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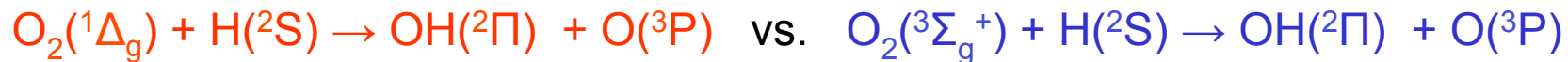
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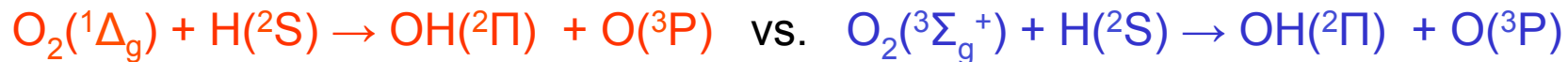
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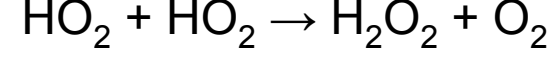
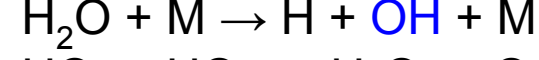
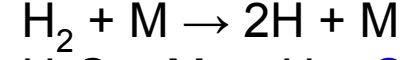
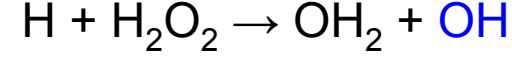
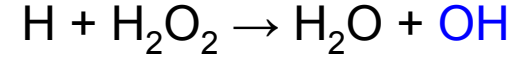
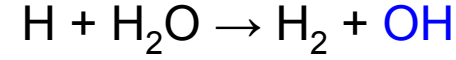
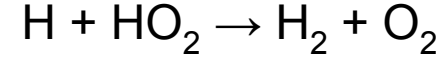
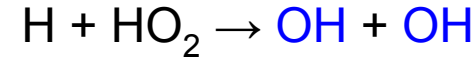
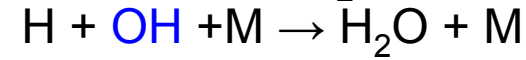
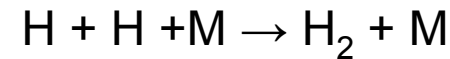
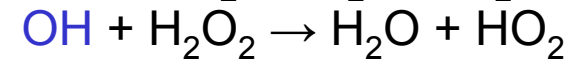
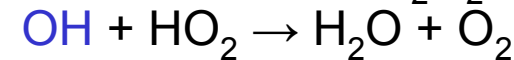
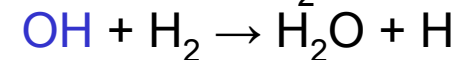
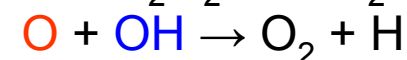
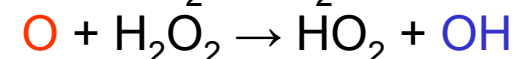
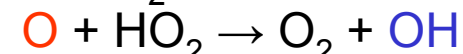
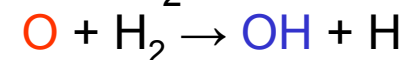
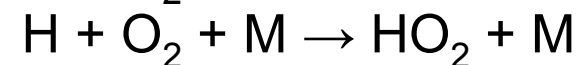
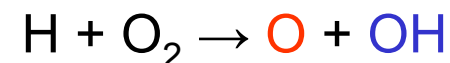
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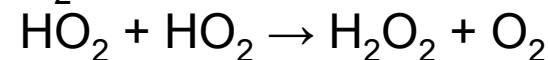
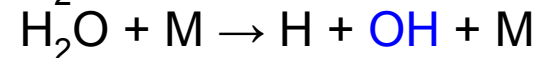
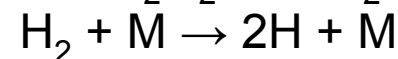
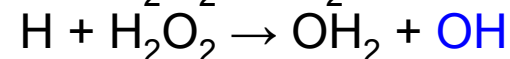
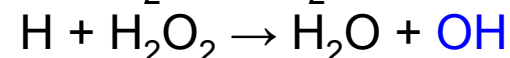
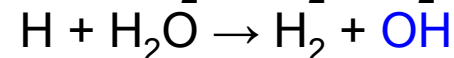
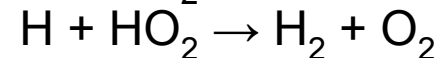
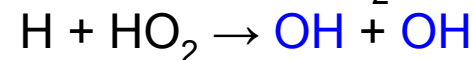
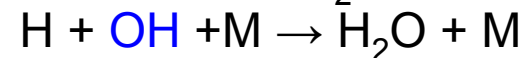
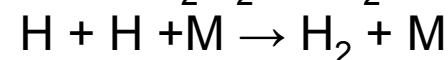
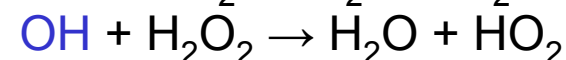
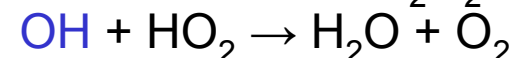
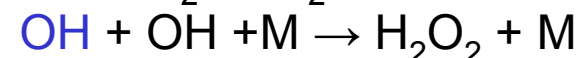
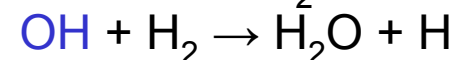
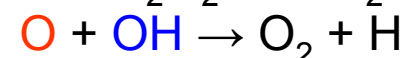
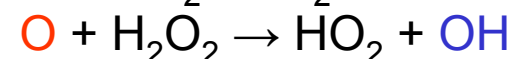
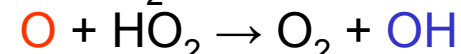
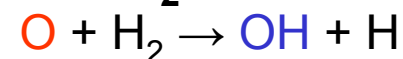
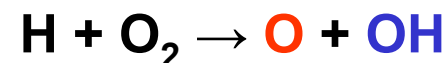
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O<sub>2</sub> has low-lying excited states

lowest one is O<sub>2</sub>(<sup>1</sup>Δ<sub>g</sub>) - 0.96 eV (~22 kcal/mol, ~92 kJ/mol)

High-temperature kinetic experiments may involve excited singlet O<sub>2</sub>  
assuming thermal equilibrium, at high T there may be >0.5% excited O<sub>2</sub>  
at 1000 K >0.5%  
at 2000 K ~1.5% O<sub>2</sub>(<sup>1</sup>Δ<sub>g</sub>)

In addition to



the reaction



can be important in flames.

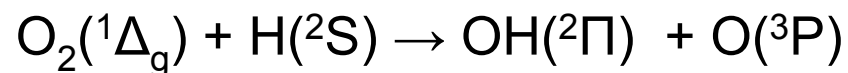
Previous interest

DOIL- Discharge Induced Iodine Laser

Initiation of combustion by laser or discharge

V. Aquilanti, G. Grossi, A. Lagana'

A computational study of spin flip in collisions of H and Mu with oxygen molecules  
Hyperfine Interactions (ISSN:0304-3843) 8, 347-350 (1981).



