



Accurate charged and neutral excitations with Koopmans functionals

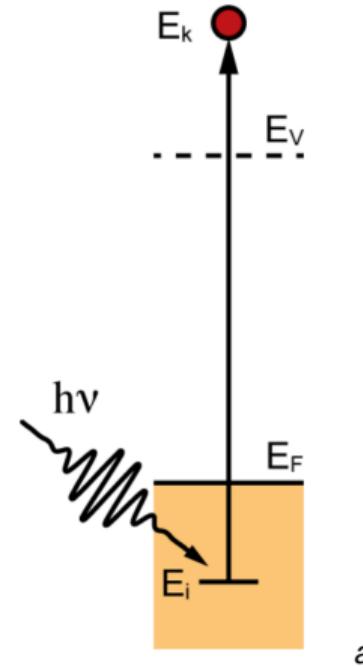
Koopmans functionals are a class of functionals that aim to reproduce spectral properties and total energies on the same footing

As a result they give band structures and orbital energies comparable to state-of-the-art GW

Koopmans can be used to replace GW when calculating neutral excitations with BSE

We have recently released `koopmans`, a package that contains everything necessary to run calculations using Koopmans functionals without expert knowledge

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Koopmans functionals: theory

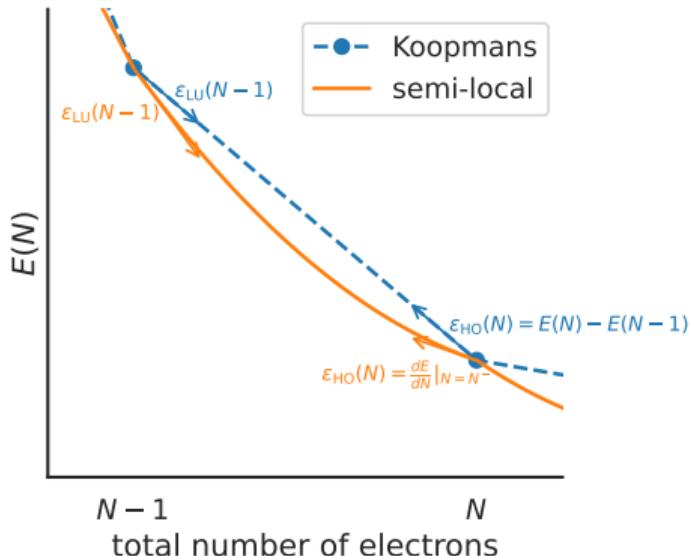
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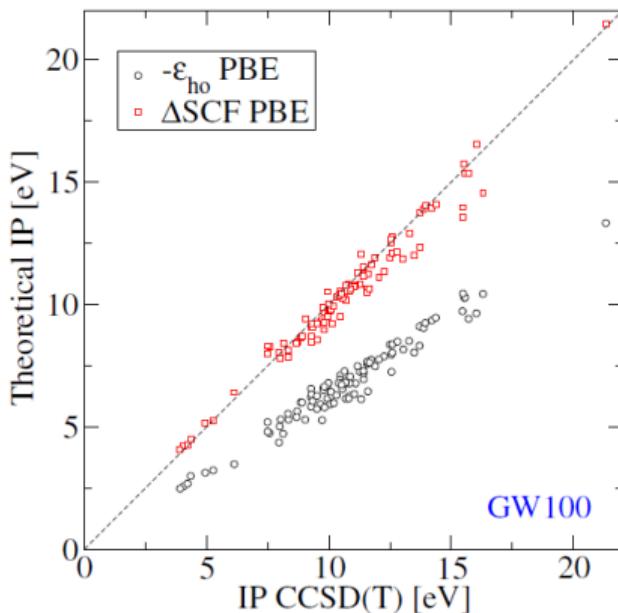
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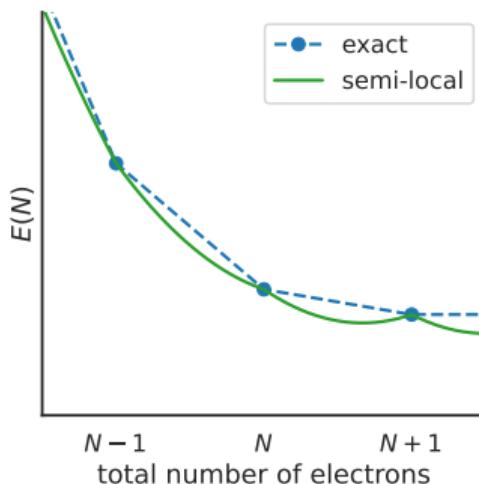
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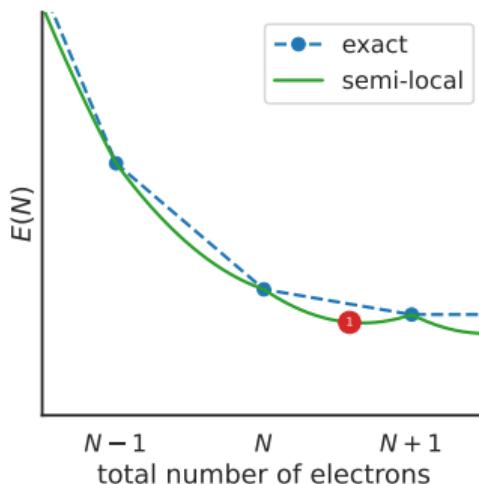
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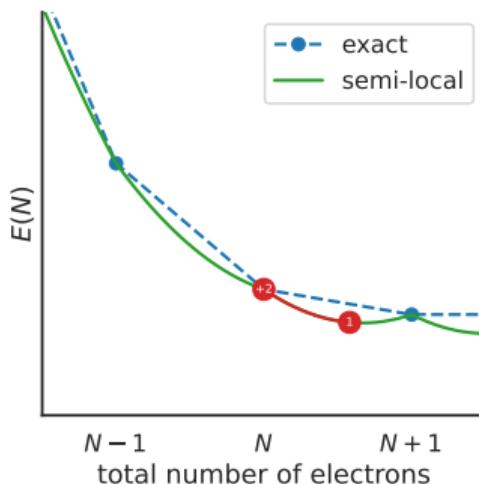
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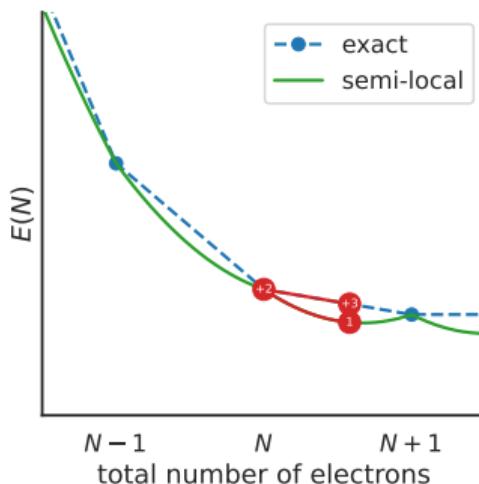
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- orbital-density dependence

