Treatment of Electronic Energy Level Transition and Ionization Following the Particle-Based Chemistry Model

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A new method of treating electronic energy level transitions as well as linking ionization to electronic energy levels is proposed following the particle-based chemistry model of Bird. Although the use of electronic energy levels and ionization reactions in DSMC are not new ideas, the current method of selecting what level to transition to, how to reproduce transition rates, and the linking of the electronic energy levels to ionization are, to the author's knowledge, novel concepts. The resulting equilibrium temperatures are shown to remain constant, and the electronic energy level distributions are shown to reproduce the Boltzmann distribution. The electronic energy level transition rates and ionization rates due to electron impacts are shown to reproduce theoretical and measured rates. The rates due to heavy particle impacts, while not as favorable as the electron impact rates, compare favorably to values from the literature. Thus, these new extensions to the particle-based chemistry model of Bird provide an accurate method for predicting electronic energy level transition and ionization rates in gases.

Nomenclature

| d | = diameter of particle (m) |
|-----------------------|---|
| dn | = number of transitions in sample |
| dt | = sample time (s) |
| f | = distribution function |
| ğ | = energy level degeneracy |
| i,j,J | = energy levels |
| k | = Boltzmann's Constant ($k = 1.3806503e-23 \text{ m}^2 \text{ kg s}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1}$) |
| <i>k</i> _f | = forward reaction rate $(m^3/molecule/s)$ |
| ĺ | = orbital quantum number |
| L | = total orbital angular momentum quantum number |
| т | = mass (kg) |
| N | = number of molecules |
| п | = number density $(1/m^3)$ and principal quantum number |
| Р | = probability |
| S | = total spin quantum number |
| Т | = temperature (K) |
| v_r | = relative velocity in a collision (m/s) |
| x | = number of active electrons for an atomic level |
| δ | = Dirac delta |
| З | = energy (J) |
| Etr | = translational energy ($\varepsilon_{tr} = 0.5 \mu v_r^2$) |
| Γ | = gamma function |
| μ | = reduced mass in a collision ($\mu = m_1 m_2 / (m_1 + m_2)$) |
| ω | = exponent in variable hard sphere model |
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= characteristic temperature (K)

Subscripts

| 0,1 | = | ground and first electronic energy level |
|----------|---|--|
| coll | = | collision value |
| diss | = | dissociation value |
| el | = | electronic energy component |
| heavy | = | heavy particle (atom/molecule) |
| i,j,J | = | energy levels |
| ion | = | ionization value |
| max | = | maximum value |
| pair | = | value obtained from both particles in collision |
| particle | = | value obtained from single particle in collision |
| ref | = | reference value |
| tr | = | translational energy component |
| vib | = | vibrational energy component |
| | | |

I. Introduction

As we consider missions, both manned and unmanned, where the (re)entry velocities result in shock-layer temperatures on the order of tens-of-thousands of degrees Kelvin, the importance of electronic energy levels and ionization reactions become more pronounced. Although the treatment of electronic energy levels and ionization reactions using the direct simulation Monte Carlo (DSMC) method is not a new development¹⁻³, most of these methods are based on measured, equilibrium rates, which are always questionable at high temperature, especially when applied to non-equilibrium problems. The primary reason for the inadequate state of chemical reaction modeling is the difficulty in accurately measuring the internal energy state specific reaction rates to validate theoretical models in the temperature range of interest. Therefore, most reaction rates are based on low-temperature equilibrium measurements and are fit to the most reliable measured data sets. In some cases, the uncertainty associated with the spread of these measurements exceeds one order of magnitude⁴.

Recently, an approach for determining chemical reaction rates from microscopic molecular data, referred to as the particle-based chemistry model (PBM), has been developed^{5, 6} that does not use any macroscopic rate information. It is the purpose of this paper to introduce a new method of treating electronic energy level transitions following the PBM methodologies. One distinct feature of the PBM is the direct linking of the vibrational energy level of a molecule to the dissociation of that molecule. This idea is extended in this paper to the direct linking of the electronic energy level of an atom/molecule to ionization.

II. Detailed Electronic Energy Level Model for DSMC

In order to implement a model for the distribution of electronic energy in the DSMC technique, there are three procedures that must be defined. First, when a particle is first introduced into a simulation, it is necessary to obtain a new electronic energy from a given distribution through statistical sampling. This is also required when a particle changes its electronic energy after a collision with a surface. Under equilibrium conditions, the distribution has the well known Boltzmann form. Second, it is necessary to statistically sample a new electronic energy following a collision which involves electronic energy transfer. Finally, a method to reproduce the electronic energy transition rate must be defined. In the following subsections, each of these tasks are considered.

