

# **Electrostatic screening in 2D semiconductors: an efficient atomistic implementation**

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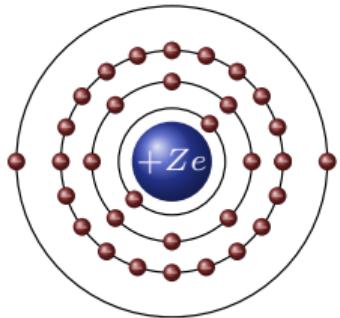
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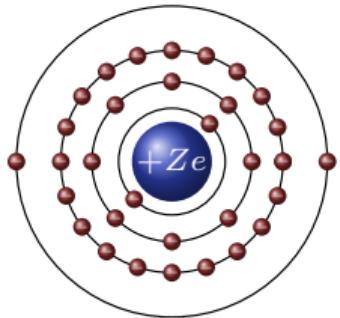
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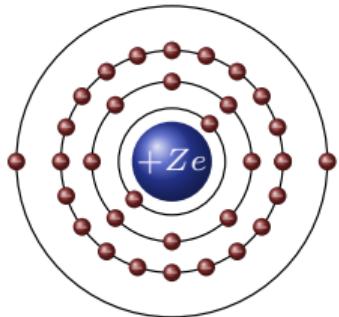
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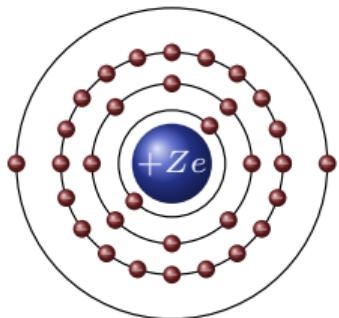
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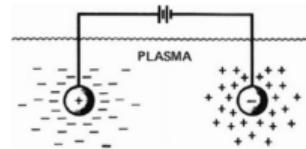


