Model

A vibrationally-resolved master equation using only QCT-computed rates is utilized for TC1A.1 and TC1A.2. Trans-rotational equilibrium is assumed. O_3 transitions were computed on the nine PESs of Varga et al., 1 O_4 transitions were computed on the triplet PES of Paukku et al., 2 N_3 transitions were taken from the NASA Ames database, 3,4 and N_4 transitions were computed on the PES of Paukku et al. 5 Double dissociation events and vibration-vibration energy transfer are neglected.

For computational efficiency, diatom-diatom transitions were calculated assuming all collisions occur with a molecule in the ground vibrational state. This assumption is based on the idea that a molecule in the ground state is the most probable collision partner and that the projectile molecule's internal energy is not as influential in determining the outcome of a collision event as the target molecule's internal energy. Since projectile molecule vibrational states do not change (vibration-vibration energy exchange is not considered, and only the ground vibrational level is used as the projectile's initial state), final rate coefficients for all transitions are of the form $K_{v\to v'}$, where v and v' are the initial and final vibrational state respectively.

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