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# Closed-Loop Adaptive Refinement of Dynamical Models for Complex Chemical Reactions: Application of RS-HDMR to Molecular Dynamics Simulations

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## 1 Research Objectives

This research is concerned with the development of a systematic method for efficiently performing molecular dynamics (MD) simulations of complex chemical reactions and optimizing the underlying potential energy surfaces (PESs), ultimately using suitable laboratory data in a closed loop fashion. Two main objectives of the research are to (a) identify key parameters of each PES based on the global non-linear input-output Random Sampling-High Dimensional Model Representation (RS-HDMR) mapping technique [1-7] and (b) use the RS-HDMR maps to efficiently capture the PES  $\rightarrow$  observable relationships [8-10]. The RS-HDMR analysis in turn provides essential information for subsequent full implementation of PES optimization within the proposed adaptive closed-loop learning algorithm in conjunction with laboratory feedback. In this project we have (1) formulated a fully equivalent operational model (FEOM) based on RS-HDMR, in place of the time-consuming Newton equations of motion for performing multi-dimensional MD simulations, and (2) performed detailed studies on intermolecular energy transfer for the model systems Cl + CH<sub>3</sub>Br [11-19], Ar + H<sub>2</sub>O [20-22], and Ar + CH<sub>4</sub> [20-25]. They are summarized below, along with a plan for future research. As HDMR is of broad applicability in chemistry, we have also carried out a parallel application of the same principle in an electrochemical study. In the latter case the parameters are rate constants, charge transfer coefficients and reference potentials, and the HDMR maps were for cyclic voltammograms. The test shows how the HDMR maps could be used in an adaptive fashion to refine the model parameters in analogy with the chemical dynamics goal.

## 2 Formulation of full equivalent operational models (FEOM) for MD simulations

MD simulations necessitate solving Newton's equations for all atomic positions and velocities, thus entailing a large number of trajectories calculated with different initial conditions. Averaging the results of all the trajectories over the initial conditions produces the desired MD simulations. The computational effort of MD simulations is often formidable. Instead of integrating a large number of Newton equations of motion, the RS-HDMR input-output mappings make possible simple algebraic evaluations from a modest sample of molecular dynamics simulation data (outputs) given the underlying PES parameters (inputs). To this end, we have found that by treating both the PES parameters and initial conditions as inputs in the classical trajectory calculations, effective RS-HDMR input-output maps may

be constructed using only PES parameters, while neglecting the differences in the initial conditions. The general machinery of HDMR consists of a set of quantitative model assessment and analysis tools for capturing high dimensional input-output system behavior. In particular, the RS-HDMR serves as a powerful and practical technique of the HDMR methods incorporating efficient random sampling procedures [4-7]. In general, the HDMR of any  $n$ -variate function  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is construed as a finite hierarchical correlated function expansion of the input variables  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  [1,2]:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = f_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x_i) + \sum_{i<j=1}^n f_{ij}(x_i, x_j) + \dots + \dots + f_{12\dots n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), \quad (1)$$

where the component functions  $f_0, f_i(x_i), f_{ij}(x_i, x_j), \dots$  can be systematically optimized.

During the MD simulations, for a given set of inputs  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ , such as the PES parameters and initial condition parameters of the reactants, and any output function  $f(\mathbf{x})$ , such as the internal energy  $E_{\text{int}}$ , vibrational energy  $E_{\text{vib}}$ , rotational energy  $E_{\text{rot}}$ , bond length, or bond angle of the products, the corresponding RS-HDMR component functions, cf. eq. (??), can be constructed from a set (often a few thousand) solutions of Newton equations of motion, with randomly sampled initial conditions. The resultant RS-HDMR formula can in turn be used to interpolate  $f(\mathbf{x})$  for any given initial condition without further solving Newton equations. Accordingly, a set of random data with simultaneous variation of the PES and initial condition parameters can be generated. Finally, the relevant RS-HDMR formulas are constructed only for the PES parameters. We have proved mathematically that freezing the initial conditions to construct partial RS-HDMR maps effectively averages over the random initial conditions in the limit that the sample size is sufficiently large. As a result, given a set of PES parameters within their bounds of variation, the resultant input-output RS-HDMR maps can accurately predict the MD simulation outputs in accordance with (i.e., the typical RS-HDMR prediction errors were  $\sim 1\%$ ) realistic laboratory situations. The expected computational savings can be crucial to the subsequent implementation with laboratory feedback.

