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Quantum reaction dynamics of ultracold O + OH collisions

BRIAN KENDRICK, Los Alamos National Laboratory, JISHA HAZRA, University of Nevada Las Vegas, GAGAN PRADHAN, NADUVALATH BALAKRISHNAN, University of Nevada Las Vegas — Quantum scattering calculations of the $\text{O} + \text{OH}(v = 0, j = 0) \rightarrow \text{H} + \text{O}_2(v' = 0 - 3, j')$ reaction are presented for the electronically adiabatic ground state ${}^2A''$ potential energy surface of HO_2 . A numerically exact three-dimensional time-independent scattering method based on hyperspherical coordinates is used to compute rotationally resolved reaction probabilities, cross sections, and non-thermal rate coefficients. Total and vibrationally resolved scattering results are also presented. The scattering calculations span a wide range of collision energies between ultra-cold ($1.16 \mu\text{K}$) and thermal (298 K) and include several values of total angular momentum $J = 0 - 3$. Interesting enhancements in the ultra-cold cross sections are observed for many of the transitions which are attributed to the presence of quantum resonances associated with the HO_2 complex.

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