Excitonic properties of hBN from a time-dependent Hartree-Fock mean-field theory

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Theoretical description of excitons

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Many-body system of electrons

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathsf{eq}} = \sum_{lphaeta} h_{lphaeta} c^{\dagger}_{lpha} c_{eta} + rac{1}{2} \sum_{lphaeta\gamma\delta} oldsymbol{V}^{lphaeta}_{\gamma\delta} c^{\dagger}_{lpha} c^{\dagger}_{eta} c_{\gamma} c_{\delta}$$



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External perturbation

$$H_{
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$$-i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \rho_{ab}(t) = \rho_{a\alpha}(t) \left(h_{\alpha b} + B^{i}_{\alpha b} F^{i}(t) \right) - \left(h_{a\beta} + B^{i}_{a\beta} F^{i}(t) \right) \rho_{\beta b}(t) + \frac{1}{2} V^{\alpha \beta}_{\gamma b} \left\langle c^{\dagger}_{\alpha} c^{\dagger}_{\beta} c_{\gamma} c_{a} \right\rangle - \frac{1}{2} V^{\alpha \beta}_{b\delta} \left\langle c^{\dagger}_{\alpha} c^{\dagger}_{\beta} c_{\delta} c_{a} \right\rangle + \frac{1}{2} V^{\alpha a}_{\gamma \delta} \left\langle c^{\dagger}_{b} c^{\dagger}_{\alpha} c_{\gamma} c_{\delta} \right\rangle - \frac{1}{2} V^{a \beta}_{\gamma \delta} \left\langle c^{\dagger}_{b} c^{\dagger}_{\beta} c_{\gamma} c_{\delta} \right\rangle$$

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Mean-field decoupling

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Hartree and Fock self-energy terms



$$\Sigma_{a\gamma}^{H}[\rho(t)-\rho^{(0)}]=V_{\delta\gamma}^{a\alpha}\rho_{\delta\alpha}(t)$$

$$\Sigma_{a\gamma}^{F}[
ho(t)-
ho^{(0)}]=-W_{\gamma\delta}^{alpha}
ho_{\deltalpha}(t)$$



Linear response in the single-particle eigenbasis at zero temperature

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Effective two-particle Hamiltonian

$$m{H}_{e-h} = \left[egin{array}{cc} m{R} & m{C} \ m{C}^{\dagger} & m{R}^{*} \end{array}
ight] \stackrel{ ext{TDA}}{pprox} m{R}$$

Resonant Block

$$\mathbf{R} \equiv H_{e_1 o_2}^{e_3 o_4} = (\epsilon_{e_1} - \epsilon_{o_2}) \,\delta_{e_1 e_3} \delta_{o_2 o_4} + \left(V_{o_2 e_3}^{o_4 e_1} - W_{o_2 e_3}^{e_1 o_4}\right)$$

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$$(\hbar\omega \boldsymbol{S} - \boldsymbol{H}_{e-h}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{\lambda} = E_{\lambda} \boldsymbol{\Psi}.$$

Excitonic generalized eigen-problem

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{ ext{e-h}}\cdot \boldsymbol{\Psi}_X = E_X \boldsymbol{S}\cdot \boldsymbol{\Psi}_X$$

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$$ho^{(1)}(\omega) = \sum_X a_X(\omega) \Psi_X$$

Reduced density matrix solution

$$\boldsymbol{\rho}^{(1)}(\omega) = \sum_{X} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{X} \frac{\operatorname{sign}(E_{X})}{(\hbar\omega - E_{X})} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{X} \cdot \boldsymbol{S} \cdot \boldsymbol{B} F(\omega)$$

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Excitonic generalized eigen-problem in a crystal

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Structure in the Bloch momentum degree of freedom

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Spin-singlet set of solutions

$$|s\rangle = (1/\sqrt{2}) (|c\uparrow,v\uparrow\rangle + |c\downarrow,v\downarrow\rangle)$$
$$R_{s} = \epsilon - W + 2V$$

Spin-triplet set of solutions

$$egin{aligned} \ket{t} &= \ket{c\uparrow, v\downarrow}, \ \ket{c\downarrow, v\uparrow}, \ ig(1/\sqrt{2}ig)ig(\ket{c\uparrow, v\uparrow} - \ket{c\downarrow, v\downarrow}ig) \ R_{ ext{t}} &= \epsilon - W \end{aligned}$$

$$\epsilon := \left(\epsilon_{\{k+Q\}c_1} - \epsilon_{kv_2} \right), \quad W := W_{kv_2,\{k'+Q\}c_3}^{\{k+Q\}c_1,k'v_4}, \quad V := V_{kv_2,\{k'+Q\}c_3}^{k'v_4,\{k+Q\}c_1}$$

