

The molecular dynamics calculations of an electron states density and a diffusion coefficient
in energy space for ultracold strongly coupled plasma

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We propose a plasma model which allows us to calculate kinetic characteristics of a two-component ultracold plasma using classical molecular dynamics. Electrons and protons in this model of nonequilibrium plasma are interacted by Coulomb law. In the case of electron-proton interaction and distance between particles $r < r_{cut}$ (r_{cut} is about several Bohr radii) the interaction energy is constant e^2 / r_{cut} (e is the charge of electron). The motion equations in periodical boundary condition for this system has been solved by molecular dynamics method.

We considered densities $n_e = n_i = 10^{10} - 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, proton temperatures $T_i = 1 - 10 \text{ K}$, electron temperatures $T_e = 5 - 30 \text{ K}$.

We have calculated the electron state density in the region near the ionization threshold depending on a coupling parameter $\gamma = e^2 n^{1/3} / k_B T$. The electron state density is being described using the nearest neighbor approximation.

We have also calculated the diffusion coefficient $D(E)$ for energy range $E = -2k_B T \dots +2k_B T$, depending on γ .