

Realistic simulations of quantum materials:

Combining density function theory and dynamical mean-field theory

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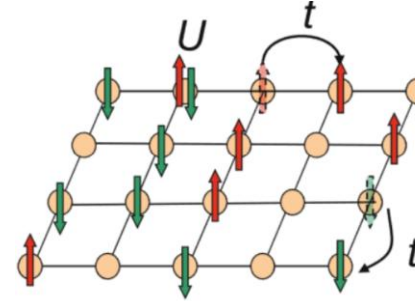
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Objective: Simulating correlated materials

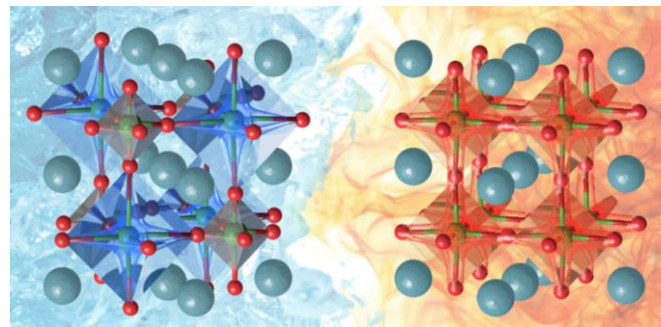
- So far solving model Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H} = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle \sigma} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

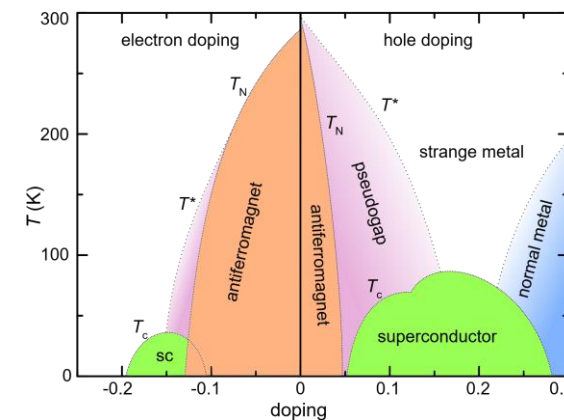


Yamada, Imamura & Machida, SCFA 2018

- We want to understand and predict **material specific properties**

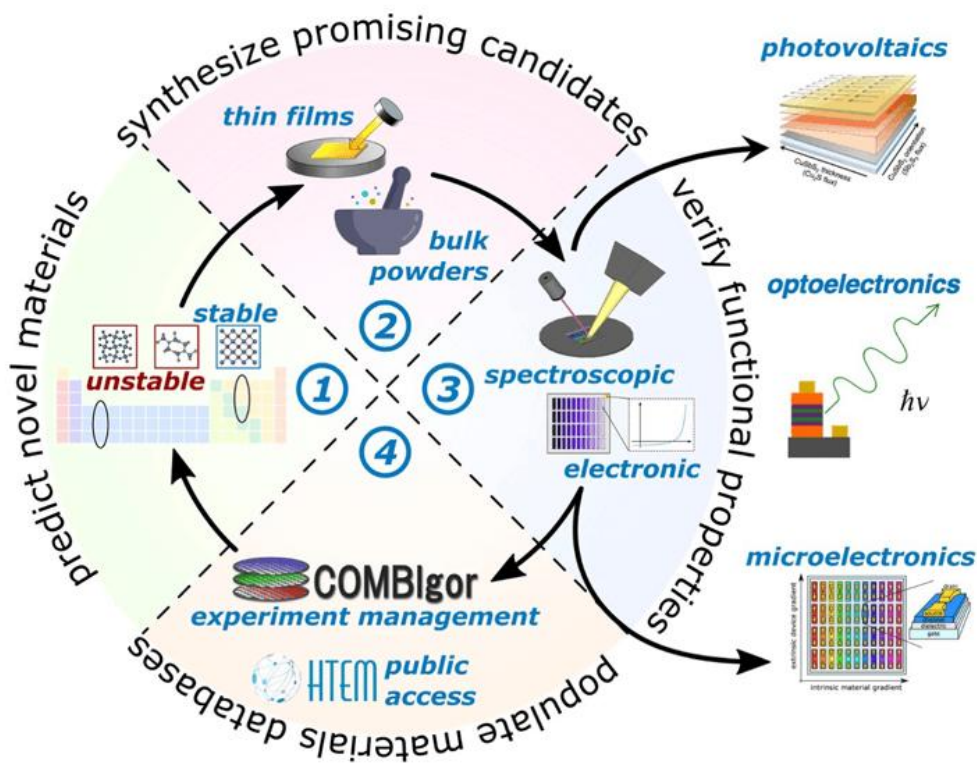


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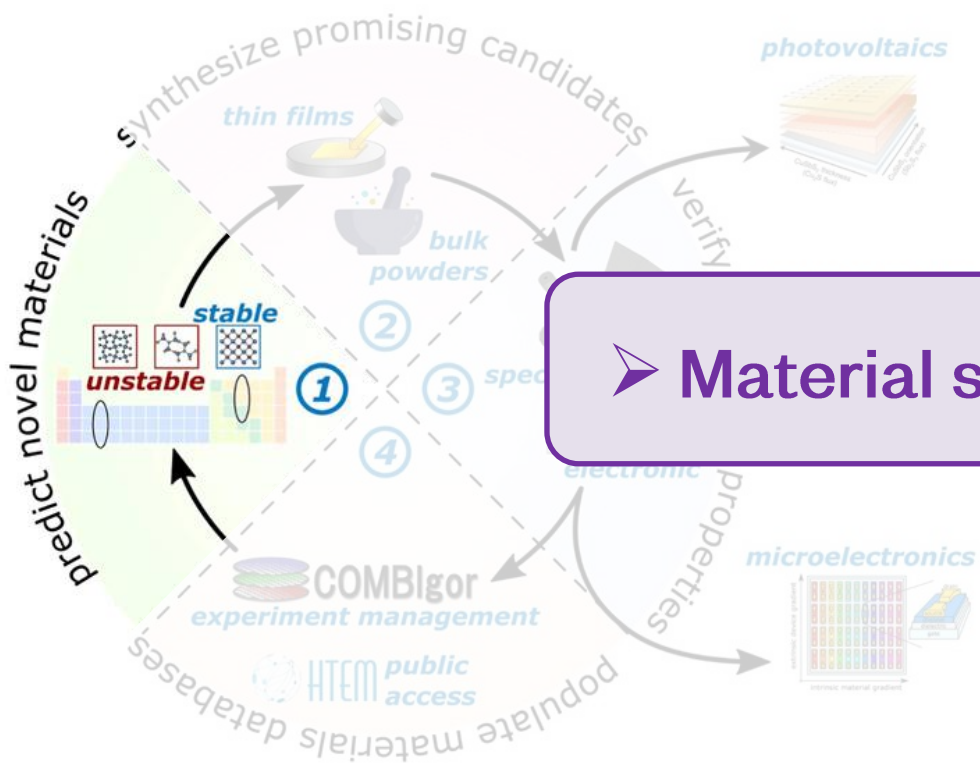


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Topological insulators/semimetals	Spintronics, quantum computing
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2D materials	Flexible electronics, optoelectronics
Heavy fermions	Quantum criticality, theoretical models
Quantum Hall systems	Quantum metrology, anyons
Spin-orbit materials	Spintronics, skyrmions
CDW materials	Ultrafast devices, THz tech
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ChatGPT (GPT-4), OpenAI

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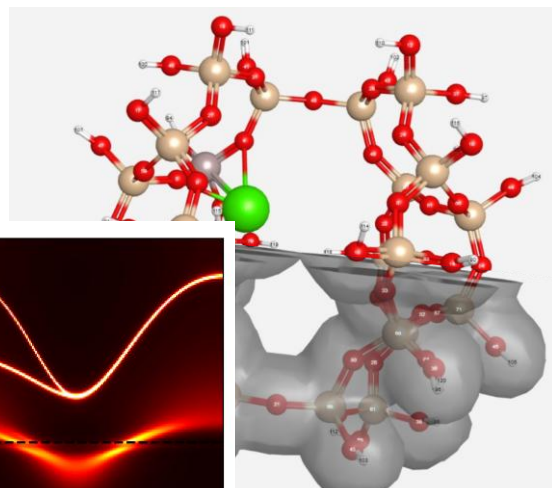
➤ Material specific simulations

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Electronic structure with correlations

➤ Electronic structure



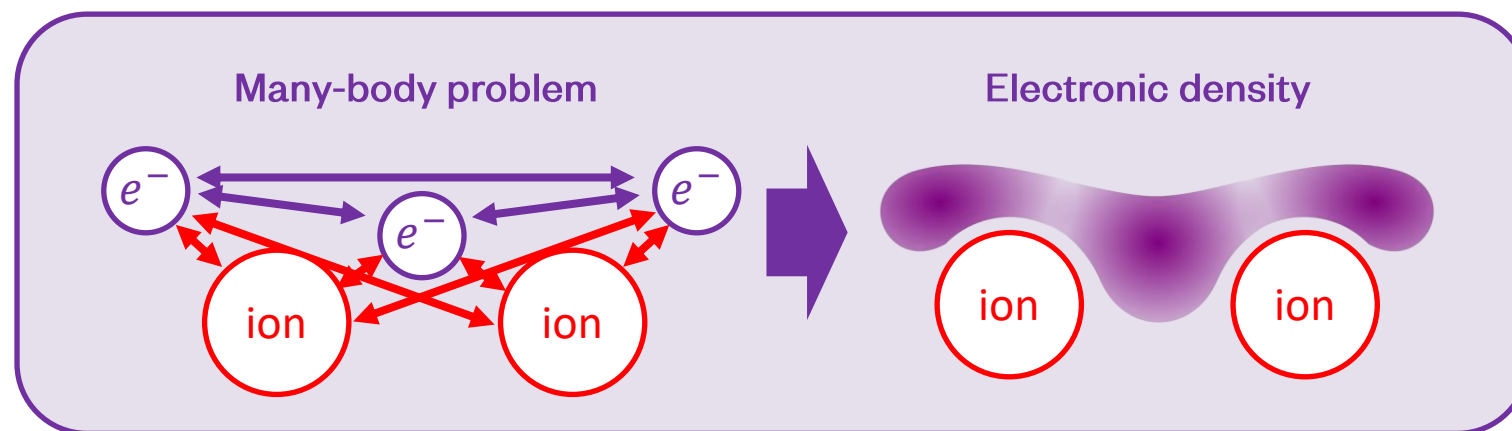
Electronic states

$$H|\Psi_v\rangle = [H_{ae} + H_{ee}]|\Psi_v\rangle = E_v|\Psi_v\rangle$$



Many interacting electrons
= Many-body problem

Density functional theory (DFT)



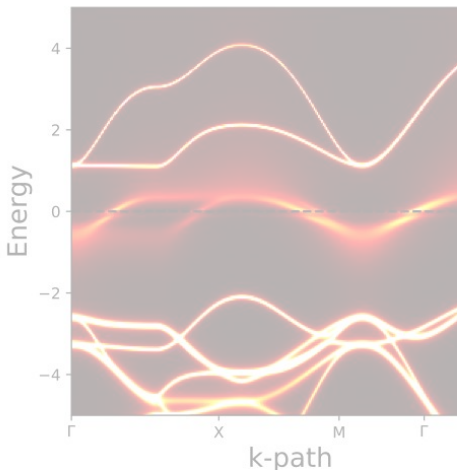
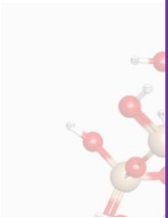
- Can treat large systems efficiently
- Predicts most often the right crystal structure
- Helps to estimate the screened interactions
- Misses most of the correlations we are interested in



