

# Electron interaction physics models in DNA Bases

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# Motivation

- Generally, the biological medium in Monte Carlo track structure code is liquid water.
- In CPA100 code (developed in Toulouse till 2008, but no more maintained),
  - physics models for electron in liquid water and the 4 DNA bases are defined,
  - to simulate direct and indirect DNA damages (physical and chemical stages)
- The CPA100 physics models for liquid water has already been implemented in Geant4-DNA (option6) for
  - the three processes (elastic, excitation, ionisation)
  - over the 11 eV – 256 keV
  - as an alternative option.
  - some CPA100 cross sections data are in a better agreement with published data

Implementation of electron physics models in DNA bases following the same procedure as in CPA100 code but with more recent data and over a large energy range (-> 1 MeV)

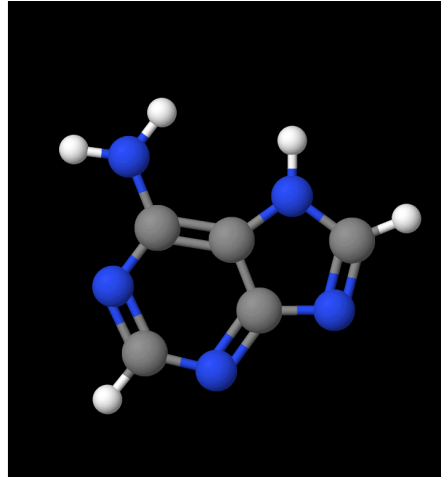
# Goals

- Elastic scattering (IAM) with ELSEPA (Dirac partial wave analysis)
  - Angular differential
  - Integrated
- Ionization (BEB model, including relativistic correction)
  - Energy differential for each molecular orbital,
  - Integrated for each molecular orbital
  - Total
- Excitation

# DNA Bases

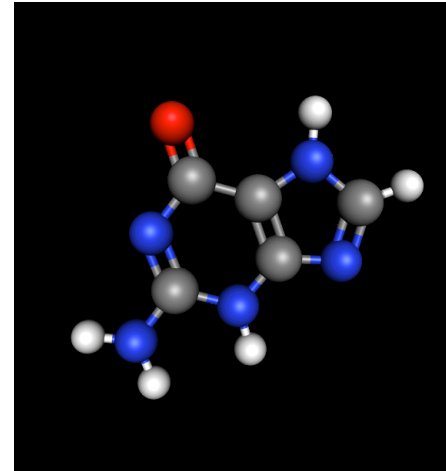
- Structure

Adenine:  $C_5N_5H_5$



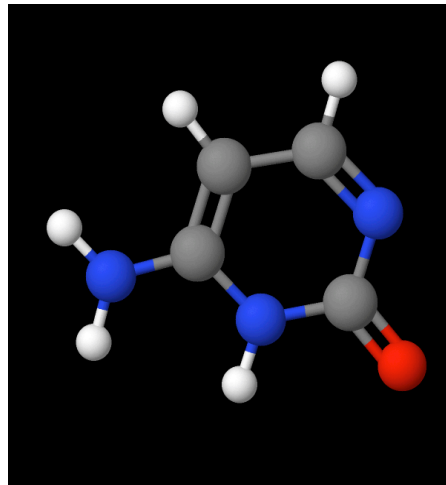
70 electrons  
10 inner shells  
25 valence shells  
A= 135,13 g

Guanine:  $C_5N_5OH_5$



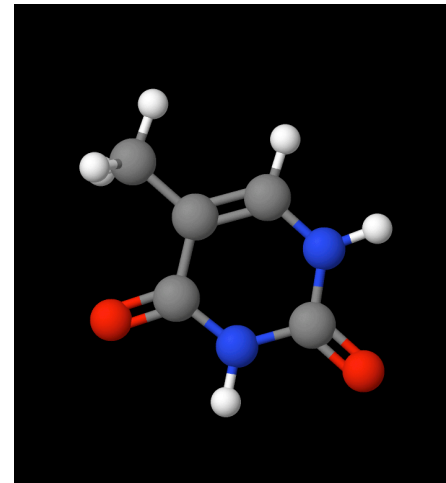
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11 inner shells  
28 valence shells  
A= 151,13 g

Cytosine:  $C_4N_3OH_5$



58 electrons  
8 inner shells  
21 valence shells  
A= 111,10 g

Thymine:  $C_5N_2O_2H_6$



66 electrons  
9 inner shells  
24 valence shells  
A= 126,11 g

# Elastic scattering

(Mott & Massey, 1965, The theory of atomic collisions)

- Independant Atom Model (Mott and Massey)

- Differential cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{d\sigma^A}{d\Omega} \right)_i + \sum_{i \neq j \neq 1}^N \frac{\sin(sr_{ij})}{sr_{ij}} [f_i(\theta)f_j^*(\theta) + g_i(\theta)g_j^*(\theta)]$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = |f(\theta)|^2 + |g(\theta)|^2$$

← Distance

Scattering amplitude

$$f(\theta) = \frac{1}{2ik} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \{ (l+1) [\exp(2i\delta_{l+}) - 1] + l [\exp(2i\delta_{l-}) - 1] \} P_l(\cos \theta)$$

$$g(\theta) = \frac{1}{2ik} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \{ \exp(2i\delta_{l-}) - \exp(2i\delta_{l+}) \} P_l^1(\cos \theta)$$