A. Equilibrium Sampling

Each electronic energy level j has a distinct energy, ε_i , and degeneracy, g_i . The Boltzmann distribution for the electronic energy levels at a given temperature T gives the following result for the fraction of particles in level *j*:

(1)
$$f_{el}(j) = \frac{N_j}{N} = \frac{g_j \exp(-\varepsilon_j / kT)}{\sum_{i=0}^{i_{\text{max}}} g_i \exp(-\varepsilon_i / kT)}$$

This distribution is used when creating a new particle in the DSMC simulation at a boundary specified at the temperature T. However, it is not possible to sample an electronic energy level *j* directly from the distribution.

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Therefore, an acceptance-rejection procedure is used. This is performed by selecting values for *j* from the following distribution:

(2)
$$f'_{el}(j) = \frac{g_j \exp(-\varepsilon_j / kT)}{g_j \exp(-\varepsilon_j / kT)}$$

where J is the value of j for which Eq. (1) is a maximum. Unfortunately, since the degeneracy of each level is a variable specific to each species, there is no way to know a priori what level is going to give the maximum, so the maximum level must be searched for at each implementation or saved for a constant boundary temperature. The sampling of a new electronic energy level then proceeds as follows:

1. select at random an electronic energy level evenly distributed between 0 and J_{max} , where J_{max} is the maximum possible energy level. A random number, RAND₁, evenly distributed between 0 and 1 is needed such that:

(3)
$$j = \operatorname{int}\left[\left(1 + J_{\max}\right) * RAND_{1}\right]$$

2. determine the value J for which Eq. (1) is a maximum;

- 3. accept the value of *j* if $f_{el}'(j) > \text{RAND}_2$;
- 4. if the value of *j* is not accepted, then return to step 1.

B. Post-collision sampling

A phenomenological approach is usually adopted in the DSMC method when a collision occurs that involves energy transfer. The Borgnakke-Larsen method⁷ samples a post-collision state from a combined distribution of the translational and electronic collision energies of the colliding particles. Based on the approach of Bergemann and Boyd⁸ and Boyd⁹, the Dirac delta is used to write the distribution of energies in Eq. (1) in the following continuous form:

(4)
$$f_{el}(\varepsilon_{el}, j) = \frac{g_j \exp(-\varepsilon_j / kT)}{\sum_{i=0}^{i_{max}} g_i \exp(-\varepsilon_i / kT)} \delta\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{el}}{kT} - \frac{\varepsilon_{el}}{kT}\right)$$

Consideration must now be given to the distribution of translational energy of the colliding particles. This distribution is naturally affected by the intermolecular model used since this determines the collision probability. For the present study, the variable hard sphere (VHS) collision model of Bird¹⁰ is used. However, it is a simple matter to develop the formulation for an alternative collision model such as the variable soft sphere of Koura¹¹. For the VHS model, the distribution of the translational collision energies is:

(5)
$$f_{tr}(\varepsilon_{tr}) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{2} - \omega)} \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{tr}}{kT}\right)^{\frac{1}{2} - \omega} \exp\left(\frac{-\varepsilon_{tr}}{kT}\right)$$

Using Eqs. (4) and (5), the combined distribution for sampling a post-collision electronic energy level j' from the total collision energy $\varepsilon_{coll} = \varepsilon_{tr} + \varepsilon_{el} = \varepsilon'_{tr} + \varepsilon'_{el}$ is:

(6)
$$f(j';\varepsilon_{coll}) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(5/2 - \omega)} \frac{g_j}{\sum_{i=0}^{i_{max}} g_i \exp(-\varepsilon_i / kT)} \left[(\varepsilon_{coll} - \varepsilon'_{el}) / kT \right]^{3/2 - \omega} \exp\left(-\varepsilon_{coll} / kT\right)$$

In applying the general Borgnakke-Larsen scheme, it is assumed that local thermodynamic equilibrium prevails. Therefore, the temperature T in Eq. (6) is constant. Also, the total collision energy is constant, so it is only necessary to perform sampling of the post-collision state from the following distribution form:

