

Introduction to FLYCHK

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FLYCHK COLLISIONAL-RADIATIVE MODEL

Population Kinetics Modeling

Rate equations are solved for level population distributions for given plasma conditions

$$\frac{dn_i}{dt} = -n_i \sum_{j \neq i}^{N \max} W_{ij} + \sum_{j \neq i}^{N \max} n_j W_{ji}$$

$$W_{ij} = B_{ij} \overline{J_{ij}} + n_e C_{ij} + \beta_{ij} + n_e \gamma_{ij}$$

$$W_{ji} = A_{ij} + B_{ji} \overline{J_{ji}} + n_e D_{ji} + n_e (\alpha_{ji}^{RR} + \alpha_{ji}^{DR}) + n_e^2 \delta_{ij}$$

B_{ij} Stimulated absorption

C_{ij} Collisional excitation

γ_{ij} Collisional ionization

β_{ij} Photoionization (+st. recom)

A_{ij} Spontaneous emission

B_{ij} Stimulated emission

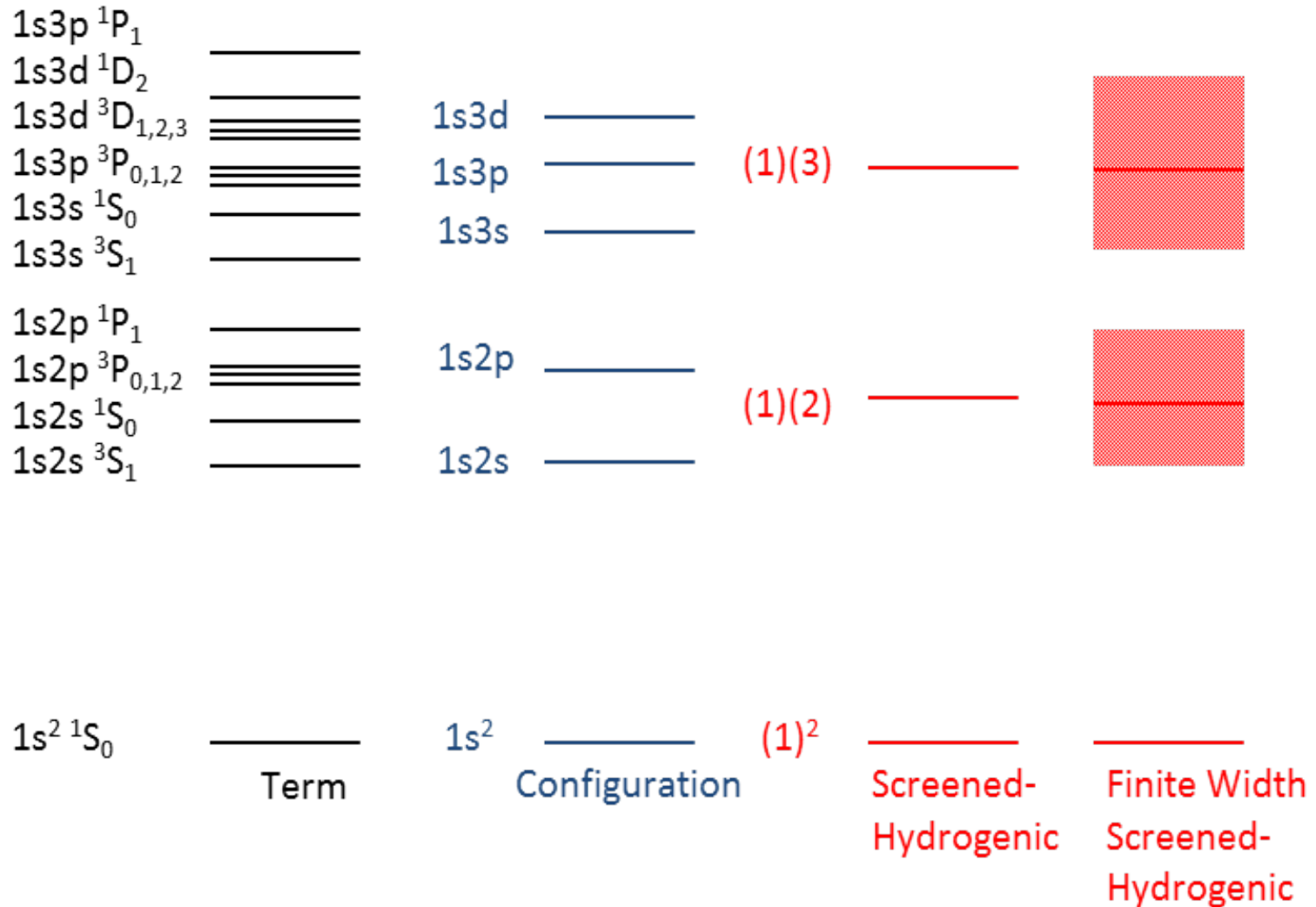
D_{ij} Collisional deexcitation

α_{ij}^{DR} Dielectronic recombination

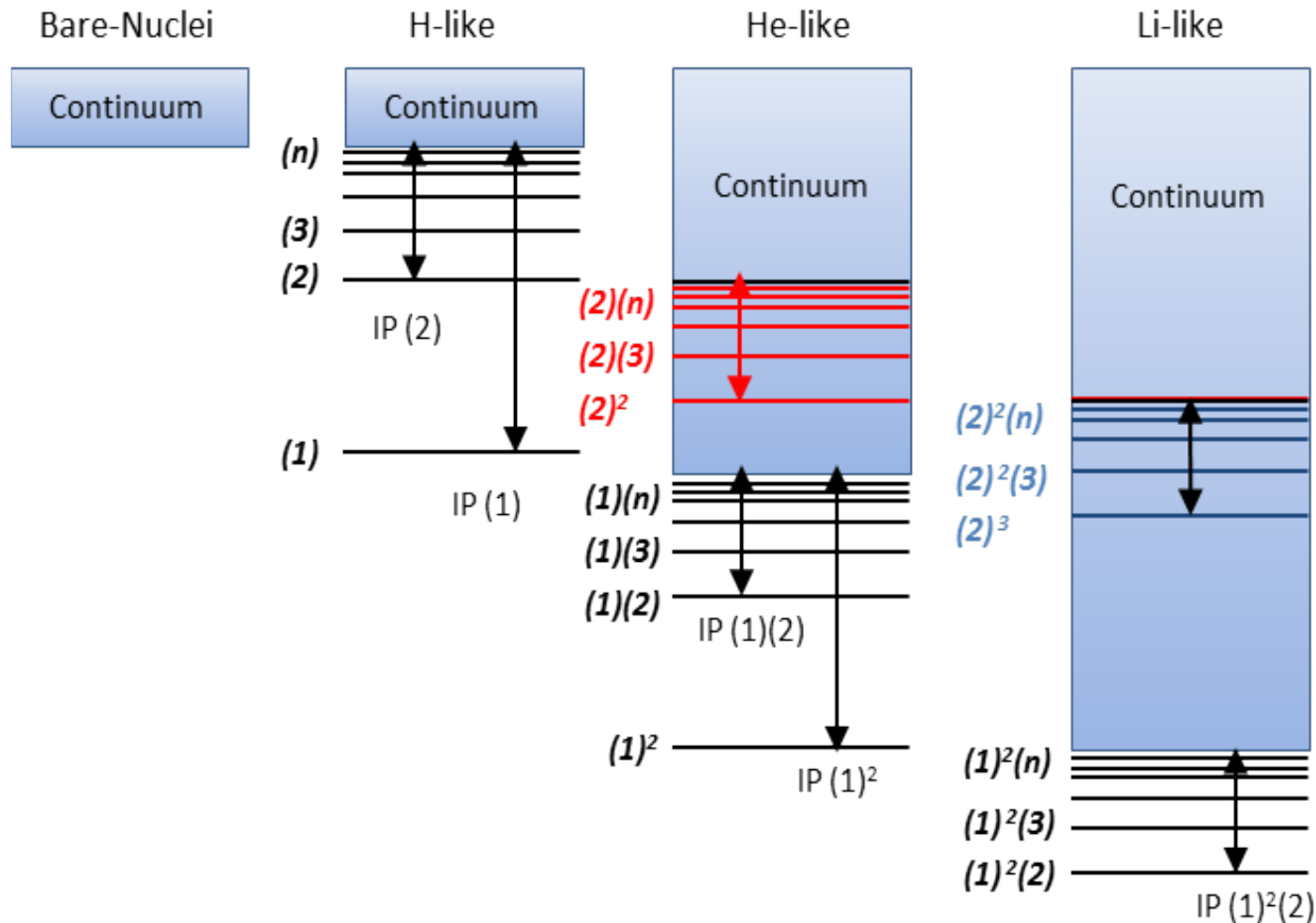
α_{ij}^{RR} Radiative recombination

δ_{ij} Collisional recombination

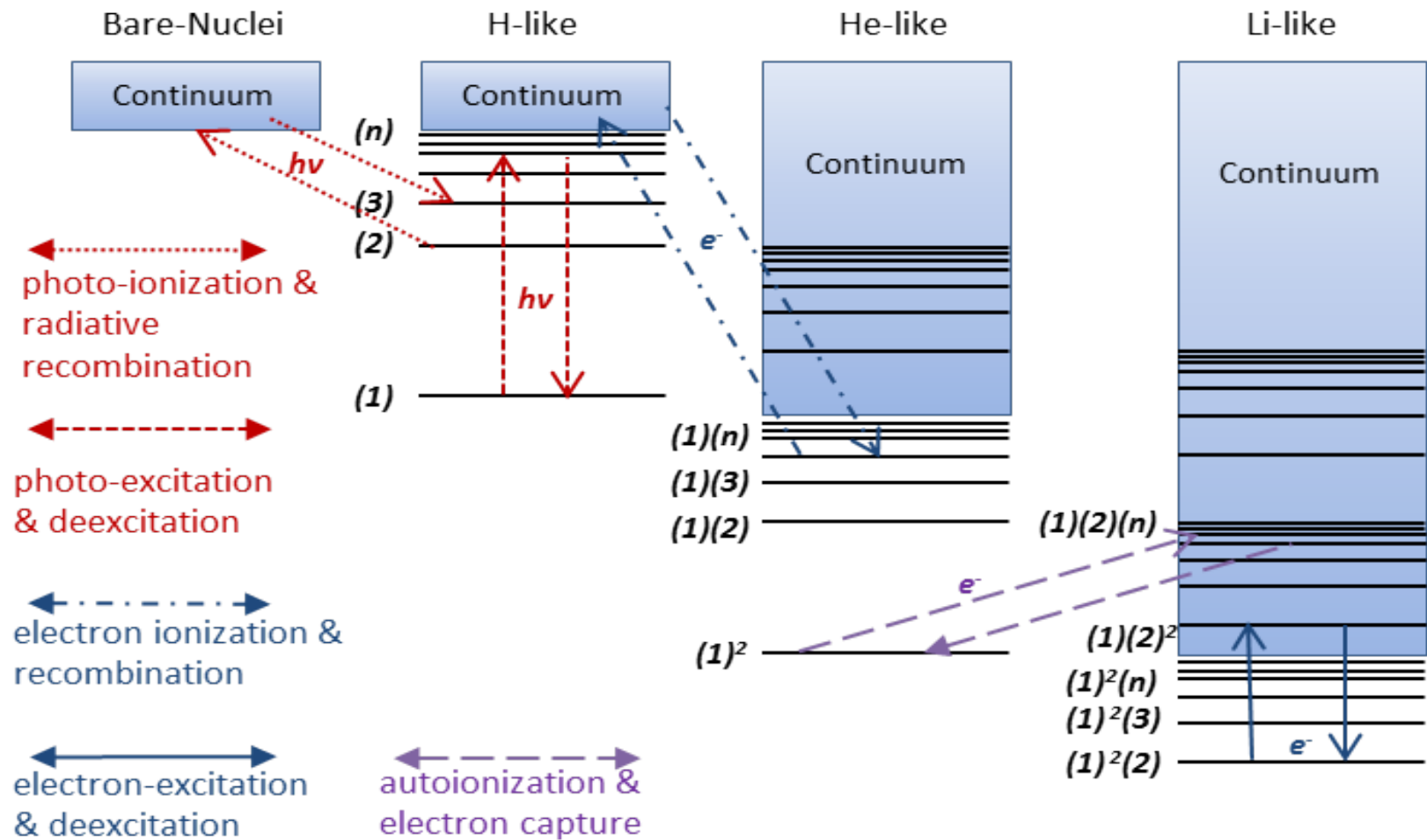
FLYCHK uses screened hydrogenic levels (super configurations)



Level energy obtained with ionization potential from its 1st continuum level



Atomic processes included in FLYCHK



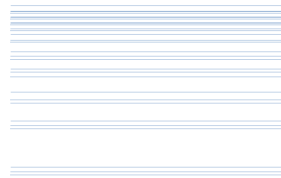
FLYCHK Model : *simple, but complete*

FLYCHK

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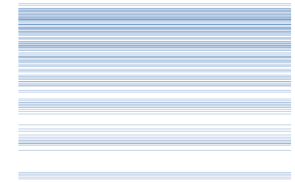


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HULLAC / FAC / MCDF

(detailed-term)



- Screened hydrogenic energy levels with relativistic corrections
- Relativistic Hartree-Slater oscillator strengths (M. Chen) and photoionization cross-sections (J. Scofield,+ Kramer)
- Fitted collisional cross-section to PWB approximation (M. Chen)
- Semi-empirical cross-sections for collisional ionization (A. Burgess)
- Detailed counting of autoionization and electron capture (M. Chen)
- Continuum lowering (Stewart-Pyatt, Ecker-Kroll)

Application to a wide range of Z & experiments:

Excitation autoionization (EA) / Dielectronic recombination (DR) processes are modeled with extensive inner-shell (IS) states

Low Z atom

Promotion of **IS** electrons leads to states far from continuum limit and *rarely matters in CSD* (charge state distribution)

$1s^1 2l^{Z+1} n l^n$

Inner-Shell



$1s^2 2l^{Z-1} 3l' n l^n$

Doubly-excited



Bound



L-shell Ion
 $1s^2 2l^{Z+1}$

L-shell Ion
 $1s^2 2l^Z$

High Z atom

Promotion of **IS** electrons can lead to states near the continuum limit and hence **EA/DR** process is *critical in CSD*

$3l^{17} 4l^{z+1} n l^n$

$3l^{16} 4l^{z+1} n l^n l'$



Inner-Shell

$3l^{17} 4l^{z+1} n l$

Doubly-excited

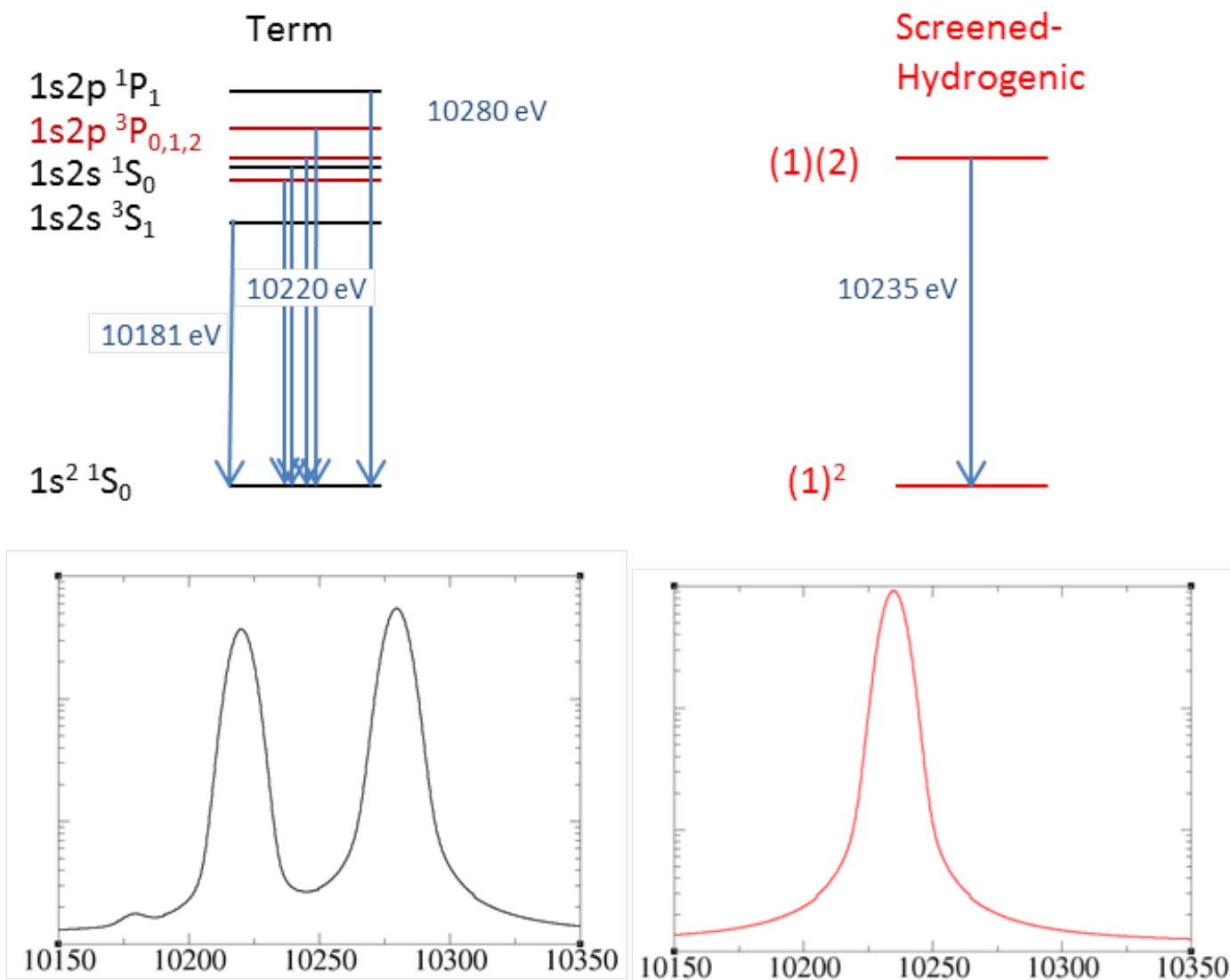
Bound

N-shell Ion
 $3l^{18} 4l^{z+1}$

N-shell Ion
 $3l^{18} 4l^z$

FLYSPEC SPECTROSCOPIC MODULE

FLYSPEC uses detailed (H, He, Li-like) and Super Transition Array for spectra



Data Types for Spectroscopic Model

$Z < 27$ H, He and Li	FLY model
$Z > 27$ H, He and Li	HULLAC data (term levels up to $n=4$)
Be-like and lower charge states	Super Transition Array (STA) made with Configurations (jj) 1s, 2s, 2p ⁻ , 2p ⁺ , 3s, 3p ⁻ , 3p ⁺ , 3d ⁻ , 3d ⁺ , Up to $n=6$

Energy-dependent spectral intensity in the STA formalism

Spectra for specific E/ ranges: STA formalism

Spectra using configuration-average atomic data generated by the DHS (Dirac-Hartree-Slater) code (M.Chen)


$$\eta(\nu) = n_A A_{AB} E_{AB} \phi(\nu) = \frac{n_A \sum_{i \in A: j \in B} g_i \exp(-E_i / kT_e) A_{ij} E_{ij} \phi(\nu)}{\sum_{i \in A: j \in B} g_i \exp(-E_i / kT_e)} \quad [\text{ergs/s/Hz/cm}^3/\text{ster}]$$





$$A_{AB} = \frac{\sum_{i \in A: j \in B} g_i \exp(-E_i / kT_e) A_{ij}}{\sum_{i \in A: j \in B} g_i \exp(-E_i / kT_e)}$$

$$E_{AB} = \frac{\sum_{i \in A: j \in B} g_i \exp(-E_i / kT_e) A_{ij} E_{ij}}{\sum_{i \in A: j \in B} g_i \exp(-E_i / kT_e) A_{ij}}$$

$$\mu_{AB}^2 = \left[\frac{\sum_{i \in A: j \in B} g_i \exp(-E_i / kT_e) A_{ij} E_{ij}^2}{\sum_{i \in A: j \in B} g_i \exp(-E_i / kT_e) A_{ij}} \right]^2 - E_{AB}^2$$

