

Theory: Foundations of the GW approximation

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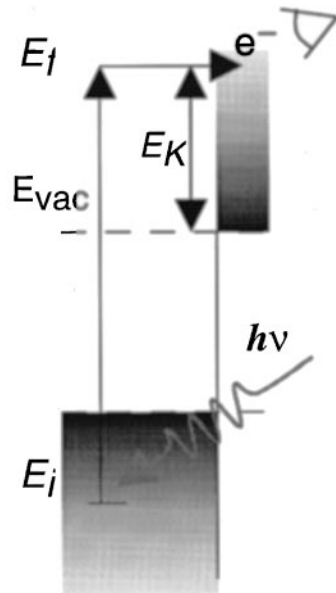
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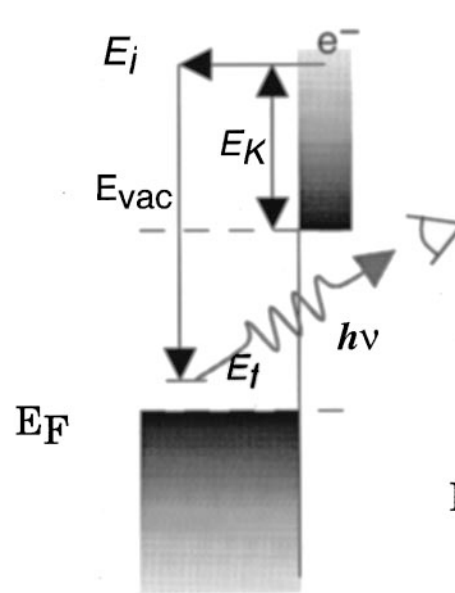
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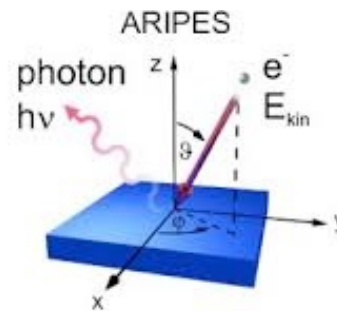
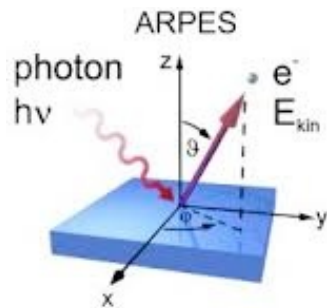
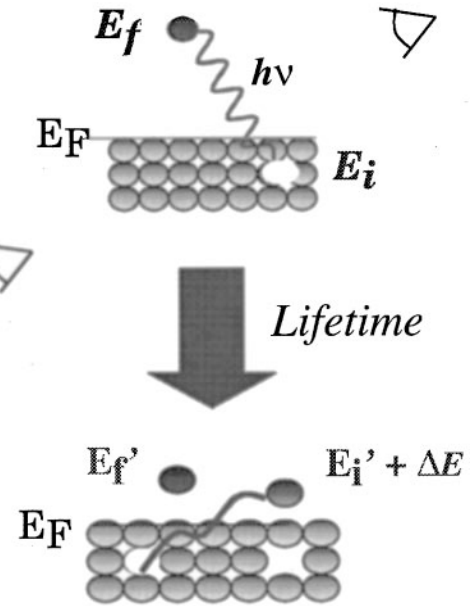
Direct photoemission



Inverse photoemission

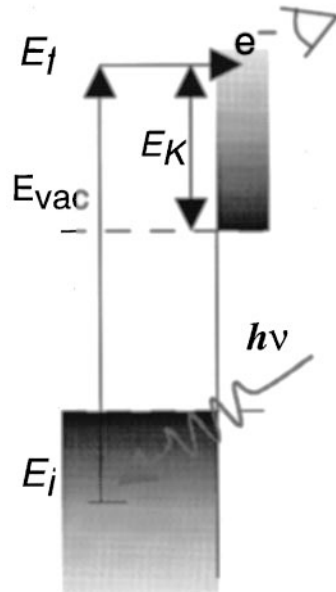


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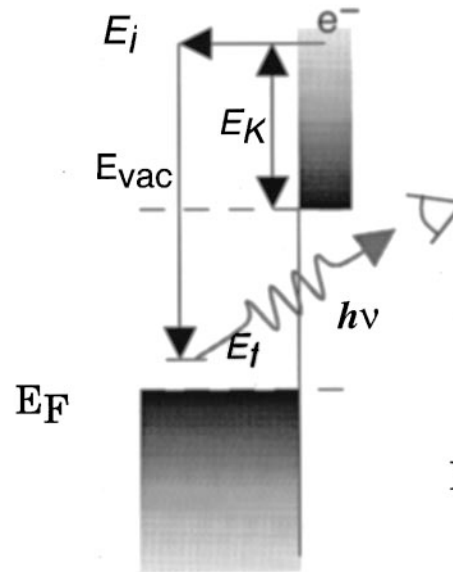
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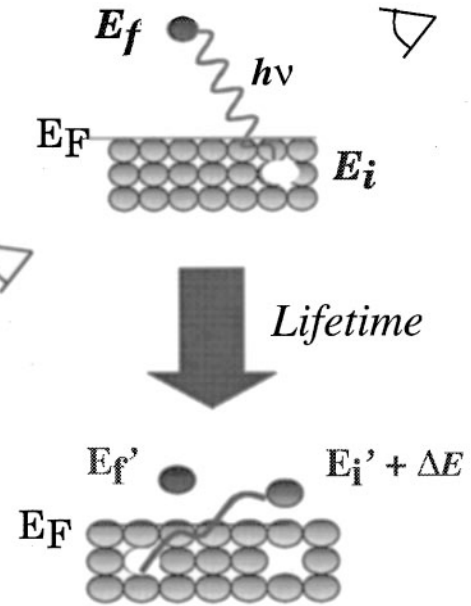
N-1
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N+1
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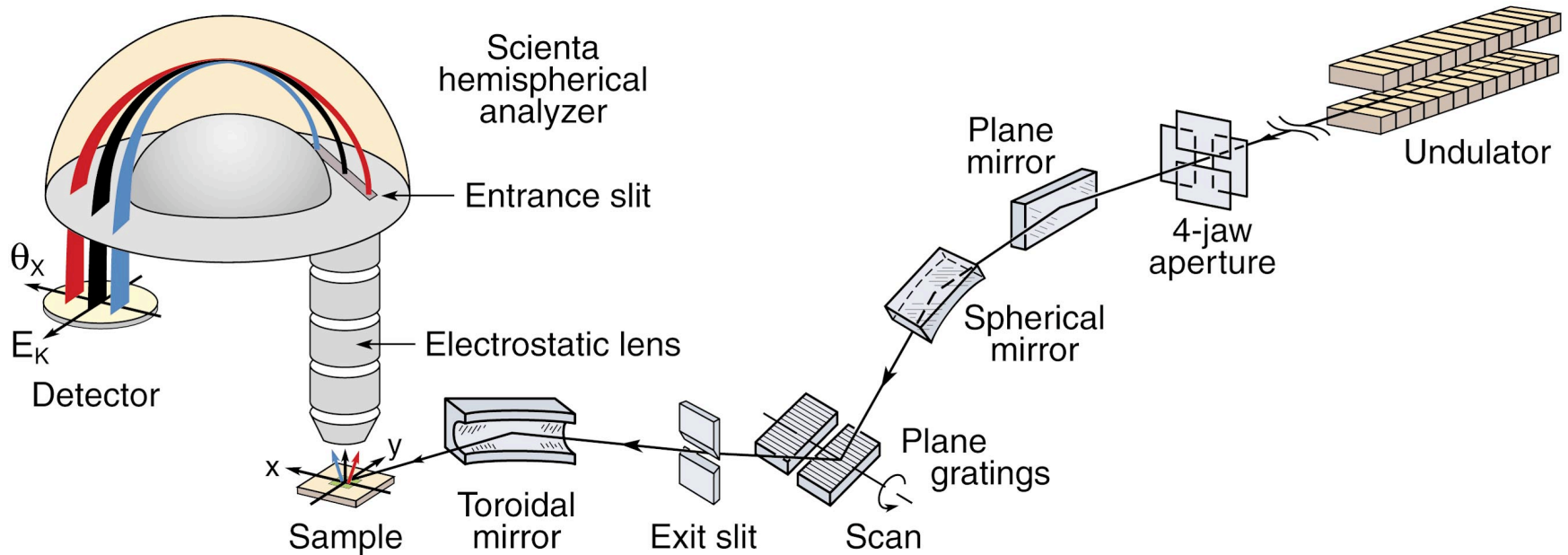
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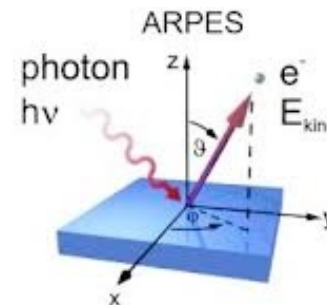
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the ARPES experiment

