

# Many-Body Perturbation Theory

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## Reminder: One oscillator in medium

The problem:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\gamma \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_0^2 x = F(t).$$

Fourier Transform of Green's function equation:

$$[-\omega^2 - 2i\gamma\omega + \omega_0^2] G(\omega) = 1$$

Poles at  $\omega = -i\gamma \pm \sqrt{-\gamma^2 + \omega_0^2}$ . Spectral function:

$$A(\omega) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} [G^*(\omega) - G(\omega)] = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\Gamma(\omega)}{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + \Gamma^2(\omega)}$$

$$\text{with } \Gamma(\omega) = 2\gamma\omega.$$

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## Self-energy and Dyson equation

Unperturbed oscillator:

$$[-\omega^2 + \omega_0^2] G_0(\omega) = 1$$

...in medium:

$$[-\omega^2 - 2i\gamma\omega + \omega_0^2] G(\omega) = 1$$

$$G^{-1}(\omega) = G_0^{-1}(\omega) - 2i\gamma\omega$$

Dyson equation:

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

with  $\Sigma(\omega) = 2i\omega\gamma$ : "Self-energy".

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# Functional approach to the MB problem

**To determine the 1-particle Green's function**

$$[\omega - h_0]G(\omega) + i \int v G_2(\omega) = 1$$

where  $h_0 = -\frac{1}{2}\nabla^2 + v_{ext}$  is the independent particle Hamiltonian.  
The 2-particle Green's function describes the motion of 2 particles.

Unfortunately, hierarchy of equations

$$\begin{array}{rcl} G_1(1, 2) & \leftarrow & G_2(1, 2; 3, 4) \\ G_2(1, 2; 3, 4) & \leftarrow & G_3(1, 2, 3; 4, 5, 6) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{array}$$

# Self-energy

Perturbation theory starts from what is known to evaluate what is not known, hoping that the difference is small...

Let's say we know  $G_0(\omega)$  that corresponds to the Hamiltonian  $h_0$

Everything that is unknown is put in

$$\Sigma(\omega) = G_0^{-1}(\omega) - G^{-1}(\omega)$$

This is the definition of the self-energy

Thus,

$$[\omega - h_0]G(\omega) - \int \Sigma(\omega)G(\omega) = 1$$

to be compared with

$$[\omega - h_0]G(\omega) + i \int vG_2(\omega) = 1$$

# Functional derivation of the MB problem

Trick due to Schwinger (1951):

introduce a small external potential  $U(3)$ , that will be made equal to zero at the end, and calculate the variations of  $G_1$  with respect to  $U$

$$\frac{\delta G_1(1, 2)}{\delta U(3)} = -G_2(1, 3; 2, 3) + G_1(1, 2)G_1(3, 3).$$

$$i \int d^3v(1, 3) G_2(1, 3; 2, 3) = -i \int d^3v(1, 3) G_1(3, 3) G_1(1, 2) + i \int d^3v(1, 3) \frac{\delta G_1(1, 2)}{\delta U(3)}$$

$$i \int d^3v(1, 3) G_2(1, 3; 2, 3) = \int d^3v(1, 3) \rho(3) G_1(1, 2) + i \int d^3\Sigma(1, 3) G_1(3, 2)$$

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Vertex function

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Dyson equation

$$G^{-1}(1, 2) = G_0^{-1}(1, 2) - U(1)\delta(1, 2) - V_H(1)\delta(1, 2) - \Sigma(1, 2)$$

Vertex equation

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(1, 2; 3) = \delta(1, 2)\delta(1, 3) + \int d4d5d6d7 \left[ -iv(1, 4)\delta(1, 2)\delta(4, 5) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{\delta \Sigma(1, 2)}{\delta G(4, 5)} \right] G(4, 6)G(7, 5)\Gamma(6, 7; 3) \end{aligned}$$

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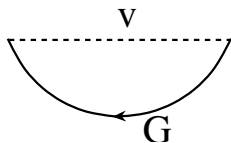
$$\Sigma = iGv\Gamma$$

$$\Gamma = 1 + \left[ -iv + \frac{\delta\Sigma}{\delta G} \right] GG\Gamma$$

$$\Gamma^{(0)} = 1$$

$$\Sigma^{(1)} = iGv = \Sigma_x$$

→ **Hartree Fock** approximation





# Hartree Fock

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# Wavefunctions methods

Hartree-Fock method: variationally best Slater determinant

$$\Phi_{N,0}(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) \propto \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1(\mathbf{r}_1) & \dots & \phi_N(\mathbf{r}_1) \\ \phi_1(\mathbf{r}_2) & \dots & \phi_N(\mathbf{r}_2) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \phi_1(\mathbf{r}_N) & \dots & \phi_N(\mathbf{r}_N) \end{vmatrix}$$

made of  $N$  one-particle wavefunctions  $\phi_i$ .

