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Resonant electron transfer and L-shell excitation for $_{26}Fe^{19+}$ and $_{30}Zn^{23+}$ ions

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Abstract

Resonant transfer and excitation (RTE) involving simultaneous electron capture and projectile L-shell excitation has been calculated for Fe^{19+} and Zn^{23+} ions, in charge states ranging from nitrogen-like to oxygen-like incident on molecular hydrogen over an energy range 0–250 MeV. By the same way the calculations have been performed with helium over an energy range 0–300 MeV. The calculations are carried out using the angular momentum average (AMA) scheme in the isolated resonance approximation (IRA). This method was previously used to calculate RTE cross sections for N-like P^{8+} and Ca^{13+}, where the results are found to agree with the present calculations. The present calculations are expected to serve as references for future comparison with experimental and theoretical works in different coupling schemes.

Key Words: Transition probability, resonant transfer excitation

1. Introduction

In ion-atom (I/A) collisions, a target electron may be captured by a positive ion projectile simultaneously causing the excitation of the projectile, leading to the formation of an intermediate doubly-excited state of the projectile. This process is known as resonant transfer excitation (RTE). The intermediate resonant doubly excited (d-states) of the projectile can then relax via the emission of x-ray. This process is called resonant transfer excitation followed by x-ray emission (RTEX). RTEX is analogous to the dielectronic recombination [1] (DR) process, in which the captured electron is initially free instead of bound.

Brandt [1] showed that RTEX in I/A collisions and dielectronic recombination (DR) in electron-ion (e/I) collisions are identical processes under the validity of conditions of impulse approximation (IMA). Brandt [1] proved that RTEX and DR cross sections are related through the Compton profile of the momentum distribution of electrons in molecular H_2 or atomic He targets.

The relationship between RTEX and DR cross sections is explored in many theoretical studies [2–4]. Many experimental [5, 6] and theoretical [7] studies have established the existence of RTE in ion-atom collisions.

Previous calculations of N-like ions P^{8+} and Ca^{13+} have been performed by Omar [8]. This was the motivation of the present work; which deals with the calculation of DR and RTEX cross sections for Fe^{19+} and Zn^{23+} as members of N-like ions. To avoid complexity, all Auger and radiative probabilities needed in DR and RTEX cross sections are calculated in the angular momentum average (AMA) scheme. In AMA scheme, all probabilities are averaged over both total orbital and total spin angular momenta for each intermediate d-state.

2. Theory

DR cross sections ($\bar{\sigma}^{\rm DR}$) are calculated using the IMA within the framework of AMA to generate the RTEX cross sections ($\bar{\sigma}^{\rm RTEX}$) for the collisions of Fe^{19+} and Zn^{23+} ions with H_2 and He targets. Bound states used in the calculations are obtained using the nonrelativistic single configuration Hartree-Fock (SCHF) approximation. The continuum wave functions are obtained using the distorted wave approximation (DWA).

All doubly excited intermediate states formed with $\triangle n \neq 0$ excitations and contributing to the ($\bar{\sigma}^{\rm DR}$) cross sections are presented in Table 1, for 2s- and in Table 2, for 2p excitations.

Table 1. Intermediate d-states resulting from the 2s excitations of N-like ions with ground state configuration $1s^2 2s^2 2p^3$. The Auger and radiative decay channels are listed under headings of j-states and f-states

j-states	d-states ($\triangle n \neq 0$)	f-states
$1s^2 2s^2 2p n\ell n'\ell'$	$1s^2 2s 2p^3 n\ell n'\ell'$	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^2 n\ell n'\ell'$
$1s^2 2s^2 2p^2 n'\ell'$	(n = 3, 4)	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^3 n'\ell'$
$1s^2 2s^2 2p^2 n\ell$	($\ell = 0, 1, 2, 3$)	$1s^2 2s 2p^4 n'\ell'$
$1s^2 2s 2p^4$	($n' = 3, 4, 5$)	$1s^2 2s 2p^3 n"\ell" n'\ell'$
$1s^2 2s 2p^3 n"\ell"$	($\ell' = 0, 1, 2, 3$)	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^3 n\ell$
		$1s^2 2s 2p^4 n\ell$
		$1s^2 2s 2p^3 n\ell n'''\ell'''$

