Atomic data (Fe XIII density diagnostics for Hinode EIS)

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Atomic data

SPECTROSCOPY OF STELLAR CORONAE:

Measurements of Ne, Te, DEM(T), flows

CALCULATION:

UK APAP Network <u>http://www.apap-network.org/</u> has become the main ion atomic data provider for fusion and astrophysics (Strathclyde, UCL, Cambridge)

BENCHMARK:

EUV line identifications and benchmark

DISTRIBUTION:

CHIANTI (<u>www.chiantidatabase.org</u>) has now become the reference atomic database for ions CHIANTI v.7 are available in VAMDC (Virtual Atomic and Molecular Data Center: <u>http://portal.vamdc.eu</u>)





Ionization vs. excitation

Ionizations/recombinations occur on timescales of 1-100s Dipole-allowed lines decay in 10⁻¹⁰ s. Forbidden ones in 10⁻⁴ s or longer



Normally consider separately excitation / ionization

In optically-thin plasmas line intensities are proportional to:



The Hydrogen/electron density depends on the elemental abundances relative to H. For the solar corona, H, He are fully ionised and the ratio is about 0.8--0.9.

Contribution function

Spectral line intensity:

$$I(\lambda_{ij}) = \frac{h\nu_{ij}}{4\pi} \int N_j A_{ji} dh = \int Ab(X)C(T, \lambda_{ij}, N_e)N_e N_H dh \quad [\text{ergs cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}]$$
$$C(T, \lambda_{ij}, N_e) = \frac{h\nu_{ij}}{4\pi} \frac{A_{ji}}{N_e} \frac{N_j(X^{+m})}{N(X^{+m})} \frac{N(X^{+m})}{N(X)} \quad [\text{ergs cm}^{+3} \text{ s}^{-1}]$$



Level population

 $dN_{\rm i}$

dt

The main processes affecting the level populations are scattering with particles and photons.

All excitations/de-excitations need to be considered.

$$= \sum_{i>j} N_i \mathcal{A}_{ij} + \sum_{i>j} N_i N_{\rm e} C_{ij}^{\rm e} + \sum_{ij} N_i N_{\rm p} C_{ij}^{\rm p} + \sum_{ij} C_{ji}^{\rm p} + O_{i>j} C_{ij}^{\rm p} + O_{i>j} C_{ij}^{\rm p} + O_{i>j} C_{i>j}^{\rm p} + O_{i>j} C_{ij}^{\rm p} + O_{i>j} C_{i}^{\rm p} +$$

Most abundant particles in the quiescent corona are thermal electrons, protons, alpha.

Electron collisions are the main excitation process in the low corona.

Proton collisions are also important for some ions.

Non-thermal particles could be present.



Collision strength

The number of transitions form level i to level j due to electron collisions per unit volume and time is given by Ni Ne Cij where Cij is the rate:

$$C_{ij}^e = \int_{v_o}^{\infty} v \sigma_{ij}(v) f(v) dv$$

collision strength

$$\sigma_{ij} = \frac{\pi a_0^2}{g_i} \frac{E_H}{E} \Omega_{ij}(E)$$

Assuming a Maxwellian distribution function *f*.

$$C_{ij}^{e} = 8.63 \ 10^{-6} \frac{\Upsilon_{ij}}{T_{e}^{1/2} g_{i}} \ exp\left(-\frac{E_{ij}}{kT_{e}}\right)$$

$$\Upsilon_{ij} = \int_0^\infty \Omega_{ij} \, exp\left(-\frac{E_j}{kT_e}\right) d\left(\frac{E_j}{kT_e}\right)$$

Collision strength- example: Mg IX



Metastable levels- electron density diagnostics



As the electron density increases, the population of the metastable levels increases.

The intensity of spectral lines connected with metastable levels varies accordingly.

