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Electron transport in strongly attaching gases in radio-frequency electric and magnetic fields

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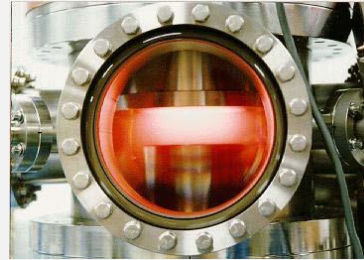
MOTIVATIONAL FACTORS

The need for electron transport data in radio-frequency $E(t)$ and $B(t)$:

Input data

**FLUID MODELS OF
RF PLASMA DISCHARGES**

**MODELING OF
ICP REACTORS**



High voltage technology

GIS, ABB



**SENSORS FOR
ELECTROMAGNETIC
WAVES DETECTION**

Transport data as function of:
frequency
amplitude of $E(t)$ and $B(t)$
phases between $E(t)$ and $B(t)$

CURRENT ISSUES IN MODELING :

- 1. lack of publicly available codes**
Boltzmann equation based codes
Monte Carlo codes
- 2. no swarm experiments**



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SIMULATION TECHNIQUES

NUMERICAL SOLUTION OF BOLTZMANN'S EQUATION

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{r}} + \frac{q}{m} (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{c}} = -J(f, F_0)$$

We apply the moment method

1. The angular dependence of $f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{c}, t)$ in velocity space: expansion in spherical harmonics

$$f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{c}, t) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l f_m^{(l)}(\mathbf{r}, c, t) Y_m^{[l]}(\hat{\mathbf{c}})$$

2. The space dependence of $f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{c}, t)$: powers of the density gradient operator

$$f_m^{(l)}(\mathbf{r}, c, t) = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\mu=-\lambda}^{\lambda} f(lm | s\lambda\mu; c, t) G_{\mu}^{(s\lambda)} n(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

3. The speed dependence of $f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{c}, t)$:

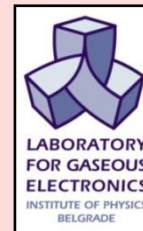
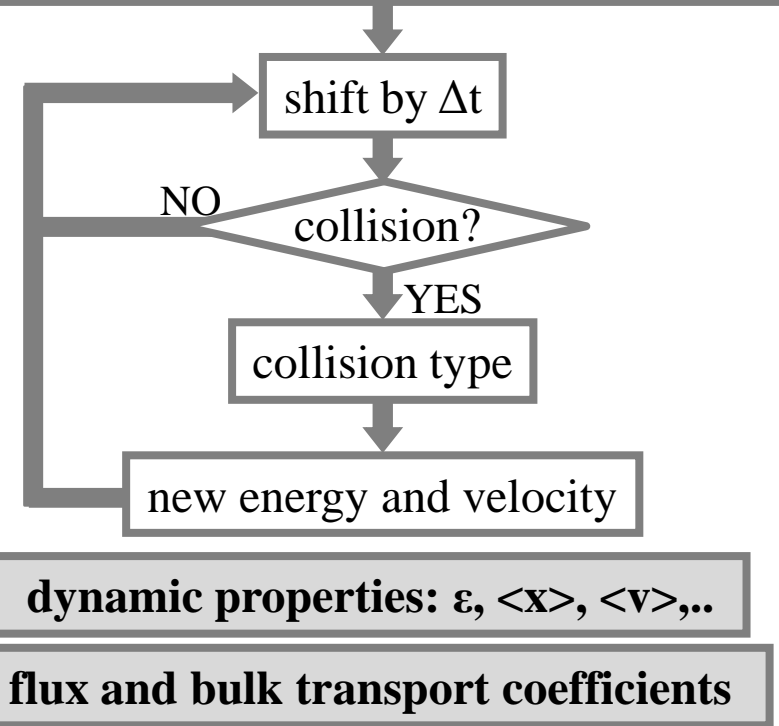
Sonine polinomes

$$f(lm | s\lambda\mu; c, t) = \omega(\alpha, c) \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} F(\nu lm | s\lambda\mu; \alpha, t) R_{\nu l}(\alpha c)$$

moments of $f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{c}, t)$  flux and bulk transport coefficients, $f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{c}, t)$

