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## ABSTRACT

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The construction of a liquid nitrogen-cooled ion mobility spectrometer coupled with time-of-flight mass spectrometry was implemented to demonstrate the ability to discriminate between electronic isomers. Ion mobility allows for the separation of ions based on differing cross-sections-to-charge ratio. This allows for the possible discrimination of species with same mass if the ions differ by cross-section. Time-of-flight mass spectrometry was added to mass identify the separated peak for proper identification.

A liquid nitrogen-cooled mobility cell was employed for a two-fold purpose. First, the low temperatures increase the peak resolution to aid in resolving the separated ions. This is necessary when isomers may have similar cross-sections. Second, low temperature shortens the mean free path and decreases the neutral buffer gas speeds allowing for more interactions between the ions and the drift gas.  $\text{Kr}^{2+}$  study was performed to verify instrument performance.

The variable-temperature ion mobility spectrometer was utilized to separate the distonic and conventional ion forms of  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$ , and  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2$  and to discriminate between the keto and enol forms of the acetone radical cation. Density functional theory

and *ab initio* calculations were employed to aid in proper identification of separating isomers. Monte Carlo integration tools were also developed to predict ion cross-section and resolution within a buffer gas.

## DEDICATION

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## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### Background

Ion mobility spectrometry (IMS) has been utilized for a wide range of ion separations for many years.<sup>1-3</sup> In recent years, however, the utility of IMS as a structural probe for a broad range of studies of gas-phase ions (*i.e.*, studies of small organic ions<sup>4,5</sup> to peptides, protein, and DNA) has emerged.<sup>6-12</sup> Recent work by Bowers,<sup>9</sup> Jarrold,<sup>6</sup> Clemmer,<sup>7</sup> and Russell<sup>11</sup> firmly establishes IMS combined with mass spectrometry (MS) and computational chemistry methods as powerful structural probe techniques for large molecules, but earlier work on C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O<sup>+</sup> isomers of Harland and coworkers<sup>13</sup> illustrate the ability of IMS to separate small gas-phase ions (<100 m/z) on the basis of structure dependent collision cross-sections. Many reports have focused on structural determination of gas-phase ions by mass spectrometry, but in most cases structural information is derived from ions containing sufficient internal energies to dissociate with unimolecular rate constants of >10<sup>5</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, energies of several eV above the ground state. On the other hand, IM-MS can be used to investigate ions having low internal energies, and using variable temperature IM-MS it may be possible to probe the energetics of inter-conversion processes, *i.e.*, electronic and/or structural rearrangement reactions.<sup>14-16</sup>

In this chapter a fundamental introduction to ion mobility will be presented. Current trends in analytical nomenclature and calculations from groups active in this field will also be reviewed. The added degree of orthogonality and analysis of 2-D IM-

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MS data will be illustrated by an IM-TOF spectrum of a carbon cluster mixture and a peptide mixture.

### **Ion Mobility**

The mobility (K) of an ion through a neutral buffer gas is defined as the ratio of drift velocity ( $v_d$ ) to applied electric field ( $E_o$ ).<sup>17</sup>

$$K = \frac{v_d}{E_o} \quad (1)$$

To facilitate comparisons of mobility values obtained under different experimental conditions, mobility is usually reported as the reduced mobility, *i.e.*, the mobility at standard temperature and pressure.

$$K_o = \frac{p}{760} \frac{273.15}{T} K \quad (2)$$

As the collision energy approaches the thermal energy of the system, then the ion mobility approaches the so-called “low-field” limit.<sup>18</sup> In the low-field limit, an ion’s mobility is inversely proportional to the collision cross-section ( $\Omega_o$ ), and to the square root of the reduced mass of the neutral and the ion collision pair ( $\mu$ ).

$$K = \frac{3}{16} \frac{q}{N} \left( \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{2\pi}{k_b T} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{\Omega_o} \quad (3)$$

Where N is the number density of the drift gas, q is the ion charge,  $k_b$  is Boltzmann’s constant, and T is the temperature of the system. Although the collision cross-section can be relatively simple for large molecules, where the cross-section is correlated to the “hard-sphere” cross-section of the ion, the cross-section for atomic and small molecular ions must include all related interaction potentials.<sup>19</sup>



For large molecules (>500 amu) a trajectory cross-section (approximated by simple hard-sphere) accurately predicts an ion's collision size in a neutral drift gas. However for smaller molecules, the interaction of the ion with the neutral drift gas must be considered.<sup>16</sup> Chapman and Enskog developed the theory used to evaluate elastic collisions between an ion and neutral in a uniform electric field.<sup>13,20</sup> The collision cross-section can be determined by solving a triple integral involving the relative collision energy ( $E'$ ), impact parameter ( $b$ ), deflection angle ( $\theta(b, E')$ ), internuclear distance ( $r$ ), and ion neutral interaction potential ( $V(r)$ ).

$$\Omega^{(1,1)} = \frac{1}{2(k_b T)^3} \int_0^\infty E'^2 Q^{(1)}(E') \exp\left(\frac{-E'}{k_b T}\right) dE' \quad (4)$$

$$Q^{(1)}(E') = 2\pi \int_0^\infty (1 - \cos \theta(b, E')) b db \quad (5)$$

$$\theta(b, E') = \pi - 2b \int_{r_0}^\infty \left(1 - \frac{b^2}{r^2} - \frac{V(r)}{E'}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{dr}{r^2} \quad (6)$$

To accurately predict these cross-sections, a suitable interaction potential must be chosen. Bowers *et al.* developed a generalized potential equation for ion-molecule collisions,<sup>21</sup> which includes ion-induced dipole, dipole-induced dipole, and centrifugal capture of the neutral.

$$V(r) = \varepsilon \left( \left( \frac{r_o}{r} \right)^{12} - 2 \left( \frac{r_o}{r} \right)^6 \right) - \frac{\alpha_p d q}{8\pi \varepsilon_o r^5} - \frac{\alpha_p q^2}{8\pi \varepsilon_o r^4} + \frac{L^2}{2\mu r^2} \quad (7)$$

The terms of this equation include potential well depth ( $\varepsilon$ ), polarizability of the neutral ( $\alpha_p$ ), dipole of the ion ( $d$ ), orbital angular momentum ( $L$ ), and gas permittivity of free

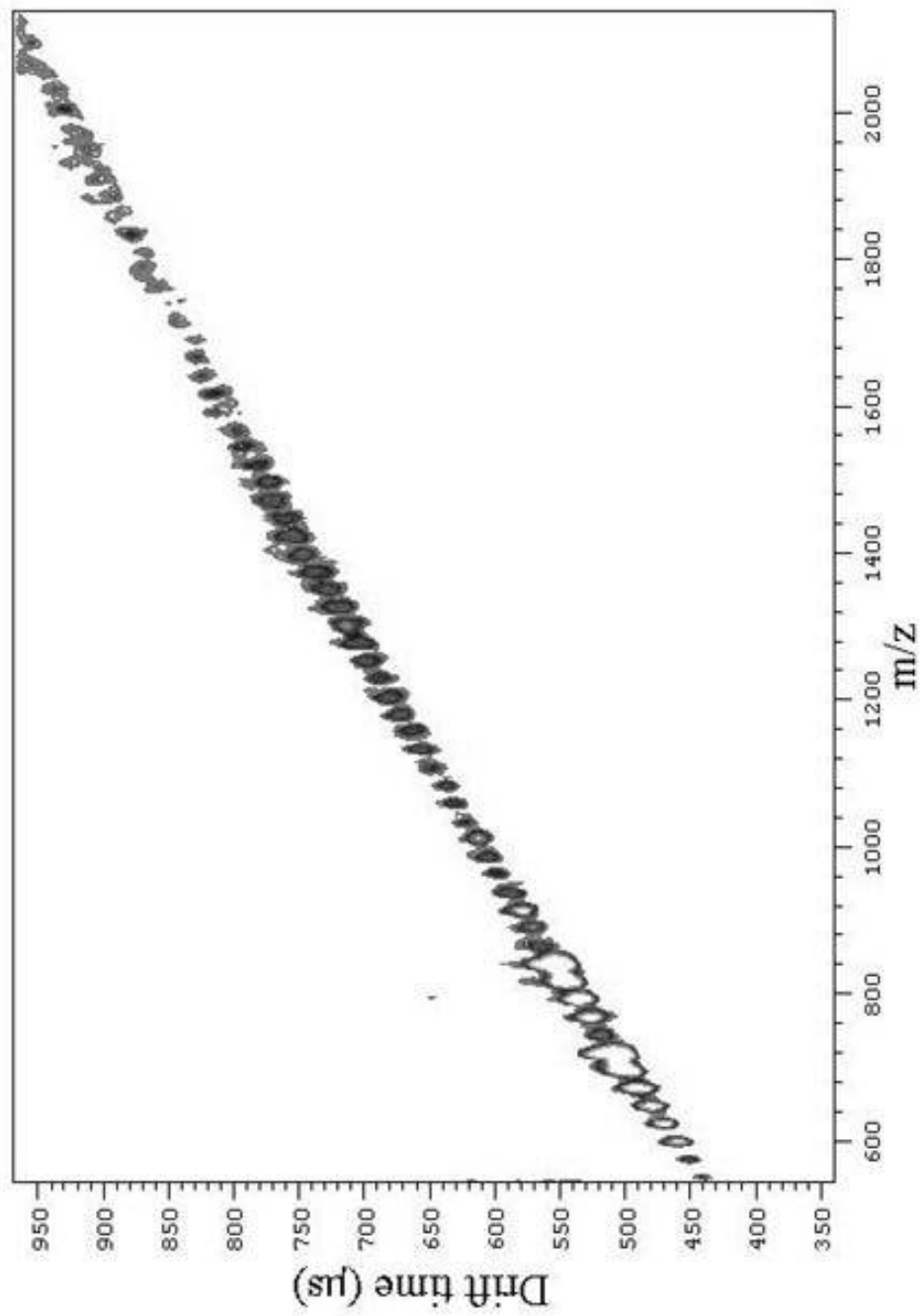
space ( $\epsilon_0$ ). Equations 4 to 7 provide an accurate approximation of the collision cross-section of small spherical ions, from which ion mobilities (K) can be calculated.

Ion Mobility Spectrometry has become an important analytical tool over the past 25 years.<sup>22</sup> Known also as plasma chromatography and ion chromatography<sup>2</sup>, it has mainly been applied to the analysis of volatile organic compounds<sup>23,24</sup> and used as a tool to probe the electronic states of ions<sup>25</sup>. Recently, IM has been applied to the analysis of biomolecules employing electrospray ionization (ESI)<sup>26-29</sup> and matrix-assisted laser-desorption ionization (MALDI) sources<sup>30-32</sup>. These combined with mass spectrometry create a powerful tool in the analysis of ion-molecule reaction chemistry, volatile organics, and the separation of proteins and peptides.

### **IM-MS Data Analysis**

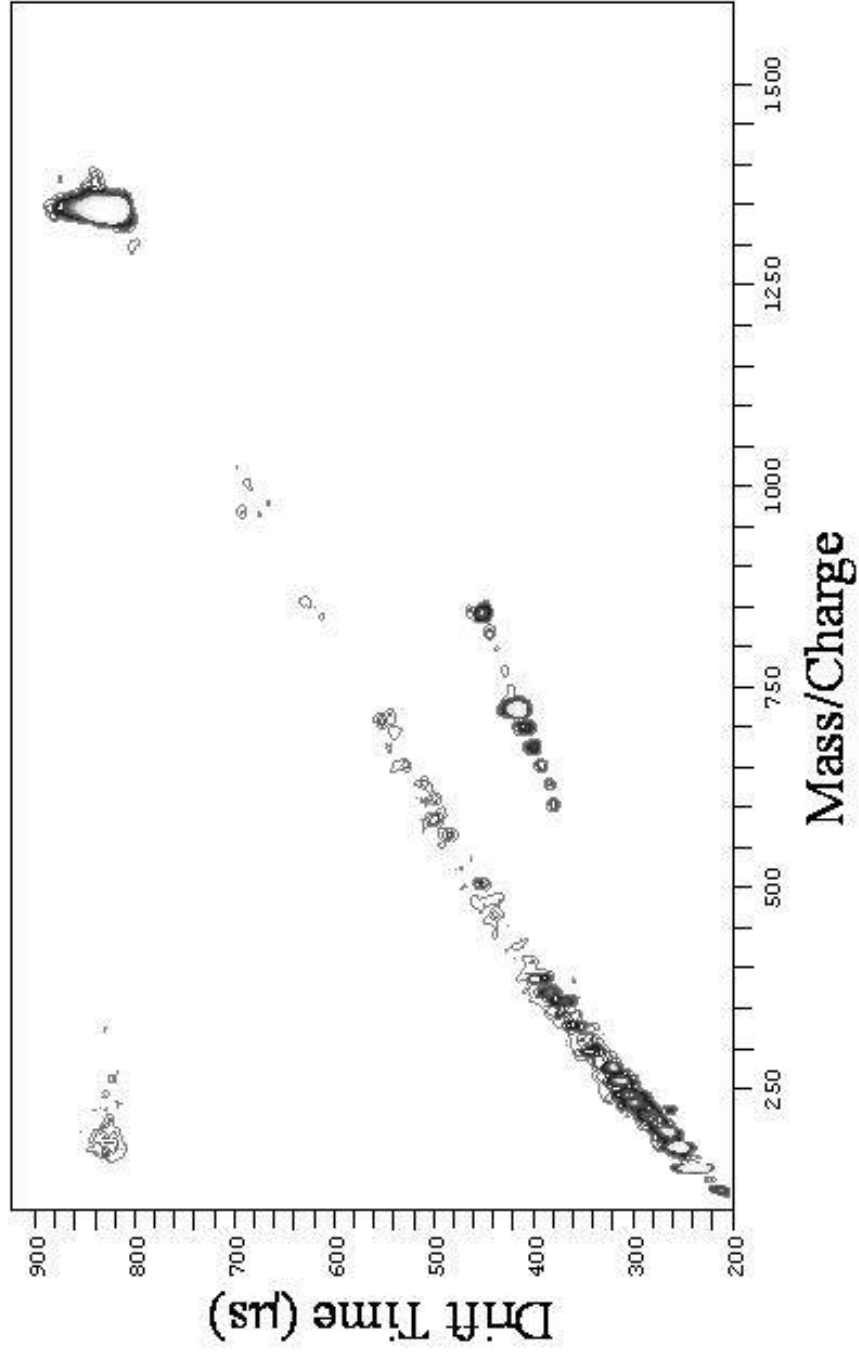
When developing a multi-dimensional technique, it is desirable that the dimensions evaluate unrelated molecular properties of the analyte of interest. When the dimensions of a technique are completely independent of each other they are said to be orthogonal<sup>33</sup>. If the molecular properties analyzed by the dimensions are not completely unrelated a multi-dimensional technique can be reduced to a one-dimensional technique with signal distributed along a diagonal. As can be seen from the mass-mobility plot of  $C_{60}/C_{70}$ , shown Figure 1, the signal is distributed along a trend line, indicating that the dimensions of IM-MS have a large amount of cross-information i.e. there is a high degree of correlation between the mobility and mass of an ion.

The large amount of cross-information present in a mass-mobility plot does not reduce the utility of IM-MS, rather the cross-information guides the analysis of the



**Figure 1.** MALDI-IM-TOF mass spectra of carbon cluster fragments from 90% C<sub>60</sub> to 10% C<sub>70</sub>.

complex mixture<sup>34</sup>. For example, the analysis of complex mixtures is often directed by the presence of multiple trend lines in a mass-mobility data set, as illustrated by figure 2, which combines trend lines for both peptides and carbon cluster fragment ions. Trend lines are present in the mass-mobility plots due to the high correlation between an ion's mass and collision cross-section. Addition of mass within an ion series can be likened to adding subunits to a polymer; as the subunits are added the gas-phase volume is increased in a linear fashion over a limited mass range.  $C_{60}$  and related carbon clusters have a very tight and uniform (spherical) conformation, resulting in a highly linear mass-mobility trend, whereas peptide ions have a more open conformation. Due to the differences in which different ion classes increase their collision cross-section upon mass addition different trend lines result.



**Figure 2.** MALDI-IM-TOF mass spectra of the peptide, substance P, with carbon cluster fragments from 90% C<sub>60</sub> to 10% C<sub>70</sub>.

## CHAPTER II

## RESOLUTION EQUATIONS APPLIED TO HIGH-FIELD ION MOBILITY

**Background**

Separations based on the mobility of an ion through a neutral buffer gas (*i.e.*, ion mobility spectrometry (IMS))<sup>2,22</sup> has become an important technology for separation of long-lived electronic states of gas-phase ions and a sensitive method for detection of air-borne species.<sup>3,25</sup> Recent work which demonstrates the utility of IMS for analyzing gas-phase ionized biopolymers (*i.e.*, peptides, proteins, DNA, etc.) has renewed interest in the analytical applications and led to development of several high-resolution drift tube designs.<sup>26-32</sup> In order to effect separation of near-thermal populations of structural isomers of gas-phase ions, most IMS measurements are performed near the low-field limit. The advantage of operating under low-field conditions is that band broadening is limited to longitudinal diffusion and, these conditions minimize adverse effects of ion activation by ion-neutral collisions.

The use of IMS can be divided into two pressure regimes, *viz.* high pressure (typically low-field) and low pressure (either low or high applied fields), and there are distinct advantages associated with both pressure regimes. At high pressure, the number of ion-neutral collisions is high (about  $1.87 \times 10^{10}$  collisions/s for  $C_{60}$  in 760 torr He) and the probability of unwanted collisions with gas impurities is increased relative to low pressure conditions (about  $2.45 \times 10^7$  collisions/s for  $C_{60}$  in 1 torr He). For example, in a 30cm drift cell maintained at 760 torr He,  $C_{60}$  will collide with an impurity of 0.01%

about  $6.4 \times 10^5$  times, but at 1 torr He,  $C_{60}$  will collide about 11 times. An advantage of low pressure drift tube design is the ease of coupling ion mobility with high vacuum mass spectrometers. High vacuum ion sources and mass spectrometers have been developed for mass selection and ion injection, which is more difficult at high pressures. Lastly, high field mobility decreases ion separation times, leading to higher throughput analysis (approximately 3 orders of magnitude faster for analysis times at 1 torr over 760 torr).

According to Wannier, low-field is defined in terms of the kinetic energy acquired by the ion in the presence of an applied field ( $E_0$ ). That is, the translational energy gained by the ions between collisions should be less than the thermal energy of the collision gas,<sup>35-36</sup>

$$eE_0\lambda \ll k_b T \quad (8)$$

where  $e$  is the charge on the ion,  $k_b$  is Boltzmann's constant, and  $T$  is the collision gas temperature. Wannier further describes the mass dependence of the above inequality by expressing equation 8 in terms of drift gas pressure ( $p$ ) and collision cross-section ( $\sigma$ ) rather than the mean free path ( $\lambda$ ).

$$\frac{E_0}{p} \ll \frac{\sigma}{e} \frac{mM}{m^2 + M^2} \quad (9)$$

where  $m$  is the mass of the ion and  $M$  is the mass of the neutral drift gas. Using Eq.9, the low-field limit for a range of masses, pressures, and applied electric fields can be predicted. For example, the low-field limit is generally assumed to be 2 V/cm•torr for

atomic species, but for peptide ions in the  $m/z$  range 500-2500, the low field limit ranges from 15-45 V/cm•torr.

This report describes ion mobility resolution under high-field conditions by applying Wannier's diffusion relation to the known expression for ion mobility (IM) resolution. The resulting equation is applicable to IM separations over a much broader range of field conditions. A detailed examination of this new expression suggests that resolution for ions that have low mobilities (*i.e.*, large protein and peptide ions) approach the theoretical low-field resolution, even at high  $E/p$ , where small ions exhibit a decrease in resolution.

In addition, the effect of drift tube temperature on resolution as a function of the mobility of the ion is briefly considered, as it is known that resolution under low-field conditions varies as  $1/T^{1/2}$ . Also, Wannier's diffusion relations indicate that radial diffusion under high-field conditions will be greater than low-field conditions, leading to a decrease of ion transmission in the high-field limit. We examine both figures of merit, resolution and transmission efficiency, in the evaluation of IM separation performed at high  $E/p$ .

### Theory

The mobility ( $K$ ) of an ion through a neutral drift gas is determined by the ion's drift velocity ( $v_d$ ) and applied electric field;<sup>1</sup>

$$v_d = \frac{L}{t_d} = KE_o \quad (10)$$



where the ion's mobility ( $K$ ) is described by Revercomb and Mason<sup>37</sup> to be proportional to the reduced mass ( $\mu$ ) of the ion and neutral drift gas, and the collision integral ( $\Omega_o$ ).

$$K \propto \frac{1}{\mu\Omega_o} \quad (11)$$

Mobility resolution has been derived for low-field applications;<sup>38-40</sup> however, high applied fields and low pressure have a distinct effect on mobility resolution.

IM Resolution is usually defined in terms of a single peak;<sup>40</sup>

$$R = \frac{L}{W_{1/2}} \quad (12)$$

where,  $L$  is the drift length and  $W_{1/2}$  is the peak width at half maximum. The peak width depends on four broadening terms: the initial pulse, diffusion, space charge effects, and ion-molecule reactions.<sup>39</sup> If we assume that the initial ion gate width is narrow with respect to the peak width, the number of ions in each ion packet is low, and the ion-neutral interaction potential with the bath gas is negligible, then we can assume the band broadening is limited to the diffusion term.

$$W \cong W_d \quad (13)$$

A general diffusion profile can be obtained by solving Fick's second law of diffusion (eq. 14) provided that the diffusion coefficient ( $D$ ) is constant for a particular system (no pressure gradients).<sup>41</sup>

$$\frac{\partial N_i}{\partial t} = -D \frac{\partial^2 N_i}{\partial z^2} \quad (14)$$

The left hand side of the equation is the rate of transfer of ions per unit area per unit time along the  $z$  direction and  $N_i$  is the number density of ions per unit volume. Assuming

that the diffusion of ions is equal in both directions along the z axis,<sup>41</sup> integration of eq. 14 results in:

$$N_i(x, t_d) = \frac{M}{2\sqrt{\pi Dt_d}} e^{-\frac{(x-L)^2}{4Dt_d}} \quad (15)$$

The above distribution equation of the total ion concentration M traveling the drift length L at time  $t_d$  can be compared to the Gaussian distribution profile to solve for the peak variance ( $\sigma$ ).

$$\sigma = \sqrt{2Dt_d} \quad (16)$$

Knowing that the FWHM (full width at half max) is equal to 2.35 times the variance for a normal Gaussian distribution, we can add the diffusion term (eq. 16) to the peak resolution (eq. 12).

$$R = \frac{L}{3.32\sqrt{Dt_d}} \quad (17)$$

By solving (eq.10) for the drift length (L) and substituting in the resolution equation (eq. 13), we can evaluate the effect of mobility, diffusion, and applied electric field on the peak resolution.<sup>38</sup>

$$R = \frac{KE_o}{3.32} \sqrt{\frac{t_d}{D}} \quad (18)$$

Under low-field conditions, the diffusion coefficient can be approximated by the Nernst-Einstein-Townsend relation.<sup>38</sup>

$$D = \frac{k_b T}{q} K \quad (19)$$

where  $q$  is the charge,  $k_b$  the Boltzmann constant, and  $T$  is the temperature. Temperature is assumed to be the same for both the bath gas and the ion at low field. If we assume that we are in this “low-field limit”, then the resolution equation simplifies to:<sup>38</sup>

$$R = 32.33 \sqrt{\frac{LE_o q}{T}} \quad (20)$$

where  $q$  is the charge number of the ion.

Wannier used the Boltzmann equation to describe the effect of high applied fields on ion diffusion through a neutral drift gas. Wannier calculated the diffusion, both axially ( $D_z$ ) and radially ( $D_r$ ), using an isotropic scattering model.<sup>35-36, 42</sup>

$$D_z = \frac{k_b T}{q} K + \frac{M}{3} \cdot \frac{M + 3.2m}{M + 1.908m} \cdot \frac{E^2 K^3}{q} \quad (21)$$

$$D_r = \frac{k_b T}{q} K + \frac{M}{3} \cdot \frac{M + m}{M + 1.908m} \cdot \frac{E^2 K^3}{q} \quad (22)$$

This more complete model of diffusion changes significantly the peak broadening at higher  $E/p$ . Also, Equation 22 reduces to the Einstein relation at diminishing applied fields. Here, we utilize Wannier's relations to derive equations to predict mobility peak widths at a variety of field strengths and propose that increased mobility resolution is possible under low pressure conditions.

For completeness, we also consider ion transmission, because it plays a large role on instrument design. Percent ion transmission is defined in terms of Equation 23:<sup>42</sup>

$$\%T = \left( 1 - \exp \frac{-r^2}{4D_r t} \right) 100 \quad (23)$$

We use Wannier's radial diffusion term to evaluate the broadening of the ion packet and calculate the number of ions that will transmit through the exit orifice ( $r$ ). Since we know that drift time is directly proportional to drift length (eq. 8), we can see that longer drift cells will decrease transmission. This needs to be accounted for when developing a mobility instrument that fits specific resolution requirements.

### **Experimental Methods**

Ion mobility data was acquired using a matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization (MALDI)-ion mobility (IM)-orthogonal- time-of-flight (o-TOF)- mass spectrometer (MS) built in-house and described elsewhere.<sup>43</sup> Briefly, ions are created at the operating pressure of the drift tube (1 torr He) and allowed to drift over 45 cm in the presence of a superimposed linear and non-linear electric fields.<sup>40</sup> Ions that exit the drift cell are sampled with a 30cm orthogonal TOF for detection and mass analysis. Data is collected using a custom data acquisition software package (Ionwerks, Inc. Houston, TX.) and processed using Transform (IDL, Research Systems, Boulder, CO.).  $C_{60}/C_{70}$  and bradykinin were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis, MO.) and used without additional purification. MALDI was performed by diluting a 100 picomole/ $\mu$ L stock solution of bradykinin with a solution of  $\alpha$ -cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid to a matrix-to-analyte ratio of 2000:1.

The low mass and temperature controlled studies were carried out on a liquid nitrogen-cooled ion mobility orthogonal- time-of-flight mass spectrometer built in-house.<sup>44</sup> The samples are ionized using electron impact and separated in the drift tube at

a constant buffer gas concentration equal to 1 torr at room temperature. The data acquisition package is the same as described above.

Unknown mobility, resolution, diffusion, and transmission values were calculated using a predictive software package called “MobCross” developed at Texas A&M University. This package utilizes known and derived equations to calculate mobility values. It also employs a Monte Carlo simulation to predict ion cross-sections based on *ab initio* and molecular mechanic calculations.<sup>19</sup>

## Results and Discussion

In order to evaluate the effects of different control variables on resolution, we need to combine the resolution equation (eq. 18) with Wannier’s relation (eq. 21). To reduce the number of terms in Wannier’s relation, we condensed the mass term to  $\mu_w$ , where

$$\mu_w = \frac{m}{3} \frac{m + 3.2M}{m + 1.908M} \quad (24)$$

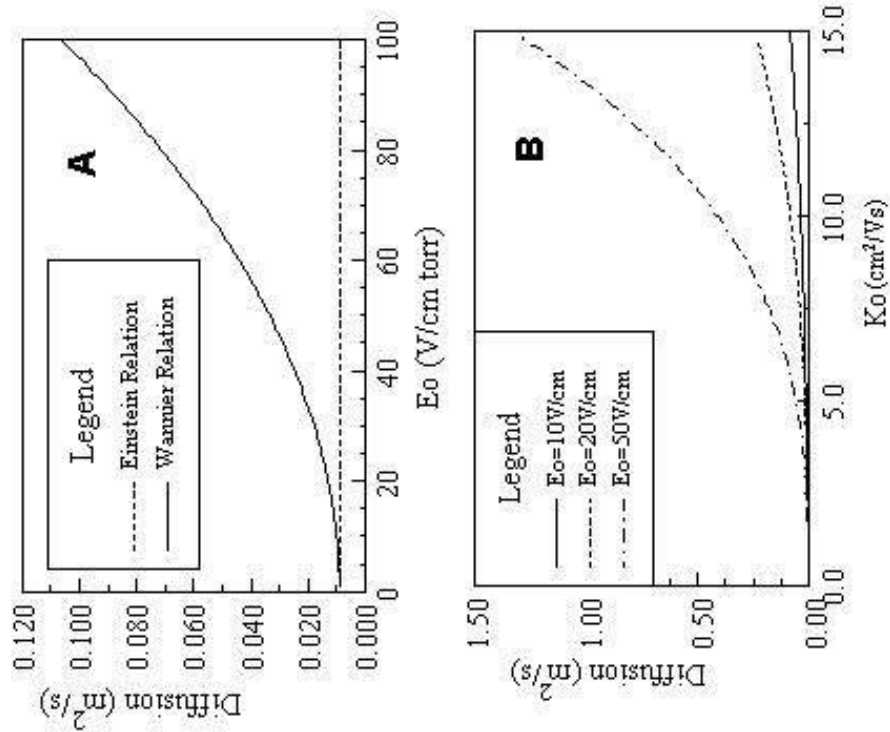
$$D_z = \frac{k_b T}{q} K + \mu_w \cdot \frac{E^2 K^3}{q} \quad (25)$$

Equation 25 is substituted into equation 18 and simplified.

$$R = 0.301 \left( \frac{qLE}{k_b T + \mu_w E^2 K^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (26)$$

Equation 26 represents the broader resolution equation for both low and high-field mobility.

