

# The Bethe-Salpeter Equation

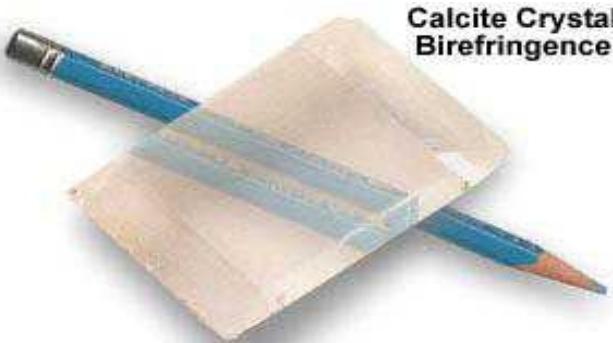
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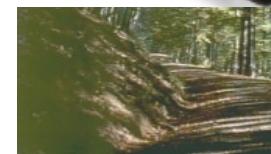
# The Bethe-Salpeter Equation

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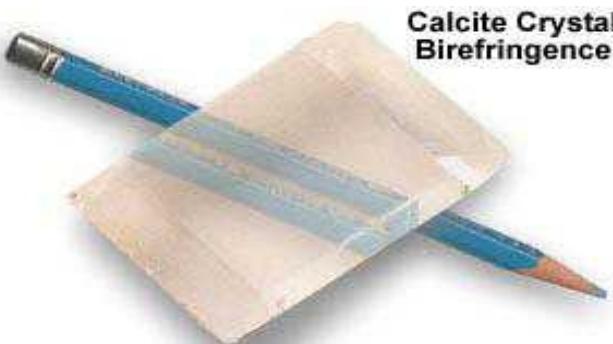


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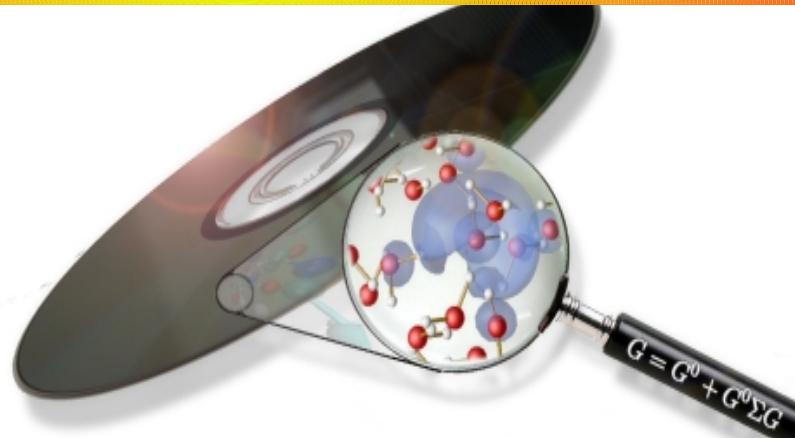


Key quantity  $W(\omega) = \varepsilon^{-1}(\omega) v$

# → Theoretical Spectroscopy: aims and observations



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$$H\psi(x_1, \dots, x_N) = E \psi(x_1, \dots, x_N)$$



Johannisbeere Lucky Pop  
Zutaten: Zucker, Traubenzucker,  
Zitronensäure, Natürliche  
Geschmackstoffe, Natürliche  
Farbstoffe: Anthocyaneins, Titanium  
Dioxide. Mindestens Haltbar Bis:  
The Original Candy Company

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## → Theoretical Spectroscopy: tools

Effective quantities in an effective world



A practical example, simulate zero gravity

## → Theoretical Spectroscopy: tools

*Calculate only what you want,....so that you can understand!*

$$H\Psi_n(x_1, \dots, x_N) = E_n \Psi_n(x_1, \dots, x_N)$$

Want:

- total energy  $E_0$
- expectation values like
  - \* density
  - \* spectral functions
  - \* dielectric function

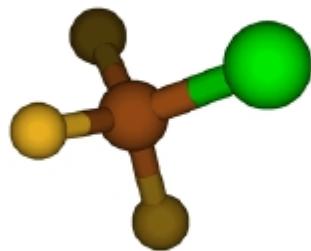
$$V_{\text{tot}}(\omega) = \epsilon^{-1}(\omega) V_{\text{ext}}(\omega)$$

*Do not want:* → all many-body  $\Psi_n(x_1, \dots, x_N)$

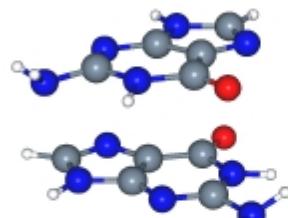
→ The effective quantities:

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N, t) \longrightarrow G(\mathbf{r}_1, t_1, \mathbf{r}_2, t_2) \longrightarrow \rho(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

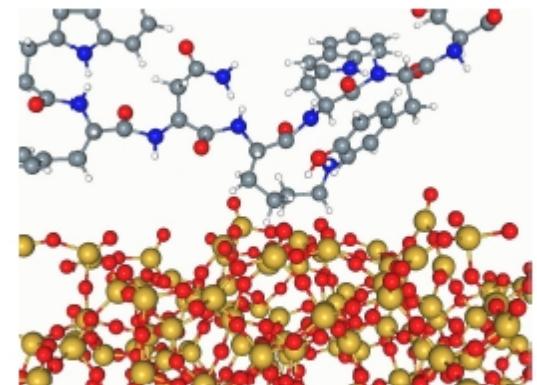
CI, QMC



GF methods (GW, BSE)



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## → The effective world:

$$\left( -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 + v_{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{r}) \right) \psi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_i \psi_i(\mathbf{r})$$

*LDA or so*

$$v_{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{r}) = v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + v_{\text{H}}([n], \mathbf{r}) + v_{\text{xc}}([n], \mathbf{r}).$$

Designed for density and top valence  
NOT for bandgaps, for example!!!

*Hohenberg-Kohn-Sham*

→ Theoretical Spectroscopy: tools

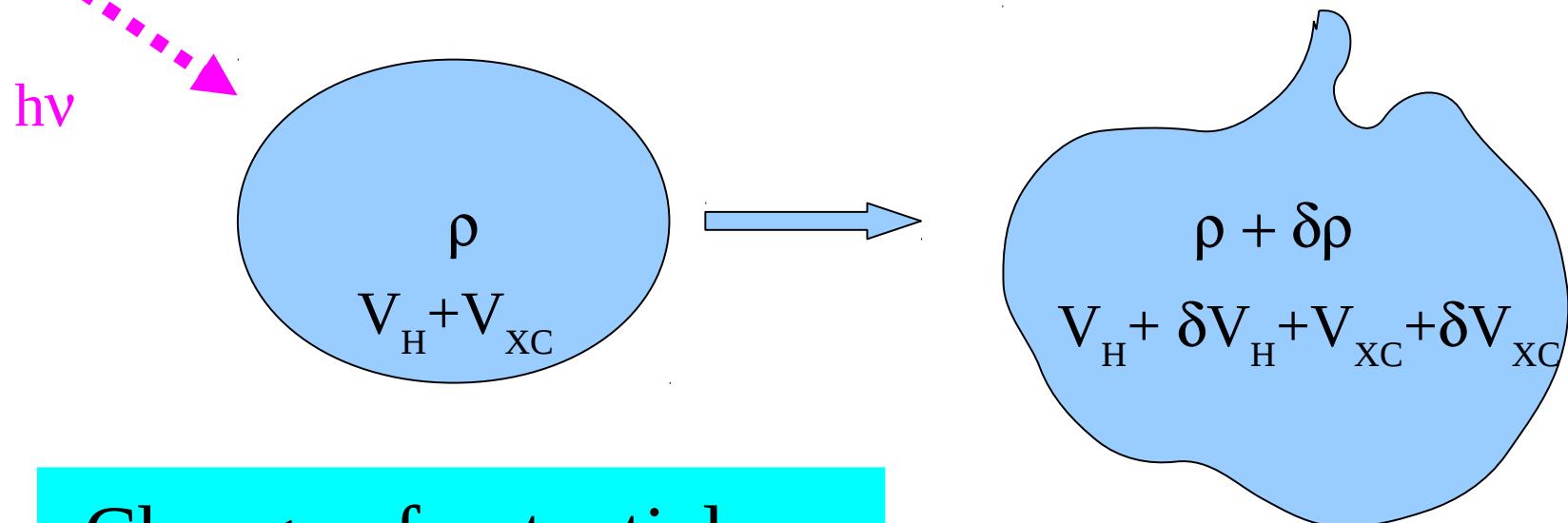
Effective quantities in an effective world



Time-dependent quantities – TD world

## TDDFT intuitive :

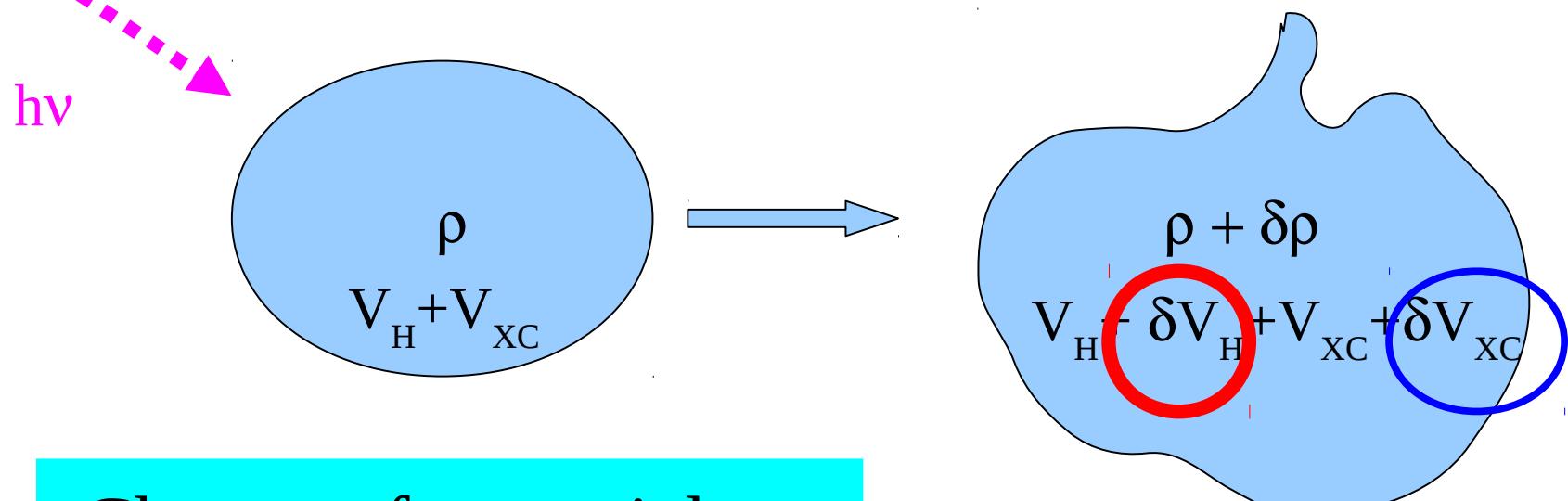
(TD)DFT point of view: moving density



Change of potentials

Excitation ?

→ Induced potentials



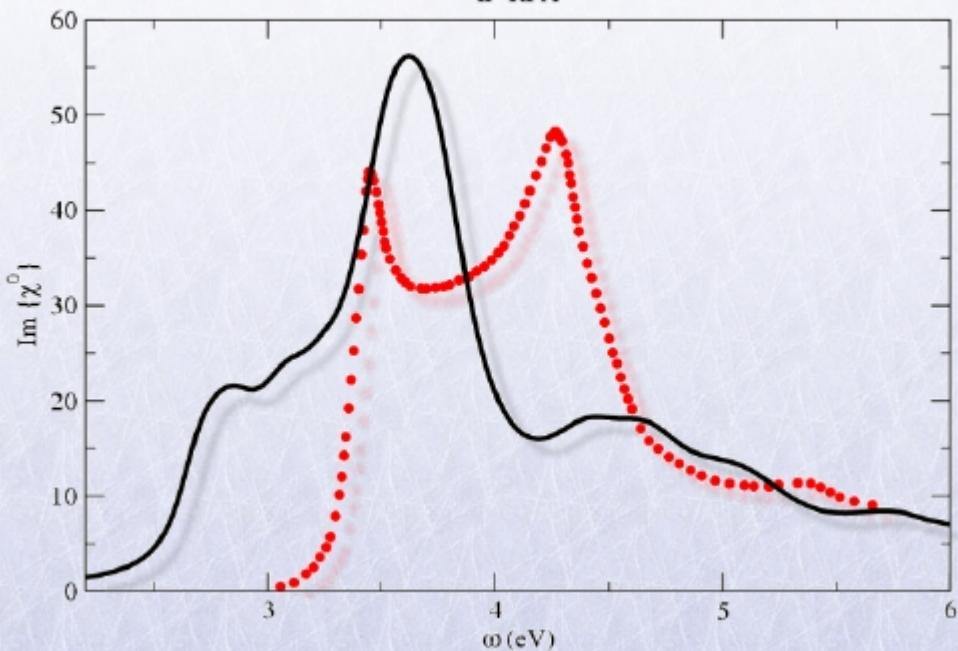
Change of potentials

RPA

TDLDA, ....

