

INTEGRATION OF THOMSON SCATTERING AND LASER-INDUCED FLUORESCENCE IN ITER DIVERTOR

Engineering and Performance Analysis

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DTS/LIF integration main drivers

DTS and LIF are both laser aided diagnostics and it seems attractive to use common laser and probing optics – the most sophisticated and expensive part of any ITER optical diagnostics. The combined DTS and LIF approaches can simultaneously measure a set of electron, ion and atom parameters (T_e , n_e , T_i , n_i and $n_{He/H/D/T}$) localized in 24 spatially resolved elements arranged nearly parallel to magnetic surfaces.

SOLPS modelling of detachment requires a detailed knowledge of:

- (a) Rates of electron processes, including rates of ionization, recombination and electron induced radiation, playing an important role in cooling and recombination of the divertor plasma flows,
- (b) ion-neutral collisions, being not directly involved in the reduction of the plasma flux to the target but playing three important roles in the detachment physics:

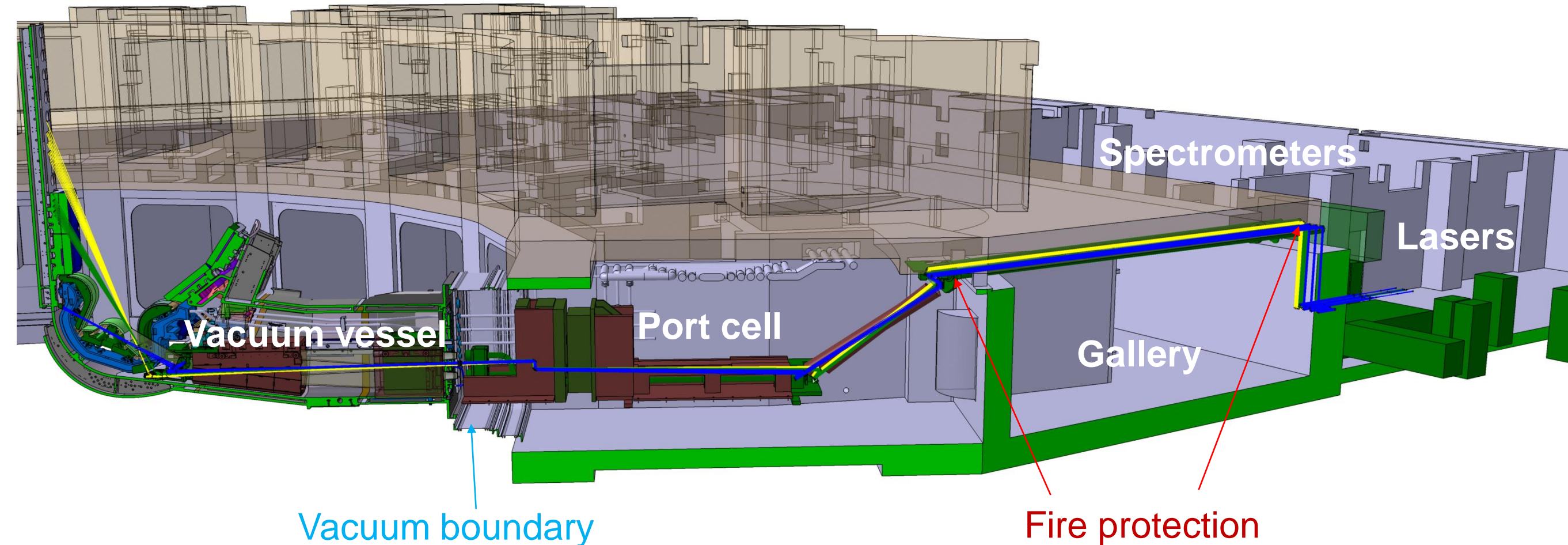
- (1) control effective pressure in the recycling region, with counter-balancing the upstream plasma pressure;
- (2) cool the plasma down to ~ 1 eV and initiate the recombination processes;
- (3) 'friction' switch the plasma flow from free streaming to diffusion, making the residence time of the electrons and ions sufficient for recombination.

Under detachment, the input plasma flux from the upstream core plasma (free streaming) must be: slowing down from free flow to slow diffusion; cooling down to ~ 1 eV and finally recombining.

Effective volumetric recombination is possible only at plasma temperatures below ~ 1 eV, and without recombination, each ion reaching the divertor plate will transfer ~ 13.6 eV of the recombination energy in the form of heat.

There is an unmet demand for diagnostics able to locally determine plasma characteristics for simulating:

- Ionization balance: rates of ionization and recombination (T_e , n_e , $n_{He/H/D/T}$);
- Emission intensity (T_e , n_e , n_i , $n_{He/H/D/T}$);
- Frictional force of the plasma flow due to collisions with neutrals (T_i , n_i , $n_{He/H/D/T}$);
- Pressure of the incoming plasma flow (T_e , n_e , T_i , n_i).

