

Wannier Function Based First Principles Method for Disordered Systems

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Excitations in Condensed Matter:
From Basic Concepts to Real Materials
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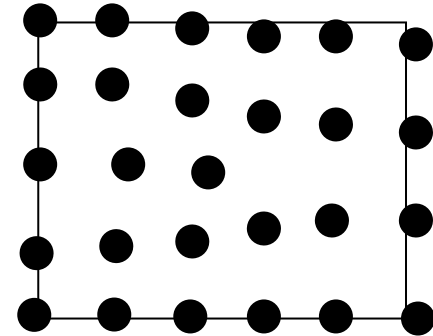
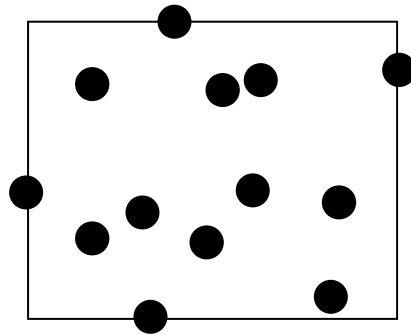
- Introduction: Super Cell Approximation
- Method 1: Unfolded Bandstructure (Wannier function)
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- Results: Disordered Na_xCoO_2 & $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Cu}_x\text{O}_{1-y}$

Introduction:

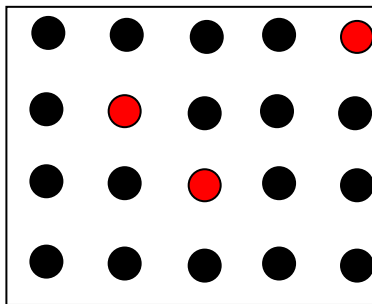
Super Cell Approximation

What kind of disorder?

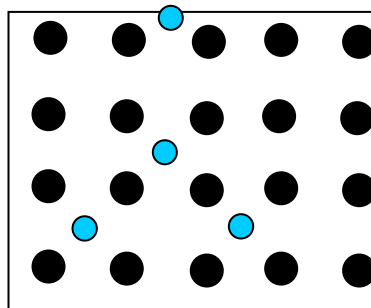
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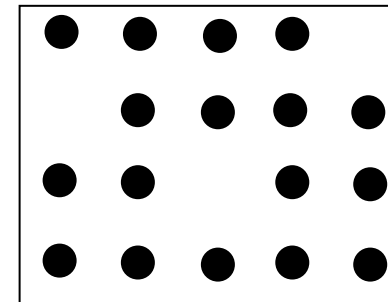
But like



substitution



interstitial



vacancy

Goal: average Green function of disordered systems from first principles

$$\langle G \rangle = \int_{\text{config } i} G_i$$

- 1) Indirect Method
- 2) Direct Method

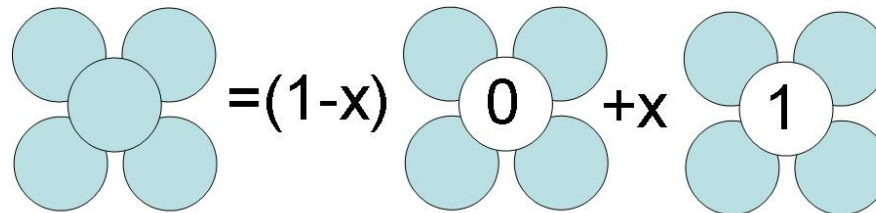
1) Indirect Methods¹

VCA: Virtual Crystal Approximation

$$V_{\text{virtual crystal}} = (1-x) V_0 + x V_1$$

no scattering

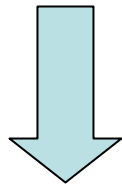
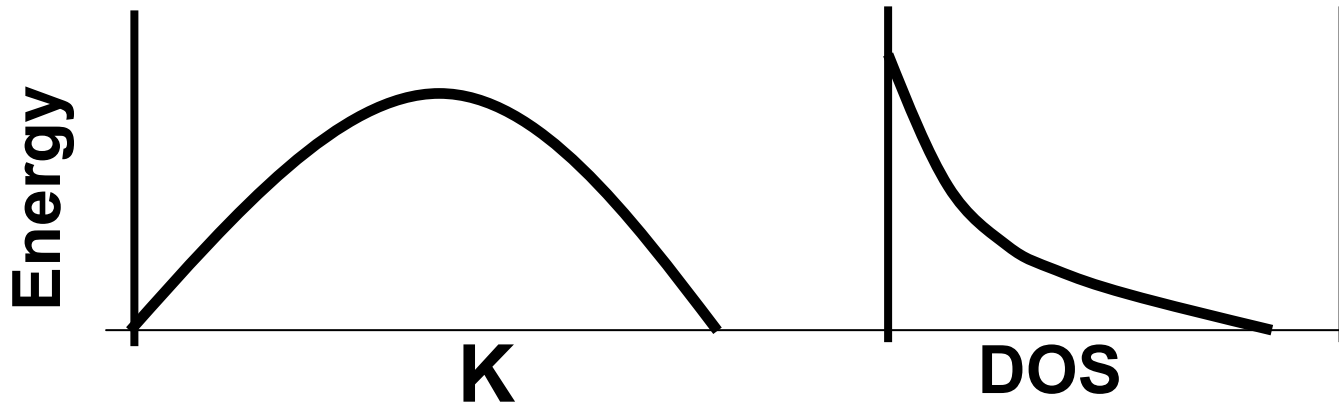
CPA: Coherent Potential Approximation



no cluster-scattering

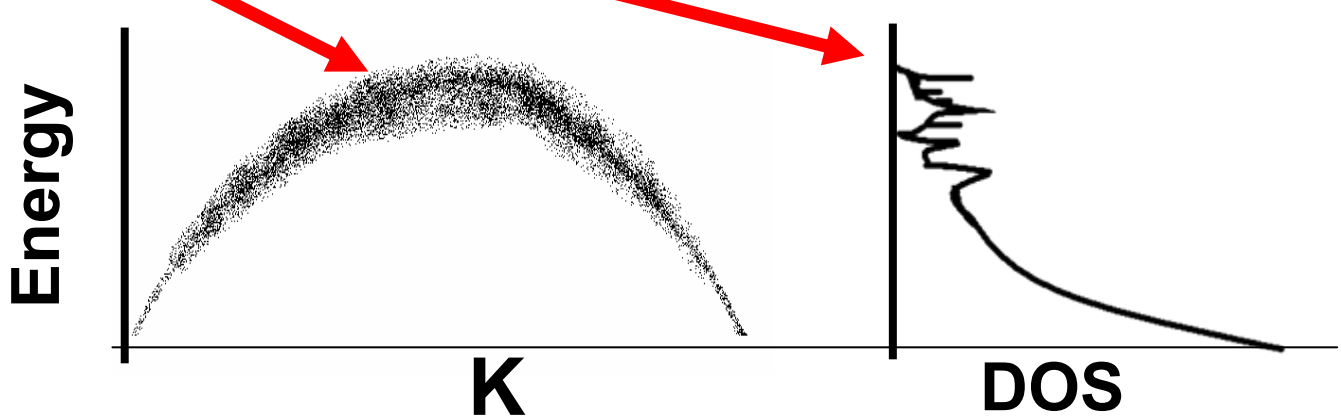
1) A. Gonis, "Green functions for ordered and disordered systems" (1992)

Example 1: States at the band edge

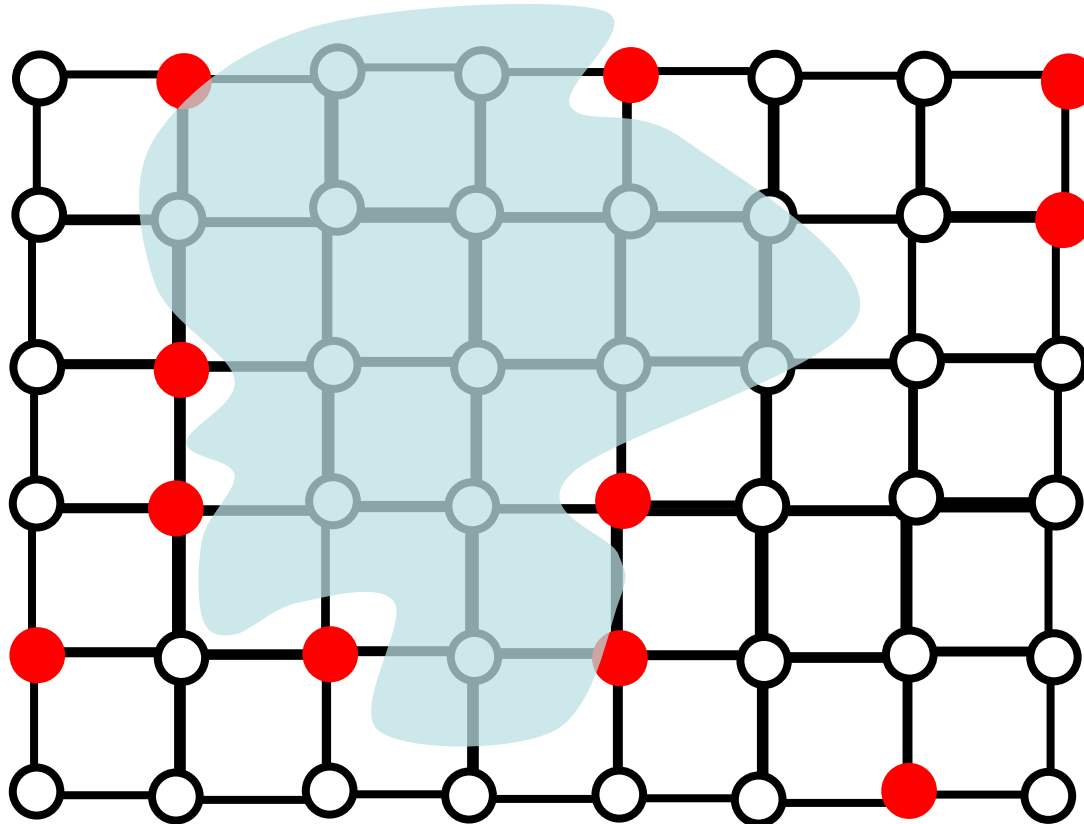


disorder

cluster-scattering
important



Example 2: Large-sized impurity states

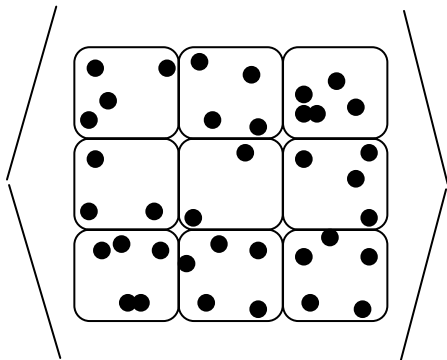


2) Direct Method

SCA: Super Cell Approximation

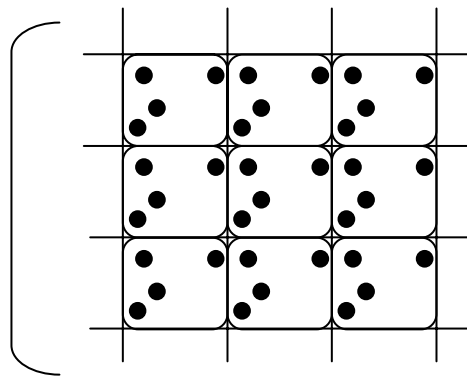
$$\langle G \rangle \approx \frac{1}{N} (G_1 + \dots + G_N)$$

**disordered
system**



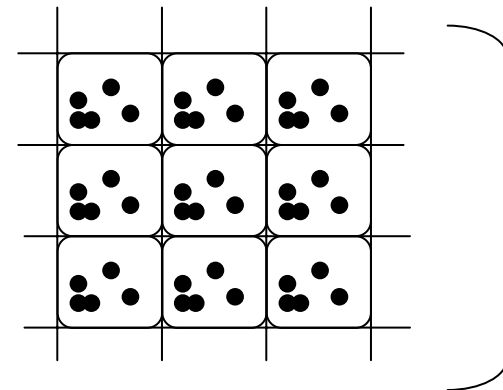
$\approx 1/N$

configuration 1



$+ \dots +$

configuration N



Wannier Function Based Methods

1. Unfolded Bandstructure

2. Effective Hamiltonian

Method 1:

Unfolded Bandstructure

Notation

normal cell

\mathbf{k} crystal momentum

\mathbf{r} lattice vector

n Wannier index

super cell

\mathbf{K} crystal momentum

\mathbf{R} lattice vector
state

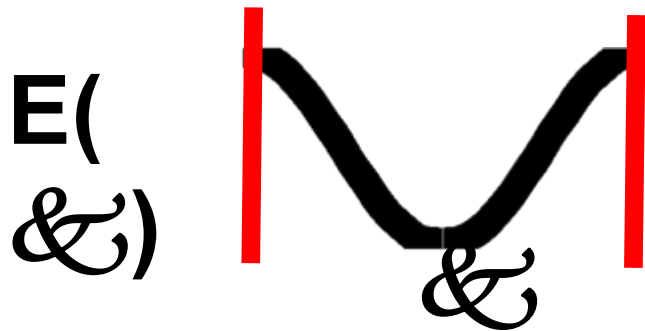
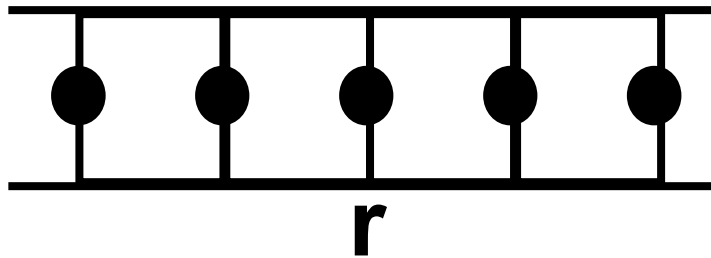
N Wannier index

J band index

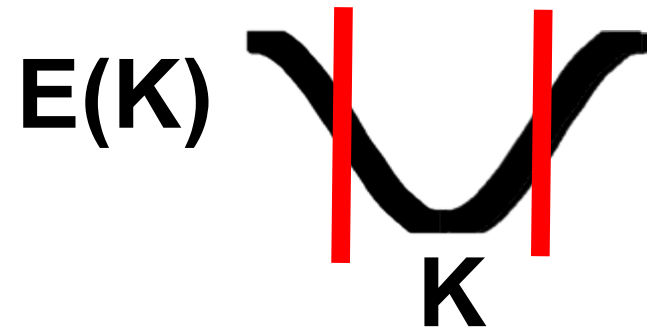
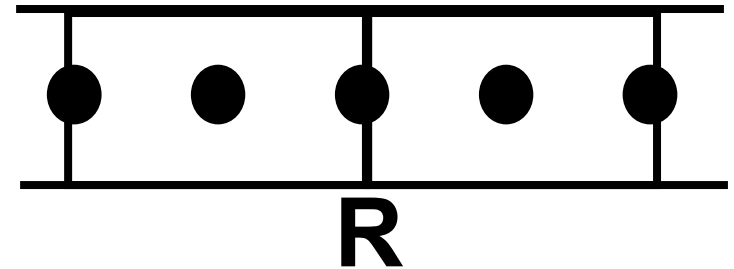
$|\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{K}J}\rangle$ Bloch