The resultant RS-HDMR formula can be used not only as a FEOM to reduce the computational effort, but also as a tool to perform sensitivity analysis and identify the important PES parameters, i.e., the important region of the potential energy surface. Eq. (??) may be written in an abbreviated form

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = f_0 + \sum_{l=1}^{n_p} g_l, \quad (2)$$

where  $g_l$  denotes any component function in eq. (??) and  $n_p$  is the total number of significant component functions used for approximation. The individual RS-HDMR component functions have a direct statistical correlation interpretation. This relation permits the total variance  $\sigma^2$  of the output  $f(\mathbf{x})$  to be decomposed into the independent and correlated contributions of the inputs [7]:

$$\sigma^2 \approx \sum_{l=1}^{n_p} \text{Cov}(f(\mathbf{x}), g_l(\mathbf{x})), \quad (3)$$

where  $\text{Cov}(\cdot, \cdot)$  denotes the covariance. The covariance  $\text{Cov}(f(\mathbf{x}), g_l(\mathbf{x}))$  is composed of two terms

$$\text{Cov}(f(\mathbf{x}), g_l(\mathbf{x})) = (g_l(\mathbf{x}), g_l(\mathbf{x})) + \left( \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq l}}^{n_p} g_k(\mathbf{x}), g_l(\mathbf{x}) \right), \quad (4)$$

where  $(g_k(\mathbf{x}), g_l(\mathbf{x}))$  denotes the inner product of  $g_k(\mathbf{x})$  and  $g_l(\mathbf{x})$ . The first term in eq. (4) measures the deterministic contributions of  $g_l$ , and the second term in eq. (4) measures the stochastic contribution of  $g_l$  with other component functions caused by a correlated probability density function (pdf). Both provide useful information of inputs and their sampling relationship.

The sensitivity indexes  $S_l, S_l^a, S_l^b$  ( $l = 1, 2, \dots, n_p$ ) are defined as

$$S_l = \text{Cov}(g_l(\mathbf{x}), f(\mathbf{x}))/\sigma^2, \quad (5)$$

$$S_l^a = (g_l(\mathbf{x}), g_l(\mathbf{x}))/\sigma^2, \quad (6)$$

$$S_l^b = S_l - S_l^a. \quad (7)$$

If eq. (4) includes all significant component functions  $g_l$ , we have

$$\sum_{l=1}^{n_p} S_l = \sum_{l=1}^{n_p} \text{Cov}(g_l(\mathbf{x}), f(\mathbf{x}))/\sigma^2 \approx 1. \quad (8)$$

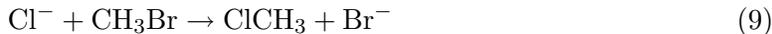
The magnitudes of  $S_l, S_l^a, S_l^b$  can be used to quantitatively determine the importance order of inputs, pairs of inputs, etc. For systems with independent input sampling,  $S_l^b = 0$  and we may simply use  $S_l$ . For systems with a correlated pdf  $S_l^a$  may be used to identify their importance, and  $S_l^b$  is used to identify input sampling correlations. The sum of all  $S_l$  may be used as a measure of the analysis quality. If  $\sum_l S_l \approx 1$ , the sensitivity analysis is complete and reliable.

