

Generalized energy-based fragmentation approach for large molecules and condensed phase systems

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In this talk, I will report recent developments and applications of the generalized energy-based fragmentation approach (GEBF) developed by our group for large molecules and condensed phase systems. The GEBF approach is a linear scaling technique that allows ab initio ground-state calculations feasible to very large systems and condensed phase systems at ordinary workstations. Within this approach, the ground-state energy (or properties) of a large molecule can be evaluated directly from the corresponding quantities of various “electronically embedded” subsystems.¹ The GEBF approach has been established to be an efficient and reliable theoretical tool for investigating structures, relative stability, and properties of various complex systems.²⁻⁵ With specifically designed fragmentation schemes, the GEBF approach can be extended to treat metal-containing large supramolecular coordination complexes and ionic-liquid systems.⁶⁻⁷ The periodic version of the GEBF approach for systems with periodic boundary conditions (PBC-GEBF) has also been established.⁸ The PBC-GEBF approach has been employed to obtain the optimized crystal structures and vibrational frequencies of molecular crystals.⁹ Our applications demonstrate that the PBC-GEBF method, combined with advanced electronic structure methods, is capable of providing accurate descriptions on the lattice energies, structures, vibrational and NMR spectra for various types of molecular crystals.¹⁰

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