

# PROGRAM MANUAL FOR THE NON-LTE PROGRAM SYSTEM

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# 1 PART I

## 1.1 Preface

The first part of the NLTE program package comprises the program system ATMOS, which calculates a model atmosphere. The ATMOS program system consists of two programs, TTAU and ATM. The program needs the input files PTAU and ABU and creates the output datafile ATM and a line printer output. This program system has its own description. Therefore, this manual contains only a detailed description of those subroutines, that are explicitly used in the NLTE program package.

It is thus recommended to first read the manual of the ATMOS program system!

The second part of the NLTE program package consists of the programs RATES, START, EDDFAC, GAB and LINEAR with their respective subroutines (see Appendix A).

The NLTE calculations in Kiel have initially been performed on the CRAY and later on Solaris Workstations and a NEC computer at the Kiel super computer center. The current version of the code does not run with a GNU compiler. The compilation needs the -r8 option, which is not yet implemented in the f77 or f90 GNU compiler. It can be compiled with commercial compilers such as Absoft, Intel and Portland Group on Linux or Mac systems.

## 1.2 Basics

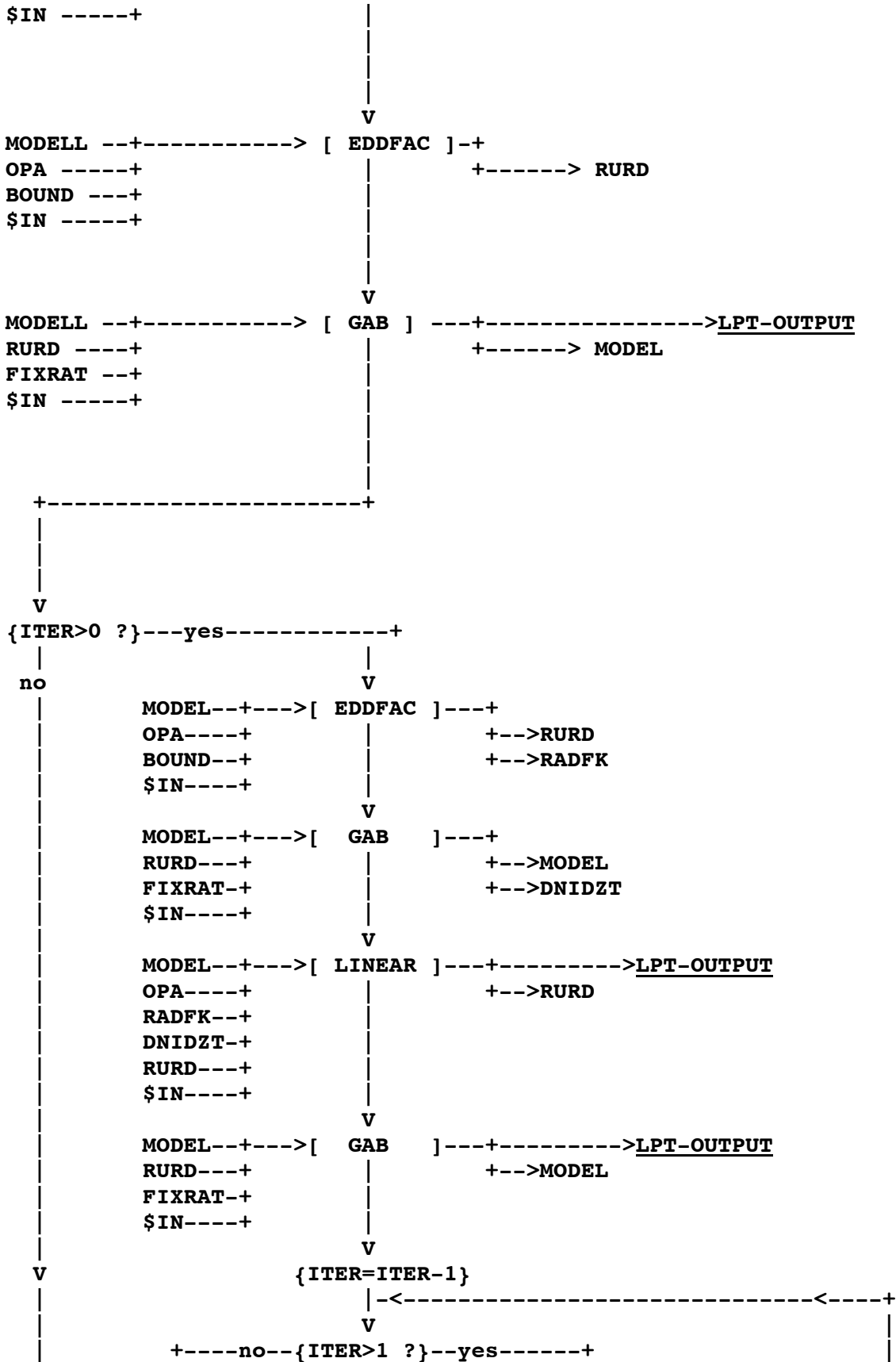
First, the aim of the program package will be explained. By prescribing the temperature stratification of the star in the input datafile PTAU and the chemical composition in the input datafile ABU, the program system ATMOS calculates a detailed model atmosphere. The resulting model atmosphere structure is stored in the datafile ATM.

A model atom is now "put" into this model atmosphere by reading the respective atomic data from the input datafiles ATOM and CROSS. The second part of the NLTE program package now calculates under the assumption of statistical equilibrium (non-LTE) the level population numbers of the atomic levels, which were read from the input datafile ATOM. These are compared to the respective LTE values (derived from Boltzmann and Saha equation) and the departure coefficients

$$b = n(\text{NLTE}) / n(\text{LTE})$$

are derived. The more these coefficients deviate from LTE, that is from one, the worse is the assumption of LTE for the considered element in the stellar atmosphere. The











**START:** This program calculates the electron and neutral particle collision cross sections of all transitions. It derives the respective rates connecting all specified atomic levels. The photoionization and collision rates are combined into the rate matrix  $A_{ij}$ . In addition, the Voigt profile is calculated for the b-b transitions specified in the input datafile ATOM.

**EDDFAC:** The mean intensity  $J$  and the Eddington factors  $f$  are calculated for the specified frequency points of all individual lines.

**GAB:** This program calculates new level population numbers for all atomic levels. It takes into account the collision rates AND the photoionization rates.

**EDDFAC:** Using the new level population numbers, this program calculates the new  $J$  and  $f$ . It calculates now as well the radiative rates  $R_{ij}$  and  $R_{ji}$  of all b-b transitions.

**GAB:** New level population numbers are calculated taking into account collision, photoionization and radiative rates.

Iteration loop; until ITER>0:

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|
| EDDFAC: From the last level population numbers, new values for
|              J, f,  $R_{ij}$ , and  $R_{ji}$  are derived.
|
| GAB:      Calculation of new level population numbers from  $R_{ij}$  and
|               $R_{ji}$ .
|
| LINEAR: To shorten the computation time, this programs solves
|              iteratively an equation, which gets corrections  $\delta(R_{ij})$ ,
|               $\delta(R_{ji})$  for the radiative rates. Using these corrections,
|              new values of  $R_{ij}$  and  $R_{ji}$  are calculated.
|
| GAB:      Calculation of new level population numbers from the new
|              values of  $R_{ij}$  and  $R_{ji}$ .
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At the end:

**EDDFAC:** New values for  $J$ ,  $f$ ,  $R_{ij}$  and  $R_{ji}$ .

**GAB:** New level population numbers. Output of the departure coefficients.

## 2 PART II

### 2.1 The Program Rates

#### RATES

**Program to compute for a given wavelength grid the continuum radiation field and the photoionisation rates of all specified atomic levels.**

- Reading the model atmosphere (File ATM)
- For each depth point:
  - Call IONDIS to compute the gas pressure, the particle densities Nkern and the particle densities ZETAJ and FRACJ:
    - o ZETAJ: Fraction of a particle species that is in the ground state.
    - o FRACJ: Fraction of a particle species.
- Reading parameter IFLPT from \$IN (standard input) to control the standard output.
- Opening of the input-file CROSS.
- Call subroutine INITEL to read the first part of CROSS
- Reading parameter NUMAX from CROSS to generate a radiation field with fixed rates (NUMAX > 0 ):  
NUMAX=0, otherwise program stops, because this mode of computation is no longer available.
- Reading parameter IFRAD to choose the radiation field
  - IFRAD=0: UV-field = BNU(T)
  - 1: JNU, cont
  - 2: JNU
- Reading parameters NUMAX, WAVEMAX, DELTAWA from CROSS to generate a radiation field using ODFs from the ATLAS6 code (NUMAX<=1200)  
NOTE: Now also ODFs from ATLAS9 possible (NUMAX<=1300)
- Reading the wavelength grid(WINT(NU), NU=1,NUMAX) to compute the radiation field
- Fill up wavelength grid if WINT(NUMAX)< WAVEMAX using the stepsize DELTAWA
- For all given wavelength grid points:
  - Call RADFLD to compute the radiation field JNUI
- Read parameter NRIJ, which specifies the number of bound-free transitions (b-f; Photoionisation)
- For all b-f transitions:
- Read parameters of transition:  
IREF, JREF, WEDGE, IMAX, (XWA(J), J=1,IMAX), (AWA(J), J=1,IMAX), ITRAD, ENDTRA

- If ITRAD>0 analytical radiation field = BNU(Trad): ENDTRA=Trad
  - o ITRAD=1,2,3 denotes Trad=Tel , Tel(Photosph.), Tel(Chromosph.), respectively
  - o If IMAX=1: hydrogen approximation for cross section
    - Computation of Rij and Rji using the function RINT
  - o If IMAX>1: explicit cross section
    - Read wavelength ENDTRA
- If IMAX>1
  - o Compute JSTART and JEND from the wavelength grid
- If ITRAD=0 radiation field = JNUI
  - o If IMAX=1: hydrogen approximation for cross section
    - Piecewise analytic solution of the integrated cross section using stepsizes corresponding to the wavelength grid
- If IMAX>1: explicit cross section
  - o Call INTSUM to compute partial sums between WINT(J) and WINT(J+1), if there are any wavelengthpoints of the resolved cross section between them (JNUI does not change)
  - o Add up partial sums from INTSUM with varying JNUI to calculate RU and RD
- If ITRAD>0 and IMAX>1
  - o Numeric integration over the resolved cross section from the edge up to ENDTRA
- If IFLPT<>0 standard output of the cross section integration
- Close file CROSS and if IFRAD=2 also file DF
- For all depth points
  - For all b-f transitions
    - o The rates Rij and Rji are written to file RIJ
- End of program, close file RIJ

## **INTEL**

### **Subroutine to read the first part of CROSS.**

- Read element number (ELEM)
- Read scaling factor for opacities (SCSTART, SCEND, SCA, SCB)
- Read number of following ionization stages (NEMAX)
  - If NEMAX>0
    - o Read ionization stage (NXTION(I), I=1,NEMAX)
- If DEPART.DAT exists
  - Read file DEPART
  - Stop program if element from CROSS does not coincide with elements from DEPART
- If IFLPT>0
  - Standard output of data

## IONDIS

**Subroutine to compute the gas pressure, the particle density NKERN and the particle densities ZETAJ and FRACJ.**

- Call subroutine QATI1 to compute partition functions for the following elements: H, He, C, N, O, Ne, Na, Mg, Al, Si, P, S, Ar, K, Ca, Ti, Cr, Mn, Fe, Ni
- If MODE=2
  - Call subroutine QATI2 to compute partition functions for the following elements: Li, Sc, V, Co, Cu, Zn, Sr, Y, Zr, Ba, La, Ce, Nd, Sm, Eu, W, Os, Th
- Call subroutine DCHI to compute lowering of ionization energy
- Compute fraction SAHAJ =  $N_j / \text{Sum}[N_j]$  for all elements for four ionization stages Compute particle concentration for negative ions H-, C-, O- and renormalize positive ions  $\text{Sum}[N_j] = \text{Sum}[N_j] + N(c-)$
- Call subroutine QMOL to compute dissociation constant of the following molecules: H<sub>2</sub>, CH, C<sub>2</sub>, CN, CO, MgH
- For all species (atoms, ions, molecules)
  - Assign index
  - Compute atomic/molecular weight
- Compute electron concentration and abundances of atoms, positive ions, negative ions and molecules
- Iteration of abundances, because they depend on each other
- Compute the gas pressure and density NKERN
- If IPRINT=2
  - Standard output of all information

## DCHI

**Subroutine to compute the lowering of the ionization energy due to the electron pressure following the Debye-theory.**

- $\text{CHIJ} = \text{CHIJ} - 4.98\text{E-}4 * \text{THETA} * \text{Sqrt}[\text{Pe}]$
- $\text{CHIJ}+1 = \text{CHIJ} - 2 * ( 4.98\text{E-}4 * \text{THETA} * \text{Sqrt}[\text{Pe}] )$
- $\text{CHIJ}+2 = \text{CHIJ} - 3 * ( 4.98\text{E-}4 * \text{THETA} * \text{Sqrt}[\text{Pe}] )$
- $\text{CHIJ}+3 = \text{CHIJ} - 4 * ( 4.98\text{E-}4 * \text{THETA} * \text{Sqrt}[\text{Pe}] )$

