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ABSTRACT

This review covers topical diagnostic developments appropriate to the study of a wide range of multi-keV temperature laboratory plasmas.

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1. Introduction

Recent developments in measurement techniques on high temperature laboratory plasmas have been influenced by three main factors. Most important is the plasma physicist's ability to generate and control an ever wider range of new, more energetic plasma conditions. Tokamaks, for instance, now provide laboratory plasmas which approximate to the most active regions of the sun in terms of temperature, emitter charge state, etc, emitter charge states ranging up to say, z=50. At the other end of the scale, extreme pressure plasma conditions with densities comparable to those in solids are now produced in laser-irradiation experiments. At these densities many basic approximations usually assumed in diagnostic measurements, for example the binary collisional excitation model, need reconsideration.

Other new measurement techniques stem directly from advances in the technology of diagnostic apparatus such as lasers and photo-electronics. Fluorescence spectroscopy and far infra red light scattering are but two examples.

Finally the use of numerical methods to assemble and reduce line-of-sight data has provide very informative as in the case of the tomographic analyses of the x-ray emission from both tokamaks and laser-compressed plasmas.

This paper briefly discusses all of these aspects of diagnostic developments and highlights the close connection between plasma measurement techniques and the study of basic atomic or ionic processes. Appropriate surveys of diagnostic methods in modern fusion devices are to be found in the Varenna School publications(1975,1978) in the article by Equipe TFR(1978)and by Attwood(1978)and Ahlstrom *et al*(1978).

2.Plasma Parameters in State-of-the-Art Fusion Devices

The range of parameters describing laboratory plasmas has increased dramatically over the last few years due largely to the pursuance of controlled fusion research. In tokamak plasmas, operating over an electron density range

$5 \times 10^{18} \lesssim n_e \lesssim 5 \times 10^{20} m^{-3}$, multi-keV temperatures are now routinely produced by ohmic heating, Bol et al(1979). Neutral particle beam injection at the megawatt level can raise the ions to equivalently high temperatures, Eubank et al (1979). Due partly to the larger plasma volumes (∿cubic metres) in present day tokamaks, these temperatures are not achieved at the expense of impaired plasma containment, the product of density and particle confinement time being typically $n_e \tau \gtrsim 10^{18} m^{-3} s$. These parameters have important consequences for measurement techniques associated with the x-ray emission from highly-charged ions which are often present as impurities in a background plasma of ionised hydrogen or its isotopes. The large $n\tau$ value makes possible measurements with simultaneous high spatial and spectral resolution while the relatively low n_e allows observations of optically forbidden transitions, (section 5.3).

In high energy density plasmas such as those produced from solids by laser heating and compression, multi-keV temperatures have also been achieved, albeit on a subnanosecond time scale and in minute, $10^{-15} m^3$ plasma volumes, Attwood et al,(1979),Ceglio and Coleman,(1977). The inertial confinement factor $\int \rho . dr$ (equivalent to $n_e \tau$ for magnetic confinement) is $\sim 10^{-2} kg\ m^{-2}$ and this parameter together with the electron temperature determines the ionisation state in these compressed plasmas which have densities typically in the range $10^{25} \leq n_e < 10^{30} m^{-3}$. An important diagnostic technique here again involves high z emitters since detailed emission line shapes can be interpreted directly in terms of the parameters $\int \rho . dr$ and the density ρ, section 5.4.

3. Data Retrieval: Derivation of Local Parameters by Methods of Reconstruction

3.1. *X-ray tomography*

Modern data gathering techniques, with their ability to handle and cross-correlate many data points taken at a single time make practical the derivation of local parameters which previously were unobtainable. For example, the derivation of local quantities from their line-of-sight integrals finds an important application in the study of the spatial plasma profiles in high

temperature tokamaks using line-of-sight, chordal x-ray emission as the basic data, (Sauthoff et al, 1978).

The x-ray emission along a number of chords, typically 20, is viewed by an array of surface barrier detectors, Fig.1, each array monitoring various poloidal

Fig.1

and toroidal positions about the torus. Because of the degree of cylindrical symmetry and the often uniform periodic nature of the instability signals in tokamaks, the x-ray intensities can be interpreted to a large degree in terms of the motion of rigid plasma rotators. The rotation of the m=2 poloidal mode and its growth rate is most readily understood on this model and is illustrated in Fig.2. Non-uniform rotation and high m (poloidal) and n (toroidal) disturbances require more complicated analyses of numerous measurements, some along the toroidal field lines.

Fig. 2

It is interesting to note that much of the instability information can be derived purely in terms of the x-ray emission iso-contours without recourse to their detailed interpretation in terms of δn_e and δT_e. This detailed information however can be derived from simultaneous measurements of the far infra red emission at the electron and cyclotron frequencies, see section 3.2.

A quite different approach to tomographic analysis is required to unfold the spatial variation of the particle and photon emission produced in laser compression experiments of microspheres. These minute, high pressure ($\gtrsim 10^8$ atmospheres) plasmas have dimensions $r \sim 100$ μm and require spatial resolution $\delta r \sim 1$μm. At the Livermore Laboratory Ceglio et al (1977 a, b), Ceglio and Smith (1978) employ coded aperture imaging techniques. This imaging technique as applied to x-ray microscopy is a 2-step process. In the first step, diffraction plays no part and radiation from the source casts a simple

shadow of the coded aperture onto a suitable detector plane which may be photographic emulsion, cellulose nitrate film (for α-particles) or a solid state detector array. The use of Fresnel Zones as the coded aperture makes the second step particularly simple since visible lasers can be used to illuminate the shadowgraph transparency and, as in holography, reconstruct a 3-D image of the original source. Ceglio and co-workers, using micro-Fresnel zone plates made from 5→10 μm gold foil with a few hundred zones, typically achieve a radial plasma resolution δr of the order of a micron with tomographic (in depth) resolutions of some tens of microns.

3.2 *Emission at or Near the Plasma Frequency and the Cyclotron Frequency*

An interesting example of how increases in plasma containment time, volume, temperature etc., can sharply change the technological requirements for a successful diagnostic technique, is the recent re-emergence of far infra-red emission spectroscopy as a powerful means of obtaining diagnostic information in many cases spatially resolved, Costley,(1979). Following the pioneering work on time-resolved pulsed Fourier transform spectroscopy of transient plasma jointly by Imperial College and NPL (Chamberlain et al(1971)) the use of this technique on tokamaks by Costley and his collaborators, together with alternative FIR dispersion methods used by other groups have shown how powerful FIR emission measurements can be when applied to a long-lived, high temperature, relatively low density magnetised plasma, and in particular to plasmas where ω_{ce}, the electron cyclotron frequency, exceeds ω_{pe}, the plasma frequency.

The success of this technique in providing spatially-resolved information e.g. on electron temperatures in Tokamaks, depends on the fact that the radial variation of magnetic field strength, and hence of the electron cyclotron frequency and its harmonics, is essentially known *a priori*. A study of the spectral structure of the emission near each harmonic therefore reflects the spatial variation of the plasma parameters and can be interpreted to yield a unique value

for a radial variation of T_e if the harmonic is optically thick and of electron density, n_e, if the harmonic is optically thin. Figure 3 shows an example of the

Fig.3

emission spectrum from the DITE tokamak. The intensity variation through the optically thick second harmonic is directly related to a saddle-shaped $T_e(r)$ profile in the tokamak. This technique has the advantage over Thomson scattering that by using only a single detector it is possible to obtain a more-or-less continuous monitor of the radial variation of T_e and n_e during a single plasma shot since the spectrum will usually contain both optically thick and optically thin harmonics. The capability of the FIR diagnostic is well-illustrated in Fig. 4 by the continuous electron temperature profile scans of a neutral beam heated plasma in the PLT tokamak. The interval between profile scans in this instance is $\sim$ 10 ms but with further immediate developments resolution intervals of $\sim$ 1 ms are anticipated.

Fig. 4

In principle, observations of emission at ω_{pe}, and of the polarisation of the emission at ω_{ce}, can provide further information. The polarisation properties are of particular importance, since they can provide information on the variation of magnetic field pitch angle with field strength and hence position. However, several measurements, particularly early ones, failed to show any of the expected polarisation of ω_{ce} and its harmonics, Costley et al, (1974), nor was the expected dominance of the E-mode over the O-mode observed, Costley et al, (1977). These discrepancies now appear to have been resolved as an effect of polarisation scrambling of the radiation which can be multiply scattered from the walls of the plasma chamber before reaching the detector.

Attention has also been given to the effect of runaway electrons on emission at the electron plasma frequency, ω_{pe}, Hutchinson et al, (1977) and

Freund et al(1978), which in appropriate circumstances can greatly exceed the black-body level. The spectrum of the DITE tokamak, Fig. 3, clearly shows both structure in the first harmonic of ω_{ce}, and greatly enhanced emission at ω_{pe}. In extreme cases it has been found that the spectrum is dominated by runaway electrons with the cyclotron frequency harmonics appearing as absorption dips rather than peaks.