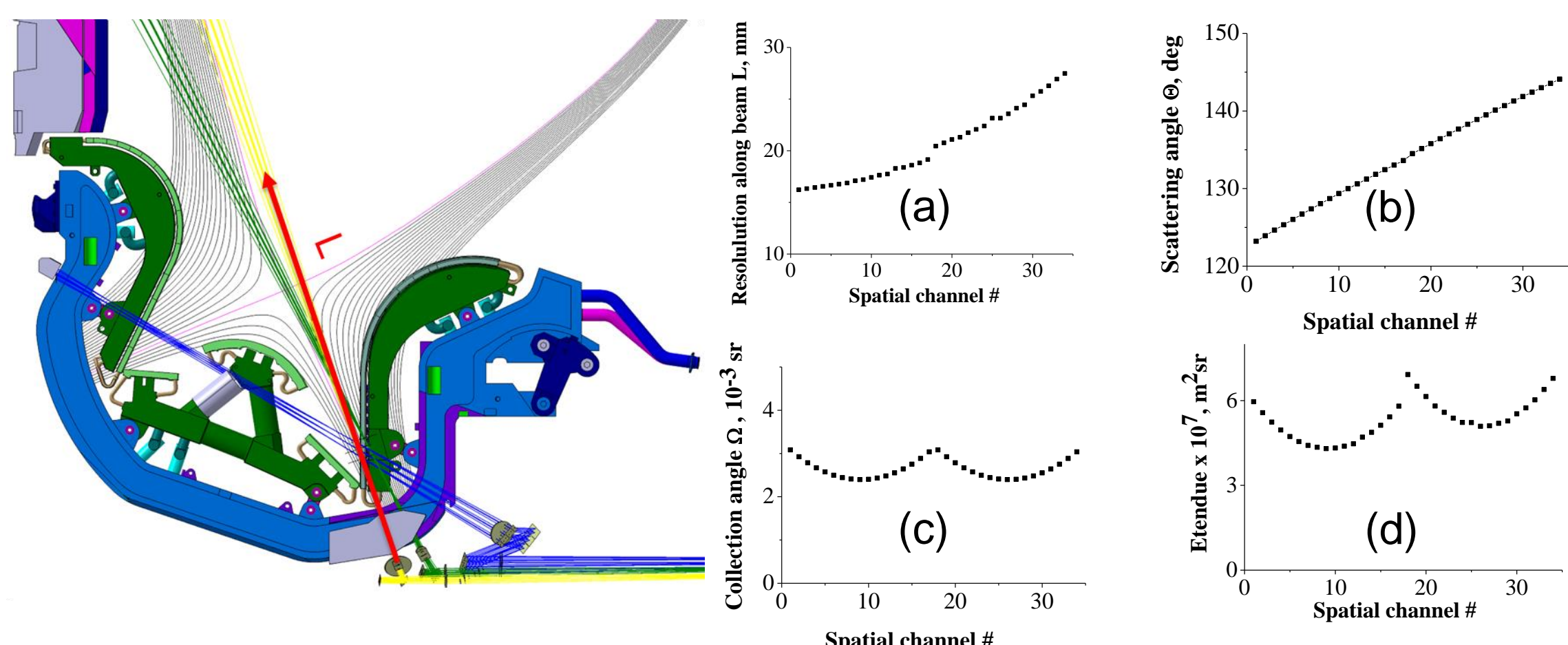
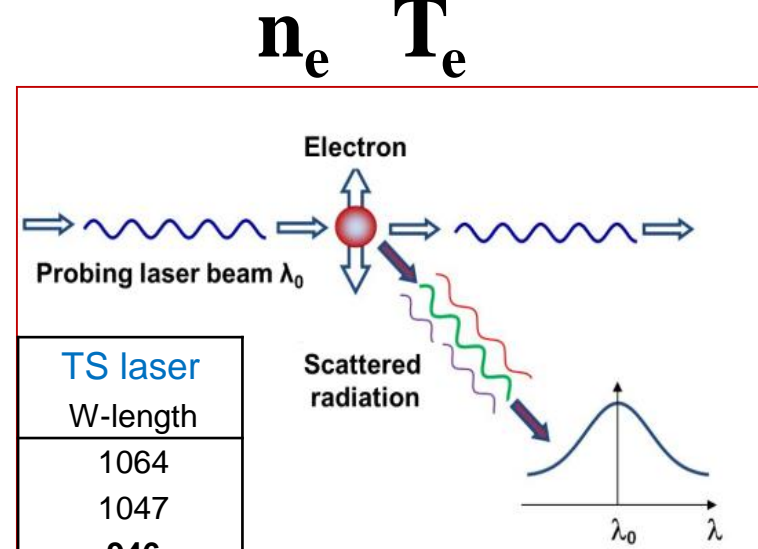
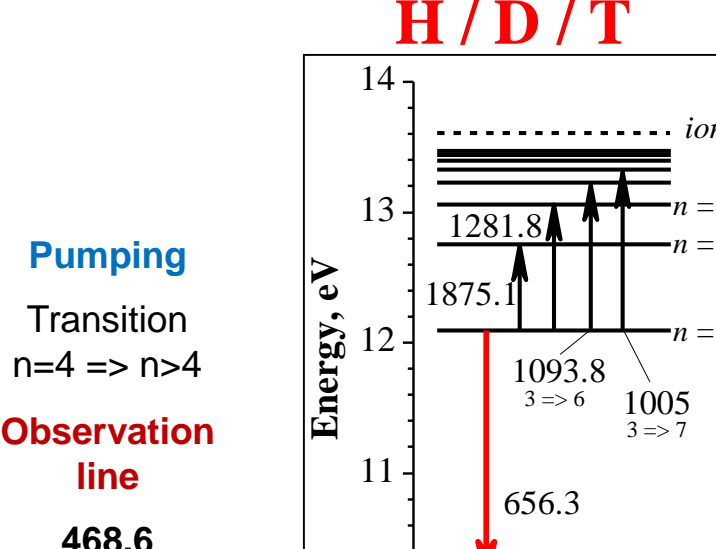
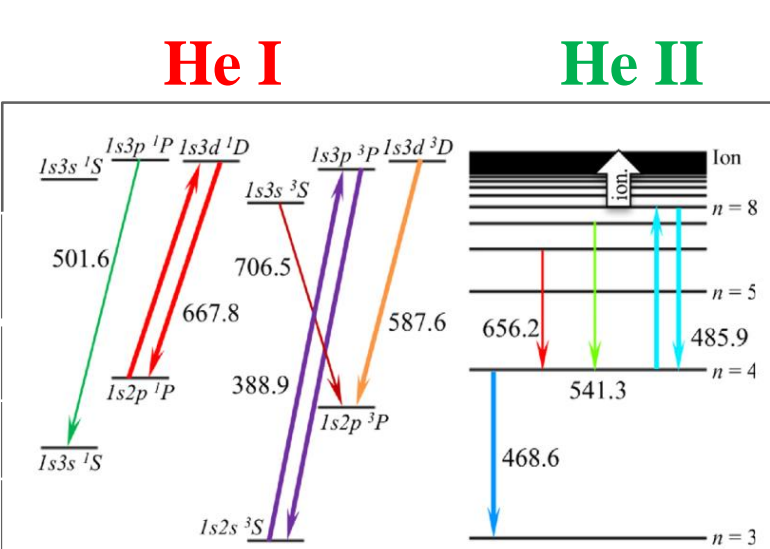


