Atomic data and collisional-radiative modelling of neutral beams in eigenstates

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Injection of fast atoms and plasma spectroscopy



Plasma parameters:

- Density = 10¹³... 10¹⁴ cm⁻³
- Beam energy = 20 .. 200 keV/u
- Temperature = 1..15 keV
- Magnetic field = 1.. 5 T

$$H_{0} + \{e, H^{+}, X_{z}\} \rightarrow H^{*} + \{e, H^{+}, X_{z}\} \rightarrow \hbar\omega (1)$$
$$H_{0} + X_{z+1} \rightarrow H^{+} + X_{z}^{*}(nl) \rightarrow \hbar\omega (2)$$
$$H^{+} + H_{0} \rightarrow H^{*} + H^{+} \rightarrow \hbar\omega (3)$$

(1) beam-emission spectroscopy (BES)

- (2) source of charge-exchange diagnostic
- (3) source of fast ion diagnostic and main ion ratio
 - measurements (ACX- active charge-exchange,
 - PCX- passive charge-exchange)

Example of the ${\rm H}_{\alpha}$ line emission at the plasma edge



Fine-structure of hydrogen atoms is never observed in fusion plasmas

- Doppler effect due to the thermal motion of atoms
- □ Zeeman effect due to the magnetic field

Excited states in the active beam diagnostics

- The role of the excited states in the beam penetration: Janev R. et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. **52** 534 (1984)
- The first collisional-radiative model for the beam was introduced



$$I(x) = I_0 \exp\left(-\frac{x}{\lambda_0}\right),$$

$$\lambda_0 = 1/(N_i \sigma_i v) - e$$
-folding

length,

 N_i – is the ion density

 σ_i - is the ionization cross-section

v – is the beam velocity

x – is the distance along the beam

 $\delta = (\lambda - \lambda_0)/\lambda$

Increased (multi-step) ionization of beam atoms in the plasma → stronger attenuation

Problems in the CR models up to 2009



Hutchinson I. Plasma Phys. Contr. Fusion 44 71 (2002)

 $\hfill The comparison in the emission of H_{\alpha}$ line reveals the deviations up to the factor of 2-3

Status of statistical models



Delabie E. et al. PPCF 52 125008 (2010)



O. Marchuk and Yu. Ralchenko, "Populations of Excited Parabolic States of Hydrogen Beam in Fusion Plasmas", Springer-Verlag in "Atomic Processes in Basic and Applied Physics" eds by Tawara and Shevelko(2012) https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-642-25569-4_4

Solid lines with points – present calculations Dashed line - Hutchinson I PPCF **44** 71 (2002)

□ That is the first time that the population of excited states (n-states) of the beam agree within 20% for three different models in the density range of 10¹³-10¹⁴cm⁻³:

□ Key component: ionization data from n=2 and n=3 states

Fields "observed" by the H atom



□ Example: B = 1 T, E = 100 keV/u \rightarrow v = 4.4·10⁸ cm/s \rightarrow F = 44 kV/cm

- Strong electric and magnetic field in the rest frame of the atom is experienced by the bound electron
- □ External fields are usually considered as perturbation applied to the field-free solution

Linear Stark effect for the excited states

- Hamiltonian is diagonal in parabolic quantum numbers
- Spherical symmetry of the atom is replaced by the axial symmetry around the direction of electric field.



The energy of the m –levels is not degenerated any more in the presence of electric field (multiplet structure)



Linear Zeeman-Stark for the excited states

• The angle between magnetic and electric field matters. In the case of H/D beam atom in the plasma

 $\vec{F'} = \vec{F} + \frac{1}{c}\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$ (translational electric field)

• In the case of the strong field approximation (with spin) the new energy of the levels

$$E^{\pm}(n,k) \approx \pm \Omega + k \sqrt{\left(\frac{3}{2}nF\right)^2 + \Omega^2}.$$

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{B}{B_0}, \quad B_0 = 2.35 \times 10^5 T$$
$$F = \frac{E_L}{E_0}, E_0 = 5.142 \times 10^{11} V/m$$

Parabolic quantum numbers:

 $n=n_1 + n_2 + |m|+1$; $n_1 \ge 0$, $n_2 \ge 0$; $k = n_1 - n_2$ electric quantum number

Energy levels of n=2 of H atoms in the plasma



R. Reimer et al, RSI (to be published)

a) point-point line – Stark effect + FS ; solid line – Zeeman Stark effect + FS

b) point-point line – Stark effect + FS; dashed-point line- Zeeman Stark effect ; solid line – Zeeman Stark effect + FS

 The energy separation between different states is order of magnitude higher compared to the field free case → impact on the cross sections (LTE vs. nonLTE)

Polarization of spectral lines



 I_{π} , I_{σ} - are the line intensities (calculation does not depend on the observation angle)

The π - transitions are the transitions which do not change the projection of angular momentum (magnetic quantum number m) onto the z axis, $\Delta m=0$

The σ - transitions are the transitions which change the projection of angular momentum onto the z axis, $\Delta m = \pm 1$.

Comparison for the H_{α} multiplet between Zeeman–Stark and Stark effect



- Zeeman effect affects the polarization fraction of Stark multiplet
 → impact on the pitch angle measurements
- The sum over all the σ and π components remains conserved

Why π - to σ - ratio is so important for fusion ?

- Vector \vec{B} is unknown.
- Vector \vec{v} is known (beam direction and beam velocity)
- Direction of \vec{F} (angle θ) could be measured using the formula:



Atomic model must be able to calculate the line intensities without any assumption on statistical populations Example of the impact of the Zeeman effect on the pitch angle measurements θ

$$T = \frac{\sum I_{\pi}}{\sum I_{\sigma}} \times \frac{2sin^{2}(\theta)}{1 + cos^{2}(\theta)}$$



R. Reimer et al, RSI (to be pusblished)

• Atomic model modifies the derived angle of magnetic field on the order of up to 2-3°

First atomic model of Ha Stark multiplet

• Lines separation and lines intensities



E. Schrödinger, Ann. der Physik 80(13) 437 (1926)

Lines Intensity $I_{pq} \sim N_p \times A_{pq}$ N_p is a population (density) of the state *p* A_{pq} is a radiative decay rate p \rightarrow q (1/s)

 Statistical assumption – statistical model: (Boltzmann distribution)

$$\frac{N_a}{N_b} = \frac{g_a}{g_b} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta E_{ab}}{T_e}\right),$$

 g_a – is the statistical weight of the state *a*, $\Delta E_{ab} = E_a - E_b$ is the energy difference between the states *a* and *b* T_e - is the plasma temperature



Beam emission spectra measured at JET H_{α} (n=3 \rightarrow n=2) Delabie E. et al. Plasma Phys. Contr. Fusion **52** 125008 (2010)



- 3 components in the beam (E/1, E/2, E/3)
- Passive light from the edge
- Emission of thermal H⁺ and D⁺
- Cold components of CII
 Zeeman multiplet
- Overlapped components of Stark effect spectra

 Intensity of MSE multiplet as a function of observation angle ϑ relative to the direction of electric field

$$I(\theta) = I_{\pi} \sin^2(\theta) + I_{\sigma} (1 + \cos^2(\theta))/2$$

• Ratios among π -($\Delta m=0$) and σ - ($\Delta m=\pm 1$) lines within the multiplet are well defined and should be constant.

Measured intensities vs. statistical intensities



- Observed line intensities with the same polarization show clear deviation from the statistical model.
- The non-statistical atomic models for fast atoms in parabolic (*eigen*) states must be developed.

Atomic data in parabolic states (m-resolved)

Radiative decays

□ Well known (Bethe & Salpeter)

Electron-impact processes

□ Too high energies => small cross sections

Proton-impact processes

□ The strongest but...