Damascelli, Hussain, Shen, Rev. Mod. Phys. **75**, 473 (2003)

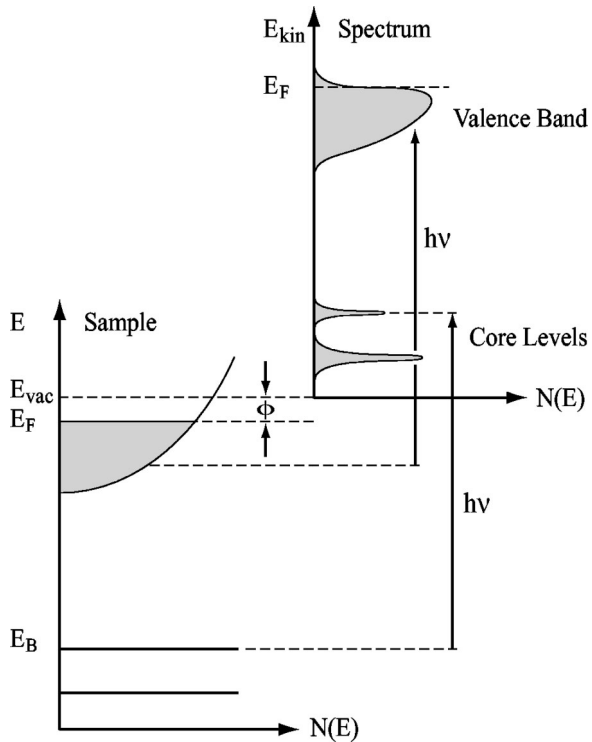


- **incident photons** ($h\nu$, angle, polarization)
- the method measures the **kinetic energy** (and the exit **angle**, and/or **spin**) of out-coming electrons
- allows one to access **electronic (band) structures**



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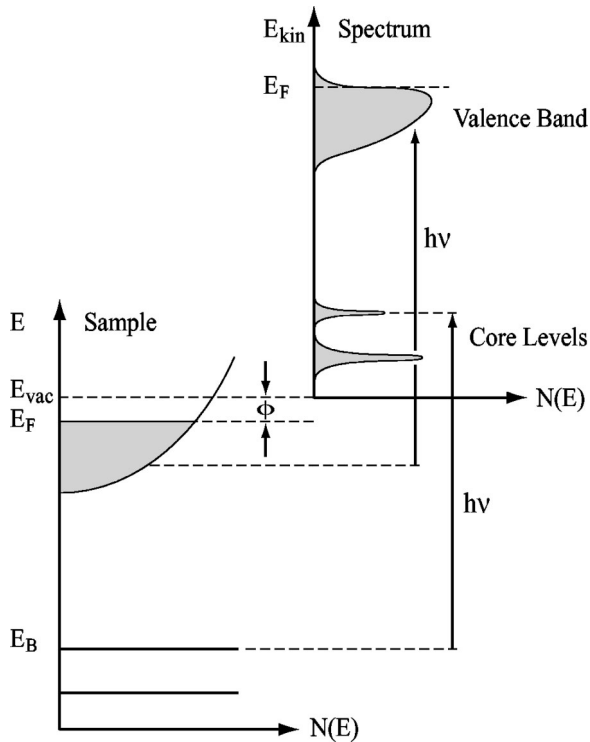
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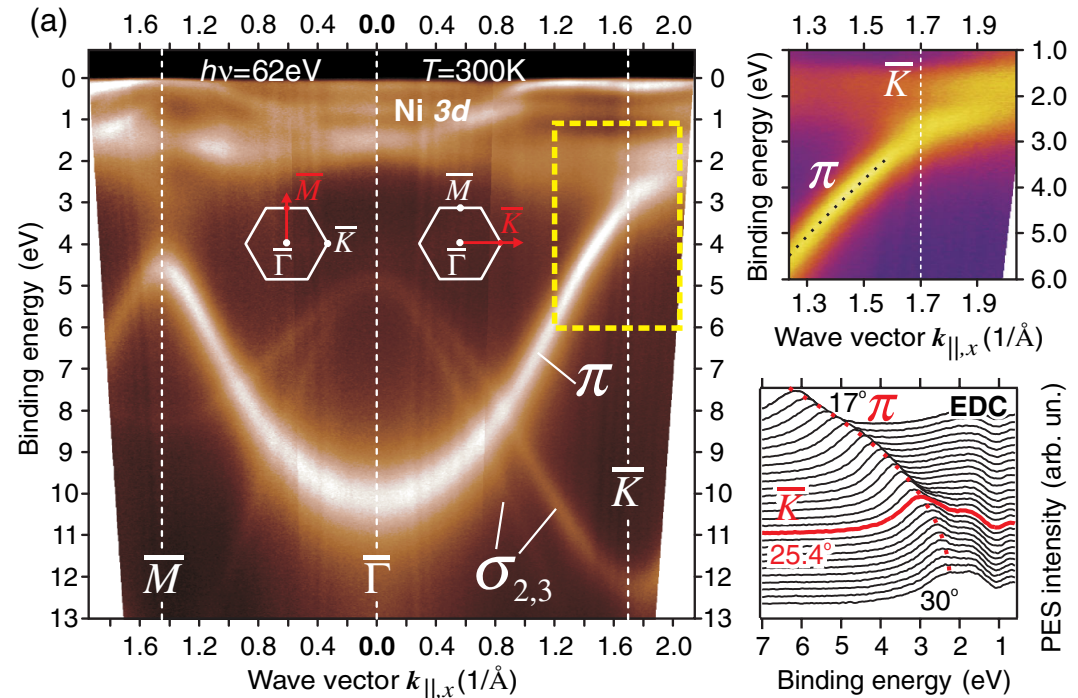
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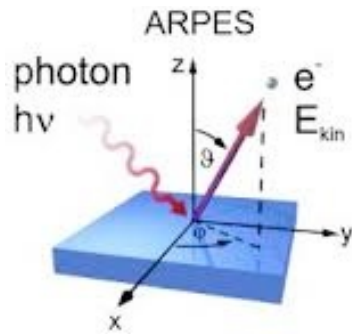
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realistic system



Varykhalov et al, PRX **2**, 041017 (2012)

theoretical treatment



see Hedin, Michiels, Inglesfield, PRB **58**, 15565 (1998)
 Damascelli et al, RMP **75**, 473 (2003)

