Spectroscopy of Mid-Z Shell Additives in Implosions at the National Ignition Facility



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Mix mass is modeled as multiple spheres of ablator mass with uniform plasma conditions and areal density



Mix mass is estimated from the absolute brightness of the Ge He_{α} line satellites*

- The total Ge ion number is obtained from the total He_{α} satellite line emission and a PrismSPECT** model of the line intensity per Ge ion
- Modeling includes term-split spectral detail, accurate line profiles,[†] and radiation-kinetic coupling for a sphere of areal density ρR and mass $m = 4\pi (\rho R)^3 / (3\rho^2)$
- The Ge concentration and ion number give the total mix mass *M*
- With a number of spheres N = M/m occupying a fraction f of the hotspot volume, the probability that an escaping dopant photon will encounter a second sphere is $N^{1/3} f^{2/3} \sim 0.1$. Therefore,

the shell-material spheres radiate independently.

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^{**} J.J. MacFarlane et al., High Energy Density Phys. <u>3</u>, 181 (2006).

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A T_R -modified Saha equation estimates the effect of external radiation on the ionization state of additive ions



A radiation temperature of $T_R < 300 \text{ eV}$ does not substantially change the ionization of dopants at T_e above ~500 eV



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The measured K_{α} emission is consistent with the K-shell absorption of the core continuum*



Ge fluorescence efficiency: $\omega_{K_{\alpha}} = 0.539^{**}$

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Emission: A_{α} , A_{β} Autoionization: $A_{K,LL}$, $A_{K,LM}$

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$$\frac{\omega_{K_{\beta}}}{\omega_{K_{\alpha}}} = \frac{A_{\beta}P_{M}}{A_{\alpha}P_{L}}$$

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• Collisional decay (C_{α}), recombination ($C_{R,K}$), and radiative recombination ($R_{R,K}$) compete with autoionization and K_{α} emission and reduce the isolated-atom value of $\omega_{K_{\alpha}}^{*}$

$$\omega_{\mathbf{K}_{\alpha}^{\mathsf{corrected}}} = \frac{A_{\alpha}}{A_{\alpha} + A_{\mathsf{auto}} + C_{\alpha} + C_{R,K} + R_{R,K}} = \frac{\omega_{\mathbf{K}_{\alpha}}}{1 + (C_{\alpha} + C_{R,K} + R_{R,K})(\omega_{\mathbf{K}_{\alpha}}/A_{\alpha})}$$

Correction terms for $n_e = 10^{25} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and $kT_e = 100 \text{ eV}$:

$$egin{aligned} &\omega_{\mathrm{K}_{lpha}}\mathrm{C}_{lpha}/\mathrm{A}_{lpha} &\leq 5.9 imes 10^{-2} \ &\omega_{\mathrm{K}_{lpha}}\mathrm{C}_{R,\mathrm{K}}/\mathrm{A}_{lpha} &\leq 9.2 imes 10^{-4} \ &\omega_{\mathrm{K}_{lpha}}\mathrm{R}_{R,\mathrm{K}}/\mathrm{A}_{lpha} &\leq 3.1 imes 10^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{\omega_{K_{\beta}}}{\omega_{K_{\alpha}}} = \frac{A_{\beta}P_{M}}{A_{\alpha}P_{L}}$$

For Ge:**

$$A_{K,LL} = 1.08 \times 10^{15} \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

 $A_{K,LM} = 2.90 \times 10^{14} \text{ sec}^{-1}$
 $A_{\alpha} = 1.65 \times 10^{15} \text{ sec}^{-1}$
 $A_{\beta} = 2.64 \times 10^{14} \text{ sec}^{-1}$
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