

Modern technological applications rely on materials with precisely controlled electronic and magnetic properties. However, predicting these properties computationally remains challenging for an important class of materials where electrons interact strongly with each other. These "strongly correlated" materials exhibit extraordinary behaviours such as superconductivity at relatively high temperatures and transitions between conducting and insulating states, making them promising candidates for next-generation technologies including quantum computers and energy-efficient electronics.

Current computational methods like Density Functional Theory, whilst successful for many materials, often fail to accurately predict the properties of strongly correlated systems. This limitation significantly hinders the rational design of new functional materials. We have developed a systematic computational approach that addresses this challenge by combining multiple advanced techniques in a novel framework.

Our method begins with standard electronic structure calculations and systematically constructs simplified but accurate models that capture the essential physics of electron correlations. These models are then solved using state-of-the-art numerical techniques developed for quantum many-body systems. Initial applications to quasi-one-dimensional materials demonstrate substantial improvements in calculated electronic properties compared to conventional methods, with results showing excellent agreement with experimental measurements.

This work establishes a robust, parameter-free computational tool for predicting the properties of strongly correlated materials, accelerating the discovery and design of novel materials with tailored functionalities for technological applications.