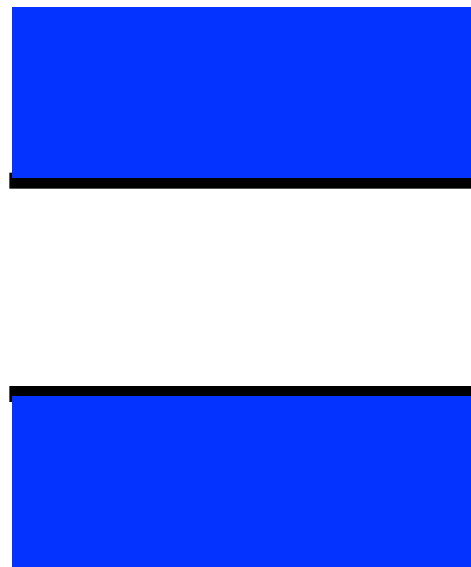


Introduction to GW

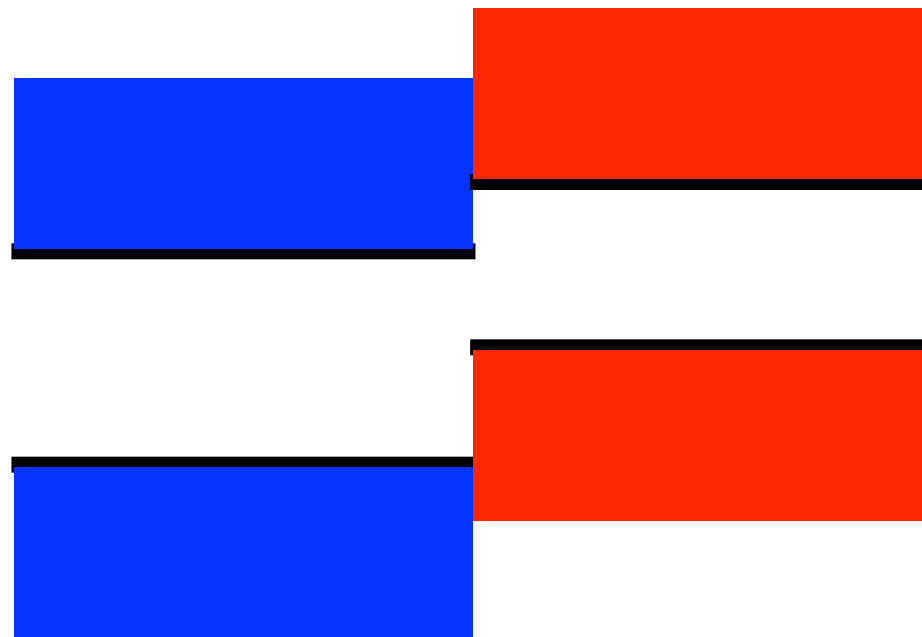
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Motivations

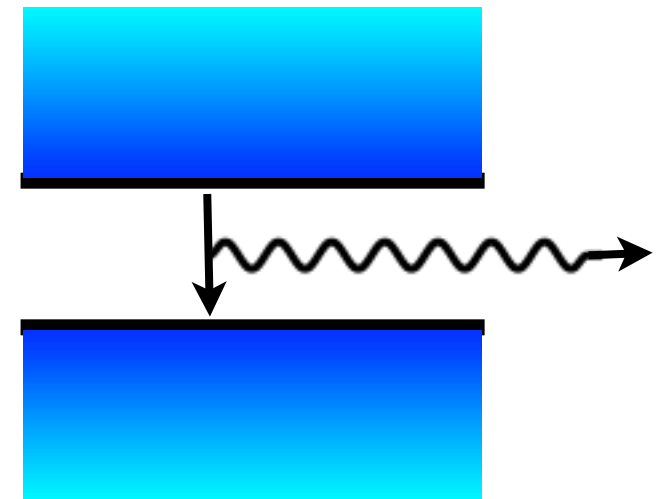
When we want to model a material for energy application, it is more than likely that we want to know with good accuracy one or more of the following properties:



Electronic band gap



Level alignment

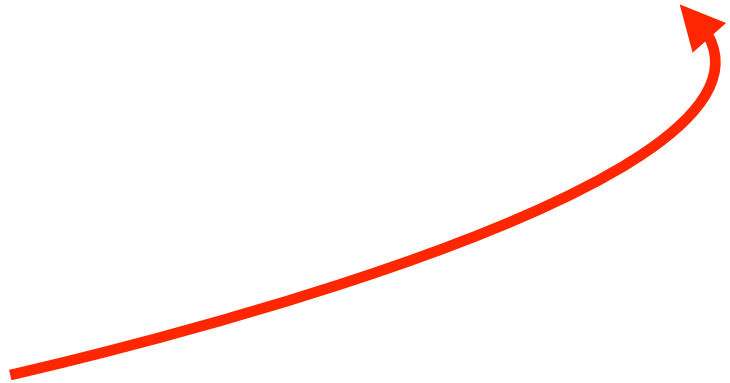


Optical band gap

Motivations

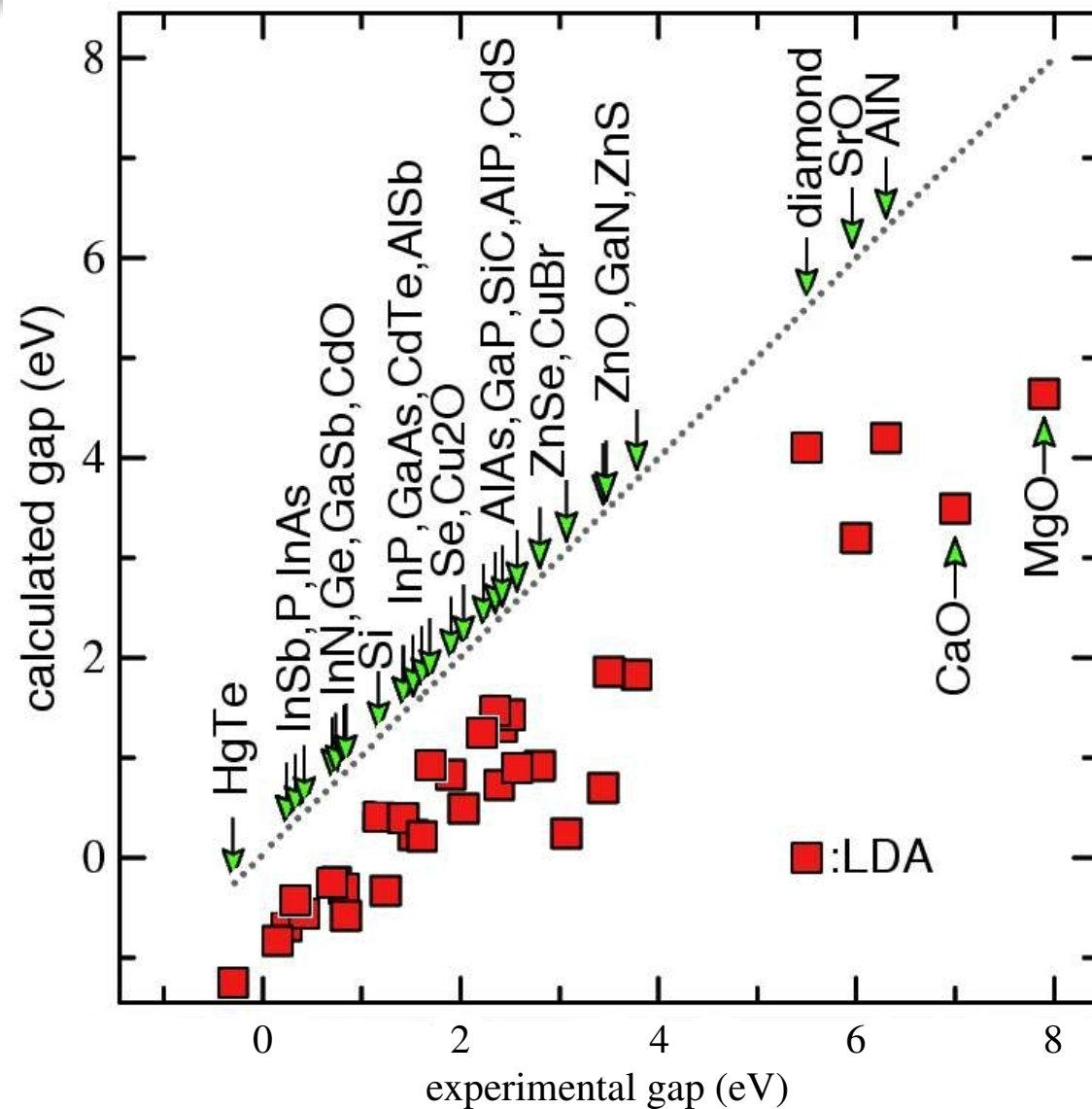
Idea: use Density Functional Theory:

$$\left(-\frac{\nabla^2}{2} + V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + V_H[n](\mathbf{r}) + V_{xc}[n](\mathbf{r}) \right) \psi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_i \psi_i(\mathbf{r})$$

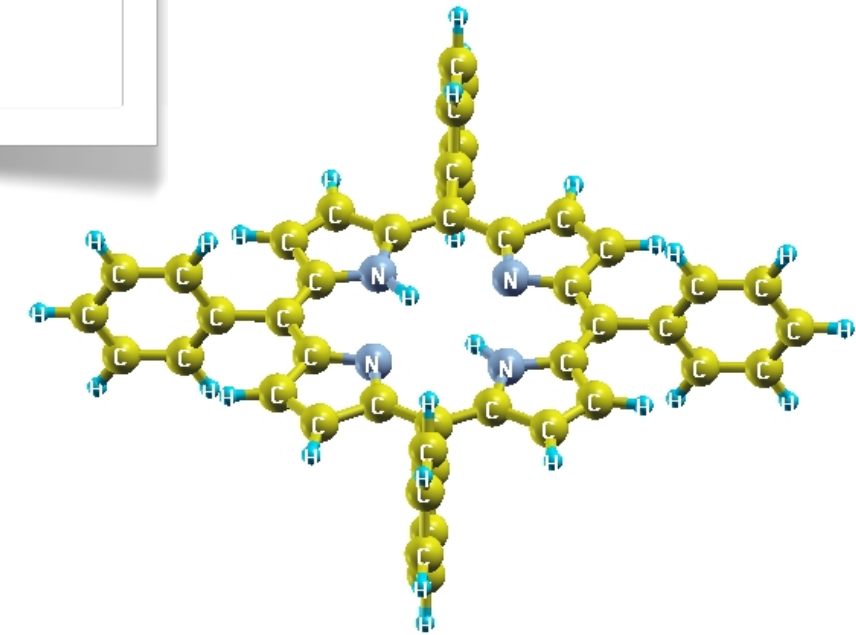
$$n(\mathbf{r}) = 2 \sum_{i=1, N} \psi_i^*(\mathbf{r}) \psi_i(\mathbf{r})$$


Motivations

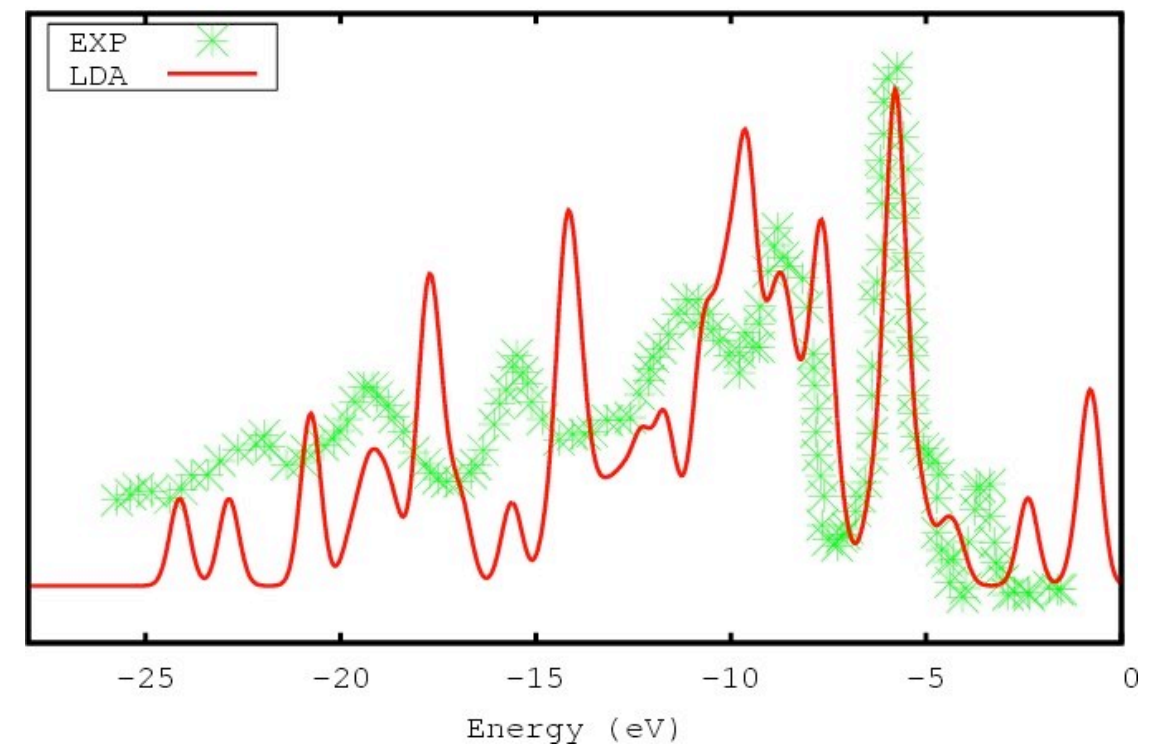
Result: disaster



M. van Schilfgaarde, T. Kotani, and S. Faleev, Phys. Rev. Lett. **96**, 226402 (2006).

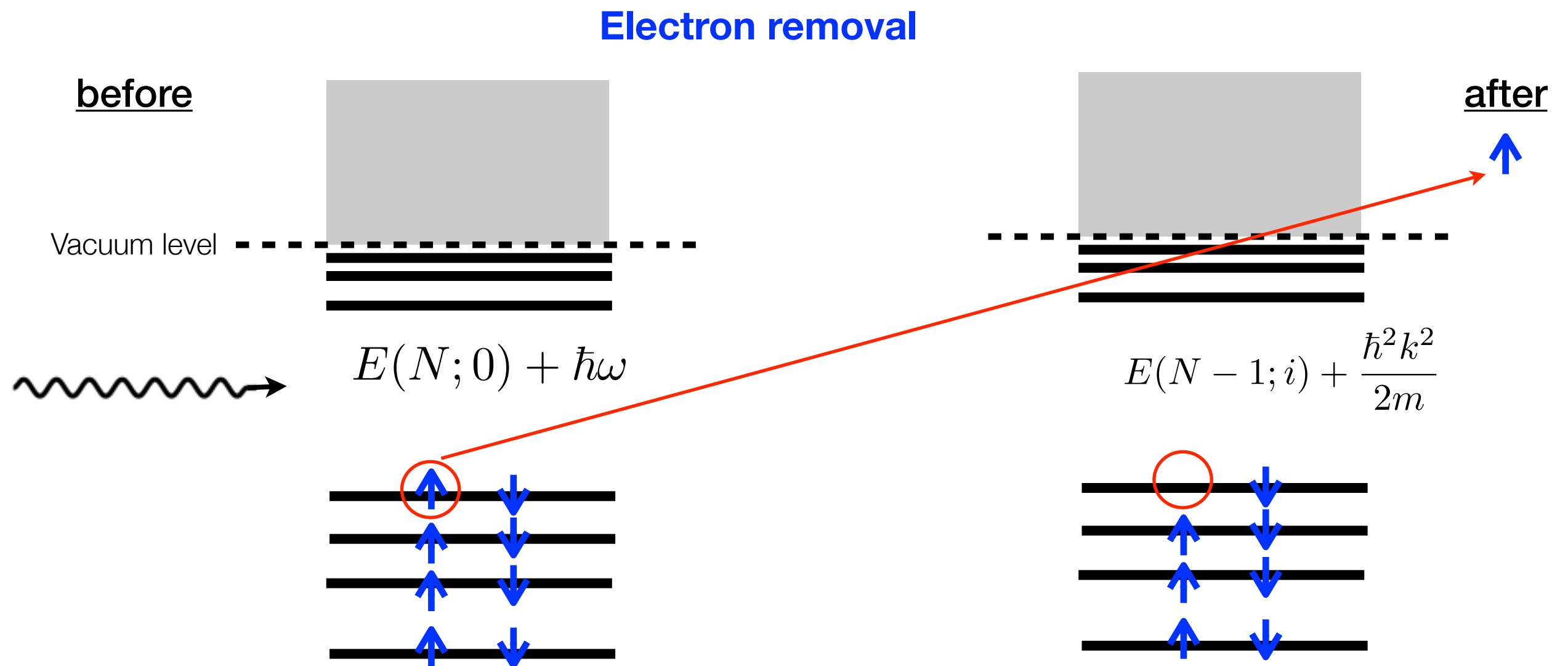


TPP photoemission spectrum



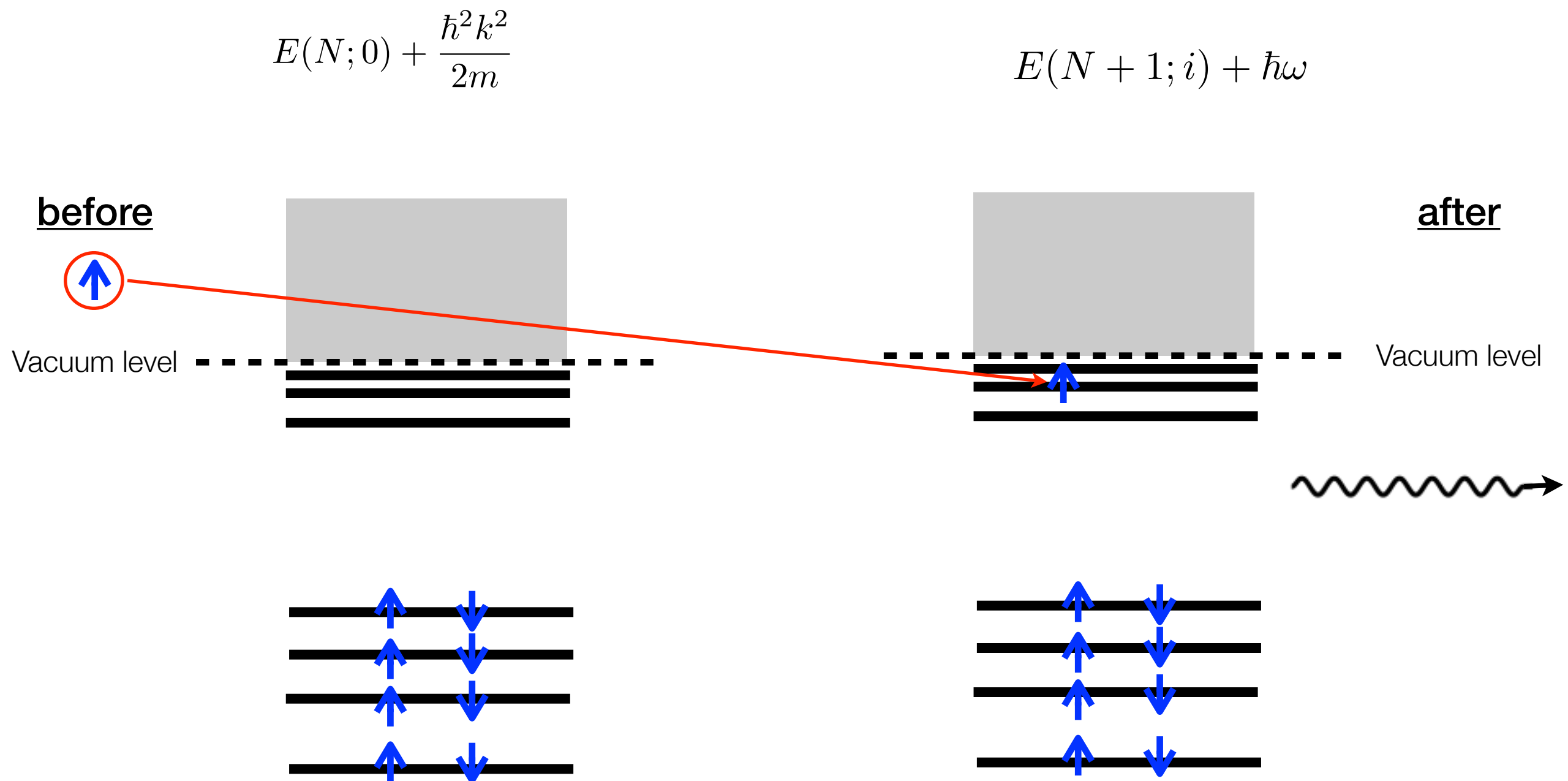
Our wish: model direct photoelectron spectroscopy

