



Electronic and optical properties of nano-materials

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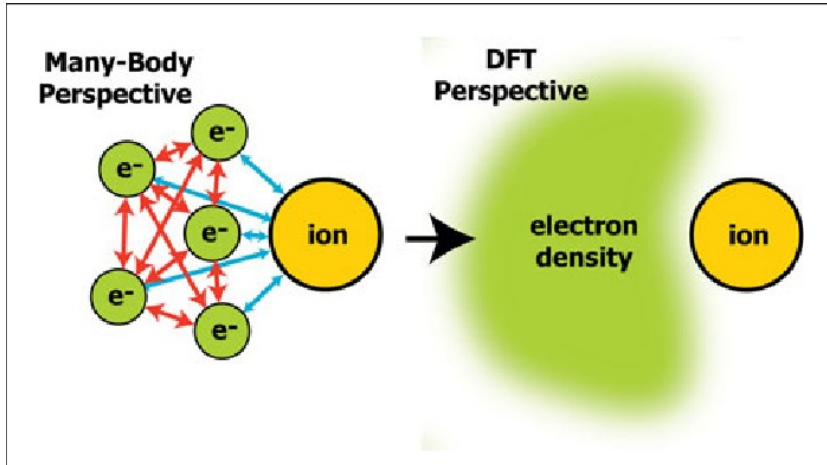
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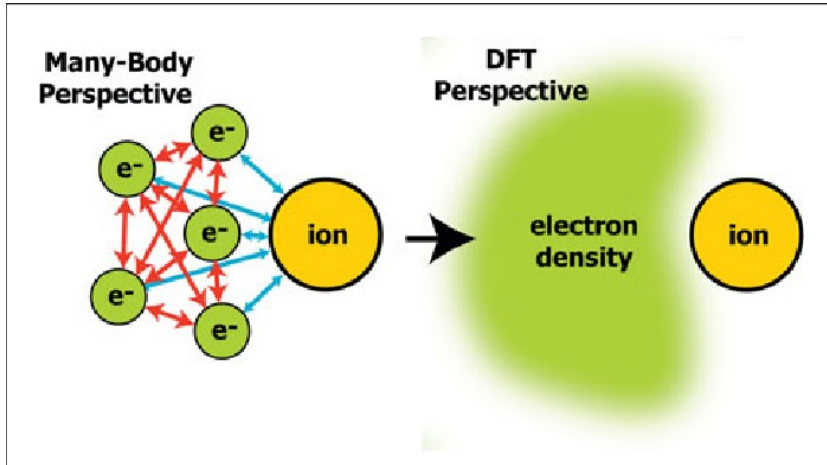


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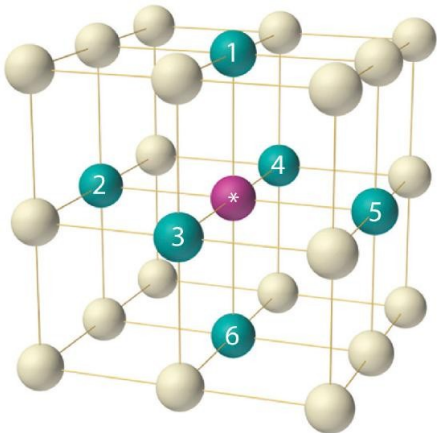
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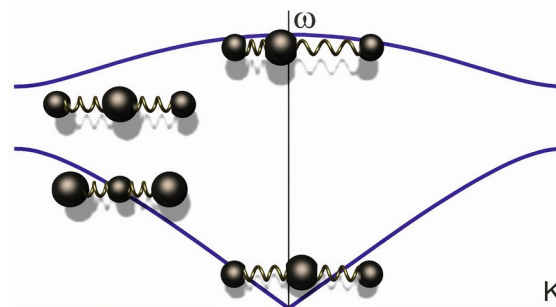


Density Functional Theory

Atomic structure

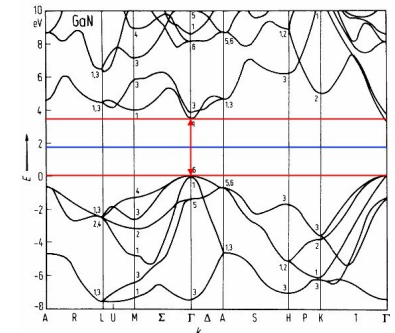


Vibrational properties



A starting Hamiltonian

$$H_0 = T + V_{ion} + V_{ks}(\rho_0)$$



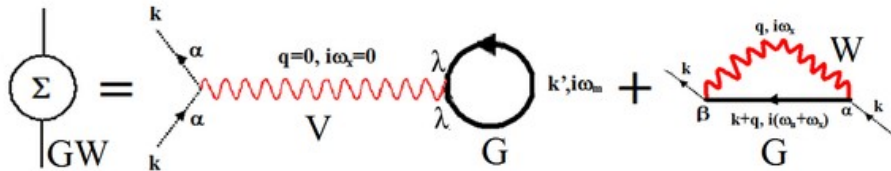
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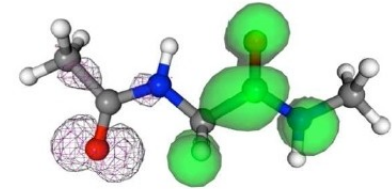
Green's function theory

Quasi-particles

$$G = G_0 + G_0 \Sigma G$$

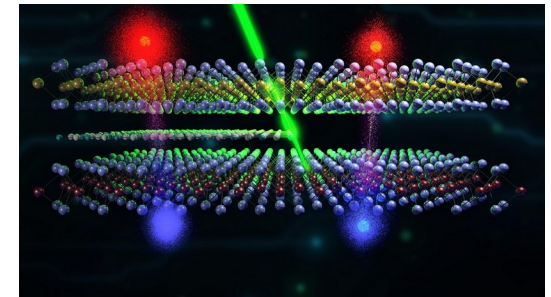
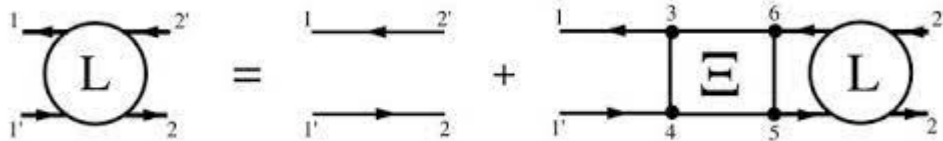


CTa: $\sigma_1 \rightarrow \pi^*_2$



Excited states

Linear response

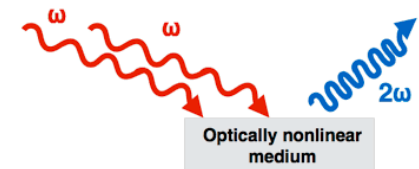


Optical properties

Real-time dynamics

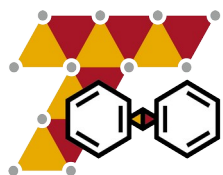
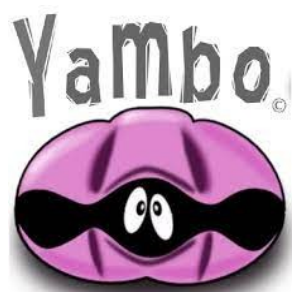
$$-i \frac{\partial \psi(t)}{\partial t} = H_{eff} \psi(t)$$

$$P(\omega) = P_0 + \chi^{(1)} E + \chi^{(2)} E^2 + O(E^3)$$



Non-linear response

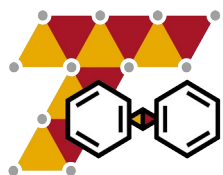
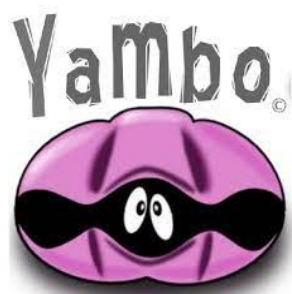
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Quantum Monte Carlo Package **SISSA**

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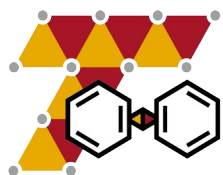
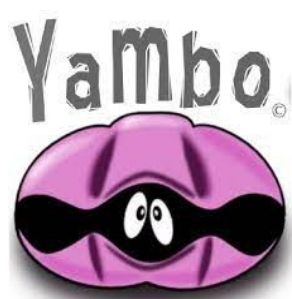


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Users interaction

Virtual school on electronic excitations in solids and nanostructures
using the Yambo code

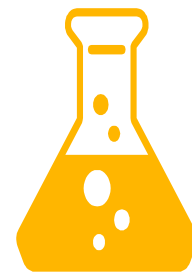
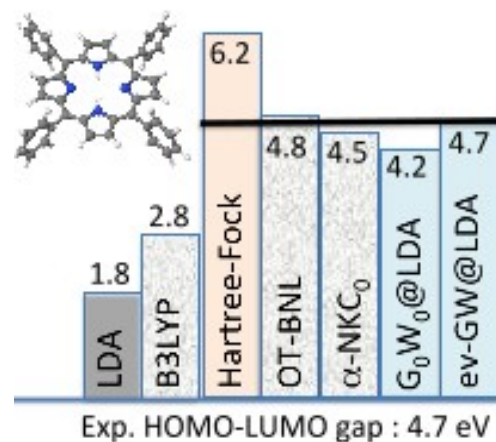
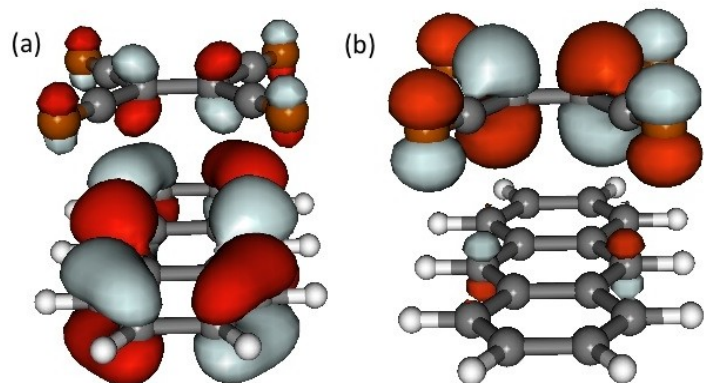