Table 2. Same as Table 1, but for 2p excitation.

j-states	d-states ($\triangle n \neq 0$)	f-states
	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^2 n\ell n'\ell'$	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^3 n'\ell'$
$1s^2 2s^2 2p^2 n"\ell"$	(n = 3, 4)	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^3 n\ell$
	($\ell = 0, 1, 2, 3$)	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^2 n"\ell" n\ell$
	($n' = 3, 4, 5, 6$)	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^2 n\ell n'''\ell'''$
	($\ell' = 0, 1, 2, 3$)	

Since the contributions from low-energy $\triangle n = 0$ intra shell excitations (L-shell excitations) to both DR and RTEX are not significant in the temperature range of interest, they are not included in this work.

The DR cross section ($\bar{\sigma}^{\rm DR}$) is calculated by:

$$\bar{\sigma}^{\rm DR} = \left[\frac{4\pi}{(p_0 a_0)^2}\right] \left(\frac{Ry}{\triangle e_{\rm c}}\right) [\tau_0 V_{\rm a}(i \rightarrow d)]\, \omega(d) (\pi (a_0)^2), \tag{1}$$

where $V_{\rm a}(i \rightarrow d)$ and $\omega(d)$ are the radiationless capture probability and fluorescence yield, respectively, given by

$$V_a(i \rightarrow d) = \left(\frac{g_d}{2g_i}\right) \sum_{i_{\rm c},\ell_{\rm c}} A_a(d \rightarrow i_{\rm c}\ell_{\rm c}) \tag{2}$$

and

$$\omega(d) = \frac{\sum_f A_r(d \rightarrow f)}{\Gamma_a(d) + \Gamma_r(d)}. \tag{3}$$

Here, the Auger and radiative transition probabilities A_a and A_r are the basic components of the cross section given by

$$\bar{A}_a = \left(\frac{2\pi e^2}{\hbar a_0}\right) |\langle i|\frac{1}{r_{12}}|d\rangle|^2 = \frac{2\pi}{\tau_0}|\langle i|\frac{1}{r_{12}}|d\rangle|^2, \tag{4}$$

and where $\tau_0 = 2.4189 \times 10^{-17}$ s is the atomic unit of time, a_0 is Bohr radius and $\frac{1}{r_{12}}$ is the electron-electron coupling operator.

On the other hand, the Auger width Γ_a is obtained by:

$$\bar{\Gamma_a}(d) = \left[\sum_{i,\ell_{\rm c}} \bar{A}_a(d \rightarrow i, \ell) + \sum_{j,\ell'_{\rm c}} \bar{A}_a(d \rightarrow j, \ell')\right] \tag{5}$$

The single-electron radiative probability is given by

$$\bar{A}_r = \left(\frac{2\pi}{\hbar}\right) |\langle f|\hat{D}|d\rangle|^2 \rho_f, \tag{6}$$

where $\hat{D}$ is the photon-electron interaction operator, and ρ_f is the density of final state.

Moreover, the radiative width Γ_r is given by summing all the radiative probabilities for all final states of the corresponding d-state:

$$\bar{\Gamma_r}(d) = \sum_f \bar{A}_r(d \rightarrow f). \tag{7}$$

Finally, the RTEX process can be represented schematically as

$$A^{q+} + B \longrightarrow (A^{(q-1)+})^{**} + B^+ \longrightarrow (A^{(q-1)+})^{*} + B^+ + \gamma. \tag{8}$$

Atom B in the ion-atom collision plays no role in the RTEX process. The impulse approximation (IMA) is utilized to relate the RTEX cross section ($\bar{\sigma}^{\rm RTEX}$) to the DR cross section ($\bar{\sigma}^{\rm DR}$). The relationship between DR and RTEX cross sections, following Brandt [1] and Hahn [9] is given by

$$\bar{\sigma}^{\rm RTEX} = \sqrt{\frac{M}{2E}} \triangle e_{\rm c} J_B(p_{\rm z}) \bar{\sigma}^{\rm DR}, \tag{9}$$

where M is the mass of the projectile ion with energy E, $J_B(p_z)$ is the Compton profile and $p_{\rm z}$ is the z-component of the momentum.

