Introduction to GW/BSE in GPAW: Monolayer MoS_2 as an example

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What is GPAW?

- Open-source DFT code with projector augmented-wave (not Global Pandemic App Watch)
- Developed by Thygesen group in Technical University of Denmark, v1.0.0 released on 2016-03-17
- Basis: plane-wave, LCAO with NAO and real-space grids
- Written in Python and C, based on ASE, LIBXC, NumPy and SciPy
- Available by pip, conda, Linux repos, Docker image ...





https://wiki.fysik.dtu.dk/gpaw/ J. Enkovaara et al., J. Phys.: Condens. Matter 22, 253202 (2010) Line counts from talk by Jens Jørgen Mortensen in GPAW 2021

Quick example of GPAW with plane-wave

Ground state of silicon with PBE: Si_gs.py

Running serially and parallelly

Serial call

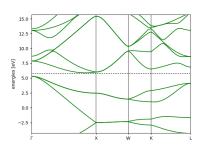
```
$ time python Si_gs.py
real 0m9.746
...
```

Parallel

```
$ time mpirun -np 4 gpaw python Si_gs.py
real 0m4.425s
```

- automatically handle parallel I/O
- use parallelization over k/spin/band
- support MPI/OpenMP and ScaLAPACK

Band structure

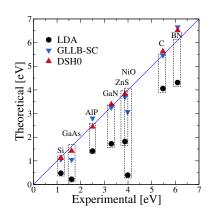


Si_bs.png

Compute band structure properties manually

Retrieve eigenvalues on the irreducible **k** points

Band-gap problem in LDA/GGA



Underestimation stems from the so-called derivative discontinuity

$$\begin{split} E_{\mathrm{g}}^{\mathrm{fund}} &= \mathrm{IP} - \mathrm{EA} \\ E_{\mathrm{g}}^{\mathrm{KS}} &= \epsilon_{\mathrm{CBM}}^{\mathrm{KS}} - \epsilon_{\mathrm{VBM}}^{\mathrm{KS}} \\ E_{\mathrm{g}}^{\mathrm{fund}} &= E_{\mathrm{g}}^{\mathrm{KS}} + \Delta_{\mathrm{xc}} \end{split}$$

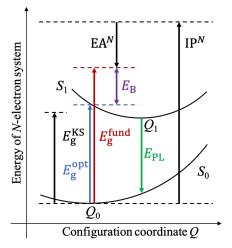
 $\Delta_{xc} \neq 0$ for exact KS potential

Solutions within DFT framework

- meta-GGA, e.g. mBJ, GLLB-SC
- Hybrid functional, e.g. HSE06, doubly screened hybrid (DSH)

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Definition of band gaps

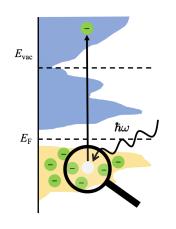


Property	Measurement
$\overline{\rm IP/EA}$, $E_{ m g}^{ m fund}$	PES/IPS
$E_{ m g}^{ m opt}$	DRS, ellipsometry
$E_{ m PL}$	photoluminescence

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Green's function in many-body perturbation theory



Time-ordered Green's function $(1 = \mathbf{r}_1 t_1)$

$$iG\left(1,2\right) = \langle \Psi_{N} | T \left\{ \hat{\psi}_{H}\left(1\right) \hat{\psi}_{H}^{\dagger}\left(2\right) \right\} | \Psi_{N} \rangle$$

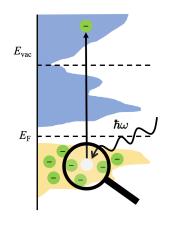
 ${\cal G}$ can be formally solved in frequency domain

$$G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega) = \sum_{n} \frac{\varphi_{n}(\mathbf{r}, \omega)\varphi_{n}^{*}(\mathbf{r}', \omega)}{\omega - \epsilon_{n}(\omega)}$$

$$[h_0(\mathbf{r}) + v_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{r})] \varphi_n(\mathbf{r}, \omega) + \int d\mathbf{r}' \Sigma(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega) \varphi_n(\mathbf{r}', \omega)$$
$$= \epsilon_n(\omega) \varphi_n(\mathbf{r}, \omega)$$

