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- Introduction and motivation
- Atomic Physics Data
- Collisional-Radiative Modeling-Methods
- Radiation Properties of Plasmas
- Opacity



What are plasmas?

Solid	Liquid	Gas	Plasma Ionized Gas H ₂ > H ⁺ + H ⁺ + + 2e ⁻		
Example Ice H ₂ 0	Example Water H ₂ 0	Exemple Steam H ₂ 0			
Cold T<0°C	Warm 0 <t<100°c< td=""><td>Hot T>100°C</td><td>Hotter T>100,000°C I>10 electron ValtsI</td></t<100°c<>	Hot T>100°C	Hotter T>100,000°C I>10 electron ValtsI		
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Molecules Fixed in Lattice	Molecules Free to Move	Molecules Free to Move, Large Spacing	lons and Electrons Move Independently, Large Spacing		



NIF concentrates all the energy in a football stadium-sized facility into a mm³



Laser Specifications

192 Laser Beams Energy \Rightarrow 1.8 MJ

Power \Rightarrow 750 TW

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The Largest Tokamak Is the Joint European Torus in England







view of inside during maintenance

Working Tokamaks Are Usually Hidden by Support Systems &



The 20million Amp current provided by the Z accelerator enables this research







LLNL Electron Beam Ion Trap (EBIT): Atomic Physics Experiments on highly ionized heavy atoms



LAPD/UCLA



He Gas jet experiments, TRIDENT LASER





Why Collisional-Radiative (CR) Modeling?

- Plasmas emit and absorb electromagnetic radiation.
- CR models provide atom/ ion state populations that are required to simulate radiation properties of plasmas.
- CR calculations provide diagnostic information about plasma conditions, e.g., density and temperature by comparison with experiment.
- CR include electron collisions which are generally responsible for populating excited states.

He-like and H-like Al lines from a laser produced plasma



Notation for Electron Configurations

set of orbitals $(nl)^{w}$ n = principle quantum number $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ l = angular momentum quantum number $l = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ designated by spectroscopic notation spdf w =occupation number(number of electrons in orbital) maximum value of 4l + 2Example, ground configuration of nitrogen : $1s^2 2s^2 2p^3$

Block Diagram NeI



Energy level structure of pd configuration



TABLE 4-2. PERMITTED LS TERMS FOR s", p", d", and f" SUBSHELLS". The subscripts indicate the number of different terms having the same values of LS. (Odd-parity superscripts omitted for brevity.)

Total Number

					- S2
S	² S				1
s ²	¹ S				1
p, p ⁵	² P				L
p2, p4	1(SD)	3P			3
p ³	² (PD)	4S			3
d, d ⁹	² D				1
d2, d8	¹ (SDG)	³ (PF)			5
d3, d7	² (PD ₂ FGH)	*(PF)			8
d4. d6	'(S ₂ D ₂ FG ₂ I)	³ (P ₂ DF ₂ GH)	⁵ D		16
d ⁵	² (SPD ₃ F ₂ G ₂ HI)	(PDFG)	6S		16
f, f ¹³	² F				1
f1, f12	¹ (SDGI)	3(PFH)			7
f2, f11	² (PD ₂ F ₂ G ₂ H ₂ IKL)	(SDFGI)			17
f*, f**	(S2D4FG4H21KL2N)	³ (P ₃ D ₂ F ₄ G ₃ H ₄ I ₂ K ₂ LM)	⁵ (SDFGI)		47
f.f	2(P4D5F7G6H7I5K5L3M2NO)	4(SP2D3F4G4H3I3K2LM)	⁶ (PFH)		73
f*, f*	1(S4PD6F4G8H417K1L4M2N2Q)	³ (P ₆ D ₅ F ₆ G ₇ H ₉ I ₆ K ₆ L ₃ M ₃ NO)	'(SPD,F1G,H1KL)	'F	119
f1	$^{2}(S_{2}P_{5}D_{7}F_{10}G_{10}H_{9}I_{9}K_{7}L_{5}M_{4}N_{2}OQ)$	$(S_2P_2D_6F_5G_7H_5I_5K_3L_3MN)$	⁶ (PDFGHI)	*S	119

*H. N. Russell, Phys. Rev. 29, 782 (1927); R. C. Gibbs, D. T. Wilber, and H. E. White, Phys. Rev. 29, 790 (1927).