## Absorption Spectrum of Silicon

IP-RPA



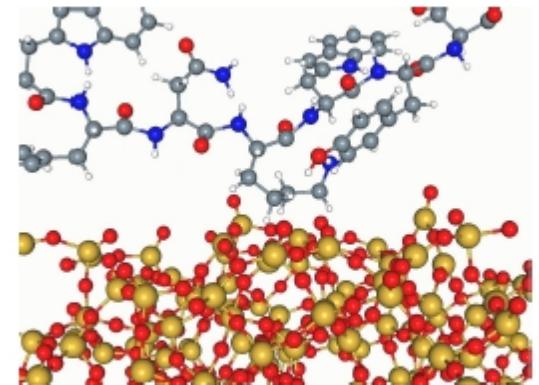
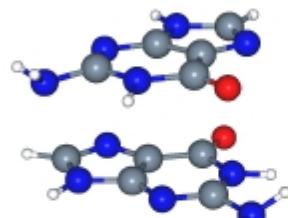
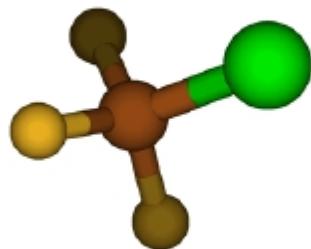
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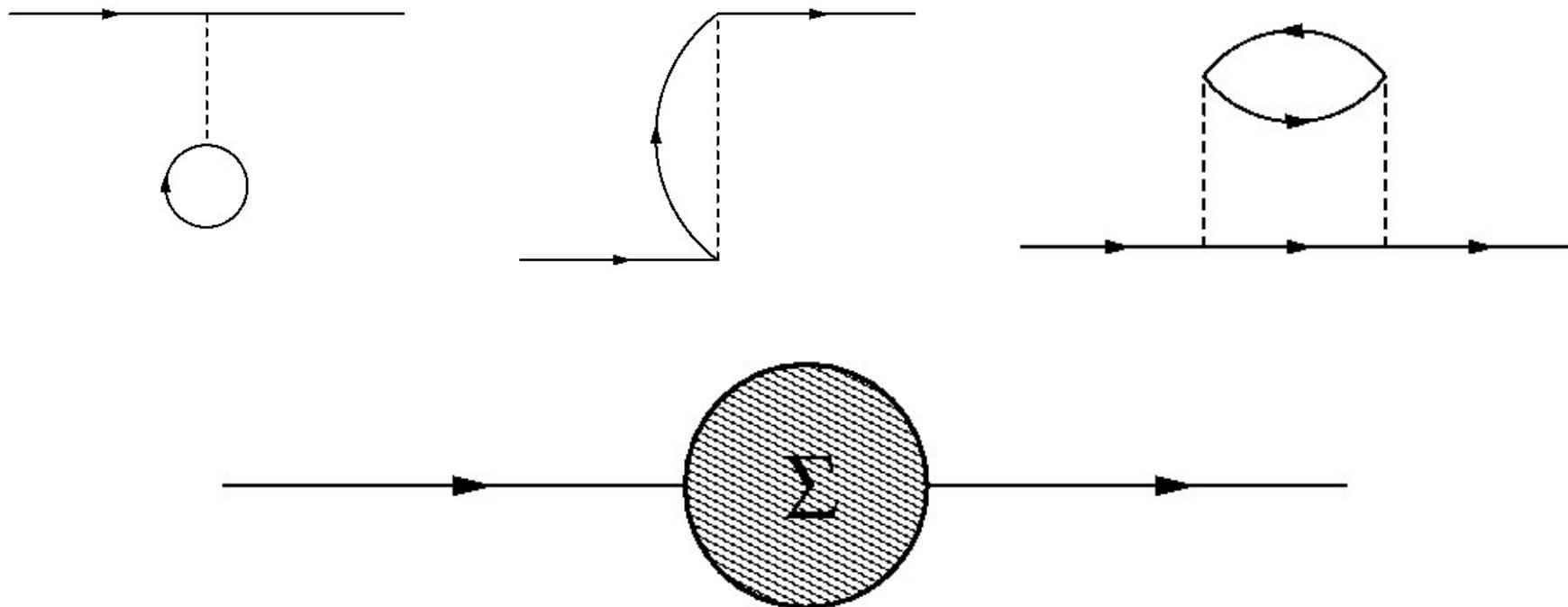


→ Propagators

$$G(1,2) = -i \langle T[\psi(1)\psi^\dagger(2)] \rangle \quad 1=(r_1, \sigma_1, t_1)$$



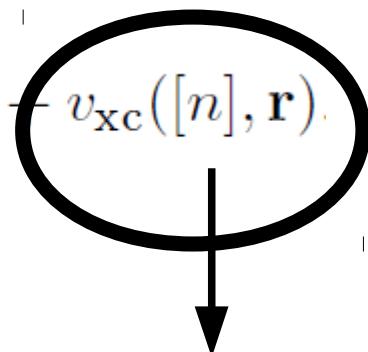
$$n(1) = -i G(1, 1^+)$$



Dyson equation:  $G = G_0 + G_0 \Sigma G$

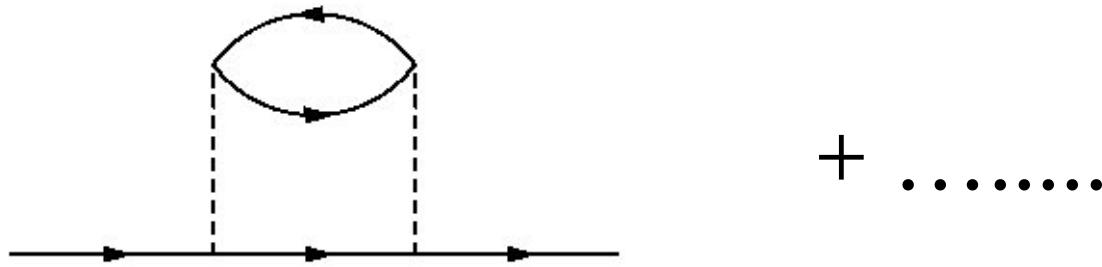
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$$\Sigma(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \varepsilon_i)$$

Designed for electron addition and removal spectra  
(bandstructure, lifetimes, satellites,...,density,...)

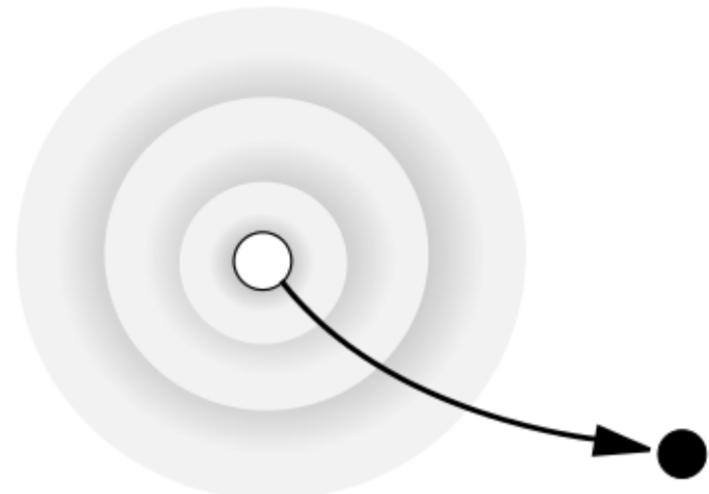
Other: DMFT     $\Sigma_u(\omega)$



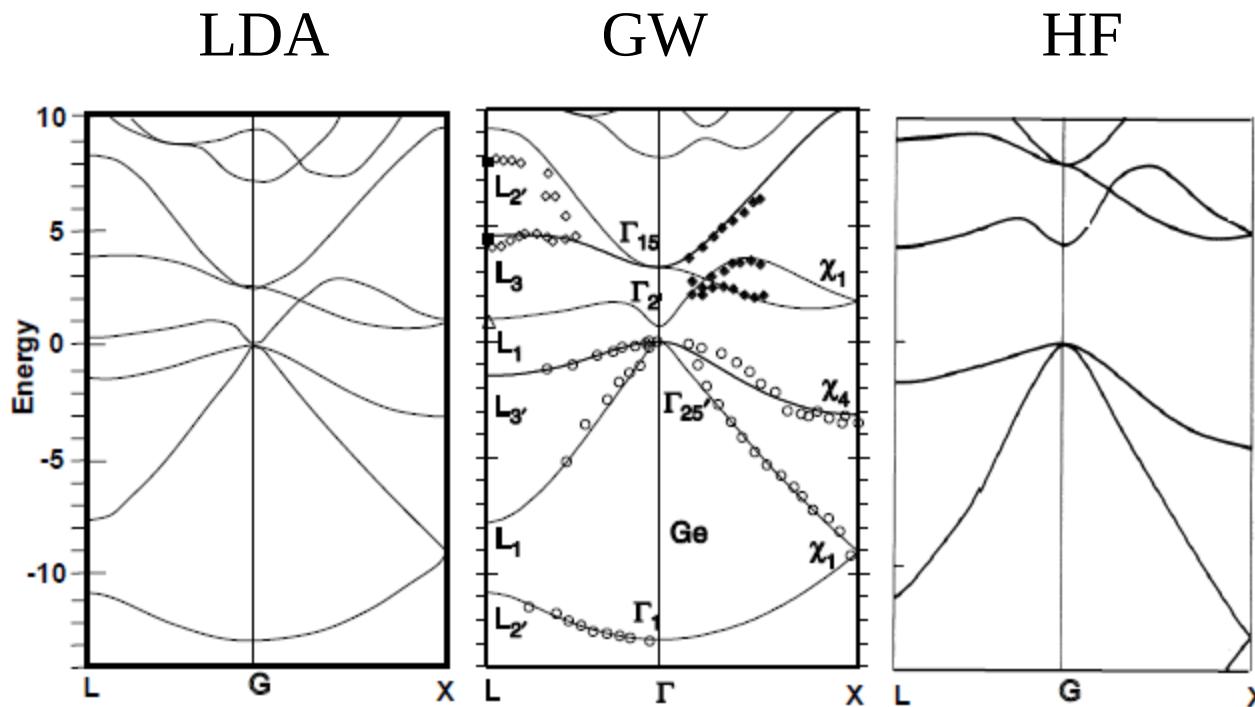
→  $\Sigma \sim i \mathcal{W}G$  “GW”