Photocurrent J by using the **Fermi golden rule**:

$$J_{\mathbf{k}}(\omega) = \sum_s |\langle \Psi_{\mathbf{k},s} | \Delta | \Psi_i \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega - \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} + \epsilon_s)$$

$$\Delta = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{A}$$

Kinetic energy of the
 extracted electron

$$\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} = \mathbf{k}^2 / 2$$

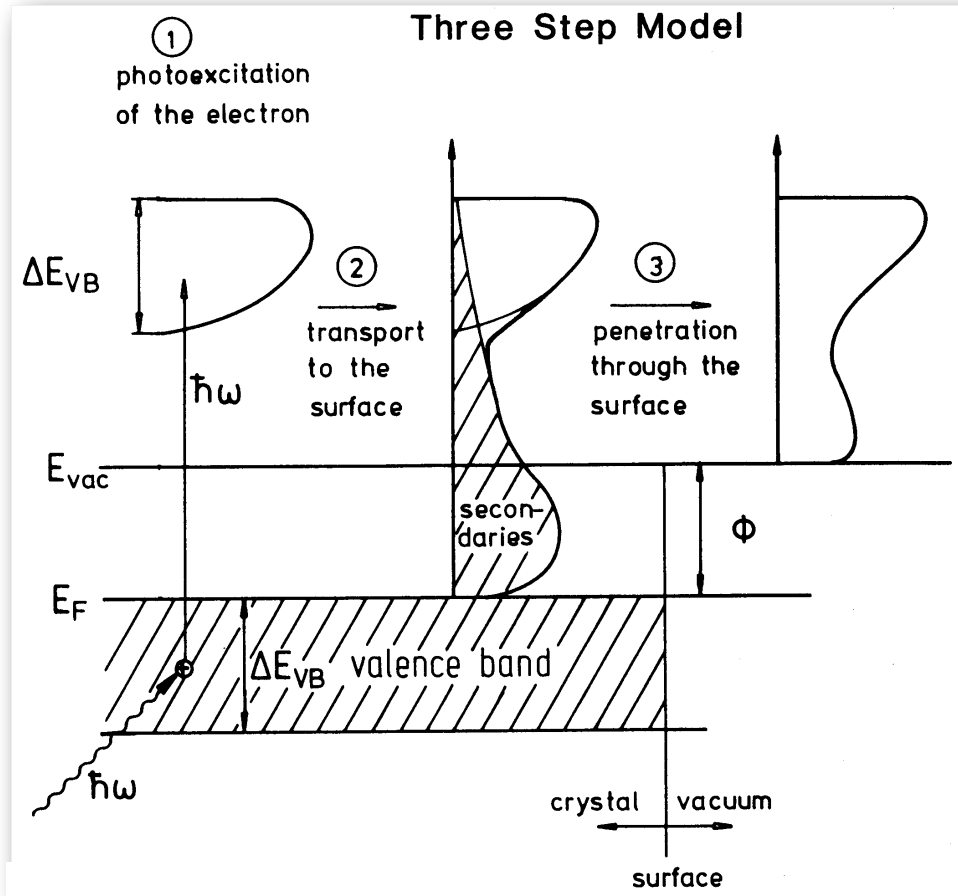
excitation left over

$$\epsilon_s = E(N, 0) - E(N - 1, s)$$

final state

$$|\Psi_{\mathbf{k},s}\rangle = \left[1 + \frac{1}{E - H - i\eta} (H - E) \right] c_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger |N - 1, s\rangle$$

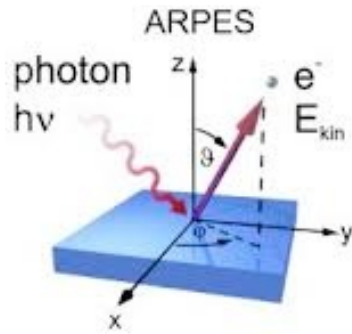
the 3 step model



- (1) **photoexcitation intrinsic losses** are accounted for (satellite structures)
- (2) transport to the surface **extrinsic losses**
- (3) transmission through the surface

S. Hufner, Photoelectron Spectroscopy, Third Edition.
see also Slides from Matthias Kreier, Humboldt Uni (2007)

sudden approximation



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**sudden
approx**

k fast enough

extrinsic losses neglected

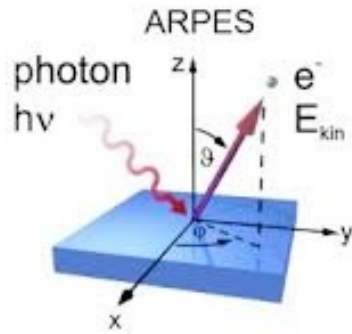
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spectral function

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connecting to the GF's

Angle-resolved photoemission studies of the cuprate superconductors

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(Published 17 April 2003)

In this context, angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES) plays a major role because it is the most direct method of studying the electronic structure of solids (see Sec. II). Its large impact on the development of many-body theories stems from the fact that this technique provides information on the single-particle Green's function, which can be calculated starting from a

the **Green's function** contains info
about the **spectral function**



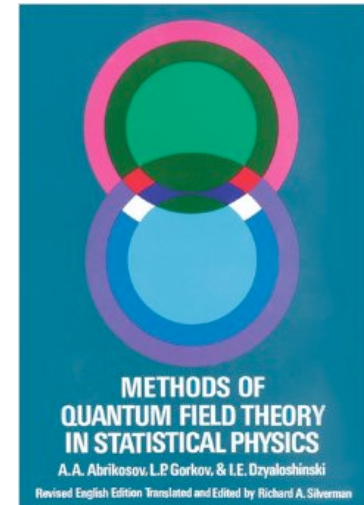
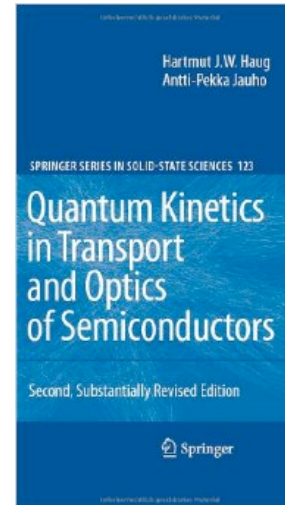
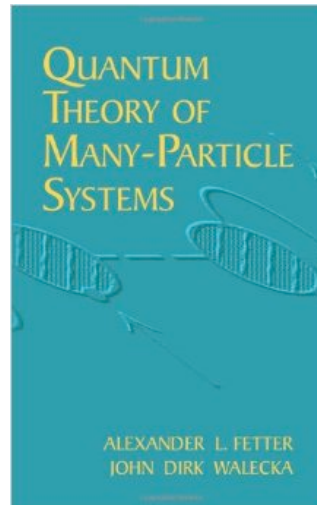
ARPES

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the Green's function

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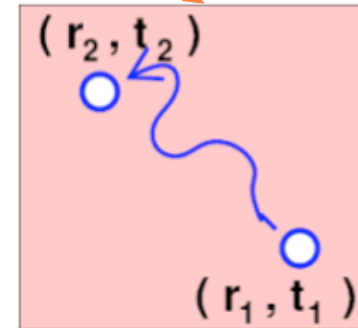
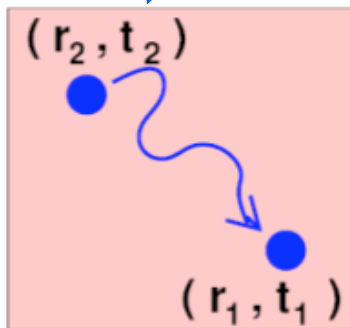


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the Lehmann representation

- Using the **completeness** of the eigenvectors at **N+1 and N-1 electrons**

$$G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \omega) = \sum_s \frac{f_s(\mathbf{x}) f_s^*(\mathbf{x}')}{\omega - \epsilon_s + i\eta_s}$$

as for non-interacting systems

- **Charged excitations**

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_s &= E_0^N - E_s^{N-1} & \eta_s &= -i0^+ \\ \epsilon_s &= E_s^{N+1} - E_0^N & \eta_s &= i0^+ \end{aligned}$$

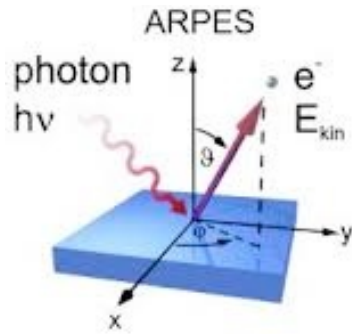
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- **Dyson orbitals**

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_s < \mu & \quad f_s(\mathbf{x}) = \langle N-1, s | \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) | N, 0 \rangle \\ \epsilon_s \geq \mu & \quad f_s(\mathbf{x}) = \langle N, 0 | \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) | N+1, s \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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sudden approximation



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- The **spectral function**

$$A(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} [G(\omega) - G^\dagger(\omega)]_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'} \operatorname{sgn}(\mu - \omega)$$