Correct with a many-body method

Electronic structure with correlations

➤ Electronic



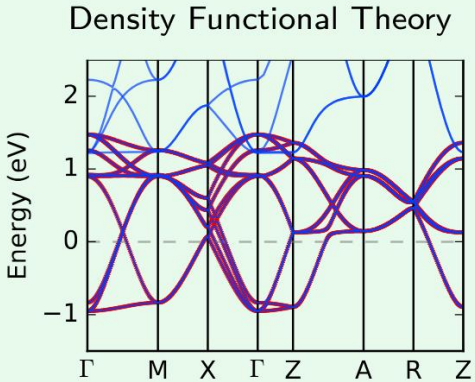
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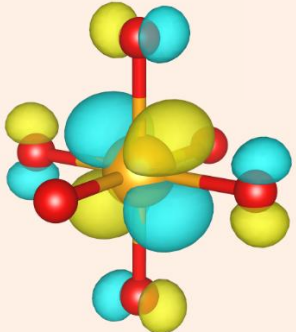
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Density Functional Theory

DFT+DMFT
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Localized Orbitals

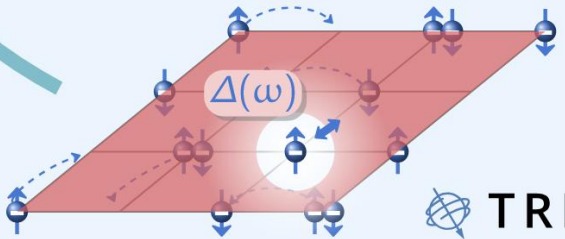


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Mapping to impurity problems

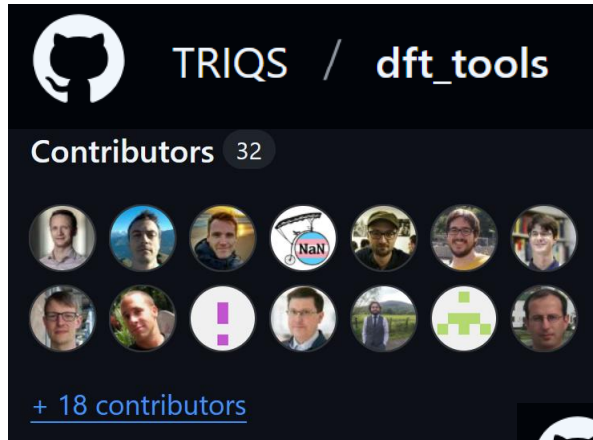


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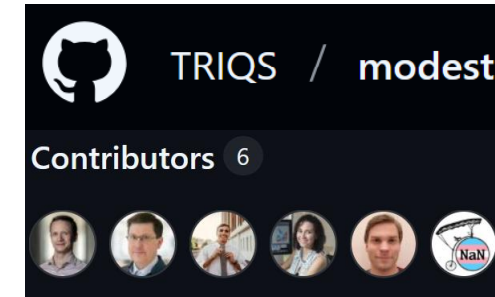
- New implementation standing « on the shoulders of giants »



First release in 2019



First release in 2021



Not released yet

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- Density functional theory
- Localized orbitals
- Mapping to impurity problems
- Post-processing

Density functional theory

Overview of DFT

➤ Energy for electrons in a solid:

$$E[v_{\text{ext}}] = \langle \Psi | \mathcal{H}[v_{\text{ext}}] | \Psi \rangle = T + V_{\text{el-el}} + \int d\mathbf{r} \rho(\mathbf{r}) v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) \quad \text{with} \quad \rho(\mathbf{r}) = \int d\mathbf{r} \psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \psi(\mathbf{r})$$

➤ Solving this Hamiltonian:

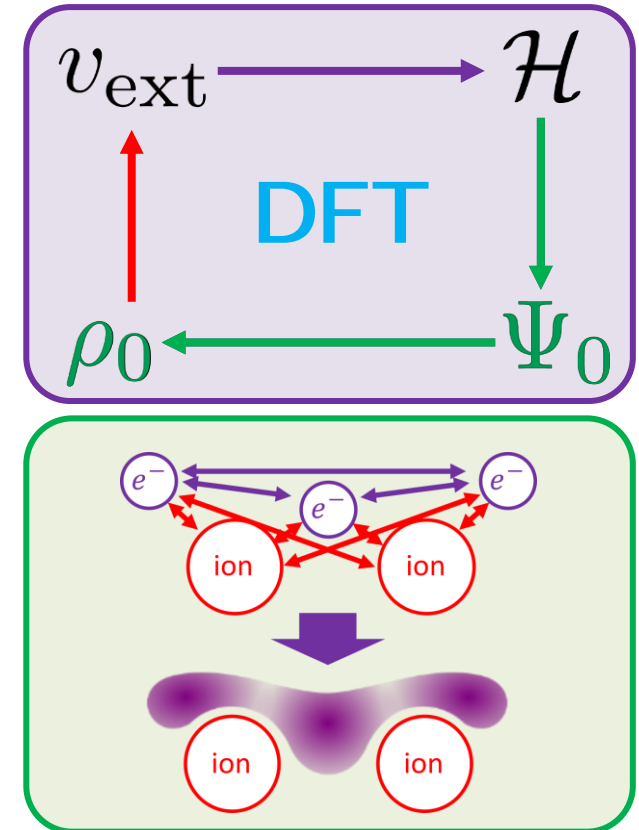
$$v_{\text{ext}} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}[v_{\text{ext}}] \rightarrow E_0 = \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H}[v_{\text{ext}}] | \Psi_0 \rangle \rightarrow \rho_0(\mathbf{r}) = |\langle \mathbf{r} | \Psi_0 \rangle|^2$$

➤ Hohenberg-Kohn theorems in the 1960s:

1. **Given** $\rho_0(\mathbf{r}) \Leftrightarrow v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})$
2. **Ground-state energy** $E_0[\rho]$

➤ Kohn-Sham equations in 1965:

Mapping to a non-interacting system



- Density functional theory
 - Legendre transformation
 - Kohn-Sham equations
 - Self-consistency loop
 - Advantages & limitations
- Localized orbitals
- Mapping to impurity problems
- Post-processing

Legendre transformation

- Add a source that couples through field $J(\mathbf{r})$ to a physical quantity: the density $\rho(\mathbf{r})$

$$E'[J] = T + V_{\text{el-el}} + \int d\mathbf{r} \rho(\mathbf{r}) v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + \int d\mathbf{r} \rho(\mathbf{r}) J(\mathbf{r}) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\delta E'[J]}{\delta J(\mathbf{r})} = \rho(\mathbf{r})$$

- Can perform the **Legendre transformation** which eliminates $J(\mathbf{r})$ in favor of the dual $\rho(\mathbf{r})$

$$\Gamma_{\text{DFT}}[\rho] = E'[J] - \int d\mathbf{r} \rho(\mathbf{r}) J(\mathbf{r}) \quad \text{and} \quad J[\rho](\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\delta \Gamma_{\text{DFT}}[\rho]}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r})}, \text{ thus } E'[J[\rho]]$$

- Physical system recovered at **stationarity**:

$$\frac{\delta \Gamma_{\text{DFT}}[\rho]}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r})} = J(\mathbf{r}) = 0, \quad \Gamma_{\text{DFT}}[\rho] \Big|_{J=0} = E'[J[\rho] = 0] = E[\rho] = \underbrace{[T + V_{\text{el-el}}][\rho]}_{F[\rho]} + \int d\mathbf{r} \rho(\mathbf{r}) v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})$$

Convexity of the Legendre
transform



Ground-state

Legendre transformation

➤ Add the external potential $V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})$ to the energy functional $E[\rho]$

Hohenberg-Kohn theorem #2:

There exists a universal functional $F[\rho]$ such that the total energy functional

$$E[\rho] = F[\rho] + \int d\mathbf{r} v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})\rho(\mathbf{r})$$

➤ Can we find the ground-state density $\rho_0(\mathbf{r})$ by minimizing $E[\rho]$ over all possible densities $\rho(\mathbf{r})$?

achieves its minimum at the true ground-state density $\rho_0(\mathbf{r})$ where $E_0 \equiv E[\rho_0] \leq E[\rho]$.

➤ Physical system recovered at stationarity:

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Ground-state

Hohenberg-Kohn theorems

- The potential $v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})$ already acts as a source for the physical quantity $\rho(\mathbf{r})$

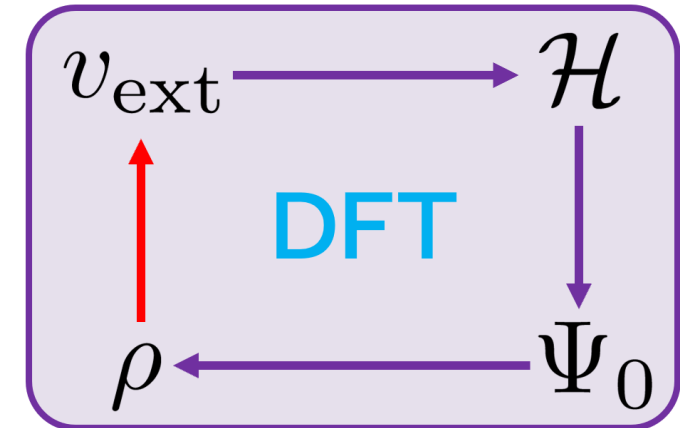
$$E[v_{\text{ext}}] = F[\rho] + \int d\mathbf{r} \rho(\mathbf{r}) v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) \text{ is a Legendre transform: } \frac{\delta E[v_{\text{ext}}]}{\delta v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})} = \rho(\mathbf{r}), \text{ and } \frac{\delta F[\rho]}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r})} = -v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})$$

⇒ Uniqueness of $v_{\text{ext}}[\rho]$

Hohenberg-Kohn theorem #1:

For any system of interacting particles in an external potential $v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})$, this potential is uniquely determined by the ground-state electron density $\rho_0(\mathbf{r})$. Consequently, all ground-state properties of the system are uniquely determined by $\rho_0(\mathbf{r})$.

Hohenberg-Kohn theorem #2



Kohn-Sham equation

- **Key insight:** Expand the DFT functional around a non-interacting reference

$$[T + V_{ee}][\rho] = T_s[\rho] + V_H[\rho] + V_{xc}[\rho] \quad \text{with} \quad V_H[\rho] = \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

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Kinetic of non-interacting particles
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Rest
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Hartree

- The DFT functional becomes

$$\Gamma_{\text{DFT}}[\rho] = \underbrace{T_s[\rho] + V_{\text{ext}}[\rho]}_{\Gamma_0[\rho]} + \underbrace{V_H[\rho] + V_{xc}[\rho]}_{\Delta\Gamma[\rho]} \quad \text{and} \quad 0 = \frac{\delta\Gamma_0[\rho]}{\delta\rho} + \frac{\delta\Delta\Gamma[p]}{\delta\rho} = -J_0 + \frac{\delta\Delta\Gamma[p]}{\delta\rho}$$

- Working in the non-interacting system $\Gamma_0[\rho]$ with a **constraining field** $J_0 = \frac{\delta\Delta\Gamma[p]}{\delta\rho} = v_{\text{int}}$ yields the same density as the original system

Non-interacting KS orbitals with $\rho_{\text{KS}}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^N |\phi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2$ living in the effective potential $v_{\text{KS}} = v_{\text{ext}} + v_{\text{int}}$

Kohn-Sham equation

➤ Key insight: Expand the DFT functional around a non-interacting reference

$$[T + V_{ee}][\psi] = \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \right] \psi$$

Same approach in other methods

Method	Physical quantity	Constraining field
Baym-Kadanoff	$G_{\alpha\beta}(i\omega, \mathbf{k})$	$\Sigma_{\alpha\beta}(i\omega, \mathbf{k})$
DMFT	$G_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{loc}}(i\omega)$	$\Sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{imp}}(i\omega)$
LDA	$\rho(\mathbf{r})$	$v_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{r})$
LDA+DMFT	$\rho(\mathbf{r}), G_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{loc}}(i\omega)$	$v_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{r}), \Sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{imp}}(i\omega)$

