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# **Abstract**

X-ray spectra of 2p - nd transitions with  $4 \le n \le 13$  in molybdenum (Z=42) charge states around neon-like  $(Mo<sup>32+</sup>)$  have been observed from Alcator C-Mod plasmas. Accurate wavelengths  $(\pm 1 \text{ mA})$  have been determined by comparison with neighboring argon and chlorine lines with well known wavelengths. Line identifications have been made **by** comparison to *ab initio* atomic structure calculations, using a fully relativistic, parametric potential code, and agreement between measured and theoretical wavelengths is good. Calculated wavelengths and oscillator strengths are presented for all transitions with upper levels n between 4 and 14 to the lower levels  $n = 2$  in the four charge states  $Mo^{30+}$  -  $Mo^{33+}$ . Effects of configuration interaction has been observed in the intensities of lines with nearly degenerate energy levels.

# **Introduction**

The soft x-ray spectrum of molybdenum has been studied extensively in tokamak, laser and pulsed-power produced plasmas. In tokamaks, the abundance and spatial distribution of the various charge states affect the power balance of the plasma and may influence the current density profile, particle transport and plasma resistivity<sup>1,2</sup>. In laser produced plasmas, x-ray energy conversion efficiencies have been studied using molybdenum targets irradiated by high power visible lasers<sup>3</sup>. These sources have also been used for emission spectroscopy studies of the **3-3,** 2-2, 2-3 and 2-4 transitions of the charge states around neon-like<sup> $4-7$ </sup>. Theoretical energy level computations have been limited mainly to these transitions<sup>8,9</sup>. Transitions between **highly** excited states and ground or near-ground states have not been reported in the past. In high density (laser and pulsed-power) plasmas, these levels may be depopulated by collisions; in high temperature, low density  $(10^{20}/m^3)$  tokamak plasmas such measurements are possible. Besides the purely spectroscopic interest in these transitions (line classifications and comparison with *ab initio* atomic structure calculations), these lines are good candidates to benchmark the collisional-radiative models used in power loss estimates, because of their great temperature sensitivity.

In spite of the deleterious effect of large concentrations of high Z materials on fusion plasmas, they will have to be used in the walls and various structural components of future fusion reactors. The Alcator C-Mod tokamak<sup>10</sup> has all molybdenum plasma facing components and one of the main thrusts of the present experiments on this device is the study of the impurity production and the screening of the core plasma **by** means of the divertor configuration". This provides the opportunity for the detailed study of molybdenum charge states around the neon-like iso-sequence. The  $\Delta n = 1$  x-ray transitions from these charge states have previously been studied from Alcator  $A^{12}$  and Alcator  $C^{13}$ .  $\Delta n \ge 1$  transitions have been obtained from exploding wires<sup>14</sup>, but the wavelength resolution was low.

In the present paper, high resolution x-ray observations  $(2.97 \text{ Å} \le \lambda \le 3.84 \text{ Å})$ of  $2 \leq \Delta n \leq 11$  transitions from  $Mo^{31+}$ ,  $Mo^{32+}$  and  $Mo^{33+}$  will be presented. For

these measurements, the plasma parameters were in the range of  $1.2 \times 10^{20}$ /m<sup>3</sup>  $\leq$  $n_{e0} \le 2.0 \times 10^{20} / m^3$  and  $1500 \text{ eV} \le T_{e0} \le 2100 \text{ eV}$ .

## **Instrument Description and Calibration Method**

**A five** chord, independently spatially scannable, high resolution x-ray spectrometer array<sup>15</sup> has been installed on the Alcator C-Mod tokamak. Each von Hamos type spectrometer consists of a variable entrance slit, a quartz crystal **(2d=6.687 A)** and a position sensitive proportional counter detector. Each spectrometer has a resolving power of 4000, a **3** cm spatial resolution and a wavelength range of **2.8** to 4.0 **A.** Spectra are typically collected every **50** ms during a discharge, with 120 mA covered at any one wavelength setting. **A** typical value of the spectrometer luminosity function is  $7 \times 10^{-13}$  m<sup>2</sup>sr, calculated from the crystal reflectivity, spectrometer geometry and Be window transmission. Wavelength calibration has been achieved **by** determining the instrumental dispersions from reference to argon and chlorine lines. The argon was introduced through a piezo-electric valve and chlorine is an intrinsic impurity from solvents used to clean vacuum components. Lines from hydrogen- and helium-like charge states are taken to have well known wavelengths, either measured or calculated. The transitions used in the current wavelength calibration are listed in Tables I and II, along with the appropriate references.