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Kramers-Kronig
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spectral info

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$$\rho(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \sum_s |f_s(\mathbf{x})|^2 \delta(\omega - \epsilon_s)$$

spectral info

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Dyson equation

$$G(\omega) = G_0(\omega) + G_0(\omega)\Sigma(\omega)G(\omega)$$

$$G(\omega) = [\omega - H_0 - \Sigma(\omega)]^{-1}$$

$$G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \omega) = \sum_s \frac{f_s(\mathbf{x}) f_s^*(\mathbf{x}')}{\omega - \epsilon_s + i\eta_s}$$

Assuming discrete states:

$$[H_0 + \Sigma(\epsilon_s)] |f_s\rangle = \epsilon_s |f_s\rangle$$

$$\langle f_s | f_s \rangle = Z_s = \left[1 - \left\langle \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial \omega} \right\rangle_s \right]_{\omega=\epsilon_s}^{-1}$$

- **Non-linear eigenvalue problem (NLEP)**
- Frequency (orbital) dependent potential
- f_s need to be normalized to Z_s
- See Onida, Reining, Rubio, Rev. Mod. Phys. **74**, 602 (2002)

the QP representation

Dyson Equation

$$G(\omega) = [\omega - H_0 - \Sigma(\omega)]^{-1}$$

by direct **diagonalization**

$$[h_0 + \Sigma(\omega)] |\psi_{s\omega}\rangle = E_s(\omega) |\psi_{s\omega}\rangle$$

$$G(\omega) = \sum_s \frac{|\psi_{s\omega}\rangle \langle \psi_{s\omega}|}{\omega - E_s(\omega)}$$

- Sgm is **non-hermitian**
- diag leads to left and right (dual) eigenvectors
- $E_s(\omega)$ can be **complex**
- **Relevant poles** can be selected according to the condition

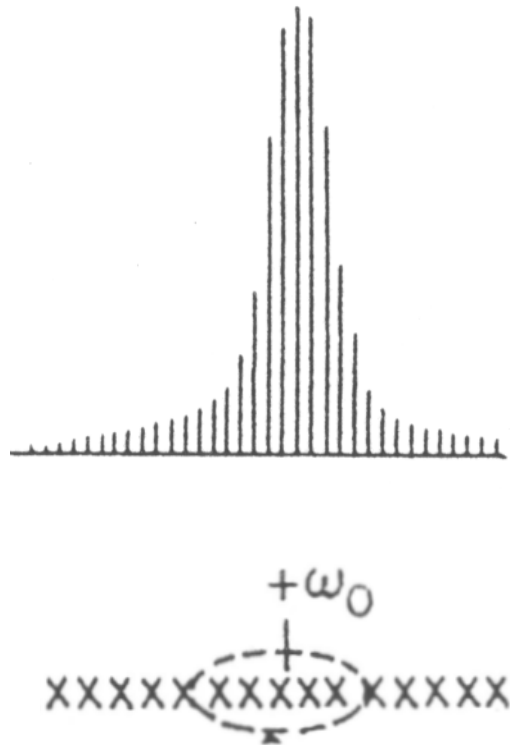
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QP approximation

$$E_s(z_m^{\text{QP}}) = z_m^{\text{QP}}$$

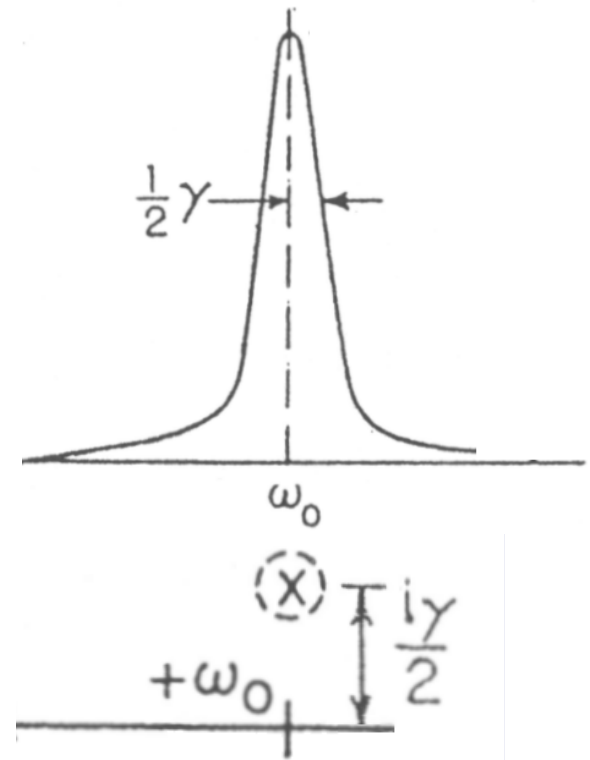
Lehmann vs QP

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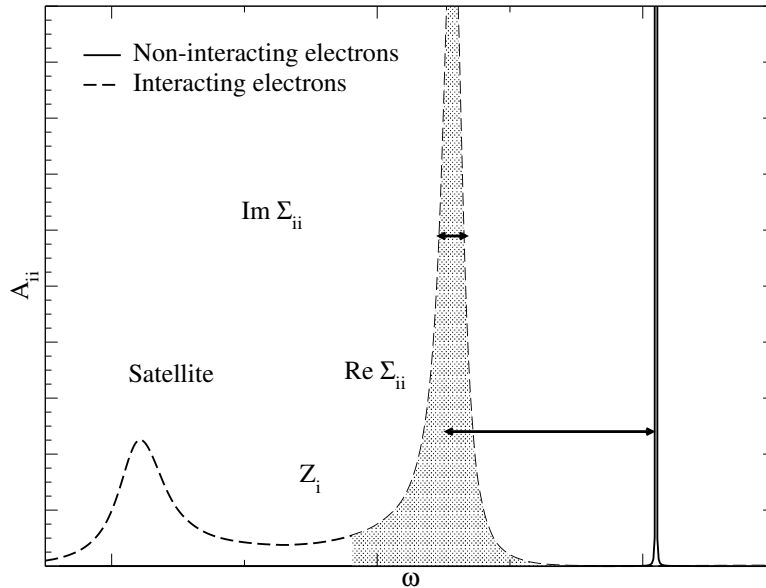
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Figures adapted from M. Gatti PhD thesis

the spectral function

Figure from F. Bruneval PhD thesis



Let's **assume**:

Σ and G are **diagonal** on the basis of the **non-int Hamiltonian**

$$H_0|\phi_i\rangle = \epsilon_i|\phi_i\rangle$$

$$\Sigma_{ii}(\omega) = \langle\phi_i|\Sigma(\omega)|\phi_i\rangle$$

$$G_{ii}(\omega) = [\omega - \epsilon_i - \Sigma_{ii}(\omega)]^{-1}$$

Making a Taylor expansion of $\Sigma(\omega)$ around

$$E_i = \epsilon_i + \text{Re}\Sigma_{ii}(E_i)$$

$$\Sigma_{ii}(\omega) = \Sigma_{ii}(E_i) + \frac{\partial\Sigma_{ii}}{\partial\omega}(\omega - E_i)$$

