

DMFTwDFT: An open-source code combining Dynamical Mean Field Theory with various density functional theory packages^{☆,☆☆}



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ABSTRACT

Dynamical Mean Field Theory (DMFT) is a successful method to compute the electronic structure of strongly correlated materials, especially when it is combined with density functional theory (DFT). Here, we present an open-source computational package (and a library) combining DMFT with various DFT codes interfaced through the Wannier90 package. The correlated subspace is expanded as a linear combination of Wannier functions introduced in the DMFT approach as local orbitals. In particular, we provide a library mode for computing the DMFT density matrix. This library can be linked and then internally called from any DFT package, assuming that a set of localized orbitals can be generated in the correlated subspace. The existence of this library allows developers of other DFT codes to interface with our package and achieve the charge-self-consistency within DFT+DMFT loops. To test and check our implementation, we computed the density of states and the band structure of well-known *solid-state* correlated materials, namely LaNi_3 , SrVO_3 , and NiO . The obtained results are compared to those obtained from other DFT+DMFT implementations.

Program summary

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Subprograms used: Wannier90 (v3.0), Siesta (v4.1-b4), VASP (v5.4.4), Quantum Espresso (v6.5), CTQMC

Nature of problem: Need for a simple, efficient, higher-level, and open-source package to study strongly correlated materials interfacing to various DFT codes regardless of basis sets used in DFT.

Solution method: We present an open-source Python code which can be easily interfaced with Wannier90 and different DFT packages and perform a full charge-self-consistent DFT+DMFT calculation using a modern continuous-time quantum Monte Carlo (CTQMC) impurity solver.

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1. Introduction

One of the challenging tasks in modern material science is the theoretical design of novel materials with exceptional properties established only from their atomic species and positions based on first-principle methodologies. While DFT, a workhorse

of the electronic structure calculation, is the most-used methodology to describe material properties, it has several drawbacks in the description of strongly correlated materials. This problem is mainly due to the lack of accuracy in describing strongly correlated materials because DFT relies on a crudely approximated exchange-correlation functional neglecting significant many-body fluctuations. Therefore, the existing approximations cannot capture correctly strong correlations present in localized orbitals or dispersionless bands. Examples of significant failures in DFT are the incorrect prediction of metallic state in strongly correlated Mott insulators observed in many transition metal oxides, and severe underestimation of the electronic effective mass in heavy fermions [1–3].

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DMFT has been one of the most successful methods treating many-body fluctuations, by including *strong* but local correlations beyond the static DFT exchange–correlation functional [4,5]. The heart of DMFT is to solve a single-site Anderson impurity problem embedded in an electronic bath determined self-consistently as the original lattice is approximated to a quantum impurity problem. There are several impurity solvers such as exact diagonalization (ED) [6], Configuration interaction (CI) [7], density-matrix renormalization group (DMRG) [8], and Quantum Monte Carlo (QMC) [9,10], which can provide a non-perturbatively solution of the many-body problem. We use the QMC method because it can also provide a numerically exact solution without the user's need of discretization or truncations of the problem. Among QMC methods, continuous-time QMC (CTQMC) [11] has been frequently used in that respect. Several free-licensed CTQMC packages [12–15] are currently available and our DMFTwDFT code is interfaced to one of the CTQMC codes [12] included in the EDMFT package [16].

In the last a few decades, great progress has been made in developing computational algorithms or packages for solving the DMFT equations [13,17,18] and combining DMFT with other electronic structure methods such as DFT or GW. Examples of available DFT + DMFT or GW + DMFT packages include EDMFT [16], TRIQS/DFTTools [19], D-core [20], AMULET [21], LMTO + DMFT [22], Questaal [23], DMFT-abinit [24] and ComDMFT [14]. These implementations of DMFT in combination with DFT usually require the construction of local orbitals to define a correlation subspace for solving the DMFT equations. One choice is to obtain the correlated orbitals which are exactly centered at the ion sites and highly localized, so called projectors. They are constructed from the atomic solution and projected to the wide energy window of Kohn–Sham (KS) one-particle states to ensure the locality of orbitals. These orbitals are frequently used in all-electron DFT codes where different flavors of approximations are introduced as in LMTO, LAPW, and so on [25]. The other popular choice of localized orbitals is the Maximally Localized Wannier functions (MLWFs) [26–28]. Wannier functions can be used to construct both the hybridization and correlation subspace from the given energy window of the DFT band structure. The correlated subspace can be understood as a quantum-numbered real-space region where correlated electrons are mostly hosted. For example, a sub-manifold of the 3d shell of a transition-metal ion in a solid serves as the so-called “correlated subspace”. Also, for each site, these correlated orbitals with the local interaction U couples to other uncorrelated orbitals via hybridization. Therefore, the subspace including both correlated orbitals and uncorrelated orbitals in which the correlated orbitals are hybridized is called as the “hybridization subspace”. Thus, in practice, Wannier orbitals are a good representation for both correlated as well as hybridization subspace. Currently, the interface to Wannier90 package has been implemented in various DFT codes including VASP [29–31], Quantum espresso [32], Siesta [33], Abinit [34–36], ELK [37], Wien2k [38], and so on. The required overlap matrices are obtained from the DFT code and the localization of the Wannier function is performed by Wannier90.

While DMFT has been a powerful method for studying the electronic structure of strongly correlated materials, the full implementation of DFT + DMFT sometimes requires the combination of a DMFT implementation with licensed DFT codes. This has been a bottleneck of the wide-applicability of the DFT + DMFT methodology. In this paper, we provide a DMFT package interfaced to the Wannier90 code for its efficient extension to various free-licensed DFT codes. Our DMFTwDFT package can (1) use the Wannier orbitals for constructing the hybridization and correlation subspaces to perform DMFT loops by taking advantage of the Wannier90 interface between various DFT codes, (2)

provide the *library mode* to link the module for computing a DMFT density matrix and updating a charge density within the DFT loops without modifying any DFT source codes significantly, and (3) provide a flexible Python-based interface that does not rely much on extensive user experience or specific parameters to perform DFT + DMFT calculations of strongly correlated materials. The outputs of our DMFTwDFT package currently include band structures, density of states, and total energies. Since our DMFT implementation is interfaced to efficient plane-wave DFT codes, one can also study a rather large size of supercells such as correlated materials with defects in which the effect of defects can be investigated directly. A much simpler and computationally less expensive approach such as virtual crystal approximation can be also adopted within our implementation to understand disorder systems. Forces and the Fermi surface calculations will be available in a future release of the code. Source codes are currently located at the GitHub repository, <https://github.com/DMFTwDFT-project/DMFTwDFT> which also includes a documentation with examples.

Our paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, we describe the theoretical background used to perform DFT + DMFT loops. Section 3 describes the essential features of our DMFTwDFT package including the library mode, the interface to different DFT codes, and automated scripts for post-processing. Section 4 provides some run examples of well-known strongly correlated materials including SrVO_3 , LaNiO_3 , and NiO and compare our results to other available DFT + DMFT codes. Finally, we conclude the paper in the conclusion section.

2. Methodology

In this section, we explain the methodology used for implementing our code.

2.1. Implementation of DFT + DMFT

The formal derivation of electronic structure methods including DFT and DMFT can be achieved by constructing an effective Free energy functional, Γ , which depends on the choice of variables to write the energy functional [4,5]. For example, the variable of choice that parametrizes the Free energy minimization in DFT is the electronic charge density $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ [39] and the corresponding Γ^{DFT} is given by

$$\Gamma^{\text{DFT}} \left[\hat{\rho}, \hat{V}^{\text{Hxc}} \right] = -\text{Tr} \left(\ln \left[(i\omega_n + \mu) \hat{1} - \hat{H}^{\text{KS}} \right] \right) + \Phi^{\text{DFT}}[\hat{\rho}] - \text{Tr} \left(\hat{V}^{\text{Hxc}} \hat{\rho} \right), \quad (1)$$

where ω_n is the Matsubara frequency for fermions, μ is the chemical potential, $\hat{1}$ is the unit matrix, $\Phi^{\text{DFT}}[\rho]$ is the DFT interaction energy, and $\hat{H}^{\text{KS}} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \hat{\nabla}^2 + \hat{V}^{\text{ext}} + \hat{V}^{\text{Hxc}}$ is the Kohn–Sham (KS) Hamiltonian operator, where \hat{V}^{ext} is the ionic potential operator and \hat{V}^{Hxc} is the Hartree-exchange–correlation (Hxc) potential operator. Since the exact form of the functional $\Phi^{\text{DFT}}[\rho]$ is not known, it is usually approximated by using the local density approximation [40,41] or the generalized gradient approximation [42]. The stationary value of Γ with respect to the selected variable can provide the Free energy within the electronic structure methods. In DFT, minimizing the functional Γ^{DFT} with respect to $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ and $V^{\text{Hxc}}(\mathbf{r})$ leads to the self-consistent equation, also known as the KS equation.

In DMFT, the variable of choice is the dynamical Green's function $G^{\text{cor}}(i\omega_n)$. The effective many-body potential conjugate to $G^{\text{cor}}(i\omega_n)$ is the dynamical self-energy $\Sigma(i\omega_n)$. The main idea of DFT + DMFT is to treat *strong* correlations of localized orbitals using the DMFT functional in terms of $G^{\text{cor}}(i\omega_n)$ and $\Sigma(i\omega_n)$ within

a “correlated subspace” defined from the DFT band structure, and then to subtract a double-counting term of correlations for which both DFT and DMFT functionals are accounted. As a result, the DFT + DMFT functional Γ can be constructed using four operators ($\hat{\rho}$, \hat{V}^{Hxc} , \hat{G}^{cor} , and $\hat{\Sigma}$):

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma \left[\hat{\rho}, \hat{V}^{Hxc}, \hat{G}^{cor}, \hat{\Sigma} \right] &= -\text{Tr} \left(\ln \left[(i\omega_n + \mu) \hat{1} - \hat{H}^{KS} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - \hat{P}_{cor}^\dagger (\hat{\Sigma} - \hat{V}^{DC}) \hat{P}_{cor} \right] \right) + \Phi^{DFT}[\hat{\rho}] - \text{Tr} \left(\hat{V}^{Hxc} \hat{\rho} \right) \\ &\quad + \Phi \left[\hat{G}^{cor} \right] - \text{Tr} \left(\hat{\Sigma} \hat{G}^{cor} \right) - E^{DC} \left[\hat{G}^{cor} \right] + \text{Tr} \left(\hat{V}^{DC} \hat{G}^{cor} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where \hat{V}^{DC} is the double-counting (DC) potential operator, E^{DC} is the DC energy, and \hat{P}_{cor} (\hat{P}_{cor}^\dagger) is a projection operator defined to downfold (upfold) between the correlated subspace and the hybridization subspace. The DMFT interaction energy, $\Phi[G^{cor}]$ is the Luttinger–Ward functional summing all vacuum-to-vacuum Feynman diagrams which are local [43–45].

The stationary solution of the Free energy functional Γ within DFT + DMFT is obtained by extremizing Γ with respect to $G^{cor}(i\omega_n)$ and $\Sigma(i\omega_n)$, which lead to:

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \frac{\delta \Phi[\hat{G}^{cor}]}{\delta \hat{G}^{cor}}, \quad (3)$$

$$\hat{G}^{cor} = \hat{P}_{cor} \hat{G}^{hyb} \hat{P}_{cor}^\dagger, \quad (4)$$

where $\hat{G}^{hyb} = [(i\omega_n + \mu) \hat{1} - \hat{H}^{KS} - \hat{P}_{cor}^\dagger (\hat{\Sigma} - \hat{V}^{DC}) \hat{P}_{cor}]^{-1}$ is the Green’s function operator defined within the energy window where $\Sigma(i\omega_n)$ is hybridized (upfolded).

Although the many-body functional $\Phi[\hat{G}^{cor}]$ in Eq. (2) needs to be evaluated only within the correlated subspace, computing the exact and non-perturbative $\Phi[\hat{G}^{cor}]$ is still a formidable task. Nevertheless, it is approximated to a solution of an effective impurity problem within DMFT, i.e., $\Phi[\hat{G}^{cor}] \simeq \Phi[\hat{G}^{imp}]$ by assuming that the correlated Green’s function of a lattice is approximated to the impurity one, i.e., $\hat{G}^{cor} \simeq \hat{G}^{imp}$. Therefore, the numerically exact solution can be obtained by solving an impurity problem hybridized to an effective electronic bath $\hat{\Delta}(i\omega_n)$ using the QMC method. As a result, $\Sigma(i\omega_n) = \Sigma^{imp}(i\omega_n)$ from Eq. (3) and the DMFT self-consistent condition ensures that the hybridization function operator $\hat{\Delta}(i\omega_n) = (i\omega_n + \mu) \hat{1} - \hat{\epsilon}_{imp} - \hat{\Sigma}(i\omega_n) - [\hat{G}^{cor}(i\omega_n)]^{-1}$ where $\hat{\epsilon}_{imp}$ is the matrix representing the impurity levels of correlated orbitals.

