self-localized excitations

in conjugated organic polymers

Physical and chemical properties of conjugated organic polymers with π -electrons have been interpreted in terms of self-localized excitations, which are quasi-particles with structural changes over several repeating units. These excitations can be classified into *solitons*, polarons, *bipolarons* and *excitons* according to their charge and spin.

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PAC, 2007, 79, 293 (Glossary of terms used in photochemistry, 3rd edition (IUPAC Recommendations 2006)) on page 419