

Electronic excitation of molecules by electron impact with the Schwinger Multichannel Method with Pseudopotentials (SMCPP): how far has it gone?

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REVIEWING MOTIVATIONS

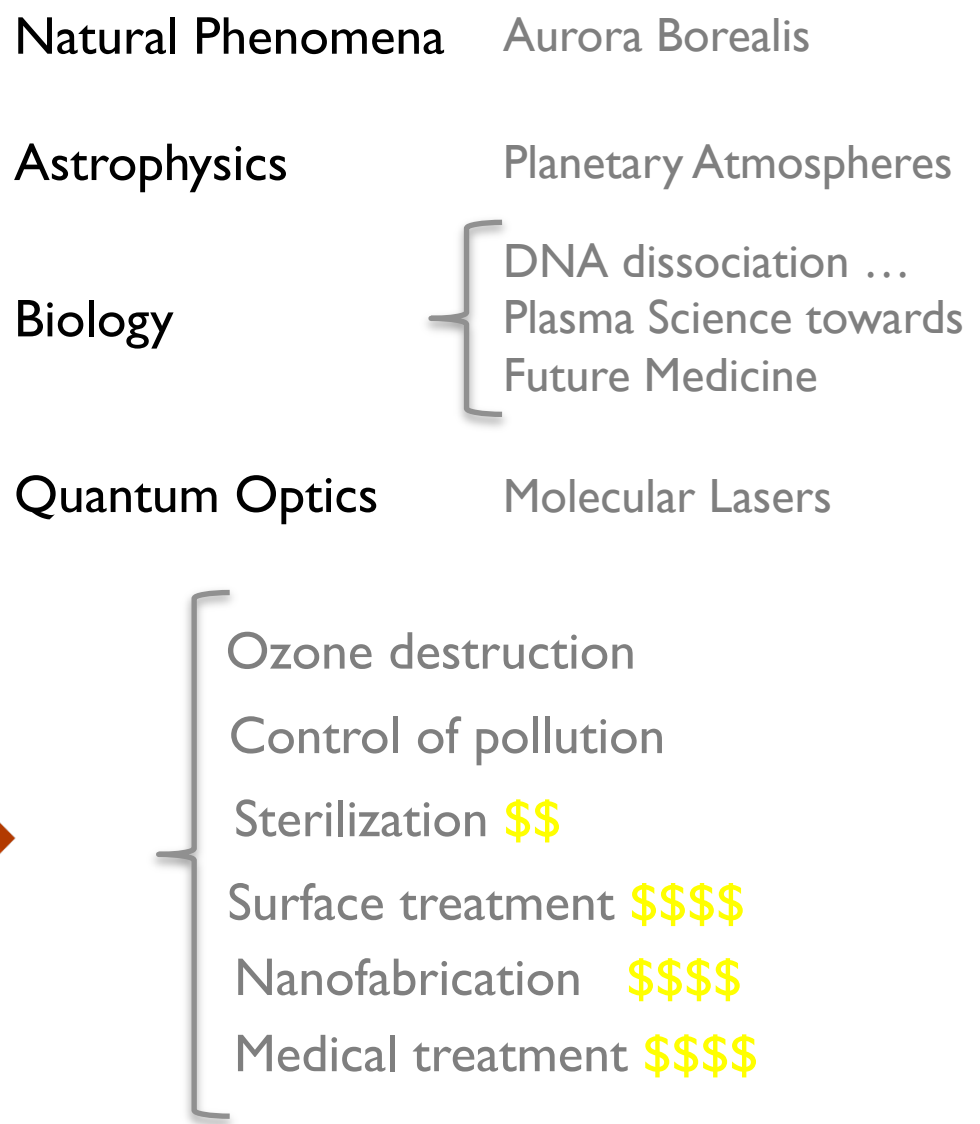
Electron scattering by Molecules

DISCHARGE ENVIROMENTS

This community was inspired by several basic science problems



and got further motivated by great applications



Surface treatment with Plasmas

Plasma Processing Gases

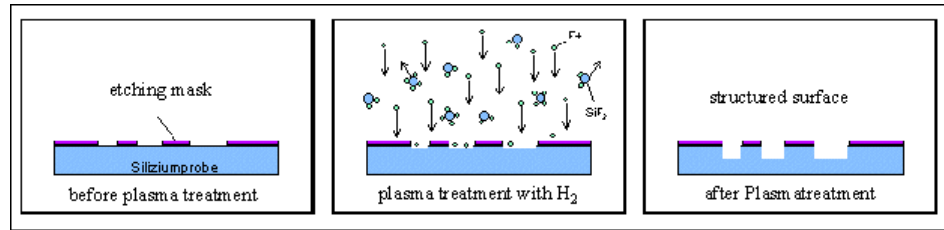


Several Industry Applications

Production of reactive species



ETCHING, DIAMANTIZATION, POLIMERIZATION, NITRIDING, CLEANING, and others



IMPROVEMENT NEEDS MODELING AND MODELING NEEDS DATA



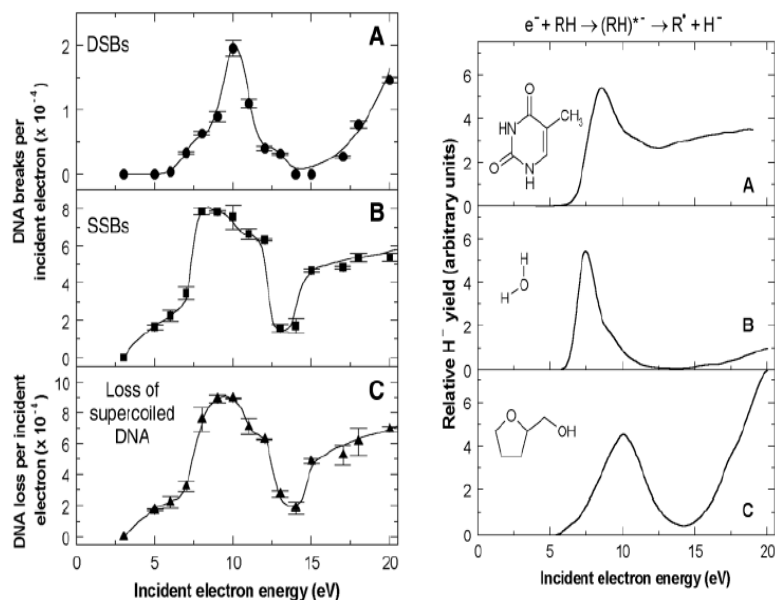
Electron collision data: cross sections for

- Elastic
- Inelastic: electronic, rotational and vibrational excitation
- Ionization
- Dissociation

Electron-Induced Damage to Biomolecules

Resonant Formation of DNA Strand Breaks by Low-Energy (3 to 20 eV) Electrons

Badia Boudaïffa, Pierre Cloutier, Darel Hunting, Michael A. Huels,* Léon Sanche



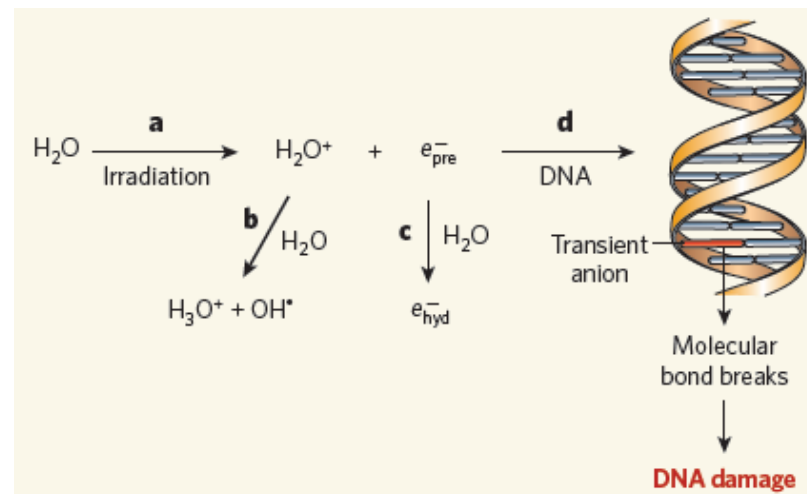
Science, **287** 1658 (2000)

BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY

Beyond radical thinking

Léon Sanche

Radiation-induced DNA damage has been attributed to hydroxyl radicals, which form when water absorbs high-energy photons or charged particles. But another product of water's radiolysis might be the real culprit.



Sanche, Nature **461**, 358 (2009)

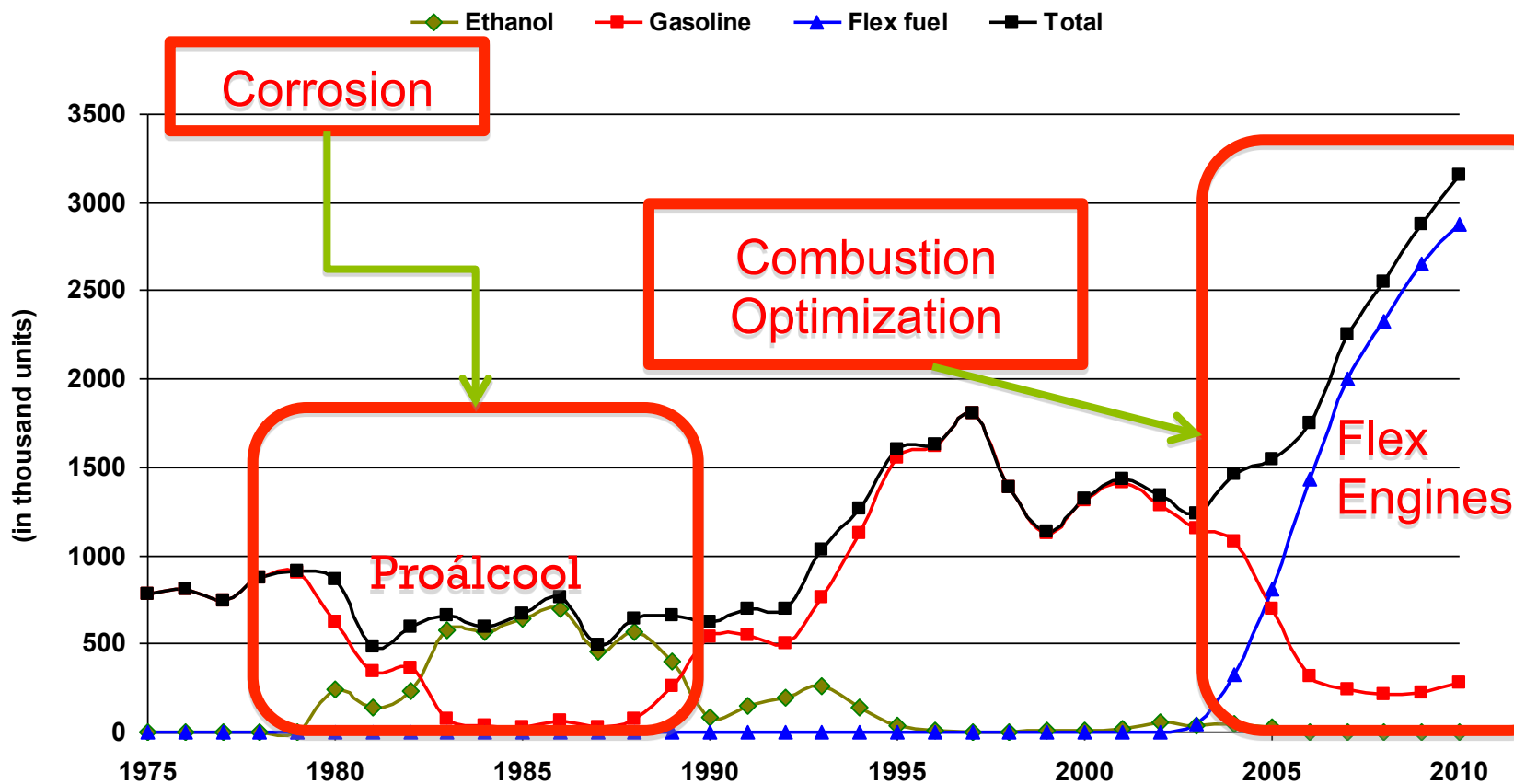
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COMMUNICATIONS

Chun-Rong Wang, Jenny Nguyen, and Qing-Bin Lu*

J. AM. CHEM. SOC. 2009, **131**, 11320–11322

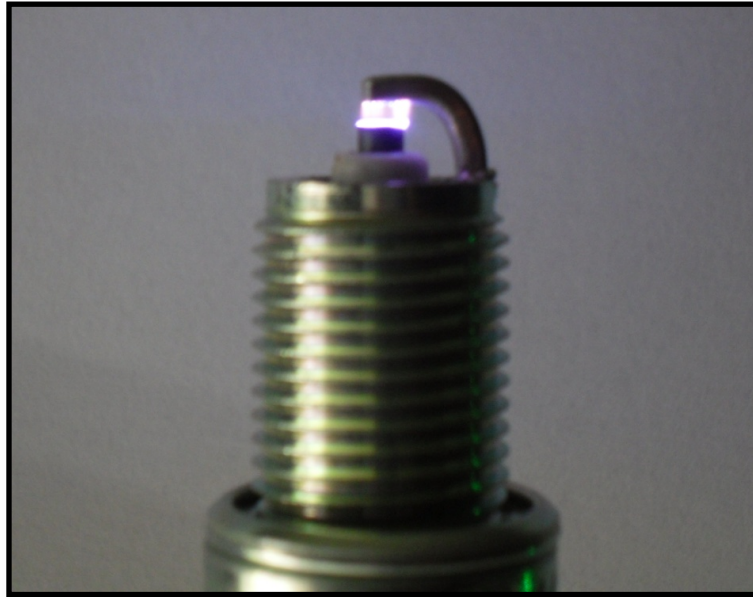
SPECIAL MOTIVATION

Special motivation I: large scale use of ethanol in engines



Brazilian Sales of light fleet Vehicles (1975-2010)

Ethanol as Fuel: Plasma Ignition for Vehicle Engines

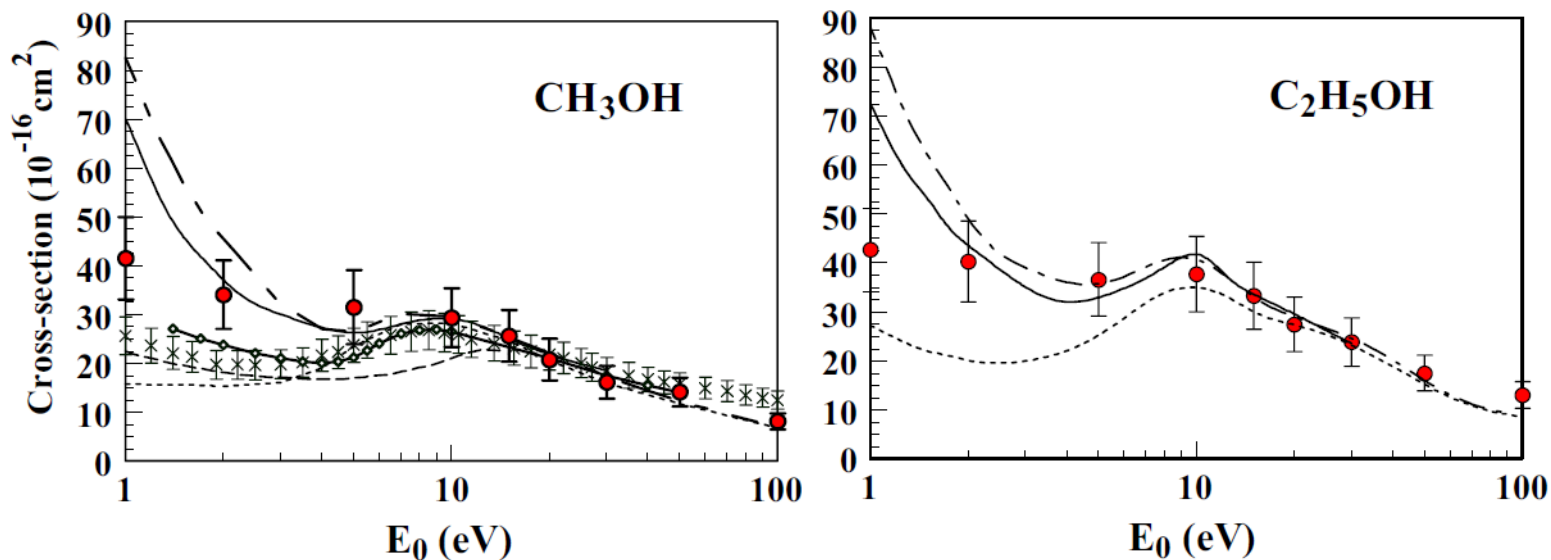


Theoretical support for an application project working on:

- Investigation of processes occurring during the ignition of plasma and its consequences in post-discharge for an internal combustion engine;
- The proper parameters to be applied in cars that operate on "poor mixtures" reducing pollutants released into the atmosphere, especially considering the spark plug discharge.