 Σ : self-energy

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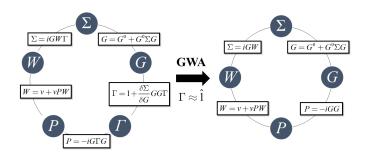
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$$\begin{aligned} \left[h_0(\mathbf{r}) + v_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{r})\right] \varphi_n^{\mathrm{QP}}(\mathbf{r}) + \int \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r}' \Sigma(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \epsilon^{\mathrm{QP}}) \varphi_n^{\mathrm{QP}}(\mathbf{r}') \\ (\Sigma \, \mathrm{small}) &= \epsilon_n^{\mathrm{QP}} \varphi_n^{\mathrm{QP}}(\mathbf{r}) \end{aligned}$$

Σ: self-energy $ϵ^{QP}$: quasi-particle (QP) energy

Exact solution for Σ : Hedin's equations



Hedin's pentagon with

- *v* (*W*): bare (screened) Coulomb interaction
- polarization function P and vertex function Γ

G_0W_0/GW_0 approximation for calculating Σ

 $\mathbf{G}^{-1} = \mathbf{G}_{0}^{-1} - \Sigma$

$$\begin{split} &\Sigma(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}',\omega) = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}\omega' \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\omega'\delta} G_0(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}',\omega+\omega') W_0(\mathbf{r}',\mathbf{r},\omega') \\ &G_0\left(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}',\omega\right) = \sum_{n\mathbf{k}} \frac{\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}\left(\mathbf{r}\right)\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}^*\left(\mathbf{r}'\right)}{\omega - \epsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}^{\mathrm{KS}} - \mathrm{i}\eta \mathrm{sgn}\left(\mu - \epsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}^{\mathrm{KS}}\right)} \\ &\frac{W_0(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}',\omega) = \int \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r}''\,\varepsilon_0^{-1}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}'',\omega)v(\mathbf{r}'',\mathbf{r}')}{\varepsilon_0(\omega) = \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{v}\mathbf{P}_0(\omega) = \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{v}\mathbf{\chi}_0(\omega)} \\ &\chi_0(\omega) = -\frac{\mathrm{i}}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}\omega' \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\omega'\delta}\mathbf{G}_0(\omega+\omega')\mathbf{G}_0(\omega') \end{split}$$

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GW Implementation (recp. space and freq. domain)

$$\begin{split} M_{nm}^i(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}) &= \sqrt{N_k} \int\limits_V \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r} \left[\chi_i^{\mathbf{q}}(\mathbf{r}) \psi_{m\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}}(\mathbf{r}) \right]^* \psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) \\ P_{ij}(\mathbf{q},\omega) &= \frac{1}{\Omega} \sum\limits_{\mathbf{k}} \sum\limits_{nm} F_{nm}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q},\omega) M_{nm}^i(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}) \left[M_{nm}^j(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}) \right]^* \\ F_{nm}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q},\omega) &= 2 f_{n\mathbf{k}} \left(1 - f_{m\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}} \right) \left\{ \frac{1}{\omega - \epsilon_{m\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}} + \epsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} + \mathrm{i}\eta} - \frac{1}{\omega + \epsilon_{m\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}} - \epsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} - \mathrm{i}\eta} \right\} \\ \Sigma_{n\mathbf{k}}^{\mathbf{x}} &= -\frac{1}{N_k} \sum\limits_{\mathbf{q}} \sum\limits_{i} v_i(\mathbf{q}) \sum\limits_{m} f_{m\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}} \left| M_{mn}^i(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}) \right|^2 \text{ (exact exchange, EXX)} \\ \Sigma_{n\mathbf{k}}^{\mathbf{c}} &= \frac{\mathrm{i}}{2\pi N_k} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}\omega' \sum\limits_{m} \sum\limits_{\mathbf{q}} \frac{X_{nm}\left(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q},\omega'\right)}{\omega + \omega' - \epsilon_{m\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}} + \mathrm{i}\eta \mathrm{sgn}\left(\epsilon_{m\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}} - \mu\right)} \\ X_{nm}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q},\omega) &= \sum\limits_{i} \left[M_{nm}^i(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}) \right]^* \left[\varepsilon_{ij}(\mathbf{q},\omega) - 1 \right] M_{nm}^j(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}) \end{split}$$

- Auxiliary basis $\chi_i^{\mathbf{q}}(\mathbf{r})$: plane-wave, NAO, product basis, ...
- $\sum nm$: core states, high-lying states, basis-set completeness ...
- Frequency integration $\int d\omega$: plasmon-pole model, full frequency, ...

