

# Revised and Extended Analysis of Five Times Ionized Argon (Ar VI)

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## Abstract

The spectrum of five times ionized argon, (Ar VI), has been observed in the 280–2100 Å wavelength range. Eighty-seven lines have been identified as transitions between levels of the  $3s^23p$ ,  $3s3p^2$ ,  $3s^23d$ ,  $3p^3$ ,  $3s3p3d$ ,  $3s^24s$ ,  $3s^24d$  and  $3s3p4s$  configurations. For 33 of the lines the classification is new. Forty-one energy level values belonging to these configurations were analyzed and we propose 9 new energy level values for levels corresponding to odd parity configurations. The configurations are interpreted by fitting the theoretical energy expressions to the observed energy levels using least-squares techniques. The parameter values are compared with results from Hartree–Fock calculations.

## 1. Introduction

The ground-state configuration of five times ionized argon, (Ar<sup>5+</sup>), is  $3s^23p$  with the term  $^2P$ . Ar VI belongs to the Al I isoelectronic sequence. Excited states either belong to simple one-electron configuration of the type  $3s^2nl$  or to three-electron configurations such as  $3s3p^2$ ,  $3p^3$  and  $3s3p(^{1,3}P)nl$  etc., giving both doublets and quartets.

The spectra of the first, second and third elements in this sequence are presented in Atomic Energy Levels (AEL), Ref. [1]. Subsequent to this tabulation, the Al I spectrum was investigated by Eriksson and Isberg [2]. Results about Si II were published by Shenstone [3] and the P III spectrum was studied by Magnusson and Zetterberg [4]. Early results on the spectra of S IV and Cl V have been published in AEL but later results of S IV were compiled by Martin *et al.*, see Ref. [5] and references therein. The first results about the spectrum of Ar VI in the vacuum ultraviolet were published by Phillips and Parker [6]. Fawcett *et al.* [7] studied the spectra of multiple ionized inert gases, including Ar, and Schönheit [8] made a similar study finding a large quantity of new lines. Lines corresponding to the spin-forbidden resonance multiplet  $3s^23p^2P-3s3p^2^4P$  were reported by Ekberg and Svensson [9]. Using a Theta-Pinch light source Fawcett *et al.* [10] classified some lines of Ar VI.

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Using the beam-foil technique Livingston *et al.* [11] have studied the argon spectra from Ar V to Ar VIII and using the same technique Buchet–Poulizac *et al.* [12] have studied the argon spectra from Ar VI to Ar VIII. A few lines of Ar VI were classified in the work of De-Ye *et al.* [13].

Theoretical calculations for the Al I isoelectronic sequence were made by Fawcett [14]. Computed *ab-initio* transition probabilities and energy levels for Al I-like ions were made by Huang [15] and data about highly ionized copper and zinc, belonging to this sequence, were published by Sugar and Kaufman [16–17].

Recently, Träbert *et al.* [18–19] have studied the spectrum of argon and other ions in the vacuum ultraviolet. They searched for lines of Mg-, Al- and Si-like ions. Recoil ion spectroscopy was used by Lesteven–Vaisse *et al.* [20] who have studied all argon spectra from Ar I to Ar IX. Some anomalies in resonance transitions in the Al I isoelectronic sequence were observed by Engström *et al.* [21] and a new work about energy levels and lifetimes of Ar VI was recently published by Pinnington *et al.* [22]. An extended analysis of spectra and term systems in Al-like Ca VIII to Ni XVI was published by Redfors and Litzén [23] and lifetimes of the  $3s^24s^2S$  states for Al-like ions from S IV to Fe XIV were published by Thornbury *et al.* [24]. Transitions in spectra of highly ionized Kr and Mo belonging to the Al I isoelectronic sequence were recently reported by Jupén *et al.* [25]. In the present work we report a revised and extended analysis of Ar VI that includes 33 newly classified lines and 9 new energy level values.

