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Introduction to GW, GW-Bethe-Salpeter-equation (GW-BSE), and GW perturbation theory (GWPT)

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Materials properties

Ground-state properties

- Total energy
- Structures
- Magnetization
- Vibrations
- ...

DFT/DFPT

Excited-state properties (Spectroscopies)

Single-particle excitation

- $N+1$ problem
- Photoemission
- Tunneling
- Band gap
- ...

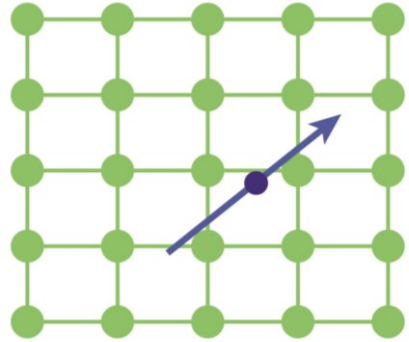
GW

Two-particle excitation

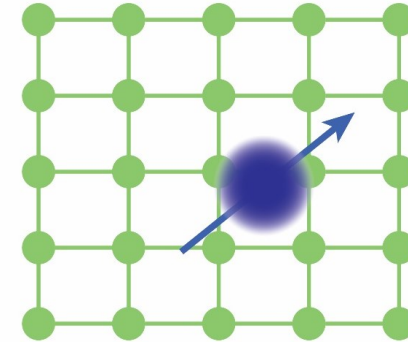
- $N+2$ problem
- Optical responses
- Excitons
- ...

GW-BSE

Excited-state phenomena of materials



Bare electron



Dressed electron

\Leftrightarrow *Quasiparticle*

Density functional theory (DFT)

- **Ground-state theory**
- Exchange-correlation potential

$$\hat{V}^{\text{xc}} = V^{\text{xc}}(\mathbf{r})$$

- Not the true effective potential seen by a quasiparticle

GW method

- **Excited-state theory**
- Self-energy \Leftrightarrow Many-electron correlation

$$\hat{\Sigma}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = iGW$$

(G: Green's function; W: screened Coulomb)

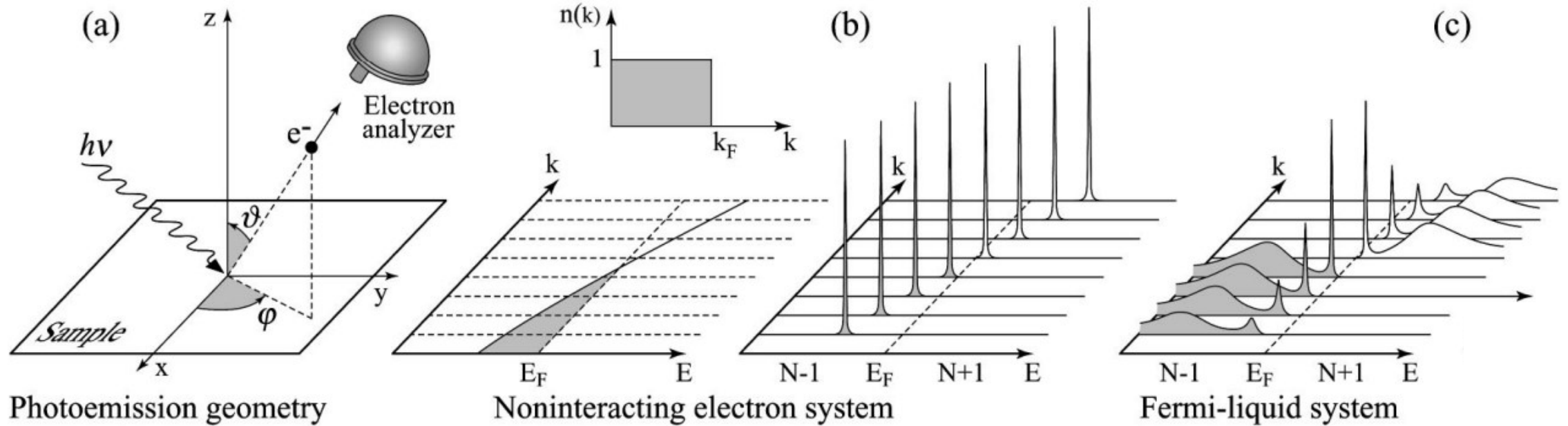
- Non-local, frequency-dependent potential

Spectral function and self-energy effects

cf. Lec. Tue.2.Giustino

Angle-resolve photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES)

Damascelli, Hussain, Shen, RMP **75**, 473 (2003)



- Energy shift
- Peak broadening
- Satellite features

$$E_{n\mathbf{k}}^{\text{QP}} = \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}^0 + \text{Re}\Sigma_{n\mathbf{k}}(\omega)$$

$$A_{n\mathbf{k}}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{|\text{Im}\Sigma_{n\mathbf{k}}(\omega)|}{|\omega - \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} - \text{Re}\Sigma_{n\mathbf{k}}(\omega)|^2 + |\text{Im}\Sigma_{n\mathbf{k}}(\omega)|^2}$$

GW approximation to electron-electron self-energy

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$$\Sigma = \Sigma^{e-e} + \Sigma^{e-ph} + \dots$$

