

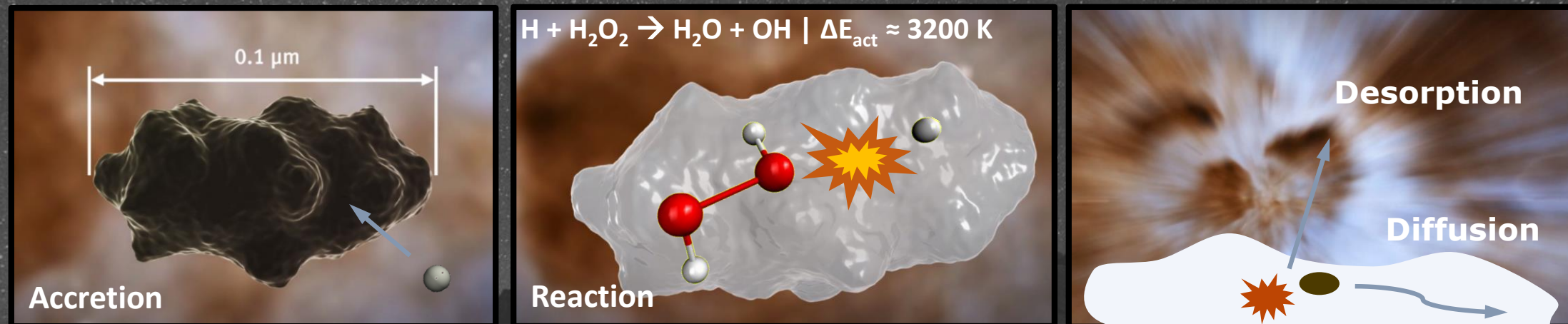
# Tunneling of hydrogen transfer reactions on and in interstellar ices

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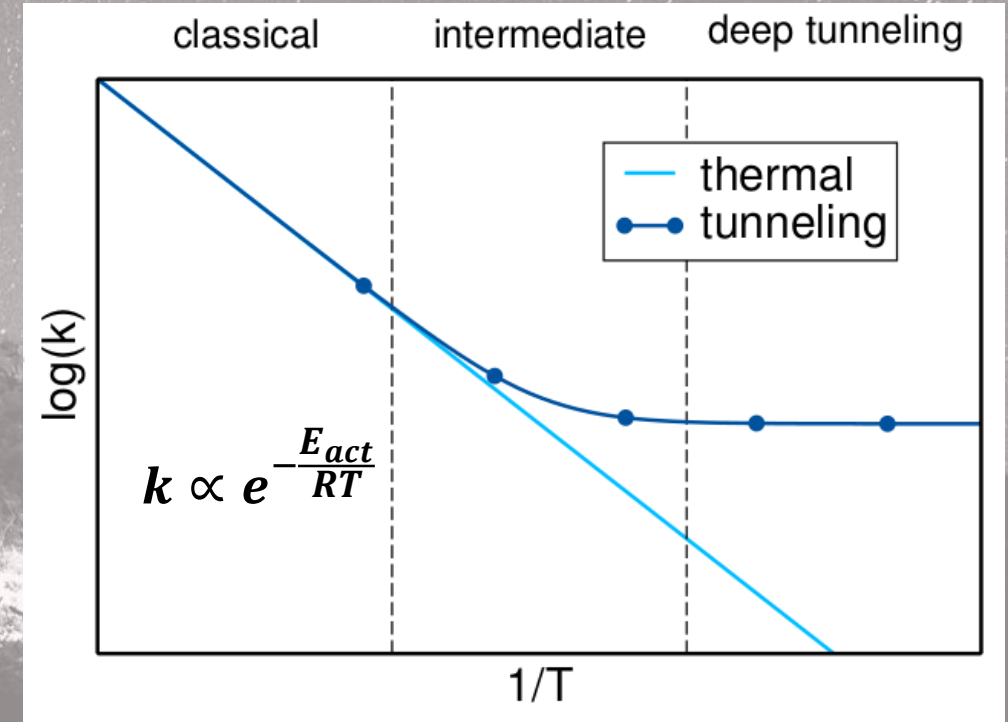
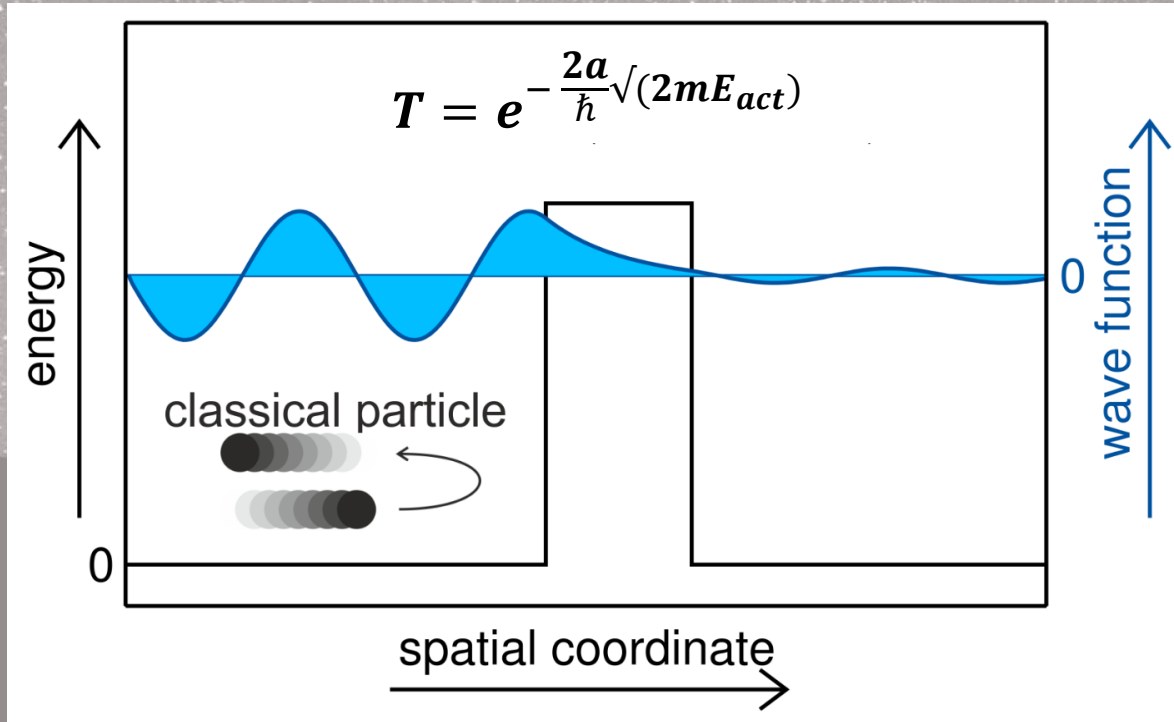


