

State-to-state cross-sections for $\text{N}_2^+(X, \nu' = 1, 2) + \text{Ar}$ and $\text{Ar}^+(\text{}^2\text{P}_{j,mj}) + \text{N}_2(X, \nu = 0)$ at low energies

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Abstract

State-to-state cross-sections have been calculated for various channels of the $\text{N}_2^+(X, \nu' = 1, 2) + \text{Ar}$ and $\text{Ar}^+(\text{}^2\text{P}_{j,mj}) + \text{N}_2(X, \nu = 0)$ reactions, in the collision energy range from 0.010 to 5 eV, by using the Landau–Zener–Stückelberg formalism and new potential energy surfaces recently evaluated [J. Chem. Phys. 115 (2001) 8888]. Calculations are in good agreement with available experimental results and confirm the strong state-selective chemistry occurring in the ArN_2^+ system. (Int J Mass Spectrom 223–224 (2003) 499–506)

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1. Introduction

A central issue in reaction dynamics is the understanding of the relative efficiency of different forms of energy in promoting elementary reactions. In particular, the role of vibrational excitation has been the subject of a large number of investigations. The final goal of all these studies concerns the possibility to control the outcome of chemical reactions [1]. To this purpose a possible approach is based on the selective preparation of reactant states. A nice example of state-selective chemistry is given by the charge-transfer reaction $\text{N}_2^+(X, \nu') + \text{Ar} \rightarrow \text{Ar}^+(\text{}^2\text{P}_{j,mj}) + \text{N}_2(X, \nu)$ and its reverse.

Lindinger et al. [2], and Smith and Adams [3], obtained the first experimental evidence of vibrational

effects on these reactions. They observed a dramatic increase of the rate coefficient when N_2^+ was vibrationally excited. These results have been confirmed by flow-tube technique coupled with laser-induced fluorescence detection [4], and by state-selected cross-sections measurements [5–9]. The reaction $\text{N}_2^+(X, \nu' = 0) + \text{Ar}$ producing $\text{Ar}^+(\text{}^2\text{P}_{3/2}) + \text{N}_2(X, \nu = 0)$ is slightly endoergic (0.179 eV). However, even when the collision energy is set well over the threshold, the cross-section of $\text{N}_2^+(X, \nu' = 0)$ is between one and three order of magnitude smaller than that of vibrationally excited N_2^+ . Thus, the vibrational energy of N_2^+ is much more efficient than the collision energy in promoting the charge-transfer reaction. This occurs in spite of the fact that the $\text{N}_2(X, \nu = 0) \rightarrow \text{N}_2^+(X, \nu' = 0)$ transition has the largest Franck–Condon (FC) factor. Interestingly, the Ar^+ product ions are predominantly formed in the $\text{}^2\text{P}_{3/2}$ state [7].

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The state-selectivity of this charge-transfer process has promoted several theoretical investigations [5,6,10–15], which have shed much light on the reaction mechanisms. Unfortunately, the majority of these studies consider collision energies higher than a few electron volts, and none investigates the energy range below 1 eV. A considerable uncertainty exists about the energy dependence of the cross-section at low energies. The only previous theoretical study [15] carried out at low energies showed that the cross-section for the charge transfer between $N_2^+(X, v' = 1)$ and Ar rises in the energy range between 1 and 4 eV. This behavior contrasts with the experimental energy dependence, which indicates that in the low-energy range the cross-section decreases with the increase of collision energy. It is worth noting that below 1 eV the only available experimental data are rate coefficients [2,3] and, therefore, we have only an indirect estimate of the cross-sections.

Recently, we presented a new evaluation of the low lying interaction potential energy surfaces (PES) for the ArN_2^+ system, together with theoretical results for the cross-section of the reverse state-to-state reaction $Ar^+(^2P_{j,mj}) + N_2(X, v = 0) \rightarrow Ar + N_2^+(X, v')$ [16]. In the present paper, we employ the same PES for calculations of the state-to-state cross-sections for the $N_2^+(X, v' = 1, 2) + Ar \rightarrow Ar^+(^2P_{j,mj}) + N_2(X, v = 0, 1)$ reaction in the energy range from thermal up to 5 eV. To complete our investigation, we show additional results for the $Ar^+(^2P_{j,mj}) + N_2(X, v) \rightarrow Ar + N_2^+(X, v')$ reverse processes that extend those discussed in Ref. [16].