## Experiment

The light source used in the present work is a discharge tube built at the Centro de Investigaciones Ópticas, (CIOp), to study highly ionized gases [26]. It is a 30 cm long Pyrex tube with an inner diameter of 3 mm. Gas excitation was produced by discharging a bank of low inductance capacitors varying between 2.5 and 100 nF and charged up to 19 kV through the tube. Light radiation emitted axially was analyzed using a 3 m normal incidence vacuum spectro-



Table I. Classified lines in the Ar VI spectrum

Int.	$\lambda$ (Å)	$\sigma$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )			Transition	Int.	$\lambda$ (Å)	$\sigma$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )			Transition
		Observed	Calculated					Observed	Calculated		
4	219.91 <sup>a,d</sup>	454 736.6	45.6		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 4d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	4	520.61 <sup>a,c</sup>	192 082.7	1.5		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>
6bl	220.93 <sup>a,d</sup>	452 622.7	591.7		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 4d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	10	544.73 <sup>a,d</sup>	183 576.3	6.1		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>
1	281.43 <sup>a,d</sup>	355 321.2	16.8		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 4s <sup>4</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>	10	548.91 <sup>a,d</sup>	182 179.2	81.1		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>
1	281.91 <sup>a,d</sup>	354 723.8	14.3		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 4s <sup>4</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>	6bl	551.35 <sup>d</sup>	181 373.6	69.0		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>
2	282.42 <sup>a,d</sup>	354 077.9	82.2		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 4s <sup>4</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>	8	555.63 <sup>a,d</sup>	179 975.5	4.0		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub>
1	282.55 <sup>a,d</sup>	353 917.7	7.7		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 4s <sup>4</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>	4	564.30 <sup>a</sup>	177 209.9	11.1		3s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>
1	283.16 <sup>a,d</sup>	353 155.0	5.0		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 4s <sup>4</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub>	6	564.49 <sup>a,c</sup>	177 151.9	0.3		3s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>
1	283.55 <sup>b</sup>	352 676.0	83.1		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 4s <sup>4</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>	6bl	565.29 <sup>a</sup>	176 901.4	899.0		3s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>
2	294.03 <sup>a,d</sup>	340 095.7	5.7		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> S <sub>1/2</sub>	4	565.49 <sup>a,c</sup>	176 838.4	9.2		3s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>
2bl	326.15 <sup>a,c</sup>	306 609.2	598.3		3s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>	8	567.02 <sup>a,d</sup>	170 351.5	2.2		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub> - 3p <sup>3</sup> S <sub>3/2</sub>
4	326.22 <sup>a,c</sup>	306 537.4	8.5		3s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>	8w	588.91 <sup>a,d</sup>	169 803.9	3.7		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> S <sub>1/2</sub>
4	326.32 <sup>a,c</sup>	306 448.7	50.6		3s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub>	8	589.78 <sup>a,d</sup>	169 555.4	5.6		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3p <sup>3</sup> S <sub>3/2</sub>
6	409.10 <sup>a</sup>	244 440.4	0.1		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> F <sub>5/2</sub>	8	594.10 <sup>a,d</sup>	168 322.2	1.0		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3p <sup>3</sup> S <sub>3/2</sub>
2	409.28 <sup>a,c</sup>	244 328.9	7.4		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> F <sub>5/2</sub>	6w	596.67 <sup>d</sup>	167 596.8	6.6		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> S <sub>1/2</sub>
6bl	410.10 <sup>a,c</sup>	243 842.4	3.1		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> F <sub>7/2</sub>	8bl	618.67 <sup>a,f</sup>	161 637.5	8.1		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3p <sup>3</sup> S <sub>1/2</sub>
6A	455.83 <sup>a,c</sup>	219 379.6	8.3		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	6bl	618.72 <sup>a,c</sup>	161 624.0	3.4		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3p <sup>3</sup> S <sub>3/2</sub>
6	456.38 <sup>a,d</sup>	219 113.5	3.8		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>1/2</sub>	8	619.16 <sup>a,f</sup>	161 508.7	10.7		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3p <sup>3</sup> S <sub>3/2</sub>
8	457.01 <sup>a,d</sup>	218 812.2	2.2		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	6	622.15 <sup>a,c</sup>	160 732.1	1.8		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> F <sub>5/2</sub>
8bl	457.46 <sup>a,c</sup>	218 598.3	3.0		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	6	631.68 <sup>a</sup>	158 307.9	8.5		3s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> F <sub>5/2</sub>