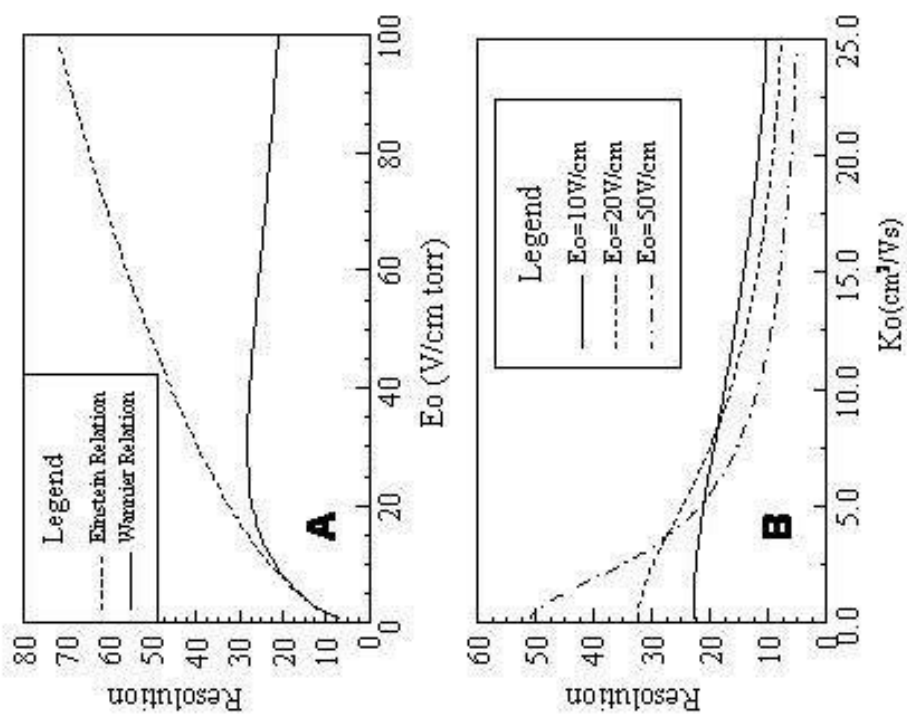
Figure 3A illustrates the large differences between the diffusion for the Nernst-Einstein Relation (eq. 19) and Wannier’s relation (eq. 21). The calculations were



**Figure 3.** A) Plot of diffusion versus applied field ( $E_o$ ) at 1 torr drift pressure for  $C_{60}$ . B) Plot of diffusion as a function of reduced mobility for a 1.5cm drift cell at 1 torr for applied fields of 10, 20, and 50V/cm.

performed for  $C_{60}$  ion in a helium drift gas, using a  $m/z$  value of 720 and a mobility of  $4.31 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ .<sup>45-46</sup> The deviation of the two diffusion relations begins at about 2  $\text{V}/\text{cm}\cdot\text{torr}$  and exceeds three orders of magnitude at fields greater than  $40 \text{ V}/\text{cm}\cdot\text{torr}$ . Using Wannier's relation we see that the diffusion changes as a function of the square of the applied field, but also as the cube of the mobility of the ion. Figure 3B, which contains a plot of diffusion versus reduced mobility ( $K_0$ ) for a range of field strengths, shows that as the mobility of the ion approaches zero, Wannier's relation (eq. 21) approaches the Einstein relation (eq. 19).

Differences in longitudinal diffusion also cause dramatic changes in the resolution of the high-field ion mobility measurements. Figure 4A shows the effect of  $E_0$  on resolution. Because the Nernst-Einstein relation is independent of applied field, the resolution calculated using equation 19 results in a sizable error in the high-field range. For example, at  $60 \text{ V}/\text{cm}\cdot\text{torr}$  the calculated resolution would be 45% of the predicted Einstein relation value. On the other hand, Wannier's relation yields substantial improvement over the Nernst-Einstein relation in predicting resolution over a broad range of applied fields. As can be seen in Figure 4A, the resolution reaches a maximum value and then reduces as the applied field is increased; however, this local maximum changes as a function of the mobility. Figure 4B illustrates that at high  $K_0$  an increase in  $E/p$  results in a decrease in resolution, whereas for ions having a mobility approaching zero, the resolution increases as  $E/p$  is increased. Intermediate mobility values display a cross-over point that shows an increase in resolution up to a point, beyond which the



**Figure 4.** A.) Plot of predicted resolution versus applied field for  $C_{10}$  at 1 torr drift pressure. B) The resolution versus reduced mobility of a 1.5cm drift cell at 1 torr for applied fields of 10, 20, and 50V/cm.

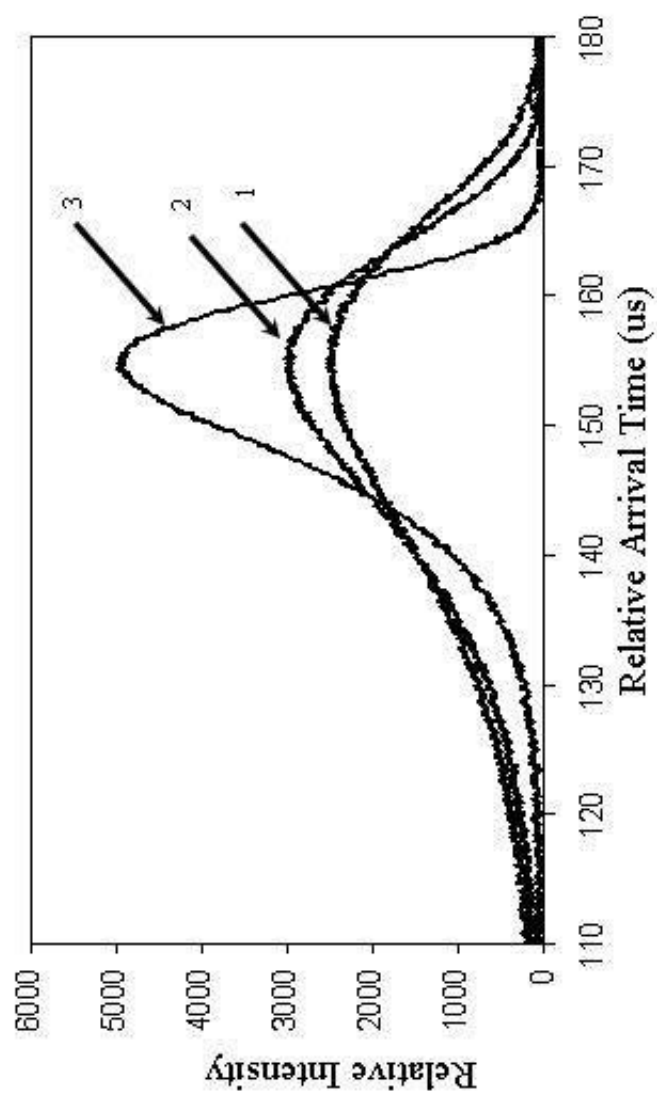


resolution decreases. Therefore, as the mobility approaches zero, resolution can be estimated using the Nernst-Townsend-Einstein equation (eq. 30).

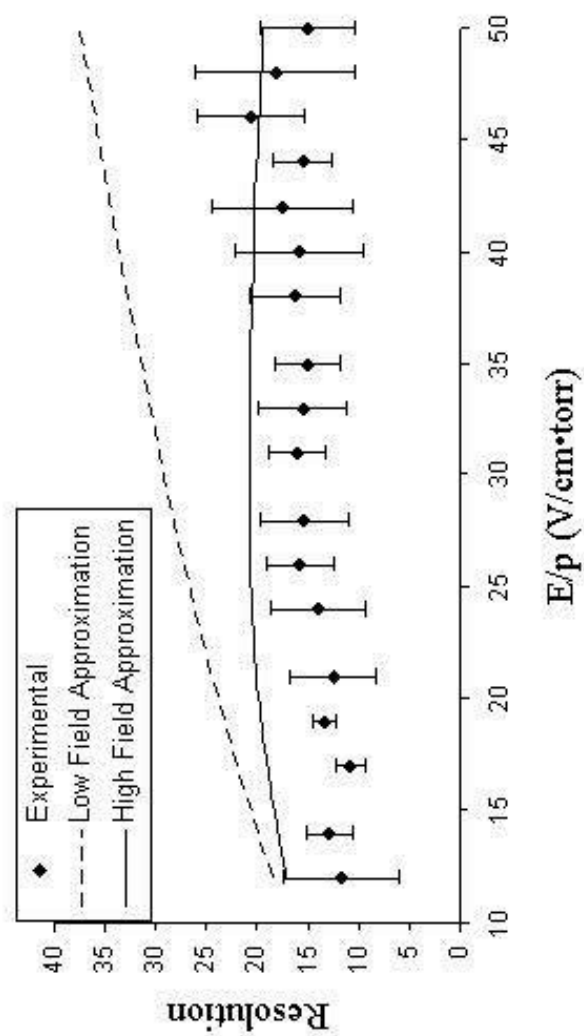
Equation 26 is best utilized to obtain an accurate resolution estimate under varying field conditions for a broad range of ions. For ions having  $K_0 > 1$ , it is imperative to use equation 26 in the high field region to obtain accurate resolutions. Figure 5 illustrates the resolution of  $\text{He}^+$  in 1 torr He drift gas as a function of  $E/p$ . The IM resolution is observed to decrease as the applied field is increased, exhibiting a drop of 38% from 2 V/cm to 10V/cm. This decrease in resolution as a function of increased applied field is contrary to the low-field resolution equation (eq. 20), where resolution should increase with increasing field strength. However, equation 26 explains this trend of decreasing resolution for increasing applied fields for small molecular and atomic ions (large mobilities). The contribution of the ion-neutral interaction is not negligible in this case, due to a charge-exchange mechanism under these conditions.<sup>44</sup>

Figure 6 reproduces the low field and high field approximations from Figure 4A. In addition, experimental data for  $\text{C}_{60}^{++}$  is presented for comparison. Within the error of the resolution measurement (expressed as a range over multiple values at a single field strength), the observed experimental trend more closely matches the predicted value from equation 26, than those of equation 20. For example at  $E/p$  of 50 V/cm•torr the resolution difference is 4 for the high field prediction, but a difference of 18 compared to the low field estimate.

Resolution for large molecules (low mobility) can be estimated using the low-field equations, and equation 20 becomes an accurate approximation of resolution.



**Figure 5.** Plot of He<sup>+</sup> in He at 1 torr. 1.) Resolution of 4.8 at E/p=10V/cm·torr 2.) Resolution of 6.5 at E/p=5V/cm·torr 3.)Resolution of 7.8 at 2V/cm·torr.



**Figure 6.** Plot of experimental  $C_{60}$  resolution at varying  $E/p$  compared to the low field and high field approximations.

Therefore, it can be seen that resolution can increase by applying higher fields for ions with  $K_0 > 1$ . The trend in figure 4B can be illustrated by showing the dependence of mass on peak resolution, since it has been well established that mass and mobility correlate. Figure 7 illustrates this mass dependence on resolution. The mobility resolution was measured for a group of peaks (I-V) at varying  $m/z$ . IM resolution ( $t/\Delta t$ ) values for signals I, II, and III are 17.5, 30.3, and 33.0 respectively. Average IM resolution values for the ion signals in regions IV and V of the plot are 35.8 and 41.1 respectively.

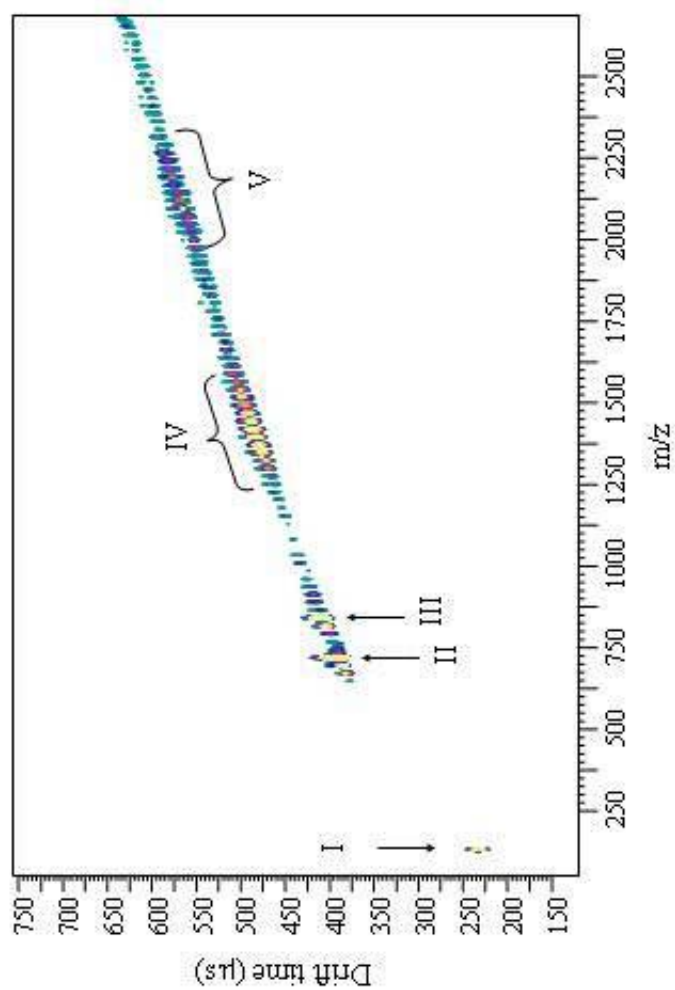
Equation 19 also illustrates the dependence of resolution on temperature.

Resolution can be substantially increased by decreasing the temperature of the drift gas. At a constant applied field, the resolution can increase 44% by reducing the temperature from 300K to 100K. Figure 8 contains a plot of resolution versus temperature for the  $Kr^{2+}$  ion in Kr drift gas. The actual resolution follows closely that predicted by equation 26.

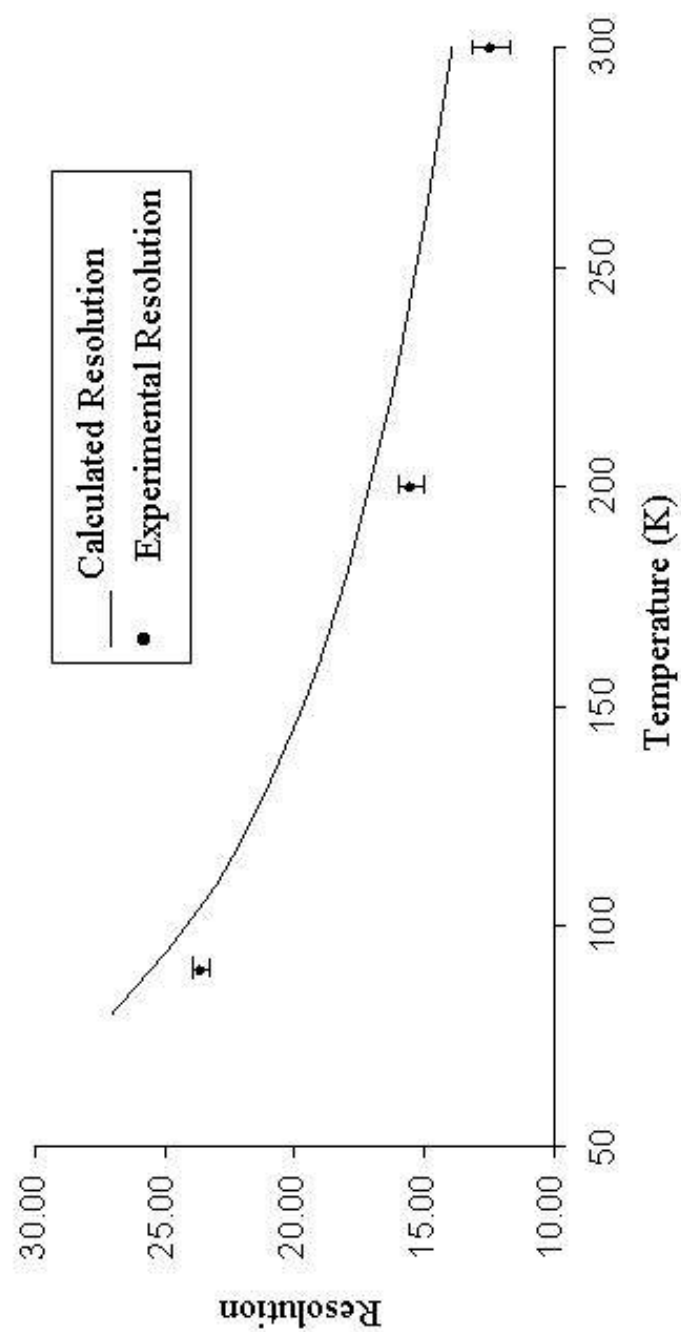
While resolution ( $t/\Delta t$ ) is an important figure of merit for IM cell design, resolving power, the ability of a technique to separate two species, is arguably a more important aspect of any separation. In the case of ion mobility, resolving power is directly proportional to resolution:<sup>47</sup>

$$R_s = R \left( \frac{t_2 - t_1}{t_{avg}} \right) \quad (27)$$

This indicates that increasing the peak resolution for a separation carried out under hard-sphere collision conditions (i.e. large molecule separation) will increase the resolving power. For small molecular ions which display a strong interaction with the buffer gas,



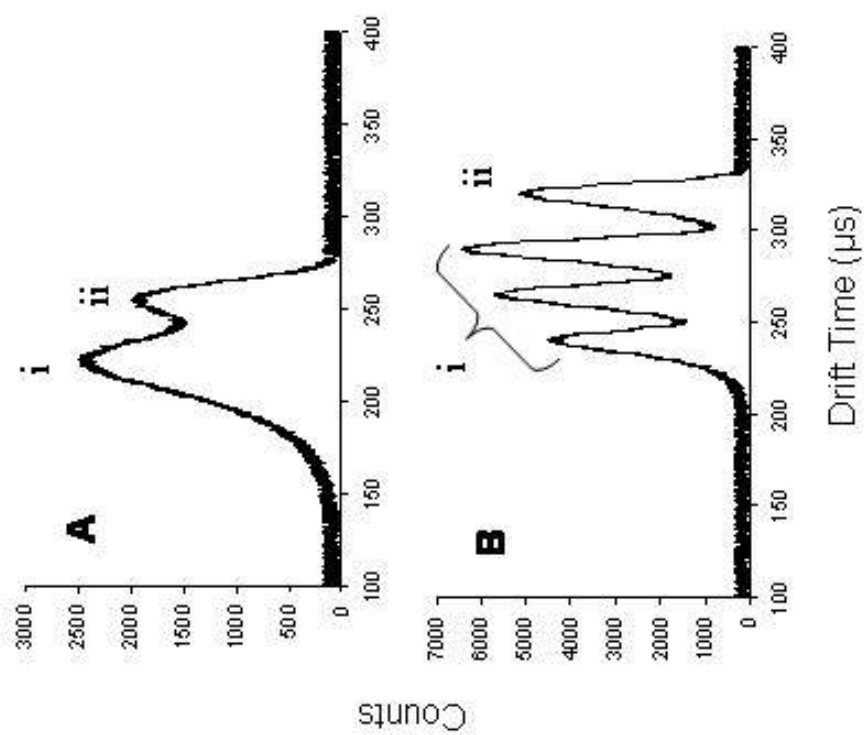
**Figure 7.** Drift time- $m/z$  plot of a mixture  $C_s^+$  (Signal I),  $C_{60}^+$  (Signal II),  $C_{70}^+$  (Signal III), and other fullerene related carbon clusters (signals for  $C_{110}$ - $C_{132}$  ions are labeled as IV, and signals for  $C_{144}$ - $C_{181}$  ions are labeled as V) acquired at  $66 \text{ V cm}^{-1} \text{ torr}^{-1}$ .



**Figure 8.** Plot of experimental  $\text{Kr}^{2+}$  resolution at varying temperature compared to the high field resolution approximations. Applied field is at  $4V/\text{cm}\cdot\text{torr}$ .

isobaric species can be separated. In these experiments resolving power is a better quantity to express. Figure 9 illustrates the resolving power increase for decreasing buffer gas temperature from 300 K (Figure 9A) to 90 K (Figure 9B). The resolving power is increased by a factor of 4.3 for the different excited and spin states of  $\text{Kr}^{2+}$  in Kr.

It is also known that the length of the drift region has a great impact on IM resolution. An observation that remains constant at high applied fields (See eq. 26). On the other hand, an increase in the drift region length will have adverse effects on the transmission efficiency of the drift cell, which will also affect the detection limits of the device (eq. 23). The transmission efficiencies of a low pressure instrument operating at high applied fields will suffer from increased ion loss due to the radial diffusion increase predicted by equation 22. Groups have solved some of the transmission problems by implementing methods to focus the radially diffusing ion packet back to the drift cell center. Examples are the implementation of a segmented radiofrequency-only quadrupole,<sup>45</sup> magnetic field,<sup>46</sup> and periodic focusing.<sup>43</sup>



**Figure 9.** The arrival time distribution of  $\text{Kr}_2^+$  in Kr at 0.5 torr, and an applied field at 8 V/cm at 300 K (A) and 90 K (B). Peaks i and ii are discussed in the text.



CHAPTER III  
PERIODIC FOCUSING EQUATIONS FOR AN AXIALLY SYMMETRIC  
ELECTROSTATIC MOBILITY CELL

**Background**

The initial idea for the development of a periodic electrostatic lens came from Brookhaven National Laboratory's discovery of "strong focusing forces" using positive and negative successive sectors in a synchrotron.<sup>48</sup> The idea was further developed by Clogston and Heffner at Bell Labs in 1953 to aid in the problem of focusing long electron beams.<sup>49</sup> Here, they developed the mathematical treatment for axially symmetric periodic electric fields. The next evolution of this technique was to use a series of annular lenses with alternating positive, negative applied potentials to produce the periodic field.<sup>50</sup>

In 1964, Szilagyí of the Research Institute for Technical Physics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences developed the mathematical treatment for a periodic electrostatic lens using a series of concentric rings interconnected by resistors designed by Dunn *et al.*<sup>51-53</sup> This application was adapted in microwave tubes to maintain the shape of long electron beams.<sup>54</sup> It was discovered here that the optimal electron flow was acquired when the period was greater than the aperture radius of the rings.<sup>51</sup>

Periodic focusing has been developed over the years specifically for the application of confining high energy beams. Segmented quadrupoles have also been employed to produce the focusing, defocusing repetitive pattern for positron and electron

confinement.<sup>55</sup> This had a profound impact in applications due to the fact that periodic focusing eliminated the need for magnetic confinement.<sup>55</sup>

The reason the periodic field maintains the electron or ion beam is due to repetitive focusing, defocusing regions. In this system, the charged particle is always further away from the axis in a focusing region, while closer to the axis in the defocusing region.<sup>56</sup> This allows focusing of the electron or ion beam due to the fact that the charged particle is deflected in the defocusing region, then the focusing region overcompensates by reflecting the ion back to the center. A net focusing effect is observed in the absence of diffusion.

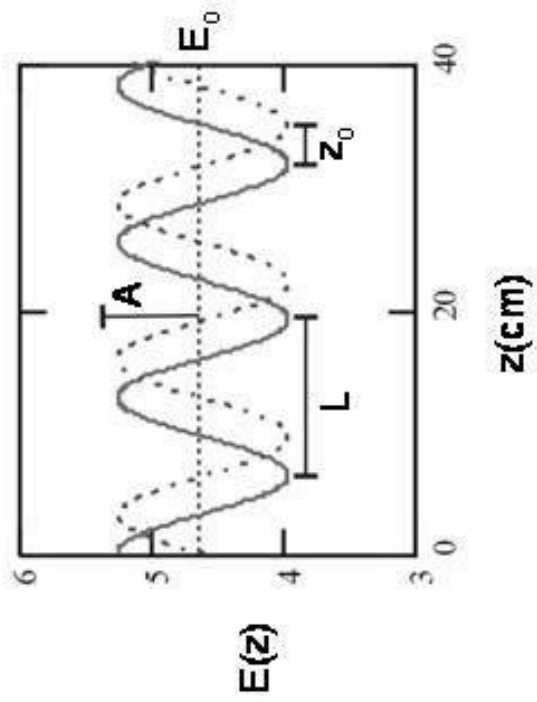
Here, we present the mathematical equations and simulations of a periodic electrostatic lens applied to ions in a neutral buffer gas. We show the effect of ion mass and applied fields on the ion transmission properties as compared to a linear electrostatic lens. Our results incorporate Wannier's diffusion in both the periodic and linear cases.

### **Mathematic Derivation**

Figure 10 shows a waveform and its properties. Here the sinusoidal plot illustrates an applied field ( $E_o$ ) on a periodic electrostatic lens.

$$E(z) = E_o + A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{L} z_o + \frac{2\pi}{L} z\right) \quad (28)$$

Equation 1 defines the field along the z-axis at  $r=0$  (the radial component). Here, A is the amplitude,  $z_o$  is the waveform's starting point offset, and L is the length between electrostatic lenses (Figure 10). To simulate the motion of an ion within this applied



**Figure 10.** Schematic of a periodic field (dashed with no offset, lined with offset  $z_0$ ).

field, the radial component ( $r$ ) must be added. The definition of the potential ( $V(r,z)$ ) for a cylindrically symmetric lens system is determined by power series expansion (eq. 29) based on the potential in the  $z$ -direction ( $V(z)$ )<sup>57</sup>.

$$V(r, z) = V(z) - \frac{r^2 V(z)''}{2^2} + \frac{r^4 V(z)'''}{2^2 \cdot 4^2} \dots \quad (29)$$

From Equations 1 and 2, the field ( $E(r,z)$ ) must be determined at any radial and translational position to determine the acceleration ( $a$ ) imposed on the ion.

$$a(r, z) = \frac{E(r, z)e}{m} \quad (30)$$

Here,  $e$  is the ion's charge and  $m$  is the ion's mass.

In order to solve equation 29,  $V(z)$  must be determined by integrating  $E(z)$  over all space:

$$V(z) = \int E(z) dz \quad (31)$$

$$V(z) = E_o z - \frac{AL}{2\pi} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{L} z_o + \frac{2\pi}{L} z\right) + C \quad (32)$$

where  $C$  is a constant of integration. The second and fourth derivative must be determined to complete the expansion of equation 29.

$$V(z)' = E_o + A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{L} z_o + \frac{2\pi}{L} z\right) \quad (33)$$

$$V(z)'' = \frac{2A\pi}{L} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{L} z_o + \frac{2\pi}{L} z\right) \quad (34)$$

$$V(z)''' = -\frac{4A\pi}{L^2} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{L} z_o + \frac{2\pi}{L} z\right) \quad (35)$$

$$V(z)^{IV} = -\frac{8A\pi}{L^3} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{L}z_o + \frac{2\pi}{L}z\right) \quad (36)$$

By substituting equations 32, 34, and 36 into equation 29, a complete potential equation is obtained.

$$V(r, z) = E_o z - \frac{AL}{2\pi} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{L}z_o + \frac{2\pi}{L}z\right) - \frac{r^2 A\pi}{2L} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{L}z_o + \frac{2\pi}{L}z\right) - \frac{r^4 A\pi^3}{8L^3} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{L}z_o + \frac{2\pi}{L}z\right) + C \quad (37)$$

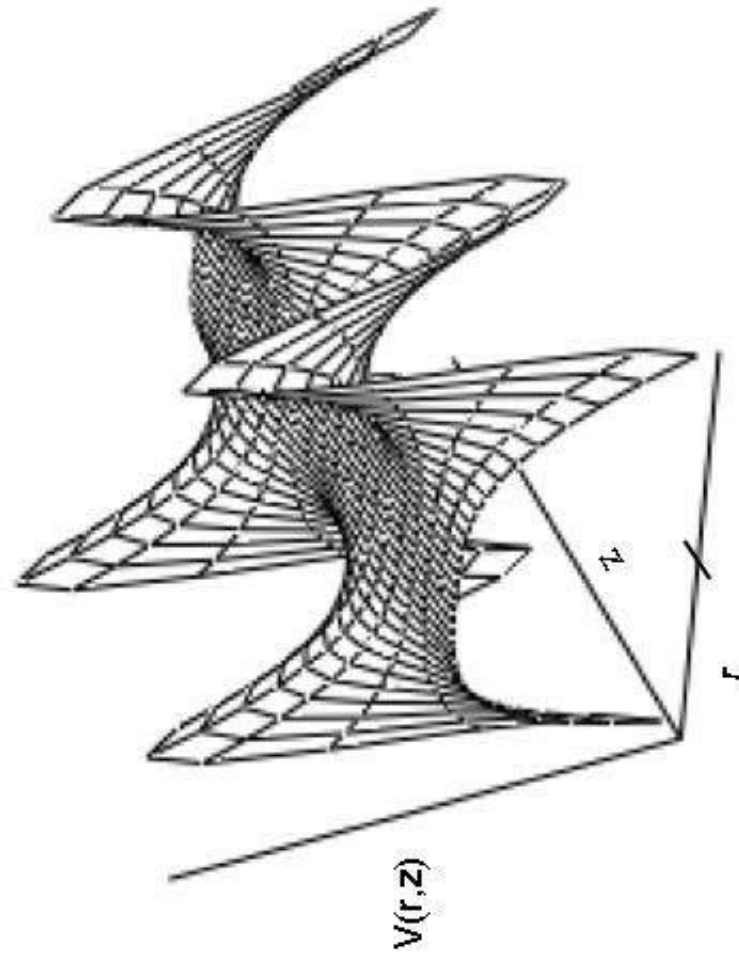
Equation 10 gives the complete potential for any z and r within a cylindrically symmetric periodic electrostatic lens. Figure 11 illustrates the 3-D graphical representation of the potential within the periodic electrostatic lens.

In order to determine ion motion, the field must be determined along the radial and translational axis. This is accomplished by taking the derivative of equation 37 in terms a z at constant r for the translational component, and in terms of r at constant z for the radical component.

$$E(z) = E_o + A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{L}z_o + \frac{2\pi}{L}z\right) + \frac{r^2 A\pi^2}{L^2} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{L}z_o + \frac{2\pi}{L}z\right) + \frac{r^4 A\pi^4}{4L^4} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{L}z_o + \frac{2\pi}{L}z\right) \quad (38)$$

$$E(r) = -\frac{rA\pi}{L} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{L}z_o + \frac{2\pi}{L}z\right) - \frac{r^3 A\pi^3}{2L^3} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{L}z_o + \frac{2\pi}{L}z\right) \quad (39)$$

The radial and translational field can be determined for any (r,z) position.