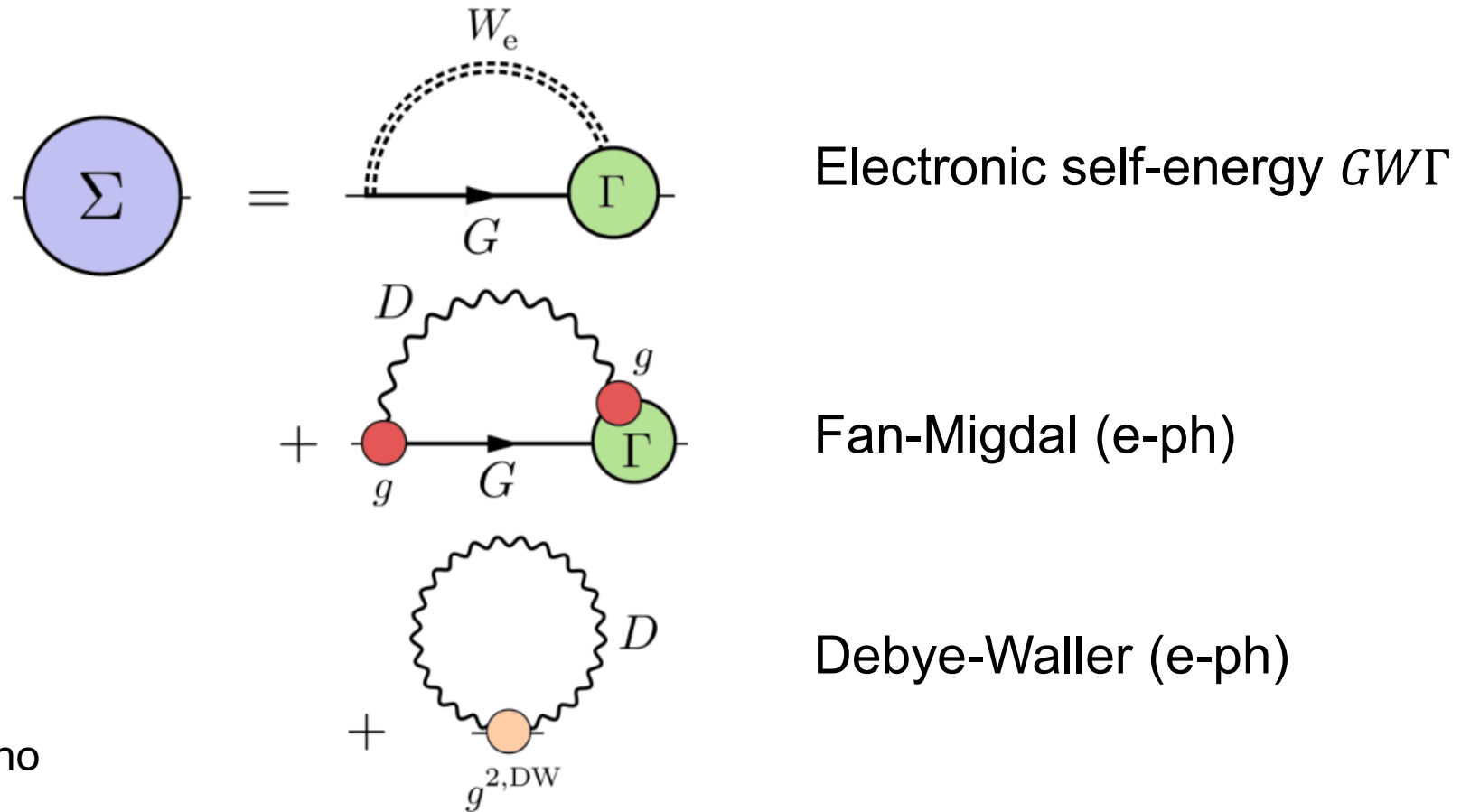


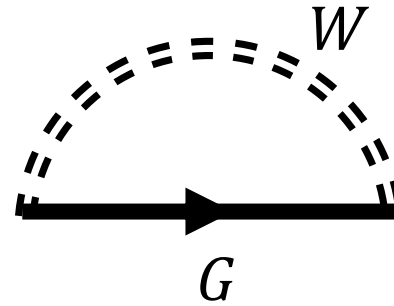
Image from Tue.2.Giustino

Giustino, RMP **89**, 015003 (2017)

GW approximation to electron-electron self-energy

- With $\Gamma = \delta(1,2)\delta(1,3)$, electron self-energy is within the **GW approximation**

$$\Sigma^{e-e} = iGW$$



Hedin, PR **139**, A796 (1965)
Hedin, Lundqvist, Solid
State Physics **23**, 1 (1970)

- Dyson's equation (eigenvalue equation)

$$h_0(\mathbf{r})\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}^{\text{QP}}(\mathbf{r}) + \int \Sigma(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; E_{n\mathbf{k}}^{\text{QP}}) \psi_{n\mathbf{k}}^{\text{QP}}(\mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r}' = E_{n\mathbf{k}}^{\text{QP}} \psi_{n\mathbf{k}}^{\text{QP}}$$

$$h_0 = -\nabla^2 + V_{\text{ext}} + V_{\text{H}}$$

- Compare with Kohn-Sham DFT (with standard local functionals)

$$h_0(\mathbf{r})\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}^{\text{DFT}}(\mathbf{r}) + V_{\text{xc}}(\mathbf{r})\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}^{\text{DFT}}(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}^{\text{DFT}} \psi_{n\mathbf{k}}^{\text{DFT}}$$

Ab initio GW method

Hybertsen, Louie, PRL **55**, 1418 (1985) & PRB **34**, 5390 (1986)

- Green's function

$$G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = \sum_{n\mathbf{k}} \frac{\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}^*(\mathbf{r}')}{\omega - \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} - i\delta_{n\mathbf{k}}}$$

- Screened and bare Coulomb interaction

$$W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = \int \epsilon^{-1}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}''; \omega) v(\mathbf{r}'', \mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r}''$$

$$v(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

- Dielectric matrix from random-phase approximation (RPA) polarizability

$$\epsilon(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}''; \omega) = 1 - vP^{\text{RPA}}$$

$$P^{\text{RPA}} = -iGG$$

Ab initio GW method

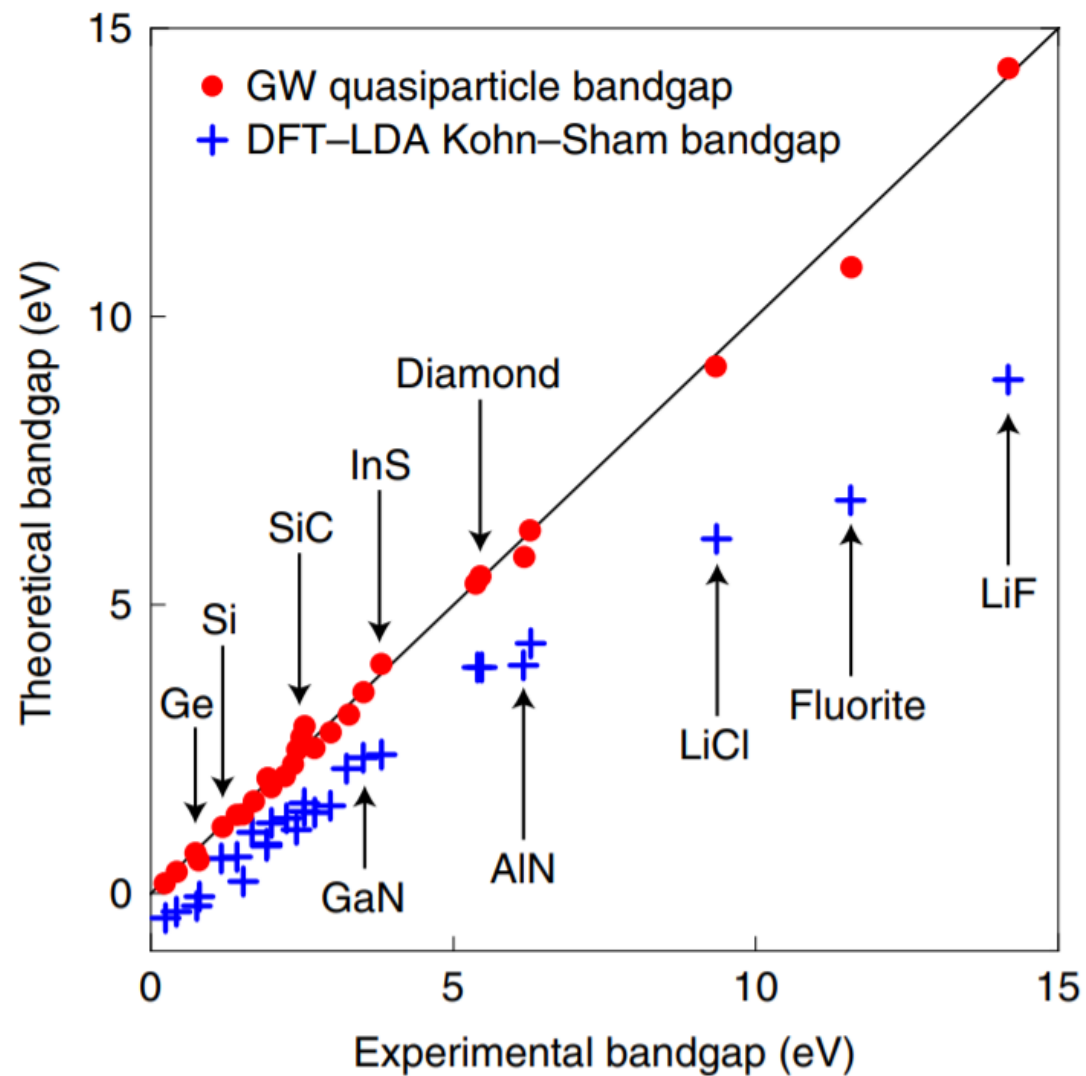
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- Commonly, GW self-energy is constructed with DFT starting points (eigenvalues and wavefunctions)
- GW self-energy matrix elements are computed as a many-body correction to the DFT eigenvalues

$$E_{n\mathbf{k}}^{GW} = \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}^{\text{DFT}} + \langle \psi_{n\mathbf{k}} | \Sigma(E_{n\mathbf{k}}^{GW}) - V_{\text{xc}} | \psi_{n\mathbf{k}} \rangle$$

