

A study of the pseudostate-close-coupling method using a non-orthogonal Laguerre- L^2 basis for electron-helium scattering

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Abstract

We present the pseudostate-close-coupling method using a non-orthogonal Laguerre- L^2 basis function for the calculations of electron-helium scattering. Our method is a frozen-core model of the target in which one of the electrons is restricted to the $1s$ He^+ orbital, as has been used with great success recently. We demonstrate its applicability at a range of projectile energies of 5 to 50 eV to scattering from the ground state to $n \leq 2$ states. Generally good agreement with experiments and the other calculations is obtained with the available differential and total cross-sections. On occasion, there is not good agreement with experiments, particularly at the forward and backward angles for projectile energy in the range 30 to 50 eV.