

# Quasi-classical trajectory study of the OH<sup>-</sup> + CH<sub>3</sub>I reaction: Theory meets experiment

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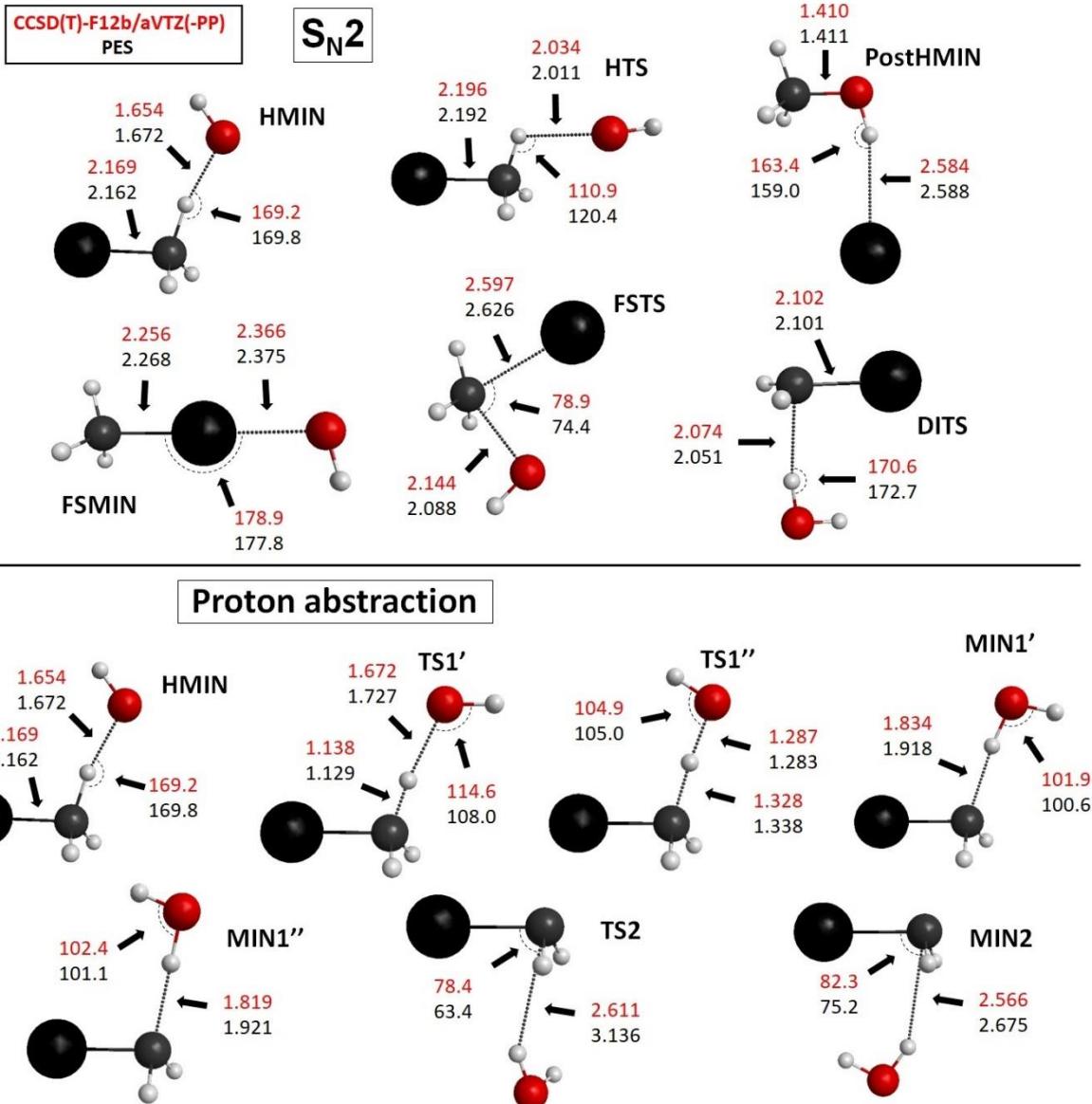
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**Table S1.** Integral cross sections (bohr<sup>2</sup>) of the possible pathways for the OH<sup>-</sup> + CH<sub>3</sub>I reaction at different collision energies.