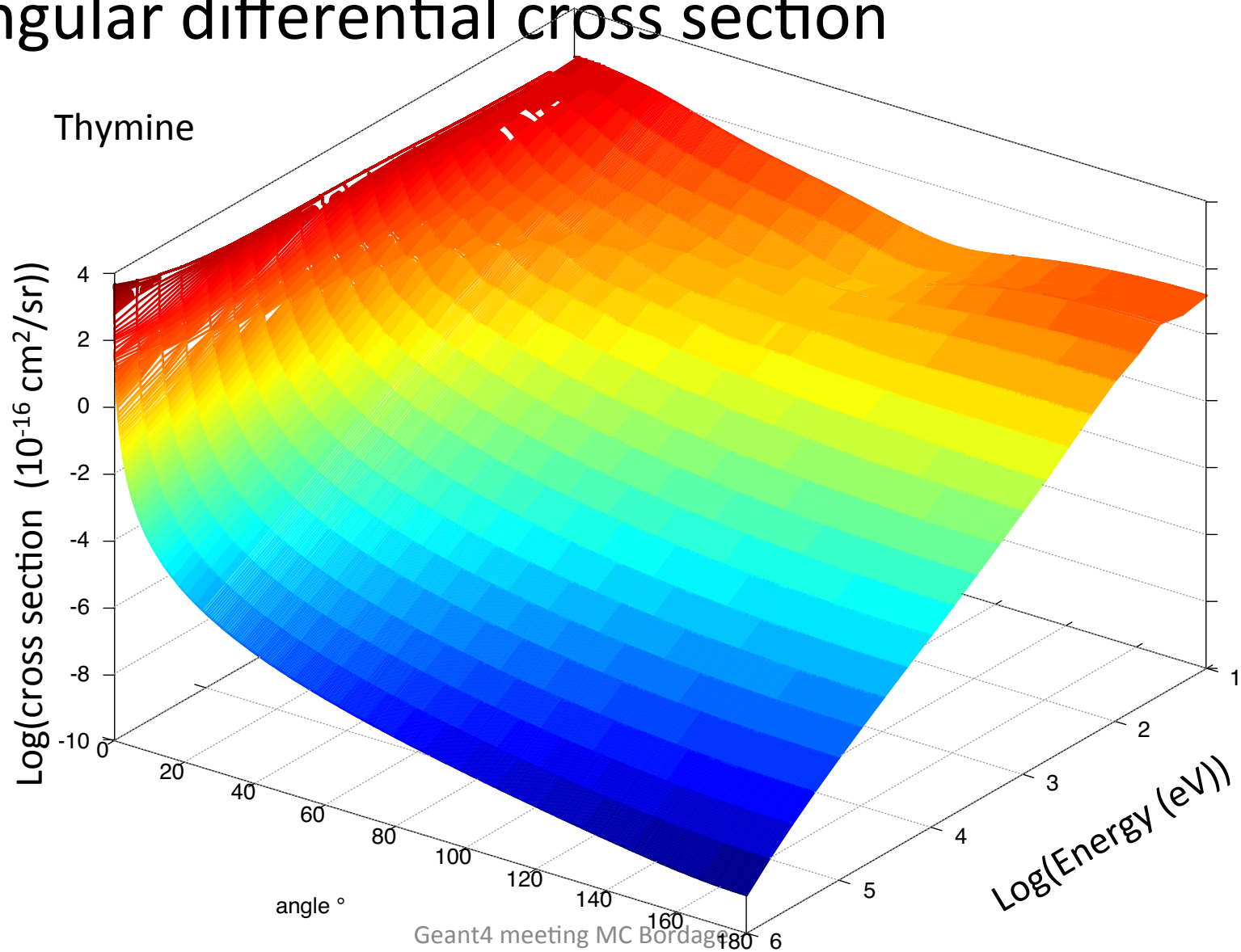
- Total cross section

- We use ELSEPA package to perform partial wave calculations for atoms

(Salvat et al. 2005, Comp. Phys. Com. 165,153)

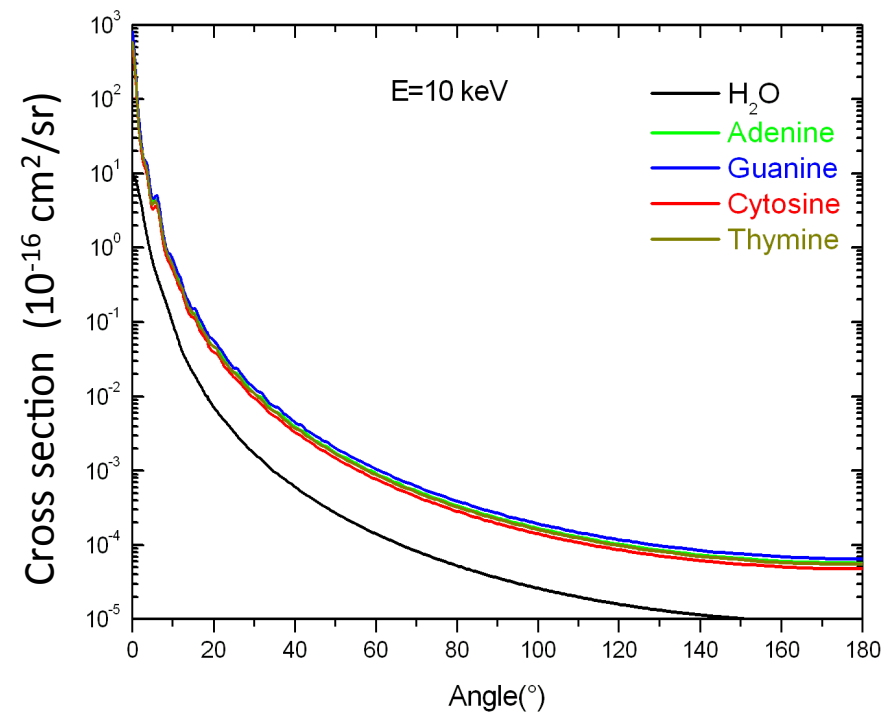
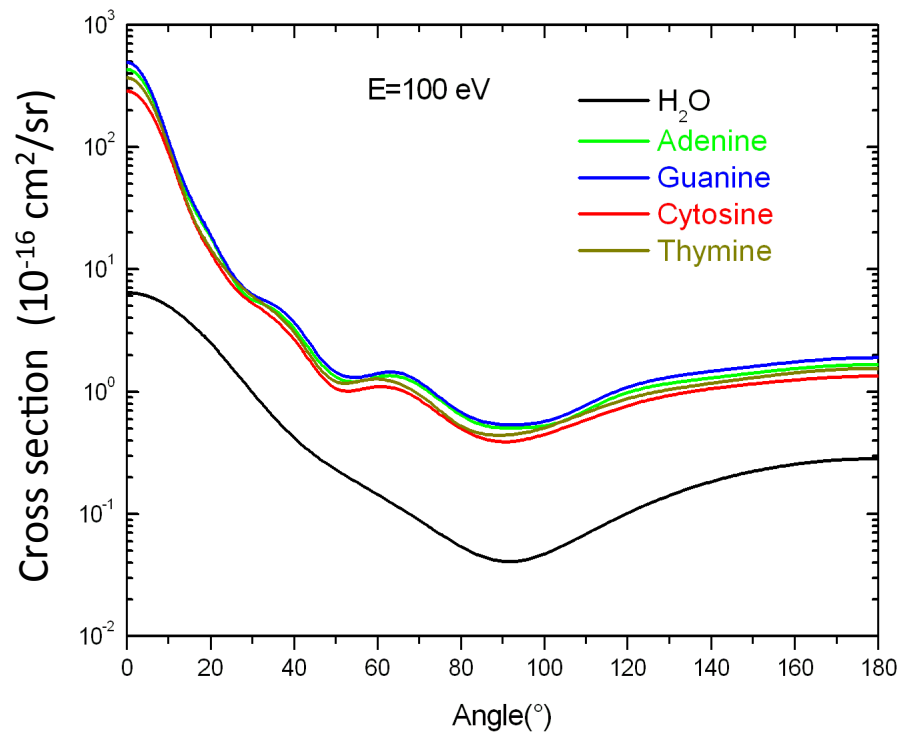
# Elastic scattering

