A classical trajectory approach for three body recombination reactions

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ABSTRACT

A recent method for classical trajectory calculations of three-body collision [1,2] will be revised and applied to the study of three body recombination (TBR) reaction $CI^- + p-H_2 + p-H_2 = p-H_2CI^ + p-H_2$. In this method the dynamics of the three-body system is obtained by recasting the 6 degrees of freedom of the system as a two-body collision in a 6D-dimensional space, as shown in Figure 1. A redefinition of the 6D hyper-spherical coordinates was done in order to gain more physical insight on the initial conditions and the kinematics. The TBR reaction rates for the formation of the p-H₂Cl⁻ complex are computed in the temperature range 10 - 30 K and compared to recent experimental measurement.



Figure 1 : Schematic representation of the method used for treating the three-body collision. [Taken from Ref. 2]

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