

# Electron Scattering by biomass molecular fragments

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# REVIEWING MOTIVATIONS



# Electron scattering by Molecules

## DISCHARGE ENVIRONMENTS

This community was inspired by several basic science problems  
  
and got further motivated by great applications



Natural Phenomena      Aurora Borealis

Astrophysics

Biology

Planetary Atmospheres

DNA dissociation ...

Plasma Science towards Future Medicine

Quantum Optics

Molecular Lasers

Ozone destruction

Control of pollution

Sterilization \$\$

Surface treatment \$\$\$\$\$

Nanofabrication \$\$\$\$\$

Medical treatment \$\$\$\$\$

# Surface treatment with Plasmas

Plasma  
Processing  
Gases

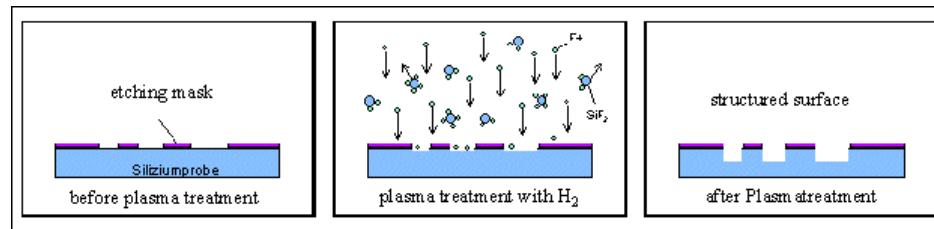


Several Industry Applications

Production  
of reactive  
species



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



Electron collision  
data: cross  
sections for



Elastic  
Inelastic: electronic, rotational and vibrational excitation  
Ionization  
Dissociation



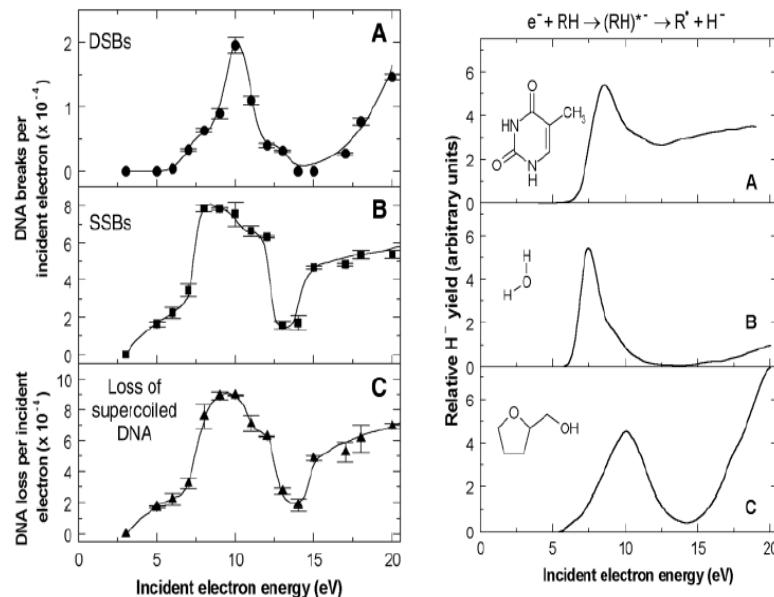
IMPROVEMENT NEEDS MODELING  
AND MODELING NEEDS DATA

Resonance's inducing dissociation.  
How precise the data (position and width) must be?

# 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



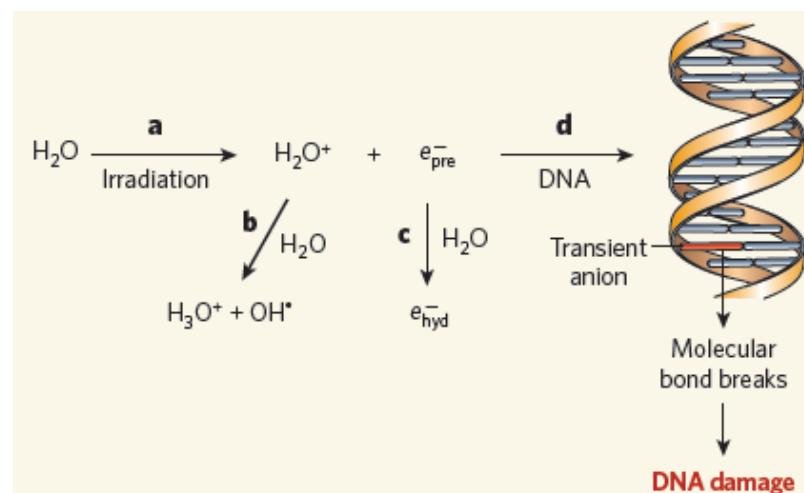
Science, 287 1658 (2000)

## 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)

J|A|C|S  
COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

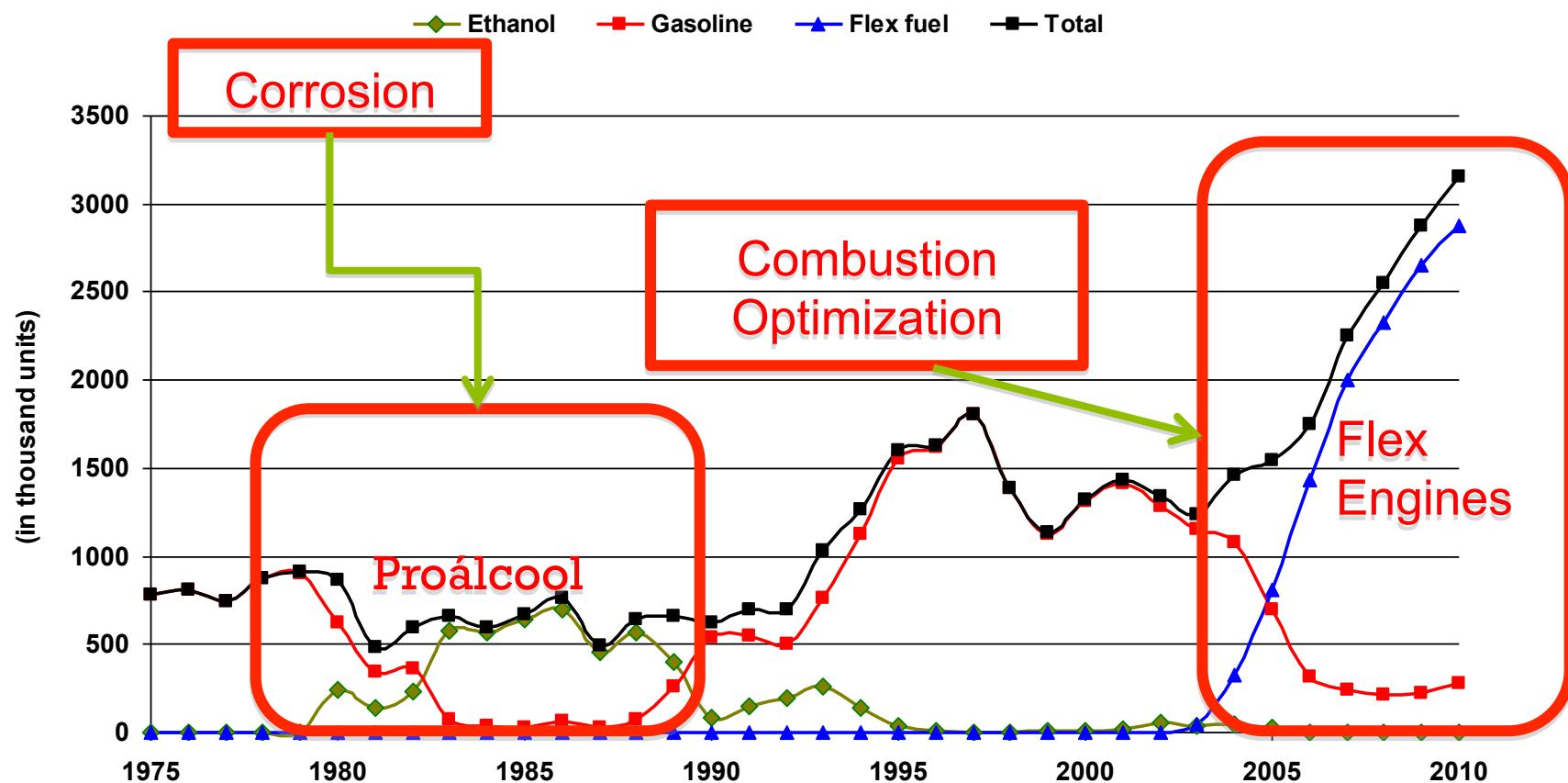
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# SPECIAL MOTIVATION



## 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

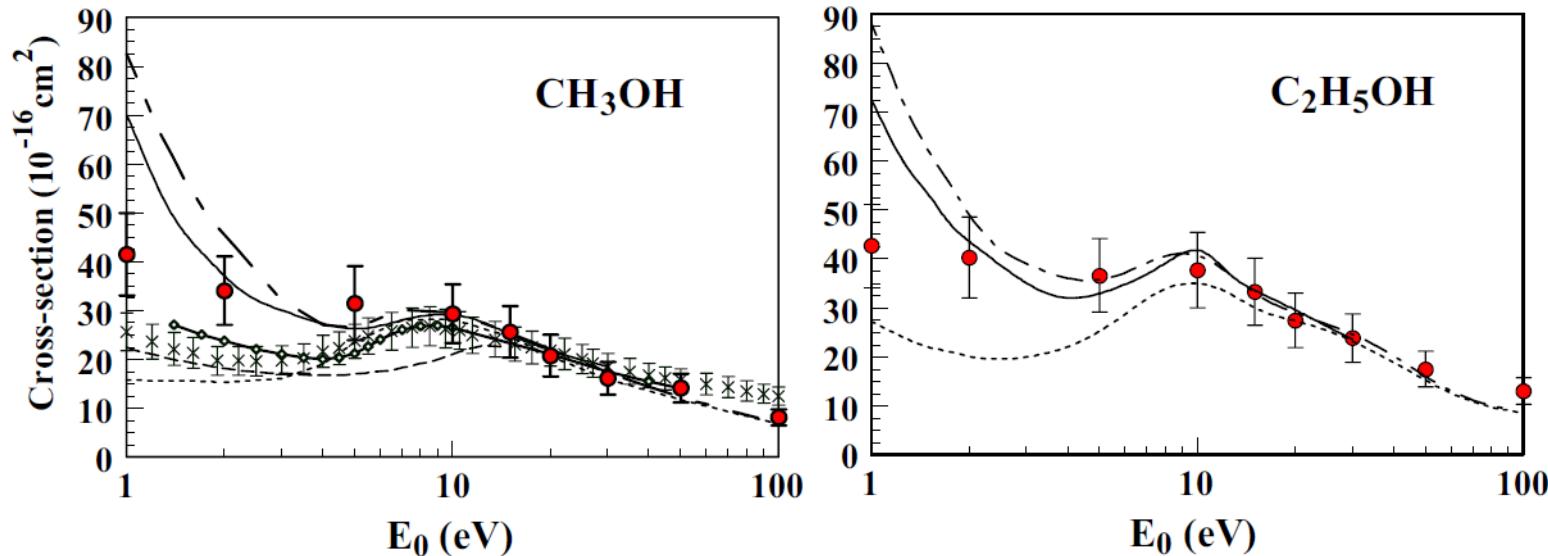


Theoretical support for an application project working on:

- 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  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ . 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 Szmytkowski and Krzysztofowicz [24] and —◆— of Schmieder [22]. ----- (short dashes) 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**

## Special motivation II: large scale production of ethanol



**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?

## The motivation of a theoretician

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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**, 1 (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

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

## Scattering theory

Schrödinger differential equation

$$\mathcal{H}\Psi_{\vec{k}_m}^{(\pm)} = [H_N + T_{N+1} + V]\Psi_{\vec{k}_m}^{(\pm)} = E\Psi_{\vec{k}_m}^{(\pm)}$$

Lippmann-Schwinger integral equation

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

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

Free-particle Green's function

$$G_0^{(\pm)} = \frac{1}{E - T_{N+1} - H_N \pm i\epsilon} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \sum_m \int d^3k \frac{|\Phi_m \vec{k} \rangle \langle \vec{k} \Phi_m|}{\frac{k_m^2}{2} - \frac{k^2}{2} \pm i\epsilon}$$

## 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

$$A^{(\pm)}|\Psi_{\mathbf{k}}^{(\pm)}\rangle = V|S_{\mathbf{k}}\rangle \text{ and } \begin{cases} f_{\mathbf{k}_f, \mathbf{k}_i} = \langle S_{\mathbf{k}_f} | V | \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_i}^{(+)} \rangle \\ f_{\mathbf{k}_f, \mathbf{k}_i} = \langle \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_f}^{(-)} | V | S_{\mathbf{k}_i} \rangle \\ f_{\mathbf{k}_f, \mathbf{k}_i} = \langle \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_f}^{(-)} | A^{(+)} | \Psi_{\mathbf{k}_i}^{(+)} \rangle \end{cases} \text{ and } A^{(\pm)} = V - V G_0^{(\pm)} V$$

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

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

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

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

$A^{(\pm)}|\Psi_{\mathbf{k}}^{(\pm)}\rangle = V|S_{\mathbf{k}}\rangle$  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  $P = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\text{open}} |\Phi_{\ell}\rangle\langle\Phi_{\ell}|$  and  $\hat{H} = E - H$

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):

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

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

$$f_{\vec{k}_i, \vec{k}_f} = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{mn} \langle S_{\vec{k}_f} | V | \chi_m \rangle \underbrace{(d^{-1})_{mn}}_{\text{It is the same for all transitions}} \langle \chi_n | V | S_{\vec{k}_i} \rangle$$

**It is the same for all transitions**

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

## Coupling level

➡ Elastic scattering with and without polarization effects

- ① Open channel Projector has only one state

$$P = |\Phi_o\rangle\langle\Phi_o|$$

➡  $\Phi_o$  is molecular target ground state obtained in Hartree-Fock approximation

- ② Configuration space is made of

$$|\chi_u\rangle = \begin{cases} a_{N+1} |\Phi_o\rangle \otimes |\varphi_i\rangle \\ a_{N+1} |\Phi_j\rangle \otimes |\varphi_k\rangle, j \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

➡ Doublet states made of products of target triplet and singlet states by  $\varphi_k$

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

➡  $\varphi_i$  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)

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

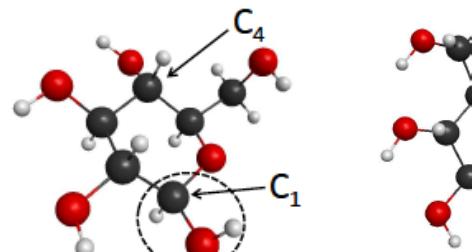
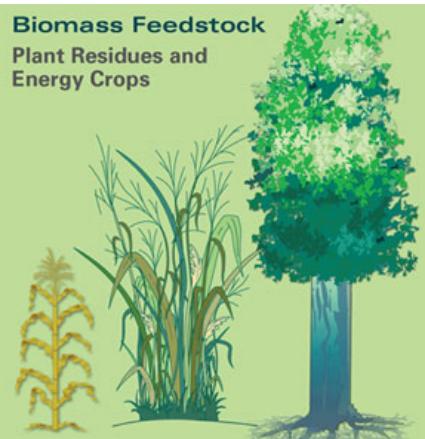
➡  $|\Phi_{\ell}\rangle$  are molecular target states obtained with single configuration interaction

- ② Again the configuration space is made of

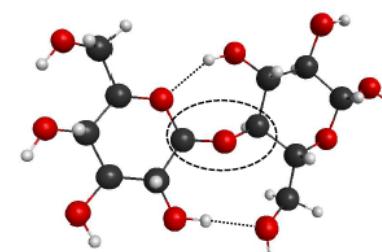
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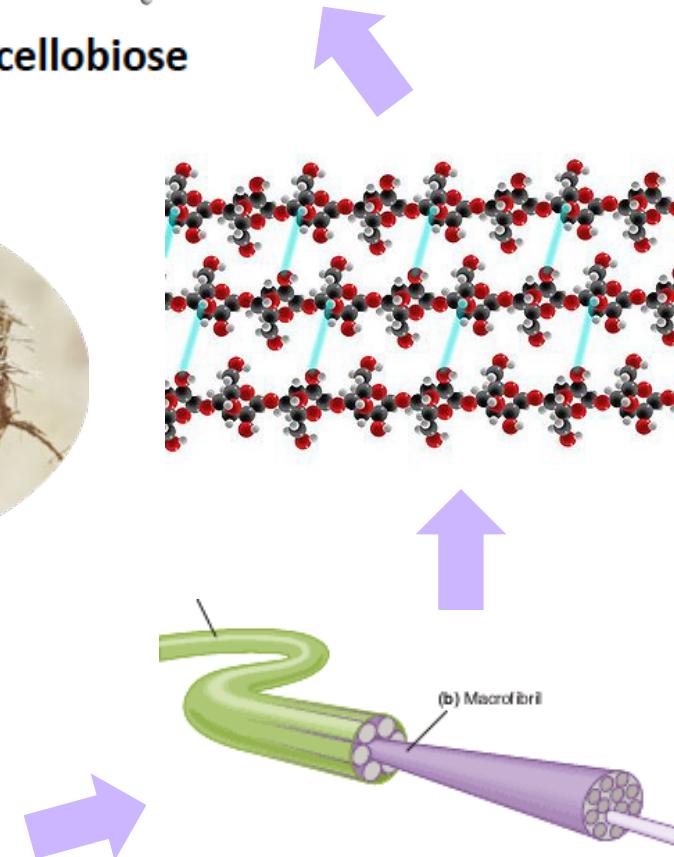
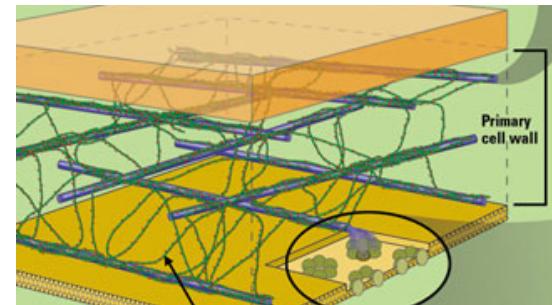
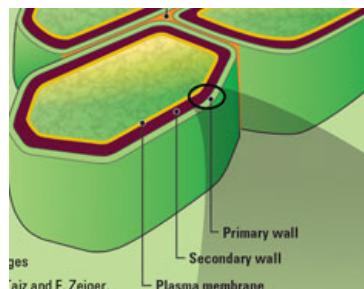
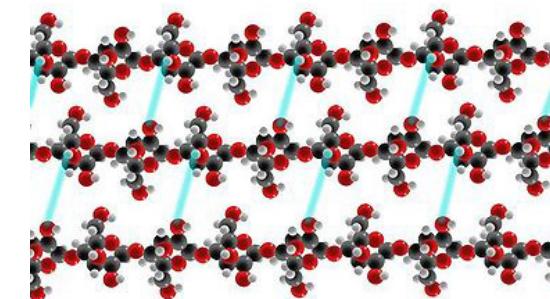
- ➡ Polarization effects are included with  $j$  greater than the number of open channels



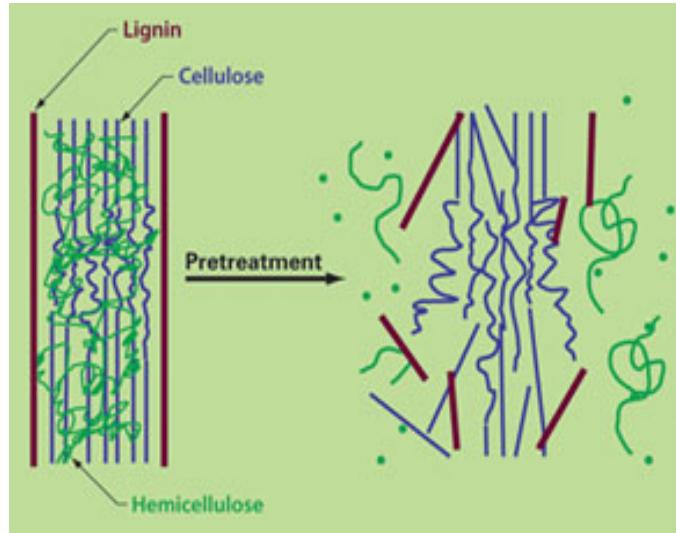
$\beta$ -D-glucose



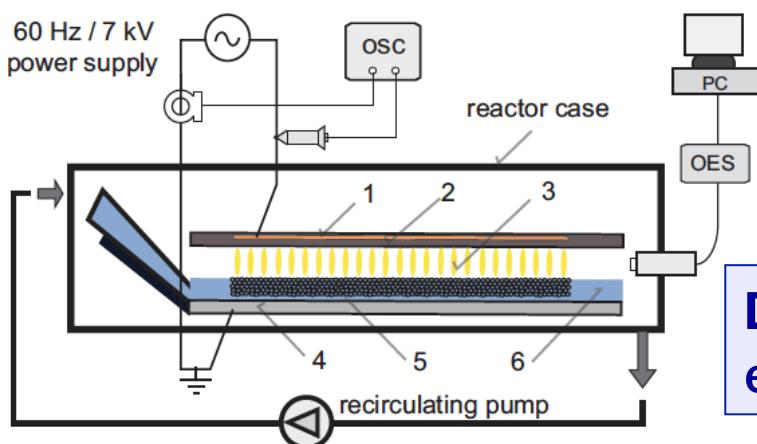
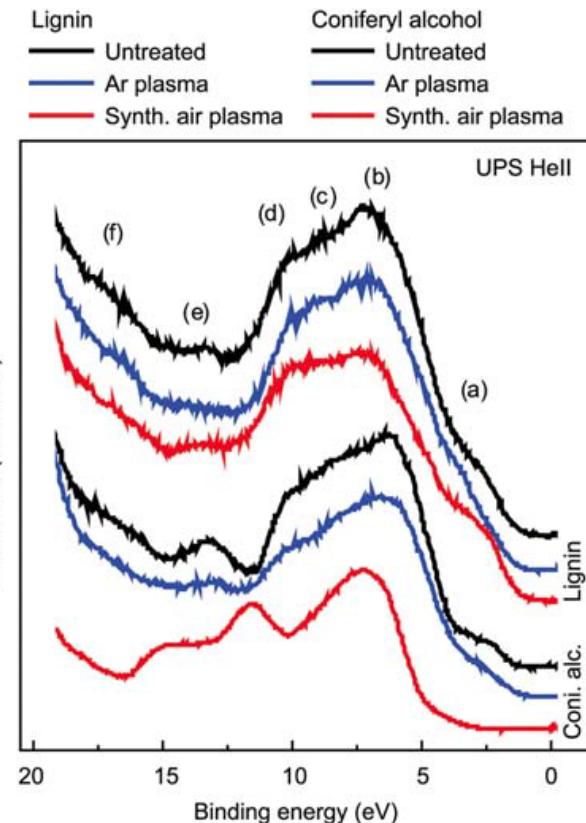
cellobiose



# Lignocellulose is Resistant to Hydrolysis



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



Lothar Klärhöfer<sup>1</sup>, Wolfgang Viöl<sup>2,3,\*</sup> and Wolfgang Maus-Friedrichs<sup>1</sup>

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

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

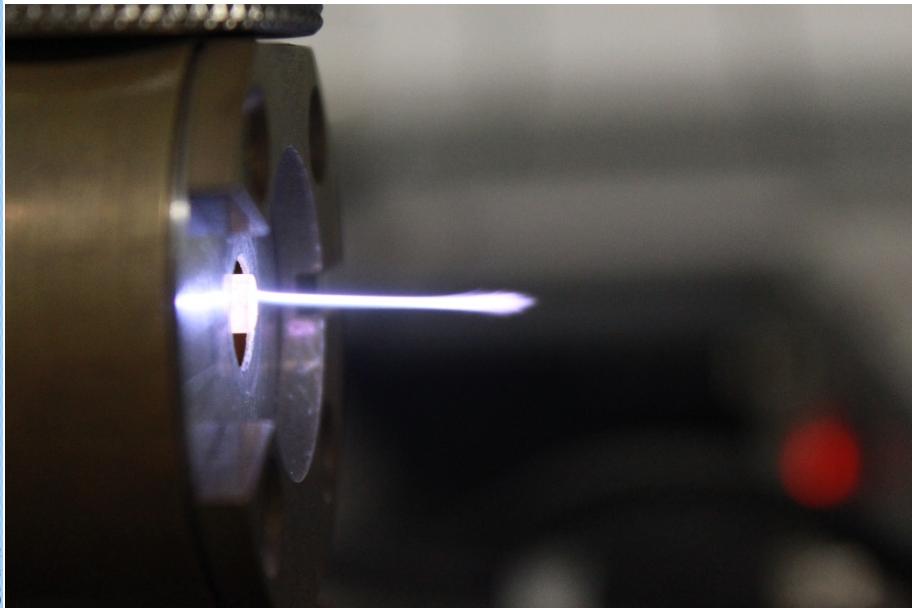


# Experimental Initiative

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-Correia, Marco A. Ridenti  
Plasma Process. Polym. 2013, DOI: 10.1002/ppap.201200158

wavelength:

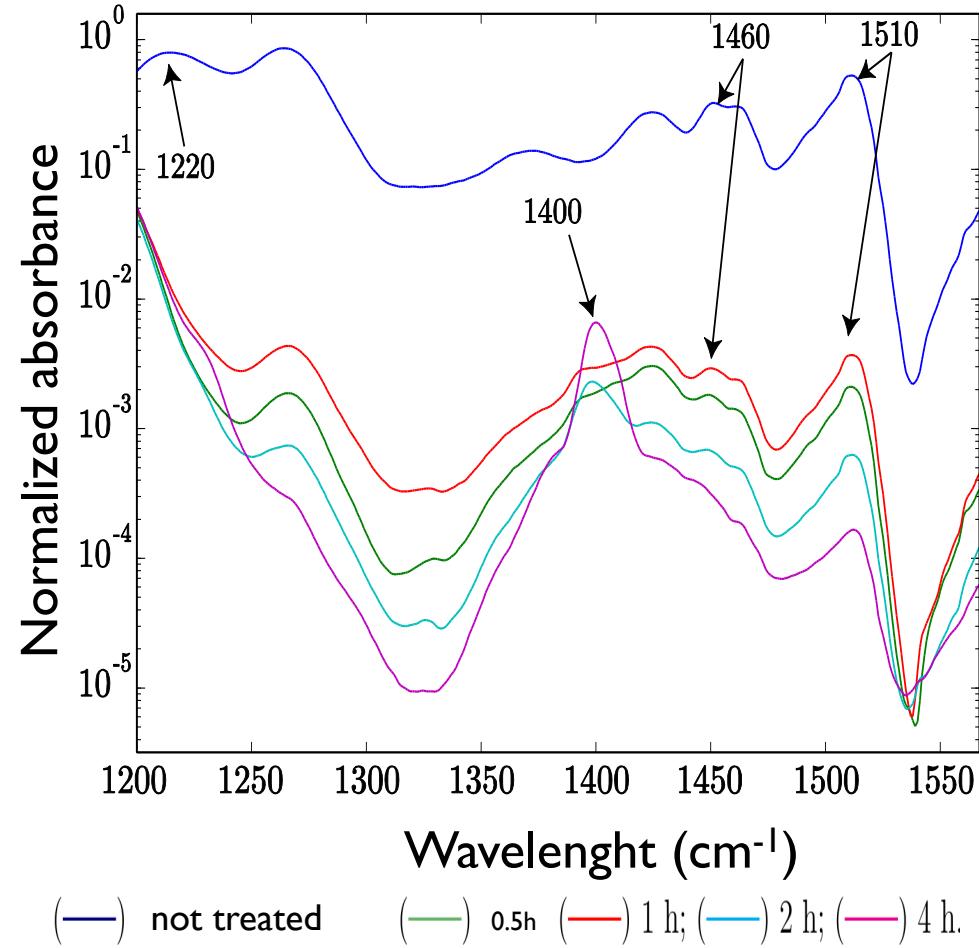
→ **1220 cm<sup>-1</sup>**

CC plus CO plus CO  
stretching in Guaiacyl group

→ **1460 cm<sup>-1</sup>**

CH deformations (bend)  
methoxyl; asymmetric  
stretching in –CH<sub>3</sub> and –CH<sub>2</sub>

## Diffuse Reflectance Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometry (DRIFT)

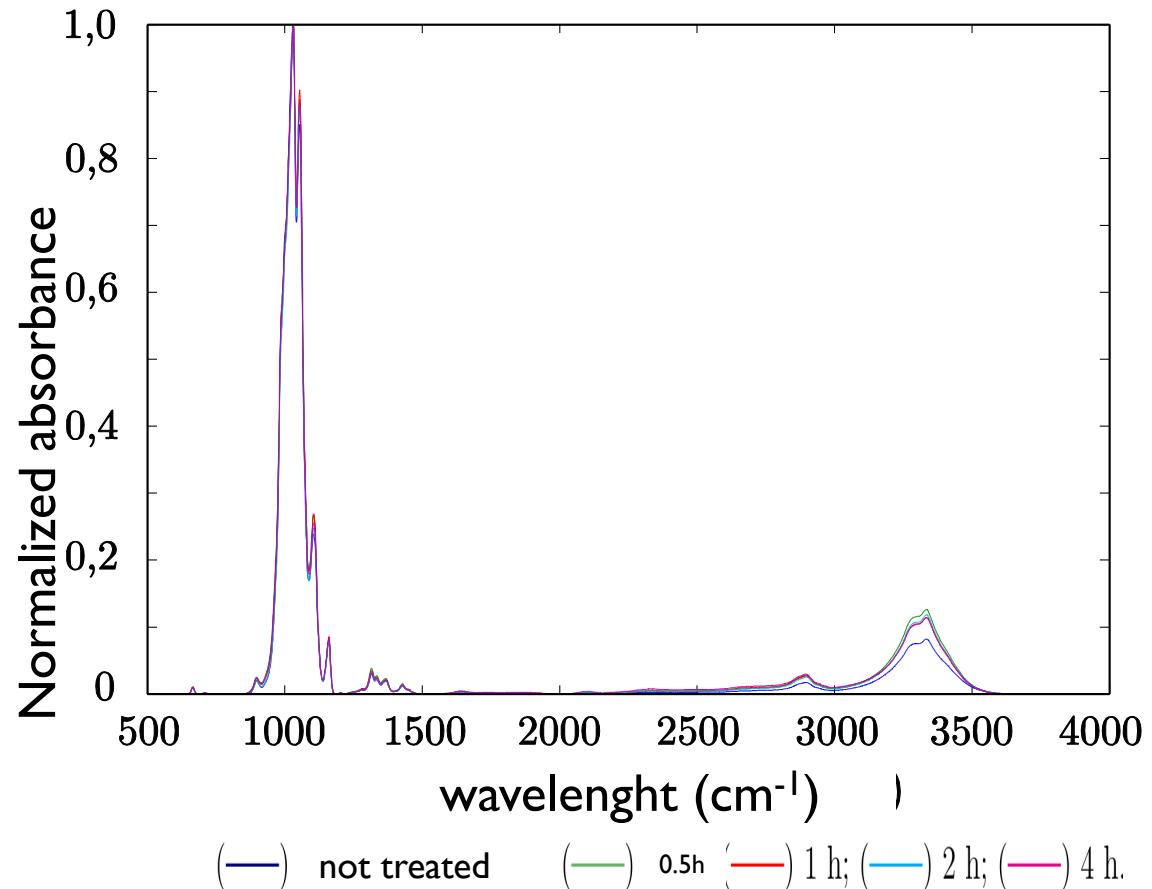


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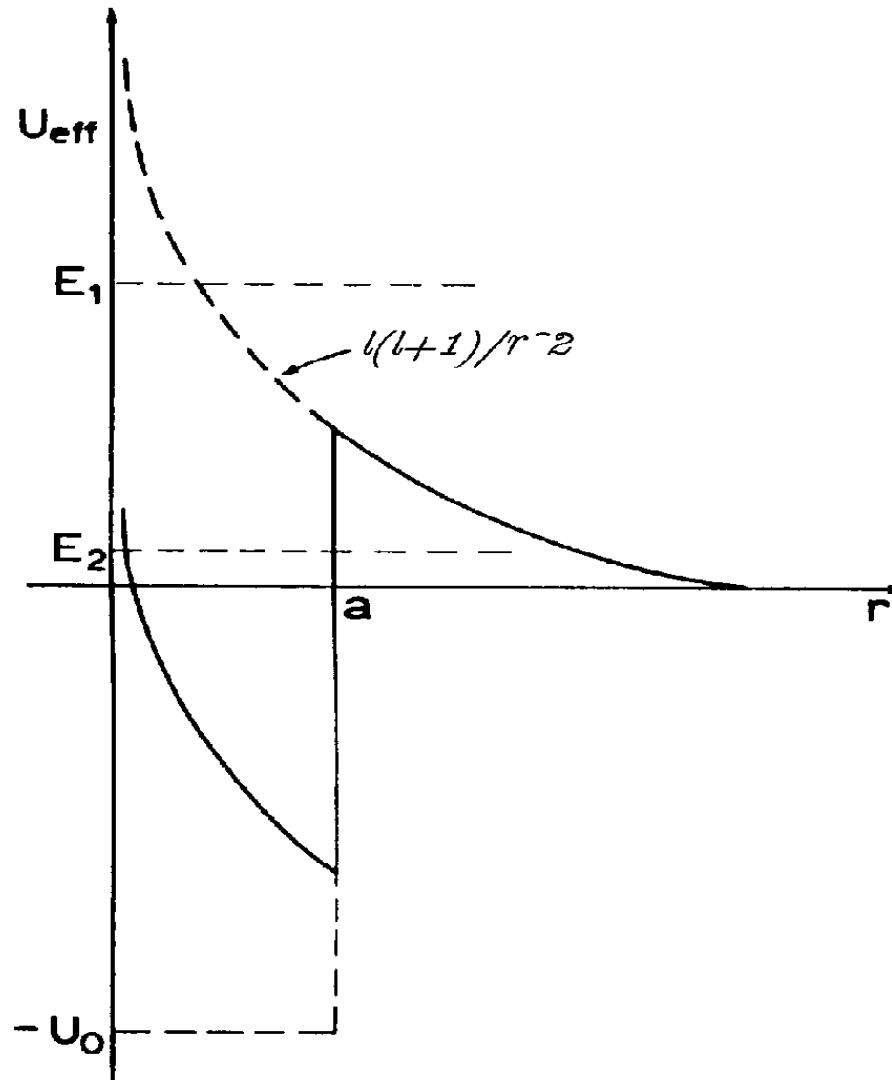
➡ No modification was observed in the spectra after plasma treatment on cellulose



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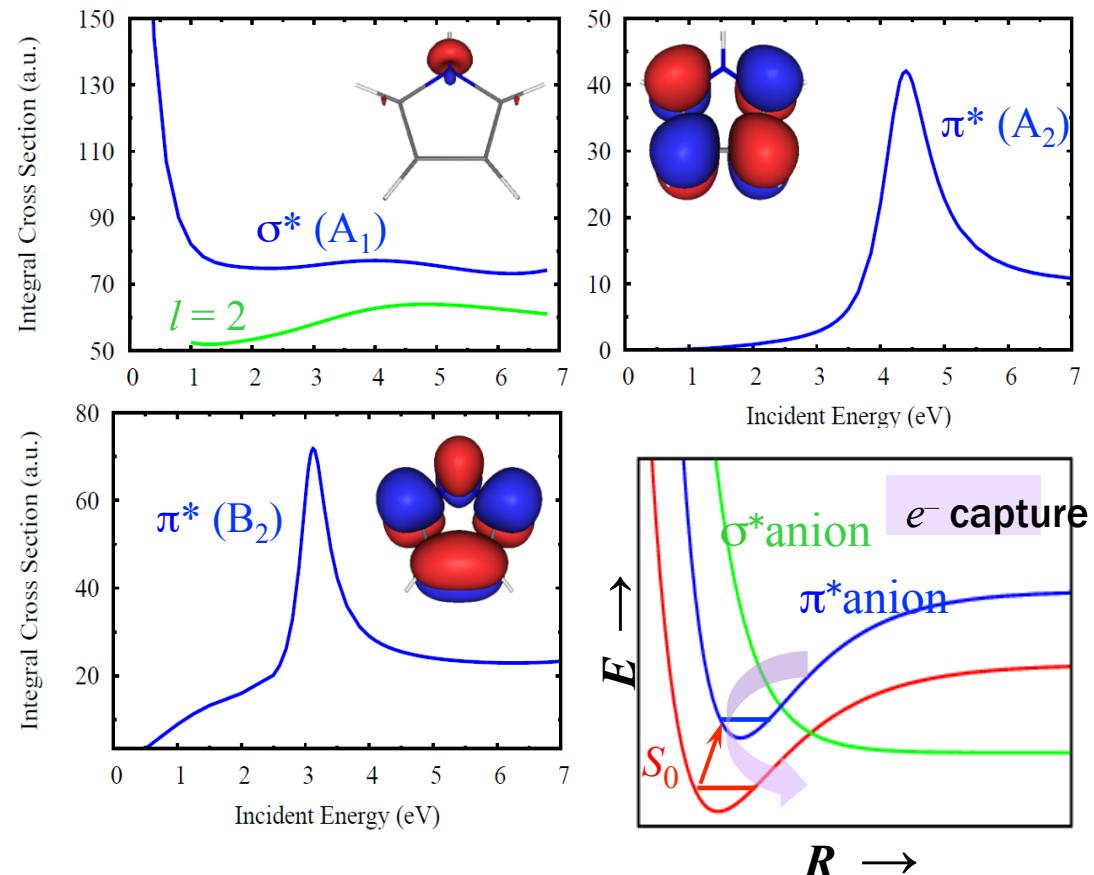
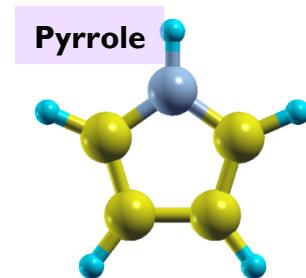
## Shape resonances are related to angular momentum traps

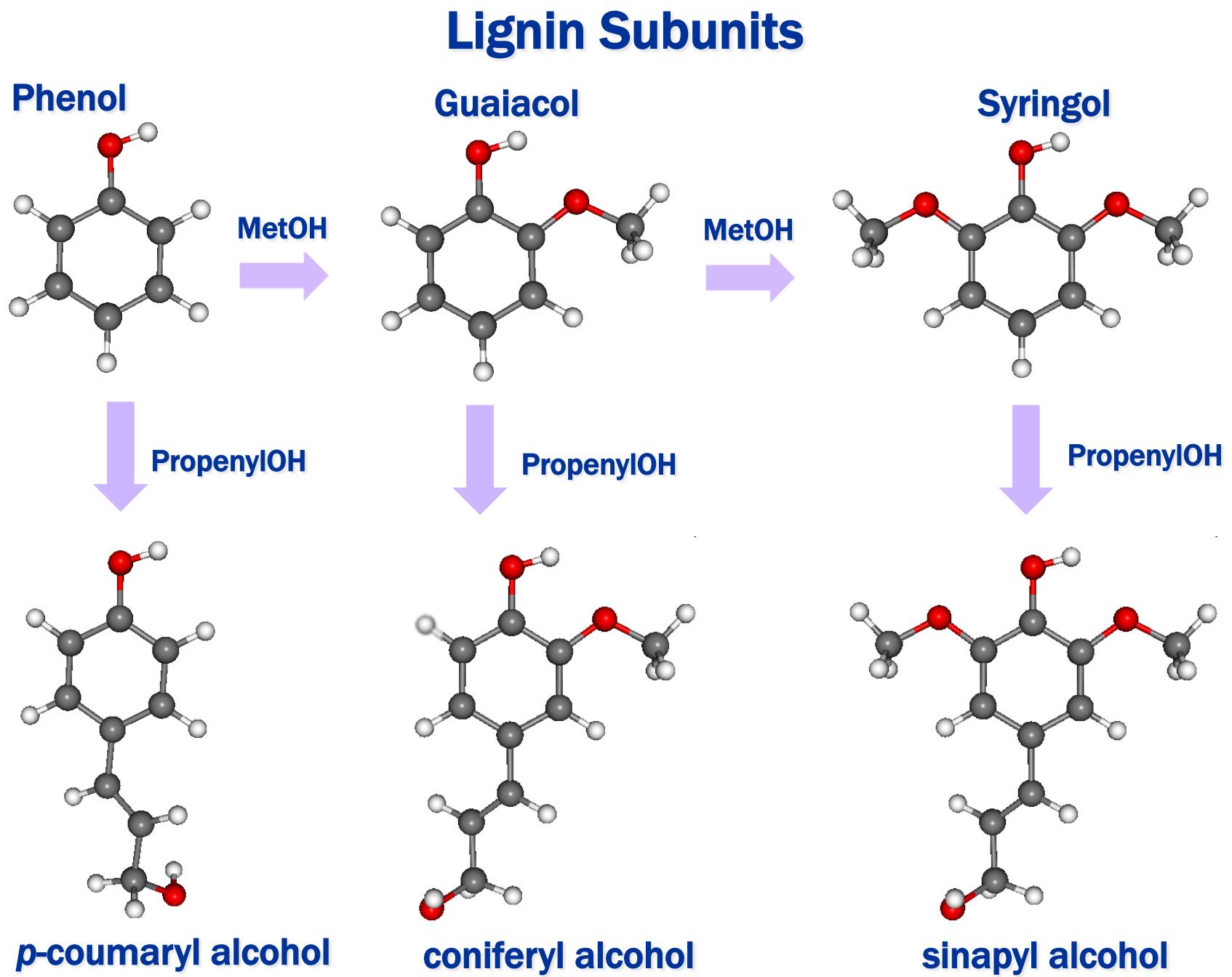
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de Oliveira EM, Lima MAP, Bettega MHF, Sanchez SD, da Costa RF, and Varella MTD,  
J. Chem. Phys. **132**, 204301 (2010)

- There are  $\pi^*$  (ring) and  $\sigma^*$  (N–H) shape resonances in pyrrole. Nice prototype!

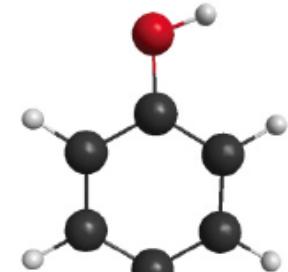




RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

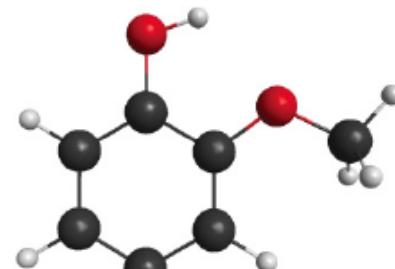
# Shape resonance spectra of lignin subunits

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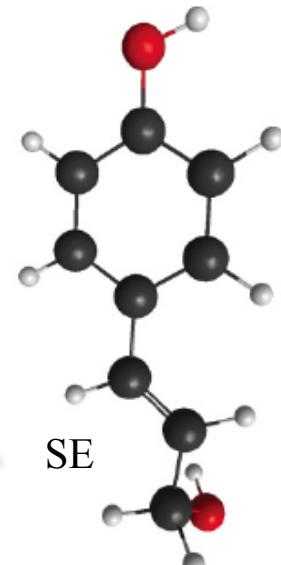
phenol

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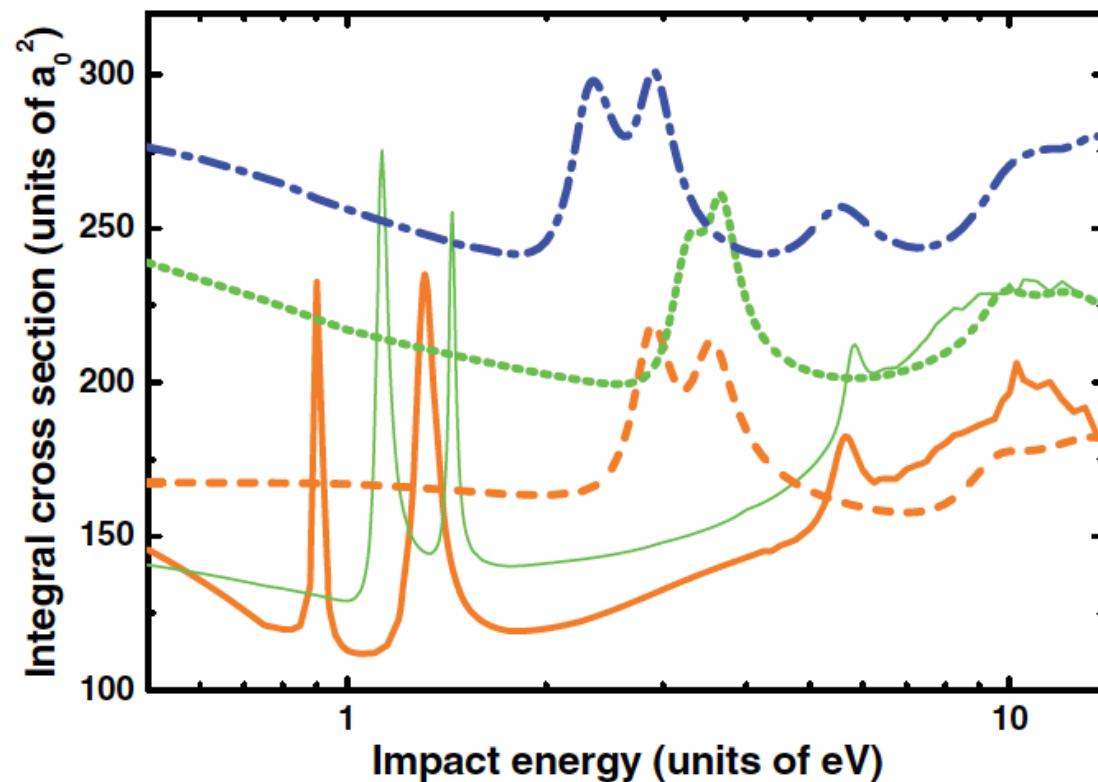
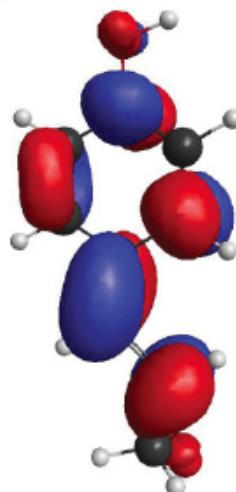


guaiacol

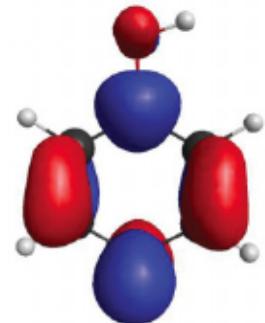
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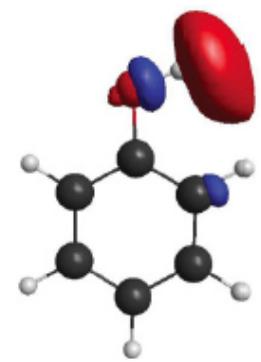
p-Cu (LUMO)



Lots of low-energy resonances!

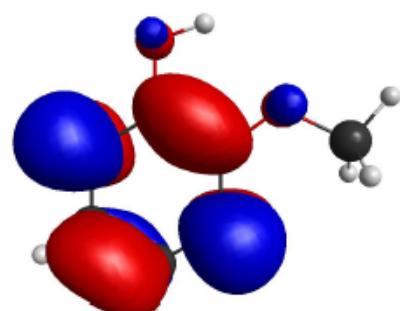


$\pi^*$  (LUMO+1)

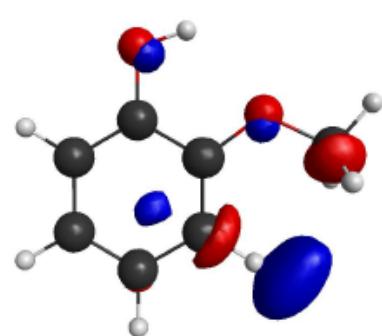


$\sigma^*$  (LUMO+2)

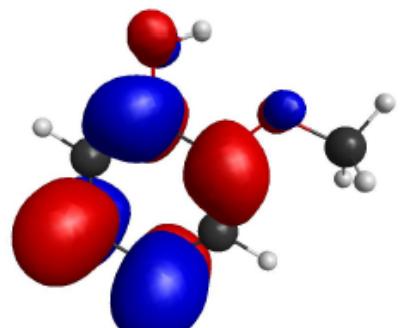
**Phenol:** Calculations, ET spectra and DEA data indicate H elimination from  $\pi^*/\sigma^*$  coupling.