Rate measurement

Glass et al. (1982)  $k = (1.46 \pm 0.49) \times 10^{-11} \exp(-4 \pm 0.2 \text{ kcal/mol}/RT) \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$

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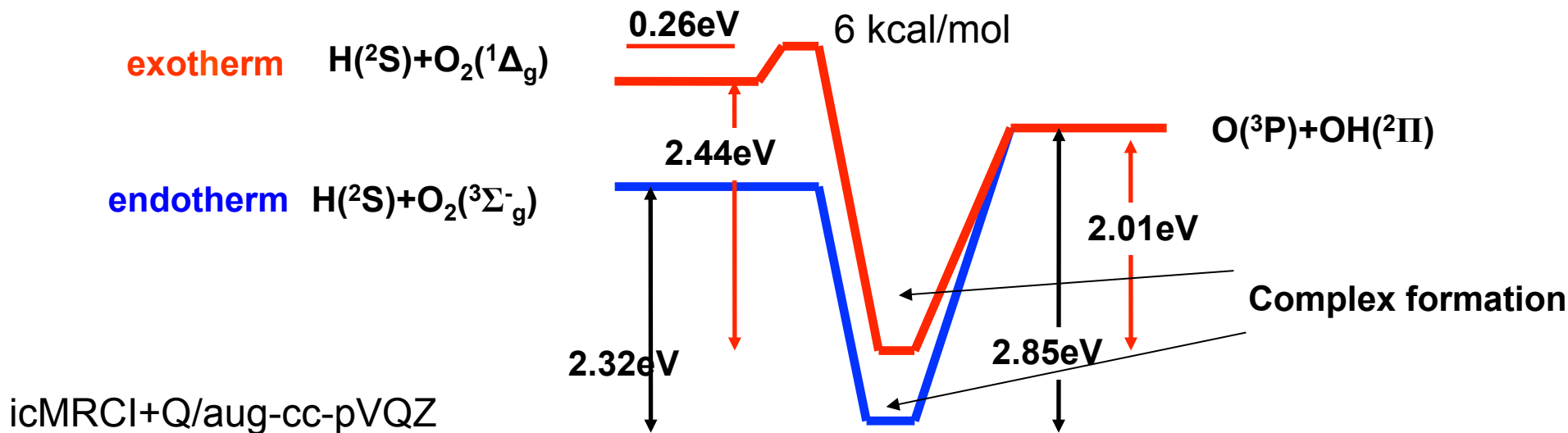
### РАСЧЕТ УВЕЛИЧЕНИЯ СКОРОСТИ ВОДОРОДНО-КИСЛОРОДНОГО ПЛАМЕНИ ПРИ ДОБАВКАХ СИНГЛЕТНОГО КИСЛОРОДА

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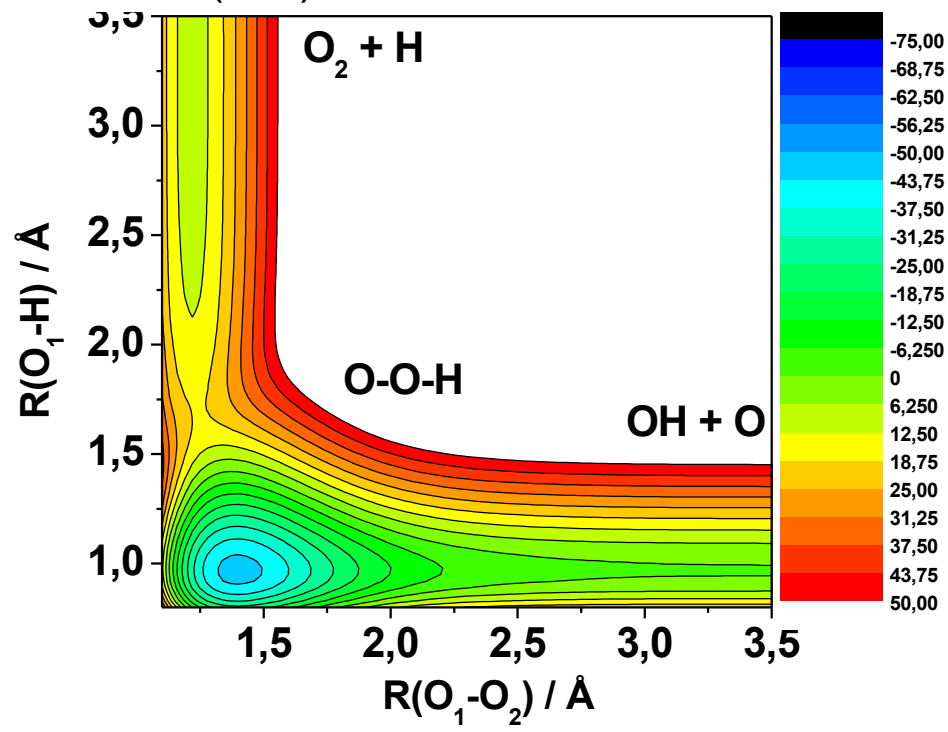
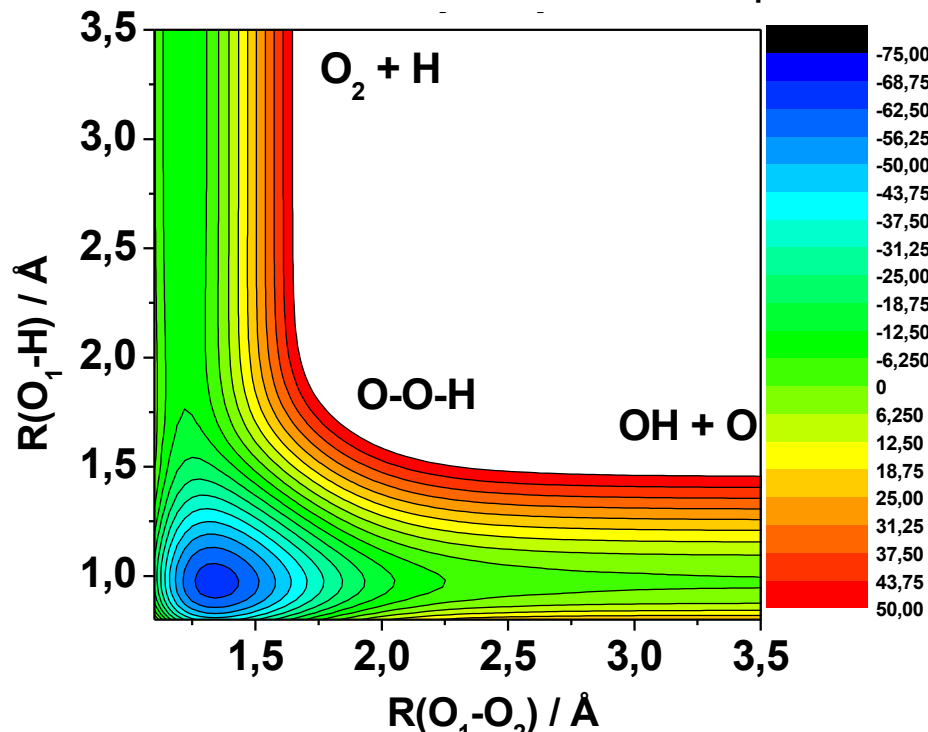
Реакция водорода с кислородом для газофазной кинетики является модельной [1], и поэтому все детали ее протекания имеют принципиальное значение. В опытах [2] было обнаружено ускоряющее влияние предварительной активации кислорода электрическим разрядом на скорость распространения пламени в бедных водородно-кислородных смесях в области низких давлений. Для объяснения наблюдаемого эффекта было сделано предположение о протекании во фронте пламени реакции между образующимся в разряде электронно-возбужденным синглетным кислородом и атомами водорода:  $\text{H} + \text{O}_2(^1\Delta) = \text{OH} + \text{O}$ . Концентрации других химически



