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## Integral cross sections for elastic electron scattering by methane molecule

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**Synopsis** We have performed a combined experimental and theoretical study of electron elastic differential and integral cross sections from methane molecule (CH4) in the intermediate energy range. Data have been compared with available data sets in the literature as well as with recommended data set [Song *et al J. Phys. Chem. Ref.Data* **44** 023101 (2015)].

Methane gas has been investigated widely in past years by electron collisions [1,2]. We measured electron elastic differential cross sections (DCSs) for methane molecule (CH<sub>4</sub>) in the energy range from 50 eV to 300 eV and angular range from 20° to 130°. DCSs were then extrapolated to zero and 180° and integrated in order to obtain the integral cross sections. The experimental setup based on a crossed beam technique comprising of an electron gun, a single capillary gas needle and a detection system with a channeltron was used to measure differential cross sections.

The absolute scale for the cross sections is obtained by relative-flow method using argon gas as a reference [3]. For the interpretation of the measured data we applied the partial expansion method to calculate the elastic cross sections for electron scattering from methane.

Here we present our daa point at 50 eV and we find it in an excellent agreement with the recommended set of data [1]. At the conference we will present our data points in a full scale of electron impact energies, from 50 to 300 eV in steps of 50 eV and calculated ICS curves obtained based on IAM method and screening correction factors.

**Figure 1.** Energy dependence od integral cross sections for elastic electron scattering by methane molecule.

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