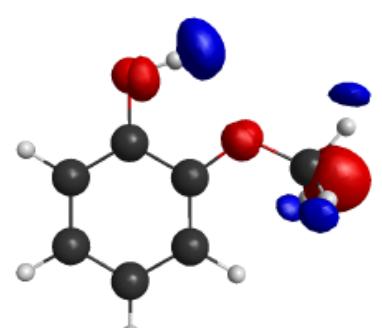
$\pi^*$  (LUMO)



$\sigma^*$  (LUMO+2)



$\pi^*$  (LUMO+1)

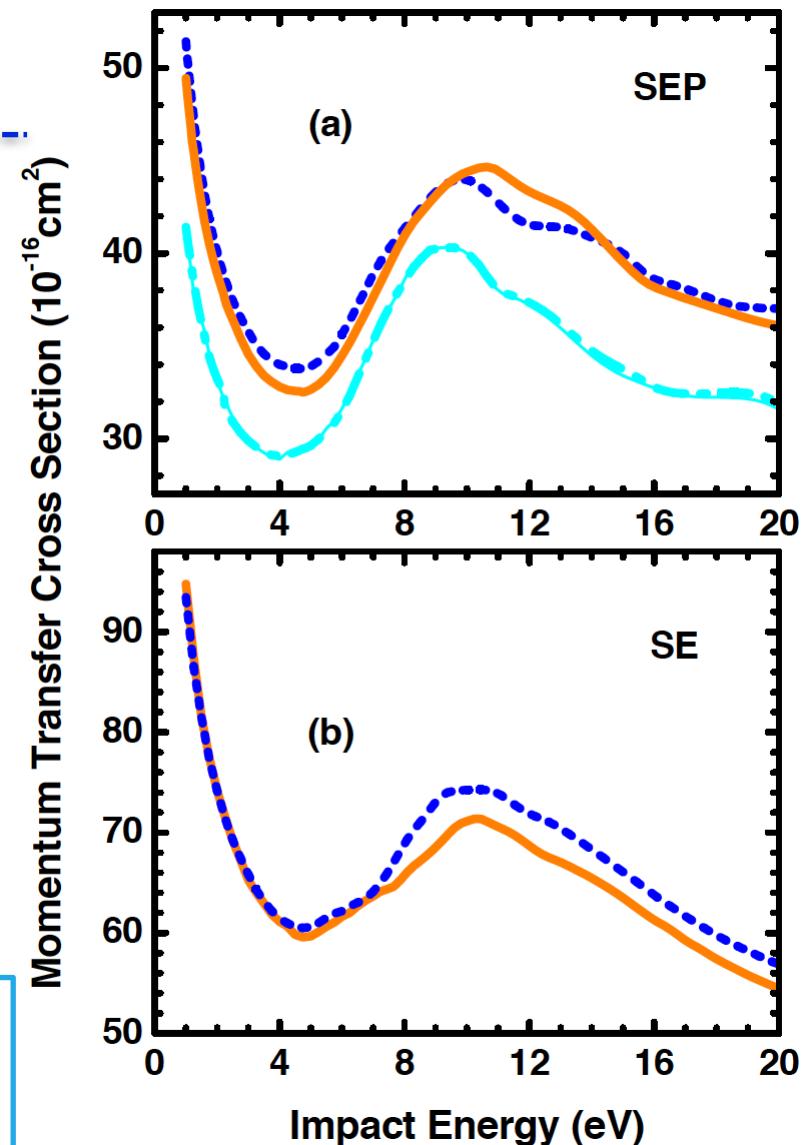
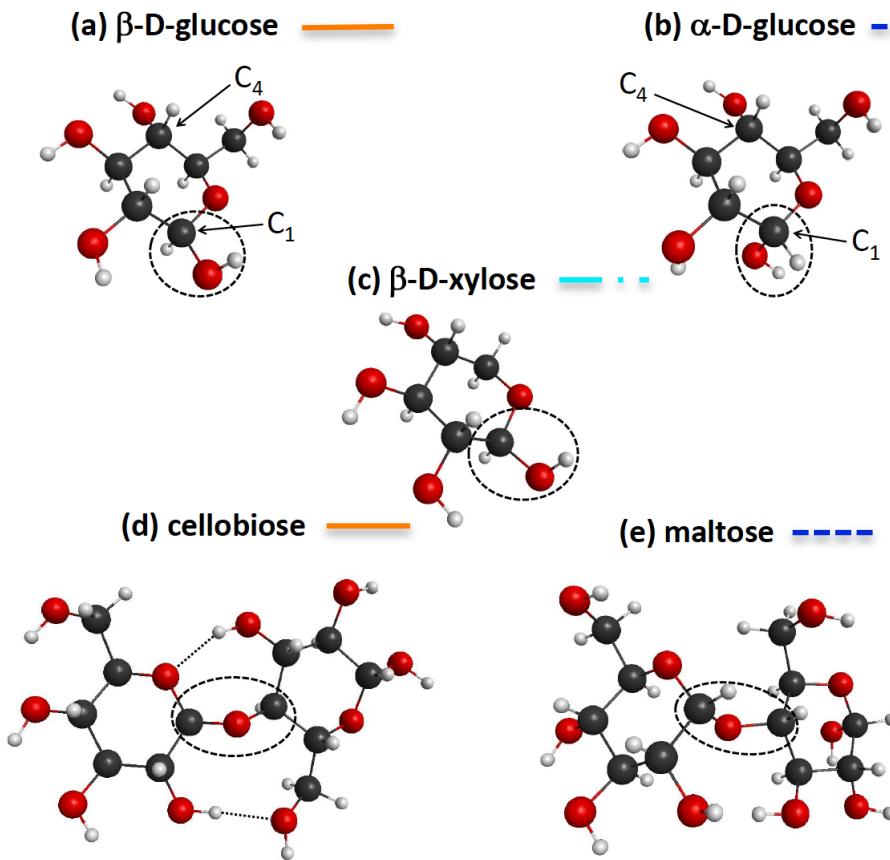


$\sigma^*$  (LUMO+3)

**Guaiacol:** Methoxilation is expected to give rise to other dissociation channels. H elimination should be also observed.

# Low-energy electron scattering by cellulose and Hemicellulose components

Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. 15, 1682 (2013).



No low-energy resonances! Is this sufficient to explain why the discharge attacks the lignin and not so much the cellulose and hemicellulose?

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# Micro-solvation in elastic scattering

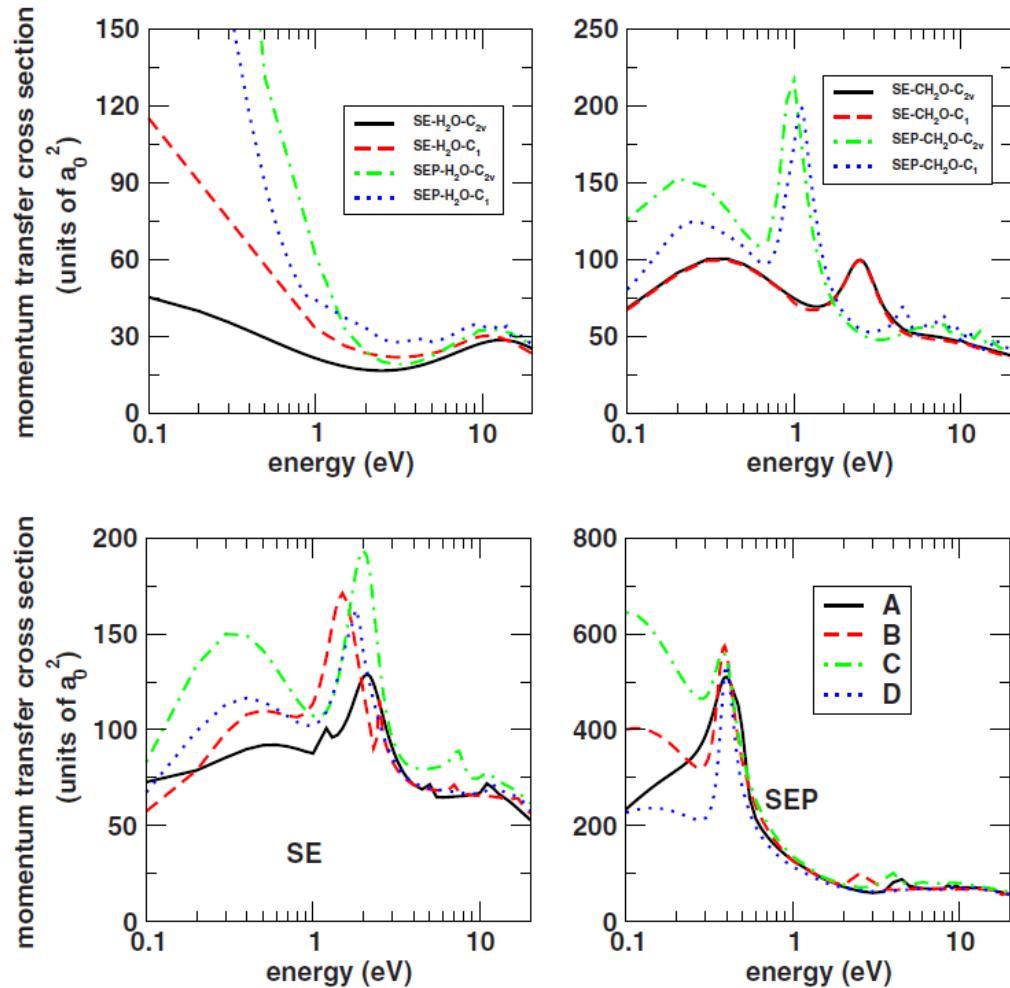
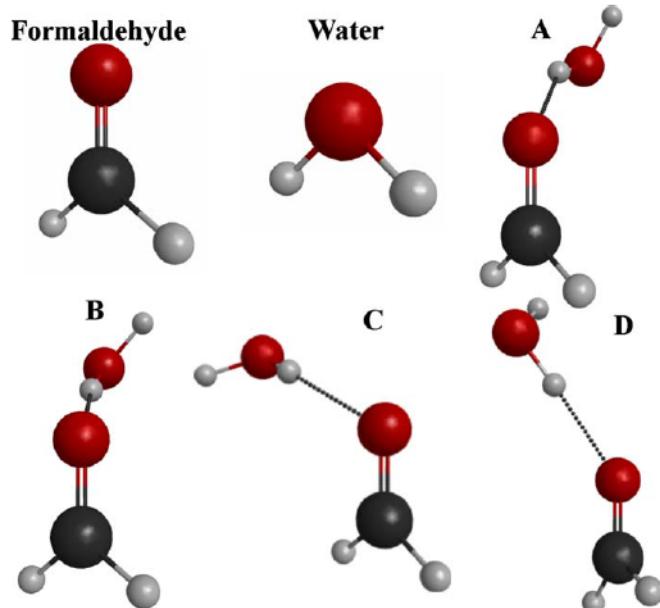
Simple first step towards more realistic situations

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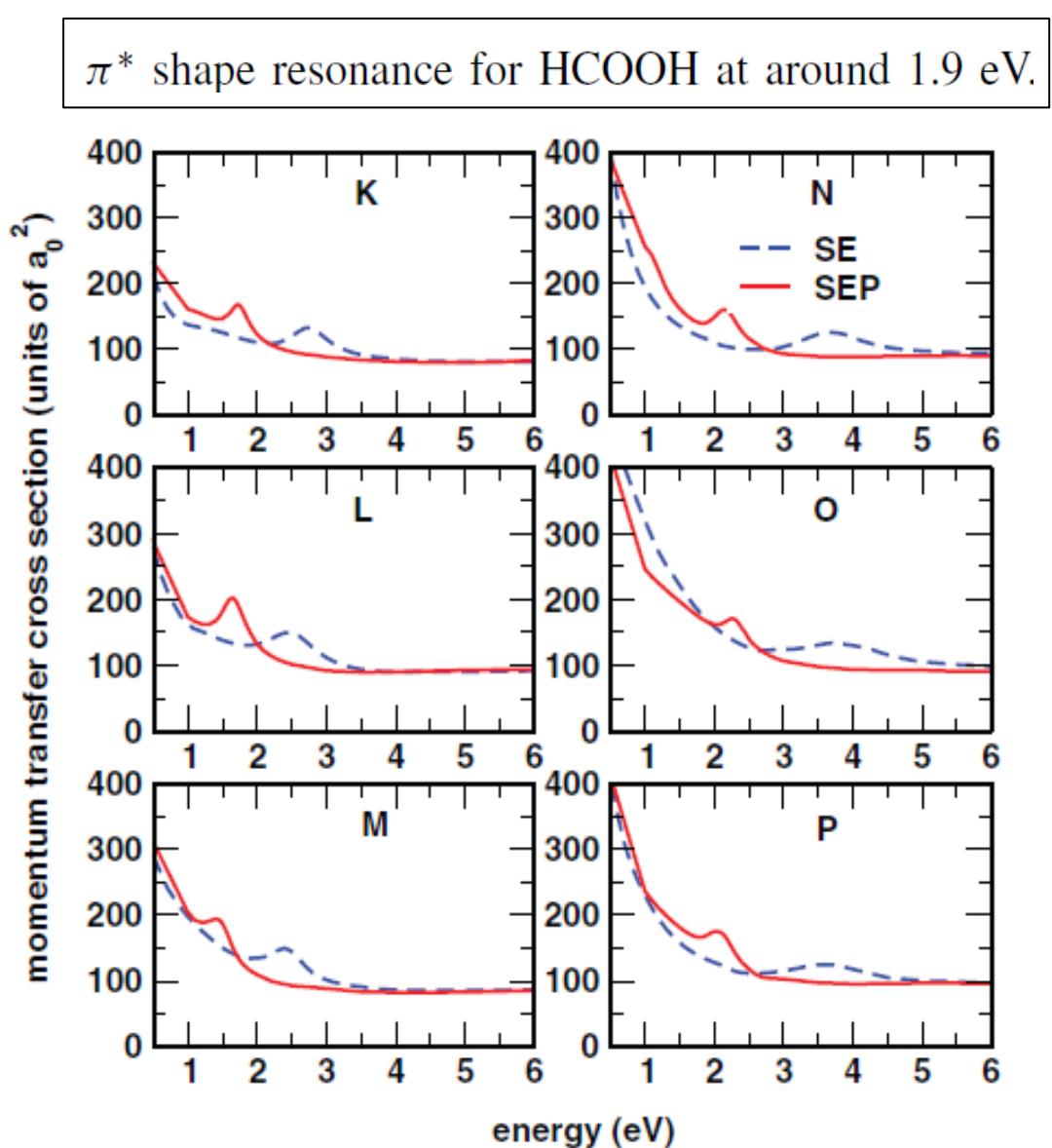
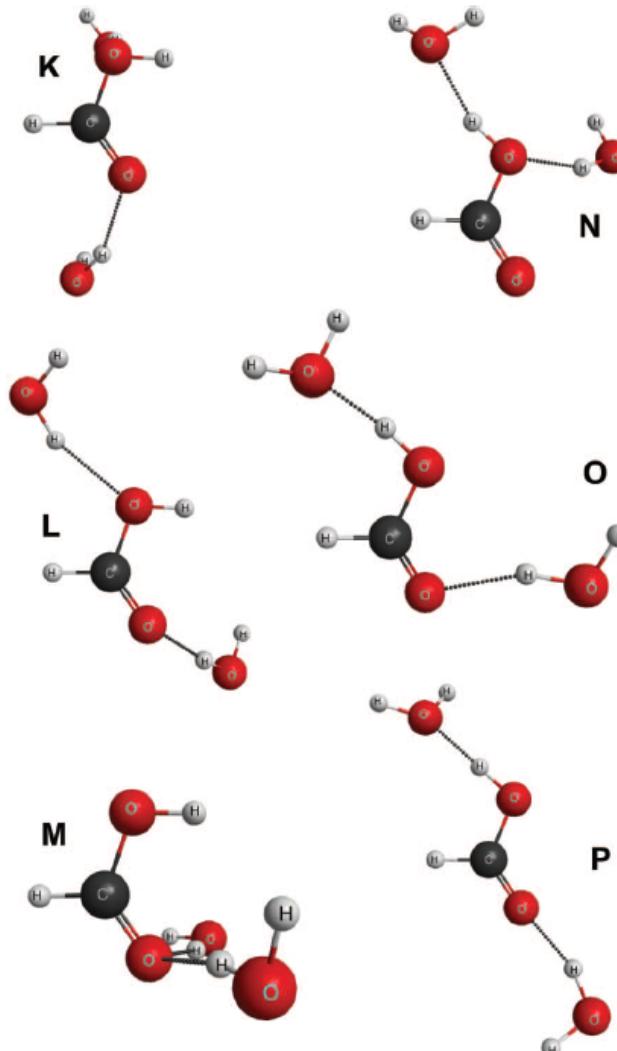
# Electron Collisions with the $\text{CH}_2\text{O}-\text{H}_2\text{O}$ complex

PHYSICAL REVIEW A 80, 062710 (2009)



# Electron collisions with the $\text{HCOOH} \dots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$ complexes ( $n=1, 2$ ) in liquid phase: The influence of microsolvation on the $\pi^*$ resonance of formic acid

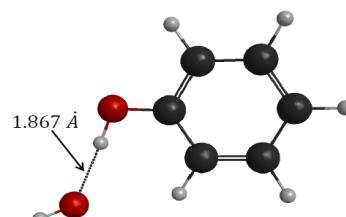
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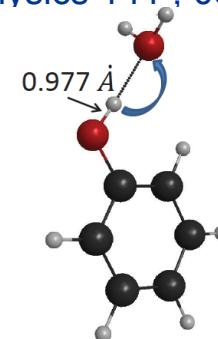
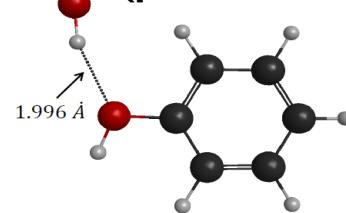
# Electron Collisions with Phenol... $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

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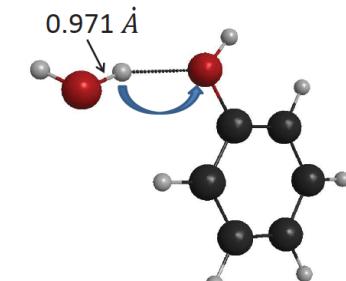
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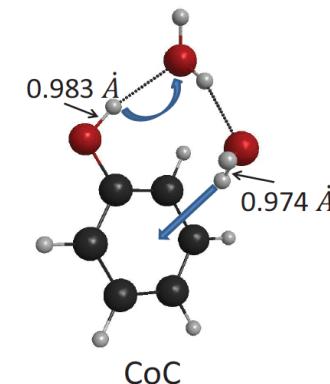
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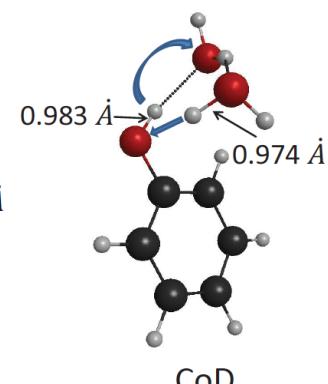
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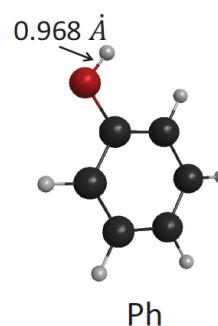
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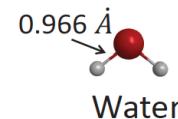
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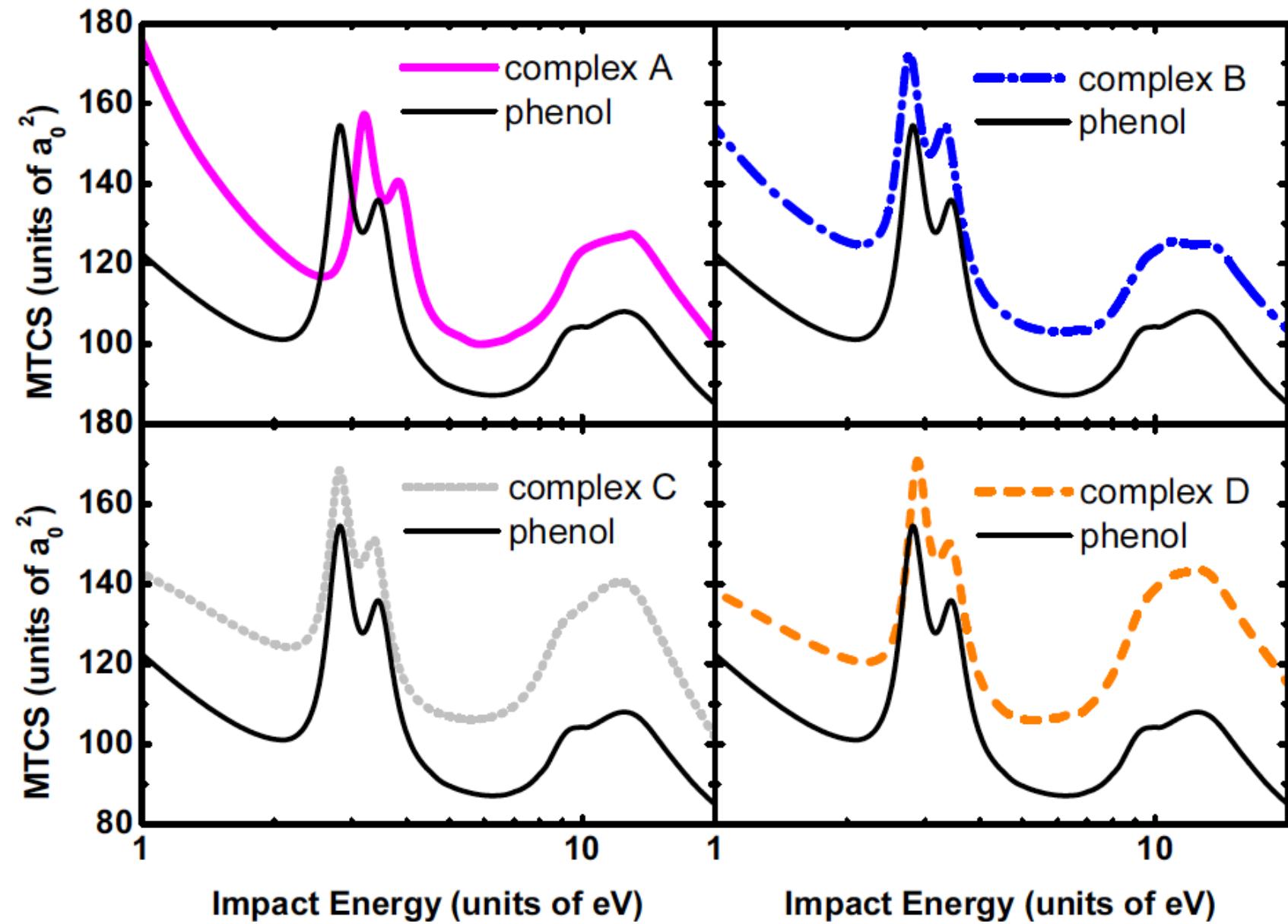
Water

We have studied the microsolvation of Phenol using 4 complexes.

- In Complex A, the water molecule is a proton acceptor.
- In the Complex B, the water is a proton donor.
- Complexes C and D have both situations (one water molecule as acceptor and the other as proton donor).

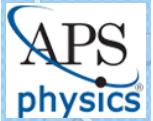
In real situations the resonances may change positions due to an overall donor or acceptor effect!

## Electron Collisions with Phenol...( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )<sub>n</sub>: n=1,2



How useful are these calculations to a modeler?

