

The Gap-filling Method: G_0W_0 for Molecules

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Abstract

There is a need to provide an efficient description of the electronic structure for the complex systems of chemistry. Mean field methods, such as Density Functional Theory (DFT), are the workhorse of the field because they offer decent accuracy at a cheap computational cost. Conversely, wavefunction-based methods, like Coupled Cluster theories (e.g., CCSD(T)), provide high accuracy at a steep computational cost. A middle ground is found with the GW approximation. Our focus is on the G_0W_0 variant of this method.

We describe an implementation of G_0W_0 and investigate properties of the recently proposed linearized G_0W_0 density matrix. Overall, we see a marked improvement in the treatment of electron correlation at a reasonable cost.