

# Radiative charge transfer and association in slow $\text{Li}^- + \text{H}$ collisions

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## ABSTRACT

**Aims.** The radiative charge transfer and association processes in  $\text{Li}^- + \text{H}$  collisions are studied in the  $10^{-10}$ – $10$  eV center-of-mass energy range.

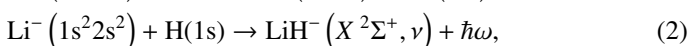
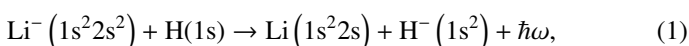
**Methods.** we carried out total and  $\nu$ -resolved state-selective cross sections have been carried out by using the fully quantum, optical potential, and semiclassical methods.

**Results.** In the energy region below  $\sim 0.8$  eV, the radiative association process is the dominant decay channel, while radiative charge transfer dominates at higher energies. Rich resonance structures are observed in the cross sections of both processes in the  $0.1$ – $1.5$  eV energy range; These structures are associated with the quasi-bound states below the top of the centrifugal barrier of the effective potential in the entrance channel for specific vibrational and angular momentum states. It is found that with the increase of collision energy, the resonances occur for higher angular momentum states and lower vibrational states. Besides the cross sections for the studied processes we also present their reaction rate coefficients in the  $10^{-6}$ – $10^6$  K temperature range.

**Key words.** early Universe – atomic data

## 1. Introduction

The collision processes of light elements H (D), He, and Li play a dominant role in the chemistry of the early universe and in the formation of first cosmological objects (Lepp et al. 2002). Lithium abundances in stellar atmospheres are the key observational parameters, providing information about the stellar evolution (Lambert 1993; Carlsson & Shchukina 1994). The abundances of Li,  $\text{Li}^+$  and  $\text{Li}^-$  in the early universe are on the order of  $10^{-10}$ ,  $10^{-11}$  and  $10^{-18}$ , respectively (Palla et al. 1995; Stancil et al. 1996). The lithium chemistry in the recombination era of the universe was analyzed in detail in Stancil et al. (1996, 1998), and Galli & Palla (1998). Despite its small abundance, the  $\text{Li}^-$  ion can still play a significant role in the overall chemistry of the early universe due to the highly diffuse nature of its weakly bound electron, which has a binding energy of 0.6180492 eV (Gunnar et al. 1996). Recently, the non-radiative charge transfer process  $\text{Li}^- + \text{H} \rightarrow \text{Li} + \text{H}^-$  has been studied by the quantum-mechanical molecular orbital close coupling (QMOCC) method and it was found that in the temperature range  $10^3$ – $10^6$  K its rate coefficient increases from  $\sim 10^{-12}$   $\text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$  to  $10^{-7}$   $\text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$ . In the present article we study, via a fully quantum mechanical approach, the radiative charge transfer (RCT) and radiative association (RA) processes in the  $\text{Li}^- + \text{H}$  collision system



where  $\nu$  denotes the vibrational state of  $\text{LiH}^-$  in its ground electronic state.

To the best of our knowledge these processes have not been studied before. The article is organized as follows. In Sect. 2 we briefly outline the theoretical methods used for the description of processes (1) and (2). In Sect. 3 we present and discuss the results of our electronic structure and scattering calculations. Finally, a brief summary is given in Sect. 4. Atomic units are used in remainder of this article, unless explicitly indicated otherwise.

## 2. Theoretical methods

### 2.1. The fully quantum mechanical method

The fully quantum mechanical method for calculation of RCT is described in detail in Stancil & Zygelman (1996) and Zygelman & Dalgarno (1988) and for the radiative association in Zygelman & Dalgarno (1990), Zygelman et al. (1998), and da Silva Jr et al. (2015). Here we give only a brief outline. After decomposing the continuum wave functions of the system in its initial ( $A$ ) and final ( $X$ ) state of reaction (1) into partial waves with angular momenta  $J$  and  $J'$ , respectively, the RCT cross section can be derived in the form

$$\sigma^{\text{RCT}} = \frac{8}{3} \left( \frac{\pi}{k_A} \right)^2 \int_0^{\omega_{\text{max}}} \frac{\omega^3}{c^3} \sum_J [J M_{J,J-1}^2(k_A, k_X) + (J+1) M_{J,J+1}^2(k_A, k_X)] d\omega. \quad (3)$$