2. PES

The low lying potential energy surfaces for the ArN_2^+ system have been calculated and discussed in detail in Ref. [16], and, therefore, only a summary of the methodology and some results will be presented here.

The geometry of the ArN_2^+ complex is described in terms of the R , r , and θ Jacobi coordinates, where R is the distance between the atom and the center of mass

of the molecule, r is the bond length of the molecule, and θ is the angle between the R and r vectors. The r dependence of the intermolecular interaction has not been explicitly included, as also suggested by the similarity of the equilibrium distance in N_2 and N_2^+ .

The H potential energy matrix is built by considering the interaction in the five following states and their respective couplings:

- (I) $Ar^+(^2P_{3/2,1/2}) + N_2(X^1\Sigma_g^+)$
- (II) $Ar^+(^2P_{3/2,3/2}) + N_2(X^1\Sigma_g^+)$
- (III) $Ar^+(^2P_{1/2,1/2}) + N_2(X^1\Sigma_g^+)$
- (IV) $N_2^+(X^2\Sigma_g^+, 1/2) + Ar$
- (V) $N_2^+(A^2\Pi_u^+, 1/2) + Ar$

The 5×5 interaction matrix has been diagonalized for each nuclear configuration to obtain the $E_i(R, \theta)$ adiabatic potentials. The latter correlate at infinite intermolecular distance and in order of increasing energy, to the (IV), (I)–(III), (V) states. The intermolecular interaction is given as an expansion in a series of bipolar spherical harmonics, representing the angular dependence, and radial coefficients describing the intermolecular distance dependence. Such coefficients involve specific contributions of different components of the interaction, namely dispersion, induction, electrostatic, and repulsion. The radial coefficients have been obtained by empirical correlation formulas [17,18], and their knowledge allows us to directly evaluate the specific role of each component in the collision dynamics. Strength and radial dependence of the couplings between channels (I)–(V), defined in terms of charge-transfer integrals J_σ and J_π that describe respectively the overlap of the p_z atomic orbital of Ar with the σ_g and π_u molecular orbitals of N_2 , have been again calculated by empirical correlation formulas [19]. Vibronic states of ArN_2^+ can be represented as

$$E_i^v(R, \theta) = E_i(R, \theta) + E_v$$

where E_v are the solutions for the vibrational contribute alone. This representation follows from the Bauer et al.'s model [20], whose applicability here is corroborated by the similarity of the N_2 and N_2^+ vibrational energy quanta. Nonadiabatic couplings

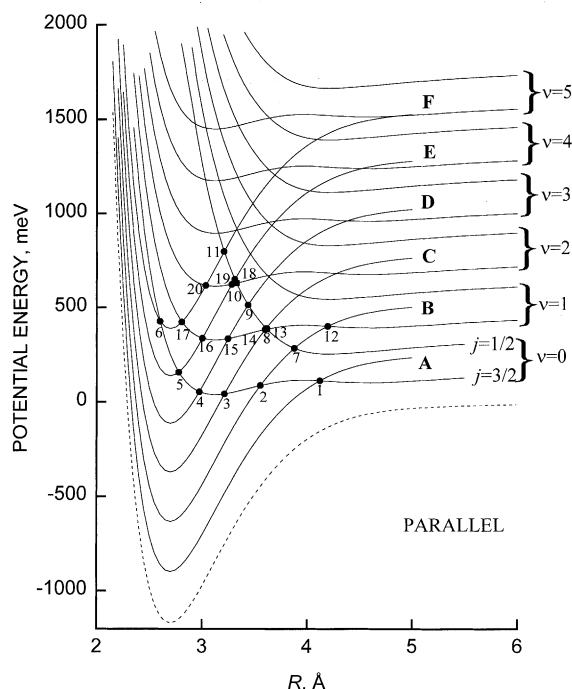


Fig. 1. Vibronic potential energy curves for the parallel configuration of the ArN_2^+ complex. Vibronic states asymptotically correlating with $\text{Ar}^+(\text{}^2\text{P}_j) + \text{N}_2(v)$ channels are identified by the vibrational quantum number v . Vibronic states asymptotically correlating with $\text{Ar} + \text{N}_2^+(v')$ channels are labeled with letters. Crossings, considered in this work, are indicated with numbers and their relevant features are reported in Table 1. The dashed curve represents the $\text{Ar} + \text{N}_2^+(v' = 0)$ state whose asymptotic energy has been here assumed as the zero of the energy scale.