Folded Bandstructure

normal cell



super cell



normal cell

ϵ crystal momentum

r lattice vector

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super cell

K crystal momentum

R lattice vector
state

N Wannier index

J band index

$|\epsilon_{KJ}\rangle$ Bloch state

Spectral Function

$$A_n(\mathbf{k}, \mathcal{E}) = -\text{Im} \langle \mathcal{E}n | G(\mathbf{k}) | \mathcal{E}n \rangle$$

$$= -\text{Im} \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{KJ}} |\langle \mathcal{E}n | \mathbf{KJ} \rangle|^2}_{\text{Spectral Weight}} \underbrace{\langle \mathbf{KJ} | G(\mathbf{k}) | \mathbf{KJ} \rangle}_{\text{Green's function on Eigen basis}}$$

Spectral Weight

Green's function
on Eigen basis

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$|\mathbf{KJ}\rangle$ Bloch

Green's function on Eigen basis

$$\langle \text{hand pointing right}_{\mathbf{KJ}} | \mathbf{G}(\diamond) | \text{hand pointing left}_{\mathbf{KJ}} \rangle = (\diamond - \mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{KJ}} + i0^+)^{-1}$$

Eigenvalue



normal cell

\mathbf{k} crystal
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\mathbf{r} lattice vector

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$|\text{hand pointing right}_{\mathbf{KJ}}\rangle$ Bloch

Spectral Weight

$$\langle n | \hat{\rho}_{KJ} | n \rangle = \text{drop}$$

$$\langle n | R_N \rangle \langle R_N | K_N \rangle \langle K_N | \hat{\rho}_{KJ} | n \rangle$$

$$= \text{drop} (R/r)^{3/2} e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} \frac{\Omega}{\Omega_{nm}} \frac{\Omega}{\Omega_{KJ}}$$

$$\langle K_N | \hat{\rho}_{KJ} | n \rangle$$

Eigenvector

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\mathbf{R} lattice vector state

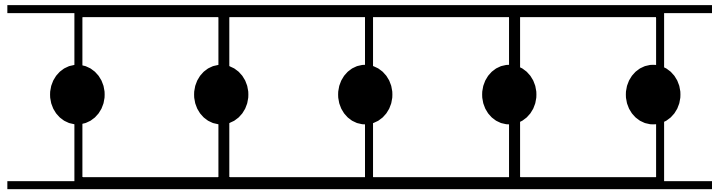
\mathbf{N} Wannier index

J band index

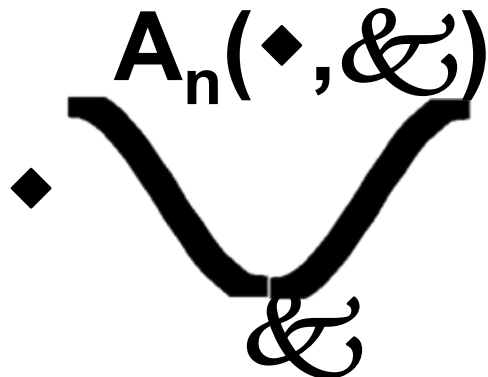
$| \hat{\rho}_{KJ} \rangle$ Bloch

Unfolded Bandstructure

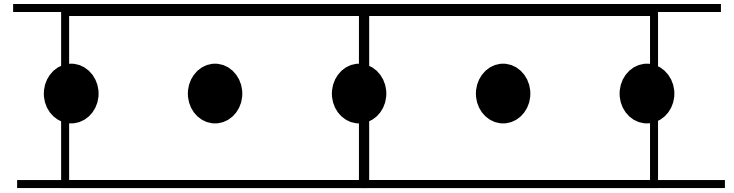
normal cell



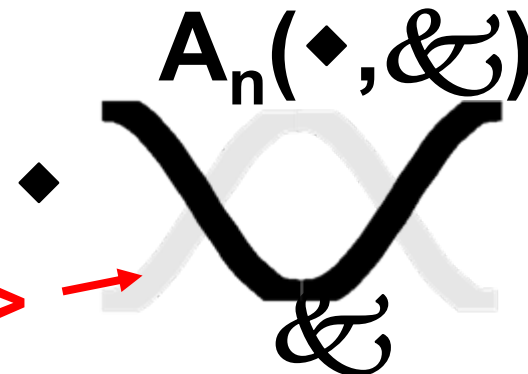
r



super cell



R



$$\langle \mathcal{E}, n | \hat{\rho}_{\mathbf{K}\mathbf{J}} \rangle$$

$\circledast 0$

normal cell

\mathcal{E} crystal momentum

r lattice vector

n Wannier index

super cell

\mathbf{K} crystal momentum

\mathbf{R} lattice vector state

\mathbf{N} Wannier index

\mathbf{J} band index

$|\hat{\rho}_{\mathbf{K}\mathbf{J}}\rangle$ Bloch state

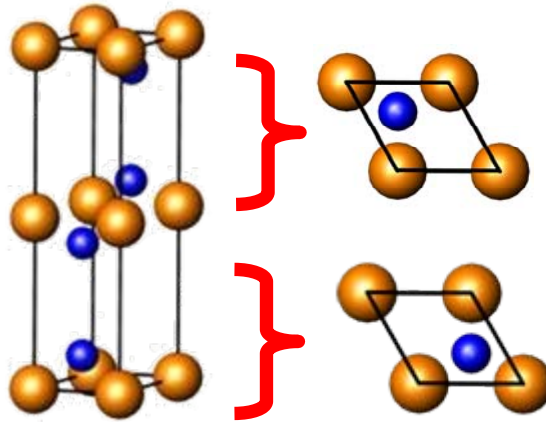
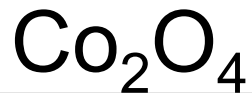
Unfolded Bandstructure

Example 1: $\text{Na}_2\text{Co}_6\text{O}_{12}$

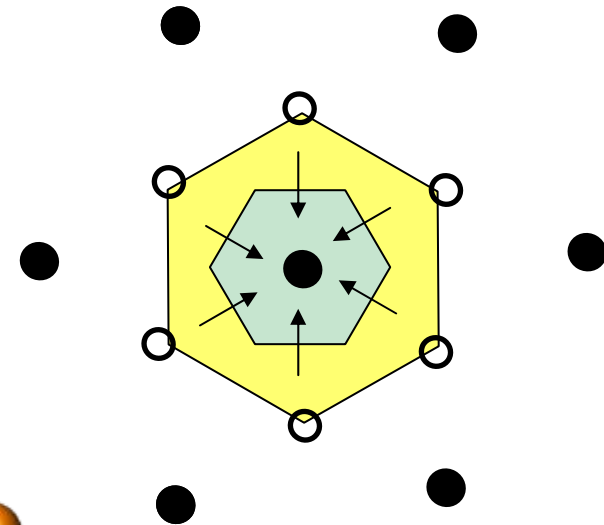
Unfolded Bandstructure

Example 1: Na_xCoO_2

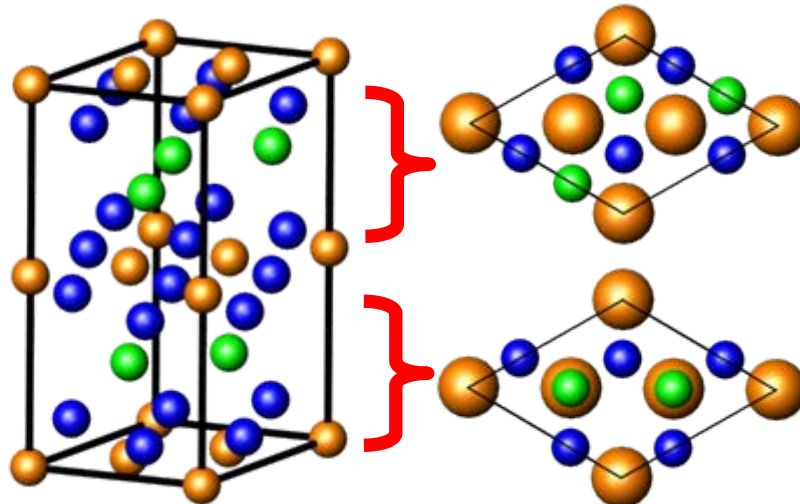
normal cell



Brillouin zone



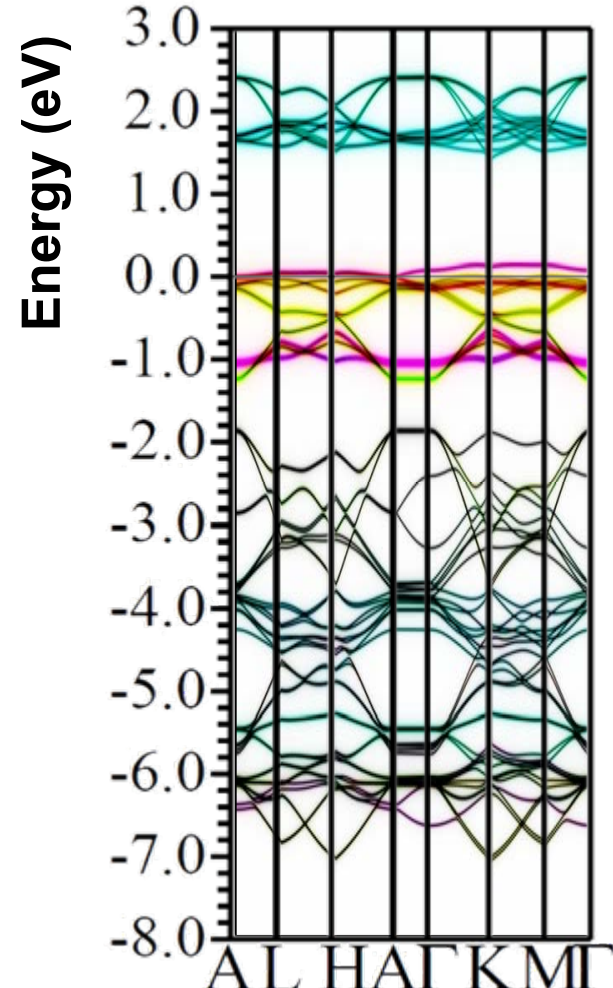
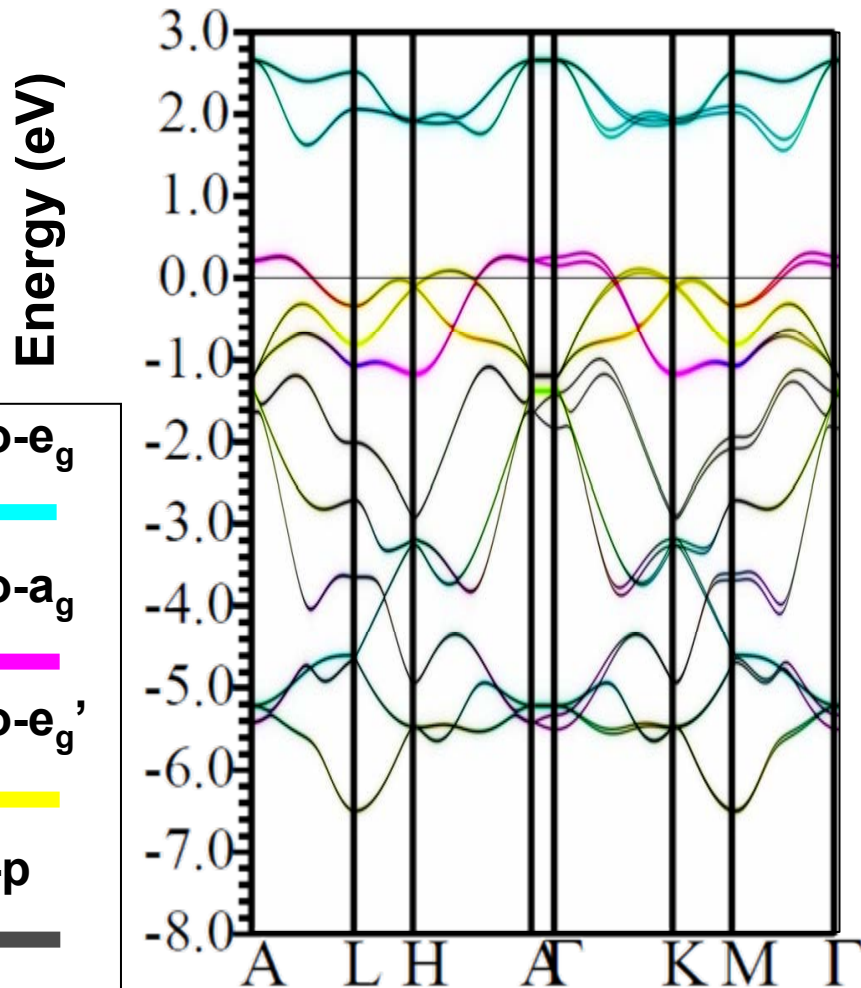
super cell



