

Theoretical study on photoisomerization

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Photoisomerization play an important role in photochromism, functions in life etc.

We present the theoretical study on

- (1) The isomerization of cyclohexadiene (CHD) to hexatriene
- (2) Isomerization of Schiff base retinal

(1) Photo-induced reversible ring-opening/closure of photochromic molecules such as diarylethenes and fulgides are applicable to molecular switches and memories. Isomerization between CH₂=CH-CH=CH-CH=CH₂ and CH₂=CH-CH=CH-CH=CH₂.