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### **ABSTRACT**

**The emission spectrum of krypton (injected into TFR tokamak plasmas) has been recorded photographically in the 15-300 A spectral range by means of a 2m grazing incidence spectrograph. Preliminary identification work, based on isoelectronic regularities from known spectra of other ions and ionization equilibrium calculations, has allowed 48 lines (belonging to the 0 I, F I, Na I, Mg I, Al I, Ar I and K I sequences) to be identified.** 

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#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

**Spectroscopic data on the spectra of multicharged ions for elements not of interest to astrophysics are very scarce and generally concern only a few simple isoelectronic sequences. However, rare gases are interesting elements for diagnostics purposes in tokamaks, since they do not pollute the vacuum vessel and are easily introduced into the plasma. We have therefore injected several rare gases into keV electron temperature TFR tokamak plasmas and, beside using routine spectroscopic diagnostics, have also photographically recorded their spectra in the far o V.U.V.and soft x-ray spectral range down to ^ 10 A,** 

**We report here the first results on line identification of highly Ionized krypton ions. The spectrum of Kr is not completely unknown ; indeed, Hinnov [l] has identified in the PLT tokamak three resonance lines of sodium-like Kr XXVI and magnesium-like Kr XXV. Moreover, two spectroscopic studies at relatively low spectral resolution have been recently performed on lines from multicharged krypton ions produced either by electron beam bombardment of Kr gas [ 2] or in a theta-pincn plasma [ 3 J .** 

#### **2. EXPERIMENTAL CONDITIONS**

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The experiments described here were performed on ohmically **heated TFR tokamak plasmas. The plasma parameters, during the quasi-sta**tionary current plateau phase, were the following : plasma current  $I_n =$ 180 kA, toroidal magnetic field  $B_T = 4.0$  T, working gas  $H_2$ , graphite limiter radius a = 19.5 cm, central electron density  $n_a$  (o) =  $5 \times 10^{13}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> and central electron temperature  $T_a$ (o) =  $(1.4 \pm 0.15)$  keV. The impurity **evolution, with both spatial and temporal resolution, was obtained above**  0 **100 A using a V.U.V. duochromator equipped with a rotating mirror [4] . In**  a **addition, photographic spectra in the 10-300 A spectral range were recorded by using a 2 m, grazing (1.5°) incidence spectrograph [5,6] . Two exposures were made : the first one, using a 600 groove /mm Jobin-Yvon holographic grating, covered the spectral region below 320 A ; the second one, using a 2400 groove/mm, gold coated, 1" blazed Bausch and Lomb** 

grating, covered the 10-100 Å spectral range. In both cases the line of **sight of the spectrograph passed through the plasma center, and the number**  of discharges recorded on each plate was  $\sim$  100 (for each discharge a fast **shutter limited the exposure time to the krypton puff duration). Wavelengths of intrinsic impurity lines (C,N,0,Cr,Fe, and Ni) were used as internal standards in order to derive the krypton line wavelengths by polynomial fitting (note also that comparison with plates obtained without krypton injection allows the krypton lines to be more easily picked-up).**  Above 100  $\AA$  the estimated accuracy was between 0.015  $\AA$  and 0.03  $\AA$ , depending on the intensity and profile of the considered line; below 100 depending on the intensity and profile of the considered intensity of the constant  $\alpha$ 

**Krypton was puffed into the plasma 60 ms after breakdown of the working gas (resulting in a increase of both the electron density and temperature), and was switched off after 300 ras. The V.U.V. duochromator was used to monitor resonance lines of peripheral low ionization potential**  ion (Kr VII, Zn-like sequence,  $4s^2$   $^1s_0$  -  $4s4p$   $^1p_1$ , 585.4 Å, and Kr VIII, **2u-like sequence,**  $4s^2s_{1/2} - 4p^2r_{1/2}$ **,**  $3/2$ **, 695.9 Å and 651.6 A), and quasi-central medium ionization potential ions (Kr XXV, Mg-like sequence,**  ionization potential  $x_1 = 1150$  eV,  $3s^2$  <sup>1</sup>S<sub>0</sub> - 3s 3p <sup>1</sup>P<sub>1</sub>, 158.2 Å, and Kr  $\frac{1}{20}$   $\frac{1}{20}$   $\frac{1}{20}$   $\frac{20}{20}$   $\frac{1}{20}$   $\frac{2}{3}$   $\frac{1}{20}$   $\frac{2}{3}$   $\frac{1}{20}$   $\frac{1}{20}$ **1**, **2 1**, **2 1**, **2 1**, **2 1**, **2 1**, **2 1**, **2 1**, **2 1**, **2 1**, **2 1 179 À), already identified by Hinnov [ 1 ] .** 

