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The isotropic electron translation factor (ETF) $\exp(iU) = \exp(iv r^2/2R)$ obtained in our paper for the asymptotic electron flux in ionizing atomic collisons differs from plane-wave and switching-function types commonly employed in close-coupling calculations. However, we have been made aware [1] that our phrase "has hitherto never been considered in the literature," overlooked some references. Probably, the first citation of an isotropic ETF is Ref. [2], although its form $U = \dot{R}r$ does not describe a uniform expansion. Our expression is very close to the *ansatz* $U = \dot{R}r^2/2R$, used in both the "advanced adiabatic theory" [3] and the Sturmian expansion method [4] to treat ionization. For capture, isotropic ETF has also been criticized [5]: While they cancel residual radial couplings in the $R \rightarrow \infty$ limit, they do not eliminate the residual rotational ones [6,7].

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