$$\mathcal{L} = \langle \Phi | \mathcal{H} | \Phi \rangle - \sum_i \epsilon_i^{\text{HF}} \int d\mathbf{r} |\phi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2$$
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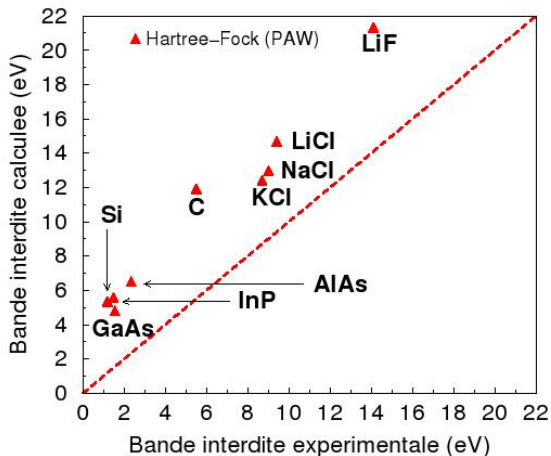
The  $\epsilon_i$  do have a physical meaning.

...but gaps in solids are usually severely overestimated:

Si: measured 3.4 eV, Hartree-Fock 8 eV

VO<sub>2</sub>: measured 0.6 eV, Hartree-Fock > 5 eV

table taken from Brice Arnaud:





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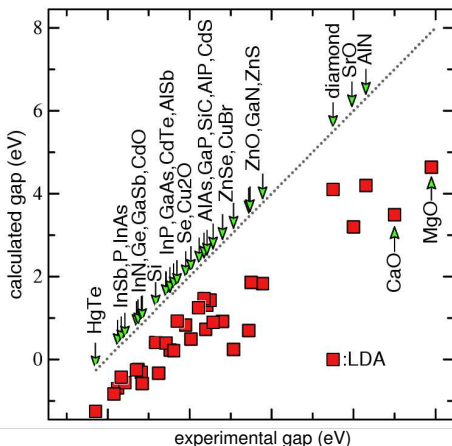
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# Kohn-Sham

Band gaps of semiconductors and insulators



adapted from M. van Schilfgarde *et al.*, PRL **96** 226402 (2006)

→ underestimated

# Density Functional Theory

DFT well assessed for the structure of solids

BUT

$$\mathcal{L} = \langle \Phi | \mathcal{H}^{\text{KS}} | \Phi \rangle - \sum_i \epsilon_i^{\text{KS}} \int d\mathbf{r} |\phi_i^{\text{KS}}(\mathbf{r})|^2$$
$$\Rightarrow h^{\text{KS}}(\mathbf{r}) \phi_i^{\text{KS}}(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_i^{\text{KS}} \phi_i^{\text{KS}}(\mathbf{r})$$

$\epsilon_i^{\text{KS}}$  obtained as  $N$  Lagrange multipliers

Kohn-Sham energies **cannot** be interpreted as removal/addition energies:

Koopman's theorem doesn't hold, not so clear how to fix that!

# Beyond Hartree-Fock?

## Exact equations

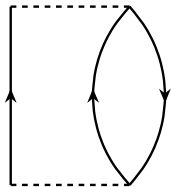
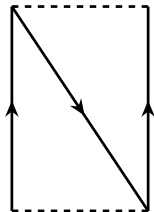
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$$\Sigma^{(2)} = \Sigma_x - GvGGv - GvGvG$$

→ 2nd order in  $v$  [cf. MP2]

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# What to do when screening is important?

In a solid, screening can be very important and an order-by-order treatment inadequate.