4bl	457.51 <sup>a,c</sup>	218 574.5	81.7		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	4	631.91 <sup>a,c</sup>	158 248.9	8.7		3s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>
8bl	458.05 <sup>a,d</sup>	218 318.6	7.2		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>1/2</sub>	6A	633.85 <sup>b</sup>	157 765.0	4.4		3s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> F <sub>5/2</sub>
8w	459.32 <sup>a,d</sup>	217 714.5	4.5		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>7/2</sub>	4	636.94 <sup>a,c</sup>	157 001.5	4.8		3s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>
6	460.09 <sup>a,d</sup>	217 346.0	7.1		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	6	687.84 <sup>f</sup>	145 382.8	2.7		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>
6	460.19 <sup>a,d</sup>	217 300.7	0.6		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub>	10w	754.93 <sup>a,d</sup>	132 462.1	1.4		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>
8w	461.23 <sup>a,d</sup>	216 811.3	2.3		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>	6A	767.07 <sup>a,d</sup>	130 366.3	7.0		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>
4	461.89 <sup>d</sup>	216 501.8	504.0		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> F <sub>1/2</sub>	10	767.73 <sup>a,d</sup>	130 253.2	4.3		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>
6	462.01 <sup>d</sup>	216 445.3	5.7		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	6	782.41 <sup>f</sup>	127 810.7	0.0		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3p <sup>3</sup> S <sub>3/2</sub>
6	462.13 <sup>d</sup>	216 386.7	5.9		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	8A	783.07 <sup>f</sup>	127 702.5	697.3		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3p <sup>3</sup> S <sub>3/2</sub>
2	462.93 <sup>a</sup>	216 013.8	5.7		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>	8A	783.66 <sup>f</sup>	127 606.2	5.5		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3p <sup>3</sup> S <sub>3/2</sub>
8	464.26 <sup>a,d</sup>	215 397.0	6.8		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>	6	784.35 <sup>f</sup>	127 494.0	2.8		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3p <sup>3</sup> S <sub>3/2</sub>
6	465.58 <sup>a,d</sup>	214 783.2	1.1		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>	6	784.80 <sup>a</sup>	127 420.9	0.6		3s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> F <sub>7/2</sub>
8	466.94 <sup>a,d</sup>	214 161.5	2.2		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> F <sub>5/2</sub>	6A	795.44 <sup>a</sup>	125 716.8	4.9		3s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> F <sub>5/2</sub>
4	468.39 <sup>a</sup>	213 498.6	9.3		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> F <sub>7/2</sub>	6bl	795.85 <sup>a</sup>	125 651.8	5.1		3s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> F <sub>5/2</sub>
6	468.80 <sup>a,c</sup>	213 310.3	0.9		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	8	804.62 <sup>f</sup>	124 282.3	1.1		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> S <sub>1/2</sub> - 3p <sup>3</sup> S <sub>3/2</sub>
8	471.19 <sup>a,c</sup>	212 227.8	7.9		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	8	893.50 <sup>f</sup>	111 919.3	8.4		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub> - 3p <sup>3</sup> S <sub>1/2</sub>
4A	471.87 <sup>a</sup>	211 922.6	15.9		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	6bl	893.63 <sup>f</sup>	111 903.3	3.7		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub> - 3p <sup>3</sup> S <sub>3/2</sub>
6	472.04 <sup>a,c</sup>	211 844.4	6.5		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> F <sub>5/2</sub>	6	904.90 <sup>f</sup>	110 509.0	8.7		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3p <sup>3</sup> S <sub>3/2</sub>
4	472.29 <sup>a,c</sup>	211 735.2	3.8		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> F <sub>5/2</sub>	8	998.43 <sup>d</sup>	100 157.6	8.2		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub> - 3p <sup>3</sup> S <sub>1/2</sub>
6	485.78 <sup>a,c</sup>	205 853.5	3.9		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> S <sub>1/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>	1	1000.16 <sup>a,d</sup>	99 983.8	2.3		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3p <sup>3</sup> S <sub>3/2</sub>
8	508.83 <sup>a,c</sup>	196 528.6	8.5		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	6	1012.66 <sup>d</sup>	98 749.4	7.7		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3p <sup>3</sup> S <sub>3/2</sub>
8	508.91 <sup>a,c</sup>	196 496.9	7.4		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	10w	1303.87 <sup>f</sup>	76 694.6	5.3		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub> - 3p <sup>3</sup> S <sub>3/2</sub>
4bl	509.12 <sup>a</sup>	196 417.0	5.8		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	4	1420.60 <sup>a</sup>	70 392.5	2.5		3s <sup>2</sup> 4d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>
8	509.20 <sup>a,c</sup>	196 385.3	4.7		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	4	1422.51 <sup>a</sup>	70 298.0	8.0		3s <sup>2</sup> 4d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub>
4	516.86 <sup>a,c</sup>	193 476.2	6.5		3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub> - 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>(1)P</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>						