We want to calculate energies corresponding to particle addition and removal:



Our wish: model inverse photoelectron spectroscopy

Electron addition



Quasi-particle energies

electron removal:

$$E_{s'} = E(N; 0) - E(N - 1; i)$$

electron addition:

$$E_s = E(N + 1; i) - E(N; 0)$$

quasi particles energies stay are given by the poles of the one-particle interacting Green's function:

$$G(\mathbf{r}_1, t_1; \mathbf{r}_2, t_2) = i \langle N, 0 | T \left[\hat{\psi}_H(\mathbf{r}_1, t_1) \hat{\psi}_H^\dagger(\mathbf{r}_2, t_2) \right] | N, 0 \rangle$$

$$G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; \omega) = \sum_s \frac{f_s(\mathbf{r}_1) f_s^*(\mathbf{r}_2)}{\omega - E_s \pm i\eta}$$

Many Body Perturbation Theory

Gives a way for obtaining G

- rigorous framework
- in principles exact
- in practice improvable
- not only energy levels: neutral excitations, total energies
- good results for band-gaps

Many-Body Perturbation Theory

Idea: we start from a non-interacting Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H}_0 |\psi_i\rangle = \epsilon_i |\psi_i\rangle$$

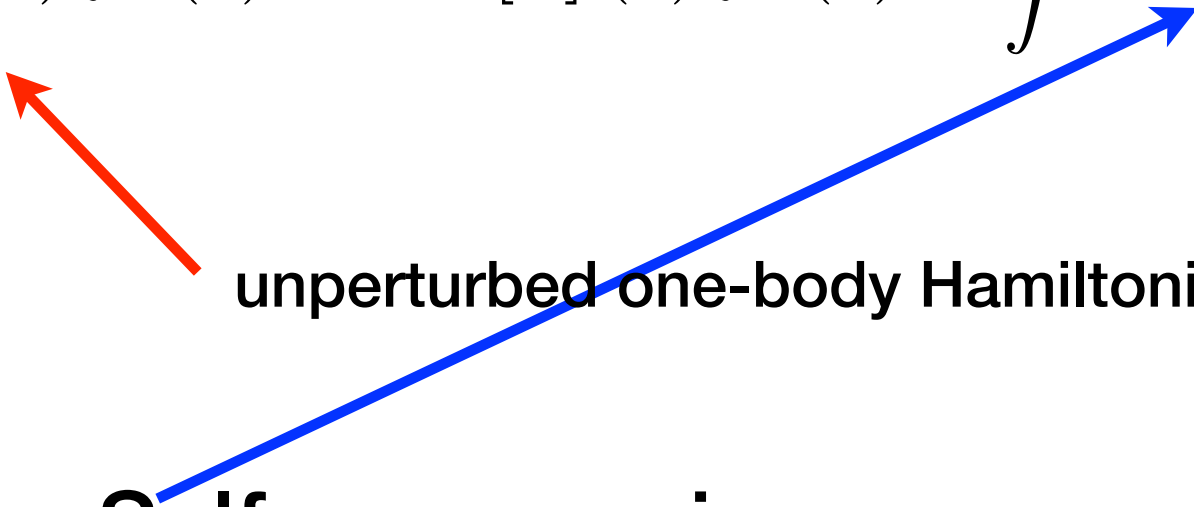
then we switch on the e-e interaction:

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}_2 \frac{\hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}_1) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}_2) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}_2) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}_1)}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|}$$

Many body perturbation theory

From the equation of motion for G:

$$\hat{H}_0(\mathbf{r}) f_s(\mathbf{r}) + V_H[n](\mathbf{r}) f_s(\mathbf{r}) + \int d\mathbf{r}' \Sigma(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; E_s) = E_s f_s(\mathbf{r})$$



unperturbed one-body Hamiltonian

The Self-energy gives access to the quasi-particle energies

How to get the self-energy:

Hedin's equations:

$$\Sigma(1, 2) = i \int d(34) G(1, 3^+) W(1, 4) \Lambda(3, 2, 4)$$

vertex

$$G(1, 2) = G_0(1, 2) + \int d(34) G_0(1, 3) \Sigma(3, 4) G(4, 2)$$

screened Coulomb's interaction

$$\Lambda(1, 2, 3) = \delta(1 - 2) \delta(2 - 3) + \int d(4567) \frac{\delta \Sigma(1, 2)}{\delta G(4, 5)} G(4, 6) G(7, 5) \Lambda(6, 7, 3)$$

bare Coulomb's interaction

$$W(1, 2) = v(1, 2) + \int d(34) v(1, 3) P(3, 4) W(4, 2)$$

unperturbed Green's function

$$G_0(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; \omega) = \sum_i \frac{\psi_i(\mathbf{r}_1) \psi_i^*(\mathbf{r}_2)}{\omega - \epsilon_i \pm i\eta}$$

$$P(1, 2) = -i \int d3 d4 G(1, 3) \Lambda(3, 4, 2) G(4, 1^+).$$

irreducible polarizability

Approximations: Hartree

$$\Sigma(1, 2) = \cancel{i \int d(34) G(1, 3^+) W(1, 4) \Lambda(3, 2, 4)} = 0$$

$$G(1, 2) = G_0(1, 2) + \cancel{\int d(34) G_0(1, 3) \Sigma(3, 4) G(4, 2)}$$

$$\Lambda(1, 2, 3) = \cancel{\delta(1-2)\delta(2-3)} + \cancel{\int d(4567) \frac{\delta \Sigma(1, 2)}{\delta G(4, 5)} G(4, 6) G(7, 5) \Lambda(6, 7, 3)}$$

$$W(1, 2) = v(1, 2) + \cancel{\int d(34) v(1, 3) P(3, 4) W(4, 2)}$$

$$P(1, 2) = \cancel{-i \int d3 d4 G(1, 3) \Lambda(3, 4, 2) G(4, 1^+)}.$$

Approximations: Hartree-Fock

$$\Sigma(1, 2) = i \int d(34) G(1, 3^+) W(1, 4) \Lambda(3, 2, 4) = iG(1, 2)v(1, 2)$$

$$G(1, 2) = G_0(1, 2) + \int d(34) G_0(1, 3) \Sigma(3, 4) G(4, 2)$$

$$\Lambda(1, 2, 3) = \delta(1-2)\delta(2-3) + \int d(4567) \frac{\delta \Sigma(1, 2)}{\delta G(4, 5)} G(4, 6) G(7, 5) \Lambda(6, 7, 3)$$

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Approximations: DFT

$$\Sigma(1, 2) = \cancel{i \int d(34) G(1, 3^+) W(1, 4) \Lambda(3, 2, 4)} = V_{xc}(1) \delta(1, 2)$$

$$G(1, 2) = G_0(1, 2) + \int d(34) G_0(1, 3) \Sigma(3, 4) G(4, 2)$$

$$\cancel{\Lambda(1, 2, 3) = \delta(1-2)\delta(2-3) + \int d(4567) \frac{\delta \Sigma(1, 2)}{\delta G(4, 5)} G(4, 6) G(7, 5) \Lambda(6, 7, 3)}$$

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$$\cancel{P(1, 2) = -i \int d3 d4 G(1, 3) \Lambda(3, 4, 2) G(4, 1^+).}$$

Approximations: GW

Equations to be solved self-consistently

$$\Sigma(1, 2) = i \int d(34) G(1, 3^+) W(1, 4) \Lambda(3, 2, 4)$$

screened Coulomb's interaction

$$G(1, 2) = G_0(1, 2) + \int d(34) G_0(1, 3) \Sigma(3, 4) G(4, 2)$$

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irreducible polarizability

Approximations: G_0W_0 aka one-shot GW

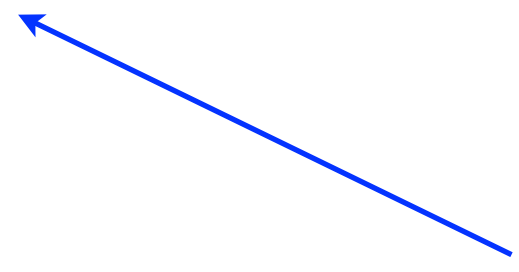
- We start from a first guess for G_0 from DFT (or HF)
- perturbative, non self-consistent scheme

$$\Sigma(1, 2) = iG_0(1, 2^+)W(1, 2)$$

$$G(1, 2) = G_0(1, 2) + \int d(34)G_0(1, 3)\Sigma(3, 4)G(4, 2)$$

$$W(1, 2) = v(1, 2) + \int d(34)v(1, 3)P(3, 4)W(4, 2)$$

$$P(1, 2) = -iG_0(1, 2)G_0(2, 1)$$



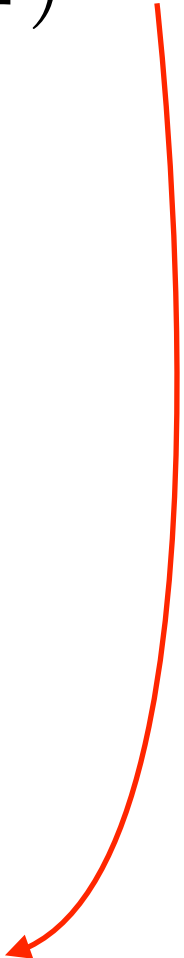
Random phase approximation (RPA)

Approximations: diagonal G_0W_0

$$\cancel{H_0(\mathbf{r}) f_i(\mathbf{r}) + \int d\mathbf{r}' \Sigma(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; E_i) f_i(\mathbf{r}') = E_i f_i(\mathbf{r})}$$

we approximate:

$$f_i(\mathbf{r}) = \psi_i(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\epsilon_i + \langle \psi_i | \Sigma(E_i) | \psi_i \rangle = E_i$$


G_0W_0 Approximation: the entire scheme

M.S. Hybertsen and S.G. Louie, Phys. Rev. Lett 55, 1418 (1985)

$$E_n \simeq \epsilon_n + \langle \Sigma_{G^\circ W^\circ}(E_n) \rangle_n - \langle V_{xc} \rangle_n$$

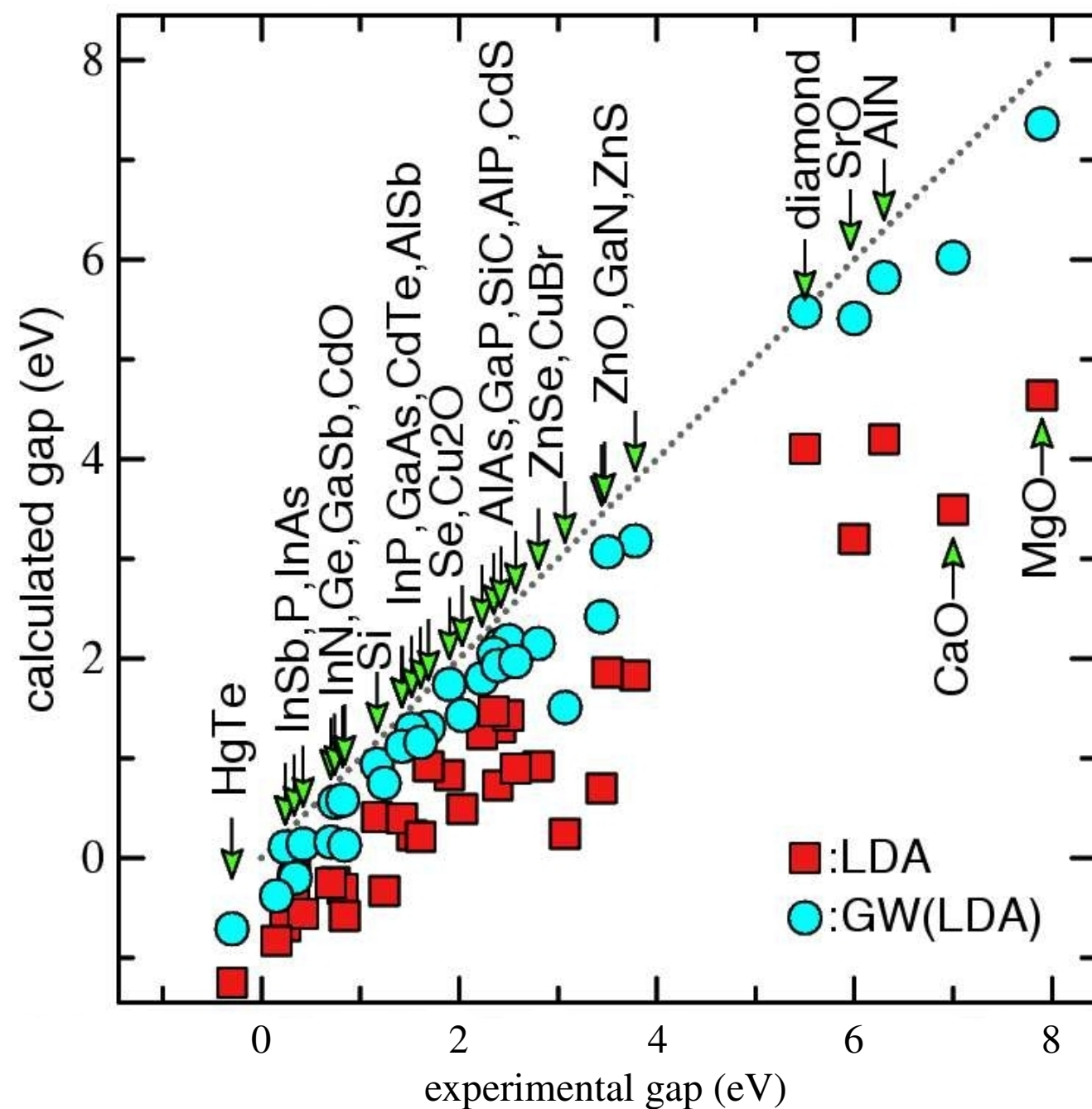
$$\Sigma_{G^\circ W^\circ}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \int d\omega' G^\circ(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega - \omega') W^\circ(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega')$$

$$W^\circ = v + v \cdot \Pi^\circ \cdot v \quad \text{where} \quad \Pi^\circ = P^\circ \cdot (1 - v \cdot P^\circ)^{-1}$$

$$P^\circ(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d\omega' G^\circ(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega - \omega') G^\circ(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega')$$

$$G^\circ(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = \sum_i \frac{\psi_i(\mathbf{r}) \psi_i^*(\mathbf{r}')}{\omega - \epsilon_i \pm i\delta}$$

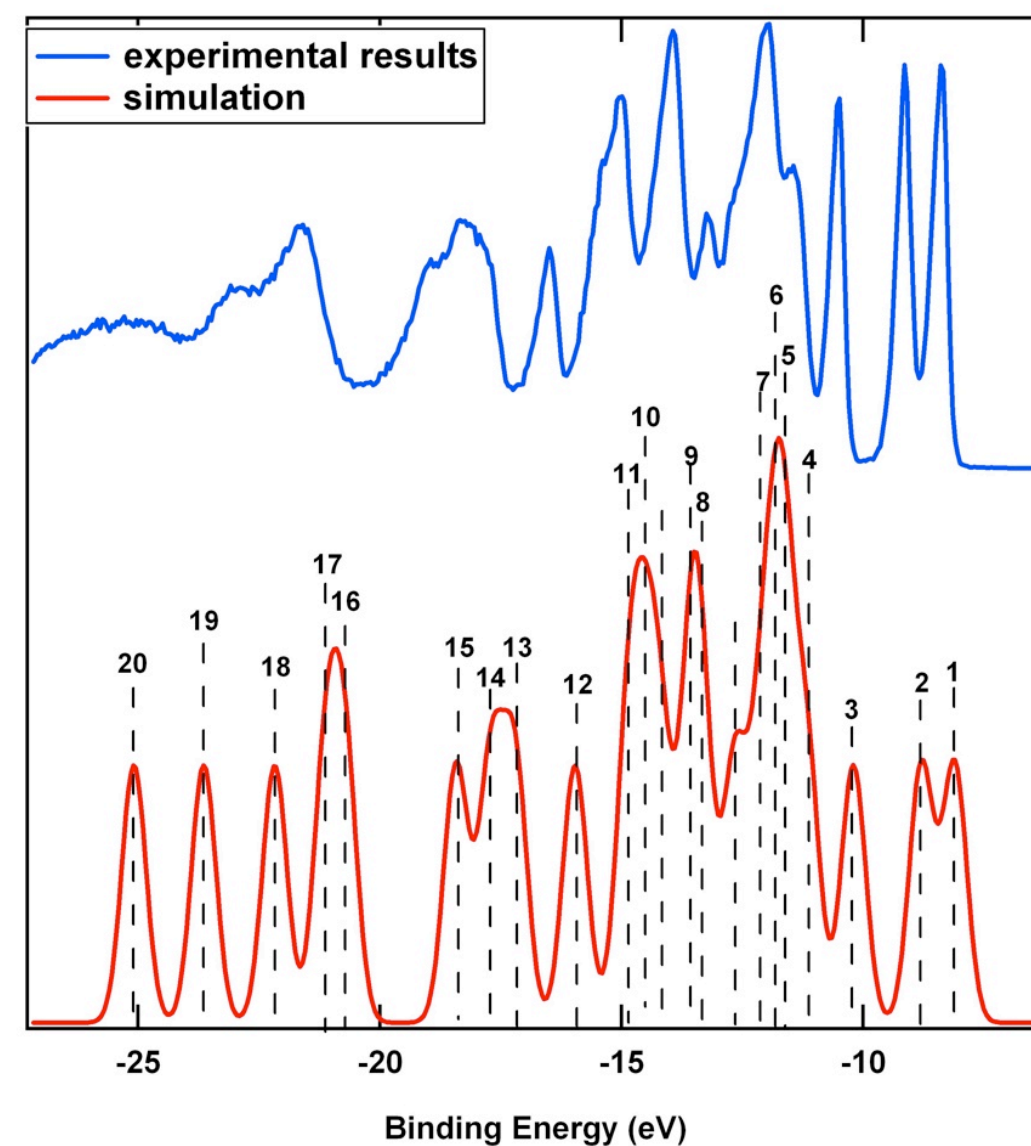
It works!