The DMFT self-consistent condition is completed by computing the new G^{cor} from the obtained $\Sigma(i\omega_n)$ using Eq. (4) and by iterating the calculation until both G^{cor} and $\Sigma(i\omega_n)$ are converged. This part is the so-called non-charge self-consistent DMFT. The charge-self-consistency in DFT + DMFT has been discussed later in Section 2.3. Solving Eq. (4) requires the construction of a projection operator, \hat{P}_{cor} to define the correlated subspace. To achieve this, one needs to adopt the localized orbital ϕ_m^τ having the orbital character m of the correlated atom centered at τ in an unit cell, namely $\hat{P}_{cor} = \sum_{m\tau} |\phi_m^\tau\rangle\langle\phi_m^\tau|$ and choose the energy window where these correlated orbitals will be hybridized. In this way, orbitals within the hybridization window do not mix with states outside this energy window. Eq. (4) can be represented as a matrix equation using the KS wavefunction basis. \hat{H}^{KS} can be diagonalized within these KS basis while $\hat{\Sigma}$ is in general a non-diagonal matrix with complex numbers. Therefore, computing \hat{G}^{hyb} requires the inversion of a non-Hermitian matrix with complex numbers and can be achieved by solving the generalized eigenvalue problem of the Hamiltonian in the KS basis at each momentum \mathbf{k} and frequency ω_n :

$$\sum_j \left[\epsilon_i^\mathbf{k} \delta_{ij} + \Sigma_{ij}^{k\omega_n} \right] C_{jl, \mathbf{k}\omega_n}^R = C_{il, \mathbf{k}\omega_n}^R \epsilon_l^{k\omega_n}, \quad (5)$$

where $\epsilon_i^\mathbf{k}$ is the KS eigenvalue at the band index i and the momentum \mathbf{k} . $\epsilon_l^{k\omega_n}$ is the complex eigenvalue and $C_{\mathbf{k}\omega_n}^{R(L)}$ is the right (left) eigenfunction of the above matrix equation. $\Sigma_{ij}^{k\omega_n}$ is the DMFT self-energy upfolded to the KS space ($|\psi^\mathbf{k}\rangle$):

$$\Sigma_{ij}^{k\omega_n} = \sum_{m\tau} \langle \psi_i^\mathbf{k} | \phi_m^\tau \rangle (\Sigma_{mn}^\tau(i\omega_n) - V^{DC}) \langle \phi_m^\tau | \psi_j^\mathbf{k} \rangle. \quad (6)$$

One can note that the self-energy matrix element can be \mathbf{k} -dependent in the KS basis although they are purely local in the correlated orbital basis. Finally, \hat{G}^{cor} (Eq. (4)) in the local orbital basis can be represented using these obtained eigenvalues and eigenfunctions:

$$G_{mn}^{cor}(i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{N_\mathbf{k}} \sum_{kijl} \frac{\langle \phi_m^\tau | \psi_i^\mathbf{k} \rangle C_{il, \mathbf{k}\omega_n}^R \left(C_{jl, \mathbf{k}\omega_n}^L \right)^* \langle \psi_j^\mathbf{k} | \phi_n^\tau \rangle}{i\omega_n + \mu - \epsilon_l^{k\omega_n}}. \quad (7)$$

2.2. Construction of the hybridization and correlation subspace: Wannier orbitals

Since the implementation of DFT + DMFT requires the construction of the correlated subspace where the self-energy Σ is defined, one needs to construct the localized orbital $\phi_m^\mathbf{R}$ centered at each correlated atom. Here, the locality of the correlated orbital matters since Σ is approximated as a local quantity within DMFT, i.e., $\Sigma(\mathbf{k}, \omega) \simeq \Sigma(\omega)$ and the non-locality of the Coulomb interaction should be minimized. One choice of such orbitals is so called “projectors” as we mentioned earlier. Those projectors are exactly centered at correlated atoms and highly localized by definition. Usually projectors require the construction of a quite large hybridization window as these highly localized orbitals are hybridized with KS one-particle states in a rather wide energy window.

Wannier functions have been also frequently used as the choice of correlated orbitals. They are constructed from the unitary transform of the KS one-particle states and can represent the isolated DFT band structure within the hybridization window exactly. In this way, not only the correlated orbitals but also other orbitals strongly hybridized with those correlated orbitals are also constructed. However, the choice of the Wannier function is not unique and there have been several methods to achieve the locality of Wannier functions. They include MLWFs, selectively localized Wannier functions, symmetry-adapted Wannier functions, and so on [26–28]. However, it is important to note that once the calculated Wannier function is converged and the obtained Wannier band structure is in agreement with the DFT band structure, we believe that the obtained MLWF will be sufficient enough to capture the physics of correlated subspace. It has also been found that spreads of Wannier orbitals such as d or f characters are much more localized than other s or p orbitals, therefore we generally treat them as correlated orbitals. Here, we show some examples of DFT + DMFT using MLWFs to construct localized orbitals within the hybridization window.

The MLWF $|\tilde{\phi}_n^\mathbf{R}\rangle$ can be constructed from the KS orbital $|\psi_i^\mathbf{k}\rangle$ by performing the Unitary transform $U^\mathbf{k}$ which minimize the sum of all Wannier orbital spreads:

$$|\tilde{\phi}_n^\mathbf{R}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_\mathbf{k}}} \sum_{i\mathbf{k}} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{R}} |\psi_i^\mathbf{k}\rangle \cdot U_{in}^\mathbf{k}. \quad (8)$$

And the KS Hamiltonian can be represented using the basis of the MLWF $|\tilde{\phi}_n^\mathbf{R}\rangle$ as:

$$\tilde{\epsilon}_{mn}(\mathbf{R}_i - \mathbf{R}_j) = \langle \phi_m^\mathbf{R}_i | \hat{H}^{KS} | \phi_n^\mathbf{R}_j \rangle = \frac{1}{N_\mathbf{k}} \sum_{i\mathbf{k}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot(\mathbf{R}_i - \mathbf{R}_j)} \tilde{\epsilon}_{mn}^\mathbf{k} \quad (9)$$

$$\tilde{\epsilon}_{mn}^\mathbf{k} = \sum_i (U_{im}^\mathbf{k})^* \epsilon_i^\mathbf{k} U_{in}^\mathbf{k} \quad (10)$$

where $\tilde{\epsilon}_{mn}^{\mathbf{k}}$ is the Wannier Hamiltonian matrix elements at the momentum \mathbf{k} and m, n are dual indices (τ, α) in which τ labels correspond to an atomic site in the unit cell and α labels to the orbital character of the corresponding site. One can note that the \mathbf{k} -point mesh representing the Wannier Hamiltonian can be much denser than the DFT \mathbf{k} -point mesh by adopting the band-structure interpolation scheme [26].

Since Wannier orbitals can represent not only the correlated orbitals but also all other orbitals in the energy window where the correlated orbitals are hybridized, Eq. (5) can be solved using the Wannier orbital basis at each momentum \mathbf{k} and frequency ω_n :

$$\sum_n [\tilde{\epsilon}_{mn}^{\mathbf{k}} + \Sigma_{mn}(i\omega_n) - V^{DC}] C_{nl, \mathbf{k}\omega_n}^R = C_{ml, \mathbf{k}\omega_n}^R \epsilon_l^{\mathbf{k}\omega_n}. \quad (11)$$

Here, the size of the matrix for the eigenvalue problem becomes exactly the number of Wannier orbitals specified in a unit cell. Moreover, Σ can be also a diagonal matrix ($\Sigma_{mn} \simeq \Sigma_m \delta_{mn}$) as the local axis for the Wannier orbital can be rotated to minimize the off-diagonal term of the hybridization function $\Delta(i\omega_n)$ (see Appendix A.2) and CTQMC can solve the impurity problem for this diagonal $\Delta(i\omega_n)$ matrix. Finally, the correlated Green's function in the Wannier basis is given by

$$G_{mn}^{cor}(i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{N_{\mathbf{k}}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{l}} \frac{C_{ml, \mathbf{k}\omega_n}^R (C_{nl, \mathbf{k}\omega_n}^L)^*}{i\omega_n + \mu - \epsilon_l^{\mathbf{k}\omega_n}}. \quad (12)$$

In principle, the off-diagonal term of the self-energy can be important in some cases. For example, the inter-orbital mixing due to the low-symmetry structure can generate the off-diagonal component in the orbital basis (e.g. transition metal ions in a distorted octahedral cage) and the non-collinear magnetism due to the spin-orbit coupling can produce the off-diagonal term in the spin-orbit coupled basis (e.g. iridates). Moreover, the inter-site correlation can also occur in some cases such as the dimerized structure of VO_2 in which the off-diagonal self-energy should be explicitly treated by adopting the cluster expansion of DMFT to employ a multi-site cluster within the impurity problem rather than a single-site [46–48]. While solving the DMFT equations, the CTQMC impurity solver can suffer from the minus-sign problem if the off-diagonal hybridization term is present. As mentioned above, we avoid the inter-orbital mixing problem in the multi-orbital case by rotating the local axis of the Wannier function and minimizing the off-diagonal component of the hybridization function (also refer to Appendix A in the Ref. [49]).

While our DMFT formalism focuses on the local on-site Coulomb interaction, this is usually acceptable in real materials since the local interaction term is much larger than the non-local term due to the screening effect. However, the non-local screened interaction diagrams can be also computed explicitly using the GW formalism while the local diagrams are included within DMFT. This is the so called GW + DMFT methodology in which the non-local part of the two-particle interaction can be computed within the GW level and the local part can be treated by adopting the extended DMFT formalism [50–52]. Unlike GW, the screened on-site interaction parameters in our DFT + DMFT implementation can be usually given as free parameters or already used values from literatures, however these parameters can be still computed from first-principles based on the linear-response method [53,54].

2.3. Charge-self-consistency in DFT + DMFT

The charge density $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ in DFT + DMFT can be obtained when the Free energy functional Γ in Eq. (2) is minimized by extremizing this functional with respect to the density functional

potential $V^{Hxc}(\mathbf{r})$. As a result, the equation for the charge density $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ is obtained to be:

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = T \sum_{\omega_n} \langle \mathbf{r} | \hat{G} | \mathbf{r} \rangle e^{i\omega_n 0^+} \quad (13)$$

where T is temperature and the Green's function operator $\hat{G} = [(i\omega_n + \mu)\hat{1} - \hat{H}^{KS} - \hat{P}_{cor}^\dagger(\hat{\Sigma} - \hat{V}^{DC})\hat{P}_{cor}]^{-1}$. The full charge-self-consistency is achieved when both ρ and G are converged after DFT + DMFT loops. $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ in Eq. (13) can be computed by representing \hat{G} using KS orbitals:

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{T}{N_{\mathbf{k}}} \sum_{ij\mathbf{k}, \omega_n} \langle \mathbf{r} | \psi_i^{\mathbf{k}} \rangle \langle \psi_i^{\mathbf{k}} | \hat{G} | \psi_j^{\mathbf{k}} \rangle \langle \psi_j^{\mathbf{k}} | \mathbf{r} \rangle e^{i\omega_n 0^+} \\ = \frac{1}{N_{\mathbf{k}}} \sum_{ij\mathbf{k}} \psi_i^{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) (\psi_j^{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}))^* n_{ij}^{\mathbf{k}} \quad (14)$$

where $n_{ij}^{\mathbf{k}}$ is the DMFT occupancy matrix element in the KS orbital basis:

$$n_{ij}^{\mathbf{k}} = T \sum_{\omega_n} \langle \psi_i^{\mathbf{k}} | \hat{G} | \psi_j^{\mathbf{k}} \rangle e^{i\omega_n 0^+}, \quad (15)$$

$$\langle \psi_i^{\mathbf{k}} | \hat{G} | \psi_j^{\mathbf{k}} \rangle = \sum_{mnl} \frac{U_{im}^{\mathbf{k}} C_{ml, \mathbf{k}\omega_n}^R (U_{jn}^{\mathbf{k}} C_{nl, \mathbf{k}\omega_n}^L)^*}{i\omega_n + \mu - \epsilon_l^{\mathbf{k}\omega_n}}. \quad (16)$$

One can note that the DMFT occupancy matrix, $n^{\mathbf{k}}$ contains non-diagonal matrix elements in the Kohn-Sham basis and it becomes a diagonal matrix whose elements are DFT Fermi functions (DFT occupation matrix) when dynamical self-energies are zero. Since DMFT self-energies are hybridized with DFT bands only within the hybridization window W , the DMFT occupation matrix can be given by:

$$n_{ij}^{\mathbf{k}} = \begin{cases} \bar{n}_{ij}^{\mathbf{k}} & \text{if } (\epsilon_{i\mathbf{k}}, \epsilon_{j\mathbf{k}}) \in W, \\ f_i^{\mathbf{k}} \delta_{ij}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

Namely, $n^{\mathbf{k}}$ is a non-diagonal matrix $\bar{n}^{\mathbf{k}}$ when both $\epsilon_{i\mathbf{k}}$ and $\epsilon_{j\mathbf{k}}$ are located inside the energy window W while $n^{\mathbf{k}}$ is a DFT Fermi function outside the window W .

Since $\bar{n}^{\mathbf{k}}$ is not only a non-diagonal but also Hermitian matrix in the KS basis, it can be also decomposed in terms of eigenvalues $w_{\lambda}^{\mathbf{k}}$ and eigenfunctions $v_{\lambda}^{\mathbf{k}}$ as:

$$\bar{n}_{ij}^{\mathbf{k}} = \sum_{\lambda} v_{i\lambda}^{\mathbf{k}} \cdot w_{\lambda}^{\mathbf{k}} \cdot (v_{j\lambda}^{\mathbf{k}})^* \quad (18)$$

where the eigenvalue index λ runs over the number of bands in the window W . Therefore, the DMFT occupation matrix can be diagonalized by rotating a KS one-particle states $|\psi_i^{\mathbf{k}}\rangle$ to a new DMFT wavefunction $|\bar{\psi}_{\lambda}^{\mathbf{k}}\rangle$ using the unitary transform whose matrix row is the eigenfunction $v_{\lambda}^{\mathbf{k}}$:

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | \bar{\psi}_{\lambda}^{\mathbf{k}} \rangle = \sum_i \langle \mathbf{r} | \psi_i^{\mathbf{k}} \rangle \cdot v_{i\lambda}^{\mathbf{k}} \quad (19)$$

Now, $w_{\lambda}^{\mathbf{k}}$ will be the diagonal elements of the DMFT occupation matrix in this rotated KS basis and the sum over band indices i, j in Eq. (14) can be simplified to the sum over a new index λ . As a result, the DFT + DMFT charge density $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ can be constructed as:

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{N_{\mathbf{k}}} \sum_{\lambda, \mathbf{k}} |\bar{\psi}_{\lambda}^{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})|^2 w_{\lambda}^{\mathbf{k}}, & \text{if } (\epsilon_{i\mathbf{k}}, \epsilon_{j\mathbf{k}}) \in W, \\ \frac{1}{N_{\mathbf{k}}} \sum_{i, \mathbf{k}} |\psi_i^{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})|^2 f_i^{\mathbf{k}}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

Eq. (20) implies that $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ in DFT + DMFT can be computed using the existing modules for computing $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ in a DFT package

without much modifications. The major modifications within the hybridization window include (1) the change of DFT Fermi function f_i^k to the DMFT occupation function w_i^k and (2) the unitary transform of $|\psi_i^k\rangle$ to $|\bar{\psi}_\lambda^k\rangle$. To facilitate the implementation of the charge calculation in a DFT package, our DMFTwDFT package provides a library mode such that any DFT codes can call the Fortran subroutine to obtain the necessary information to update charge density within DFT + DMFT. Specifically, one can pass the \mathbf{k} -points information within DFT to the subroutine *Compute_DMFT* and obtain the DMFT weight w^k and the Unitary matrix v^k at each \mathbf{k} -point for computing the charge density $\rho(\mathbf{r})$. Details about the structure of this subroutine are provided in the following section.

