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**Electron-phonon renormalization in Cuprates.** PEIHONG ZHANG, University at Buffalo, SUNY, STEVEN G. LOUIE, MARVIN L. COHEN, UC Berkeley — Electron-phonon (e-ph) renormalization effects in a model cuprate system,  $\text{CaCuO}_2$ , are studied by employing density functional theory based methods. Whereas calculations based on the local spin density approximation (LSDA) predicts negligible e-ph coupling effects of the half-breathing Cu-O bond stretching mode, the inclusion of a screened on-site Coulomb interaction ( $U$ ) in the LSDA+ $U$  calculations greatly enhances the e-ph coupling strength of this mode. The full breathing mode, on the other hand, shows a much weaker e-ph renormalization effect. Enhanced oxygen-p character of the top valence states, together with the (local) antiferromagnetic spin ordering, seems to be responsible for a strong e-ph coupling of the half-breathing mode in the LSDA+ $U$  calculations.

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