between vibronic states are introduced as a perturbation at crossings and, therefore, transition probabilities can be properly calculated [14] within the Landau–Zener–Stückelberg model [21]. Vibronic states relevant for the present calculations, involving channels (I), (III), and (IV), are shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Channels (II) and (V) have not been taken into account: the symmetry properties of the system limit the charge-transfer coupling in channel (II), while channel (V) is neglected due to its endothermicity (≈ 1 eV). Figs. 1 and 2 show that the channel $\text{N}_2^+(X, v' = 0) + \text{Ar}$, which lies below all the other states and whose asymptote defines the zero of the energy scale, does not exhibit crossings with the other

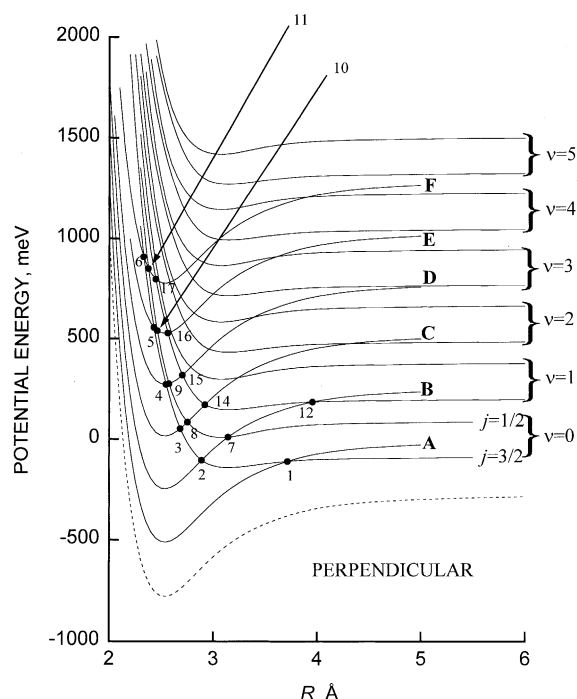


Fig. 2. As in Fig. 1 for the perpendicular configuration.

vibronic states. Therefore, its reactivity, and also the probability of its formation as a reaction product, is expected to be negligible.

3. Dynamics of the charge-transfer process

Inspection of Figs. 1 and 2 identifies the relevant processes of $\text{N}_2^+(v' = 1, 2)$, listed in order of increasing energy:

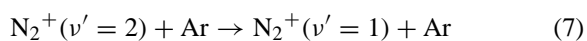
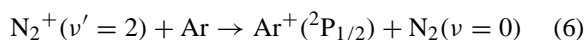
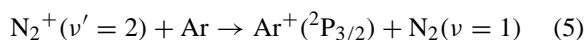
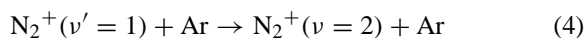
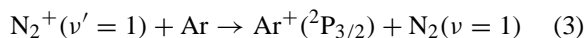
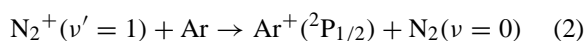
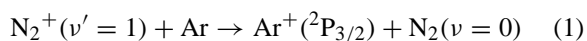


Table 1

Position R_x , energy E_x , difference of slopes Δ_x (see Figs. 1 and 2), and couplings H_x (see text and Ref. [16]) for crossing x between vibronic curves, labeled according to Figs. 1 and 2