## RADFLD

**Subroutine to compute the radiation field.**

- For all depth points
  - Call OPALAM to compute continuum values of KAPPA and SIGMA (absorption and scattering coefficients)

- Call ELOPA to compute NLTE opacity of the model atom
- Call RADI to solve the radiative transfer equation after Feautrier with variable Eddington factors for the continuum (without lines: JNUC)
- If IFRAD=2
  - If SCSTART<wavelength<SCEND
    - Compute scaling factors for opacity
- Call LINOP to compute line opacity with N=1 – weighting WT(N) of the result depends on N
- Call RADI to solve radiative transfer equation with line opacity (JNUI)
- For all depth points
  - Weighting of radiation field with WT(N)
  - Weighting of surface flux
- For all depth points
  - If JNUI/JNUC<0.9998, then N=N+1 and next call to LINOP
- If IFLPT>0
  - Standard output of surface flux HSURFI

## **ELOPA**

### **Subroutine to compute NLTE opacity of the model atom.**

- Old LTE opacity of the model atom gets subtracted from the total opacity of all elements
- Call BFEXX to compute photoionisation cross sections of the relevant element (at this time only possible for aluminium and iron using BFE13 and BFE26)
- With help of the previously read departures (INITEL), the NLTE opacity of the model atom gets computed and added again to the total opacity of all elements

## **BFE13**

### **Subroutine to compute photoionisation cross sections of aluminium (close to similar subroutine OPALAM for computation of all b-f opacities).**

- If not Level 1 or 2
  - Level=0
  - Photoionisation cross section CROSS=0
- If wavelength WAVE>wavelength of edge ALIEDGE of level LEV
  - Photoionisation cross section CROSS=0
- If Level=2
  - $CROSS = 1.2E-18 * (WAVE/ALIEDGE)^3 * 2.0 * \text{Exp}[-3.14 * 1.602192E-12/kT]$
- If Level=1
  - If WAVE not in data grid for resolved cross section

- $CROSS = 65.0E-18 * (WAVE/ALIEDGE)^4 * 6.0 * \text{Exp}[-0.01 * 1.602192E-12/kT]$
- If WAVE in data grid for resolved cross section
  - Call function POLAT to interpolate in the grid
  - $CROSS = POLAT(WAVE) * 1.0E-18 * 6.0 * \text{Exp}[-0.01 * 1.602192E-12/kT]$

## **POLAT**

**Function to interpolate in arrays X and F which have dimension N for the value XQ.**

- If  $X(1) < X(N)$ 
  - Search the next larger field element i after XQ
- If  $X(1) > X(N)$ 
  - Search the next smaller field element i after XQ
- $POLAT = F(i) - [F(i+1)-F(i)] / [X(i+1)-X(i)] * [XQ-X(i)]$

## **RADI**

**Subroutine to solve the radiative transfer equation after Feautrier with variable Eddington factors (Auer, Mihalas 1970).**

- For all depth points
  - Compute matrices A, B and C and the vector Q (=L), see Mihalas, Stellar Atmospheres, p.161 ff and Giagas, PhD thesis, p.75 ff
  - Compute zero, first and second moment of radiation field by summing over all angles
  - Compute Eddington factors FK, FH0 (surface) and FH1 (all depth points)

## **LINOP**

**Subroutine to compute line opacity.**

- For all depth points
  - Interpolation for temperature and electron pressure in tables
  - Computation of interpolation coefficients
- Fixing of the interpolation weights
- Read respective ODF for desired wavelength
- For all depth points
  - Interpolation of line opacity from tabulated values for fixed electron pressure and temperature

## OPALAM

**Subroutine to compute KAPPA- und SIGMA-values, absorption and scattering coefficients.**

- All cross sections are given in units of the Thomson scattering coefficient
- Computation of scattering coefficients for Thomson scattering of free electrons and Rayleigh scattering of HI, HeI, H2
- Computation of free-free (f-f) absorption cross section for hydrogen, helium-nickel (four ionization stages per element), negative hydrogen ion (H<sup>-</sup>)
- Computation of bound-free (b-f) absorption cross sections for hydrogen, H<sup>-</sup>, H2, H2<sup>+</sup>, HeI, HeII, He<sup>-</sup>, C<sup>-</sup>, CI, NI, OI, NeI, NaI, MgI, MgII, AlI, SiI, SiII, CaI, CaII, FeI
- Summing up all scattering cross sections K=1,KSCAT
- Summing up all absorption cross sections K=KSCAT+1,KABS
- If MODE=2 detailed output of scattering and absorption cross sections of all atoms

## RINT

**Function to compute a cross section from the hydrogen approximation.**

- $R_{ij} = 8 \cdot \pi \cdot c \cdot \alpha_0 \cdot E_1[hc/(k \cdot \lambda \cdot T)] = AA \cdot E_1(X)$
- For I=1,999
  - Call function EXPINT to solve  $E_1[ \text{FLOAT}(I) \cdot X ]$
  - Summing up the solutions
  - RETURN if change in sum smaller than 1.0E-5

## EXPINT

**Function to support cross section computation.**

- Solution of the integral of the exponential function  $E_1(x) = \text{Int}[ 1/t \cdot \exp(-xt) dt ]$

## INTSUM

**Subroutine to compute partial sums (Integration of the function 1/LAM\*CROSS over wavelength between two neighboring WINT(J)).**

### 2.1.1 The Input Datafile ATM

The datafile ATM contains extensive information on the model atmosphere, which has been computed by the program ATM (ATMOS). A detailed description can be found in the manual for the program system model atmosphere.

### 2.1.2 The Input Datafile DF

The datafile DF contains the distribution functions of the line opacities from Kurucz (ATLAS6, ATLAS9).

### 2.1.3 The Input Datafile \$IN

The notation datafile is somewhat sloppy in this context, because \$IN denotes the standard input of each program. This input is passed onto the program by the script that controls the flow of the program system. The program RATES takes as standard input a single value, namely IFLPT. This value controls the standard output.

### 2.1.4 The Input Datafile CROSS

The datafile CROSS is one of the two files that have to be explicitly generated for the NLTE code. The file CROSS serves as input file for the program RATES.

It contains the desired frequency grid, controls the character of the radiation field that gets computed and then later used for the calculation of the photoionisation rates. In addition, it contains an explicit list of the bound-free transitions, for which rates will be calculated.

To make this filename unique and meaningful, it can have a specific name such as ci\_cross.dat. However, once the program system is started, the file has to get copied or linked to the name CROSS. This can be done within the script that controls the flow of the program system.

The file CROSS has to be structured as follows:

\* **First line:**            IELEM

Format:            I5

Explanation:    IELEM denotes the atomic number of the element, e.g.  
FeI --> IELEM = 2600  
BaII--> IELEM = 5601



\* **Next new line:** SCSTART SCEND SCA SCB

Format: free

Explanation: SCSTART denotes the starting wavelength, SCEND the end wavelength for scaling the line opacity. SCA and SCB are the scaling factors.

**!!IMPORTANT!!** This scaling is meant primarily for ATLAS6 ODFs. The missing UV opacity in those ODFs was compensated by

1675 2076 -1.7e-3 1.0

in the case of the Sun. If ATLAS9 ODFs are used, this option has to be switched off by using

1000000 0 0 0 .

\* **Next new line:** NXTION

Format: I4

Explanation: Meaning unknown

\* **Next new line:** NUMAX

Format: free

Explanation: NUMAX=0 : no further significance for program flow  
>0: computation of a radiation field JNU(TAU) for NUMAX lines (with fixed rates). The JNU(TAU) values are stored in RADIAT

If NUMAX>0, give in the following lines the wavelength of the lines to be calculated in Å, NUMAX wavelength points in format 4F10.3.

**!!IMPORTANT!!** This does not work any longer. It leads to program abort.

**\* Next new line:** IFRAD

Format: free

Explanation: IFRAD controls the way JNU is calculated. Since photoionisation is mostly relevant in the ultraviolet spectral range, the radiation field is named UV

IFRAD=0 : UV-Field = BNU (Trad)  
IFRAD=1 : JNUC  
IFRAD=2 : JNUI (with line opacities).

**\* Next new line:** NUMAX WAVEMAX DELTAWA

Format: free

Explanation: All three are control parameters that define the wavelength grid

NUMAX: denotes the total number of following wavelength points; NUMAX <= 1200  
(if version with ATLAS9 ODF's is used: NUMAX <=1300)

WAVEMAX: denotes the last wavelength point  
DELTAWA: denotes the stepsize of the wavelength grid; this is only important for extrapolation of the following explicitly listed wavelength grid.

**\* Next new line:** WAVE

Format: free

Explanation: this is the explicitly listed grid of wavelength points, for which the radiation field will be computed.

WAVE has to be tabulated in Å (if version with ATLAS9 ODF's is used, WAVE has to be in nm)

A total of NUMAX wavelength points have to be listed.

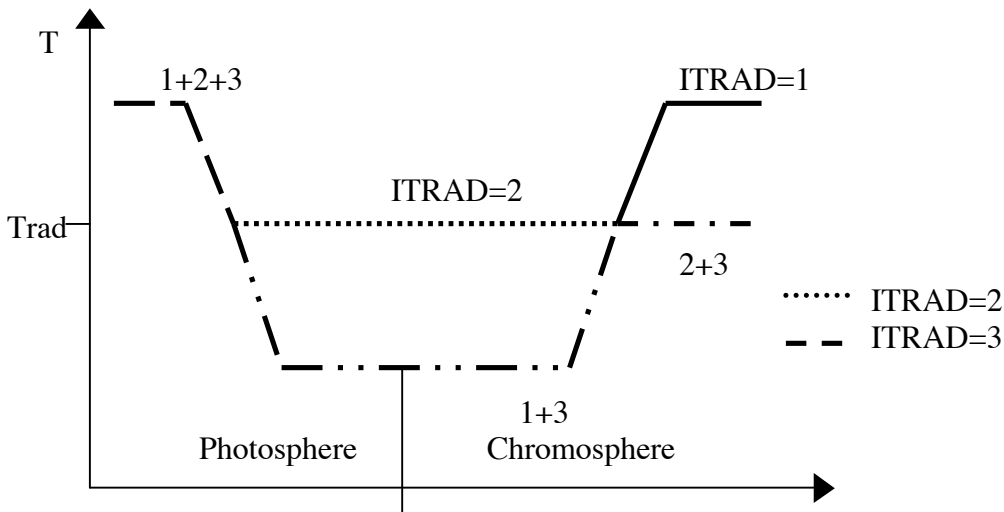
**\* Next new line:** NRIJ

Format: free

Explanation: NRIJ denotes the number of following b-f transitions; NRIJ<=99.

In the next NRIJ lines, the following parameters are listed next to each other in free format:

IREF: lower level of b-f transition  
 JREF: upper level of b-f transition  
 WEDGE: wavelength of edge (ionization energy) in Å  
 IMAX: number of cross section points  
 XWA: wavelengths, IMAX points  
 AQUER: corresponding cross sections in  $1E-18 \text{ cm}^2$ , IMAX points  
 ITRAD: control parameter to decide which radiation field is used to calculate the photionisation cross sections.  
 ITRAD=0 : UV-Field = JNU  
 ITRAD=1 : BNU(TRAD), TRAD=Tel  
 ITRAD=2 : BNU(TRAD), TRAD=Tel(photosph.)  
 ITRAD=3 : BNU(TRAD), TRAD=Tel(chromosph.)



Further parameters in this line: two options

a) if ITRAD=0:

ENDTRA: the cross section is calculated down to  
 LAMBDA=ENDTRA

b) if ITRAD>0:

ENDTRA: denotes the radiative temperature Trad

if IMAX>1 then in addition in a new line (!!!):

ENDTRA: see (a) for meaning

Note: Please keep in mind that IFRAD=0 and ITRAD=0 cannot be at the same time, because IFRAD=0 precludes computation of JNU, while ITRAD=0 calculates the photoionisation rates from the JNU values. This will of course fail.

