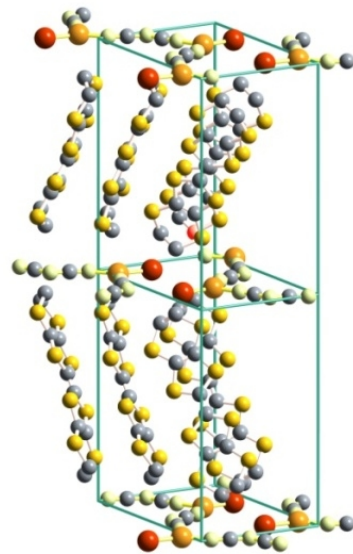


# Correlation effects in organic charge-transfer salts: A combined *ab-initio* and many-body investigation



**(BEDT-TTF)<sub>2</sub>X**

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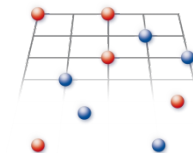
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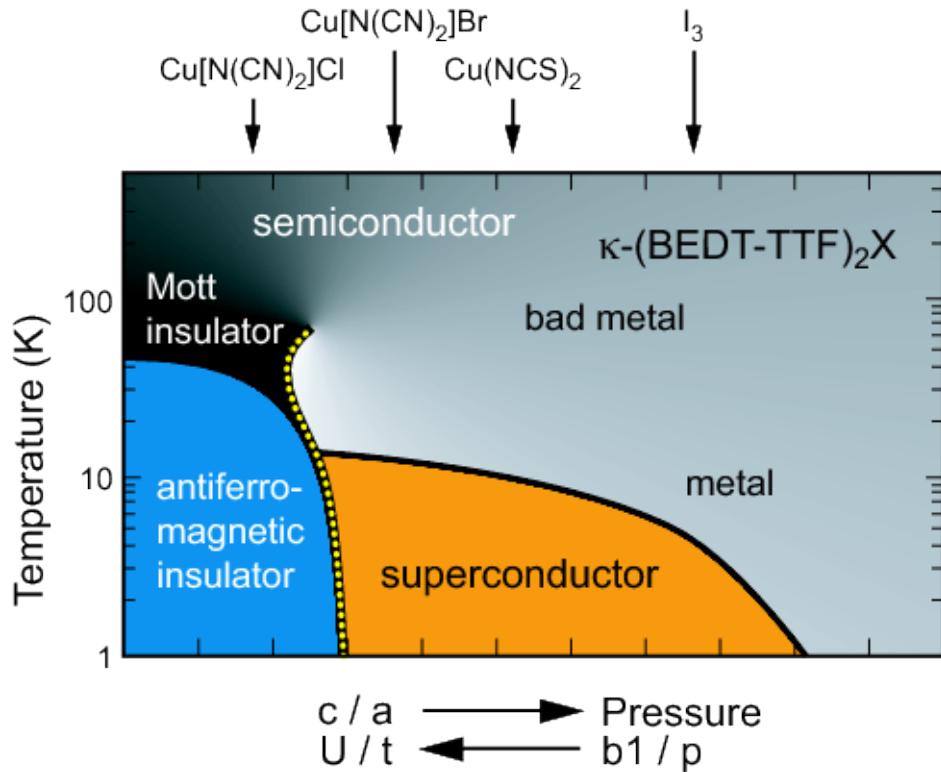
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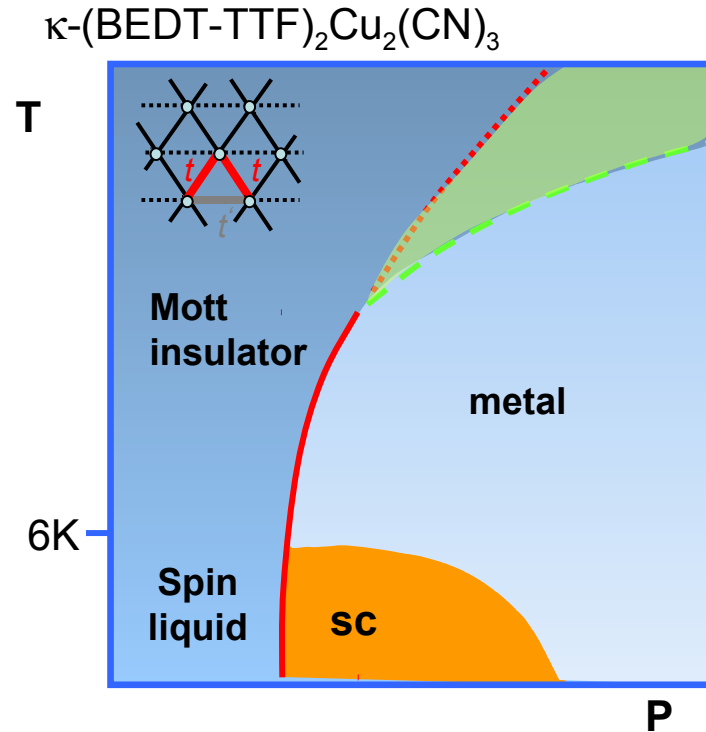


# $\kappa$ -(BEDT-TTF)<sub>2</sub>X



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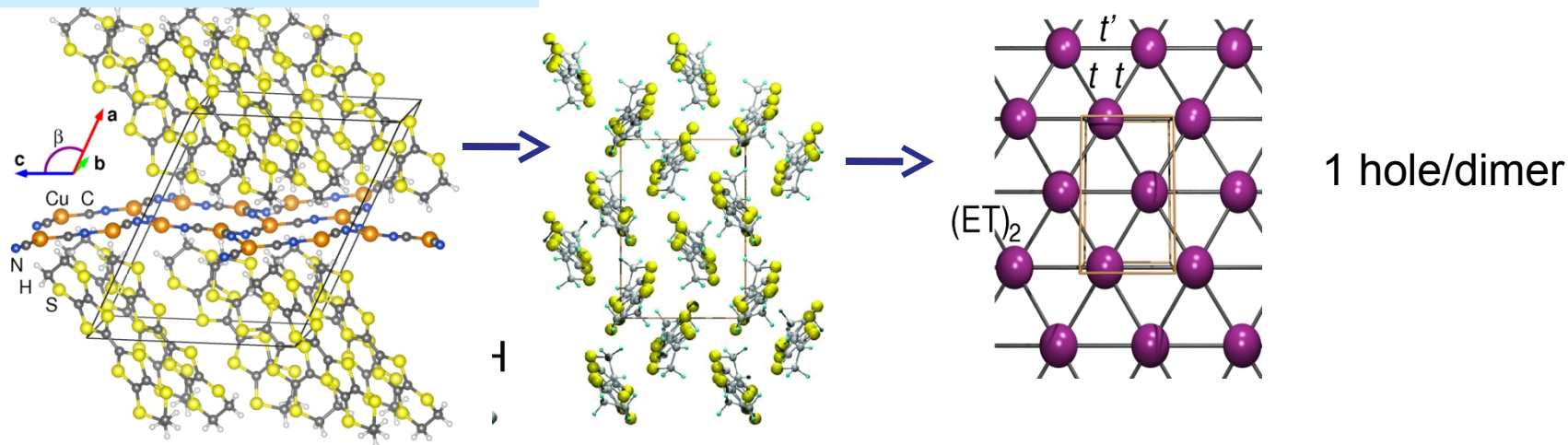
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Spin liquid candidate I

# Microscopic description of organic CT salts

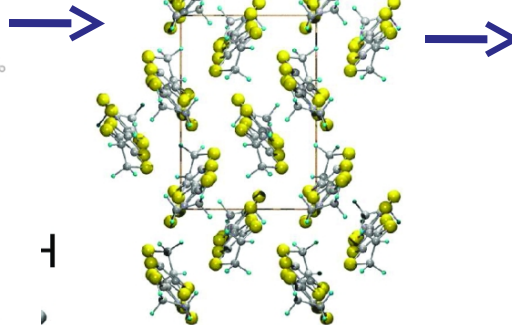
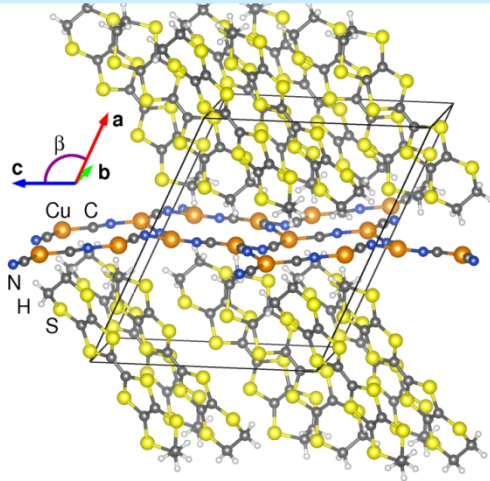


$S=1/2$  triangular lattices

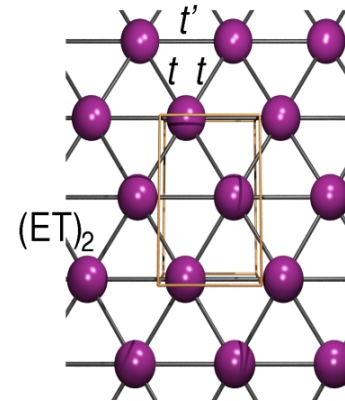


$$H = \sum_{i,j\sigma} t_{ij} [c_i^\sigma c_j^\sigma + c_j^\sigma c_i^\sigma] + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

# Microscopic description of organic CT salts



S=1/2 triangular lattices



1 hole/dimer

➤  $t_{ij}$ ,  $U$ ,  $V$  ?