Problem: no cross sections/rate coefficients for transitions between parabolic states

Calculation of the cross sections in parabolic states



Calculations include two transformations of wavefunctions

Rotation of the collisional (z') frame on the angle θ to match z frame Edmonds A R 1957 Angular Momentum in Quantum Mechanics (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press)

□ Transformation between the spherical and parabolic states in the same frame z Landau L D and Lifshitz E M 1976 *Quantum Mechanics: Non-Relativistic Theory*

Transformation between the spherical and parabolic states

a)
$$\varphi_{a'} \rightarrow \varphi_a : \varphi_{nlm} = \sum_{m'=-l}^{l} D_{lm'}^{lm'}(\alpha) \varphi_{nlm'}$$

 $\varphi_a \rightarrow \psi_a : \psi_{nkm} = \sum_{l=|m|}^{n-1} C_{nk}^{lm} \varphi_{nlm}$



b) Example for the state: n=5, k=4, m=0



Calculation of the cross sections and the density matrix

$$\sigma = \left| < n_i k_i m_i \left| \hat{O} \right| n_j k_j m_j > \right|^2 = \left| \sum_{\Delta m' = 2 - n_a - n_b} c_i c_j F_{a_i}^{b_j}(\vec{q}) \right|^2 + \left| \sum_{\Delta m' = 3 - n_a - n_b} c_i c_j F_{a_i}^{b_j}(\vec{q}) \right|^2 + \dots + \left| \sum_{\Delta m' = n_a + n_b - 3} c_i c_j F_{a_i}^{b_j}(\vec{q}) \right|^2 + \left| \sum_{\Delta m' = n_a + n_b - 2} c_i c_j F_{a_i}^{b_j}(\vec{q}) \right|^2$$

The coefficients c_i and finally the cross section depend on the angle between the field and direction of the projectile

Presence of coherence terms in the expansion

□ Calculation of the cross section is equivalent to the calculation of the **density matrix**

$$\sigma_{2\pm 10} = \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{2s0} + \frac{1}{2}\cos^2(\theta)\sigma_{2p0} + \frac{1}{2}\sin^2(\theta)\sigma_{2p1} \mp \cos(\theta)Re(\rho_{2s0}^{2p0})$$

$$\sigma_{20\pm 1} = \frac{1}{2}\sin^2(\theta)\sigma_{2p0} + \sigma_{2p1}\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\sin^2(\theta)\right)$$



Influence of the orientation on the cross sections. AOCC calculations.



 Energy is varied in radial direction : 20...200 keV/u

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Polar angle is the angle between the field direction and the projectile MSE : polar angle $\alpha = \pi/2$

Marchuk O *et al.* 2013 *AIP Conf. Proc.* 1545 153 Marchuk O *et al.* 2011 *AIP Conf. Proc.* 1438 169

Example of the expression for the cross-sections:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{2\pm10} &= \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{2s0} + \frac{1}{2}\cos^2(\alpha) \ \sigma_{2p0} + \frac{1}{2}\sin^2(\alpha) \ \sigma_{2p1} \mp \cos(\alpha) \text{Re}(\rho_{2s0}^{2p0}) \\ \sigma_{20\pm1} &= \frac{1}{2}\sin^2(\alpha) \ \sigma_{2p0} + \sigma_{2p1}\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\sin^2(\alpha)\right) \end{aligned}$$

Statistical models are based on the atomic data in spherical representation
 The beam *eigenstates* are close to the parabolic ones



Calculation of the cross sections in parabolic states



O. Marchuk, Yu. Ralchenko and DR Schultz Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion 54 (2012)

Populations of parabolic Stark levels



O. Marchuk, Yu. Ralchenko and DR Schultz Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion 54 (2012)

Influence of the orientation on the Stark multiplet emission



O. Marchuk, Phys. Scr. 89 114010 (2014)

Comparison with JET data



Comparison with ALCATOR-C Mod data



 Only at low densities some deviations to the new CRM results are observed

The net emission of σ component is reduced relative to π one

I. Bespamyatnov et al. Nuclear Fusion 53 123010 (2013)

Summary

- The m-resolved model in parabolic state up to n=10 was developed..
 - arbitrary orientation between the direction of the field and the atoms relative velocity
- The collisional redistribution among the parabolic states was taken into account in the CRM NOMAD
- The experimental data on non-statistical populations of σ and π components in fusion plasma were explained ...
- Impact of atomic models on the measurements of the q-profile is still ongoing...

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