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EXCITATION MOMENTUM TRANSFER CROSS SECTIONS FOR Na AND Cd METAL ATOMS

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Momentum transfer cross sections for the electron impact excitation of sodium and cadmium metal atoms have been determined in the intermediate energy range from 5 to 85 eV by the integration of differential cross sections.

Performing a crossed electron-atom beam technique [1], normalized absolute differential cross sections have been obtained from 0° to 150° scattering angles [2]. The normalization has been done to the optical oscillator strengths for the resonant 3^2P state of Na and the 5^1P_1 state of Cd atom. Relative differential cross sections for the elastic and the other inelastic scattering were put on the absolute scale by measuring intensity ratios to the resonant transitions.

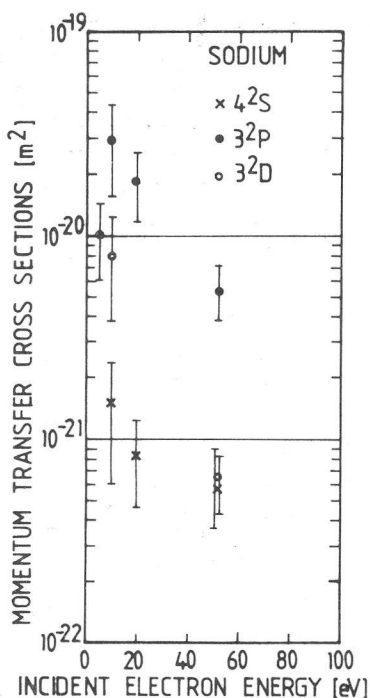


Fig. 1.

Extrapolating differential cross sections to 180° and integrating over solid angle, integral, momentum transfer and viscosity cross sections have been obtained.

In the Fig. 1 momentum transfer cross sections for the electron excitation of the 3^2P , 4^2S and 3^2D states of sodium are shown. In the Fig. 2 momentum transfer cross sections for the electron excitation of the 5^3P_1 , 5^3P_2 , 5^1P_1 , 6^1S_0 and 5^1D_2 states of cadmium are shown. There are no results in the literature for comparison.

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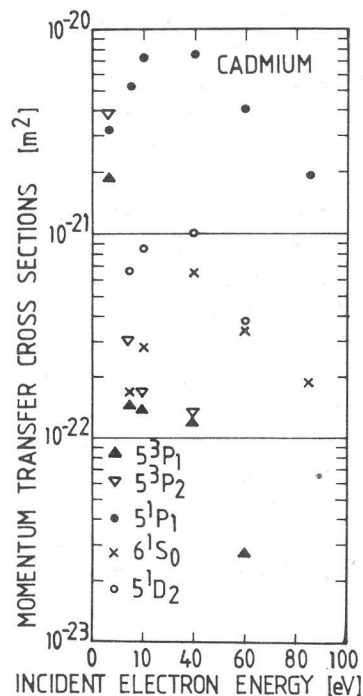


Fig. 2.

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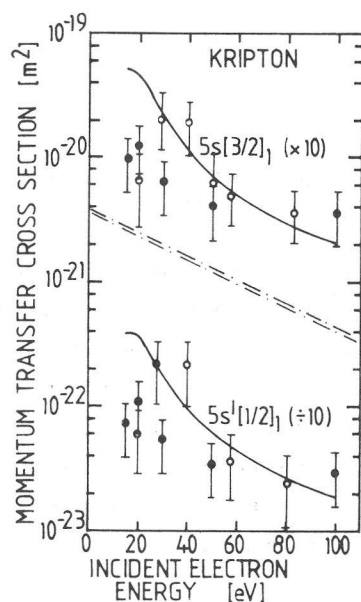


Fig.2. Momentum transfer cross sections for Krypton. The solid lines are results from FOMBT by Meneses et al. [5] and the filled circles with error bars are experimental results by Trajmar et al. [7].

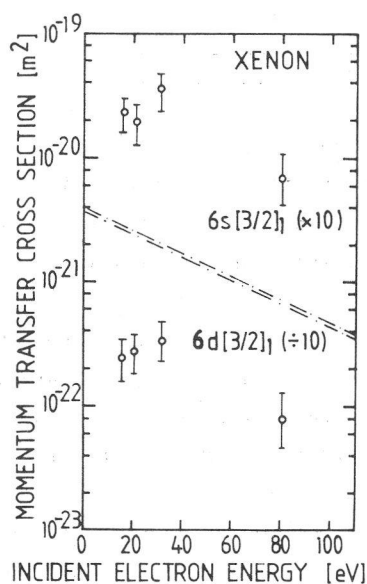


Fig.3. Momentum transfer cross sections for Xenon.

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