Recent progress in the description of excited state properties of liquids and nanostructures

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Recent progress and open problems in the description of excited state properties of liquids (in particular water) and nanostrcutures (in particular Si rods and nanoparticles and simple organic molecules on gold surfaces) will be discussed. Calculations will be presented, that are based on many body perturbation theory, in particular GW, and approximate treatments of dielectric matrices.