

IONIZATION EQUILIBRIUM OF DENSE NON-IDEAL PLASMAS

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The study of non-ideal plasmas presents both challenges and unique opportunities to understand the complex behaviors of matter under extreme conditions. Recent advancements in experimental techniques [1, 2] have significantly enhanced the accuracy of theoretical models that describe such plasmas, making it essential to examine their thermodynamic, optical, and transport properties.

This work focuses on the ionization equilibrium of dense aluminum plasmas, considering the ionization potential depression (IPD) caused by strong coupling effects. The Saha equation is solved using the algorithm proposed by Zaghoul et al. [3]. The IPD is calculated using the formalism introduced in [4], where the ionic static structure factor serves as an indicator of the ionic micro-field and provides a correction to average atom models. Our approach substitutes the Wigner-Seitz radius with the ion sphere radius, which better describes the behavior of individual ions. Additionally, we calculate the attractive screening correction to the bare ion-ion interaction [5] using an interpolation formula for ion and electron screening lengths, transitioning from the Debye length in classical plasmas to the Thomas-Fermi length in strongly degenerate plasmas.

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