The CHIANTI IDL program to measure densities from line ratios

★ Energy ↓ Photons ★ yes ↓ no Included								
CHANGE PAKAMETERS								
NUMERATOR: 186.854+186.887 Choose a new line INTENSITY: 0.6 SIGMA: 0.0 PLOT ERROR BARS	Log Temp [K]: 6.20 Density intervals: 0.2 Density intervals: 0.2 1.20e+10 [log=10.08] Photoexc: not included Protons: included Protons: included Ratio: 0.60							
186.854 Å 2 - 36 3s2 3p3 2D3/2 - 3s2 3p2(3P) 3d 2F5/2 186.887 Å 3 - 39 3s2 3p3 2D5/2 - 3s2 3p2(3P) 3d 2F7/2	Fe XII line ratio, relative to 195.119+195.179 Å							
DENOMINATOR: 195.119+195.179 Choose a new line	1.2							
INTENSITY: 1.0 SIGMA: 0.0 PLOT ERROR BARS								
195.119 Å 1 - 27 3s2 3p3 4S3/2 - 3s2 3p2(3P) 3d 4P5/2 195.179 Å 2 - 33 3s2 3p3 2D3/2 - 3s2 3p2(1D) 3d 2D3/2								
Low wavelength limit (Å)	0.4							
High wavelength limit (Å)								
	Log ₁₀ (Dectron density [cm ⁻⁵])							
SAVE HARDCOPY QUIT	♦ Selected lines Y-AXIS SCALING							

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Young et al. 2008



Used older collision strengths from Gupta & Tayal (1998)



Storey & Zeippen (2010) performed an IP scattering calculation much superior than previous ones.

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Benchmarking atomic data (Del Zanna)

1) observed and theoretical wavelengths and line intensities for a wide range of astrophysical and laboratory plasmas using the emissivity ratios:

$$F_{ji}(N_{\rm e},T_{\rm e}) = C \ \frac{I_{\rm ob}N_{\rm e}}{N_j(N_{\rm e},T_{\rm e}) A_{ji}}$$

For iso-density plasmas, curves cross.

The method in principle could be used to infer the density distribution alos. (Doschek (1984) But.. large uncertainties in atomic data and calibration!

2) compared level lifetimes with beam-foil spectroscopy. RESULTS:

new wavelengths (with <u>uncertainties</u>), new identifications, new level energies (with uncertainties), new diagnostics

A-values of strongest lines normally accurate to better than 10% Excitation data can be accurate to better than 20%



Storey et al.(2005)





Large problems with atomic data of Aggarwal & Keenan 2005. Gupta & Tayal (1998) – CHIANTI v6 (learn who to trust!) Del Zanna A&A 533, A12 (2011)

Table 1. Level energies for Fe xIII.

i	Conf.	Lev.	$E_{\rm exp}$	E _{NIST}
1	3s ² 3p ²	${}^{3}P_{0}$	0.0	0.0 (0)
2	3s ² 3p ²	${}^{3}P_{1}$	9303.1	9302.5 (1)
3	3s ² 3p ²	$^{3}P_{2}$	18 561.7	18 561.0 (1)
4	3s ² 3p ²	$^{1}D_{2}$	48 069.7	48 068.0 (2)
5	$3s^2 3p^2$	${}^{1}S_{0}$	91 511.0	91 508.0 (3)
6	3s 3p ³	⁵ S ₂	214 624.0	214 608.0 (16)
7	3s 3p ³	$^{3}D_{1}$	287 205.0	287 205.0 (0)
8	3s 3p ³	$^{3}D_{2}$	287 356.0	287 360.0 (-4)
9	3s 3p ³	$^{3}D_{3}$	290 180.0	290 210.0 (-30)
10	3s 3p ³	${}^{3}P_{0}$	328 927.0	-
11	3s 3p ³	${}^{3}P_{1}$	329 637.0	329 647.0 (-10)
12	3s 3p ³	$^{3}P_{2}$	330 282.0	330 279.0 (3)
13	3s 3p ³	$^{1}D_{2}$	362 407.0	362 330.0 (77)
14	3s 3p ³	${}^{3}S_{1}$	415 462.0	415 462.0 (0)
15	3s² 3p 3d	${}^{3}F_{2}$	430 124.0	-
16	3s 3p ³	${}^{1}P_{1}$	438 086.0	438 050.0 (36)
17	3s² 3p 3d	${}^{3}F_{3}$	436 919.0	-
18	3s² 3p 3d	${}^{3}F_{4}$	447 001.0	-
19	3s ² 3p 3d	${}^{3}P_{2}$	486 358.0	486 358.0 (0)
20	3s ² 3p 3d	${}^{3}P_{1}$	494 942.0	494 942.0 (0)
21	3s ² 3p 3d	$^{1}D_{2}$	498 870.0	498 870.0 (0)
22	3s² 3p 3d	${}^{3}P_{0}$	501 514.0	503 340.0 (-1826)
23	3s² 3p 3d	$^{3}D_{1}$	506 505.0	506 502.0 (3)
24	3s² 3p 3d	$^{3}D_{3}$	509 176.0	509 176.0 (0)
25	3s² 3p 3d	$^{3}D_{2}$	509 250.0	509 250.0 (0)
26	3s ² 3p 3d	${}^{1}F_{3}$	556911.0	556 870.0 (41)
27	3s² 3p 3d	${}^{1}P_{1}$	570 743.0	570 690.0 (53)
28	3p ⁴	${}^{3}P_{2}$	591 362.0	-
42	3s 3p ² 3d	${}^{3}F_{2}$	669 564.0	-
56	3s 3p ² 3d	$^{3}D_{2}$	753 767.0	-
60	3s 3p ² 3d	${}^{3}F_{2}$	777 950.0	-
61	3s 3p ² 3d	${}^{3}F_{3}$	783 540.0	-
64	3s 3p ² 3d	${}^{3}F_{4}$	792 105.0	-
72	3s 3p ² 3d	$^{3}D_{2}$	817 170.0	-
84	3s 3p ² 3d	${}^{3}P_{2}$	897 511.0	-

