

Computational Materials Science

Introduction

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Electronic Structure in a Nutshell

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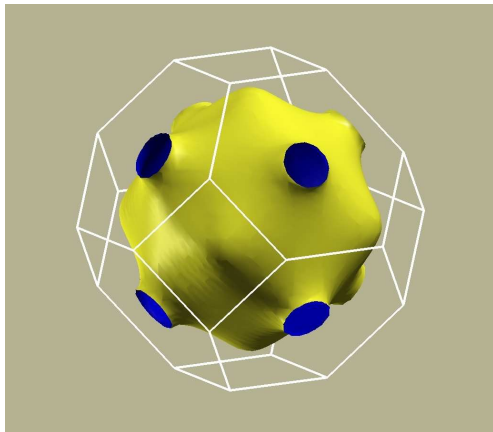
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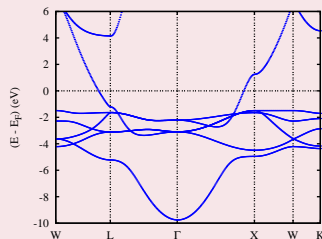
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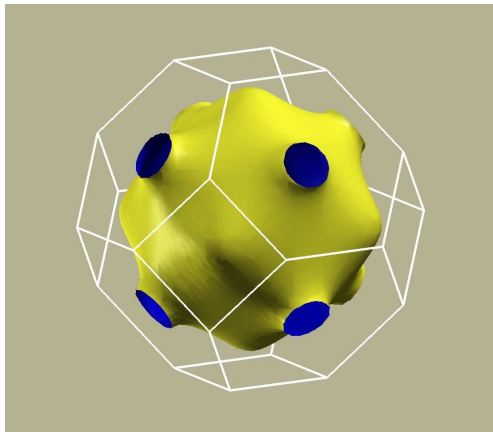
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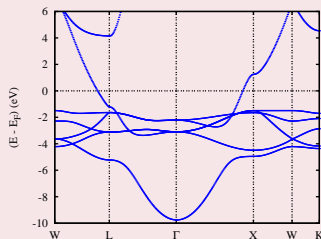
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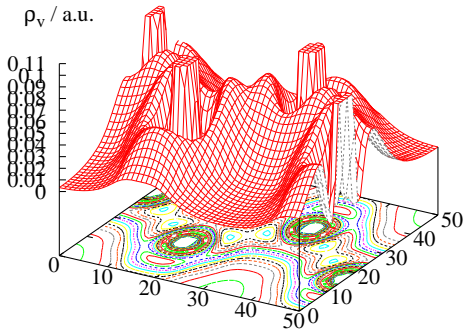
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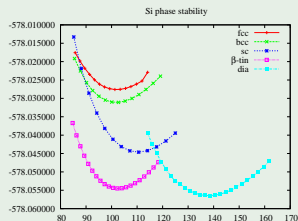
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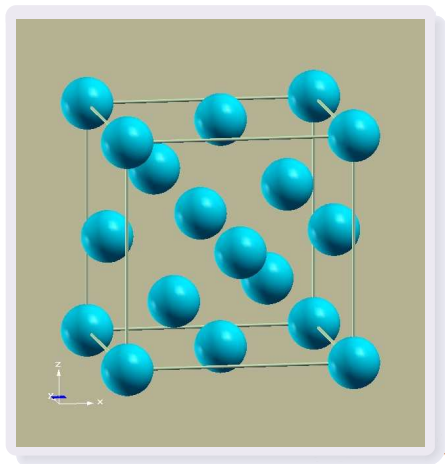
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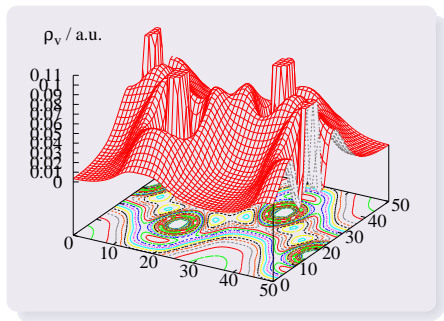
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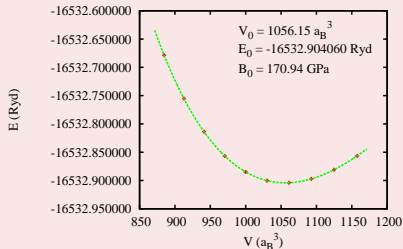
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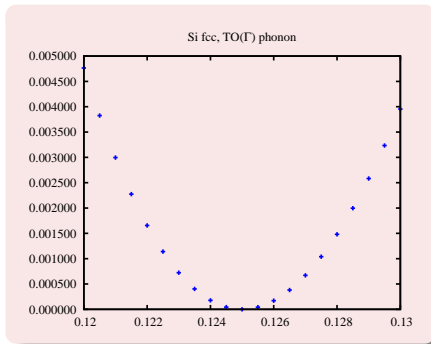