Comparison of the A'' and A' potential energy surfaces



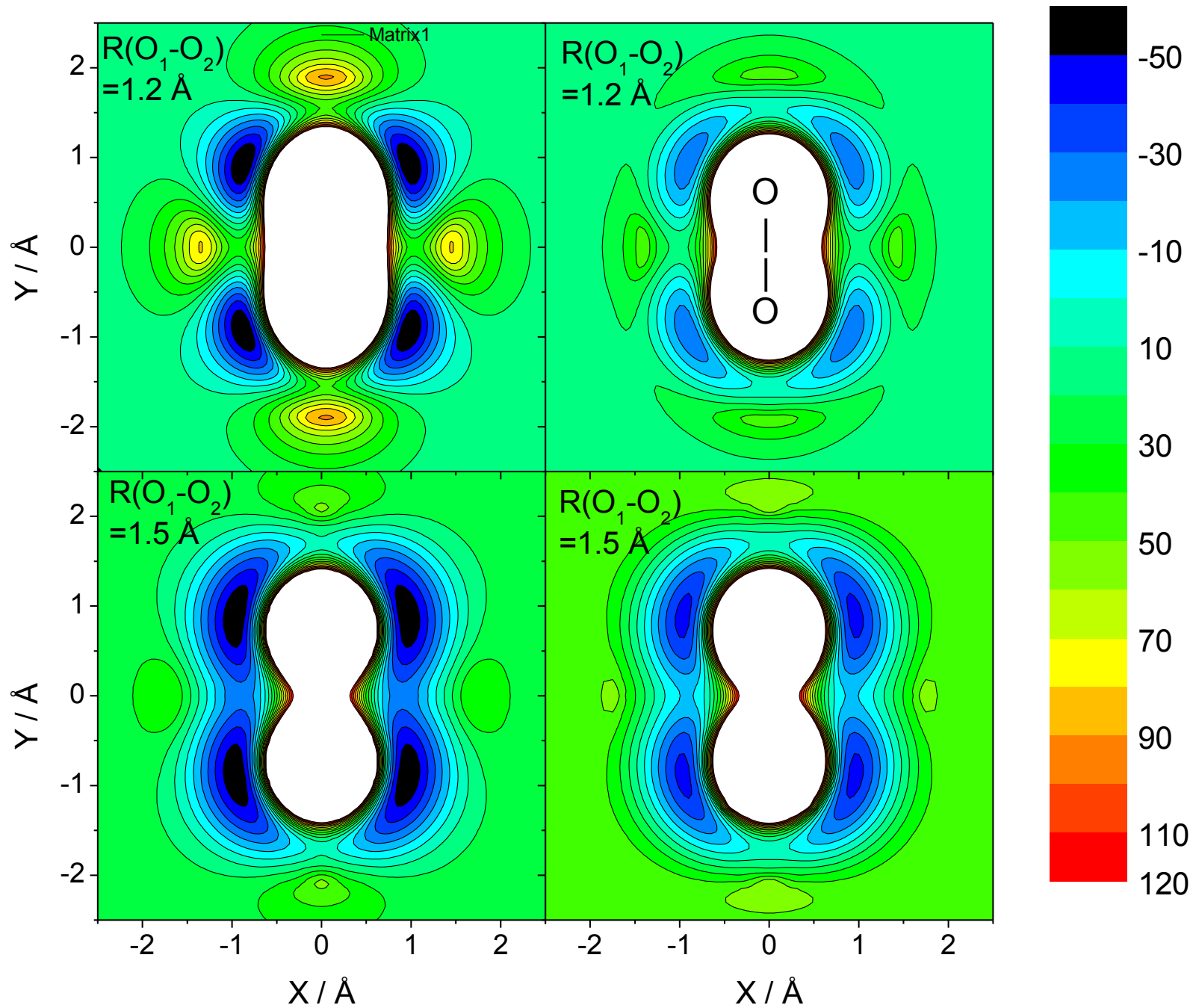
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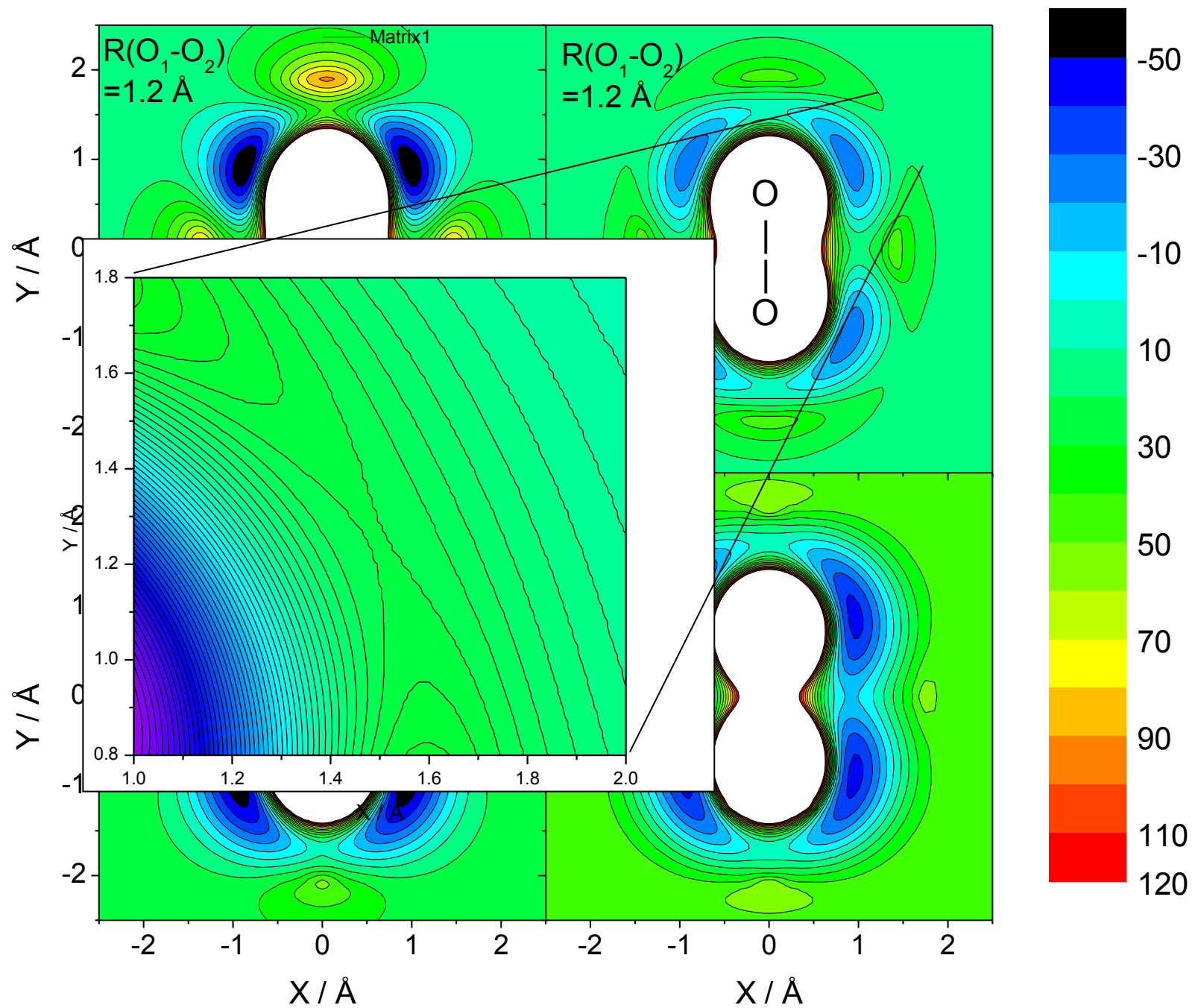
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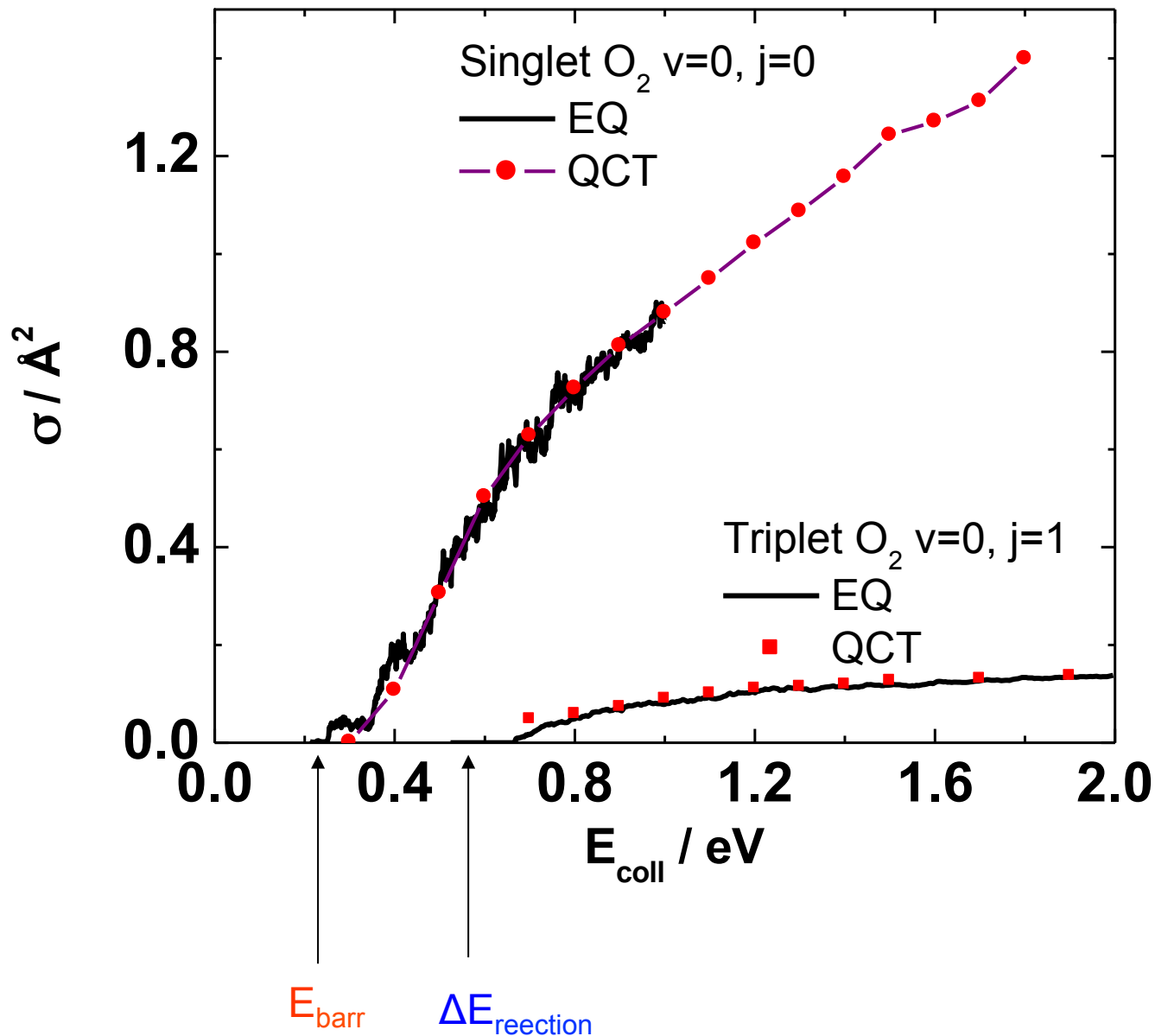