M. van Schilfgaarde, T. Kotani, and S. Faleev, Phys. Rev. Lett. **96**, 226402 (2006).



P.Umari et al. , Phys. Stat Sol. B **248** 960 (2011)



Several codes Quantum-Espresso friendly



www.yambo-code.org



www.sax-project.org

The GWL code

Available on www.qe-forge.org through the GNU-GPL license

- Implemented in the Quantum-Espresso DFT package
- pw4ggw.x and gww.x codes
- mixed OPENMP/MPI
- $O(N^3)$ - $O(N^4)$
- large use of BLAS/LAPACK routine
- balance memory usage/communications
- tested up to 4096 computing cores



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Integration schemes:

- Plasmon pole approximation: use a model for W
- ✓ Analytic continuation of self-energy: calculate G, P, W on imaginary frequency/time

Multipole expansion of the expectation values of the self-energy operator:

$$\langle \psi_i | \Sigma_c (i\omega) | \psi_i \rangle = \sum_n \frac{a_n^i}{i\omega - b_n^i}$$

M.M. Rieger, L. Steinbeck, I.D. White, H.N. Rojas and R.W. Godby, Comp. Phys. Comm. 117 211 (1999)

- Contour integration

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi_i | \Sigma_c (\omega) | \psi_i \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \langle \psi_i | G_0 (\omega - i\omega') W_c (i\omega') | \psi_i \rangle \\ &+ \sum \int \psi_i^* (\mathbf{r}) \psi_j (\mathbf{r}) \psi_j^* (\mathbf{r}') W_c (\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \epsilon_j - E) \psi_i (\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' [\theta (\omega - \epsilon_j) - \theta (\epsilon_F - \epsilon_j)] \end{aligned}$$

A. Fleszar and W. Hanke, Phys. Rev. B 56, 10228 (1997).

- ✓ Contour integration, with analytic continuation of pole terms
- Real frequency integration

Large systems: two challenges

Two big challenges:

- Computational cost:

We must represent operators
prohibitive for large systems

- Sums over empty states

In principles sums over all empty states
prohibitive for large systems
analogous to DFPT

How many empty states do I need?

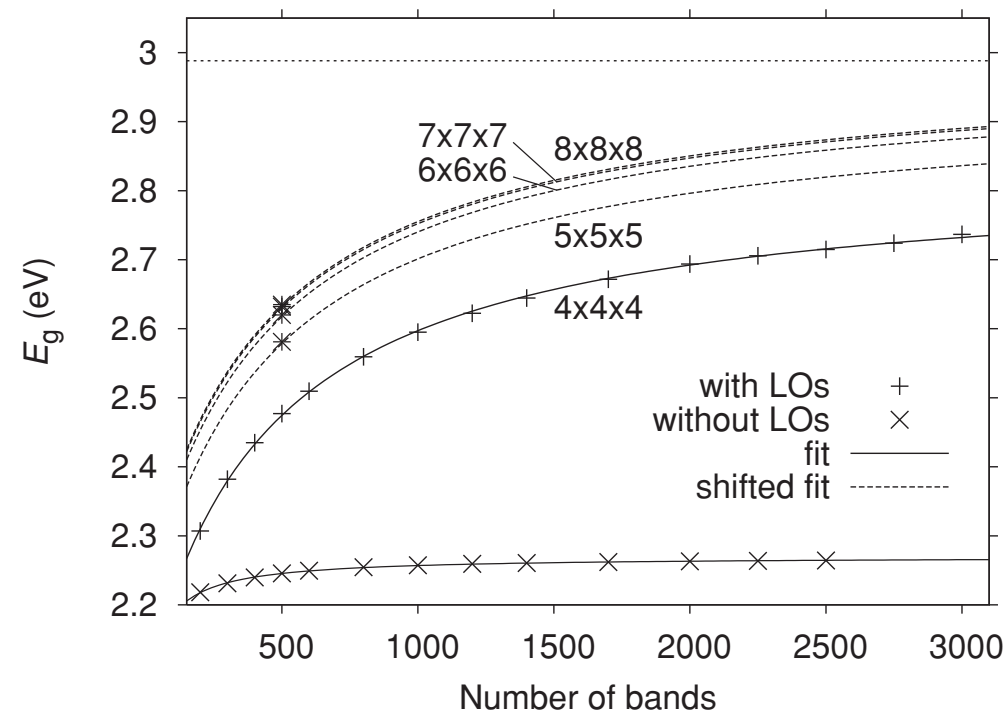
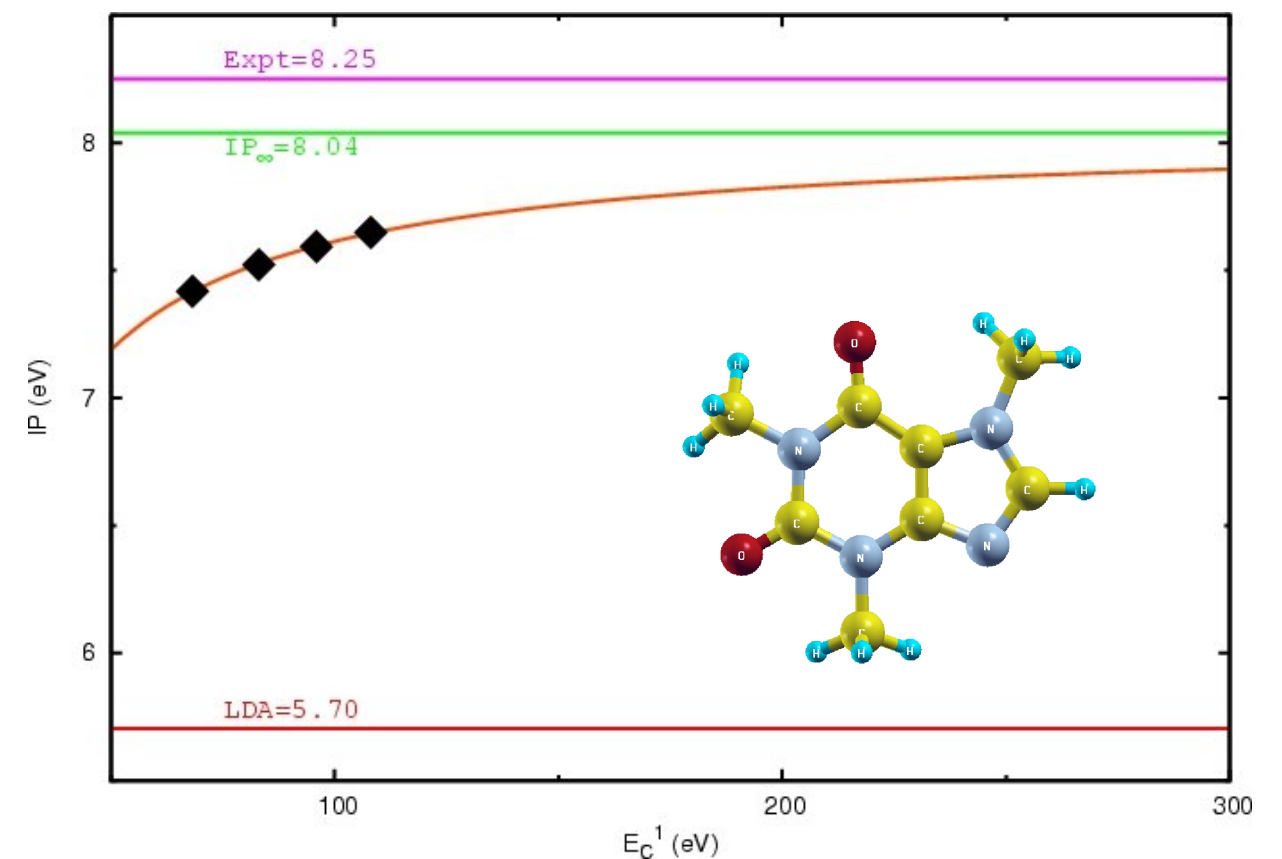


FIG. 1. Band convergence of the quasiparticle band gap of ZnO employing a $4 \times 4 \times 4$ $\mathbf{k}$ -point set and calculated with (pluses) and without local orbitals (LOs) (crosses) for high-lying states. The solid lines show the hyperbolic fits. We also indicate results with finer $\mathbf{k}$ -point samplings (stars) calculated with LOs and 500 bands. The dashed lines show the hyperbolic fit shifted to align with these results. The fit asymptote for the $8 \times 8 \times 8$ $\mathbf{k}$ -point set at 2.99 eV (dotted line) is considered the best estimate for the all-electron one-shot GW band gap.

C. Friedrich, M. Mueller, S. Blugel, Phys. Rev. B 081101R (11)

IP of the caffeine molecule



$$IP(E_c) = IP(\infty) - \frac{\alpha}{E_c}$$

S. Baroni, et al. J. Phys.: Condens. Matter 22 074204

GW without empty states: Linear response

Sternheimer approach for P

The polarizability matrix $P_{\mu\nu}^{\circ}(i\omega)$:

$$P_{\mu\nu}^{\circ}(i\omega) = -4\Re \sum_{v,c} \frac{\int d\mathbf{r}d\mathbf{r}' \Phi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r})\psi_v(\mathbf{r})\psi_c(\mathbf{r})\psi_v(\mathbf{r}')\psi_c(\mathbf{r}')\Phi_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}')}{\epsilon_c - \epsilon_v + i\omega}.$$

the projector over the conduction manifold Q_c :

$$Q_c(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \sum_c \psi_c(\mathbf{r})\psi_c(\mathbf{r}') = \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') - \sum_v \psi_v(\mathbf{r})\psi_v(\mathbf{r}'),$$

with the notation:

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | \psi_i \Phi_{\nu} \rangle = \psi_i(\mathbf{r})\Phi_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}).$$

We can now eliminate the sum over c :

$$P_{\mu\nu}^{\circ}(i\omega) = -4\Re \sum_v \langle \Phi_{\mu}\psi_v | Q_c (H - \epsilon_v + i\omega)^{-1} Q_c | \psi_v \Phi_{\nu} \rangle,$$

GW without empty states: Lanczos chains

We can strongly reduce the computational load in three steps:

1. Through a block algorithm, starting from Wannier's *valence* orbitals, we obtain a reduced basis for:

$$Q_c |\psi_v \Phi_\mu\rangle \cong \sum_\alpha T_{v\mu,\alpha} |t_\alpha\rangle$$

2. The problem is now that of solving:

$$\langle t_\alpha | (H_o - \epsilon_v + i\omega)^{-1} | t_\beta \rangle$$

3. This is achieved through a Lanczos chain algorithm

$$\sum_{nm} \langle t_\alpha | l_n^\beta \rangle L_{nm}^{-1} (-\epsilon_v + i\omega) \langle l_m^\beta | t_\beta \rangle \quad L = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 - \epsilon_v + i\omega & f_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ f_1 & d_2 - \epsilon_v + i\omega & f_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f_2 & d_3 - \epsilon_v + i\omega & f_3 & 0 \\ 0 & & f_3 & d_3 - \epsilon_v + i\omega & f_4 \\ 0 & & & f_4 & d_3 - \epsilon_v + i\omega \end{pmatrix}$$

GW without empty states: self-energy

We want to calculate the expectation values:

$$\langle \psi_i | G(\omega - i\omega') W_c(i\omega') | \psi_i \rangle$$

- Starting from the reducible polarizability:

$$\sum_{\mu\nu} \langle \psi_i (v\Phi_\mu) | (\omega - i\omega' - H_0)^{-1} | (v\Phi_\nu) \psi_i \rangle \Pi_{\mu\nu}(i\omega')$$

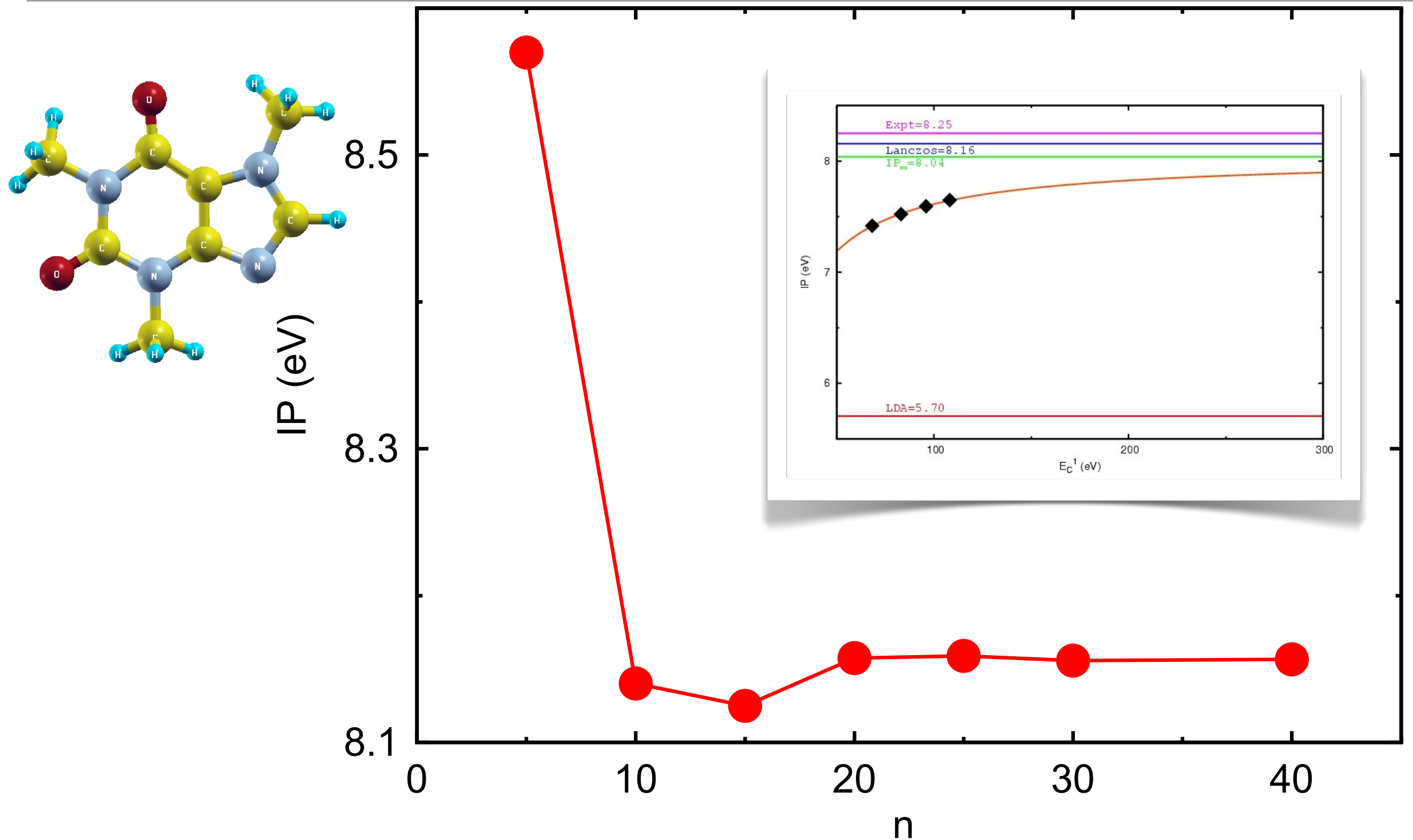
where:

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | (v\Phi_\mu) \rangle = \int d\mathbf{r}' v(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \Phi_\mu(\mathbf{r}')$$

- The computational load is then strongly reduced with reduced basis sets and Lanczos chains:

$$|\psi_i (v\Phi_\mu)\rangle \cong \sum_{\alpha} S_{i\mu,\alpha} |s_{\alpha}\rangle \qquad \langle s_{\alpha} | (\omega - i\omega' - H_o)^{-1} | s_{\beta} \rangle$$

GW without empty states: Caffeine molecule



How to speed up GW: optimal polarizability basis

If an *optimal* representation of P° can be found:

$$P(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; i\omega) \cong \sum_{\mu\nu} \Phi_\mu(\mathbf{r}) P_{\mu\nu}(i\omega) \Phi_\nu(\mathbf{r}')$$

$$\Pi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; i\omega) \cong \sum_{\mu\nu} \Phi_\mu(\mathbf{r}) \Pi_{\mu\nu}(i\omega) \Phi_\nu(\mathbf{r}')$$

$$W_c(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; i\omega) \cong \sum_{\mu\nu} (v\Phi_\mu)(\mathbf{r}) \Pi_{\mu\nu}(i\omega) (v\Phi_\nu)(\mathbf{r}')$$

if the basis is small then a **high** speed-up can be achieved

Optimal polarizability basis

- We consider the average polarizability in frequency:

$$\tilde{P}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; t = 0) = \sum_{vc} \psi_v(\mathbf{r}) \psi_c(\mathbf{r}) \psi_v(\mathbf{r}') \psi_c(\mathbf{r}')$$