Total number of valence electrons, N_{tot} can be computed by integrating $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ over the space, or equivalently from the trace of the occupation matrix n^k :

$$\begin{aligned} N_{tot} &= \int d\mathbf{r} \rho(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{ik} n_{ii}^k \\ &= \frac{T}{N_k} \sum_{k\omega_n} \frac{e^{i\omega_n 0^+}}{i\omega_n + \mu - \epsilon_l^{k\omega_n}} \\ &= \frac{T}{N_k} \sum_{k\omega_n} \left(\frac{1}{i\omega_n + \mu - \epsilon_l^{k\omega_n}} - \frac{1}{i\omega_n + \mu - \epsilon_l^{k\omega_\infty}} \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{kl} f(\epsilon_l^{k\omega_\infty} - \mu) \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

where $\epsilon_l^{k\omega_\infty}$ is the eigenvalue of Eq. (11) evaluated at $\omega \rightarrow \infty$ and $f(\epsilon)$ is the Fermi function. Here, the high-frequency ω_n summation can be done analytically when $\omega_n \rightarrow \omega_\infty$. The chemical potential μ can be determined by imposing the condition that the total number of valence electrons (N_{tot}) obtained from DFT + DMFT should be fixed during the self-consistent loop and equal to the number of valence electrons in a material usually given in DFT.

2.4. Total energy and double counting correction

Once the charge-self-consistent DFT + DMFT loop is converged, the functional Γ in Eq. (2) evaluated at the stationary point (self-consistently determined DFT + DMFT solution) delivers the electronic Free energy of a given material within DFT + DMFT. The total energy E within DFT + DMFT can be obtained from the Free energy functional in the zero temperature limit as follows:

$$E = E^{DFT}[\rho] + \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{ik} \epsilon_i^k \cdot (n_{ii}^k - f_i^k) + E^{POT} - E^{DC} \quad (22)$$

where $E^{DFT}[\rho]$ is the DFT energy evaluated using the charge density ρ obtained within DFT + DMFT, ϵ_i^k is the DFT KS eigenvalue, n_{ii}^k is the diagonal element of the DMFT occupation matrix n^k (Eq. (17)), and f_i^k is the Fermi function (DFT occupancy matrix) with the KS band i and the momentum \mathbf{k} .

The potential energy E^{POT} is the Luttinger–Ward functional Φ evaluated using the DMFT Green's function G^{cor} and can be given from the Migdal–Galiskii formula [55]:

$$E^{pot} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} [\Sigma \cdot G^{cor}] = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\omega_n} [\Sigma(i\omega_n) \cdot G^{cor}(i\omega_n)]. \quad (23)$$

A frequently used expression of E^{DC} is the fully localized limit (FLL) form which has been adopted mostly in DFT + U calculations [56].

$$E^{DC} = \frac{U}{2} \cdot N_d \cdot (N_d - 1) - \frac{J}{4} \cdot N_d \cdot (N_d - 2) \quad (24)$$

$$V^{DC} = \frac{\partial E^{DC}}{\partial N_d} = U \cdot (N_d - \frac{1}{2}) - \frac{J}{2} \cdot (N_d - 1) \quad (25)$$

where V^{DC} is the DC potential, U is the on-site Hubbard interaction, J is the Hund's coupling, and N_d is the occupancy of correlated orbitals within the correlation subspace which is obtained from the result of self-consistent DFT + DMFT or DFT + U calculations.

While the DC energy correction needs to be subtracted from the DFT + DMFT functional, the calculation of the exact E^{DC} and V^{DC} values can be difficult and the different choices of the DC energy can often produce quantitatively distinct physical results by modifying the hybridization between the correlated orbital and non-correlated orbitals. Therefore, the accuracy of DFT + DMFT can be limited by how one can choose the proper form of the DC energy term. Indeed, previous studies showed that the smaller DC energy than the conventional FLL form can often produce consistent results of the metal–insulator transition boundary, the d–p spectra, and energetics compared to experiments [57–63]. In this paper, we adopt the following modified forms of the DC correction from the conventional FLL form. Here, we provide three different types of E^{DC} functions. A modified E^{DC} form (DC_type = 1) is given by

$$E^{DC} = \frac{(U - \alpha)}{2} \cdot N_d \cdot (N_d - 1) - \frac{J}{4} \cdot N_d \cdot (N_d - 2) \quad (26)$$

where the Hubbard U used in Eq. (24) becomes smaller by α so that the E^{DC} value is reduced. Here, the value for the parameter α can be chosen by users. $\alpha = 0$ (default setting) recovers the FLL form in Eq. (24). Another modified form (DC_type = 2) is given by

$$E^{DC} = \frac{U}{2} \cdot (N_d - \alpha) \cdot (N_d - \alpha - 1) - \frac{J}{4} \cdot (N_d - \alpha) \cdot (N_d - \alpha - 2) \quad (27)$$

where N_d used in Eq. (24) gets smaller by α so that the E^{DC} value is reduced. Also, $\alpha = 0$ setting recovers the FLL form. The other modified V^{DC} form (DC_type = 3) is given by

$$V^{DC} = \frac{U}{2} \cdot N_d^0 \cdot (N_d^0 - 1) - \frac{J}{4} \cdot N_d^0 \cdot (N_d^0 - 2) \quad (28)$$

where N_d^0 is the nominal occupancy of the correlated orbital. Also, this nominal V^{DC} potential is known to be close to an exact V^{DC} form [64].

To show how different choices of DC formula and α values can affect the electronic structure, we have shown the DMFT density of states of LaNiO_3 at different DC types and α values in Fig. 1. Note that the detailed electronic structure of LaNiO_3 has been discussed in a later section. We observed that DC types 1 and 2 have similar effects as the O-2p DOS is pushed away from the Ni-3d DOS which leads to a weaker p–d hybridization when we increase the α value. On the other hand, we found that the DC type 3 is independent of the α value although the resulting DOS is similar to the DC type 1 DOS with $\alpha = 0.2$.

Further, an atomic force calculation within DFT + DMFT can be performed by taking an explicit derivative of the total energy in Eq. (22) or the Free energy with respect to the atomic position. Some implementations of atomic force calculations in DFT + DMFT are already present [65,66]. We are currently incorporating the force calculation within our package and the details will be given in another paper.

3. Features of DMFTwDFT

In this section, we provide the most important features of our DMFTwDFT code including the overall structure of the code, the parallelized nature, the library mode, the interface to different DFT codes, and the automated scripts.

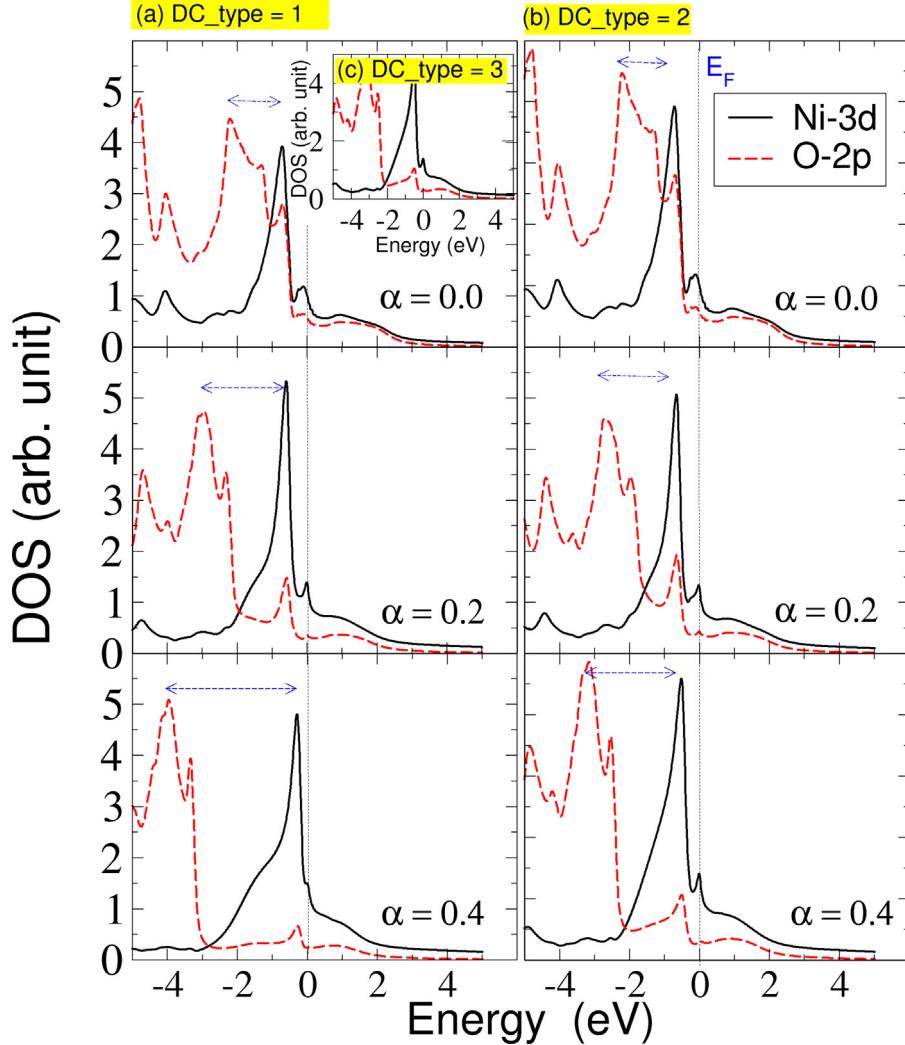


Fig. 1. Comparing the calculated DMFT partial density of Ni-3d and O-2p states of LaNiO_3 for different DC formula (a) $\text{DC_type} = 1$, (b) $\text{DC_type} = 2$, and (c) $\text{DC_type} = 3$ (inset). Note, $\text{DC_type} = 3$ is independent on α .

3.1. Overall structure

Here, we describe the overall structure of our DMFTwDFT code in Fig. 2. The overall DFT + DMFT loop is performed by a Python script (RUNDMFT.py). The DMFT loop in Fig. 2 is performed by the main executable of the DMFTwDFT program (dmft.x). First, the local Green's function $G^{\text{cor}}(i\omega_n)$ ($G_{\text{loc.out}}$) and the hybridization function $\Delta(i\omega_n)$ (Delta.out) are computed using inputs of a DMFT self-energy $\Sigma(i\omega_n)$ (sig.inp) and a Wannier-based Hamiltonian (see Eqs. (11) and (12)). The Wannier Hamiltonian can be obtained from DFT interfaced with the Wannier90 code [27] or from tight-binding parameters provided by users. The outputs of dmft.x including $\Delta(i\omega_n)$ (Delta.out), impurity energy levels (Ed.out), and the chemical potential (DMFT_mu.out) are used as inputs of a DMFT impurity solver. Our code is currently interfaced with the CTQMC impurity solver. The DMFT self-energy obtained from CTQMC is used as the input of dmft.x for the next DMFT loop.

The charge-self-consistency in DFT + DMFT is achieved by updating the charge density from the DMFT Green's function within the DFT loop in Fig. 2. Our code provides the library mode for passing the necessary information from the DMFT calculation to a DFT code, where the DMFT occupation matrix (Eq. (20)) is included, and a new charge density and Wannier functions are obtained within the DFT loop. It is important to note that the

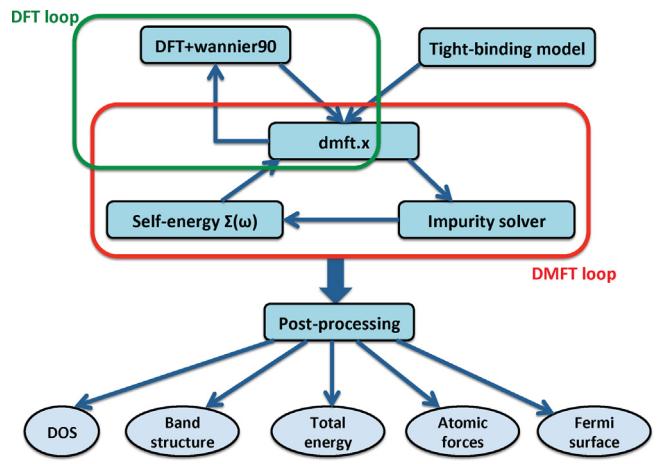


Fig. 2. The overall structure of the DMFTwDFT code.

main component of our code is interfaced to the MLWF, which is an independent basis set from a DFT-specific basis set used in obtaining the Bloch states. Thus, our code can also be interfaced

straightforwardly to any electronic structure code, as long as the DFT implementation is able to obtain MLWFs. Currently, the VASP (with the full DFT + DMFT loop) and Siesta codes (the DMFT loop only) are interfaced with our program. The detailed procedure of the full charge-self-consistent DFT + DMFT calculation is as follows.

1. First, a complete DFT self-consistent calculation is performed from the given atomic structure without any spin-polarization and the solution of the DFT KS equation is obtained.
2. The Wannier functions are constructed to represent the localized orbitals within the hybridization energy window. The KS Hamiltonian (\hat{H}^{KS}) in the basis of the Wannier function is obtained. In order to find the appropriate hybridization window (Wannier energy window), one may employ a projected band structure or density of states plot to identify the energy range of the hybridization subspace. One such method to achieve this is through PyProcar [67], a code developed in the group of one of the authors.
3. Next, the DMFT loop in Fig. 2 is performed using the dmft.x executable. The inputs of dmft.x are the Wannier Hamiltonian (\hat{H}^{KS}) obtained from the Wannier90 outputs, the self-energy $\Sigma(i\omega_n)$, and the DC potential V^{DC} . Both $\Sigma(i\omega_n)$ and V^{DC} can be given as an initial guess or obtained from the previous DFT + DMFT loop. The outputs of dmft.x are the chemical potential μ , the impurity energy level ϵ_{imp} , the hybridization function $\Delta(i\omega_n)$, and the Green's function $G^{cor}(i\omega_n)$.
4. A quantum impurity problem coupled to $\Delta(i\omega_n)$ is solved using a CTQMC impurity solver to obtain $\Sigma(i\omega_n)$. The new Σ is mixed with the old Σ and used as input of dmft.x for the next DMFT step. The V^{DC} potential is also updated.
5. While the DMFT loop is converging, one can achieve the full charge-self-consistent DFT + DMFT result by updating $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ from the DMFT occupancy matrix n^k (Eq. (14)). For the new charge update, a DFT code should be modified by linking our library mode to the DFT package and implement Eq. (20).
6. Once the new $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ is obtained, one can go back to Step 1 and a new KS equation can be solved. The Wannier functions are computed again to generate the new \hat{H}^{KS} . For a better convergence of $\rho(\mathbf{r})$, one can iterate $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ using the new \hat{H}^{KS} while the DMFT self energy is fixed until the DFT loop (see Fig. 2) is converged.
7. The full charge-self-consistent DFT + DMFT solution is achieved when both DFT and DMFT loops are converged. While the DFT + DMFT loops are converging, the information about the occupancy of correlated orbitals, the total energy, and both the Green's function and the self energy at each iteration are stored. The convergence can be checked by monitoring the change of these variables.
8. After the DFT + DMFT loop is converged, one can perform the post-processing to obtain the band-structure and the density of states (see Section 3.5 and the Appendix).