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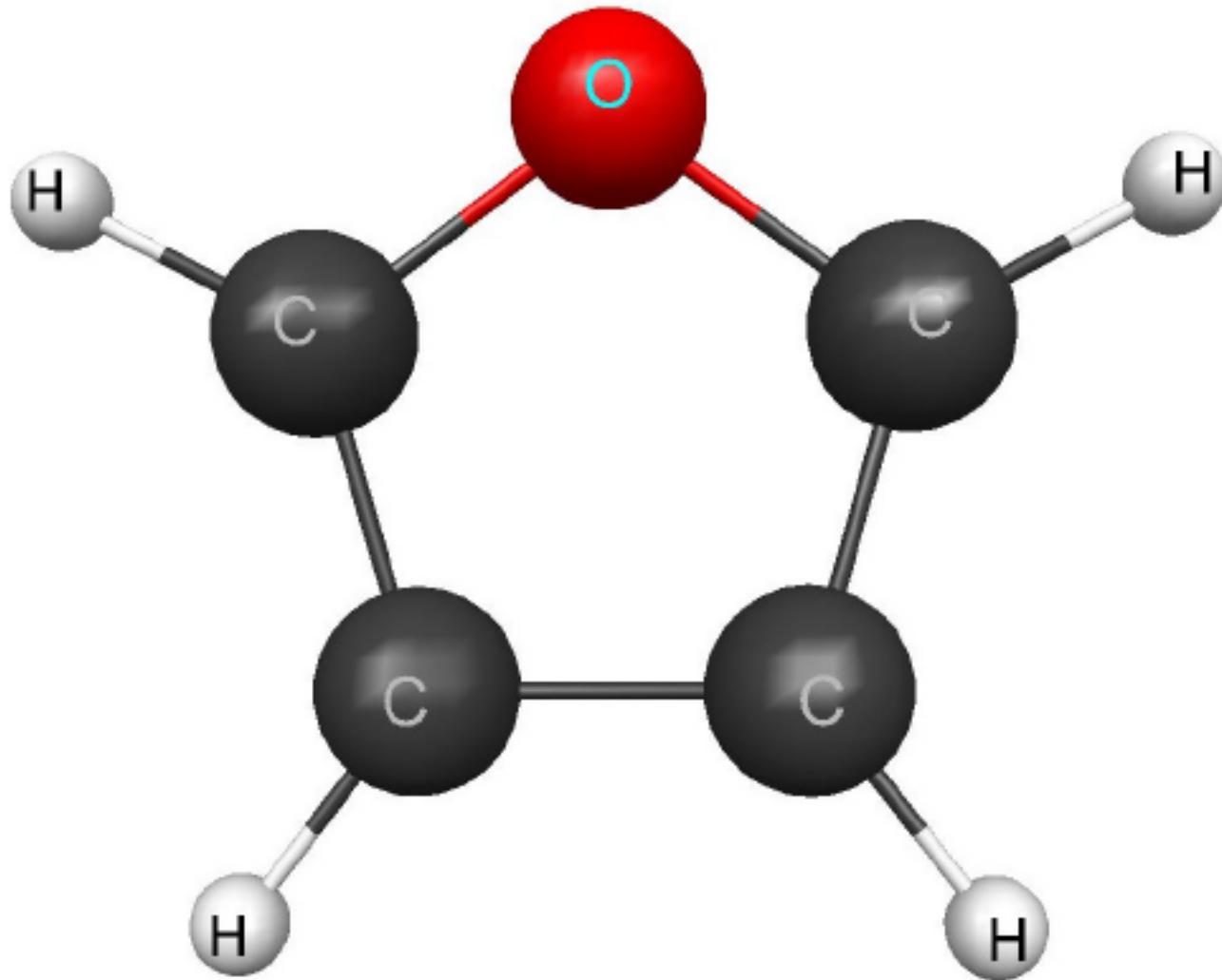
# ELECTRONIC EXCITATION

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Is it enough just to find the positions and widths of existing resonances?

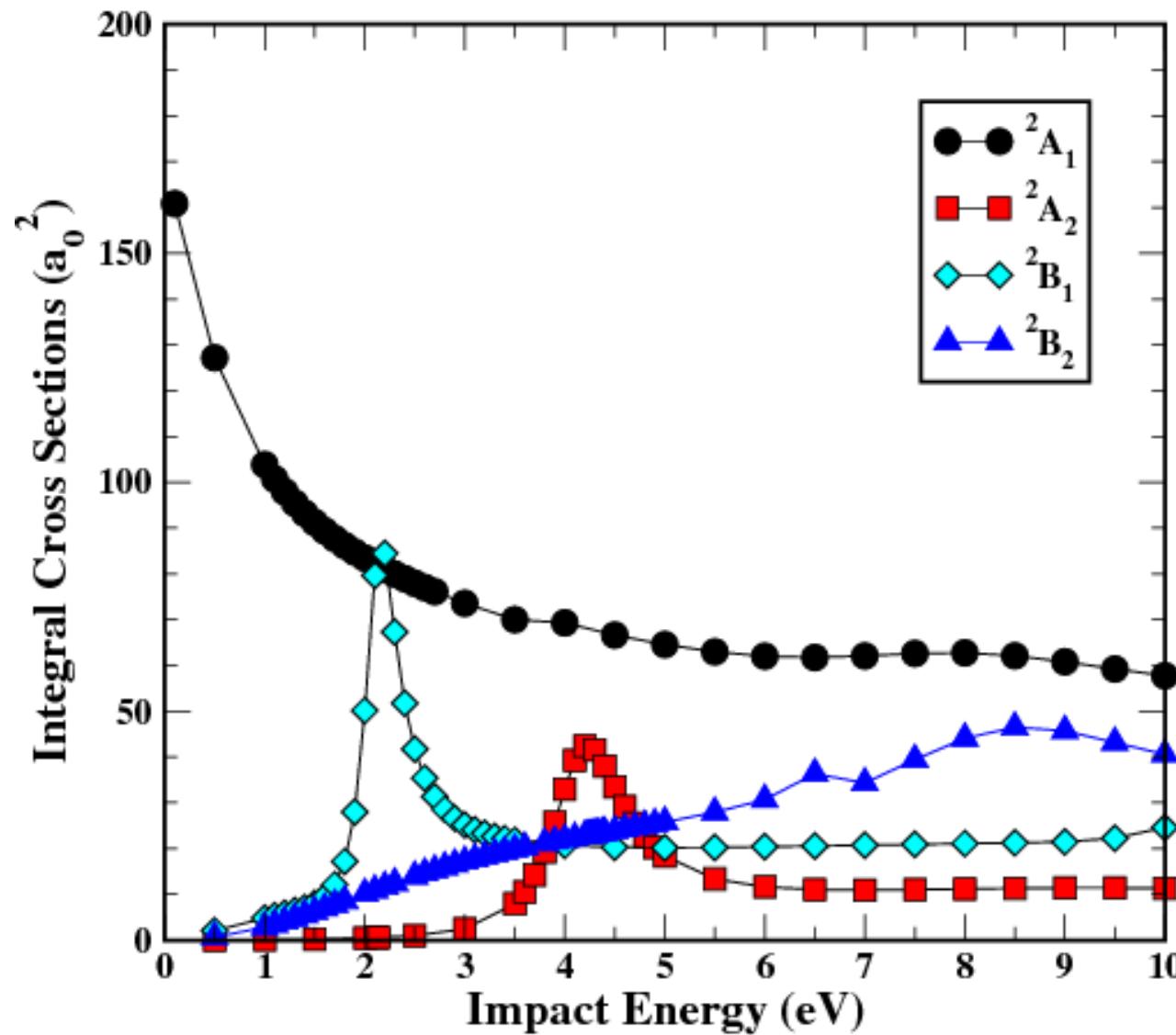
## Electronic excitation of furan by electron impact



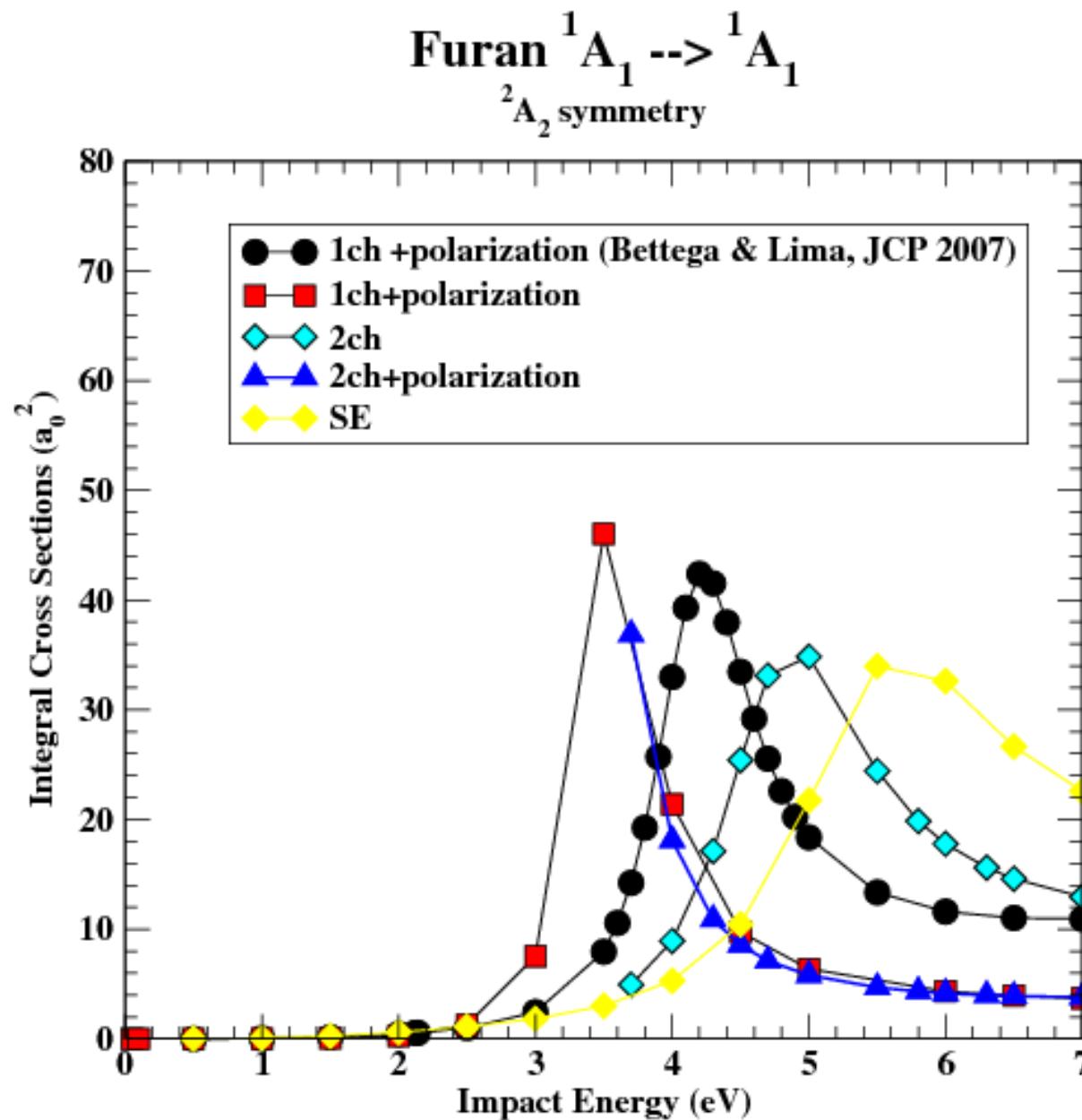
## Furan presents two shape resonances at low impact energies

### Electron-Furan Scattering

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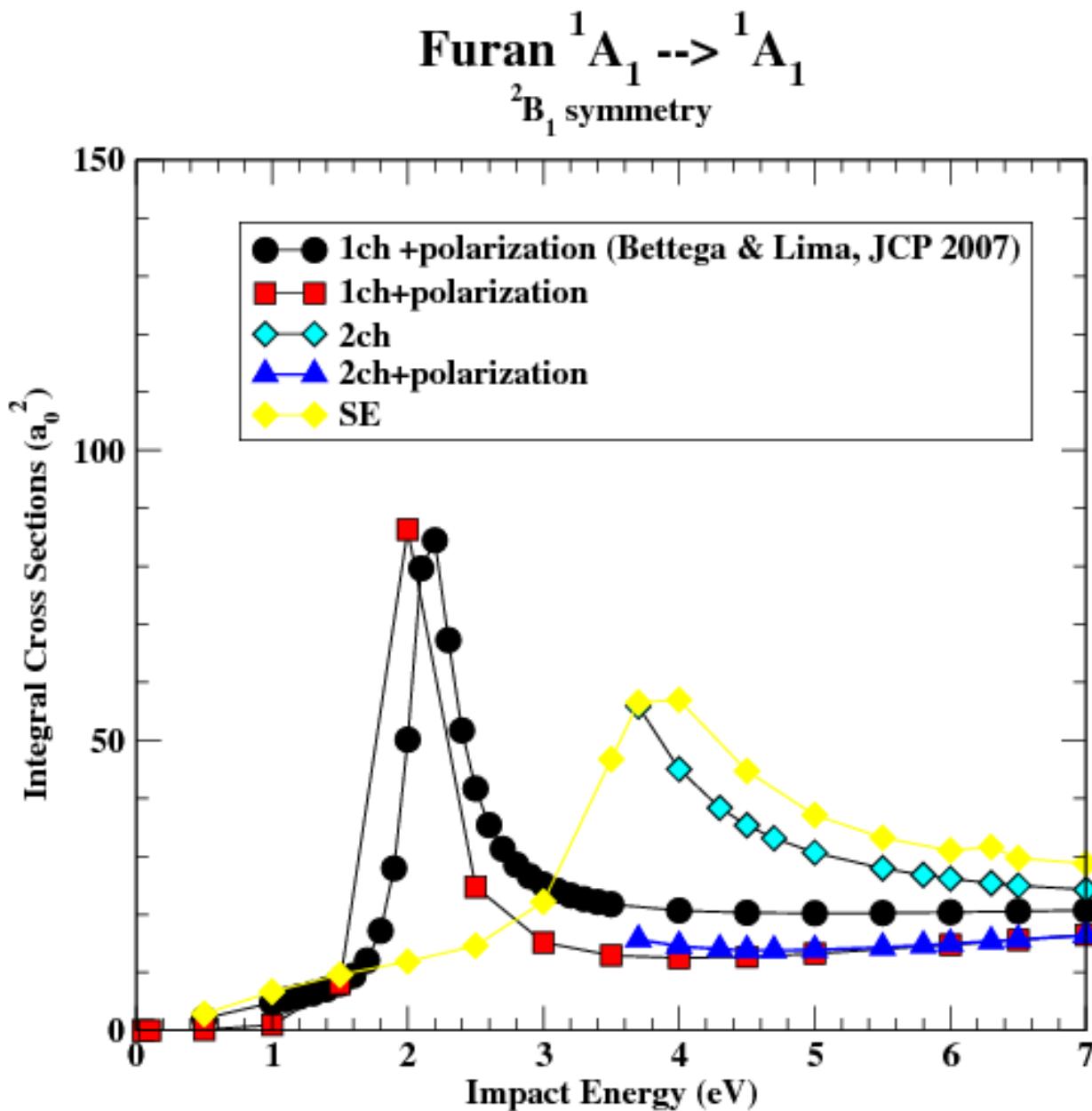


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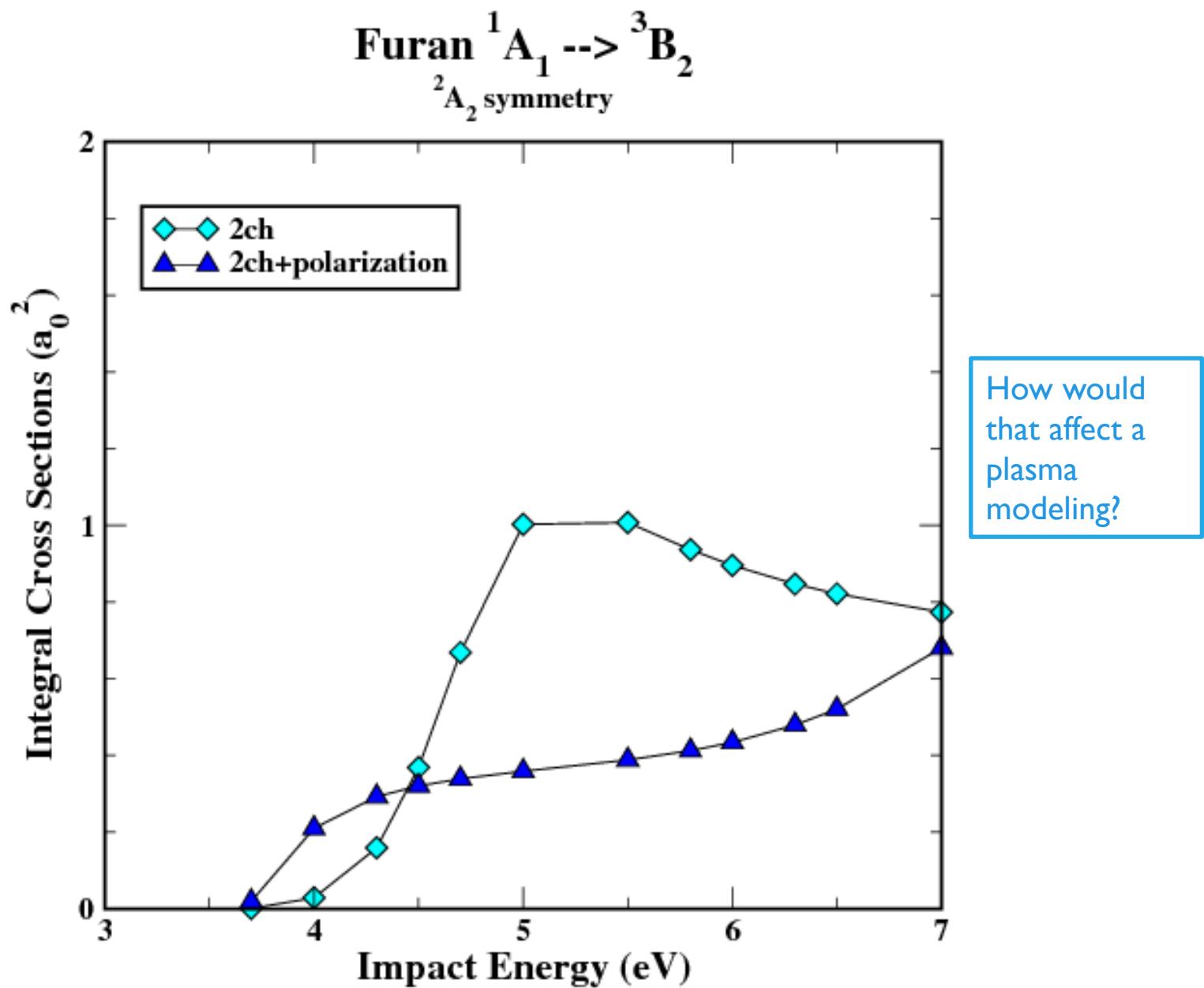
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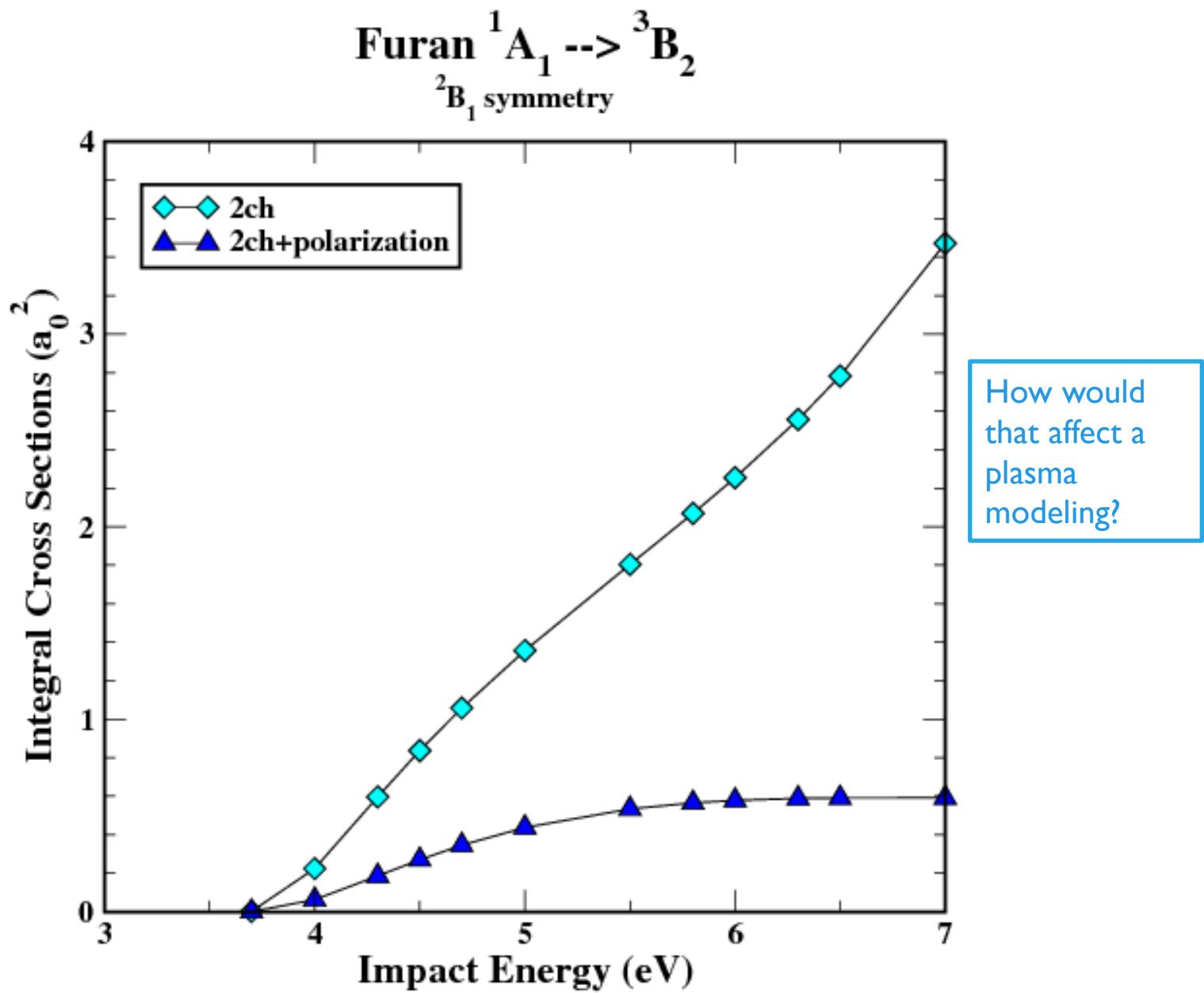


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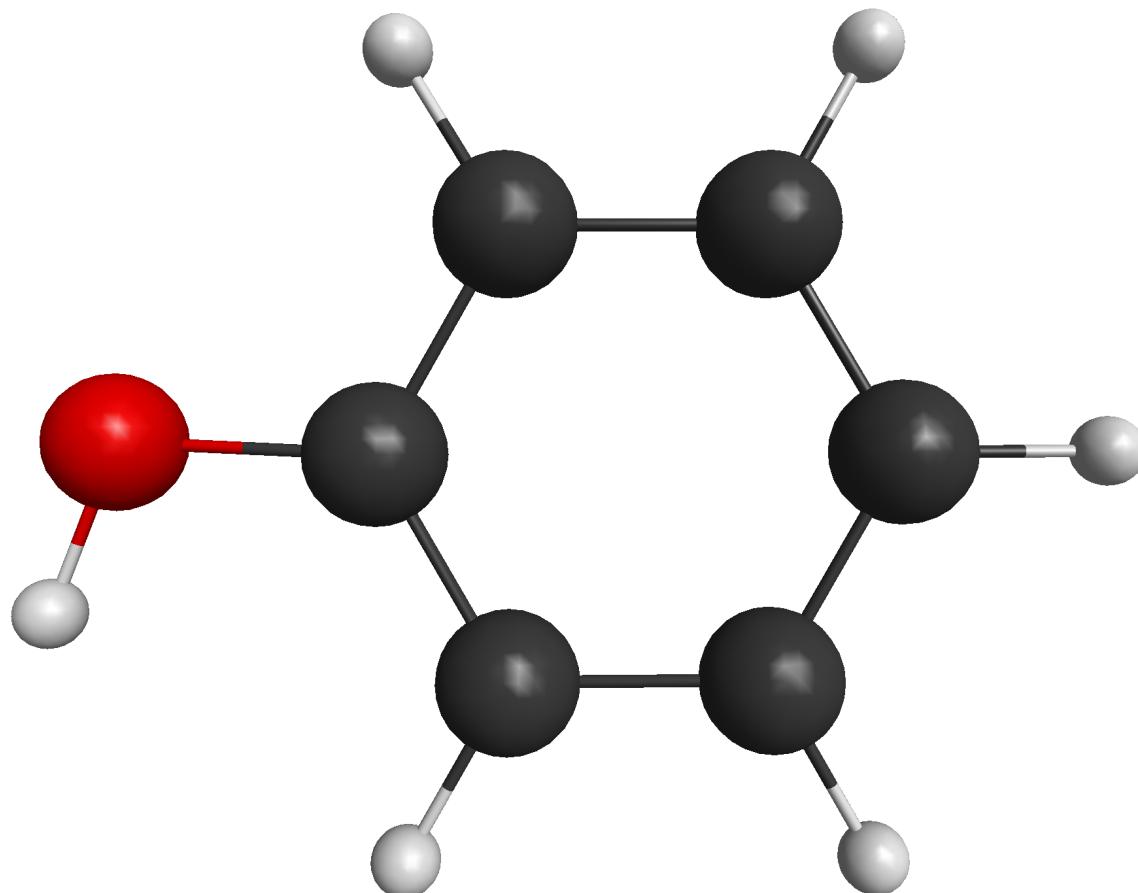


## The resonance positions strongly affect the excitation cross sections



## Electronic excitation of Phenol by electron impact

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# e<sup>-</sup> - Phenol scattering

TABLE I. Experimental and calculated excitation energies, assignments, dominant configurations, and optical oscillator strengths ( $f_0$ ).