L. Hedin (1965)

$$W = \epsilon^{-1}(\omega) v$$



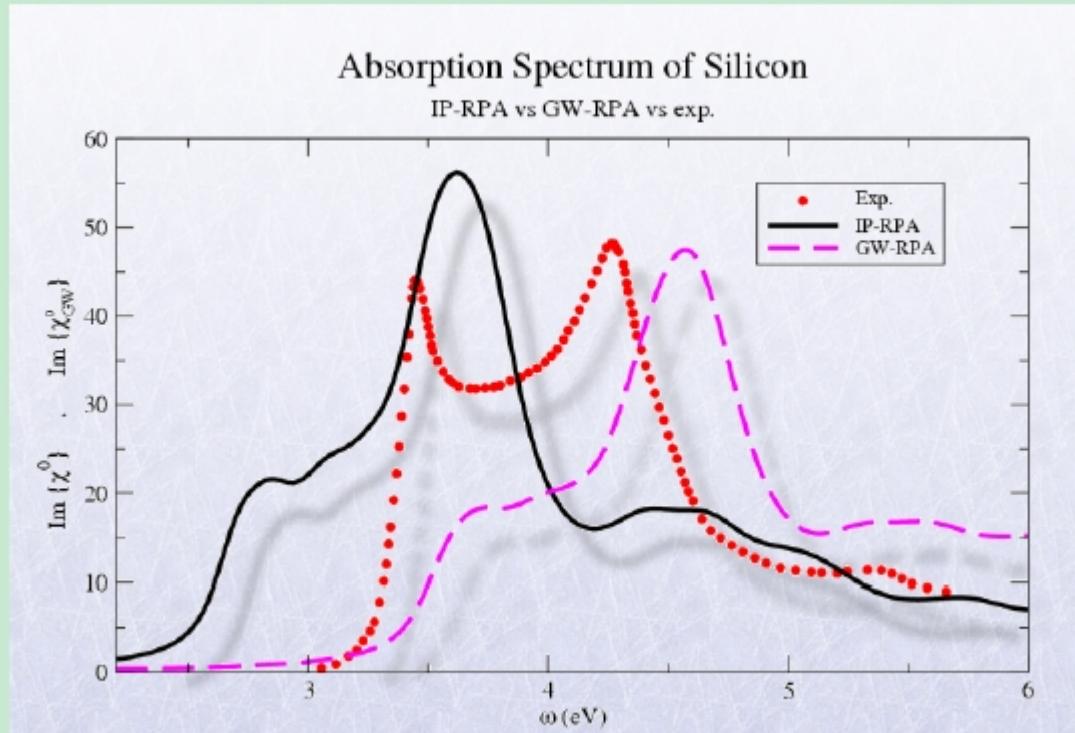
# GW today: standard for bandstructures



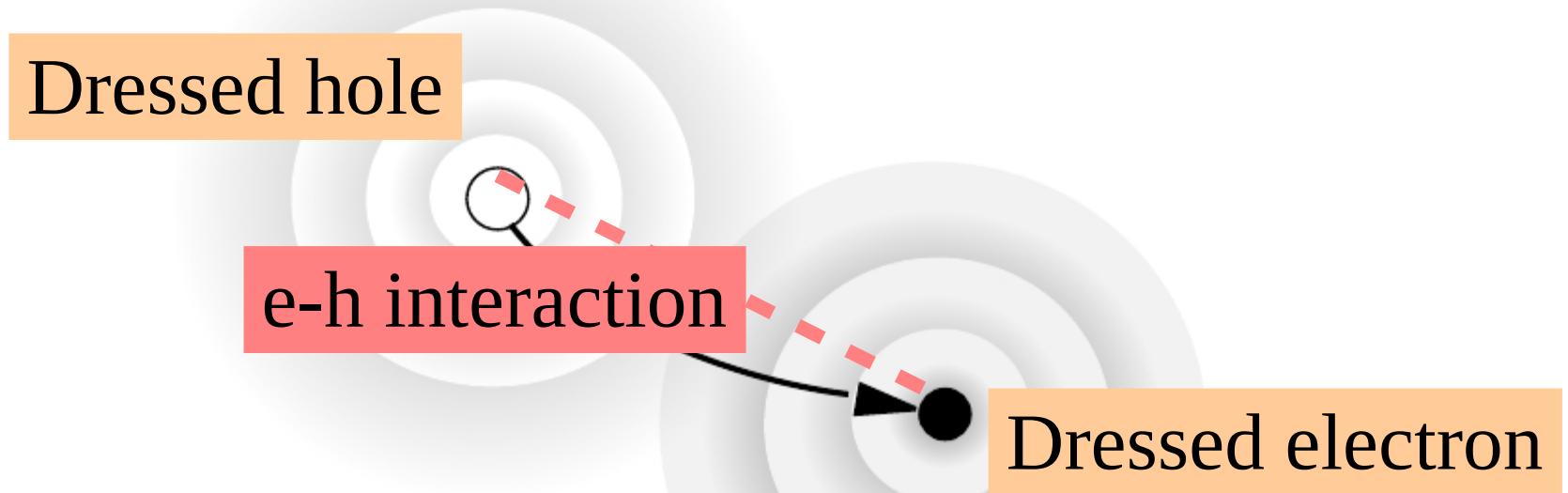
Bandstructure of germanium, theory versus experiment

*GW calculations, Röhlfing et al., PRB 48, 17791 (1993)*

## Spectra in GW-RPA



→ What is missing?



e-h problem: Bethe-Salpeter equation

TD-.... ?

# TD-GFT

Time evolution of the MBPT equations?

$(\partial/\partial t)G$ ..... Kwong and Bonitz, Phys. Rev. Lett. **84**, 1768 (2000)

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Tough!!!!!!

# The electron-hole problem : LR

## Hedin's equations

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

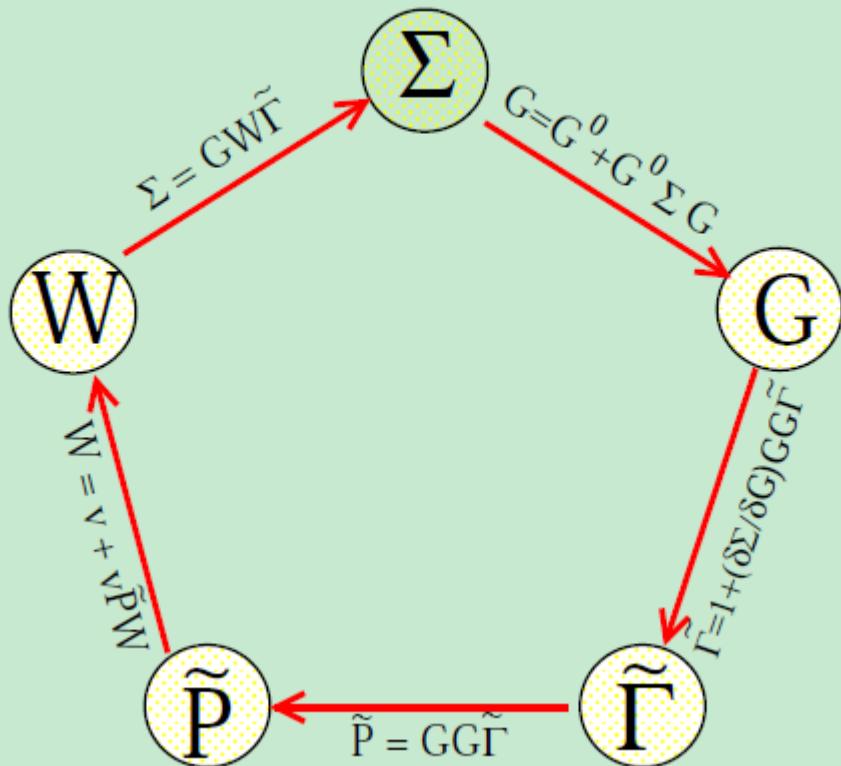
$$G(1, 2) = G^0(1, 2) + \int d(34) G^0(1, 3) \Sigma(3, 4) G(4, 2)$$

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

$$\tilde{P}(1, 2) = -i \int d(34) G(1, 3) G(4, 1^+) \tilde{\Gamma}(3, 4, 2)$$

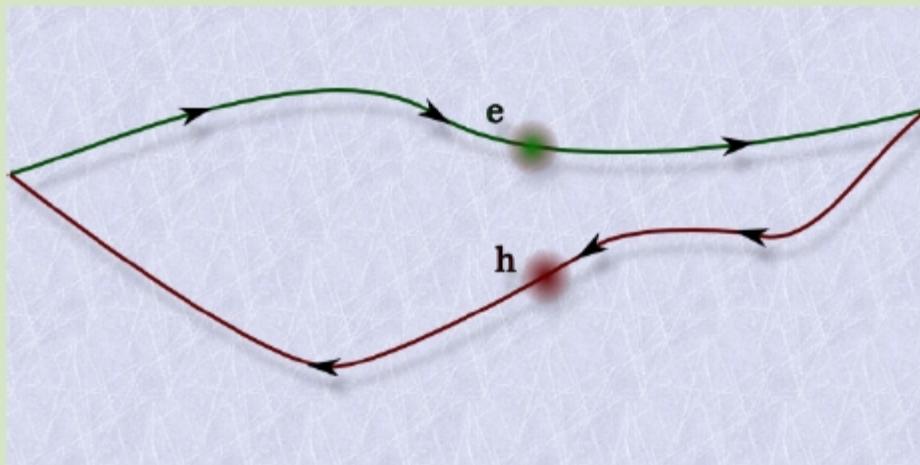
$$W(1, 2) = v(1, 2) + \int d(34) v(1, 3) \tilde{P}(3, 4) W(4, 2)$$

## Hedin's pentagon



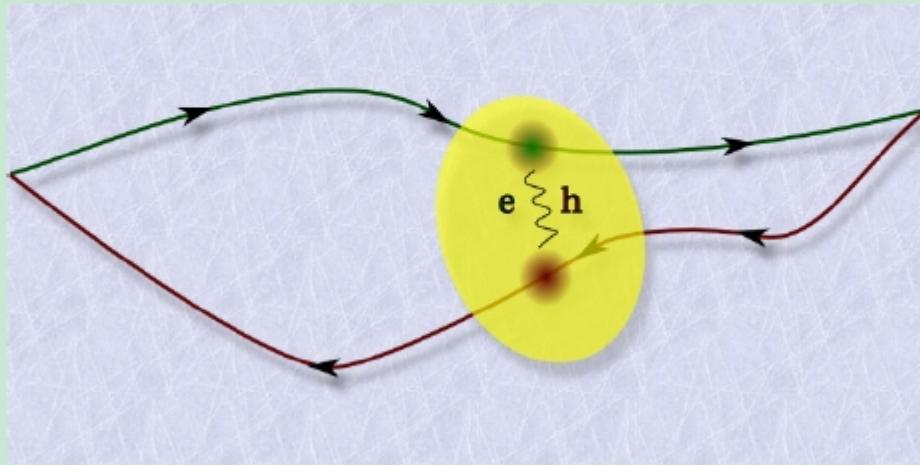
## GG Polarizability

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## Towards the Bethe-Salpeter

$$\tilde{\Gamma} = 1 + \frac{\delta\Sigma}{\delta G} GG\tilde{\Gamma}$$

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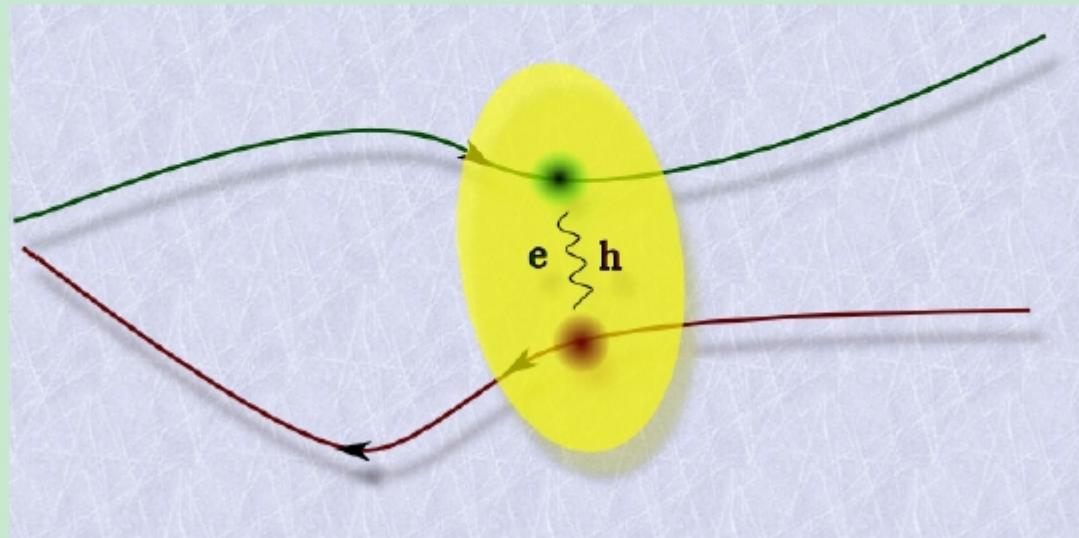
$$\tilde{L} = L^0 + L^0\frac{\delta\Sigma}{\delta G}\tilde{L}$$

$$\tilde{L}(1234) = L^0(1234) + L^0(1256)\frac{\delta\Sigma(56)}{\delta G(78)}\tilde{L}(7834)$$

## Towards the Bethe-Salpeter Equation

From electron and hole propagation to **the electron-hole interaction**

$$\tilde{L}(1234) = L^0(1234) + L^0(1256) \frac{\delta \Sigma(56)}{\delta G(78)} \tilde{L}(7834)$$



Irreducible form of the Bethe-Salpeter equation

$$\tilde{L}(1234) = L^0(1234) + L^0(1256) \frac{\delta \Sigma(56)}{\delta G(78)} \tilde{L}(7834)$$

Reducible quantity

$$L = \tilde{L} + \tilde{L} v L$$

## Bethe-Salpeter Equation

$$L(1234) = L^0(1234) + L^0(1256) \left[ v(57)\delta(56)\delta(78) + \frac{\delta\Sigma(56)}{\delta G(78)} \right] L(7834)$$

$$\frac{\delta V_H}{\delta V_{ext}} = \frac{\delta V_H}{\delta n} \frac{\delta n}{\delta V_{ext}} = v\chi$$

$$\frac{\delta V_{xc}}{\delta V_{ext}} = \frac{\delta V_{xc}}{\delta n} \frac{\delta n}{\delta V_{ext}} = f_{xc}\chi$$

$$\chi = \chi^0 + \chi^0 (v + f_{xc}) \chi$$

with  $f_{xc}$  = exchange-correlation kernel

## Comparison with Linear Response quantities

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Have to solve 4 point equation, then take a part!

