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I. POTENTIAL ENERGIES

I(a). Table of excitation and ionization energies of atoms in electron volts obtained from spectra by means of the conversion factor, $V\lambda = hc/e = 1.2398 \times 10^{-4}$ volt-cm.

Atomic Number	Element	V_m	V_{res}	V_{i1}	V_{i2}	V_{i3}
1	H		10.198	13.595		
2	He	19.80	21.21	24.580	54.400	
3	Li		1.85	5.390	75.62	122.42
4	Be		5.28	9.320	18.21	153.85
5	B		4.96	8.296	25.15	37.92
6	C	1.26	7.48	11.264	24.376	47.86
7	N	2.38	10.3	14.54	29.60	47.426
8	O	1.97	9.15	13.614	35.15	54.93
9	F		12.7	17.418	34.98	62.65
10	Ne	16.62	16.85	21.559	41.07	63.5
						± 0.1
11	Na		2.1	5.138	47.29	71.8
						± 0.1
12	Mg	2.709	2.712	7.644	15.03	78.2
						± 0.1
13	Al		3.14	5.984	18.82	28.44
14	Si	0.78	4.93	8.149	16.34	33.46
15	P	0.91	6.95	10.55	19.65	30.16
16	S		6.52	10.357	23.4	34.8
17	Cl		8.92	13.01	23.80	39.9
18	A	11.55	11.61	15.755	27.6	40.90
19	K		1.61	4.339	31.81	45.9
20	Ca	1.880	1.886	6.111	11.87	51.21
21	Sc	1.43	1.98	6.56	12.89	24.75
22	Ti	0.81	1.97	6.83	13.57	28.14
23	V	0.26	2.03	6.74	14.2	29.7
24	Cr	0.94	2.89	6.764	16.49	31
25	Mn	2.11	2.28	7.432	15.64	33.69
26	Fe	0.85	2.40	7.90	16.18	30.64
27	Co	0.43	2.92	7.86	17.05	33.49
28	Ni	0.42	3.31	7.633	18.15	36.16
29	Cu	1.38	3.78	7.724	20.29	36.83
30	Zn	4.00	4.03	9.391	17.96	39.70
31	Ga		3.07	6.00	20.51	30.70
32	Ge	0.88	4.65	7.88	15.93	34.21
33	As	1.31	6.28	9.81	18.7	28.3
						± 0.1
34	Se		6.10	9.75	21.5	32.0
35	Br		7.86	11.84	21.6	35.9
36	Kr	9.91	10.02	13.996	24.56	36.9
37	Rb		1.56	4.176	27.56	40
38	Sr	1.775	1.798	5.692	11.026	43.6
39	Y		1.305	6.38	12.23	20.5
40	Zr	0.52	1.83	6.835	12.92	24.8
41	Nb		2.97	6.88	13.90	28.1
42	Mo	1.34	3.18	7.131	15.72	29.6

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Atomic Number	Element	V_m	V_{res}	V_{i1}	V_{i2}	V_{i3}
43	Tc			7.23	14.87	31.9
44	Ru	0.81	3.16	7.36	16.60	30.3
45	Rh	0.41	3.36	7.46	15.92	32.8
46	Pd	0.81	4.48	8.33	19.42	
47	Ag		3.57	7.574	21.48	36.10
48	Cd	3.73	3.80	8.991	16.904	44.5
49	In		3.02	5.785	18.86	28.0
50	Sn	1.07	4.33	7.332	14.6	30.7
51	Sb	1.05	5.35	8.64	16.7	24.8
					± 0.5	
52	Te	1.31	5.49	9.01	18.8	31
					± 0.5	
53	I			10.44	19.0	33
54	Xe	8.32	8.45	12.127	21.2	32.1
55	Cs		1.39	3.893	25.1	34.6
						± 0.7
56	Ba	1.13	1.57	5.810	10.00	37
						± 1
57	La	0.37	1.84	5.61	11.43	19.17
58	Ce			(6.91)	12.3	19.5
59	Pr			(5.76)		
60	Nd			(6.31)		
61	Pm					
62	Sm			5.6	(11.2)	
63	Eu			5.67	11.24	
64	Gd			6.16	(12)	
65	Tb			(6.74)		
66	Dy			(6.82)		
67	Ho					
68	Er					
69	Tm					
70	Yb			6.2	12.10	
71	Lu			6.15	14.7	
72	Hf		2.19	5.5	14.9	
73	Ta			7.7	16.2	
					± 0.5	
74	W	0.37	2.3	7.98	17.7	
					± 0.5	
75	Re		2.35	7.87	16.6	
					± 0.5	
76	Os			8.7	17	
					± 1	
77	Ir			9.2	17.0	
					± 0.3	
78	Pt	0.102	3.74	8.96	18.54	
79	Au	1.14	4.63	9.223	20.5	
80	Hg	4.667	4.886	10.434	18.751	34.2
81	Tl		3.28	6.106	20.42	29.8
82	Pb	2.66	4.38	7.415	15.03	31.93
83	Bi	1.42	4.04	7.287	19.3	25.6
84	Po			8.2	19.4	27.3
				± 0.4	± 1.7	± 0.8
85	At			9.2	20.1	29.3
				± 0.4	± 1.7	± 0.9

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Atomic Number	Element	V_m	V_{res}	V_{i1}	V_{i2}	V_{i3}
86	Rn	6.77	8.41	10.745	21.4	29.4
					± 1.8	± 1.0
87	Fr			3.98	22.5	33.5
				± 0.10	± 1.8	± 1.5
88	Ra			5.277	10.144	
89	Ac			6.89	11.5	
				± 0.6	± 0.4	
90	Th				11.5	20.0
					± 1.0	
91	Pa					
92	U			4		

The resonant level V_r is the lowest excited level from which electric dipole radiation can take place. If there is an excited level, not part of the ground state multiplet, which is lower than V_r , it is a metastable level V_m .

[The data from columns 5, 6, and 7 are taken from W. Finkelburg, W. Humbach, Naturwiss. 42, hft. 2, 36-37 (1955).]

I(b). Excitation and Ionization for Molecules

Molecule	V_r	V_{i1}	Molecule	V_r	V_{i1}
Br ₂		12.8	Cl ₂		13.2
BrCl		12.9	F ₂		17.8
CH ₂ O		11.3	H ₂	11.5	15.6
CH ₃ Br		10.0	HBr		13.2
CH ₃ Cl		10.7	HCN		14.8
CH ₃ I		9.1	HCl		13.8
CH ₄		14.5	HF		17.7
CN		14	HI		12.8
CO	6.0	14.1	H ₂ O	7.6	12.6
CO ₂	10.0	14.4	H ₂ S		10.4
CS		10.6	I ₂	2.3	9.7
CS ₂		10.4	IBr		11.6
C ₂ H ₂		11.6	ICl		11.9
C ₂ H ₄		12.2	N ₂	6.1	15.5
C ₂ H ₆		12.8	NH ₃		11.2
C ₆ H ₆		9.6	NO	5.4	9.5
C ₇ H ₈		8.5	NO ₂		11.0
CH ₃ I		10.1	N ₂ O		12.9
C ₂ H ₅ Br		10.2	O ₂	7.9	12.5
C ₂ H ₅ N		9.8	S ₂		10.7
C ₂ H ₅ OH		11.3	SO ₂		13.1
CH ₃ COCH ₃		10.1			

I(c). Electron Affinities

Atom	Electron Volts
H	0.76
He	-0.53
Li	0.34
C	1.37
N	0.04
O	3.80
F	3.94
Ne	-1.20
Na	0.08
Mg	-0.87
Al	-0.16
S	2.06
Cl	3.70
A	-1.0
Br	3.54
I	3.22
Hg	1.79

From L. B. Loeb, "Fundamental Processes of Electrical Discharges in Gases" (John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 1939), p. 297.

II. COLLISION PROBABILITIES

The probability of collision P_c is defined as the fraction of particles scattered out of a collimated beam per centimeter path per millimeter pressure at 0°C . Similarly the "probability" of any event occurring on collision, such as excitation P_x or ionization P_i , is the fraction of particles suffering that event per centimeter path and millimeter pressure. The probability P is related to the cross section q by

$$P = L q / 760 \text{ cm}^{-1} (\text{mm Hg})^{-1}$$

where L is Loschmidt's number, or

$$P = 3.5357 q$$

where q is in square angstrom units. The mean free path ℓ is given by

$$\ell = 1/p_0 P \text{ cm}$$

and the mean free time τ by

$$1/\tau = v/\ell = 5.93107 \times 10^7 u^{1/2} p_0 P \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

Here $u = m v^2/2e$ is the energy in electron volts, and $p_0 = 273.16 p/T$ is the "reduced" pressure in millimeters of mercury. p_0 does not express a pressure, but a concentration

$$N/V = 3.5357 \times 10^{16} p_0 \text{ molecules/cm}^3$$

Cross sections are sometimes given in units of $\pi a_0^2 = 0.87981 \text{ \AA}^2$, and energies in Hartree units, $k^2 = V/13.605$.

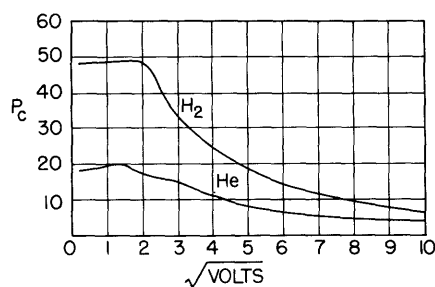
If $q(\theta)$ is the differential cross section for elastic scattering into unit solid angle at an angle θ to the incident direction,

$$q_c = \int q(\theta) 2\pi \sin \theta d\theta$$

A more important quantity is the cross section for momentum transfer.

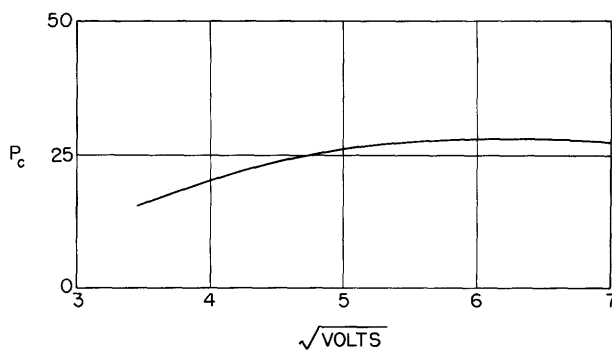
$$q_m = \int q(\theta) (1 - \cos \theta) 2\pi \sin \theta d\theta$$

In general, $q_m \leq q_c$; experimental values of P_c should be "corrected" to P_m in all gas discharge applications.



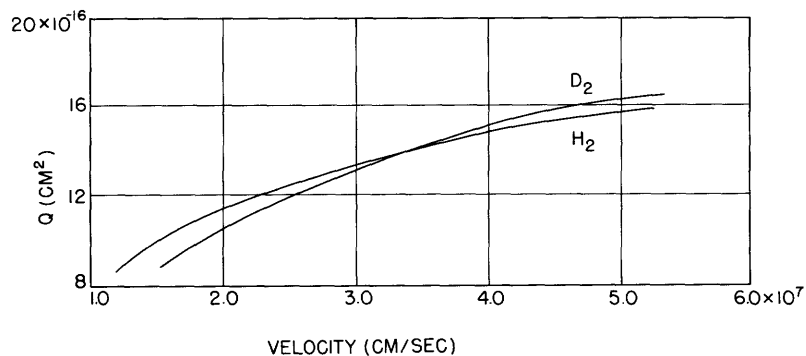
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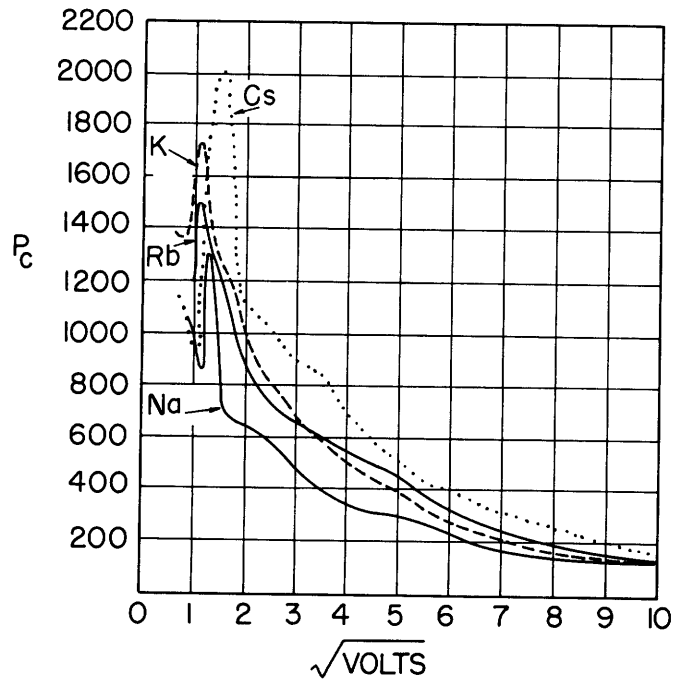
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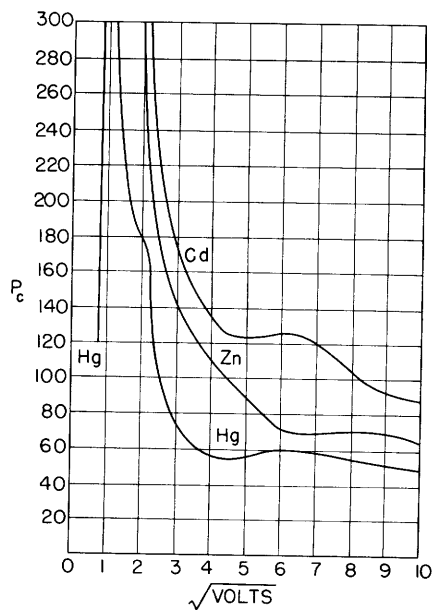


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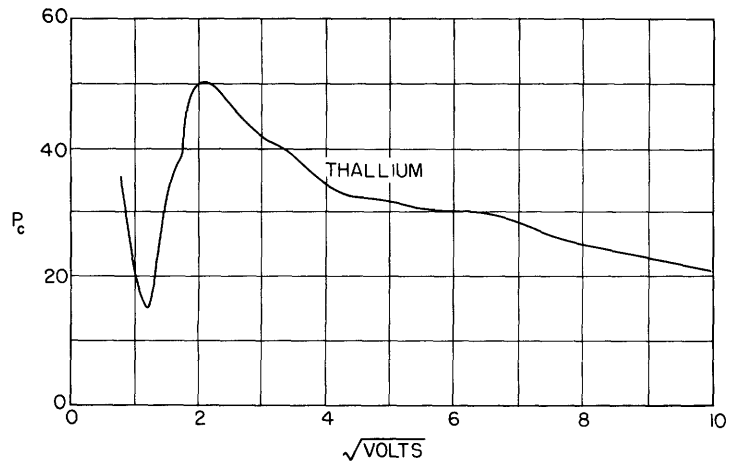
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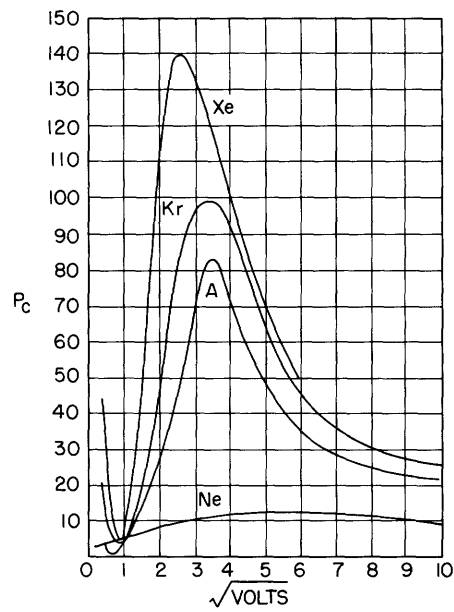
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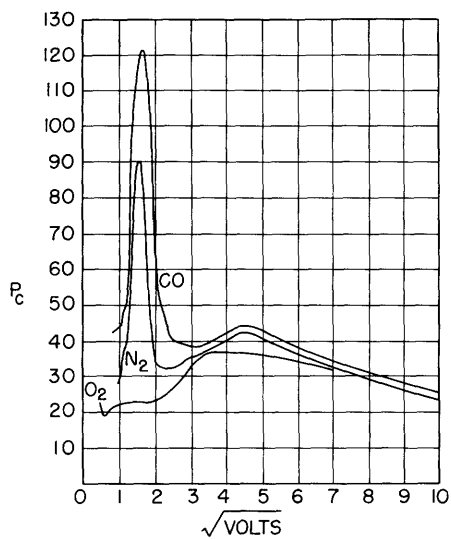
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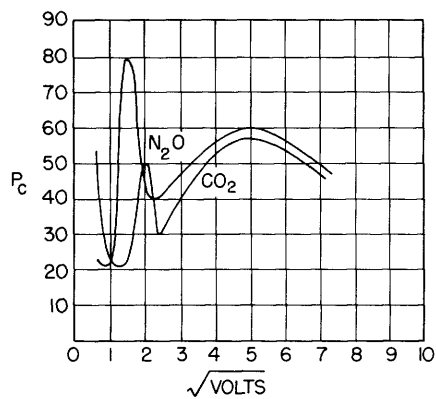
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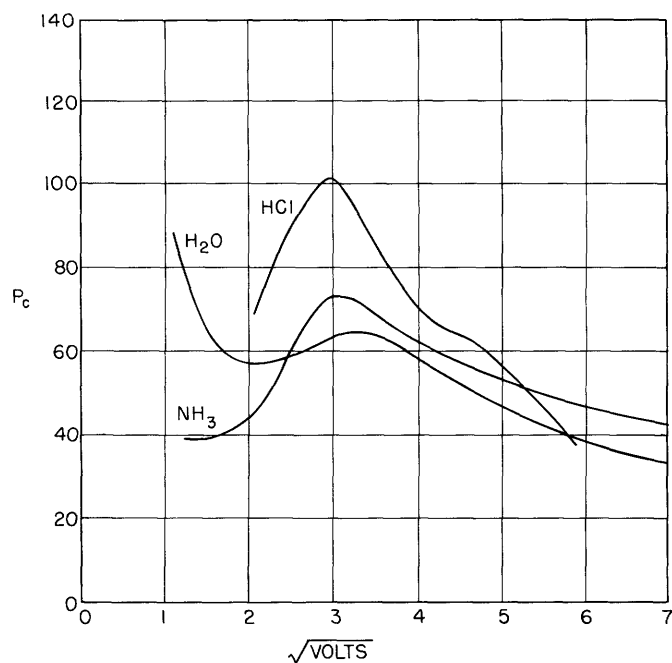
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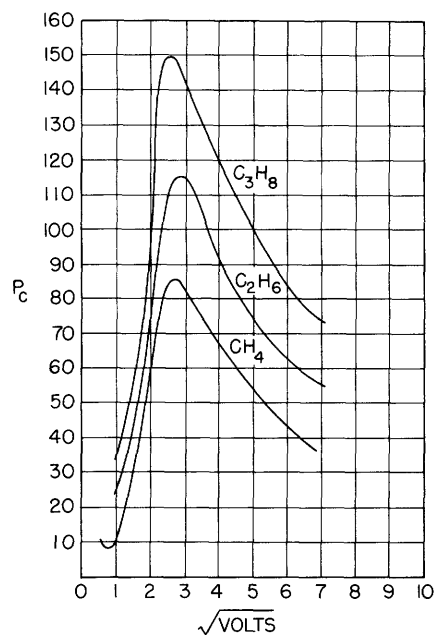
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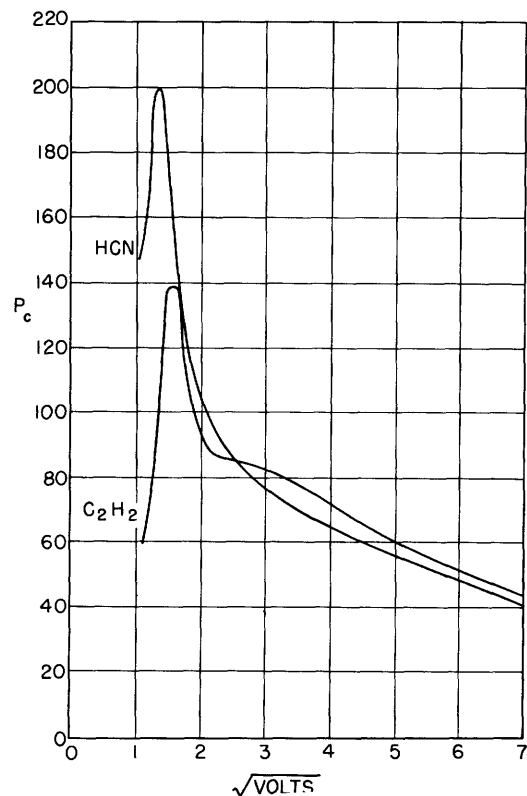
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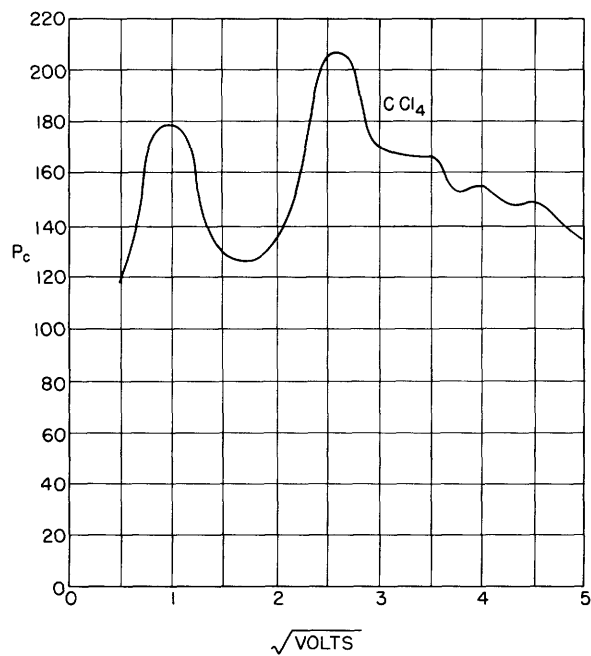
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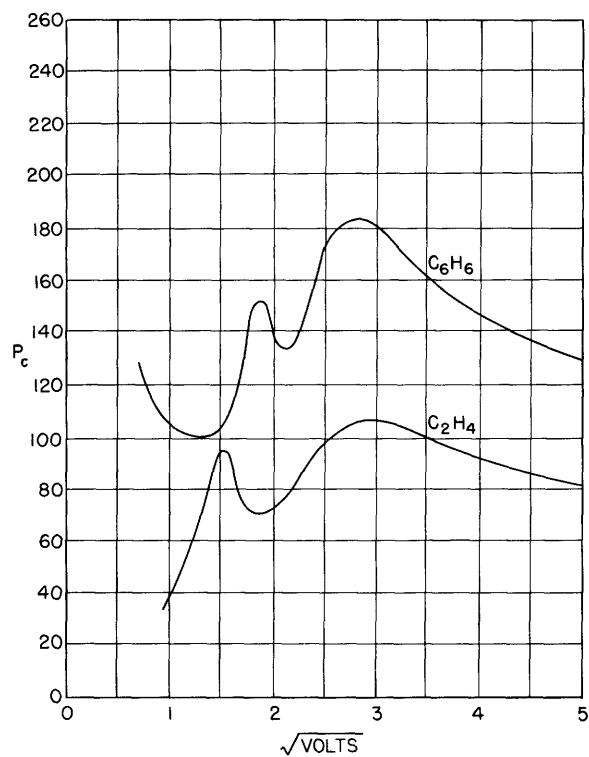
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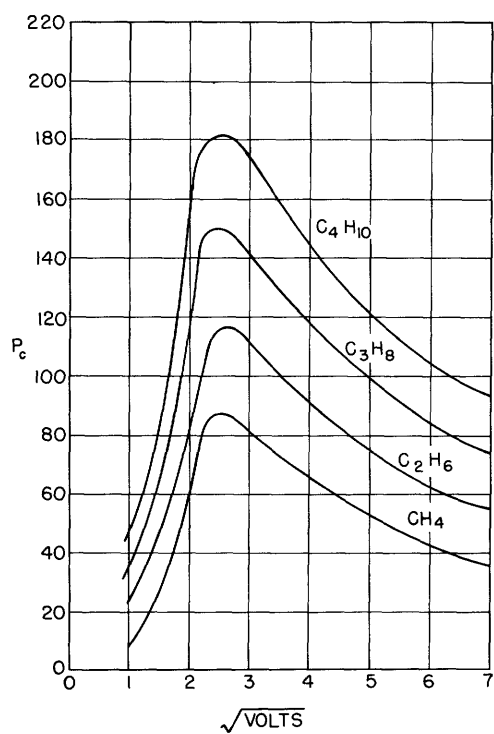


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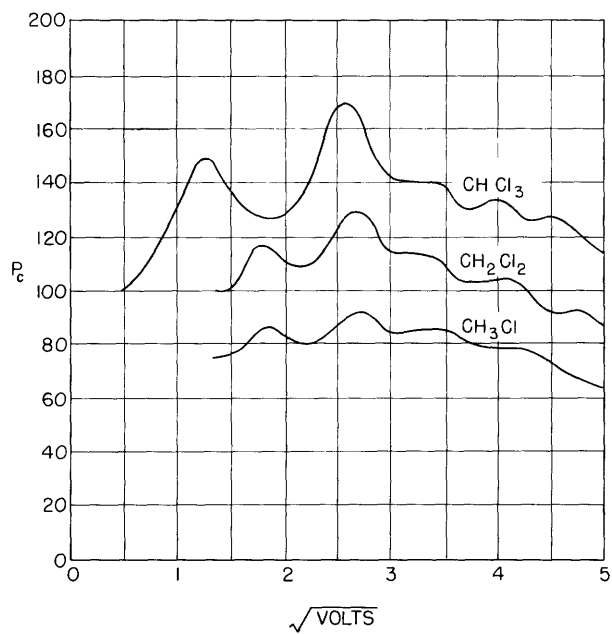
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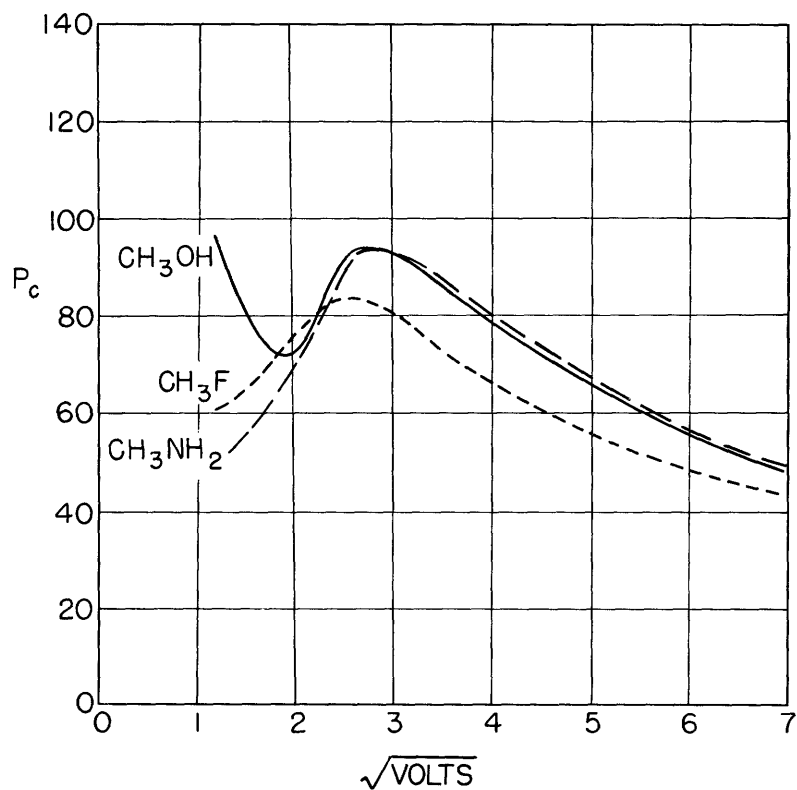
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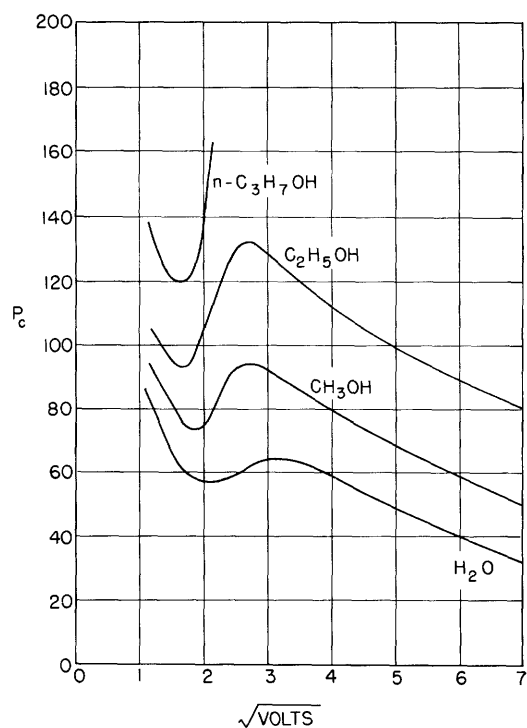
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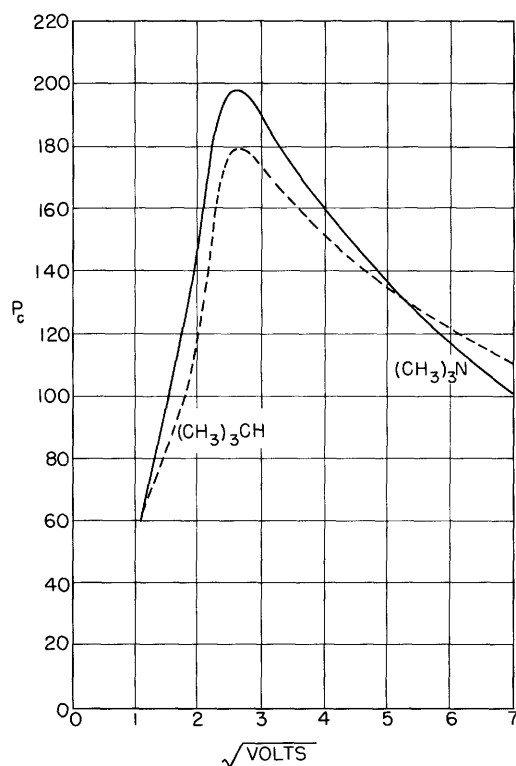


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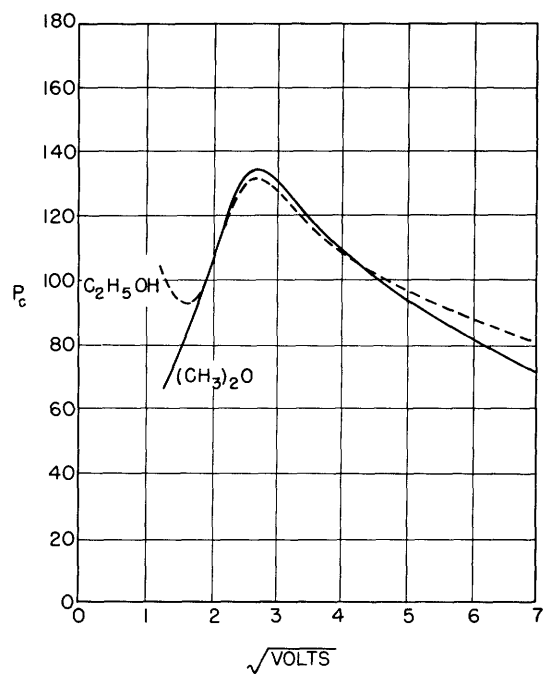
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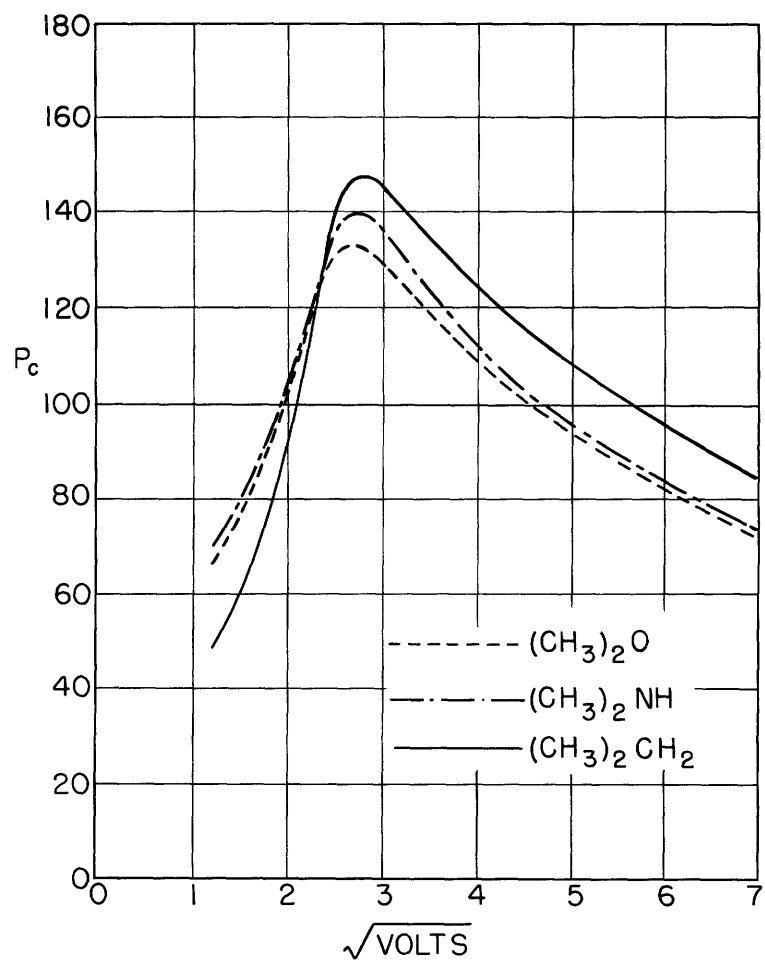
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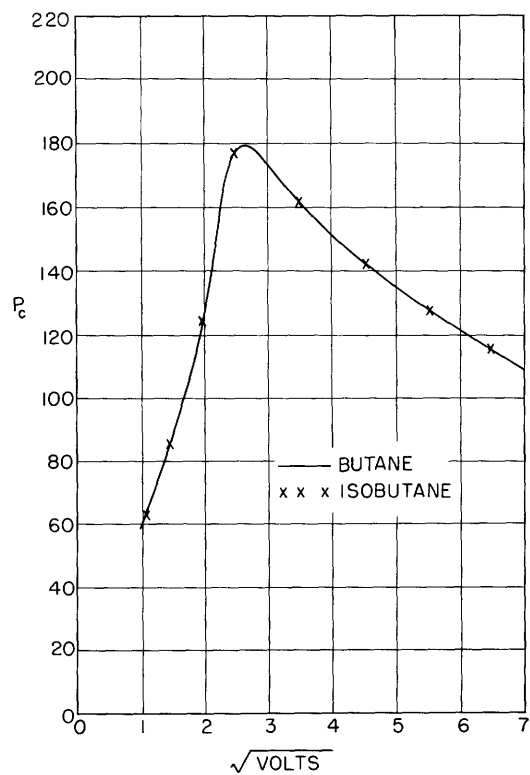
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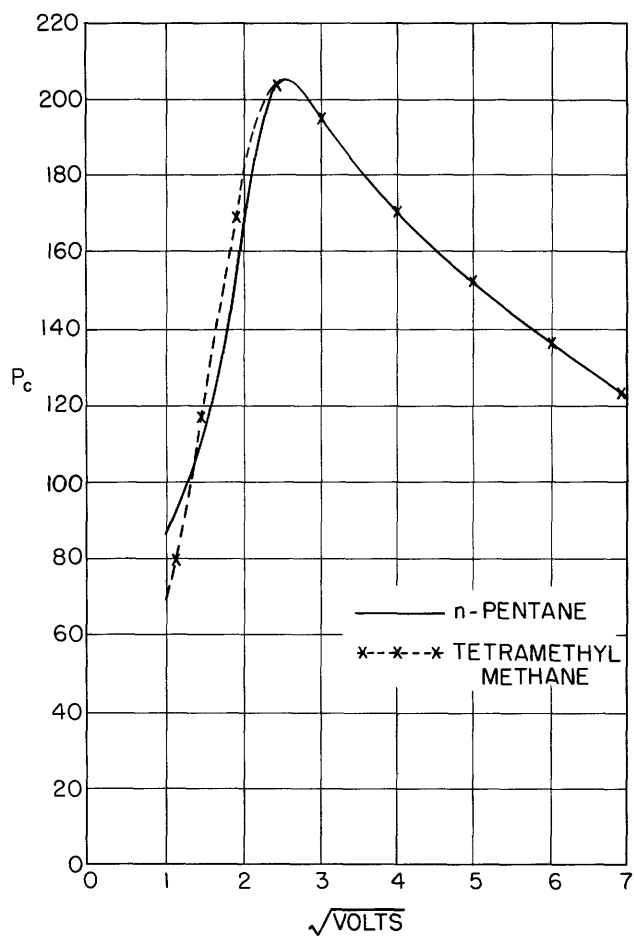
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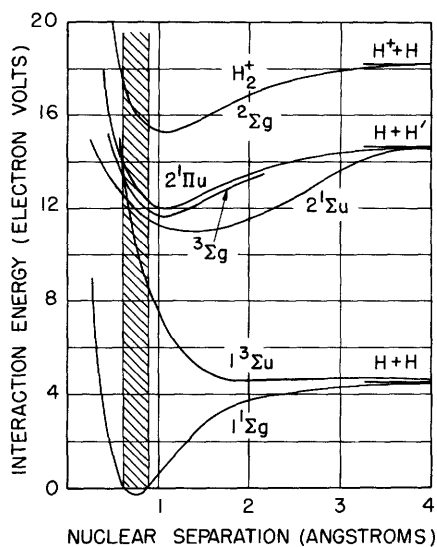
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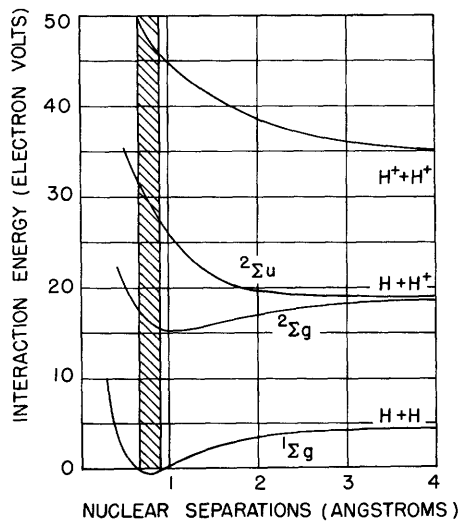


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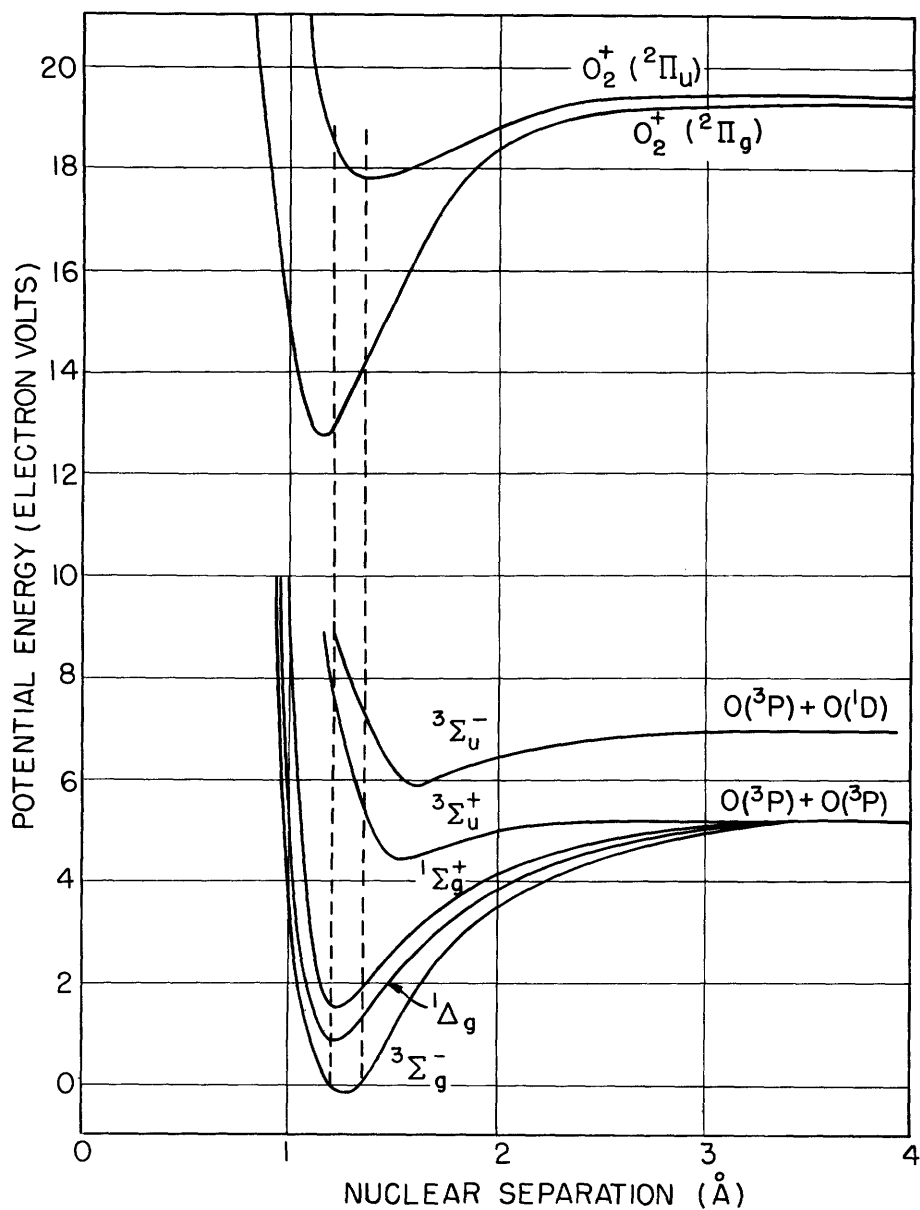
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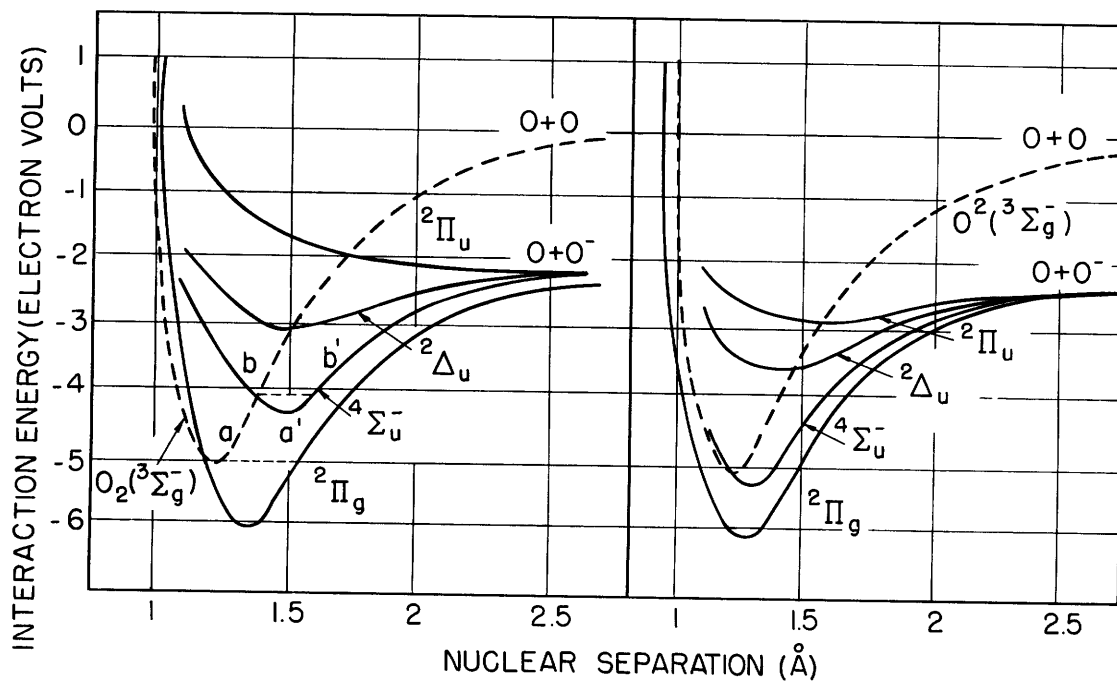
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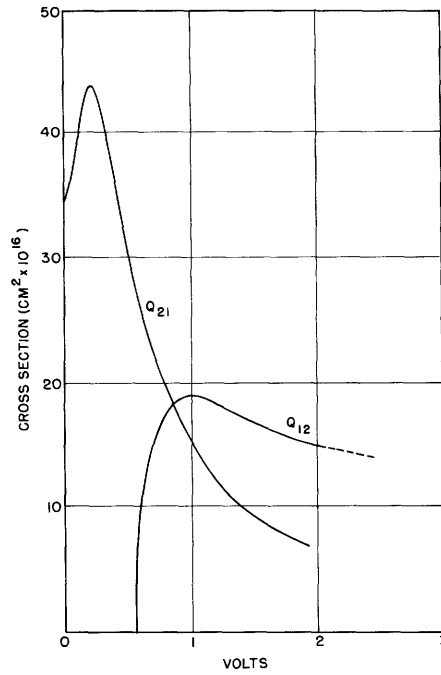
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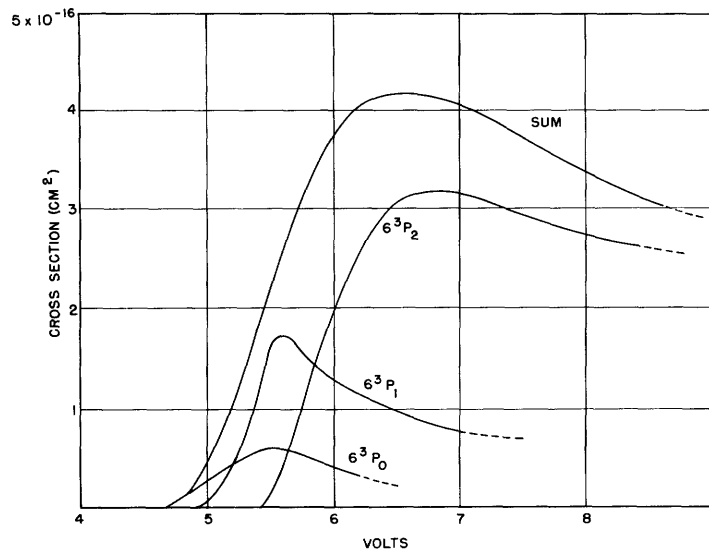
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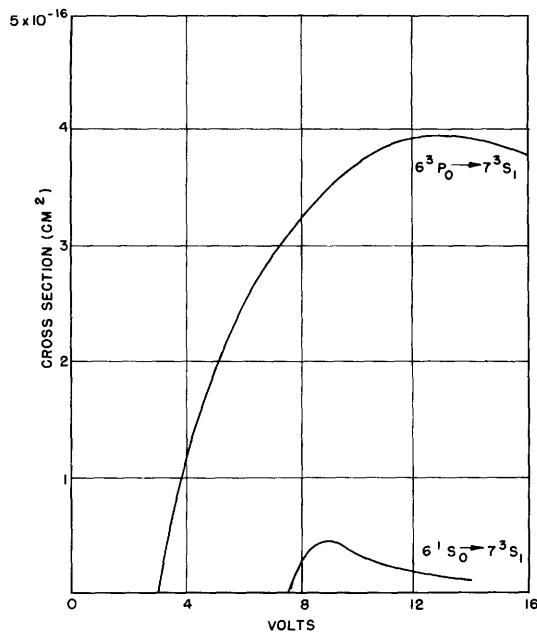
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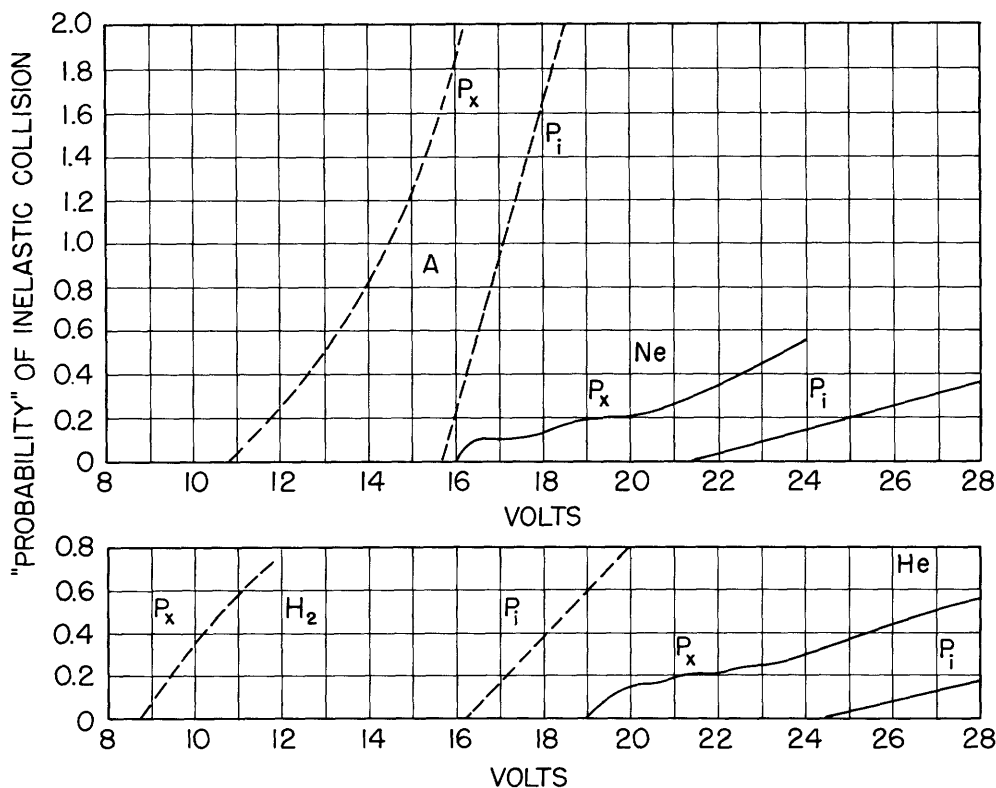


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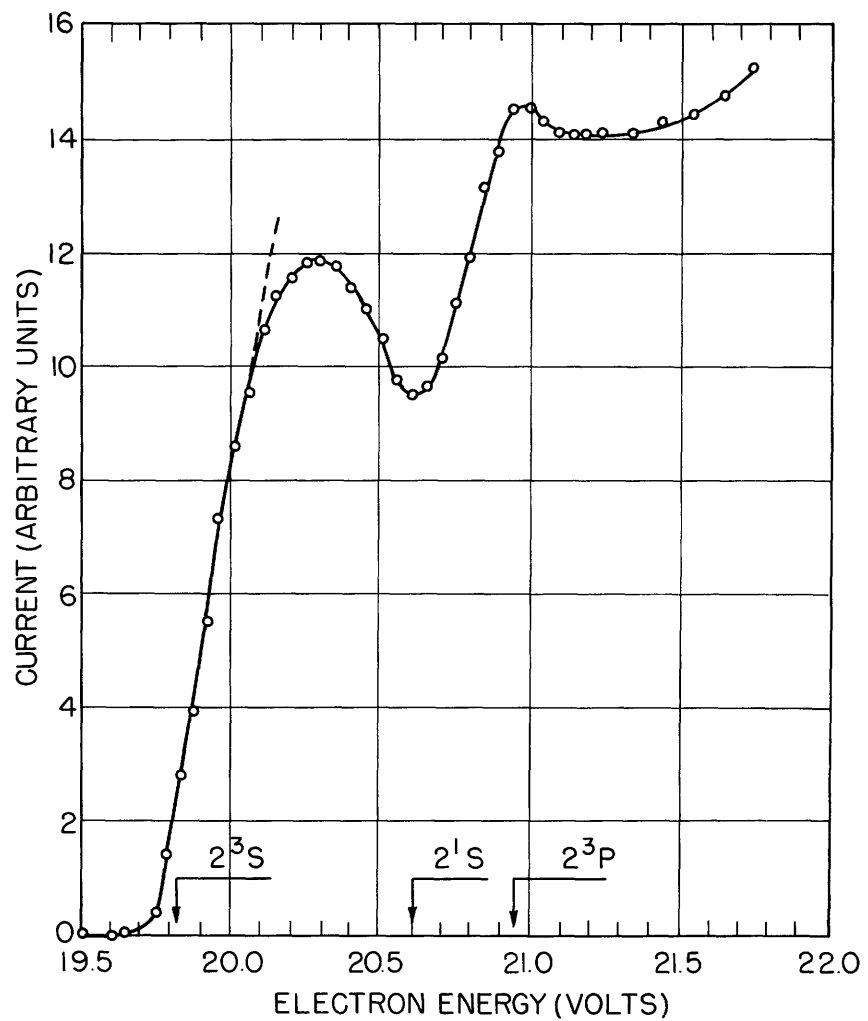
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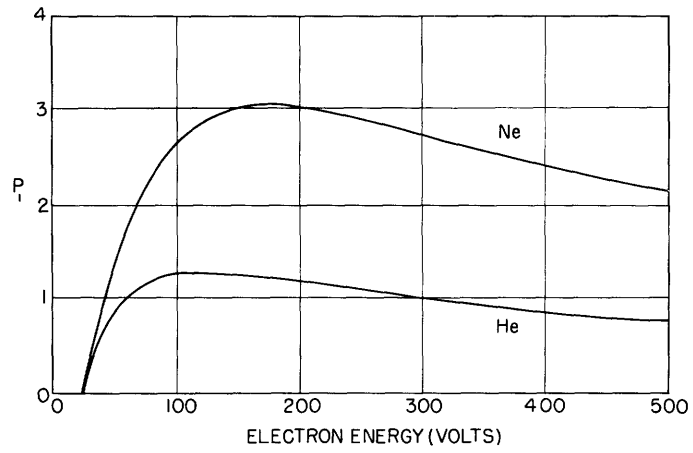