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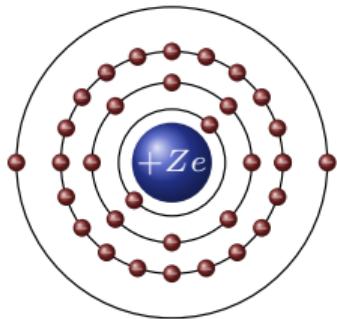
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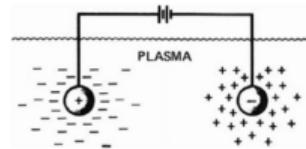
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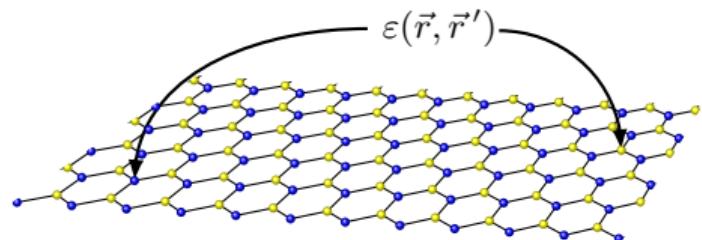
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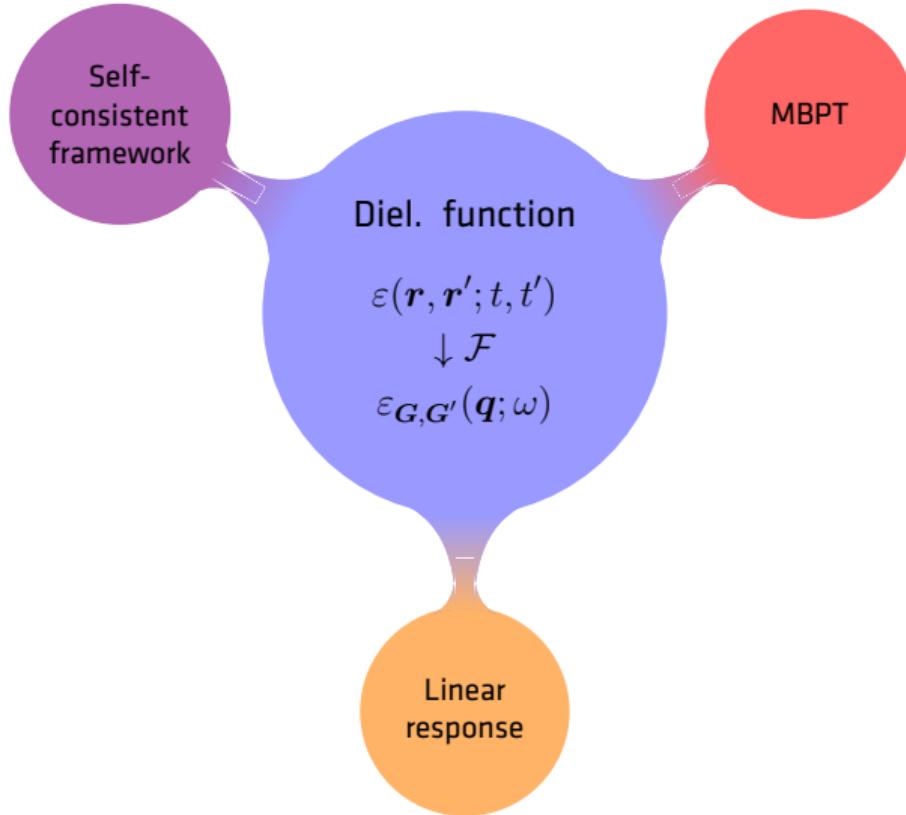
