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transformation angle for the lowest three 2A' states of NH2 (NHH)

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Abstract:

We report here on the first study of topological effects for the NHH system, as carried out by treating simultaneously the two dominant effects of this system, namely, the Jahn-Teller (JT) effect and the Renner-Teller (RT) effect. Both the effects were treated rigorously as demanded by the Born-Oppenheimer approach. No approximations were made and in those cases where convergence was required, it was achieved by including the required number of states. The study concentrates on calculating the privileged adiabatic-to-diabatic transformation (ADT) angle y12, along closed contours, which is the only needed angle to carry out the ADT in the case of relatively low energies. For this purpose, three coupled A'-states are usually considered and only in the last two extreme cases, where the area in configuration space becomes relatively large, namely 15-35 Å2, we had also to include an A" state (the second Δ-state), a situation that enforces the more elaborate (JT/RT) effect. In this paper, we also report on potential energies as calculated along the above-mentioned contours. Among them are considered the energies associated with the two adiabatic Δ-states, 1A' and 1A", of different symmetry and therefore are responsible for the RT effect. These states are expected to be degenerate along the collinear axis. It was revealed that these states, in contrast to the Renner theory, are not degenerate along a finite interval of the collinear axis at the vicinity of the JT conical intersection (JT-CI). In other words, the JT-CI annihilates the RT degeneracy along this interval.

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