- Angular differential cross section



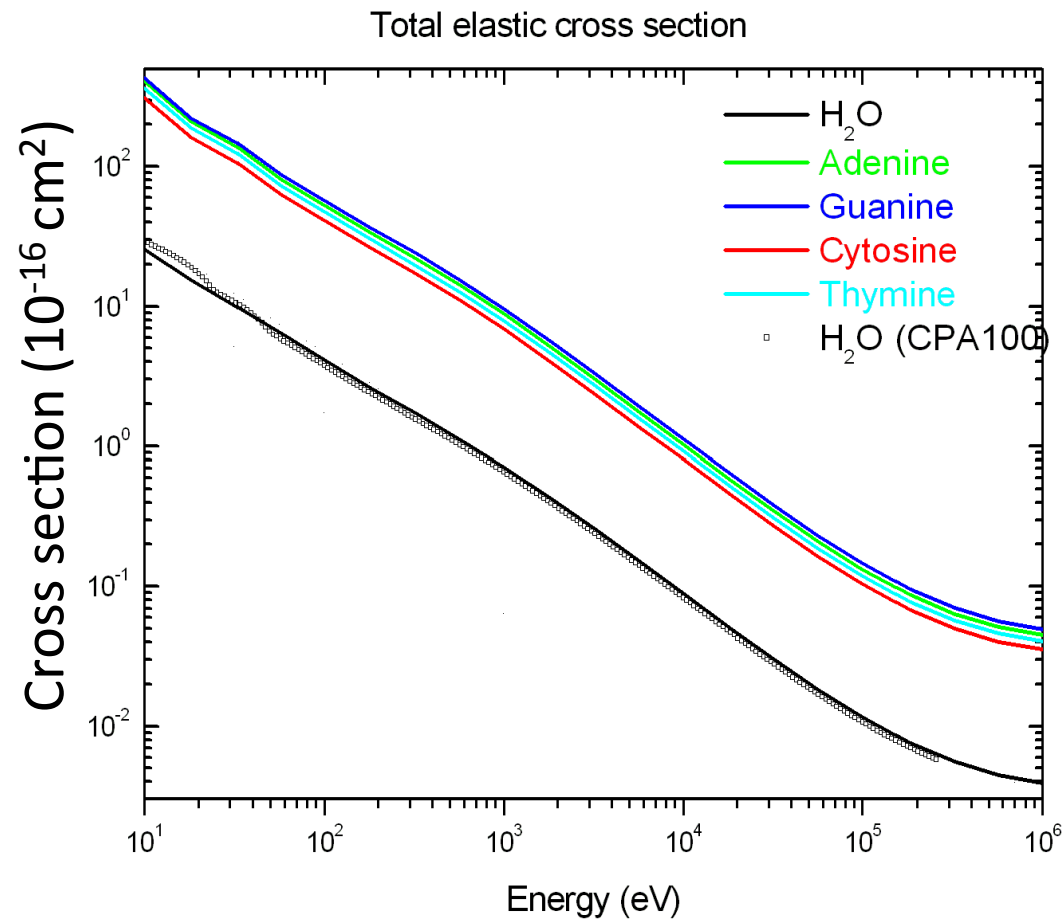
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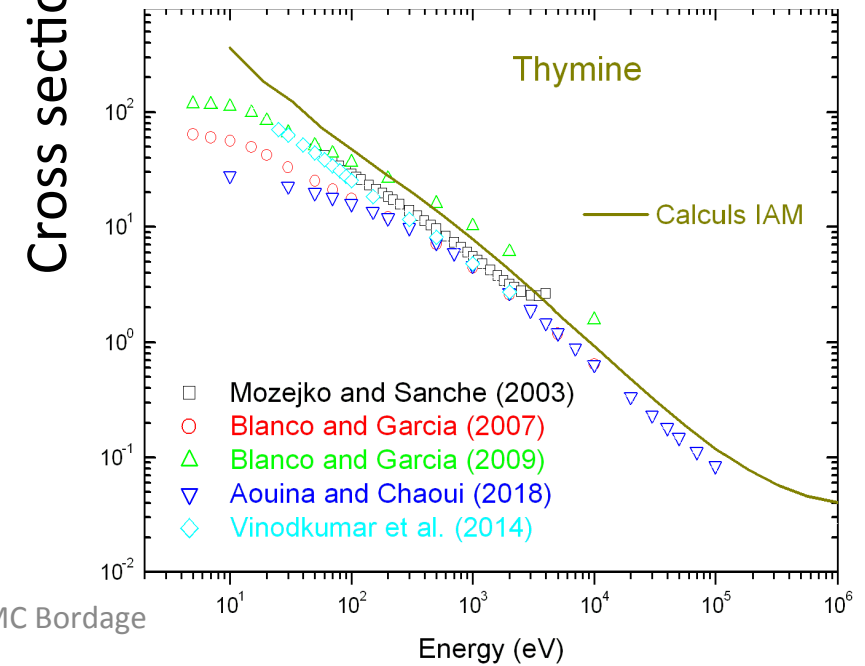
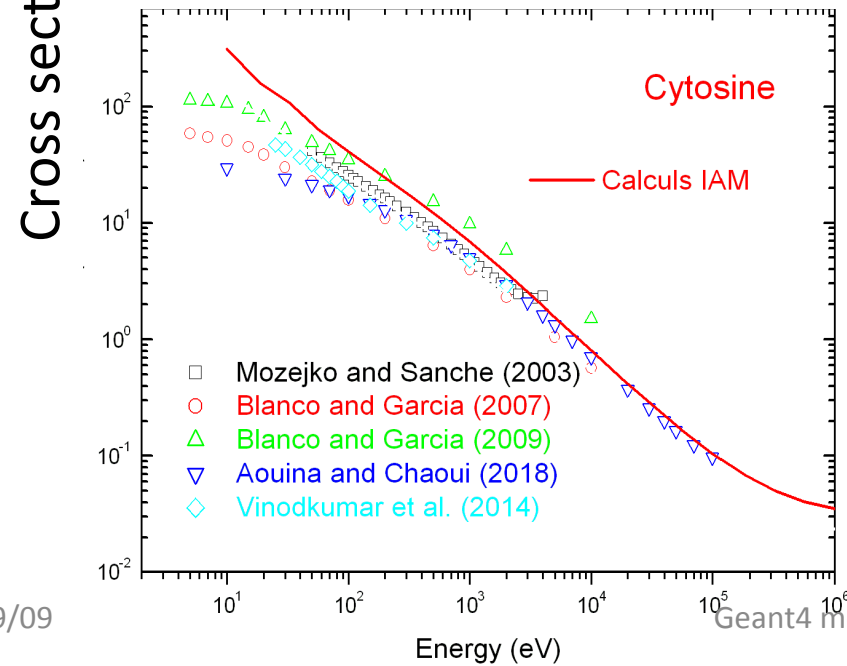
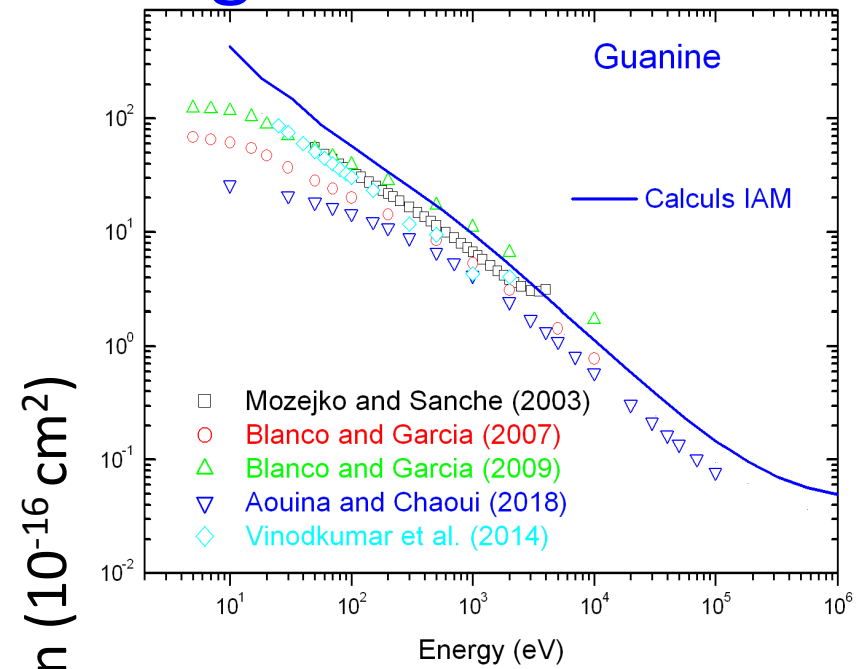
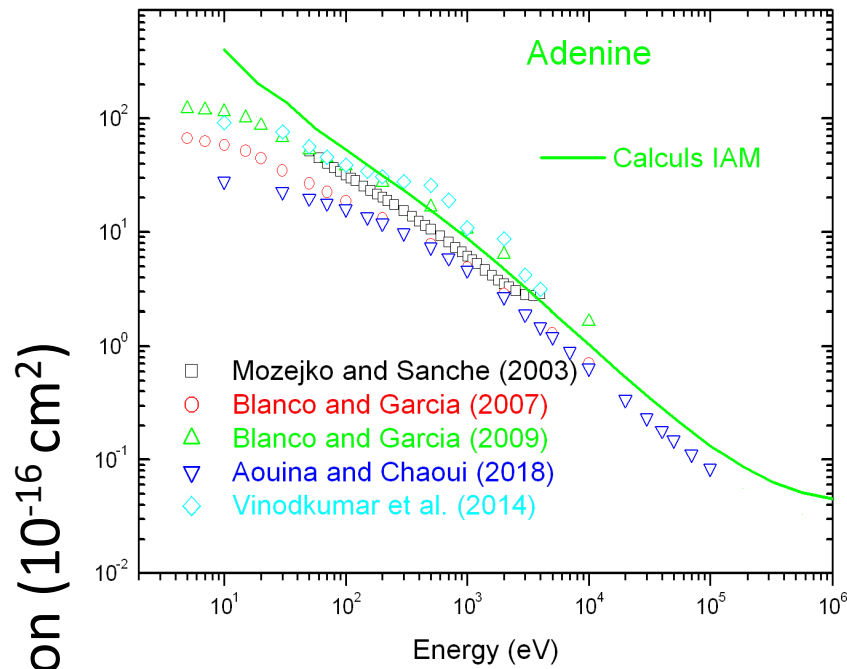
# Elastic scattering

