

# A short introduction to the theoretical basis of X-ray absorption and related spectroscopies

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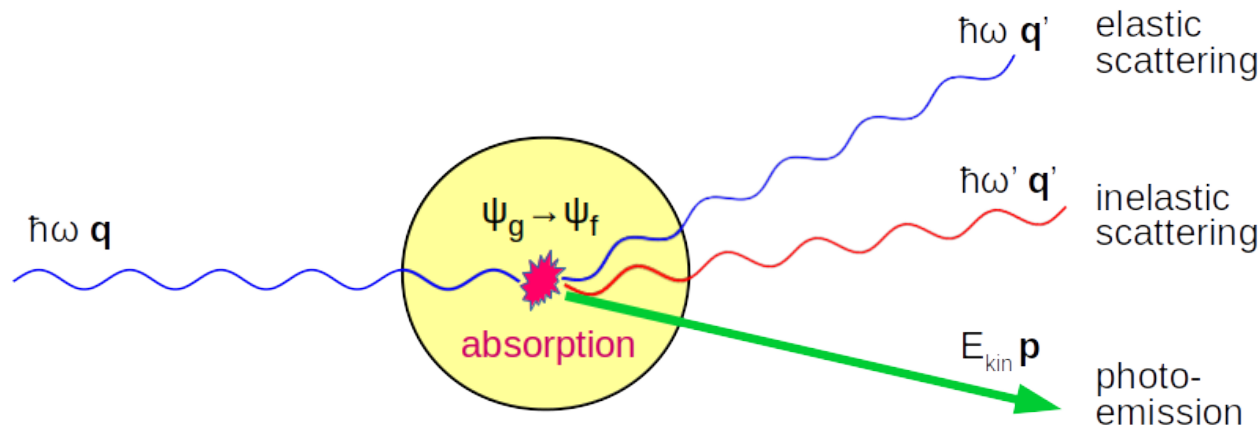
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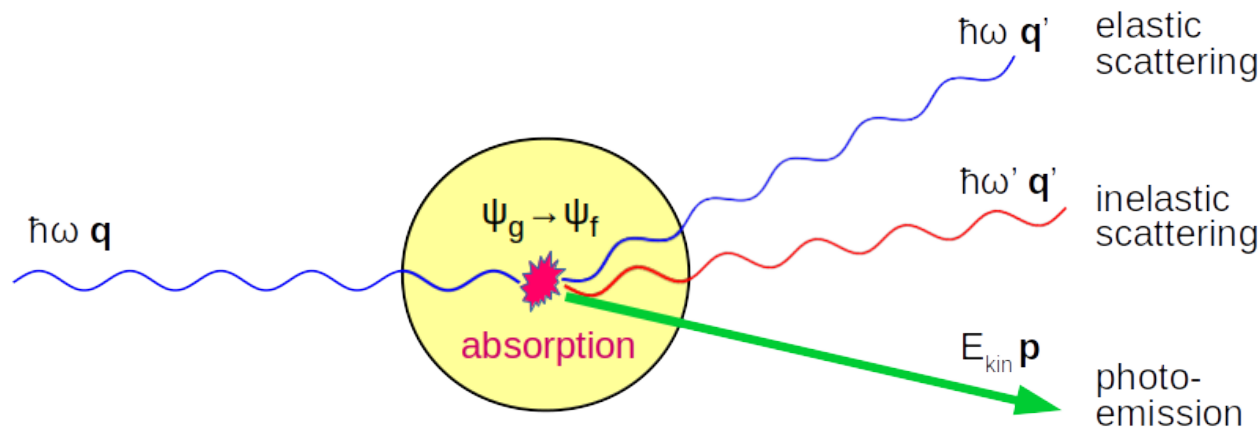
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# Light-Matter interaction

- photons (Energy  $\hbar\omega$ , wave vector  $\mathbf{q}$ ) get absorbed or scattered in matter by electrons, in quantum states  $\psi_n$ 
  - scattering off nuclei ( $\rightarrow$  phonons) is weak and not considered here
- $(\omega\mathbf{q}, \psi_g) \rightarrow (-, \psi_f)$  light absorption
- $(\omega\mathbf{q}, \psi_g) \rightarrow (\omega\mathbf{q}', \psi_g)$  elastic (Bragg) scattering: momentum transfer to lattice  $\rightarrow$  structural probe (XRD)
- $(\omega\mathbf{q}, \psi_g) \rightarrow (\omega'\mathbf{q}', \psi_f)$  inelastic scattering: momentum and energy transfer to electrons  $\rightarrow$  probes electronic excitations



# Light-Matter interaction



- Absorption:  $(\omega \mathbf{q}, \psi_n) \rightarrow (-, \psi_m)$  light absorption
- if  $E_f > E_{\text{vac}}$  then possible **photoelectron emission**  
Measure energy, angle, spin distribution  
→ most direct information about electronic states

# Light-Matter interaction

- $H = H_e + H_p + H_{\text{int}}$
- Here: classical treatment of light  
(quantized photon field: see J.J.Sakurai, Adv. Quantum Mechanics)
- electron momentum  $\mathbf{p} \longrightarrow \mathbf{p} - e\mathbf{A}/c$

$$H_{\text{int}} = -\frac{e}{2mc} (\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{p}) + \frac{e^2}{2mc^2} A^2$$

- $\mathbf{A}$  vector potential.  $\mathbf{E} = -\frac{1}{c}\partial\mathbf{A}/\partial t$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$
- Electromagnetic wave  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{A}_0 \exp(i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t)$
- Coulomb gauge  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{p} = -i\hbar \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0$
- Gauge freedom ?  $\longrightarrow$  Christian Brouder's lecture
- $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{p} \rightarrow$  absorption/stimulated emission
- $A^2$  non-resonant scattering

# Perturbation theory

- light-electron interaction is a weak coupling  $\alpha = e^2/\hbar c = 1/137 \Rightarrow$  Perturbation theory in  $H_{\text{int}}$ .
- except for laser, light intensity/number of photons is small  $\Rightarrow$  lowest order terms often sufficient
- transition rate for oscillating perturbation  $H_{\text{int}}(t) = V \exp(-i\omega t)$

$$w_{fg} \equiv \frac{d}{dt} P_{f \leftarrow g} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |\langle f|T|g\rangle|^2 \delta(E_f - E_g - \hbar\omega)$$

$$\langle f|T|g\rangle = \langle f|V|g\rangle + \sum_m \frac{\langle f|V^+|m\rangle \langle m|V|g\rangle}{\hbar\omega + E_g - E_m + i\Gamma_m/2} + \dots$$

1st order: Fermi's golden rule. 2nd order: Kramers-Heisenberg.