Where the selection rule  $J' = J \pm 1$  has been taken into account,  $c$  is speed of light,  $\omega$  is the angular frequency of the emitted photon limited to  $\omega_{\text{max}}$  by the maximum energy in the exit channel,  $k_A$  and  $k_X$  are the initial and final momenta, respectively,  $M_{JJ'}$  is

the transition matrix coupling the initial and final molecular reaction states,

$$M_{JJ'}(k_X, k_A) = \int_0^\infty dR f_{J'}^X(k_X R) D(R) f_J^A(k_A R) \quad (4)$$

where  $D(R)$  is the dipole moment and  $k_A$  and  $k_X$  are given by

$$k_A = (2\mu(E - V_A(\infty)))^{1/2}, \quad k_X = (2\mu(E - V_X(\infty) - \hbar\omega))^{1/2}, \quad (5)$$

where  $E$  is the center-of-mass collision energy,  $V_A$  and  $V_X$  are the adiabatic potential energies of the initial and final molecular state, respectively,  $\mu$  is the reduced mass of colliding system and  $R$  is the internuclear distance. The partial wave functions  $f_l^i(k_i R)$  ( $i = A, X$ ;  $l = J, J'$ ) satisfy the homogeneous radial equation

$$\left( \frac{d^2}{dR^2} - \frac{l(l+1)}{R^2} - 2\mu[V_i(R) - V_i(\infty) - k_i^2] \right) f_l^i(k_i R) = 0 \quad (6)$$

with the asymptotic ( $k_i R \rightarrow \infty$ ) condition

$$f_l^i(k_i R) = \left( \frac{2\mu}{\pi k_i} \right)^{1/2} \sin \left( k_i R - \frac{l\pi}{2} + \delta_l^i \right) \quad (7)$$

where  $\delta_l^i$  is the phase shift. The radiative association cross section is given by (da Silva Jr et al. 2015)

$$\sigma^{\text{RA}} = \frac{8\pi^2}{c^3} \frac{1}{k^2} \sum_J \sum_{\nu} \left( \omega_{EJ,\nu(J-1)}^3 J M_{EJ,\nu(J-1)}^2 + \omega_{EJ,\nu(J+1)}^3 (J+1) M_{EJ,\nu(J+1)}^2 \right) \quad (8)$$

where  $k$  ( $=k_A$ ) and  $J$  are the wave number and the total angular momentum of the initial continuum state  $A$  with energy  $E$ ,  $\nu$  and  $J'$  ( $J' = J \pm 1$ ) are the vibrational and rotational quantum numbers of the final bound electronic state  $X$ , respectively. The transition dipole moment  $M_{J',J}$  is given again by Eq. (4) in which now the wave function  $f_{J'}^X$  describes a bound rovibrational state ( $\nu, J'$ ) in the potential well of ground electronic state  $X^2\Sigma^+$  of the  $\text{LiH}^-$  molecular ion with binding energy  $E_{\nu,J'}$  and is normalized to unity. The energy of emitted photon is  $\hbar\omega = E + \Delta E - E_{\nu,J'}$  where  $\Delta E$  is the energy difference between the  $V_A(R)$  and  $V_X(R)$  adiabatic potential energies. The partial wave function in the entrance channel  $f_J^A$  satisfies Eq. (6) with the normalization form (7).

## 2.2. Optical-potential and semiclassical methods for radiative decay

The optical potential approach (Stancil & Zygelman 1996; Zygelman & Dalgarno 1988) is used to calculate the total collision induced radiative decay cross section, that is the sum of RCT and radiative association cross sections. In this approach the transition (decay) probability is represented by the imaginary part of a complex optical potential. The  $J$ th partial scattering wave function  $f_J^A(R)$  in the entrance channel ( $A$ ) is obtained by solving the Schrödinger equation

$$\left[ -\frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{d^2}{dR^2} + \frac{J(J+1)}{2\mu R^2} + V_A(\vec{R}) - E \right] F_J^A(\vec{R}) = \frac{i}{2} A(R) F_J^A(\vec{R}) \quad (9)$$

where  $E$  is the collision energy and  $A(R)$  is the total collision induced radiative decay probability given by (Stancil & Zygelman 1996; Zygelman & Dalgarno 1988)

$$A(R) = \frac{4}{3} D^2(R) \frac{|\Delta E(R)|^3}{c^3}, \quad (10)$$

$$\Delta E(R) = V_A(R) - V_X(R), \quad (11)$$

where  $V_A(R)$ ,  $V_X(R)$ , and  $D(R)$  have the same meanings as before. The collision induced radiative decay cross section is given as (West et al. 1982; Cohen & Bardsley 1978; Zhao et al. 2004)

