Theoretical dynamics of the S(¹D)+H₂ reaction in conditions approaching the cold regime

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→ Quantum nuclear dynamics calculations on ab initio potential energy surfaces are very accurate, but mostly unfeasible for processes involving more than 3 or 4 atoms.

→ The quasi-classical trajectory method (QCTM) is a very friendly alternative, easy to code, not limited by the number of atoms and provides insight. Obviously, QCTM lacks realism when quantum effects arise.

➔ For about two decades, we try to incorporate quantum corrections in QCTM in the light of the semiclassical theory of molecular scattering (Miller, Marcus, Heller...).

→ For a recent work on the link between S-matrix elements and classical paths : L. Bonnet, J. Chem. Phys. 158, 114112 (2023).

→ Here, we discuss a major effect seen in the benchmark insertion reaction $S(^{1}D)+H_{2}(v=j=0)$ under conditions approaching the cold regime. This effect is due to ro-vibrationally adiabatic non reactive trajectories.

→ Potential energy profile :











R > 2.5 Å $H \approx E_v + H_{TR}$

 $H_{TR} \approx \frac{P^2}{2\mu} + \frac{j^2}{2mr_e^2} + V_J(R,\phi)$

 $V_J(R,\phi) = V(R,r_e,\phi) + \frac{J^2}{2(\mu R^2 + mr_e^2)}$







→ Let us ignore ro-vibrationally adiabatic non reactive trajectories : Adiabaticity Correction (AC).

→ A clear justification of this correction is still lacking...



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