- Integrated cross section



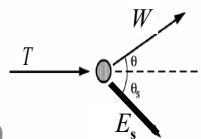
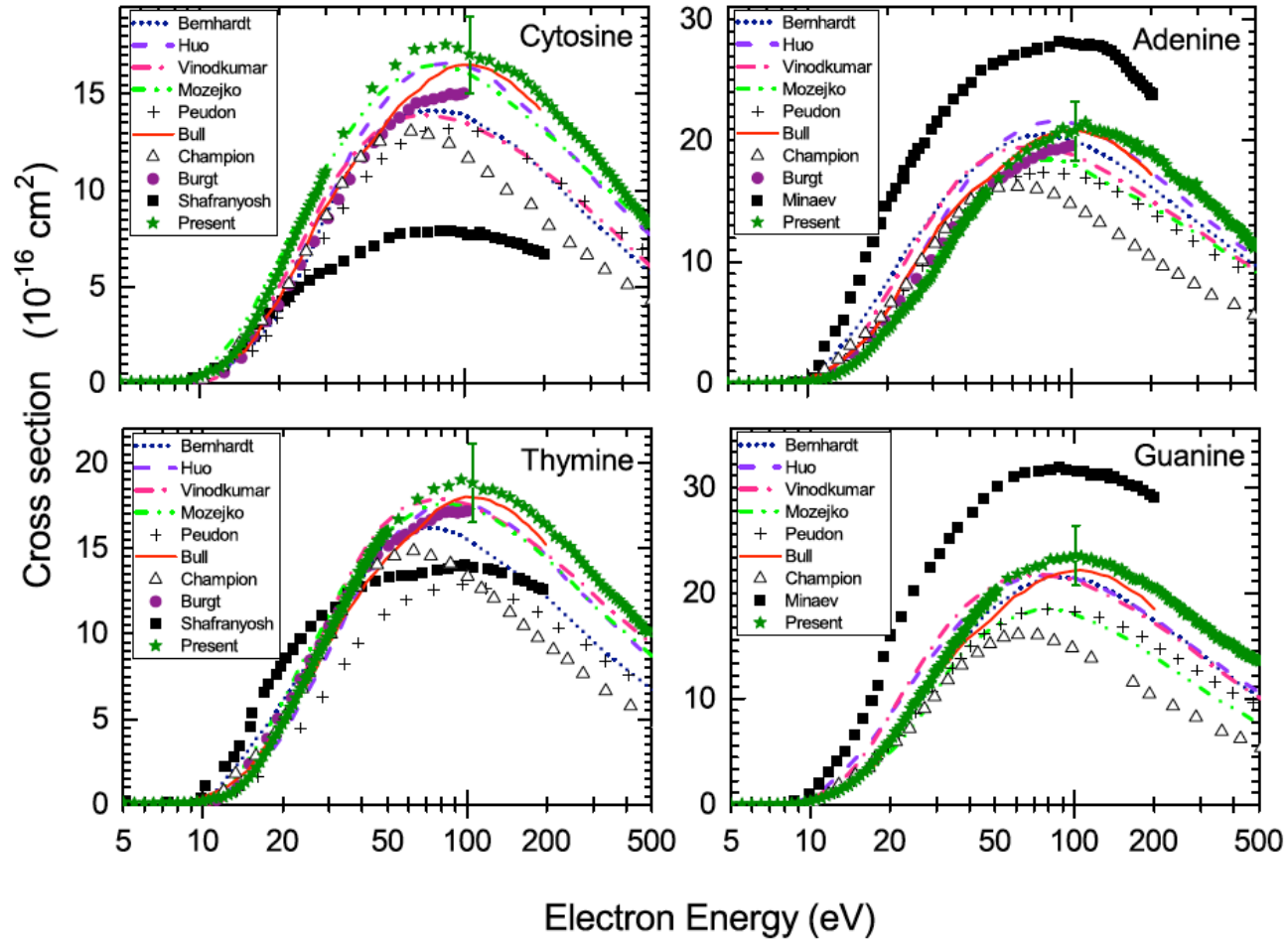
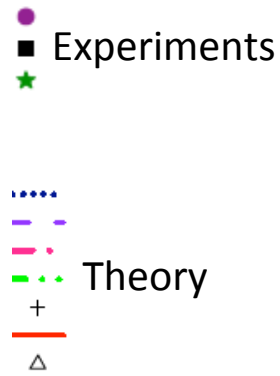


