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## Fluorescence studies on the 3d-ionization threshold range in krypton

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### Abstract

Krypton atoms were excited by photons in the energy range from the threshold for photoionization of the 3d-electrons up to 120 eV, and the fluorescence radiation in the spectral range from 780 to 965 Å was observed and analyzed. Cross sections for the population of excited states in KrIII with at least one 4s-hole resulting from an Auger transition as the first decay step and for KrII satellites were determined. The energy dependence of the 3d-ionization cross section in the 3d<sub>5/2</sub>- and the 3d<sub>3/2</sub>-threshold range was derived from the experimental data. The cross sections for production of KrII states were found to follow the energy dependence of the 3d-cross sections.

### 1. Introduction

Up to now various experimental methods have been used to study the threshold range of photoionization of the 3d-electrons in atomic krypton. After the first energy-loss measurements with fast electrons [1,2], monochromatized synchrotron radiation combined with different detection methods was employed. Ion-yield measurements in the energy range of the 3d<sup>-1</sup>np-resonances and a few eV above the ionization thresholds [3] led to absolute cross sections for the formation of singly, doubly and triply charged krypton ions. The first analysis of the kinetic energy of the electrons emitted on a resonance was carried out for the 3d<sub>5/2</sub><sup>-1</sup>5p- and the 3d<sub>3/2</sub><sup>-1</sup>5p-resonances [4]. Later on more detailed investigations of electron energies were carried out [5-11] on the resonances. The application of electron coincidence techniques to measurements on the 3d<sub>5/2</sub><sup>-1</sup>5p-resonance [12] rendered possible the quantitative observation of two-

step decay processes, with a spectator or shake-up Auger decay in a first step and, in a second step, an autoionization decay to states in the doubly charged ion. By analyzing the emission of threshold electrons in coincidence with ion signals [13], it was found that these electrons were not only produced in a single-step decay process, but also - alternatively - in a two-step decay of the resonances. The combination of ion-yield measurements with an electron-energy analysis for the 3d<sub>5/2</sub><sup>-1</sup>5p-resonance [14] led to the quantitative decomposition of the total decay of the resonance into a two-step Auger part and a single-step double-ionization part.

In this work we present the first analysis of the fluorescence radiation emitted after the ionization of 3d-electrons in krypton just at the ionization thresholds and a few eV above. Using photon-induced fluorescence spectroscopy (PIFS) we were able to determine cross sections for the total population of excited KrIII and KrII states. These KrIII states are populated as

a result of Auger transitions in the first step, whereas the mechanism for the satellite production is unclear.

## 2. Experimental procedure

The experimental set-up has been described previously (see e.g. Ref. [15]). Here we briefly summarize the experimental procedure. Synchrotron radiation in the energy range between 90 and 120 eV from the Berlin electron storage ring BESSY was monochromatized by means of a toroidal-grating monochromator. The monochromator was equipped with a 950  $\ell/\text{mm}$  grating. A number of values for the photon bandpass from 190 to 760 meV were used. The monochromatized synchrotron radiation was focussed into an open, differentially pumped target cell with krypton gas at a pressure of 10 mTorr. The fluorescence radiation emitted by the ions was observed using a 1 m normal incidence spectrograph (McPherson model 225), in a direction parallel to the vector of the electric field of the exciting radiation. The spectrograph was equipped with a spherical diffraction grating with 1200  $\ell/\text{mm}$  and a multiplex detection system [16]. In the present experiment, we observed simultaneously a wavelength range from about 780 to about 1000  $\text{\AA}$ , at a wavelength resolution of 1.8  $\text{\AA}$ . The relative efficiency of the analyzer system (consisting of the diffraction grating and the detector) was estimated on the basis of a new procedure which is described elsewhere in more detail [17,18]. In this procedure the well-known fluorescence emission which follows the Auger decay in the ionization continuum of the 3d-electrons in krypton is used for determining the relative spectral sensitivity of the fluorescence analyzer. Fig. 1 shows a fluorescence spectrum recorded after excitation of krypton by 100 eV photons. This spectrum has been corrected for the relative efficiency and the observed spectral lines have been classified in Table 1.

