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To incorporate atomic data uncertainties and statistical uncertainties in estimates of parameters that define coronal structure.

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Atomic Data Uncertainties



Fig. 9 The effect of normally distributed uncertainties of 10, 20 and 30% on the O VII $G(T_e)$ and $R(N_e)$ ratios. *Highlighted* is the effect of a 20% uncertainty in collision strengths: when G = 1.0, the temperature lies in the range $1.1 \times 10^6 < T_e < 3.2 \times 10^6$, while for R = 2.0 the density range is $1.5 \times 10^{10} < N_e < 7.1 \times 10^{10}$

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- Simplified toy problem compute n_e from densitysensitive Fe XIII lines

Flux_{λ} = $\varepsilon_{\lambda}(n_e, T_e) n_e^2 ds \equiv \varepsilon_{\lambda}(n_e) n_e^2 ds$

 $\lambda = \{196.525, 200.021, 201.121, 202.044, 203.165, 203.826, 209.916\}$ Å





Estimated uncertainty in collision strengths for transitions to different levels, based on comparison between different calculations.

Percentage difference between Storey & Zeippen (2010) vs Del Zanna & Storey (2012) for 3p 3d (top) and other n=3 (bottom) levels

For 3p3d levels, 5% for collision strengths >1, linear dashed line up to 50% below

For other n=3 levels, 10% above 0.1, linear dashed line below





1000 emissivities generated by imputing uncertainties on collision strengths and transition probabilities of Fe XIII levels in Chianti, and generating new emissivities by propagating these uncertainties through level population estimates. Red curve is default Chianti. Blue curve is #471 (foreshadowing!)



Ratios of sampled emissivities relative to 202.044 Å line



Temperature sensitivity of the density sensitivity for several Fe XIII line ratios, for default Chianti. Red is 1 MK, blue is 10 MK.

Fe XIII 202.044 Å 1.8 MK

Fe XIII 203.826 Å 1.8 MK

EIS raster of AR 11785 from 8 Jul 2013 from which 1000 pixels were chosen randomly for analysis

Fe XIII: Example spectrum



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- Pragmatic Bayes, which takes the sample of emissivities as given, and sees what effect it has on the parameter estimates and uncertainties

 $p(m,\theta|D) = p(\theta|D,m) p(m)$

 Full Bayes, which "filters out" instances of emissivity samples that produce bad likelihoods hence additionally selects preferred emissivities

 $p(m,\theta|D) = p(\theta|D,m) p(m|D)$







Best choice of generated emissivity; only those with >5% probability are shown. Left: simulated from default Chianti — picks up #0, as it should Right: pixels chosen from EIS raster — picks up #471 mostly, and #368 secondarily

Compare selected emissivities with default



Figure: Plot of ratio of selected emissivities and default CHIANTI over 7 lines.

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- PCA to overcome sparsity
- Chandra Capella O VII+O VIII to extend to ion balance uncertainties, logT



When MCMC doesn't match sizes of different modes, trick it to traverse by imputing intermediate curves and then removing them. Aha! So PCA generated emissivity curves could solve sparsity problem?