MONTE CARLO SIMULATION TECHNIQUE

ε , Maxwellian velocity distribution function



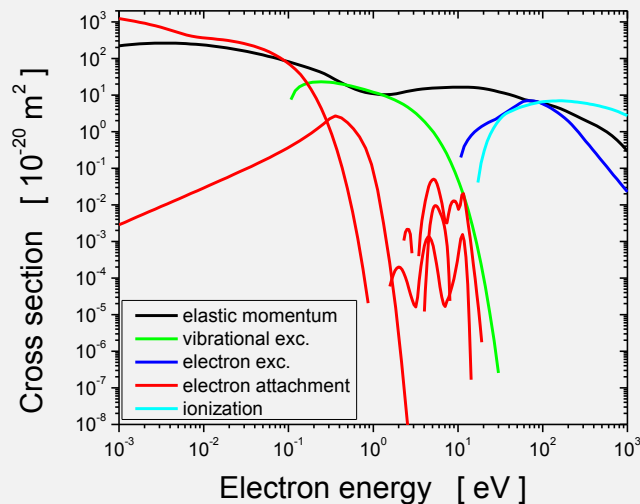
STRONGLY ATTACHING GASES:

**Rescaling procedures
for electron compensation**

Mirić et al. *Plasma Source Sci. Technol.*
25, 065010 (2016)

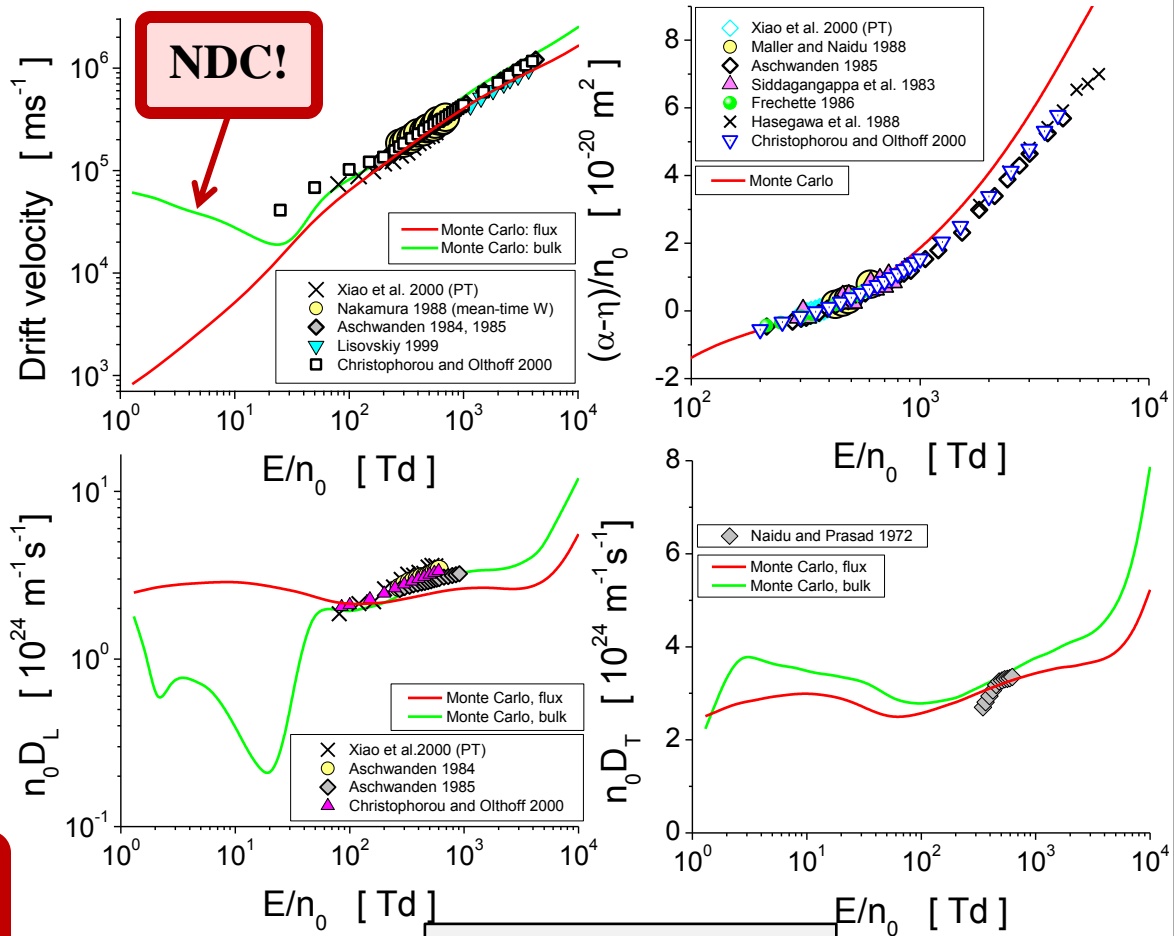
CROSS SECTIONS AND ELECTRON TRANSPORT IN SF₆