Major differences in the appearance of the spectra will arise in the new generation of tokamaks such as JET. These differences arise because of relativistic effects, because of the high opacity and because emission from the separate harmonics will largely overlap when viewed along the major radius of the torus. The recorded spectrum, although expected to be somewhat featureless, in contrast to that shown in Fig.3, will still carry enough information for n_e, T_e the poloidal field, B_θ and the runaway level to be derived on a single shot basis.

4. Diagnostics based on Photon Scattering

4.1 *Use of fixed frequency lasers:*

In those plasmas where ω_{pe} is less than the output frequency of contemporary high power lasers, Thomson scattering has become a routine technique for probing the internal structure of the plasma.

The interpretation of the complicated spectral density function $S(\omega.k)$ of the scattered light, in terms of the various collective and independent motions of the particles, has been treated fully in texts, Sheffield (1975), and in review articles, e.g. Evans and Katzenstein (1969); Evans (1976a; 1977). It suffices here to recall that scattering from the collective motion of the electrons, such as plasma waves or 'dressed' ion motion, occurs when the scattering length $k^{-1} = \frac{c}{2\omega_o \sin(\theta/2)}$, is equal to or exceeds the Debye length, i.e. $\alpha = \frac{1}{k\lambda_D} \gtrsim 1$. For visible light scattering from low density and high temperature plasmas e.g. tokamaks, $\alpha = (k\lambda_D)^{-1} \ll 1$ and the scattered light spectrum $S(\omega,k)$ is determined by the random thermal fluctuations of the electrons. The incoherent spectral

density function is then routinely used to derive the electron velocity distribution the main complications being current-driven electron drifts and relativistic corrections which at elevated temperatures, $T_e \gtrsim 5$ keV, can cause pronounced skewing of the spectrum to the blue side.

The development of scattering as a diagnostic in recent years however has been aimed at collective effects in high temperature tokamaks.Practical difficulties arise from the long scale length (k^{-1}) which has to be probed. Infra-red (IR), even far infra-red (FIR) lasers, or very small scattering angles, θ, or a combination of both are required. In contrast to visible light scattering where the scattered signal/noise ratio is set by plasma background emission, the main problem in the FIR region is detector noise. FIR lasers themselves have only recently been developed with sufficient brightness and power (> 10 kW) to be of use for scattering at reasonable scattering angles, $\theta \gtrsim 10^{o}$ say. Despite a fair amount of technological development see e.g.Evans(1977),Luhmann(1979),no successful IR or FIR scattering experiments on tokamaks have yet been reported for such collective ion features as ion-thermal motion, highly charged ion enhancement and ion cyclotron modulation.

A notable exception to this somewhat slow progress has been the very small scattering angle experiments by Slusher and Surko, (1980). These authors have successfully used a single-mode CW CO_2-laser, operating in the IR at 10μm with a modest output of ∿ 100 watts, to probe <u>supra-thermal</u> density fluctuations with wavelengths in the range 0.01 cm to 1 cm in tokamak plasmas. The frequency shifts due to these fluctuations are typically $10^3 - 10^{10}$ Hz. The scattering angle in these experiments is so small as to be almost within the probe beam divergence and heterodyne mixing of the optical signals from the scattered light and a local oscillator takes place within a photoconductive (e.g.liquid He-cooled, Sb-doped Ge:Cu) detector. The detector signal , processed by a spectrum analyser, directly gives $S(\omega,k)$ due to the density fluctuations. The inherently poor spatial resolution of forward scattering is obviated by searching for correlation

frequencies in the forward scattered light from two intersecting probe beams. 2-D isotropic turbulence and m=2 instability-driven turbulence have been observed by Slusher and Surko, (1980.) However perhaps their most interesting observation is that the volume-distributed turbulence observed near the lower operating range of density in tokamaks changes to surface-turbulence in more collisional, higher density plasmas. Collective scattering measurements on quiescent low density tokamak conditions require considerably higher CO_2 laser peak powers typically $\gtrsim$ 10 kW, and such experiments are now being attempted at the Princeton Plasma Physics laboratory and elsewhere.

Another noteworthy advance has been the 'proof-in-principle' measurements of the pitch angle of the magnetic field lines in tokamaks using light scattering Forrest et al, (1978). The extreme sensitivity of the cylcotron modulation in the scattered visible light spectrum to the angle between the local field direction and the scattering vector, $\bar{k}$, has been exploited by these authors to determine the pitch angle of the field lines to $\pm 0.15^{\circ}$. Scattering from Bernstein waves due to electrons orbiting around magnetic field lines had previously been demonstrated in low temperature higher density plasmas with $\bar{n}_e \simeq 10^{22} m^{-3}$, Evans and Carolan (1970). At the lower densities and much higher temperatures in tokamaks, the separate cyclotron harmonics can not be observed without recourse to optical multiplexing techniques (Forrest et al, 1978).

4.2. *Photon scattering using tunable lasers*

Photon scattering at or near atomic resonance frequencies in a plasma (Fluorescence or Rayleigh scattering respectively) offers a number of possibilities complimentary to those of Thomson scattering e.g. in the determination of neutral hydrogen spatial distributions, magnetic field directions, impurity concentrations and diffusion rates etc., Measures (1968), Burgess (1972, 1978a), Razdobarin et al (1978), Evans (1976a), Dimmock et al (1969), Bogen and Hintz (1978), Burakov et al (1977). Whilst a considerable number of fluorescence experiments have been reported on collisional processes in various low temperature laboratory

plasmas, Burrell and Kunze (1972), Burgess and Skinner (1974), Himmel and Pinnekamp (1978), Burgess et al,(1978,1980), only recently have diagnostics experiments been performed on actual fusion devices as in the experiments of Radzobarin 1978, Muller and Burrell(1980) and Schweer et al(1980).

The most commonly considered technique to date has been observation of resonant fluorescence excited with tunable lasers. Resonance scattering offers effective scattering cross-sections some 10^{10} to 10^{14} larger than the Thomson cross section (dependent on transition, spectral line width etc.), and hence reduced needs on input laser power and the possibility of observing very small species concentrations.

In the case of saturated resonance scattering the limitations on signal to background and hence spatial resolution in high temperature plasmas are primarily set by the low initial population difference between the upper and lower states of transitions accessible with present-day tunable laser wavelengths and this consideration has led a number of groups to develop tunable laser systems operating at or near Lyman-alpha, 1215Å, Mahon et al(1978), Cotter (1979) and Lyman-β, Reintjes (1980). In principle the best technique of all for scattering from atomic hydrogen would probably be Lyman-β illumination followed by observation of the consequent Balmer-α scattering in the visible spectral region. However, this statement presumes equality of incident pulse length between UV and visible lasers and at present when possible pulse lengths, and hence total scattering fluxes, are 10^2-10^3 larger for visible frequency lasers, Balmer-α illumination is still a very serious contender. A simple, but elegant development in this context has been the use by Razdobarin and his co-workers on experiments on the FT-1 device of optical methods allowing subtraction of Balmer-α resonance fluorescence from the strong plasma background emission, Burakov et al,(1977), Razdobarin and Folomkin (1978).

The maximum scattered intensity from off-resonance (Rayleigh) scattering will saturate at the same value as for the on-resonance case. However, an important potential advantage of off-resonance scattering Evans(1976b) and Wrobel et al(1976), is that of being able to tune the scattered frequency away from strong background plasma line emission. This advantage is more significant for Doppler broadened lines than for pressure-broadened transitions since in the latter case the scattering cross-section and the emission both fall-off as $\Delta\omega^{-2}$ where $\Delta\omega$ is the frequency de-tuning from resonance. The major limitation on Rayleigh scattering measurements is, perhaps, that in many situations the various tunable lasers commonly in present use are of inadequate power to compensate for the reduced cross-section in comparison with resonant scattering, and thus overcome the Bremsstrahlung background. A further limitation is that the potential for avoiding background line emission by detuning is severely limited since due to the $\Delta\omega^{-2}$ variation the Rayleigh cross-section may easily fall below the Thomson value, the process hence being masked by scattering from free electrons, Burgess (1978a).

Other limitations on such bound-state scattering techniques (Burgess and Skinner (1974), Burgess (1978a), Burgess et al(1980)) stem from the temporal variation of the scattered light signal due to electron collisional processes even when the laser pulse is sustained. The rates are such that no major limitation occurs at tokamak densities ($n_e \lesssim 10^{20} m^{-3}$) but for higher density plasmas the required laser power for saturation rises sharply and the duration of any significant laser-induced enhancement may drop to 10^{-10} seconds or less regardless of the incident laser pulse length. Again this problem would be partly alleviated if UV scattering from highly ionised species became possible since collision rates associated with these more energetic transitions are much lower.