➤ The DFT functional

$$\Gamma_{\text{DFT}}[\rho] = T_s[\rho] + \int d\mathbf{r} v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})\rho(\mathbf{r}) + E_{\text{xc}}[\rho]$$

$$= -J_0 + \frac{\delta \Delta \Gamma[p]}{\delta \rho}$$

➤ Working in the non-interacting reference yields the same density as the original system

$$\text{field } J_0 = \frac{\delta \Delta \Gamma[p]}{\delta \rho} = v_{\text{int}}$$

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Self-consistency loop

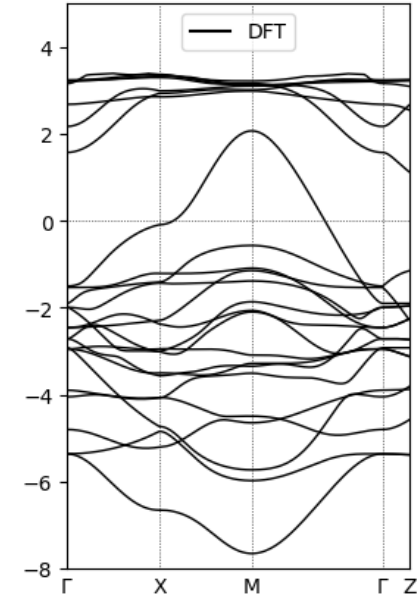
- Minimization of energy with Lagrange multiplier:

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^N |\phi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2 \quad \frac{\delta E[\rho]}{\delta \phi_i^*(\mathbf{r})} - \sum_j \epsilon_j \frac{\delta}{\delta \phi_i^*(\mathbf{r})} \left[\int d\mathbf{r}' |\phi_j(\mathbf{r}')|^2 \right] = 0$$

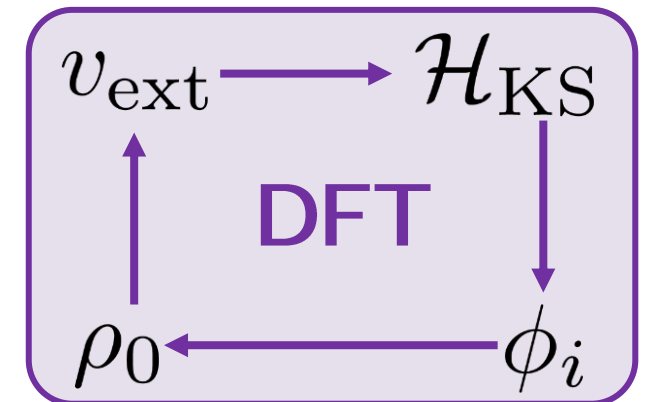
- Kohn-Sham Schrodinger-like equation and Green's function:

$$\left[-\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 + v_{\text{KS}}(\mathbf{r}) \right] \phi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_i \phi_i(\mathbf{r}) \quad G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; i\omega) = \sum_i \frac{\phi_i(\mathbf{r}) \phi_i^*(\mathbf{r}')}{i\omega - \epsilon_i + \mu}$$

$\downarrow$
 $v_{\text{KS}} = v_{\text{ext}} + v_H + v_{xc}$



- **Variational method:** convergence with energy minimization
- Easy to interpolate, from a given density



Advantages and limitations

Advantages

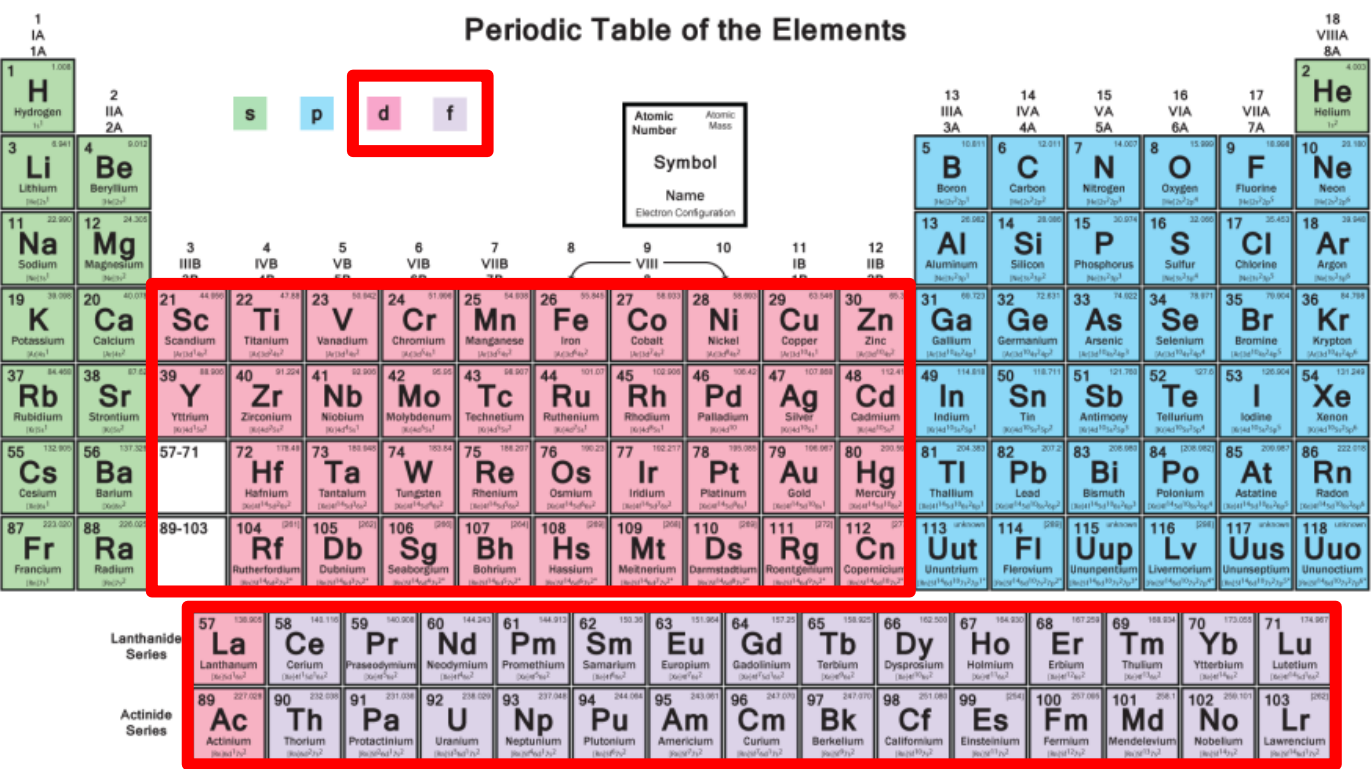
1. Computational efficiency
2. Reasonably accurate for many materials
3. Versatile and widely implemented
4. Conceptual simplicity
5. Good starting point for corrections

Limitations

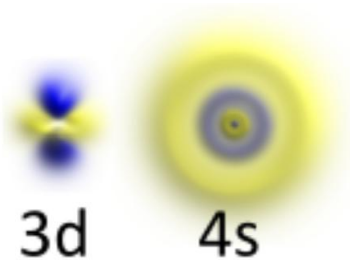
1. Failure to capture strong correlation
2. Lack of systematic improvement
3. Exchange-correlation functional ambiguity
4. Poor description of excited states
5. Static mean-field nature

Strongly correlated electrons

Localized close to the nucleus

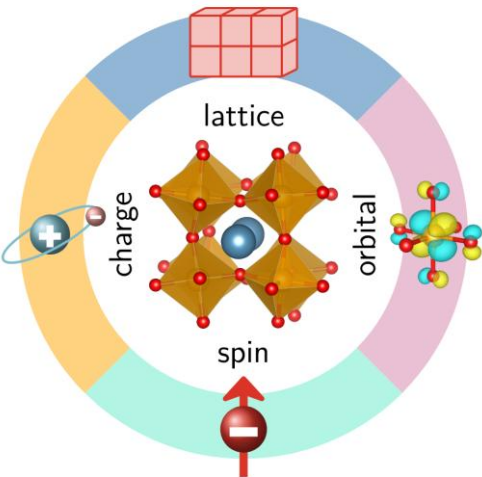


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Interplay of degrees of freedom



Picture of S. Beck

Density functional theory: Summary

- The **Hohenberg-Kohn theorems** demonstrate:
 1. The electronic density $\rho_0(\mathbf{r})$ uniquely determines the ground-state properties
 2. The existence of variational principle for $E_0[\rho]$, with a universal functional
- The **Kohn-Sham equations** leverage an auxiliary system of non-interacting electrons that reproduces the same ground-state $\rho_0(\mathbf{r})$ as for the interacting system
- These can be shown using the **Legendre transformation**
- Converging the **self-consistency loop** yields a charge density for the ground-state
- In practice, **strong correlations** are poorly accounted for

Localized orbitals

Momentum versus position

Bloch basis for DFT

Bloch theorem:

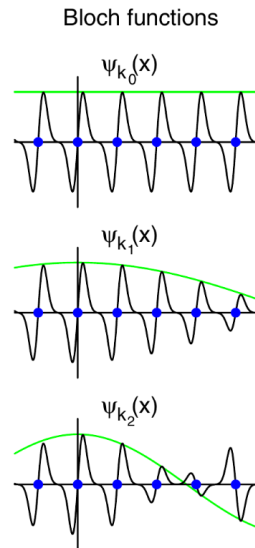
For electrons in a periodic potential, the solutions to the Schrödinger equation are Bloch functions:

$$\mathcal{H}|\psi_\nu(\mathbf{k})\rangle = \epsilon_\nu(\mathbf{k})|\psi_\nu(\mathbf{k})\rangle$$

where $\langle \mathbf{r} | \psi_\nu(\mathbf{k}) \rangle = u_{\nu\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}$ with $u_{\nu\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = u_{\nu\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{T})$

Remarks:

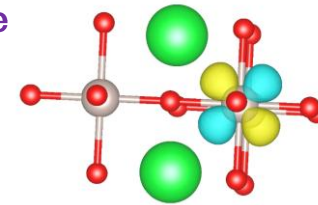
- Band $\nu \in \mathbb{Z}$ and momentum $\mathbf{k} \in \text{BZ}$
- Eigenfunctions $|\psi_\nu(\mathbf{k})\rangle$ are orthonormal
- Have a gauge freedom $|\psi_\nu(\mathbf{k})\rangle \rightarrow e^{i\phi(\mathbf{k})}|\psi_\nu(\mathbf{k})\rangle$
- Can be smooth functions of $\mathbf{k}$



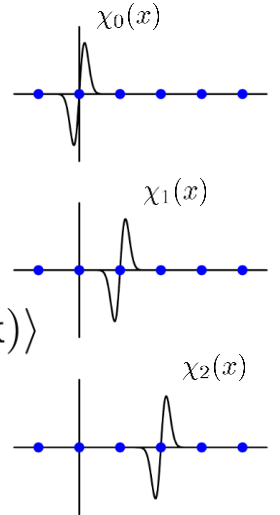
Localized orbitals

Interactions are typically localized:

- Localized space



Localized orbitals



Option: Maximally localized Wannier functions

$$|\chi_m^{\mathbf{R}}\rangle = V \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{R}} \sum_{\nu} U_{m\nu}(\mathbf{k}) |\psi_\nu(\mathbf{k})\rangle$$

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | \chi_m^{\mathbf{R}} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R} | \chi_m^0 \rangle$$

