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Extracting approximate state-resolved cross sections from ring polymer molecular dynamics

Detailed knowledge of gas-phase reactions for specific initial states of the reaction partners is important to understand the dynamics and the role of the different forms of energy involved (e.g. translational, vibrational, and rotational). However, detailed

studies of reaction dynamics through rigorous quantum dynamical simulations are computationally infeasible for most polyatomic reactions. We will present an approach to obtain approximate quantum state-selective reactive cross sections that approximately includes quantum effects like zero-point energy and tunneling. It does so with computational efficiency by employing an extension of the ring polymer molecular dynamics approach. We will then show and discuss the first encouraging results of our approach applied to the prototypical X + $H_2(v=0,1)$ reactions, where X = Mu, H, D, F. and Cl.

[1] A. Marjollet and R. Welsh, *J. Chem. Phys.* **152**, 194113 (2020).

stretching over the reaction barrier