$$\sigma(E) = \frac{\pi}{k_A^2} \sum_J (2J+1) [1 - \exp(-4\eta_J)], \quad (12)$$

where  $\eta_J$  is the imaginary part of the phase shift for the  $J$ th partial wave of the radial Schrödinger equation which in the distorted-wave approximation is given by (Stancil & Zygelman 1996; Cohen & Bardsley 1978)

$$\eta_J = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^\infty dR |F_J^A(k_A R)|^2 A(R), \quad (13)$$

and

$$k_A = \sqrt{2\mu[E - V_A(\infty)]}. \quad (14)$$

For high collision energies the number of angular momenta contributing to the sum (11) becomes very large and, using the classical relation between the angular momentum and the impact parameter, the summation over  $J$  in Eq. (11) can be replaced by integration over the impact parameter. Using further the Jeffreys-Wentzel-Kramers-Brillouin (JWKB) approximation for the phase shifts, one obtains the semiclassical expression for the radiative decay cross section (Chen 1967; Mizuno & Chen 1971)

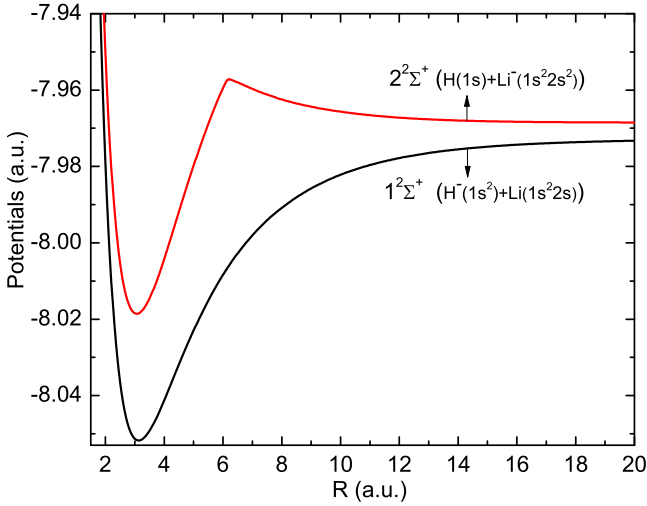
$$\sigma(E) = 2\pi \left( \frac{2\mu}{E} \right)^{1/2} \int b db \int_{R_a^{\text{ctp}}}^\infty dR \frac{A(R)}{(1 - V_A(R)/E - b^2/R^2)^{1/2}}, \quad (15)$$

where  $b$  is the impact parameter and  $R_a^{\text{ctp}}$  is the classical turning point in the incoming channel. This formula has been used to calculate many cross sections of the radiative processes (Dalgarno et al. 1990; Andreazza et al. 1995; Bates 1951). For large energies ( $E \geq V_A$ ), the integral is nearly energy independent and  $\sigma(E)$  varies as  $E^{-1/2}$ .

## 3. Results and discussions

### 3.1. Molecular structure calculations

In our previous work (Wu et al. 2016), the potential energy curves used in the scattering calculations have been calculated with the multireference single and double excitation configuration interaction (MRD-CI) method (Buenker & Phillips 1985; Stefan & Buenker 1995). In Fig. 1, the potential energy curves  $V_X(R)$  and  $V_A(R)$  of  $1^2\Sigma^+$  and  $2^2\Sigma^+$  molecular states, corresponding to the exit and entrance channels of reactions (1) and (2), respectively, are plotted for the range of internuclear distances  $R = 0.2$ –20 au. It can be observed that at small internuclear distances these potentials exhibit rather deep potential wells with depths of about 2.156 eV and 1.670 eV and the equilibrium positions of 3.15 au and 3.05 au, respectively. The maximum height of the potential at  $R \approx 6$  au is about 0.4178 eV above



**Fig. 1.** Adiabatic potential energy curves for  $\text{HLi}^-$  as a function of internuclear distance  $R$ .

the dissociation limit. The long range multipole interaction between colliding particles plays an important role in the collision processes for very low collision energies. Beyond  $R = 50$  au, the potentials of the  $1^2\Sigma^+$  and  $2^2\Sigma^+$  states are described by the long-range interaction

$$V(L)(R) = -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{C_4}{R^4} + \frac{C_6}{R^6} + \frac{C_8}{R^8} \right] + E_\infty \quad (16)$$