### 3 RS-HDMR MD Simulation Results

The RS-HDMR component functions have been constructed for intermolecular energy transfer in  $\text{Cl} + \text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  [11-19],  $\text{Ar} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$  [20-22], and  $\text{Ar} + \text{CH}_4$  [20-25] collisions, each using a large set classical trajectory calculations with randomly chosen initial conditions. The resultant RS-HDMR maps (i.e., serving as FEOM's) were used to interpolate the output data as functions of the PES parameters for given initial conditions without explicitly executing further solutions of the underlying Newton equations. Similar results were obtained for  $\text{Ar} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Ar} + \text{CH}_4$ . The results for  $\text{Cl}^- + \text{CH}_3\text{Br}$ ,  $\text{Ar} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$  are given below.

#### 3.1 $\text{Cl}^- + \text{CH}_3\text{Br}$ Reaction

A global RS-HDMR input/output map for the  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$  reaction



was constructed. Here the input is the  $\phi$ -angle bending potential function  $V_\phi^{\text{MC}}$  for  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  molecule [11],

$$V_\phi^{\text{MC}} = f_\phi^{\text{MC}} \sum_{i=1}^3 (\phi_i - \phi_{\text{MC}})^2 / 2 + a_\phi^{\text{MC}} \sum_{i=1}^3 (\phi_i - \phi_{\text{MC}})^3, \quad (10)$$

where  $\phi_{\text{MC}} = 108.4528^\circ$ , and the output is the molecular bond lengths for CCl, CBr, CH and bond angles for ClCBr, ClCH, HCH. Specifically, the force constants  $f_\phi^{\text{MC}}$  and  $a_\phi^{\text{MC}}$  were varied about 10% around the nominal values 0.8424 and -0.230506. One thousand data for these two parameters were randomly generated and their reaction trajectories were calculated using the code VENUS. The output data were recorded after the reaction has taken place. A global RS-HDMR map was constructed using  $f_\phi^{\text{MC}}$ ,  $a_\phi^{\text{MC}}$  and  $V_\phi^{\text{MC}}$  chosen as three inputs represented as  $x_1, x_2, x_3$ . The CCl, CBr, CH bond lengths and ClCBr, ClCH, HCH bond angles were chosen as the outputs.

### 3.1.1 Prediction accuracy of RS-HDMR

The 3rd order RS-HDMRs, whose component functions were approximated by the 3rd order optimal orthonormal polynomials, were constructed for 11 outputs (CCl, CBr, three CH bond lengths, ClCBr, three ClCH, two HCH bond angles) at different fixed reaction time. The comparison between the model values and different order RS-HDMR approximations at  $t = 270 \times 10^{-14}$  second (fs) is given in Table 1. The comparison between the model values and the 3rd order RS-HDMR approximations for CCl bond length at  $t = 270$  fs is given in Fig. 1.

Since only three input variables were used, the input - output relation is quite simple, and the accuracy of different order RS-HDMR is satisfactory. The largest relative error is only 0.612%.

**Table 1.** The average and maximum relative errors of the 1st through 3rd order RS-HDMR for CCl, CBr bond lengths and ClCBr bond angle constructed from the 1000 random data at  $t = 270$  fs

Output	1st order		2nd order		3rd order	
	Average	Maximum	Average	Maximum	Average	Maximum
CCl	0.00015	0.00053	0.00005	0.00020	0.00004	0.00021
CBr	0.00170	0.00092	0.00559	0.00559	0.00072	0.00484
ClCBr	0.00250	0.00612	0.00093	0.00375	0.00083	0.00354

### 3.1.2 Global Sensitivity Analysis

The global sensitivity analysis given by the 2nd order RS-HDMR was performed for the same data set. The results for  $S_i$  are given in Table 2, which shows that the input  $x_1$  ( $f_\phi^{\text{MC}}$ ) is dominant. Since  $\sum S_i > 0.95$  for three outputs, all significant input contributions have been counted. It also shows that the  $S_{ij}$ 's are small.