Low-energy elastic scattering from methanol and ethanol,

M.A. Khakoo, J. Blumer, K. Keane, C. Campbell, H. Silva, M. C.A. Lopes, C. Winstead, V. Mckoy, R. F. da Costa, L. G. Ferreira, M.A. P. Lima, and M. H. F. Bettega, *Phys. Rev. A* **77**, 042705 (2008).



Integral elastic scattering cross sections for CH₃OH. Legend: ●: present experiment; —: SMCPP SEP; —: SMC SEP; ---- (short dashes): SMC SE which is similar to SMCPP SE; and ---- (long dashes): *R*-matrix ICSs of Bouchiha *et al.* (without Born correction) [10]. × Total cross section measurements of Szymkowski and Krzysztofowicz [24] and —◆— of Schmieder [22]. ---- (shortdashes) are from the SMCPP SE which is similar to SMC SE.

Other molecules like propanol, butanol and pentanol were also studied.

Special motivation II: large scale production of ethanol



A sugarcane industry of Sugar/Ethanol/Bioelectricity

Special motivation II: large scale production of ethanol



Biomass: a source of energy and carbon

Special motivation II: large scale production of ethanol



Biomass: a source of energy and carbon

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First generation ethanol: crushing the cane for the juice

Special motivation II: large scale production of ethanol



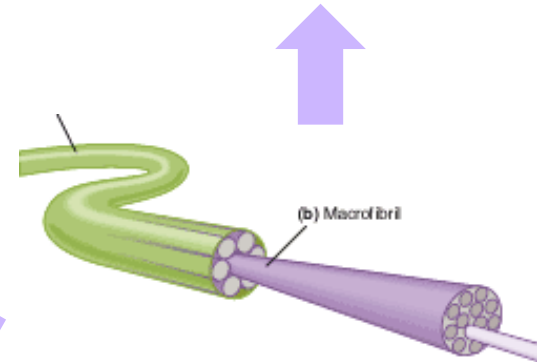
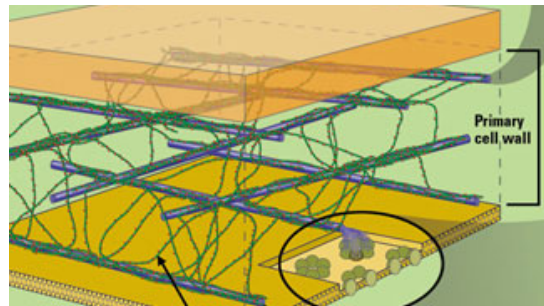
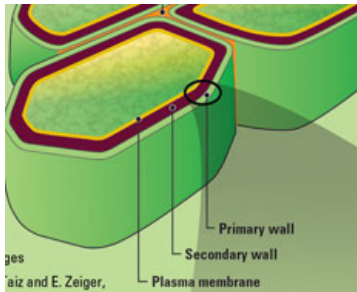
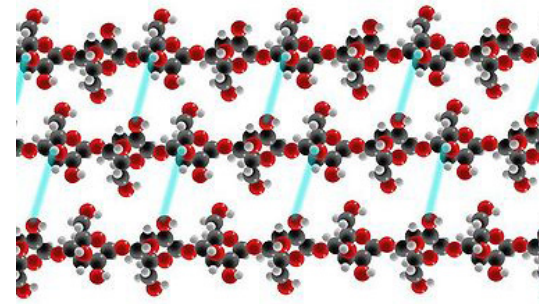
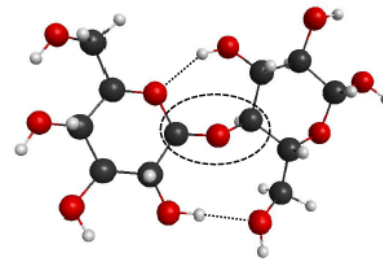
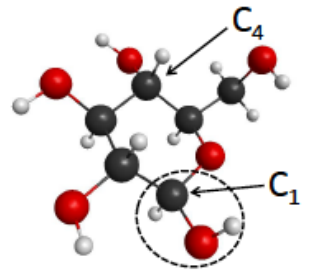
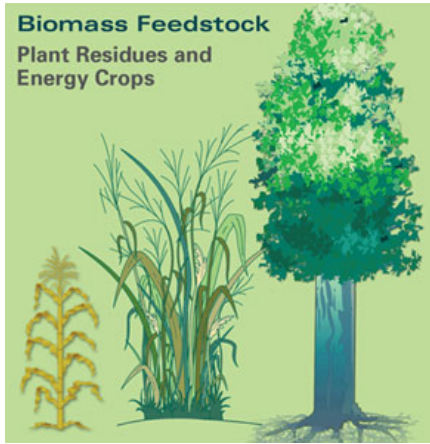
**Bagasse piles
at the mill.**

**2nd generation
ethanol?
Other high value
bioproducts?**

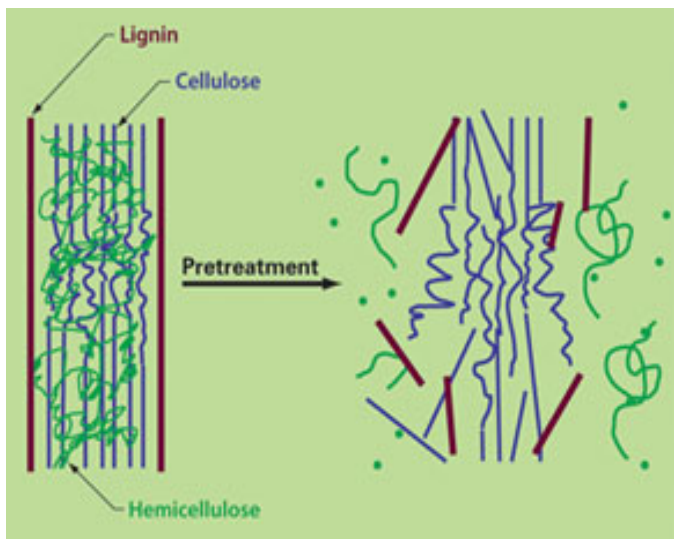


Can we use plasmas on Biomass?

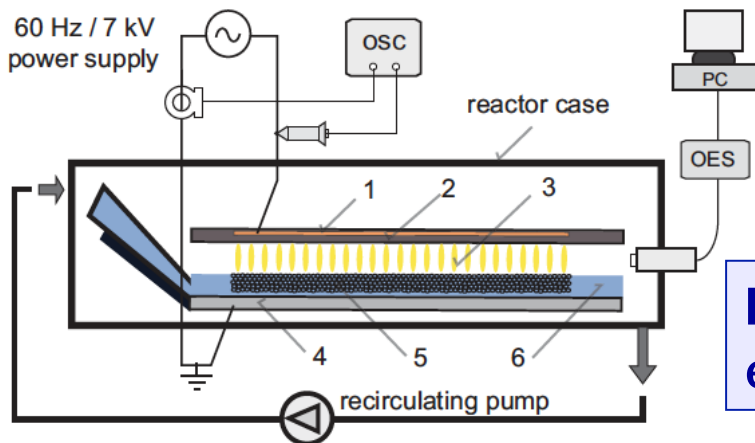
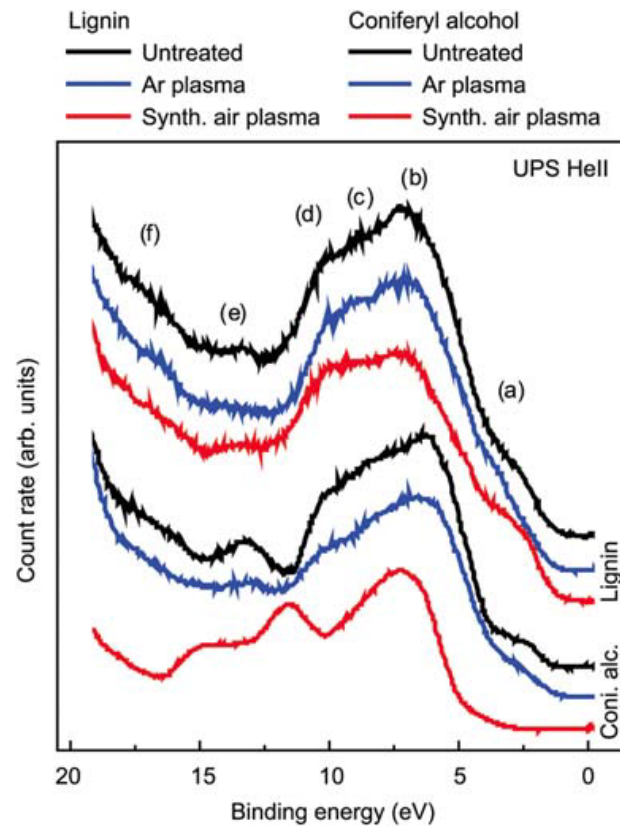
Biomass is Made Up with Fermentable Sugars



Lignocellulose is Resistant to Hydrolysis



Pretreatment: bio- and physical-chemical processes to expose the cellulose fibers



Lothar Klarhöfer¹, Wolfgang Viöl^{2,3,*} and Wolfgang Maus-Friedrichs¹

Holzforschung, Vol. 64, pp. 331–336, 2010

Dielectric Barrier Discharge (DBD):
electron flux on substrate $\sim 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$



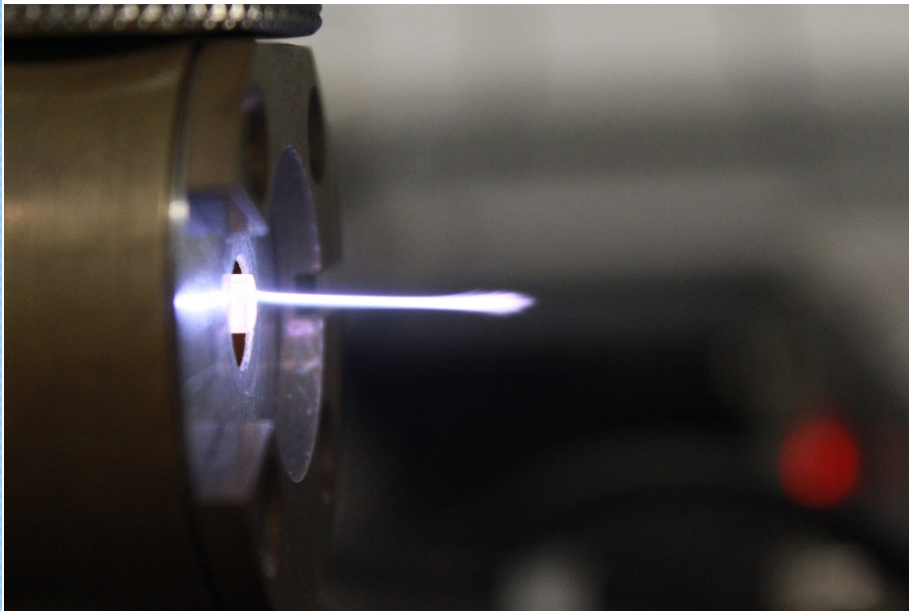
Experimental Initiative



supported by



- Microwave Plasmas in argon at atmospheric pressure
- Exploration of their potential for applications, in particular, to the treatment of biomass (sugar cane bagasse)



By Jayr Amorim, Carlos Oliveira, Jorge A. Souza-Correa, Marco A. Ridenti
Plasma Process. Polym. 2013, DOI: 10.1002/ppap.201200158

The motivation of a theoretician

➔ Scientific Challenge: in order to obtain reasonable results, it is necessary to learn how to control **APPROXIMATIONS** in many-body problems.

Scattering theory

See review: "Recent advances in the application of the Schwinger multichannel method with pseudopotentials to electron-molecule collisions", R. F. da Costa, M. T. do N. Varella, M. H. F. Bettega, and M. A. P. Lima, *Eur. Phys. J. D* **69**, I (2015).