We investigated the energy range from 90 eV, i.e. close below the ionization threshold for the 3d<sub>5/2</sub>-electron, up to 120 eV. The fluorescence intensities obtained in these measurements were converted into absolute cross sections by the following procedure: In a first step the cross sections were determined relative to the 4s-photoionization cross section by normalizing the fluorescence intensities to those of the 4s-lines (nos. 1 and 2 in Fig. 1 and Table 1) which were mea-

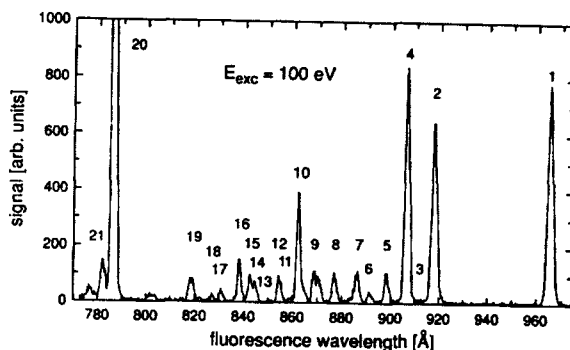


Fig. 1. Fluorescence spectrum recorded at 100 eV excitation energy. The spectral lines observed in the numbered line groups are listed in Table 1. The spectrum has been corrected for the spectral sensitivity of the detection system.

sured simultaneously. In a second step, we used the value of 0.1 Mb for the 4s-photoionization cross section at 90 eV excitation energy [19] to put the values on the absolute scale. Here it was assumed that the variation of the 4s-photoionization cross section is negligible in the investigated excitation energy range [19].

## 3. Results and discussion

The photoionization cross sections for the different states in KrIII observable in our experiment have been investigated in the energy range beginning just below the 3d<sub>5/2</sub>-ionization threshold up to 100 eV. The cross sections for the population of the states 4s4p<sup>5</sup> <sup>3</sup>P<sub>0</sub><sup>o</sup>, 4s4p<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>P<sub>1</sub><sup>o</sup> and 4s<sup>0</sup>4p<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>S<sub>0</sub> in KrIII are presented in Fig. 2. The energy values for the thresholds stem from Ref. [2], determined by a quantum defect plot. The bandwidth of the exciting synchrotron radiation was  $\Delta E = 190$  meV between the thresholds. The fluorescence intensities for the different *J*-values were summed to obtain the 4s4p<sup>5</sup> <sup>3</sup>P<sub>0</sub><sup>o</sup> graph. In the presented energy range the intensity distribution within the 4s<sup>2</sup>4p<sup>4</sup> <sup>3</sup>P<sub>*J*</sub>–4s4p<sup>5</sup> <sup>3</sup>P<sub>0</sub><sup>o</sup> multiplet is constant (population: 51% of *J* = 2, 37% of *J* = 1 and 12% of *J* = 0). This is in accordance with the measured distribution on the 3d<sub>5/2</sub><sup>-1</sup>*np*-resonances and in the ionization continuum [18].

In Fig. 2a a full curve was drawn through the 4s4p<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>P<sub>1</sub><sup>o</sup> and the 4s<sup>0</sup>4p<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>S<sub>0</sub> data points to guide the eye. It represents the energy dependence of the

Table 1

Fluorescence transitions observed in the wavelength range from 780 Å to 1000 Å. The wavelengths stem mainly from Ref. [23]