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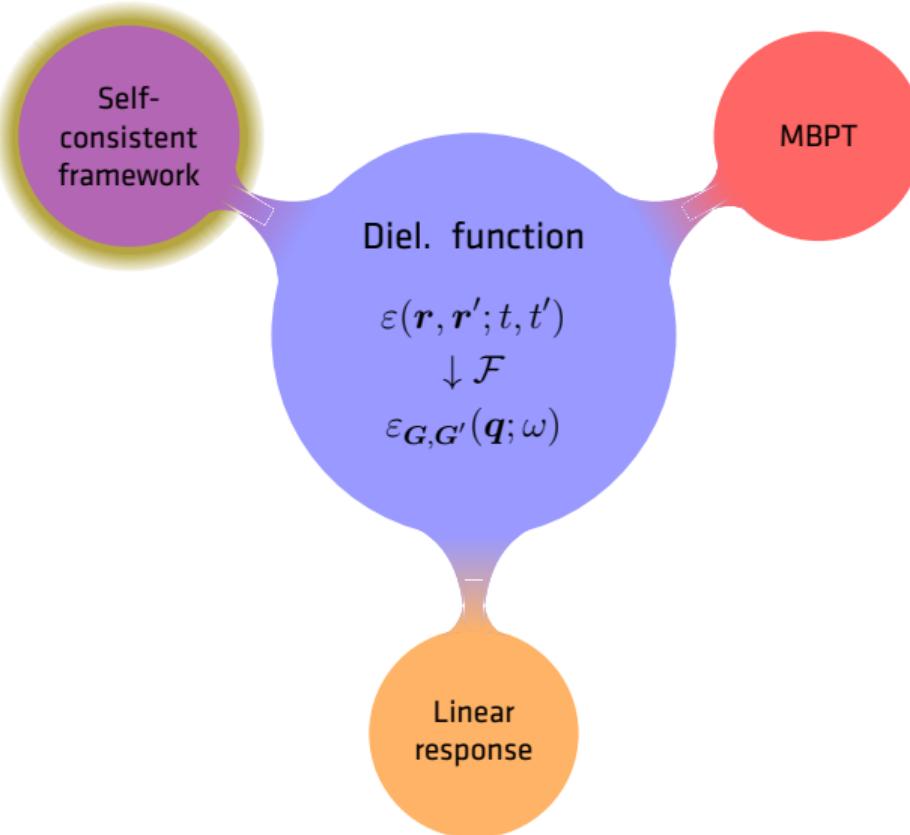
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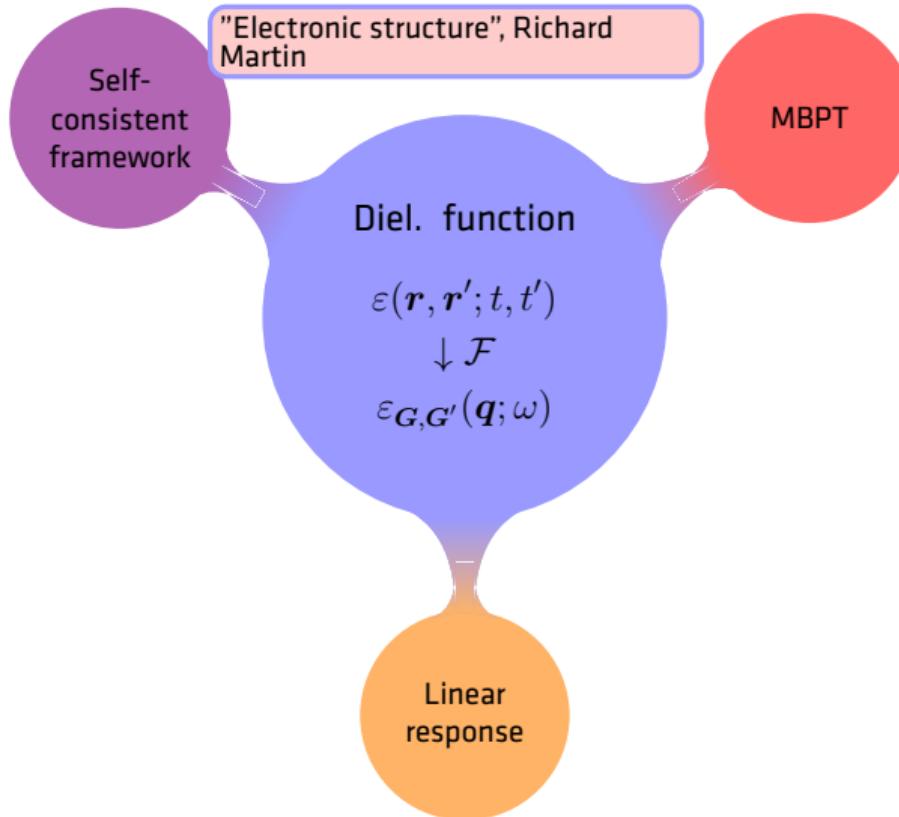
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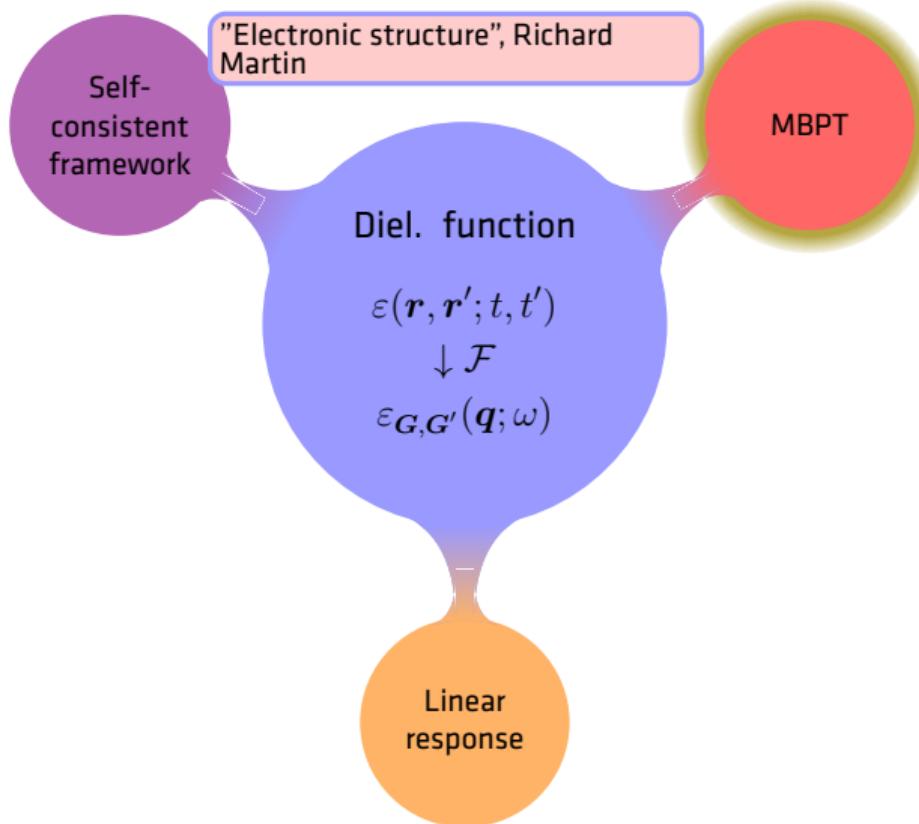
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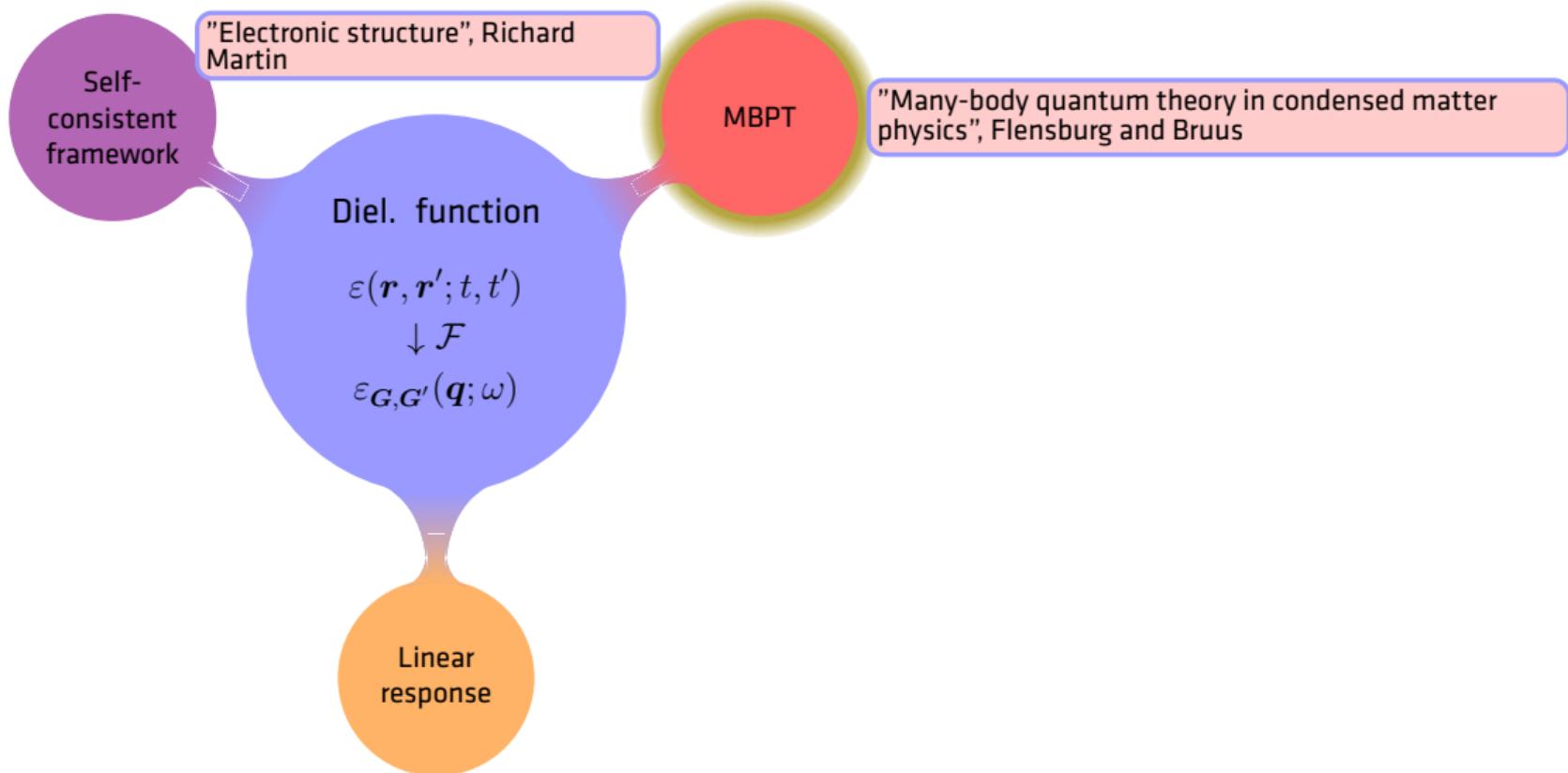
