

Atomistic Modelling of Organic Semiconductors



Organic Semiconductor Devices



White OLED

Area = 10x10 cm2 (from HC Starck CleviosTM PH510 PEDOT layer)



OLED display

 $\begin{array}{l} (from \ Samsung, \ ultra-thin \\ 0.05mm, \ 4-inch \ 480\times272 \\ resolution, \ 100,000:1 \ contrast \ , \\ 200cd/m^2) \end{array}$



Organic Solar Cell

(Linz Institute for Solar Cells)

Advantages: large areas, mechanically flexible, low cost

π-Conjugated Molecules



Light

V

 $Q - V_D$

Drain ,

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π-Conjugated Molecules



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Light

From First-Principles



Electron Density Distribution

- Electron density $n(\mathbf{r})$ is the basic variable
- Density Functional Theory (DFT) provides rigorous framework
- Microscopic and macroscopic properties depend on n(r)



Electron Density in a (10,0) single-walled Carbon Nano-Tube

Kohn-Sham Equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}\nabla^{2} + V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + V_{H}(\mathbf{r}) + V_{xc}(\mathbf{r}) \end{bmatrix} \psi_{i}(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_{i}\psi_{i}(\mathbf{r})$$
$$-\frac{Z}{r} \int \frac{n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d^{3}r' \qquad \frac{\delta E_{xc}[n(\mathbf{r})]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})}$$
Atomic nuclei Hartree potential "Exchange-correlation-potential"
$$\underbrace{classical \ electro-static}_{interactions} \qquad \begin{aligned} Quantum-mechanical \\ effects \end{aligned}$$





Density Functional Theory



Structural Properties



Electronic Structure

Optical Properties

Electronic Band Structure



Photoelectric Effect





Angle-Resolved PhotoEmission Spectroscopy







Band Structure of Graphite



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From Benzene to Sexiphenyl

Highest Occupied Molecular Orbital (HOMO) of a benzene ring $(C_{e}H_{e})$





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Uniaxially Aligned Sexiphenyl



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Photoemission Intensity



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Approximation: final state = plane wave $I_i(\theta, \phi) \propto |(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{k})|^2 \times |\tilde{\psi}_i(\mathbf{k})|^2$

Fourier Transform of Initial State Orbital

[Feibelman and Eastman, Phys. Rev. B 10, 4932 (1974).]

Comparison with DFT



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Intramolecular Band Structure



Planar vs. Twisted



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Twisted Sexiphenyl



G. Koller et al., Science 317, 351 (2007).

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Orbital Tomography

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The Toroidal Electron Spectrometer for Angle-Resolved Photoelectron Spectroscopy with Synchrotron Radiation at BESSY II

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E_{kin}, k

Sexiphenyl Monolayer on Cu(110)



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Berkebile et al. (submitted to PNAS)

2D-Momentum Maps



ARPES data for a monolayer of 6P / Cu(110)

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HOMO

LUMO

Reconstruction of Orbitals



Puschnig et al., Science 326, 702 (2009).

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- Scanning tunneling microscopy and PE complement each other







Ziroff et al. PRL (2010) Slide 38

Rohlfing et al. PRB 76 (2007) Peter Puschnig, Habilitationskolloquium, 3. Mai 2010

Where to Go in Theory?

- Structural properties
 - Van der Waals interactions: improvements in xc-functional
 - Thin film growth: multiscale modelling
- Electronic structure
 - Band structure: go beyond DFT
 - Photoemission experiments: more accurate description of final state
 - Electronic transport: electron-phonon coupling
- Optical properties
 - Excitons: Assess validity of usual approximations in BSE

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