Atomic Data for Opacity Calculations

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Introduction

- Opacity calculation concerns a variety of atomic data
- Opacity calculation requires huge number of atomic data
- Opacity calculation involves various approximate treatments
- What accuracy does opacity calculation require for atomic data?

2. The physics model

- 1. Detailed-term-accounting or Detailed-level-accounting treatment for bound-bound and bound-free processes
- 2. SCF, MCSCF, and CI are used for the calculation of energy levels and oscillator strength
- 3. BF process: one-configuration and multi-channel (close-coupling)
- 4. Line broadening: semi-classical and full quantum mechanical (impact approximation)
- 5. Occupations: Saha equation (low density), average atom (AA) model (high density), others?

The opacity can be written in terms of

$$K_{\nu} = \frac{N_A}{A} \left[\sigma^{bb}(h\nu) + \sigma^{bf}(h\nu) + \sigma^{ff}(h\nu) \right] \times (1 - e^{-h\nu/kT}) + K_{sc}$$

Where N_A is the Avogadro constant, A, the atomic weight, k, the Boltzmann constant, and σ , the cross sections of the optical transitions.

For bound-bound transitions

$$\sigma_{i,j}^{bb}(h\nu) = \frac{2\pi^2}{c} f_{i,j}(h\nu)\varphi_{i,j}(h\nu)$$

Where f_{ij} is the oscillator strength, and ϕ_{ij} , the line profile. For the bound-free process

$$\sigma_{i,\varepsilon}^{bf}(h\nu) = \frac{2\pi^2}{c} \frac{df_{i,\varepsilon}(h\nu)}{d(h\nu)}$$

and $df/d\epsilon$ is the density of the oscillator strength.

For the free-free process, the Kramers formula is used to make a statistical average over the free electron distribution

$$\sigma^{ff}(h\nu) = \frac{32\pi^{5/2}Z^{*3}N_{ion}}{3\sqrt{6}c(kT)^{1/2}(h\nu)^3}g_{ff}(h\nu)$$

Where Z^{*} is the average ionization, $N_{ion,}$, the number density of the ions, g_{ff} , the Gaunt factor.

In hot and dense plasma, the line broadening are mainly due to the Doppler and Stark effects. Autoionization is also an important factor to be considered for line profiles. The Doppler profile has the form

$$\varphi_{i,j}^{Doppler}(h\nu) = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\Delta^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{(h\nu - h\nu_0)^2}{2\Delta^2}}$$
$$h\nu_0 = \varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_i$$

Electron impact induced Lorentz profile :

$$\varphi_{i,j}^{impact}(h\nu) = \frac{\gamma}{\pi[(h\nu + \chi - h\nu_0)^2 + \gamma^2]}$$
$$h\nu_0 = \varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_i$$

Where γ and χ are :

$$\gamma + i\chi = N_e \frac{\hbar^2}{m} \left(\frac{2\pi}{mkT}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} Y_D(T)$$

 Y_D is the thermal average collision strength :

$$\begin{split} Y_D(T) &= \int_0^\infty \Omega_D(\varepsilon) e^{-\varepsilon/kT} d(\varepsilon/kT) \\ \Omega_D(\varepsilon) &= (2S_A + 1)^{-1} \sum_{S} \sum_{L\pi} \sum_{L'\pi'} \sum_{ll'} (2S + 1)(2L + 1)(2L' + 1) \times \\ &\times W(L_i L_j LL'; ll) WL_i L_j LL'; ll') \times \\ &\times [\delta(ll') - S_i (SL\pi, ll') * S_j (SL'\pi', ll')] \end{split}$$

Where ε is the electron energy, S_i , S_j are the elastic electron scattering matrix elements, respectively, for the initial and final states for the optical transition.



• The Doppler, electron impact, and the autoionizing broadening are taken into account.

3. Results and discussions

- 1. Line broadening by electron impact
- 2. Autoionization states
- 3. The x-ray transmission spectra of Al plasma:comparison with experiment
- 4. The spectral resolved opacities of Fe plasma
- 5. Br plasma opacity
- 6. Au plasma opacity

1. Spectra line broadening by electron impact



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Electron impact broadening of AIX, electron density:10¹⁷/cm³

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Electron impact broadening of C IV 2s–2p vs temperature Electron density is taken as 10¹⁷/cm³.

