Collisional effects in modeling solar polarized lines

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ABSTRACT

Context. Rigorous implementation of the effects of collisions in modeling the formation of the polarized solar lines is of utmost importance in order to realistically analyze the available, highly sensitive solar spectropolarimetric observations. Indeed, even when an observation seems to fit well with theory, one can misinterpret results if important effects due to collisions are not correctly implemented in the modeling process.

Aims. We point out inconsistencies in the models adopted to implement the Paschen Back effect together with collisional effects on the solar line polarization formed by scattering of anisotropic radiation. Because the significance of these inconsistencies increases as polarization becomes increasingly responsive to collisions, we investigate the range of hydrogen densities $n_H$ to which the polarization is sensitive.

Methods. We used the density matrix formalism in the tensorial irreducible basis, which was developed within the theory of atom-radiation interaction and of atomic collisions. We solved the statistical equilibrium equations for multi-level atoms with hyperfine structure (HFS) in order to evaluate the collisional depolarization of levels of the D1-D2 lines of the K I atom.

Results. We find that collisions play a prominent role, particularly at hydrogen densities of between $10^{13}$ and $10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.

Conclusions. We find that collisions play a prominent role, particularly at hydrogen densities of between $10^{13}$ and $10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. For typical quiet Sun magnetic fields, the latter regime could be reached, and level-crossing takes place in several atomic systems. Therefore, one must be careful when using collisional rates calculated in the zero-field case to interpret linear polarization formed in magnetized media.

Key words. atomic processes – line: formation – line: profiles – magnetic fields – polarization – Sun: photosphere

1. Introduction

In the solar photosphere, atoms and molecules that emit polarized light are exposed to collisions with neutral hydrogen atoms. The effects of these collisions must be correctly incorporated into the model of the line formation in order to properly interpret the observed polarized lines. The internal states of the perturbed atom can be described by the density matrix components expressed in the tensorial basis, $\rho_{kq}^\alpha$. We adopt the usual notations, where $k$ denotes the tensorial rank (order) and $q$ quantifies the coherence between the levels. Calculating the polarization of spectral lines requires the determination of the elements $\rho_{kq}^\alpha$. Theoretically, collisions produce distinct but correlated effects on the $\rho_{kq}^\alpha$ values and consequently lead to variation of the polarization of the emitted light. In this context, the following factors must be taken into account:

- Isotropic collisions produce gain terms due to transfer rates and loss terms due to relaxation rates. Collisional rates must be calculated in the tensorial basis to quantify the contribution of these collisions to the statistical equilibrium equations (SEEs) giving the variation of $\rho_{kq}^\alpha$ values (e.g., Derouich et al. 2003; Sahal-Bréchot et al. 2007; Derouich 2020).

- For a given radiative transition, collisions cause perturbation of the levels energies participating in the transition, which results in broadening of the corresponding line; the rate of this broadening is denoted $\omega$. The value of $\omega$ depends on the density of the perturbers and the Hamiltonian of the system, as well as the dynamics of the collisions (e.g., Derouich et al. 2015). We note that $\omega = \frac{\gamma E}{\tau}$, where $\gamma E$ is the rate of elastic collisions, which usually enters the branching ratios of the redistribution matrices (more details about $\omega$ and $\gamma E$ are available in Derouich et al. 2015).

- Modeling the polarization profiles, particularly if partial frequency redistribution (PRD) effects must be considered, requires the correct evaluation of the role of collisions (e.g., Nagendra et al. 2020). More details about collisions and their effects on polarized lines can be found in our previous work published over the last 20 years (see Derouich 2020 and references therein).

In the solar conditions, collisional rate calculations available in the literature are performed for a Hamiltonian $H_0$, which completely neglects the impact of a magnetic field during the collisions. In such calculations, the basis used consists of the vectors $|\alpha J M_J \rangle$, which are the eigenvectors of $H_0$; the total angular momentum, $J$, is considered to be well defined and to constitute a good quantum number (here $M_J$ is the projection of $J$ along the quantization axis and $\alpha$ summarizes the electronic configuration quantum numbers). Similarly, if the problem necessitates the inclusion of HFS, the total angular momentum $F$ is taken to be a good quantum number and the basis $|\beta F M_F \rangle$ becomes the eigenbasis of $H_0$ (here $M_F$ represents the projection of $F$ and $\beta$ denotes the other quantum numbers associated to the level). In our investigation, we take into account the coherence between the different $F$-levels within a given $J$-level.
2. Challenges of modeling polarized lines in strong magnetic fields and collisions

Strictly speaking, one cannot use elastic collisional broadening rates \( w \) and depolarization rates \( D^k \) calculated in a zero-magnetic field case to model polarized line formation in the presence of a nonzero magnetic field. This strict condition might be supplemented with a looser one stating that zero-field collisional rates lose their physical sense in the presence of arbitrary magnetic fields. This strict condition might be supplemented with a looser one stating that zero-field collisional rates can be adopted in modeling cases where the magnetic field is sufficiently weak, specifically within the Hanle regime, where the angular momenta \( F \) and \( J \) are good (well-defined) quantum numbers.

Both collisional line broadening and collisional depolarization share similar approximations, and for a given level they are calculated using the same scattering collisional matrix \( S \) (Derouich et al. 2003, 2015; Kerkeni et al. 2004; Sahal-Bréchot & Bommier 2014, 2019). The main distinction is that \( D^k \) pertains to a single state, whereas \( w \) involves two states. However, this does not alter the fact that the elastic collision contribution to line broadening (\( w \)) and (de)polarization (\( D^k \)) rates of the lower and upper levels are expressed in terms of the same \( S \)-matrix elements derived from calculating the interaction potential and solving the Schrödinger equation. The scattering collisional matrix \( S \) strongly depends on the Hamiltonian of the system and its eigenbasis. As a result, both \( D^k \) and \( w \) depend on the presence of a magnetic field.

The similarities between \( D^k \) and \( w \) have been well documented and are firmly established. For instance, Derouich et al. (2003) used the Anstee-O’Mara-Barklem (ABO) theory (as described by Barklem & O’Mara 1998) to calculate \( w \), and subsequently employed the same interaction potential and solved the same Schrödinger equation to determine the depolarization rates \( D^k \). It is important to emphasize that the broadening \( w \), as well as \( D^k \), are known to be dependent on the \( J \)-level (in cases involving only fine structure) or \( F \)-level (when considering hyperfine structure) (see, e.g., Nienhuis 1976; Omont 1977; Green 1988; Belli et al. 2000; Kerkeni et al. 2004; Buffa & Tarrini 2011; Sahal-Bréchot & Bommier 2014, 2019; Derouich 2020).