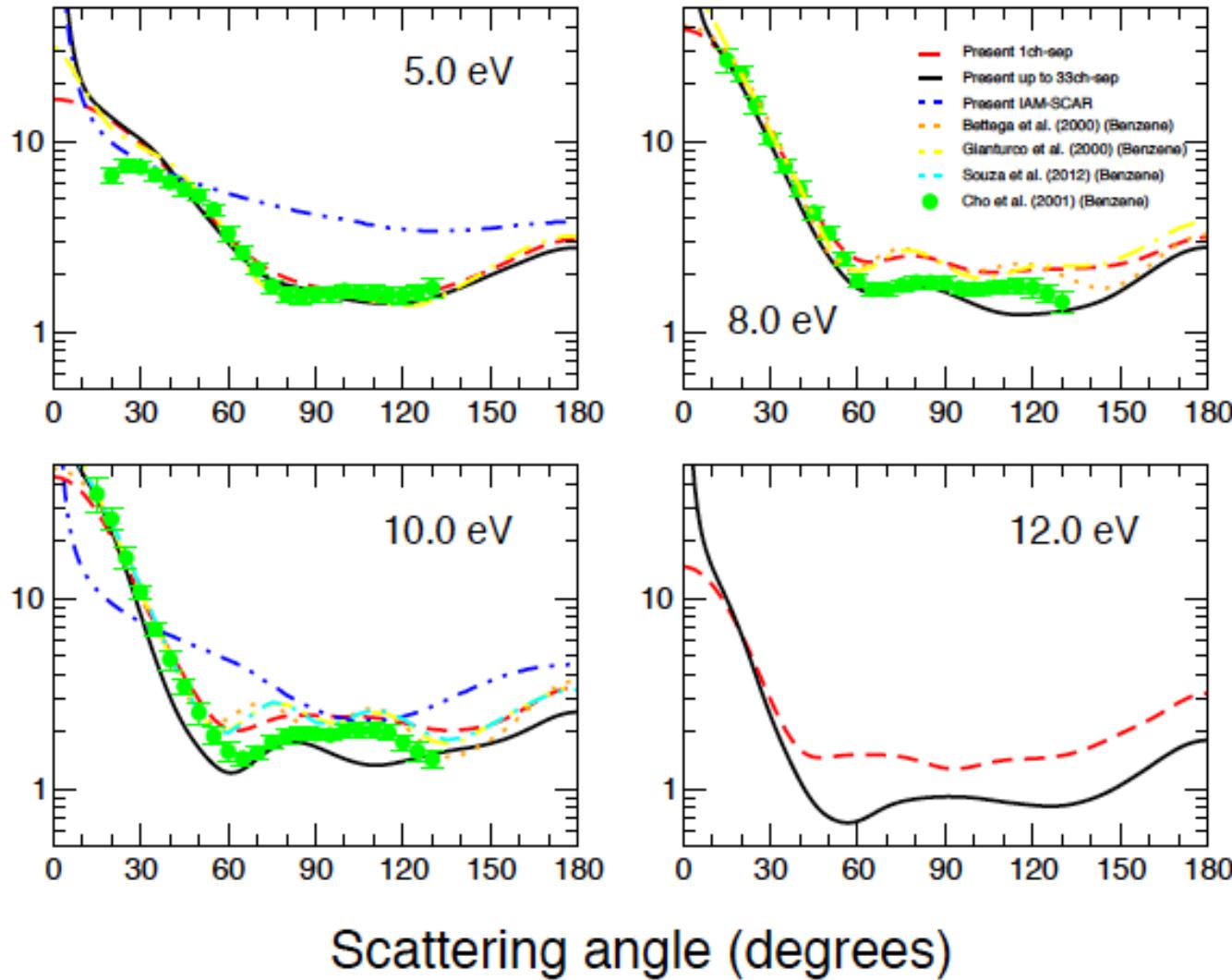
Band	Expt. energy (eV)	State	TD-DFT			MOB-SCI		Full-SCI	
			Energy (eV)	Dominant excitation(s)	$f_0$	Energy (eV)	$f_0$	Energy (eV)	$f_0$
I	3.4–4.3	<sup>3</sup> A'	3.71	3a''→5a''; 4a''→6a''	0	3.57	0	3.29	0
		<sup>3</sup> A'	4.10	4a''→5a''	0	4.73	0	4.49	0
II	4.3–5.4	<sup>3</sup> A'	4.53	3a''→5a''; 4a''→6a''	0	4.90	0	4.78	0
		<sup>1</sup> A'	4.99	3a''→6a''; 4a''→5a''	0.0312	6.09	0.0248	5.82	0.0381
		<sup>3</sup> A''	5.06	4a''→22a'	0	6.16	0	5.94	0
		<sup>1</sup> A''	5.13	4a''→22a'	0.0001	6.21	0.0001	6.06	0.0001
		<sup>3</sup> A'	5.30	3a''→6a''	0	6.03	0	5.73	0
III	5.4–6.3	<sup>3</sup> A''	5.53	4a''→23a'	0	6.78	0	6.53	0
		<sup>1</sup> A''	5.57	4a''→23a'	0.0034	6.86	0.0274	6.68	0.0177
		<sup>1</sup> A'	5.76	3a''→5a''; 4a''→6a''	0.0328	6.80	0.0031	6.12	0.0025
		<sup>3</sup> A''	5.90	3a''→22a'; 4a''→24a'	0	6.92	0	6.73	0
		<sup>1</sup> A''	5.92	4a''→24a'	0				
		<sup>3</sup> A''	5.95	3a''→22a''; 4a''→24a'	0				
		<sup>1</sup> A''	5.98	3a''→22a'	0.0021	6.99	0	6.86	0.0020
		<sup>3</sup> A''	6.27	4a''→25a'	0				
		<sup>1</sup> A''	6.31	4a''→25a'	0.0115				
IV	6.3–7.3	<sup>3</sup> A''	6.32	3a''→23a'	0				
		<sup>1</sup> A''	6.35	3a''→23a'	0.0010				
		<sup>3</sup> A''	6.52	4a''→26a'	0				
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		<sup>3</sup> A''	6.63	3a''→24a'	0				
		<sup>1</sup> A'	6.66	3a''→6a''	0.3744				
		<sup>1</sup> A''	6.66	3a''→24a'	0.0202				
		<sup>1</sup> A'	6.71	3a''→5a''; 4a''→6a''	0.5827				
		<sup>3</sup> A''	6.84	4a''→27a'; 4a''→28a'	0				
		<sup>3</sup> A'	6.85	2a''→5a''	0				
		<sup>3</sup> A'	6.93	4a''→7a''	0				
		<sup>1</sup> A''	6.93	4a''→27a'; 4a''→28a'	0.0009				
		<sup>1</sup> A'	7.01	4a''→7a''	0.0148				
		<sup>3</sup> A''	7.07	3a''→25a'	0				
		<sup>1</sup> A''	7.08	3a''→25a'	0				
		<sup>3</sup> A'	7.11	2a''→6a''	0				
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		<sup>3</sup> A''	7.27	21a'→5a''	0				
		<sup>3</sup> A''	7.29	3a''→26a'	0				
V	7.3–8.6	<sup>1</sup> A''	7.32	3a''→26a'	0.0002				
		<sup>1</sup> A''	7.57	21a'→5a''	0.0043				
		<sup>3</sup> A''	7.58	4a''→29a'	0				
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No state-by-state resolution. Our experimental resolution is by bands of electronic states

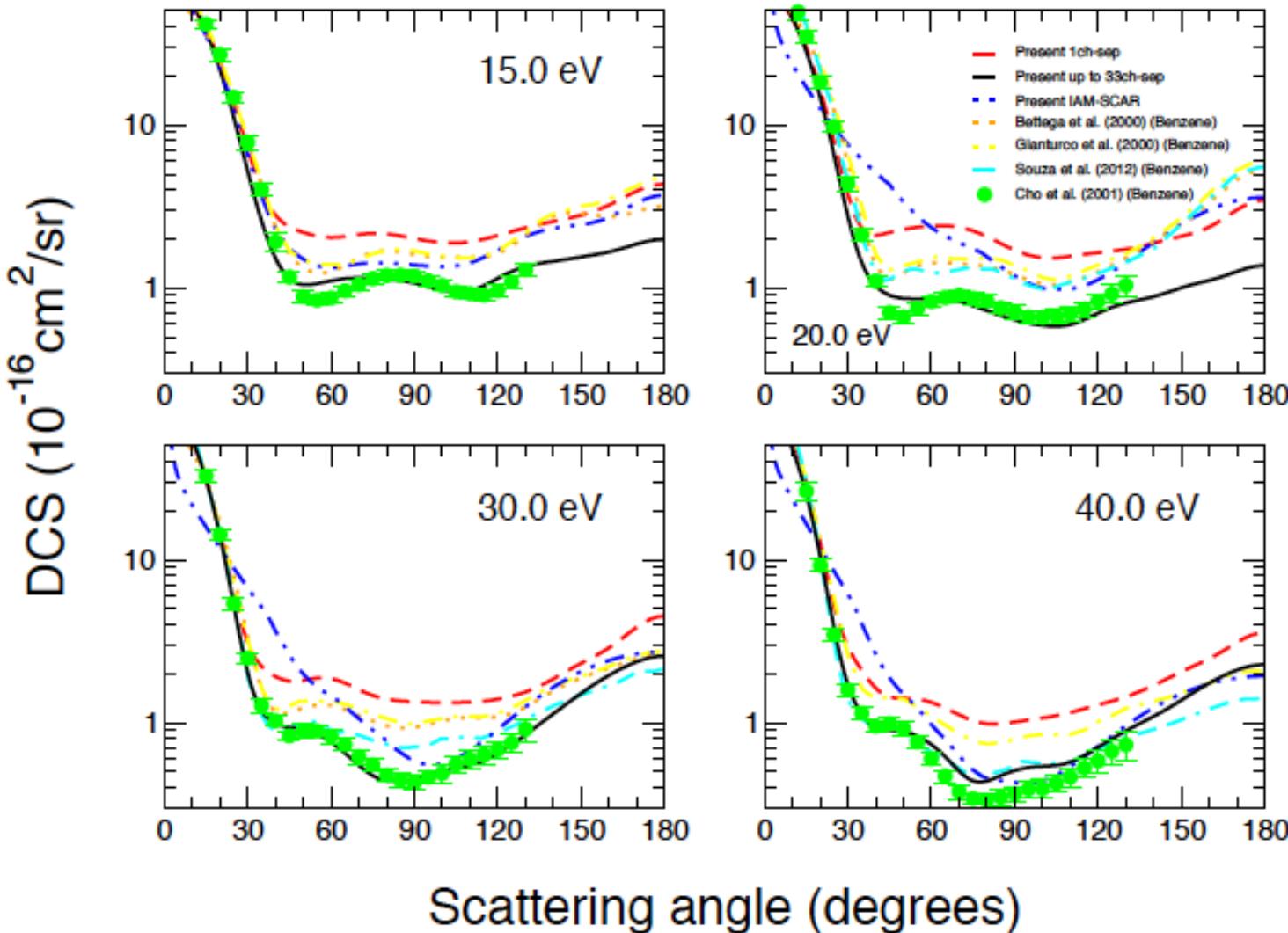
Our scattering calculations have 5 singlets and 7 triplets below 7eV in good agreement with the full single configuration interaction. We also included 20 additional pseudo states as possible open channels (a total of 33 channels)

DCS ( $10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2/\text{sr}$ )

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

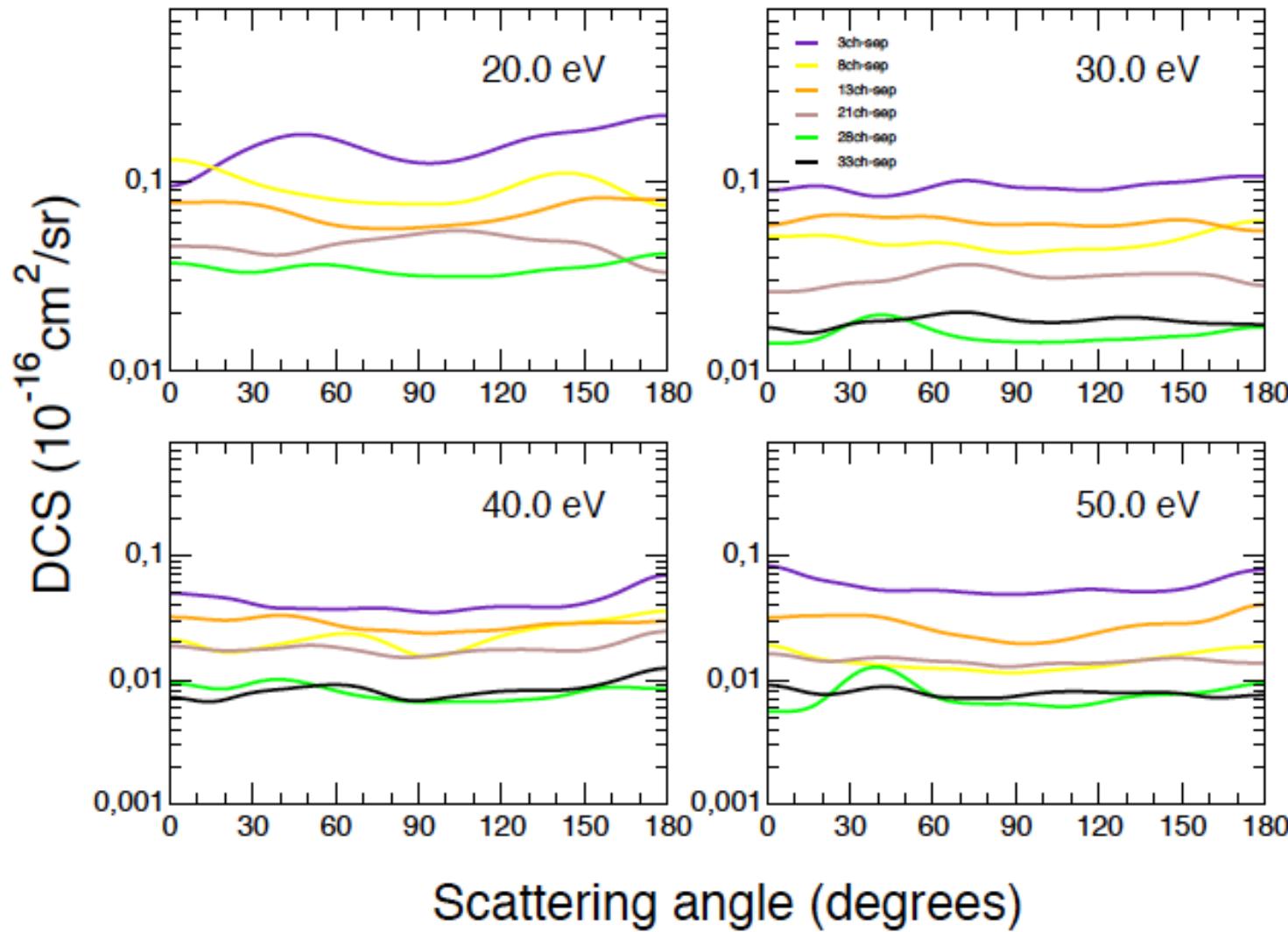


## Multichannel coupling on electron-Phenol scattering: Effects on the Elastic channel



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

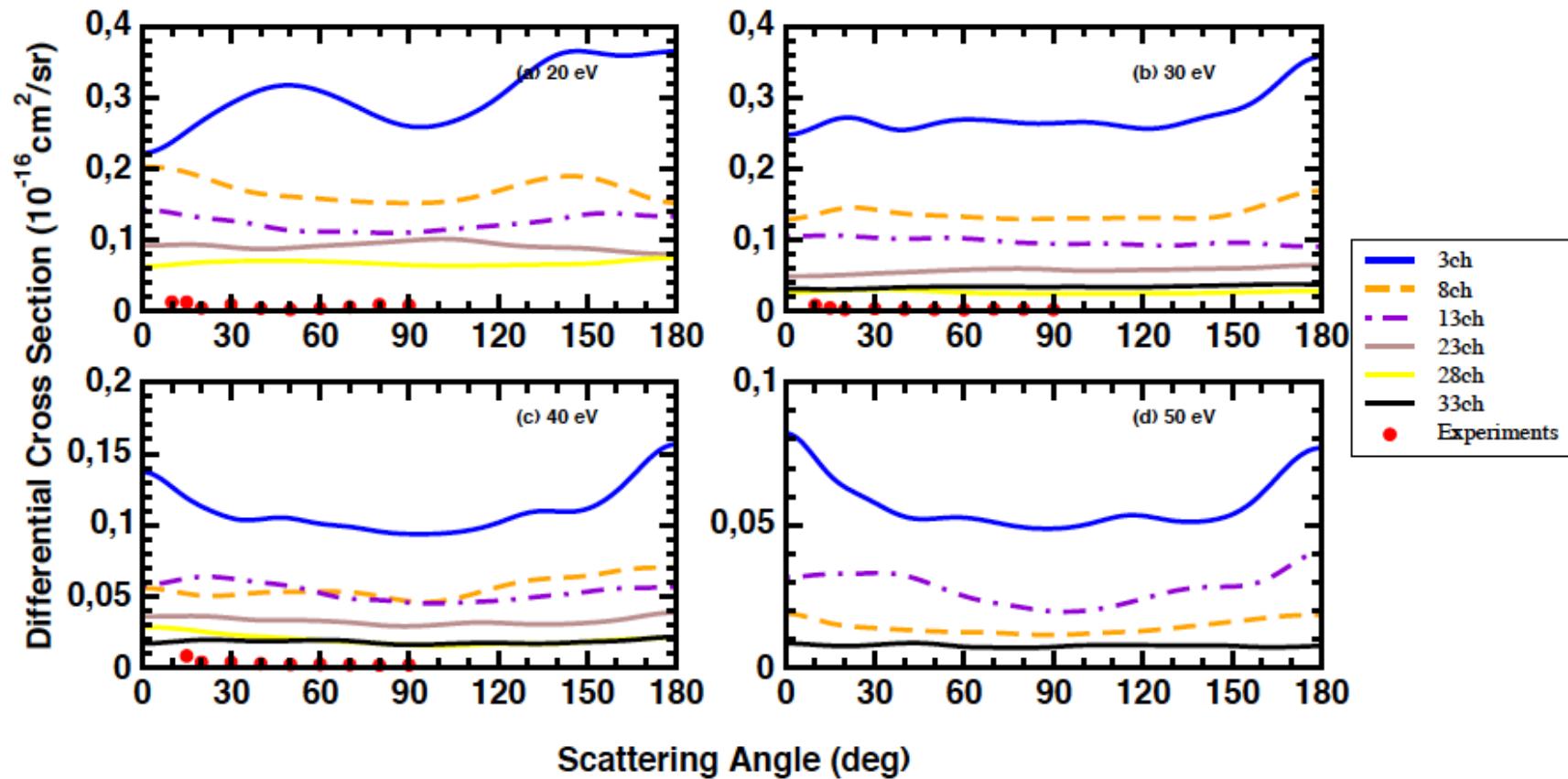


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It reminds a classical picture of a river blocked by gates. As you open more gates the flux through all of them decreases.

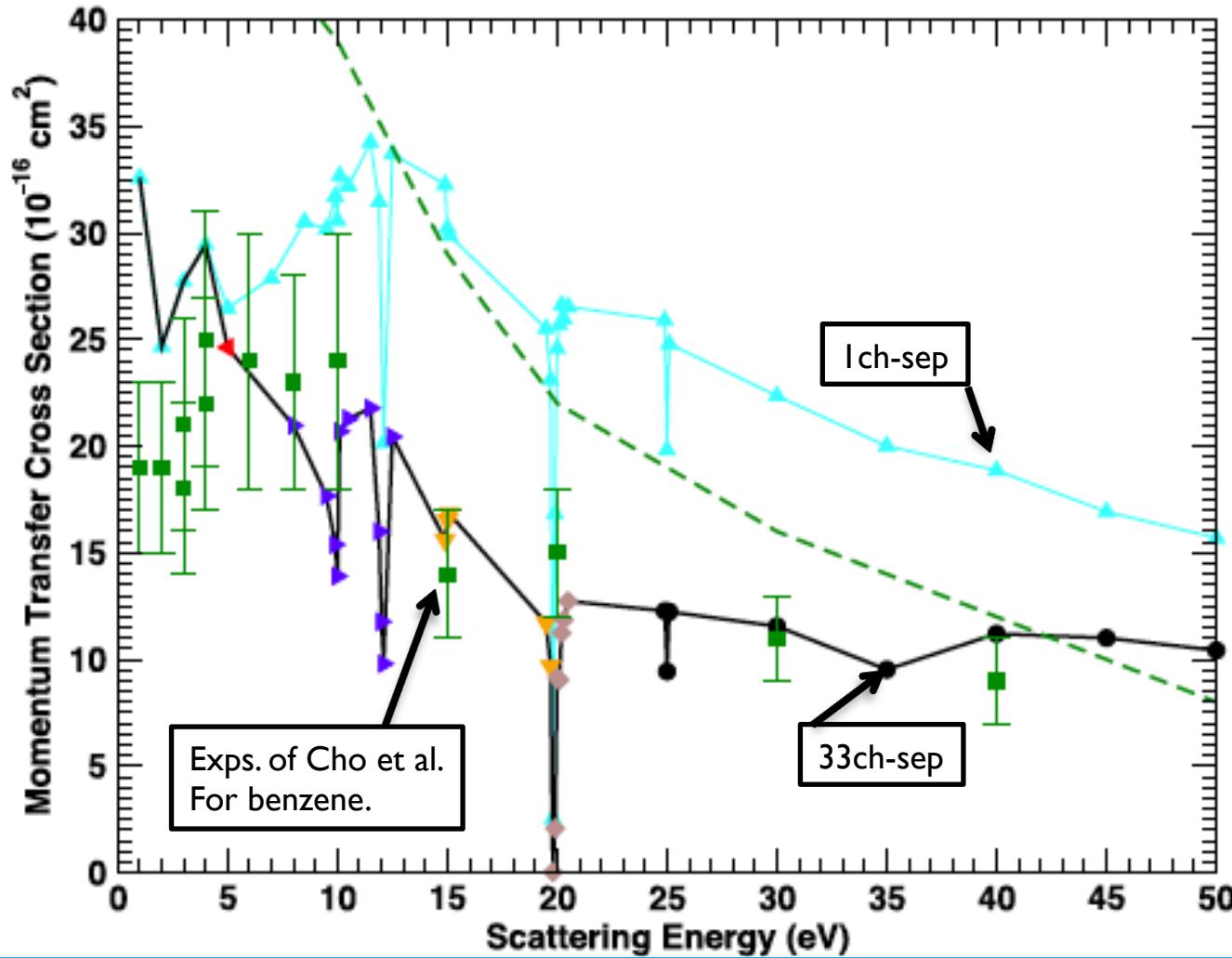
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## Phenol: electronic excitation of Band I



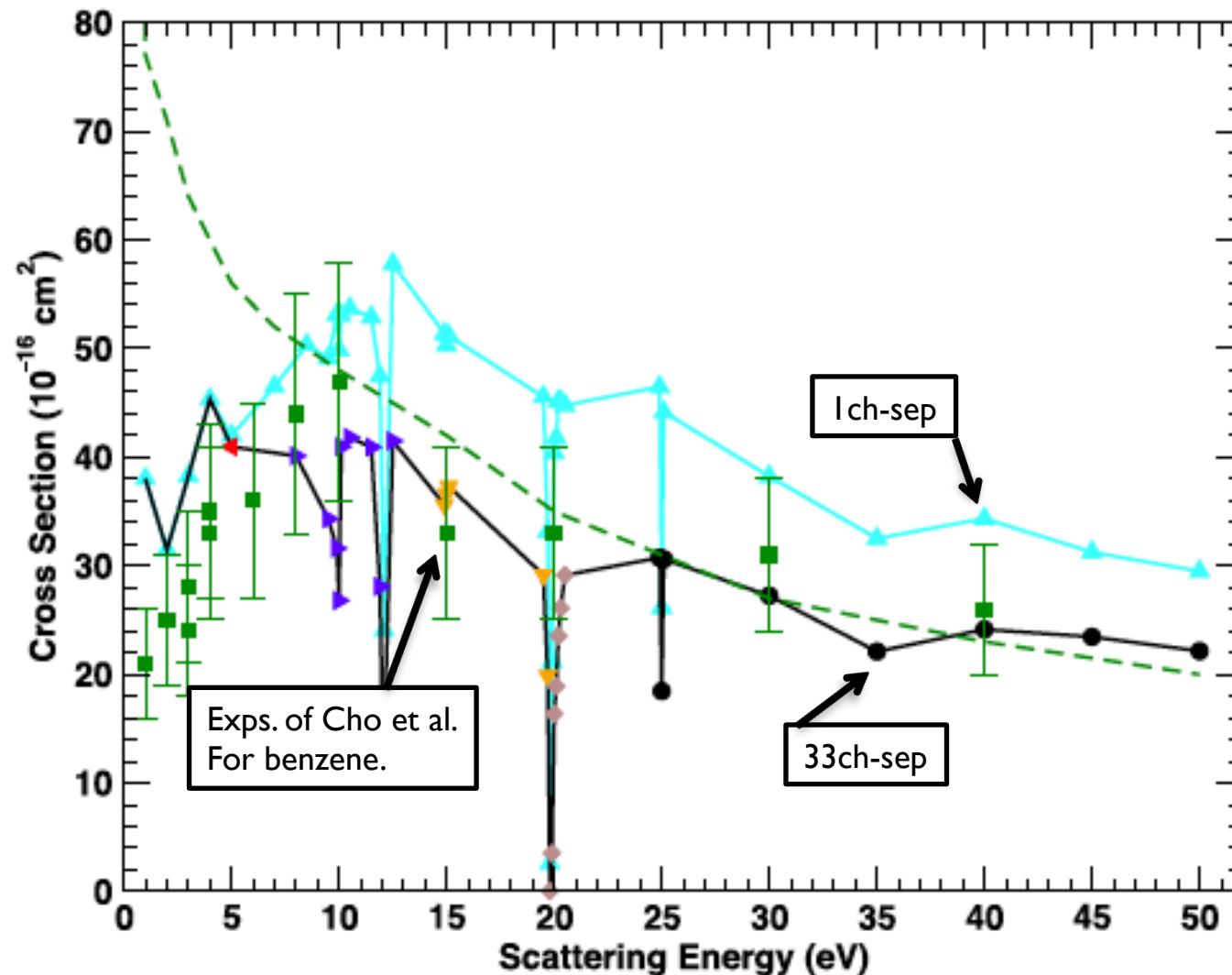
Still a factor of 3-4 from experiments. How would that affect modeling?

