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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

The events which can occur when a projectile ion collides with **a neutral target atom can be divided into three major catagories: exc ita tio n , ionization, and charge transfer (Hasted, 1972). These pro**cesses can occur in either collision partner or in both, and combin**ations of these processes can occur as w ell. In a broad sense, the three processes are related since they can be attributed to the Coulomb** force between the interacting particles, and occur commonly in the dir**ect interaction between the nucleus of one colliding partner and the electrons of the other. They are dependent upon the distance between the p articles, the charge state, and the energy at which the collision takes place. These processes can be described schematically by considering transitions between atomic energy levels.**

In excitation, one or more electrons are excited from lower to higher energy states within the atom or ion. The result of a single **electron excitation is the production of a vacancy in the energy level** originally occupied by the excited electron. Ionization is characterized by the loss of one or more electrons. If a target atom is ionized and the lost electron is captured by the projectile, then the process is referred to as charge transfer.

The occurrence of any of these events is verifiable upon detection **of energy or particles emitted in the decay of the excited species or by** detection of a charge-changed projectile or target. The decay of the

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excited state can proceed in one of two ways: by photon emission, in which case the number of electrons in the projectile is left unchanged, or by autoionization, i.e., the Auger process (Merzbacher, 1970), in which one electron fills the vacancy and is accompanied by simultaneous ejection of another electron (termed an Auger electron). In this case, the total positive charge on the projectile is increased by one. The Auger process will be discussed in detail later.

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It was mentioned that combinations of excitation, ionization, and charge transfer occur in the projectile ion and/or the target atom in an ion-atom collision. The example which is of interest in this thesis is the combination of electron capture and excitation of the projectile ion in a single collision. In principle, any excitation is possible, but only those which give rise to K-shell vacancies will be considered here, so discussion is limited to those excitations in which an elec**tron is promoted from n=l to n£2. The electron which is captured may** enter any unoccupied bound state of the ion. Immediately after the **collision there may exist a vacancy in the n=l state or K-shell, of an ion which has gained an electron. This charge-changed excited state** will decay by emitting either a photon or an electron. Those events which result in single capture and K-shell excitation (and thus yield **an intermediate excited state) followed by x-ray emission, are the primary emphasis of this thesis.**

In collisions between highly charged p rojectiles and neutral gas targets, there are two mechanisms by which this combined electron transfer and ion excitation can proceed. One is a two-step process called Non-Resonant-Transfer-and-Excitation, or NTE (Pepmiller, 1983),

in which the projectile is first excited through the Coulomb interaction **with the target nucleus and subsequently captures an electron from the targ et. Deexcitation by x-ray emission follows. In the formation of the excited state, the excitation and capture events are uncorrelated. In the other mechanism of formation of the intermediate excited state, both transfer and excitation take place simultaneously, and again, deexcitation occurs by x-ray emission. This process is called Resonant-**Transfer-and-Excitation, or RTE (Tanis et al., 1981 and Tanis et al., **1982).**

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A mechanism analogous to RTE, called Dielectronic Recombination, or DR (Seaton and Storey, 1976), which can y ie ld the same intermediate excited state, occurs in the interaction between an ion and a free electron. It is believed that the RTE process bears a close resemblence to DR and hence the theory of RTE to be discussed requires some prelim**inary understanding of DR. DR has been implicated as a mechanism of energy dissipation in fusion plasmas (Post, 1981; Burgess, 1964 and** 1965; Bitter et al., 1979; and Merts, Cowan and Magee, 1976), where free **electrons abound. The energy is carried away from the plasma confine**ment area by the photon which is given off in the relaxation of the excited state. The effort which is being applied to make fusion feasible for energy production has made DR a topic of active experimental investigation over the last two decades. Since fusion also occurs in interstellar processes, DR is of interest in astrophysical research endeavors as well (Burgess, 1964). Laboratory measurements of DR are difficult to **obtain - in general, the methods utilize crossed or merged beams of ions** and electrons (Belic, Dunn, Morgan, Mueller and Timmer, 1983; Dittner

et al., 1983; and Mitchell et al., 1982).

RTE then, is of interest not only in its own right as a fundamental atomic process, but also because of its similarity to DR. The RTE pro**cess was proposed in 1980 (Tanis et a l ., 1982), and the evidence in support of its close relationship to DR has not yet been proven conclu**sively. Reports of several recent experiments (Tanis et al., 1982; Tanis et al., 1984 and Tanis et al., in press) make the connection plausible, however, since the results of the experiments so far have quantitatively and qualitatively reflected the outcome which is pre**dicted (Oglesby, Bernstein and Tanis, 1984) by a theory of RTE (Brandt,** 1983a) which rests upon its purported similarity to DR. If the relation**ship between DR and RTE is proven, study of RTE could well provide a means of studying DR, since in contrast to DR experiments, RTE experi**ments are relatively easy to perform.

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It is the purpose of this thesis to present a portion of the evidence which supports the hypothesis of the process of RTE and the relationship between RTE and DR. Chapter II contains a qualitative dis**cussion of processes pertinent to an understanding of RTE. In Chapter** III, the theory of RTE will be outlined in such a way as to emphasize **its s im ila rity to DR. Calculations of RTE cross sections predicted by the theory and trends which arise when the projectiles and targets are** independently varied will be examined. In Chapter IV, an RTE experiment in which the author was a participant, will be discussed and the **method of calculation of a ll experimental cross sections of in terest** will be explained. The results will be examined in Chapter V, which also contains the comparison of theoretical calculations to the results

of the experiment discussed in Chapter IV and two similar experiments. **Chapter VI summarizes the conclusions resulting from this work. Two** appendices follow. The first contains the program which performed the theoretical calculations and the second outlines the calculation of all **pertinent experimental cross sections.**

CHAPTER I I

RELATED PROCESSES

The Auger Process

Both RTE and DR take place via the time-reversed Auger process. Time reversal assumes that the system passes through exactly the same states as in the forward process but in the reverse order. So that the analogy between RTE (and DR) and the Auger process may be made c lear, examination of the Auger process follows.