----- Example for a CROSS-datafile: CI -----

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600          ielem
100000 0 0 0      from to (lambda) scalea scaleb
0          nxtion for depart
0          dummy
2          2: J(nu) with line opacity, 1: J(nu), 0: B(T_rad)
336 50000.0 500.0
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227.941	232.000	236.522	250.074	254.661	259.000
261.432	271.000	280.926	286.587	299.585	302.626
317.000	335.000	349.700	352.500	361.410	370.000
380.160	389.664	411.549	418.799	433.000	459.000
485.200	504.302	508.763	525.000	555.000	574.100
600.000	625.000	655.379	688.000	722.401	750.000
790.000	830.000	870.000	911.764	930.000	950.000
975.000	1000.000	1025.000	1050.000	1075.000	1100.920
1125.000	1150.000	1175.000	1200.000	1220.000	1239.618
1270.000	1300.000	1325.000	1350.000	1375.000	1400.000
1422.000	1444.018	1470.000	1495.000	1520.000	1545.000
1570.000	1595.000	1621.507	1650.000	1676.721	1700.000
1725.000	1750.000	1775.000	1800.000	1830.000	1850.000
1875.000	1910.000	1930.000	1950.000	1978.447	2000.000
2025.000	2050.000	2077.564	2100.000	2125.000	2150.000
2175.000	2200.000	2225.000	2250.000	2275.000	2300.000
2325.000	2350.000	2375.000	2400.000	2425.000	2450.000
2475.000	2500.000	2513.815	2525.000	2550.000	2575.000
2600.000	2625.000	2650.000	2675.000	2700.000	2725.000
2750.000	2775.000	2800.000	2825.000	2850.000	2875.000
2900.000	2925.000	2950.000	2975.000	3000.000	3025.000
3050.000	3075.000	3100.000	3125.000	3150.000	3175.000
3200.000	3225.000	3250.000	3275.000	3300.000	3325.000
3350.000	3375.000	3400.000	3425.000	3450.000	3475.000
3500.000	3525.000	3550.000	3575.000	3600.000	3625.000
3647.055	3675.000	3700.000	3725.000	3750.000	3775.000

3800.000	3825.000	3850.000	3875.000	3900.000	3925.000
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4100.000	4125.000	4150.000	4175.000	4200.000	4225.000
4250.000	4275.000	4300.000	4325.000	4350.000	4375.000
4400.000	4425.000	4450.000	4475.000	4500.000	4525.000
4550.000	4575.000	4600.000	4625.000	4650.000	4675.000
4700.000	4725.000	4750.000	4775.000	4800.000	4825.000
4850.000	4875.000	4900.000	4925.000	4950.000	4975.000
5000.000	5050.000	5100.000	5150.000	5200.000	5250.000
5300.000	5350.000	5400.000	5450.000	5500.000	5550.000
5600.000	5650.000	5700.000	5750.000	5800.000	5850.000
5900.000	5950.000	6000.000	6050.000	6100.000	6150.000
6200.000	6250.000	6300.000	6350.000	6400.000	6450.000
6500.000	6550.000	6600.000	6650.000	6700.000	6750.000
6800.000	6850.000	6900.000	6950.000	7000.000	7050.000
7100.000	7200.000	7300.000	7400.000	7500.000	7600.000
7700.000	7800.000	7900.000	8000.000	8100.000	8205.874
8300.000	8400.000	8500.000	8600.000	8700.000	8800.000
8900.000	9000.000	9100.000	9200.000	9300.000	9400.000
9500.000	9600.000	9700.000	9800.000	9900.000	10000.000
10100.000	10200.000	10300.000	10400.000	10500.000	10600.000
10700.000	10800.000	10900.000	11000.000	11100.000	11200.000
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### 2.1.5 The Output Datafile RIJ

This datafile contains the computed photoionisation rates  $R_{ij}$  and  $R_{ji}$ . This datafile is unformatted. The data is organized as follows:

$$[ \{ R_{ij}(ID,I), R_{ji}(ID,I) \} I=1, \dots, NRIJ ] ID=1, \dots, NDEPTH.$$

### 2.1.6 The Standard Output of RATES

The standard output contains information about the radiation field, which has been computed in RATES and used for the photoionisation rates. The following table is compiled for the wavelength grid specified in CROSS:

1. Wavelength in Å
2. The depth at which  $\tau=1$
3.  $\lg$  HNUI surface flux with line opacity
4. Ratio of HNUI/HNUC
5. Loop counter for the correction of the intensity JNU due to line opacity

## 2.2 The Program START

### START

**Program to calculate the electron and neutral particle collision cross sections of all transitions. It derives the respective rates connecting all specified atomic levels. The photoionization and collision rates are combined into the rate matrix  $A_{ij}$ . In addition, the Voigt profile is calculated for the b-b transitions specified in the input datafile ATOM.**

- Opening the input datafile ATOM
- Read in title
- Standard output of title
- Reading number of levels (NL), lines (NT) and transitions with fixed rates (NRFIX)
- Read in NL atomic levels (IR, EPS, DI, RRCA, G, NXTION, LABEL)
- Initialize reference array IJREF(IR)=IL (only important if energy levels are not initially sorted in ascending order)
- Computation of the charge number IZ for each level
- Standard output of these values
- Read DLOGC6, DLOGC4, DLOGGR
- Read NT lines (IR, JR, LAMT, GFLG, C4LG, RAD, IFMAX, PHOTO)
  - If PHOTO=F
    - o Standard output of these values
  - If PHOTO=T
    - o NPT=NPT+1 number of b-f transitions
    - o Initializing two arrays to change from NPT to IT and vice-versa (IPIT and ITIP)
    - o Read the photoionisation cross section (PLAM(IJ,NPT), PSIG(NJ,NPT), PWT(IJ,NPT),IJ=1,IFMAX)
    - o IT=IT+1
- If NPT>0 standard output of photoionisation transitions
- Read NRFIX transitions with fixed rates (IR, JR, PHOR, OCR)
  - If PHOR=F and JR<NXTION(IR)
    - o Compute wavelength from IR and JR
  - Standard output of transitions with fixed rates
- Call of subroutine ATMOS to compute the model atmosphere
- Call of subroutine RATCAL to compute the collision rates  $C_{ij}$  and  $C_{ji}$ . If necessary, the photoionisation rates and/or some chosen line transitions with fixed rates get added up.
- Call subroutine CHIGEN to compute line profile for those b-b transitions that are specified in ATOM
- Call subroutine OUTMOD to generate the output datafile MODEL



## ATMOS

**Program that calculates a model atmosphere for the given temperature stratification, T( $\tau$ ). Additional parameters are calculated: gas pressure, electron pressure, particle densities etc..**

- Open input datafile ATM
- Read element composition (NAMI, WTI, AEPS)
- HE = [He/H]
- WEI = atomic weight of model atom
- Compute element fractions FRACI and mean atomic mass AVEM from the listed element abundances
- Standard output of abundances
- Read model atmosphere (NDEPTH, TEFF, GLOG, REFLAM, RSU)  
( TAUREF(ID), ID=1,NDEPTH ), ( TEMP(ID), ID=1,NDEPTH ),  
( PELG(ID), ID=1,NDEPTH ), ( PGLG(ID), ID=1,NDEPTH ),  
( REFKAP(ID), ID=1,NDEPTH ), ( REFSIG(ID), ID=1,NDEPTH ),  
( R(ID), ID=1,NDEPTH ), ( XI(ID), ID=1,NDEPTH )
- Close data file ATM
- Call subroutine INTEGR to compute a mass scale MA(TAU) in g/cm<sup>2</sup>
- For all depth points
  - Call subroutine IONDIS to compute particle densities
  - Compute particle density for model atom NATOMT
  - Compute total density RHO(TAU) in g/cm<sup>3</sup>
  - If ID=1
    - o Standard output of ionisation potentials for the model atom
  - Compute fraction of hydrogen in ground state ZETAH
  - Compute level population density of the continuum
  - Adding up total level population density
- Standard output of model atmosphere (TEFF, GLOG, HE, RSU, GG, REFLAM)  
(ID, TRLOG, MA, MLOG, TEMP, PELG, PGLG, RHO, XI, R, NATOMT, NATOM, ID=1,NDEPTH)
- If RSU<0
  - Standard output ' ASSUMING CONSTANT LOG G '

**Note:** If RSU>0.0, LOG G is computed using the following formula (see ATMOS code description):

$$\text{LOG G} = \text{LOG G}(\text{TAU1}) + 2 * \text{LOG}(\text{R}(\text{TAU1})/\text{R}(\text{TAU}))$$

## INTEGR

**Subroutine to integrate an equation. INTEGR is identical with the subroutine INTEG, except for the smaller dimension of the used arrays.**

- Call subroutine PARCOE to compute the parabolic coefficients  $a_j$ ,  $b_j$  and  $c_j$
- $$\text{Int}[x dx] = \text{Sum} \left[ \begin{array}{r} a_j \\ b_j * (x_{j+1} + x_j)/2 \\ c_j * (x_{j+1}^2 + x_{j+1} * x_j + x_j^2)/3 \end{array} \right] * (x_{j+1} - x_j) ]$$

## PARCOE

**Subroutine to compute the parabolic coefficients as weighted mean between forward and backward parabola.**

## RATCAL

**Subroutine to compute the collision rates  $C_{ij}$  and  $C_{ji}$ .**

- Opening the input datafile RIJ
- Opening the output datafiles FIXRAT and COLRAT
- Call subroutine COLSEC to compute collision cross sections for all levels of the model atom
- For all depth points
  - Call subroutine COLRAT to compute the collision rates  $C_{ij}$  and  $C_{ji}$
  - Initialization of the matrix  $A_{ij}$  for  $i, j=1 \dots NK$  (all zeros);  
NK is the number of levels including the continuum
    - For all b-f and b-b transitions with fixed rates
      - If b-f transition
        - Read  $R_{ij}$  and  $R_{ji}$  from file RIJ
        - Multiply  $R_{ji}$  with the ratio of level population numbers  $N_i/N_j$
      - If b-b transition
        - If IREAD=0 (1.Iteration)
          - Open datafile RADIAT (does not exist any longer, probably one has to write this file out in RATES5)
          - IREAD=1
        - Read JNU from RADIAT
        - Compute  $R_{ij}$  and  $R_{ji}$
        - Add  $R_{ij}$  and  $R_{ji}$  to the collision rates  $C_{ij}$  and  $C_{ji}$ ; the names  $C_{ij}$  and  $C_{ji}$  stay
      - For all possible transitions between the levels of the model atom
        - $A_{ij} = -C_{ji}$
        - $A_{ii} = \text{Sum},k [ C_{ik} ]$

- For all j
- $A(NK,j)=1$
- Write the matrix  $A_{ij}$  and the total particle density to the output datafile FIXRAT
- Write level population numbers for all depth points and all levels to FIXRAT
- If IREAD=1
  - Close the datafile RADIAT
- Close the datafiles RIJ and FIXRAT
- If IFRATIO>0
  - Standard output of the ratio of neutral particle and electron collision rates

## COLSEC

**Subroutine to compute collision cross sections for all elements except Helium (currently Helium needs its own subroutine, which unfortunately got lost in this program version).**

- All necessary variables are set to zero for all possible transitions between all levels (also ICIND=0)
- Read the number of valence electrons XXI1, XXI2
- Read scaling factors SCALE and FTOAL, as well as the control parameter IPIA02 to compute the collision cross sections
- Electron collisional ionization cross sections are computed for all levels (Drawin #33)
 
$$COLL(IC) = (EH/E_{ij})^2 * 0.665 * XXI$$
- Electron collisional excitation cross sections are computed for all levels
  - If IPIA02=2
 
$$COLL(IC) = -r^2[a0^2] * SCALE$$
  - If IPIA02=1
 
$$COLL(IC) = -SCALE$$
  - If IPIA02=0
 
$$COLL(IC) = -(EH/E_{ij})/g_i * SCALE$$

**Note:** For FeII, all electron excitation cross sections are set to  $+1.0*SCALE$ , because all transitions are treated as optically allowed. Only a few transitions with explicitly given cross sections from Nussbaumer are computed in COLRAT as optically forbidden transitions.

The preliminary negative sign of all cross sections has no meaning. In the following, the cross sections of optically allowed transitions are multiplied again by  $-1$ . Then, only optically forbidden cross sections have a negative sign.