Backfolded Bandstructure

normal cell: Co_2O_4

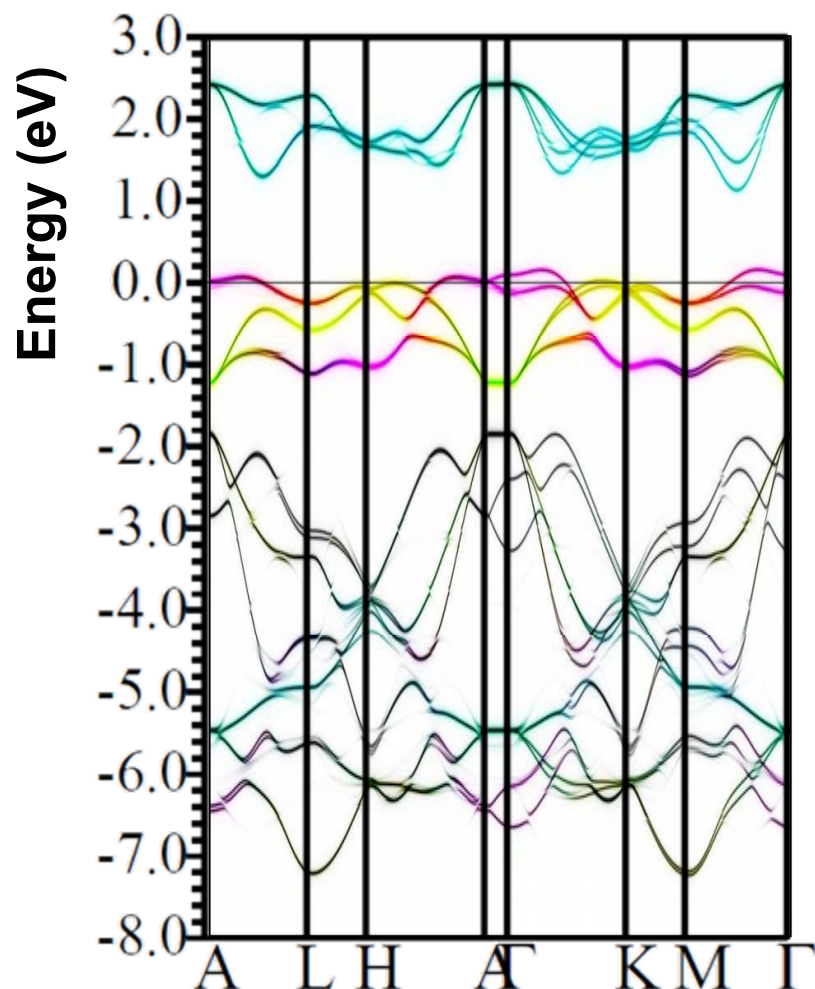
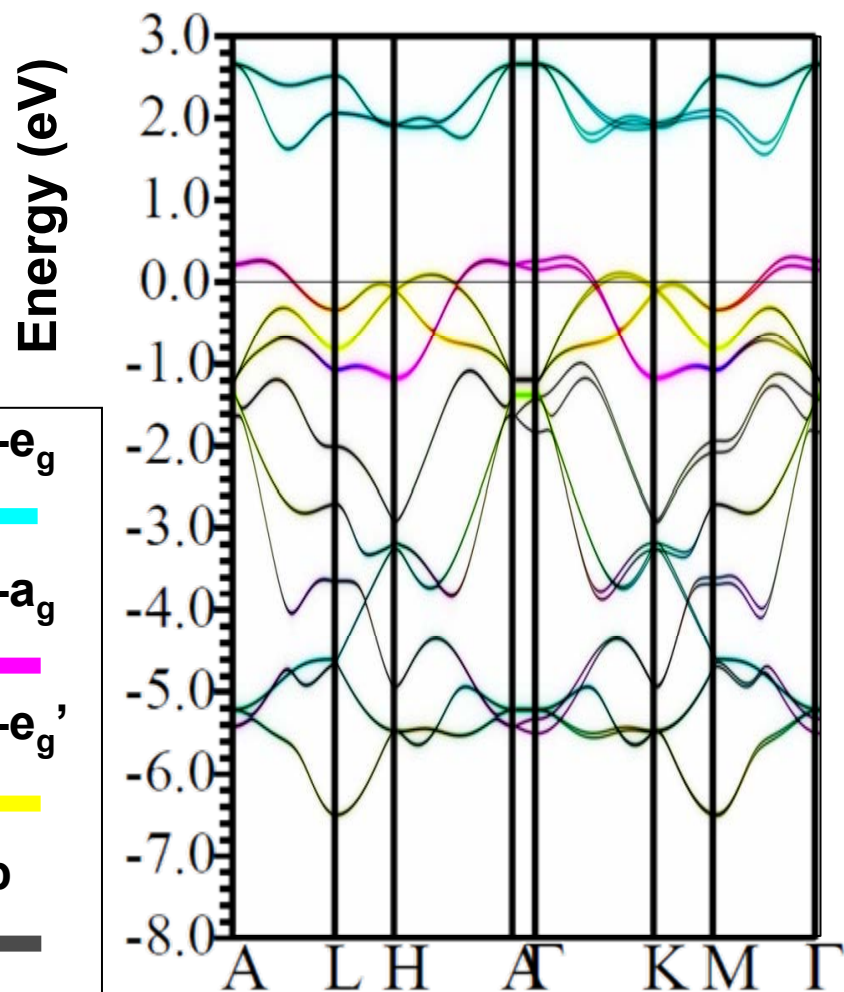
super cell: $\text{Na}_4\text{Co}_6\text{O}_{12}$



Unfolded Bandstructure

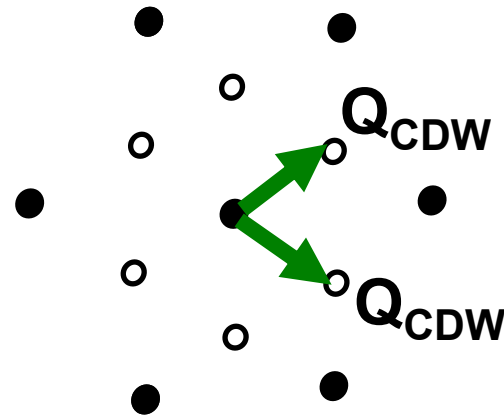
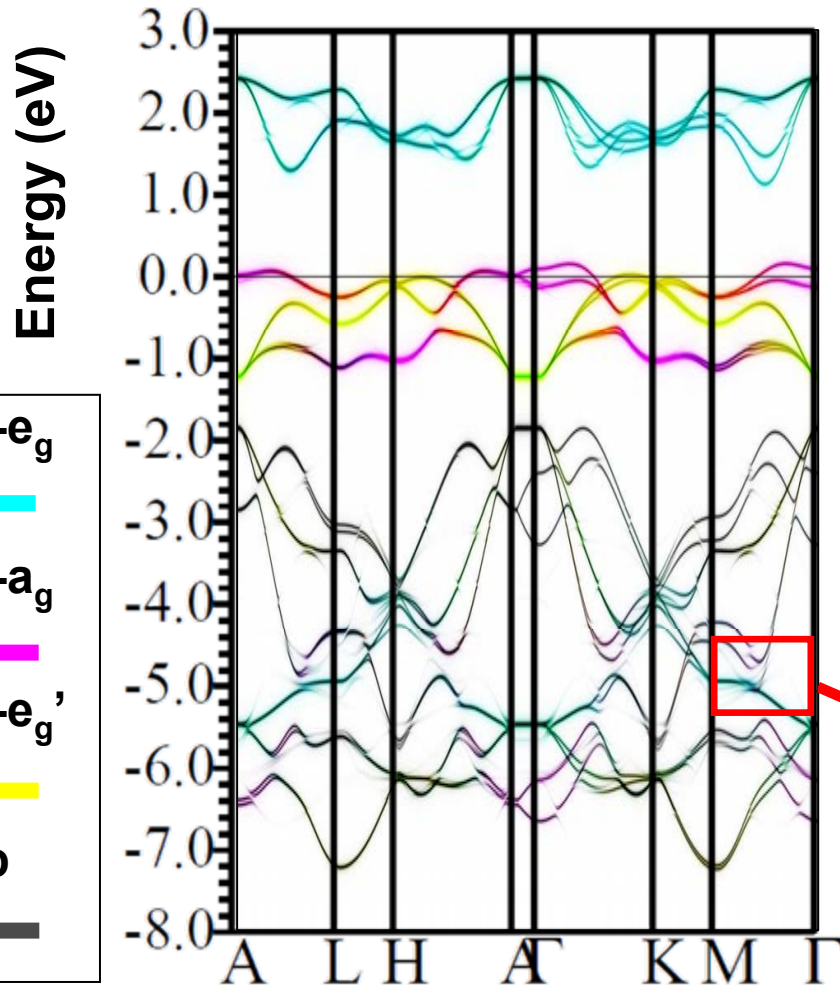
normal cell: Co_2O_4

super cell: $\text{Na}_4\text{Co}_6\text{O}_{12}$

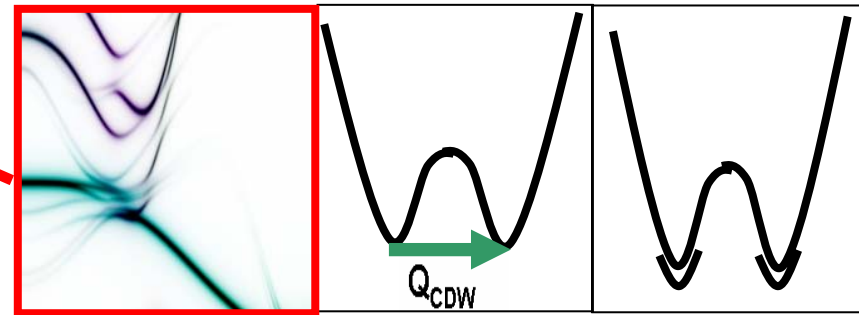


Unfolded Bandstructure

super cell: $\text{Na}_4\text{Co}_6\text{O}_{12}$



$$|k'\rangle = \sum_{q_{\text{CDW}}} |k + q_{\text{CDW}}\rangle \frac{\langle k + q_{\text{CDW}} | V_{\text{Na}} | k \rangle}{\epsilon_k - \epsilon_{k+q_{\text{CDW}}}}$$

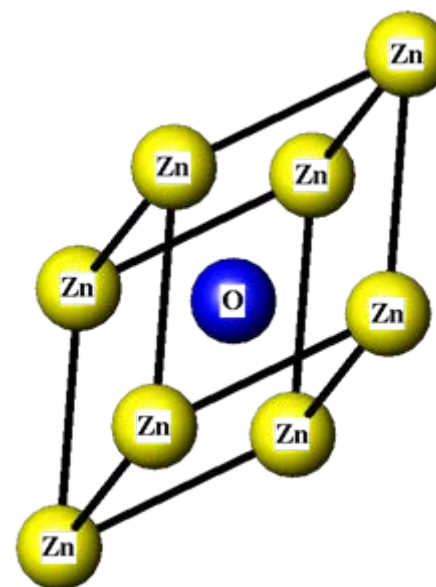
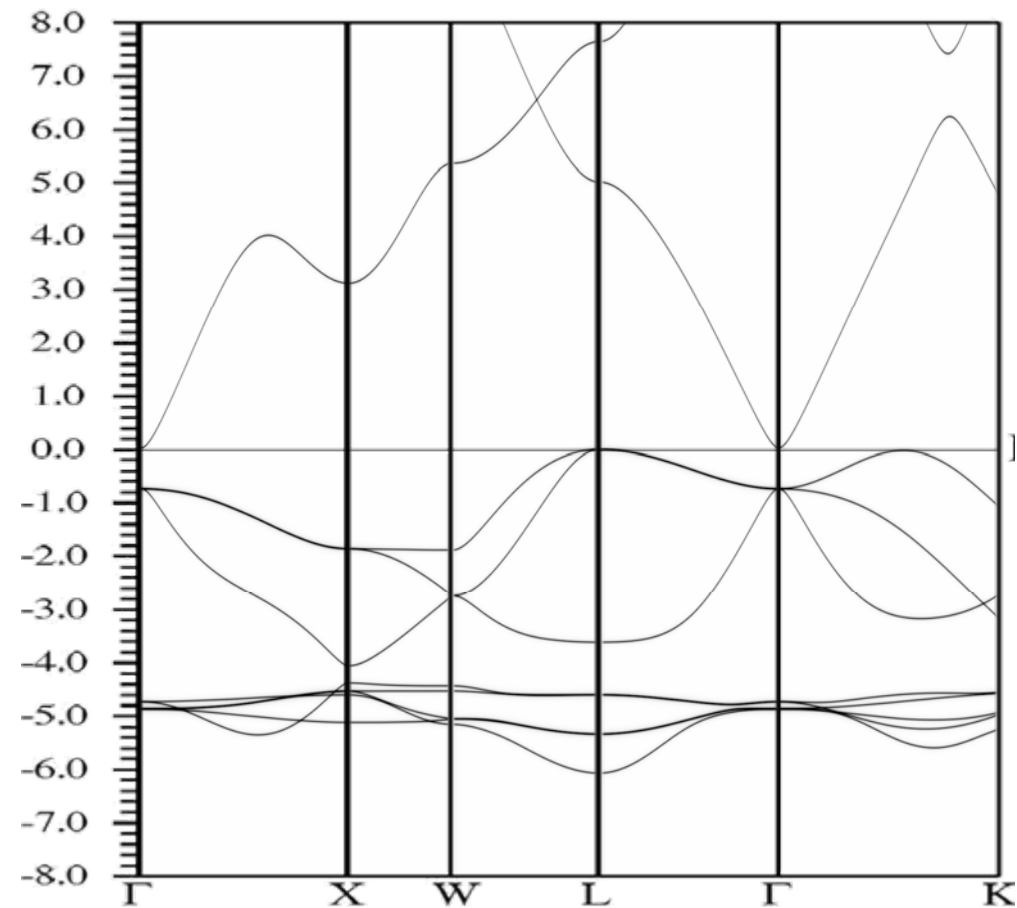


Unfolded Bandstructure

Example 2: $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Cu}_x\text{O}$ LDA+U spin↓

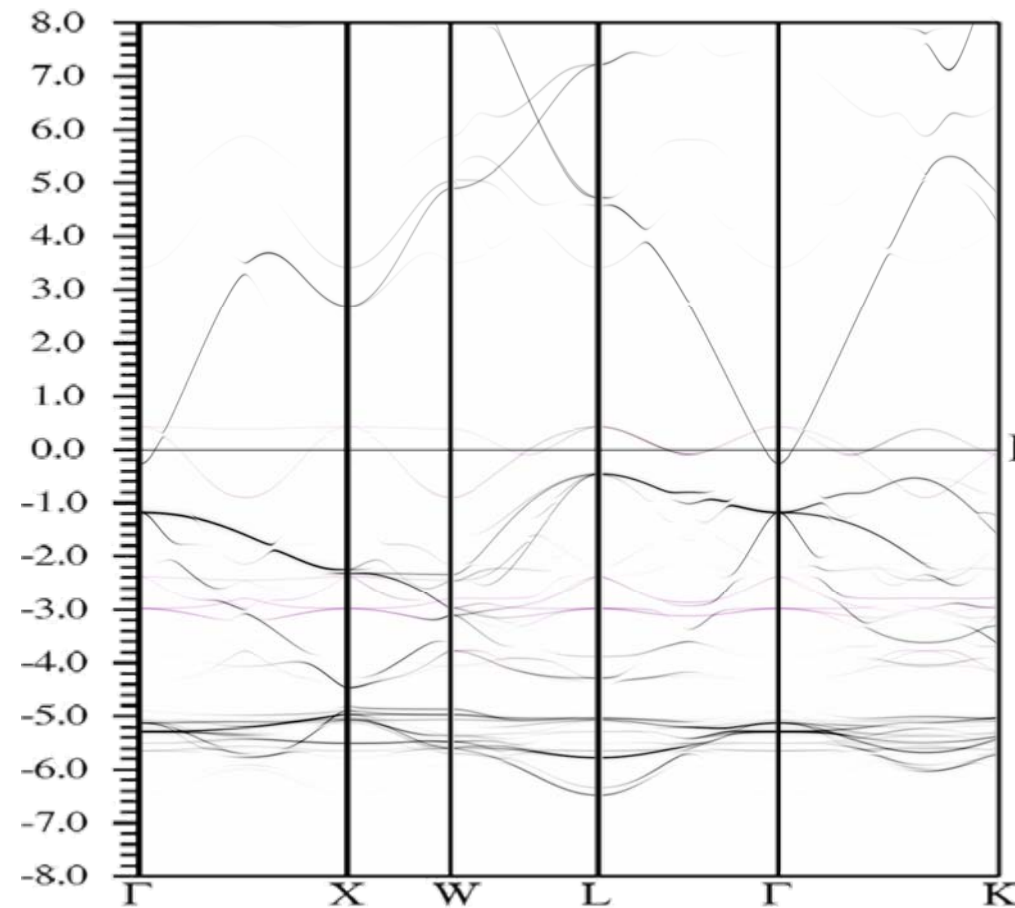
$\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Cu}_x\text{O}$ LDA+U spin \downarrow