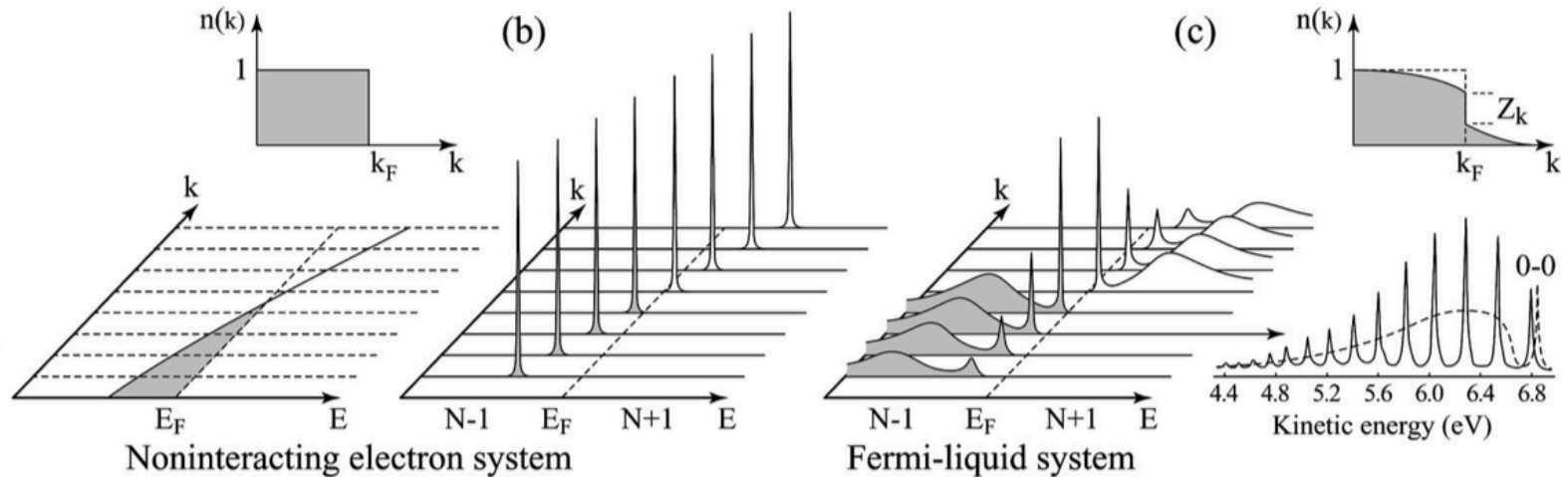
$$G_i(\omega) = \frac{Z_i}{\omega - E_i - i\Gamma_i}$$

renormalization factor

$$Z_i = \left(1 - \frac{\partial\Sigma_{ii}}{\partial\omega} \Big|_{E_i}\right)^{-1}$$

$$\Gamma_i = \text{Im}\Sigma_{ii}(E_i)$$

the spectral function



Manybody features include

- **satellites**
- **lifetimes**
- **renormalization**

All the above features depend on the **dynamical** and **non-hermitian** nature of $\Sigma(\omega)$



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L. Hedin, Phys. Rev. **139**, A796 (1965)

L. Reining, WIREs Comput. Mol. Sci. **8**, e1344 (2018).

D. Golze, M. Dvorak, P. Rinke, Front. Chem. **7**, 377 (2019).

Hedin's equations

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New Method for Calculating the One-Particle Green's Function with Application to the Electron-Gas Problem*

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(Received 8 October 1964; revised manuscript received 2 April 1965)

We write the Schrödinger representation of the Hamiltonian for the system to be considered as

$$\begin{aligned} H &= H_0 + H_1, \\ H_0 &= \int \psi^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) h(\mathbf{x}) \psi(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int \psi^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \psi^\dagger(\mathbf{x}') v(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \psi(\mathbf{x}') \psi(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{x}', \\ H_1 &= \int \rho(\mathbf{x}) w(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x}, \quad \rho(\mathbf{x}) = \psi^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \psi(\mathbf{x}), \end{aligned} \tag{A1}$$

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$$G(12) = G_0(12) + \int d34 G_0(13)\Sigma(34)G(42)$$

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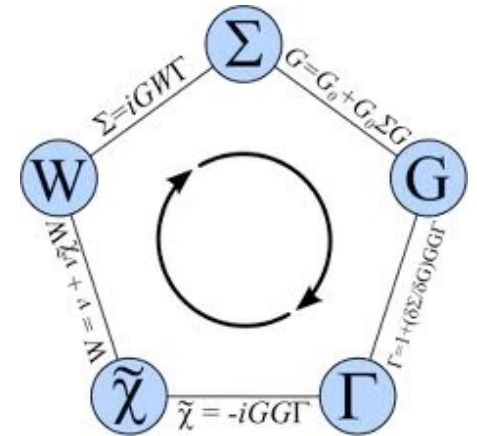
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$$1 \equiv x_1 t_1$$

$$G_0 \longleftrightarrow H_0 = T + V_{\text{ext}} + V_H$$



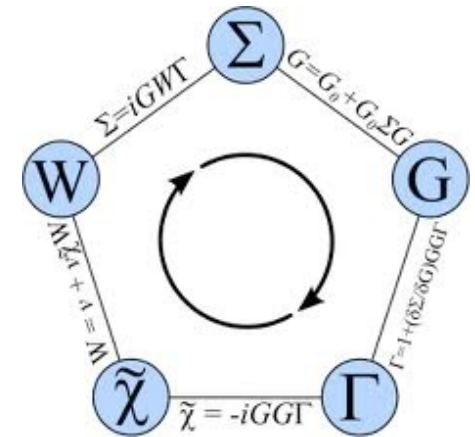
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Dyson-like equations:



$$W = v + vPv + vPvPv + vPvPvPv + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (vP)^n v$$

formal solution

$$= [1 - vP]^{-1}v$$

summation using the
geometric series

$$= \epsilon^{-1}v$$

Hedin's Eq to GW

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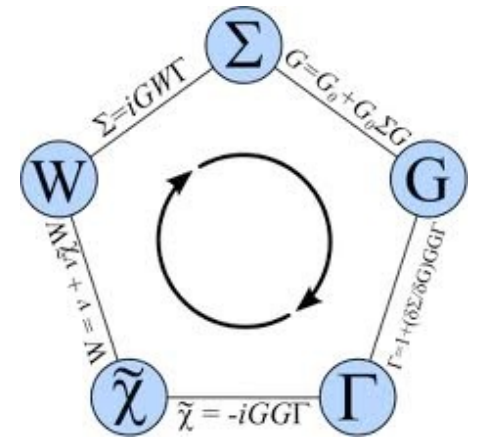
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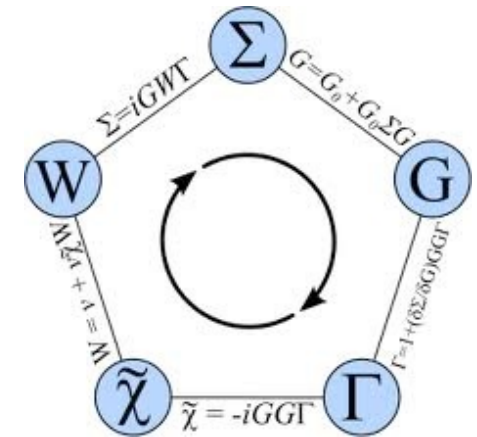
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Independent particle polarisability
(-> reducible polarisability at RPA level)

the GW approximation

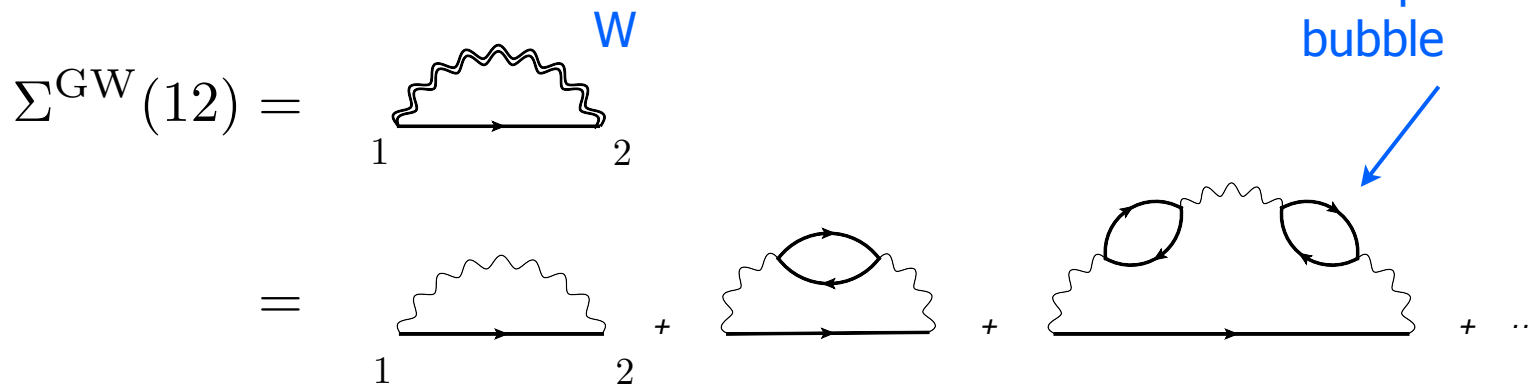
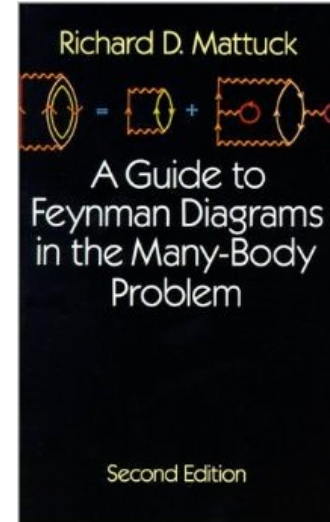
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Independent particle bubble

