

**Supplementary information for Kaltsoyannis and Plane**

Table S1: B3LYP geometric data for  $\text{NO}_2$ ,  $\text{NO}_3$  and  $\text{INO}_3$  (planar). Bond lengths  $r$  in Å, bond and dihedral angles  $\angle$  in degrees. Atom numbers for  $\text{INO}_3$  are given in Figure 1.

	$r(\text{O1}-\text{I1})$	$r(\text{O1}-\text{N1})$	$r(\text{N1}-\text{O2})$	$r(\text{N1}-\text{O3})$	$\angle \text{I1O1N1}$	$\angle \text{O1N1O2}$	$\angle \text{O2N1O3}$
$\text{NO}_2$		1.192	1.192			134.5	
$\text{NO}_3$		1.232				120.0	
$\text{INO}_3$	2.023	1.452	1.198	1.195	117.8	118.0	131.5

Table S2: B3LYP geometric data for  $\text{I}_2\text{O}_3$ . Bond lengths  $r$  in Å, bond and dihedral angles  $\angle$  in degrees. Atom numbers are given in Figure 2.

$r(\text{I1}-\text{O1})$	$r(\text{O1}-\text{I2})$	$r(\text{I2}-\text{O2})$	$r(\text{I2}-\text{O3})$	$\angle \text{I1O1I2}$	$\angle \text{O1I2O2}$	$\angle \text{O1I2O3}$	$\angle \text{O2I2O3}$	$\angle \text{I1O1I2O2}$	$\angle \text{I1O1I2O3}$
2.019	1.971	1.784	1.784	121.1	102.5	102.5	108.1	56.0	56.0

Table S3: B3LYP geometric data for  $\text{I}_2\text{O}_4$ . Bond lengths  $r$  in Å, bond and dihedral angles  $\angle$  in degrees. Atom numbers are given in Figure 3.

$r(\text{O1}-\text{I1})$	$r(\text{I1}-\text{O2})$	$r(\text{O2}-\text{I2})$	$r(\text{I2}-\text{O3})$	$r(\text{I2}-\text{O4})$	$\angle \text{O1I1O2}$	$\angle \text{I1O2I2}$	$\angle \text{O2I2O3}$	$\angle \text{O2I2O4}$	$\angle \text{O3I2O4}$	$\angle \text{O1I1O2I2}$	$\angle \text{I1O2I2O3}$	$\angle \text{I2O2I2O4}$
1.824	2.010	1.997	1.783	1.787	103.9	123.1	100.1	99.3	109.0	-93.1	-108.9	2.5

Table S4: B3LYP geometric data for I<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. Bond lengths  $r$  in Å, bond and dihedral angles  $\angle$  in degrees. Atom numbers are given in Figure 4.

Variable		Variable		Variable	
$r(\text{O1}-\text{I1})$	1.779	$\angle \text{O1I1O2}$	108.9	$\angle \text{O1I1O3I2}$	173.5
$r(\text{I1}-\text{O2})$	1.781	$\angle \text{O1I1O3}$	96.2	$\angle \text{O2I1O3I2}$	-76.0
$r(\text{I1}-\text{O3})$	2.019	$\angle \text{O2I1O3}$	99.5	$\angle \text{I1O3I2O4}$	-120.4
$r(\text{O3}-\text{I2})$	1.969	$\angle \text{I1O3I2}$	123.7	$\angle \text{I1O3I2O5}$	-9.4
$r(\text{I2}-\text{O4})$	1.779	$\angle \text{O3I2O4}$	100.6		
$r(\text{I2}-\text{O5})$	1.790	$\angle \text{O3I2O5}$	99.6		

Table S5: B3LYP geometric data for I<sub>2</sub>, IO, OIO and three isomers of I<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>; IOIO, IOOI and OI(I)O. Bond lengths  $r$  in Å, bond and dihedral angles  $\angle$  in degrees. Experimental data (in italics) for I<sub>2</sub> and IO from *Thermodynamic Properties of Individual Substances*, Hemisphere, New York, 1989, and for O<sub>3</sub> from N. N. Greenwood and A. Earnshaw, *Chemistry of the Elements*, Pergamon Press, Oxford, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1997.