➤ Effects of T and pressure?

$$H = \sum_{i,j,\sigma} t_{ij} [c_i^\sigma c_j^\sigma + c_j^\sigma c_i^\sigma] + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

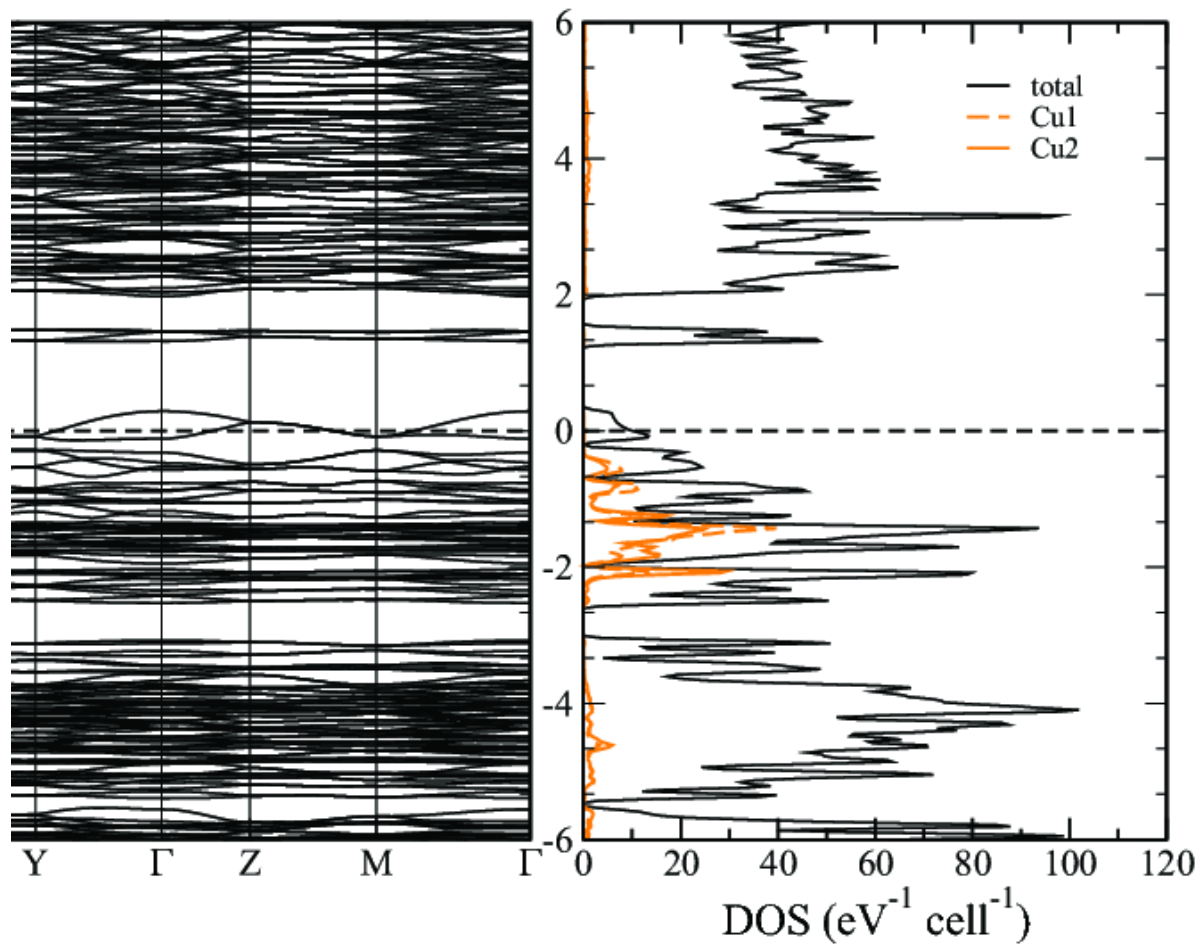
- ab initio Density Functional Theory (DFT) + downfolding
- combine material specific input from DFT + nonperturbative many-body treatment of correlations DFT+DMFT

spectral properties, optical conductivity

# *Ab initio* DFT for $\kappa$ -(BEDT-TTF)<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>2</sub>(CN)<sub>3</sub>

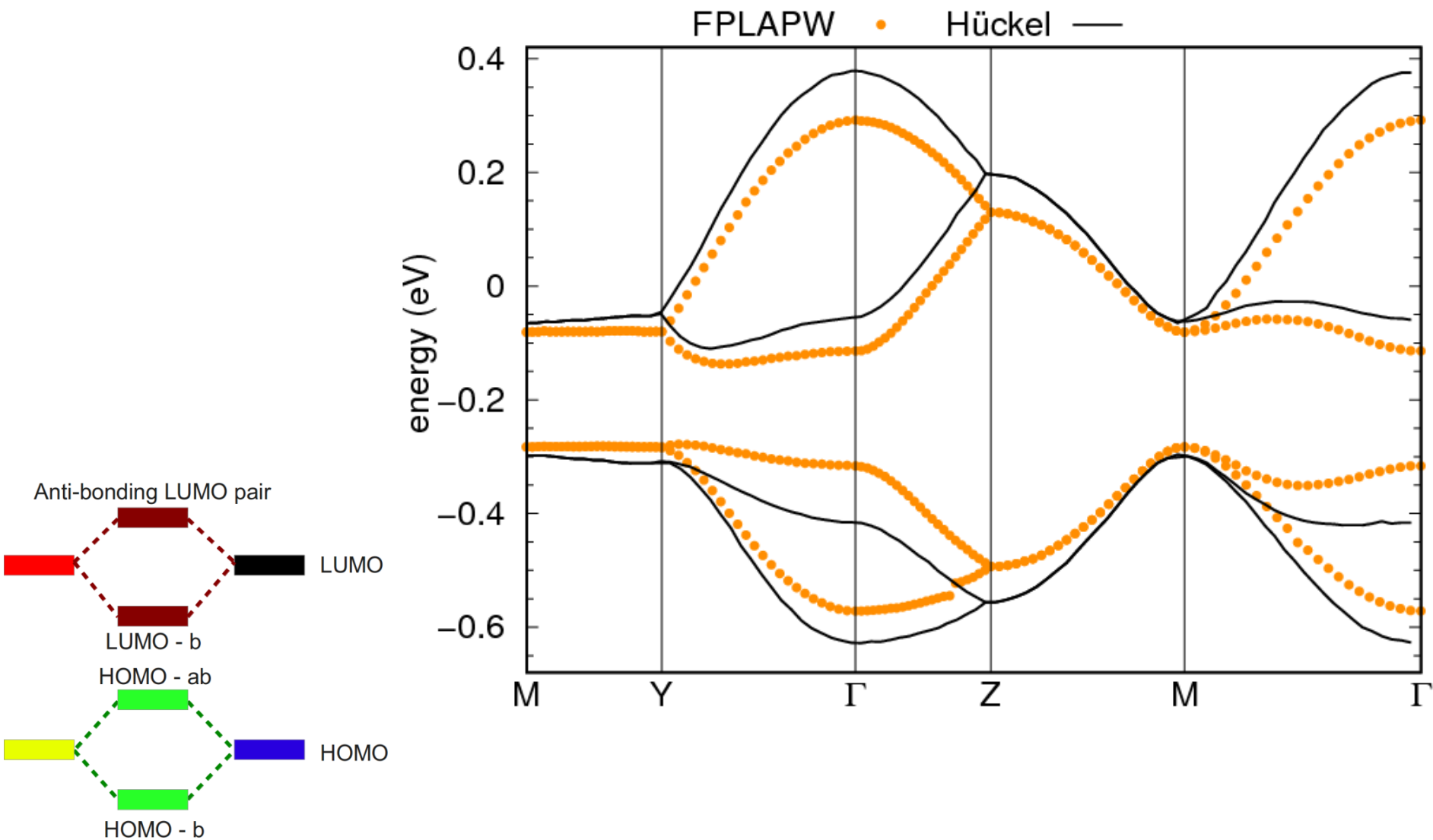
Kandpal, Opahle, Zhang, Jeschke, Valenti PRL 103, 067007 (2009)

- relaxation atomic positions CP-PAW
- electronic structure basis: FPLO, FPLAPW (Wien2k) Exchange Functional: GGA, LDA



# Comparison bandstructures for $\kappa$ -(BEDT-TTF) $_2$ Cu $_2$ (CN) $_3$

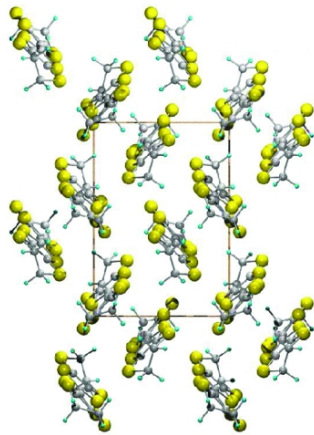
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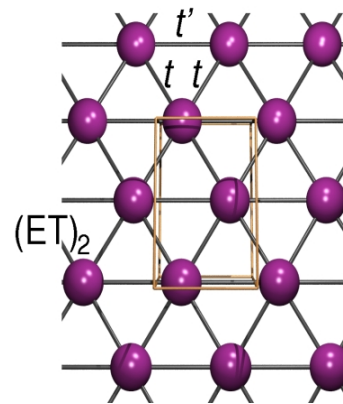
# Effective hamiltonian for $\kappa$ -(BEDT-TTF)<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>2</sub>(CN)<sub>3</sub>

$$H = \sum_{i,j,\sigma} t_{ij} [c_i^\dagger c_j + c_j^\dagger c_i] + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

Tight-binding- downfolding approach on the DFT bandstructure:



molecule picture



dimer picture

Hückel:  $t'/t = 1.06$  DFT:  $t'/t = 0.83 \pm 0.08$

Kandpal et al. PRL (2009)