Schrödinger equation

$$H\Psi_{\vec{k}_m}^{(\pm)}(\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_{N+1}) = E\Psi_{\vec{k}_m}^{(\pm)}(\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_{N+1})$$

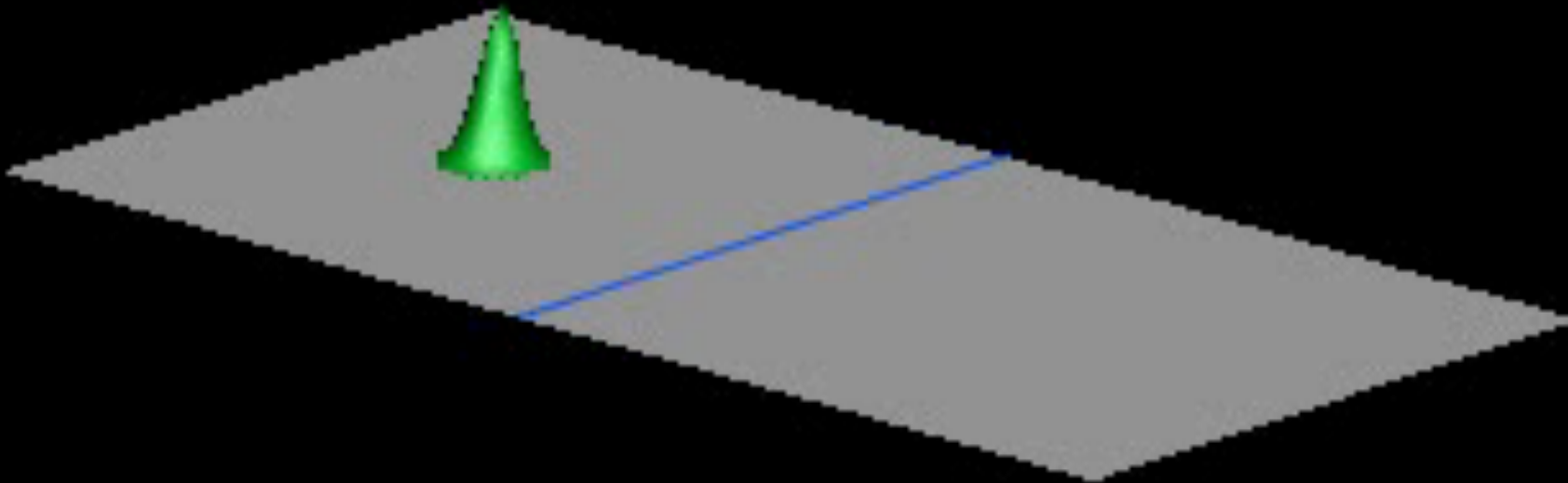
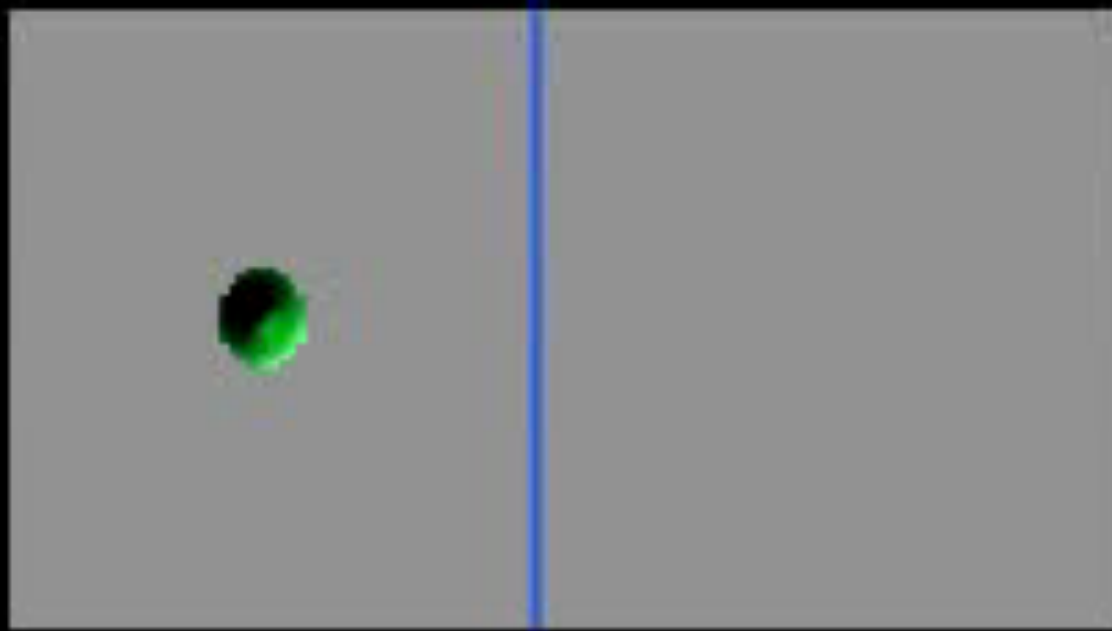
Asymptotic condition

$$\Psi_{\vec{k}_i}^{(\pm)}(\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_{N+1}) \xrightarrow{r_{N+1} \rightarrow \infty} S_{\vec{k}_i} + \sum_f^{\text{open}} f_{i \rightarrow f}^B(\vec{k}_i, \vec{k}_f) \Phi_f \frac{e^{\pm i k_f r_{N+1}}}{r_{N+1}}$$

$$S_{\vec{k}_i} = \Phi_i e^{i \vec{k}_i \cdot \vec{r}_{N+1}}$$

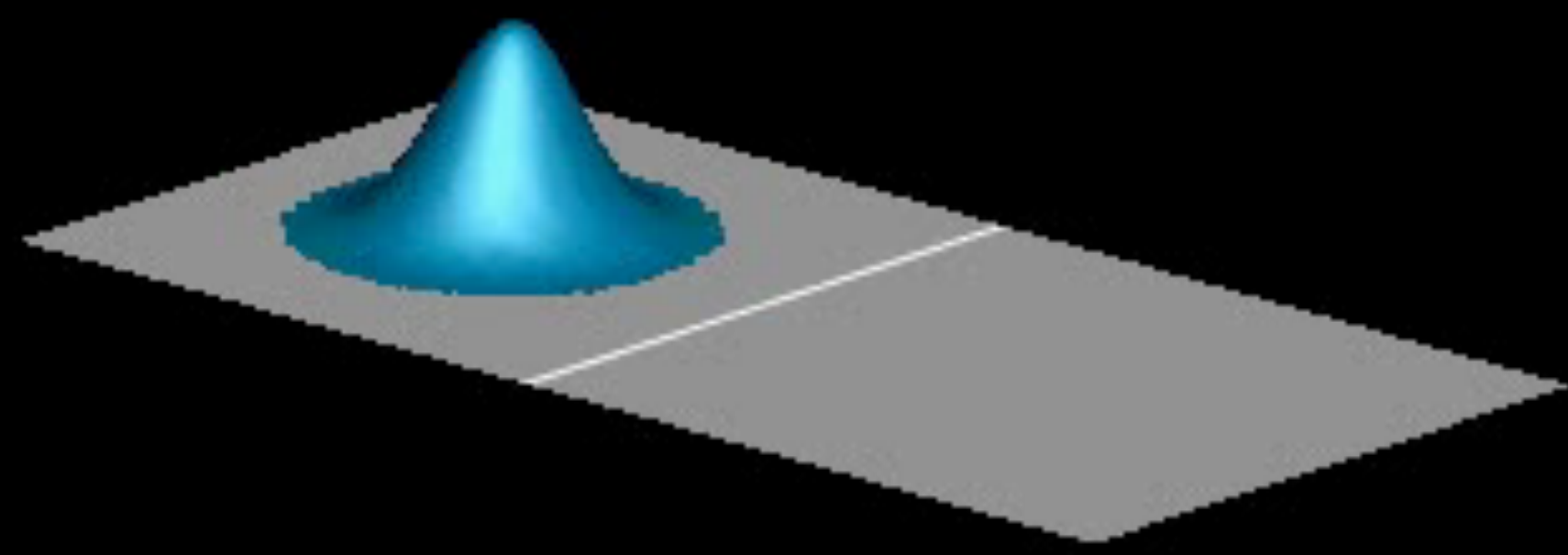
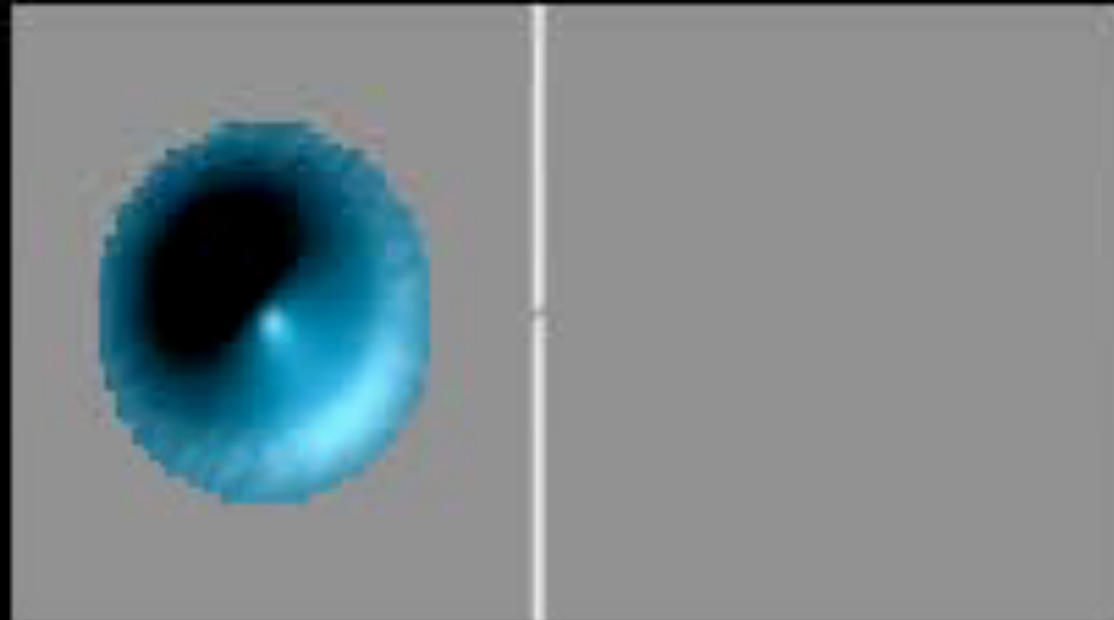
Differential cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}{}^{i \rightarrow f}(\vec{k}_i, \vec{k}_f) = \frac{k_f}{k_i} \left| f_{i \rightarrow f}^L(\vec{k}_i, \vec{k}_f) \right|^2$$



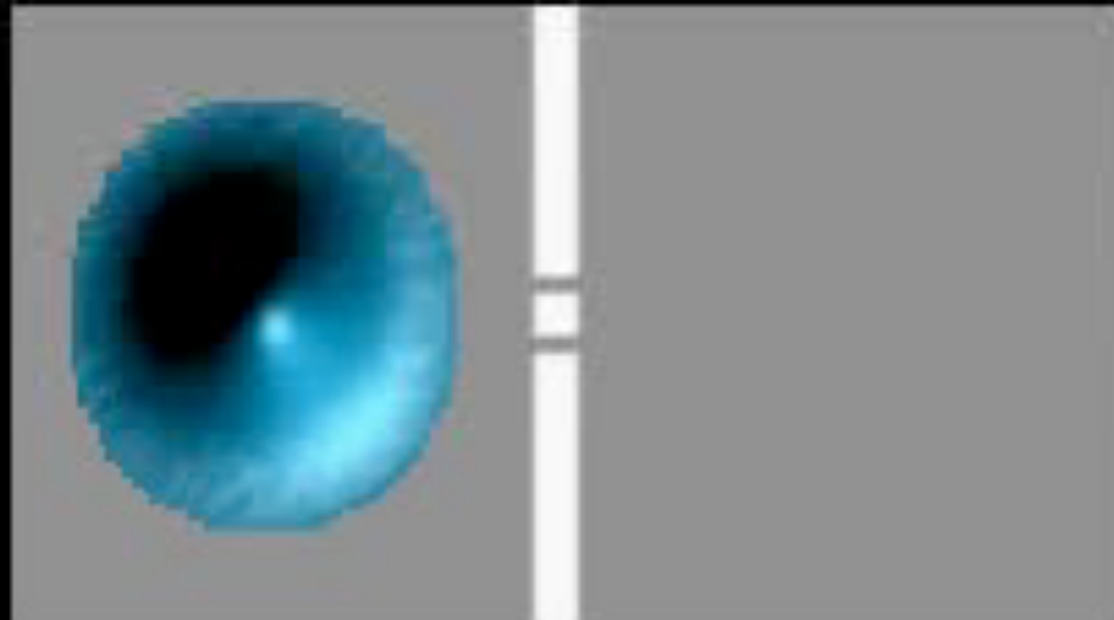
Tunnel effects: access to classical forbidden regions

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diffraction: like in one slit experiments

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interference – like in two slit experiments

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Scattering theory

Schrödinger differential equation

$$H\Psi_{\vec{k}_m}^{(\pm)} = \underbrace{[H_N + T_{N+1} + V]}_{\text{Within the Fixed-nuclei approximation}} \Psi_{\vec{k}_m}^{(\pm)} = E\Psi_{\vec{k}_m}^{(\pm)}$$

Within the Fixed-nuclei approximation

Lippmann-Schwinger integral equation

$$\Psi_{\vec{k}_m}^{(\pm)} = S_{\vec{k}_m} + G_0^{(\pm)} V \Psi_{\vec{k}_m}^{(\pm)}$$

$$S_{\vec{k}_m} = \Phi_m e^{i\vec{k}_m \cdot \vec{r}_{N+1}}$$

Target is a many-body problem

Free-particle Green's function

$$G_0^{(\pm)} = \frac{1}{E - T_{N+1} - H_N \pm i\epsilon} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \underbrace{\mathcal{P} \int_m}_{\text{Numerical integration}} \int d^3k \frac{|\Phi_m \vec{k}\rangle \langle \vec{k} \Phi_m|}{\frac{k_m^2}{2} - \frac{k^2}{2} \pm i\epsilon}$$

Numerical integration

Schwinger Variational Principle

The Schwinger Variational method serves to get a scattering amplitude free of first order errors for a scattering process that respect the equations

$$A^{(\pm)}|\Psi_{\mathbf{k}}^{(\pm)}\rangle = V|S_{\mathbf{k}}\rangle \text{ and } \begin{cases} f_{\mathbf{k}_f, \mathbf{k}_i} = \langle S_{\mathbf{k}_f} | V | \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_i}^{(+)} \rangle \\ f_{\mathbf{k}_f, \mathbf{k}_i} = \langle \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_f}^{(-)} | V | S_{\mathbf{k}_i} \rangle \\ f_{\mathbf{k}_f, \mathbf{k}_i} = \langle \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_f}^{(-)} | A^{(+)} | \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_i}^{(+)} \rangle \end{cases} \quad \text{and } A^{(\pm)} = V - VG_0^{(\pm)}V$$

The bilinear form of the variational principle for the scattering amplitude is

$$[f_{\mathbf{k}_f, \mathbf{k}_i}] = \langle S_{\mathbf{k}_f} | V | \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_i}^{(+)} \rangle + \langle \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_f}^{(-)} | V | S_{\mathbf{k}_i} \rangle - \langle \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_f}^{(-)} | A^{(+)} | \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_i}^{(+)} \rangle \text{ where arbitrary and}$$

independent variations with respect to
$$\begin{cases} \langle \delta \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_f}^{(-)} | (V | S_{\mathbf{k}_i} \rangle - A^{(+)} | \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_i}^{(+)} \rangle) = 0 \\ (\langle S_{\mathbf{k}_f} | V - \langle \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_f}^{(-)} | A^{(+)} | \delta \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_i}^{(+)} \rangle) = 0 \end{cases}$$

lead to
$$\begin{cases} V | S_{\mathbf{k}_i} \rangle - A^{(+)} | \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_i}^{(+)} \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow A^{(+)} | \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_i}^{(+)} \rangle = V | S_{\mathbf{k}_i} \rangle \\ \langle S_{\mathbf{k}_f} | V - \langle \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_f}^{(-)} | A^{(+)} = 0 \Rightarrow A^{(-)} | \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_f}^{(-)} \rangle = V | S_{\mathbf{k}_f} \rangle \text{ with } A^{(+)\dagger} = A^{(-)} \end{cases}$$

$A^{(\pm)}|\Psi_{\mathbf{k}}^{(\pm)}\rangle = V|S_{\mathbf{k}}\rangle$ is equivalent to $H|\Psi_{\mathbf{k}}^{(\pm)}\rangle = E|\Psi_{\mathbf{k}}^{(\pm)}\rangle$ with proper boundary conditions.