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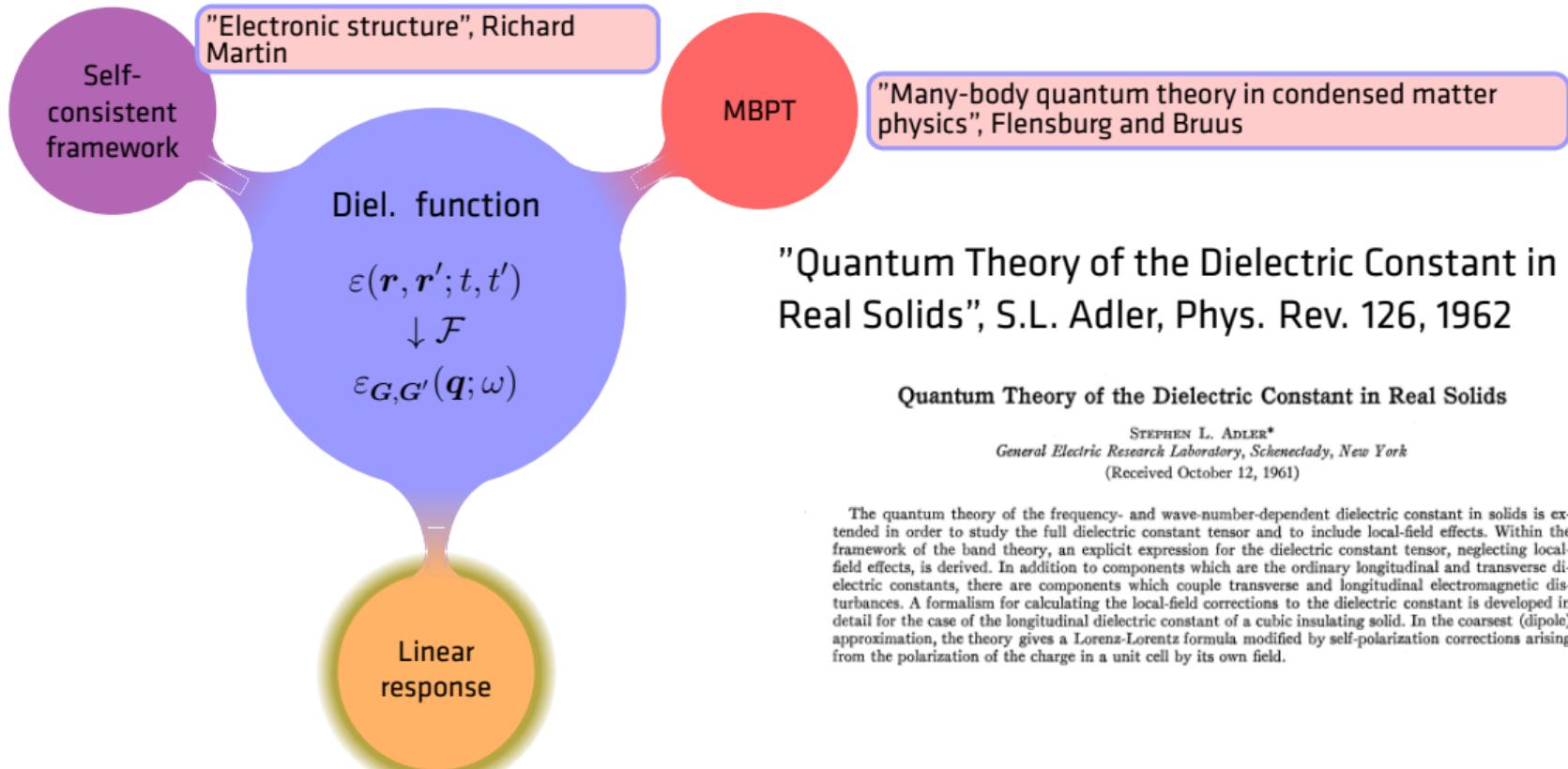
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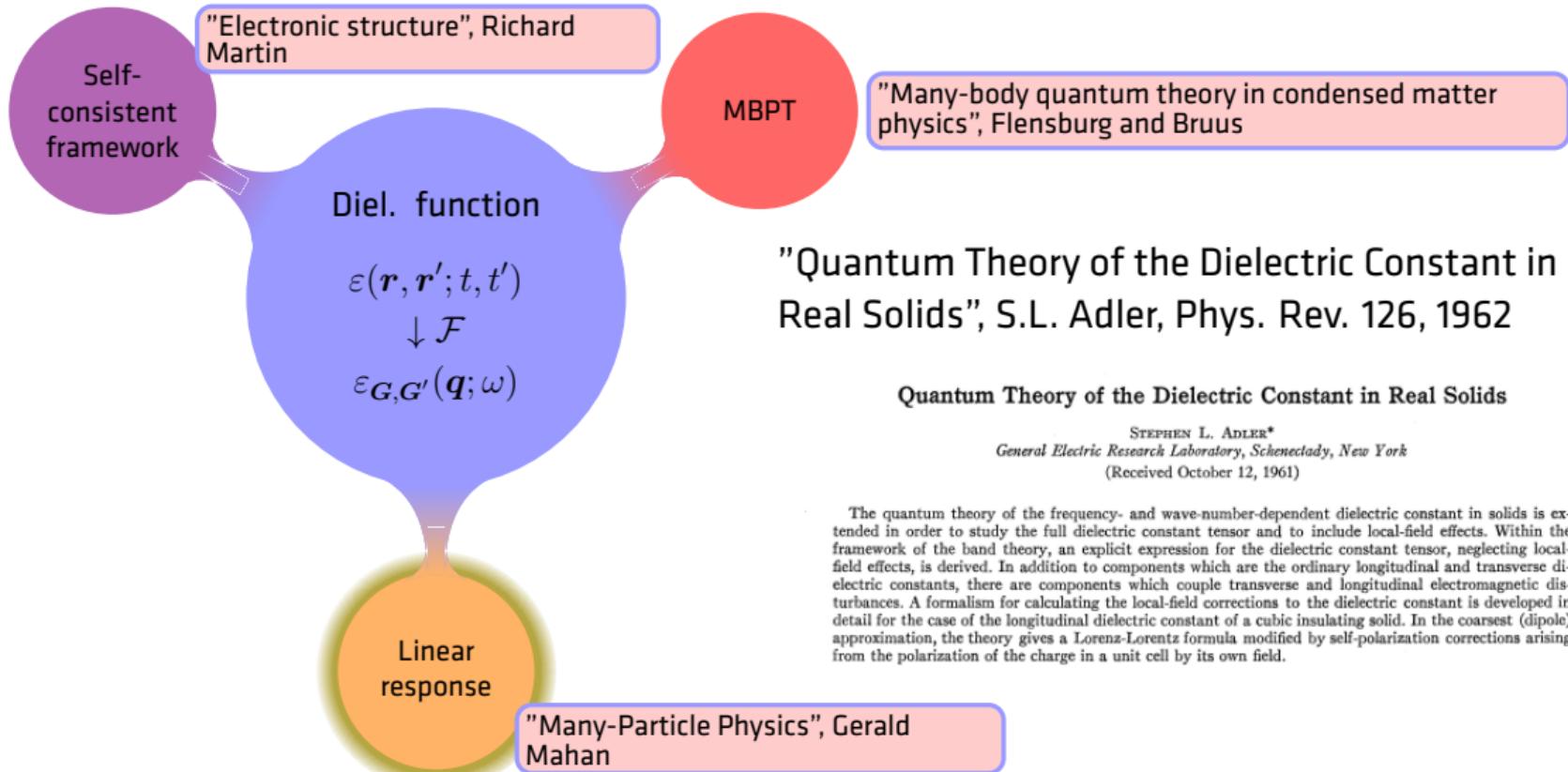
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$$\langle \mathbf{r} | n, \mathbf{k} \rangle = \psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}), \alpha \rightarrow 0^+$$