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# Reaction cross sections



Method:

GW-QCT  
Standard QCT + Gauss-weighted product state analysis

Validation:

vs. EQ calculations of Hua Guo + coworkers  $j(\text{O}_2)=0$  only

QCT works embarrassingly well

## Thermal rate coefficients

QCT for

impact parameters up to 12 Å

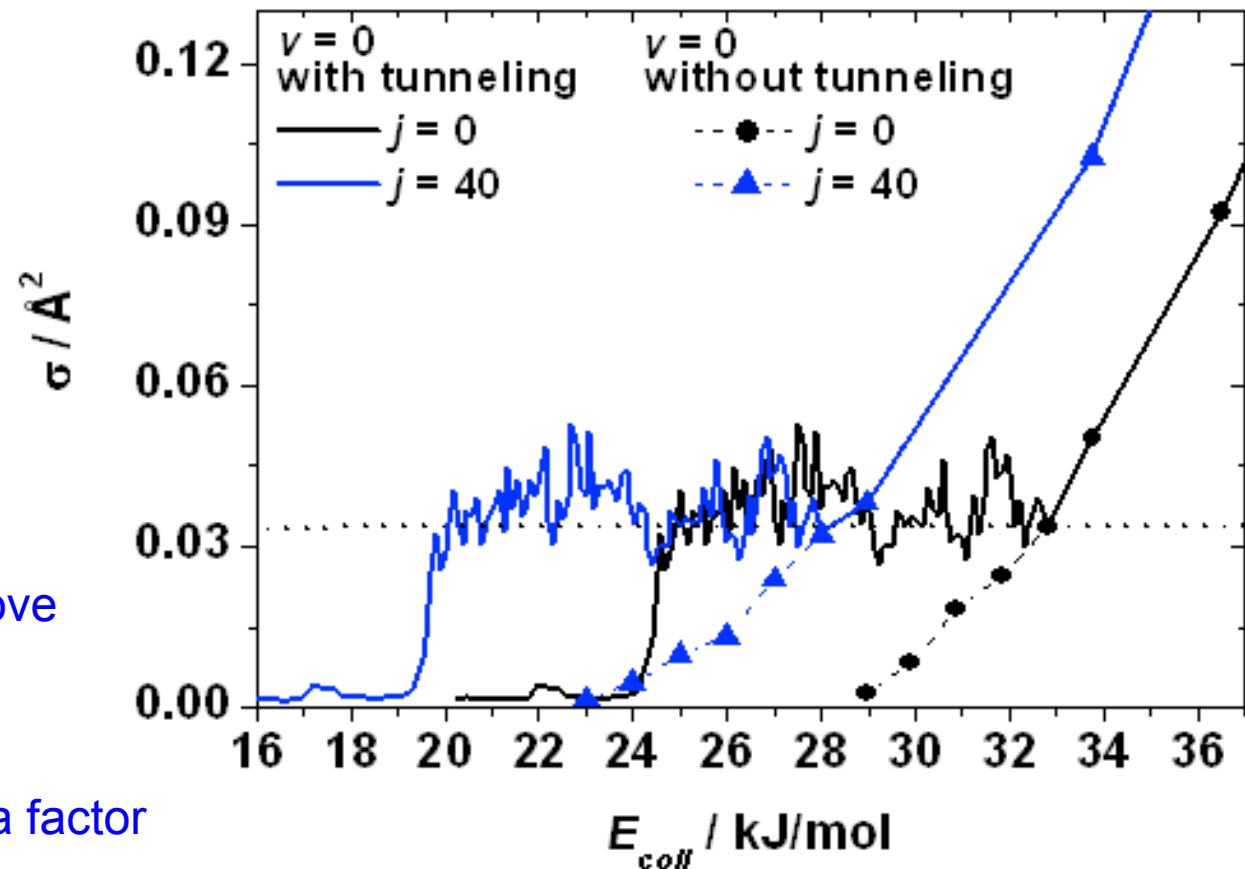
$j(\text{O}_2)$  up to 65

Tunneling correction

1. Take the initial segment of the excitation function for  $j(\text{O}_2)=0$  obtained in accurate quantum scattering calculation (from Guo et al.)