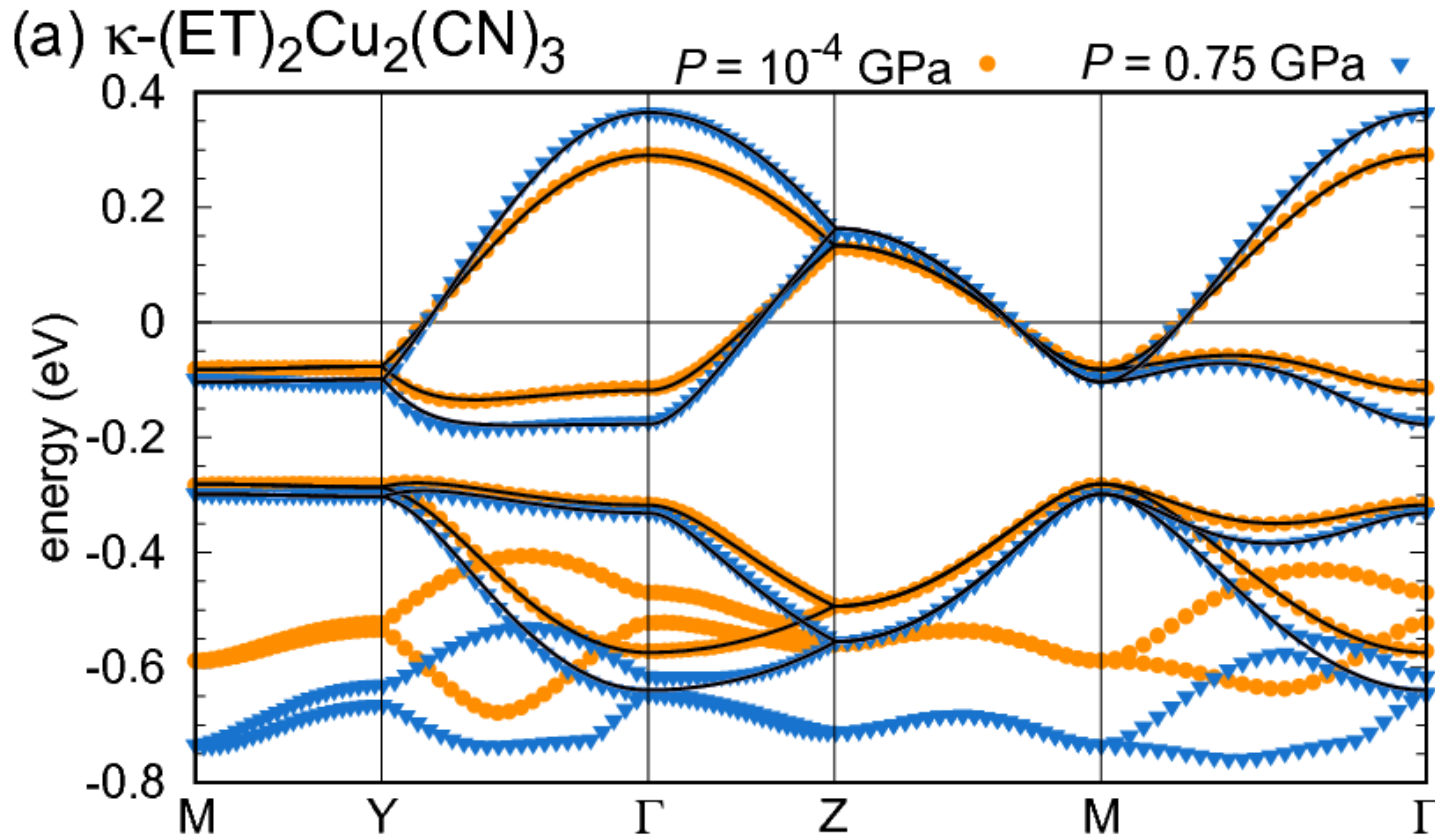
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Revision of model parameters!



# hydrostatic pressure on $\kappa$ -(BEDT-TTF)<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>2</sub>(CN)<sub>3</sub>

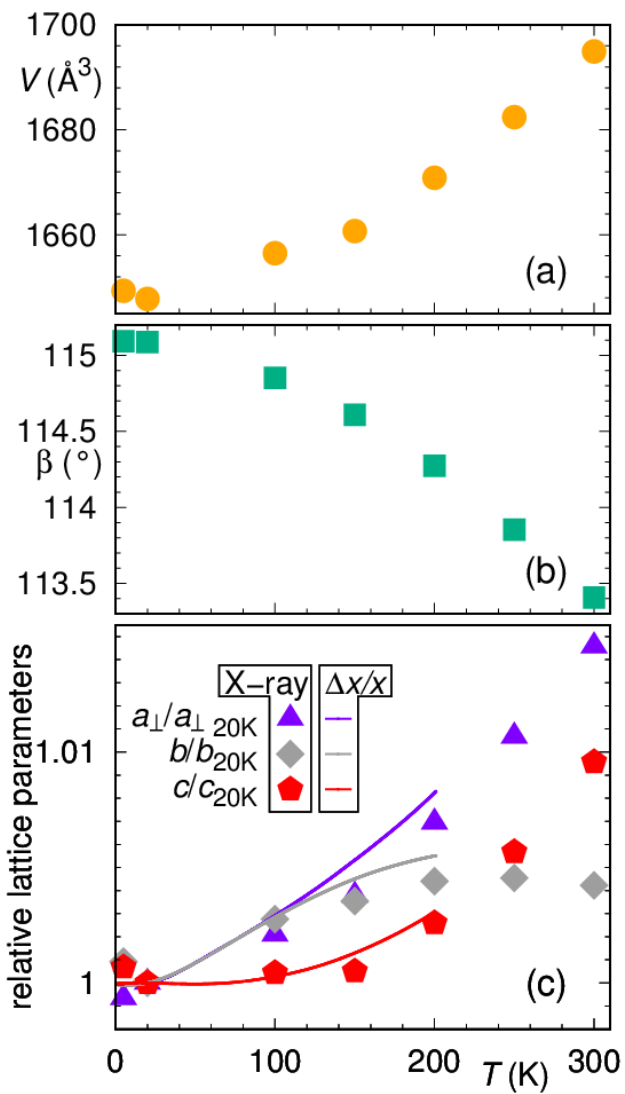
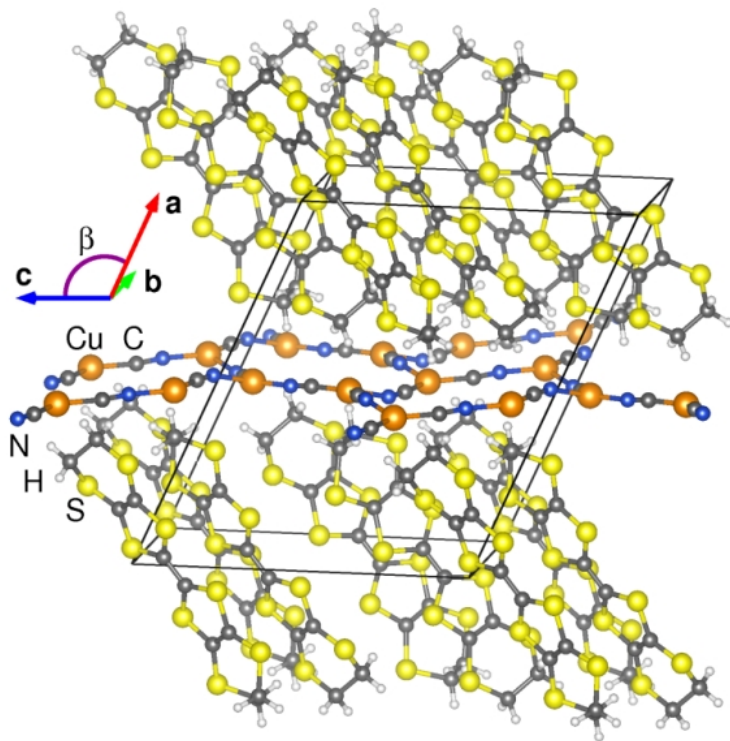
- high-pressure structure obtained with CP-PAW
- electronic structure FPLAPW (Wien2k) Exchange: GGA



pressure decreases  $t'/t$  ratio  $\rightarrow$  less frustration!!

