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The capability to assess the ion temperatures using a neutral beam scattering system is investigated on the JFT-2 tokamak. The neutral beam scattering system consists of a 15 KeV neutral hydrogen atom beam and a momentum analyser with silicon surface barrier detectors. The energy analysis of scattered particles on the scattering angle of 4° gives the estimation of ion temperatures, which agree well with the one deduced from passive charge-exchange neutral measurements. The influence of impurity ions to the scattering spectrum is not observed and the results of gas scattering experiments suggests that this phenomenon occurs because of the ionization of neutral beam due to the collisions with impurity ions.

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能動粒子線散乱装置とそのJFT-2トカマクへの適用

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トカマクプラズマのイオン温度を測定するための能動粒子線計測法がJFT-2トカマクに適用されジュール加熱時のイオン温度が求められた。測定には15 keVの水素原子ビームが用いられ、散乱粒子のエネルギー分析と検出は、散乱角4°で運動量分析器とシリコン障壁型の半導体検出器によって行なわれた。得られたイオン温度は受動的な荷電交換中性粒子計測法で得られた値と一致した。また散乱スペクトラムへの不純物への影響も調べられ、ラザフォード散乱から予想された強度と観測された散乱強度の間の差はターゲット粒子の原子数の増大とともに増加することがわかった。その結果、散乱強度に不純物イオンが寄与しない現象は中性粒子ビームの不純物イオンとの衝突によるイオン化により起ることがわかった。

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1. Introduction

Until now the ion temperature in the tokamak plasma has been determined by the energy spectrum of charge-exchanged neutral efflux¹⁾, Doppler broadening of impurity ion lines²⁾ and 2.45 MeV neutron intensity produced with d-d reaction³⁾. In the reactor scale tokamak plasma, it will be difficult to determine accurately the ion temperature of plasma center with above-mentioned method. Because the charge-exchanged neutrals produced in the neighborhood of plasma center are hardly emitted to the outside, as the mean free path for the reionization is smaller than the plasma dimension. The impurity ions which may give line emissions at plasma center will not always exist because the low Z material, which could be fully stripped at plasma center, will be applied to the wall material of tokamak device to reduce high Z impurity ions in the plasma. If the quantity of deuteron will be measured, the center ion temperature can be inferred from d-d reaction neutron intensity. As we have not presently the method of measurement of deuteron density in the plasma center, the accurate absolute value of center ion temperature can not be determined from neutron intensity measurement. In order to measure neutron Doppler broadening, it is necessary to develop high resolution neutron energy spectrometer. Far infrared Laser scattering⁴⁾ is thought one of attractive method, but is not presently applied to the measurement of high temperature plasma because of plasma fluctuation and insufficient laser power⁵⁾.

Form these circumstances, the neutral beam scattering method to measure an energy spread of injected high energy neutral beam due to collisions with plasma ions, is one of the most reliable method for ion temperature measurement in the next generation tokamak. The possibility of this method was proved by V.G. Abramov⁶⁾, et al., and the application to tokamak was made first by E.V. Aleksandrov, et al.⁷⁾ and E.L. Berezovskii⁸⁾ in the T-4 tokamak. In these experiment, the ion temperature has been successfully determined and the energy spread of injected particles due to collisions with plasma ions agreed with the theoretical value based on Rutherford scattering. In spite of the successful use of the method there still remain some discrepancies between theoretical prediction and experimental result. In the scattering spectrum, the peak for impurity ions was expected to appear from the theory, but was not observed even when a plasma was contaminated by

oxygen ions of 1%. As the peak intensity for 1% oxygen ion estimated from Rutherford scattering process is five times larger than that for protons in this case, the scattering spectrum of protons could be piled up with that of oxygens.

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We consider the system as shown in Fig. 1. A beam with velocity v_1 and mass m is injected into a plasma ions with velocity distribution $f(v_2)$ and mass m_2 and the beam particles scattered by plasma ions are measured. The relation of the velocity distribution between plasma ions and scattered particles is given by

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Assuming Maxwellian target particles with small thermal velocity ($v_2 \ll v_1$), the half-maximum width ΔE of an energy spectrum of the scattered particles with the small scattering angle is related to the ion temperature T_i by the following equation⁶⁾

$$T_i \approx \left(\frac{\Delta E}{4\theta} \right)^2 \frac{m_2}{E \ln 2 m_1} \quad , \quad (2)$$

where E is the energy of the injected particles, and θ is the scattering angle in the laboratory system. The energy E_p of peak value of scattered profile corresponding to plasma ion species of mass m_2 was given by¹⁰⁾

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3. Neutral Beam Scattering System

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collimated by diaphragms to a diameter of 2 cm and was continuously injected into the plasma.