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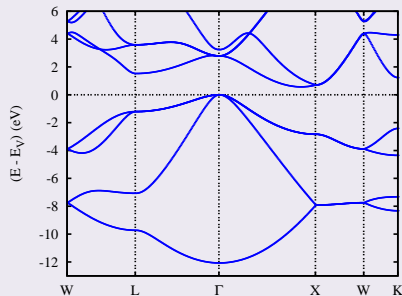
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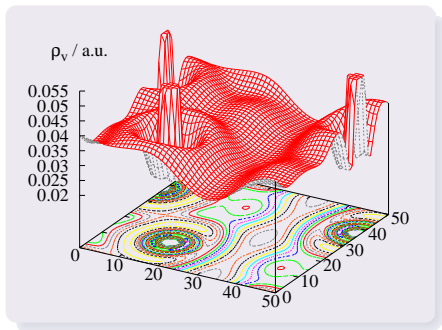
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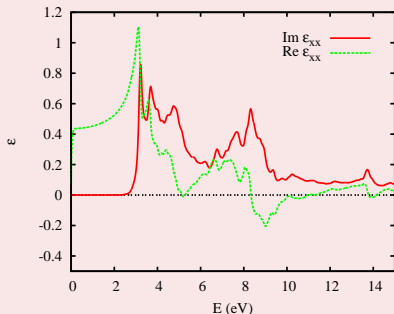
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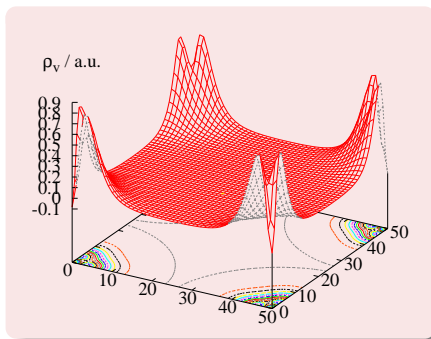
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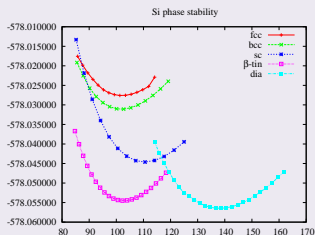
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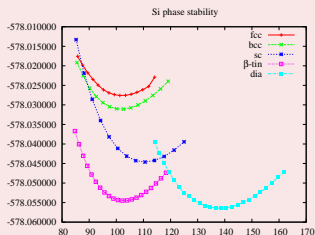
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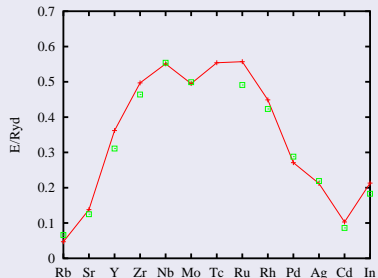
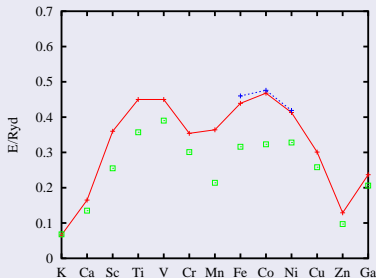
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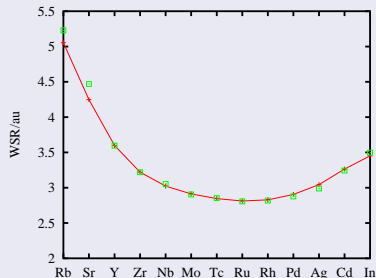
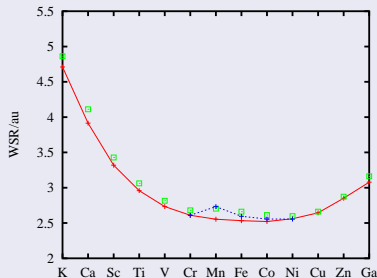
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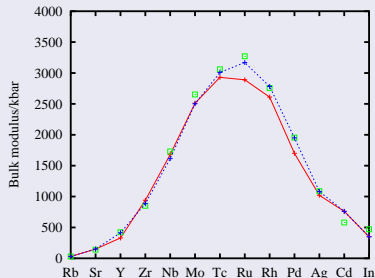
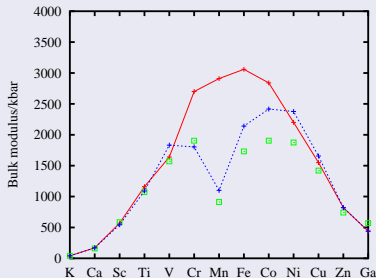
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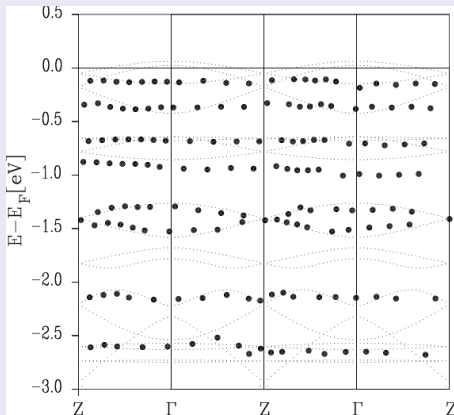
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ARPES Data and Calculated Band Structure of Td-WTe₂