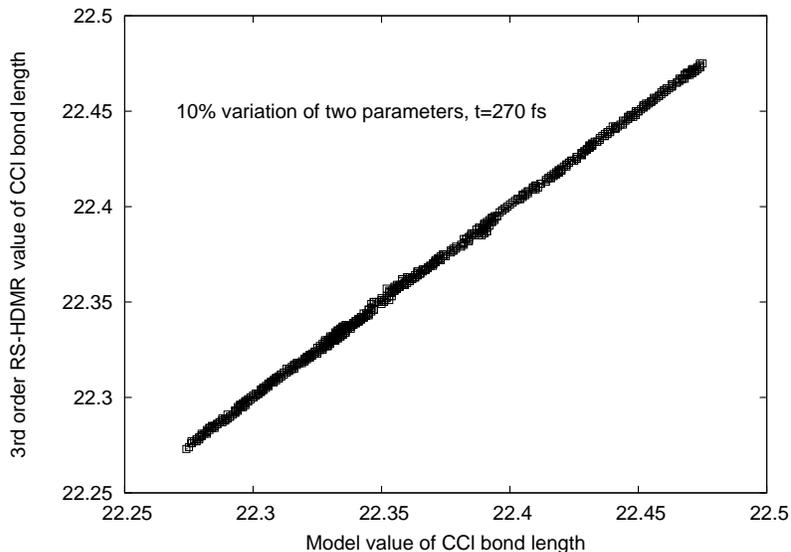


Figure 1: The truth plot of the 3rd order RS-HDMR approximation for CCl bond length.

**Table 2.** The resultant  $S_i$

	CCl	CBr	ClCBr
$S_1$	0.9913	0.9409	0.9930
$S_2$	0.0019	0.0086	0.0008
$S_3$	0.0013	0.0048	0.0013
$\sum S_i$	0.9945	0.9543	0.9951

### 3.2 Ar + H<sub>2</sub>O System

The potential energy surface of Ar + H<sub>2</sub>O contains two parts: an intermolecular interaction  $V_{\text{inter}}$  (between Ar and H<sub>2</sub>O) and an intramolecular interaction  $V_{\text{intra}}$  (for H<sub>2</sub>O). For illustration, the intermolecular interaction is a combination of Lennard-Jones (12,6) diatomic potential functions describing both short- and long-range van der Waals interactions between Ar and constituent atoms of H<sub>2</sub>O, while the intramolecular interaction is a sum of stretches (Morse oscillators) of bond-lengths and bending (Harmonic oscillators) of bond-angles. As a result, Ar + H<sub>2</sub>O potential energy surface can be considered as a function of nine potential parameters, four for the intermolecular part  $V_{\text{inter}}$  and five for the intramolecular part  $V_{\text{intra}}$ . In our simulations, the potential energy function (PES) of the Ar + H<sub>2</sub>O is modeled as [20]

$$V = V_{\text{inter}} + V_{\text{intra}}, \quad (11)$$

where the intermolecular interaction  $V_{\text{inter}}$  between Ar and H<sub>2</sub>O is a sum of the generalized two-body Lennard-Jones terms

$$V_{\text{inter}} = \sum_{i=1}^2 V_{\text{Ar-H}^i} + V_{\text{Ar-O}},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
V_{\text{Ar-X}^i} &= \frac{a_i}{R_i^{12}} + \frac{b_i}{R_i^6}, \\
\text{X}^i &= \text{H}^i, \quad i = 1, 2, \quad \text{X}^3 = \text{O}, \\
R_i &= R(\text{Ar} - \text{H}^i), \quad i = 1, 2, \quad R_3 = R(\text{Ar} - \text{O}),
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

and the intramolecular interaction  $V_{\text{intra}}$  of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is a sum of stretches (Morse oscillators) and bends (Harmonic oscillators)

