

# Time Dependent Density Functional Theory

## An introduction

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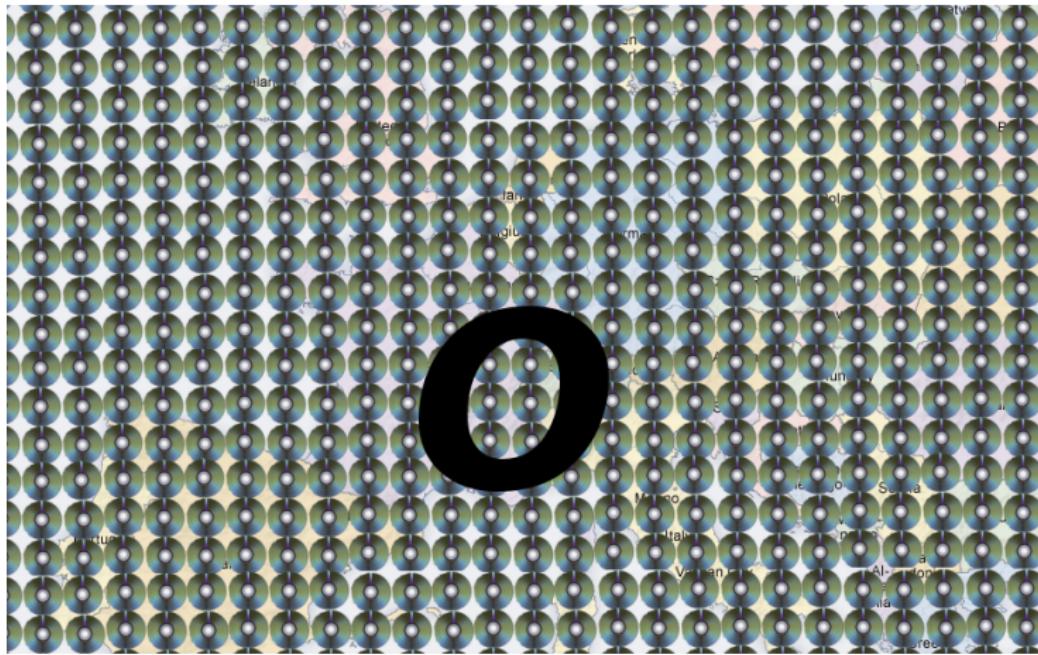
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Impact Rank	Publication	# cites	Av. Age	Impact	Title	Author(s)		
1	PR	140	A1133	1965	3227*	26.64	85972 Self-Consistent Equations...	W. Kohn & L. J. Sham
2	PR	136	B864	1964	2460*	28.70	70604 Inhomogeneous Electron Gas	P. Hohenberg & W. Kohn
3	PRB	23	5048	1981	2079	14.38	29896 Self-Interaction Correction to...	J. P. Perdew & A. Zunger
4	PRL	45	566	1980	1781	15.42	27463 Ground State of the Electron ...	D. M. Ceperley & B. J. Alder
5	PR	108	1175	1957	1364	20.18	27526 Theory of Superconductivity	J. Bardeen, L. N. Cooper, & J. R. Schrieffer
6	PRL	19	1264	1967	1306	15.46	20191 A Model of Leptons	S. Weinberg
7	PRB	12	3060	1975	1259	18.35	23103 Linear Methods in Band Theory	O. K. Andersen
8	PR	124	1866	1961	1178	27.97	32949 Effects of Configuration...	U. Fano
8	RMP	57	287	1985	1055	9.17	9674 Disordered Electronic Systems	P. A. Lee & T. V. Ramakrishnan
9	RMP	54	437	1982	1045	10.82	11307 Electronic Properties of...	T. Ando, A. B. Fowler, & F. Stern
10	PRB	13	5188	1976	1023	20.75	21227 Special Points for Brillouin...	H. J. Monkhorst & J. D. Pack



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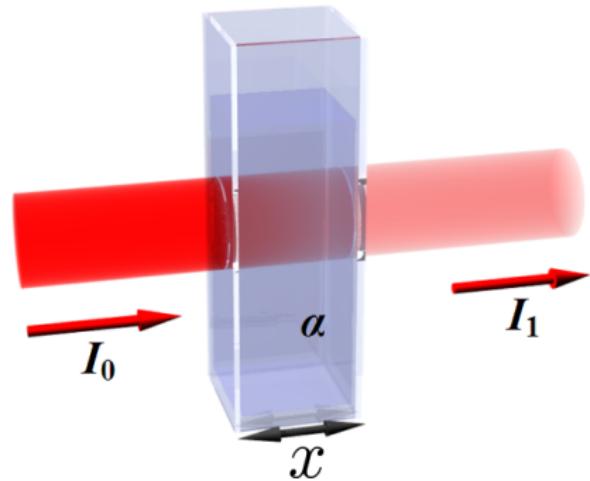
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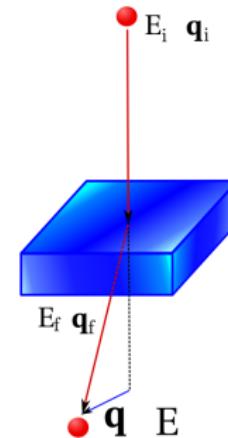


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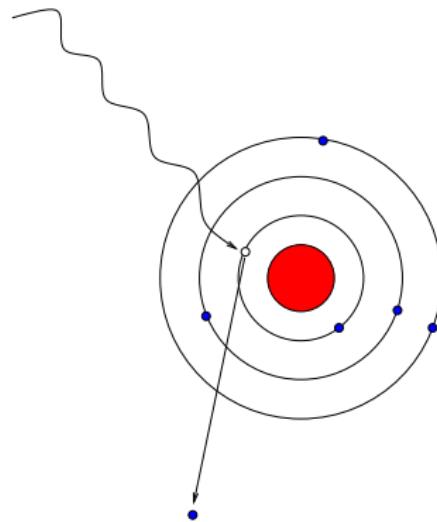