<sup>a</sup> New line<sup>b</sup> Previously identified by Lesteven-Vaisse (Ref. [20])<sup>c</sup> Measured in second order<sup>d</sup> Previously identified according to Ref. [27]<sup>e</sup> Previously identified by De-Ye *et al.* (Ref. [13])<sup>f</sup> Previously identified by Pinnington *et al.* (Ref. [22])

A = Asymmetric line

w = Wide line

bl = Blended line

For the levels 3s3p<sup>(1)P</sup>3d<sup>2</sup>D<sub>3/2</sub> and 3s3p<sup>(1)P</sup>3d<sup>2</sup>D<sub>5/2</sub> we propose the new values 395 492.0 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 395 804.1 cm<sup>-1</sup> respectively. These level values are in accordance with the values obtained along the isoelectronic sequence using data of Ref. [23] and with our theoretical predictions. The 3s3p<sup>(1)P</sup>3d<sup>2</sup>D<sub>3/2</sub> level is determined by four new lines, see Table I. For the other level of the same multiplet we classified three lines that are given in the same table.

For the 3s3p<sup>(1)P</sup>3d<sup>2</sup>F<sub>7/2</sub> level we propose the new value 376 417.2 cm<sup>-1</sup>. This level is determined by a new line at 410.10 Å, classified as 3s3p<sup>2</sup>D<sub>5/2</sub>-3s3p<sup>(1)P</sup>3d<sup>2</sup>F<sub>7/2</sub> and

another new line at 633.85 Å, classified as 3s<sup>2</sup>3d<sup>2</sup>D<sub>5/2</sub>-3s3p<sup>(1)P</sup>3d<sup>2</sup>F<sub>7/2</sub>. For the 3s3p<sup>(1)P</sup>3d<sup>2</sup>F<sub>5/2</sub> level we propose the new value 376 901.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The level is determined by four new lines that are classified in Table I. Both level values of this multiplet are in good agreement with our theoretical predictions and with the graphic extrapolation along the isoelectronic sequence based on the work of Ref. [23].

For the level 3s3p<sup>(1)P</sup>4s<sup>2</sup>P<sub>1/2</sub> we propose the new value 525 043.6 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The level is determined by a new line at 326.32 Å, classified as 3s<sup>2</sup>3d<sup>2</sup>D<sub>3/2</sub>-3s3p<sup>(1)P</sup>4s<sup>2</sup>P<sub>1/2</sub>, and