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Rate Equations and Definitions $\frac{dN_{il}}{dt} = \sum_{jm} A_{iljm} N_{jm}$

- N_{il} = Population per unit volume(cm⁻³) of level *l* of ion species *i*
- $A_{iljm} = \text{Rate matrix}(\text{sec}^{-1})$
- Rate coefficients for processes which alter level populations, integrated atomic cross sections.
- These include electron collisions, photon collisions and spontaneous processes
- Depends on N_e , the number of free electrons per unit volume (cm⁻³), for processes involving electron collisions, cross sections for the various processes, electron energy distribution, and radiation field.

Another Theoretical Opacity Modeling Integrated Code



Electron Energy Distribution Function(EEDF)

- Describes the distribution of free electrons as a function of electron energy. The fraction of electrons per unit energy interval. Unit is (energy)⁻¹, usually *eV*.
- Described by the Maxwellian function for a given electron temperature kT_e (see below) for thermal plasmas.
- kT_e expressed in energy units, usually eV.
- $kT_e = 11605 \ ^{\circ}K$

$$F(E) = \frac{2\sqrt{E}e^{-E/kT_e}}{\sqrt{\pi}(kT_e)^{3/2}}, \ \int_0^\infty F(E)dE = 1$$

Radiation field

- The number of photons per unit energy interval per unit volume between hv and hv + dhv, units of (volume)⁻¹(energy)⁻¹, usually cm⁻³eV⁻¹.
- kT_r in eV.
- For thermal plasmas the radiation field is given by the Planck function.

$$G(h\nu) = \frac{8\pi (h\nu)^2}{h^3 c^3 (e^{h\nu/kT_r} - 1)}$$

Electron and photon distributions at various temperatures

Maxwellian

Planckian





excitation/de-excitation

ionization/recombination



Processes

- Electron impact excitation/de-excitation: $e + A_{il} \Leftrightarrow e + A_{im}$
- Radiative excitation/spontaneous decay: $hv + A_{il} \Leftrightarrow A_{im}$
- Electron impact ionization / 3 body recombination: $e + A_{il} \Leftrightarrow A_{i+1m} + e + e$
- Photo-ionization / radiative recombination: $hv + A_{il} \Leftrightarrow A_{i+1m} + e$
- Auto-ionization / di-electronic capture:

$$A_{il}^* \Leftrightarrow A_{i+1m} + e$$

Example: integrated rate coefficient

$$e^{-}(E) + A_{il} \iff e^{-} + A_{im}(E')$$

 $E = E' + (E_{im} - E_{il}) = E' + E_{0}$

number of excitations per volume per second between E and E + dE= $N_{il}N_eF(E)v(E)\sigma_{i\rightarrow m}(E)dE$

the total number of excitation per volume per second is then

$$= N_{il} N_e s$$

where,

$$s = \int_{E_0}^{\infty} F(E)v(E)\sigma(E)dE$$
 = rate coefficient

LTE - Saha Equations

$$\frac{N_{i+1}N_e}{N_i} = \frac{Z_e Z_{i+1} e^{-\phi_i/kT}}{Z_i}$$

$$N_e = \sum_{il} q_i N_i$$

$$Z_i = \sum_i g_{il} e^{-E_{il}/kT}$$

$$Z_e = 2\left(\frac{2\pi m_e kT}{h^2}\right)^{3/2}$$

$$\frac{N_{il}}{N_i} = \frac{g_{il} e^{-E_{il}/kT}}{Z_i}$$

 φ_i = ionization energy of ion *i* q_i = charge of ion *i* E_{il} = energy of level *l* g_{il} = statistical weight of level *l* N_i =population of ion *i* N_{ρ} =electron density N_{il} =population of level *l* ion *I* Z_i, Z_e =partition functions

Principle of Detailed Balance

- Under LTE conditions the forward rate of each process is balanced by the inverse rate
- Therefore, the cross section for the inverse process may be derived from the cross section for the forward process
- This is required for the solution to approach the LTE limit

Detailed balance for excitation / de-excitation

$$e^{-}(E) + A_{il} \iff e^{-} + A_{im}(E')$$
$$E = E' + (E_{im} - E_{il})$$

excitation rate = de - excitation rate at LTE

number of excitations per volume per second between

E and E + dE

$$N_{il}N_eF(E)v(E)\sigma_{i\rightarrow m}(E)dE = N_{im}N_eF(E')v(E')\sigma_{m\rightarrow i}'(E')dE'$$