Assume the existence of an excited state in an atom or ion which contains at least two electrons. The vacancy must occur in a shell which is lower in energy than both of the electrons which w ill take part in the process. The simplest case would be a doubly excited helium atom with two K-shell vacancies; however, for ease of comparison to the system which will be used to examine RTE in this work, we start with a system of four electrons (Fig. 1). The orbital angular momentum of the excited state has been left unspecified. Further discussion of the possible excited states will follow, and for now it is sufficient to note that there are many possible excited electron configura**tions which w ill deexcite by the Auger mechanism.**

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The decay of such an excited state will proceed either by photon **emission or by electron emission. Photon emission is part of the RTE and DR processes and so discussion of this decay mode is made in the sections pertaining to these processes. Figure 1 depicts electron emission (or the Auger process), which occurs in the system when one electron fa lls to the K-shell without emission of radiation. Simultaneously, the energy supplied by this transition is transferred** to another electron, which is ejected. The ejected electron is refer**red to as an Auger electron. Energy is conserved in the process so** that the kinetic energy, ε_{r} , of the Auger electron depends upon the **energy difference between the excited and ground states of the relaxing** ion, E_{trans}, and upon the binding energy of the ejected electron, E_b, **before its departure:**

$$
\epsilon_{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{E}_{\text{trans}} - \mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{b}} \tag{2.1}
$$

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Since the energies of the electrons in the initial and final states of **the relaxing ion have discrete values, the energy carried away by the** Auger electron is a well-defined quantity for any particular Auger **transition.**

Since the decay of the excited state is limited to either Auger **electron emission or photon emission, the Auger electron yie ld is given b y**

$$
Y = 1 - \omega. \tag{2.2}
$$

Here ω is the fluorescence yield which includes all transitions which

give rise to photons. Which of the decay modes w ill predominate depends upon the intermediate state of the ion and its atomic number (Hasted).

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In summary, it is of importance to note that in the Auger process, **deexcitation and electron emission are simultaneous. Auger emission** is a resonant process which occurs only if, but not necessarily when, $E_{trans} \geq E_b$, and results in a quantization of the kinetic energy of **the Auger electron.**

Dielectronic Recombination

The process of Dielectronic Recombination (DR) involves the radiationless capture of a free electron into a bound state of an ion along with the simultaneous excitation of the ion. The relative kinetic energy between the ion and the captured electron supplies the energy required for excitation. The process of DR is completed after the excited state decays by photon emission (Fig. 2).

Figure 2. Schematic of Dielectronic Recombination. Simultaneous ion excitation and capture of free electron followed by photon emission.

Reversing the Auger process shown in Figure 1 and comparing it to the first two steps of Figure 2 shows that the formation of the excited state of DR is qualitatively identical to the time-reversed

Auger transition. Since time reversal only affects the order of **events, and since the Auger transition is a resonant process, DR must** also be a resonant process. Like the Auger transition, DR depends upon the energy difference between the initial and final (resonance) states of the projectile ion. In the rest frame of the ion, the **energy of the incoming electron must equal the corresponding Auger** energy for the transition which will take place. In terms of the **velocities, the resonance condition occurs when the relative velocity o f the p ro je c tile ion and the electron matches the velocity of the Auger electron.**

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Ideally, a direct measurement of DR would be obtained by accelerating the projectile beam through a static target of free electrons; **however, such a target is not easily constructed. The DR experiments** which have been successful have employed crossed (Belic et al., 1983) and merged (Dittner et al., 1983 and Mitchell et al., 1983) beams of **ions and electrons. Very high vacuums are required, since free electrons by nature are prone to capture with a high probability by surrounding atoms or molecules. Therefore even a low backgroud gas dens ity can give re la tiv e ly large errors. Other errors and uncertainties** result from low particle density in the beam and inhomogeneity of the **beams, so that assumptions must be made regarding the number of partic le s which are actually contained within the interaction region. Because of the low beam density, long running times are generally re**quired to collect a significant number of events.

Several theoretical calculations of DR cross sections have been performed (Roszmann, 1979; LaGattuta and Hahn, 1983; McLaughlin and

Hahn, 1982; Nasser and Hahn, 1983, and Hahn in a private communication, October 3, 1983). In some cases the experimental results differ appreciably from the calculated results. McLaughlin and Hahn (1982), **Nasser and Hahn (1983) and Hahn (personal communication, October 3, 1983)** have reported calculated DR cross sections for the systems to be examined and it is these data which are used in the calculation of RTE. A few important features of these data will be discussed. Additional **pertinent points will be taken up in further detail in the section on** RTE calculations. The cross sections for DR in lithiumlike sulfur are **shown as functions of Auger energy in Figure 4 and Table 1. Each peak** represents the probability that a particular excited state will be formed in the simultaneous capture and excitation event. The notation, {n,n}, indicates which of the intermediate excited states is represented by **each peak, where the indices represent the principal quantum numbers** of the orbitals into which the capture and excitation events occur. **The notation is unambiguous, since once the excited state has been formed, the captured and excited electrons are indistinguishable. The first two DR peaks, {2,2}, can decay by emitting only a** K_α **x ray, which** is defined as the x ray resulting from the transition of an electron from $n=2$ to $n=1$ (Fig. 3). All other transitions, $n>2$ to $n=1$, are de**noted as K_g x rays. The remainder of the DR peaks, {2,23}, can give**

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Calaulated DR data for S(13+) from McLaughlin and Hahn (1982).

Table 1

rise to either a K_{α} or a K_{β} x ray, since there is always an n=2 elec**tron present.**

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These calculations included individual orbital angular momentum states in the projectile, as shown more clearly in Table 1. The S(13+) data are those which are shown in Figure 4. Note that only states are listed in which either the captured or the excited electron goes to the L-shell, i.e., all states are of the form $\{2, \ge 2\}$. There is some probability that the states $\{ \geq 3, \geq 3 \}$ could be formed in DR. The decay **of such states could y ie ld Kq or x rays. DR cross section data for** these states are not available, however.

I t is important to note that the series of events which occurs in DR is identical to that which takes place in RTE. The sole distinction between the two processes is in the source of electrons for Capture; in DR the electrons are initially free while in RTE they are initially bound in a neutral atom. The excited intermediate states and their subsequent decay by photon emission are qualitatively indistinguishable. The resonance condition - that the relative velocity of the electron **and the ion match the velocity of the corresponding Auger electron** is exactly the same for RTE as it is for DR. Further discussion of RTE and its relationship to DR is the subject of Chapter III.

Non-Resonant-Transfer-and-Excitation

Non-Resonant-Transfer-and-Excitation (NTE) is believed to be a two-step process which can give rise to the same intermediate excited states as RTE and DR. Though the mechanism of NTE is unrelated to the mechanism of RTE (and DR), the resulting excited intermediate states

and their subsequent decay by photon emission are experimentally indistinguishable from those of RTE. NTE must therefore be considered as **a competing process. A recently proposed theory of NTE suggests that** the magnitude of the NTE cross section at the RTE resonance energy is small for the system under study (Brandt, 1983b).