- We take the basis formed by the most important eigenvectors:

$$\tilde{P}(t = 0) |\Phi_\mu\rangle = p_\mu |\Phi_\mu\rangle \quad p_\mu > q^*$$

- We can avoid any calculation of empty states, however the basis sets are quite large
- It is better to consider the *modified* operator:

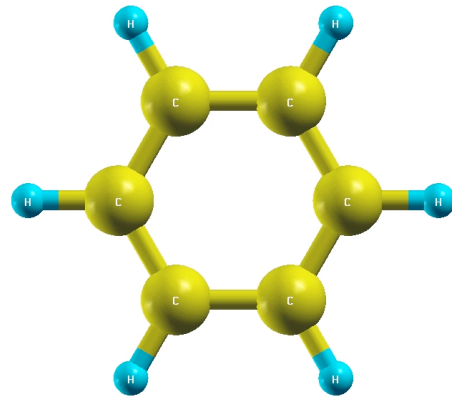
$$\tilde{P}'(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; t = 0) = \sum_{vc} \psi_v(\mathbf{r}) \psi_c(\mathbf{r}) \psi_v(\mathbf{r}') \psi_c(\mathbf{r}') \quad \epsilon_c < E^*$$

- For avoiding the calculation of empty states we consider:

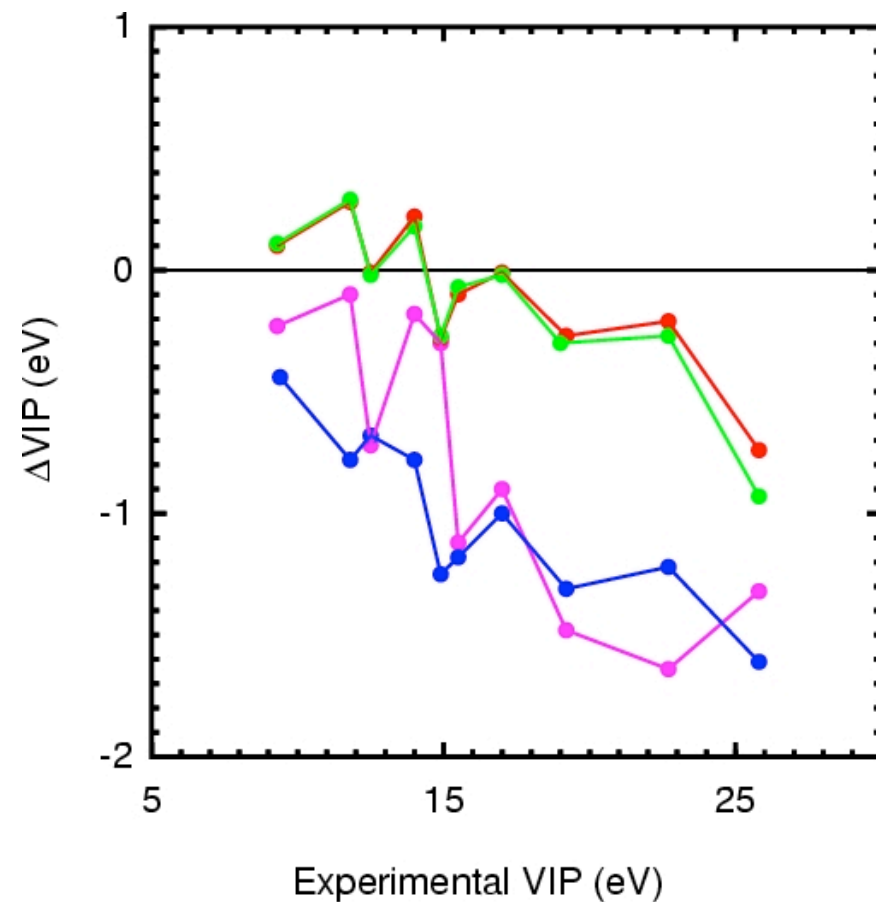
$$\tilde{P}''(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; t = 0) = \sum_{v\tilde{\mathbf{G}}} \psi_v(\mathbf{r}) \tilde{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{r}) \psi_v(\mathbf{r}') \tilde{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{r}')$$

- Where $\tilde{\mathbf{G}}$ are planewaves defined by E^* projected over the conduction manifold, and orthonormalized

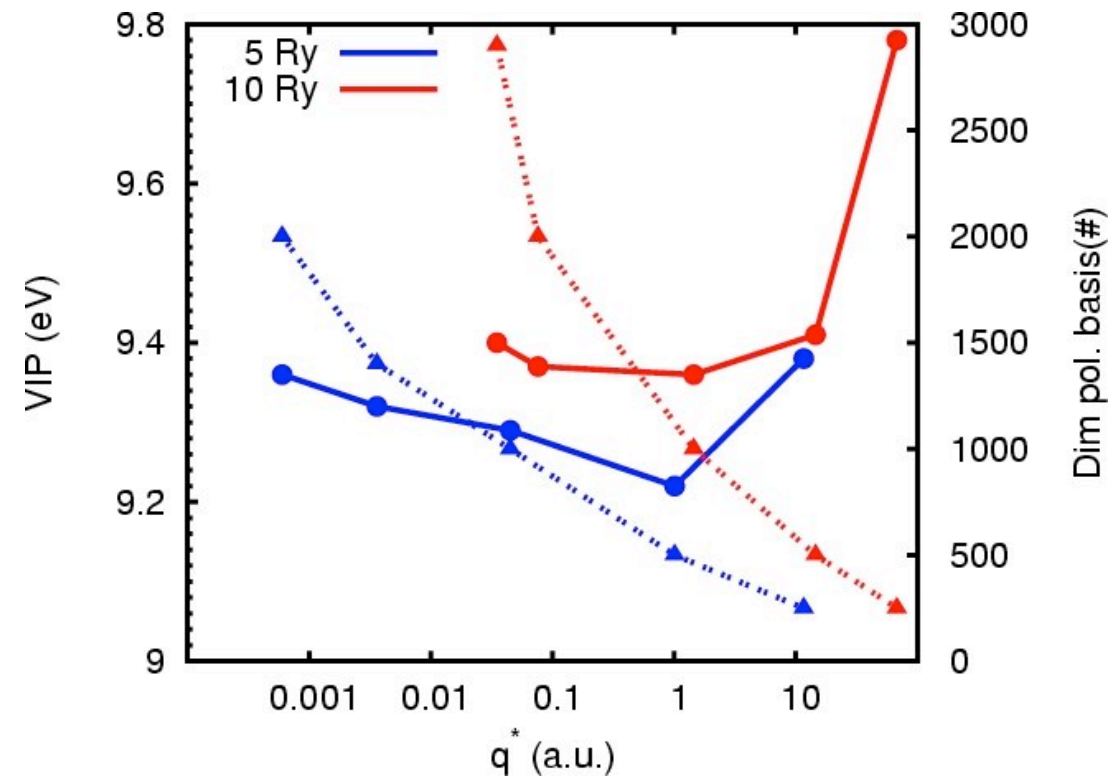
Optimal polarizability basis: Benzene



convergence of IPs



convergence of first IP



- $E=10\text{Ry } q^*=0.035\text{a.u. } N=2900$
- $E=10\text{Ry } q^*=14.5\text{a.u. } N=500$
- Extrapolations
- Plane waves $E=5\text{ Ry } N=1500$

Extension to extended systems

- Head($\mathbf{G} = 0, \mathbf{G}' = 0$) and wings ($\mathbf{G} = 0, \mathbf{G}' \neq 0$) of the symmetric dielectric matrix are calculated using Lanczos chains ($\mathbf{k}$ -points sampling implemented)
- Wings are projected over the polarizability basis vectors
- Element $\mathbf{G} = 0$ added to the polarizability basis
- $v(\mathbf{G}) = \frac{1}{\Omega} \int d\mathbf{q} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{G} + \mathbf{q}|^2}$
- Grid on imaginary frequency can be denser around $\omega = 0$

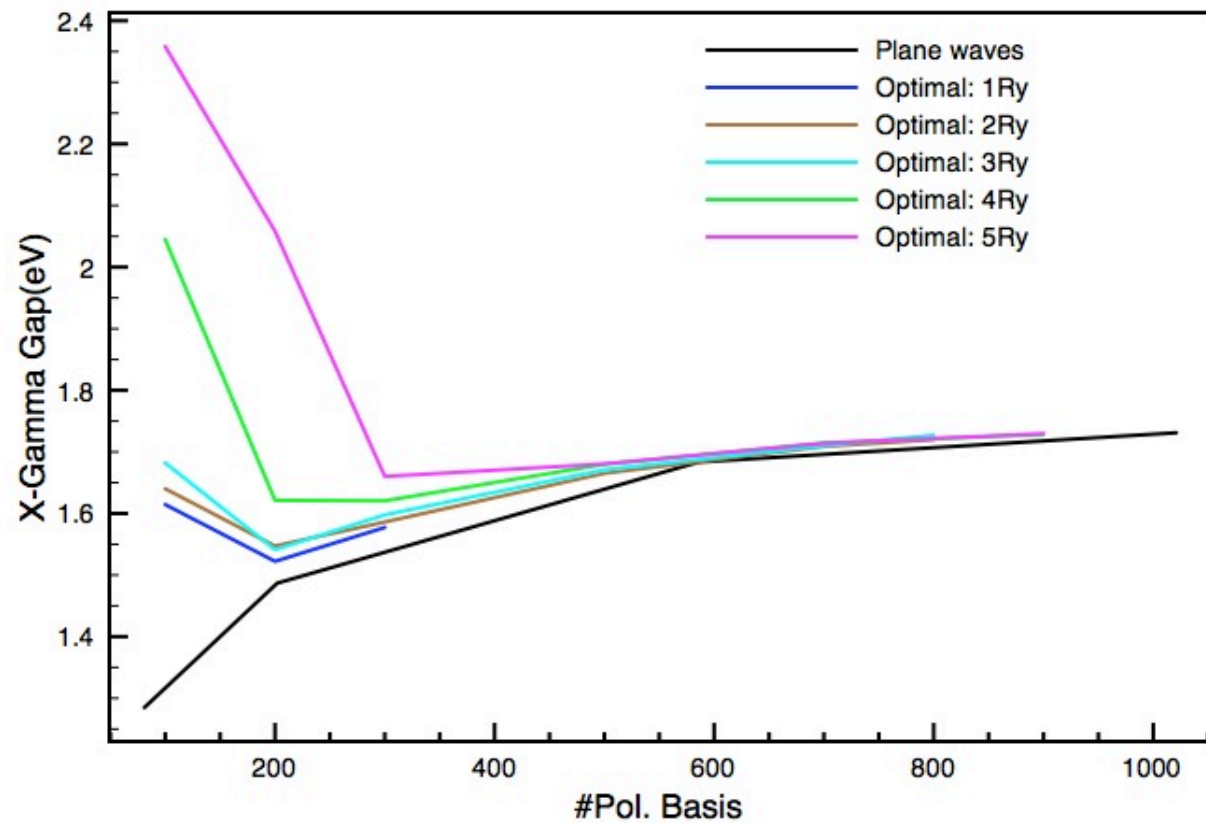
Test: bulk Si

- 64 atoms cell
- 4x4x4 k-points mesh for head and wings
- $E^*=3\text{Ry}$; $q^*=7.93$ a.u.
- Polarizability basis: 2000 vectors

state	LDA	GW	Ref LDA	Ref GW	Expt
Γ_{1v}	-11.91 eV	-11.59 eV	-11.89 eV	-11.57 eV	-12.5 eV
X_{1v}	-7.77 eV	-7.68 eV	-7.78 eV	-7.67 eV	
X_{4v}	-2.82 eV	-2.85 eV	-2.82 eV	-2.80 eV	-2.9;-3.3 eV
Γ'_{25v}	0 eV	0 eV	0 eV	0 eV	0 eV
X_{1c}	0.67 eV	1.44 eV	0.61 eV	1.34 eV	1.25 eV

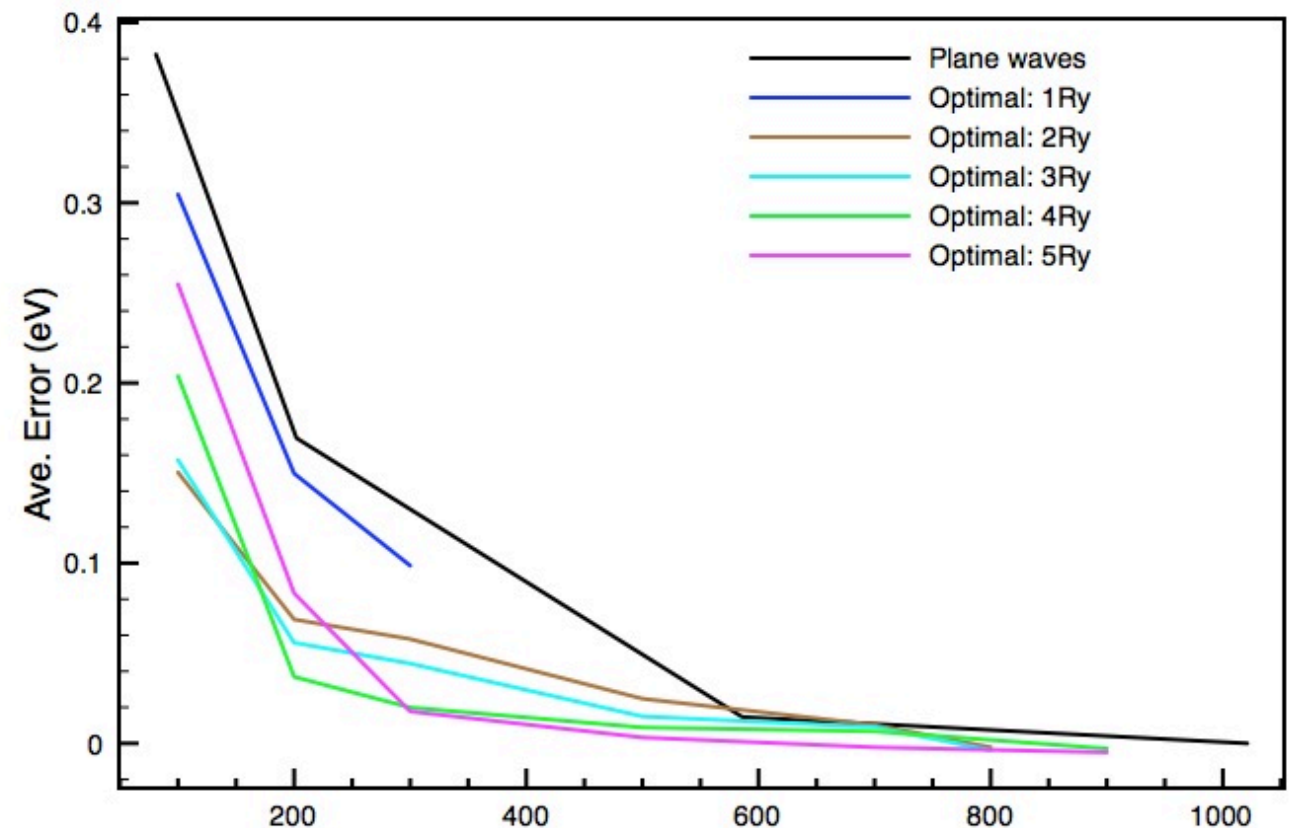
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Optimal polarizability basis vs Plane-waves: bulk-Si

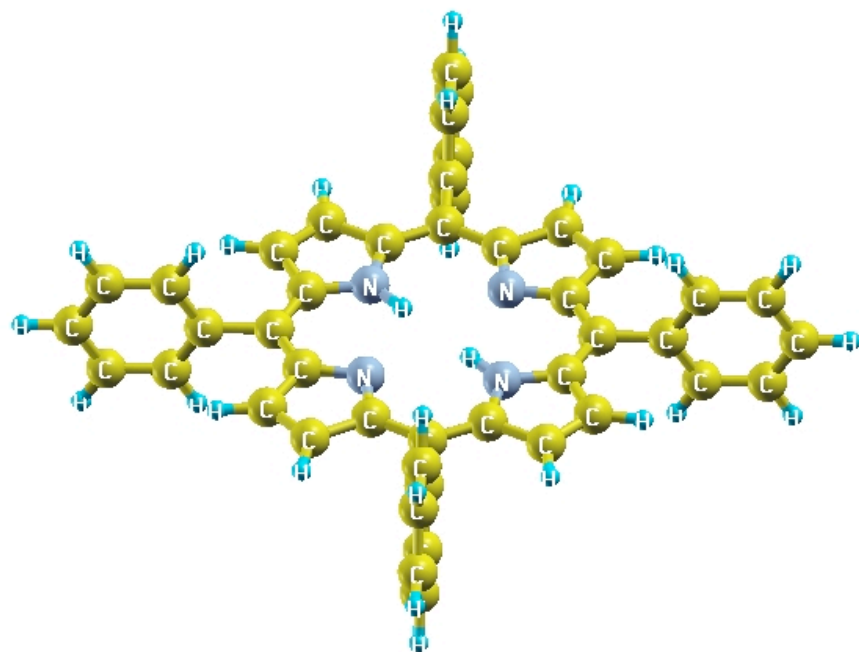
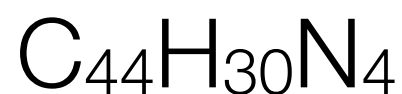


8 atoms Si cell: Gamma only calculation
k-points integration only for long range terms

