## Optická emisní spektroskopie atomů Diagnostické metody 1

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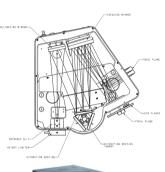
#### Outline

- OES
- 2 CR modelling
- 3 CR model for neon discharge
- 4 Examples
  - DC
  - RF
  - MW
- 5 Measurement of densities by self-absorption methods

#### Instrumentation

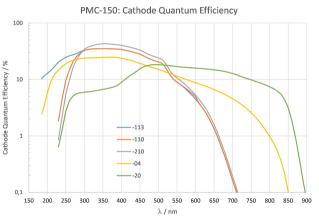
- typically grating spectrometer of Czerny-Turner mounting equipped with CCD/ICCD detector
- typical spectral range 190-1100 nm
- sensitivity of detectors (silicon CCD, photocathode of PMT), grating efficiency
- resolution: number of illuminated grating grooves, slit width, pixel size

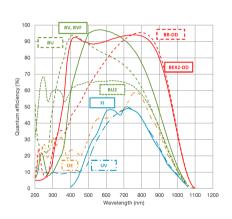
$$R = \lambda/\Delta\lambda = mN$$





#### Sensitivities





• grating efficacy, fibre efficacy, windows



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  - relative instrument spectral sensitivity is taken into account, no absolute intensity calibration is performed output: relative populations of excited states, excitation temperatures etc.
  - absolute access to absolute densities of excited states, electron density etc.

#### Absolute intensity measurement

• radiant flux/zářivý tok – energy emitted/incident on surface per unit time

$$\Phi = \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathscr{E}}{\mathrm{d}t}, \quad \mathbf{W} \tag{1}$$

• irradiance – flux density (per unit surface)

$$I = \frac{\mathrm{d}\Phi}{\mathrm{d}S} = \frac{\mathrm{d}^2\mathscr{E}}{\mathrm{d}t\mathrm{d}S}, \quad \mathrm{W}\,\mathrm{m}^{-2} \tag{2}$$

- specified during calibratrion of calibrated light sources (spectral irradiance)
- optical fibre is not a detector of irradiance (acceptance angle)
- radiometric irradiance probes, cosine correction diffusers, integrating spheres, . . .



#### Absolute intensity measurement 2

• radiance (zář) – radiant flux per unit perpendicular surface and unit solid angle

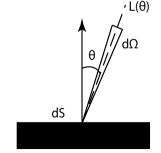
$$L = \frac{d^2 \Phi}{dS \cos \theta d\Omega} = \frac{d^3 \mathscr{E}}{dt dS \cos \theta d\Omega}, \quad \text{W m}^{-2} \text{sr}^{-1}$$
 (3)

radiance × irradiance

$$I = \int_{\Omega} L(\theta) \cos \theta d\Omega \tag{4}$$

For constant L (Lambert) radiators  $I = \pi L$ .

• for description of radiating solid surfaces



#### Absolute intensity measurement 3

• emission coefficient – radiant power emited by unit volume into unit solid angle

$$j = \frac{\mathrm{d}^3 \mathscr{E}}{\mathrm{d} t \, \mathrm{d} V \, \mathrm{d} \Omega}.\tag{5}$$

ullet all quantities have their spectral densities, e.g.  $j(\lambda)$ 

# emission coefficient of transition $j_{ij} = \frac{1}{4\pi} n_i A_{ij} h v_{ij}$ $I_{ij} = \frac{1}{S_{\text{det}}} \int_{V_{\text{pl}}} \int_{S_{\text{det}}} \frac{j_{ij}(r)}{\rho^2} \text{Acc}(\theta) \text{d}V_{\text{pl}} \text{d}S_{\text{det}}$

#### Electron temperature from Boltzmann plot?

density of atoms in excited state

$$n_i = n \frac{g_i}{O} e^{-\frac{\mathscr{E}_i}{k_b T_e}} \tag{6}$$

2  $g_i$  – statistical weight,  $\mathcal{E}_i$  – excitation energy, n – atom density, Q – state sum,  $T_e$  excitation ( $\stackrel{?}{=}$  electron) temperature

spectral line intensity

$$I \propto n_i A_{ij} \frac{hc}{\lambda} \tag{7}$$

$$I = C \cdot \frac{g_i A_{ij}}{\lambda} e^{-\frac{\mathcal{E}_i}{k_b T_e}} \tag{8}$$

