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Measurements of inelastic electron scattering from molecular oxygen at high scattering angles

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Abstract

Inelastic electron scattering from molecular oxygen has been studied for high scattering angles, from 90° to 180°, at the electron incident energy of 10 eV using magnetic angle-changing technique. Excitation of vibrational levels v = 1-9 of the $X^3 \Sigma_q^-$ ground state and v = 0 of the $a^1 \Delta_q$ first excited state of oxygen has been observed. From the measured energy loss spectra differential cross-section for excitation of v = 1 vibrational level of the $\chi^3 \Sigma_a^-$ state has been determined in the above scattering angle range. In the measurements a newly constructed double hemispherical electrostatic electron spectrometer has been employed which incorporates a recently designed conical magnetic angle-changer.



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