3. Results and discussion

The RTEX cross sections $\bar{\sigma}^{\mathrm{RTEX}}$ are calculated for $Fe^{19+} + H_2$, Fe^{19+} + He, $Zn^{23+} + H_2$ and Zn^{23+} + He collisions. $\bar{\sigma}^{\mathrm{RTEX}}$ for $Fe^{19+} + H_2$ for 2s- and 2p excitations are shown in Figure 1. It is found that $\bar{\sigma}^{\mathrm{RTEX}}$ for 2p excitation is about two times larger than that of the 2s excitation.

Figure 2 shows $\bar{\sigma}^{\mathrm{RTEX}}$ for the collisions $Fe^{19+} + H_2$ and Fe^{19+} + He, where the RTEX cross section for Fe^{19+} with He is broader than that for Fe^{19+} with H_2. This reflects the nature of the Compton profile for the momentum distribution of the electrons in He target, which is broader than that of H_2 target.

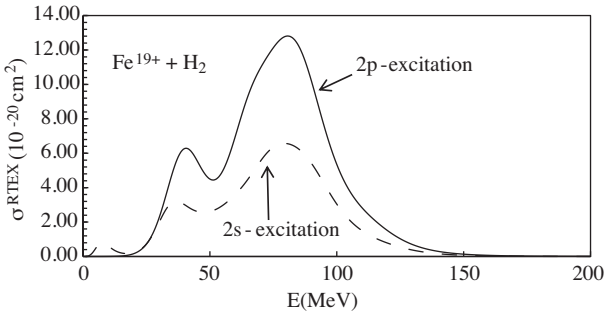

Figure 1. The variation of RTEX cross section in units of cm^2 with the projectile Lab energy in units of MeV of the collision $Fe^{19+} + H_2$ for the 2s and 2p excitations.

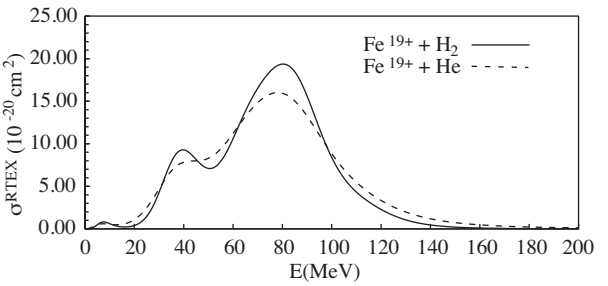

Figure 2. The variation of the RTEX cross section in units of cm^2 with the projectile Lab energy in units of MeV for Fe^{19+}.

On the other hand, $\bar{\sigma}^{\mathrm{RTEX}}$ for $Zn^{23+} + H_2$ and Zn^{23+} + He are shown in Figure 3. These results are consistent with previous calculations [8] for P^{8+} and Ca^{13+} with H_2 and He targets (Figures 4 and 5). Although $\bar{\sigma}^{\mathrm{RTEX}}$ for P^{8+} and Ca^{13+} show one peak behavior, the RTEX cross sections for Fe^{19+} and Zn^{23+} show two maxima. These two maxima correspond to groups of intermediate resonance states in the RTE process for which the excited and the captured electrons occupy energy levels with quantum numbers $n = 3,\ 3$, or $n = 3,\ \geq 4$. *

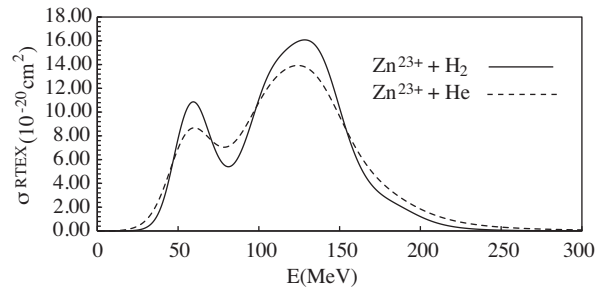

Figure 3. Same as Figure 2, but for Zn^{23+}.

