PHOTODISSOCIATION SPECTRUM OF Au₂⁺N₂

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The binding motif of nitrogen on transition metals is an interesting issue. Here we present the electronic spectrum of the $\tilde{A}^2\Sigma^+ \rightarrow \tilde{X}^2\Sigma^+$ transition of $\operatorname{Au}_2^+\operatorname{N}_2$, which was measured via photodissociation spectroscopy. The spectrum contains a long progression, caused by symmetric and asymmetric strech vibrations. We extract harmonic frequencies, anharmonicities and cross-anharmonicities of the excited state via a Dunham expansion and harmonic frequencies of the ground state via Franck-Condon simulations. In comparison to density functional theory calculations, the observed frequencies agree well with the theory. We also discuss the binding motif of $\operatorname{Au}_2^+\operatorname{N}_2$ in the ground and excited state.

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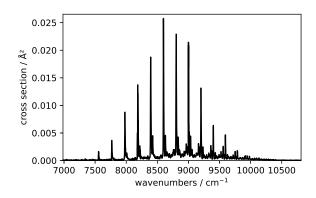


Figure 1: Electronic spectrum of $Au_2^+N_2$.