

SCALING RULES OF ELECTRON CAPTURE CROSS SECTIONS FOR SLOW LOW- q IONS ON GASEOUS TARGETS

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Scaling rules for single-, double-, and many-fold-electron capture cross sections for slow high-charge-state (high- q) ions are well established [1,2], in which the collision systems likely to become exothermic, but are not the case for slow low- q ions, where some collision systems may become endothermic. We have been devoted to producing single- and double-electron-capture cross sections for slow (~ 20 keV) low- q ions on gaseous targets [3-7], projectile ions of which range from low- Z ions of Be, B, C to high- Z ions such as Fe, Ni, and W. A scaling attempt has been made for single-electron capture cross sections of these slow low- q ions colliding with atomic and molecular gas targets, utilizing ΔIP , the first ionization potential of the target subtracted by that of the projectile ion after electron capture [7]. Dash-dotted line in the Figure 1 denotes derived scaling formula for the exo- ($\Delta IP < 0$) and endothermic ($\Delta IP > 0$) collisions, respectively, which reproduced the measured cross sections within -1.36 to $+0.64$ order(s) of magnitude. Yet another formula will be presented in the conference.

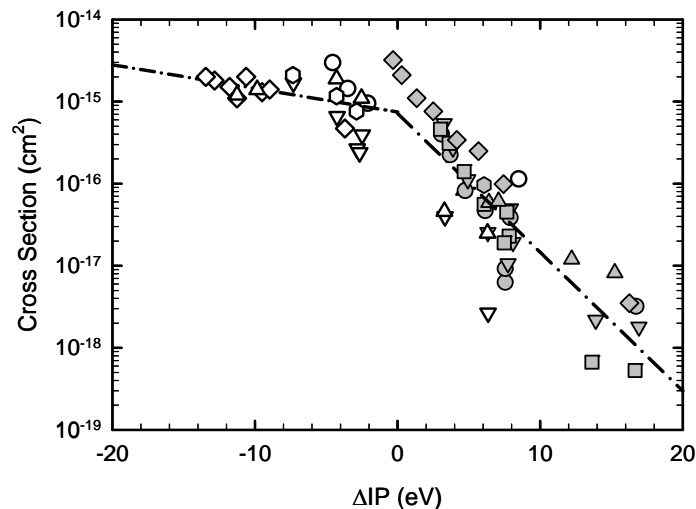


Figure 1: Single-electron-capture cross section scaling for slow low- q ions.

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