The source files can be found in the /src directory of our package in the GitHub repository. After the compilation of the source codes, executable files (dmft.x, ctqmc, wannier90.x, modified DFT code) and Python scripts (RUNDMFT.py) can be copied to the /bin directory and the path to this bin directory should be added to the path to environmental variables (\$PATH and \$PYTHONPATH). As an example, in the example directory of our package we have also kept the result of LaNiO₃ for both non-charge self consistent and charge self consistent DMFT calculation. By comparing these results, we did not find any significant change in the band structure of LaNiO₃.

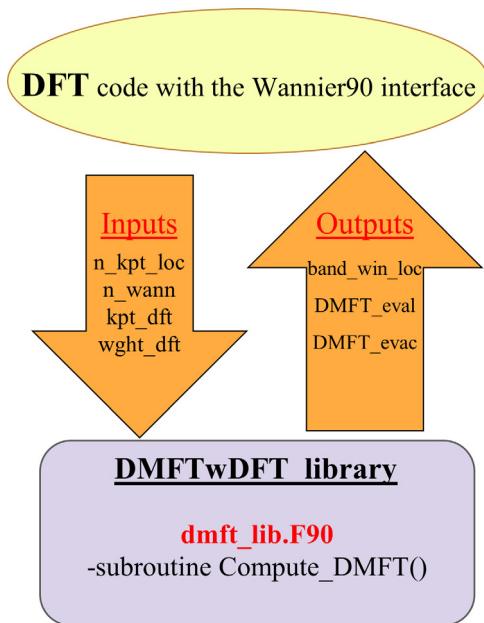


Fig. 3. Schematic of the DMFTwDFT library mode.

3.2. Parallelization

Our DMFTwDFT code has been implemented by adopting efficient parallelization using message passing interface (MPI). A bottleneck in running the dmft.x executable is solving the eigenvalue problem of the general complex matrix given in Eq.(11) for a dense \mathbf{k} -point mesh and large Matsubara ω_n points. Our code adopts the \mathbf{k} -point parallelization so that calculations with different \mathbf{k} -points can be distributed to different cores. Moreover, our code is also compatible with the VASP \mathbf{k} -point parallel scheme (INCAR tag:KPAR) and the charge update calculation can be also performed using the \mathbf{k} -point parallelization.

3.3. Library mode

As we explained in the Method section, implementing a fully charge self-consistent solution of DFT + DMFT requires the modification of the DFT package so that $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ can be updated using Eq. (20) from eigenvalues w^k and eigenfunctions v^k of the DMFT occupation matrix \bar{n}^k obtained within our DMFTwDFT code. This can be easily achieved by employing our library mode. A schematic of our library mode is given in Fig. 3. It is clear from the schematic that any DFT code can be linked to our library mode and call the Fortran subroutine *Compute_DMFT* from *dmft_lib.F90* to obtain the outputs of w^k (DMFT_eval) and v^k (DMFT_evec) of \bar{n}^k . These outputs are used for modifying the DFT occupation (the Fermi function) and the KS one-particle states to the DMFT occupation w^k and the DMFT wavefunction $\bar{\psi}^k$ to compute the new charge density. The structure and details of input and output parameters used in this subroutine are given as follows:

```
subroutine Compute_DMFT(n_kpts_loc, n_wann, kpt_dft,
wght_dft, band_win_loc, DMFT_eval, DMFT_evec)
  integer, intent(in) :: n_kpts_loc, n_wann
  real(kind = dp), intent(in) :: kpt_dft(3, n_kpts_loc)
  real(kind = dp), intent(in) :: wght_dft(n_kpts_loc)
  integer, intent(out) :: band_win_loc(2, n_kpts_loc)
  real(kind = dp), intent(out) :: DMFT_eval(n_wann, n_kpts_loc)
  complex(kind = dp), intent(out) :: DMFT_evec(n_wann,
n_kpts_loc)
```

Here, $n_{\text{kpts_loc}}$ is a variable to represent the number of \mathbf{k} -points in DFT (It can be either \mathbf{k} -points in irreducible Brillouin zone (IBZ) or full BZ). n_{wann} is the number of wannier orbitals in an unit cell (the size of the Wannier Hamiltonian). kpt_dft is the list of \mathbf{k} -points with fractional coordinates. wgth_dft is the weight of each \mathbf{k} -point in BZ. The sum of weights should be one. band_win_loc is the range of the band index (minimum and maximum values) for the Wannier subspace W at each \mathbf{k} -point. This will be needed for computing charge density within the subspace. DMFT_eval is the eigenvalue ($w_{\lambda}^{\mathbf{k}}$) of the DMFT occupancy matrix $n^{\mathbf{k}}$. And DMFT_evec is the eigenvector ($v_{i\lambda}^{\mathbf{k}}$) of $n^{\mathbf{k}}$.

3.4. Interfacing with various DFT codes

Due to the object oriented nature of the DMFTwDFT code it is possible to interface our library to a variety of DFT codes. Modern DFT codes are interfaced with the Wannier90 package. An initial DFT + Wannier90 calculation is all it takes to feed inputs to the DMFT loop. However, for full charge self-consistent DFT + DMFT calculations the DFT codes must be modified to sum the DFT and DMFT charge densities, as the total charge density. Our DMFTwDFT library mode mentioned in the features section renders this possibility. Currently we have the full charge DFT + DMFT self-consistent calculation interfaced to VASP [49] and the self-consistent DMFT calculation interfaced to Siesta.

3.4.1. VASP

The Vienna Ab initio Simulation Package (VASP) [68], is a package for performing first principles electronic structure calculations using either Vanderbilt pseudopotentials [69], or the projector augmented wave (PAW) method [70]. This code uses a plane wave basis set for the KS orbitals, which has several advantages while performing the electronic structure calculations. The basic methodology employed in VASP is DFT, but it also allows use of post-DFT corrections such as hybrid functionals mixing DFT and Hartree–Fock exchange, many-body perturbation theory (the GW method) and dynamical electronic correlations within the random phase approximation (RPA). VASP uses fast iterative techniques for the diagonalization of the DFT Hamiltonian and allows to perform total-energy calculations and structural optimizations for systems with thousands of atoms. Also, ab-initio molecular dynamics simulations for ensembles with a few hundred atoms extending over several tens of picosecond is possible using this code. It also has an interface with Wannier90 code. More details on the DMFT implementation and how was interfaced with VASP (v5.4.4), using the projector augmented wave method, can be found in Ref. [49].

3.4.2. Siesta

The DFT code Siesta [33] is a Spanish initiative to perform electronic structure calculations and Ab initio molecular dynamics based on localized basis sets with a large global community. Unlike VASP, this code uses numerical atomic orbitals as the basis set for the KS orbitals. It also supports interfacing with wannier90 which enables the implementation of our DMFT code to it. As VASP is a commercial code, it was decided to pursue developments with free license codes and Siesta was our first choice. Currently, we have interfaced our DMFTwDFT code with latest Siesta code (SIESTA version 4 or greater) to perform self-consistent DMFT calculations. We have checked our implementation by performing DMFT calculation on SrVO₃. For SrVO₃, we have used Troullier–Martins norm-conserving pseudopotentials scheme as implemented in the SIESTA code [71]. Exchange and correlation functional was approximated using generalized gradient approximation (GGA) of Perdew–Burke–Ernzerhof (PBE) [42],

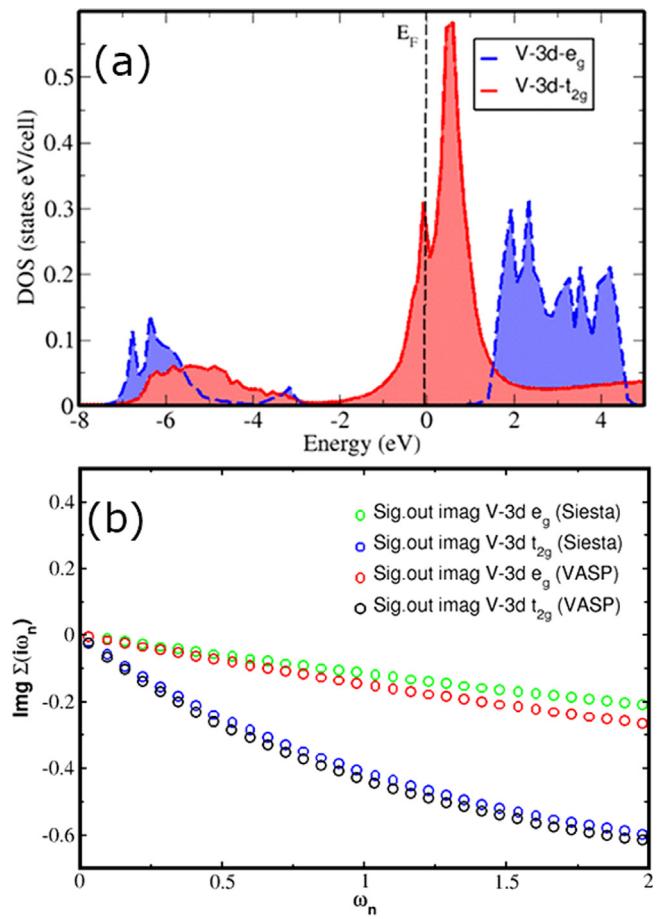


Fig. 4. (a) SrVO₃ DMFT DOS, and (b) compared the imaginary part of the self-energy (Σ) as a function of Matsubara frequencies which was obtained by the Siesta and VASP DMFT calculations.

with a plane wave energy cutoff of 600 Ry and a $8 \times 8 \times 8$ \mathbf{k} -point mesh. We selected the multiple-zeta basis set, split and fixed the orbital confining cut-off to 0.02 Ry. The split norm used was 0.15. Geometry optimizations were performed using the conjugate gradient algorithm until all residual forces were smaller than 0.001 eV/Å. In the following, we discuss the procedure to run DMFT with Siesta.

1. Initially, run siesta to find the Fermi energy and the Total energy. We need this for the DMFT calculation. For this initial run, the users can comment out the wannier blocks in the .fdf file.

```
siesta<SrVO3.fdf>SrVO3.out
```

2. Now, the Fermi energy and Total energy can be extracted from the .out file and save it in the files **DFT_mu.out** and **siesta_ETOT**, respectively.
3. Run **RUNDMFT_siesta.py**.

```
python RUNDMFT_siesta.py
```

The convergence procedure is very similar to the VASP case. Once the calculation is complete, one can perform the post-processing similarly to VASP + DMFT. Obtained DMFT projected density of states using siesta interface for SrVO₃ is shown in Fig. 4a. In addition, we have compared the imaginary part of the self energy for V-3d e_g and t_{2g} states as a function of Matsubara

frequency obtained by both VASP and Siesta DMFT interface. A comparison is shown in Fig. 4b. Our results clearly revealed a similar trend for the self-energy on both electronic structure codes. Thus, the obtained correlation is very similar in both Siesta and VASP. As of now, Siesta + DMFT only performs charge self consistent calculations within DMFT. We are currently working on achieving full charge self consistency within the complete DFT + DMFT loop which will be available in the next code release.

3.5. Automated scripts

We have created a set of Python scripts to automate the complete DFT + DMFT calculation and the post-processing procedure. The Python scripts are in the `/scripts` directory of our package and should be copied to the `/bin` directory. The functionality of the scripts are described below.

3.5.1. `DMFT.py`

This script performs the DFT + DMFT calculation. Running `DMFT.py -h` displays a help message providing instructions. The calculation has the following options:

- **-dft:**
The choice of DFT code. Currently, VASP and Siesta are supported.
- **-relax:**
This flag turns on DFT convergence testing. If the forces are not converged a convergence calculation is attempted and if it fails the user is asked to modify convergence parameters. This is useful for vacancy and defect calculations where a force convergence is required after the vacancy or defect is created in order to obtain a relaxed structure to perform DFT + DMFT calculation. Currently supported for VASP. This uses PyChemia [72] to check for convergence. The relaxation occurs inside a “DFT_relax” directory.
- **-structurename:**
DFT codes such as Siesta uses input files that contain the name of the system e.g. `SrVO3.fdf`. Therefore when performing DFT + DMFT calculations with Siesta this flag is required.
- **-dmft:**
This flag performs the DMFT calculation using the results from the DFT calculation if a previous DMFT calculation in the same directory is incomplete.
- **-hf:**
This flag performs the Hartree–Fock (HF) calculation to the correlated orbitals specified in `INPUT.py` if a previous HF calculation in the same directory is incomplete.
- **-force:**
This flag forces a DMFT or HF calculation even if a previous calculation has been completed. The option to check for completeness is helpful when running many DMFT/HF jobs on a cluster.
- **-kmeshtol:**
This controls the tolerance of two k-points belonging to the same shell in the Wannier90 calculation.
The calculations are performed in an automatically generated “DMFT” or “HF” directory where the script was run from. E.g.:

```
$DMFT.py -dft vasp -relax -dmft
$DMFT.py -dft siesta -structurename
SrVO3 -dmft
```

3.5.2. `postDMFT.py`

This script performs analytical continuation, density of states and band structure calculations on the DMFT/HF data. Once the DMFT/HF calculations are complete, this script should be initiated within the “DMFT” or “HF” directories. Running `postDMFT.py -h` displays a help message providing instructions. The calculations has the following options:

- **ac:**
This function performs the Analytic Continuation to obtain the Self Energies on the real axis. For detail refer [Appendix](#). It has the option `-siglistindx` to specify the last number of Self Energy files to average for the calculation.
- **dos:**
This function performs the partial density of states of the correlated orbitals. It has the following options:
 - `emin`: Minimum energy value for interpolation
 - `emax`: Maximum energy value for interpolation
 - `rom`: Number of Matsubara Frequency (ω) points
 - `broaden`: Broadening of the dos
 - `show`: Display the density of states
 - `elim`: The energy range to plot
- **bands:**
This function performs the DMFT band structure calculations. It has the following options:
 - `emin`: Minimum energy value for interpolation
 - `emax`: Maximum energy value for interpolation
 - `rom`: Number of Matsubara Frequency (ω) points
 - `kpband`: Number of k-points for band structure calculation
 - `kn`: A list of labels for k-points
 - `kp`: A list of k-points corresponding to the k-point labels
 - `plotplain`: Flag to plot a plain band structure
 - `plotpartial`: Flag to plot a projected band structure
 - `wo`: List of Wannier orbitals to project onto the band structure
 - `vlim`: Spectral intensity range
 - `show`: Display the bands

The projected bands are especially helpful in determining the contribution to bands from different orbitals.