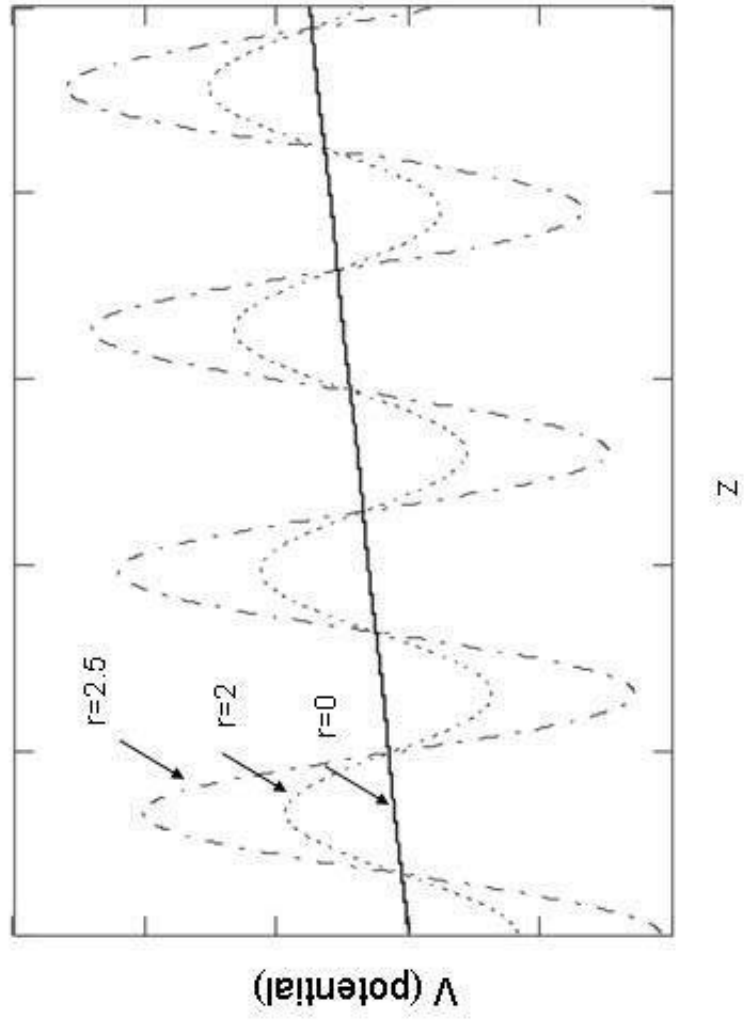
**Figure 11.** 3-D contour plot of the potential versus radial position( $r$ ) and axial position ( $z$ )

## Results and Discussion

Figure 12 shows the potential (V) behavior as a function of  $z$  (the translational axis). As an ion is found further from the center ( $r=2, 2.5$ ) the potential becomes increasingly periodic (equation 37). Figure 12 shows the 3-D representation of the potential value from equation 37 as a function of both  $r$  (radial component) and  $z$ . Figure 12 illustrates the focusing, defocusing, etc. nature of the periodic lens assembly.

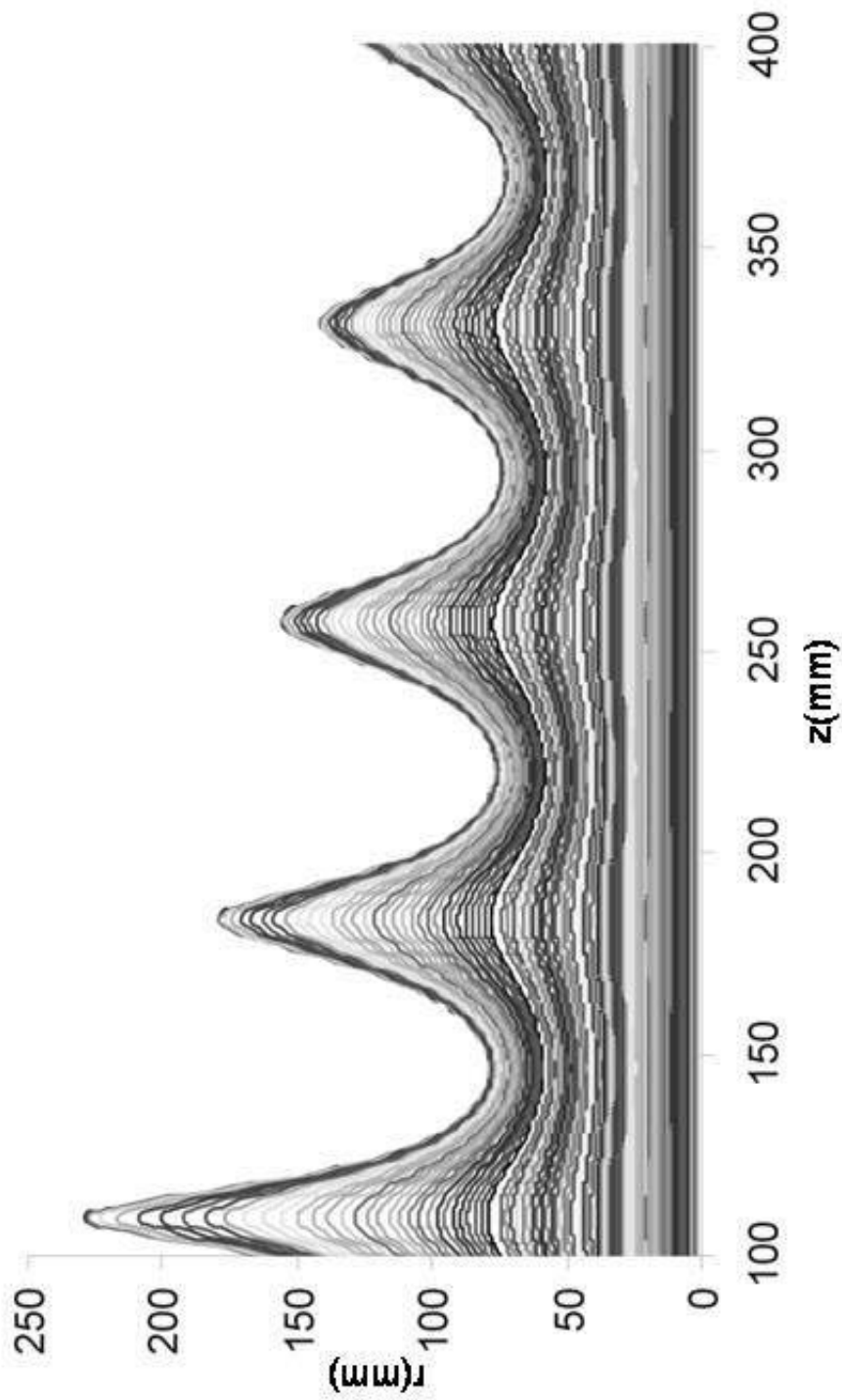
To prove the focusing effect of a periodic field, it was necessary to run an ion motion simulation in the absence of a neutral drift gas. The ion motion has been shown to have a net focusing effect in the presence of a periodic field for high intensity electron beams.<sup>9</sup> Figure 13 shows the simulated behavior of the ions in a periodic electrostatic lens array using equations 38 and 39, and negating the space-charge effects. An ion in a periodic electrostatic field demonstrates similar focusing effects compared to a periodic field produced from alternating quadrupole fields.

The program developed herein (Appendix B) was designed to simulate an ion's motion in a periodic field in the presence of a neutral buffer gas. Figure 14 shows the front end of the simulation program developed in Visual Basic.Net. Tools are added to vary the diffusion (pressure, temperature), define the ion (mass, mobility, cross-section), and calculate transmission (exit radius). The diffusive pattern figure on the left illustrates the ion diffusion due to Wannier's radial diffusion equation in a linear field. This can be compared to the diffusion pattern of the ions in a periodic field with the same diffusion equations (right figure). Diffusive steps are taking in the radial direction for the periodic simulation based on the diffusion values calculated on Wannier's

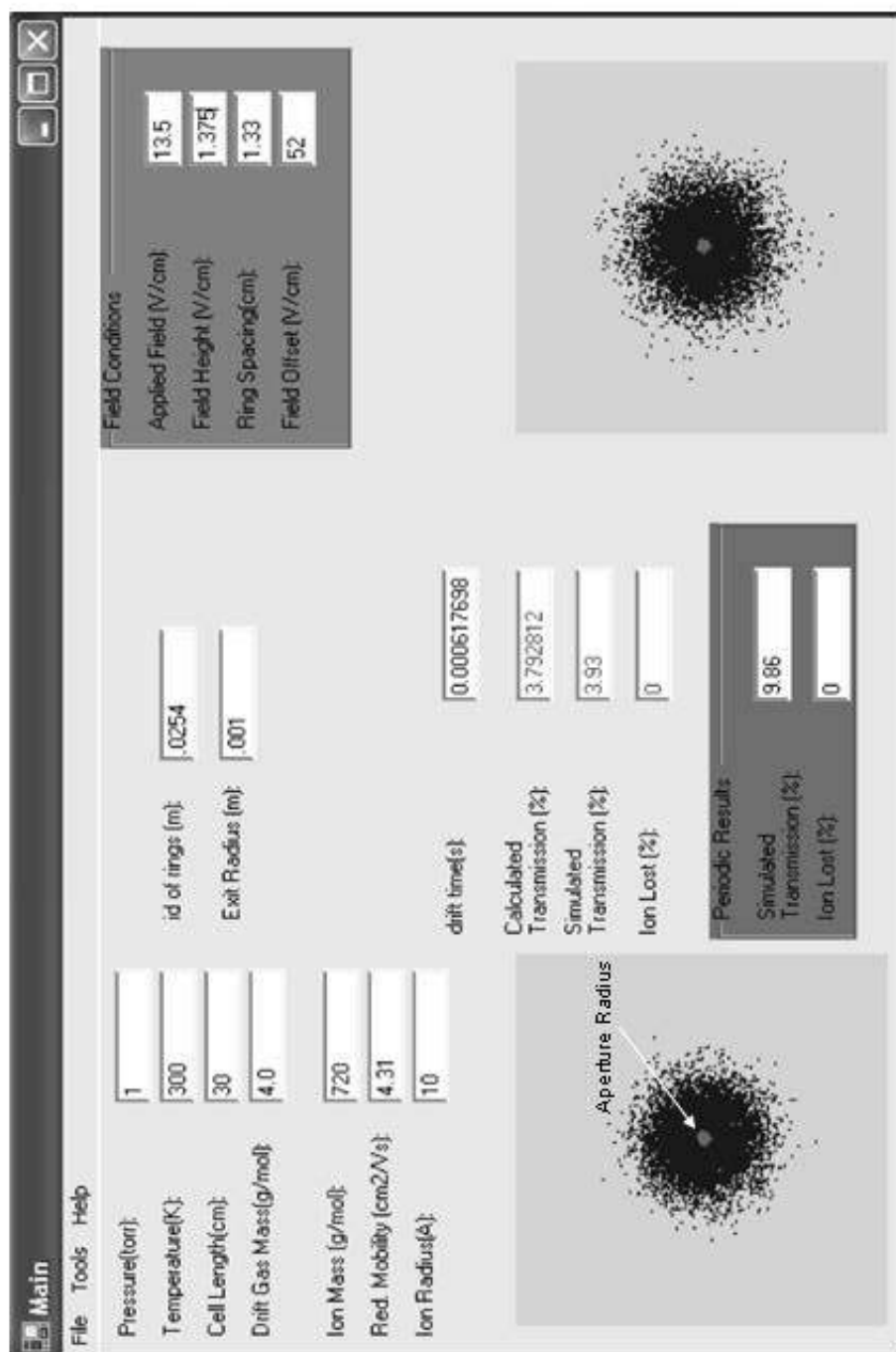


**Figure 12.** Plot of position along the  $z$  axis versus potential for differing radial positions.





**Figure 13.** Schematic of the periodic simulation program's front end.



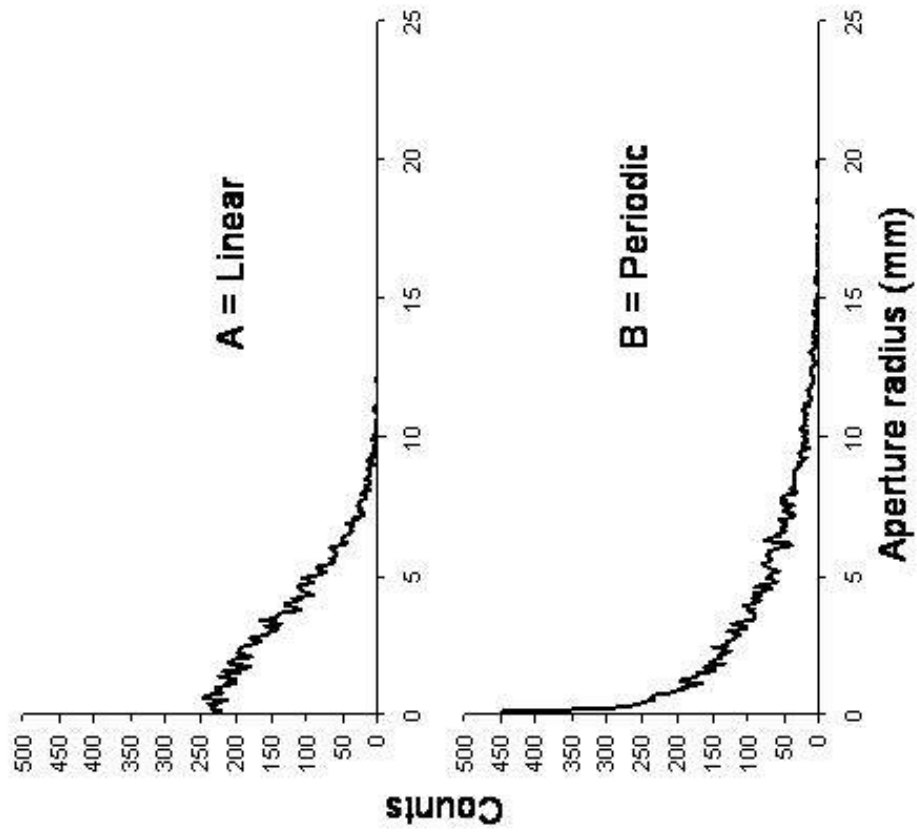
**Figure 14.** Schematic of the ion radial motion along the z-axis within a periodic electrostatic lens for ions starting from 0 to 100 run from the radial axis ( $r=0$ ).

equations in a linear field. The field effects are then determined for the ion location ( $r, z$ ) and a new position based on these values are determined. These steps are determined by the  $z$  value of  $\frac{1}{4}$  the mean free path of the ion. The percent transmission is then determined by the number of ions within the  $r$  value of the exit radius (the light colored spot). The program will also output the radial position to an ascii text file to look at the full dispersion of the ions under specific conditions.

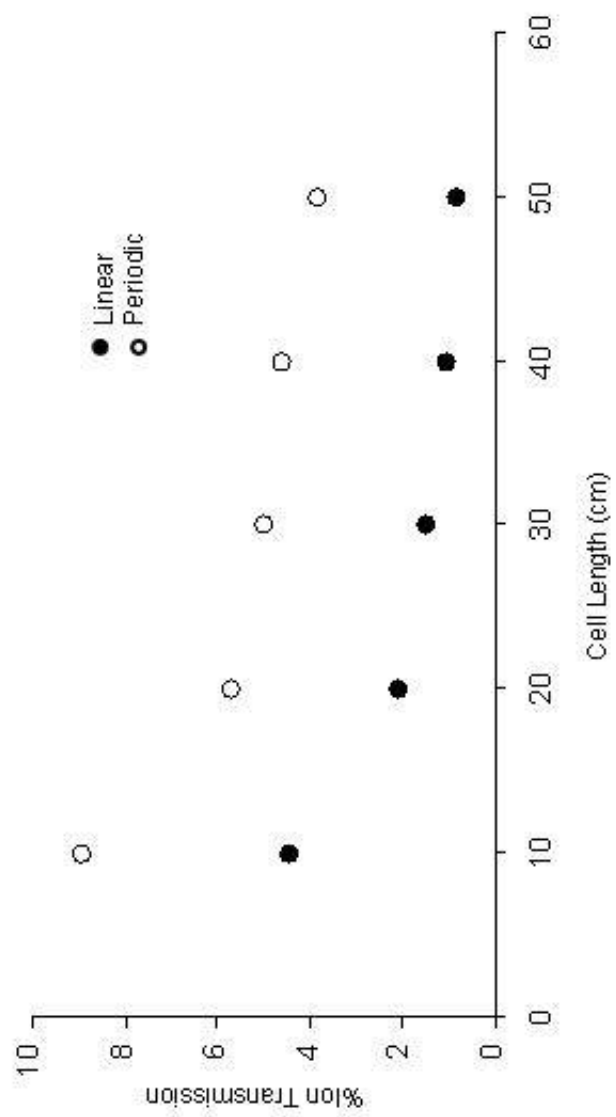
Figure 15 shows the ion count distribution for 10000 ions as a function of distance from  $r=0$ . Figure 15A shows the distribution for ions of  $m/z = 720$  in a 30cm linear field for an applied field of 13.5V/cm. Figure 15B shows the same ions after a periodic electrostatic lens system of the same length. The number of ions confined towards the center of the cell ( $r=0$ ) has increased a factor of 35 for  $m/z=720$  for an exit aperture radius of 0.1mm.

Figure 16 and 17 shows the trends of the factor increase in transmission versus cell length and aperture diameter, respectively, for a series of masses in a periodic cell compared to a linear cell. Higher mass ions get better transmission, but since the diffusion is decreased due to an increase in mass (shorter mean free path), the increase in transmission over a linear cell will be less pronounced. These trends also illustrate a better increase in transmission at smaller aperture values.

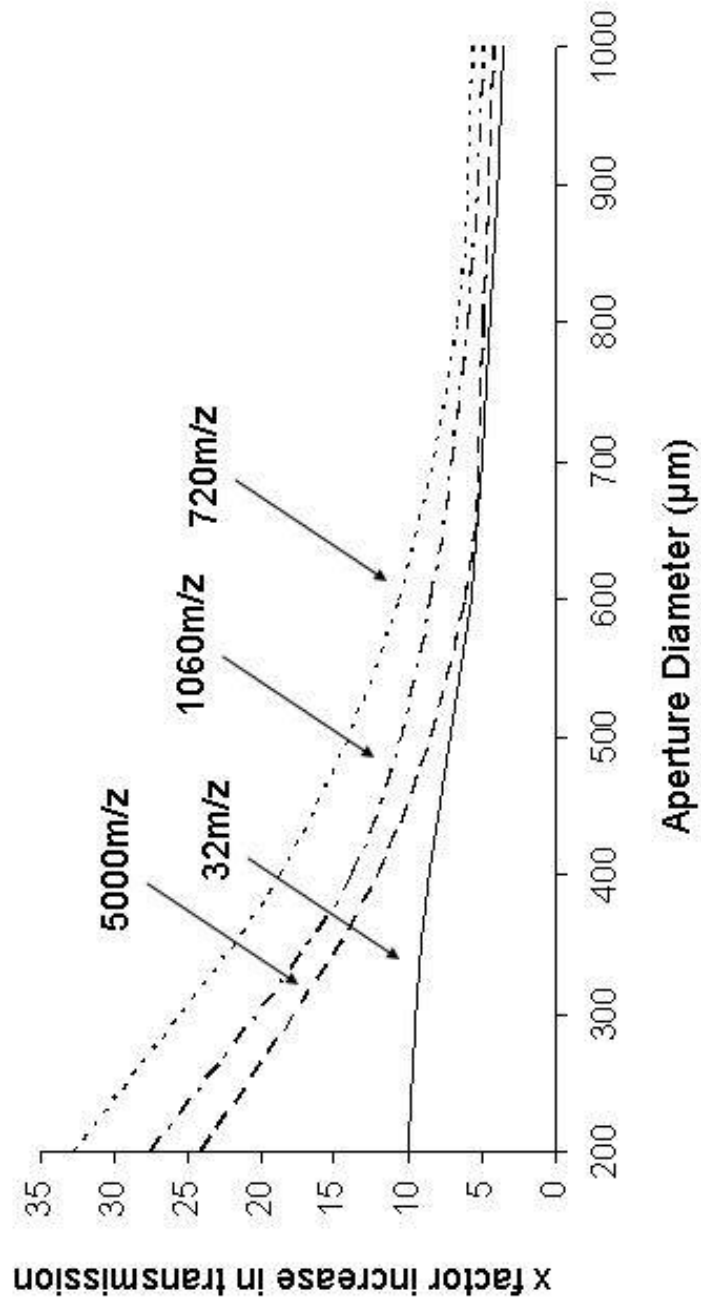
Figure 18 illustrates the increase in transmission of the periodic cell compared to the linear cell for differing applied electric fields. As can be seen, for a specific cell geometry (ring spacing), a specific field is best applied. The reason why better confinement cannot be attained by increasing the applied field (negating space-charge



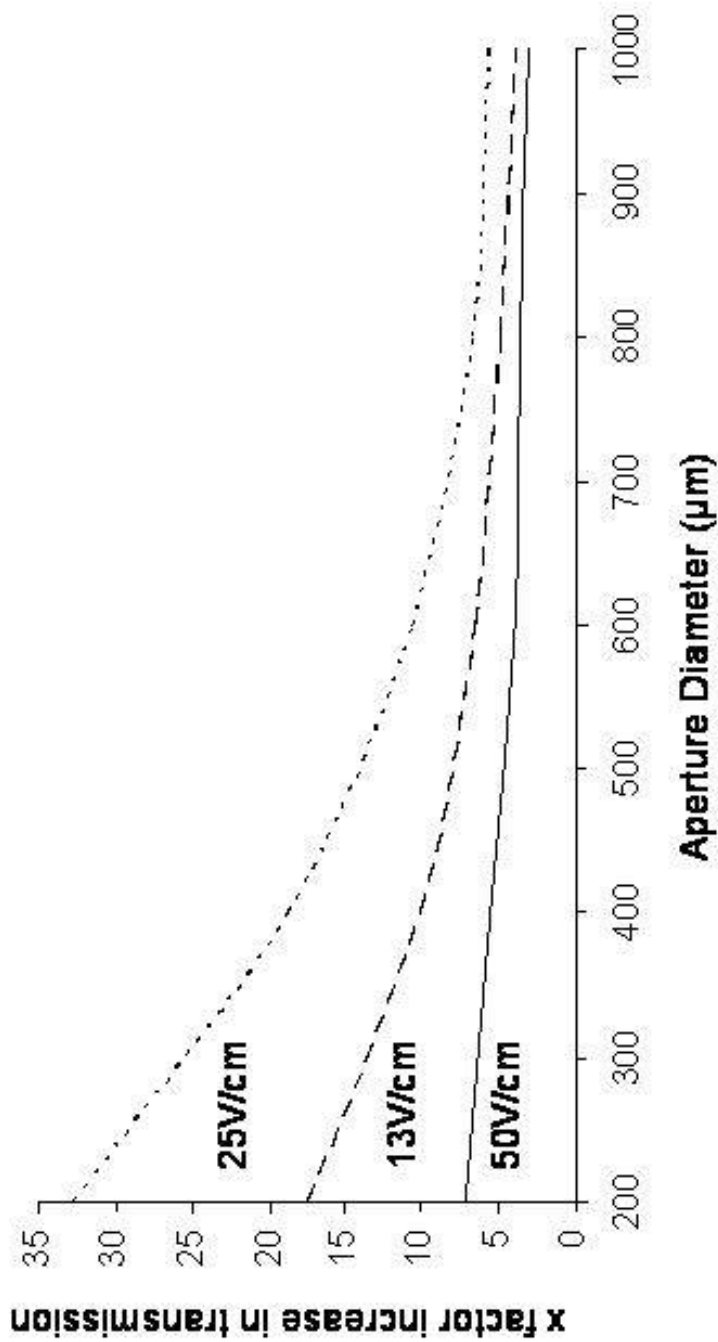
**Figure 15.** Simulated ion distribution as a function radial position for a linear field at 13V/cm (A) and a periodic field at 13V/cm with a period of 1.3cm (B) for  $m/z$  720.



**Figure 16.** Plot of percent ion transmission versus cell length comparing the results of the linear and periodic fields.



**Figure 17.** Factor increase of transmission for the periodic field (13.5V/cm) compared to the line at field (13.5V/cm) as a function of aperture diameter for  $m/z = 32, 720, 1060,$  and  $5000$ .



**Figure 18.** Factor increase of transmission for the periodic field compared to the linear field as a function of aperture diameter for differing applied fields for  $m/z$  720.

effects), is that diffusion increases as a square of the applied field. So, increasing the applied field will increase radial ion confinement, but eventually will be negated by a large ion diffusion value.



CHAPTER IV  
DEVELOPMENT OF A MONTE CARLO METHOD FOR DETERMINING  
COLLISION CROSS-SECTIONS: MOBCROSS

**Background**

Since the inception of ion mobility, many programs have been developed to predict an ion's motion through a neutral buffer gas<sup>19,58-63</sup>. Since the dawn of using mobility to separate large clusters and biomolecules, one of the most popular computational prediction tools is the Monte Carlo integration technique to determine the orientationally-averaged collision cross section by random rotations of the molecule and calculation of the projection area<sup>64</sup>. For molecules of large molecular weight (>300D) this method has been shown to accurately predict (<3.0% error) collision cross sections compared to experimentally determined values.<sup>65</sup>

Current methods employ Eulerian angles ( $\theta, \phi, \psi$ ) which are randomized between 0 and  $2\pi$  to rotate a rigid nonlinear molecule.<sup>64</sup> This leads to slow programs due to the fact that each angle of rotation must be solved using trigonometric functions, which are computationally expensive. An alternative to this method of orientational moves is to use quaternion parameters.<sup>66-67</sup> The rotational operation adds one more variable, however all equations are solved algebraically.

$$Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3\} \quad (40)$$

The quaternion is a unit vector in four-dimensional space,

$$q_0^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2 = 1 \quad (41)$$

corresponding to Euler angles.

$$q_0 = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\phi + \psi}{2}\right) \quad (42)$$

$$q_1 = \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\phi - \psi}{2}\right) \quad (43)$$

$$q_2 = \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\phi - \psi}{2}\right) \quad (44)$$

$$q_3 = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\phi + \psi}{2}\right) \quad (45)$$

The matrix (R) is then applied to the rotation of the rigid nonlinear molecule.

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} q_0^2 + q_1^2 - q_2^2 - q_3^2 & 2(q_1q_2 - q_0q_3) & 2(q_1q_3 + q_0q_2) \\ 2(q_1q_2 + q_0q_3) & q_0^2 - q_1^2 + q_2^2 - q_3^2 & 2(q_2q_3 - q_0q_1) \\ 2(q_1q_3 - q_0q_2) & 2(q_2q_3 + q_0q_1) & q_0^2 - q_1^2 - q_2^2 + q_3^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (46)$$

For each rotation, Vesely has shown a five fold improvement for generating the random variables (q) and applying the rotation matrix for the quaternion Monte Carlo integration over the currently used Eulerian method.

## Experimental

The MobCross projection cross-section program was developed using Microsoft<sup>®</sup> Visual Studio.Net version 2002. Appendix A shows the details of the program. MobCross inputs two formats; the Gaussian 98<sup>®</sup> coordinate from a .log output file, and the Cartesian coordinate file from Cerius<sup>®</sup>. All output is saved in an ASCII text file.

The calculation of the projection cross-section of a species is performed in three steps. First, the coordinate is read in and converted into a center-of-mass coordinate system. All rotations of the molecule are performed about the center of mass point.

Second, a circle is drawn around the molecule with a radius ( $r$ ) equal to the greatest distance from the center-of-mass. Lastly, the random iterations are performed by rotating the molecule (2000x) about its center-of-mass, within the known circle area. After each rotation, random buffer gas species (5000) are placed within the known area, and determined as a hit (1) or miss (0) of the molecular ion of interest. Total number of hits ( $n_h$ ) is divided by total number placed ( $n_t$ ) and multiplied by the known area of the encompassing circle ( $\pi r^2$ ). This is performed after each rotation ( $n_r$ ), then the cross-sectional area ( $\sigma$ ) is determined by averaging over all projections.

$$\sigma = \frac{\sum_1^{n_r} \frac{n_h (\pi r^2)}{n_t}}{n_r} \quad (47)$$

The amino acid ion ( $M+H^+$ ) structures were determined with a geometry optimization using B3LYP density functional theory (DFT) with the 6-31G basis set. Peptide ion ( $M+H^+$ ) molecular dynamics calculations were performed with the Cerius (Accelrys) suite of programs using the consistent force field (CFF1.01). Model structures for the peptide ions were generated using a simulated annealing cycle where the peptide ion is heated to 1000 Kelvin and held at that temperature for 10 picoseconds and then ramped down to room temperature. The ion structure is minimized following each heating cycle. Three hundred structures were generated for each peptide. Semi-empirical calculations using AM1 parameters were used to determine the energy of each structure. Both amino acids and peptides were compared with published experimental data.

