

# Progress of CR modeling for molecules relevant to fusion

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#### **Molecules in fusion experiments**





#### Wall materials

- ITER: Be, W and C
- ASDEX Upgrade: W
- ITER like wall of JET: Be, W
- Boronization of the walls (impurities, recycling)

Low temperatures in the plasma edge  $\Rightarrow$  formation of molecules

**Recycling** at the wall

H<sub>2</sub>, D<sub>2</sub>, T<sub>2</sub>, HD, HT, DT **Plasma wall interaction** 

CH, CD, CT, C<sub>2</sub> BeH, BeD, BeT BH, BD, BT

### **CR models for molecules**



Split-up of electronic energy levels due to vibrational and rotational excitation



 $\epsilon = n_{v'}^{n'}(J') \cdot A_{v'v''}^{n'n''}(J', J'')$ 

CR models for molecules much more complex than for atoms

Vibrationally and rotationally resolved cross sections and transition probabilities

- Coupling with molecules, atoms or ions (e.g. dissociative excitation or recombination)
- Isotope effect
- Low intensity of single lines ⇒ no relevance of optical thickness
- Thermalization ⇒ Rotational levels neglected in most CR models

## Potential curves of H<sub>2</sub>



#### **Born-Oppenheimer approximation**

Electronic and nuclear motion can be separated due to mass ratio

⇒ Separate treatment of electronic, vibrational (and rotational) excitation

 $\Phi(\mathbf{R},\mathbf{r}) = Y(\mathbf{R},\mathbf{r}) \cdot \Psi(\mathbf{R})$ 

Potential curves: eigenvalues of electronic wave functions



### TraDiMo for BH





TraDiMo for C<sub>2</sub>





TraDiMo for CH





# **Excitation rate coefficients: forbidden transitions**



#### Gryzinski method

Based on Franck Condon Factors, low accuracy

- In principle very simple method
- Some obscurities, like definition of "next allowed level" (difficult in molecules)
- Calculations for H<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>, CH



More accurate data for forbidden transitions highly desirable

### **Excitation rate coefficients: allowed transitions**



#### Impact parameter method

Based on transition probabilities, very accurate

- IPProg: simple tool to calculate rate coefficients
- Good agreement with Born-Bethe calculations<sup>\*</sup>
- Calculations for H<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>, CH, BH

Sufficient data basis for allowed transitions

\*: R. Celiberto et al, Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion 51, 2009, 085012

Yacora: CR model for CH





Yacora: CR model for C<sub>2</sub>



A<sup>1</sup>Π<sub>u</sub>(v=0)

population

electron impact

de-excitation

depopulation



 Strong influence of plasma parameters on relevance of excitation and de-excitation processes

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0.0

10<sup>15</sup>

10<sup>16</sup>

10<sup>17</sup>

10<sup>18</sup>

n<sub>e</sub> [m⁻³]

electron impact

de-excitation

electron impact

ionization

### **Application of CR models: effective rate coefficients**



**CH/C<sub>2</sub>**: Deviation from corona model in a wide parameter range, application of the CR model mandatory



H<sub>2</sub>: drastically improved agreement of measured and calculated population densities by exchange of input data

Potential curves	H <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> , CH, BH, BeH
FCF, Transition probabilities TraDiMo	H <sub>2</sub> , D <sub>2</sub> , T <sub>2</sub> , HD, DT	C <sub>2</sub> , CH, CD, CT, BH, BeH
Electron impact cross sections IPProg, Gryzinski method	${\sf H}_2$ (some transitions)	C <sub>2</sub> , CH, BH, BeH
CR model <sub>Yacora</sub>	H <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> , CH

- Proved set of codes for generating input data and CR models
- Foundation for CR modeling of fusion relevant diatomic molecules
- Additional effort necessary (e.g. replace Gryzinski cross sections)