# Elastic scattering



# Ionization

- Ionization



Rahman et al., J. Chem. Phys. 2016

# Ionization

(Guerra et al. 2015, J. Phys. B. 48,185202)

- Differential cross section for one shell (Relativistic Binary Encounter Bethe Vriens) ← Orbital occupation number

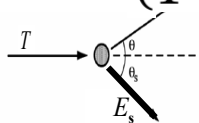
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dw} = \frac{4\pi a_0^2 \alpha^4 N}{(\beta_t^2 + \beta_u^2 + \beta_b^2) 2b'} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{(w+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(t-w)^2} + \frac{b'^2}{(1+0.5t')^2} \right) - \Phi_R \frac{1}{t+1} \left( \frac{1}{(w+1)} + \frac{1}{(t-w)} \right) \frac{1+2t'}{(1+0.5t')^2} + \left( \text{Ln}\left(\frac{\beta_t^2}{1-\beta_t^2}\right) - \beta_t^2 - \text{Ln}(2b') \right) \left( \frac{1}{(w+1)^3} + \frac{1}{(t-w)^3} \right) \right]$$

$t = \frac{T}{B}$     $w = \frac{W}{B}$     $u = \frac{U}{B}$     $\rightarrow$  Electron kinetic energy  
 $\rightarrow$  Binding energy

$t' = \frac{T}{mc^2}$     $u' = \frac{U}{mc^2}$     $b' = \frac{B}{mc^2}$

$$\Phi_R = \cos \left[ \sqrt{\frac{\alpha^2}{(\beta_t^2 + \beta_b^2)}} \text{Ln}\left(\frac{\beta_t^2}{\beta_b^2}\right) \right]$$

$\beta_t^2 = 1 - \frac{1}{(1+t')^2}$    et    $\beta_u^2 = 1 - \frac{1}{(1+u')^2}$     $\beta_b^2 = 1 - \frac{1}{(1+b')^2}$

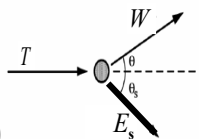
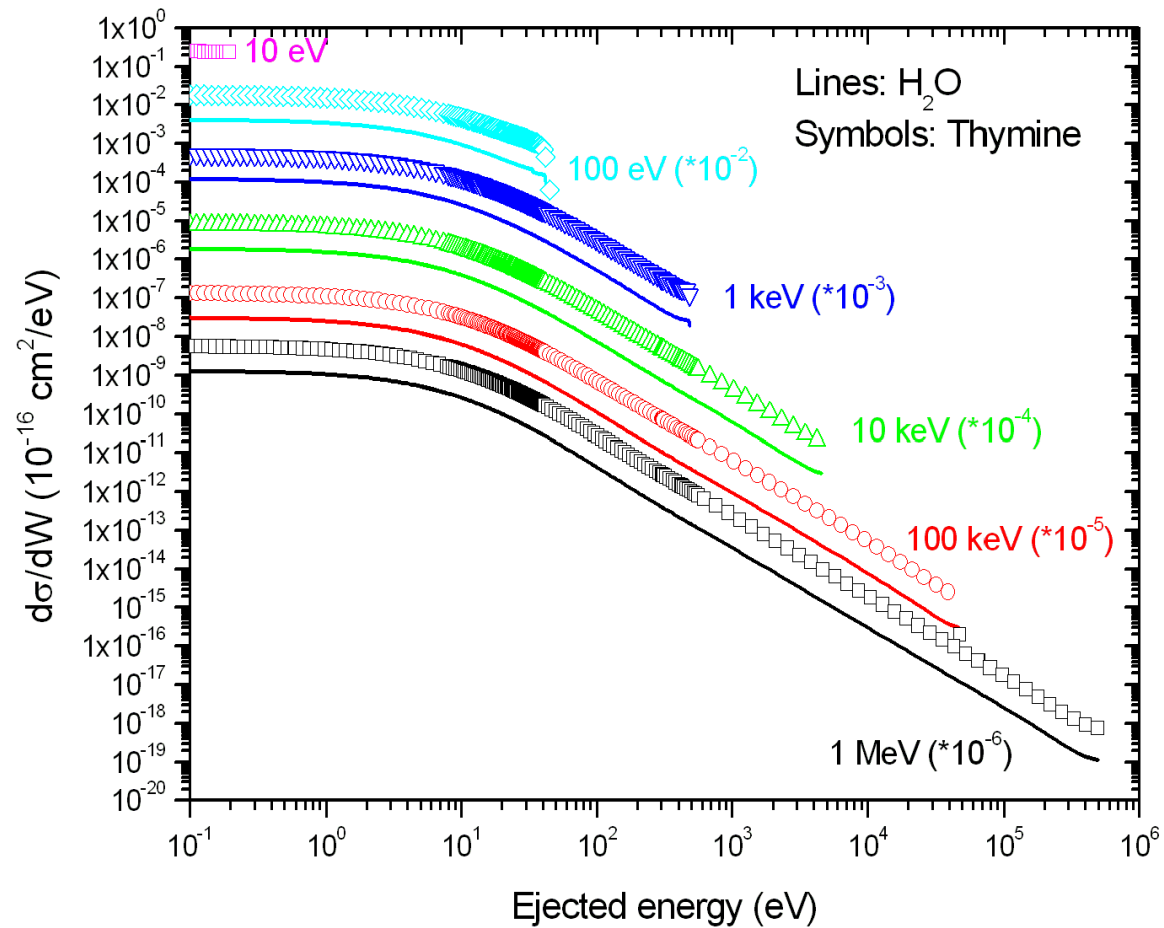