We have the (4-point)  
Bethe-Salpeter equation.

And now ?

# Approximations

First point: Choosing  $\Sigma$

$$L(1234) = L^0(1234) + L^0(1256) \left[ v(57)\delta(56)\delta(78) + \frac{\delta\Sigma(56)}{\delta G(78)} \right] L(7834)$$

Screened Coulomb term

$$\Sigma^{GW}(1,2) = iG(12)W(21)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Standard Bethe-Salpeter equation  
(Time-Dependent Screened Hartree-Fock)

## Choice of $\Sigma = GW$

Everything should be coherently chosen

- ⇒ ground state calculation  $\rightarrow \phi_i, \epsilon_i$
- ⇒  $G_{KS}^0$  ;  $\varepsilon_{RPA}^{-1}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega)$  ;  $W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega) = \varepsilon_{RPA}^{-1} v$
- ⇒  $\Sigma(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega) = \int d\omega' G_{KS}^0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega') W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega + \omega')$
- ⇒  $E_i = \epsilon_i + \Delta_i^{GW}$  ;  $\psi_i \simeq \phi_i$
- ⇒  $G^{GW}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega)$

$$L = GG + GG [v - W] L$$

⇒ Approx.  $\frac{\delta W}{\delta G} = 0$

**W static**

# Realizations

$$L(1234, \omega) = L^0(1234, \omega) + L^0(1256, \omega)K(5678)L(7834, \omega)$$

$$L_{(n_1 n_2)}^{(n_3 n_4)}(\omega) = L_{(n_1 n_2)}^0(n_3 n_4)(\omega) + L_{(n_1 n_2)}^0(n_5 n_6)(\omega)K_{(n_5 n_6)}^{(n_7 n_8)}L_{(n_7 n_8)}^{(n_3 n_4)}(\omega)$$

We work in transition space...

$$\begin{aligned} L(1234, \omega) &\Rightarrow L_{(n_1 n_2)}^{(n_3 n_4)}(\omega) = \\ &= \int d(1234) L(1234, \omega) \phi_{n_1}(1) \phi_{n_2}^*(2) \phi_{n_3}(3) \phi_{n_4}^*(4) = \ll L \gg \end{aligned}$$

Clever choice of the basis  $\phi_n$

$$L_{(n_1 n_2)}^{(n_3 n_4)}(\omega) = L_{(n_1 n_2)}^{0(n_3 n_4)}(\omega) + L_{(n_1 n_2)}^{0(n_5 n_6)}(\omega) K_{(n_5 n_6)}^{(n_7 n_8)} L_{(n_7 n_8)}^{(n_3 n_4)}(\omega)$$

... some “trivial” mathematical arzigogoli ...

$$L_{(n_1 n_2)}^{(n_3 n_4)}(\omega) = \left[ (E_{n_2} - E_{n_1} - \omega) \delta_{n_1 n_3} \delta_{n_2 n_4} + K_{(n_1 n_2)}^{(n_3 n_4)} \right]^{-1}$$

$$L_{(n_1 n_2)}^{(n_3 n_4)}(\omega) = [(E_{n_2} - E_{n_1} - \omega) \delta_{n_1 n_3} \delta_{n_2 n_4} + \ll v \gg - \ll W \gg]^{-1}$$

## The Excitonic Hamiltonian

$$L_{(n_1 n_2)}^{(n_3 n_4)}(\omega) = [(E_{n_2} - E_{n_1} - \omega)\delta_{n_1 n_3}\delta_{n_2 n_4} + \ll v \gg - \ll W \gg]^{-1}$$

$$L_{(n_1 n_2)}^{(n_3 n_4)}(\omega) = \frac{1}{H^{\text{exc}} - \omega}$$

$$H^{\text{exc}} = (E_{n_2} - E_{n_1})\delta_{n_1 n_3}\delta_{n_2 n_4} + \ll v \gg - \ll W \gg$$

## Resonant vs Coupling

$$n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4 = v, c \quad (\mathbf{k})$$

$$H^{\text{reso}} = (E_c - E_v)\delta_{vv'}\delta_{cc'} + \ll v \gg - \ll W \gg$$

# (Where are we going....???)

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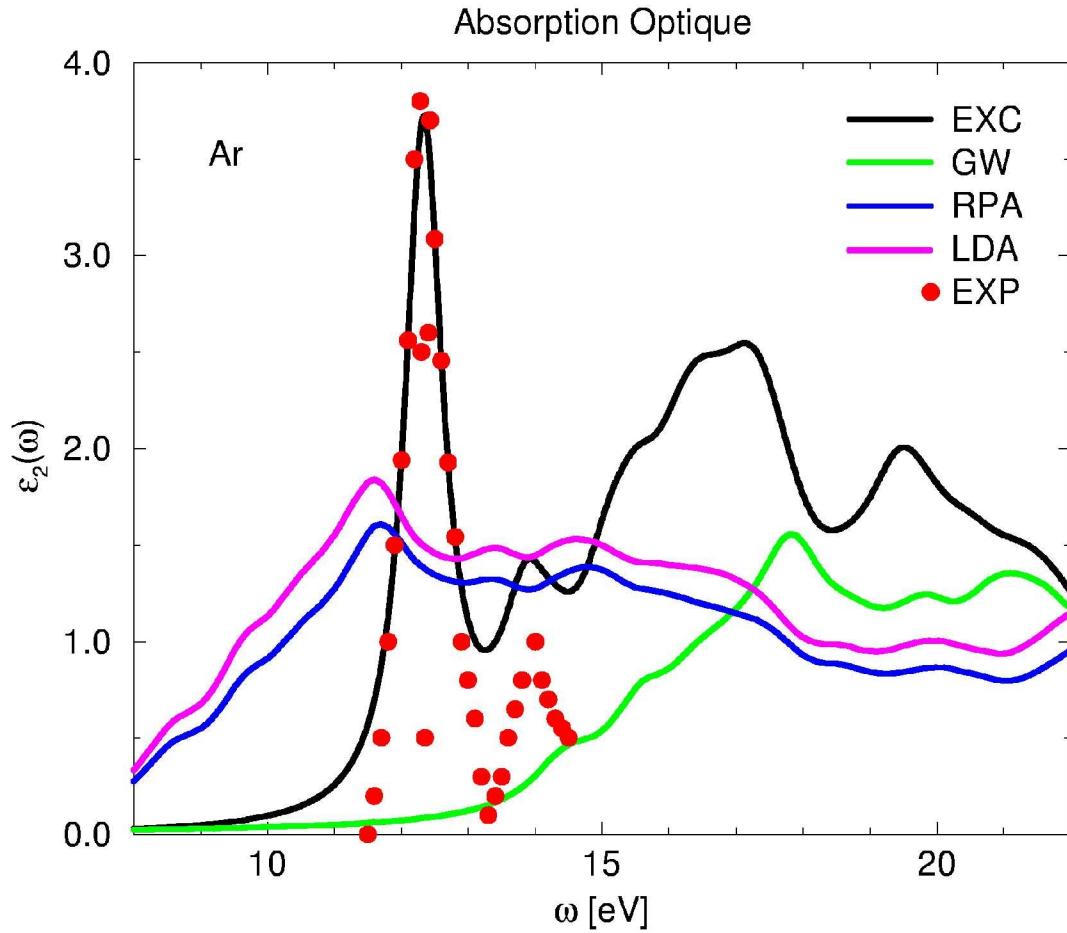
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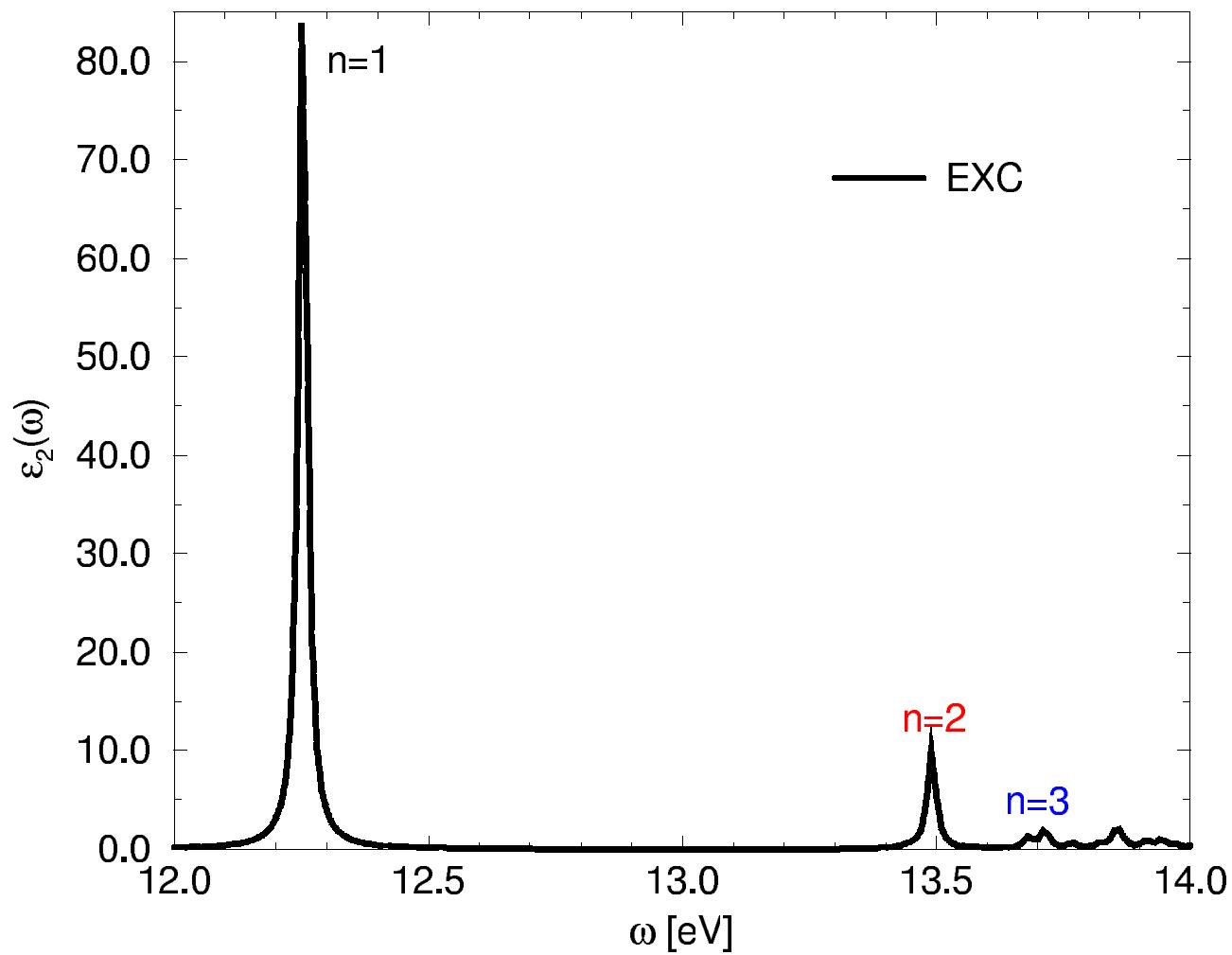
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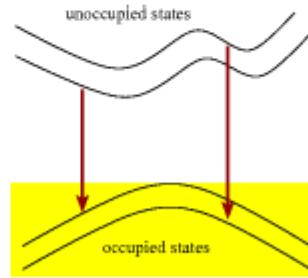
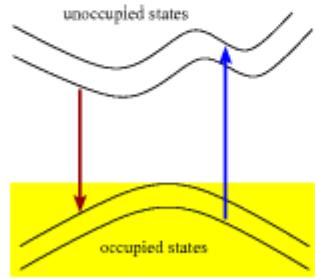
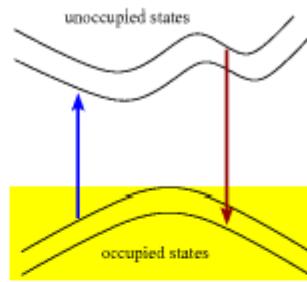
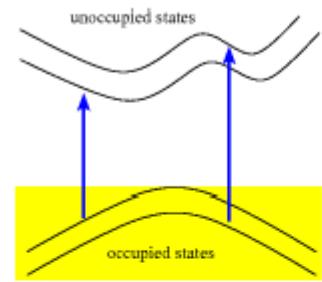
$$\frac{k^2/2m^*}{-\frac{\nabla^2}{2m^*}} \quad \quad \quad -\frac{1/\epsilon k^2}{-\frac{1/\epsilon r}{r}}$$

Wannier exciton – “hydrogen atom”



