

# ABOUT THE «ENLIGHTENMENT» OF NONIDEAL HYDROGEN-OXYGEN PLASMA AT A ELECTRONS' CONCENTRATION $N_e \leq 3 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

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The results of experimental determination of the emissivity of the hydrogen-oxygen plasma pulsed discharge in water and their comparison with calculations. It is shown that when concentrations nonideal plasma  $N_e > 3 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , is observed "enlightenment" of plasma. The reduction of a emitting ability  $\varepsilon$  can be more order in the  $N_e = 3 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and increases with increasing electron concentration.

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## INTRODUCTION

Emissivity  $\varepsilon$  nonideal hydrogen plasma has been determined experimentally up to electron densities  $N_e < 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  [1, 2]. At higher  $N_e$ , the information about the experimental studies of  $\varepsilon$  in literature is absent. In pulsed discharges in water (PDW) were obtained  $N_e \leq 5 \cdot 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  [3]. Get the experimental distribution of the emissive of the non-ideal hydrogen-oxygen plasma until  $N_e = 3 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  at a temperature of 17.3 K. we were able to ( $\gamma = 0.3$ ).

## MAIN PARTS

For the experimental determination of  $\varepsilon$  requires the measurement of the intensity distribution  $I$  of the emission spectrum, the channel diameter  $d$ , the optical thickness  $\tau$ , the inhomogeneity of the channel. For the calculation of  $\varepsilon$  is necessary to know the value of  $N_e$  and temperature. All these data were obtained in this work experimentally, and the inhomogeneity parameter  $M$  calculated according to [4]. With decrease in optical thickness  $\tau$  of the RWI plasma channel, the spectrum of the radiation of the channel remains continuous. But on his background is possible to select the lines of the hydrogen: first  $H_\alpha$ , later  $H_\beta$  and still later  $H_\gamma$ . On the distribution of intensity in the wings of reabsorbed  $H_\alpha$  line, broadened in the plasma microfield, we can obtain the distribution of  $\tau$  in the far wings. If change in wavelength does not change the  $\tau$  absolute value, then it is taken as  $\tau$  continuum, since occurs a smooth transition of the lines wing into continuum [5]. Inhomogeneity parameter  $M$  was calculated based on the excitation energy of the upper level of the last visible line, and formed for continuum value from [4]:

$$M = \sqrt{\frac{E_g - h\nu}{E_g}} = 0.84 \dots 0.93, \quad (1)$$

at  $\frac{kT_m}{E_g - h\nu} \ll 1 (0.19 \dots 0.3),$

where  $E_g$  – excitation energy level, from which it can be assumed that the levels form a quasicontinuous sequence. For area of the spectrum of 350.0...700 nm, the parameter  $M = 0.84 \dots 0.93$  for the continuum of the hydrogen plasma in the last observed lines  $H_\alpha$ ,  $H_\beta$ ,  $H_\gamma$ . The condition of applicability of formulas for calculating the parameter  $M$  is performed [4].

Averaged along the observation ray emissivity, according to [4], is:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{I_\nu \cdot \tau_\nu}{Y \cdot d}, \quad (2)$$

where:  $I_\nu$  - the spectral distribution of radiation intensity,  $Y$  - a parameter that takes into account the influence of the optical thickness of the plasma on the  $I$ : it is determined from the plot of  $Y = f(\tau, p)$  [4], and at each time has its own value,  $d$  - diameter of the plasma channel. The parameter  $M$  is taken into account by introducing into the formula (2) amendments to the value of  $I_\nu$ . It was assumed that  $\tau$ , resulting in a distant wing of the  $N\alpha$  slightly varies in the range of the Balmer series. When  $\tau > 0.5$ , dependence  $Y(\tau)$  starts to deviate strongly from the straight and a little with increasing  $\tau$ . Therefore, significant errors in the determination of  $\varepsilon$  under this assumption will not. The error in determining  $\varepsilon$  will be tens of percent. In Fig. 1 shows the experimental values of the emissivity of the non-ideal hydrogen-oxygen plasma at  $3 \cdot 10^{19} \geq N_e > 3.5 \cdot 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . For  $N_e > 3 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  it does not to determine  $N_e$  and measure the  $\tau$ . The optical thickness in the lines large ( $\tau \gg 1$ ). Therefore, for the calculation of  $\varepsilon$  in the lines, values  $I$  do not have to divide by the channel diameter ( $d \approx 2 \text{ cm}$ ). This should be done for the continuous spectrum, as there  $\tau < 1$ .