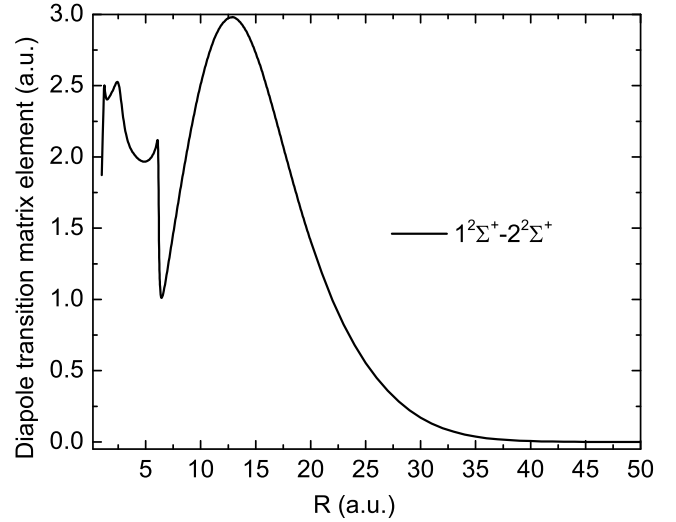
where  $C_4$ ,  $C_6$  and  $C_8$  are the dipole, quadrupole, and octupole polarizabilities of  $\text{Li}^-(1s^2 2s^2)$  and  $\text{H}(1s)$  (Puchalski et al. 2011), respectively, and  $E_\infty$  is the separated atom energy. The sharp change of the  $R$  behavior of the potential energy curve of the  $2^2\Sigma^+$  state at  $R \sim 6$  au is because it has avoided crossing, at this internuclear distance, the potential energy curve of the  $3^2\Sigma^+$  state that asymptotically correlates with the  $\text{H}(1s) + \text{Li}^-(1s^2 2s 2p_0 3P^0)$  configuration (Wu et al. 2016). The existence of this barrier in the potential of the entrance channel has significant effects on the cross sections of considered collision processes.

The dipole transition matrix element  $D(R)$  between  $1^2\Sigma^+$  and  $2^2\Sigma^+$  molecular states of  $\text{HLi}^-$  as a function of internuclear distance  $R$  is plotted in Fig. 2. It exhibits a broad peak at internuclear distances around  $R \sim 12.5$  au beyond which it rapidly decreases. The contribution of the dipole transition moment from the short  $R$  region ( $R < 7$  au) to the final cross sections is expected to be very small.

The binding energies of vibrational levels in the potential well of the ground electronic state  $2^2\Sigma^+$  of  $\text{HLi}^-$ , obtained by solving the corresponding Schrödinger equation, are given in Table 1. The potential well of this state accommodates 41 vibrational levels.

### 3.2. Cross-section results

Using the expressions for the cross sections of RCT, radiative association (RA) and radiative decay processes given in Sect. 2 and the molecular structure results of the preceding subsection, we performed the cross-sections calculations and the results are presented in Fig. 3. The fully quantal calculations were performed in the energy range  $10^{-10}$ – $10$  eV, while the semiclassical and optical potential calculations were performed in the  $10^{-4}$ – $10$  eV energy range. In Fig. 3 the cross section for the nonradiative

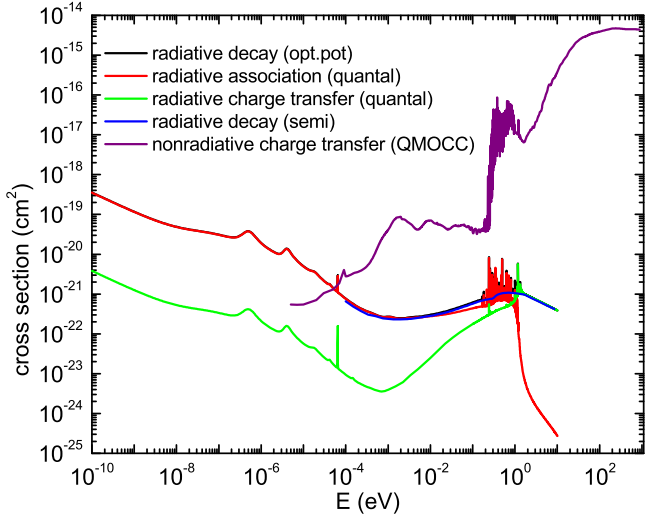


**Fig. 2.** Dipole transition matrix element between the  $1^2\Sigma^+$  and  $2^2\Sigma^+$  states of  $\text{HLi}^-$ .

**Table 1.** Binding energies of vibrational levels in the potential well of the  $2^2\Sigma^+$  state of  $\text{HLi}^-$ .