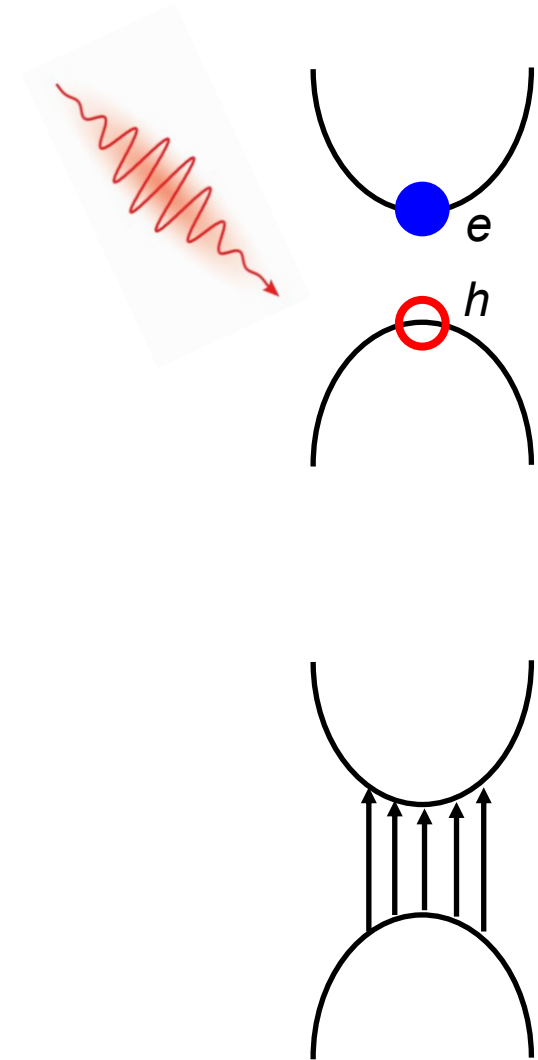
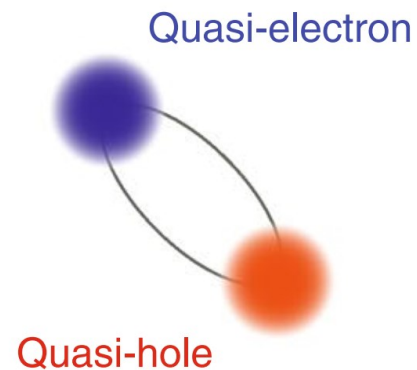
- ✓ Sum over bands: in principle to full Hilbert space, in practice hundreds to thousands for convergence

GW quasiparticle band gaps



GW-Bethe-Salpeter-equation (GW-BSE) approach

- Optical absorption processes involve two excited-state quasiparticles
- Quasi-electron and quasi-hole can bind via Coulomb interaction and form a new excitation: **Exciton**



GW-Bethe-Salpeter-equation (GW-BSE) approach

- The **Bethe-Salpeter equation** for each exciton state S

$$\left(E_{c\mathbf{k}}^{\text{QP}} - E_{v\mathbf{k}}^{\text{QP}}\right) A_{v c \mathbf{k}}^S + \sum_{v' c' \mathbf{k}} \langle v c \mathbf{k} | K^{e-h} | v' c' \mathbf{k} \rangle A_{v' c' \mathbf{k}}^S = \Omega^S A_{v c \mathbf{k}}^S$$

- Ω^S is the excitation energy, and $A_{v c \mathbf{k}}^S$ is exciton wavefunction (in quasiparticle basis)

- Exciton wavefunction in real space $\Psi(\mathbf{r}_e, \mathbf{r}_h) = \sum_{v c \mathbf{k}} A_{v c \mathbf{k}}^S \psi_{c \mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}_e) \psi_{v \mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}_h)$

- The **GW-BSE kernel**

$$K^{e-h} = \frac{\delta(V_H + \Sigma^{\text{GW}})}{\delta G} = v - W$$

Rohlfing, Louie, PRL **81**, 2312 (1998)

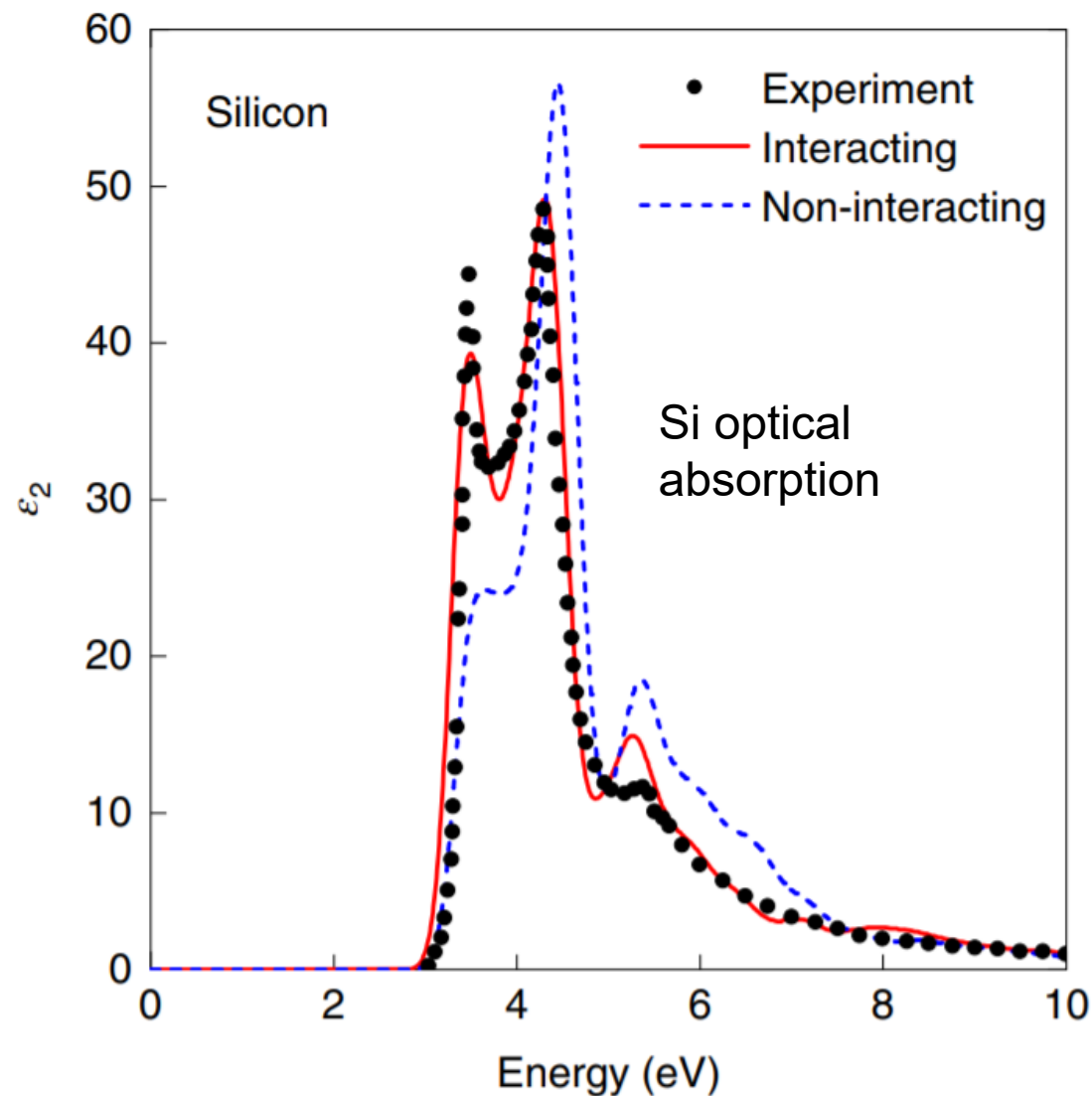
Onida, Reining, Rubio, RMP **74**, 601 (2002)

