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Theoretical study of vibrational excitation and dissociative electron attachment of NO₂ by an electron impact¹ HAINAN LIU, SPMS, CentraleSuplec, Universit Paris-Saclay, 8-10 rue Joliot-Curie, 91190 Gif-sur-Yvette, France, SAMANTHA FONSECA DOS SANTOS, Rollins College, Winter Park, FL, USA, CHI HONG YUEN, Department of Physics, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL 32816, USA, PIETRO CORTONA, SPMS, CentraleSuplec, Universit Paris-Saclay, 8-10 rue Joliot-Curie, 91190 Gif-sur-Yvette, France, VIATCHESLAV KOKOULINE, Department of Physics, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL 32816, USA, MEHDI AYOUB, LGPM, CentraleSuplec, Universit Paris-Saclay, 8-10 rue Joliot-Curie, 91190 Gif-sur-Yvette, France, PIETRO CORTONA COLLABORATION, SAMANTHA FONSECA DOS SANTOS COLLABORATION, VIATCHESLAV KOKOULINE COLLABORATION, MEHDI AYOUB COLLABORATION — The NO₂ molecule plays a critical role in modeling atmospheric processes. However, the theoretical description of the vibrational excitation and dissociative electron attachment (DEA) for this open-shell molecule is still an extremely challenging task to date. In this study, we use a theoretical approach that combines the normal modes approximation, the R-matrix formalism, and the vibrational frame transformation to compute the cross sections for electron-impact vibrational excitation of NO₂. The cross sections for DEA to NO₂ are estimated through a simplified approach which is based on the fact that the resonance energy only varies substantially over a subset of normal coordinates, and compared to available experimental data. Thermally-averaged rate coefficients are obtained from the cross sections for the temperatures 10 K-10000 K.

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