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# Oral contributions

### Dissociative electron attachment to benzene chromium tricarbonyl

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We have investigated dissociative electron attachment to benzene chromium tricarbonyl (M =  $C_r(C_6H_6)CO_3$ ). This molecule was in our interest because it is a possible Focused Electron Beam Induced Dissociation (FEBID) precursor. Measurements were performed on experimental setup settled in Siedlce, Poland. Incident electron beam with energy resolution of FWHM  $\approx 160 \text{ meV}$  (in the present experiment), orthogonally intersects with the molecular beam resulting in dissociation and formation of fragments. The obtained action tandem mass spectra were performed for the energies from 0 eV to 14 eV, with 2 eV step. The compound showed a very rich fragmentation pattern. We have observed the following fragments: [M - (CO)]<sup>-</sup> (m/z 186), [M - (CO)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> (m/z 158), [M - (CO)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> (m/z 130), [M - C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>]<sup>-</sup> (m/z 136), Cr<sup>-</sup> (m/z 52), [Cr(CO)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> (m/z 108) and [Cr(CO)]<sup>-</sup> (m/z 80). Energy scan was performed for every fragment mentioned above (some anionic yields are shown in Fig.1). Quite high intensity of Cr<sup>-</sup> has been noticed. SF<sub>6</sub> was introduced after every two energy scans, for checking the energy scale calibration.



Fig. 1. Ion yield of Cr<sup>-</sup> (52 a.m.u) and(M-(CO)<sub>2</sub>)<sup>-</sup> (158 a.m.u) produced from electron impact on gaseous benzene chromium(0) tricarbonyl.

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### Excited States of Pt(PF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> and Their Role in Focused Electron-Beam Nanofabrication

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Electron-induced chemistry of metal-containing molecules is central in focused electron beam induced deposition (FEBID). While some elementary processes leading to precursor decomposition were quantitatively characterized, *e.g.* electronic excitation by electron impact [1], dissociative electron attachment (DEA) [2], electron-induced chemistry on the surfaces [3], data for neutral dissociation (ND) are missing. Here we provide an indication of how important is the ND channel in the model precursor Pt(PF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, tetrakis(trifluorophosphine)platinum(0).

We have utilized the density functional and time-dependent density functional theory based approaches to characterize ground end excited states for the  $Pt(PF_3)_4$ . The calculations revealed a number of phenomena, related to the nature of Pt-P bond, that can play a role in the electroninduced chemistry of this compound, *e.g.* a considerable increase of bond dissociation energy with a sequential removal of multiple ligands. The calculated electronically excited states were validated by the comparison with electron energy loss spectra [1]. >From the shape of the potential energy curves, it is concluded that the lowest excited states are dissociative, either directly or, via conical intersections. Taking into account typical electron energy distribution at the FEBID spot reveals that the importance of ND exceeds that of DEA in Pt(PF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>. We thus established neutral dissociation as an important, albeit largely neglected, channel for FEBID using Pt(PF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> as a precursor. This conclusion is likely to apply to other precursors as well.

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# Design and performance of an instrument for gas phase electron spectroscopy of trapped molecular ions

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The electron interaction with atoms and molecules in the gas phase, has been studied for more than a century [1]. Over the years, electrons are used to probe the fundamental properties of atoms and molecules, such as electronic structure and chemical reactivity. Particularly, inner-shell electron spectroscopy of gas phase molecules, found its application in a wide area of research fields [2].

Recently we have designed a new experimental setup [3], for electron impact tandem mass spectrometry and action spectroscopy of electrosprayed macromolecules, by coupling a focused electron gun with a commercial linear ion trap mass spectrometer. Herein, we discuss the experimental details of this setup and the electron beam tracing simulations performed in SIMION to investigate the propagation of 300 eV energy electrons inside the RF linear quadrupole ion trap. We present the first results of electron-induced dissociation of peptides, as well as possibilities to probe trapped CELINA precursor SiOEt<sub>4</sub> by electron impact.



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