	Parallel				Perpendicular			
	R_x (Å)	E_x (meV)	Δ_x (meV/Å)	H_x (meV)	R_x (Å)	E_x (meV)	Δ_x (meV/Å)	H_x (meV)
1	4.124	113.96	341.15	9.58	3.716	159.36	113.69	10.82
2	3.555	88.36	619.02	11.36	2.889	164.50	924.79	13.87
3	3.214	43.52	940.31	12.58	2.684	322.85	1645.29	14.75
4	2.975	54.77	1206.15	13.52	2.547	542.68	2044.63	15.37
5	2.779	158.97	1375.35	14.34	2.429	825.67	2341.72	15.92
6	2.602	426.98	1397.49	15.12	2.332	1177.58	2820.65	16.39
7	3.881	285.31	693.81	6.24	3.143	280.74	332.10	7.79
8	3.610	389.60	1272.84	6.77	2.753	355.12	1124.39	8.76
9	3.439	513.89	1763.84	7.13	2.575	545.80	1854.57	9.24
10	3.311	651.24	2228.09	7.41	2.462	809.31	2653.11	9.56
11	3.209	798.87	2673.57	7.64	2.377	1118.77	3196.84	9.80
12	4.198	400.27	304.25	9.37	3.957	456.47	82.70	10.07
13	3.618	385.01	676.56	3.38				
14	3.600	382.95	587.60	11.21	2.920	442.48	822.64	13.74
15	3.249	335.68	902.21	12.45	2.704	588.61	1571.72	14.66
16	3.004	337.74	1174.75	13.40	2.564	798.24	2014.21	15.29
17	2.808	423.08	1356.57	14.21	2.447	1065.03	2275.98	15.84
18	3.328	630.11	1342.57	3.68				
19	3.284	624.52	864.46	12.32				
20	3.035	618.20	1140.72	13.28				

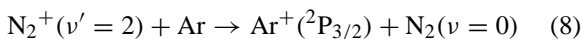


Table 1 reports position and energy of crossings numbered as in Figs. 1 and 2, while Table 2 defines the endothermicity of each channel referred to the zero of the energy scale (discussed earlier). For each of these processes, we calculate the total probability $P(E, \theta, l)$ at a fixed θ , where E is the collision energy, and l is the quantum number representing the orbital angular momentum of the collision complex (classically the impact parameter b). We, therefore, consider indepen-

dent nonadiabatic events at crossings of vibronic states and neglect interference effects. $P(E, \theta, l)$ is obtained as a proper combination of p_x , the probability of diabatic passage through the x th curve crossing, which within the Landau–Zener–Stückelberg approach is expressed as

$$p_x(E, \theta, l) = \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi H^2(R_x, \theta)}{\hbar v_R \Delta_x}\right)$$

where R_x is the intermolecular distance at the crossing, Δ_x defines the absolute difference of the slope of the potential curves, and $H(R_x, \theta)$ corresponds to the matrix element of the nonadiabatic coupling. The radial velocity v_R at the same crossing is given by

$$\begin{aligned} v_R^2 &= \frac{2}{\mu} \left[E \left(1 - \frac{l(l+1)}{k^2 R_x^2} \right) - E_x \right] \\ &= v^2 \left[1 - \frac{E_x}{E} - \frac{b^2}{R_x^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

where μ is the reduced mass of the system, E_x represents the value of the potential energy at the crossing,

Table 2

Thermochemical thresholds ΔE (meV) of the asymptotic states

	ΔE (meV)
Ar + N ₂ ⁺ ($\nu' = 2$)	535
Ar ⁺ (² P _{3/2}) + N ₂ ($\nu = 1$)	468
Ar ⁺ (² P _{1/2}) + N ₂ ($\nu = 0$)	357
Ar + N ₂ ⁺ ($\nu' = 1$)	270
Ar ⁺ (² P _{3/2}) + N ₂ ($\nu = 0$)	179

The zero energy scale has been fixed according to Fig. 1.

v is the relative velocity, and k is the wave number defined as

$$k = \frac{\mu v}{\hbar}$$

The total cross-section $\sigma(E, \theta)$ is obtained by summing the contribution of each l ,

$$\sigma(E, \theta) = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l=0}^{l_{\max}} (2l+1) P(E, \theta, l)$$

where

$$l_{\max} = kR_x \sqrt{1 - \frac{E_x}{E}}$$

is the maximum value of l for which v_R is real. Finally, the $\sigma(E)$ integral cross-section is obtained by averaging the $\sigma(E, \theta)$ calculated for the collinear and perpendicular configurations of the collision complex.