Therefore σ' can be calculated from σ using LTE properties

relationships for N_{il} , N_e , F(E), $v = \sqrt{2E / m_e}$

Derive an expression for the de - excitation cross section σ' in

terms of the excitation cross section σ .

$$\frac{Coronal Equilibrium}{dN_i}$$

$$\frac{dN_i}{dt} = I_{i-1}N_{i-1} - (R_i + I_i)N_i + R_{i+1}N_{i+1} = 0$$

- I_i =net ionization rate coefficient from from ground state of ion i including inner shell excitation/autoinization
- R_i =net recombination rate from ground state of ion i including recombination into excited states of ion i-1
- Low density limit
- Solar corona model
- Only ground states significantly populated
- Radiative decay rates $>> e^{-}$ impact excitation rates

Solution of Rate Equations



e⁻ Impact Excitation ↔ De-Excitation

$$e^{-}(E) + A_{il} \iff e^{-}(E') + A_{im}$$
$$E' = E - E_{0}$$
$$E_{0} = E_{im} - E_{il}$$
$$\frac{dN_{il}}{dt} = -sN_{e}N_{il} + tN_{e}N_{im}$$

$$s = \int_{E_0}^{\infty} F(E, kT_e) v(E) \sigma(E) dE$$

$$t = \frac{g_{il}}{g_{im}} e^{E_0/kT_e} s,$$

s and t in cm^3 / sec

E = impact energy E' = final energy $E_0 = \text{threshold energy}$ $N_{il} = \text{state population}$ $N_e = \text{electron density}$ $T_e = \text{electron temperature}$ s = excitation rate coefficient t = de-excitation rate coefficient $Ex: e^- + 1s^2 \iff e^- + 1s2p$





hv = photon energy hv_0 = transition energy kT_r = radiation temperature u = excitation rate coefficient y = spontaneous decay rate coefficient (Einstein A coefficient) z = stimulated decay rate coefficient u = z = 0 with no radiation field $Ex: hv + 1s^2 \Leftrightarrow 1s^1 2p^1$
Fe⁺⁵: $3d^3-3d^24f$

Oscillator strengths

Fe+5



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Photo-Ionization ↔ Radiative Recombination

$$hv + A_{il} \iff e^{-}(E) + A_{jm}$$

$$hv_{0} = \text{ioniza}$$

$$hv = E_{jm} - E_{il} + E = hv_{0} + E$$

$$u = \text{photoion}$$

$$r = \text{radiative}$$

$$\frac{dN_{il}}{dt} = -pN_{il} + rN_{e}N_{jm} + qN_{e}N_{jm}$$

$$p = \int_{hv_{0}}^{\infty} G(hv, kT_{r})\sigma_{iljm}(hv)cdhv$$

$$r = \frac{g_{il}}{g_{jm}} \frac{1}{2^{1/2}} \int_{m_{e}}^{\infty} F(E, kT_{e}) \frac{(hv_{0} + E)^{2}}{E^{1/2}} \sigma_{iljm}(hv_{0} + E)dE$$

$$r + q = 1.66 \times 10^{-22} \frac{g_{il}}{g_{jm}} \frac{e^{hv_{0}/kT}}{kT^{3/2}} p$$

$$p \text{ is sec}^{-1}, r, q, \text{ in } cm^{3} / \text{ sec}, kT, E, hv_{0} \text{ in } eV.$$

hv = photon energy $hv_0 = \text{ionization energy}$ u = photoionization rate coefficient r = radiative recombination rate coefficient r + q = radiative recombination rate coefficientwith stimulated emission, $kT_e = kT_r$ q = 0 with no radiation field $Ex : hv + 1s^2 \iff 1s^1 + e^-$



e⁻ Impact Ionization ↔ Three-Body Recombination

$$e(E) + A_{il} \iff e(E') + e(E'') + A_{jm}$$

$$E = E_{jm} - E_{il} + E' + E'' = E_{0} + E' + E''$$

$$\frac{dN_{il}}{dt} = -cN_e N_{il} + bN_e N_{jm}$$

$$dt$$

$$c = \int_{E_0}^{\infty} F(E, kT_e) v(E) Q(E) dE$$

$$b = 1.66 \times 10^{-22} \frac{g_{il}}{g_{jm}} \frac{e_{0}^{E_0/kT_e}}{\frac{g_{il}}{g_{jm}}} c$$

 $\begin{array}{c} 3 & 6 \\ c \operatorname{in} \operatorname{cm} / \operatorname{sec}, \ \operatorname{bin} \operatorname{cm} / \operatorname{sec} \end{array}$

 kT_e and E_0 in eV

E = e impact energy. E_0 = ionization energy.