$\nu$	$-E$ (au)	$\nu$	$-E$ (au)
0	0.07653	21	0.01077
1	0.07132	22	0.00941
2	0.06635	23	0.00817
3	0.06162	24	0.00704
4	0.05713	25	0.00602
5	0.05287	26	0.00509
6	0.04884	27	0.00426
7	0.04503	28	0.00352
8	0.04143	29	0.00287
9	0.03804	30	0.00230
10	0.03484	31	0.00181
11	0.03183	32	0.00139
12	0.02901	33	0.00105
13	0.02637	34	7.65E-04
14	0.02389	35	5.36E-04
15	0.02158	36	3.55E-04
16	0.01943	37	2.16E-04
17	0.01743	38	1.16E-04
18	0.01557	39	5.30E-05
19	0.01384	40	1.59E-05
20	0.01224		

charge transfer (NRCT) from (Wu et al. 2016) is also shown for comparison. The figure shows that in the energy region below  $\sim 1$  eV the RA cross section is larger than the RCT cross section (by two orders of magnitude for  $E < 10^{-3}$  eV), while for higher energies the opposite is true. The RA cross section becomes larger than the NRCT cross section for energies below  $\sim 10^{-4}$  eV. In the overlapping energy range the optical potential and semiclassical decay cross sections coincide with the sum of the fully quantal RA and RCT cross sections, except for the absence of any resonant structure in the semiclassical cross section in the 0.2–2 eV energy range. The most remarkable features of quantum mechanical RA and RCT cross sections in Fig. 3 are the sharp resonances in the energy range 0.2–2 eV and the few broad resonances in the energy region below  $\sim 10^{-5}$  eV. Similar resonant structures are also present in the quantal NRCT cross section and were discussed in detail in Wu et al. (2016). The origin of these resonances in the cross sections is the formation



**Fig. 3.** Total cross sections for radiative decay, radiative association, radiative charge transfer and nonradiative charge transfer in  $\text{Li}^- + \text{H}$  collisions.

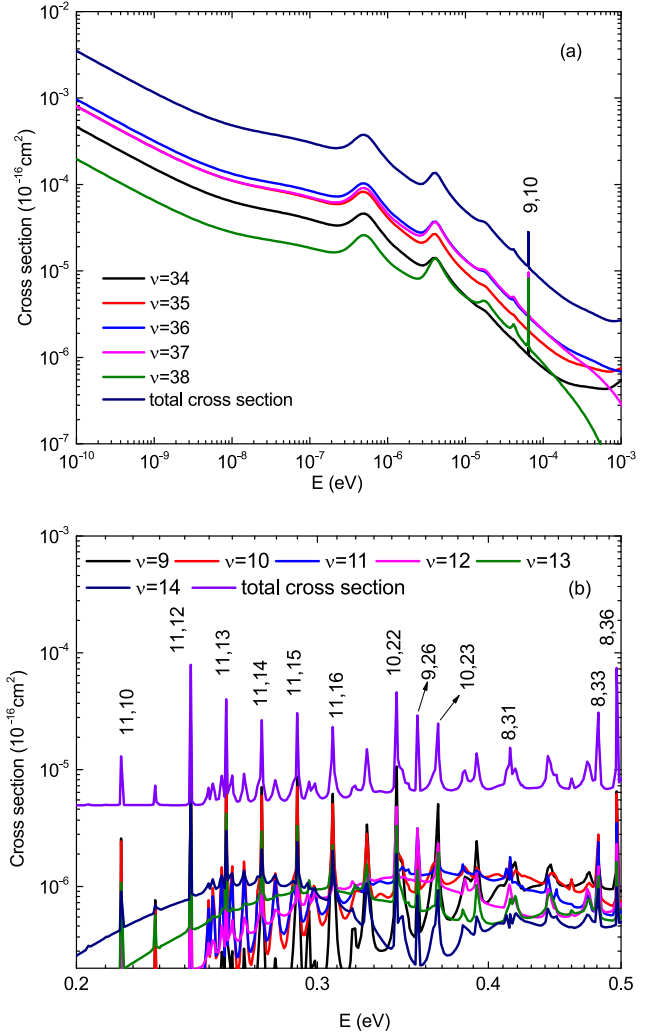
of quasi-bound states of the colliding system in the effective potential of the initial molecular state  $A^2\Sigma^+$ ,

$$V_{\text{eff}}^A(R) = V_A(R) + J'(J' + 1)/2\mu R^2 \quad (17)$$

in which the colliding system temporarily resides (thus increasing the radiative decay probability).