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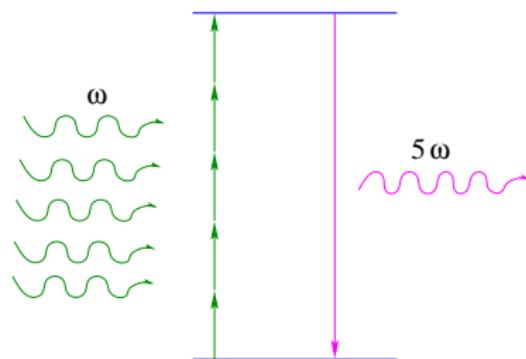


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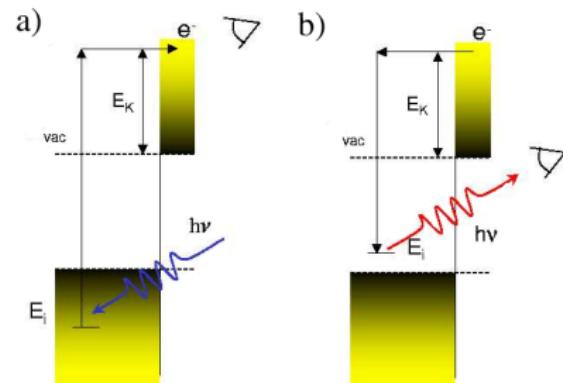


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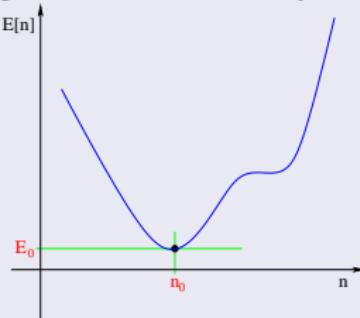
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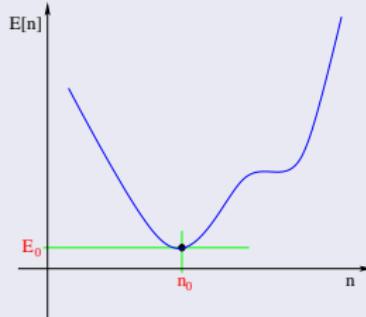
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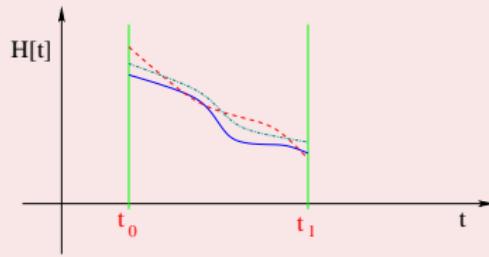


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The expectation value of any physical time-dependent observable of a many-electrons system is a unique functional of the **time-dependent** electron density  $n(\mathbf{r})$  and of the **initial state**  $\varphi^0 = \varphi(t=0)$

$$\langle \varphi(t) | \hat{O}(t) | \varphi(t) \rangle = O[n, \varphi^0](t)$$

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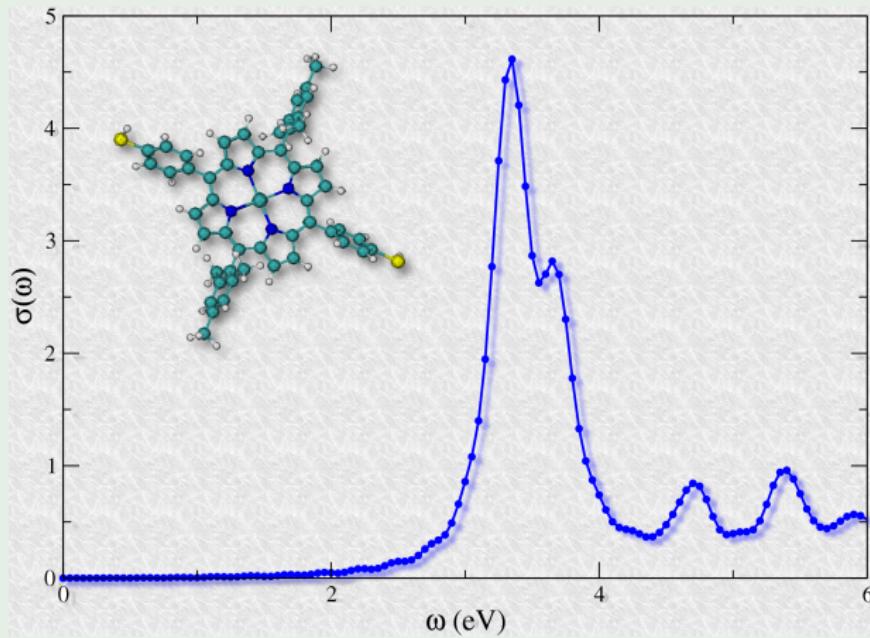
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in dipole approximation ( $\lambda \ggg$  dimension of the system)

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## Other observables

### Multipoles

$$M_{lm}(t) = \int d\mathbf{r} r^l Y_{lm}(r) n(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

### Angular momentum

$$L_z(t) = - \sum_i \int d\mathbf{r} \phi_i(\mathbf{r}, t) \imath (\mathbf{r} \times \nabla)_z \phi_i(\mathbf{r}, t)$$



# First Approach: Time Evolution of KS equations

## Advantages

- Direct application of KS equations
- Advantageous scaling
- Optimal scheme for finite systems
- All orders automatically included

## Shortcomings

- Difficulties in approximating the  $V_{xc}[n](\mathbf{r}, t)$  functional of the history of the density
- Real space not necessarily suitable for solids
- Does not explicitly take into account a “small” perturbation. Interesting quantities (excitation energies) are contained in the linear response function!