## Multichannel effects on the elastic **momentum transfer cross sections** for electron-phenol scattering



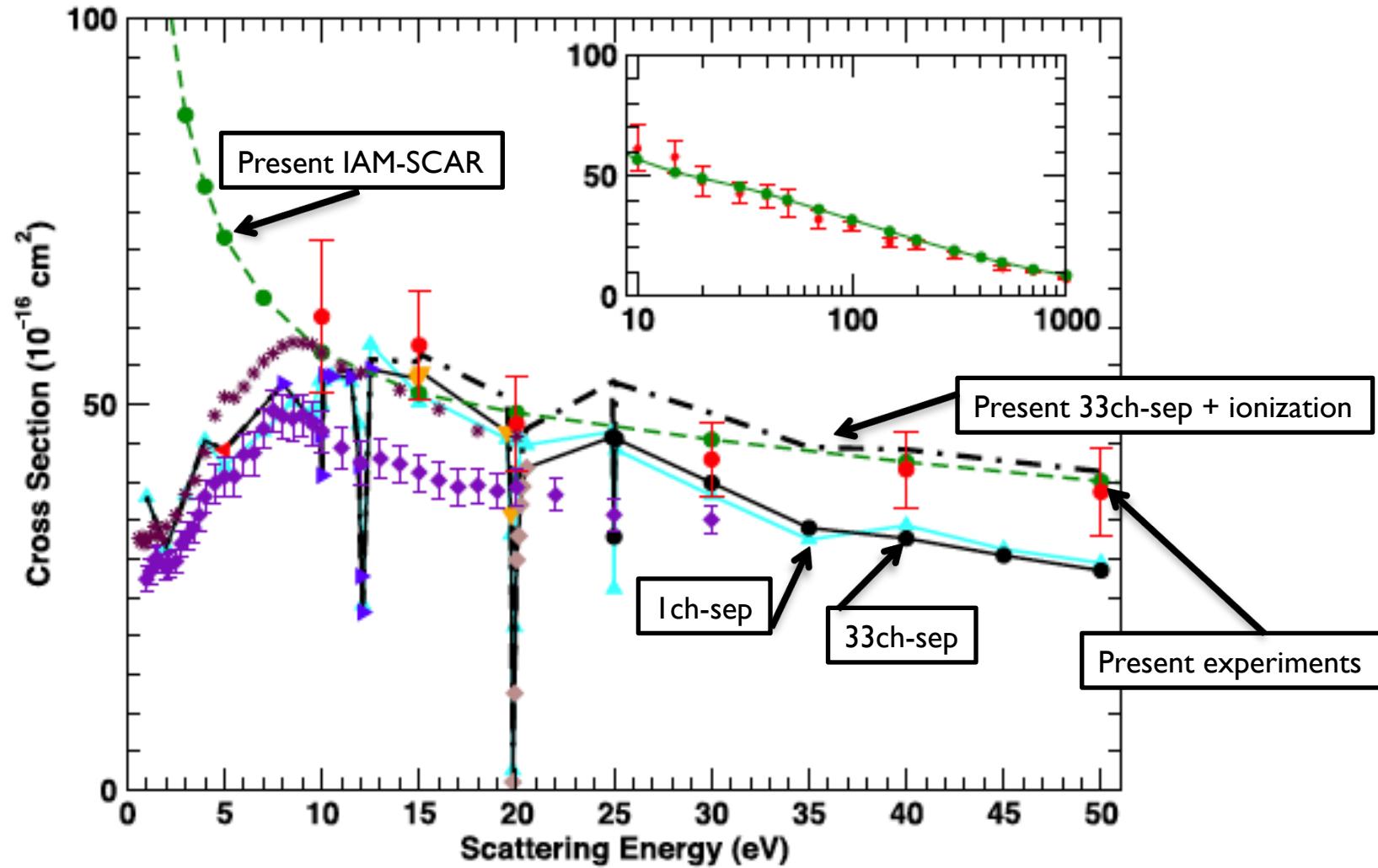
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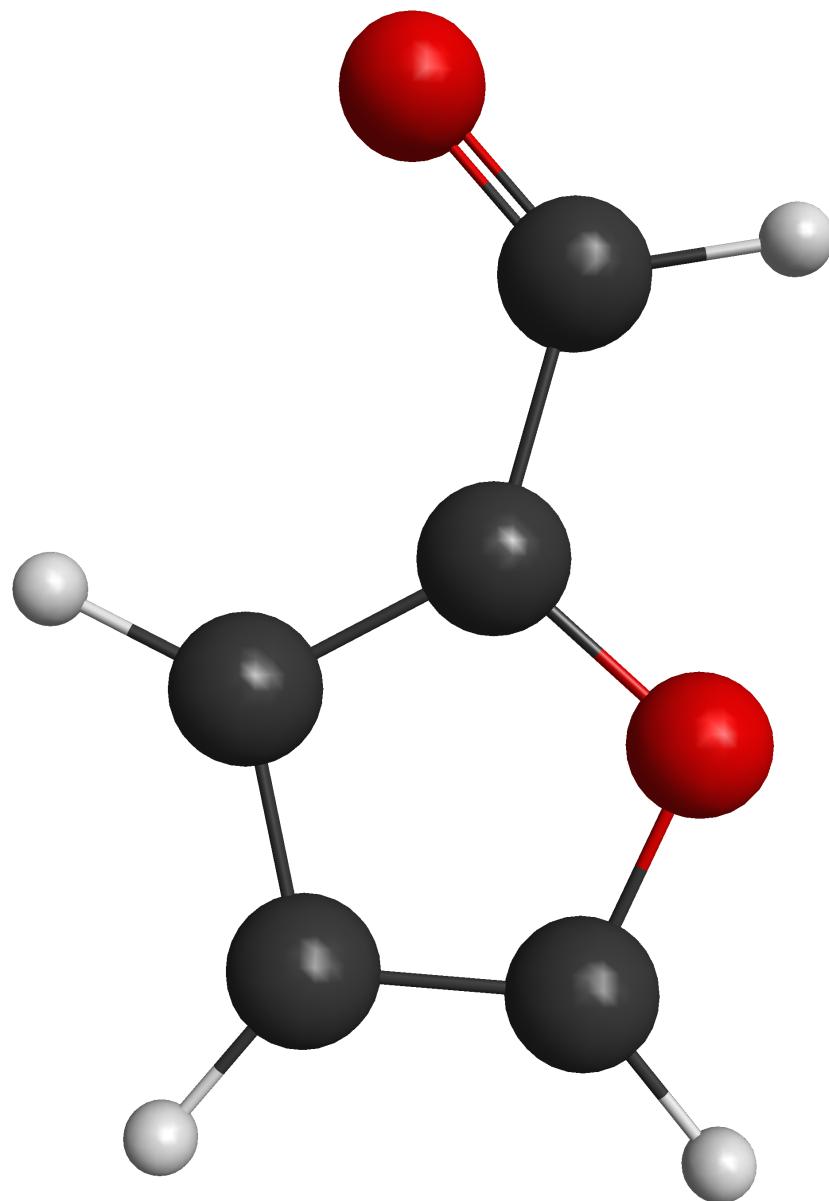
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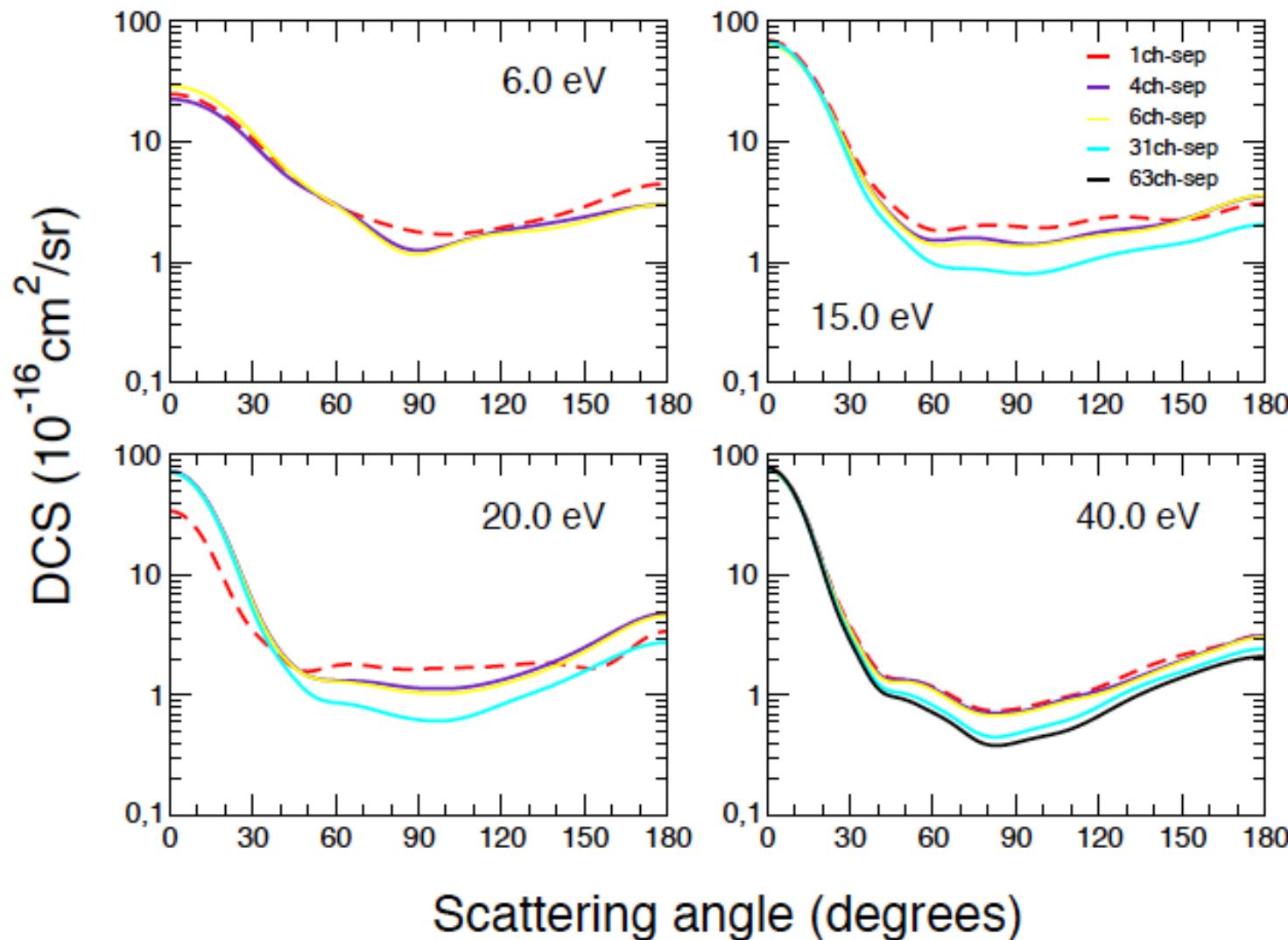
Note that the TCS in the 1ch-sep approximation is similar to the 33ch-sep case. This supports the flux competition picture.

## Electronic excitation of furfural by electron impact

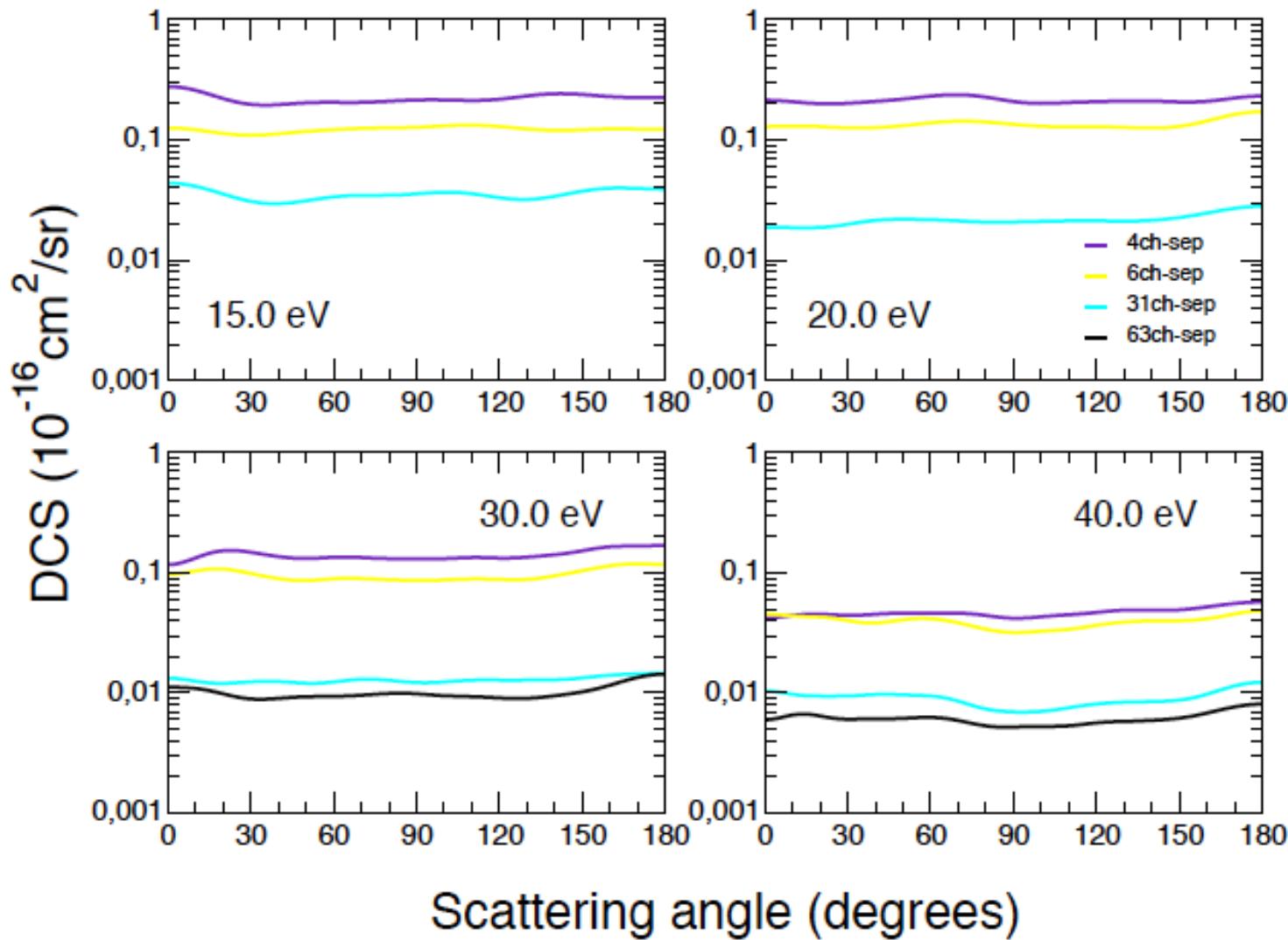
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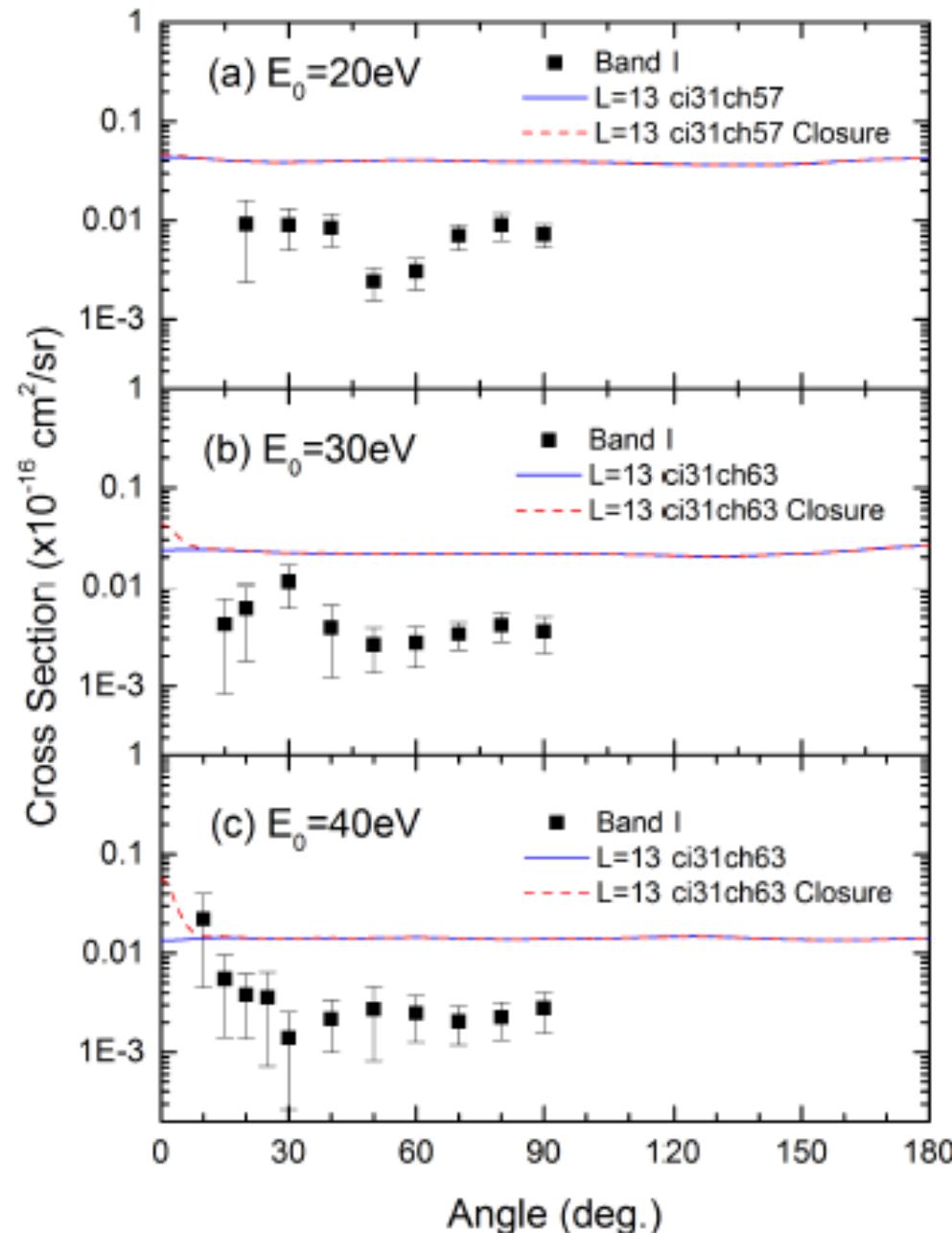
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## Electronic excitation of furfural by electron impact: Effects on the first triplet state channel

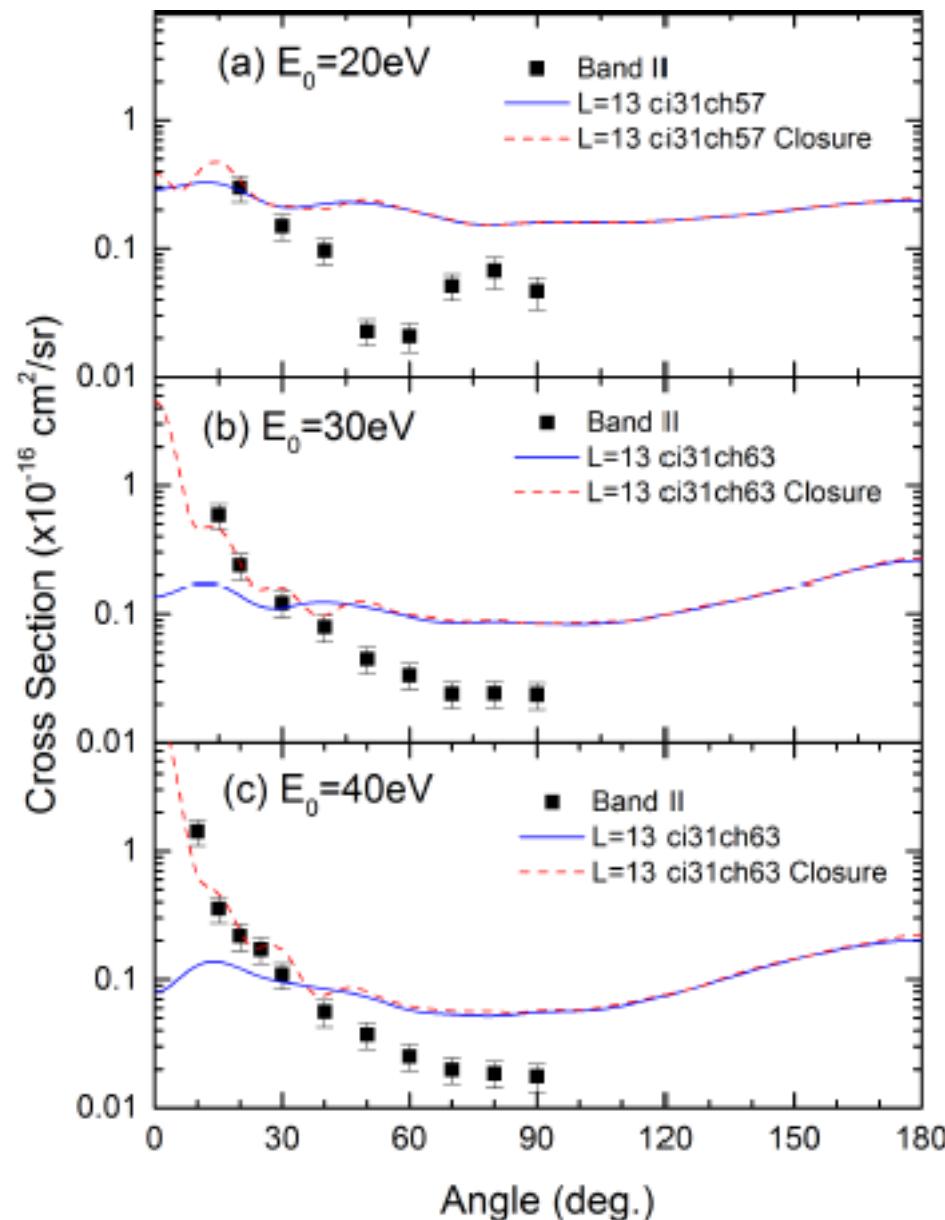


## Electronic excitation of Band I of furfural by electron impact:



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 1<sup>st</sup> Born approximation (which may work fine). Higher angles is a factor of 3 to 5 different. Is it good?