Figure 1 shows the temporal evolution of the plasma current  $I_n$ , the central electron temperature  $T_a(0)$  (obtained from the second harmonic of the electron cyclotron emission), the central electron density  $n_a(0)$ **(derived from multichannel HCN laser interferometry after Abel inversion),**  and the radiance  $B_{\tau}$  of the Kr XXV 179  $\stackrel{\circ}{A}$  line. The duration of the krypton **puff is shown by the two vertical dashed lines.** 

**Figure 2 a and b show, at 200 ms, the radial profiles of T (from Thomson scattering), n<sub>a</sub>, and the Kr<sup>24+</sup> and Kr<sup>25+</sup> ion densities ; the latter, normalized to their peak values, are deduced from emissivities (i.e. Abel inverted radiances) E of the Kr XXV 158.2 Â and Kr XXVI 179 À** 

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**lines. During the quasi-stationary current plateau phase the radial profiles did not vary, only the absolute values of the emissivities increasing due to both the electron density increase and the incoming krypton flux,** 

**o The peak emissivity of the Kr XXVI 179 A line reached (4-6) x**  10<sup>14</sup> photons cm<sup>-3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> at the end of the puffing. Using the interpolated **values of Weiss [7] for the oscillator strength and the ^-approximation**  for the excitation rate coefficient, this leads to a central Kr<sup>25+</sup> ion density of  $(3-5)$  x  $10^9$  cm<sup>-3</sup>, from which a total central krypton density of  $(1-2)$  **x**  $10^{10}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> can be inferred.

**Figure 2c shows a plot of the calculated fractional abundances**   $f_z$  (=  $n_z$  /  $\zeta$   $n_z$  ) for the central krypton ions ; these calculations assume **ionization-recombination equilibrium and use an up-to-date atonic data package, including auto-ionization when important [8,9J . A comparison between experimental ion density profiles and calculated fractional abundances shows that the krypton ions are somewhat more central than predicted by the ionization equilibrium model. This is not surprising, since it is well known that the inward impurity diffusion must also be considered, resulting in a decrease of the average charge state by approximately 0.5-1 [10] . In any case, this type of calculations indicates that the highest charge state existing with non-negligible abundance in the plasmas**  considered here is Kr<sup>28+</sup>. Any identification of spectral lines emitted by **ions with higher charge, based only on atomic structure calculations or empirical isoelectronic regularities, must therefore be dismissed. As an**  example, a line at 72.675  $\AA$  which could have been identified as the  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  which could have been identified as the  $\frac{1}{2}$ **transition 2s2 X S - 2s 2p** *<sup>X</sup>P.* **of Kr XXXIII predicted at 72.65 A certainly belongs to a lower ionization stage.** 

**A portion of an experimental spectrum between 132 and 160 A is shown in figure 3, where some of the most intense lines (of both krypton and intrinsic impurities, i.e ; C,0,Cr,Fe, and Si) are explicitly identified.** 

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**3 . INTERPRETATION OF THE SPECTRA** 

**Line identification after wavelength determination by polynomial fitting, has been performed using one (or several) of the following methods :** 

**i) - comparison of measured wavelengths with semi-empirical**  predictions by Edlen in the sequences of  $0I$ , FI [11], and NaI [12].

**ii) empirical interpolations or extrapolations of wavenumbers**  (expressed as an adjustable polynomial in  $Z_{\alpha}^{n}$ ,  $Z_{\alpha}$  being the net charge of **the core) along isoelectronic sequences previously investigated.** 

**iii) parametric studies of electronic configurations by the Slater-Condon method (the electrostatic and spin-orbit parameters being scaled Hartree-Fock radial integrals) ; systematic trends of the scaling factors, determined for each parameter for the well known first members of the isoelectronic sequence under study, are then extrapolated to krypton.** 

**The 48 lines classified so far are listed in table I, together with intensity estimates from a densitometer tracing of the plates. In the last columns of table I are given successively the spectrum, the combining levels, along with numerical values or references for earlier predictions or observations. The energy levels derived from the classified lines are reported** *iv* **table II.** 

In the following, we shall comment on some of the identifica**tions, by order of increasing ionization state.** 