Peak Wavelength [Å]	Transition
1	964.971 $4s^2 4p^5 2p_{1/2}^o - 4s 4p^6 2S_{1/2}$
2	917.427 $4s^2 4p^5 2p_{3/2}^o - 4s 4p^6 2S_{1/2}$
3	911.394 $4s^2 4p^5 2p_{1/2}^o - 4s^2 4p^4 ({}^3P) 5s 4P_{3/2}$
4	907.117 <sup>a</sup> $4s 4p^5 1P_1^o - 4s^0 4p^6 1S_0$
5	897.806 $4s^2 4p^4 3P_1 - 4s 4p^5 3P_1^o$
6	891.006 $4s^2 4p^5 2p_{1/2}^o - 4s^2 4p^4 ({}^3P) 5s 4P_{1/2}$
7	886.300 $4s^2 4p^5 2p_{3/2}^o - 4s^2 4p^4 ({}^3P) 5s 4P_{5/2}$
7	884.141 $4s^2 4p^5 2p_{1/2}^o - 4s^2 4p^4 ({}^3P) 5s 2P_{3/2}$
8	876.676 $4s^2 4p^4 3P_0 - 4s 4p^5 3P_1^o$
9	870.842 $4s^2 4p^4 3P_1 - 4s 4p^5 3P_1^o$
9	868.871 $4s^2 4p^5 2p_{3/2}^o - 4s^2 4p^4 ({}^3P) 5s 4P_{3/2}$
10	864.821 $4s^2 4p^5 2p_{1/2}^o - 4s^2 4p^4 ({}^3P) 4d 4D_{3/2}$
10	862.582 $4s^2 4p^4 3P_2 - 4s 4p^5 3P_1^o$
11	859.037 $4s^2 4p^5 2p_{1/2}^o - 4s^2 4p^4 ({}^3P) 4d 4D_{1/2}$
12	854.73 $4s^2 4p^4 3P_1 - 4s 4p^5 3P_1^o$
13	850.319 $4s^2 4p^5 2p_{3/2}^o - 4s^2 4p^4 ({}^3P) 5s 4P_{1/2}$
14	844.064 $4s^2 4p^5 2p_{3/2}^o - 4s^2 4p^4 ({}^3P) 5s 2P_{3/2}$
15	842.04 <sup>b</sup> $4s^2 4p^3 4S_{3/2}^o - 4s 4p^4 4P_{5/2}$
16	837.662 $4s^2 4p^4 3P_2 - 4s 4p^5 3P_1^o$
17	830.375 $4s^2 4p^5 2p_{3/2}^o - 4s^2 4p^4 ({}^3P) 4d 4D_{5/2}$
18	826.434 $4s^2 4p^5 2p_{3/2}^o - 4s^2 4p^4 ({}^3P) 5s 2P_{1/2}$
19	821.154 $4s^2 4p^5 2p_{3/2}^o - 4s^2 4p^4 ({}^3P) 4d 4D_{1/2}$
19	818.149 $4s^2 4p^5 2p_{1/2}^o - 4s^2 4p^4 ({}^1D) 5s 2D_{3/2}$
19	816.82 $4s^2 4p^3 4S_{3/2}^o - 4s 4p^4 4P_{3/2}$
20	785.968 $4s^2 4p^4 1D_2 - 4s 4p^5 1P_1^o$
21	783.724 $4s^2 4p^5 2p_{1/2}^o - 4s^2 4p^4 ({}^3P) 4d 4P_{3/2}$
21	782.096 $4s^2 4p^5 2p_{3/2}^o - 4s^2 4p^4 ({}^1D) 5s 2D_{5/2}$
21	781.58 $4s^2 4p^3 2D_{5/2} - 4s 4p^4 2D_{5/2}$

<sup>a</sup> From Ref. [24]. <sup>b</sup> From Ref. [25].

$3d_{5/2}$ - and  $3d_{3/2}$ -ionization cross sections near their threshold energies, since only a negligible population of especially the  $4s^0 4p^6 1S_0$  state was observed on the  $3d^{-1}np$ -resonances [18]. Note that for the  $4s 4p^5 1P_1^o$  state (Fig. 2a) the  $3d_{3/2}^{-1}6p$ -resonance would lie near the energy of the  $3d_{5/2}$  threshold.

The cross section for the population of the  $4s 4p^5 3P_J$  states in KrIII is nearly constant (see Fig. 2b) with a strong enhancement observed at the  $3d_{3/2}^{-1}6p$ -resonance near the  $3d_{5/2}$ -ionization threshold. This enhancement exceeds that of the  $1P$  state.