Cross sections for electron scattering in SF₆



Itoh et al. *J. Phys. D: Appl. Phys.* **26**, 1975 (1993)

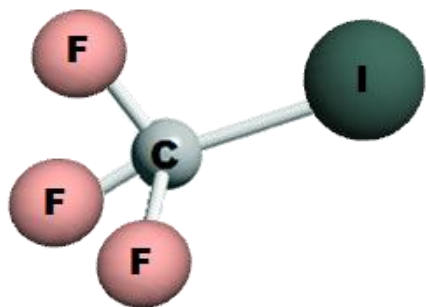
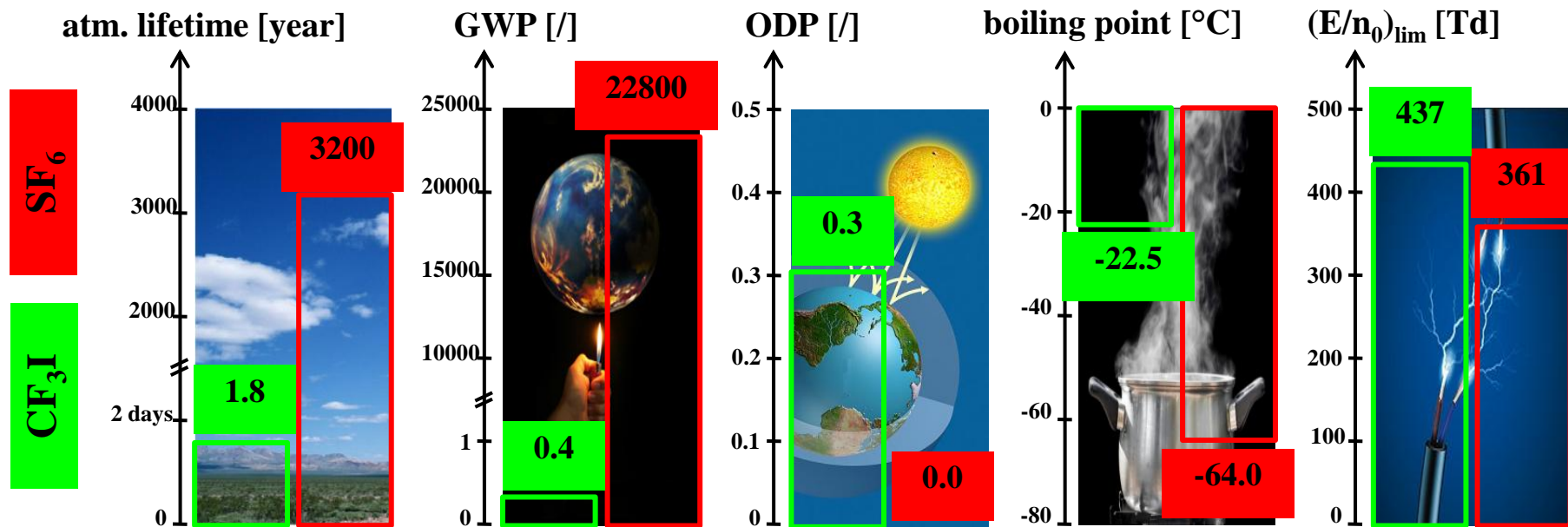
First calculations of swarm data for the lower values of E/n_0 !



$$1 \text{ Td} = 1 \times 10^{-21} \text{ Vm}^{-2}$$

- Measurements vs. our calculations: the agreement is good for the intermediate range of E/n_0 .
- **Bulk drift velocity:**
 1. dominates the flux drift velocity over the entire range of E/n_0 ,
 2. exhibits a very strong **negative differential conductivity effect (NDC)**.