In NTE, the formation of the intermediate excited state occurs by excitation of a projectile electron through the Coulomb interaction with the target nucleus (Fig. 5). In the same encounter, an electron is transferred from the target to the projectile. The capture and ex**c ita tio n events are uncorrelated. In the energy range considered**

Figure 5. Non-Resonant-Transfer-and-Excitation. Coulomb excitation of projectile with subsequent electron **capture followed by photon emission.**

for NTE, excitation is regarded as the rate-limiting step of the process since the cross section for excitation is roughly two orders of magnitude smaller than the cross section for capture. The general shapes of the capture and excitation cross sections for highly charged **p ro je c tile ions incident on neutral target atoms are given in Figure** 6. The cross section for the capture process is large at low energy and **decreases exponentially as the energy is increased. The excitation** cross section rises fairly rapidly at low energy, reaches a maximum and then slowly decreases (Sellin, 1979 and Hasted, 1972).

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Figure 6. Qualitative shapes of capture, excitation, and NIE cross sections. The shape of the NTE cross section curve is given by the product of the capture and excitation cross section curves.

The probabilities for both capture and excitation are dependent upon b, the impact parameter. Since for NTE both processes must occur, the cross section for NTE, σ_{NTF} , is proportional to the product of the probabilties, P(b), of capture and excitation (Pepmiller, 1983).

$$
\sigma_{\text{NTE}} = 2\pi \cdot \int_0^\infty P_{\text{cap}}(b) \cdot P_{\text{ex}}(b) \cdot b \, db. \tag{2.3}
$$

The integral is over all impact parameters. Over the range of nonzero P_{ex}, the probability for capture is approximately constant and equal to P_{cap} at zero impact parameter, and so P_{cap}(0) can be taken out of the integral,

$$
\sigma_{\text{NTE}} \approx P_{\text{cap}}(0) \{2\pi \cdot \int_0^\infty P_{\text{ex}}(b) \cdot \text{bdb}\} \tag{2.4}
$$

or

$$
\sigma_{\text{NTE}} = P_{\text{cap}} \cdot \sigma_{\text{ex}} \tag{2.5}
$$

since the quantity in brackets in equation (2.4) is just the excitation cross section. The behavior of the cross section for NTE is calculated **to have a maximum at low energy (approximately 25 MeV for S(13+) + He)** and to exponentially decrease with increasing projectile energy. Qualitatively this is the shape obtained by multiplying $\frac{\sigma}{e}$ into $\frac{\sigma}{e}$ cap **(Fig. 6).**

The projectile energy dependence and magnitude of the NTE peak will vary depending upon the charge state of the projectile and its atomic number, Z_p, and upon the atomic number of the target, Z_T. With higher Z_T , the Coulomb attraction between the target nucleus and the **p ro jectile electrons becomes stronger, increasing the probability for p ro jectile excitation . Also, since the number of electrons in the**

target is increased, the capture probability is increased. To investigate RTE then, it is expected that a low Z target is preferable in **order to minimize the NTE contribution.**

Figure 7 shows the calculated NTE cross section for S(13+) in cident on He (Brandt, 1983b). The resonant peak for RTE is expected to occur at about 130 MeV, far above the energy where σ_{NTF} has its **predicted maximum. A rigorous quantum mechanical treatment of RTE and NTE has been developed by Feagin, Briggs and Reeves (1984), but** will not be considered in this work. Suffice it to say that the re**sults of Feagin's treatment are consistent with the results of the** theory of Brandt (1983a) which will be discussed in Chapter III.

Experiments designed to investigate NTE are essentially the same as those designed to investigate RTE (Chapter IV, Section 1) but require lower projectile energy. To date, only three NTE experiments **have been reported (Pepmiller, 1983; Clark, Brandt and Shafroth, 1984** and Tanis et al., in press). Only Tanis, et al. (in press) have utilized the projectile/target system which is of interest in this work. Further experimental work is needed to more fully understand NTE and **its relevance to RTE studies.**

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CHAPTER I I I

RESONANT-TRANSFER-AND-EXCITATION: THEORY

The Process

As was noted in Chpater II, RTE is very similar to DR. RTE occurs in an ion-atom collision when simultaneous excitation of the ion **and capture of a target electron are followed by electron relaxation which results in an x ray. The excitation and capture occur only when** the relative velocity of the projectile ion and the incoming electron **matches the velocity of the ejected Auger electron (in the inverse** process) for the resonance state formed. All events of interest in this work occur in the projectile. No consideration is given to the fate of the target after it gives up an electron. A schematic representation of RTE is given in Figure 8. The similarity to Figure 2, **representing the DR process, is evident.**

Figure 8. Resonant-Transfer-and-Excitation. Simultaneous ion excitation and capture of bound target electron **followed by photon emission.**

Theory

The theory of RTE as presented by Brandt (1983a) is derived from the

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impulse approximation, which essentially states that immediatedly after the collision, the separation between the projectile and target **is such that there can be no further interaction. This requires that** $v_{\text{ion}} \gg v_{\text{electron}}$. The RTE energies for the systems considered here **(i.e . at K-shell excitation energies) satisfy this assumption for** the outer shell, weakly bound electrons. The result of the theory, **and the equation upon which a ll theoretical calculations are based, is (Brandt, 1983a):**

$$
\sigma_{\text{RTE}}^{\{n,n\}} = \{M/2E\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \sigma_{\text{DR}} \cdot \sum_{i} J_i(p_{iz}), \qquad (3.1)
$$

where $\sigma_{\text{RTE}}^{\{n,n\}}$ is the RTE cross section for the formation of the resonance state {n,n}, M and E are the mass and energy of the projectile ion respectively, σ_{DR} is the DR cross section, and $J^{\dagger}_{1}(P^{\dagger}_{1Z})$ is the Compton profile (momentum distribution) of the target. The DR cross sections were discussed in Chapter II. The Compton profile term re**sults from the fact that the electrons available for capture are now bound to the nucleus of a target atom. The electrons bound in any** given target atom have a distribution of momenta (and therefore vel**o citie s) depending upon the quantum numbers n and 1 of the occupied bound state. This momentum distribution is known as the Compton pro**file, and has been calculated using Hartree Fock and relativistic Dirac Hartree Fock wave functions for atoms with 1272102 by Biggs, Mendelsohn and Mann. (1975).