For an excitation energy larger than 96.0 eV, the

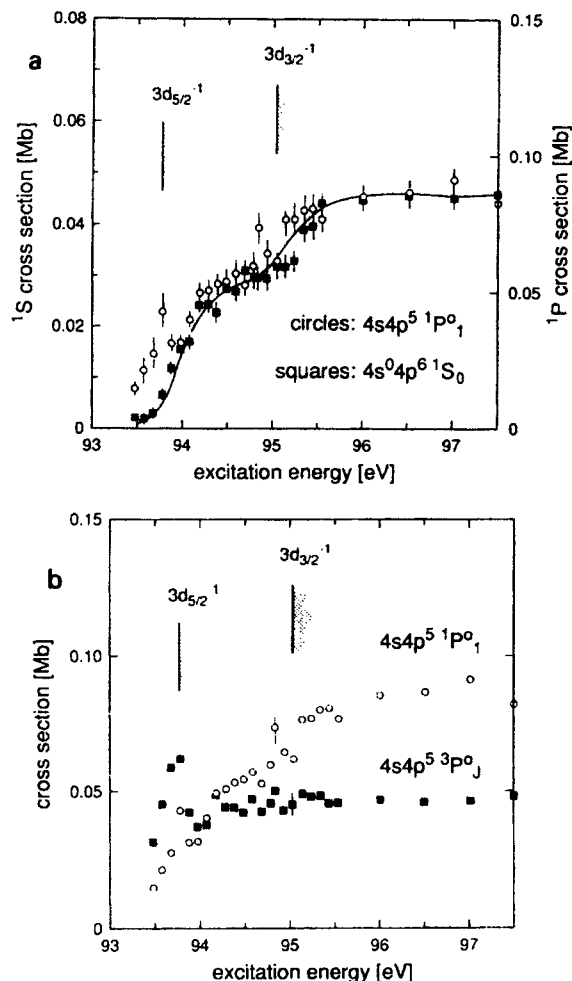


Fig. 2. Cross sections for production of the KrIII states  $4s 4p^5 1P_1^o$  and  $4s^0 4p^6 1S_0$  (a) and for  $4s 4p^5 3P_J$  and  $4s 4p^5 1P_1^o$  (b) in the  $3d$ -threshold region. The scale for the  $1S_0$  state is given on the left-hand side of (a), the scale for the  $1P_1^o$  state is given on the right. The shape of the  $3d$ -ionization cross section curve is assumed to be represented approximately by the full curve in (a).

observed states in KrIII are populated at the same ratio as observed for the Auger decay which follows  $3d$ -ionization (100:54:52 for  $1P_1^o : 3P_2^o : 1S_0$  [20]). In the energy range from 96.0 up to 100.0 eV, the fluorescence spectra were recorded with a primary bandwidth of  $\Delta E = 760$  meV and in steps of 500 meV. The signal belonging to the population of the states in KrII is relatively weak in the threshold energy region (see below).

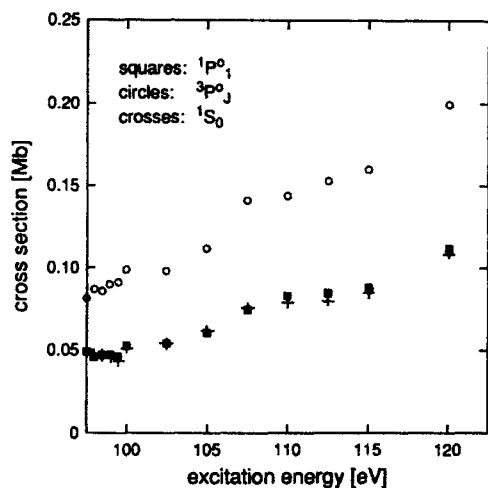


Fig. 3. Cross sections for the KrIII states  $4s4p^5 1P_0^1$ ,  $4s4p^5 3P_0^1$  and  $4s^0 4p^6 1S_0$  up to 120 eV excitation energy.

In the energy region from 100 up to 120 eV, fluorescence spectra were recorded with a bandwidth of  $\Delta E = 400$  meV and a stepwidth of 2.5 eV. Fig. 3 shows the photoionization cross sections for the observed states in KrIII from 97.5 up to 120 eV excitation energy. In this energy range, the intensity distributions in the  $3P_0^1$  multiplet as well as in the other observed multiplets are constant within the statistical errors. Assuming a value of  $\sigma_{3d}(100 \text{ eV}) = 0.78 \text{ Mb}$  [21], the observed cross sections correspond to the following fractions of the total decay of the 3d-hole:  $(12.7 \pm 1.5)\%$  for the decay ending in the  $4s4p^5 1P_0^1$  state and  $(6.8 \pm 0.9)\%$  for  $4s4p^5 3P_0^1$  and  $(6.5 \pm 0.8)\%$  for  $4s^0 4p^6 1S_0$ , respectively. Taking a value of  $\sigma_{3d}(120 \text{ eV}) = 1.98 \text{ Mb}$  [22], fractions of  $(10.1 \pm 1.2)\%$  ( $1P_0^1$ ),  $(5.7 \pm 0.8)\%$  ( $3P_0^1$ ) and  $(5.5 \pm 0.7)\%$  ( $1S_0$ ) result.