The sharp cross-section peaks correspond to shape resonances formed below the top of the barrier of effective potential, while the broad resonances in the region below  $10^{-5}$  eV are caused by the nonmonotonic behavior of the long-range potential (17) containing three contributions. The width of the resonant peak in the cross section is inversely proportional to the lifetime of the quasi-bound state. With increasing  $J$  the repulsive part of the potential  $V_{\text{eff}}^A(J', R)$  becomes increasingly more dominant and at certain  $J'_m$  the effective potential attains an inflection point (at some  $R = R_m$ ) and cannot support any bound state with the further increase of  $J'$  or  $E$ . For energies above  $V_{\text{eff}}^A(J'_m, R_m) = E_m$ , the shape resonances in the cross section disappear. It should be noted that resonances have a quantum mechanical origin and cannot be described by the semiclassical radiative decay method.

In Figs. 4 and 5 we show vibrationally resolved cross sections for the radiative association to vibrational levels of the ground state  $X^2\Sigma^+$  with  $\nu = 34\text{--}38$  (panel a),  $\nu = 9\text{--}14$  (panel b),  $\nu = 1\text{--}15$  (panel a) and  $\nu = 0\text{--}11$  (panel b) in the energy ranges  $10^{-10}\text{--}10^{-3}$ ,  $0.2\text{--}0.5$ ,  $0.5\text{--}1.0$  and  $1.0\text{--}1.5$  eV, respectively. The total RA cross section in these energy ranges is also shown. The resonant peaks are labeled by the quantum numbers ( $\nu, J$ ) of the rovibrational state in the effective potential of  $A^2\Sigma^+$  state. It is observed that by increasing the collision energy, the partial waves with high angular momentum dominantly contribute to the radiative association that populates the lower vibrational states of  $\text{HLi}^-$ . In Fig. 4a, the broad resonances below  $E = 10^{-5}$  eV are not related to quasi-bound states in the main effective potential well of the upper state  $A^2\Sigma^+$ , but rather to the very shallow potential wells at large internuclear distances formed as result of superposition of the three terms of the multipole long-range potential (17), and their  $J$  values are very small. Figure 5 illustrates the rapid decrease of the cross section and the disappearance of its resonant structure for sufficiently high  $J$  values, indicating the reduction of quasi-bound states in the potential well of the effective potential of initial state. In Fig. 6 we



**Fig. 4.** Total and  $\nu$ -resolved radiative association cross sections in the  $\text{Li}^- + \text{H}$  collisions.

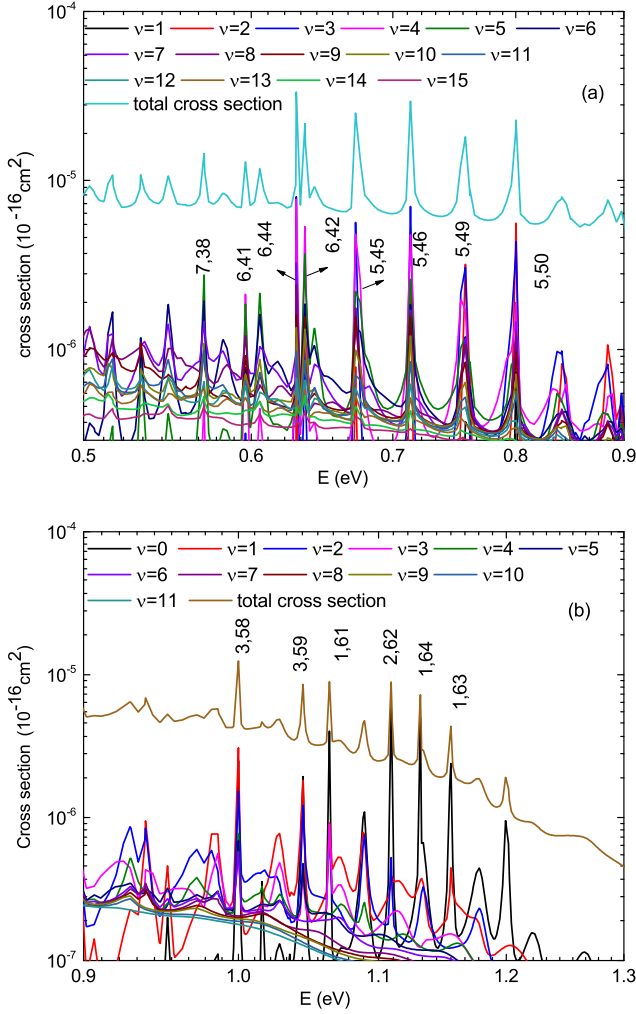
show the RCT cross section in the resonant region  $0.7\text{--}1.8$  eV. The strongest resonances appear in the energy range  $1.0\text{--}1.5$  eV and involve high angular momenta ( $J = 50\text{--}73$ ).