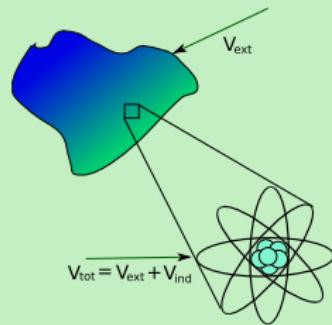


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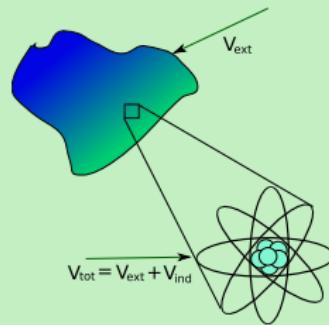
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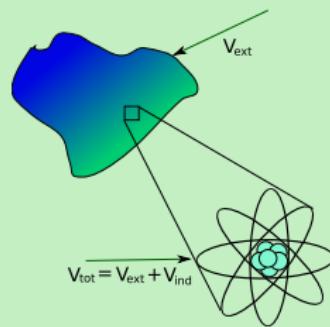
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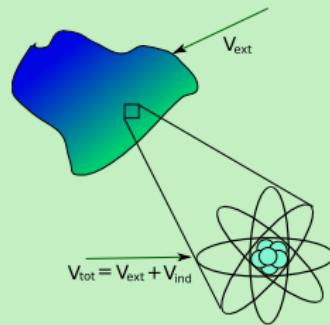
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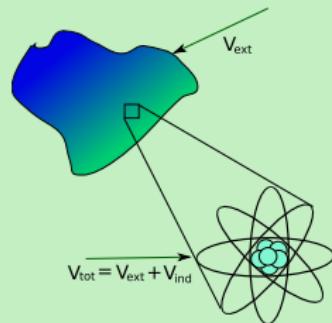
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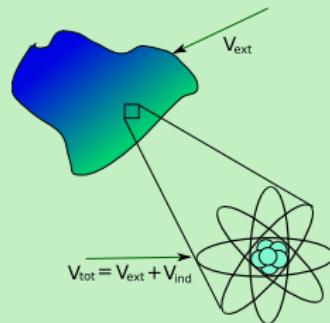
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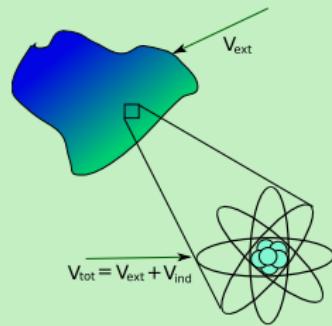
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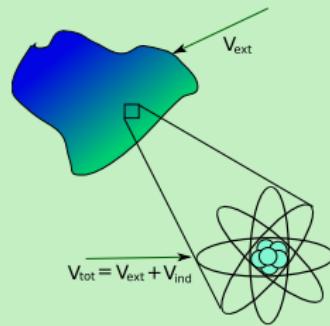
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hartree, hartree-fock, dft, etc.



G.D. Mahan *Many Particle Physics* (Plenum, New York, 1990)

