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QUANTUM-CHEMICAL CONCEPTS: ARE THEY SUITABLE FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS?

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Quantum-chemical theories of atomic and molecular structure are now part of the curriculum in many countries, despite the fact that many educators are against the inclusion of quantum chemistry courses. In this paper, we first summarise the main findings of previous studies on students' knowledge and understanding of atomic orbitals, molecular orbitals and hybridisation, and then report results of a study with twelfth-grade Greek students. A test was used to assess their thinking, and aimed to find whether students had acquired a deep understanding of quantum-chemical concepts. The findings indicate that such understanding was missing from most students. They do not have a clear understanding of orbitals, and especially their probabilistic rather than deterministic nature; for many, the orbitals represent a definite, well-bounded space; they did not understand the approximate nature of atomic orbitals for many-electron atoms; the inadequacy of the Bohr model of ground-state, electron configuration to account for its valency of four was not evident. The implications for instruction and the curricula are discussed. [*Chem. Educ. Res. Pract. Eur.*: 2002, **3**, 129-144]

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