(Static) Bethe-Salpeter equation

Similar to the Casida equations in TD-DFT

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc} R & C \\ -C^* & -R^* \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} X^m \\ Y^m \end{array}\right) = \Omega_m \left(\begin{array}{c} X^m \\ Y^m \end{array}\right)$$

with

$$\begin{split} R_{ia,jb} &= \left(\varepsilon_a^{\text{QP}} - \varepsilon_i^{\text{QP}}\right) \delta_{ij} \delta_{ab} + 2 v_{ia,jb} - W_{ij,ab} \\ C_{ia,jb} &= 2 v_{ia,bj} - W_{ib,aj} \\ v_{ia,jb} &= \left(ia \mid jb\right) = \left\langle ij \middle| ab \right\rangle = \int \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r} \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r}' \, \psi_i^*(\mathbf{r}) \psi_j^*(\mathbf{r}') v(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}') \psi_a(\mathbf{r}) \psi_b(\mathbf{r}') \\ W_{ia,jb} &= \int \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r} \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r}' \, \psi_i^*(\mathbf{r}) \psi_j^*(\mathbf{r}') W(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}',\omega = 0) \psi_a(\mathbf{r}) \psi_b(\mathbf{r}') \end{split}$$

Solve BSE to obtain the neutral excitation energy Ω_m and electron-hole eigen-state

$$\Psi_{m}^{\text{eh}}\left(\mathbf{r}_{\text{e}},\mathbf{r}_{h}\right)=\sum_{i}\left[X_{ia}^{m}\psi_{i}\left(\mathbf{r}_{\text{h}}\right)\psi_{a}\left(\mathbf{r}_{\text{e}}\right)+Y_{ia}^{m}\psi_{i}\left(\mathbf{r}_{\text{e}}\right)\psi_{a}\left(\mathbf{r}_{\text{h}}\right)\right]$$

Why GW/BSE in GPAW

- open-source and well-documented
- powered by Python ecosystem
- good performance due to efficient parallelization and native C code for computation-extensive parts
- various functionalities including vertex correction, Coulomb truncation and interpolation schemes

GW functionality is provided in GPAW since 2014.

The typical workflow follows 3 steps:

Step 1 SCF for converged density

Step 2 non-SCF calculation for occupied and unoccupied states (practically on a smaller **k**-point mesh)

Step 3 GW calculations

GW functionality is provided in GPAW since 2014.

Step 1: SCF

Step 2: get all bands (here on the same **k** grids as SCF)

```
c.diagonalize_full_hamiltonian()
c.write('C_gs_full.gpw', mode='all')
```

Note that the full GPAW file can be huge, depending on the PW cut-off and **k**-point mesh

Step 3: GW

Run serially and the following files are generated:

Glimpse of GW output files

filename.exx.txt: details of EXX calculation

Glimpse of GW output files

filename.w.txt: details of response function (from Chi0)

```
Point group included. Time reversal included. Disabled non symmorphic

→ symmetries. Found 8 allowed symmetries. 18 groups of equivalent kpoints.

→ 71.875% reduction.

 (1 0 -1) (1 0 0) (1 0 0) (1 0 -1) (1 -1 0) (1 -1 0)
Integrating response function.
Integral kind: spectral function
Distributing domain [18, 1] over 1 process
Number of blocks: 1
1.3598370552062988s |------ Time: 1.349s
```

repeated for 8 (N_k in IBZ) times

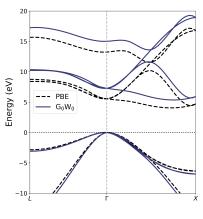
Glimpse of *GW* output files

filename_results.pckl: binary file (pickle) for saving data

```
>>> import pickle
>>> data = pickle.load(open('C_g0w0-k4-ecut100_results.pckl', 'rb'))
>>> list(data.keys())
['f', 'eps', 'vxc', 'exx', 'sigma', 'dsigma', 'Z', 'qp', 'iqp']
# occupancies at Gamma
>>> data['f'][0, 0]
array([1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0])
# KS gap at Gamma
>>> data['eps'][0, 0, 3] - data['eps'][0, 0, 2]
5.5509672399201015
# QP gap at Gamma
>>> data['qp'][0, 0, 3] - data['qp'][0, 0, 2]
7.335502210222952
```