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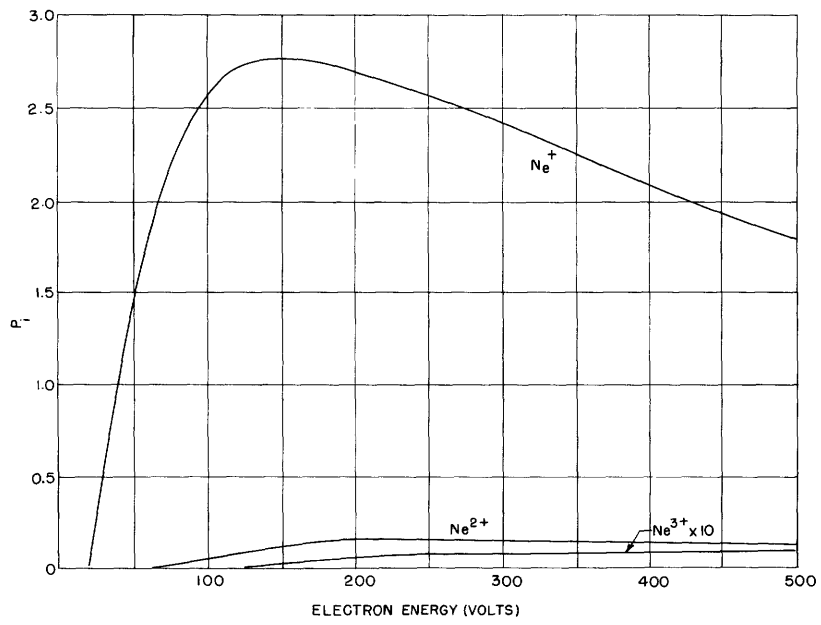


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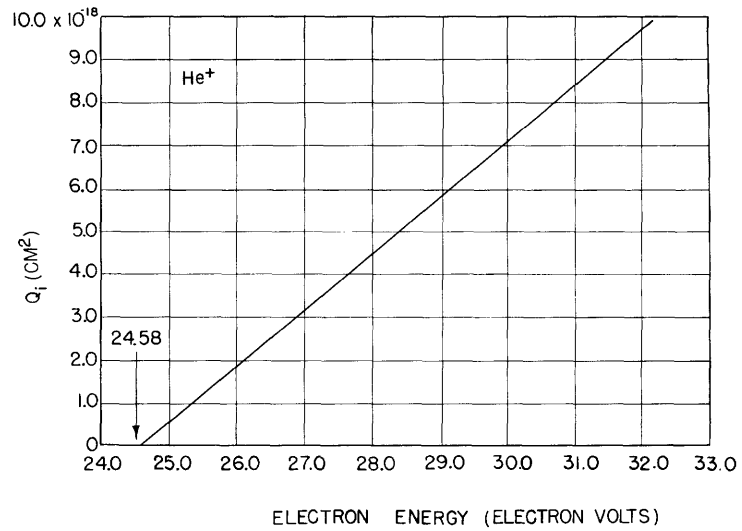
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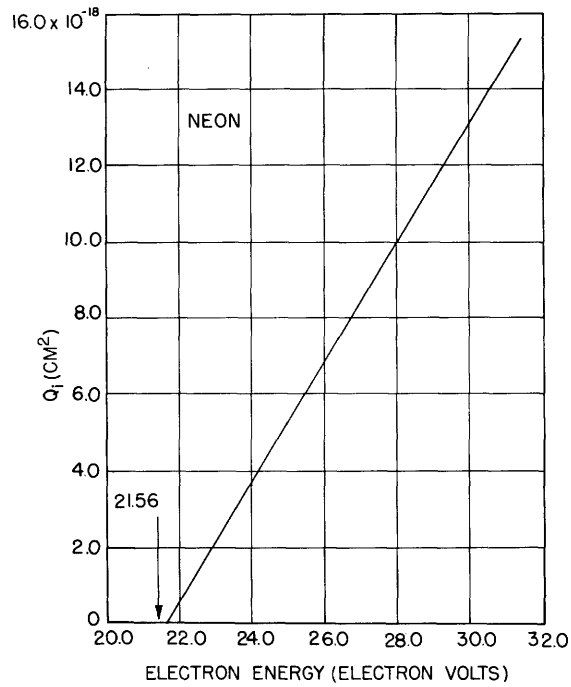


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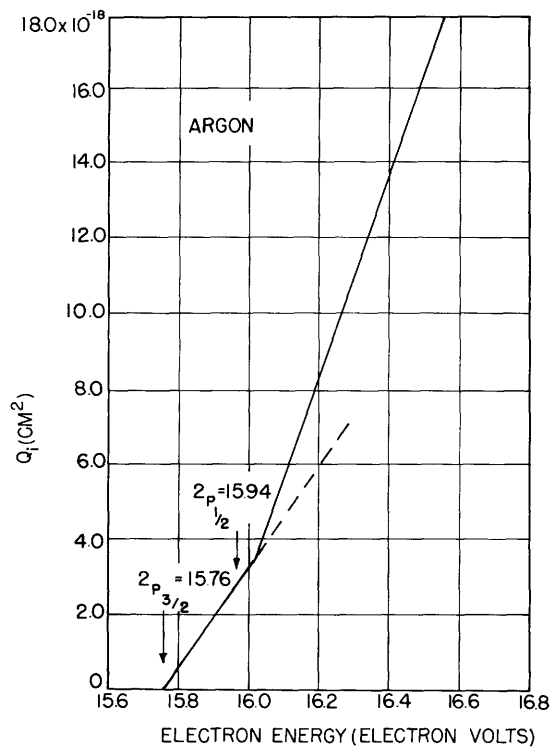
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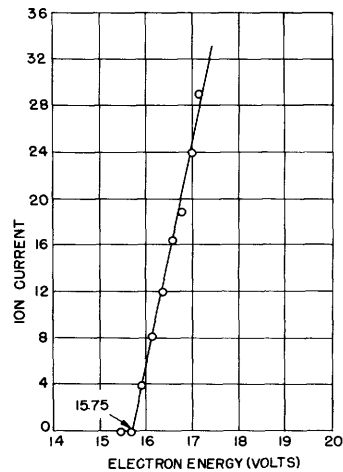
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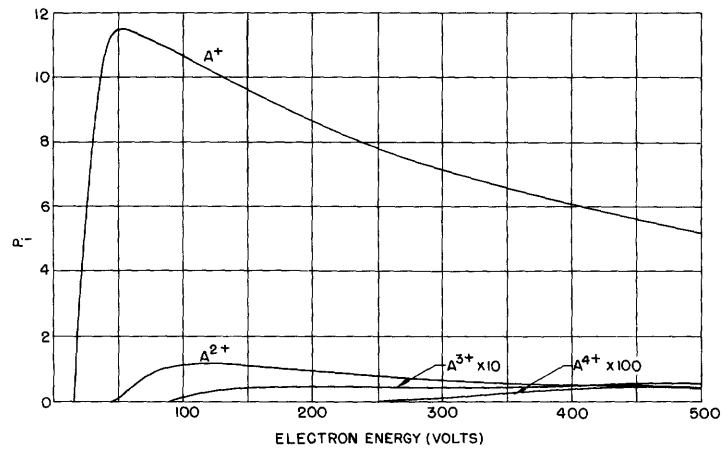
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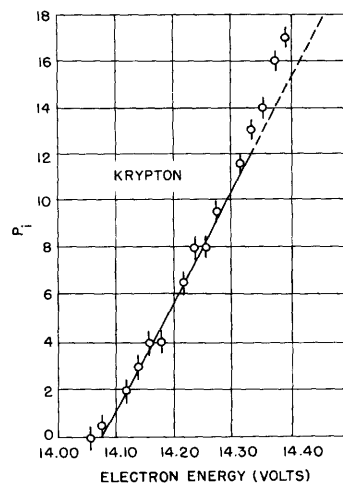


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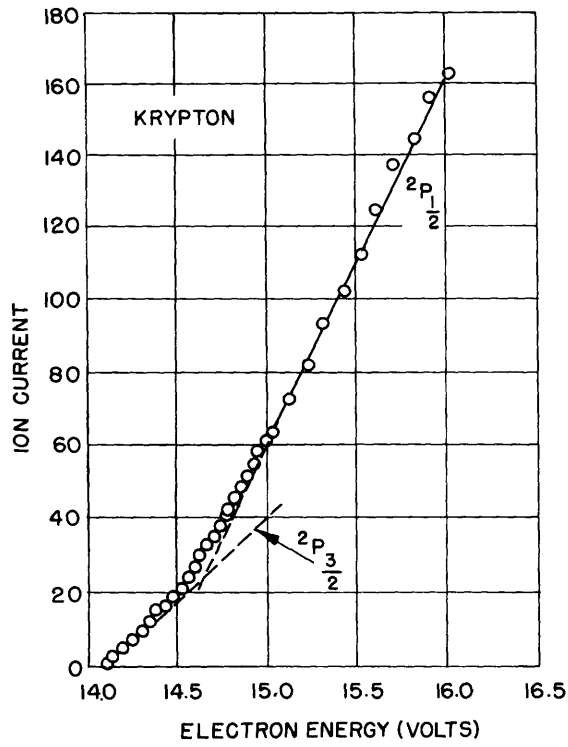
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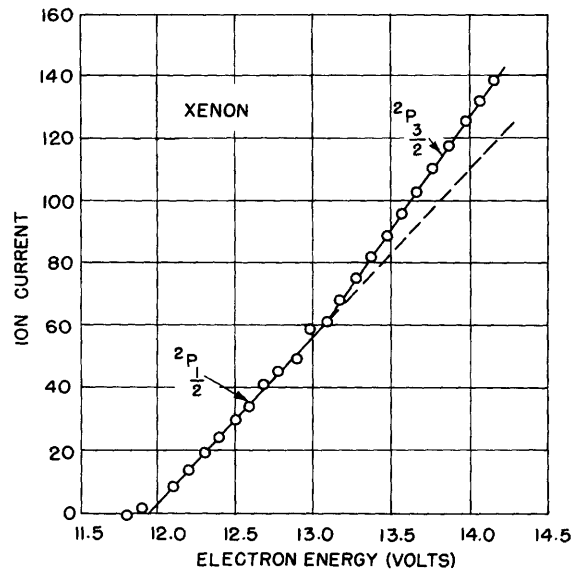
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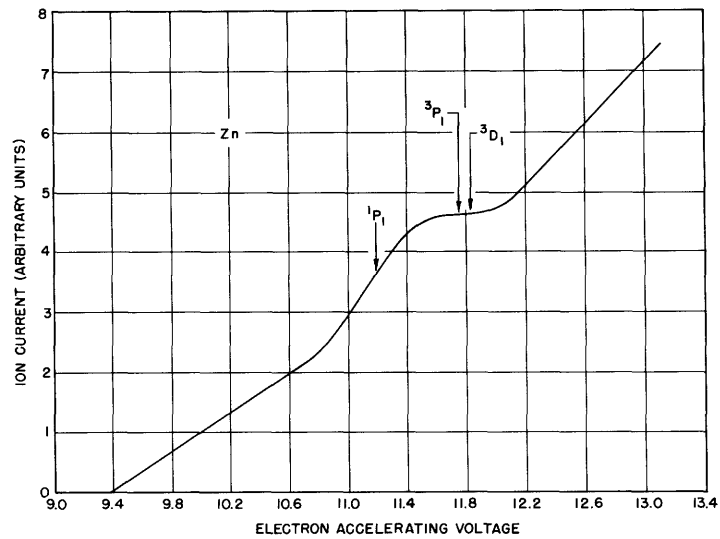
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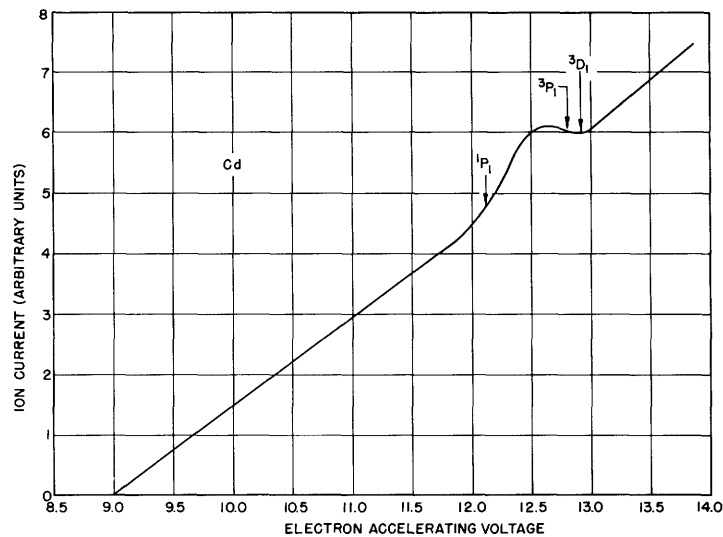


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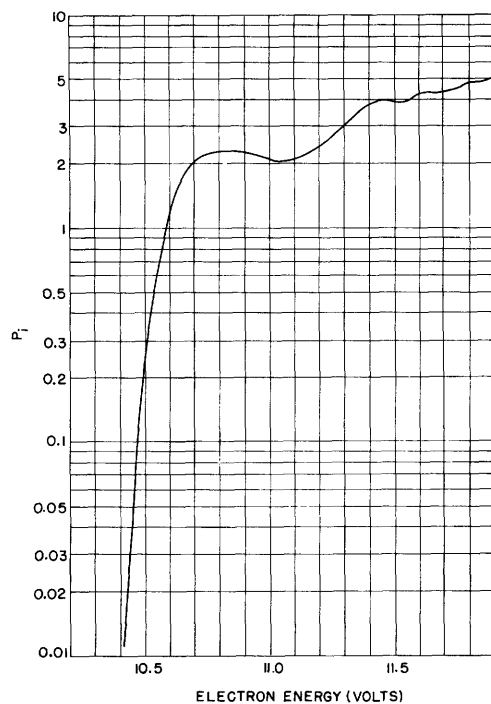
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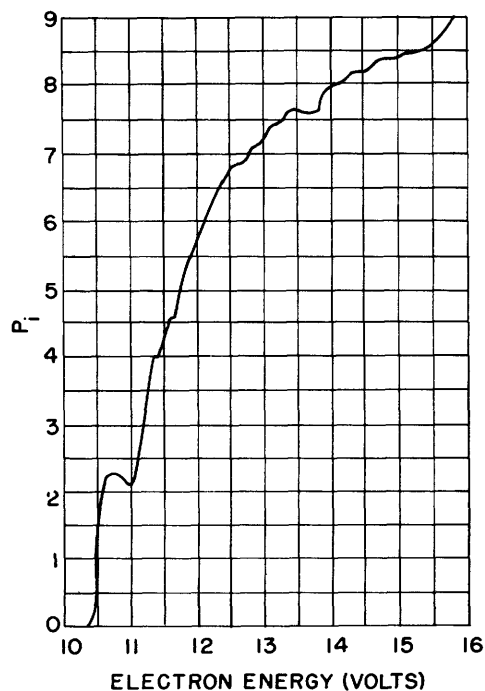


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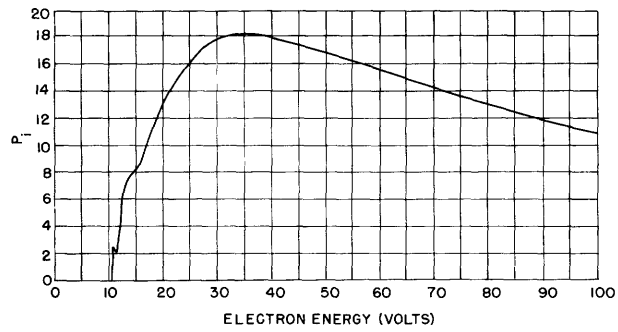
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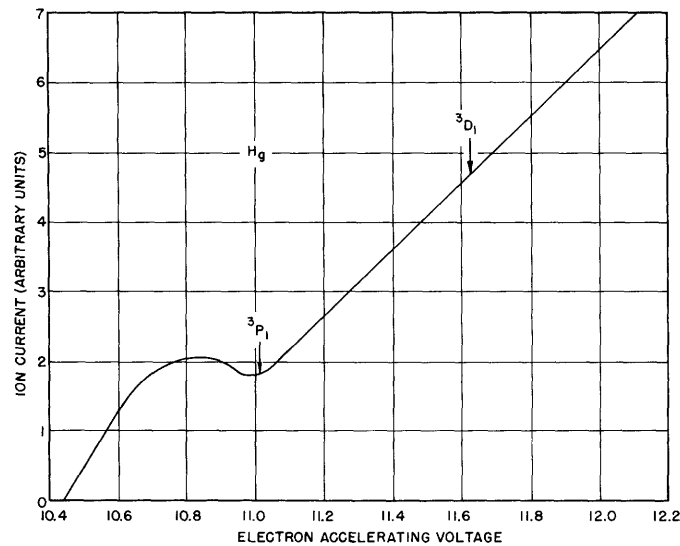
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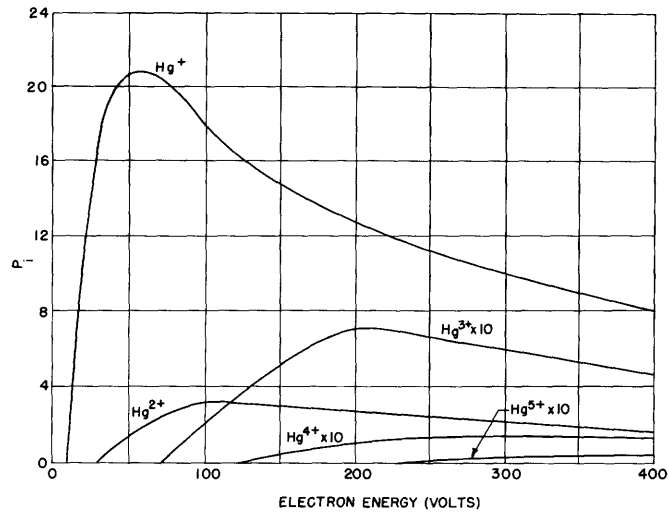
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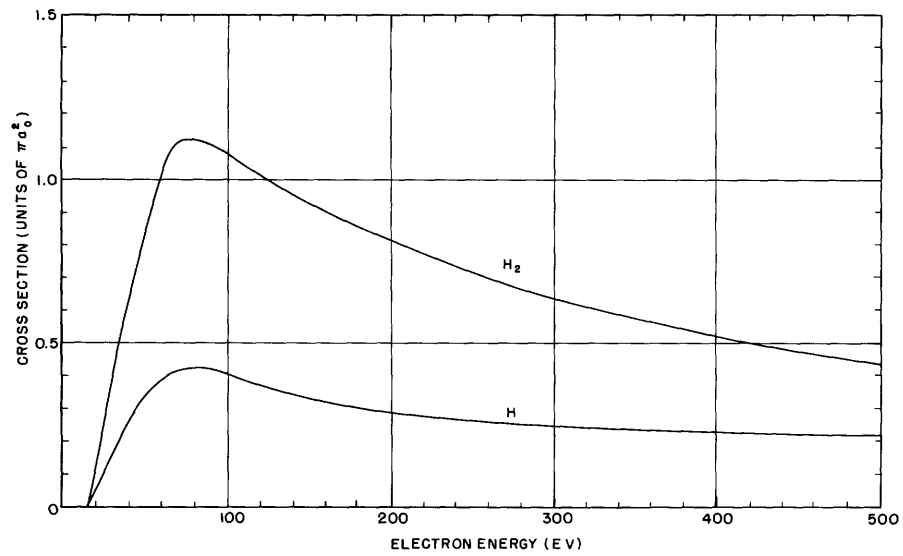
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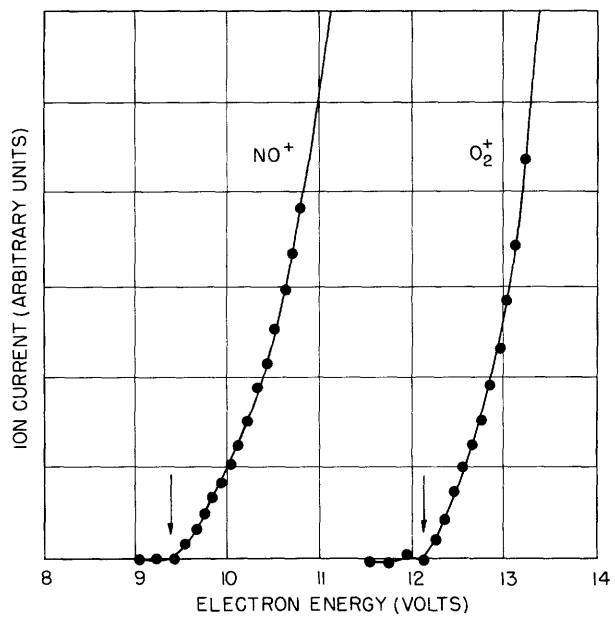
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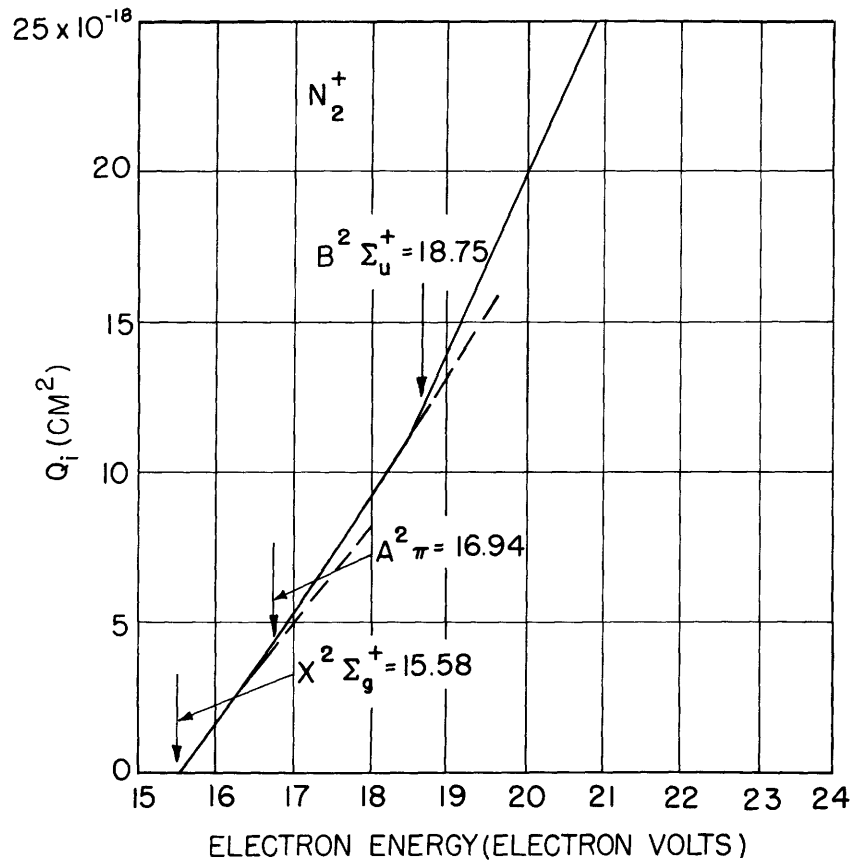
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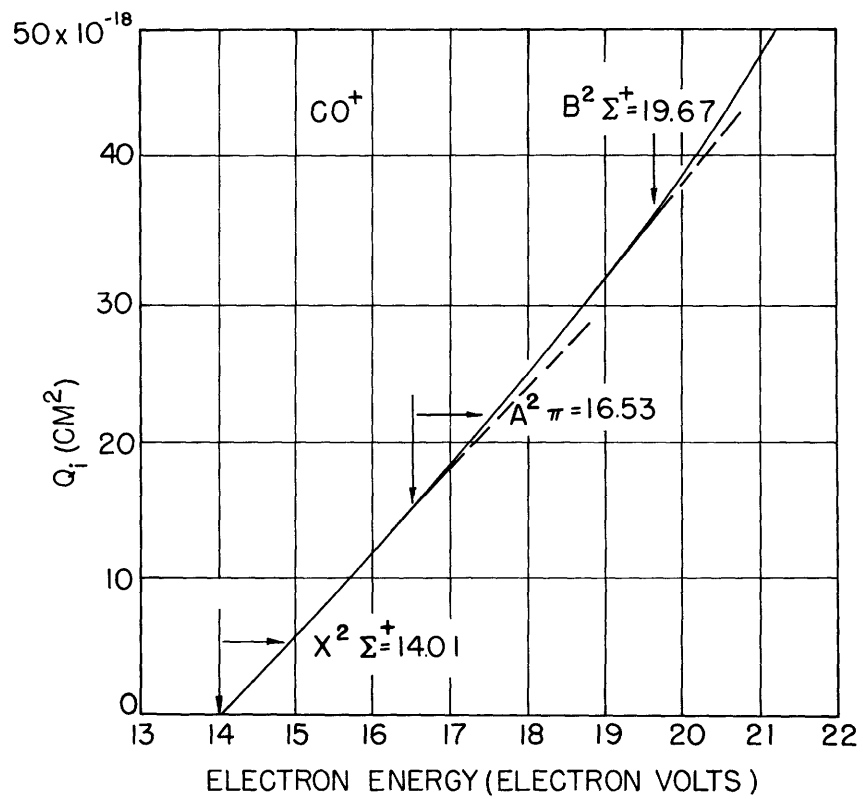


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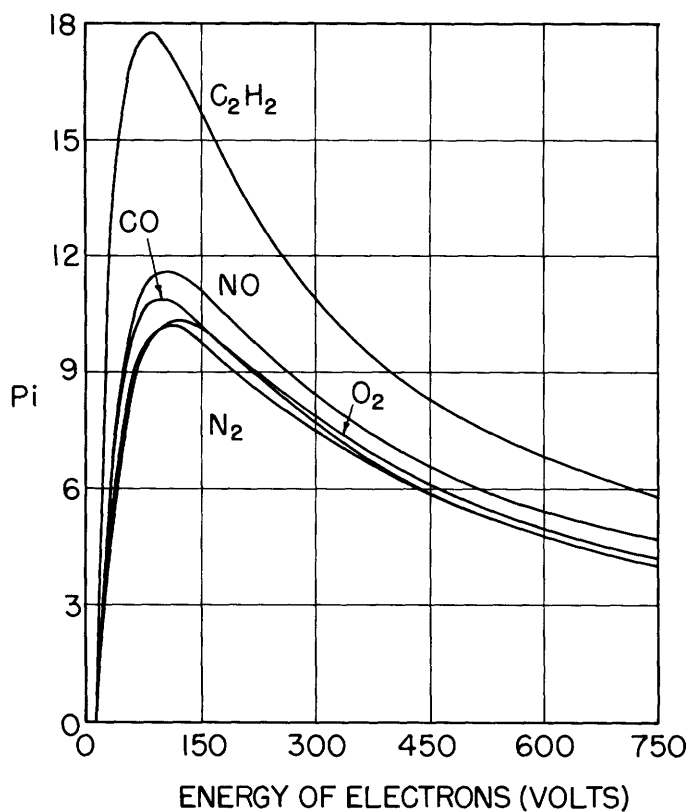
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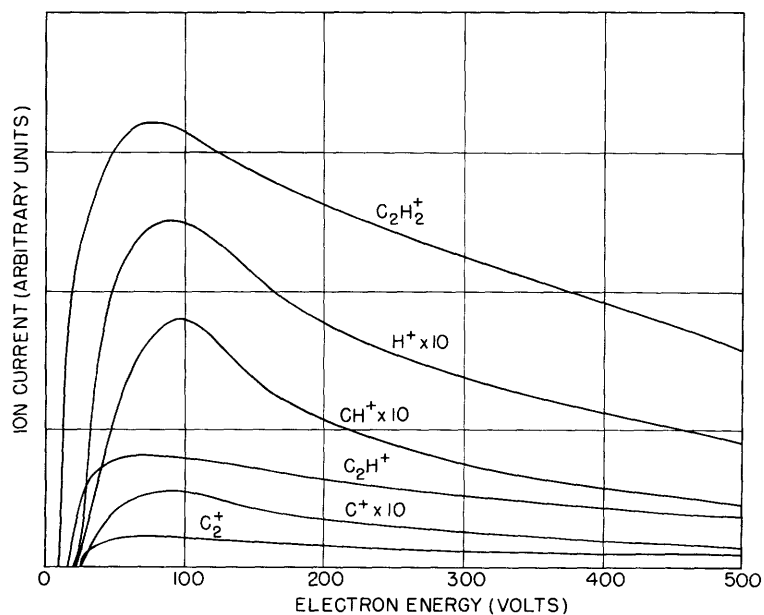


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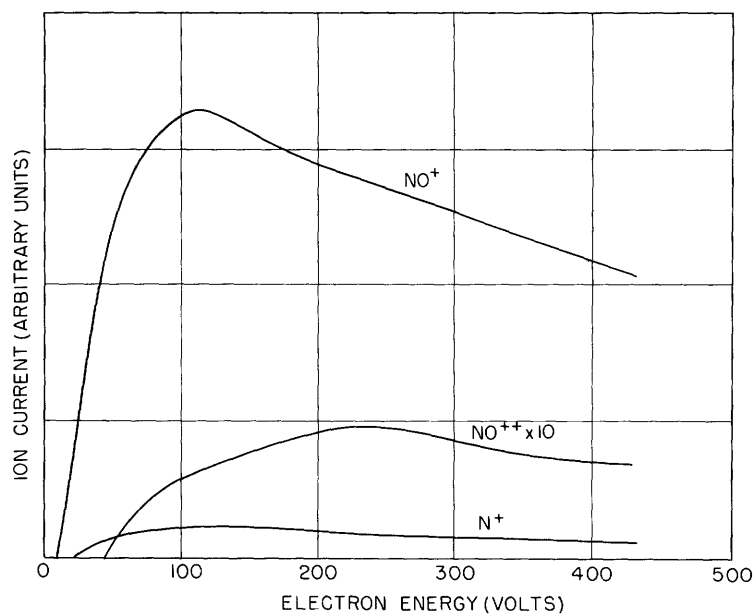
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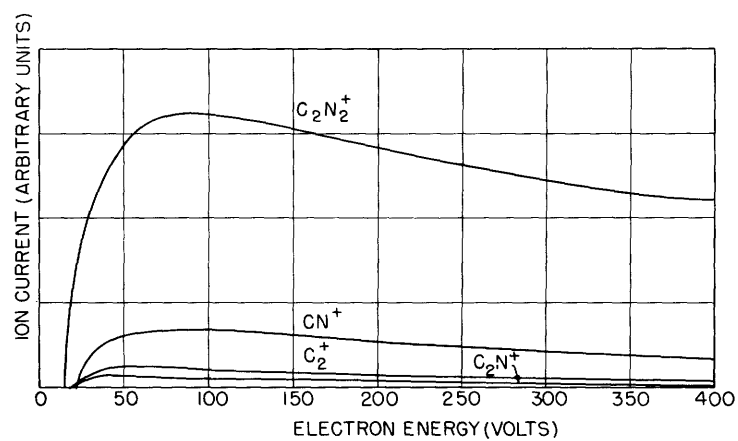


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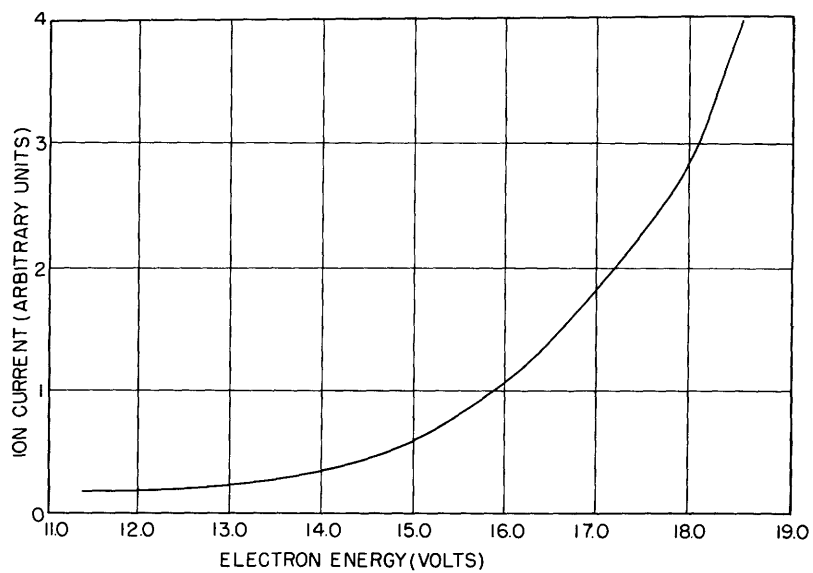
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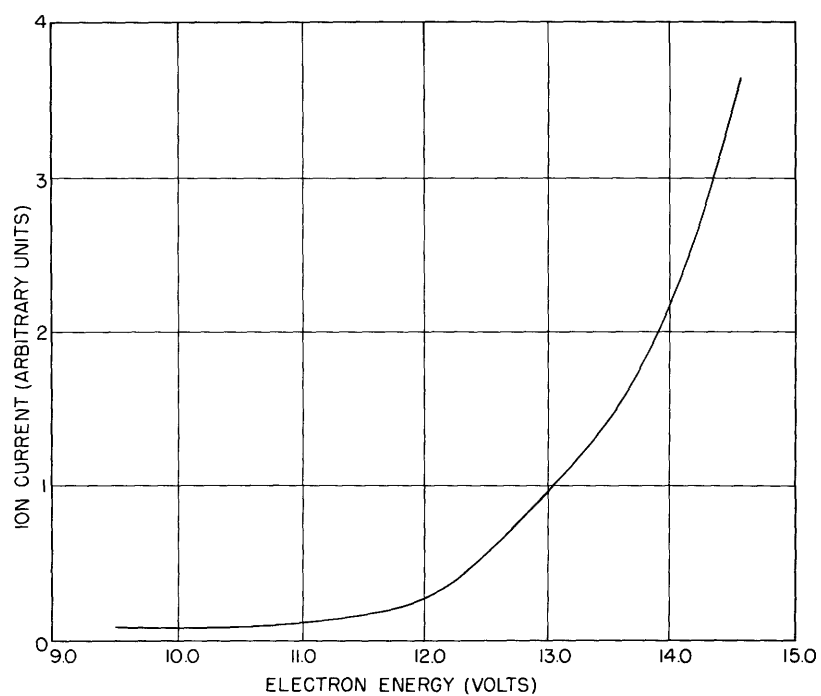
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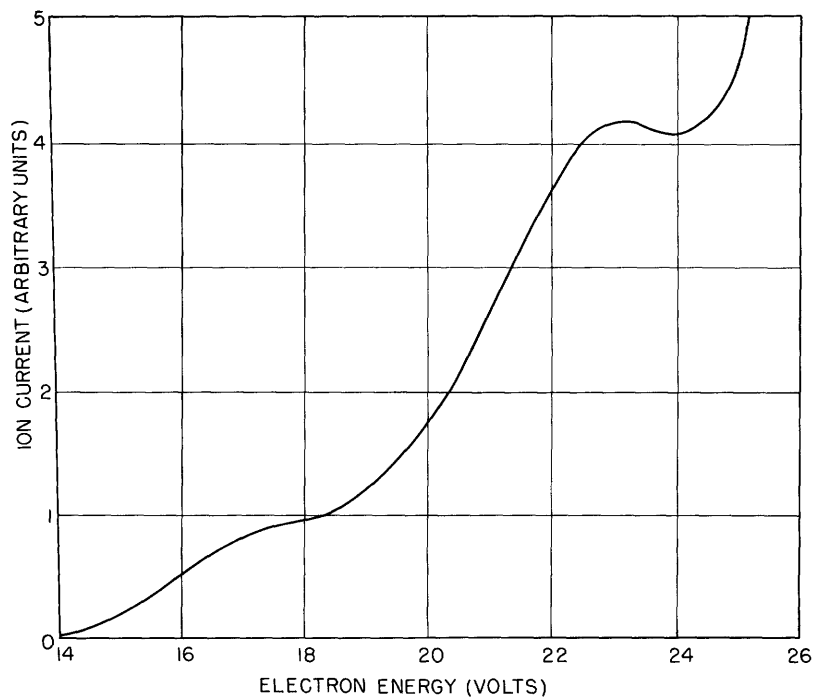
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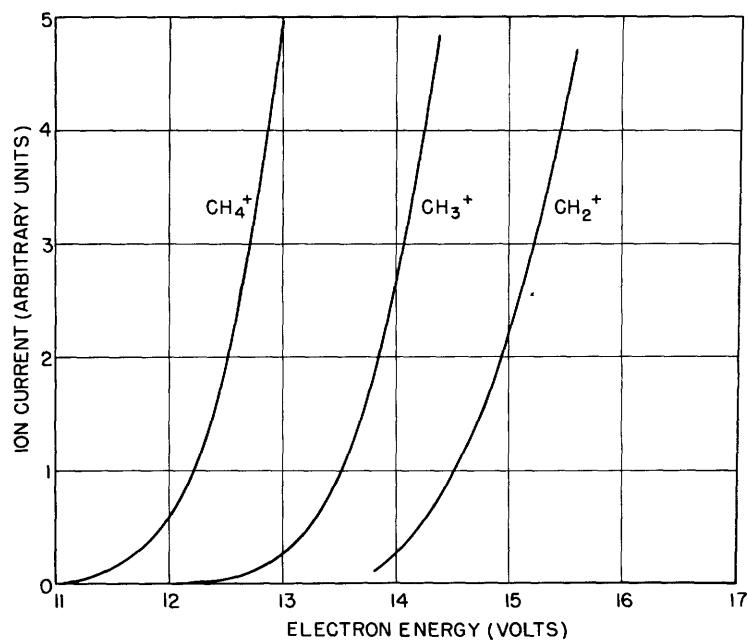


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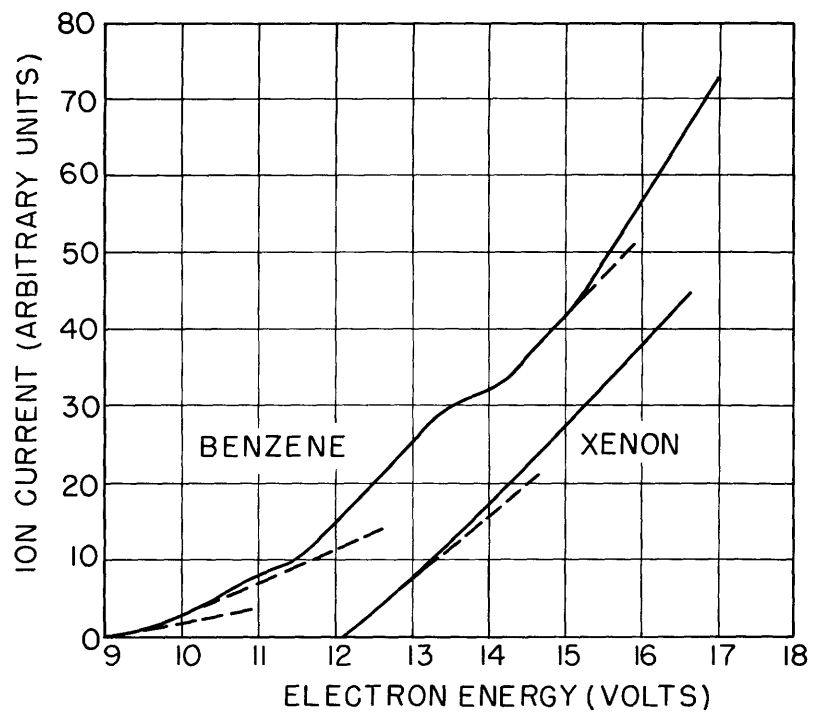
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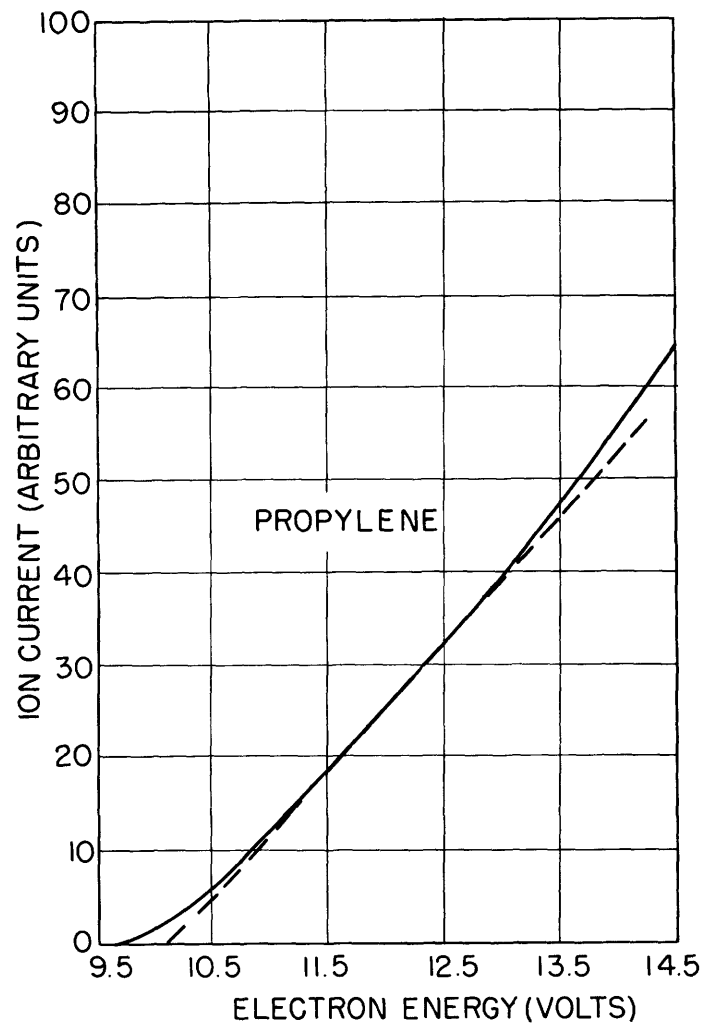


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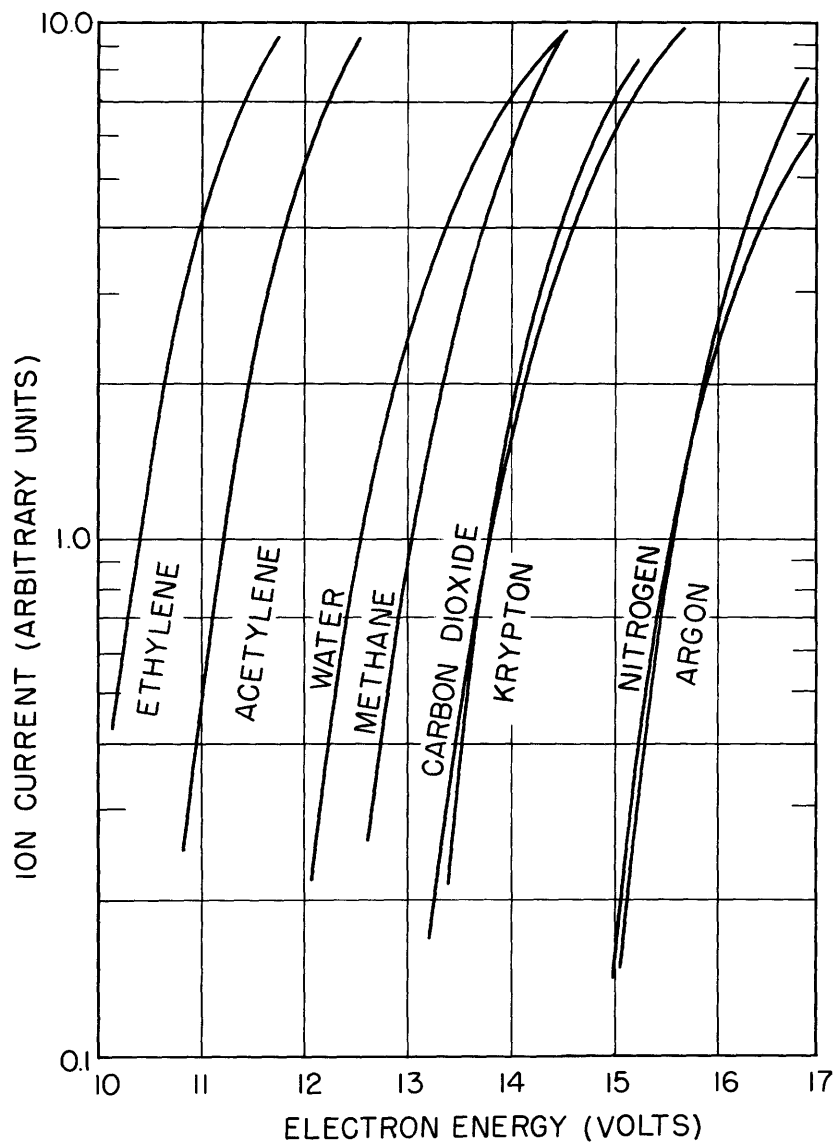
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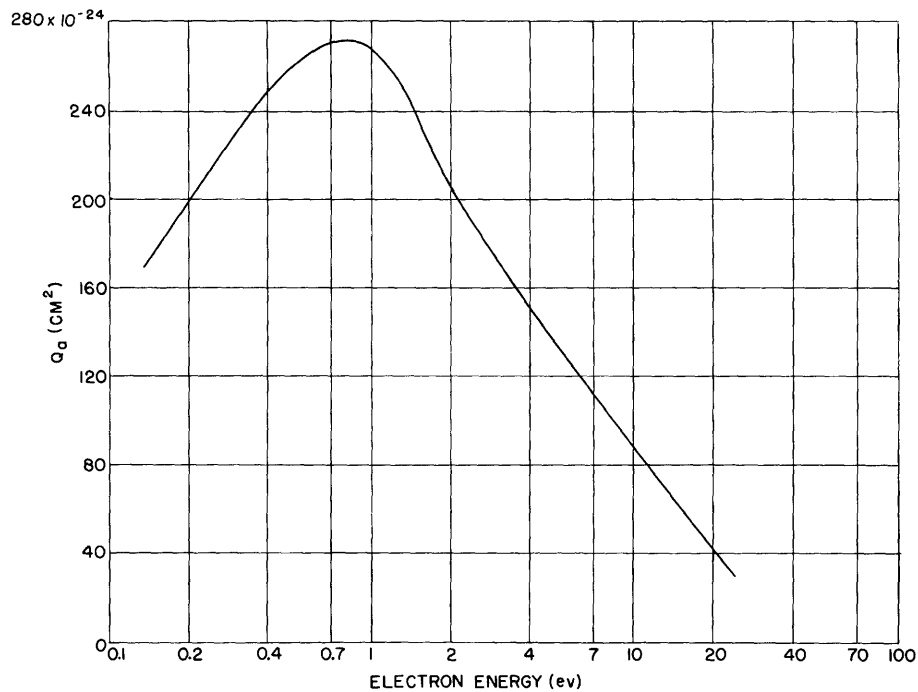
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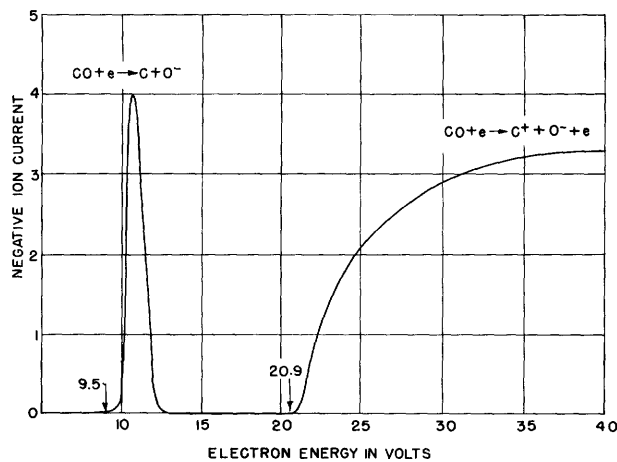


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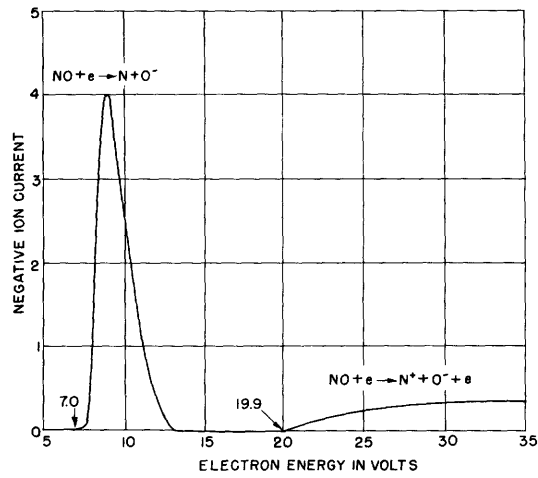
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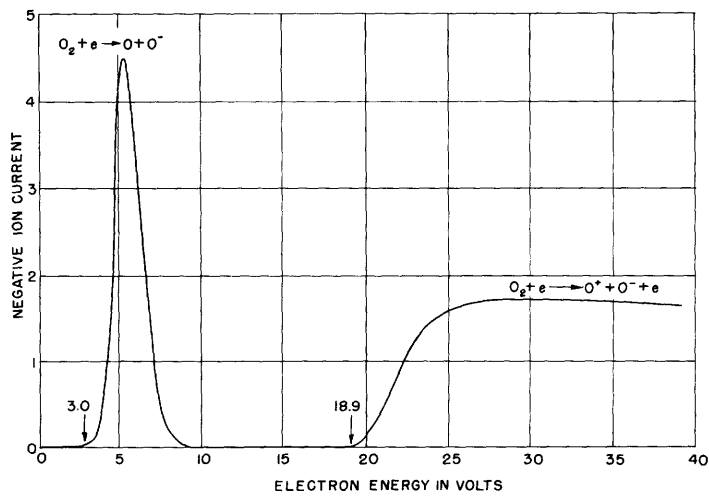


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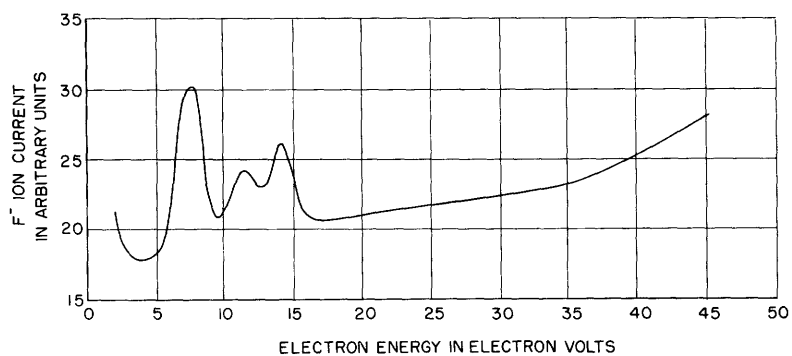
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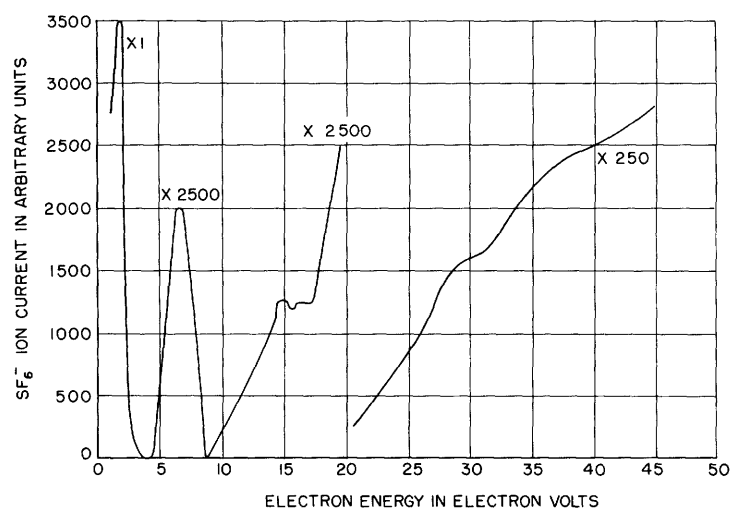
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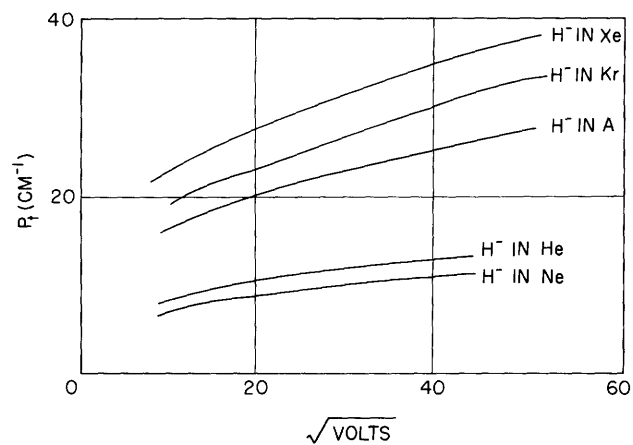
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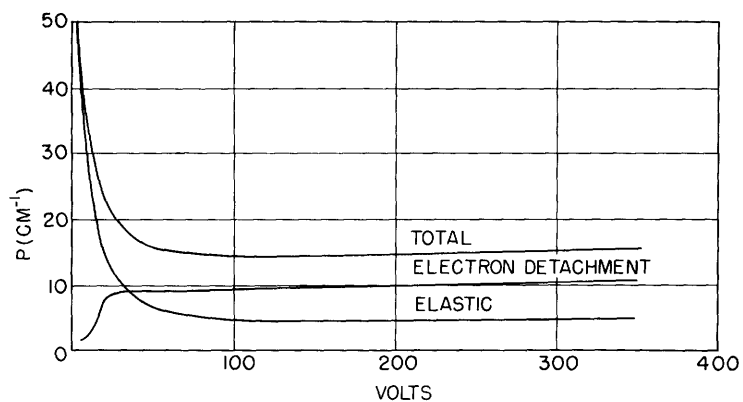
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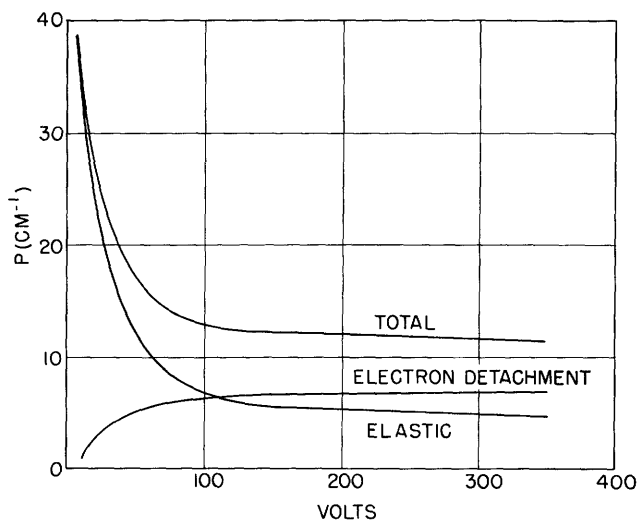
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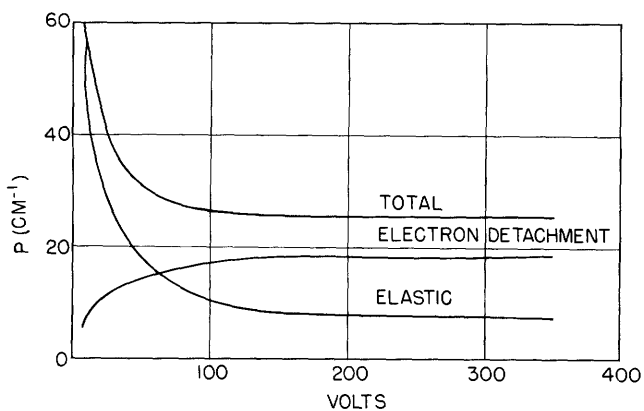
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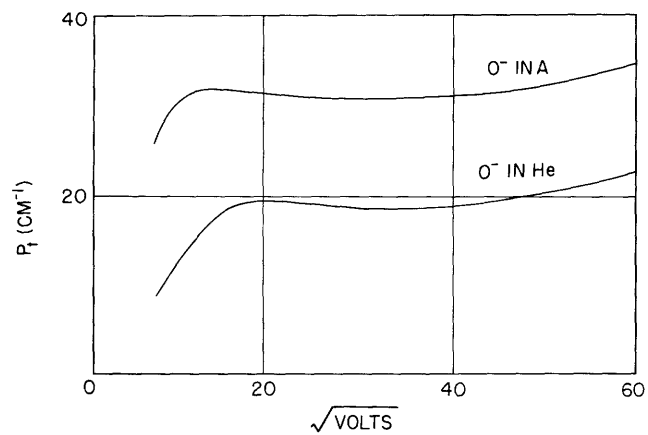
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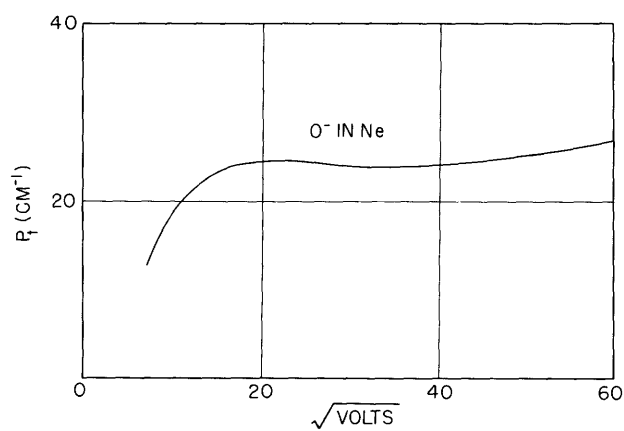