Yambo **school** 2022
40 participants



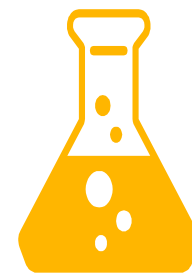
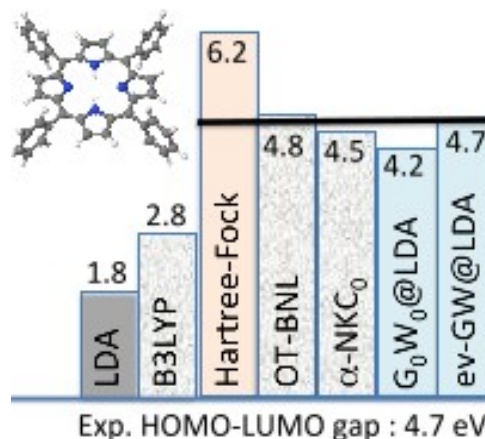
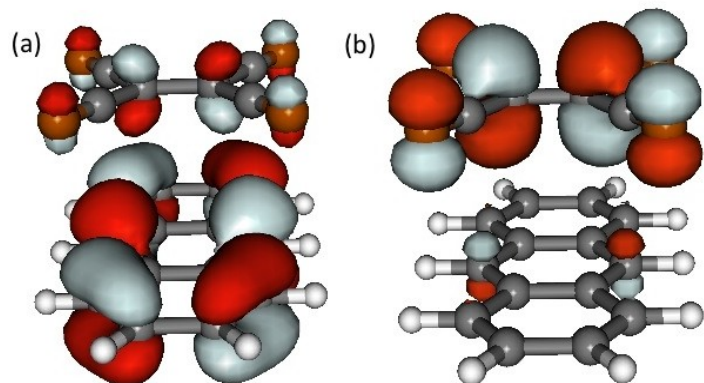
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Excited states in molecules



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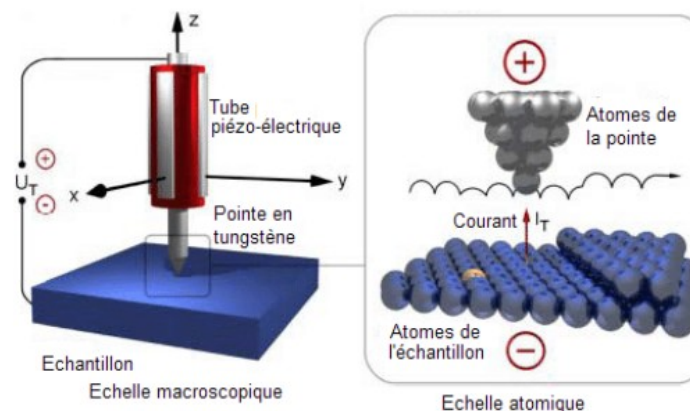
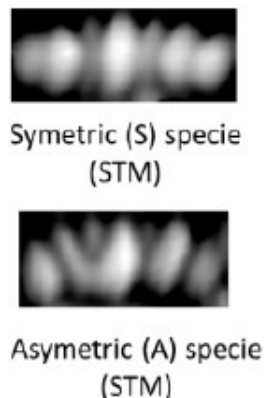
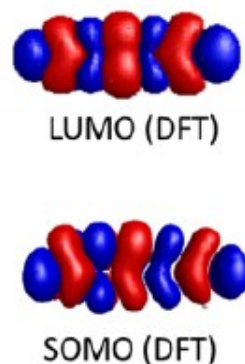
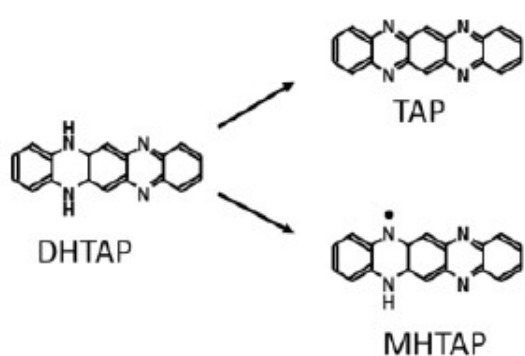
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Molecules on surfaces

Structures

DFT Calculations

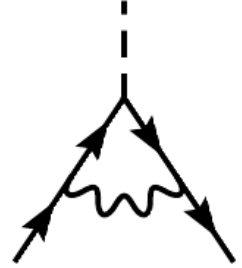
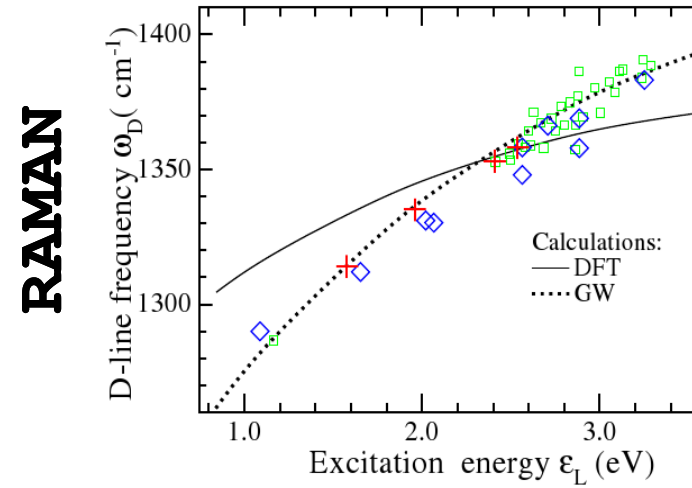
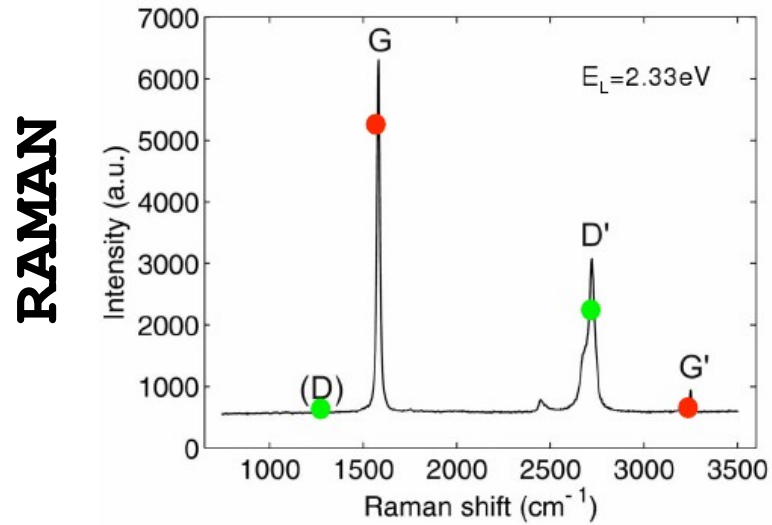
Experiments



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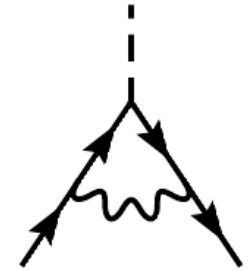
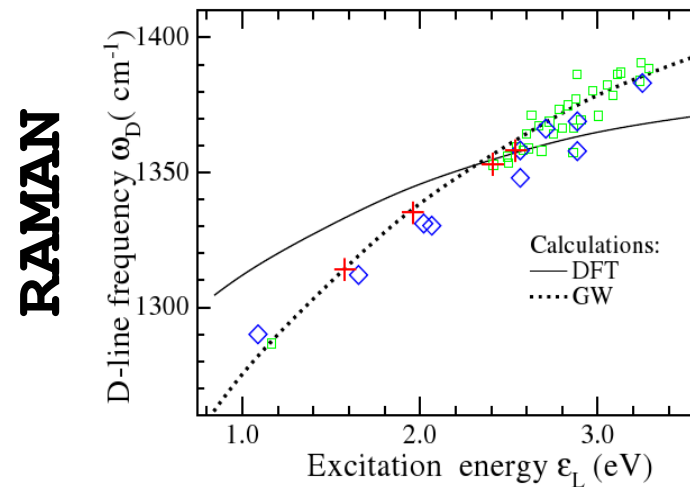
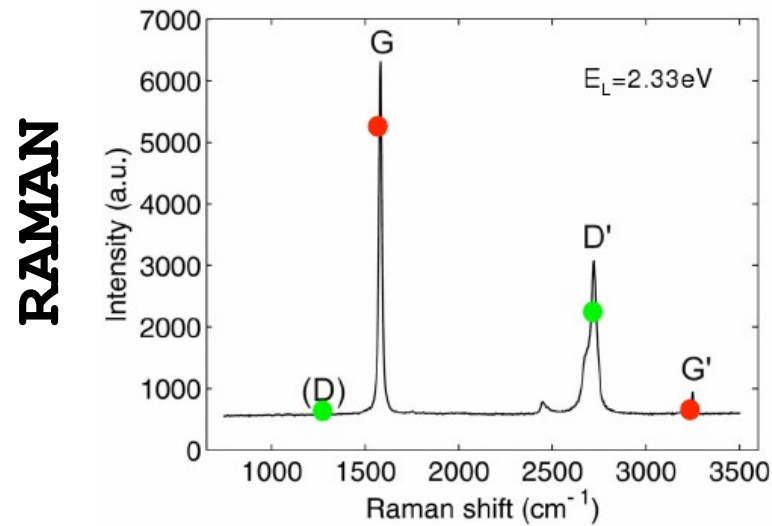
Electron **phonon** coupling