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Input and output files  View files

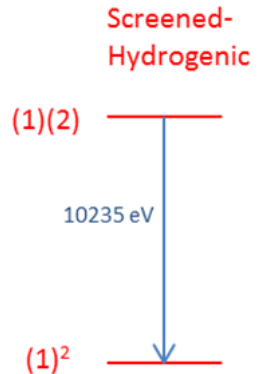
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	Ionization Distribution		Go to plots
Spectra Synthesis 	Spectra for specific E/\lambda ranges		Go to spectra
	Approximate total emissivities of bound-bound transitions		Go to spectra

Total line emissivity in the STA formalism

Approximate total line emissivity:

A plot show approximate line emission spectra and provides information on energy range of dominant emission

$$S = n_u A_{ul} E_{ul} / N_e$$



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General Plots ?	Select output parameter ▼	Select x-axis ▼	Go to plots
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FLYCHK APPLICATIONS

FLYCHK Help Pages

- http://nlte.nist.gov/FLY/Doc/Manual_FLYCHK_Nov08.pdf
- <http://nlte.nist.gov/FLY/README.html>
- <http://nlte.nist.gov/FLY/EXAMPLE.html>
- Click on the Question Marks
 - <http://nlte.nist.gov/FLY/Help/runfile.html>
 - <http://nlte.nist.gov/FLY/Help/opacity.html>

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Available to the community at password-protected NIST website: <http://nlte.nist.gov/FLY>

Advantages: simplicity and versatility → applicability

- $\langle Z \rangle$ for fixed any densities: electron, ion or mass
- Mixture-supplied electrons (eg: Argon-doped hydrogen plasmas)
- External ionizing sources : a radiation field or an electron beam.
- Multiple electron temperatures or arbitrary electron energy distributions
- Optical depth effects

Outputs: population kinetics code and spectral synthesis

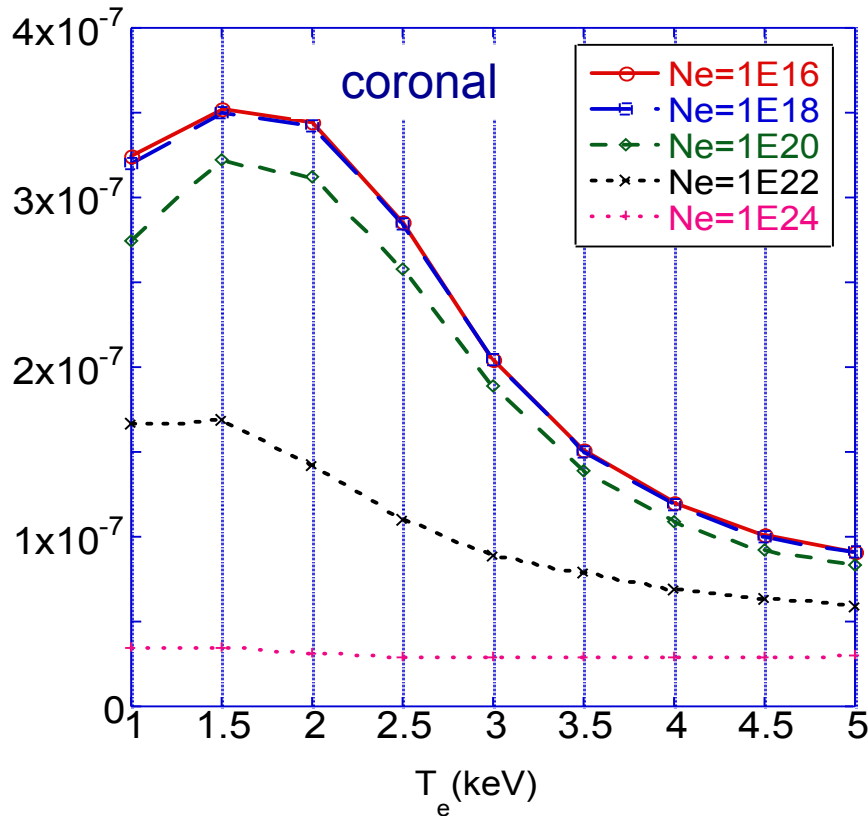
- $\langle Z \rangle$ and charge state distribution
- Radiative Power Loss rates under optically thin assumption
- Energy-dependent spectral intensity of uniform plasma with a size

Caveats: simple atomic structures and uniform plasma approximation

- Less accurate spectral intensities for non-K-shell lines
- Less accurate for low electron densities and for LTE plasmas
- When spatial gradients and the radiation transport affect population significantly

Example: Radiative loss rates are important as an energy loss mechanism of high-Z plasmas

Calculated Kr radiative cooling rates per N_e
 [eV/s/atom/cm⁻³]



of radiative transitions
 using HULLK code

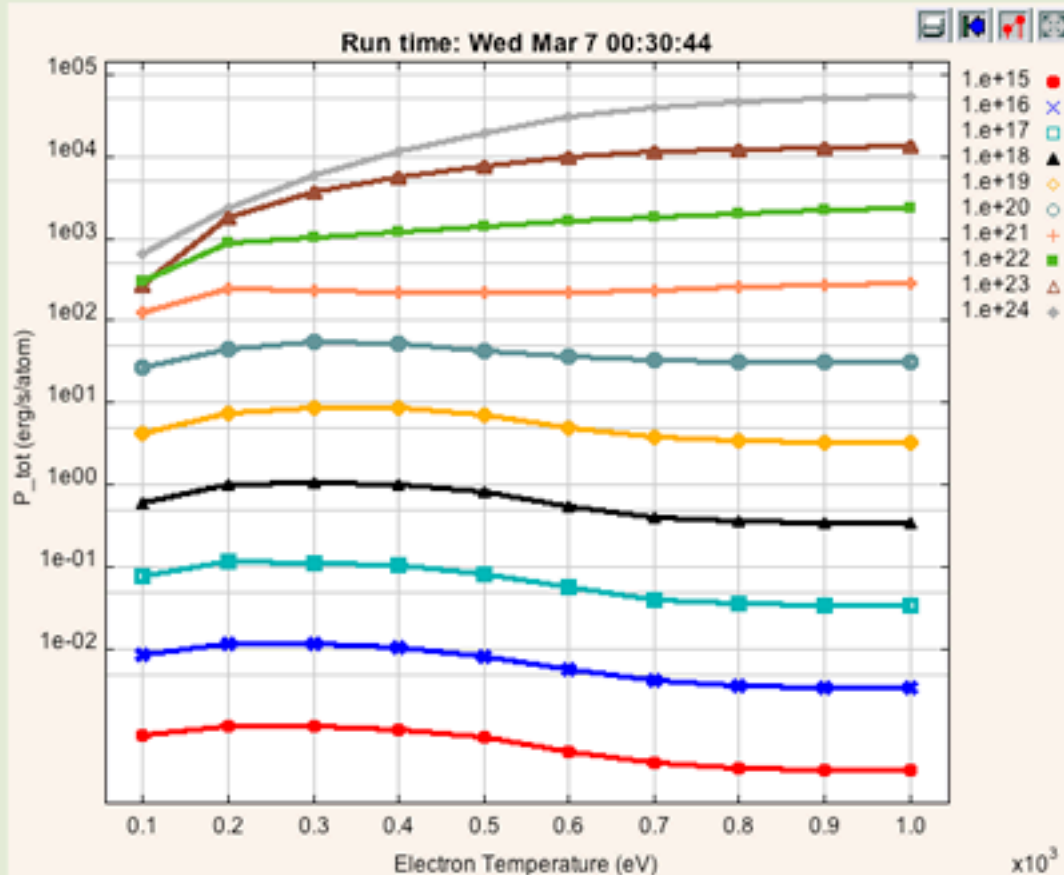
Ion	HULLAC+DHS
1	3049
2	27095
3	30078
4	404328
5	3058002
6	5882192
7	7808014
8	6202123
9	5544814
10	1050919
11	841094
Sum	30,851,708

Data for Radiation Hydrodynamics: Kr Radiative loss rates over (Ne, Te)

Element: Kr

Comments: Radiative loss rates of Kr ions

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Static plots: [PDF](#) | [PS](#)

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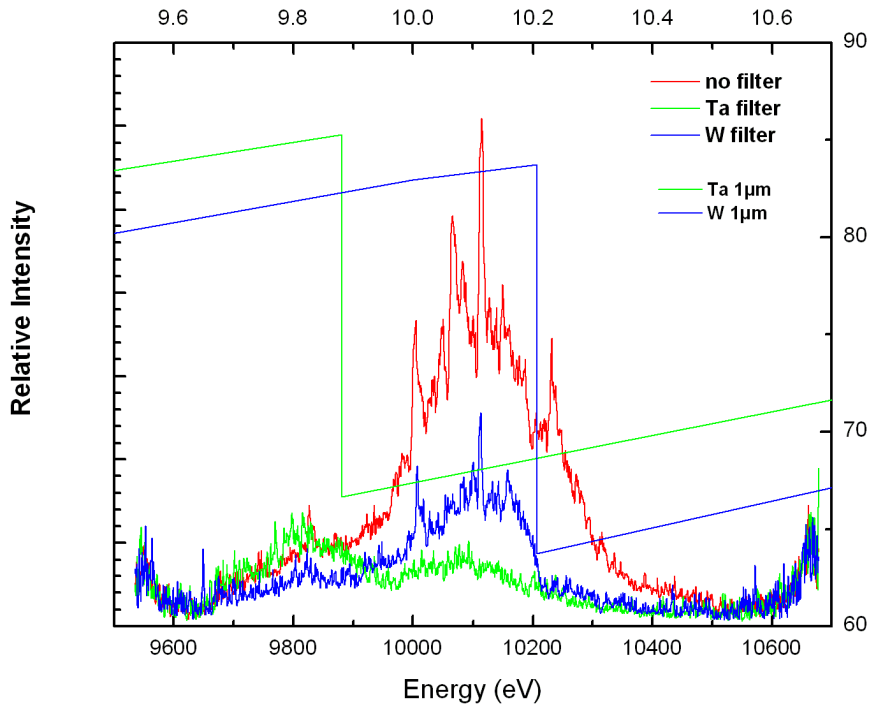
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1.e+18	file
1.e+19	file
1.e+20	file
1.e+21	file
1.e+22	file
1.e+23	file
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The radiative loss rates show the similar coronal behavior up to $N_e=10^{17}$ and the rate/ N_e stays constant. As N_e increases, the rate/ N_e decreases from the coronal value