A detailed description of the collision dynamics requires an investigation of nature and role of the nonadiabatic coupling H , including the study of its explicit dependence on the vibrational motion. Our previous study [16] emphasizes the importance of the matching between the duration of the nonadiabatic transition τ , and the time τ_{\min} required for molecular rearrangement in the final state of the products. The transition time τ depends on the H value (see Table 1) and on the radial velocity, which in turn depends on b . Eventually, for each crossing and collision energy, the condition of matching depends on the impact parameter. Therefore, we have represented H as

$$H^2(R, \theta, v) = H^2(R) f(\theta) q(v, v') \quad (9)$$

for vertical transitions, $\tau \leq \tau_{\min}$, occurring at $b \leq b_{\min}$ and

$$H^2(R, \theta) = H^2(R) f(\theta) \quad (10)$$

for near adiabatic transitions, $\tau > \tau_{\min}$, occurring in the range, $b_{\min} < b \leq b_{\max}$, where b_{\min} values have been determined by the requirement that τ is equal to τ_{\min} , and b_{\max} is given by

$$b_{\max} \approx \frac{l_{\max}}{k} = R_x \sqrt{1 - \frac{E_x}{E}}$$

A particular sequence of τ_{\min} was chosen [16] so that τ_{\min} increases with the $|v' - v|$ difference, as suggested by the occurrence of a more pronounced molecular rearrangement. In Eqs. (9) and (10), $H(R)$ depends on the electron exchange and decreases exponentially with the intermolecular separation, $f(\theta)$ describes the angular dependence of the coupling, and $q(v, v')$ is the FC factor of the $v-v'$ transition. We have performed calculations under two different conditions: (i) with time limitation using the τ_{\min} sequence of Ref. [16]; (ii) without time limitation, by employing Eq. (10) in the full b range (traditional Landau–Zener treatment). The two treatments yield similar cross-section values since the dynamics is mainly affected by the external crossings. At low collision energies, these crossings involve small $|v' - v|$ values and, therefore, time limitations are not critical. By contrast, for the reverse reaction, we observed [16] a strong influence of the transition time on the formation of the higher vibrational states at collision energies larger than 1 eV.

4. Results and discussion

State-to-state cross-sections for processes (1–4), involving $N_2^+(v' = 1)$, and (5–8), involving $N_2^+(v' = 2)$, are shown in Figs. 3 and 4, respectively. Calculations for the reverse processes have been also carried out and shown in Figs. 5 and 6 for a comparison. In both cases, data calculated with and without time limitation exhibit differences only at the highest energies and for specific channels.

The reaction of $N_2^+(v' = 1)$ with Ar yields $Ar^+(^2P_{3/2})$ and $N_2(v = 0)$ as the most abundant products. The cross-section for this channel is more than one order of magnitude larger than the others. In particular, it is larger than the cross-section leading to $Ar^+(^2P_{1/2}) + N_2(v = 0)$: the low-energy charge-transfer reaction between $N_2^+(v' = 1)$ ions and Ar atoms produces almost exclusively the lowest spin-orbit state $Ar^+(^2P_{3/2})$, in agreement with experimental data [7,8]. Interestingly, while this state-specificity is obvious at very low energies due to the 0.087 eV endothermicity of process (2), it also

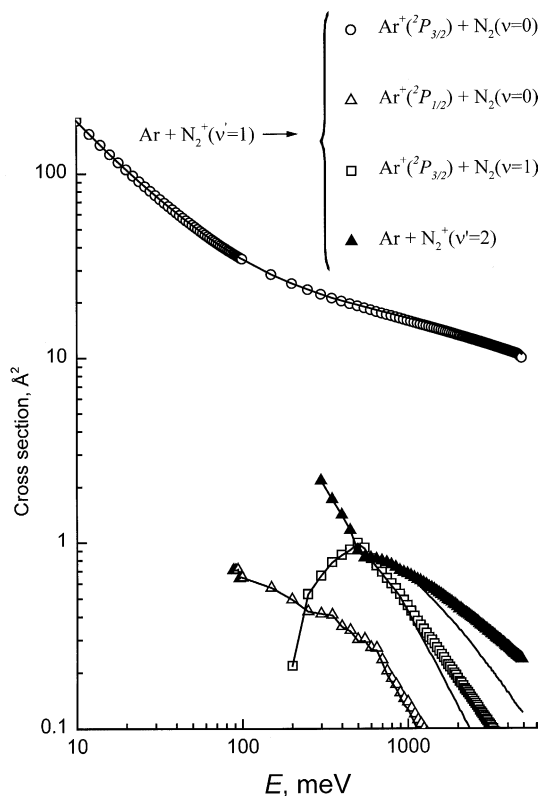


Fig. 3. State-to-state cross-sections, $\sigma(E)$, for $\text{Ar} + \text{N}_2^+(\nu' = 1)$, calculated without time restriction as function of collision energy E . Solid lines show results calculated by using time limitations (see text). The different appearances account for ΔE thermochemical thresholds (see Table 2).

remains valid for collision energies well above the threshold. It can be also noted that the charge-transfer process is typically associated with the vibrational relaxation of the nitrogen molecule. With the exception of process (3), whose cross-section is lower than 1 \AA^2 , the nascent N_2 neutral molecules are formed in the ground vibrational state.