Correlation effects in the EPC

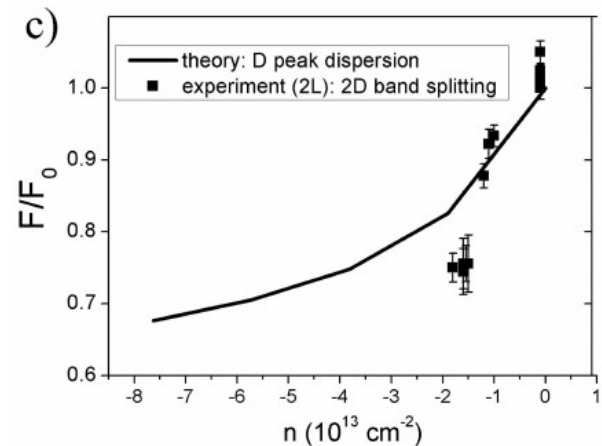
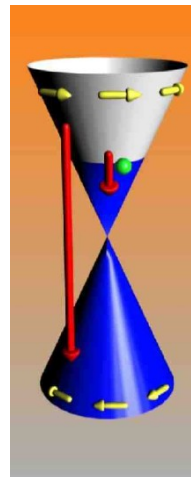
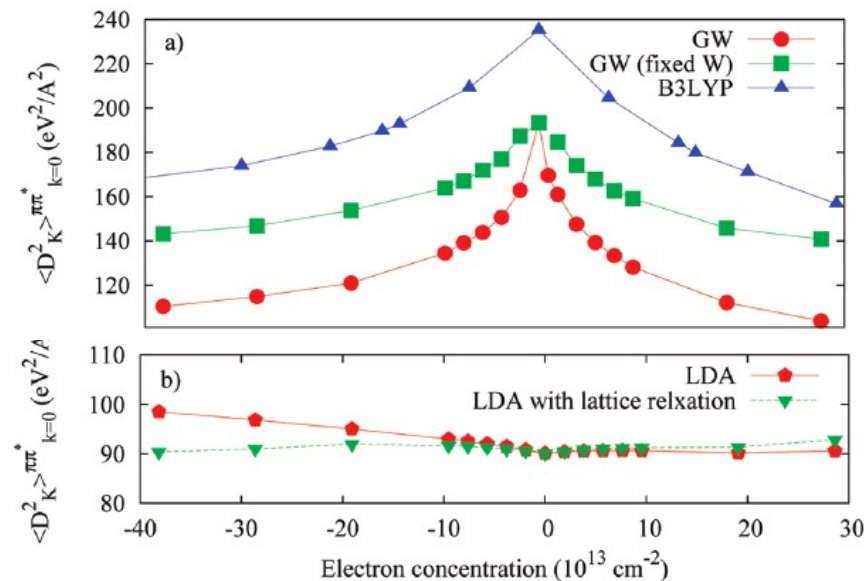


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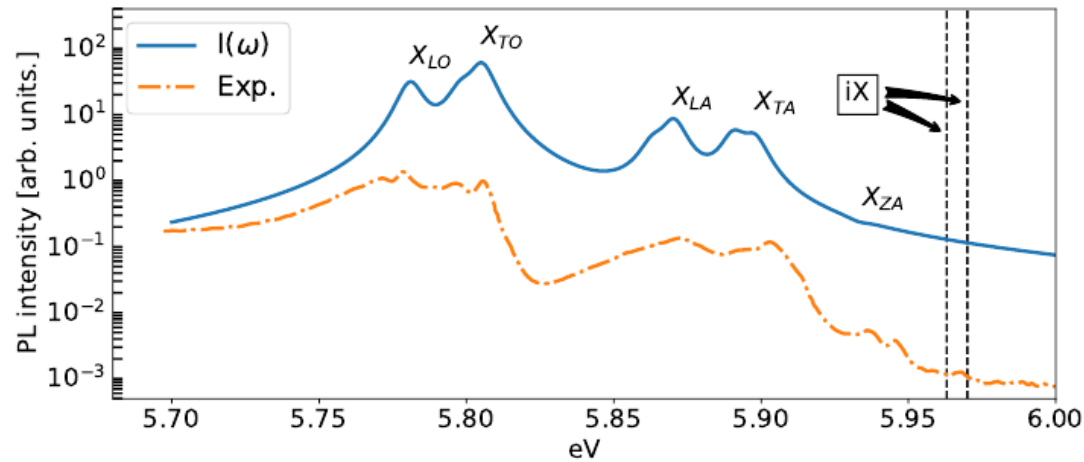
Doping effect



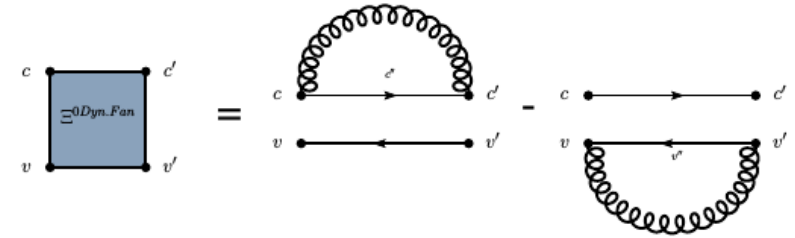
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Exciton **phonon** coupling (finite differences)

Phonon-induced luminescence

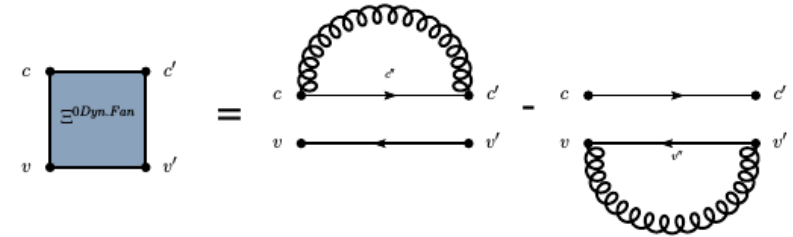
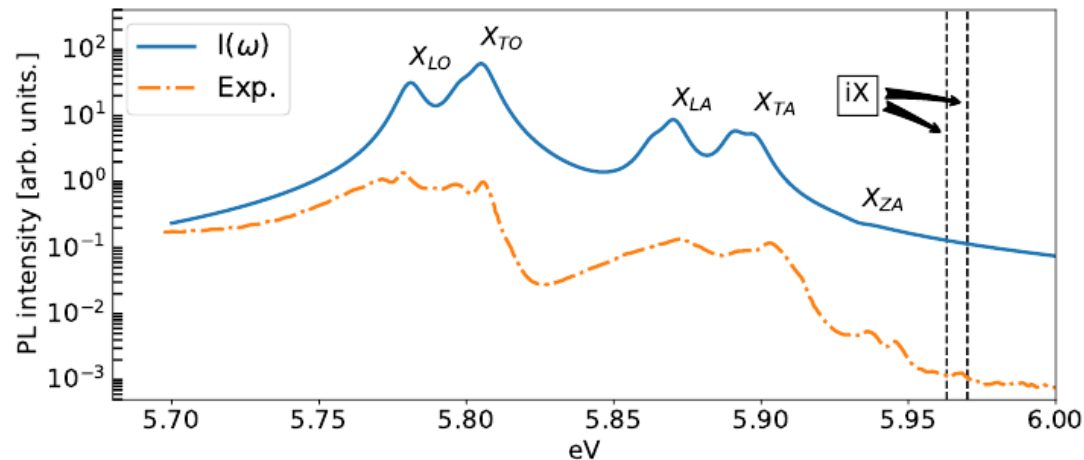


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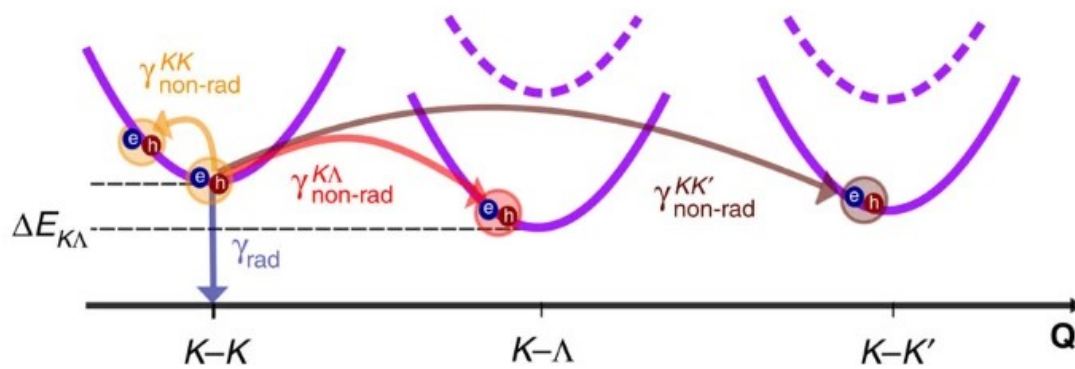
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Exciton-phonon coupling from first principles