$$v_i^{\text{KI}}/\alpha_i = -E_H[\mathbf{n}_i] + E_{\text{xc}}[\rho] - E_{\text{xc}}[\rho - \mathbf{n}_i] - \int d\mathbf{r}' v_{\text{xc}}(\mathbf{r}', [\rho]) \mathbf{n}_i(\mathbf{r}')$$

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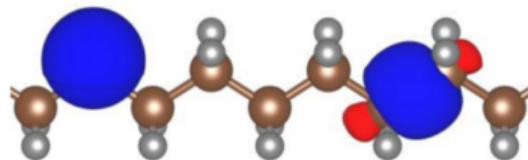
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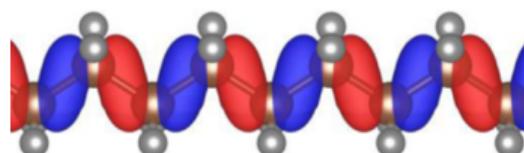
$$\frac{dE}{df_i} \approx \alpha_i \frac{\partial E}{\partial f_i} \Rightarrow \varepsilon_i^{\text{Koopmans}} = \frac{\partial E_{\text{Koopmans}}}{\partial f_i} \approx E_i(N-1) - E(N)$$

Consequences of ODD:

- a natural generalisation in the direction of spectral functional theory¹
- variational (localised, minimising) vs canonical (delocalised, diagonalising) orbitals



(a) variational



(b) canonical

- ODD functional means that we know $\hat{H}|\varphi_i\rangle$ for variational orbitals $\{|\varphi_i\rangle\}$ but we don't know \hat{H} in general
- Practically we can often use MLWFs

¹ A. Ferretti et al. *Phys. Rev. B* 89.19 (27, 2014), 195134.

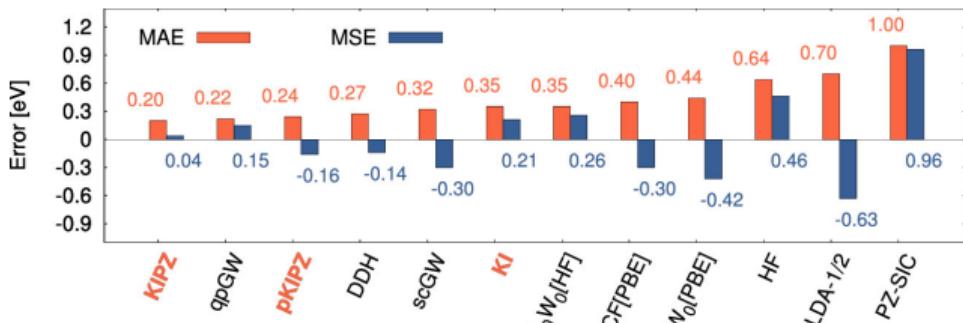
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Resonance with other efforts:

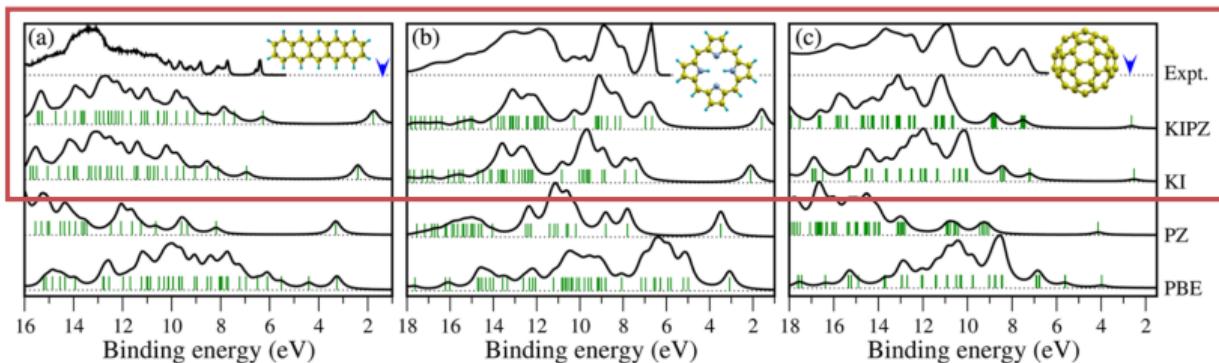
- Wannier transition-state method of Anisimov and Kozhevnikov V. I. Anisimov et al. *Phys. Rev. B* 72.7 (18, 2005), 075125
- Optimally tuned hybrid functionals of Kronik, Pasquarello, and others L. Kronik et al. *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* 8.5 (8, 2012), 1515; D. Wing et al. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.* 118.34 (24, 2021), e2104556118
- Ensemble DFT of Kronik and co-workers E. Kraisler et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 110.12 (19, 2013), 126403
- Koopmans-Wannier of Wang and co-workers J. Ma et al. *Sci. Rep.* 6.1 (1 26, 2016), 24924
- Dielectric-dependent hybrid functionals of Galli and co-workers J. H. Skone et al. *Phys. Rev. B* 93.23 (3, 2016), 235106
- LOSC functionals of Yang and co-workers C. Li et al. *Natl. Sci. Rev.* 5 (2018), 203

Koopmans functionals: results for molecules

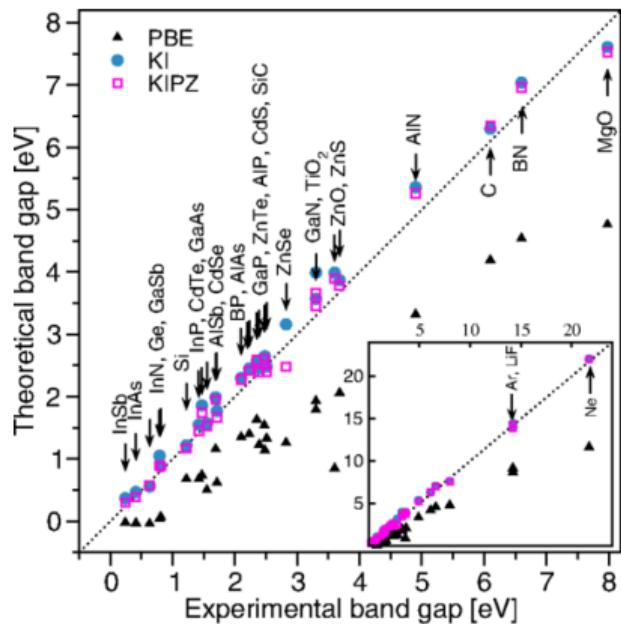
Ionisation potentials = $E(N - 1) - E(N)$? $= -\varepsilon_{HO}$ of 100 molecules (the GW100 set) cf. CCSD(T)



Ultraviolet photoemission spectra



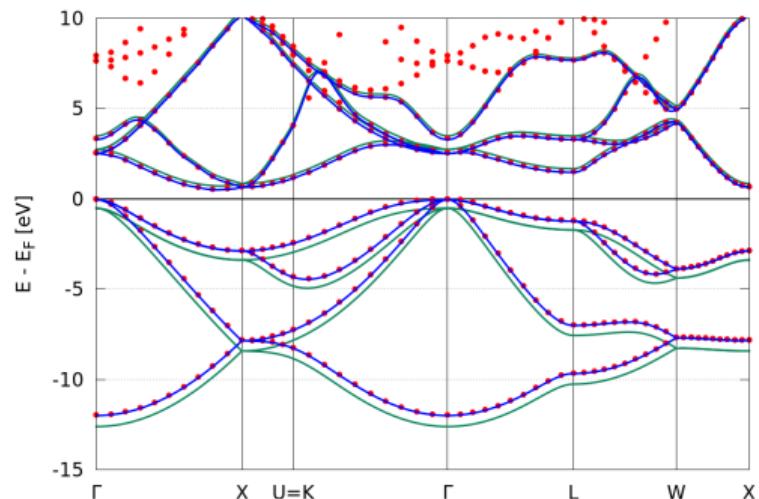
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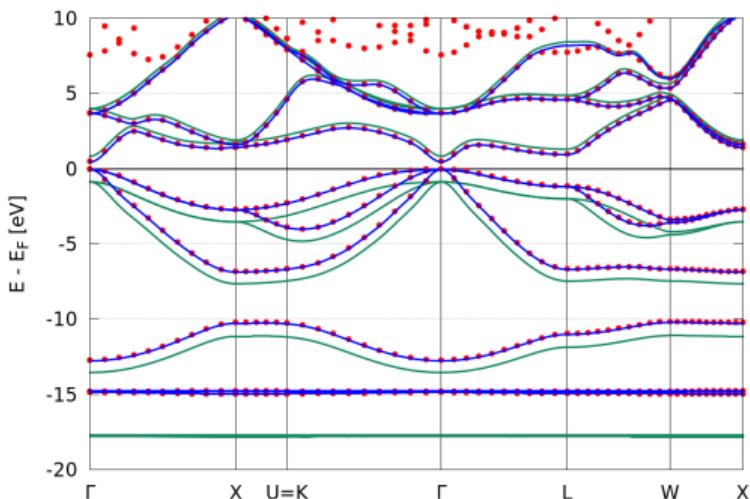
Mean absolute error (eV) across prototypical semiconductors and insulators

| | PBE | G ₀ W ₀ | KI | KIPZ | QSGW̃ |
|------------------|------|-------------------------------|------|------|-------|
| E_{gap} | 2.54 | 0.56 | 0.27 | 0.22 | 0.18 |
| IP | 1.09 | 0.39 | 0.19 | 0.21 | 0.49 |