A sufficiently strong magnetic field (as in the case of the incomplete Paschen-Back (PB) regime) greatly modifies the structure of the energy levels and induces level crossings and anti-crossings. Therefore, quantum numbers such as \( J \) and \( F \), which are good quantum numbers in the absence of a magnetic field, lose their physical sense in the PB regime. Consequently, zero-field elastic collisional rates, such as the broadening \( w(JF) \) and the depolarization rate \( D^k(JF) \), lose their physical sense. Diagonalization of the Hamiltonian is necessary, and an eigenbasis and eigenvalues with new good quantum numbers must be obtained for each magnetic field strength. In this sense, previous and ongoing works including the effects of collisions in the presence of arbitrary magnetic fields appear to be inconsistent (see, e.g., Kerkeni & Bommier 2002; Bommier 2017, 2018; Nagendra et al. 2020; Alsina Ballester et al. 2021; Alsina Ballester 2022).

Kerkeni & Bommier (2002) investigated the effects of mixing zero-field depolarization collisional rates with arbitrary (strong) magnetic field in the case of the Na I D1 and D2 lines where the PB effect (also called the Back-Goudsmit effect) is reached. In addition to the depolarization rates, these authors included the collisional broadening rates calculated in the zero-field case. As shown in Fig. 1, the PB effect induces crossings among the hyperfine sublevels of the \( ^2P_{3/2} \) state of Na I at a magnetic field strength of approximately 15 Gauss. This value can be reached in the lower chromosphere where the D-Na I lines are formed. For instance, collision effects at a density of \( 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3} \) are mixed together in the same model with magnetic field going from 0.1 to 100 Gauss, which severely influences their conclusions (see Fig. 8 of Kerkeni & Bommier 2002). In this sense, these latter authors pointed out that the loops visible in their polarization–magnetic fields diagrams (Figs 5–7 of Kerkeni & Bommier 2002) appear and disappear due to strong magnetic and collisional effects. This implies that these authors, in their interpretation, inconsistently take into account both effects happening in a strong magnetic field (incomplete PB regime) and collisional effects calculated in a zero-magnetic-field case. It is worth mentioning that the PB regime is reached in the case of the D2 upper level \(^2P_{3/2} \) for lower magnetic field values than those needed to reach the PB regime in the D1 upper level \(^2P_{3/2} \). However, the atomic polarization degrees of the HFS levels within the \(^2P_{3/2} \) state are inaccurately and inconsistently determined in the PB regime, because they are strongly coupled to those within the \(^2P_{1/2} \) state by the SEE.

The redistribution function obtained by Bommier (2017, 2018) incorporates the zero-field collisional broadening rate \( w \) (denoted \( \Gamma_E \) in Bommier 2017) within the PB regime. Bommier (2017, 2018) did not acknowledge the inherent inconsistency of including elastic collisional effects calculated in a zero-field scenario within the framework of the PB regime. Consequently, works that based their calculations on the methodology presented by Bommier (2017, 2018) exhibit inconsistencies. As can be seen in Alsina Ballester (2022), the inconsistency should be encountered in the case of the K I atom, because the incomplete PB regime is reached at a magnetic field of \( B \sim 5 \) Gauss. Furthermore, interpretation of the polarization of the K I lines for magnetic fields with \( B > 5 \) Gauss faces a serious problem because of collisional effects, which are not known in the incomplete PB regime. Sowmya et al. (2015, 2019) examined Li I D1 and D2 lines within a collisionless model and encountered the incomplete PB regime at magnetic fields of as low as around 2 Gauss. If one were to consider the Li atoms in the incomplete PB regime and use zero-field collision rates, a similar inconsistency would be encountered.

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1. The omission of \( D^k \) in Bommier (2017, 2018) does not indicate that she recognized the inconsistency of utilizing zero-field rates in the presence of strong magnetic fields. Instead, she excluded these rates because of difficulties related to factorization problems, which prevent an analytical solution of the SEE for any \( B \neq 0 \) (we refer readers to the last paragraph of Sect. 2.2.1 of Bommier 2017).
There are two essential steps in the computation of the collisional depolarization or broadening rates:

1. Determination of the Hamiltonian of the system. We note that, in the PB regime, the magnetic Hamiltonian cannot be safely neglected when one calculates the total Hamiltonian of the system.

2. Treatment of the collision dynamics which needs to be performed in a suitable eigenbasis of the Hamiltonian determined for each value of the magnetic field.

Usually, one determines the collisional rates as a function of the temperature after averaging the cross-sections over the velocity distribution function and multiplying by $n(T)$ (e.g., Derouich et al. 2003). Typically, collisional rates vary with temperature as $\sim T^{\delta_q}$. However, in the future, significant effort should be devoted to the determination of the rates as a two-variable function $D(T, B)$ and $\omega(T, B)$, which is a challenging problem.

3. Collisional effects in a multilevel atom with hyperfine structure

As explained above, the inclusion of collision rates calculated in a zero-magnetic-field case in modeling the formation of polarization in the PB regime is conceptually wrong. The severity of the effects of this error depends on how much the polarization is sensitive to collisions.

To evaluate the (de)polaring effect of isotropic collisions, at first glance, one might compare the depolarization rates $D^j$ to the appropriate radiative rates associated with the transitions between the HFS levels. However, a more precise approach is to solve the SEE for the case of a multilevel atom with hyperfine structure.

We adopt the case of the multilevel atom with hyperfine structure detailed in Landi Degl’Innocenti & Landolfi (2004) by incorporating the influence of coherences between distinct $F$-levels within a given $J$-level. We include zero-field collisional rates in our analysis, focusing solely on the effects of collisions and radiative rates, while disregarding the magnetic field. We solved the SEE for the HFS levels involved in modeling the formation of the D1 and D2 lines of the K I atom.

We developed a numerical code that takes data describing HFS quantum levels as input, together with the number of photons per mode $n$ and the corresponding anisotropy factor $w_a$. Einstein coefficients required in the SEE are extracted from the NIST database and, using the results of Manso Sainz & Landi Degl’Innocenti (2002), we determined that $\eta(D1) = 0.001906$, $w_a(D1) = 0.08365$, $\eta(D2) = 0.001875$, and $w_a(D2) = 0.0842$. In addition to the expressions of the radiative rates taken from Landi Degl’Innocenti & Landolfi (2004), the numerical code incorporates collisional data as input to compute the evolution of the atomic density matrix. Its evolution is affected by the gain terms, which are called collisional polarization transfer rates and are denoted $D^j(J' F F' \rightarrow J F F')$, and by the loss terms associated with relaxation or depolarization rates, denoted $D^j(J' F F')$. The $D^j(J' F F')$ and $D^j(J F F' \rightarrow J' F F')$ rates are obtained through a methodology first proposed by Nienhuis (1976) and Omont (1977), where $D^j(J' F F')$ and $D^j(J F F' \rightarrow J' F F')$ are represented as linear combinations of the $D^j(J)$ and $D^j(J \rightarrow J')$ rates, with these latter taken from Derouich (2012; see also Derouich 2020). To conveniently investigate the effect of collisions on polarization, it is essential to simultaneously take into account gain and loss collisional effects. We recognize that our current implementation in the SEE does not encompass all possible collisional rates governing coherence gain or loss. Nevertheless, our present inclusion of these aspects is novel and adequately conveys the core message of our paper. The incorporation of all possible rates poses a numerical challenge that we plan to address in the future.