GW-Bethe-Salpeter-equation (GW-BSE) approach

- Imaginary part of the dielectric function (optical absorption)

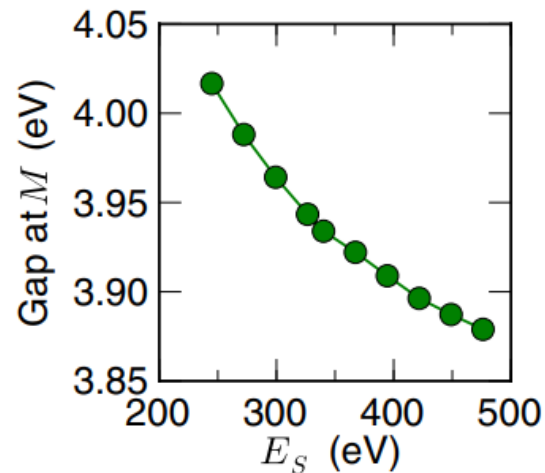
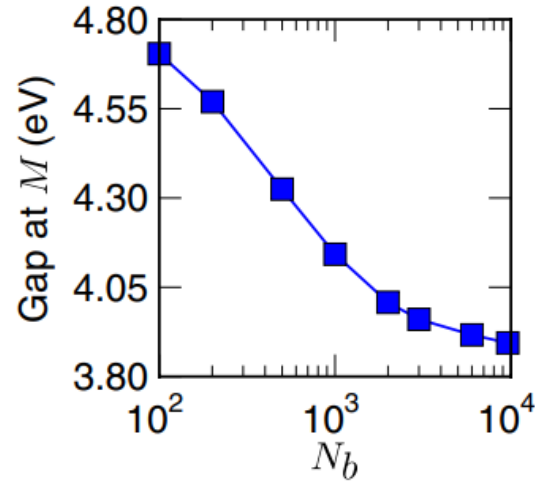
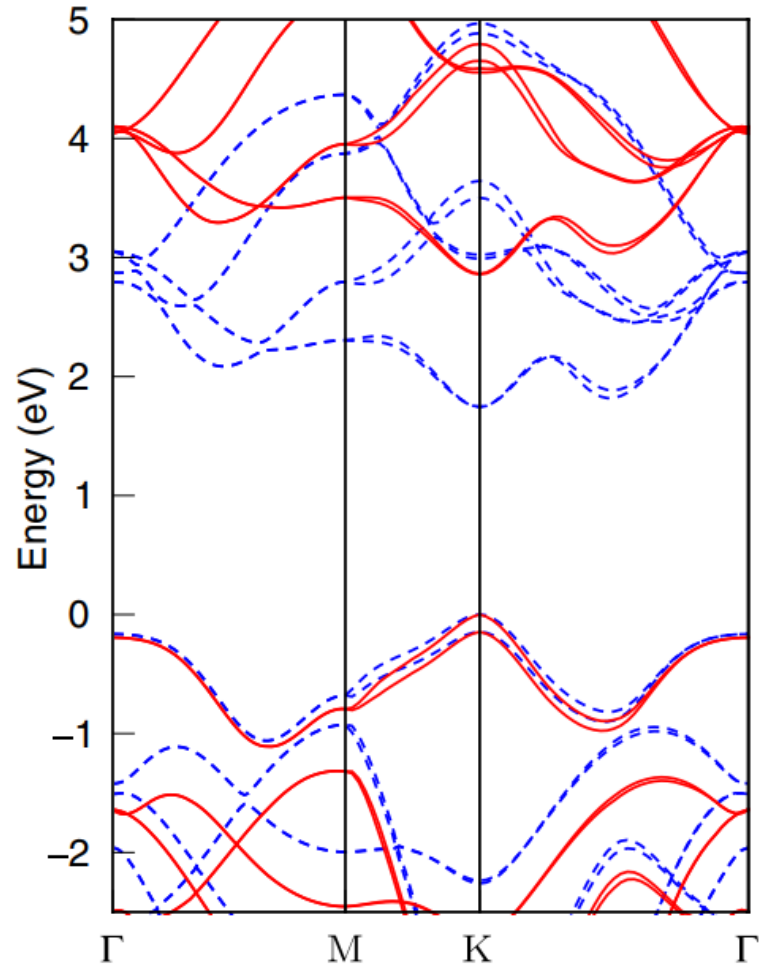
$$\epsilon_2(\omega) = \frac{16\pi^2 e^2}{\omega^2} \sum_S |\mathbf{e} \cdot \langle 0 | \mathbf{v} | S \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega - \Omega^S)$$