Optimal basis sets improve upon
plane-waves

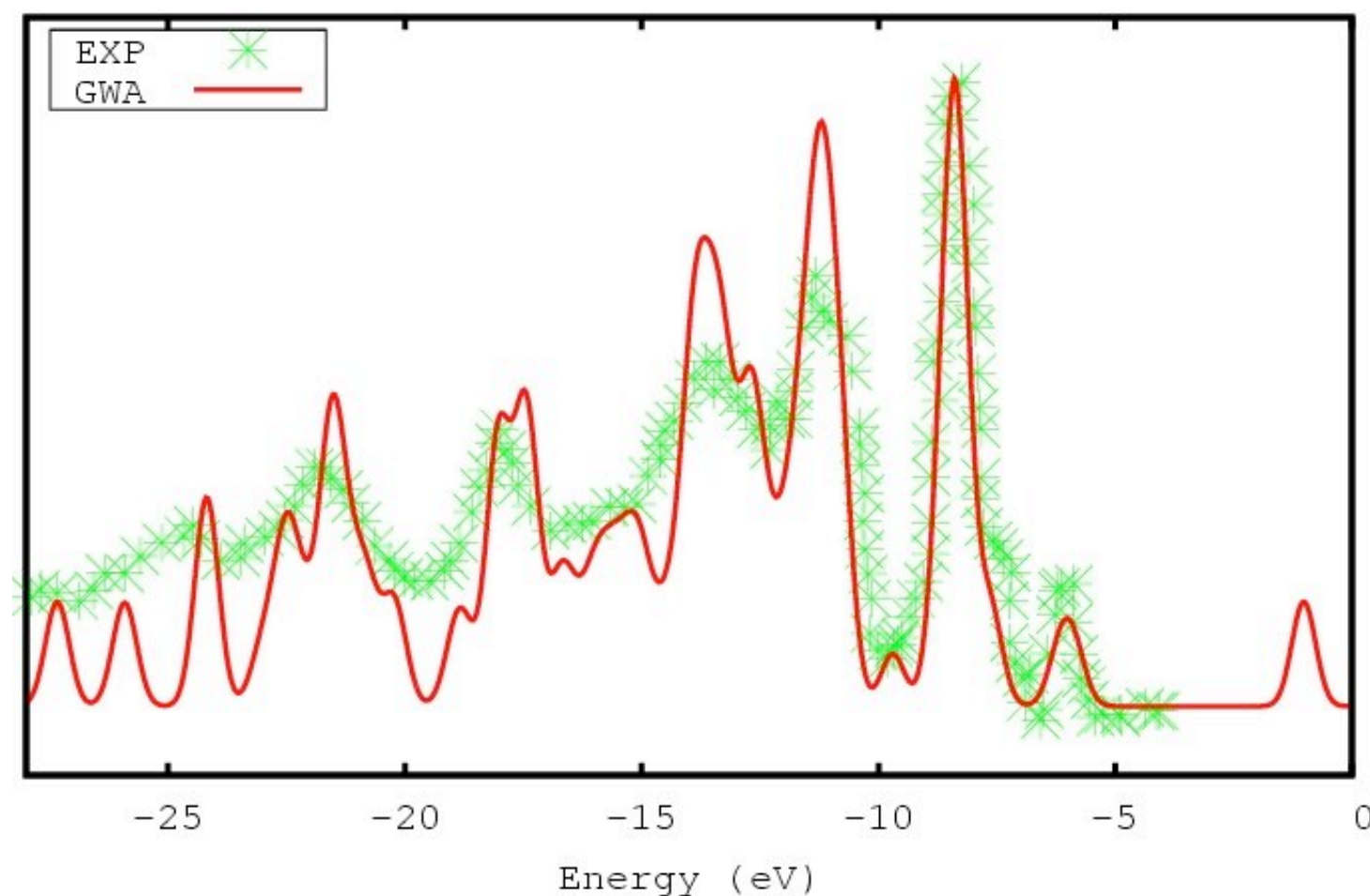


Applications: larger molecules



$$\begin{aligned} \text{IP}^{exp} &= 6.4 \text{ eV} \\ \text{IP}^{LDA} &= 5.0 \text{ eV} \\ \text{IP}^{GWA} &= 6.7 \text{ eV} \end{aligned}$$

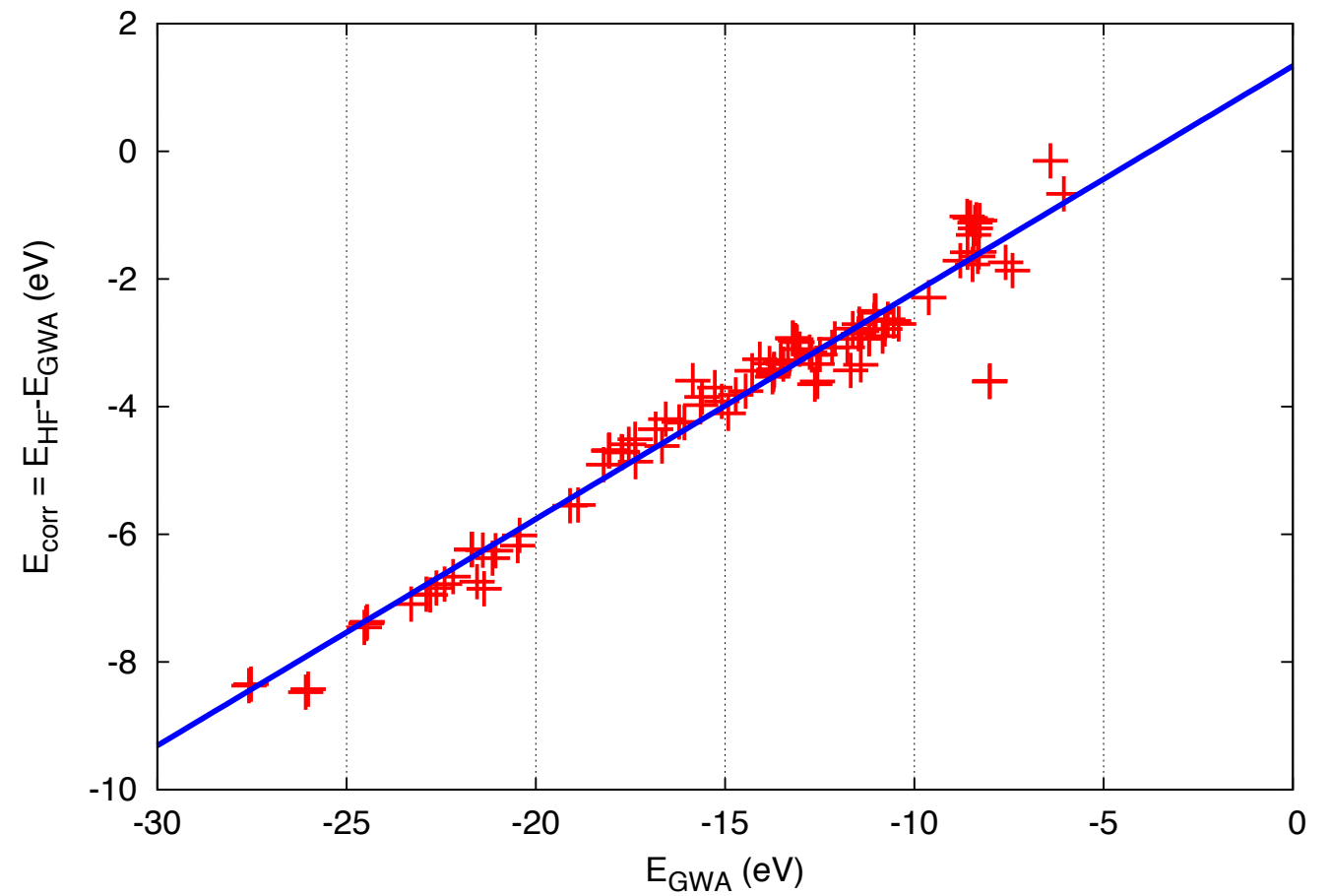
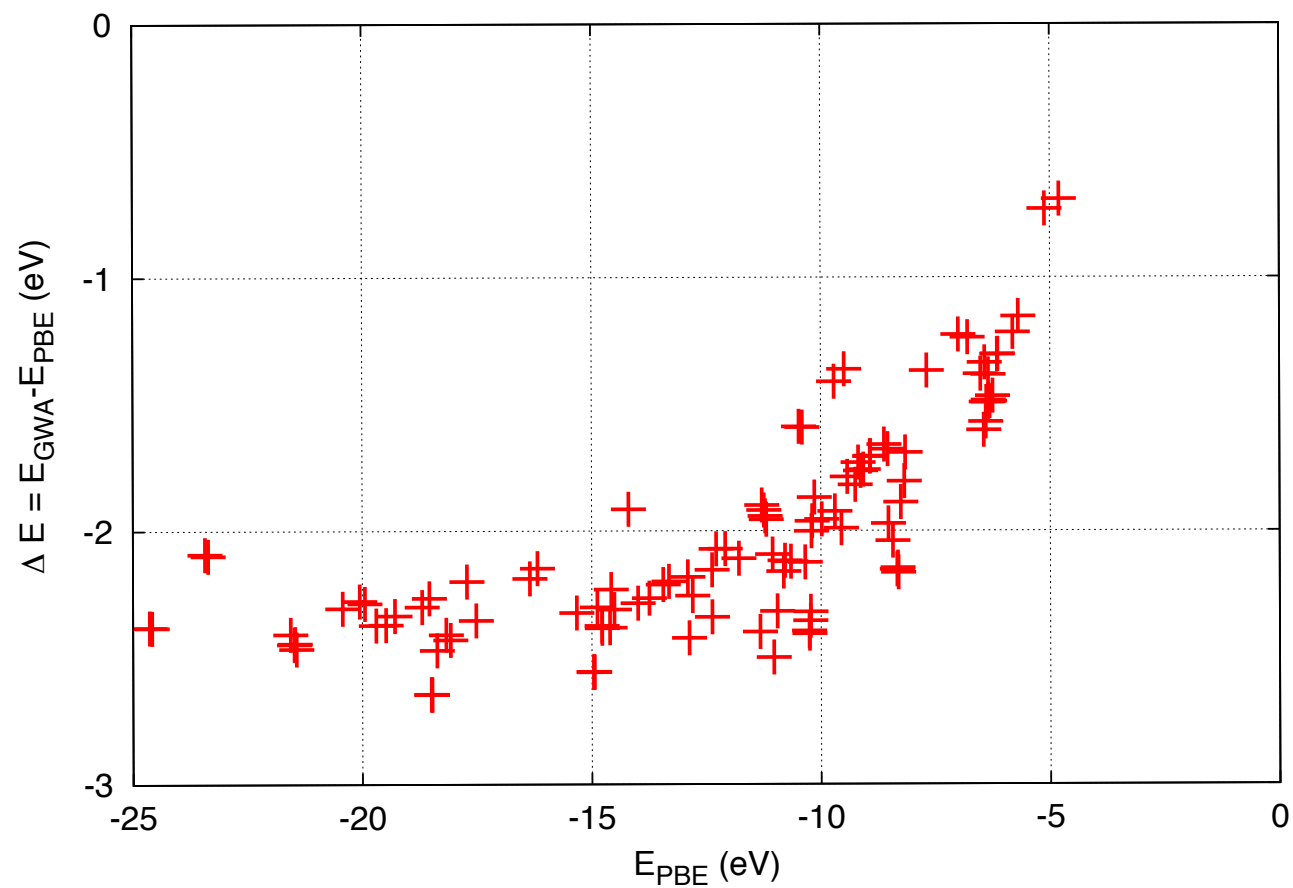
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Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., 12, 10812 (2010)

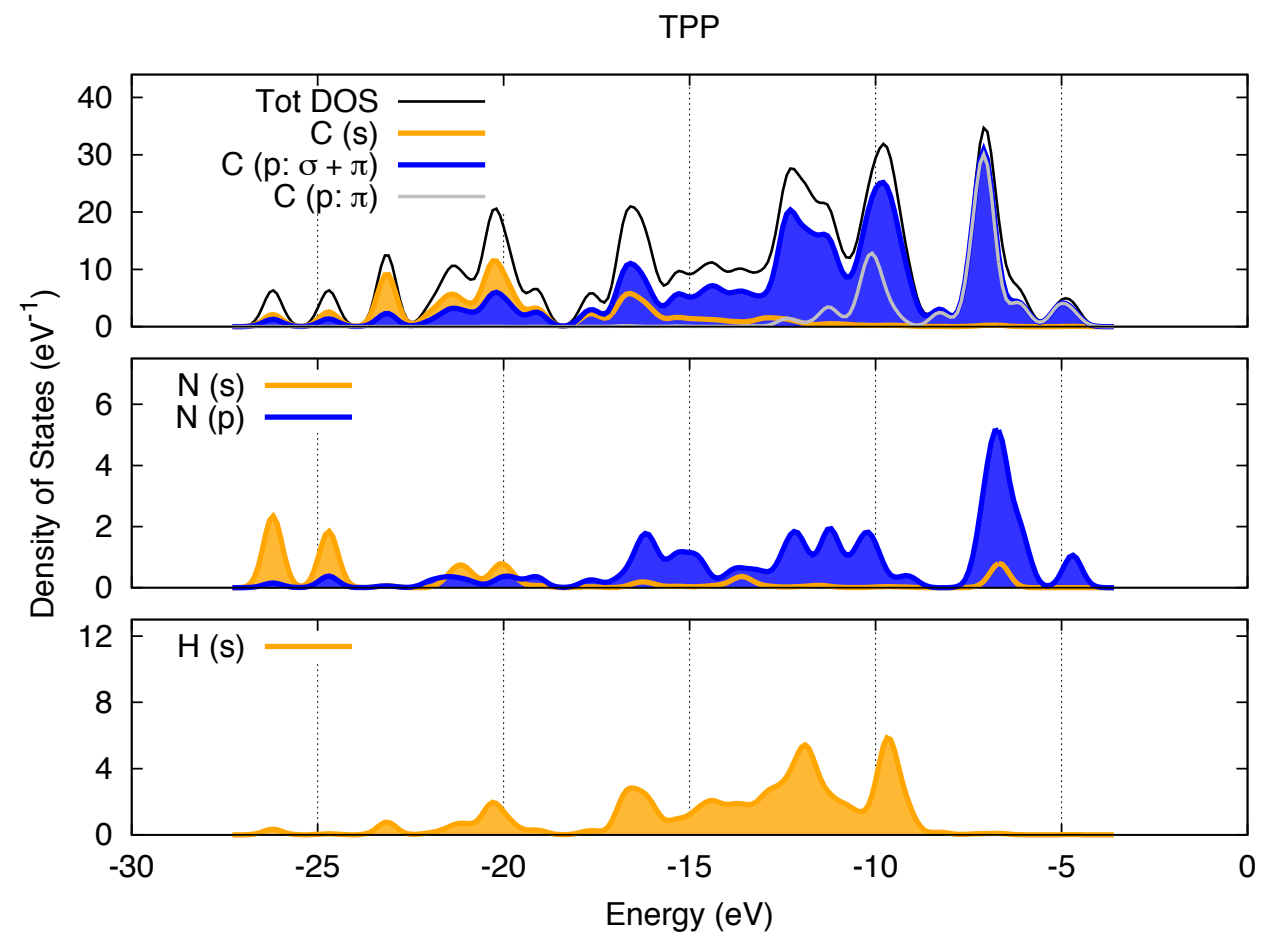
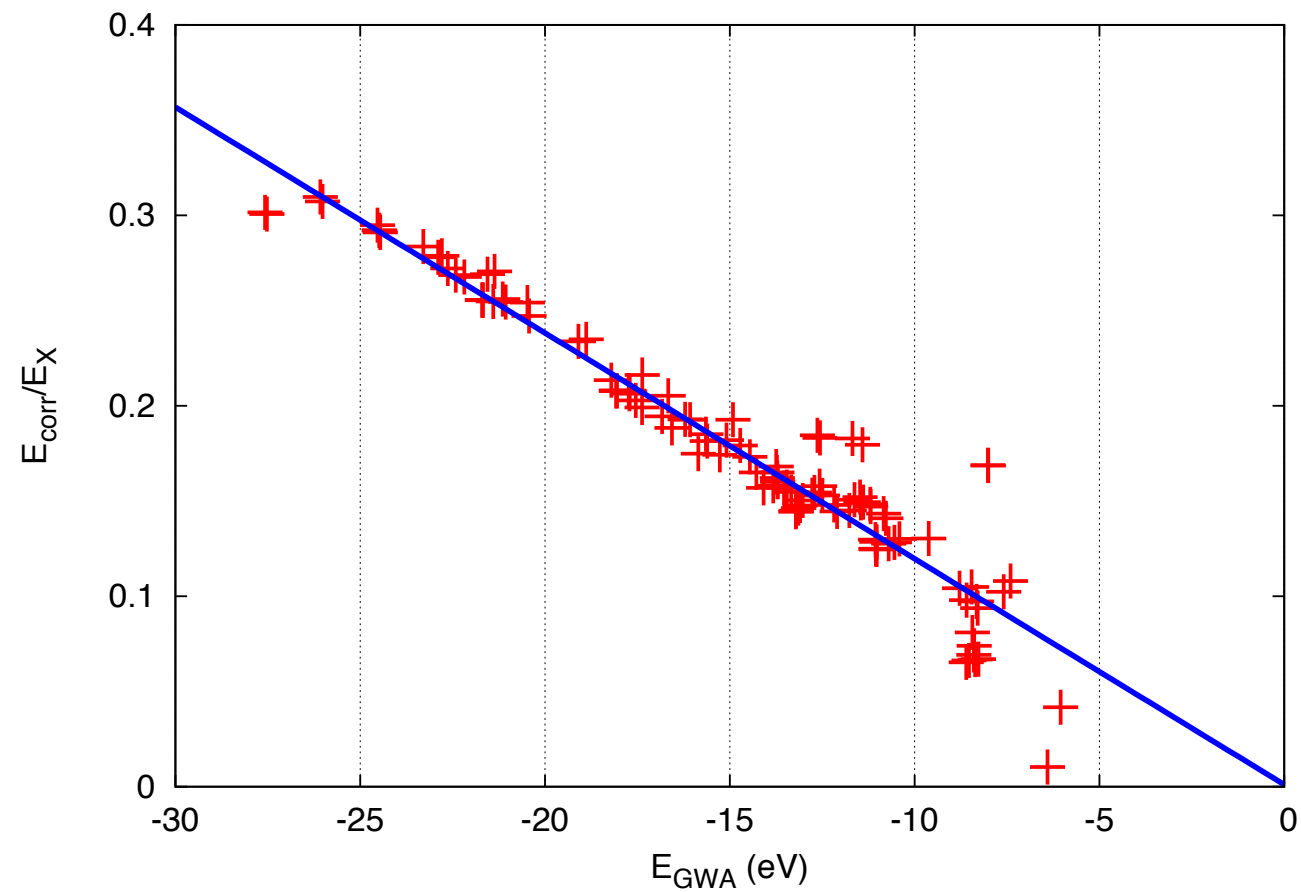
Tetraphenylporphyrin