Schwinger Multichannel Method for electron scattering

In this formalism the operator $A^{(+)}$ was redefined as:

$$A^{(+)} = \frac{1}{2}(PV + VP) - VG_P^{(+)}V + \frac{1}{N+1} \left[\hat{H} - \frac{N+1}{2}(\hat{H}P + P\hat{H}) \right]$$

where
$$P \equiv \sum_{\ell=1}^{\text{open}} |\Phi_{\ell}\rangle\langle\Phi_{\ell}| \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{H} = E - H$$

All electrons are identical. So, an expansion of the scattering wave function must be done in a basis $\{\chi_{\mu}\}$ of anti-symmetric functions (Slater determinants):

$$|\Psi_{\vec{k}_m}^{(\pm)}\rangle = \sum_{\mu} a_{\mu}^{(\pm)}(\vec{k}_m) |\chi_{\mu}\rangle \quad \text{where} \quad \{|\chi_{\mu}\rangle\} = \{\mathbf{a}_{N+1} |\Phi_i\rangle \otimes |\varphi_j\rangle\}$$

Truncation must take place

Cartesian Gaussian expansion

The final form of the scattering amplitude is equal to the one of the Schwinger Variational principle

$$f_{\vec{k}_i, \vec{k}_f} = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{mn} \langle S_{\vec{k}_f} | \underbrace{V |\chi_m\rangle (d^{-1})_{mn} \langle \chi_n | V | S_{\vec{k}_i}} \rangle$$

It is the same for all transitions

with
$$d_{mn} = \langle \chi_m | A^{(+)} | \chi_n \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad S_{\vec{k}_i} \equiv \Phi_i(\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_N) e^{i\vec{k}_i \cdot \vec{r}_{N+1}}$$

Coupling level

➔ Elastic scattering with and without polarization effects

- 1 Open channel Projector has only one state

$$P = |\Phi_0\rangle\langle\Phi_0| \quad \Rightarrow$$

Φ_0 is molecular target ground state obtained in Hartree-Fock approximation

- 2 Configuration space is made of

$$|\chi_\mu\rangle = \begin{cases} \mathbf{a}_{N+1} |\Phi_0\rangle \otimes |\varphi_i\rangle \\ \mathbf{a}_{N+1} |\Phi_j\rangle \otimes |\varphi_k\rangle, j \geq 2 \end{cases} \quad \Rightarrow$$

Doublet states made of products of target triplet and singlet states by φ_k

➔ $\Phi_j, j \geq 2$ are virtual states obtained from single excitations of the molecular target

➔ φ_i are one-particle wave functions (square integrable molecular orbitals) used in description of the continuum

Coupling level

➡ Inelastic scattering with and without polarization

- ① Open channel projector contains channels of our choice (truncation means approximation)

$$P = \sum_{\ell}^{\text{open}} |\Phi_{\ell}\rangle \langle \Phi_{\ell}|$$



$|\Phi_{\ell}\rangle$ are molecular target states obtained with single configuration interaction (MOBSCI Minimum Orbital Basis for Single-excitation Configuration Interaction, Ph.D. Thesis of da Costa)

- ② Again the configuration space is made of

$$|\chi_{\mu}\rangle = \begin{cases} \mathbf{a}_{N+1} |\Phi_0\rangle \otimes |\varphi_i\rangle \\ \mathbf{a}_{N+1} |\Phi_j\rangle \otimes |\varphi_k\rangle, j \geq 2 \end{cases}$$



Doublet states made of products of target triplet and singlet states by φ_k

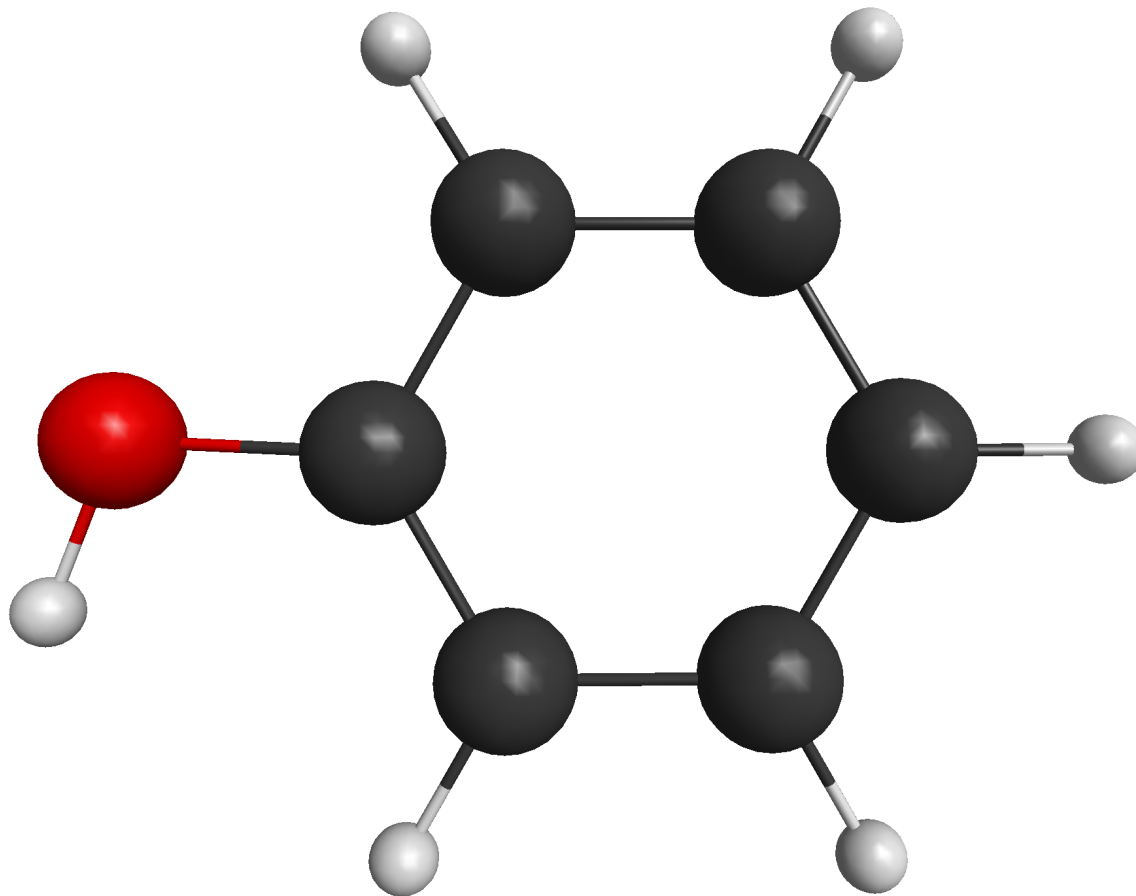
- ➡ Polarization effects are included with j greater than the number of open channels

All this with pseudopotentials: M. H. F. Bettega, L. G. Ferreira, and M. A. P. Lima, "Transferability of Local-Density Norm-Conserving Pseudopotentials to Electron-Molecule Collision Calculations," *Phys. Rev. A* **47**, 1111-8 (1993)

ELECTRONIC EXCITATION

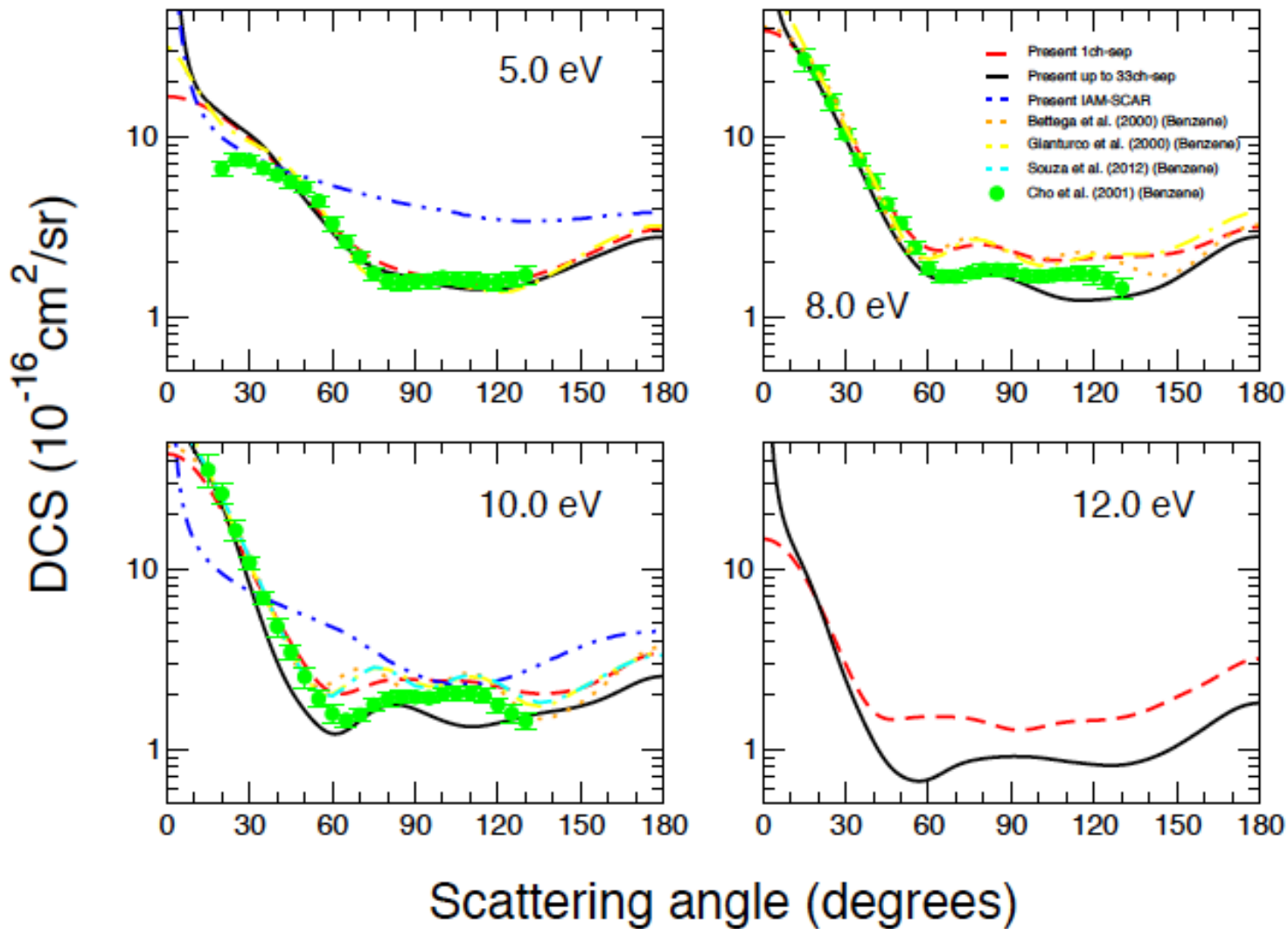
Electronic excitation of Phenol by electron impact

D. B. Jones, G. B. da Silva, R. F. C. Neves, H.V. Duque, L. Chiari, E. M. de Oliveira, M. C.A. Lopes, R. F. da Costa, M.T. do N.Varella, M. H. F. Bettega, M. A. P. Lima, and M.J. Brunger, *J. Chem. Phys.* **141**, 074314 (2014).

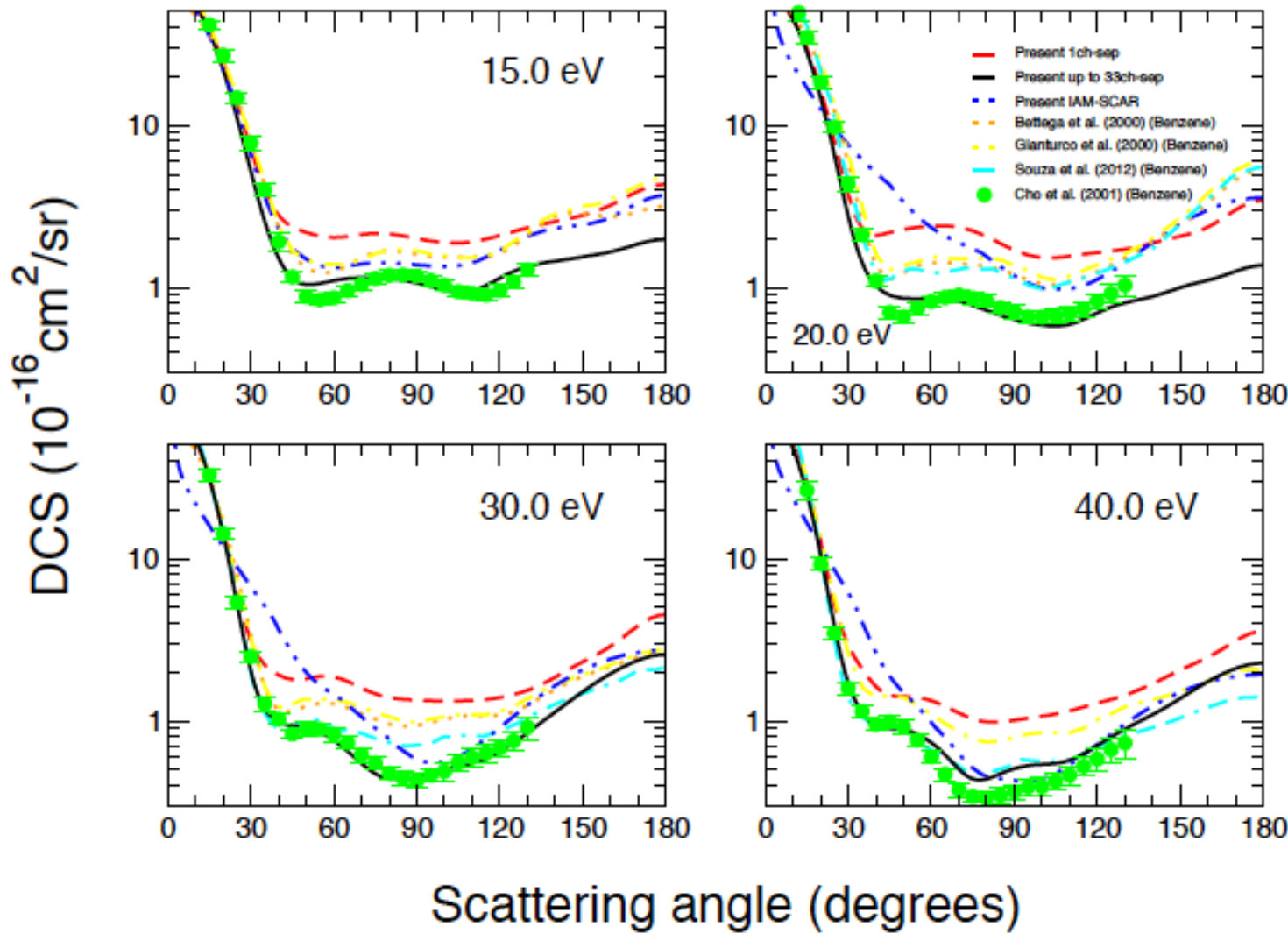


The calculations for the following systems were carried out with the parallel version of the SMCPP code developed by Varella and collaborators

Multichannel coupling on electron-Phenol scattering: Effects on the Elastic channel