# Interstellar surface chemistry



**Accurate rate constants are needed as input for astrochemical models**

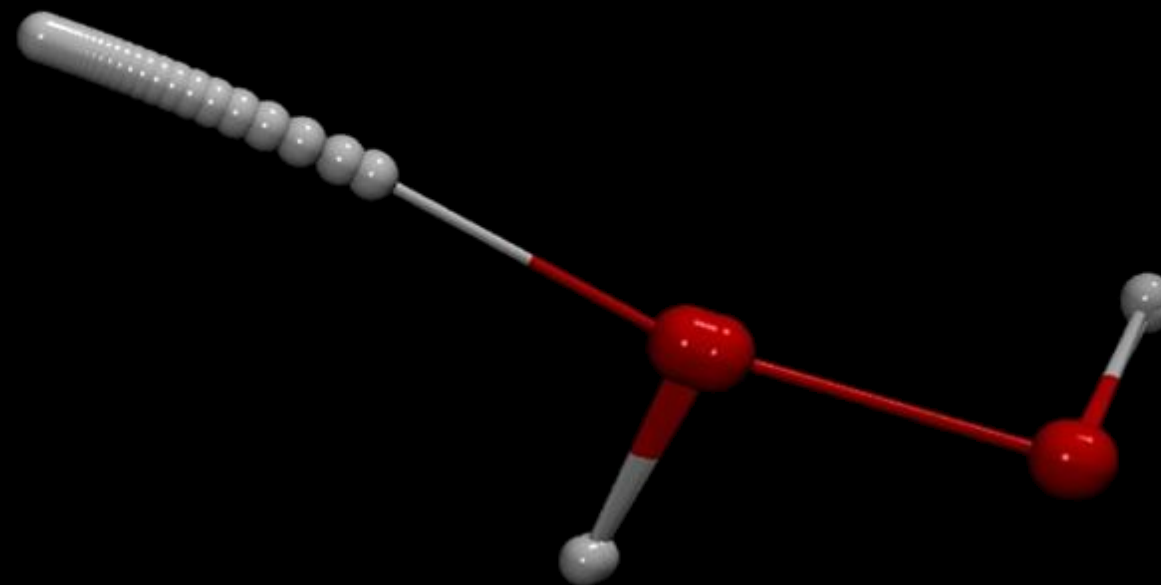
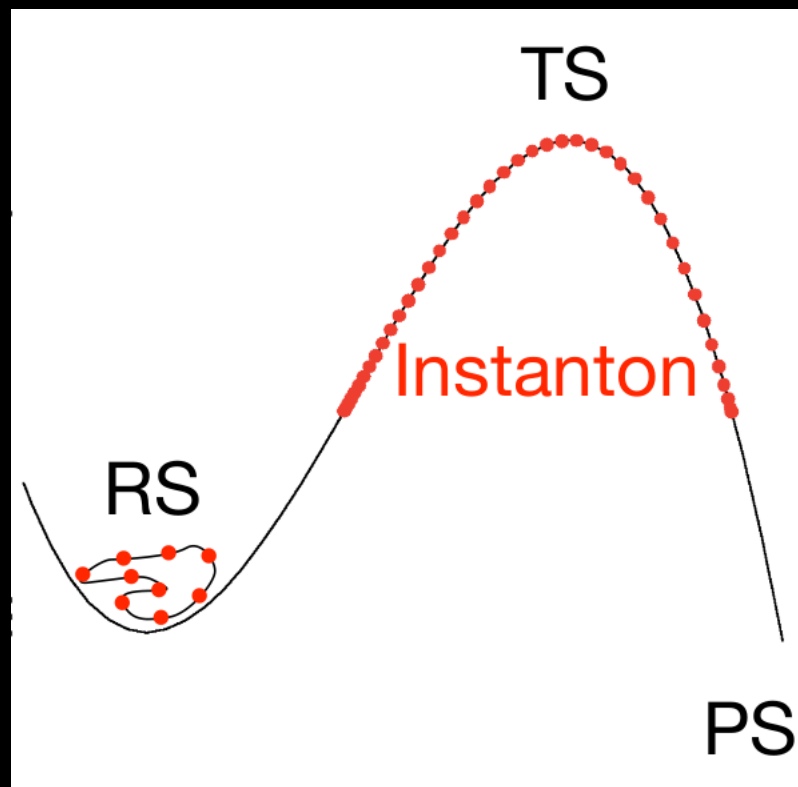
# Quantum tunneling



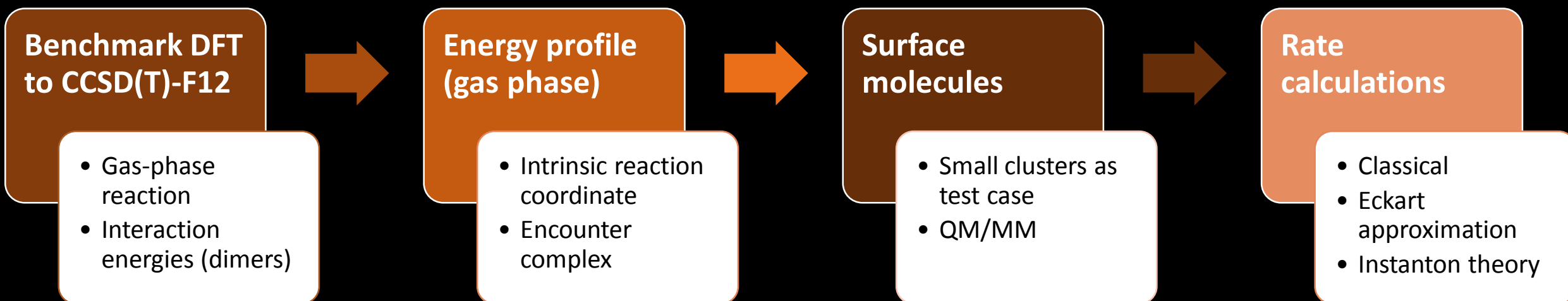
Minimum energy path is not a good approximation to the tunneling path for thin barriers