Table II. Energy levels of Ar VI

Designation	Energy (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Percentage composition*
3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub>	0.0	97
3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>	2 207.1	97
3s3p <sup>2</sup> 4P <sub>1/2</sub>	100 158.2	99
3s3p <sup>2</sup> 4P <sub>3/2</sub>	100 954.8	99
3s3p <sup>2</sup> 4P <sub>5/2</sub>	102 189.2	99
3s3p <sup>2</sup> 2D <sub>3/2</sub>	132 461.4	87
3s3p <sup>2</sup> 2D <sub>5/2</sub>	132 574.1	87
3s3p <sup>2</sup> 2S <sub>1/2</sub>	169 803.7	99
3s3p <sup>2</sup> 2P <sub>1/2</sub>	182 181.1	99
3s3p <sup>2</sup> 2P <sub>3/2</sub>	183 576.1	99
3s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	218 593.0	87
3s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>5/2</sub>	218 652.8	87
3p <sup>3</sup> 2D <sub>3/2</sub>	260 066.9	64
3p <sup>3</sup> 2D <sub>5/2</sub>	260 271.4	64
3p <sup>3</sup> 4S <sub>3/2</sub>	270 510.4	99
3p <sup>3</sup> 2P <sub>3/2</sub>	294 084.8	73
3p <sup>3</sup> 2P <sub>1/2</sub>	294 099.5	74
3s3p(3P)3d <sup>4</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>	316 351.6	98
3s3p(3P)3d <sup>4</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub>	316 970.5	97
3s3p(3P)3d <sup>4</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>	317 458.8	98
3s3p(3P)3d <sup>4</sup> D <sub>1/2</sub>	319 272.0	98
3s3p(3P)3d <sup>4</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	319 536.5	97
3s3p(3P)3d <sup>4</sup> D <sub>5/2</sub>	319 767.0	98
3s3p(3P)3d <sup>4</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	319 903.9	99
3s3p(3P)3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>5/2</sub>	328 958.8	47
3s3p(3P)3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	328 989.9	47
3s <sup>2</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> S <sub>1/2</sub>	342 302.8	99
3s3p(3P)3d <sup>2</sup> F <sub>3/2</sub>	344 307.9 <sup>a</sup>	71
3s3p(3P)3d <sup>2</sup> F <sub>1/2</sub>	346 073.4 <sup>a</sup>	71
3s3p(3P)3d <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>	375 657.6 <sup>a</sup>	78
3s3p(1P)3d <sup>2</sup> F <sub>7/2</sub>	376 417.2 <sup>a</sup>	71
3s3p(1P)3d <sup>2</sup> F <sub>5/2</sub>	376 901.5 <sup>a</sup>	71
3s3p(1P)3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	395 492.0 <sup>a</sup>	66
3s3p(1P)3d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>5/2</sub>	395 804.1 <sup>a</sup>	67
3s3p(3P)4s <sup>4</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub>	454 109.8	99
3s <sup>2</sup> 4d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>3/2</sub>	454 745.6	99
3s <sup>2</sup> 4d <sup>2</sup> D <sub>5/2</sub>	454 798.8	99
3s3p(3P)4s <sup>4</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>	454 872.5	99
3s3p(3P)4s <sup>4</sup> P <sub>5/2</sub>	456 271.6	99
3s3p(1P)4s <sup>2</sup> P <sub>1/2</sub>	525 043.6 <sup>a</sup>	99
3s3p(1P)4s <sup>2</sup> P <sub>3/2</sub>	525 191.3 <sup>a</sup>	98

\* Percentages lower than 5% are omitted

<sup>a</sup> New level

another new line at 1422.51 Å, classified as 3s<sup>2</sup>4d<sup>2</sup>D<sub>3/2</sub>-3s3p(1P)4s<sup>2</sup>P<sub>1/2</sub>.

For the level 3s3p(1P)4s<sup>2</sup>P<sub>3/2</sub> we propose the new value 525 191.3 cm<sup>-1</sup>. This level is supported by three new lines that are classified in Table I.

We report a new line at 618.72 Å, classified as 3s3p<sup>2</sup>2D<sub>3/2</sub>-3p<sup>3</sup>2P<sub>3/2</sub> transition. For us, the line at 804.62 Å, corresponds to the 3s3p<sup>2</sup>2S<sub>1/2</sub>-3p<sup>3</sup>2P<sub>3/2</sub> transition. This line has a double classification in the previous work of Ref. [22]. In the same work, some other lines also appear with double classification, but for us, the lines at 893.50 Å, 893.63 Å and 904.90 Å correspond to the 3s3p<sup>2</sup>2P-3p<sup>3</sup>2P multiplet. These transitions confirm (fairly well) the previously observed values of the 3p<sup>3</sup>2P<sub>1/2</sub> and 2P<sub>3/2</sub> levels, see Ref. [22].

We report two new lines at 508.91 Å and 509.12 Å, classified as 3s3p<sup>2</sup>2D<sub>3/2</sub>-3s3p(3P)3d<sup>2</sup>D<sub>5/2</sub> and 3s3p<sup>2</sup>2D<sub>5/2</sub>-3s3p(3P)3d<sup>2</sup>D<sub>3/2</sub> transitions. These lines confirm the previously observed values of the 3s3p(3P)3d<sup>2</sup>D doublet, see Ref. [22].

### Theoretical Interpretation

The level structure was theoretically interpreted by a least-squares fit of the energy parameters to the experimental level values. For this purpose the computer code developed by Cowan [29] was used.

The scaled Hartree-Fock factor was 0.85 for all parameters, except for ζ<sub>nl</sub> where the scaled factor was 0.95 and for E<sub>av</sub> where the scaled factor was 1.00. These scaled factors were taken in this form because the computed energy-level intervals agree better with the experimental ones.

