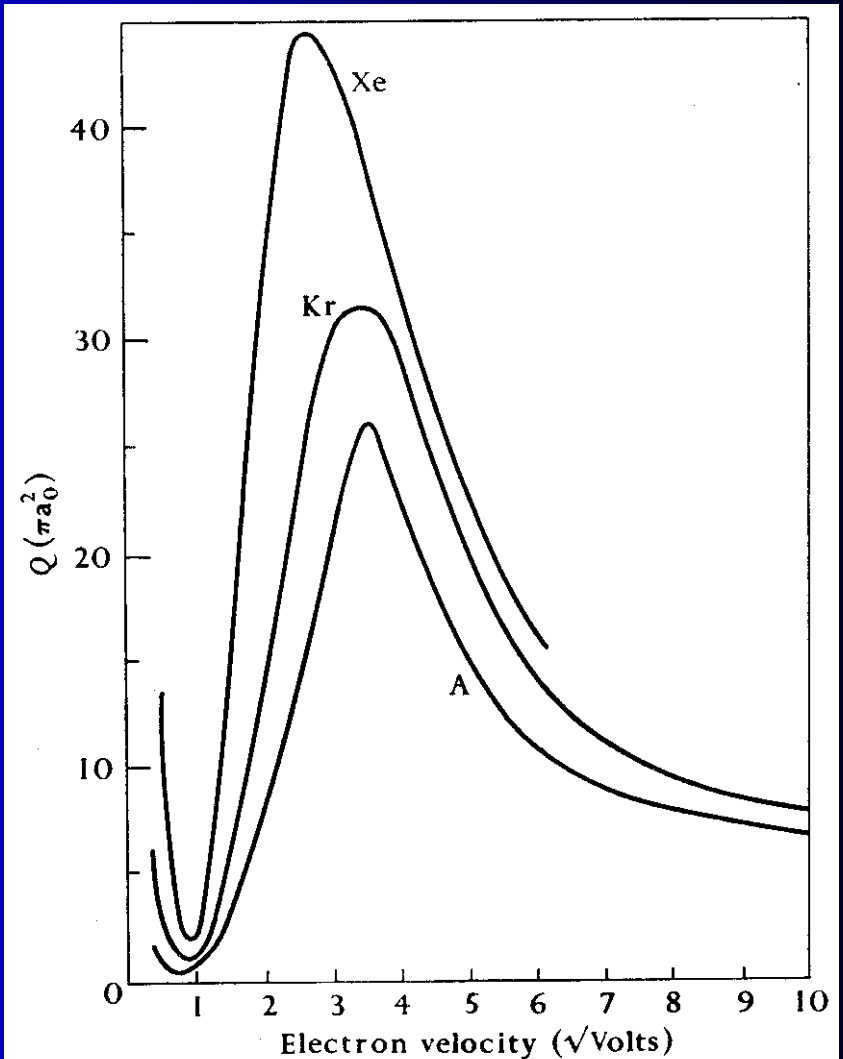


FIG. 1.9. Observed total collision cross-sections of A, Kr, and Xe.