Boltzmann plot

$$\ln \frac{I\lambda}{g_i A_{ii}} = -\frac{1}{k_b T_e} \mathcal{E}_i + \ln k_1, \tag{9}$$

#### Possibility of electron temperature measurement

#### excited level balance

- local thermodynamic equilibrium (LTE) plasma
  - LTE condition

$$n_{\rm e} \gg 1.6 \cdot 10^{12} \sqrt{T_{\rm e}} (\Delta E)^3 ~({\rm cm}^{-3})$$

- electron temperature from Boltzmann plot
- non-LTE plasma
  - corona equilibrium, excitation saturation phase, . . .
  - low electron density plasma
  - use of Boltzmann-plot leads to erroneous electron temperature
  - CR modelling

#### non-Maxwellian EDF

- inelastic collisions, beam electrons, non-local EDF



#### Collisional-radiative modelling

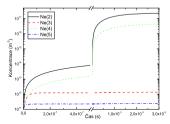
coupled DE for densities of excited states

$$\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} + \nabla (n_i \vec{v}) = \left(\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t}\right)_{c.r} \tag{10}$$

population and depopulation processes are very fast:

$$\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} = \left(\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t}\right)_{c,r} = 0 \tag{11}$$

not valid for ground-state atoms, ions, metastables, high pressure



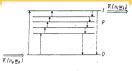


#### Level balance

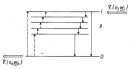
$$\frac{\partial n_0}{\partial t} + \nabla (n_0 \vec{v_0}) = -S_{cr} n_e n_0 + \alpha_{cr} n_e n_{ion}$$
$$\frac{\partial n_{ion}}{\partial t} + \nabla (n_{ion} \vec{v_{ion}}) = +S_{cr} n_e n_0 - \alpha_{cr} n_e n_{ion}$$

classification of models (plasma state)

- ionizing plasma  $S_{\rm cr} n_{\rm e} n_0 \alpha_{\rm cr} n_{\rm e} n_{\rm ion} > 0$ 
  - plasma conducting current, ionizing waves
- recombining plasma  $S_{\rm cr} n_{\rm e} n_0 \alpha_{\rm cr} n_{\rm e} n_{\rm ion} < 0$ 
  - afterglows, outer regions of flames
- equilibrium plasma  $S_{\rm cr} n_{\rm e} n_0 \alpha_{\rm cr} n_{\rm e} n_{\rm ion} = 0$  (ioniozation-recombination equilibrium)



ionizing plasma



recombining plasma



equilibrium plasma



#### Excitation phases: corona phase

population by electron impact excitation, radiative deexcitation

$$k_{0i}^{\text{el}} n_{\text{e}} n_{0} + k_{\text{m}i}^{\text{el}} n_{\text{e}} n_{\text{m}} (+ \sum_{j>i} \Lambda_{ji} A_{ji} n_{j}) = \sum_{j$$

 $\overrightarrow{V}.(n_i\underline{w}_i)$  p (m)  $\overrightarrow{V}.(n_i\underline{w}_i)$ 

(12)

#### Excitation phases: excitation saturation phase

population and depopulation by electron impact

- saturation of the excited state densities with increased  $n_e$
- no Saha equilibrium,  $S_i n_i \gg \alpha_i n_{ion}$



#### Excitation phases: excitation saturation phase 2

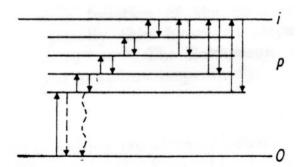
- ullet stepwise excitation o ladder-like excitation flow
- coefficients of upward processes are larger (closer upper levels, higher statistical weights of upper levels)

$$k_{i-1,i}n_en_{i-1} - k_{i,i-1}n_en_i = k_{i,i+1}n_en_i - k_{i+1,i}n_en_{i+1} - S_in_en_i$$

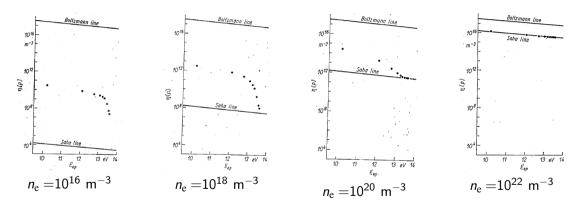
#### Excitation phases: partial local thermodynamic equilibrium