# Transition amplitudes

- $V_o = \frac{e}{mc} \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{p}$  1-photon-electron interaction
- 1st order  $\rightarrow$  photon absorption (+emission)  $\langle f|T|g\rangle \sim \langle f|\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{p}|g\rangle$
- 2nd order  $\rightarrow$

$$\langle f|T|g\rangle = \sum_m \frac{\langle f|V_o^+|m\rangle \langle m|V_o|g\rangle}{\hbar\omega + E_g - E_m + i\Gamma_m/2}$$

$\rightarrow$  resonant scattering (inelastic: resonant Raman scattering)

- $V = V_o + V_{AI}$  autoionization operator: electron-electron scattering with continuum states  $\langle c, \mathbf{k}|1/r| p, \mathbf{q} \rangle$

$$\langle f|T|g\rangle = \sum_m \frac{\langle f|V_{AI}|m\rangle \langle m|V_o|g\rangle}{\hbar\omega + E_g - E_m + i\Gamma_m/2}$$

$\rightarrow$  resonant Auger electron emission

# Electronic structure theory

**One-electron system**, e.g. hydrogen atom.  $H\psi = \epsilon\psi$ .

$$\text{Bound states} \quad \psi_{nlm}(\mathbf{r})\chi_s(\sigma) \quad \epsilon_{nlms} = -\frac{13.6 \text{ eV}}{n^2}$$

$$\text{Scattering states} \quad \psi_{\epsilon lm}(\mathbf{r})\chi_s(\sigma) \quad \epsilon > 0 \quad (\text{any})$$

The wave functions  $\psi(\mathbf{r})$  and all excitation energies are known exactly.

**Atoms ( $\neq \text{H}$ ), molecules, solids:**  $N_e > 1$  electrons  $\Rightarrow$  trouble

$$H = \sum_i \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_i^2 + V_{\text{nucl}}(\mathbf{r}_i) \right) + \sum_{i < j} \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|}$$

$$H\Psi = E\Psi, \quad \Psi(\mathbf{r}_1\sigma_1, \mathbf{r}_2\sigma_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N\sigma_N)$$

This electronic many-body problem cannot be solved exactly.  
Strong approximations are needed.



Most popular approaches for electron spectroscopy:

- ① Hartree-Fock approximation
- ② “Post-HF”, configuration interaction
- ③ Density functional theory
- ④ Time-dependent DFT
- ⑤ Quasi-particle Green’s function methods
  - GW approximation (semiconductors)
  - Dynamical mean field theory (strongly correlated systems)
- ⑥ Bethe-Salpeter equation

# Pauli principle, Slater determinants

Simplest many-electron wave function: product of one-electron states (spin-orbitals). Why?

If  $H(x_1, x_2) = H_a(x_1) + H_b(x_2)$  then  $\Psi(x_1, x_2) = \psi_a(x_1)\psi_b(x_2)$

But electrons are indistinguishable  $\rightarrow$  **Pauli-principle**

$\Psi$  antisymmetric under exchange  $\Psi(x_1, x_2) = -\Psi(x_2, x_1)$

Antisymmetrized product  $\rightarrow$

$$\Psi(x_1, x_2) = [\psi_a(x_1)\psi_b(x_2) - \psi_a(x_2)\psi_b(x_1)]/\sqrt{2}$$

$N$  electrons  $\rightarrow$  **Slater-determinant**

$$\Psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1(x_1) & \phi_1(x_2) & \dots & \phi_1(x_N) \\ \phi_2(x_1) & \phi_2(x_2) & \dots & \phi_2(x_N) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \phi_N(x_1) & \phi_N(x_2) & \dots & \phi_N(x_N) \end{vmatrix}$$

# Hartree-Fock approximation

Assume ground state is Slater Determinant. HFA gives “best” orbitals.

$$H = \sum_i \left[ \frac{1}{2} \nabla_i^2 + V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}_i) \right] + \sum_{i < j} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|}$$

“Rayleigh-Ritz” variational principle

$$E[\Psi] = \frac{\langle \Psi | H | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle}, \quad \frac{\delta E[\Psi]}{\delta \Psi} = 0$$

Assuming  $\Psi$ =Slater Determinant results in Hartree-Fock equations

$$\left[ -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 + V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + V_H(\mathbf{r}) + \hat{V}_X \right] \phi_n(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_n \phi_n(\mathbf{r})$$

The ground state wave function is the Slater-determinant made of the  $n = N_e/2$  orbitals of lowest energy.  $\Psi^{HF} = |\phi_1 \dots \phi_n|$ .

# Hartree-Fock equations

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In HF approximation, the dynamical electron-electron interaction is replaced by a static mean (“effective”) field potential  $V_H + V_X$ .

$$V_H(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_m^{\text{occ}} \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{|\phi_m(\mathbf{r}')|^2}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} = \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

$V_H$  “Hartree potential” = classical electrostatic potential of electronic charge density. Repulsive

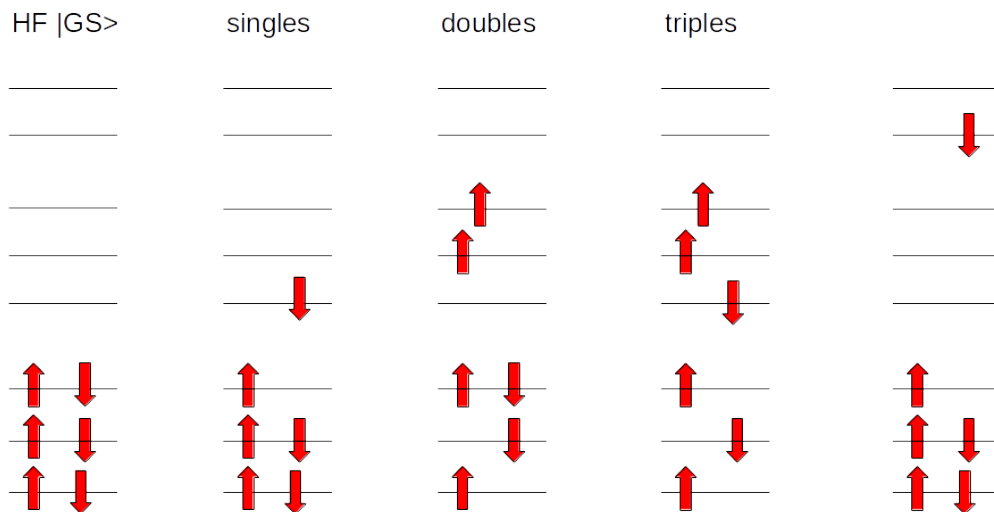
$$\hat{V}_X \phi_n(\mathbf{r}) = - \sum_m^{\text{same spin}} \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\phi_m^*(\mathbf{r}') \phi_m(\mathbf{r}) \phi_n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

$V_X$  “Exchange potential”. No classical analogue. Due to antisymmetry of  $\Psi$ . Non-local. Attractive.

# Configuration Interaction

- The HF (or “SCF=self-consistent field”) method, is the standard in quantum chemistry / molecular orbital theory. It has been extremely successful for molecules.
- Difference between exact theory and HFA is called “correlation”.
- The most straightforward method to include correlation effects is **Configuration Interaction (C.I.)**
- C.I. wave functions are linear combinations of Slater Determinants, including HF ground state and particle-hole excitations.  
How?