# Rate constants including tunneling!

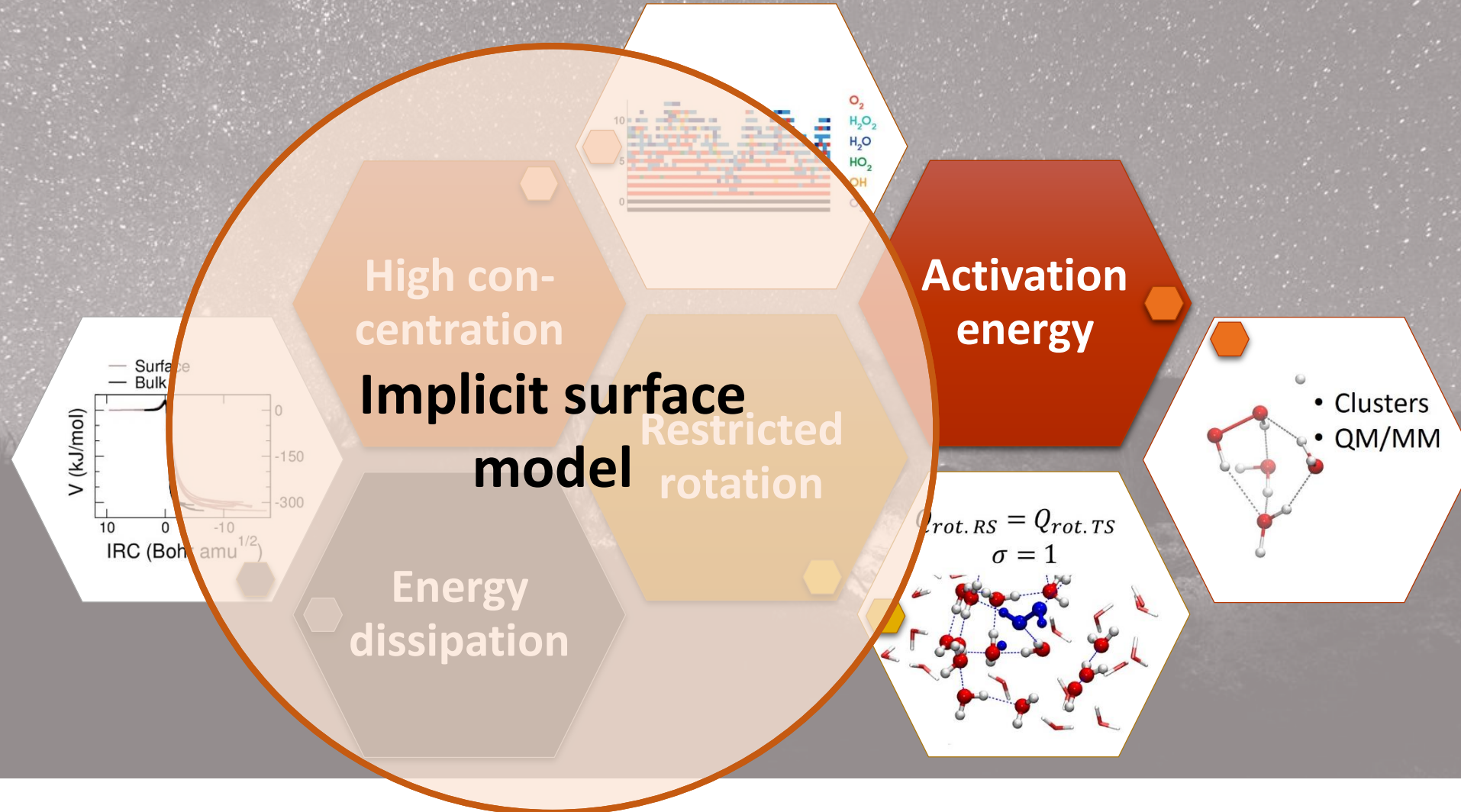
## Instanton theory



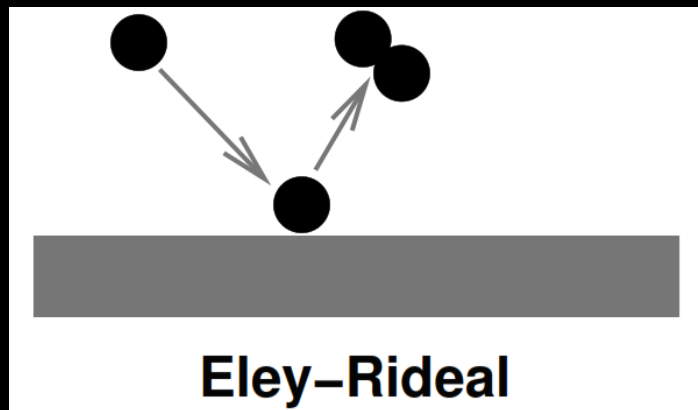
# Typical approach



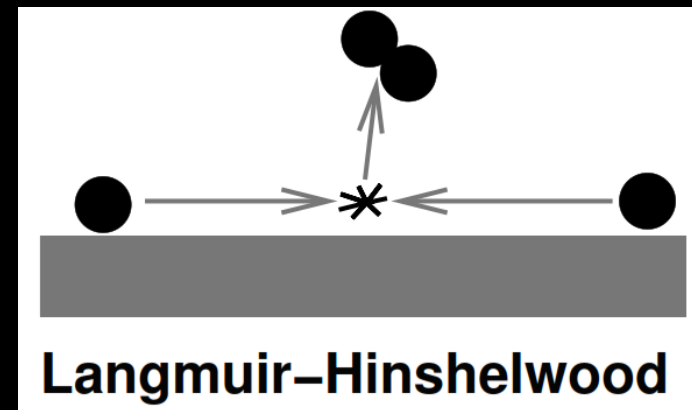
# Surface approximations



# Surface chemistry mechanisms



**Bimolecular**  
**A adsorbed**  
**+ gas-phase B**



**Unimolecular**  
**both A and B adsorbed**  
**+ diffusion**

# Competition with diffusion

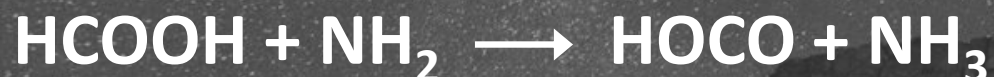
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# Tunneled reactions: rate constants