The calculations are stored in directories `ac`, `dos` and `bands`, respectively. The following are some example commands to perform post-processing. e.g.:

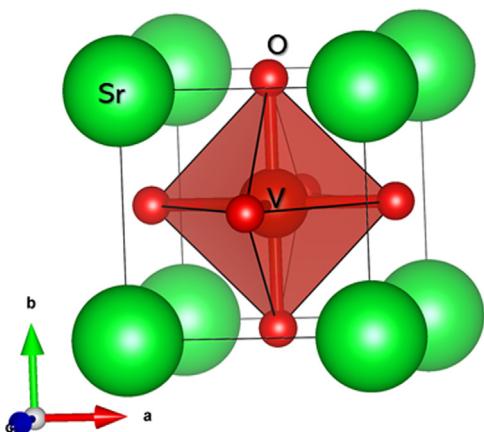
```
$postDMFT.py ac -siglistindx 4
$postDMFT.py dos -show
$postDMFT.py bands -plotplain
$postDMFT.py bands -plotpartial -wo 4 5 6
```

4. Examples

In this section, we illustrate the capabilities of our DMFTwDFT code by describing electronic structure of three different correlated systems: (i) SrVO3, a paramagnetic *d*-orbital system; (ii) LaNiO3, a paramagnetic system with a *p-d* covalent bonding; (iii) NiO, a charge-transfer insulator.

4.1. SrVO3

SrVO3 forms a perovksite crystal structure with an ideal cubic $Pm\bar{3}m$ symmetry, containing one V ion in the unit cell [73]. In the cell, V-ion is coordinated by 6 oxygen and forms an undistorted

Fig. 5. Crystal structure of SrVO_3 .

VO_6 octahedra (see Fig. 5). Due to the cubic symmetry, the d orbitals are split into two sets of three t_{2g} and two e_g orbitals. The expected electronic configuration for V-ion is $3d^1$ following from the formal oxidation V^{4+} . One d electron partially occupied in the t_{2g} shell can exhibit the correlation effect. Therefore, SrVO_3 has been the subject of many experimental and theoretical investigations using DFT + DMFT [74–76] as a benchmark material for strong correlation physics.

Previous electronic-structure studies show that SrVO_3 exhibits pronounced lower and upper Hubbard bands, which cannot be explained by conventional DFT [77–79]. Here, we perform the DFT + DMFT calculation of SrVO_3 using our DMFTwDFT package interfaced with VASP. To prepare the necessary input for our DMFT run, we begin by performing DFT calculations of SrVO_3 using the VASP code [29,70] with the PBE exchange and correlation functional [42]. The plane-wave energy cutoff was chosen as 600 eV and a $8 \times 8 \times 8$ Monkhorst-pack grid [80] was used for defining a k -space.

The DFT band-structure plotted using our recently implemented DFT pre/post-processing software PyProcar [67], is shown in Fig. 6. V-3d(t_{2g}) states are located near the Fermi energy between -1.0 eV and 1.0 eV and V-3d(e_g) bands are between 1.0 eV and 5.0 eV. Oxygen 2p states are below -2.0 eV and mixed with some of V- e_g bands. While many DFT + DMFT calculations of SrVO_3 used the V- t_{2g} orbitals as correlated orbitals and chose the Wannier energy window between -1.0 eV and 1.0 eV [81], we use the wider energy window of $[-8.0:5.0]$ eV from the Fermi energy to ensure the highly localized nature of V- d orbitals. Therefore, we construct the MLWFs of V-3d and O-2p orbitals using the Wannier90 code [26,28] interfaced to VASP and converge the gauge-dependent spread of Wannier orbitals in 1000 steps. We compared the original band structure obtained from VASP with our Wannier-interpolated band structure and a good agreement was obtained.

Our DMFTwDFT code can perform the DMFT calculations of SrVO_3 by copying required DFT and Wannier90 output files from the DFT run directory using the python script “*Copy_input.py*”. In the case of SrVO_3 , we treat V as a correlated site and V-3d (t_{2g} and e_g) orbitals as the correlated orbitals. We used CTQMC [11] as the DMFT impurity solver using the local Coulomb repulsion $U = 5.0$ eV, a Hund's exchange coupling $J = 1.0$ eV [82], and temperature as low as 0.01 eV ≈ 110 K. To avoid the double counting of the Coulomb interaction, we also used the modified DC correction, $\text{DC_type} = 1$ (Eq. (26)) with $\alpha = 0.2$ for SrVO_3 DMFT calculation [49]. Our results are not sensitive to the choice of different DC corrections as the t_{2g} orbitals are rather separated from other orbitals. We have used $20 \times 20 \times 20$ k -points while

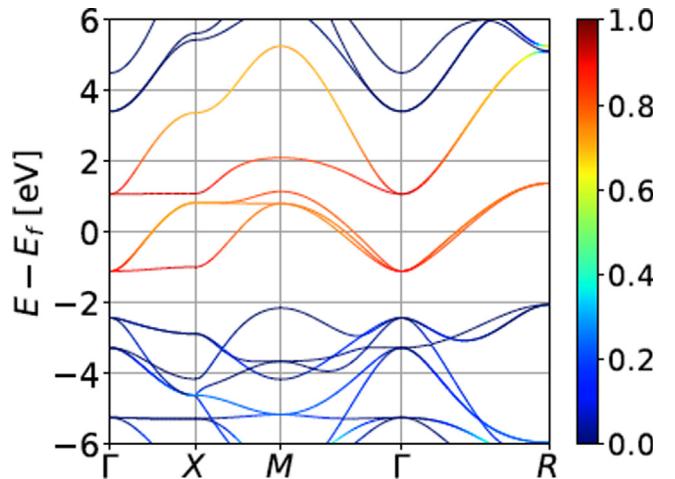


Fig. 6. The V 3d orbital projected band structure of SrVO_3 (red). The energy range that encloses these projected orbitals is used to construct the Wannier window for the DMFT calculation. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

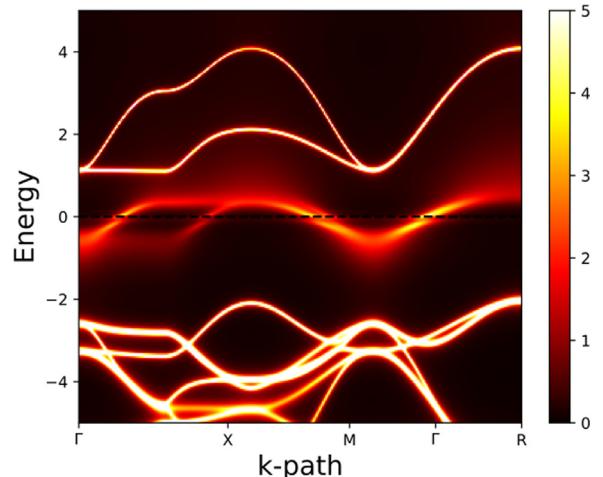


Fig. 7. SrVO_3 DMFT band structure along the high symmetry direction of BZ, Γ - X - M - Γ - R.

doing the DMFT calculations. After DFT + DMFT calculations are converged, we used our post-processing script as we discussed earlier and calculated the k -resolved spectral function $A(k, \omega)$ (Fig. 7) and density of states $A(\omega)$ (Fig. 8a) for SrVO_3 .

In Fig. 7, we present the DMFT band structure $A(k, \omega)$ plotted following a k -path in the BZ for the energy ω between -5.0 and 5.0 eV. Comparison of our DMFT bands to DFT bands shows that V- t_{2g} bands near the Fermi energy are renormalized and slightly incoherent due to the broadening of the self-energy while e_g and oxygen p bands are very similar to DFT bands. This is also consistent with the fact that the imaginary part of $\Sigma(i\omega_n)$ for both t_{2g} and e_g orbitals are very small at $\omega_n = 0$ but the t_{2g} orbital has the larger $\Sigma(i\omega_n)$ than the e_g orbital as ω_n increases. Our calculated mass renormalization factor for t_{2g} states is 1.7, which is slightly smaller than the experimental mass renormalization factor that ranges from 1.8–2 [83–85]. This is a measure of the reduction in quasiparticle weight that can be easily inferred from the slope of the Matsubara-axis self-energy at $\omega = 0$ [$Z \approx 1/(1 - \text{Im} \Sigma(i\omega_n)/\omega_n)$]. The reciprocal of Z can be considered as a mass renormalization factor. The overall DMFT spectra $A(\omega)$ for SrVO_3 (Fig. 8a) exhibits noticeable changes of the local spectral function compared to the DFT DOS (Fig. 8b). Namely, a narrowing of the

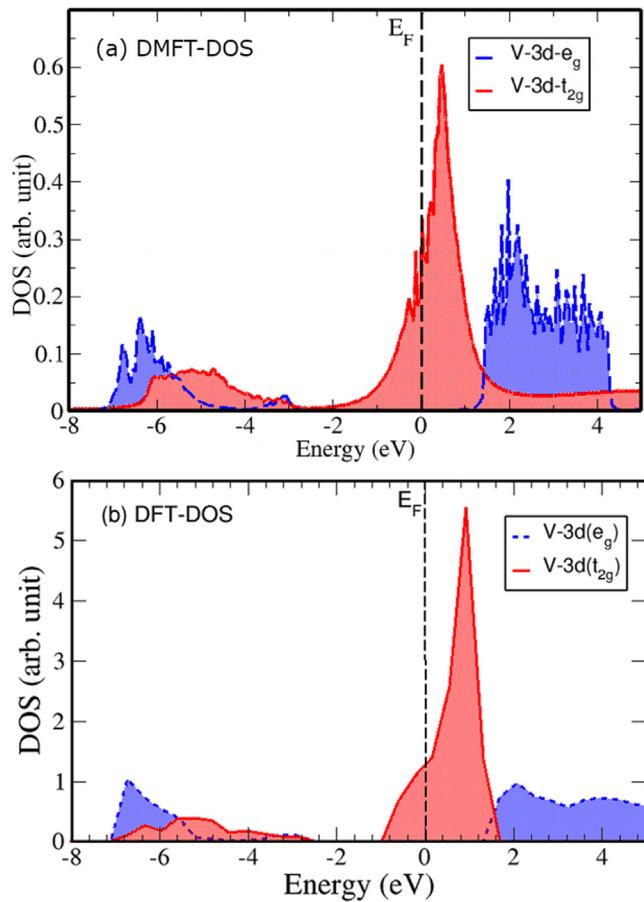


Fig. 8. The projected density of states of SrVO_3 for the correlated V 3d- e_g and 3d- t_{2g} orbitals obtained using (a) DMFT and (b) DFT calculations.

t_{2g} quasi-particle (QP) bands close to the Fermi level occurs and the QP spectral weights move to lower and upper Hubbard bands, whose positions are dependent on the choice of the Hubbard U [86].

4.2. LaNiO_3

LaNiO_3 is the only known paramagnetic and metallic compound among the rare-earth nickelate series down to very lowest temperatures [87,88]. In spite of the metallic state, LaNiO_3 resides very close to the Mott insulator phase boundary, and moreover various experimental probes including Angle-resolved Photoemission Spectroscopy (ARPES) [89], optical conductivity [90,91], and thermo-dynamical measurements [92] show that LaNiO_3 is still correlated. Moreover, recent discovery for superconductivity in the infinite-layer rare-earth nickelate has also resurged the correlation effects in nickelates [93,94]. LaNiO_3 has a rhombohedral symmetry, described by $\text{R}3\bar{c}$ space group. The crystal structure of LaNiO_3 is shown in Fig. 9.

Several DFT calculations have been performed to study the electronic and lattice properties of LaNiO_3 . Guo et al. [95] found the A1g Raman mode, whose frequency is sensitive to the electronic band structure method, is a useful signature to characterize the octahedral rotations in rhombohedral LaNiO_3 . The authors also found that DFT with local spin density approximation (LSDA) accurately reproduces the delocalized nature of the valence states in LaNiO_3 and gives the best agreement with the available experimental data [96] for the electronic structure. Surprisingly,

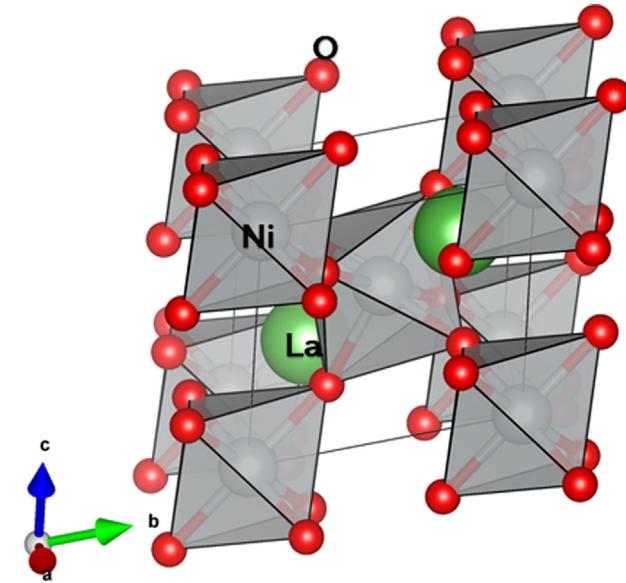


Fig. 9. Crystal structure of LaNiO_3 .

they have found that NiO_6 rotation angle θ , the order parameter characterizing the structural phase transition in LaNiO_3 , is highly sensitive to the exchange-correlation (XC) functional. Even calculations with the same functional but different pseudopotentials (e.g., the LSDA calculations performed with the VASP and Quantum Espresso codes) yield θ values with obvious differences. Therefore, the authors suggest that an accurate and comprehensive study of various theoretical approximations for the description of octahedra rotation angles in rhombohedral perovskite oxides is needed which remains a mystery until now. This implies an accurate calculation of the forces is indeed necessary to obtain the accurate structure of LaNiO_3 , which remain the next target of the current project. Calculation of the forces using DMFT will be available with the next release of DMFTwDFT code.