5. Highly Charged Ions in Multi-keV Plasmas

Measurements of the spectral emission from highly ionised ions (net charge Z) are of interest to the plasma physicist in several contexts. In magnetic containment experiments, these ion concentrations can control the overall energy balance through ohmic heat and radiation loss terms and redistribution of equilibrium - producing currents. In thermonuclear burn conditions they may even prevent ignition, Summers and McWhirter (1979), Jensen et al (1977). In laser compression experiments elements located in different layers in the original target may end up emitting from the same plasma volume, and this can be vital evidence for instability mixing during the compression. In the context of this paper our chief interest in the high Z ions is their role as diagnostic indicators. In low density tokamak plasmas, line intensities are important in ion diffusion studies whilst line shapes particularly of forbidden lines are often used for mass-motion and thermal broadening measurements. In extreme pressure plasmas Stark and opacity broadened lines are interpreted respectively in terms of the parameters $\int \rho . dr$ and the density ρ.

5.1. *Equilibrium charge state of the plasma*

It follows from the elevated temperatures (> keV) and improved confinement ($n_e \tau \gtrsim 10^{18} m^{-3} s$) in present day controlled fusion devices that impurity ions with charge states $10 \leq z \leq 50$ are to be expected. Further, the relative ion populations will be in stationary equilibrium, or nearly so, McWhirter (1975). The details will depend on the relative magnitude of the atomic rate processes and the diffusion rates, V_z: the variation in the ion charge z being given by

$$\frac{\partial N_z}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial (r\Gamma_z)}{\partial r} + n_e\left[\alpha^{z-1} N^{z-1} + \beta^{z+1} N^{z+1} - (\alpha^z + \beta^z) N^z\right] .$$

where α and β are the ionisation and recombination rates and $\Gamma_z = \frac{D\partial N_z}{\partial r} = \frac{rV_z \partial N_z}{\partial r}$.

In tokamaks, the diffusion rates (Hirshman, 1970), are often of the same order as the atomic rates (Summers, 1974) so that one cannot *a priori* assume a

completely stationary ionisation-recombination balance.

The same general argument holds for the charge states in extreme pressure plasmas produced in laser irradiation experiments: in this case however, the value of V_z is set by streaming mechanisms rather than diffusion.

Fig.5

Figure 5 shows a semi Moseley plot of the range of charge states observed in various plasma sources. The K-shell spectra of Mo has been recorded in a vacuum spark plasma by Beier and Kunze (1978) while He-like Fe XXV has been studied in the PLT tokamak by Bitter et al (1979a): charge states as high as Zn XXIX have been reported in laser-irradiated solid target experiments. In M-shell spectra, ions with charge-states exceeding +50 have been observed in laser-irradiated targets and in the explosive deposition of the energy from electron beams into fine wires. Beam foil target interactions, while not plasmas, are capable of producing competitively high ion stages as those in Fig.5 provided the ion projectiles have energies $\gtrsim$ 10 MeV/AMU.

5.2 *X-ray spectroscopy of tokamaks*

A superb example of the information content to be derived from high resolution $\lambda/\delta\lambda \simeq 1.5 \times 10^4$, Bragg dispersion of the emission from a tokamak is shown in Fig.6. The spectrum, Bitter et al (1979a, b), shows the first allowed resonance line of Fe XXV, 'W' well resolved from its longer wavelength, $1s^2 n\ell$ - $1s2pn\ell$ ($n \geq 2$), satellites and its associated forbidden and intercombination lines. Using the theoretical models developed by Gabriel and co-workers, Gabriel (1972), Bhalla et al (1975), for the relative intensities of the satellites, then T_e may be derived from the dielectronic satellites and the ionisation balance from the collisionally excited satellites. Departure of the observed relative ion populations from the calculated stationary ionisation balance, calculated at T_e, may be interpreted (Fig.6) in terms of ion diffusion rates, (Bitter et al, 1979a).

The detailed interpretation of the ion populations, however, depends crucially on having a thorough account of the plasma parameters $T_e(r,t)$, $n_e(r,t)$ and having confidence in the relevant atomic rate processes.

Finally, the resolution of the crystal spectrometer, Bitter et al.,(1979b) is sufficiently high to unfold the thermal ion broadening and to demonstrate the increase in the ion temperature during H^o beam injection. If the allowed resonance line 'W' is used for such a purpose, Fig.6, the higher satellite numbers ($1s2pn\ell$ with $n > 2$) have to be subtracted from the intensity of the long wavelength wing.

Fig.6

5.3. *Forbidden lines in tokamaks*

Observations of and interest in forbidden lines of highly-ionised atoms has until recently been confined to astrophysical plasmas, see e.g.Edlen (1969) Feldman et al (1977). In tokamak plasmas, the parameters are somewhat similar to those of active solar regions so that forbidden lines in highly-charged ions are now under study both theoretically, e.g.Cowan(1977) and experimentally, e.g. Bitter et al,(1979a),Mansfield et al(1978). The former authors have observed the resonance decay of the $1s2s^3S_1$ metastable level in Fe XXV in the X-ray region while the latter authors have studied the XUV metastable levels associated with closed-shell configurations e.g.$3p^5 3d^{10} 4s$ in Mo XIV. The spontaneous decay rates of various allowed and forbidden transitions are compared in figure 7 with the collisional rates typical of tokamak plasma conditions. The dominance of the collisional rates over the A values of forbidden lines at low transition energies would lead us to expect, on simple-minded considerations, that only these forbidden lines with $A \gtrsim 10^4 sec^{-1}$ and transition energies $\varepsilon \gtrsim 10eV$ would be present in the Tokamak spectrum. However even lower energy transitions, particularly those within the $2s^n 2p^m$ ground configurations of ionised metals have been observed recently in tokamaks and studied by Suckewer and Hinnov(1978),Suckewer et al(1980a). The emission intensities of lines with A values as low as

10^2-$10^4 s^{-1}$, can be seen by inspection of the Ti XIV,Ti XVIII emission from the DITE tokamak in Fig.8. Since these $\Delta n=0$ forbidden lines lie at long wavelengths in the VUV and visible typically, their line profiles are useful monitors of ion temperature as in the measurements on Fe XX $2s^2 2p^3$, $^2D_{5/2-3/2}$ at 2665.1Å in the PLT tokamak reported by Eubank et al(1978).

Fig.7

Feldman et al.(1980) and Doschek and Feldman(1976) have outlined the diagnostic potential of these and similar $n = 2 \rightarrow 2$ line intensities for measuring T_e and n_e in tokamak plasmas. In these fusion devices however the electron parameters are likely to be measured to better than ± 20% by other methods so the main interest is likely to lie in the validity of model calculations of the line intensities, especially as a check on the atomic rate coefficients.

Fig.8

5.4. Interpretation of Emission Line Profiles in Extreme Pressure Plasmas

In low density plasma work Thomson scattering and laser interferometric techniques have largely supplanted observations of pressure-broadened spectral line shapes as a primary density diagnostic. However considerable interest in pressure-broadening processes has remained because of fundamental statistical mechanical problems and also because of secondary diagnostic applications e.g. in studying plasma turbulence (see e.g.Griem 1974, Burgess(1978b) for references to the many publications in this field).

The continued academic interest in this area has recently had very important practical consequences in diagnostic applications to very dense (laser compressed) plasmas. These plasmas have core densities such that Thomson scattering measurements would require the use of an XUV laser. Despite current research on XUV sources, Pert (1980), major breakthroughs will be necessary before laser diagnostics can be employed on compressed plasmas. In the context of density diagnostics, observations of pressure broadened x-ray lines from very dense

plasmas offer a number of advantages over, say, relative line intensity measurements. Firstly, in a homogeneous optically-thin plasma, line shapes depend only on local conditions and not on the spatial extent of the plasma.

In a spatially varying or optically thick plasma this advantage is not totally retained, but interpretation often remains more exact than with total line intensities. Second, pressure-broadened profiles are usually almost entirely density-dependent and very insensitive to electron temperature.

Against these advantages must be set the fact that line-shape predictions in very dense plasmas can be sensitive to many-body effects as yet little treated in detail (see e.g.Lee 1979, Lee et al 1979, Burgess 1978b) and that higher spectral resolution is needed than for total emission intensity measurements. This latter requirement is significant in practice because, despite the high surface brightness,the resolution limits are set by the limited photon fluxes from the small,short-lived sources of laser compression plasmas. A further significance of line shape studies, that of radiation transport and the consequent effects on compressed plasma density is outside the scope of this article.