(7)
$$g(j'; \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{coll}) \propto g_{j'} \left(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{coll} - \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{el}^{j'}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}-\omega}$$

Again, an acceptance-rejection procedure is used. The normalized distribution that is required is obtained by finding the value of j' for which Eq. (7) is maximum, J', which is different for each value of ε_{coll} . Therefore, the following distribution is obtained:

(8)
$$g'(j';\varepsilon_{coll}) = \frac{g_{j'}(\varepsilon_{coll} - \varepsilon_{el}^{j'})^{\frac{3}{2}-\omega}}{g_{J'}(\varepsilon_{coll} - \varepsilon_{el}^{J'})^{\frac{3}{2}-\omega}}$$

In the DSMC code, these procedures are implemented in the following way:

1. Given a pair of particles with total collision energy ε_{coll} which undergoes electronic energy exchange, determine J';

2. determine the maximum allowable electronic energy level obtainable from ε_{coll} , J";

3. take J^* to be the smaller of J' and J'';

4. as described in the previous section on equilibrium sampling, perform an acceptance-rejection procedure to sample *j*' from:

(9)
$$g'(j';\varepsilon_{coll}) = \frac{g_{j'}(\varepsilon_{coll} - \varepsilon_{el}^{j'})^{\frac{3}{2}-\omega}}{g_{j^*}(\varepsilon_{coll} - \varepsilon_{el}^{j^*})^{\frac{3}{2}-\omega}}$$

C. Electronic Energy Level Transitions

A transition from electronic energy level i to level j for atomic nitrogen, N, can be written in the form of a chemical reaction as:

(10)
$$N^i + M \to N^j + M$$

Following the PBM, the simplest model is to assume that the transition occurs if the electronic energy level of N after a trial Borgnakke-Larsen redistribution of the collision energy is $j^* = j$. Since we are treating the transition as a chemical reaction, there are J_{max} transitions to consider where J_{max} is the maximum energy level energetically possible. There is a possibility that there will be multiple transitions where $j^* = j$, each of which, according to the PBM, are equally probable. In the DSMC code, the decision to transition from level *i* to *j* is implemented in the following way:

1. check each transition *i* to *j* from j = 0 to J_{max} , performing a trial Borgnakke-Larsen redistribution for each, keeping a list of the possible reactions $(j^* = j)$.

2. if there are any possible transitions from step (1), choose a random transition from the list and perform the transition.

III. Linking Ionization to Electronic Energy Levels in DSMC

Bird⁵ proposed a set of molecular-level chemistry models based solely on fundamental properties of the two colliding molecules: their total collision energy, quantized vibrational energy levels, and molecular dissociation energies. These models link chemical-reaction cross sections to the energy exchange process and the probability of transition between vibrational energy states. The Borgnakke-Larsen procedures and the principle of microscopic reversibility are then used to derive simple models for recombination reactions and for the reverse (exothermic) reactions. These models do not require any macroscopic data, and they function by seeking to balance the fluxes into and out of each state, thus satisfying microscopic reversibility.

| Test Gas | <i>d_{ref}</i> (m) | <i>m</i> (kg) | $T_{ref}(\mathbf{K})$ | ω | Θ_{vib} (K) | Zref | Odiss (K) | ε _{ion} (J) |
|----------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------|--------------------|-------|-----------|----------------------|
| N2 | 3.580E-10 | 4.650E-26 | 1000 | 0.68 | 3371.0 | 52500 | 113500 | 2.496192E-18 |
| Ν | 3.110E-10 | 2.325E-26 | 1000 | 0.65 | - | - | - | 2.327964E-18 |
| e | 5.640E-15 | 9.109E-31 | 1000 | 0.60 | - | - | - | - |

Table 1. Gas properties.

In this section, these ideas are extended to include the quantized electronic energy levels and molecular/atomic ionization energies. For dissociation to occur, if the collision energy:

(11)
$$\varepsilon_{coll} = \varepsilon_{tr,pair} + \varepsilon_{vib,particle}$$

exceeds the dissociation energy, the molecule in question dissociates. If this is extended to electronic energy levels and ionization, if the collision energy now defined as:

(12)
$$\varepsilon_{coll} = \varepsilon_{tr,pair} + \varepsilon_{el,particle}$$

exceeds the ionization energy, the particle in question loses an electron, becoming an ion.