$$\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\mathbf{R}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{R}} \sum_{i\alpha} C_{i\alpha}^{n\mathbf{k}} \phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{t}_i), \text{ in the TB approx.}$$

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# Static RPA polarizability: $r$ and $q$ spaces

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[1] Jack Deslippe et al., “BerkeleyGW: A massively parallel computer package for the calculation of the quasiparticle and optical properties of materials and nanostructures”, Computer Physics Communications 183.6 (2012)

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TB approx.  $\Rightarrow S_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) \approx \delta_{ij}$  and eigenvalue/eigenvector problem:

$$H(\mathbf{k})\psi(\mathbf{k}) = E\psi(\mathbf{k})$$

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# Dielectric function computation scheme

- ➊ Diagonalize  $H(\mathbf{k})$  and store all  $\{\epsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}\}, \{\underline{C}^{n\mathbf{k}}\}$  in a BZ mesh
- ➋ Compute dielectric matrix  $\varepsilon_{GG'}(\mathbf{q}) = \delta_{GG'} - v_c(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{G})\chi_{GG'}^0(\mathbf{q}), \forall \mathbf{q} \in \text{BZ}$
- ➌ Invert  $\varepsilon_{GG'}(\mathbf{q}) \forall \mathbf{q} \in \text{BZ}$
- ➍ Compute  $W_{G,G'}(\mathbf{q}) = \varepsilon_{GG'}^{-1}(\mathbf{q})v_c(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{G}') \forall \mathbf{q} \in \text{BZ}$
- ➎ Compute the exciton (details for another time)

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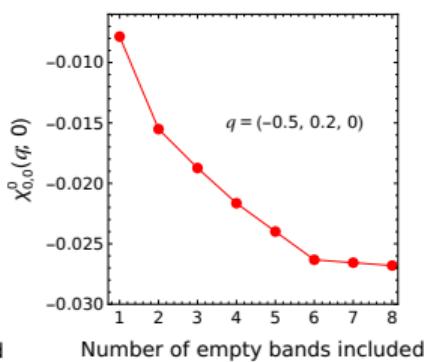
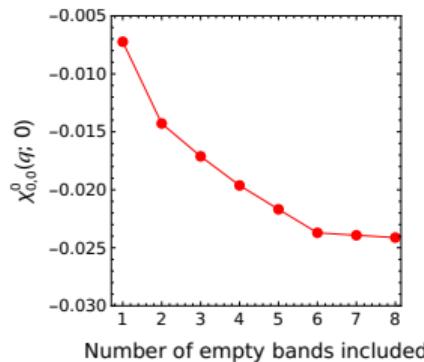
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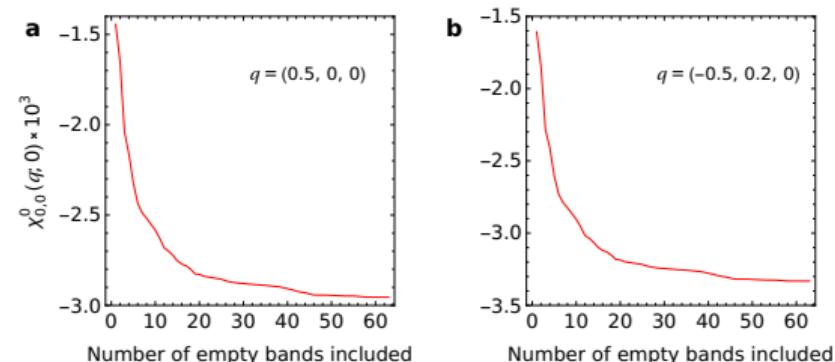
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# Polarizability convergence



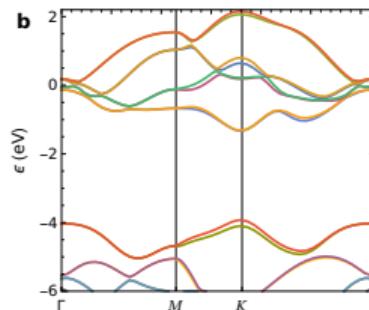
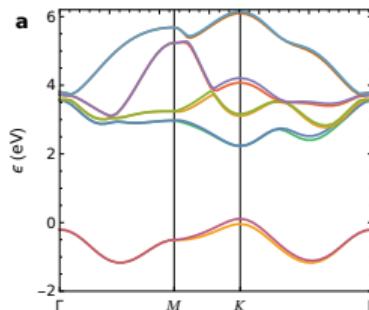
**Figure:**  $\text{MoS}_2$  tight-binding model by Ridolfi [1].



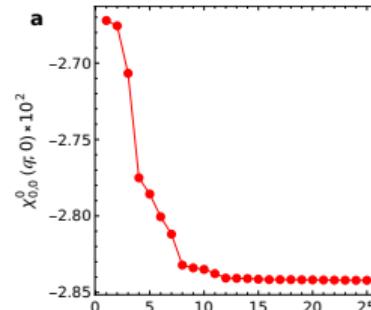
**Figure:**  $\text{hBN}$ , DFT (HSE06 functional) using CRYSTAL [2].

- [1] E. Ridolfi et al., Journal of Physics: Condensed Matter 27.36 (2015)
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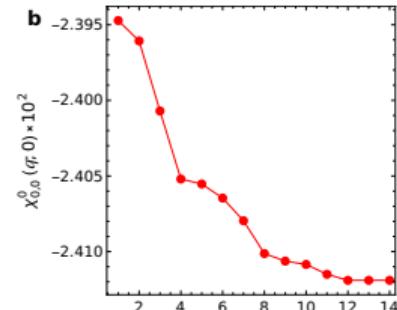
# Polarizability convergence: comparing models