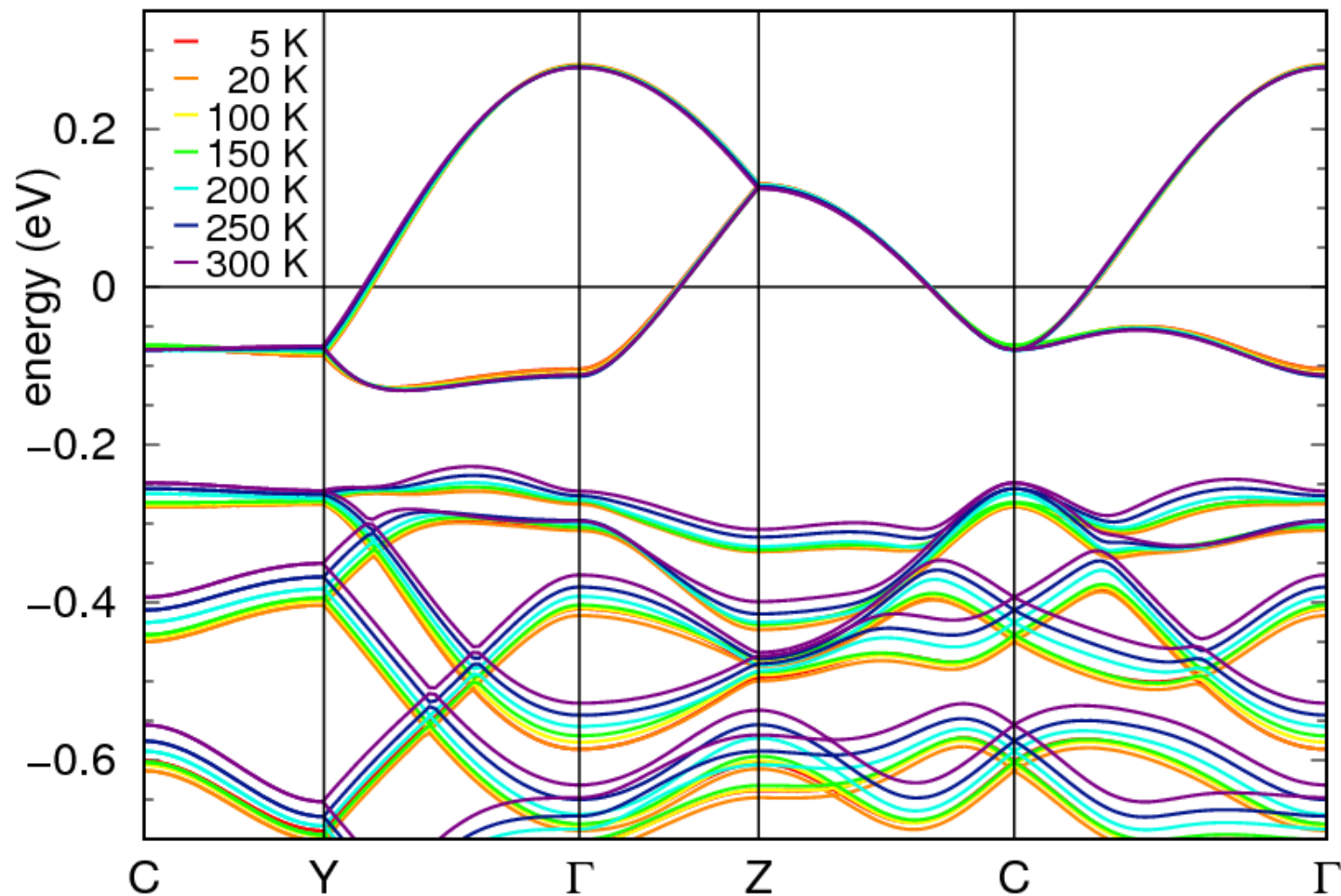
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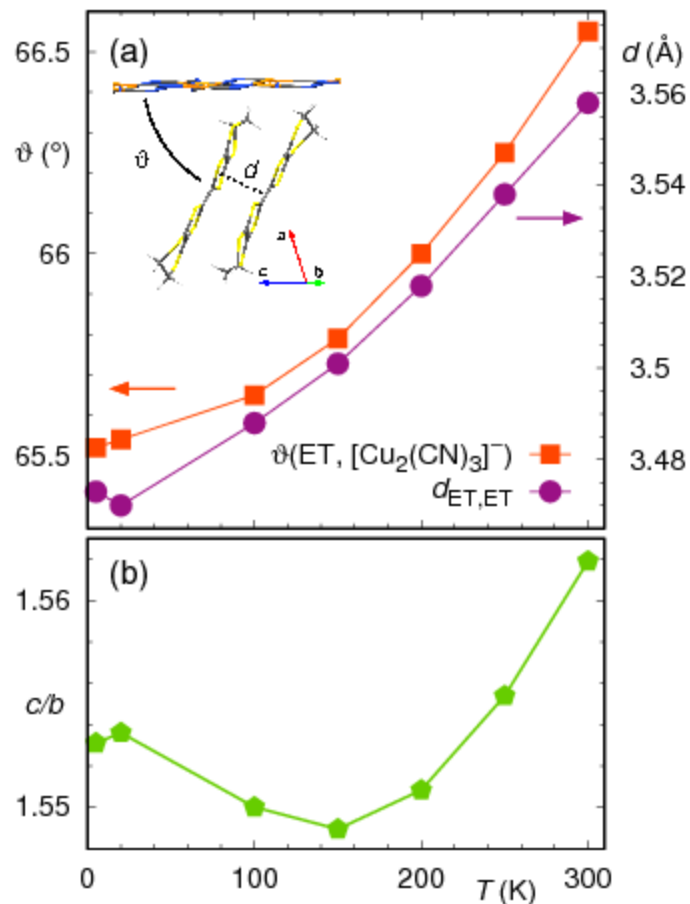
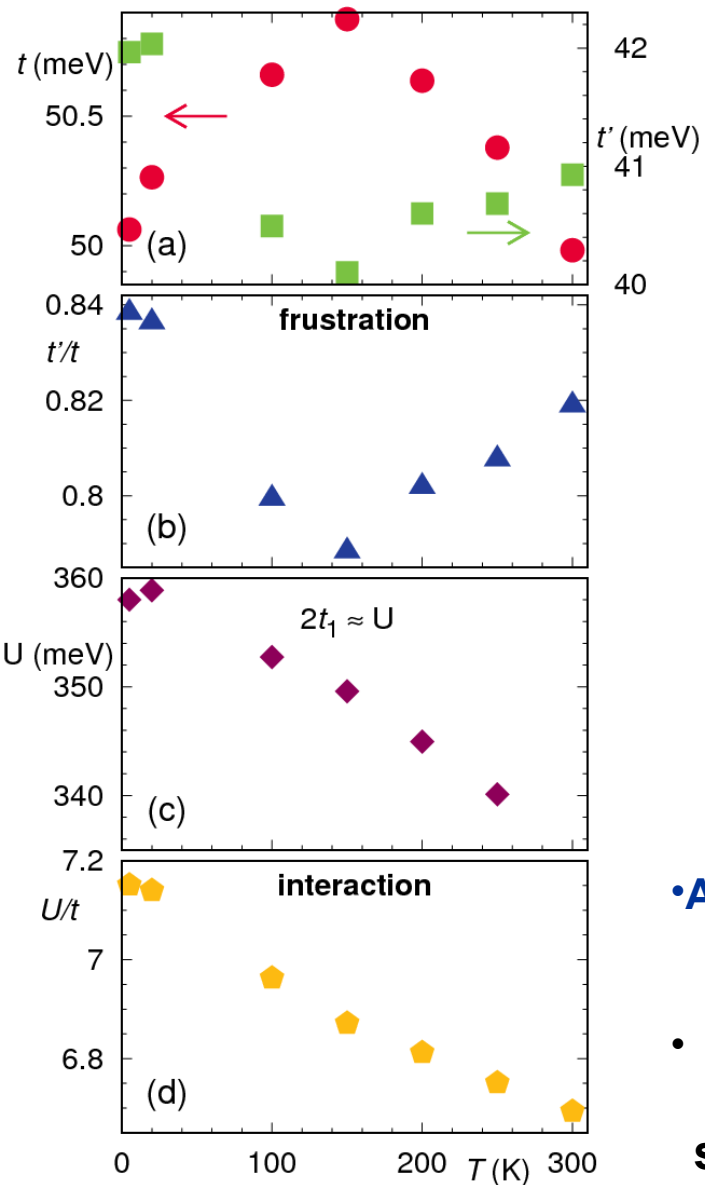


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# Temperature dependence of electronic properties in $\kappa$ -(BEDT-TTF)<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>2</sub>(CN)<sub>3</sub>



- **Anomaly at 150K:**

Possibly related to the ordering of the ethylene groups

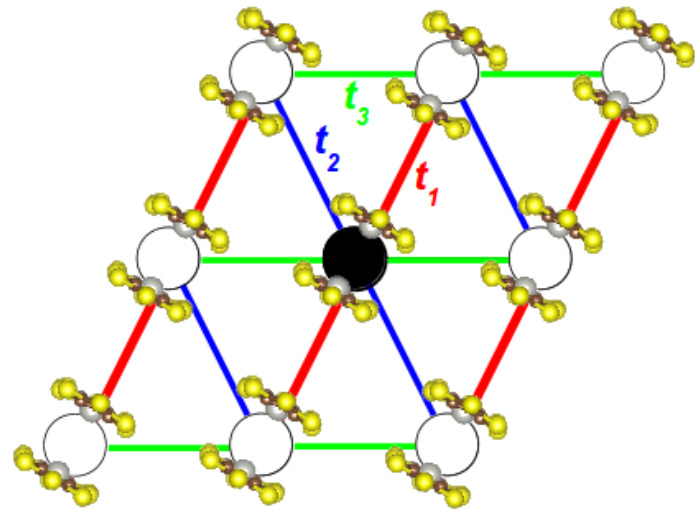
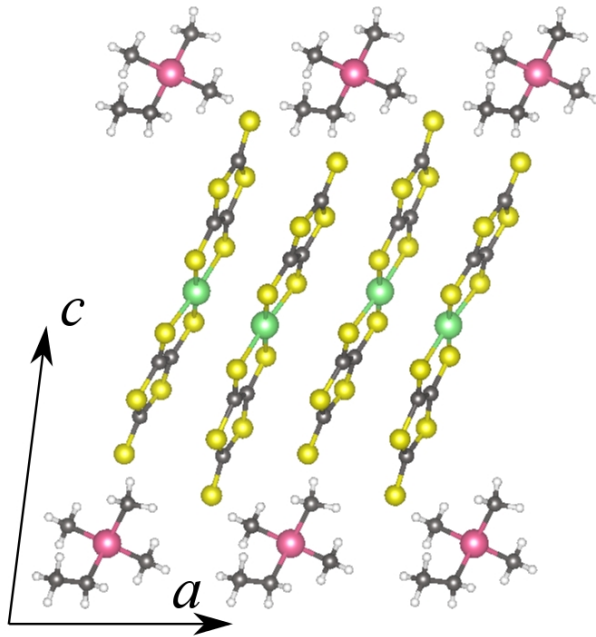
- **no** indication of **structural phase transition at 6K**

**subtle dependence of model parameters on T**

# *Ab initio* DFT for $\text{Me}_3\text{EtSb}[\text{Pd}(\text{dmit})_2]_2$

## Spin liquid candidate II

Itou, Oyamada, Maegawa, Tamura, Kato  
PRB 77, 104413 (2008)