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# Ionization

- Ionization energy differential cross section: thymine

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dw} \right]_{total} = \sum_{i=1}^{NMO} \left( \frac{d\sigma}{dw} \right)_i$$



# Ionization

(Guerra et al. 2015, J. Phys. B. 48,185202)

- Total cross section for one shell (Relativistic Binary Encounter Bethe Vriens)

$$\sigma = \frac{4\pi a_0^2 \alpha^4 N}{(\beta_t^2 + \beta_u^2 + \beta_b^2) 2b'} \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{1}{t} + \frac{t-1}{2} \frac{b'^2}{(1+0.5t')^2} \right) - \Phi_R \frac{\text{Ln}(t)}{t+1} \frac{1+2t'}{(1+0.5t')^2} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \text{Ln}\left(\frac{\beta_t^2}{1-\beta_t^2}\right) - \beta_t^2 - \text{Ln}(2b') \right) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{t^2} \right) \right]$$

Bohr radius

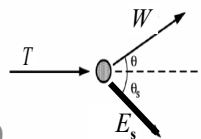
$$\Phi_R = \cos \left[ \sqrt{\frac{\alpha^2}{(\beta_t^2 + \beta_b^2)} \text{Ln}\left(\frac{\beta_t^2}{\beta_b^2}\right)} \right]$$

Fine-structure constant

$$t = \frac{T}{B} \quad u = \frac{U}{B}$$

Electron kinetic energy  
Binding energy

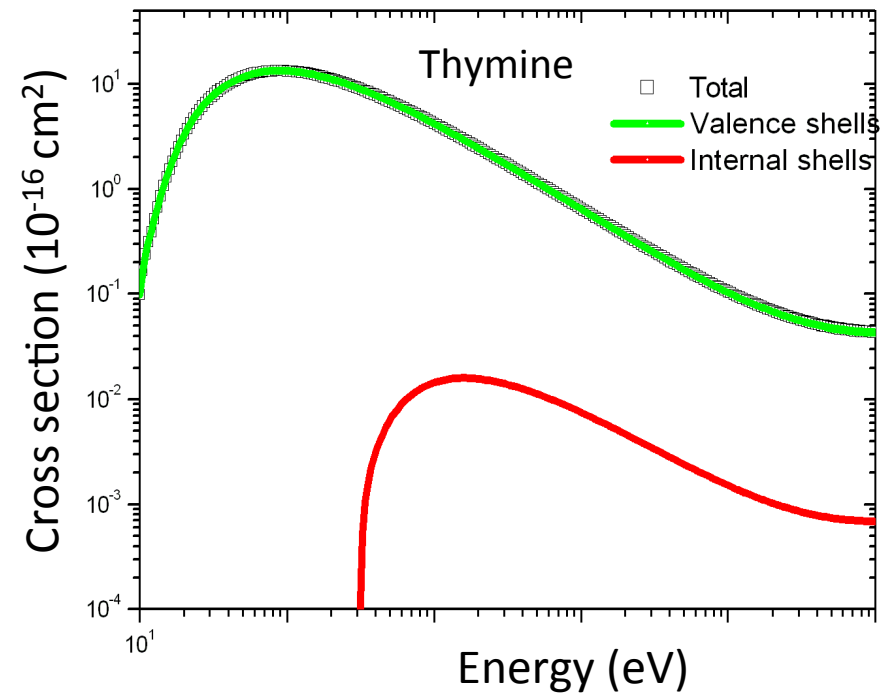
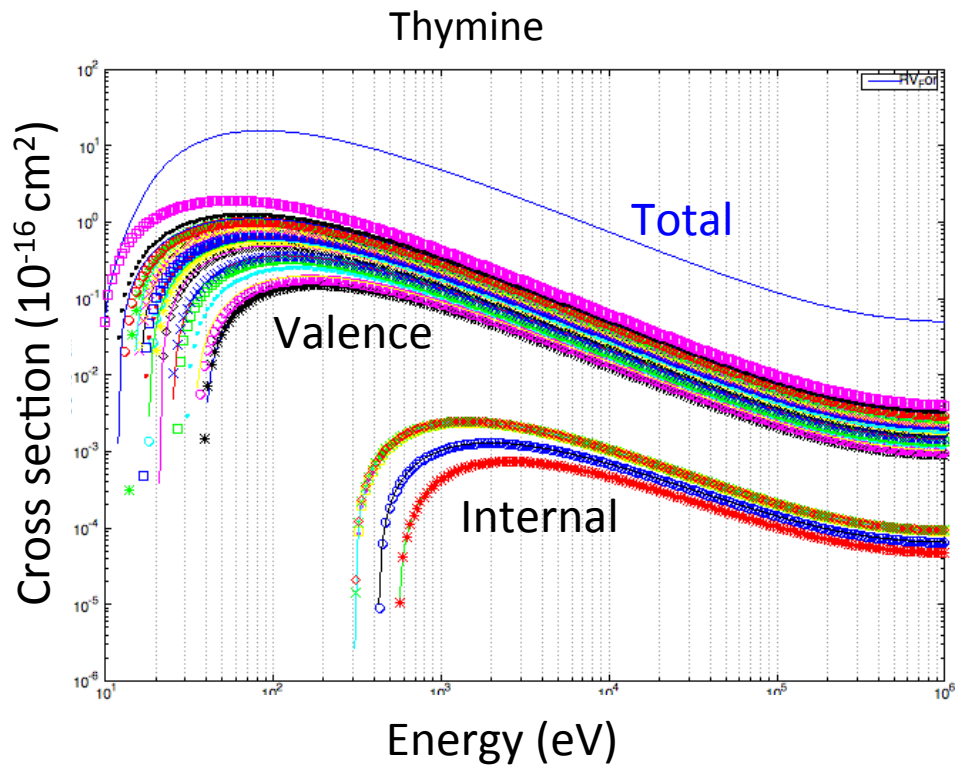
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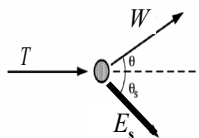
$$\beta_t^2 = 1 - \frac{1}{(1+t')^2} \quad \text{et} \quad \beta_u^2 = 1 - \frac{1}{(1+u')^2} \quad \beta_b^2 = 1 - \frac{1}{(1+b')^2}$$