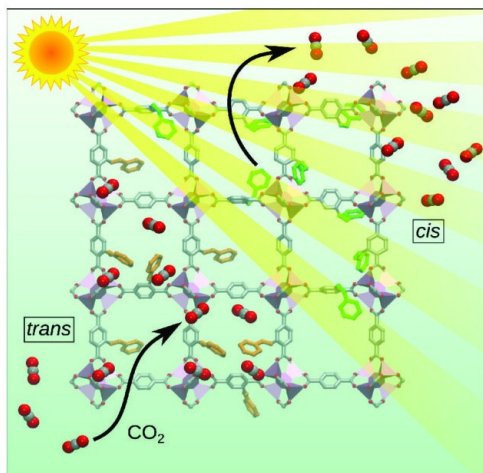
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Excitons

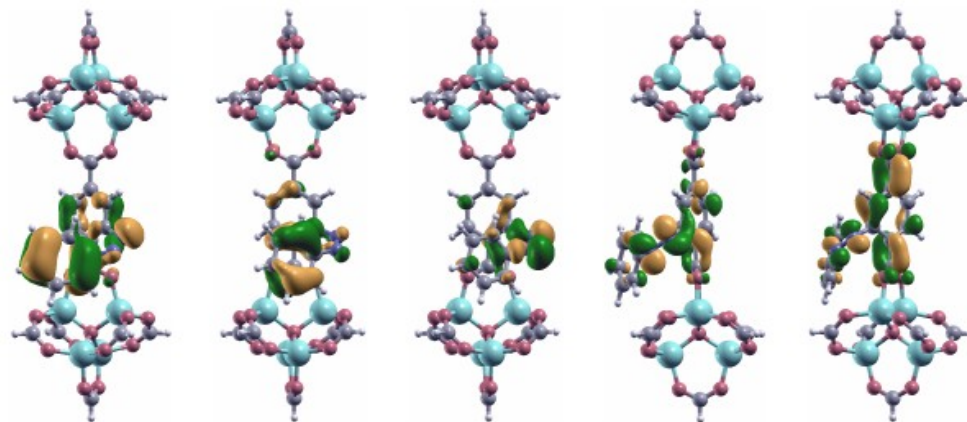
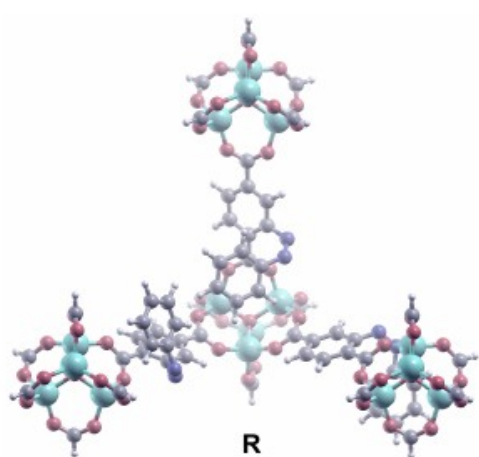
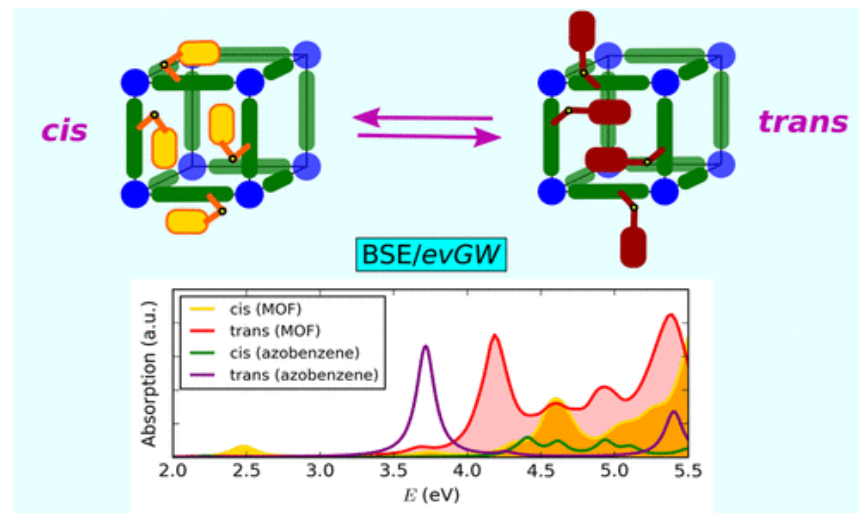
**Exciton line-width
Luminescence
Exciton diffusion**

P. Lechiffart, F. Paleari, D. Sangalli, **C. Attaccalite**, PRM 7, 024006 (2023)

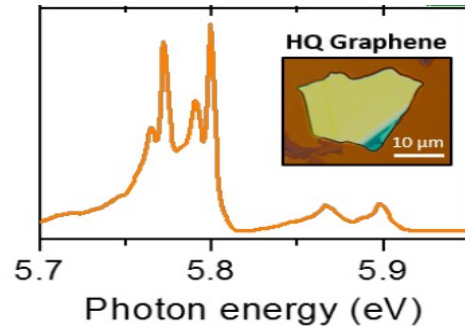
Metal **organic** frameworks (MOF)



Collaboration with SIMAP (Grenoble)
financed by ANR



Internal / External collaborations

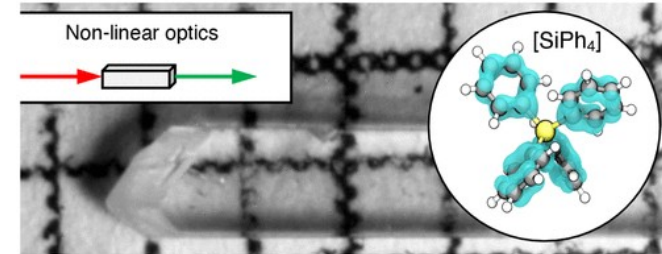


EELS and luminescence
A. Loiseau, J. Barjon (2017–)

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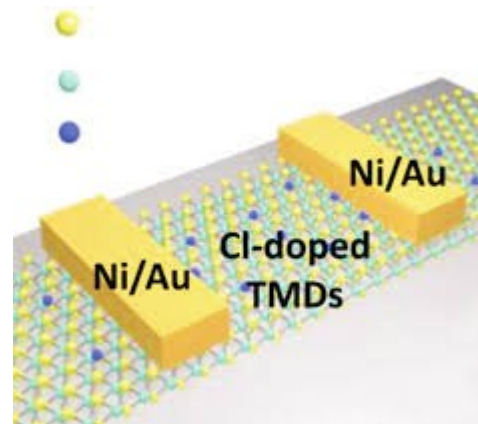
Graphene
Flagship



Invited Prof. at



New non-linear crystals
S. Sanna, S. Chatterjee (2020–)



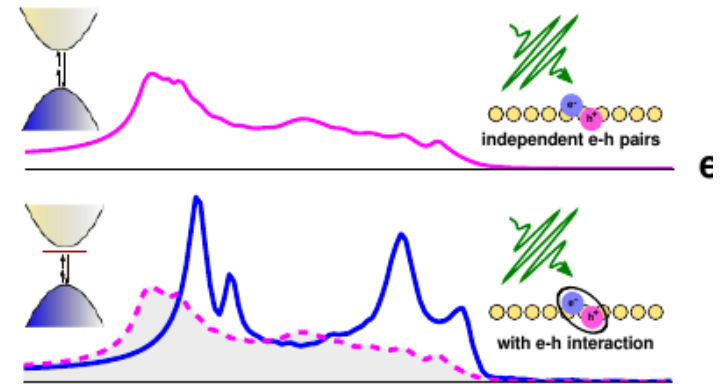
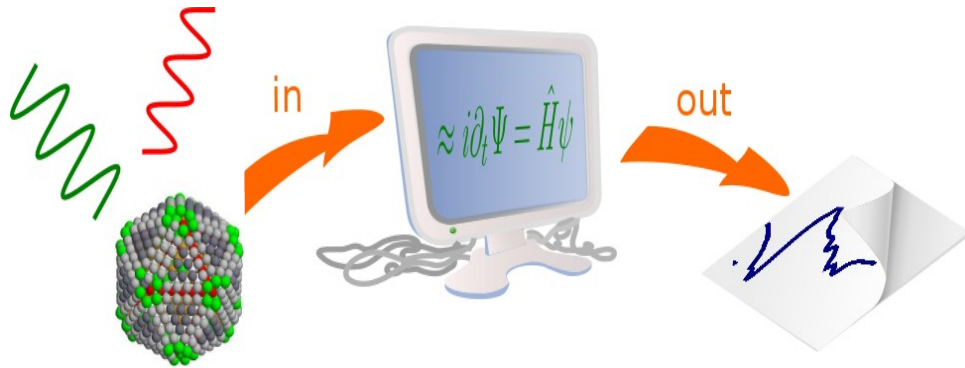
PhD thesis



Opto-electronics with 2D materials
R. Parret (2021–)