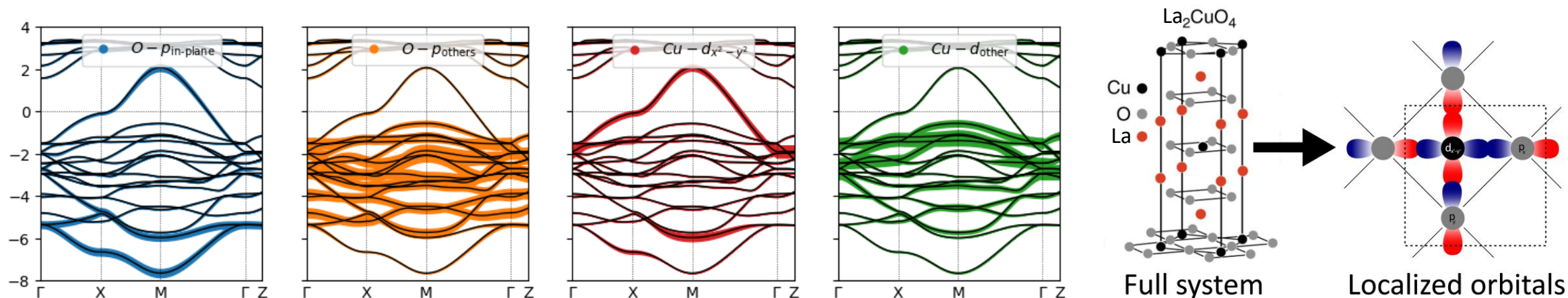
Projectors: $P_{m\nu}(\mathbf{k}) \equiv \langle \chi_m^{\mathbf{R}} | \psi_\nu(\mathbf{k}) \rangle$

Bloch basis $\leftrightarrow$ Localized orbitals

- Density functional theory
- Localized orbitals
 - Choosing the orbital subspace
 - Maximally localized Wannier functions
 - Projectors
 - One-body elements @ ModEST
- Mapping to impurity problems
- Post-processing

Choosing the orbital subspace

Orbital character: $|\langle \tilde{\chi}_m^{\mathbf{R}} | \psi_{\nu}(\mathbf{k}) \rangle|^2$ with $|\tilde{\chi}_m^{\mathbf{R}}\rangle$ some hydrogen-like real spherical harmonic



Potential subsets:

- Single-band Cu- $d_{x^2-y^2}$ model
- Three-band dp -model
- Single-site full Cu- d -shell model
- All Cu and O orbitals

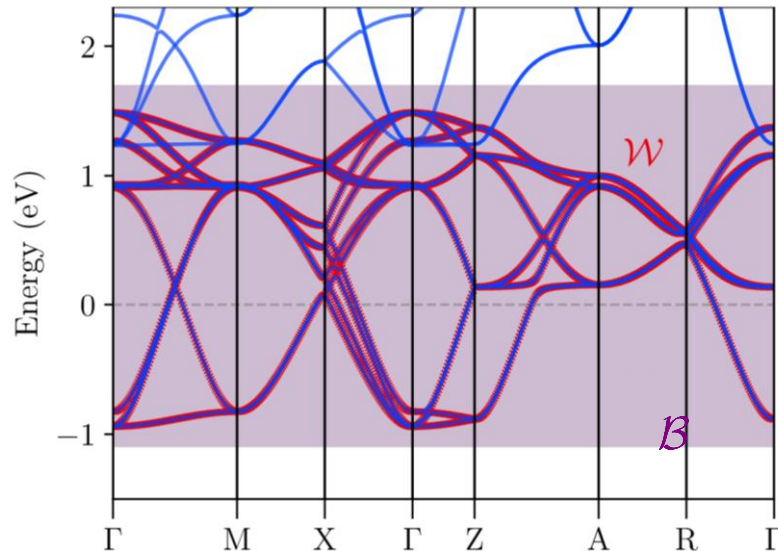
Depends on the physics targeted and the computational resources

Maximally localized Wannier functions

Wannier functions: $|w_m^{\mathbf{R}}\rangle = V \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{R}} \sum_{\nu \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{k})} U_{m\nu}(\mathbf{k}) |\psi_\nu(\mathbf{k})\rangle$

- **Orthonormal:** $\langle w_m^{\mathbf{R}} | w_{m'}^{\mathbf{R}'} \rangle = \delta_{mm'} \delta(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{R}')$
- **Gauge freedom of the unitary transform** $U(\mathbf{k})$ **can be used to minimize the spread**

$$U = \arg \min_U \left\{ \sum_m [\langle w_n^0 | \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r} | w_n^0 \rangle - |\langle w_n^0 | \mathbf{r}^2 | w_n^0 \rangle|^2] \right\}, \text{ can be recasted in terms of } M_{\nu\nu'}^{(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{b})} \equiv \langle u_\nu(\mathbf{k}) | u_{\nu'}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{b}) \rangle$$



In practice, in **WANNIER90** :

- **Start with trial localized orbitals** $|g_m\rangle$: $|\phi_n(\mathbf{k})\rangle \equiv \sum_{\nu \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{k})} \underbrace{\langle \psi_\nu(\mathbf{k}) | g_m \rangle}_{A_{\nu m}(\mathbf{k})} |\psi_\nu(\mathbf{k})\rangle$
- **Orthonormalize:** $|\tilde{\psi}_\nu(\mathbf{k})\rangle = \sum_{\nu' \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{k})} S_{\nu\nu'}^{-1/2}(\mathbf{k}) |\phi_{\nu'}(\mathbf{k})\rangle$ with $S_{\nu\nu'}(\mathbf{k}) = [A^\dagger A(\mathbf{k})]_{\nu\nu'}$
- **Minimize the spread**

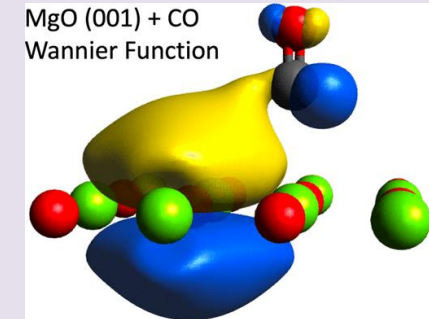
- **Effective low-energy tight-binding models**
 - Compact and flexible for modeling large complex systems

- **Visualization of low-energy effective orbitals**
 - Identify relevant orbitals and understand chemical bonding

- **Interpolation of Hamiltonian and orbitals**
 - Accurate Fermi surface, density of states, quantum geometry evaluations & optical and transport properties

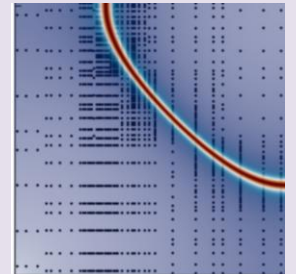
$$[t_{ij}]_{mm'} = \langle w_m^{\mathbf{R}_i} | \hat{H}_{\text{KS}} | w_{m'}^{\mathbf{R}_j} \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \sum_{ij} \sum_{mm'\sigma} [t_{ij}] c_{im\sigma}^\dagger c_{jm'\sigma}$$



Zhu *et al.*, *J. of Phys. Chem. A* **128**, 8570 (2024)

Adaptive
integration

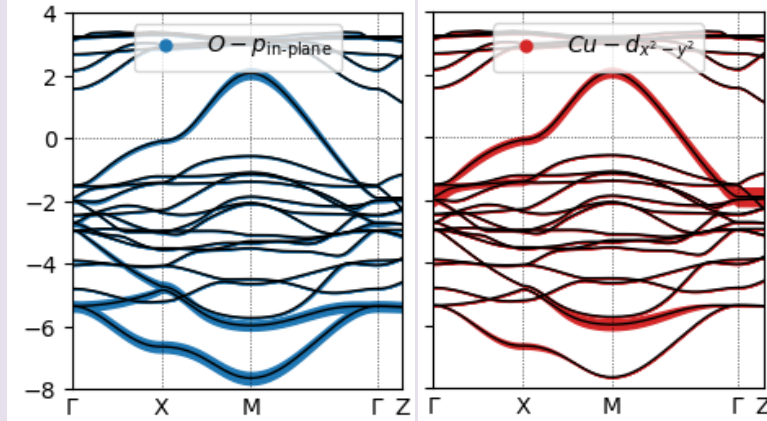


Kaye *et al.*, *SciPost Phys.* **15**, 062 (2023)

Projectors: From bands to orbitals

➤ Example: 3-orbital model of La_2CuO_4

- Total of 5 Cu-3d and 12 O-2p orbitals: 17
- Only interested in Cu-3d $_{x^2-y^2}$ and 2 of the O-2p
- We selected all the bands



$$\Rightarrow P_{m\nu}(\mathbf{k}) \equiv \langle \chi_m^{\mathbf{R}} | \psi_\nu(\mathbf{k}) \rangle$$

$P(\mathbf{k})$

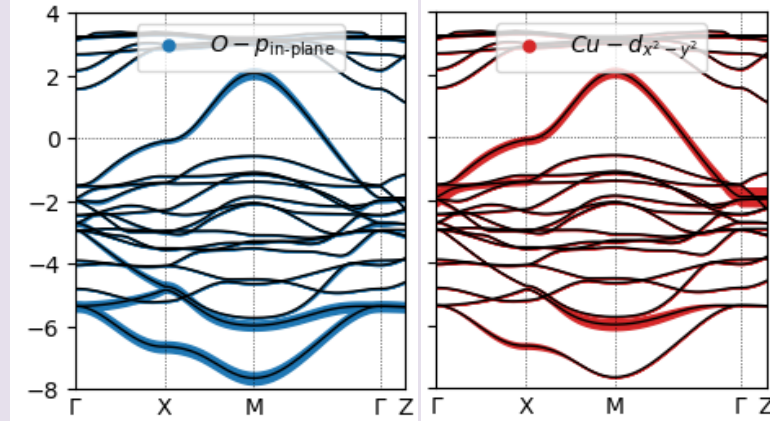
$$m \begin{matrix} \nu=1 & 2 & \dots & \nu_{\min} & \dots & \nu_{\max} & \dots & \nu_{\text{last}} \\ \begin{bmatrix} d_{x^2-y^2} \\ p_x \\ p_y \end{bmatrix} & & & \begin{bmatrix} 3 \times 17 \end{bmatrix} & & & & \end{matrix}$$

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Projectors: From bands to orbitals

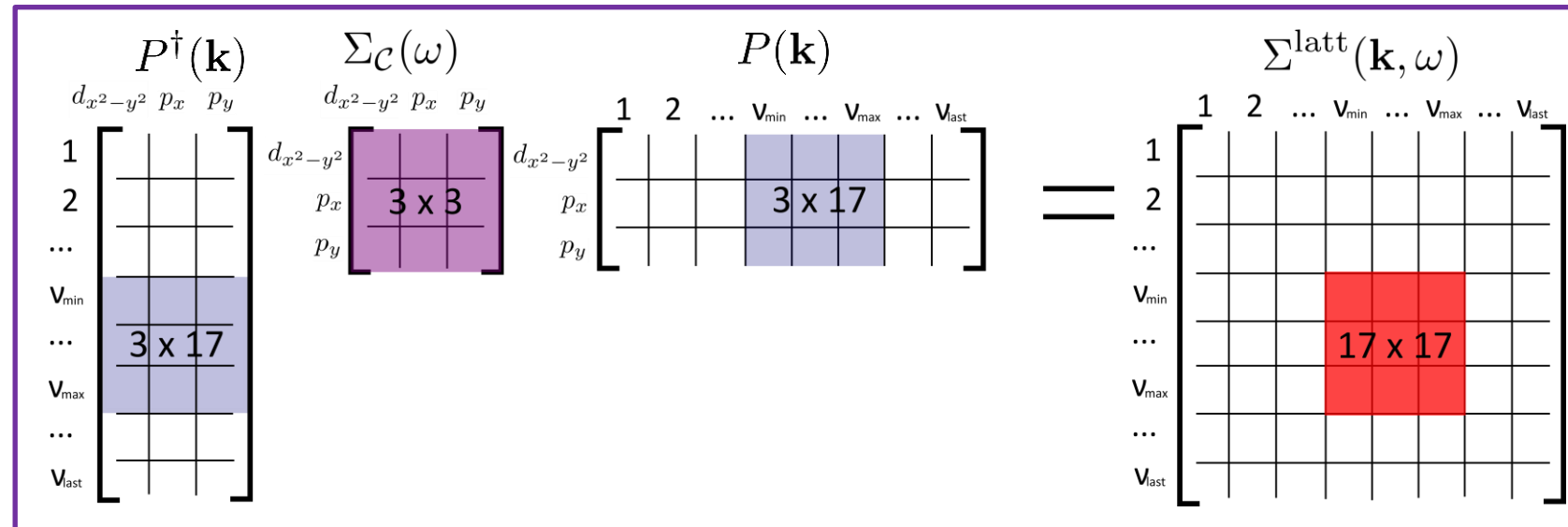
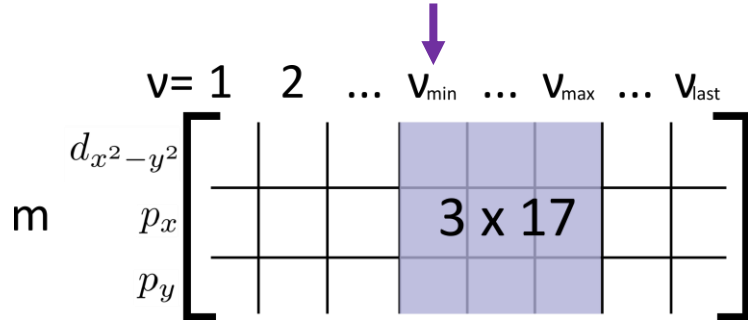
➤ **Example: 3-orbital model of La_2CuO_4**