Collisions of electrons with atoms – Ramsauer

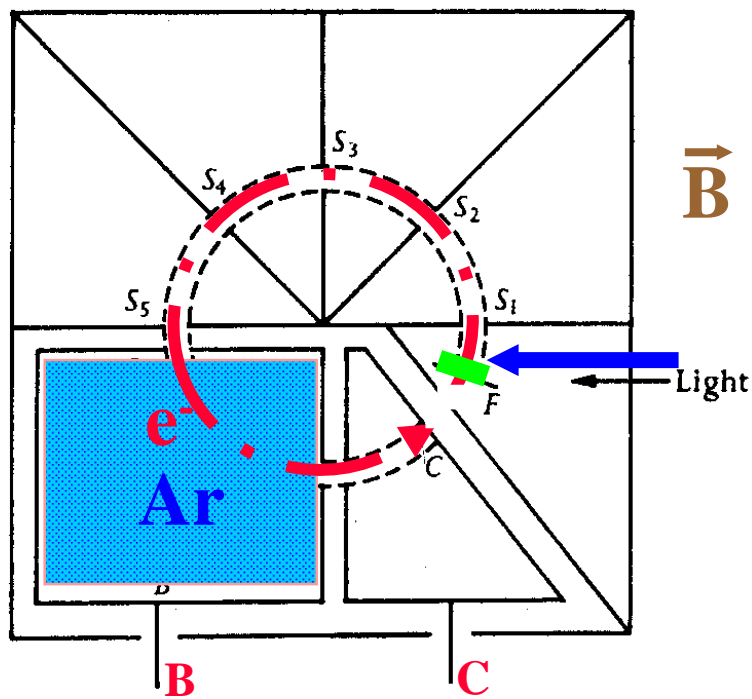


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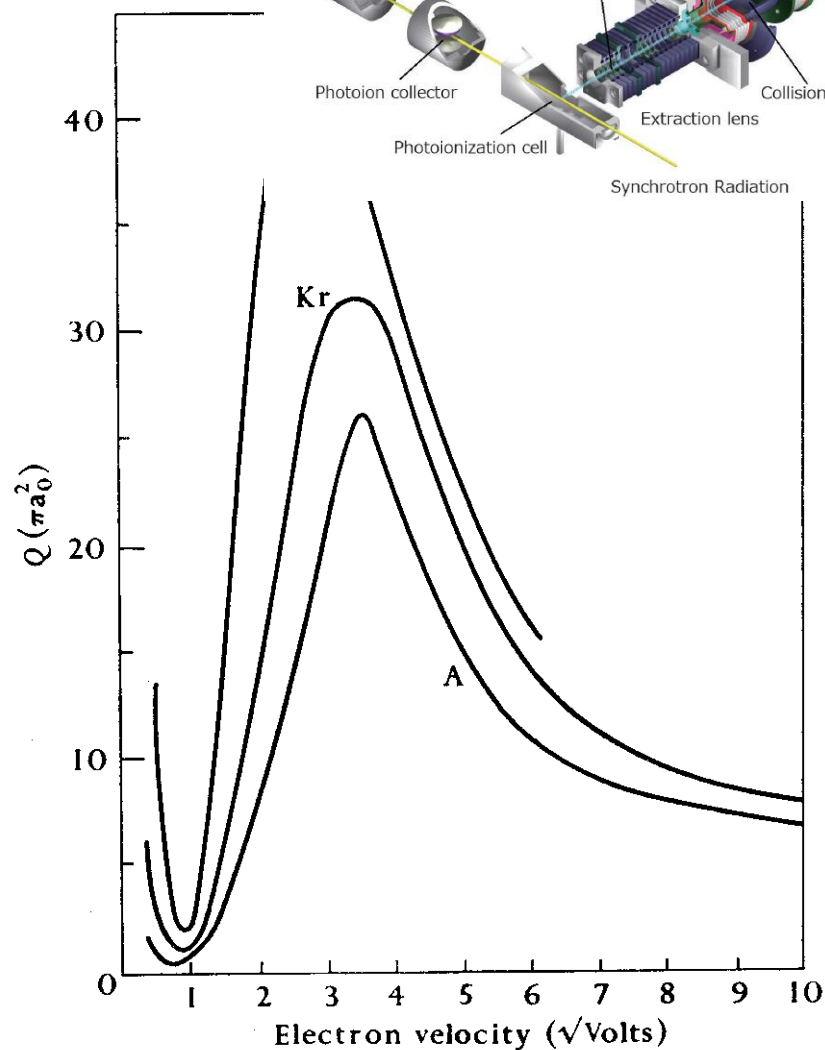
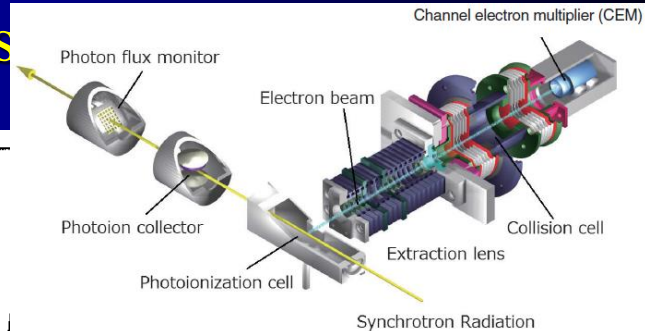
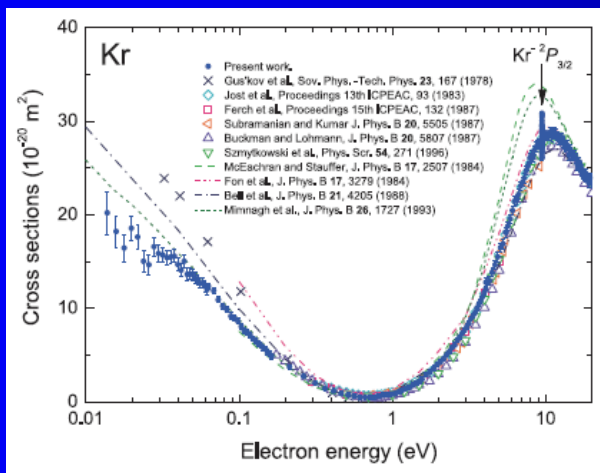