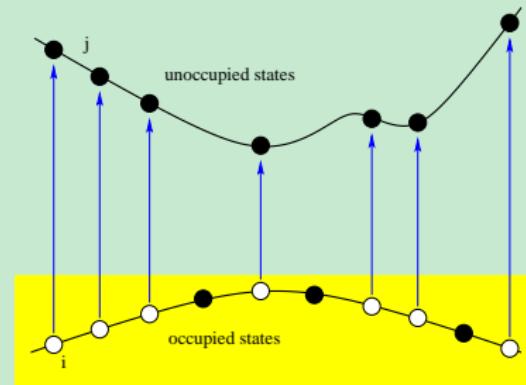
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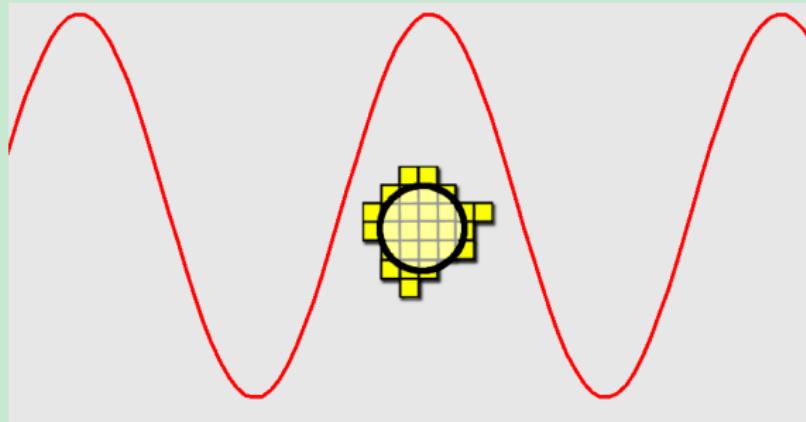
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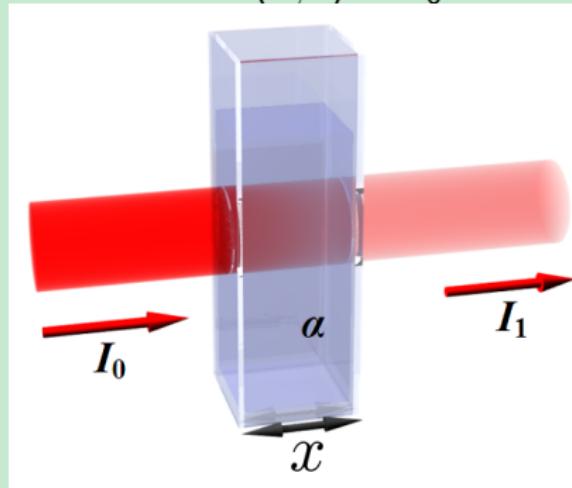
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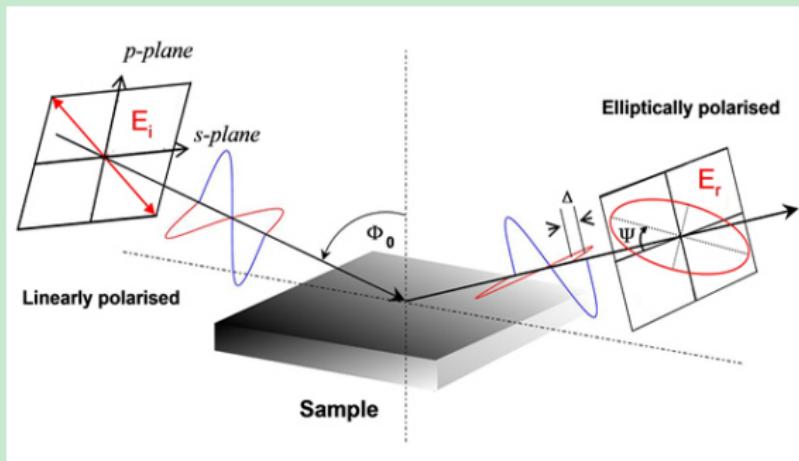
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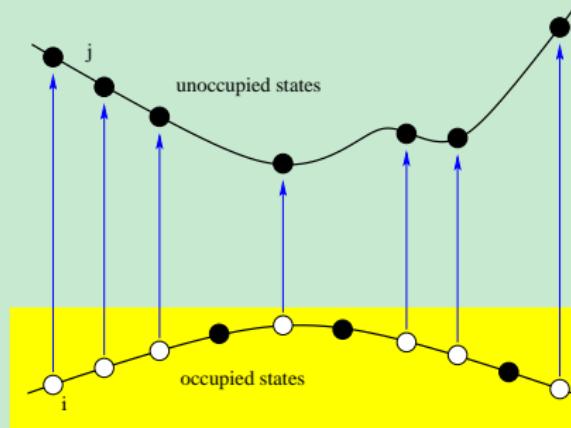
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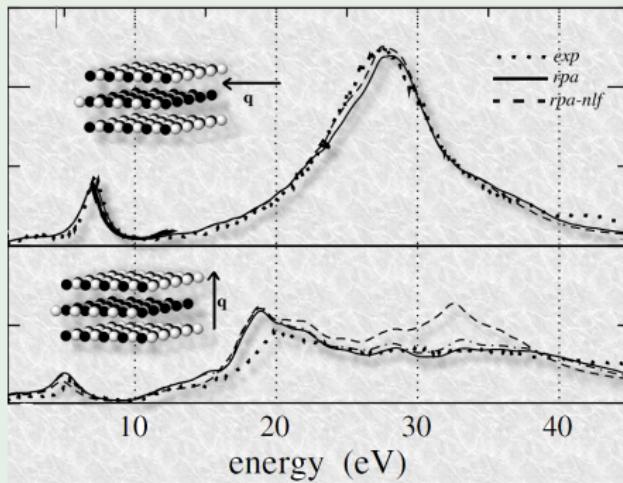
## Electron Energy Loss Spectrum of Graphite

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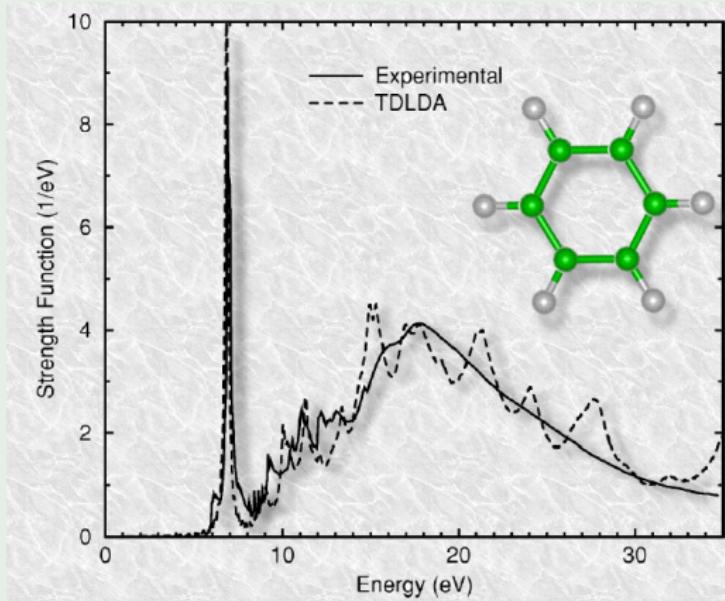
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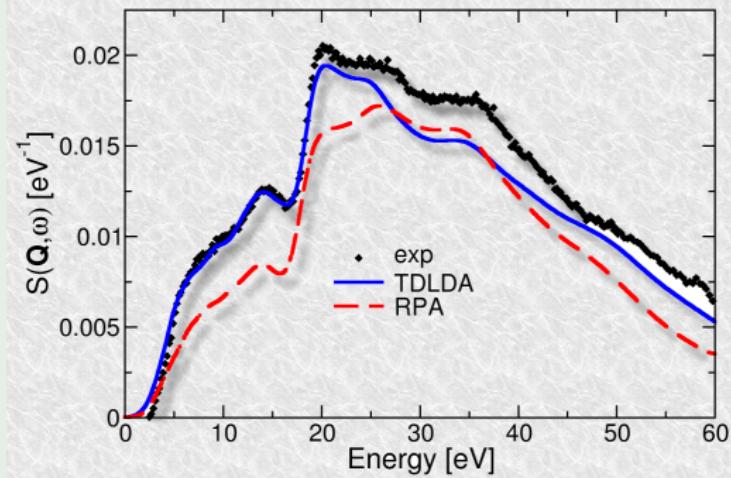
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## Inelastic X-ray scattering of Silicon