In Fig. 4, the photoionization cross sections for the states  $4s^2 4p^4 (3P) 5s^4 P_J$  ( $J = \frac{5}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ ),  $4s^2 4p^4 (3P) 5s^2 P_J$  ( $J = \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ ) and  $4s^2 4p^4 (3P) 4d^4 D_J$  ( $J = \frac{5}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ ) are shown as a function of primary photon energy, with the signals of the individual multiplet components summed. Their intensity ratios, which are constant in the investigated energy range, are listed in Table 2. The sum of the cross sections for the population of the observed states in KrII amounts to 3.5% of the 3d-cross section [21]. A reference spectrum at 90 eV excitation energy was recorded and the relative population probabilities at this energy have

Table 2  
Relative population probabilities for KrII satellite states at 90 eV excitation energy and in the ionization continuum for the 3d-electrons

Ionic state	90 eV	Ionization continuum (100–120 eV)
$4s^2 4p^4 (3P) 5s^4 P_{5/2}$	100	100
$4s^2 4p^4 (3P) 5s^4 P_{3/2}$	145	84
$4s^2 4p^4 (3P) 5s^4 P_{1/2}$	84	43
$4s^2 4p^4 (3P) 5s^2 P_{3/2}$	114	59
$4s^2 4p^4 (3P) 5s^2 P_{1/2}$	44	13
$4s^2 4p^4 (3P) 4d^4 D_{5/2}$	25	28
$4s^2 4p^4 (3P) 4d^4 D_{3/2}$	89	47
$4s^2 4p^4 (3P) 4d^4 D_{1/2}$	14	7

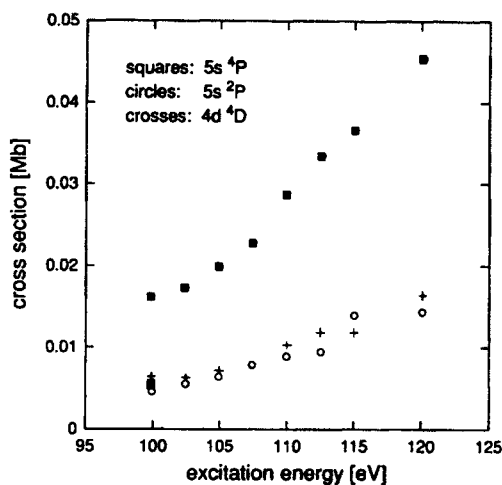


Fig. 4. Cross sections for the KrII states  $4s^2 4p^4 5s^4 P_J$ ,  $4s^2 4p^4 5s^2 P_J$  and  $4s^2 4p^4 4d^4 D_J$  up to 120 eV excitation energy.

been included in Table 2. The cross section for the  $4s^2 4p^4 (3P) 5s^4 P_{5/2}$  state at 90 eV was found to be  $(18 \pm 2)\%$  of that at 100 eV. The cross sections increased by a factor of 2.8 from 100 up to 120 eV. A similar increase has been observed for the 3d-photoionization cross section [21,22]. This correspondence is not yet understood. Since cascades from 5p–5s and 5p–4d transitions in KrII are included in the measured cross sections, also  $4p^4 5p$  satellites have to be considered in the discussion of the unexplained energy dependence. Preliminary theoretical investigations [26] show that the energy dependence cannot be due to a simple final-state configuration interaction with the  $3d^{-1} \epsilon f$  continuum. They also show that the cross sec-

tions for direct 4s-satellite production are negligible in comparison with the measured cross sections.

The measured energy dependence for the population of the observed satellite states in KrII should motivate theoretical investigations of many-body effects which have not been included so far in the calculations of the 3d-photoionization cross section and of cross sections for satellite production.

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