In order to determine the resonance peaks exactly, the complex absorbing potential combined with the MRDCI method (Riss & Meyer 1993; Peng et al., in prep.) was used to compute the resonance positions  $E_r$  and widths  $\Gamma$  and the results obtained are shown in Table 2. The dissociation limit of the upper A state is used as the zero of the real energy part  $E_r$ . It can be observed that the collision energies equal to the real-energy portion of the complex energy of that resonance state and the lifetime of these resonance states are on the order of  $10^{-11}\text{--}10^{-14}$  s, except the resonance state of ( $\nu = 9, J = 10$ ), for which the lifetime is about  $1.92 \times 10^{-8}$  s.

### 3.3. Reaction rate coefficients

We calculated the reaction rate coefficients for the radiative and nonradiative processes by averaging the cross sections shown in Fig. 3 over the Maxwellian velocity distribution; these reaction rate coefficients are plotted as a function of temperature  $T$  in Fig. 7. With increasing the temperature, the rate coefficients for radiative processes increase and attain their maxima in the regions around  $4 \times 10^3$  K for RA and  $3 \times 10^4$  K for RCT with



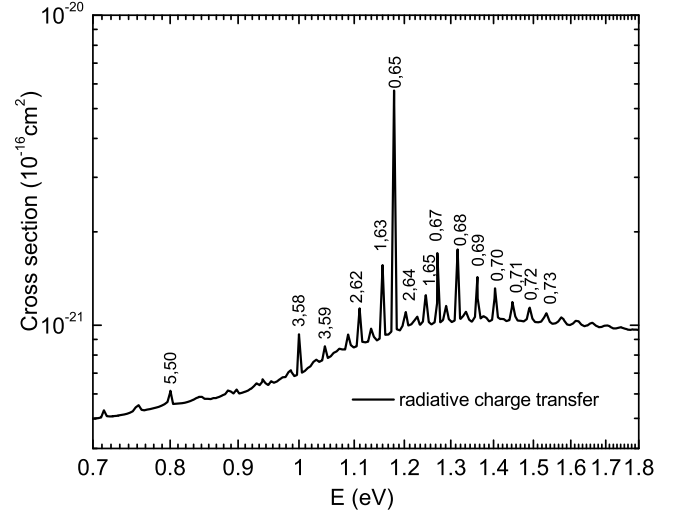


**Fig. 5.** Total and  $\nu$ -resolved radiative association cross sections in the  $\text{Li}^- + \text{H}$  collisions.

maximum values of  $\sim 8 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $\sim 2 \times 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ , respectively. The figure shows that for  $T < 4 \times 10^3 \text{ K}$  the RA rate coefficient is larger than that for the RCT process (by two orders of magnitude for  $T < 10 \text{ K}$ ), while for higher temperatures the opposite is true. The maximum value of the rate coefficient for the nonradiative charge transfer occurs at  $3 \times 10^6 \text{ K}$  and amounts to  $\sim 9 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . The NRCT rate coefficient, however, decreases much more rapidly with the temperature decrease than the rate coefficients for the RA and RCT processes, and below  $\sim 0.3 \text{ K}$  the RA rate coefficient becomes larger than that for the NRCT process. In the temperature region below  $\sim 0.3 \text{ K}$  the radiative association is the dominant process in  $\text{Li}^- + \text{H}$  collisions.

#### 4. Conclusions

The fully quantum, optical potential, and semiclassical methods are employed to calculate the radiative association, RCT, and radiative decay cross sections in  $\text{Li}^- + \text{H}$  collisions in the  $10^{-10}$ – $10 \text{ eV}$  energy range. In the energy region below  $\sim 0.8 \text{ eV}$  the radiative association is the dominant radiative process, while above this energy the RCT dominates. A prominent feature of considered radiative processes is the appearance of resonant structures in the energy region below  $\sim 2 \text{ eV}$ . In the energy range  $0.2$ – $2 \text{ eV}$  the narrow resonances are associated with the formation of quasi-bound states in the effective potential of the