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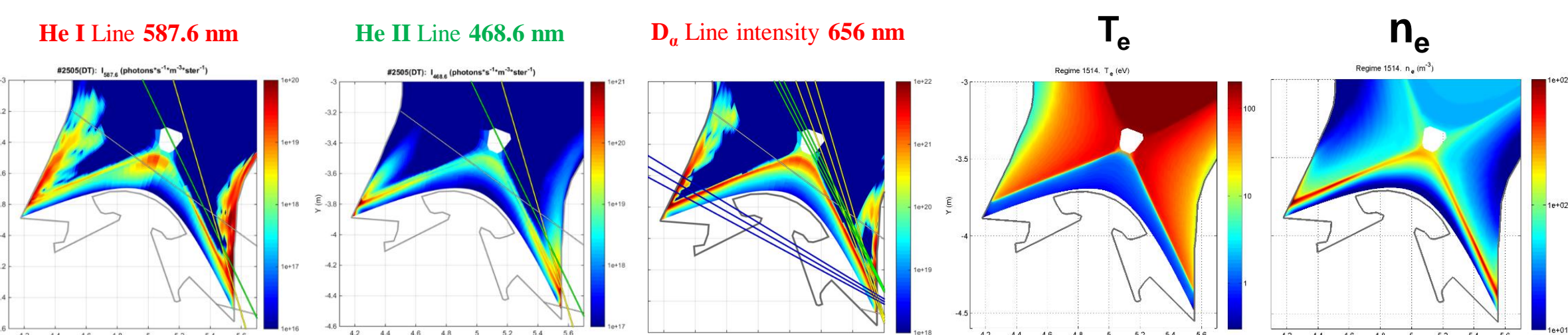