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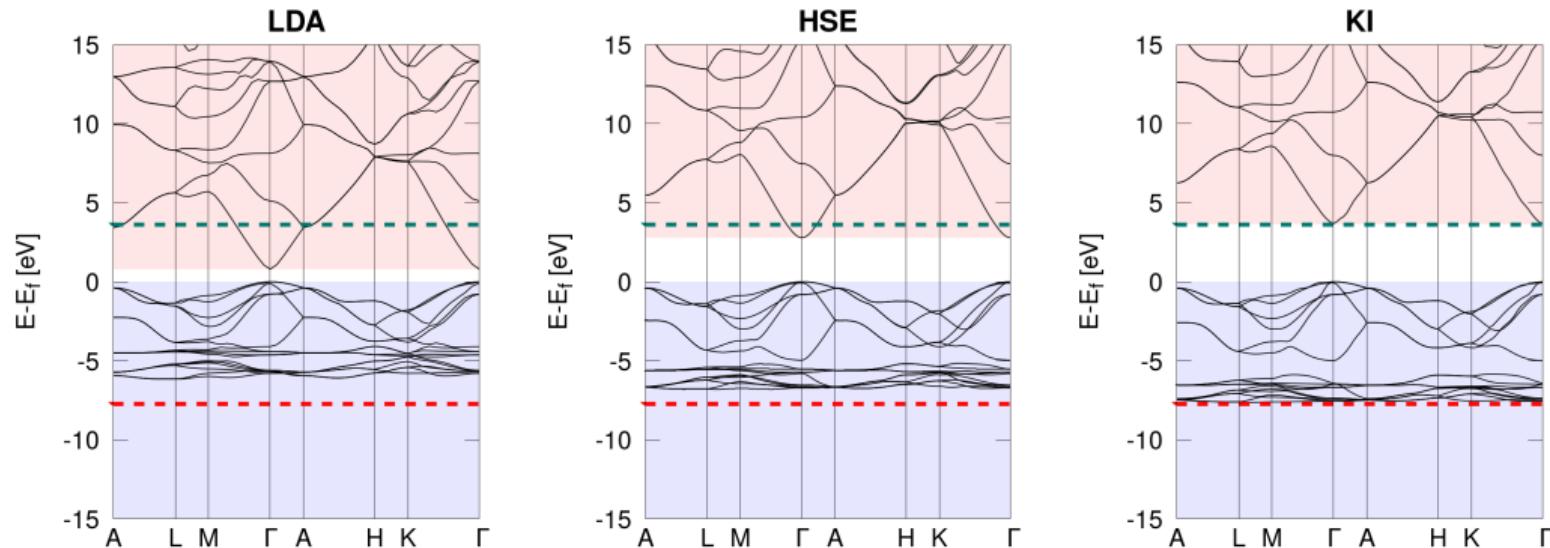
(a) Si, KIPZ



(b) GaAs, KI

| | | PBE | $QSGW$ | KI | pKIPZ | KIPZ | exp |
|------|---------------------------------|------|--------|------|-------|------|------|
| Si | E_{gap} | 0.55 | 1.24 | 1.18 | 1.17 | 1.19 | 1.17 |
| GaAs | E_{gap} | 0.50 | 1.61 | 1.53 | 1.49 | 1.50 | 1.52 |
| | $\langle \varepsilon_d \rangle$ | 14.9 | 17.6 | 16.9 | 17.7 | 18.9 | |

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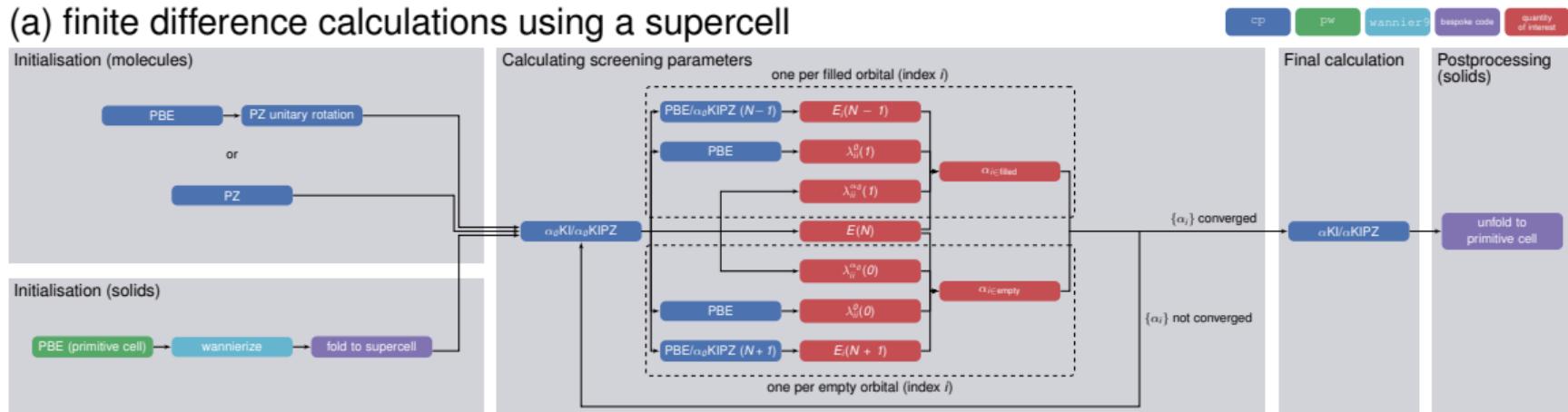
| ZnO | LDA | HSE | GW_0 | $scG\tilde{W}$ | KI | exp |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|--------|----------------|------|-----------|
| E_{gap} (eV) | 0.79 | 2.79 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.62 | 3.60 |
| $\langle \varepsilon_d \rangle$ (eV) | -5.1 | -6.1 | -6.4 | -6.7 | -6.9 | -7.5/-8.0 |