Analysis



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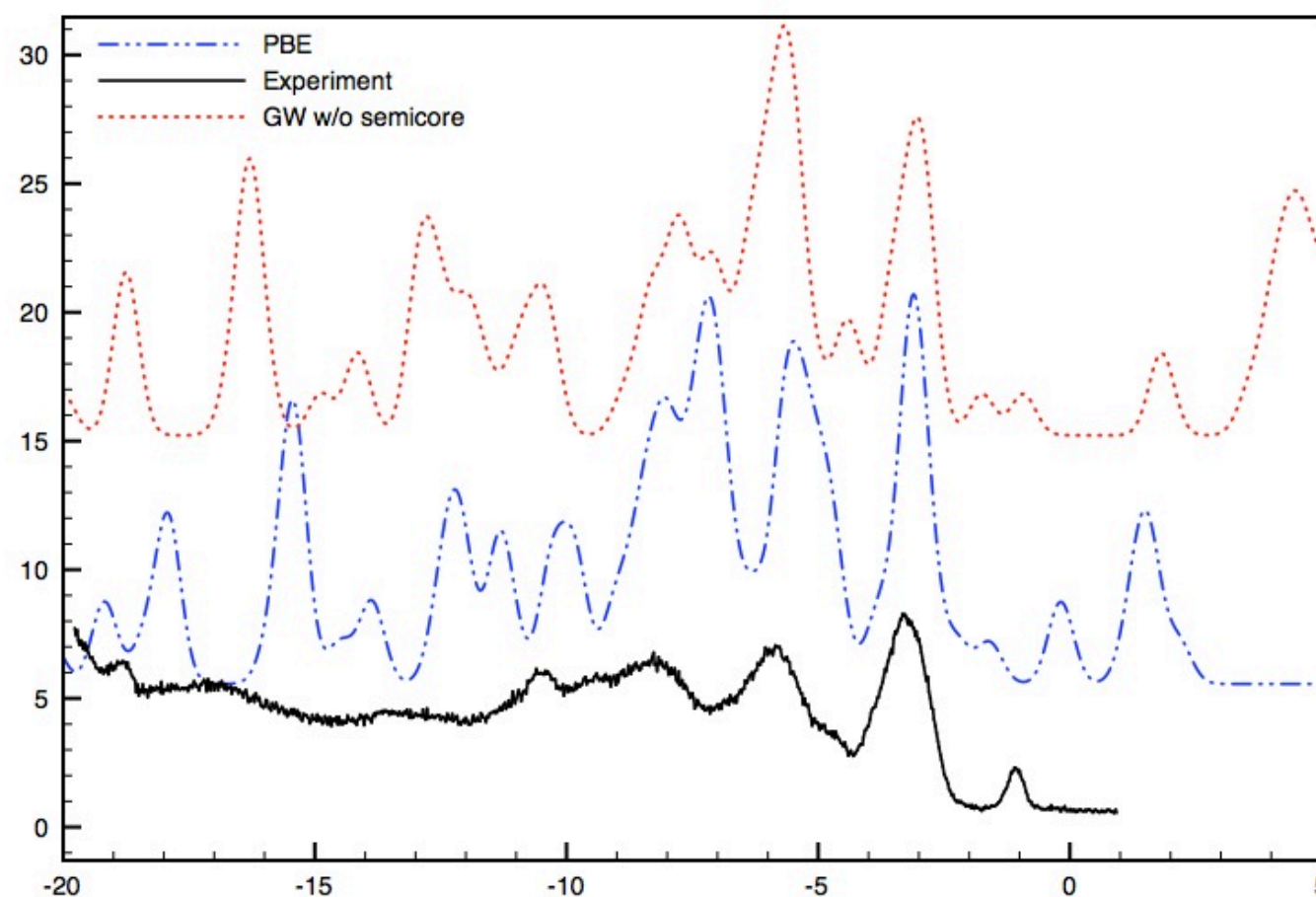
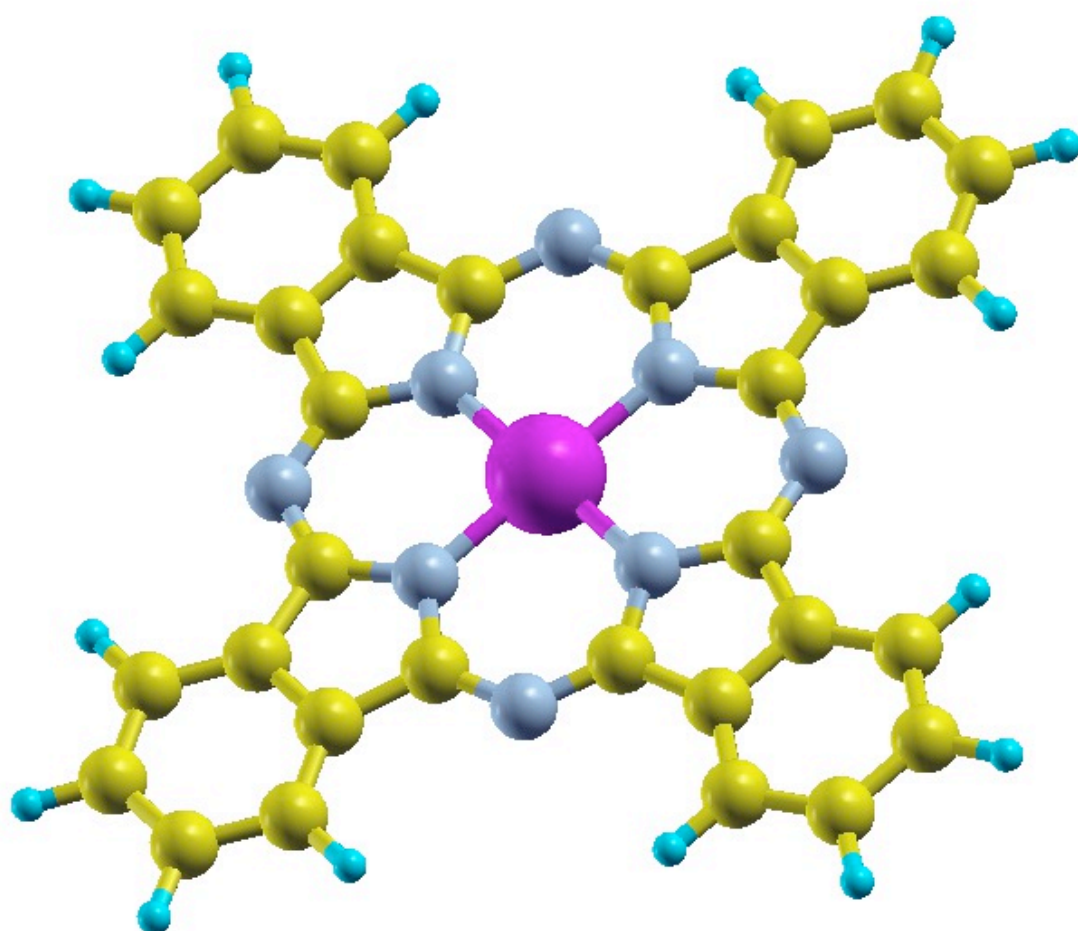


Zn-Phthalocyanine

GW calculation w/o Zn(3s,3p) semicore in valence:

$$IP_{\text{exp}} = 6.35 \text{ eV}$$

$$IP_{\text{GW}} = 5.7 \text{ eV}$$



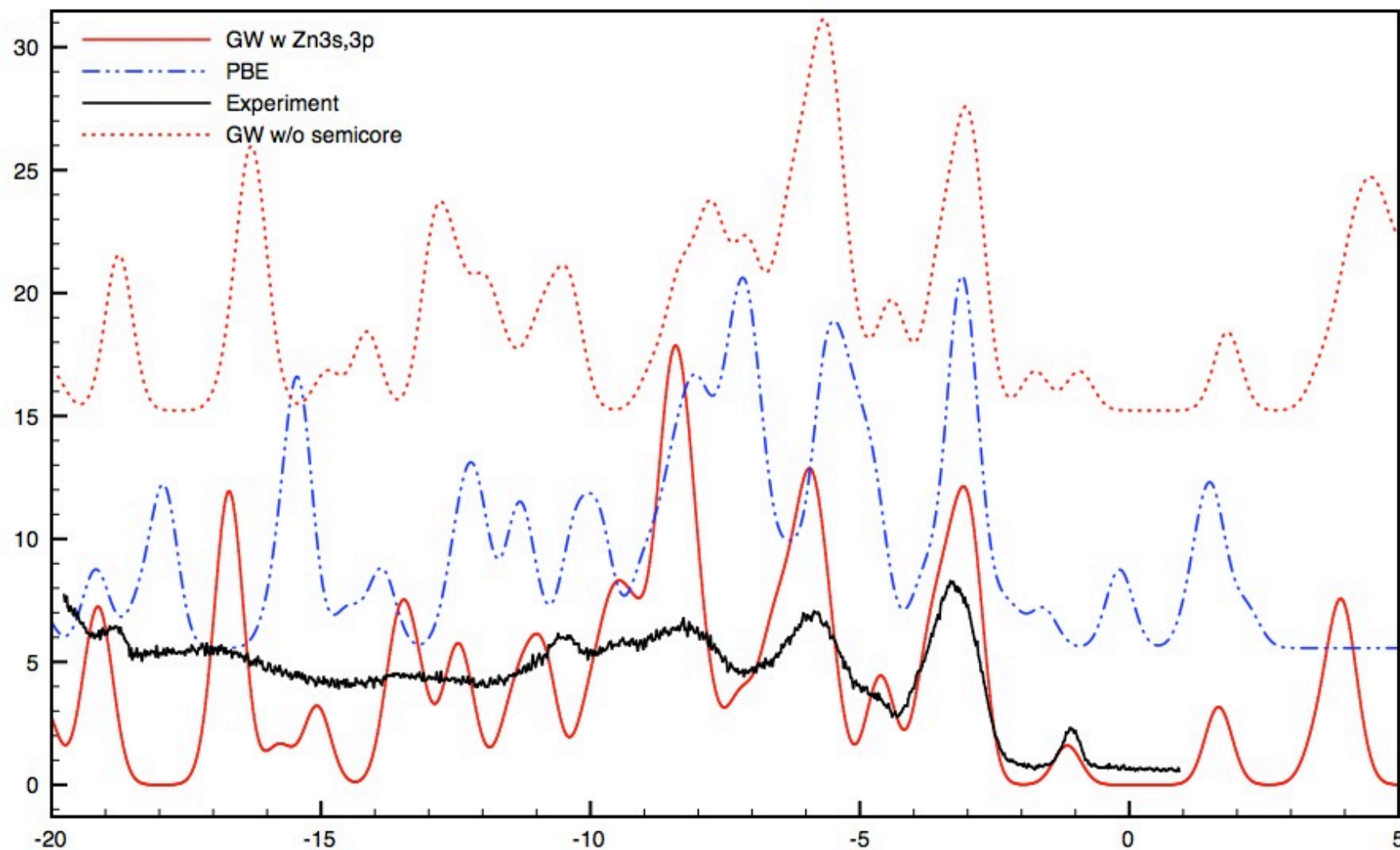
Importance of semicore states

We must include semicore Zn 3s and 3p states in valence:

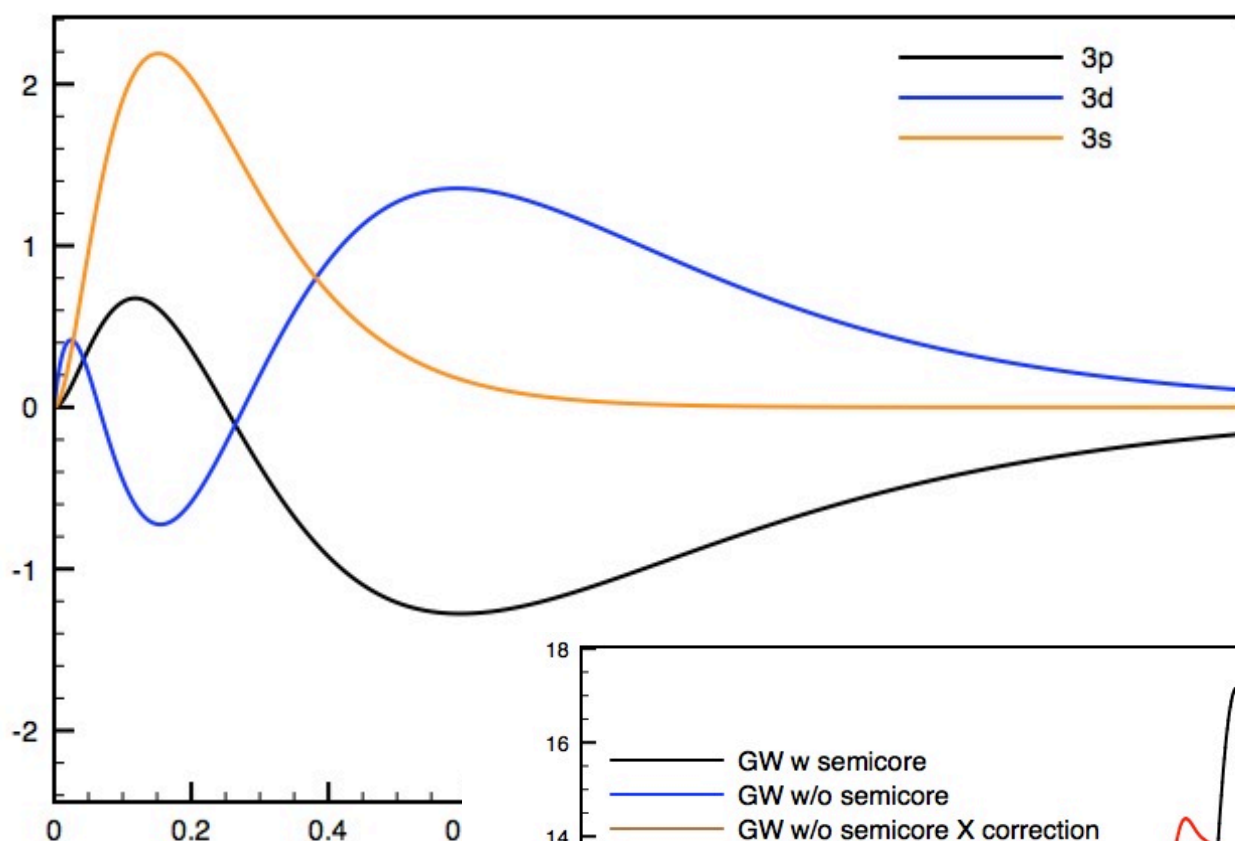
300Ry Plane-waves cutoff

$IP_{\text{exp}} = 6.35 \text{ eV}$

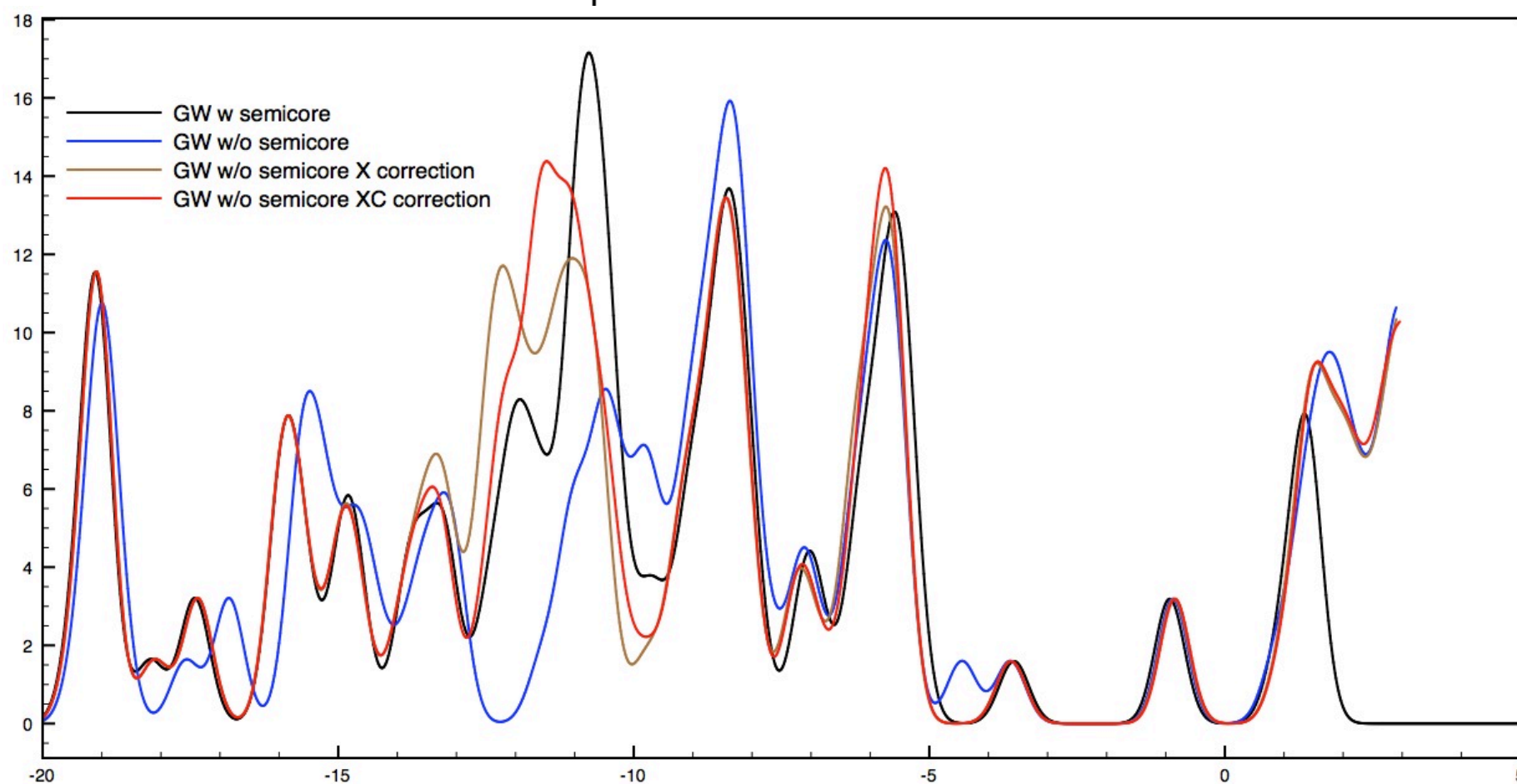
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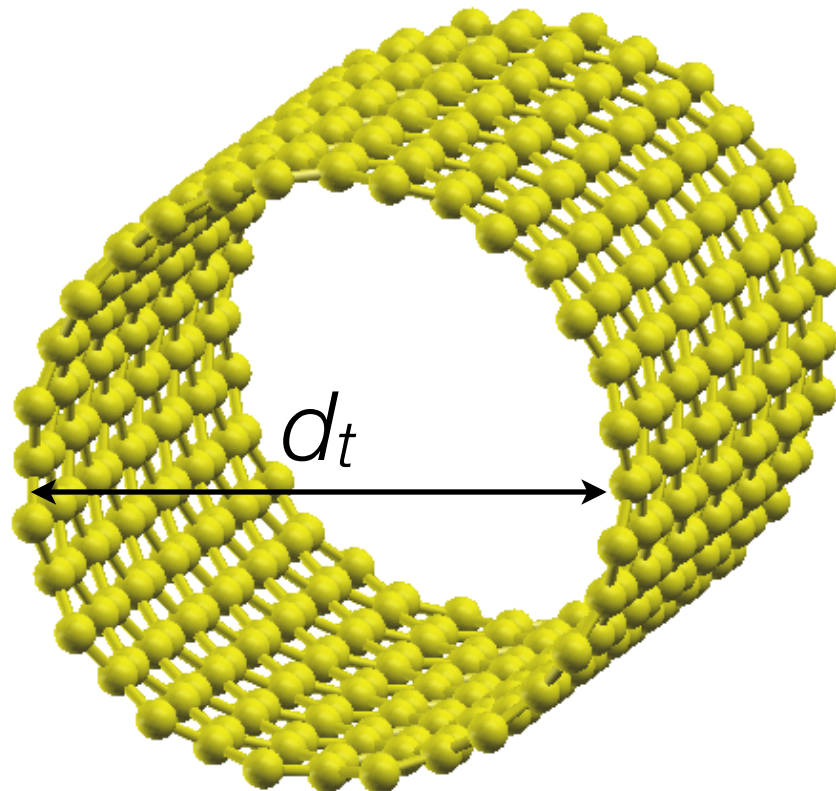
Explanation



