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Excitons in solids with time-dependent density-functional theory: the bootstrap kernel and beyond¹ YOUNG-MOO BYUN, Univ of Missouri - Columbia, ZENG-HUI YANG, Temple University, CARSTEN ULLRICH, Univ of Missouri - Columbia — Time-dependent density-functional theory (TDDFT) is an efficient method to describe the optical properties of solids. Lately, a series of bootstrap-type exchange-correlation (xc) kernels have been reported to produce accurate excitons in solids, but different bootstrap-type kernels exist in the literature, with mixed results. In this presentation, we reveal the origin of the confusion and show a new empirical TDDFT xc kernel to compute excitonic properties of semiconductors and insulators efficiently and accurately. Our method can be used for high-throughput screening calculations and large unit cell calculations.

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