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Electron scattering by zinc atom

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Role of zinc atom in biomedical systems has been investigated in several areas: zinc-finger proteins for DNA recognition [1,2]; myoglobin oxidation [3] and concentrations in human blood and serum [4]. We have extended our research of binary interactions of low energy electrons with zinc atom in order to broaden the energy range of elastic scattering cross section determination [5]. Calculations have been performed on the basis of the improved imaginary part of a non-empirical model potential for electron scattering [6]. Differential cross sections for elastic and absorption scattering were calculated in the wide range of energies from 1 to 10000 eV. Also, total cross sections were calculated in the same energy range. Experimental investigations were carried out at 60, 80 and 100 eV where differential cross sections for elastic scattering were obtained. Absolute experimental values were deduced from the intensity ratios of the resonance (the $4^{1}P_{1}$ state) and elastic scattering at 10° and by using previously obtained absolute values for the resonance excitation [7]. At the overlapping energies the differential cross sections show good agreement between experiment and calculations.

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