

**R-matrix as part of the fundamental atomic structure  
and collisional data required for Tungsten ions.**



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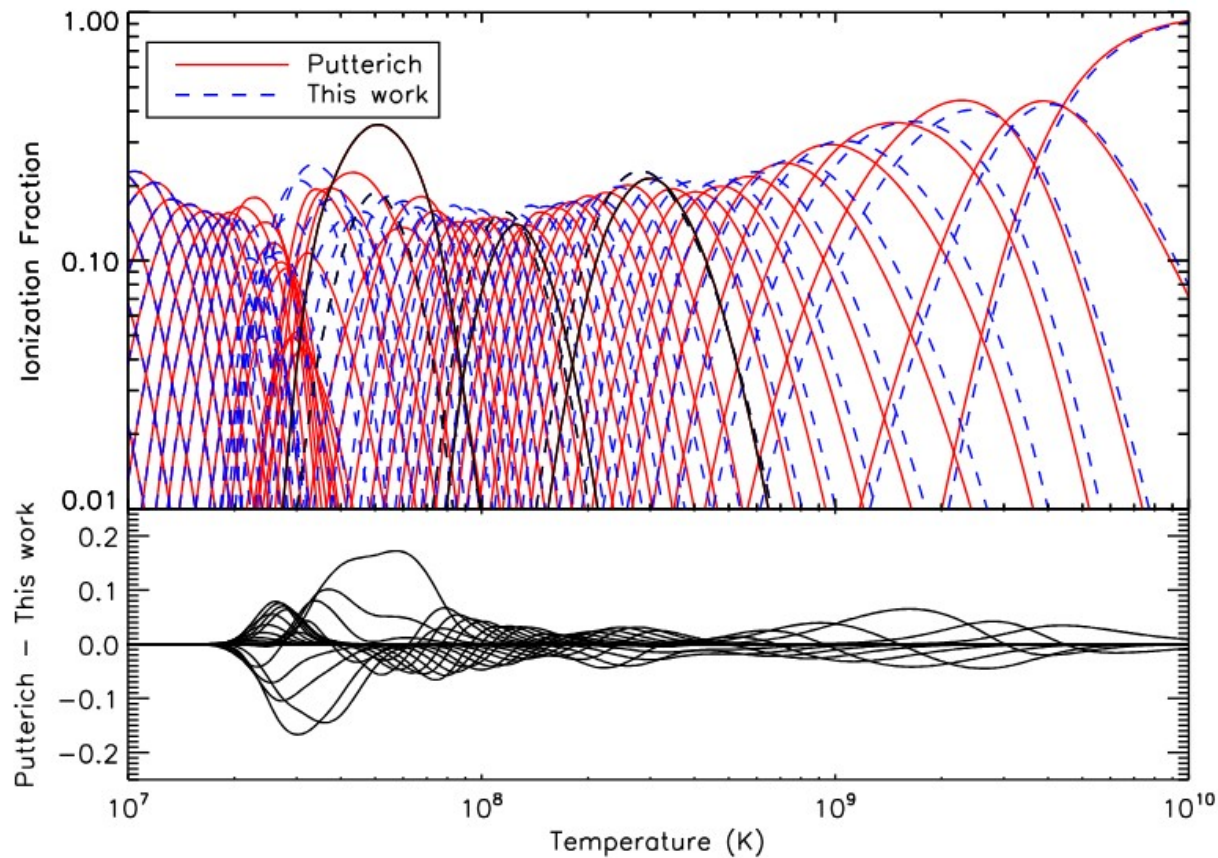
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- *The Mandate:*

- Address the data needs in the area of the ionization balance and spectroscopic and collisional properties of tungsten at temperatures between 1keV and 10keV which are currently subject to large uncertainties and disagreements between theory and experiment.
- Ionization balance = ground and metastable ionization vrs recombination ( RR and DR).
- Metastable ionization => implies knowing the population of excited states=> electron-impact excitation. However, for highly charged systems, the number of 'metastables' reduces → gs to gs.