- $c = e^{-}$ impact ionization rate coefficient.
- b = three body recombination
 rate coefficient,

Maxwellian only.

 $Q = e^{-impact ionization}$ cross section.

 $Ex:1s^2 + e^- \iff 1s^1 + e^- + e^-$



Auto-Ionization \Leftrightarrow **Di-Electronic Capture** $A_{il} \Leftrightarrow e^{-}(E_0) + A_{jm}$

$$E_0 = E_{jm} - E_{il}$$

$$\frac{dN_{il}}{dt} = -aN_{il} + dN_e N_{jm}$$

$$a = A_{ilj\,m}^{a}$$

$$d = 1.66 \times 10^{-22} \frac{g_{il}}{g_{jm}} \frac{e^{-E_0/kT_e}}{(kT_e)^{3/2}} a$$

 $a \text{ in sec}^{-1}$ and $d \text{ in cm}^{-3}$ / sec

 $E_0 = \text{ionization energy.}$ a = auto - ionization rate. d = di-electronic capturerate coefficient, Maxwellian only. Ex : He - like $2s^2 \Leftrightarrow 2s^1 + e^-$

 E_0 and kT_e in eV

$Fe^{+5}:3d^{1}4f^{2}-3d^{2}$



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Emission spectra

- Line or bound-bound contribution:
- The number of emitting photons per second per volume per unit energy interval per transition:

 $N_{im} \frac{8\pi^2 e^2}{h^2 c^3 m_e} \frac{(gf)_{ilm}}{g_{im}} (hv_0)^2 \Phi_{ilm} (hv)$ $hv_0 = E_{im} - E_{il}$ $\Phi_{ilm} (hv) = \text{line shape}$ $\int_0^\infty \Phi_{ilm} (hv) dhv = 1$ e.g. $\Phi = \frac{w/\pi}{(hv - hv_0)^2 + w^2} \text{ or}$ $\Phi = \sqrt{\ln 2/(\pi w^2)} e^{-\ln 2(hv - hv_0)^2/w^2}$ w = HWHM

Emission spectra, lines, cont.

• The total amount radiated energy per second per volume per unit energy interval, sum over all transitions:

$$\sum N_{im} \frac{8\pi^2 e^2}{h^2 c^3 m_e} \frac{(gf)ilm}{g_{im}} (hv_0)^3 \Phi_{ilm} (hv)$$

Emission spectra

- Recombination or free-bound continuous contribution
- The total amount radiated energy per second per volume per unit energy interval, sum over all transitions:

$$\sum N_{jm} N_e \frac{g_{il}}{g_{jm}} \frac{1}{2^{1/2} m_e^{3/2} c^2}} F(E, kT_e) \frac{(hv)^3}{E^{1/2}} \sigma_{iljm}(hv)$$
$$hv = E_{jm} - E_{il} + E = hv_0 + E$$

Emission spectra

- free-free or Bremsstralung continuous contribution
- free electron decelerates in plasma and emits a photon
- simple hydrogenic formula
- The total amount radiated energy per second per volume per unit energy interval, sum over all transitions:

$$9.585552 \times 10^{-14} \frac{N_e e^{-hv/kT_e}}{(kT_e)^{1/2}} \sum N_i q_i^2$$
$$N_i = \text{population of ion i}$$
$$q_i = \text{charge of ion i}$$

Power Loss Is Obtained by Integrating Emission Over ALL Photon Energies

$$\begin{split} P_{tot} &= P_{bb} + P_{bf} + P_{ff} \\ P_{bb} &= \sum_{im} N_{im} (y_{ilm} + z_{ilm}) (E_{im} - E_{il}) \\ P_{bf} &= \sum_{im} N_{jm} N_e (r_{iljm} + q_{iljm}) (E_{jm} - E_{il} + (3/2)kT_e) \\ P_{ff} &= 9.55 \times 10^{-14} (kT_e)^{1/2} N_e \sum_i q_i^2 N_i \end{split}$$