**Figure:** MoS<sub>2</sub> bands, **a**-Ridolfi's TB model, **b**-Wannier90 [1].



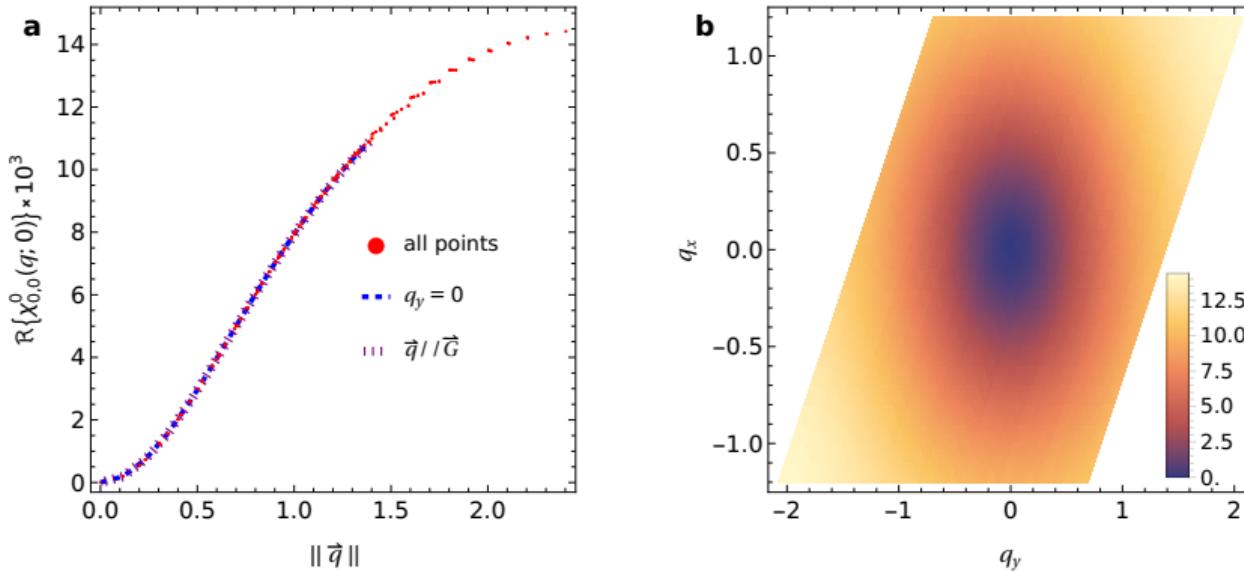
**Figure:**  $\chi_{00}(\mathbf{q})$ ,  $\mathbf{q} = (0.5, 0)$ . (**a**->**b**, **b**->**a**)



Convergence of the polarizability with the number of included valence bands, including all the conduction bands. Different values justified by a different band structure.

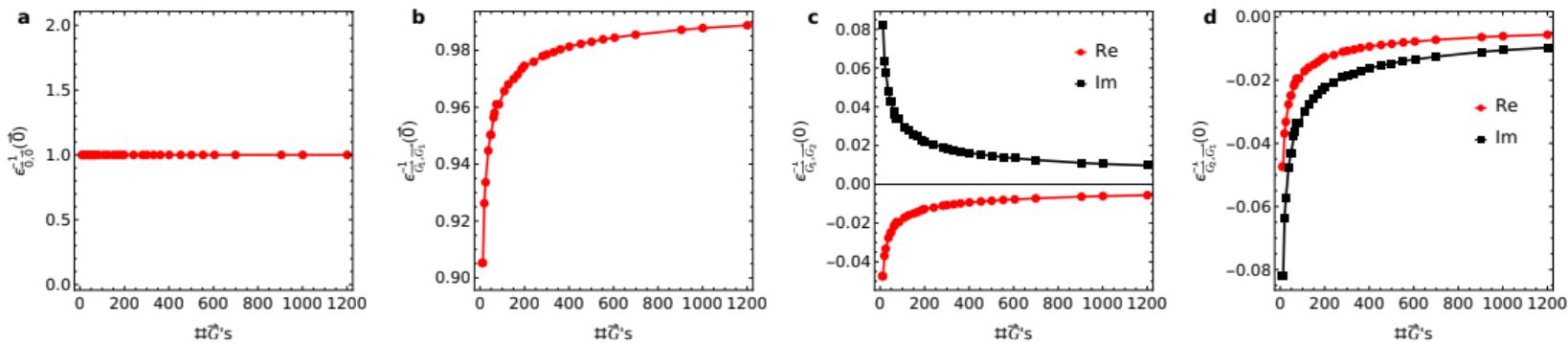
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# Polarizability in the Brillouin Zone



**Figure:** Panel **a**:  $\chi_{00}^0(\vec{q})$  vs.  $|\vec{q}|$ ; Panel **b**:  $\chi_{00}^0(\vec{q})$  vs.  $\vec{q} \in BZ$ . Calculation for hBN, whose bands were obtained within DFT with the HSE06 functional.

# Convergence of the inverse dielectric function



**Figure:** Selection of matrix elements  $\epsilon_{GG'}^{-1}(0)$  for MoS<sub>2</sub> using Ridolfi's tight-binding model. All bands included, and with a BZ mesh with 20 momentum points in each direction. **a**  $(G, G') = (0, 0)$ , **b**  $(G, G') = (G_1, G_1)$ , **c**  $(G, G') = (G_1, G_2)$ , **d**  $(G, G') = (G_2, G_1)$ .  $G_1 = (-1.98835, 1.14797)(\text{\AA}^{-1})$  and  $G_2 = -G_1$ .

# Macroscopic dielectric function

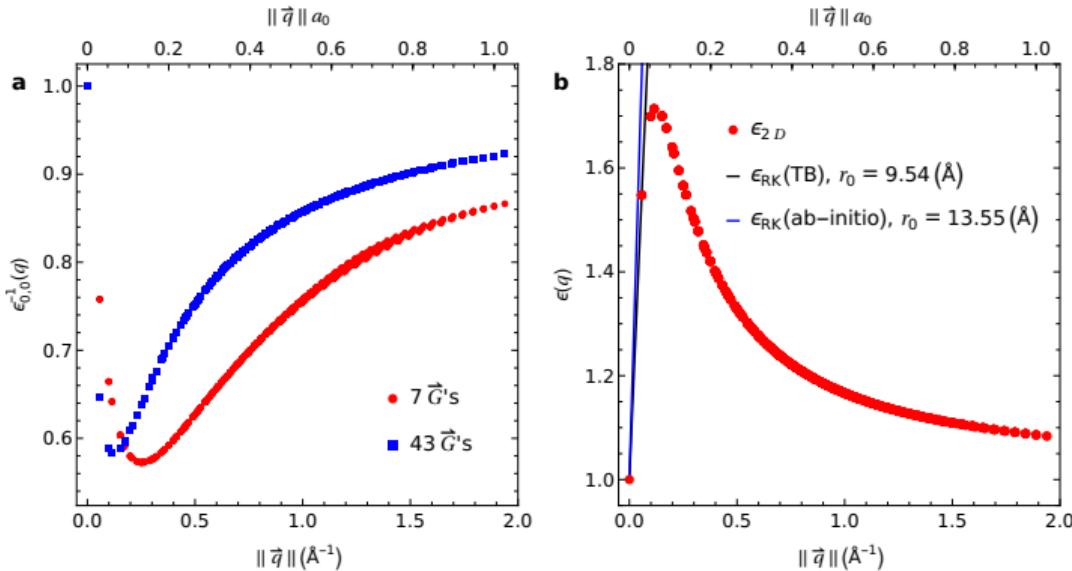
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**Figure:** **a**  $\varepsilon_{00}^{-1}(|\mathbf{q}|)$  and **b**  $\varepsilon_{2D}(|\mathbf{q}|)$ . For MoS<sub>2</sub> using Ridolfi's tight-binding model. In **b** we display the numerical  $\varepsilon_{2D}$ , the Rytova-Keldysh dielectric function with an estimated  $r_0 \approx 9.54 \text{\AA}$  and with the ab-initio one  $r_0 = 13.55 \text{\AA}$ .