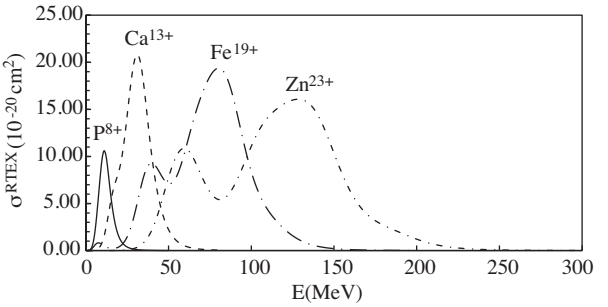

Figure 4. The RTEX cross sections for P^{8+}, Ca^{13+}, Fe^{19+} and Zn^{23+} ions with H_2.

The DR cross sections for the two ions Fe^{19+} and Zn^{23+} are given in Table 3, for each intermediate d-state with the corresponding continuum electron energy e_c.

*The notation n = 3, 3 and n = 3, $\geq$ 4 refers to the principal quantum numbers of the intermediate excited states occupied by the two electrons which participate in the RTE process.

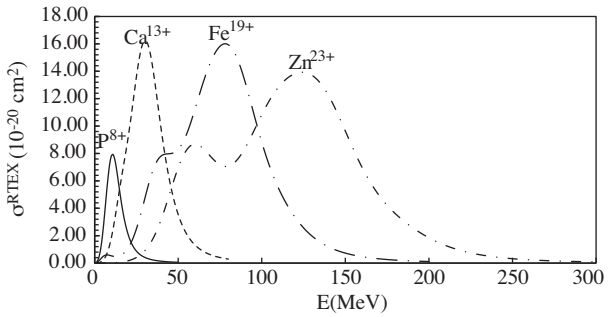

Figure 5. Same as Figure 3, but with He.

Table 3. The DR cross sections (in units of 10^{-20} cm^2) versus e_c (in Rydbergs) for 2s and 2p excitations.

