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Abstract

The spectrum of xenon injected into the TFR tokamak plasma has been recorded in the range 10-90 A by means of a 2m grazing incidence spectrograph. Forty-four lines and unresolved transition arrays pertaining to multicharged xenon ions isoelectronic with Cu I, Ni I, Co I, Fe I, Mn I and Cr I have been identified by means of various theoretical methods. The 17 observed lines of the $3p^83d^9 - 3p^53d^9$ transition array, have allowed the wavelengths of the magnetic dipole transitions occuring within the ground configuration 3d⁸ of Xe XXXIX to be predicted.

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1. Introduction

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Several spectroscopic studies have been devoted so far to the spectra of highly charged xenon since the early observation of three resonance lines (the transitions $4s^2$ s_0 - $4s4p$ 1P_1 , $4a^{2}S_{1/2} - 4P^{2}P_{1/2, 3/2}$ of Xe XXV and Xe XXIV respectively) by Hinnov in the ST tokamek [1]. The $n = 3$ to $n = 2$ transitions of the sodium-lite to oxygen-like xenon (Xe XLI7 - Xe XLVIl) were excited in laser irradiated microhalloons filled with xenon [2]; the Ne-, Na-, F-like ion transitions have also been seen at higher resolution from zenon ions accelerated in Super-Hilac [3], Some spectra of moderately charged ions have been investigated in a thetapinch (Xe VIII) and in a low inductance vacuum spark $(Xe X)$ [4, 5]. As a part of systematic investigations, we recently reported on krypton spectra

\Zi XTITI through Er XXIX) observed in TPR in the range 15 - 300 A [SJ. The present article is devoted to similar identifications of Xe XXVI through Xe XXXI in a less extended wavelength range (12-90 A). including the main $\Delta n = 1$ transitions of these spectra.

2. Experimental conditions

"Jh<3 experiments were performed in ohmically heated *%BR* tokamak plasmas. The plasma parameters were, during the quasi-statienary current plateau phase : plasma current $I_n = 180$ kA, toroidal magnetic field $B_p = 4.0 T$, working gas \hat{H}_2 , graphite limiter radius $a = 19.5$ cm, central electron density $n_a(0) = 6.10^{13}$ cm⁻³ and central electron temperature $T_o(0) = (1.4 \pm 0.15)$ keV. The spectrum was recorded photographically in the 10-90 A spectral range by using a 2m radius grazing incidence (1.5°) spectrograph [?] equipped with a 2400 grooves/mm, gold coated, 1° blazed Bausch and Lomb grating. The line of sight of the spectrograph passed through the plasma center and the number of recorded discharges was ICO. Intrinsic impurities $(C, N, 0, Cr, Fe$ and $Ni)$ provided internal standards used to derive the xenon line wavelengths by polynomial fitting. Spectra

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obtained from discharges without xenon injection, were used to help in the xenon identifications. The estimated accuracy of our wavelength measurements is between 0.01 and 0.02 Å, depending on the intensity and profile of the line under study.

A vacuum ultraviolet duochromator was used to monitor 3 resonance lines of quasi-central, medium ionization potential ions already identified by Hinnov (Xe XXV 4s^{2 1}S₂ - 4s4p ¹P₁ at 164.5 Å, = 852 eV and Xe XXVI 4s $2s_{1/2}$ - 4p $2p_{1/2,3/2}$ at 234.2 Å $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 177 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ = 800 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ degree 1 shows the tensor $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ including $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ a) the plasma current I_n , b) the central electron temperature $T(0)$ from Thomson scattering and the central line electron density $n_a(0)$, c) the radiance B of the copper-like line at 234.2 $\stackrel{?}{A}$. Figure 2 shows the radial profiles, measured at 300 ms. of the electron temperature $T_$ and of the electron density $n_$.

3. Interpretation of the spectrum

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At first sight, two spectral regions are important on the spectrogram : 1) below 21 A, where the wavy shape of the successive unresolved transition arrays (UTA) $3d^{N}$ - $3d^{N-1}$ 4p and \mathfrak{zd}^N - \mathfrak{zd}^{N-1} 4f make xenon spectra very similar to those of molybdenum in the range 22 - 50 $\stackrel{?}{\mathtt{A}}$ [8] and 2) between 40 and 55 A, where several dozens of lines are resolved. Several methods were used to label the lines and $UTA's : a)$ empirical interpolation or extrapolation of wavenumbers along well-known isoelectronic sequences of Cu I, Hi I and Co I ; b) comparisons of measured lines with the spectrum of copper-like Xe XXVI predicted by the Dirac-Hartree-Fock method $[9]$; c) comparison of wavenumbers with ab initio evaluation of the energy levels of Xe XX7II and Xe XXVIII, using the parametric potential method $[10]$; d) evaluation of the low energy levels of Ke XXIX by means of the Slater-Condon parametric theory ; e) evaluation of the center of gravity and width of the OTA's from the formalism developed in [11] and radial integrals obtained by

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means of the parametric potential method [12]. The classified lines and UTA's are collected in Table I.

