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Electron impact excitation cross sections into $(3p)^55p$ levels from the $(3p)^54s$ metastable level of Ar by the Kim B-E-f Scaling method.¹ M.A. ALI, P.M. STONE, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD — We present results for electron impact excitation cross sections from $(3p)^54s,1s_5$ and $1s_3$ metastable states of Ar to $(3p)^55p$, $3p_1$ to $3p_{10}$ states, which are dipole allowed by the use of the Kim B-E-f Scaling procedure [1]. We use the experimental excitation energy for E-scaling and accurate f values of Zatsarinny and Bartschart [2] for f- scaling. We compare our results with apparent excitation cross sections recently reported by Jung et al. [3]. Our results suggest that cascade contributions for the upper levels are substantial. To gauge the accuracy of B-E-f scaling, we also present similar results for $(3p)^54s$, $1s_5$ and $1s_3$ metastable states to $(3p)^54p$, $2p_1$ to $2p_{10}$, dipole allowed states and compare with the distorted wave results of Srivastava et al. [4].

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