Diagnostic applications of pressure-broadened line shapes rely totally on the accuracy of underlying theoretical predictions. The most important recent development have concerned the separate but related effects of high density and high emitter charge (see Lee, 1979, and Burgess 1978b). At all densities the lines of most interest in diagnostic applications are affected to some extent by many perturber effects as well as by binary collision broadening. Theories developed originally for use in modest density plasmas (see e.g. Griem, 1974) have been modified and used with some success at very high densities, e.g. see Griem et al (1979) and Ya'akobi et al (1977, 1979). However, two separate considerations prejudice the applications of such theories at the highest density. The first is that as the mean interparticle separation, r_o, becomes comparable with the Debye length, λ_D, established treatments of properties such as the plasma dielectric function and the static microfield probability distribution become very dubious. As occurs

in the analoguous case of metal physics, very high density approximations (when degeneracy effects limit the effective number of strongly interacting particles) are probably quite good, but there is much less certainty about the important intermediate regime where the plasma is strongly interacting. This requires direct experimental study, preferably on more amenable plasmas than the very small short-lived ones generated in laser-compression experiments and fortunately, parametrically similar conditions can be reached in much simpler sources see e.g. Baker and Burgess(1979). The second, and very significant, problem is the local polarisation of the surrounding plasma by high-charge state emitters. The marked effects that this can cause on spectral line shapes and shifts have been demonstrated in a series of computations by Lee (1979). A separate consequence of high emitter charge at high density, the suppression of Doppler broadening due to the very short emitter mean free path, whilst not yet observed, should be rather common in laser-generated plasmas, Burgess et al (1979). Finally, ion-dynamic effects, originally discovered in low density plasmas (Burgess,1970, Mahon et al, 1973, Wiese et al, 1975) turn out to be very significant for high Z emitters in very dense plasmas where substantial modifications to line widths and hence deduced densities can result, see fig.9, and Lee and Freeman (1980).

Fig.9

Experimentally, numerous applications of line-shape measurements to diagnostics of dense plasmas have been made, and some of these have been discussed in recent reviews by both the present authors, Peacock (1977) and Burgess (1978b). The most important criterion in such work is discrimination against optical opacity effects by the simultaneous study of several line-profiles, e.g. along a spectral series, in which case a unique fit can often be made to the spatial structure of the plasma as well as to the absolute value of the density see e.g. Kilkenny et al (1980), Ya'akobi et al (1979).

6. BASIC PHYSICS PROBLEMS RELATED TO DIAGNOSTIC DEVELOPMENTS

One of the important changes with the new generation of fusion devices is that for the first time laboratory conditions and parameters such as plasma density and charge state have substantially outrun those commonly encountered in astronomical observation (although not of course those, in stellar interiors, supernovae etc). Many authors, e.g. Weise (1978) have referred to the serious shortage of atomic data appropriate to the study of highly-charged ions ($15 \lesssim z \lesssim 50$) in laboratory plasmas. Atomic structure data such as transition probabilities, particularly forbidden and intersystem line strengths, fine structure interactions, e.g. relativistic and Lamb shifts etc.,need to be assessed for such high z ions. Even orthodox binary collisional processes such as excitation, ionisation and recombination have for the most part been calculated for rather lower ion stages and for astrophysical plasmas. Such data needs extension to cover present-day laboratory plasma conditions. In addition, the laboratory studies emphasise a set of quite new 'priorities'. The problem of charge-transfer recombination in particle beam heated tokamaks is but one example. Theoretical charge transfer cross-sections do exist e.g.Olson and Salop (1976,1977), Olson et al,(1978) Gorzdanov and Janev (1978), Ryufuku and Wantanbe (1978) but discrepancies of the order of two in the calculations make a significant difference to the interpretation of the overall energy balance, Krupin et al (1979), Suckewer et al (1980b). Charge-exchange processes will also play a significant part in the interpretation of laser fluorescence experiments at high temperatures, although largely ignored in theoretical models to date (Koopman et al 1978).

Experimentally, the long-lived conditions in tokamaks offer unique possibilities for spectroscopic studies involving high z ions. Some preliminary work has already been carried out on basic collision processes e.g.Breton et al (1978) but there is a strong case for a tokamak facility at least partly devoted to fundamental physics such as atomic structure and for the development of diagnostic techniques, e.g. fluorescence spectroscopy, magnetic field

measurements, the detailed interpretation of FIR emission and lastly for active diagnostics such as the technique used by Afrosimov et al (1978) for measuring high z-impurity concentrations using charge transfer from H^o beam probes.

The least explored aspects of emission from high Z ions occur in high density płasmas when the interparticle distance is of the same order or larger than the Debye length. Local polarisation of the plasma due to the presence of the highly-charged emitter can control not only the many body effects contributing to line shapes as discussed in section (5.4) but also the collisional rates controlling level populations etc which are normally considered as purely binary processes. In the context of line-shape work, it has long been recognised that local polarisation effects could play an important role, Grieg et al., (1970), Burgess (1972) although because of the complexity of the underlying theoretical problem there has been considerable controversy about various results Grieg et al,1970, Burgess and Peacock 1971, Burgess 1972, Volonte (1978). In perhaps the most thorough-going quantum statistical analysis to date Lee (1979) and Lee and Freeman (1980) have shown for high Z emitters that marked effects can occur both in line shifts and asymmetries and in producing new structures due to ion sound waves, which, section (5.4.), offer diagnostic possibilties in determining the plasma charge state. For excitation and ionisation rates, etc, the standard argument has been that a purely binary collision approximation is valid until very high densities($n_e > 10^{31}\ m^{-3}$), Vinogradov et al(1974). However, Burgess (1978b) has pointed out that these arguments neglect the effects of the long range Coulomb interaction on the near-threshold behaviour of the cross-sections,usually of dominant importance, and that in consequence many-body corrections may occur even for relatively low charge state emitters, such as Ne $\underline{\overline{X}}$ in plasma with densities as low as $n_e = 10^{28}\ m^{-3}$.

Some aspects of these problems can be studied in relatively low temperature laboratory plasmas, Baker and Burgess (1978), Finken et al (1978), such as the

z-pinch where the condition $r_o \sim \lambda_D$ can be reached. In extreme pressure plasmas such as are produced by laser compression detailed quantitative study is still limited by purely experimental constraints on spatial, time and spectral resolution. Whilst many important fundamental problems concerning high Z-emitters will require such laser compressed plasmas for study, developments are still required in the experimentalist's art, for instance in generating plasmas with high reproducibility to overcome photon flux limitations.

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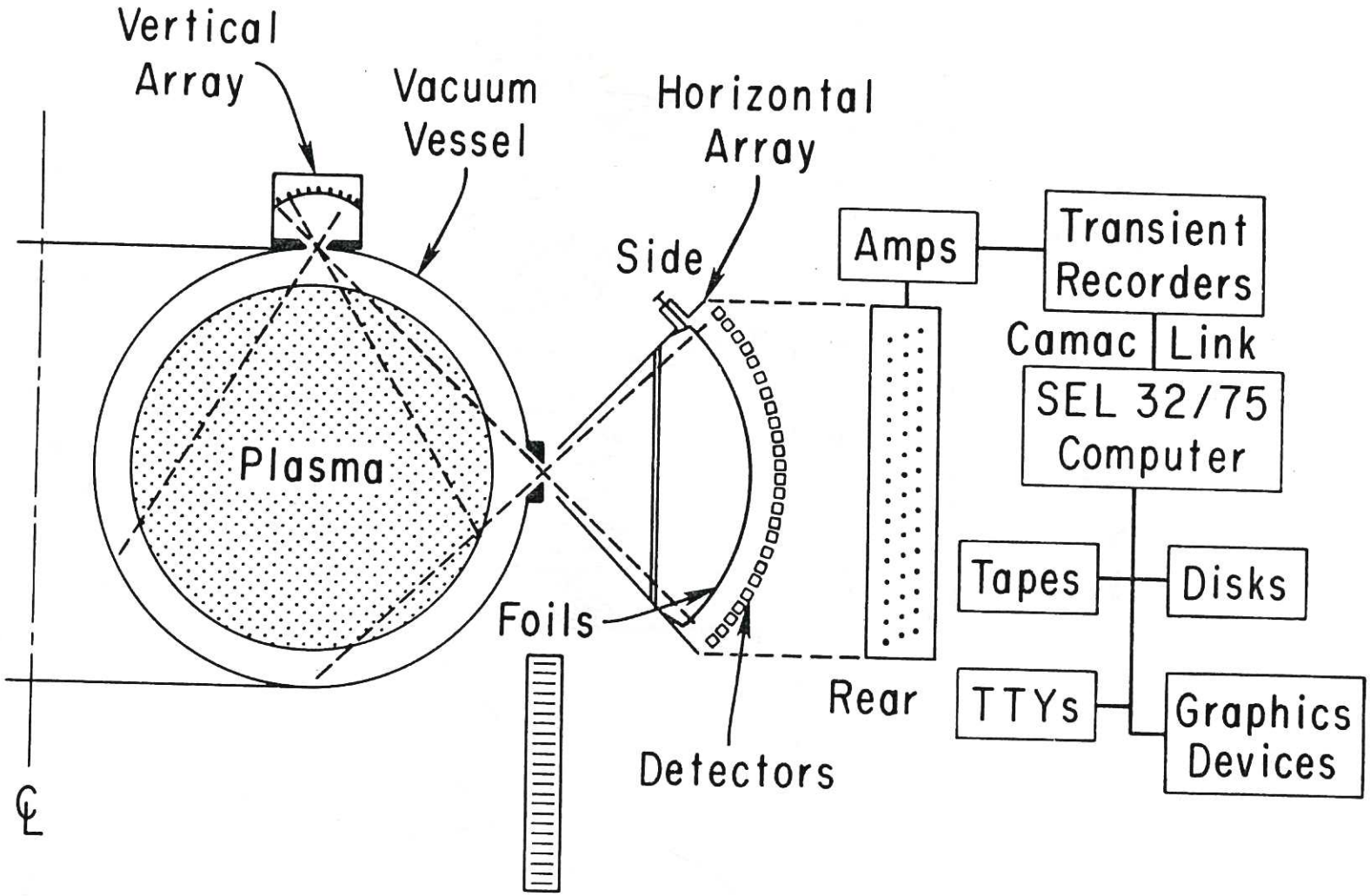