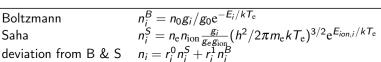
- ullet 2 equilibria: excited state imes ion state, neighbouring excited states
- ionization  $\sim$  recombination  $\gg$  excitation flow

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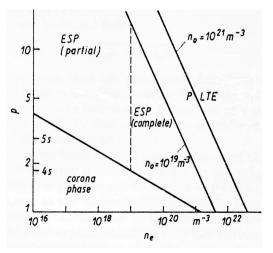


#### Role of dominant electron collisions

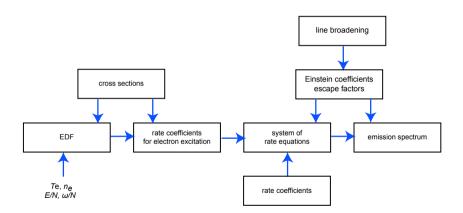




### Excitation phases



#### Collisional-radiative model



#### Electron distribution function

- Maxwellian EDF
- solution of Boltzmann kinetic equation
- normalization of the EDF

$$\int_0^\infty f(\varepsilon)\varepsilon^{1/2}\mathrm{d}\varepsilon = 1 \tag{13}$$

mean electron energy

$$\langle \varepsilon \rangle = \int_0^\infty f(\varepsilon) \varepsilon^{3/2} \mathrm{d}\varepsilon,$$
 (14)

ullet rate coefficients k,  $k_{
m inv}$  of electron collision with cross section  $\sigma$  and of inverse process

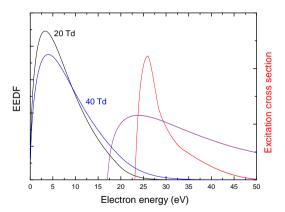
$$k = \sqrt{\frac{2e}{m_0}} \int_0^\infty \sigma(\varepsilon) f_0(\varepsilon) \varepsilon d\varepsilon$$

$$k_{\text{inv}} = \sqrt{\frac{2e}{m_e}} \frac{g_j}{\sigma_i} \int_{\varepsilon_{ii}}^{\infty} \sigma(\varepsilon) f_0(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_{ij}) \varepsilon d\varepsilon$$

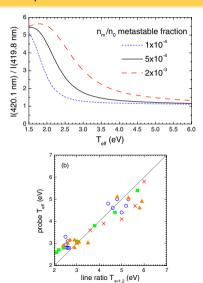
#### Approaches of OES data processing

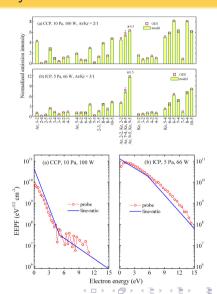
- line ratio methods
  - selection of convenient line pair (sensitivity, model simplicity, ease of measurement)
  - no control of model validity
- "many line fitting"methods

#### Line ratio method – ideal case

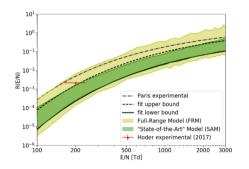


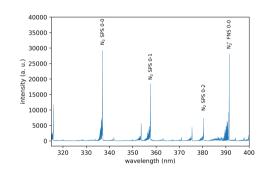
#### Electron temperature and EDF measurement by OES+CR





#### Electric field measurement in air





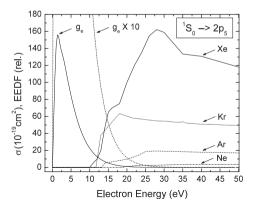
$$R(E/N) = \frac{FNS(0,0)}{SPS(0,0)}$$

Kozlov and Wagner 2001 J. Phys. D: Appl. Phys. **34** 3164 Bilek et al 2018 Plasma Sources Sci. Technol. **27** 085012



#### TRG spectroscopy

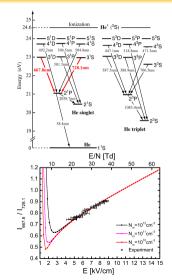
- based on admixing of a small amount of rare gas into plasma
- mapping EDF at specific electron energies
- low pressure, what is small amount?