ALDA vs RPA vs EXP

$$S(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = -\frac{\hbar^2 q^2}{4\pi^2 e^2 n} \text{Im} \varepsilon_{00}^{-1}$$



H-C.Weissker *et al.* submitted

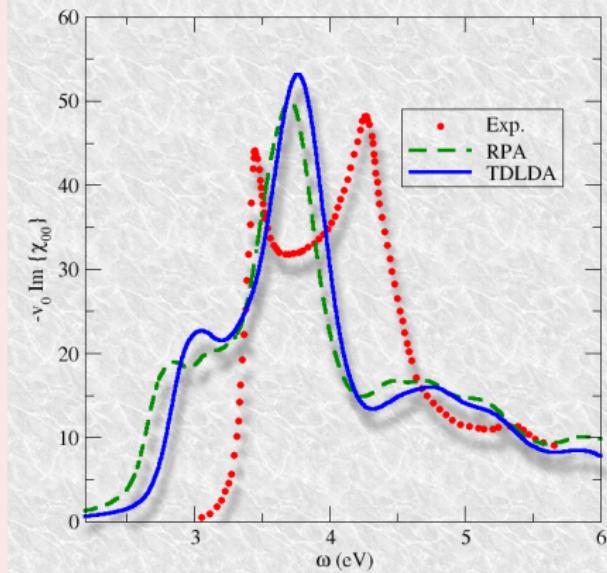
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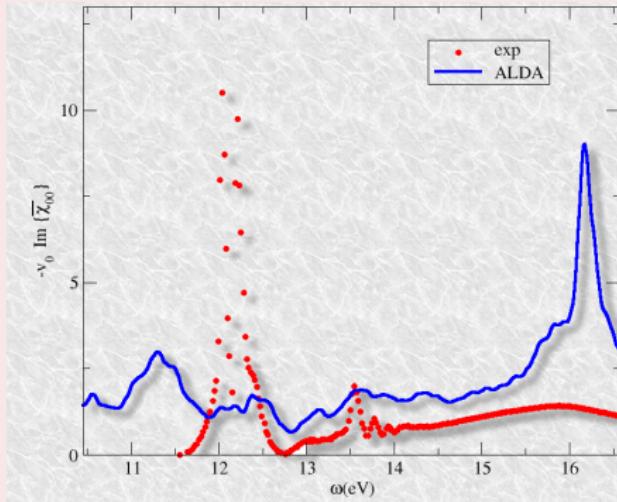
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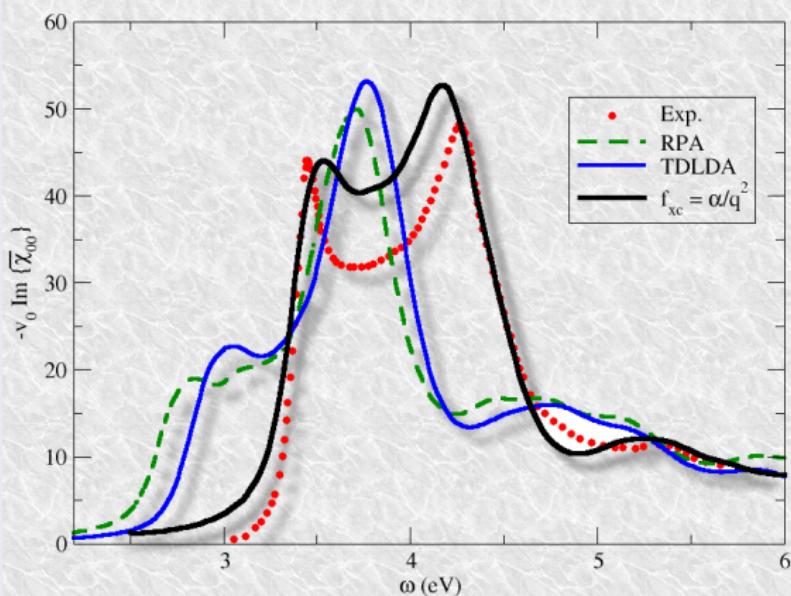
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Abs in solids. Insights from MBPT

## Parameter-free Ab initio kernels

-  [\*Sottile et al.\* Phys.Rev.Lett. \*\*91\*\*, 56402 \(2003\)](#)  
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BSE works  $\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{we get the ingredients of the BSE} \\ \text{and we put them in TDDFT} \end{array} \right.$