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2. replace the initial segment of the classical excitation function for  $j(\text{O}_2)>0$  by the quantum mechanical segment derived above



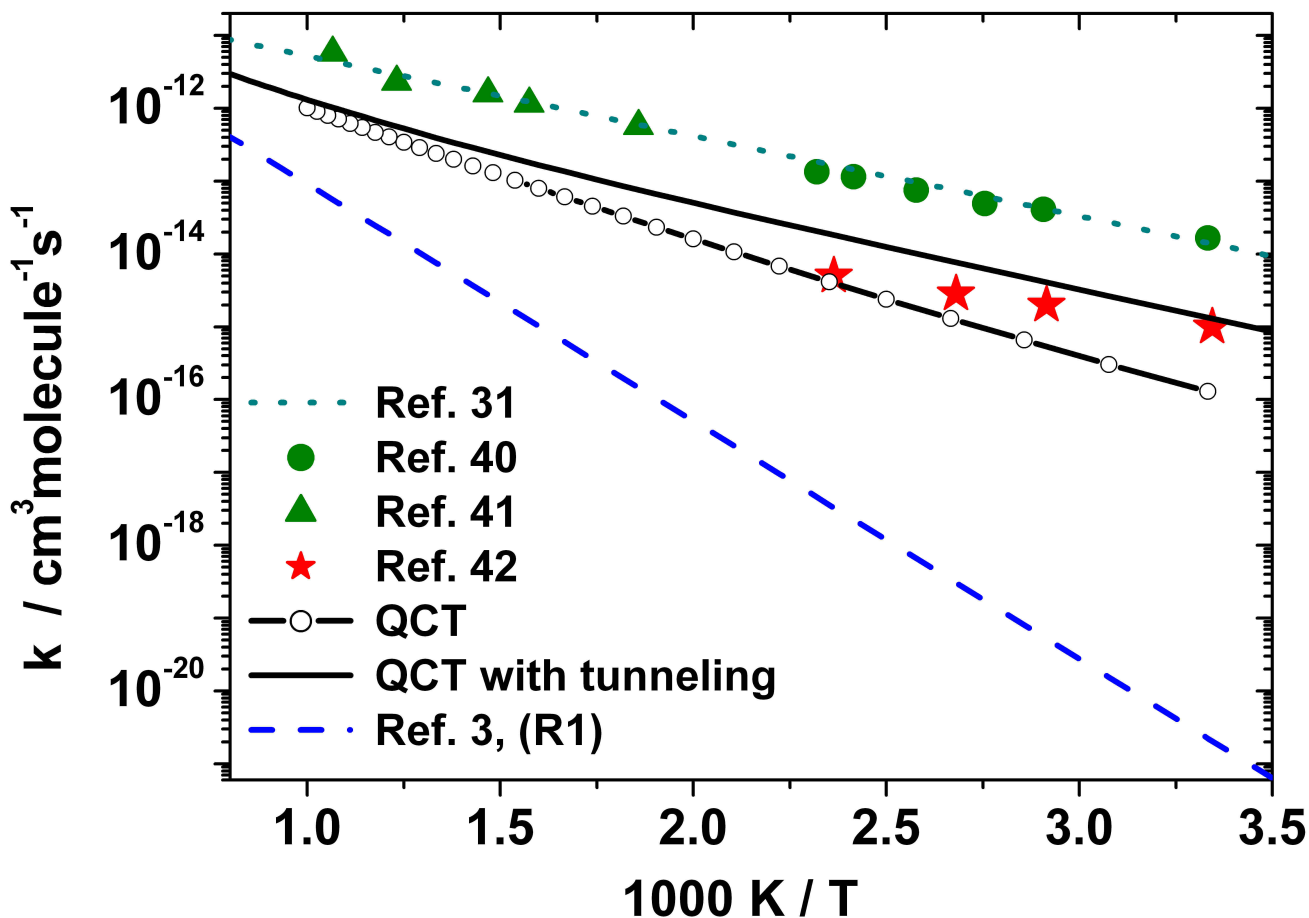
Tunneling enhances the rate by a factor of 10 at 300K and 5 at 500K

## Thermal rate coefficients - comparison with experiments

Two kinds of experiment have been done for this reaction

Basevich et al, Endo et al. ▲  
rate probably includes reactive and nonreactive quenching of  $O_2(^1\Delta_g)$   
„old”

