

**NORAD-ATOMIC-DATA**  
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**Description of Photoionization data**

**i. File for Total Photoionization Cross sections:**

Typical name for a photoionization cross sections file is "ion.px.txt"

Contents of the file of ion  $X^+$ :

$X^+$  : Total Photoionization Cross Sections of ground & excited levels  
(photoionized ion - in ground or in various excited levels)

Process:  $X^+ + h\nu \rightarrow X^{2+} + e$

Explanation of the data:

- Atomic levels are specified numerically.
- Spectroscopic designation of each level is given in the energy file.
- Each fine structure level has the following set of atomic data

line 1: zz=nuclear charge, nn=no of electrons in the residual ion, ntg=number of target/core excitations included in the wavefunction

Lines : List of core energies (Ry, relative to ground) in the wavefunction

Line : is, 2j, ip, ns - > is=0 (irrelevant), j=total angular momentum, ip(parity)=0 for even & 1 for odd), ns=energy position of the level in the symmetry, Jpi Ex: 0 1 0 1 (= is 2j ip ns) → The first level of symmetry j=1/2 e

Line : BE, ntot → i Binding energy (Ry), ntot=Number of photon energy points

Line : ac → internal accuracy number (ignore ac)

Lines, ntot in total: E=photon energy(Ry), Epe=photoelectron energy (Ry), signd(Mb)=photoionization cross section(no radiation damp), sig(Mb)=photoionization cross section with radiation damping

Note: May choose damped cross sections for highly charged ions