## Studied reactions:

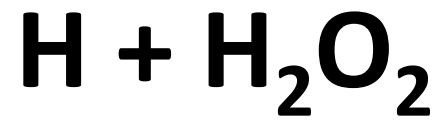


Within the framework of:  
Cometary chemical inventory

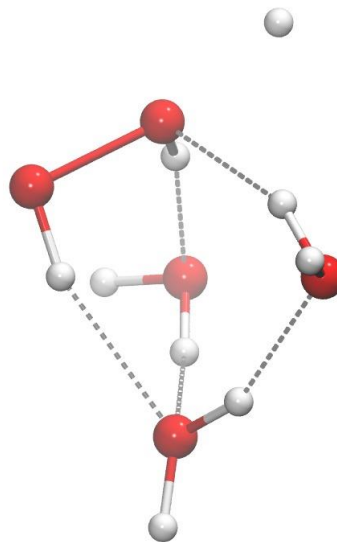
‘Complex’ organic molecule  
precursors

Water formation

Sulfur chemistry



# Gas vs. Clusters (I)

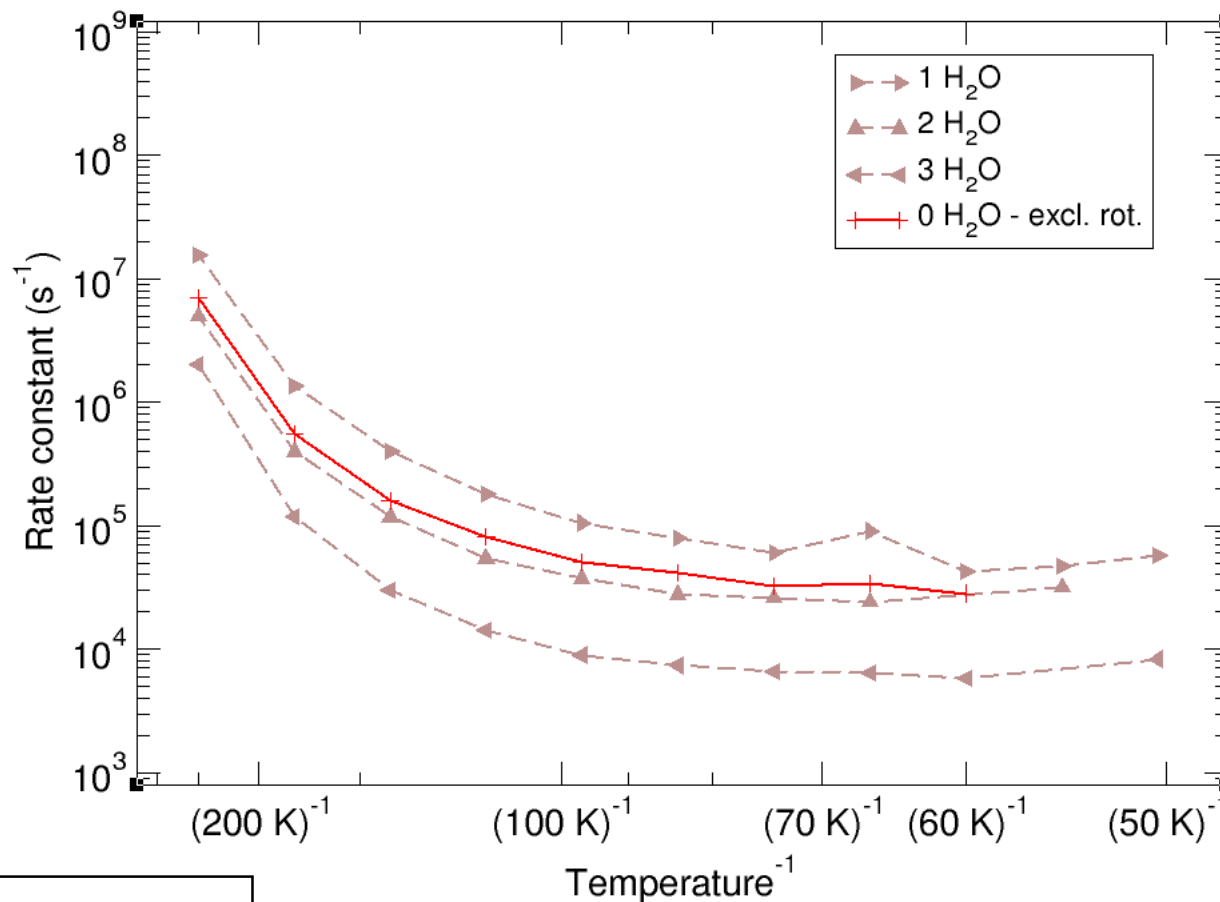


DFT: MPW1B95 / MG3S

Lamberts *et al.* (2016)



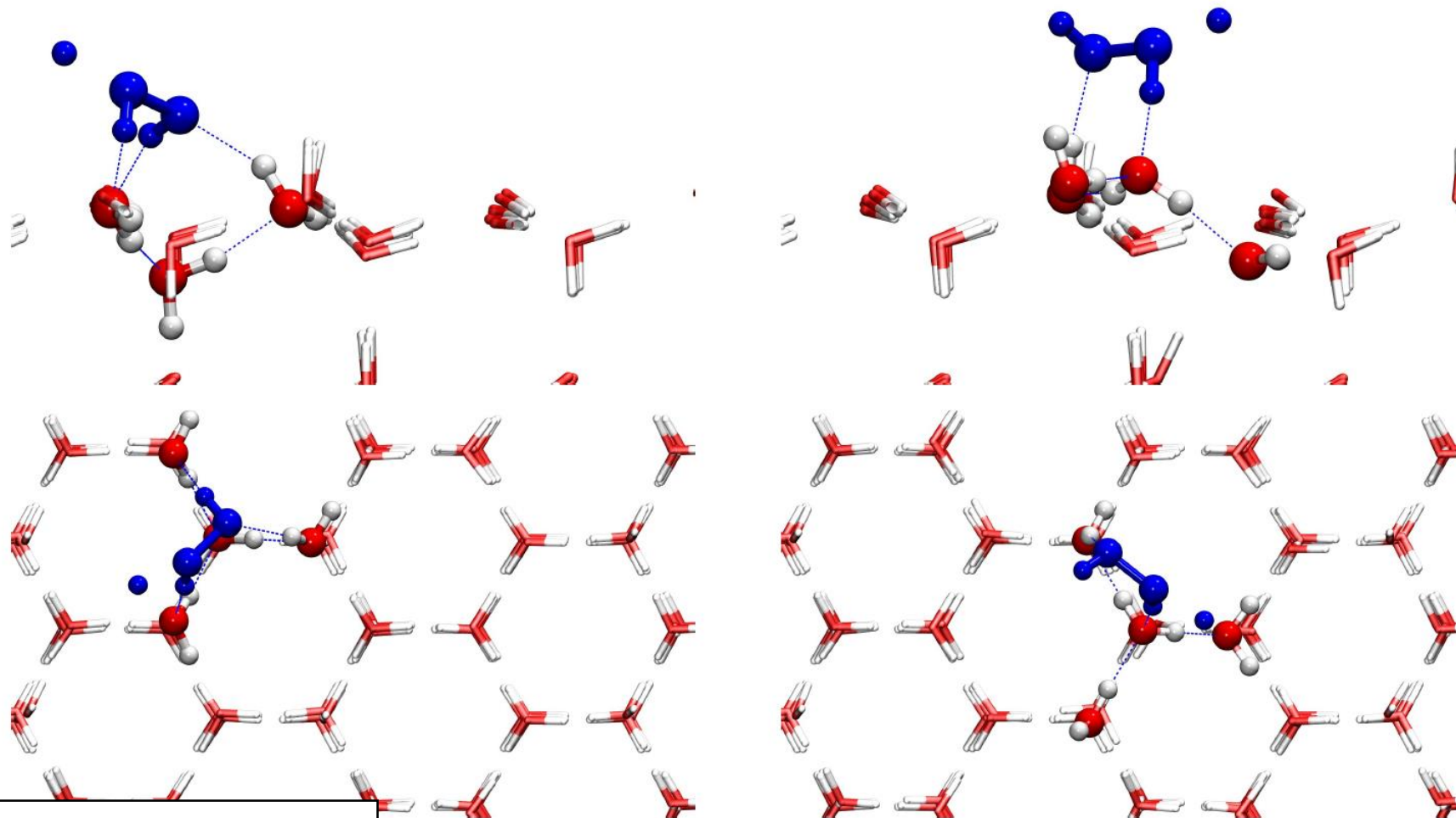
## Gas vs. Clusters (II)



**E<sub>act.</sub> ≈ 2910 – 3200 K**

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# H + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> Clusters vs. Surface (I)