\mathbf{e} : photon polarization
 \mathbf{v} : velocity operator



Example: 2D transition-metal dichalcogenides MoS₂

- Monolayer MoS₂: Direct band-gap semiconductor

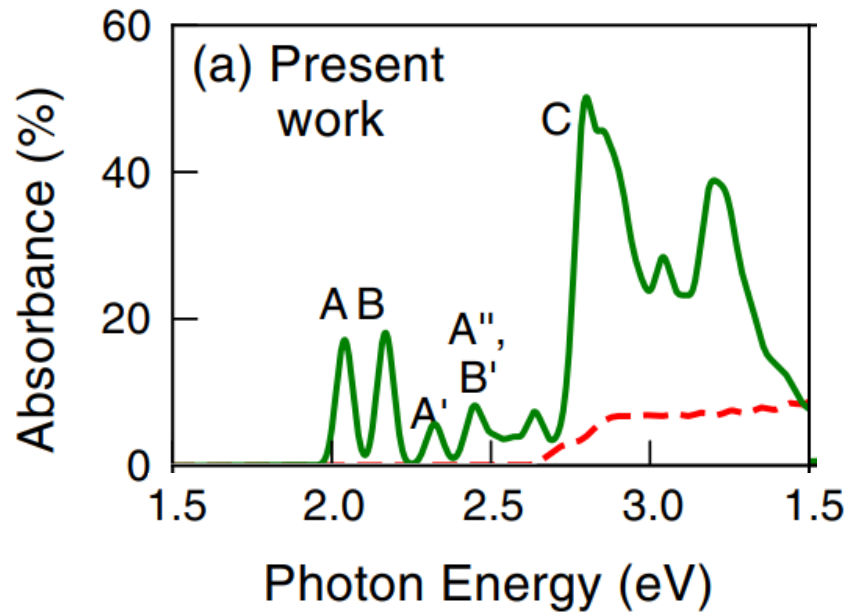


N_b : Number of bands

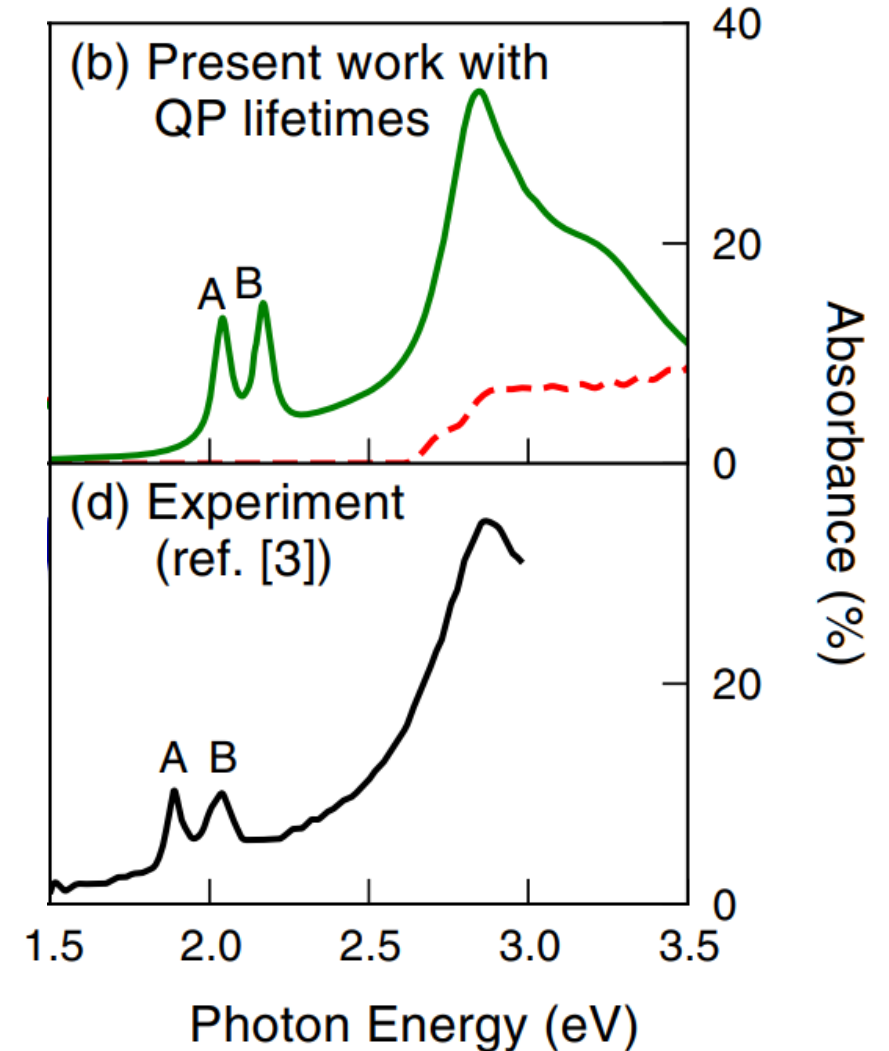
E_S : Energy cutoff for dielectric matrix

Convergence is an important issue in GW calculations

Example: 2D transition-metal dichalcogenides MoS₂



- Tightly bound excitons in monolayer MoS₂
- Strong absorbance $\sim 20\%$ at exciton excitations
- e-ph interaction introduces QP lifetimes

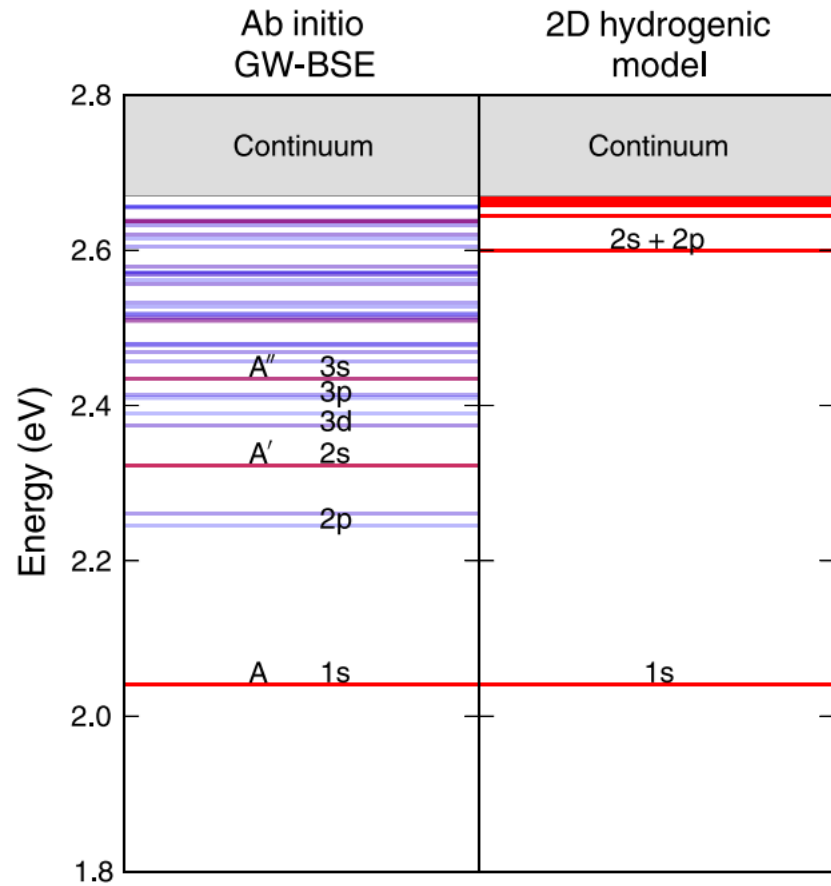


Theory: Qiu, Jornada, Louie, PRL **111**, 216805 (2013)

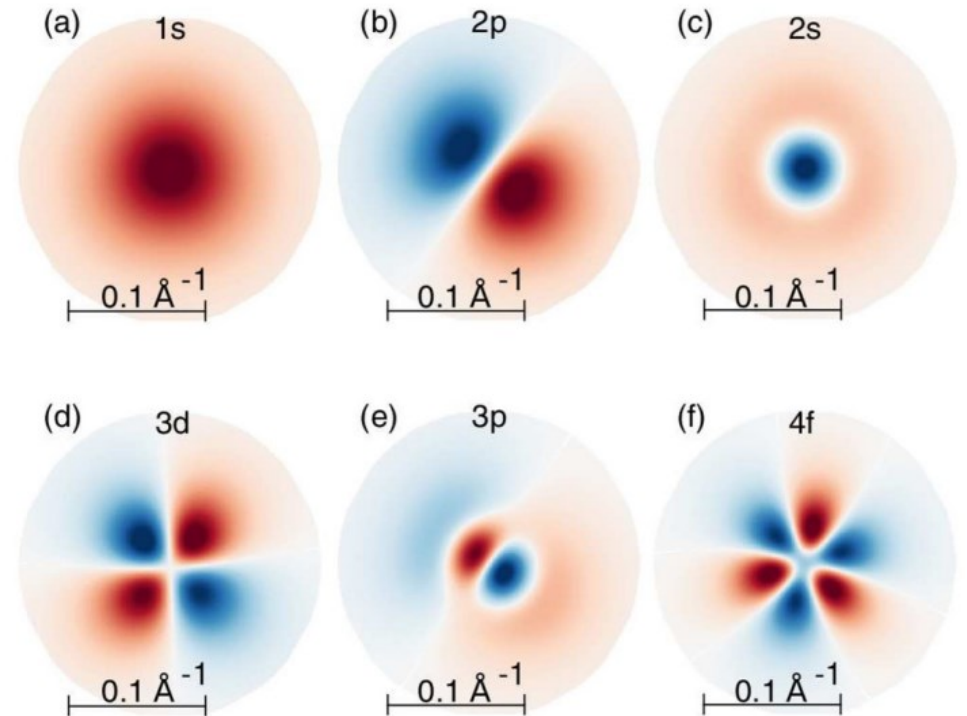
Expt: Mak, Lee, Hone, Shan, Heinz, PRL **105**, 136805 (2010)