Take into account the dependence of the parameter  $Y$  from  $\tau$ , the calculation of  $\varepsilon$  was based on the formula 2. Averaging  $I$  is conducted over diameter of the channel,  $\tau$  in a given moment of time is small and there is no significant effect of the parietal cold regions on the intensity of radiation [8]. Influence of heterogeneity itself is taken into account at determining  $\varepsilon$  from  $I$ . The same way taken into account influence of the optical thickness on  $I$ . The diameter of the channel was measured by the method of illumination from an external source of radiation [3]. The calculation of  $\varepsilon$  spectral distributions was performed on the four formulas. The first calculation is performed for hydrogen plasma on the Unsold-Kramers equation for the total free-free and free-bound radiation. Oxygen supplementation should be given only in the emissivity as a linear section [4].

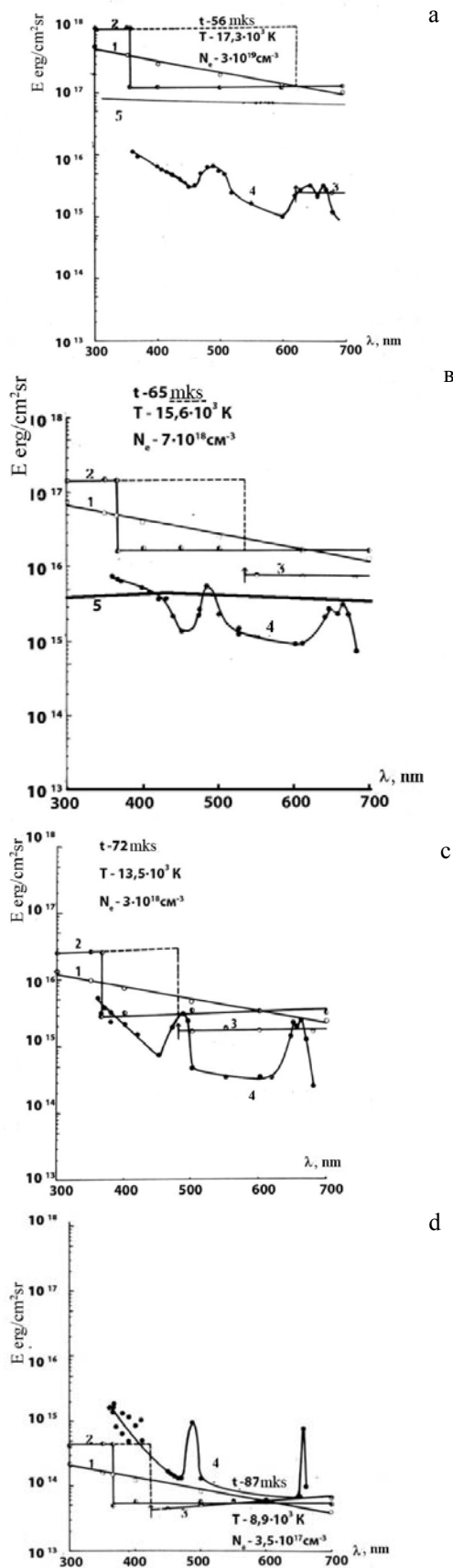


Fig. 1. The emissivity of hydrogen-oxygen plasma. The calculation by the formulas: 1 – Unsold-Kramers [5]; 2 – Biberman-Norman [8]; 3 – Norman [9]; 4 – experimental; 5 – Kramers [5]. (a – 56 mks, b – 65 mks, c – 72 mks, d – 87 mks)

The value of the Gaunt-factor is chosen equal to unity [4]:

$$\varepsilon_v = \varepsilon_v^{ff} + \varepsilon_v^{bf} = C_4 N_e N_i \frac{Z^2}{T_e^{1/2}}, \quad (3)$$

where  $C_4 = 5.44 \times 10^{-39}$  units GHS.

The electron density was determined from the broadening of the  $H_\alpha$  and the temperature of the radiation intensity at the maximum line reabsorbed  $H_\alpha$  [4]. The result of calculations using this formula in Fig. 1 shows as number 1. Has also calculated by the formula  $\varepsilon$  Biberman-Norman [6]:

$$\varepsilon_v = C_4 \frac{N_e N_i Z^2}{T_e^{1/2}} \xi \quad (4)$$

Biberman-Norman factor  $\xi$  was taken for hydrogen in [4], and the results of calculation by this formula are marked as number 2 in Fig. 1. According to the formula Biberman-Norman, calculation was carried out in two approximations: 1) a violation of the principle of spectroscopic stability (solid curve), 2) non-infringement of the principle of spectroscopic stability in the gap (dashed curve).