The energy spread of the scattered neutral beam was measured by the detection system which consists of a stripping cell, a momentum analyser and an energy analyser. The tilting angle of detection system can be also scanned from 0 to 5 degree for the perpendicular line to the equatorial plane and is also magnetically shielded with two layers of μ metal and one layer of iron. The scattered particles enter the detection system and become ionized due to the collision with H_2 gas reserved in the stripping cell. The differential pumping in the stripping cell is performed with the turbo molecular pump of pumping speed 500 ℓ/s for H_2 gas. The length and bore of stripping cell are 15 cm and 5 cm respectively. The aperture slit has the length of 2 cm and the diameter of 4 mm. The pressure in the analyser is maintained lower than that of the stripping cell by 2 orders of magnitude.

The particles ionized in the stripping cell enter the magnetic field of momentum analyser, and thereafter an electrostatic energy analyser. The energy analysis and detection of ions is performed by a silicon surface barrier detector (hereafter, abbreviated to SSD) which is installed behind the electrostatic energy analyser with the deflection plate of a stainless steel mesh.

The output signals from SSD are fed to the detector counting system as shown in Fig. 3. The signals are amplified by the pre-amp (CANBERRA 2001) and linear amp (CANBERRA 1413), and analysed by the multi-channel pulse height analyser. The SSD and FET of the first stage of preamplifier are cooled by liquid nitrogen.

The detection system has been calibrated with respect to particle momentum, the current of magnet coil, incident beam energy and output pulse height of SSD. The calibration experiment for the conversion efficiency of the stripping cell has not been performed. Because it is already known that in the energy range above 0.4 keV, the conversion efficiency¹¹⁾ of stripping cell is in good agreement with the value estimated from cross sections of charge-stripping and electron-capture processes.

Fig. 4 shows SSD signals when exposed to the 30 keV hydrogen ion beam extracted from duoplasmatron ion source. The ions of 30 keV are directly extracted from ion source. The ions with the energy of 15 keV and 10 keV are produced by dissociation from bi-atomic and tri-atomic

molecular ions respectively. The energy resolution of SSD is 11% at 30 keV. In Fig. 5, the relation between incident energy and pulse height is shown. The linear relation holds over the energy range of 8 keV to 30 keV. However, zero pulse height point corresponds to 1.2 keV because the energy of incident particle is lost by passing through the collector plate of SSD.

It has been confirmed that the SSD has a sufficient capability for an energy analysis above 8 keV. Accordingly in this detection system, the mass separation of hydrogen, deuterium and helium which are used as operation gas of plasma become sufficient with the SSD.

4. Experimental Results and Discussion

The scattering spectrum has been observed in the JFT-2 tokamak operated at the conditions of a toroidal magnetic field of 13 kG, a line averaged electron density of $1.2 \sim 1.5 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and a plasma current of 100 kA. The obtained scattering spectrum for hydrogen plasma is shown in Fig. 6. In the experiment, the injector was operated with a hydrogen beam of an energy of 15.6 keV, and a drain current of 2 mA. The measurement of a scattered beam was made at the scattering angle of 4° in order to attain reasonable energy resolution and signal-to-noise ratio.

The scattered particles were counted with the time interval of 100 ms by an electric counter. As SSD is also sensitive to photon, the photons emitted from plasma become the main cause of background noise. Scattering spectra were determined by measuring the particle signals in a discharge and the background noises in the following discharge in turn. Accordingly in order to obtain one energy point of scattered spectrum, two discharges were necessary at least. The net scattered signal was obtained by subtracting background noise from the scattered signal. The fluctuation of background noise mainly contributed to the scattered data point of spectrum in Fig. 6. The observed scattering intensity obtained by these procedure consists with the value estimated from Rutherford scattering process of proton to proton.

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analyser. The energy resolution of this analyser is 4%. This is in agreement with the value estimated from the exit slit of this analyser. Accordingly the ion temperature was determined by considering the full half width of scattered spectrum of plasma ion and the instrumental width. The obtained ion temperature is 315 eV in this case. In order to compare the ion temperature obtained by this scattering method with one from the measurement of charge-exchange neutrals, 10-ch neutral particle energy analyser was used simultaneously. Both ion temperatures coincide within $\pm 10\%$ in the present case.

The scattering spectrum for impurity ions could not be observed in this experiment. The estimated peak energy difference between proton and oxygen impurity is 70 eV from Eq. (3). As the energy resolution of this analyser is 4%, the peak profiles for both ions can not be investigated by this analyser system in detail. In this case, it is inferred that 1% oxygen ions to plasma proton existed at least in the plasma¹²⁾. From Rutherford scattering theory, the scattered intensity for 1% oxygen ion is 5 times larger than for proton. Therefore it is considered that impurity ions could contribute the detected scattering intensity besides protons. However, the scattering intensity is in agreement with the intensity for proton estimated from Rutherford scattering. The results suggest that impurity ions do not contribute to the intensity of scattering spectrum. The same phenomenon had also been observed in the T-4 experiment.⁷⁾

When this scattering method is applied to determine ion temperatures of a tokamak plasma, the influence of impurity ions on the measurement must be investigated in more detail. In order to simulate the scattering process in proton plasma with impurity ions, scattering experiments for various gas target (H_2 , He, Ne, Ar) were performed by injecting proton beam into the JFT-2 vacuum chamber filled with a target gas. In the experiments the target is neutral gas and injected particles are protons, while in the measurement of ion temperatures the target is ionized gas and injected particles are hydrogen atoms. However, as the impact parameter of Rutherford scattering is much smaller than Bohr radius, it is considered for Rutherford scattering that this gas scattering process is equivalent to the scattering in the plasma.