# Various tungsten ionization fraction curves from Thomas Pütterich, Stuart Loch, Simon Preval and Nigel Badnell



**Figure 29.** Tungsten ionization fraction using Pütterich *et al*'s [12] recombination rate coefficients (solid) and our recombination rate coefficients (dashed) up to 36-like. Both ionization fractions use the ionization rate coefficients of Loch *et al* [14]. From left to right, we have marked the fractions of 28-like, 18-like, and 10-like in black. The bottom plot shows the difference between Pütterich *et al*'s and our ionization fraction.

between 1keV and 10keV, is approximately  $10^7 - 10^8$  Kelvin.

You might consider Ni-like W as a potential dividing line where excited state ionization becomes less important.

However, there are approx. 20 ion stages  $> 10^7$  K, yet before Ni-like W (ie.  $3d^{10}$ )

These 20 ion stages are theoretically difficult to converge, let alone know accurately. They involve half-open d and f shell systems. Even NIST/experiment has only a limited number of known levels for certain ion stages.

## NIST Atomic Spectra Database Levels Data

W XXXII 4 Levels Found  
Z = 74, Tc isoelectronic sequence

Example of  
Kramida, A.  
Spectra Data  
[2024, August]  
Gaithersburg

Data on Landé factors are not available for this ion in ASD

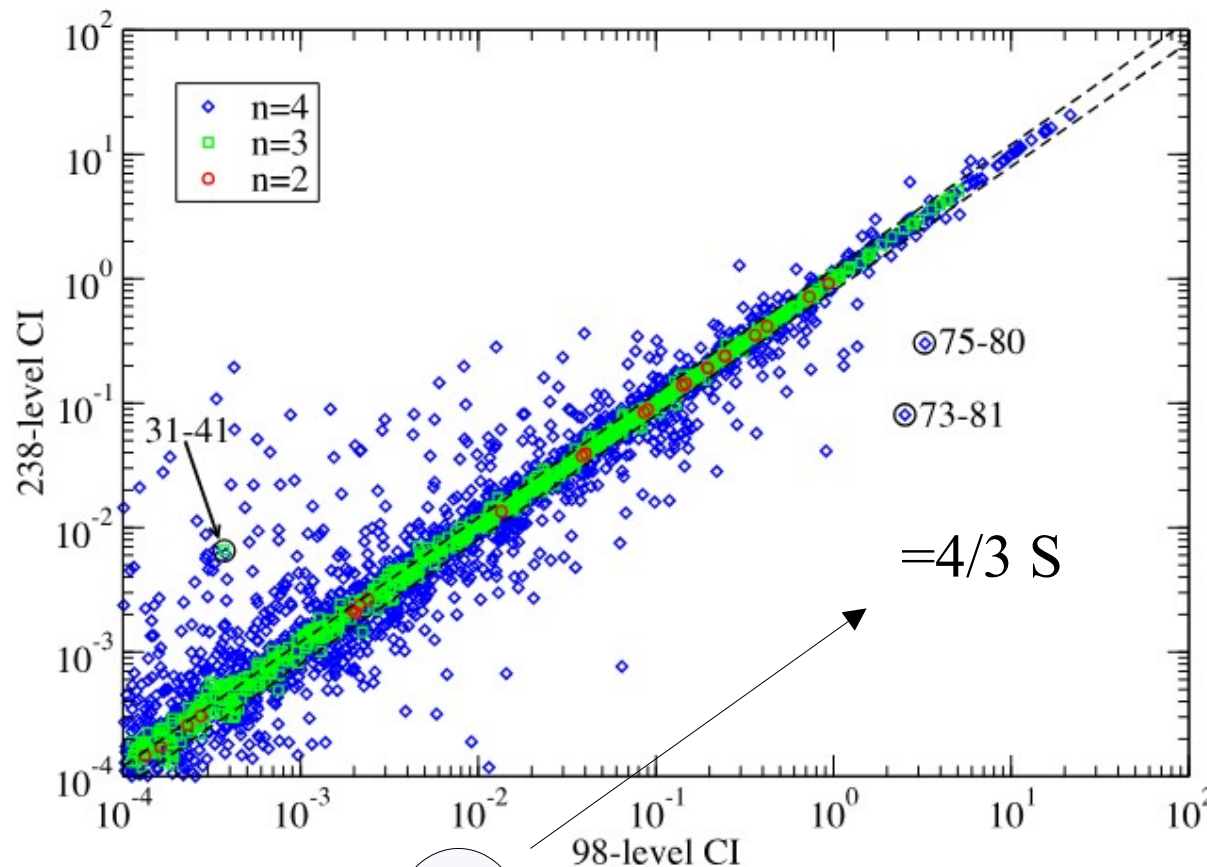
Primary data source [Query NIST Bibliographic Database for W XXXII \(new window\)](#)  
[Kramida and Shirai 2009](#) | [Literature on W XXXII Energy Levels](#)