- Total of 5 Cu-3d and 12 O-2p orbitals: 17
- Only interested in Cu-3d $_{x^2-y^2}$ and 2 of the O-2p
- We selected all the bands

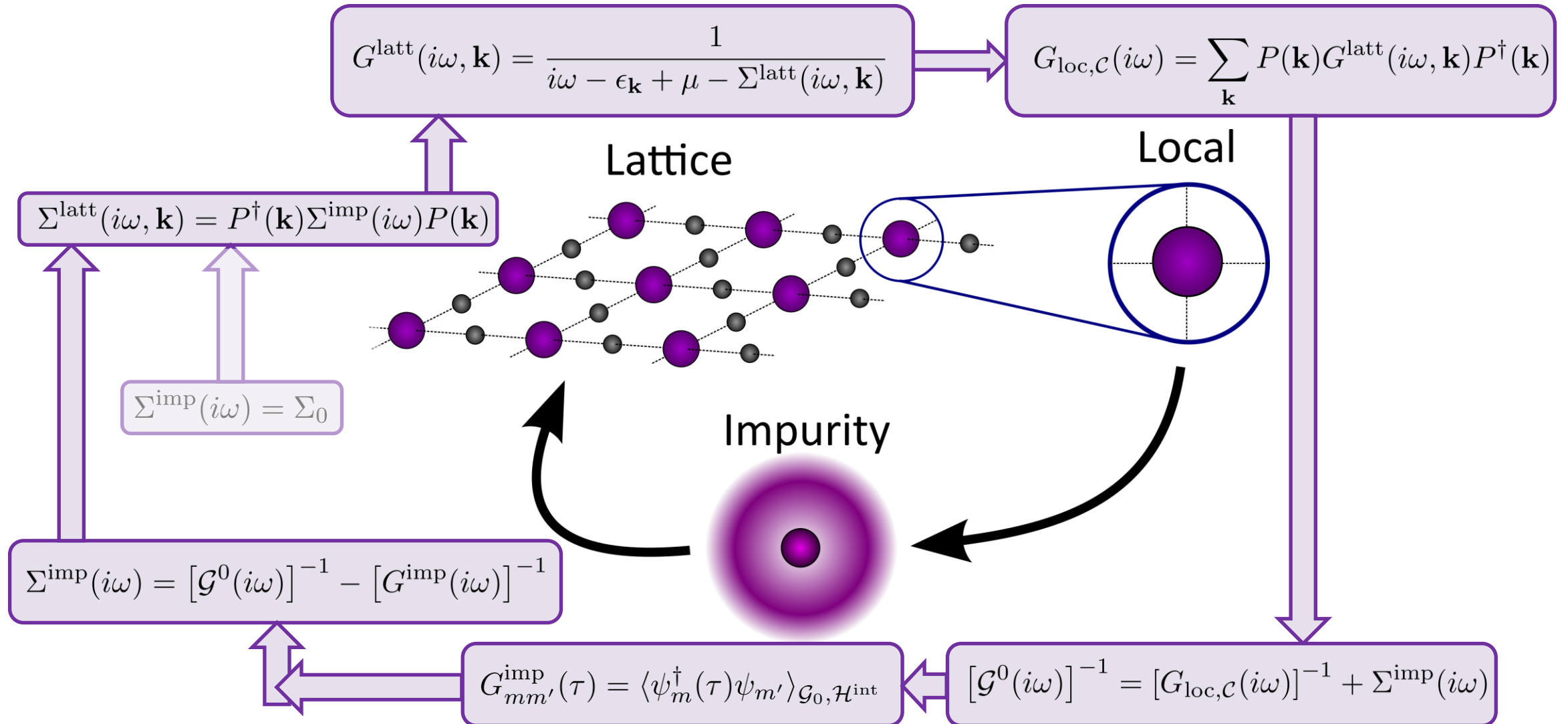


$$\Rightarrow P_{m\nu}(\mathbf{k}) \equiv \langle \chi_m^{\mathbf{R}} | \psi_\nu(\mathbf{k}) \rangle$$