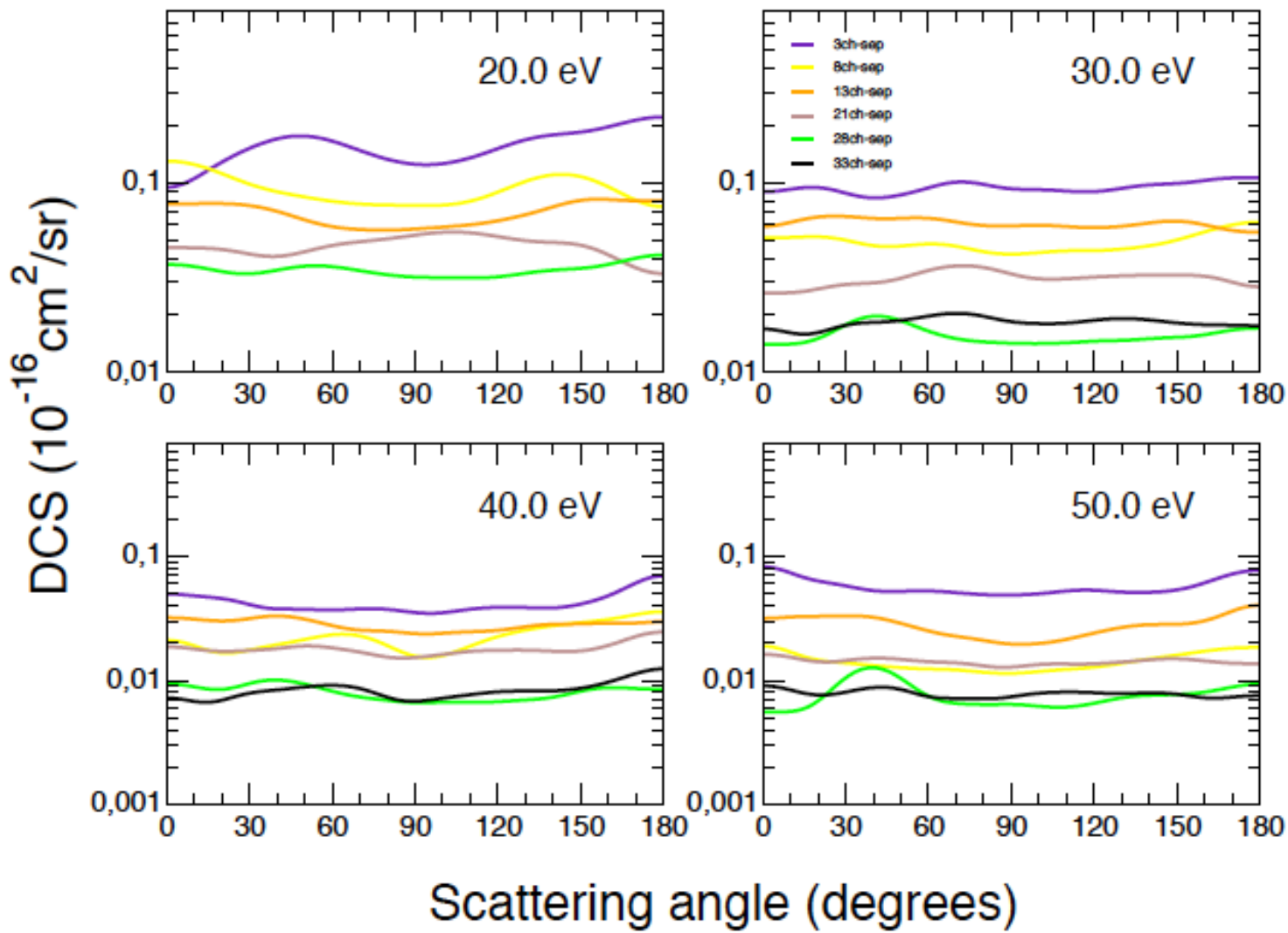


Multichannel coupling on electron-Phenol scattering: Effects on the Elastic channel



Flux competition is an important effect. As we open more channels the flux to a particular state decreases.

Multichannel coupling on electron-Phenol scattering: Effects on the first triplet state channel

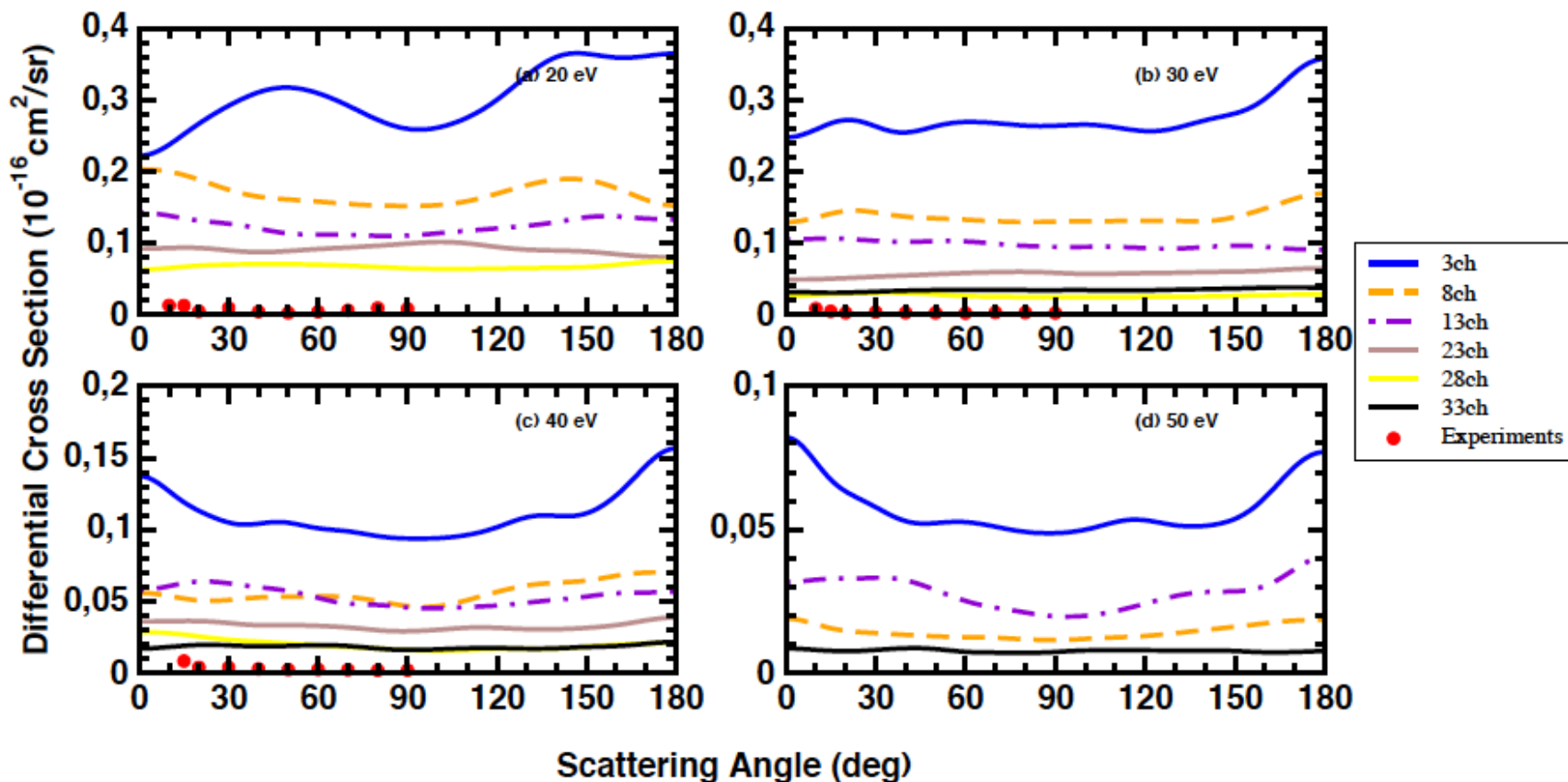


Flux competition is an important effect. As we open more channels the flux to a particular state decreases.

It reminds a classical picture of a river blocked by gates. As you open more gates the flux through all of them decreases.

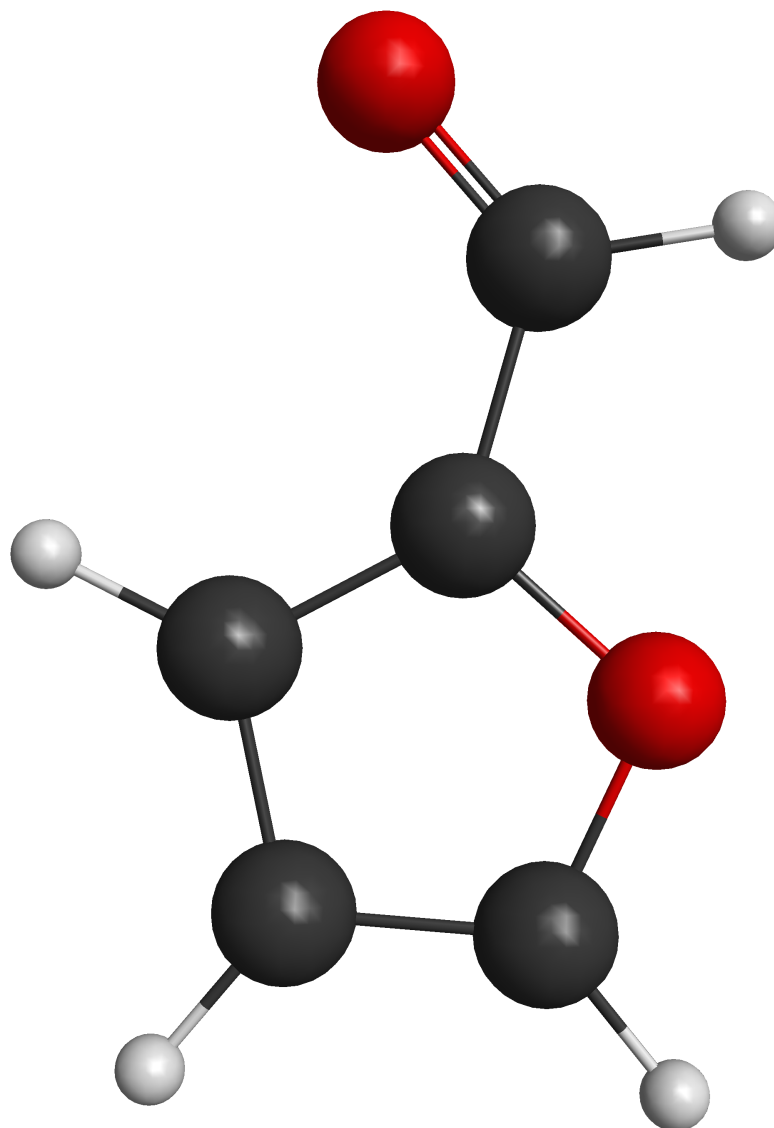
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Phenol: electronic excitation of Band I



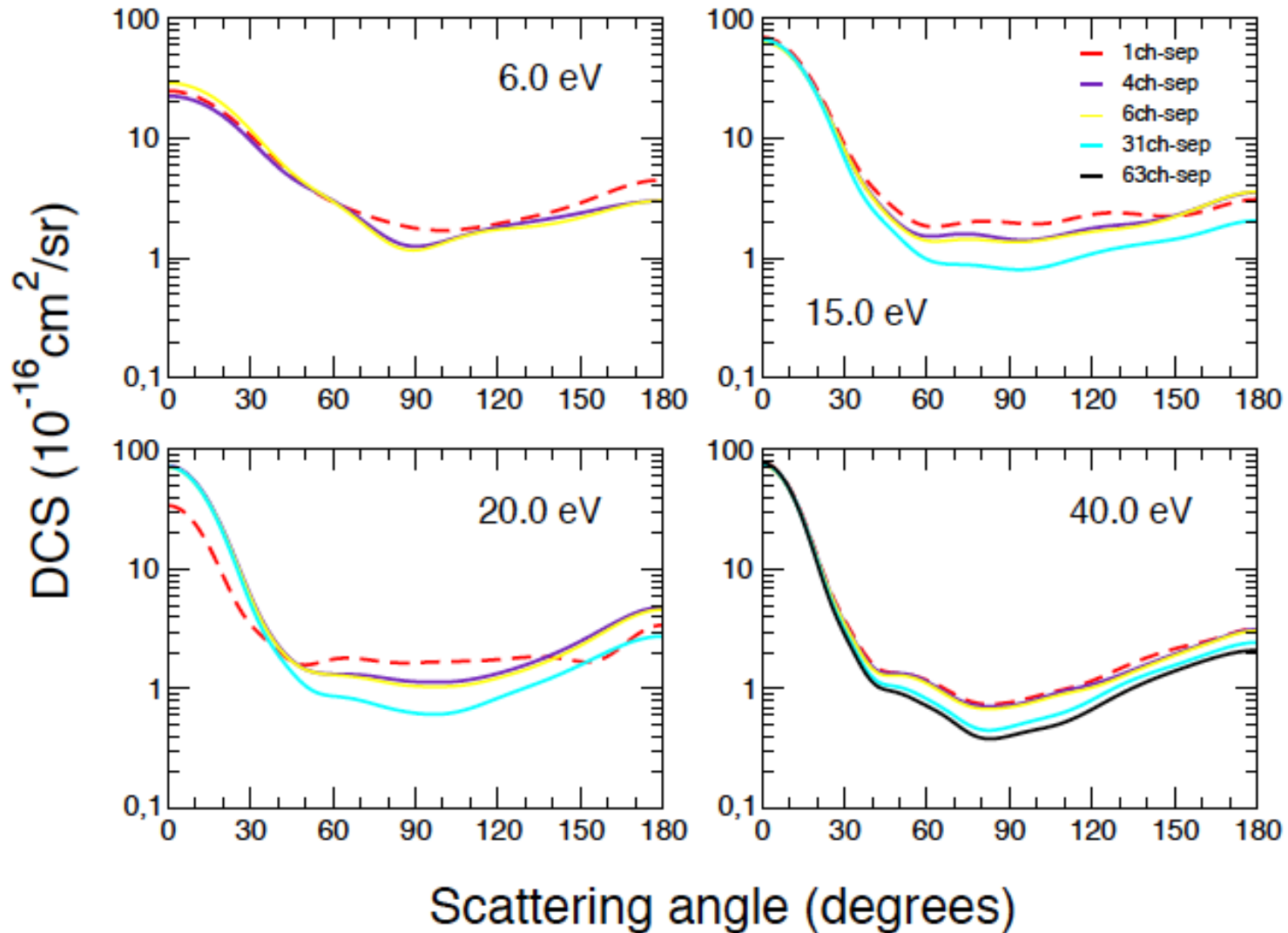
Still a factor of 3-4 from experiments. How would that affect modeling?