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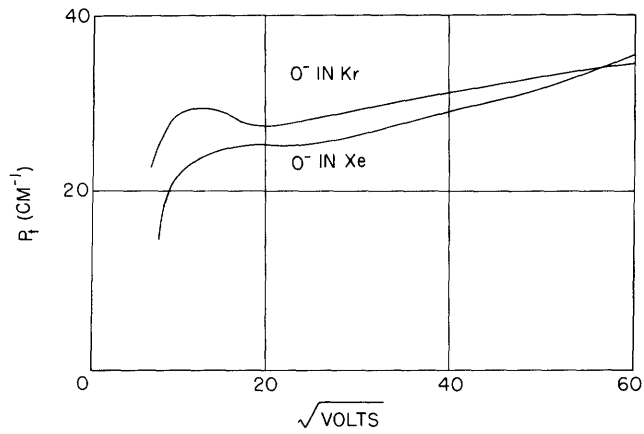
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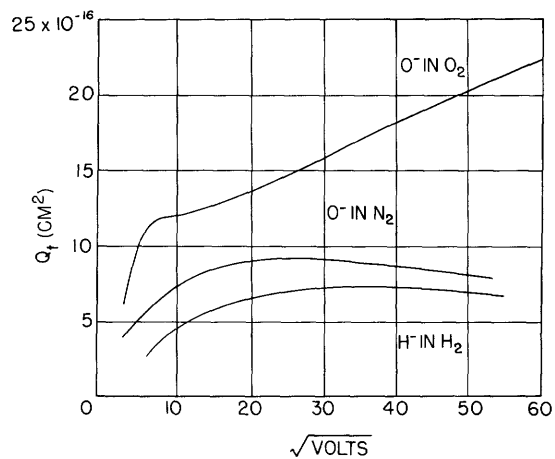
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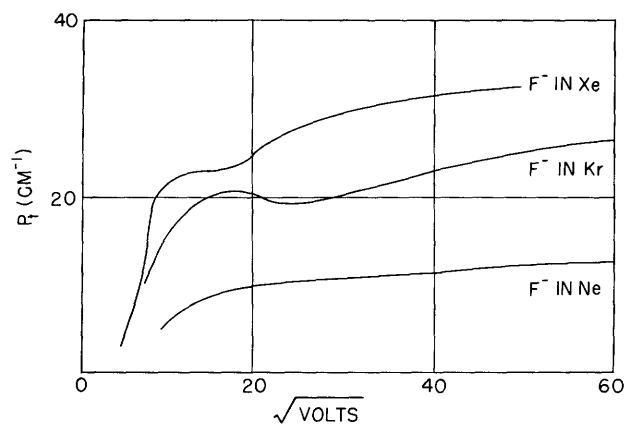
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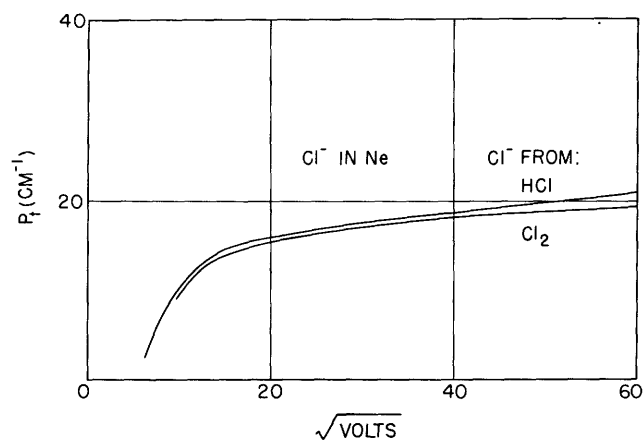
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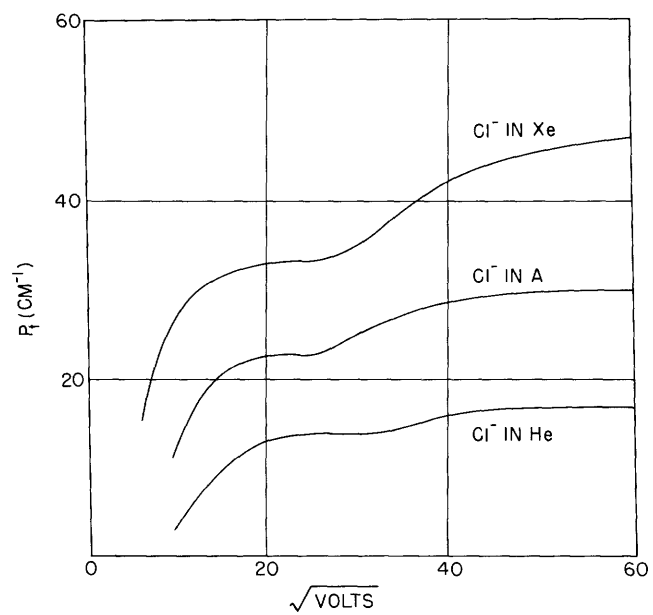
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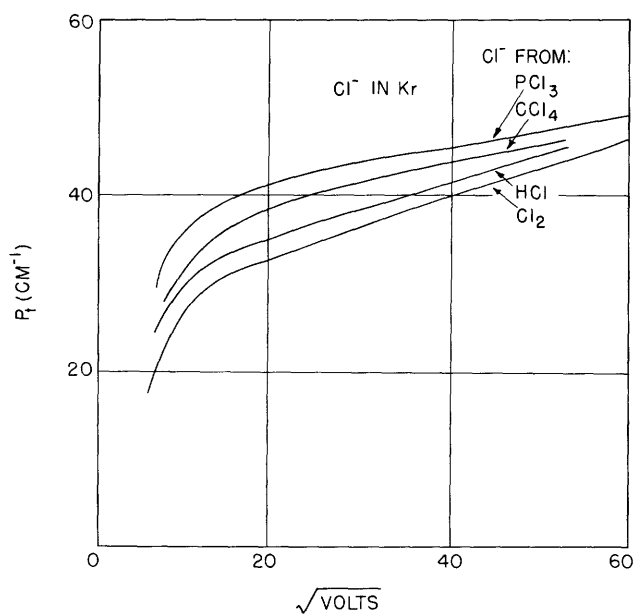
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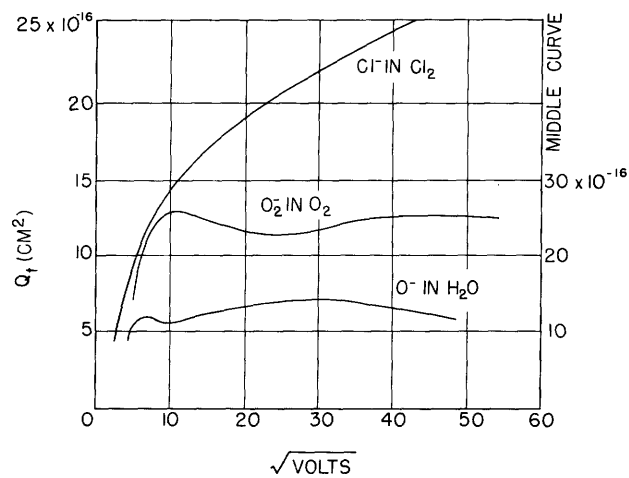
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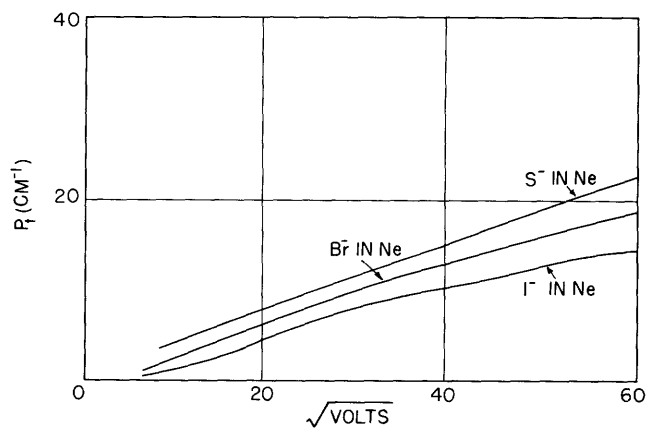
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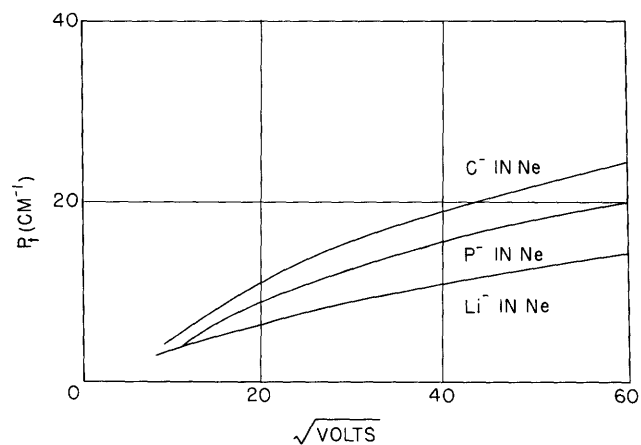
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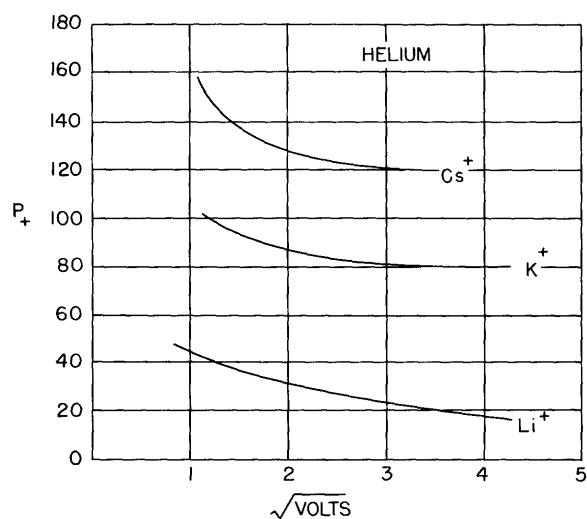
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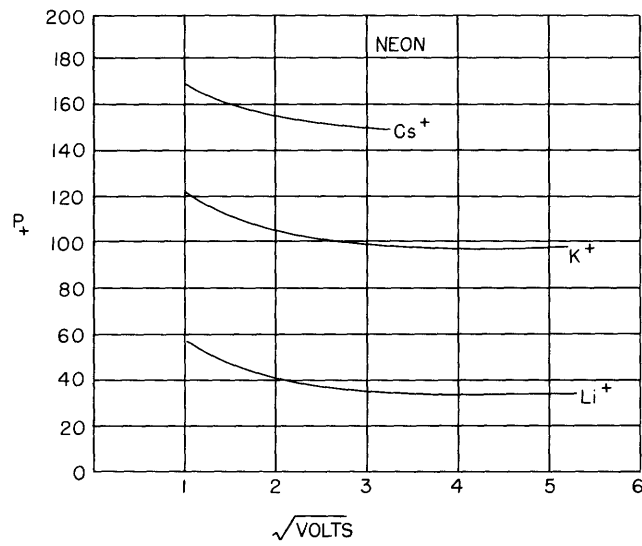
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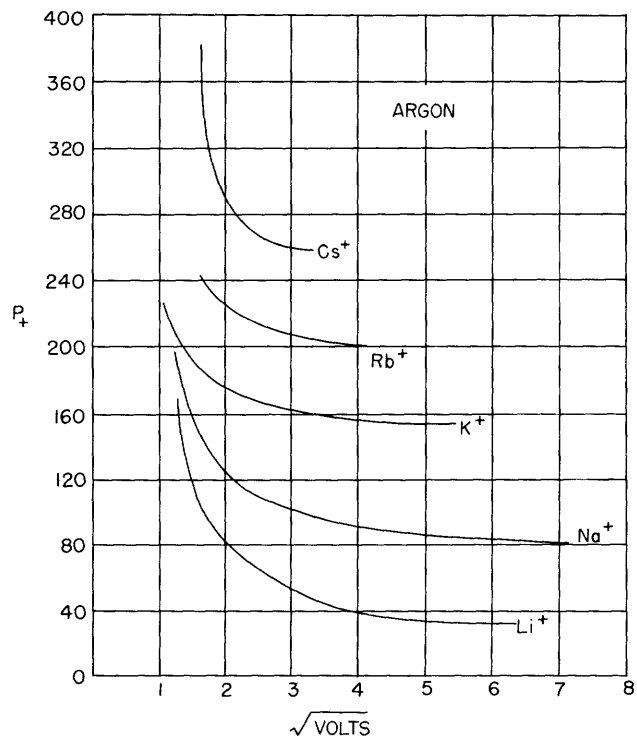
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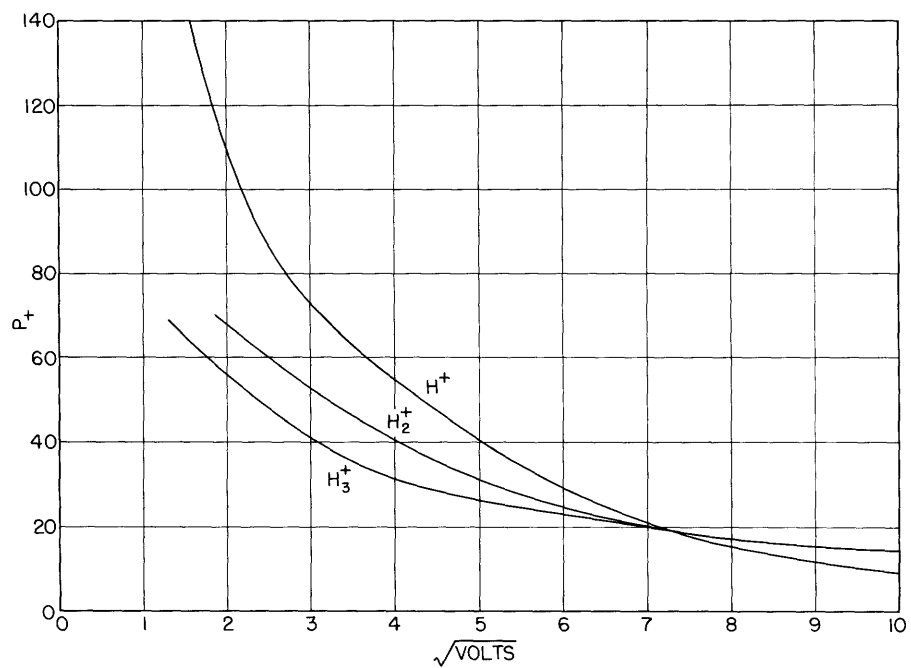
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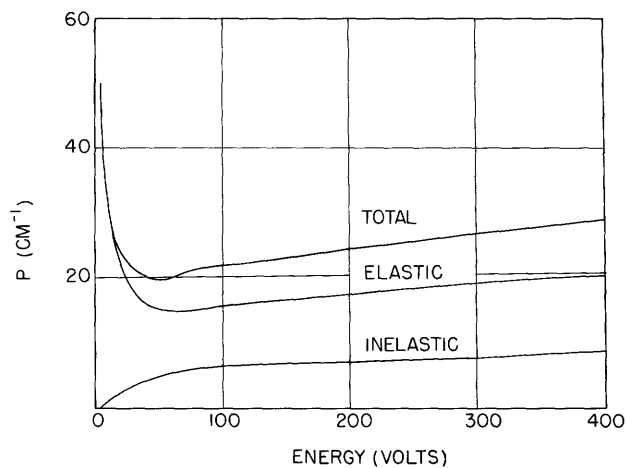


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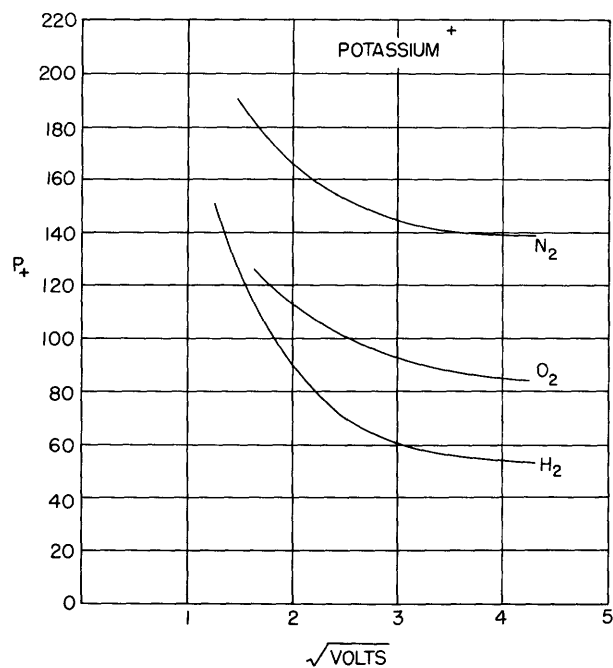
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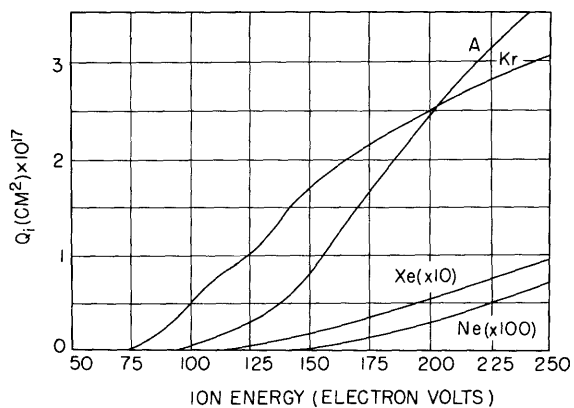


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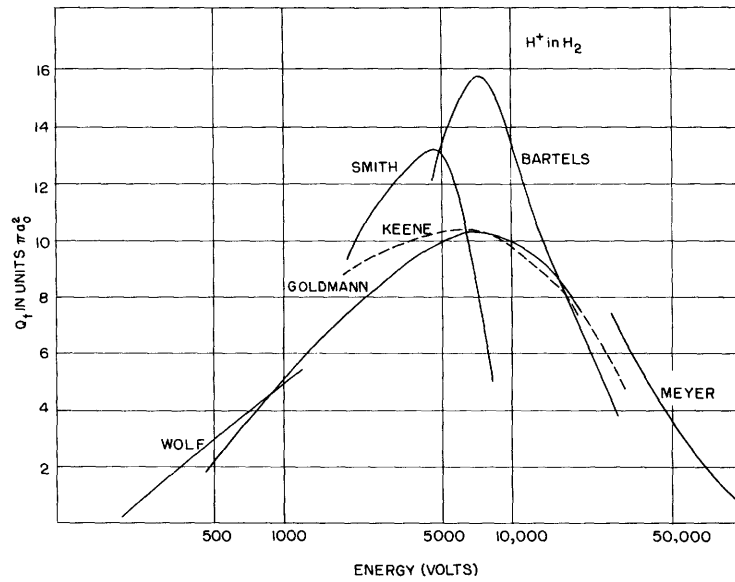
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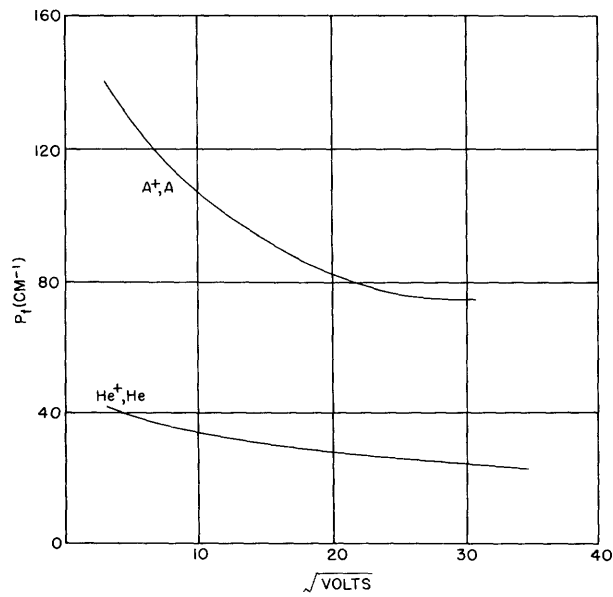


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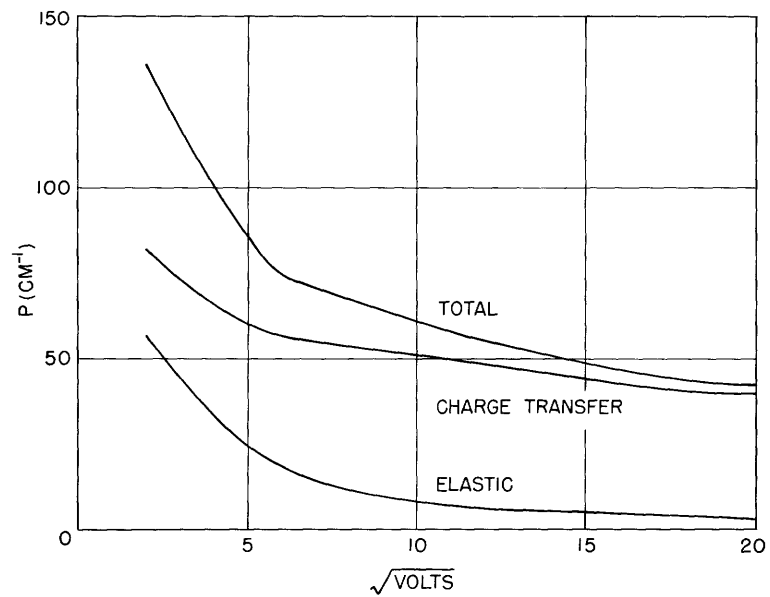
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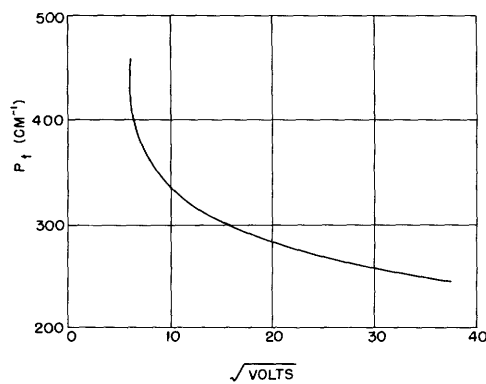
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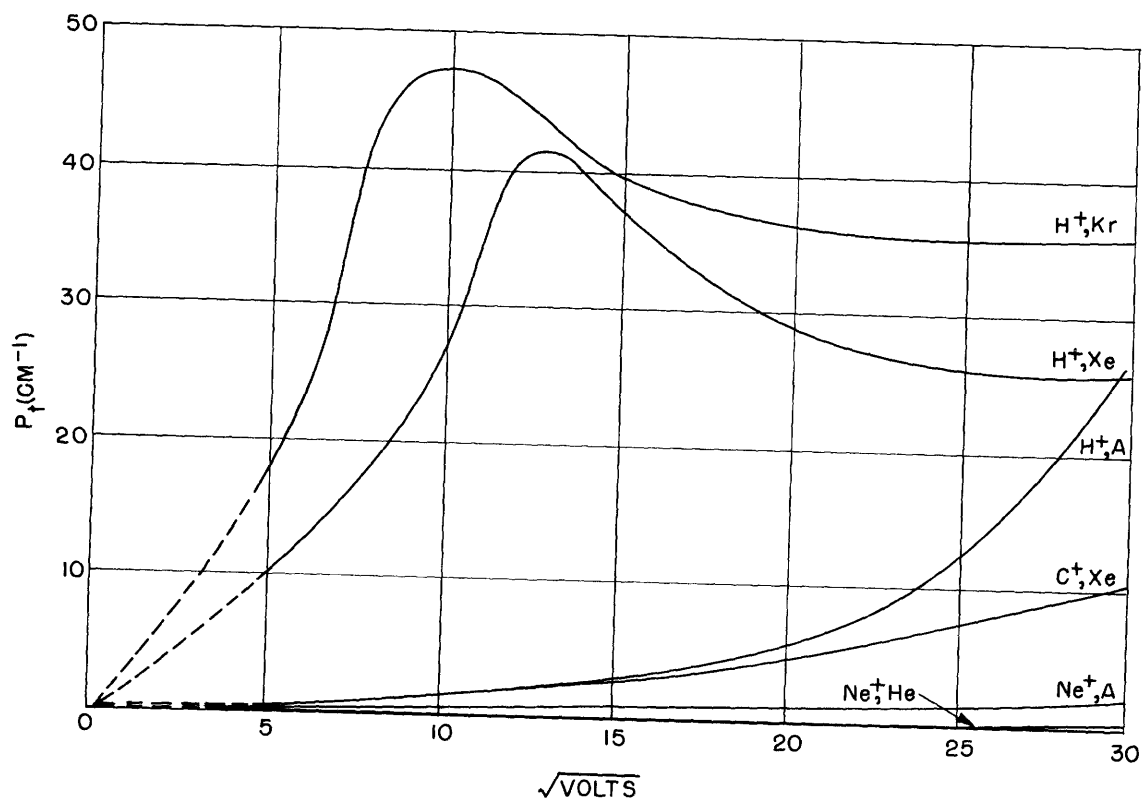
Reaction	Description	ΔE (eV)	E_a^\dagger (eV)	References to experimental work
(a) $\text{He}^+ + \text{He} \rightarrow \text{He} + \text{He}^+$	Charge exchange	0	0	Rudnick (2), Smith (5), Rostagni (6), Wolf (10), Meyer (12), Keene (14)
(b) $\text{H}^+ + \text{He} \rightarrow \text{He}^+ + \text{H}$	Charge exchange	10.9	500	Goldmann (1), Smith (5), Meyer (11), Keene (14)
(c) $\text{H}^+ + \text{He} \rightarrow \text{H}^+ + \text{He}'$	Excitation	21.1	1,700	Döpel (4)
(d) $\text{H} + \text{He} \rightarrow \text{H} + \text{He}'$	Excitation	21.1	1,700	Döpel (4), Hanle and Junkelmann (9)
(e) $\text{H} + \text{He} \rightarrow \text{H}' + \text{He}$	Excitation	10.2	400	Döpel (4), Hanle and Junkelmann (9)
(f) $\text{He} + \text{He} \rightarrow \text{He}' + \text{He}$	Excitation	21.1	10,000	Maurer (7)
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(i) $\text{H}^+ + \text{He} \rightarrow \text{He}^+ + \text{H}^+ + \text{e}$	Ionization	24.5	2,500	Goldmann (1), Keene (14)
(j) $\text{H} + \text{He} \rightarrow \text{H}^+ + \text{He} + \text{e}$	Ionization	13.5	700	
(k) $\text{He}^+ + \text{He} \rightarrow \text{He}^+ + \text{He}^+ + \text{e}$	Ionization	24.5	15,000	Brasefield (3), Rostagni (8), Wolf (10), Keene (14)
(l) $\text{He} + \text{He} \rightarrow \text{He}^+ + \text{He} + \text{e}$	Ionization	24.5	15,000	Brasefield (3), Meyer (12), Berry (13)
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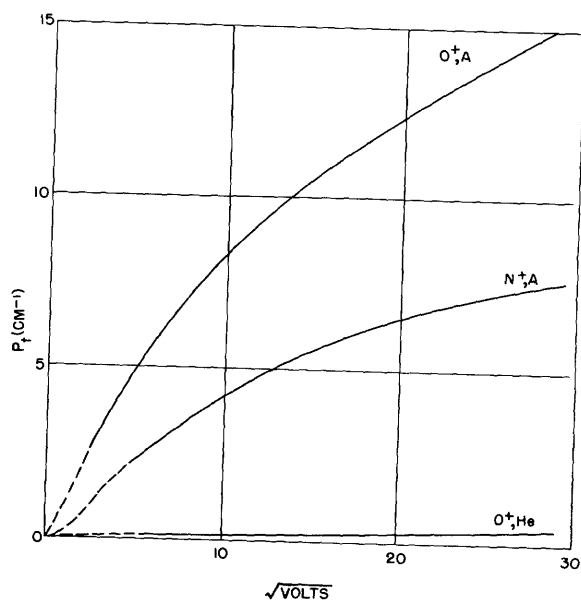
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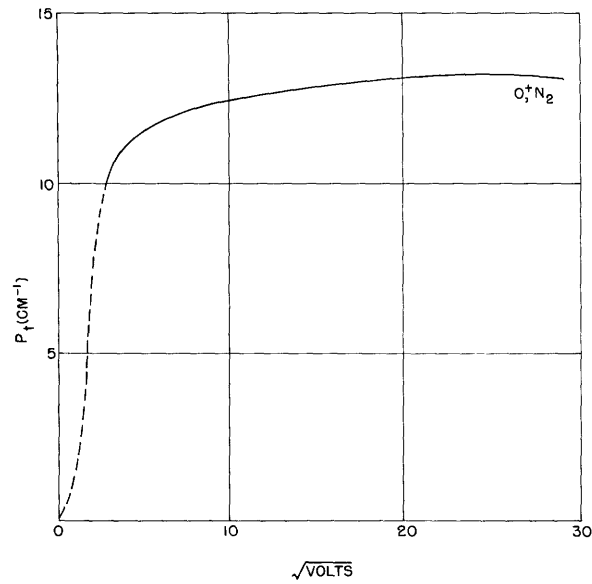
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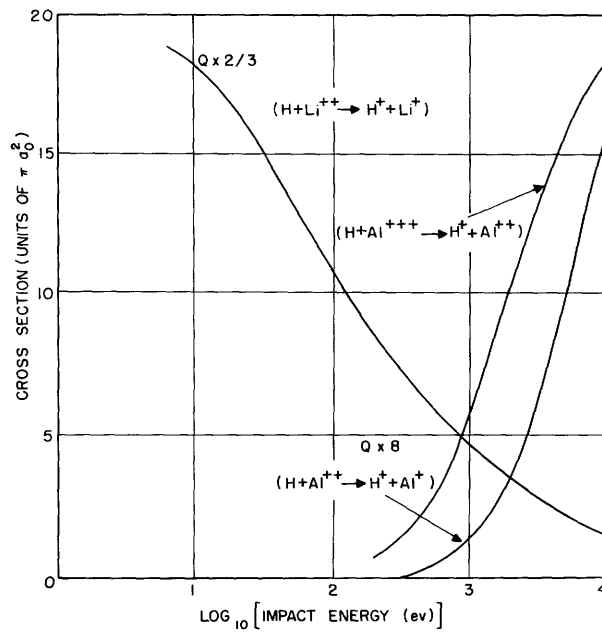
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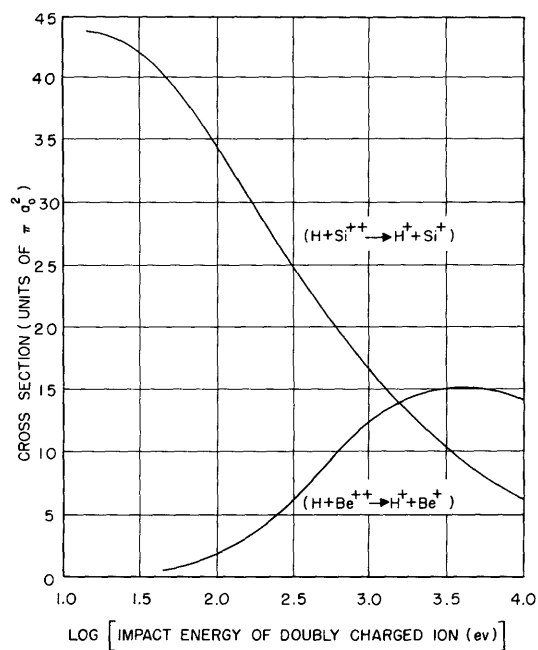
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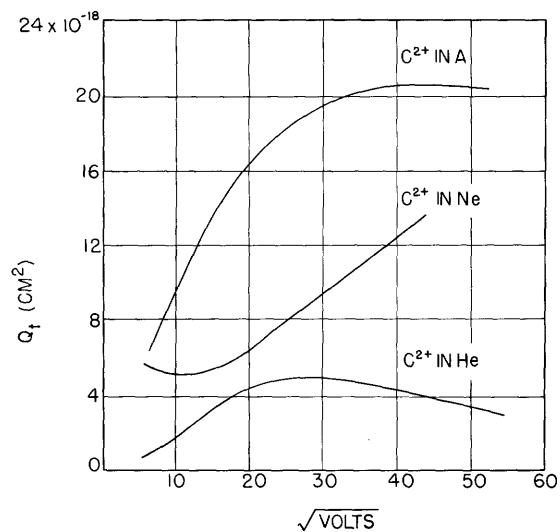
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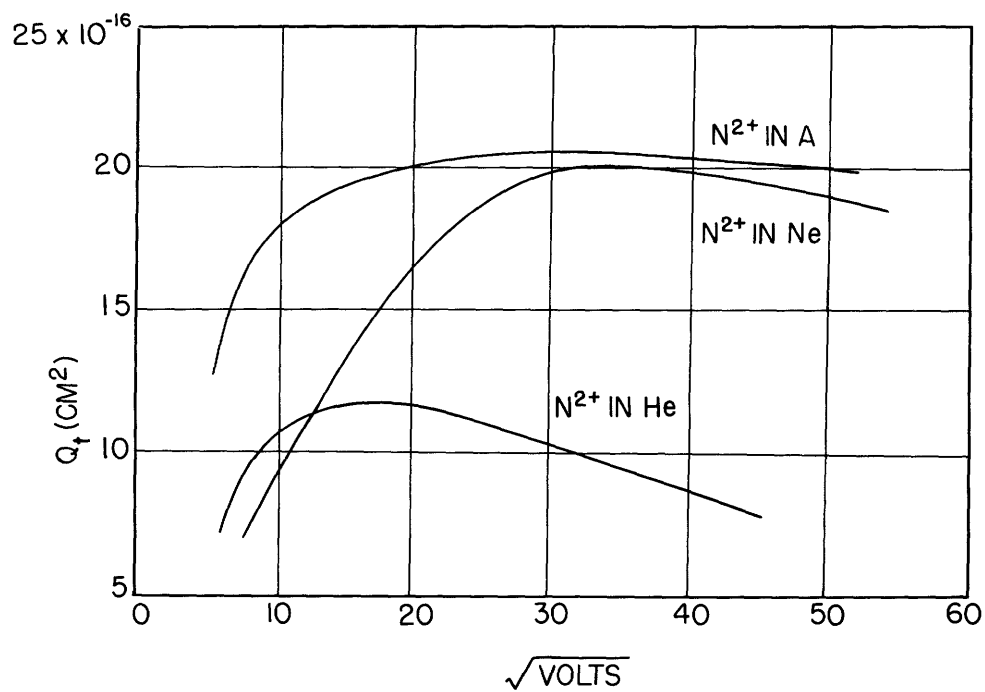


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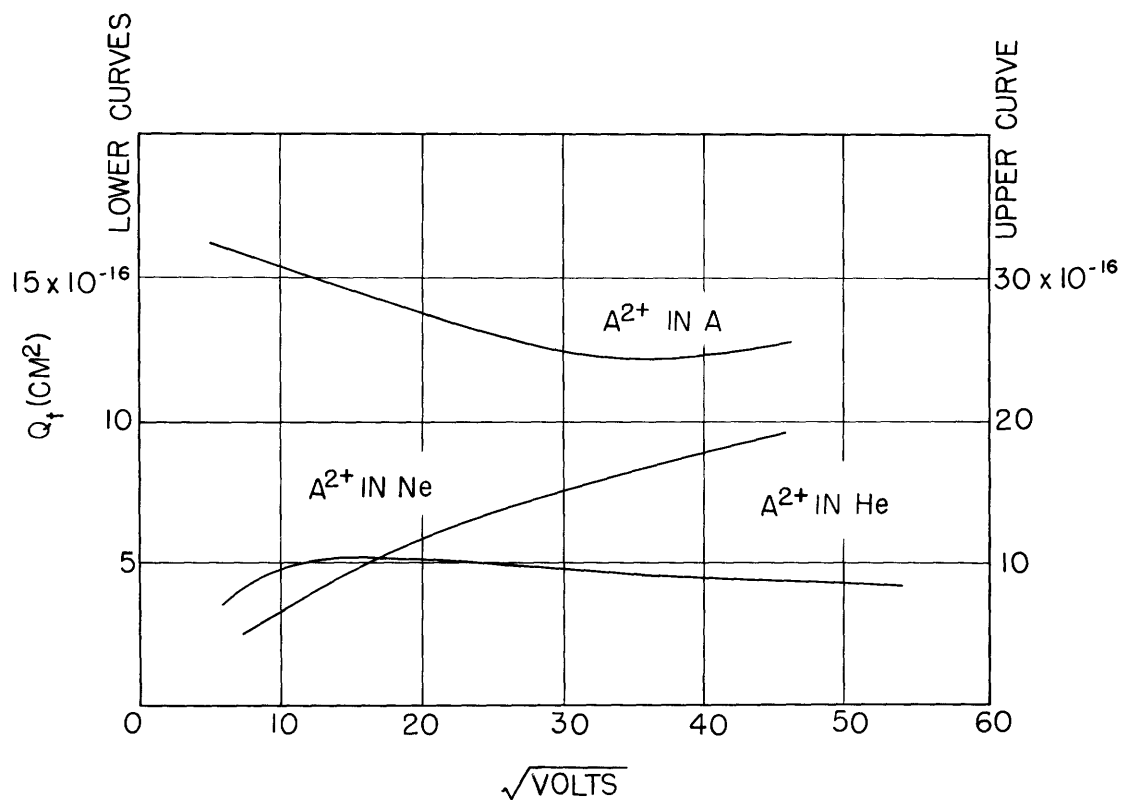
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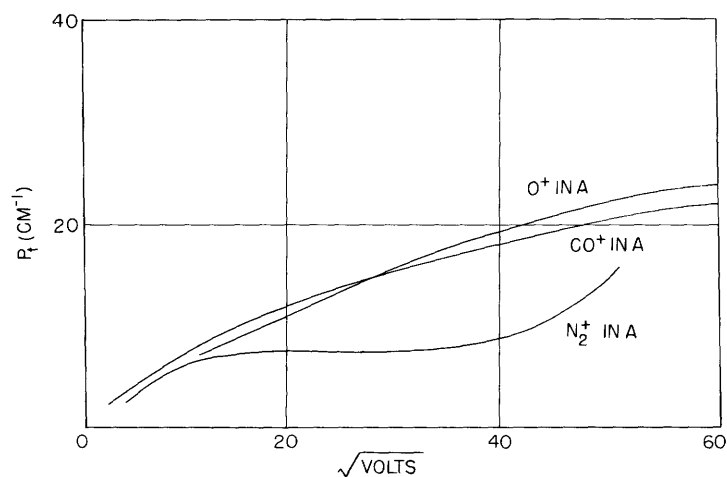
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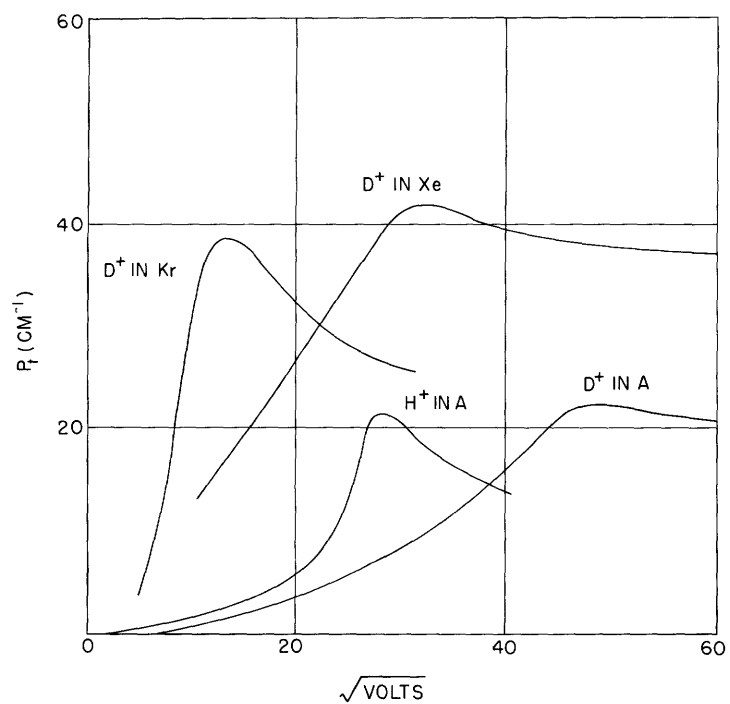
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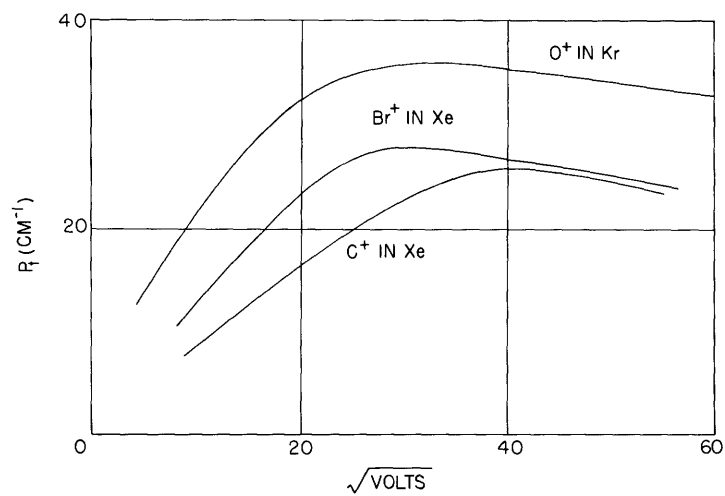
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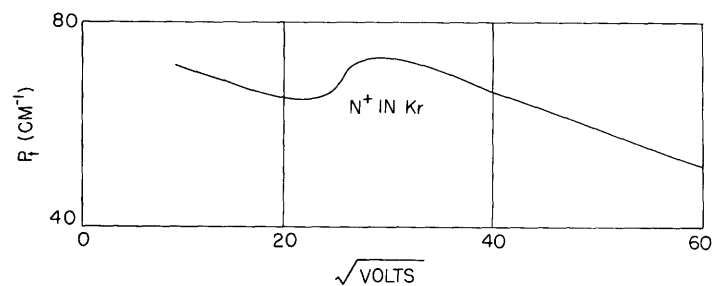
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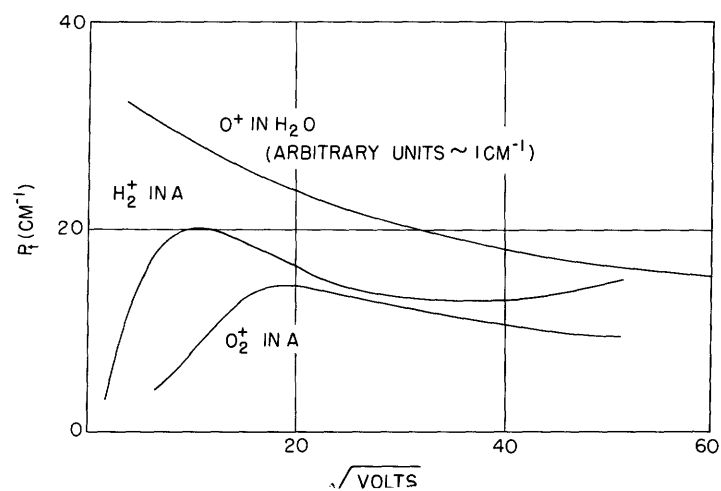


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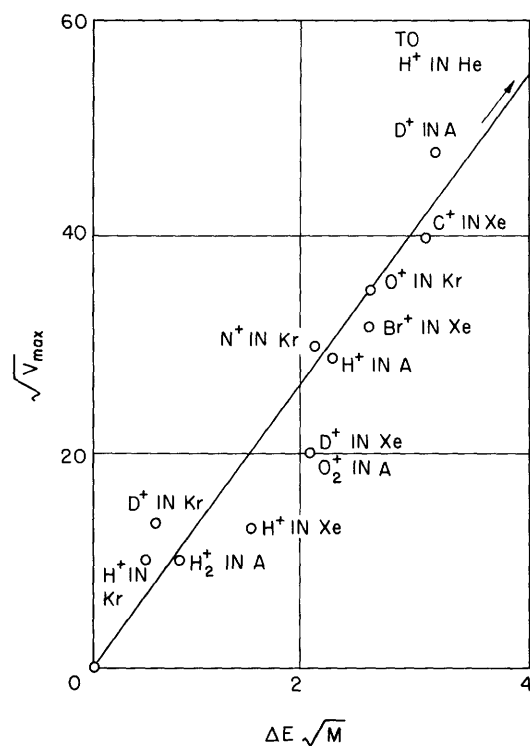
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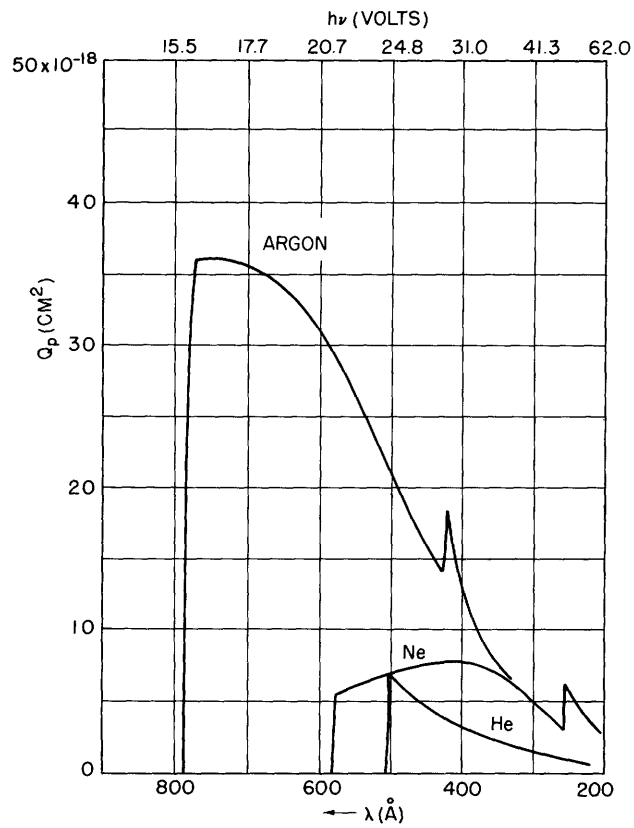


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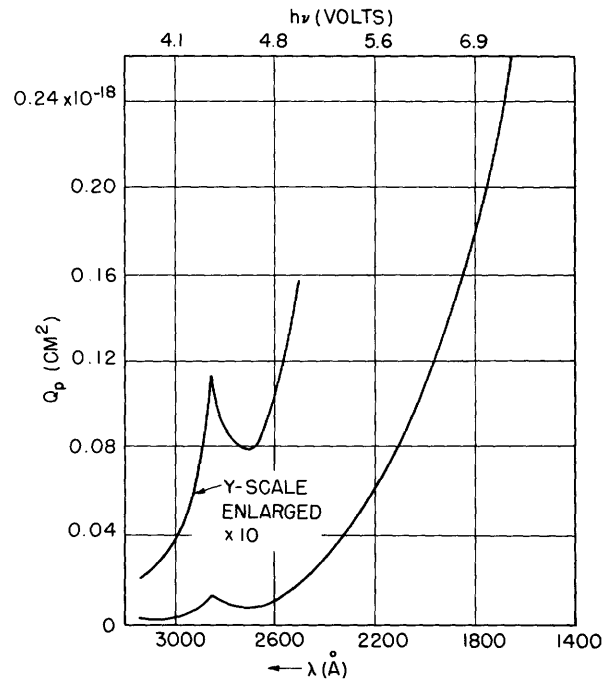