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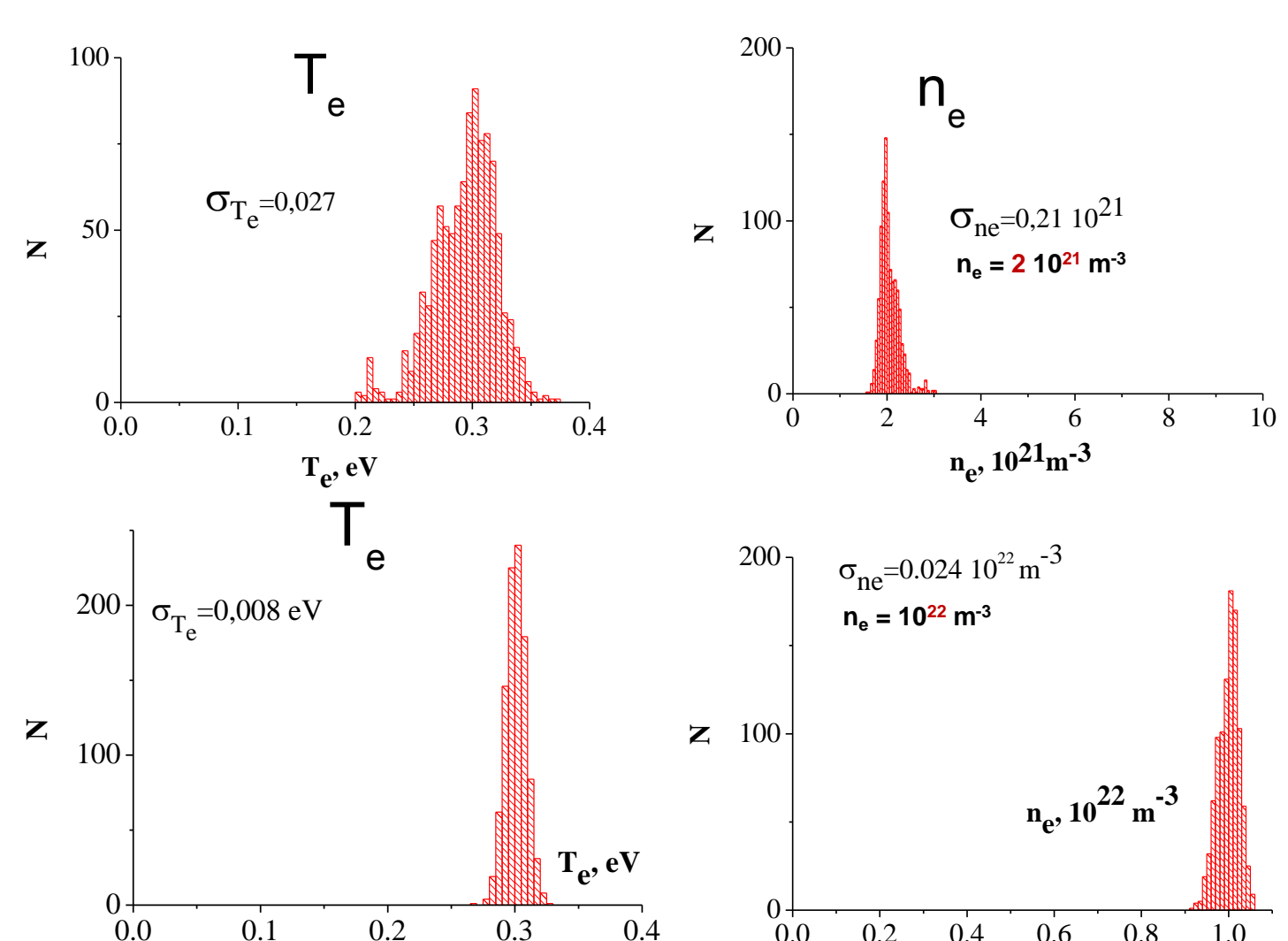
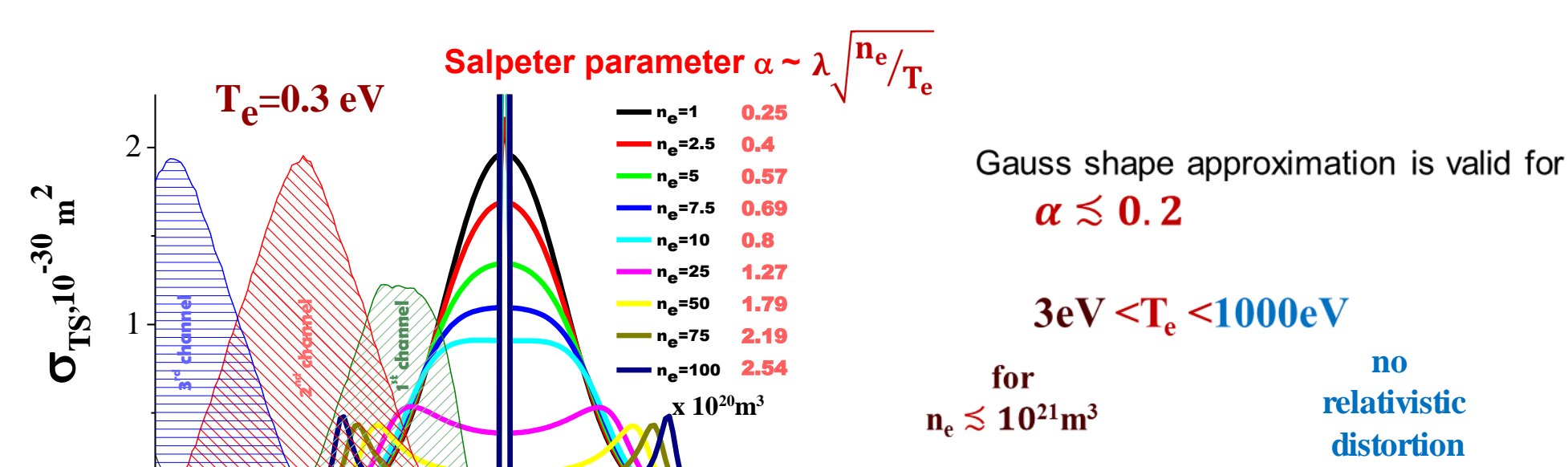


