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Title:Dielectric response of high explosives at THz frequencies calculated using density functional theory

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Abstract:We present in this study calculations of the ground-state resonance structures associated with the high explosives β-HMX, PETN, RDX, TNT1, and TNT2 using density functional theory (DFT). Our objective is the construction of parameterized dielectric-response functions for excitation by electromagnetic waves at compatible frequencies. These dielectric-response functions provide the basis for analyses pertaining to the dielectric properties of explosives. In particular, these dielectric-response functions provide quantitative initial estimates of spectral-response features for subsequent adjustment with knowledge of additional information, such as laboratory measurements and other types of theory-based calculations. With respect to qualitative analyses, these spectra provide for the molecular-level interpretation of response structure. The DFTsoftware GAUSSIAN was used for the calculations of the ground-state resonance structures presented here.©ASM International.

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