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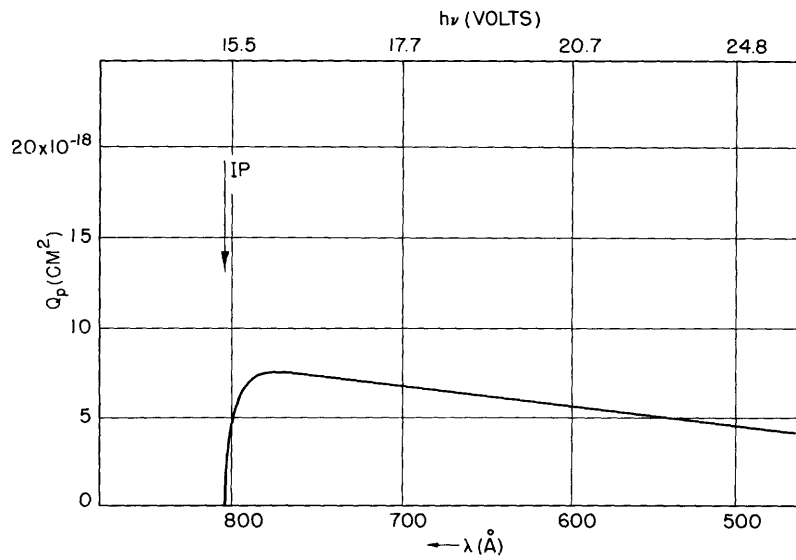
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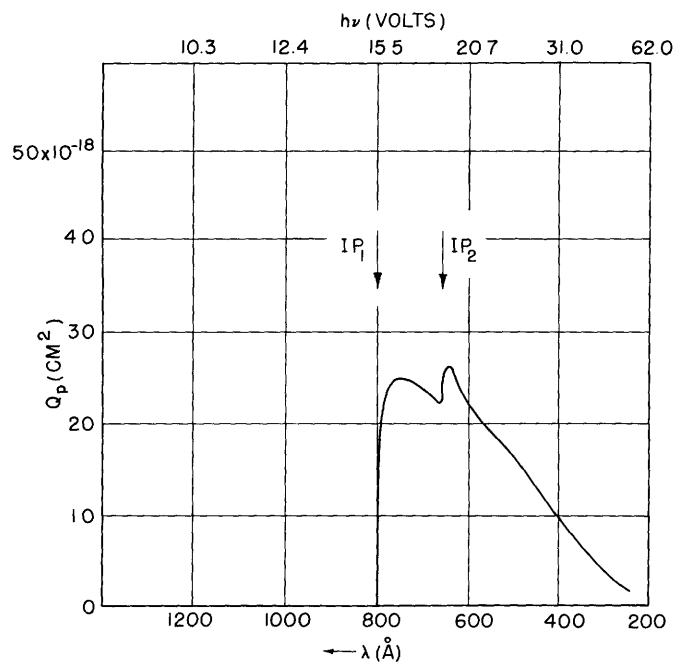
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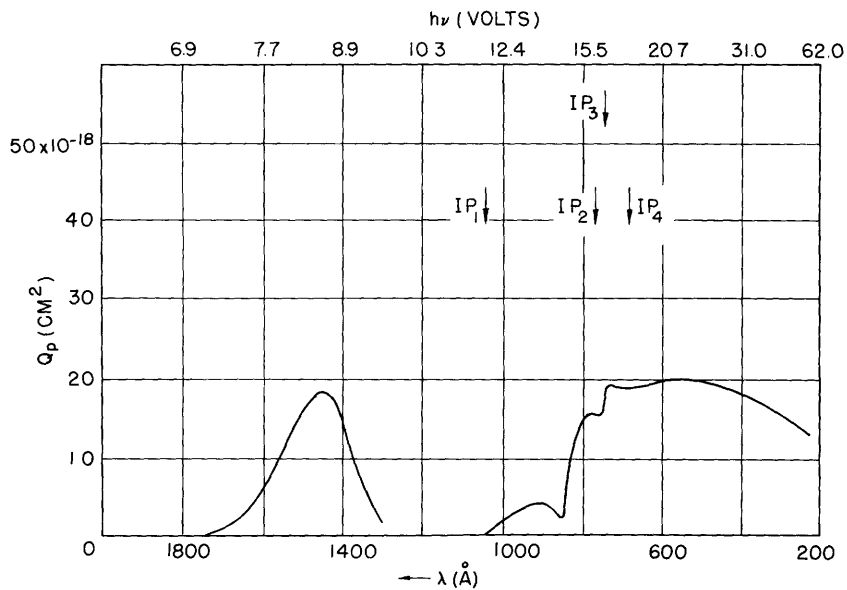
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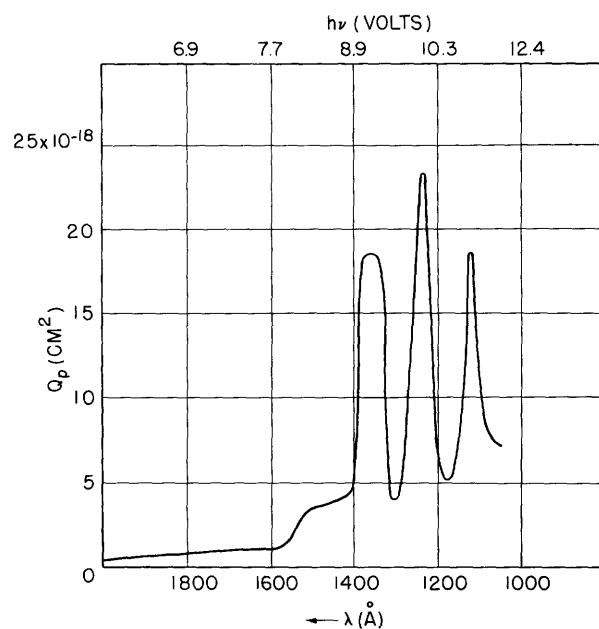
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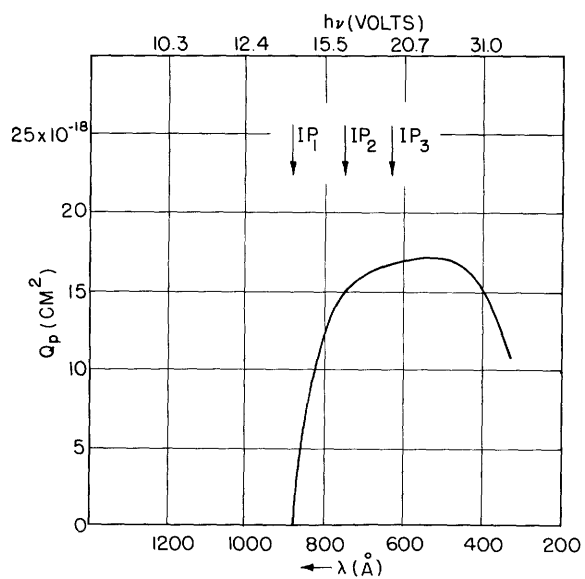
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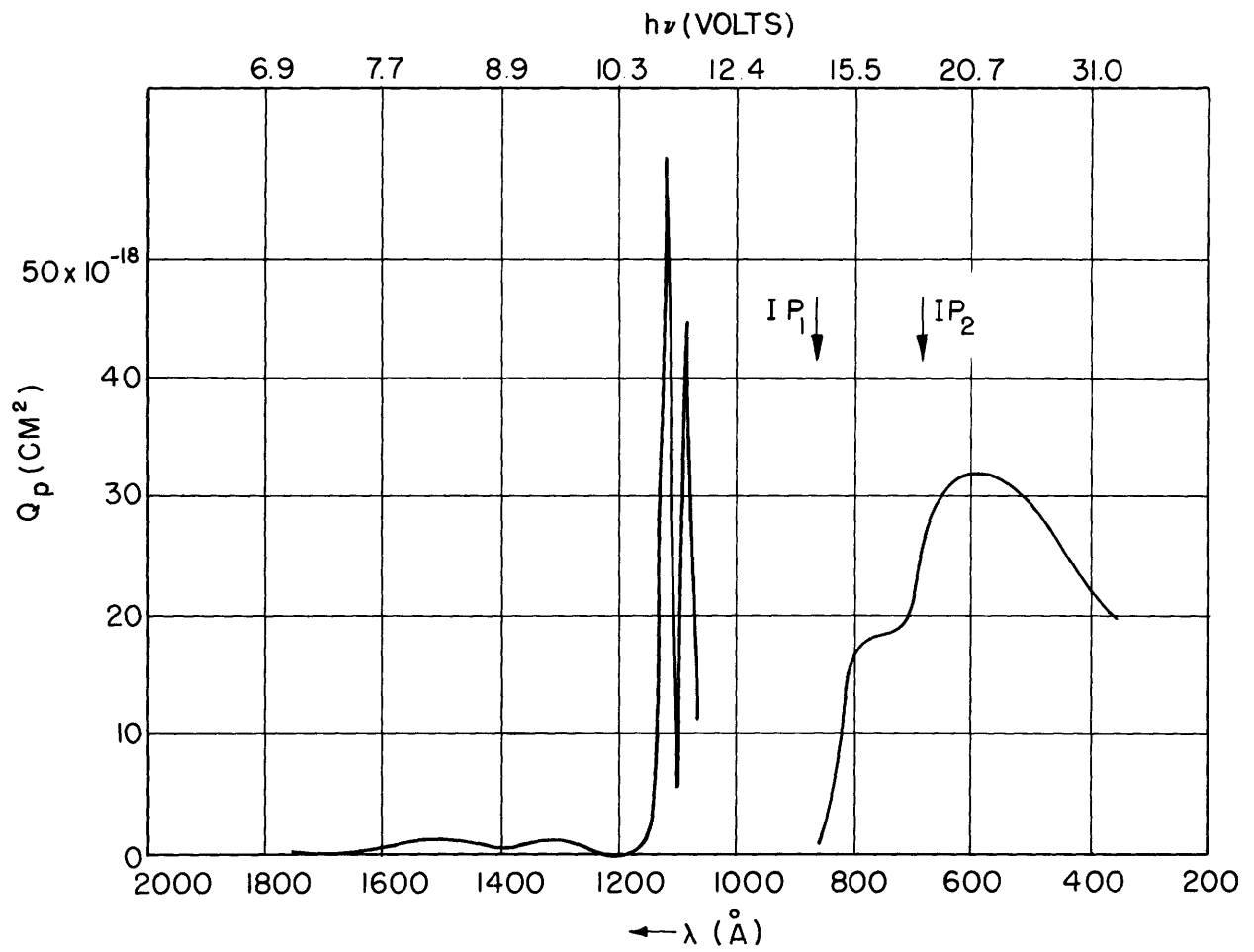
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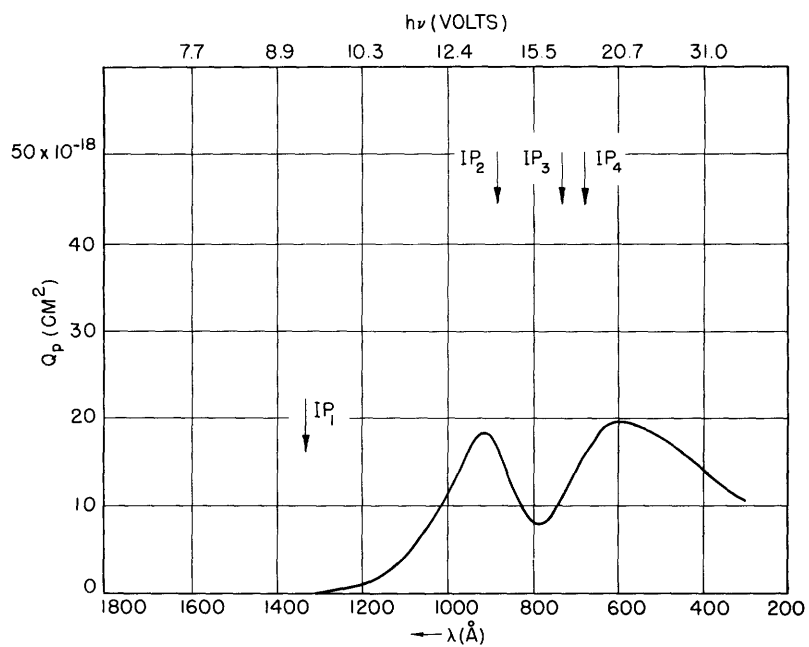
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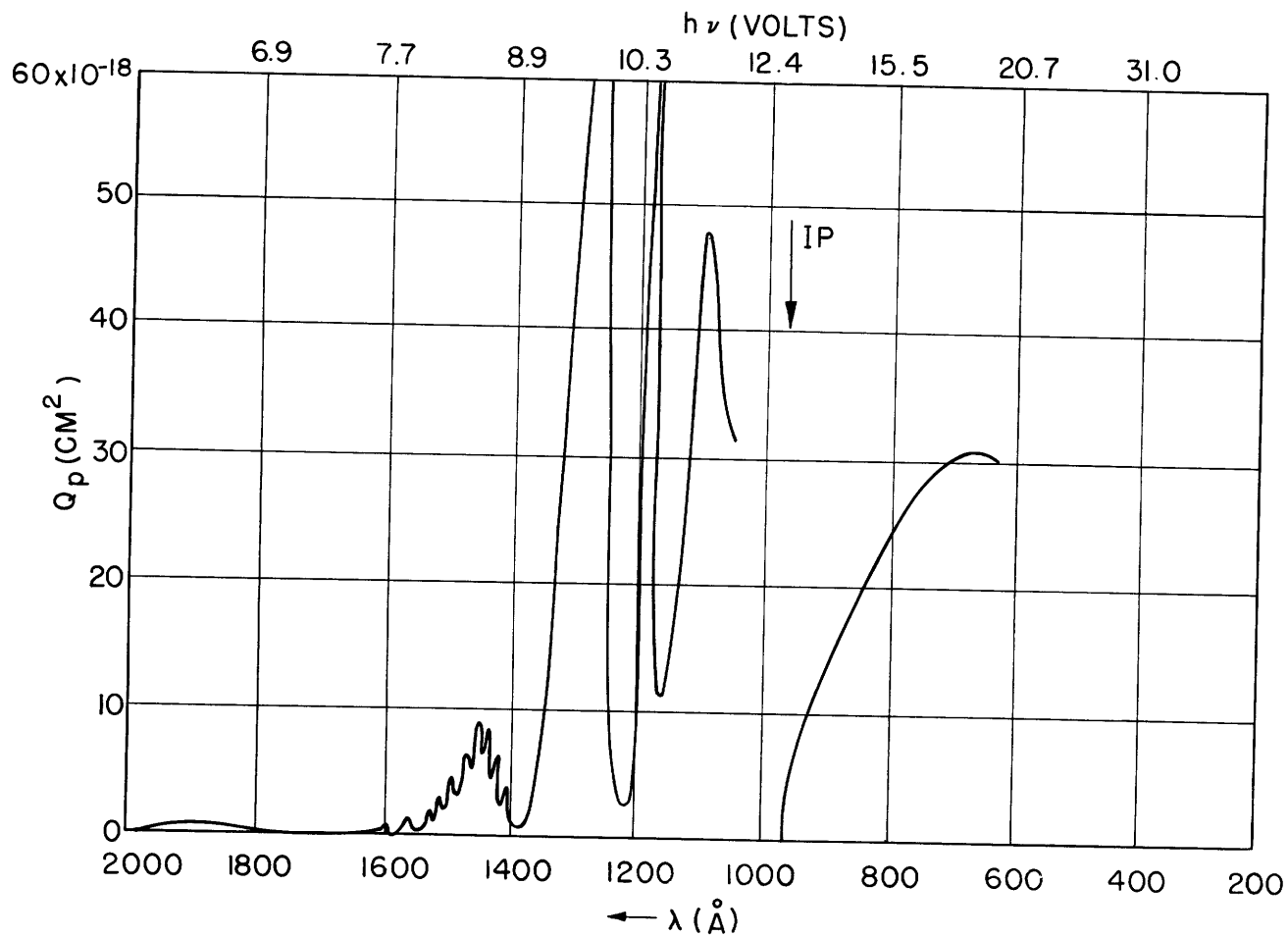
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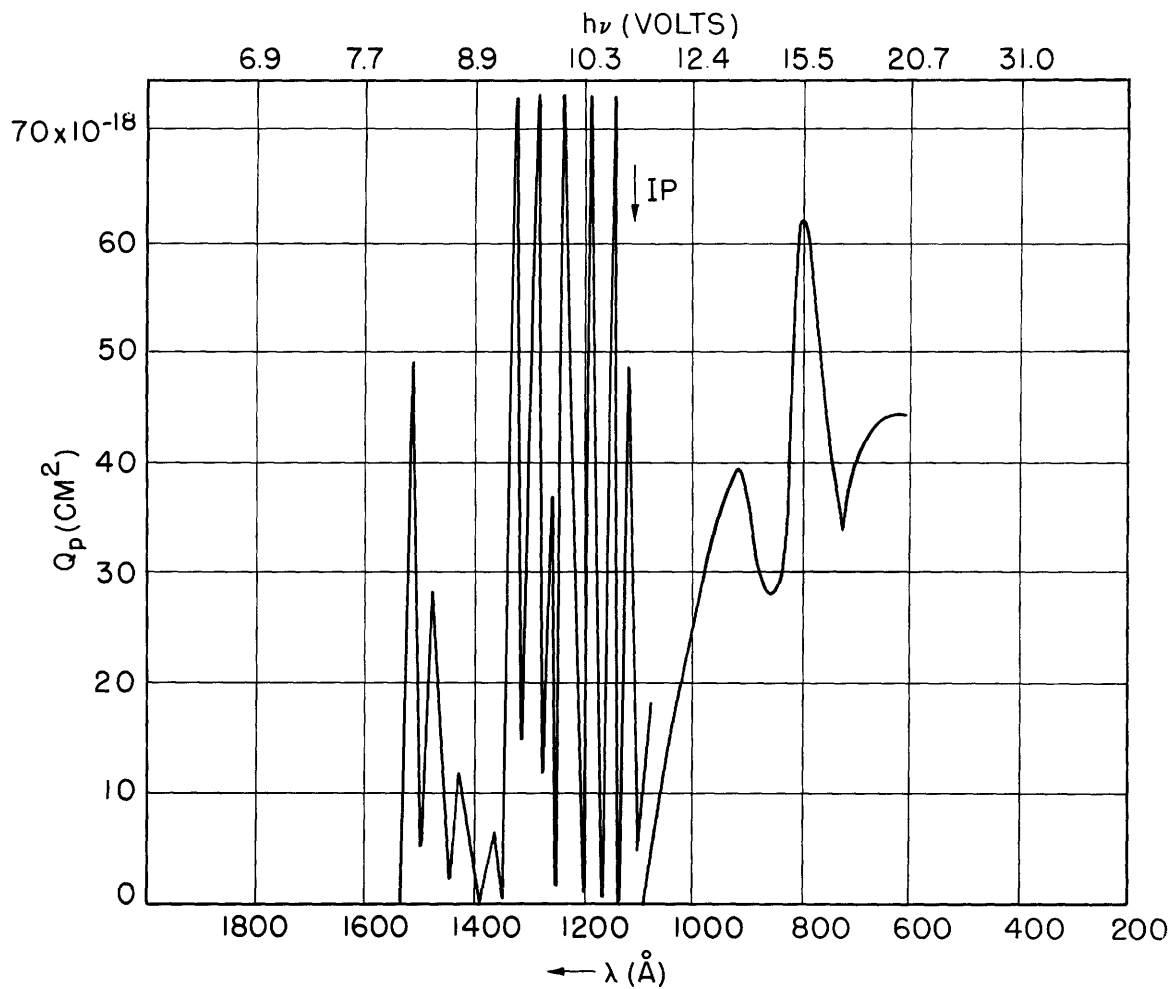
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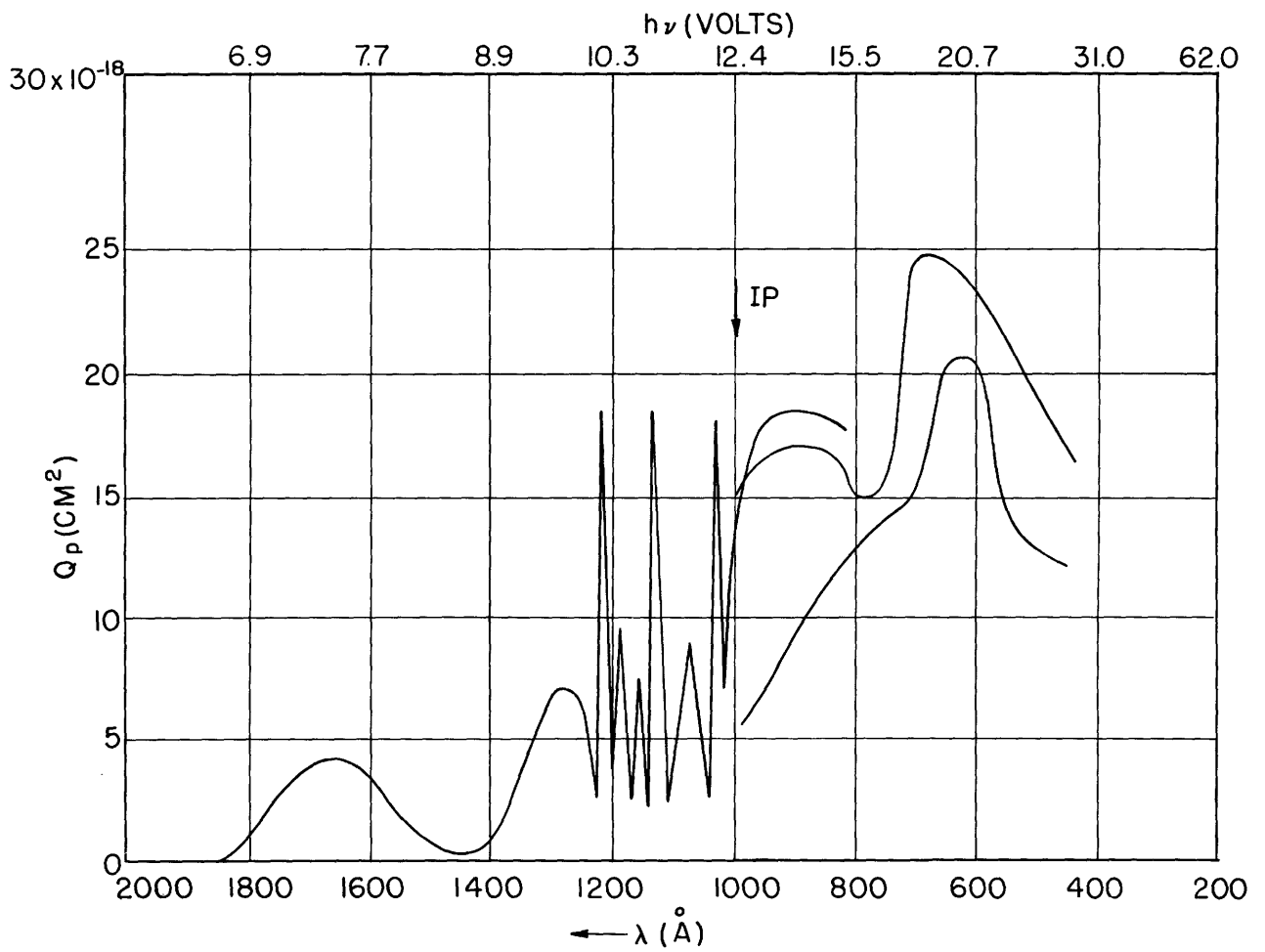
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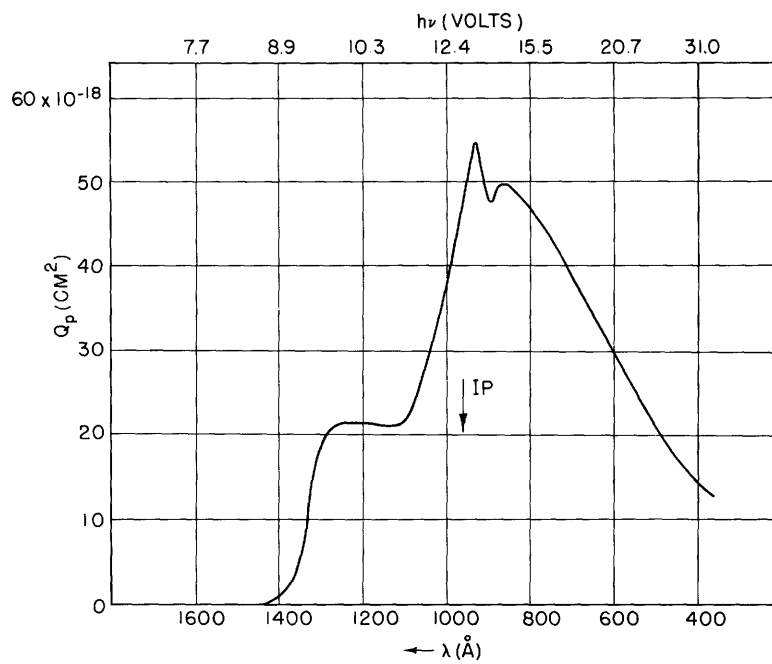
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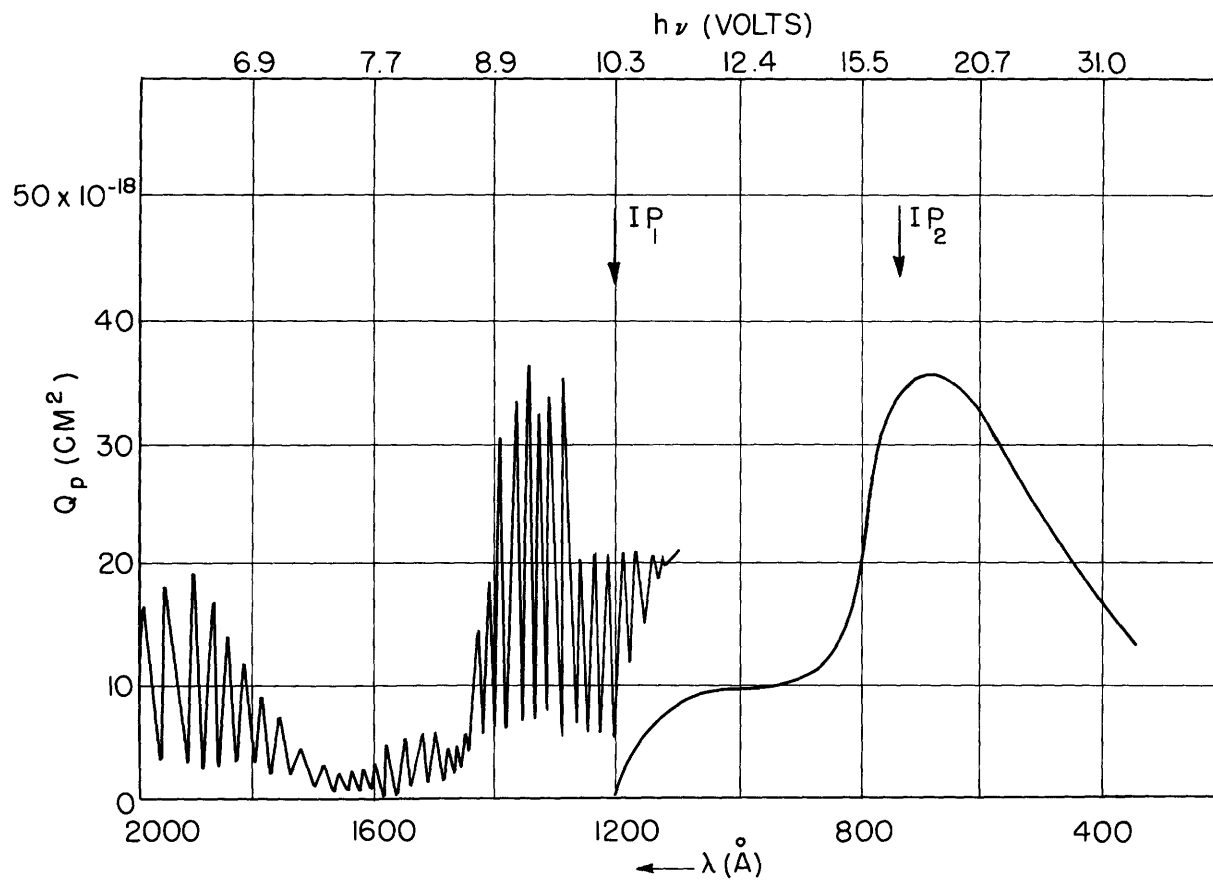
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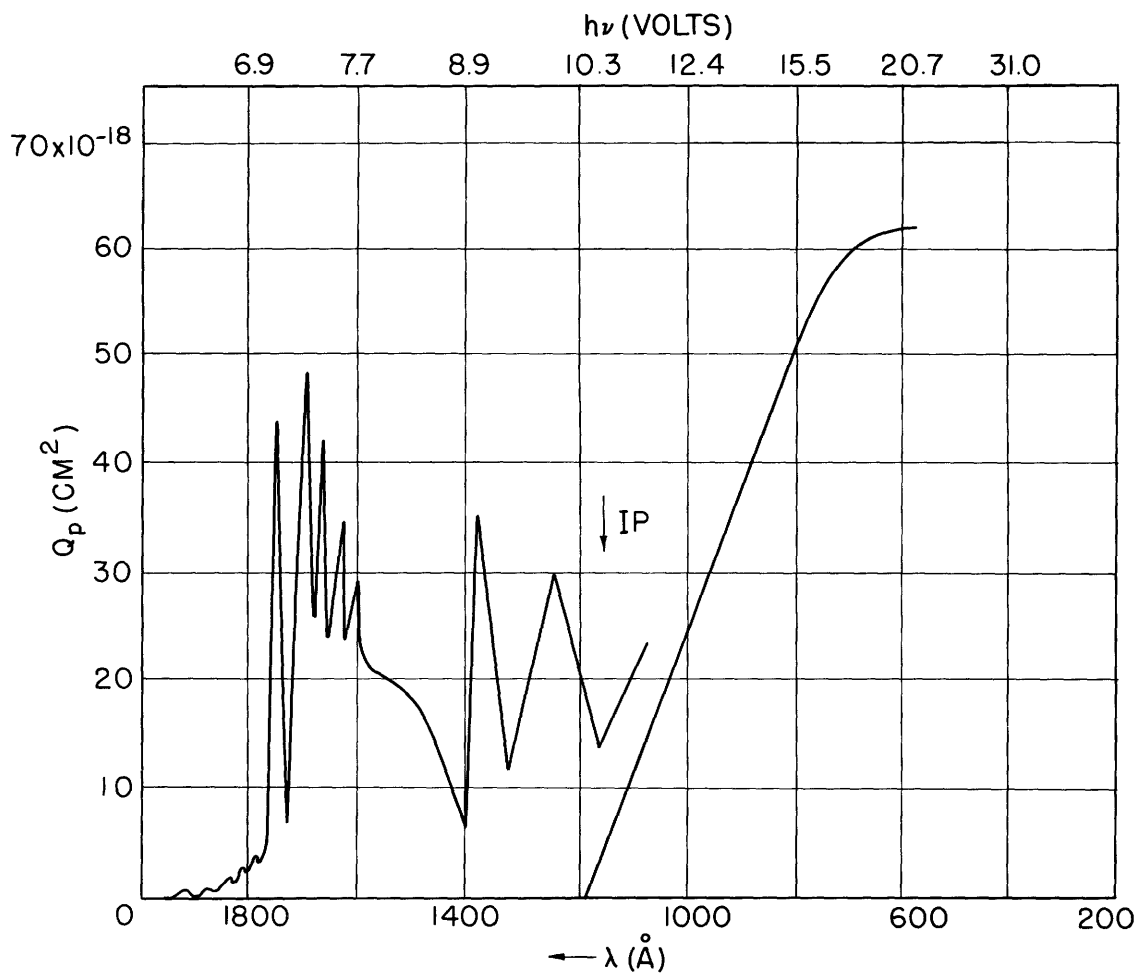
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III. SURFACE PHENOMENA

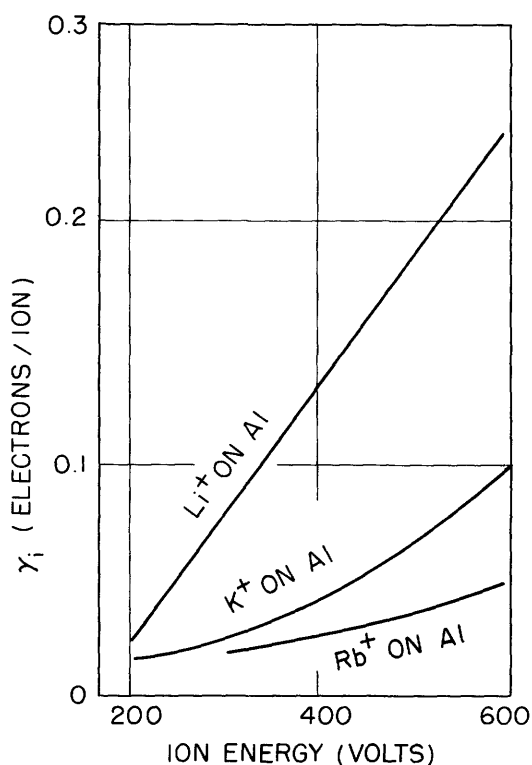
(a) Secondary Emission γ_i

The secondary emission coefficient γ_i is the number of free electrons released from a surface by the impact of a positive ion, over and above any electrons taken from the surface to neutralize the ion. If ϕ is the work function of the surface, and V_i is the ionization potential of the ion, secondary emission requires that $V_i > 2\phi$.

The secondary emission coefficient is in general greatly altered by the presence of adsorbed gas on the surface.

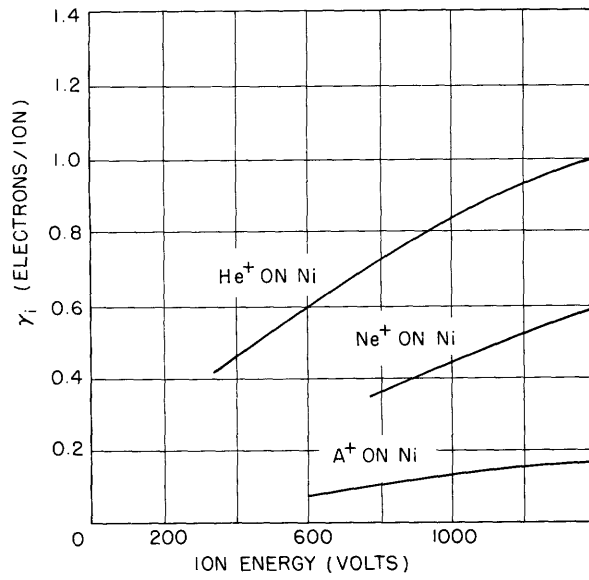
(b) Effective Secondary Emission γ

The second Townsend coefficient γ is defined as the number of secondary electrons escaping from the cathode per positive ion produced in the gas. It is a function of E/p in the gas and is, in general, the resultant effect of photons, ions, and metastables reaching the cathode, and of back diffusion.



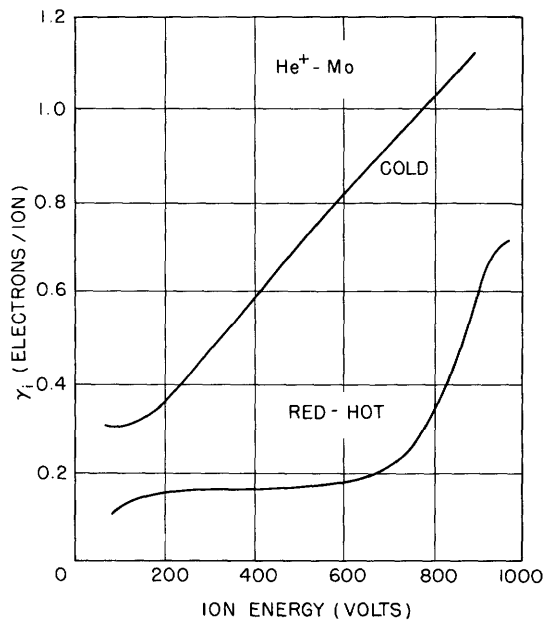
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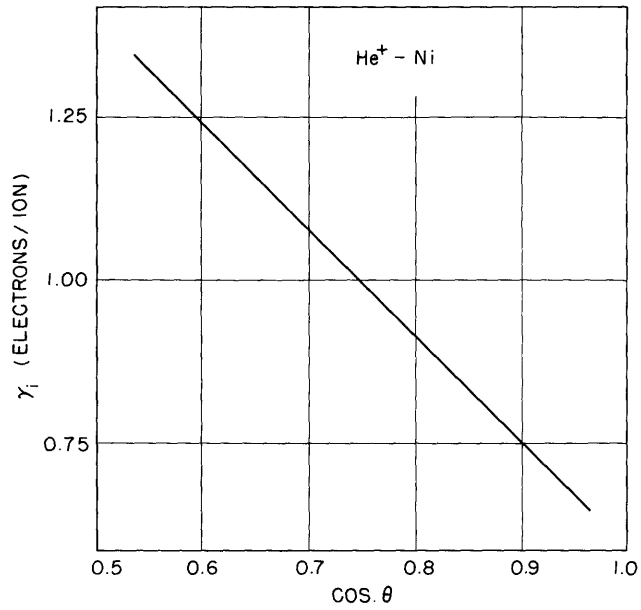
IIIa2. Ejected electron yield of He⁺, Ne⁺, and A⁺ on nickel.

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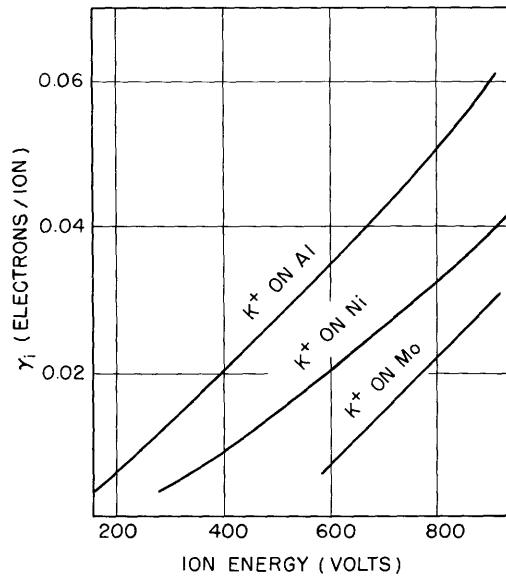


IIIa2. Electron yield of helium ions on hot and cold molybdenum.

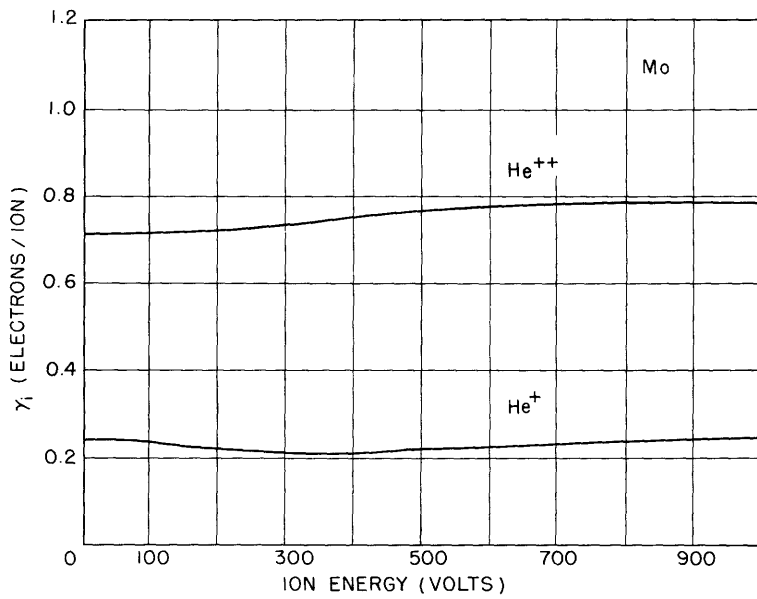
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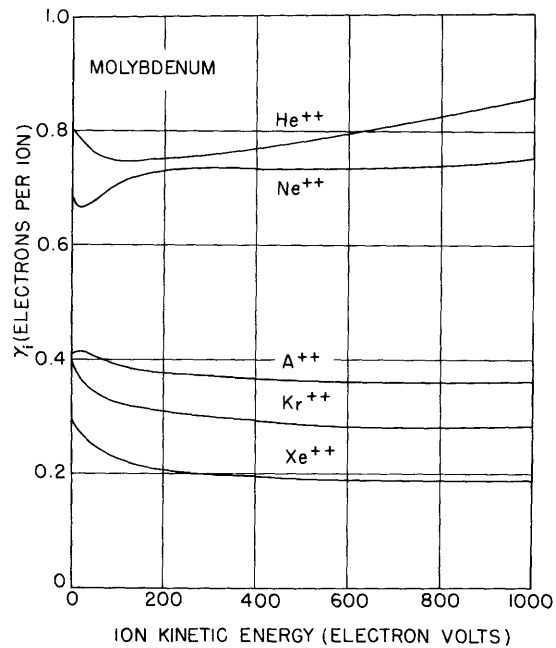
III a3. Electron yield as function of the angle of incidence for helium ions on nickel.
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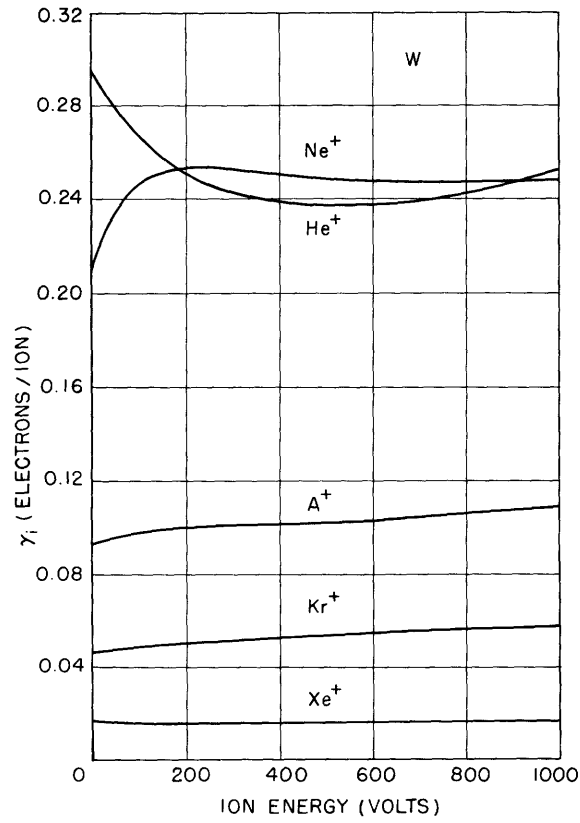
III a4. Ejected electron yield of K^+ on Al, Ni, and Mo.
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IIIa5. Total electron yield on atomically clean molybdenum.
H. D. Hagstrum, Phys. Rev. 89, 244 (1953)

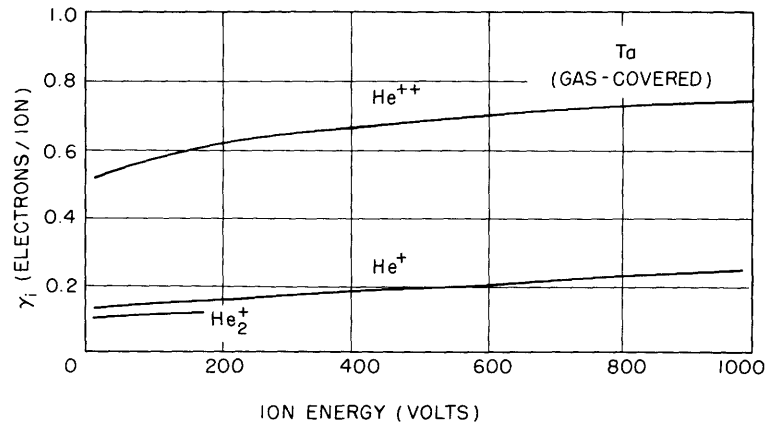


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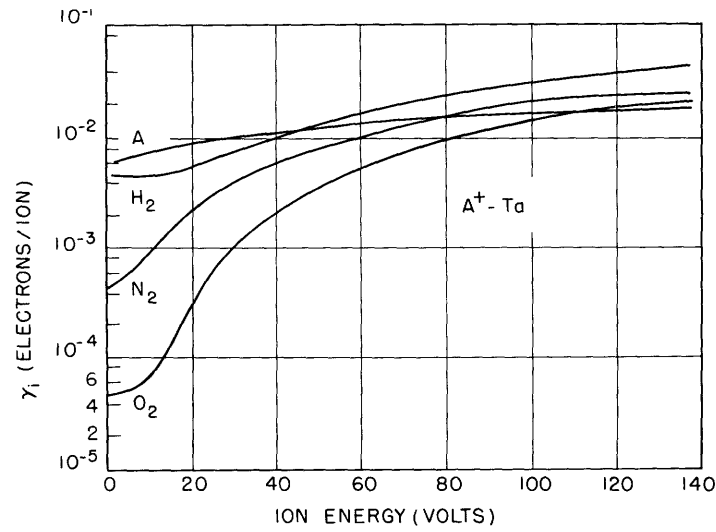
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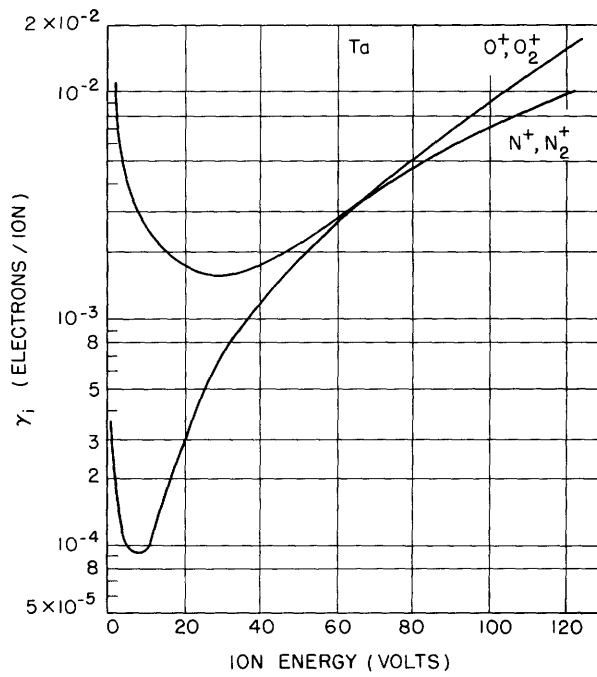
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H. D. Hagstrum, Phys. Rev. 91, 543 (1953)



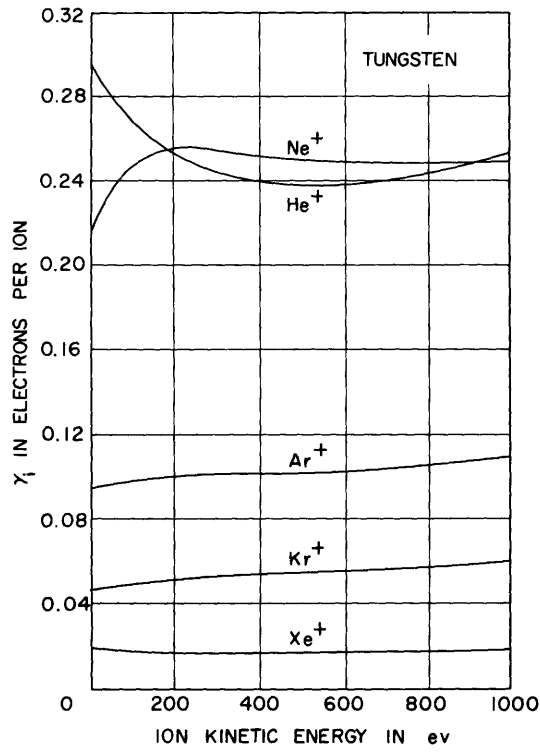
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J. A. Parker, Jr., Phys. Rev. 93, 1148 (1954)

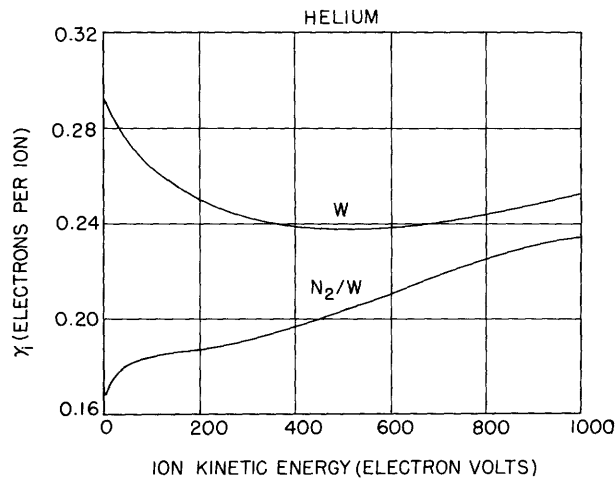


III a9. Electron yield on gas-covered tantalum from molecular gas ions.

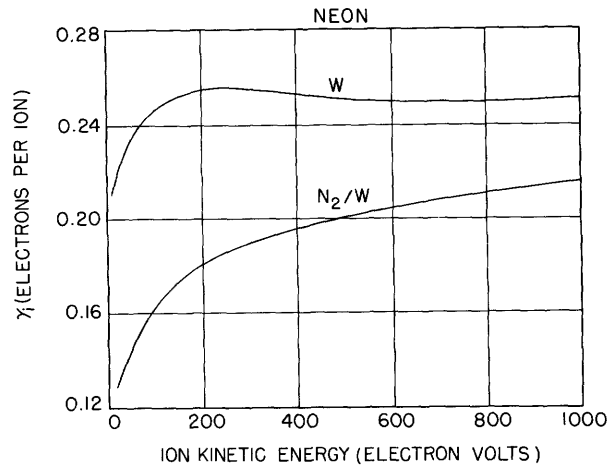
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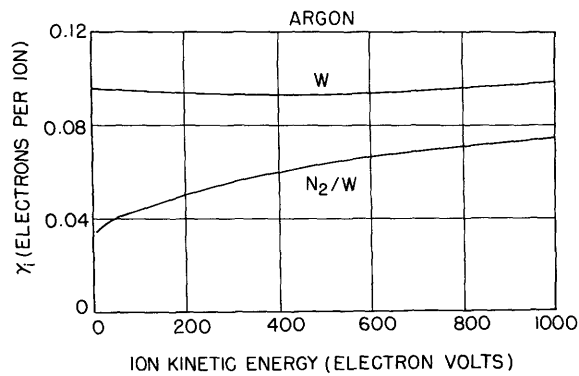
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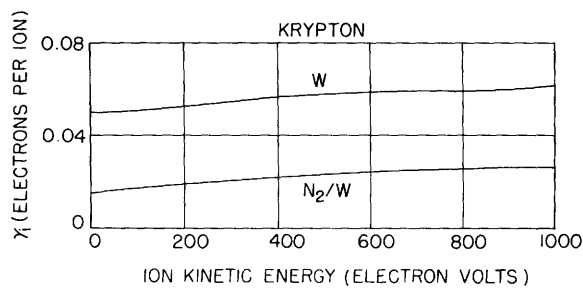
III a10. γ_i in helium for clean tungsten (W) and covered with a nitrogen monolayer (N_2/W).
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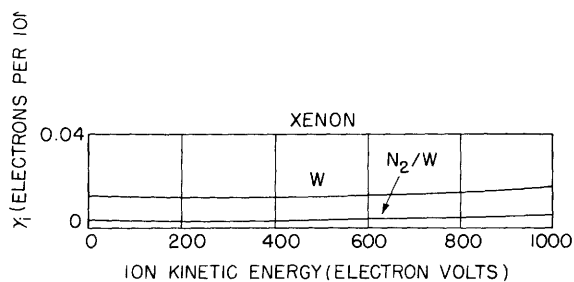


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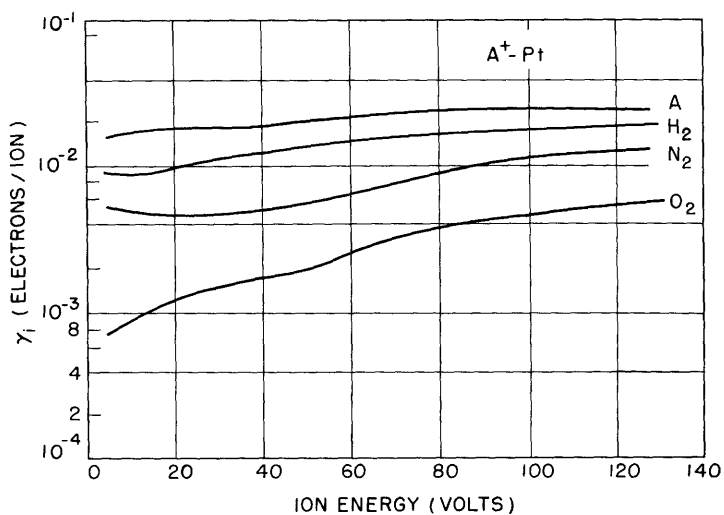
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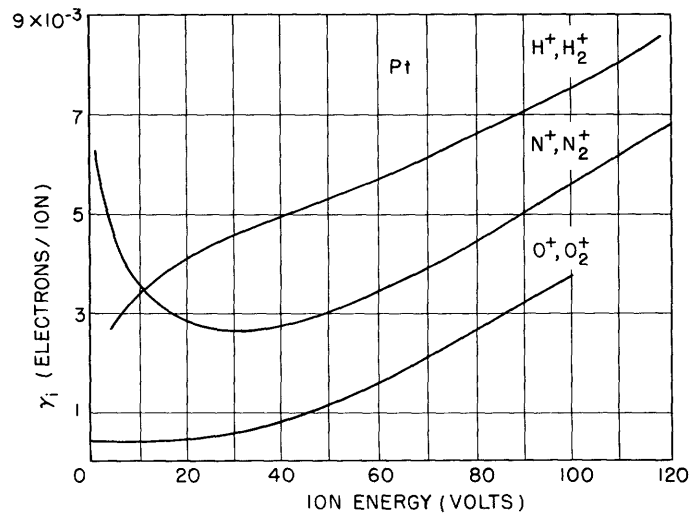
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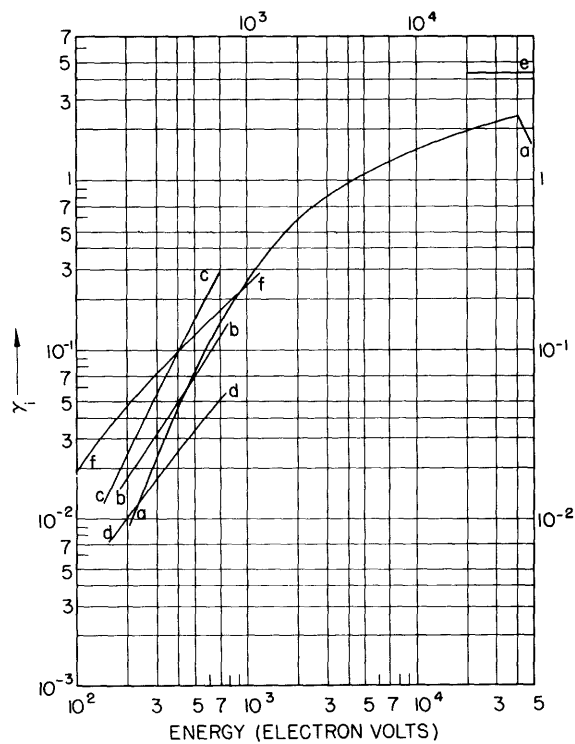
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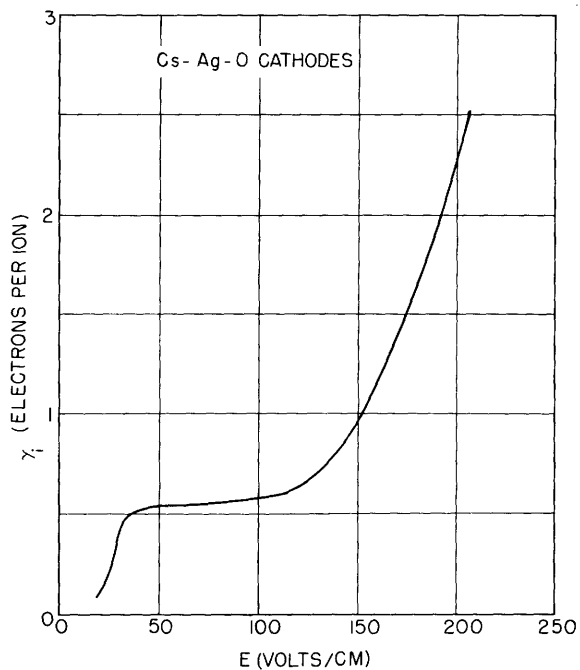
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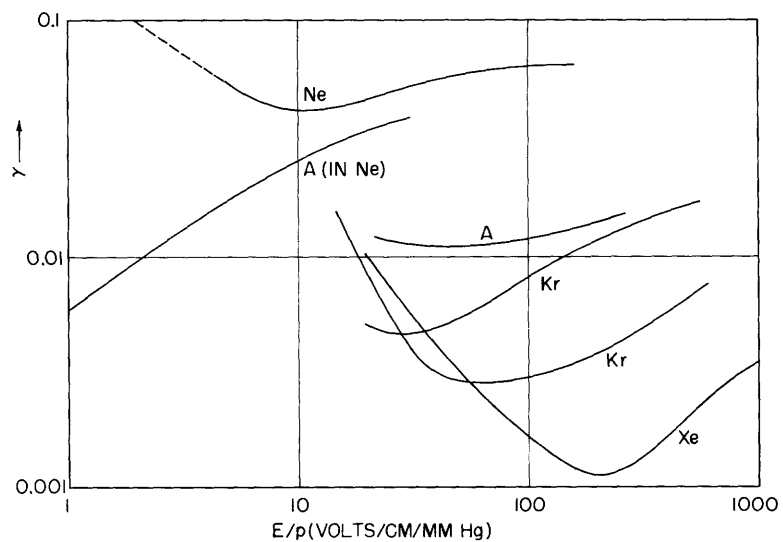


III a13. Ejected electron yields of (a) H and Na ions on Cu; (b) K ions on Al; (c) Li ions on Al; (d) Rb ions on Al; (e) H ions on Cu, Al, and Au; (f) H ions on Ni.