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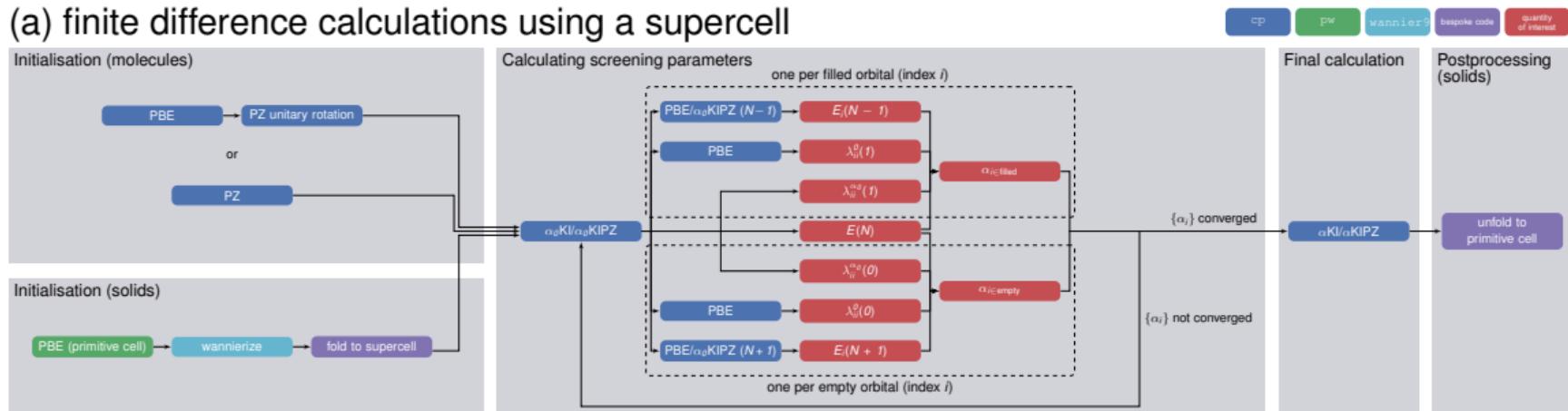
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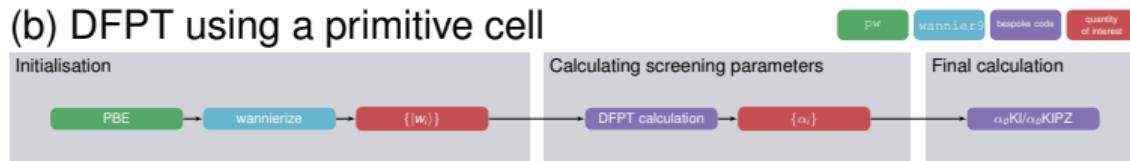
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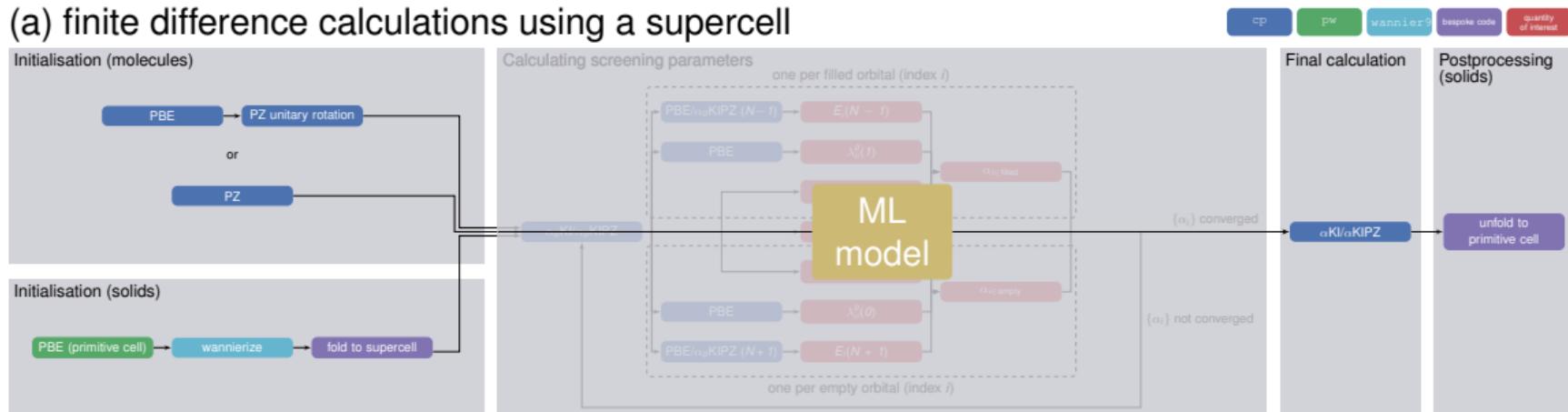
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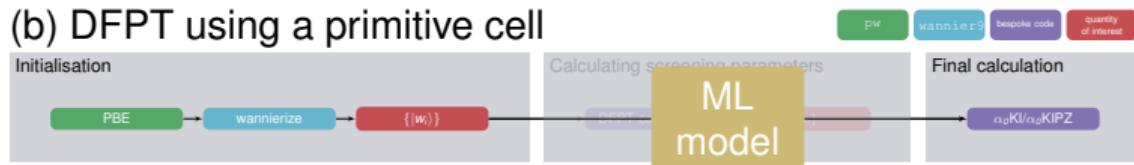
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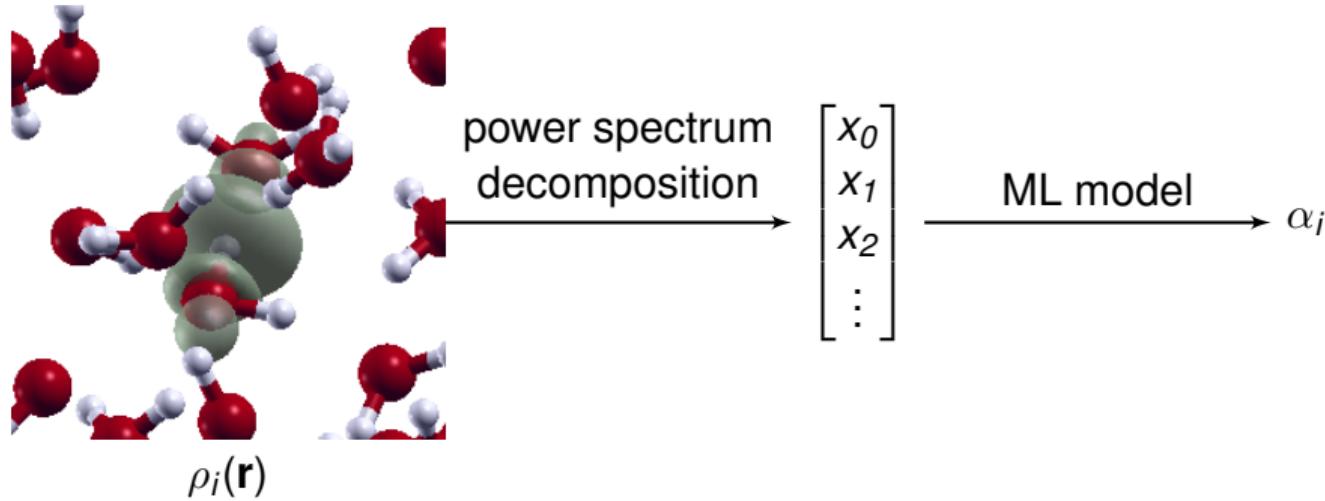