$x = 0$

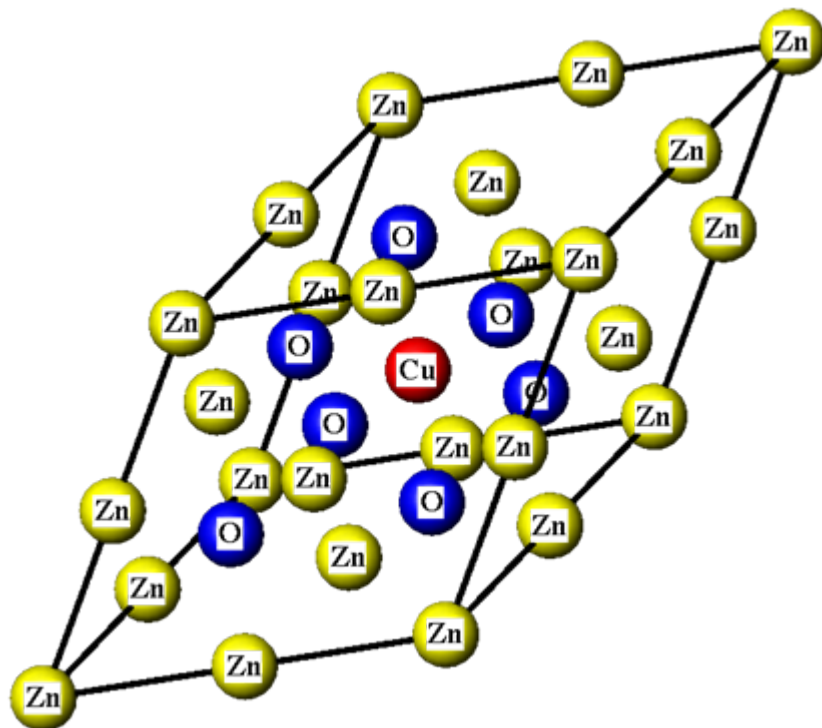


$\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Cu}_x\text{O}$ LDA+U spin \downarrow

$X = 1/8$

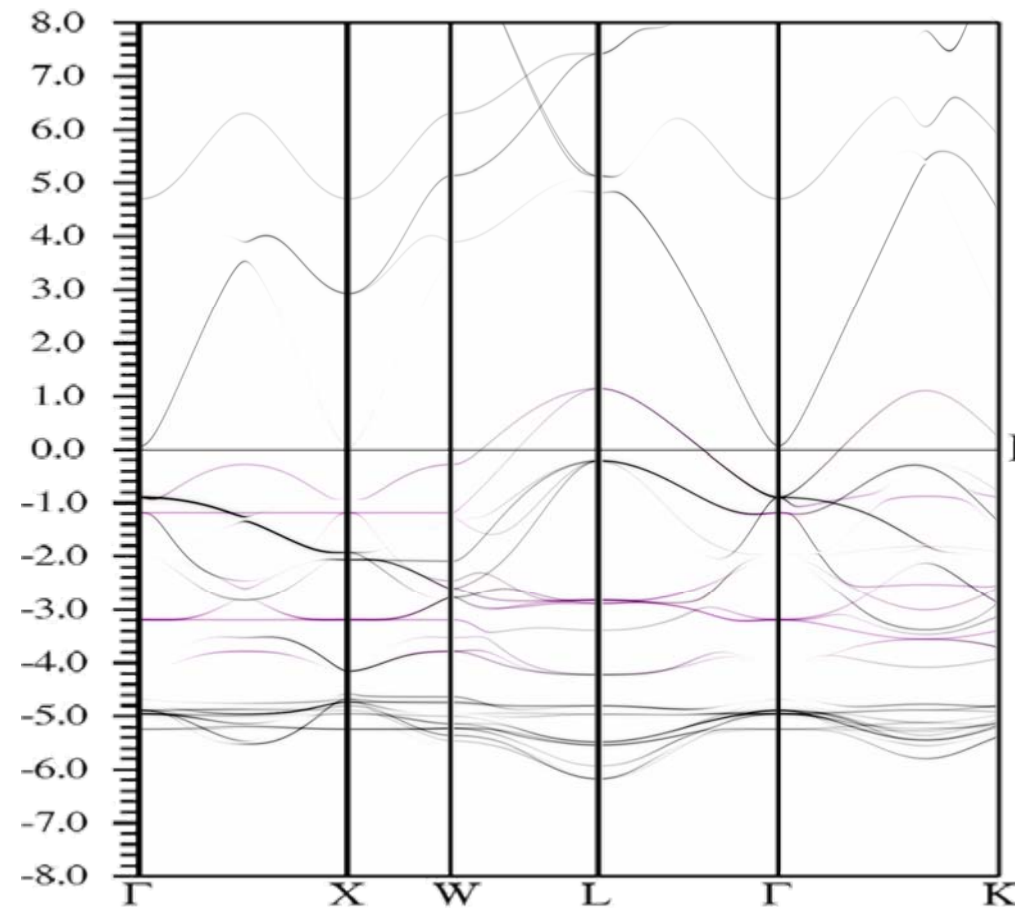


— Cu-d

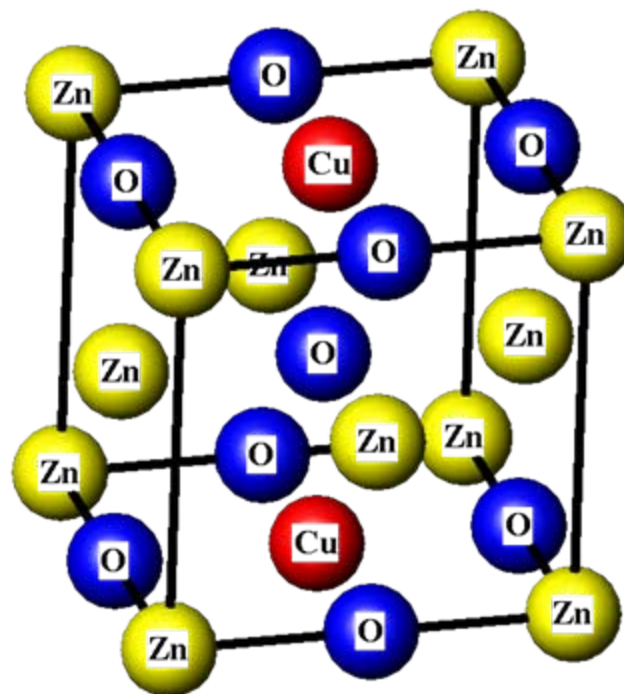


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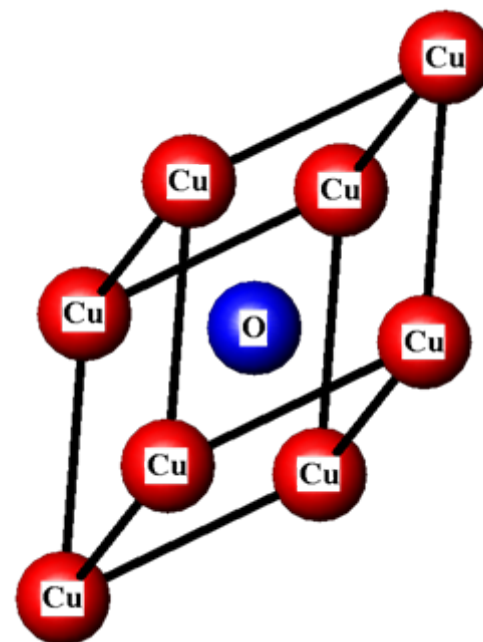
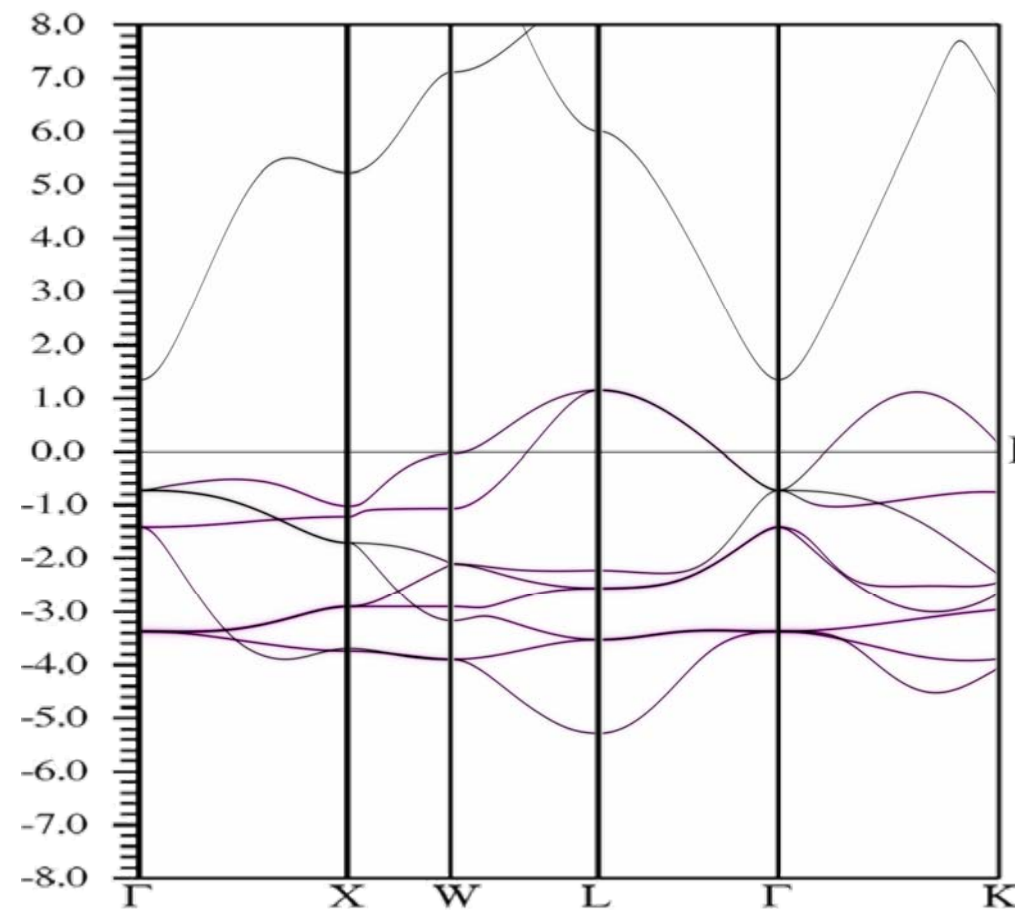


— Cu-d



$\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Cu}_x\text{O}$ LDA+U spin \downarrow

$x = 1$



— Cu-d

Method 2:

Effective Hamiltonian

Concept: Linearity

Drop impurity correlations in Hamiltonian
(not in solutions)

→ Influence impurity = linear

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\delta \mathbf{H}}{\delta \mathbf{I}_i} \Delta \mathbf{I}_i$$

$$+ \sum_{i,j=1}^N \frac{\delta^2 \mathbf{H}}{\delta \mathbf{I}_i \delta \mathbf{I}_j} \Delta \mathbf{I}_i \Delta \mathbf{I}_j + \dots$$

**drop impurity correlations in Hamiltonian
(not in solutions)**

$$\frac{\delta \mathbf{H}}{\delta \mathbf{I}_i} = \left(\frac{\delta \mathbf{V}_{\text{ex}}}{\delta \mathbf{I}_i} + \frac{\delta [\mathbf{T} + \mathbf{V}_H + \mathbf{V}_{\text{xc}}]}{\delta \mathbf{I}_i} \right)$$

$$\frac{\delta^n \mathbf{H}}{\delta \mathbf{I}_{i_1} \dots \delta \mathbf{I}_{i_n}} = \frac{\delta^n [\mathbf{T} + \mathbf{V}_H + \mathbf{V}_{\text{xc}}]}{\delta \mathbf{I}_{i_1} \dots \delta \mathbf{I}_{i_n}} ; \mathbf{n} \geq \mathbf{2}$$