## Results and Discussion

Due to the use of the quaternion algorithm to rotate the molecule, it is now possible to run the cross-section simulations on a conventional PC of molecules with mass less than 10000D in under 5 minute computational time (2000 rotations with Monte Carlo integration). This would translate to 10 times longer using Eulerian angles. The projection cross-section algorithm was first tested on 19 amino acids ions,  $M+H^+$ , with the proton located at the N-terminal site. Figure 19 plots the trend of the calculated and experimental mobility values. Table I shows the calculated mobility versus the experimental,<sup>68</sup> and the percent error of the calculated value. The data shows only 3 outliers (greater than 3.0% error) from the experimental values; glycine, lysine, and arginine. Of these three, lysine and arginine share a second site for protonation, and therefore another possible projection area. Both of these basic residues were recalculated with the protonation site on the side chain and showed a change in cross-sectional area. Lysine's theoretical mobility changed by 3% to a value of 1.413  $\text{cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ , resulting in an experimental error of only 2.8% from the reported experimental value. Arginine also produced a better theoretical mobility value of 1.372  $\text{cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ . This reduced the error to 1.5% from the reported experimental value. No new structures could be found for glycine to explain the large deviation in experimental and theoretical results. Because of the small size of glycine, interaction potentials could be involved, making the cross section appear larger than it actually is; however, because the mobility of alanine is 1.798 it seems unlikely that glycine has a smaller mobility (1.781) experimentally.

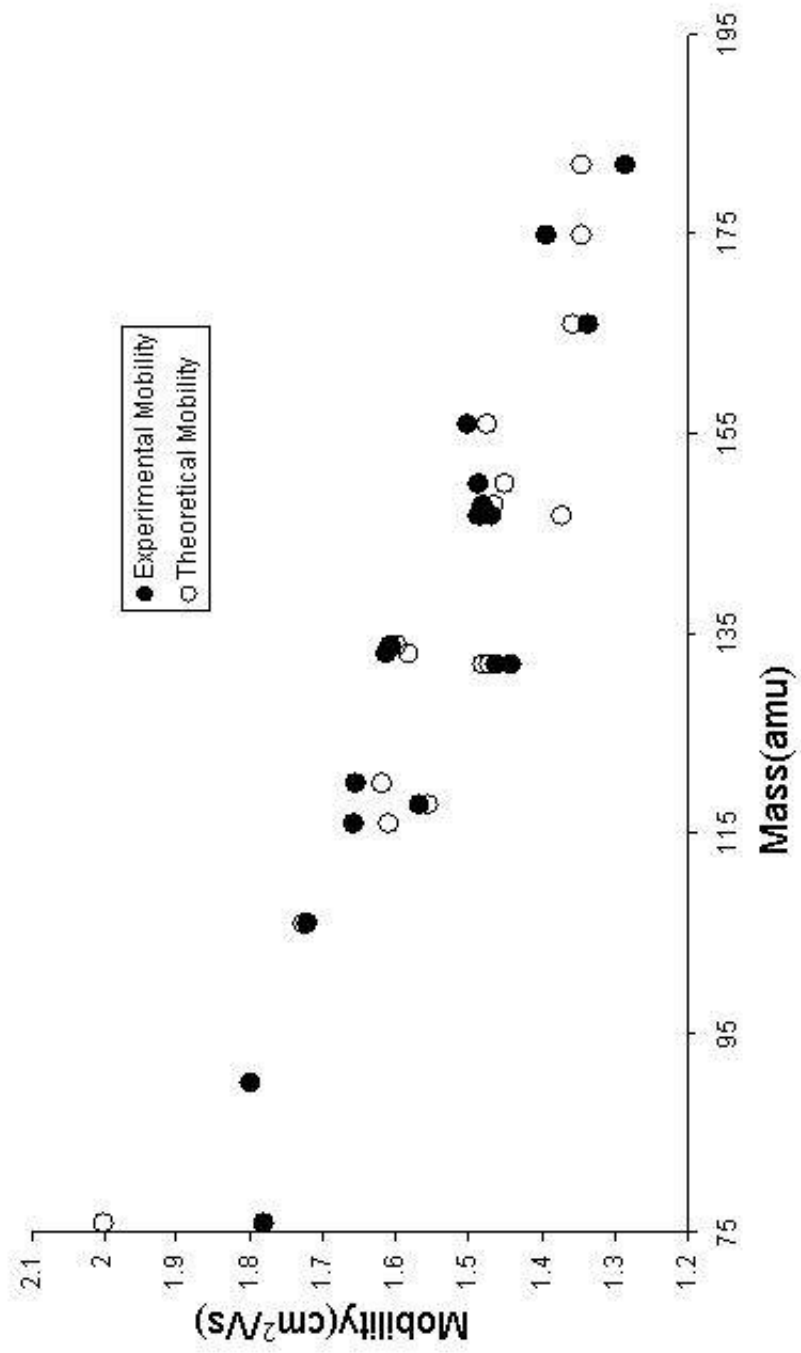


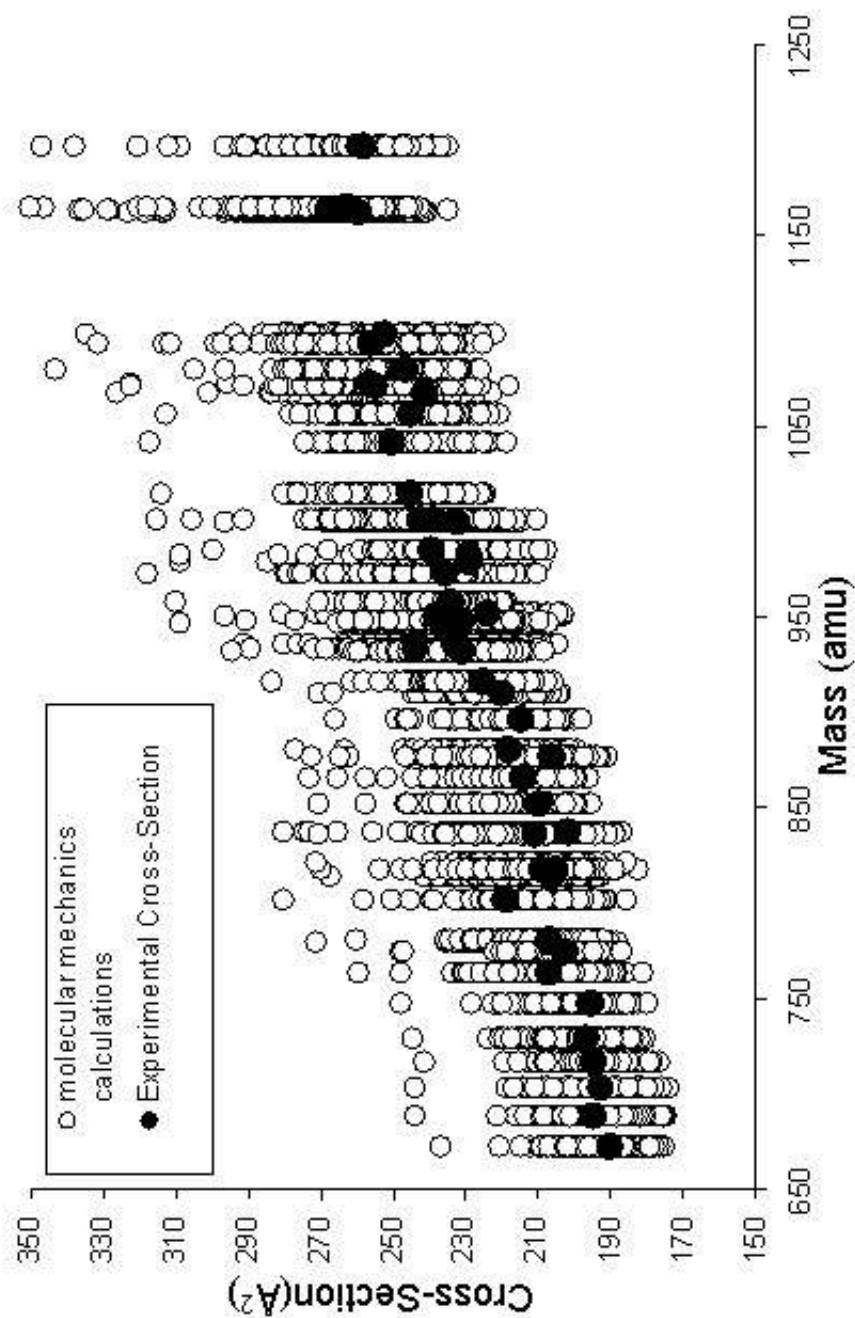
Figure 19. Experimental and theoretical plots of mobility versus mass for 19 amino acids.

**Table I.** Experimental and theoretical mobility ( $\text{cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ ) values for 19 amino acids.

Amino Acid	Mass	Experimental Mobility	Calculated Mobility	Percent Difference
Gly	76	1.781	2.001	12.36
Ala	90	1.798	1.799	0.03
Ser	106	1.72	1.728	0.47
Pro	116	1.669	1.609	3.01
Val	118	1.666	1.666	0.67
Thr	120	1.666	1.618	2.27
Ile	132	1.463	1.479	1.06
Leu	132	1.441	1.469	1.96
Asn	133	1.613	1.582	1.92
Asp	134	1.606	1.598	0.51
Gln	147	1.483	1.486	0.18
Lys	147	1.469	1.373	6.66
Glu	148	1.48	1.464	1.06
Met	150	1.466	1.460	2.43
His	156	1.501	1.474	1.81
Phe	166	1.334	1.367	1.75
Arg	175	1.393	1.346	3.38
Tyr	182	1.284	1.299	1.17

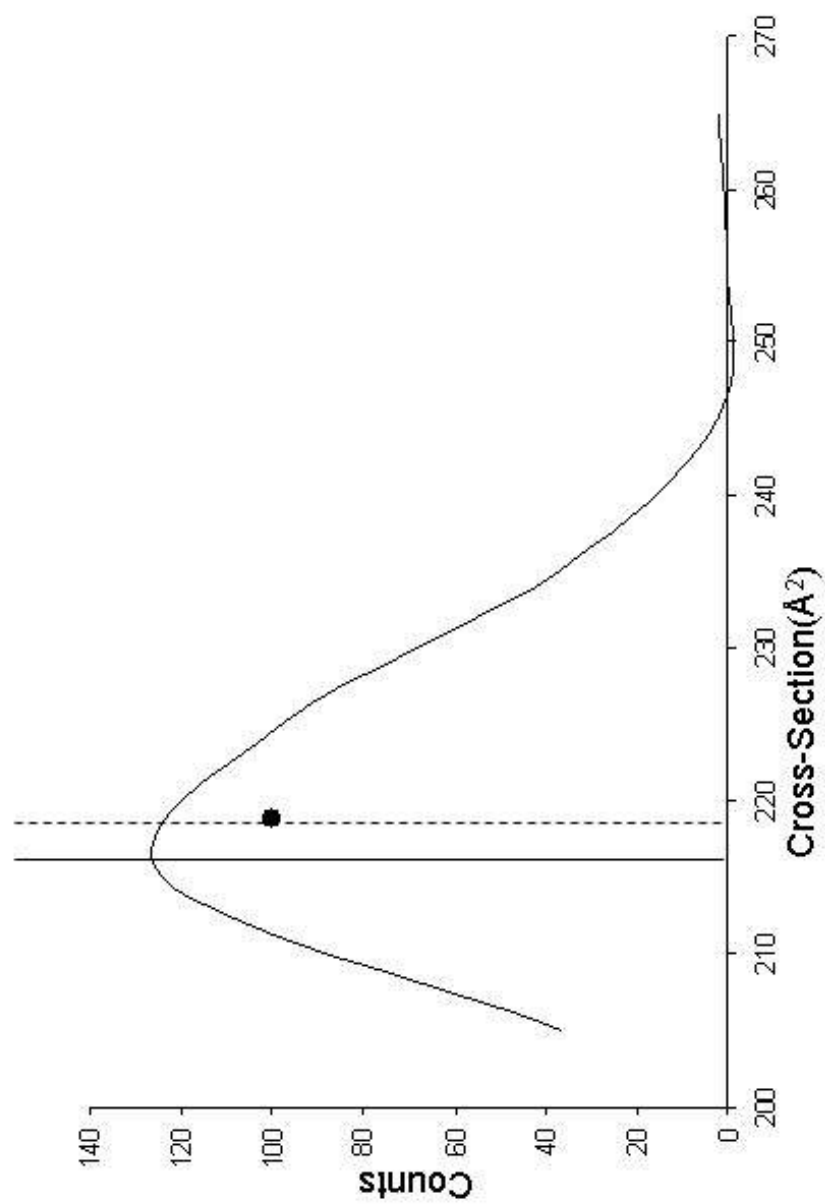
MobCross was next integrated into a recipe for determining the most probable structure for a series of peptides ranging from 7 to 10 amino acid residues. Because molecular mechanics calculations using simulated annealing can produce a broad range of structures, the projection cross-section calculation was utilized on 300 low energy structures for each peptide and plotted in a distribution curve. Figure 20 shows the extent of the cross-sectional values for each of the peptides analyzed compared to the experimental value.<sup>69</sup> Errors as great as 40% difference from the reported experimental value can be attained with improper selection of a final annealing result.

Figure 21 shows a distribution of one of the calculated peptides, ADFTEISK. As can be seen, there exist a single cross-sectional distribution for each of the low energy molecular mechanics results. From the distribution, the peak max (most populated cross-section) is chosen as the most probable structure and compared to the experimental result. Table II shows the experimental and theoretical results of the peptides of interest with the calculated error of the recipe used. The method of using the molecular mechanics with simulated annealing in combination projection cross-section algorithm produced 80% within the 3% limit and 96% within 5%. Figure 22 shows the plot of the calculated cross-section using the before mentioned recipe compared to the expected experimental results.



**Figure 20.** Distribution of theoretical values compared to the experimental cross-section for representative masses.

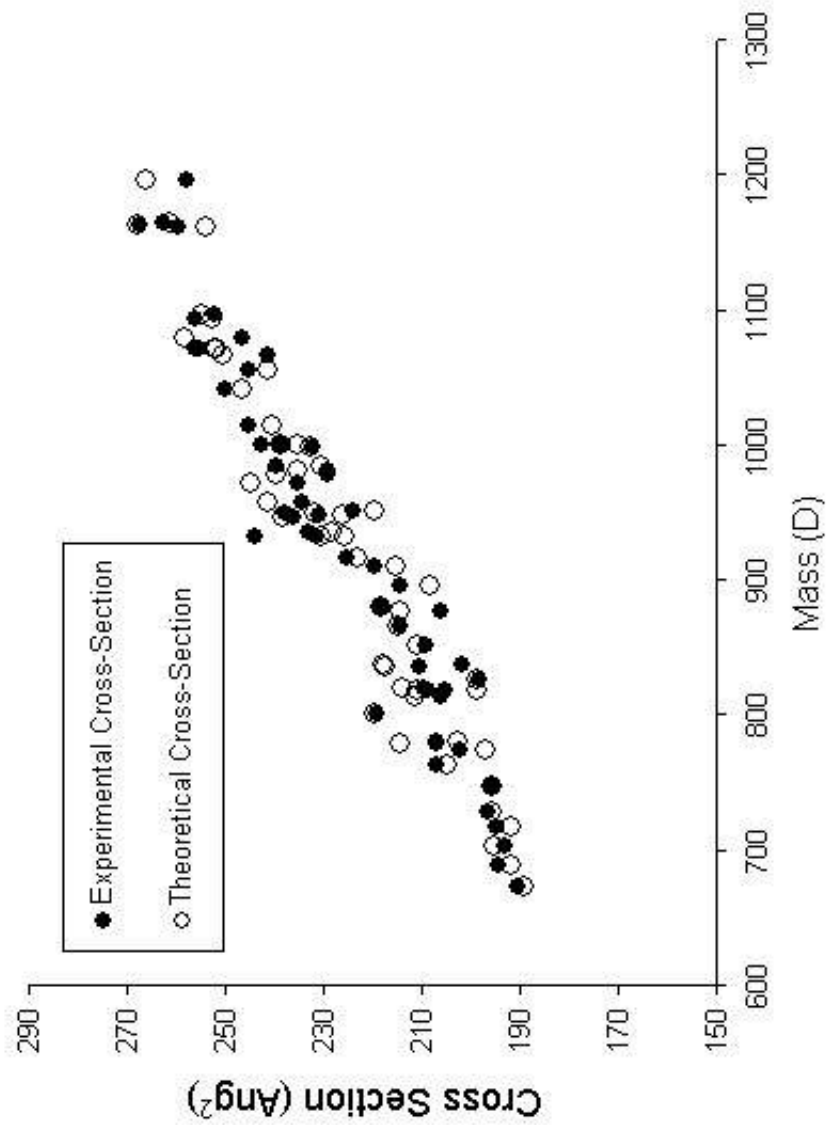




**Figure 21.** Cross-sectional distribution for theoretical results of the ADFTEISK peptide compared to the single experimental value.

**Table II.** Comparison of theoretical and experimental cross-sections and the percent difference.

Peptide	Mass	Exp. Cross Section	Theo. Cross	%Error	Peptide	Mass	Exp. Cross Section	Theo. Cross Section	%Error
vaaalk	673.83	190.32	189.32	0.53	avrtahugk	937.09	233.00	228.08	2.11
vftsaaak	689.83	194.37	191.92	1.26	shsglugk	947.12	236.29	238.11	0.77
visaadk	703.81	193.03	195.13	1.09	vftpdlyk	949.13	230.73	226.20	1.96
vadaalk	717.84	194.69	191.90	1.43	avrtahugk	951.11	237.76	231.82	2.50
vispadk	729.85	196.51	195.81	0.36	dlaeenfk	952.01	223.98	219.66	1.93
vsealk	747.87	195.59	195.81	0.11	qsalaehk	959.13	234.39	241.26	2.93
vlaavk	763.96	206.94	204.73	1.07	evvrlugk	973.16	235.37	244.83	4.02
vortdk	775.92	202.35	196.87	2.71	dgaagdvahk	979.08	229.25	239.66	4.54
mifagk	780.02	207.13	214.36	3.49	evvleak	983.06	229.28	235.42	2.68
vfpvqk	780.99	206.94	202.51	2.14	hvtllak	985.08	239.55	230.64	3.72
alqaak	801.96	218.92	219.76	0.38	dlaeqrk	1000.10	232.22	232.61	0.17
divgavk	815.00	206.07	211.42	2.59	vlgvevok	1001.12	238.79	235.41	1.41
gasivedk	818.90	205.22	211.05	2.84	qtahvehk	1001.21	242.43	238.54	1.81
vdpvnrk	818.96	208.72	198.60	4.85	qtahvelk	1015.24	246.01	240.46	1.86
mitaek	821.97	209.77	213.72	1.88	mflgtpkk	1042.29	250.02	246.42	1.44
npdpwak	827.91	198.09	198.65	0.28	tfqspkk	1057.19	245.22	241.37	1.57
igdvagk	836.96	210.80	217.37	3.22	aqsdfgvdtk	1068.13	241.43	250.24	3.65
fvmgpek	837.91	201.76	217.64	7.87	mflspkk	1072.31	255.16	251.77	1.33
dsadgfk	852.92	209.30	210.94	0.78	fqlvdepk	1073.23	255.89	252.09	1.49
adfaevsk	866.95	214.17	215.00	0.39	taayvnaiek	1080.23	246.52	258.32	4.79
wmmqdk	878.00	206.26	214.33	3.91	vlgfisdgk	1094.25	255.95	252.69	1.27
adfaeisk	880.97	218.06	218.22	0.07	vlstfngmk	1098.27	252.25	254.95	1.07
adfdvfk	896.97	214.56	208.12	3.00	fmmfesqrk	1162.38	259.37	253.85	2.13
adfteisk	911.00	219.61	215.34	1.95	lvnetefak	1164.34	267.51	267.92	0.15
idalmenk	917.01	225.09	222.95	0.95	lvnetefak	1165.33	262.66	261.13	0.58
savtakugk	933.09	231.09	230.51	0.25	seeeypdisk	1197.24	257.78	266.99	3.18
lvgtmrk	934.19	243.91	225.52	7.54					



**Figure 22.** Plot of representative peptides cross-section versus mass for both experimental and theoretical calculations. Single theoretical value based on apex of distributional values.

## CHAPTER V

## DEVELOPMENT OF A VARIABLE-TEMPERATURE ION MOBILITY TIME-OF-FLIGHT MASS SPECTROMETER

**Background**

Over the past four decades, the understanding of gas phase ion chemistry has had tremendous growth.<sup>70-71</sup> Since the late 1960's, the drift tube has grown to be a useful technique in understanding ion-molecule collision phenomena and gas phase ion chemistry.<sup>1,72</sup> Almost since its inception, drift tube experiments have had the ability to control the buffer gas temperature.<sup>73</sup> Being able to control the temperature to study collision phenomena and probe reaction chemistry is vital and well understood today.

From chapter II, we have already seen the importance temperature plays on peak resolution. Temperature also plays a dominate role in the interaction between the buffer gas and the ion by lowering the centrifugal barrier, and allowing more efficient capture events.<sup>74-76</sup> Equation 7 includes the relative orbital angular momentum,  $L$ , for the potential surface.

$$L = \left( \frac{8kT\mu b^2}{\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (48)$$

Where  $k$  is the Boltzman constant,  $T$  is the gas temperature,  $\mu$  is the reduced mass, and  $b$  is the impact parameter. Both the increase in ion-neutral interaction and the increase in resolution make a liquid nitrogen-cooled drift cell desirable for separation of small electronic isomers.

## Experimental

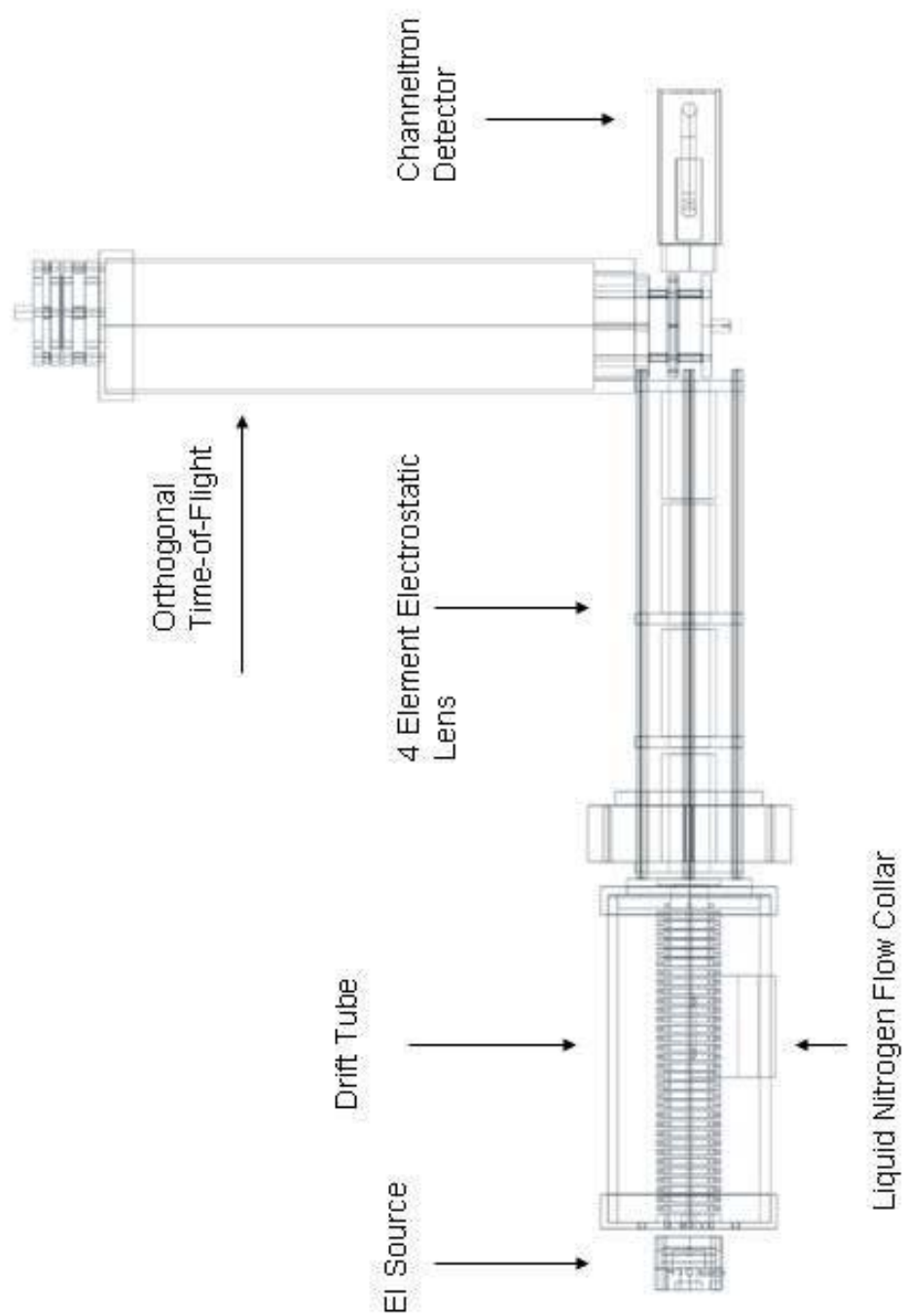
The experiments were performed using a home-built liquid nitrogen-cooled ion mobility orthogonal time-of-flight mass spectrometer (Figure 23). The instrument consists of an electron impact source (EI), drift cell, channeltron detector collinear with the drift tube, orthogonal flight tube, and a microchannel plate (MCP) assembly for detection with orthogonal extraction. The assembly is housed within a stainless steel high vacuum cavity with 2 diffusion pumps, and a liquid-nitrogen feed through. A 750 L/s diffusion pump (Edwards, Willmington, MA) is placed below the drift tube to pump the high volume of gas used in the drift cell. The second 500L/s diffusion pump (Edwards) is placed below the time-of-flight (TOF) region to allow for at least  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  torr in the TOF region. Each instrument section will be broken down in the following sections.

### *The Ion Source*

The electron impact ionization source is a modified Finnigan EI source from the 4000 series instrument (Finnigan MAT, Cincinnati, OH). The source produces an orthogonal electron beam from ion extraction. A plate was added to the front of the source to allow pulsed extraction of the ions. The ion extraction voltages are controlled by a pulse generator (Directed Energy, Inc, Fort Collins, CO). The ions are focused into the drift tube via a three membered Einzel lens.

### *The Drift Cell*

The housing assembly of the IMS drift cell was machined from aluminum and the end caps machined from oxygen-free copper are mounted to the housing. The



**Figure 23:** Schematic of the liquid nitrogen-cooled ion mobility - time-of-flight mass spectrometer.

aluminum housing has an outer diameter of 76.2 mm and an internal diameter of 66 mm, and is threaded to accept the end caps. The end caps have an outer diameter of 82.5 mm and are tapped to accept the drift gas inlet and temperature probe. The drift cell entrance orifice is 5 mm and exit orifice is 0.5 mm. The drift tube houses 30-25.4 mm diameter lens elements spaced by 3.2 mm ruby balls and connected by 1 k $\Omega$  resistors to produce a linear field across the cell. A 59 mm diameter Macor<sup>®</sup> spacer is added to the end cap on the high voltage end of the drift cell for voltage insulation. An oxygen-free copper collar is placed around the cell for the liquid nitrogen flow. Care was taken to ensure that the drift cell is thermally isolated from the surrounding instrument for maximum cooling efficiency and temperature stability.

#### *The Lens and Mobility Detector*

The drift cell is interfaced to the time-of-flight mass spectrometer by a 4 element electrostatic lens, which collimates and focuses the ions into the orthogonal TOF source. These lenses are 50.8 mm long with a 25.4 mm I.D. orifice and spaced with 3.2 mm ruby balls. The ions eluting the drift cell can be detected without mass analysis on an in-line Channeltron<sup>®</sup> (Burle, Lancaster, PA) electron multiplier. The ion signal can be collected on a LeCroy (Chestnut Ridge, NY) 9450 digital oscilloscope and signal averaged using the “summed average” process function.

#### *The Time-of-Flight and Detector*

The time-of-flight is positioned orthogonally to the drift cell and electrostatic lenses. The ions are focused into the pulsed extraction region which is controlled by a Directed Energy, Inc pulse generator. The ion packet of interest is extracted at 2 kV and

mass analyzed. The microchannel plate (Burle) detector is placed 8mm off the center line to compensate for the translational motion of the ions exiting the drift cell and the electrostatic focusing lens. The ions eluting the TOF are detected by using an 4 channel time-to-digital converter (Ionwerks, Houston, TX) and processed with Ionwerks TDCWin acquisition software.

### *Sample Introduction*

The sample and drift gas inlet are controlled by 2 in-line leak valves (Nupro, Kurt J. Lesker, Pittsburgh, PA) for fine gas flow control. The drift cell pressure is calibrated by using the known mobility of  $\text{Ar}^+$  in Ar drift gas at a particular drift cell temperature. This effectively eliminates the need for a capacitance manometer, which is unreliable at variable temperature and avoids unnecessary heating of the cell. The drift gas is liquid nitrogen-cooled prior to injection into the drift tube to aid in drift cell temperature control. All drift gases and sample gases are grade 5.0 (Praxair, Danbury, CT). The anhydrous methanol (Spectrum Chemical, Gardena, CA) is leaked into the ionization source using a variable leak valve (Varian, Lexington, MA) following freeze pump-thaw.



CHAPTER VI  
 VARIABLE-TEMPERATURE ION MOBILITY TIME-OF-FLIGHT MASS  
 SPECTROMETRY STUDIES OF ELECTRONIC ISOMERS OF  $\text{Kr}^{2+}$  AND  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}^+$   
 RADICAL CATIONS

**Background**

Many ion mobility studies have investigated ion-neutral collision interactions of small mass ions (<200 amu).<sup>77</sup> The drift tube experiments can be used to probe thermodynamic and kinetic properties of colliding bodies, as well as for separation of isomeric (conformational and structural) and isobaric species. Charge transfer reactions for the rare gases is just one of many interactions that have been extensively studied.<sup>78-81</sup> Rare gas ions in their own neutral drift gas undergo symmetric charge transfer reactions (Equations 49 and 50), which are formally “spin forbidden”, but have been shown to occur at relatively low collision energies (10 meV to 20 eV).<sup>79,82</sup>



These symmetric electron transfer reactions (10/01 and 20/02) were shown to be the dominant reaction pathways at these low energies by Hasted and Hussain.<sup>79</sup>

Experimentally they demonstrated that the cross section of the 20/02 charge exchange was 5-10 times larger than that of the 20/11 exchange, and that the production of  $\text{Kr}^+$  does not occur at collision energies below 20 eV.