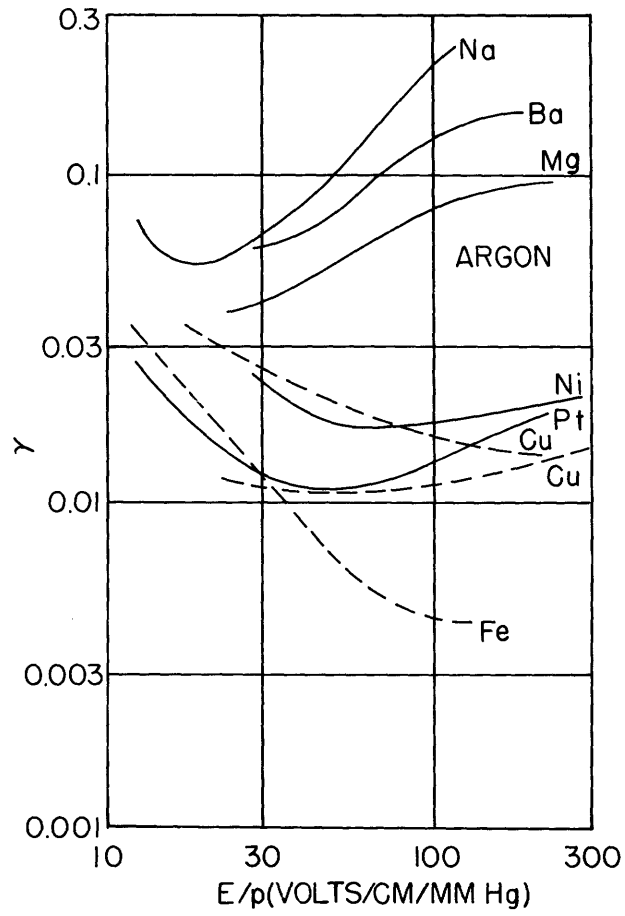
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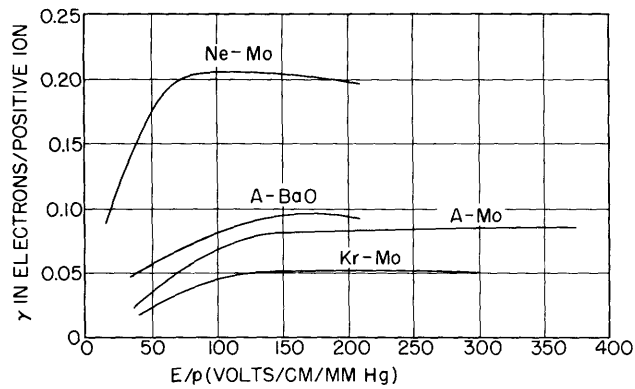
III a14. Second Townsend coefficient of argon ions on Cs-Ag-O surface.
 W. S. Huxford, Phys. Rev. 55, 754 (1939)



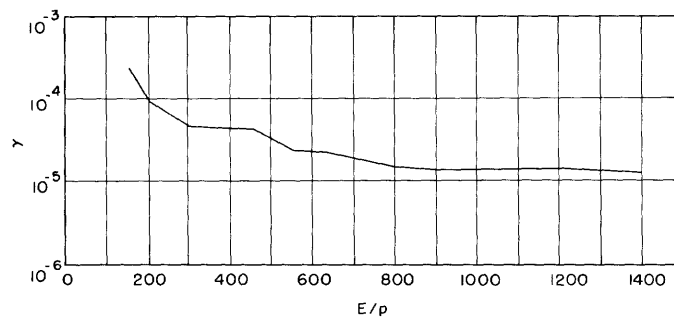
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 M. J. Druyvesteyn, F. M. Penning, Revs. Modern Phys. 12, 87 (1940)



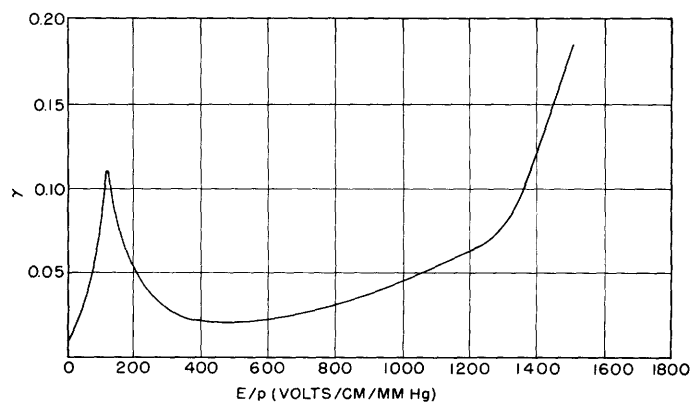
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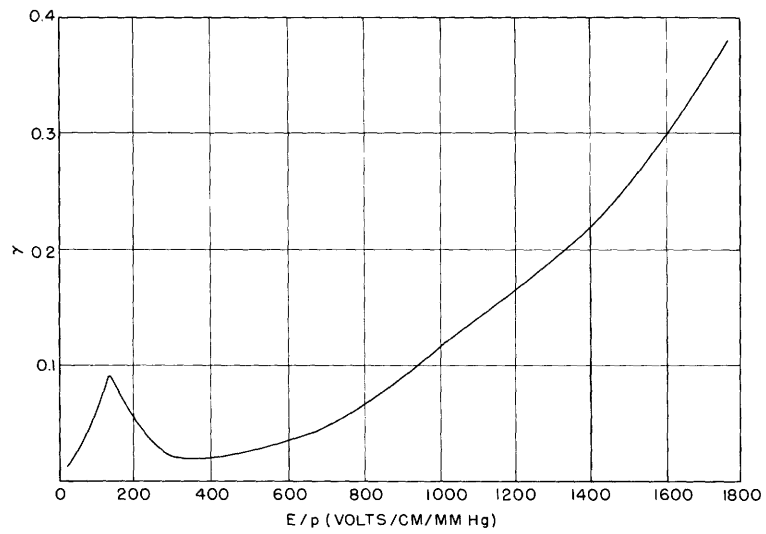
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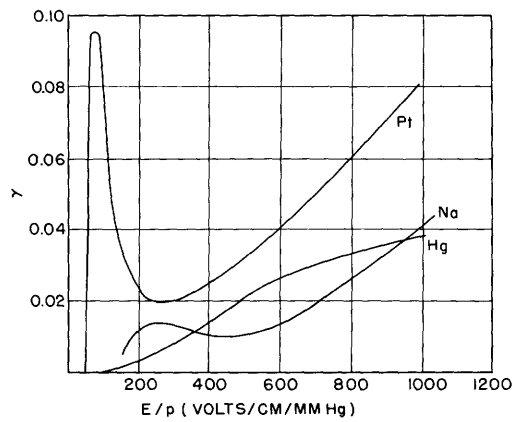
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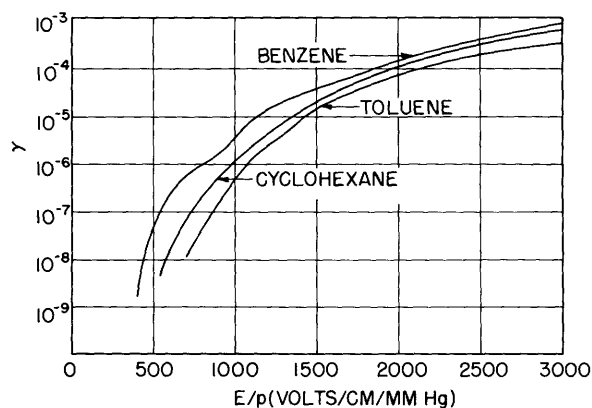
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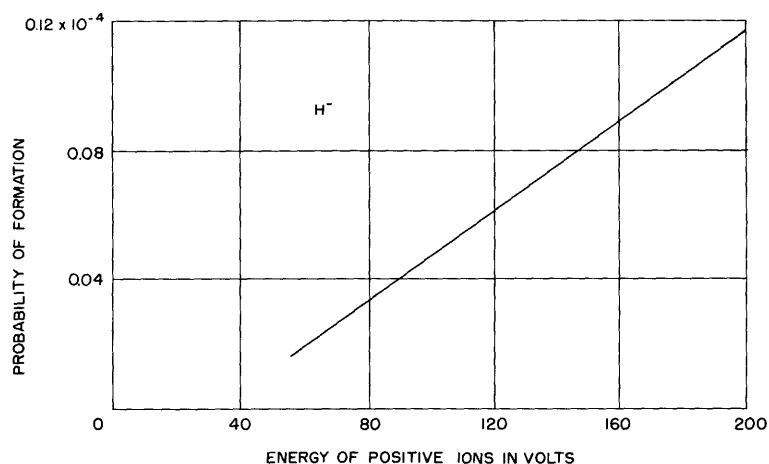


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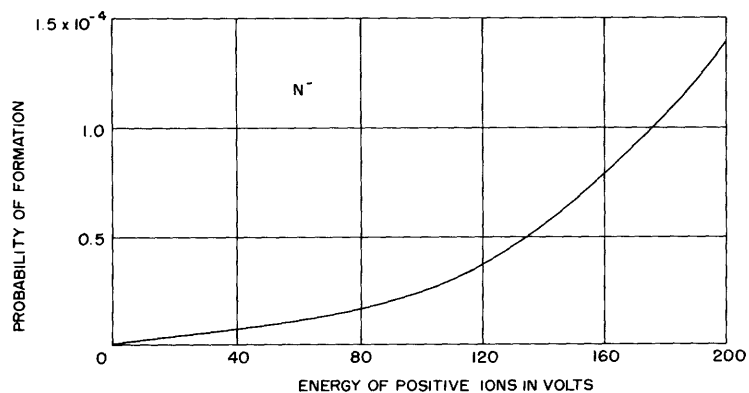
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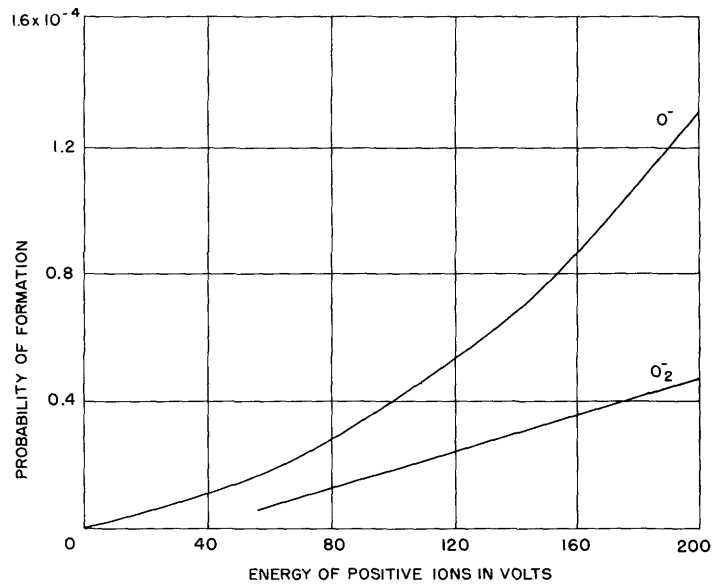
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F. L. Arnot, Proc. Roy. Soc. (London) A158, 137 (1937)



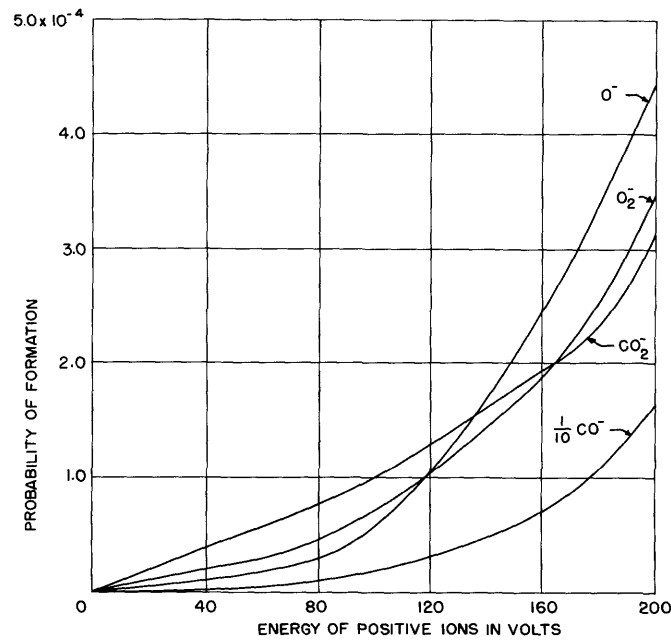
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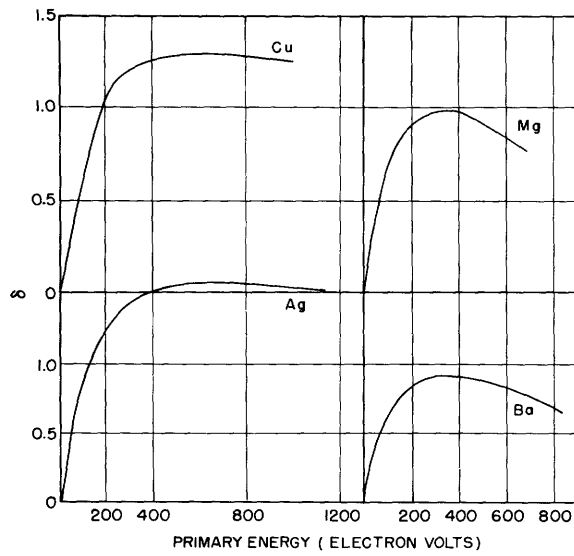
IIIc3. Probability of conversion of positive oxygen ions into negative oxygen ions on nickel.

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IIIc4. Probability of conversion of positive carbon dioxide ions into negative carbon dioxide ions on nickel.

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III(e1). Photoelectric Work Functions of Elements

Element	Work Function (volts)	Reference
Ag	4.74	1
Al	4.36	2
As	4.79	3
Au	4.92	4
Ba	2.49	5
Be	3.92	6
Bi	4.26	7
C	4.81	8
Ca	2.42	9
Cd	3.68	10
Co	4.55	11
Cr	3.76	12
Cs	1.38	13
Cu	4.8	14
Fe	4.7	15
Ga	4.12	16
Ge	4.73	17
Hg	4.50	18
K	2.20	19
Li	2.42	20
Mg	2.74	21
Mn	3.76	22
Mo	4.15	23
Na	2.29	24
Ni	5.06	25
Pb	3.97	26
Pd	4.97	27
Pt	6.35	28
Rb	2.09	29
Rh	4.57	30
Sb	4.56	31
Se	5.11	32
Sn	3.62	33
Sr	2.24	34
Ta	4.12	35
Te	4.76	36
Th	3.47	37
Ti	4.17	38

III(e1). Photoelectric Work Functions of Elements

Element	Work Function (volts)	Reference
U	3.63	39
V	3.77	40
W	4.49	41
Zn	4.307	42
Zr	3.73	43

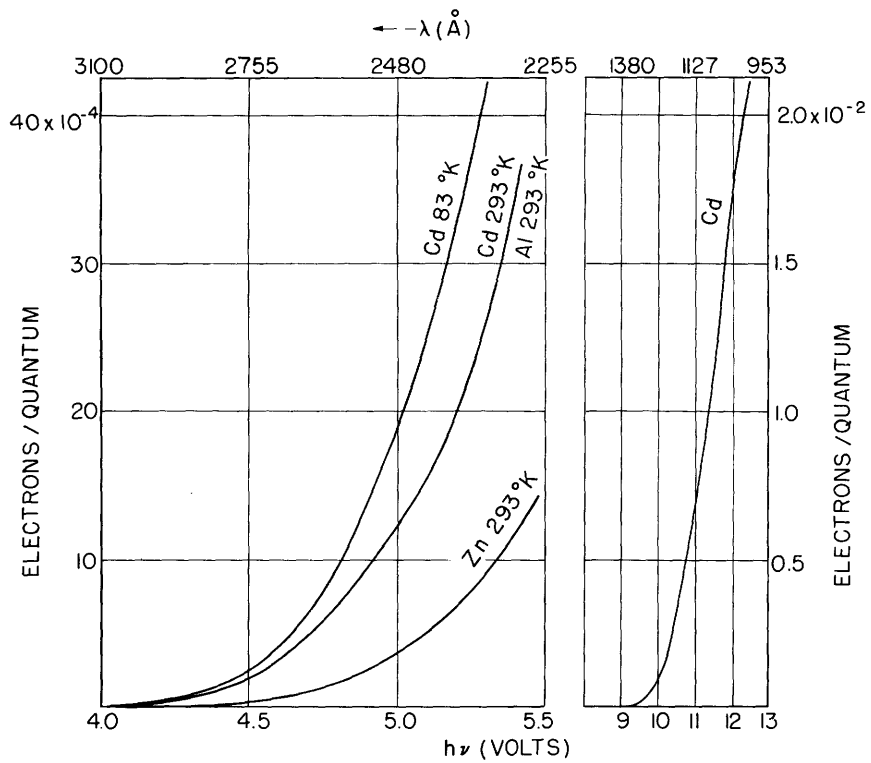
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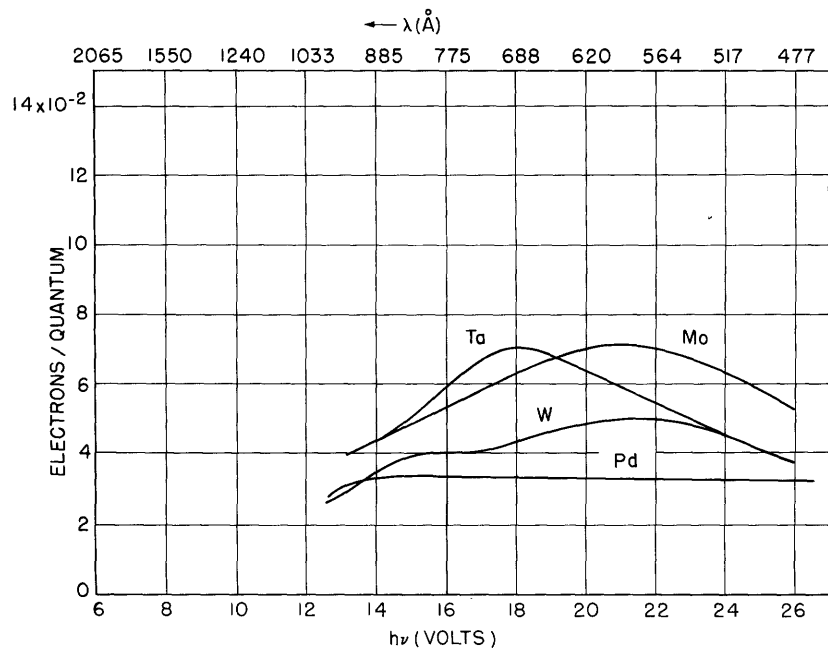
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IV. MOTIONS OF ELECTRONS AND IONS

The drift velocity \vec{v}_d of a charged particle of mass m and charge e in a gas of molecules of mass M , under an electric field \vec{E} , is given by

$$\vec{v}_d = e \vec{E} \frac{M+m}{Mm} \int \ell \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \frac{4\pi}{3} v^2 dv \quad (1)$$

where $f(v)$ is the velocity distribution function.

For particles with a constant mean free time τ_c this yields, for all E/p ,

$$\vec{v}_d = \frac{M+m}{Mm} e \vec{E} \tau_c \quad (2)$$

If collisions are caused by a polarization force

$$\tau_c = \frac{1.8096 \epsilon_0}{e n_g} \left(\frac{Mm/\alpha}{M+m} \right)^{1/2} \quad (3)$$

where the polarizability $\alpha = (\epsilon - \epsilon_0)/n_g$.

For particles with a constant mean free path ℓ_c (rigid spheres) there are two limiting forms:

(a) near thermal equilibrium

$$\vec{v}_d = \frac{3 e \vec{E} \ell_c}{8} \left(\frac{\pi}{2 kT} \frac{M+m}{Mm} \right)^{1/2} \quad (4)$$

(b) for high E/p

$$\vec{v}_d = a \left(\frac{M+m}{m} \right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{e E \ell_c}{M} \right)^{1/2} \quad a = \begin{cases} 0.8973 & \text{for } m \ll M \\ 0.9643 & \text{for } m = M \\ 1 & \text{for } m \gg M \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

The mobility μ in a mixture of gases a, b, c, ... is given by Blanc's law

$$\frac{1}{\mu} = \frac{1}{\mu_a} + \frac{1}{\mu_b} + \frac{1}{\mu_c} \dots \quad (6)$$

where $\mu_a, \mu_b, \mu_c, \dots$ are the mobilities in the pure gases a, b, c, ... at their partial pressures p_a, p_b, p_c, \dots provided the mobilities are sensibly independent of field strength.

Because of charge transfer when moving in the parent gas and clustering in the presence of an attaching gas, ions may move considerably slower than indicated by these equations.

In the case of a constant mean free time τ_c , the mobility in an ac electric field of circular frequency ω and in the presence of a magnetic field whose component perpendicular to the electric field is B_{\perp} , is given by

$$\mu = \frac{e/2m}{\nu_c + j(\omega + \omega_b)} + \frac{e/2m}{\nu_c + j(\omega - \omega_b)} \quad (7)$$

where $\omega_b = B_{\perp} e/m$ is the cyclotron frequency.

The complex conductivity of a plasma is given by

$$\sigma = n_+ e \mu_+ + n_- e \mu_- + j\omega \epsilon_0 \quad (8)$$

For a completely ionized plasma

$$\sigma = \frac{1.1632 m}{z \ln(q-1)} \left(\frac{4\pi \epsilon_0}{e} \right)^2 \left(\frac{2 kT}{\pi m} \right)^{3/2} = \frac{19141}{z \ln(q-1)} \left(\frac{kT}{e} \right)^{3/2} \text{ mho/meter} \quad (9)$$

where $q = 12\pi n \lambda_D^3$, $\lambda_D^2 = \epsilon_0 kT/ne^2$ is the Debye length, and $n \lambda_D^2 = 3.134 \times 10^4 T$ meters⁻¹. z is the charge on the ions.

If λ is the mean fraction of the energy difference which is transferred in a collision, the mean energy of an electron or ion is given by

$$\frac{1}{2} m \overline{v^2} = \frac{3}{2} kT + e E \tau_c v_d / \lambda \quad (10)$$

For elastic collisions

$$\lambda = 2 Mm/(M+m)^2$$

For the mean free time case

$$\frac{v_d^2}{\overline{v^2}} = \frac{M+m}{2M} \lambda \left(1 - \frac{3 kT}{m v^2} \right) \quad (11)$$

Mean energies are usually determined by the approximate relation

$$\frac{D}{\mu} = \frac{m(\overline{v^2} - v_d^2)}{3e} \quad (12)$$

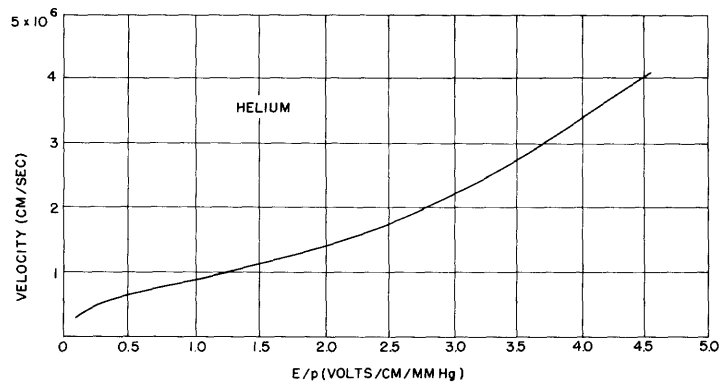
which is exact when the distribution function is Maxwellian.

The diffusion coefficient is given by

$$D = \int \frac{\ell v}{3} f 4\pi v^2 dv \quad (13)$$

When the Debye length λ_D is less than the diffusion length Λ , oppositely charged particles will be constrained by the space-charge field to diffuse at the same rate. This is termed ambipolar diffusion, and the common diffusion coefficient is

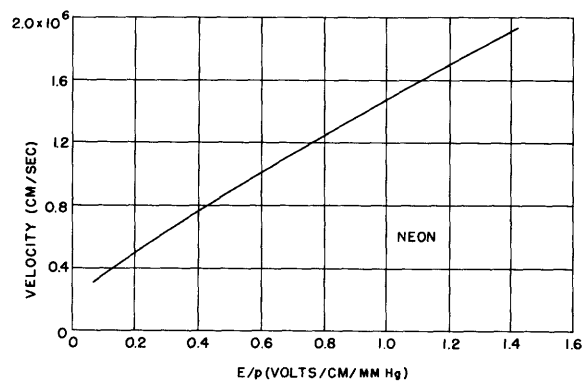
$$D_a = \frac{\mu_+ D_- + \mu_- D_+}{\mu_+ + \mu_-} = D_+ \frac{1 + T_-/T_+}{1 + \mu_+/\mu_-}$$



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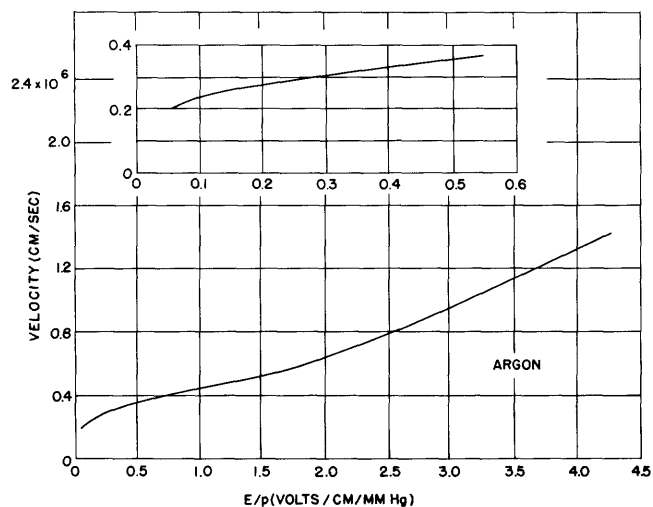
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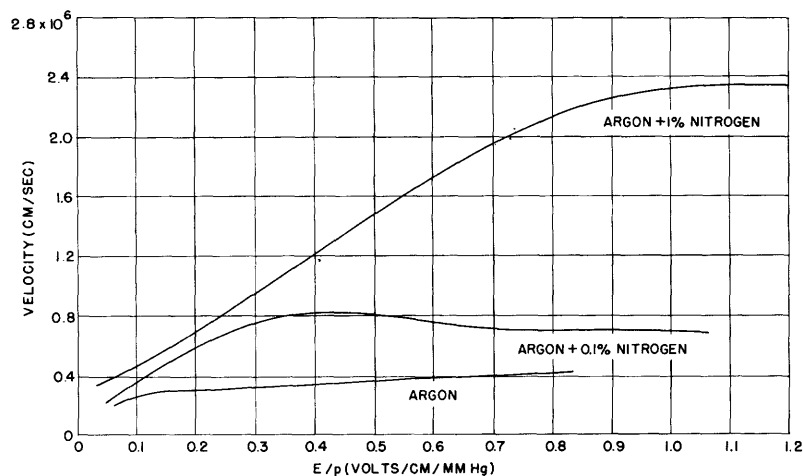
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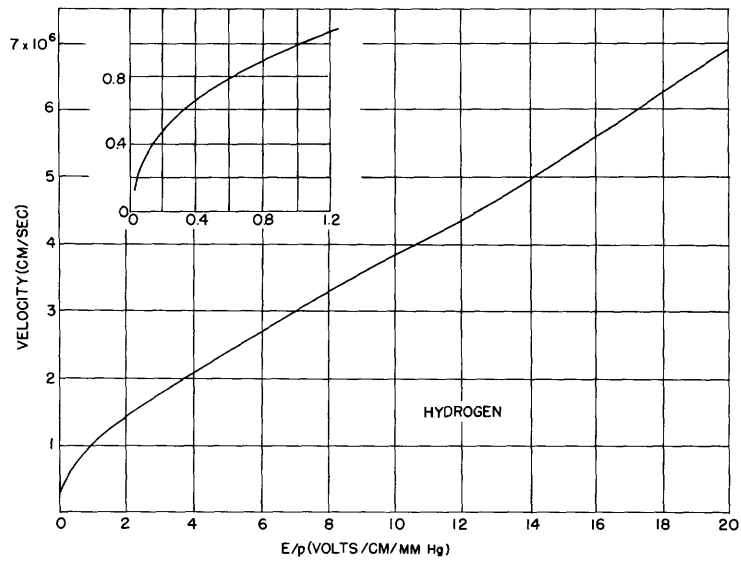
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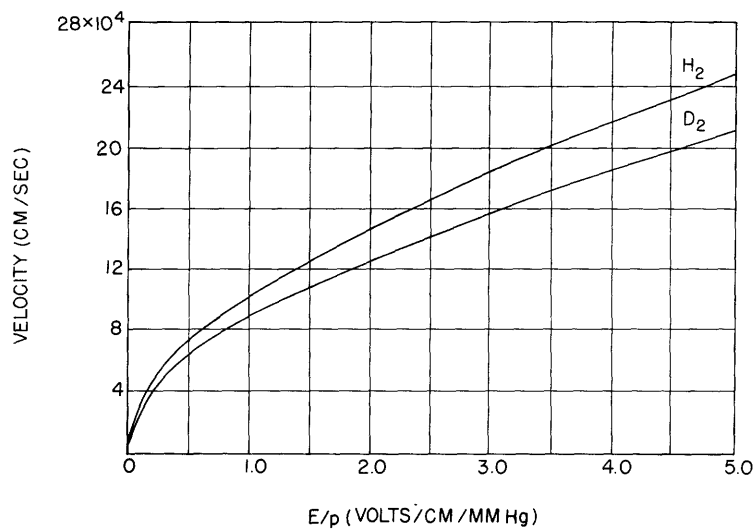


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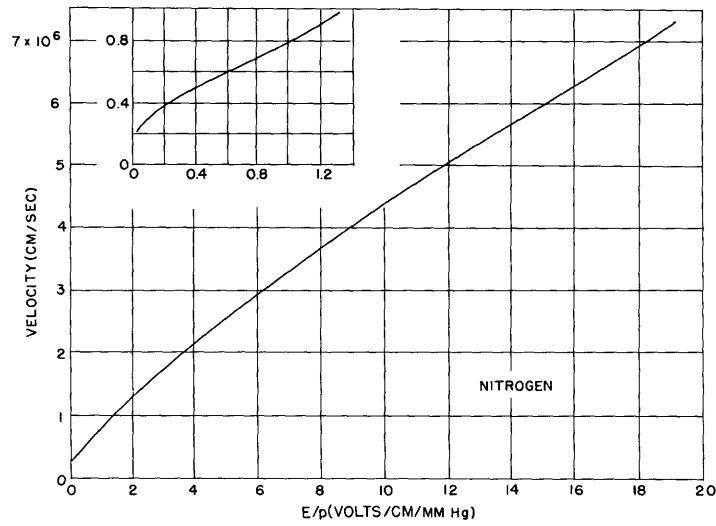
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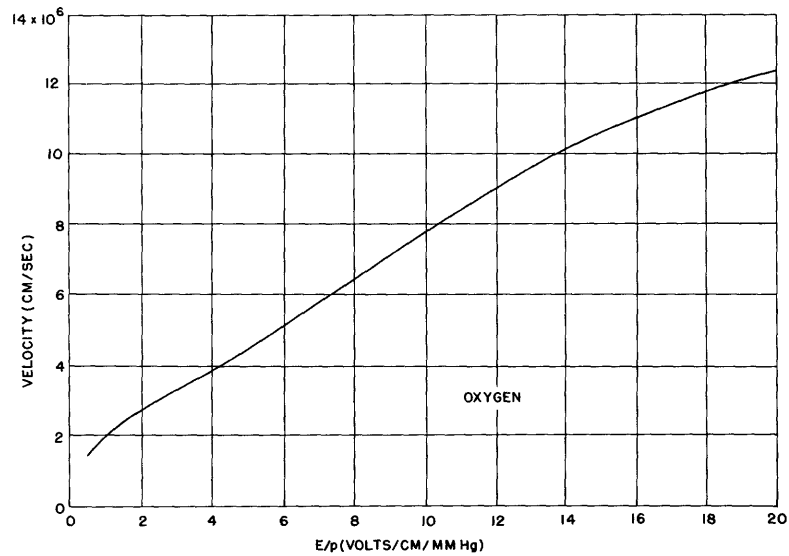
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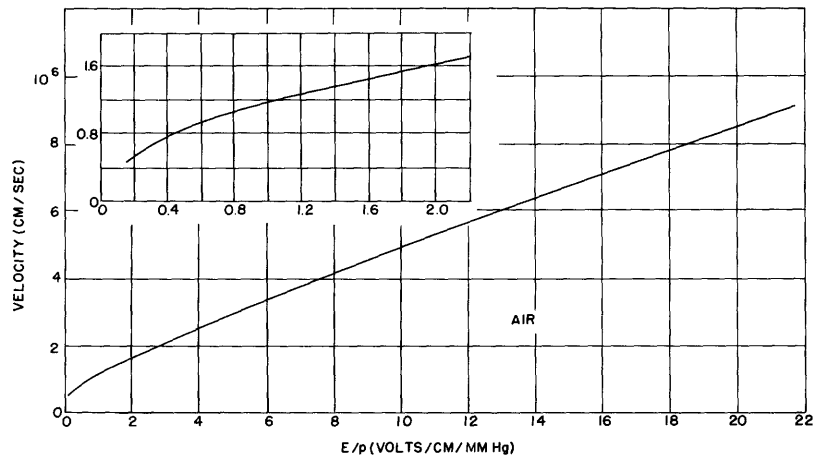
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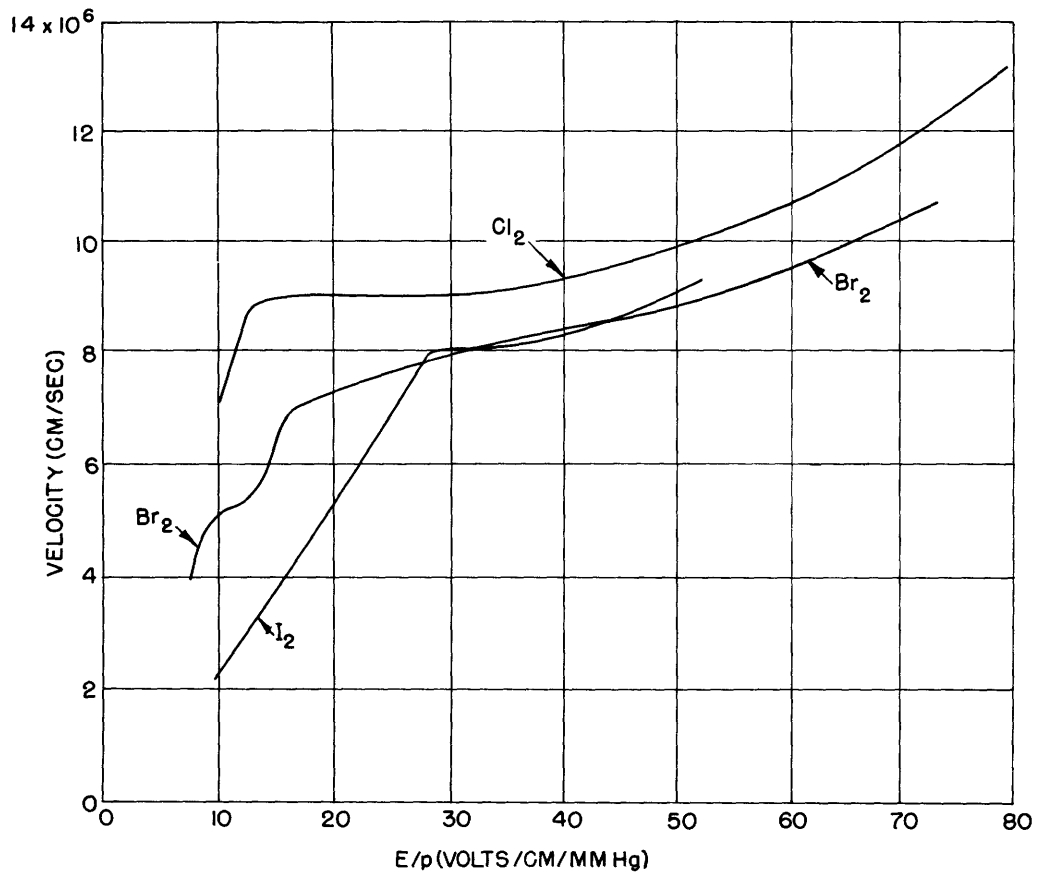


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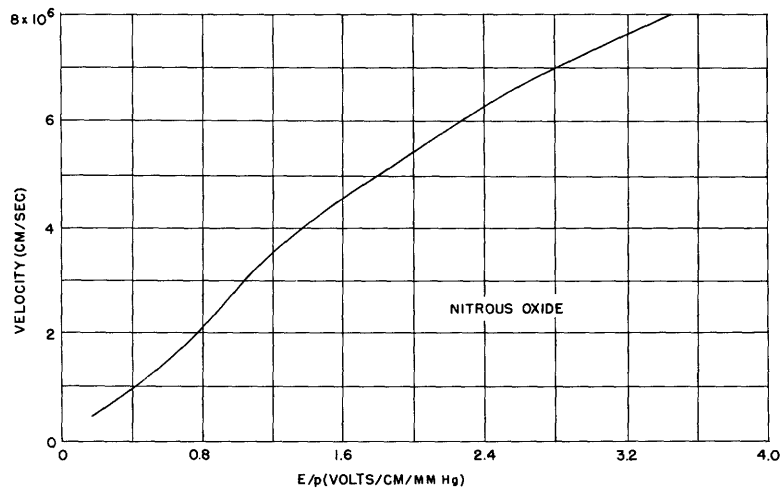
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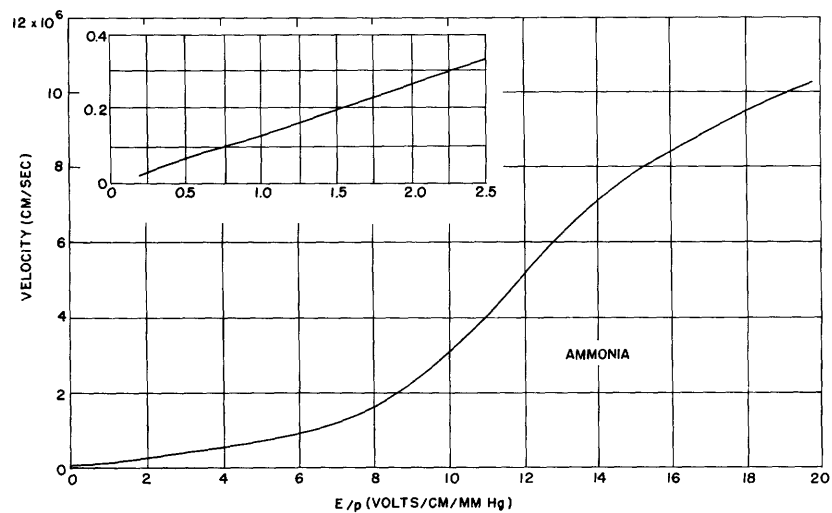
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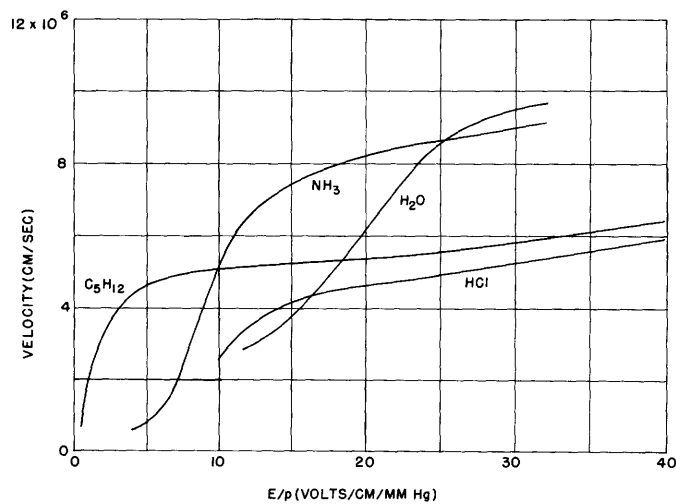
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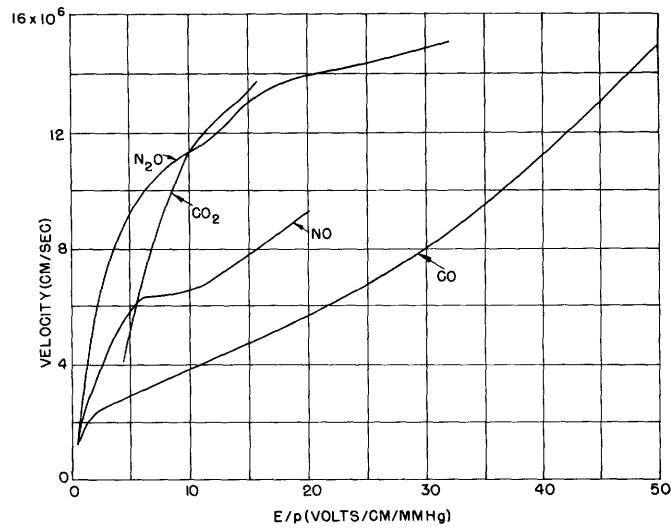
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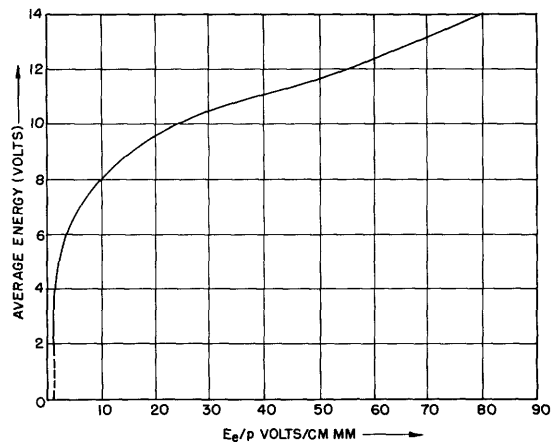
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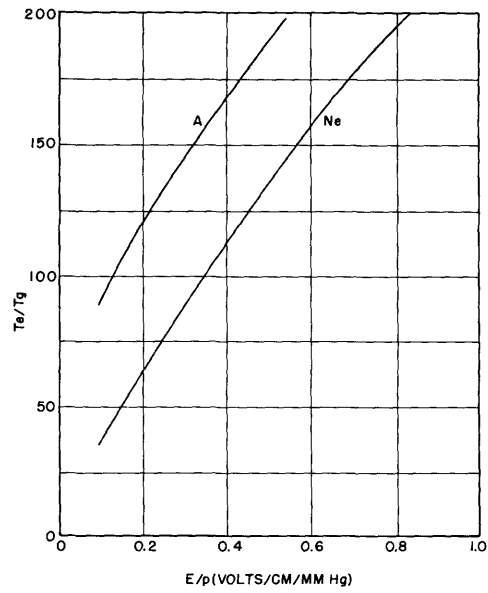
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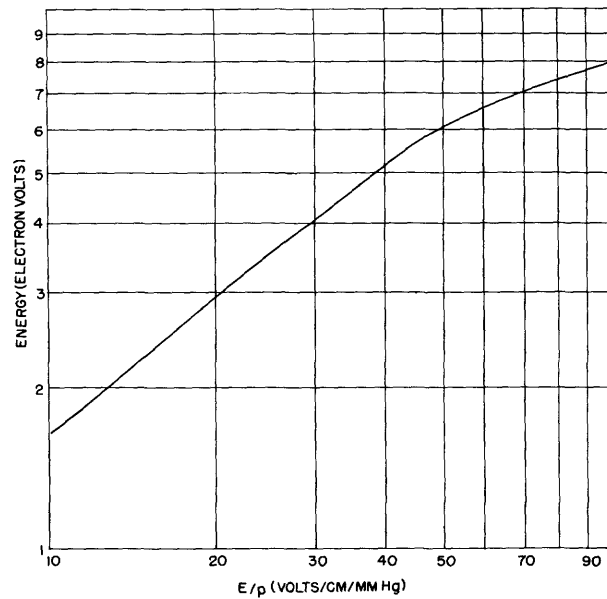


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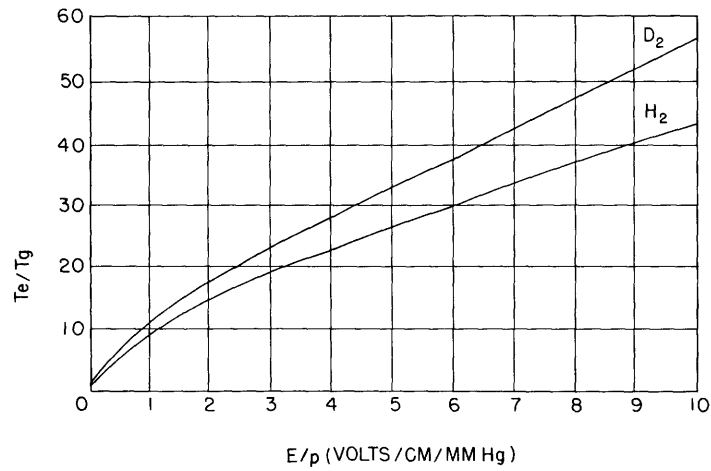
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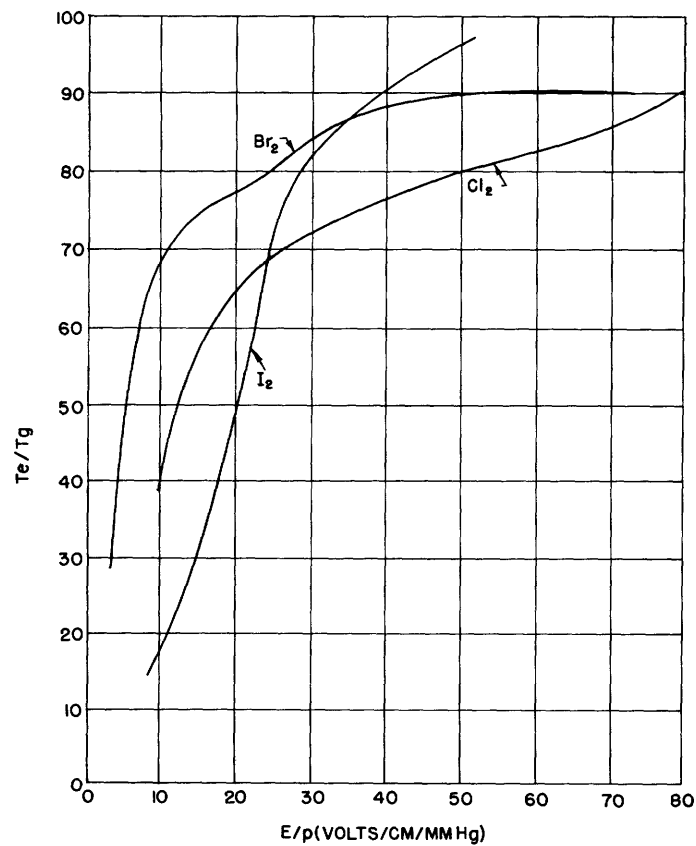


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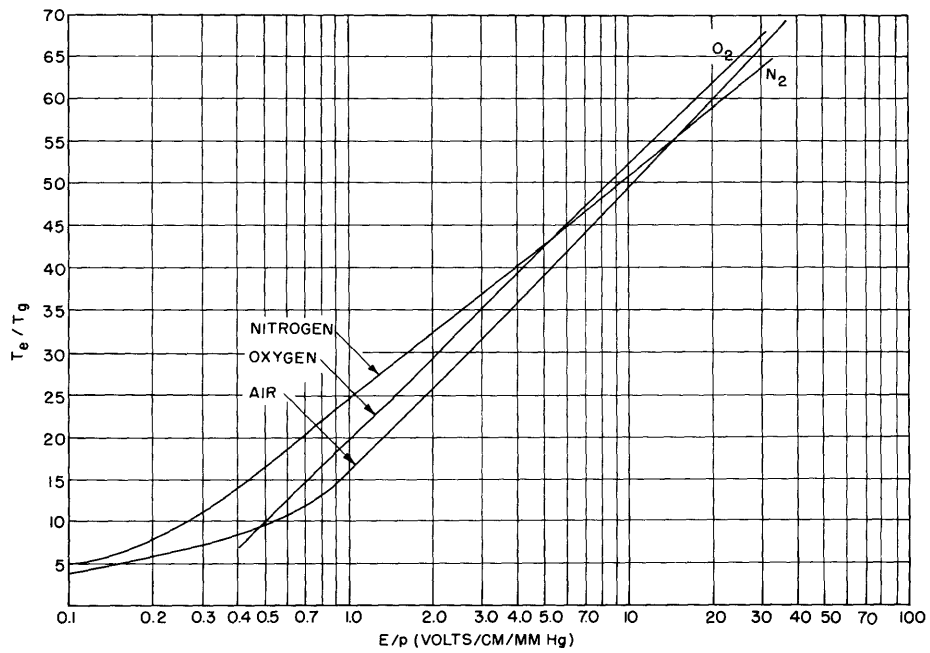
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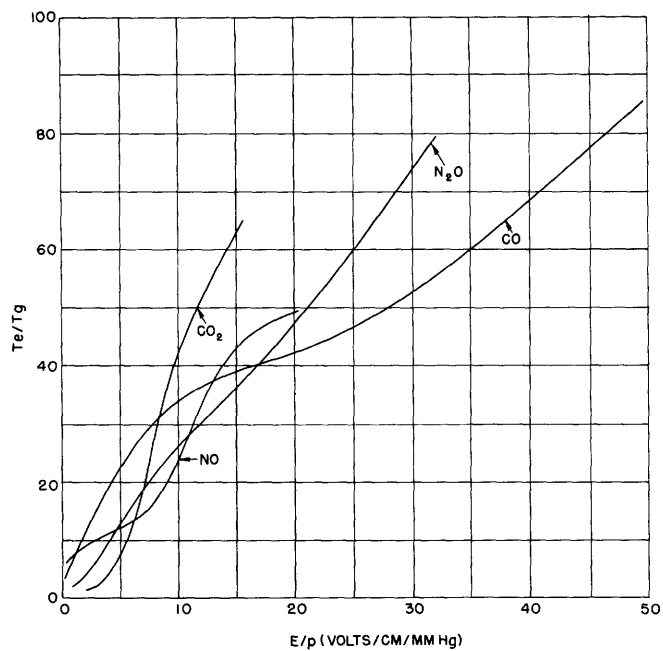


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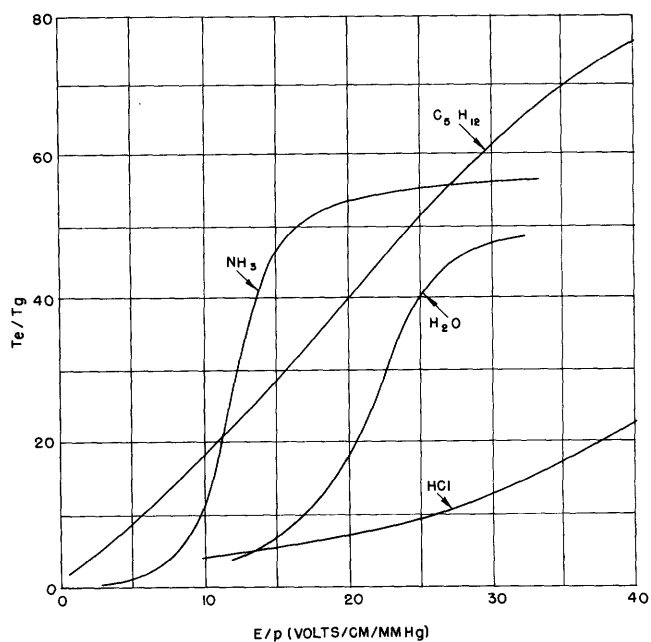
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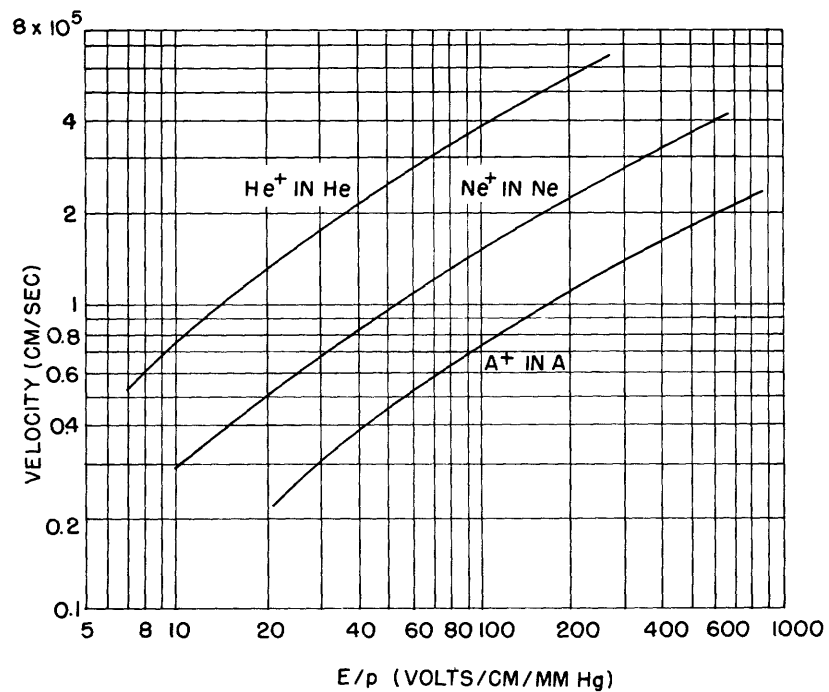
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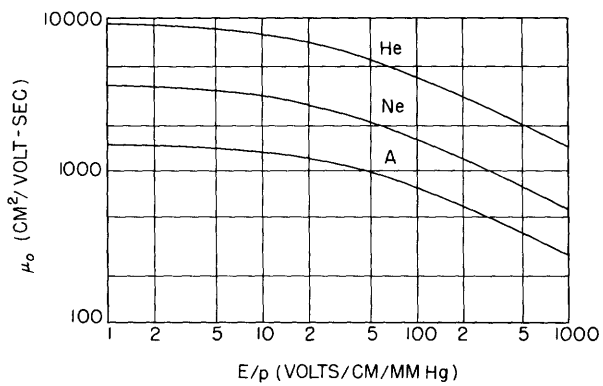