#### **3.1. Kr XVIII**

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**The isoelectronic sequence of K I consists of one-electron**  configurations  $3p^6$  nl which overlap and mix with core-exited configurations such as  $3p^5$   $3d^2$  and  $3p^5$  $3d4s$ . As shown by Ramonas and Ryabtsev  $[13]$ , **3pJ3d is the loweBt odd configuration for elements with Z>28. The strongest 3p 3d - 3p 3d transitions have been traced up to Ge XIV [ 14] .**  For  $2 > 32$ , these have not been identified in the large  $3p^63d^N - 3p^53d^{N+1}$ **transition arrays which overlap each other for different values of N. By combining methods ii) and iii) outlined above, the transition array 3p 3d 5 2 - 3p 3d can be predicted. It involves a few very strong lines which have been identified and many weak lines merging in the bulk of all 3p - 3d transitions. In all known potassium-like ion spectra, the ratio of the**  measured splitting of the ground term 3d <sup>2</sup>D to the ab-initio value derived **from Hartree-Fock integrals displays a smooth evolution as a function of Z and the derived estimate for Kr XVIII (15710 ±60 cm"1) lies in the middle 5 of the wavenumber differences for three couples of lines arising from 3p ( 2 P) 3d2( <sup>3</sup>F>** *\ /ZtS/ <sup>z</sup>* **and 3p<sup>5</sup> ( <sup>2</sup> P) 3d<sup>2</sup> ( <sup>3</sup> P)** *\ / <sup>2</sup>*

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**6 6 It is expected that the 3p 3d - 3p 4f transition involves the strongest lines of the one-electron system. The two lines identified on**  the basis of interpolation between elements with  $2 \le 33$  and  $Z = 42$  (Mo **XXVI [15 ] ) display a satisfactory intensity ratio, but lead to an**  inverted 4f  $2\frac{2}{r}$  doublet (fine structure  $\sim$  900 cm<sup>-1</sup>). Due to the fact that **3p 4f may be surrounded and pertrubed by core-excited levels and due to the absence of alternative lines, this inversion does not rule out the present identification.** 

# **3.2. Kr XIX**

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**The highest level of the first excited configuration of multi**charged argon-like ions,  $3p^53d$ , allows a very strong line  $3p^6$ <sup>1</sup>S<sub>o</sub> -  $3p^5$ **3d P. (which had been traced up to Ge XV [14] ) to be identified. Indeed, the extrapolated wavenumber for Kr XIX fits an intense line observed at 96.263 Å. The energy interval**  ${}^{1}P_1$  **-**  ${}^{3}D_1$  **in 3p<sup>5</sup>3d was estimated by means of o method (iii). As the recorded spectrum is very dense near 120 A, the identification of the transition**  $3p^6$  $^1s_0$  **-**  $3p^5$ **3d**  $^3p_1$  **reported on table I may be considered as tentative. In this spectral region some of the lines probably belong to the 3p <sup>+</sup> - 3p 3d (M=l-4) transition arrays of Kr XX-XXIH, needing further identification work.** 

#### **3.3. Kr XXIV**

**Three lines in the Ai I isoelectronic sequence have been previously traced up to As XXI or Se XXII [14 ] . Krypton lines of medium or strong intensity are found at the extrapolated wavelengths. By combination**  with two other lines at 130.714 A and at 134.100 A they lead to a ground with two other lines at 190.74 A and at 194.190 A they lead to a ground **term** interval of 97420 cm for Kr XXIV 3s 3p  $Y^3_{3/2,1/2}$ , which is verified as vertex in  $\frac{1}{2}$ **close to the recently predicted values of 97198 cm" [16 ] and 97320 cm- [ 17 1.** 

## **3.4. Kr XXV**

The resonance line  $3s^2$   $^1s_0$  -  $3s3p$   $^1p_1$  of the magnesium-like ion **is the strongest krypton line present on our spectra ; the other strong transitions, observed by Reader in the sequence Sr XXVII-Hh XXXIV**  [ 18], namely 3s3p  ${}^{3}P_{2}$  - 3s3d  ${}^{3}D_{3}$  and 3s3p  ${}^{1}P_{1}$  - 3s3d  ${}^{1}D_{2}$ , are well excited also in the tokamak plasmas. The intercombination line 3s<sup>2</sup><sup>1</sup>S<sub>n</sub>-3s3p<sup>3</sup>P. **which has been observed in the PLT tokamak for seven elements between**  scandium and molybdenum, is now measured in Kr XXV at 242.550  $\pm$  0.030 A, **i.e.** close to the predicted interpolated value of 242.4  $\hat{A}$  [19]. The intensity of the lines mentioned above allowed us to search for the weaker **transitions predicted by Cheng and Johnson [20]. However, due to a lack** of available data in the spectra of neighbouring elements, some of the identifications still need to be confirmed by isoelectronic regularities. **identifications still need to be confirmed by isoelectronic regularities.** 