The separation of the  $^2P_{1/2}$  and  $^2P_{3/2}$  states of  $Kr^+$  and  $Xe^+$  in their respective drift gases has been reported.<sup>81,83-84</sup> Also,  $Kr^{2+}$  and  $Xe^{2+}$  ions are reported, but only partially separated on the basis of mobility at 300K, which does not afford base line separation of the different electronic and spin states ( $^3P_0$ ,  $^3P_1$ ,  $^3P_2$ ,  $^1D_2$ , and  $^1S_0$ ).<sup>85-87</sup> A liquid nitrogen cooled drift tube experiment was designed by Koizumi *et al.* for high resolution separation and analysis of the doubly charged symmetric electron transfer reaction of  $Kr^{2+}$  and  $Xe^{2+}$ .<sup>87</sup> They showed that at temperatures of 88K the resolving power is sufficient to separate the different electronic states.

Variable temperature IMS was also demonstrated for the separation of conformational and electronic isomers of polyatomic ions.<sup>25,88</sup> Thus it may be practical to use IMS to address many of the long standing issues concerning structure and structural rearrangement reactions of gas-phase ions. Radom and coworkers showed that ionized methanol exists as two discrete structural forms, *viz.* the conventional  $CH_3O^+H$  (methanol radical cation) and the distonic  $CH_2^+OH_2^+$  or methyleneoxonium radical cation.<sup>89-91</sup> On the basis of experimental and theoretical data, they proposed that the methyleneoxonium radical cation is a stable species, and in fact the distonic form is more stable than the conventional radical cation.<sup>92</sup>

In this report, we describe a new liquid nitrogen-cooled ion mobility orthogonal time-of-flight mass spectrometer. The instrument is evaluated by revisiting the  $Kr^{2+}$  charge transfer with Kr as the drift gas to illustrate the instrument's separation ability and peak resolution. We also demonstrate the use of variable temperature ion mobility

to separate conventional ( $\text{CH}_3\text{O}^{+\bullet}\text{H}$ ) and distonic ( $\text{C}^{\bullet}\text{H}_2\text{O}^+\text{H}_2$ ) radical cations of methanol.

## Experimental

The instrument is configured to acquire ion signal after the mobility cell or time-of-flight mass spectrometer. The methanol ion signal was collected after the mobility cell. Mass assignments of the mobility peaks were determined by setting the digital delay generator to pulse extract the ions of interest into the time-of-flight mass spectrometer. For the krypton experiment the mass spectrometer detector was set to acquire only 42 m/z ( $\text{Kr}^{2+}$ ). The resulting mobility trace represents the arrival time of the  $\text{Kr}^{2+}$  ion only.

### *Theoretical Details*

All calculations were performed with Gaussian 98 (G98).<sup>93</sup> Our model for the  $\text{Kr}^{2+}/\text{Kr}^0$  collision complex was the  $\text{Kr}_2^{2+}$  dimer, and the ground and excited states were optimized using CASSCF(4,3)<sup>94-95</sup> for the spin multiplicity of 1 and 3. The Stuttgart RLC ECP<sup>96</sup> basis set was used with Kr. The potential energy surface for  $\text{Kr}_2^{2+}$  ion was scanned over an interaction distance of 1.8 to 4.0 Å. We use previous MP2/6-311+G(d,p) calculations on the methanol and methyleneoxonium radical cations, and the transition state corresponding to their interconversion to evaluate well depths and interaction distances for their potential energy surfaces.<sup>90,97-99</sup>

## Results and Discussion

The motivation for designing a variable temperature ion mobility instrument is two-fold. That is, both ion mobility resolution (eq.17) and resolving power(eq.27)

increase as the temperature decreases, which is illustrated by combining the peak resolution equation (eq. 18) with the Nernst-Einstein relation (eq. 19);<sup>100</sup> The increase in resolution at decreased temperatures greatly facilitates separation of atomic and small molecule ions (resolving power), where the most significant factor limiting resolution is diffusional broadening.<sup>33</sup> Secondly, decreasing the temperature reduces the velocity of the neutrals thereby reducing the ion-neutral collision energy. Lowering the relative velocity of the collision partners decreases the collision barrier, thereby increasing the lifetime of the ion-neutral complex. In the absence of a strong ion-neutral interaction, hard sphere scattering is the only process that affects ion mobility and polarization and interactions are unimportant. This is most often seen as a good approximation for large ions (>500D), and not a good method for determining small molecule cross-sections. In this case the potential interaction surface is approximated by the Lennard-Jones potential only.

Equation 12 also underscores the importance of drift cell length on peak resolution. Our cell design is longer than most variable temperature drift cells, because this provides a two-fold increase in peak resolution. Although ion transmission and signal amplitude is decreased, this does not limit the scope of our experiments.

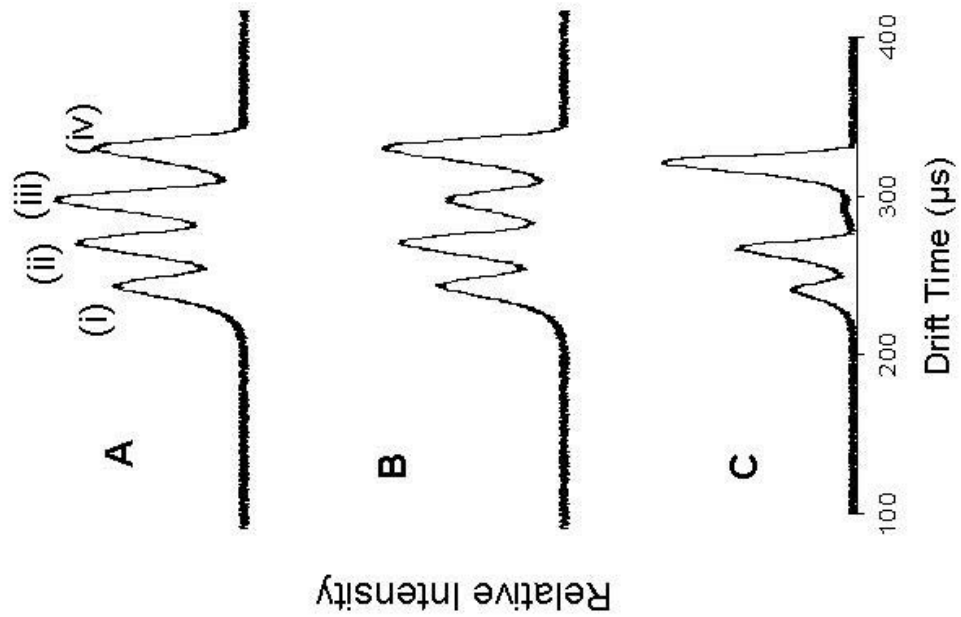
#### *Krypton<sup>2+</sup> Experiments*

Figure 9 contains a plot of the ion signal versus arrival time of Kr<sup>2+</sup> in Kr at 300 K (figure 9A) and at 90 K (figure 9B). Note that the peak resolution increases from R=5 to R=12.5 (as predicted by equation 17) when the temperature is decreased from 300 to 90 K. In addition, the resolving power increases by a factor of 4.3, revealing three peaks

in figure 9B that are unresolved (underneath Peak I) at 300 K. This increased resolution at 90K is sufficient to separate the different excited and spin states of  $\text{Kr}^{2+}$ . The electron impact (EI) energy is 80 eV, which is sufficient to populate all five states of  $\text{Kr}^{2+}$  ( $^3\text{P}_0$ ,  $^3\text{P}_1$ ,  $^3\text{P}_2 \sim 38$  eV IE, and  $^1\text{D}_2$ ,  $^1\text{S}_0 \sim 50$  eV IE), having statistical weights of  $^3\text{P}_0=6.67$  %,  $^3\text{P}_1=20.00$  %,  $^3\text{P}_2=33.33$  %,  $^1\text{D}_2=33.33$  %, and  $^1\text{S}_0=6.67$  %, respectively.

The separation of  $\text{Kr}^{2+}$  ions in the mobility drift tube occurs by symmetric charge transfer (eq. 50), and the abundance of the spin states are conserved owing to the “avoided crossing”. The charge transfer is uniquely  $2 e^-$  (eq. 50) at low collision energies (0.1-1 eV), because the production of two  $\text{Kr}^+$  ions (by eq. 51) would generate a broad peak at later arrival times, which is not observed. This is thought to occur due to a high barrier height at the intersection of the potential energy surfaces of  $\text{Kr}_2^{2+}$  leading to the dissociation product of  $\text{Kr} + \text{Kr}^{2+}$  or  $\text{Kr}^+ + \text{Kr}^+$ , respectively. Even though the products of the later dissociation are energetically favored, they are only observed at collision energies greater than 20 eV, when what is commonly referred to as the “avoided crossing” can be overcome.

Figure 24 contains a plot of  $\text{Kr}^{2+}$  signal versus the arrival time distribution at three ionization energies (Figure 24A, 80 eV; Figure 24B, 45 eV; and Figure 24C, 40 eV, respectively). Note that 4 peaks are observed of the 5 possible states. As the ionization energy is reduced from 80 to 40 eV, the intensity of two peaks are directly affected (i and iii), suggesting that these two ion signals are due to higher lying excited states ( $^1\text{D}_2$ ,  $^1\text{S}_0$ ) of  $\text{Kr}^{2+}$ . The integration of the ion signal of Peak iii (assuming a Gaussian profile) is approximately 35 % of the total integrated ion signal in Figure 24A.



**Figure 24.** The ATD of  $\text{Kr}_2^+$  in Kr at 0.5 Torr, 8 V/cm  $E_0$ , 90 K, and EI of 80 eV(A), 45 eV (B), and at 40 eV (C). Peaks labeled i-iv are discussed in the text.

By lowering the ionization energy to 40 eV (Figure 24C), Peak iii is dramatically depleted. Based on these observations and statistical weights of the states of  $\text{Kr}^{2+}$ , peak iii is assigned to  $^1\text{D}_2$ . Table III shows the relative abundance of peak I also decreases by lowering ionization energy. Because  $^1\text{S}_0$  should also diminish at decreasing ionization energy, we propose that the  $^1\text{S}_0$  peak co-elutes with one of the triplet states, indicated by the retention of 50% of the arrival time distribution signal at 40eV EI. At 40 eV, the remaining peaks are attributed to the three spin states of  $^3\text{P}$ . These triplet states are further assigned based on their statistical weight ( $^3\text{P}_0$ (peak i)~8 %,  $^3\text{P}_1$ (peak ii)~19%,  $^3\text{P}_2$ (peak iv)~34%).

Complementary to these experiments, *ab initio* calculations of the potential energy surface for the singlet electronic excited states were performed. Figure 25 contains a plot of energy versus the reaction coordinate, which suggests the  $^1\text{S}_0$  is slightly less reactive than the  $^1\text{D}_2$  due to a shallower well,  $\epsilon=2.5$  eV for  $^1\text{S}_0$  and 3.0 eV for  $^1\text{D}_2$ . At the MP2 level of theory, this interaction difference predicts that the  $^1\text{S}_0$  should have a smaller collision cross-section, thereby increasing the mobility (faster drift time) of  $^1\text{S}_0$  compared to the  $^1\text{D}_2$ . This interpretation provides additional support for the  $^1\text{S}_0$  and  $^1\text{D}_2$  peak assignments given above.

#### *Methanol Radical Cation Preliminary Experiments*

Figure 26 contains a plot of the arrival time distribution (ATD) for the methanol radical cation ( $m/z=32$ ) and the fragment ions ( $m/z=31, 30$ ) at 14 eV ionization energy in Ar drift gas at 90 K. The ATD for  $m/z$  32 ion signal is bimodal, which we attribute to the presence of both the methanol radical cation (conventional) and methyleneoxonium

**Table III.** Electron impact energies (eV) and relative peak abundance for Figure 24.

EI Energy (eV)	Peak i	Peak ii	Peak iii	Peak iv
80	20	19	35	32
45	15	20	14	35
40	8	19	<1	34



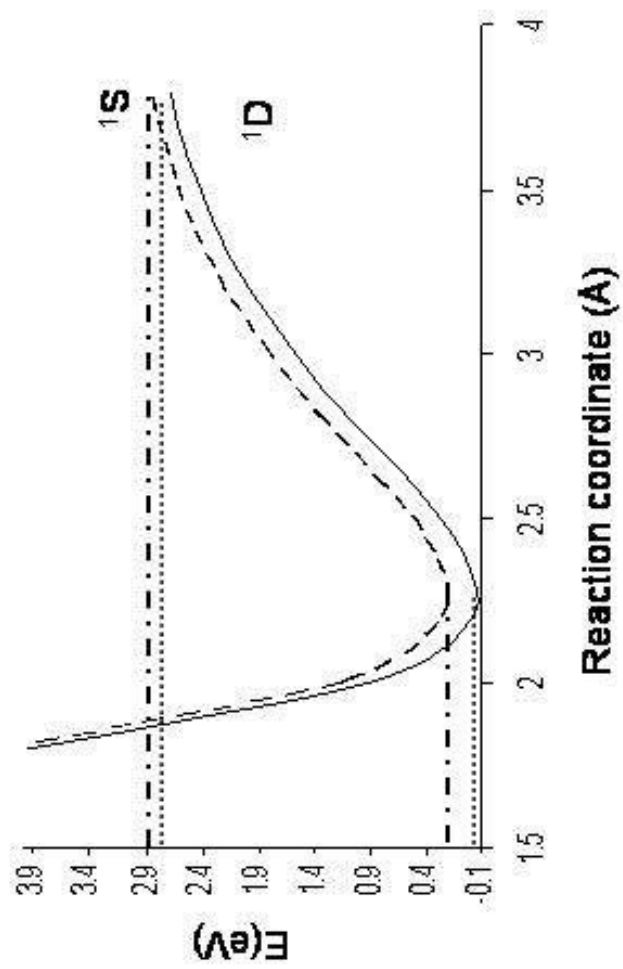
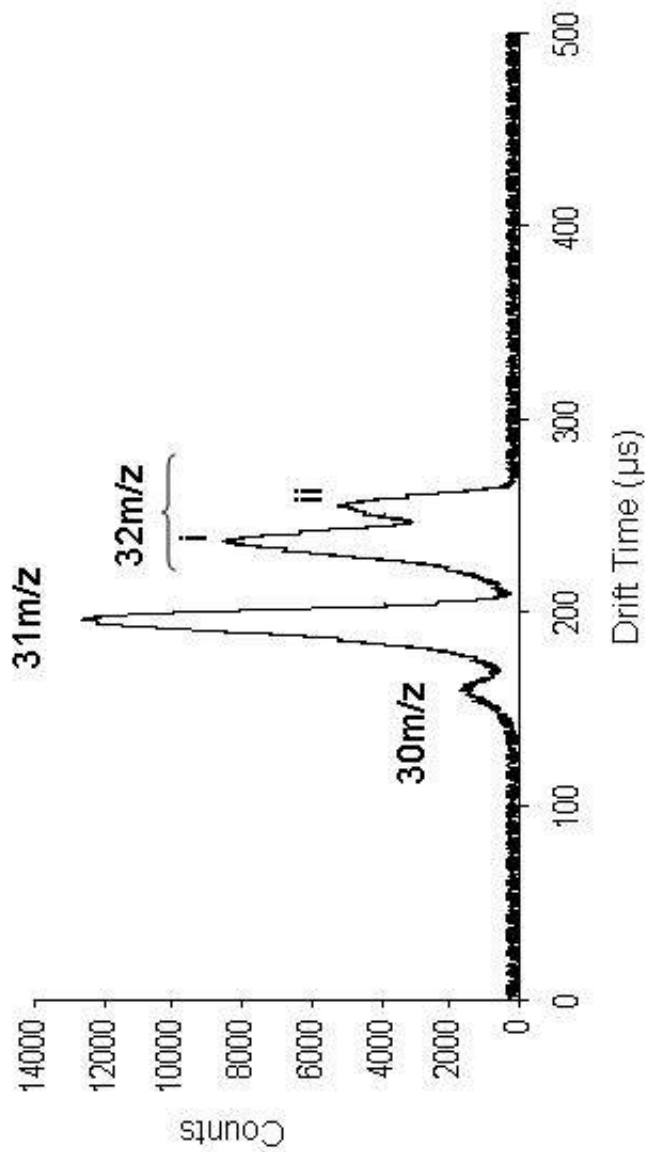


Figure 25. *ab initio* CASSCF(4,3) calculations of the singlet states of  $\text{Kr}_2^+$  reacting with Kr.



**Figure 26.** The ion signal versus drift time plot of methanol ionized at 1.4 eV and separated at 8.5 V/cm in Argon at 90 K. Labeled peaks i and ii are discussed in the text.

radical cations (dystonic). Under the experimental conditions used, interconversion between the two species is not observed on the time scale of the experiment ( $\sim 250 \mu\text{s}$ ), because the ions are immediately collisional cooled in the drift cell following ionization (collision energy  $< 0.1 \text{ eV}$ ). Interconversion of the ion forms would be observed as coalescence of the two signals into one peak. Note that the peak width for  $m/z$  31, which is composed of a single ion structure, and the two  $m/z$  32 signals are approximately equal ( $\sim 17 \mu\text{s}$ ). Note that the separation apparent in Figure 26 could not be observed at 300 K due to insufficient mobility resolution at elevated temperatures.

The potential energy surfaces for the interactions between the two radical cations with Ar is dissimilar due to the difference in dipole moment between the conventional and dystonic radical cations ( $\sim 0.2 \text{ Debye}$ ). Also, the hard sphere collision cross-section differs by nearly 7 % ( $33.5 \text{ \AA}^2$  for the methanol radical cation and  $35.9 \text{ \AA}^2$  for the methyleneoxonium radical cation) which is sufficient for mobility separation using the current instrument. The collision cross-section differences were predicted using “MobCross”, a program developed in house utilizing the projection approximation to calculate the collision cross-section of gas phase ions.<sup>100-101</sup> Based on these observations we are able to assign the methanol radical cation peak to the ion signal at  $228 \mu\text{s}$  (Peak i), and the methyleneoxonium peak to the signal at  $252 \mu\text{s}$  (Peak ii).

Figure 27 illustrates the barrier height to dissociation and interconversion of the methanol radical cation. The barrier to interconversion was calculated by Radom and coworkers to be  $0.6 \text{ eV}$  greater than the conventional radical cation, which is approximately  $0.1 \text{ eV}$  higher than the loss of  $\text{H}\cdot$  dissociation pathway. The

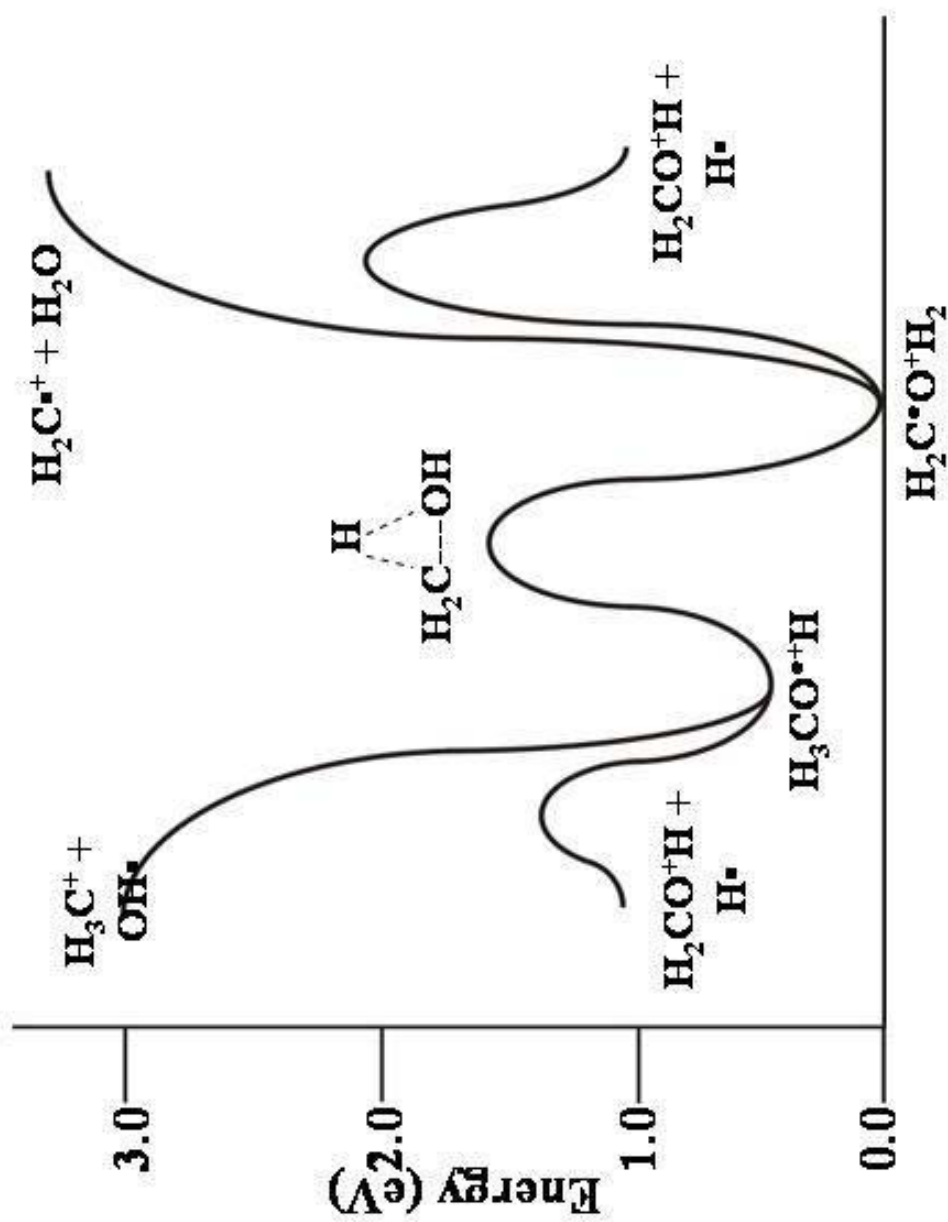


Figure 27. Reaction coordinate of the ionization and dissociation pathways of the methanol radical cation.

methyleneoxonium radical cation was calculated to be 0.3 eV more stable than the conventional radical cation<sup>89</sup>. Because of the presence of an energy barrier to interconversion, the distonic ion should be formed in much smaller abundance than the conventional radical cation. This is also consistent with our peak assignments of the arrival time order of the distonic and conventional radical cations. We have also measured the ATD of other  $\text{CH}_3\text{X}$  ( $\text{X}=\text{NH}_2$  and F) and the data are also consistent with the proposed peak assignments.<sup>102</sup>

## CHAPTER VII

SEPARATION OF CONVENTIONAL AND DISTONIC RADICAL CATIONS OF  
CH<sub>3</sub>-X (X=OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, F) USING VARIABLE TEMPERATURE ION MOBILITY  
TIME-OF-FLIGHT MASS SPECTROMETRY**Background**

Variable temperature IMS may then be practical to address long standing issues concerning structural rearrangement reactions of gas-phase ions. Figure 28 shows the effect of the interaction between an ion and the buffer gas for different temperatures. Based on Bowers' equation<sup>21</sup> (eq. 7), by cooling the buffer gas we are able to probe ion-molecule interactions more efficiently. Holmes and coworkers have shown using collisional activated mass spectrometry the existence of a conventional and distonic (separation of charge and radical sites<sup>103</sup>) radical cations of CH<sub>3</sub>X, where X is -OH, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -F, -SH, -Cl, -Br, and -I.<sup>104-105</sup> Radom *et al.* used *ab initio* theoretical methods, including G2, which has been shown to provide relatively reliable energetics for comparing small organic molecules, to study these CH<sub>3</sub>X radical cations.<sup>91,106</sup> Here, they calculated the relative stability of the conventional and distonic species, demonstrating that the distonic species is more stable for X=-OH, -NH<sub>2</sub>, and -F in agreement with experiment. Other groups have also calculated these structures and thermodynamics using density functional theory density functional theory (DFT).<sup>107</sup> They also attempted to predict the effect of various buffer gases (Ar, Xe, N<sub>2</sub>) on the barrier height for interconversion between the conventional and distonic forms. Frigden and Parnis demonstrated that B3LYP and BP86 functionals do not agree well with the

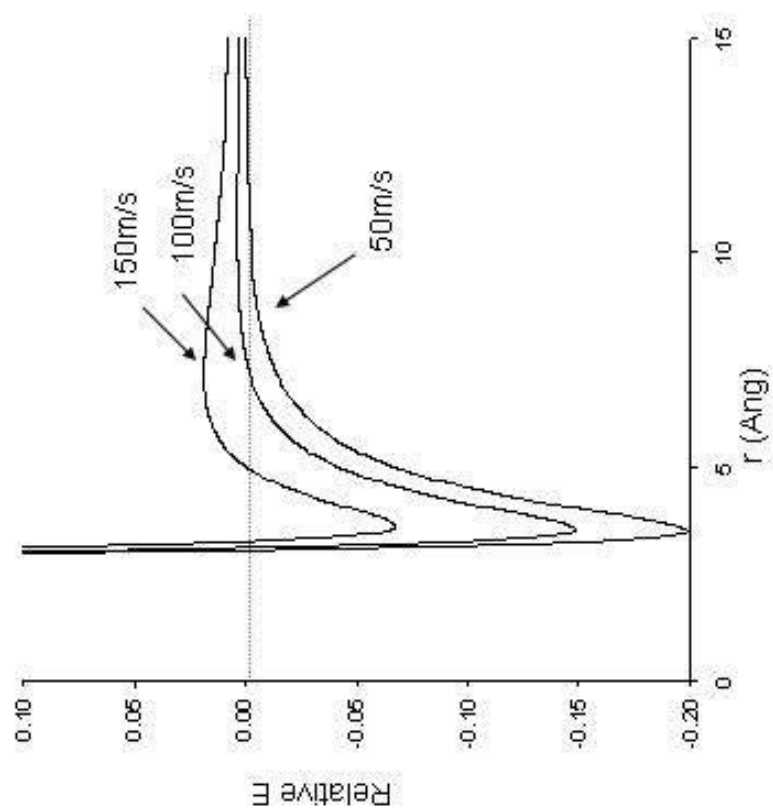
experimentally determined relative energies of the conventional and distonic methanol radical cations.

Truhlar and coworkers developed the MPW1K functional, which has empirically optimized parameters for reaction kinetics.<sup>108-109</sup> This method shows merit to the application of gas-phase radical cation structure and energetics. The mPW1PW91 level of theory has a low computational cost and has been shown to predict good kinetic values for a broad range of reactions.

In this report, we describe variable temperature ion mobility/mass spectrometry applied to the separation of the conventional and distonic radical cations of CH<sub>3</sub>OH, CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, and CH<sub>3</sub>F. We use different buffer gases to probe the separation of these species and confirm the lowering of the barrier to interconversion between the conventional and distonic forms. We apply several DFT functionals, including MPW1K and B3LYP hybrid functionals with various basis sets to determine the structure and energies, and compare these values to more commonly used *ab initio* calculations.

## **Experimental**

A new instrument was employed for the study of the separation of the conventional and distonic radical cations. The instrument couples ion mobility with orthogonal time-of-flight. Interchangeable sources can be added to the instrument to make it more versatile; however, the electron impact was employed for the ionization of the CH<sub>3</sub>-X compounds. Figure 23 shows the schematic of the instrument. Details of the instrument have been described previously.<sup>44</sup>



**Figure 28.** Plot of interaction potential for different relative speeds of buffer gas, as related to temperature.



The anhydrous methanol (Spectrum Chemical, Gardena, CA) is leaked into the ionization source using a variable leak valve (Varian, Lexington, MA) following freeze pump-thaw. Anhydrous methylfluoride and methylamine (Aldrich, Milwaukee, WI) were leaked in through an in-line leak valve (Nupro, Kurt J. Lesker, Pittsburgh, PA) for fine gas flow control. The ionization energy for methanol, methylamine, and methylfluoride was 11.5, 10.5, and 14.0, respectively.

### Computational Details

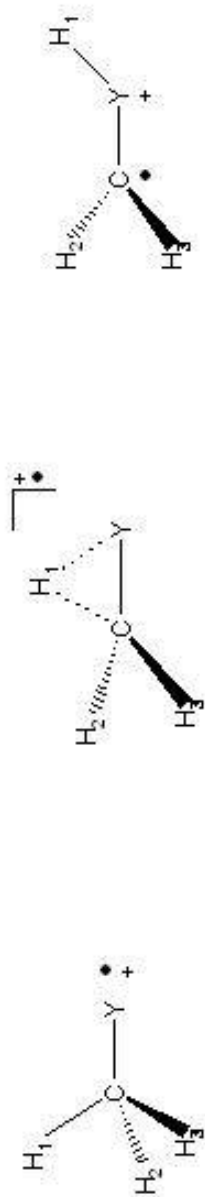
The theoretical calculations have been carried out using the Gaussian98<sup>93</sup> implementations of various wave function theories, second-order (MP2), third-order (MP3), and fourth order (MP4) Møller-Plesset<sup>97</sup>, coupled cluster, with (CCSD(T)) and without (CCSD) perturbative triples; and various DFT theories, B3LYP [Becke three-parameter exchange functional (B3)<sup>110</sup> and the Lee-Yang-Parr correlation functional (LYP)<sup>111</sup>] and MPW1K<sup>108</sup> [the “modified Perdew-Wang 1-parameter model for kinetics” which is the modified Perdew-Wang exchange functional (mPW) and the Perdew-Wang correlation functional (PW91) with an empirically optimized addition of 42.8% Hartree-Fock (exact) exchange, fit using reaction energies and activation barriers of free radical reactions as described by Truhlar and coworkers<sup>108</sup>] density functional theory (DFT).<sup>112</sup> All *ab initio* calculations used the default SCF convergence for geometry optimizations ( $10^{-8}$ ). All DFT calculations used the default pruned fine grids for energies (75, 302), default pruned course grids for gradients and Hessians (35, 110), and default SCF convergence for geometry optimizations ( $10^{-8}$ ). BS1 utilized the 6-31G(d) basis sets of Pople and coworkers<sup>113</sup> for all atoms. BS2 replaces the basis set for carbon, oxygen,

nitrogen from BS1 with 6-31+G(d').<sup>114</sup> BS3 utilized the 6-311+G(d)<sup>99</sup> basis set for carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, and fluorine and uses Stuttgart relativistic, large core ECP (Stuttgart RLC-ECP)<sup>115</sup> basis set for argon, krypton, and xenon (Stuttgart designations:<sup>116</sup> Ar: ECP10MWB; Kr: ECP28MWB; Xe: ECP46MWB). Cartesian  $d$  functions were used with BS1 and BS2, and spherical harmonic  $d$  and  $f$  functions were used with BS3. All structures were fully optimized, and analytical frequency calculations were performed on all structures (except MP3 optimized structures) to ensure either a minimum or 1<sup>st</sup> order saddle point was achieved. All relative energies are electronic energies with zero point energy, unless otherwise noted. Throughout this paper, bond angles are in degrees, bond lengths are in angstroms, and energies are in electron volts (eV). The associated scheme in Figure 29 is of the systems we examined.