The Compton profile for the electrons in a neutral, ground state **atom is a symmetric Gaussian function of momentum, p, centered about**

 $p=0$. The notation, $p_{\dot{1}z}$, in $J_{\dot{1}}(p_{\dot{1}z})$ represents the z component of momentum (the component along the beam axis) of the ith electron in the target. Electrons with the same $\Psi_{n,1}$ wave function have the same probability of having a particular value of momentum in any particular direction. Graphical representations of the Compton profiles for He and Ar are given in Figures 9a and b. The relative width of the dis**trib u tio n increases with the number of electrons in the target. In** equation (3.1) , the Compton profile is summed over all electrons which can contribute to the formation of the resonance state ${n,n}$, i.e., those electrons available for capture which satisfy the impulse approximation (where v_{ion}>>v_{electron}), and can therefore contribute to **RTE.**

The Compton profile for the electrons in any given target is a continuous function of momentum. Hence, for relative velocities between the projectile and target electron which satisfy the resonance **condition, there is a nonzero probability that an intermediate resonance state of RTE w ill be formed. Since these states are identical to** the resonance states of DR, the Compton profile term in equation (3.1) effectively serves to broaden the sharply defined DR peak which corresponds to the particular resonance state formed. The extent to which **the peak is broadened is proportional to the width of the Compton p ro file .**

In the lab frame, the electron momentum of the target atom is negligible in comparison to the projectile momentum. In the rest frame of **the ion, the momentum of the ith target electron along the beam axis as**

Figure 9. Conpton p ro file s fo r (a) Helium and (b) Argon (from Biggs, Mendelsohn and Mann.,. 1975).

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function of projectile energy, E, is given by

$$
p_{iz} = (\varepsilon_r - Em/M) \cdot (M/2E)^{\frac{1}{2}}.
$$
 (3.2)

where m is the mass of an electron. Since the Compton profile has its maximum at p_z equal to zero, the position of each broadened peak is transformed from the Auger energy to the laboratory frame projectile **energy accordingly when equation (3.2) equals zero, that is , when**

$$
E = (\varepsilon_{\mathbf{r}} M) / m. \tag{3.3}
$$

The overall effect of equation (3.1) can be summarized as follows: a peak in the projectile DR spectrum is broadened by having the target Compton profile superimposed upon it, and then transformed to the projectile lab frame energy. This is done for each of the DR peaks repre**senting the {n,n} excited intermediate states. The contributions due to each peak are added together to obtain the total RTE cross section.**

The above discussion indicates that the overall profile of the RTE cross section curve is dependent upon the positions and relative magnitudes of the DR cross sections of the projectile and upon the Compton profile of the target. The width of the Compton profile varies **with the number and velocity of the target electrons, and therefore** with the atomic number of the target, Z_T. The variation in magnitude **of the individual DR peaks does not depend strongly on the atomic num**ber of the projectile, Z_p. The intermediate resonance state energies **for DR scale approximately with** Zp **as**

$$
\epsilon_{r_2} \simeq \epsilon_{r_1} \cdot \{Z_{p_2}/Z_{p_1}\}^2. \tag{3.4}
$$

The numerical subscripts represent two distinct projectile species.

In scaling the DR transition energies from smaller to larger Z_p, the **whole DR spectrum is shifted to higher energy and the energy separation between each resonance state increases.**

Having considered the effect of the target Compton profile and the dependence of the resonance state energies of the projectile species on RTE, it is now possible to distinguish between two extreme cases of RTE profiles produced for different projectile/target systems. If the Compton profile is broad relative to the energy spacing between indiv**idual resonance states in the DR spectrum, the resulting RTE curve contains only one maximum (Fig. 10a). The individual resonance states, or groups of resonance states, cannot be resolved. This case corresponds** to projectiles incident on a "heavy" target. On the other hand, if **the Compton p ro file is narrow re la tiv e to the energy spacing between some of the individual resonance states or groups of resonance states** in the DR spectrum, partial resolution of groups of resonance states is expected (Fig. 10b). This corresponds to a "heavy" projectile incident upon a "light" target.[†] In particular, the RTE spectrum is predicted to contain two maxima, the first representing the resonance states {2,2} and the remainder representing the resonance states {2,23}.

The resolution of these two groups of resonance states becomes significant when their decay by x-ray emission is reexamined. In Chapter II, it was stated that the $\{2,2\}$ states can give rise only to K_{α} x rays $(n=2\rightarrow n=1$ transitions) while the group, $\{2,23\}$ give rise to both K_{α} and

+. **The re la tiv e terms "heavy" and "light" in this discussion are defined by the ra tio of Zp to Z, in the p ro je c tile /ta rg e t system** under study. If Z_p:Z_T is approximately equal to or greater thar 10, then the projectile is "heavy" and the target is "light", and structure in the RTE profile may be observed.

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 $K_{\rm g}$ x rays ($n \ge 3$ +n=1 transitions). Experimentally it is possible to distinguish between K_{α} and K_{β} x rays. Therefore, in addition to ob**serving the correspondence between experimental and theoretical peak** positions, it is also possible to verify the structure in the RTE cross section curve for the case of a heavy projectile and a light **target.**

As a final note, in the theory of Brandt (1983a), the initial **binding energy of the target electrons has been neglected. Though this is believed to have a small effect on the overall cross section, its exclusion may contribute to the discrepancies between theory and experiment to be discussed in Chapter V.**

Calculations

The program designed to perform the RTE calculations based on the theory of Brandt (1983a) is called 0PUS3 and appears in Appendix A along with documentation. It was written in FORTRAN for the Dec-10 **computer system currently in use at Western Michigan University. A** brief description of its operation and capabilities follows, along with **the results of sample calculations.**

For each DR transition, calculation of p_{iz} is performed according to equation (3.2). After a linear interpolation of the published values of p_{iz} (Biggs, Mendelsohn and Mann, 1975) to match the calculated value, summation of the interpolated Compton profile over all contribut**ing electrons is carried out. The individual RTE cross section for** each DR transition, $\sigma_{\texttt{DTT}}^{\{\texttt{n},\texttt{n}\}}$, is then calculated according to equation (3.1). Finally, all of the $\sigma_{\text{RTE}}^{\{n,n\}}$ values are added to yield the total

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RTE cross section, σ_{PTF} , for a given beam energy.