Nevertheless, recently, Nowadnik, et al. [97] performed DFT + DMFT calculations in LaNiO_3 using the early version of our DMFTwDFT code and quantified the electronic correlation strength by comparing with ARPES measurements. Their results established that the LaNiO_3 is indeed a moderately correlated Fermi liquid. Obtained DFT + DMFT spectral-function of LaNiO_3 along the momentum space cut $(\pi/2a_{pc}, k_y, 0.7\pi/a_{pc})$ which is in good agreement with existing ARPES data as shown in Fig. 10 (COPY WRITE for Fig. 10 is provided by the American Physical Society and Scientific Publishing and Remittance Integration services (SciPris)). In both experiments (left side) and DFT + DMFT (right side), there is a shallow band crossing the Fermi level with a band bottom at 50 meV and a Fermi level crossing at $k_y = -0.2\pi/a_{pc}$. This band is substantially renormalized by electron correlations relative to the rhombohedral DFT band structure. By considering the frequency derivative of the electron self-energy obtained by the DMFT, authors have also calculated the theoretical mass renormalization for LaNiO_3 , which is 3.5. This implies, $m_{\text{DMFT}}^* = 3.5 \times m_{\text{band}}^*$, where m_{band}^* is the electron effective mass calculated from DFT and m_{DMFT}^* is the mass approximated from the DMFT spectral function. This is in good agreement with the soft X-ray ARPES mass renormalization value which is 3. In the following, for completeness, we discuss the full DFT + DMFT spectral function along the high-symmetry points of the BZ and density of states of LaNiO_3 obtained using our DMFTwDFT code.

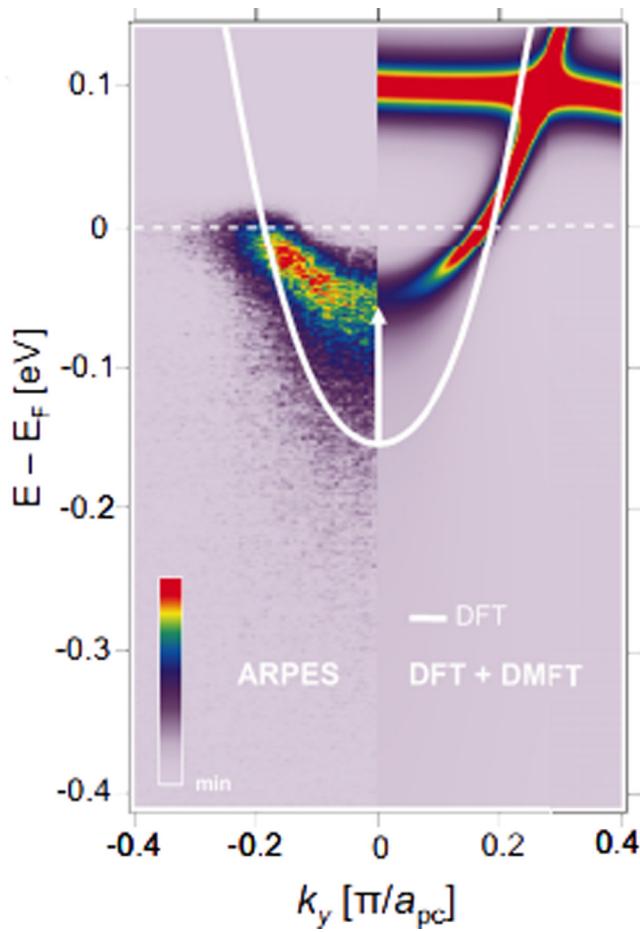


Fig. 10. Comparison of ARPES spectrum (left side) and DFT + DMFT spectral function (right side), both along the momentum space cut ($\pi/2a_{pc}$, k_y , $0.7\pi/a_{pc}$) (a_{pc} is the lattice constant of the primitive cell) to the DFT band structure, calculated in the bulk $R\bar{3}c$ structure (white line).

Source: Adapted from Ref. [97].

Similar to the $SrVO_3$ case, we first perform DFT calculations using the VASP code [29] by consider the bulk $LaNiO_3$ in a rhombohedral crystal structure (space group $R\bar{3}c$, $a^-a^-a^-$ in Glazer notation) [95]. As we mentioned earlier, by comparing different DFT functionals Guo et al. reached to a conclusion that the LDA functional is the best functional for $LaNiO_3$ [95]. Thus, to treat exchange-correlation in $LaNiO_3$ we have also employed LDA functional and core electrons were defined within the PAW methodology [70] as implemented in the VASP code. We have used a 600 eV plane-wave cutoff and, for structural relaxations, a force convergence tolerance of 2 meV/A. We used $8 \times 8 \times 8$ k -points meshes. The obtained DFT band-structure along the high symmetry points in BZ is shown in Fig. 11.

From the DFT band structure, we construct the Ni 3d and O 2p MLWFs using the Wannier90 [26,28] code over the ~ 11 eV range ($[-8:3.2]$ eV from the Fermi energy) spanned by the p-d manifold as the hybridization window and treated Ni d orbitals as the correlated orbitals. The obtained Wannier interpolated band-structure is shown in Fig. 12 which is in good agreement with the DFT band structure as shown in Fig. 11. In $LaNiO_3$, the nominal configuration is $Ni\ d^7$ with fully filled t_{2g} (Fig. 12a) band and quarter filled e_g band (Fig. 12b). Our results clearly revealed that Ni 3d t_{2g} bands are completely filled at energy between -2.0 eV and 0.0 eV, and e_g bands are partially filled in the range of -1.0 eV and 3.0 eV. Different from the $SrVO_3$ band structure, oxygen 2p states are much closer to the Fermi energy and e_g bands are

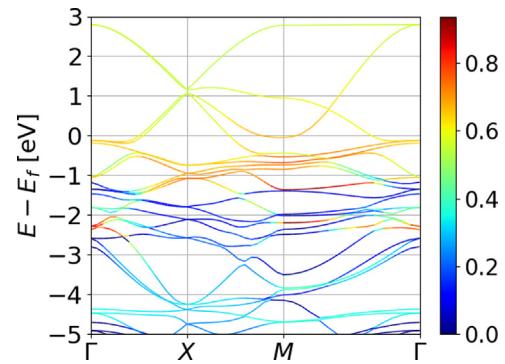


Fig. 11. Ni-3d orbital projected DFT band structure of $LaNiO_3$ (orange). The energy range that encloses these projected orbitals is used to construct the Wannier window for the DMFT calculation. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

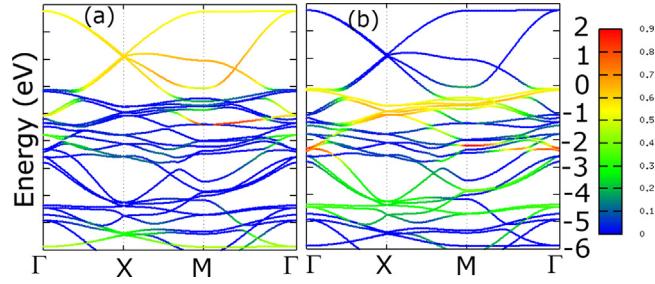


Fig. 12. Wannier-interpolated band structure with (a) $Ni\ 3d(e_g)$ and (b) $Ni\ 3d(t_{2g})$ states of $LaNiO_3$. The zero energy is the Fermi level.

covalently mixed with O p states. Therefore, including all Ni d and O p orbitals in the hybridization window will be important for a better description of $LaNiO_3$.

DMFT calculations were performed such that the correlated subspace is treated using the Hubbard interaction strength $U = 5$ eV and the Hund's interaction $J = 1$ eV. For the double-counting correction required in DFT + DMFT, we use the parametrization of U as $U - \alpha$ (DC_type = 1 and $\alpha = 0.2$), which was found to correctly reproduce the pressure phase diagram of the $RNiO_3$ [58]. The DMFT impurity problem is solved using the CTQMC method [11] with the temperature set to 0.01 eV ≈ 110 K. Using our post processing scripts, we obtained the Ni-3d projected DOS (see Fig. 13a) and k -resolve spectral function along the high-symmetry direction of the BZ (see Fig. 14) for $LaNiO_3$. Both results clearly reveal that moderate correlation is associated with the renormalized Ni- e_g manifold near the Fermi energy while t_{2g} state is almost filled and broader than the DFT DOS, Fig. 13b.

4.3. NiO

Crystal structure of NiO adopts a cubic rock-salt (B1) structure with octahedral Ni^{+2} and O^{-2} sites as shown in Fig. 15. NiO has been extensively studied experimentally and theoretically. It is a strongly correlated charge-transfer insulator with a large insulating gap of 4.3 eV and antiferromagnetic (AFM) ordering temperature (T_N) of $= 523$ K [98–100]. Conventional band theories cannot explain this large gap and predicted wrongly NiO to be metallic [101]. Spin-polarized DFT calculations using local spin density approximation (LSDA) found the AFM insulating state but obtained local magnetic moment at Ni sites are considerably smaller than the experimental values [102]. There

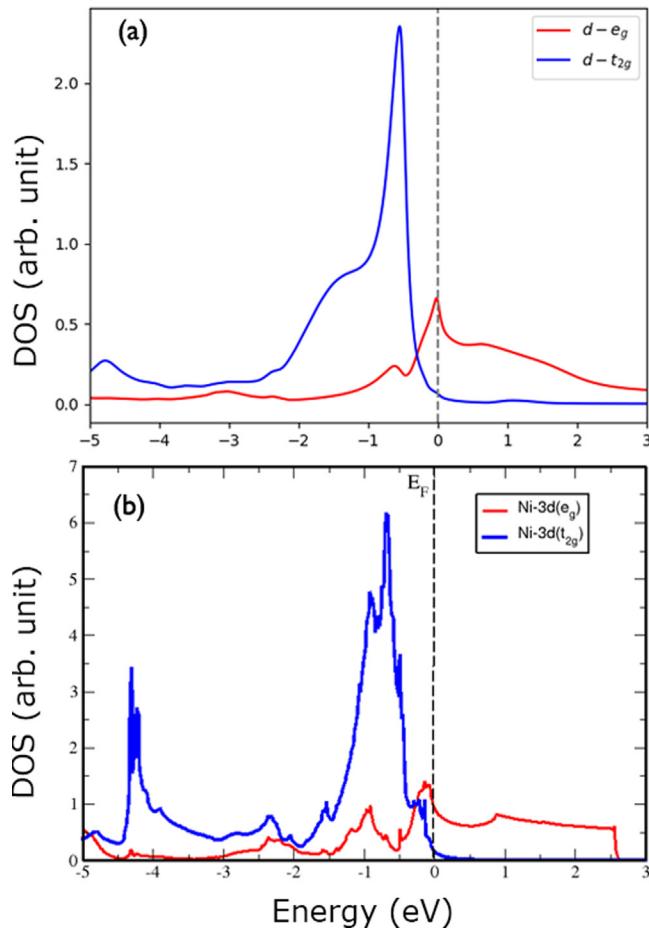


Fig. 13. The projected density of states of LaNiO_3 for the correlated Ni 3d- e_g and 3d- t_{2g} orbitals obtained by (a) DMFT and (b) DFT calculations.

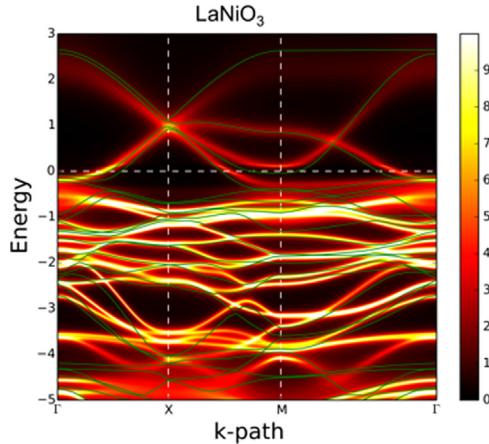


Fig. 14. The DFT (green) and DFT + DMFT (red) band structures of LaNiO_3 . (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

has been several studies which made an effort to go beyond DFT including self-interaction-corrected density functional theory (SIC-DFT) [103], the LDA + U method [104], and the GW approximation [105,106]. These methods represent some corrections of the single-particle Kohn–Sham potential and provide the improvements over the L(S)DA results for the values of the energy gap and local moments. It is important to note that in

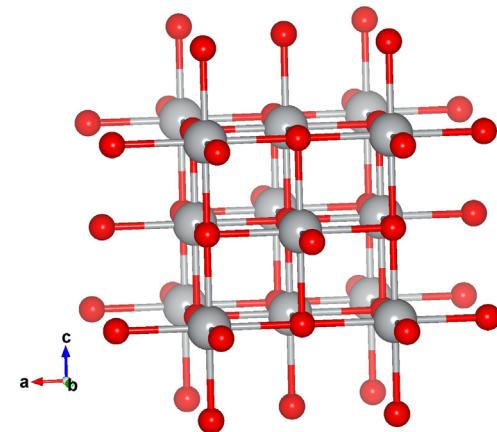


Fig. 15. Crystal structure of NiO . Ni and O atoms are in gray and red color, respectively. Rocksalt crystal of NiO , visualized as NiO_6 octahedral networks. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

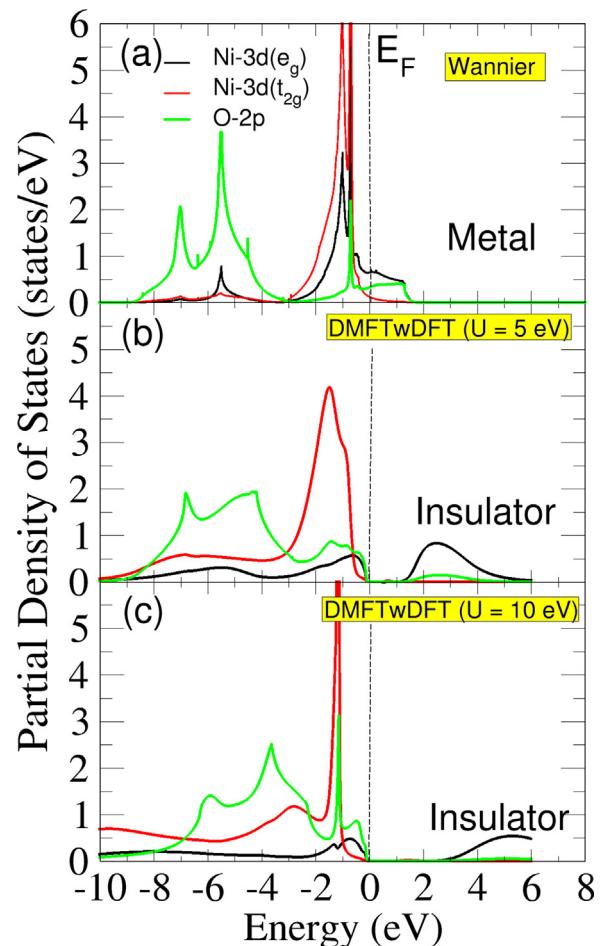


Fig. 16. Compared the projected density of states of NiO obtained by Wannier (a) and DMFT calculation for $U = 5$ eV (b) and 10 eV (c).

these methods the self-energy is static and hence does not take dynamical correlation effects into account adequately. Also, different GW schemes give quite different results regarding the value of the insulating gap and the relative position of the energy bands [105–108].

