

of atomic data for kinetic modelling of fusion plasma edge

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Non-Maxwellian EDF effects on plasma-neutral and plasma-impurity rates in a stationary SOL

 electron i,mpact processes
 ion impact processes

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Introduction

History of implementation of plasma-neutral/impurity interactions in edge kinetic codes

- 1. **Primitive approach** (~30 years ago): linear model, transitions from ground state, qualitative CS
- 2. Advanced approach (~20 years ago): nonlinear model, transitions from ground and/or averaged states, multiple channels including 3 target and 4 product particles [e.g. Matyash/Tacogna/Tskhakaya]



3. **Model following selected state** (recent): selected excited states of particle species are followed [*e.g. Mijin, SOL-KiT, CPC 2021, Laricchiuta this meeting*].

Applicable to simplified systems: "exponentially" increase of the number of required CS for more realistic cases including complex types of interactions (*N* states requires *N(N-1)*/2 CS)

4. **Dressed CS** approach (under development).

Do we really need a cross-section against Maxwell-averaged rate coefficients?



Stationary SOL: 1D flux tube model (BIT1)

Ne seeded shots at JET and ITER, carbon divertors at COMPASS

2320 points with E- and V-DF









Stationary SOL: electron impact collisions



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Stationary SOL: e + D collision rates



PIC vs Maxwellian-average RC difference is negligible

Cross-sections are from [Janev (Ed.), Atomic and Molecular Processes in the Fusion Edge Plasmas, (1995)]



Stationary SOL: e + W⁺ⁱ ionization rates



There is some deviation **inside the sheath** Can be important for **prompt re-deposition**

Actual for COMPASS-U: $T_{div} 20 - 50 \text{ eV}$

Cross-sections are taken from [Vainshtein, et al., J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys., 44 (2011) 125201]



Stationary SOL: ion impact collisions





Stationary SOL: D + D⁺ CX rates

x mm



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Stationary SOL: D² + D⁺ CX rates



Deviation can be reduced by following substitution

$$R(T) \rightarrow R(T+2E_{\parallel}/3), \quad E_{\parallel} = \frac{mV_{\parallel}^2}{2}$$

Cross-sections are from [Janev, et al., Collision Processes in Low-Temperature Hydrogen Plasmas, 2005]



Stationary SOL: Ar + D⁺ CX rates



No CS data is available for impurity CX collisions *E* < 1 keV; exceptions: *C*, *Ar*

Deviation can be reduced by substitution

$$R(T) \rightarrow R(T+2E_{\parallel}/3), \quad E_{\parallel} = \frac{mV_{\parallel}^2}{2}$$





Stationary SOL: DF of absorbed ions





220 kJ ELM-ing SOL (JET)





ELM-ing SOL: ionization and CX rates





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New developments: motivation

Data for fluid and liner kinetic modelling

Collisional radiative model (CRM)

$$\sum_{i,j} \langle \sigma V \rangle_{ij}^{a} n_{i} n_{j} + \sum_{i} S_{i}^{a} n_{i} = \left(\sum_{i,j} \langle \sigma V \rangle_{ia}^{j} n_{i} + S_{a} \right) n_{a}, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, N$$

$$A + B \rightarrow A^* + B^*, \quad R_{AB} = R_{AB}(n_B, T_B), \quad \lim_{n_B \rightarrow 0} R(n_B, T_B) = \langle \sigma V \rangle_{AB}(T_B)$$

Can one develope a kinetic CRM?

Example from ADAS:	$e + Ne^{+i} \rightarrow e + Ne^{+i, (v)}$
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Target	states	Number of CS
Ne	89	3 916
Ne ⁺	279	38 781
Ne ⁺²	554	153 181
Ne ⁺³	668	222 778
Ne ⁺⁴	564	158 766
Ne ⁺⁵	147	10 731
Total		~ 6x10 ⁵





New developments: averaged transitions

Transition from *given* to some *average* state (and vv)

$$\sigma(E) = \sum_{i} \sigma_{i}(E),$$

$$\langle E_{th}(E) \rangle = \frac{\sum_{i} E_{th}^{i} \sigma_{i}(E)}{\sigma}$$

bundling of ionized states?

Still too expensive for nonlinear kinetic modelling!

Cross-section and threshold energy for e + Ne excitation collisions from ground state averaged over 84 resulted states.





New developments: dressed CS

$$\sigma(E,T,n) = \sigma_{n=0}(E) \frac{R(T,n)}{R_{n=0}(T)},$$

$$R(T,n) = \int f_m V \sigma(E,T,n) d\vec{V}$$
$$\sigma(E,T,n \to 0) = \sigma_{n=0}(E)$$

Advantage

cross-sections and rate coefficients are available

Disadvantage

i. needs calculation of temperature – speedreduction (~10%)

ii. It is unclear how to obtain E_{th} for $E < E_{th,n=0}$?



Density profile in the JET SOL obtained from different models



Nonlinear models used in kinetic codes

[Matyash], [Taccogna], BITn, DIVGAS...



 $\sigma(E,\theta)$

 $\sigma(E)$



 $\sigma(E, E_1, \theta_1, \theta_2)$



 $\sigma(E, E_1, E_2, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)$

Data provided

Data

needed

$$egin{aligned} &\sigma(E,E_1, heta_1) &\sigma(E,E_1,E_2) \ &\sigma(E,E_1) &\sigma(E,E_1),\,\sigma(E) \end{aligned}$$

Differential CS might be important for elastic collisions!

Missing data (CS)

$$e + W^{+i} \rightarrow W^{+(i-1)} + vh, W + H^+ \rightarrow W^+ + H, AW$$



Differential CS for elastic D+D



Differential cross-sections (CS) for D+D elastic collisions for different relative energies implemented in BITn. CS are from [Krstić / Schultz, NF, 1998].

Temperature isotropization of D atoms with exact and isotropic differential CS.





Conclusions

Stationary SOL

i. electron impact collisions: no significant deviation of rate coefficients from Maxwellaveraged values (R_{Maxw}) except W ionization rates in the sheath

ii. ion impact collisions: **deviation** observed for CX collisions with impurity atoms and H_2 molecules; this deviacion **can be reduced** by substitution

$$R(T) \rightarrow R(T+2E_{\parallel}/3), \quad E_{\parallel} = \frac{mV_{\parallel}^2}{2}$$

ELM-ing SOL: significant time and space dependent deviation of rate coefficients from Maxwell-averaged RC

- ➤ Impurity main ion CX data (CS) for low energies is missing (e.g. $W + D^+ \rightarrow W^+ + D$; required accuracy: case dependent; a "dream" value is ~ 20%
- PSI: small variation of angular dependent part, EDF broadens with the divertor collisionality
- Development of reduced kinetic collisional radiative model is ongoing