# Configuration Interaction

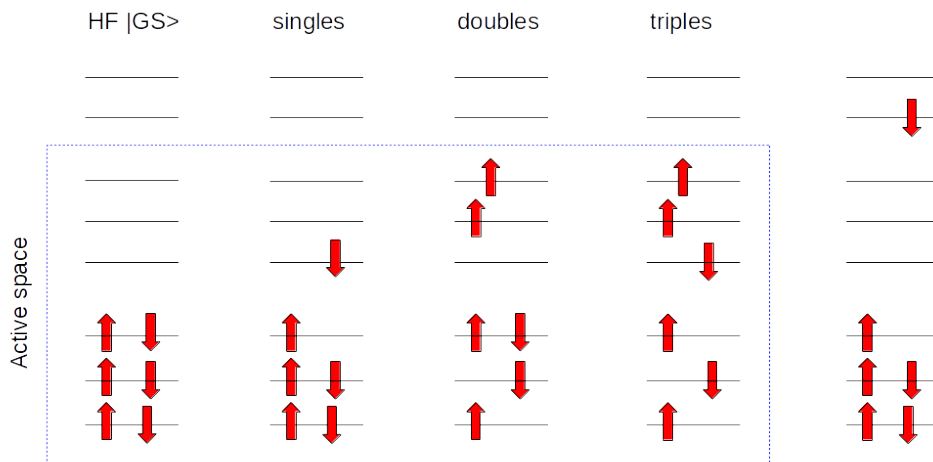


- compute HF orbitals  $1, 2, \dots, n, n+1, \dots$  ( $n = N_e/2$ )
- build S.D. basis: not only the HF-GS  $|1\ 2\ \dots\ n|$ , but also particle-hole excitations  $|1\ \dots\ \underline{h_1}\ \dots\ \underline{h_2}\ \dots\ n\ p_1\ p_2|$
- diagonalize hamiltonian in the space of these SD
- $\rightarrow$  “correlated” wave functions = linear combination of S.D.

# Configuration Interaction

- is very precise
- computational cost scales exponentially with number of electrons.  
⇒ full C.I. only possible for about 10 electrons ( $\text{CH}_4$ ).
- restricted CI: e.g. only single + double particle-hole excitations
- “CAS-SCF” complete active space self-consistent field
  - select the “active space” = **small set of molecular orbitals** (around HOMO-LUMO) that you think are relevant for correlation
  - do CI calculation with **all** particle-hole excitations in **active space**
  - case of transition metal complexes:  
active space = MO's with dominant metal-*d* character.
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# Density Functional Theory (DFT)

Hartree-Fock is difficult for solids and performs poorly for metals

1964: DFT becomes a new paradigm for electronic structure theory

Idea: use electron density  $n(\mathbf{r})$  as basic object of the theory rather than the many-electron wave functions  $\Psi_n(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)$ .

**Hohenberg-Kohn theorems** on interacting, inhomogeneous electron gas:

- ① Ground state electron density  $n_0(\mathbf{r})$  uniquely determines external potential  $V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})$  (and thus  $H$  and thus in principle  $\Psi_n$ )
- ② The total energy is a unique functional of the density. The exact ground state density  $n_0$  minimizes this functional.

We all knew:  $H \longrightarrow \Psi_n \longrightarrow n_0(\mathbf{r}) = \int dr_2 \dots dr_N |\Psi_0(r, r_2 \dots r_N)|^2$

HK showed:  $H \longleftarrow V_{\text{ext}} \longleftarrow n_0(\mathbf{r})$ .

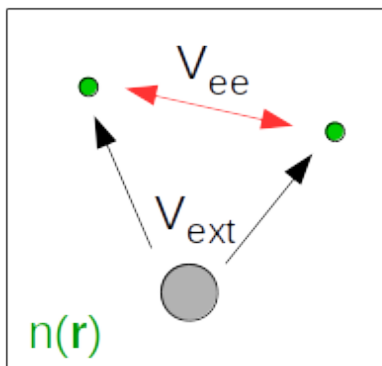
and  $E = F[n(\mathbf{r})]$ ,  $\delta F = 0$  for  $n = n_0$

# Kohn-Sham Density Functional Theory

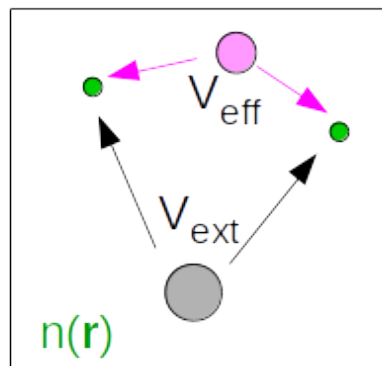
With the HK theorems, one may think that we don't need wave functions any more. Everything could be calculated directly from the density  $n(\mathbf{r})$ . But the only practical DFT is **Kohn-Sham theory**, where single-particle orbitals are used, much like in HF theory.

K.S. introduced an auxiliary non-interacting system with the **same density** as the real interacting system, but a different external potential, called effective or Kohn-Sham potential  $V_{KS}$ .

Real system,  
interacting

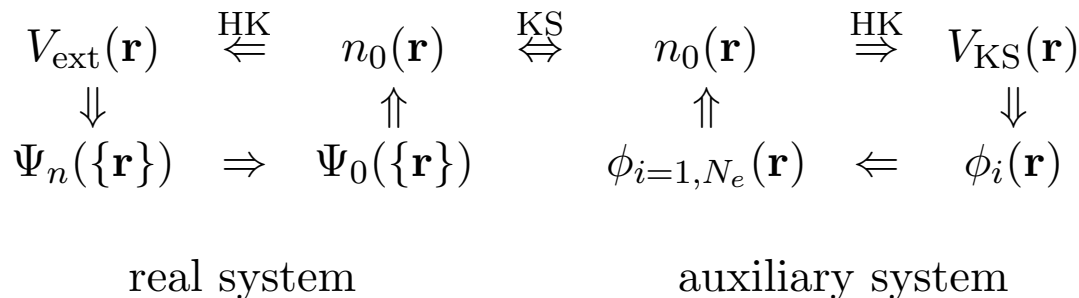


Auxilliary system,  
non-interacting



# Kohn-Sham Density Functional Theory

- The auxiliary system is non-interacting, so it can be solved exactly. The wave functions are Slater determinants made of orbitals  $\phi_i$  corresponding to  $V_{KS}(\mathbf{r})$ .
- $V_{KS}$  is not known exactly, must be approximated
- Make approximation to universal functional  $E[n]$ ,  
i.e. to its unknown part, called “exchange-correlation” energy  
 $E_{XC} = E_{\text{tot}} - E_{\text{ext}} - E_H - E_{\text{kin}}^0$   
 Functionals: Local Density Approx, GGA, hybrid=HF+GGA
- $V_{KS} = V_{\text{ext}} + V_H + V_{XC}$ ,  $V_{XC}(\mathbf{r}) = \delta E_{XC}[n] / \delta n(\mathbf{r})$



# Spectra from HF or DFT

Task: compute  $\langle \Psi_n | T | \Psi_m \rangle$ . (Mostly  $m = 0$ )

- Independent particle approximation.

Compute molecular orbitals  $\phi_i$  (using HF or DFT).