P in $eV/(sec \ cm^3)$, $1J=6.24x10^{18}eV$, 1W=1J/sec

Multi-Element Kinetics Algorithm*

• Specify: $N_a^{(1)}, N_a^{(2)}, \ldots, N_a^{(N)}$ and δN_e

- Initialize: $Guess {}^{(0)}N_e$
- For $i \ge 0$: Solve the set of rate equations to obtain the $\overline{Z}^{(s)}$ for each species,

$${}^{(i)}N_e; kT \to {}^{(i)}\overline{Z}^{(1)}$$

$${}^{(i)}N_e; kT \to {}^{(i)}\overline{Z}^{(2)}$$

$$\vdots$$

$${}^{(i)}N_e; kT \to {}^{(i)}\overline{Z}^{(N)}$$

$${}^{(i)}\overline{Z}^{(1)}N_a^{(1)} + {}^{(i)}\overline{Z}^{(2)}N_a^{(2)} + \dots + {}^{(i)}\overline{Z}^{(N)}N_a^{(N)} = {}^{(i+1)}N_e \qquad (2)$$

if ${}^{(i+1)}N_e \leq {}^{(i)}N_e + \delta N_e$ then Multi-element calc. converged! EXIT For Loop else Increment i: i = i + 1Return to begining of For Loop end if

• End For Loop

* *M.E. Sherrill et al, Phys. Rev. E* **76** 05640 (2007)

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Let's model L-shell Ge spectra

- Choose configurations
- Run CATS, ACE, and Gipper for energy levels and cross sections
- Guess likely plasma conditions, density and temperature
- Run ATOMIC code
- Iterate

Choosing configurations

- Looking at spectra for excitations from the L shell (n =2).
- For neon-like choose: $2p^6$, $2p^5nl$, $2p^43lnl$, $2s^12p^63l$, $2s^12p^53lnl$, $2s^02p^63lnl$, $n \le 7$, about 200 configurations.
- Choose similar configurations for Mg-like, Na-like, F-like, and O-like.

CR modeling can be used to diagnose plasma conditions. Ge laser produced plasma, Milan, <z> ~ 22, Ne-like. KT =560eV, Ne =10^21. ABDALLAH et. al., Laser and Particle Beams (2007), 25, 245–252, blue calculation, red experiment.



Individual spectral lines can be identified

Table 1. Transition lines (angstroms)

	Theory	Experiment
1s) 1s 0.0 2s2 2p6 - 2p) 1p 1.0 2s2 2p5 5d1	6.5717	6.5754
1s) 1s 0.0 2s2 2p6 - 2s) 1p 1.0 2s1 2p6 4p1	6.5744	6.5883
2p) 2p 1.5 2s2 2p6 3p1 - 3p) 2d 2.5 2s2 2p5 3p1 5dl	6.6060	6.6008
2p) 2p 0.5 2s2 2p6 3p1 - 3d) 4f 1.5 2s2 2p5 3p1 5dl	6.6126	6.6120
2d) 2d 2.5 2s2 2p6 3d1 - 3p) 2f 3.5 2s2 2p5 3d1 5dl	6.6223	6.6268
1s) 1s 0.0 2s2 2p6 - 2p) 1p 1.0 2s2 2p5 5s1	6.6548	6.6597
2p) 2p 0.5 2s2 2p5 - 1s) 2d 1.5 2s2 2p4 4d1	6.6993	6.7031
2s) 2s 0.5 2s2 2p6 3s1 - 1p) 2p 1.5 2s2 2p5 3s1 5dl	6.7087	6.7077
2p) 2p 1.5 2s2 2p5 - 1d) 2s 0.5 2s2 2p4 4d1	6.7294	6.7324
2p) 2p 1.5 2s2 2p5 - 1d) 2p 1.5 2s2 2p4 4d1	6.7282	
2p) 2p 1.5 2s2 2p5 - 1d) 2f 2.5 2s2 2p4 4d1	6.7261	
2s) 2s 0.5 2s1 2p6 - 1p) 2p 0.5 2s1 2p5 4d1	6.7367	6.7444
2s) 2s 0.5 2s1 2p6 - 1p) 2p 1.5 2s1 2p5 4d1	6.7391	
2p) 2p 1.5 2s2 2p5 - 3p) 2f 2.5 2s2 2p4 4d1	6.7679	6.7739
2p) 2p 1.5 2s2 2p5 - 3p) 4p 2.5 2s2 2p4 4d1	6.7694	6.7791
2p) 3d 2.0 2s2 2p5 3p1 - 1s) 1f 3.0 2s2 2p4 3p1 4d1	6.8124	6.8048
2p) 2p 1.5 2s2 2p5 - 1s) 2d 2.5 2s2 2p4 4d1	6.8212	6.8227
2p) 2p 0.5 2s2 2p5 - 1d) 2d 1.5 2s2 2p4 4d1	6.8405	6.8408