IV. Results

In this section, the new electronic energy exchange, electronic energy level transition, and ionization reaction models are applied in a two-dimensional DSMC code where the results are accumulated over all cells to approximate a zero-dimensional simulation. The test gas is comprised of molecular and atomic nitrogen, N_2 and N, and electrons, e, where the relevant simulation parameters are listed in Table 1. A list of electronic energy levels for N_2 and N are presented in Tables A.1 and A.2 in the Appendix, respectively. The simulations were run at varying temperatures between 10,000 K and 60,000 K at a number density of 1e23/m³ in an adiabatic box 0.002 m on a side with 300,000 molecules. During the simulations, relaxation of the particles was allowed to proceed as usual, but when a reaction was determined to take place, the number of reactions was advanced by one but the simulators were left unchanged, so no energy was added to or taken away from the flow. In the figures included in this section, the solid lines are values from quoted rates from the literature, and the symbols are the values that were sampled from DSMC.

A. Electronic Energy Level Transitions and Comparison to Equilibrium

In order for these procedures to be acceptable, they need to reproduce equilibrium conditions after the simulation has been allowed to run for a sufficient amount of time. This set of

simulations were allowed to run for a sufficient anount of time. This set of simulations were allowed to proceed for approximately 24 hours, resulting in at least 300 millions collisions. The first requirement is for the procedures to remain at the input equilibrium temperature. The input equilibrium temperature is compared to the sampled translational temperature in Fig. 1 and can be seen to remain constant. The resultant population distribution over the first twenty energy levels for a range of temperatures is compared to the Bolzmann distribution in Fig. 2. Again, the simulation represents the equilibrium state very well.

Sampled transition rates will now be compared to those found in literature. We must first define how to measure the sampled transition rates in DSMC. The transition rate for the reaction shown in Eq. (10) is calculated as:

$$k_f = -\frac{2}{n}$$

(13)



Figure 1. Sampled translational temperature over a range of input equilibrium temperatures.



Figure 2. Sampled electronic energy level distributions for the first 20 levels of atomic nitrogen over a range of equilibrium temperatures.

where the numerator is the change in the number density of level *i* due to the reaction in the sampled time. 1. Electron impact rates

We will begin by examining electronic energy level transitions caused by electron impacts. Sampled transition rates are compared to those by Chernyi¹² in Fig. 3 for molecular nitrogen. The sampled rates very nearly match the values quoted in the literature. Sampled electron impact electronic energy level transition rates for atomic nitrogen are compared in Fig. 4 with values from Frost¹³ with similar results.



Rate constant k_{f} (m³/molecule/sec) $N^1 \rightarrow N^4$ (DSMC) N $N^2 \rightarrow N^3$ (DSMC) -> N $N^2 \rightarrow N^4$ (DSMC) $N^2 -> N'$ 10⁻²¹ 40000 0 10000 20000 30000 50000 60000 Temperature (K)

№ -> N

 $N^{1} -> N^{1}$

 $N^0 \rightarrow N^3$ (DSMC)

 $N^{\circ} \rightarrow N^{4}$ (DSMC)

 $N^1 \rightarrow N^3$ (DSMC)

Figure 3. Electron impact electronic energy transition rates for N_2 .

Figure 4. Electron impact electronic energy transition rates for N.





Figure 5. Electron impact ionization rates for N₂.

Figure 6. Electron impact ionization rates for N.

Next, electron impact ionization rates will be compared for both atomic and molecular nitrogen. Figure 5 presents a comparison between the sampled rates and those from Losev¹⁴ for molecular nitrogen while Figure 6 compares the rates between DSMC and a variety of sources^{4, 14-19} for electron impact ionization rates for atomic nitrogen. As with the electronic energy level transition rates for electron impact, the ionization rates compare well with literature.

2. Heavy particle impact rates

Using the current model for electronic energy level transitions and ionization, the comparison between rates measured using DSMC and those from the literature for heavy particle impacts are not as similar as those for electron impacts. Sampled heavy particle impact endothermic electronic energy level transition rates for molecular nitrogen are compared to those of Park²⁰ in Fig. 7. The measured trends match those from the literature for individual level transitions, but the magnitudes are different, especially for the level 0 to 1 transition for a $N_2 + N_2$ collision. The other transition rates are approximately within an order of magnitude of the quoted rates, but the comparison is not as good as the electron impact transition rates. Sampled heavy particle impact exothermic electronic energy level transition rates for N_2 are compared to those of Guerra²¹ in Fig. 8. The quenching transitions are much closer to the measured rates as compared to the excitation transitions. This is most likely due to the fact that it is the quenching rates that are measured in the laboratory. The excitation rates are then calculated assuming equilibrium. It is possible that the transitions in the laboratory are not at equilibrium, therefore some of the rates are farther off than others.