We consider a slab in the solar atmosphere containing K I atoms and illuminated anisotropically by photospheric unpolarized radiation field. Assuming that the incident radiation has cylindrical symmetry around the local solar vertical, at a frequency $\nu$ only the radiation matrix elements $J_{\nu}^{k,-2}$ with $k_e = 0$ and $k_s = 2$ are needed to describe the incident radiation where $\bar{\nu} = J_{\nu}^{k,-2}(2\chi^2)\nu$ and $w_a = \sqrt{\frac{\chi^2}{2}}$ (see, e.g., Trujillo Bueno 2001; Landi Degl’Innocenti & Landolfi 2004; Derouich 2008).

In these conditions, due to the cylindrical symmetry of the problem, only the linear polarization is formed by scattering.

The D1 and D2 K I lines result from the atomic transitions $^2S_{1/2} \rightarrow ^2P_{1/2}$ and $^2S_{1/2} \rightarrow ^2P_{3/2}$, respectively. The K I atom has nuclear spin $I = 3/2$. Therefore, each of the levels $^2S_{J=1/2}$ and $^2P_{J=1/2}$ splits into two HFS levels $F = 1$ and $F = 2$. The D2 upper level $^2P_{3/2}$ has $J = 3/2$ and therefore splits into four HFS levels, $F = 0, 1, 2,$ and $3$. Therefore, eight HFS levels are involved in the atomic model considered to simulate the formation of the K I D lines. By taking into account only the even $k$-orders, with $q = 0$ give that the coherence is neglected, the SEE have 36 unknowns representing the density matrix elements $\rho_0^{k=0}(L_J, F')$ with even $k$ values. We note that the tensorial order $k$ varies from $|F - F'|$ to $F + F'$, implying that, for example, the maximum value of $k$ is $k_{\text{max}} = 6$ for $F = F' = 3$. In our calculation, we take into account all orders $k$. We recall that $D^j$ rates are $q$-independent because the collisions are considered to be isotropic.

We compute the density matrix elements of all $F$-levels for the case of a tangential observation in a slab in the solar atmosphere. Our code provides all values of density matrix elements associated to the K I HFS levels as output. Analytical expressions of the SEE are given in the Appendix A to ensure that they are easily accessible to all readers.

According to Bruls et al. (1992) and Alsina Ballester (2022), the line-core profile of the K I D lines should be formed at photospheric heights corresponding to hydrogen densities $n_H$ ranging between $\sim 10^{14}$ and $10^{16}$ cm$^{-3}$. In the present work, we conduct a comprehensive analysis by scanning a range of hydrogen densities $n_H$ going from $10^{12}$ cm$^{-3}$ to $10^{18}$ cm$^{-3}$ in order to fully investigate the possible role of collisions in the formation of the K I D lines. We adopt a photospheric temperature of $T = 5780$ K. Figure 2 shows the ratio $P(3, 3)/P(2, 2)$, which gives the variation of the alignment as a function of $n_H$. It can be seen that collisions begin to influence the alignment of the HFS levels associated to the $^2S_{1/2}$ for $n_H \sim 10^{13} - 10^{15}$ cm$^{-3}$. The ground-level $^2S_{1/2}$ is almost completely depolarized for $n_H > 10^{15}$ cm$^{-3}$. The density matrix element $\rho_0^{k=0}(P_{1/2}, 3, 3)$, which reflects the alignment of hyperfine level $F = 3$ within $^2P_{3/2}$, has two remarkable features. First, it exhibits a wide range of variation covering four orders of magnitude from $10^{13}$ to $10^{17}$ cm$^{-3}$. Second, it is noteworthy that this effect becomes evident at relatively low values, commencing at just $10^{13}$ cm$^{-3}$.

To understand this behavior, in the absence of collisions, we determined an analytical expression giving the density matrix elements $\rho_0^{k=0}(^2S_{1/2}, 3, 3)$ and we find that it is expressed as a function of the density matrix elements $\rho_0^{k=0}(^2S_{1/2}, 2, 2)$:

$$\rho_0^{k=0}(P_{1/2}, 3, 3) = \frac{\sqrt{21}}{10} \frac{B^k}{A^k} (v_{p_{1/2}S_{1/2}}) \rho_0^{k=0}(S_{1/2}, 2, 2) + \frac{\sqrt{21}}{10} \frac{B^k}{A^k} (v_{p_{1/2}S_{1/2}}) \rho_0^{k=0}(S_{1/2}, 2, 2)$$

(1)
We find that the values of $\rho^{k=2,4}(\Sigma_{1/2,2})$ begin to exhibit a noticeable decrease when the hydrogen density $n_H$ is approximately $10^{13}$ cm$^{-3}$, and they become zero at around $n_H \approx 10^{15}$ cm$^{-3}$. Therefore, for $n_H > 10^{13}$ cm$^{-3}$, the only remaining density matrix element capable of providing alignment to the level $^2P_{1/2,3}$ is the population $\rho^{k=0}(\Sigma_{1/2,2})$. The continued existence of $\rho^{k=0}(\Sigma_{1/2,2})$, and therefore the survival of $\rho^{k=2}(\Sigma_{1/2,2})$, relies on the gain in population from $(\Sigma_{1/2,1})$ by collisional transfer rates, which results in a population increase countering the relaxation process. If we neglect the transfer rates and focus on the relaxation rates, the population $\rho^{k=0}(\Sigma_{1/2,2})$, and therefore $\rho^{k=2}(\Sigma_{1/2,2})$, would be completely eliminated at around $n_H = 10^{15}$ cm$^{-3}$. Conversely, when we take population transfer (gain) into account, although $\rho^{k=2}(\Sigma_{1/2,2},3)$ begins to decrease at $n_H = 10^{13}$ cm$^{-3}$ due to the decrease in $\rho^{k=2,4}(\Sigma_{1/2,2})$, it keeps decreasing but does not reach zero until $n_H = 10^{17}$ cm$^{-3}$, as illustrated in Fig. 2.