3.1 The transitions $n = 3$ to $n = 4$

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The use of the relativistic parametric potential method has led to an unambiguous interpretation of the spectral features below 21 λ , as n = 3 to n = 4 transitions. For the resonance lines of nickel-like Xe XXVII and for the center of gravity of the UTA's, the ab initio estimates are very close to the measured wavelengths. However, due to the presence of strong resonance lines of the intrinsic impurities (the spectra of 0 VII, 0 VIII, Fe XVII and Ni XIX are rich in this region), the comparison between experiment and theory is sometimes hampered for xenon; in particular, lines of 0 VII and Hi XIX perturb the shape of several xenon UTA's. Like in molybdenum [l?], the low plasma density results in the E2 $3d^N - 3d^{N-1}$ 4s transitions being t_{obs} and t_{obs} are subsety results in the t_{obs} $\frac{t_{\text{obs}}}{t_{\text{obs}}}$ and $\frac{t_{\text{obs}}}{t_{\text{obs}}}$ and $\frac{t_{\text{obs}}}{t_{\text{obs}}}$ observed. The strongest xenon line in the 12-21 A spectral range belongs to the transition \int_0^∞ - \int_0^∞ 4s(5/2, 1/2) J = 2, observed at 20.961 A and makes the usual designation of "forb* lien" quite unappropriate. At slightly lower wavelengths, only the strongest of the predicted $3d^{10}$ 4s ^{2}s _{1/2} - $3d^{9}$ 4s4p, J = 1/2,3/2 transitions [14] could be observed at 19.137 A and all strong lines between 19.0 and 20.1 A are attributed to $3d^9$ - 3d 4s transitions in Xe XXVIII. The relative intensity of the 3d-4s and 3d-4p transitions in Xe XXVIII is under study by means of a collisional-radiative model and will be reported in a future publication [15].

It was checked that the asymetry of the UTA's for $\overline{\text{3d}}^N$ - $\overline{\text{3d}}^{N-1}$ 4p transitions, as evaluated from [16], is negligible ; the pure gaussian broken curves drawn on figure 3a are in r good qualitative agreement with the average wavelength and width of observed arrays. The asymmetry of the 3d^N - 3d^{N-1}4f arrays was taken into account in the evaluation of the center of gravity of the TM 's and this was needed to get a satisfactory agreement between theory and observations. It is stressed that the theoretical shift of the center of gravity which results from the asymmetry of the arrays ranges from 0.055 $\frac{3}{4}$ (Xe XXXI) to 0.062 A (Xe XXVIII), i.e. about 2.5 times the full width of the

arrays given in Table I.

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3.2 The $n = 3$. $\Delta n = 0$ transitions of Xe XXVIII and Xe XXIX.

The three lines of the $30^{5}3d^{9}$ - $3p^{5}3d^{10}$ array have been identified by Edlén up to Ag XXI [17] and in six ions from Ba²⁹⁺ to Dy^{39+} by Reader [18]. The wavenumbers derived by parametric interpolation for $x e^{27+}$ were found within the error bars of three measured lines. The strongest line of the 40-55 Å region is, as expected, the ${}^{2}D_{5/2}$ - ${}^{2}P_{7/2}$ transition of Xe XXVIII. The weak ${}^{2}D_{7/2}$ - ${}^{2}P_{7/2}$ line is close to stronger ones of other ions ans the splittings of the 2 b and 2 terms which we can derive from our measurements are certainly less accurate than the empirical estimates from isoslectronic regularities [18].