RPA screening

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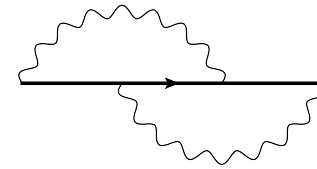
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$$\Gamma(123) = \delta(12)\delta(13)$$

beware: GW is not the whole story

e.g. 2nd order exchange is not there



$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^{\text{GW}}(12) &= \text{Diagram 1} \\ &= \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} + \text{Diagram 4} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Diagram 1: A horizontal solid line with an arrow pointing to the right, labeled '1' at the start and '2' at the end. A wavy line labeled 'W' is attached to the top of the solid line.

Diagram 2: A horizontal solid line with an arrow pointing to the right, labeled '1' at the start and '2' at the end. A wavy line is attached to the top of the solid line.

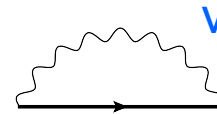
Diagram 3: A horizontal solid line with an arrow pointing to the right. A wavy line is attached to the top of the solid line, forming a loop with a solid line inside it.

Diagram 4: A horizontal solid line with an arrow pointing to the right. A wavy line is attached to the top of the solid line, forming two loops with solid lines inside them. A blue arrow points to the top wavy line with the text "Independent particle bubble".

related approximations

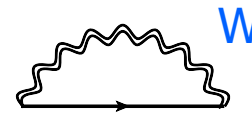
Hartree-Fock

$$\Sigma^{\text{HF}}(12) = iG(12)v(21)$$

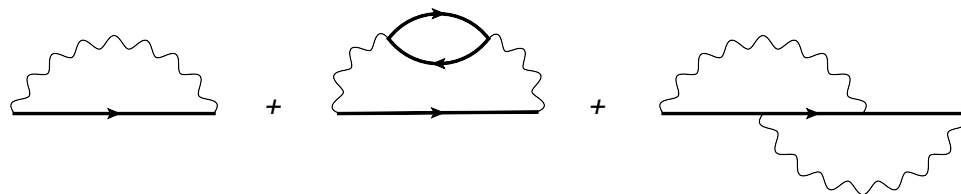


no screening

$$\Sigma^{\text{GW}}(12) = iG(12)W(21)$$



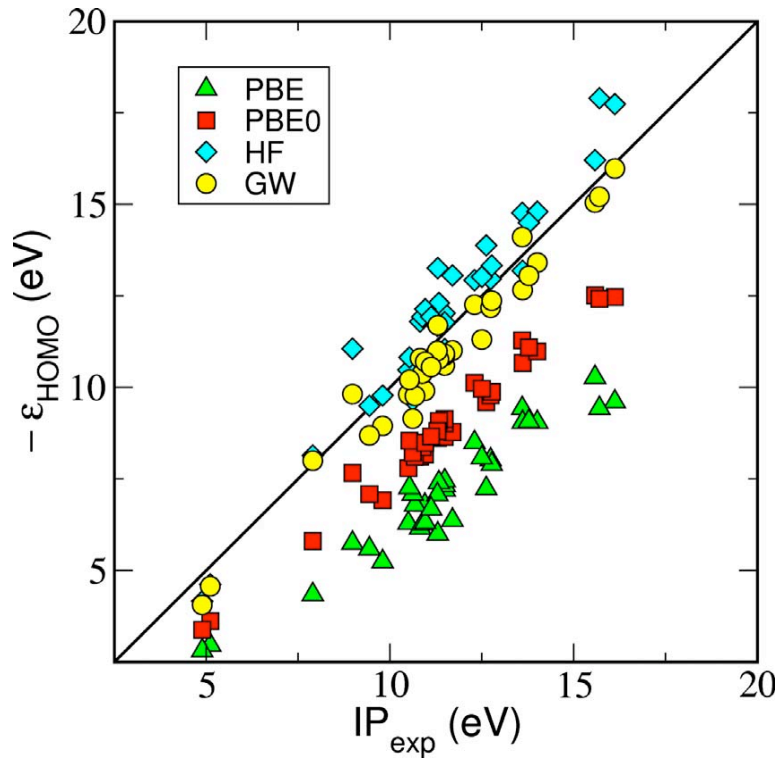
2nd Born approx (MP2)

$$\Sigma^{2\text{B}}(12) =$$


$$\Sigma^{\text{GW}}(12) =$$

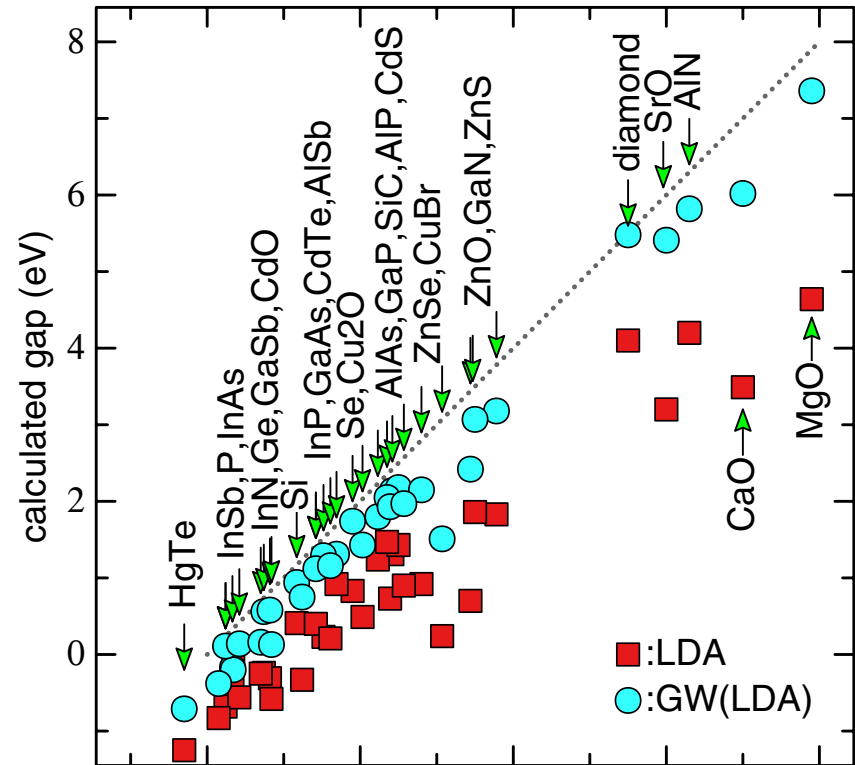

it works!