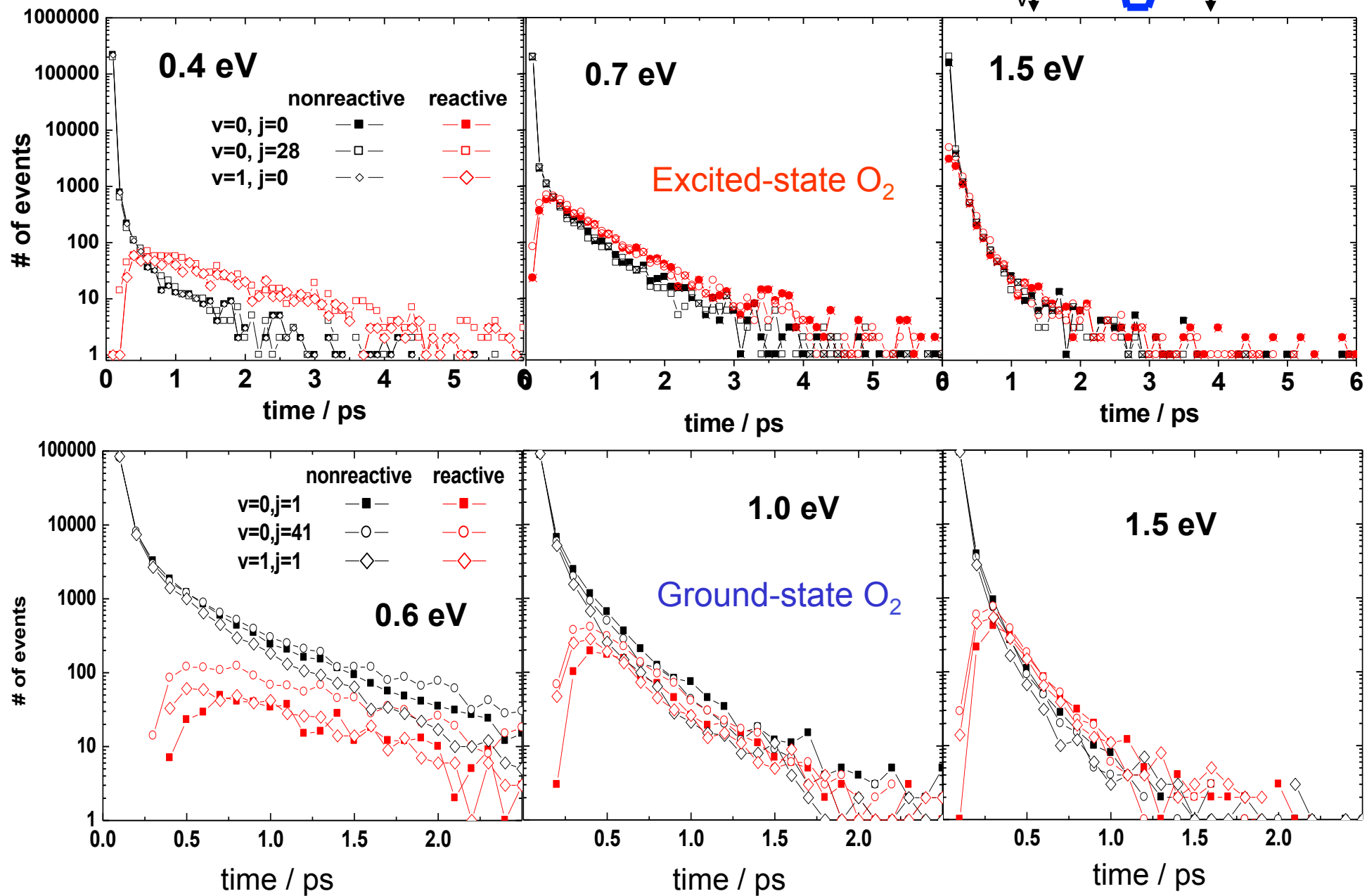
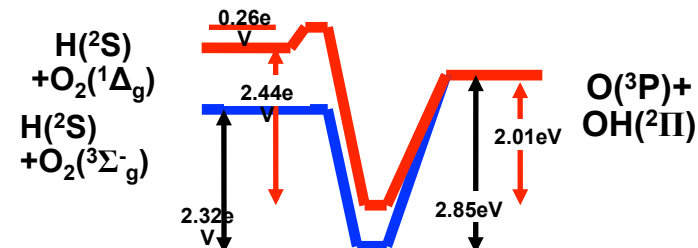
Hack et al. ★  
pure reactive quenching  
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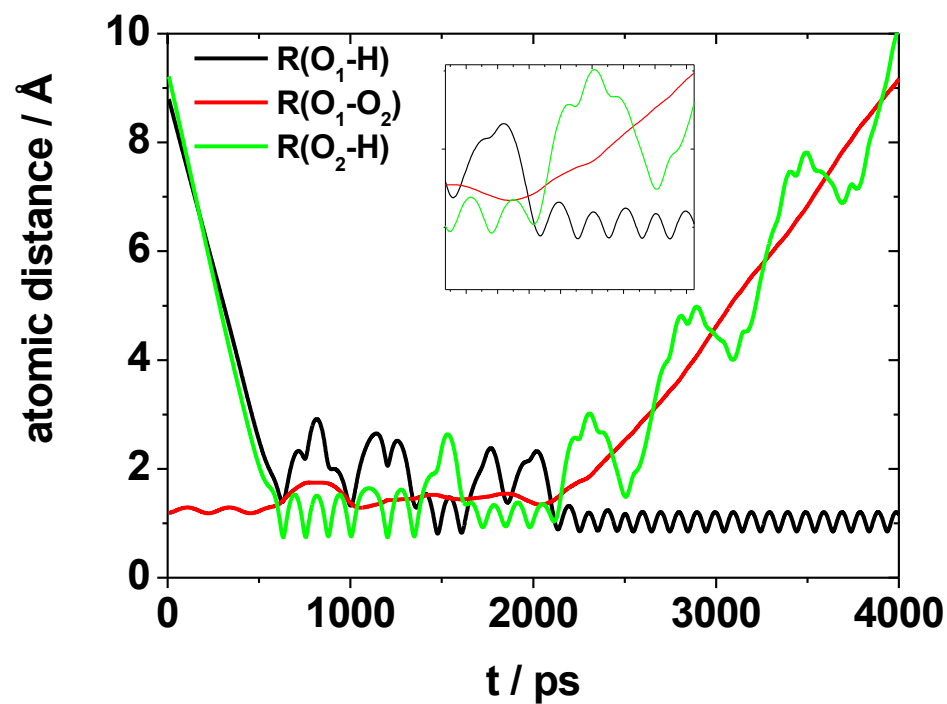
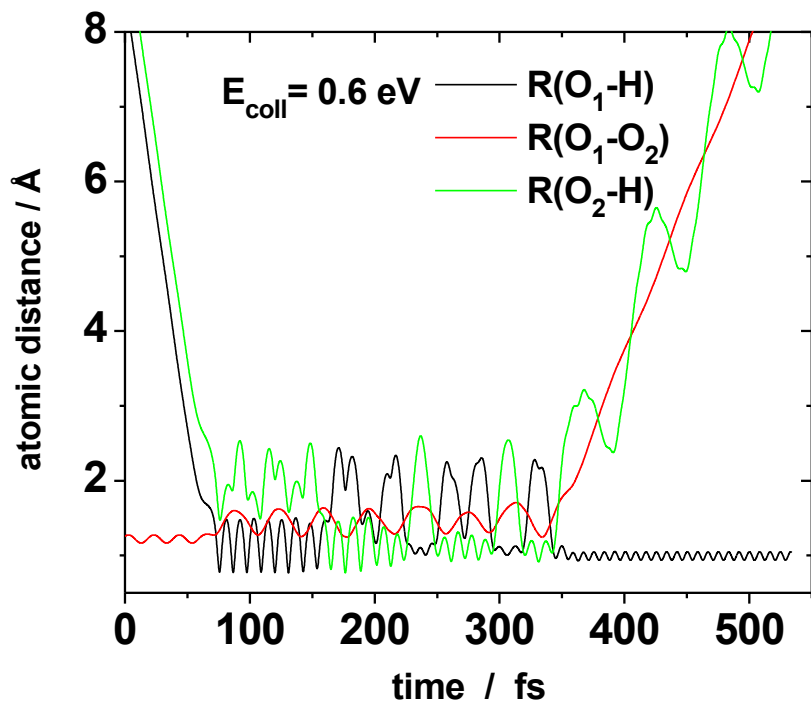
According to QCT calculations  
-- Electronic excitation makes the reaction 6 orders of magnitude faster at room T, 10x faster at flame temperature

-- Old experiments very probably include reaction and electronic quenching  
3. based on this assumption, electronic quenching is about 10x faster than reactive between 300K and 1000K