## **3.5. Kr XXVI**

**The isoelectronic sequence of sodium-like ions has been extensively studied both experimentally and theoretically [l2,2l] . Empirical extrapolations for n=4 to n=5 transitions and interpolations for n=3 to n=4 transitions (Ho XXXII being known [IS] ), lead to wavelengths which are within the experimental uncertainty of our measurements. The Edlen predictions for n=3 to n=3 transitions [12] are also confirmed.** 

## **3.6. Kr XXVIII and Kr XXIX**

**By means of a smooth fitting of the discrepancies between experimental and ab-initio relativistic energy levels, Edlén [l<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> recitly predicted the levels of 2s"1 2pn configurations for multicharged ions, including krypton, in the isoelectronic sequences of Li I, Be I, B I, N I, 0 I and F I. Some lines reported in Table I support these predictions.** 

The couple of lines  $2s^22p^5$   ${}^2P_{1/2.3/2}$  -  $2s2p^6$   ${}^2S_{1/2}$  observed at  $52.584$  and  $68.734$  Å lead to a ground state interval of  $446800 \pm 500$  cm<sup>-1</sup> for the fluorine-like krypton and imply existence of a magnetic dipole **transition at 223.81 ± 0.25 Å, which agrees with four different predic**tions [11] and all in the range  $224.00 \pm 0.05$  A. The closest line which we **come (ii) and all in the range 224.000 by committee 220.000 film which we** can attribute to krypton is at 223.682  $\overset{2}{\mathsf{A}}$ , but it is difficult to conclude **our attribute to arguments in 223.682 A, but it is the M1 transition. Finally, three lines of** oxygen-like krypton display much weaker intensity than Kr XXVIII lines, in agreement with the ionization equilibrium calculation.

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

**A preliminary analysis of the krypton spectrum excited in the plasma of the TFR tokamak has allowed a substantial extension of line identifications in Kr XXV and Kr XXVI, as well as identifications in Kr XVTII, Kr XIX, Kr XXIV, Kr XXVIII, and Kr XXIX. The availability of routine spectroscopic diagnostics of the plasmas considered here, together with the use of a numerical ionization equilibrium code, has permitted to confirm the existence of these ionization stages, at the same time showing that higher ionization degrees cannot be present with sufficient densities**  to be observed. Identification of many weak lines will require is electro**nic comparisons with the spectra of near-by elements and extended theoretical studies of the level structure for these ions.** 

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### **FIGUR E CAFTION S**

- **Fig. 1** Time evolutions of : a) plasma current I<sub>p</sub>; b) central electron density n<sub>e</sub>(o) (dashed line) and central electron temperature T<sub>e</sub> **(o) (solid line, normalized to the value \$ given by Thomson scattering at t = 200 ms) ; and c) Kr XXVI 179 Â line radiance B\_. The hatched interval between the vertical dashed lines show the krypton injection time.**
- Fig. 2 Radial profiles at  $t = 200$  ms of : a) electron density  $n_a(r)$ (solid line) and electron temperature T<sub>e</sub>(r) (dashed line) ; b)  $\frac{e}{26}$ **normalized Kr**  $25^{+}$  and Kr<sup>24+</sup> ion densities  $n_{\pi}(r)$  deduced from the **KrXXVI** 179 A and KrXXV 158.2 A emissivities; and c) fractional abundances of central krypton ions f<sub>2</sub>(r) at ionization equilibrium. The horizontal error bar on b) indicates the shot-to-shot variation of the positions of the maxima of the emissivities.
- **Fig. 3 Oensitometer tracing of the TFR spectrum with krypton injection o in the 132-160 A spectral range (the line quoted (e) around 152**  A is probably a blending of Kr and untrinsic impurity lines).

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# TABLE I CLASSIFIED LINES OF Kr XVIII - Kr XXIX



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TABLE II Energy levels of multicharged krypton ions

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Note : a) the singlet system being not connected to the ground level, the  ${}^{1}D_{2}$  level **was taken from [11] .** 

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