Concerning the collisions of $\text{N}_2^+(\nu' = 2)$ with Ar, charge-transfer processes (5), (6), and (8) have similar efficiency at low energies. Above 0.05 eV , reaction (5) becomes the major product channel.

Figs. 5 and 6 show some state-to-state cross-sections for the $\text{Ar}^+(\text{P}_j) + \text{N}_2(\nu = 0)$ reverse process. They are consistent with the integral cross-section calculations presented in our previous paper [16], however, a

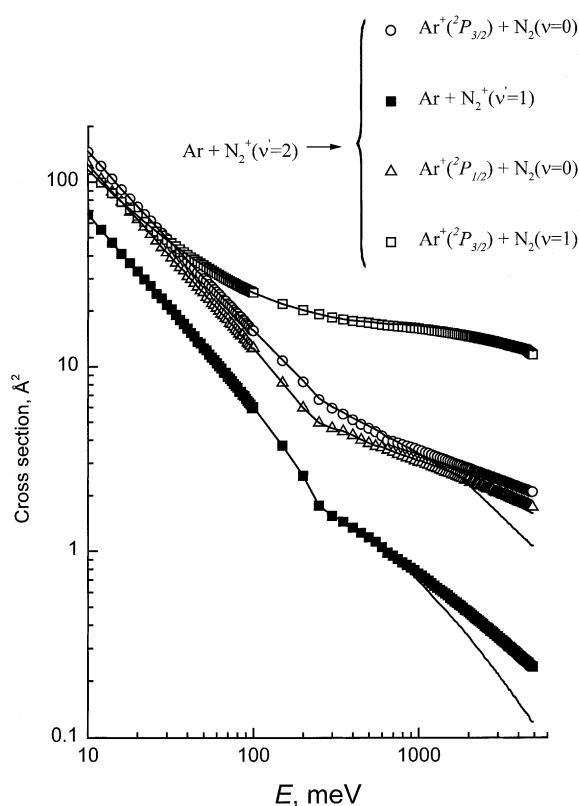


Fig. 4. As in Fig. 3 for the $\text{Ar} + \text{N}_2^+(\nu' = 2)$ entrance channel.

few aspects of the present results need to be discussed. In particular, in this work we have also considered inelastic channels, involving the fine-structure states of Ar^+ and the vibrational excitation of N_2 , which were neglected in Ref. [16]. In addition, for the sake of simplicity, we have not considered vibrational states of N_2^+ larger than $\nu' = 2$. For the low vibrational states considered here, we do not expect any effect due to time synchronization, as already discussed. Also note that the state-to-state cross-sections presented here have the same unitary weight factor, whereas in Ref. [16] we took into account their statistical weights for comparison with experimental data. Considering first the collisions of $\text{Ar}^+(\text{P}_{3/2}) + \text{N}_2(\nu = 0)$ (see Fig. 5) the most important process is the charge-transfer reaction leading to $\text{N}_2^+(\nu' = 1) + \text{Ar}$, and the second product channel is $\text{N}_2^+(\nu' = 2) + \text{Ar}$. Thus, the electron