1 electron/dimer

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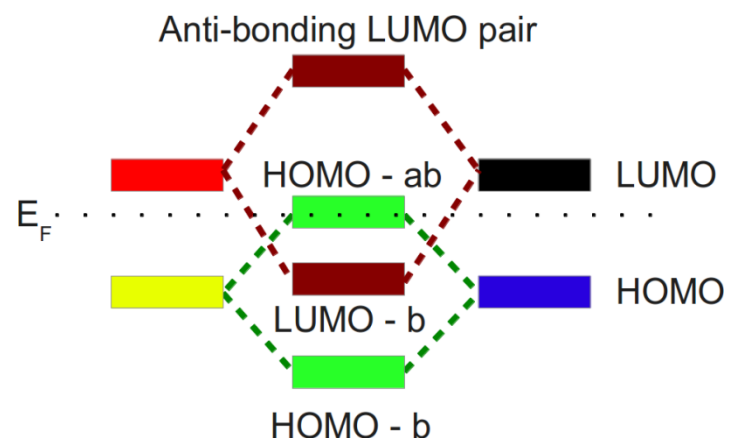
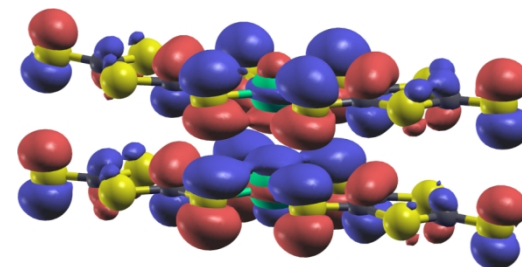
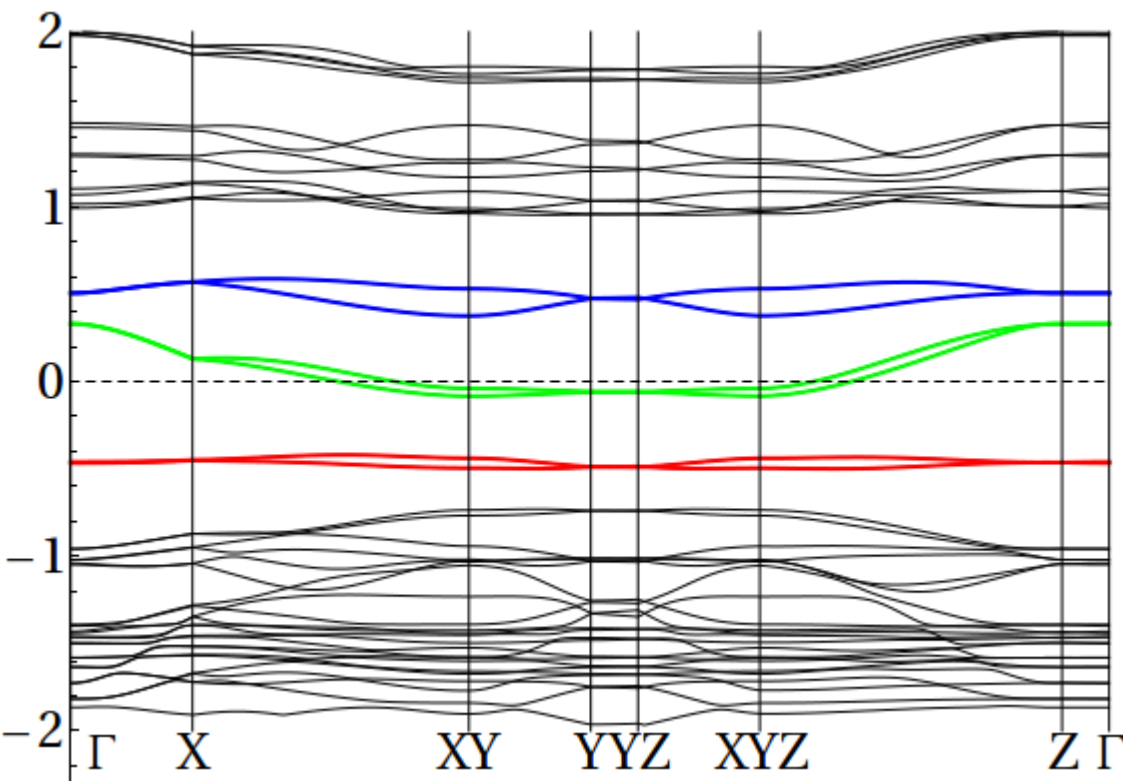
Spin liquid candidate II

- electronic structure basis: FPLO  
Exchange Functional GGA

Scriven, Powell PRL 109, 097206 (2012)

Nakamura, Yoshimoto, Imada arXiv:1208.3954

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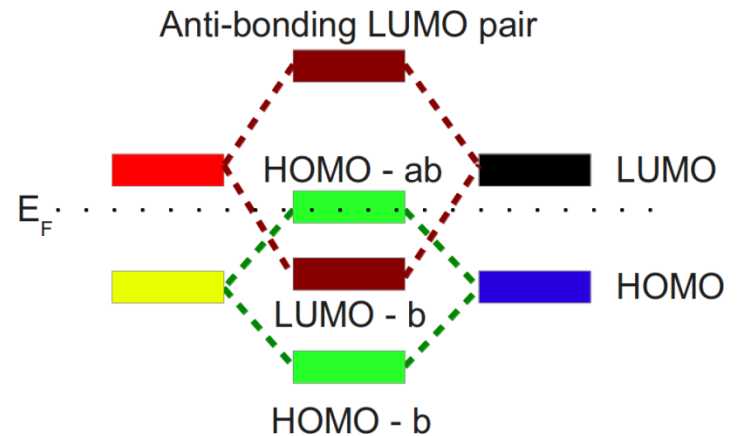
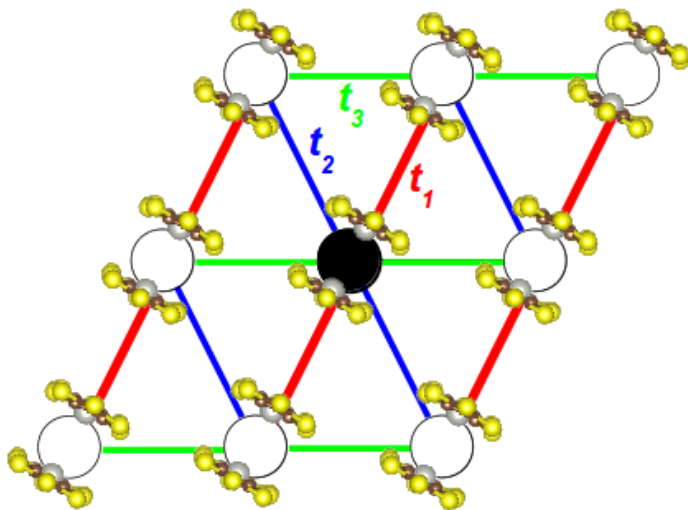
Spin liquid candidate II

## Bandstructure downfolding

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(meV)	$\mu$	$t_1$	$t_2$	$t_3$
LUMO-b	-454	0.7	-14.6	8.5
HOMO-ab	32.3	56.5	39.8	46.9
LUMO-ab	515	-24.4	13.4	23

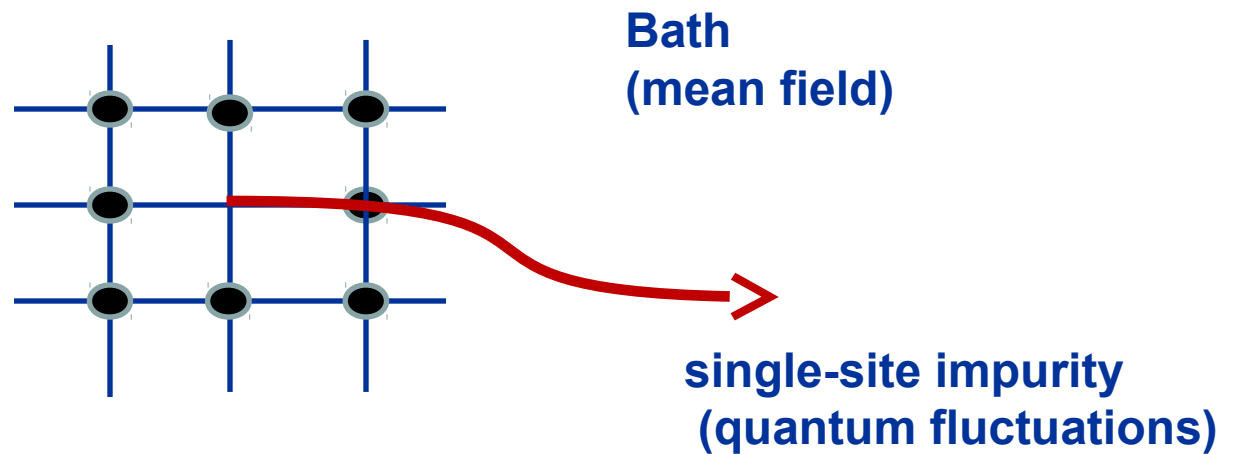
Anisotropic triangular lattice

# Realistic description of correlation effects

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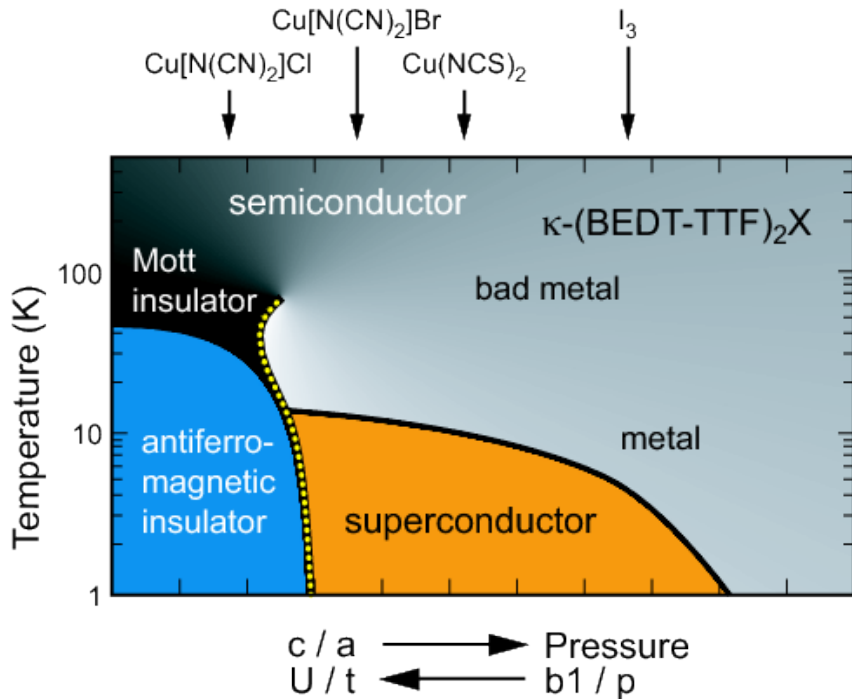
## LDA + DMFT for organic molecular crystals

We combine the material specific input from **DFT** with a non-perturbative many-body treatment of correlations as implemented in the **dynamical mean field theory**



