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Nonperturbative B-Spline R-Matrix with Pseudostates Calculations for Electron Impact Ionization of Helium¹ OLEG ZATSARINNY, KLAUS BARTSCHAT, Drake University — The theoretical and numerical approach used in a recent publication [1] describing a nonperturbative treatment of ionization and simultaneous ionization plus excitation of helium by electron impact will be discussed. We then present a variety of comparisons between the present predictions, experimental data, and results from other nonperturbative theories, such as convergent close-coupling and time-dependent close-coupling, for ionization without excitation. The overall excellent agreement with the other available data provides confidence in using the *B*-spline *R*-matrix with pseudostates approach for this benchmark system, as well as extending it to more complex situations for which no other nonperturbative methods are currently available.

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