### Optical Absorption





$$L_{(n_1 n_2)}^{(n_3 n_4)}(\omega) = [(E_{n_2} - E_{n_1} - \omega)\delta_{n_1 n_3}\delta_{n_2 n_4} + \ll v \gg - \ll W \gg]^{-1}$$

$$L_{(n_1 n_2)}^{(n_3 n_4)}(\omega) = [H^{exc} - \omega]^{-1}$$

$$H^{exc} = [(E_{n_2} - E_{n_1})\delta_{n_1 n_3}\delta_{n_2 n_4} + \ll v \gg - \ll W \gg]$$

Diagonalization

Iterative inversion

## Diagonalization case (only resonant approx)

$$L_{vc}^{v'c'} = [(E_c - E_v) \delta_{vv'} \delta_{cc'} - \omega + \ll v \gg - \ll W \gg]^{-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{H - \omega I} = \sum_{\lambda} \frac{|A_{\lambda} > < A_{\lambda}|}{E_{\lambda} - \omega}$$

## Spectrum within BSE

$$L(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega) = \sum_{\lambda} \frac{\sum_{vc} A_{\lambda}^{(vc)} \phi_v(\mathbf{r}) \phi_c^*(\mathbf{r}) \phi_v^*(\mathbf{r}') \phi_c(\mathbf{r}') A_{\lambda}^{*(vc)}}{\omega - E_{\lambda}^{exc} + i\eta}$$

## Spectrum in BSE (only resonant)

$$\text{Abs}^{\text{BSE}}(\omega) = \text{Im} \langle L(\omega) \rangle = \sum_{\lambda} \left| \sum_{vc} A_{\lambda}^{(vc)} \langle c | D | v \rangle \right|^2 \delta(\omega - E_{\lambda}^{\text{exc}})$$

$$\text{Abs}^{\text{IP-RPA}}(\omega) = \text{Im} \langle \chi^0(\omega) \rangle = \sum_{vc} |\langle c | D | v \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega - (\epsilon_c - \epsilon_v))$$

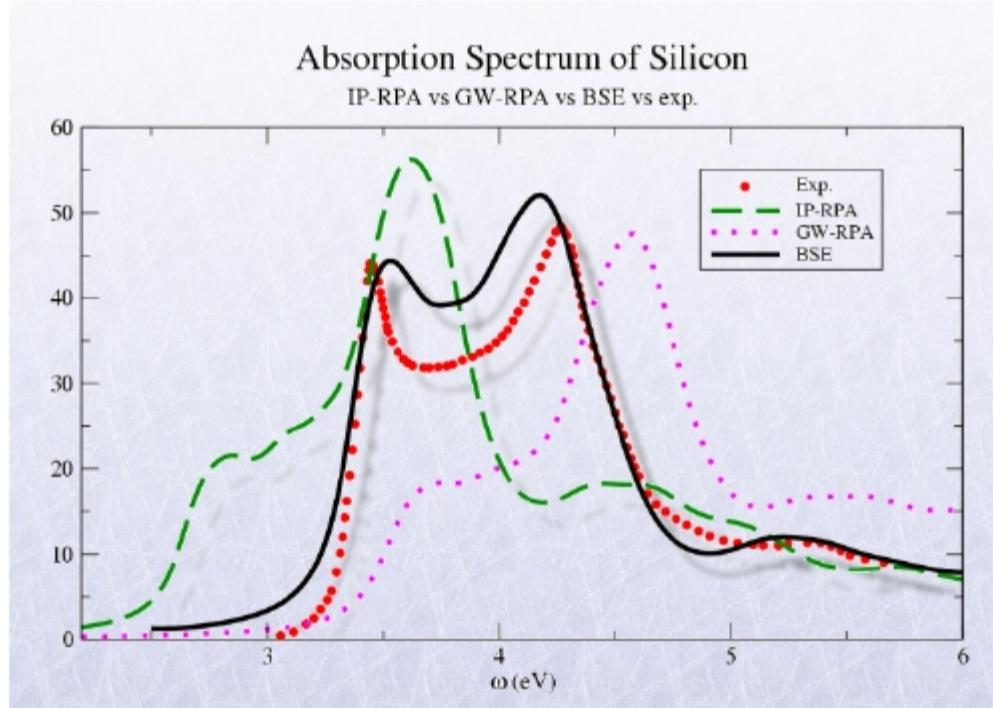
## BSE - creating and diagonalizing a (big) matrix

$$\Rightarrow H_{(vc)(v'c')}^{\text{exc}} A_\lambda^{(v'c')} = E_\lambda^{\text{exc}} A_\lambda^{(vc)}$$

$$\Rightarrow L_{(vc)}^{(v'c')}(\omega) = \sum_{\lambda} \frac{A_\lambda^{(vc)} A_\lambda^{*(v'c')}}{\omega - E_\lambda^{\text{exc}} + i\eta}$$

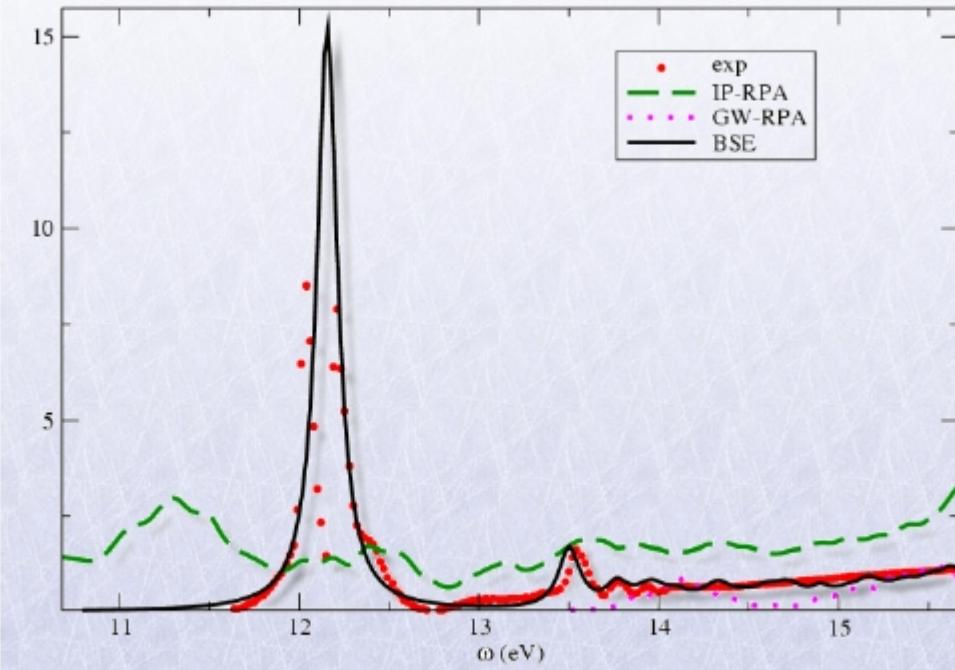
## Standard Approximations for BSE

- Ground-state
  - pseudopotential
  - $V_{xc}$  local density approximation
- Quasi-particle Many-Body Theory
  - GW approximation for  $\Sigma$
  - $W$  rpa, plasmon-pole model
  - $\psi_{GW} = \phi_{KS}$
- Bethe-Salpeter equation
  - $\frac{\delta W}{\delta G} = 0$
  - $W$  rpa, static
  - only resonant term



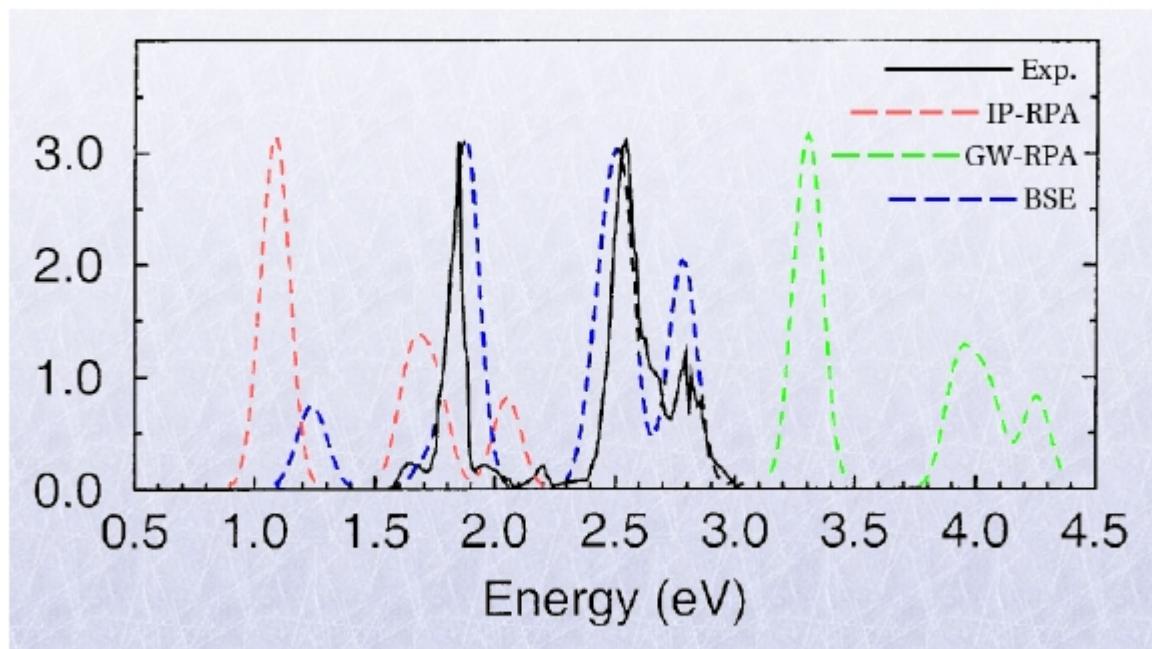
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### Absorption Spectrum of Solid Argon

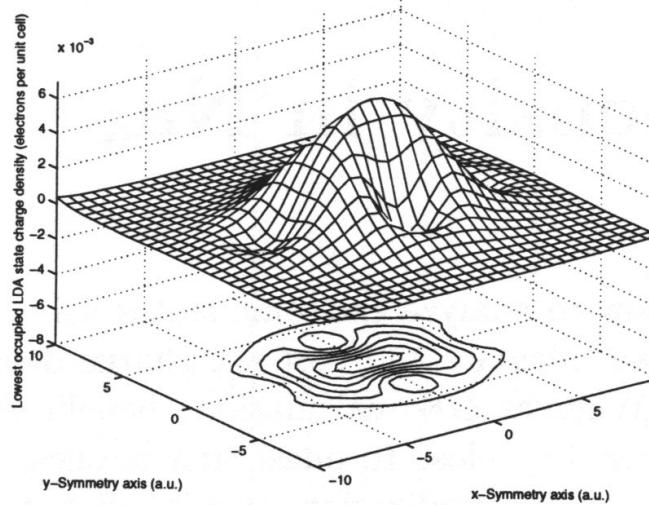


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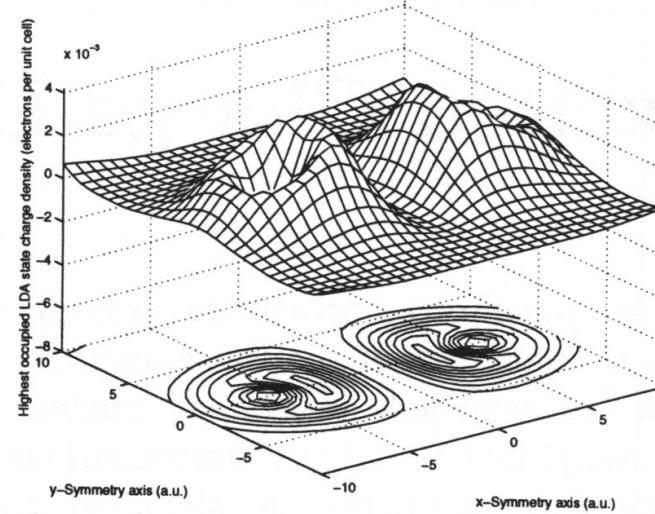
## Bethe-Salpeter equation results: Molecule ( $\text{Na}_4$ )