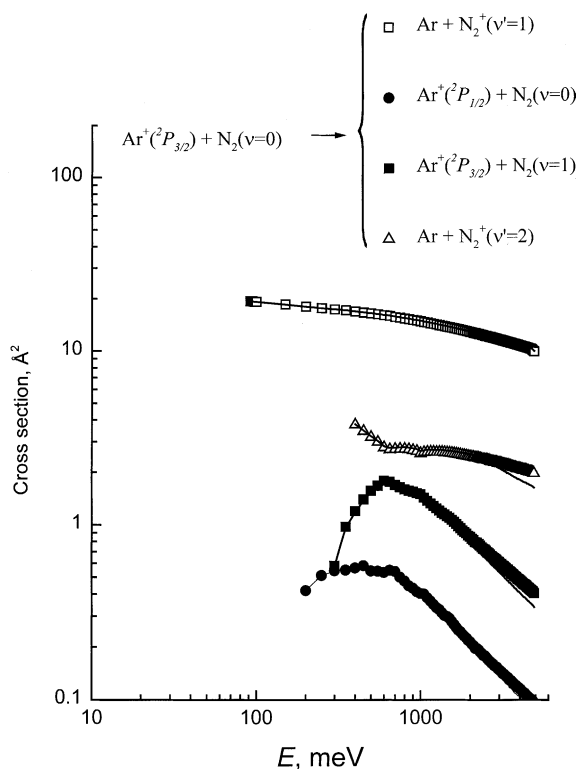


Fig. 5. As in Fig. 3 for the $\text{Ar} + ({}^2\text{P}_{3/2}) + \text{N}_2(v=0)$ entrance channel.

exchange reaction dominates the dynamics of Ar^+ colliding with N_2 . Inelastic channels are less important, but not completely negligible. The cross-section for the vibrational excitation of the nitrogen molecule, $\text{N}_2(v=0) + \text{Ar}^+({}^2\text{P}_{3/2}) \rightarrow \text{N}_2(v=1) + \text{Ar}^+({}^2\text{P}_{3/2})$, reaches a maximum of about 2 Å^2 around 0.6 eV . The spin-orbit excitation $\text{Ar}^+({}^2\text{P}_{3/2}) + \text{N}_2(v=0) \rightarrow \text{Ar}^+({}^2\text{P}_{1/2}) + \text{N}_2(v=0)$ is less efficient, with a cross-section below 1 Å^2 . In the case of $\text{Ar}^+({}^2\text{P}_{1/2})$ reactant ion (see Fig. 6), the situation is inverted: the fine-structure quenching process $\text{Ar}^+({}^2\text{P}_{1/2}) + \text{N}_2(v=0) \rightarrow \text{Ar}^+({}^2\text{P}_{3/2}) + \text{N}_2(v=1)$ contends the main role to the charge-transfer reaction $\text{Ar}^+({}^2\text{P}_{1/2}) + \text{N}_2(v=0) \rightarrow \text{N}_2^+(v'=2) + \text{Ar}$. Note that both the previous processes involve vibrational transitions, while the pure fine-structure transition, without vibrational excitation, $\text{Ar}^+({}^2\text{P}_{1/2}) + \text{N}_2(v=0) \rightarrow \text{Ar}^+({}^2\text{P}_{3/2}) + \text{N}_2(v=0)$ appear to be less efficient.

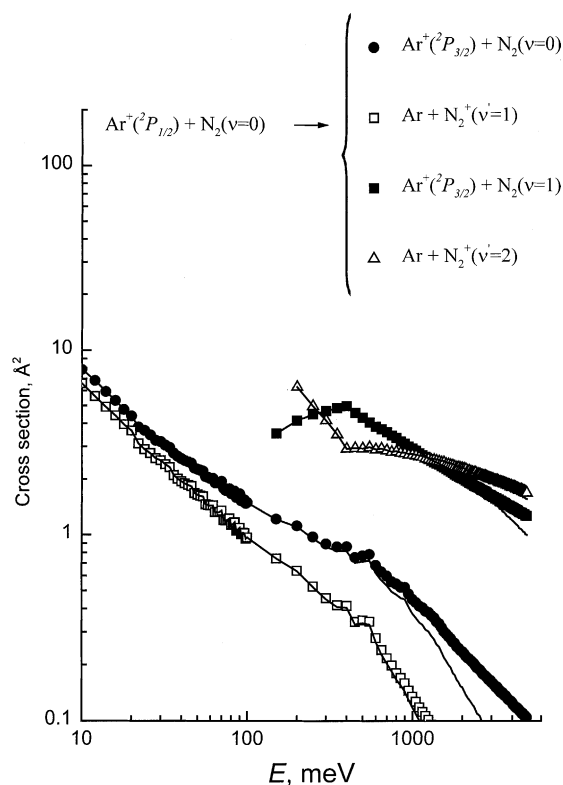


Fig. 6. As in Fig. 3 for the $\text{Ar} + ({}^2\text{P}_{1/2}) + \text{N}_2(v=0)$ entrance channel.