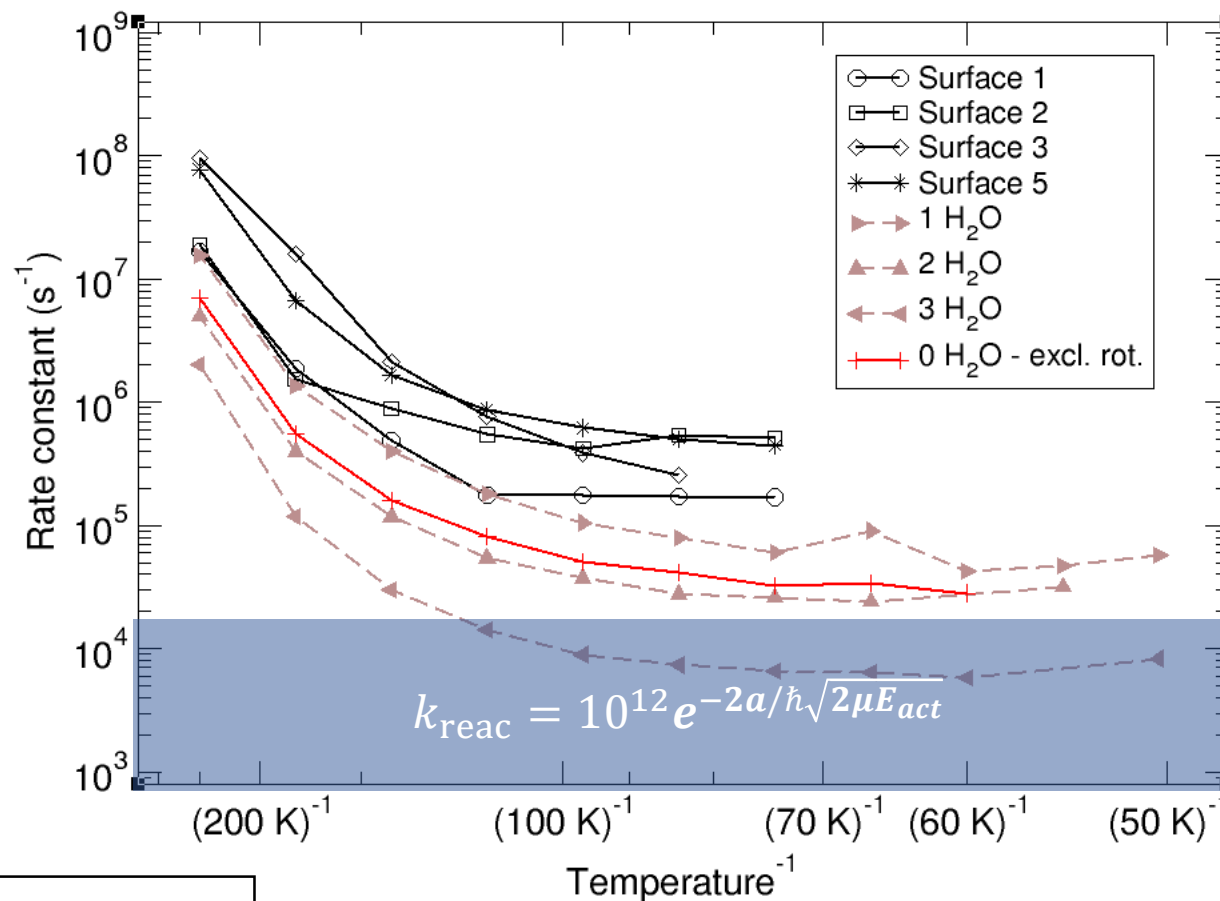


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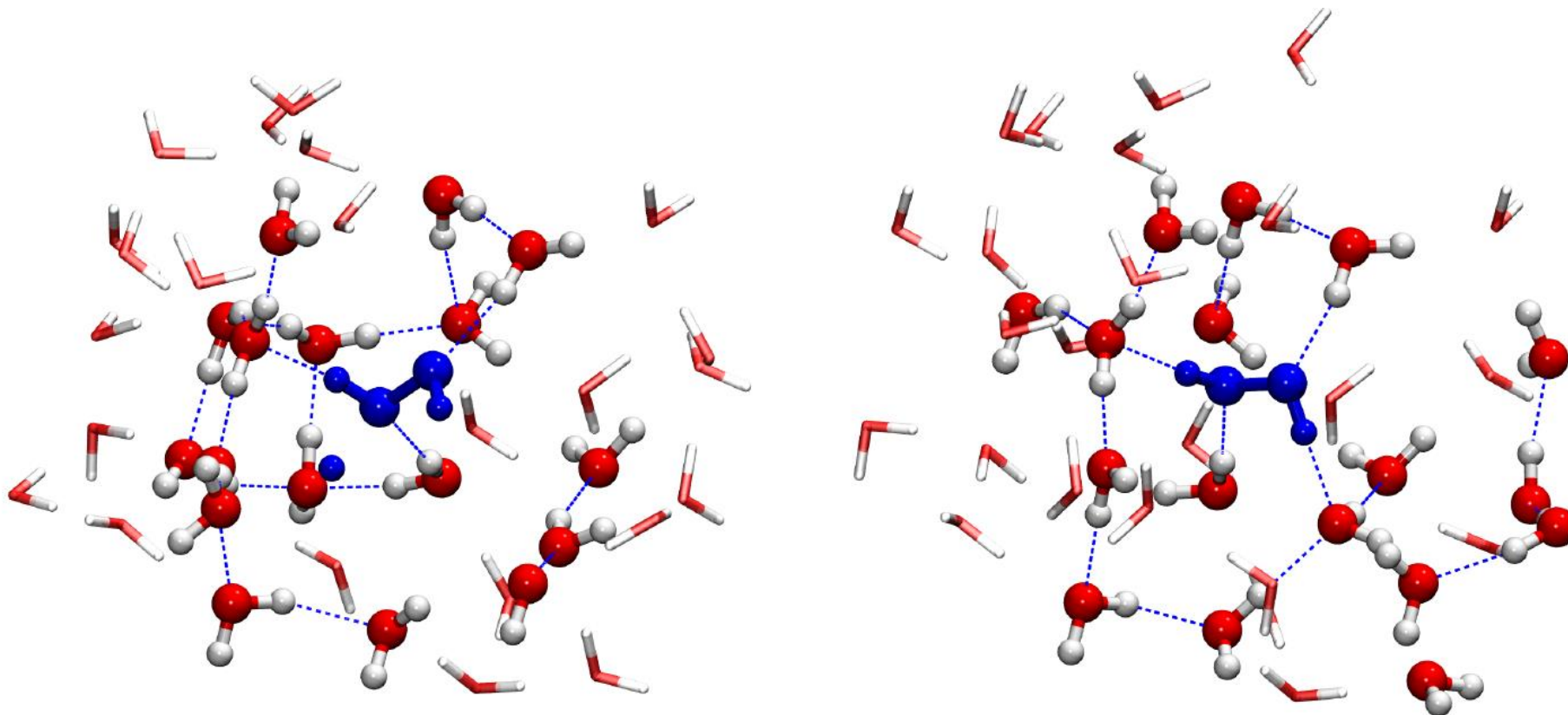


