

Lyman line opacities in tokamak divertor plasmas under high-recycling and detached conditions

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The radiation transport modelling of deuterium Lyman series using EIRENE predicts a 20% enhancement of ionization in the JET-ILW low-confinement (L-mode) divertor plasma under high-recycling and detached conditions. Opacity of the hydrogen Lyman line radiation directly affects the population of electronically excited states and thereby affects the effective ionization rates and the spectroscopic interpretation of local plasma parameters [1, 2, 3]. Proper treatment of opacity requires a coupled solution between the collisional equilibrium of the involved species and radiation transport, both of which depends on the information of plasma temperature and density at all points in space. The opacity is calculated using an inline collisional-radiative model (CRM) [4] of the kinetic Monte Carlo model EIRENE [5, 6] from particle and photon trajectories. The CRM-EIRENE model is applied to plasma solutions provided by EDGE2D[7] and B2.5 (in SOLPS-ITER[8, 9]) fluid solvers for JET-ILW low confinement plasma with different separatrix densities representing low-recycling, high-recycling and detached conditions. In both boundary plasma code solutions, the model suggests high opacity of the Lyman- α and Lyman- β lines in the JET divertor volume under high-recycling and detached plasma conditions.

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