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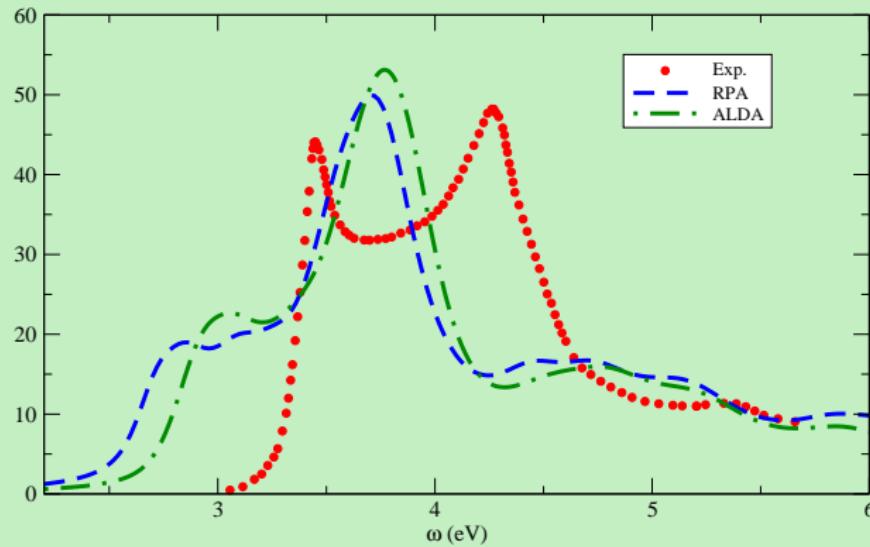
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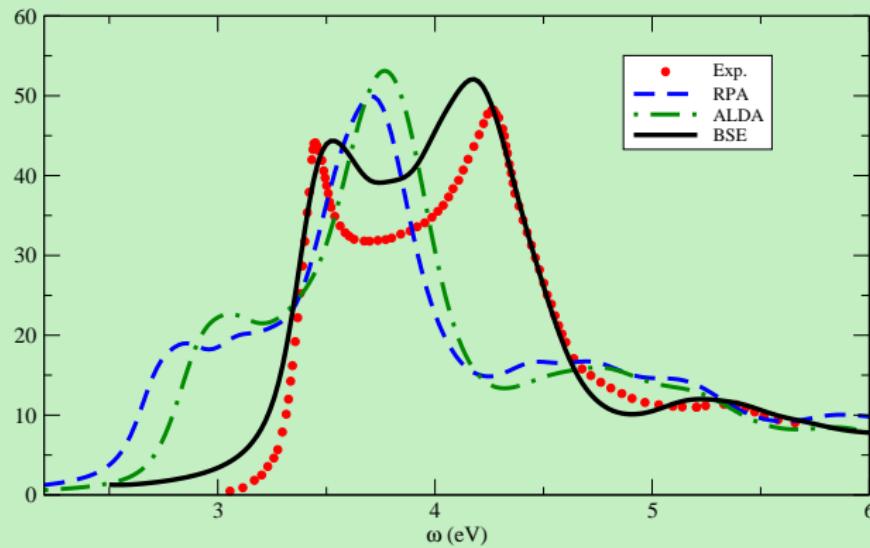
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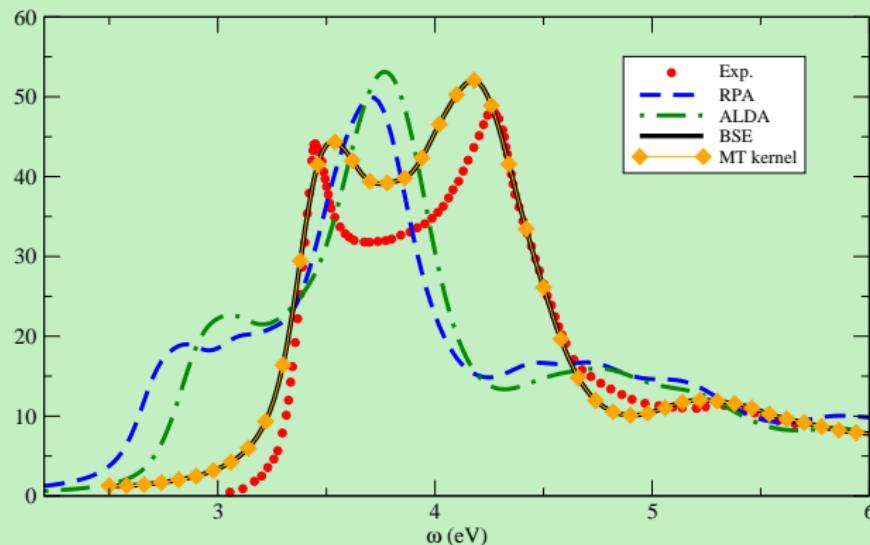
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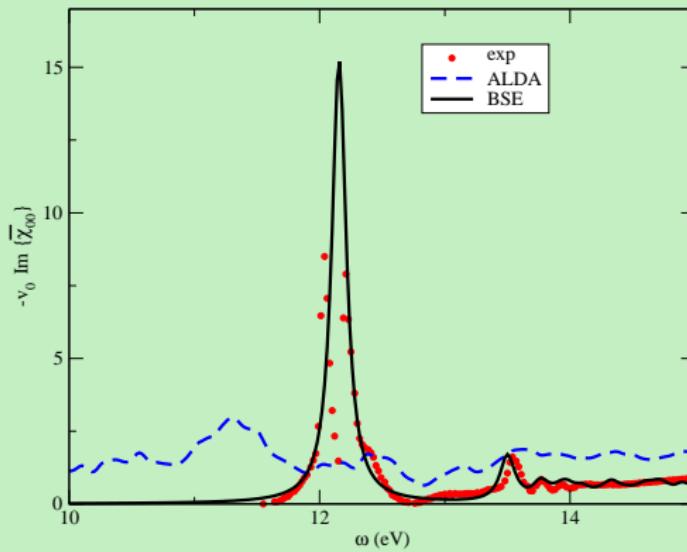


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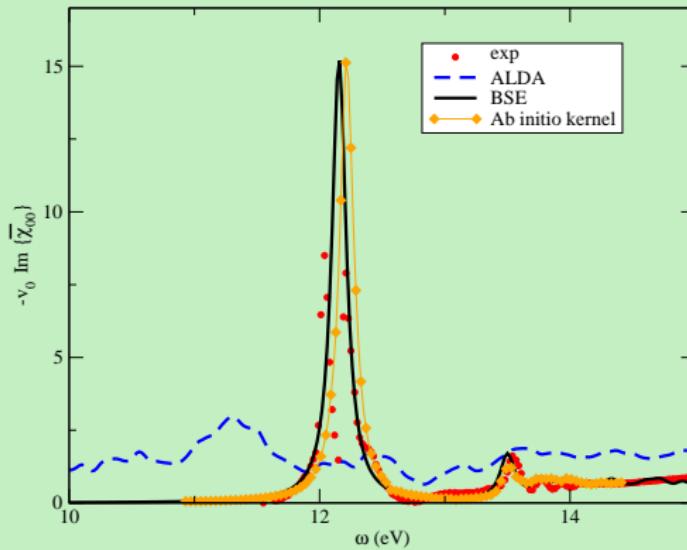
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Tested also on absorption of  $\text{SiO}_2$ , DNA bases, Ge-nanowires, RAS of diamond surface, and EELS of LiF.