When examining atomic nitrogen heavy particle impact electronic energy level transition rates, only quenching transition rates were found for comparison to the sampled rates. The sampled rates are compared to values quoted





Figure 7. Heavy particle impact electronic energy level endothermic transition rates for N_2 .

Figure 8. Heavy particle impact electronic energy level exothermic transition rates for *N*₂.

by Levin²² in Fig. 9. Once again the quenching rates for electronic energy transitions compare reasonably well. Heavy particle impact ionization rates are not prevalent in the literature, so are not included in this analysis.

V. Conclusion

Kinetic theory based chemical reaction models recently proposed for the DSMC method have been extended to include electronic energy level transitions as well as ionization. This new set of models do not use measured macroscopic reaction/ transition rates to calibrate adjustable parameters. Instead, they make use of the principles of microscopic reversibility and molecular-level energy exchange to predict the probability that a chemical reaction or energy level transition occurs during a collision between two particles.

Procedures have been defined that are required in order to implement the current model for the distribution of electronic energy in the DSMC technique. These include defining methods to sample from an equilibrium (Boltzmann) distribution, to sample post-collision states from a combined distribution of the translational and electronic collision



Figure 9. Heavy particle impact electronic energy level exothermic transition rates for *N*.

energies of the colliding particles, and to determine when a particle should transition electronic energy levels. The first two methods are straight forward and can be derived following methods for other energy modes. The last method is a novel implementation of the new chemical reaction models. These three methods have been shown to maintain equilibrium temperatures and reproduce the Boltzmann distribution of electronic energy levels after sufficient simulation time. Sampled electronic energy transition rates have been shown to compare well to values from literature for electron impact transitions and reasonably well for heavy particle impact transitions.

The new chemical reaction models have also been extended to include ionization reactions. Following the new dissociation model, where a molecule dissociates if the available collision energy exceeds the dissociation energy, a particle will loose an electron if the available collision energy exceeds the ionization energy. The sampled ionization rates have been shown to agree well with values from literature for electron impact reactions. However, heavy particle ionization data are scarce in literature and have been excluded from the current study.

Appendix

Table A.1. Listing of electronic energy level information of atomic nitrogen.

| Level j | $\varepsilon_{el,j}$ (J) | g_{j} |
|---------|--------------------------|---------|
| 0 | 0.00000 | 1 |
| 1 | 9.9726950E-19 | 3 |
| 2 | 1.1843030E-18 | 6 |
| 3 | 1.1880540E-18 | 6 |
| 4 | 1.3164670E-18 | 3 |
| 5 | 1.3538160E-18 | 1 |
| 6 | 1.3762700E-18 | 2 |
| 7 | 1.4482750E-18 | 2 |
| 8 | 1.5414820E-18 | 5 |
| 9 | 1.6924570E-18 | 1 |
| 10 | 1.7242390E-18 | 6 |
| 11 | 1.7706570E-18 | 6 |
| 12 | 1.8473930E-18 | 10 |
| 13 | 1.9388470E-18 | 6 |
| 14 | 2.0778240E-18 | 6 |

