

SESSION 5. EXPERIMENTAL ATOMIC PHYSICS

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The breakthrough in 1978 by Brooks et al.¹ and by Breton et al.¹ provided the first plasma rate measurements on dielectronic recombination (DR), and their basic technique has been followed up on in a few other investigations. An important new plasma technique was introduced² in 1982. Another breakthrough³ in 1982-1983 led to colliding beams cross section measurements³ for DR and to more direct comparisons with theory. Experiment/theory disagreements and agreements have led to follow-up experimental and theoretical efforts which are pointing to better understanding of DR and which emphasize issues that should be paid attention to by plasma modelers. An overview will be given with strong emphasis on the beams experiments and the implications.

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