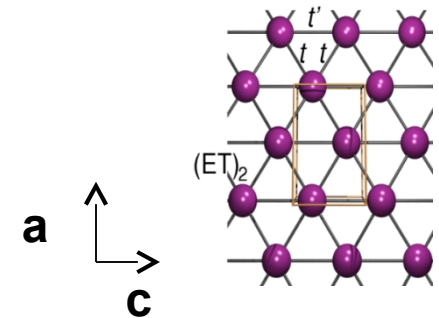


# correlations in $\kappa$ -(BEDT-TTF)<sub>2</sub>Cu[N(CN)<sub>2</sub>]Br<sub>x</sub>Cl<sub>1-x</sub>

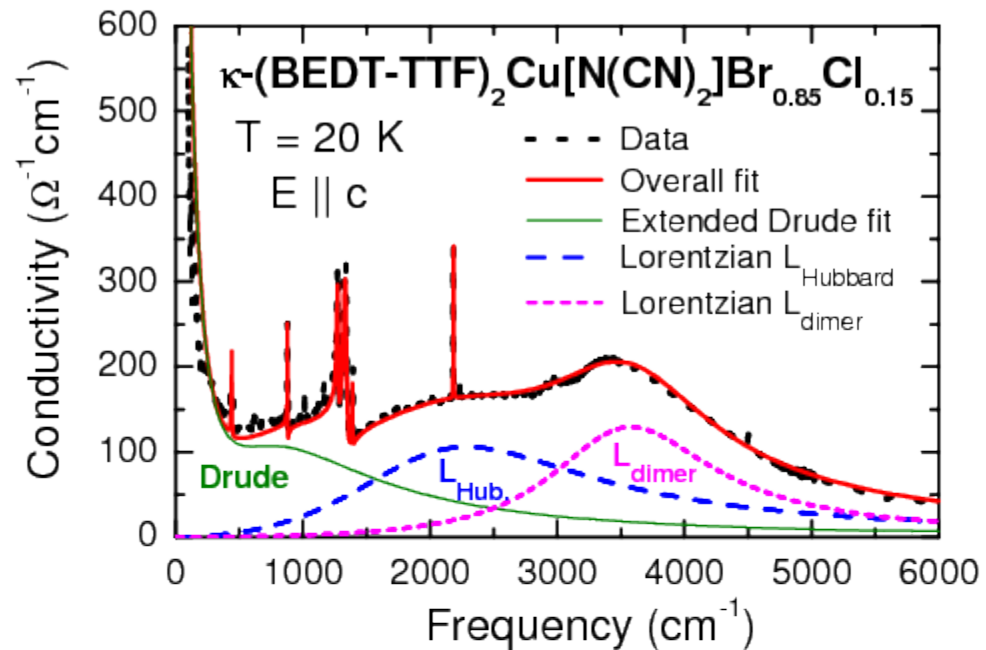


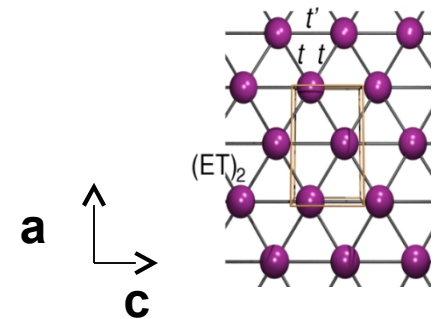
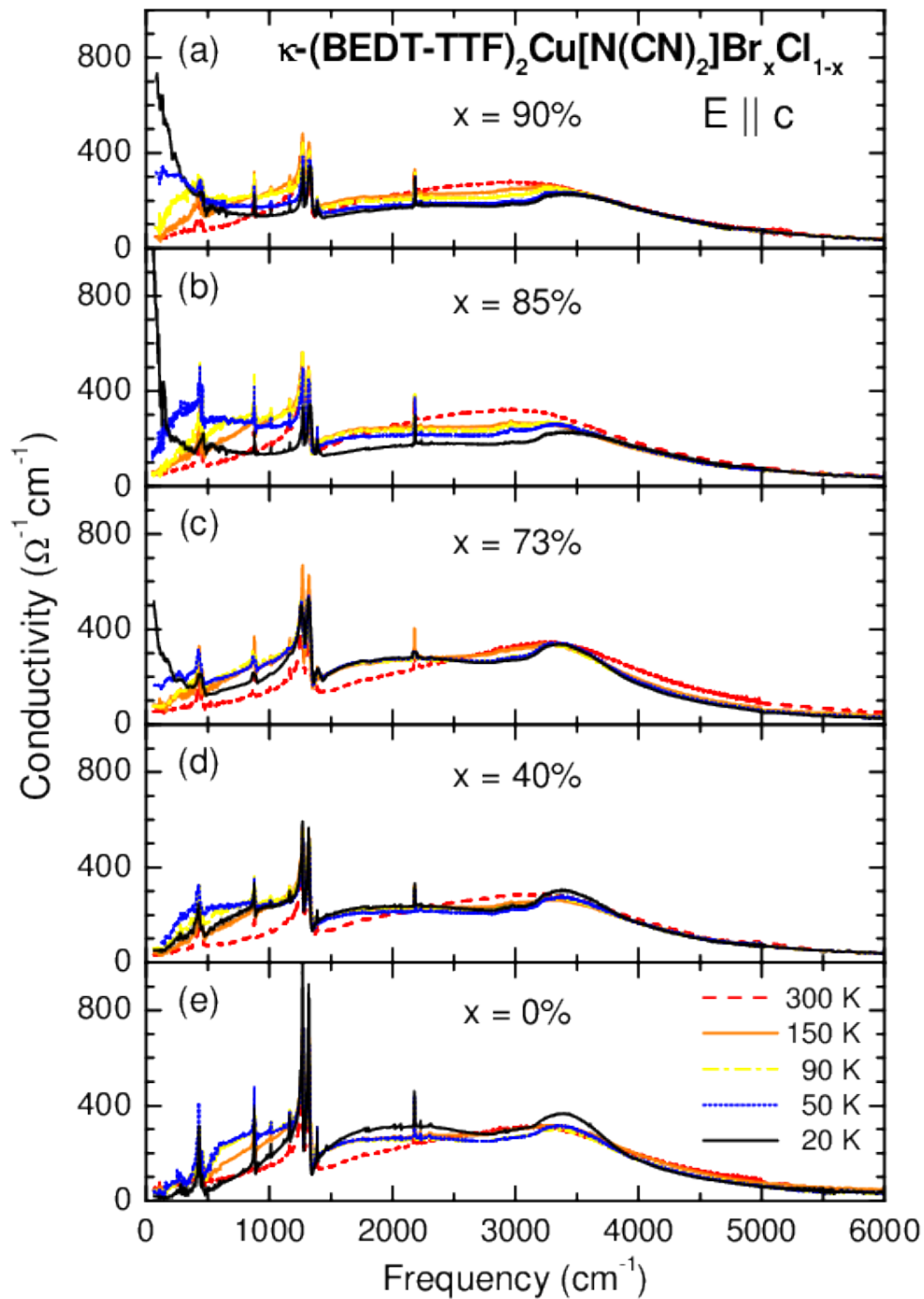
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## Optical conductivity





**Optical conductivity**

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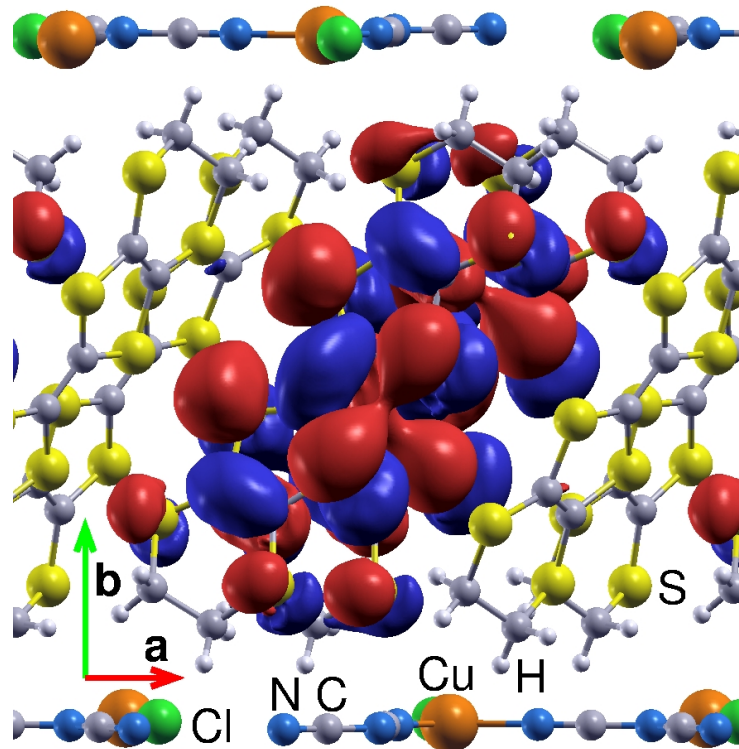
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# LDA+DMFT for $\kappa$ -(BEDT-TTF)<sub>2</sub>Cu[N(CN)<sub>2</sub>]Br<sub>x</sub>Cl<sub>1-x</sub> X=0

