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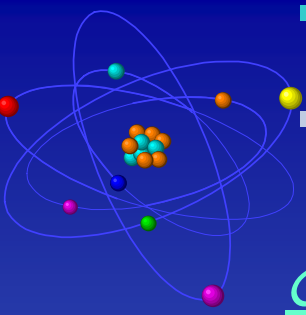
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✓ Stellar and laboratory plasma diagnostic, atomic abundances, opacity calculations... have led to a need for knowledge about Stark broadening data.

- The semi-classical and semi-empirical calculations give a good accuracy.
- Quantum calculations underestimate the majority of the measured widths.

➔ **New accurate calculations become an important and an urgent task**

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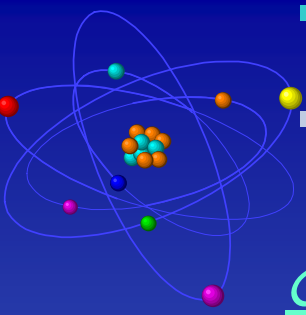
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✓ A quantum-mechanical expression for calculating electron-impact widths was obtained for intermediate coupling taking into account fine structure effects of the emitter.

$$w = \pi \left(\frac{\hbar}{m} \right)^2 N_e \sum_{J_i^T J_f^T l K_i K_f K_{i'} K_{f'}} (-1)^{2J_i + K_i + K_{i'} + K_f + K_{f'} + 2J_f^T + l + l' + 1} \\ \times [K_i, K_f, K_{i'}, K_{f'}]^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{[J_f^T, J_i^T]}{2} \left\{ \begin{matrix} J_i K_i l \\ K_f J_f 1 \end{matrix} \right\} \left\{ \begin{matrix} J_i K_{i'} l' \\ K_{f'} J_{f'} 1 \end{matrix} \right\} \\ \times \left\{ \begin{matrix} K_i J_i^T s \\ J_f^T K_f 1 \end{matrix} \right\} \left\{ \begin{matrix} K_{i'} J_{i'}^T s \\ J_{f'}^T K_{f'} 1 \end{matrix} \right\} \int_0^\infty \frac{f(v)}{v} dv \left\{ \delta_{l'l'} \delta_{K_{i'} K_i} \delta_{K_{f'} K_f} \right. \\ \left. - \Re [S_F^{*IC}(\Delta_{f'} J_{f'} l' K_{f'} s J_{f'}^T; \Delta_f J_f l K_f s J_f^T) \right. \\ \left. \times S_I^{IC}(\Delta_{i'} J_{i'} l' K_{i'} s J_{i'}^T; \Delta_i J_i l K_i s J_i^T)] \right\},$$

$$\vec{J}_i = \vec{L}_i + \vec{S}_i, \vec{K}_i = \vec{J}_i + \vec{l} \text{ and } \vec{J}_i^T = \vec{K}_i + \vec{s}$$

Neglecting elastic scattering with $l \neq l'$



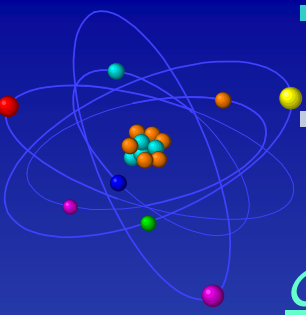
$$\vec{K}_i = \vec{K}_{i'} \text{ and } \vec{K}_f = \vec{K}_{f'}$$

$$W = 2N_e \left(\frac{\hbar}{m} \right)^2 \left(\frac{2m\pi}{k_B T} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^\infty \Gamma_w(E) \exp\left(-\frac{E}{k_B T_e}\right) d\left(\frac{E}{k_B T_e}\right)$$

$$\Gamma_w(E) = \sum_{J_i^T J_f^T l K_i K_f} \frac{[K_i, K_f, J_f^T, J_i^T]}{2} \left\{ \begin{matrix} J_i K_i l \\ K_f J_f 1 \end{matrix} \right\}^2 \left\{ \begin{matrix} K_i J_i^T s \\ J_f^T K_f 1 \end{matrix} \right\}^2 \\ \times [1 - (\Re S_I^{IC} \Re S_F^{*IC} - \Im S_I^{IC} \Im S_F^{*IC})].$$

