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The purpose of this textbook is to provide a basic understanding of scientific principles to help people and students who are interested in entering various professions and occupations involving chemistry and biology, scientific method, atomic theory, molecules and moles, the periodic table of elements, pH in terms of acids and bases, and organic chemistry. We shall also look at living things, cells, cell division, anatomy, and physiology (with particular emphasis on the cardiovascular system, circulatory system, the central nervous system, respiratory system, and the lymphatic system as it relates to immunology). There will be some discussion about nutrition, as well as a survey of genetics including the structures of DNA, duplication of DNA, RNA structure, and protein synthesis. There will be a very brief discussion of basic physics, optics, sound, astronomy, geology, and meteorology (which will help us understand how weather forecasters determine our weather from day to day). Some mention of African American men and women who made major contributions to math and science is included to let people know that regardless of one's color, we all have the ability to handle various professions and occupations in science or math at any level. High school students, community college students, and people who desire a basic understanding of science, as it relates to our everyday living, are encouraged to read this book. Thank you for your time. The third book in Theodore Gray's bestselling Elements Trilogy, Reactions continues the journey through the world of chemistry that began with his two previous bestselling books The Elements and Molecules. With The Elements, Gray gave us a never-before-seen, mesmerizing photographic view of the 118 elements in the periodic table. In Molecules, he showed us how the elements combine to form the content that makes up our universe. With Reactions Gray once again puts his one-of-a-kind photography and storytelling ability to work demonstrating how molecules interact in ways that are essential to our very existence. The book begins with a brief recap of elements and molecules and then goes on to explain important concepts that characterize a chemical reaction, including Energy, Entropy, and Time. It is then organized by type of reaction including chapters such as "Fantastic Reactions and Where to Find Them," "On the Origin of Light and Color," "The Boring Chapter," in which we learn about reactions such as paint drying, grass growing, and water boiling,

and "The Need for Speed," including topics such as weather, ignition, and fire. "A first-principles discussion of the fundamental neutron interactions . . . the writing is clear, and the explanations stress essential physical principles . . . an excellent survey."—Physics Today "A must for libraries of all universities and laboratories that are engaged in nuclear physics, particle physics, nuclear energy, astrophysics or condensed matter research . . . an outstanding multidisciplinary introduction to the physics and applications of cold neutrons."—Physics World "So many tables, facts and figures . . . the coverage is remarkable."—American Scientist This encyclopedic reference work covers nearly every conceivable aspect of neutron physics. Assembled by an expert in the field, it ranges from the neutron's role as a major element in tests of the standard model of astro-particle physics to its use in nuclear energy generation and the study of condensed matter systems. The multidisciplinary approach includes detailed treatment of strong, weak, and electromagnetic properties of the neutron as well as parallel developments in cosmology and astrophysics. Each subject is placed within its scientific context and receives considerable attention to historical detail. Scientific evidence, experimental and theoretical, sheds new light on physics and chemistry and reveals how changes to atomic nuclei can occur with low-energy methods. For a century, this has been considered impossible. The book reveals that 100 years of chemistry and physics is not wrong, but incomplete, and that there is something new and exciting in the physical sciences. Written for a general audience, this book reveals the hidden story of what was initially and erroneously called "cold fusion." Low-energy nuclear reactions (LENRs) are not fusion or fission but a new, third type of nuclear phenomenon. The book explains why Robert Park, the former spokesman of the American Physical Society, concedes that LENRs are real, reversing his longstanding opposition to the research. Krivit's conversations about LENRs with Richard Garwin, who played a key role in the development of the first hydrogen bomb, are also illuminating. Hacking the Atom: - Explains the new science of LENRs for scientists and non-scientists alike. - Offers insights about a possible new form of nuclear energy without harmful radiation. - Reveals intense behind-the-scenes human drama and fiery intellectual conflict that inevitably accompanies the pursuit of revolutionary science and technology. - Explains why low-energy nuclear reactions (LENRs) are not "cold fusion." - Shows experimental research that confirms why LENRs are real nuclear reactions. - Provides the first "plain