Electronic excitation of furfural by electron impact

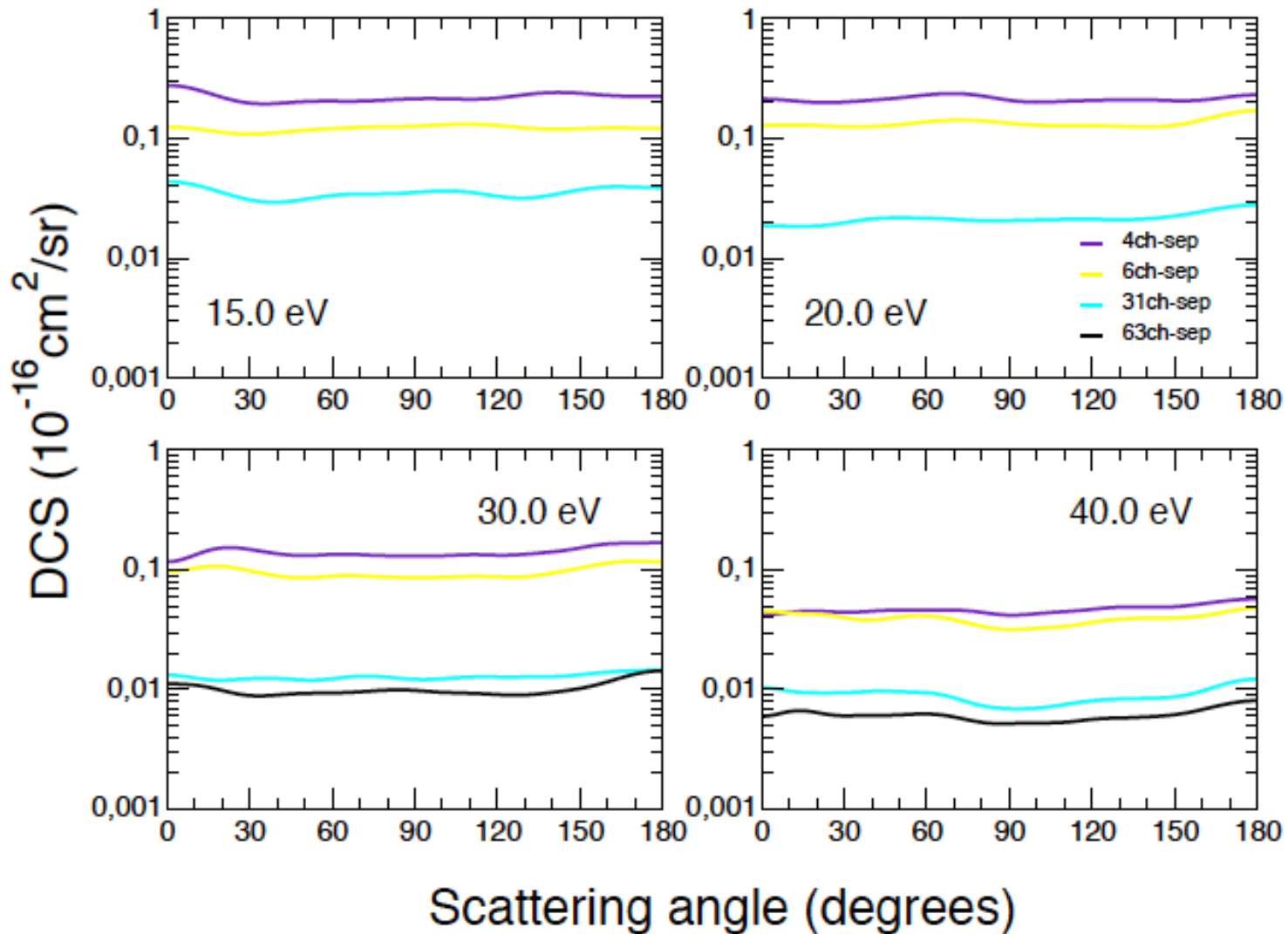


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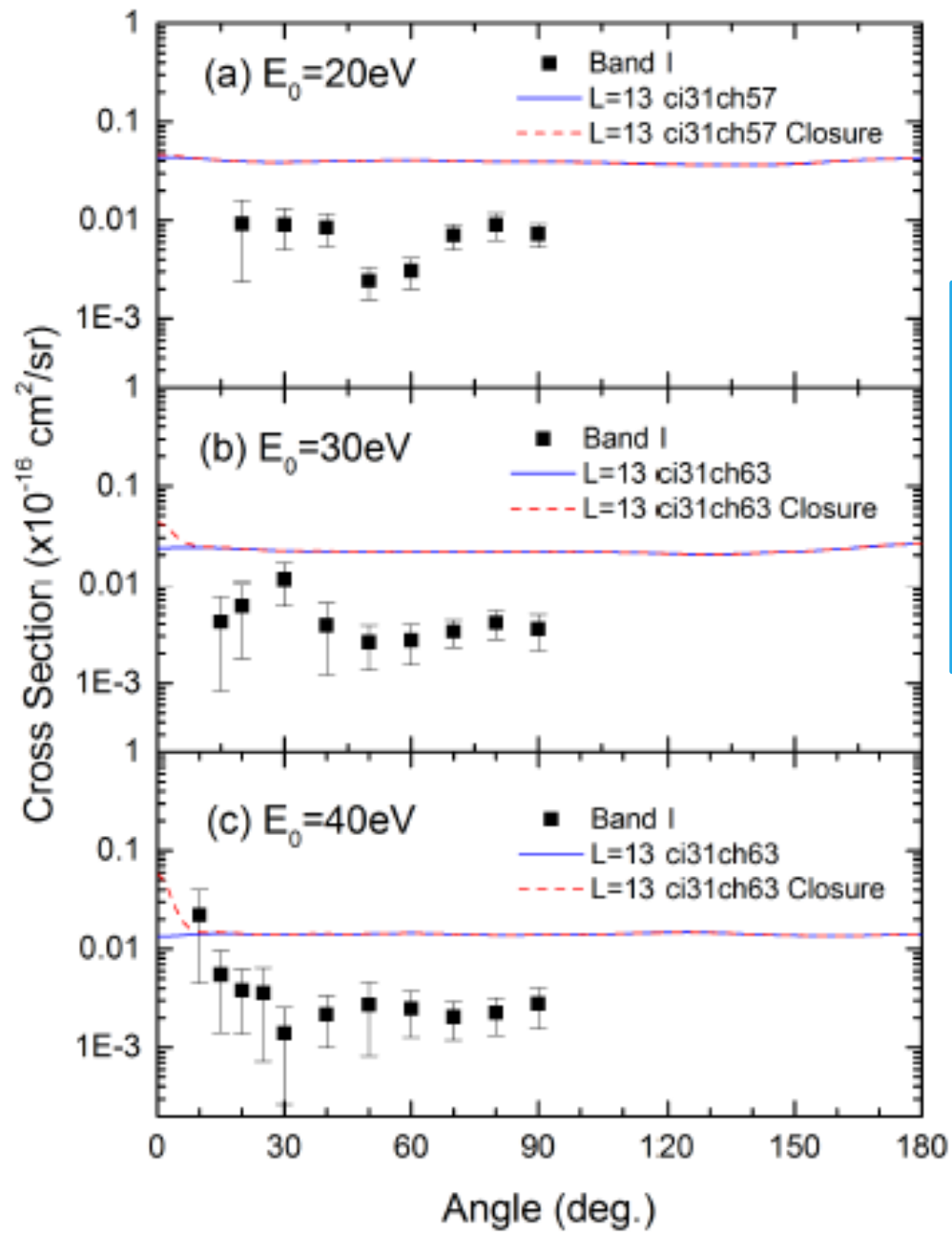
Electronic excitation of furfural by electron impact: Effects on the Elastic channel



Electronic excitation of furfural by electron impact: Effects on the first triplet state channel

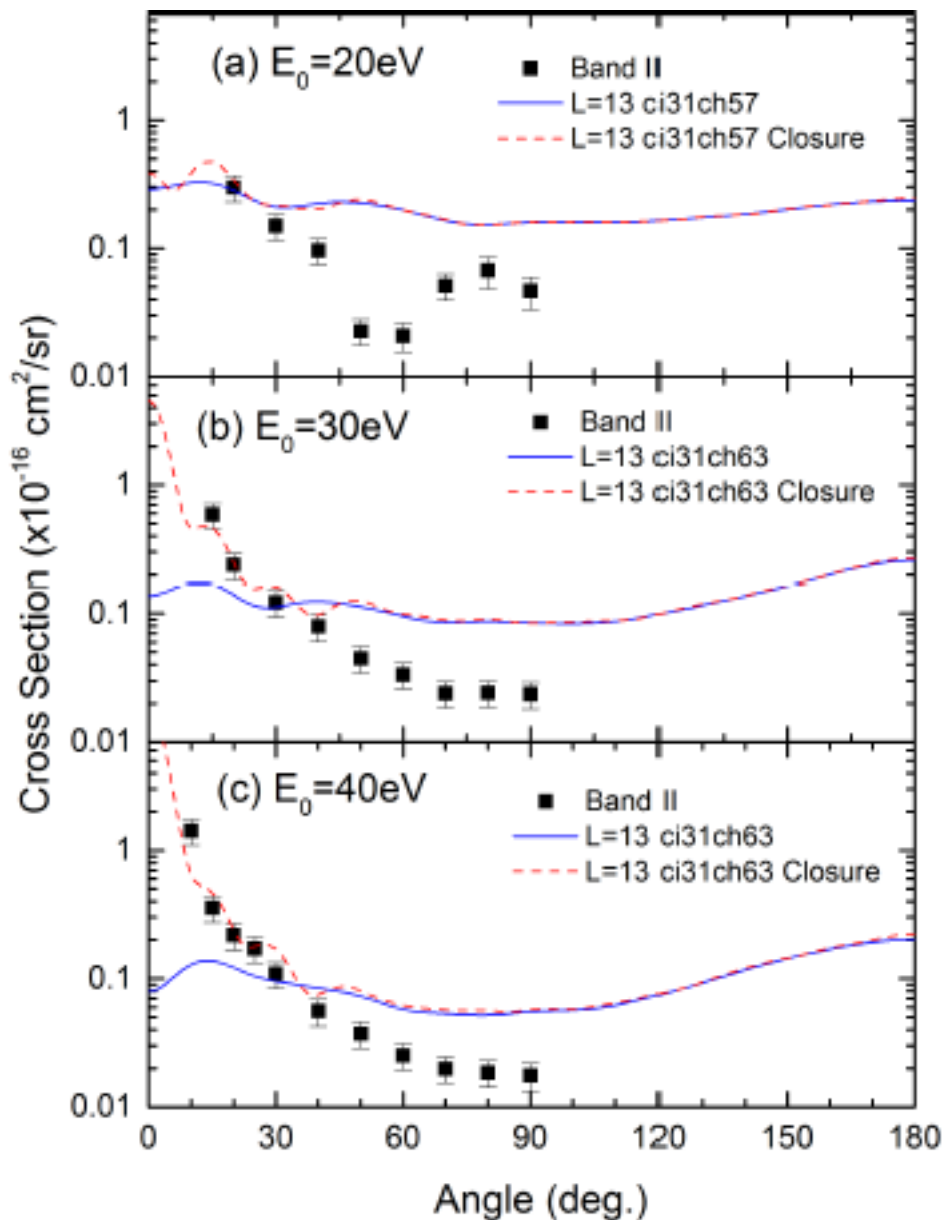


Electronic excitation of Band I of furfural by electron impact:



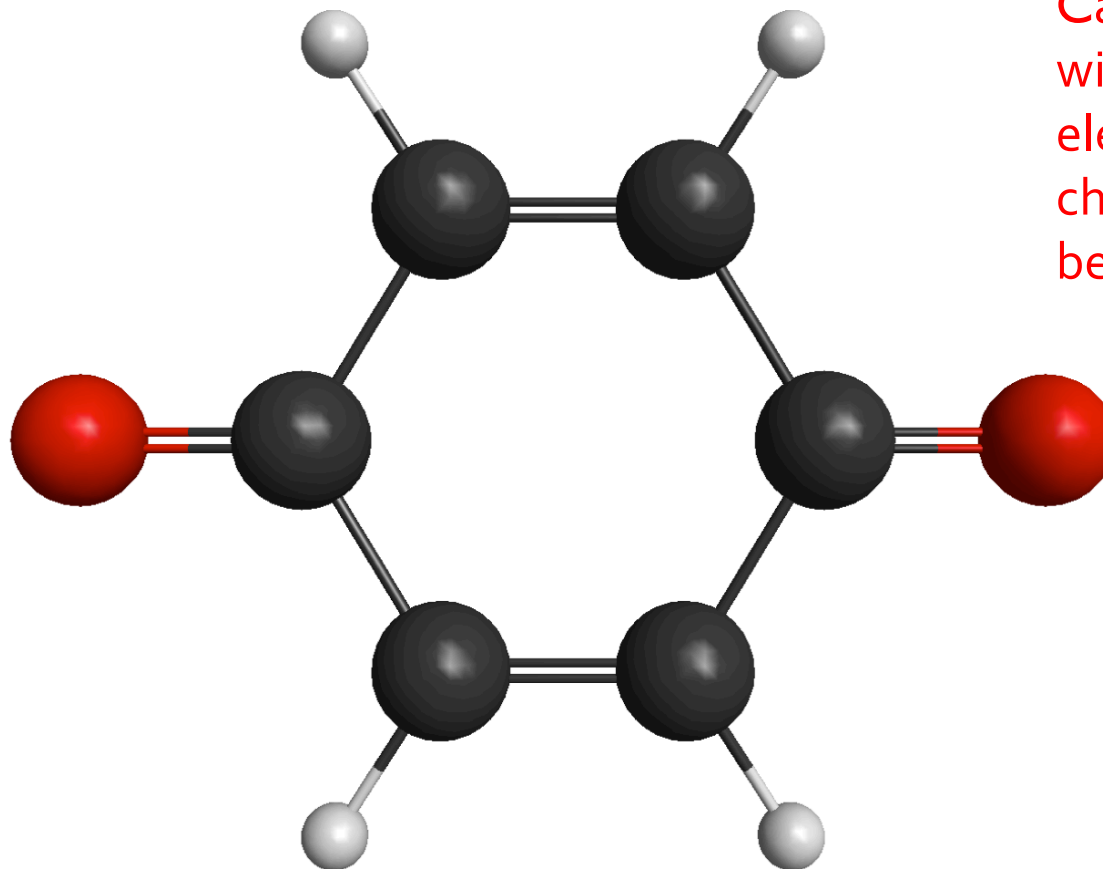
A factor of 3
 difference
 between
 theory and
 experiments. Is
 it good?

Electronic excitation of Band II of furfural by electron impact:



The DCS at lower angles is dominated by the 1st Born approximation (which may work fine). Higher angles is a factor of 3 to 5 different. Is it good?

Electronic excitation of benzoquinone by electron impact



Calculation
with 89
electronic
channels
below 15,2 eV

R. F. da Costa, J. C. Ruivo, F. Kossoski, M.T. do N.Varella, M. H. F. Bettega, D. B. Jones, M. J. Brunger, *and* M.A. P. Lima, *J. Chem. Phys.* **149**, 174308 (2018)
New parallel SMCPP computer code developed by Fabris Kossoski

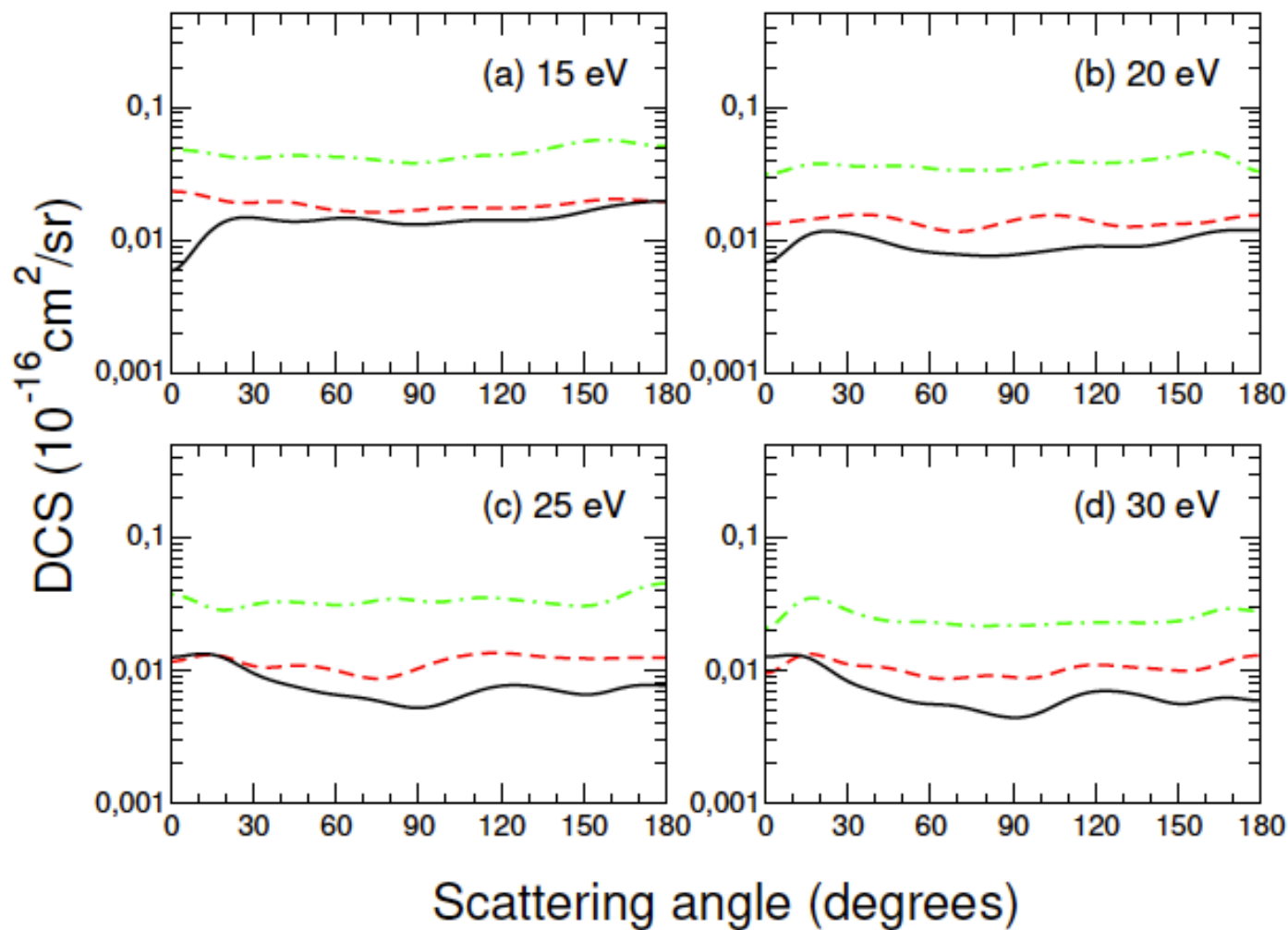


FIG. 3. Differential cross sections (DCS) obtained from the scattering amplitude given by Eq. (1) for the excitation from ground state to the first triplet state (${}^3B_{1u}$) of pBQ at the impact energies of (a) 15 eV, (b) 20 eV, (c) 25 eV and (d) 30 eV. Dash-dotted (green) line: 11ch-SEP; dashed (red) line: 38ch-SEP; full (black) line: 89ch-SEP.