Variation of the collection system optical parameters in different spatial channels. The spatial channel numbers are laid out along the probing chords L from the outer divertor leg bottom: (a) Scattering length, (b) Angle of scattering, (c) Collection angle, (d) Etendue.



Thomson scattering in ITER divertor

In cool and dense plasma the laser wavelength approaches Debye length and distortions of Gauss shape in scattered spectra become obvious



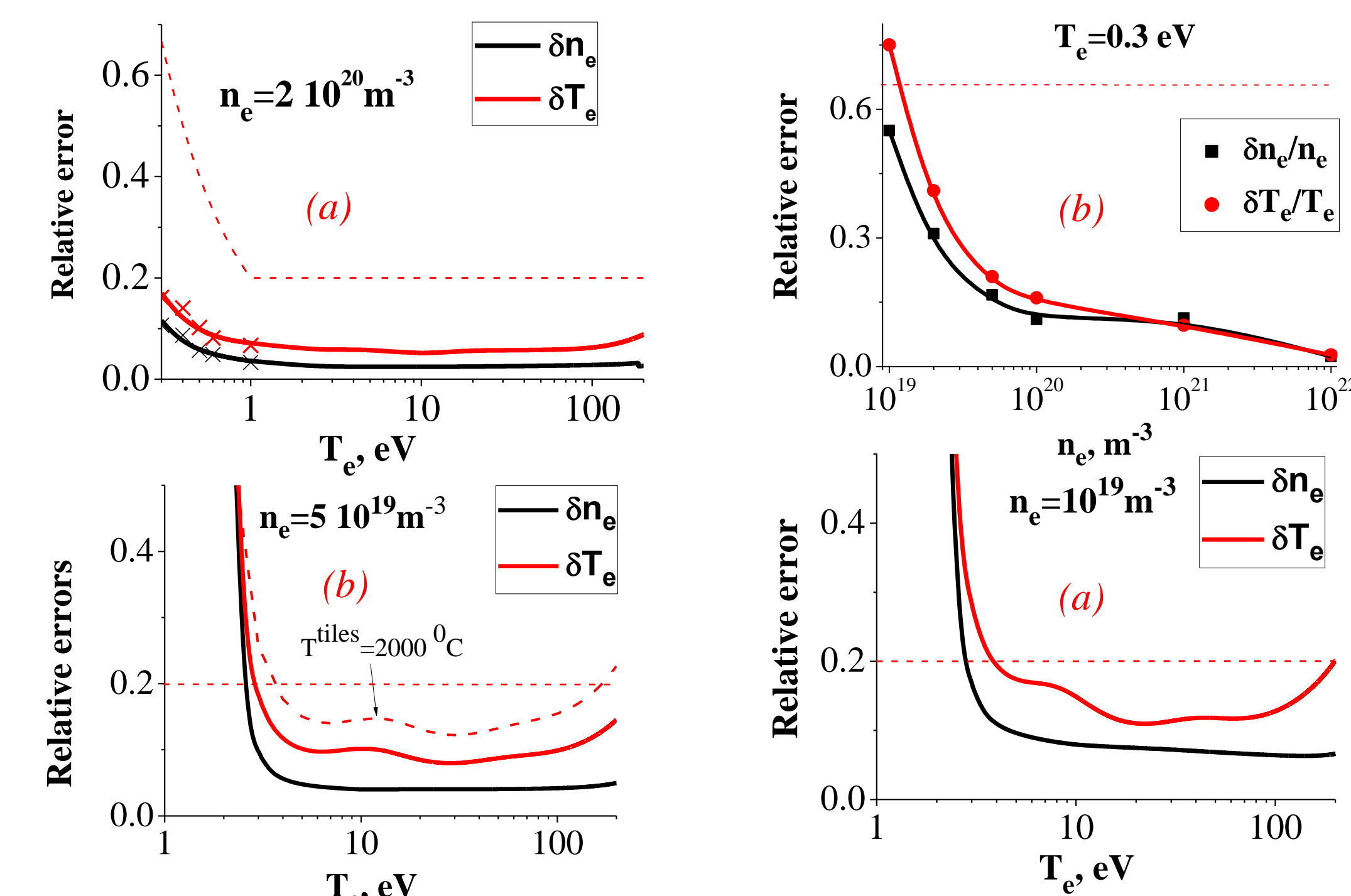
The expected n_e and T_e errors were assessed using the following algorithm: (a) estimation of signals in spectral channels based on the known engineering parameters and using TS spectra shape;

(b) multiple solution (10^3 runs) of the inverse problem of the recovery of T_e and n_e from the TS signals simulated for given n_e and T_e with allowance for random deviations

$$\sigma_{N_{TS}} = \sqrt{k(N_{fe} + 2N_{bg}) + 2N_{AMP}^2}$$

where $k \sim 2.5$ - APD excess noise, N_{bg} - number of background photoelectrons
 $N_{AMP} \sim 50$ - contribution of the detector and amplifier noise reduced to the input of the detector
 Measurement accuracy of the TS signal to be not less than 2.5%, assuming probable systematic errors

(c) standard deviation distribution functions of the measured T_e and n_e , with the expected measurement accuracy.