$E_{\text{act.}} \approx 2740 - 3065 \text{ K}$

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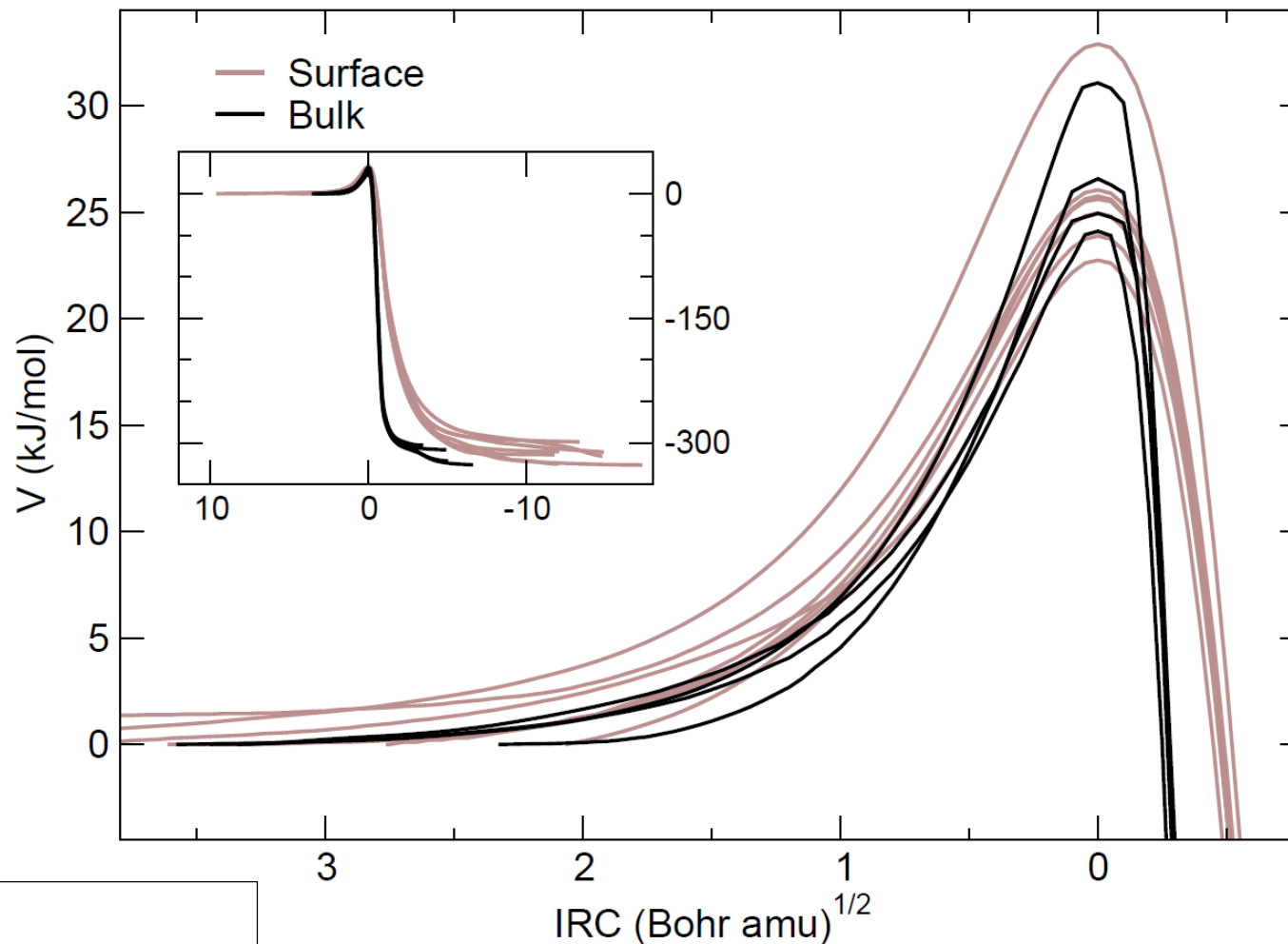


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## Surface vs. Bulk (II)



**$E_{\text{act.}} \approx 2500 - 2840 \text{ K}$**

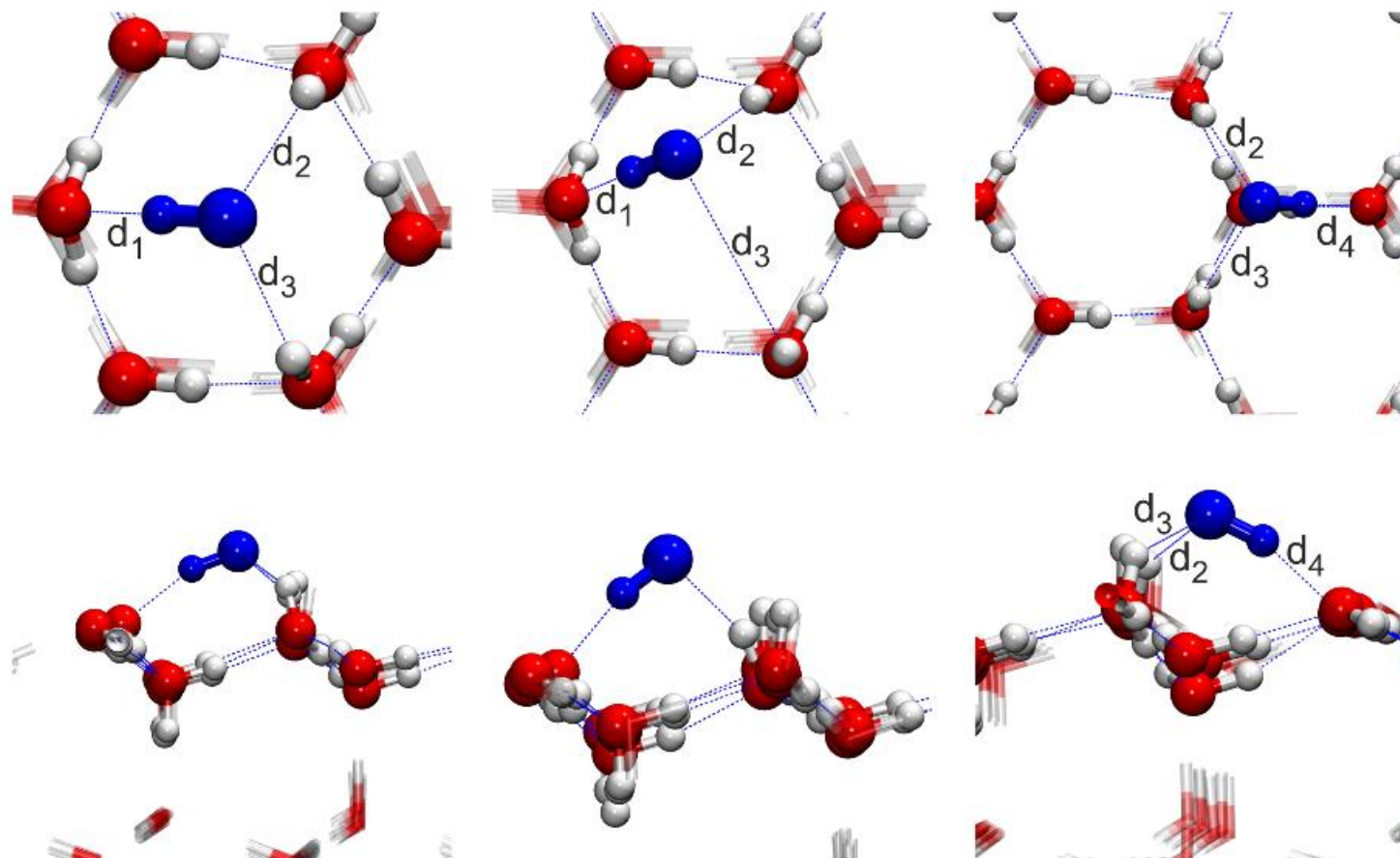
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# H<sub>2</sub> + OH

