


In some cases, only generic source-based nomenclature gives unambiguous names, for example, when a polymer has more than one name or when it is obtained through a series of intermediate structures. The rules concern mostly polymers with one or more types of functional groups or heterocyclic systems in the main chain, but to some extent they are applicable also to polymers with side-groups, carbon-chain polymers such as vinyl or diene polymers, spiro and cyclic polymers, and networks.

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Quantum Chemical B3LYP/cc-pvqz Computation of Ground-State Structures and Properties of Small Molecules with Atoms of $Z \leq 18$ (Hydrogen to Argon) (IUPAC Technical Report)

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Since density functional theory achieved a remarkable breakthrough in computational chemistry, the important general question “How reliable are quantum chemical calculations for spectroscopic properties?” should be answered anew. In this project, the most successful densi-

ty functionals, namely the Becke B3LYP functionals, and the correlation-consistent polarized valence quadruple zeta basis sets (cc-pvqz) are applied to small molecules. In particular, the complete set of experimentally known diatomic molecules formed by the atoms H to Ar (there are 214 systems) is uniformly calculated, and calculated spectroscopic properties are compared with experimental ones.

Computationally demanding molecules, such as open-shell systems, anions, or noble gas compounds, are included in this study. Investigated spectroscopic properties include spectroscopic ground state, equilibrium internuclear distance, harmonic vibrational wavenumber, anharmonicity, vibrational absolute absorption intensity, electric dipole moment, ionization energy, and dissociation energy. The same computational method has also been applied to the ground-state geometries of 56 polyatomic molecules up to the size of benzene. Special sections are dedicated to nuclear magnetic resonance chemical shifts and isotropic hyperfine coupling constants. Each set of systems for a chosen property is statistically analyzed, and the above important question “How reliable . . . ?” is mathematically answered by the mean absolute deviation between calculated and experimental data, as well as by the worst agreement. In addition to presentation of numerous quantum chemically calculated spectroscopic properties, a corresponding updated list of references for experimentally determined properties is presented.

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Standards in Isothermal Microcalorimetry (IUPAC Technical Report)

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Isothermal microcalorimetric techniques have been much improved during the past decades, and several types of instruments are commercially available. Application areas include, for example, ligand binding studies, dissolution and sorption measurements, estimation of the stability of chemical substances and technical products, and measurements of metabolic reactions in living cellular systems.

Most isothermal microcalorimeters are calibrated by the release of heat in an electrical heater positioned in the calorimetric vessel or in its close proximity. However, in some cases it is difficult to conduct electrical calibration experiments, which will closely mimic the heat flow pattern of the process or reaction under investigation. This can lead to a significant error in the calibration value and, in some cases, the use of some