Molecules



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PRB **81**, 085103 (2010)

Solids



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but...

self-interaction in GW

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Self-interaction in Green's-function theory of the hydrogen atom

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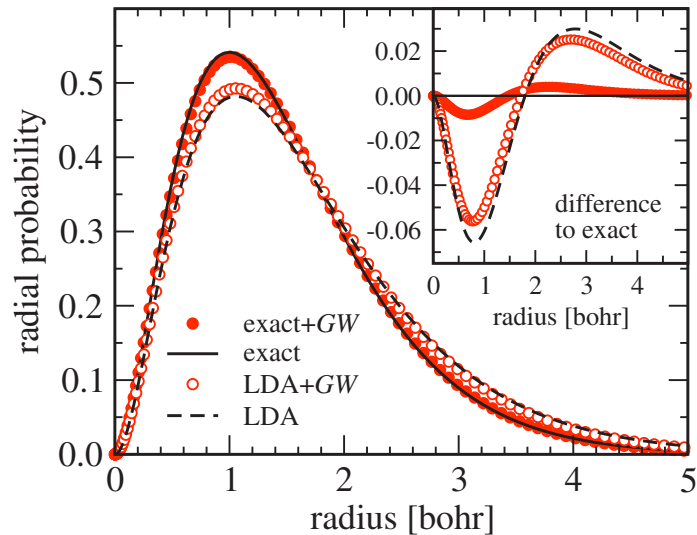


TABLE I. Quasiparticle energies (eV) for the 1s state of hydrogen (the ionization potential) obtained by diagonalizing the quasiparticle Hamiltonian (1). Two GW calculations are shown, starting from the LDA and from exact Kohn-Sham, respectively. For comparison, the Hartree-Fock (HF) and LDA eigenvalues are also shown.

Exact	HF	LDA	LDA+GW	Exact+GW
-13.61	-13.61	-6.36	-12.66	-13.40

because of the **RPA polarizability**
(self-screening)

$$P = -i \text{ (loop diagram) }$$

beyond the GW approx

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The self-energy beyond GW: Local and nonlocal vertex corrections

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Ionization Potentials of Solids: The Importance of Vertex Corrections

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The ionization potential is a fundamental key quantity with great relevance to diverse material properties. We find that state of the art methods based on density functional theory and simple diagrammatic approaches as commonly taken in the *GW* approximation predict the ionization potentials of semi-conductors and insulators unsatisfactorily. Good agreement between theory and experiment is obtained only when diagrams resulting from the antisymmetry of the many-electron wave function are taken into account via vertex corrections in the self-energy. The present approach describes both localized and delocalized states accurately, making it ideally suited for a wide class of materials and processes.

beyond the GW approx

Going Beyond the GW Approximation Using the Time-Dependent Hartree–Fock Vertex

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- Makes use of the **TD-HF vertex**
- Becomes the **BSE vertex** when including screening
- Assessment done on **spherical atoms**

$$\tilde{\Gamma}^{\text{TDHF}} = \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle with } \tilde{\Gamma} \end{array} = \bullet + \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle with } \tilde{\Gamma} \text{ and dashed lines} \end{array}$$

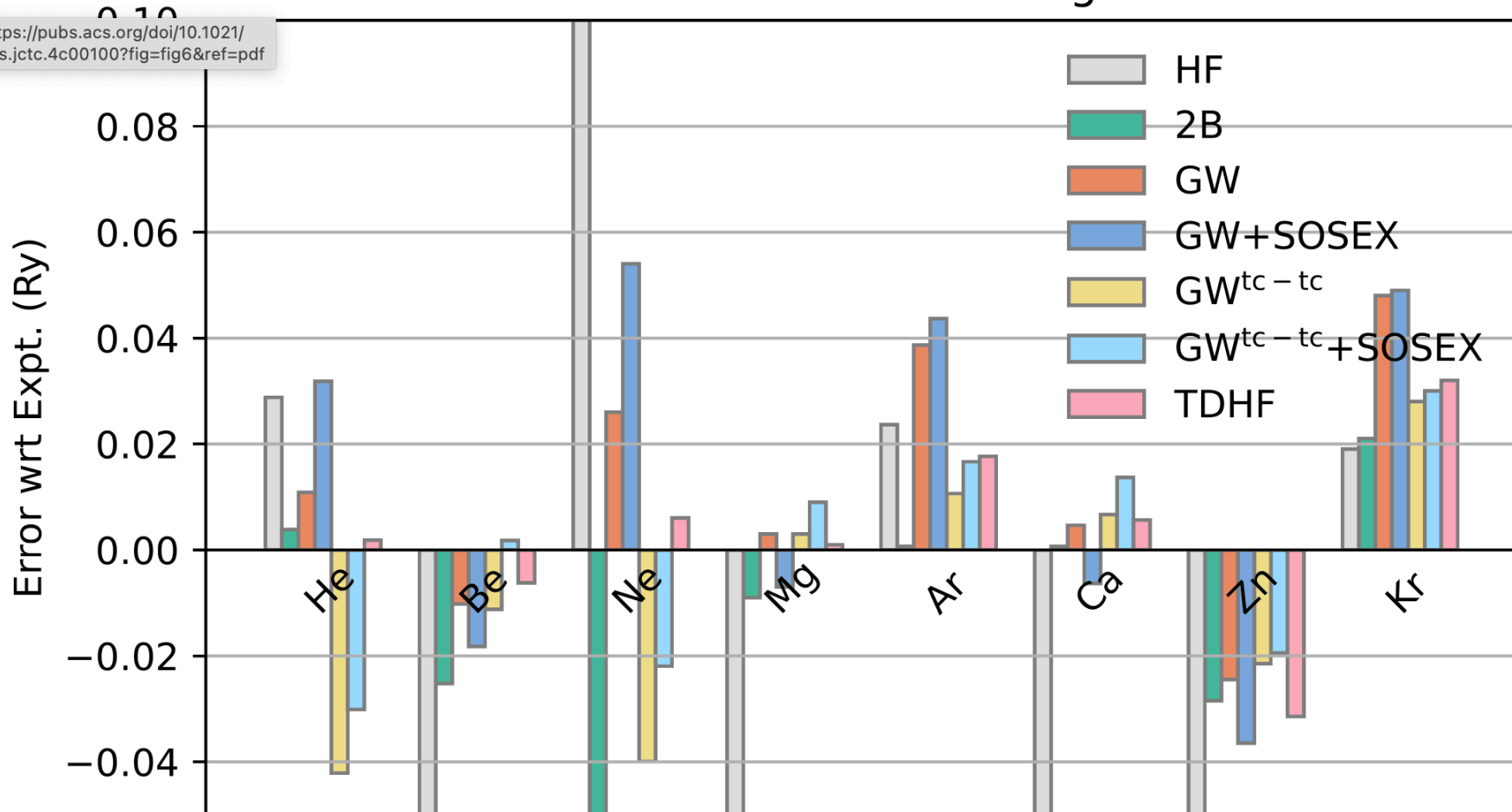
$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_C^{\text{TDHF}} &= \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 1} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 2} \end{array} \\ \Sigma_C^{\text{GW}^{\text{tc-tc}}} &= \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 3} \end{array} \\ \Sigma_C^{\text{GW}^{\text{tc-tc}} + \text{SOSEX}} &= \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 4} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 5} \end{array} \\ \text{wavy line} &= \text{dashed line} + \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 6} \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

See also: Maggio, Kresse, JCTC **13**, 4765 (2017)
Kutepov, PRB **94**, 155101 (2016)

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Atomic ionization energies



satellites in GW

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Fully self-consistent GW self-energy of the electron gas

