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Murthy S. Gudipati*,† and Daniel H. Katayama*,‡: Corrected Rate Constants for Collision-Induced Electronic Transitions from the N_2 $a^1\Pi_g$ ($v = 0$ and 1) Levels.

Pages 7854-7858. Several years ago, one of the present authors (DHK) and colleagues published two papers[1,2] on the collision-induced electronic transitions (CIET) between the nested vibronic levels of the electronic states $a^1\Pi_g$ and $a'^1\Sigma_u^-$ of N_2. Using a double-resonance-enhanced multiphoton ionization (REMPI) technique, rate constants and branching ratios between the adjacent vibrational levels of the a and a' states were determined in these studies.

Recently, one of us (MSG) found an error in the straightforward numerical analysis of eq 8 in ref 2. This arithmetical error led to incorrect rate constants being reported for $N_2a(v = 1)$ in Table 1 of this reference. We correct these errors in the present work because of the important role played by these rate constants in modeling the earth's upper atmosphere.[3]

With the correct values for eq 8, eq 14 in ref 2 will become

$$A(t) = A'_0\{19.23\exp(-83.8k_{1\rightarrow1}[Q]t) + 63.8\exp(-0.77k_{1\rightarrow1}[Q]t)\} \quad (1)$$

and the second term dominates as a single exponential function, resulting in eq 16 of this reference being written as

$$1/\tau = 0.77k_{1\rightarrow1}[Q] \quad (2)$$

Using these equations, the rate constants and cross sections for $N_2a(v = 1)$ given in Table 1 of ref 2 are corrected and summarized in Table 1 here. We also include the rate constants and cross sections for $N_2a(v = 0)$ at room temperature given in Table 1 of ref 1, for which erroneous values of $k_{1\rightarrow0}$ and $\sigma_{1\rightarrow0}$ have been corrected.

TABLE 1: State-Specific Rate Constants and Cross Sections for Quenching the N_2 $a^1\Pi_g$($v = 0$ and 1) Levels as a Function of Collision Partner at 295 K[a]

data for $v = 1$						
collision partner	$k_{1\rightarrow2}$ [b]	$\sigma_{1\rightarrow2}$	$k_{2\rightarrow1}$ [b]	$\sigma_{2\rightarrow1}$	$k_{1\rightarrow1}$ [c]	$\sigma_{1\rightarrow1}$
helium	7.8	5.8	25.3	19.5	0.39	0.29
argon	19.5	33	62	103	0.97	1.56
nitrogen	48.7	74	164	245	2.53	3.9

data for $v = 0$						
collision partner	$k_{0\rightarrow1}$ [c]	$\sigma_{0\rightarrow1}$	$k_{1\rightarrow0}$ [c]	$\sigma_{1\rightarrow0}$	$k_{0\rightarrow0}$ [c]	$\sigma_{0\rightarrow0}$
helium	0.5	0.4	3.9	3.0	0.7	0.5
argon	0.8	1.3	6.6	10.8	1.2	2.0
nitrogen	1.7	2.6	14.3	21.5	2.6	3.9

[a] The rate constants, k, are in units of 10^{-11} molecule^{-1} s^{-1} cm^3, and the cross sections, σ, are in 10^{-16} cm^2. [b] The estimated error for these rate constants is ±1. [c] The estimated error for this rate constant is ±0.1.

Finally, in section IV (Discussion and Conclusions) of ref 2, there are typographical errors. The second sentence should read "... deactivation path from $a(v = 1)$ is to the $a'(v = 2$ and 1) levels, respectively." Similarly, the fourth sentence should read, "The branching ratio from a($v = 1$) to $a'(v = 2$ and 1) is independent of these collision partners...".

References and Notes

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