2s excitation					2p excitation				
2*d-state	Fe^{19+}		Zn^{23+}		2*d-state	Fe^{19+}		Zn^{23+}	
	e_c	$\bar{\sigma}^{DR}$	e_c	$\bar{\sigma}^{DR}$		e_c	$\bar{\sigma}^{DR}$	e_c	$\bar{\sigma}^{DR}$
$1s^2 2s 2p^3 3s^2$	27.27	0.04	35.10	0.05	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^2 3s^2$	21.39	0.03	28.17	0.03
3s4s	46.94	0.15	63.78	0.09	3s4s	40.09	0.04	55.37	0.03
3s5s	56.03	0.1	76.62	0.09	3s5s	50.86	0.01	70.47	0.01
≥3s6s	60.7	0.2	83.25	0.18	3s6s	55.52	0.01	77.26	0.01
3s3p	28.12	1.11	36.27	1.25	≥ 3s7s	58.24	0.03	81.24	0.02
3s4p	42.42	0.87	56.68	1.00	3s3p	22.86	0.17	29.96	0.19
3s5p	5.82	0.63	68.95	0.7	3s4p	42.89	0.11	58.73	0.11
≥ 3s6p	55.24	1.29	75.44	1.42	3s5p	51.34	0.08	71.07	0.07
3s3d	25.6	3.75	31.76	4.55	3s6p	55.78	0.06	77.58	0.05
3s4d	43.5	1.48	57.99	1.62	≥ 3s7p	58.4	0.15	81.44	0.12
3s5d	51.34	0.93	69.59	0.96	3s3d	25.83	0.75	33.51	0.59
≥ 3s6d	55.53	1.89	75.8	1.95	3s4d	43.95	0.1	60.02	0.07
3s4f	44.3	0.53	58.99	0.54	3s5d	51.86	0.04	71.69	0.03
3s5f	57.44	0.3	70.06	0.35	3s6d	56.07	0.02	77.93	0.01
≥ 3s6f	61.48	0.60	76.06	0.71	≥ 3s7d	58.58	0.04	81.66	0.03
3p4s	48.63	0.53	65.23	0.59	3s4f	44.77	0.17	61.04	0.13
3p5s	58.23	0.29	79.11	0.30	3s5f	52.24	0.09	72.18	0.07
≥ 3p6s	63.04	0.58	86.11	0.61	3s6f	56.29	0.06	78.2	0.04
$3p^2$	31.08	0.02	39.71	0.02	≥ 3s7f	58.71	0.14	81.83	0.09
3p4p	48.65	0.02	65.54	0.03	3p4s	44.05	0.07	60.10	0.07
3p5p	58.99	0.01	80.12	0.02	3p5s	52.92	0.03	72.95	0.03
≥ 3p6p	63.43	0.03	86.63	0.03	3p6s	57.54	0.02	79.68	0.02
3p3d	33.61	0.63	42.75	0.75	≥ 3p7s	60.26	0.05	83.65	0.05
3p4d	51.65	0.18	69.14	0.19	$3p^2$	23.9	0.0004	31.46	0.0003
3p5d	59.53	0.1	80.77	0.1	3p4p	42.98	0.12	58.85	0.15
≥ 3p6d	63.73	0.20	86.99	0.20	3p5p	53.33	0.10	73.46	0.11
3p4f	52.44	0.68	70.12	0.62	3p6p	57.78	0.05	79.98	0.06
3p5f	59.00	0.41	81.24	0.35	≥ 3p7p	60.4	0.14	83.84	0.15

Table 3. Continued.

