

Considering only the reactions of the PPI chain, the differential equations that govern the number densities of the nuclei involved are

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dn_H}{dt} &= -2\lambda_{pp} \frac{(n_H)^2}{2} - \lambda_{pd} n_H n_D + 2\lambda_{33} \frac{(n_3)^2}{2}, \\ \frac{dn_D}{dt} &= \lambda_{pp} \frac{(n_H)^2}{2} - \lambda_{pd} n_H n_D, \\ \frac{dn_3}{dt} &= \lambda_{pd} n_H n_D - 2\lambda_{33} \frac{(n_3)^2}{2}, \\ \frac{dn_4}{dt} &= \lambda_{33} \frac{(n_3)^2}{2},\end{aligned}$$

where n_H , n_D , n_3 , n_4 are the number densities of H, D, ^3He and ^4He , respectively, and λ_{pp} , etc. denote the appropriate two-particle reaction rates (i.e. $\langle \sigma v \rangle$). Explain the origin of each term in the first of these equations.