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# CONCLUSION

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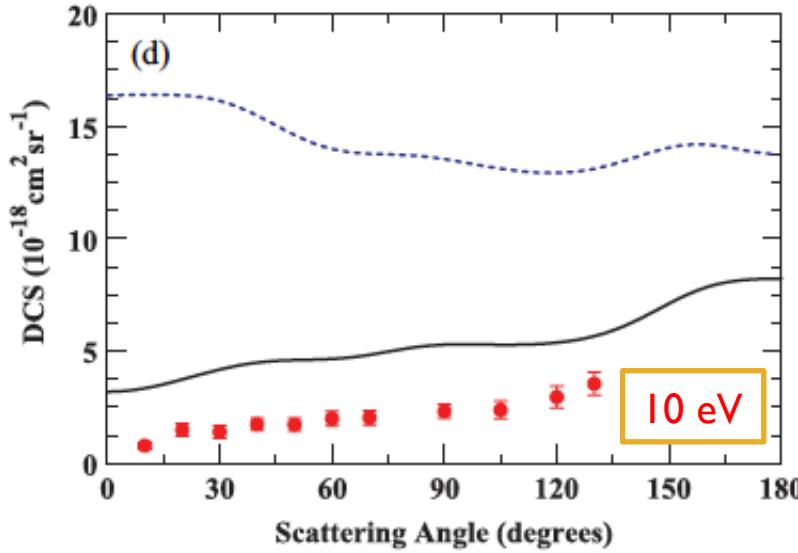
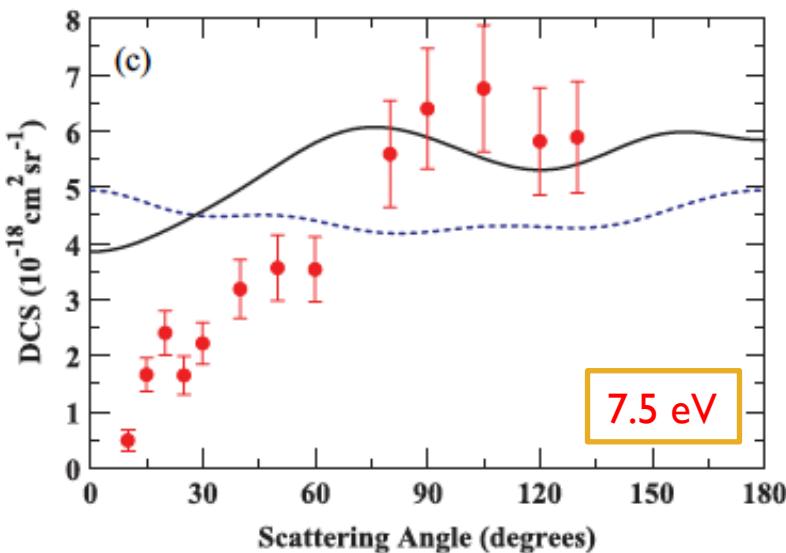
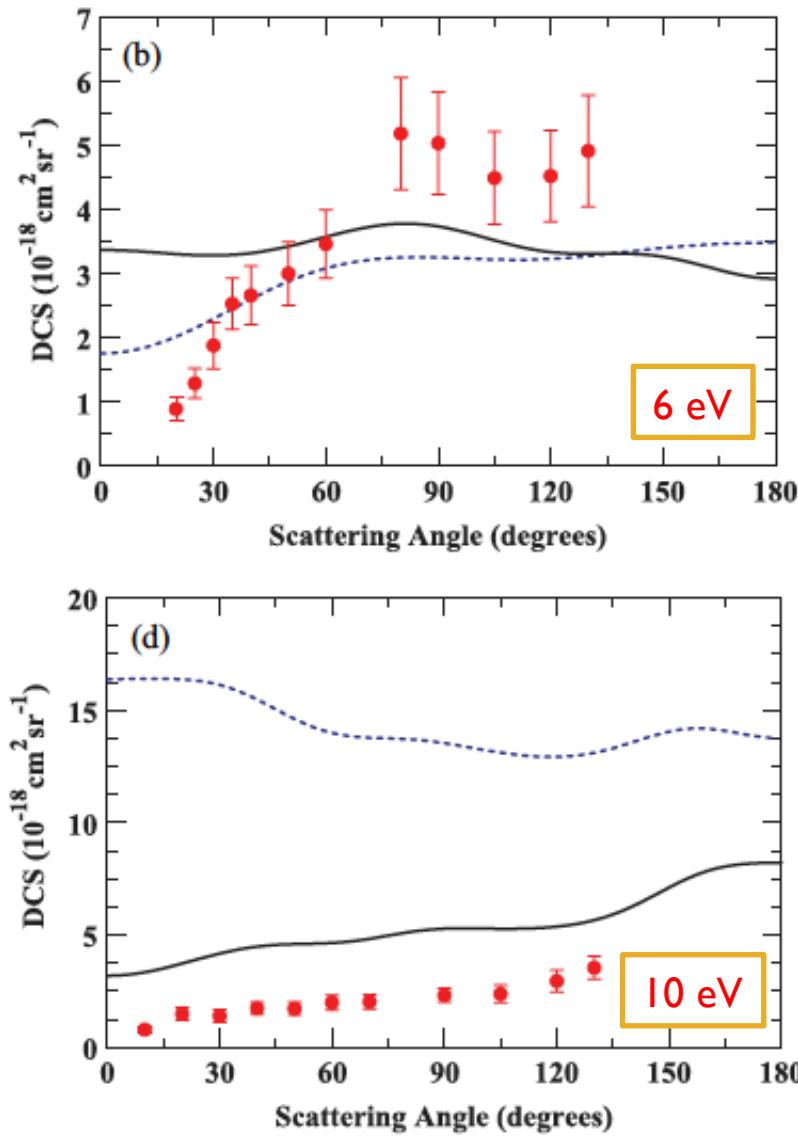
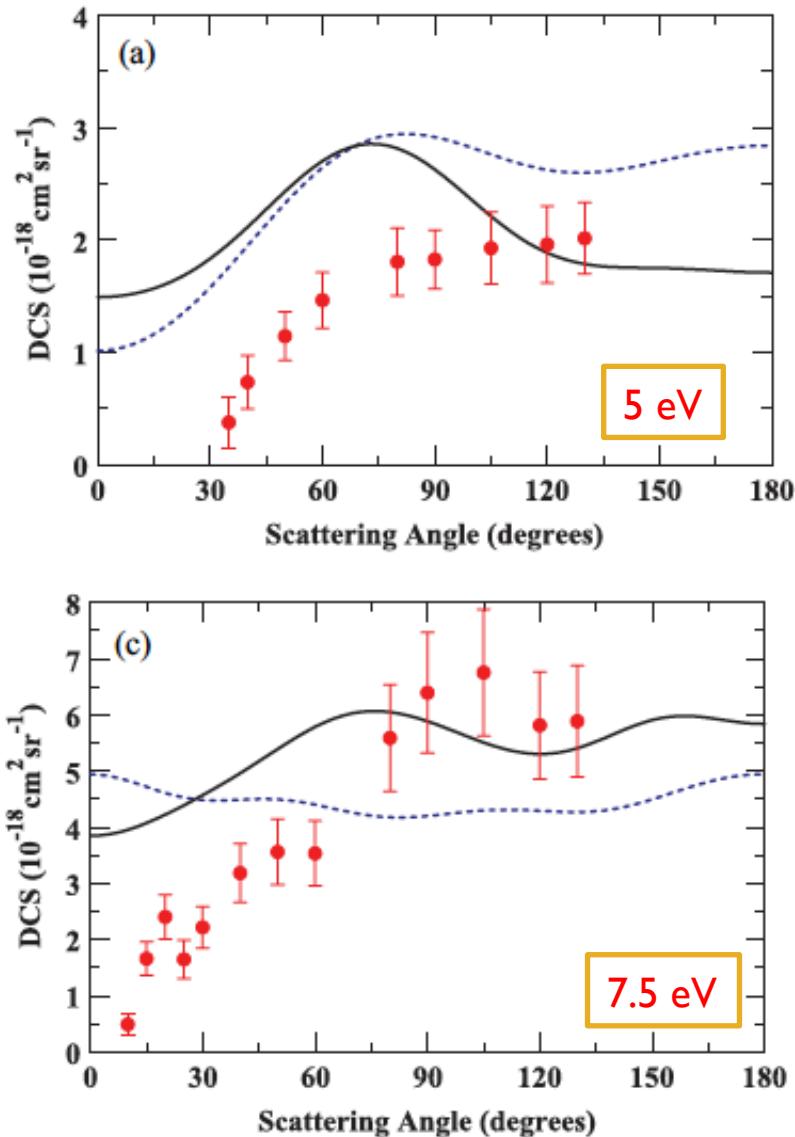
**We (from the basic science community on electron-molecule scattering) justify our research on very important and (in some cases) very profitable applications. We have to work closer to plasma modelers in order to assess the quality and importance of our data (theory and experiment).**

**Thank you very much for your attention**

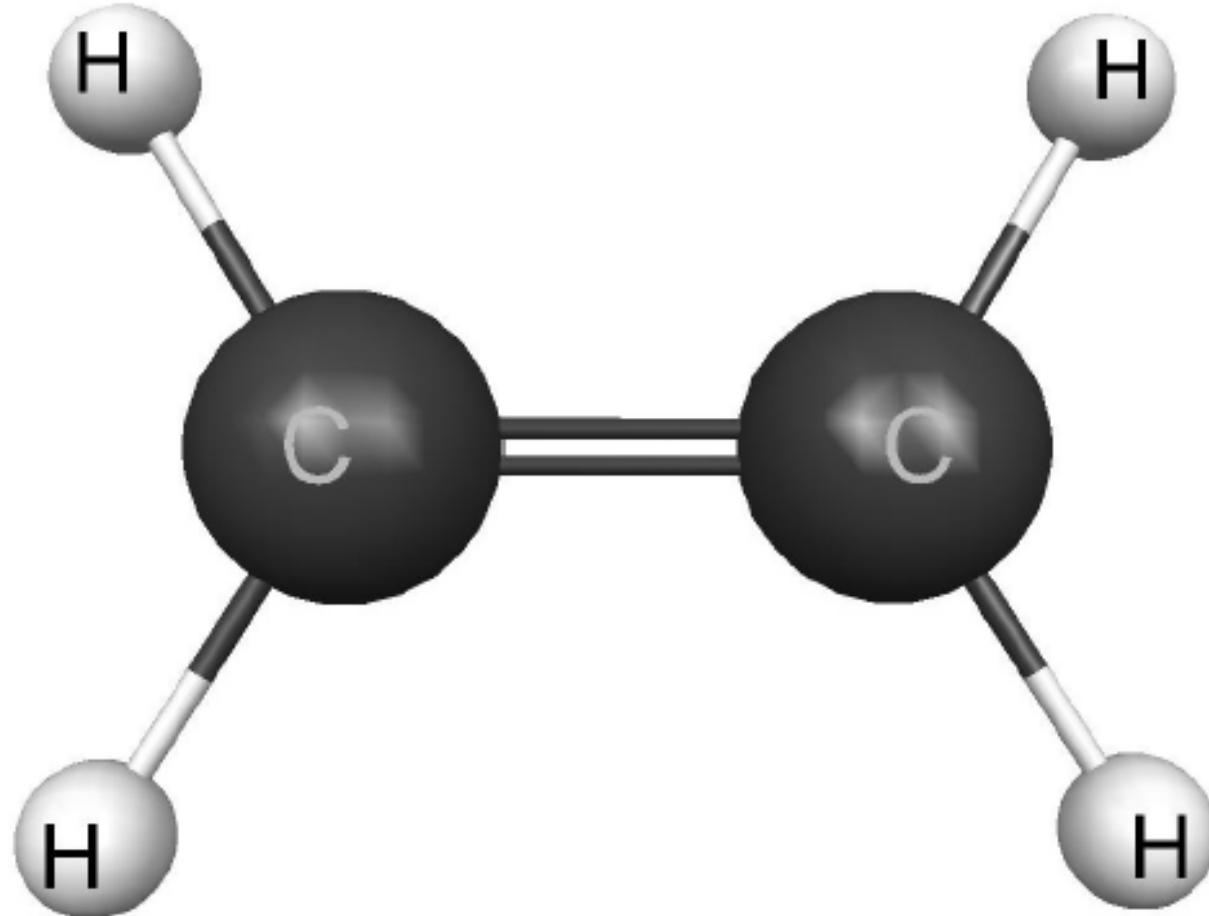
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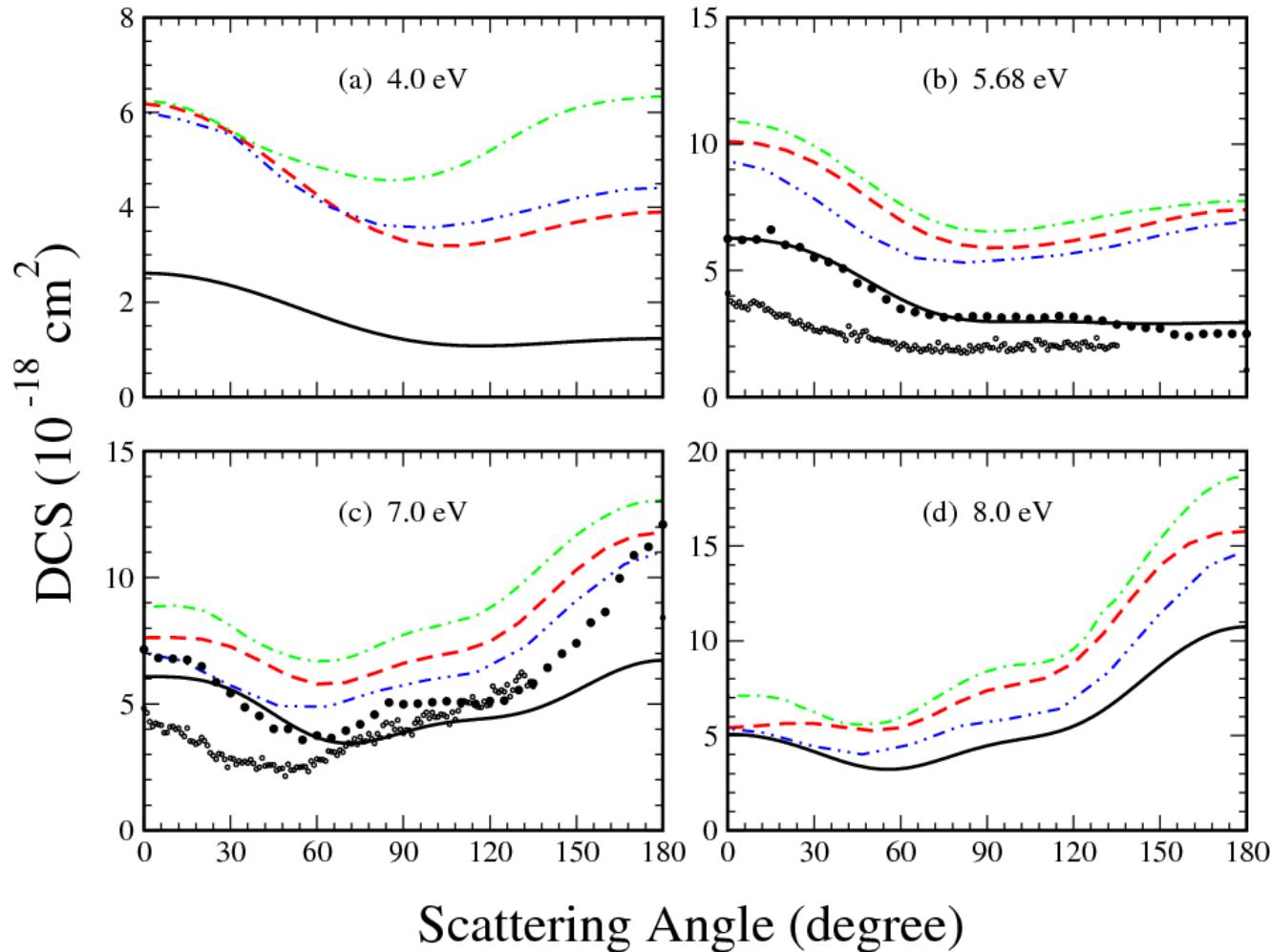
## Electronic excitation cross sections of the 1<sup>st</sup> triplet state of furan



## Electronic excitation of a ${}^3\text{B}_{1u}$ state of $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ by electron impact



## Electronic excitation of $\tilde{\alpha} \ ^3\text{B}_{1u}$ state of $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ by electron impact

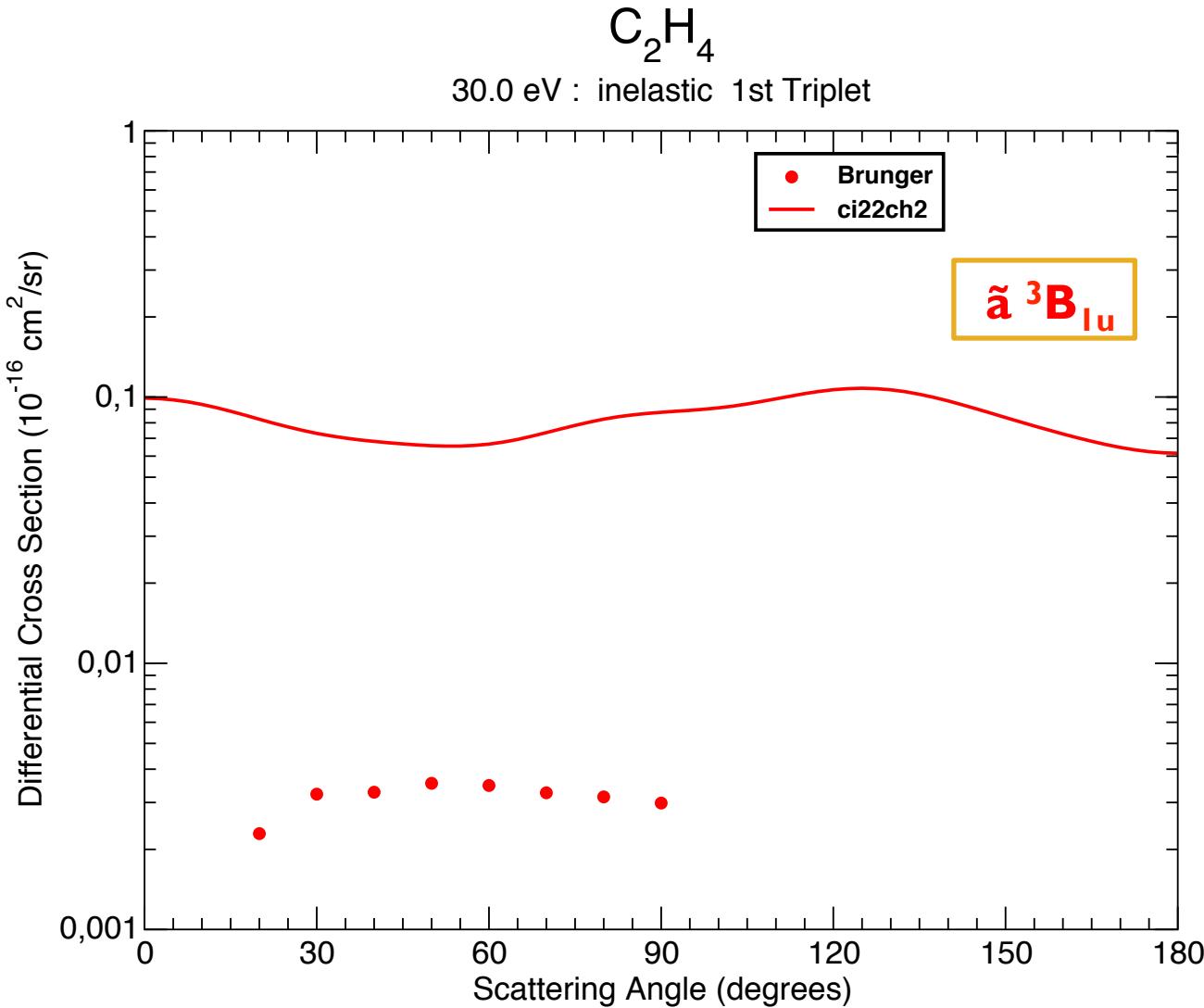


Color lines are 2-channel (close-coupling) results.

Black line are proper balanced n-channel coupling plus polarization effects.

Bullets are Michael Allan's experiments.

**Surprisingly, at higher energies the agreement is not good!!**



Only 22 pairs  
Hole-particle



TABLE I. Calculated and experimental excitation energies for ethylene. Up to 20, 30 and 50 eV, the FSCI spectrum is composed by 138, 260 and 402 electronically excited states, respectively. The MOBSCI calculations at these energies were performed with 45 excited states, where 17 of them are physical excited singlets or triplets states and the others are pseudostates.

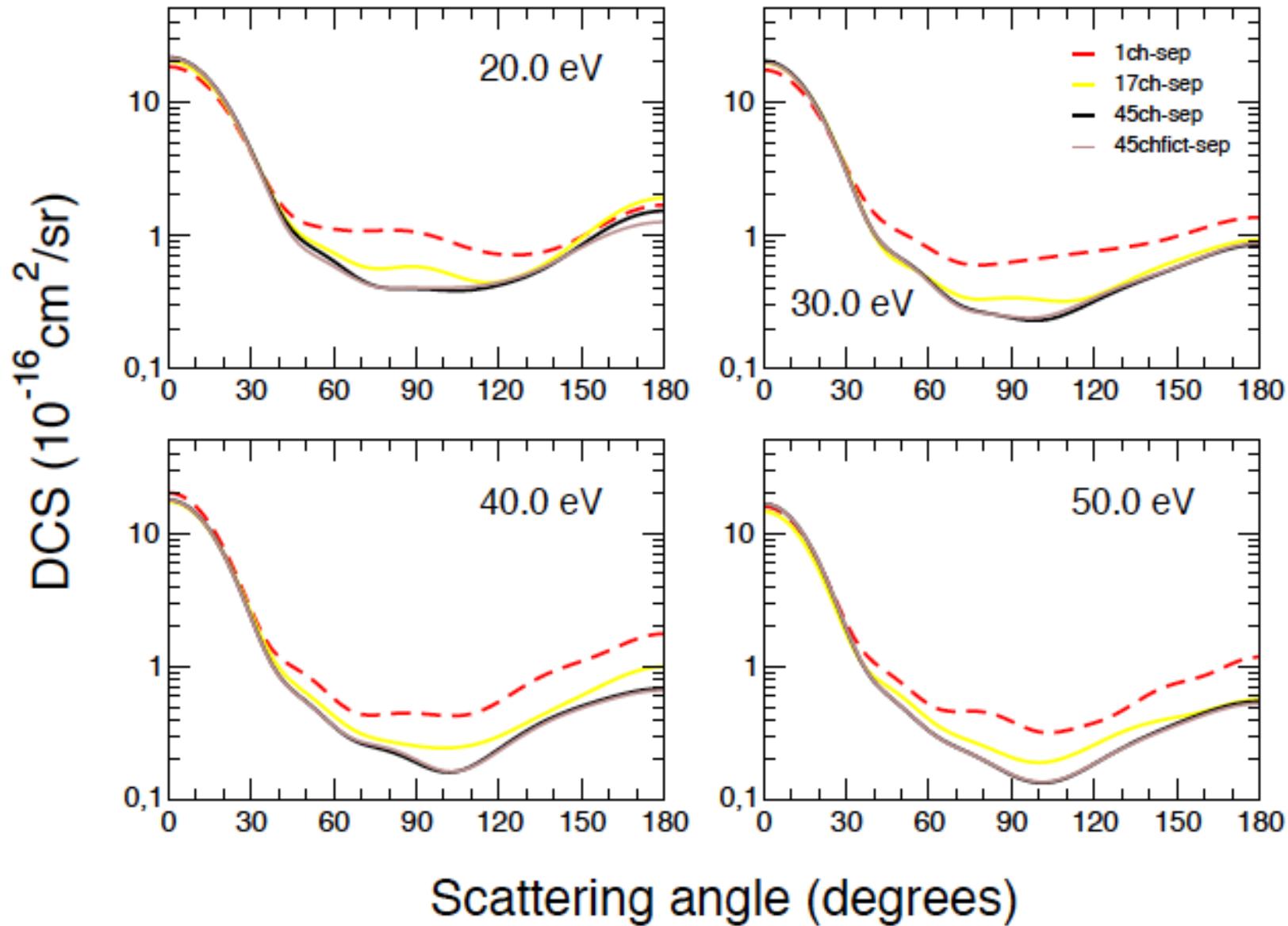
	Energy (eV)		
	FSCI	MOBSCI	Expt.
TRIPLET	3.56	3.60	4.36 <sup>a</sup>
	6.90	6.92	6.98 <sup>a</sup>
	7.73	7.75	7.79 <sup>a</sup>
	8.48	8.83	8.15 <sup>b</sup>
	8.80	9.08	8.57 <sup>b</sup>
	9.06	9.19	
	9.42	9.58	
	9.48	9.73	
	9.54	9.74	
SINGLET	7.11	7.13	7.11 <sup>b</sup>
	7.83	7.85	7.80 <sup>b</sup>
	7.88	8.55	7.90 <sup>b</sup>
	8.99	9.28	8.28 <sup>a</sup>
	9.24	9.37	8.62 <sup>b</sup>
	9.25	9.54	8.90 <sup>a,b</sup>
	9.63	9.71	9.10 <sup>a</sup>
			9.33 <sup>a</sup>
			9.51 <sup>a,c</sup>
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<sup>a</sup> Experimental data from Ballard *et al.* [24].