| Level j | $\varepsilon_{el,j}$ (J) | g j | nj | lj | x_j | S_j | L_j | Config. | Term |
|---------|--------------------------------|------------|----|----|-------|-------|-------|---|-------------------------------|
| 0 | 0.00000 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3/2 | 0 | 2s ² 2p ³ | ⁴ S ^o |
| 1 | 3.8195294E-19 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ³ | $^{2}D^{o}$ |
| 2 | 5.7287486E-19 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ³ | ² P ^o |
| 3 | 1.6554172E-18 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)3s | ⁴ P |
| 4 | 1.7121737E-18 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)3s | ² P |
| 5 | 1.7507040E-18 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3/2 | 1 | 2s2p ⁴ | ⁴ P |
| 6 | 1.8589476E-18 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 0 | $2s^22p^2(^{3}P)3p$ | $^{2}S^{o}$ |
| 7 | 1.8839019E-18 | 20 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3/2 | 2 | $2s^22p^2(^{3}P)3p$ | ⁴ D ^o |
| 8 | 1.8972523E-18 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | $2s^22p^2(^{3}P)3p$ | ⁴ P ^o |
| 9 | 1.9219038E-18 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3/2 | 0 | $2s^22p^2(^{3}P)3p$ | ⁴ S ^o |
| 10 | 1.9235458E-18 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 2 | $2s^22p^2(^{3}P)3p$ | $^{2}D^{0}$ |
| 11 | 1.9426247E-18 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | $2s^22p^2(^{3}P)3p$ | 2 p o |
| 12 | 1 9797645E-18 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | 2 | $2s^2 2p^2(^1D)3s$ | ² D |
| 13 | 2.0598225E-18 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | $2s^22p^2(^3P)4s$ | 4 p |
| 14 | 2.0697973E-18 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | $2s^22p^2(^{3}P)4s$ | 2 p |
| 15 | 2.0097975E 10 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | $2s^22p^2(^3P)3d$ | 2p |
| 16 | 2.0703017E-18 | 28 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 3 | $2s^{2}2p^{2}(^{3}P)^{3}d$ | 4F |
| 17 | 2.0001971E 10 2.0827249E-18 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | $2s^22p^2(^{3}P)^{3}d$ | 4 P |
| 18 | 2.0828065E-18 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 3 | $2s^22p(1)3d$ $2s^22n^2(3P)3d$ | 2F |
| 10 | 2.0859128E-18 | 20 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 2 | $2s^22p(1)3d$ $2s^22n^2(3P)3d$ | 4D |
| 20 | 2.0837128E-18 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 2 | $2s^22p(1)3d$ $2s^22p^2(3P)3d$ | 2D |
| 20 | 2.0884552E-18 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 2 | $2s^22p^{(1)}3d$ $2s^22p^2(3P)4p$ | 280 |
| 21 | 2.1131233E-18 | 20 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2/2 | 2 | $2s^22p^2(3P)4p$ | 4D0 |
| 22 | 2.1219883E-18 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | $2s^22p^2(^3P)4p$ $2s^22p^2(^3P)4p$ | 4 D 0 |
| 25 | 2.1237740E-18 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | $2s^{2}2p^{2}(^{3}P)4p$ $2s^{2}2n^{2}(^{3}P)4n$ | 2D0 |
| 24 | 2.1299038E-18 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 2 | $2s^2 2p^2 (^{3}P) 4p$ | ² D ⁶ |
| 25 | 2.1343488E-18 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3/2 | 0 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)4p | ⁻³ 5° |
| 26 | 2.13//136E-18 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | $2s^2 2p^2 (^{3}P) 4p$ | ² P ⁰ |
| 27 | 2.182/900E-18 | 12 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | $2s^22p^2(^{3}P)5s$ | 4P |
| 28 | 2.186/01/E-18 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | $2s^{2}2p^{2}(^{3}P)5s$ | 2P |
| 29 | 2.1896284E-18 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | $2s^22p^2(^{3}P)4d$ | 2P |
| 30 | 2.1901014E-18 | 28 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 3 | $2s^22p^2(^{3}P)4d$ | 4F |
| 31 | 2.1916419E-18 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | $2s^22p^2(^{3}P)4d$ | 4P |
| 32 | 2.1916419E-18 | 14 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 3 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)4d | ² F |
| 33 | 2.1920256E-18 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1/2 | 3 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)4f D | 2[3]0 |
| 34 | 2.1927445E-18 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1/2 | 3 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)4f G | 2[3]0 |
| 35 | 2.1930233E-18 | 20 | 4 | 2 | I | 3/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)4d | 4D |
| 36 | 2.1930782E-18 | 18 | 4 | 4 | I | 1/2 | 4 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)4f G | 2[4]0 |
| 37 | 2.1931259E-18 | 10 | 4 | 4 | I | 1/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)4f D | 2[2]0 |
| 38 | 2.1942236E-18 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)4f D | 2[1]0 |
| 39 | 2.1942468E-18 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)4d | ² D |
| 40 | 2.1944891E-18 | 22 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1/2 | 5 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)4f G | ² [5] ⁰ |
| 41 | 2.1947443E-18 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)4f F | ² [2] ⁰ |
| 42 | 2.1949910E-18 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1/2 | 3 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)4f F | ² [3] ⁰ |
| 43 | 2.1950570E-18 | 18 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1/2 | 4 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)4f F | ${}^{2}[4]^{0}$ |
| 44 | 2.1957241E-18 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (¹ D)3p | $^{2}\mathrm{D}^{\mathrm{o}}$ |
| 45 | 2.1992586E-18 | 14 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 3 | 2s ² 2p ² (¹ D)3p | ² F ^o |
| 46 | 2.2061644E-18 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 0 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)5p | ² S ^o |
| 47 | 2.2090956E-18 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)5p | ² P ^o |
| 48 | 2.2091778E-18 | 20 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)5p | ⁴ D ^o |
| 49 | 2.2092125E-18 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)5p | ⁴ P ^o |
| 50 | 2.2149140E-18 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3/2 | 0 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)5p | ⁴ S ^o |
| 51 | 2.2225265E-18 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)5p | $^{2}D^{o}$ |
| 52 | 2.2310009E-18 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (¹ D)3p | ² Po |
| 53 | 2.2374954E-18 | 12 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)6s | ⁴ P |