# Lifetime distributions as a function of collision energy



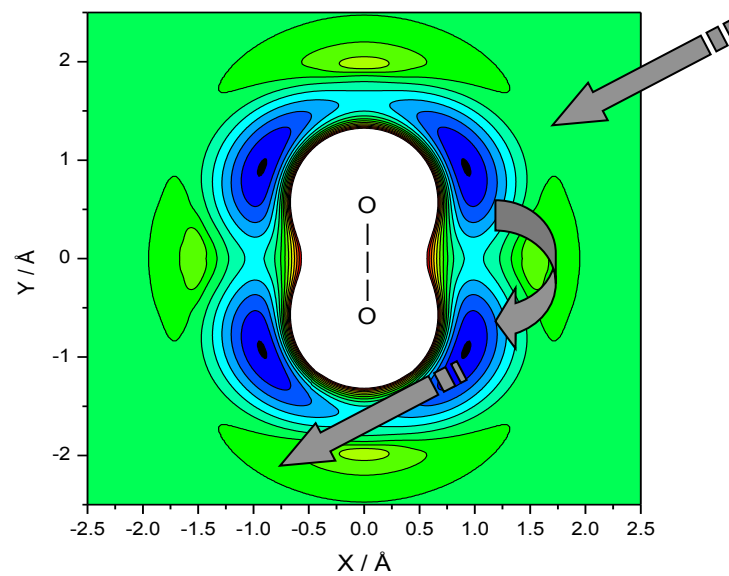
## Isomerization within the complex



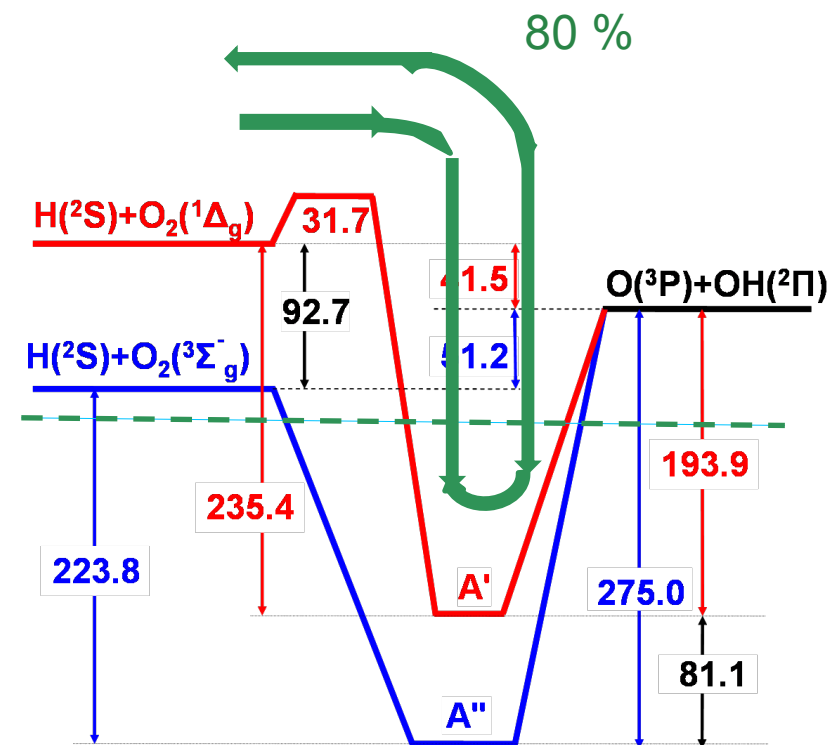
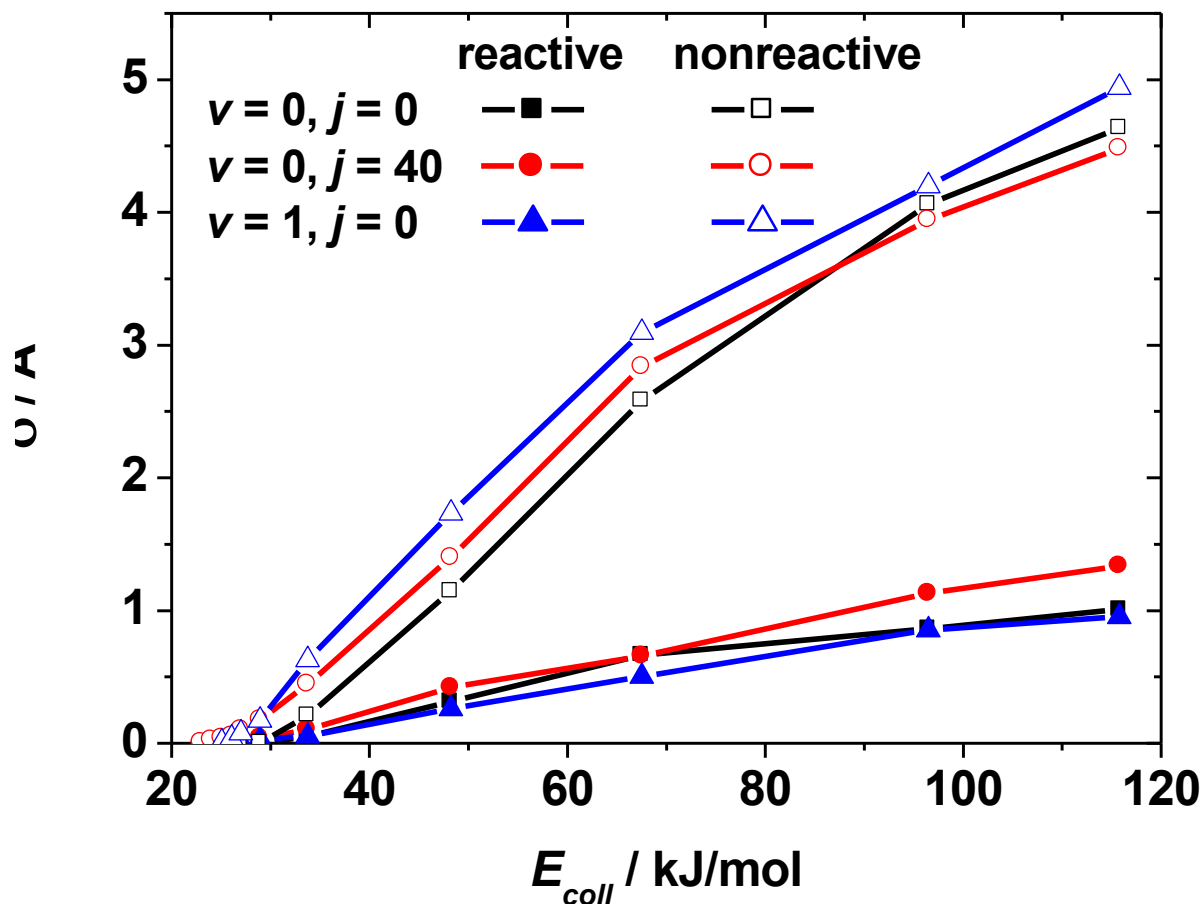
Excited  $\text{O}_2$ : 85%

Ground-state  $\text{O}_2$ : 80%

of reactive trajectories involve isomerization



## Cross sections characterizing complex formation by H and O<sub>2</sub>(<sup>1</sup>Δ<sub>g</sub>)



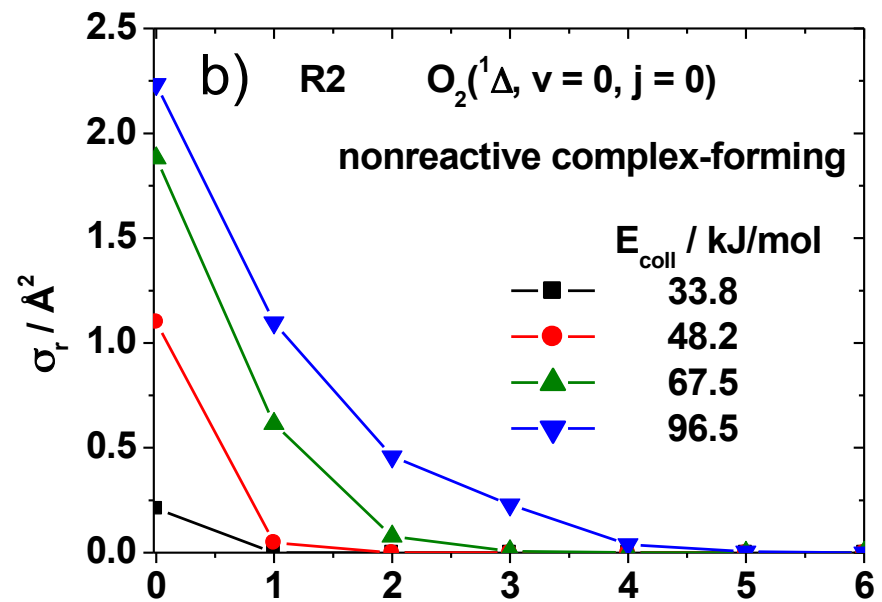
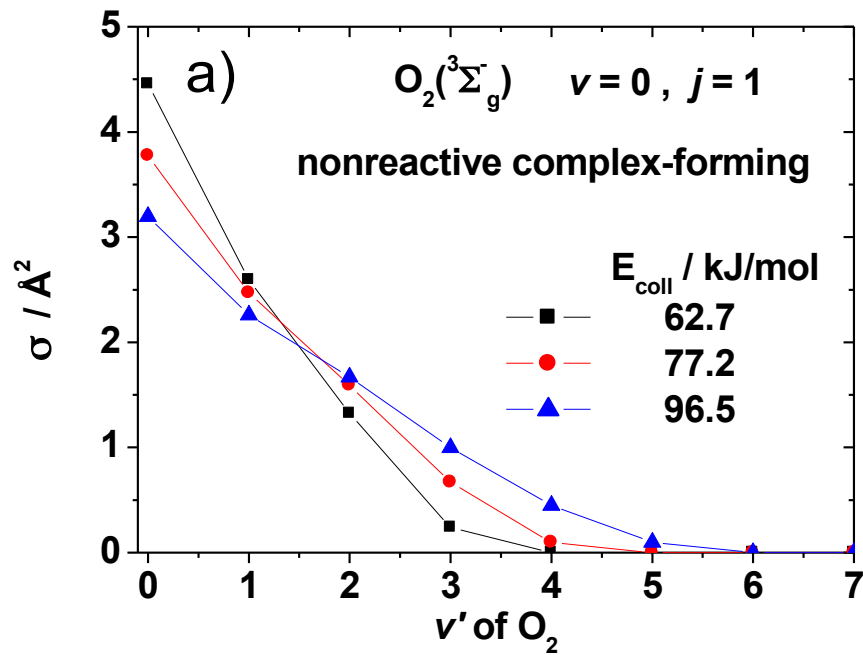
### Conditions for applicability of TST