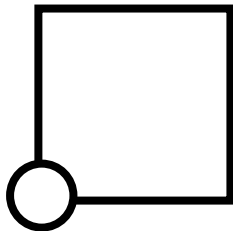
Construction

1. DFT doped & undoped
2. Wannier-transformation
3. Linear superposition

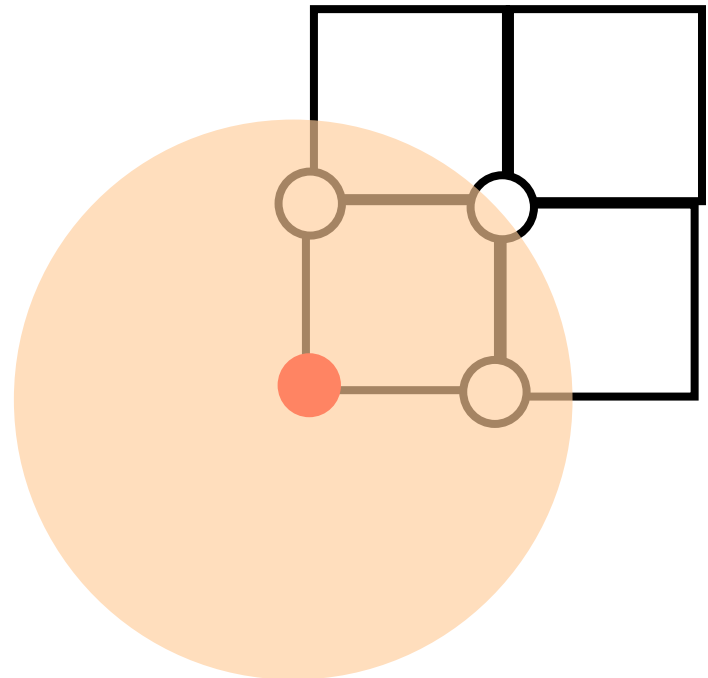
1) Density Functional Theory

two DFT Calculations

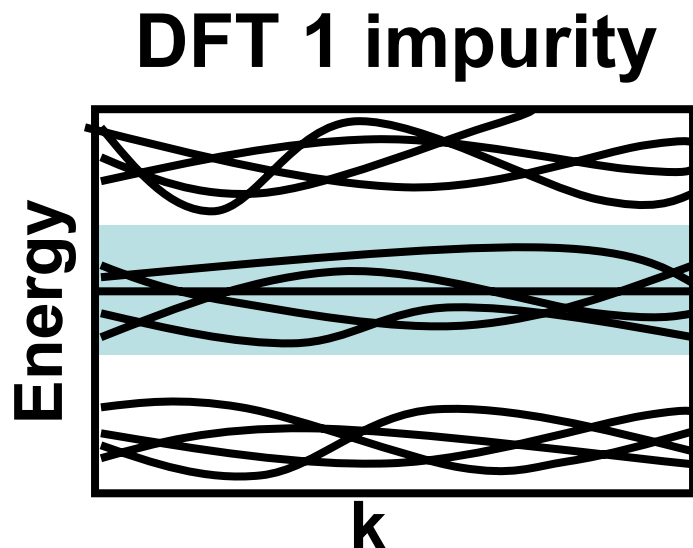
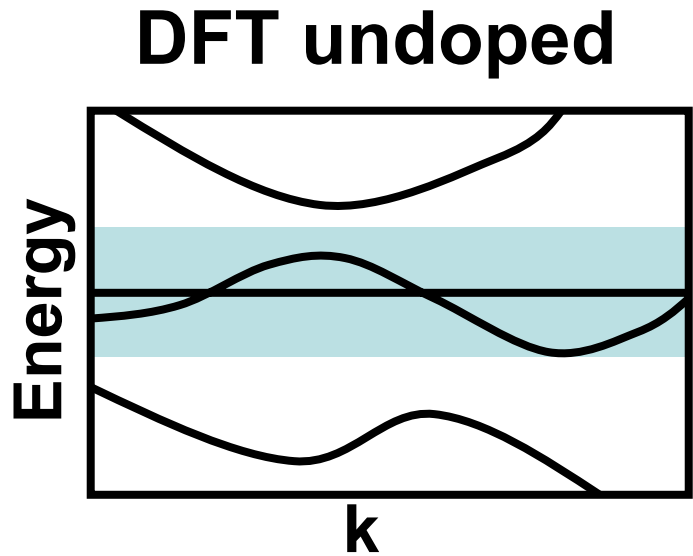
undoped
(normal cell)



1 impurity
(per super cell)



2) Wannier transformation



2 Wannier transformations

$$|\mathbf{Rn}\rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{k},j} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{R}} U_{nj}(\mathbf{k}) |\mathbf{kj}\rangle$$

2 Tight Binding Hamiltonians

undoped

$\mathbf{H}_{\text{DFT}}^0$

1 impurity

$\mathbf{H}_{\text{DFT}}^1$

3) Linear Superposition

Influence 1 impurity: $\Delta^i = \mathbf{P}^i \otimes (\mathbf{H}_{\text{DFT}}^1 - \mathbf{H}_{\text{DFT}}^0)$

Hamiltonian N impurities: $\mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\{1, \dots, N\}} = \mathbf{H}_{\text{DFT}}^0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \Delta^i$

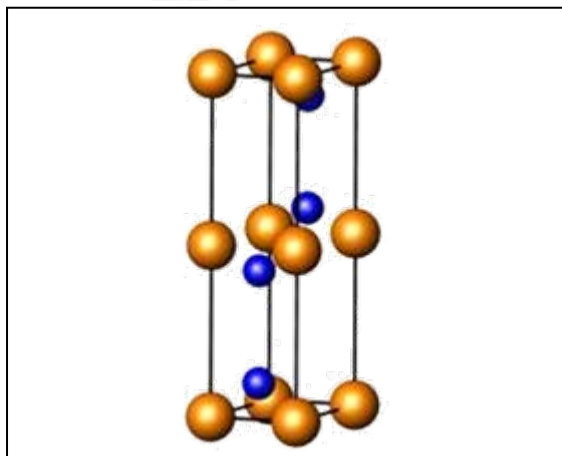
Testing

DFT v.s. effective Hamiltonian

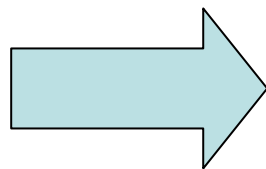
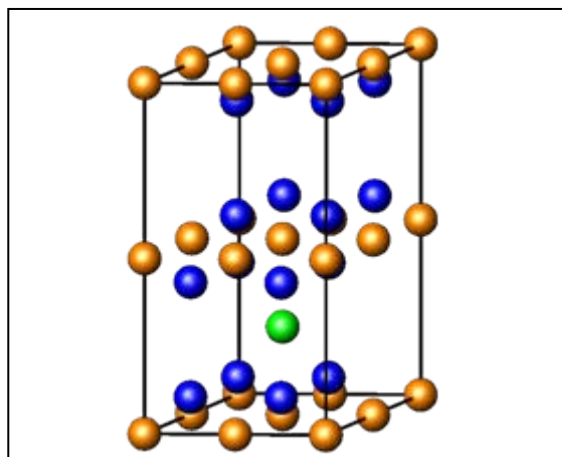
1. Linearity: $x_{\text{dft}}^1 > x_{\text{eff}}$
2. Partition: H_{eff} break symmetry H_{dft}^1

Test Linearity & Partition: Na_xCoO_2

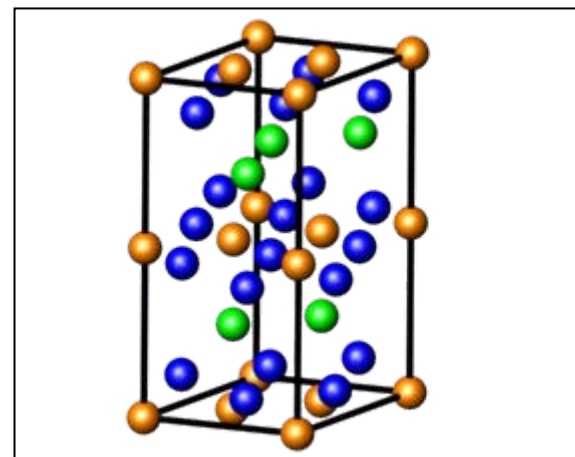
$\mathbf{H}_{\text{dft}}^0$ $x=0$



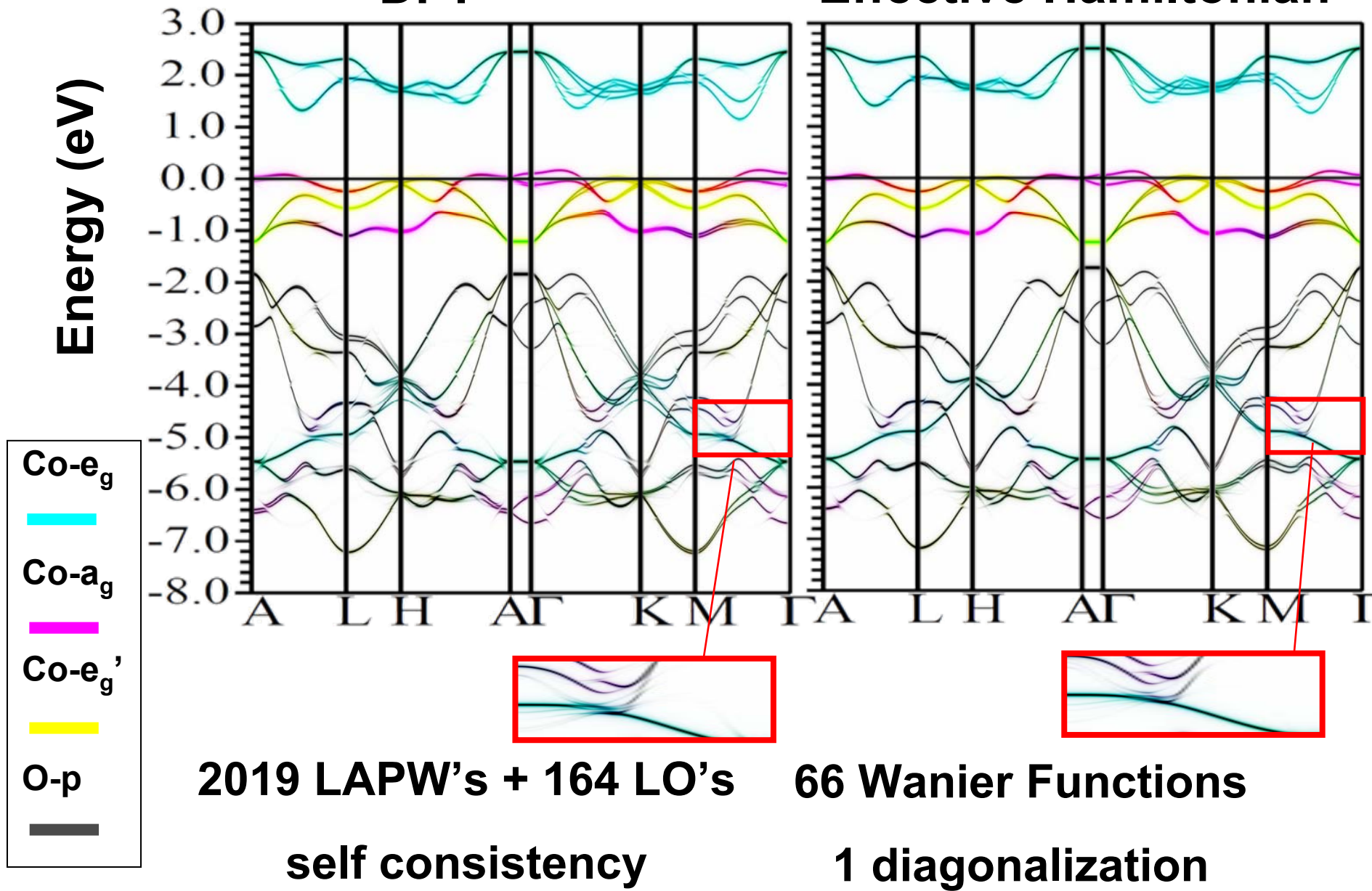
$\mathbf{H}_{\text{DFT}}^1$ $x=1/8$



\mathbf{H}_{eff} $x=2/3$

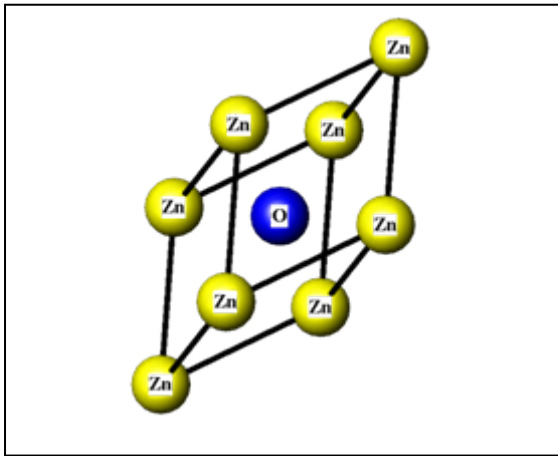


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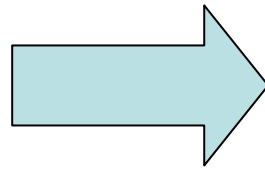
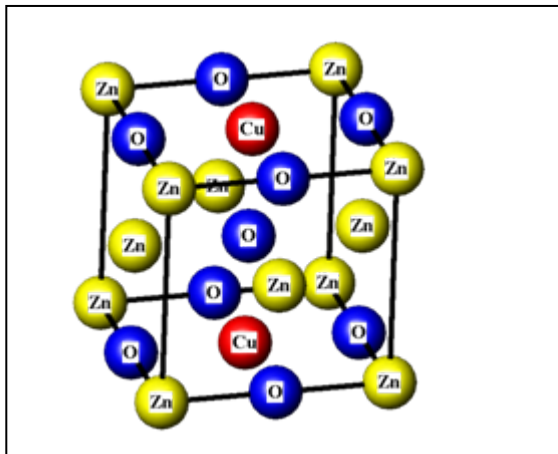


Test Linearity $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Cu}_x\text{O}$ (rock salt)

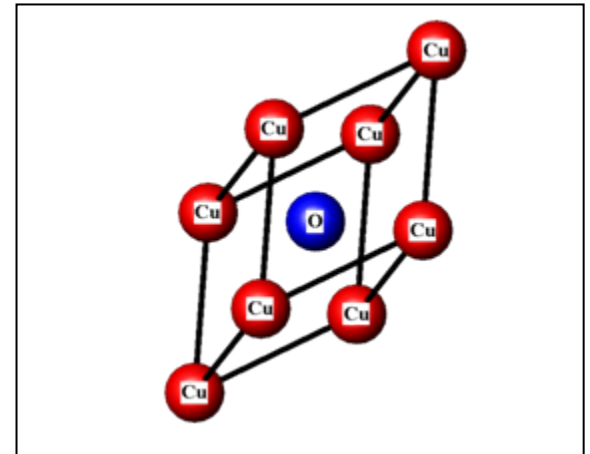
H_{dft}^0 $x=0$



H_{DFT}^1 $x=1/4$

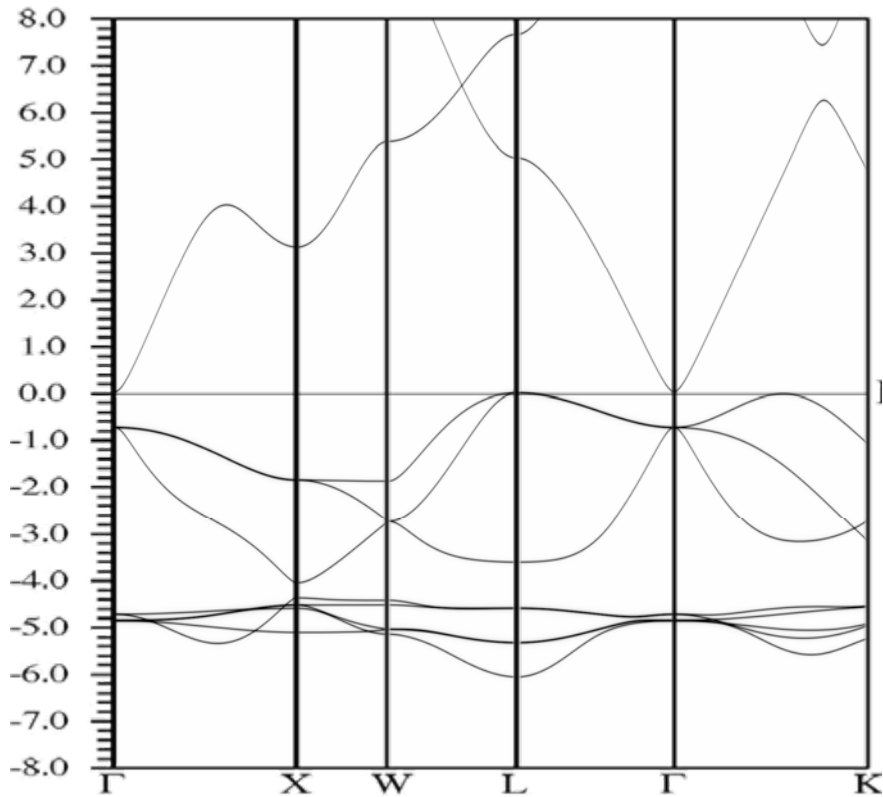
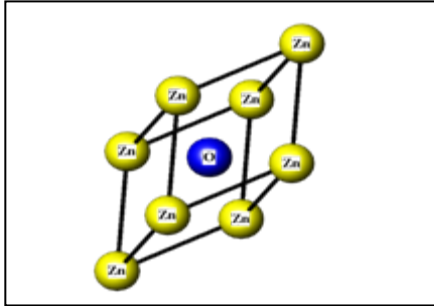