Non-linear spectroscopy

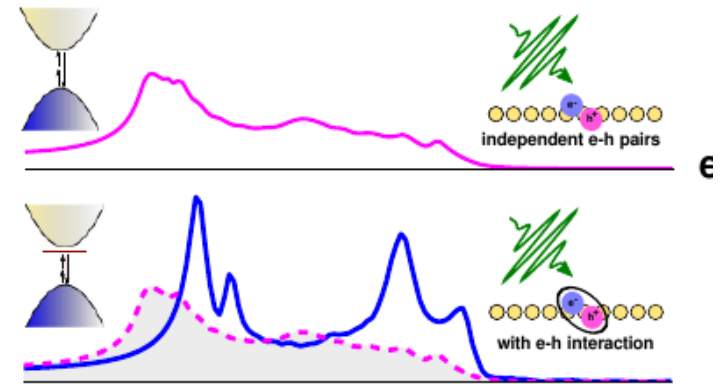
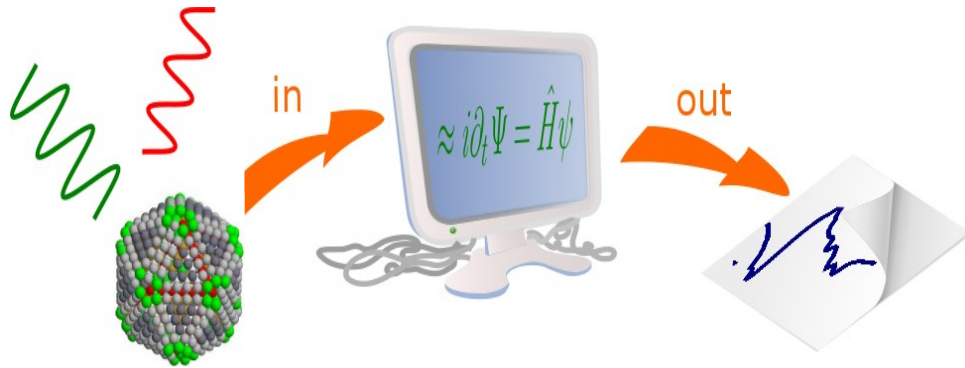
Second and third harmonic generation



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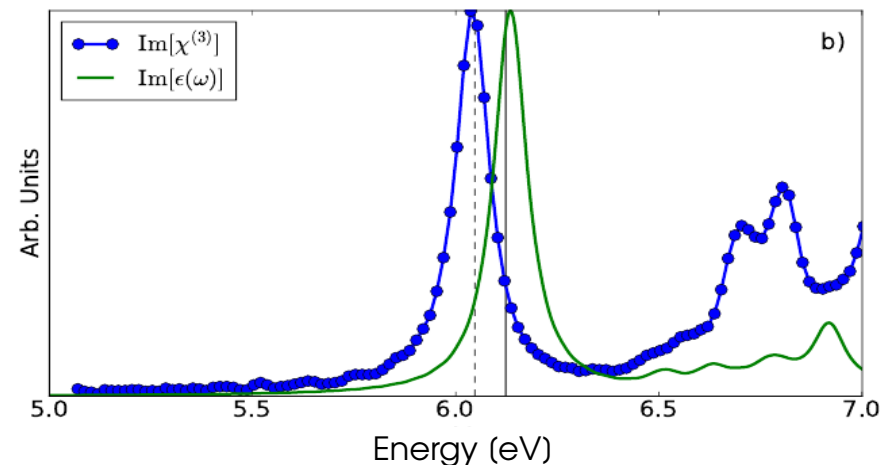
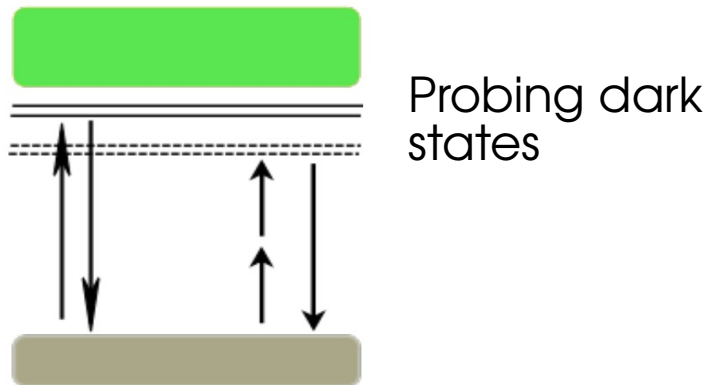
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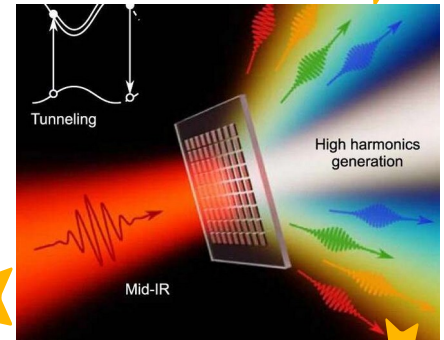


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Two-photon absorption

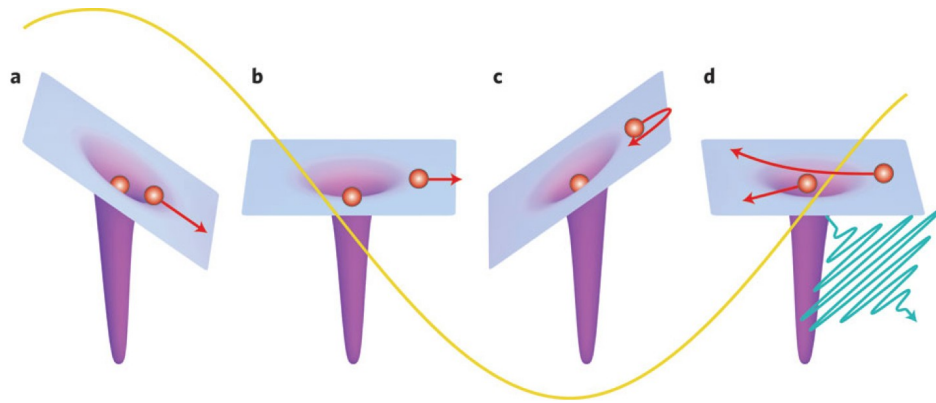


C. Attaccalite, M. Grüning, H Amara, S Latil, F Ducastelle, PRB 98 (16), 165126 (2018)



Design new optical
high-harmonic
generation devices

High-harmonic generation from gas to solids

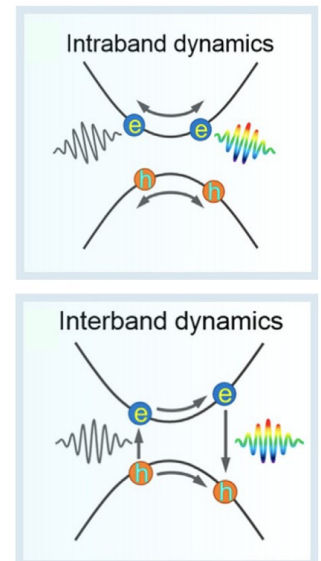
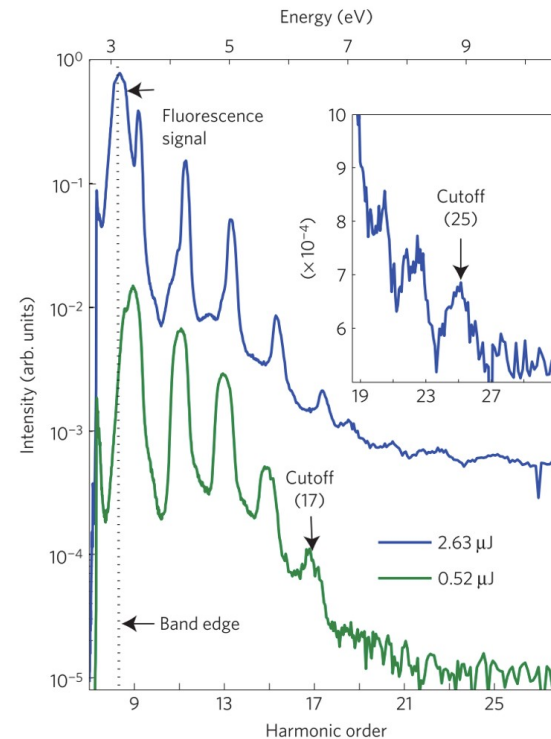


HHG in gases

Lewenstein PRA **49**, 2117 (1994)

HHG in solids

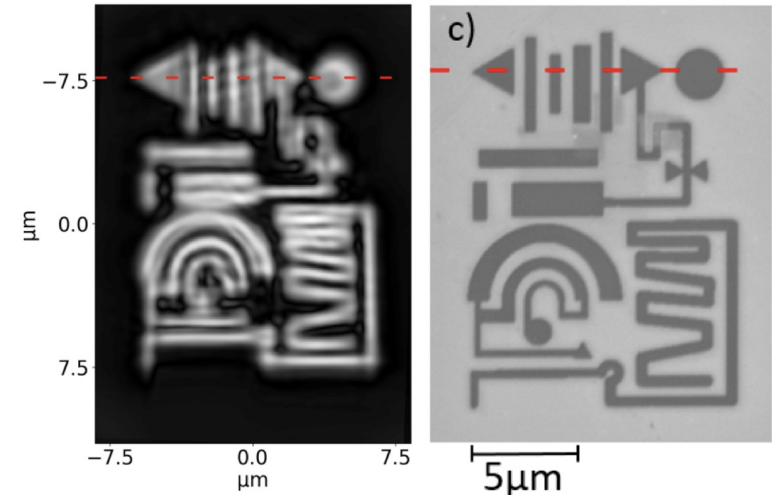
Nat Phys. **7**:138(2011)



Why high-harmonic generation?