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Total collision cross section – e/atoms

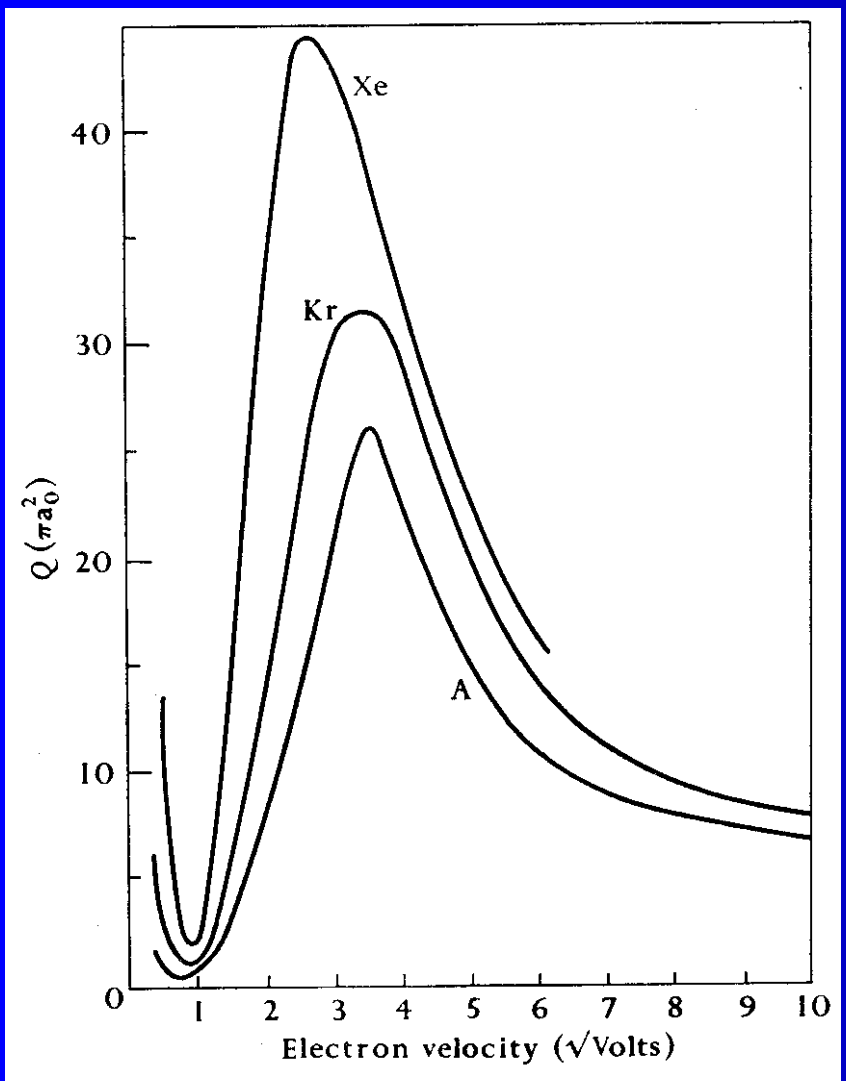


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$a_0 = 0.53 \times 10^{-8} \text{cm} \sim 0.5 \text{\AA}$
 Radius of the first Bohr orbit of H atom