Excitons on hBN structures

Eletronic single-particle states - NN tight-binding model

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Eletronic single-particle states - NN tight-binding model



$$egin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{\mathsf{TB}} &= \sum_i \epsilon_{\mathcal{A}} a^{\dagger}_{\mathsf{R}_i} a_{\mathsf{R}_i} + \sum_i \epsilon_{\mathcal{B}} b^{\dagger}_{\mathsf{R}_i} b_{\mathsf{R}_i} \ &- t \sum_{\langle i,j
angle} \left(a^{\dagger}_{\mathsf{R}_i} b_{\mathsf{R}_i+\delta_j} + b^{\dagger}_{\mathsf{R}_j} a_{\mathsf{R}_i-\delta_j}
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$$H_{e-e} = \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{R}_1 \mathbf{R}_2\\\varsigma_1 \varsigma_2}} \operatorname{V}\left(\left(\mathbf{R}_1 + \mathbf{s}_{\varsigma_1}\right) - \left(\mathbf{R}_2 + \mathbf{s}_{\varsigma_2}\right)\right) c_{\mathbf{R}_1 \varsigma_1}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{R}_2 \varsigma_2}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{R}_2 \varsigma_2} c_{\mathbf{R}_1 \varsigma_1}$$



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Coulomb PotentialRytova-Keldysh Potential $V_{2D}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{e^2}{2\varepsilon_0} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{k}|}$ $W(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{e^2}{2\varepsilon_0} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{k}|} \frac{1}{1 + r_0 |\mathbf{k}|}$

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Numerical implementation

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$$H_{\text{e-h}}(\mathbf{Q}) = \begin{bmatrix} R_{\{\mathbf{k}_1' + \mathbf{Q}\}c_3, \mathbf{k}_1'v_4}^{\{\mathbf{k}_1' + \mathbf{Q}\}c_3, \mathbf{k}_1'v_4} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{k}'} \\ \downarrow_{\mathbf{k}} & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$



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Fixed excitonic center of mass momentum

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Discretization of the hBN 1BZ

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$$\epsilon_{\{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{Q}\}c_{1}} - \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}v_{2}} \delta_{\{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{Q}\}c_{1},\{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{Q}\}c_{3}} \delta_{\mathbf{k}v_{2},\mathbf{k}'v_{4}} \\ + \left(V_{\mathbf{k}v_{2},\{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{Q}\}c_{3}}^{\mathbf{k}'v_{4},\{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{Q}\}c_{1}} - W_{\mathbf{k}v_{2},\{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{Q}\}c_{3}}^{\{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{Q}\}c_{1},\mathbf{k}'v_{4}} \right)$$

$$H_{ ext{e-h}}(\mathbf{Q}) = \mathcal{N}$$

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Eletronic singleparticle properties

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Discretization of the hBN 1B2

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Results for the excitonic energy band-structure and wave-functions

Isolated hBN monolayer: Spin-singlet with $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{0}$

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T. Galvani, Phys. Rev. B 94 (2016): $E_{bind} = -1.93 \text{ eV}$ Quintela, Phys. Status Solidi. B 259(7) (2022): $E_{bind} = -1.31 \text{ eV}$

In recriprocal space:



In real space:

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Conclusions

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Future works

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Formulated a method to calculate excitonic energies and wave-function

- Simple yet effective:
 - Easy to compute
 - Relatively small computational time
 - Precision up to 2 decimal places (scaling with **k**-point sampling)
 - Results within reason when comparing to more challenging techniques
- Versatile in the:
 - System's degrees of freedom (could account for spin-orbit effects or three-band models with some additional tweaks)
 - Eletronic model to the single particle eletronic states
 - Eletron-eletron interaction
 - Choice of eletrostatic potential (different types of screenings)

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Generalized susceptibility

$$\chi_{AB}(\omega) = \frac{\langle A \rangle (\omega)}{F(\omega)} = \frac{\sum_{ab} A_{ab} \rho_{ba}^{(1)}(\omega)}{F(\omega)}$$

Optical conductivity Exciton life-times

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Three-band model TMDs

Thank you for listening! Any questions?