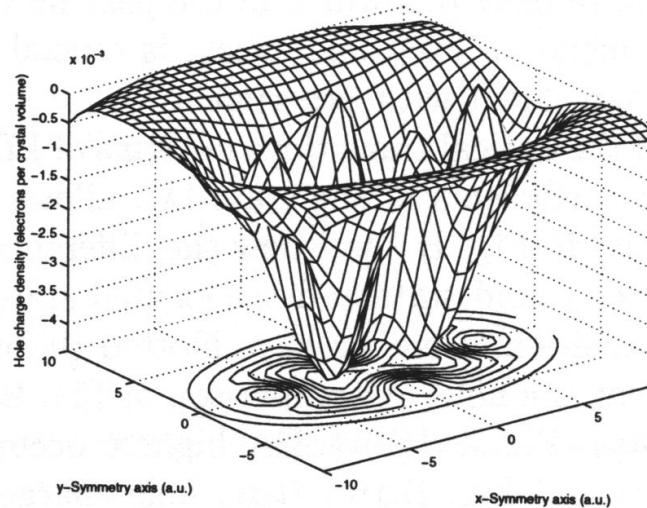
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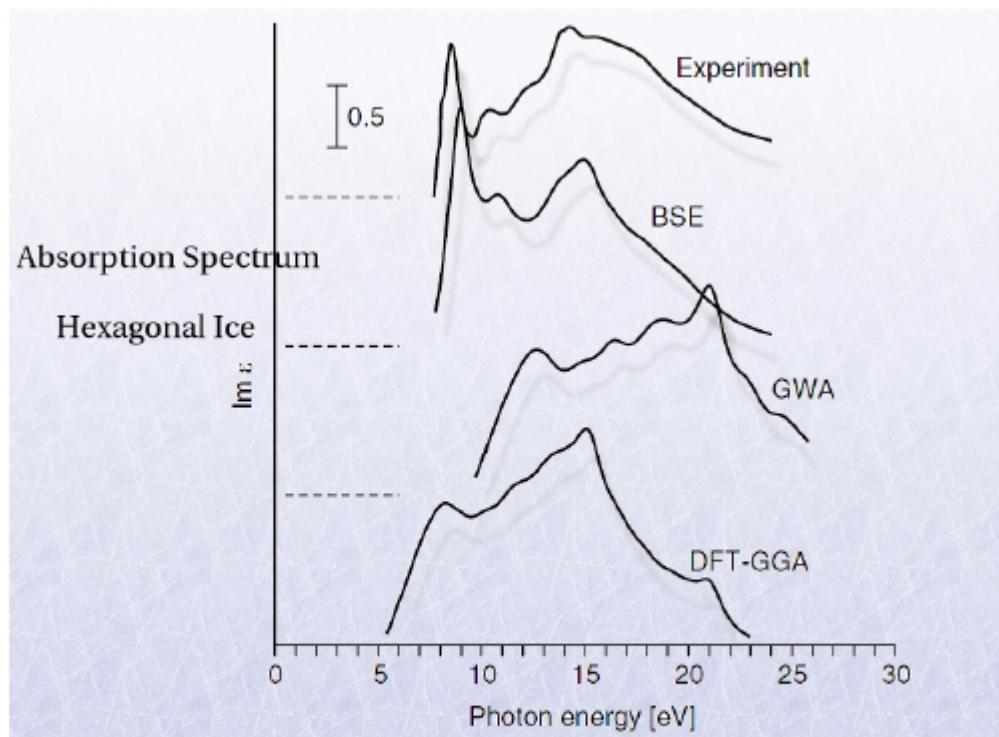
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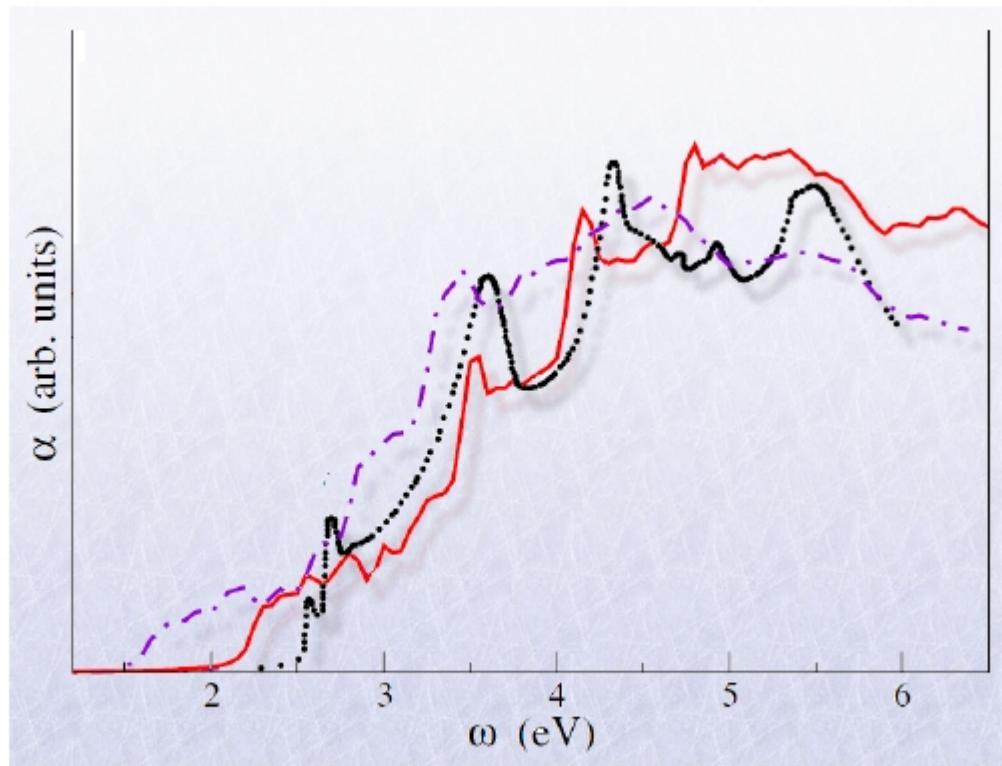
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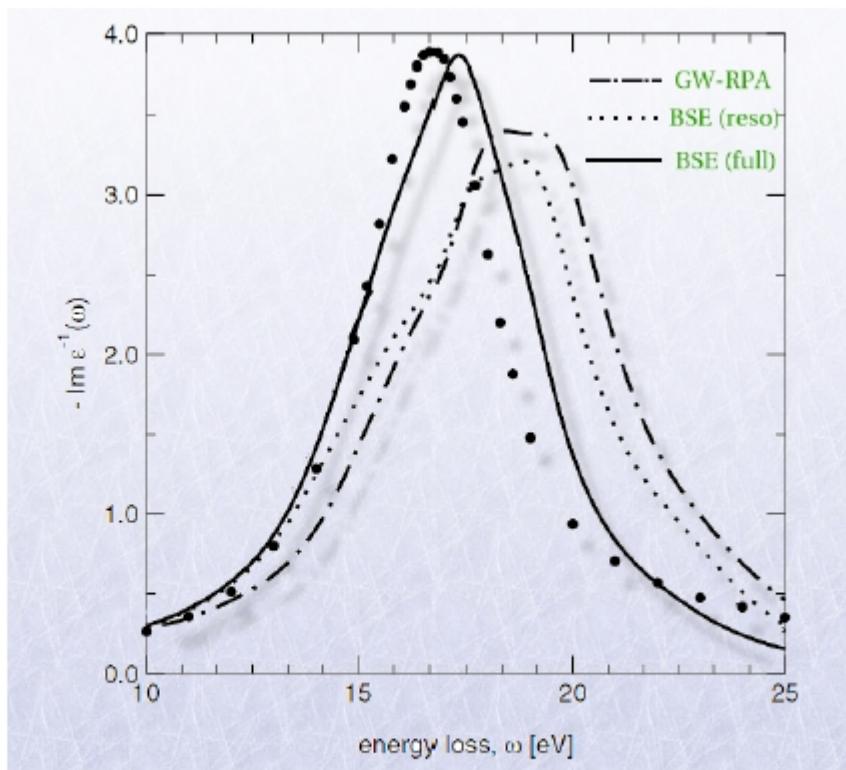
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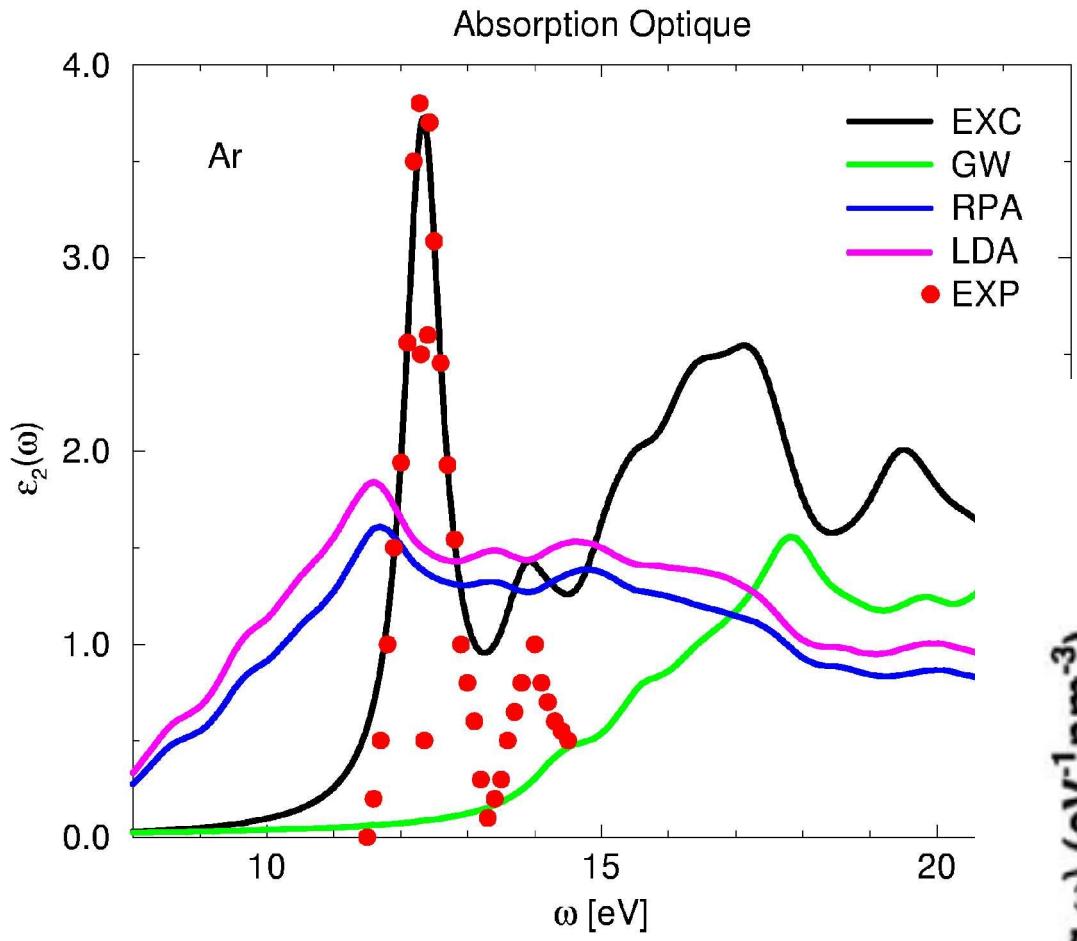
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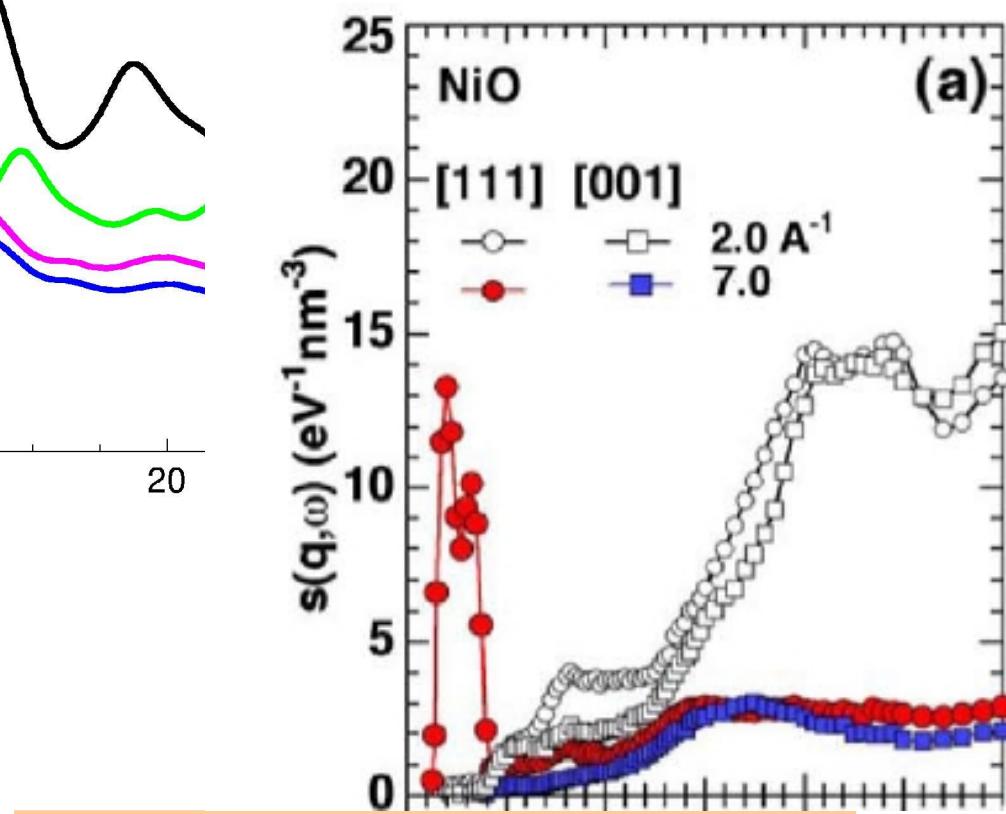
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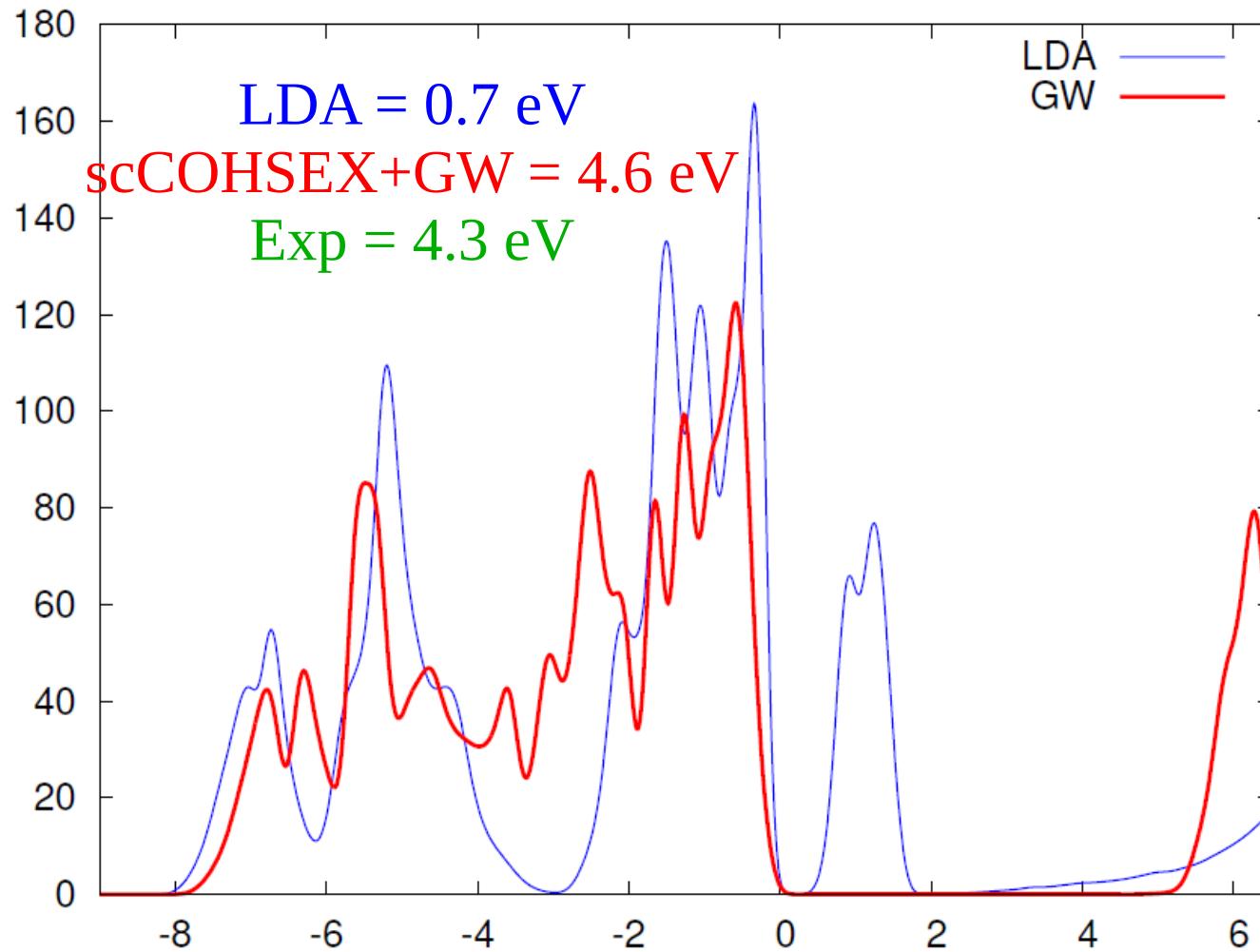
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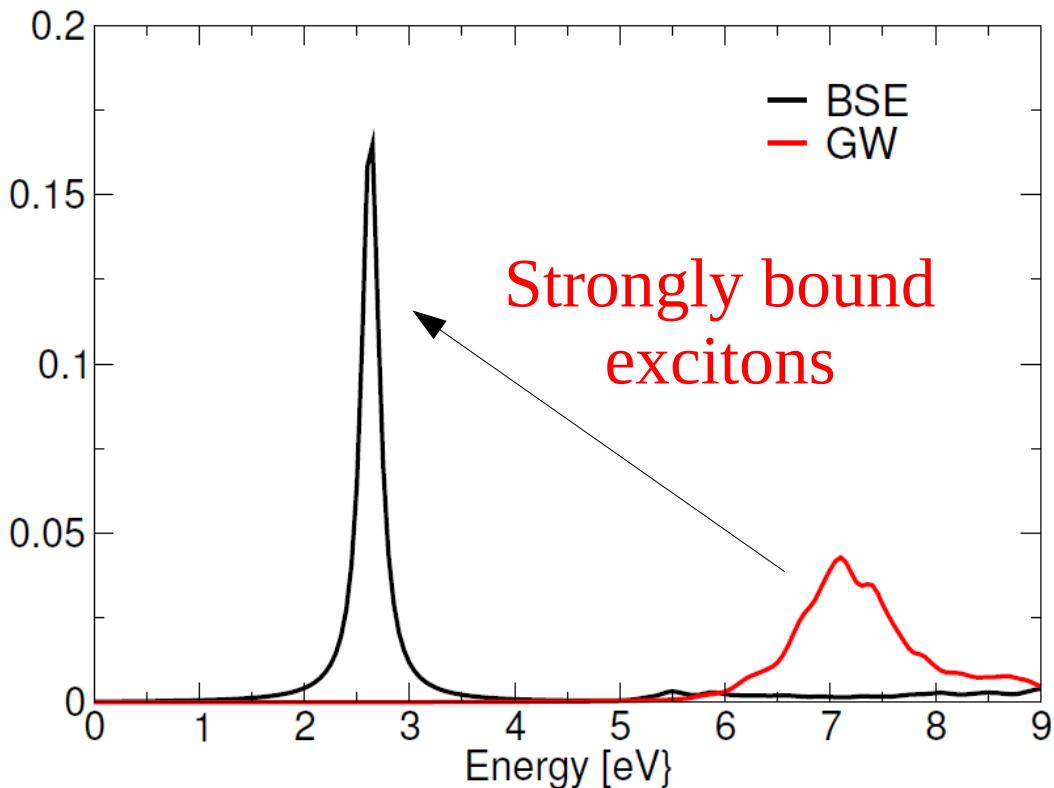
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# NiO: density of states



