## Appendix C

## DEA to isolated ketone molecules

Here, we will present spectra obtained from electron attachment experiments to 1,1,1-trifluoroacetone and hexafluoroacetone that can be compared with the cluster results. As *Oster* [69] already discussed these processes in detail the obtained ion yields will be shown without further discussion.

## C.1 1,1,1-Trifluoroacetone

Reaction mechanisms leading to product formation:

$$CF_3COCH_3 \longrightarrow CF_3COCH_3^{-\#} \longrightarrow CF_3COCH_2^{-} + H$$
 (C.1)

$$\longrightarrow CF_2COCH_3^- + F$$
 (C.2)

$$\longrightarrow \text{CF}_2\text{COCH}_2^- + \text{HF}$$
 (C.3)

$$\longrightarrow$$
 CFCOCH<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> + F<sub>2</sub> (C.4)

$$or \ \longrightarrow \ C_3F_2^- + HF + H_2O$$

$$\longrightarrow$$
 HF<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> + CFCOCH<sub>2</sub> (C.5)

$$\longrightarrow$$
 C<sub>2</sub>H<sup>-</sup> + CF<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O (C.6)

$$\longrightarrow HC_2O^- + CF_3H_2$$
 (C.7)

$$\longrightarrow$$
 F<sup>-</sup> + CF<sub>2</sub>COCH<sub>3</sub> (C.8)

$$\longrightarrow CF_2^- + FCOCH_3$$
 (C.9)

$$\longrightarrow$$
 CF<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> + COCH<sub>3</sub> (C.10)

$$\longrightarrow$$
 O<sup>-</sup> + C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>H<sub>3</sub> (C.11)

$$\longrightarrow OH^- + C_3F_3H_2$$
 (C.12)

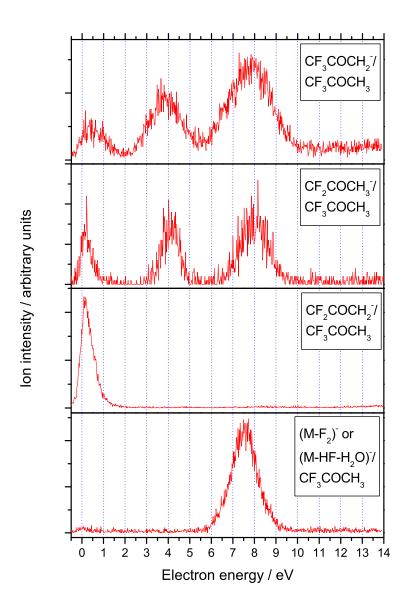


Figure C.1: Ion yield curves showing various fragments arising from electron attachment to gas phase trifluoroacetone (p= $2\cdot10^{-6}$  mbar,  $\Delta E\approx200$  meV; for (M-F<sub>2</sub>)<sup>-</sup> / (M-HF-H<sub>2</sub>O)<sup>-</sup>: p= $1\cdot10^{-5}$  mbar,  $\Delta E\approx240$  meV)

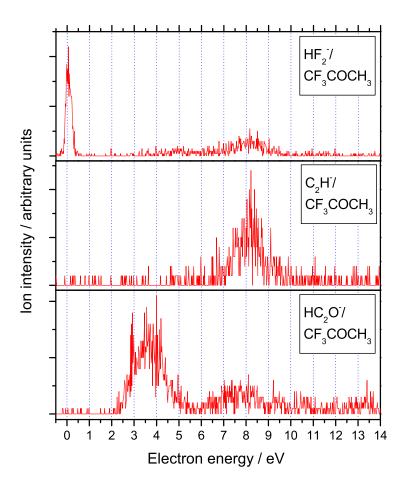


Figure C.2: Ion yield curves showing various fragments arising from electron attachment to gas phase trifluoroacetone (p= $2\cdot10^{-6}\,\mathrm{mbar},\,\Delta\mathrm{E}\approx200\,\mathrm{meV})$ 