Example: 2D transition-metal dichalcogenides MoS_2

Exciton energy levels



Exciton wavefunctions in \mathbf{k} -space



- Rich exciton structures in 2D TMD materials

Self-consistency in GW calculations

Eigenvalue self-consistency GW

- Notation: $G_n W_m$ where n and m label iteration steps
- **Mostly used: one-shot $G_0 W_0$**
- Self-consistency in W worsens results
 - Increasing band gaps reduces screening
 - RPA-W with DFT energies has error cancellation:
vaguely speaking, mimicking excitonic effects
- **Commonly seen: $G_n W_0$ or GW_0**

$$G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = \sum_{n\mathbf{k}} \frac{\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) \psi_{n\mathbf{k}}^*(\mathbf{r}')}{\omega - E_{n\mathbf{k}}^{\text{QP}} - i\delta_{n\mathbf{k}}}$$

$$\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}^{\text{QP}}(\mathbf{r}) \approx \psi_{n\mathbf{k}}^{\text{DFT}}(\mathbf{r})$$

Eigenvector self-consistency GW

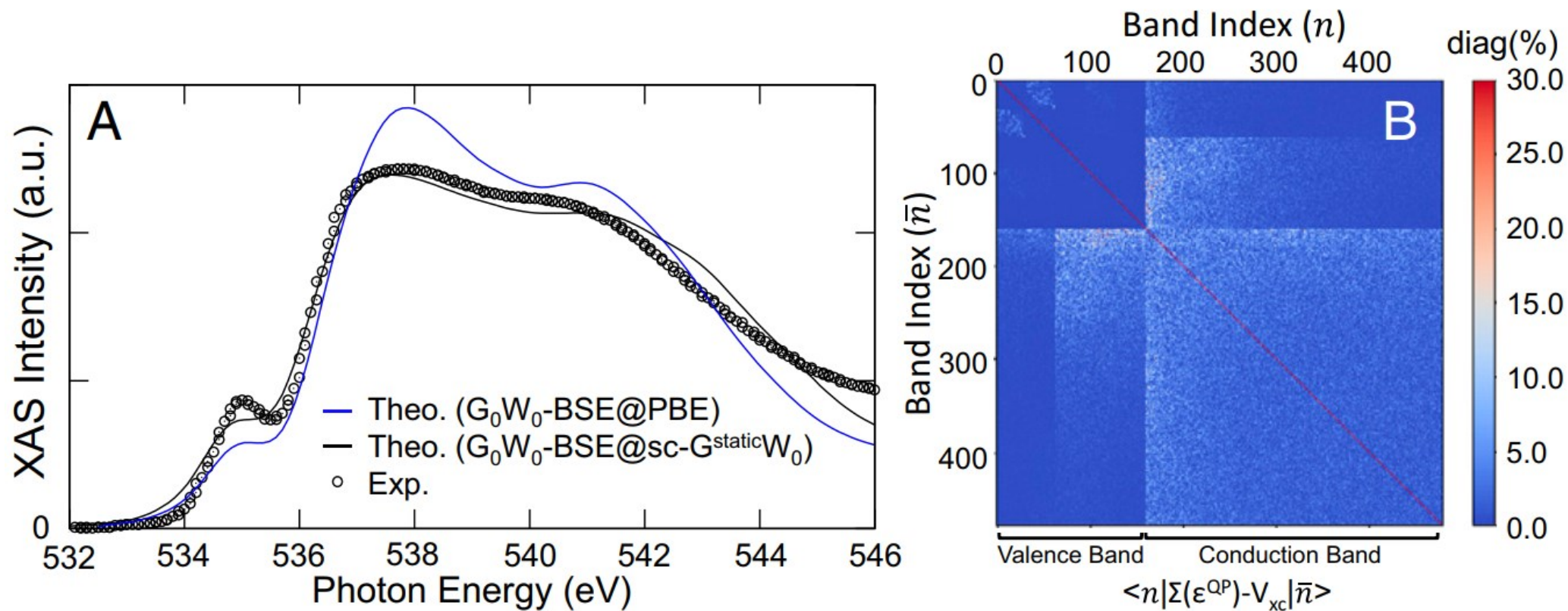
$$\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}^{\text{QP}}(\mathbf{r}) \neq \psi_{n\mathbf{k}}^{\text{DFT}}(\mathbf{r})$$

- Compute off-diagonal GW matrix elements $\langle \psi_{m\mathbf{k}} | \Sigma - V^{\text{xc}} | \psi_{n\mathbf{k}} \rangle$
- Diagonalization gives GW-corrected QP wavefunctions

See also: Quasiparticle self-consistent GW, van Schilfgaarde, Kotani, Faleev, PRL **96**, 226402 (2006)

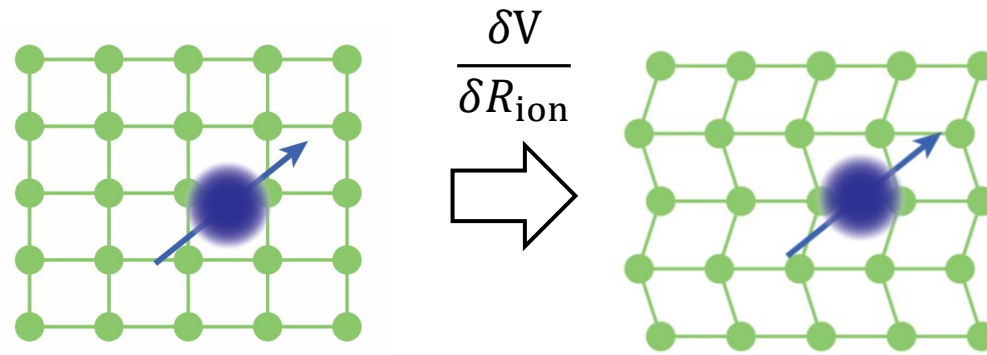
Self-consistency in GW calculations

GW-BSE calculation of X-ray absorption spectra of liquid water



- GW-corrected quasiparticle wavefunction improves BSE absorption spectra

Electron-phonon coupling from lattice vibrations



Potential (seen by a quasiparticle) change induced by ion displacements

Density-functional perturbation theory (DFPT)

- Very powerful in computing e-ph properties
- Inadequate for many-electron correlations
- Not true potential seen by quasiparticles

cf. Lec. Mon.2.Giannozzi

Lec. Tue.2.Giustino

GW perturbation theory (GWPT)

- **Linear-response** (to phonon perturbations) theory within GW approximation
- Compute e-ph matrix elements at the GW level
- Captures many-electron correlation effects in the e-ph coupling

