Inner-shell excitation of N 1(s) in N_2O molecules by electron impact.

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Abstract

Distorted-wave approximation (DWA) is applied to study excitation of core-level electron in N_2O molecules by electron impact. More specifically, we report calculated differential (DCS) and integral (ICS) cross sections for the $X\,^1\Sigma^+ \rightarrow^{1,3} \Pi(2s\sigma \rightarrow 3p\pi)$and $X\,^1\Sigma^+ \rightarrow^{1,3} \Pi(2s\sigma \rightarrow 3p\pi)$ transitions in the N_2O molecule and comparison is made with $X\,^1\Sigma_g^+ \rightarrow^{1,3} \Pi_g(1s\sigma_u \rightarrow 1p\pi_g)$and $X\,^1\Sigma_g^+ \rightarrow^{1,3} \Pi_u(1s\sigma_g \rightarrow 1p\pi_u)$ transitions in the N_2 molecule in the 400 - 900 eV incident energy range. The ratios, named RI(3:1), calculated by dividing the distorted-wave integral cross sections(ICS), for transitions leading to the triplet and the singlet core-excited states as a function of incident energy are also reported. The present study shows the RI(3:1) behavior for the N 1s $\rightarrow$ π^* transition in each species here studied. The generalized oscillator strength(GOS) profiles for discrete N 1s excited states of N_2O and N_2 have also been calculated, and are compared with the available data reported in the literature. Quantitative agreement between the present theory and experiments is also satisfactory.