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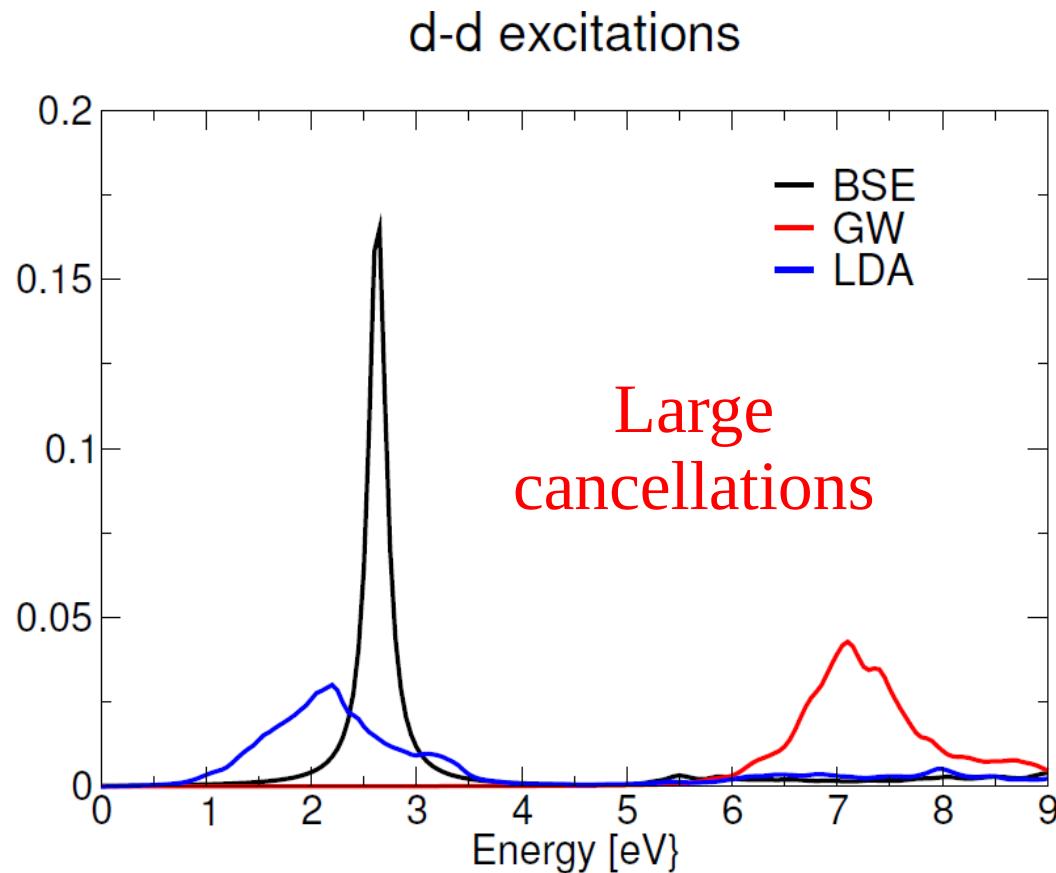
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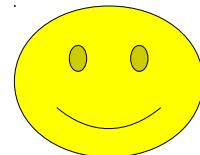


