Absolute recombination rate coefficients for open f-shell tungsten ions

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Fusion plasma

Power output: 3.85.10²⁶ W

Mass loss rate: ~4.4.10⁹ kg s⁻¹



[nasa.gov]

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[generalfusion.com]





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International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER)

~ 4 x bigger than JET
first plasma: 2019
power output: 0.5 GW
" consumption: 50 MW

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Energy loss by HCI line radiation

e.g., Ne⁹⁺ (injection into ITER: 0.5%) \rightarrow 70 MW of radiation loss (total 300 MW)





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measured emission spectrum from W⁴⁶⁺ (core plasma at ASDEX-Upgrade)



modelled emission spectrum from W⁴⁶⁺

[Whiteford, PhD Thesis, University of Strathclyde, UK (2004)]



recombination

$$W^{(q-1)+} \stackrel{e^-}{\longleftrightarrow} W^{q+} \stackrel{e^-}{\longleftrightarrow} W^{(q+1)+}$$

impact ionisiation

Charge states are in equilibrium of electron recombination and impact ionization.









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W²¹⁺ - W³⁵⁺ could not be disentangled: ... no visible lines ... no reliable rate coefficients

[Pütterich, Phys. Control Fusion **50** (2008)]





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Fcorr

0.47

0.39

1.78

0.60

0.99

0.99

0.96

0.95

0.94

0.95

0.97

0.98

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[Pütterich, Ph	Fusion 50 (2)

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elative abundance



from accelerator **Electron cooler** ion storage ring • m/q-selection ions е • de-excitation of ions v_e • electron cooling **V** : beam emittance collision velocity $v = |v_i - v_e| \approx 0$ Storage time [ms to s]



e.g., Dielectronic recombination (DR) of HCI in astrophysical plasma

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Dielectronic Recombination



Recombination via autoionizing states

→ prominent "Rydberg-resonances" for ions with simple valence shells





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Examples: $W^{18+}(4f^{10})$ and $W^{20+}(4f^{8})$





Fine structure excitations (Cowan):

W¹⁸⁺ (gl: $4d^{10} 4f^{10} 5I_8$): **105 levels**

 W^{20+} (gl: $4d^{10} 4f^{8} {}^{7}F_{6}$): **292 levels**





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 $W^{19+} + \gamma$

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"Full partitioning": [Badnell, PRA 85 (2012)]

Mixes all AI levels in a broad energy range.

Statistical approach, compensates for limited number of states in IC calculation.



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W¹⁹⁺ and W²¹⁺: Work ongoing ...



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We have measured absolute recombination rate coefficients for W^{18+} , W^{19+} , W^{20+} and W^{21+} .

We find very fast recombination at $E \sim \text{few 10 eV}$. Not accounted for in ADAS data for any of the charge states.

This enhances the plasma recombination rate coefficient also at much higher temperatures, where the charge states are abundant in fusion plasmas.

An updated AUTOSTRUCTURE theory can somewhat explain the fast recombination by mixing of AI levels ...

... but can not predict the experiment in every detail yet.





Thank you.

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