#### Helium line ratio method

- ratio of helium singlet lines  $R = I_{667}/I_{728}$ He I 667.8 nm (2  $^{1}P - 3 ^{1}D$ ) He I 728.1 nm (2  $^{1}P - 3 ^{1}S$ )
- ✓ high spectral resolution is not required
- ✓ sensitive to fields of several kV/cm
- ✓ verified at atmospheric pressure
- X dependence on the gas purity
- X dependence on metastable density at low field

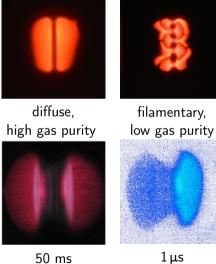
$$E(R) = 2.224 - 20.18R + 45.07R^2 - 19.98R^3 + 3.369R^4$$
  
 $[E] = \text{kV/cm}$ , for 3-40 kV/cm,  $T = 310 \text{ K}$   
Ivković et al 2014 J. Phys. D: Appl. Phys. 47 055204

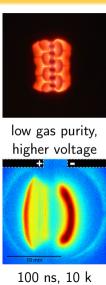


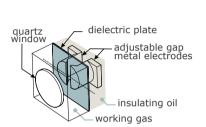
Diffuse coplanar barrier discharge in rare gases

Neon





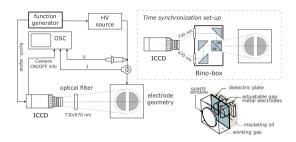




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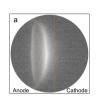
#### Experimental setup



- coplanar DBD, brass electrodes covered with 96% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (0.63 mm thick),
- parallel gap footprint, electrode distance 4.75 mm,
- helium 5.0 at atmospheric pressure, gas flow 550 sccm
- AC sine-wave high voltage of 1.6 kVmax, 10.3 kHz
- ICCD camera Princeton Instruments PI-MAX3 (time window 50 ns)
- bandpass filters Thorlabs FL670-10 and FL730-10 (670, 730 nm, FWHM 10 nm)