## Results and Discussion

### *Theoretical*

Table IV shows the results of the relative energies ( $\Delta E$ ) of the distonic radical cation compared to the conventional radical cation. For the  $\Delta E$  between the methanol ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}^+$ ) and methyleneoxonium ( $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}_2^{++}$ ) radical cation and between the methylamine ( $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2^{++}$ ) and methyleneammonium ( $\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_3^{++}$ ) radical cation, the results are scattered low (B3LYP) and high (MP2), with MP3 showing improvement over the MP2 results. MPW1K/6-31 +G(d',p') are surprising close to the experimental values and are improved from the more computationally expensive MP3 calculations. Interestingly, all of the single wave function theories and DFT methods shows inconsistent behavior for the  $\Delta E$  of the methylfluoride ( $\text{CH}_3\text{F}^+$ ) and



**Figure 29:** Schematic of a conventional radical cation (A), the transition state (B), and the distonic radical cation (C).

**Table IV:** Calculated energy differences ( $\Delta E$ ) of the distonic radical cations compared to their conventional forms in eV. All values have been corrected with ZPE.

	Level of Theory	$\text{CH}_2\text{OH}_2^{+\bullet}$	$\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_3^{+\bullet}$	$\text{CH}_2\text{FH}^{+\bullet}$
B3LYP	6-311+G(d,p)	-0.060	0.071	0.119
B3LYP	6-31+G(d',p)	-0.048	0.086	0.110
MP2	6-311+G(d,p)	-0.597	-0.164	-0.121
MP2//MP3	aug-cc-pVDZ	-0.511	-0.164	-0.096
MP3	6-31+G(d',p)	-0.355	-0.084	-0.373
MP3	aug-cc-pVDZ	-0.339	-0.087	-0.321
MPW1K	6-31+G(d',p)	-0.305	-0.006	-0.060
MPW1K	aug-cc-pVDZ	-0.265	0.004	-0.024
MPW1K	aug-cc-pVTZ	-0.298	-0.008	-0.027
G3B3		-0.311	-0.047	-0.166
Expt <sup>a</sup>		-0.314	-0.010	-0.497

methylene fluorodinium ( $\text{CH}_2\text{FH}^{+\bullet}$ ). This seems to be independent of the level of theory and basis set changes. Table V tabulates structural data of the methyl fluoride radical cation. Small structural changes in the bond length and angle can be noted, but nothing extreme enough to warrant the erratic energy fluctuations. Table VI shows the bond lengths and bond angle for the distonic radical cation. Also here, small changes to the geometry can be seen; however, there is no trend associated with the changes in the energy. Applying any of these geometries to a G2 or G3 calculation will produce a similar  $\Delta E$  ( $\sim 0.12\text{eV}$ ), as seen by Radom *et al.*<sup>106</sup>

Table VII shows the results from the *ab initio* single point energy on the B3LYP/G3Large geometries. The HF results over estimate the stability of the distonic isomer, while going to higher levels of perturbation theory, the energy difference of the distonic compared to the conventional gets smaller. The MP3 and MP4DQ results fortuitously come closer to the experimental results; however, increasing level of theory produces consistently lower results compare to experiment. Examination of the unrestricted HF wavefunction reveals the spin contamination of the ground state wavefunction of the conventional methyl fluoride radical cation. Performing a restricted open shell HF calculation reveals multireference character in the wavefunction. Therefore, these single reference techniques will not converge to accurate results.

#### *Ion Mobility Results*

Figure 30 shows an arrival time distribution (ATD) versus  $m/z$  for methanol ionized at  $\sim 11.5\text{eV}$  ( $m/z$  32) and the dissociation products ( $m/z$  31, 30). The

**Table V:** Bond lengths (ang) and angles (degrees) for the optimized geometries of the methylfluoride radical cation.

Level of Theory	$r(\text{C-H}_\mu)$	$r(\text{C-Y})$	$\angle \text{H}_\mu \text{C Y}$
B3LYP 6-311+G(d,p)	1.2904	1.0887	116.71
B3LYP 6-31+G(d',p)	1.2995	1.0904	116.18
MP2 6-311+G(d,p)	1.2904	1.0877	118.47
MP3 6-31+G(d',p)	1.2838	1.0827	117.79
MP3 aug-cc-pVDZ	1.2834	1.0959	118.5
MPW1K 6-31+G(d',p)	1.2671	1.0852	117.73
MPW1K aug-cc-pVDZ	1.2718	1.0887	118.06
MPW1K aug-cc-pVTZ	1.2629	1.0818	118.18

**Table VI:** Bond lengths (ang) and angles (degrees) for the optimized geometries of the methylfluorodim radical cation.

Level of Theory	r(C-Y)	r(Y-H) <sub>1</sub>	∠H <sub>1</sub> YC
B3LYP 6-311+G(d,p)	1.568	0.9551	114.26
B3LYP 6-31+G(d',p')	1.5911	0.9554	115.9
MP2 6-311+G(d,p)	1.551	0.9494	114.97
MP3 6-31+G(d',p')	1.566	0.9429	115.41
MP3 aug-cc-pVDZ	1.5768	0.9492	113.77
MPW1K 6-31+G(d',p')	1.5444	0.943	116.53
MPW1K aug-cc-pVDZ	1.5413	0.9443	114.49
MPW1K aug-cc-pVTZ	1.5169	0.9438	114.96

**Table VII:** Single-point energies (eV) of the distonic radical cation of methylfluoride compared to the conventional form without zero-point energy corrections.

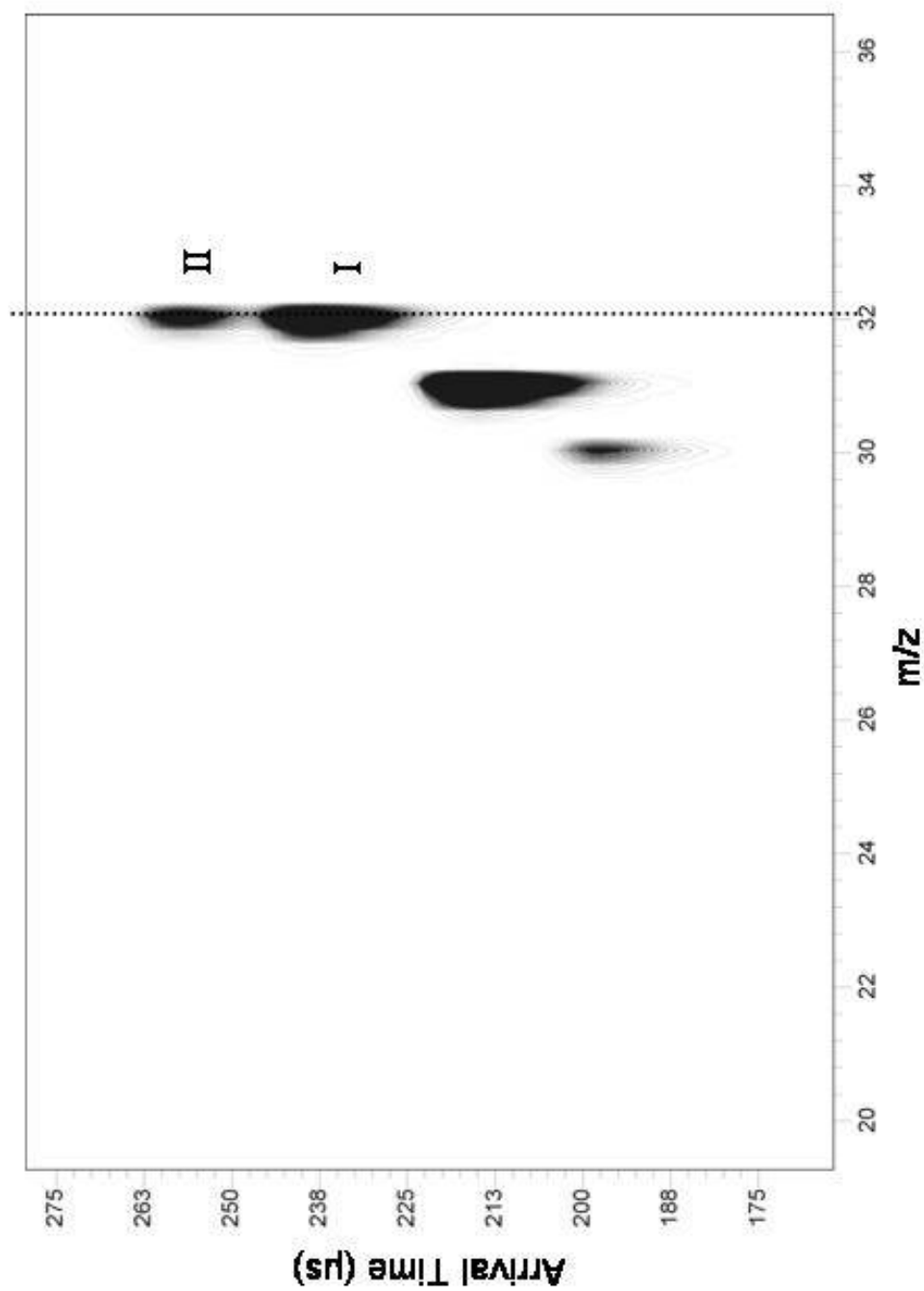
Basis Set	HF	MP2	MP3	MP4D	MP4DQ	MP4SDQ	MP4STDQ	CCSD	CCSD(T)
6-31++G(d',p')	-0.835	-0.277	-0.386	-0.371	-0.396	-0.337	-0.257	-0.347	-0.284
6-31++G(d',p') with 6-211 for F	-0.835	-0.280	-0.387	-0.371	-0.398	-0.341	-0.261	-0.350	-0.284
6-311++G(d,p)	-0.794	-0.255	-0.364	-0.346	-0.372	-0.311	-0.226	-0.320	-0.250
6-311++G(d,p) with 6-2111 for F	-0.794	-0.252	-0.362	-0.343	-0.370	-0.309	-0.224	-0.317	-0.247
g3large	-0.719	-0.154	-0.267	-0.248	-0.281	-0.223	-0.129	-0.235	-0.159
g3large with 6-2111 for C and F	-0.719	-0.153	-0.267	-0.246	-0.280	-0.222	-0.126	-0.234	-0.156
cc-pvdz	-0.775	-0.229	-0.327	-0.313	-0.338	-0.280	-0.207	-0.289	-0.229
cc-pvdz and 7611 for F	-0.775	-0.228	-0.328	-0.313	-0.338	-0.280	-0.206	-0.289	-0.229
aug-cc-pvdz	-0.770	-0.234	-0.334	-0.320	-0.347	-0.292	-0.218	-0.305	-0.246
aug-cc-pvdz and 7611 for F	-0.769	-0.233	-0.334	-0.320	-0.346	-0.292	-0.217	-0.305	-0.245
aug-cc-pvtz	-0.748	-0.183	-0.296	-0.277	-0.311	-0.253	-0.158	-0.266	-0.189



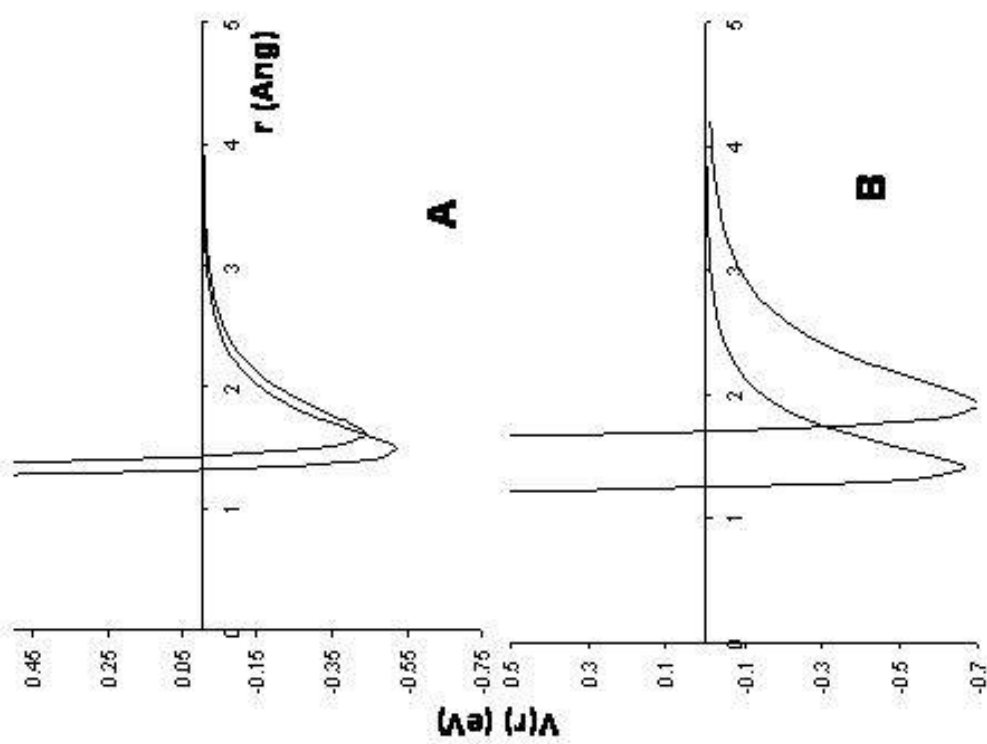
mobility was run in 1 torr Ar at 90K. As can be seen,  $m/z$  32 has 2 peaks associated with it, though not base line resolved. The integrated ratio is  $\sim 4:1$  for the lower compared to the higher arrival time distribution. The mobility peak resolution ( $t/\Delta$ ) is  $\sim 11.3$  and the mass resolution ( $m/\Delta m$ ) is 52.3. The two peaks at  $m/z$  32 are proposed to be the methanol and the methyleneoxonium radical cations formed from the ionization of methanol. A bimodal signal cannot be obtained for  $m/z = 32$  at 300K.

Theoretical results from this group and others have proposed the existence of two stable species, the conventional radical cation ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}^+$ ) and the distonic ( $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}_2^+$ ). Experimental photoelectron spectroscopy and collisionally activated mass spectrometry have confirmed the existence of two stable  $m/z = 32$  species upon ionization of methanol. The methyleneoxonium radical cation has been shown to be  $\sim 0.3$  eV more stable. Under the experimental conditions used, interconversion between the two species is not observed on the time scale of the experiment ( $\sim 250$   $\mu\text{s}$ ), because the ions are immediately collisional cooled in the drift cell following ionization (collision energy  $< 0.1$  eV). Interconversion of the ion forms would be observed as coalescence of the two signals into one peak.

The peak assignments were determined by a look at potential energy surfaces for the interactions between the two radical cations in Ar. They are resolved due to the difference in dipole moment between the conventional and distonic radical cations ( $\sim 0.2$  Debye). Figure 31A shows the calculated attractive potential of the two species. Another discriminating factor is the hard sphere collision cross-section differs by nearly



**Figure 30:** The arrival time distribution versus  $m/z$  for methanol ( $32m/z$ ) and the dissociation products ( $31$  and  $30m/z$ ). The plot was collected using 1 torr Ar buffer gas at 90K with an ionization potential of 11.5. The field applied across the drift cell was 8.2V/cm.

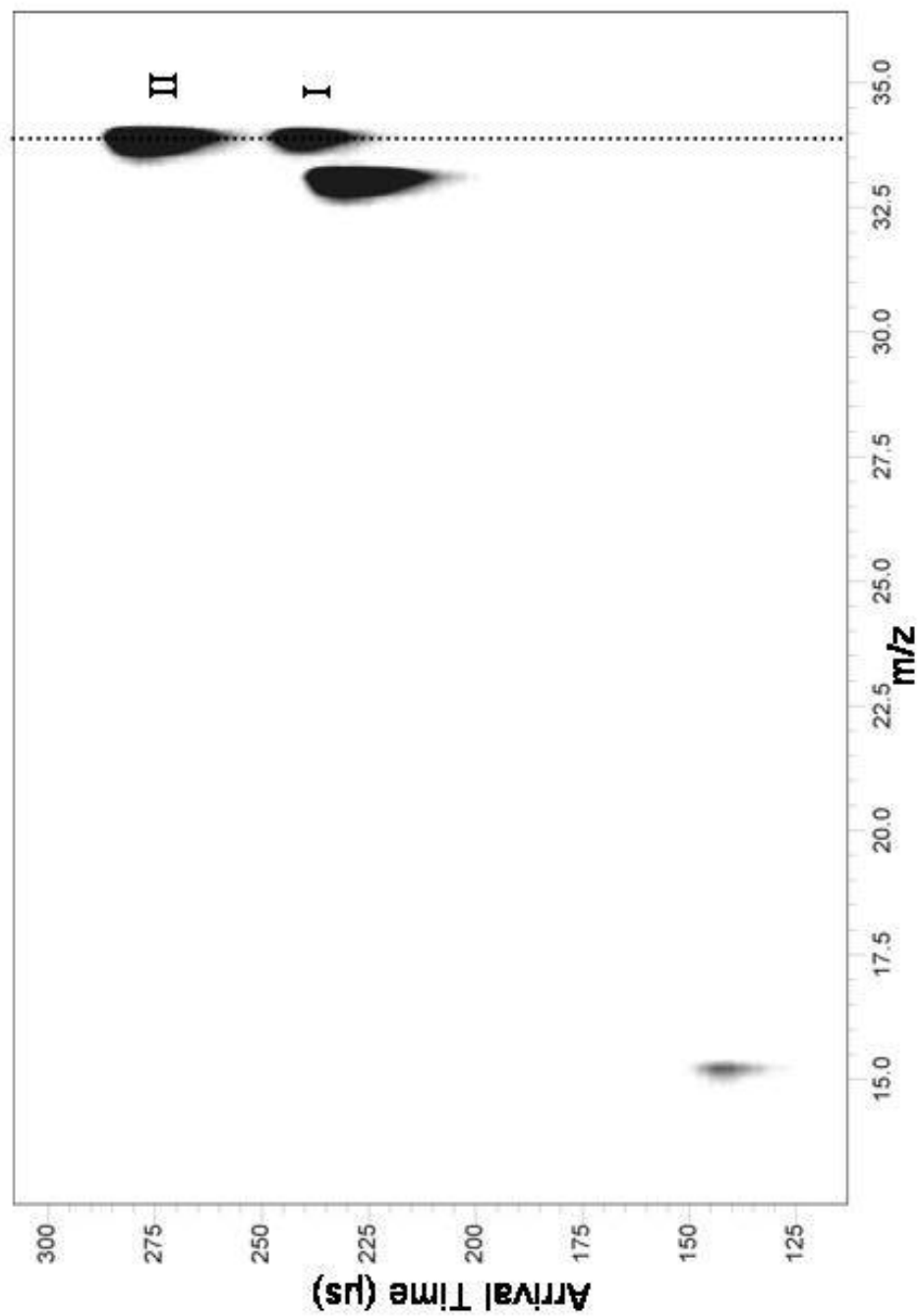


**Figure 31:** The attractive potential energy surface for the dipole-induced dipole interaction for methanol (A) and methylfluoride (B).

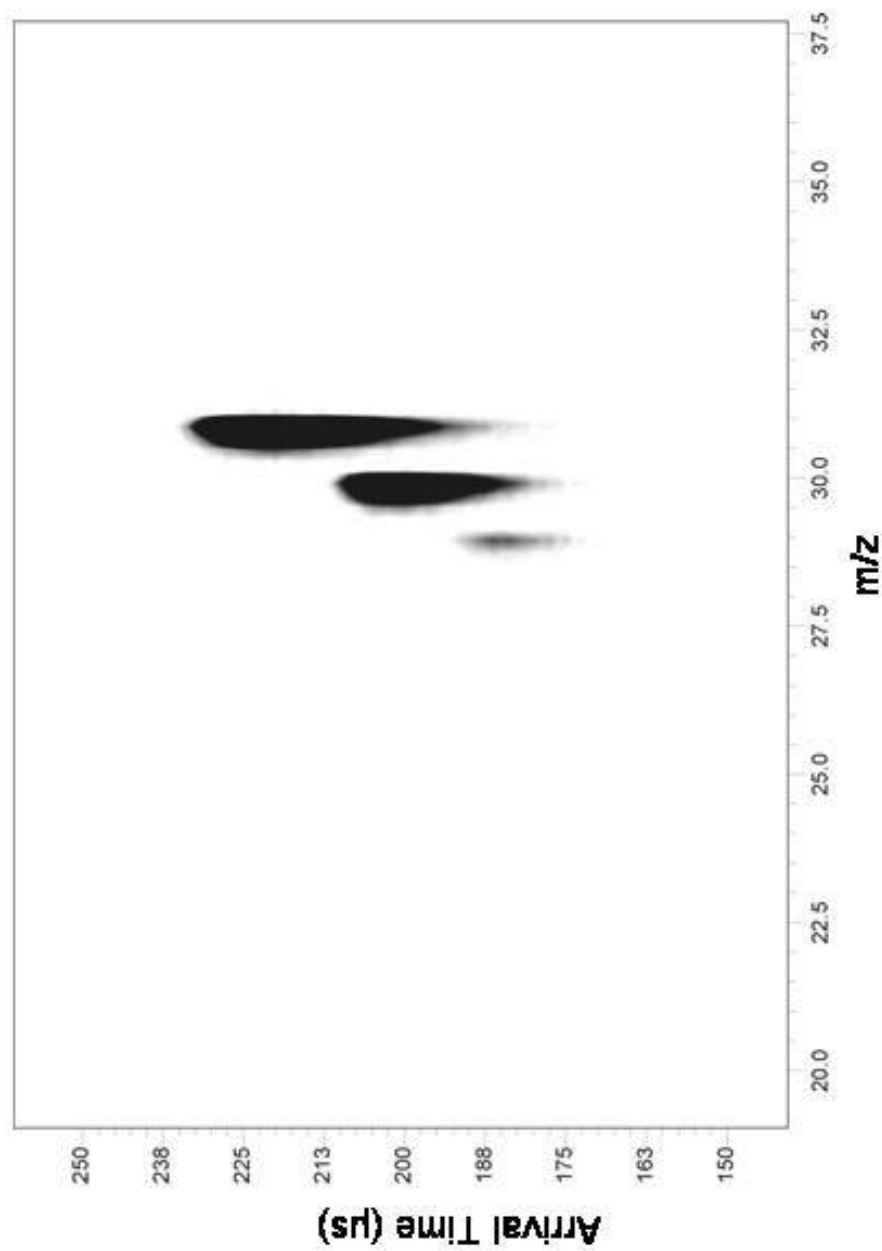
7 % ( $33.5 \text{ \AA}^2$  for the methanol radical cation and  $35.9 \text{ \AA}^2$  for the methyleneoxonium radical cation) which is sufficient for mobility separation with the current instrument's peak resolution. Therefore based on peak ratio, potential interaction, and cross-section, peak I is assigned the methanol radical cation and peak II the distonic form.

Similar experiments were performed for methylfluoride, which has been shown to have two stable electronic forms. Figure 31B shows an even greater dipole-induced dipole interaction difference, which should translate to an even better resolved separation between the conventional and distonic forms. Figure 32 shows the ATD versus  $m/z$  for the methylfluoride radical cation and the dissociation products. Here, baseline separation is achieved, which is expected due to the large dipole differences of the two species ( $\sim 4.0$  for methylfluoride radical cation and  $\sim 1.5$  for the methylfluorodinium radical cation). Once again separation between the 2 stable radical cations can not be achieved at temperatures greater than 200K.

Methylamine was the final  $\text{CH}_3\text{-X}$  compound explored. Figure 33 is the ATD versus  $m/z$  plot for ionized methylamine ( $31 m/z$ ) and the dissociation products ( $30$  and  $29 m/z$ ) ionized at 10.5 eV. Here, separation is not observed for the conventional and distonic forms of  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2^{*+}$ ; however, peak resolution has changed from  $\sim 11$  (seen for the  $30$  and  $29 m/z$  peaks) to  $6.7$  for the methylamine radical cation. We attribute this to the presence of both the conventional and distonic radical cations without the ability to fully resolve at 90K in Ar. This behavior is proposed to occur because of a narrow dipole moment difference in combination with an exact scattering cross-section of the two radical cation forms.



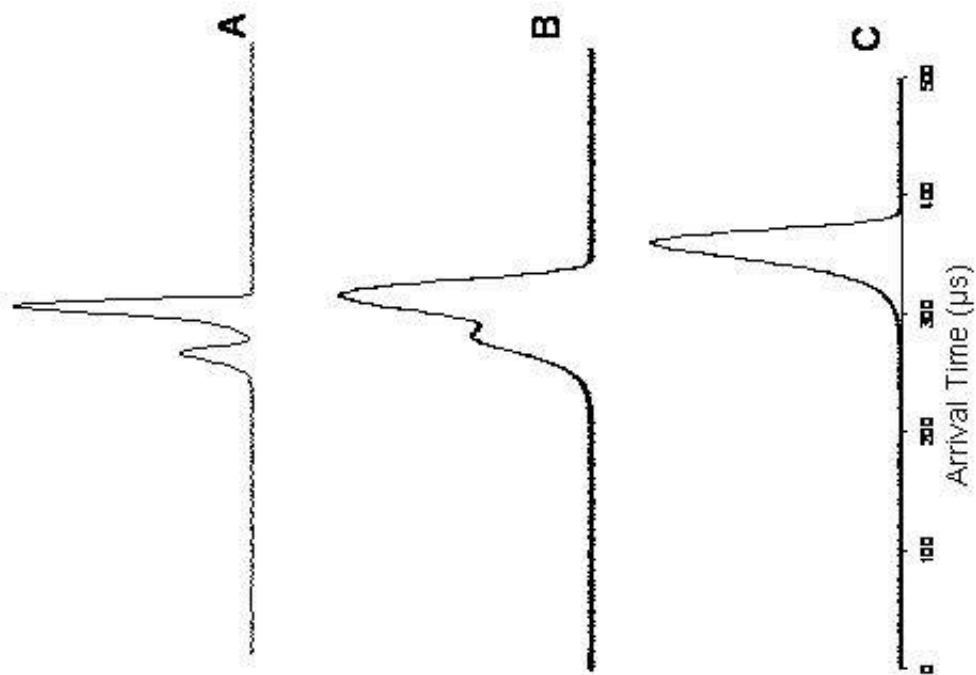
**Figure 32:** The arrival time distribution versus  $m/z$  for methylfluoride ( $34m/z$ ) and the dissociation products ( $33$  and  $15m/z$ ). The plot was collected using  $1$  torr Ar buffer gas at  $90K$  with an ionization potential of  $14.0$ . The field applied across the drift cell was  $8.2V/cm$ .



**Figure 33:** The arrival time distribution versus  $m/z$  for methylamine ( $31 m/z$ ) and the dissociation products ( $30$  and  $29m/z$ ). The plot was collected using 1 torr Ar buffer gas at 90K with an ionization potential of 10.5. The field applied across the drift cell was 8.2 V/cm.

It has been shown by Holmes *et al.* that the barrier to isomerization between the conventional and distonic forms of methylfluoride can be lowered in the presence of increasing mass noble gases. This is thought to occur due to the noble gas acting as a neutral base to catalyze the 1,2-H shift between the methylfluoride and methylfluorodim radical cations. MP3/6-311+G(d,p) calculations were performed on the  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}^{+\bullet}$  transition state in the presence of Ar, Kr, and Xe buffer gases. The barrier lowered from 0.96eV in Ar, 0.50eV in Kr, and 0.02eV in Xe with respect to the conventional radical cation energy. By using the Xe buffer gas, theory predicts only the more favorable distonic species (0.497 eV lower in energy than the conventional form) should elute from the buffer gas.

Figure 34 shows the arrival time distribution plots of the 34m/z mass only in Ar (A), Kr (B), and Xe (C). The methylfluoride radical cation has eluted the drift cell as one peak in the presence of Xe buffer gas. The resolution is expected to decrease with the increase in buffer gas mass; however, the resolution for the 34m/z peak is  $\sim 7.0$  t/ $\Delta t$  which corresponds to the resolution of the known single isomer of 33m/z ( $\sim 6.8$  t/ $\Delta t$ ).



**Figure 34:** The arrival time distribution of methylfluoride in Ar (A), Kr (B), and Xe (C) buffer gases. The plots were collected at 1 torr, and 90K, 95K, and 104K, respectively.