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More on the screening of the Hartree and the Fock terms...


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More on the structure in the spin degree of freedom...

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon + V - W & 0 & 0 & V \\ 0 & \epsilon - W & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon - W & 0 \\ V & 0 & 0 & \epsilon + V - W \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{\uparrow\uparrow}{\downarrow\downarrow}$$

$$\epsilon := \left(\epsilon_{\{k+Q\}c_1} - \epsilon_{kv_2} \right), \quad W := W_{kv_2,\{k'+Q\}c_3}^{\{k+Q\}c_1,k'v_4}, \quad V := V_{kv_2,\{k'+Q\}c_3}^{k'v_4,\{k+Q\}c_1}$$

$$U = \left[egin{array}{cccc} rac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & rac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \ rac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -rac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 0 \end{array}
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More on the discretization of the linear response problem...



$$\begin{pmatrix} \hbar \omega \mathbb{1}_{N_{k} \times N_{k}} - \begin{bmatrix} R_{\{k_{1}^{\prime}+\mathbf{Q}\}c_{3},\mathbf{k}_{1}^{\prime}v_{4}}^{\{\mathbf{k}_{1}^{\prime}+\mathbf{Q}\}c_{3},\mathbf{k}_{2}^{\prime}v_{4}} & R_{\{\mathbf{k}_{1}+\mathbf{Q}\}c_{1},\mathbf{k}_{1}v_{2}}^{\{\mathbf{k}_{2}^{\prime}+\mathbf{Q}\}c_{3},\mathbf{k}_{2}^{\prime}v_{4}} & \mathbf{k}^{\prime} \\ R_{\{\mathbf{k}_{1}+\mathbf{Q}\}c_{3},\mathbf{k}_{1}^{\prime}v_{4}}^{\{\mathbf{k}_{1}^{\prime}+\mathbf{Q}\}c_{3},\mathbf{k}_{2}^{\prime}v_{2}} & R_{\{\mathbf{k}_{2}+\mathbf{Q}\}c_{3},\mathbf{k}_{2}^{\prime}v_{2}}^{\{\mathbf{k}_{2}^{\prime}+\mathbf{Q}\}c_{3},\mathbf{k}_{2}^{\prime}v_{4}} & \mathbf{k}^{\prime} \\ & \mathbf{k}^{\mathbf{k}_{2}+\mathbf{Q}\}c_{3},\mathbf{k}_{2}^{\prime}v_{2}} & R_{\{\mathbf{k}_{2}+\mathbf{Q}\}c_{1},\mathbf{k}_{2}v_{2}}^{\{\mathbf{k}_{2}+\mathbf{Q}\}c_{3},\mathbf{k}_{2}^{\prime}v_{4}} & \mathbf{k}^{\prime} \\ & \mathbf{k}^{\mathbf{k}} & \mathbf{k}^{\mathbf{k}} & \mathbf{k}^{\mathbf{k}} & \mathbf{k}^{\mathbf{k}} \\ & \mathbf{k}^{(1)} \\ \rho_{\{\mathbf{k}_{1}^{\prime}+\mathbf{Q}\}c_{3}\mathbf{k}_{1}^{\prime}v_{4}} \\ & \mathbf{k}^{(1)} \\ & \mathbf{k}^{\prime} & \mathbf{k}^{\prime} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{J}_{\{\mathbf{k}_{1}+\mathbf{Q}\}c_{1},\mathbf{k}_{1}v_{2}} \\ \mathcal{J}_{\{\mathbf{k}_{2}+\mathbf{Q}\}c_{1},\mathbf{k}_{2}v_{2}} \\ & \mathbf{k}^{\mathbf{k}} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Eletronic parameters:

• $e^2/\varepsilon_0 = 10^4/55.3 \text{ eVÅ}$

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$$\epsilon_g = 7.8 \text{ eV}$$

• *t* = 3.1 eV

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$$a_0 = 1.42\sqrt{3} \text{ Å}$$

• $r_0 = 10 \text{ Å}$

Numerical parameters:

• *N_k* = 8649 *k*-points

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$$|\mathbf{k}_{\text{cutoff}}| = 1.5 \text{ Å}$$

Tamm-Dancoff Approx.

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Source term

$$J_{ab}(\omega) = (f_b - f_a) B^i_{ab} F^i(\omega)$$

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