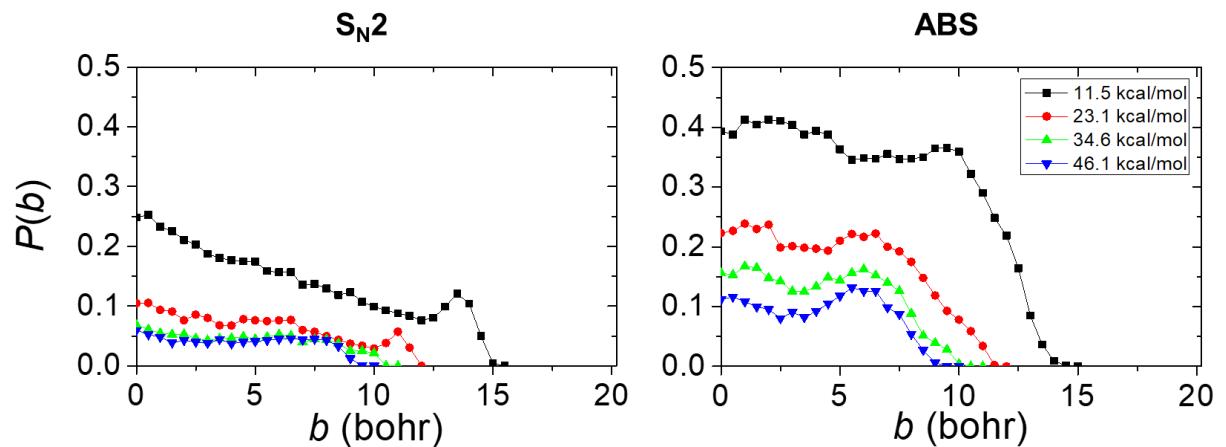
<i>Reaction channels<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>E<sub>coll</sub> (kcal/mol)</i>			
	<b>11.5</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>46.1</b>
<b>SN2</b>	78.97	23.33	13.10	10.36
<b>ABS</b>	169.84	59.31	32.81	22.20
<b>ABS soft</b>	100.04	40.06	23.69	16.46
<b>ABS hard</b>	23.94	14.81	10.45	8.02
<b>Iodine ABS</b>	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.02
<b>SN2 retention</b>	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.07
<b>ABS proton exch.</b>	0.77	0.10	0.03	0.01
<b>SN2 proton exch.</b>	1.19	0.14	0.02	0.01
<b>Proton exch.</b>	0.36	0.07	0.02	0.00
<b>ABS dissociation<sup>b</sup></b>	0.00	0.29	1.25	2.26
CH <sub>2</sub> + I <sup>-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O	0.00	0.12	0.67	1.45
H <sub>2</sub> O + [I···CH <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	0.00	0.08	0.31	0.52
CH <sub>2</sub> + [I···H <sub>2</sub> O] <sup>-</sup>	0.00	0.06	0.21	0.24
I <sup>-</sup> + [CH <sub>2</sub> ···H <sub>2</sub> O]	0.00	0.04	0.06	0.04

<sup>a</sup> ICS<sub>total</sub> = ICS<sub>SN2</sub> + ICS<sub>Proton abs.</sub> + ICS<sub>Iodine abs.</sub> + ICS<sub>Proton abs. diss.</sub> + ICS<sub>Proton exch.</sub>

<sup>b</sup> ICS<sub>Proton abs. diss.</sub> = ICS(CH<sub>2</sub> + I<sup>-</sup> + H<sub>2</sub>O) + ICS(H<sub>2</sub>O + [I···CH<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>) + ICS(CH<sub>2</sub> + [I···H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>-</sup>) + ICS(I<sup>-</sup> + [CH<sub>2</sub>···H<sub>2</sub>O])



**Figure S1.** The structures of the stationary points for the S<sub>N</sub>2 and proton-abstraction pathways of the OH<sup>-</sup> + CH<sub>3</sub>I reaction showing the most important bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) obtained on the PES compared to the CCSD(T)-F12b/aug-cc-pVTZ values. For the S<sub>N</sub>2 channel, the *ab initio* data are adapted from ref. 1. Regarding the PES development, a detailed description is provided in ref 2.



**Figure S2.** Opacity functions of the S<sub>N</sub>2 and proton-abstraction pathways of the OH<sup>-</sup> + CH<sub>3</sub>I reaction at different collision energies.

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