

Quantum theory of molecules and polymers (KDIT34)

topics

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1. Elements of quantum mechanical description:

- State, measurable quantities, measurements, time evolution.
- Operators of molecular systems. Schrödinger's equation of atoms and molecules. Atomic units.
- Identical particles. The symmetrization postulate.
- Fundamental methods of approximation I: Calculus of variations (functional, functional derivative, variation of functionals).
- Fundamental methods of approximation II: Perturbation calculus (non-degenerate, time-independent Rayleigh-Schödinger perturbation theory).
- Time-dependent perturbation calculus, selection rules.
- Formalism of second quantization.

2. Quantum mechanical description of molecules

- Separation of electronic and nuclear motions. Born-Oppenheimer approximation, adiabatic approximation.
- Molecular vibrations, IR spectrum, molecular symmetry.
- Solution of the Schrödinger equation by separation. The independent particle model. Pauli principle.
- Hartree-Fock method. Single particle states, orbits. Koopmans theorem.
- Open and closed shell systems. RHF and UHF equations.
- Hartree-Fock-Roothaan-Hall equation.
- Electron correlation. Many-body perturbation theory.
- Configuration interaction (CI), coupled cluster (CC) method.
- Multiconfiguration-SCF (MC-SCF), complete active space-SCF (CAS-SCF).
- Calculation of excited states by the EOM method.
- Reduced density matrices.
- Hohenberg-Kohn theorems.
- Kohn-Sham equation. Exchange-correlation potentials.
- Time-dependent density functional theory (TDDFT): Runge-Gross theorem, van Leeuwen theorem.
- Time-dependent Kohn-Sham equation.

3. Periodic polymers, solid-state physics model

- Quantum mechanical description of quasi 1D periodic systems
- The role of symmetry, Bloch's theorem
- Basics of band theory. Applications.