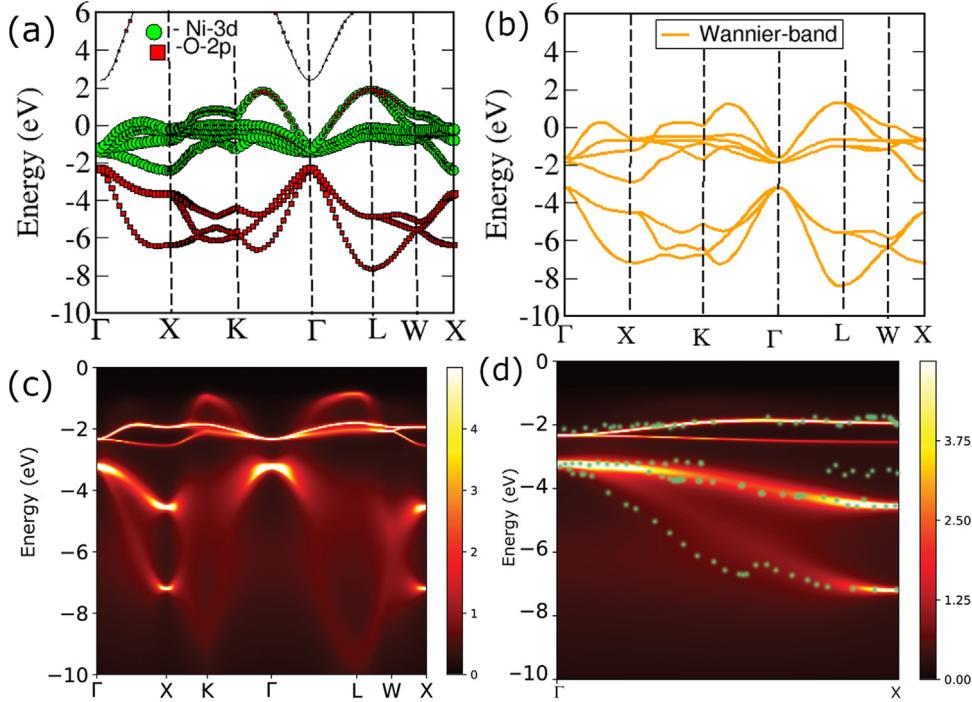


Fig. 17. (a) NiO DFT fatbands, (b) Ni-3d and O-2p projected Wannier interpolated band structure, (c) a DMFT momentum-resolve spectral function along the high-symmetry direction of the BZ obtained using $U = 10$ eV and $J = 1$ eV, and (d) the spectral function of NiO compared with the ARPES data (green dots) obtained by Shen et al. [109]. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

Experimentally, it has been found that both the local magnetic moment and the energy band gap for NiO are essentially unchanged even above the Neel temperature [110]. Also, in other experiments, it has been found that long range magnetic order does not have significant influence on the valence band photoemission spectra [111] and the electron density distributions [112]. Therefore, the role of magnetism and correlation is still not clear in NiO. To resolve the above controversy, Ren et al. [113] have employed the LDA + DMFT approach and concluded that a large insulating gap in NiO is due to the strong electronic correlations in the paramagnetic state. They also suggest that AFM long-range order has no significant influence on the electronic structure of NiO. Recently, using ab-initio LQSGW + DMFT, Kang et al. [114] claimed that they have resolved the long standing controversy of two-peak structure in the valence band photoemission spectra of NiO [99,115]. They suggest that, the two peak structure is driven by the concerted effect of AFM ordering and inter-site electron hopping. Surprisingly, the two peak structure has also been obtained by Ren et al. [113] where authors used LDA + DMFT approach for $T = 1160$ K and $U = 8$ eV, $J = 1$ eV. Thus, although considerable progress was made in the theoretical understanding of NiO from first principles, several important issues are still open. This is certainly not the goal of the present manuscript. However, in the following we will discuss our DFT + DMFT results for NiO and compare with other existing DMFT results and experiments.

To prepare the required input for our DMFT run, we first performed the first principles DFT calculations followed by DMFT calculations. First principles DFT calculations of NiO were performed using VASP code [29]. We have used PAW pseudopotentials [70], and PBEsol [116] exchange and correlation functional for NiO, which as per our knowledge is not tested before. In practice, while PBEsol provides better crystal cell parameters than PBE [117], it is not clear that all properties are improved overall. Here we use PBEsol to demonstrate that DMFT is less sensible to the exchange-correlation details and provide quite similar results

than those obtained from LDA and PBE. The plane wave energy cutoff was chosen 600 eV for NiO. $6 \times 6 \times 6$ Monkhorst-pack k-point grids [80] were used for reciprocal space integration. After obtaining the self-consistent ground state, we perform a self-consistent calculation on uniform grid of k-points without changing the potential.

Obtained DFT density of states clearly revealed that NiO is metal with Ni-3d(e_g) state and O-2p states are strongly mixed due to the nature of the charge-transfer insulator (refer Fig. 16a). Ni-3d(t_{2g}) states are fully filled, and Ni-3d(e_g) and O-2p states are widely formed between -8 eV and 2 eV (refer Fig. 16a). We also construct MLWFs as we did for other examples. Projections onto atom centered Ni-3d and O-2p function are used to construct the initial guess, and further Wannier90 is used to obtained the MLWFs [26,28]. To obtain the correct energy window of [-8.0-3.0] eV for wannier-function, we compared the original band structure obtained from DFT calculation with our Wannier-interpolated band structure as shown in Fig. 17a and b, respectively. In the case of NiO, we treat Ni as a correlated site and Ni-3d (t_{2g} and e_g) orbitals as the correlated orbitals. The Coulomb interaction $U = 5.0$ eV as well as 10.0 eV and a Hund's exchange coupling $J = 1.0$ eV is used. Previously, suggested value of Hubbard U on Ni-3d orbital vary in the range of 4–10 eV [114,118,119]. We have used the FLL double counting correction (DC_type = 1 and $\alpha = 0.0$). Temperature as low as 0.03 eV ≈ 300 K are used and set of $24 \times 24 \times 24$ k-points have been used for the DMFT calculations.

Using the post-processing tools, we have calculated the DMFT density of states as well as k-resolved spectral function $A(k, \omega)$ for NiO. Interestingly, our DMFT results clearly revealed that including the strong correlation leads to an insulating state in NiO as shown in Fig. 16b and c. As U increases, the insulating gap gets larger and Ni 3d states below the Fermi energy are strongly hybridized with O-2p orbitals. As a result, both e_g and t_{2g} orbitals exhibit longer tails below the Fermi energy and the separation between O-2p and Ni-3d states has been reduced at $U = 10$ eV (see Fig. 16c). Compared to the experimental spectra (see

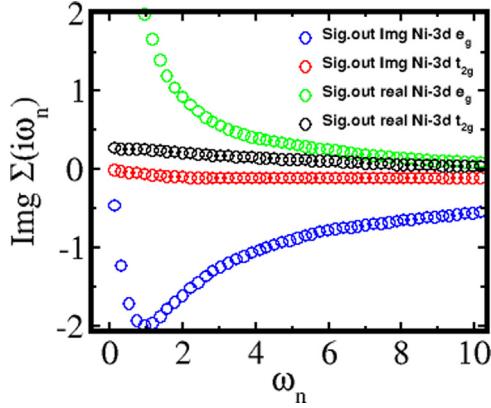


Fig. 18. Imaginary part of the Ni self energy of NiO for Ni-3d e_g and t_{2g} states as a function of Matsubara frequencies obtained using $U = 10$ eV and $J = 1$ eV.

Fig. 19), $U = 10$ eV produces better agreements with experiments than $U = 5$ eV. Moreover, a divergent nature of the self-energy ($\Sigma(i\omega_n) \sim 1/(i\omega_n - \omega_0)$ for Ni 3d- e_g states for low Matsubara frequency clearly indicate that the e_g state develops a Mott gap while t_{2g} states behaves as a band insulator due to much smaller $\Sigma(i\omega_n)$ (refer to **Fig. 18**).

In **Fig. 17c** and **d**, we also present the \mathbf{k} -resolved DMFT spectra for NiO along the high symmetry direction of BZ. In **Fig. 17c**, dispersionless Ni t_{2g} bands are located near -2 eV and the mixture of Ni e_g and O bands are dispersing slightly above -2 eV. Below -4 eV, the bands are mostly O-2p characters while they are also strongly mixed with t_{2g} and e_g bands, therefore those mixed bands are strongly incoherent. We have also compared our obtained DMFT band structure with the experimental band structure along the Γ - X direction in **Fig. 17d**. The obtained result is in very good agreement with the experimental result [109].

We also compared our DMFT density of the states with existing experimental data [99,115] as well as theoretical results obtained using other DMFT codes in **Fig. 19**. We compared our $U = 10$ eV result, which is in good agreement with experimental results. In **Fig. 19(b-d)**, we also presented total density of states of NiO obtained by other equally important DMFT tools including WIEN2k + EDMFT [16], LQSCGW + DMFT [14], and LDA + DMFT [14]. Note that the presented DMFT spectra of LQSCGW + DMFT and LDA + DMFT was taken from the example directory of ComDMFT [14]. Surprisingly, we observed different DMFT tools at the same U and J values give slight variations of energy-band gaps for NiO. However, the overall features of peak positions are in good agreement with experiment. Namely, a small bump with the Ni e_g and O-2p mixture below the Fermi energy, the t_{2g} peak at around -2 eV, and the O-2p peak below the t_{2g} state are all consistent in different codes. The peak positions are also comparable to experimental data.

5. Conclusions

We have implemented a computational package (DMFTwDFT) combining the DMFT methodology to different DFT codes to improve our theoretical description of strongly correlated materials. Our package can perform a charge-self-consistent DFT + DMFT calculation adopting Wannier functions as localized orbitals, which are constructed from the Wannier90 package interfaced to many DFT codes. Our current implementation has been interfaced to two different DFT codes, VASP (a commercial package) and SIESTA (a non-commercial package). We also provide a library mode to link our package to different DFT codes without much modifications.

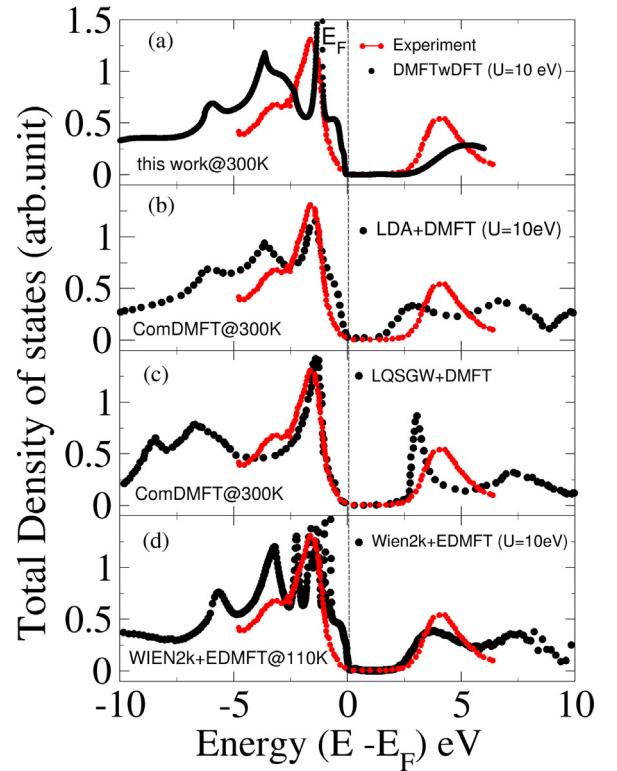


Fig. 19. Compared the total density of states of NiO obtained by DMFTwDFT code (this work) with existing experimental PES as well as with other DFT + DMFT codes such as WIEN2k + EDMFT and ComDMFT [14] (LQSCGW + DMFT and LDA + DMFT).

We applied our package to compute the band structure and the density of states of different strongly correlated materials, namely SrVO₃, LaNiO₃, and NiO. Results of SrVO₃ obtained from both VASP + DMFT and SIESTA + DMFT are in good agreement showing the moderate mass enhancement of t_{2g} orbitals near the Fermi energy. Both SrVO₃ and LaNiO₃ are correlated metallic systems and the quasi-particle band renormalizations near the Fermi energy are captured properly by DMFT, consistently with experiments. Moreover, our NiO calculation shows that Ni e_g orbital develops a Mott gap near the Fermi energy (the divergence of the self-energy) and band structures below the Fermi energy are consistent with ARPES measurements. Calculations of NiO with different DFT + DMFT codes with the same U and J parameters also exhibit the similar density of states compared to our results.