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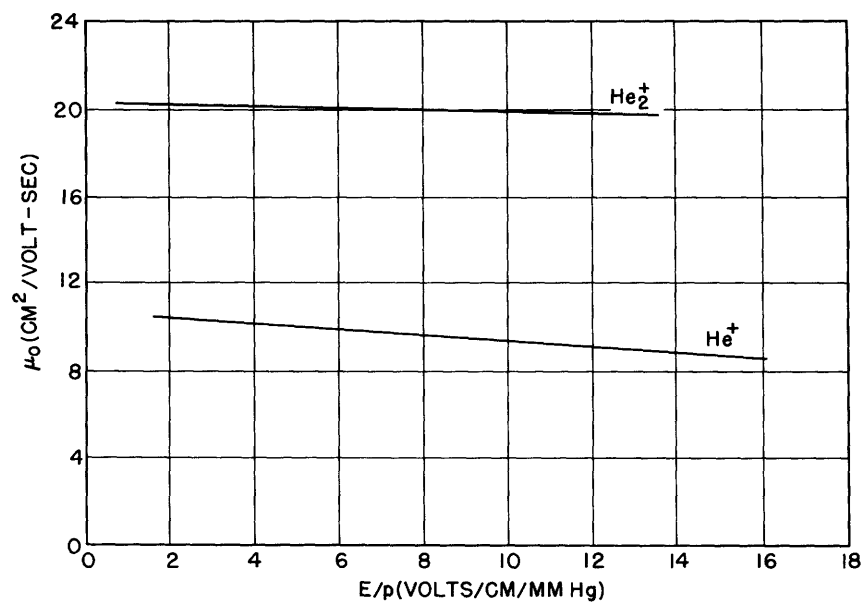
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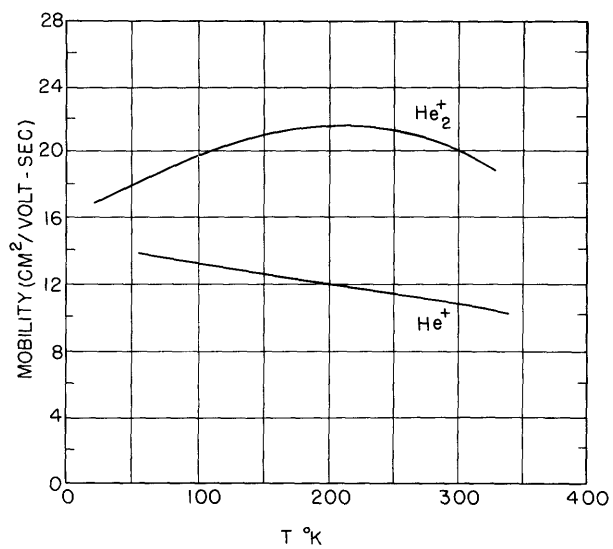


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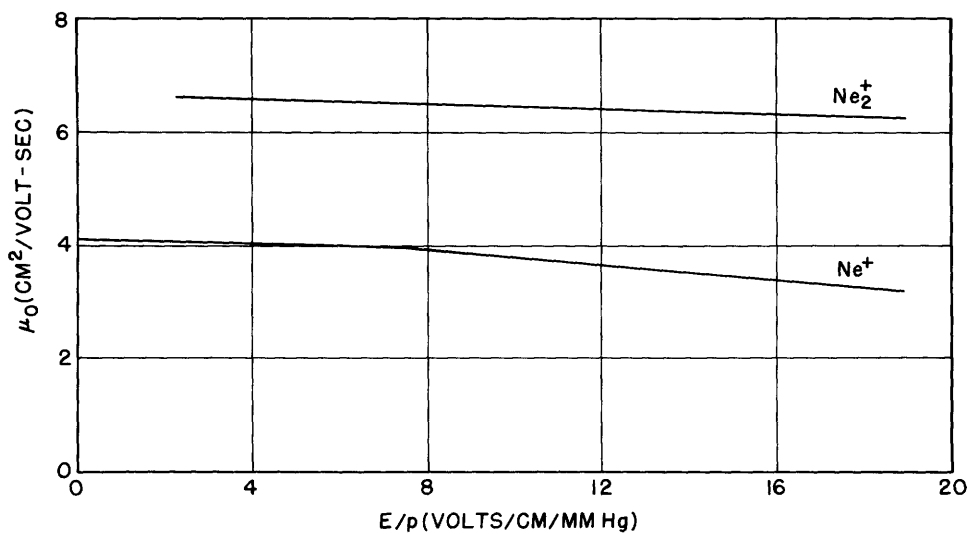
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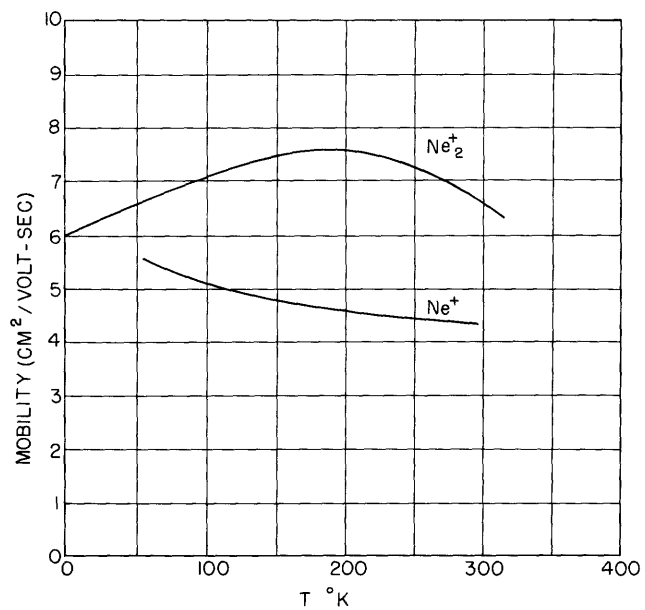
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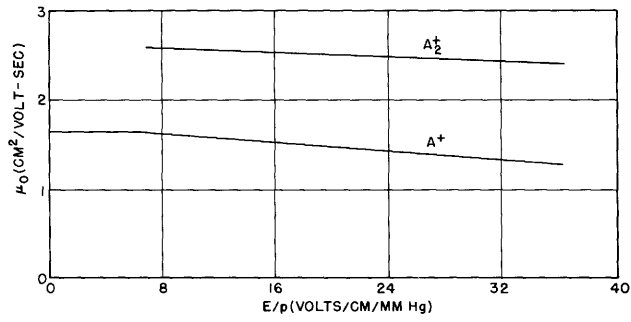
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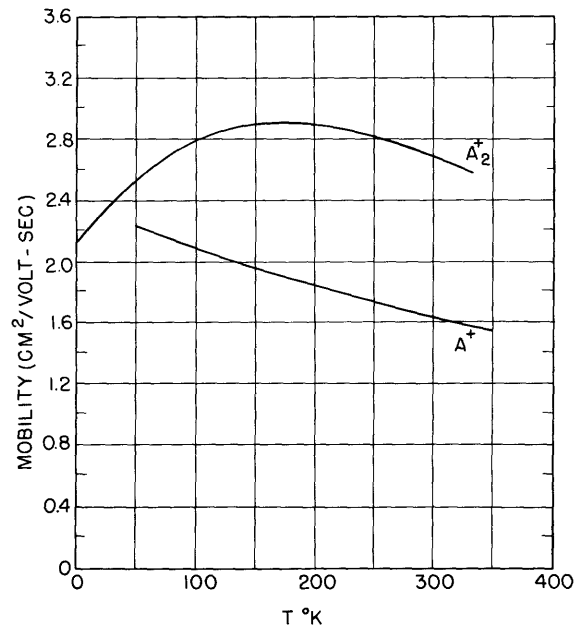
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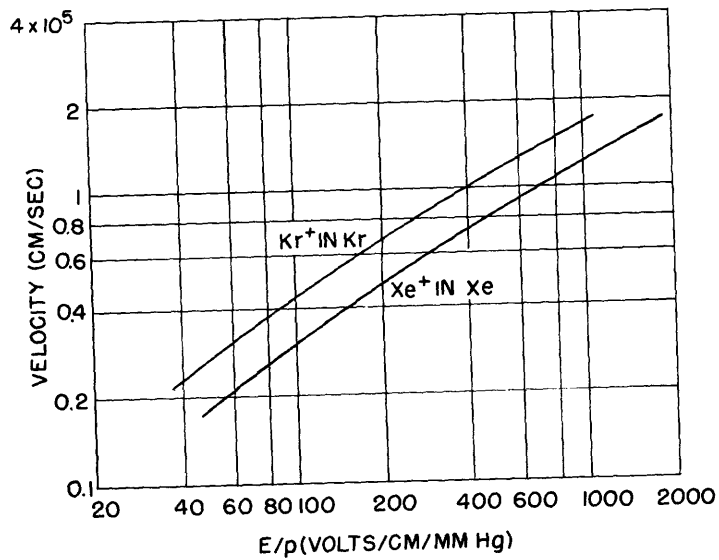
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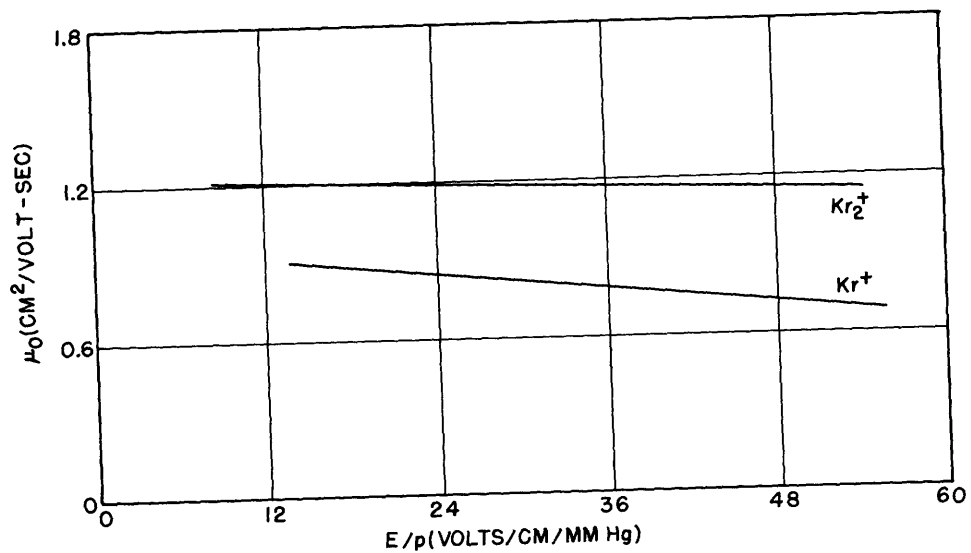


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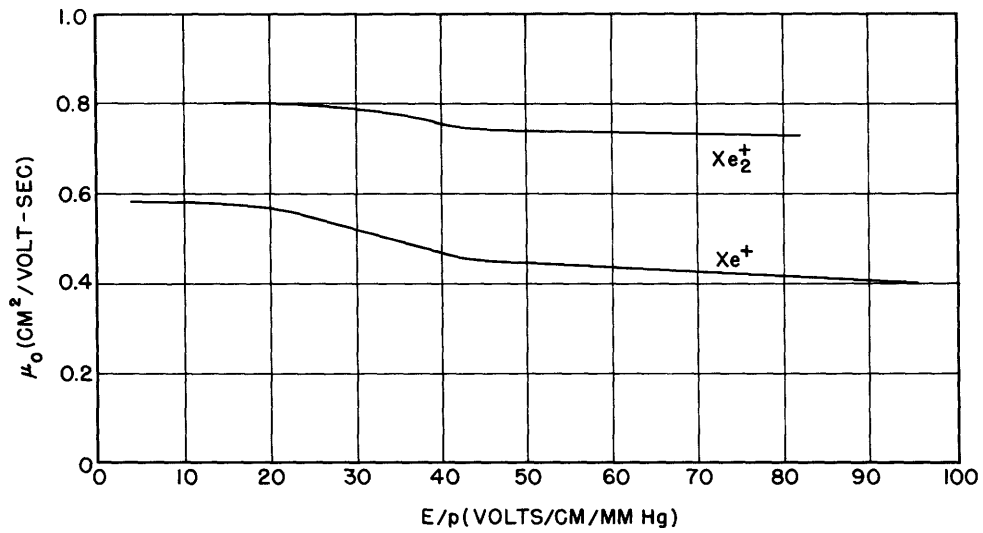
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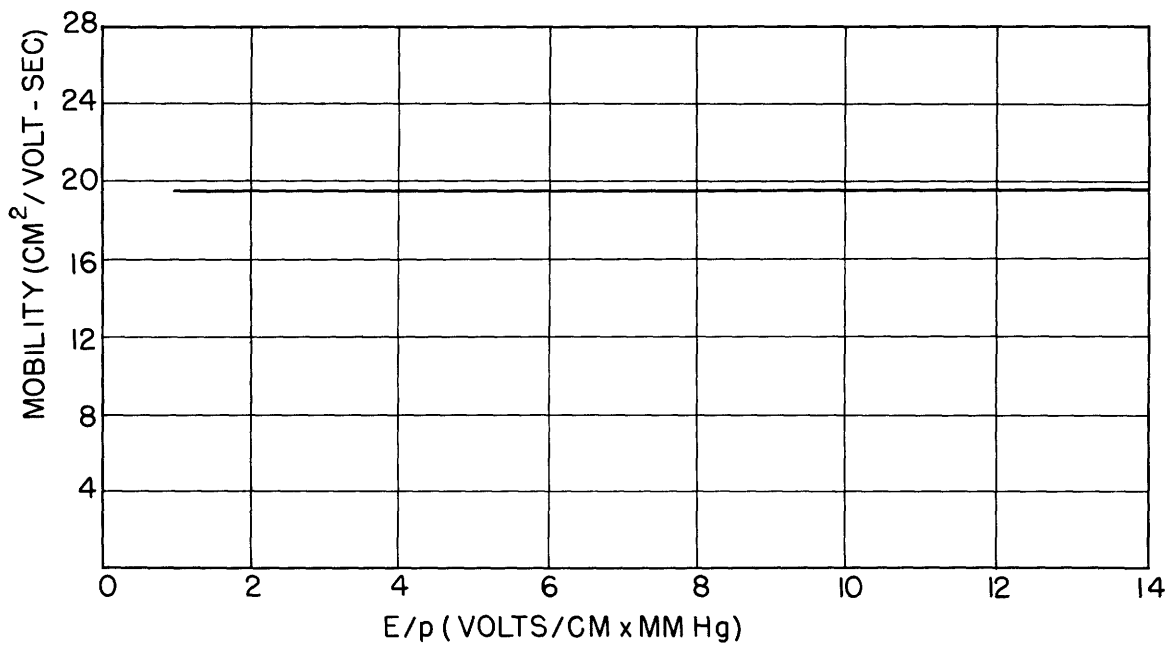


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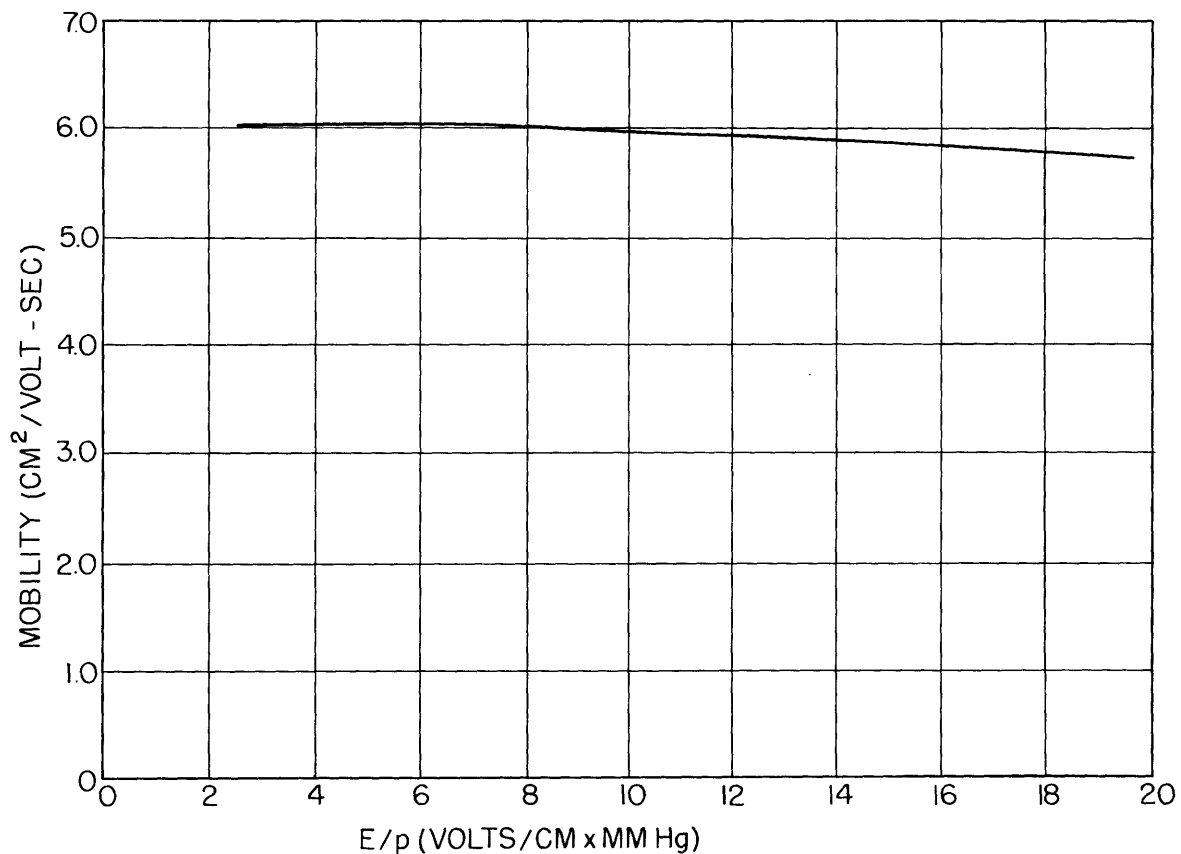
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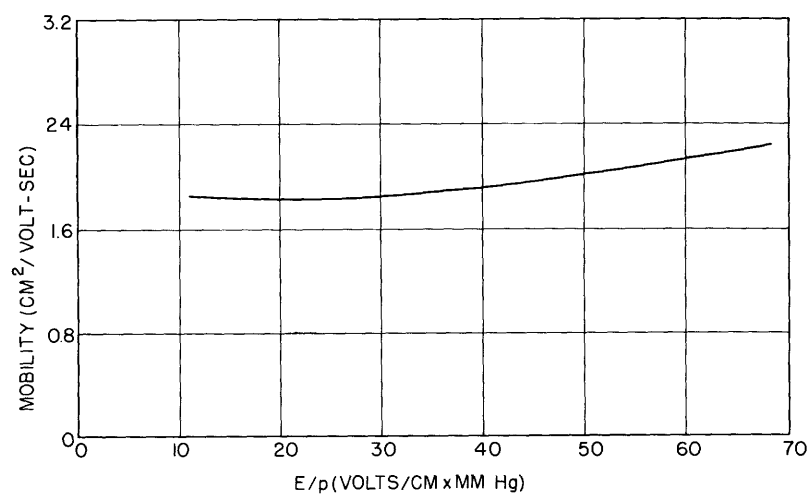
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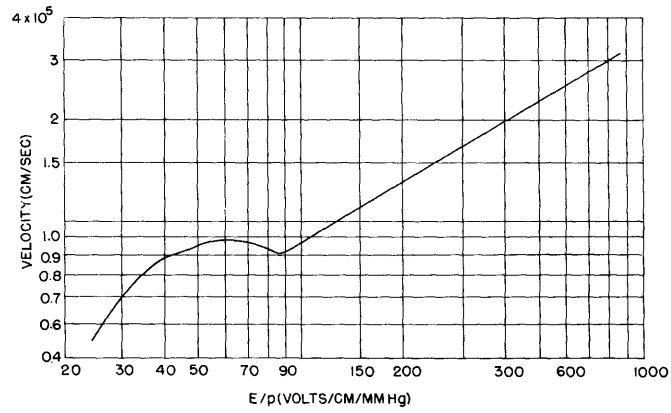
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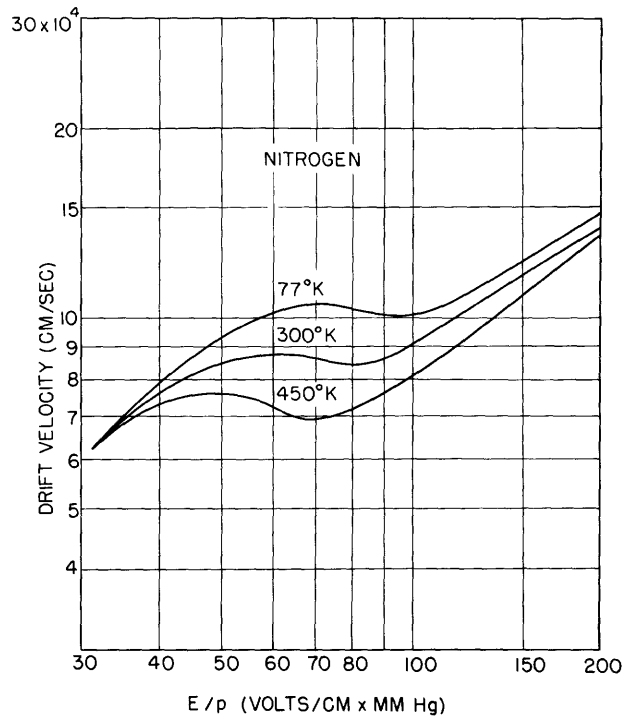


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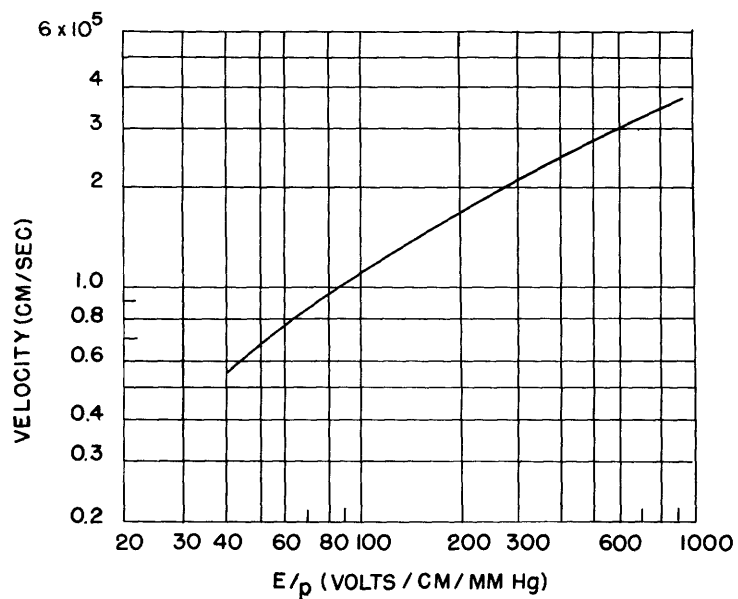
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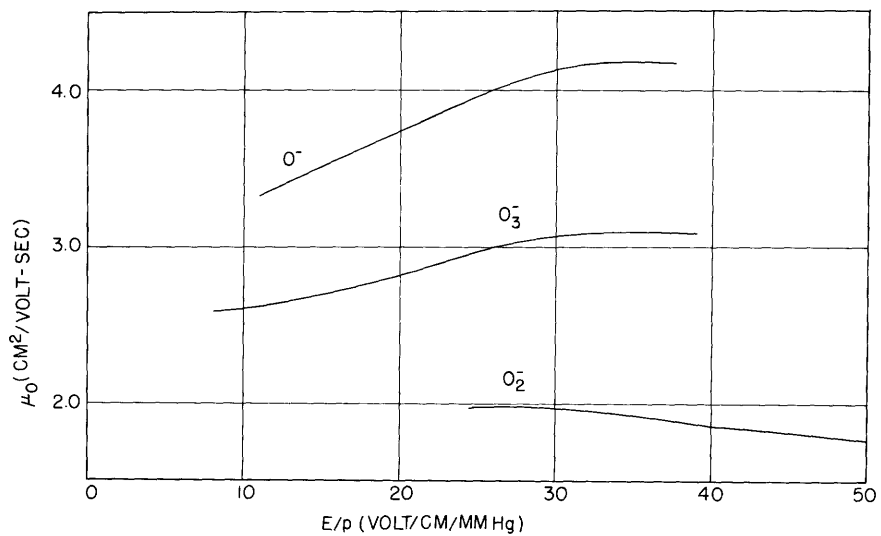


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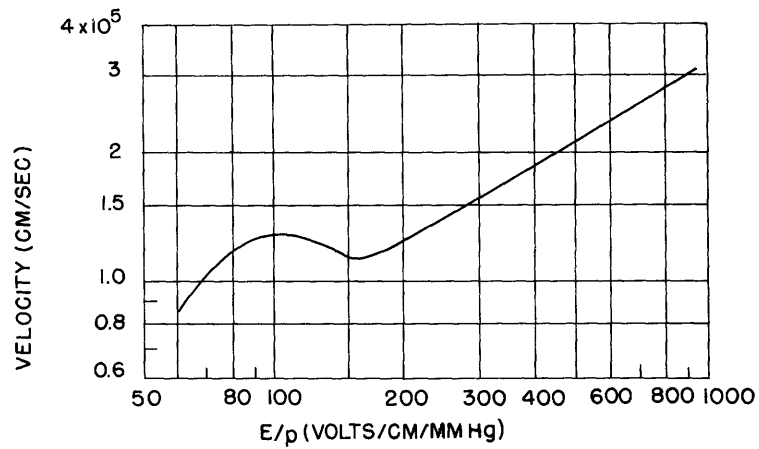
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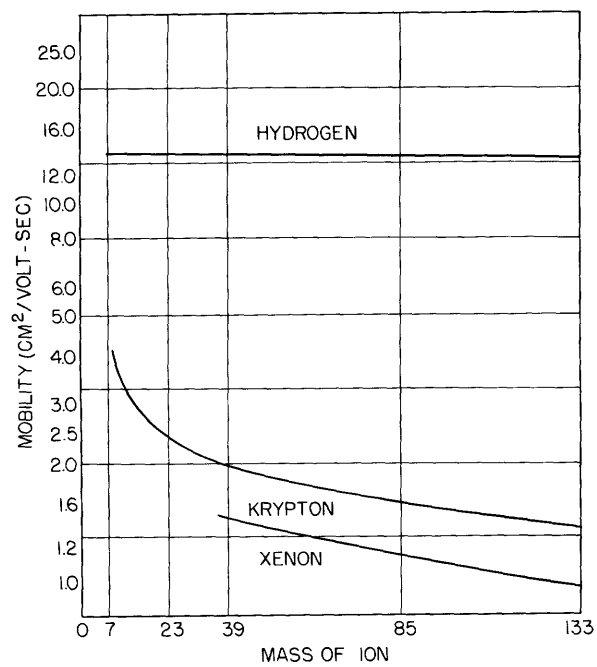


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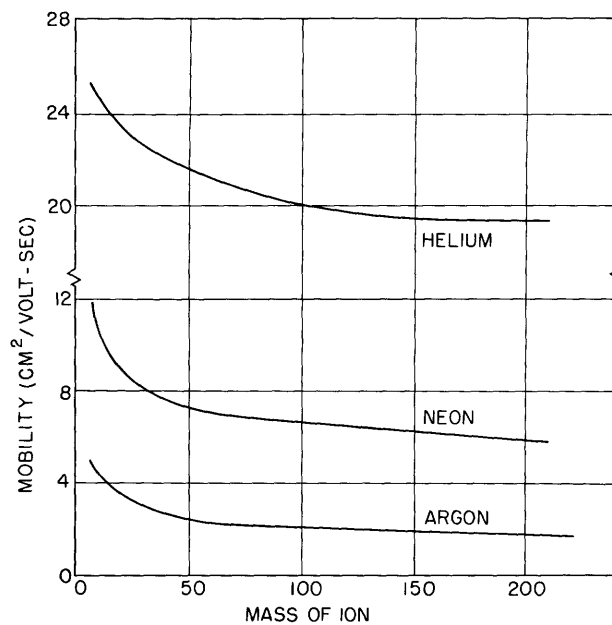
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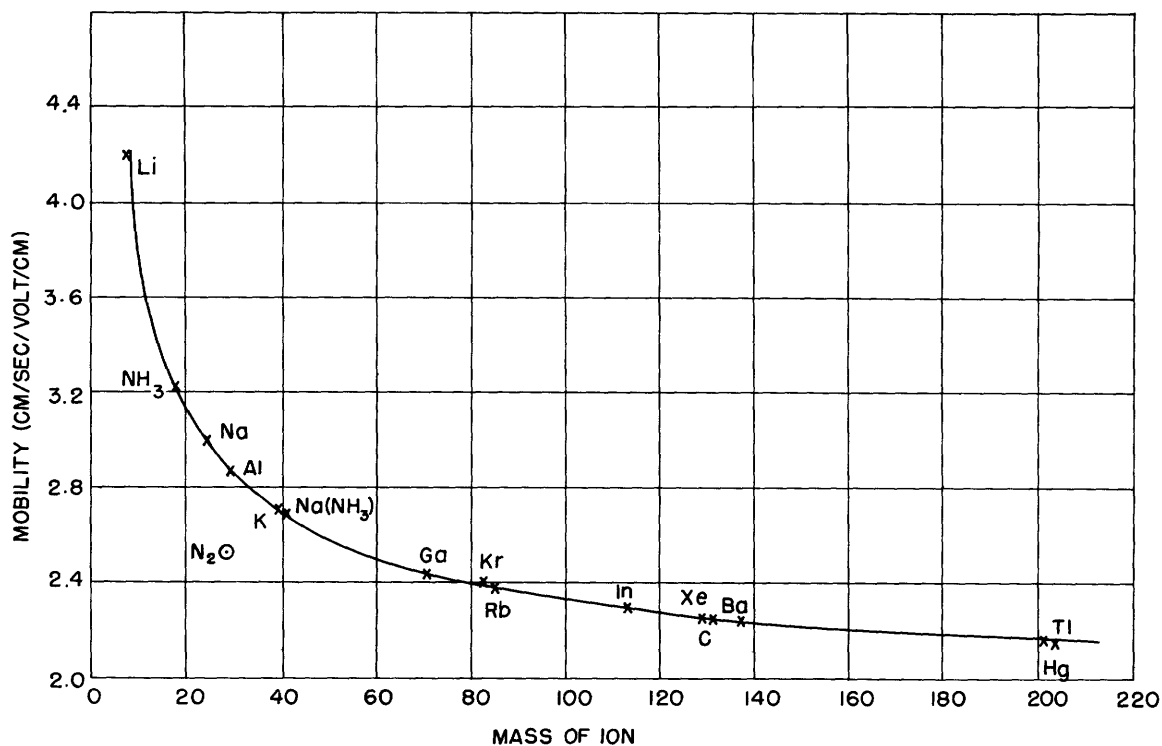


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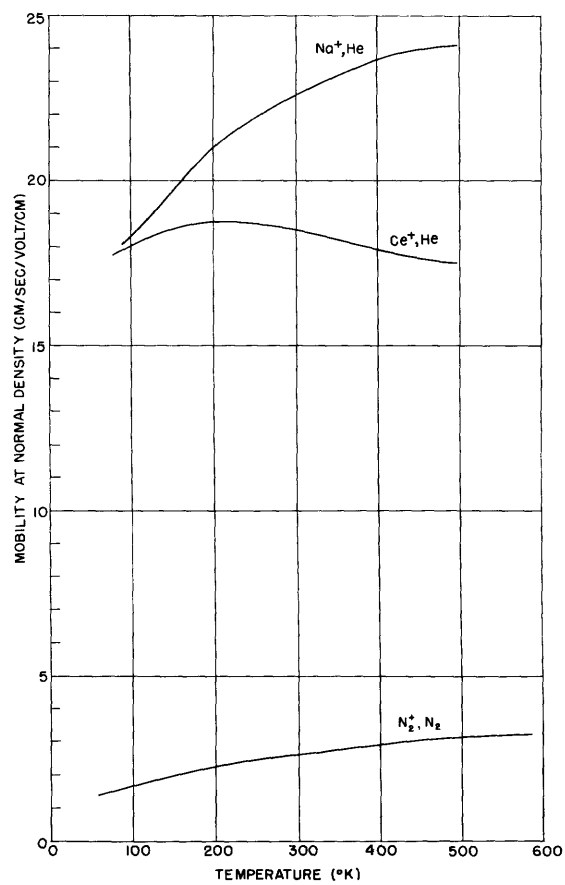
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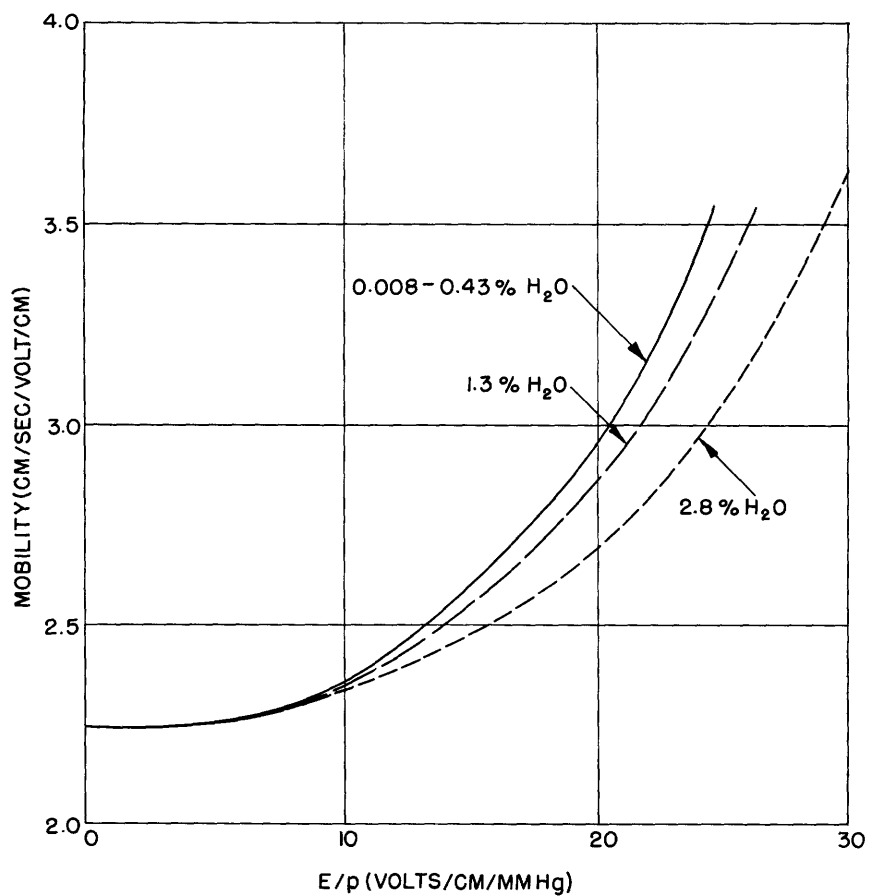
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IV(d1). Table of Ambipolar Diffusion Coefficients
(room temperature)

Element	$D_a p_0$ ($\text{cm}^2 \text{sec}^{-1}$)	Reference
H ₂	700	1
He	540	2
Ne	115	3
A	900	4
O ⁺	225	5
O ₂ ⁺	87	5

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V. PRODUCTION AND DECAY OF IONIZATION

(a) The rate of ionization by electrons in a gas is defined as $dn/dt = n \bar{v}_i$. It is related to the "probability" of ionization P_i by

$$\frac{1}{n} \frac{dn}{dt} = \bar{v}_i = \int P_o P_i f 4\pi v^3 dv \quad (1)$$

The first Townsend coefficient α_i , the number of ionizations per electron per centimeter path, is

$$\alpha_i = \frac{1}{n} \frac{dn}{dx} = \frac{\bar{v}_i}{v_d} = \frac{\bar{v}_i}{\mu E} \quad (2)$$

The number of ionizations per electron per volt is

$$\eta = \frac{\alpha_i}{E} = \frac{\bar{v}_i}{\mu E^2} \quad (3)$$

This quantity is a function of E/p only. When there are non-ionizing inelastic collisions (no Penning effect), α_i can be represented by the function

$$\frac{\alpha_i}{p} = A e^{-Bp/E} \quad (4)$$

where A is a slowly decreasing function of E/p .

(b) The attachment coefficient β is similar to α_i and measures the rate of attachment of electrons to neutral atoms.

$$\beta = -\frac{1}{n} \frac{dn}{dx} = \frac{\bar{v}_a}{\mu E} \quad (5)$$

The attachment efficiency h is the number of attachments per collision

$$h = \frac{\bar{v}_a}{\bar{v}_c} = \frac{\beta \mu E}{\bar{v}_c} \approx \frac{4}{3} \frac{m E}{e} \beta \mu^2 \quad (6)$$

The last expression is generally used to compute h from experimental data but is correct only if P_c is independent of electron velocity.

(c) The ion recombination coefficient α_r is defined by

$$\alpha_r = -\frac{1}{n^2} \frac{dn}{dt} \quad (7)$$

Its dependence on pressure and temperature may be represented by

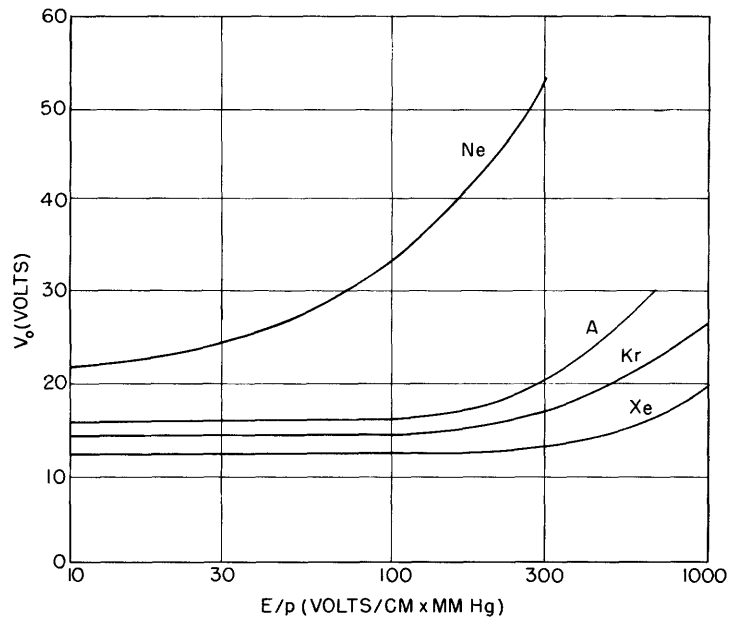
$$\frac{1}{\alpha_r} = a \frac{T^4}{p} + b \frac{p}{T} \quad (8)$$

where the first term was proposed by Thomson; the second, by Langevin.

V(al). Table 1. Constants A and B in Eq. 4.

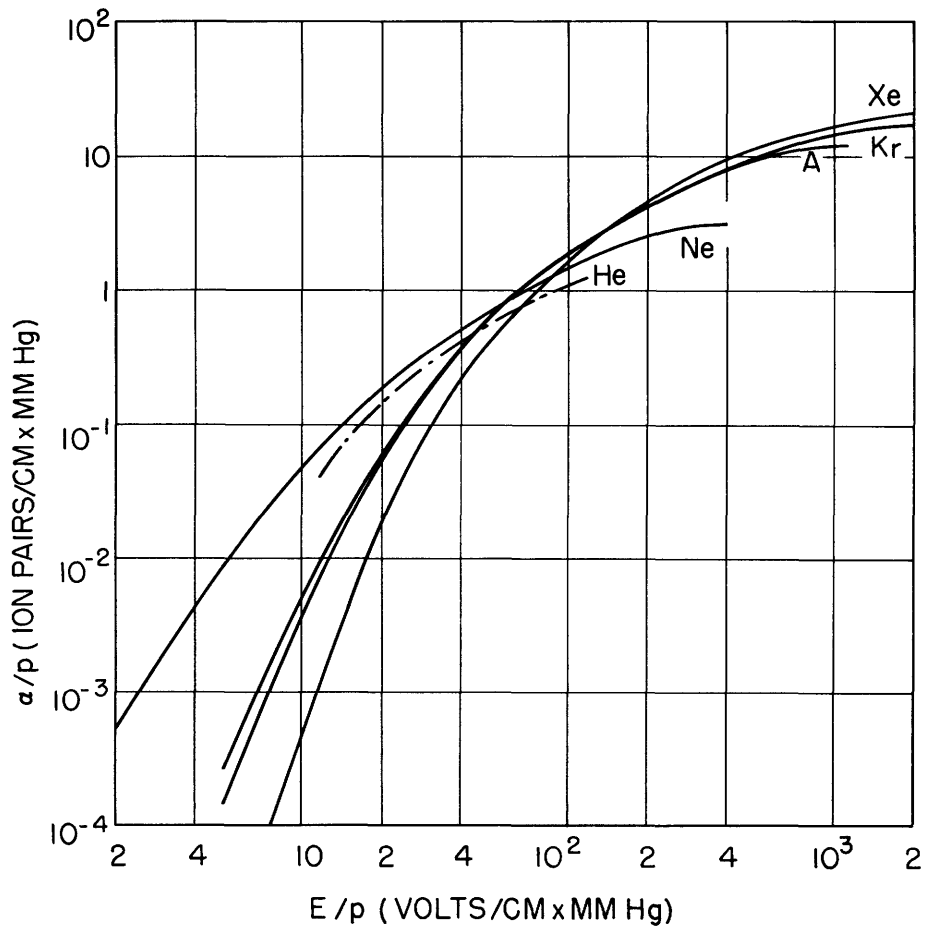
Gas	A	B	Range of validity E/p	V _i
	<u>ion pairs</u> cm. × mm. Hg	<u>V</u> cm. × mm. Hg	<u>V</u> cm. × mm. Hg	in V
H ₂	5	130	150- 600	15.4
N ₂	12	342	100- 600	15.5
O ₂	—	—	—	12.2
CO ₂	20	466	500-1000	13.7
air	15	365	100- 800	—
H ₂ O	13	290	150-1000	12.6
HCl	25	380	200-1000	—
He	3	34 (25)	20- 150 (3-10)	24.5
Ne	4	100	100- 400	21.5
A	14	180	100- 600	15.7
Kr	17	240	100-1000	14
Xe	26	350	200- 800	12.1
Hg	20	370	200- 600	10.4

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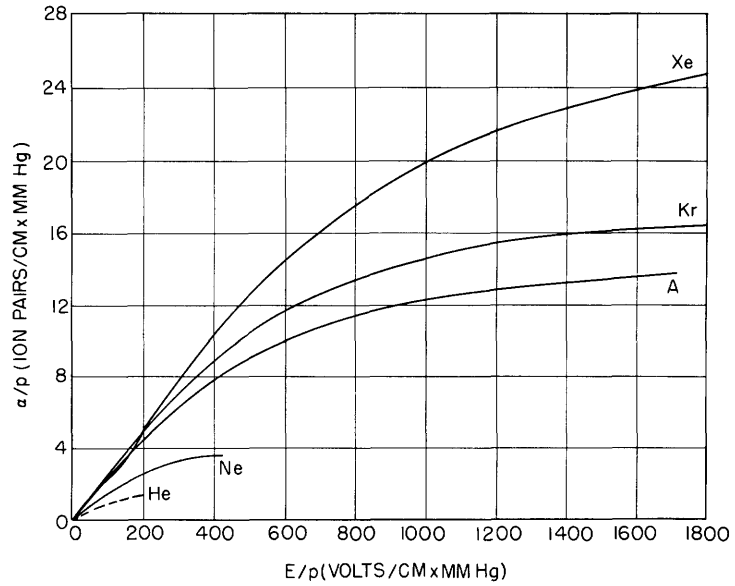


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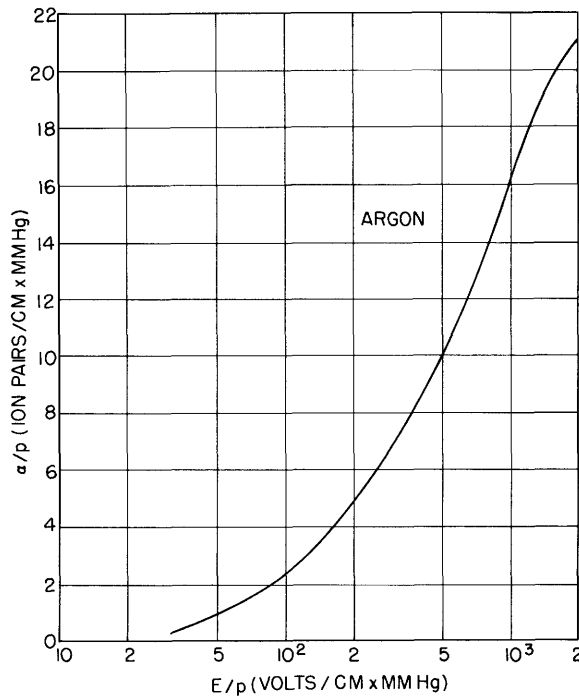


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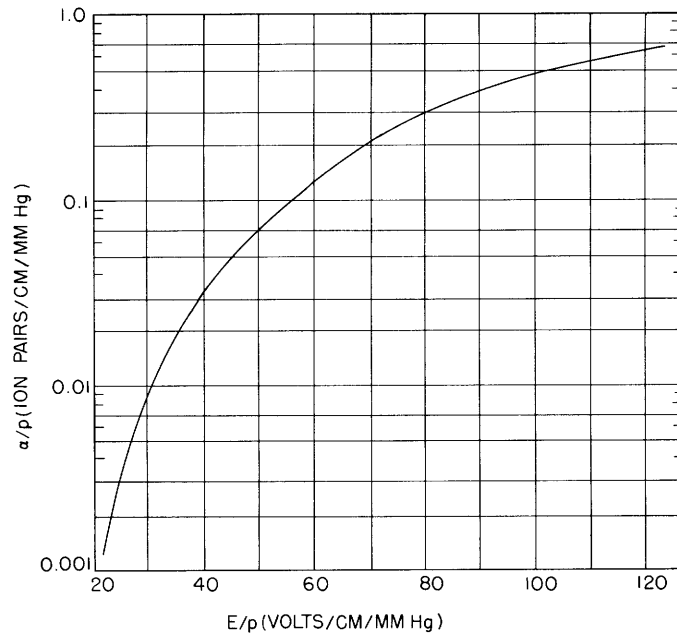
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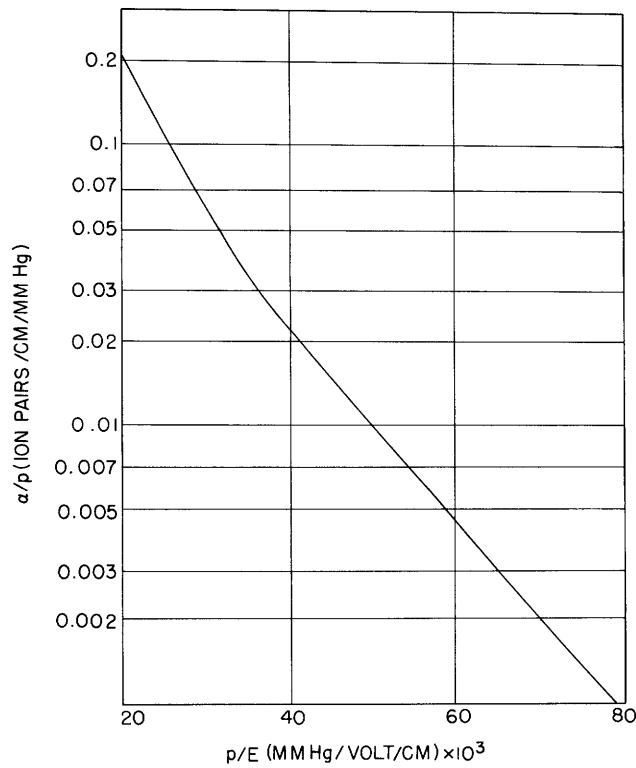


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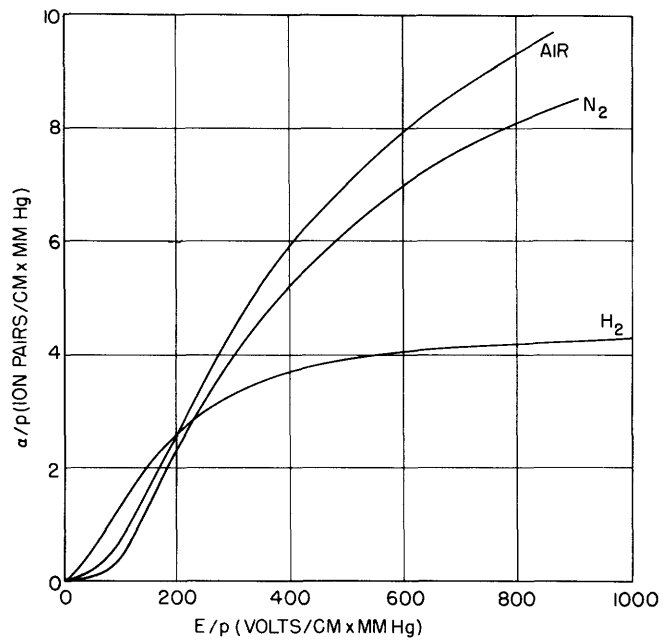
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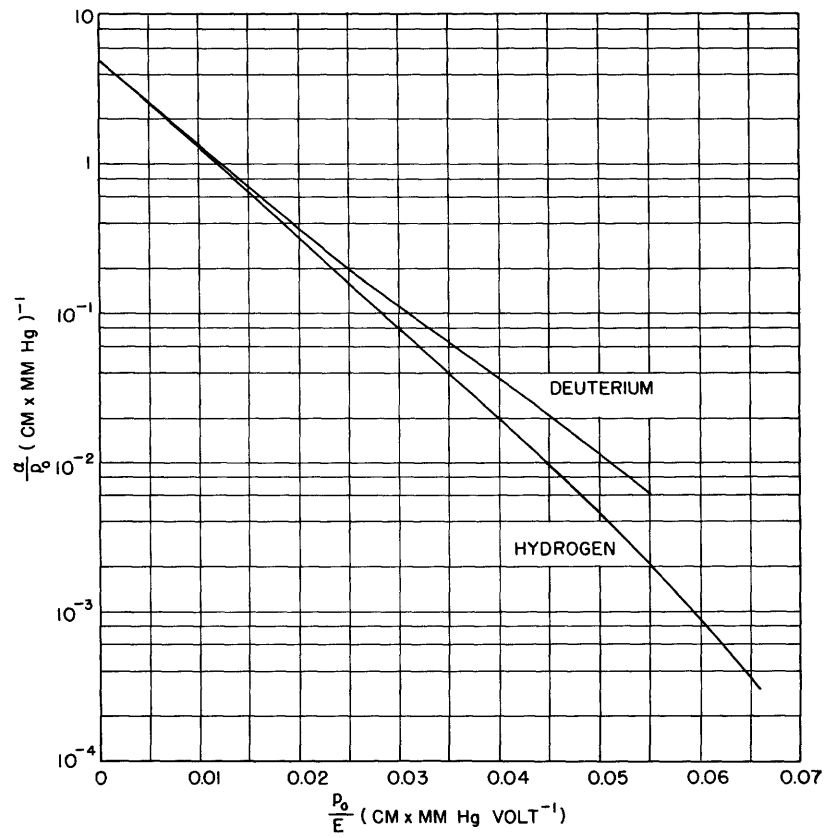


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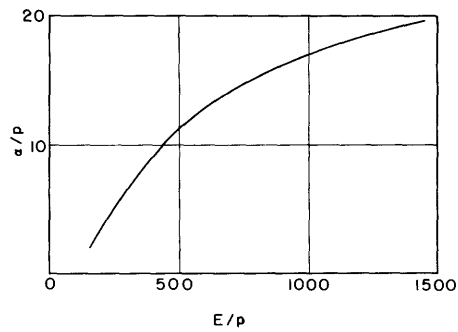


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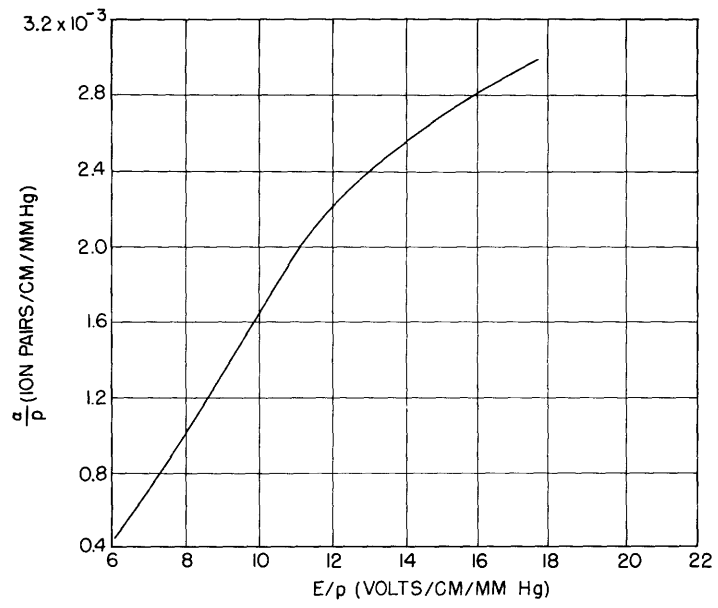
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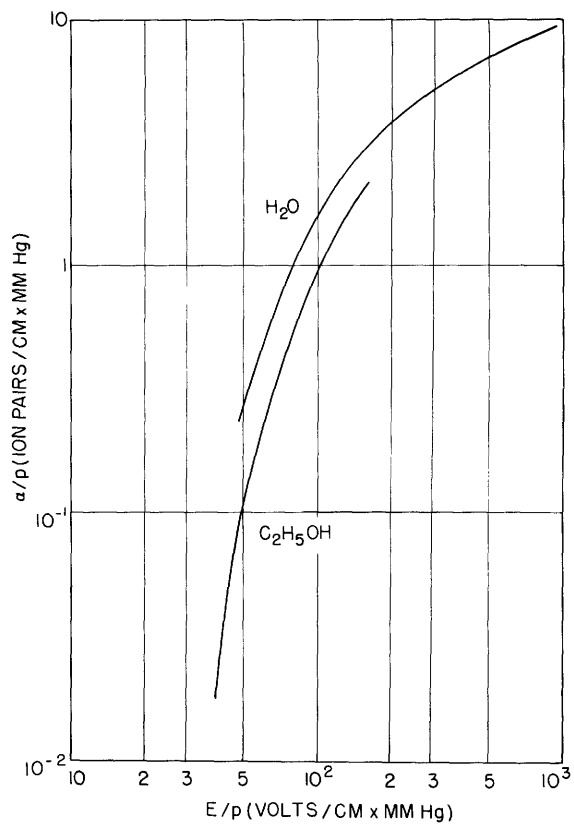