Carbon mean ion charge: $N_e = 10^{17} \text{cm}^{-3}$





Carbon power loss: $N_e = 10^{17} \text{cm}^{-3}$





Carbon emissivity: $N_e = 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$,



<u>Krypton:</u> radiative loss rates at $N_e = 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

LANL provides only results within error bars Experimental tokamak data from Fournier et al. Nucl. Fusion 40, 847 (1999)



Tungsten: Nuclear Fusion, June 2007: Progress in ITER Physics Basis 5 possible ITER wall material

00 MW of fusion energy for extended periods of time (x10 more than needed to sustain plasma)

Duration: > 400 s

Currently: JET 16 MW

Cost: **5 G€** construction + **5 G€** for 20-year operation

Radius: **6.2 m** Volume: **830 m³** Current: **15 MA** Density: **10¹⁴ cm⁻³** Temperature: **20 keV**

First plasma: 2016



Cross-section of the vessel Provided by Yuri Ralchenko (NIST)

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- Low radiative losses
- Low plasma contamination
- Low bulk tritium inventory
- BAD: low melt temperature
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 - Low tritium retention
 - BAD: high radiative losses
- CFC
 - High melting temperature
 - High thermal
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 - ock and thermal fatigue resistance
 - BAD: high tritium retention



Tungsten mean ion charge for ITER conditions




What is opacity?



$$\frac{\partial I_{\omega}(x)}{\partial x} = -\kappa_{\omega}\rho I_{\omega}(x)$$

$$I_{\omega}(x) = I_{o} \exp(-\kappa_{\omega} \rho x)$$



Applications of Opacities











Physical processes contributing to the opacity:



These photon absorption and scattering processes Combine to give the frequency dependent opacity:

$$\kappa_{\omega} = \left(\kappa_{bb} + \kappa_{bf} + \kappa_{ff}\right)\left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}\right)\right) + \kappa_{s}$$

$$\kappa_{bb} = \frac{1}{\rho} \sum_{il} N_{il} \frac{he^2 \pi}{m_e c} \frac{(gf)_{ilm}}{g_{il}} \Phi_{ilm}(h\nu)$$

$$\kappa_{bf} = \frac{1}{\rho} \sum_{il} N_{il} \sigma_{iljm}(h\nu)$$

$$\kappa_{ff} = 4.1 \times 10^{-23} \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{N_e}{T_0^{7/2} (hv / kT_e)^3} \sum_i q_i^2 N_i$$

$$\rho = \text{mass density } g(cm)^{-3}$$

 $T_0 = \text{temperature}(^{\circ}Kelvin)$



Components of the frequency dependent opacity (bound-bound, bound-free, free-free and scattering)





The 20million Amp current provided by the Z accelerator enables this research







Magnetically-driven z-pinch implosions efficiently convert electrical energy into radiation





Laboratory experiments test opacity models that are crucial for stellar interior physics





J.E. Bailey et. Al. Iron opacity measurements at temperatures above 150 eV, Physical Review Letters 99, 265002(2007).



Exercises

(I) Consider the 2 state system. Let N_1 and N_2 be the population density of the 2 states respectively. Let N = the constant total number density. Let c be the rate coefficient for excitation from state 1 to state 2, d be the de-excitation rate coefficient from state 2 to state 1, and r be the spontaneous decay rate from state 2 to state 1. Let N_e denote a given electron density.

(1)Write down the rate equations for N_1 and N_2 and derive an expression for the steady-populations of both in terms of N.

(2) Derive a formula for N_1 and N_2 as a function of time(t) by directly solving the differential rate equations.

(3) Check the formula to if the steady-result is obtained as t gets large, also check the formula for N_e small (coronal limit), and for large N_e (LTE).

(4) Derive an expression to first order for the relaxation time, the time it takes for N_1 to reach its steady-state value.

Exercises

(II) Assume the 2-level system of the previous example to be the 1s and 2p configurations of H-like Lithium. This example is actually of interest in Lithography because of its wavelength. Calculate the power (Watts/cm³) emitted by the 2p-1s emission line at N=?, N_e=? and kT_e=?. Use the LANL atomic physics website to evaluate the required atomic data.

(III) Use the LANL atomic physics website to identify the major lines observed in the following O spectra shown . Match the observed line position with calculated values. Use the assumption of LTE to estimate the temperature from selected line ratios.

Exercise III