On the other hand, an analogous analysis of the SEE can provide insight into the behavior of other $F$-states within the $P$-state. Specifically, it elucidates the similar decrease in both $^2P_{1/2}$ and $^2S_{1/2}$ as the hydrogen density $n_H$ increases, spanning a range from $10^{11}$ to $10^{15}$ cm$^{-3}$. It is worth mentioning that, similarly, Trujillo Bueno et al. (2002) noted an equal sensitivity of the $^2P_{1/2}$ and $^2S_{1/2}$ HFS levels to the depolarizing influence of a magnetic field. That being said, it should be noted that the alignments of $F$-levels related to $S$-state are definitively destroyed by collisions only when $n_H$ exceeds $10^{15}$ cm$^{-3}$. However, the alignments of $F$-levels associated to the $^2P_{1/2}$ are clearly destroyed by collisions only for $n_H > 10^{17}$ cm$^{-3}$. We also note that, for the $F$-levels of the $^2P_{1/2}$ state, a minor increase occurs at approximately $n_H \approx 10^{16}$ cm$^{-3}$ (see Fig. 2). It is noteworthy that the enhancement of alignment by isotropic collisions within a specific range of hydrogen density is not a novel result. This effect was observed by Derouich et al. (2007), even when HFS was entirely disregarded (see Derouich et al. 2007). By analogy, in a specific range of magnetic values, a localized enhancement of the alignment of the $^2S_{1/2}$ ($F = 1$ and $F = 2$) levels has also been found; see Trujillo Bueno et al. (2002). By taking into account collisional effects on all HFS levels, we conclude that the polarization of the K I D lines is sensitive to the presence of isotropic collisions for a large range of $n_H$, going from $10^{-13}$ cm$^{-3}$ to $10^{-17}$ cm$^{-3}$.

D1- and D2-type lines of alkali atoms have the same atomic model and their collisional rates with atomic hydrogen (see Derouich 2012) –as well as their Einstein coefficients— are of the same order of magnitude as those of the K I atomic system. Therefore, like the K I D lines, other alkali atoms should be very sensitive to collisions for photospheric hydrogen densities, which complicates their interpretation, especially in the PB regime.

### 4. Important remark

We note that, in addition to the inconsistency arising from the use of zero-magnetic rates in conditions where polarization is generated in the presence of a strong magnetic field, there is also a misapplication of collision rates in the absence of a magnetic field. To model the collisional effect on the Q/I profiles of K I D lines, Alsina Ballester (2022) used the destruction of the orientation rates $D^{k=1}$, obtained according to the formulae given in Sect. 7.13 of Landi Degl’Ippocenti & Landolfi (2004).

The $^2P_{1/2,3}$, 33) is connected only to the density matrix elements of level $^2S_{1/2,2}$.

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\begin{align*}
\rho^{k=2}(P_{1/2,3}) &= 6.47 \times 10^{-5} \times \rho^{k=0}(S_{1/2,2}) \\
&\quad + 1.86 \times 10^{-3} \times \rho^{k=2}(S_{1/2,2}) \\
&\quad + 4.94 \times 10^{-6} \times \rho^{k=4}(S_{1/2,2}) \tag{2}
\end{align*}
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Equations (1) and (2) show that the alignment of level $^2P_{1/2,3}$ is connected only to the density matrix elements of level $^2S_{1/2,2}$.

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Fig. 2. Emergent alignment for different HFS KI levels as a function of the density of neutral hydrogen $n_H$.

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\begin{align*}
\rho^{k=2}(S_{1/2,2}) &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} B \rho^{k=0}(S_{1/2,2}) \\
&\quad + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} A \times \rho^{k=2}(S_{1/2,2}) \\
&\quad + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} A \times \rho^{k=4}(S_{1/2,2}) 
\end{align*}
\]

where $B$ and $A$ refer to the Einstein coefficients associated with the $(S_{1/2} \rightarrow P_{1/2})$ transition. Equation (1) can be written numerically as:

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\begin{align*}
\rho^{k=2}(P_{1/2,3}) &= 6.47 \times 10^{-5} \times \rho^{k=0}(S_{1/2,2}) \\
&\quad + 1.86 \times 10^{-3} \times \rho^{k=2}(S_{1/2,2}) \\
&\quad + 4.94 \times 10^{-6} \times \rho^{k=4}(S_{1/2,2}) \tag{2}
\end{align*}
\]
However, it is important to note that $D^{\perp \parallel}$ rates are only relevant in studies where the scattering circular polarization exists and is coupled to linear polarization. In this sense, the inclusion of $D^{\perp \parallel}$ rates by Alsinas Ballester (2022) in the zero-field case does not seem to be appropriate. On the other hand, the rates due to elastic collisions $\gamma_E$ should also be of importance and can be found by applying the analytical expressions provided by Derouich et al. (2015), where a numerical model unifying $\gamma_E$ (or broadening $\omega$) and collisional depolarization rates is obtained by using accurate genetic programming (GP) numerical methods. We note that several works (e.g., Stenflo 1994; Faurobert-Scholl et al. 1995; Berdyugina & Fluri 2004; Smitha et al. 2014; Alsinas Ballester 2022), in the framework of the solar application, assume simple relations between broadening and depolarizing rates, which is difficult to justify either theoretically or numerically. For instance, for atomic and molecular collisions, there is no justification for the widely used relation $\omega = 0.5$ (or 0.38 or 0.1) (e.g., Faurobert-Scholl et al. 1995; Berdyugina & Fluri 2004; Smitha et al. 2014).

5. Conclusions

Current collisional data dedicated to solar applications are calculated in the absence of external magnetic field. Such data are useful only for polarimetric diagnostics in unmagnetized plasmas or in media with sufficiently weak magnetic fields, such as in the Hanle effect regime. Incorporating collision rates derived in a zero magnetic field context into models for polarization formation within the incomplete or complete PB regime is conceptually incorrect. The impact of this conceptual error depends on the degree to which polarization is sensitive to collisions. For instance, in regions of the Sun where the hydrogen density is low enough to imply that collision effects are negligible, this conceptual error becomes irrelevant.

Collisions have various effects on the polarized lines, including broadening, depolarization, and the partial redistribution of frequencies. In our investigation, we focused on one specific aspect, which is the depolarization caused by collisions. By solving the SEE for $K_{\perp}$ which is modeled as a multilevel system (e.g., V olpi & Bohn 2002; Krems & Dalgarno 2004), we show the role that collisions can play in the modeling of polarization formation. Therefore, one must be careful when using collisional rates calculated in the zero-field case to interpret atomic polarization of HFS levels in magnetized media. In the cases where level crossings take place, such as in solar alkali atoms, close coupling treatments of atomic collisions including magnetic fields are necessary in order to properly decipher the information encoded in the polarized radiation.

Increasing the strength of the external magnetic field not only induces the mixing of states with different total angular momenta but also exerts an influence on collisional rates through modification of the value of the total Hamiltonian of the system (e.g., Volpi & Bohn 2002; Krems & Dalgarno 2004; Bivona et al. 2005). To ensure the unicity and reliability of the solution of the problems concerned with the formation of polarization in spectral lines originating from alkaline atoms, such as $K_{\perp}$, all major processes must be included in the modeling. Proper treatment of the collisions in the conditions of the (incomplete) PB regime might lead to novel interpretations and could allow confirmation of the findings of previous works or rectify their shortcomings.