### **Calculation of Energy Levels and Oscillator Strengths**

Ab *initio* atomic structure calculations for  $Mo^{29+}$  through  $Mo^{33+}$  (ground states **2p 63s <sup>2</sup> 3p** to **2s <sup>2</sup> 2p<sup>5</sup> ,** respectively) have been performed using the **HULLAC** package developed at the Hebrew University and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories. The **HULLAC** package produces atomic wave functions using the parametric potential code RELAC<sup>21,22</sup>. The package includes ANGLAR which uses the graphic angular recoupling program **NJGRAF** to generate fine structure levels in a j-j-coupling scheme for a set of user-specified electron configurations<sup>23</sup>. RELAC then calculates energy levels in addition to radiative and auger $24.25$  transition probabilities.

This paper reports the wavelengths and oscillator strengths for newly identified 2s-np, 2p-ns and 2p-nd transitions in **highly** ionized molybdenum. Full collisionalradiative models have been constructed using the **CROSS** suite of codes 26 in the **HULLAC** package to calculate the collisional excitation rate coefficients in the Distorted Wave Approximation between levels in a given ion. Accounting for excitationautoionization processes to and from adjacent charge states, the collisional-radiative models revealed the x-ray transitions classified here to be the overwhelmingly dominant transitions in these ions.

The 2p-nd transitions considered here are found to be strongly split **by** the  $j$ -value of the  $2p$  hole in the ionic core. The resonance transitions with upper states containing a  $2p_{\frac{1}{2}}$  hole are always at much shorter wavelengths than the corresponding transitions with a  $2p_{\frac{3}{2}}$  hole. This can lead to significant configuration interaction when a 2p<sub><sup>1</sup></sub>nd orbital is close in energy to a 2p<sub><sup>2</sup></sub>n'd (n'>n) orbital. Interaction between the orbitals will affect both transition rates and transition wavelengths<sup>27</sup>. Table III demonstrates the wave function mixing in  $Mo^{32+}$  for two cases where the degeneracy in energy makes the configuration interaction very strong. The energies of the  $(2p^5)\frac{1}{2}6d_{\frac{3}{2}}$  J=1 level and the  $(2p^5)\frac{1}{2}7d_{j'}$  J=1 levels are between 3946 and 3950 eV; the energies of the  $(2p^5)_{\frac{3}{2}}6d_{j''}$  levels are down near 3830 eV and the  $(2p^5)$ <sub>1</sub><sup>7</sup> $d_j$ <sub>*w*</sub> levels are near 4060 eV. As can be seen in Table III for the  $(2p^5)$ <sub>1</sub><sup>6</sup> $d_{\frac{3}{2}}$ J=1 level the near degeneracy in energy of the  $(2p^5)_{\frac{3}{2}}7d_{j'}$  J=1 levels means a significant amount of the  $(2p^5)_{\frac{1}{2}}$ 6d<sub>2</sub> J=1 wave function is made up of other orbitals from other configurations. This near degeneracy also exists for the  $(2p^5)_{\frac{1}{2}}8d_{\frac{3}{2}}$  J=1 level and the  $(2p^5)_{\frac{3}{2}}11d_{j'}$  J=1 levels. Similar configuration interaction effects are seen for  $Mo^{30+}$  between the  $(2p^5)_{\frac{1}{2}}[3s^2]7d_{\frac{3}{2}}$  level and the  $(2p^5)_{\frac{3}{2}}[3s^2]9d_{\frac{5}{2}}$  level (see Table IV), and for Mo<sup>31+</sup> between the  $(2p^5)_{\frac{1}{2}}[3s]8d_{\frac{3}{2}} J = \frac{3}{2}$  level and the  $(2p^5)_{\frac{3}{2}}[3s]11d_{\frac{5}{2}}$  $J = \frac{3}{2}$  level (see Table V). The effect is much stronger in  $Mo^{30+}$  where the levels are nearly degenerate. The physical implications of this phenomenon will be seen below.

