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Excitation and ionisation cross-sections in condensed-phase biomaterials by electrons down to very low energy: application to liquid water and genetic building blocks

A model is presented for obtaining reliable cross sections for electron-impact in condensed-phase biomaterials in a wide energy range. Total electronic excitation and ionisation cross sections and energy distributions of secondary electrons for liquid water and DNA building-blocks are obtained in agreement with experiments. This is essential for simulating electron transport in biomaterials and reaching a deeper understanding of the mechanisms underlying radiotherapy.



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