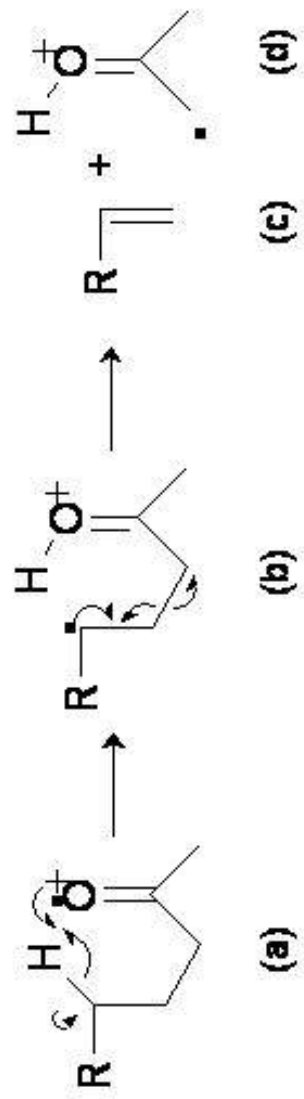


CHAPTER VIII  
SEPARATION OF THE KETO AND ENOL FORMS OF THE ACETONE  
RADICAL CATION AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE M/Z=58  
DISSOCIATION PRODUCT FROM 2-PENTANONE AND 2-HEPTANONE  
USING VARIABLE TEMPERATURE ION MOBILITY

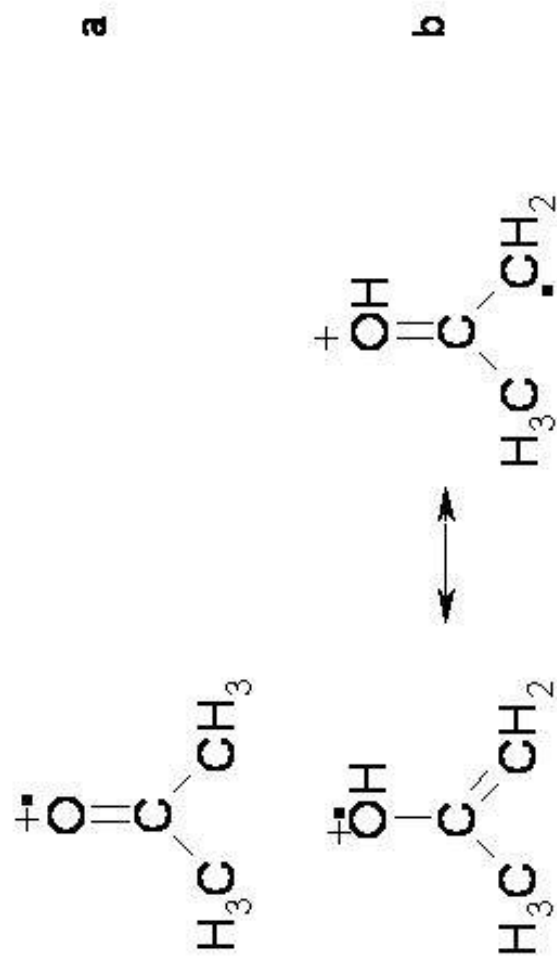
### Background

One of the most widely studied mass spectral fragmentation processes is the  $\gamma$ -H transfer from an aliphatic group to the carbonyl group of a ketone to produce a  $m/z=58$  ion (Figure 35).<sup>117</sup> This process, also known as the “McLafferty rearrangement”<sup>118-119</sup> has been a focus of mass spectral analysis since its conception. For species containing an alkyl group, R-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, joined with a carbonyl group (Figure 36a), a six-membered ring transition state is formed which allows for transfer of the  $\gamma$ -H.<sup>119-121</sup> Beauchamp showed evidence using ion cyclotron resonance spectrometry of the existence of an ion with the structure of Figure 36b.<sup>122</sup> Once the transfer is complete, charge is retained on the oxygen atom, and  $\beta$ -cleavage occurs, resulting in an odd electron enol ion.

Metastable ion abundances<sup>123</sup>, kinetic energy measurements<sup>124</sup>, and isotopic labeling<sup>125</sup> experiments have been performed using sector mass spectrometers<sup>126</sup>, ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometers<sup>127</sup>, and ion traps to study the validity of McLafferty’s mechanism. The main support for this rearrangement is the production of the odd electron enol ion at  $m/z=58$ . Most of the experiments performed to date have



**Figure 35.** Schematic of the  $\gamma$ -H rearrangement to the unsaturated group with  $\beta$ -cleavage, also known as the "McLafferty rearrangement".



**Figure 36.** Representation of the (a) keto form and (b) resonance enol forms of the acetone radical cation.

agreed that the  $m/z=58$  species is the enol form as opposed to the keto form, however, no direct method has been employed to definitively rule out the keto form.

It is well known that thermodynamics favor the keto isomer over the enol isomer for neutral species; however, it has been shown both experimentally and theoretically that the enol form (figure 36b) of the acetone radical cation is 0.3 eV more stable than its keto (figure 36a) counterpart.<sup>128-131</sup> There exists a barrier to interconversion of 1.1 eV between the keto and enol forms, allowing for studies of the isomeric species when cooled.<sup>132</sup>

## Experimental

The variable temperature ion mobility/ time-of-flight instrument was employed for the study of the separation of the keto and enol forms of the acetone radical cation. The electron impact source was employed for the ionization of acetone, 2-pentanone, and 2-heptanone. The ionization energy was 12, 11, and 11 eV respectively. Details of the instrument have been described previously in chapter IV.

The anhydrous acetone (Aldrich, , Milwaukee, WI) is leaked into the ionization source using a variable leak valve (Varian, Lexington, MA) following freeze pump-thaw. Once the keto and enol forms ( $m/z=58$ ) were determined, anhydrous 2-pentanone and 2-heptanone (Aldrich) were leaked in under the same above conditions, and analyzed. All analysis was performed with the drift tube at 92K.

## Computational Details

All calculations were performed with Gaussian 98 (G98).<sup>39</sup> Table VIII shows the results of the energy calculations using B3LYP with the 6-311 +G(d,p) and 6-31

**Table VIII:** Calculated energy(eV) differences ( $\Delta E$ ) between the keto and more stable enol, and the transition state and the enol forms of the acetone radical cations All values have been corrected with ZPEC.

Level of Theory	$\text{CH}_3\text{OHCH}_2^+$	TS
b3lyp 6-311 +G(d,p)	-0.372	1.677
b3lyp 6-31 +G(d',p)	-0.363	1.672
mp3 6-31 +G(d',p)	-0.483	1.664

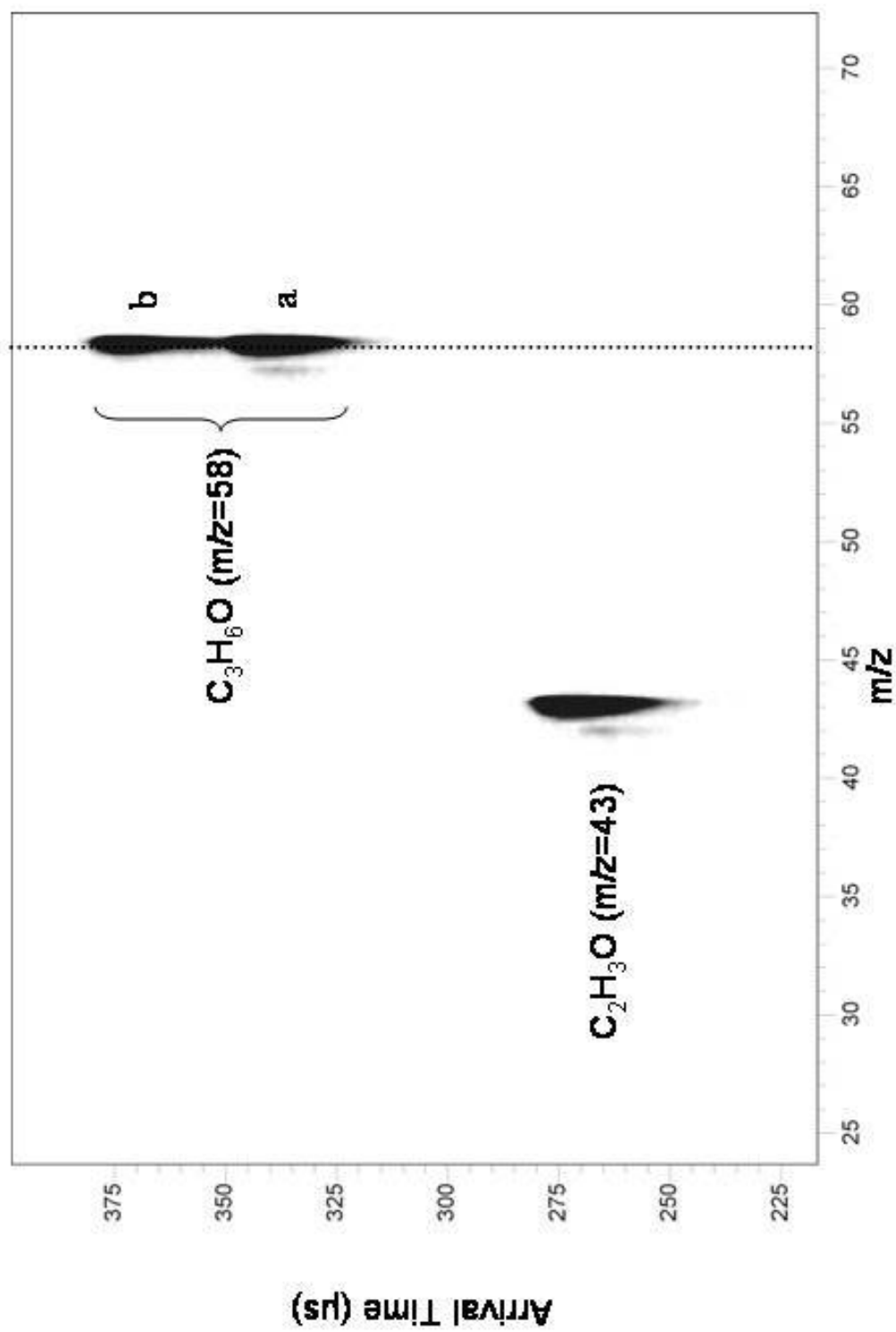
+G(d',p') basis sets, and MP3 using the 6-311 +G(d,p) basis set. These calculations illustrate that the enol form of the acetone radical cation is markedly more stable than the keto form,<sup>abc</sup> which agrees with accepted experimental and theoretical calculations. Transition state calculations were also performed under the same conditions. Due to the reproducibility of the results, and a 9.6% error with cited literature values<sup>a</sup>, no other calculations were necessary.

The transition state of 1.6eV between the keto and enol forms is low enough to allow for ionization and interconversion upon electron impact with acetone, to form both species. The transition state is high enough to avoid interconversion due to collision with the buffer gas, due to the cooling effect in the mobility cell. This should allow the production of the enol form due to a "McLafferty rearrangement" to remain stable, and not interconvert in the mobility cell.

## Results and Discussion

Figure 37 shows the arrival time distribution (ATD) for acetone and the dissociation products versus  $m/z$ . The drift cell was run at 92K in 1 torr Ar, and the acetone was ionized at 12.0eV. Two peaks are resolved, though not baseline resolution, at  $m/z=58$ . The two peaks are proposed to be the keto and enol forms of the  $C_3H_6O$  radical cation. These peaks are unable to be resolved at temperatures greater than 150K in Ar.

Collision-induced dissociation/reaction dynamic and energy resolved electron beam coupled to a quadrupole mass spectrometer experiments have shown that the keto ( $CH_3COCH_3^{+*}$ ) and enol ( $CH_3COHCH_2^{+*}$ ) forms exist for the acetone radical cation.



**Figure 37.** Ion mobility arrival time distribution versus  $m/z$  for acetone ionized at 12.0 eV showing the (a) keto and (b) enol forms at  $m/z=58$ .

This gives the greatest evidence for the assignment of these  $m/z=58$  peaks. The enol radical cation has also been shown both experimentally and theoretically to be the more stable isomer with a 1.6eV barrier to interconversion. This high barrier affords the ability to cool the ions with collision in the Ar buffer gas after ionization, and interconversion in the drift cell is not observed. Coalescence of the two peaks would be observed if interconversion occurred.

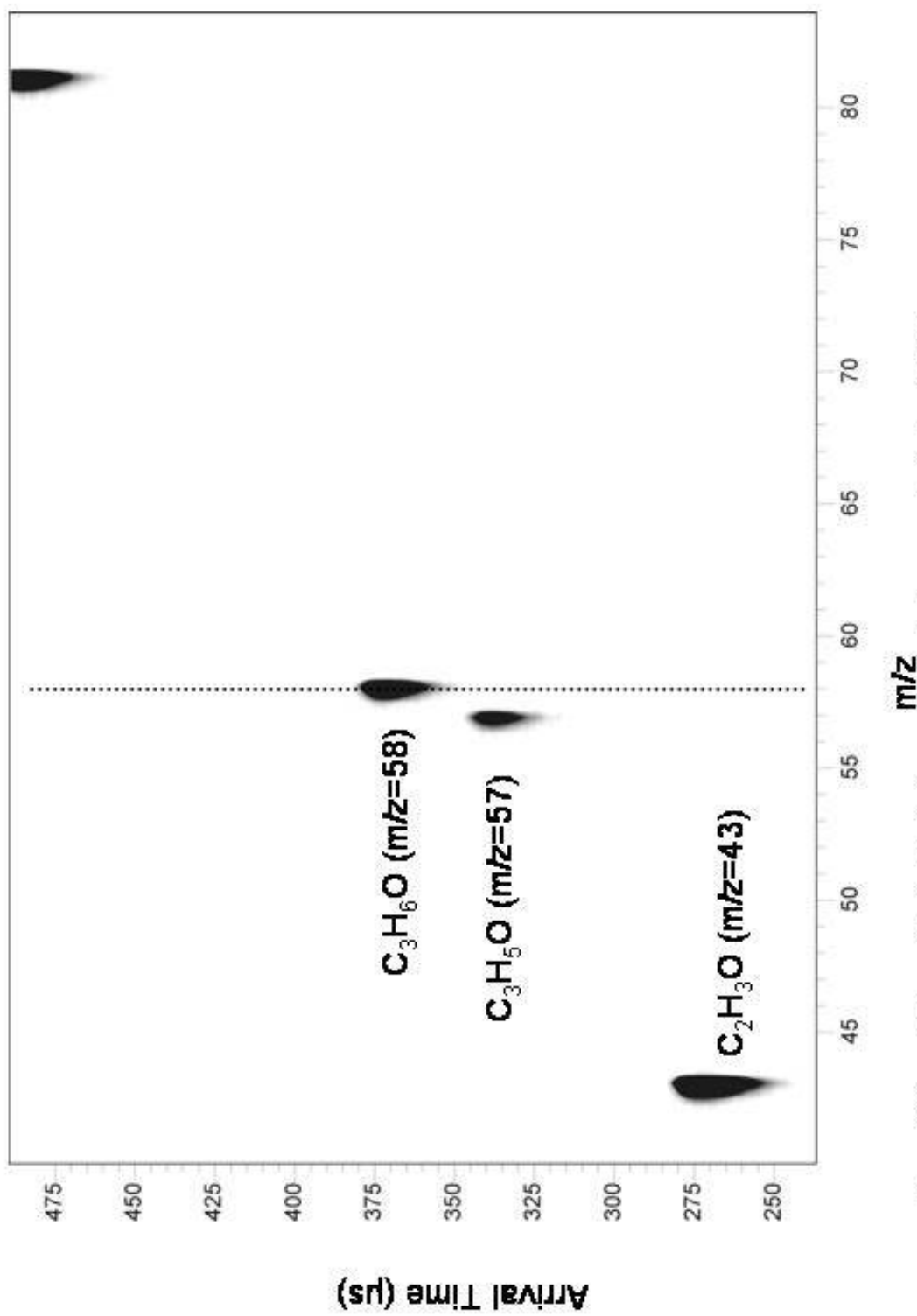
Using cross-section calculations and theoretical results, peak assignments were made based on the interaction of each species with the buffer gas. From the calculations, both the keto and enol forms have the same projection cross-section ( $\sim 22$  angstroms<sup>2</sup>), but the dipole moment of the enol form ( $\mu=2.5$  Debye) was greater than the keto form ( $\mu=1.6$  Debye). The greater dipole moment allows for a greater dipole-induced dipole interaction with the Ar buffer gas, which causes a longer retention time for the enol form in the buffer gas. From these predictions the keto form (Figure 37 a) will elute before the enol form (Figure 37 b). The arrival time for the keto form is 343 $\mu$ s and the enol form is 374 $\mu$ s.

The “McLafferty rearrangement” predicts that the  $m/z=58$  dissociation ion is the enol form for molecules containing an alkyl group, R-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, joined with a carbonyl group. Now that the  $m/z=58$  peaks have been identified, it is possible to probe molecules that produce the  $m/z=58$  to determine which isomer is the product of dissociation. Both 2-pentanone and 2-heptanone produce the  $m/z=58$  peak, and should obey the rules for the “McLafferty rearrangement”.

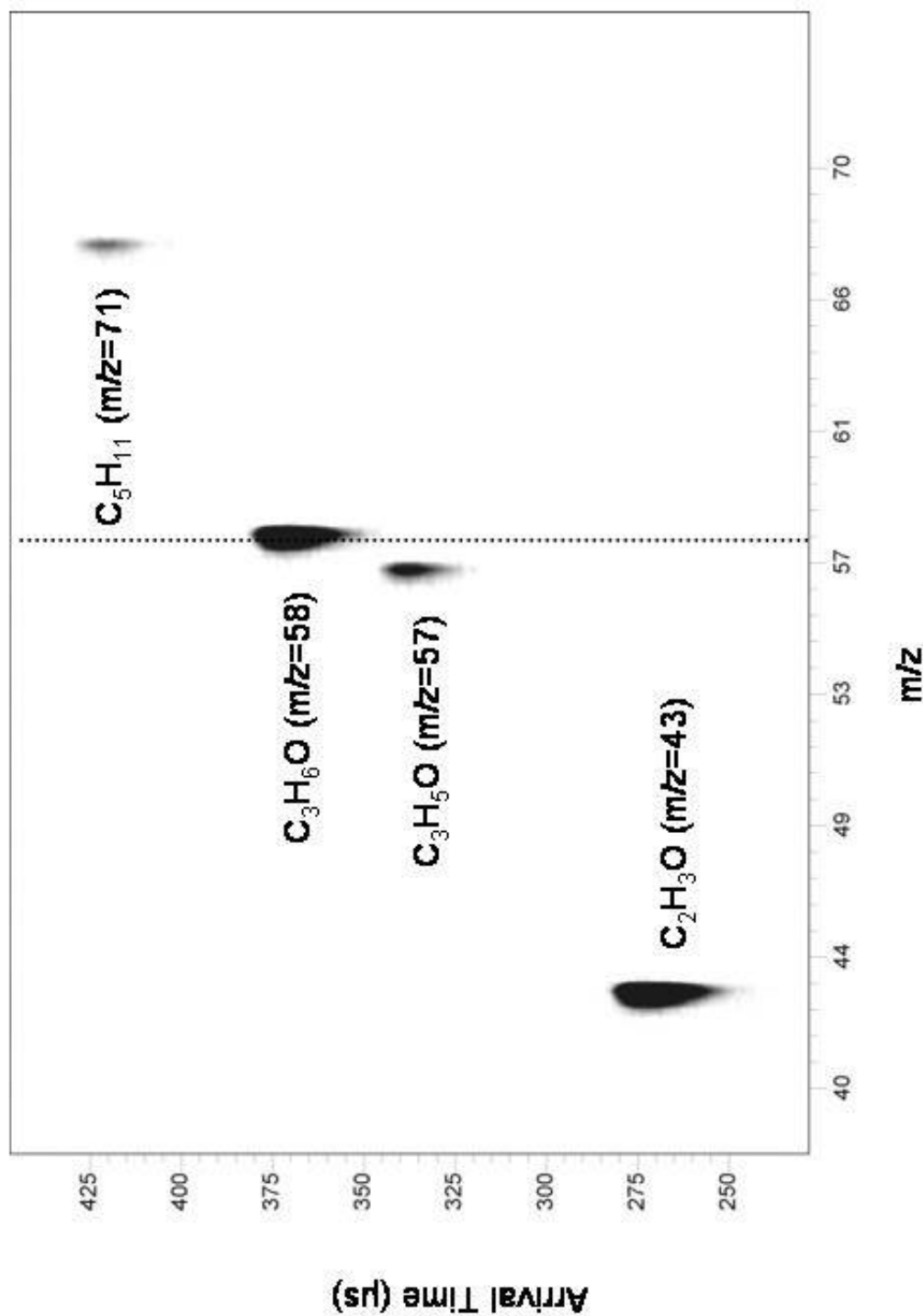


Figure 38 shows the dissociation product ion spectrum of mobility arrival time versus mass-to-charge for 2-pentanone ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COCH}_3$ ). Here we see the common product ion peaks  $m/z=58$ , 57, and 43 for the ionization of 2-pentanone. Ionization was performed at 11 eV and the mobility was determined in 1 torr Ar buffer gas at 92K. Only one  $m/z=58$  peak is observed at an arrival time of 374 $\mu\text{s}$ . No recordable peak can be observed at 343 $\mu\text{s}$ . From this evidence it can be seen that the enol form is the sole product ion at  $m/z=58$  for 2-pentanone.

2-heptanone was also analyzed at an ionization potential of 11 eV in 1 torr Ar at 92K. Figure 39 shows the partial spectrum ( $m/z<70$ ) of the arrival time distribution versus  $m/z$  for the product ions of 2-heptanone. Here we see the common product ion peaks  $m/z=71$ , 58, 57, and 43 for the ionization of 2-heptanone. Only one product ion at  $m/z=58$  was observed at the arrival time of 374 $\mu\text{s}$ , corresponding to the enol isomer of the  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}$  radical cation.



**Figure 38.** Ion mobility arrival time distribution versus  $m/z$  for 2-pentanone ionized at 11.0 eV.



**Figure 39.** Segment of the ion mobility arrival time distribution versus  $m/z$  for 2-heptanone ionized at 11.0eV

## CHAPTER IX

### CONCLUSIONS

#### **Resolution**

The resolution equations presented here establish a framework for effecting low pressure ion mobility instrument design. As seen in equation 26, issues related to temperature, transmission, and overall length of the drift region should be taken into account. Using Wannier's relation, the calculation of diffusion can be applied to a broader range of applied fields. This gives the investigator greater flexibility to evaluate the potential resolution over a broader range of experimental conditions. Using Wannier's relation to calculate the approximate diffusion coefficient provides more accurate representation of current mobility resolution and transmission equations. For high mass analysis, we have shown that the resolution equations reduce to the low-field limit; therefore, the resolution for larger ions (*i.e.*, peptides and proteins  $>1000m/z$ ) can be increased by raising the applied fields.

#### **Programming**

I have shown here the development of a radial ion trajectory program for proof of concept in the use of a periodic electrostatic field for ion mobility cell design. It was illustrated that the same principles applied to electron beam confinement can be used to simulate ion motion within a periodic field. As much as a multiple of 35 increase in ion transmission was predicted to occur over the conventional linear model. The use of a

periodic electrostatic lens array should increase ion transmission over a broad range of masses and applied electric fields.

The other program, MobCross, has been shown to be an effective projection cross-section simulation program in the analysis of amino acids and peptides. The improved speed of the program due to the use of the quaternion method has made it a good tool to complement ion mobility data.

MobCross was able to demonstrate, compared to experimental data, the charge location of the basic amino acids, lysine and arginine. With the charge site on the N-terminal instead of the side chain, a difference in the cross-section was significant to illustrate the more proper location of the proton on the amino acid. Also MobCross showed the ability, when combined with molecular mechanics calculations, to discriminate between the broad range of low energy results due to the simulated annealing process. Outliers from the combination of molecular mechanics and projection cross-section calculations can show shortcomings in the molecular mechanics program, or discriminate peptides that may have interesting chemistry and folding properties.

### **Separations**

I demonstrated that ion mobility provides a powerful means to separate isobaric ions, which can be applied to the separation of conventional and distonic radical cations, and the keto and enol forms of the acetone radical cation. This provides direct evidence that ionization of methanol and methylfluoride yield two stable radical cation species in the gas phase adding to the current array of indirect experimental and theoretical results on conventional and distonic radical cation forms. This also provides direct evidence of

the existence of both the keto and enol forms as stable  $m/z=58$  isomers of the acetone radical cation. Liquid nitrogen-cooled ion mobility spectrometry exhibits increased resolving power (through an increase in ion-neutral interactions) as well as a 3 fold increase in peak resolution when operated at 90 K. The coupling of IM and mass spectrometry provides a powerful experimental tool for ion chemists to separate isomeric ions and make it possible to explore structure specific ion-molecule reaction chemistry.

### **Theoretical Calculations**

I have also demonstrated improved theoretical results. I showed the modified Perdew-Wang calculations give accurate results for both the methanol and methylamine. The use of this DFT method saves computational expense. I showed that the problem with the methylfluoride calculations may lie in the use of single reference techniques; however, the MP4DQ do produce more correlative results to that of experimental values.

### **The Future**

There seems to be endless possibilities for an application instrument of this nature. There is still a great many gas phase ion chemistry problems yet to be explored. Perhaps this instrumentation can resolve the questions about the  $m/z=78$  peak once benzene has been ionized. Ring structures as opposed to chains may be easily resolved in a cooled buffer gas. Also isobaric atomic species could be separated by probing with either the interaction potential differences or charge exchange differences.

Changes could be made in the experiment to open the door even wider. Different sources, like laser ablation, MALDI, and chemical ionization could be used. Using other buffer gases, as  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{N}_2$ , and  $\text{CH}_4$  among many others, can probe different chemistry.