PROPERTIES OF CF_3I AND SF_6



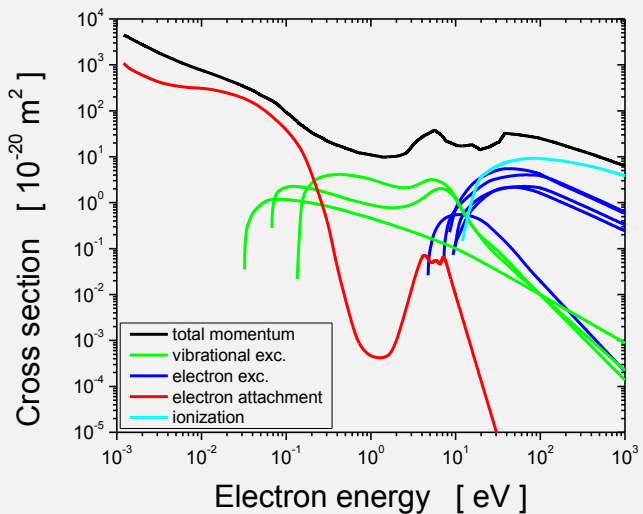
CF_3I shows promising insulation properties

POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT FOR SF_6 !

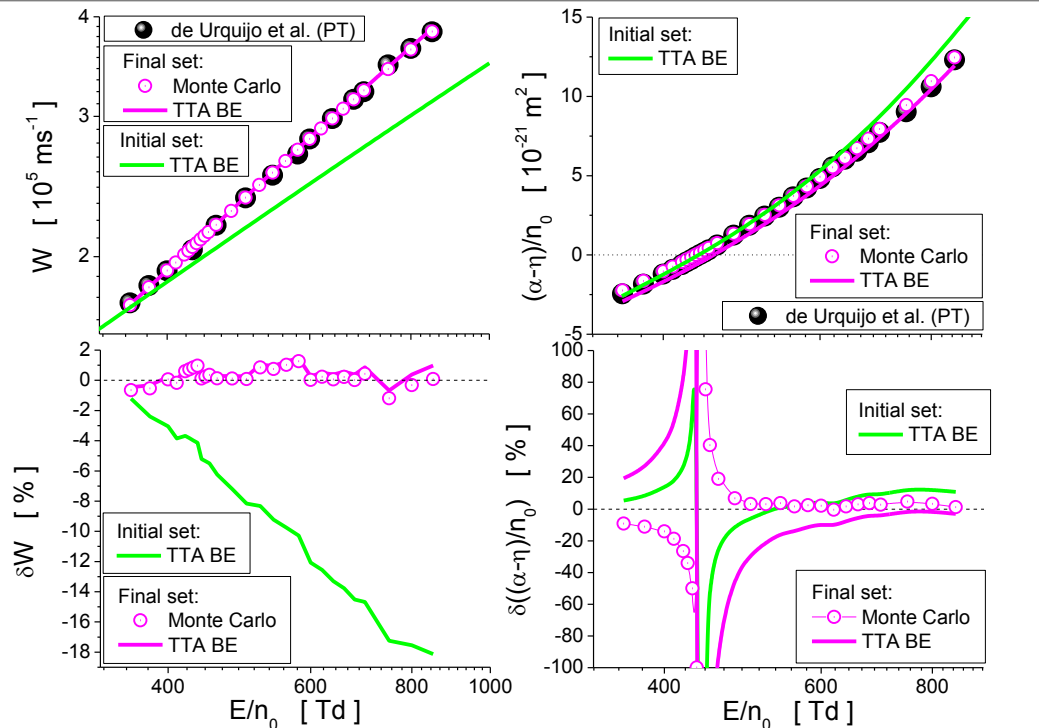
GWP (global warming potential) – amount of heat trapped in the atmosphere; reference gas: carbon dioxide (CO_2).
ODP (ozone depletion potential) – potential to destroy ozone; reference gas: chlorofluorocarbon-11 (CFC-11).