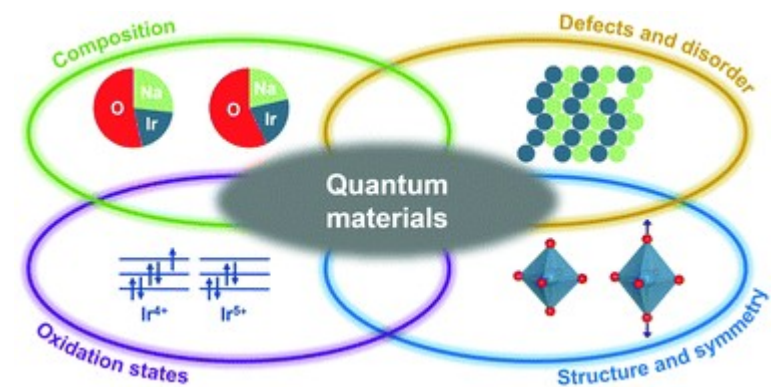
A Tool for materials' characterization:

tabletop lasers ranging from deep-UV to X-ray,
high spatial resolution imaging,
band structure reconstruction, time-resolved spectroscopy, time-resolved ARPES,
phonon dynamics investigations

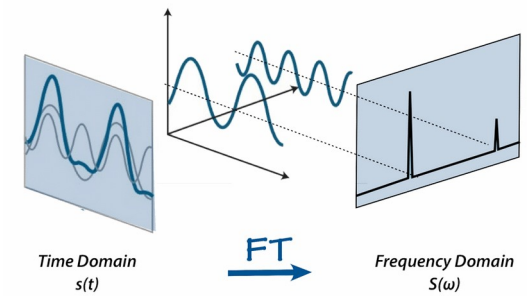


..and many open questions:

Excitons, correlation effects, topology
pump and probe, interfaces, tunability



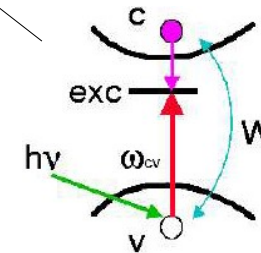
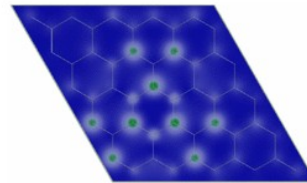
Real-time approach:



$$\left(\hat{H}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\text{eff}} - i\partial_t\right) |v_{\mathbf{k}n}\rangle = 0 \quad \text{⌚} \quad P = \chi^{(1)}\mathcal{E} + \chi^{(2)}\mathcal{E}^2 + \chi^{(3)}\mathcal{E}^3 + \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{E}^4) \quad \text{↷} \quad \chi^{(2)} \chi^{(3)}$$

$$H^{\text{eff}} = h_k^0 + \Delta h_k + V_H[\Delta \rho] + \Sigma_{\text{sex}}[\Delta \gamma]$$

$$\Sigma = iGW$$



- Berry-phase formulation for the PBCs
- Many-body effects can be included in an effective Hamiltonian
- Multiple lasers field can be simulated (pump and probe)

The Floquet formalism:

$$\left(\hat{H}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\text{eff}} - i\partial_t\right) |v_{\mathbf{k}n}\rangle = 0 \quad |v_{\mathbf{k}n}\rangle = e^{-i\xi_{\mathbf{k}n}t} \sum_{\eta=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-i\eta\omega_0 t} \sum_i^{+\infty} \tilde{d}_{\mathbf{k}ni}(\eta) |\mu_{\mathbf{k}i}\rangle$$

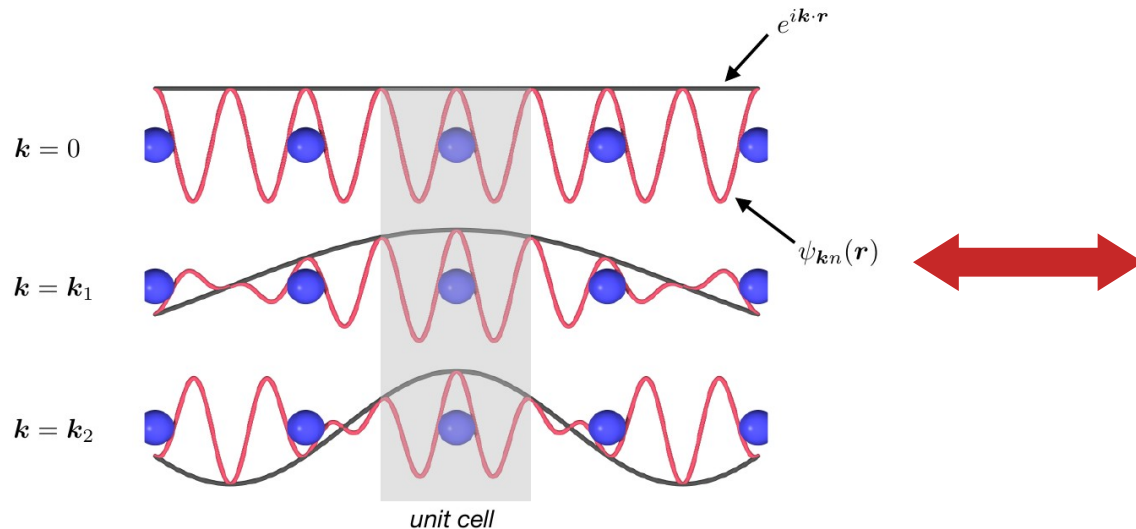
Time independent self-consistent eigen-problem

$$\sum_j^{+\infty} \sum_{\gamma=-\infty}^{+\infty} \underbrace{\left[(E_{\mathbf{k}j}^{\text{IPA}} - \gamma\omega_0) \delta_{i,j} \delta_{\eta,\gamma} + W_{\mathbf{k}ij}(\eta, \gamma) \right]}_{\text{Diagonal}} \tilde{d}_{\mathbf{k}nj}(\gamma) = \xi_{\mathbf{k}n} \tilde{d}_{\mathbf{k}ni}(\eta)$$

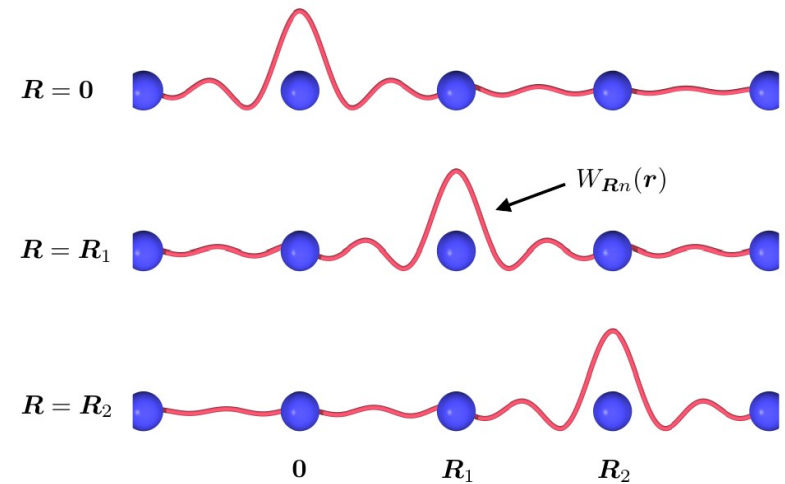
- Berry-phase formulation for the PBCs
- Many-body effects can be included in an effective Hamiltonian
- Lanzos-based solution of the eigenproblem
- Results analysis is much simpler

From **ab-initio** to models and beyond

Bloch functions

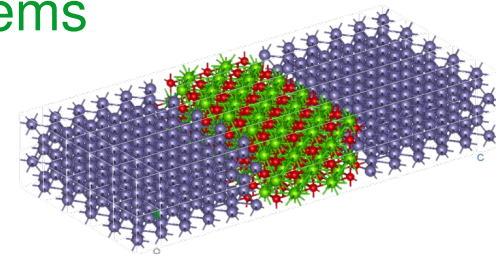


Wannier orbitals

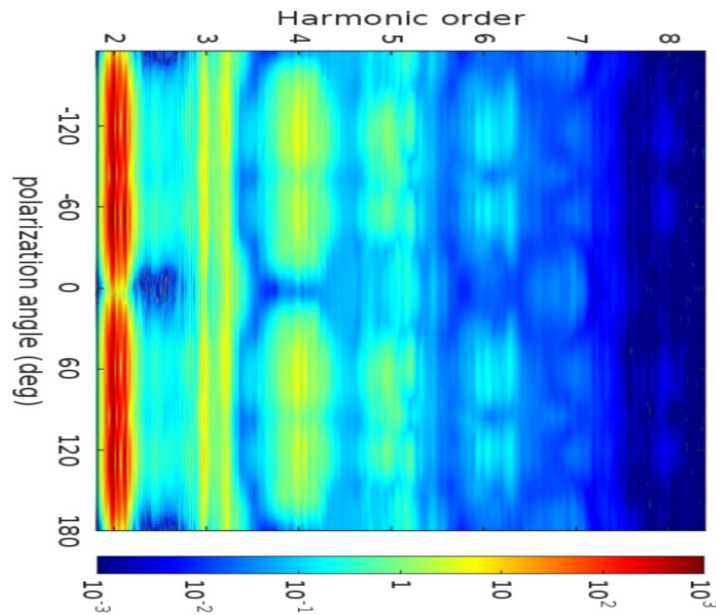


- Reformulate Floquet theory in Wannier basis
- We can start from simple models or build them using Wannier functions
- Possibility to study non-periodic or complex systems (interfaces, surfaces)

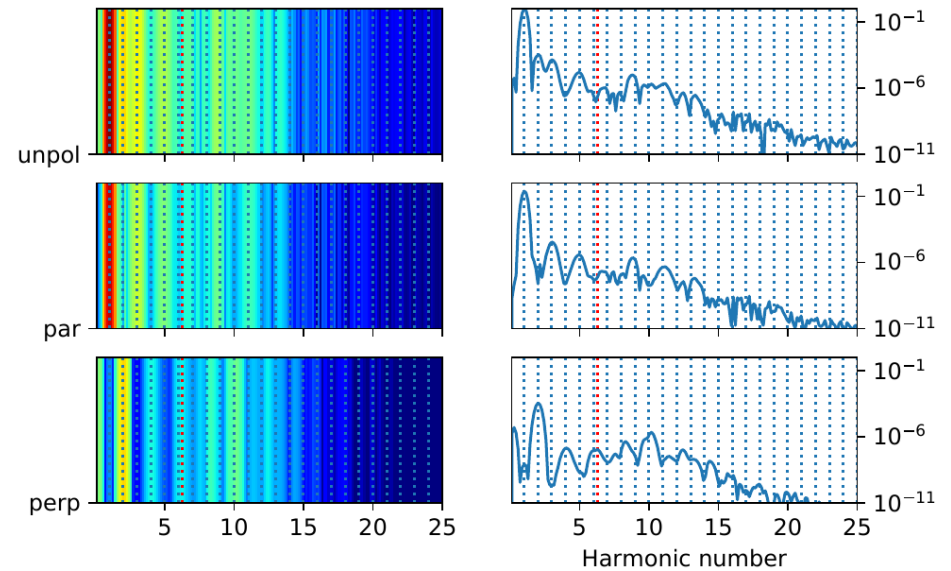
$$H = \sum_i \epsilon_i c_i^\dagger c_i + \sum_{ij} t_{ij} c_i^\dagger c_j + \dots$$