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Appendix A: The statistical Equilibrium equations

In the system of equations below, $\rho_{ij}^k(L_j, F')$ denote the atomic density matrix elements describing the hyperfine structure levels $F$ and $F'$ for the level with orbital angular momentum $L$, electronic angular momentum $J$ and nuclear spin $I$. The total angular momentum $F$ takes values between $|J-I|$ and $J+I$, $k$ denotes the tensorial order of the atomic density matrix element, $\rho$ represents the variation in $\rho$ with time. $A(L_j' \rightarrow L_j)$ and $B(L_j' \rightarrow L_j')$ denote Einstein’s coefficients for spontaneous emission and absorption, respectively. $J_{\rho}^k(v_{L_j' \rightarrow L_j})$ indicates the value of the radiation field tensor of order $k$, at the frequency $v_{L_j' \rightarrow L_j}$. $D^k(L_j, F')$ and $D^k(L_j', F'=L_j')$ respectively denote the collisional relaxation and the collisional transfer rates affecting the matrix element. In order to calculate the $\rho_{ij}^k(L_j, F')$ unknowns, we have assumed statistical equilibrium, i.e., $\rho_{ij}^k(L_j, F')=0$. It is important to note that since the resulting system of equations is not linearly independent, one of the equations associated with the population of the sublevels, typically $\rho_{ij}^k(S_{1/2}, 1/2) = 0$, which corresponds to the ground sublevel population, must be replaced by the trace equation $\sum_i \sqrt{2J_i+1} \rho_{ii}^k(F_i) = 1$.

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\rho_{ij}^k(S_{1/2}, 1/1) = -\left[ B(S_{1/2} \rightarrow P_{1/2}) J_{\rho}^k(v_{P_{1/2} \rightarrow S_{1/2}}) + B(S_{1/2} \rightarrow P_{1/2}) J_{\rho}^k(v_{P_{1/2} \rightarrow S_{1/2}}) + D^k(S_{1/2}, 1/1) \right] \rho_{ij}^k(S_{1/2}, 1/1) \quad (A.1)
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\[
\rho_{ij}^k(S_{1/2}, 1/1) = -\left[ B(S_{1/2} \rightarrow P_{1/2}) J_{\rho}^k(v_{P_{1/2} \rightarrow S_{1/2}}) + B(S_{1/2} \rightarrow P_{1/2}) J_{\rho}^k(v_{P_{1/2} \rightarrow S_{1/2}}) + D^k(S_{1/2}, 1/1) \right] \rho_{ij}^k(S_{1/2}, 1/1) \quad (A.2)
\]

\[
\rho_{ij}^k(S_{1/2}, 1/2) = -\left[ B(S_{1/2} \rightarrow P_{1/2}) J_{\rho}^k(v_{P_{1/2} \rightarrow S_{1/2}}) + B(S_{1/2} \rightarrow P_{1/2}) J_{\rho}^k(v_{P_{1/2} \rightarrow S_{1/2}}) + D^k(S_{1/2}, 1/2) \right] \rho_{ij}^k(S_{1/2}, 1/2) \quad (A.3)
\]

\[
\rho_{ij}^k(S_{1/2}, 2/1) = -\left[ B(S_{1/2} \rightarrow P_{1/2}) J_{\rho}^k(v_{P_{1/2} \rightarrow S_{1/2}}) + B(S_{1/2} \rightarrow P_{1/2}) J_{\rho}^k(v_{P_{1/2} \rightarrow S_{1/2}}) + D^k(S_{1/2}, 2/1) \right] \rho_{ij}^k(S_{1/2}, 2/1) \quad (A.4)
\]
\( \rho_0^0(S_{1,22}) = -\left[ B(S_1 \rightarrow P_2) \rho_0^0(v_{P_1},s_{1}) + B(S_2 \rightarrow P_2) \rho_0^0(v_{P_2},s_{2}) + D^0(S_{1,22}) \right] \rho_0^0(S_{1,22}) \)  

\( + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} A(P_1 \rightarrow S_2) \rho_0^0(P_1, 11) + \frac{1}{2} A(P_2 \rightarrow S_2) \rho_0^0(P_2, 22) + \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{15}} A(P_1 \rightarrow S_2) \rho_0^0(P_1, 11) \)

\( + \frac{1}{2} A(P_2 \rightarrow S_2) \rho_0^0(P_2, 22) + \frac{\sqrt{7}}{5} A(P_2 \rightarrow S_2) \rho_0^0(P_2, 33) + D^0(S_{1,11} \rightarrow S_2, 22) \rho_0^0(S_{1,11}) \)  

\( \rho_0^2(S_{1,22}) = -\left[ B(S_1 \rightarrow P_2) \rho_0^2(v_{P_1},s_{1}) + B(S_2 \rightarrow P_2) \rho_0^2(v_{P_2},s_{2}) + D^2(S_{1,22}) \right] \rho_0^0(S_{1,22}) \)

\( + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{7}} A(P_1 \rightarrow S_2) \rho_0^2(P_1, 11) + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{7}} A(P_2 \rightarrow S_2) \rho_0^2(P_2, 12) + \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{15}} A(P_1 \rightarrow S_2) \rho_0^2(P_1, 21) \)

\( + \frac{1}{4} A(P_2 \rightarrow S_2) \rho_0^2(P_2, 22) + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{20}} A(P_2 \rightarrow S_2) \rho_0^2(P_2, 11) \) 

\( + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{15}} A(P_2 \rightarrow S_2) \rho_0^2(P_2, 33) \) 

\( \rho_0^0(S_{1,22}) = -\left[ B(S_1 \rightarrow P_2) \rho_0^3(v_{P_1},s_{1}) + B(S_2 \rightarrow P_2) \rho_0^3(v_{P_2},s_{2}) + D^3(S_{1,22}) \right] \rho_0^0(S_{1,22}) \)

\( + \frac{1}{5} \sqrt{6} A(P_2 \rightarrow S_2) \rho_0^2(P_2, 13) + \frac{1}{4 \sqrt{10}} A(P_2 \rightarrow S_2) \rho_0^2(P_2, 13) - \frac{1}{3} A(P_2 \rightarrow S_2) \rho_0^2(P_2, 22) \)

\( + \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} A(P_2 \rightarrow S_2) \rho_0^2(P_2, 23) + \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} A(P_2 \rightarrow S_2) \rho_0^2(P_2, 33) \) 

\( \rho_0^0(P_{1,11}) = -\left[ A(P_1 \rightarrow S_2) + D^0(P_{1,11}) + D^0(P_{1,11} \rightarrow P_{2,11}) \right] \rho_0^0(P_{1,11}) \)

\( + B(S_1 \rightarrow P_2) \left[ \rho_0^0(v_{P_1},s_{1}) \left\{ \frac{1}{6} \rho_0^0(S_{1,11}) \right. \right. \)