OES CR modelling CRM neon Examples Self-absorption

#### 2D resolved electric field development



total light emission







CDIW:  $\sim 10\,\text{kV/cm}$ 

electric field



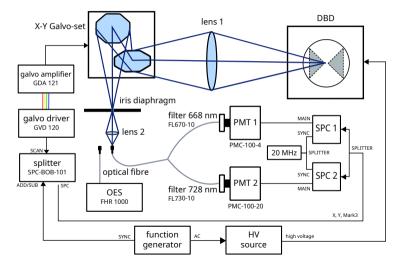




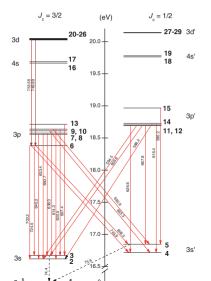
 $20-25 \, kV/cm$ 



#### 2D resolved simultaneous line ratio measurement



#### Excited levels



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i	nlpqr	Racah	Paschen		(eV)
1	21000	2p <sup>6</sup>	$1p_0$	1	0.000000
2	30332	$3s [3/2]_2^{\circ}$	1s <sub>5</sub>	5	16.61907
3	30331	3s $[3/2]_{1}^{5}$	1s4	3	16.67083
4	30110	$3s' [1/2]_0^0$	1s <sub>3</sub>	1	16.71538
5	30111	$3s' [1/2]_{1}^{\circ}$	1s <sub>2</sub>	3	16.84805
6	31311	$3p [1/2]_1$	2 <b>P10</b>	3	18.38162
7	31353	3p [5/2] <sub>3</sub>	2p <sub>9</sub>	7	18.55511
8	31352	$3p [5/2]_2$	2p <sub>8</sub>	5	18.57584
9	31331	3p [3/2] <sub>1</sub>	2p <sub>7</sub>	3	18.61271
10	31332	3p [3/2] <sub>2</sub>	2p6	5	18.63679
11	31131	$3p'[3/2]_1$	2p <sub>5</sub>	3	18.69336
12	31132	$3p'[3/2]_2$	2p4	5	18.70407
13	31310	$3p [1/2]_0$	2p <sub>3</sub>	1	18.71138
14	31111	$3p'[1/2]_1$	2p <sub>2</sub>	3	18.72638
15	31110	$3p'[1/2]_0$	2p1	1	18.96596
16	40332	4s [3/2]2	2s <sub>5</sub>	5	19.66403
17	40331	4s [3/2]	2s <sub>4</sub>	3	19.68820
18	40110	$4s' [1/2]_0^0$	2s <sub>3</sub>	1	19.76060
19	40111	$4s' [1/2]_1^0$	2s <sub>2</sub>	3	19.77977
20	32310	3d [1/2]g	3d <sub>6</sub>	1	20.02464
21	32311	3d [1/2]	3d <sub>5</sub>	5	20.02645
22	32374	3d [7/2] <sub>4</sub>	3d' <sub>4</sub>	9	20.03465
23	32373	3d [7/2]3	3d₄	7	20.03487
24	32332	3d [3/2]3 3d [3/2]3	3d <sub>3</sub>	5	20.03675
25	32331	3d [3/2] <sup>7</sup>	3d <sub>2</sub>	3	20.04039
26	32352	3d [5/2] <sub>2</sub>	3d″	5	20.04821
	32353	3d [5/2] <sup>o</sup>	3d <sub>1</sub> , 3s <sub>1</sub> , 3s <sub>1</sub> , 3s <sub>1</sub> ,	7	20.04843
27	32152	$3d' [5/2]_2^0$	3s <sub>1</sub> ""	5	20.13611
	32153	3d' [5/2]3_	3s <sub>1</sub> "	7	_20.13630
28	32132	3d' [3/2]5	3s <sub>1</sub> " -	5	20.13751



#### Considered elementary processes

• Electron impact excitation out of the g.s.

$$Ne(1) + e^{-} \stackrel{k_{1j}}{\to} Ne(j) + e^{-}, \quad j = 2, \dots 29$$

2 Electron impact excitation out of 2p<sup>5</sup>3s states

$$Ne(i) + e^{-} \xrightarrow{k_{ij}} Ne(j) + e^{-}, \quad i = 2, ...5, j = 6, ...15$$

Electron impact deexcitation to the g.s. and 2p<sup>5</sup>3s states

$$Ne(i) + e^{-\frac{k_{ij}}{2}} Ne(j) + e^{-}, \quad i = 2, ... 29, j = 1, ... 5, i > j$$

Electron induced excitation transfer among 2p<sup>5</sup>3s states

$$Ne(i) + e^{-} \xrightarrow{k_{ij}} Ne(i) + e^{-}, \quad i, i = 2, ..., 5$$

Spontaneous emission and absorption of radiation

#### Considered elementary processes 2

Two-body collision induced deactivation and excitation transfer among  $2p^53p$  states  $Ne(i) + Ne(1) \xrightarrow{k_{ij}} Ne(i) + Ne(1), \quad i, j = 6, \dots 15$ 

O Chemoionization
$$Ne(2-5) + Ne(2-5) \stackrel{k_{met}}{\longrightarrow} Ne(1) + Ne^+ + e^-$$

Two-body collision induced deactivation  $Ne(2-5) + Ne(1) \stackrel{k_{2b}}{\longrightarrow} 2Ne(1)$ 

$$Ne(2-5) + H_2 \xrightarrow{k_{H_2^+}} H_2^+ + Ne(1) + e^-$$

$$Ne(2-5) + H_2 \xrightarrow{k_{N_2^+}} NeH^+ + H + e^-$$

$$Ne(2-5) + N_2 \xrightarrow{k_{N_2^+}} N_2^+ + Ne(1) + e^-$$

## Considered elementary processes 3

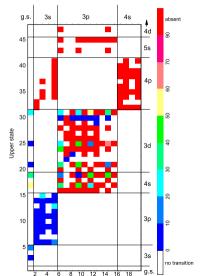
- @ Electron impact ionization of the ground-state and metastable atoms
- Three-body production of dimers