Fig.1 Schematic layout of x-ray detectors and signal retrieval system used for tomographic analyses of x-ray emission ($1\,\mathrm{keV} \lesssim h\upsilon \lesssim 13\,\mathrm{keV}$) from tokamaks at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory. The surface barrier detectors (typically 20 in an array) view chordal line-of-sight intensities from the plasma and have a linear response up to 1 MHz frequency. Sauthoff et al (1978).

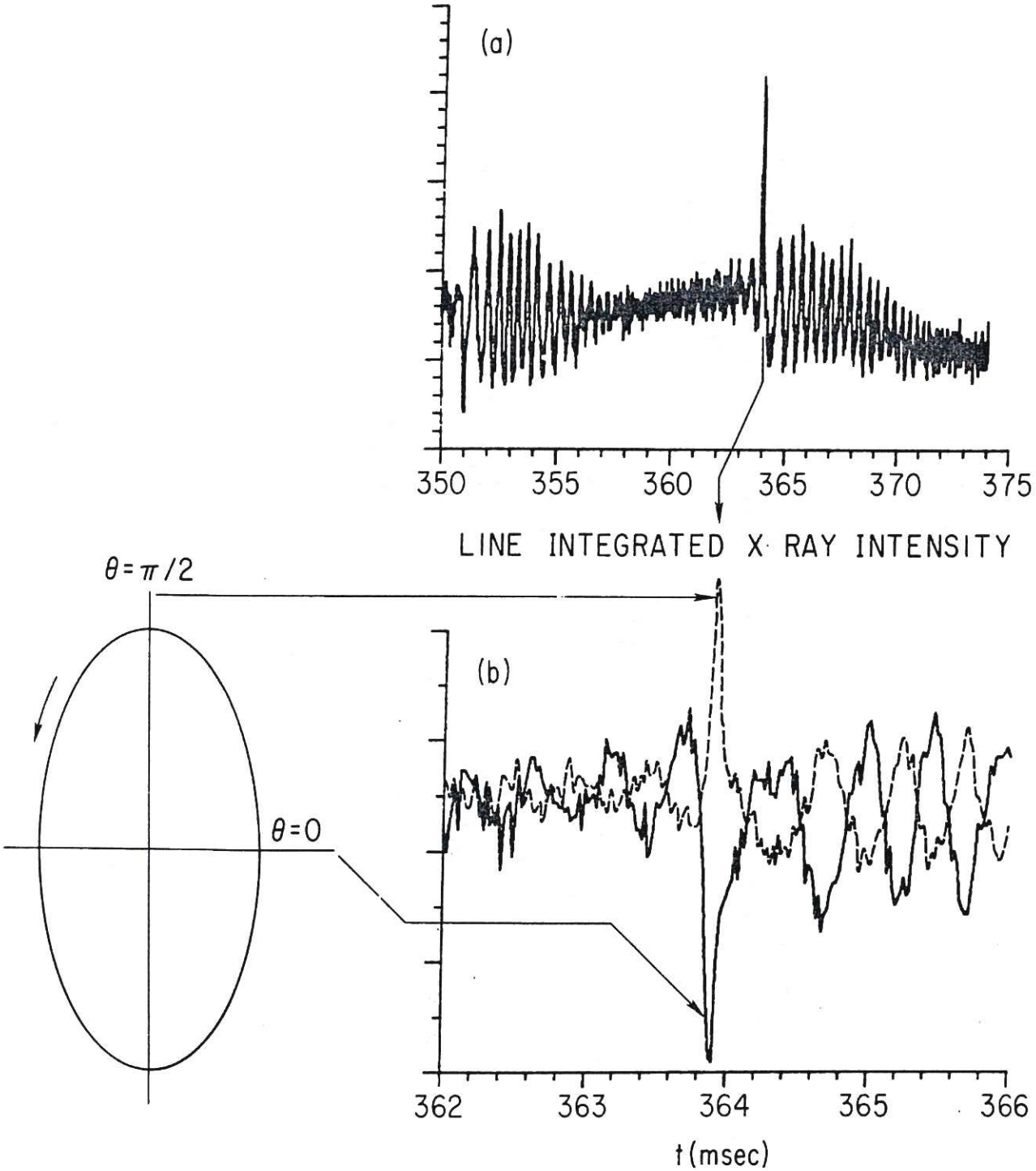


Fig.2 (a) Central, chordal x-ray intensity in the horizontal plane illustrating two bursts of MHD activity in the PLT tokamak, one at 350 ms, the other at 364 ms. If the plasma is a rigid rotator, the poloidal harmonics generate frequency components due to Doppler shifts, the frequency being proportional to the mode number in the direction of rotation. (b) Superimposition of central chord traces from views rotated by 90°. The growth of the m = 2 component is seen. Bol et al (1979).