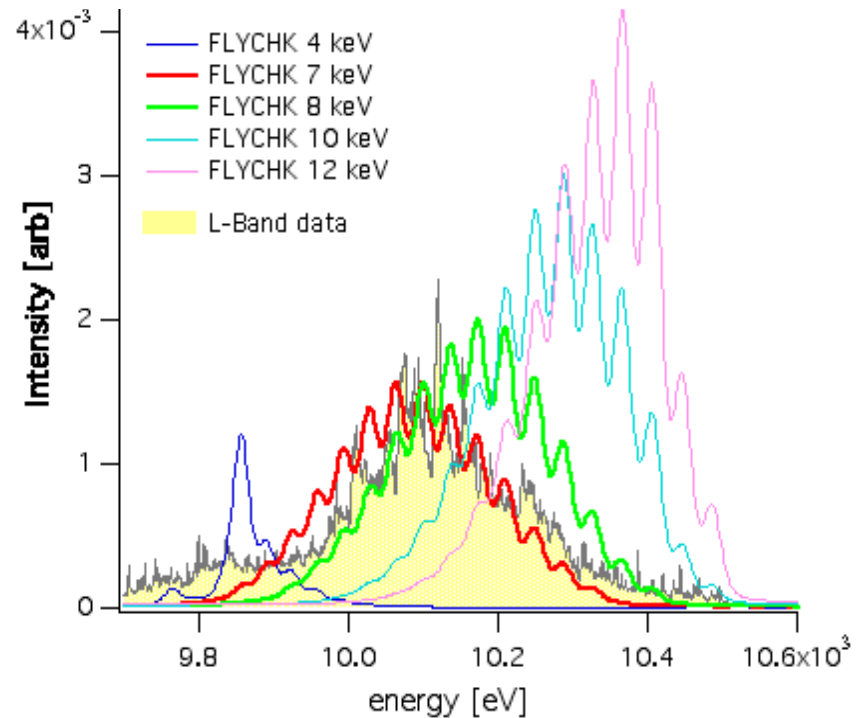
Example: Gold ionization balance in high temperature hohlraum (HTH) experiments

- High-T hohlraum reach temperatures: ~ 10 keV
- Spectrum from $n_e \sim 4 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $T_e \sim 7\text{-}10$ keV measured for first time

L-shell gold spectra (K. Widmann)



Spectroscopic data and calculation



FLYCHK gives an estimate of Gold L-shell spectra

Long pulse laser plasmas: Gold L-shell spectroscopy

FLYCHK Physics Laboratory Atomic Physics Division NIST Physics & Advanced Technologies Division

User: **hchung**

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Diagnostics output:

Runfile Input

Parameter Input

- Grid
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Initial Condition

System Evolution

Electron Temperature [eV] (max 10 values) Initial: Final: Increment:

Density Type Initial: Final: Increment:

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Run FLYCHK Clear

STA spectra compared with configuration-average spectra

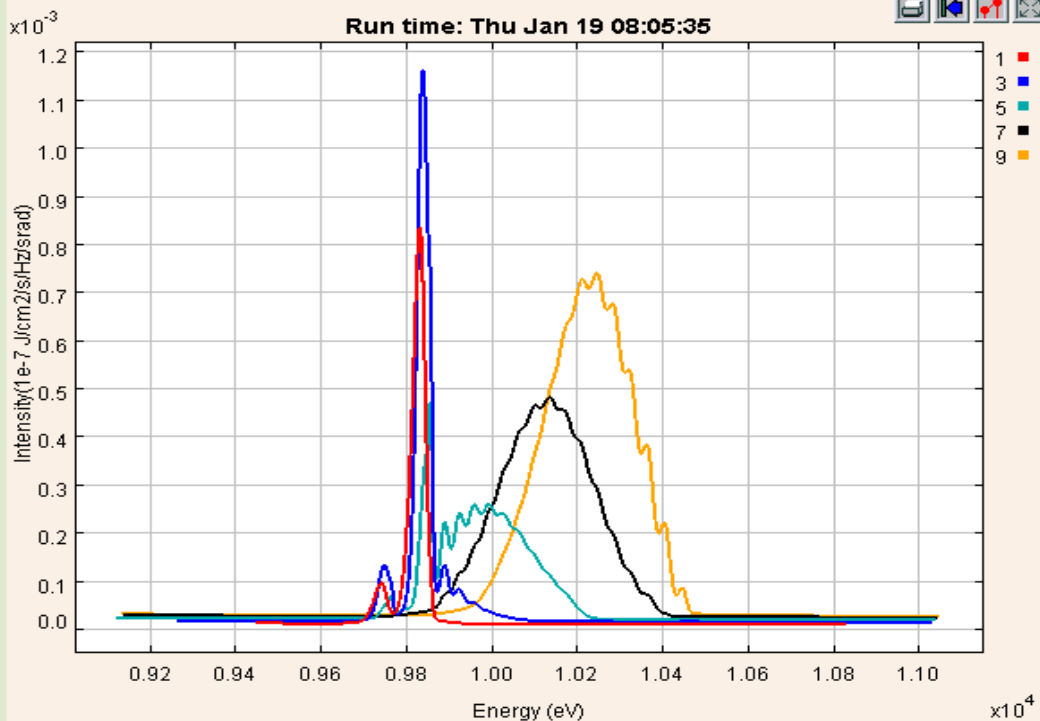
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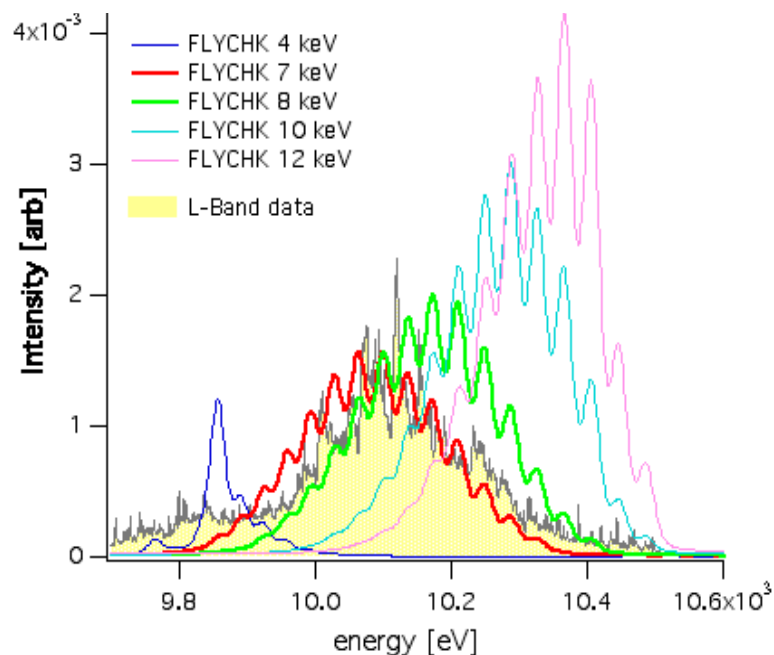
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9	12000.0	1.e+21	file	lines