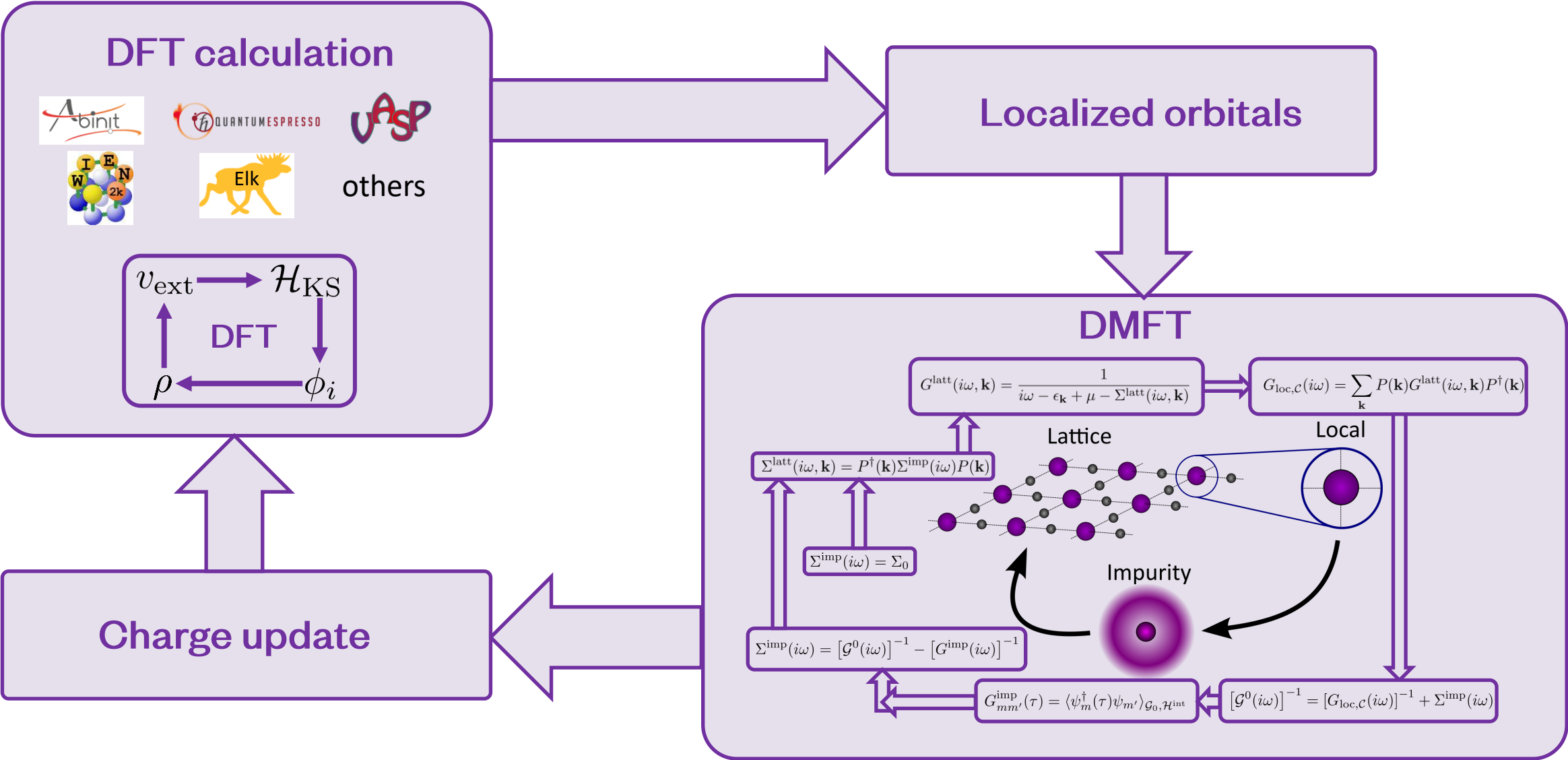
$P(\mathbf{k})$



Dynamical mean-field theory



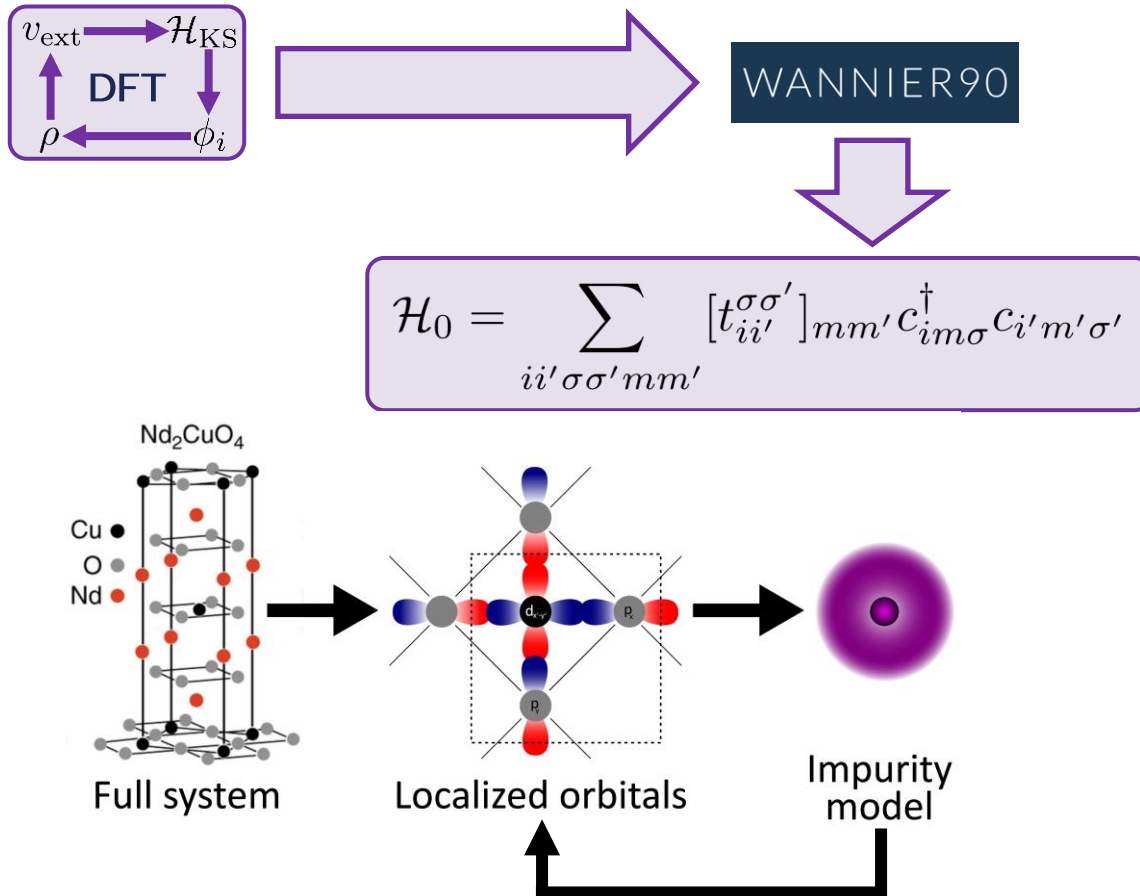
Charge self-consistent DFT+DMFT



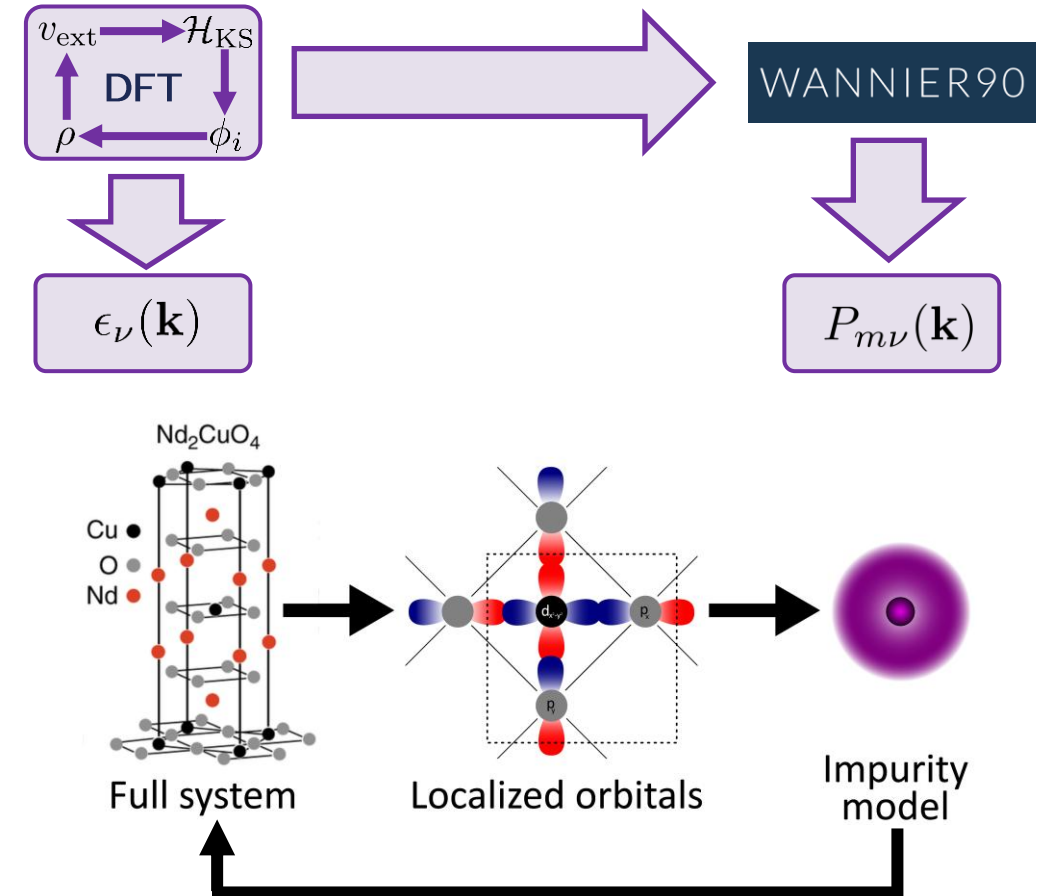
Two options for the lattice

Two ways to perform DFT+DMFT:

➤ DMFT on DFT model



➤ DFT+DMFT



One-body elements @ ModEST

➤ In tutorial 5b: multiorbital SrVO₃

One body elements representing a downfolding from (restricted) Bloch $\mathcal{B}$ to Correlated space $\mathcal{C}$ from DFT code [one_body_elements_on_grid]

H:

Band dispersion $\varepsilon^\sigma(\mathbf{k})$ on a grid [band_dispersion]:

Number of bands (max): 21

Represented on a fixed grid of 35 points.

Shape of $H[\mathbf{k_idx}, \sigma, \nu, \nu'] = [35, 1, 21, 21]$

$\varepsilon^\sigma(\mathbf{k})$ is matrix valued? = false

$$[\epsilon_{\text{KS}}(\mathbf{k})]_{\nu\nu'}^\sigma$$

C_space:

Local space [orbital_set]:

Total dimension [M]: 3

Number of correlated atoms: 1

Number of inequivalent correlated atoms = 1

Atomic decomposition:

dim_a: 3

a: 0

irreps: [1, 1, 1]

$$\{|\chi_m^{\mathbf{R}}\rangle\}$$

P:

Downfolding projector $P^\sigma_{m\nu}(\mathbf{k})$ on a grid [downfolding_projector]:

Shape of $P[\mathbf{k_idx}, \sigma, m, \nu] = [35, 1, 3, 21]$

$$[P(\mathbf{k})]_{m\nu}^\sigma$$

IBZ = true

[I]rreducible [B]rillouin [Z]one symmetry operations from the DFT code [ibz_symmetry_ops]

Number of symmetry ops: 48

Number of rotations per op: 1

Information about
symmetries

Localized orbitals: Summary

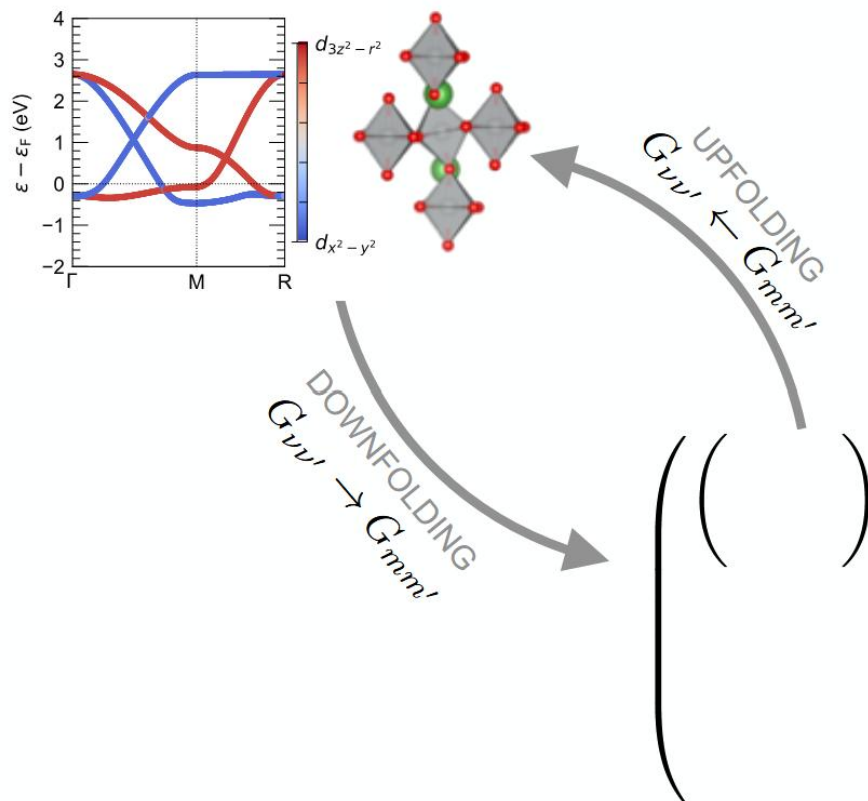
- Localized orbitals offer a **much better basis** to treat strong local interactions
- The **choice of orbitals** depends on the system and the physics targeted
 - Plotting the **orbital character** is a great tool at the DFT level
- **Maximally localized Wannier functions** are a common choice of construction
 - **Wannier90** is often used
- Once the orbitals constructed, there are **two types of DFT+DMFT**:
 - **Model-like calculations** with an extracted tight-binding model
 - **Whole-solid calculations** with projectors
- **Obe @ ModEST**: all needed to move between the KS bands and the localized orbitals

Mapping to impurity problems

Embedding @ ModEST

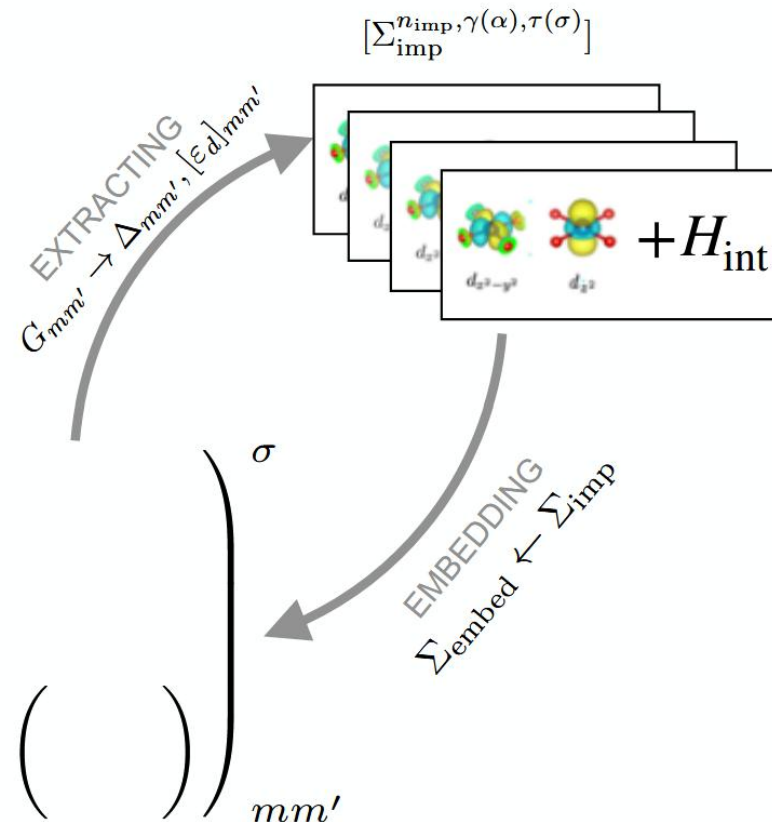
ONE-BODY ELEMENTS

$$\varepsilon_{\nu}^{\sigma}(\mathbf{k}), P_{m\nu}^{\sigma}(\mathbf{k})$$



EMBEDDING

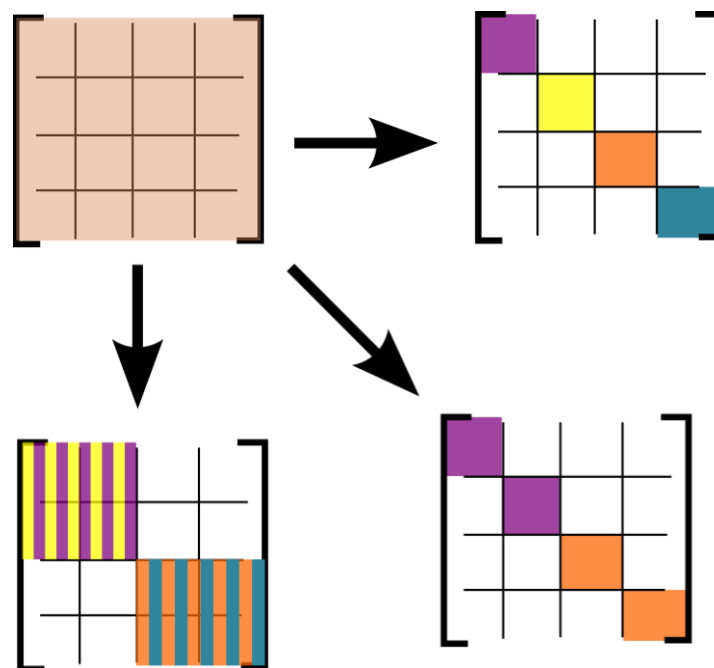
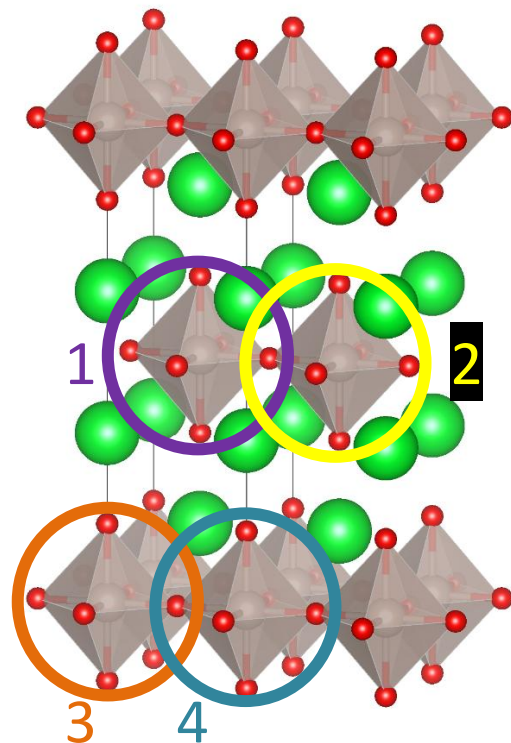
IMPURITY PROBLEMS