Relative measurement errors of n_e and T_e

Background radiation - from SOLPS run #1514 matching n_e^2 dependence. Dashed line marks the acceptable accuracy.

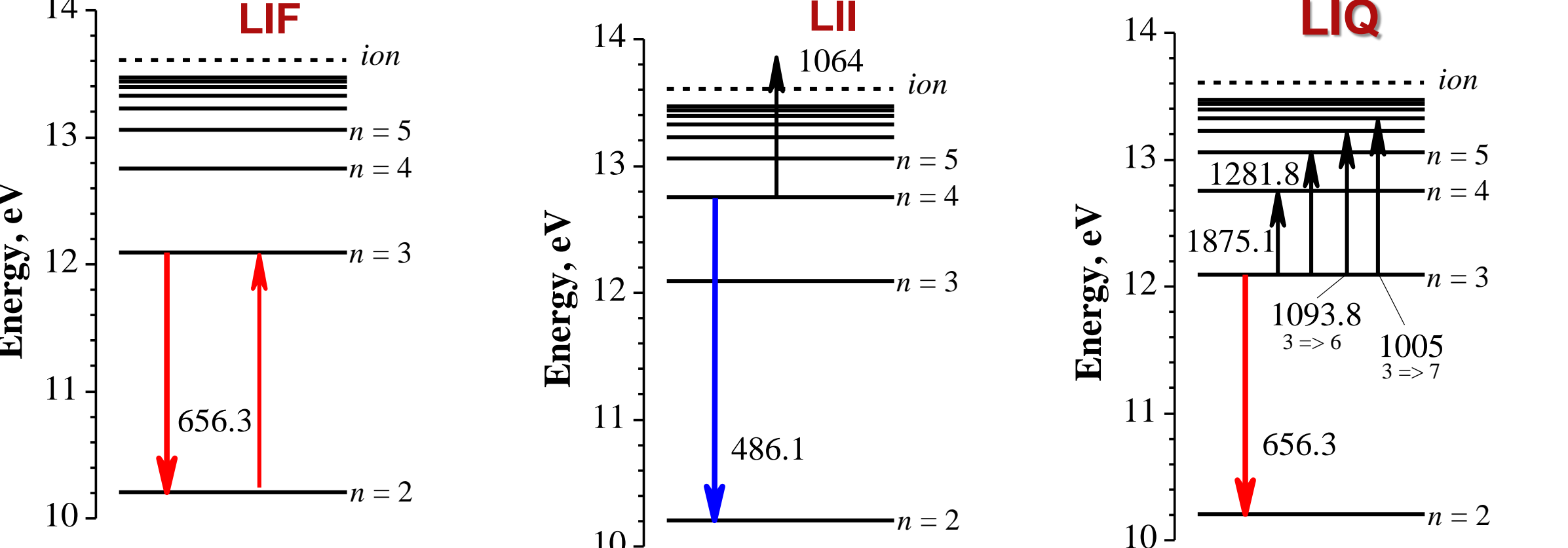
(a) Errors of T_e and n_e for $n_e = 2 \cdot 10^{20} m^{-3}$ solid curves – analytical approximation, crosses – errors (numerical experiment);
 (b) Errors of T_e and n_e for $T_e = 0.3$ eV

Relative measurement errors of T_e :

(a)- for $n_e = 10^{19} m^{-3}$,
 (b)- for $n_e = 5 \cdot 10^{19} m^{-3}$, which is the minimum density (SOLPS run #1514 yielding peak load ~ 8 MW/m²)
 Dashed line corresponds to divertor temperature 2000 C. Continuum background is 5-fold overestimated.