The scattered proton was measured by evacuating the stripping cell in order to avoid measuring hydrogen atoms which might be produced under charge-transfer reactions during Rutherford scattering. In Fig. 7

is shown the time behavior of the scattering signal of proton beam for hydrogen gas injected by a gas puffing. The obtained scattered intensities for various target gases of mass, m and square of charge, Z^2 are plotted in Figs. 8 and 9 respectively. In these figures, solid lines are experimental results and dotted lines are the values estimated from Rutherford scattering theory. The difference between the experimental and theoretical results becomes large as m and Z^2 increase.

In this gas collision process, the proton beam undergoes a charge transfer reaction besides Rutherford scattering. The obtained intensity for gas scattering is smaller than the estimated value from Rutherford scattering only. The cross section of charge transfer^{13,14,15,16)} increases with the atomic number in this collision at energy of 15 keV. The trend of the data shown in Figs. 8 and 9 is consistent with the cross section data.

In the measurement of plasma, the inverse phenomenon of this gas scattering process occurs. The injected neutral beam also undergoes charge transfer and impact ionization reactions during Rutherford scattering. Ionized particles through the scattering process are unable to escape from the plasma because there is a toroidal magnetic field and therefore might have no contributions to scattering spectrum.

This gas scattering result is applied to the interpretation of contribution of 1% oxygen ions of main impurity to the scattering intensity of 15 keV hydrogen atom in this hydrogen plasma experiment. The scattering intensity estimated from Rutherford theory for 1% oxygen ions is 5 times larger than for protons and the gas scattering intensity for oxygen inferred from the gas scattering result of Fig. 9 reduces to 1/6 in comparison with the intensity estimated from Rutherford scattering process only. On the other hand the ionization cross section^{17,18)} (2.4×10^{-15} cm² including charge transfer and impact ionization) of 15 keV hydrogen atom by oxygen ions in the plasma is larger than the charge transfer cross section¹⁴⁾ (3.2×10^{-16} cm²) of 15 keV proton to oxygen O₂ in gas scattering. Accordingly the scattering intensity for oxygen ion O⁸⁺ in the plasma must be smaller than that for oxygen O₂ scattering. As the gas scattering intensity for Ar whose the charge transfer cross section to 15 keV proton is 8×10^{-16} cm²¹⁶⁾ reduces to 1/20 in Fig. 9, it is inferred from this gas scattering data that in the plasma the scattering intensity for O⁸⁺ reduces over 1/20. Therefore in the plasma scattering experiment, the intensity for oxygen ions

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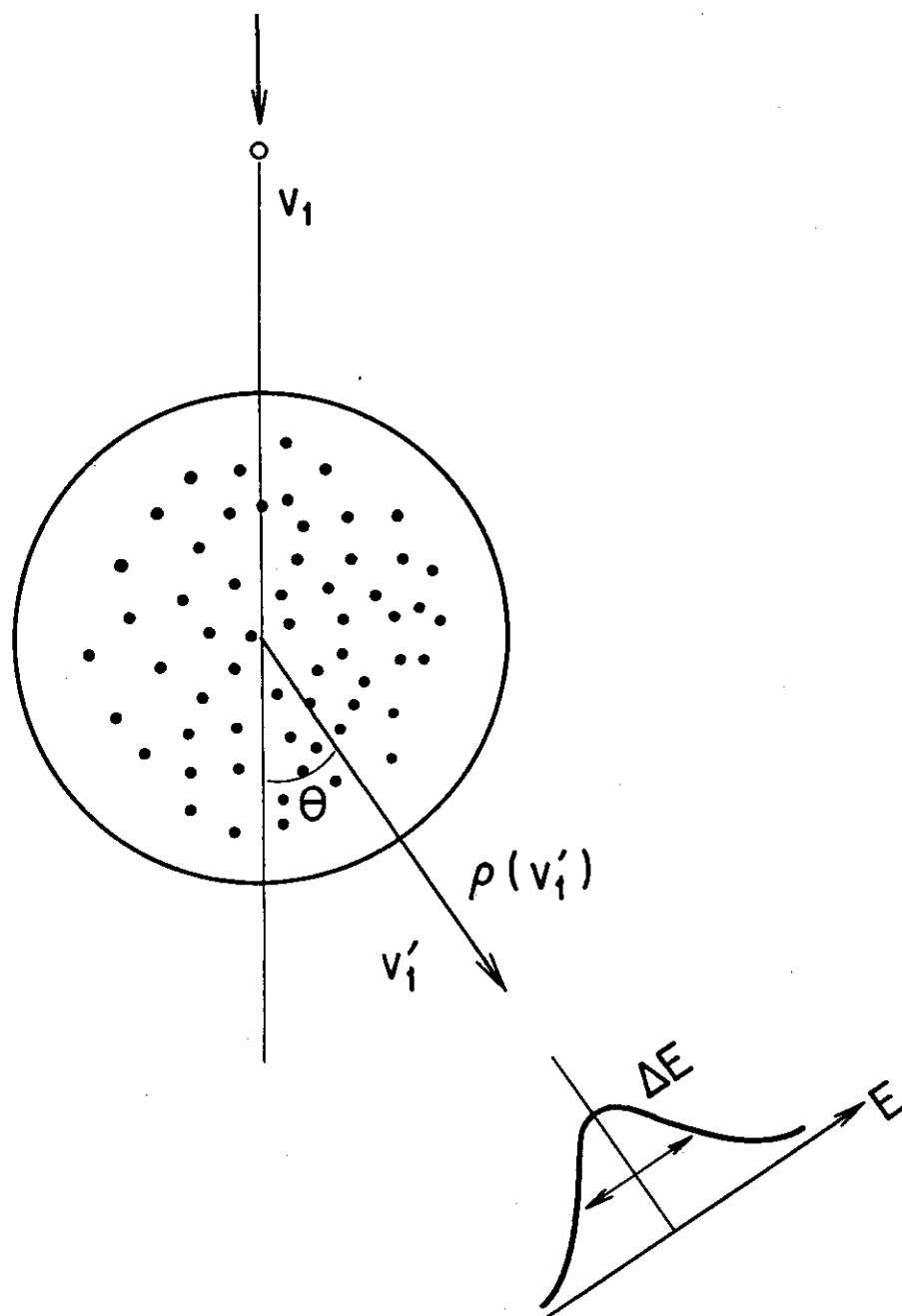


