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Abstract

Experimental and theoretical data are compiled on the cross section for the excitation of He atoms by electron impact. The available data are compared graphically. The survey of the literature has been made through the end 1991.

Key words;

He atom, excitation by electron impact, compilation
I. Introduction

The excitation cross sections for He atoms are of fundamental importance in both laboratory and astrophysical plasmas. In nuclear fusion experiment, an injection of He beam is proposed for plasma diagnostics and heating. The study of diagnostics and heating requires the knowledge of the penetration and energy deposition of the He beam. These processes depend exclusively on the atomic collision involving He atoms. For a large tokamak such as ITER, where the electron density is high, the ladder-like (multi-step) processes play a significant role. In relation to this problem, data are needed on the collision of He atoms in their metastable (e.g., 1s2s $^3S$) state.

Many experimental and theoretical works have been done for the excitation cross sections of He atoms by electron impact. Some review articles (e.g., de Heer and Jansen (1977), Bransden and McDowell (1978), Aggarwal et al.(1984), Heddel and Gallagar (1989)) include detailed discussions about the excitation cross section of He. Here we have compiled the theoretical and experimental excitation cross sections of He available through the end of 1991. A survey has been made on the absolute total cross section but no differential cross section is compiled here.

The experimental methods are classified mainly into two categories; the radiation measurements and the electron energy loss measurements. For the radiation measurements absolute calibration for the line intensity and the corrections with cascade and polarization effects are necessary. Various theoretical methods have been applied to calculate the cross sections; Born, Ochkur, distorted wave, eikonal, Glauber, many-body and R-matrix approximations.

Recently an assessment of the excitation of He has been made by de Heer et al.(1992). They have determined a set of recommended cross sections. Those are based on the 29-state R-matrix calculation at energies below the ionization threshold and on the first Born approximation by Bell et al.(1969) for the asymptotic behavior at high energy. For intermediate energy, the experimental data obtained by the optical method are employed as a standard.
The graphs are shown in Sec. V in the same order as listed in Sec. II (List of compiled data). As is seen in the figures, the agreements between experimental data and theoretical data are not necessarily satisfactory. The data from the excited states are not available enough. Further studies are clearly needed. The present compilation would serve as a guide indicating where we need the future study.

In graphs the excitation cross sections in \( \text{cm}^2 \) are given as a function of the energy of incident electron in eV for each transition. A letter "T" or "E" (after the authors and the year of publication in the legend) indicates a theoretical or an experimental paper, respectively.

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threshold - 30 eV

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29.2 eV

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30 - 40 eV
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threshold - 500 eV

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40 - 1000 eV

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60 - 80 eV

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29 - 40 eV

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T, First Born approximation
300 - 500 eV

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40.1 - 69.7 eV

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200 - 700 eV

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T, Multichannel Eikonal approximation
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5 - 100 eV

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29.2 - 48.2 eV

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E, Beam method, radiation, cascade correction
22 - 400 eV

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E, Beam method, radiation, correction with cascade
100 eV

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T, Glauber
5 - 100 eV

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T, First Born approximation
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T, Multichannel Eikonal approximation
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T, Coulomb Born Oppenheimer II
24 - 200 eV

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T, Distorted wave
11 - 33 eV

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T, Coupled channels with optical potential
30 - 100 eV

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E, Beam method, radiation, corrections with cascade and polarization
24 - 2000 eV

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50 - 6000 eV

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T, 11 state R matrix
82 - 200 eV

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T, Semi empirical
20 - 20,000 eV

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T, Ochkur approximation
22 - 500 eV

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T, Ochkur approximation
2 - 100 eV

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E, Crossed beam method, Apparent cross sections including cascade
4.5 - 16 eV

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E, Beam method, Scattered electron, DCS, normalized to 2 1P.
26.5 - 81.6 eV

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T, 29-state R-matrix
20 - 26 eV

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T, Distorted wave polarized orbital I
20 - 575 eV

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T, Distorted wave polarized orbital I, II
40 - 300 eV