# **Observed Molybdenum Spectra**

Shown in Figure **1** is a spectrum between **3.7** and **3.8 A,** obtained from a plasma with an electron temperature of 1800 eV and an electron density of  $1.7 \times 10^{20} / m^3$ . This shows the brightest molybdenum line that falls in the range of the spectrometer system, the  $2p_{\frac{3}{2}} - 4d_{\frac{5}{2}}$  transition in Mo<sup>32+</sup> at 3739.8 mÅ. The wavelength of this line has been determined **by** comparison to neighboring lines with accurately known wavelengths, in particular the Lyman  $\alpha$  doublet of  $Ar^{17+}$ , nearby satellites and the 1s<sup>2</sup>-1s3p transition in Cl<sup>15+</sup> (see Tables I and II). Both Mo<sup>32+</sup> and Ar<sup>17+</sup> are located in the plasma center and have the same ion temperature so the molybdenum line is narrower than the argon lines due to the lower thermal velocity. Similar transitions in sodium-like **Mo <sup>3</sup> 1+** appear as an unresolved group centered at **3785.7** mA. Also apparent is a 2p-4d transition of magnesium-like  $Mo^{30+}$  at 3715.5  $m\AA$ , although this line is quite weak. Other molybdenum lines in this spectrum are at **3717.8, 3759.1** and **3799.6** mA. Shown at the bottom of the figure are computed lines from neon-like, sodium-like and magnesium-like molybdenum, and from hydrogen-like argon and satellites, and helium-like chlorine. The wavelength agreement of the observed and calculated  $Mo^{32+}$  lines is excellent, fair (within  $.5 \text{ mA}$ ) for the  $Mo^{31+}$ lines and less than outstanding (off by 2.9  $m\text{\AA}$ ) for the Mo<sup>30+</sup> lines.

Figure 2 shows a spectrum from **3.6** to **3.7 A.** Plasma parameters for which this spectrum was obtained were  $n_{e0} = 1.6 \times 10^{20}/m^3$  and  $T_{e0} = 2100$  eV. The strongest line in this spectral region is the  $2p_{\frac{1}{2}}$  -  $4d_{\frac{3}{2}}$  transition of  $Mo^{32+}$  at 3626.1 mÅ. Also visible are a pair of unresolved 2p-4d lines of  $Mo^{31+}$  at 3670.6 mÅ, and a  $2p-4d$  line of fluorine-like  $Mo^{33+}$  at  $3615.3$  mÅ. There is also a pair of  $Mo^{33+}$  lines around 3604 mÅ, but these blend with the  $1s^2$ -1s4p transition of  $Cl^{15+}$  at 3603.56 mÅ. Shown at the bottom of the figure are theoretical lines from  $Mo^{32+}$ ,  $Mo^{31+}$ , **Mo 3 3 +** and **C115+.** The wavelength agreement for the neon- and fluorine-like lines is quite good (within .2  $m\text{\AA}$ ). This a particularly interesting portion of the x-ray spectrum since three adjacent charge states are visible simultaneously, and models for ionization state balance may be tested. This will be the subject of a forthcoming paper.