Preliminary results

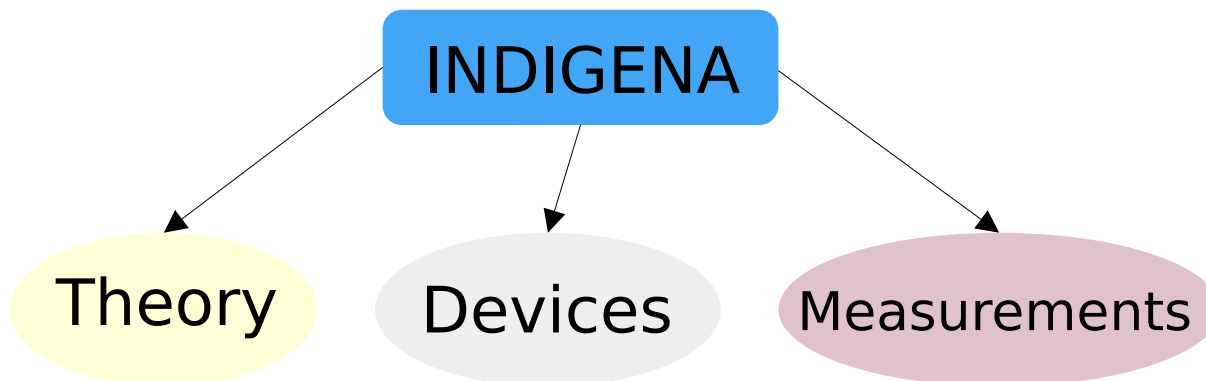


Validation in collaboration with
Caterina Vozzi in Milan (Italy)



HHG in ZnTe as a function
of polarization direction

Fundings



Scientific implication

Scientific Production → **64** papers (6 PRL, 1 NanoLetter), **1** patent,
more than **5000** citations, h-index **32**
19 invited talks



Supervision → **4** PhD, **2** postdocs, **3** master, **2** internship



Teaching → Statistical Mechanics (18/19),
Density Functional Theory(17/22/23)
9 International Schools(2008-)



Scientific research projects:



Other projects:
Emergence CNRS
ETSF internships
PRACE



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Conference Organization:

General meeting GDR-HOWDI and GDR-REST

4 Symposia/mini-colloque (PSI-k, SFP, etc...)

8 Conferences/Workshop (ETSF, Gutwiller,)

2 Schools

2 Year Weekly seminars at CINA and ETSF online seminars



CV

Non-linear-optics

Electron-phonon

Code development

Project

High-harmonic

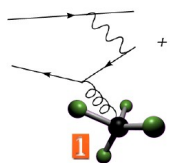
generation

first principles calculations
and modelling

Thanks!

Any questions?

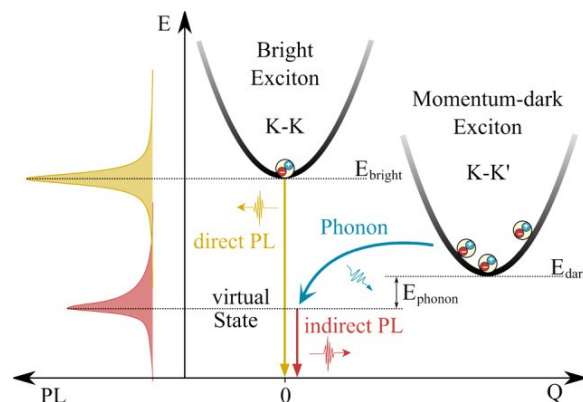
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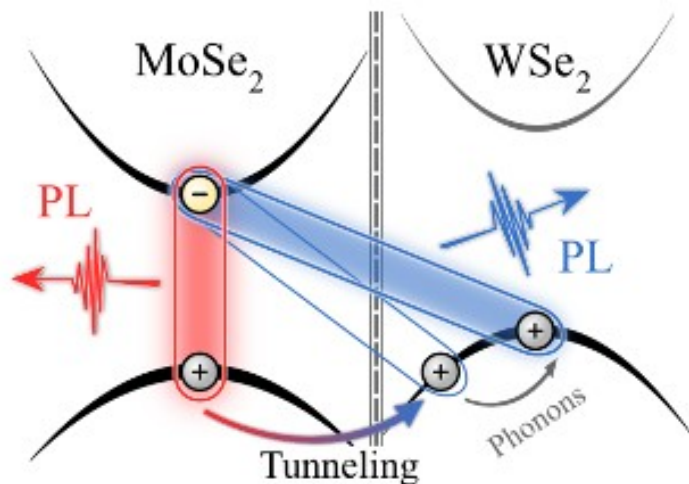
Exciton-phonon Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{el-ph}} = \sum_{kq\mu} M_{kq}^{\mu} (v_{k+q}^{\dagger} v_k - u_{k+q}^{\dagger} u_k) (a_{q\mu} + a_{-q\mu}^{\dagger})$$

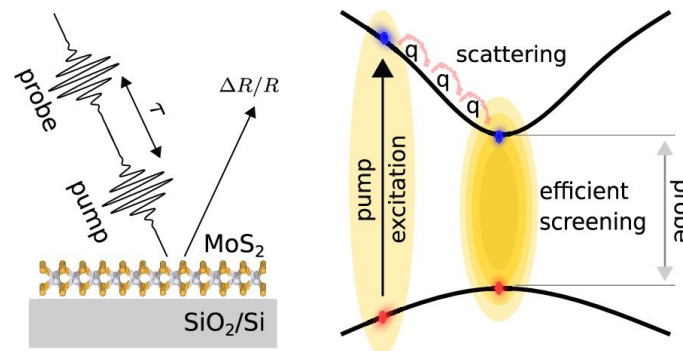
Phonon-assisted luminescence



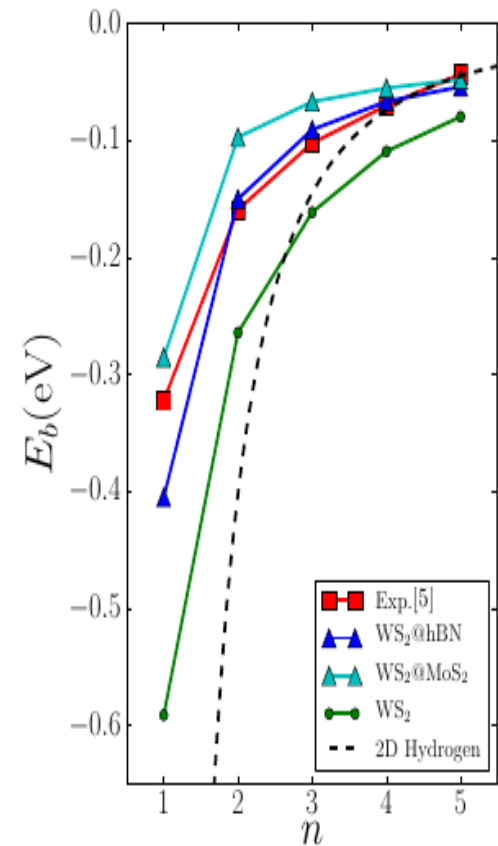
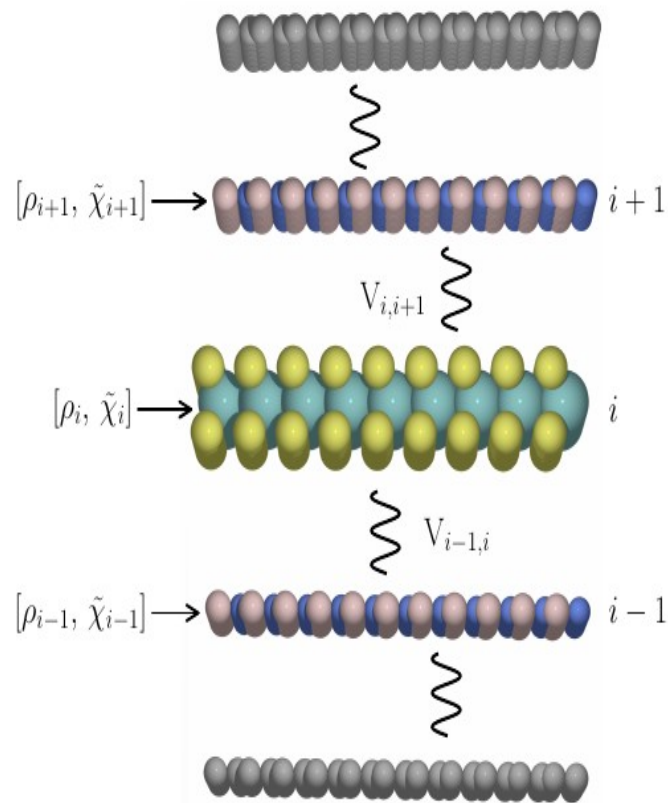
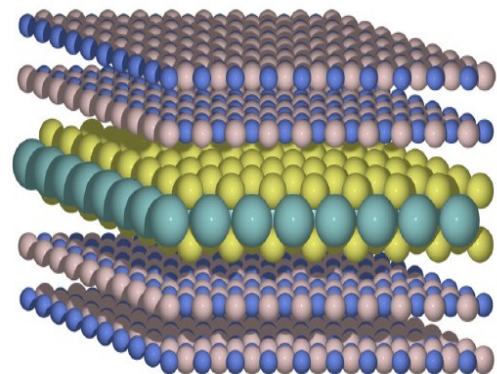
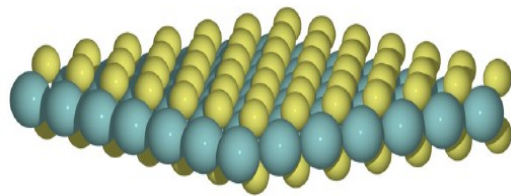
Exciton dynamics