\( \left. + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{5}{3}} \rho_0^0(S_{1,22}) \right] \)

\( + \rho_0^0(v_{P_1},s_{1}) \left\{ - \frac{1}{12} \rho_0^0(S_{1,11}) - \frac{1}{2} \rho_0^0(S_{1,12}) + \frac{1}{4} \rho_0^0(S_{1,21}) + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{5}} \rho_0^0(S_{1,22}) \right\} \)

\( + D^0(P_{2,22} \rightarrow P_{1,11}) \rho_0^0(P_{2,22}) + D^0(P_{2,00} \rightarrow P_{1,11}) \rho_0^0(P_{2,00}) + D^0(P_{2,11} \rightarrow P_{1,11}) \rho_0^0(P_{2,11}) \)

\( + D^0(P_{2,33} \rightarrow P_{1,11}) \rho_0^0(P_{2,33}) \) 

\( \rho_0^0(P_{1,11}) = -\left[ A(P_1 \rightarrow S_2) + D^0(P_{1,11}) + D^0(P_{1,11} \rightarrow P_{2,11}) \right] \rho_0^0(P_{1,11}) \)

\( + B(S_1 \rightarrow P_2) \left[ \rho_0^0(v_{P_1},s_{1}) \right. \)

\( \times \left\{ - \frac{1}{12} \rho_0^0(S_{1,11}) + \frac{1}{4} \rho_0^0(S_{1,12}) - \frac{1}{4} \rho_0^0(S_{1,21}) + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{5}} \rho_0^0(S_{1,22}) - \frac{1}{4} \rho_0^0(S_{1,22}) + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{5}} \rho_0^0(S_{1,22}) \right\} \)

\( + \rho_0^0(v_{P_1},s_{1}) \left\{ - \frac{1}{12} \rho_0^0(S_{1,11}) - \frac{1}{2} \rho_0^0(S_{1,12}) + \frac{1}{4} \rho_0^0(S_{1,21}) + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{5}} \rho_0^0(S_{1,22}) + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{5}} \rho_0^0(S_{1,22}) \right\} \)

\( + D^0(P_{2,22} \rightarrow P_{1,11}) \rho_0^0(P_{2,22}) + D^0(P_{2,00} \rightarrow P_{1,11}) \rho_0^0(P_{2,00}) + D^0(P_{2,11} \rightarrow P_{1,11}) \rho_0^0(P_{2,11}) \)