# Ionization

- Total cross section for each shell

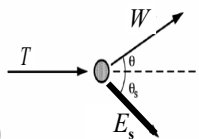
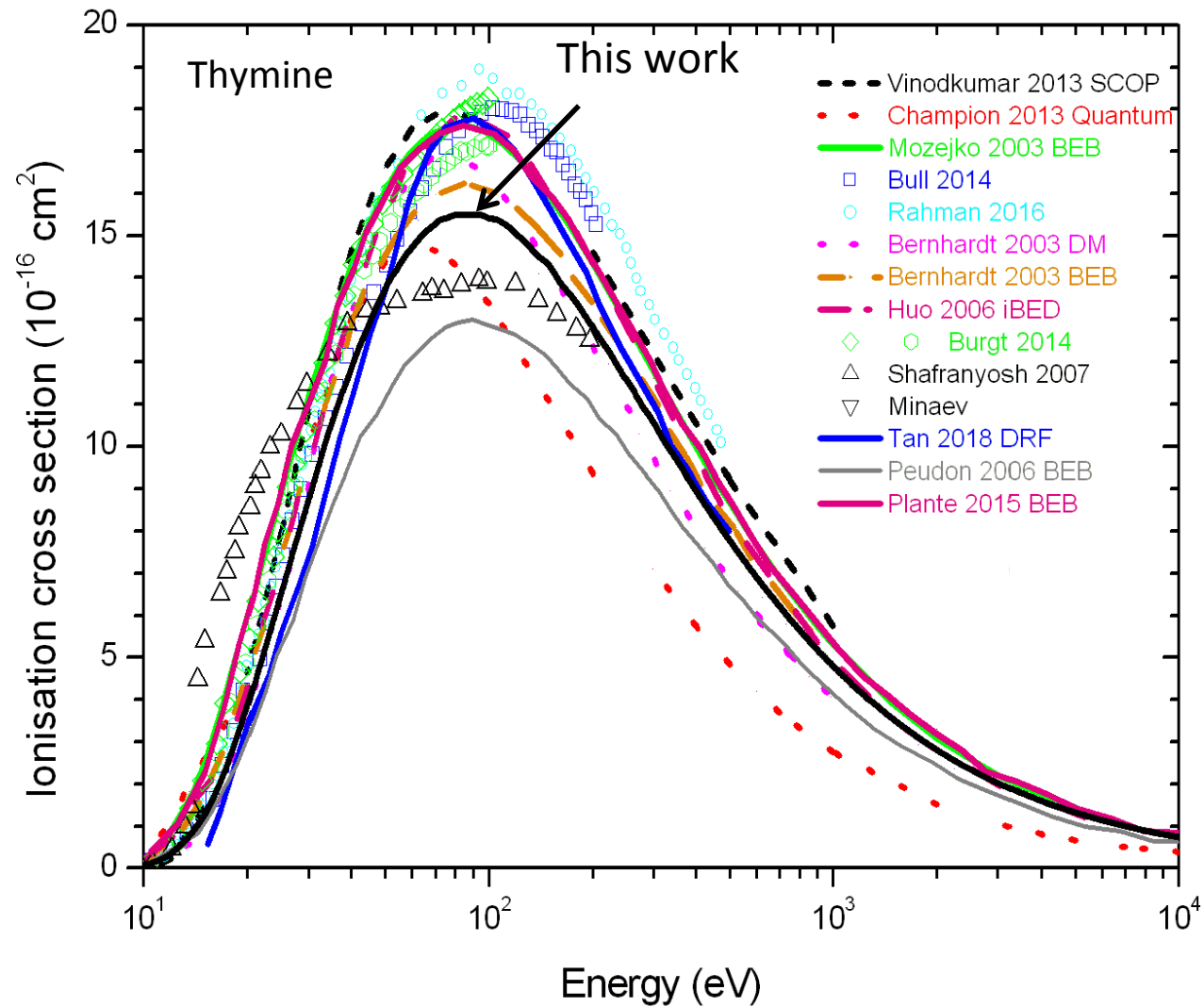