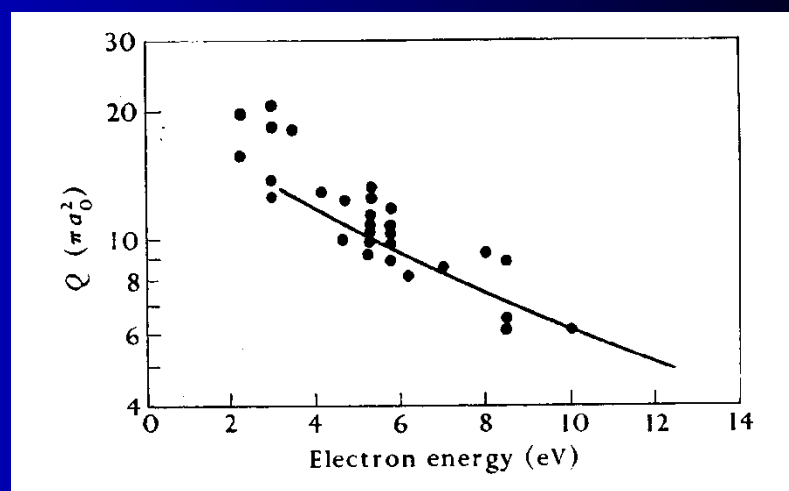


FIG. 1.11. Total collision cross-sections of atomic hydrogen. ● observed by Brackmann, Fite, and Neynaber; — observed by Neynaber, Marino, Rothe, and Trujillo.

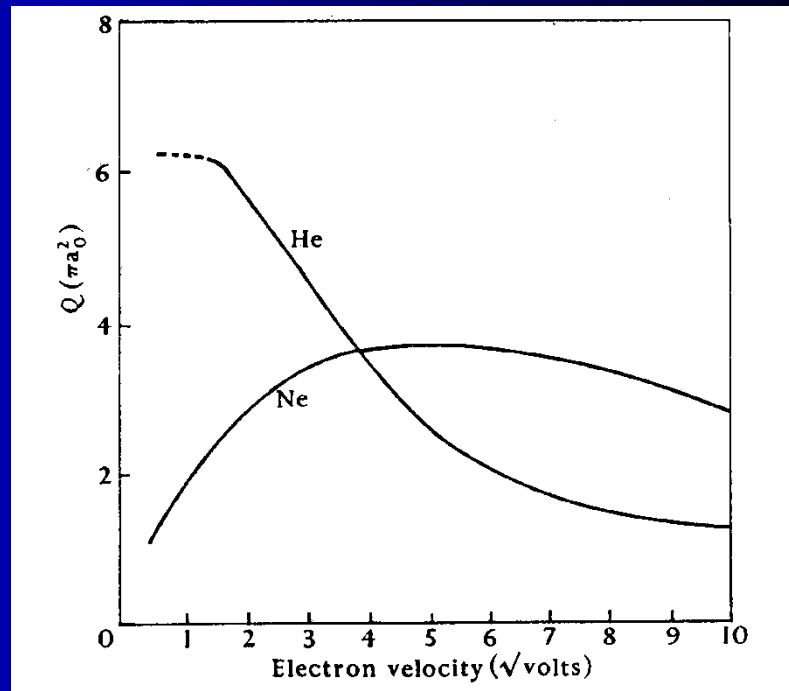


FIG. 1.10. Observed total collision cross-sections of He and Ne.

