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Electron-lattice coupling and the superconductivity in hydrogen-rich systems

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Recent development in the high-pressure physics provides us with a new class of the superconducting materials, namely with the hydrogen-rich materials, such as silane (SiH₄, transition temperature T_c =17 K at pressure p=96 GPa), hydrogen sulphide (H_{2/3}S, T_c =203 K @ 150 GPa) or hydrogen lanthanide (H_{1-x}La, T_c =274–286 K @ 210 GPa).

We investigate the versatility of the molecular-to-atomic transitions in one-, two-, and quasi-three-dimensional hydrogen systems, using our own original approach – the Exact Diagonalization Ab-Initio (\textsc{edabi}) method. Starting from the extended Hubbard model, we examine an electron-correlation-driven conductivity connected with the creation of high-symmetry hydrogen molecular and atomic planes, as well as a series of both structural and electronic-in-nature quantum phase transitions.

We discuss the suppression of molecular nature in a reversed Peierls-like transition under high pressure, as well as the proper van-der-Waals-like effective interaction derived from the first principles of quantum mechanics.

Using effective electron-phonon Hamiltonian we estimate both the zero-point motion of the lattice ions, as well as the electron-lattice coupling. Next, by using the McMillan formula we estimate the superconducting transition temperature versus the effective pressure (external and/or chemical).

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