



Lectures on first-principles methods

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First-principles approaches to electronic band structure of materials

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Abstract

In this work I will present our recent efforts to developing numerically accurate and efficient first-principles based theoretical approaches to electronic band structure of materials including numerically accurate GW approach in the linearized augmented planewaves (LAPW) framework, the perturbative (one-shot) modified Becke-Johnson potential method as a quick and pragmatic approach to electronic band structure of complex materials, and a non-empirical doubly screened hybrid functional approach that can treat both narrow-gap and wide-gap insulating systems accurately.

Basics and State of the Art of Quantum-Chemistry Methods for Molecules, Clusters, and Materials

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Abstract

The workhorse method of computational materials science is undoubtedly density functional theory (DFT) in the framework of approximate exchange and correlation energy functionals. However, the need for highly accurate predictions of ground and excited state properties in materials science motivates the further development and exploration of alternative as well as complementary techniques. Among these alternative approaches, quantum chemical wave function based theories hold the promise to fill a gap in the toolbox of computational materials scientists. In this tutorial-style talk, I will introduce the basic concepts of quantum chemical methods and the recent advance in the field towards the lower-scaling and massive-parallel implementation of quantum-chemistry methods for molecules, clusters, and materials.

Van der Waals Interactions in Density Functional Theory and Their Contributions to the Design of novel Electronic Devices

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Abstract

In this talk I will first introduce the home-made DFT+vdWsurf method that accurately accounts for the collective electronic response effects enables reliable modeling of structure and stability for a broad class of organic molecules adsorbed on metal surfaces. Using the DFT+vdWsurf method, I will further introduce some of our very recent findings in the design of functional (nanoscale) electronic devices. Special attentions will be paid on the push-button molecular switches, and Schottky diodes with tunable barrier heights.

Basics and Recent Progress of Random Phase Approximation for Electronic Ground-State Energy Calculations

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Abstract

The concept of random phase approximation (RPA) has a profound impact on both electronic structure theories and nuclear physics. A noteworthy recent development of RPA is that it has been formulated and applied as a first-principles approach to calculate the electronic correlation energy for molecules and materials. In this lecture, I will discuss the basic concept of RPA and its typical applications in computational chemistry and materials science. Recent and on-going developments, either on reducing the computational cost or adding corrections beyond RPA to further improve the accuracy, will also be briefly mentioned.