The choice of target is limited in OPUS3 to H, He, Ne, Ar, or Xe, **though only minor revisions would be required to add others. Scaling of p ro jectile Auger energies from the S(13+) data of Hahn (personal** communication, October 3, 1983) is automatic (eqn. 3.4) after the pro**jectile Z_p is supplied. There is an option for limited linear scal**ing of the DR cross sections, which allows for user manipulation of the projectile data file to accomodate more refined cross section data as they become available. If no scaling of DR cross sections is per**formed, the S(13+) data are automatically used. Unsealed cross section calculations have been used to examine trends arising from the variation of colliding partners, as discussed in Section 2 of this chapter.**

Figures 11a and b exemplify that discussion. Figure 11a shows the RTE calculation of projectiles with $14 \times 2 \times 26$ incident on Ne, which, containing 10 electrons, is an example of a relatively heavy target. No **structure in the RTE cross section is evident in the range of projec**tile Z studied. Figure 11b represents the same series of projectiles, **but this time the target is He, which contains only two electrons, and** therefore has a narrow momentum distribution. Structure becomes visible around $Z_p = 18$ (Ar) and is clearly evident in all heavier pro**je c tile s . Figure 12 shows more clearly the relationship between the separate DR peaks and the resulting structure in the RTE cross section** for $V(20+)$ on He. Note that the first peak corresponds to the $\{2,2\}$ resonance states while the second peak corresponds to all the remaining states, i.e., {2,23}. In Figure 13, the {2,2} contribution to the

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Figure 11. Calculated RTE cross sections for projectiles **with 14<Z<26 incident on (a) Neon and (b) Heliu.i.**

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Figure 12. Calculated RTE cross section curve for V(20+) + He vs. p ro je c tile energy showing V(20+) DR cross sections. As before, numbers in brackets indicate the principal quantum numbers of the electrons participating in the formation of the resonance state.

calculated RTE cross section has been separated from the {2,23} contri**bution for S(13+) on He. More w ill be said about this in Chapter 5, Section 3.**

It was stated earlier that some target electrons may not satisfy **the impulse approximation. An inner electron in a high Z target may** have a velocity which is comparable to the projectile ion velocity and **should therefore be excluded from the calculation. This option has** been included in OPUS3 so that it is also possible to separate the individual $\Psi_{n,1}$ subshells of the target and view their contributions to σ_{RTE} independently. Figure 14 is an example of such a calculation, carried out on the S(13+) + Ar system. It should be viewed in conjunction with the corresponding Ar Compton profile (Fig. 9b). The 1s **electrons of Ar, which do not satisfy the impulse approximation, contribute only** *2%* **to the total RTE cross section curve at the maximum.**

The results of the calculations which pertain to the experiments to be discussed w ill be reexamined in the comparison of theory and experiment in Chapter IV.

Figure 14. Contributions of individual target subshells to calculated RTE cross section for S(13+) + Ar.

CHAPTER IV

RESONANT-TRANSFER-AND-EXCITATION: EXPERIMENT

General

The RTE experiment to be discussed involves Li-like sulfur, S(13+), as a projectile incident on a He gas target, and was conducted at the Tandem Van de Graaff facility of the Brookhaven National **Laboratory. The author participated in this experiment in collabor**ation with researchers from several Universities, the United States **Department of Energy, and Brookhaven National Laboratories (Bernstein** et al., 1984). The results and discussion section will not be limited to this experiment, however. The results of two very similar experiments (Tanis et al., 1984 and Tanis et al., in press) will also be considered for comparison to theoretical calculations. A brief description of an RTE experiment in general, without regard to the spec**if ic p ro je c tile /ta rg e t system under study, precedes the discussion of the S(13+) on He experiment.**

A p ro je c tile beam composed of highly charged ions is accelerated toward a gas cell containing the neutral target atoms. As the projectile speeds through the target chamber, it may interact with a tar**get atom and form the intermediate resonance state which is characteris tic of RTE. The excited state can then decay by x-ray emission. Since the formation of this state requires the transfer of an electron** from the target atom to the projectile ion, the projectile ion which

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has undergone capture can be distinguished from one which has not by electro static or magnetic separation of the charge-changed component of the projectile beam. Collecting the charge-changed component and the non-charge-changed component allows for determination of the frac**tion of projectiles which have captured an electron. But capture alone does not imply the occurrence of an RTE event. In order to determine that the intermediate excited state of interest has been formed, we** must also detect the x ray which was given off back in the target cham**ber. A resonant behavior in the probability for these simultaneous events at the energy predicted by theory would be indicative of RTE.**

A beam line which is designed to investigate and detect sim**ultaneous capture and excitation must contain the following devices:** slits to collimate the beam of projectiles, a target gas cell with an **x-ray detector viewing the interaction region, an electrostatic or magnetic deflection mechanism to separate the outgoing charge states,** particle detectors for each of the charge-changed beam components to **be monitored, and a Faraday cup to collect the main beam. A schematic of the set-up which was used at Brookhaven is represented by Figure IS.**

The essential feature of the electronics for an RTE experiment (See Fig. 16) is the ability to detect coincidence events. This is **performed by a Time-to-Amplitude-Converter (TAC), which only outputs** a signal if a particle and an x ray are observed within a preset short time period. The x-ray pulse from the Si(Li) detector is routed through a Timing Filter Amplifier (TFA) and a Constant Fraction Dis**criminator (CFD), which converts the analog signal (which is proportional**

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Figure 15. Schematic of beam line for S(13+) on He experiment.

- **Components shown:**
- **1 wall**
- 2 first slit
- **3 second s l i t**
- **4 th ird s l i t**
- 5 target cell and Si(Li) detector
- **6** electrostatic deflection plates

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- **7 SB detectors**
- **8 Faraday cup**

Key to abbreviations

- TFA Timing Filter Amplifier
- **SCA Single Channel Analyzer**
- **GDG Gate and Delay Generator**
- **LGS Linear Gate Stretcher**
- **CFD Constant Fraction Discriminator**
- **TAC Time-to-Amplitude Converter**
- **ADC Analog/Digital Converter**
- **Del Timing Delay**

to the amplitude of the x-ray pulse) into a logic signal if the amplitude exceeds the minimum setting on the discriminator. The logic signal from the CFD is the START signal for the TAC. A similar set of electronics from the particle detectors provides the STOP signal **for the TAC. The TAC then outputs an analog pulse whose amplitude is proportional to the time difference between the START and STOP** signals. The delay in the particle channel is adjusted to provide **the necessary time difference between the START and STOP. After each** TAC output, both x-ray and particle gates are closed until the next **x** ray of sufficient energy is observed. X rays are also directly **monitored. The electronics diagram shown in Figure 16 represents the set-up used in the S(13+) and He experiment, and gives a general in dication of the electronics requirements.**

Each run is performed at a well-defined target cell gas pressure, **as measured with a capacitance manometer, and several pressure runs** are performed to test for linearity at each projectile energy value **of in te re st. Collected a t each energy and pressure are the following:** total x rays, x rays in coincidence with particles, and particle counts for each of the analyzed beam components.

The S(13+) on He Experiment

In the representative experiment, measurements were made of single electron capture (q-1) and loss (q+1) in coincidence with sulfur K x-ray emission for 70-160 MeV S(13+) ions incident on He. A capaci**tance manometer was used to measure the gas ce ll pressure which, in** all cases, was less than 60 microns (1 μ = 1 micron = 1 x 10⁻³ torr).