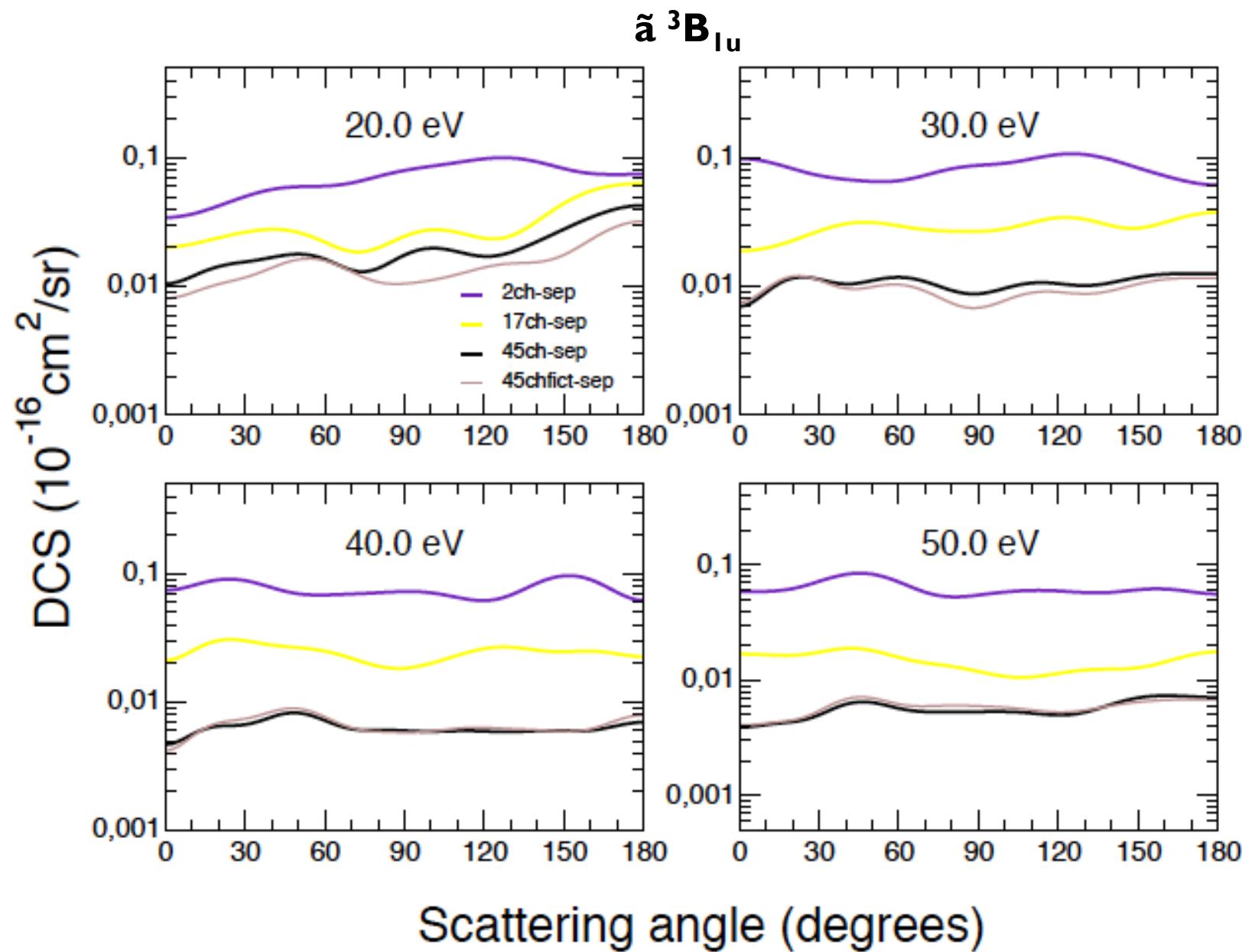
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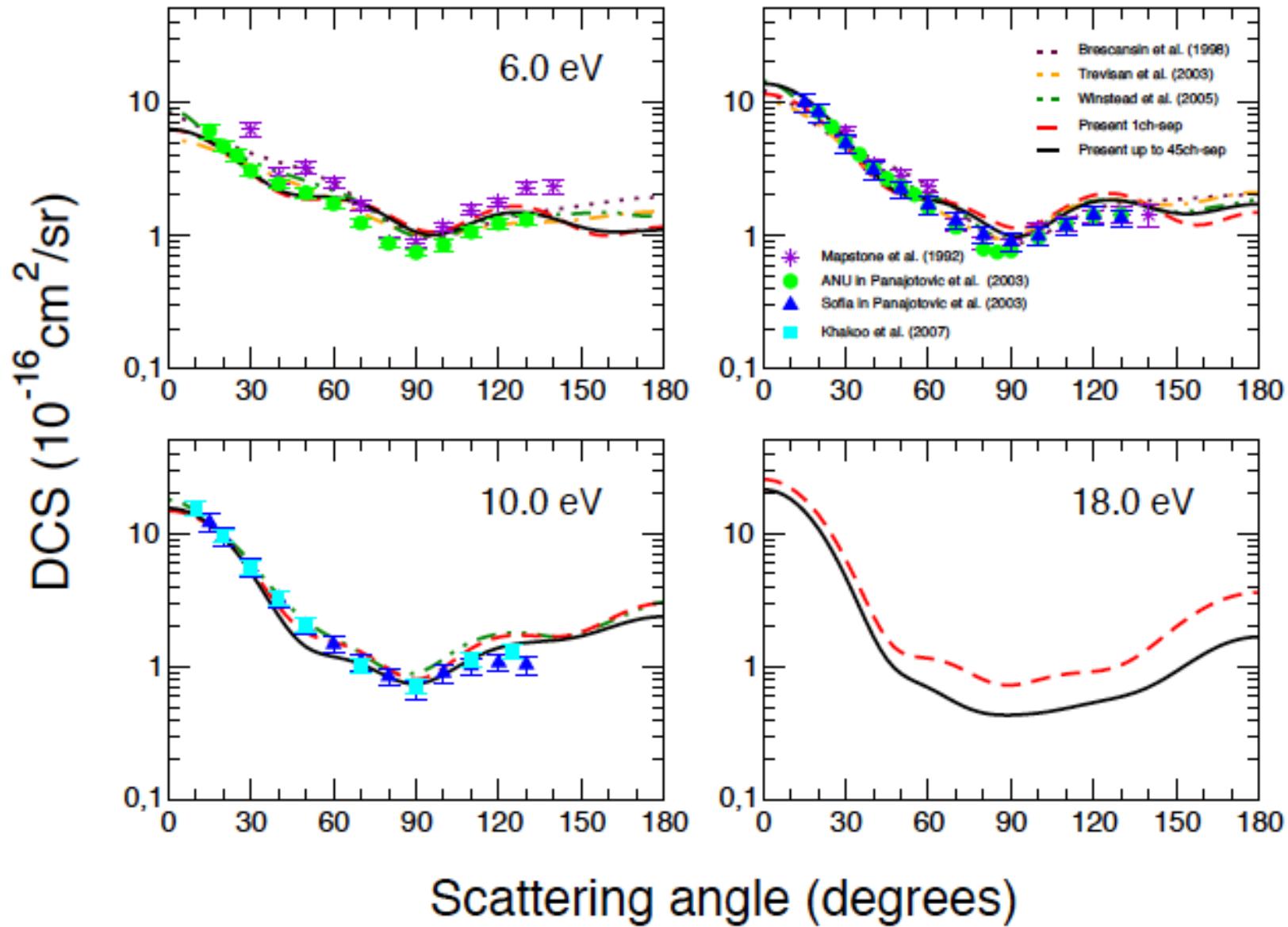
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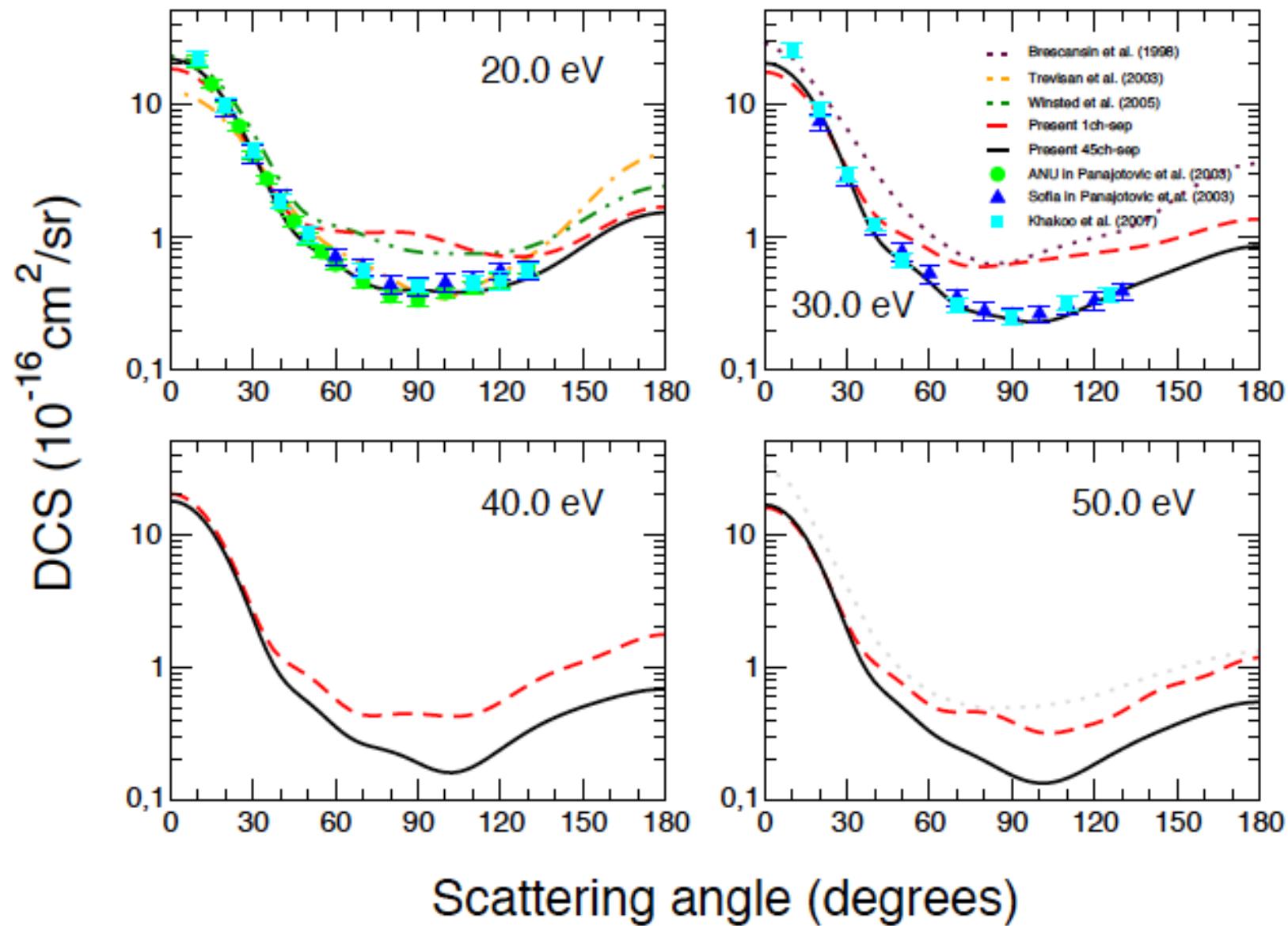
## Flux dynamics to the (1<sup>st</sup> triplet) inelastic channel for e<sup>-</sup>-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> scattering



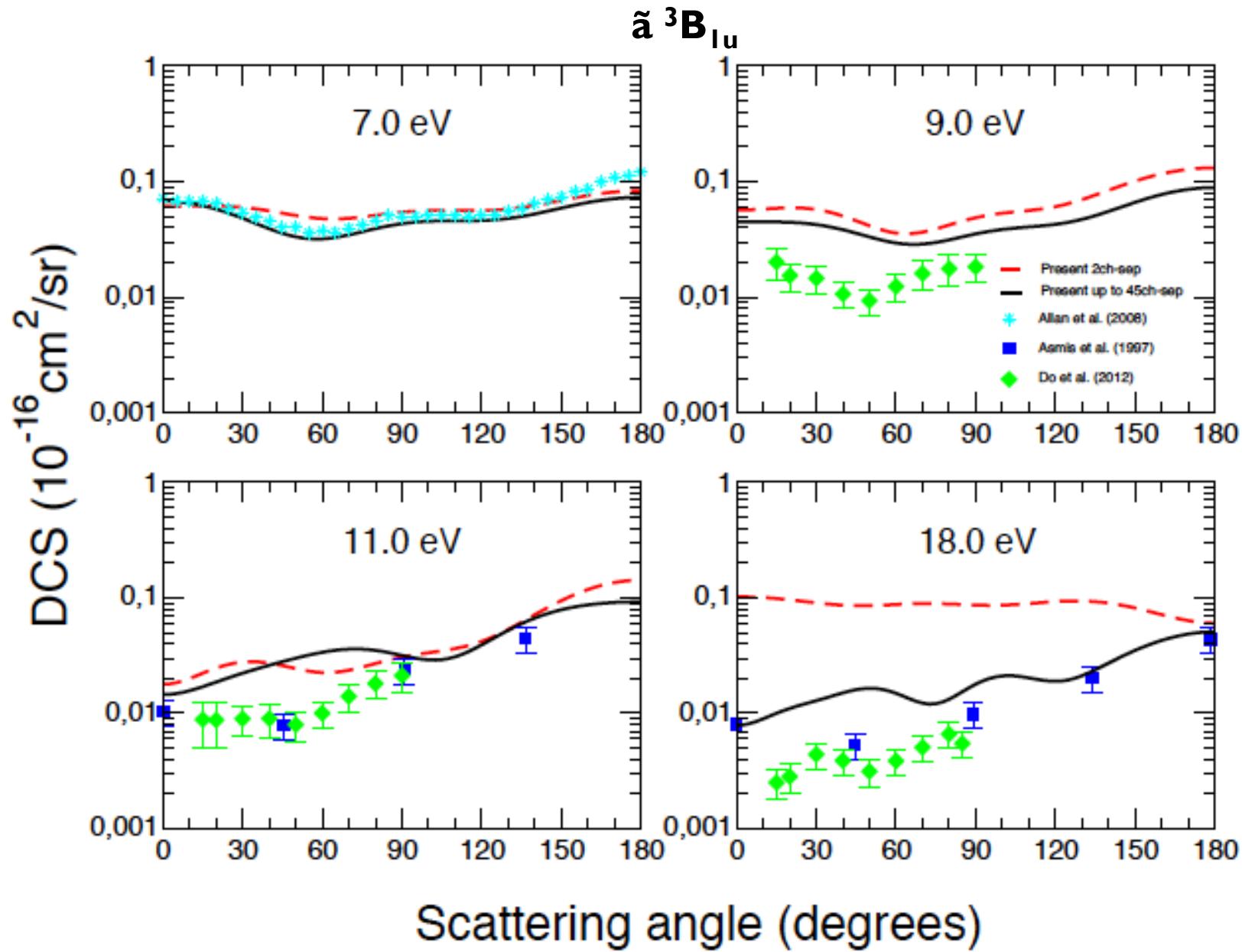
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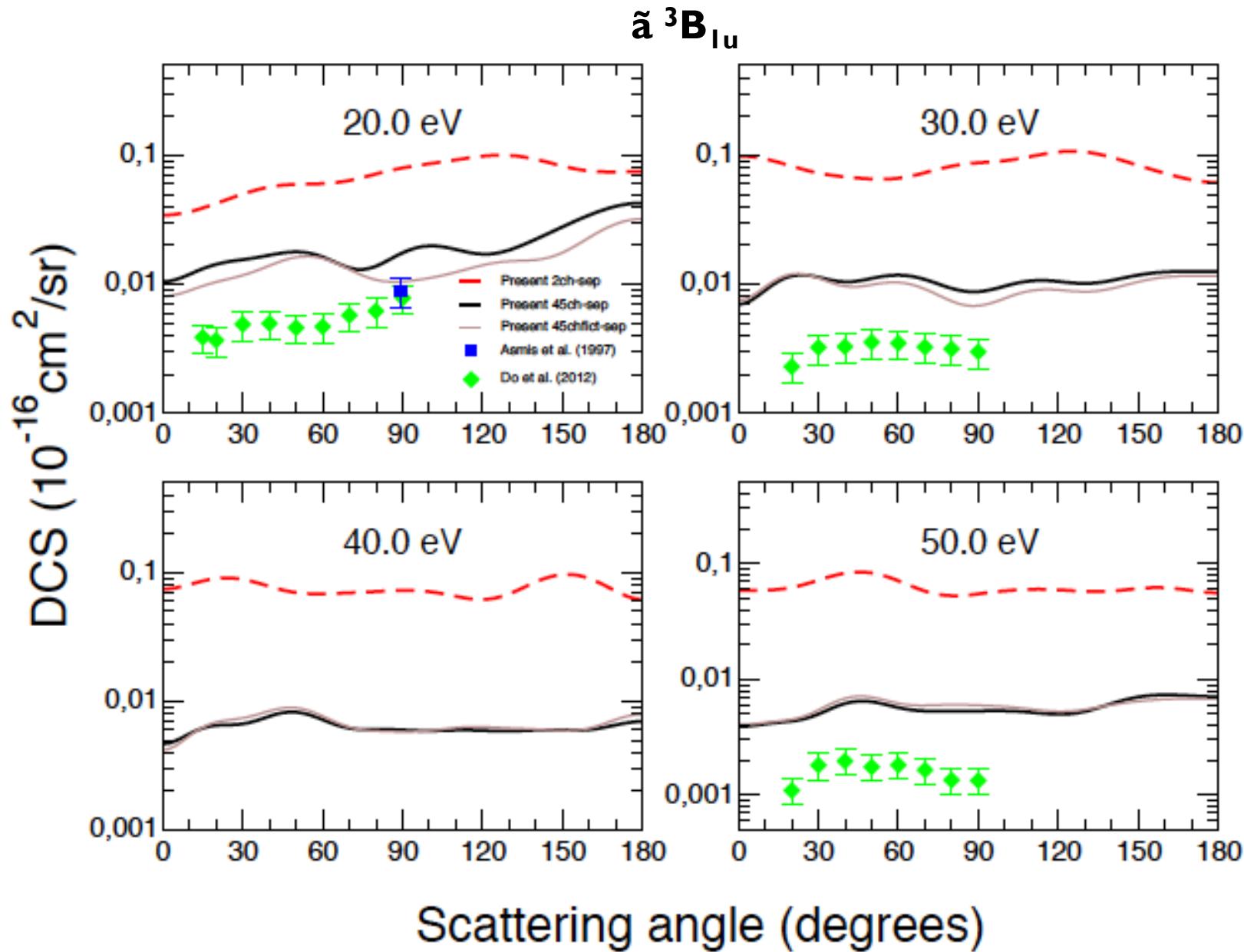
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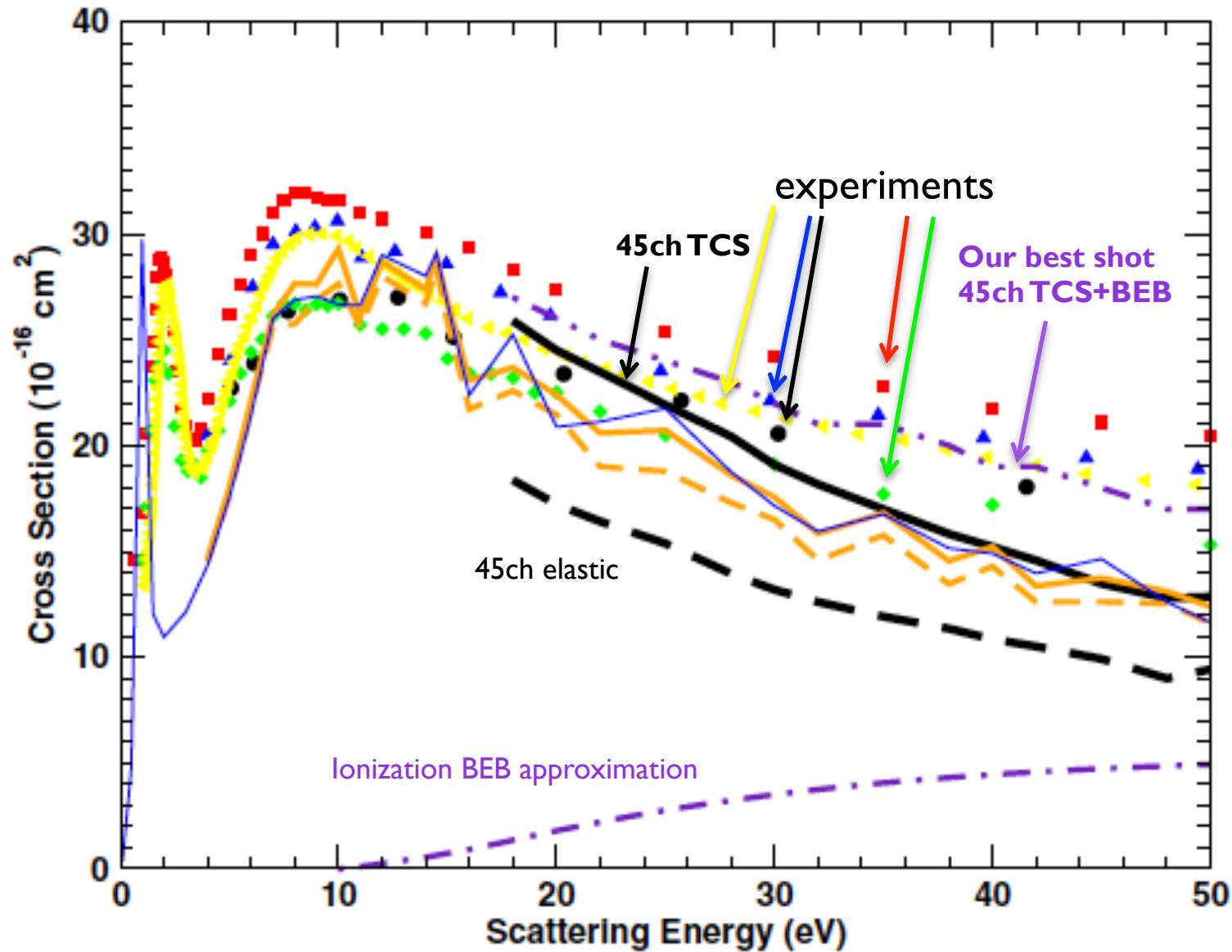
## Inelastic channel (1<sup>st</sup> triplet) for lower energies in e<sup>-</sup>-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> scattering



## Inelastic channel (1<sup>st</sup> triplet) for higher energies in e<sup>-</sup>-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> scattering



## Total cross section for $e^-$ -C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> scattering



# Electron Collisions with Phenol...( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )<sub>n</sub>: search for microsolvation signatures in the DCS