Continuing to higher n transitions, in Figure **3** is shown the spectrum in the vicinity of 3.4 Å, from a discharge with  $n_{e0} = 1.2 \times 10^{20} / m^3$  and  $T_{e0} = 1500$  eV. The brightest line is the  $2p_{\frac{3}{2}}$  **-**  $5d_{\frac{5}{2}}$  transition in Mo<sup>32+</sup> at 3392.0 mÅ, and other **2p-5d** transitions in sodium- and magnesium-like molybdenum are apparent. There are also two 2s-4p lines of  $Mo^{32+}$  at 3439.2 and 3450.7 mÅ. Also in this spectrum are  $Ar^{15+}$  satellites to the  $Ar^{16+}$  1s<sup>2</sup>-1s3p line with n=2 spectators. The wavelength agreement is good (within **.3** mA) for transitions with a **2p** lower level, but those with the 2s lower level are off by 1.5  $mA$ . The  $2s2p<sup>6</sup>4p J=1$  levels are well separated in energy from the levels of other configurations in this model with the same parity, so their wave functions are extremely pure. The accuracy of calculated transition wavelengths for radiative decays to an inner-shell hole is known to be worse than that for decays to a valence hole because of several factors. One problem comes from incomplete accounting of configuration interaction with doubly excited states. Although a significant problem for the  $2s2p<sup>6</sup>$ nl configurations in heavier elements, the lowest energy doubly excited configuration,  $2s^2 2p^4 3s^2$ , is over **1** keV away in energy in neon-like molybdenum. For neon-like charge states of heavier elements, observations<sup>28</sup> have shown that calculations consistently overestimate the self-energy contribution of the 2s hole to the 2s-np transitions. Finally, the calculations of the Lamb shift and the Breit interaction energy in RELAC are approximate and a discussion of their associated contributions to uncertainties in transition wavelengths can be found in Ref. (22).

The spectrum between **3.0** and **3.1 A** is shown in Figure 4. This was obtained from a series of several similar discharges with  $n_{e0} = 1.3 \times 10^{20}/m^3$  and  $T_{e0} =$ **1600** eV. The  $Mo^{32+}$  series  $2p_{\frac{3}{2}}$  -  $nd_{\frac{5}{2}}$  with n = 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 can be seen, as well as the  $2p_{\frac{1}{2}} - 7d_{\frac{3}{2}}$  (3054.9 mÅ) and  $2p_{\frac{1}{2}} - 8d_{\frac{3}{2}}$  (unresolved from  $2p_{\frac{3}{2}}$  - $11d_{\frac{5}{2}}$ ) transitions. Theoretical lines (solid) are shown at the bottom of the figure, and the wavelength agreement is excellent. Wavelength calibration was obtained by comparison to nearby  $Ar^{16+}$  (1s<sup>2</sup> - 1snp with  $5\leq n \leq 13$ ) lines<sup>20,29</sup> (see Table I).

 $Mo^{31+}$  (dotted) and  $Mo^{33+}$  (dashed) lines are also identified. The  $Mo^{32+}$   $2p_{\frac{5}{2}}$  -13d<sub></sub><sup><sup>2</sup></sup>/<sub>2</sub> line is considerably stronger than the 2p<sub><sup>5</sup></sub> - 12d<sub><sup>2</sup></sub><sup>2</sup> line. This could be because this line is at the edge of the detector, where there are potential distortions in the sensitivity. It could possibly be due to charge exchange recombination contributions to the population of the n **= 13** level, from transfer between neutral hydrogen and  $Mo^{33+}$ . This should occur into levels<sup>30</sup> near  $(32)^{3/4} = 13.5$ .