\( + D^0(P_{2,33} \rightarrow P_{1,11}) \rho_0^0(P_{2,33}) \)
\[
\rho_0^2(P_1, 12) = -[A(P_1 \to S_1) + D^2(P_1, 12) + D^0(P_1, 12 \to P_2, 12)] \rho_0^2(P_1, 12) + B(S_1 \to P_1) \times \\
\left\{ J_0^0(v_{P_1, s_1}^1) \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\rho_0^2(S_1, 11)} - \frac{1}{12} \rho_0^2(S_1, 12) - \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\rho_0^2(S_1, 21)} + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{3} \rho_0^2(S_1, 22)} \right\} \\
+ J_0^0(v_{P_1, s_1}^1) \left\{ -\frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\rho_0^2(S_1, 11)} + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{3} \rho_0^2(S_1, 22)} + \frac{1}{6} \sqrt{2} \rho_0^2(S_1, 12) \\
+ \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2} \rho_0^2(S_1, 21) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{42}} \rho_0^2(S_1, 22) - \sqrt{\frac{3}{70} \rho_0^2(S_1, 22)} \right\} \right\} \\
\rho_0^2(P_1, 21) = -[A(P_1 \to S_1) + D^2(P_1, 21) + D^0(P_1, 21 \to P_2, 21)] \rho_0^2(P_1, 21) \\
+ B(S_1 \to P_1) \left\{ - J_0^0(v_{P_1, s_1}^1) \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\rho_0^2(S_1, 11)} + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\rho_0^2(S_1, 12)} + \frac{1}{12} \rho_0^2(S_1, 21) + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{3} \rho_0^2(S_1, 22)} \right\} \\
+ J_0^0(v_{P_1, s_1}^1) \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\rho_0^2(S_1, 11)} - \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\rho_0^2(S_1, 22)} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2} \rho_0^2(S_1, 12) \\
+ \frac{1}{6} \sqrt{2} \rho_0^2(S_1, 21) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{42}} \rho_0^2(S_1, 22) + \sqrt{\frac{3}{70} \rho_0^2(S_1, 22)} \right\} \right\} \\
\rho_0^2(P_1, 22) = -[A(P_1 \to S_1) + D^2(P_1, 22) + D^0(P_1, 22 \to P_2, 22)] \rho_0^2(P_1, 22) \\
+ B(S_1 \to P_1) \left\{ J_0^0(v_{P_1, s_1}^1) \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{5}{3} \rho_0^2(S_1, 11)} + \frac{1}{2} \rho_0^2(S_1, 22) \right\} \\
+ J_0^0(v_{P_1, s_1}^1) \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{3} \rho_0^2(S_1, 11)} + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{3} \rho_0^2(S_1, 12)} - \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{3} \rho_0^2(S_1, 21)} - \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{3} \rho_0^2(S_1, 22)} \right\} \right\} \\
+ D^0(P_1, 11 \to P_2, 22) \rho_0^0(P_1, 11) + D^0(P_2, 00 \to P_2, 22) \rho_0^0(P_2, 00) + D^0(P_2, 11 \to P_2, 22) \rho_0^0(P_2, 11) \\
+ D^0(P_2, 22 \to P_2, 22) \rho_0^0(P_2, 22) + D^0(P_2, 33 \to P_2, 22) \rho_0^0(P_2, 33) \right\} \\
\rho_0^2(P_1, 22) = -[A(P_1 \to S_1) + D^2(P_1, 22) + D^0(P_1, 22 \to P_2, 22)] \rho_0^2(P_1, 22) \\
+ B(S_1 \to P_1) \left\{ J_0^0(v_{P_1, s_1}^1) \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{3} \rho_0^2(S_1, 11)} + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{3} \rho_0^2(S_1, 12)} - \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{3} \rho_0^2(S_1, 21)} - \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{3} \rho_0^2(S_1, 22)} \right\} \\
+ J_0^0(v_{P_1, s_1}^1) \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{3} \rho_0^2(S_1, 11)} - \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{3} \rho_0^2(S_1, 22)} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2} \rho_0^2(S_1, 12) \\
- \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{2} \rho_0^2(S_1, 21) - \frac{5}{14} \sqrt{2} \rho_0^2(S_1, 22) - \frac{3}{7} \sqrt{10} \rho_0^2(S_1, 11) \right\} \right\} \\
+ D^2(P_1, 11 \to P_2, 22) \rho_0^0(P_1, 11) + D^2(P_2, 11 \to P_2, 22) \rho_0^0(P_2, 11) + D^2(P_2, 22 \to P_2, 22) \rho_0^0(P_2, 22) \\
+ D^2(P_2, 33 \to P_2, 22) \rho_0^0(P_2, 33) \right\} \\
\rho_0^2(P_1, 22) = -[A(P_1 \to S_1) + D^4(P_1, 22) + D^0(P_1, 22 \to P_2, 22)] \rho_0^2(P_1, 22) \\
+ B(S_1 \to P_1) \left\{ -\frac{1}{3} \rho_0^0(v_{P_1, s_1}^1 \rho_0^0(S_1, 22) + J_0^0(v_{P_1, s_1}^1) \times \\
\left\{ \frac{3}{7} \sqrt{\frac{7}{3} \rho_0^2(S_1, 11)} - \sqrt{\frac{3}{7} \rho_0^2(S_1, 12)} + \sqrt{\frac{3}{7} \rho_0^2(S_1, 21)} - \frac{3}{7} \sqrt{10} \rho_0^2(S_1, 22) \right\} \right\} \\
+ D^4(P_1, 22 \to P_2, 22) \rho_0^0(P_2, 22) + D^4(P_2, 33 \to P_2, 22) \rho_0^0(P_2, 33) \right\} 
\]
\[ \begin{align*}
\rho_0^0(P_0,00) &= -\left[ A(P_0 \rightarrow S_{\frac{1}{2}}) + D^0(P_0,00) \right] \rho_0^0(P_0,00) + B(S_{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow P_\frac{1}{2}) \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{3} J_0^\rho(v_{P_\frac{1}{2}, S_{\frac{1}{2}}}) \rho_0^0(S_{\frac{1}{2}},11) \right.\]
&\left. + \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{3}} J_0^\rho(v_{P_\frac{1}{2}, S_{\frac{1}{2}}}) \rho_0^0(S_{\frac{1}{2}},11) + D^0(P_0,11 \rightarrow P_0,00) \rho_0^0(P_0,11) + D^0(P_0,22 \rightarrow P_0,00) \rho_0^0(P_0,22) + D^0(P_0,22 \rightarrow P_\frac{1}{2},00) \rho_0^0(P_\frac{1}{2},00) \right] \rho_0^0(P_0,22) + D^0(P_0,33 \rightarrow P_0,00) \rho_0^0(P_0,33) \tag{A.15} \end{align*} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
\rho_0^0(P_0,02) &= -\left[ A(P_0 \rightarrow S_{\frac{1}{2}}) + D^2(P_0,02) \right] \rho_0^0(P_0,02) + B(S_{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow P_\frac{1}{2}) \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{6} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}},11) + \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{6}} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}},12) \right. \]
&\left. + J_0^\rho(v_{P_\frac{1}{2}, S_{\frac{1}{2}}}) \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{6} \rho_0^0(S_{\frac{1}{2}},11) - \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{5} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}},11) + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{5} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}},12) \right\} \right] \tag{A.16} \end{align*} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
\rho_0^0(P_0,11) &= -\left[ A(P_0 \rightarrow S_{\frac{1}{2}}) + D^0(P_0,11) + D^0(P_0,11 \rightarrow P_1,11) \right] \rho_0^0(P_0,11) \]
&\left. + B(S_{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow P_\frac{1}{2}) \left[ J_0^\rho(v_{P_\frac{1}{2}, S_{\frac{1}{2}}}) \left\{ \frac{5}{12} \rho_0^0(S_{\frac{1}{2}},11) + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{15} \rho_0^0(S_{\frac{1}{2}},22) \right\} \right.\right. \]
&\left. \left. + J_0^\rho(v_{P_\frac{1}{2}, S_{\frac{1}{2}}}) \left\{ -\frac{5}{24} \rho_0^0(S_{\frac{1}{2}},11) + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{15} \rho_0^0(S_{\frac{1}{2}},22) - \frac{5}{12} \sqrt{2} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}},11) + \frac{1}{20} \sqrt{42} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}},22) \right\} \right.\right. \]
&\left. \left. + \frac{3}{10} \sqrt{\frac{3}{70}} \rho_0^0(S_{\frac{1}{2}},22) \right) \right) + D^2(P_0,11 \rightarrow P_1,11) \rho_0^0(P_1,11) + D^2(P_0,22 \rightarrow P_1,11) \rho_0^0(P_1,22) + D^2(P_0,33 \rightarrow P_1,11) \rho_0^0(P_3,33) \tag{A.17} \end{align*} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
\rho_0^0(P_0,12) &= -\left[ A(P_0 \rightarrow S_{\frac{1}{2}}) + D^2(P_0,12) + D^0(P_0,12 \rightarrow P_1,12) \right] \rho_0^0(P_0,12) \]
&\left. + B(S_{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow P_\frac{1}{2}) \left[ J_0^\rho(v_{P_\frac{1}{2}, S_{\frac{1}{2}}}) \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{8} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}},11) + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{24} \rho_0^0(S_{\frac{1}{2}},12) + \frac{1}{8} \sqrt{5} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}},21) + \frac{1}{8} \sqrt{7} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}},22) \right\} \right.\right. \]
&\left. \left. + J_0^\rho(v_{P_\frac{1}{2}, S_{\frac{1}{2}}}) \left\{ -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{8} \rho_0^0(S_{\frac{1}{2}},11) + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{40} \rho_0^0(S_{\frac{1}{2}},22) - \frac{1}{12} \sqrt{5} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}},12) - \frac{1}{16} \sqrt{5} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}},12) \right\} \right.\right. \]
&\left. \left. + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{210} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}},22) - \frac{1}{10} \sqrt{\frac{5}{14}} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}},22) \right) \right) \tag{A.18} \end{align*} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
\rho_0^0(P_0,13) &= -\left[ A(P_0 \rightarrow S_{\frac{1}{2}}) + D^2(P_0,13) \right] \rho_0^0(P_0,13) + B(S_{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow P_\frac{1}{2}) \left[ J_0^\rho(v_{P_\frac{1}{2}, S_{\frac{1}{2}}}) \left\{ \frac{1}{6} \sqrt{2} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}},12) \right\} \right.\right. \]