Declaration of competing interest

The authors declare that they have no known competing financial interests or personal relationships that could have appeared to influence the work reported in this paper.

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Appendix

A.1. Input file

Here, the input parameters for DMFT + DFT calculations are described in INPUT.py file.

- **Niter:** The value of Niter defines the maximum number of iterations used in the DFT + DMFT loop.
- **Nit:** The value of Nit defines the maximum number of iterations of the DMFT self-consistent calculations.
- **Ndft:** The value of Ndft defines the maximum number of iterations of the DFT self-consistent calculations.
- **n-tot:** The value of n-tot defines the total number of electrons in the Wannier subspace. For example, in LaNiO₃, we have 2 Ni³⁺ ions with 7 d-electrons/Ni and 6 O²⁻ ions with 6 p-electrons/O, therefore totally 50 electrons.
- **nf:** The value of nf defines the nominal occupancy of d- or f- electrons in a correlated atom. This is used for the initial guess of self-energy. One can initialize it as the DFT occupancy of the correlated atom or the nominal electron number.
- **nspin:**
Default value: 1
The value of nspin defines the number of spins in DMFT calculations. nspin = 2 means the spin-polarized calculation. It is important to note that to start spin-polarized DMFT calculations we still need non-spin-polarized DFT calculations.
- **atomnames:** The value of atomnames defines the name of atoms where the Wannier projection will be taken.
- **orbs:** The value of orbs defines the name of Wannier orbitals in each atom in atomnames.
- **L-rot:** L-rot defines whether the wannier projection axis will be rotated along the local axis. 1: rotated, 0: non-rotated.
- **cor-at:** cor-at is the list of all correlated atoms in the material. For LaNiO₃, it is Ni1 and Ni2.
- **cor-orb:** cor-orb is the list of all correlated orbitals in each correlated atom.
- **U:** U is the value of local Hubbard interaction on correlated atoms.
- **J:** J is the value of the Hund's coupling.
- **alpha:**
Default value: 0
 α is the double counting correction parameter. alpha = 0 means the conventional double counting in the fully localized limit (FLL).
- **mix-sig:** Default value: 0.2 mix-sig is the mixing parameter between the previous and the current self energies.
- **q:** q is the number of k-points while doing DMFT self-consistent calculations. We are using the Wannier interpolation technique, therefore large numbers of q-points will be possible. Usually 2–3 times larger than DFT k-points will be necessary for better convergence.
- **ewin:** ewin is the energy window for Wannier projection with respect to the DFT Fermi energy.

A.2. Wannier90 calculation

During the DFT + DMFT calculation, one should generate the hybridization subspace of the MLWFs by using the “Projection” technique adopted in the Wannier90 package (www.wannier.org) within a certain energy window. For example, in the LaNiO₃ case with the rhombohedral structure, the wannier90.win file can be constructed as follows:

```
dis_win_min = -0.3014
dis_win_max = 10.6986
num_wann = 28
num_iter = 100
begin projections
f = 0.0000000,0.0000000,0.0000000:l = 2:z = -0.29712138,
0.77011009,0.56449032:x = -0.52491861,-0.62540726,
0.57692379
f = 0.5000000,0.5000000,0.5000000:l = 2:,
z = 0.29712138,0.77011009,-0.56449032:x = 0.52491861,
-0.62540726,-0.57692379
O:p
end projections
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Here, the energy window is specified by [dis_win_min : dis_win_max], and it is usually determined from the band structure as explained in the DMFTwDFT workflow section. In this case, Ni 3d and O 2p bands are entangled in a range of -8.0 eV to 3.0 eV. Since the Fermi energy from a DFT calculation is 7.6986 eV, the energy window is chosen as above. The number of Wannier functions is 28 since we have 10 d-orbital and 18 p-orbital Wannier functions.

The projection orbitals are needed for the initial guess of Wannier orbitals and, for Ni d-orbitals, one needs to choose the projection axis to be aligned to the local Ni-O octahedron axis. This is because we want to minimize the off-diagonal terms of the Hamiltonian in the d-orbital basis, as we are using the ctqmc impurity solver and the calculation of off-diagonal terms will be very inefficient. One can use “generate_win.py” file to obtain this projection axis. This file is accessible in the source bin directory. Using this win file along with other input data obtained by the DFT calculation, one should converge the maximal localization of wannier orbitals and obtain wannier90.chk and wannier90.eig files.

A.3. DFT + DMFT calculations

After the DFT and Wannier90 output files are obtained, the next step is to perform DFT + DMFT calculations. Copy_input.py file will copy necessary output files and rename them according the defined notation used in the inputs of the DFT + DMFT.:

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python Copy-input.py path-to-DFT-folder
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For non-charge-self-consistent (NCSC) calculations (i.e. Niter = 1 tag in INPUT.py), DFT-mu.out, DMFT-mu.out, INPUT.py, OS-ZICAR, RUNDMFT.py, sig.inp, wannier90.chk, and wannier90.eig files are needed.

For charge-self-consistent (CSC) runs (i.e. Niter > 1 tag in INPUT.py), INCAR, KPOINTS, OUTCAR, POSCAR, POTCAR, wannier90.win, wannier90.amn, and WAVECAR files are additionally needed.

The input parameters for the DFT + DMFT calculations will be stored in INPUT.py file. After all input files from the DFT calculations are created, the self-energy file, sig.inp, can be generated by using sigzero.py file. Note that if this file has already been created in a previous calculation, it can be reuse to accelerate the calculation.

Once we have all input files, the program RUNDMFT.py is executed. During the run, dmft.x, ctqmc, and dft executables will be run using mpi. Therefore one should put the mpi commands in para_com.dat. For example, one can put the following line in submit script.

```
echo mpirun -machinefile PBS-NODEFILE -n XX > para_com.dat
```

Table 1Format of an Output file, INFO-ITER obtained by non-charge-self-consistent DMFT calculation for LaNiO_3 system.

Total interaction steps	DMFT iteration steps	Lattice occupancy	Impurity occupancy	$\Sigma_{(\omega=\infty)}^{\text{lattice}} - Vdc$	$\Sigma_{(\omega=\infty)}^{\text{impurity}} - Vdc$	Total energy Migdal-Galitskii method	Total energy ctqmc	Charge difference
1	10	7.798655	7.797084	1.669025	1.644641	-68.440528	-68.086689	0.000000
1	11	7.798642	7.797683	1.668703	1.644087	-68.44524	-68.088970	0.000000
1	12	7.798855	7.796977	1.669338	1.644704	-68.446219	-68.090861	0.000000
1	13	7.798939	7.797447	1.669546	1.644125	-68.446738	-68.096304	0.000000
1	14	7.798821	7.797382	1.669375	1.644365	-68.443074	-68.092242	0.000000
1	15	7.798739	7.797317	1.669131	1.644268	-68.442809	-68.091764	0.000000

A.4. Output files

The main output files of DFT + DMFT calculation are INFO-ITER, INFO-ENERGY, INFO-KSUM, INFO-DM, and INFO-TIME. The examples of LaNiO_3 runs for both NCSC (i.e. Niter = 1) and CSC (i.e. Niter > 1) can be found in run-examples directory within the source directory.

A.4.1. INFO-ITER

INFO-ITER records all iteration information necessary for monitoring convergence. For example, INFO-ITER file for LaNiO_3 DMFT calculation (i.e. Niter = 1) will show something like Table 1.

To check the convergence of DFT + DMFT calculation, one must check if the local lattice quantity and the impurity quantity are converging (getting equal). Here, the first number is total interaction steps and the second number is DMFT iteration steps. The third and fourth numbers compare the d-occupancy from local lattice calculation and the impurity calculations of ctqmc. The fifth and sixth numbers compare the $\Sigma_{(\omega=\infty)}$ - Vdc for lattice and impurity where $\Sigma_{(\omega=\infty)}$ is the self-energy at $\omega \rightarrow \infty$ and Vdc is double counting potential. The seventh and eighth numbers are the total energy computed using the Migdal-Galitskii method and the ctqmc sampling. The last number is the charge difference between two consecutive steps.

If you perform charge-self-consistent calculations for LaNiO_3 , INFO_ITER file will see something like Table 2.

Now you can see that we performed total iteration of 30 steps with 1 DMFT step. The d-occupancy is increased to near 8.0 and the last number is updated for the charge difference.

Nevertheless, users are strongly encouraged to read the manual, which contains additional information about these files.

A.5. Post-processing tools

A.5.1. Analytic continuation – maximum entropy method

Since the ctqmc impurity solver samples the self energy (sig.inp) on the imaginary axis, one should perform the analytic continuation to obtain the self energy on the real axis. i.e.

$$\Sigma_{(i\omega)} \rightarrow \Sigma_{(\omega)}$$

Here, we use the Maximum Entropy method [120] developed by Jarrell et al. to perform this analytic continuation. The source file can be compiled in post-tools/maxent-source directory.

The procedure of performing analytic continuation with the Maximum Entropy method, **max-ent**, is as follows:

1. Compile the maxent-source codes and copy *.so files and *.py files to the **/bin** directory. An empty directory to perform max-ent should be created inside the DMFT run directory.
2. Copy few of the last self energy data sig.inp.XXX to the directory. This ensures that only the converged self energies are used for the calculations, provided enough DMFT iterations have been performed to reach convergence.

3. Run “sigaver.py” to take the average of the self energies.

`sigaver.py sig.inp.*`

This results in an averaged self energy file, **sig.inpx** which is used in max-ent.

4. Copy maxent-params.dat file from the source directory into the current working directory.
5. Perform the analytic continuation with max-ent.

`maxent_run.py sig.inpx`

The analytically continued self-energy will be stored in the file **Sig.out**.

Once the **Sig.out** file is obtained it could be used for further post processing such as plotting band structures and density of states.

A.5.2. Density of states

The DMFT density of states could be calculated from the imaginary part of the local Green's function on the real axis obtained from the self energy on the real axis retrieved in the previous section.

$$A(\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im } G(\omega)$$

1. Create a new directory and copy necessary files by executing the **Copy_input.py** program, found in the **/bin** directory.

`Copy_input.py <path-to-DMFT-results> -dos`

2. Generate the real axis self energies on a denser mesh by interpolating self energies from **Sig.out** obtained previously. Run:

`Interpol_sig_real.py`

This provides the interpolated self energy file, **sig.inp_real**.

3. Run **dmft_dos.x** to obtain the local Green's function, **G_loc.out** on the real axis.

`mpirun -n X dmft-dos.x`

where, X is the number of cores

4. Finally, run **plotDMFTDOS.py** located in the **/scripts** directory to obtain a projected density of states plot.

`plotDMFTDOS.py`

Modifying **plotDMFTDOS.py** allows changing projections that would be plotted.

Table 2Format of an Output file, INFO-ITER obtained by charge-self-consistent DMFT calculation for LaNiO_3 system.

Total interaction steps	DMFT iteration steps	Lattice occupancy	Impurity occupancy	$\Sigma_{(\omega=\infty)}^{\text{lattice}} - Vdc$	$\Sigma_{(\omega=\infty)}^{\text{impurity}} - Vdc$	Total energy Migdal-Galitskii method	Total energy ctqmc	Charge difference
22	1	8.013450	8.008304	1.497393	1.475141	-68.094131	-67.725218	0.004445
23	1	8.013099	8.008603	1.497078	1.474757	-68.081961	-67.715811	0.006589
24	1	8.012837	8.009002	1.496692	1.474657	-68.072933	-67.715758	0.011620
25	1	8.012751	8.009157	1.497266	1.474415	-68.067251	-67.713353	0.011801
26	1	8.012565	8.008943	1.497044	1.474825	-68.064955	-67.714023	0.006227
27	1	8.012501	8.009220	1.497517	1.474323	-68.065745	-67.714654	0.007282
28	1	8.012436	8.009272	1.497843	1.474266	-68.067957	-67.714704	0.010110
29	1	8.012442	8.009222	1.498471	1.474300	-68.067595	-67.716171	0.012198
30	1	8.012360	8.008898	1.498468	1.474642	-68.068845	-67.713375	0.009332

A.5.3. Band structure

Once the analytic continuation has been completed as explained in the previous section, one may use the self energies to plot the DMFT band structure. DMFTwDFT is capable of plotting a variety of different band structures. Unlike in the density of states case, the Spectral Function for band structures is a function of both the Matsubara Frequency, ω and k -vectors as seen below:

$$A(k, \omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\text{Im} \Sigma}{(\omega - \epsilon_k - \text{Re} \Sigma)^2 + (\text{Im} \Sigma)^2}$$

In the following sections we explain how to obtain the different types of band structure.

- Plain DMFT band structure:

This is the most basic type of DMFT band structure obtainable. The following steps are pursued to obtain it.

1. Create a new directory and copy necessary files by executing `Copy_input.py`.

`Copy_input.py <path-to-DMFT-results> -bands`

2. Interpolate the real axis self energies.

`Interp_Sig.py`

3. Generate a k -path for the band structure. One may define the number of k -points and the k -path in `kgen.py`. Then run:

`kgen.py`

This results in the file `klist.dat` which contains the k -path data.

4. Now run `dmft_ksum_band` to obtain the local Green's function data, `Gk.out`. This could be run in parallel as follows:

`mpirun -np 16 dmft_ksum_band`

5. Finally, one may run `plot_Gk.py` to obtain the band structure output in the .eps format.

- Spin polarized DMFT band structure:

This is useful to study strongly correlated magnetic systems. The steps are similar to the above. Instead of `Interp_Sig.py`, `dmft_ksum_band` and `plot_Gk.py` for spin polarized band structure calculations, `Interp_Sig_sp.py`, `dmft_ksum_band_sp` and `plot_Gk_sp.py` are used, respectively.

- Orbital projected band structure:

This type of band structure comes in handy to study the material properties based on their individual orbital contributions. This is performed similar to the plain band structure but by using `dmft_ksum_band_partial` and `plot_Gk_partial.py`. The orbitals to be projected are specified in `plot_Gk_partial.py` and follows the Wannier orbital ordering.

- DFT and DMFT band structure comparison:

This helps to clearly visualize the effects of correlations on the band structure as seen in Fig. 14. Once the initial steps for the plain band structure is performed, `plot_Gk_compare.py` is used to obtain this band structure. This plots the DFT and DMFT band structures in a single plot making it more convenient for comparison.

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