- Read the number of optically allowed transitions, for which default cross sections are to be computed

- Read lower and upper level numbers of these transitions
- Scale optically allowed cross sections with factor FTOAL
- Read number of cross sections for which collision rates are to be computed using the Born approximation
- Read lower and upper level numbers of these transitions
- ICIND(IC)=-1 (set flag for Born cross sections)
- Read scaling factors for b-f and b-b transitions for which other electron cross sections are to be computed
- Read number of these transitions
- Read these transitions (ICLOW, ICUP, CCS)
  - If ICUP>0
    - Sign of ICLOW determined sign of CCS and therefore if the collision is optically allowed or forbidden  
COLL(IC) = CCS
    - If ICUP<0 and ICLOW>0
      - COLL(IC) = (EH/Eij)^2 \* fij
      - If carbon
        - Minimum cross section = 0.1
    - If ICUP<0 and ICLOW<0
      - Abort the program
- Read number of transitions for which energy resolved cross sections are to be computed
- Read these transitions (ICLOW, ICUP, NPOINTS)
  - IS = IS + 1
  - Read the resolved cross section ( ECOLL(IS,II), SCOLL(IS,II), II=1,IABS(NPOINTS) )
  - ICIND=IS (set flag for energy resolved cross sections)
  - COLL(IC) = FLOAT(NPOINTS)
- Set default cross sections for neutral particle collisions (neutral particle cross section = electron cross section, that is neutral particle cross section = MAX(E-cross section) in case of energy resolved cross sections) COLNEU ICINDN = 0
- Compute standard deviation and variance for all electron collision cross sections
- Search for smallest and largest electron cross section
- Calculate mean electron cross section
- Standard output for electron cross section
- Read scaling factors for neutral particle collision cross sections FH1BB, FH1BF
- Read number of transitions for which other than default neutral particle collision cross sections are to be computed
- Read these transitions (ICLOW, ICUP, CCS)
  - COLNEU = CCS
- Read number of transitions for which energy resolved neutral particle cross sections are available
- Read these transitions (ICLOW, ICUP, NPOINTS)

- IS = IS + 1
- Read resolved cross sections ( ECOLL(IS,II),  
SCOLL(IS,II), II=1,NPOINTS )
- COLNEU = FLOAT(NPOINTS)
- ICINDN = IS
- Standard output of cross sections of neutral particle collisions

## COLRAT

**Subroutine to compute collision rates for all elements except helium (the subroutine HECLRT got lost in this program version).**

- Set constants and functions for computation of collision rates (for details see Sven Stürenburgs manual on computation of collision cross sections and PhD thesis of D. Gigas)
- Call subroutine EXPINT
- Initialize matrix Cij (set all values to zero)
- If necessary, read datafile BORNDAT
- For all possible transitions
  - If ICIND=0
    - Compute rate for b-f electron collisions  
 $A_{ij} = AICON * Abs(COLL) * F1$
  - If ICIND>0
    - Call subroutine INTEGR to integrate energy resolved collision cross section  
 $A_{ij} = K * \text{Int}[ ECOLL/kT * \text{Exp}(-ECOLL/kT) * SCOLL dE ]$
  - If ICINDN=0  
 $B_{ij} = BICON * COLNEU * PSI$
  - If ICINDN>0
    - Call subroutine INTEGR to integrate energy resolved collision cross section  
 $B_{ij} = K * \text{Int}[ ECOLL/kT * \text{Exp}(-ECOLL/kT) * SCOLL dE ]$
  - Compute the ratio of neutral particle to electron collision rates
  - Compute the total b-f collision rate  
 $C_{ij} = A_{ij} + B_{ij}$   
 $C_{ji} = C_{ij} * n_i/n_j$  (from detailed statistical equilibrium)
  - If ION=1, that is neutral model atom
    - Compute spin of lower level I
    - If ICIND=0
      - If COLL>0, that is optically allowed collision
        - Compute the b-b electron collision rate  
 $A_{ij} = ACON * 0.8278 * Abs(COLL) * F1$
      - If Coll<0, that is optically forbidden collision
        - Compute spin of upper level j
        - Compute DELTAS = Spin(i) - Spin(j)

b-f

- b-b
- If DELTAS=0
    - Compute b-b electron collision rate
 
$$A_{ij} = ACON * Abs(COLL) * F0$$
  - If DELTAS<>0 and I=1
    - Call function MAP2 to compute function F3 by interpolation in the arrays UIJ and PSI3
    - Compute b-b electron collision rate
 
$$A_{ij} = ACON * 5.38 * Abs(COLL) * W * F3$$
  - If DELTAS<>0 and I>1
    - Compute b-b electron collision rate
 
$$A_{ij} = ACON * Abs(COLL) * F00$$
    - If element not magnesium
      - $A_{ij} = 4 * A_{ij}$  (consistent matching with optically allowed transitions, see PhD thesis of D. Gigas)
  - If ICIND>0
    - Call subroutine INTEGR to integrate energy resolved collision cross section
 
$$A_{ij} = K * \text{Int}[ ECOLL/kT * \text{Exp}(-ECOLL/kT) * SCOLL \text{ dE} ] * FELBB$$
  - If ICIND=-1
    - Call subroutine BORNCR to compute Born collision cross section BRAT
    - Compute b-b electron collision rate
 
$$A_{ij} = NE * BRAT * FELBB$$
    - If element magnesium
      - Call function CLRTMG
      - If CLRTMG=-1
        - Compute b-b electron collision rate
 
$$A_{ij} = NE * BRAT * FELBB$$
  - If ION>1
    - If ICIND=0
      - If COLL>0
        - Call function MAP2 to compute F2 by interpolation in tables UIJ and PSI2
        - Compute b-b electron collision rate
 
$$A_{ij} = ACON * Abs(COLL) * W * F2$$
      - If COLL<0
        - Compute b-b electron collision rate
 
$$A_{ij} = ACON * Abs(COLL) * F00$$
        - If element not magnesium or barium
          - $A_{ij} = 4 * A_{ij}$  (explanation see above)
        - If element is barium
          - $A_{ij} = 1.64 * A_{ij}$
    - If ICIND>0
- neutral
- b-b

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- Call subroutine INTEGR to integrate energy resolved collision cross section
$$A_{ij} = K * \text{Int}[ \text{ECOLL}/kT * \text{Exp}(-\text{ECOLL}/kT) * \text{SCOLL } dE ] * \text{FELBB}$$
- If element Barium
  - If function CLRTBA=-1
    - $A_{ij} = NE * \text{BRAT} * \text{FELBB}$
- If ICINDN=0
  - Compute b-b neutral particle collision rate
$$B_{ij} = \text{BCON} * \text{COLNEU} * \text{PSI}$$
- If ICINDN>0
  - Call subroutine INTEGR to integrate energy resolved collision cross section
$$B_{ij} = K * \text{Int}[ \text{ECOLL}/kT * \text{Exp}(-\text{ECOLL}/kT) * \text{SCOLL } dE ] * \text{FH1BB}$$
- Compute total b-b collision rate
$$C_{ij} = A_{ij} + B_{ij}$$
$$C_{ji} = C_{ij} * n_i/n_j \text{ (from detailed statistical equilibrium)}$$

### WRBIN

**Subroutine for unformatted read and write from/to datafiles. WRBIN has six entry points: RE1, RE2, RE3, WR1, WR2, WR3. One, two or three arrays of dimension K, L, M are read/written from/to unit IUN.**

### WRIBIN

**Subroutine for unformatted read and write from/to datafiles. WRIBIN has also six entry points: RE1I, RE2I, RE3I, WR1I, WR2I, WR3I. The use is the same as for WRBIN, but here integer arrays are read/written.**

### BORNCR

**Subroutine to compute collision cross sections BRAT with the Born approximation.**

- See if data is available from tables for both l-values
- Set geometric form factors
- Derive effective quantum number
- Find position in tables (if necessary extrapolation)
- Interpolation in tables
- Compute collision cross section BRAT using the Born approximation

### CLRTBA

**Function to compute collision rates from the Born-Coulomb calculations by Sobelman for barium.**

### **CLRTMG**

**Function to compute collision rates from the Born-Coulomb calculations by Sobelman for magnesium.**

### **MAP2**

**Subroutine for parabolic interpolation (same formalism as PARCOE).**

### **OUTMOD**

- Open the output datafile MODEL
- Model atom and model atmosphere data are written to the file MODEL
- Close datafile MODEL

**Note:** Details on the data, see 2.2.8 for structure of output datafile MODEL!

### **CHIGEN**

**Subroutine to compute line profile of the given b-b transitions.**

- Open output data files OPA and BOUND
- Read desired number of frequency points NFMAX1 from ATOM
- If NFMAX1>0
  - Read NFMAX1 distances from line center in units of maximal Doppler width
- If NFMAX1=0 (standard case)
  - Standard table with 30 frequency points
- Standard output of frequency grid
- For all depth points
  - Compute the Doppler velocity VDOP
- For all depth points
  - Find depth NDMAX at which VDOP has its maximum
- VDSTD = VDOP (NDMAX)
- Standard output of title  
LAMBDA SPACING IN THE LINES ....
- For all depth points
  - Computation of pre-factors for line broadening parameters after Lindholm
- For all transitions NT



- If b-b transition
  - For all depth points
    - Call subroutine OPALAM to compute the continuum opacity CHI (absorption) and CHIE (scattering)
  - Call subroutine XBACKOP to scale the continuum opacity and compute opacity of background lines
  - If C4LG=0
    - Electron collisional broadening following Griem/Cowley
  - For all depth points
    - If C4LG<0
      - No electron collisional broadening
    - For all frequency points
      - Compute Voigt function using the function H
      - Sum up entire profile for check
    - Find depth at which this sum has a minimum/maximum
  - For all frequency points
    - For all angles MU
    - Compute the radiation field BC at the inner edge using the asymptotic form of the radiative transfer equation
 
$$BC = BNU + MU * DBNU/DTAU \text{ (Mihalas, p.29)}$$
- If b-f transition
  - For all frequency points
    - For all depth points
      - Call subroutine OPALAM to compute the continuum opacity
      - Remove LTE opacity of model atom
      - Call subroutine LINOP to compute line opacity
      - For all depth points
        - Scale line opacity and add continuum opacity
    - For all angles
      - Compute the radiation field BC at the inner edge using the asymptotic form of the radiative transfer equation
 
$$BC = BNU + MU * DBNU/DTAU$$
 (Mihalas, p.29)
  - Standard output of b-f transition
- Close OPA and BOUND

## **XBACKOP**

**Subroutine to scale the continuum opacity and to compute opacity of background lines.**

- ITT and ITYP are set to zero

- f-values, statistical weights, excitation energies of lower level, wavelengths and quantum numbers of lower/upper level for all Lyman-, Balmer-, Paschen- and Brackett-lines are set
- If IT>ITT
  - Read ITT and ITYP from ATOM
- Scaling factor OPSCA and background line opacity LIOP are set to 1 and 0 respectively
- If IT=ITT
  - If ITYP=1
    - Read OPSCA from ATOM
    - Standard output of the line and the scaling factors
  - If ITYP>=100
    - Read background line from ATOM (BLAM, BCHI, BGFLG, BDRRCA, BC4LG, BRAD)
    - Standard output of the line with respective data for the background line
    - Find background element in array NAMI
    - If not found stop program
    - If element is hydrogen
      - Compute pre-factors for line broadening of hydrogen lines; log K+17 formalism from program Linfor
    - If other element
      - Compute pre-factors for line broadening of metal lines
    - For all depth points
      - Compute the Doppler velocity
      - If element is hydrogen
        - Compute line opacity using the function XPROFHY to compute hydrogen line profiles
      - If other element
        - Compute line opacity using the H function to calculate the Voigt function for the line
  - Else stop program, because ITYP is wrong
  - Read ITT and ITYP from ATOM
- Else if ITT<0
  - If IT=1: Read VCS-tables
  - Find the appropriate hydrogen line relevant for IT
  - Take also into account the two hydrogen lines to the right and left
  - For all depth points
    - For all 5 hydrogen lines
      - If within 300 Å of IT
        - Interpolate in the VCS tables
        - Convert normalized line profile from [ESU/Å] to [s]
        - Sum up opacity of respective depth CHI(ID)
  - Jump back in UATOM, so that background opacity is taken into account once for each line
- For all depth points

- Continuum opacity/AVEMAT

### **XPROFHY**

#### **Function to compute hydrogen line profile.**

- If  $\Delta\lambda < 5 * \Delta\lambda_D$  ( $DL < 5 * DLD$ )
  - Compute XPROFHY using function XASH to calculate an asymptotic profile
- If  $DL \geq 5 * DLD$ 
  - $XPROFHY = XASH$

### **XASH**

#### **Function to calculate an asymptotic profile.**

- $XASH = (1 + R * \sqrt{\Delta\lambda} + C_e / CH * p_H / p_e) / (\Delta\lambda^{5/2})$  after Griem (1962)

### **H**

#### **Function to compute the Voigt-function.**

- $H(\text{ALPHA}, V) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [\text{ALPHA}^n * H_n(V)]$ , where  $H_n(V)$  is tabulated for  $n \leq 4$  by Harris (1948)

## 2.2.1 The Input Datafile ATOM

The datafile ATOM is the second large datafile that has to be explicitly generated for the NLTE program. It contains data about the model atom that is going to be analysed.

The file ATOM is an input file for the program START and has to have this name for the computation. In libraries and directories it can (and probably should) have a more specific name.

The file has to be structured as follows:

**\* First line:** HEAD

Format: free

Explanation: HEAD is a title to mark the standard output. It is possible to have the CRAY job or script that handles the program flow insert a title here, so that HEAD is a dummy.

**\* Second line:** NAME

Format: free

Explanation: NAME is the element designation, that is the atomic number of the element with two additional identification numbers.

Example: 5600 is Barium BaI  
2601 is Iron FeII

**\* Third line:** NL NT NRFIX

Format: free free free

Explanation: NL is the number of following listed atomic levels.  
NT is the number of explicitly listed b-b and b-f transitions, that are taken into account for the linearization.  
NRFIX is the number of b-b and/or b-f transitions with fixed rates.

**\* next NL lines:** each has the following six quantities

Designation	Format	Explanation
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EPS	free	Energy of the level in eV
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DI	free	Excitation energy of parent ion in eV
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RRCA	free	mean square orbital radius in units of the square Bohr radius
G	free	Statistical weight
NXTION	free	Level number of the level, to which this level ionizes or number of the continuum if the ionization starts from the last ionization stage
LABEL	free	Level designation

**Note:** About NXTION: If two ionization stages plus continuum are to be computed, the code needs the number of the ground level of the second ionization stage. The program automatically takes NXTION(1) as ground level of the second ionization stage, that is it assumes that the ground level of the first ionization stage ionizes into the ground level of the second ionization stage.