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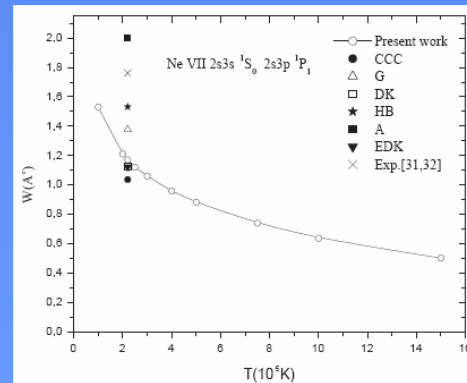
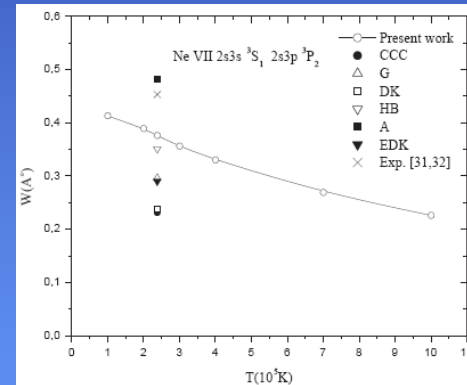
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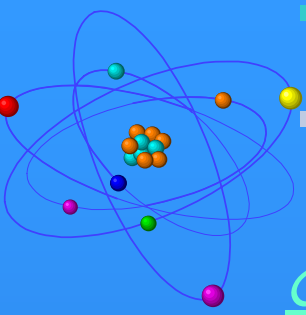
In this work, we have applied our quantum-mechanical calculations to the Ne VII singlet and triplet transitions.

This is the first time that we find a good agreement between quantum and experimental line widths of highly charged ions.

TABLE 1. Stark widths for Ne VII 2s3s–2s3p transitions ($N_e = 3 \times 10^{18} \text{cm}^{-3}$ for the triplet and $N_e = 3.5 \times 10^{18} \text{cm}^{-3}$ for the singlet transition). Present quantum calculations W and other theoretical results (CCC: quantum calculations [5], DSB: semi-classical calculations, G: simplified semi-classical approach [1], DK: modified semi-empirical formula [3] evaluated in [13], EDK: modified semi-empirical calculations [15], HB: quasi-classical Gaunt factor approximation [16, 17] and A: Alexiou 1995, 1997 [18, 19]; the number in brackets concerns Ref. [19]) are compared with experimental widths W_m [13, 14] ([14] is only for $^3S_1-^3P_2$).

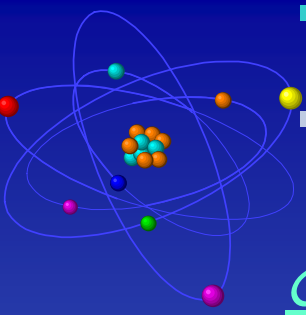
Transition	T_e (10^5K)	W (\AA)	$\frac{W_m}{W}$	$\frac{W_m}{W_{CCC}}$	$\frac{W_m}{W_{DSB}}$	$\frac{W_m}{W_G}$	$\frac{W_m}{W_{DK}}$	$\frac{W_m}{W_{EDK}}$	$\frac{W_m}{W_{HB}}$	$\frac{W_m}{W_A}$
$^3S_1-^3P_2$ 1981.97 \AA	2.380	0.378	1.19	1.96	1.60	1.53	1.91	1.55	1.29	0.94(0.82)
$^3S_1-^3P_1$ 1992.06 \AA	2.380	0.383	1.17	1.58						
$^3S_1-^3P_0$ 1997.35 \AA	2.38	0.391	1.15	1.58						
$^1S_0-^1P_1$ 3643.60 \AA	2.205	1.17	1.50	1.70	1.48	1.28	1.57	1.57	1.15	0.88(0.77)





22% is the difference between our quantum-mechanical widths and the measured ones.

This difference is about **83%** for the quantum-mechanical widths of Ralchenko *et al.* (Convergent Close Coupling).



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