Pump-probe

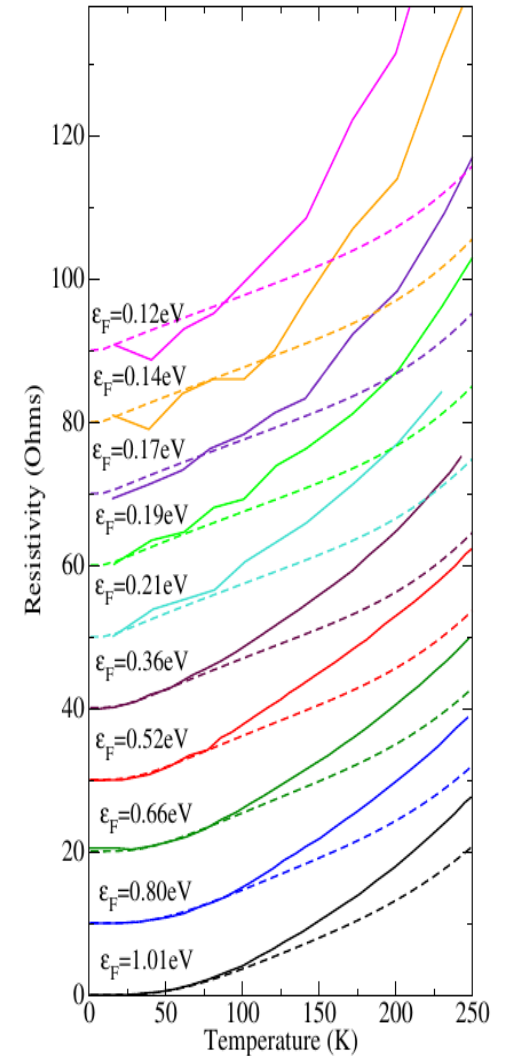
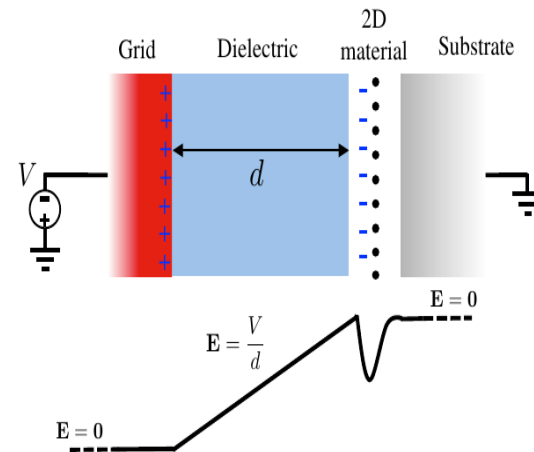
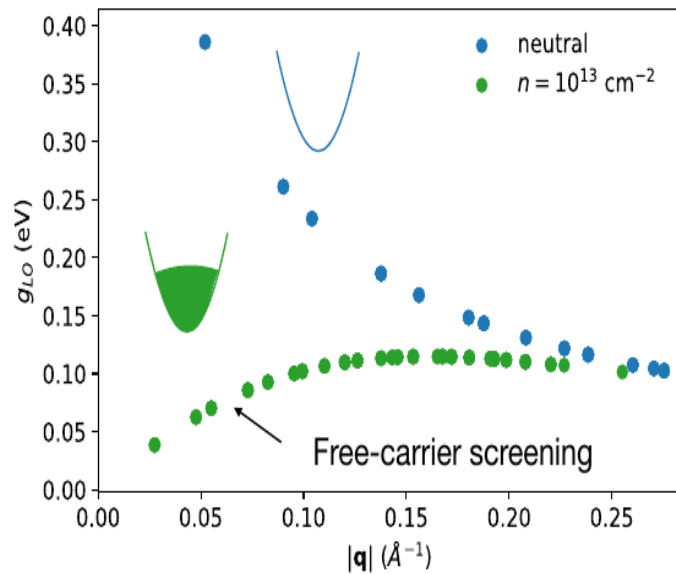
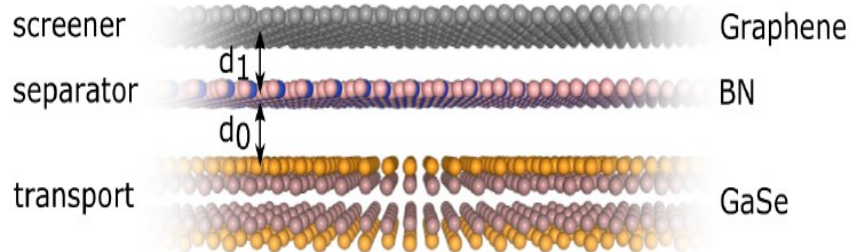


Quantum Electrostatic Heterostructure model and its relatives



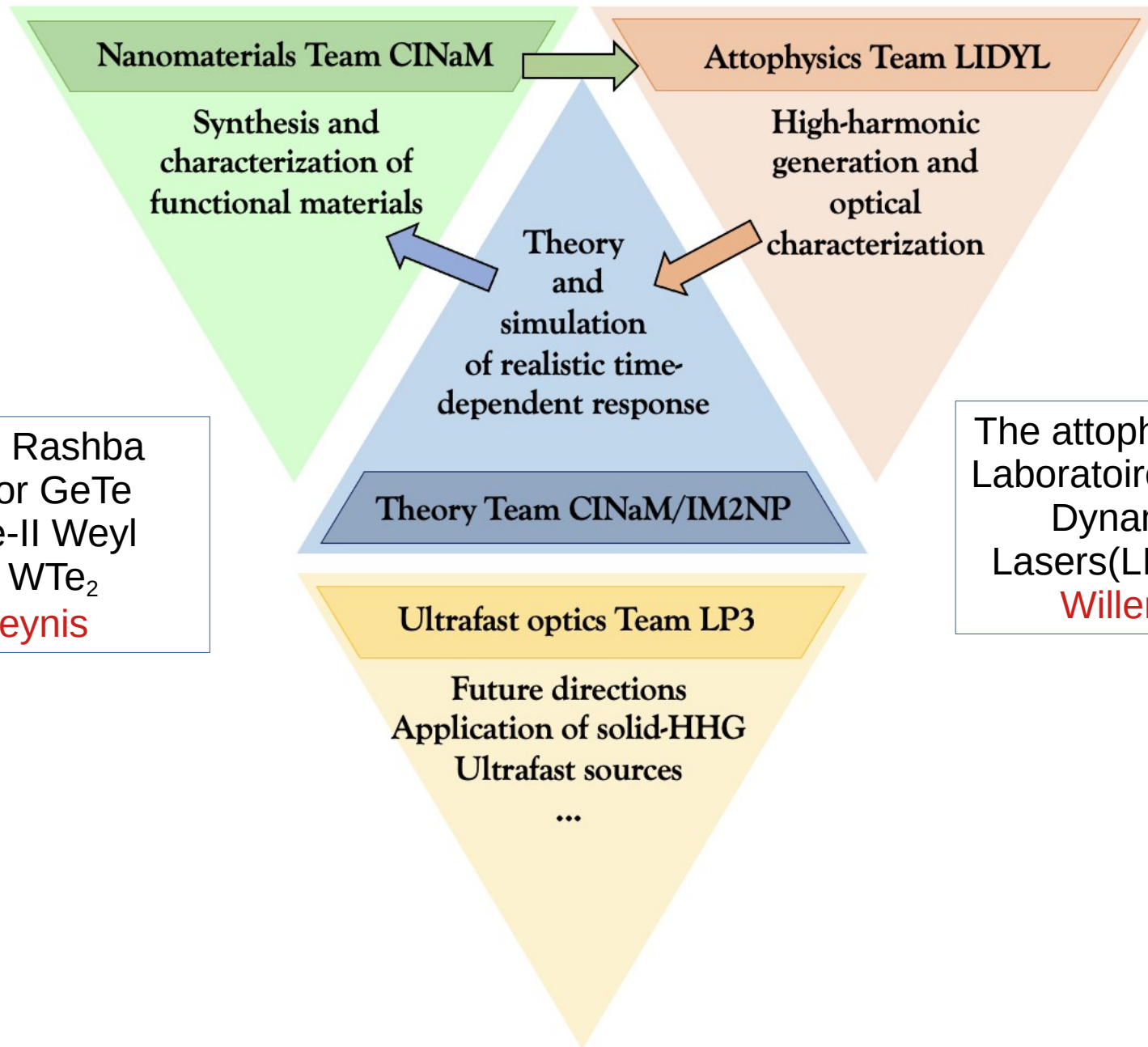
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Environment: phonons



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Ferroelectric Rashba semiconductor GeTe and the type-II Weyl semimetal WTe₂
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