

Scattering Amplitudes

The Rutherford amplitude for pure Coulomb scattering (with no $e^{2i\sigma_0}$ factor) is

$$F_c(\theta) = -\frac{\eta}{2k} \frac{\exp(-2i\eta \ln(\sin \theta/2))}{\sin^2 \theta/2} \quad (1)$$

The Legendre coefficients for the scattering to the projectile state J'_p and target state J'_t from initial projectile state J_p and target state J_t are given by

$$\begin{aligned} A_{m'M';mM}^{L'} &= \sum_{L,J,J',J_T} \langle L0J_p m | Jm \rangle \langle Jm J_t M | J_T M_T \rangle \\ &\quad \langle L' M_{L'} J'_p m' | J' M_{L'} + m' \rangle \langle J' M_{L'} + m' J'_t M' | J_T M_T \rangle \\ &\quad \frac{4\pi}{k} \sqrt{\frac{k'}{\mu'}} \frac{\mu}{k} e^{i(\sigma_L - \sigma_0)} e^{i(\sigma'_{L'} - \sigma'_0)} \\ &\quad \left(\frac{i}{2}\right) [\delta_{\alpha,\alpha'} - S_{\alpha,\alpha'}^{J_T}] \sqrt{\frac{2L+1}{4\pi}} Y_c(L', M_{L'}) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where $Y_c(L, M)$ is the coefficient of $P_L^{|M|}(\cos \theta) e^{iM\phi}$ in $Y_L^M(\theta, \phi)$, $\sigma_L = \arg \Gamma(1 + L + i\eta)$ is the Coulomb phase shift, α' refers to the primed values $L' J'_p J'_t k' \mu'$ etc., and α refers to the unprimed values $L J_p J_t k \mu$.

For each outgoing channel J'_p, J'_t , we may then calculate the angular-dependent scattering amplitudes

$$f_{m'M':mM}(\theta) = \delta_{J_p, J'_p} \delta_{J_t, J'_t} F_c(\theta) + \sum_{L'} A_{m'M':mM}^{L'} P_{L'}^{m'+M'-m-M}(\cos \theta) \quad (3)$$

in terms of which the differential cross section is

$$\frac{d\sigma(\theta)}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{(2J_p + 1)(2J_t + 1)} \sum_{m'M'mM} |f_{m'M':mM}(\theta)|^2. \quad (4)$$

Improvements?

Can we avoid the excessive recalculation of the second two Clebsch-Gordan coefficients in eq.(2)? Do they really have to be recalculated for every $m'M';mM'$ and α, α' ?