CROSS SECTIONS AND ELECTRON TRANSPORT IN CF_3I

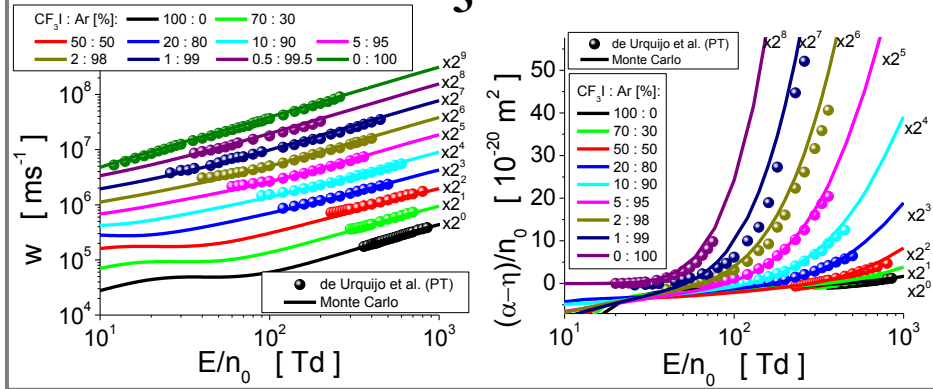
Cross sections for electron scattering in CF_3I



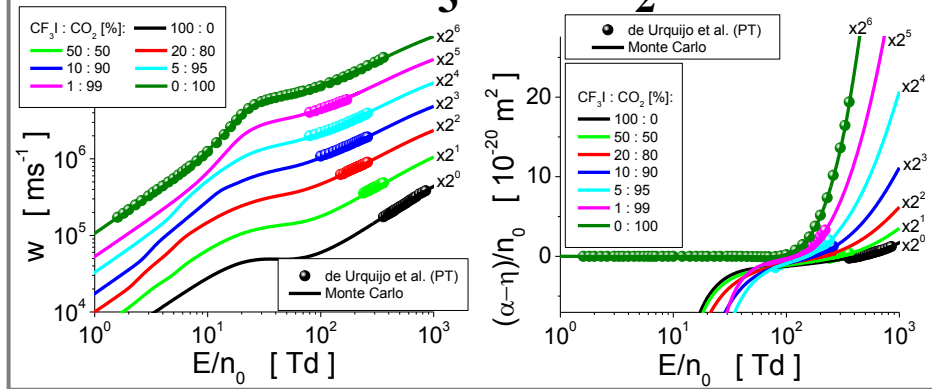
Pure CF_3I



$\text{CF}_3\text{I} - \text{Ar}$



$\text{CF}_3\text{I} - \text{CO}_2$



M. Kimura, Y. Nakamura, *J. Phys. D: Appl. Phys.* **43**, 145202 (2010)

Measurements under the pulsed Townsend conditions are performed by Prof. J. de Urquijo and his co-workers.

HOW DOES THE FIELD FREQUENCY AFFECT ELECTRON TRANSPORT?

- Modulation amplitude decreases with increasing frequency.
- Phase-shift of the temporal profiles with respect to the \mathbf{E} field increases with frequency.