Fig. 1 Schematic diagram of neutral beam scattering method for measurement of plasma ion temperature, v_1 : beam velocity, v'_1 : scattered beam velocity, θ : scattering angle, ΔE : energy spread of scattered particle, T_i : ion temperature.

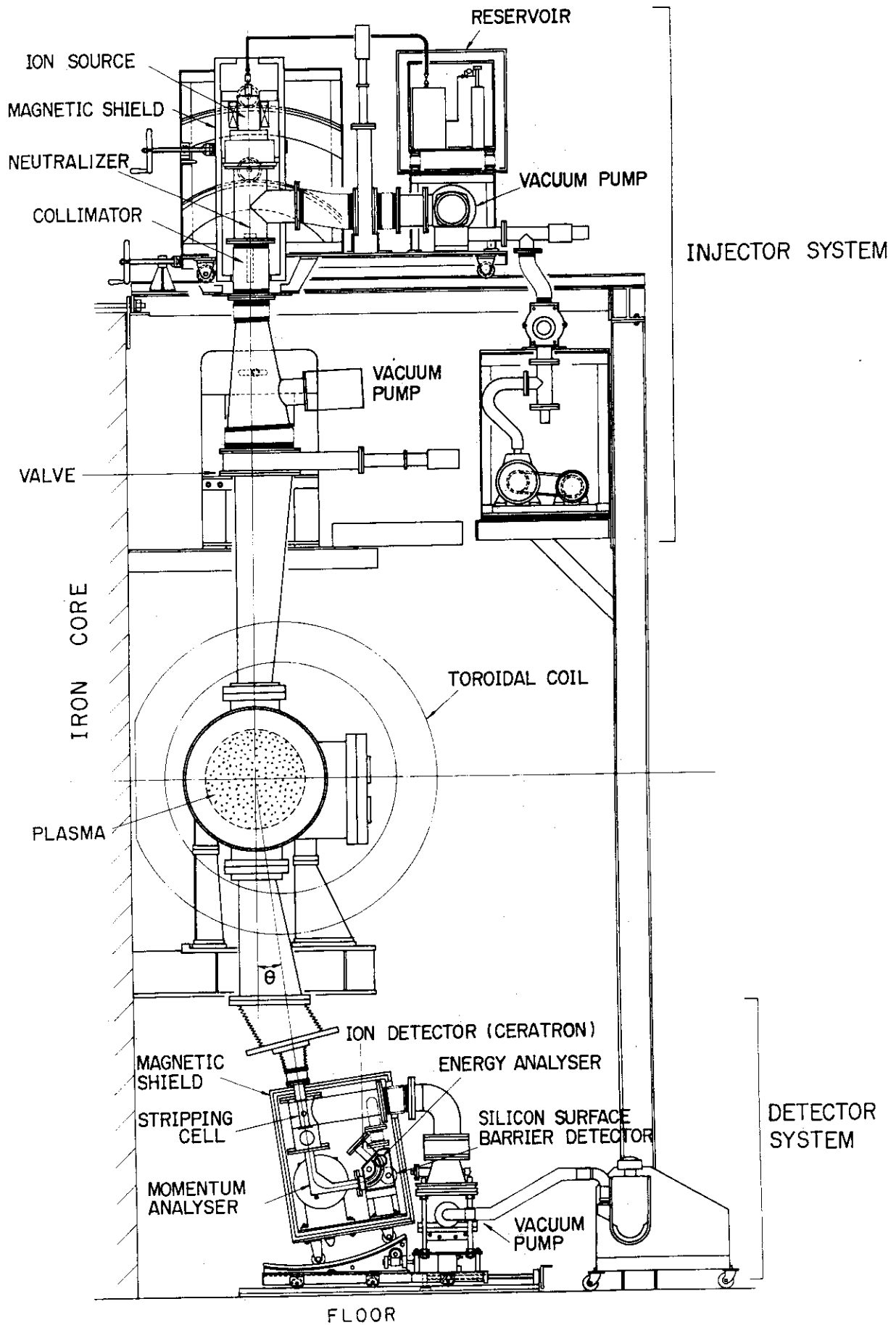


Fig. 2 Neutral beam scattering system installed in JFT-2 tokamak.

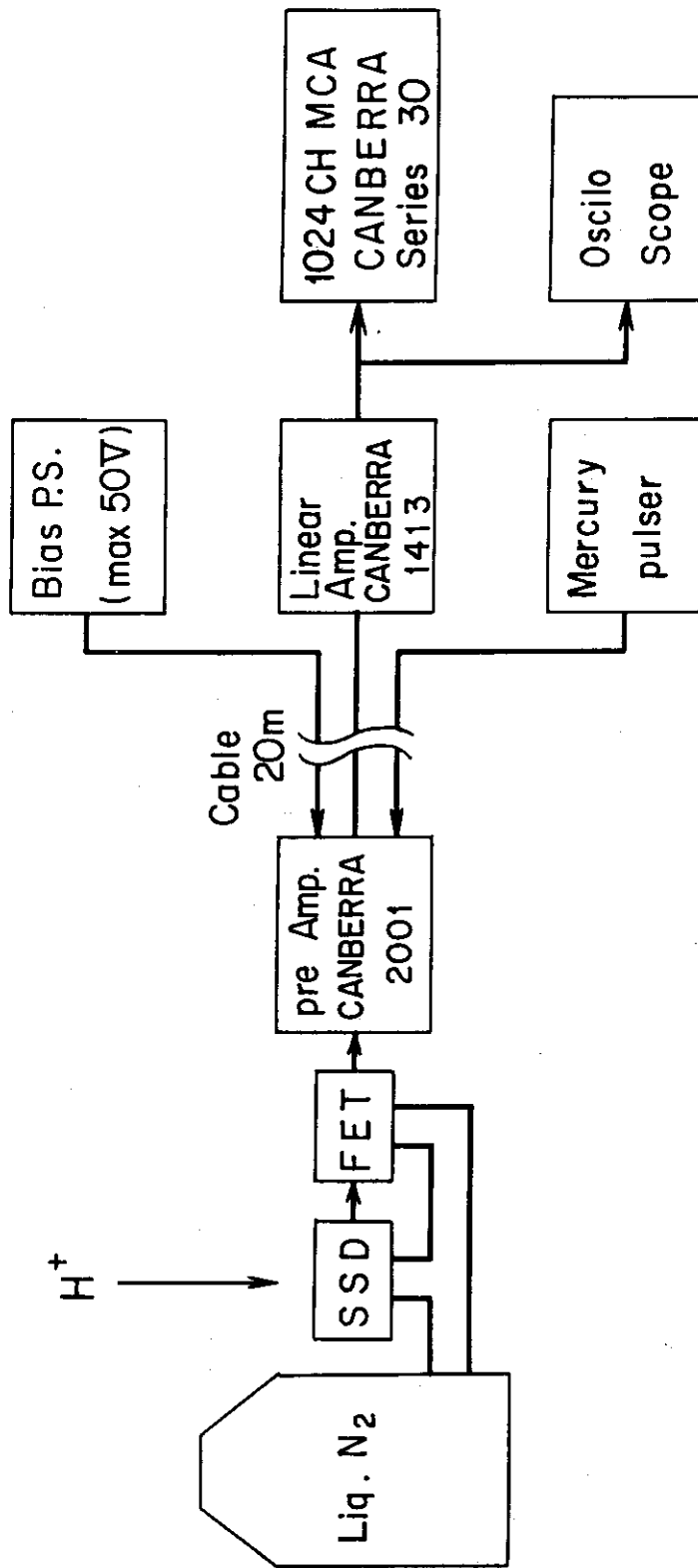


Fig. 3 Detector counting system.