Several new identifications, to be confirmed !

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i – j	Int 1×10^8	Int 1×10^{12}	λ _{exp} (Å)	λ _{NIST} (Å)		
1-20	1.0	0.12	202.044	202.044		
3-14	0.26	0.19	251.952	251.952		
2-23	0.20	0.10	201.126	201.127		
3-20	0.15	1.8×10^{-2}	209.916	209.916		
2-14	0.13	9.8×10^{-2}	246.209	246.209	٨	
3-24	7.4×10^{-2}	0.39	203.826	203.826	sbl 🔨	<
3-23	6.3×10^{-2}	3.2×10^{-2}	204.942	204.943	V	4
1-14	5.4×10^{-2}	3.9×10^{-2}	240.696	240.696	bl	
1-23	4.0×10^{-2}	2.1×10^{-2}	197.431	197.433	٨	
3-25	3.4×10^{-2}	0.14	203.795	203.795	sbl	ζ
7-60	3.0×10^{-2}	4.3×10^{-3}	203.772	-	N sbl 📈	7
3-17	3.3×10^{-2}	3.4×10^{-2}	239.030	-	Ν	
4–16	3.6×10^{-2}	0.13	256.400	256.422	R bl	
2-25	2.4×10^{-2}	9.9×10^{-2}	200.021	200.021		
4-15	2.7×10^{-2}	1.4×10^{-2}	261.743	-	Ν	
4-21	2.1×10^{-2}	0.15	221.828	221.827		
2-19	1.8×10^{-2}	8.6×10^{-2}	209.619	209.619		٨
8-60	1.8×10^{-2}	2.5×10^{-3}	203.835	-	N sbl	$\overline{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}$

Table 2. List of the brightest Fe xIII lines, from the EUV to the visible.

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Fe XIII – processes at 10⁸ cm⁻³







Young (2004) performed atomic structure calculations with TEC. In some case, large differences in the A-values of the strong allowed transitions are found (learn who to trust!).



Non-Maxwellian electrons



Dudik, Del Zanna et al. 2014, A&A



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EIS calibration (Del Zanna 2013)

The EIS SW and LW sensitivities at the start of the mission were somewhat lower than the values measured on the ground



EIS and AIA calibration (Del Zanna 2013a,b)

The EIS LW sensitivity has been decreasing over time, about a factor of 2 lower by 2010 (see also Warren et al. 2013). It was already different at the start of the mission. Cross-calibration between AIA, EVE v.3 and new EIS shows excellent agreement (NO fudge factors for AIA)



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