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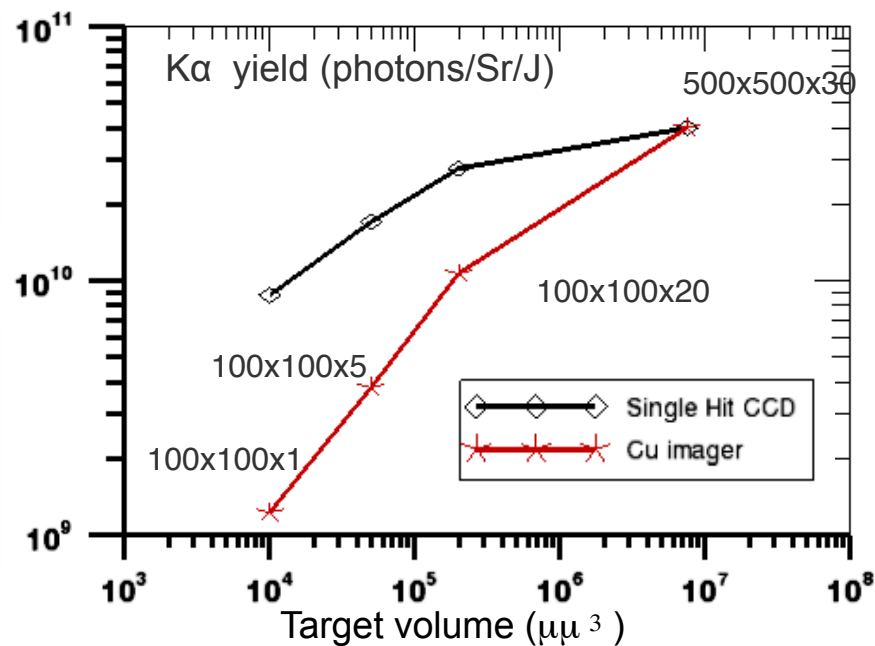
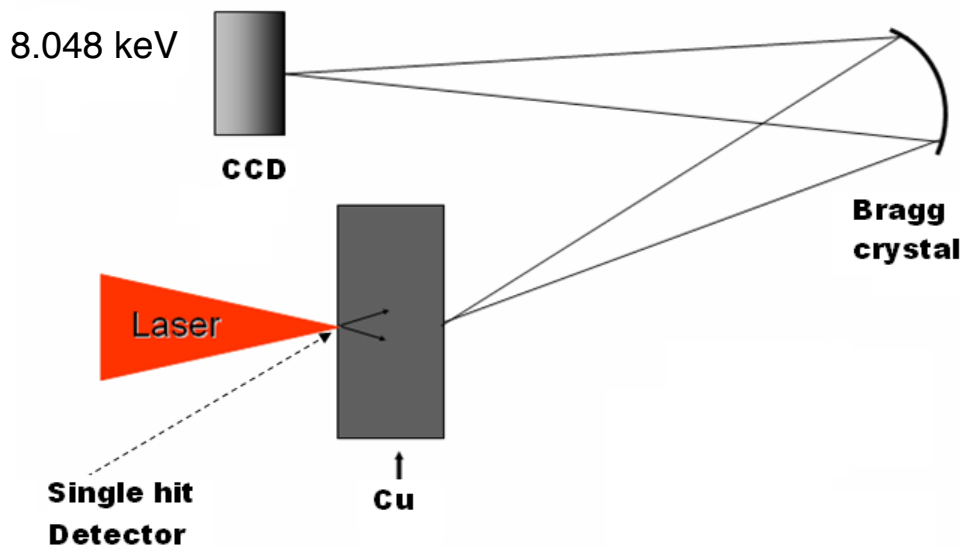
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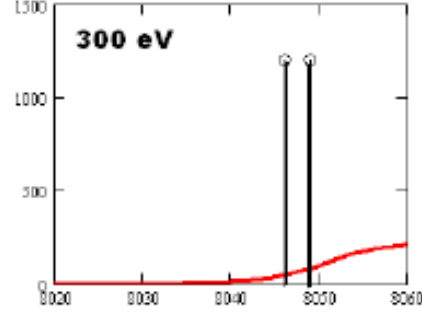
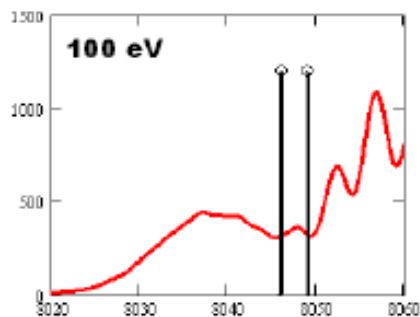
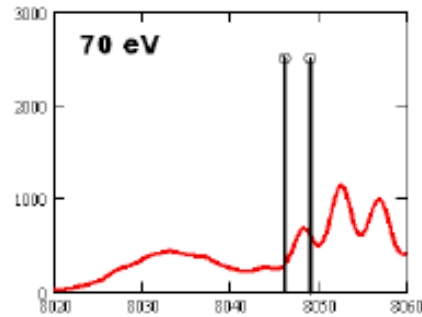
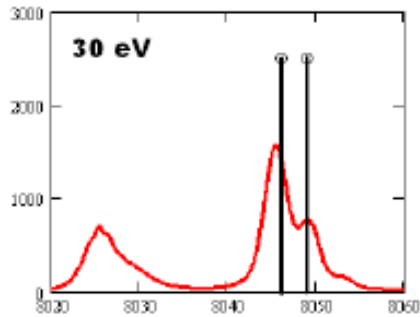
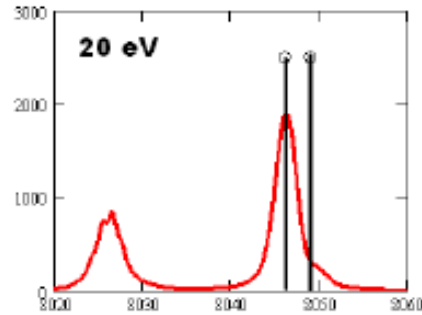
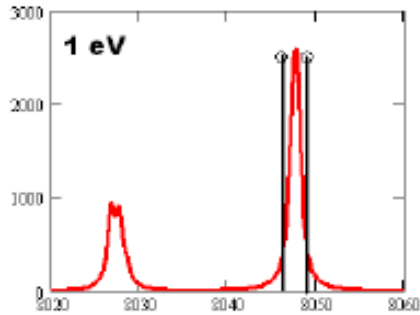
Example: Cu $K\alpha$ radiation measured by single hit CCD spectrometer and 2-D imager for T_e diagnostics



Single Hit CCD $K\alpha$ yield is higher than that of 2-D imager for smaller target volumes :
An experimental evidence of shifting and broadening of $K\alpha$ emission lines in small targets with high temperatures

Shifts and Broadening of $K\alpha$ emission as a function of electron thermal temperature

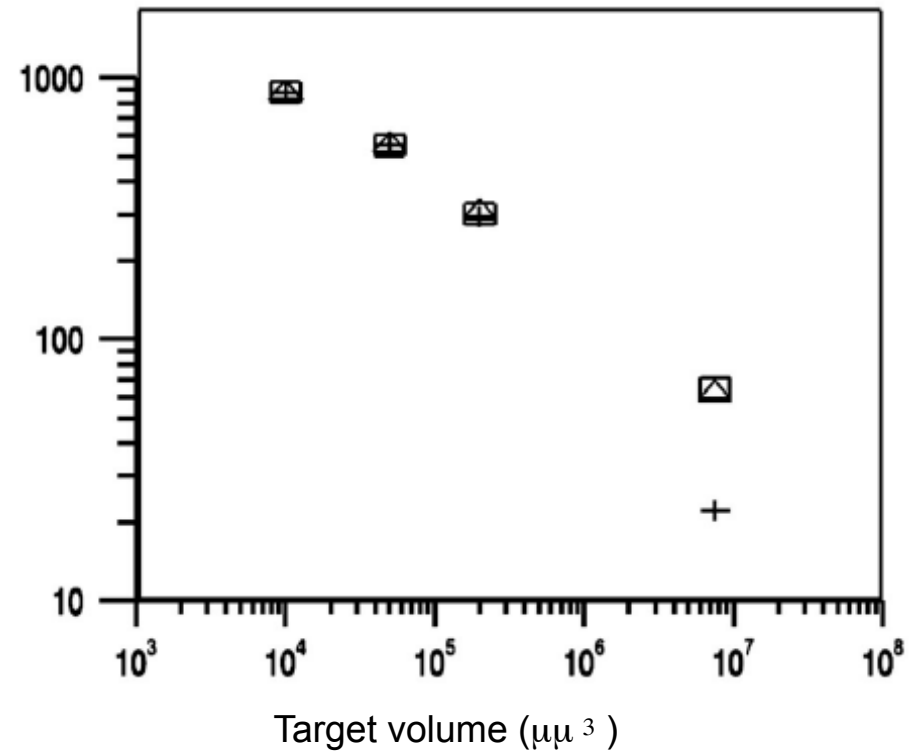
FLYCHK simulations



Energy (eV)

Energy (eV)

Average T_e (eV) of targets



Short pulse laser plasmas: Cu K α Spectroscopy

User: hchung

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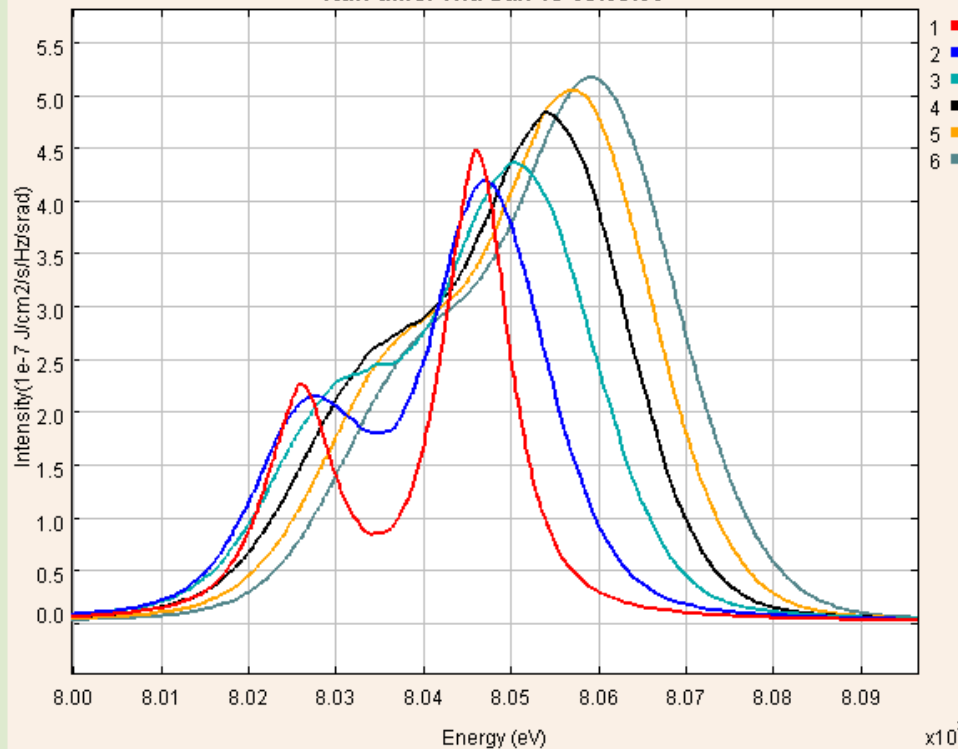
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3	60.0	8.9e+00	file	lines
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6	120.0	8.9e+00	file	lines