Understanding plasma

Collisions

Classification of collisions → elastic
→ inelastic

The concept of collision cross-section

$$\delta I = -NQI_p \delta x$$

$$I_p = I_0 \exp(-QNx)$$

Hypothetical gas of rigid spheres of cross section Q

Slow decrease of interaction potential - Small deviation

→ problem with concept of integral cross section

Electronic and ionic impact phenomena

Volume 1 – Collisions of electrons with atoms

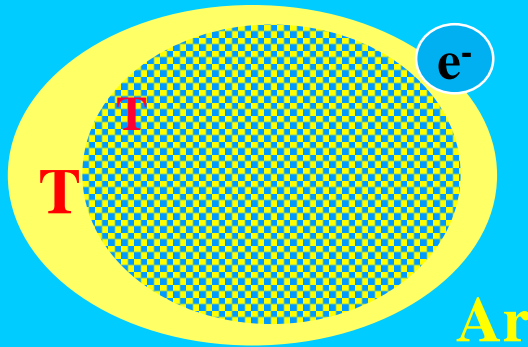
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Kinetics of elementary process

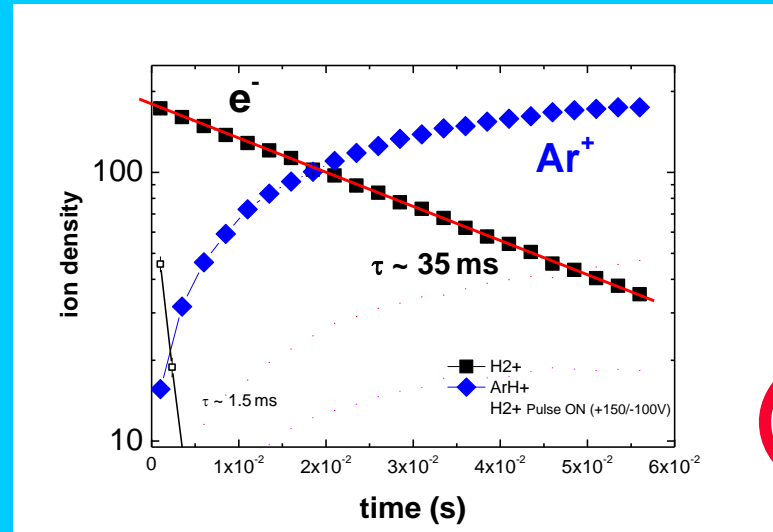


Multiple collision – plasma

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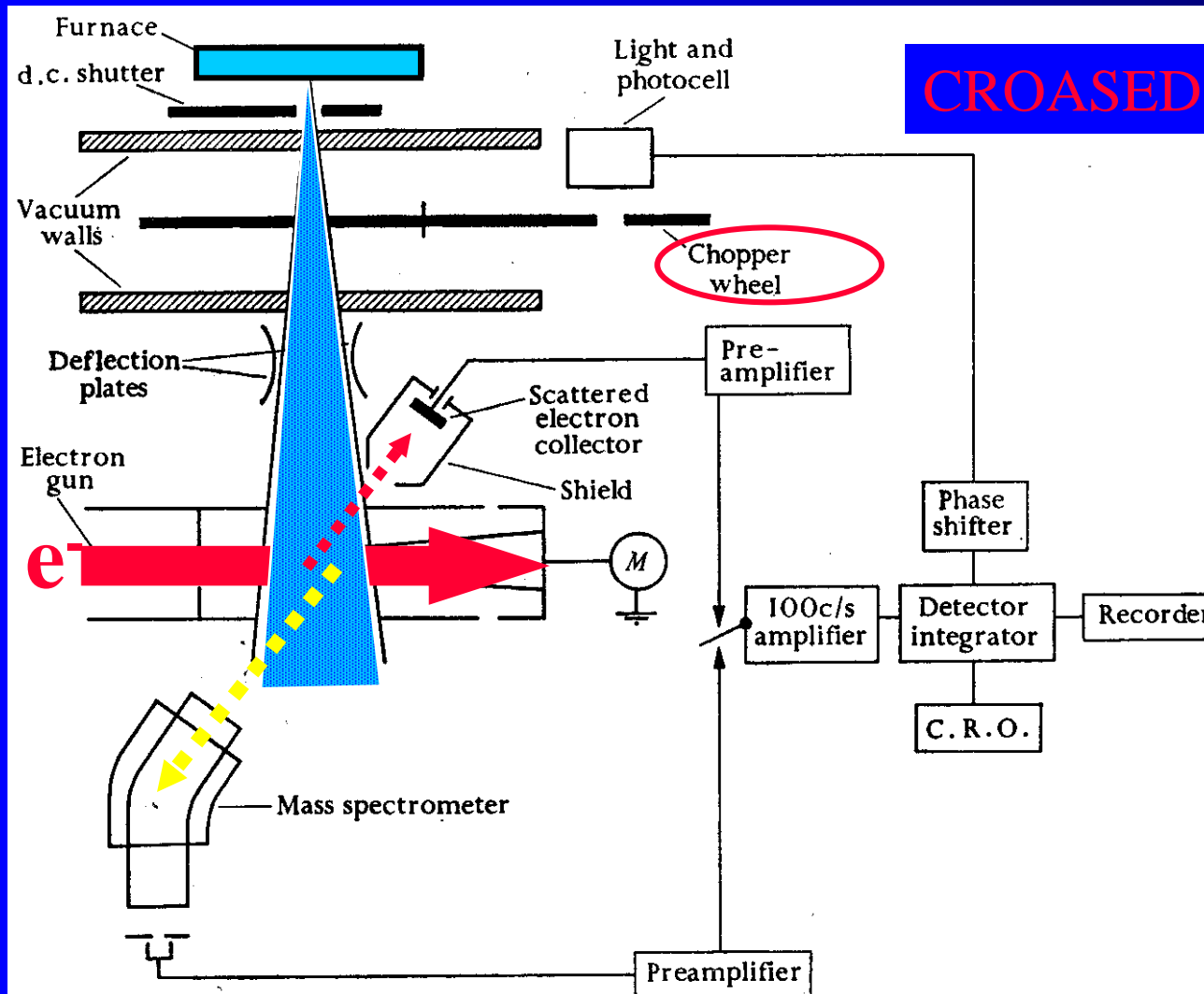