- Density functional theory
- Localized orbitals
- Mapping to impurity problems
 - Embeddings
 - Impurity problems
 - Impurity parameters
- Post-processing

The many possibilities of embeddings

➤ Localized orbital sets: $\{\text{Ni}_1, \text{Ni}_2, \text{Ni}_3, \text{Ni}_4\}$

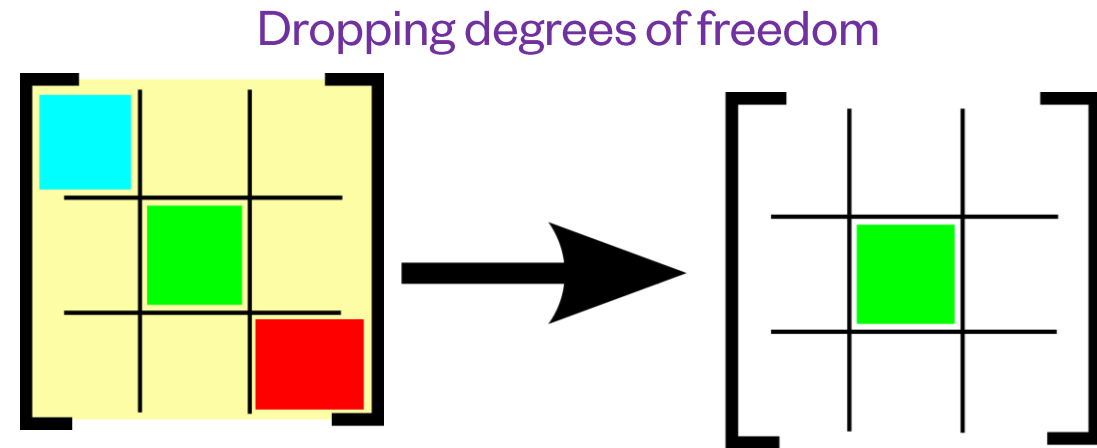
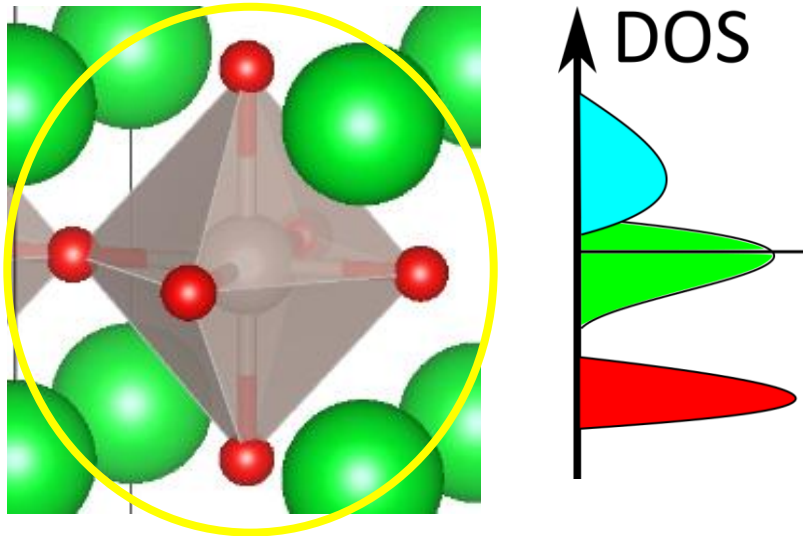


Multi-site DMFT
(inhomogeneous)
With inequivalent sites

Multi-site DMFT
(inhomogeneous)
With equivalent sites

Multi-cluster DMFT

The many possibilities of embeddings



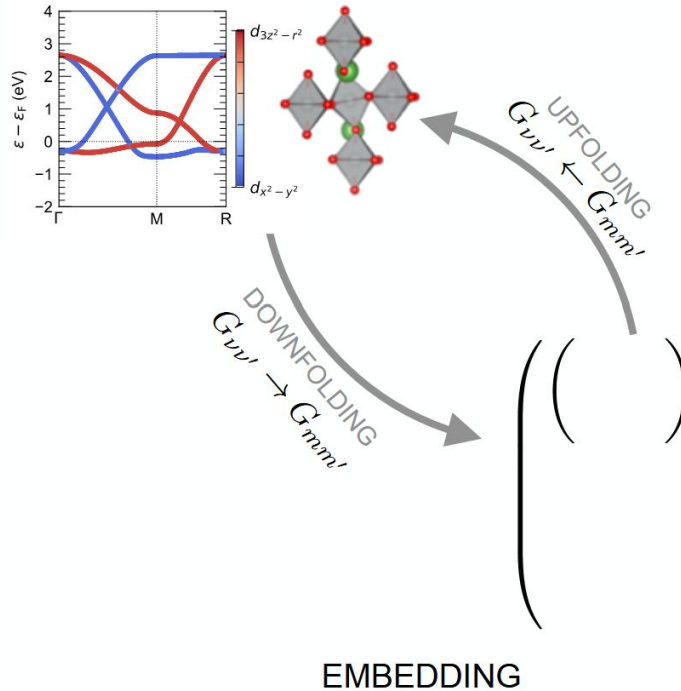
Other options:

- Use the block symmetries
- Finding those block symmetries
- None-trivial mapping in spins

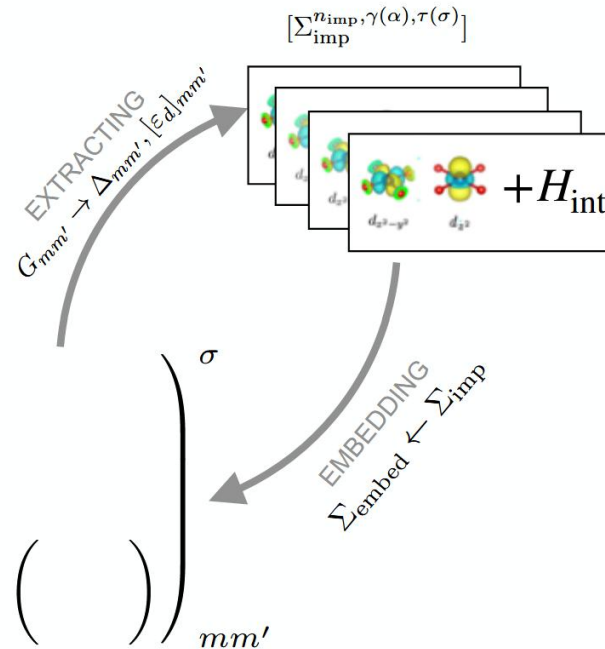
Impurity problems

ONE-BODY ELEMENTS

$$\varepsilon_{\nu}^{\sigma}(\mathbf{k}), P_{m\nu}^{\sigma}(\mathbf{k})$$



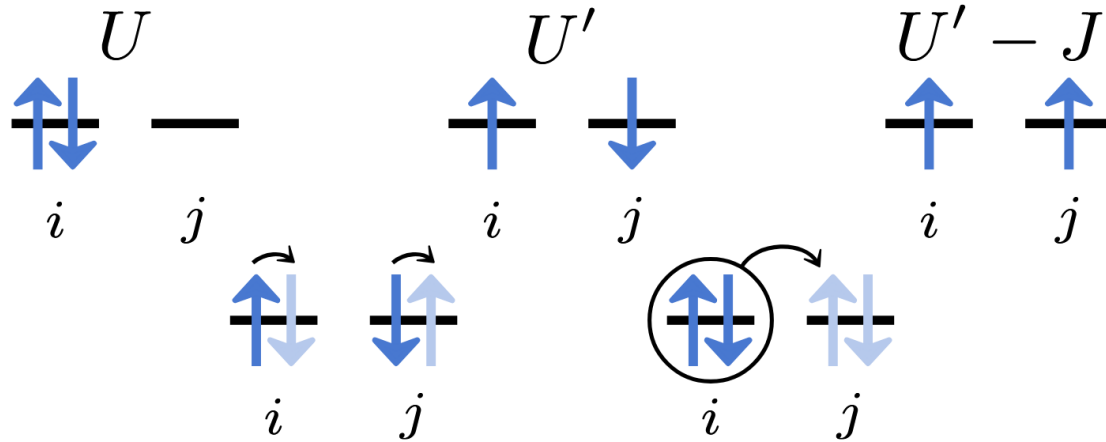
IMPURITY PROBLEMS



- Embedding maps the right orbitals to the right impurity problem
- Each impurity problem is solved individually
- Embedding brings back all the self-energies, ready to unfold

Interactions parameters

Interacting Hamiltonians:



$$\hat{H}_U = U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} + U' \sum_{i \neq j} n_{i\uparrow} n_{j\downarrow} + (U' - J) \sum_{i < j, \sigma} n_{i\sigma} n_{j\sigma} \\ - J \sum_{i \neq j} c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow} c_{j\downarrow}^\dagger c_{j\uparrow} + J \sum_{i \neq j} c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger c_{j\downarrow} c_{j\uparrow}$$

Values of U/J:

- Correspond to screened values
- Often treated as parameters
- Can be approximated using
 - cRPA
 - cDFT
 - Linear response
- Hear more in GW+EDMFT