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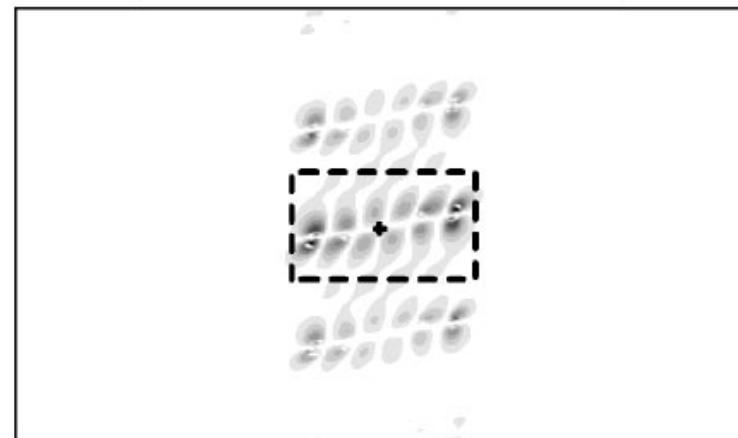
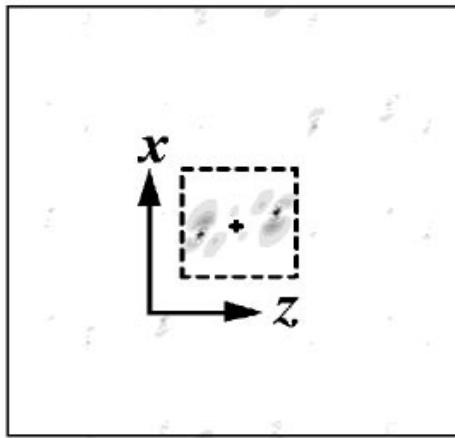
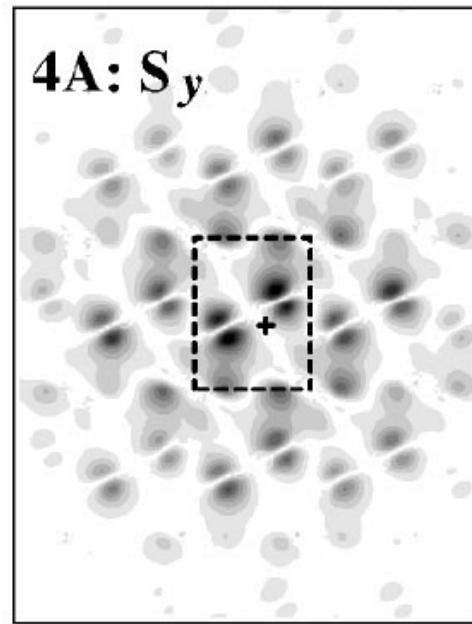
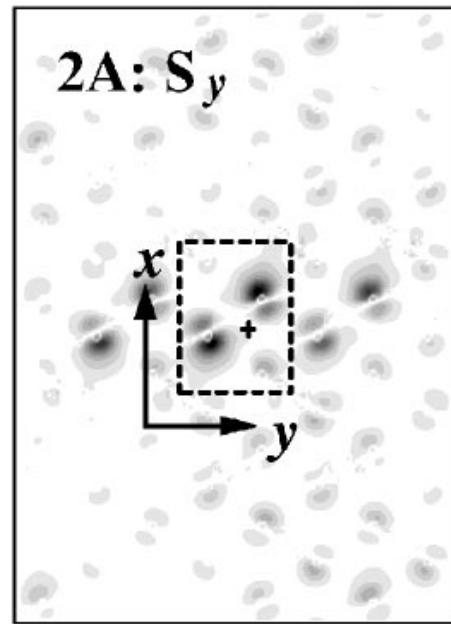
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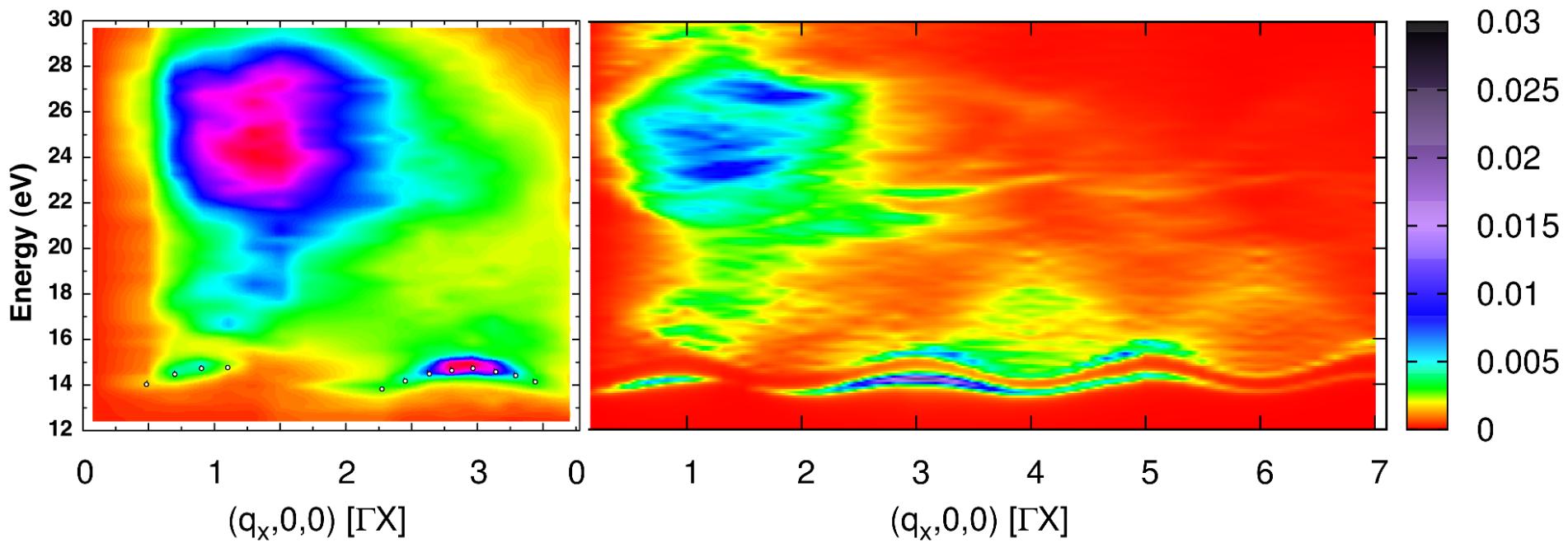


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cf. Casida, TD-HF !

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BSE: unavoidable 4-point formulation, TDDFT *sometimes* convenient!

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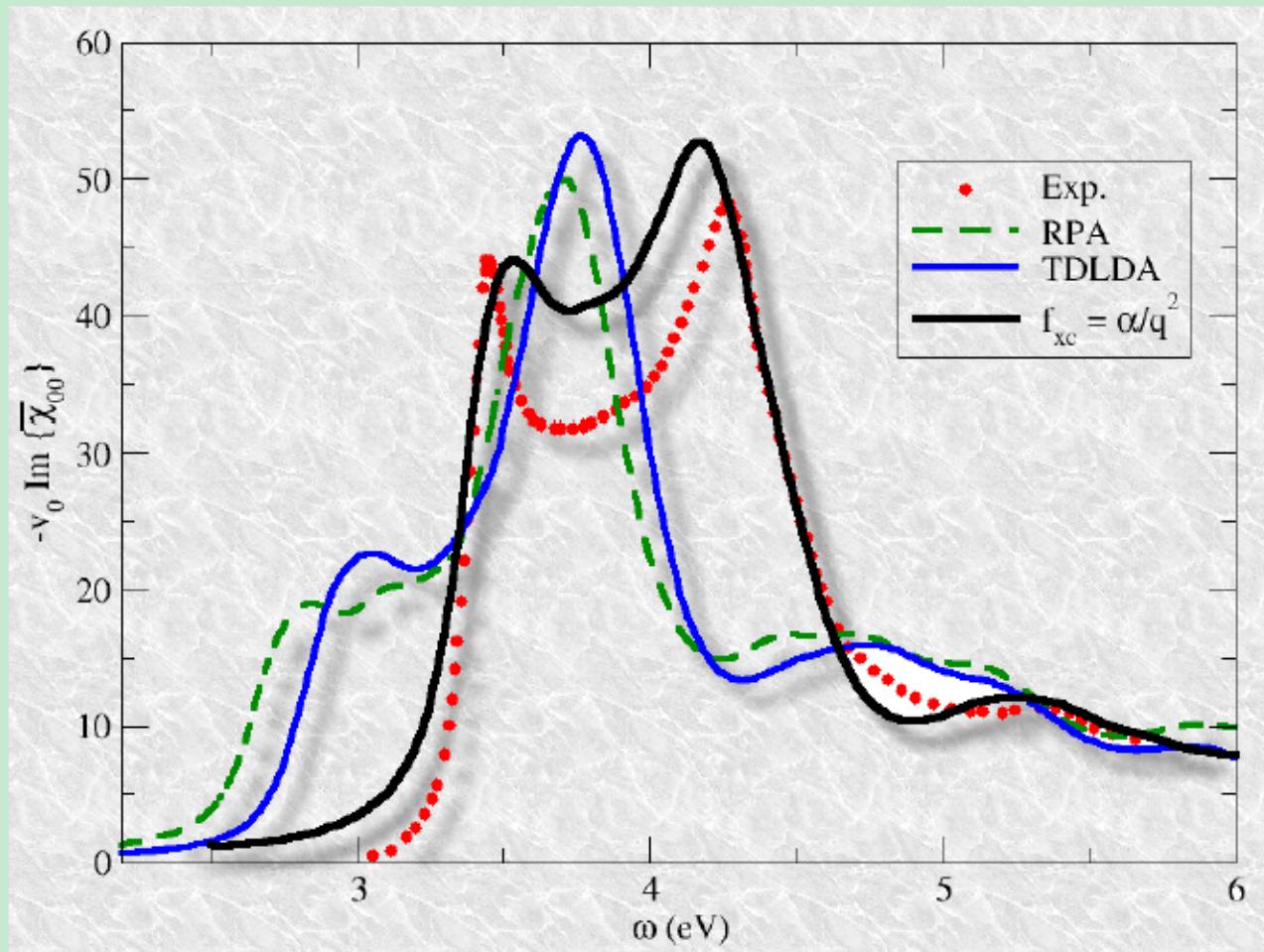


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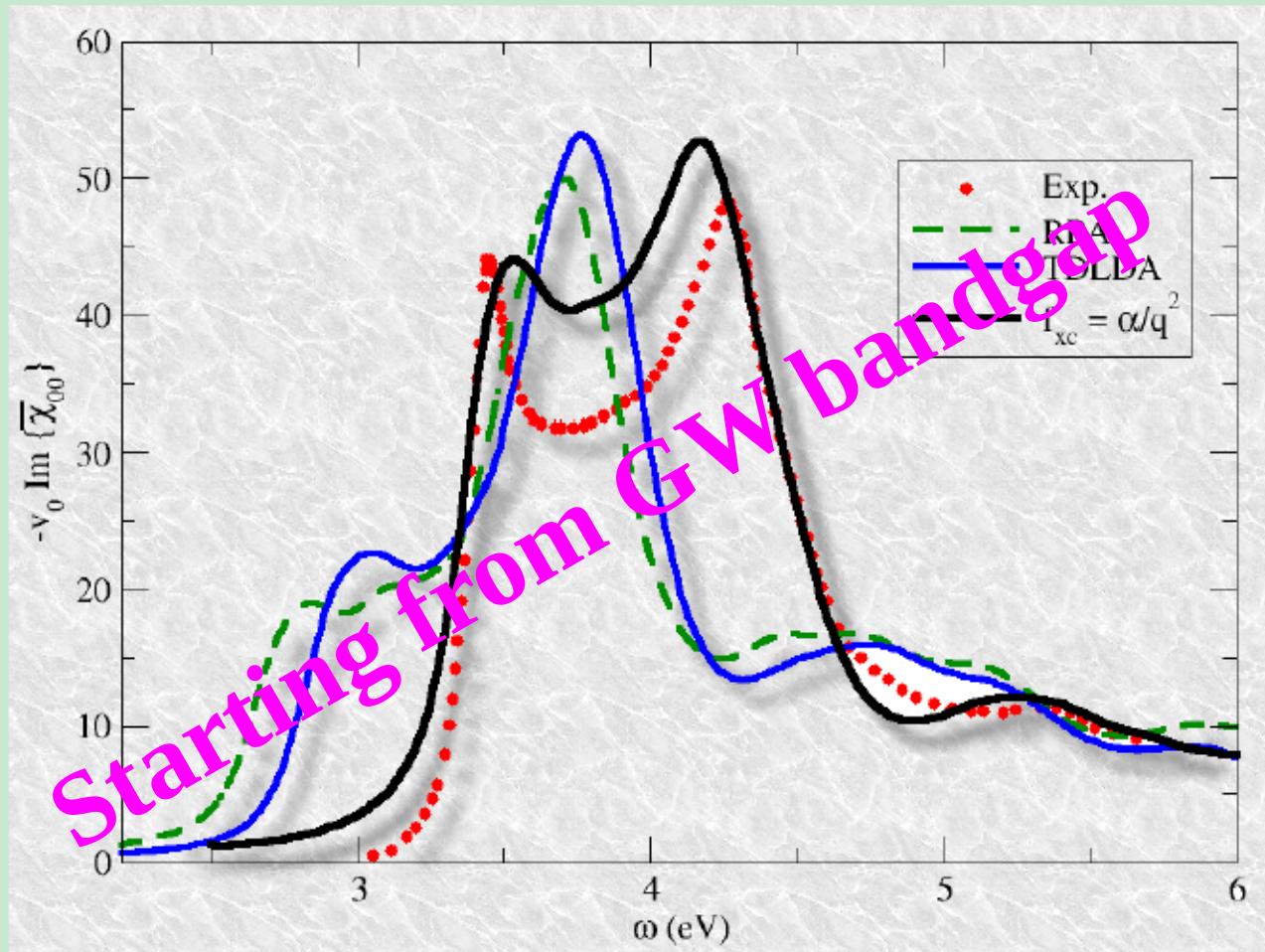
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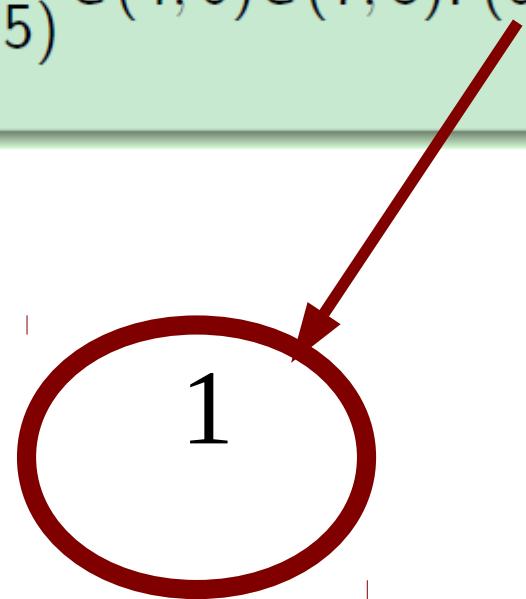
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$V_{xc}(1)$

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$n(4)$

$f_{xc}$

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