Ionization rate coefficient



k(T)

Collisions of electrons with atoms (atomic beams)



CROASED BEAM METHOD

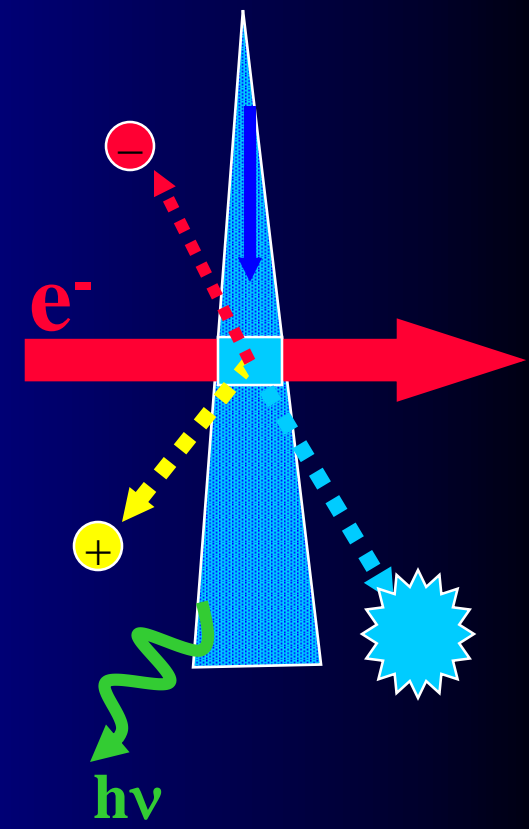


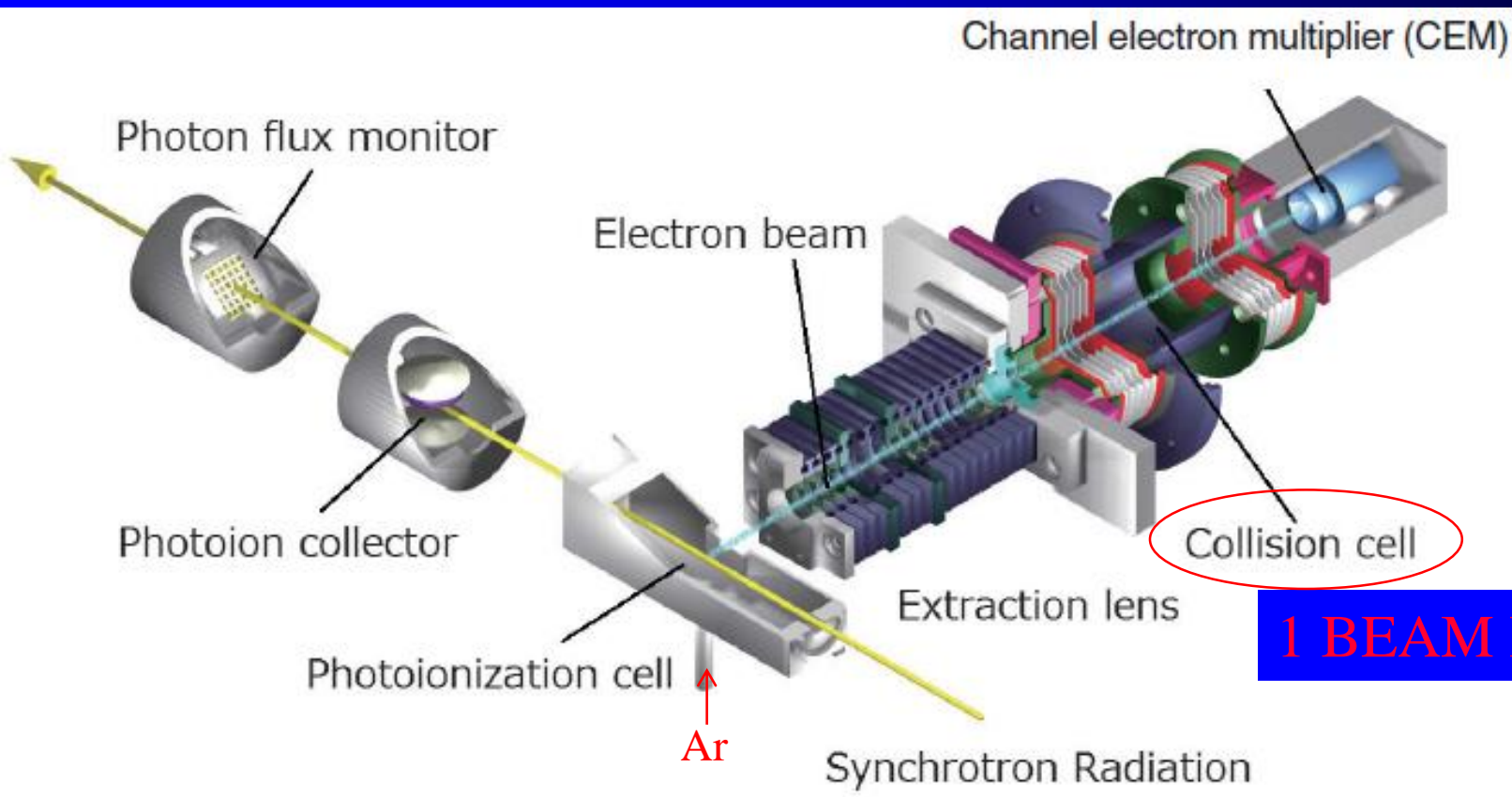
FIG. 1.2. Schematic diagram of the arrangement of apparatus used by Fite, Brackmann, and Neynaber for observation of elastic scattering of electrons by atomic hydrogen.

Position (angle), mass and energy sensitive detectors

Threshold Photoelectron Source for Ultra-Low-Energy Electron Collision Experiments

low energies - 2010

We have developed a new experimental technique for measuring the total cross section of ultra-low energy electron collisions with atoms and molecules utilizing synchrotron radiation. The present technique employs a combination of the penetrating field technique and the threshold photoionization of rare gas atoms using synchrotron radiation as an electron source in order to produce a high resolution electron beam at very low energy. The total cross sections for electron scattering from Kr in the energy range from 14 meV to 20 eV are obtained with the new technique. In addition, resonant structures in the total cross sections due to $Kr^- (4p^5 5s^2 \ ^2P_{3/2})$ and $Kr^- (4p^5 5s^2 \ ^2P_{1/2})$ Feshbach resonances are also observed for the first time.



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Figure 1
Schematic view of the experimental set-up. The system consists of an electron scattering apparatus with a photoionization cell, a photoion collector, and photon flux monitor of the monochromatized SR.