Li, Antonius, Wu, da Jornada, Louie, PRL **122**, 186402 (2019)

GW perturbation theory (GWPT)

- Electron-phonon coupling

Electron-phonon interaction includes $\frac{\delta\Sigma}{\delta R_{\text{ion}}}$

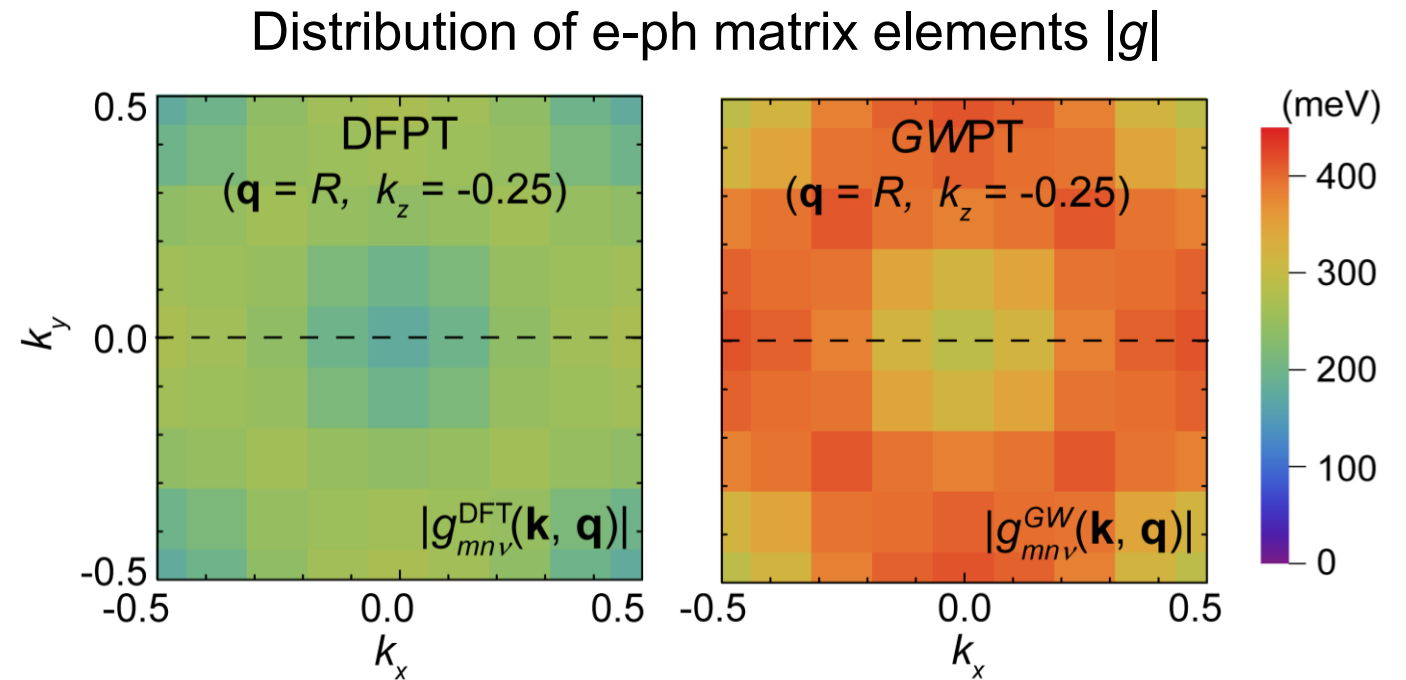
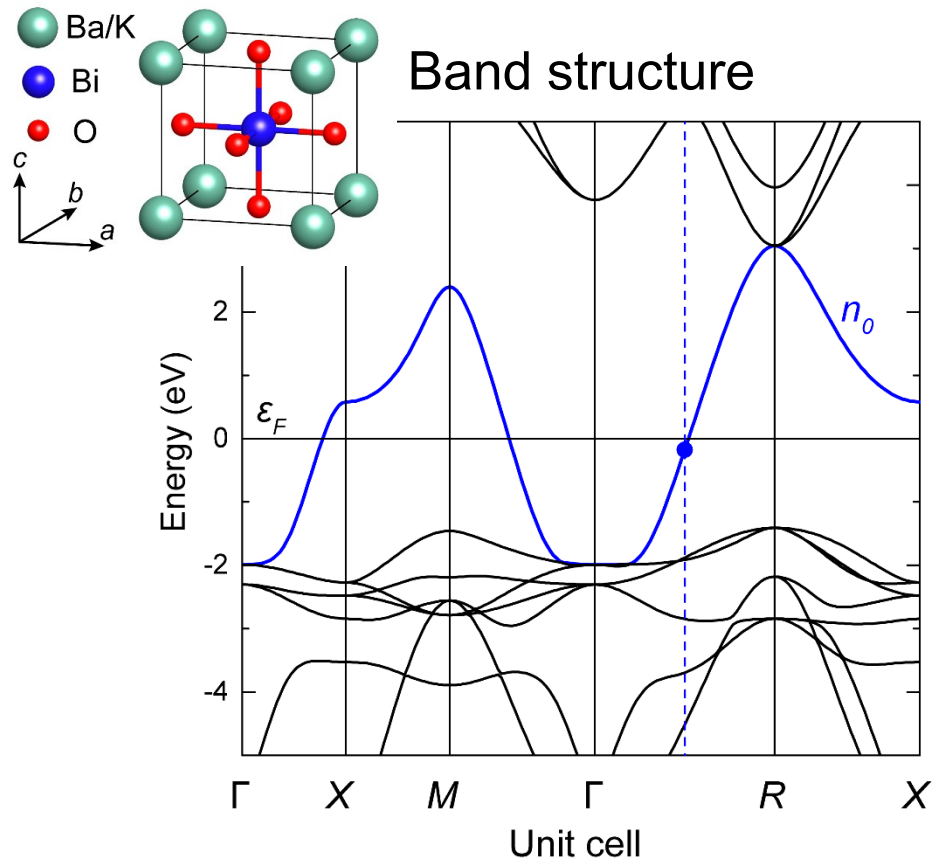
- **Electron-phonon matrix element: *building blocks*** to all microscopic electron-phonon theories

$$g_{mn\nu}^{GW}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) = g_{mn\nu}^{\text{DFT}}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) - \underbrace{\langle \psi_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} | \Delta_{\mathbf{q}\nu} V^{\text{xc}} | \psi_{n\mathbf{k}} \rangle}_{\substack{\text{DFT} \\ \text{single-electron} \\ \text{exchange-correlation}}} + \underbrace{\langle \psi_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} | \Delta_{\mathbf{q}\nu} \Sigma | \psi_{n\mathbf{k}} \rangle}_{\substack{\text{GW} \\ \text{many-electron} \\ \text{self-energy}}}$$

- DFPT starting point to generate: g^{DFT} , $\Delta_{\mathbf{q}\nu} V^{\text{xc}}$, and $\Delta_{\mathbf{q}\nu} \psi_{n\mathbf{k}}$ (for both valence and conduction bands)