(b) DFPT using a primitive cell



(c) via machine learning (resulting band gaps within ~ 0.02 eV of explicit approach)

Learning the screening parameters



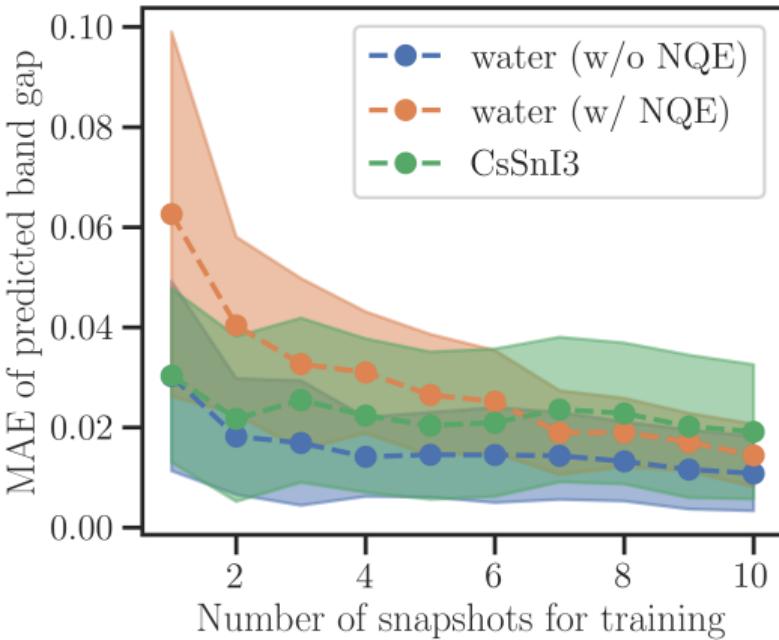
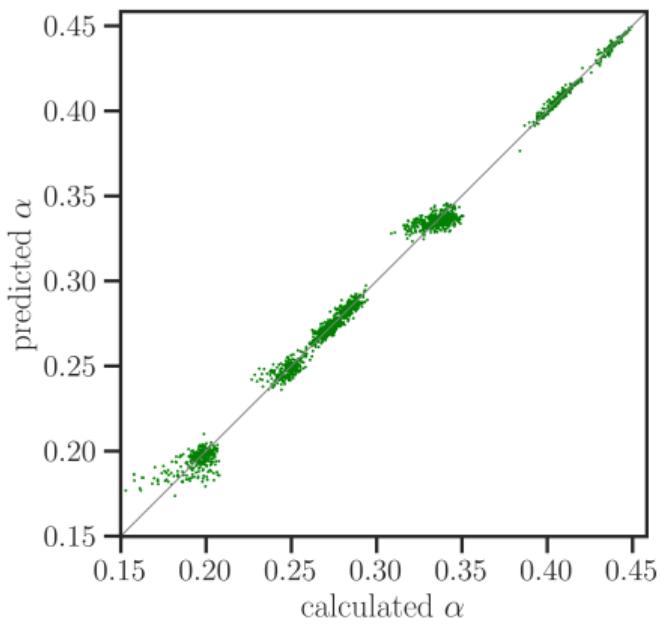
$$c_{nlm, k=\text{orbital}}^i = \int d\mathbf{r} g_{nl}(r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) \rho^i(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}^i)$$

g_{nl} = orthonormalised radial Gaussian basis functions

Y_{lm} = spherical harmonics

$$p_{n_1 n_2 l, k_1 k_2}^i = \pi \sqrt{\frac{8}{2l+1}} \sum_m c_{n_1 l m, k_1}^{i*} c_{n_2 l m, k_2}^i$$