## LDA+DMFT:

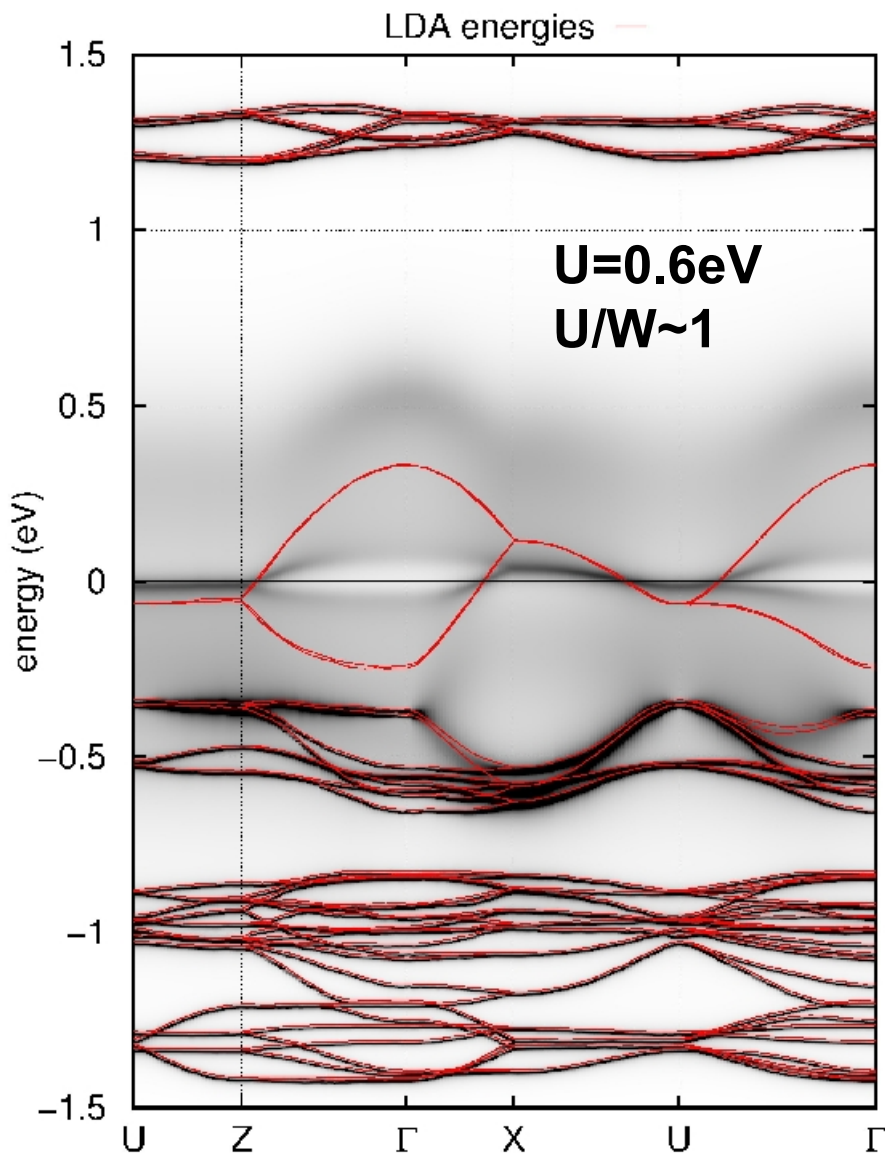
- electronic structure calculations within LDA, LAPW basis (Wien2K)
  - construction of localized Wannier-like functions
    - **new scheme to construct molecular Wannier functions!**
  - DMFT self-consistency / impurity solver: CT QMC
- Hubbard parameters **U= 0.5-0.85 eV** **T=300K**

HOMO Wannier function  
For the (ET)<sub>2</sub> dimer

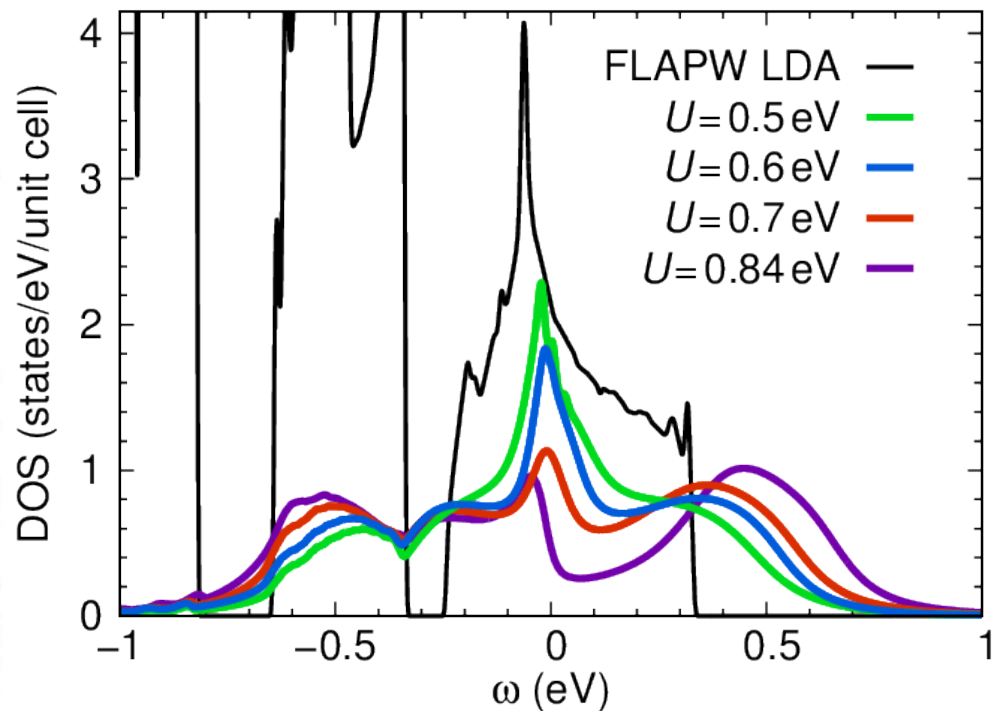


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## LDA vs. LDA+DMFT bandstructure



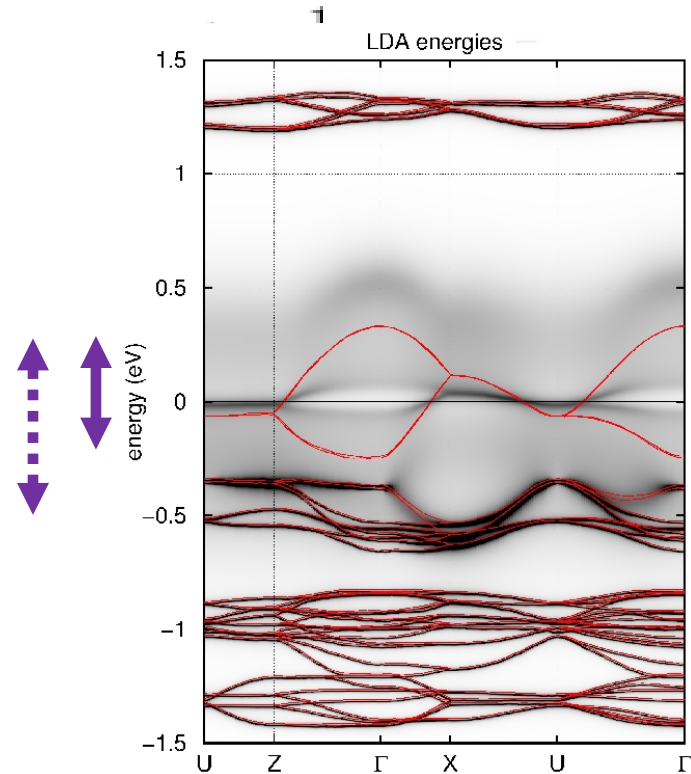
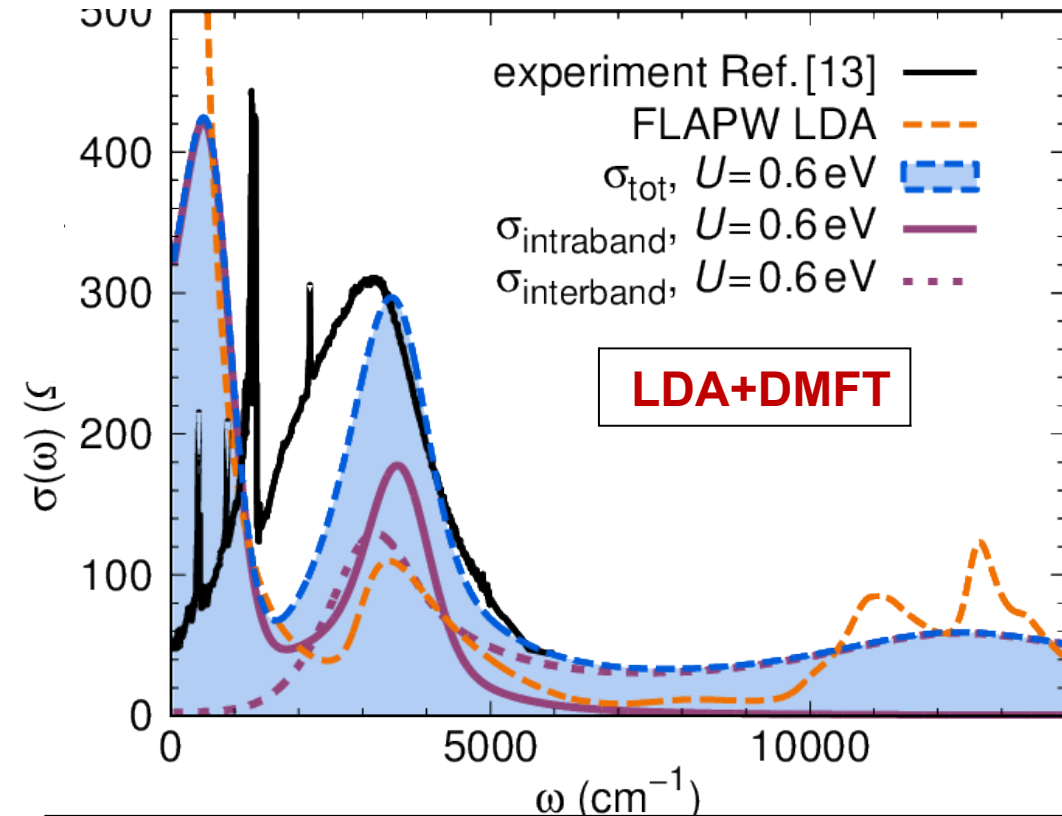
## Density of states



correlations are important!