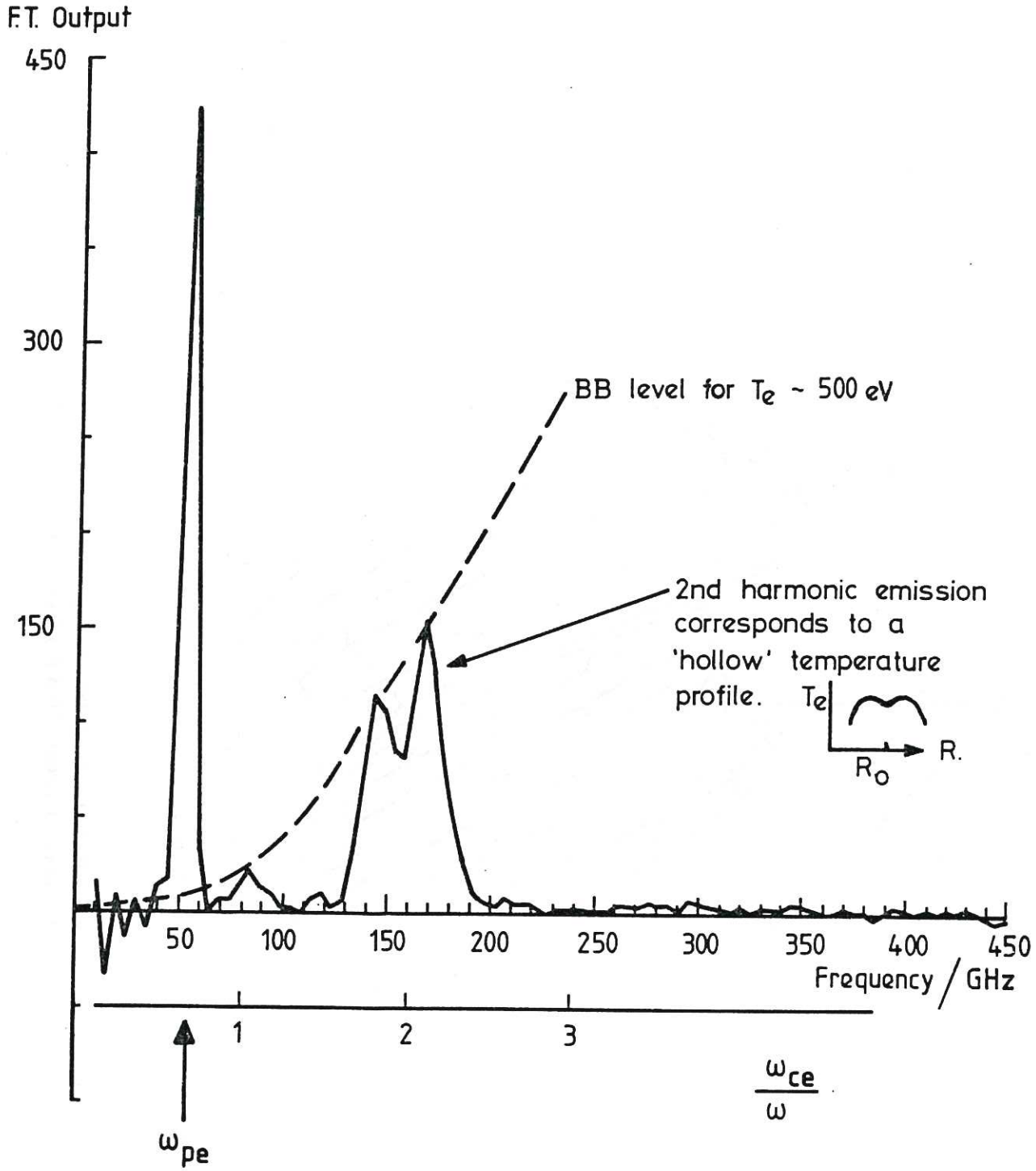
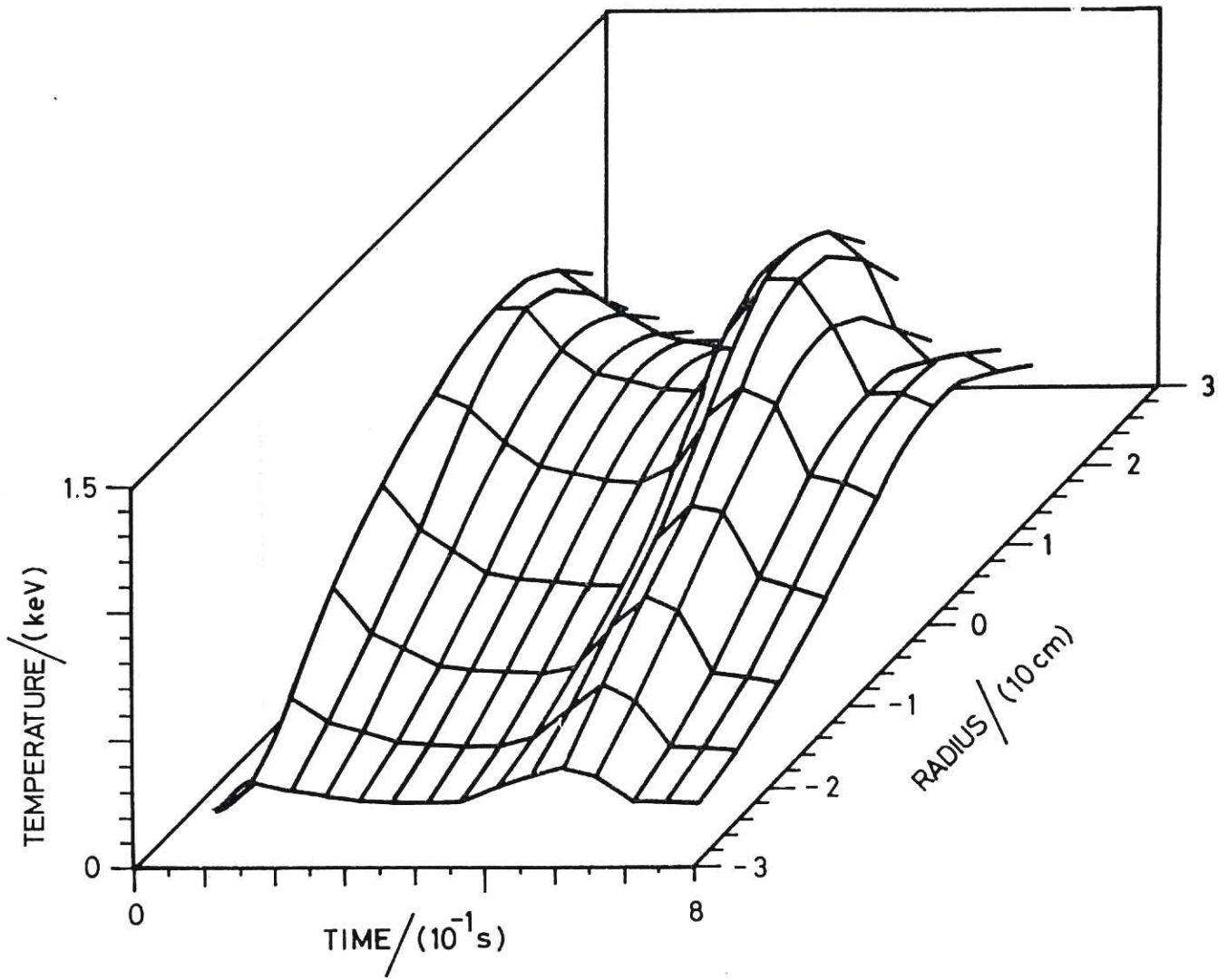


Fig.3 Fourier transformed spectrum of the FIR emission from the DITE tokamak showing a supra-thermal emission at ω_{pe} and the optically thick features at ω_{ce} and $2\omega_{ce}$ compared to the black body emission at the free electron temperature $T_e \simeq 500$ eV. From the detailed shape of the $2\omega_{ce}$ harmonic, a 'hollow' radial temperature profile is derived. Courtesy of A E Costley (NPL) and the DITE Group, Culham Laboratory (1980).



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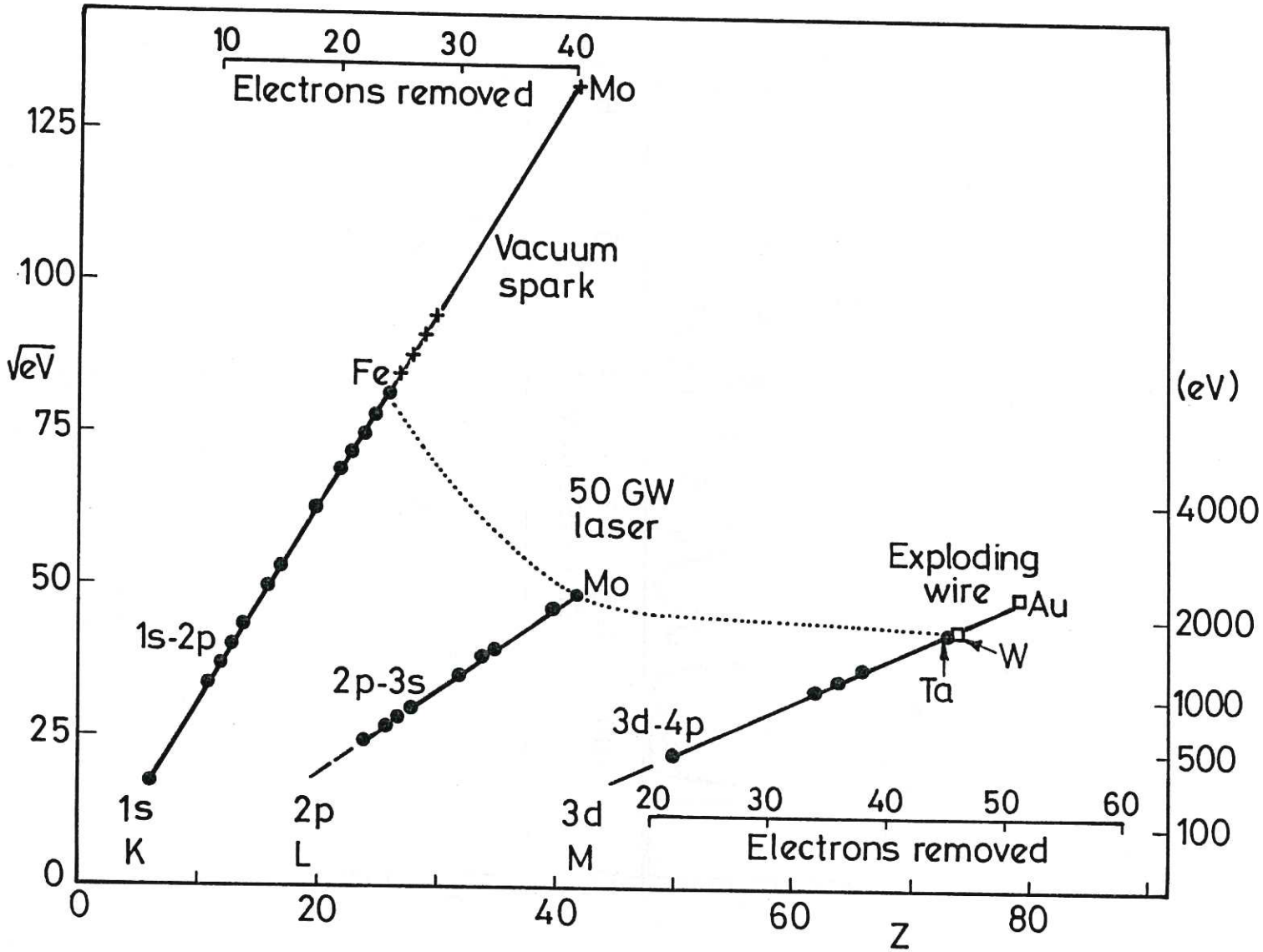

Fig.5 Semi-Moseley plot of the ion species generated in various laboratory plasmas. · · · · · indicates the upper boundary typically produced by laser-irradiation of solid surfaces using a focused (F/1) 50 gigawatt beam of 1 ns duration. (Somewhat higher stages can be generated by more powerful lasers.)