Assume that all  $\Psi_n$  are Slater-determinants made of  $|\{\phi_i\}|$ .

$$\langle \Psi_n | T | \Psi_m \rangle = \langle \phi_j | T | \phi_i \rangle \quad \Delta E = \epsilon_j - \epsilon_i$$

- Delta SCF

In reality, HF and DFT are ground state theories, i.e. orbitals only good for GS. In the excited state, there is a hole. One can do “constraint” HF calculations for particle-hole excitations. This gives different orbitals  $\tilde{\phi}_i$  and much better excitation energy.

$$\langle \Psi_n | T | \Psi_m \rangle = \langle SD\{\tilde{\phi}_j\} | T | SD\{\phi_i\} \rangle \quad \Delta E = E[SD\{\tilde{\phi}_j\}] - E[SD\{\phi_i\}]$$

Takes account of orbital relaxation around hole.

- often neglect “spectator” orbitals  $\rightarrow$

$$\langle \Psi_n | T | \Psi_m \rangle \approx \langle \tilde{\phi}_j | T | \phi_i \rangle \quad \Delta E \approx \tilde{\epsilon}_j - \epsilon_i$$

# Spectra from HF or DFT – in practice

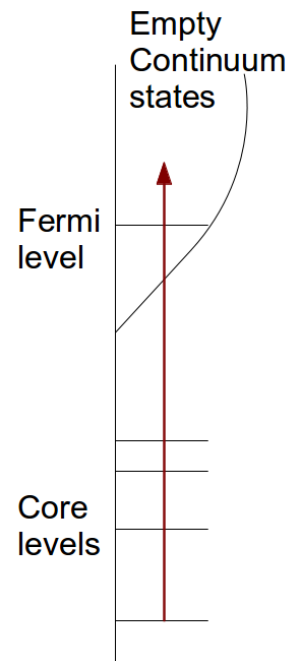
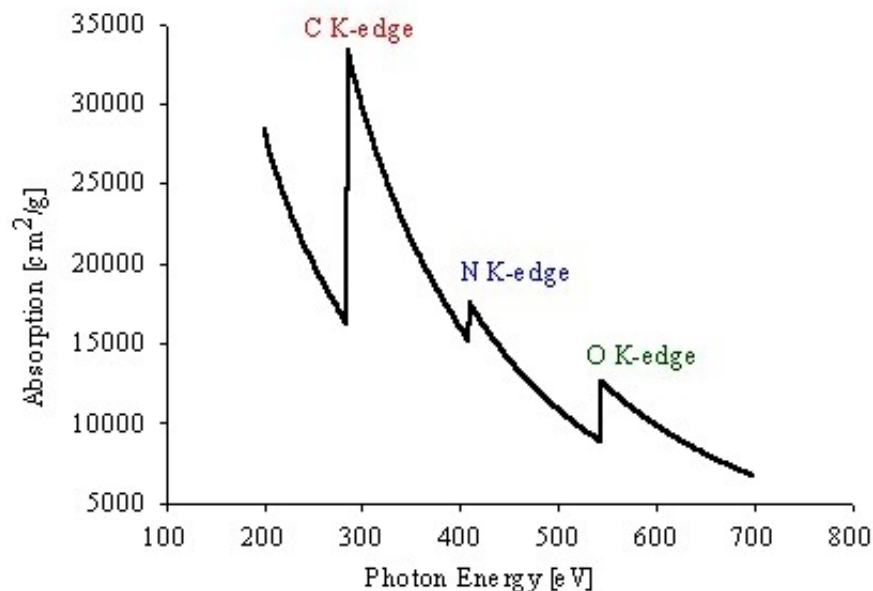
Take electronic structure code. Compute molecular or band orbitals.  
Compute absorption spectra

$$\sigma(\omega) = 4\pi^2\alpha\hbar\omega \sum_f |\langle f|\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \cdot \mathbf{r}|c\rangle|^2 \delta(\hbar\omega + \epsilon_c - \epsilon_f)$$

If possible include core-hole effect, i.e. calculate the final state energies  $\epsilon_f$  and orbitals  $\phi_f$  in the presence of a core-hole. Since the core-hole is localized on one site, the symmetry is generally lowered. In crystals: use supercell with one core-hole site.

DFT codes can be used, if the basis is sufficiently complete for states above  $E_F$  (“virtual molecular orbitals”).

# X-ray absorption in independent particle approximation

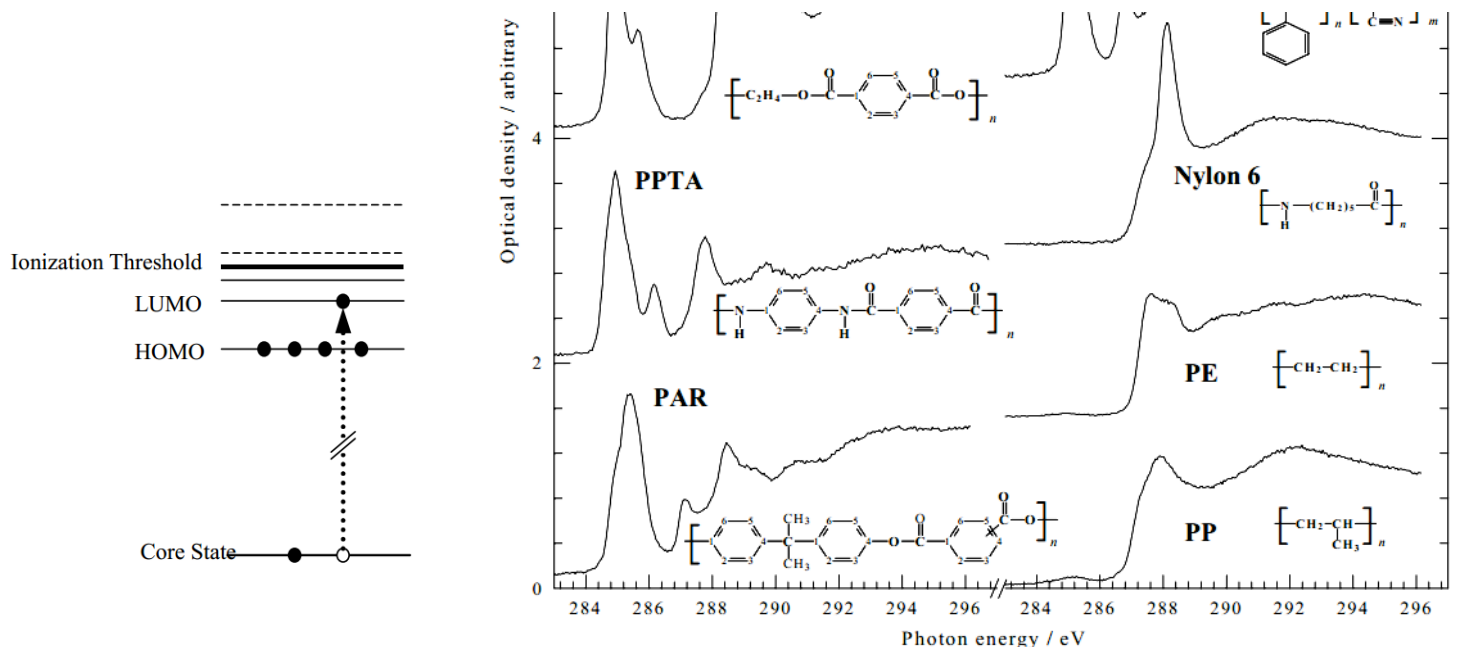


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1st row elements: 1s = K-edge, transition metals: 2p = L23-edges, etc