The FeI isoelectronic sequence has been extensively studied in the past vears. Almost all the levels of $5p^53d^3$ and $3p^53d^9$ are known from \overline{Y} XIV to Ag XXII [19] and the strongest transitions 3p-3d could be traced up to Sn XXV [20]. The energy parameters which describe the levels of $\overline{\mathfrak{z}^3}$ within the framework of the Slater-Condon theory have been already determined by generalized-least-squares techniques from all levels of the iron-like ions $[19,21]$. The constraints on from all levels of the iron-like ions [l9,2t]. The constraints on $t_{\rm eff}$ is defined the isocletic contract $\mu_{\rm eff}$ and $\mu_{\rm eff}$ and $\mu_{\rm eff}$ in a smooth isoelectronic evolution of the residual discrepancies between experimental and theoretical energies. This allows fairly accurate predictions for the levels of the ground configuration $\overline{\boldsymbol{3d}}^{\text{B}}$ of Xe XXIX shown in Table II. We made use of the resulte of $[19]$ to calculate energies and eigenfunctions for the 12 levels of $3p⁵3d$ and to derive the 60 possible 3p-3d E1 transitions. 3y comparing observed intensities and theoretical line strengths, 17 xenon lines could be identified which represent 67% of the total line strength in the transition array. We used the estimated (or experimental whenever possible) energies of 3d⁸ to predict the wavelengths and transition rates of the 14 magnetic dipole lines occurring within $3d^3$, which may be of interest for diagnostics in plasma with low electron density (Table III).

After the interpretation of the main spectral features between

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40 and 55 A, several lines of medium or weak intensity are not yet labeled in the same spectral range. We can infer from the presence of the $3p^63d^7$ - $3p^63d^64f$ array around 12.8 μ , that the transitions **3p 3d - 3p 3d of the same ion should also show up. Although the latter array has been partly analyzed from T XT to Ag XXIII, [22], isoelectronic extrapolations to Xe XXX did not allow to classify more lines up to now.**

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There is an obvious similarity between the xenon spectrum on o our figure 3 and the spectral region 38-42 A from a laser-produced samarium plasma (see fig. 1 of [is]), so that we can support Reader's assumption that the unidentified line labeled (e) in [18] belongs to Sm XXXVIII ; more precisely, it is the transition $3p^63d^33$ ₃ - $3p^53d^93D_z$, **o 4 3**

Similarly to the $n = 3$, $\Delta n = 0$ transitions of the magnesium-like Kr XXV and sodium-like Kr XXVI which were remeasured recently [6], the $n = 4$, $\Delta n = 0$ transitions of the zinc-like Xe XXV and copper-like *Xe XXVI* **are strong in the region 100-300 Å. Their wavelength accuracy** in [1] is not sufficient to derive a comprehensive level scheme of **Xe IXVI and further observations are planned.**

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TABLE I: Classified lines of Xe XXVI - Xe XXXI (12 - 60 A)

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- *a :* center of gravity [and width] of the unresolved transition array as calculated in (16} taking into account the asymmetry of the array.
- b : wavelength calculated by means of the relatlvistlc parametric potential method.
- c : center of gravit/ [and width] of the unresolved transition array, asymetry being neglected.
- d : wavelength calculated by the Dirac-Hartree-Fock method (9).
- e : wavelength derived from the Slater-Condon-type parametric study of 3p*3d* and 3p'3d', without corrections for systematic trends of the discrepancies *ÙX* along the isoelectronic sequence.
- f : wavelength from empirical interpolation.
- g : levels of 3p*3d* and 3p'3d⁹ are designated by their J-value (indexed from the lowest one of the given J).

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- : wavelength measured by Edlen (23). h
- \mathbf{I} : approximate relative observed intensities.
- \mathbf{n} : blended with a nickel line.
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TilBLE II : Energy levels of *d*r froa dlagonallzatlon (E), corrected for systeaatic discrepancies (\mathbb{E}_b) , derived from classified lines $(\mathbb{E}_{\text{emp}})$. All values in cm⁻¹.

Eigenfunctions are given in LS coupling

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TABLE III : Predicted magnetic dipole transitions within the ground configuration

3d' of Xe XXIX. Wavelengths are derived from E_{exp} (or E_b) in table II.

Transition rates $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{M}_1}$ were calculated from eigenvectors and $\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{a}}$.

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FIGURE CAFTIONS

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- Figure 1 : Time evolution of : a) plasma current I_p b) central electron temperature $T_a(0)$ (dashed line) central line density n_a(0) (solid line) c) radiance B of the 234.2 *I* copper-like (Xe XXVI) **ion line.**
- Figure 2 : Radial profiles measured at $t = 300$ ms of the **electron** temperature T_e (dashed line) and of the electron density n_a (solid line).
- Figure 3 : Densitometer tracing of the xenon spectrum: a) from 12 to 22 Å, the predicted unresolved transition arrays being drawn with arbitrary intensities (dashed arrays being drawn with arbitrary intensities (dashed **h**) from 48 to 53 Å

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