H_{eff} $x=1$

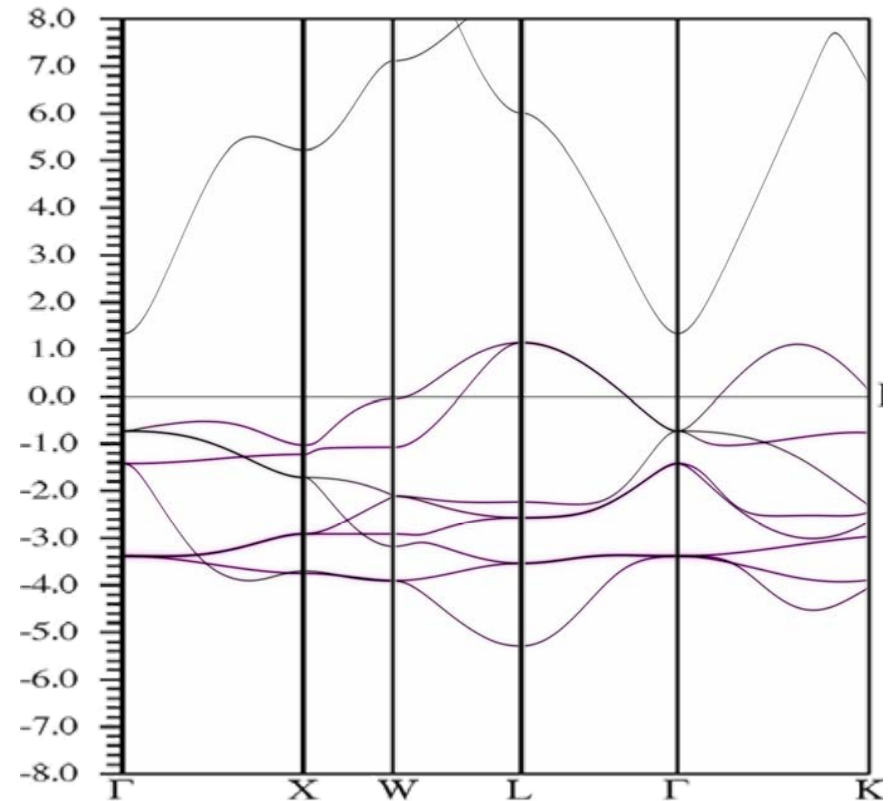
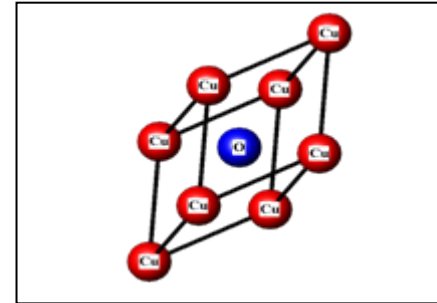


Reminder

ZnO



CuO

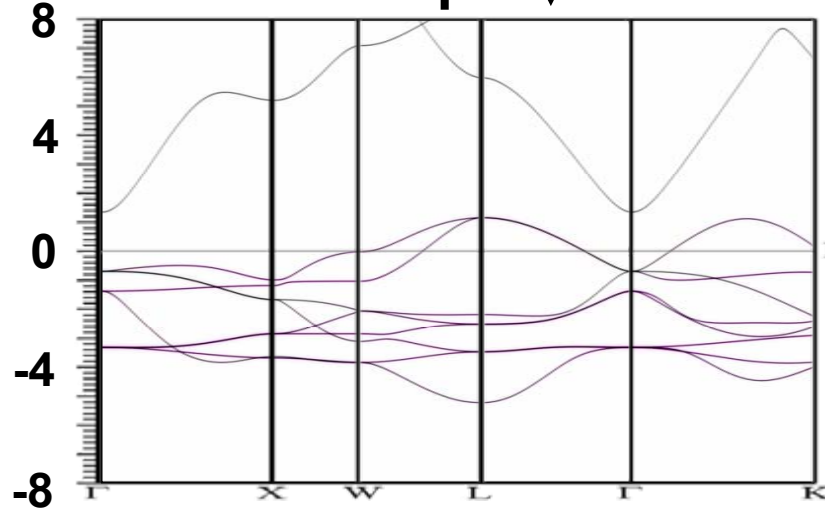


Test Linearity : Zn_{1-x}Cu_xO (rock salt)

Cu-d

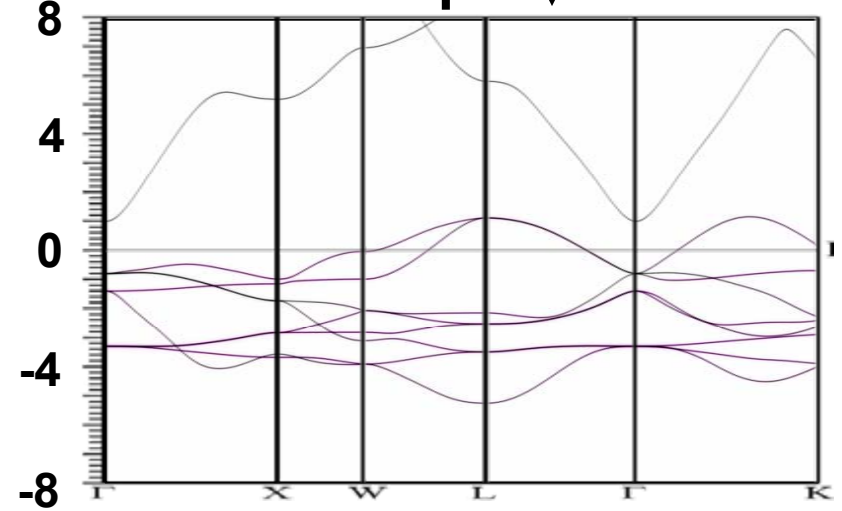
DFT

spin ↓

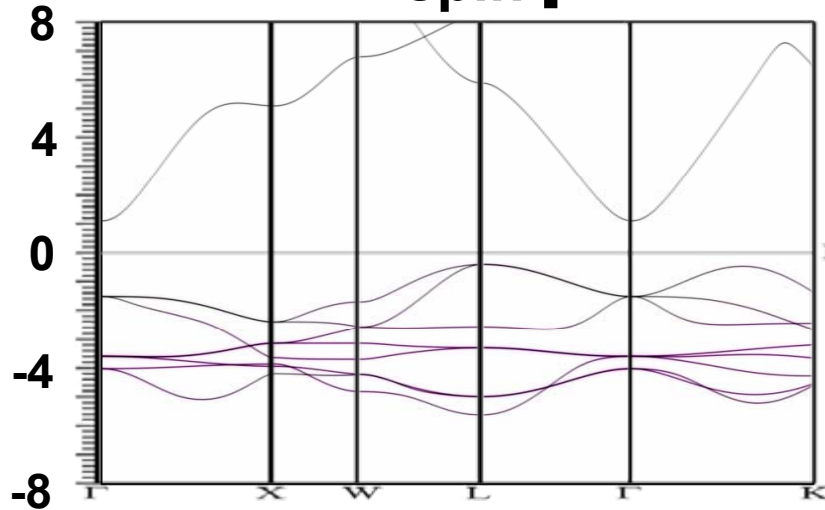


Effective Hamiltonian

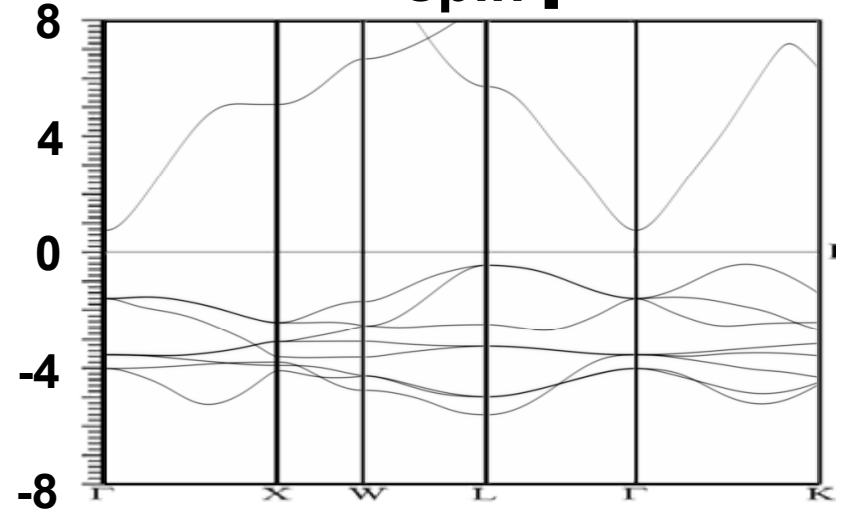
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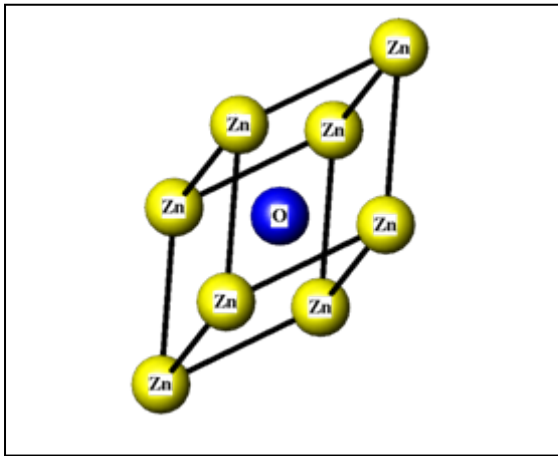
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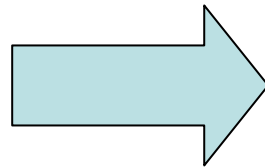
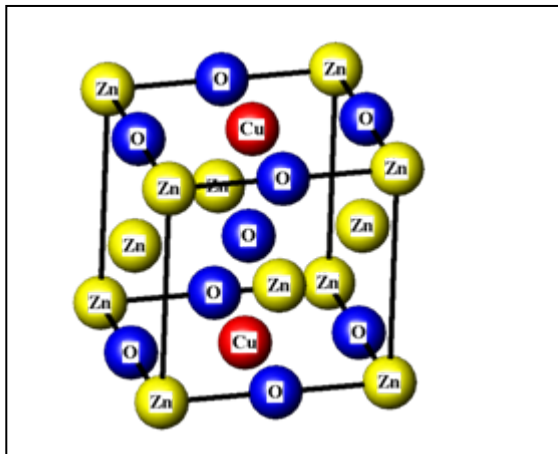
Energy (eV)

Test Partition $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Cu}_x\text{O}$ (rock salt)

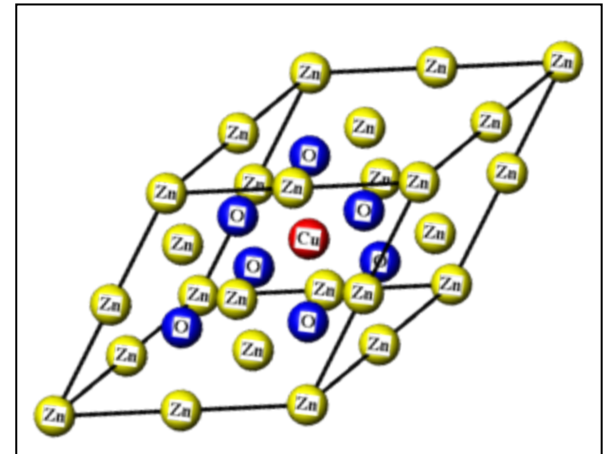
H_{dft}^0 $x=0$



H_{DFT}^1 $x=1/4$



H_{eff} $x=1/8$

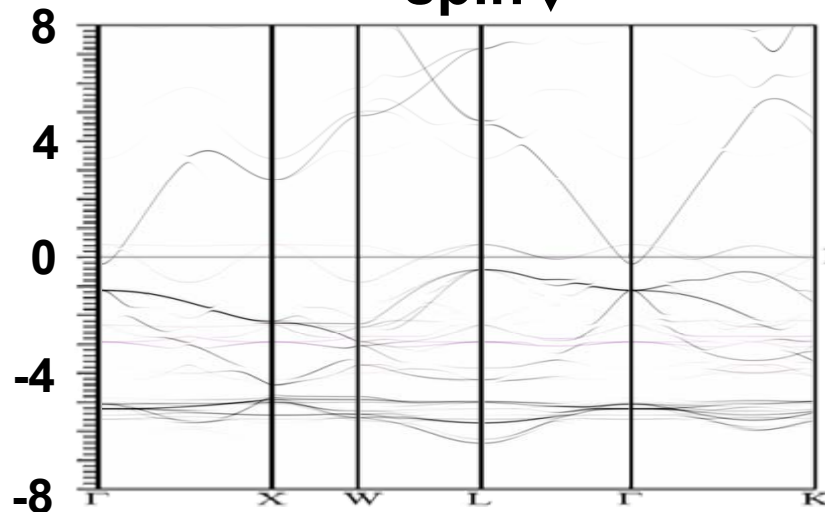


Test Partition : Zn_{1-x}Cu_xO (rock salt)