# XANES X-ray absorption near-edge structure

Chemical analysis. Example: C K-edge of polymers



**Fig. 3 C 1s** NEXAFS spectra of some common polymers. Abbreviation as follows: PC, polycarbonate; PET, poly(ethylene terephthalate); PPTA, poly(p-phenylene terephthalamide); PAR, polyacrylate; PS, polystyrene; SAN, styrene-acrylonitrile; Nylon-6, poly( $\epsilon$ -caprolactam); PP, polypropylene; PE, polyethylene. (Figure adopted from [Ade 97])

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# XAS formula

X-ray beam = plane wave with polarization  $\epsilon$ .

$$\mathbf{A}_0(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon A_0 \exp(i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}).$$

$\hbar\omega < 1 \text{ keV} \Leftrightarrow \lambda > 12 \text{ \AA}$ , much larger than core orbital.

$\Rightarrow$  for matrix elements,  $\exp(i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}) \approx 1$  “dipole approximation”

Instead of  $\mathbf{p}$ , we can use  $\mathbf{r}$ .  $[\mathbf{r}, H] = \frac{i\hbar}{m}\mathbf{p}$  and  $|\phi\rangle$ 's are eigenstates of  $H$ .

Dropping all constants, the XAS intensity

$$I(\omega) = \sum_f |\langle \Phi_f | \epsilon \cdot \sum_i \mathbf{r}_i | \Phi_g \rangle|^2 \delta(E_f - E_g - \omega)$$



# From many-electron to single-electron formula

$$I(\omega) = \sum_f |\langle \Phi_f | \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \cdot \sum_i \mathbf{r}_i | \Phi_g \rangle|^2 \delta(E_f - E_g - \omega)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } |\Phi_g\rangle &= |\Phi_0^c\rangle |\phi_c\rangle & |\Phi_f\rangle &= |\tilde{\Phi}_j^c\rangle |\phi_k\rangle & \langle \phi_k | \phi_c \rangle &= 0 \\ S_j &\equiv \langle \tilde{\Phi}_j^c | \Phi_0^c \rangle & E_g &= E_0^c + \epsilon_c & E_f &= \tilde{E}_j^c + \epsilon_k & \Delta_j &\equiv \tilde{E}_j^c - E_0^c \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I(\omega) &= \sum_j |S_j|^2 \sum_k |\langle \phi_k | \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \cdot \mathbf{r} | \phi_c \rangle|^2 \delta(\epsilon_k - \epsilon_c - \omega + \Delta_j) \\ &= \sum_k |\langle \phi_k | \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \cdot \mathbf{r} | \phi_c \rangle|^2 \delta(\epsilon_k - \epsilon_c - \omega) * \sum_j |S_j|^2 \delta(\omega - \Delta_j) \end{aligned}$$

Convolution of one-electron XAS formula with  $N - 1$  electron excitation spectrum ( $\sim$  core-level XPS).

# Single-electron approximation

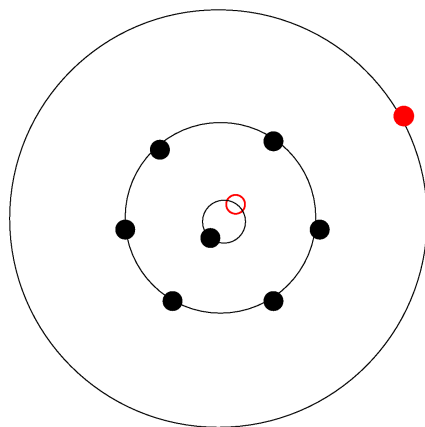
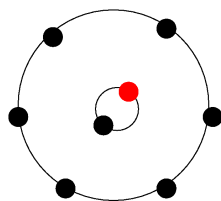
Only  $j = 0$  (“fully relaxed channel”)  $\rightarrow$

$$I(\omega) = |S_0|^2 \sum_k |\langle \phi_k | \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \cdot \mathbf{r} | \phi_c \rangle|^2 \delta(\epsilon_k - \tilde{\epsilon}_c - \omega) , \quad \tilde{\epsilon}_c = \epsilon_c - \Delta_0$$

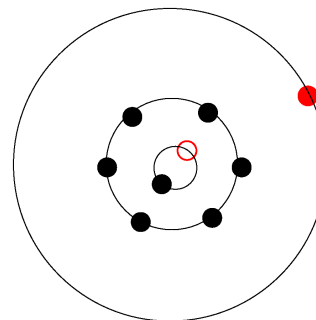
- XAS can be calculated approximately from single electron states  $\phi_c$  and  $\phi_k$ .
- Intensity reduced  $|S_0| < 1$ . Rest  $1 - |S_0|$  in many-body excited states ( $\sim$  photoemission shake-up satellites etc) which adds to background.
- Core-level energy shifted by  $N - 1$  electron relaxation energy to core-hole,  $\Delta_0$ . (In practice  $\epsilon_k - \tilde{\epsilon}_c = E_f - E_g$ , from  $\Delta$ SCF calc.)

# Core hole — orbital relaxation — screening

ground state



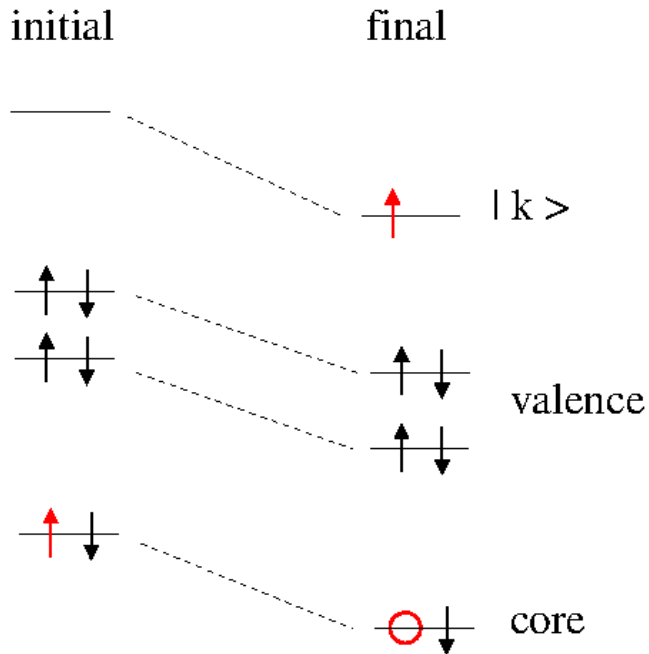
without relaxation



with relaxation

final state

What is the best potential for final state  $|k\rangle$  ?