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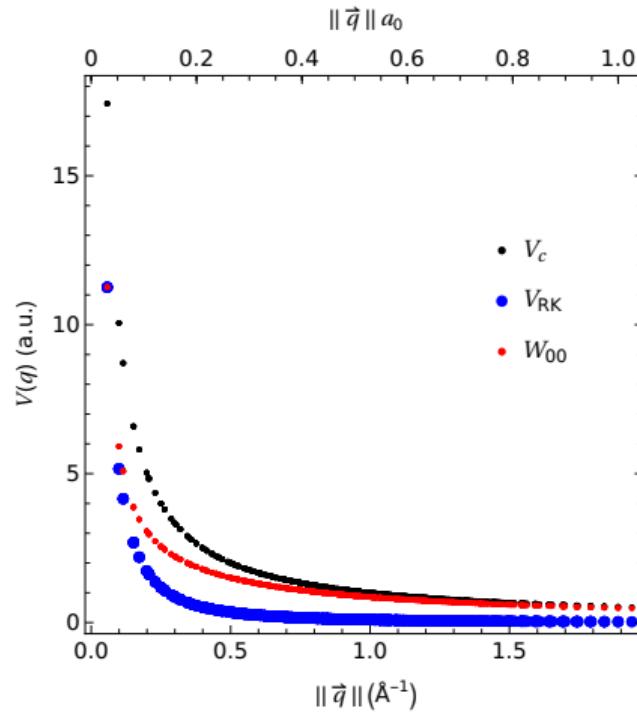
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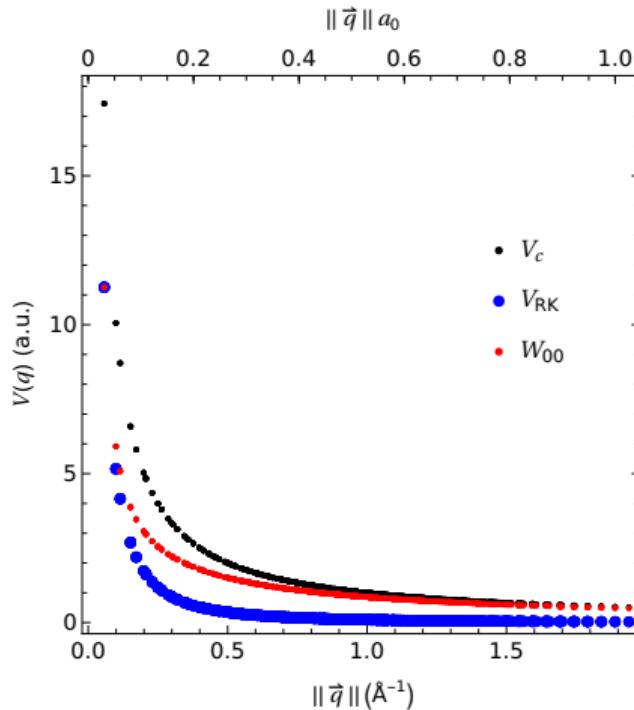
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- $W_{00}(\mathbf{q}) \xrightarrow{q \nearrow} v_c(\mathbf{q})$
- RK approx. overestimates screening



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# A use case: excitons in MoS<sub>2</sub>

Please consult: Alejandro José Uría-Álvarez et al. "Efficient computation of optical excitations in 2D materials with the Xatu code", Computer Physics Communications 295 (2024)

State	Energy (RK) (eV)	B. energy (RK) (eV)	Energy ( $\varepsilon_{G,G'}$ ) (eV)	B. energy ( $\varepsilon_{G,G'}$ ) (eV)
1a	1.15051	-0.96949	0.858549	-1.261451
1b			0.858551	-1.261449
2a	1.187938	-0.932062	0.900934	-1.219066
2b			0.900936	-1.219064
3a	1.266467	-0.853533	0.971518	-1.148482
3b			0.971520	-1.14848
4a	1.305554	-0.814446	1.015683	-1.104317
4b			1.015685	-1.104315

**Table:** Exciton spectrum of MoS<sub>2</sub> described by Ridolfi's tight-binding model, using the Rytova-Keldysh potential and the computed inverse dielectric matrix to compute the interaction matrix elements, at the left and right, respectively.  $N_k = 40^2$ ,  $N_c = N_v = 2$  for the exciton,  $N_G = 43$ . Excludes the exchange interaction term in both approaches to screening.

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# Revisiting Dyson's equation

$$\chi_0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = \sum_{v\mathbf{k}, c\mathbf{k}'} \left[ \frac{\psi_{c\mathbf{k}'}(\mathbf{r})\psi_{v\mathbf{k}}^*(\mathbf{r})\psi_{v\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}')\psi_{c\mathbf{k}'}^*(\mathbf{r}')}{\hbar\omega - (\epsilon_{c\mathbf{k}'} - \epsilon_{v\mathbf{k}}) + i\hbar\alpha} - \frac{\psi_{v\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})\psi_{c\mathbf{k}'}^*(\mathbf{r})\psi_{c\mathbf{k}'}(\mathbf{r}')\psi_{v\mathbf{k}}^*(\mathbf{r}')}{\hbar\omega + (\epsilon_{c\mathbf{k}'} - \epsilon_{v\mathbf{k}}) + i\hbar\alpha} \right].$$

$$W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \int d\mathbf{r}'' \varepsilon^{-1}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'') v_c(\mathbf{r}'', \mathbf{r}') = v_c(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') + \int d\mathbf{x} \int d\mathbf{y} v_c(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{x}) \chi_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) W(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{r}')$$

$$\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\mathbf{R}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{R}} \sum_{i\alpha} C_{i\alpha}^{n\mathbf{k}} \phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{t}_i),$$