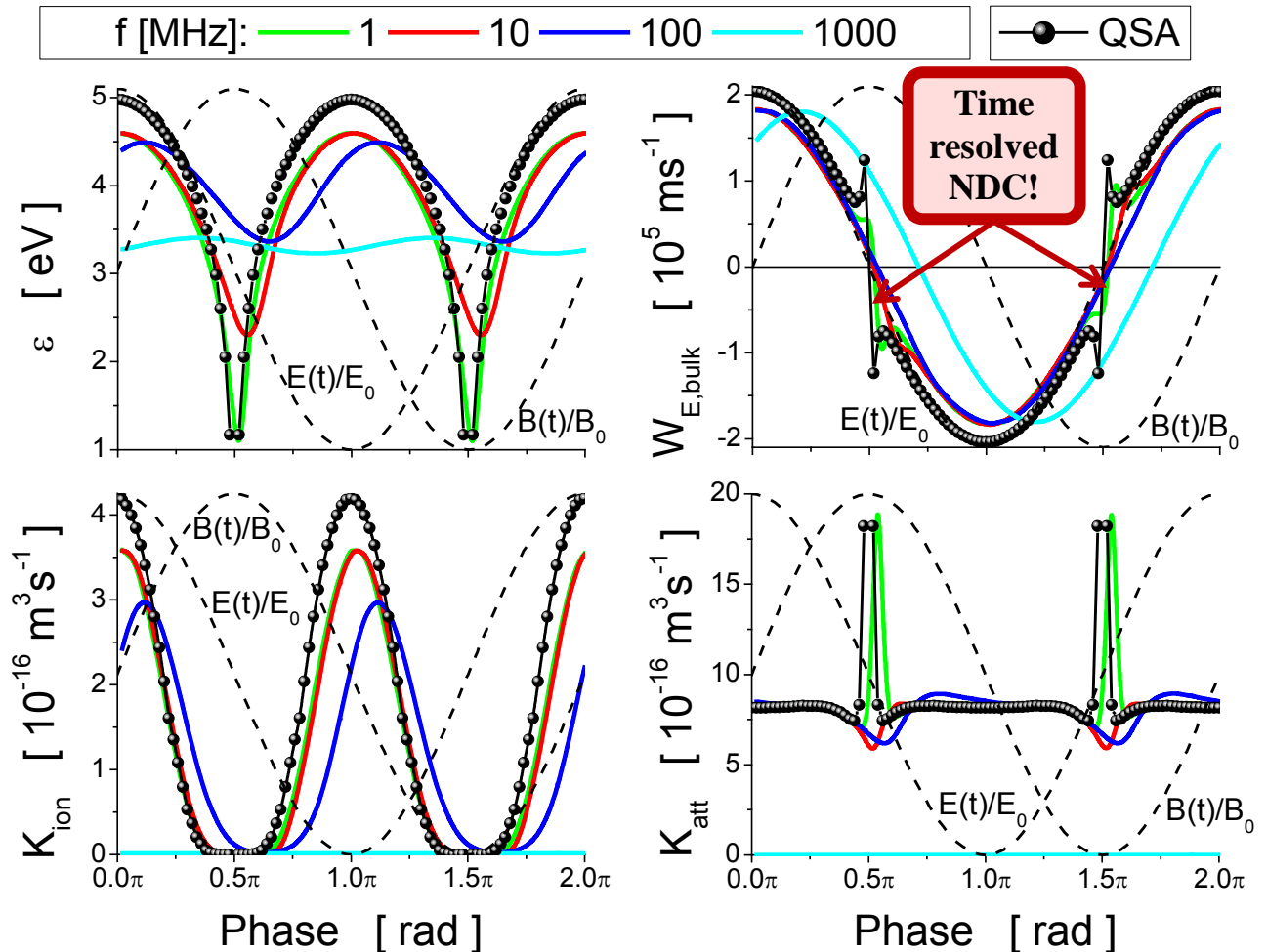
Quasi-static

approximation (QSA):

- instantaneous relaxation of energy and momentum
- corresponding temporal profiles are constructed from the DC data
- **QSA is not valid for the higher field frequencies!**

Time-resolved NDC:

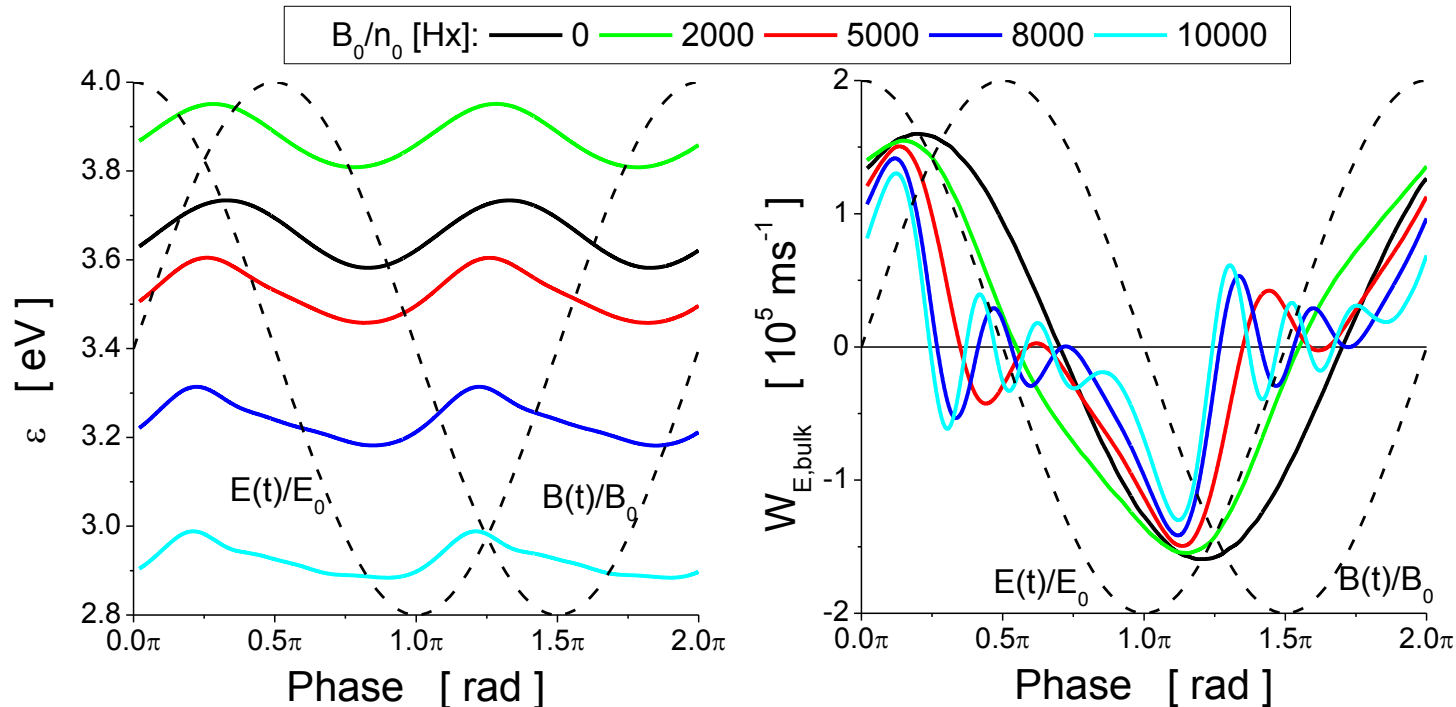
- QSA predicts instantaneous NDC
- **inability of momentum to fully relax + explicit effects of electron attachment:** just one of the sub-maximums stays



Simulation conditions: pure CF_3I , $E_0/n_0 = 350 \text{ Td}$, $B_0/n_0 = 0 \text{ Hz}$

HOW DOES THE MAGNETIC FIELD AMPLITUDE AFFECT ELECTRON TRANSPORT?

- Mean energy could be increased by applying the time-varying magnetic field.
- Never observed in DC electric and magnetic fields!**
- Dielectric characteristics can be improved by B_0/n_0 !**
- There is a transition from a sinusoidal to the non-sinusoidal (triangular) profile.
- For B_0/n_0 less than 2000 Hx the phase-shift of the drift velocity with respect to the applied electric field is decreased.
- Strong oscillations are induced due to cyclotron motion.