$$\begin{aligned}
V_{\text{intra}} &= D_r \times \sum_{i=1}^2 \left[ 1 - \exp\left(-\beta_r \times (r_i - r_0)\right) \right]^2 + \frac{1}{2} \times f_\theta \times (\theta - \theta_0)^2, \\
r_i &= r(\text{O} - \text{H}^i), \quad i = 1, 2 \\
\theta &= \theta(\angle \text{H}^1 \text{O} \text{H}^2).
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Here the nine nominal values of the PES parameters are  $a_1 = a_2 = 178047.57 \text{ kcal}\text{\AA}^{12}/\text{mol}$ ,  $a_3 = 368860.80 \text{ kcal}\text{\AA}^{12}/\text{mol}$ ,  $b_1 = b_2 = -203.98076 \text{ kcal}\text{\AA}^6/\text{mol}$ ,  $b_3 = -453.03085 \text{ kcal}\text{\AA}^6/\text{mol}$ ,  $D_r = 125.6 \text{ kcal/mol}$ ,  $\beta_r = 2.19367 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ ,  $r_0 = 0.9572 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $f_\theta = 0.688 \text{ mdy}\text{-}\text{\AA}/\text{rad}^2$ , and  $\theta_0 = 104.52^\circ$

For simplicity, initially the molecules  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  are assumed to be in an excited vibrational state, say  $E_{\text{vib}} = 25.0 \text{ kcal/mol}$  for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and possibly with a rotational energy. Classical trajectories are calculated for an initial relative translational energy, say  $E_{\text{rel}} = 100 \text{ kcal/mol}$  (in general,  $E_{\text{rel}}$  can also be considered as a RS-HDMR input, thus subject to random samples) at arbitrarily sampled impact parameters  $b$  and orientations (of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  with respect to the impact direction). The output data of interest from the trajectory calculations are changes in (1) the relative translational energy  $\Delta E_{\text{rel}}$ , (2) the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  rotational energy  $\Delta E_{\text{rot}}$ , and (3) the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  vibrational energy  $\Delta E_{\text{vib}}$ . The usually strong Coriolis coupling, for example, between  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  rotational and vibrational modes will make the resulting rotational and vibrational energy fluctuate in time. As a result, a time-averaged rotational energy (thus a time-averaged vibrational energy) is usually considered after the collision. On the other hand, the corresponding internal energy  $E_{\text{int}} = E_{\text{vib}} + E_{\text{rot}}$  will remain constant after the collision.

### 3.2.1 Prediction accuracy of RS-HDMR

Seven (due to  $a_1 = a_2$  and  $b_1 = b_2$ ) potential parameters given above and four initial condition parameters were used as inputs. The potential parameters vary within 10% of their nominal values.  $E_{\text{int}}$ ,  $E_{\text{vib}}$  and  $E_{\text{rot}}$  are used as outputs. 25000 random points of all inputs were generated and their corresponding outputs were calculated by Newton's equations of motion. The 3rd order RS-HDMR approximations with only potential parameters as inputs were constructed from the data. Ten sets of testing data were generated. Each set corresponds to a fixed potential with 10000 different initial conditions. The 1st to 3rd order RS-HDMR expansions were used to test the averaged values of  $E_{\text{int}}$  obtained from the ten sets of data. The results are given in Table 3.

**Table 3.** The relative error of prediction for the averaged value of  $E_{\text{int}}$ 

Data set	RS-HDMR approximation		
	1st order	2nd order	3rd order
1	0.0038	0.0087	0.0086
2	0.0061	0.0030	0.0006
3	-0.0003	0.0008	-0.0027
4	0.0052	0.0042	0.0060
5	0.0044	0.0024	0.0034
6	0.0024	0.0010	0.0016
7	0.0023	0.0034	0.0066
8	-0.0002	0.0001	0.0006
9	0.0048	0.0048	0.0040
10	0.0009	0.0040	0.0047

The prediction error for averaged values of  $E_{\text{int}}$  is less than 1%, which is satisfactory. Similar results were obtained for  $E_{\text{vib}}$ . The error for  $E_{\text{rot}}$  is larger, but considering that the magnitude of  $E_{\text{rot}}$  is less than 1, the prediction accuracy for  $E_{\text{rot}}$  is acceptable.