1 0	1S 1(2.00)	-700.1289	-350.0644	-9525.7378
2 0	2S 1(2.00)	-85.1358	-42.5679	-1158.3319
2 1	2P 1(6.00)	-73.7947	-36.8974	-1004.0283
3 0	3S 1(2.00)	-9.4984	-4.7492	-129.2319
3 1	3P 1(6.00)	-6.1299	-3.0650	-83.4022
3 2	3D 1(10.00)	-0.7453	-0.3726	-10.1401
4 0	4S 1(2.00)	-0.4394	-0.2197	-5.9784
4 1	4P 1(0.00)	-0.0820	-0.0410	-1.1157

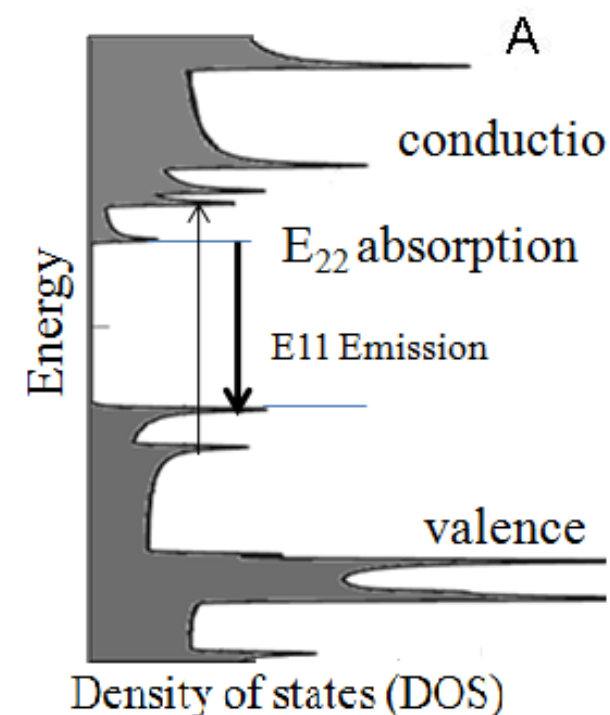
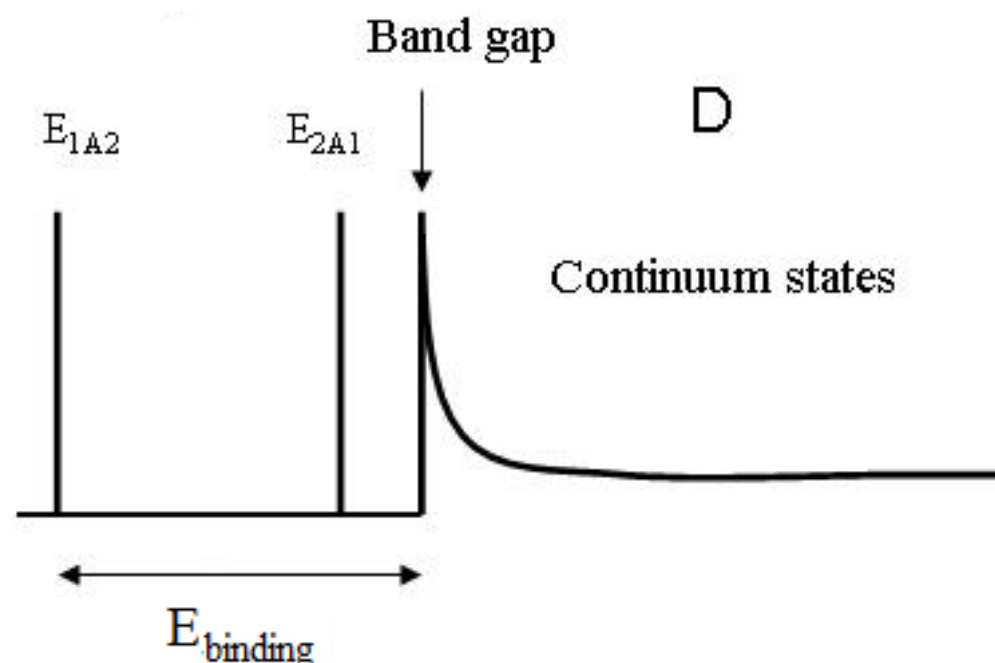


The electronic band gap of Carbon nanotubes



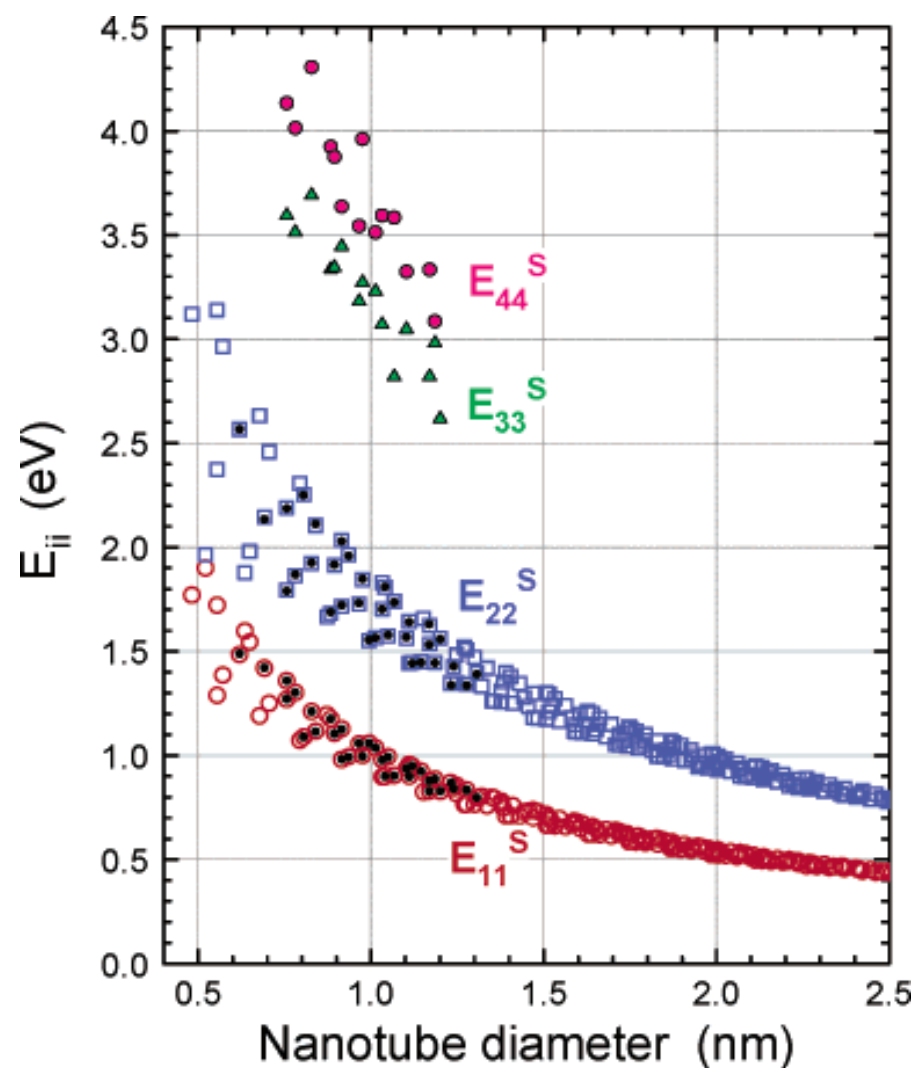
For semiconducting zig-zag CNTs we want to study the dependance of the *electronic band gap* wrt the diameter d_t

The electronic band gaps can be measured with great difficulties, *optical band gap* instead are measured with great accuracy:



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Electronic gaps could be obtained combining theoretical results for exciton binding energies with optical measurements:



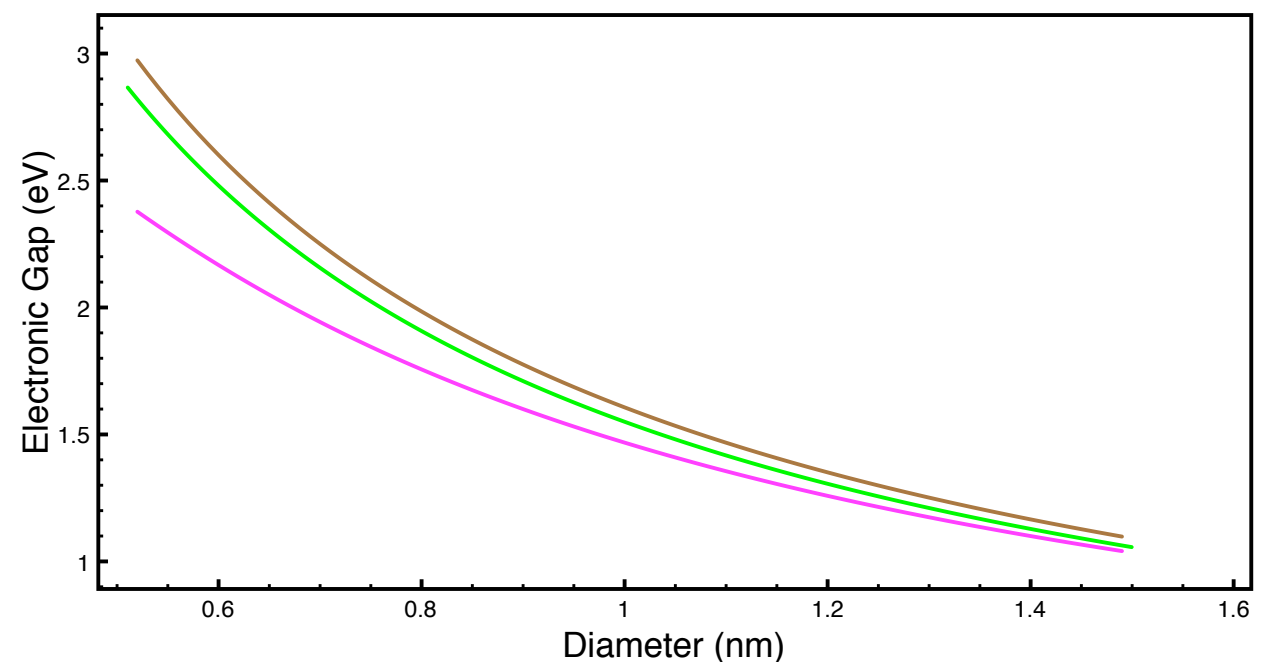
R.B. Weisman and S.M. Bachilo Nano Lett. 3, 1235 (2003)

$$E^{11} = E_{\text{op}}^{11} + E_{1A2}^{\text{bind}}$$

From theory:

$$E_{1A2}^{\text{bind}} \approx 2.3 (E_{\text{op}}^{22} - E_{\text{op}}^{11})$$

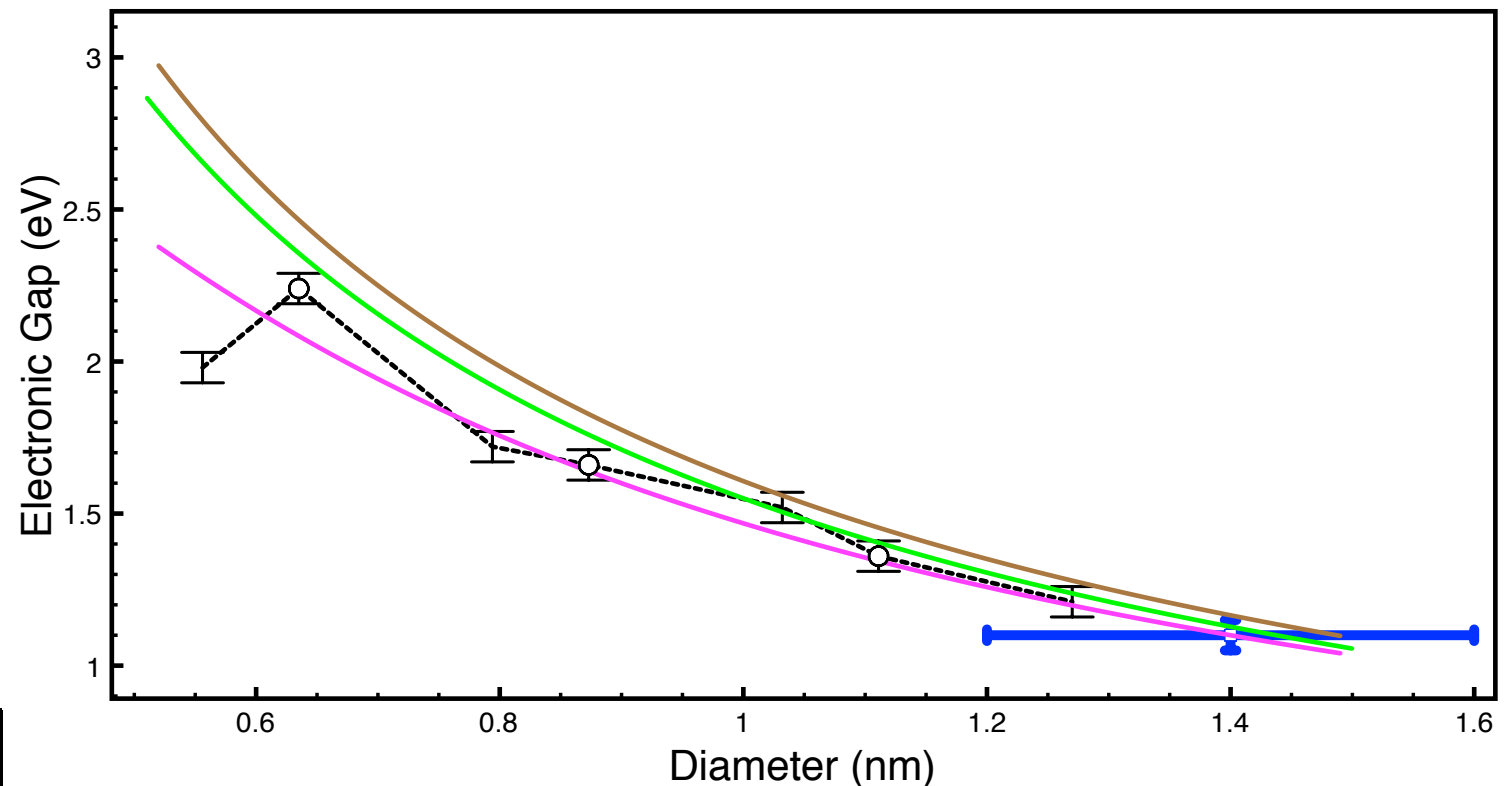
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GW+L results

(m,n)	#cells	#atoms	#k-points	dimensions (Bohr)
(7,0)	4	112	4	30.0 × 32.0 × 30.0
(8,0)	3	96	4	30.0 × 24.3 × 30.0
(10,0)	3	120	6	34.0 × 24.0 × 34.0
(11,0)	3	132	6	36.0 × 24.0 × 36.0
(13,0)	2	104	9	39.0 × 16.0 × 39.0
(14,0)	2	112	9	40.0 × 16.0 × 40.0
(16,0)	2	128	9	40.0 × 16.0 × 40.0

(m,n)	LDA (eV)	GW(eV)	Ref. GW(eV)
(7,0)	0.16	1.98 (1.47)	(0.60 ^a -1.12 ^b)
(8,0)	0.5	2.24 (1.80)	2.54 ^c (2.12-1.75 ^c -1.51 ^d)
(10,0)	0.80	1.72	
(11,0)	0.95	1.66	
(13,0)	0.65	1.52	
(14,0)	0.74	1.36	
(16,0)	0.56	1.21	



Experimental STM measure: H. Lin et al. Nat. Mat. 9, 235 (2010).

