

On the automatic computation of global (intermolecular) potential energy surfaces for quantum dynamical simulations

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### Environmental problem



#### Incomplete combustion products



etps://ediforniaac.wordpress.com/2015/02/19/what is sock/



http://www.dw.com/en/hoping-for-a-fresh-sea-breeze-aboard a-cruise-ship-better-hold-your-nose/a-37284464



https://www.quora.com/Why-is-the-exhaust-frommy-diesel-engine-black-smoke



http://www.co2offsetresearch.org/aviation/Particulates.htm

#### What is the interaction between a "soot" particle and a (small) molecule?

### Soot particles are second to CO<sub>2</sub> in their contribution to global warming

Ramanathan et al. Nat. Geosci. 1.4 (2008): 221.

#### REVIEW ARTICLE

Global and regional climate changes due to black carbon

#### Soot particles are substrate to heterogeneous reactions leading to the production of radicals...

Monge et al. PNAS 107.15 (2010): 6605-6609.

### Light changes the atmospheric reactivity of soot

Maria Eugenia Monge<sup>1</sup>, Barbara D'Anna<sup>11</sup>, Linda Mazri<sup>1</sup>, Anne Giroir-Fendler<sup>1</sup>, Markus Ammann<sup>1</sup>, D. J. Donaldson<sup>1</sup>, and Christian George<sup>1</sup>

#### Suspected neurotoxicity of traffic related pollution

Sunyer et al. PLOS Med. 12.3 (2015): e1001792.

#### RESEARCH ARTIC

Association between Traffic-Related Air Pollution in Schools and Cognitive Development in Primary School Children: A Prospective Cohort Study

Jordi Sunyer<sup>+1,0,0,4</sup>, Mikel Esnaola<sup>1,0,0</sup>, Mar Alvarez-Pedrerol<sup>1,0,0</sup>, Joan Porns<sup>1,0,0</sup>

### Modeling of the system





P. R. Buseck et al., Atmos. Chem. Phys. Discuss. (2012)

### Ground state of the Pyrene $NO_2$ system







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### The vdW-TSSCDS method





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### LL trajectories and sampling





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### HL Transition States and Minimum Energy Paths





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### HL Minima obtained from IRCs





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### Energies of the Stationary Points





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Structure	$\Delta E(cm^{-1})$
MINR-TS1	4.3894e-04
MINR-TS2	4.3894e-04
MINR-TS3	$6.4751e{+}01$
MINR-TS4	3.8800e+01
MINR-TS5	7.6236e+01
TS1	$7.4973e{+}01$
TS2	7.4372e+01
TS3	1.3858e+02
TS4	$5.1983e{+}01$
TS5	2.8805e+02
MINF-TS1	4.3894e-04
MINF-TS2	6.4752e + 01
MINF-TS3	$6.4753e{+}01$
MINF-TS4	0.0000
MINF-TS5	9.7619e + 01

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### Reaction network





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