### 3.2.2 Global Sensitivity Analysis

In our research, the sensitivity indexes can be used to identify the important regions of potential energy surface. For this purpose *only the seven potential parameters* for Ar + H<sub>2</sub>O system were used as inputs.  $E_{\text{int}}$ ,  $E_{\text{vib}}$  and  $E_{\text{rot}}$  were used as outputs. 25000 random points were generated. Different sample sizes (denoted as “used data”) were used to construct the RS-HDMR component functions. The remained data (denoted as “test data”) were used for testing. The results for  $E_{\text{int}}$  are given below. Figures 2 and 3 give the truth plot of the 3rd order RS-HDMR approximation, and Table 4 gives the averaged relative error of different order RS-HDMR approximations for the used and test data. Both are only a few percent.

**Table 4.** The average relative error of different order RS-HDMR constructed from 3000 points for  $E_{\text{int}}$ 

Sample size	Used data			Test data		
	1st order	2nd order	3rd order	1st order	2nd order	3rd order
3000	0.0681	0.0545	0.0438	0.0676	0.0589	0.0552

The sensitivity indexes were calculated from the resultant RS-HDMR approximation. The sensitivity indexes are given in Tables 5-7.

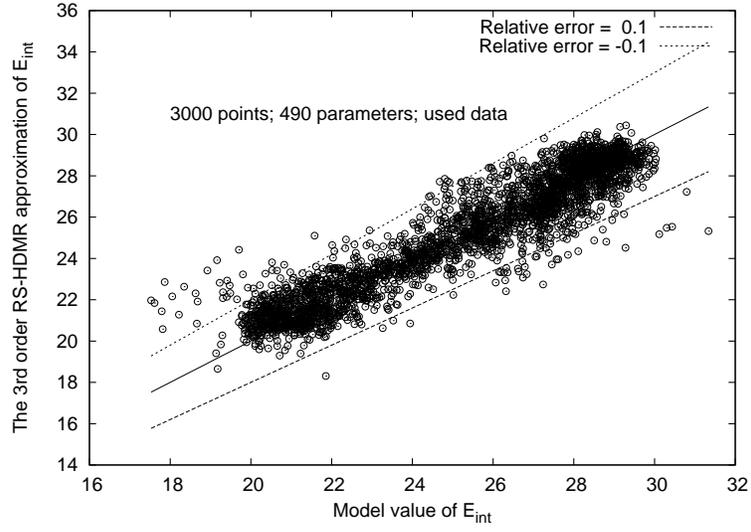


Figure 2: The truth plot for used data with  $E_{\text{int}}$ .

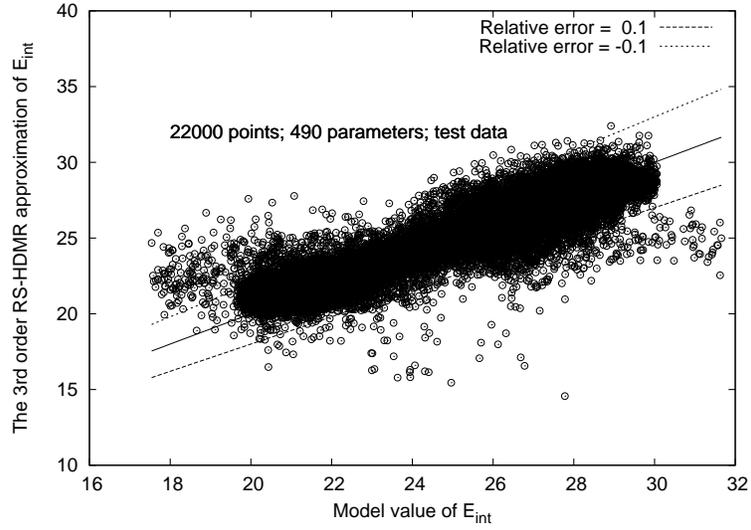


Figure 3: The truth plot for test data with  $E_{\text{int}}$ .