**If different: change program!!!!**

About DI: The quantities DI and NXTION work together (parent ion: one electron less than before)

DI=0, if the level to which the ionization leads is either directly listed or the continuum of the model atom (total number of levels plus one)

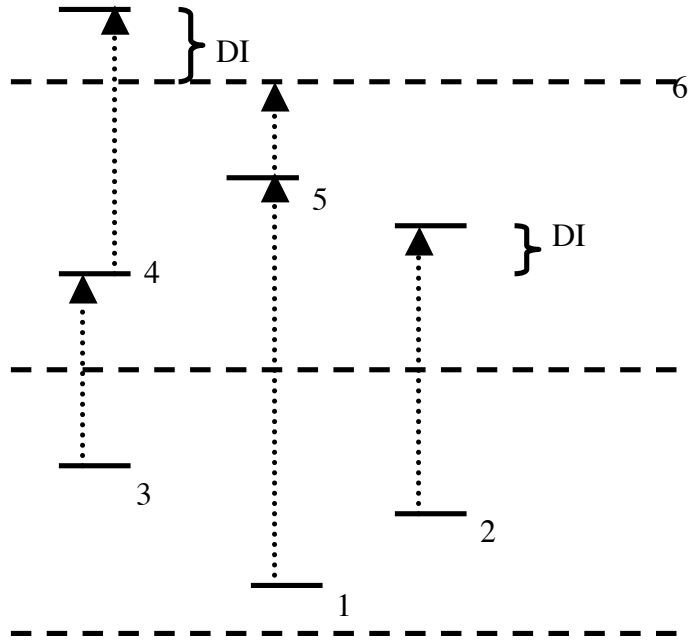
DI<>0, if the level to which the ionization leads is not explicitly listed. Then DI is the energy difference between the true level and the level given by NXTION in eV.

The continuum has the energy zero. If the level to which the ionization leads is not zero, the energy difference has to be specified here as well.

Example: Five listed energy levels plus continuum with the respective ionization transitions

The value of DI for level 2 and four is non-zero. DI is the energy distance in eV to the level listed as NXTION.

NXTION(2)=4, NXTION(4)=6.



\* next new line: DLOGC6 DLOGC4 DLOGGR

Format: free free free

Explanation: DLOGC6 = DELTA( log [ C6 ] ) ( =+1:normal)  
 DLOGC4 = DELTA( log [ C4 ] ) ( =0 :normal)  
 DLOGGR = DELTA( log [ GAMMA rad ] ) ( =0 :normal)

These are scaling factors for the respective quantities. A value of +1 means that the computed or read quantity gets multiplied by a factor  $10^{+1} = 10$ . In case of -1, division by 10.

\* next NT lines: (explicit transitions)

Designation	Format	Explanation
IR	free	from
JR	free	to level number
LAMT	free	wavelength of line in Å if PHOTO=F(alse) End wavelength for scaling the opacity (SCEND) if PHOTO=T(rue)

GFLG	free	log(gf), if PHOTO=F(false), SCA, if PHOTO=T(true)
C4LG	free	-log( C4 ), if PHOTO=F(false), SCB, if PHOTO=T(true);
		C4LG<0, no Stark broadening C4LG>0, C4 after Mihalas Gamma=DELTA(Omega)=11.37*C4^1.5*v^0.33*N C4LG=0, approximation after Cowley/Griem (see Linfor-code description)
RAD	free	GAMMA rad in 10^8 sec^-1
		RAD=-1 program computes the classical value GAMMA=GAMMAc =2.22E7/LAM^2 (LAM in Å), if PHOTO=F(false) Dummy, if PHOTO=T(true)
IFMAX	free	Number of frequency points that are to be used to compute the Voigt profile (half profile!), if PHOTO=F(false) Number of following triple of resolved photoionisation cross section, if PHOTO=T(true)
PHOTO	free	T(true) for photoionisation, b-f
		Then in next lines:  PLAM PSIG PWT
	Format:	free free free
		There have to be IFMAX triple of quantities
	Explanation:	PLAM is the wavelength, PSIG is the photoionisation cross section, and PWT the integration weight for the resolved cross section
		F(false) for line transitions, b-b

**\* next NREFIX lines:**

Designation	Format	Explanation
IR	free	from
JR	free	to level number ( if b-f: J=NXTION(I) )
PHOR	free	T(true) for b-f F(false) for b-b
OCR	free	Dummy, if b-f log(gf), if b-b

**\* next new line: XXI1 XXI2**

Format: free

Explanation: XXI1 is the number of valence electrons of the first ionization stage, XXI2 that of the second ionization stage (Drawin, Coll. and Transp. Cross-Sections, S.14)

**\* next new line: SCALE FTOAL IPIA02**

Format: free

Explanation: SCALE is a scaling factor for electron- and neutral particle collision cross sections. As a starting point, SCALE should be set to 1.0.

FTOAL is the factor between forbidden and allowed cross sections (10 is a good choice in case of IPIA02=0, see Allen 1973, Astr.Quant. p.44)

IPIA02=2: default cross section that is computed with the mean quadratic orbital radii RRCA  
 IPIA02=1: default cross section =  $\text{PI} \cdot a^2$   
 IPIA02=0: default cross section is energy dependent after Allen (1973)

**\* next new line: N1**

Format: free



Explanation: N1 is the number of optically allowed transitions of the atom, for which default cross sections are to be used

**\* next new lines:** ICLOW ICUP

Format: free free

There have to be N1 pairs of values distributed over the lines.  
Separation of the values by blanks!

Explanation: For the optically allowed transitions, for which default cross sections are to be used, ICLOW is the number of the lower level and ICUP the one of the upper level (ICLOW<ICUP)

**\* next new line:** N2

Format: free

Explanation: N2 is the number of transitions with collision rates which are to be computed following the Born approximation (Sobelman table)

**\* next new line:** ICLOW ICUP

Format: free free

There have to be listed N2 pairs of values.

Explanation: ICLOW and ICUP are the level numbers of the lower and upper energy level.

**\* next new line:** FELBB FELBF

Format: free

Explanation: FELBB is a scaling factor for electron collision rates for bound-bound transitions. As a starting point set FELBB=1.

FELBF is the respective scaling factor for bound-free transitions.

**\* next new line:** N3

Format: free

Explanation: N3 is the number of following listed transitions, for which different cross sections are to be used.

**\* next new lines:** ICLOW ICUP CCS

Format: free free free

There have to be listed N3 triples of values, arbitrarily distributed over the lines.

Explanation: ICLOW and ICUP are again the level numbers, but depending on the sign the values have different meaning. Different cases have to be distinguished:

a) ICLOW > 0, ICUP > 0 : for optically allowed transitions  
=> CCS=max. electron cross section

If ICUP=NXTION(ICLOW),  
collisional ionization (if no default  
values are to be used)

b) ICLOW > 0, ICUP < 0 : for optically allowed transitions  
=> CCS=log(gf) for dipole  
approximation (for carbon the  
minimal cross section is  
 $0.1 \cdot \pi \cdot a_0^2$ )

c) ICLOW < 0, ICUP > 0 : for optically forbidden transitions  
=> CCS= max. electron cross section  
(only for those transitions for which  
no default cross section is to be used)

d) ICLOW < 0, ICUP < 0 : not allowed at this point

**Note:** All collisional ionization cross sections have to be given in units of  $\pi \cdot a_0^2$ !!  $\pi=3.1415\dots$ , and  $a_0=0.52921E-8$  cm<sup>2</sup> (Bohr radius). In total:  $\pi \cdot a_0^2 = 8.798E-17$  cm<sup>2</sup>.

**\* next new line:** N4

Format: free

Explanation: N4 is the number of following listed transitions, for which energy resolved cross sections are to be used.

**\* next new lines:** ICLOW ICUP NPOINTS

Format: free free free

There have to be N4 triple of values, arbitrarily distributed over the lines.

Explanation: ICLOW and ICUP are again the level numbers, but:

ICLOW and ICUP have to have a negative sign. NPOINTS is the number of following pairs of values. Note for the sign of NPOINTS:

NPOINTS > 0: optically allowed transition  
NPOINTS < 0: optically forbidden transition

This is followed by NPOINTS of pairs ECOLL and SCOLL. ECOLL is the energy in eV and SCOLL the corresponding collision cross section. All values have free format and can be distributed arbitrarily over the lines.

**\* next new line:** FH1BB FH1BF

Format: free

Explanation: FH1BB is a scaling factor for bound-bound neutral particle collisions. Normally, FH1BB = 0.333, because the default values are computed from the electron collisions, and following Steenbock (1985) the ratio between neutral particle and electron collision cross sections is approximately 1/3.

FH1BF is the respective scaling factor for bound-free neutral particle collisions.

**\* next new line:** N1

Format: free

Explanation: N1 is the number of transitions, for which no default values are to be used.

**\* next new lines:** ICLOW ICUP CCS

Format: free free free

There have to be N1 triples of values, arbitrarily distributed over the lines.

Explanation: ICLOW, ICUP and CCS, all with positive signs, denote the numbers of the lower and upper level and the maximum neutral particle collision cross section.

**\* next new line:** N2

Format: free

Explanation: N2 is the number of the following listed transitions for which energy resolved cross sections are to be used.

**\* next new lines:** ICLOW ICUP NPOINTS

Format: free free free

There have to be N2 triples of these values arbitrarily listed over the lines.

Explanation: ICLOW and ICUP are again level numbers, but:

ICLOW and ICUP must have a negative sign. NPOINTS denotes the number of following pairs of values. Note for the sign of NPOINTS;

NPOINTS > 0:	optically allowed transition
NPOINTS < 0:	optically forbidden transition

There follow NPOINTS pairs of values ECOLL and SCOLL. ECOLL denotes the energy in eV and SCOLL the corresponding cross section. All values have free format and can be arbitrarily distributed over the lines.

**\* next new line:** NFMAX1

Format: free

Explanation: NFMAX1 is the number of frequency points, which are to be used for the computation of the Voigt profile for the listed b-b transitions.

NFMAX1=0: a grid of 30 standard points is used

NFMAX1>0: list the frequency points FREQUA in units of the maximum Doppler width; NFMAX1 points should be listed in free format over the next lines.

**\* next new line:** ITT, ITYP

Format: free

Explanation: Three cases are to be distinguished:

ITYP=1: ITT denotes the transition where the continuum background opacities are to be scaled by a factor different from 1.

a new line follows: OPSCA

Format: free

Explanation: OPCSCA is the scaling factor for the chosen b-b transitions.

ITYP>=100: ITT denotes the transition for which background lines should be taken into account; ITYP is then the atomic number of the element to which the background line belongs. List in the next line:

BLAM, BCHI, BGFLG, BDRRCA, BC4LG,  
BRAD

Explanation: BLAM is the wavelength of the line, BCHI the excitation energy of the lower level, BGFLG the log gf value, BDRRCA the mean quadratic orbital radius of the lower level, BC4LG log C4, BRAD Gamma rad.

ITYP<: ITT is not important and all hydrogen lines that lie within 300 Å of the respective line IT are computed as background opacity.

ITT=0: The scaling factor for all transitions if one.

----- Example for an ATOM data file: CI -----  
Comments that do not belong into the file are listed after #

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4 4.1826 0.0000 4.427 5.00 85 '2P5S'  
5 7.4853 0.0000 34.254 9.00 84 '3S3P'  
6 7.6848 0.0000 38.077 3.00 84 '3S1P'  
7 7.9460 0.0000 31.844 15.00 85 '2P3D'  
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0                Number of allowed with default cross sections

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1.00 1.00           FELBB FELBF

3863            Number of explicit cross sections

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-85 86 1.184E-02 -85 87 1.000E-02 -85 88 1.000E-02  
-86 87 2.590E-02 -86 88 1.000E-02  
-87 88 6.007E-02

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1 -47 -1.560 1 -53 -1.660 1 -61 -2.760 1 -62 -1.860 1 -68 -2.260

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58 -79 -1.540 58 -83 -2.260  
84 -86 -0.333 84 -87 -0.308 84 -88 0.225  
-1 2 1.303 -1 3 0.142 -1 4 0.836 -2 3 0.308 84 86 1.250

0 Number of energy resolved cross sections  
0.333 0.333 FH1BB FH1BF  
0 Number of H1 explicit cross sections  
0 Number of H1 energy resolved cross sections  
0 NFMAX (=0 default) Freq. points per half-profile  
99999 0 End of background lines

## 2.2.2 The Input Datafile RIJ

The datafile RIJ contains the photionization rates computed in the program RATES. It is read by the subroutine RATCAL. For the detailed structure see 2.2.5.

## 2.2.3 The Input Datafile ATM

The datafile ATM contains data from the model atmosphere that is computed by the program ATM. See also section 1.1.

## 2.2.4 The Input Datafile RADIAT

## 2.2.5 The Output Datafile FIXRAT

The datafile FIXRAT is generated by the subroutine RATCAL (which is called by START). It contains for all depth points the rate matrix, the total population density of the element under consideration, and level population densities of all listed energy levels (all data unformatted). The rate matrix  $A_{ij}$  contains at this point of the computation the collision rates, photoionization rates and possibly the rates of a few line transitions with fixed rates.

