

First light on 3d photoionization of multiply charged xenon ions: a new photon-ion merged beam setup at PETRA III

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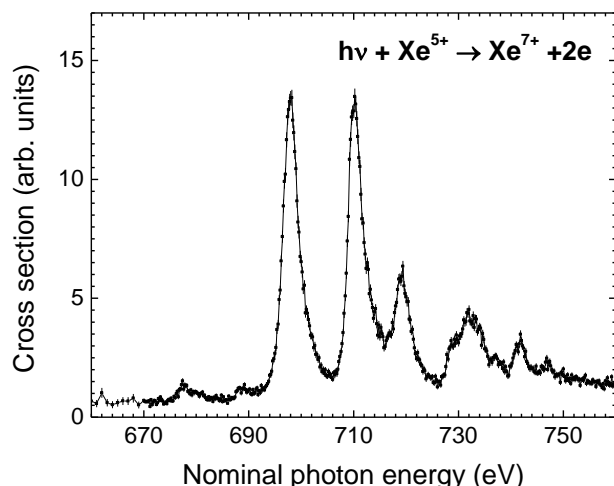
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The Photon-Ion Spectrometer at PETRA III, PIPE, is an experimental setup for studying interactions of photons with charged particles [1, 2]. Target species are provided in the form of ion beams. Ion masses up to $q \times 50000$ u at energies of $q \times 2.4$ keV can be accommodated for q -fold charged ions. Possible target species are atomic and molecular ions or electrically charged clusters, fullerenes, biomolecules and nanoparticles. Photoionization and photofragmentation will be studied. Photo-ions, photo-fragments, photo-electrons and photon-induced fluorescence light will be observed. PIPE is a permanent end station of the Variable Polarization XUV beamline P04 at PETRA III.

P04 is designed to provide synchrotron radiation at energies 250 eV to 3000 eV with a photon flux of 10^{12} photons per second at 0.01% bandwidth; 10^{13} photons per second are possible at lower resolution. The photon beam diameter in the merged-beam interaction region of PIPE is less than 1 mm. In a first experiment relative cross sections were determined for several channels of multiple ionization $h\nu + \text{Xe}^{q+} \rightarrow \text{Xe}^{(q+n)+} + n\text{e}$ ($n = 2, 3, 4, 5$) associated with Coster-Kronig and Auger cascades following the initial creation of a 3d vacancy. An example for the experimental results obtained is shown in figure 1. Along the xenon isonuclear sequence the resonance structure drastically changes from broad features at the 3d edge for Xe^+ ions to relatively narrow resonances at the higher charge states.



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Figure 1. Photoionization yield of Xe^{7+} ions produced from Xe^{5+} parent ions by synchrotron radiation with energies near the 3d ionization threshold.