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In the range studied, particle, x-ray, and coincidence counts varied linearly with pressure, indicating single collision conditions (Figs. 17a, b, and c). The projectile beam was collimated by two 1 mm^2 apertures roughly 2.5m apart before entering the differentially pumped **O target region (Fig. 15). An additional 3.6 mm aperture to eliminate** slit-scattered sulfur ions was placed just upstream of the target cell. Sulfur **x** rays were detected by a 200 mm 2 Si(Li) detector positioned **at an angle of 90 degrees to the incident beam axis and about 4.8 mm** away. The emerging capture and loss beams were electrostatically separated from the main beam and collected in surface barrier (SB) **detectors. The main beam component (no charge change) was collected in a Faraday cup located behind the SB detectors and connected to a** Keithley current integrator. Coincidences between sulfur K x rays and **single electron capture and loss events were recorded with Time-to-Amplitude Converters (TACs) with a time resolution of about 50 nanoseconds. Total x-ray emission by the S ions was also recorded. Figures 18a and b show a typical Sulfur x-ray spectrum and a typical TAC** spectrum. The computer in use at Brookhaven's Van de Graaff facility **is a Xerox Sigma 7.**

Cross sections were obtained as described below. A complete sample calculation of all cross sections of interest for one beam energy **appears in Appendix B. Cross section uncertainties are based on the** standard error in the slope resulting from a linear least squares fit **to the fraction vs. pressure plots (see Fig. 17). Solid angle calcul**ations and detector efficiencies were performed by M. Clark (private **communication, December, 1983).**

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Figure 17. Representative plots of normalized (a) capture and loss counts vs. pressure, (b) x-ray counts vs. pressure, and (c) coincidence counts vs. pressure for S(13+) + He a t 110 MeV.

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Figure 18. Representative computer plots of (a) coincidence counts vs. channel number and (b) x-ray counts vs. channel number for S(13+) + He experiment. X-ray counts for Kα and Kβ x rays obtained by summing over channels to the left (for K_α) of the vertical line and to the right (for K_B) of the vertical line in figure 18b.

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Determination of Cross Sections

The number of x rays, N_x , which were detected in the experiment as described, is dependent upon the geometry of the target cell, the incident beam intensity, I_o, the cross section for x-ray production, $\sigma_{\mathbf{x}}$, the x-ray detector efficiency, $\varepsilon_{\mathbf{x}}$, and the solid angle subtended **by the detector as follows:**

$$
N_{X} = I_{0} \cdot \sigma_{X} \cdot \epsilon_{X} \cdot (\Delta \Omega_{X} / 4\pi) \cdot (N\ell P)
$$
 (4.1)

The quantity (N&P) is the thickness of the target cell, where N=3.3x10¹³ **at/cm3y, £ is the target cell length in cm, and P is the pressure in** microns. The fraction of x rays which are detected, F_x, is obtained by dividing equation (4.1) through by I₀,

$$
F_X = \frac{N_X}{I_0} = \sigma_X \cdot \epsilon_X \cdot (\Delta \Omega_X / 4\pi) \cdot (N\ell P). \qquad (4.2)
$$

If the fraction F_x depends linearly on P, then

$$
\frac{\Delta F_X}{\Delta P} = \sigma_X \cdot \epsilon_X \cdot (\Delta \Omega_X / 4\pi) \cdot (N\ell). \tag{4.3}
$$

The cross section for x-ray production then, is given by

$$
\sigma_{\mathbf{x}} = \{4\pi/(\epsilon_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \Delta \Omega_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathsf{N} \ell)\} \cdot \frac{\Delta F_{\mathbf{x}}}{\Delta P}
$$
 (4.4)

All cross sections of interest can be calculated in this manner, since the plots of all particle or x-ray counts are linear with pressure (see Fig. 17 for examples) under single collision conditions. For

generality, equation (4.4) is simplified to

$$
\sigma_{\mathbf{i}} = C_{\mathbf{i}} \cdot \frac{\Delta F_{\mathbf{i}}}{\Delta P} \tag{4.5}
$$

where the subscript, i, represents the species under study. The constant C_j varies depending upon the species. For x rays and x rays in coincidence with charge changing events, C_i is given by the term in brackets in equation (4.4) , where ε_{χ} differs depending upon which **x rays (Ka, K3, or K04.3) are involved in the cross section under study. For capture and loss cross sections,**

$$
C_{q,q\pm 1} = \frac{1}{N \cdot \ell} \tag{4.6}
$$

 $\sin \alpha \Delta \Omega_X = 4\pi$ and $\epsilon_X = 1$.

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CHAPTER V

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

S(13+) on He

The results obtained from the experimental data are presented in the following three figures. Figures 19a and b represent the cross sections for capture and loss of one electron in coincidence with x-ray emission, $\sigma_{\mathsf{X}}^{{\mathsf{q}}^{\texttt{+1}}}$. The charge-changing events coincident with $\mathtt{K}_{\alpha}^{}$ x rays **have been separated from the total K x-ray y ie ld , and are represented** by the curves labled $\sigma_{K_{\alpha}}^{q^{\pm}1}$ and $\sigma_{K_{\alpha}+\beta}^{q^{\pm}1}$, respectively. The electron loss curve (Fig. 19b) is nearly independent of projectile energy. The cross section for coincident capture and x-ray emission, $\sigma_{K(\alpha+\beta)}^{q-1}$, ex**h ibits a large peak with a maximum around 125 or 130 MeV. This cross section is due to a ll simultaneous capture and excitation events whether due to RTE or NTE. The NTE contribution, as discussed in Chapter I I , is assumed to be no larger than the background at the low energy side o f the resonant peak, which contributes 14% to the maximum at 130 MeV.** It is asserted that the peak which lies above the background is attri**butable to Resonant-Transfer-and-Excitation.**

On figure 19a, the RTE curve which represents electron capture with emission of K_{α} x rays only, $\sigma_{K_{\alpha}}^{q-1}$, is equal to the cross section for all q-1 TAC events, $\sigma_{K(\alpha+\beta)}^{q-1}$, within the limit of error for energies between 70 and 110 MeV. Thus, it can be cautiously asserted that no RTE events in that energy range result in K_g x rays. This is consistent **with the selective formation of excited states which can yield only**

Figure 19. Cross sections for simultaneous charge changing and x-ray emission events vs. **p ro je c tile energy for S(13+) + He: (a) electron capture with x-ray emission (RTE and NTE) and (b) electron loss with x-ray emission. Curves are drawn to guide the eye. Numbers in brackets on electron capture curve represent principal** quantum numbers of electrons participating in formation of excited state char**a c te ris tic of DR and RTE. Spikes below RTE curve represent cross sections for** DR for S(13+) from McLaughlin and Hahn (1982), Table 1.