QP band structures

Use **GWBands** object to obtain QP band structure along a particular path by interpolating the results of a regular **k**-mesh



C_band.png

Workflow for BSE based on QP energies

```
import numpy as np
from gpaw.response.bse import BSE
fn = 'Si g0w0-k8-ecut100 results.pckl'
qp = pickle.load(open(fn, 'rb'))['qp']
# initialize BSE object
bse = BSE('Si gs.gpw', ecut=20,
          gw_skn=qp[:, :, :], # should conform vb and cb
          valence_bands=[1, 2, 3],
          conduction bands=[4, 5, 6],
          nbands=48, txt='Si bse.txt')
# start real work
bse.get dielectric function(q c=[0.0, 0.0, 0.0], eta=0.05,
                            write eig="eig-Gamma.dat",
                            w = np.linspace(0, 10, 10001),
                            filename="dielec-Gamma.csv")
```

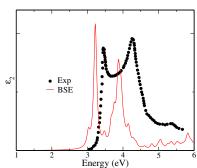
Instead of QP energies from *GW*, one can also use KS energies modified by scissors operator, especially when the **k**-mesh is rather dense.

Glimpse of BSE output

eig-Gamma.dat

```
# BSE eigenvalues in eV
             3.024679 0.0000005562442000
             3.024683 0.0000013704094051
             3.024692 0.0000631292840484
             3.026919 0.0000048426899972
             3.027818 0.0007571072157299
       8
             3.033229 0.0000001653798213
             3.221671 3.5624202893152370
      10
             3,221758 0,0018907765523448
      11
             3.221800 1.6440997878927592
. . .
     163
             3.874447 1.2703810427209152
```

Plot with dielec-Gamma.csv

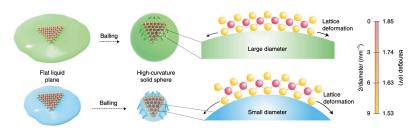


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Background

Efficient gap tuning of mono-layer MoS₂ by sphere diameter engineering

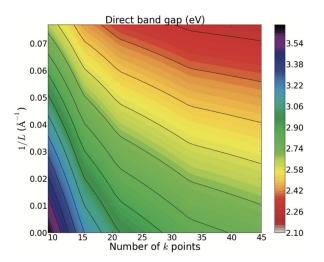


Argument to be verified: biaxial or isotropic strain is more efficient to tune the band gap of monolayer MoS₂ than uniaxial strain.

Modelling of gap engineering by strains

- strain: ml-MoS₂ with scaled lattice constant (internally relaxed)
- band gap: measured by photoluminescence (PL) spectra in experiment (ignore Stokes shift) → optical absorption spectra

Error cancellation in QP energy of 2D system



F. Hüser, T. Olsen, and K. S. Thygesen, Phys. Rev. B 88, 245309 (2013)

Solutions in GPAW

The convergence can be improved by

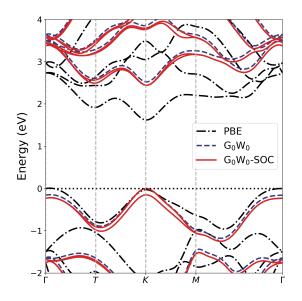
- 2D truncation of Coulomb interaction for L
- analytic correction from averaging $\varepsilon(\mathbf{q} \to 0)$ around Γ for **k**-mesh

Cut-off of repsonse function and frequency integration should also be checked (against our interested property: first absorption peak)

QP band with SOC considered

For ML-MoS₂, spin-orbit coupling is essential to get qualitatively correct absorption spectra

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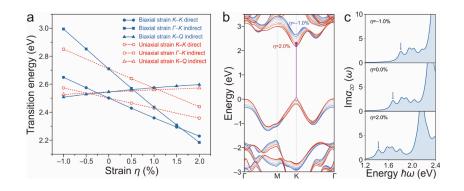


BSE on top of GW-SOC

Modification to the original BSE object

- shape of gw_skn_soc conforms that of eigenvalues in ground-state calculations, which is different from gw_skn
- parameter gw_skn_soc in fact was not working properly in v1.5.2
- in v21.1.0, gw_skn_soc is removed and SOC is handled by spinors

Results



Thank you for listening!

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