The datafile is structured as follows:

- [ {  $A(L,J)$  } ,  $L=1,NK$  ] ,  $J=1,NK$  \\_ For all depth points
- $N$  total in  $\text{cm}^{-3}$  /  $ID=1,NDEPTH$
- [ {  $N(ID,I)$  } ,  $ID=1,NDEPTH$  ] ,  $I=1,NK$

Where:  $NK=$  number of levels including the continuum  
 $NDEPTH=$  number of depth points

## 2.2.6 The Output Datafile OPA

This datafile is generated by the subroutine CHIGEN. It contains some information on opacities and profiles for the b-b transitions from ATOM. The file is unformatted and structured as fiollows:

For all transitions:

- $CHI$  , $1...NDEPTH$ : absorption coefficient in  $\text{cm}^2/\text{g}$
- $CHIE$ , $1...NDEPTH$ : scattering coefficient
- $BNU$ : pre-factor of BNU for the respective transition

- **FREQ:** frequency of the transitions
- **{ SIG ,1...NDEPTH} , 1...N1:** Voigt profile for N1 frequency points
- **{ WT ,1...NDEPTH} , 1...N1:** integration weights

## 2.2.7 The Output Datafile BOUND

This datafile is also generated by the subroutine CHIGEN. It contains the Planck function for all transitions specified in ATOM and for all listed frequency points at three angular points. The file is unformatted and structured as follows:

where: [ { BC ,1...NMU } ,1...N1 ] ,1...NT ,

NMU: number of angles, usually three  
 N1: number of frequency points  
 NT: number of transitions

## 2.2.8 The Output Datafile MODEL

The output datafile MODEL is generated by the subroutine OUTMOD. OUTMOD is called directly by the program START. The file MODEL is unformatted and can therefore not be printed or read on the terminal. The file is structured as follows:

- **HEAD(I) ,I=1,10:** header from file ATOM
- **ITER:** Iterationszaehler.START: ITER=0.
- **NL,NK,NDEPTH,NJ,NT,NPT:**
  - NL = number of levels in model atom (running index IL)
  - NK = NL+1
  - NDEPTH = number of depth points
  - NJ = total numbers of frequency points for the b-b transitions
  - NT = number of b-b transitions
  - NPT= number of b-f transitions
- **NF1(I) ,I=1,NT:** number of frequency points of the individual b-b transitions
- **LOW(I) ,I=1,NT:** number of lower level for transition
- **UP(I) ,I=1,NT:** number of upper level for transition
- **GR(I) ,I=1,NT:** ratio of statistical weights g(low)/g(up)
- **PHOTO(I) ,I=1,NT:** photoionization T(true) or F(false)
- **MA(I) ,I=1,NDEPTH:** mass scale for the atmosphere in g/cm<sup>2</sup>
- **RHO(I) ,I=1,NDEPTH:** density scale in g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- **[ N(ID,I) ,ID=1,NDEPTH ] ,I=1,NK:** level population numbers for all levels at all depth points
- **LABEL(I) ,I=1,NK+1:** level designation
- **NXTION(I) ,I=1,NL:** continuum level number for all energy levels
- **IJREF(I) ,I=1,MAXREF:** translation between IR and IL
- **TEMP(ID) ,ID=1,NDEPTH:** temperature scale
- **TAUREF(ID),ID=1,NDEPTH:** optical depth scale

## 2.2.9 The Standard Output of START

The standard output of START contains information on the used model atom, the computed collision cross sections and the line profiles of the explicitly stated b-b transitions.

### START

- LEVELS INCLUDED
  1. Level number
  2. Level designation
  3. Statistical weight
  4. Level energy in eV
  5. Excitation energy of parent ion
  6. mean quadratic orbital radius in units of the square of the Bohr radius
  7. Level number of the continuum
  
- RADIATIVE TRANSITIONS INCLUDED
  - I. DELTA( log[C6] ), DELTA( log[C4] ), DELTA( log[GAMMA rad] )
  - II. Table:
    1. Number of the transition
    2. Wavelength in Å
    3. Number of frequency points for computation of Voigt profile (for a half profile!)
    4. Number of lower level
    5. Number of upper level
    6. Designation of lower level
    7. Designation of upper level
    8. log ( gf )
    9. -log ( C4 )
    10. GAMMA rad in  $10^8 \text{ sec}^{-1}$
  
- RADIATIVE TRANSITIONS WITH FIXED RATES
  1. Number of the transition
  2. PHO: T(true) for photoionisation transition, F(false) for b-b transitions with fixed rates
  3. Number of the lower level
  4. Number of the upper level
  5. Designation of lower level
  6. Designation of upper level
  7. if PHO=F: Wavelength in Å  
if PHO=T: 0 (without meaning)
  8. if PHO=F: log ( gf )
  9. if PHO=T: Dummy (without meaning)

## **START,ATMOS**

### I. In one line

- ELEMENT

Element number / abundance (H=12) / fraction (particle density of element divided by the total particle density) / atomic weight of element / mean particle mass in g

### II. Table

- MODELL ATMOSPHERE READ IN FROM FILE

i. In one line: Teff, log(g), HE/H, R/Rsun, R in km

ii. Table:

1. Number of depth point
2. log( $\tau_{ref}$ ) with  $LAMBDA_{ref} = 5000 \text{ \AA}$
3. Mass scale in  $\text{g/cm}^2$ ; starting at the outer edge
4. Logarithm of mass
5. Temperature in K
6. log (  $P_{el}$  )
7. log (  $P_{gas}$  )
8. Density in  $\text{g/cm}^3$
9. Microturbulence velocity in km/s
10. Radius/stellar radius
11. Prescribed particle density from ABU
12. newly computed particle density from the sum of a level population densities

## **START,RATCAL,COLSEC**

- TABLE OF ELECTRON AND NEUTRAL PARTICEL COLLISION CROSS-SECTION

This standard output contains extensive tables, that do not need further explanation, because they are well documented.

Please note the following:

Initially, all possible transitions between the levels have a cross section according to the hydrogen approximation for optically forbidden



transitions. For optically allowed transitions, this value gets multiplied by 10.

Ionisation cross sections are computed following the hydrogen approximation. Then, for all transitions where better (maximal) cross sections are known, these values are adopted and listed. There is also the possibility to specify explicit cross sections. The neutral particle cross sections get the same value as the electron collision cross section, except in the case of energy resolved electron cross sections. In that case they get the maximum value of the energy resolved cross section. This holds in all cases for which no different values are listed in ATOM.

## START,CHIGEN

### I.

- FREQUENCY QUADRATURE POINTS FROM LINE CENTER IN DOPPLER WIDTH

1. Number of frequency points per half profile
2. Frequencies in units of maximum Doppler width

**Attention:**

- a) This is the prescribed frequency grid, that can be changed in ATOM.
- b) Note that the computation of the Voigt profiles of the desired b-b transitions does NOT run up to the last frequency point. Instead the number of points to be used from this grid can be specified in ATOM. See point II.3!

### II. Table

- LAMBDA SPACING IN THE LINES
  1. Number of the transition
  2. Maximal width up to which the line profile was computed in units of the maximum Doppler width
  3. Number of the depth point at which the integral over the Voigt profile has a maximum
  4. The respective value
  5. Number of depth point at which the integral over the Voigt profile has a minimum
  6. The respective value
  7. The used frequency grid in  $\text{\AA}$

Note:

- Concerning 4. and 6.: Since the Voigt profile is

normalized, the integral over the entire profile has to be one. If the value very different from one, the number of frequency points given in ATOM has to be extended. Hence, the listed values serve control purposes.

- Concerning 7.: If the same value appears for different lines under 2., the maximum value of the frequency grid provides direct information on the actual width of the line!

## 2.3 The Program EDDFAC

### EDDFAC:

- Reading control indices IFLPT, IFLRAT, IFPRAT und IFRFLD
- Open files OPA, BOUND and RURD
- If IFRFLD=1
  - Open file RADFK
- Call INPMOD to read data file MODEL
- If IFLPT=1
  - Standard output of heading for this computation and of the iteration counter ITER
- For all transitions
  - Computation of OUTRAT (see 2.3.3)
  - If b-b- transition
    - o Read absorption and scattering coefficients, pre-factor of Planck function and frequency of transition from file OPA
  - For all depth points
    - o Initialize  $R_{ij}$  and  $R_{ji}$  (radiative rates=0)
  - For all frequency points of a transition
    - o If b-f transition
      - Read absorption and scattering coefficients, pre-factor of Planck function and frequency of transition, ratio of statistical weights, cross section and integration weight from file OPA
    - o If b-b transition
      - Read sigma and integration weight from file OPA
    - o Read BC for all angles from file BOUND (radiation field at the inner boundary)
    - o For all depth points
      - Compute total opacity
    - o Solve radiative transfer equation using Feautrier with variable Eddington factors (Auer & Mihalas 1970) (see subroutine RADI)
    - o If IFRFLD=1
      - Store radiation field JNU and Eddington factors FK in data file RADFK
      - Compute emergent flux HPLUS
      - Store Eddington factors FH0 and FH1 as well as HPLUS in data file RADFK
    - o If OUTRAT=1
      - For all depth points
        - Computer radiative rates  $R_{ij}$  and  $R_{ji}$
  - The line radiative rates are stored for all depth points in data file RURD
  - If IFLPT=1
    - o Standard output about line fluxes
- Close data files RURD, OPA, BOUND

- If IFRFLD=1
  - Close data file RADFK

**INPMOD:**

**Subroutine to read data file MODEL.**

### 2.3.1 The Input Datafiles OPA, BOUND and MODEL

The three input files OPA, BOUND and MODEL are the output files from START (see 2.2.6, 2.2.7, 2.2.8).

### 2.3.2 The Input Datafile \$IN

\$IN is the standard input of the program EDDFAC. The program reads four control indices: IFLPT, IFLRAT, IFPRAT und IFRFLD. The indices can take either the value 0 (no action) or 1. They have the following functions:

- If IFLPT=1: generate a standard output of the computation
- If IFLRAT=1: radiative rates  $R_{ij}$  and  $R_{ji}$  are computed again in EDDFAC
- If IFPRAT=1: photoionization rates  $R_{ic}$  and  $R_{ci}$  are computed again in EDDFAC
- If IFRFLD=1: a file with name RADFK is generated, in which the radiation field JNU, and the Eddington factors FK are stored for all depth; also stored are FH0, FH1 and HPLUS to denote the boundary condition. All this information is stored for all frequency points of a line and for all b-b transitions.

### 2.3.3 The Output Datafile RURD

This output file is generated by EDDFAC and is unformatted. If OUTRAT=1 (OUTRAT = (IFLRAT.EQ.1 .AND. .NOT. PHOTO) .OR. (IFPRAT.EQ.1 .AND. PHOTO)), radiative rates  $R_{ij}$  and  $R_{ji}$  (in EDDFAC those are called RU (R up) and RD (R down)) are computed and then stored in RURD (=RU+RD). If OUTRAT=0, only zeros are stored in RURD. The quantities are stored as follows:

$$[ ( R_{ij} ), 1 \dots NDEPTH ; ( R_{ji} ), 1 \dots NDEPTH ], 1 \dots NT$$

where NT denotes the number of transitions.

### 2.3.4 The Output Datafile RADFK

This file is only generated by EDDFAC if IFRFLD=1. The unformatted file is structured as follows:

$$\{ [(RAD), 1 \dots NDEPTH ; (FK), 1 \dots NDEPTH ; FH0 ; FH1 ; HPLUS ], 1 \dots NF \}, 1 \dots NT$$

Explanation: RAD = J : radiation field, mean intensity  
FK = K/J : Eddington factor  
FH0 = (H-I)/J : for boundary condition at the first depth point

FH1 = H/J : for boundary condition at the last depth point  
HPLUS=H+ : emergent Eddington flux

Please note the name of the file: RADFK = RAD + FK !

### 2.3.5 The Standard Output of EDDFAC

The standard output of EDDFAC is only generated if IFLPT=1. The output looks then as follows:

- Heading as specified in ATOM
- ITERATION, followed by a number that serves as iteration counter
- For each b-b transition
  - o -IT= ... F0= ... F1= ...  
Here IT denotes the transition number, F0 the flux at the first frequency point and F1 the flux at the last frequency point of the line.
  - o (FLUX), 1...NF  
Here FLUX denotes the ratio of the flux at a specific frequency point to the flux at the last frequency point. NF is the number of frequency points.