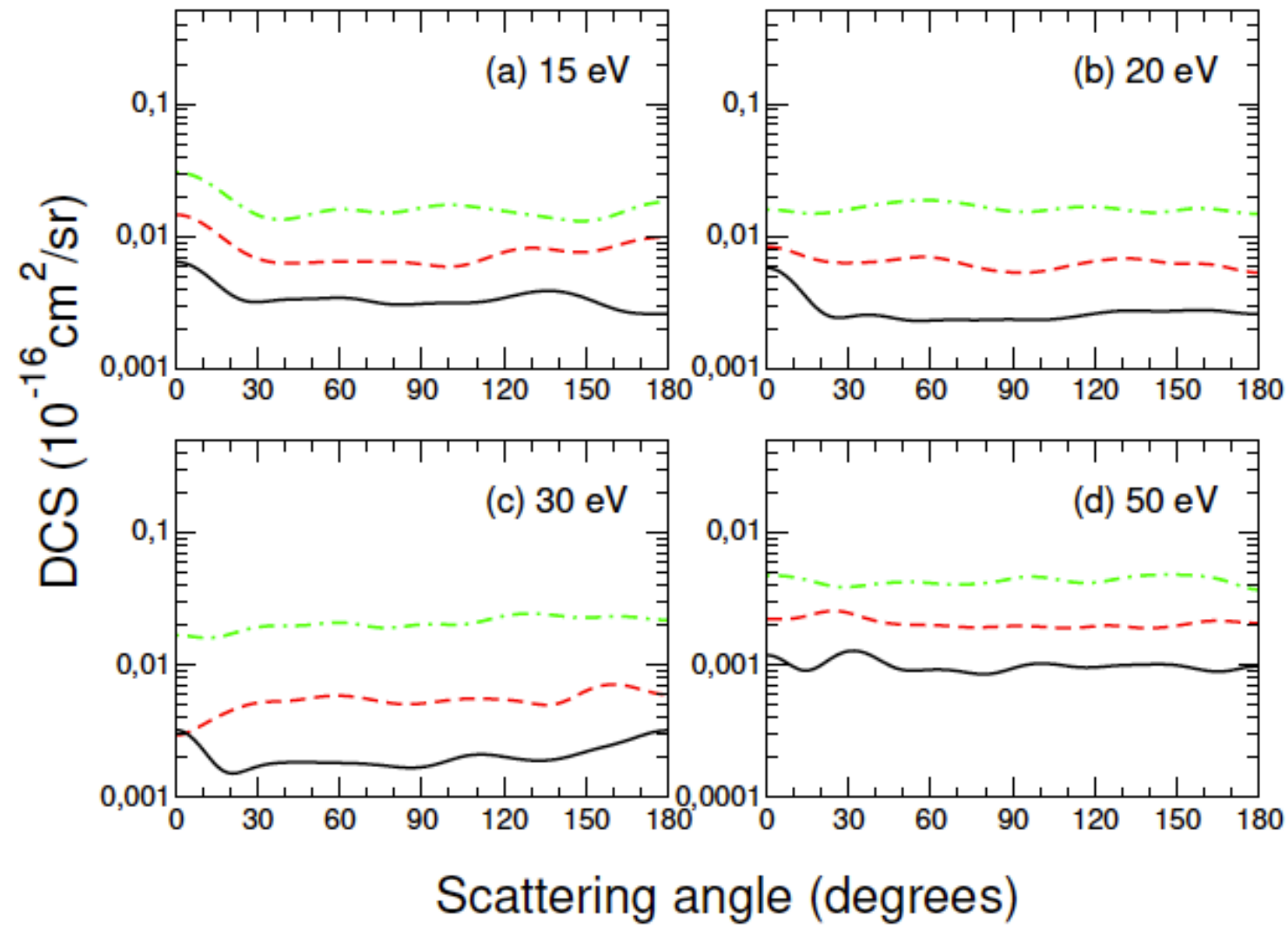


FIG. 8. Differential cross sections (DCS) obtained from the scattering amplitude given by Eq. (1) for the excitation from ground state to the first singlet state ($^1B_{1g}$) of pBQ at the impact energies of (a) 15 eV, (b) 20 eV, (c) 30 eV and (d) 50 eV. Dash-dotted (green) line: 11ch-SEP; dashed (red) line: 38ch-SEP; full (black) line: 89ch-SEP.

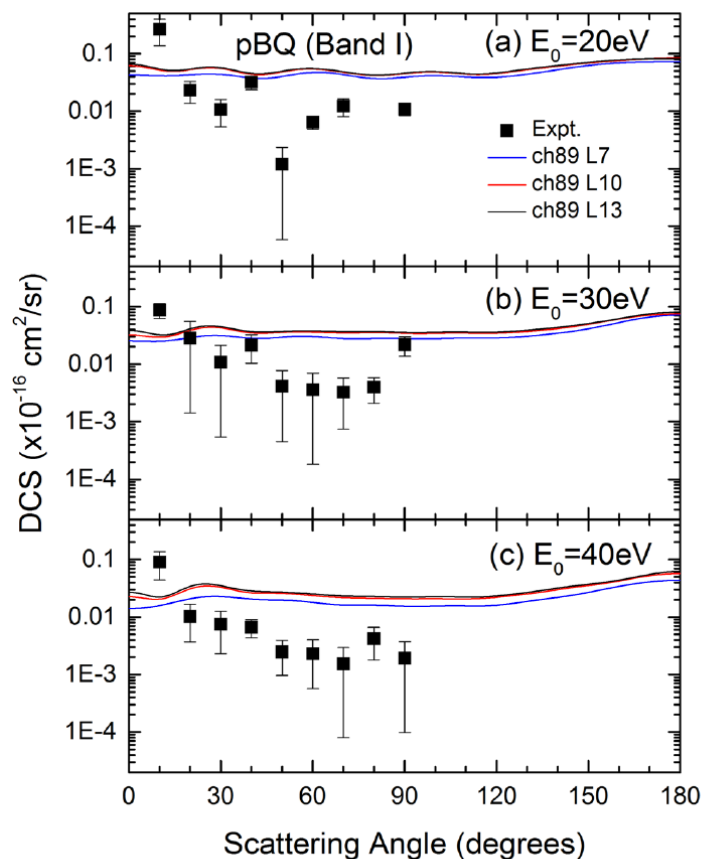


FIG. 3. Experimental and theoretical differential cross sections for electron impact excitation of composite electronic band I ($E_L \sim 4.38$ eV) of pBQ at impact energies of (a) $E_0 = 20$ eV, (b) $E_0 = 30$ eV, and (c) $E_0 = 40$ eV. See the legend in the figure and text for further details.

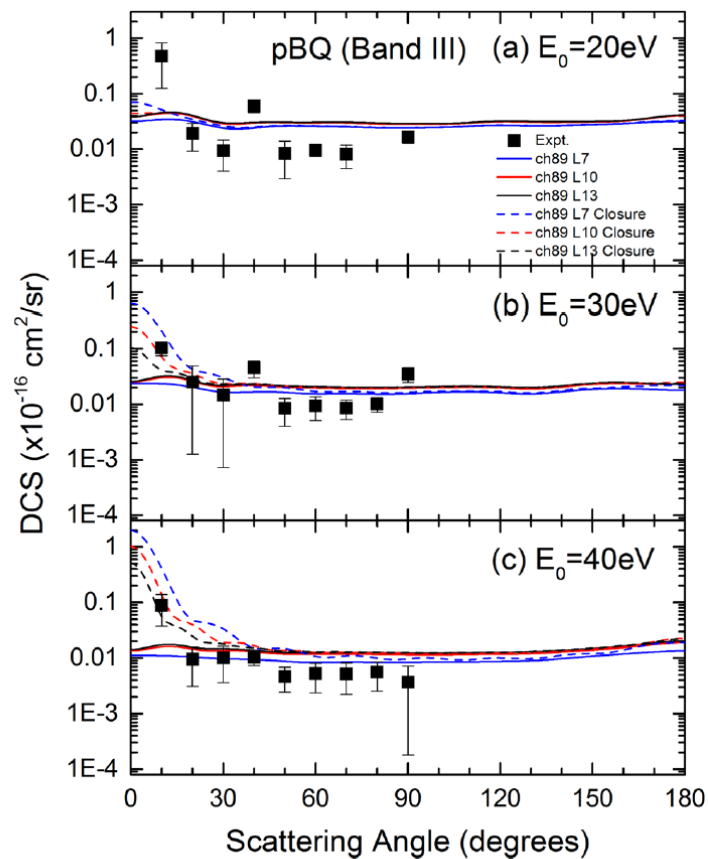


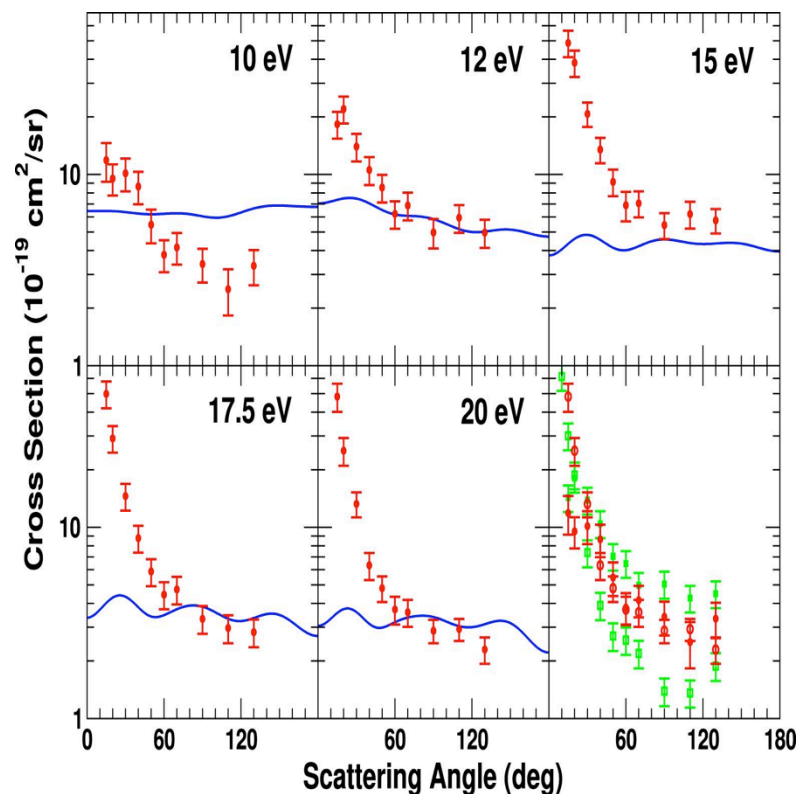
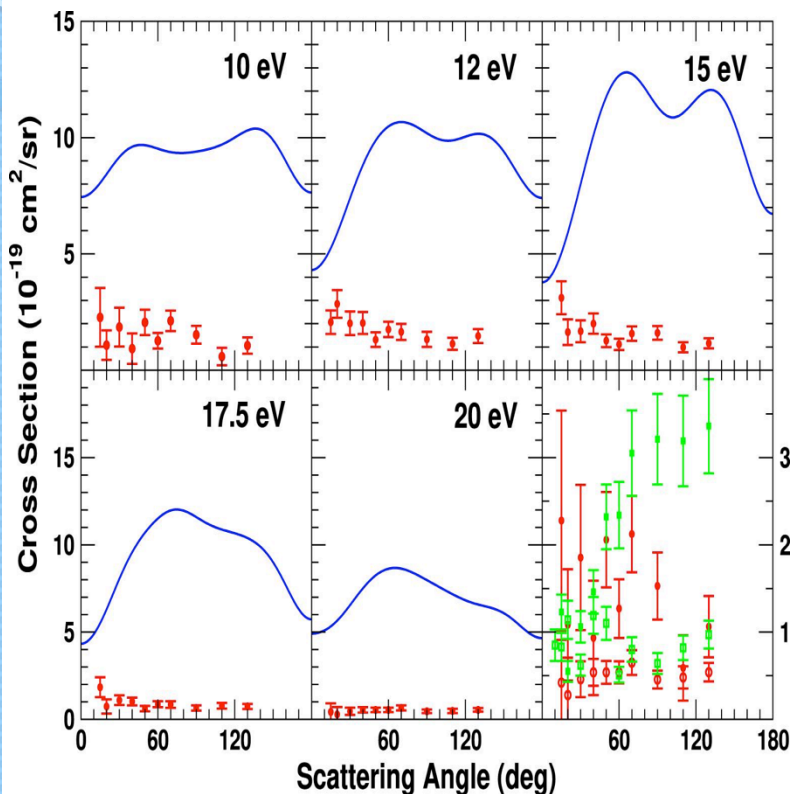
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ELECTRONIC EXCITATION – Back to Ethanol

Alan G. Falkowski, Marco A. P. Lima and Fabris Kossoski: a new look at electron-ethanol scattering

First: existing results

$I^{3A''}$ (left) and $I^{1A''}$ (right) for trans conformer



L. R. Hargreaves, M.A. Khakoo, C. Winstead, V. McKoy. *J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys.*, 49, 185201 (2016).