English" explanation of the Widom-Larsen theory. - Demonstrates why the Widom-Larsen theory is viable and consistent with existing physics. An instructional manual of essential nuclear and complementary methodologies for a multidisciplinary approach to geothermal exploration development and monitoring. This publication provides comprehensive procedures for carrying out isotope and geochemical investigations of geothermal systems. The so-called reaction path (RP) with respect to the potential energy or the Gibbs energy ("free enthalpy") is one of the most fundamental concepts in chemistry. It significantly helps to display and visualize the results of the complex microscopic processes forming a chemical reaction. This concept is an implicit component of conventional transition state theory (TST). The model of the reaction path and the TST form a qualitative framework which provides chemists with a better understanding of chemical reactions and stirs their imagination. However, an exact calculation of the RP and its neighbourhood becomes important when the RP is used as a tool for a detailed exploring of reaction mechanisms and particularly when it is used as a basis for reaction rate theories above and beyond TST. The RP is a theoretical instrument that now forms the "theoretical heart" of "direct dynamics". It is particularly useful for the interpretation of reactions in common chemical systems. A suitable definition of the RP of potential energy surfaces is necessary to ensure that the reaction theories based on it will possess sufficiently high quality. Thus, we have to consider three important fields of research: - Analysis of potential energy surfaces and the definition and best calculation of the RPs or - at least - of a number of selected and chemically interesting points on it. - The further development of concrete versions of reaction theory beyond TST which are applicable for common chemical systems using the RP concept. A high temperature Thermal Energy Storage (TES) system has

been investigated for use in solar thermal power plants or in vehicles to preheat the engine and/or the cabin in cold weather. The idea is to store surplus thermal energy and then release it on demand to heat a working fluid. The stored heat can be used to generate electricity after sunset or to meet the peak loads. These would lead to an improvement in energy efficiency, reductions in energy imports from foreign sources and total energy-related emissions. The basic operating principle involved in the TES system is a thermochemical reaction involving metal oxides such as the calcium oxide (CaO) or magnesium oxide (MgO) and water. In the output mode, an exothermic reaction is initiated when liquid water or steam is injected into the metal oxide particle bed to produce Ca(OH)_2 or Mg(OH)_2 . The heat generated in this process can then be used to heat up a secondary flow of water or other heat transfer fluid that passes through the TES system. In the charging phase, the bed will be heated to dehydrate Ca(OH)_2 or Mg(OH)_2 in an endothermic reaction inside the TES vessel. This research investigates the integration of thermal storage and heat transfer technologies into a working system. Efficient heat exchange is vital as porous solid particles of metal oxides have low values of thermal conductivity. This dissertation includes three topics: molecular dynamics in strong laser fields, pKa's and redox potential calculations of bio-organic molecules, and oxidative damage of the nucleobases. Electronic structure calculations are used to provide a deeper understanding of experimental observations as well as to predict new results. Chapters 2, 3 and 4 investigate the fragmentation and isomerization reactions of small monocations in the presence of strong laser fields. In the presence of intense laser pulses with 800 nm wavelengths, Born-Oppenheimer classical trajectory simulations were performed to investigate the dynamics of methanol monocation on the ground state potential energy surface (Chapter 2). With initially added 75-125 kcal/mol energy and the applied laser fields, 79-81% of the trajectories were seen to produce H atom. H_2 loss was found to be the second most frequent dissociation channel (9-13%) and isomerization of CH_3OH^+ to CH_2OH_2^+ was the third most abundant reaction path (1-3%). Chapter 3 compares the difference in dynamics of the methanol monocation in the presence of 800 nm and 7 μm laser pulses. Randomly oriented methanol cations gained an average of 42 and 81 kcal/mol for 4 cycle 7 μm pulses with intensities of $0.88 \times 10^{14} \text{ Wcm}^{-2}$ and $1.7 \times 10^{14} \text{ Wcm}^{-2}$ respectively, but only 0.5 and 2.0 kcal/mol from 4 cycle 800 nm pulses with the same intensity. Chapter 4 explores the effect of changes in potential energy surface on the isomerization and dissociation reactions driven by the laser field for CH_3NH_2^+ , CH_3OH^+ , and CH_3F^+ . The amount of energy absorbed nearly doubled when the laser field was aligned along the C - X axis (X=NH₂, OH, and F) and, also when the field intensity was increased from 0.88×10^{14} to $1.7 \times 10^{14} \text{ Wcm}^{-2}$. Dissociation after isomerization was observed only in CH_3F^+ (0 - 6%). The amount of $\text{CH}_3^+ + \text{X}$ dissociation for all