&\left. \left. + \frac{1}{10} \sqrt{6} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}},22) \right) \right) + J_0^\rho(v_{P_\frac{1}{2}, S_{\frac{1}{2}}}) \left\{ \frac{1}{10} \sqrt{\frac{27}{16}} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}},22) - \frac{5}{12} \sqrt{2} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}},22) - \frac{23}{140} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}},22) + \frac{1}{70} \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}},22) \right\} \right) \right.\right. \]
&\left. \left. + \frac{1}{10} \sqrt{6} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}},22) \right) \right. \right) \tag{A.19} \end{align*} \]
\[\rho_0^D(P, 13) = -\left[A(P, S) + D^2(P, 13)\right] \rho_0^D(P, 13) + B(S, P) \left[\frac{1}{2\sqrt{10}} J_0^D(v, S, S, 2)\right]
\]
\[\rho_0^D(P, 20) = -\left[A(P, S) + D^2(P, 20)\right] \rho_0^D(P, 20) + B(S, P) \left[\frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}} J_0^D(v, S, S, 2)\right]
\]
\[\rho_0^D(P, 21) = -\left[A(P, S) + D^2(P, 21) + D^2(P, 21, 2)\right] \rho_0^D(P, 21)
\]
\[\rho_0^D(P, 22) = -\left[A(P, S) + D^2(P, 22) + D^2(P, 22, 2)\right] \rho_0^D(P, 22)
\]
\( \rho_0^3(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 3) = -\left[ A(P_{\frac{1}{2}} \to S_{\frac{1}{2}}) + D^2(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 3) \rho_0^3(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 3) + B(S_{\frac{1}{2}} \to P_{\frac{1}{2}}) \left( \rho_0^0(vp_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}) \right) \right] \left( \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{7}{15}} \rho_0^0(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 1, 2) \right) \) 
\[ + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{5} \rho_0^0(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) \left) \right] \) 
\[ + J_0^2(vp_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}) \left( \left( - \frac{1}{10} \sqrt{7} \rho_0^0(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{210} \rho_0^0(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 1, 2) - \frac{1}{14} \sqrt{10} \rho_0^0(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) + \frac{3}{70} \sqrt{5} \rho_0^0(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) \right) \right] \) 
\[ = -\left[ A(P_{\frac{1}{2}} \to S_{\frac{1}{2}}) + D^4(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 3) \rho_0^3(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 3) + B(S_{\frac{1}{2}} \to P_{\frac{1}{2}}) \left( \rho_0^0(vp_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}) \right) \right] \left( \frac{1}{6} \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \rho_0^0(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) \right) \) 
\[ + J_0^2(vp_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}) \left( \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{7}} \rho_0^0(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) - \frac{3}{14} \rho_0^0(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) + \frac{5}{84} \rho_0^3(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) \right) \) 
\[ = -\left[ A(P_{\frac{1}{2}} \to S_{\frac{1}{2}}) + D^2(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 3, 1) \rho_0^3(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 3, 1) + B(S_{\frac{1}{2}} \to P_{\frac{1}{2}}) \left( \rho_0^0(vp_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}) \right) \right] \left( - \frac{1}{6} \sqrt{\frac{7}{2}} \rho_0^3(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 1) \right) \) 
\[ + J_0^2(vp_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}) \left( \frac{1}{10} \sqrt{\frac{27}{10}} \rho_0^3(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) + \frac{5}{12} \rho_0^3(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 1) - \frac{23}{140} \rho_0^3(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) + \frac{I}{70} \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \rho_0^3(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) \right) \) 
\[ = -\left[ A(P_{\frac{1}{2}} \to S_{\frac{1}{2}}) + D^2(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 3, 2) \rho_0^3(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 3, 2) + B(S_{\frac{1}{2}} \to P_{\frac{1}{2}}) \left( \rho_0^0(vp_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}) \right) \right] \left( \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{7}{15}} \rho_0^3(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 1) \right) \) 
\[ + J_0^2(vp_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}) \left( \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{7}} \rho_0^3(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) + \frac{1}{10} \rho_0^3(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 1) + \frac{1}{14} \sqrt{10} \rho_0^3(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) - \frac{3}{70} \rho_0^3(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) \right) \) 
\[ = -\left[ A(P_{\frac{1}{2}} \to S_{\frac{1}{2}}) + D^4(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 3, 2) \rho_0^3(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 3, 2) + B(S_{\frac{1}{2}} \to P_{\frac{1}{2}}) \left( \rho_0^0(vp_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}) \right) \right] \left( - \frac{1}{6} \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \rho_0^3(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) \right) \) 
\[ + J_0^2(vp_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}) \left( \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{7}} \rho_0^3(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) + \frac{3}{14} \rho_0^3(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) - \frac{V}{84} \rho_0^3(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) \right) \) 
\[ = -\left[ A(P_{\frac{1}{2}} \to S_{\frac{1}{2}}) + D^4(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 3, 3) \rho_0^3(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 3, 3) + B(S_{\frac{1}{2}} \to P_{\frac{1}{2}}) \left( \rho_0^0(vp_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}) \right) \right] \left( \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{7}{5}} \rho_0^3(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) \right) \) 
\[ + J_0^2(vp_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}) \left( \rho_0^3(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) + D^3(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 1, 1, P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 3, 3) \rho_0^0(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 1, 1) + D^3(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2, P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 3, 3) \rho_0^0(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) \right) 
\[ + D^3(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 0, 0, P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 3, 3) \rho_0^0(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 0, 0) + D^3(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 1, 1, P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 3, 3) \rho_0^0(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 1, 1) + D^3(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2, P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 3, 3) \rho_0^0(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2, 2) \right) \]
\[ \dot{\rho}_0^2(P_{\frac{3}{2}}, 3 3) = -\left[ A(P_{\frac{3}{2}} \rightarrow S_{\frac{1}{2}}) + D^2(P_{\frac{3}{2}}, 3 3) \right] \rho_0^2(P_{\frac{3}{2}}, 3 3) + B(S_{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow P_{\frac{3}{2}}) \left[ \frac{\sqrt{6}}{5} \rho_0^2(v_{P_{\frac{3}{2}}, S_{\frac{1}{2}}} S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2 2) \right. \\
+ J_0^2(v_{P_{\frac{3}{2}}, S_{\frac{1}{2}}}) \left\{ \frac{1}{5} \sqrt{\frac{21}{10}} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2 2) + \frac{2 \sqrt{3}}{35} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2 2) + \frac{1}{35} \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} \rho_0^2(S_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2 2) \right\} \\
+ D^2(P_{\frac{3}{2}}, 1 1 \rightarrow P_{\frac{3}{2}}, 3 3) \rho_0^2(P_{\frac{3}{2}}, 1 1) + D^2(P_{\frac{3}{2}}, 2 2 \rightarrow P_{\frac{3}{2}}, 3 3) \rho_0^2(P_{\frac{3}{2}}, 2 2) + D^2(P_{\frac{3}{2}}, 1 1 \rightarrow P_{\frac{3}{2}}, 3 3) \rho_0^2(P_{\frac{3}{2}}, 1 1) \\
+ D^2(P_{\frac{3}{2}}, 2 2 \rightarrow P_{\frac{3}{2}}, 3 3) \rho_0^2(P_{\frac{3}{2}}, 2 2) \right] \\
+ D^2(P_{\frac{1}{2}}, 2 2 \rightarrow P_{\frac{3}{2}}, 3 3) \rho_0^2(P_{\frac{3}{2}}, 2 2) \] \\
(A.34)