Measured and theoretical wavelengths and differences, calculated **gf** values and line identifications are summarized in Tables IV-VII for the charge states  $Mo^{30+}$ -Mo<sup>33+</sup>. Wavelength agreement is better than .5 mÅ in most cases. In Figures 1-4, the relative intensities of the theoretical lines from a given charge state are determined by the gf values from the tables. The gf values from the  $2p_{\frac{3}{2}}$  **-**  $nd_{\frac{5}{2}}$  and  $2p_{\frac{1}{2}}$  - nd<sub>2</sub> series in Mo<sup>32+</sup> are plotted as a function of n in Figure 5. Also shown are curves proportional to  $n^{-3}$  (the dependence for H-like ions at high n), which reflect the general trend. The  $2p_{\frac{1}{2}}$  -  $6d_{\frac{3}{2}}$  transition, however, is about a factor of three below this trend. This is supported **by** the observed line intensities. Shown in Figure 6 is a spectrum which includes the  $Mo^{32+}2p_{\frac{3}{2}} - 7d_{\frac{5}{2}}$  transition at 3138.5  $m\AA$ , as well as the  $Ar^{16+}1s^2$  - 1s5p and  $Ar^{17+}1s-3p$  lines used for the wavelength calibration (see Table I). There is also a feature at 3141.8 mA, which could be the  $Mo^{32+2p}$  **2 -**  $6d_{\frac{3}{2}}$  line (solid), or a  $Mo^{31+2p}$ -8d line (dotted). The ratio of the two calculated  $Mo^{32+}$  gf values is 5.7, whereas the ratio from the two curves in Figure 5 for these lines is 1.2. From Figure 6 it is clear that the  $2p_{\frac{3}{2}} - 7d_{\frac{5}{2}}$  line is much stronger than the  $2p_{\frac{1}{2}}$  -  $6d_{\frac{3}{2}}$  line (if it is even visible at all) consistent with the calculated **gf** values. The reason that the  $2p_{\frac{1}{2}} - 6d_{\frac{3}{2}}$  line is so weak is because of the configuration interaction between the  $(2p^5)_{\frac{1}{2}} 6d_{\frac{3}{2}} J=1$  state and the  $(2p^5)_{\frac{3}{2}} 7d_{j'} J=1$ states that occurs due to their near degeneracy in energy. Similar effects have been observed and modelled in other tokamak plasmas<sup>31</sup>. The same effect is seen on the  $2p_{\frac{1}{2}}$  **-**  $8d_{\frac{3}{2}}$  gf value in Fig. 5; this value is also below the smooth curve. The  $(2p^5)_{\frac{1}{2}}$ **-** 8d<sub> $\frac{3}{2}$ </sub> J=1 level interacts with the nearby  $(2p^5)_{\frac{3}{2}}$  **-** 11d<sub>j</sub>, J=1 levels. However, it is unresolved from the  $2p_{\frac{3}{2}} - 11d_{\frac{5}{2}}$  transition so their relative intensities cannot be determined (see Fig. 4).

# **Conclusions**

X-ray spectra of **highly** ionized molybdenum in the wavelength range from **2.97 -** 3.84 **A** have been obtained from the Alcator C-Mod tokamak. Wavelengths for  $2p$  **-** nd transitions with  $n \geq 4$  for neon-, sodium-, magnesium- and fluorine-like molybdenum have been determined **by** reference to nearby argon and chlorine lines, with an accuracy of  $\pm$  0.1 mÅ. Line identifications have been made by comparison to atomic structure calculations, using a fully relativistic, parametric potential code. The agreement between measured and theoretical wavelengths is quite good, with most lines within **0.5** mA. Effects of configuration interaction have been seen in the intensities of transitions with nearly degenerate energy levels.

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# **Table Captions**

**Table I** Calibration lines from  $Ar^{16+}$  and  $Ar^{17+}$ .

**Table II** Calibration lines from  $Cl^{15+}$  and  $Cl^{16+}$ .

**Table III** The  $j-j$  wave function components of the Mo<sup>32+</sup> 2p<sup>5</sup>6d and 2p<sup>5</sup>8d J=1 physical states. The coincidental overlap of the  $(2p^5)_{\frac{1}{2}}$ nd and the  $(2p^5)_{\frac{3}{2}}$ n'd  $(n' > n)$  orbitals in energy leads to the configuration interaction.

**Table IV**  $\text{Mo}^{30+}$   $(2p^63s^2 \text{ ground state})$  resonance transitions. The column labeled 'upper state' shows the **2p** hole, the spectator electron in braces and the occupied nd or ns orbital.

**Table V**  $\text{Mo}^{31+}$  (2p<sup>6</sup>3s ground state) resonance transitions. The column labeled  $\lambda$  is the oscillator strength weighted average of the transition wavelengths for different transitions, close in energy, from the same configuration. The  $\Delta\lambda$  values followed **by** asterisks are found **by** subtracting the measured transition wavelengths from the values of  $\overline{\lambda}$ . The column labeled 'upper state' shows the 2p hole, the spectator electron in braces and the occupied nd or ns orbital. Note the transitions with the 3p+ spectator end on the  $2p^63p J=\frac{3}{2}$  level. These lines (3787.4 mÅ) are not true resonance lines since the spectator electron is not in the 3s level.