# Optical conductivity for $\kappa$ -(BEDT-TTF)<sub>2</sub>Cu[N(CN)<sub>2</sub>]Br<sub>x</sub>Cl<sub>1-x</sub> X=0

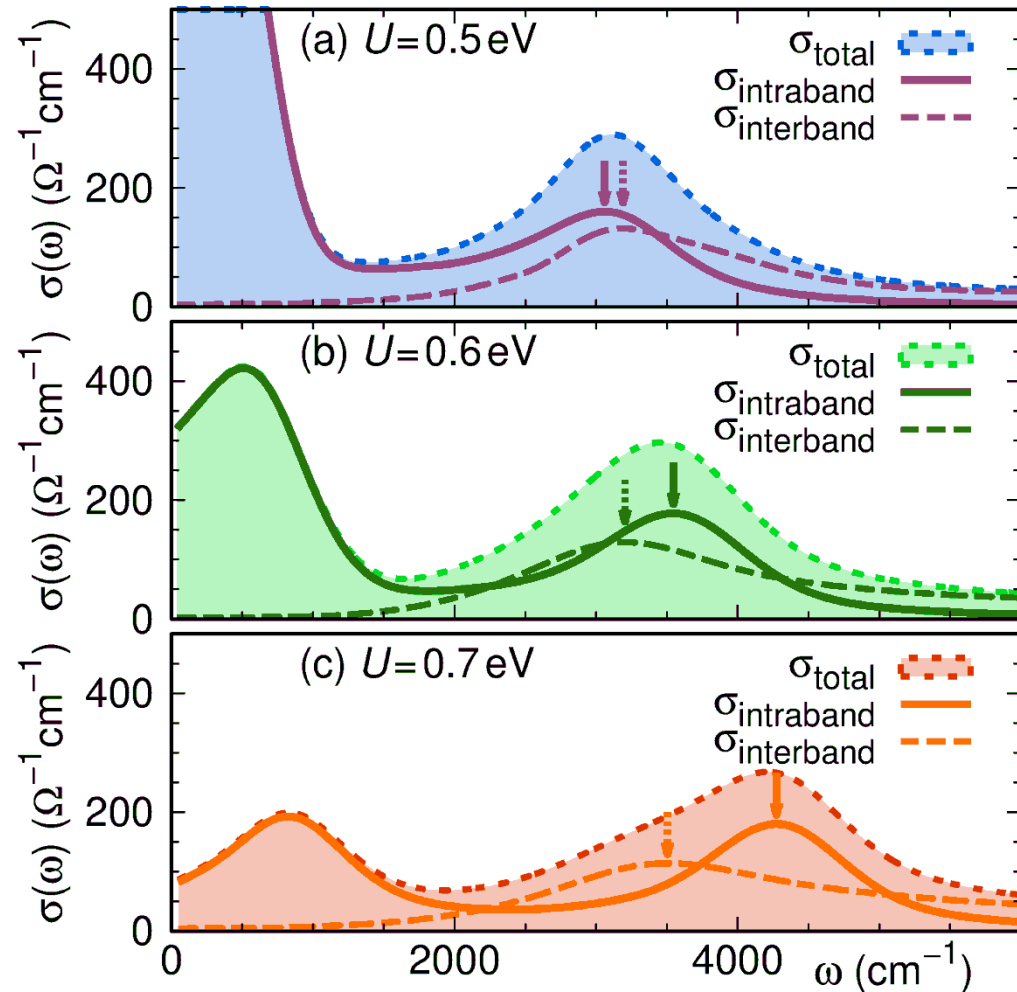
$$\sigma_{zz}(\tilde{\nu}_n) = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 V \tilde{\nu}_n \beta} \sum_{\nu\nu'\nu''\nu''', \mathbf{k}, \sigma} v_{z,\mathbf{k}}^{\nu\nu'} v_{z,\mathbf{k}}^{\nu''\nu'''} \sum_{\omega_n} G_{\mathbf{k}}^{\nu'\nu''}(i\omega_n + i\tilde{\nu}_n) G_{\mathbf{k}}^{\nu'''\nu}(i\omega_n)$$



$\sigma_{\text{intraband}}$ : *interdimer* transitions **correlation induced**  
 $\sigma_{\text{interband}}$ : *intradimer* transitions + rest

**agreement with experiment!**

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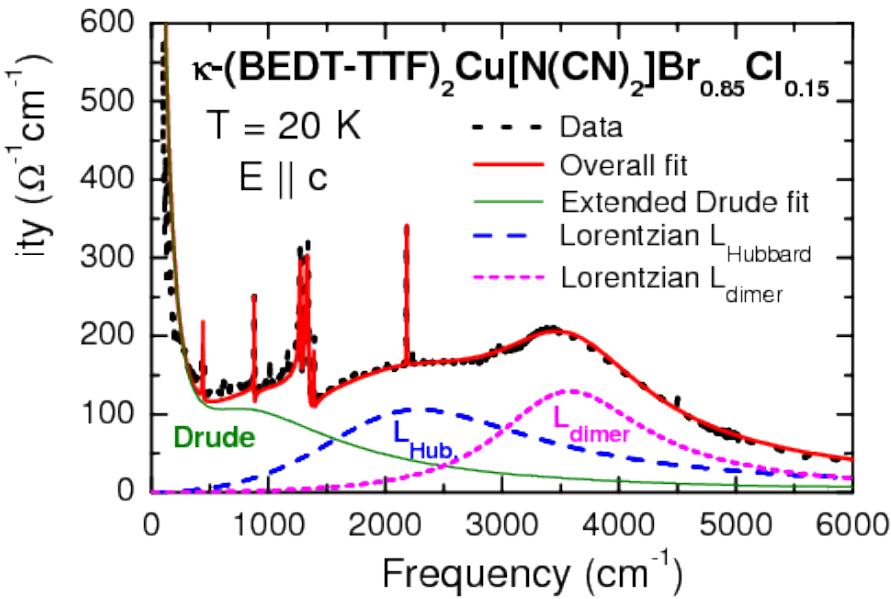


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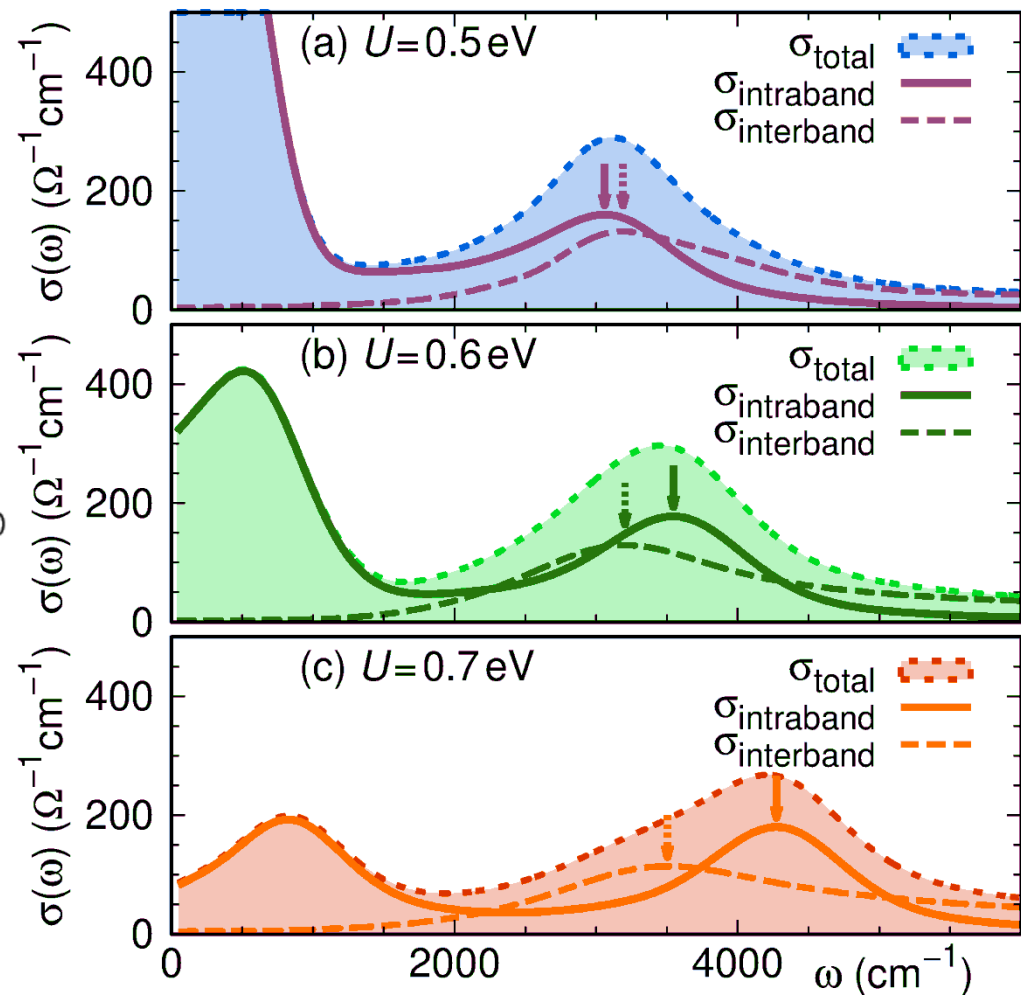
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## DFT + many-body calculations

→ realistic description of correlated systems : organic triangular lattices

### Microscopic model for $\kappa$ -(BEDT-TTF)<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>2</sub>(CN)<sub>3</sub>

- $t'/t = 0.83$  (degree of frustration)
- $t'/t$  decreases under **P**
- nonmonotonous  $t'/t$  under **T** → minimum at 150K

Hubbard model

### Microscopic model for Me<sub>3</sub>EtSb[Pd(dmit)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>

- anisotropic triangular lattice

### LDA+DMFT for $\kappa$ -(BEDT-TTF)<sub>2</sub>Cu[N(CN)<sub>2</sub>]Cl

- new scheme for constructing Wannier molecular functions
- Hump **in optical conductivity** → correlation effects!
- extension to other molecular crystals



# Microscopic description under pressure

## Car-Parrinello Method

DFT + Molecular Dynamics

*Car, Parrinello PRL (1985)*

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i M \dot{R}_i^2 + \sum_n f_n \langle \dot{\Psi}_n | M_{\Psi} | \dot{\Psi} \rangle - E(R, \Psi) + \sum_{n,m} (\langle \Psi_n | \Psi_n \rangle - \delta_{n,m}) \lambda_{n,m}$$

▪ **Parrinello-Rahman Lagrangian:**

*Parrinello, Rahman JAP (1981)*

$$-p\Omega$$

▪ **basis: Projected Augmented Wave**

*P. Blöchl*

▪ functional: LDA, GGA, LDA+U, Hybrid

**CP-PAW**

Description of phase transitions