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 K_{α} x rays, i.e., in the energy range of the $\{2,2\}$ excited states (Chapters II and III). The DR transition energies, transformed to **p ro jectile ion energies, appear as spikes below the RTE curve.**

The total x-ray production cross sections are given in Figure 20a, where the cross section for total x rays, $\sigma_{K(\alpha^{+}B)}$, has been separated from the cross section for K α x rays, $\sigma_{\mathsf{K}\alpha}$. This shows that K β x rays **are emitted in the resonant region even though they are not detected in coincidence with electron capture. Hence, they result most prob**ably from excitation events (no projectile charge change), as do the K_{α} events which are not associated with capture.

Included in Figure 20b is the ratio of K_{α} x-ray counts to $K_{(\alpha+\beta)}$ **x ray counts, both in coincidence with electron capture. The number of counts were summed over a ll pressures greater than zero. These** measurements are independent of geometry, and again show that incident energies corresponding to $\{2,2\}$ transitions give rise only to K_{α} x rays (within the error margin) since the ratio is approximately one for 90 to 110 MeV and drops off with increasing projectile energy. Any K_R **x rays produced at energies in the range of 90 to 110 MeV are presumed to result from NTE events. The high energy decline is attributed to** RTE with K_β emission from the intermediate excited states $\{2\,\$ >2}\}.

Figure 21 shows the electron capture and loss cross sections, $\sigma_{\bf q, q\pm 1}$, calculated from the average of the long time runs used to collect coincidence events at high counting rates, and the short time **(10 or 20 seconds) runs at low counting rates which were performed** for each energy as a check on the linear pressure dependence of the long **time runs. The capture cross section shows the expected decreasing**

Figure 20. (a). X-ray production cross sections vs. p ro je c tile energy fo r S(13+) + He. Total x rays have been separated from Ka x rays. Lines are drawn to guide the eve. (b). Ratio of Ka coincidence counts'to Ka+3 coincidence counts vs. p ro je c tile energy fo r S(13+) + He. Counting errors are shown.

Figure 21. Electron capture and loss cross sections vs. p ro je c tile energy fo r S(13+) + He. Lines are drawn to guide the eye.

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exponential behavior (Chapter II).

Other Experiments

Two similar RTE experiments (Tanis et al., 1984 and Tanis et al., in press), both using He as a target, have been performed. In one case, **the p ro jectile was Ca(17+) and in the other V(20+). Both experiments were performed on the SuperHILAC accelerator at the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory. The experimental set-ups were sim ilar to that which has been described above for S(13+) on He at Brookhaven. Some additional information involving other incident and outgoing charge states was** obtained, but since this thesis is restricted to discussion of Li-like **ions on He with single electron capture, we w ill consider the relevant** portions of these experiments. Results of all three experiments are **discussed and compared with theory in the following section.**

Comparison of Experiment and Theory

Figures 22, 23 and 24 show the results of the three experiments mentioned and the corresponding theoretical RTE curves which were discussed in Chapter III. The DR cross sections for S(13+) and V(20+) were **calculated by McLaughlin and Hahn (1982) and Nasser and Hahn (1983), respectively. The DR cross sections sections for Ca(17+) were obtained** by interpolation of these data. The energies of the DR peaks for Ca **and V were scaled from S by the square of the atomic number (eon. 3.4)** and then transformed to the lab projectile energy (eqn. 3.3).

With regard first to the S(13+) experiment (Fig. 22), transitions **resulting from the formation of the particular resonance states and**

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Figure 23. Calculated and experimental RTE cross sections for $Ca(17+)$ + He as functions of projectile energy. **Calculated cross section scaled to emphasize agreement in lineshape. Spikes below calculated RTE curve represent DR cross sections for Ca(17+) transformed to lab frame energies. Scaling of the relative** magnitudes of the DR cross sections for Ca(17+) ob**tained by interpolation of Massar and Hahn's (1983) data. Numbers in brackets represent principal quantum numbers of electrons participating in the formation of the resonance state.**

Figure 24 Calculated and experimental RTE cross sections for $V(20+)$ + He as functions of projectile energy. Calculated cross
sections scaled to emphasize agreement in lineshape. Spikes sections scaled to emphasize agreement in lineshape. **below calculated RTE curve represent DR cross sections for V(20+) transformed to lab frame energy. Relative magnitudes of DR cross sections from Hassar and Hahn (1983). Numbers in brackets represent principal quantum numbers of electrons participating in the formation of the resonance state.**

their relation to the experimental RTE events yielding either K_{α} or K_{β} x rays have been discussed in the first section of this chapter. **The correspondence between theory and experiment is now the salient point. The theoretical and experimental maxima appear only 5 MeV apart, and there is general correspondence between the shapes of the** two curves. Comparison of the peak heights will be made later.

In Figure 23, representing Ca(17+) on He, the doubly-peaked structure predicted by theory appears. Recall from Chapter III that **the two peaks represent the two groups of resonance states, {2,2} and {2,^3}, which can be formed. Though the correspondence between the** first peaks is good, the second peak in the experimental cross section **appears at about 40 MeV above that which was predicted. Also, the experimental minimum between the two maxima is deeper than the theoretical minimum.**

Figure 24 displays the results of the V(20+) experiment. Here again, the predicted structure emerges, and the positions of the theoretical and experimental low energy maxima coincide. As with Ca(17+) a discrepancy appears in the relative depth of the minimum.

Consider first the relative position of the second maximum of the **Ca cross section, and the depth of the minima which appear between the two peaks for both Ca and V. In the calculation, the second peak is due to the group of intermediate resonance states, {2,^3} in the DR cross section calculation (Table 1). There are at least four possible** sets of circumstances which would alleviate one or both of the difficul**tie s . All involve modification of the calculated RTE cross sections.**

The first consideration is that the Compton profile for the target **may be too broad. While this would lower the theoretical minimum, there would be no corresponding increase in the energy of the second** peak, and the agreement in the rise of the first peak would suffer. Secondly, the Auger energies of the $\{2, \geq 3\}$ states in the DR data may be too low. Both difficulties, the depth of the minimum and the position of the second peak, would be resolved if this were the case. The DR transition energies were uniformly scaled by the ratio of the squares **of the atomic numbers (eqn. 3 .4), which is an approximation, and so these energies may not represent the Auger energies of the excited** states exactly. An increase in the relative heights of the transitions **(DR cross sections) which occur at higher energies would give better** agreement to the experimental energy, but it wouldn't help the "dip". The fourth possibility is that the transitions $\{23,23\}$, which do not **appear in the calculated DR cross sections of Nasser and Hahn (1983), McLaughlin and Hahn (1982), and Hahn (personal communication, October 3,** 1983) would occur at energies either comparable to or higher than the {2, ≥3} group, and would therefore have the effect of shifting the position of the second peak to higher energy. This would not, however, alleviate the difficulty with the minimum between the two peaks, unless the {2,3} DR transition was found to have a smaller cross sectior than that which was used. Any of the last three possibilities could also account for the fact that the experimental maximum in the S(13+) cross section occurs at slightly higher energy than the theoretical. Whether any or all of the situations mentioned give rise to the obser**ved discrepancies between theory and experiment requires further study.**