$$Ne(2,4) + Ne(1) + Ne(1) \stackrel{k_{3b_m}}{\rightarrow} Ne_2^* + Ne(1)$$

$$Ne(3) + Ne(1) + Ne(1) \stackrel{k_{3b_3}}{\to} Ne_2^m + Ne(1)$$

$$Ne(5) + Ne(1) + Ne(1) \stackrel{k_{3b_5}}{\to} Ne_2^m + Ne(1)$$

### Spontaneous emission



Einstein coefficient Aii

$$A_{ij} = \frac{16\pi^3 v^3}{3\varepsilon_0 h c^3} \frac{S}{g_i}$$

$$A_{ij} = \frac{g_j}{g_i} \frac{2\pi e^2 v^2}{\varepsilon_0 m c^3} f$$

effective levels

$$A_{\{i\}j} = \frac{\sum_{i} g_i A_{ij}}{\sum_{i} g_i}$$

 $\leftarrow$  relative differences of two data source – NIST and Seaton 1998

# Absorption of radiation

Number of absorption transitions between states i, j (j is lower) in unit volume is

$$n_i B_{ii} \rho(\omega_0)$$

## What is $\rho(\omega_0)$ ?

The spatial distribution of population of excited state due to the radiation propagation can be described by Holstein equation

$$\frac{\partial n(\vec{r})}{\partial t} = -An(\vec{r}) + A \int n(\vec{r}') G(\vec{r}', \vec{r}) d\vec{r}', \tag{15}$$

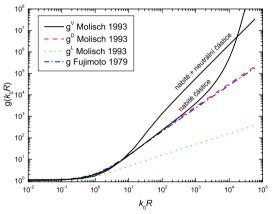
$$G(\vec{r}',\vec{r}) = -\frac{1}{4\pi\rho^2} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \rho}, \rho = |\vec{r}' - \vec{r}|, \quad T(\rho) = \int f(\omega) e^{-kf(\omega)\rho} d\omega.$$

Solution of Holstein equation has a form

$$n(\vec{r},t) = \sum_{i} c_j n_j(\vec{r}) e^{-A/g_j t}, \qquad (16)$$

in which  $g_j$  are trapping factors attached to eigenfunctions  $n_j$ . Escape factor  $\Lambda = 1/g_0$ .

## Trapping factor



#### Parameters of solution:

- discharge geometry
- opacity  $k_0R$
- spectral line profile



## Solution of rate-equations

#### Initial conditions

$$n_i(t=0) = \begin{cases} N \equiv \frac{\rho}{k_b T_n}, & i=1\\ 0, & i>1 \end{cases}$$
 (17)

- Runge-Kutta methods
- stationary state solution: all excited states reach stationary state  $(\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} = 0)$
- Non-linear dependence of some rate equations

$$\left(\frac{\partial n_2}{\partial t}\right)_{\text{met}} = -4k_{\text{met}}n_2^2 - 2k_{\text{met}}n_2n_4 - \dots - (k_{\text{H}_2} + k_{\text{NeH}^+})[\text{H}_2]n_2 - \\ - (k_{\text{N}_2} + k_{\text{NeN}_2} + )[\text{N}_2]n_2 - k_{\text{O}_2} + [\text{O}_2]n_2 - \frac{D_2}{l_{\text{D}}^2}n_2 - k_{\text{ionmet}}n_{\text{e}}n_2$$

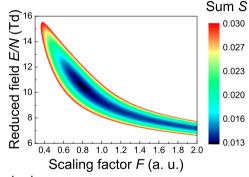
## Spectrum calculation and comparison

 measured spectral line intensities, integrated over lineshapes

$$[\lambda_k, I_k^{\text{exp}}], k = 1, \dots, n = 30$$

 calculated total emission coefficients of transitions

$$I_{ij}^{\mathrm{cr}} = \frac{1}{4\pi} n_i \Lambda_{ij} A_{ij} h \nu_{ij}$$



comparison of spectra by least squares method

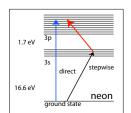
$$\mathscr{S} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{(\mathscr{F} \cdot I_{k}^{cr}(T_{e}, n_{e}, n_{1s_{3}}, n_{1s_{5}}) - I_{k}^{exp})^{2}}{I_{k}^{exp}}$$

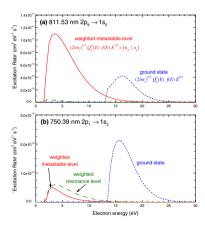
#### Role of metastables

• simplified 0D scheme is not valid

$$\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} + \nabla (n_i \vec{v}) = \left(\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t}\right)_{c,r}$$
 (18)

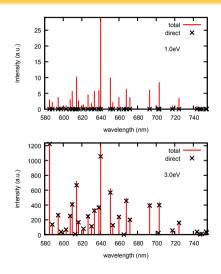
- longer computational times
- increased sensitivity at low electron energies