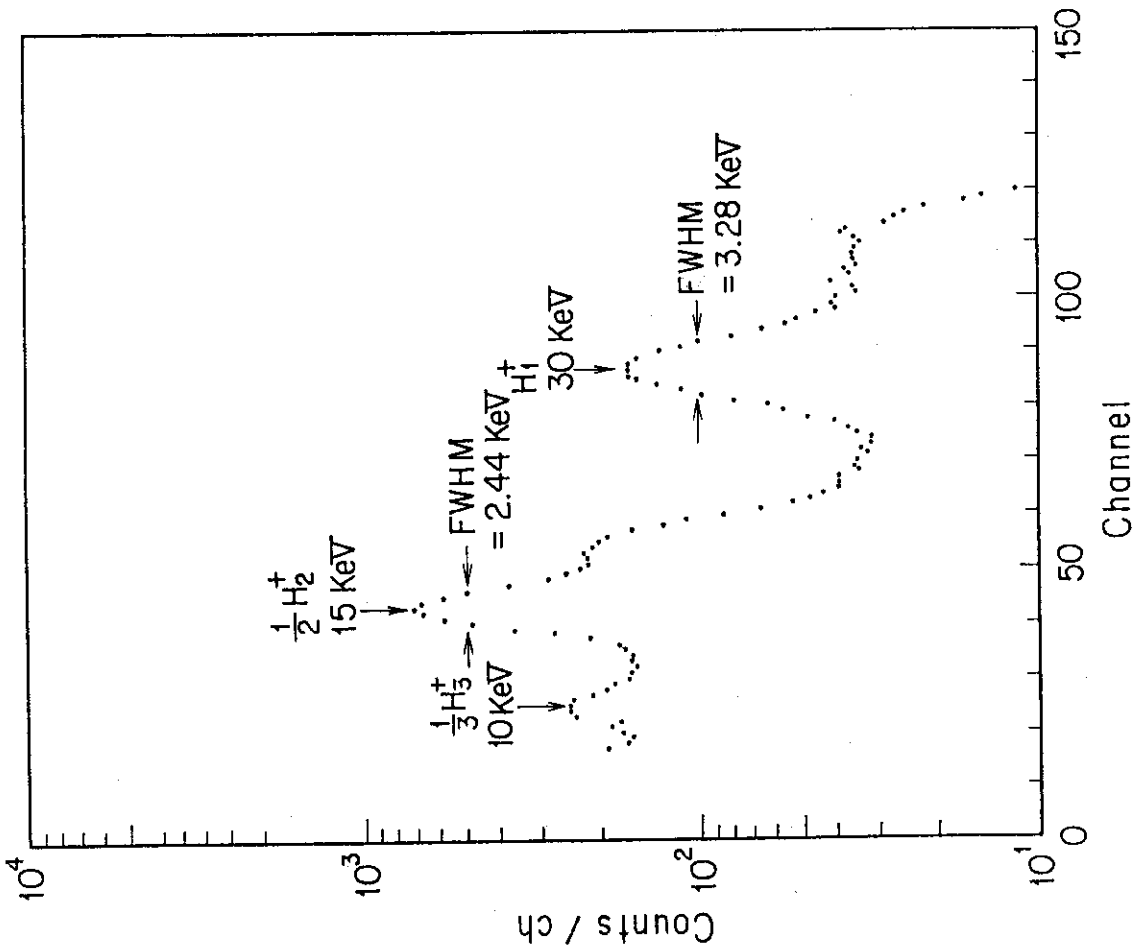


Fig. 4 SSD detection characteristics in the radiation of hydrogen ions emitted from ion source accelerated at 30 keV.

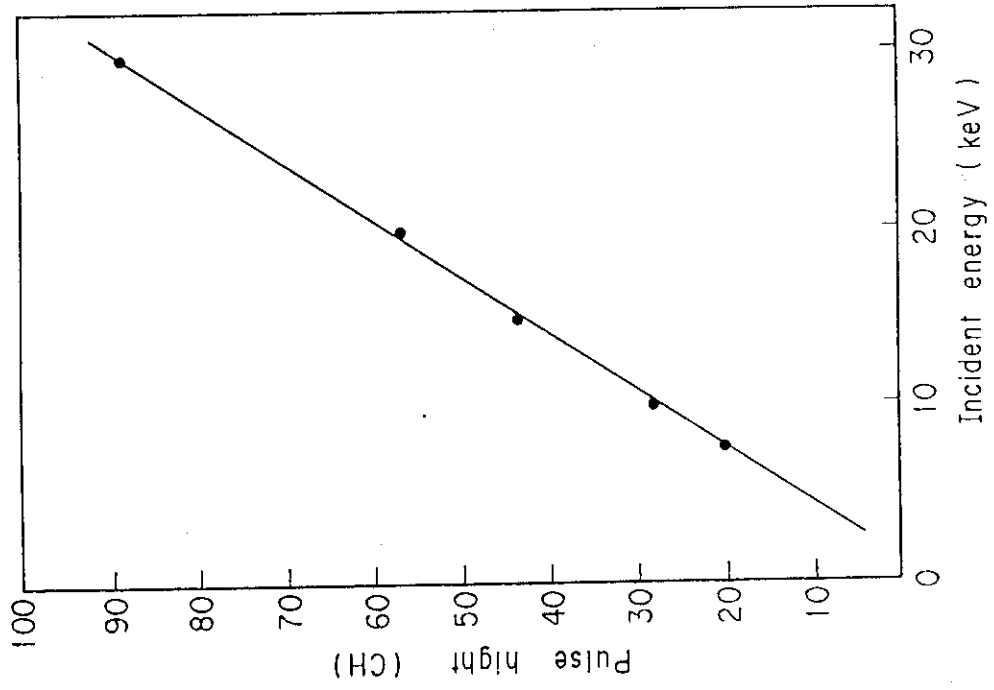


Fig. 5 Pulse height characteristics of SSD V.S. incident energy.