### Final state rule

photoelectron wave function  $|k\rangle$  computed in presence of core-hole, and all electronic states fully relaxed

### Slater transition state

compute  $|c\rangle$  and  $|k\rangle$  with half a core-hole  
transition: ground (0 holes) to final (1 hole)

in solids: impurity problem, supercell calculation

# Dipole selection rules

Matrix element  $\langle \phi_k | \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{r} | \phi_c \rangle$ . Expand  $\phi_k$  in atomic-like orbitals at sites  $\mathbf{R}_i$ .

$$\phi_k = \sum_{ilm} B_{ilm}^k \phi_{ilm}, \quad \phi_{ilm}(\mathbf{r}) = R_{il}^k(r_i) Y_{lm}(\Omega_i), \quad \mathbf{r}_i \equiv \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_i \equiv (r_i, \Omega_i)$$

$Y_{lm}$  are spherical harmonics = complete, orthonormal set of angular functions ( $\sim$  s,p,d,f... orbitals). The core-orbital is localized at site  $i_c$ , so only orbitals at  $i_c$  contribute to the matrix element.

Consider core-s state and linearly polarized light along z,  $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{z}$ .

$\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{r} = z = r Y_{10} \sqrt{4\pi/3}$  spherical harmonic

$$\langle \phi_{lm} | z | \phi_s \rangle = \int d\Omega dr r^2 R_l Y_{lm}^* z R_s Y_{00} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \int dr r^3 R_l R_s \int d\Omega Y_{lm}^* Y_{10}$$

$Y_{lm}$  orthonormal set  $\Rightarrow$  only  $(lm) = (10)$  gives non-zero integral.

$\Rightarrow$  **selection rule**  $\langle \phi_{lm} | z | \phi_s \rangle = 0$ , except for  $(lm) = p_z$ .

Light polarization  $q = 0$  linear z,  $q = \pm 1$  circular left/right.  
Wigner-Eckart theorem

$$\langle n'l'm's' | r_q | nlm s \rangle = \delta_{s's} (-1)^{l'-m'} \begin{pmatrix} l' & 1 & l \\ -m' & q & m \end{pmatrix} \langle n'l' || r || nl \rangle$$

Wigner 3-j symbols (...) (=angular integrals) non-zero only for:

$$\boxed{l' = l \pm 1 \qquad m' = m + q \qquad s' = s}$$

dipole selection rules

circular pol., spherical harmonics					linear pol., cubic harmonics				
$q$	$s$	$p_0$	$p_1$	$p_{-1}$	$q'$	$s$	$p_x$	$p_y$	$p_z$
0	$p_0$	$s, d_0$	$d_1$	$d_{-1}$	$x$	$p_x$	$s, d_e$	$d_{xy}$	$d_{xz}$
1	$p_1$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$s, d_0$	$y$	$p_y$	$d_{xy}$	$s, d_e$	$d_{yz}$
-1	$p_{-1}$	$d_{-1}$	$s, d_0$	$d_{-2}$	$z$	$p_z$	$d_{xz}$	$d_{yz}$	$s, d_e$
$d_e = \{d_{x^2-y^2}, d_{3z^2-r^2}\}$									

# Density of states (DOS)

Eigenstates  $\psi_k$ , eigenvalues  $\epsilon_k$ .

$$\rho(\epsilon) = \sum_k \delta(\epsilon - \epsilon_k) \quad \text{total DOS}$$

$$\rho(\epsilon, \mathbf{r}) = \sum_k |\psi_k(\mathbf{r})|^2 \delta(\epsilon - \epsilon_k) \quad \text{local (point) DOS}$$

$$\rho_{ilm}(\epsilon) = \sum_k |\langle \phi_{ilm} | \psi_k \rangle|^2 \delta(\epsilon - \epsilon_k) \quad \text{partial (ilm) DOS}$$

$\phi_{ilm}$  = normalized basis function centered on site  $i$ , symmetry  $lm$

# X-ray absorption and density of states

$$I_q(\omega) = \sum_k |\langle \psi_k | r_q | \phi_c \rangle|^2 \delta(\epsilon_k - \epsilon_c - \omega)$$

Develop  $|k\rangle$  in local basis  $|ilm\rangle$

$$\langle k | r_q | i_c l_c m_c \rangle = \sum_{ilm} \langle k | ilm \rangle \langle ilm | r_q | i_c l_c m_c \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{\pm} \langle k | i_c, l_c \pm 1, m + q \rangle \langle i_c, l_c \pm 1, m + q | r_q | i_c l_c m_c \rangle$$

Localization of  $|c\rangle$  and selection rules  $\rightarrow$  only one or two terms survive,  
e.g.  $c = s, q = z \Rightarrow \langle || \rangle = 0$  except for  $i = 0, (lm) = p_0$

$$I_q(\omega) = \sum_{\pm} \sum_k |\langle k | i_c l_{\pm} m \rangle \langle i_c l_{\pm} m | r_q | c \rangle|^2 \delta(\epsilon_k - \epsilon_c - \omega)$$



$$I_q(\omega) \approx \sum_{\pm} |\langle i_c l_{\pm} m | r_q | c \rangle|^2 \sum_k |\langle k | i_c l_{\pm} m \rangle|^2 \delta(\epsilon_k - \epsilon_c - \omega)$$

$$I_q(\omega) \sim A_+ \rho_{i_c l_+ m}(\omega + \epsilon_c) + A_- \rho_{i_c l_- m}(\omega + \epsilon_c)$$

K-edge,  $s \rightarrow p$ ,  $A_- = 0$ . *L23* edges often  $A_+ \gg A_-$

So, in single electron approximation, the

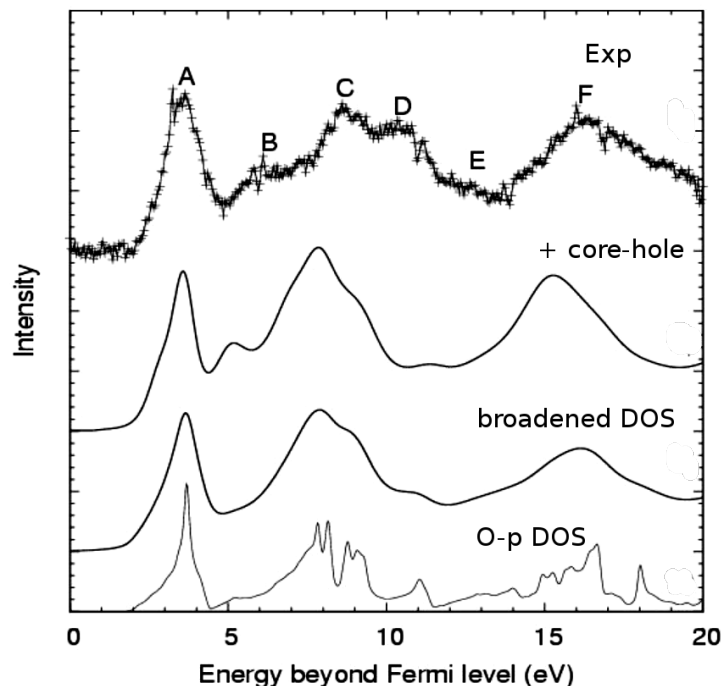
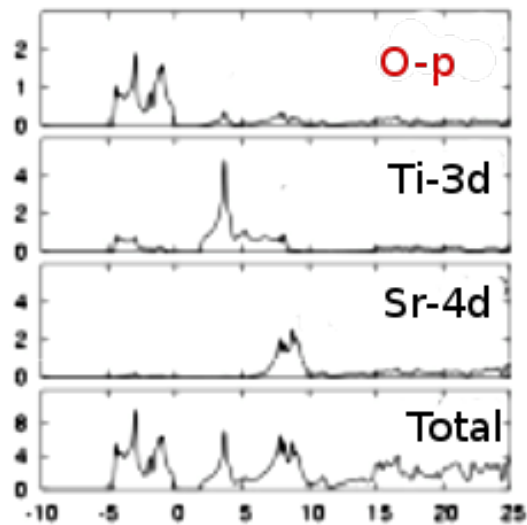
**XAS is approximately proportional to a partial DOS at absorber site**