Cu-d

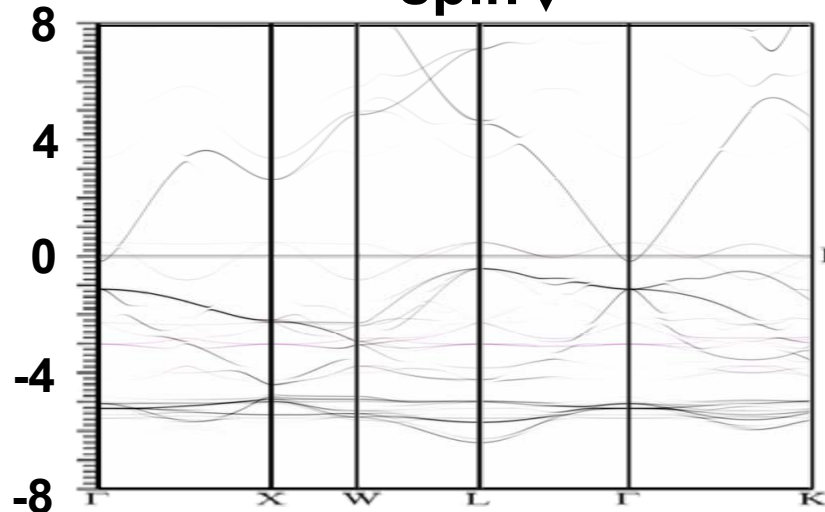
DFT

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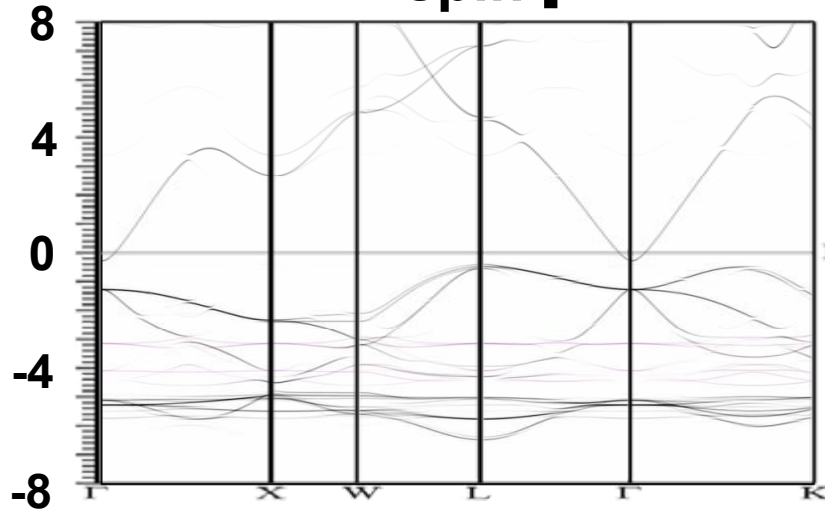


Effective Hamiltonian

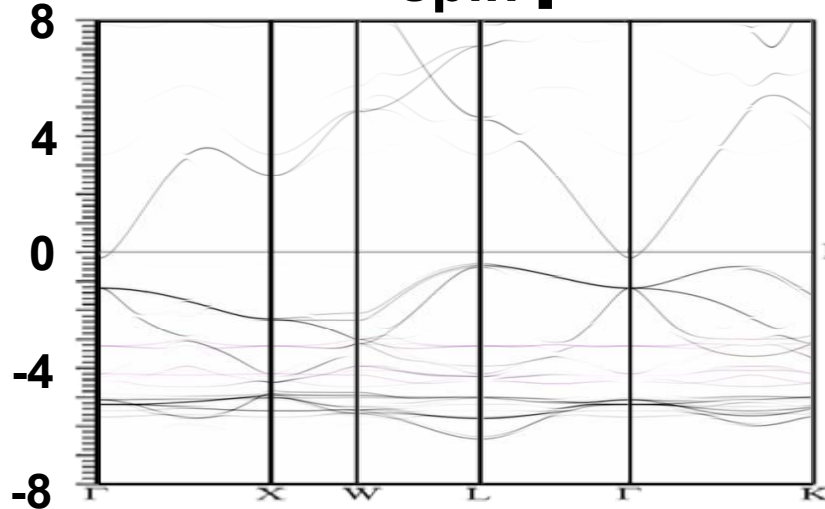
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Energy (eV)

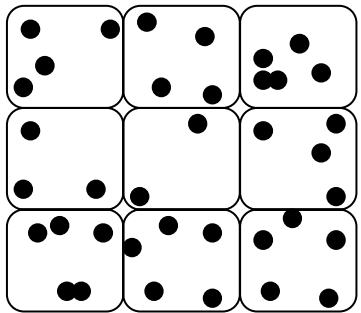
Disordered Results :



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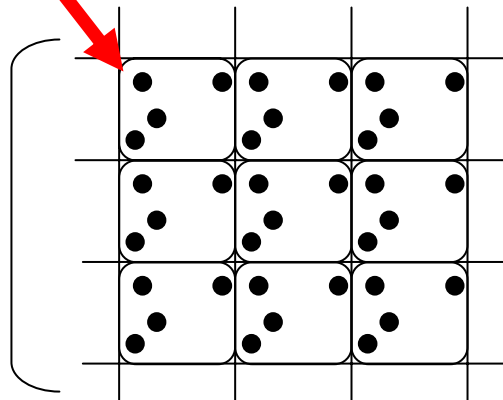
big super cells (100's of atoms)

disordered system



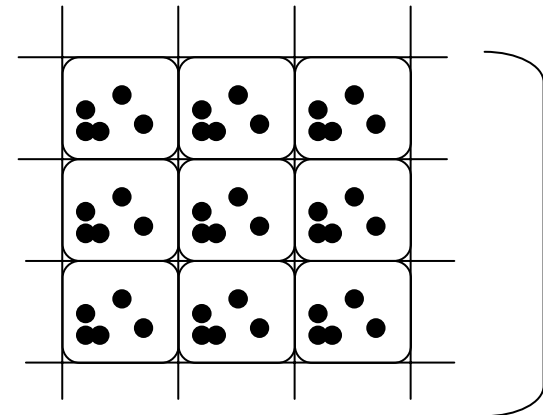
$\approx 1/N$

configuration 1



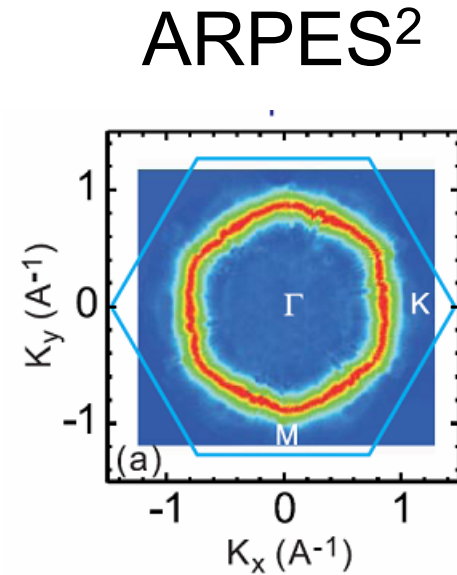
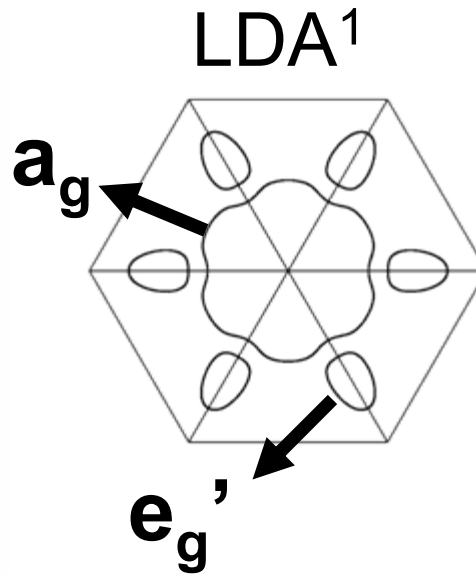
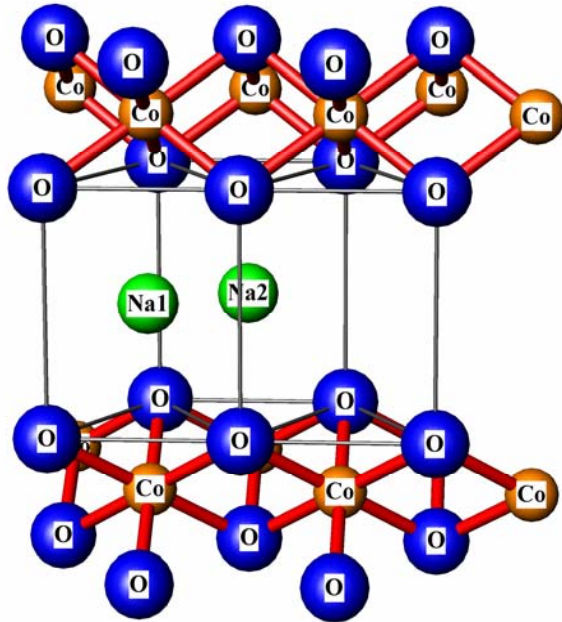
+ ... +

configuration N



$$\langle G \rangle \approx 1/N (G_1 + \dots + G_N)$$

Intercalation: Na_xCoO_2



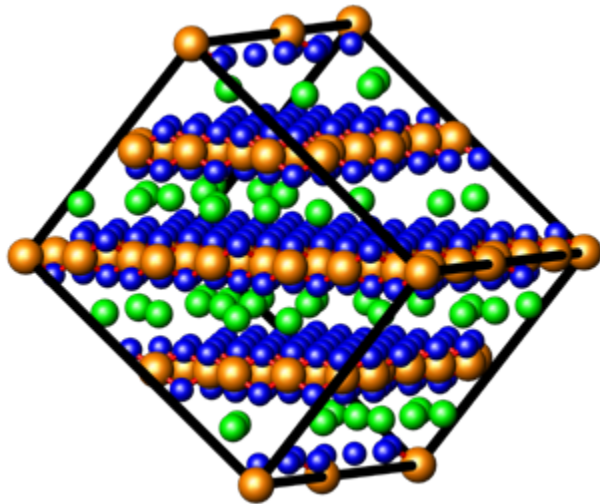
Q) Does Na disorder destroy e_g' pockets³ ?

- 1) D.J. Singh, PRB 20, 13397 (2000)
- 2) D. Qian et al, PRL 97 186405 (2006)
- 3) David J. Singh et al, PRL 97, 016404-1 (2006)