# Revisiting Dyson's equation

In the continuum

$$W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \int d\mathbf{r}'' \varepsilon^{-1}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'') v_c(\mathbf{r}'', \mathbf{r}') = v_c(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') + \int d\mathbf{x} \int d\mathbf{y} v_c(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{x}) \chi_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) W(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{r}')$$

Discretized version, in the point-like orbital approximation

$$W(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{t}_j) = v_c(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{t}_j) + \sum_{i', \mathbf{R}_1}^{\mathbf{R}_1 + \mathbf{t}_{i'} \neq \mathbf{R} + \mathbf{t}_i} v_c(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{R}_1 + \mathbf{t}_{i'}) \sum_{j', \mathbf{R}''}^{\mathbf{R}'' + \mathbf{t}_{j'} \neq \mathbf{t}_j} \mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}''}^{i', j'} W(\mathbf{R}'' + \mathbf{t}_{j'}, \mathbf{t}_j)$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{R}'}^{i, j} \equiv \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{v\mathbf{k}, c\mathbf{k}'} \sum_{\alpha\beta} \frac{-2 \operatorname{Re} \left\{ (C_{i\alpha}^{c\mathbf{k}'})^* C_{i\alpha}^{v\mathbf{k}} (C_{j\beta}^{v\mathbf{k}})^* C_{j\beta}^{c\mathbf{k}'} e^{-i(\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{k}) \cdot (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{R}')} \right\}}{\epsilon_{c\mathbf{k}'} - \epsilon_{v\mathbf{k}}}$$

# Screened potential in real space

$$W(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{t}_i, t_j) = v_c(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{t}_i, t_j) + \sum_{i', \mathbf{R}_1}^{\mathbf{R}_1 + \mathbf{t}_{i'} \neq \mathbf{R} + \mathbf{t}_i} v_c(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{R}_1 + \mathbf{t}_{i'}) \sum_{j', \mathbf{R}''}^{\mathbf{R}'' + \mathbf{t}_{j'} \neq \mathbf{t}_j} \mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}''}^{i', j'} W(\mathbf{R}'' + \mathbf{t}_{j'}, t_j)$$

is equivalent to

$$W(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{t}_i, t_j) - \sum_{j', \mathbf{R}''}^{\mathbf{R}'' + \mathbf{t}_{j'} \neq \mathbf{t}_j} \left[ \sum_{i', \mathbf{R}_1}^{\mathbf{R}_1 + \mathbf{t}_{i'} \neq \mathbf{R} + \mathbf{t}_i} v_c(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{R}_1 + \mathbf{t}_{i'}) \mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}''}^{i', j'} \right] W(\mathbf{R}'' + \mathbf{t}_{j'}, t_j) = v_c(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{t}_i, t_j)$$

System of linear equations, however....

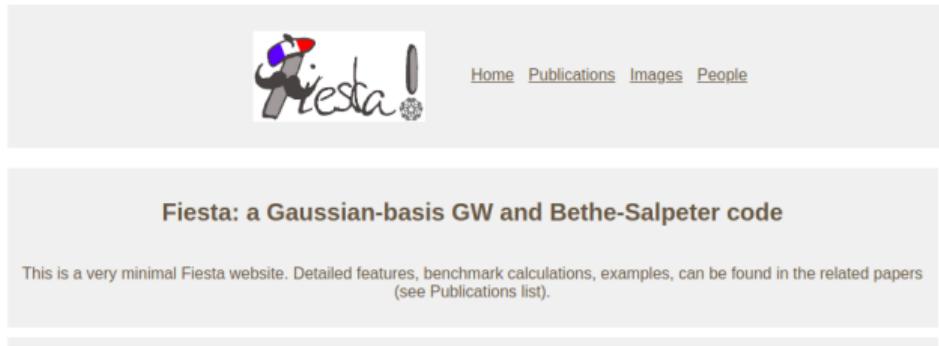
- $W(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{t}_i, t_j) > 0$  sometimes,  $W(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{t}_i, t_j) < 0$  other times;
- Situation improves including the term  $\mathbf{R}_1 + \mathbf{t}_{i'} = \mathbf{R} + \mathbf{t}_i$ , but result is regularization dependent.

# Screened potential in real space: what to do?

- Look at what chemists do.
- Self-consistent approach?

$$W(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{t}_j) =$$

$$v_c(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{t}_j) + \sum_{i', \mathbf{R}_1}^{\mathbf{R}_1 + \mathbf{t}_{i'} \neq \mathbf{R} + \mathbf{t}_i} v_c(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{R}_1 + \mathbf{t}_{i'}) \sum_{j', \mathbf{R}''}^{\mathbf{R}'' + \mathbf{t}_{j'} \neq \mathbf{t}_j} \mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}''}^{i', j'} v_c(\mathbf{R}'' + \mathbf{t}_{j'}, \mathbf{t}_j) + \dots$$



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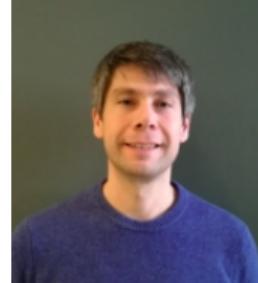
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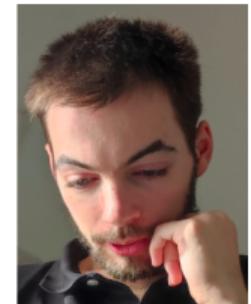
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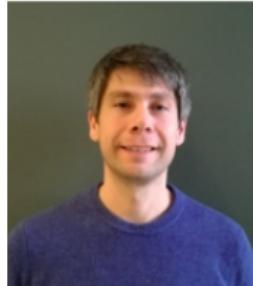
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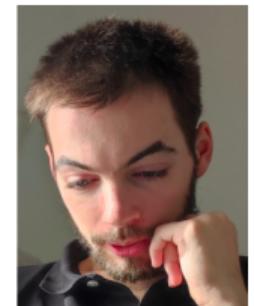
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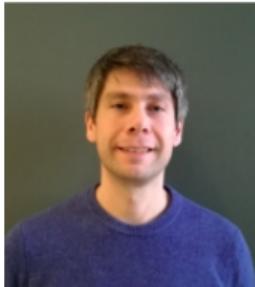
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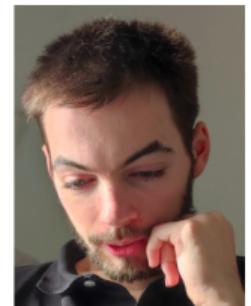
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