

# Optics Beamline

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**Phenomena:** Linear optics (absorption spectra, cross sections, reflectance anisotropy, surface differential reflectivity, birefringence, chirality). Second Harmonic Generation.

**Systems:** Surfaces, dots, wires, nanotubes, molecules. Bulk materials. Amorphous materials. Liquids.

**Theoretical methods:** Density Functional Theory (DFT), Time-Dependent DFT (TDDFT). Many-body methods: GW approximation, Bethe-Salpeter equation (BSE). Tight binding, etc.

**Nodes involved:** All nodes. In particular Paris, San Sebastián, Rome, Jena, Modena.

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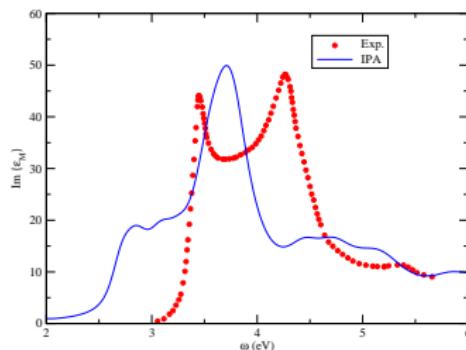
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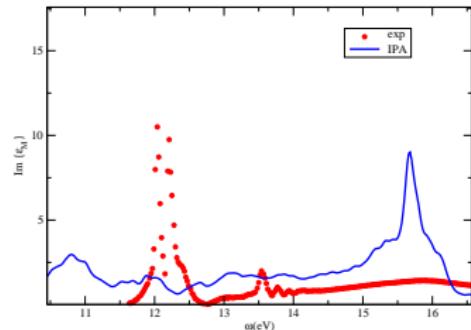
