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Electron stripping at MeV/u energies for U $^{28+}$ and Xe $^{18+}$ ions .¹ ROBERT DUBOIS, OSCAR DE LUCIO, MARK THOMASON, UMR — Beam lifetimes were measured for 10 MeV/u to75 MeV/u Xe $^{18+}$ and 10 MeV/u to 50 MeV/u U $^{28+}$. Lifetimes resulting from interactions with background gases at base pressures in the GSI ESR storage ring and for molecular hydrogen and molecular nitrogen were measured. For H₂ and N₂, ion beams where injected in the ESR and a fast valve was opened to admit the supersonic jet from the ESR gas target. The N₂ results imply that the stripping cross section has approximately a v⁻¹ dependence, whereas the H₂results imply nearly a v⁻² dependence.

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