three molecules increased when the laser field was aligned along C-X bond. This multi-disciplinary book will cater to students and those who want to have a more critical look behind the scenes of Antarctic science. This book will take a systems approach to providing insights into Antarctic ecosystems and the geophysical environment. Further, the book will link these insights to a discussion of current issues, such as climate change, bio prospecting, environmental management and Antarctic politics. It will be written and edited by experienced Antarctic researchers and scientists from a wide range of disciplines. Academic references will be included for those who wish to delve deeper into the topics discussed in the book. This book is a balanced presentation of the latest techniques, algorithms and applications in computer science and engineering. The papers, written by eminent researchers in their fields, provide a vehicle for new research and development. The proceedings have been selected for coverage in:

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Winner in its first edition of the Best New Undergraduate Textbook by the Professional and Scholarly Publishing Division of the American Association of Publishers (AAP),

Kosky, et al is the first text offering an introduction to the major engineering fields, and the engineering design process, with an interdisciplinary case study approach. It introduces the fundamental physical, chemical and material bases for all engineering work and presents the engineering design process using examples and hands-on projects. Organized in two parts to cover both the concepts and practice of engineering: Part I, Minds On, introduces the fundamental physical, chemical and material bases for all engineering work while Part II, Hands On, provides opportunity to do design projects. An Engineering Ethics Decision Matrix is introduced in Chapter 1 and used throughout the book to pose ethical challenges and explore ethical decision-making in an engineering context. Lists of "Top Engineering Achievements" and "Top Engineering Challenges" help put the material in context and show engineering as a vibrant discipline involved in solving societal problems.

New to this edition: Additional discussions on what engineers do, and the distinctions between engineers, technicians, and managers (Chapter 1). New coverage of Renewable Energy and Environmental Engineering helps emphasize the emerging interest in Sustainable Engineering. New discussions of Six Sigma in the Design section, and expanded material on writing technical reports. Re-organized and updated chapters in Part I to more closely align with specific engineering disciplines. New end of chapter exercises throughout the book. The lectures presented a variety of new developments in heavy ion reaction theory of the different energy domains ranging from low energy to intermediate energy and high energy. A textbook exploring such aspects of matter and energy as heat, electricity, and nuclear chemistry, with suggested activities and review questions at the end of each chapter. This edition contains carefully selected contributions by leading scientists in high-resolution laser spectroscopy, quantum optics and laser physics. Emphasis is given to ultrafast laser phenomena, implementations of frequency combs, precision spectroscopy and high resolution metrology. Furthermore, applications of the fundamentals of quantum mechanics are widely covered. This book is dedicated to Nobel prize winner Theodor W. Hänsch on the occasion of his 75th birthday. The contributions are reprinted from a topical collection published in Applied Physics B, 2016. Selected contributions are available open access under a CC BY 4.0 license via link.springer.com. Please see the copyright page for further details. This book presents both the fundamentals concepts and latest achievements of a field that is growing in importance since it represents a possible solution for global energy problems. It focuses on an atomic-level understanding of heterogeneous catalysis involved in important energy conversion processes. It presents a concise picture for the entire area of heterogeneous catalysis with vision at the atomic- and nano-scales, from synthesis, ex-situ and in-situ characterization, catalytic activity and selectivity, to mechanistic understanding based on experimental exploration and theoretical simulation. The book:

- Addresses heterogeneous catalysis, one of the crucial technologies employed within the chemical and energy industries
- Presents the recent advances in the synthesis and characterization of nanocatalysts as well as a mechanistic understanding of catalysis at atomic level for important processes of energy conversion
- Provides a foundation for the potential design of revolutionarily new technical catalysts and thus the further development of efficient technologies for the global energy economy
- Includes both theoretical studies and experimental exploration