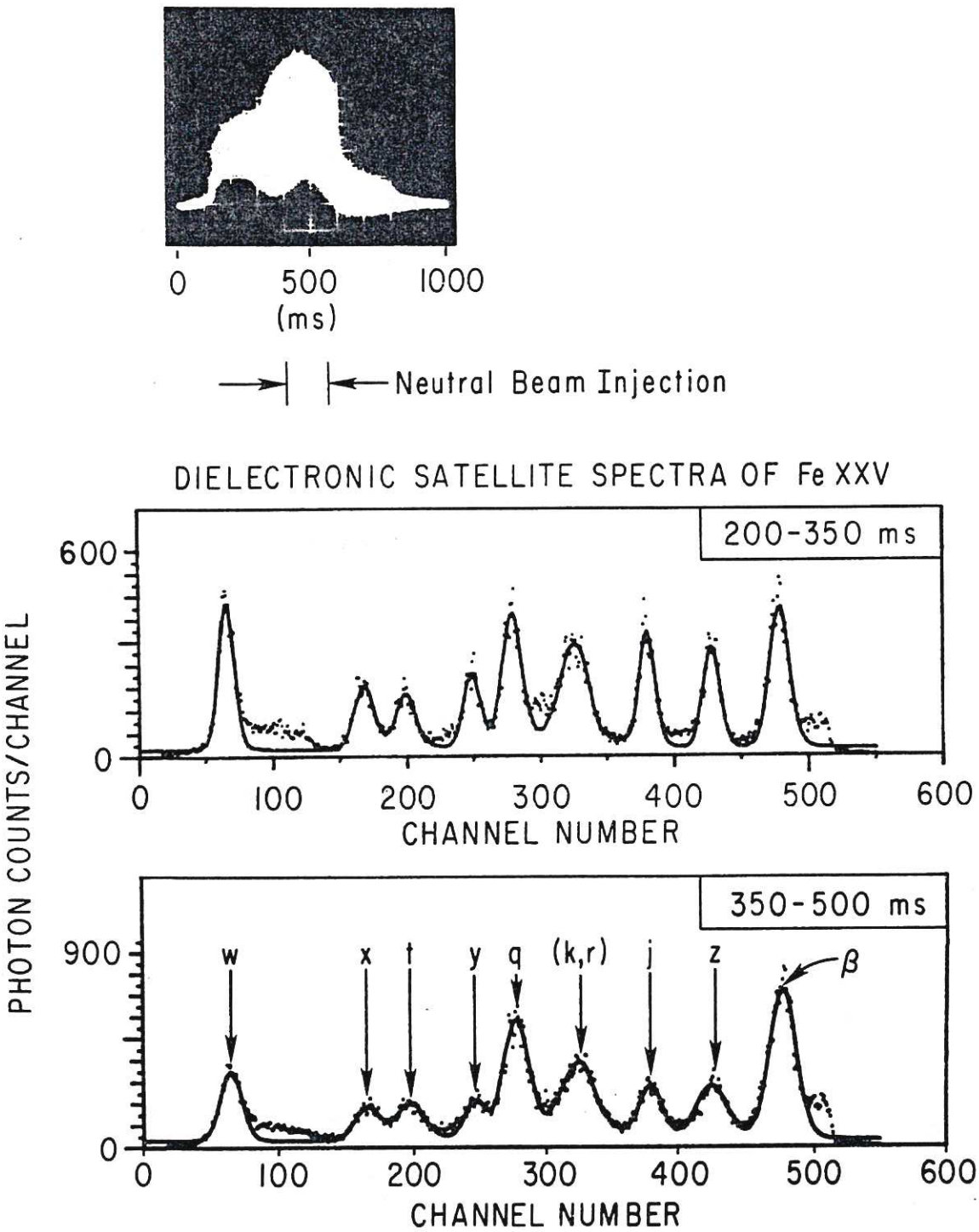

Fig.6 Upper insert shows the time-dependence of the spectrally integrated $1s^2 - 1s2p^1P_1$ FeXXV line 'W' and its satellite before and during neutral H° beam injection into the PLT tokamak. The total flux shows 'sawtooth' oscillations during the beam injection pulse. The change in the relative intensities I_q/I_W on beam injection indicates an increase of N(FeXXIV)/N(FeXXV) by a factor of 2, while the almost constant I_j/I_W ratio indicates little change in T_e; (nomenclature acc to A H Gabriel (1972)). These observations could be explained by charge exchange recombination $H^\circ + Fe^{24+} \rightarrow H^+ + Fe^{23+}$ or to enhanced transport of Fe^{24+} from the hot core during H° beam injection. Courtesy of M Bitter, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory.

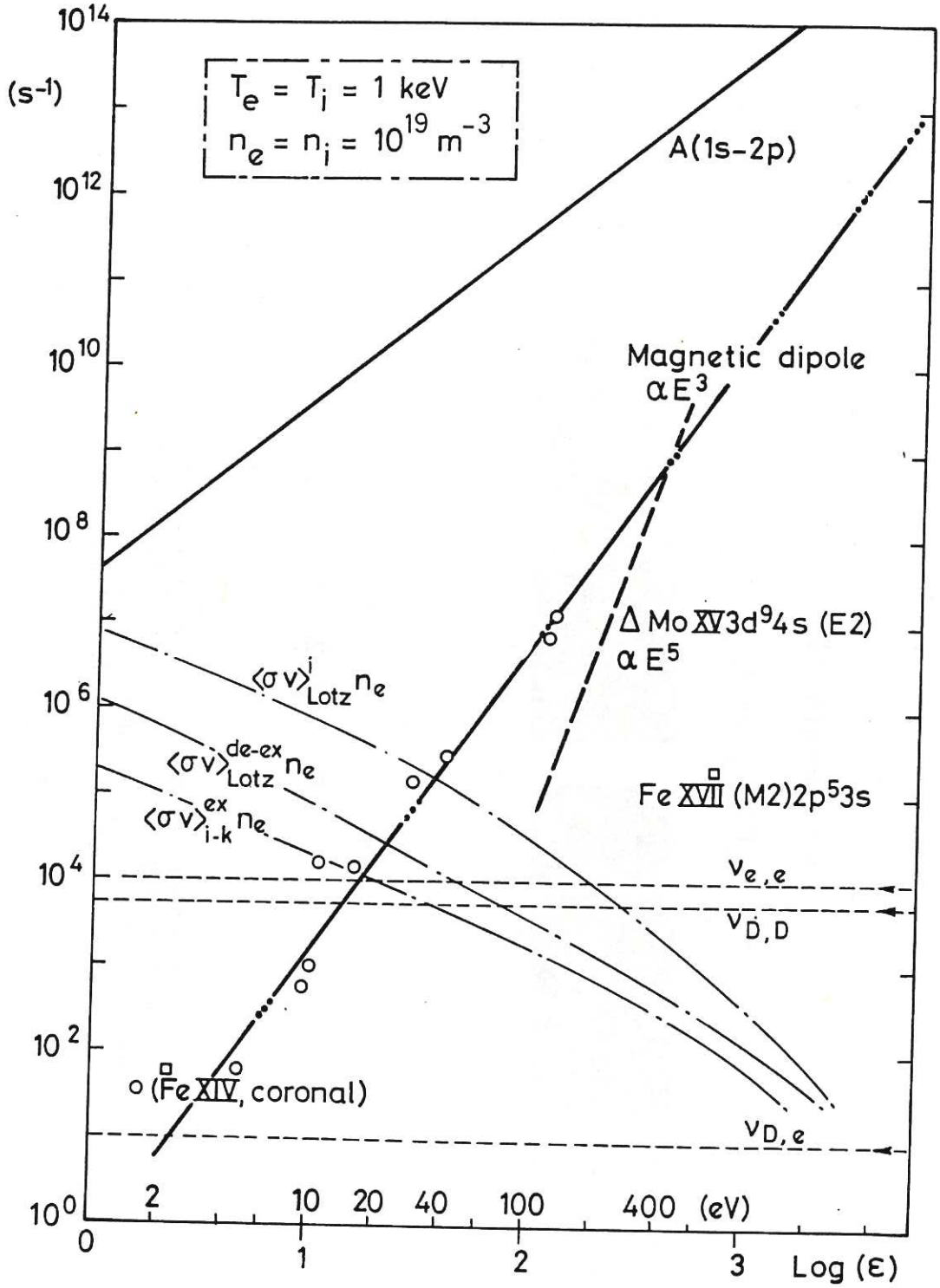

Fig.7 Spontaneous decay rates for various types of transitions (– · · allowed 1s – 2p; – o – magnetic dipole, □ magnetic quadrupole, – Δ – electric quadrupole) versus the transition energy ϵ(eV). The collisional decay rates $\langle\sigma v\rangle$ n_e (Lotz, 1967) and thermalisation rates υ_{ee}, $\upsilon_{D,e}$ and $\upsilon_{D,D}$ for typical tokamak conditions are plotted for comparison.