$\text{Na}_x\text{CO}_2 : x \approx 0.30$

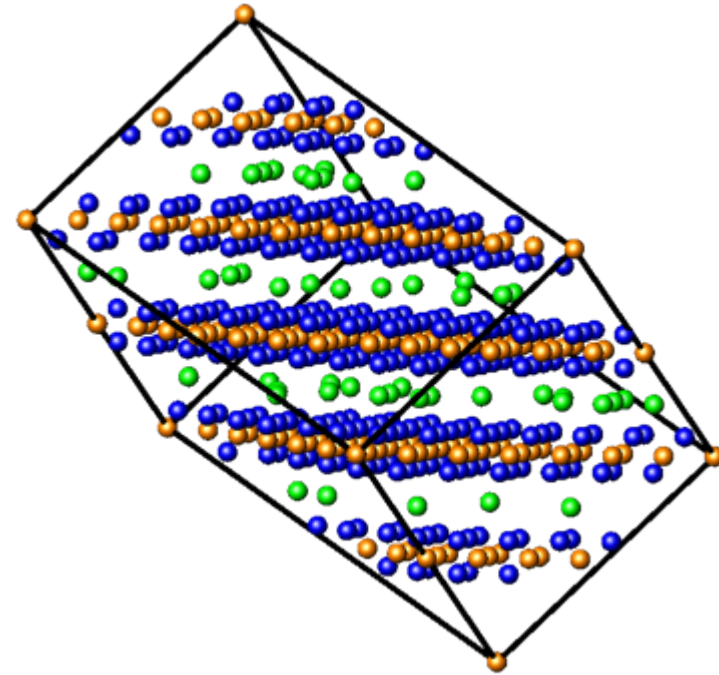
30 configurations of ~200 atoms

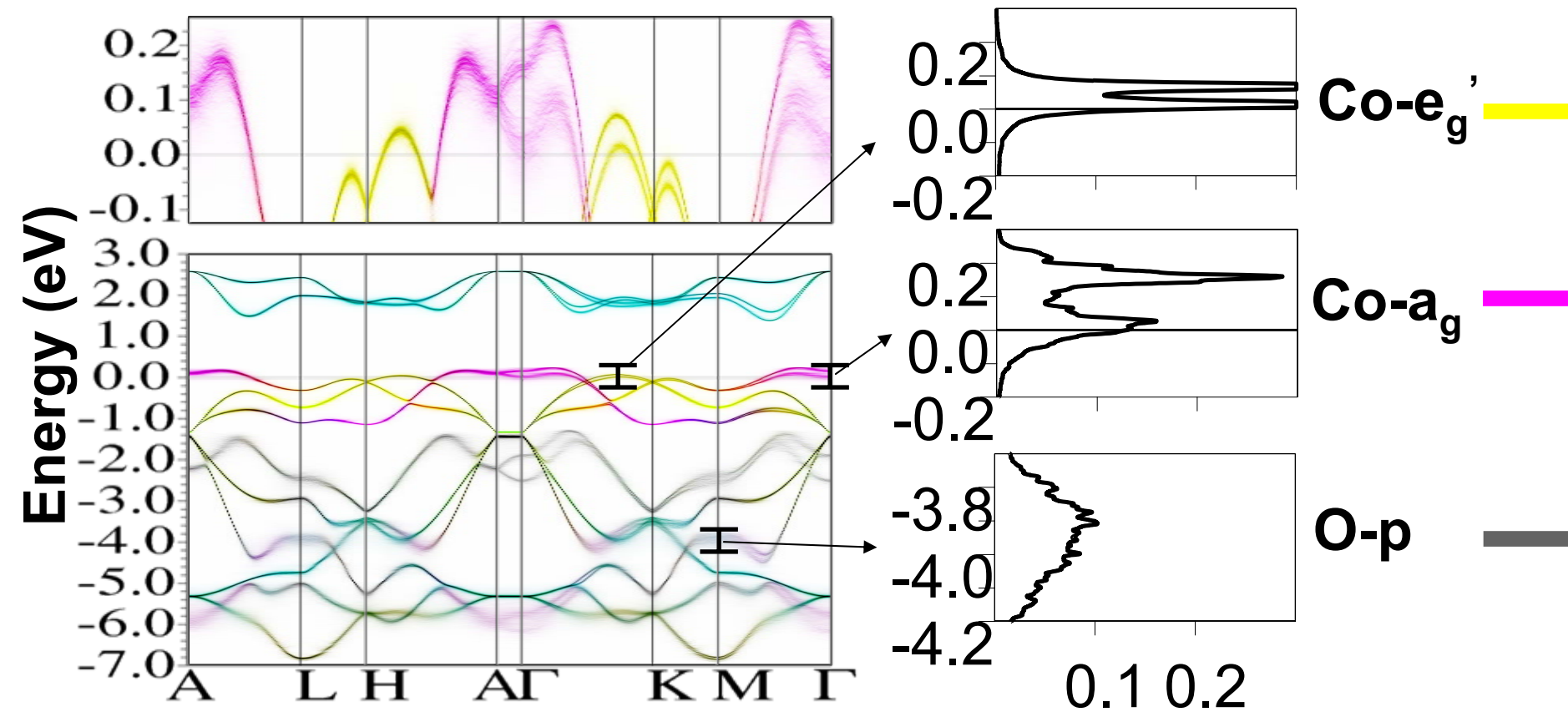
configuration 1



+ . . . +

configuration 30



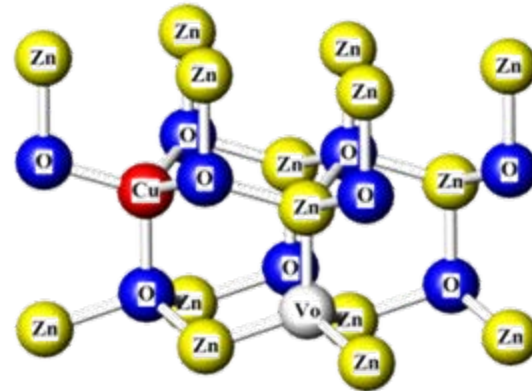
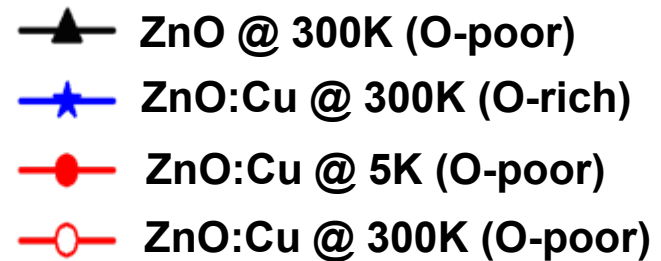
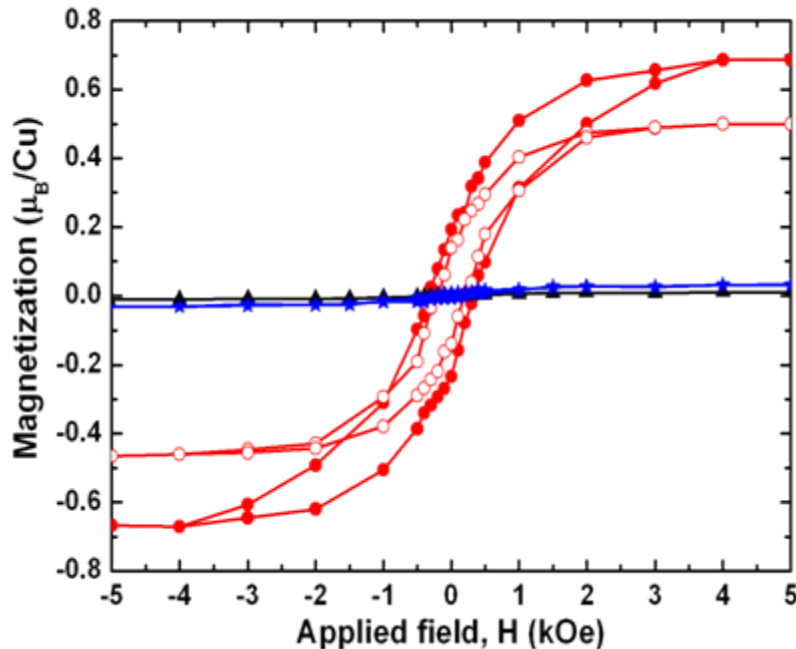


A) Na disorder does not destroy $e_g' 1$

1) T. B., D. Volja, W. Ku, *to be published*

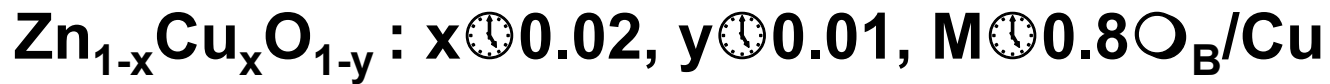
Substitution & Vacancies: $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{CuO}_{1-y}$

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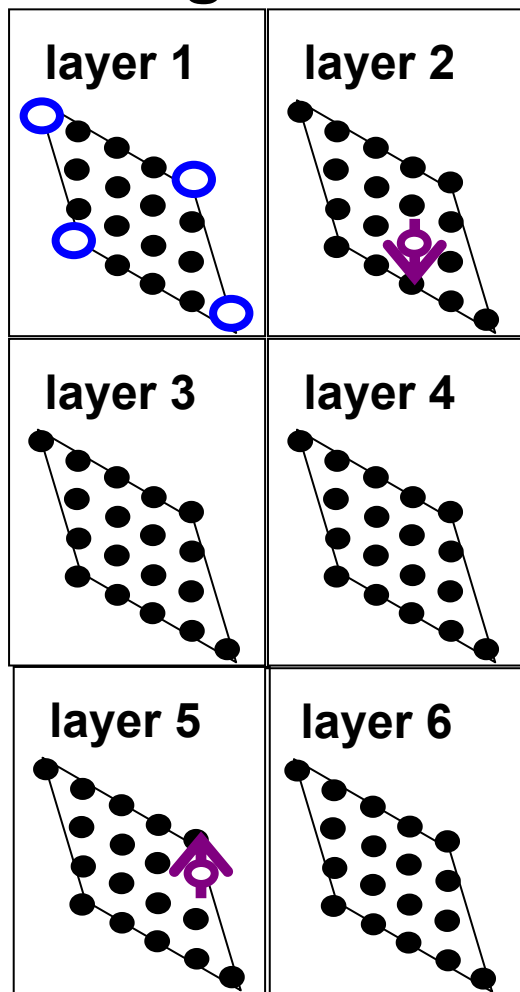
Q) What is the role of oxygen vacancy?

- 1) T. S. Heng, D.-C. Qi, T. B, J. B. Yi, K. S. Yang, Y. Dai, Y. P. Feng, I. Santoso, C. H. Sanchez, X. Y. Gao, A. T. S. Wee, W. Ku, J. Ding, A. Rusydi, *to be published*

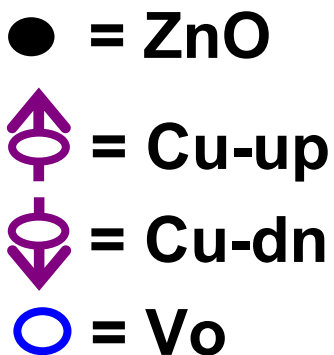


10 configurations of ~200 atoms

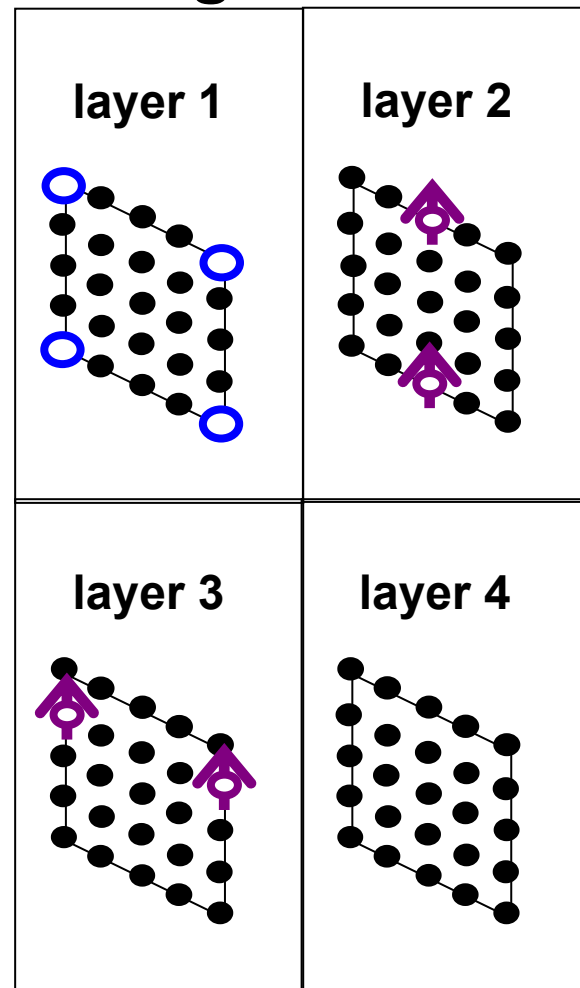
configuration 1



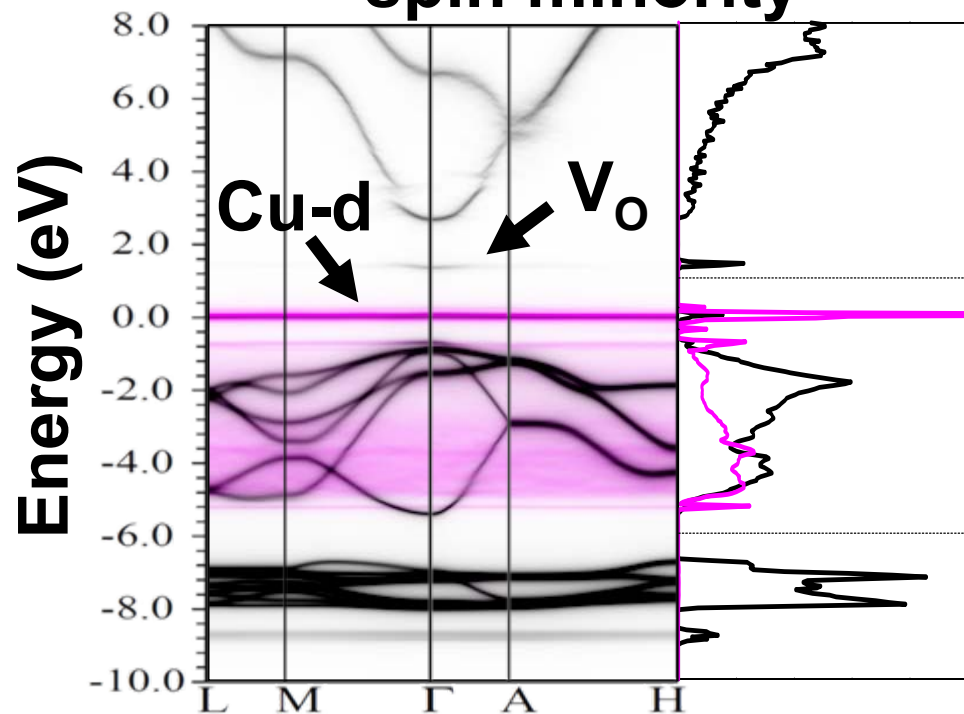
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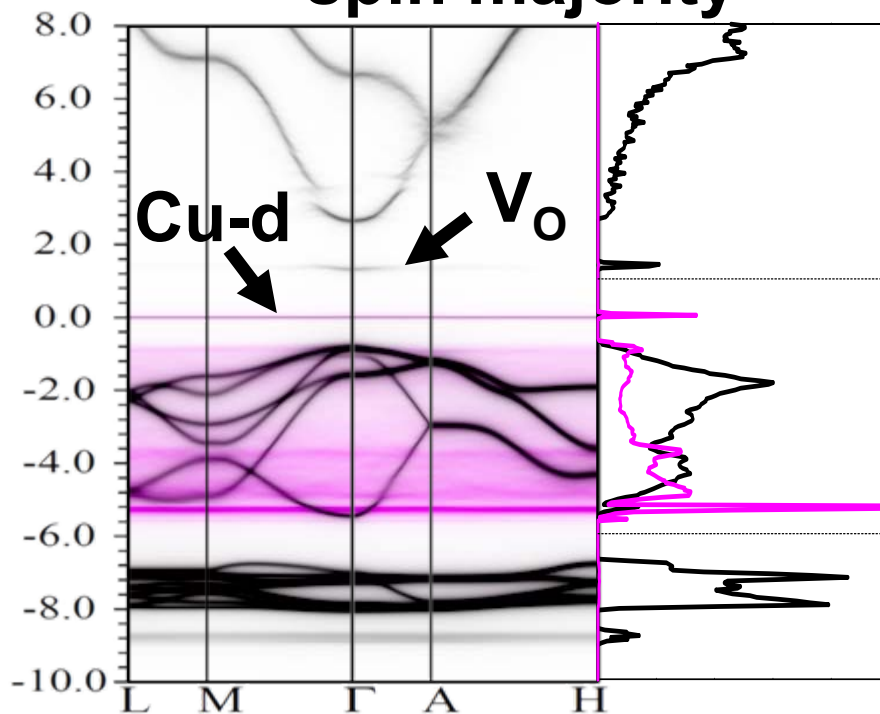
configuration 10



spin minority

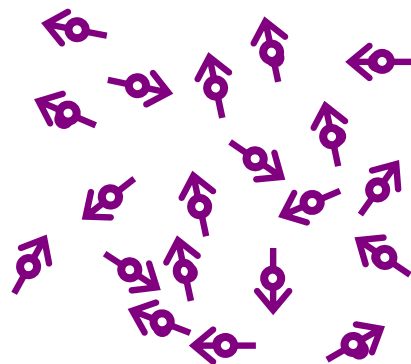


spin majority

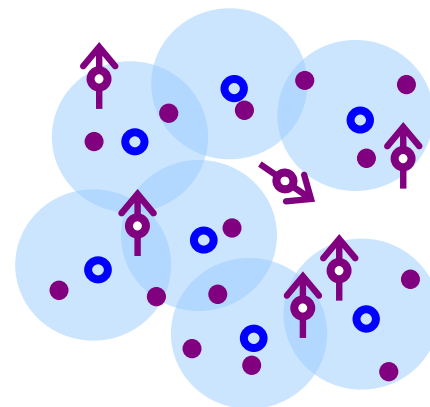


A) To mediate Cu moments

no vacancies



with vacancies



Next

- New materials: CaC_6 , $\text{Fe}_{1+y}\text{Te}_{1-x}\text{Se}_x$,
(solid solution GaN/ZnO with Phil Allen & Li Li?)
- Short range order, 2-particle Green function
- Extensions of the method:
 - Total energy
 - Higher-order impurity correlations
 - Self-consistency
 - Relaxed atoms

Summary

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- Method 1: Unfolded Bandstructure (Wannier function)
- Method 2: Effective Hamiltonian (Wannier function)
- Results: Disordered Na_xCoO_2 & $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Cu}_x\text{O}_{1-y}$