Is useful as both a textbook for graduate and undergraduate students and a reference book for scientists and engineers in chemistry, materials science, and chemical engineering. One of the most important discoveries of this century — cold fusion — was summarily rejected by science and the media before sufficient evidence had been accumulated to make a rational judgment possible. Enough evidence is now available to show that this rejection was wrong and that the discovery of a new source of clean energy may help solve some serious problems currently facing mankind. The book catalogues and evaluates this evidence and shows why the initial reaction was driven more by self-interest than fact. This book is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand the history and science behind the cold fusion controversy. In addition to the technological importance of the effect, the discovery of new ways to initiate nuclear reactions without producing significant radiation reveals an entirely new mechanism operating at the nuclear level in solid material. This new mechanism has important implications for an understanding of many other phenomena. Matthew Jöhl's Exploring Chemistry covers the standard topics for the nonmajors course in the typical order, but each chapter unfolds in the context of a single case study that helps students connect what they are learning to real-life situations. For example, students work through the often-

difficult topics of molecular structure, gas laws, and organic chemistry by learning about the development of powerful new chemotherapy drugs, new technologies for screening airline passengers, and the creation of biodegradable biopolymers. It's the same case-driven approach that Jøll uses in his acclaimed Investigating Chemistry (now in its Third Edition) but Exploring Chemistry goes beyond the other book's specific focus on examples from forensic science to use real-life stories from cooking, athletics, genetics, green chemistry, and more. How does Einstein's description of space and time compare with Doctor Who? Can James Bond really escape from an armor-plated railroad car by cutting through the floor with a laser concealed in a wristwatch? What would it take to create a fully intelligent android, such as Star Trek's Commander Data? Exploring Science Through Science Fiction addresses these and other intriguing questions, using science fiction as a springboard for discussing fundamental science concepts and cutting-edge science research. It includes references to original research papers, landmark scientific publications and technical documents, as well as a broad range of science literature at a more popular level. The revised second edition includes expanded discussions on topics such as gravitational waves and black holes, machine learning and quantum computing, gene editing, and more. In all, the second edition now features over 220 references to specific scenes in more than 160 sci-fi movies and TV episodes, spanning over 100 years of cinematic history. Designed as the primary text for a college-level course, this book will appeal to students across the fine arts, humanities, and hard sciences, as well as any reader with an interest in science and science fiction. Praise for the first edition: "This journey from science fiction to science fact provides an engaging and surprisingly approachable read..." (Jen Jenkins, Journal of Science Fiction, Vol. 2 (1), September 2017) Providing several examples, this book describes fundamental methods and techniques specific for efficient exploration on the potential energy surface by quantum chemical calculations. A unique resource on quantum physics that contains original problems with solutions that can be used by teachers and students of quantum mechanics at graduate and undergraduate level. Numerous tricks-of-the-trade in solving quantum physics problems are included which can also be used by professional researchers in all fields of modern physics. The Earth has limited material and energy resources. Further development of the humanity will require going beyond our planet for mining and use of extraterrestrial mineral resources and search of power sources. The exploitation of the natural resources of the Moon is a first natural step on this direction. Lunar materials may contribute to the betterment of conditions of people on Earth but they also may be used to establish permanent settlements on the Moon. This will allow developing new technologies, systems and flight operation techniques to continue space exploration. In fact, a new branch of human civilization could be established permanently on Moon in the next century. But, meantime, an inventory and proper social assessment of Moon's prospective energy and material resources is required. This book investigates the possibilities and limitations of various systems supplying manned bases on Moon with energy and other vital resources. The book collects together recent proposals and innovative options and solutions. It is a useful source of condensed information for specialists involved in current and impending Moon-related activities and a good starting point for young researchers. This laboratory manual is intended for a two-semester general chemistry course. The procedures are written with the goal of simplifying a complicated and often challenging subject for students by applying concepts to everyday life. This lab manual covers topics such as composition of compounds, reactivity, stoichiometry, limiting reactants, gas laws, calorimetry, periodic trends, molecular