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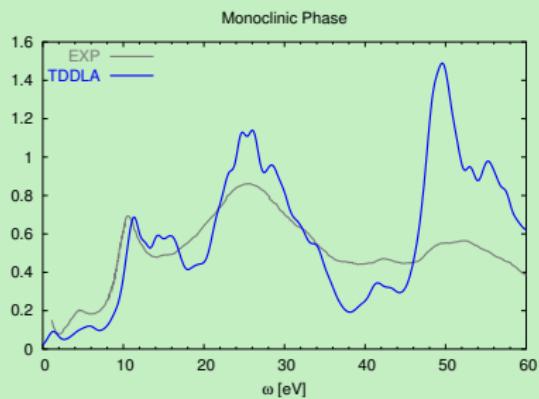
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TDDFT is the method of choice

- ✓ Absorption spectra of solids and simple molecules
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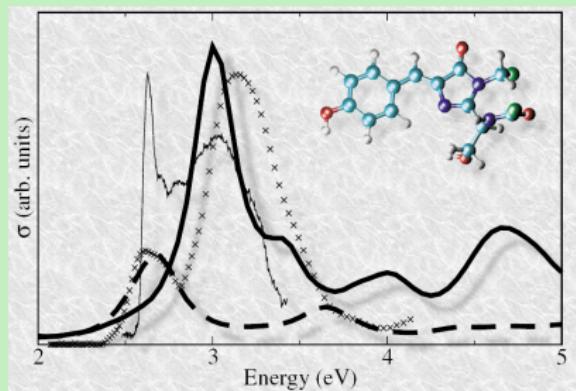
# Towards new applications

## Strongly correlated systems



EEL spectrum of  $\text{VO}_2$

## Biological systems



Abs spectrum of Green Fluorescent Protein



M.Gatti, submitted to PRL



M.Marques *et al.* Phys.Rev.Lett  
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## TDDFT concept into MBPT

$$\Sigma = GW\Gamma$$

i.e. a promising path to go beyond GW approx through TDDFT



F.Bruneval *et al.* Phys.Rev.Lett **94**, 186402 (2005)



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Quantum Transport in TDDFT

$$I(t) = -e \int_{\mathcal{V}} d\mathbf{r} \frac{d}{dt} n(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

total current through a junction



G.Stefanucci et al. *Europhys.Lett.* **67**, 14 (2004)

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Let's go back to Ground-State

Total energies calculations via TDDFT

$$E = T_{KS} + V_{ext} + E_H + E_{xc}$$

$$E_{xc} \propto \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \int_0^1 d\lambda \int_0^\infty du \chi^\lambda(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', iu)$$

adiabatic connection fluctuation-dissipation theorem



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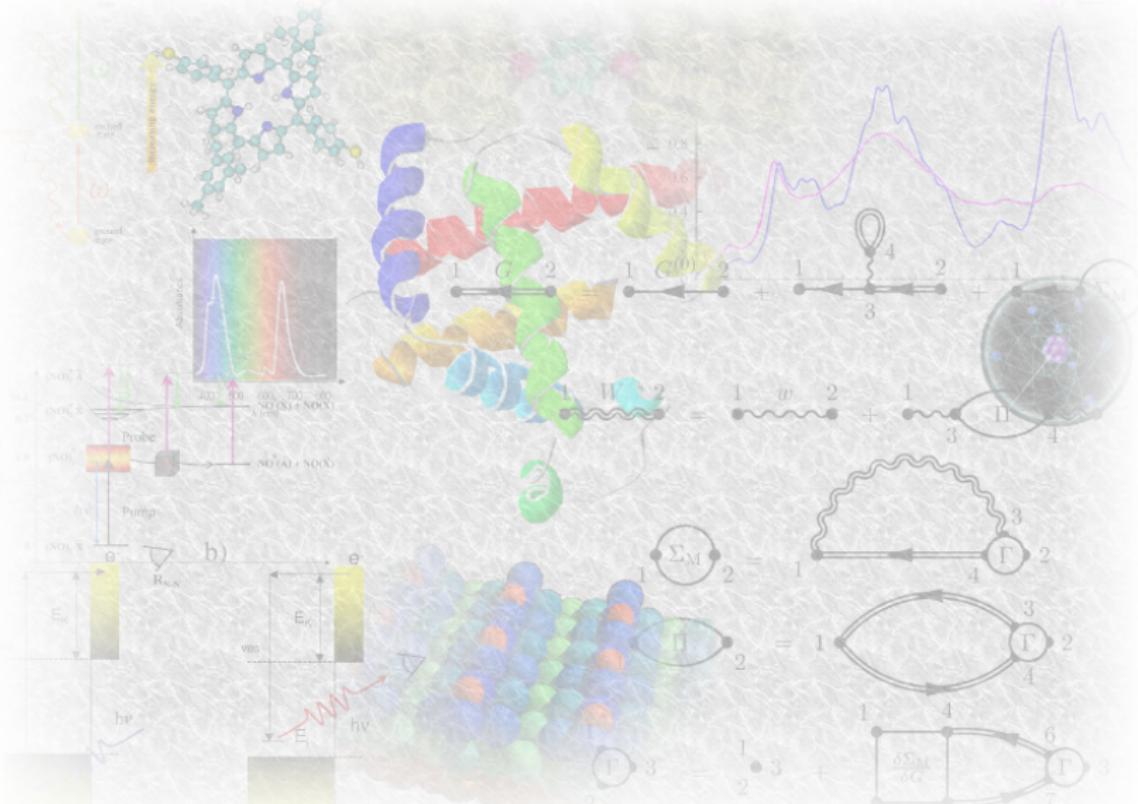