Learning the screening parameters



loss of accuracy of the band gap of ~ 0.02 eV
(cf. when calculating screening parameters *ab initio*)
speedup of 70 \times

`kcw.x` (DFPT implementation) is distributed in Quantum ESPRESSO v7.1 onwards

But complex workflows mean that...

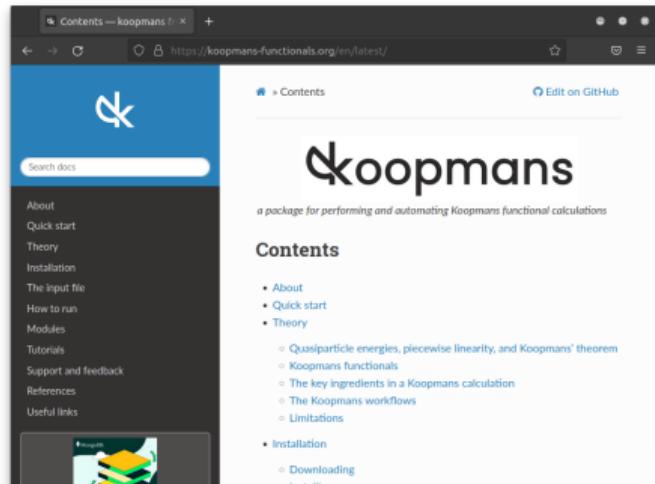
- lots of different codes that need to handshake
- lots of scope for human error
- reproducibility becomes difficult
- expert knowledge required

Our solution...

koopmans

- beta version released earlier this year¹
- implementations of Koopmans functionals
- automated workflows
 - start-to-finish Koopmans calculations
 - Wannierisation
 - dielectric tensor
 - convergence tests
 - ...
- built on top of ASE²
- does not require expert knowledge

koopmans-functionals.org



¹Linscott et al., in prep

²A. H. Larsen et al. *J. Phys. Condens. Matter* 29.27 (12, 2017), 273002

koopmans: the input file

```
{  
    "workflow": {  
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        "functional": "ki",  
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}
```

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},  
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        ],  
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        "dis_win_max": 17.0  
    }  
}
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koopmans is scriptable

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from ase.build import bulk
from koopmans.kpoints import Kpoints
from koopmans.projections import ProjectionBlocks
from koopmans.workflows import SinglepointWorkflow

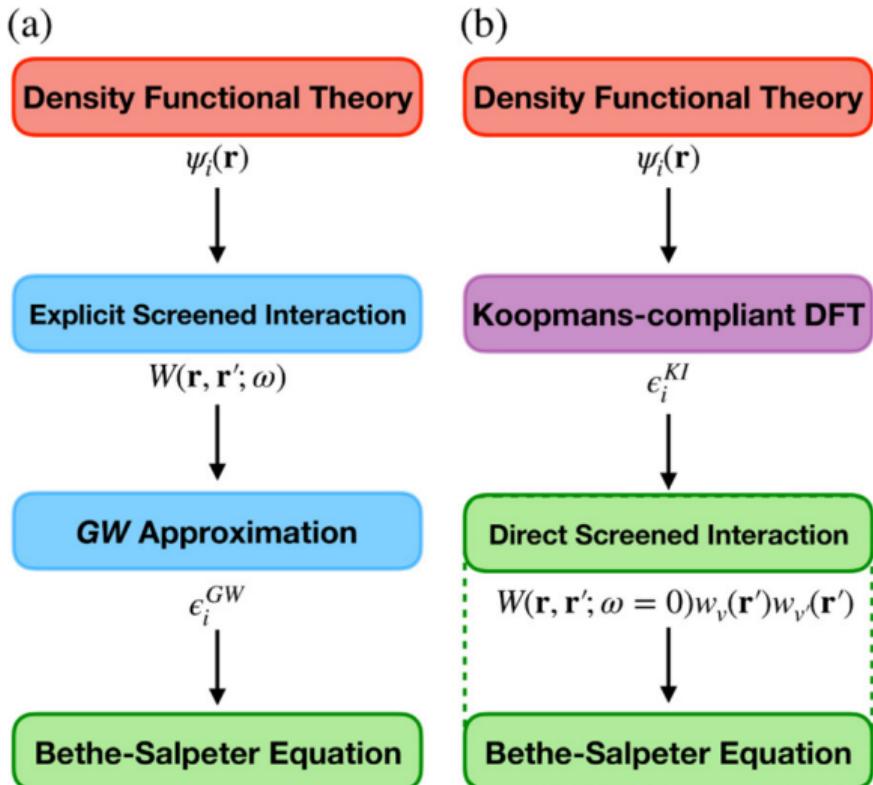
# Use ASE to create bulk silicon
atoms = bulk('Si')