Finally the charge-transfer reaction of $\text{Ar}^+({}^2\text{P}_{1/2})$ produces much more efficiently $\text{N}_2^+(v'=2)$ than $\text{N}_2^+(v'=1)$, as experimentally observed [7,8]. This is interesting since the direct reaction $\text{N}_2^+(v'=2) + \text{Ar} \rightarrow \text{Ar}^+({}^2\text{P}_{3/2}) + \text{N}_2(v=1)$ (see Fig. 4). Thus, one may argue that the $\text{N}_2^+(v'=2) + \text{Ar}$ state acts as an intermediate in the process that quenches the spin-orbit energy of Ar^+ by exciting one vibrational quantum of N_2 : $\text{Ar}^+({}^2\text{P}_{1/2}) + \text{N}_2(v=0) \rightarrow \text{N}_2^+(v'=2) + \text{Ar} \rightarrow \text{Ar}^+({}^2\text{P}_{3/2}) + \text{N}_2(v=1)$. Similar mechanisms seem to control other inelastic processes. As an example, in the case of reaction (7), the vibrational quenching of $\text{N}_2^+(v'=2)$ to $\text{N}_2^+(v'=1)$ involves as intermediate the $\text{Ar}^+({}^2\text{P}_{3/2}) + \text{N}_2(v=0)$ state. Finally, in Fig. 7 we compare the calculated cross-sections for the formation of Ar^+ ions starting from $\text{N}_2^+(v'=1) + \text{Ar}$ reactants with experimental literature data. The overall agreement with experimental

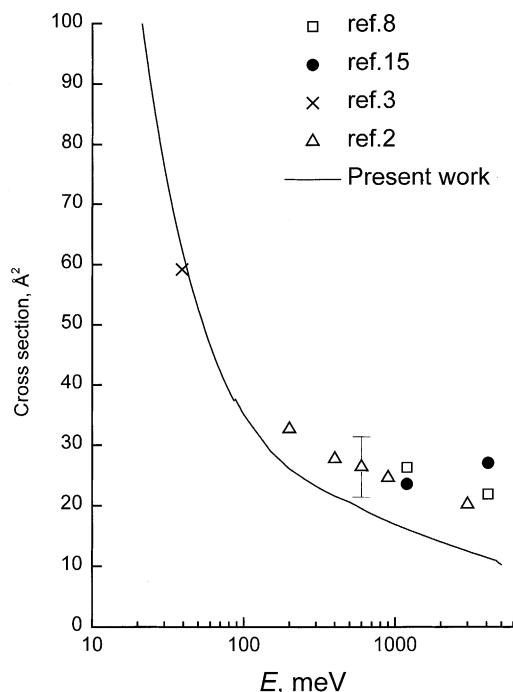


Fig. 7. Calculated cross-sections for the $\text{Ar} + \text{N}_2^+(\nu' = 1) \rightarrow \text{Ar}^+(\text{}^2\text{P}) + \text{N}_2(\nu)$ total charge-transfer process, as a function of the collision energy E , compared with experimental results.

determinations appears encouraging, in particular considering that the present calculations have been performed using the same couplings and PES that already gave an excellent agreement with experimental cross-section data for the reverse reaction $\text{Ar}^+ + \text{N}_2$ [16].

5. Conclusions

State-to-state cross-sections have been calculated for various channels of the $\text{N}_2^+(\text{X}, \nu' = 1, 2) + \text{Ar}$ and $\text{Ar}^+(\text{}^2\text{P}_{j,mj}) + \text{N}_2(\text{X}, \nu = 0)$ reactions. Calculated cross-sections are in good agreement with the available experimental results (rate coefficients) and they are found to decrease with increasing collision energy. In agreement with the state-selected experiments by Ng and coworkers [7,8], we find that the most abundant products in the $\text{N}_2^+(\text{X}, \nu' = 1) + \text{Ar}$ reaction are

$\text{Ar}^+(\text{}^2\text{P}_{3/2})$ and $\text{N}_2(\text{X}, \nu = 0)$. A further state-selective effect is observed in the $\text{N}_2^+(\text{X}, \nu' = 2) + \text{Ar}$ reaction, which preferentially yields to $\text{Ar}^+(\text{}^2\text{P}_{3/2}) + \text{N}_2(\text{X}, \nu = 1)$ at energies higher than 0.1 eV.

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