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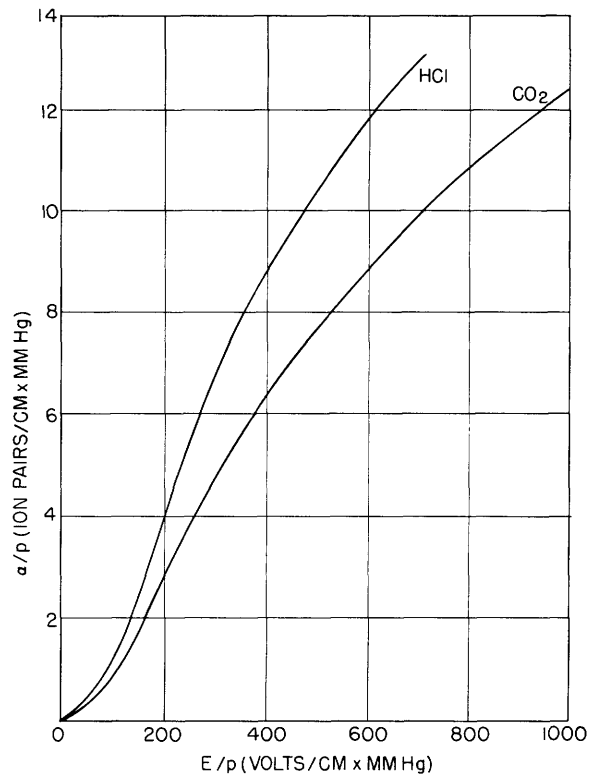
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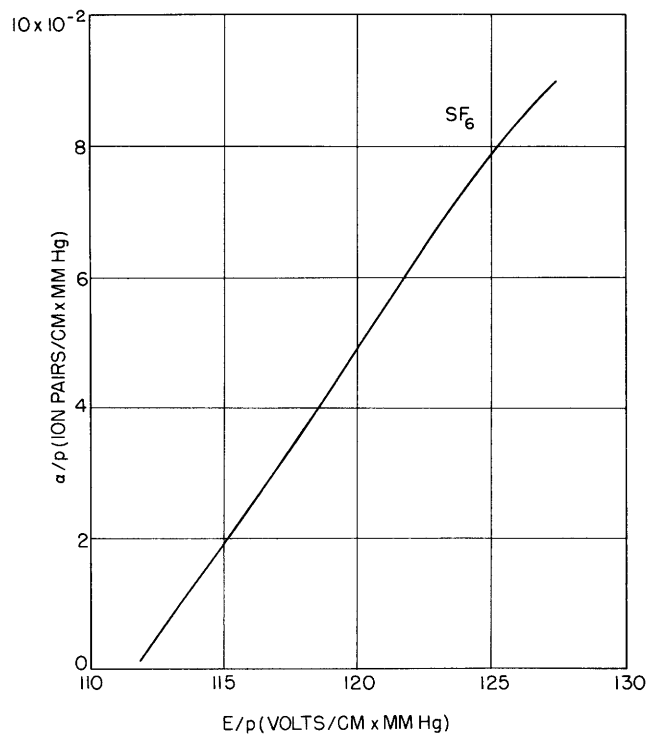


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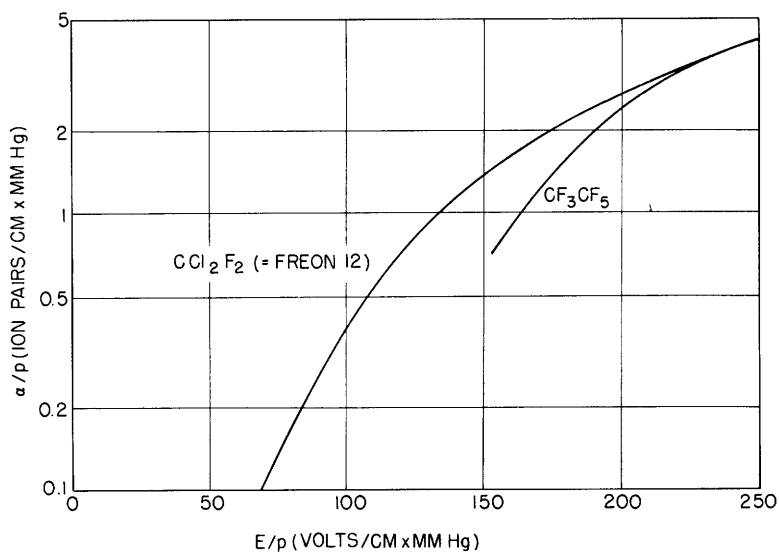


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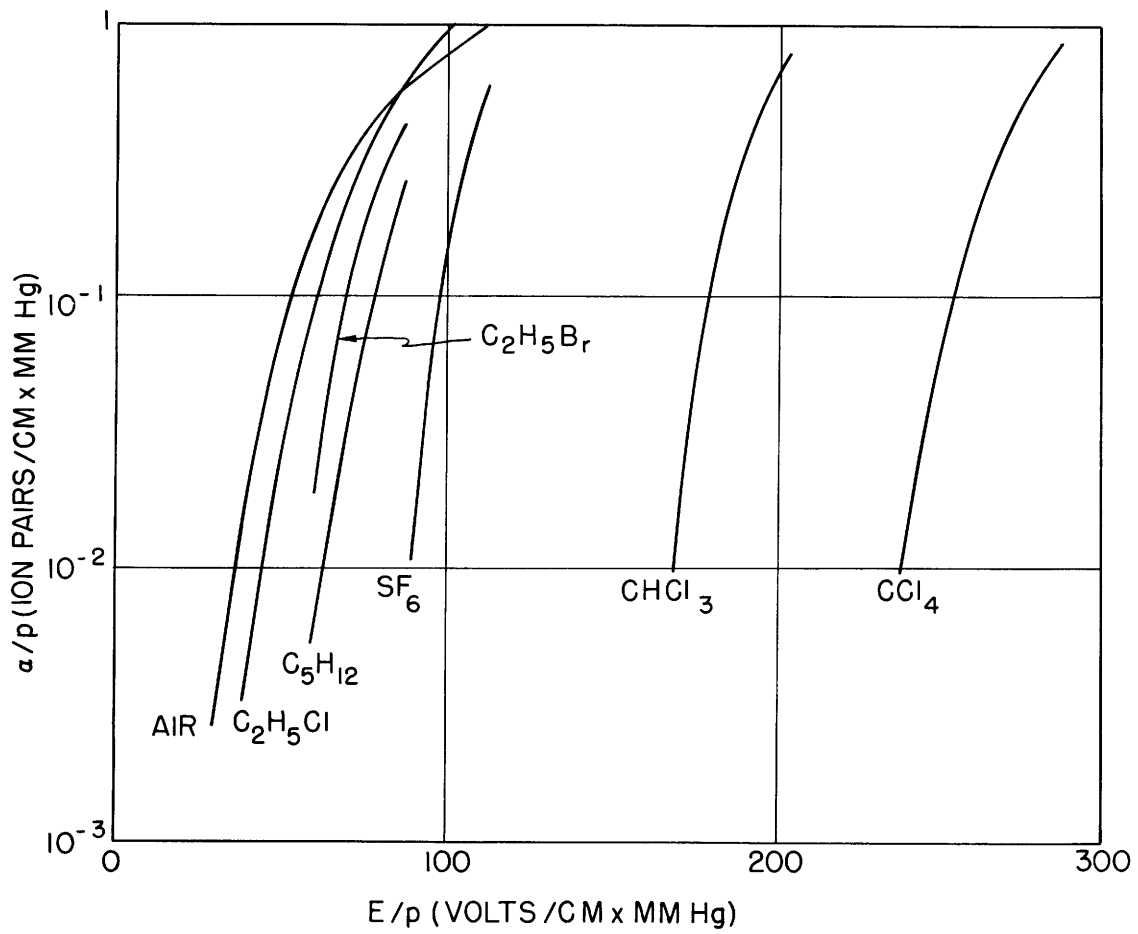
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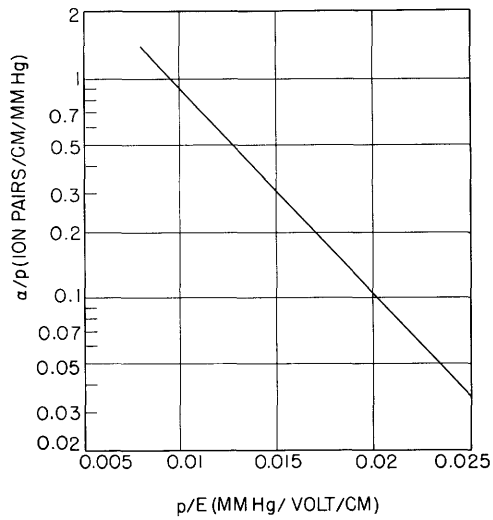


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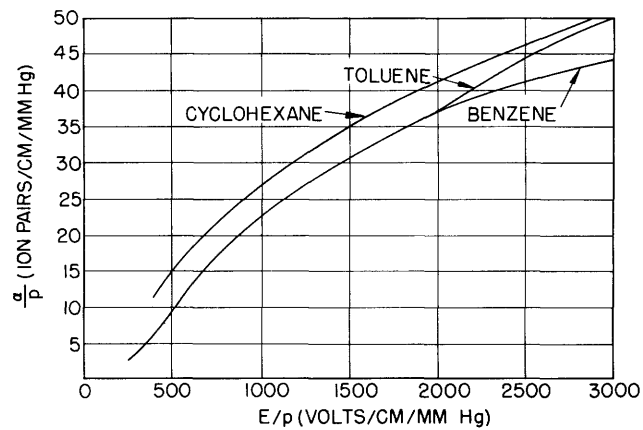
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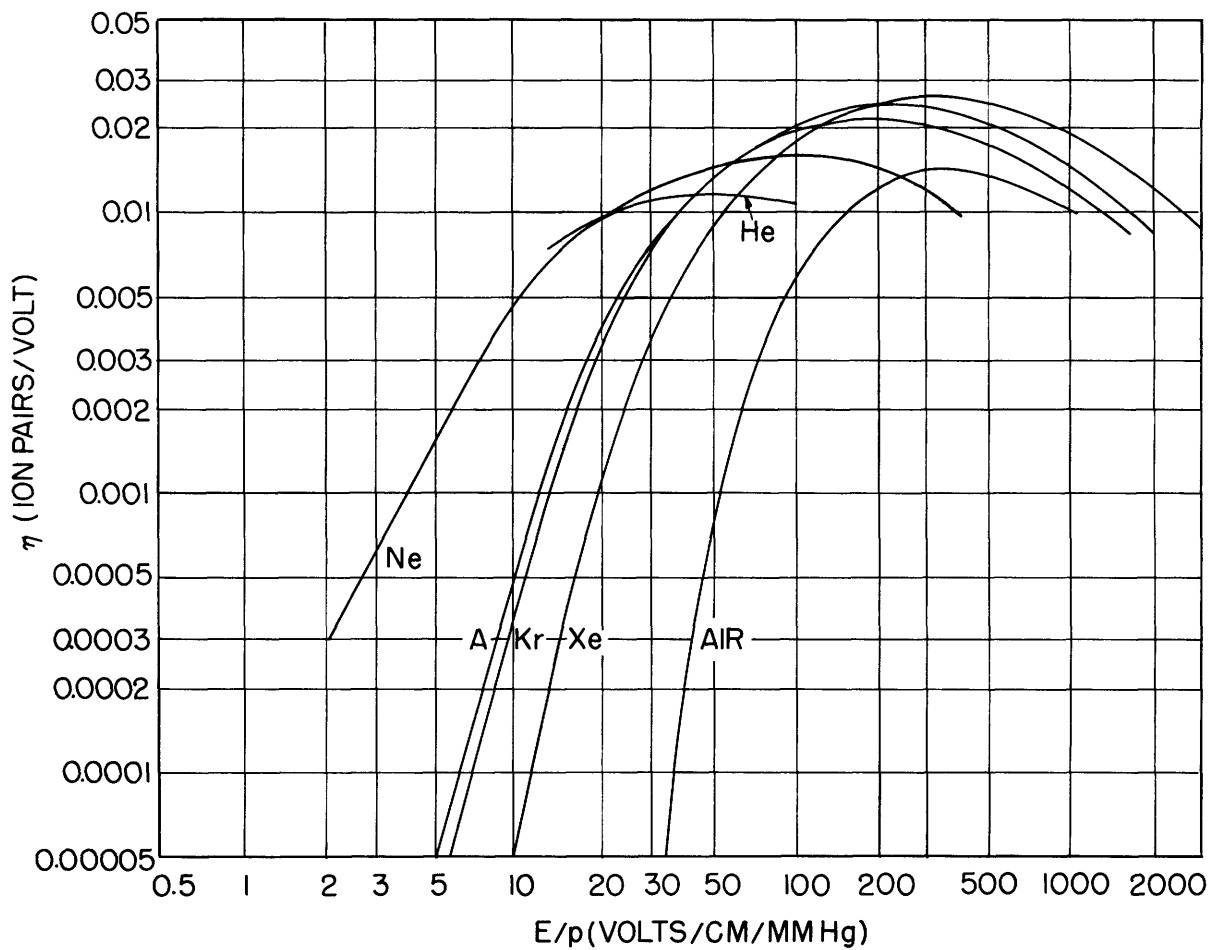
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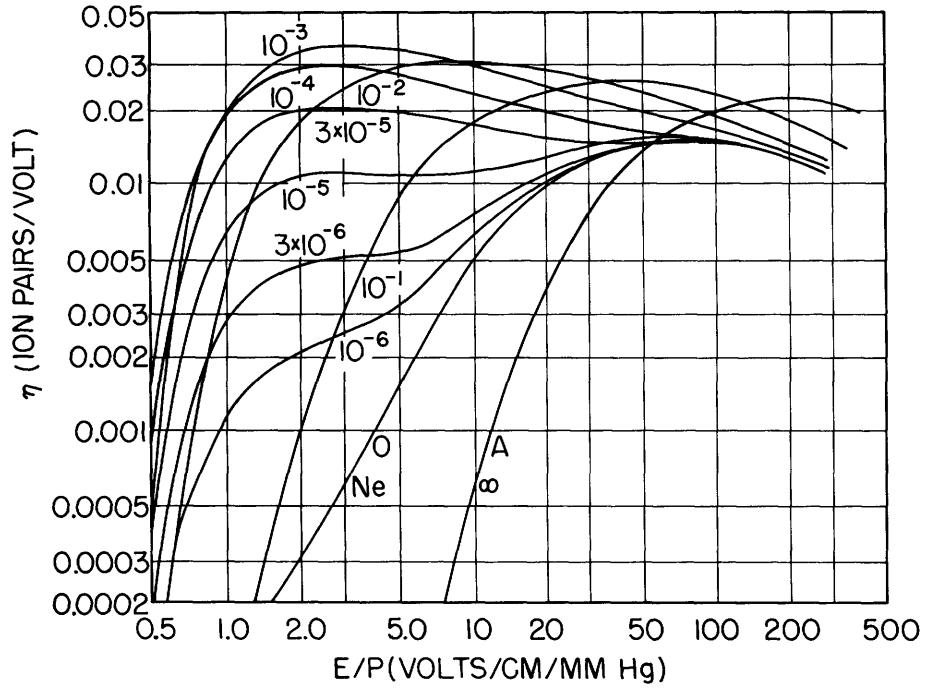
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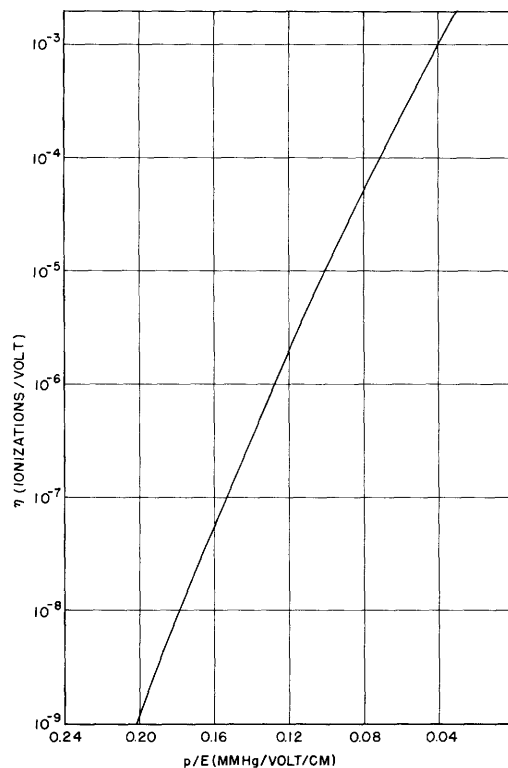


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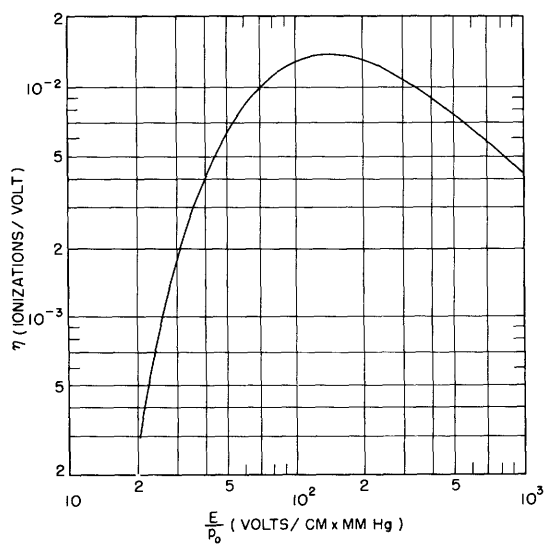
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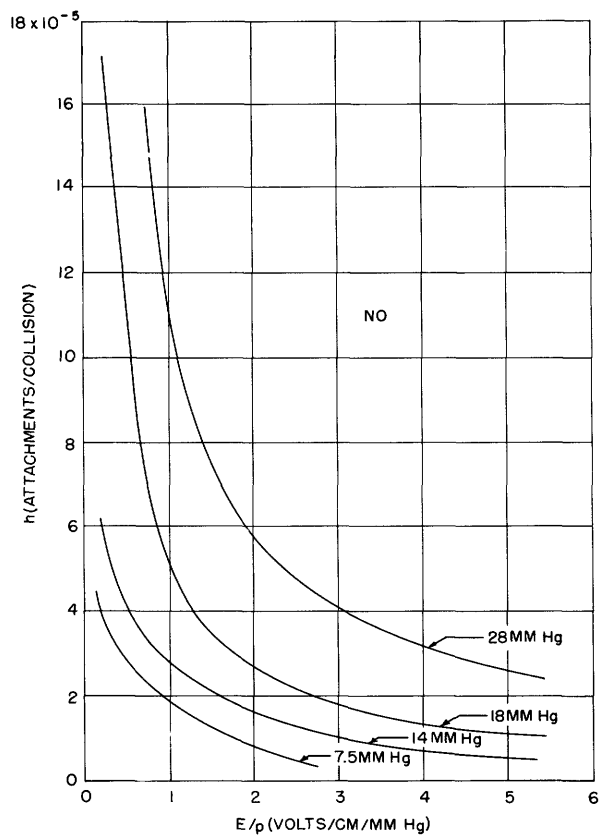
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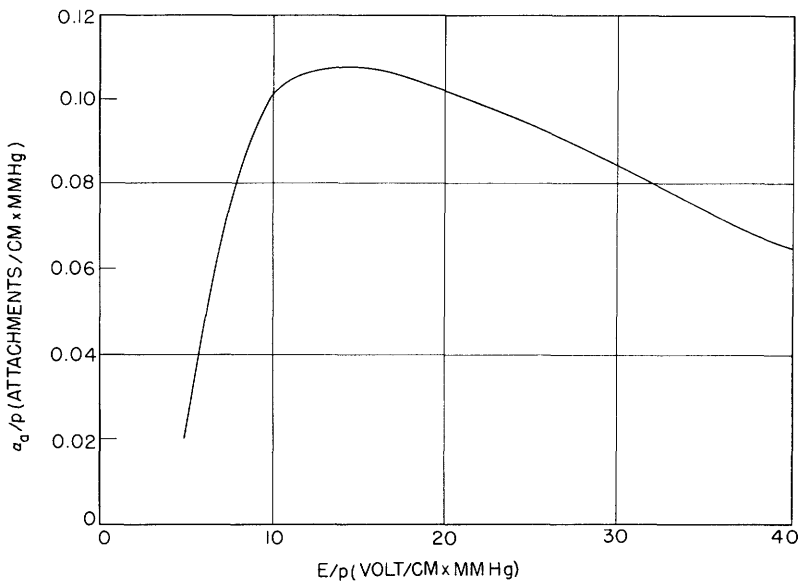


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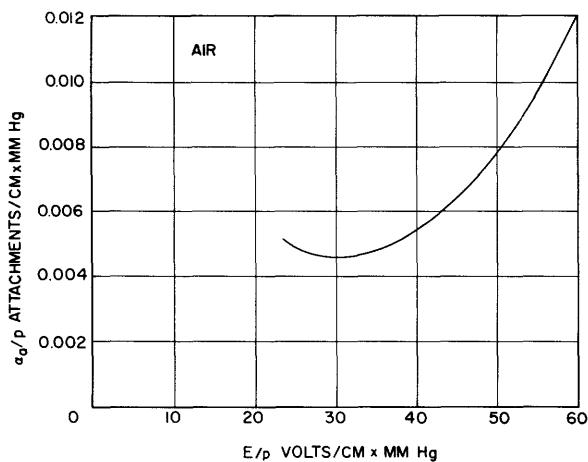
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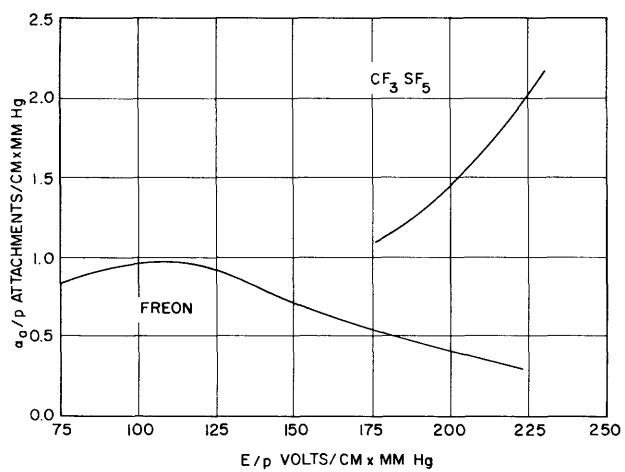


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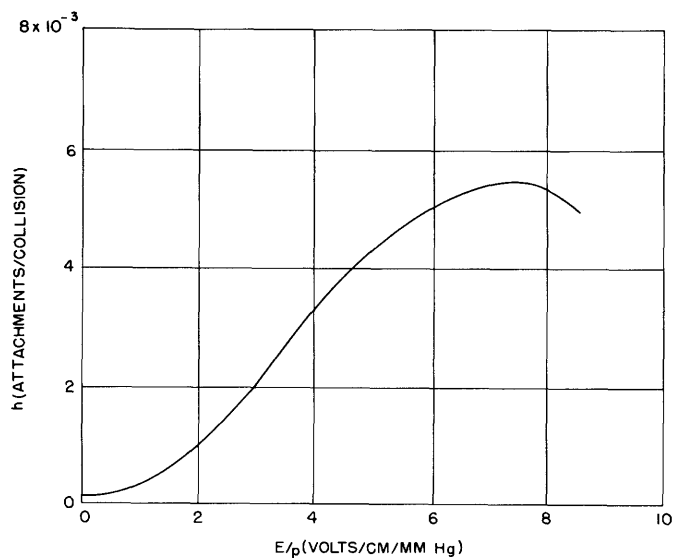
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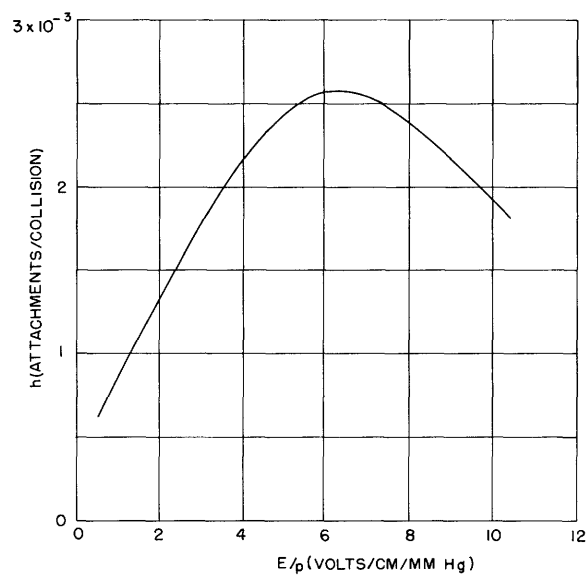


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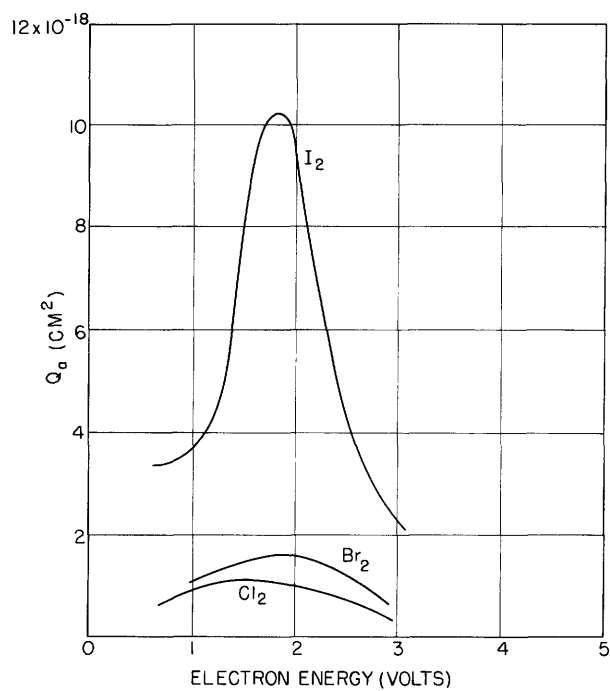
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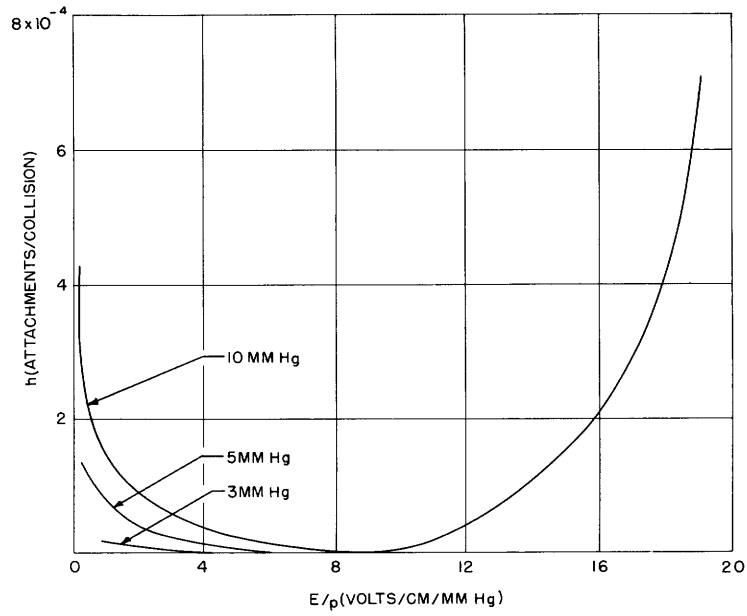
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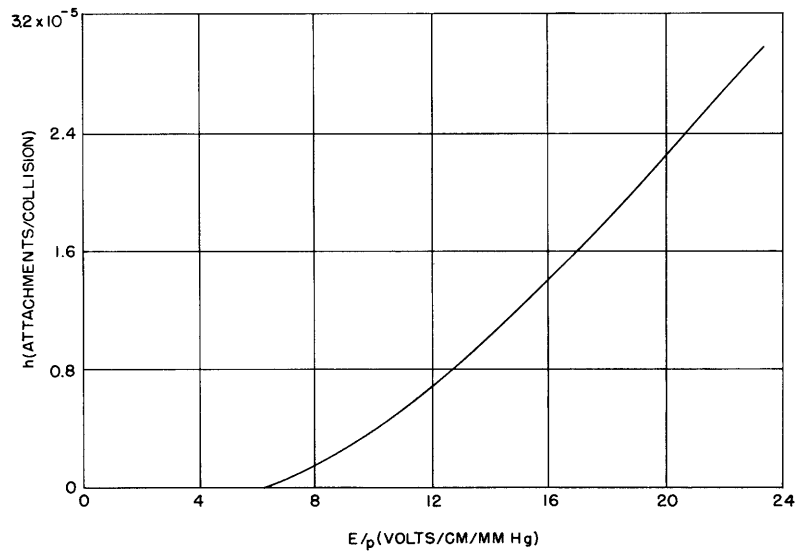
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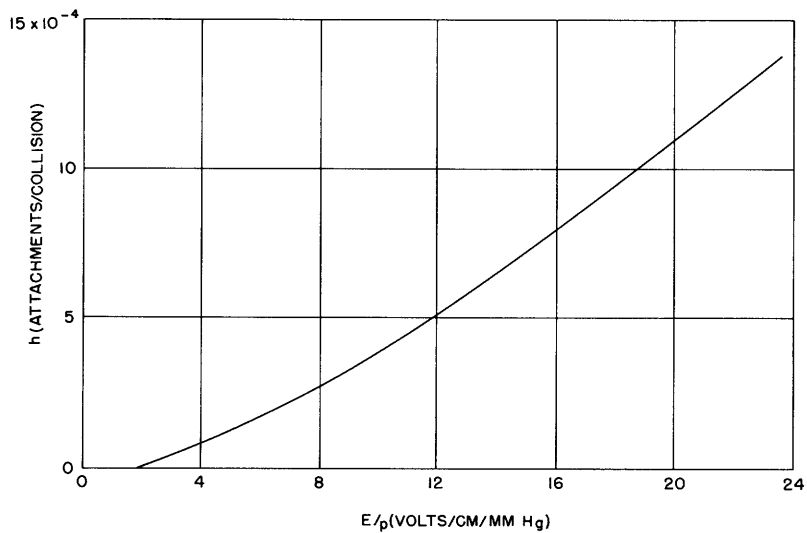
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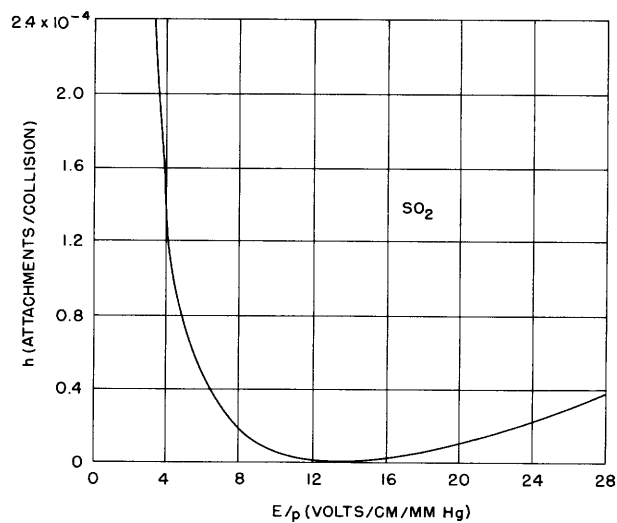
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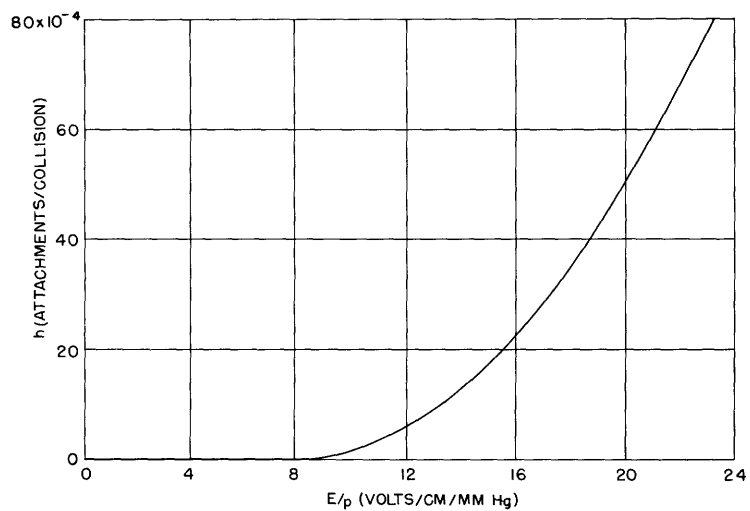
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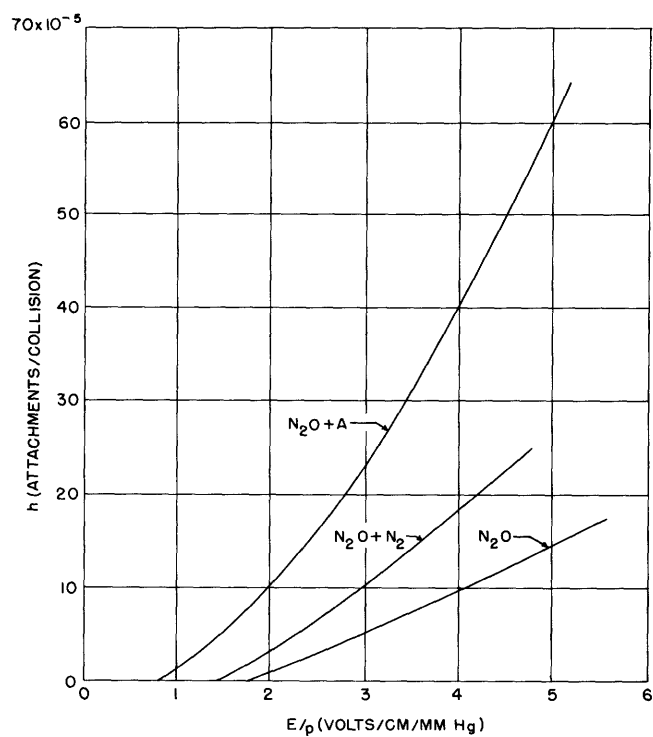
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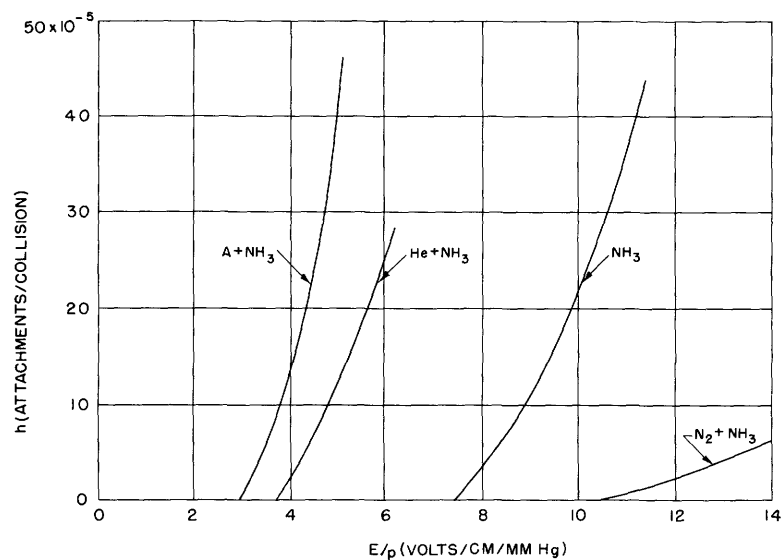
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V(c1). Cross Sections for Radiative Capture of an Electron to
Various States of a Hydrogen Atom

Electron Energy (eV)	0.28	0.13	0.069	0.034
Total quantum number of atomic state into which electron is captured	Cross section in 10^{-21} cm^2			
1	8.10	16.63	32.80	66.95
2	4.24	8.93	17.70	36.52
3	2.70	5.91	12.04	24.88
4	1.88	4.24	8.84	18.59
5	1.36	3.20	6.89	14.85
6	0.99	2.49	5.51	12.25
7	0.73	2.00	4.52	10.31
8	..	1.62	3.81	8.75
9	..	1.31	3.23	7.55
10	..	1.04	2.74	6.50
11	..	..	2.33	5.72
12	..	..	2.00	4.52
13	..	..	1.72	4.03
14	0.15	..	1.47	3.62
15	..	..	..	3.25
16	..	..	..	2.91
17	..	..	..	2.62
18	..	..	..	2.35
19	..	..	..	2.09
20	..	0.215	..	..
⋮				
28	..	..	0.302	..
⋮				
40	..	..	..	0.432
Sum for all final states	23.0	53.7	119	272

From H. S. W. Massey and E. H. S. Burhop, *Electronic and Ionic Impact Phenomena*
(Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1952), p. 333.

V (c1). Radiative Recombination Coefficients

Element	$\alpha(\text{cm}^3 \text{ sec}^{-1})$	T_{ok}
H ⁽¹⁾	10^{-11}	
A ⁽²⁾	2×10^{-10}	3100
Cs ⁽²⁾	3.4×10^{-10}	2000
Hg ⁽³⁾	2.3×10^{-10}	2000

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V (c2). Dissociative Recombination

Gas	$\alpha\left(\frac{\text{ions}}{\text{cc}} - \text{sec}\right)^{-1}$
He	1.7×10^{-8}
Ne	2.1×10^{-7}
A	3×10^{-7}
Kr	6×10^{-7}
Xe	2×10^{-6}
N ₂	1.4×10^{-6}
O ₂	2.8×10^{-7}

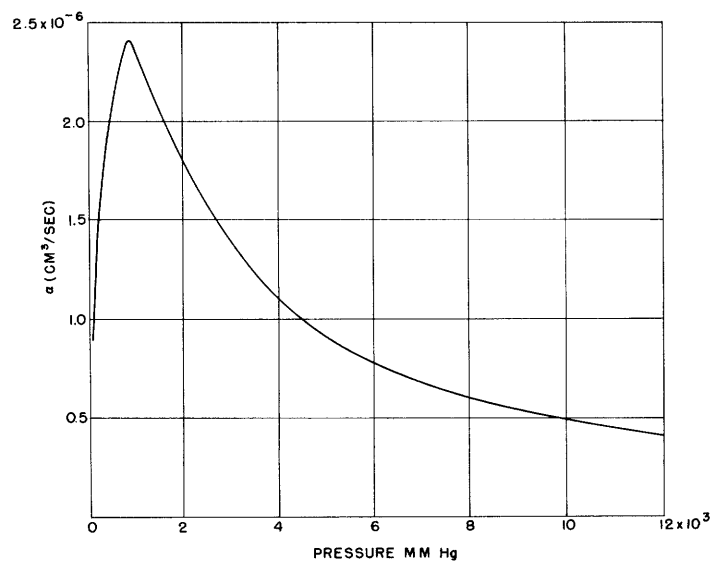
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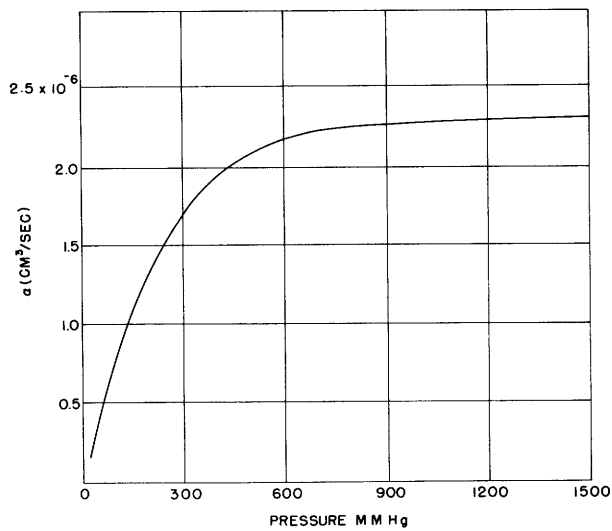
V (c3). Three-Body Recombination Coefficients for Electrons

Gas	α at N. T. P. (cm^3/sec)	Estimated saturation pressure (mm Hg)
Helium	6.8×10^{-9}	2.8×10^4
Argon	6.8×10^{-11}	2.8×10^{-5}
Air	1.7×10^{-7}	10^4
Hydrogen	1.6×10^{-7}	10^4

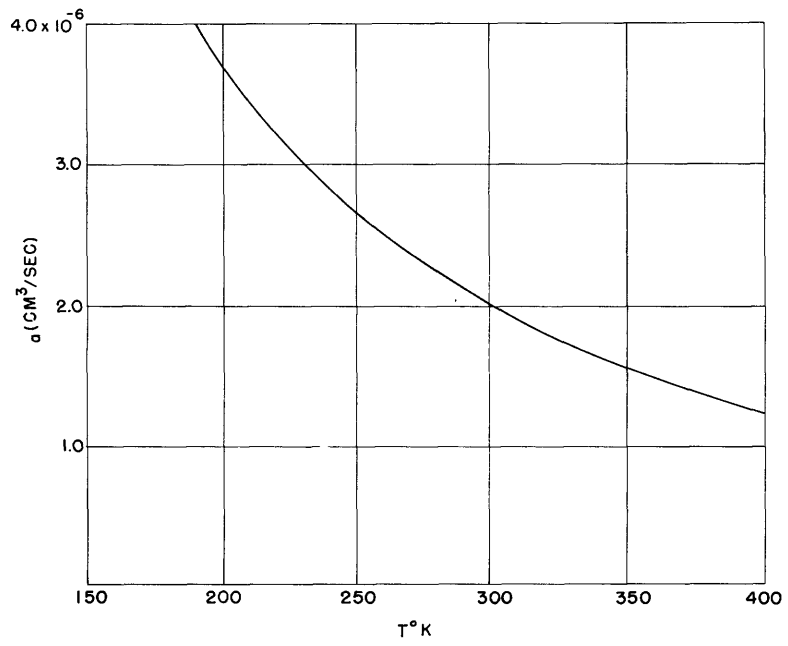
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M. E. Gardner, Phys. Rev. 53, 75 (1938)

VI. BREAKDOWN

(a) High-Frequency Breakdown

In microwave breakdown the rate of production of electrons, $n\nu_i$, is balanced by the rate of diffusion, nD/Λ^2 , out of the tube whose diffusion length is Λ . The ionization frequency ν_i is a function of the effective electric field:

$$E_e^2 = \frac{E_p^2}{2} \frac{\nu_c^2}{\nu_c^2 + \omega^2} \quad (1)$$

The proper variables in which to express breakdown are the voltage $E_e \Lambda$ and the parameter $p\Lambda$.

At lower frequencies the amplitude of oscillation of the electrons brings them in contact with the walls, leading either to their capture by the walls or to secondary emission. These phenomena lead to discontinuities in breakdown fields.

(b) Direct-Current Breakdown

Direct-current breakdown occurs by avalanche multiplication, renewed by secondary electrons from the cathode. The breakdown voltage V_B is given by

$$\eta(V_B - V_A) = \ln(1 - 1/\gamma) \quad (2)$$

where V_A is an initial voltage necessary to give the electrons their mean energy. The breakdown voltage is a function of the product pd .

At high pressures and nonplanar geometry, space charge will intensify the fields; and secondary electrons may originate from photo-emission in the gas. Breakdown then occurs by streamer formation (spark) and is given by

$$N_c = e^{ad} = 38\pi \epsilon_0 \frac{Dd}{\mu e} \quad (3)$$

(c) Time Lags

The formative time lag t_f is the time necessary for the initial current I_0 that exists before breakdown to build up to an observable current I_1 .

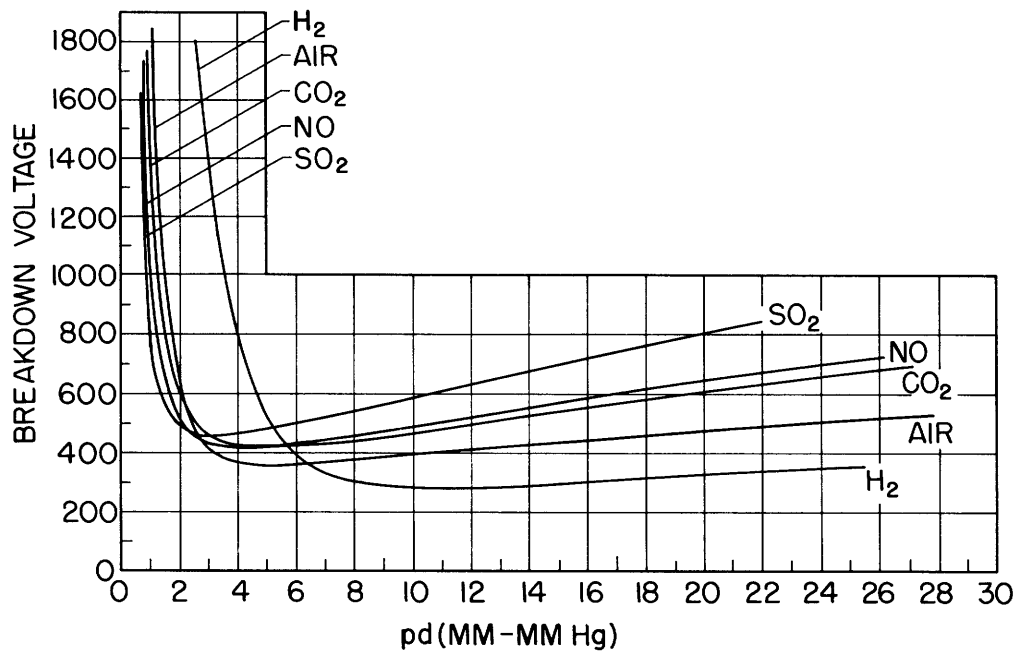
For the Townsend mechanism:

$$t_f = t_i \frac{\log [(m-1) I_1/I_0]}{\log M} \geq t_{\pm} \quad (4)$$

where t_{\pm} is the transit time for the slowest particle (ion or electron) and the multiplication factor M has the value $M = \gamma(e^{\eta V} - 1)$.

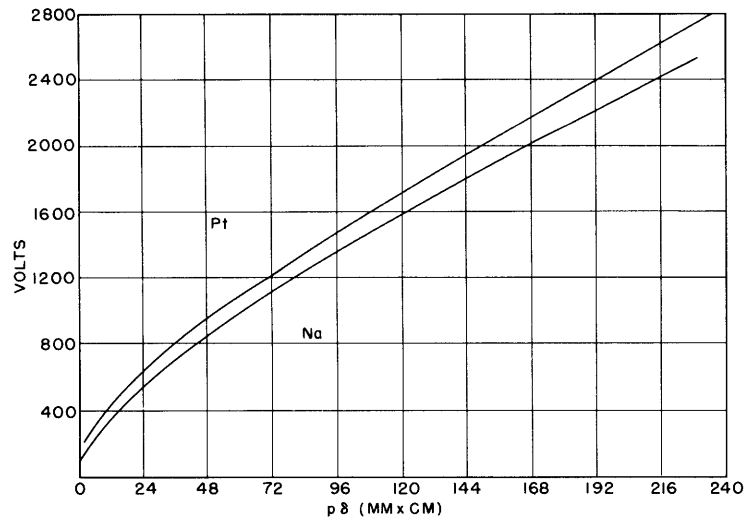
For spark breakdown:

$$t_f = \frac{\log N_c}{\alpha \mu E} \leq t_{\pm} \quad (5)$$

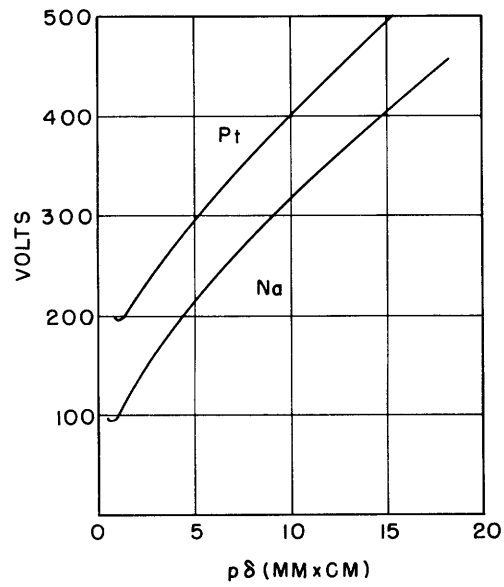


VI a1. Paschen curves for various gases.