Example: K-edge,  $x$ -polarization.      XAS  $\sim p_x$ -DOS

→ **element-resolved / local electronic structure** (unoccupied states)

# Example: SrTiO<sub>3</sub>, O-K edge

Partial density of states  
from DFT (Wien2k) code



XAS spectrum essentially broadened O-p projected DOS. Some improvement with final state rule.

[G. Ratdke, G. Botton, Microscopy and Microanalysis 2010]

# Multiple scattering

Continuum wave expanded in energy-dependent spherical waves  $|ilm\rangle$  located at sites  $i$ .

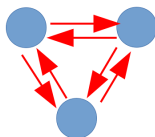
$$|\mathbf{k}\rangle = \sum_{ilm} B_{ilm}^{\mathbf{k}} |ilm\rangle$$

$$B_{ilm}^{\mathbf{k}} = \sum_{jl'm'} \tau_{ilm,jl'm'} A_{jl'm'}^{\mathbf{k}}$$

$A_{jl'm'}^{\mathbf{k}}$  = plane-wave coefficients

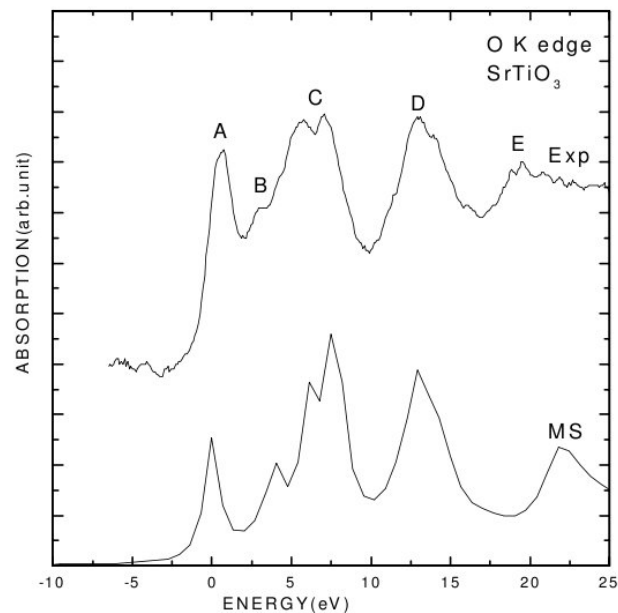
$\tau_{ij}$  = scattering path operator

$$\tau_{ij} = \delta_{ij} t_i + t_i G_{ij} t_j + t_i \sum_k G_{ik} t_k G_{kj} t_j + \dots$$



$t_i$  atomic scattering matrix (phase shifts)

$G_{ij}$  free electron propagator



Z. Wu et al J. Synchrotron Rad.  
(2001)

# Dichroism

= polarisation dependence of light absorption

**Linear Dichroism** (LD) is the difference in absorption of light **linearly** polarized parallel and perpendicular to an orientation axis (e.g. molecular axis, crystal axis, magnetisation direction)

$$\text{LD} = I(||) - I(\perp) = I_z - I_x$$

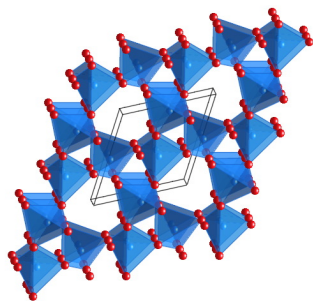
A diagram illustrating isotropic absorption. It shows a square box with a vertical double-headed arrow, followed by a minus sign, another square box with a horizontal double-headed arrow, followed by an equals sign, a third square box with a vertical double-headed arrow, followed by a minus sign, a fourth square box with a vertical double-headed arrow, and finally equals 0.

A diagram illustrating anisotropic absorption. It shows a square box with a vertical double-headed arrow, followed by a minus sign, another square box with a horizontal double-headed arrow, followed by an equals sign, a third square box with a vertical double-headed arrow, followed by a minus sign, a fourth, narrower square box with a vertical double-headed arrow, and finally not equal to 0.

LD is sensitive to anisotropy of electronic density (and/or atomic structure) around the absorber site

# Linear dichroism

reflects anisotropy of charge distribution in low symmetry crystal.



$\alpha$ -quartz single crystal

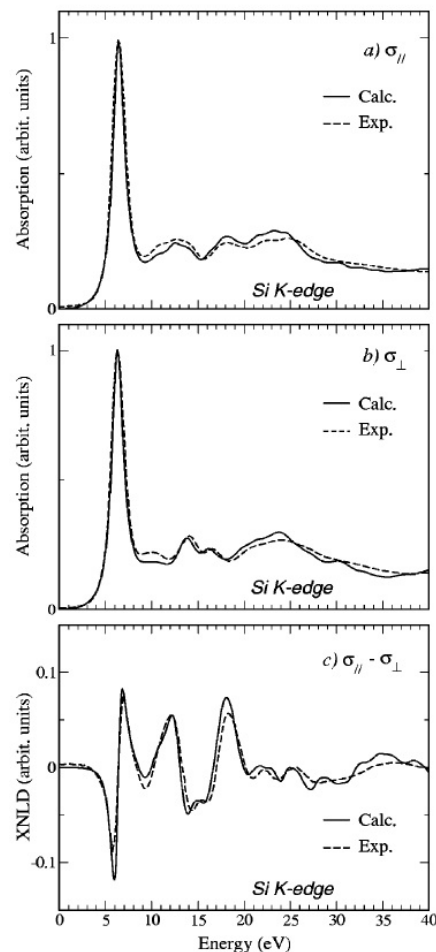
hexagonal,  $c \neq a \Rightarrow \text{LD} \neq 0$

$$I(\parallel) - I(\perp) \sim \rho_{pz} - \rho_{px}$$

Si K-edge XAS

[Taillefumier et al. PRB 2002]