LIF => LII => LIQ H/D/T

Laser-induced Fluorescence Laser-induced Ionisation Laser-induced Quenching



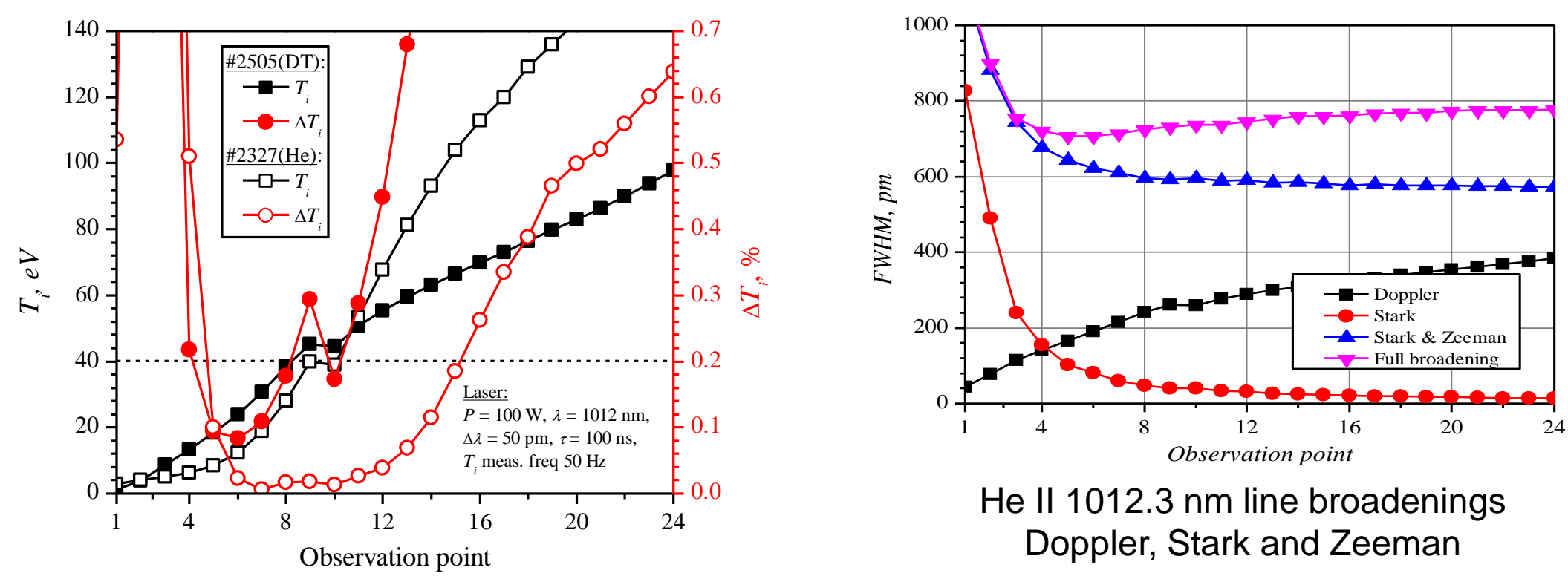
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LIF in ITER divertor

LIQ He II for T_i (see details in GORBUNOV A. et al, Implementation of Laser-induced Fluorescence Diagnostics in ITER, SOFT 2018)

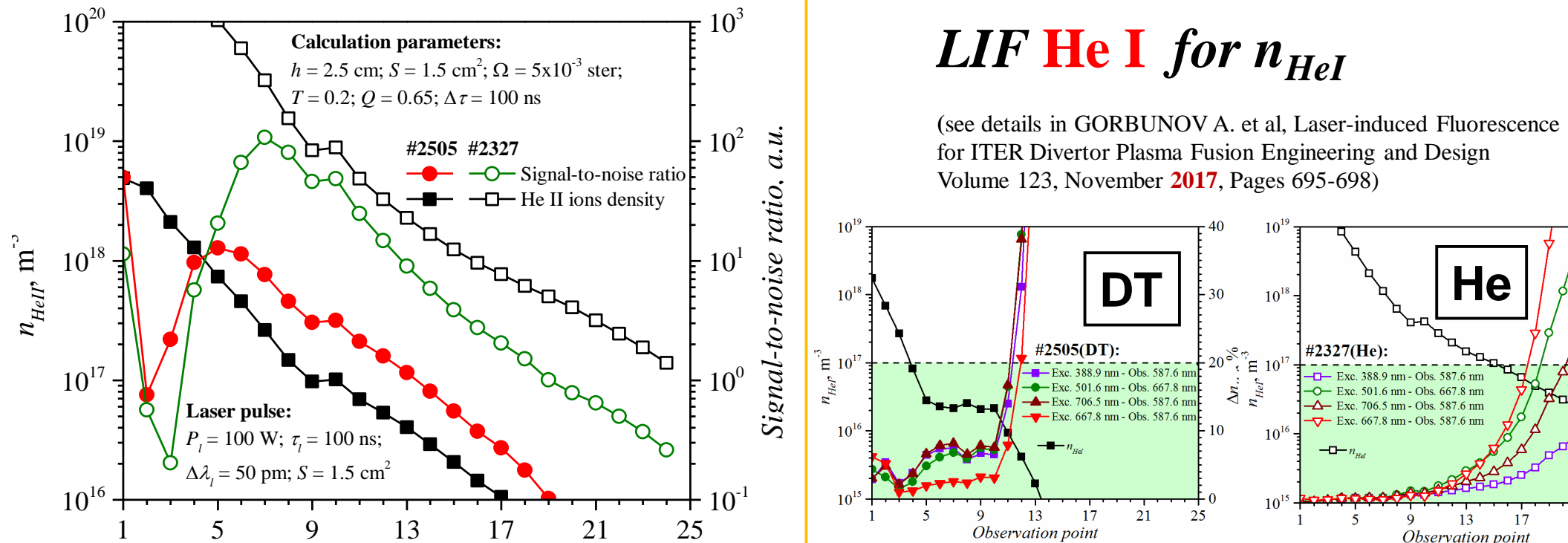
Measurement of T_i is based on scanning excitation line with a narrowband tunable laser and deconvolution of thermal component from entire broadening.