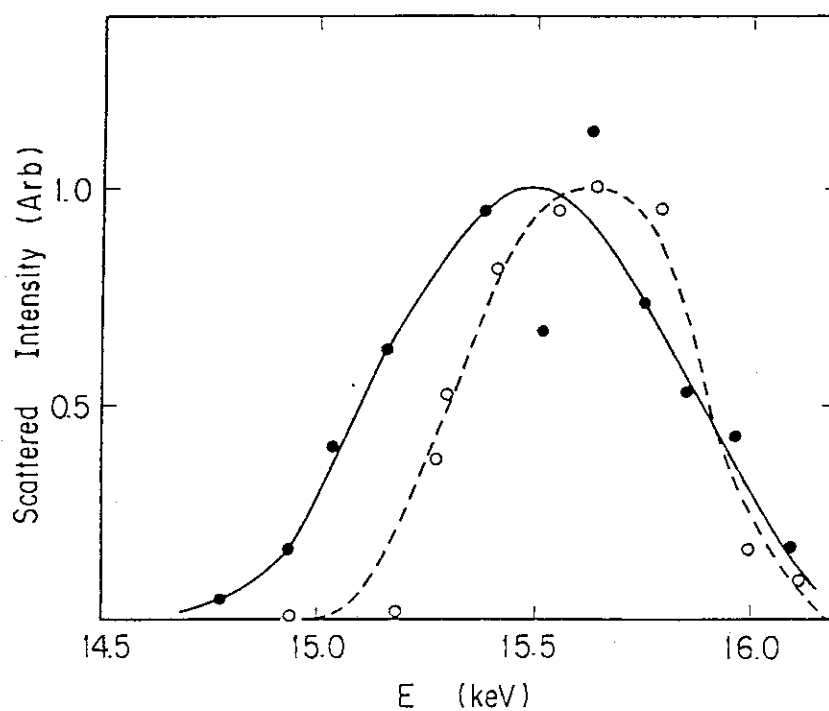


Fig. 6 Scattering spectrum obtained by this scattering system. Solid line is spectrum of hydrogen plasma and dashed line is beam profile.

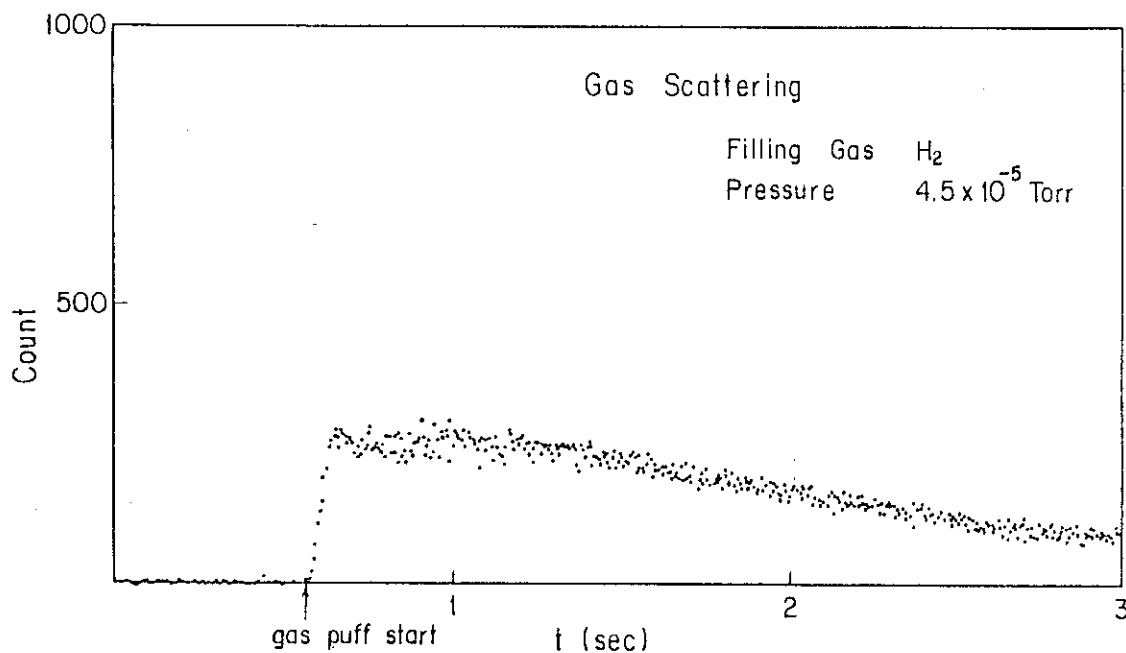


Fig. 7 Time variation of scattering intensity of hydrogen beam for the hydrogen gas puff.