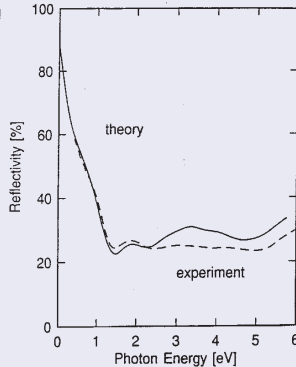
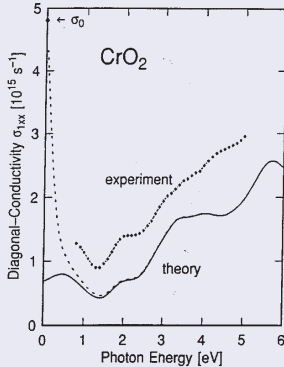
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Experimental and Calculated Fermi Surface of Cu and TiTe₂

Straub *et al.*, 1997

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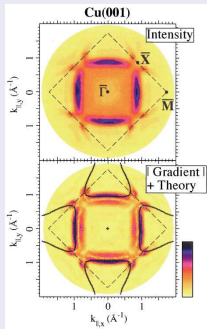


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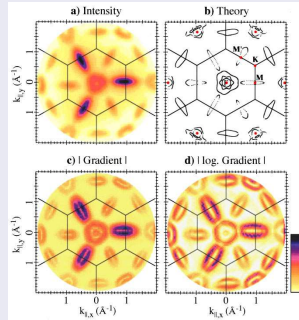


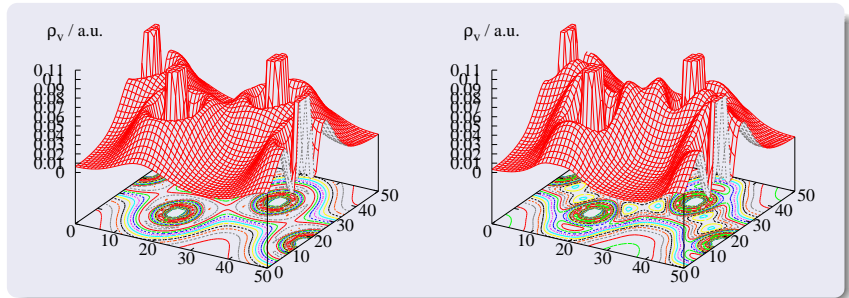
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most features are the "cigar-shaped" intensity maxima centered at the M points, which originate from the Ti 5d band. The observed intensity pattern reflects the threefold symmetry of the crystal structure that requires a distinction between M and M' points. Though the electronic band structure itself does not deviate much from uniaxial symmetry in the hexagonal 1T structure¹⁸, the optical transition creates dis-