The transition $n = 4 \rightarrow 5$ (1012.3 nm) is chosen for 468.6 nm line quenching due to minimal influence of Stark broadening and the expected maximal SNR.



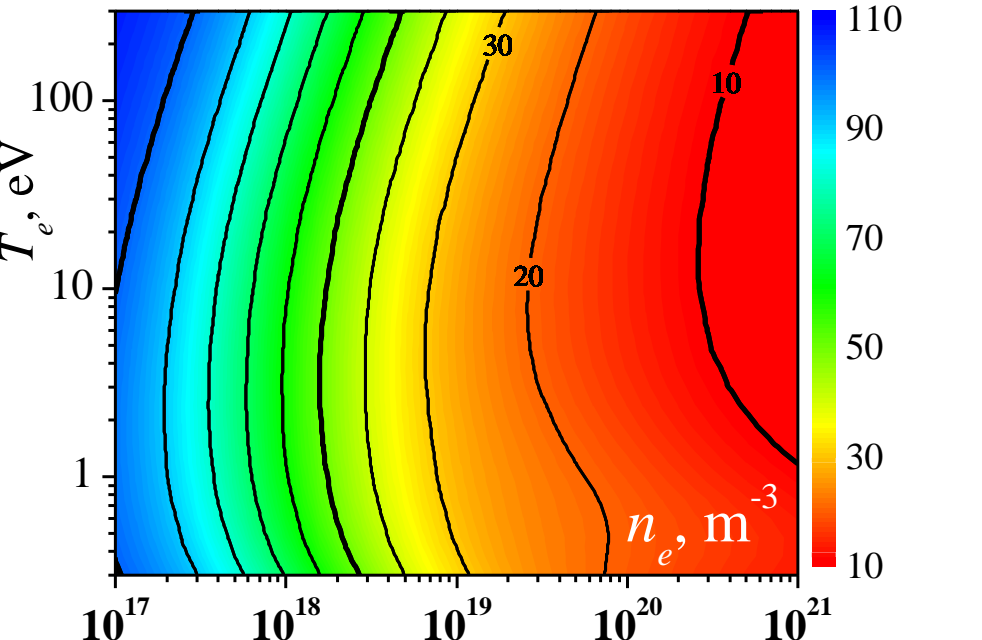
LIF He I for n_{HeI}

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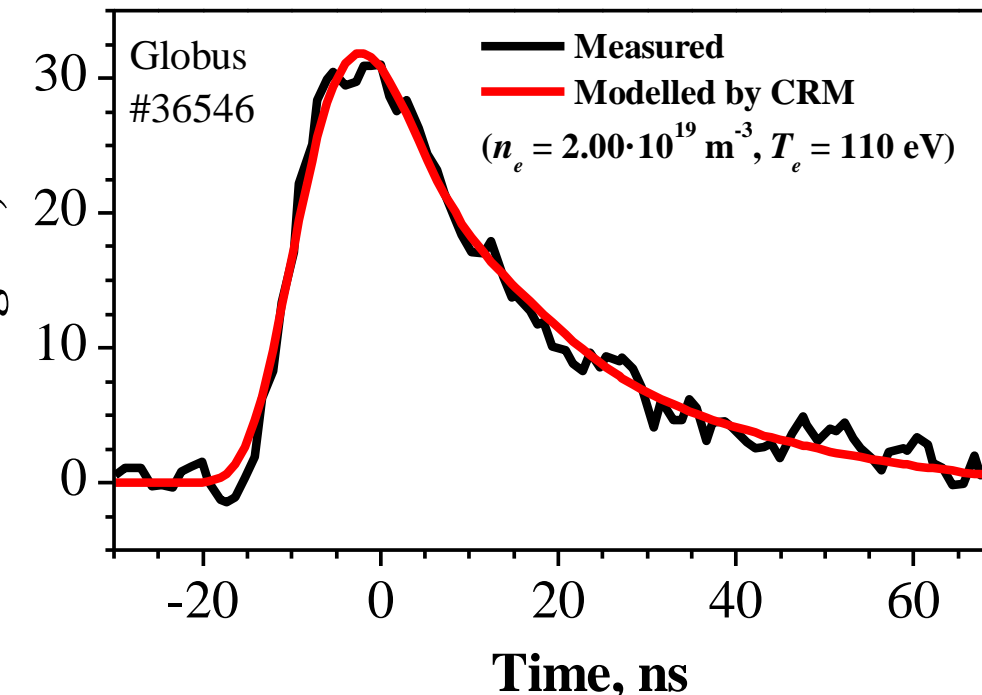
LIF He I for n_e

Simulation by DCRM for HeI



Duration of fluorescence signal on 587.6 nm Excitation on 388.9 nm Laser: 10 ns / 1 mJ, $\Delta\lambda_i = 50$ pm S = 1 cm²

Measurement Globus-M



Experimental curve measured in Globus-M compared with simulated by DCRM Hel