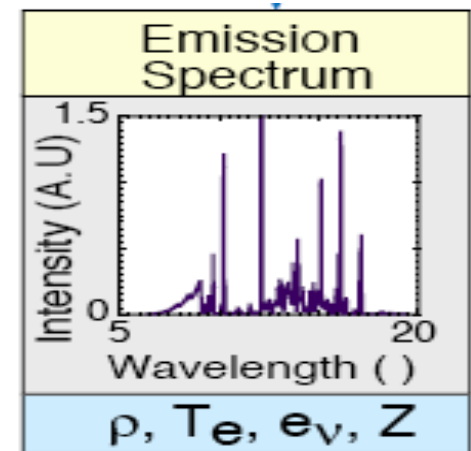
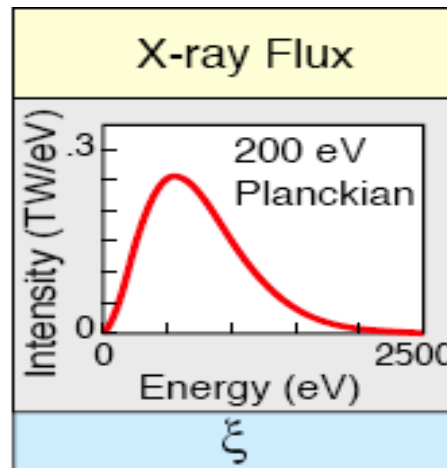
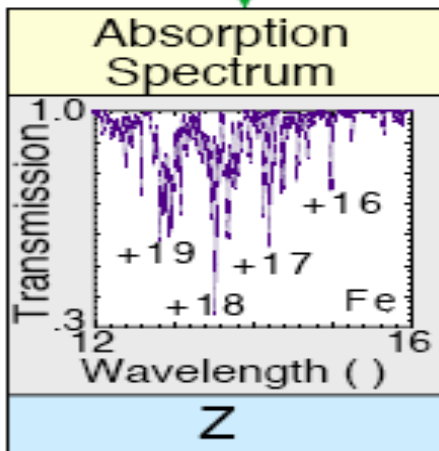
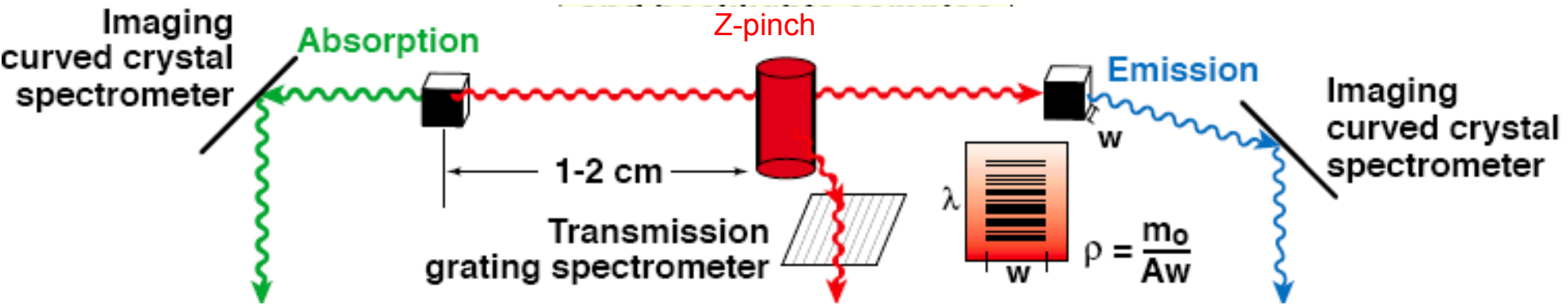
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Example: Photoionized plasmas produced by Z-Machines - Astrophysical model benchmark



$\xi=20-25$ ergs-cm/s

Photoionization equilibrium plasmas: Fe Z-Pinch Plasma

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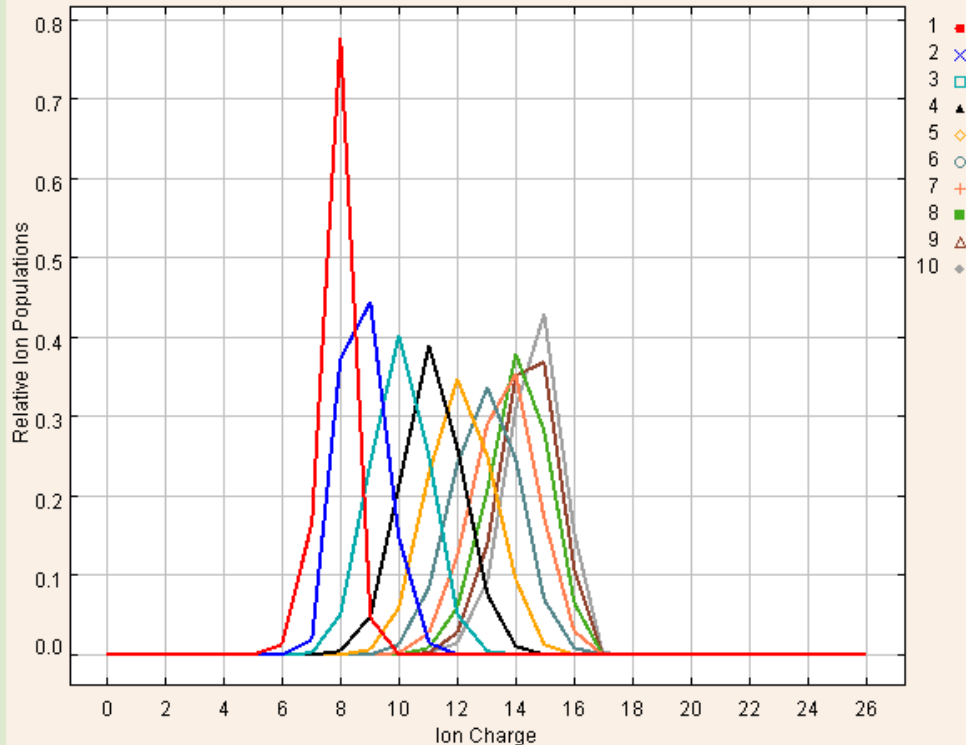
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Element: Fe

Comments: Iron steady state

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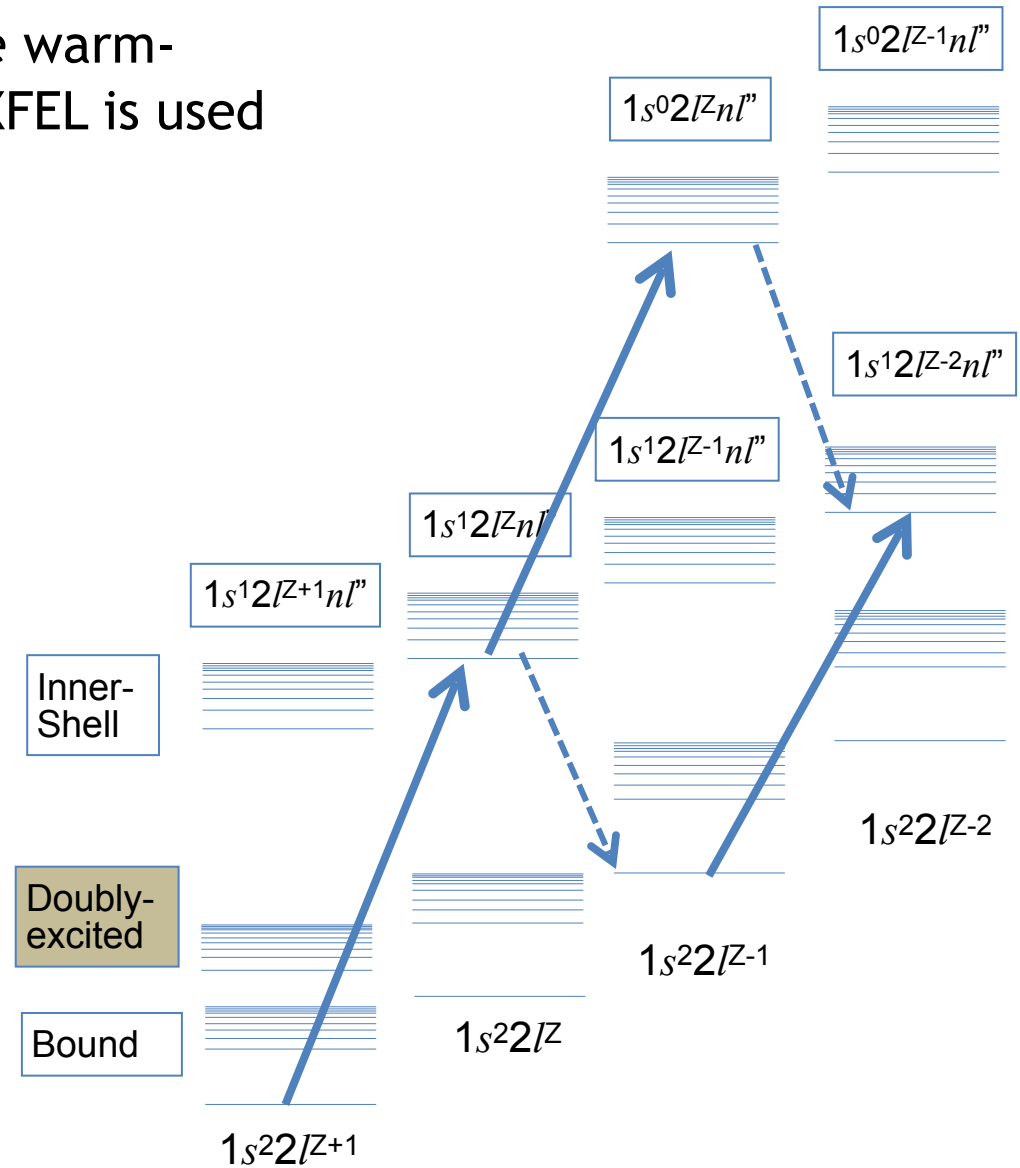
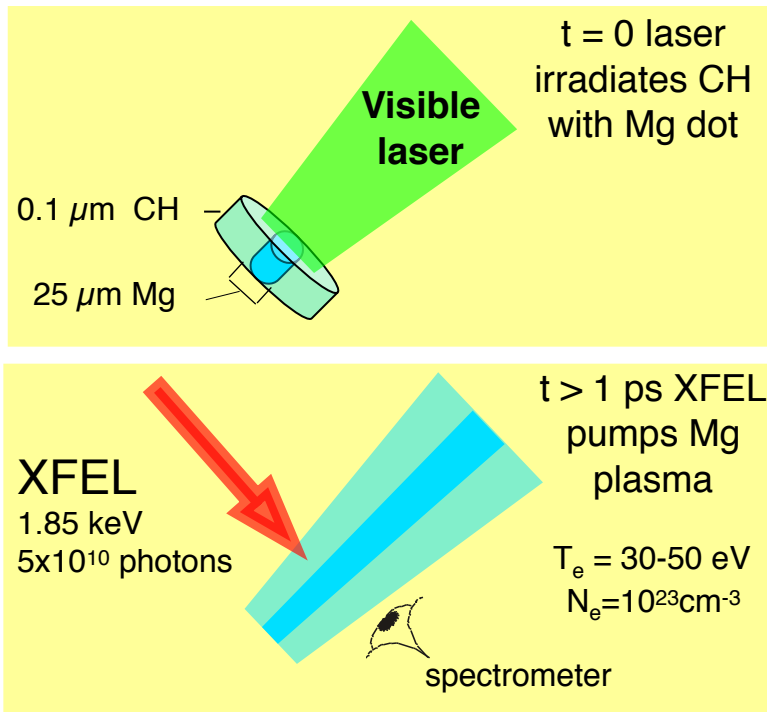
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5	110.0	1.95e+19	file
6	130.0	1.95e+19	file
7	150.0	1.95e+19	file
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9	190.0	1.95e+19	file
10	210.0	1.95e+19	file