We can extrapolate the GW results:

$$E^{11} = a/d_t$$

$$a = 1.54 \pm 0.14 \text{ eV} \times \text{nm}$$

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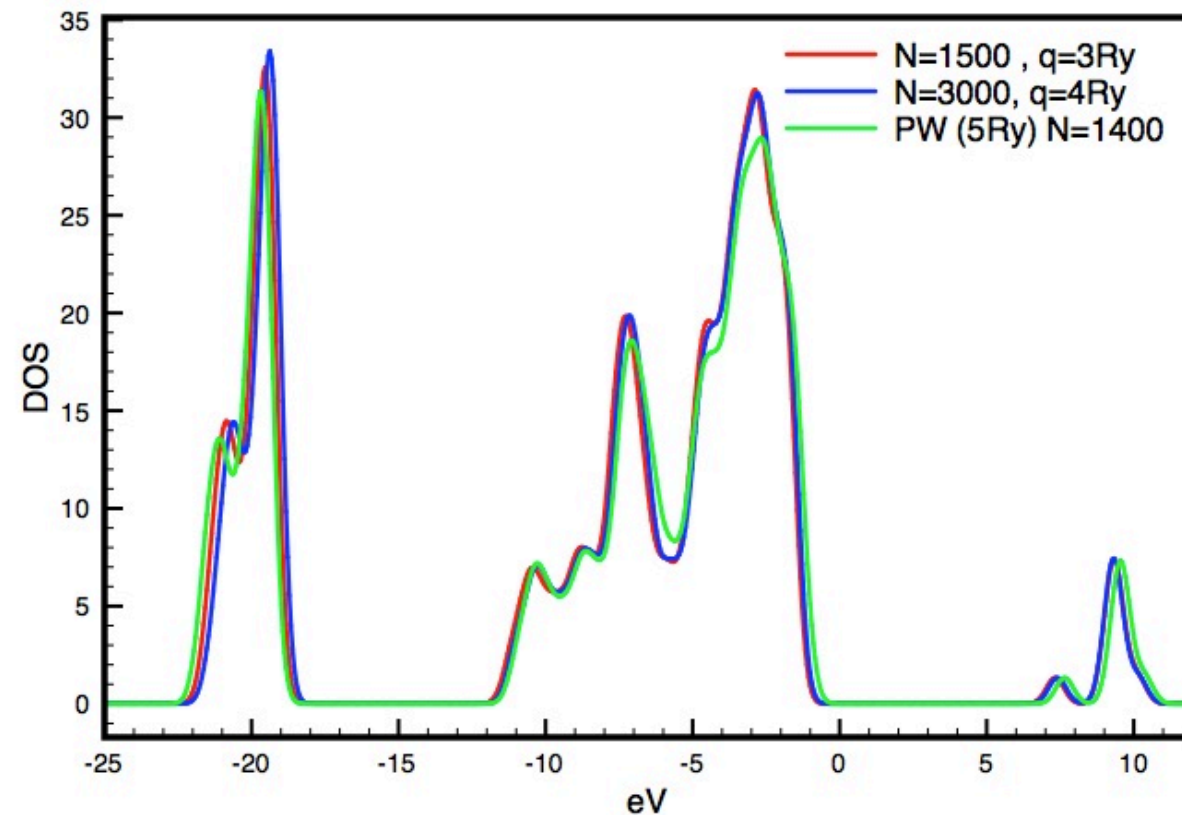
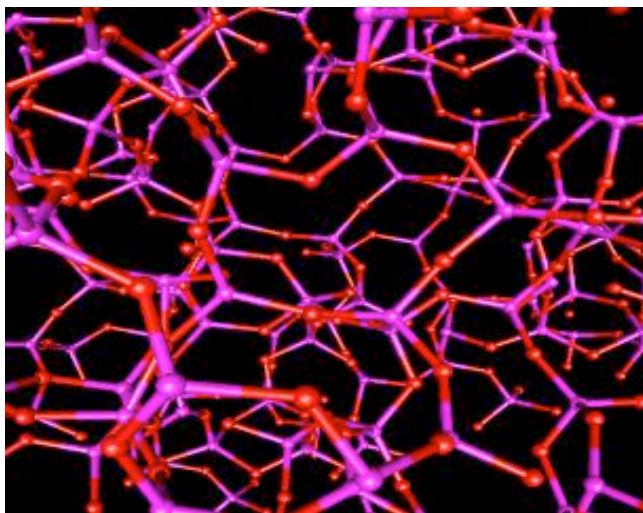
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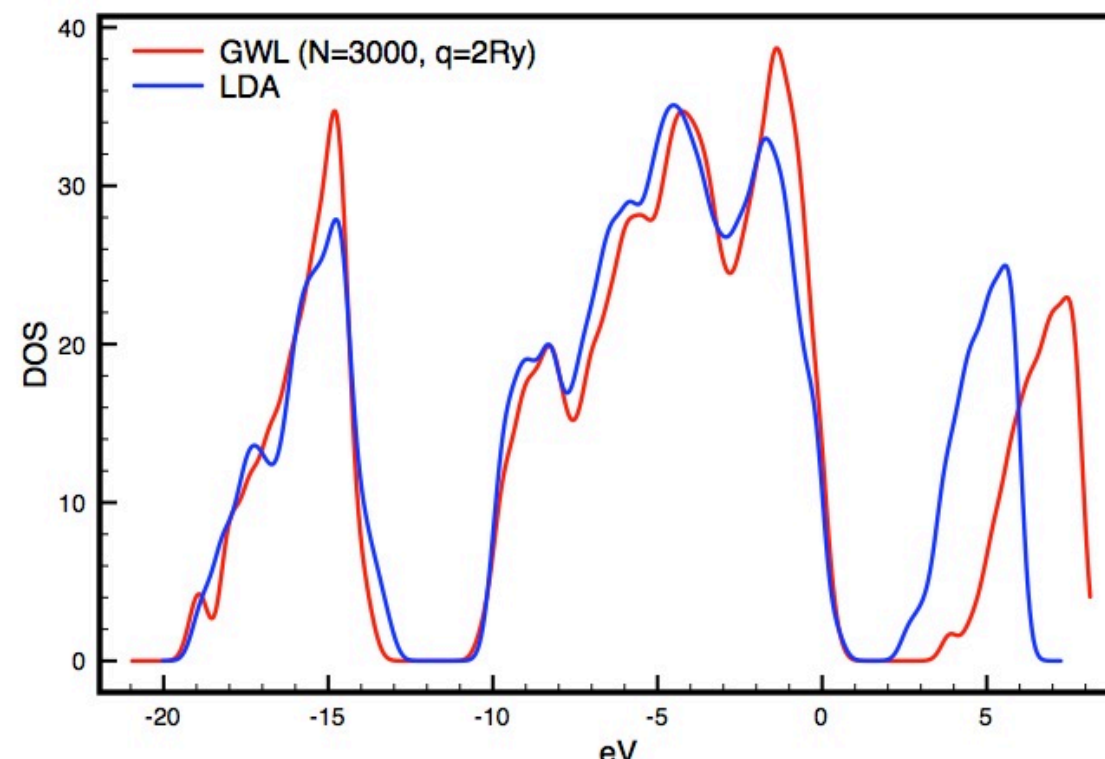
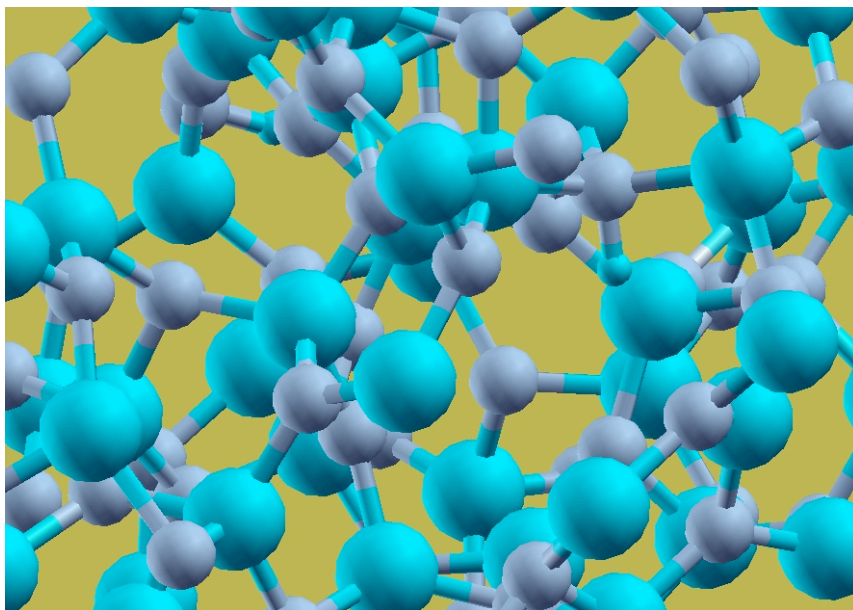
Extension to extended systems

72 atoms -SiO₂



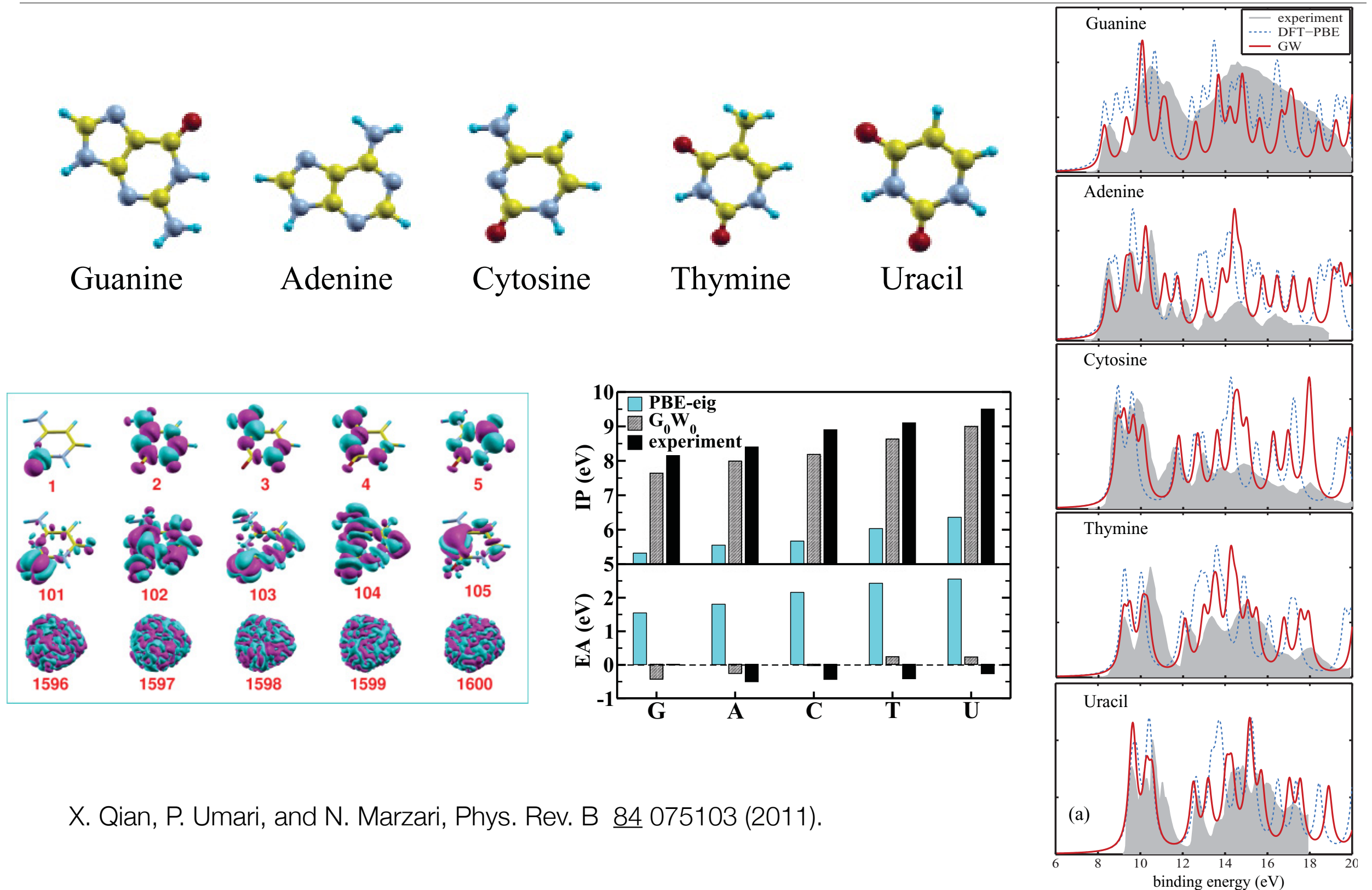
- $E_{\text{gap}}(\text{GW}) = 8.9 \text{ eV}$
- $E_{\text{gap}}(\text{exp}) = 8.9 - 9.7 \text{ eV}$

152 atoms -Si₃N₄



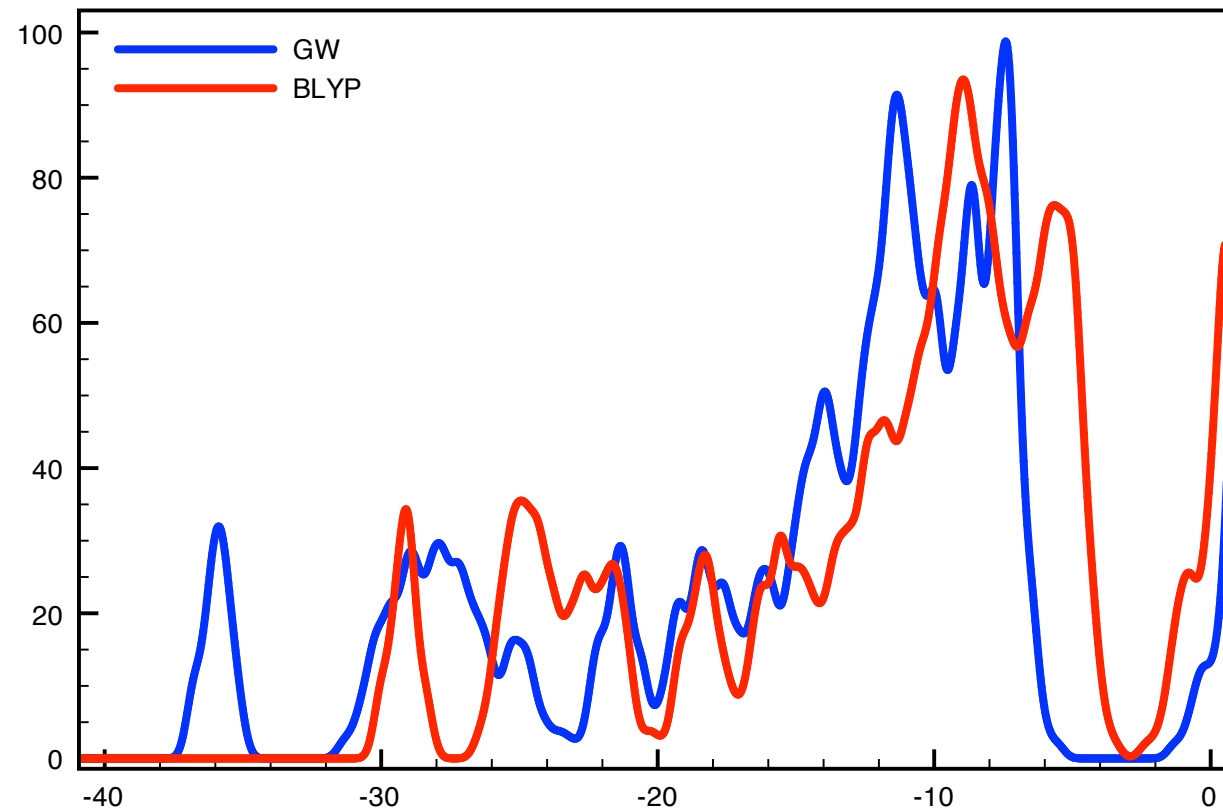
- $E_{\text{gap}}(\text{GW}) = 4.5 \text{ eV}$
- $E_{\text{gap}}(\text{exp}) = \sim 5 \text{ eV}$

DNA from single bases to larger models

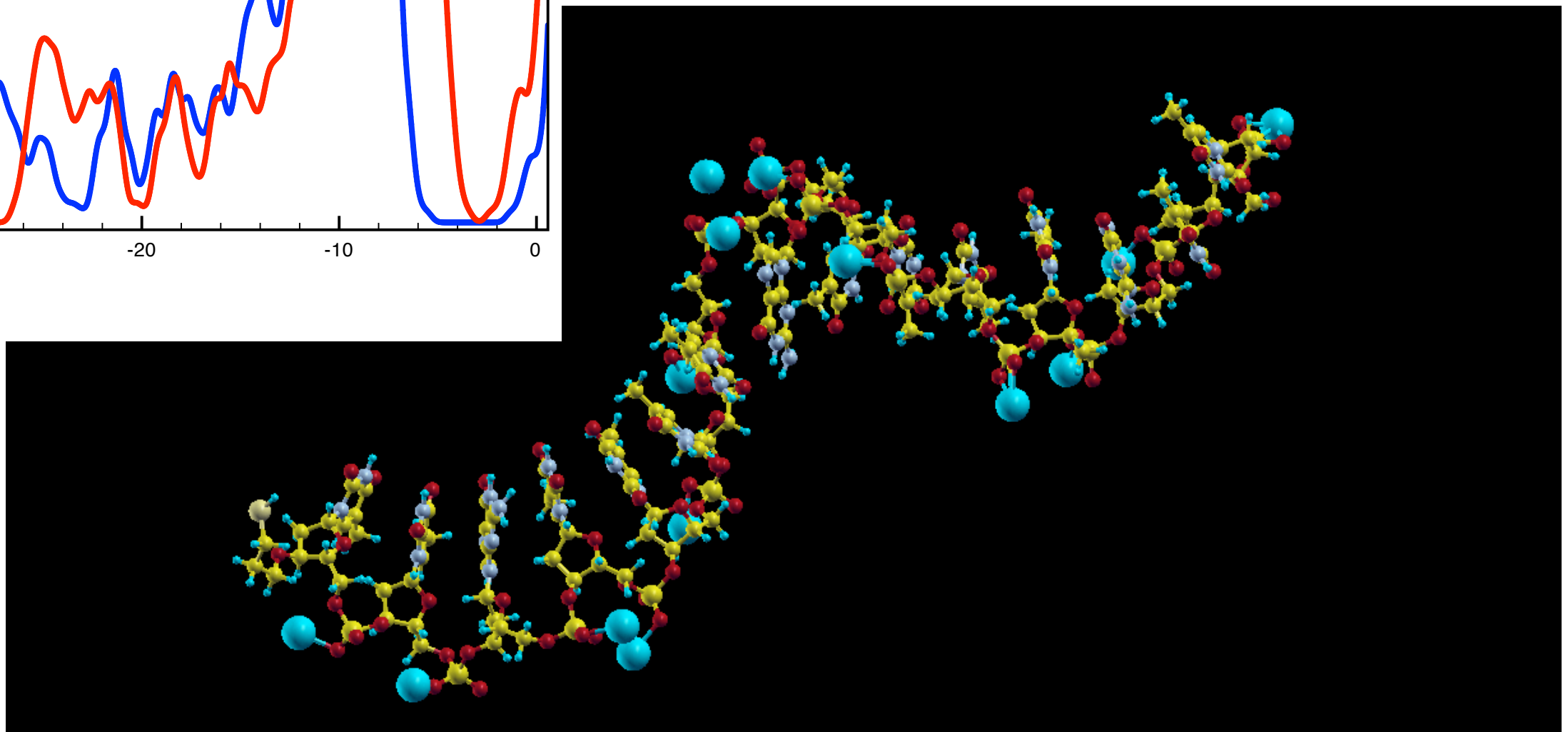


X. Qian, P. Umari, and N. Marzari, Phys. Rev. B 84 075103 (2011).

Single DNA strand



- 10 basis single strand model
- 509 atoms
- 1794 electrons



Conclusions

- GW calculation with no empty states now possible
- both plane-waves and optimal basis sets
- large systems are affordable
- GWL part of the Quantum-Espresso package
- GNU license
- new features implemented: spin polarized systems, partly occupied systems
- still working on: self-consistency, BSE

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