Recent implementations on the SMCPP code

(Fábris Kossoski, Aix Marseille University)

- More efficient loops
- Vectorization
- Less I/O
- More specific routines (fewer if-clauses)
- Memory allocation: denominator or off-shell is kept in memory, depending on calculation
- Checkpoints (important for many channels)

Recent implementations on the SMCPP code

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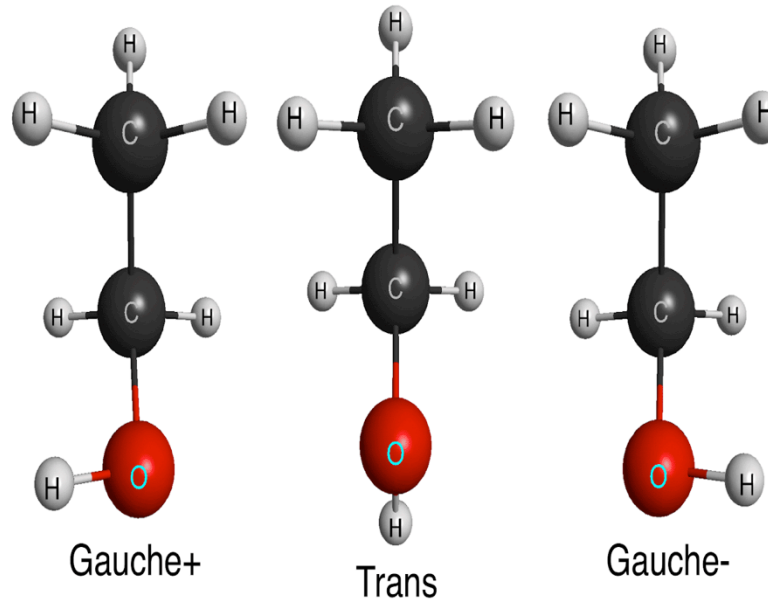
Benchmark for CH_3Cl	Before	Now
Elastic	20h	10h
9 channels, 11 excitations	100h	50h
9 channels, 267 excitations	350h	50h

- Computational time reduced to 10-50 %
- No longer scales with the number of excitations

Computational aspects (newer version of the parallel SMCPP computer code developed by Fabris Kossoski)

Geometry optimization:
Restricted Hartree-Fock (RHF) with
aug-cc-pVDZ and MP2 in
GAMESS.

Electronic ground state:
RHF, with $5s5p2d$ set, diffuse functions
($1s1p1d$) in C and O.
For the H atoms ($4s/3s$), with addition of
one p function.
Pseudopotentials BHS.



Ground state and
excited states

Target description in
scattering

Excited states

IVOs
of singlet
multiplicity

MOB-SCI
with the criterion
of the weighted
sum*

Multichannel scattering: SMCPP method.

Trans (C_2): 11, 41, 183, 317 and 431 open
channels below 10 eV, 12 eV, 15 eV, 17.5 eV
and 20 eV

Gauche (C_1): 183 open channels below 15 eV.

New strategy allows a "densification" of the open channels bellow ϵ_{open}

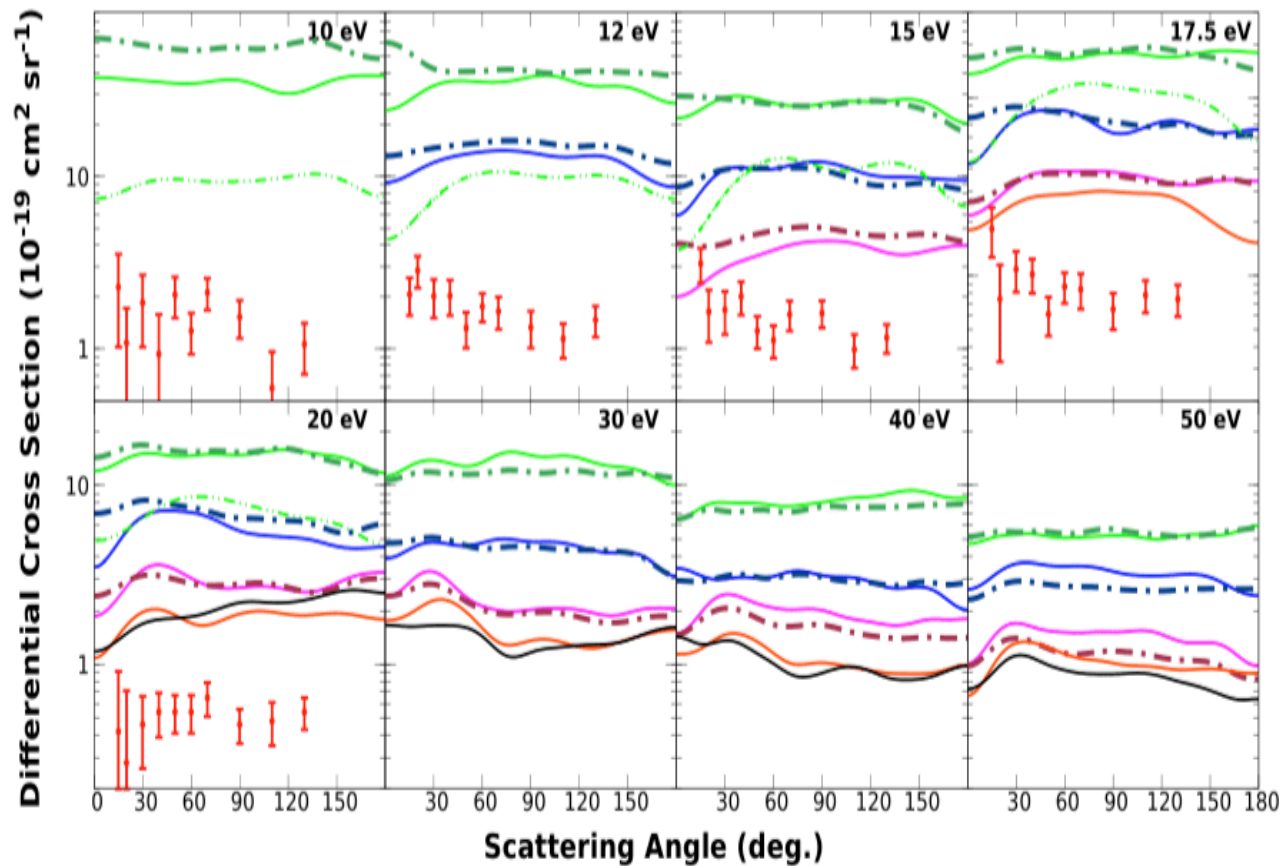
# Hole-particle pairs \ ϵ_{open}	10 (10.5) eV	12 eV	15 eV	17.5 eV	20 eV
5	10				
20	12	40			
91	14	55	182		
158	15	59	222	316	
215	15	59	224	367	430
FCIS (1520)	18	63	239	398	544



Number of open excited states (singlet + triplets)

Results: I³A''

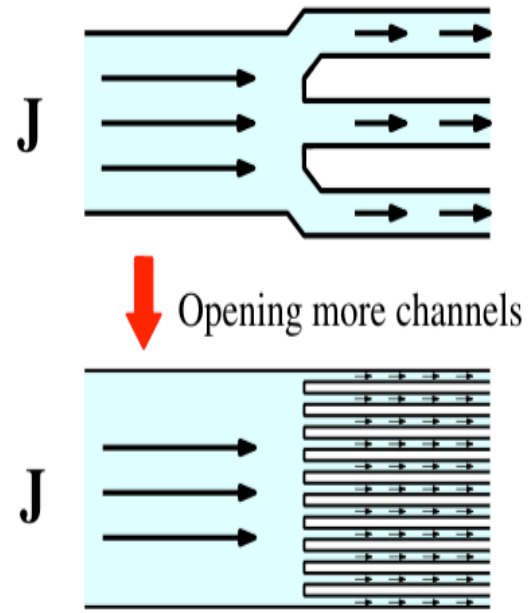
Trans: — 11 CH, — 41 CH, — 183 CH, — 317 CH, — 431 CH
Trans+gauche: —•— 11 CH, —•— 41 CH, —•— 183 CH
Hargreaves et al.: —•— theoretical 11 CH, • experimental



Flux competition

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto |\mathbf{J}| \text{ (Probability current)}$$

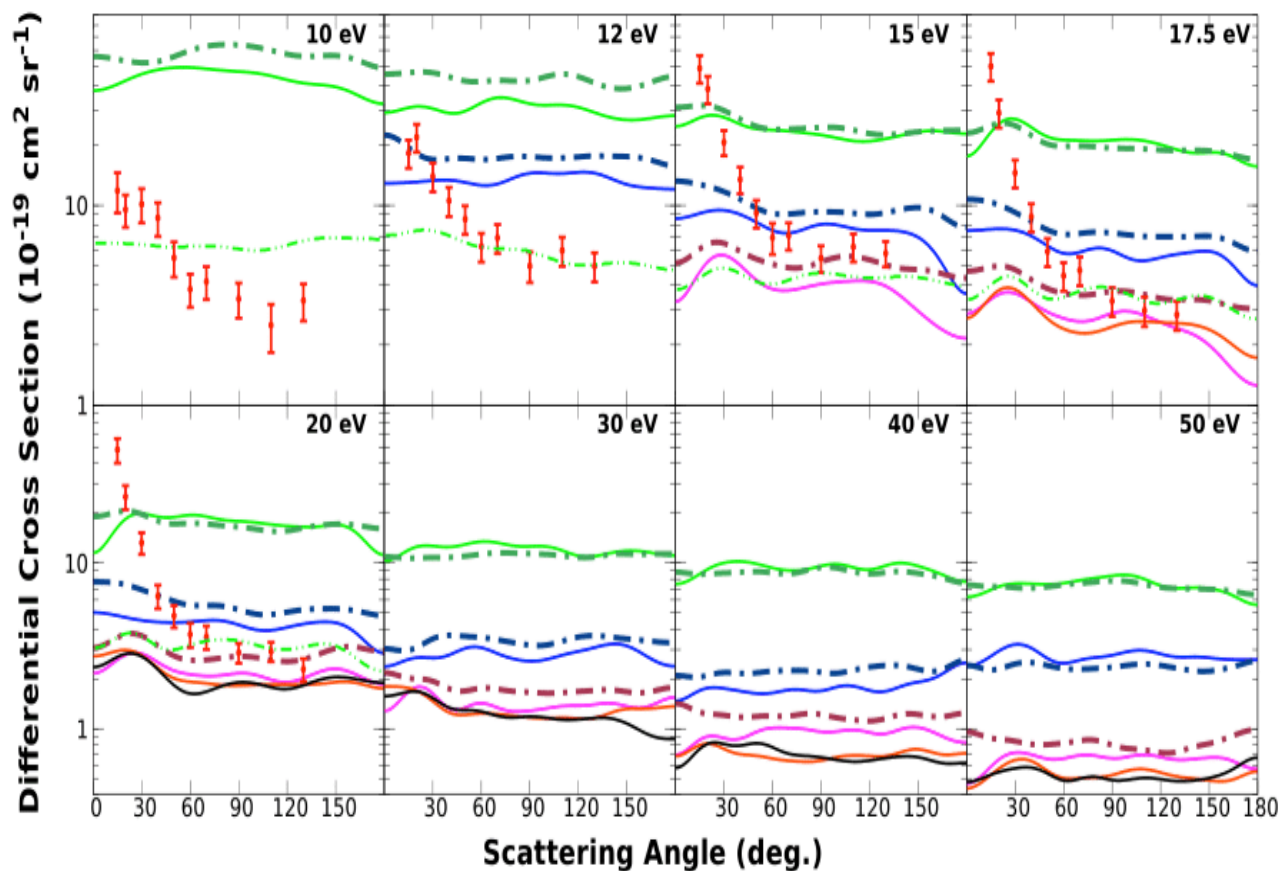
$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = 0, \quad \mathbf{J} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2mi} \text{Re}\{\Psi^* \nabla \Psi\}$$



*Observed in the previous studies of our group.

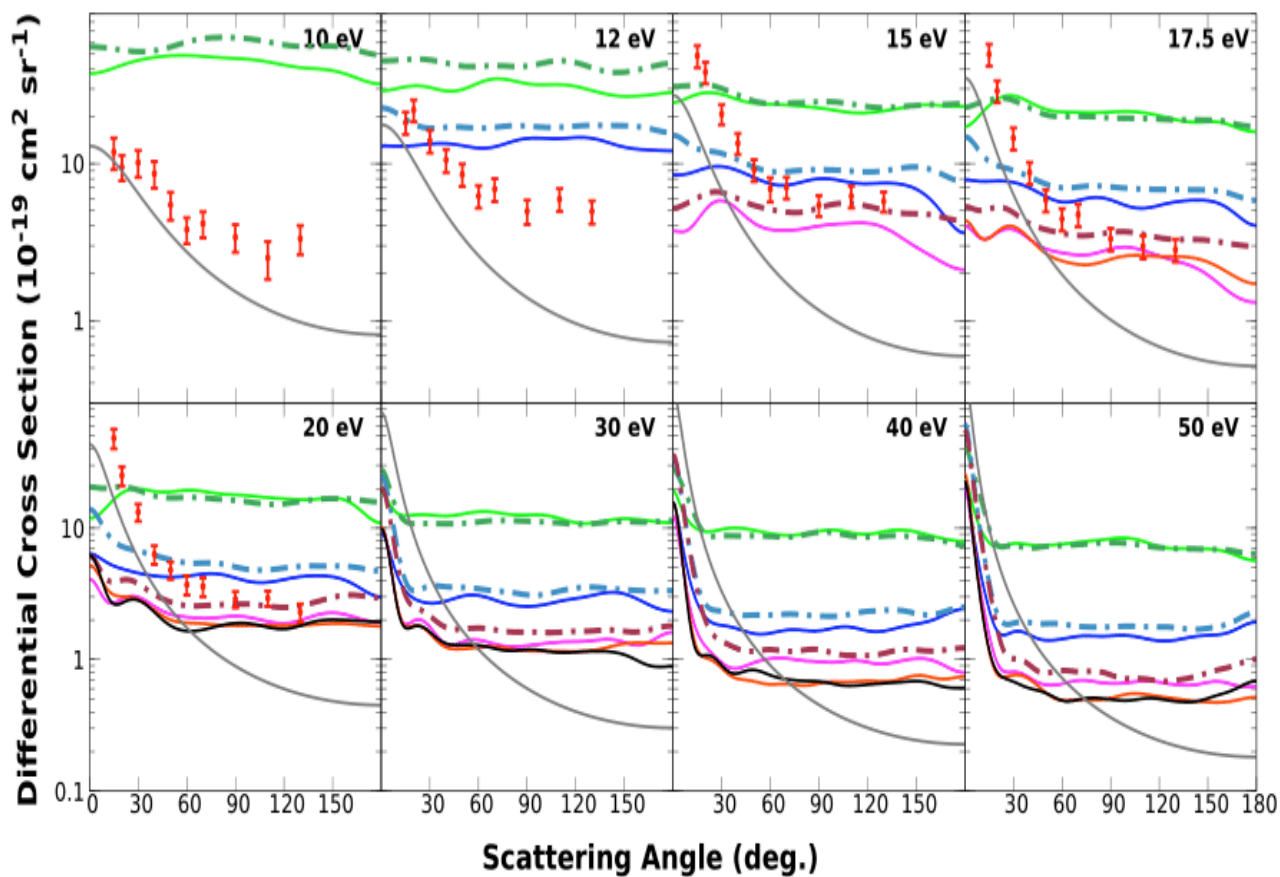
Results: I^1A''

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Results: $I^{-1}A''$ with Born-closure

Trans: — 11 CH, — 41 CH, — 183 CH, — 317 CH, — 431 CH
 Trans+gauche: —•— 11 CH, —•— 41 CH, —•— 183 CH
 Hargreaves *et al.*: —•— theoretical 11 CH, • experimental



We will review smaller systems and explore the limits of the new strategy.

Thank you for your attention