$$\sigma_{total} = \sum_{i=1}^{NMO} (\sigma)_i$$



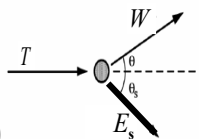
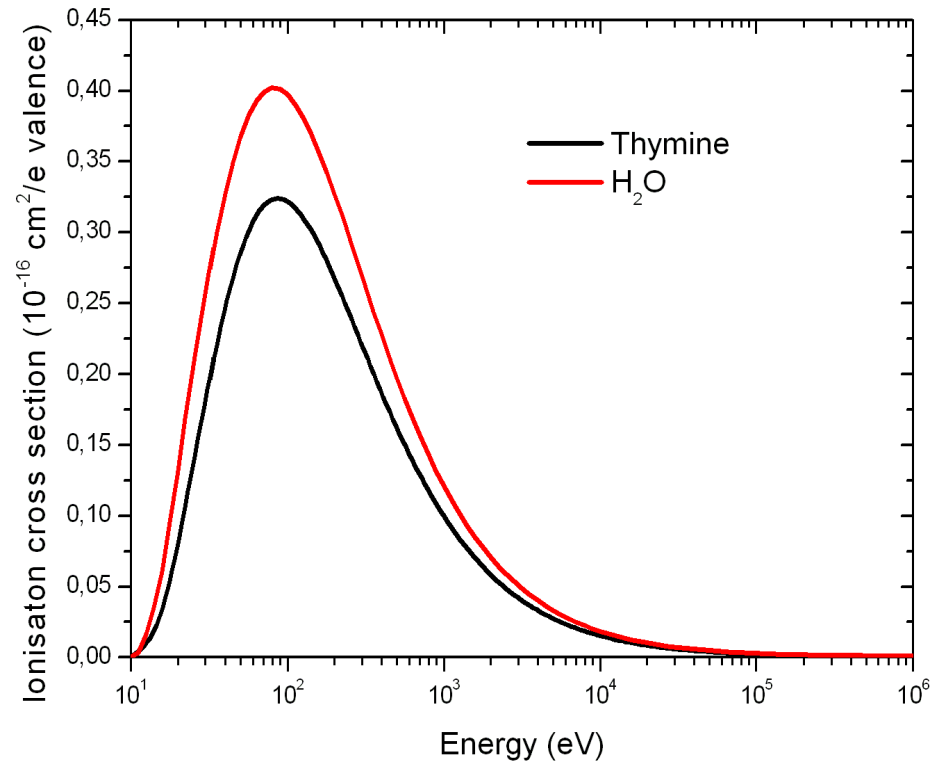
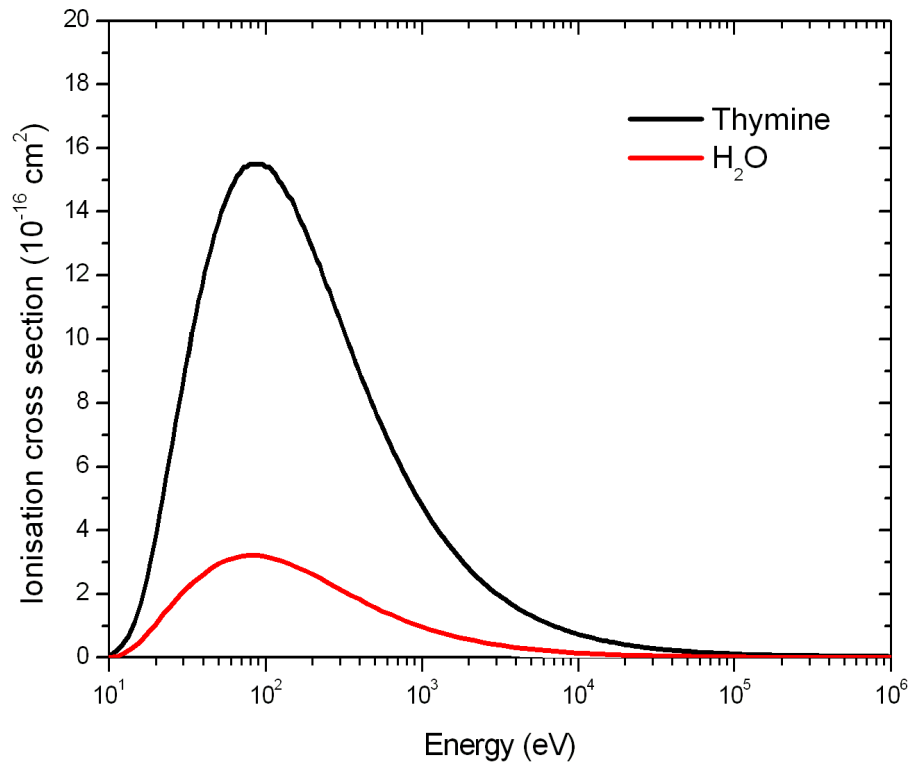
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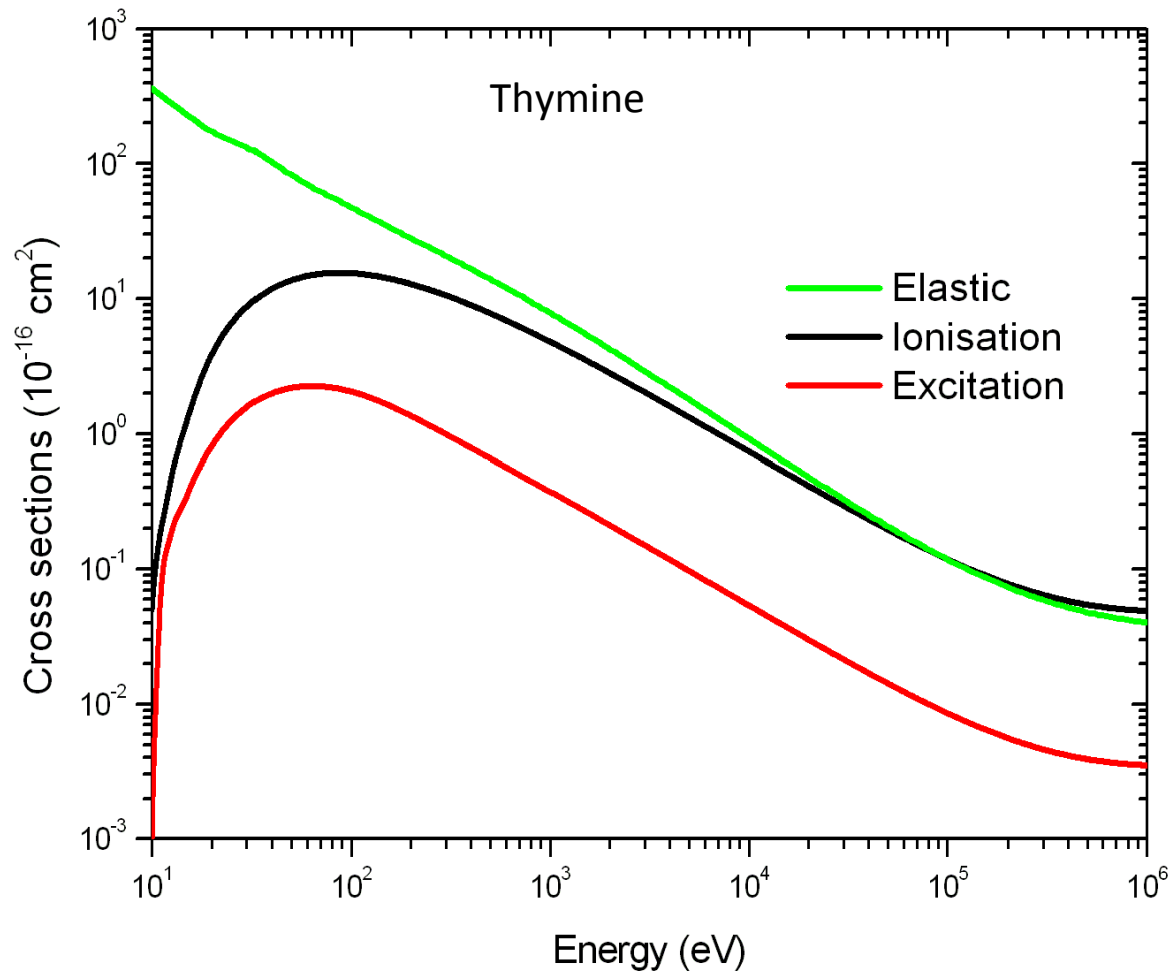




# Excitation

- Hypothesis:  $\left[\frac{\sigma_{exc}}{\sigma_{ion}}\right]_{DNA} = \left[\frac{\sigma_{exc}}{\sigma_{ion}}\right]_{H2O}$
- Dingfelder calculations:  $\left[\frac{\sigma_{exc}}{\sigma_{ion}}\right]_{H2O}$  (Dingfelder et al. 1998, Rad. Phys. Chem.. 53,1-
  - Ratio is known in water
  - $E > 300$  eV, this ratio  $\rightarrow$  constant (0.088)
- Total excitation cross section
$$[\sigma_{exc}]_{DNA} = [\sigma_{ion}]_{DNA} \left[\frac{\sigma_{exc}}{\sigma_{ion}}\right]_{H2O}$$
- Excitation if the ionization threshold  $< 20$  eV

# Cross section set for Thymine



## Next stages

- Implementation of physics models (elastic, electronic excitation and ionisation) for 4 DNA bases in Geant4-DNA
- Verification of this implementation by the calculation of different parameters
  - number of interaction of each type
  - distances
  - stopping power ....

Thank you for your attention