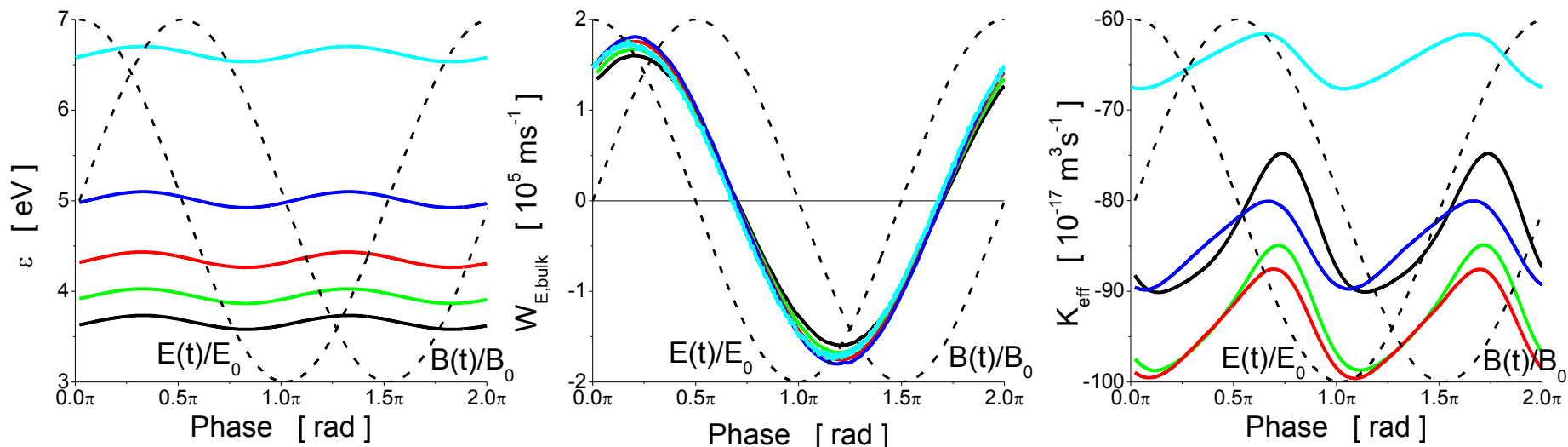
Simulation conditions: pure CF_3I , $E_0/n_0 = 350 \text{ Td}$, $f = 1 \text{ GHz}$

$1 \text{ Hx} = 1 \times 10^{-27} \text{ Tm}^3$

ELECTRON TRANSPORT IN SF₆-CF₃I MIXTURES

- Mean energy is reduced by adding CF₃I in the mixture.
- Attachment rate does not follow the mean energy.

CF₃I : SF₆ [%]: — 100 : 0 — 75 : 25 — 50 : 50 — 25 : 75 — 0 : 100



higher abundance of CF₃I → lower ε → more efficient attachment of electrons


BETTER GASEOUS DIELECTRIC
from the microscopic physical picture
(to be checked in real-life applications)

Simulation conditions:

$E_0/n_0 = 350 \text{ Td}$,
 $B_0/n_0 = 0 \text{ Hx}$,
 $f = 1 \text{ GHz}$

CONCLUSION

OUR CONTRIBUTION:

- CF₃I: we have developed a complete set of cross sections for electron scattering
Standard swarm procedure
Measurements of swarm properties, PT conditions
- Electrons in SF₆ and CF₃I:
Rescaling procedures for electron compensation  the first calculations at low E/n₀!

WE HAVE OBSERVED:

- Strong NDC in SF₆ and CF₃I in DC fields induced by electron attachment
- QSA: valid in the limit of the lowest frequencies
- Temporal profiles of transport coefficients:
 - The increase of the mean energy with B₀/n₀
 - Time-resolved NDC in the profile of the bulk drift velocity: inability of momentum to be fully relaxed + explicit effects of electron attachment

ЗАВРШНА ТРИБИНА У ГО ЧУКАРИЦА

завршној трибини у оквиру пројекта „ММА- знаменита Српкиња“, одржаној 8.јуна 2016.године у Свечаној сали ГО Чукарица, приказан је целокупан пројекта, са многобројним различитим активностима, сусретима учесника пројекта из основних и средњих школа Београда. Присуствовали су професори и ученици из Земунске гимназије, Техничке школе из Железника, ОШ Веселин Маслеша, као и представници Канцеларије за младе ГО Чукарица, ДКЦБ-а и чланови Друштва физичара Србије.

Учесници трибине су имали прилику да добију одговор на питање **Зашто је важно проучавати природне науке?** Свој пут од школске клупе до свет науке изложиле су Александра Димић и Јасмина Мирић.

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