# Surface (I)



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DFT: BHLYP / def2-SVPD  
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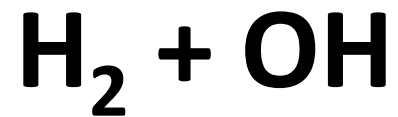


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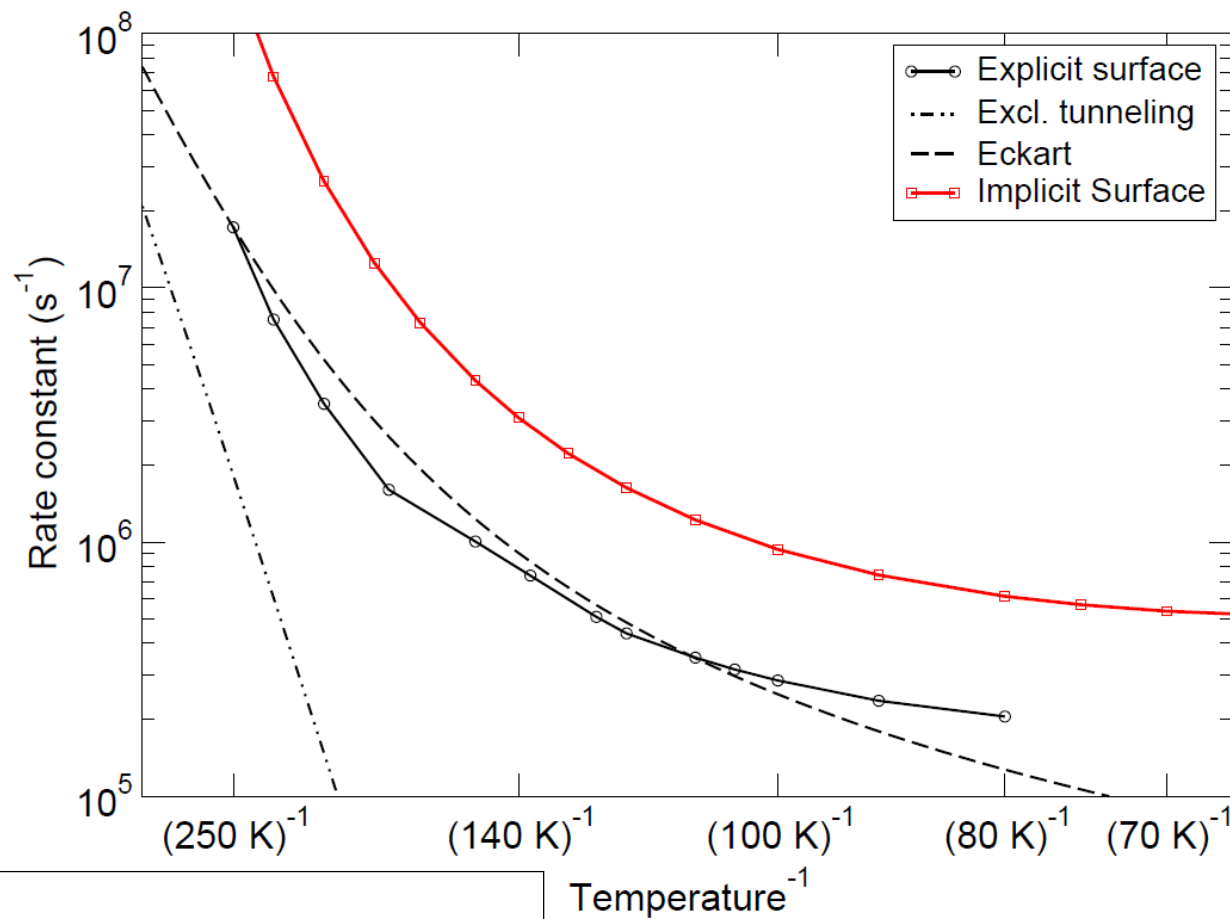


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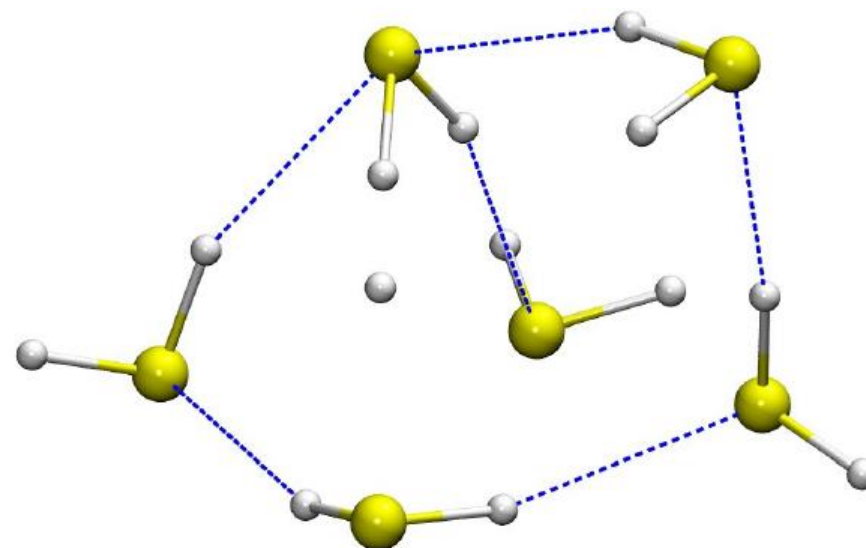
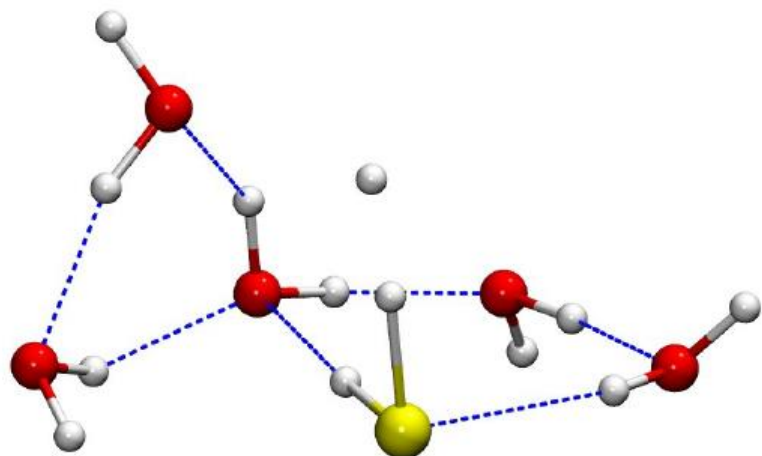
## Surface (II)



**$E_{\text{act.}} \approx 2700 - 2900$  vs.  $2935$  K**

Meisner *et al.* (2017)

# H + H<sub>2</sub>S Gas phase vs. Clusters (I)



DFT: MPWB1K / def2-TZVP

Lamberts *et al.* (2017) in prep.

# Diffusion and binding energies?

$$\begin{aligned} R_{LH} &= P_{react} R_{diff} \\ &= \frac{k_{react}}{k_{react} + k_{diff,A} + k_{diff,B}} \frac{k_{diff,A} + k_{diff,B}}{N_{sites}} n_A n_B \end{aligned}$$

Combination of activation and binding energy determines if a reaction is limited by diffusion: what about binding energy distributions?