structure, spectroscopy, kinetics, equilibria, thermodynamics, electrochemistry, intermolecular forces, solutions, and coordination complexes. By the end of this course, you should have a solid understanding of the basic concepts of chemistry, which will give you confidence as you embark on your career in science. Exploring ODEs is a textbook of ordinary differential equations for advanced undergraduates, graduate students, scientists, and engineers. It is unlike other books in this field in that each concept is illustrated numerically via a few lines of Chebfun code. There are about 400 computer-generated figures in all, and Appendix B presents 100 more examples as templates for further exploration. The aim of this research is to gain insight into hydrogen combustion as a prototype of complex chemistry via classical molecular dynamics (CMD) simulations given the presently available reactive force field, ReaxFF. We focus on developing computational and theoretical methods to analyze CMD simulations of hydrogen combustion and glean the details of chemistry to identify major sequential elementary reactions

connecting reactants to products. In Chapter 1 we explain the problem exists in understanding complex chemistry followed by a brief overview of currently popular methods used to study complex chemical processes with an emphasis on hydrogen combustion. Then, we propose our approach that is based on CMD simulations to tackle the problem and elaborate on the goals of the study. In Chapter 2 we introduce an algorithm that identifies every elementary molecular event such as reactions and formation/dissociation of hydrogen-bond complexes in CMD simulations of hydrogen combustion. After validating the ReaxFF force field for the equation of state and interaction energy, we then present ReaxFF-based results of CMD simulations for the early chemistry of hydrogen combustion. The CMD simulations predict two major pathways for production of initial radicals; a termolecular elementary reaction $2\text{O} + \text{H} \rightarrow 2\text{HO}$ and the widely-accepted bimolecular reaction $\text{O} + \text{H} \rightarrow \text{H} + \text{HO}$. Later in Chapter 2, we present and discuss the effects of density on the early chemistry of hydrogen combustion; which show that at elevated density and low temperature the termolecular reaction dominates the chemistry. We describe a method based on collision gas theory that can be used with CMD simulations to explain the observed trends. In Chapter 3, we provide results for Nudged Elastic Band method (NEB) to characterize potential energy profiles for the bi- and ter-molecular reactions predicted by ReaxFF. Then, we use state-of-the-art electronic structure calculations to examine accuracy of the ReaxFF predictions for the energies and stationary points of the reactions. Later in Chapter 3 we discuss the effect of temperature on the occurrence probability of the ter- and bi-molecular reactions based on the electronic structure predictions of the energy barriers. Lastly, we identify the steric requirements predicted by ReaxFF for each reaction based on the CMD simulations. In Chapter 4, we present a method based on Tolman's interpretation of activation energy that can be applied to thermal and non-thermal chemical reactions in molecular dynamics simulations of bulk gases. We use Boyd's assumption of local equilibrium thermodynamics to generalize Tolman's concept for application to individual reaction clusters, which include all chemical species that participate in an isolated reaction, for which we define the reaction cluster local energy (RLCE). The RLCE is shown to be conserved during the course of a reaction. We identify the transition configuration (TC), which is the point where the local energy of the reactants crosses that of the products. The TC is a unique point that separates reactants and products and can be used as an estimation of the transition state in accordance with Marcus theory for proton transfer reactions. We demonstrate application of the method by computing activation energies of the several reactions in molecular dynamics simulations. Describes what energy is, where it can be found, and how it is used in everyday life. Chemical reactions can be understood as transitions from basin to basin on a high dimensional potential energy landscape. Varying temperature only changes the average kinetic energy of the system. While applying voltages or external pressures directly tilts the landscape and drives the reactions in desired directions. In solids at relatively low temperature, where the entropy term is approximately invariant, the reaction spontaneity is determined by the energy difference between the reactant and product basins and the reaction rate can be calculated from the barriers in between. To achieve sufficient accuracy to explain experimental observations we are interested in, density functional theory (DFT) is usually employed to calculate energies. There are two types of reactions I have studied: the first type of reaction only involves a few number of individual atoms, corresponding to traveling in a small volume in the high dimensional configuration space; the other type involves a large amount of atoms moving in a concerted pattern, and the distance traveled in the configuration space