The third calculation performed by the Norman formula [7] for  $\varepsilon$  for strongly coupled plasma (taken the total recombination and bremsstrahlung):

$$\varepsilon_v = 6.36 \cdot 10^{-54} N_e N_i (kT)^{-1/2} Z^2 \exp\left(\frac{\Delta I}{kT} + \frac{h\nu_0}{kT} - \frac{h\nu}{kT}\right) \xi' [J \times s^{-1} \times \text{sm}^3 \text{sr}^{-1} (c-1) - 1], \quad (5)$$

where  $\Delta I$  – reduction of the ionization potential,  $\xi'$  – an effective,  $\xi$  – a factor which led rank is determined by the formula [7]:

$$\xi' = \xi(v) \exp\left(-\frac{h\nu_0}{kT}\right) \cdot \left[\exp\left(\frac{h\nu_0}{kT}\right) - \exp\left(\frac{\Delta E}{kT}\right) + 1\right], \quad (6)$$

where  $\frac{\Delta E}{kT}$  – the gap, which is equal to [7]. where  $\frac{\Delta E}{kT} = C_\gamma$ ,  $C_\gamma = 3.5$  for hydrogen. Moreover, the

calculations on the latest formula one should distinguish parts of the spectrum with  $\nu > \nu_g$  and  $\nu < \nu_g$ , where  $\nu_g$  – the frequency limits of the series. Moreover, it is considered that, in a region with  $\nu > \nu_g$  – the calculation can be carried out for  $\xi' = \xi$ , and if  $\nu < \nu_g$ , then:  $\frac{h\nu_0}{kT} = \frac{h\nu}{kT}$ .

To calculate  $\varepsilon$  for reducible formulas can only be part of the spectrum towards lower frequencies than specified by Inglis-Teller shift the boundaries of the series. Calculate the distribution of  $\varepsilon$  in the "gap" in this equation is impossible. The calculation results are indicated by number 3. The experimental values of  $\varepsilon$  marked as number 4. Performed the calculation of  $\varepsilon$  and the Kramers formula for the free-free transitions:

$$\varepsilon_v^{ff} = C_4 Z^2 \frac{n_e n_r}{T_e^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{h\nu}{kT_e}\right) \quad (7)$$

(Curve indicated by the number 5). When  $N_e = 3.5 \cdot 10^{17} \text{cm}^{-3}$  (see Fig. 1,d) estimated the total value of  $\varepsilon$  for the continuous spectrum is somewhat less experimental. This is consistent with the data of other authors. For  $N_e$  the opposite effect is observed: the increase up to  $3 \cdot 10^{18} \text{cm}^{-3}$  values of  $\varepsilon$ , calculated for all three formulas, the above experimental data (see Fig. 1,c). In a series of

theoretical values of the boundary  $\varepsilon$  practically coincide with experimental ones. In the "gap" in the longer wavelengths the experimental values of  $\varepsilon$  is several times smaller than calculated. Closest to the experiment is calculated using the formula by Norman [9]. With the calculated values is an-further increase of  $N_e$  (for  $N_e = 7 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ) .order of magnitude higher than the experimental (Fig. 1,c), and for  $N_e = 3 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  calculated values of the more experimental more than two orders of magnitude (see Fig. 1,a). The best agreement with experiment in magnitude  $\varepsilon$  gives a formula Norman [7]. The smallest discrepancy between theory and experiment is in the limits of the Balmer series. There is a difference (10...50) time between  $\varepsilon$ . Accounting for non-violation of the principle of spectroscopic stability, leads to a difference between theory and experiment in the "gap" in the three orders of magnitude, especially in the area of 600 nm. Even in the border area a series of calculated values of  $\varepsilon$  higher in comparison with the experiment. This confirms the presence of nonideal hydrogen-oxygen plasma effect "enlightenment" with  $N_e > 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , predicted theoretically in [7, etc]. The effect of "enlightenment" of hydrogen-oxygen plasma increases with increasing  $N_e$ . In the longer wavelength than that determined by Ingliss-Teller shift of the ionization threshold,  $\varepsilon$  NP well described by the formulas given in [7]. When  $N_e = (3...7) \cdot 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  value experimentally determined emittance agrees well. with the calculated values obtained by the Kramers formula for the free-free transitions [4]. At  $N_e - (N_e > 7 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3})$ , experimentally observed values of less than higher values above  $N_e \leq 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  calculated by this formula, while The disappearance of the excited energy levels is an exception mechanism of the photoionization absorption of these states and leads to a decrease of the absorption coefficient [7].

## CONCLUSIONS

In the hydrogen-oxygen NP observed the effect of "enlightenment" with  $N_e > 3 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . The experimentally determined values of the spectral distribution of  $\varepsilon$  is much smaller than the given formula for an ideal plasma.  $N_e$  to determine the emissivity of a nonideal plasma is impossible, as the data obtained an order of magnitude or more may be overstated (at  $N_e > 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ).

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