# Lessons learned

- **Water ice:** may impact on barrier height and width  
may decrease the barrier
- **Hydrogen bonds:** restricted orientations  
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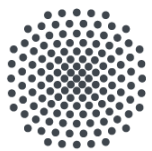
# Thank you!

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# In a nutshell

Imaginary F theory:  $k \propto \text{Im}(F) = \frac{\text{Im}(Q)}{\text{Re}(Q)}$

Transition state theory:  $k \propto \frac{Q_{TS}}{Q_{RS}}$

$Q_{TS} = \text{tr}[e^{-\beta H}] = \oint D\mathbf{x} e^{-\frac{1}{\hbar} S_E[\mathbf{x}]} \rightarrow$  path integral formulation

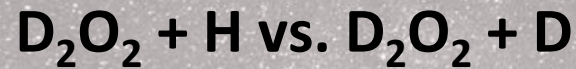
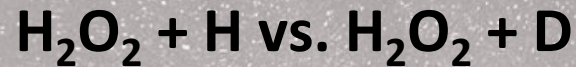
$\mathbf{x}$  that minimizes  $S_E[\mathbf{x}]$  is 'the instanton', discretized: P segments in 3N dimensions

This ring-polymer with  $k=k(T)$  can be seen as wrapped around the barrier

Deviations from the most-likely tunneling path: harmonic approximation

# Hydrogenation of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

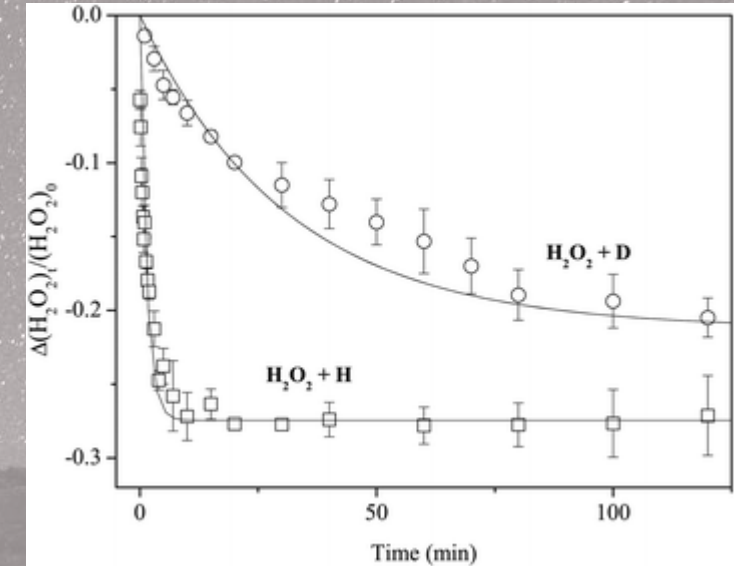
- Experiments show a kinetic isotope effect



- In models

Rectangular barrier approximation

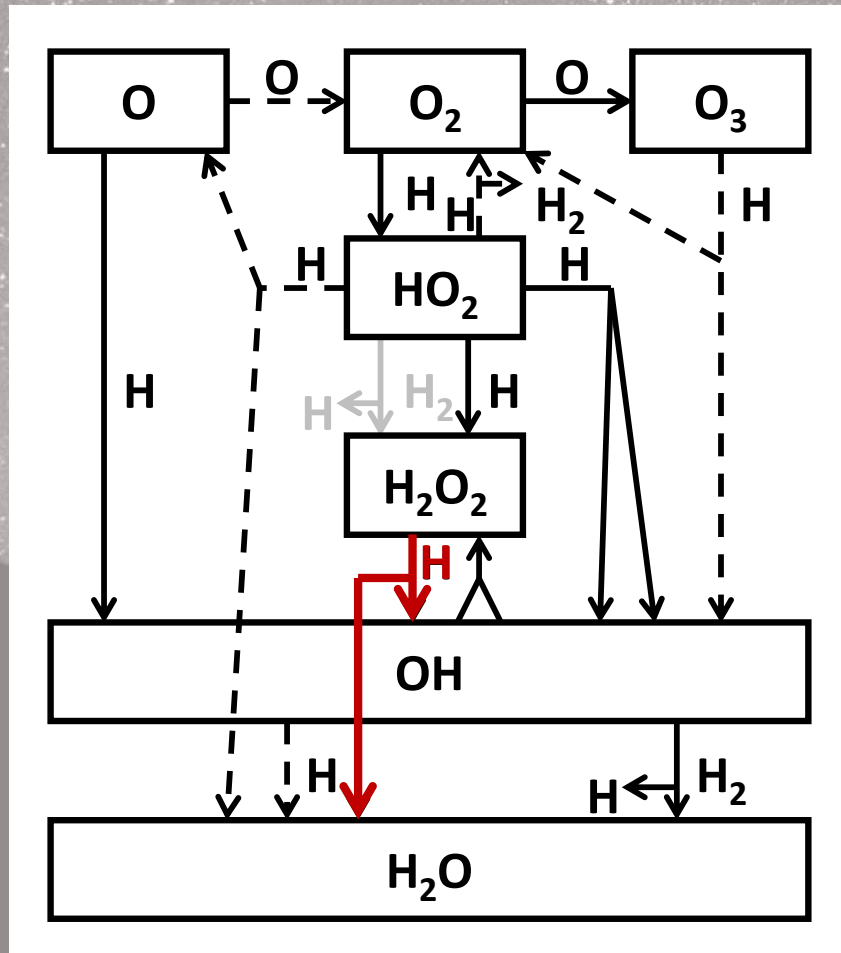
Eckart barrier approximation



$$P_{\text{reac}} \propto e^{-2a/\hbar\sqrt{2\mu E_{\text{act}}}}$$



# Surface formation of water



Radical-radical reactions:  
barrierless

Radical-neutral reactions:  
tunneling!



# Benchmark

Method	Reaction 1 $\text{H} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{OH}$		Reaction 2 $\text{H} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{HO}_2 + \text{H}_2$	
	kJ/mol	Kelvin	kJ/mol	Kelvin
CCSD(T)-F12 / VTZ-F12	25.5	3070	39.4	4740
ic-MRCCSD(T) / cc-pVQZ <sup>1</sup>	24.9	2995	38.3	4605
Ellingson et al. (2007)	27.2	3260	41.4	4970
MPW1B95 / MG3S	26.5	3190	23.7	2845
M05-2X / MG3S	45.9	5520	39.7	4780
PWB6K / MG3S	35.9	4330	35.4	4260
B3LYP / MG3S	11.2	1350	8.1	970
B3LYP / def2-TZVPD	10.8	1300	7.3	880

Energies in kJ/mol and Kelvin, without ZPE corrections, no dispersion correction

# Kinetic Isotope Effect

	Instanton theory	Eckart Barrier	Rectangular Barrier
Eley-Rideal / bimolecular	197	27	6945
Langmuir-Hinshelwood / unimolecular	229	60	7033

All KIE's calculated at 50 K

Experimental KIE = 30 at 15 K, but ... includes diffusion!