	$r(\text{I-I})$	$r(\text{I-O})$	$r(\text{O-O})$	$r(\text{O-I})$	$r(\text{I-O})$	$\angle\text{OOO}$	$\angle\text{IOI}$	$\angle\text{OIO}$	$\angle\text{IOO}$	$\angle\text{OOI}$	$\angle\text{OII}$	$\angle\text{IOIO}$	$\angle\text{IOOI}$	$\angle\text{IIOO}$
I <sub>2</sub>	2.708 2.665													
IO		1.892 1.868												
OIO				1.819				110.5						
IO <sub>3</sub>		1.804						110.8						
O <sub>3</sub>			1.255 1.278			118.3 116.8								
IOIO (chain)		2.029		1.994	1.828		122.0	105.9				73.7		
IOOI (chain)		2.065	1.384	2.065					113.6	113.6			86.3	
OI(I)O	2.823	1.793			1.793						102.8			108.5

Table S6: B3LYP vibrational wavenumbers and point groups for all target systems.

<b>NO<sub>2</sub> (C<sub>2v</sub>)</b>		<b>I<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (C<sub>1</sub>)</b>		<b>IOOI (C<sub>1</sub>)</b>		<b>INO (C<sub>s</sub>)</b>	
A <sub>1</sub>	766.2	A	36.2	A	64.3	A'	233.2
A <sub>1</sub>	1385.6	A	48.1	A	224.5	A'	512.4
B <sub>2</sub>	1688.0	A	59.9	A	328.6	A'	1873.0
		A	161.8	A	509.3		
<b>NO<sub>3</sub> (D<sub>3h</sub>)</b>		A	174.5	A	534.9	<b>ICN (C<sub>oxv</sub>)</b>	
E'	218.5	A	249.3	A	806.2	Π	327.1
A <sub>2</sub> "	806.0	A	261.5			Σ	506.2
E'	1096.5	A	297.6	<b>OI(I)O (C<sub>1</sub>)</b>		Σ	2277.3
A <sub>1</sub> '	1126.0	A	313.5	A	138.6		
		A	459.4	A	146.3	<b>I<sub>2</sub> (D<sub>∞h</sub>)</b>	
<b>INO<sub>3</sub> (C<sub>s</sub>)</b>		A	583.4	A	215.6	Σ <sub>g</sub>	214.6
A"	97.7	A	866.1	A	285.9		
A'	181.0	A	881.3	A	847.6	<b>IO (C<sub>oxv</sub>)</b>	
A'	368.2	A	905.3	A	882.4	Σ	685.3
A'	579.8	A	911.2				
A'	729.4			<b>IOIO (C<sub>1</sub>)</b>		<b>OIO (C<sub>2v</sub>)</b>	

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A"	752.2	<b>I<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (C<sub>1</sub>)</b>		A	64.3	A <sub>1</sub>	264.4
A'	824.3	A	34.5	A	125.8	A <sub>1</sub>	799.6
A'	1311.4	A	66.3	A	220.5	B <sub>2</sub>	821.1
A'	1716.2	A	92.6	A	433.0		
		A	159.7	A	568.3	<b>IO<sub>3</sub> (C<sub>1</sub>)</b>	
<b>I<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (C<sub>1</sub>)</b>		A	239.2	A	804.0	A	258.7
A	43.4	A	255.5			A	259.1
A	88.2	A	305.2	<b>HII (C<sub>&lt;sub&gt;xv&lt;/sub&lt;/sub&gt;)</sub></b>		A	268.2
A	236.8	A	431.3	Σ	2318.7	A	765.0
A	254.6	A	530.8			A	765.2
A	297.5	A	811.2	<b>HOI (C<sub>s</sub>)</b>		A	795.3
A	442.5	A	868.2	A'	587.4		
A	625.7	A	900.7	A'	1097.6	<b>O<sub>3</sub> (C<sub>2v</sub>)</b>	
A	872.7			A'	3791.3	A <sub>1</sub>	746.0
A	901.2	<b>IOI (C<sub>2v</sub>)</b>				B <sub>2</sub>	1189.4
		A <sub>1</sub>	127.6			A <sub>1</sub>	1248.9
		A <sub>1</sub>	443.0				
		B <sub>2</sub>	619.6				