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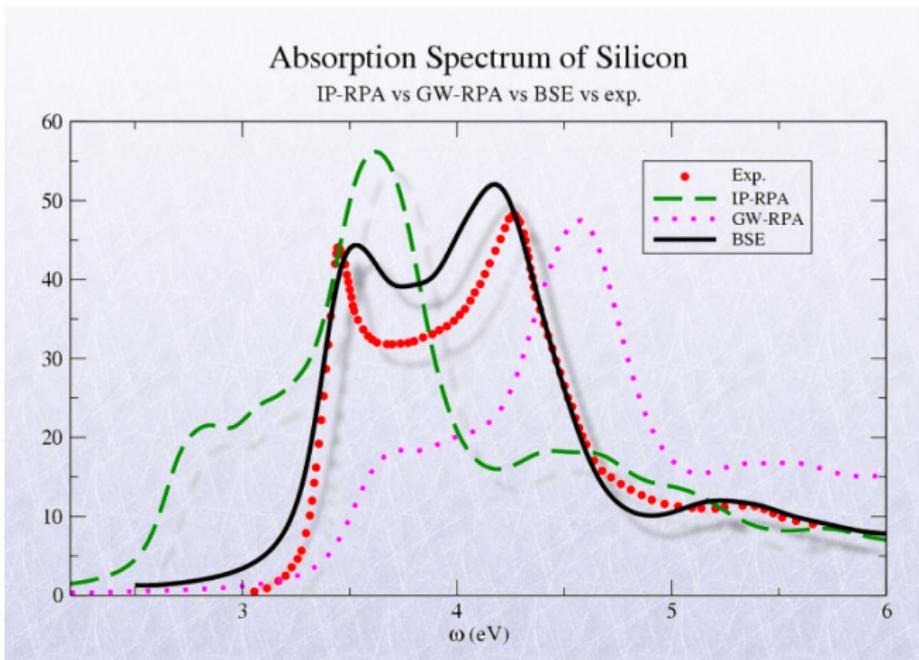
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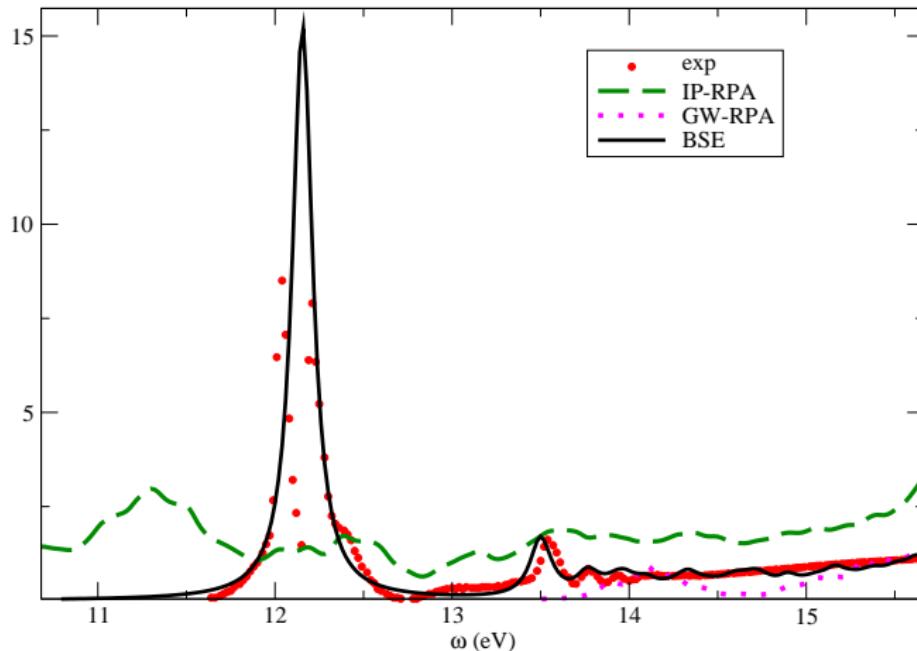
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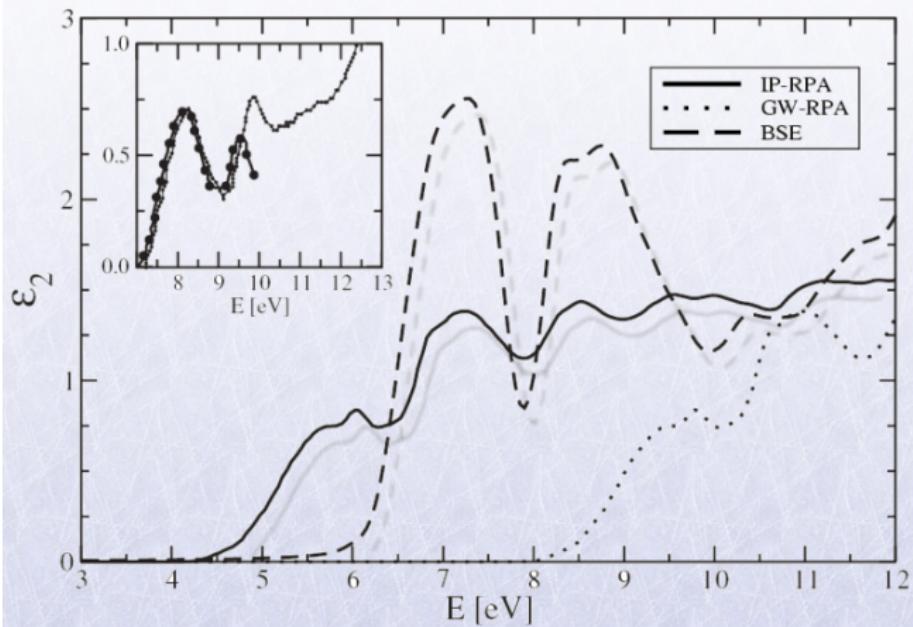
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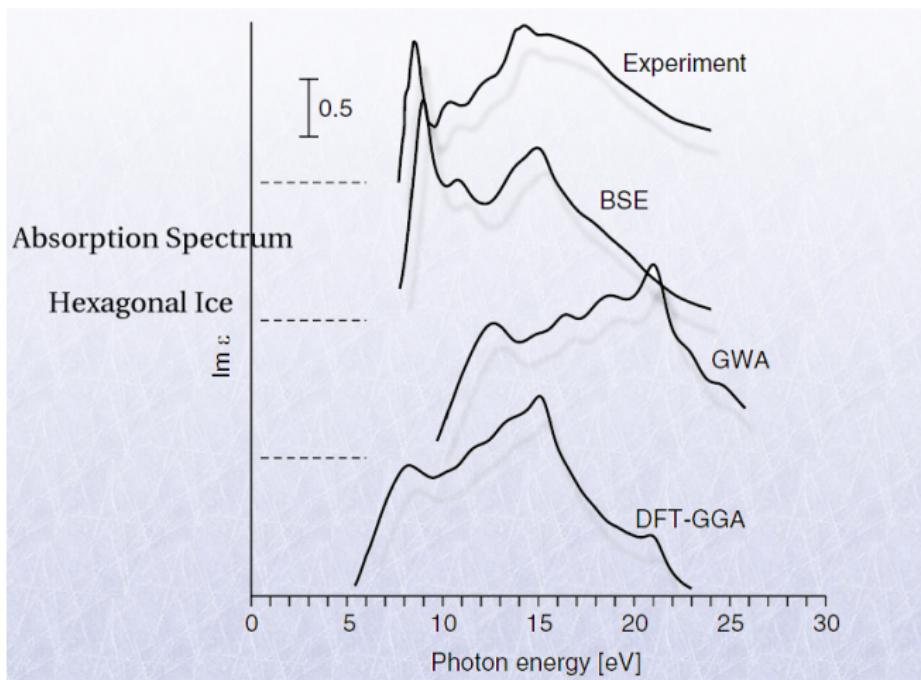