 Table A.2. Listing of electronic energy level information of atomic nitrogen.

| Level j | $\varepsilon_{el,j}\left(\mathbf{J}\right)$ | g j | nj | lj | x_j | S_j | L_j | Config. | Term |
|---------|---|------------|----|----|-------|-------|-------|---|---------------------------------|
| 54 | 2.2391604E-18 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)6s | ² P |
| 55 | 2.2407743E-18 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)5d | ^{2}P |
| 56 | 2.2408504E-18 | 28 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 3 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)5d | ⁴ F |
| 57 | 2.2412458E-18 | 14 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1/2 | 3 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P ₀)5f | ² [3] ⁰ |
| 58 | 2.2414379E-18 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)5d | ⁴ P |
| 59 | 2.2418528E-18 | 14 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 3 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)5d | ² F |
| 60 | 2.2420758E-18 | 14 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1/2 | 3 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P ₁)5f | ² [3] ⁰ |
| 61 | 2.2422583E-18 | 18 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1/2 | 4 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P ₁)5f | ${}^{2}[4]^{0}$ |
| 62 | 2.2423070E-18 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P ₁)5f | ${}^{2}[2]^{0}$ |
| 63 | 2.2428934E-18 | 20 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)5d | ⁴ D |
| 64 | 2.2434580E-18 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)5d | ² D |
| 65 | 2.2436230E-18 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P ₂)5f | $2[1]^{0}$ |
| 66 | 2.2437593E-18 | 22 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1/2 | 4.5 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P ₂)5f | ² [9/2] ⁰ |
| 67 | 2.2438446E-18 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1/2 | 2 | $2s^22p^2(^3P_2)5f$ | ${}^{2}[2]^{0}$ |
| 68 | 2.2439954E-18 | 14 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1/2 | 3 | $2s^22p^2(^3P_2)5f$ | ² [3] ⁰ |
| 69 | 2.2440307E-18 | 18 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1/2 | 4 | $2s^22p^2(^3P_2)5f$ | ${}^{2}[4]^{0}$ |
| 70 | 2.2515070E-18 | 14 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 3/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)6p | ⁴ D ^o |
| 71 | 2.2522583E-18 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)6p | ⁴ P ^o |
| 72 | 2.2665626E-18 | 12 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)7s | ⁴ P |
| 73 | 2.2679643E-18 | 14 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1/2 | 3 | $2s^22p^2(^3P_0)6f$ | ² [3] ⁰ |
| 74 | 2.2680191E-18 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)6d | ^{2}P |
| 75 | 2.2680197E-18 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)7s | ^{2}P |
| 76 | 2.2682030E-18 | 28 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 3 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)6d | ⁴ F |
| 77 | 2.2686007E-18 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)6d | ⁴ P |
| 78 | 2.2688525E-18 | 14 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1/2 | 3 | $2s^22p^2(^3P_1)6f$ | ² [3] ⁰ |
| 79 | 2.2689594E-18 | 18 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1/2 | 4 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P ₁)6f | ${}^{2}[4]^{0}$ |
| 80 | 2.2689951E-18 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P ₁)6f | ${}^{2}[2]^{0}$ |
| 81 | 2.2690781E-18 | 14 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 3 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)6d | ² F |
| 82 | 2.2699818E-18 | 20 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)6d | ⁴ D |
| 83 | 2.2702472E-18 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)6d | ² D |
| 84 | 2.2704316E-18 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P ₂)6f | $2[1]^{0}$ |
| 85 | 2.2705093E-18 | 22 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1/2 | 5 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P ₂)6f | ${}^{2}[5]^{0}$ |
| 86 | 2.2705473E-18 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P ₂)6f | ${}^{2}[2]^{0}$ |
| 87 | 2.2706401E-18 | 14 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1/2 | 3 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P ₂)6f | ${}^{2}[3]^{0}$ |
| 88 | 2.2706620E-18 | 18 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1/2 | 4 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P ₂)6f | ${}^{2}[4]^{0}$ |
| 89 | 2.2753854E-18 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 3/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)7p | ⁴ D ^o |
| 90 | 2.2838695E-18 | 12 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)8s | ⁴ P |
| 91 | 2.2843827E-18 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)7d | ² P |
| 92 | 2.2846102E-18 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)8s | ² P |
| 93 | 2.2846711E-18 | 28 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 3 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)7d | ⁴ F |
| 94 | 2.2846925E-18 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)7d | ⁴ P |
| 95 | 2.2854244E-18 | 14 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 3 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)7d | ² F |
| 96 | 2.2862873E-18 | 20 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)7d | ² D |
| 97 | 2.2864728E-18 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)7d | ² D |
| 98 | 2.2939594E-18 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)9s | ² P |
| 99 | 2.2949085E-18 | 12 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)9s | ⁴ P |
| 100 | 2.2950121E-18 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)8d | ² P |
| 101 | 2.2955104E-18 | 24 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 3 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)8d | 4F |
| 102 | 2.2960411E-18 | 14 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 3 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)8d | ² F |
| 103 | 2.2966880E-18 | 12 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)8d | 4P |
| 104 | 2.2967069E-18 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)8d | ² D |
| 105 | 2.2968674E-18 | 20 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)8d | 4D |
| 106 | 2.3011420E-18 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | $2s^22p^2(^{3}P)10s$ | 2 ² 1 ² |
| 107 | 2.3020/13E-18 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)9d | 4° |
| 108 | 2.3020392E-18 | 20 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 5/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)9d | יD זר |
| 109 | 2.30232/0E-18 | 14 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 3 | 2s-2p-(3P)9a | -L |