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The agreement between the low energy rise and position of the $S(13+)$ peak and the first peak in the $Ca(17+)$ and $V(20+)$ experiments **with theory indicates that the calculated DR transition energies and magnitudes for the {2,2} transitions are consistent with what is observed experimentally. Furthermore, i f the calculated magnitudes of these peaks are compared to the magnitudes of the experimental peaks,** the difference, $\sigma^{}_{\text{then}}$ - $\sigma^{}_{\text{exn}}$, is nearly constant and equal to 0.4x10⁻²¹ **2 cm (Fig. 25). This result is encouraging, but stated cautiously, since the overall absolute error in any of these experiments could be a large as 30%. The shape of the cross sections would be unaffec**ted by such an error, but the magnitude could be shifted to a higher **or lower cross section value as a result.**

Despite the discrepancies with theory mentioned above, the overall agreement in low energy peak positions, the fact that both theory and experiment result in the doubly-peaked structure for heavier pro**jectiles and the agreement in the absolute magnitudes of the first peaks, leads one to believe that the RTE model of Brandt (1983a) and the DR cross section calculations of Nassar and Hahn (1983), McLaughlin and Hahn (1982) and Hahn (personal communication, October 3, 1983) are applicable to the experimental results presented here.**

CHAPTER VI

CONCLUSION

The experiment studied in this work, the two additional studies cited , and other experimental investigations of RTE, have lent credence to the actual existence of the process of RTE as described. The question which this work has attempted to address is whether there exists a dose relationship between DR and RTE, since the theory which has been compared to experimental work is based upon DR cross sections. If the relationship could be shown, then aside from scientific curiosity, a major justification for further study of RTE would be the **acquisition of knowledge concerning DR. Since DR is important in fusion plasmas both on earth and in the stars, study of RTE could conceivably contribute to a more comprehensive understanding of some astrophysical and fusion related phenomena.** Let us briefly review the **evidence in support of the relationship.**

The experimental observation of resonant behavior in the $\sigma_{K(\alpha+B)}^{q-1}$ **cross section very near to the energies predicted by theory has been** clearly demonstrated in the case of three different lithiumlike projectiles incident on He. The production of x rays of different energies (K_a and K_B) at different projectile energies as predicted by theory has been experimentally verified. In the case of "heavy" and "light" projectiles incident on He (a "light" target), we have seen **structure and no structure, respectively, corresponding to groups of intermediate resonant states, as predicted. Tentatively, there exists**

a quantitative relationship between the theoretical and experimental heights of the low energy peaks (resulting from the formation of the {2,2} resonance states) in the RTE cross sections for both Ca(17+) and V(20+). Furthermore, the rise of this peak in the experimental and theoretical curves is almost identical. The competing process **of NTE has not appreciably interfered with the observation of the resonant process for the systems discussed. That there exist some discrepancies between the theory of Brandt (1983a) and the experiments implies that further refinements are required, and the interesting experimental prospects have by no means been exhausted. Future studies are planned, by the Western Michigan University atomic physics group and collaborators, to investigate p ro jectile and target Z dependence,** and projectile charge state dependence. Using the experimental RTE set-up as described, the NTE contribution can be verified. These **studies w ill undoubtedly contribute to a more thorough understanding of RTE, NTE and DR.**

Such comprehensive agreement with respect to the points mentioned above prompts one to assert that the theory upon which the calculations are based has some basis in observable fact, and that on the surface at least, there does exist an elegant and simple relationship between **Dielectronic Recombination and Resonant-Transfer-and-Excitation.**

APPENDIX A

0PUS3

The following pages constitute an exact copy of the program used to perform a ll of the theoretical RTE calculations which appear in this thesis. Additional capabilities of OPUS3 are described in Chapter III, Section 3.

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APPENDIX B

SAMPLE EXPERIMENTAL CALCULATIONS

The calculation of all plotted cross sections and ratios for S(13+) + He at 110 MeV which appear in this thesis is illustrated.

The linear plots of fraction i vs. pressure (Fig. 17) have slopes, m_i , errors, Δ_i , and percent errors, Δ_i $(\%)$, as follows:

Errors represent uncertainties in the slopes resulting from a linear least squares fit (least squares program written by W.G. Graham). All slopes of fractions involving x rays have been multiplied by an experimentally determined dead time correction factor of 1.01.

The slopes and uncertainties in the slope are then multiplied by the constant, C_i (see eqns. 4.4, 4.5, and 4.6), to yield the cross sections, σ_j . In the calculation of C_j , the constant N is equal to **3.3xl013 atoms/cm2y,** *I* **is 1.83 cm for capture and loss cross sections**

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and 1.27 cm for cross sections involving x rays. The value of ℓ for **the x-ray cross sections is the geometric gas cell length while the larger value of** *z* **(obtained from W.G. Graham in a private communication)** for the capture and loss cross sections includes the effect of the entrance and exit aperture sizes on the effective gas cell length. For those cross sections involving the detection of x rays, $\Delta\Omega/4\pi$ is calculated to be 0.321 (Ω obtained from M. Clark, private communication). The SiLi detector efficiency, ε , was interpolated by E. Bernstein from the data of Veigele to be 0.544 for K_{α} x rays and 0.663 for $K_{\alpha+\beta}$ **x rays.** Calculated values of C_i and the resulting cross sections follow:

For cross sections with large counting statisties, the counting **error is generally found to be negligible when compared to the error** in the slopes. However, the calculated error in the slopes for some of **the fractions at 110 MeV is very low. The following errors were imposed as the minimum percent errors, taking into consideration count**ing statistics, slight fluctuations in $K_{\alpha}/K_{\alpha+\beta}$, dead time, averaging

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of two sets of capture and loss data, and other relative experimental $uncertainties: 3% for K_{\alpha}$, 2% for $K_{\alpha+\beta}$, 5% for q,q ± 1 , and 5% for (q,q±l)_{K,} K + . The errors shown in Figure 20b represent the stat- \sim α \sim α \sim istical uncertainty of the total particle counts.

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