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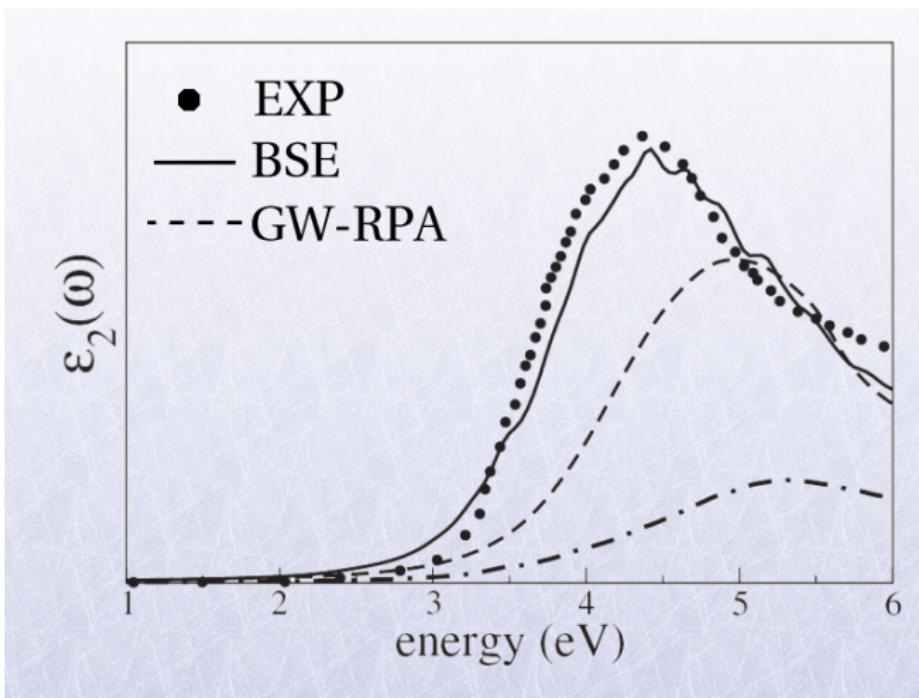


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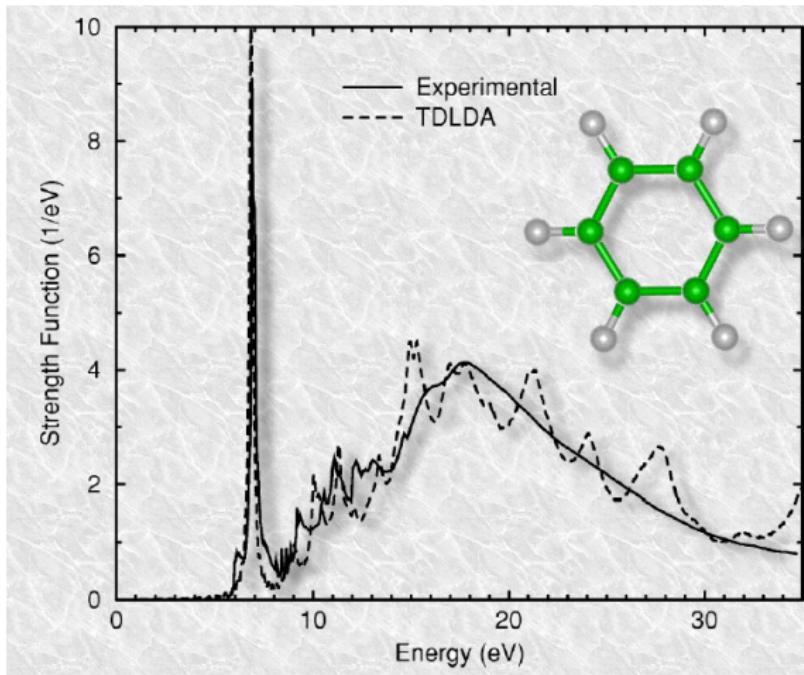
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Silicon Nanowire



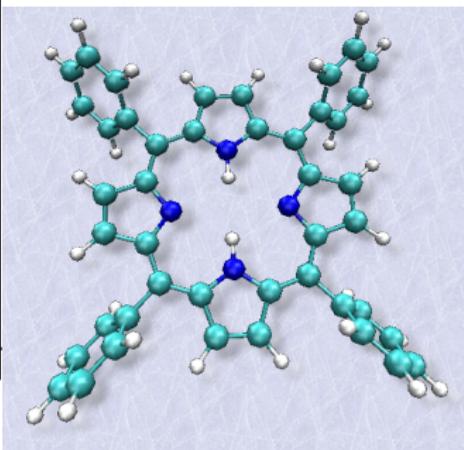
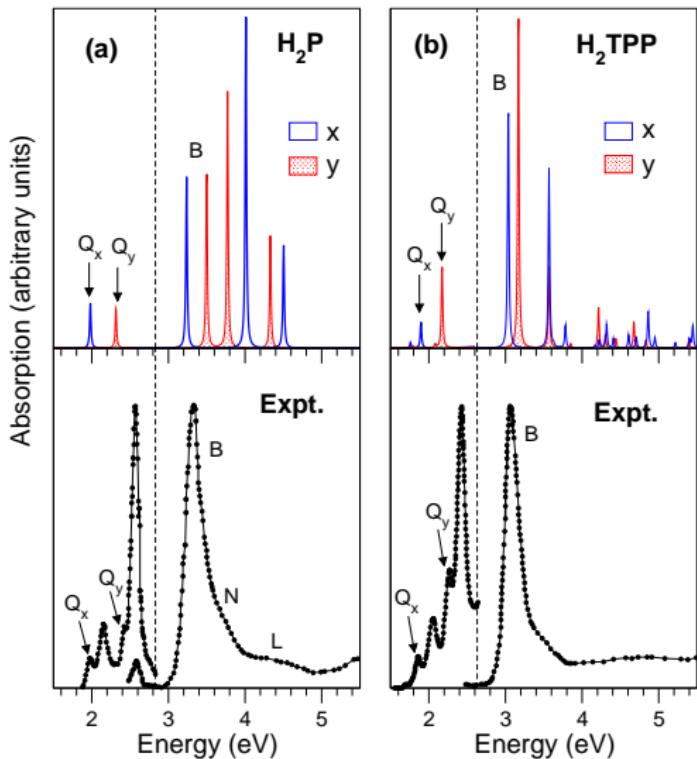
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Benzene - TDLDA!



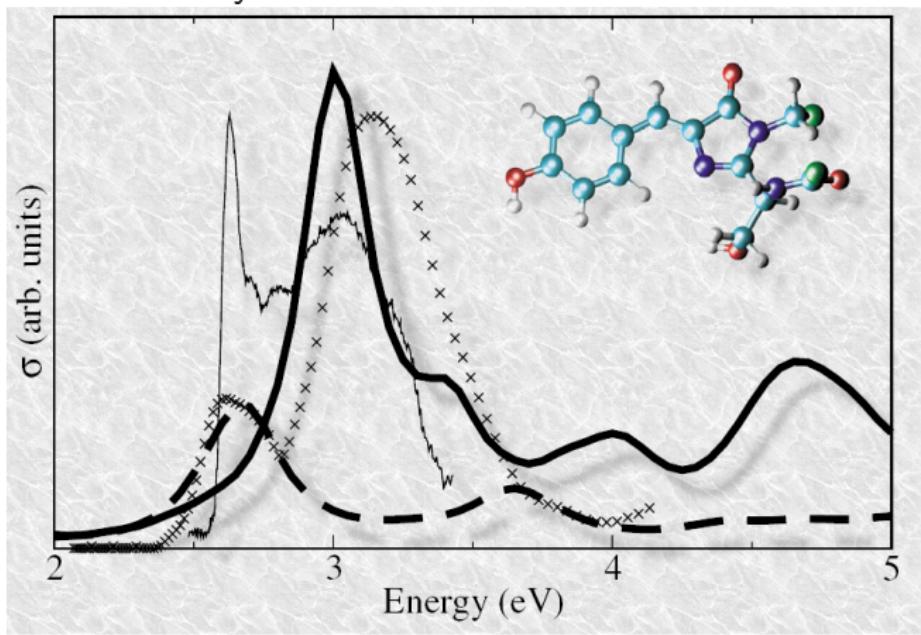