2s excitation					2p excitation				
2*d-state	Fe^{19+}		Zn^{23+}		2*d-state	Fe^{19+}		Zn^{23+}	
	e_c	$\bar{\sigma}^{DR}$	e_c	$\bar{\sigma}^{DR}$		e_c	$\bar{\sigma}^{DR}$	e_c	$\bar{\sigma}^{DR}$
$\geq$ 3p6f	63.94	0.82	87.25	0.71	3p3d	27.91	4.37	36.03	5.01
3d5s	60.50	0.65	81.83	0.52	3p4d	45.99	1.16	62.47	1.24
$\geq$ 3d6s	65.28	1.31	88.80	1.06	3p5d	53.88	0.51	74.12	0.54
3d4p	52.94	0.43	70.66	0.41	3p6d	58.08	0.28	80.34	0.29
3d5p	61.29	0.28	82.87	0.24	$\geq$ 3p7d	60.59	0.70	84.06	0.73
$\geq$ 3d6p	65.69	0.58	89.33	0.49	3p4f	46.80	0.63	63.47	0.60
$3d^2$	36.52	1.26	46.26	1.5	3p5f	54.26	0.30	74.59	0.29
3d4d	53.85	0.77	71.79	0.77	3p6f	58.29	0.17	80.61	0.16
3d5d	61.76	0.45	83.46	0.42	$\geq$ 3p7f	60.72	0.42	84.23	0.40
$\geq$ 3d6p	65.97	0.92	89.68	0.85	3d5s	55.22	0.09	75.70	0.05
3d4f	54.76	1.62	72.91	1.51	3d6s	59.82	0.05	82.40	0.03
3d5f	62.17	1.00	83.95	0.86	$\geq$ 3d7s	62.52	0.12	86.36	0.07
$\geq$ 3d6f	66.18	2.03	89.94	1.75	3d4p	47.29	2.22	64.01	2.07
$4s^2$	69.79	0.001	95.57	0.001	3d5p	55.66	1.36	76.23	1.11
4s5s	78.19	0.02	108.53	0.003	3d6p	60.07	0.88	82.71	0.66
$\geq$ 4s6s	83.60	0.04	115.26	0.01	$\geq$ 3d7p	62.67	2.21	86.55	1.66
4s4p	70.17	0.05	96.05	0.04	$3d^2$	30.85	6.06	39.57	7.01
4s5p	79.28	0.02	109.17	0.03	3d4d	48.21	4.83	65.15	4.7
$\geq$ 4s6p	83.86	0.04	115.85	0.06	3d5d	56.14	3.07	76.83	2.74
4s3d	52.00	1.04	69.54	0.90	3d6d	60.34	2.17	83.05	1.77
4s4d	71.31	0.07	97.42	0.07	$\geq$ 3d7p	62.85	5.47	86.76	4.46
4s5d	79.77	0.04	109.77	0.04	3d4f	49.15	4.29	66.29	3.78
$\geq$ 4s6d	84.13	0.07	116.18	0.07	3d5f	56.55	2.86	77.34	2.33
4s4f	70.92	0.02	96.71	0.02	3d6f	60.57	1.97	83.33	1.51
4s5f	79.02	0.01	108.60	0.01	$\geq$ 3d7f	62.98	4.96	86.93	3.80
$\geq$ 4s6f	83.22	0.03	114.83	0.03	$4s^2$	64.13	0.004	88.90	0.003
4p5s	79.39	0.06	109.20	0.07	4s5s	72.15	0.0003	100.72	0.0003
$\geq$ 4p6s	84.34	0.12	116.37	0.13	4s6s	77.22	0.0002	107.99	0.0002
$4p^2$	71.28	0.005	97.37	0.01	$\geq$ 4s7s	80.21	0.001	112.29	0.0006
4p5p	80.02	0.0001	110.16	0.0001	4s4p	64.61	0.06	89.49	0.06
$\geq$ 4p6p	84.71	0.003	116.88	0.0001	4s5p	73.74	0.003	102.63	0.003
4p4d	72.17	0.08	98.45	0.08	4s6p	78.33	0.002	109.32	0.002
4p5d	80.65	0.01	110.81	0.01	$\geq$ 4s7p	81.01	0.01	113.26	0.01
$\geq$ 4p6d	85.01	0.03	117.22	0.03	4s3d	44.49	0.24	60.64	0.15
4p4f	72.87	0.12	99.32	0.11	4s4d	65.76	0.002	90.87	0.02
4p5f	80.99	0.02	111.23	0.02	4s5d	74.24	0.001	103.23	0.001
$\geq$ 4p6f	85.2	0.04	117.46	0.05	4s6d	78.60	0.0004	109.66	0.001
4d5p	81.06	0.02	111.29	0.02	$\geq$ 4s7d	81.18	0.001	113.47	0.001
$\geq$ 4d6p	85.6	0.04	117.93	0.04	4s4f	66.45	0.003	91.73	0.03
$4d^2$	73.22	0.12	99.73	0.15	4s5f	74.58	0.002	103.66	0.002
4d5d	81.47	0.06	111.66	0.01	4s6f	78.80	0.001	109.90	0.001

Table 3. Continued.