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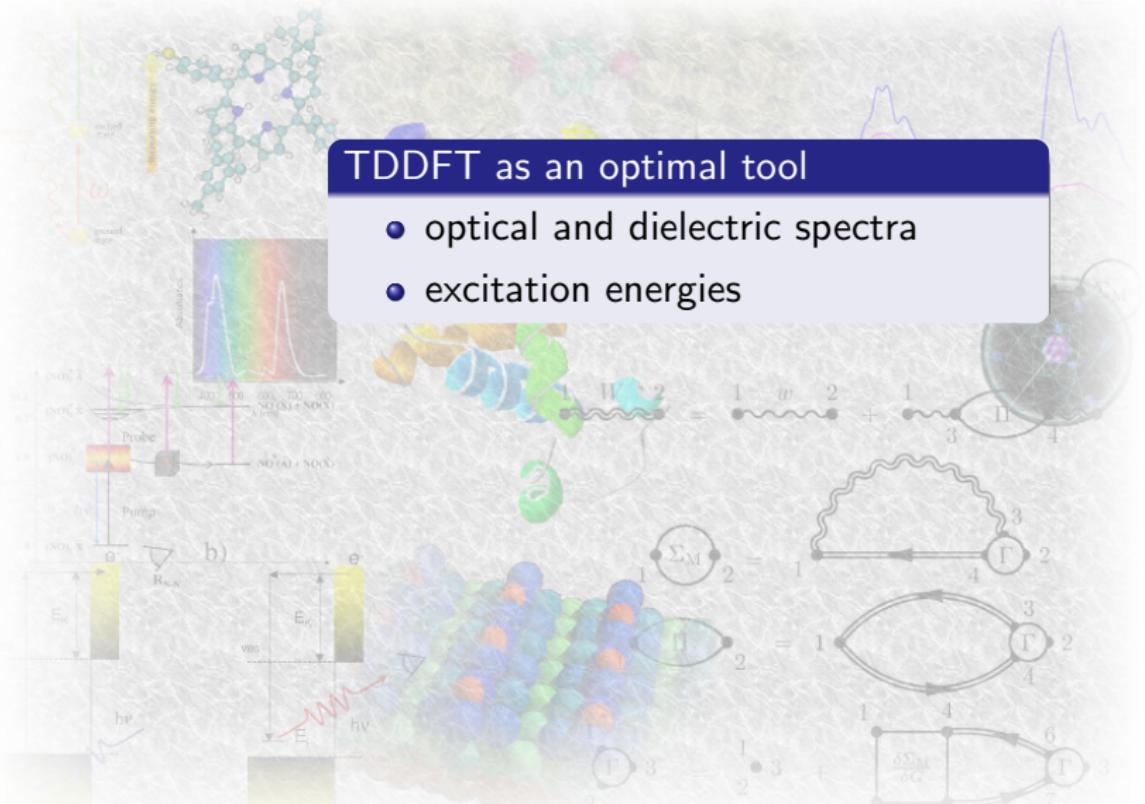
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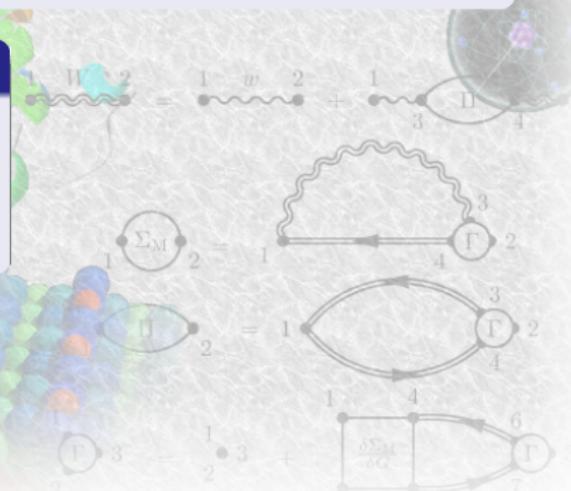
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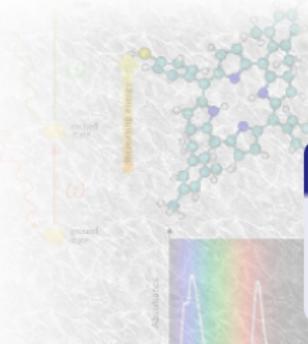
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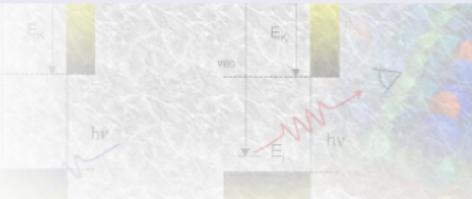


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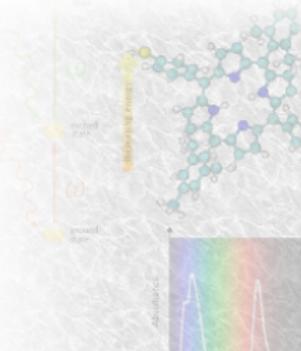


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## Problems

- charge transfer systems
- double excitations
- efficient calculation for solids



# Resources

## Codes (more or less) available for TDDFT

- Octopus (Marques,Castro,Rubio) -(real space, real time) - finite systems - GPL  
<http://www.tddft.org/programs/octopus/>
- DP (Olevano,Reining,Sottile) - (reciprocal space, frequency domain) - solides and finite systems - Academic Free License  
<http://theory.polytechnique.fr/codes/dp/dp.html>
- Self (Marini) - (reciprocal space, frequency domain)
- Fleszar code
- Rehr (core excitations)
- TDDFT (Bertsch)
- VASP, SIESTA, ADF, TURBOMOLE
- TD-DFPT (Baroni)