## 2.4 The Program GAB

### GAB:

- Reading 10 control indices IFLPT, IFFILE, IFITER, IFPLOT, IFDEPE, IFLOGB, IFRU, IFION, IFTAU, IFSB
- Call subroutine INPMOD to read file MODEL
- Call subroutine POPS to compute new level population numbers including the line radiative rates
- If IFITER=1
- ITER=ITER+1 (iteration counter)
- Call subroutine OUTMOD to generate the output file MODEL
- If IFDEPE=1
  - Open file DEPART
  - Store number of levels, level designation, element number, departure coefficients for all depth and all levels, the parent term level number, the reference field for level numbers, the optical depth scale, the temperature stratification, the header and the iteration counter
  - Close data file DEPART
- If IFLPT=0
  - If IFPLOT=1
    - o Standard output of iteration counter and the maximum relative change in level population numbers
- If IFPLOT=1
  - Line printer output of the relative change in level population numbers
  - Line printer output of departures
- If IFLOGB>0
  - Standard output of log(n) and log(b) for each IFLOGBs depth point
- If IFRU>0
  - For all transitions,  $Z = 1 - (N_j \cdot RD) / (N_i \cdot RU)$  is computed, a measure of the ratio between upwards rates and downwards rates
  - Standard output of Z for each IFRUs depth point
- If IFION>0
  - For all depth point
    - o For all level
      - Read old (LTE) rate matrix from file FIXRAT
    - o Read total level population number from FIXRAT
    - o For all levels
      - Compute upward rates RCIJ to continuum
      - Compute downward rates from continuum RCJI
    - o For all transitions
      - If b-f transition
        - Add photoionisation rates Ric to RCIJ
        - Add recombination rate Rci ro RCJI

first  
frequency  
point  
(line  
center)

- Compute contribution to ionization equilibrium  $[N_i \cdot (R_{ic} + C_{ic}) - N_c \cdot (R_{ci} + C_{ci})] / \sum_i [N_i \cdot (R_{ic} + C_{ic})]$  separate for all ionization stages
- Close file FIXRAT
- Standard output for each IFIONS depth point of contribution of each level to photoionization
- If IFTAU > 1 or IFSB > 0
  - Open file OPA
  - For all transition
    - Read opacities for all depth points
    - Read pre-factor of Planck function and frequency of transition
    - If b-f transition
      - Read ratio of statistical weights for all depth points
      - Read photoionisation cross section and integration weight
    - If b-b transition
      - Read sigma and integration weight
    - For all depth points
      - Compute new opacity
    - For all other frequency points
      - If b-f transition
        - Read ratio of statistical weights for all depth points
        - Read photoionisation cross section and integration weight
      - If b-b transition
        - Read sigma and integration weight
    - For all depth points
      - Compute new opacity
  - Close file OPA
- If IFTAU = 1
  - IFTAU = NDEPTH - 1
- If IFTAU > 0
  - For all lines
    - Compute optical depth at first frequency point (line center) and last frequency point (continuum) of the line profile
    - Compute depth for which tau becomes smaller than 1
    - Standard output of these results
- If IFSB > 0
  - For all transition
    - For all depth points
      - Compute the ratio of line source function to Planck function  

$$S(\text{Linie})/B_{\text{NU}} = [(N_i(\text{LTE})/N_j(\text{LTE})) \cdot (g_j/g_i) - 1] / [(N_i/N_j) \cdot (g_j/g_i) - 1]$$
      - Standard output of logarithm of this value



## POPS:

### **Subroutine to compute the new level population numbers.**

- If IFILE=1
  - Open file DNIDZT
    - o For all level
      - For all transitions
        - Find those levels that are involved in the given b-b transitions
        - Numerize these levels
        - Store this enumeration scheme in file DNIDZT
- Open file RURD
- For all transitions
  - Read radiative rates from file DNIDZT for all depth points
- Close file RURD
- For all transitions
  - For all depth points
    - o Initialize up- and downwards rates to zero
- Open file FIXRAT
- For all depth points
  - For all levels
    - o Read matrix A with rates from FIXRAT
    - o Read total level population density (in  $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ) of the atom
  - For all transitions
    - o The radiative rates are added to the rate matrix
    - Invert rate matrix A using subroutine MATINV
  - For all levels
    - o Compute new level population numbers from inverted rate matrix  
 $n = A^{-1} * b$
    - o Compute relative change in level population numbers  $P = n/n(\text{old}) - 1$
    - o Compute maximum change in level population numbers
  - Compute level population number of continuum
  - Compute relative change in level population number of continuum
- For all level
  - o For all transitions
    - Compute quantity DNKDZT,  $d(n)_i/d(Z)t = -A(i,l)$ , where l is the lower level of the transition
    - If i is not the continuum
      - $d(n)_i/d(Z)t = d(n)_i/d(Z)t + A(i,u)$ , where u is the upper level of the transition
  - o store DNKDZT for all transitions in file DNIDZT

Note: For the levels of the individual transitions, the rates are computed leading to the levels of the other transitions!

- if IFILE=1

- Close the file DNIDZT
- For all levels
  - The old level population numbers are read from the data file FIXRAT

**MATINV:**

**Subroutine to invert a matrix (max 100 X 100).**

## 2.4.1 The Input Datafiles MODEL, FIXRAT and RURD

These files are always opened and read by the program GAB. The files FIXRAT and MODEL are output files of the program START (see 2.2.5 and 2.2.8). The file RURD is an output file of the program EDDFAC (see 2.3.3).

## 2.4.2 The Input Datafile OPA

If the control indices from \$IN are IFTAU=1 or IFSB<>0, the file OPA is opened and read. This file is an output file of the program START (see 2.2.6).

## 2.4.3 Der Input Datafile \$IN

\$IN is here the standard input for the program GAB. It consists of 10 control indices:

IFLPT, IFFILE, IFITER, IFPLOT, IFDEPE, IFLOGB, IFRU, IFION, IFTAU, IFSB

These values have to be in the same line. Most indices can take either the value 1 (which mean something happens in the program) or 0 (nothing happens). Exceptions are the indices IFLOGB, IFRU, IFION and IFSB. The value 0 also means that nothing is happening; alternatively, these indices can take the values 1, 2, ..., NDEPTH. The standard output is then restricted to depth points with the specified step width IFLOGB, IFRU, IFION and IFSB.

The control indices IFLPT and IFPLOT are closely linked:

IFLPT	IFPLOT	Action
0	0	nothing
0	1	standard output of an information line that contains the value of IFITER, the number of iterations done so far and the maximum relative change in level population numbers
1	0	standard output of header and iterations done so far
1	1	standard output of header and iterations done so far as well as line printer output about the relative change in levels population numbers and about departure coefficients
IFFILE	=0	none
	=1	the output file DNIDZT is generated
IFITER	=0	none
	=1	as program GAB is executed, the iteration counter

ITER is increased by one.

IFDEPE      =0                    none  
              =1                    the output file DEPART is generated

IFLOGB      =0                    none  
              =1... NDEPTH        standard output of log(N) and log(b) for each  
   IFLOGBs depth point

Note: IFLPT=1 is a requirement for the standard output!

IFRU         =0                    none  
              =1... NDEPTH        standard output of  $1-(N_j*RD)/(N_i*RU)$  for each  
   IFRUs depth point

IFION        =0                    none  
              =1... NDEPTH        standard output of contribution of each level to the  
   ionization equilibrium at each IFIONs depth point

IFTAU        =0                    none  
              =1                    standard output of logarithm of TAU in the line  
   center and neighbouring continuum, as well as that  
   depth point, where TAU becomes smaller than 1 for  
   each line

IFSB         =0                    none  
              =1... NDEPTH        standard output of  $\log( S(\text{line}) / BNU )$  for each  
   IFSBs depth point

## 2.4.4 The Output Datafile DNIDZT

If the control index IFFILE=1, the subroutine POPS generates the output file DNIDZT. The file is unformatted and the data is structured as follows:

- IJT, 1... NK                    enumeration of all levels, which occur in the transitions
- [(DNIDZT, 1...NT), 1...NK1], 1...NDEPTH  
=  $d(N_i)/d(Z)$  for all transitions, for all levels that occur in the transitions (NK1) and for all depth points



Axis notation: 10 → 1.0 \* scaling factor  
5 → 0.5 \* scaling factor

Level designation: Level(1)=0, Level(2)=1, ... 9 A B ... Z " # \$ % & ' ( ) \* +  
, - . / : ; < = > ? @ [ \ ] ^ \_ 0 1 2 ... 9 A B ... etc.

and IFLOGB<>0:

- ID LN( 1 ) LB( 1 ) LN( 2 ) LB( 2 ) ...

The values log(N) and log(N/N(LTE))=log(b) are printed for all lines and for each IFLOGBs depth point.

### 3. IFRU<>0:

- ID NET ( 1 ) NET( 2 ) NET( 3 ) ...

The following quantity is printed for each line and each IFRUs depth point:

$$Z = 1. - (N_j * RD) / (N_i * RU).$$

This denotes the ratio between downwards to upwards radiative rates for each single transition.

Z>0: upwards rate dominates

Z<0: downwards rate dominates

### 4. IFION<>0:

- CONTRIBUTION PJ OF LEVELS TO ION. EQUILIBRIUM

The contribution of each level to the ionization balance is computed and printed,  $P_j = (N_j(R_{jc} + C_{jc}) - N_c(R_{cj} + C_{cj})) / (\sum [N_j(R_{ic} + C_{ic})])$ .

c : number of continuum

P<sub>j</sub>=0 : like LTE, ionization rate = recombination rate

P<sub>j</sub>>0 : ionization rate larger than recombination rate

P<sub>j</sub><0 : recombination rate larger than ionization rate

### 5. IFTAU=1:

- ID LT0( 1 ) LOG TC LT0( 2 ) LOG TC ...

The logarithm of the optical depth in the line center (LT0) and in the neighbouring continuum (LOG TC) is printed for the first and last depth

point. Note:  $LT0=LOG T0!$  For each line, the depth point, where the optical depth of the line becomes smaller than 1 is printed.

6. IFSB<>0:

- ID L(S/B) L(S/B) ...

The value  $\log[ S(\text{line}) / BNU ]$  is printed for each line and each IFSBs depth point. S(line) is here the line source function that has been computed with the new level population numbers. And BNU is the Planck function (in LTE  $S(\text{line}) = BNU$ ).

7. IFLPT=1 and IFPLOT=1:

- PLOT OF LOG DEPARTURES ---SCALING FACTOR= 0.5---

A line printer output of the departure coefficients (log b) is generated.

Level designation: Level(1)=0, Level(2)=1...(see item 2.)

## 2.5 The Program LINEAR

### LINEAR:

- Open files OPA and RADFK
- Read control indices IIMAX, W, EPS, IFPLO from \$IN
- Call subroutine INPMOD to read file MODEL
- Call subroutine DN to read file DNIDZT
- For all transitions
  - If b-f transition
    - o OUTPCOM = 0.0
  - If b-b transition
    - o Read opacities from file OPA for all depth points
    - o Read pre-factor for the Planck function and the frequency of the transition
  - For all depth points
    - o OUTCOM = 0.0
  - For all frequency points in the transition
    - o Call subroutine MATGEN to compute the matrices necessary for the following equation  $F \cdot \delta(Z)_m + R \cdot \delta(Z)_l + S \cdot \delta(Z)_u = L$
    - o Call subroutine TRIINV to invert the main matrix F
    - o Multiply matrices R' and S' with  $F^{-1}$  for b-b and b-f transitions respectively; the result are the matrices Rt and St, which form the equation  $\delta(Z)_t + R_t \cdot \sum_t [d(n)_l/d(Z)_t \cdot \delta(Z)_t] + S_t \cdot \sum_t [d(n)_u/d(Z)_t \cdot \delta(Z)_t] = L_t$
    - o Call subroutine DN with MODE=1
    - o Compute  $\delta(Z)_t$  matrix for all depth points (net rates)
    - o Call subroutine LUFAC and SOLVE to solve the equation for  $\Delta(Z)_t$  in zero-th approximation
  - Close files OPA and RADFK
  - Iteration loop (Gauss-Seidel with over-relaxation factor)
    - o For all transitions
      - Call subroutine DN with MODE=3 and SOLVE to solve the above outlined equation for  $\Delta(Z)$
$$\delta(Z)_{i+1,t,l} = 1/4 [ \delta(Z)_{i,t+1,l} + \delta(Z)_{i+1,t-1,l} + \delta(Z)_{i,t,l+1} + \delta(Z)_{i+1,t,l-1} ] - \text{DELTA}^2/4 \cdot (\text{Rho})_{t,l}$$
      - Introduction of the over-relaxation factor W, i.e.  $W \cdot \Delta(Z)_{i,t} + (1-W) \cdot \Delta(Z)_{i-1,t}$  is used in place of  $\Delta(Z)_{i,t}$
      - Stop if number of iterations is larger than IIMAX or if the relative change between the iteration steps becomes smaller than EPS
  - Open file RURD
  - For all transitions
    - o Read rates Rij and Tji from RURD



- Call subroutine COMP to generate the standard output
- For all transitions
  - o If b-b transition
    - For all depth points
      - Compute new radiative rates  $R_{ij}$  and  $RD$  using a correction to the old radiative rates
 
$$\Delta(RU) = \Delta(Z)_t / (N_i - N_j * g_i / g_j)$$

$$RU = RU + \Delta(RU)$$

$$RD = RD + \Delta(RU) * g_i / g_j$$
  - o If b-f transition
    - Call subroutine DN with  $MODE=4$  to compute  $\Delta(n)_i$  and  $\Delta(n)_j$
    - Solve matrix equation for  $\Delta(Z)_t$ 

$$\Delta(Z')_t = L_t - (R_t * \Delta(n)_i + S_t * \Delta(n)_j)$$
    - For all depth points
    - Compute new radiative rates  $RU$  and  $RD$  using a correction to the old radiative rates  $\Delta(Z')_t$ 

$$RU = RU + \Delta(Z')_t$$

$$RD = RD + (N_i * \Delta(Z')_t - \Delta(Z)_t) / N_j$$
- Store the new radiative rates for all depth points in file RURD\
- Close file RURD

### **DN:**

**Subroutine DN has different tasks depending on the value of the control index  $MODE$ .**

- $MODE=1$ :
  - o Open the file DNIDZT
  - o Read data from file DNIDZT
  - o close file DNIDZT
- $MODE=2$ :
  - o compute the derivative of the level population number of the lower and upper level with respect to the net rate  $d(Z)_t$  of the transition J-I,
  - $DNI = DNDZ(I)$
  - $DNJ = DNDZ(J)$
- $MODE=3$ :
  - o sum of the derivatives multiplied with  $\Delta(Z)_t$ , each level with respect to each transition except I-J
  - result are the  $\Delta(n)_i$  and  $\Delta(n)_j$
- $MODE=4$ :
  - o same as  $MODE=3$ , but with transition I-J

**MATGEN:**

This subroutine computes for a given frequency point the matrices for all depth points. The matrix equation results then in a way very similar to the Feautrier schema.

