Dynamical and Kinetic Properties of the Na+HF Reaction on Two Different Potential Energy Surfaces

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Introduction

QuasiClassical Trajectories (QCT) is a well known term on reactive scattering dynamics that is used to show that before the collision process happens, the reactant molecule finds itself in a rovibrational state that corresponds to a quantum state. During the interactions and collisions among the nuclei are used only the Hamilton classical equations. After, when the reactive process is over, the resulting product molecule will also be found in rovibrational quantum state. The canonical variables used were the six internal coordinates and their conjugate momenta, the center of mass having been separated out. In this work, we have utilized a modified version of the Bunker's program.

Two potential energy surface (PES) for the gas-phase $\text{Na+HF} \rightarrow \text{NaF+H}$ reaction were constructed using:

- GSA, Generalized Simulating Annealing, and
- BO5, Bond Order 5.

To test this new PES, detailed dynamics properties calculations using two different Potential Energy Surface (PES):

GSA PES and BO5 PES, were obtained using the QCT method.
Quasi- Classical Trajectories Method

\[ Q_i = q_{i+6} - q_{i+3} \]
\[ Q_{i+3} = q_i - \frac{m_B q_{i+3} + m_C q_{i+6}}{m_B + m_C} \]
\[ Q_{i+6} = \frac{m_A q_i + m_B q_{i+3} + m_C q_{i+6}}{m_A + m_B + m_C} \]

Using the Jacobi’s coordinates, the Hamiltonian of the triatomic system is given by:

\[ H(\{Q\},\{P\}) = \sum_{i=1}^{3} \left( \frac{P_i^2}{2\mu_{BC}} + \frac{P_{i+3}^2}{2\mu_{A,BC}} + \frac{P_{i+6}^2}{2M} \right) + V(r_1(\{Q\}), r_2(\{Q\}), r_3(\{Q\})) \]

where,

\[ \mu_{BC} = \frac{m_B m_C}{m_B + m_C} \]
\[ \mu_{A,BC} = \frac{m_A(m_B + m_C)}{m_A + m_B + m_C} \]
\[ M = m_A + m_B + m_C \]
The temporal evolution of the system is determined resolving the Hamilton’s equations

\[ Q_i(t+h) = Q_i(t) + \int_{t}^{t+h} \dot{Q}_i \, dt \]

\[ P_i(t+h) = P_i(t) + \int_{t}^{t+h} \dot{P}_i \, dt \]

The translational energy of product is given by

\[ E_{tr}^\prime = \frac{1}{2\mu_{C,AB}} \sum_{i=1}^{3} (\dot{P}_{i+3})^2 \]

The product internal energy (\(E_{\text{int}}^\prime\)) is obtained using the conservation of the energy

\[ E_{tot} = E_{tr}(A) + E_{\text{int}}(BC) + \Delta E \]

\[ = E_{tr}^\prime(C) + E_{\text{int}}^\prime(AB) \]

- All the dynamic properties were calculated using Quasi-Classical Trajectories (QCT) and three-dimensional quantum calculation, with total momentum angular equal to zero (\(J=0\)).
- The cost function of the GSA fit was \(29.5127 \times 10^{-5}\) kcal/mol and the maximum and minimum difference among the \(ab\ initio\) energies \(E_{\text{cal}}\) and GSA fitting \(E_{\text{gsa}}\) were 0.8159 and 0.0037 kcal/mol, respectively.
Generalized Simulated Annealing - GSA

1 - Fix the parameters $q_v$. Start, at time $t=1$, with arbitrary atomic coordinates and high enough value for $T_{q_v}(1)$ (visiting temperature) and cool as follows:

$$T_{q,t} = T_o \frac{2^{q-1} - 1}{(1 + t)^{q-1} - 1} \quad 1 < q < 3 \quad (1)$$

2 - Then randomly generate the new atomic coordinates $p_{t+1}$ from $x_t$ as given by the visiting probability distribution $g_{q_v}(w)$

$$g_{q_v}(w) = \frac{\Gamma \left( \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2}(q_v - 1)}{q_v - 1} \right)}{\Gamma \left( \frac{1}{q_v - 1} - \frac{1}{2} \right)} \frac{\left[ T_{q_v}(t) \right]^{\frac{1}{q_v - 3}}}{\left( 1 + (q_v - 1) \frac{p^2}{\left[ T_{q_v}(t) \right]^{\frac{2}{q_v - 3}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q_v - 1} - \frac{1}{2}}} \quad (2)$$

as following:

$$p_{t+1} = p_t + \Delta p_t \quad (3)$$
3 - Then calculate the conformational energy $E_{p_{t+1}}$ from the new molecular geometry by using a classical force field (THOR). The new energy value will be accepted or not according to the rule:

- if $E(p_{t+1}) \leq E(p_t)$, replace $p_{t+1}$ by $p_t$;
- if $E(p_{t+1}) > E(p_t)$, run a random number $r \in 0,1$;
- if $r > A_{\text{acc}}$ (acceptance probability) retain $p_t$; otherwise, replace $p_t$ by $p_{t+1}$.

4 - Calculate the new temperature $T_{qv}(t)$ using eq.(3) and go back to step 1 until the convergence of $E(p_t)$ is reached within the desired precision.
Isoenergetic Contours of the Reaction
**Minimum Energy Path - MEP**

Values of BO5 and GSA MEP for the Na+HF→NaF+H reactive process at different angle $\theta$ values

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(a) $\theta = 30^\circ$

(b) $\theta = 180^\circ$

(c) $\theta = 77.2^\circ$
Cross-Section Reactive

In this methodology the cross-section is given by equation

$$\sigma_r (E_{tr}, \nu, j) \equiv \pi b_{\text{max}}^2 \frac{N_r (E_{tr}, \nu, j)}{N (E_{tr}, \nu, j)}$$

With the following error

$$\Delta \sigma_r (E_{tr}, \nu, j) \equiv \pi b_{\text{max}}^2 \frac{N_r}{N} \sqrt{\frac{N - N_r}{NN_r}}$$
Translational Distributions of the Product

E_{tr} = 2.0 kcal/mol

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E_{tr} = 10.0 kcal/mol

P(E_{tr})
Vibrational Distributions of the Product

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\[ E_{tr} = 6.0 \text{ kcal/mol} \]

\[ E_{tr} = 10.0 \text{ kcal/mol} \]
Rotational Distributions of the Product

$E_{tr} = 2.0 \text{ kcal/mol}$

$E_{tr} = 6.0 \text{ kcal/mol}$

$E_{tr} = 10.0 \text{ kcal/mol}$
Angular Distributions of the Product

\[ P(\chi) \]

\[ E_{\text{tr}} = 2.0 \text{ kcal/mol} \]

\[ v = 2, v = 3, v = 4 \]

\[ E_{\text{tr}} = 6.0 \text{ kcal/mol} \]

\[ E_{\text{tr}} = 10.0 \text{ kcal/mol} \]

\[ \chi (\text{degree}) \]
Reaction Rate of the Na+HF System
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However, the rotational distributions are inverted showing a great rotational excitation of the products. The angular distributions show an equal probability to forward and backward.

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