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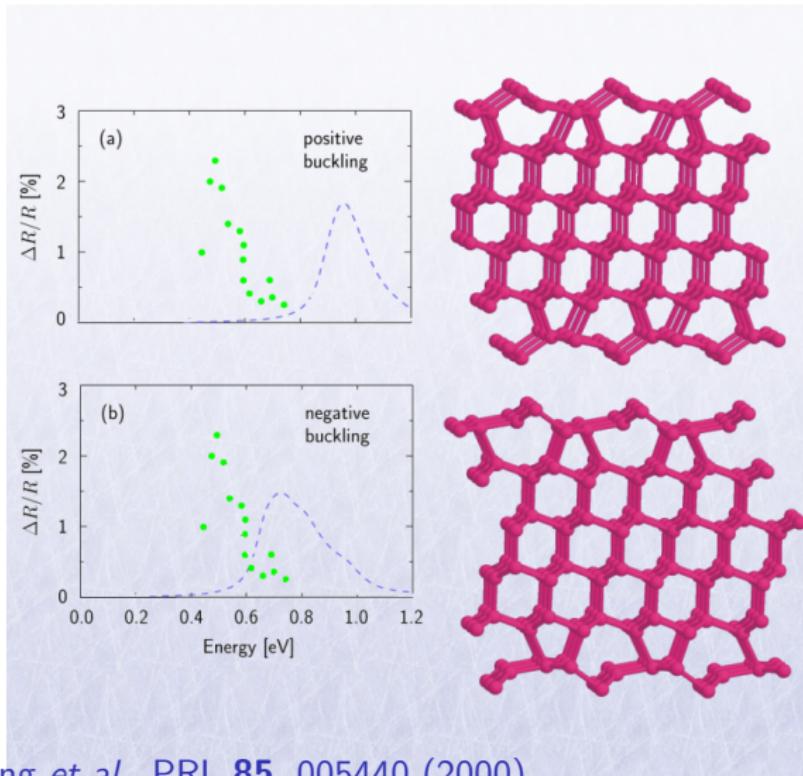
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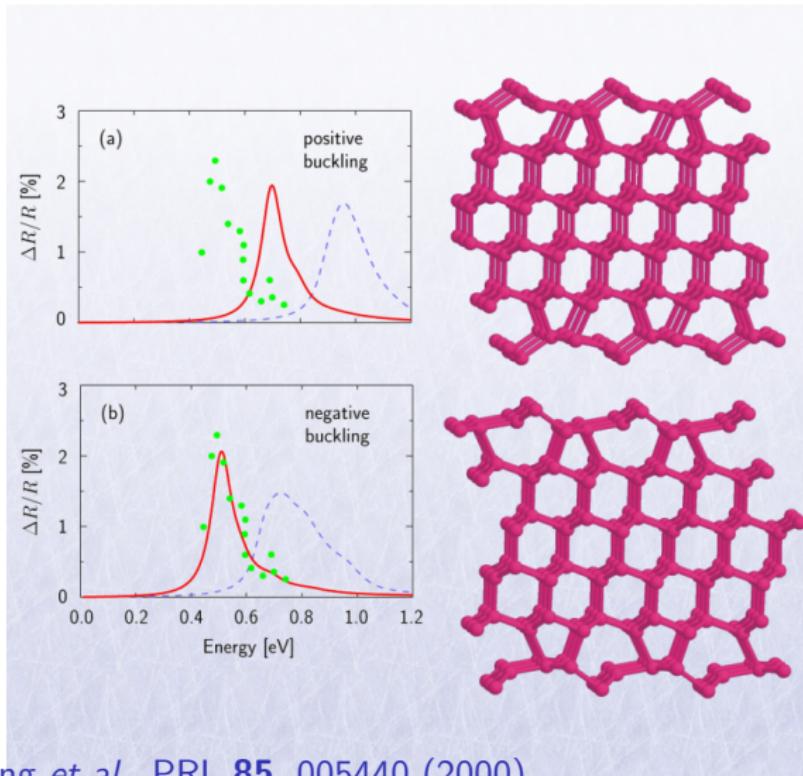
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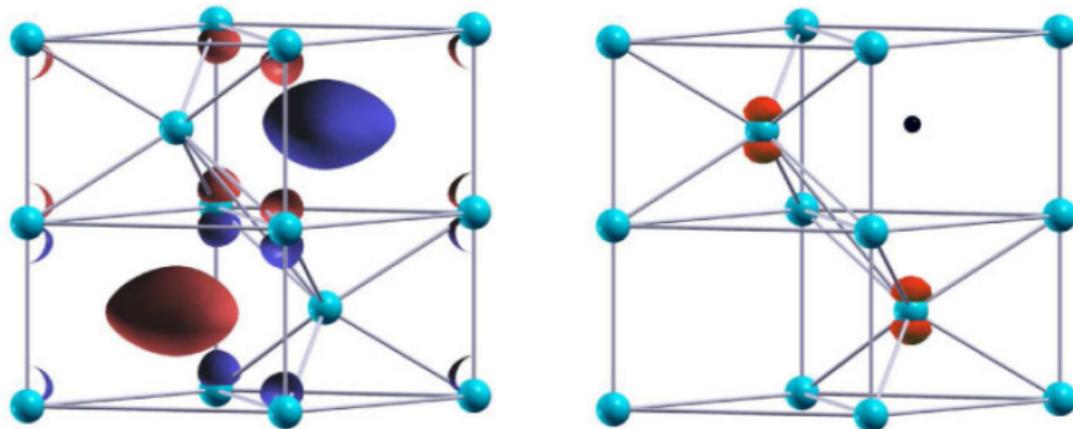
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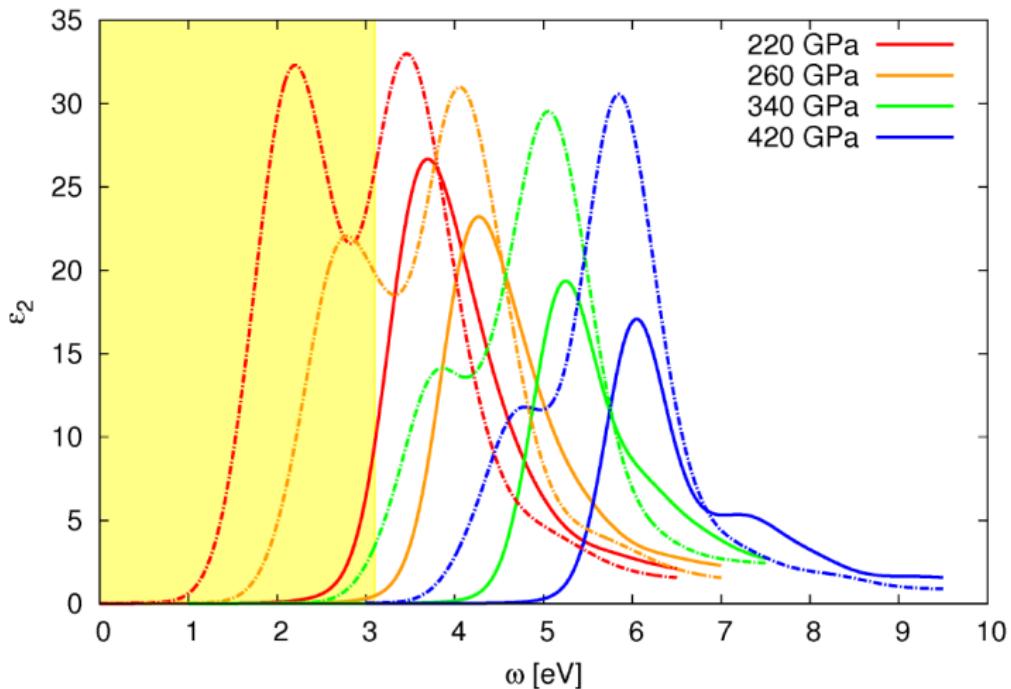
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- DP (TDDFT in linear and non-linear response  
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- Octopus (DFT and TDDFT in linear and non-linear response  
[www.tddft.org/programs/octopus](http://www.tddft.org/programs/octopus))
- EXC (BSE [www.bethe-salpeter.org](http://www.bethe-salpeter.org))
- Yambo (TDDFT and BSE  
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