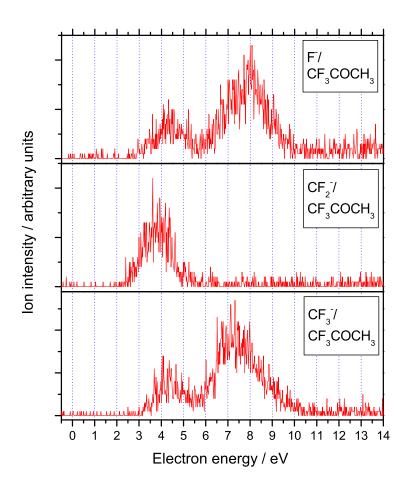


Figure C.3: Ion yield curves showing various fragments arising from electron attachment to gas phase trifluoroacetone (p= $2\cdot10^{-6}\,\mathrm{mbar},\,\Delta\mathrm{E}\approx200\,\mathrm{meV})$ 

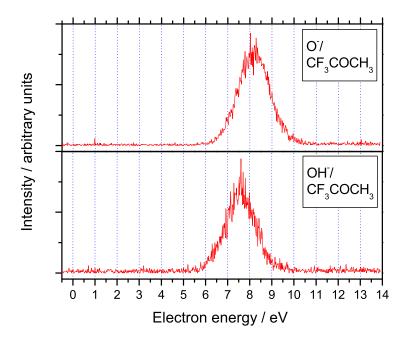


Figure C.4: Ion yield curves showing various fragments arising from electron attachment to gas phase trifluoroacetone (p=1·10<sup>-5</sup> mbar,  $\Delta E\approx240\,\mathrm{meV}$ )

## C.2 Hexafluoroacetone

Reaction mechanisms leading to product formation:

$$CF_3COCF_3 \longrightarrow CF_3COCF_3^{-\#} \longrightarrow CF_3^- + CF_3CO$$
 (C.13)

$$\longrightarrow$$
 CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sup>-</sup> + CF<sub>3</sub> (C.14)

$$\longrightarrow$$
 CF<sub>3</sub>COCF<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> (C.15)

$$\longrightarrow$$
 CF<sub>3</sub>COCF<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> + F (C.16)

$$\longrightarrow$$
 F<sup>-</sup> + CF<sub>3</sub>COCF<sub>2</sub> (C.17)

$$\longrightarrow$$
  $C_3F_4^- + F_2O$  (C.18)

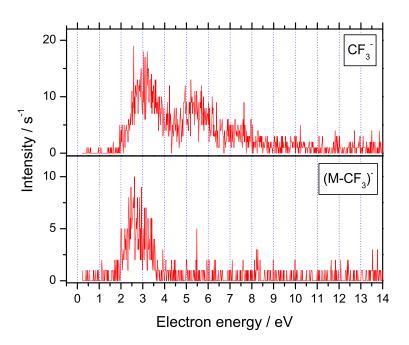


Figure C.5: Ion yield curves showing various fragments arising from electron attachment to gas phase hexafluoroacetone (p= $5\cdot10^{-6}$  mbar,  $\Delta$ E $\approx$ 210 meV)

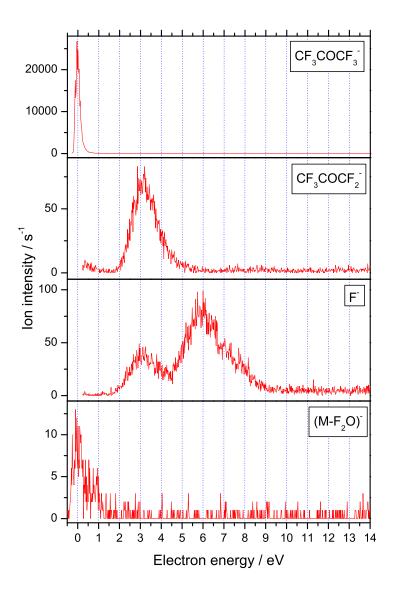


Figure C.6: Ion yield curves showing various fragments arising from electron attachment to gas phase hexafluoroacetone (p=5·10<sup>-6</sup> mbar,  $\Delta E\approx210\,\mathrm{meV}$ ; the spectrum for (M-F<sub>2</sub>O)<sup>-</sup>: p=2.4·10<sup>-6</sup> mbar,  $\Delta E=180\,\mathrm{meV}$ )