is significantly longer. The scopes of these two in the energy landscapes are in different scales and thus proper metrics for distance measurements are required. In the first case, I have mainly studied Li/Na behaviors in the cathode materials of secondary batteries. Here resolving the energy landscape step by step with detailed information is possible and useful. By analyzing the energy landscapes with DFT plus the Hubbard U correction, I have explained several phenomena related to the degradation of lithium-rich layered oxides, rate performance of surface modified LiFePO₄, and capacity of vanadium-based fluorophosphates. Predictions on both thermodynamic and kinetic properties of materials are also made based on the calculation results and some are confirmed by experiments. In the second case, my focus is on solid-solid phase transitions. With a tremendous long reaction pathway, examining every possible atomic step is too expensive. By adopting periodic boundary conditions, a small

supercell can represent the main feature of the energy landscape in a coarse grained way, where the connection between phases is easier to explore. After the big picture of a phase transition mechanism learned from this simplified model, details along the reaction pathway, like new phase nucleation and growth, could be resolved by using a larger supercell. In the above treatment, two types of variables, the cell vectors and atomic positions, span a generalized configuration space. Special consideration is required to balance these two to keep consistency under different supercells and avoid biases. A solid-state NEB (SSNEB) and a solid-state dimer (SSD) method are then developed to locate saddle points in the generalized configuration space. With the methodology well justified, we are able to efficiently find possible nucleation mechanisms, for examples the CdSe rock salt to wurtzite and Mo A15 to BCC phase transitions. SSNEB is also applied in studying phases transitions under pressures, including the graphite to diamond, and CaIrO₃ perovskite to post-perovskite transitions. Combined with the adaptive kinetic Monte Carlo (AKMC) algorithm, SSD shows the ability to find new polymorphs of CdSe and the connecting barriers between them. The internal heat of the planet Earth represents an inexhaustible reservoir of thermal energy known as Geothermal Energy. The 2nd edition of the book covers the geologic and technical aspects of developing all forms of currently available systems using this "renewable" green energy. The book presents the distribution and transport of thermal energy in the Earth. Geothermal Energy is a base load energy available at all times independent of climate and weather. The text treats the efficiency of diverse shallow near surface installations and deep geothermal systems including hydrothermal and petrothermal techniques and power plants in volcanic high-enthalpy fields. The book also discusses environmental aspects of utilizing different forms of geothermal energy, including induced seismicity, noise pollution and gas release to the atmosphere. Chapters on hydraulic well tests, chemistry of deep hot water, scale formation and corrosion, development of geothermal probes, well drilling techniques and geophysical exploration complete the text. This book, for the first time, covers the full range of utilization of Geothermal Energy. Designed specifically for students without previous laboratory experience, this manual focuses on real-world compounds to build students' understanding of chemistry. Students learn to appreciate both the fundamentals of chemistry and its usefulness in everyday life, making the manual ideal for both liberal arts and "prep chem" courses. The experiments are performed with inexpensive plastic equipment and common, everyday materials. This book focus on recent advances in nuclear physics and bring together experimentalists and theorists. Topics covered include neutron rich and superheavy nuclei, supernova and r-process nuclei, nuclear symmetry energy and equation of state, neutron stars, FAIR and future Dubna research, other related areas. The book begins with a brief recap of elements and molecules and then goes on to explain important concepts the characterize a chemical reaction, including Energy, Entropy, and Time. It is then organized by type of reaction including Combustion, Photosynthesis, Respiration, Oxidation, and Fermentation. A special section dedicated to chemical cycles includes The Carbon Cycle, The Iron Cycle, and The Lime Cycle. This book shows how the study of multi-hadron production phenomena in the years after the founding of CERN culminated in Hagedorn's pioneering idea of limiting temperature, leading on to the discovery of the quark-gluon plasma -- announced, in February 2000 at CERN. Following the foreword by Herwig Schopper -- the Director General (1981-1988) of CERN at the key historical juncture -- the first part is a tribute to Rolf Hagedorn (1919-2003) and includes contributions by contemporary friends and colleagues, and those who were most touched by Hagedorn: Tamás Biró, Igor Dremin, Torleif Ericson, Marek Gaździcki, Mark Gorenstein, Hans Gutbrod, Maurice Jacob, István Montvay, Berndt Müller, Grazyna Odyniec, Emanuele Quercigh, Krzysztof Redlich, Helmut Satz, Luigi