Correlation-enhanced electron-phonon coupling and superconductivity

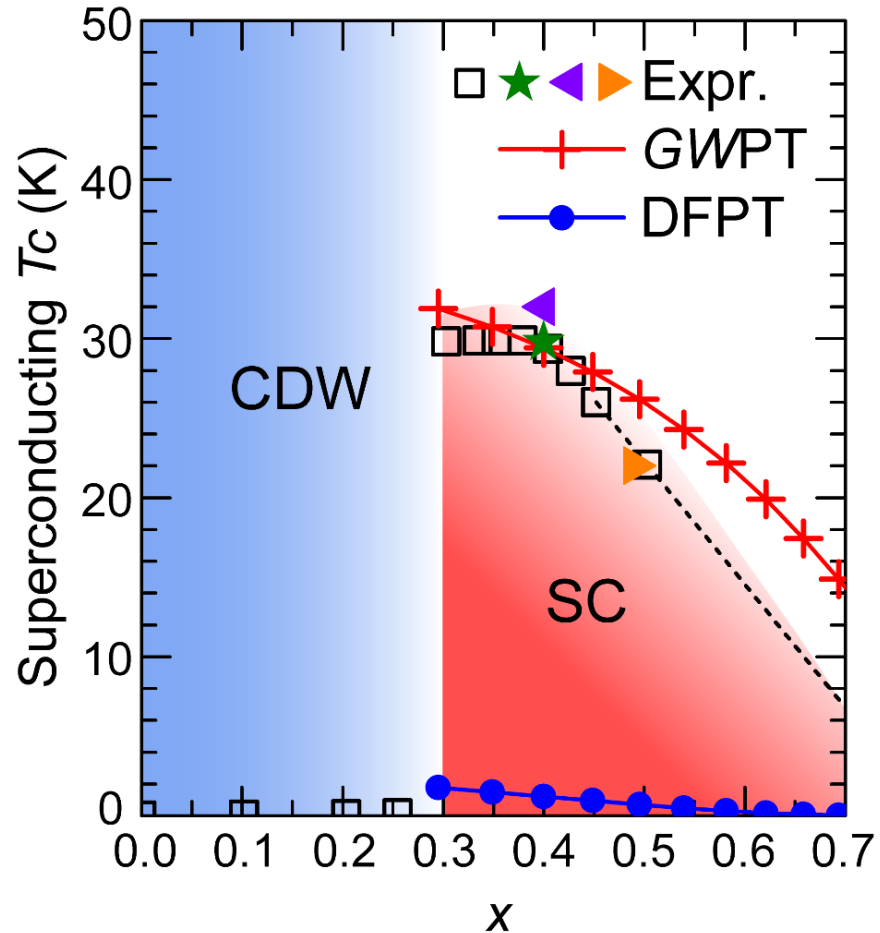
$\text{Ba}_{1-x}\text{K}_x\text{BiO}_3$: experimental $T_c = 32$ K at $x = 0.4$



- Strong GW renormalization in g
- Non-uniform renormalization in BZ

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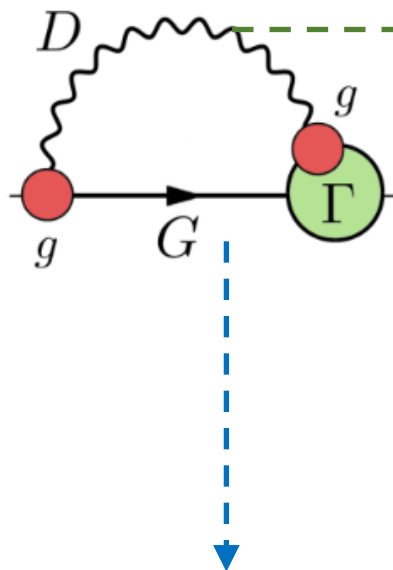
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McMillan–Allen-Dynes formula
to estimate superconducting T_c
with $\mu^* = 0.16$

GW-level electron-phonon phenomena with EPW + BerkeleyGW

Fan-Migdal self-energy



e-ph matrix elements

$$g^{\text{DFT}} \text{ vs. } g^{\text{GW}}$$

Electron propagator G

$$\epsilon^{\text{DFT}} \text{ vs. } E^{\text{GW}}$$

Phonon propagator D

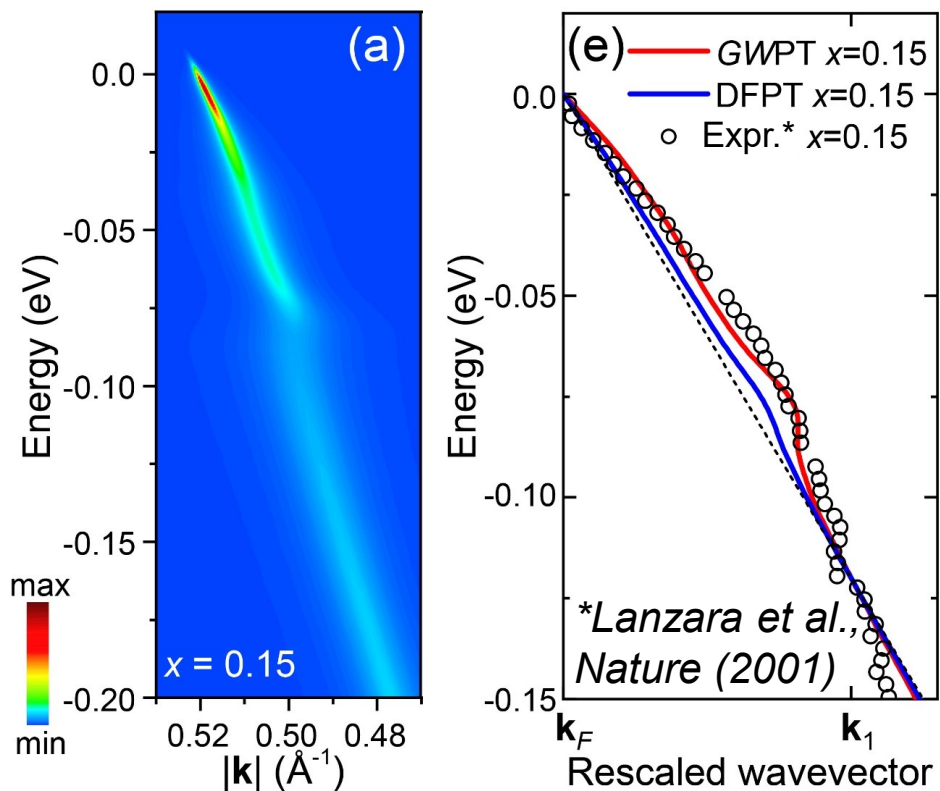
DFT phonon is based on the ground-state total energy \Leftrightarrow
Generally very accurate

GW-level electron-phonon phenomena with EPW + BerkeleyGW

Photoemission kink in $\text{La}_{2-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{CuO}_4$

Theory GWPT

Comparison



BerkeleyGW

GWPT



Wannier interpolation



DFPT



Wannier functions

Li, Wu, Chan, Louie, PRL **126**, 146401 (2021)

See also: Giustino, Cohen, Louie, Nature **452**, 975 (2008)

Heid et al., PRL **100**, 137001 (2008)

BerkeleyGW tutorial at the Electron-Phonon School 2022

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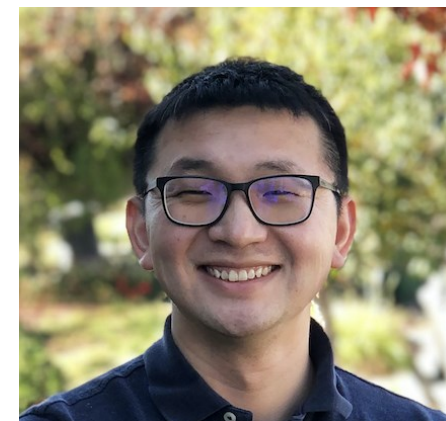
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