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25 - 300 eV

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T, First Born approximation
50 - 500 eV

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22 - 2000 eV
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50 - 800 eV

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60 - 200 eV

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T, Many-Body theory
40 - 80 eV

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T, First Born approximation
5 - 1000 eV

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E, Crossed beam method, electron energy loss, DCS
29.6 - 40.1 eV

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T, Coulomb Born Oppenheimer II, frozen-core Hartree-Fock wavefunctions (post)
23.4 - 222 eV

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E, Crossed beam method, radiation, corrections with cascade and polarization
30 - 1000 eV

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E, Beam method, radiation, corrections with cascade and polarization
25 - 2000 eV

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E, Beam method, radiation, corrections with cascade and polarization
100 - 1000 eV

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E, Beam method, radiation, corrections with cascade, benchmark
50 - 2000 eV

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T, First Born approximation
50 - 2000 eV

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E, Beam method, electron energy loss, DCS
100 - 225 eV

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Electron impact excitation of 1 1S - 2 1P and 1 1S - 3 1P of helium: excitation cross sections and polarisation fractions obtained from XUV radiation
E, Beam method, radiation, cascade corrections
V. Graphs
He \{ 1s^2 \, ^1S \rightarrow 1s3s \, ^1S \}

Cross section (cm\(^2\))

Electron energy (eV)

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Cross section (cm\(^2\))

Electron energy (eV)
He $\{1s^2 \, ^1S \rightarrow 1s2p \, ^1P\}$ - 1

Cross section (cm$^2$)

Electron energy (eV)

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He \( 1s^2 \, {}^1S \rightarrow 1s2p \, {}^3P \)

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Cross section (cm\(^2\))

Electron energy (eV)
He \(1s^2 \, ^1S \rightarrow 1s5g \, ^3G\)

Cross section (cm\(^2\))

Electron energy (eV)


He \(1s^2 \, ^1S \rightarrow 1s5g \, ^3G\)

Cross section (cm\(^2\))

Electron energy (eV)

He \{ 1s2s^2S \rightarrow 1s3s^1S \}

Cross section (cm^2)

Electron energy (eV)

Ochkar, V.I. et al. (1966) T

He \{ 1s2s^2S \rightarrow 1s3s^1S \}

Cross section (cm^2)

Electron energy (eV)

Ochkar, V.I. et al. (1966) T
He \( 1s2s \) ^3S \( \rightarrow \) \( 1s4p \) ^1P \)

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Cross section (cm\(^2\))

Electron energy (eV)

- Ochier, V. I. et al. (1956) T

Cross section (cm\(^2\))

Electron energy (eV)
He \[ 1s2s \,^2S \rightarrow 1s5f \,^1F \]

Cross section (cm$^2$) vs. Electron energy (eV)

© Ochkur, V.I. et al. (1966)
He \{ 1s2s \, {}^3S \rightarrow 1s3s \, {}^3S \}\]

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Cross section (cm$^2$) vs. Electron energy (eV)
He \(1s^2 \, ^3S \rightarrow 1s7p \, ^3P\)

Cross section (cm\(^2\))

Electron energy (eV)

© Ochur, V.I. et al. (1966) T
He \{ 1s2s^3S \rightarrow 1s7d^3D \}

Cross section (cm^2)

Electron energy (eV)

○ Ochkur, V.I. et al. (1966) T

He \{ 1s2s^3S \rightarrow 1s7d^3D \}

Cross section (cm^2)

Electron energy (eV)

○ Ochkur, V.I. et al. (1966) T
He (1s2s $^3S \rightarrow 1s10d \,^3D$)

Cross section (cm$^2$)

Electron energy (eV)

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He (1s2s $^3S \rightarrow 1s10f \ ^3F$)

Cross section (cm$^2$)

Electron energy (eV)

Ochikur, V.I. et al. (1966) T

He (1s2s $^3S \rightarrow 1s10f \ ^3F$)

Cross section (cm$^2$)

Electron energy (eV)

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