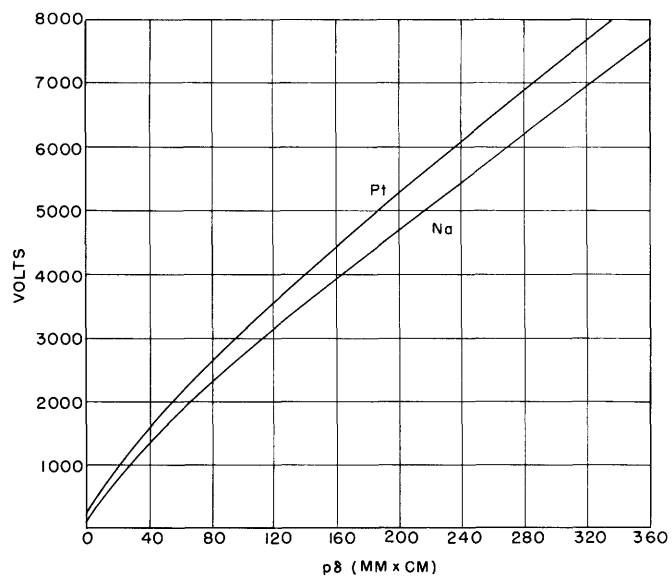
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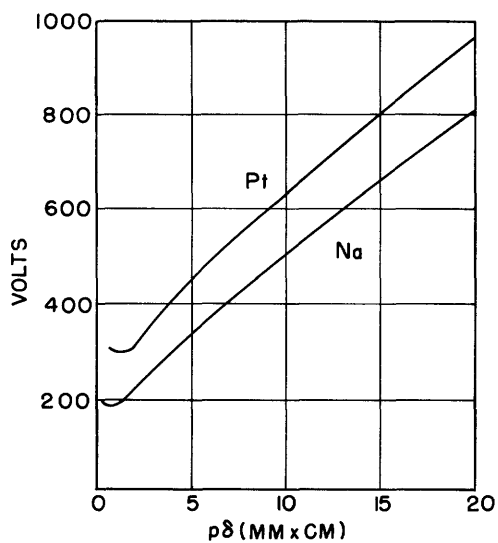
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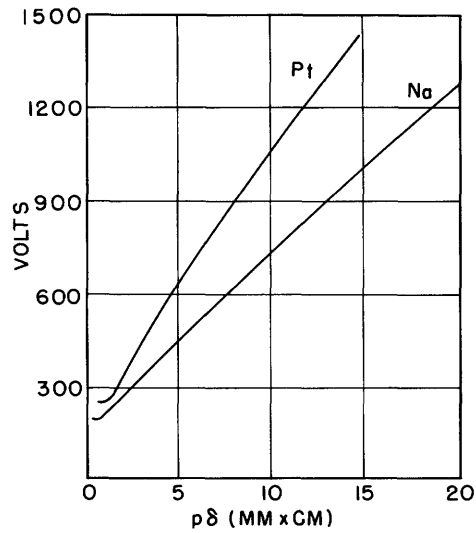
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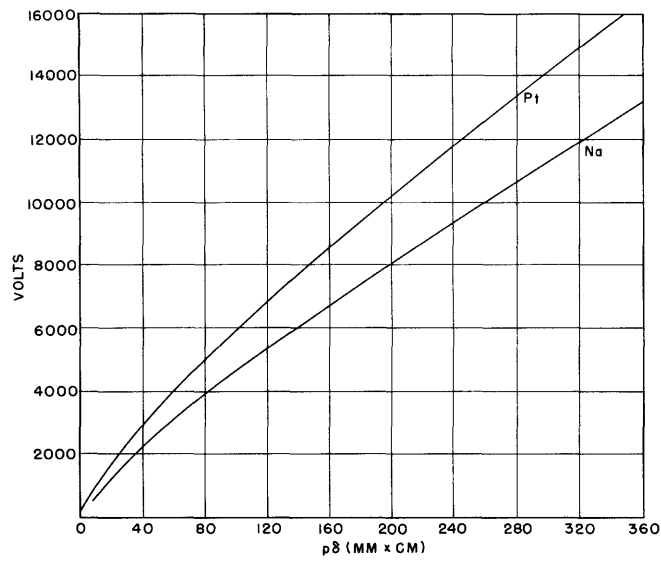


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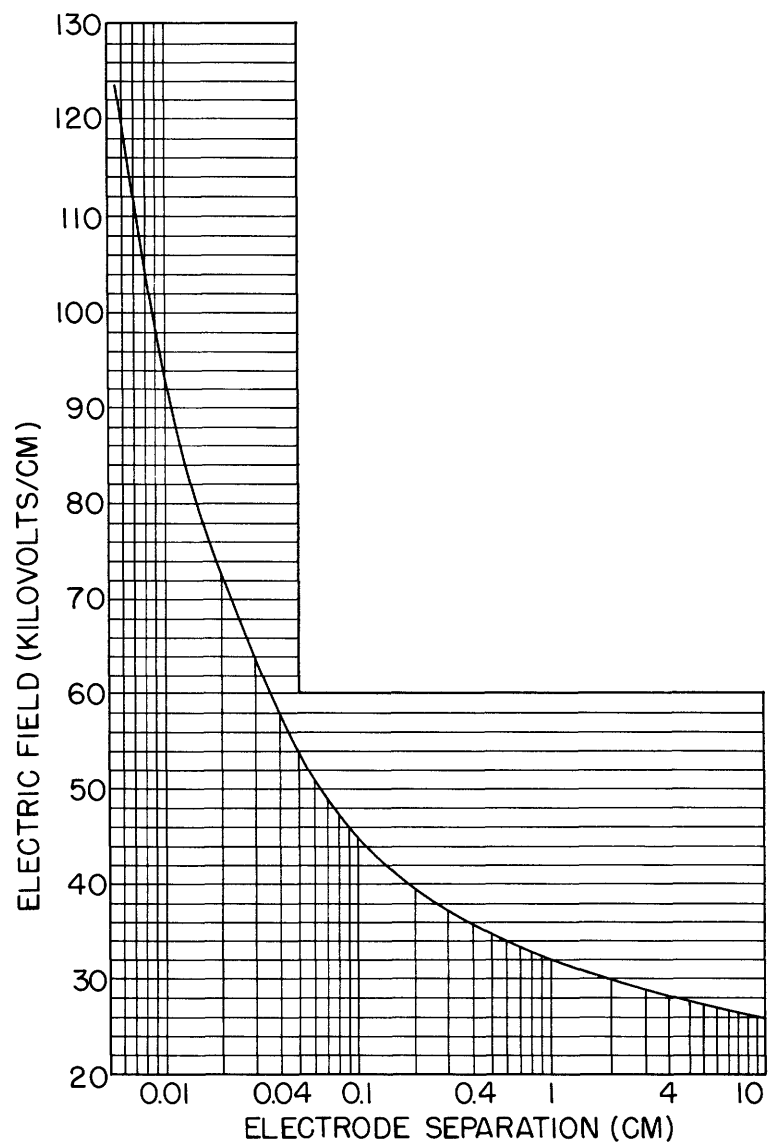
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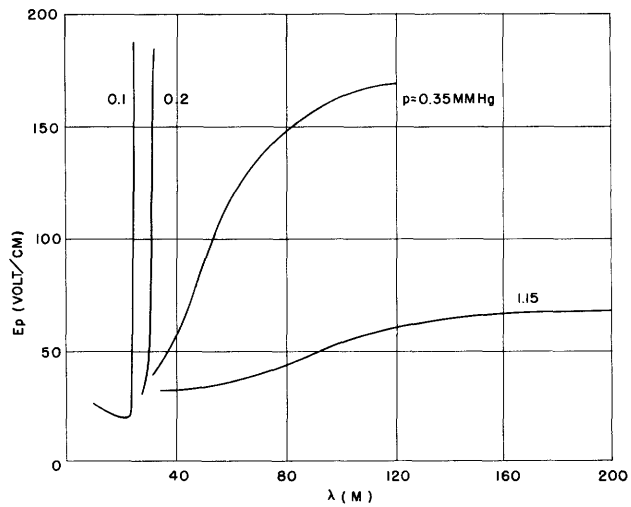


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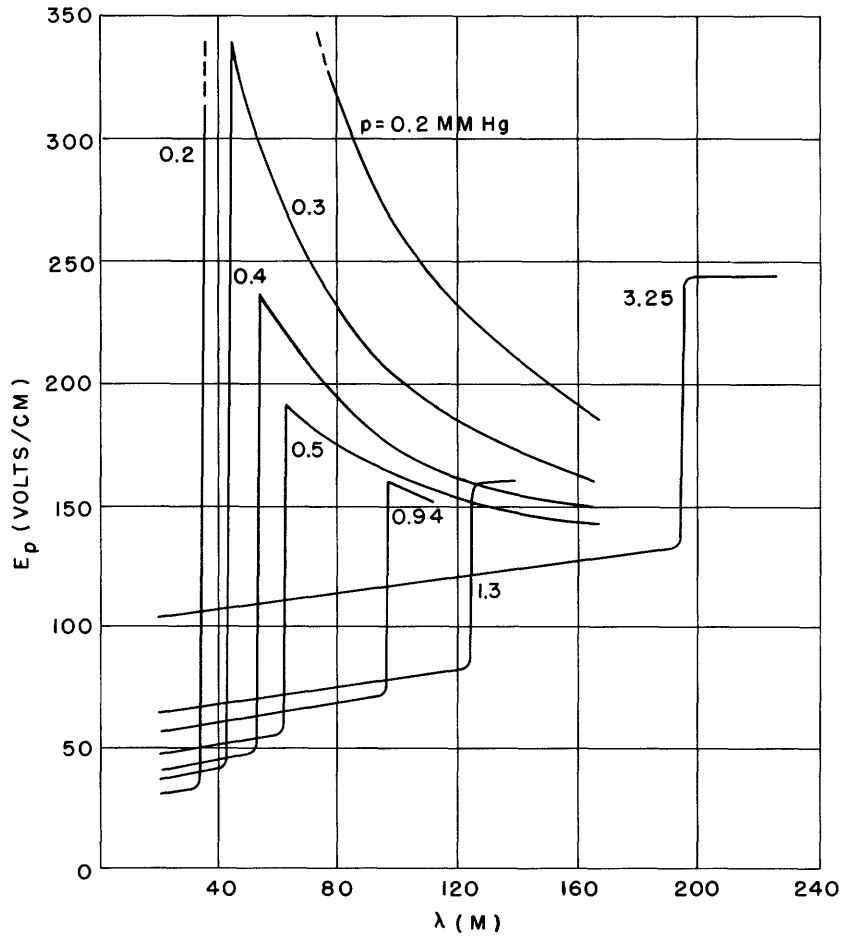


Via5. Breakdown voltage in air at atmospheric pressure.
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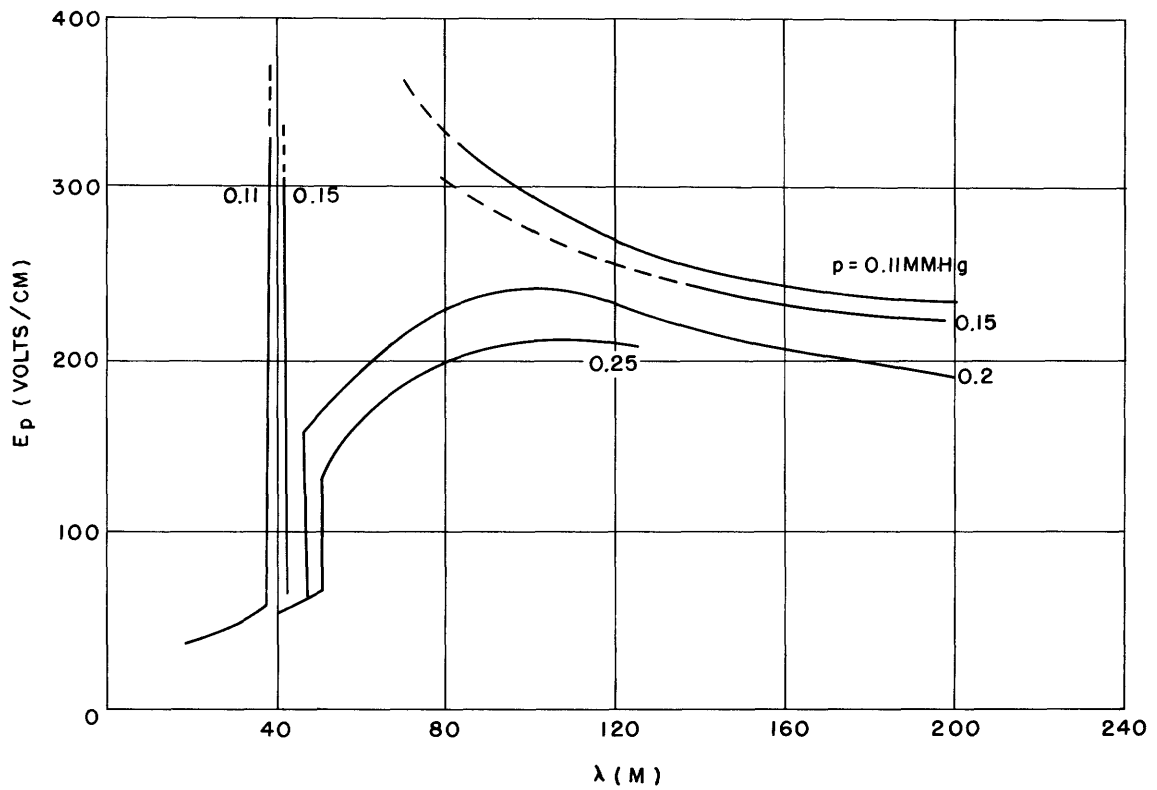
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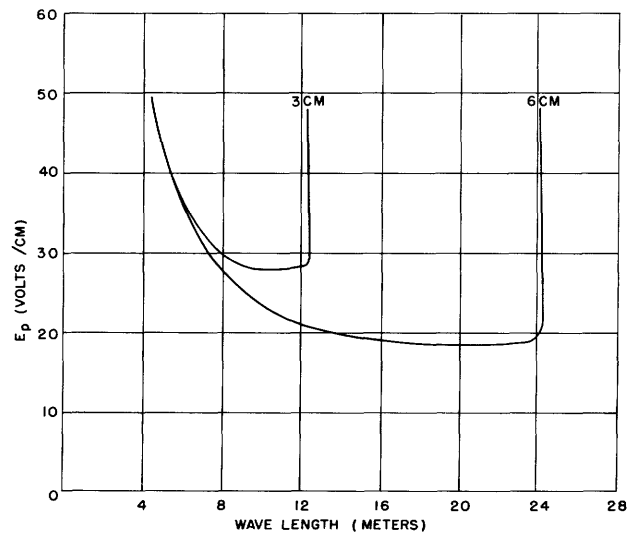
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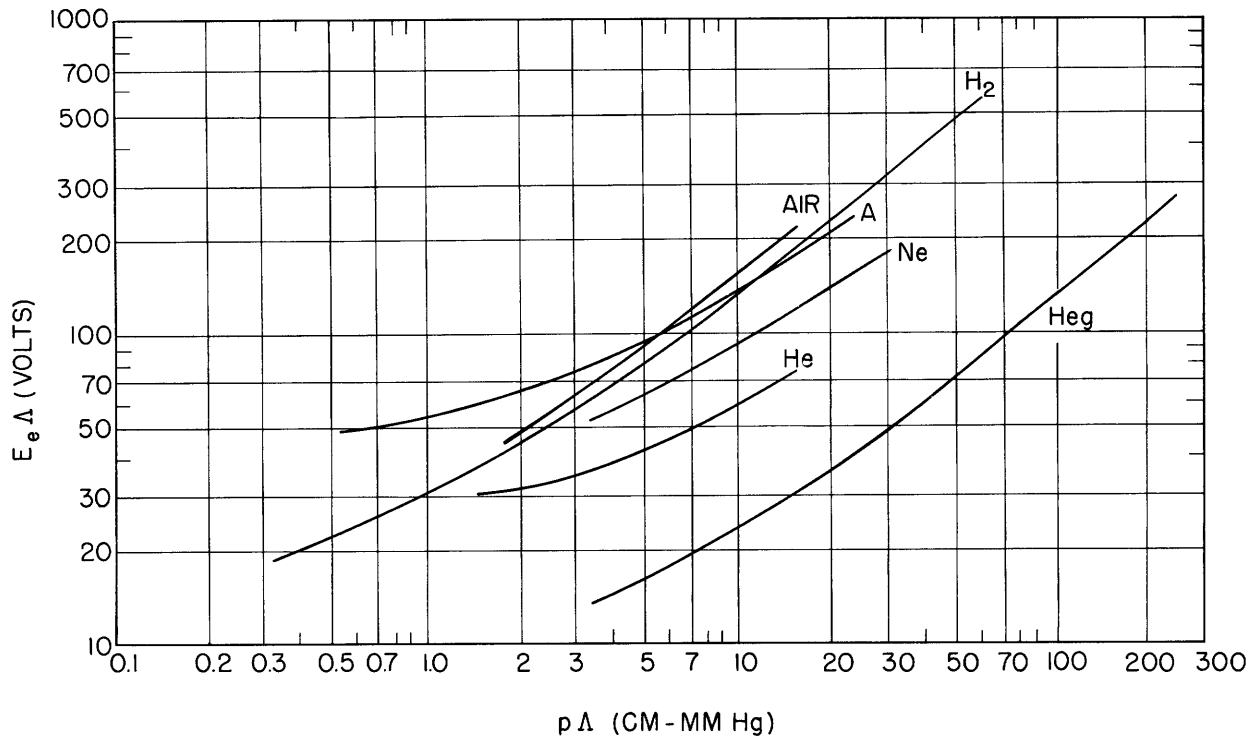
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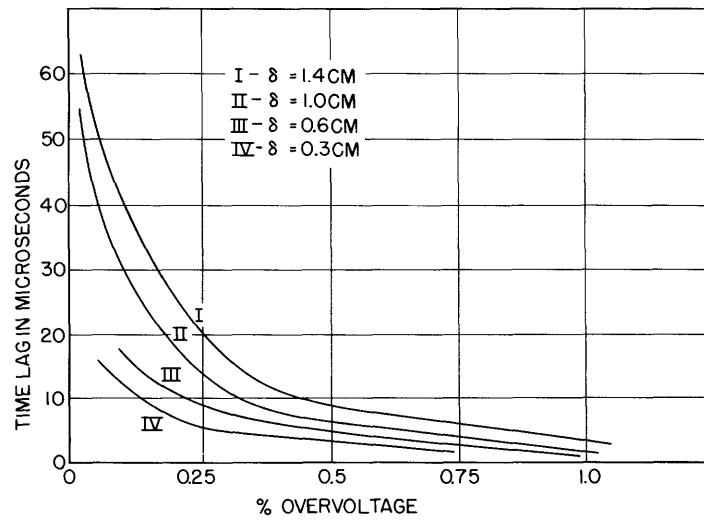
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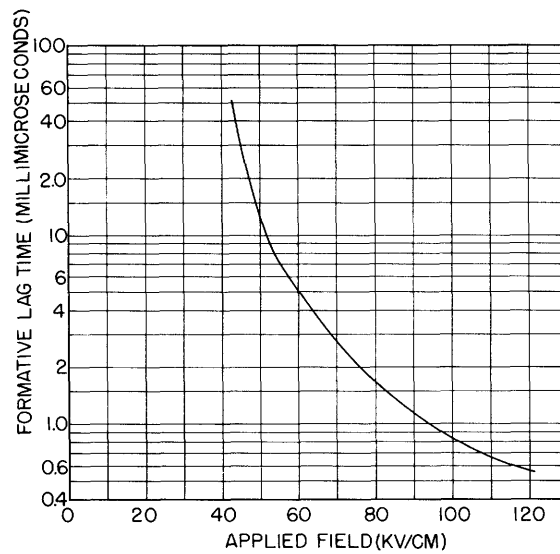


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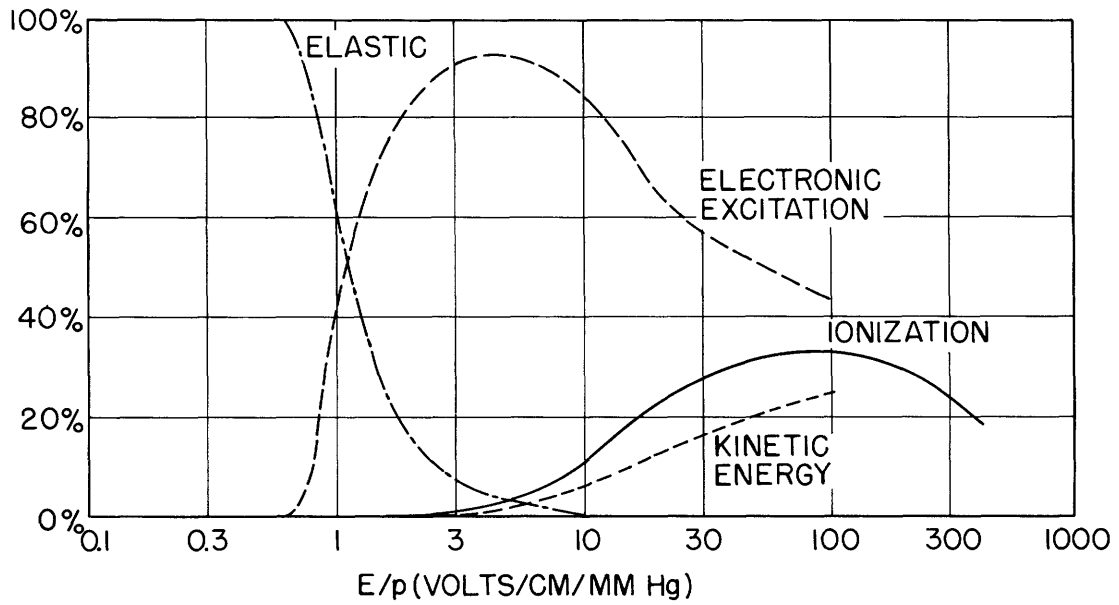


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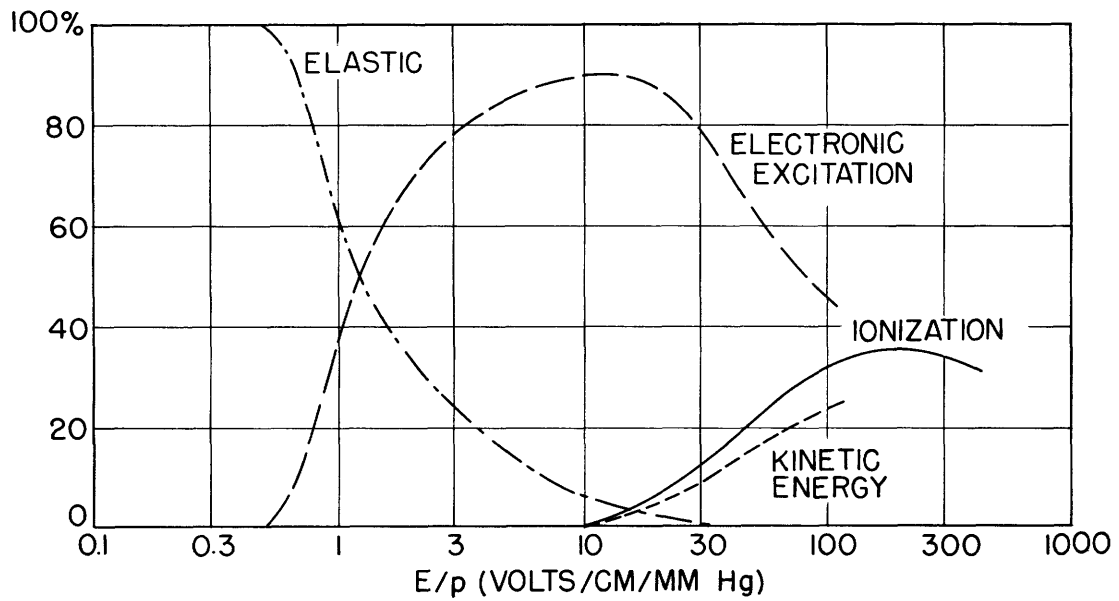


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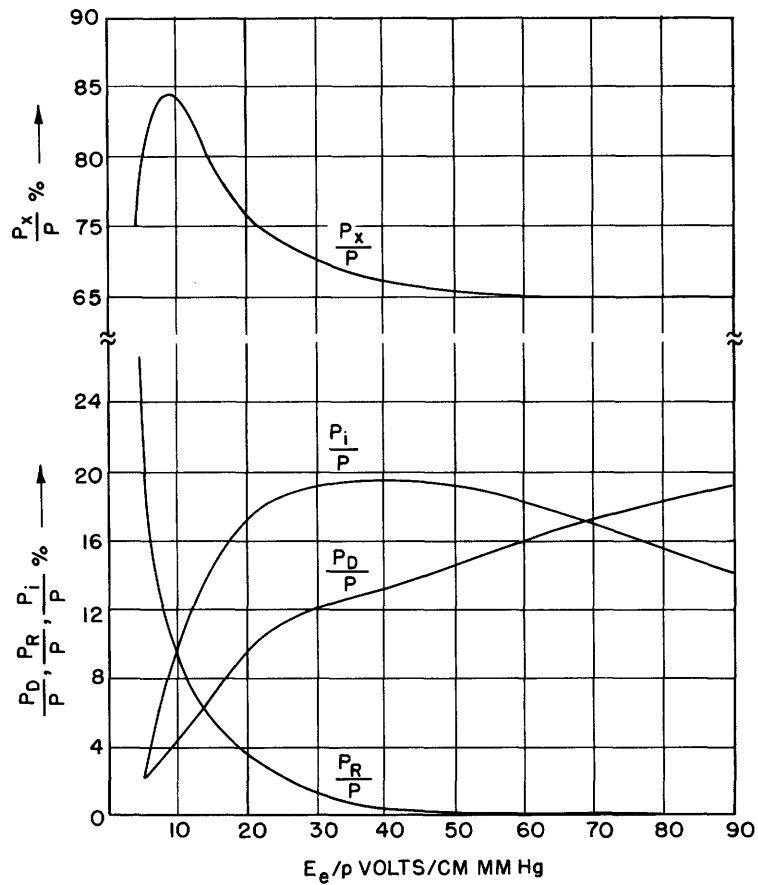
VII ELECTRON ENERGIES



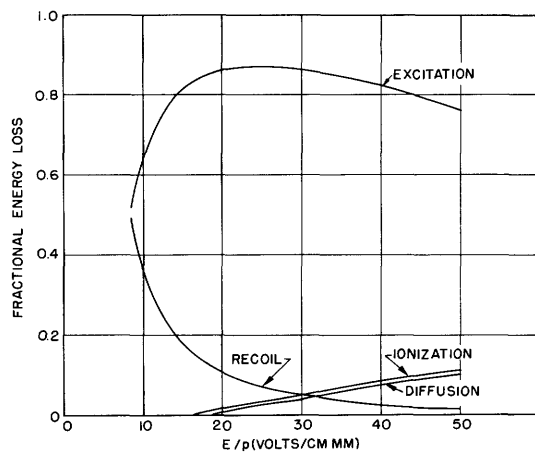
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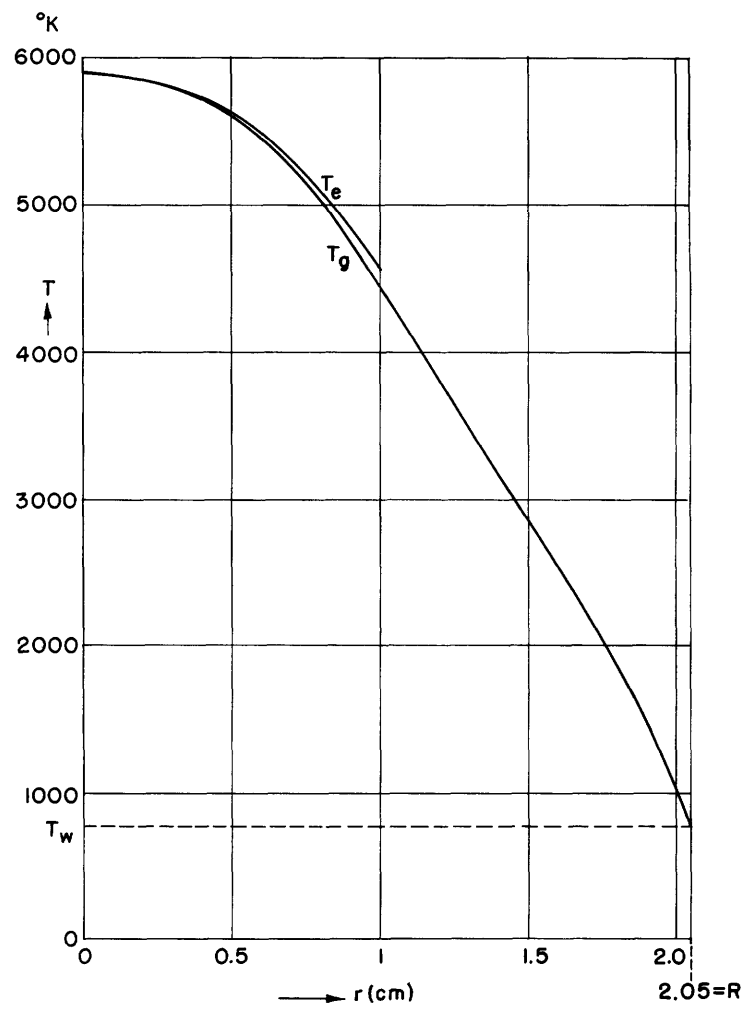
VIIa2. Distribution of electron energy losses in argon.
 F. M. Penning, *Physica* 4, 286 (1938)



VIIa3. Various power losses of an electron in a microwave discharge in helium, in percentage of input power.
 F. H. Reder, S. C. Brown, Phys. Rev. 95, 885 (1954)



VIIa4. Fractional energy loss in H_2 .



VIIb1. Electron temperature and gas temperature of a discharge as a function of tube radius.

W. Elenbaas, *The High Pressure Mercury Vapour Discharge* (North Holland Publishing Company, Amsterdam, 1951), p. 40

VIII CATHODE PHENOMENA

Sputtering yield = $S/(1+\gamma)$ atoms per ion

$$S = 10^5 W/(AI^+t)$$

W = loss of weight in grams

A = atomic weight

I^+ = ion current in amperes

t = time of bombardment in seconds

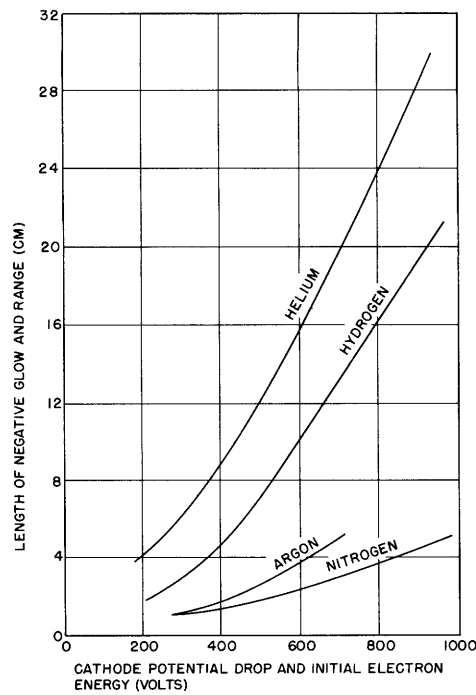
γ = second Townsend coefficient

VIII (a1). Normal Cathode Fall in Volts

Cathode	Air	A	He	H ₂	Hg	Ne	N ₂	O ₂	CO	CO ₂	Cl
Al	229	100	140	170	245	120	180	311			
Ag	280	130	162	216	318	150	233				
Au	285	130	165	247		158	233				
Ba		93	86				157				
Bi	272	136	137	240			210				
C				240	475				525		
Ca		93	86			86	157				
Cd	266	119	167	200		160	213				
Co	380										
Cu	370	130	177	214	447	220	208		484	460	
Fe	269	165	150	250	298	150	215	290			
Hg			142		340		226				
Ir	380										
K	180	64	59	94		68	170		484	460	
Mo					353	115					
Mg	224	119	125	153		94	188	310			
Na	200		80	185		75	178				
Ni	226	131	158	211	275	140	197				
Pb	207	124	177	223		172	210				
Pd	421										
Pt	277	131	165	276	340	152	216	364	490	475	275
Sb	269	136		252			225				
Sn	266	124		226			216				
Sr		93	86				157				
Th						125					
W					305	125					
Zn	277	119	143	184			216	354	480	410	

VIII (a2). Normal Cathode Fall Thickness
 (d_n in cm-mm Hg at room temperature)

Cathode	Air	A	H ₂	He	Hg	N ₂	Ne	O ₂
Al	0.25	0.29	0.72	1.32	0.33	0.31	0.64	0.24
C			0.9		0.69			
Cd			0.87					
Cu	0.23		0.8		0.6			
Fe	0.52	0.33	0.9	1.30	0.34	0.42	0.72	0.31
Mg			0.61	1.45		0.35		0.25
Hg			0.9					
Ni			0.9		0.4			
Pb			0.84					
Pt			1.0					
Zn			0.8					

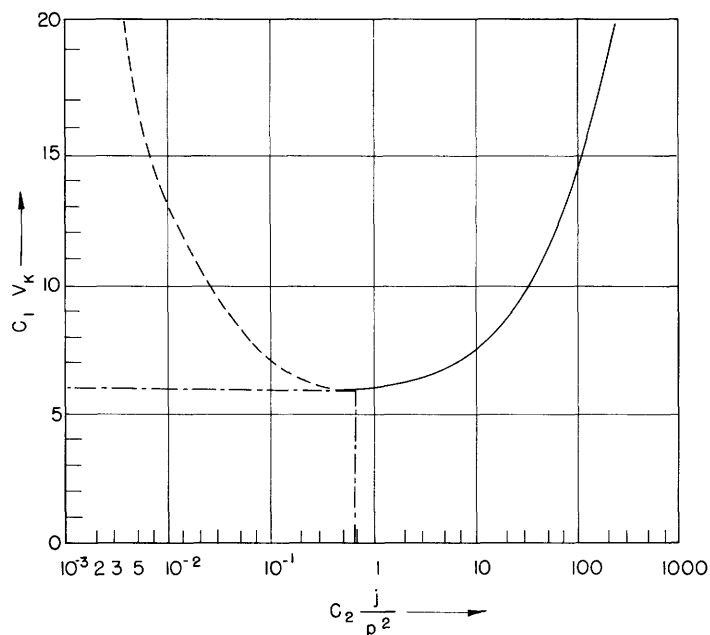


VIIIa3. Length of negative glow and range of electrons.

J. D. Cobine, Gaseous Conductors (McGraw-Hill, N. Y., 1941), p. 220

VIII (a4). Normal Cathode Current Density in a Glow Discharge
($\mu\text{amp}/\text{cm}^2 \times \text{mm}^2$ of Hg at room temperature)

Cathode	Air	A	H ₂	He	Hg	N ₂	O ₂	Ne
Al	330		90		4			
Au	570		110					
Cu	240		64		15			
Fe		160	72	2.2	8	400		6
Mg		20		3				5
Pt		150	90	5		380	550	18

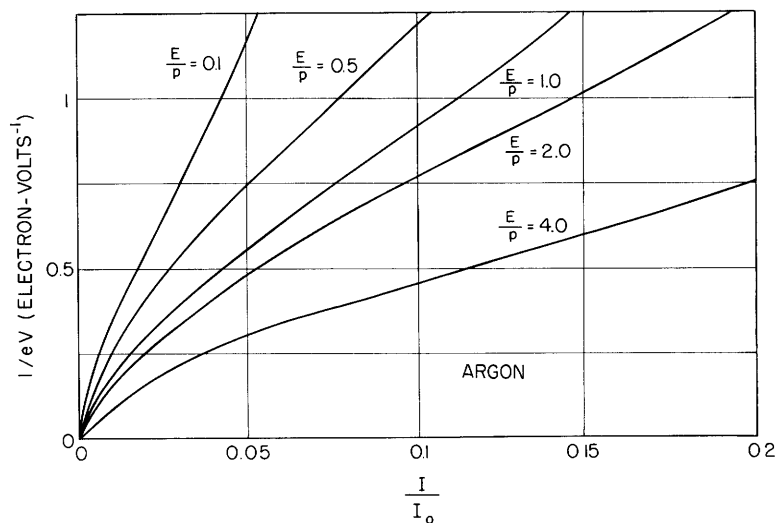


VIIIa4. Anomalous cathode fall.

A. von Engel, M. Steenbeck, *Elektrische Gasentladungen* (Springer Verlag, Berlin, 1932), Vol. II, p. 73

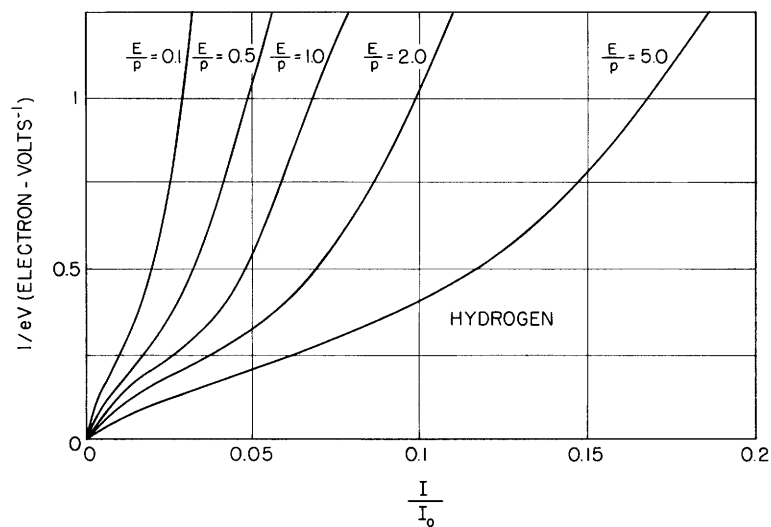
VIII(b1). Sputtered Mass in Micrograms Per Ampere-Second For
Metals in Hydrogen

Mg	2.5	Mo	16	C	73
Ta	4.5	Co	16	Cu	84
Cr	7.5	W	16	Zn	95
Al	8	Ni	18	Pb	110
Cd	8.9	Fe	19	Au	130
Mn	11	Sn	55	Ag	205



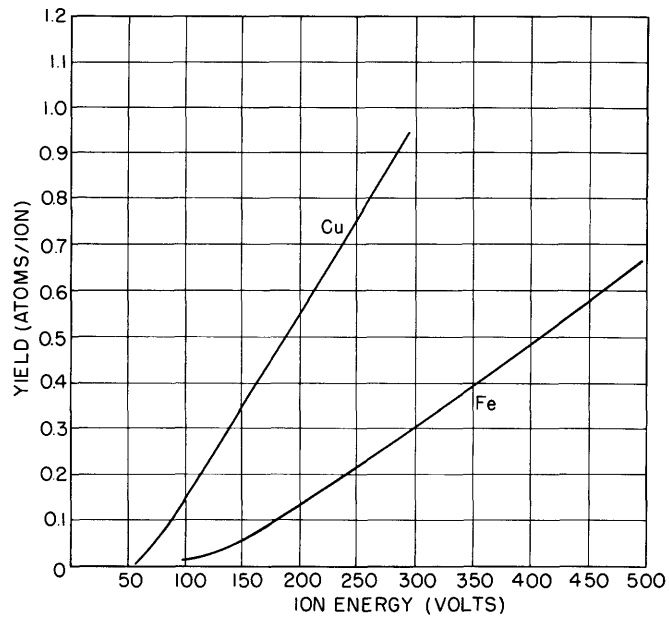
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J. K. Theobald, J. Appl. Phys. 24, 123 (1953)

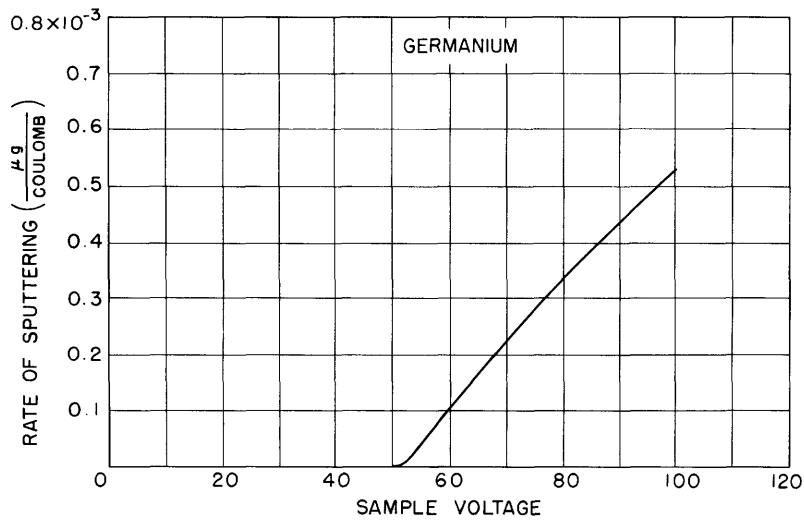


VIIIb2. Current ratio curves versus reciprocal of emissive energy. Curves permit correction for back diffusion for molecular gases.

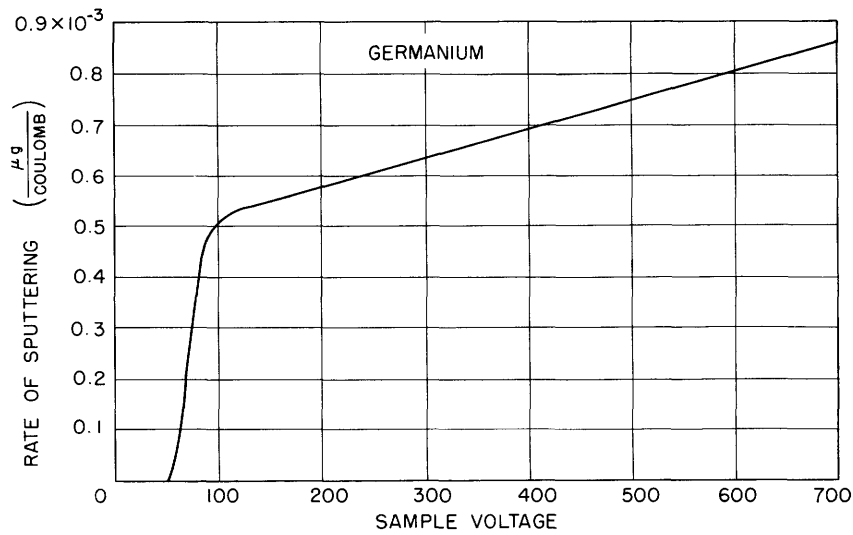
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VIIIc1. Sputtering yields of Cu and Fe.
 G. K. Wehner, Phys. Rev. 108, 35 (1957)

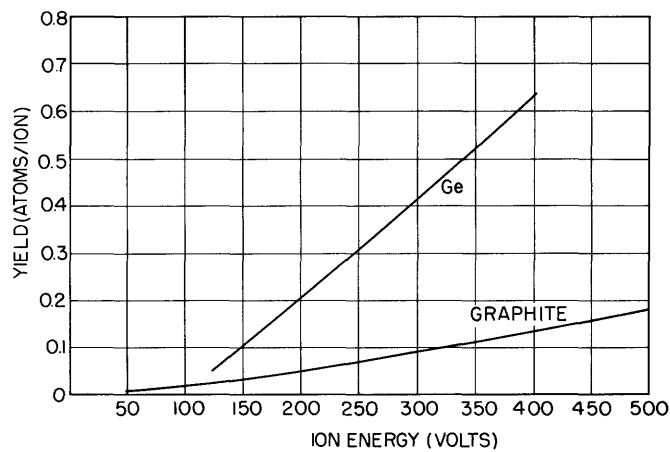


VIIIc2. Rate of sputtering from argon positive ion bombardment versus voltage for germanium.
 S. P. Wolsky, Phys. Rev. 108, 1131 (1957)



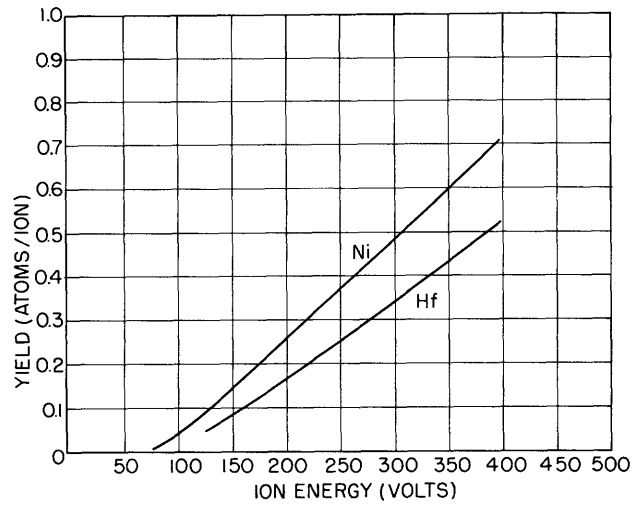
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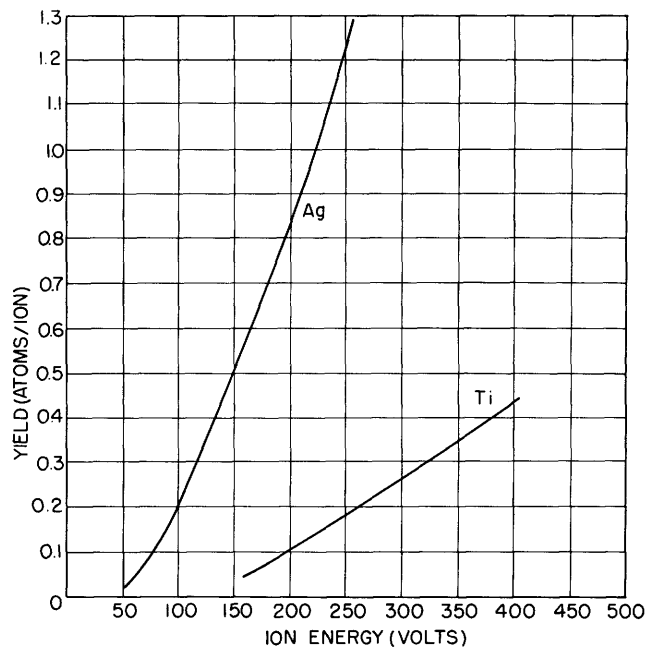
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G. K. Wehner, Phys. Rev. 108, 35 (1957)



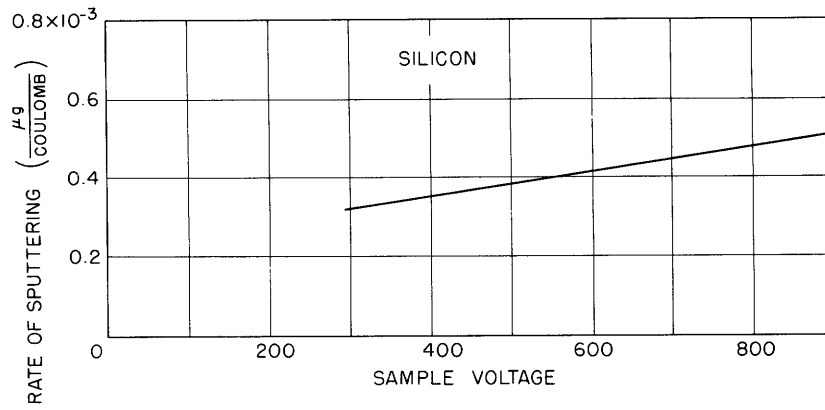
VIIIc3. Sputtering yields of Ni and Hf.

G. K. Wehner, Phys. Rev. 108, 35 (1957)



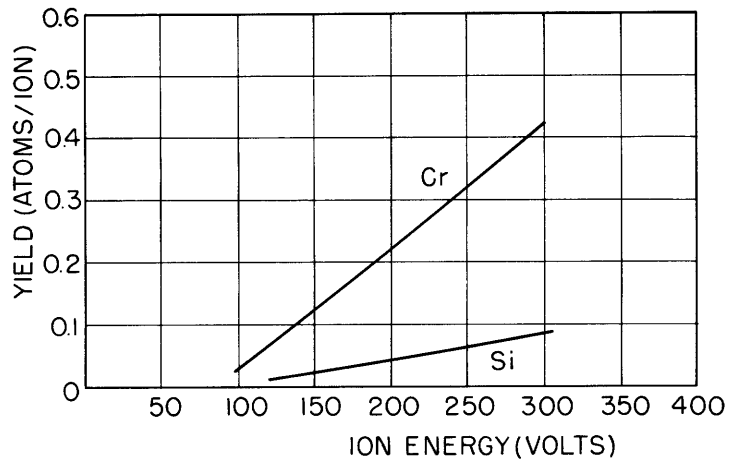
VIIIc4. Sputtering yields of Ag and Ti.

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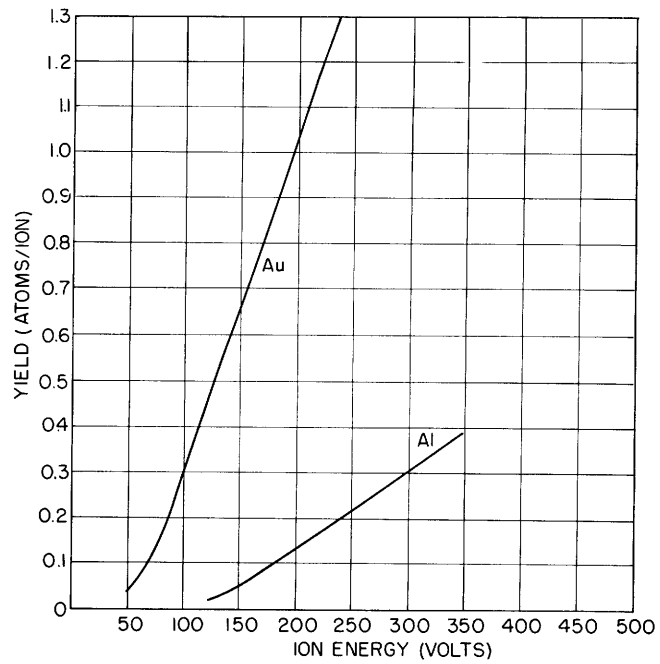
VIIIc5. Rate of sputtering from argon positive ion bombardment versus voltage for silicon.

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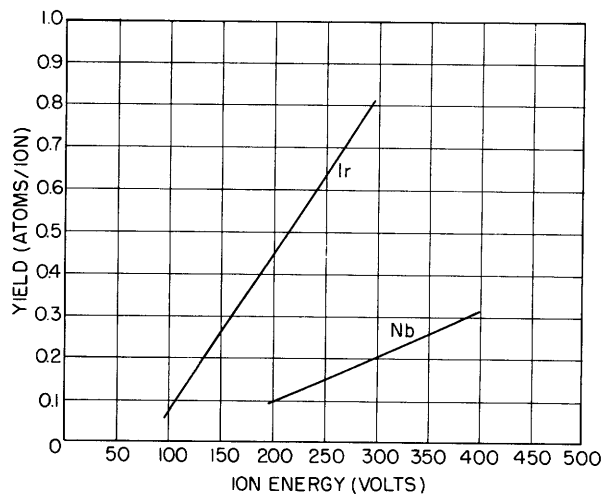


VIIIc5. Sputtering yields of Si and Cr.

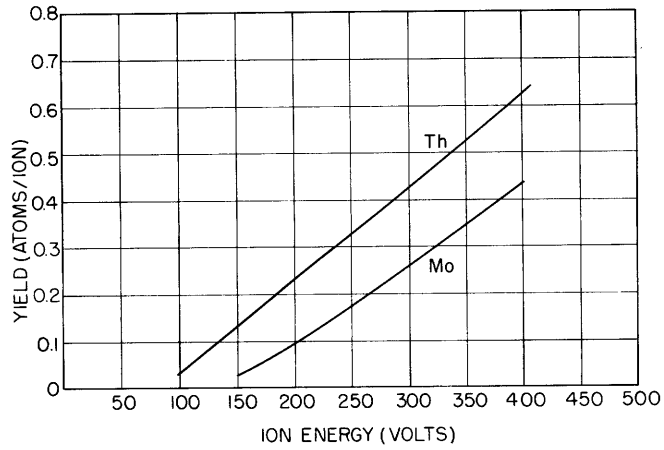
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VIIIc6. Sputtering yields of Au and Al.
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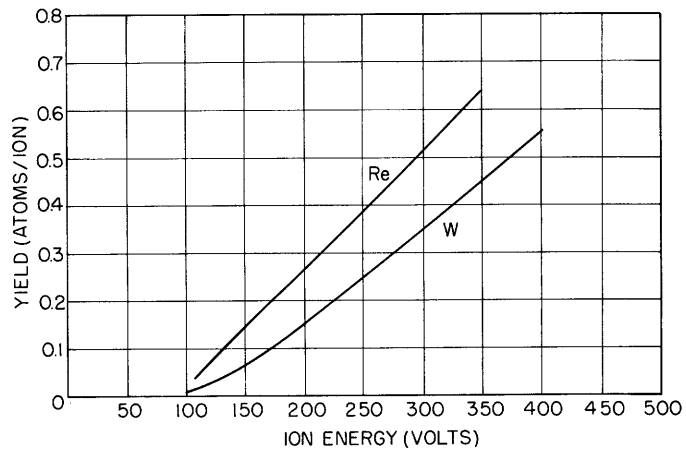


VIIIc7. Sputtering yields of Ir and Nb.
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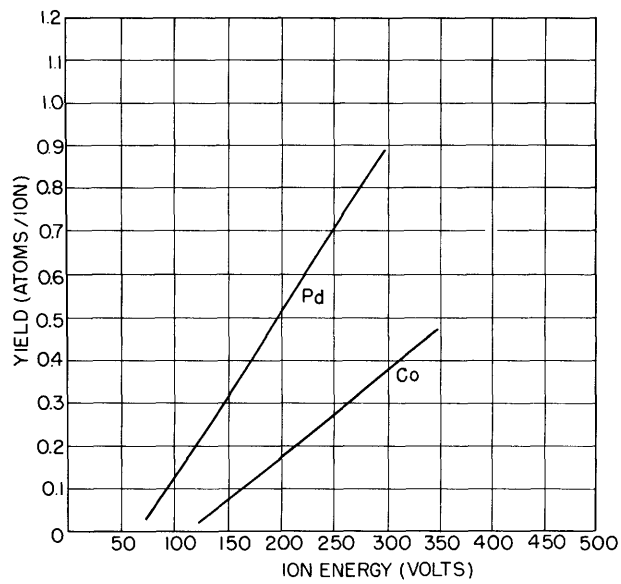
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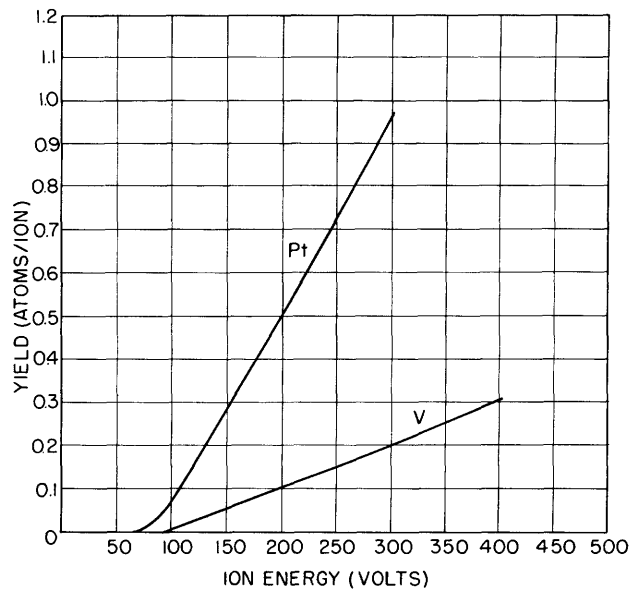


VIIIc9. Sputtering yields of Re and W.

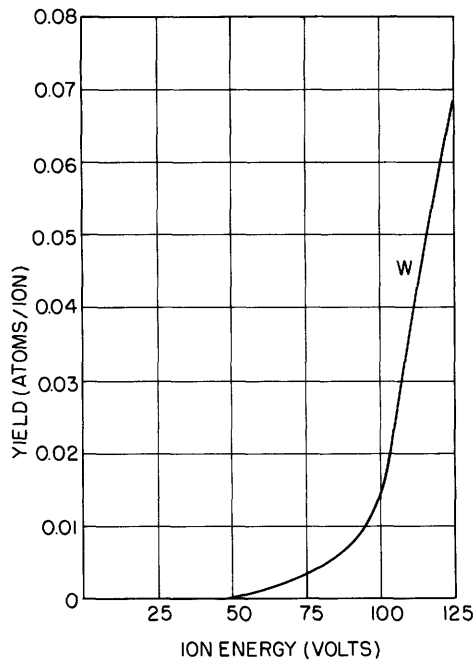
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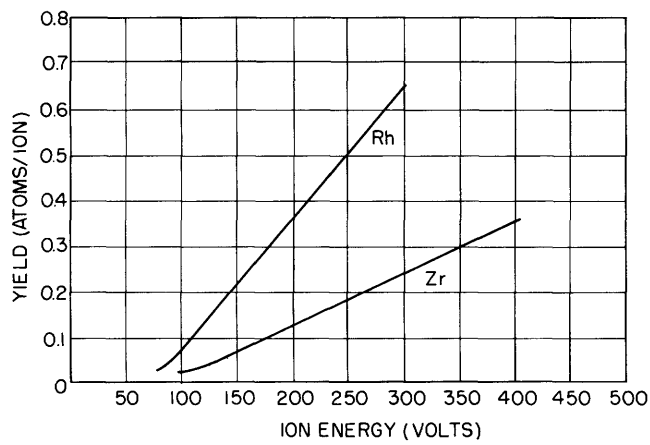
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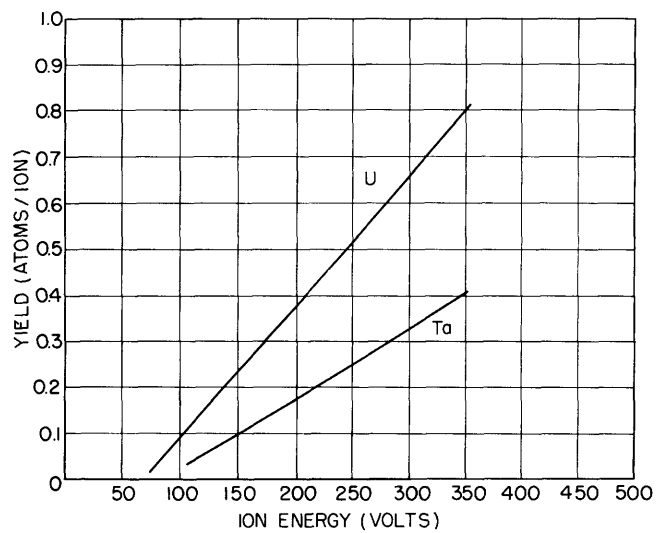
VIIIc11. Sputtering yields of Pt and V.
 G. K. Wehner, Phys. Rev. 108, 35 (1957)



VIIIc12. Sputtering yields of W in region of low energy.
G. K. Wehner, Phys. Rev. 108, 35 (1957)



VIIIc13. Sputtering yields of Rh and Zr.
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VIIIc14. Sputtering yields of U and Ta.

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