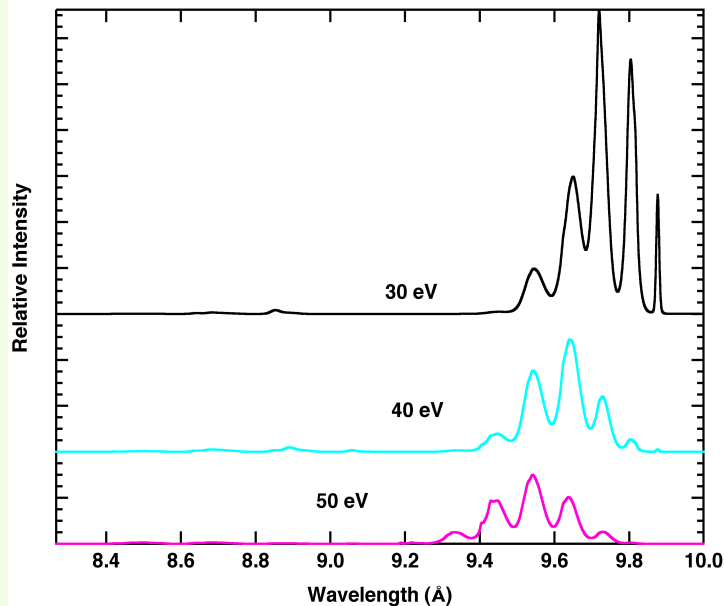
Example: XFEL provides an opportunity for HEDS plasma spectroscopy

Long-pulse laser is used to create warm-dense-matter plasmas and then XFEL is used to probe the internal state.

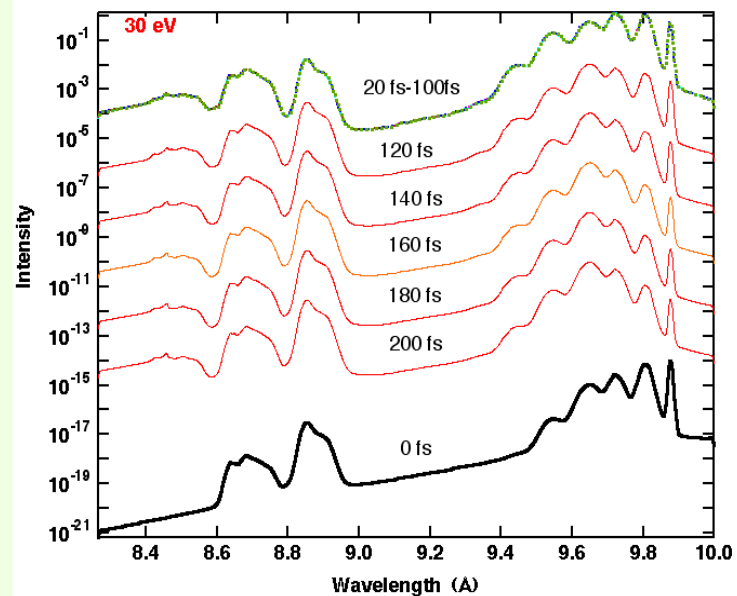


In Warm Dense Matter regime the hollow ions provide time-resolved diagnostic information

- XFEL forms unique states *and* provides *in situ* diagnostics with ~ 100 fs res.
 - 5×10^{10} 1.85 keV photons in $30 \mu\text{m}$ spot into a $n_e = 10^{23} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ plasma
 - Strong coupling parameter, $\Gamma_{ij} = \text{Potential}/\text{Kinetic Energy} \sim 10$



• Steady-state Spectra at various T_e



• At high n_e emission lasts ~ 100 fs

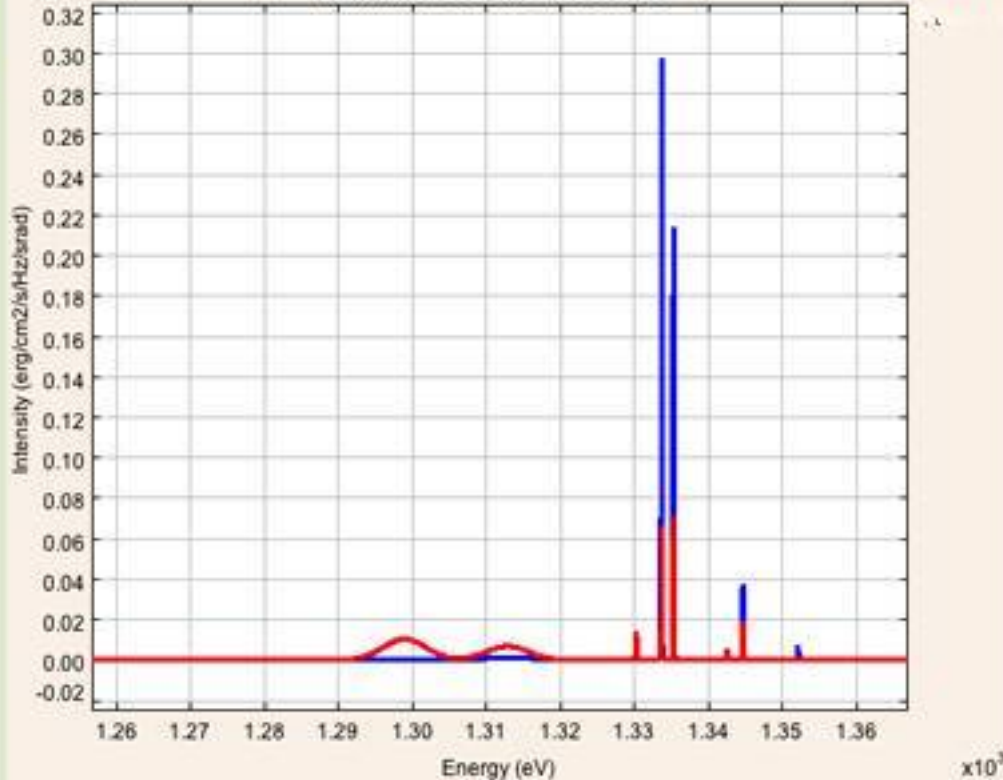
XFEL ionized plasma: Mg time-dependent K-shell spectroscopy

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Load file

Run time: Wed Mar 7 00:12:58



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- spectrum at 10 fs
- spectrum at 124 fs

Run time: Wed Mar 7 00:05:08

Run description: XFEL-driven Mg ions (runfile case)

Even with 3.1 keV photons, the $\langle Z \rangle$ and hence the ionization distribution do not change significantly in 1000 fs. However, the details in the K-shell spectrum can change to reflect the change in K-hole state population. This can lead to a pump diagnostics happen when the IPD (ionization potential depression) removes a highly excited states. Unless the fluctuation is not an order of a charge, it is not a serious concern.

Postprocessing electron kinetic simulation

- SiO₂ aerogel targets doped with Ge or Ti for X-ray backlighter development
- 1-D e- kinetic code FPI shows Non-maxwellian energy functions due to strong laser heating and nonlocal electron heat flow -- J-P. Matte & K.B. Fournier

Title of this run: FPI silicon 002 case-diagnostics on 2 Run FLYCHK Clear

Diagnostics output:

Nuclear Charge: 12

Initial Condition: Steady State or upload file: Browse...

System Evolution: Time-dependent

Time History File: /Users/chung8/PROJECTS/FPI/tx002.d Browse...

Density Type: Electron

Mixture: Z_{mix}: Percent: Z_{ion}:

Opacity: Size (cm): Or history file:

Ion T_i [eV]: T_i/T_e: Fixed T_i: Or history file:

2nd T_e [eV]: 2nd T_e: Fraction: Or history file:

Radiation T_r [eV]: T_{rad}: Dilution: Or history file:

Radiation Field: Browse...

EEDF: /Users/chung8/PROJECTS/FPI/fe002.d Browse...

For time-dependent case, set up output times: default is time steps specified in the history file

Evolution Type: Linear Start time: 0 End time: 1.e-9

linear or log grid only: Time step number: 41

linear followed by log: Final time for linear: Linear step number: Log step number:

log followed by linear: Final time for log: Log step number: Linear step number:

Run FLYCHK Clear

History input always includes thermal T_e
EEDF is added as additional e- source

Runfile input can specify

EEDF to be the only e- source

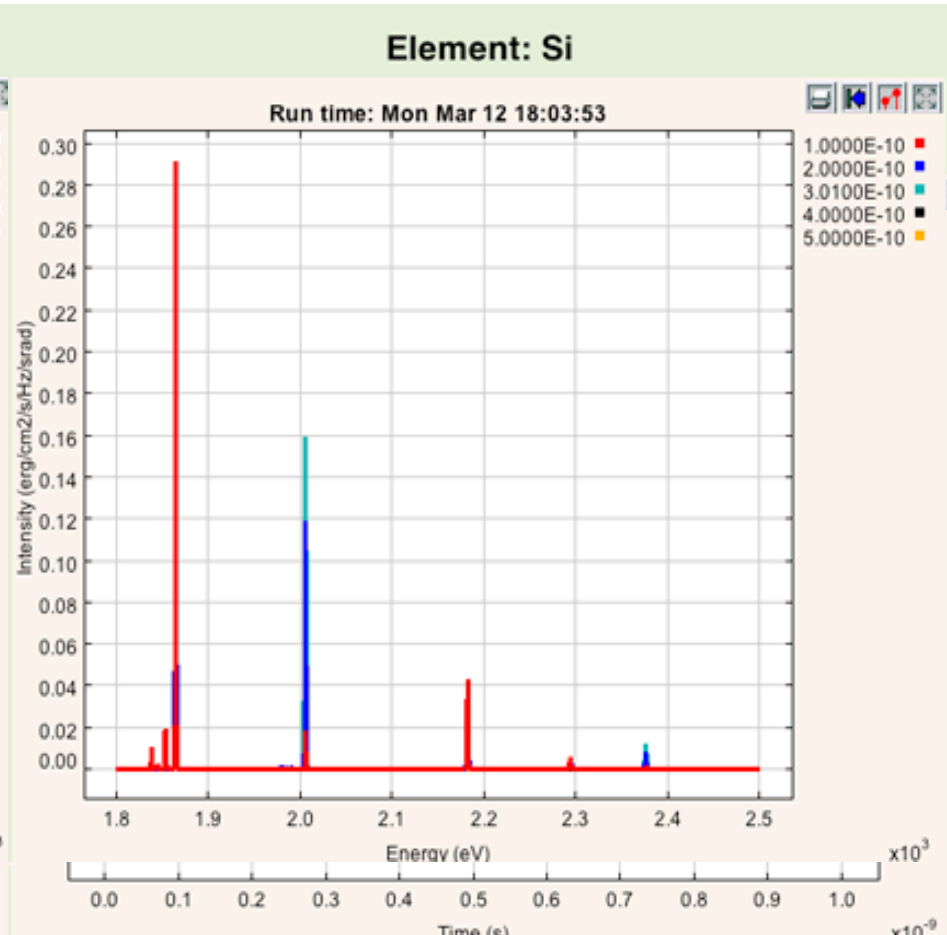
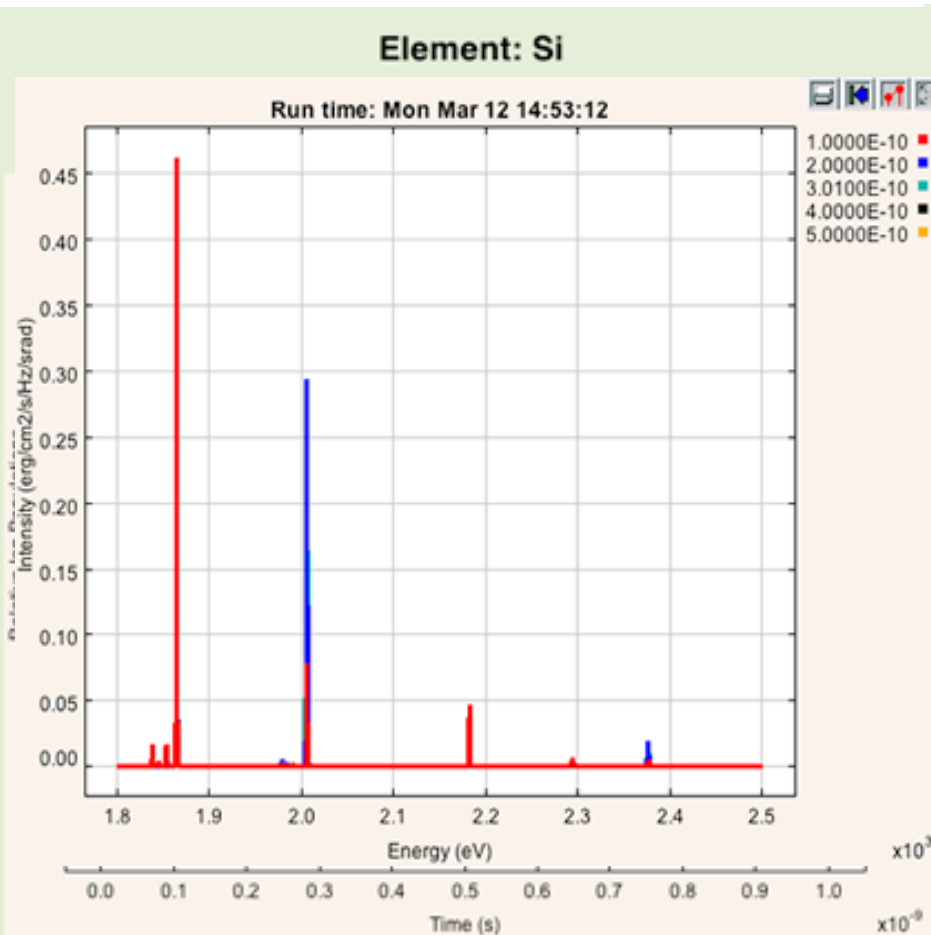
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Runfile upload: /Users/chung8/PROJECTS/FPI/run.tar Browse...
Diagnostics output:  Run FLYCHK
6.89062E+01 8.26562E+01 9.76562E+01 1.11390E+02
Cite and use simulation always included
for comparison using mode
even though they do not come into play
in kinetic code at all
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7.4390E+02 7.8756E+02 8.3265E+02 8.7890E+02
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1.1237E+03 1.1729E+03 1.2289E+03 1.2826E+03
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1.6706E+03 1.7744E+03
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end
    
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Output: $\langle Z \rangle$ is quite similar with/without thermal e-

Using $fe(E)$ with thermal e-

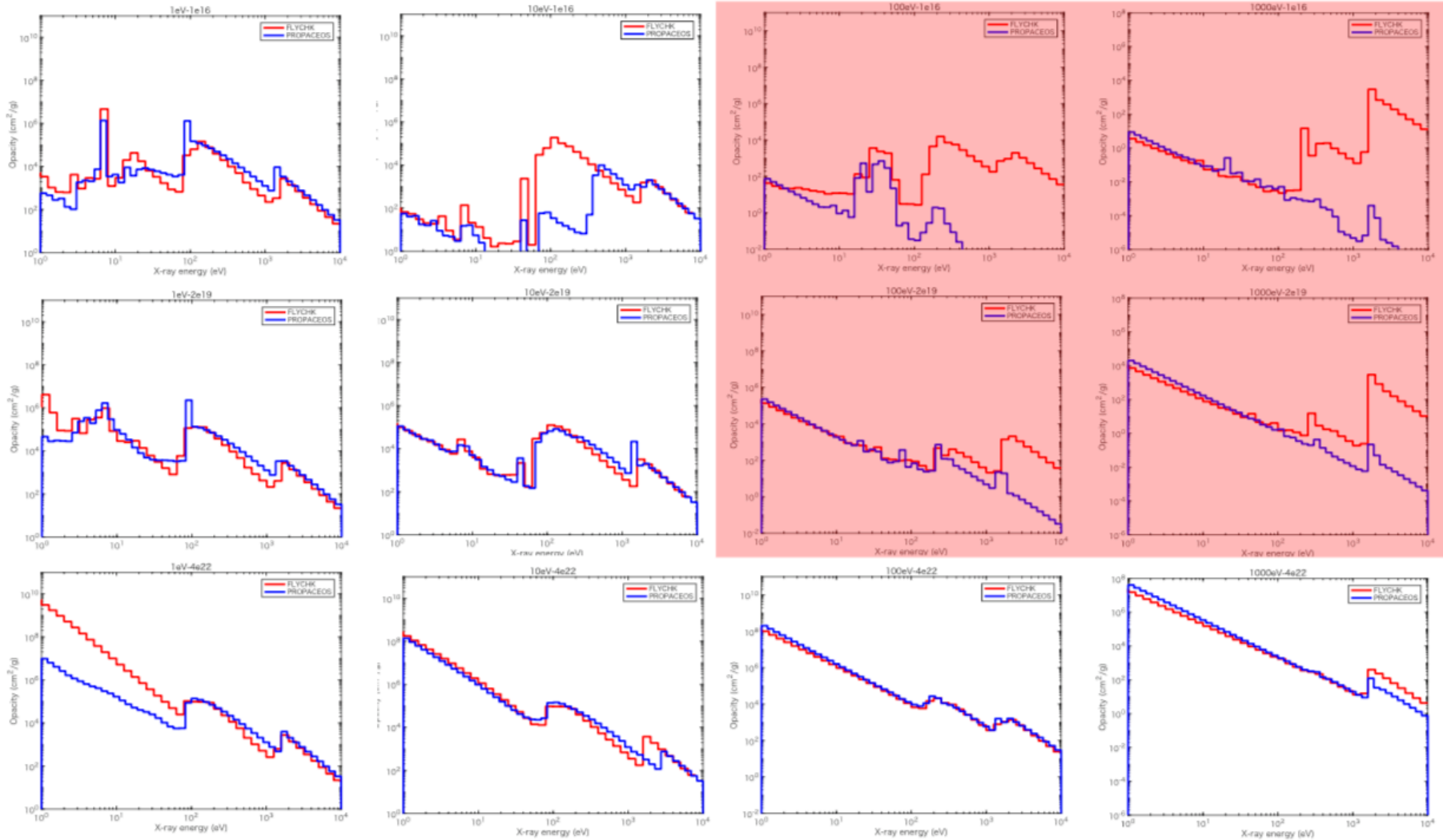
Using $fe(E)$ only without thermal e-



Aluminum Opacity (NIST data)

Electron temperature (eV) →

Electron density (g/cm³) ↓



Useful Examples

<http://nlte.nist.gov/FLY/EXAMPLE.html>

Please check the Screen shot of each case

nlte.nist.gov/FLY/EXAMPLES_images/case1.gif

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Title of this run:

Diagnostics output:

Nuclear Charge ?	<input type="text" value="13"/>
Initial Condition ?	<input type="text" value="Steady State"/> or upload file: <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Browse..."/>
System Evolution ?	<input type="text" value="Steady State"/>

Electron Temperature ?	Initial: <input type="text" value="50"/>	Final: <input type="text" value="300"/>	Increment: <input type="text" value="50"/>
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Mixture ?	Z_{mix} : <input type="text"/>	Percent : <input type="text"/>	Z_{num} : <input type="text"/>
Opacity ?	Size (cm) : <input type="text"/>		Or history file: <input type="checkbox"/>
Ion T_i [eV] ?	T_i/T_e : <input type="text"/>	Fixed T_i : <input type="text"/>	Or history file: <input type="checkbox"/>
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