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Differential cross sections for electron transfer, excitation, and elastic scattering in keV-energy collisions between protons and He⁺ ions THOMAS WINTER, Retired — Coupled-state differential cross sections are being determined for electron transfer, excitation, and elastic scattering in collisions between keV-energy protons and He⁺ ions. Integrated cross sections for these and other collisions were recently reported.¹ Some differential cross sections were previously considered with smaller Sturmian bases as well as triple-center bases² using an eikonal approach.³ The impact parameter ρ is now expressed in terms of the scattering angle for potential scattering with an impact-parameter-dependent effective nuclear charge corresponding to partial screening by an electron in the He⁺ ground state. Integrating over the scattering angle, this formal transformation does yield the same total cross sections for excitation and electron transfer as when integrating directly over ρ . Differential cross sections obtained in this way are likely to be valid at least for elastic scattering when this is the dominant channel.

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