- 1 Statistical mechanics holds: energy is flowing freely among its degrees of freedom - long complex lifetime
- 2 There is a dividing surface (near the barrier) that is crossed only once

The majority of trajectories return across the barrier after they passed from the reactant side  
 No dividing surface that is crossed only once can be designed

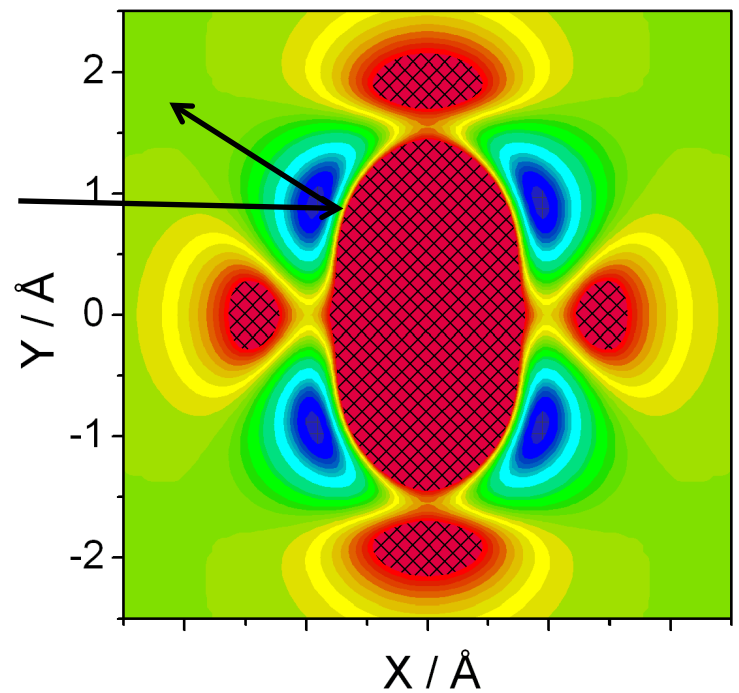


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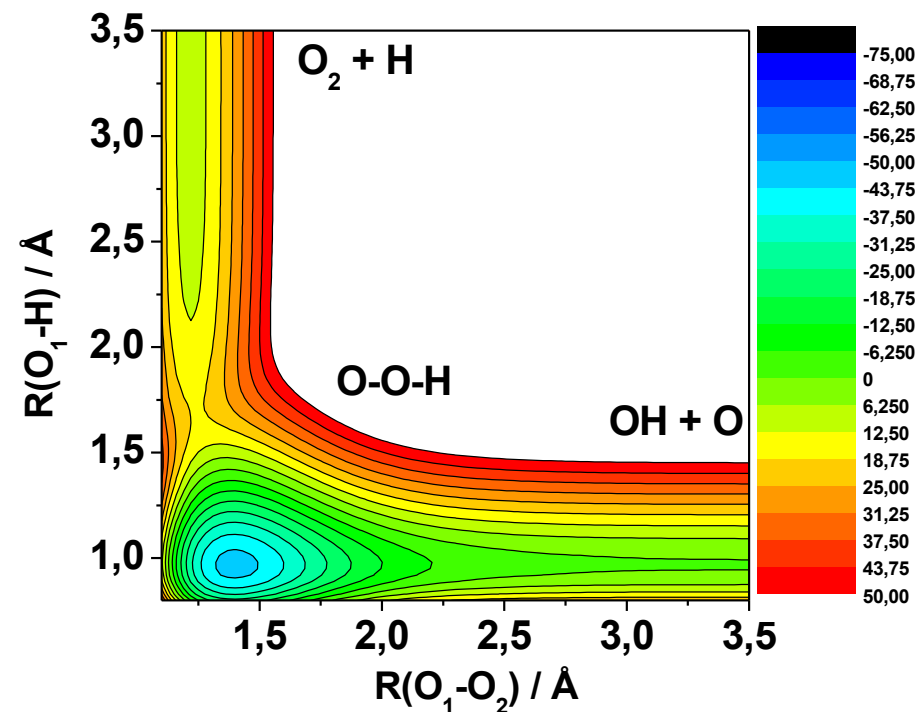
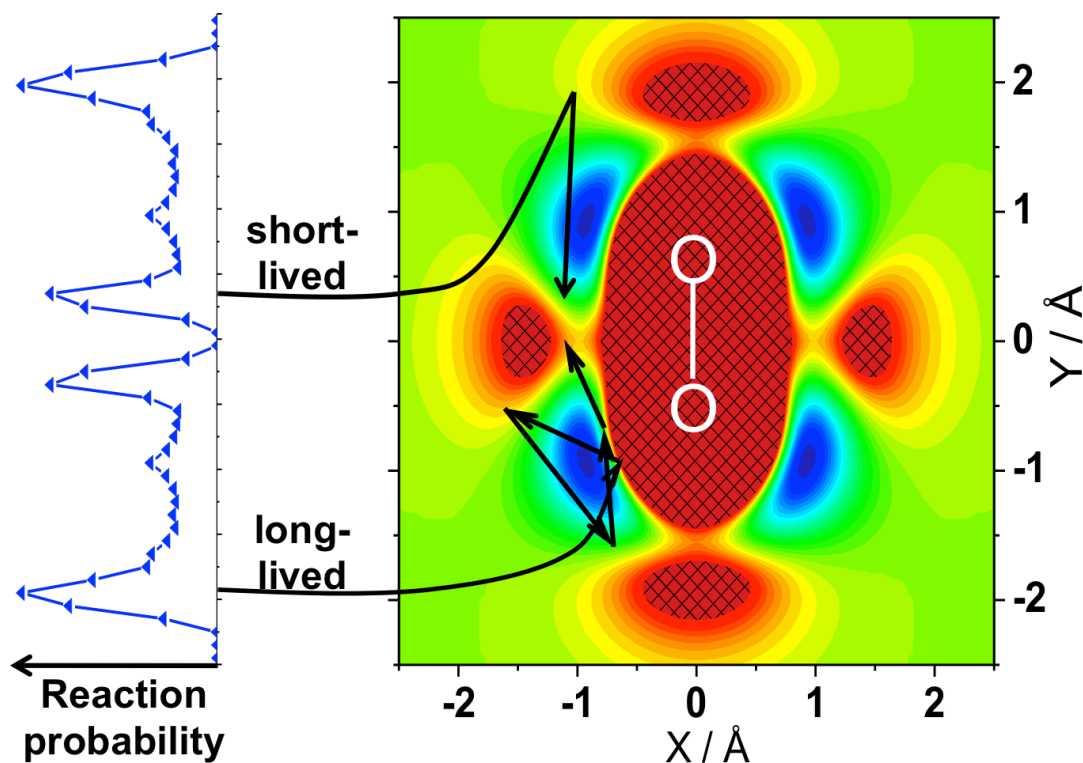
Trajectories reflected from the outer repulsive wall  
– negligible energy transfer

Trajectories entering the potential well  
– very efficient energy transfer  
reflection from the inner repulsive wall



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Favorable for reaction: Isomerization



JPCA special issues

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## The reaction of electronically excited O<sub>2</sub> with H atoms

- is much faster than that of triplet O<sub>2</sub>
- can accelerate combustion
- QCT works very well for the reaction of both the triplet and singlet O<sub>2</sub>
- reaction of the singlet is close to statistical at low, nonstatistical at high collision energy
- that of the triplet is not fully statistical
- failure of TST can be expected especially at high T
- **singlet O<sub>2</sub>** produces vibrationally excited OH, triplet O<sub>2</sub> does not

