

Excitation of inner-shell states of C₂H₂ and C₂N₂ polyatomic molecules by electron impact.

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Abstract

Distorted-wave approximation (DWA) is applied to study excitation of core-level electron in C₂H₂ and C₂N₂ polyatomic molecules by electron impact. More specifically, we report calculated differential (DCS) and integral (ICS) cross sections for the X ¹Σ_g⁺ →^{1,3} Π_u(1sσ_u → 1pπ_g) and X ¹Σ_g⁺ →^{1,3} Π_g(1sσ_g → 1pπ_g) transitions in the C₂H₂ molecule and X ¹Σ_g⁺ →^{1,3} Π_g(2sσ_u → 2pπ_u) and X ¹Σ_g⁺ →^{1,3} Π_u(2sσ_g → 2pπ_u) transitions in the C₂N₂ molecule in the 300 - 800 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 C 1s → π* transition in each species here studied. The generalized oscillator strength(GOS) profiles for discrete C 1s excited states of C₂H₂ and C₂N₂ 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.