**TRIINV:**

Subroutine to invert a triangular matrix.

**LUFAC:**

Subroutine for LU decomposition of a matrix (here  $\delta(Z)t$ ).

**SOLVE:**

Subroutine to back substitute with the columns of  $Lt$  (in place of first getting  $\delta(Z)t^{-1}$  and then multiplying with  $Lt$ ; saves one matrix multiplication and is more exact, see Numerical Recipe in Fortran).

**COMP:**

Subroutine to generate the standard output on the relative changes in line rates.

- For all depth points
  - For all transitions
    - o Compute relative change in line rate  
$$\delta(R)/R = \Delta(Z)t / [RU * Ni]$$
- If IFPLO=1
  - Line printer output on relative change in line rates
  - Standard output on number of Gauss-Seidel iterations, maximum change in line rates and the remaining arrays

## 2.5.1 The Input Datafiles OPA, RADFK, MODEL, RURD AND DNIDZT

These input files are output files of previous programs; OPA is an output file of START (see 2.2.6), RURD and RADFK are output files of EDDFAC (see 2.3.3 and 2.3.4) and DNIDZT and MODEL are output files of GAB (see 2.4.4 and 2.4.6).

## 2.5.2 The Input Datafile \$IN

The standard input of the program LINEAR, \$IN, is composed of four control indices, IIMAX, W, EPS, IFPLO. All four values have to be in the same line.

- IIMAX : this control index denotes the maximum number of Gauss-Seidel iterations used to solve the matrix equation in linear. If the solution is not fully converged, the iteration stops after IIMAX steps. 30 is a typical value for IIMAX.
- W : W is the over-relaxation factor to speed up convergence of the iteration. W=1 results in the normal Gauss-Seidel iteration, values larger or equal than 2 lead to divergence. Hence,  $1 \leq W < 2$  is the possible parameter space for W. The best value can be found for each step using considerable computation resources (see Numerical Recipes in Fortran), but it turns out that in most cases it is good enough to use the value of 1.6, the “best” value found by Auer & Heasley (1976). This value will give a sufficiently fast convergence.
- EPS : this parameter specifies the usual stopping criterium for the iteration. It will stop when  $|\delta(Z)_{t,i} - \delta(Z)_{t,i-1}| / |\delta(Z)_{t,i}| \leq \text{EPS}$ .  
A typical value for EPS is 1.E-2.
- IFPLO =0 : standard output of an informational line containing the number of iterations and the maximum change in the radiative rates.  
=1 : standard output of the same informational line as for IFPLO=0 and a line printer output of the relative change in radiative rates.

## 2.5.3 The Output Datafile RURD

The program LINEAR corrects the old radiative rates read in from RURD and writes the newly computed values back into that file. The structure of the file remains the same (see 2.3.3).

## 2.5.4 The Standard Output of LINEAR

The standard output of LINEAR contains the relative change in radiative rates. The extent of the output depends on the control index IFPLO from \$IN.

- IFPLO=0

LINEAR: SOR-IT=... , ITERATION=... , MAX(DELTA R/R)=...

The output contains only:

- The number of successive over-relaxation iterations (SOR), that is the number of internal iterations within LINEAR that are necessary to obtain the correction to the rates
- The number of main iterations
- The maximum relative change in level population numbers

- IFPLO=1

PLOT OF RELATIVE CHANGE IN EACH TRANSITION FOR ....

It follows a line printer output of the quantity  $\delta(R)/R$  for all transitions and all depth. Designation of transitions as follows: Line(1)=0, Line(2)=1, ..., 8 9 A B ... (see 2.4.7 point 2.).

---SCALING FACTOR= ...

Here, the maximum absolute value of  $\delta(R)/R$  is printed.

## 2.6 The Program GETITER

### GETITER:

- Call subroutine INPMOD to read data from file MODEL
- Standard output of iteration counter ITER

## 2.7 The Shell Script

The shell script copies the specified input datafiles PTAU, ABUY, CROSS and ATOM into the working directory and renames them to their default names. Then the program package gets started. The program flow is described under Part I, 1.3 of this document. The standard input \$IN for all programs is specified in this shell script. The shell script can be edited for changes and it is suggested to keep a copy of the specific version of the shell script together with the results.

Example for a shell script:

```
#####  
#                                                                 #  
#       Start the NLTE-Program on a Linux PC                       #  
#                                                                 #  
#####  
#  
#       8 Iterations: N=8  
#  
#  
# path names and file names have to be adapted  
#  
#  
cp .././atmos/sun/ptauh.m.dat PTAU  
cp .././atmos/sun/abusun_2001.dat ABU  
cp ../././science/atom/ci_atom.dat ATOM  
cp ../././science/atom/ci_cross.dat CROSS  
ln -s ../odf/bdfP00big2 DF  
#  
# run ATMOS  
#  
../bin/ttau  
../bin/atm > out  
#  
# compute radiation field, collision rates, photionisation rates etc.  
#  
echo 1 | ../bin/rates >> out  
../bin/start >> out  
#  
# pre-iteration  
#  
echo "0 0 1 0" | ../bin/eddfac >> out  
echo "1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0" | ../bin/gab >> out  
echo "0 1 1 0" | ../bin/eddfac >> out  
echo "1 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0" | ../bin/gab >> out
```

```

#
# Iteration 1
#
echo "0 1 1 1" | ../bin/eddfac >> out
echo "0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0" | ../bin/gab >> out
echo "40 1.5 1.e-2 1" | ../bin/linear >> out
echo "1 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0" | ../bin/gab >> out
#
# Iteration 2-(N-1)
#
echo "0 1 1 1" | ../bin/eddfac >> out
echo "0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0" | ../bin/gab >> out
echo "40 1.5 1.e-2 0" | ../bin/linear >> out
echo "0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0" | ../bin/gab >> out
#
echo "0 1 1 1" | ../bin/eddfac >> out
echo "0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0" | ../bin/gab >> out
echo "40 1.5 1.e-2 0" | ../bin/linear >> out
echo "0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0" | ../bin/gab >> out
#
echo "0 1 1 1" | ../bin/eddfac >> out
echo "0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0" | ../bin/gab >> out
echo "40 1.5 1.e-2 0" | ../bin/linear >> out
echo "0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0" | ../bin/gab >> out
#
echo "0 1 1 1" | ../bin/eddfac >> out
echo "0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0" | ../bin/gab >> out
echo "40 1.5 1.e-2 0" | ../bin/linear >> out
echo "0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0" | ../bin/gab >> out
#
echo "0 1 1 1" | ../bin/eddfac >> out
echo "0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0" | ../bin/gab >> out
echo "40 1.5 1.e-2 0" | ../bin/linear >> out
echo "0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0" | ../bin/gab >> out
#
# Iteration N
#
echo "0 1 1 1" | ../bin/eddfac >> out
echo "0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0" | ../bin/gab >> out
echo "40 1.5 1.e-2 1" | ../bin/linear >> out
echo "1 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0" | ../bin/gab >> out

```

```
#
# Endausgabe
#
echo "1 1 1 0" | ../bin/eddfac >> out
echo "1 0 0 1 1 2 2 2 2" | ../bin/gab >> out
#
# rename output files
#
mv DEPART depart.dat
mv out nlte.lpt
```



## Appendix A:

### An overview of the programs and their subroutines

The following schema presents an overview of successive call of subroutines within each program in the NLTE program package. The name of subroutines are given in [], functions in {}. All programs have the extension .f. If the filename differs from that of the subroutine, the name is appended in ().

#### a) The Program RATES:

```
RATES---+-->[IONDIS]-+--->[QATI1]
      |           +--->[QATI2]
      |           +--->[DCHI]
      |           +--->[QMOL]
      |           +--->[DECOM2]
      |           +--->{NCHARG}
+-->[INTEL]
|
+-->[RADFLD]-+--->[OPALAM]---->[A..BF]
|           |
|           +--->[ELOPA]----->[BFE..]----->{POLAT}
|           |
|           +--->[RADI]----->[EMATINV]
|           |
|           +--->[LINOP]
|
+-->[INTSUM]
|
+-->{RINT}----->{EXPINT}
```

b) The Program START:

```

START---+>[ATMOS]--+--->[INTEGR]---->[PARCOE]
      |           |
      |           +--->[IONDIS]---->
      |
      +->[RATCAL]-+--->[COLSEC]
      |           |
      |           +--->[COLRAT]-+-->[INTEGR]
      |           |           |
      |           |           +-->[CLRTMG]
      |           |           |
      |           |           +-->[CLRTBA]
      |           +--->[WRBIN]
      |
      +->[CHIGEN]-+--->[OPALAM]
      |           |
      |           +--->[XBACKOP]+-->{H}
      |           |           |
      |           |           +-->{XPROFHY}---->{XASH}
      |           |
      |           +--->[WRBIN]
      |           +--->[LINOP]
      |           +--->{H}
      |
      +->[OUTMOD]
  
```

c) The Program EDDFAC:

```

EDDFAC--+>[INPMOD]
        +->[EMATINV]
        +->[WRBIN]
  
```

d) The Program GAB:

```

GAB-----+>[INPMOD]
      |
      +->[POPS]---+--->[MATINV]
      |           |
      |           +--->[WRBIN]
      |
      +->[OUTMOD]
      +->[WRBIN]
  
```

e) The Program LINEAR:

```
LINEAR--+->[COMP]
  |-->[DN]----->[WRBIN]
  |-->[INPLIN]
  |-->[LUFAC]
  |-->[MATGEN]-->[GENER]-->[WRBIN]
  |-->[SOLVE]
  |-->[TRIINV]
  |-->[WRBIN]
```

## Appendix B

### Who produced the output?

This appendix lists in alphabetical order the first line of each standard output and which program generated it. The first mentioned program is the main program, all others are subroutines, which were called by the main program. The last item is the subroutine that actually generated the output.

CONTRIBUTION PJ OF LEVELS TO ION. EQ...	--> GAB
ELECTRON COLLISION CROSS SECTION	--> START,RATCAL,COLSEC
ELEMENT	--> START,ATMOS
FLUXES	--> RATES
FREQUENCY QUADRATURE POINTS	--> START,CHIGEN
ID LN( 1 ) LB( 1 ) ...	--> GAB
ID L(S/B) L(S/B) ...	--> GAB
ID LT0( 1 ) LOG TC ...	--> GAB
ID NET ( 1 ) NET ( 2 ) ...	--> GAB
IFITER=...,ITERATION=...,MAX(DELTA N/N)=..	--> GAB
Header/ITERATION...	--> GAB
Header/ITERATION.../-IT=...,F0=..	--> EDDFAC
LAMBDA SPACING IN THE LINES	--> START,CHIGEN
LEVELS INCLUDED	--> START
LINEAR:SOR-IT=...,ITERATION=.....	--> LINEAR
MODEL ATMOSPHERE READ IN FROM FILE	--> START,ATMOS
PLOT OF LOG DEPARTURES ...	--> GAB
PLOT OF RELATIVE CHANGE IN EACH TRA..	--> LINEAR
PLOT OF RELATIVE CHANGE IN LEVEL PO..	--> GAB
RADIATIVE TRANSITION INCLUDED	--> START
RADIATIVE TRANSITION WITH FIXED RA..	--> START
TABLE OF ELECTRON AND NEUTRAL PART..	--> START,RATCAL,COLSEC

## **Appendix C**

### **Error messages**

As soon as the program stops at a particular point in the flow, an short informational line will appear specifying the abort reason.

Only in few cases of improper use (e.g. wrong order of parameters in input datafiles ATOM or CROSS) uncontrolled abort can happen. Looking at the standard output will however help in most cases to determine where the abort happened in the code.