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## APPENDIX A

## PERIODIC FOCUSING PROGRAM

```
Imports System.Drawing
Imports System.Drawing.Drawing2D
Imports System.Drawing.Imaging
Imports System.Drawing.Text
Imports System.IO
Imports System.Math
```

```
Public Class IonMotionMain
```

```
    Inherits System.Windows.Forms.Form
```

```
    Dim temp, press, mob, numden As Single
```

```
    Dim kb, coul, avogad, gasconst As Single
```

```
    Dim ionrad, buffrad, lambda As Single
```

```
    Dim numcoll, celllength As Single
```

```
    Dim posr, posz As Single
```

```
    Dim Eo, Emax, Eoff, ringgap As Single
```

```
    Dim i, j, k, m, n, p As Integer
```

```
    Dim Em, timestep As Single
```

```
    Dim bz, br, Ez, Erad, az, ar As Single
```

```
    Dim diffe, diffwa, diffwr, transcal As Single
```

```
    Dim buffmass, ionmass As Single
```

```
    Dim Esi As Single
```

```
    Dim numstartions As Single
```

```
    Dim driftt, driftv, ringID As Single
```

```
    Dim diffrad, radv As Single
```

```
    Dim rpos(100000) As Single
```

```
    Dim xpos, ypos As Single
```

```
    Dim xpoint, ypoint As Single
```

```
    Dim rndC, maxC, rndtheta As Single
```

```
    Dim extrad, posrint As Single
```

```
    Dim posrscat, posrstep As Single
```

```
    Dim posrfin(100000), posrlinfin(100000) As Single
```

```
    Dim numcounts As Long
```

```
    Dim count(100000), countper(100000) As Integer
```

```
    Dim highn As Integer
```

#Region " Windows Form Designer generated code "

```
Public Sub New()
    MyBase.New()
```

```
'This call is required by the Windows Form Designer.
InitializeComponent()
```

```
'Add any initialization after the InitializeComponent() call
```

```
End Sub
```

```
'Form overrides dispose to clean up the component list.
```

```
Protected Overloads Overrides Sub Dispose(ByVal disposing As Boolean)
```

```
    If disposing Then
```

```
        If Not (components Is Nothing) Then
            components.Dispose()
```

```
        End If
```

```
    End If
```

```
    MyBase.Dispose(disposing)
```

```
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub MenuItem3_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles MenuItem3.Click
```

```
End
```

```
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub MenuItem10_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles MenuItem10.Click
```

```
    FileOpen(1, "c:\download\ionmotion.txt", OpenMode.Output)
```

```
    'setup pic area
```

```
    Dim maxwidth, maxheight As Single
```

```
    maxwidth = picView.Width
```

```
    maxheight = picView.Height
```

```
    ringID = txtID.Text
```

```
    Dim g As Graphics
```

```
    Dim h As Graphics
```

```
    g = picView.CreateGraphics
```

```
    h = picView2.CreateGraphics
```

```
    g.Clear(Color.LightGray)
```

```
    h.Clear(Color.LightGray)
```



```
Dim myPen1 As New Pen(Color.Magenta)
Dim myPen2 As New Pen(Color.Red)
Dim myPen3 As New Pen(Color.Blue)
```

```
'set up drift cell conditions
numcounts = 10000
press = txtPressure.Text
temp = txtTemp.Text
mob = txtRedmob.Text * 760 / press * temp / 273.15 / 10000
Esi = txtEo.Text * 100
celllength = txtLength.Text / 100
driftv = mob * Esi
driftt = celllength / driftv
buffmass = txtBuffmass.Text / 1000 / avogad
ionmass = txtIonmass.Text / 1000 / avogad
buffrad = 0.00000000012
ionrad = txtIonRad.Text * 0.0000000001
numden = press * avogad / (gasconst * temp)
lambda = 1 / (1.414 * 3.14159 * numden * (ionrad + buffrad) ^ 2)
numcoll = celllength / lambda
```

```
'calculate the ion distribution due to diffusion
txtDriftt.Text = driftt
exitrad = txtApt.Text
diffe = kb * temp * mob / coul
diffwa = diffe + buffmass / 3 * ((ionmass + 3.2 * buffmass) / (ionmass + 1.908 *
buffmass)) * Esi ^ 2 * mob ^ 3 / coul
diffwr = diffe + buffmass / 3 * ((ionmass + buffmass) / (ionmass + 1.908 *
buffmass)) * Esi ^ 2 * mob ^ 3 / coul
transcal = 100 * (1 - (Exp(-(exitrad ^ 2) / (4 * diffwr * driftt))))
txtTranscal.Text = transcal
```

```
'find max value of C
maxC = 1 / (Sqrt(3.14159 * diffwr * driftt)) * Exp(-(0.0000000001 ^ 2) / 4 *
diffwr * driftt)
'perform distribution
i = 1
k = 0
m = 0
Do Until i = numcounts + 1
    rndC = Rnd() * maxC
    rndtheta = Rnd() * 2 * 3.14159265
```

```

    rpos(i) = Sqrt(4 * diffwr * driftt * Log(1 / (rndC * Sqrt(3.14159 * diffwr *
driftt))))
    xpos = rpos(i) * Cos(rndtheta)
    xpoint = xpos * 100 / ringID + 100
    ypos = rpos(i) * Sin(rndtheta)
    ypoint = ypos * 100 / ringID + 100
    If rpos(i) > ringID Then
        g.DrawEllipse(myPen2, xpoint, ypoint, 1, 1)
        k = k + 1
    ElseIf rpos(i) < extrad Then
        g.DrawEllipse(myPen1, xpoint, ypoint, 1, 1)
        m = m + 1
    Else
        g.DrawEllipse(myPen3, xpoint, ypoint, 1, 1)
    End If
    i = i + 1
Loop
txtTranssim.Text = m / 10000 * 100
txtLost.Text = k / 10000 * 100

'Simulation of Periodic

'calculate acceleration in x,y, and z directions
Eo = txtEo.Text
Em = txtEamp.Text
Eoff = txtEoffset.Text
ringgap = txtRingSpace.Text
timestep = 0.0000001
k = 0
m = 0
Do Until j = numcounts + 1
    posr = rpos(j)
    posrstep = rpos(j) * (driftv * timestep) / celllength
    posz = 0
    Do Until posz > celllength * 100

        bz = Sin(Eoff + 2 * 3.14159 * posz / ringgap)
        br = -Cos(Eoff + 2 * 3.14159 * posz / ringgap)
        Ez = Eo + Em * bz + posr ^ 2 * Em * 3.14159 ^ 2 / (ringgap ^ 2) * bz + posr ^
4 * Em * 3.14159 ^ 4 / (4 * ringgap ^ 4) * bz
        Erad = posr * Em * 3.14159 / ringgap * br + posr ^ 3 * Em * 3.14159 ^ 3 / (2
* ringgap ^ 3) * br
        az = Ez * 100 * coul / ionmass
    
```

```

ar = Erad * 100 * coul / ionmass
posrscat = (Rnd() - 0.5) * 1 / numcounts
posz = posz + driftv * timestep * 100
posr = posr + 0.5 * ar * timestep ^ 2 + posrscat
posr = Abs(posr)

```

```

Loop
rndtheta = Rnd() * 2 * 3.14159265
xpos = posr * Cos(rndtheta)
xpoint = xpos * 100 / ringID + 100
ypos = posr * Sin(rndtheta)
ypoint = ypos * 100 / ringID + 100
If posr > ringID Then
  h.DrawEllipse(myPen2, xpoint, ypoint, 1, 1)
  k = k + 1
ElseIf posr < exitrad Then
  h.DrawEllipse(myPen1, xpoint, ypoint, 1, 1)
  m = m + 1
Else
  h.DrawEllipse(myPen3, xpoint, ypoint, 1, 1)
End If

```

'record the distribution profile for the radial values

```

n = 1
Do
  If rpos(j) < n * 0.0001 Then
    count(n) = count(n) + 1
    If n > highn Then
      highn = n
    End If
    GoTo record
  End If
  n = n + 1

```

Loop

record:

```

p = 1
Do
  If posr < p * 0.0001 Then
    countper(p) = countper(p) + 1
    If p > highn Then
      highn = p
    End If
    GoTo record2
  End If

```

```
        p = p + 1
    Loop
record2:
    WriteLine(1, rpos(j), posr)
    j = j + 1
Loop

WriteLine(1, highn)
n = 1
Do Until n = highn + 1
    WriteLine(1, count(n), countper(n))
    n = n + 1
Loop

txtTranssimp.Text = m / 10000 * 100
txtLostp.Text = k / 10000 * 100
FileClose(1)
```

End Sub

Private Sub IonMotionMain\_Load(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As System.EventArgs) Handles MyBase.Load

```
kb = 1.380662E-23
coul = 1.6022E-19
avogad = 6.022E+23
gasconst = 0.062363
Randomize()
```

End Sub

End Class

## APPENDIX B

## MOBCROSS PROGRAM

```
Imports System.Drawing
Imports System.Drawing.Drawing2D
Imports System.Drawing.Imaging
Imports System.Drawing.Text
Imports System.IO
Imports System.Math
```

```
Public Class frmMain
```

```
    Inherits System.Windows.Forms.Form
    Dim buffgas As Integer
    Dim precision As Single
    Dim fileout As String
    Dim cartfilename As String
    Dim i, j, k, m, n As Integer
    Dim atomnum(5000), atomicnum(5000), atomtype(5000) As Integer
    Dim xcoord(5000), ycoord(5000), zcoord(5000) As Single
    Dim numatoms As Integer
    Dim amu(5000), atomicradii(5000) As Single
    Dim totalmass As Single
    Dim Response As DialogResult
    Dim xcm, ycm, zcm As Single
    Dim xcenter, ycenter, zcenter As Single
    Dim Rad(5000) As Single
    Dim maxrad, bufradius, bufmass As Single
    Dim g As Graphics
    Dim maxwidth As Integer
    Dim maxheight As Integer
    Dim areaPen As New Pen(Color.DarkSalmon)
    Dim atomPen(5000) As Pen
    Dim pen1 As New Pen(Color.Black)
    Dim pen2 As New Pen(Color.Green)
    Dim pen3 As New Pen(Color.Blue)
    Dim pen4 As New Pen(Color.Red)
    Dim pen5 As New Pen(Color.Violet)
    Dim pen6 As New Pen(Color.Orange)
    Dim pen7 As New Pen(Color.Black)
    Dim pen8 As New Pen(Color.White)
    Dim atomcolor As Color
    Dim atomoutline As Color
```

```

Dim xpos, ypos As Single
Dim atomleft, atomright, atomtop, atombottom As Integer
Dim atomradius As Single
Dim z(4) As Single
Dim S1, S2 As Single
Dim q1, q2, q3, q4 As Single
Dim Lambda As Single
Dim quant(3, 3) As Single
Dim orgx, orgy, orgz As Single
Dim orgxc, orgyc, orgzc As Single
Dim xrnd, yrnd As Single
Dim radialval, rsqr, prodx As Single
Dim numhits, numrot As Integer
Dim totalarea, molarea, atomden As Single
Dim line As String

```

```

Private Sub MenuItem6_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles MenuItem6.Click

```

```

    End

```

```

End Sub

```

```

Private Sub MenuItem5_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles MenuItem5.Click

```

```

    Dim g As Graphics
    Dim maxwidth As Integer
    Dim maxheight As Integer
    maxwidth = Width
    maxheight = Height
    g = Me.CreateGraphics
    Dim myPen As New Pen(Color.Red)
    myPen.Width = 1
    g.DrawLine(myPen, 1, 1, maxwidth, maxheight)

```

```

End Sub

```

```

Private Sub Input_Conditions()

```

```

    'Read in Run Parameters
    FileOpen(1, "c:\windows\system\conditions.ini", OpenMode.Input)
    Input(1, buffgas)
    Input(1, precision)

```

```
Input(1, fileout)
FileClose(1)
```

```
If buffgas = 0 Then
    bufradius = 0.0
    bufmass = 0.0
ElseIf buffgas = 1 Then
    bufradius = 1.22
    bufmass = 4.003
ElseIf buffgas = 2 Then
    bufradius = 1.6
    bufmass = 20.18
ElseIf buffgas = 3 Then
    bufradius = 1.91
    bufmass = 39.95
ElseIf buffgas = 4 Then
    bufradius = 1.98
    bufmass = 83.8
ElseIf buffgas = 5 Then
    bufradius = 2.18
    bufmass = 131.3
ElseIf buffgas = 6 Then
    bufradius = 2.2
    bufmass = 28.02
ElseIf buffgas = 7 Then
    bufradius = 2.7
    bufmass = 16.03
End If
'reset variables
numatoms = 0
totalmass = 0
```

```
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub MenuItem7_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles MenuItem7.Click
```

```
Call Input_Conditions()
```

```
With OpenFileDialog
    .CheckFileExists = True
    .ShowReadOnly = False
    .Filter = "All Files|*.*|Text Files|.txt"
    .FilterIndex = 2
```

```

    If .ShowDialog = DialogResult.OK Then
        cartfilename = OpenFileDialog.FileName
    Else : GoTo Cancel_Event
    End If
End With

FileOpen(1, cartfilename, OpenMode.Input)

i = 1
Do ' Loop until end of file.
    Input(1, atomnum(i))
    Input(1, atomicnum(i))
    Input(1, atomtype(i))
    Input(1, xcoord(i))
    Input(1, ycoord(i))
    Input(1, zcoord(i))

    i = i + 1 ' Print to the output window.
Loop Until EOF(1)
FileClose(1)
numatoms = i - 1

Call Mol_Info()
Call Find_CM()
Call Refresh_Graphic()
Cancel_Event:
End Sub

Private Sub Find_CM()

'Finds the center of mass and center of the molecule
'and adjusts the coordinate system to center of mass

i = 1
xcm = 0
ycm = 0
zcm = 0
xcenter = 0
ycenter = 0
zcenter = 0

Do Until i = numatoms + 1

    xcm = xcm + xcoord(i) * amu(i)

```



```

ycm = ycm + ycoord(i) * amu(i)
zcm = zcm + zcoord(i) * amu(i)
xcenter = xcenter + xcoord(i)
ycenter = ycenter + ycoord(i)
zcenter = zcenter + zcoord(i)
i = i + 1

```

Loop

```

xcm = xcm / totalmass
ycm = ycm / totalmass
zcm = zcm / totalmass
xcenter = xcenter / numatoms - xcm
ycenter = ycenter / numatoms - ycm
zcenter = zcenter / numatoms - zcm

```

```

i = 1
Do Until i = numatoms + 1

```

```

    xcoord(i) = xcoord(i) - xcm
    ycoord(i) = ycoord(i) - ycm
    zcoord(i) = zcoord(i) - zcm
    i = i + 1

```

Loop

```

j = 1
maxrad = 0
'find max radius of sphere in order to produce single circle area about the molecule
Do Until j = numatoms + 1

```

```

    Rad(j) = Sqrt(xcoord(j) ^ 2 + ycoord(j) ^ 2 + zcoord(j) ^ 2) + atomicradii(j) +
    bufradius

```

```

    If maxrad <= Rad(j) Then
        maxrad = Rad(j)
    Else
        maxrad = maxrad
    End If

```

```

    j = j + 1

```

Loop

End Sub

Private Sub Rotate\_Mol()

find:

  i = 1

  Do Until i = 5

    Randomize()

    z(i) = (2 \* Rnd() - 1)

    i = i + 1

  Loop

  S1 = z(1) ^ 2 + z(2) ^ 2

  S2 = z(3) ^ 2 + z(4) ^ 2

  If S1 >= 1 Then

    GoTo find

  Else

    S1 = S1

  End If

  If S2 >= 1 Then

    GoTo find

  Else

    S2 = S2

  End If

  q1 = z(1)

  q2 = z(2)

  q3 = z(3) \* Sqrt((1 - S1) / S2)

  q4 = z(4) \* Sqrt((1 - S1) / S2)

  Lambda = q1 ^ 2 + q2 ^ 2 + q3 ^ 2 + q4 ^ 2

  quant(1, 1) = q1 ^ 2 + q2 ^ 2 - q3 ^ 2 - q4 ^ 2

  quant(2, 1) = 2 \* (q2 \* q3 - q1 \* q4)

  quant(3, 1) = 2 \* (q2 \* q4 + q1 \* q3)

  quant(1, 2) = 2 \* (q2 \* q3 + q1 \* q4)

  quant(2, 2) = q1 ^ 2 - q2 ^ 2 + q3 ^ 2 - q4 ^ 2

  quant(3, 2) = 2 \* (q3 \* q4 - q1 \* q2)

  quant(1, 3) = 2 \* (q2 \* q4 - q1 \* q3)

  quant(2, 3) = 2 \* (q3 \* q4 + q1 \* q2)

  quant(3, 3) = q1 ^ 2 - q2 ^ 2 - q3 ^ 2 + q4 ^ 2

```

k = 1
Do Until k = numatoms + 1

    orgx = xcoord(k)
    orgy = ycoord(k)
    orgz = zcoord(k)

    xcoord(k) = orgx * quant(1, 1) + orgy * quant(1, 2) + orgz * quant(1, 3)
    ycoord(k) = orgx * quant(2, 1) + orgy * quant(2, 2) + orgz * quant(2, 3)
    zcoord(k) = orgx * quant(3, 1) + orgy * quant(3, 2) + orgz * quant(3, 3)
    k = k + 1

```

Loop

```

orgxc = xcenter
orgyc = ycenter
orgzc = zcenter

```

```

xcenter = orgxc * quant(1, 1) + orgyc * quant(1, 2) + orgzc * quant(1, 3)
ycenter = orgxc * quant(2, 1) + orgyc * quant(2, 2) + orgzc * quant(2, 3)
zcenter = orgxc * quant(3, 1) + orgyc * quant(3, 2) + orgzc * quant(3, 3)

```

End Sub

Private Sub MenuItem12\_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As System.EventArgs) Handles MenuItem12.Click

```

g.Clear(Color.Gray)
Call Rotate_Mol()
Call Refresh_Graphic()

```

End Sub

Private Sub frmMain\_Load(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As System.EventArgs) Handles MyBase.Load

```

g = Me.CreateGraphics
Call Input_Conditions()

```

End Sub

Private Sub MenuItem9\_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As System.EventArgs) Handles MenuItem9.Click

```

g.Clear(Color.Gray)
Dim frm As New Form2()
frm.Show()

```

End Sub

Private Sub MenuItem13\_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As System.EventArgs) Handles MenuItem13.Click

```

g.DrawEllipse(areaPen, 0, 0, 500, 500)

k = 1
Do Until k = numatoms + 1

    xpos = xcoord(k) * 250 / maxrad + 250
    ypos = ycoord(k) * 250 / maxrad + 250
    atomradius = atomicradii(k) * 250 / maxrad
    xpos = xpos - atomradius
    ypos = ypos - atomradius

    g.FillEllipse(Brushes.Black, xpos, ypos, atomradius * 2, atomradius * 2)

    k = k + 1
Loop

```

End Sub

Private Sub MenuItem14\_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As System.EventArgs) Handles MenuItem14.Click

```

Me.Cursor = Cursors.WaitCursor

FileOpen(2, fileout, OpenMode.Output)

numhits = 0
Randomize()
totalarea = 3.141592654 * maxrad ^ 2
n = 1
numrot = Int(1 / precision)
Do Until n = numrot + 1

```

```

Call Rotate_Mol()

m = 1
Do Until m = 5001
findxy:
    xrnd = (2 * Rnd() - 1) * maxrad
    xrnd = xrnd - xcenter
    yrnd = (2 * Rnd() - 1) * maxrad
    yrnd = yrnd - xcenter
    rsqr = maxrad ^ 2
    prodx = xrnd ^ 2 + yrnd ^ 2

    If rsqr < prodx Then
        GoTo findxy
    End If

    j = 1
    Do Until j = numatoms + 1
        radialval = Sqrt((xcoord(j) - xrnd) ^ 2 + (ycoord(j) - yrnd) ^ 2)
        If radialval <= atomicradii(j) + bufradius Then
            numhits = numhits + 1
            GoTo Iterations
        End If
        j = j + 1
    Loop
Iterations:
    m = m + 1
    Loop
    n = n + 1
    Loop
    molarea = totalarea * numhits / (5000 * numrot)
    atomden = totalmass / molarea
    WriteLine(2, totalmass, precision, molarea, atomden)

    FileClose(2)
    Me.Cursor = Cursors.Default
    g.Clear(Color.Gray)
    Dim frmout As New frmCross()
    frmout.Show()

End Sub

Private Sub CalCross()

```

```

numhits = 0
Randomize()
totalarea = 3.141592654 * maxrad ^ 2
n = 1
numrot = Int(1 / precision)
Do Until n = numrot + 1

    Call Rotate_Mol()

    m = 1
    Do Until m = 5001
findxy:
        xrnd = (2 * Rnd() - 1) * maxrad
        xrnd = xrnd - xcenter
        yrnd = (2 * Rnd() - 1) * maxrad
        yrnd = yrnd - ycenter
        rsqr = maxrad ^ 2
        prodx = xrnd ^ 2 + yrnd ^ 2

        If rsqr < prodx Then
            GoTo findxy
        End If

        j = 1
        Do Until j = numatoms + 1
            radialval = Sqrt((xcoord(j) - xrnd) ^ 2 + (ycoord(j) - yrnd) ^ 2)
            If radialval <= atomicradii(j) + bufradius Then
                numhits = numhits + 1
                GoTo Iterations
            End If
            j = j + 1
        Loop
    Iterations:
        m = m + 1
    Loop
    n = n + 1
Loop
molarea = totalarea * numhits / (5000 * numrot)
atomden = totalmass / molarea
'WriteLine(2, totalmass, precision, molarea, atomden)

End Sub

```

```
Private Sub OpenCarFile()

    With OpenCartDialog
        .CheckFileExists = True
        .ShowReadOnly = False
        .Filter = "All Files|*.*|Text Files|.car"
        .FilterIndex = 2
        If .ShowDialog = DialogResult.OK Then
            cartfilename = OpenCartDialog.FileName
        Else : GoTo Cancel_Event1
        End If
    End With

    FileOpen(1, cartfilename, OpenMode.Input)
Cancel_Event1:

End Sub

Private Sub OpenOutputFile()

    FileOpen(2, "c:/download/test.txt", OpenMode.Output)

End Sub

Private Sub CloseCarFile()

    FileClose(1)

End Sub

Private Sub CloseOutputFile()

    FileClose(2)

End Sub

Private Sub MenuItem8_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles MenuItem8.Click

    Call Input_Conditions()
    Call OpenCarFile()
    Call OpenOutputFile()

    Call ReadInCar()
```

```
Call Mol_Info()  
Call Find_CM()  
Call Refresh_Graphic()
```

```
Call CloseCarFile()  
Call CloseOutputFile()
```

Cancel\_Event:

```
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub ReadInCar()
```

```
Dim Atomlbl(5000) As String  
Dim xcoor As String  
Dim ycoor As String  
Dim zcoor As String  
Dim rename As String  
Dim resnum As String  
Dim atomlbl2 As String  
Dim atomicname(5000) As String  
Dim charge As String
```

```
k = 1
```

```
Do Until k = 5
```

```
    line = LineInput(1)
```

```
    k = k + 1
```

```
Loop
```

```
i = 1
```

```
Do
```

```
    Atomlbl(i) = InputString(1, 7)
```

```
    If Atomlbl(i) Like "end*" Then
```

```
        GoTo ExitLoop
```

```
    Else
```

```
        xcoor = InputString(1, 15)
```

```
        xcoord(i) = Single.Parse(xcoor)
```

```
        ycoor = InputString(1, 15)
```

```
        ycoord(i) = Single.Parse(ycoor)
```

```
        zcoor = InputString(1, 14)
```

```
        zcoord(i) = Single.Parse(zcoor)
```

```
        rename = InputString(1, 5)
```

```
        resnum = InputString(1, 7)
```

```
        atomlbl2 = InputString(1, 8)
```



```

    atomicname(i) = InputString(1, 3)
    If atomicname(i) = "H " Then
        atomicnum(i) = 1
    ElseIf atomicname(i) = "Li " Then
        atomicnum(i) = 3
    ElseIf atomicname(i) = "C " Then
        atomicnum(i) = 6
    ElseIf atomicname(i) = "N " Then
        atomicnum(i) = 7
    ElseIf atomicname(i) = "O " Then
        atomicnum(i) = 8
    ElseIf atomicname(i) = "F " Then
        atomicnum(i) = 9
    ElseIf atomicname(i) = "Na " Then
        atomicnum(i) = 11
    ElseIf atomicname(i) = "P " Then
        atomicnum(i) = 15
    ElseIf atomicname(i) = "S " Then
        atomicnum(i) = 16
    ElseIf atomicname(i) = "Cl " Then
        atomicnum(i) = 17
    ElseIf atomicname(i) = "Cs " Then
        atomicnum(i) = 55
    ElseIf atomicname(i) = "Li " Then
        atomicnum(i) = 3
    Else
        Response = MessageBox.Show("One or more atoms not in registry",
"Warning", MessageBoxButtons.AbortRetryIgnore, MessageBoxIcon.Exclamation,
MessageBoxDefaultButton.Button1, MessageBoxOptions.DefaultDesktopOnly)
    End If
    charge = InputString(1, 8)
    'WriteLine(2, atomicname(i), atomicnum(i), xcoord(i), ycoord(i), zcoord(i))
    i = i + 1
End If

```

Loop

ExitLoop:

```

line = LineInput(1)
'WriteLine(2, line)
numatoms = i - 1
'WriteLine(2, numatoms)

```

End Sub

Private Sub Mol\_Info()

totalmass = 0

i = 1

Do Until i = numatoms + 1

    If atomicnum(i) = 1 Then

        amu(i) = 1.00794

        atomicradii(i) = 1.19

        atomPen(i) = pen1

    ElseIf atomicnum(i) = 2 Then

        amu(i) = 4.002602

        atomicradii(i) = 1.05

        atomPen(i) = pen5

    ElseIf atomicnum(i) = 3 Then

        amu(i) = 6.941

        atomicradii(i) = 1.25

        atomPen(i) = pen5

    ElseIf atomicnum(i) = 6 Then

        amu(i) = 12.011

        atomicradii(i) = 1.52

        atomPen(i) = pen2

    ElseIf atomicnum(i) = 7 Then

        amu(i) = 14.00674

        atomicradii(i) = 1.52

        atomPen(i) = pen3

    ElseIf atomicnum(i) = 8 Then

        amu(i) = 15.9994

        atomicradii(i) = 1.52

        atomPen(i) = pen4

    ElseIf atomicnum(i) = 9 Then

        amu(i) = 18.9984032

        atomicradii(i) = 1.27

        atomPen(i) = pen6

    ElseIf atomicnum(i) = 11 Then

        amu(i) = 22.989768

        atomicradii(i) = 1.76

        atomPen(i) = pen6

    ElseIf atomicnum(i) = 14 Then

        amu(i) = 28.0855

```

    atomicradii(i) = 1.75
    atomPen(i) = pen5
  ElseIf atomicnum(i) = 15 Then
    amu(i) = 30.973762
    atomicradii(i) = 1.75
    atomPen(i) = pen5
  ElseIf atomicnum(i) = 16 Then
    amu(i) = 32.066
    atomicradii(i) = 1.75
    atomPen(i) = pen6
  ElseIf atomicnum(i) = 17 Then
    amu(i) = 35.4527
    atomicradii(i) = 1.65
    atomPen(i) = pen6
  ElseIf atomicnum(i) = 53 Then
    amu(i) = 126.90447
    atomicradii(i) = 2.1
    atomPen(i) = pen5
  ElseIf atomicnum(i) = 55 Then
    amu(i) = 132.90543
    atomicradii(i) = 2.15
    atomPen(i) = pen5
  Else
    Response = MessageBox.Show("One or more atoms not in registry",
    "Warning", MessageBoxButtons.AbortRetryIgnore, MessageBoxIcon.Exclamation,
    MessageBoxDefaultButton.Button1, MessageBoxOptions.DefaultDesktopOnly)
  End If

  totalmass = totalmass + amu(i)
  i = i + 1

Loop

End Sub

Private Sub Refresh_Graphic()

  'set up pane for graphics output

  g.Clear(Color.Gray)
  maxwidth = Me.Width
  maxheight = Me.Height
  areaPen.Width = 1
  g.DrawEllipse(areaPen, 0, 0, 500, 500)

```

```

k = 1
Do Until k = numatoms + 1

    xpos = xcoord(k) * 250 / maxrad + 250
    ypos = ycoord(k) * 250 / maxrad + 250
    atomradius = atomicradii(k) * 250 / maxrad
    xpos = xpos - atomradius
    ypos = ypos - atomradius
    g.DrawEllipse(atomPen(k), xpos, ypos, atomradius * 2, atomradius * 2)
    k = k + 1
Loop

```

End Sub

```

Private Sub MenuItem15_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles MenuItem15.Click

```

```

    Call Refresh_Graphic()

```

End Sub

```

Private Sub MenuItem16_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles MenuItem16.Click

```

```

    g.Clear(Color.Gray)

```

```

    Call Array_Sort()

```

```

k = 1
Do Until k = numatoms + 1
    xpos = xcoord(k) * 250 / maxrad + 250
    ypos = ycoord(k) * 250 / maxrad + 250
    atomradius = atomicradii(k) * 250 / maxrad
    xpos = xpos - atomradius
    ypos = ypos - atomradius
    If atomicnum(k) = 1 Then
        atomcolor = Color.White
    ElseIf atomicnum(k) = 2 Then
        atomcolor = Color.Aqua
    ElseIf atomicnum(k) = 3 Then
        atomcolor = Color.Aqua
    ElseIf atomicnum(k) = 6 Then
        atomcolor = Color.Gray
    End If

```

```
ElseIf atomicnum(k) = 7 Then
    atomcolor = Color.Blue
ElseIf atomicnum(k) = 8 Then
    atomcolor = Color.Red
ElseIf atomicnum(k) = 9 Then
    atomcolor = Color.Green
ElseIf atomicnum(k) = 11 Then
    atomcolor = Color.LightGray
ElseIf atomicnum(k) = 14 Then
    atomcolor = Color.LightGray
ElseIf atomicnum(k) = 15 Then
    atomcolor = Color.LightGreen
ElseIf atomicnum(k) = 16 Then
    atomcolor = Color.Yellow
ElseIf atomicnum(k) = 17 Then
    atomcolor = Color.Green
ElseIf atomicnum(k) = 53 Then
    atomcolor = Color.Green
ElseIf atomicnum(k) = 55 Then
    atomcolor = Color.Orange
Else
    atomcolor = Color.Aqua
End If
Call DrawSphere()
```

```
k = k + 1
```

```
Loop
```

```
End Sub
```

```
Public Sub DrawSphere()
```

```
Dim obBrush As SolidBrush
Dim obLBrush As LinearGradientBrush
Dim obRect As Rectangle
```

```
'//DRAW SPHERE.
```

```
obBrush = New SolidBrush(atomcolor)
obRect = New Rectangle()
With obRect
    .X = xpos
    .Y = ypos
    .Width = atomradius * 2
```

```

    .Height = atomradius * 2
End With
obLBrush = New LinearGradientBrush(obRect, Color.Black, atomcolor, _
    LinearGradientMode.ForwardDiagonal)
g.FillEllipse(obLBrush, obRect)

```

End Sub

Private Sub Array\_Sort()

```

    Dim znum, ynum, xnum, atnum, atrad As Single

```

```

    For j = 2 To numatoms

```

```

        znum = zcoord(j)
        xnum = xcoord(j)
        ynum = ycoord(j)
        atnum = atomicnum(j)
        atrad = atomicradii(j)

```

```

        For k = j - 1 To 1 Step -1

```

```

            If zcoord(k) <= znum Then Exit For
            zcoord(k + 1) = zcoord(k)
            xcoord(k + 1) = xcoord(k)
            ycoord(k + 1) = ycoord(k)
            atomicnum(k + 1) = atomicnum(k)
            atomicradii(k + 1) = atomicradii(k)

```

```

        Next k

```

```

        If zcoord(k) > znum Then k = 0

```

```

        zcoord(k + 1) = znum
        xcoord(k + 1) = xnum
        ycoord(k + 1) = ynum
        atomicnum(k + 1) = atnum
        atomicradii(k + 1) = atrad

```

```

    Next j

```

End Sub

```

Private Sub MenuItem17_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles MenuItem17.Click

```

```

    Dim numit As Integer
    Dim numfiles As Integer

```

```
Dim filename(30) As String
Dim OpenFilename As String
```

```
numfiles = 1
filename(1) = "VL TSAAK.car"
filename(2) = "VSEALTK.car"
filename(3) = "VVTDLTK.car"
filename(4) = "WNMQNGK.car"
filename(5) = "YLGEEYVK.car"
filename(6) = "IDALNENK.car"
filename(7) = "IGDYAGIK.car"
filename(8) = "LIVTQTMK.car"
filename(9) = "LVNELTEFAK.car"
filename(10) = "LVNEVTEFAK.car"
filename(11) = "MFLGFPTTK.car"
filename(12) = "MFLSFPTTK.car"
filename(13) = "MIFAGIK.car"
filename(14) = "MLTAEK.car"
filename(15) = "NPDPWAK.car"
```

```
Call Input_Conditions()
Call OpenOutputFile()
```

```
Me.Cursor = Cursors.WaitCursor
```

```
Do
```

```
    OpenFilename = "C:\Documents and Settings\vgk\car_file\" +
filename(numfiles)
    FileOpen(1, OpenFilename, OpenMode.Input)
```

```
    numit = 1
```

```
    Do
```

```
        Call ReadInCar()
        Call Mol_Info()
        Call Find_CM()
        Call Refresh_Graphic()
        Call CalCross()
        WriteLine(2, filename(numfiles), numit, totalmass, precision, molarea,
atomden)
        numit = numit + 1
```

Loop Until EOF(1)

numfiles = numfiles + 1  
FileClose(1)

Loop Until numfiles = 15

Call CloseOutputFile()  
Me.Cursor = Cursors.Default

End Sub

End Class



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