2s excitation					2p excitation				
2*d-state	Fe^{19+}		Zn^{23+}		2*d-state	Fe^{19+}		Zn^{23+}	
	e_c	$\bar{\sigma}^{DR}$	e_c	$\bar{\sigma}^{DR}$		e_c	$\bar{\sigma}^{DR}$	e_c	$\bar{\sigma}^{DR}$
$\geq$ 4d6d	85.86	0.12	118.22	0.02	$\geq$ 4s7f	81.30	0.003	113.62	0.004
4d4f	73.82	0.10	100.47	0.13	4p5s	74.14	0.005	103.11	0.005
4d5f	81.88	0.05	112.30	0.06	4p6s	78.91	0.004	110.01	0.004
$\geq$ 4d6f	86.07	0.11	118.51	0.11	$\geq$ 4p7s	81.68	0.01	114.06	0.01
4f5d	82.04	0.03	112.50	0.03	$4p^2$	65.38	0.06	90.50	0.07
$\geq$ 4f6d	86.34	0.05	119.08	0.06	4p5p	73.40	0.02	102.23	0.03
$4f^2$	74.60	0.01	101.43	0.01	4p6p	79.13	0.02	110.29	0.02
4f5f	82.34	0.01	112.88	0.01	$\geq$ 4p7p	81.82	0.06	114.24	0.06
$\geq$ 4f6f	86.53	0.02	118.84	0.03	4p4d	66.56	0.49	91.85	0.45
					4p5d	75.06	0.08	104.23	0.08
					4p6d	79.42	0.05	110.64	0.05
					$\geq$ 4p7d	82.00	0.12	114.45	0.13
					4p4f	67.29	0.17	92.74	0.13
					4p5f	75.40	0.01	104.65	0.01
					4p6f	79.62	0.01	110.89	0.01
					$\geq$ 4p7f	82.12	0.02	114.6	0.03
					4d6s	79.78	0.002	111.07	0.002
					$\geq$ 4d7s	82.55	0.004	115.10	0.004
					4d5p	75.46	0.12	104.71	0.12
					4d6p	80.02	0.10	111.36	0.09
					$\geq$ 4d7p	82.70	0.25	115.28	0.23
					$4d^2$	67.62	0.67	93.13	0.78
					4d5d	75.88	0.38	105.08	0.09
					4d6d	80.27	0.29	111.68	0.27
					$\geq$ 4d7d	82.86	0.74	115.48	0.67
					4d4f	68.24	0.23	93.90	0.29
					4d5f	76.30	0.16	105.74	0.16
					4d6f	80.49	0.14	111.94	0.13
					$\geq$ 4d7f	82.99	0.35	115.64	0.33
					4f6p	80.51	0.01	111.96	0.01
					$\geq$ 4f7p	83.17	0.03	115.87	0.03
					4f5d	76.47	0.06	105.95	0.07
					4f6d	80.78	0.04	112.30	0.04
					$\geq$ 4f7d	83.46	0.11	116.23	0.11
					$4f^2$	69.05	0.02	94.89	0.02
					4f5f	76.78	0.02	106.34	0.02
					4f6f	80.95	0.02	112.55	0.02
					$\geq$ 4f7f	83.34	0.04	116.08	0.04

4. Conclusion

The L-shell excitation cross sections are calculated for the RTEX process in collisions of Fe^{19+} and Zn^{23+} with H_2 and He targets. The DR cross sections for both 2s and 2p excitations are calculated in which the high Rydberg states (HRS) contribution is taken for $n \geq 6$ in case of 2s excitation and for n ≥ 7 in case of 2p excitation. Where, this contribution is usually considered when $\bar{A}_a$'s and $\bar{A}_r$'s begin to scale as $1/n^3$. The results are summarized as follows:

- The RTEX cross section for Fe^{19+} for 2p excitation is about two times larger than that for 2s excitation.
- $\bar{\sigma}^{\mathrm{RTEX}}$ shows two peak behavior for both Fe^{19+} and Zn^{23+}. This is attributed to different groups of intermediate resonance states in the RTE process for which the excited and the captured electrons occupy energy levels with quantum numbers $n = 3,\ 3$ or $n = 3,\ \geq 4$.
- The RTEX cross sections exhibit a one peak behavior for P^{8+} and two overlapped peaks in case of Ca^{13+}, Fe^{19+} and Zn^{23+}. So, it is expected that the two-peak behavior becomes more obvious for ions with $Z > 30$.
- The RTEX cross sections for the collisions with He are broader than that with H_2, which reflects the nature of the Compton profile for the momentum distribution of the electrons in He target which is broader than that of H_2 target.

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