2. Autoionization lines

AIVIII photoabsorption cross section (in Mb) of the ground state



2. Autoionization lines (continued)

AIVIII photoabsorption cross section (in Mb) : sum of 12 low-lying states



2. Autoionization lines (continued)



3. The x-ray transmission spectra of AI plasma: autoionization broadening



3. The x-ray transmission spectra of AI plasma: comparison with experiment (continued)





3. The x-ray transmission spectra of AI plasma:



3. The x-ray transmission spectra of AI plasma: comparison with experiment(continued) An R-matrix calculation



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4. The spectra resolved and the mean opacity of Fe plasma



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FeVIII core-valence correlation for the energy levels and oscillator strength of a open 3d shell ion

Oscillator strength of 3s²3p⁶3d---3s²3p⁵3d² transition

array:

FeVIII core-valence correlation for the energy levels and oscillator strength of a open 3d shell ion (continued)

Five sets of calculations are carried out to show the influence of the CI on the oscillator strength with Fe VIII as an example :

- A: One-configuration Hartree-Fock (interactions within a configuration are considered)
- B: 3s²3p⁶nl, 3s²3p⁵3dnl, 3s²3p⁵nln'l',3s3p⁶3dnl
- C: $B+3p^2---3d^2$
- D: C+3p³---3d³
- E: D+3p^m---3d^m (m=4,5,6)

FeVIII core-valence correlation for the energy levels and oscillator strength of a open 3d shell ion (continued)

The gf in 3s²3p⁶3d---3s²3p⁵3d² transition array:

Transitions	А	В	С	D	Е	Bhatia
1-3	4.909	3.787	2.971	2.897	2.872	5.147
1-4	2.698	2.362	2.154	2.046	2.043	2.484
1-5	6.036	6.123	4.775	4.622	4.570	6.027
2-6	7.095	5.437	4.249	4.167	4.132	5.279
2-7	4.875	4.270	3.893	3.686	3.679	4.495
2-8	9.361	9.503	7.408	7.171	7.090	9.719

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FeVIII core-valence correlation for the energy levels and oscillator strength of a open 3d shell ion (continued)

FeVIII, 3s²3p⁶3d---3s²3p⁵3d² transition array



The transmission spectrum of Fe plasma in the 2p-3d excitation region



A constant autoionization width for all lines

The transmission spectrum of Fe plasma in the 2p-3d excitation region (continued)



Autoionization width is calculated line by line

The transmission spectrum of Fe plasma in the 2p-3d excitation region (continued)



CI is taken into account resulting in a 20% reduction of the absorption strength

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4. Iron opacity: correlation induced changes



FIGURE 4. Transmission calculated as a function of wavelength at a temperature of 20 eV and a density of 0.004 g/cm^3 . The autoionization width is taken to be 140 meV for all lines. Instrumental broadening (a) not included and (b) included. The insert (c), transmission at temperatures of 18, 20, and 22 eV with autoionization widths calculated by FAC for all lines. Insert (d), transmission at a temperature of 19 eV obtained by further considering the configuration interaction effect.

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5. Temperature dependent

• 0.025g/cm^3

• (a)、 (b)、 (c) 36、 37 and 38 V



5. Density dependence





6. Au opacity at 22.5 eV and 0.007 g/cm³



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5. core-valence correlation effects

- Au^{11+} , [Kr] $4s^24p^64d^{10}4f^{14}5s^25p^6$
- A: one-configuration Dirac-Fock
- B: one electron excited
- C: B plus double electron excited
- D: C plus three electron excited
- for transition arrays $5p^6$ --- $5p^{-1}5d$, $5p^6$ --- $4f^{-1}5d$
- Lower Upper A B C D
- $5p^6$ $(5p^{-1}_{3/2}5d_{5/2})_1$ 2.055 1.897 1.476 1.611
- $5p^6$ $(5p^{-1}_{1/2}5d_{3/2})_1$ 6.555 5.071 2.534 2.666
- $5p^{6}$ $(4f^{-1}_{7/2}5d_{5/2})_{1}$ 0.021 0.558 0.041 0.036
- $5p^6$ $(4f^{-1}_{5/2}5d_{5/2})_1$ 0.434 0.169 0.135 0.176
- $5p^{6}$ $(4f^{-1}_{7/2}5d_{5/2})_{1}$ 0.695 2.497 3.297 2.980

6. CI effects



6. Au opacity at 22.5 eV and 0.007 g/cm³



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Density effects on the structures and processes



Broadening of levels

FIG. 1. Splits of bound state energy levels into many sublevels in plasma, which are described approximately by a Gaussian distributed density of states.



FIG. 2. Density of state across the Fermi level: comparisons between the present AA model and the FLAPW model for Al and Au at solid density.

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FIG. 3. Density dependence of the average ionization degree of A1 at 1, 10, 100, and 1000 eV. The results without and with the level broadening are labeled as I and II, respectively.



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FIG. 4. Density dependence of the average ionization degree of Au at 1, 10, 100, and 1000 eV. The results of the present AA model are labeled in the same way as in Fig. 3. Comparison is made between the present result and the STA result of Ref. 13, for which III and IV are used to distinguish the data without and with the shape resonant orbitals.

Conclusions

- I. A detailed line treatment is essential for a quantitative comparison between theory and experiment;
- II. High accurate atomic data is required for the predictions of both the position and strength of the spectral fine structures;
- III. The combining influence of electronic correlation and relativistic effects on the atomic data and the calculated opacity;
- IV. Methods for effective and large scale parallel calculations of the atomic data;
- V. The density influences on the energy levels and cross sections of the ions in plasma.

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