In order to obtain a better interpretation of the levels it was necessary to introduce the 3s<sup>2</sup>4p configuration. The results of the parametric calculations are presented in Table III.

The α parameter was kept free because all the levels of the 3p<sup>3</sup> configuration are known. The first three configuration interaction integrals were held fixed in the calculation scaled at 0.75, 0.95 and 0.95 of their Hartree-Fock values. The rest of the configuration interaction integrals were held fixed at

Table III. Energy parameters ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) for the  $3s^23p$ ,  $3s^24p$ ,  $3p^3$ ,  $3s3p3d$ ,  $3s3p4s$  configurations of Ar VI

Configuration	Parameter	Scaled HF Value	Fitted Value <sup>a</sup>	Ratio Fitted Value SHF Value
$3s^23p$	$E_{av}$	0	13738	
$3s^23p$	$\zeta_{3p}$	1307	1512	1.157
$3s^24p$	$E_{av}$	391438	393887	1.006
$3s^24p$	$\zeta_{4p}$	394	394 (FIX)	
$3p^3$	$E_{av}$	287614	294987	1.026
$3p^3$	$F^2(3p,3p)$	66962	68868	1.028
$3p^3$	$\alpha(3p,3p)$		-112	
$3p^3$	$\zeta_{3p}$	1306	1610	1.233
$3s3p3d$	$E_{av}$	323495	332094	1.027
$3s3p3d$	$F^2(3p,3d)$	63506	63334	0.997
$3s3p3d$	$G^1(3s,3p)$	90341	70384	0.779
$3s3p3d$	$G^2(3s,3d)$	61497	66186	1.076
$3s3p3d$	$G^1(3p,3d)$	78310	76869	0.982
$3s3p3d$	$G^3(3p,3d)$	48916	44557	0.911
$3s3p3d$	$\zeta_{3p}$	1319	1797	1.362
$3s3p3d$	$\zeta_{3d}$	60	60 (FIX)	
$3s3p4s$	$E_{av}$	463784	475779	1.026
$3s3p4s$	$G^1(3s,3p)$	82900	95501	1.152
$3s3p4s$	$G^0(3s,4s)$	5896	6137	1.041
$3s3p4s$	$G^1(3p,4s)$	7775	7775 (FIX)	
$3s3p4s$	$\zeta_{3p}$	1405	1420	1.011
Configuration Interaction Integrals				
$3s^23p - 3p^3$	$R^1(3s3s,3p3p)$	79351	79351 (FIX)	
$3s^23p - 3s3p3d$	$R^1(3s3p,3p3d)$	92765	92765 (FIX)	
$3s^23p - 3s3p3d$	$R^2(3s3p,3d3p)$	70775	70775 (FIX)	
$3s^23p - 3s3p4s$	$R^0(3s3s,3s4s)$	4725	4725 (FIX)	
$3s^23p - 3s3p4s$	$R^1(3s3p,3p4s)$	7557	7557 (FIX)	
$3s^23p - 3s3p4s$	$R^0(3s3p,4s3p)$	1368	1368 (FIX)	
$3s^24p - 3s3p3d$	$R^1(3s4p,3p3d)$	8998	8998 (FIX)	
$3s^24p - 3s3p3d$	$R^2(3s4p,3d3p)$	10777	10777 (FIX)	
$3s^24p - 3s3p4s$	$R^1(3s4p,3p4s)$	38098	38098 (FIX)	
$3s^24p - 3s3p4s$	$R^0(3s4p,4s3p)$	6074	6074 (FIX)	
$3p^3 - 3s3p3d$	$R^1(3p3p,3s3d)$	82900	82900 (FIX)	
$3p^3 - 3s3p4s$	$R^1(3p3p,3s4s)$	7384	7384 (FIX)	
$3s3p3d - 3s3p4s$	$R^2(3p3d,3p4s)$	2974	2974 (FIX)	
$3s3p3d - 3s3p4s$	$R^1(3p3d,4s3p)$	5010	5010 (FIX)	

<sup>a</sup> The RMS deviation of the fit is  $210 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for 28 observed levels

the standard 85% of the Hartree-Fock values. The standard-deviation for the 28 observed levels was  $210 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

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