Sertorio, Ludwik Turko, and Gabriele Veneziano. The second and third parts retrace 20 years of developments that after discovery of the Hagedorn temperature in 1964 led to its recognition as the melting point of hadrons into boiling quarks, and to the rise of the experimental relativistic heavy ion collision program. These parts contain previously unpublished material authored by Hagedorn and Rafelski: conference retrospectives, research notes, workshop reports, in some instances abbreviated to avoid duplication of material, and rounded off with the editor's explanatory notes. About the editor: Johann Rafelski is a theoretical physicist working at The University of Arizona in Tucson, USA. Born in 1950 in Krakow, Poland, he received his Ph.D. with Walter Greiner in Frankfurt, Germany in 1973. Rafelski arrived at CERN in 1977, where in a joint effort with Hagedorn he contributed greatly to the

establishment of the relativistic heavy ion collision, and quark-gluon plasma research fields. Moving on, with stops in Frankfurt and Cape Town, to Arizona, he invented and developed the strangeness quark flavor as the signature of quark-gluon plasma. Chemistry is the science of substances (today we would say molecules) and their transformations. Central to this science is the complexity of shape and function of its typical representatives. There lies, no longer dependent on its vitalistic antecedents, the rich realm of molecular possibility called organic chemistry. In this century we have learned how to determine the three-dimensional structure of molecules. Now chemistry as whole, and organic chemistry in particular, is poised to move to the exploration of its dynamic dimension, the busy business of transformations or reactions. Oh, it has been done all along, for what else is synthesis? What I mean is that the theoretical framework accompanying organic chemistry, long and fruitfully laboring on a quantum chemical understanding of structure, is now making the first tentative motions toward building an organic theory of reactivity. The Minkin, Simkin, Minyaev book takes us in that direction. It incorporates the lessons of frontier orbital theory and of Hartree-Fock SCF calculations; what chemical physicists have learned about trajectory calculations of selected reactions, and a simplified treatment of all-important solvent effects. It is written by professional, accomplished organic chemists for other organic chemists; it is consistently even-toned in its presentation of contending approaches. And very much up to date. That this contemporary work should emerge from a regional university in a country in which science has been highly centralized and organic chemistry not very modern, invites reflection. The research presented in this dissertation is divided into 5 chapters. In Chapter 2, a method for reducing the number of coordinates required to accurately reproduce a known chemical reaction pathway by applying principal component analysis to a number of geometries along the pathway (expressed in either Cartesian coordinates or redundant internal coordinates) is described and applied to 9 example reactions. Chapter 3 introduces new methods for estimating the structure of and optimizing transition states by utilizing information about the atomic bonding in the reactants and products. These methods are then benchmarked against a standard transition state optimization approach utilizing a test set of 20 reactions, with energies computed at both semiempirical and density functional theory levels of theory. Chapter 4 is a collection of 3 new, alternative approaches (Flowchart Hessian updating, Scaled Rational Function Optimization, Quasi-Rotation coordinate propagation), to handling aspects of a typical Quasi-Newton minimization. These new approaches are then compared to their standard counterparts by optimizing a set of 20 molecules using either ab initio or density functional theory potential energy surfaces. The final two chapters of this thesis focus on the development of a new path optimization framework, the Variational Reaction Coordinate (VRC) method. This framework seeks to improve upon the "chain of states" methods, which minimize the energy of a series of structures while using constraints, fictitious forces or reparameterization schemes to maintain the distribution of points along the path. In the VRC method, a functional representing the energy of the entire reaction is minimized by varying the expansion coefficients of a continuous function used to represent the reaction path. In Chapter 5, an algorithm is outlined along with the discussion and application of constraints and coupling terms that may be used to improve the efficiency and reliability of the method, with analytical test surfaces used to demonstrate the method's performance. Chapter 6 focuses on the inclusion of redundant internal coordinates and methods for approximating the potential energy surface into the VRC framework, in order to reduce the per-iteration computational cost of the VRC method to something comparable to the "chain of states" approaches so that it may be practically applied to the study of reactions using high accuracy density functional theory and ab initio potential energy surfaces.

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