Chemical dynamics CHEM674

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Outline

- From macroscopic observables to a miscroscopic description of chemical reactions (suggested reading Steinfeld et al. Chapter 6 & 7)
 - Potential energy surfaces
 - Long-range potentials
 - Empirical potentials
 - Molecular bonding potentials
 - Internal coordinates and Normal Modes of vibration
 - · Ab Initio calculation of potential energy surfaces
 - Analytic potential energy functions
 - Reaction path and introduction to transition state theory
 - Potential energy surfaces of electronically excited molecules

From the intermolecular potential energy surface to thermally averaged rate coefficients.



Potential energy curve

For N atoms, the potential energy surface depends on 3N-6 independent coordinates.

















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Normal modes of vibration