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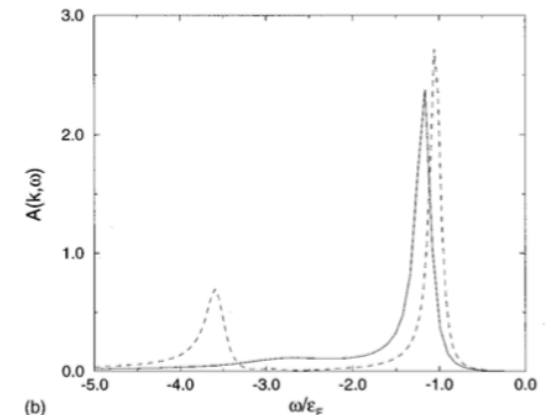
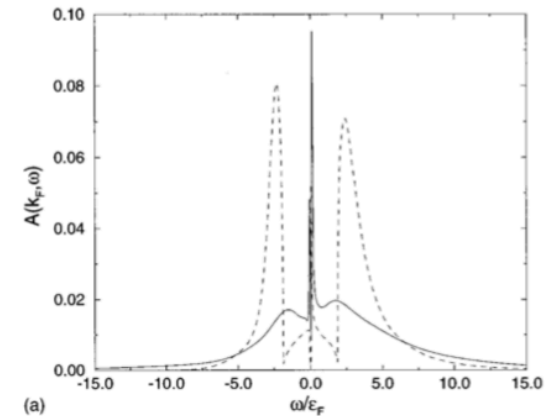
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We present fully self-consistent results for the self-energy of the electron gas within the GW approximation. This means that the self-consistent Green's function G , as obtained from Dyson's equation, is used not only for obtaining the self-energy but also for constructing the screened interaction W within the random-phase approximation. Such a theory is particle and energy conserving in the sense of Kadanoff and Baym. We find an increase in the weight of the quasiparticle as compared to ordinary non-self-consistent calculations but also calculations with partial self-consistency using a fixed W . The quasiparticle bandwidth is larger than that of free electrons and the satellite structure is broad and featureless; both results clearly contradict the experimental evidence. The total energy, though, is as accurate as that from quantum Monte Carlo calculations, and its derivative with respect to particle number agrees with the Fermi energy as obtained directly from the pole of the Green's function at the Fermi level. Our results indicate that, unless vertex corrections are included, non-self-consistent results are to be preferred for most properties except for the total energy.

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- **GoWo (or GWo) satellites** tend to be located at the **wrong energies** (eg compared to GoWo+Cumulant, see next slides)
- **Missing satellite replicas**, see eg PRB **62**, 4858 (2000)
- fully self-consistent GW fully **damps the satellites**



satellites in GW

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Editors' Suggestion


Beyond the quasiparticle approximation: Fully self-consistent GW calculations

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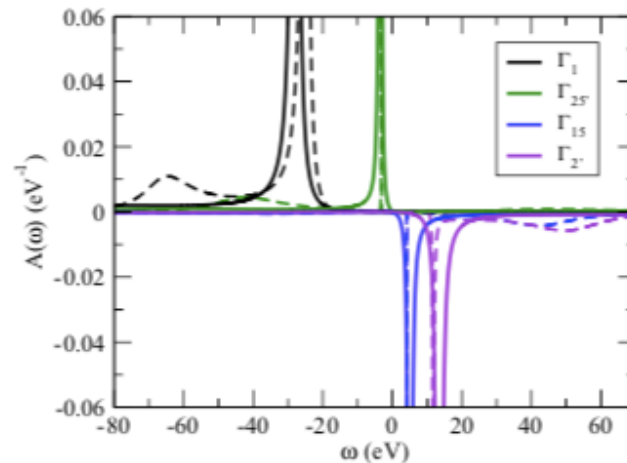


FIG. 4. Comparison of $scGW$ (solid lines) and G_0W_0 (dashed lines) spectral functions of diamond for selected bands at Γ . Note that the signs of the spectral functions for unoccupied states such as Γ_{15} and $\Gamma_{2'}$ are intentionally reversed for clarity.

beyond the GW approx

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Valence Electron Photoemission Spectrum of Semiconductors: *Ab Initio* Description of Multiple Satellites

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- ➊ **Beyond GW** by using a cumulant-expansion like self-energy
- ➋ Better photoemission modelling of **intrinsic losses**
- ➌ **Extrinsic losses added** by ad hoc model

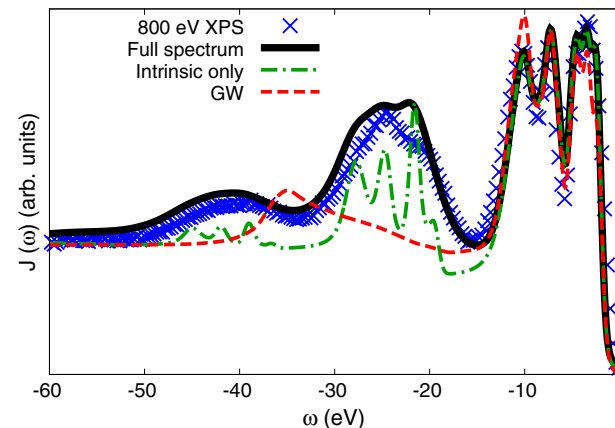


FIG. 1 (color online). Experimental XPS spectrum of Si at 800 eV photon energy (blue crosses), compared to the theoretical intrinsic $A(\omega)$ calculated from G_0W_0 (red dashed line), and from Eq. (4) (green dot-dashed line). On top of the latter the black solid line also includes extrinsic and interference effects. All spectra contain photoabsorption cross sections, a calculated secondary electron background and 0.4 eV Gaussian broadening to account for finite k -point sampling and experimental resolution. The Fermi energy is set to 0 eV.

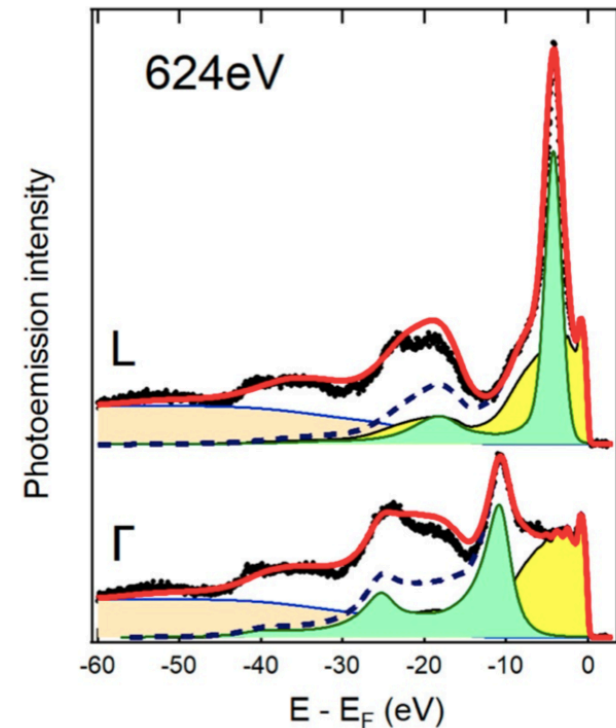
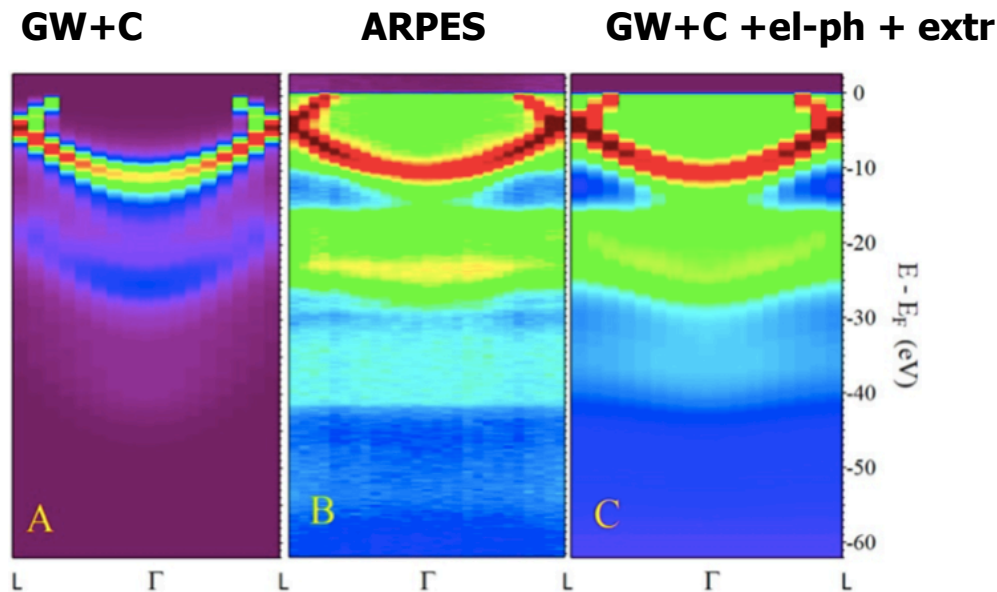
interpreting ARPES

Unraveling intrinsic correlation effects with angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy

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Aluminum bulk





thanks!