**Table VI**  $\text{Mo}^{32+}$  (2p<sup>6</sup> ground state) resonance transitions. The column labeled upper state' shows the occupancy of the two relativistic **2p** orbitals and the occupied upper orbital. In the case of a 2s-np transition, the numbers shown are the occupancy of the 2s orbital, the spectator electrons and the occupied upper orbital. The  $(2p^5)_{\frac{3}{2}}$ -  $nd_{\frac{5}{2}}$  series limit is at 2914.78  $m\AA$ , and the  $(2p^5)_{\frac{1}{2}}$ - $nd_{\frac{3}{2}}$  series limit is at 2841.44 mA.

**Table VII** Mo<sup>33+</sup>  $(2s^2 2p^5$  ground state) resonance transitions. The column labeled 'upper state' shows the occupancy of the two relativistic **2p** orbitals and the occupied upper orbital. Transitions labeled with 'a' are to the  $2s^22p^5 J=\frac{3}{2}$ true ground state, with 'b' are to the  $2s^22p^5$  J= $\frac{1}{2}$  first excited state, and with 'c' are to the 2s2p6 second excited state. The line at **3269.7** mA has been identified as a 2s-7p transition. However, it should be observed that the final state for this transition is the second excited state in  $Mo^{33+}$ ,  $2s2p^6$  J= $\frac{1}{2}$ , and the only way the 2s2p6 **- 2s<sup>2</sup> 2p<sup>4</sup> 7p** decay takes place is that, in reality, there is a **2.75%** admixture of the 2s2p<sup>5</sup>5d J= $\frac{1}{2}$  wave function in the 2s<sup>2</sup>2p<sup>4</sup>7p J= $\frac{1}{2}$  state. Thus, only through a  $2p\text{-}5d$  dipole decay does the  $2s^22p^47p$  state reach the  $2s2p^6$  state.





**Table II**

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# **Table III**

# $M_0$ <sup>32+</sup><br> $J=1.$  odd parity wavefunction purities (by RELAC)



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# Table TV

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# Mo<sup>30+</sup> resonance transitions



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# Table V

# $\text{Mo}^{31+}$  resonance transitions



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# Table VI

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# M032+ resonance transitions





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# Table VII

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# **M033+** resonance transitions





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# **Figure Captions**

Fig. **1 2p-4d** transitions in **Mo <sup>32</sup> +, Mo <sup>3</sup> 1+** and **Mo3O+.** Theoretical lines for  $Mo^{32+}$  (solid),  $Mo^{31+}$  (dotted),  $Mo^{30+}$  (dash-dot-dash),  $Ar^{17+}$  (dashed) and  $Cl^{15+}$ (dash-dot-dot-dot-dash) are shown at the bottom.

Fig. 2 2p-4d transitions in  $Mo^{32+}$ ,  $Mo^{31+}$  and  $Mo^{33+}$ . Theoretical lines for  $Mo^{32+}$  (solid),  $Mo^{31+}$  (dotted),  $Mo^{33+}$  (dashed) and  $Cl^{15+}$  (dash-dot-dot-dot-dash) are shown at the bottom.

Fig. 3 2p-5d transitions in  $Mo^{32+}$  (solid),  $Mo^{31+}$  (dotted) and  $Mo^{30+}$  (dashdot-dash), and 2s-4p transitions in  $Mo^{32+}$  (solid).

Fig. 4 2p<sub>3</sub>  $\cdot$  nd<sub>5</sub> transitions with 8 $\leq$ n $\leq$ 13 in Mo<sup>32+</sup>. Theoretical lines for Mo<sup>32+</sup> (solid),  $Mo^{31+}$  (dotted), and  $Mo^{33+}$  (dashed) are shown at the bottom.

Fig. 5 gf values for  $2p_{\frac{3}{4}}$ -nd<sub>g</sub> (asterisks) and  $2p_{\frac{1}{4}}$ -nd<sub>g</sub> (plus signs) transitions in **Mo<sup>3</sup> 2+** as a function of upper level principal quantum number n. Curves are proportional to  $n^{-3}$ .

Fig. 6  $2p_{\frac{3}{2}}$  -  $7d_{\frac{5}{2}}$  transition in  $Mo^{32+}$ . Theoretical lines for  $Mo^{32+}$  (solid),  $Mo^{31+}$ (dotted),  $Ar^{16+}$  and  $Ar^{17+}$  (dash-dot-dot-dot-dash) are shown at the bottom.