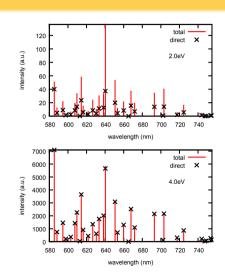




argon

### Direct and stepwise excitation

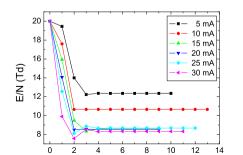


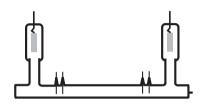


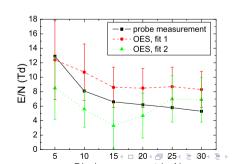
Maxwellian EDF, gas temperature 300 K, fixed densities of all 1s; levels

## DC glow discharge in neon

- positive column of DC glow discharge at 1.1 Torr
- OES in spectral range 300 850 nm
- CR model with stationary BKE solver
- probe measurement

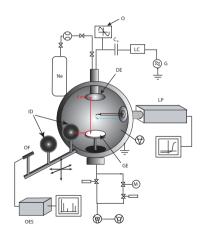




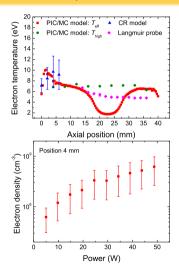


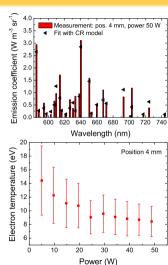
## Radio-frequency discharge in neon

- capacitively coupled RF discharge in neon (13.56 MHz)
- low pressure (10 Pa)
- reactor R3 "Temelín", inner diameter 33 cm, discharge gap 40 mm, electrodes 8 cm in diameter
- studied by OES/CR, OAS, PIC/MC, Langmuir probe
- absolute intensity measurement

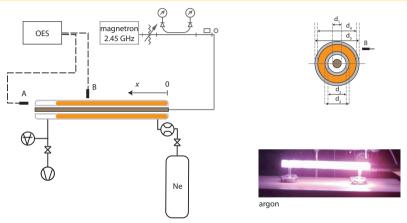


## RF (13.56 MHz) capacitive discharge in neon at 10 Pa



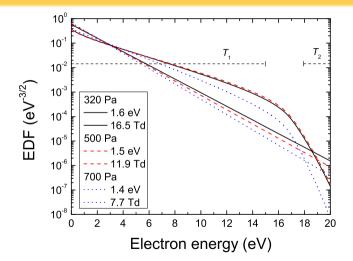


## MW surface-wave driven discharge in neon in coaxial configuration

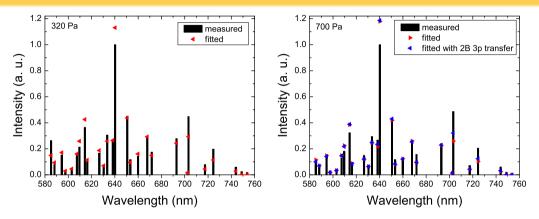


- two-cylinder quartz tube with copper rod antenna, length 320 mm, dimensions  $d_1 = 5$  mm,  $d_2 = 7$  mm,  $d_3 = 11$  mm,  $d_4 = 20$  mm and  $d_5 = 24$  mm
- microwave power 60 W

#### Electron distribution function



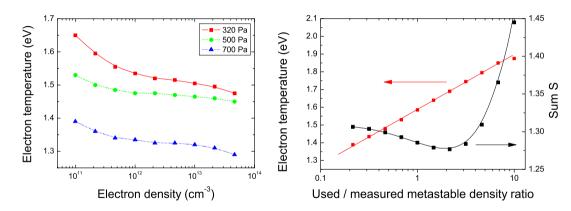
### Spectra fit



- using BKE solver
- effect of deactivation by heavy particles on spectra under studied conditions is small



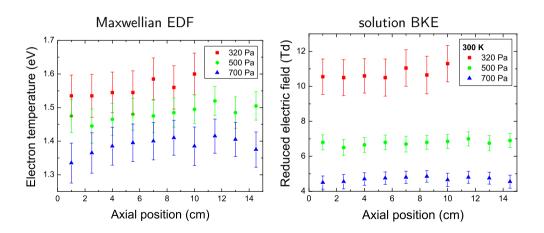
### Sensitivity to electron density and metastable density