# Define the projections for the Wannierization (same for filled and empty manifold)
si_proj = [{'fsite': [0.25, 0.25, 0.25], 'ang_mtm': 'sp3'}]
si_projs = ProjectionBlocks.from_list([si_proj, si_proj], atoms=atoms)

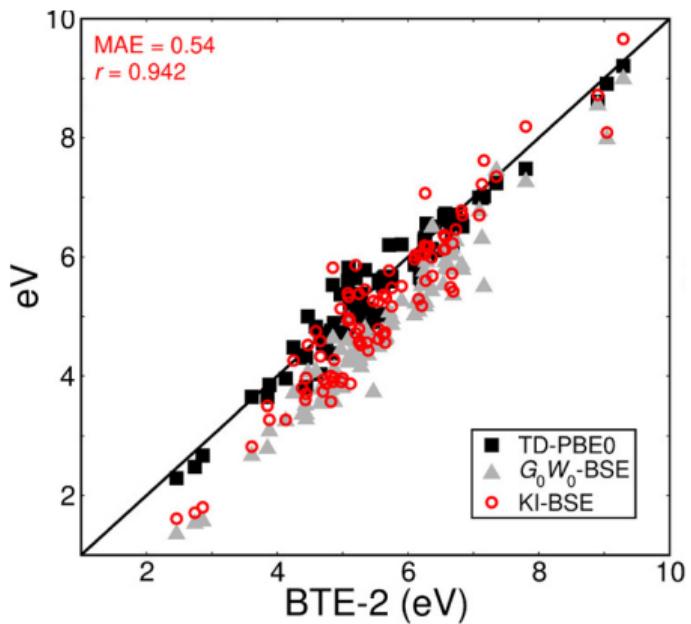
# Create the workflow
workflow = SinglepointWorkflow(atoms = atoms,
                                projections = si_projs,
                                ecutwfc = 40.0,
                                kpoints = Kpoints(grid=[8, 8, 8], path='LGXKG', cell=atoms.cell),
                                calculator_parameters = {'pw': {'nbnd': 10},
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# Run the workflow
workflow.run()
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Neutral excitations with Koopmans

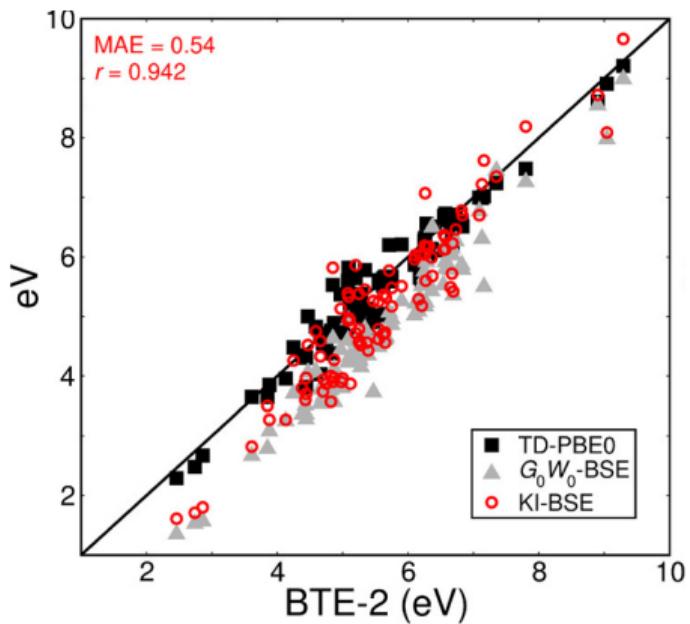


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|-------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|----------------|
| MAE (eV) | 0.54 | 0.83 | 0.55 | 0.46 | 0.27 |

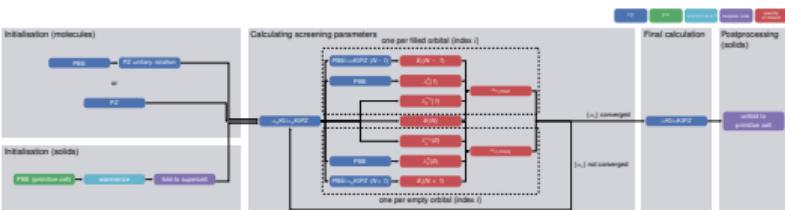
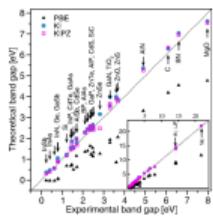
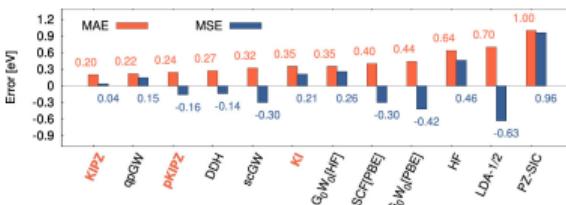
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Based on RPA → room for improvement with finite-field approaches

Take home messages



- Koopmans functionals are a class of functionals that treat spectral properties on the same footing as total energy differences (via GPWL)
- they can give orbital energies and band structures with comparable accuracy to state-of-the-art GW
- the release of koopmans means you don't need expert knowledge to run Koopmans functional calculations
- Koopmans can replace GW when calculating neutral excitations with BSE

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Free online school Nov 9-11 2022 *Advanced Quantum ESPRESSO tutorial: Hubbard and Koopmans functionals from linear response*. Too late to register but it will be recorded!

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SPARE SLIDES

Recap from earlier

Key idea: construct a functional such that the *variational* orbital energies

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zero band gap \rightarrow occupancy matrix for variational orbitals is off-diagonal