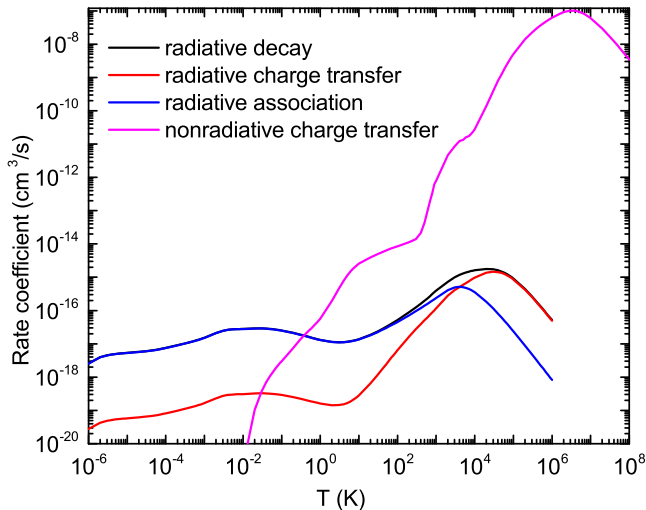


**Fig. 6.** Radiative charge transfer cross section in the resonant energy region.

**Table 2.** Energies, widths, and lifetimes of resonant states in the  $A^2\Sigma^+$  potential.

$J$	$\nu$	$E_r(\text{eV})$	$\Gamma(\text{eV})$	Lifetime (s)
10	9	1.426E-04	3.42973E-8	1.92002E-08
10	11	0.215974	7.46711E-6	8.81889E-11
12	11	0.242840	2.96528E-5	2.22075E-11
13	11	0.257836	1.23360E-4	5.33817E-12
14	11	0.273765	2.36942E-4	2.77923E-12
15	11	0.289724	3.57808E-4	1.84042E-12
16	11	0.306990	9.88185E-4	6.66389E-13
22	10	0.343127	7.15878E-4	9.19872E-13
23	10	0.366079	1.46171E-2	4.50510E-14
26	9	0.355200	4.60762E-5	1.42919E-11
31	8	0.415077	8.83127E-5	7.45664E-12
33	8	0.481674	7.29159E-4	9.03116E-13
36	8	0.496587	1.13640E-4	5.79477E-12
38	7	0.569852	1.25901E-3	5.23041E-13
41	6	0.597097	3.78739E-4	1.73871E-12
42	6	0.636360	1.07068E-3	6.15047E-13
44	6	0.630636	1.21580E-4	5.41633E-12
45	5	0.672289	3.29310E-4	1.99969E-12
46	5	0.713676	1.00891E-3	6.52703E-13
49	5	0.757610	3.75923E-4	1.75173E-12
50	5	0.800777	1.01063E-3	6.51589E-13
58	3	1.000021	9.51776E-4	6.91881E-13
59	3	1.045091	2.12095E-3	3.10482E-13
61	1	1.063967	3.35127E-4	1.96497E-12
62	2	1.110148	7.58684E-4	8.67971E-13
63	1	1.155763	1.62757E-3	4.04602E-13
64	2	1.200850	3.25647E-3	2.02218E-13
64	1	1.132170	1.61842E-4	4.06889E-12
65	0	1.179199	2.21062E-4	2.97888E-12
65	1	1.245524	5.77249E-3	1.14078E-13
67	0	1.271364	8.34974E-4	7.88667E-13
68	0	1.316452	1.67473E-3	3.93206E-13
69	0	1.360900	2.99325E-3	2.20000E-13
70	0	1.404782	4.97547E-3	1.32353E-13
71	0	1.448200	7.72088E-3	8.52903E-14
72	0	1.491269	1.11875E-2	5.88617E-14
73	0	1.534063	1.53891E-2	4.27911E-14

entrance channel of RCT and RA reactions (shape resonances). The broad resonances in the energy region below  $\sim 10^{-5} \text{ eV}$  are



**Fig. 7.** Rate coefficients as a function of temperature for the radiative decay, radiative association, radiative charge transfer and nonradiative charge transfer processes in  $\text{Li}^- + \text{H}$  collisions.

associated with the nonmonotonic character of the long-range part of the potential of initial molecular state.

The vibrationally resolved RA cross sections were also calculated. It is observed that with increasing the collision energy the partial waves with high angular momentum contribute dominantly to the radiative association, which populates the lower vibrational states of  $\text{LiH}^- (X^2\Sigma^+)$ . For a given vibrational level  $\nu$ , the resonances disappear for energies higher than certain  $E_m(\nu) = V_{\text{eff}}^A(J_m, R)$  value, indicating that the effective potential of the entrance channel has reached its inflection point  $R = R_m$ .

The total rate coefficients for the RCT and RA reactions were also calculated. It is shown that RA rate coefficient is

larger than that for the nonradiative RCT for temperatures below 0.3 K, where the RA becomes the dominant process in  $\text{Li}^- + \text{H}$  collisions.

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