Configuration	Term	J	Level (Ry)	Uncertainty (Ry)	Leading percentages	Reference	
4d <sup>7</sup>	4F	9/2	0.00000	0	63	31 2G	L14671
		7/2	1.1322	0.0004	87	11 2G	L12340c24
4d <sup>7</sup>	2H	9/2	1.3667	0.0004	35	33 2G	L12340c24
W XXXIII (4d <sup>6</sup> 5D <sub>4</sub> )	Limit	---	[94.33]	0.10			L9087

Low lying levels are very highly mixed, the unknown excited states will be more so!

If you did not find the data you need, please [inform the ASD Team](#).

Even for simpler systems (Be-like Al), dipole transitions within the  $n=2$  complex converge very well, but dipole transitions from  $n=2$  to  $n=4$  vary between a CI expansion of 98 levels vs 238 ! ( Fernandez-Menchero) MNRAS 450, 4174–4183 (2015)



**Figure 1.** A comparison of  $y_\infty$  (see equation 4) for the 98- versus 238-level CI atomic structures for transitions amongst the 98 lowest common levels of  $\text{Al}^{9+}$ .  $\circ$ : transitions with upper level with  $n = 2$ ;  $\square$ : transitions with upper level with  $n = 3$ ;  $\diamond$ : transitions with upper level with  $n = 4$ ; dashed lines: 20 per cent fractional difference.

(1) The question becomes, why would we theoretically expect the excited states of  $\text{W}^{(26+)}$ - $\text{W}^{(45+)}$  to have converged in terms of energies or A-values?

(2) Follow-on question: how do the transitions between these excited of tungsten effect the total radiative power at certain temperatures and densities ?

Perhaps, identifying transitions regardless of their accuracy that contribute to the total power is a way forward? foreshadow

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- I hope that I have argued that theoretical spectroscopic prediction without some experimental calibration is very challenging (but perhaps EBIT experiments could provide some valuable wavelength accuracy)
- Collisional work it built upon the atomic structure (ie. GRASP0,GRASP2018,AUTOSTRUCTURE,HULLAC,FAC) but is only as good as the target.

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• *Take  $W^{(31+)}$  : [1]  $4s^2 4p^6 4d^7$ ,  $4s^2 4p^5 4d^8$ ,  $4s^2 4p^6 4d^6 4f$*

(groundstate and first two metastable configurations)