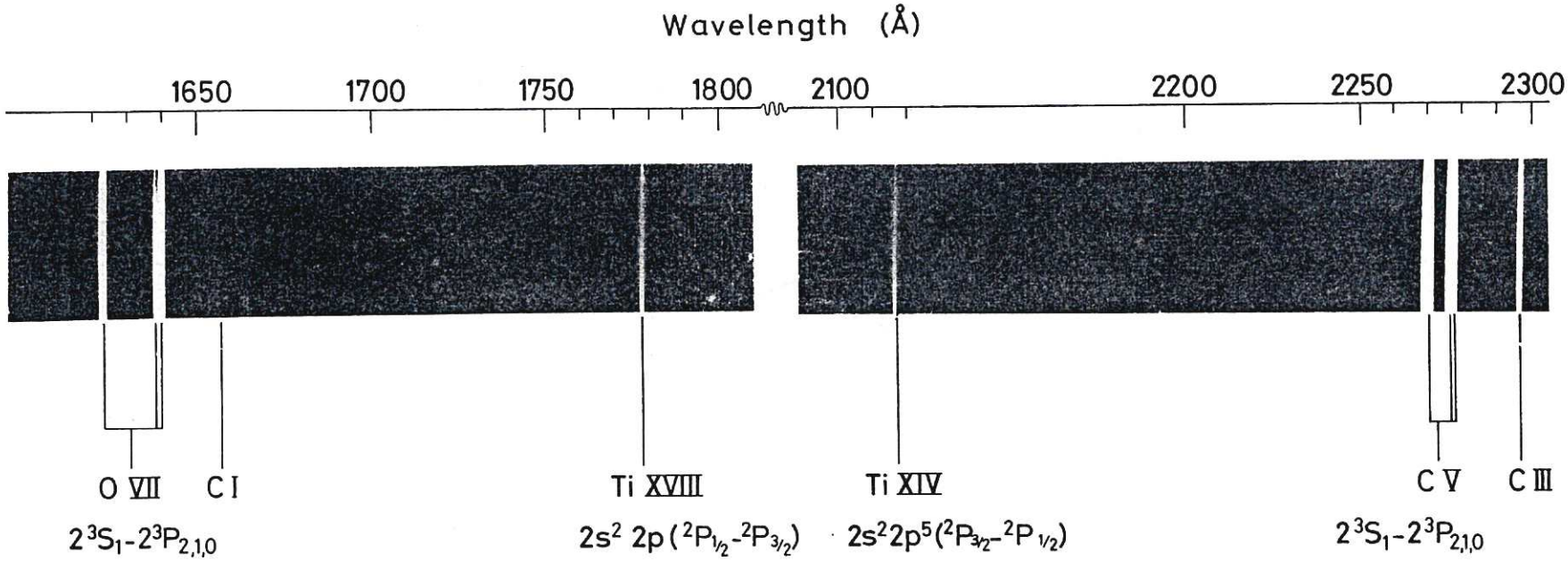

Fig.8 Forbidden transitions (spontaneous decay rate $A \sim 10^3\ s^{-1}$) within the $1s^2\,2p^n$ ground configuration of ionized titanium impurities in the DITE tokamak ($n_e \cong 2 \times 10^{19}\ m^{-3}$, $T_e \sim 800$ eV). Reference emission lines from the $1s2s^3S_1 - 1s2p^3P_{2,1,0}$ triplets of oxygen and carbon impurities ($A \sim 10^8\ s^{-1}$ and $N(0) \sim 10 \times N(Ti)$) are seen to have comparable intensities to the metal lines.

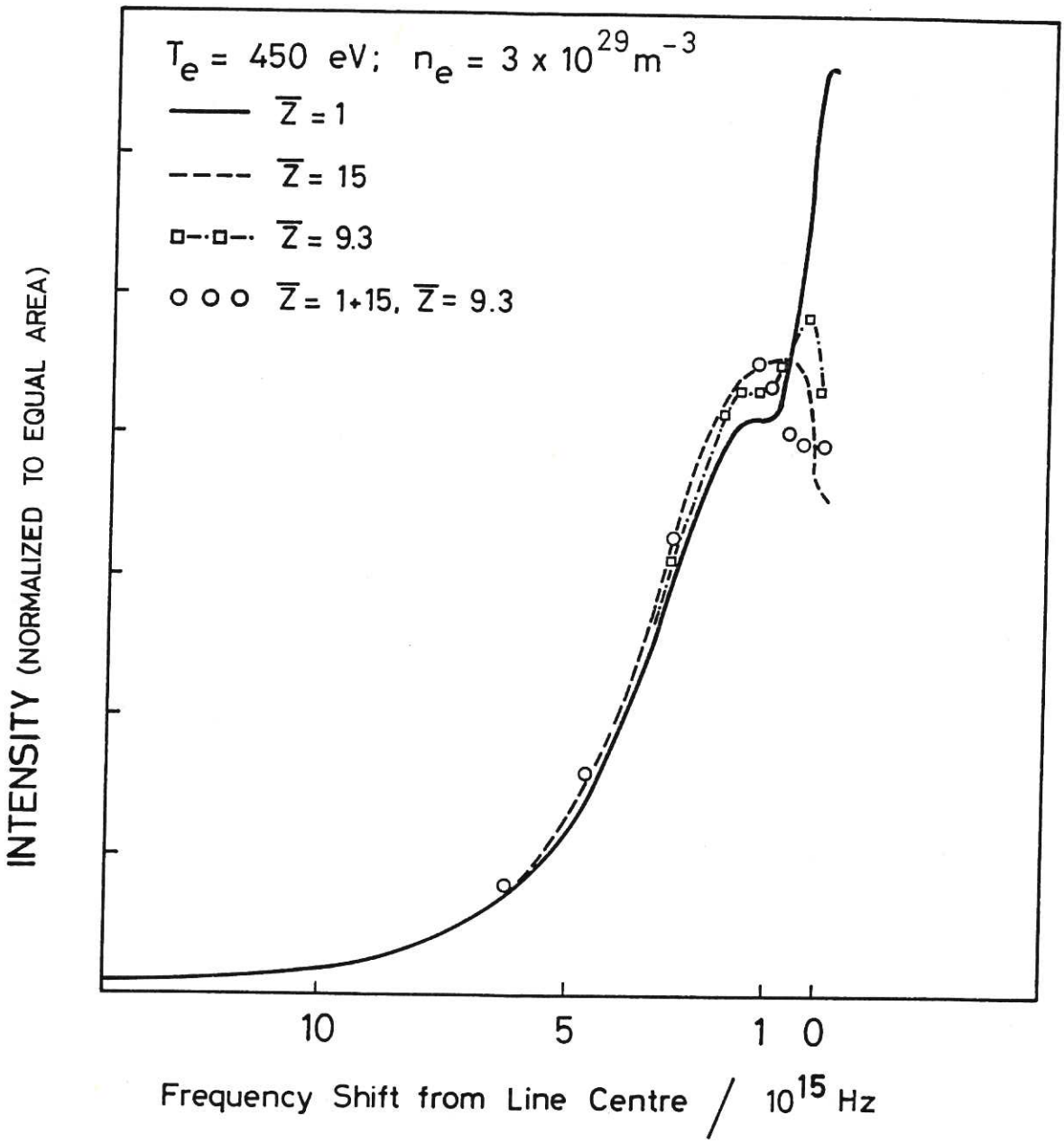

Fig.9 Computed line profiles of Ly–γ ArXVIII including ion dynamics for various values of the mean charge state $\overline{Z}$ of the perturber ions. Increasing $\overline{Z}$ from 1 to 15 lowers the peak intensity by ~ 40% and broadens the profile. The profiles □ – · □ – · and o o o o correspond to a mean $\overline{Z}$ of 9·3, the former being due to a fictitious single chemical species the latter due to a mixture of Z = 1 and Z = 15. Purely static ion model calculations show only a weak dependence on Z and give a central intensity which is a factor of ~ 1·5 higher (with a consequently narrower profile) than the full curve corresponding to the dynamic calculations for Z = 1.