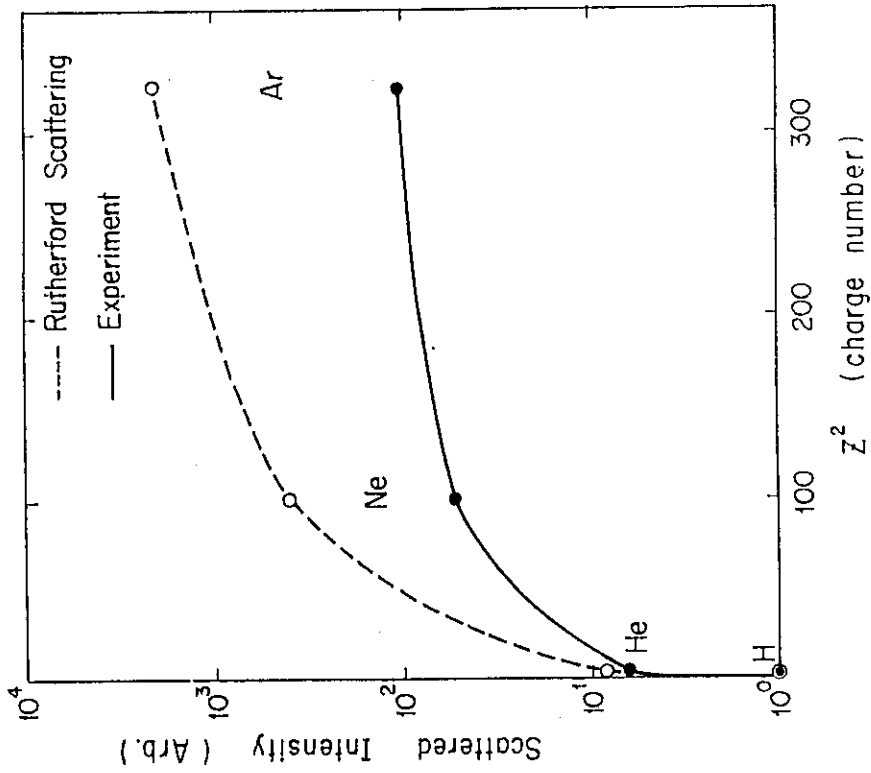


Fig. 9 Comparison of scattered intensity with charge number variation between gas scattering experiment and Rutherford scattering theory.

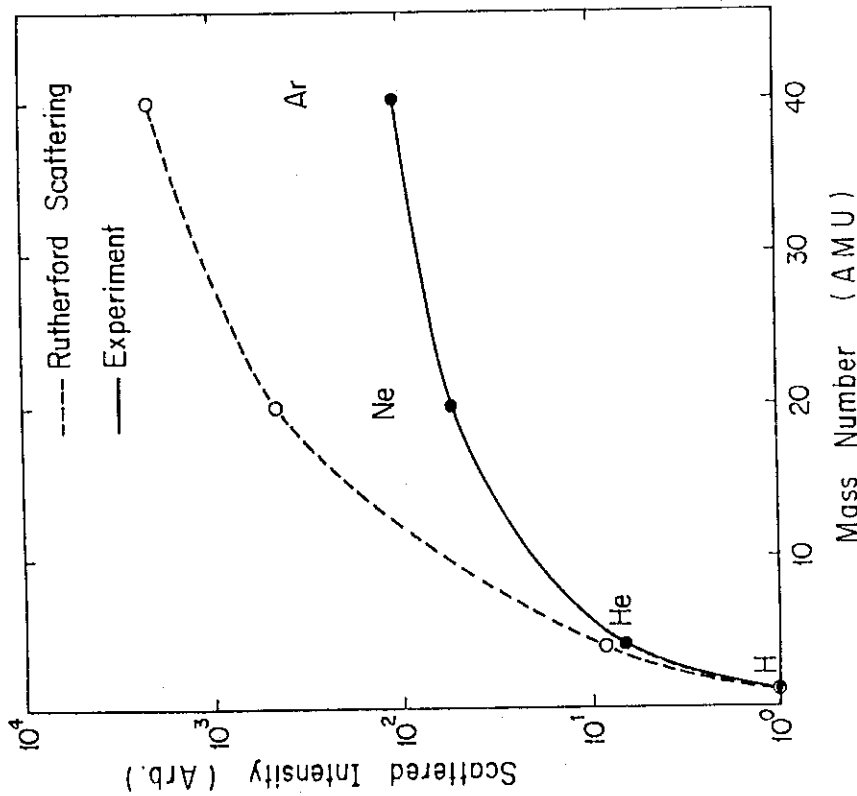


Fig. 8 Comparison of scattered intensity with mass variation between the gas scattering experiment and Rutherford scattering theory.