[2] create list of excited configurations using these

three 'base configurations' ... ie involving

single and double promotions

[3] Using the ionization balance curves or otherwise

choose an appropriate density and temperature

before a CONFIGURATION AVERAGE distorted

wave to work out CA excited state populations

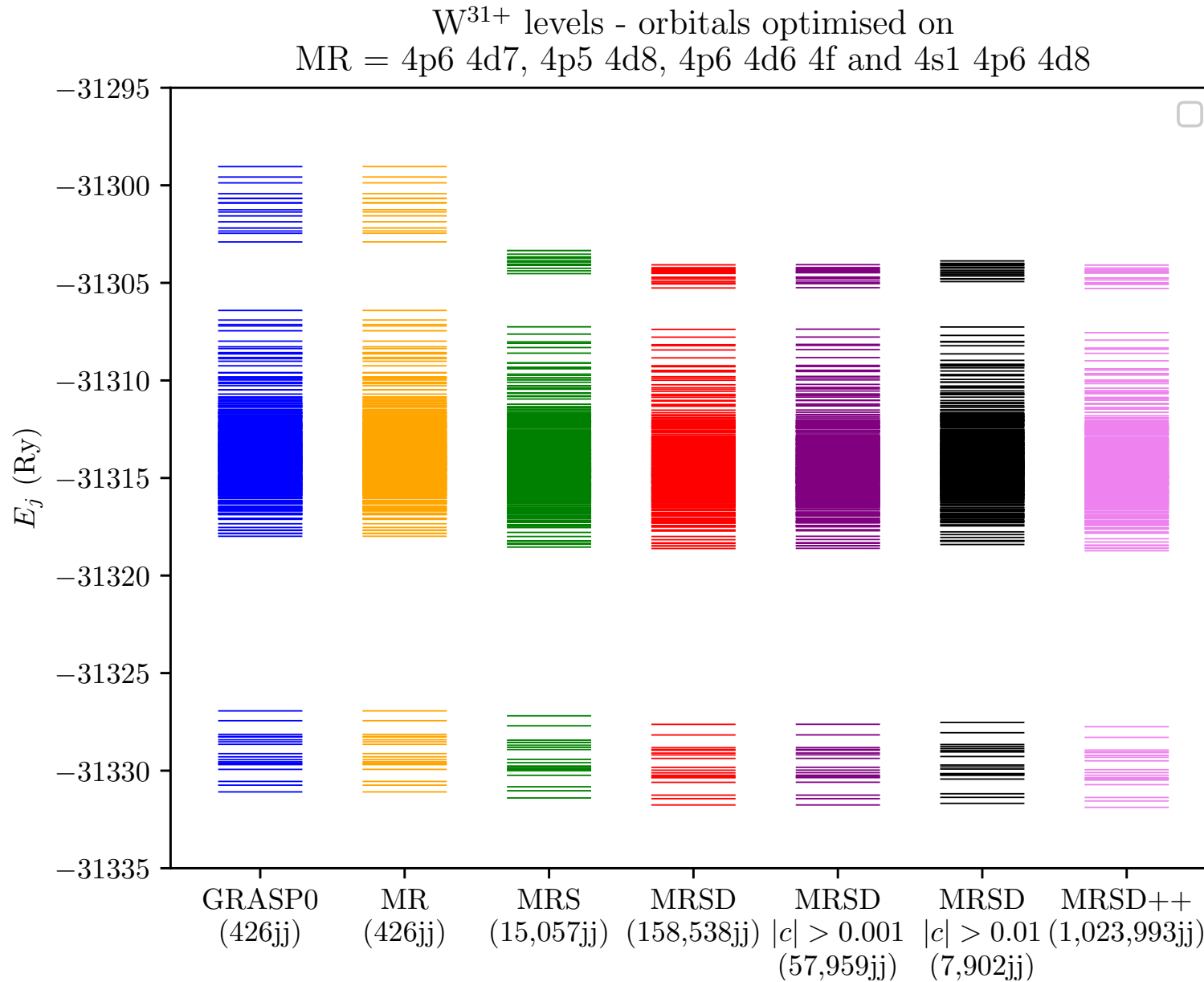
[4] Using a threshold value, throw away

configurations with small populations that

do not contribute to the total power loss.

[5] Refined level-resolved calculations with subset.

- *QUB approach employing options with the GRASP2018 code of Prof P. Jonnson.*





- ‘uncertainties and disagreements between theory and experiment.’

→ atomic structure : free-electron laser +EBIT experiments  
to ‘dial-in’ a transition wavelength and  
measure A-value (Fe16+ £C/3D)

→ University plasma devices suffer from significant impurity  
elements as well as Tungsten/Molybdenum, and high  
chance of blended lines.

→ others have greater experience in this area.