New fundamental quantity: the **screened** interaction

## GW origins

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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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A set of successively more accurate self-consistent equations for the one-electron Green's function have been derived. They correspond to an expansion in a screened potential rather than the bare Coulomb potential. The first equation is adequate for many purposes. Each equation follows from the demand that a corresponding expression for the total energy be stationary with respect to variations in the Green's function. The main information to be obtained, besides the total energy, is one-particle-like excitation spectra, i.e., spectra characterized by the quantum numbers of a single particle. This includes the low-excitation spectra in metals as well as configurations in atoms, molecules, and solids with one electron outside or one electron missing from a closed-shell structure. In the latter cases we obtain an approximate description by a modified Hartree-Fock equation involving a "Coulomb hole" and a static screened potential in the exchange term. As an example, spectra of some atoms are discussed. To investigate the convergence of successive approximations for the Green's function, extensive calculations have been made for the electron gas at a range of metallic densities. The results are expressed in terms of quasiparticle energies  $E(\mathbf{k})$  and quasiparticle interactions  $f(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}')$ . The very first approximation gives a good value for the magnitude of  $E(\mathbf{k})$ . To estimate the derivative of  $E(\mathbf{k})$  we need both the first- and the second-order terms. The derivative, and thus the specific heat, is found to differ from the free-particle value by only a few percent. Our correction to the specific heat keeps the same sign down to the lowest alkali-metal densities, and is smaller than those obtained recently by Silverstein and by Rice. Our results for the paramagnetic susceptibility are unreliable in the alkali-metal-density region owing to poor convergence of the expansion for  $f$ . Besides the proof of a modified Luttinger-Ward-Klein variational principle and a related self-consistency idea, there is not much new in principle in this paper. The emphasis is on the development of a numerically manageable approximation scheme.



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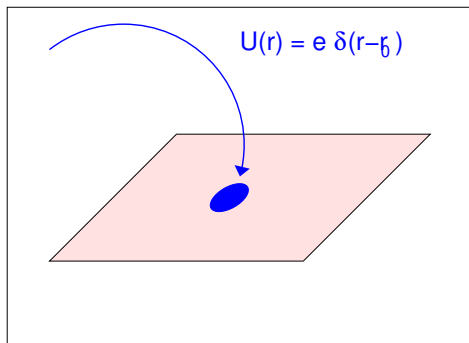
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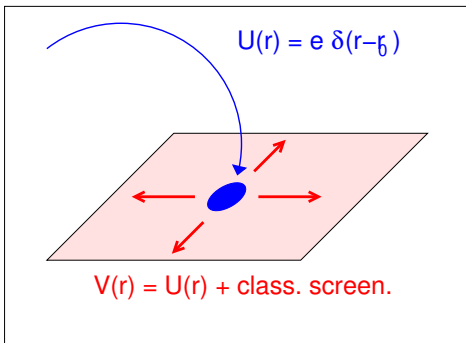
$$A[U]$$

variations of some operator with respect to a local bare  
perturbation:  $\frac{\delta A}{\delta U}$



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Purely classical interaction



$$V(1) = U(1) + \int d^2v(1,2)\rho(2)$$

the variations of the charge density  $\delta\rho$  tends to oppose to the perturbation.

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better to work with  $\frac{\delta A}{\delta V}$  than with  $\frac{\delta A}{\delta U}$

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma &= -\frac{\delta G^{-1}}{\delta U} \\ &= -\frac{\delta G^{-1}}{\delta V} \frac{\delta V}{\delta U} \\ &= -\frac{\delta G^{-1}}{\delta V} \epsilon^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

where  $\epsilon$  is the dielectric function of the medium.

# Towards Hedin's equations

$$\Sigma = iGv\epsilon^{-1}\tilde{\Gamma}$$

**irreducible** vertex

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\Gamma} &= -\frac{\delta G^{-1}}{\delta V} \\ &= 1 + \frac{\delta \Sigma}{\delta G} GG\tilde{\Gamma}\end{aligned}$$

**screened** Coulomb interaction

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

dielectric function

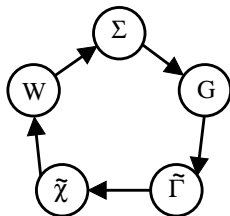
$$\epsilon = 1 - v\tilde{\chi}$$

**irreducible polarizability**

$$\tilde{\chi} = \frac{\delta \rho}{\delta V} = -iGG\tilde{\Gamma}$$

# Hedin's equations

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma &= iGW\tilde{\Gamma} \\ \tilde{\Gamma} &= 1 + \frac{\delta\Sigma}{\delta G}GG\tilde{\Gamma} \\ W &= \epsilon^{-1}v \\ \epsilon &= 1 - v\tilde{\chi} \\ \tilde{\chi} &= -iGG\tilde{\Gamma}\end{aligned}$$



Hedin's wheel