Atomic Data in NLTE Model Atmospheres

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Extensive sources of atomic data are required to calculate NLTE line-blanketed model atmospheres. I will discuss their implementation in our NLTE model atmosphere code, TLUSTY, and in our spectrum synthesis code, SYNSPEC, with a particular attention to the statistical methods required to incorporate the opacity of iron-peak elements. A few typical results and comparisons to other codes will be shown.