| Level j | $\varepsilon_{el,j}$ (J) | g_{j} | n_j | lj | x_j | S_j | L_j | Config. | Term |
|---------|--------------------------|---------|-------|----|-------|-------|-------|--|----------------|
| 110 | 2.3024486E-18 | 12 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)10s | ⁴ P |
| 111 | 2.3039586E-18 | 10 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)9d | ² D |
| 112 | 2.3040740E-18 | 12 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)9d | ^{4}P |
| 113 | 2.3063971E-18 | 6 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)11s | ^{2}P |
| 114 | 2.3067336E-18 | 12 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)11s | ^{4}P |
| 115 | 2.3073584E-18 | 6 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)10d | ^{2}P |
| 116 | 2.3074386E-18 | 14 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 3 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)10d | ^{2}F |
| 117 | 2.3075347E-18 | 20 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)10d | ⁴ D |
| 118 | 2.3090407E-18 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)10d | ² D |
| 119 | 2.3094253E-18 | 12 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)10d | ⁴ P |
| 120 | 2.3098102E-18 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | 0 | 2s ² 2p ² (¹ S)3s | ^{2}S |
| 121 | 2.3103385E-18 | 6 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)12s | ^{2}P |
| 122 | 2.3104667E-18 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)12s | ⁴ P |
| 123 | 2.3112517E-18 | 6 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)11d | ^{2}P |
| 124 | 2.3114120E-18 | 14 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 3 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)11d | ² F |
| 125 | 2.3115722E-18 | 20 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)11d | ⁴ D |
| 126 | 2.3129340E-18 | 10 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)11d | ^{2}D |
| 127 | 2.3130302E-18 | 12 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)11d | ⁴ P |
| 128 | 2.3135589E-18 | 6 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)13s | ^{2}P |
| 129 | 2.3142478E-18 | 6 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)12d | ^{2}P |
| 130 | 2.3158179E-18 | 12 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 3/2 | 1 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)12d | ⁴ P |
| 131 | 2.3166991E-18 | 10 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 1/2 | 2 | 2s ² 2p ² (³ P)12d | ^{2}D |
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