Mapping to impurity problems: Summary

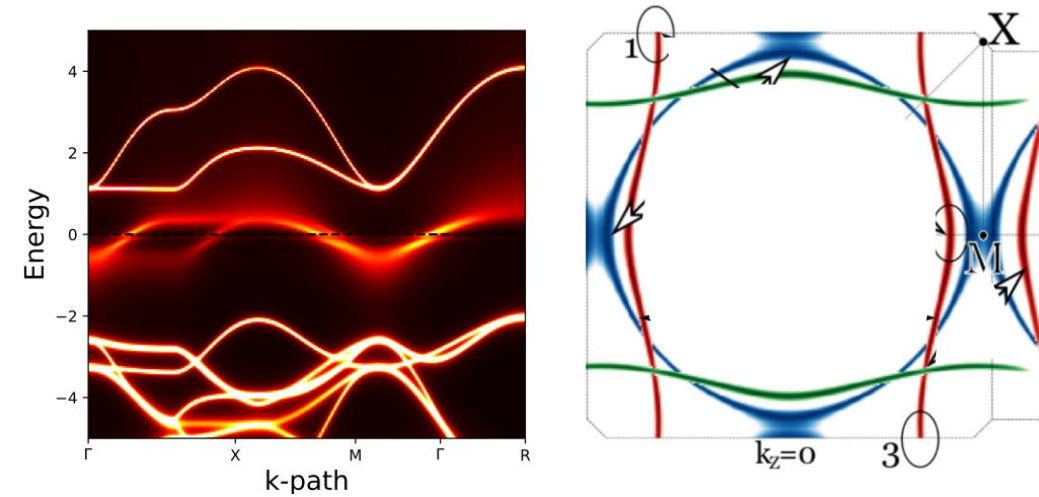
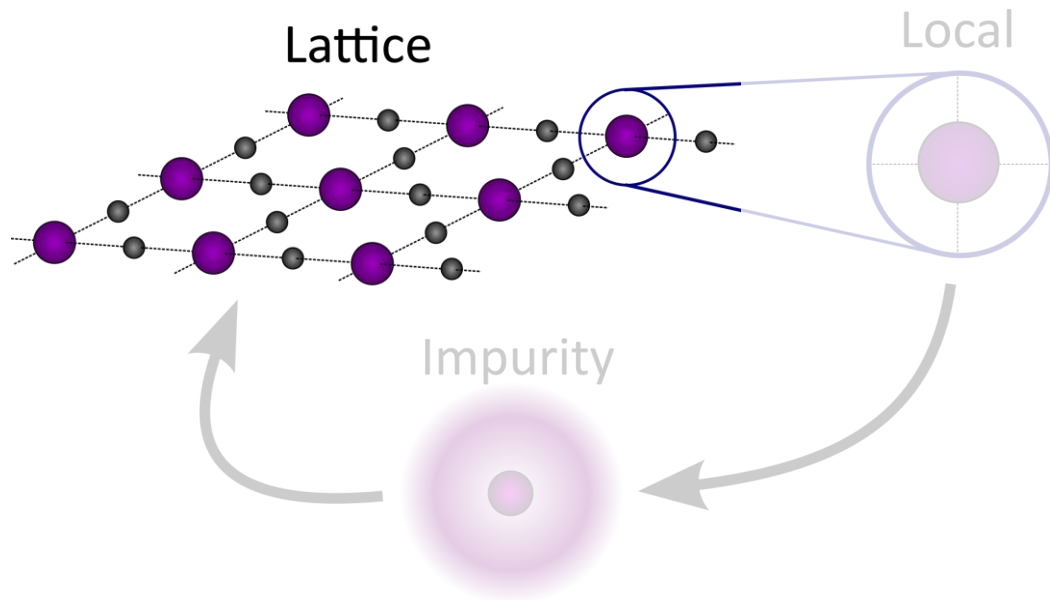
- There are **many possibilities of embedding** depending on the numerical resources available and type of physics that is wanted
 - Multi-site DMFT in equivalent/inequivalent atoms
 - Clustering of atoms
 - Block diagonalization and drop of orbitals
 - Non-trivial spin mappings

- **Impurities are treated separately and reassembled** at the embedding level

Post-processing

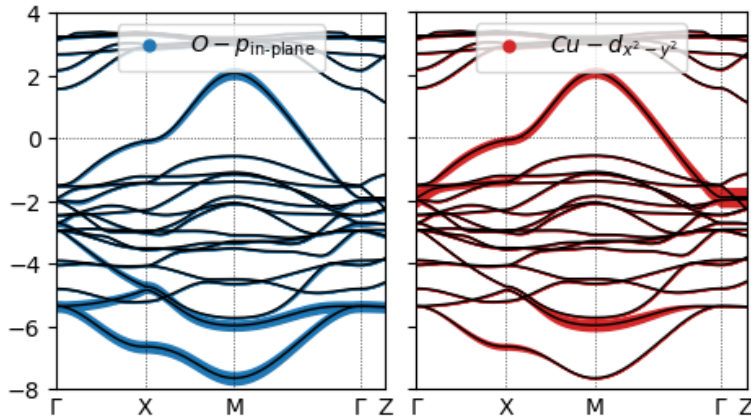
Spectral function

$$A(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{TrIm} G^{\text{latt}}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$$



- Analytical continuation of the self-energy
- Embedding to the lattice gives $\mathbf{k}$ -dependence

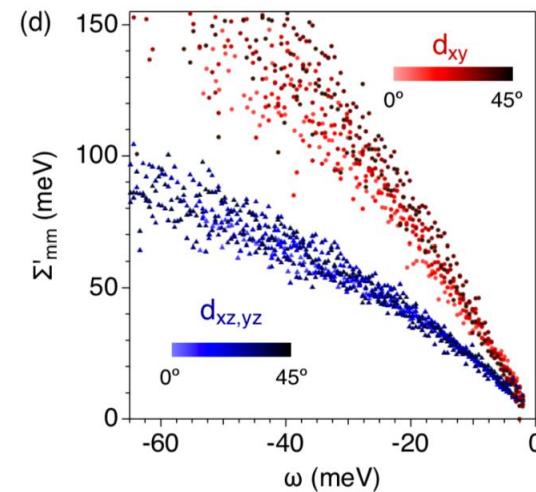
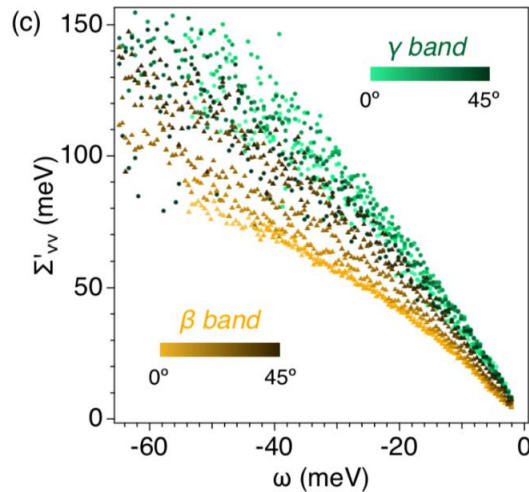
Momentum dependence of Σ



$$P^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) \Sigma_C(\omega) P(\mathbf{k}) = \Sigma^{\text{latt}}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$$

The diagram illustrates the calculation of the lattice self-energy $\Sigma^{\text{latt}}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ from the orbital self-energy $\Sigma_C(\omega)$ and the projection matrices $P^\dagger(\mathbf{k})$ and $P(\mathbf{k})$.

- $P^\dagger(\mathbf{k})$ is a 3×17 matrix with rows labeled $d_{x^2-y^2}$, p_x , and p_y , and columns labeled $1, 2, \dots, v_{\min}, \dots, v_{\max}, \dots, v_{\text{last}}$.
- $\Sigma_C(\omega)$ is a 3×3 matrix with rows labeled $d_{x^2-y^2}$, p_x , and p_y .
- $P(\mathbf{k})$ is a 17×3 matrix with columns labeled $d_{x^2-y^2}$, p_x , and p_y , and rows labeled $1, 2, \dots, v_{\min}, \dots, v_{\max}, \dots, v_{\text{last}}$.
- The resulting $\Sigma^{\text{latt}}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ is a 17×17 matrix with rows and columns labeled $1, 2, \dots, v_{\min}, \dots, v_{\max}, \dots, v_{\text{last}}$.



Tamai *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **9**, 021048 (2019)

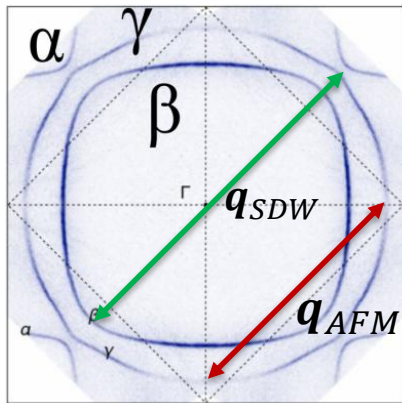
- Self-energy extracted from ARPS for Sr_2RuO_4
 - Non-local in band basis
 - Local in orbital basis

Accessible observables

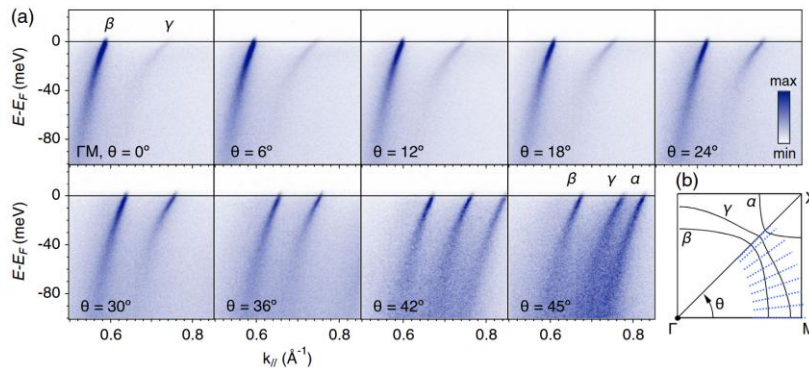
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➤ Fermi surface & Electronic dispersion



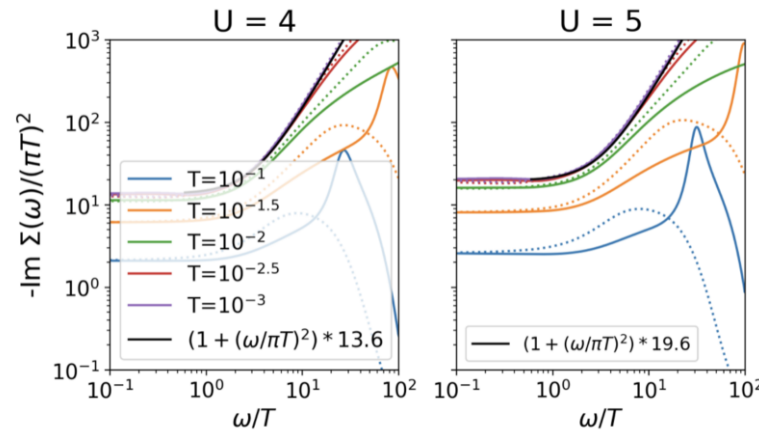
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Transport

➤ Resistivity

$$\rho(T) = \left[\Phi(\epsilon_F) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega \left(-\frac{df}{d\omega} \right) \frac{1}{2|\text{Im}\Sigma(\omega, T)|} \right]^{-1}$$



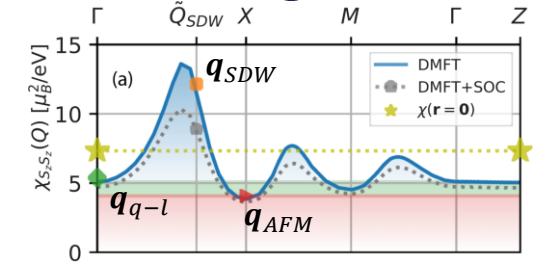
Kazemi et al., *in preparation*

- Seebeck
- Thermal conductivity
- Optical conductivity

Other susceptibilities

$$\chi_{ph} = \frac{K+Q}{K} \frac{K'+Q}{K'} = \frac{K+Q}{K} \frac{K'+Q}{K'} + \frac{K+Q}{K} \frac{K''+Q}{K''} \frac{K'+Q}{K'} \chi_{ph}$$

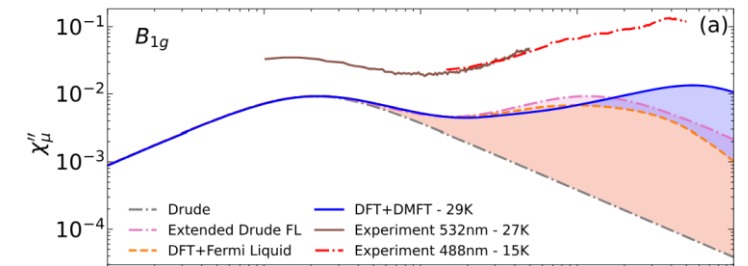
➤ Magnetic



Steffens et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 122, 047004 (2019)

Strand et al., *Phys. Rev. B* 100, 125120 (2019)

➤ Raman scattering



Blesio et al., *Phys. Rev. Res.* 6, 023124 (2024)

Conclusion

- **Density functional theory** serves a great starting point for the simulations of materials but needs to be corrected to account for strong correlations
- While it is naturally expressed in the Bloch basis, the treatment of interactions is naturally performed for a set of **localized orbitals**, which defines **projectors**
- There are many possible mappings from the localized orbitals to a set of distinct impurity problems taken care of by the concept of **Embeddings**, which also allow reembedding the resulting self-energies onto the original lattice
- Performing these steps is supported by the **TRIQS @ ModEST** software which you will now try!

Thank you.