**Table 5.** The 1st order sensitivity indexes for  $E_{\text{int}}$

Potential parameter	Import. Order	Sensitivity index		
		$S_i^a$	$S_i^b$	$S_i$
$D_r$	1	0.7036	0.0010	0.7046
$a_3$	2	0.0042	0.0009	0.0051
$b_1$	3	0.0011	0.0001	0.0012
$\sum S_i$				0.7108

**Table 6.** The 2nd order sensitivity indexes for  $E_{\text{int}}$ 

Potential parameter	Import. Order	Sensitivity index		
		$S_{ij}^a$	$S_{ij}^b$	$S_{ij}$
$(a_3, D_r)$	1	0.0551	-0.0019	0.0532
$(a_3, b_1)$	2	0.0255	-0.0013	0.0242
$(b_1, D_r)$	3	0.0118	0.0007	0.0124
$\sum S_i + \sum S_{ij}$				0.8006

**Table 7.** The 3rd order sensitivity indexes for  $E_{\text{int}}$ 

Potential parameter	Sensitivity index		
	$S_{ijk}^a$	$S_{ijk}^b$	$S_{ijk}$
$(a_3, b_1, D_r)$	0.0591	0.0036	0.0628
$\sum S_i + \sum S_{ij} + S_{235}$			0.8634

The sensitivity indexes in Tables 5-7 show that the most important potential parameters are  $D_r$ , then  $a_3$ ,  $b_1$ ( $b_2$ ). The magnitudes of the sensitivity indexes quantitatively identify the importance of different potential regions. As the potential parameters are sampled independently,  $S_i^b, S_{ij}^b, S_{ijk}^b$  should be zero. Their small values indicate reliable RS-HDMR mapping. Therefore, there is no significant difference for using  $S_i^a, S_{ij}^a, S_{ijk}^a$  or  $S_i, S_{ij}, S_{ijk}$ . The total sum of sensitivity indexes is close to unity at 0.8635, which implies that the sensitivity analysis is meaningful. However, the contribution of other inputs ( $\sim 14\%$ ) could not be identified. The reason is that the large contribution of  $D_r$ ,  $a_3$  and  $b_1$  covered their small contribution. This circumstance needs further analysis.

## 4 RS-HDMR-based Inversion of cyclic voltammogram data

The molecular dynamics studies have the goal of creating highly accurate and efficient HDMR maps to facilitate laboratory data inversions for refinement of dynamical models. This task is generic with parallel applications arising in many areas of chemistry. While the particular aspects of the dynamical RS-HDMR were being developed (see Sections I and II above), we took the opportunity to test the basic RS-HDMR algorithm data inversion capabilities in an analogous application in complex electrochemistry. In this case the potential parameters of dynamics now become kinetic rate constants, charge transfer coefficients and reference potentials. The dynamical outputs now become the observed current over time. The resultant HDMR's were of very high accuracy and a full simulation was performed for inverting voltammetric data, including a statistical analysis of the identified parameters [26]. We expect that analogous behavior will occur in the case of molecular dynamics data inversions.

## 5 Conclusion and Future Work

For the current research work, the RS-HDMR component functions were approximated by a third-order polynomial expansion to reduce the computational cost. However, the present

study shows that the distinctions in the averaged output values for sampled PES parameters are often too small to fully resolve these differences using the third-order RS-HDMR approximation. The shortcoming of any polynomial expansion scheme is that using high-order polynomials may produce undesired highly oscillatory behavior, particularly on the sampling boundaries. The oscillatory behavior and the large swings in the value of the high-order polynomials are detrimental for the resulting input-output maps. But simply adding more input variables in general does not necessarily improve the accuracy of the corresponding RS-HDMR input-output map, because the map function is usually too complicated to be fitted accurately by low degree polynomials. Moreover, we found that some PES parameters, which weigh heavily in the RS-HDMR input-output maps, can obscure the roles played by other parameters. To overcome these technical difficulties, we plan to adopt a non-parametric RS-HDMR scheme such that the underlying component functions can be represented accurately by numerical data tables at chosen grid points. From the tabulated data, the component function values can then be calculated using the Interpolating Moving Least-Squares (IMLS) method. Other new HDMR tools also need to be formulated to address the difficulties with the existing procedures. The new tools should enable future studies using larger sampling ranges of PES parameters for MD. As a final step, we would then be able to fully implement the closed-loop adaptive procedure for the refinement of various chemical reaction dynamical models [27].

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