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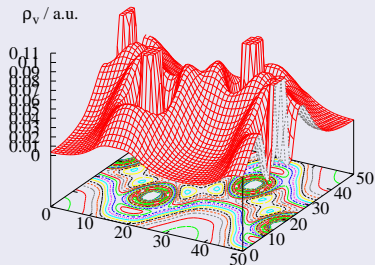
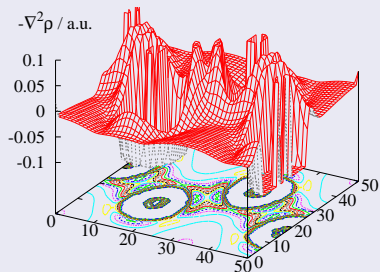
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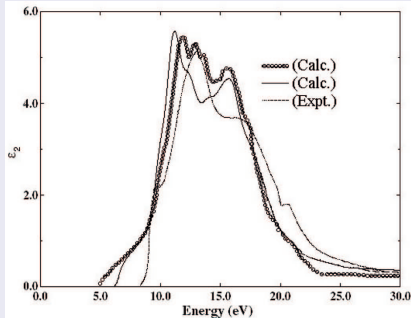
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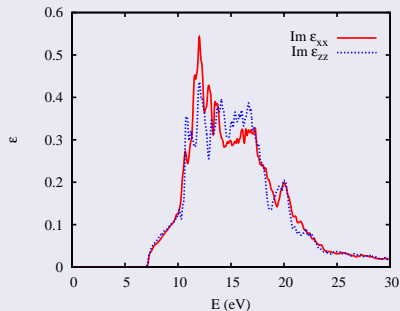
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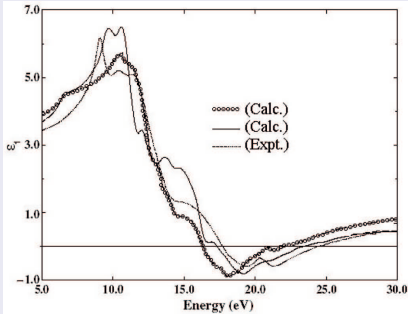
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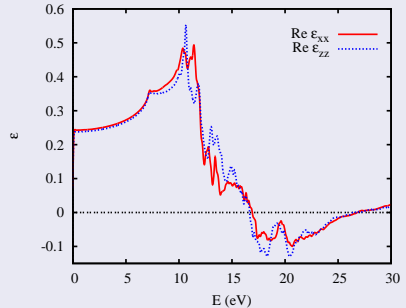
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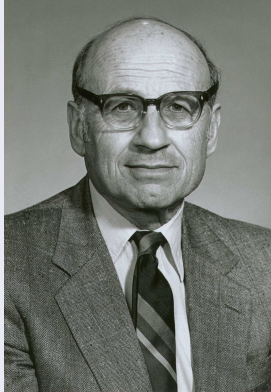
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Foundation of Density Functional Theory 1964/1965

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- fully relativistic

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- all-electron full potential
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- generalized gradient approximation (GGA)
- beyond LDA/GGA

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 - Slater-type (STO)
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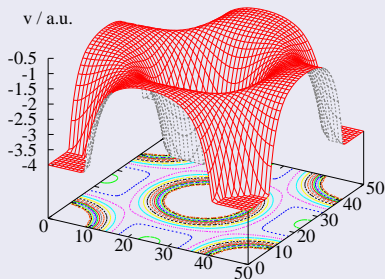
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courtesy of E. Wimmer

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 - $v_{eff,\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) = v_{eff,\sigma}(|\mathbf{r}|)$
 - solve radial Schrödinger equation numerically
- interstitial region
 - $v_{eff,\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$
 - exact solutions
 - plane waves
 - spherical waves
- match at sphere surface („augment“)

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