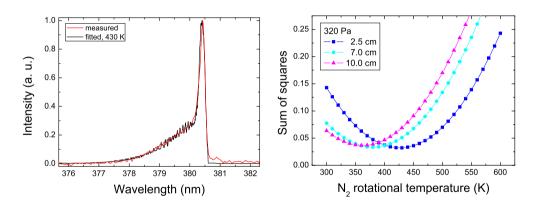
sensitivity to metastables: 0.3 eV or 2 Td per order of density



## Axial dependencies for T = 300 K



## $N_2$ rotational temperature in $C^3\Pi_u$ state

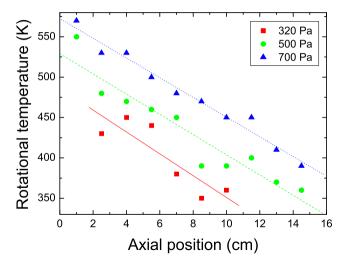


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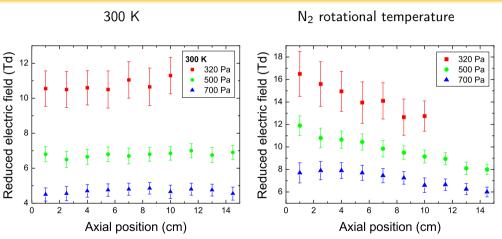
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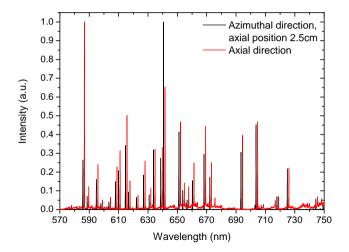
## Effect of gas temperature



- heating by oscillating field is governed by E/N and  $\omega/N$ , elastic collisions inhance heating
- $\bullet$   $\omega/N$  is not constant along the column



## Self-absorption



# Effective branching fractions $\Gamma_{ij}$

isolated atom

$$\Gamma_{ij} = \frac{A_{ij}}{\sum_{l} A_{il}}$$

plasma

$$\Gamma_{ij}^{\text{eff}} = \frac{g(k_{ij}^0 L) A_{ij}}{\sum_{l} g(k_{il}^0 L) A_{il}}$$

absorption coefficient

$$k_{ij}^{0} = \frac{\lambda_{ij}^{3}}{8\pi^{3/2}} \sqrt{\frac{m_0}{2k_b T}} \frac{g_i}{g_j} A_{ij} n_j$$

measured

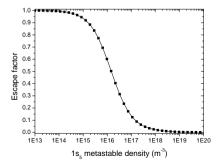
$$\Gamma_{ij}^{\mathrm{exp}} = \frac{I_{ij}/h\nu_{ij}}{\sum_{l}I_{il}/h\nu_{il}}$$

## Escape factor

• Mewe approximate expression

$$g(k_{ij}^{0}L) = \frac{2 - e^{-k_{ij}^{0}L/1000}}{1 + k_{ij}^{0}L}$$

- assumption of homogeneous distribution of atoms
- ullet e.g. Ar 2p $_6 
  ightarrow 1$ s $_5$  (763.5 nm), ho = 10 cm



## Example – density of Ti and Ti<sup>+</sup> in magnetron discharge

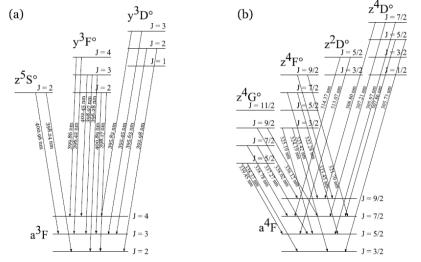
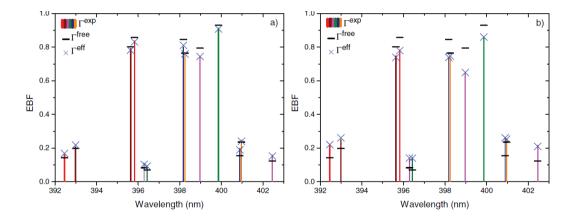


Figure 1. Energy levels and selected transitions for density measurement of (a) Ti neutral atom and (b) Ti ion.



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