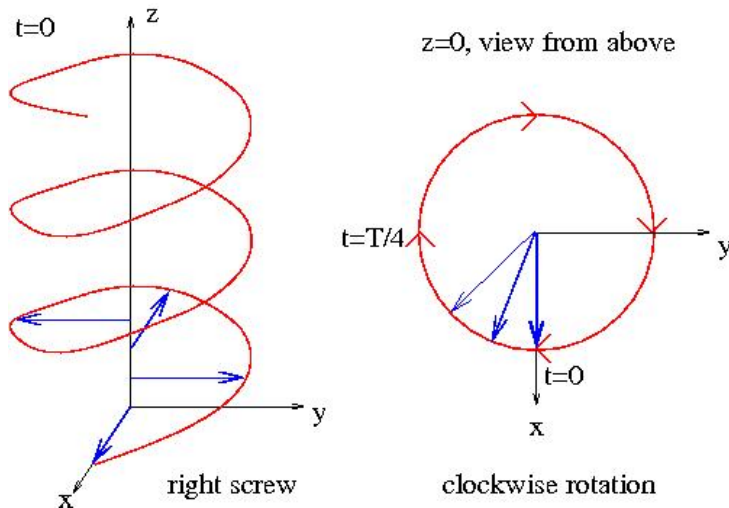
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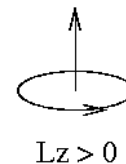
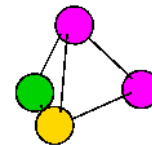
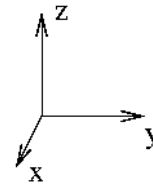
# Circular dichroism

is the difference in absorption of left- and right-handed circularly polarized light.

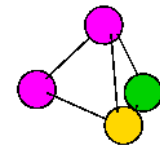
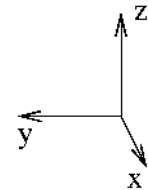
Right circularly polarized light



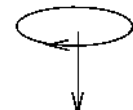
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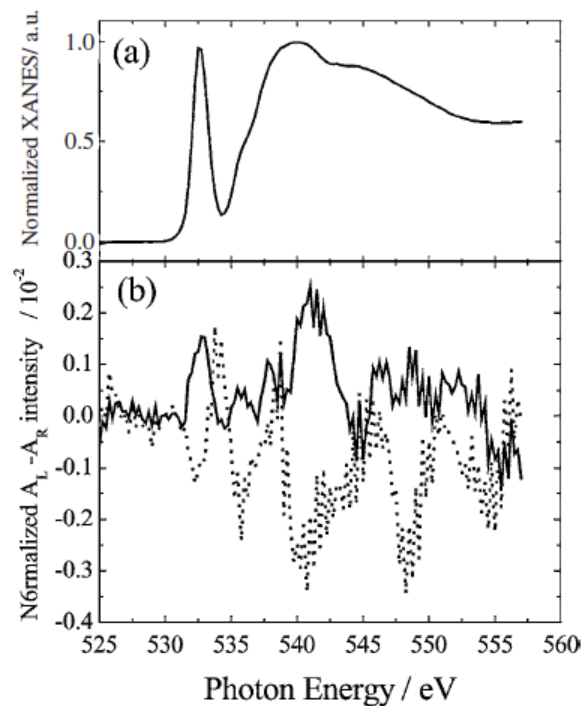
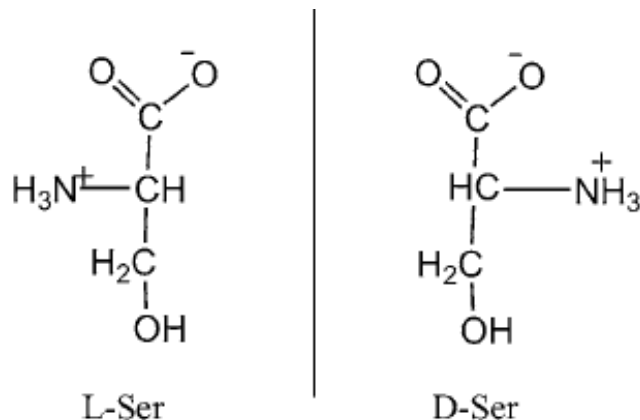
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$L_z < 0$



# X-ray circular dichroism of chiral molecules



Serine. [Physica Scripta T115, 873]

~ optical activity. But effect much weaker for x-rays than vis-UV light.

# X-ray Magnetic Circular Dichroism

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## Absorption of Circularly Polarized X Rays in Iron

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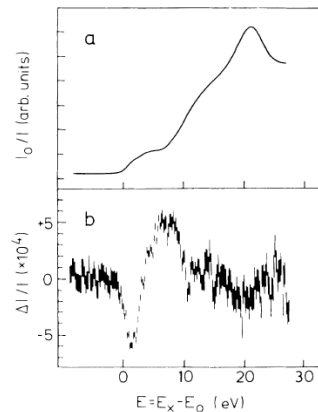


FIG. 1. (a) Absorption  $I_0/I$  of x rays as function of the energy  $E$  above the  $K$  edge of iron and (b) the difference of the transmission  $\Delta I/I$  of x rays circularly polarized in and opposite to the direction of the spin of the magnetized  $d$  electrons.

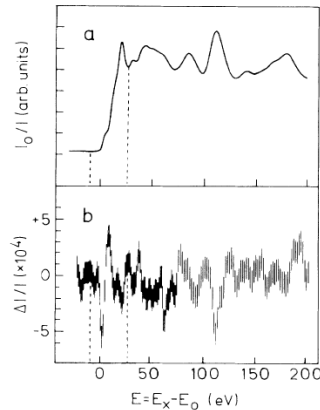


FIG. 2. (a) Extended x-ray absorption fine structure of iron in the energy region up to 200 eV above  $E_0$  and (b) the spin-dependent transmission  $\Delta I/I$ . The energy region marked by dashed lines corresponds to the energy region shown in Fig. 1.

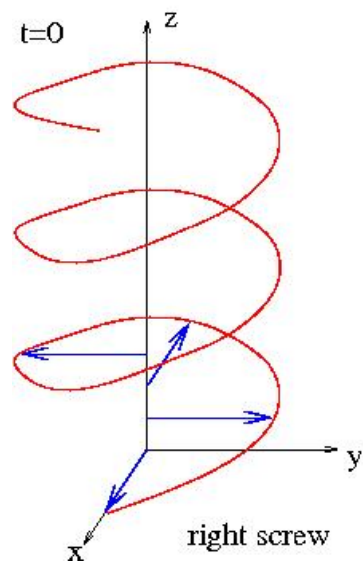
Fe K-edge.



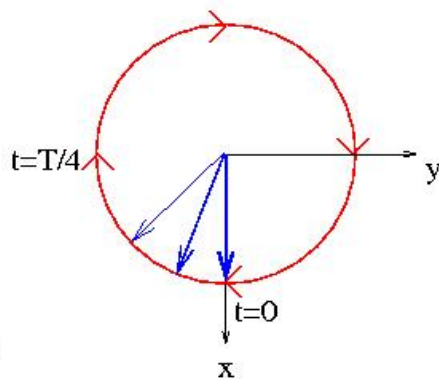
# Origin of magnetic circular dichroism

circular light is chiral (= parity-odd)  
but also **time-reversal odd**  $\rightarrow$   
dichroism for time-reversal broken states

Right circularly polarized light

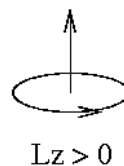
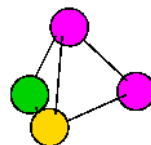
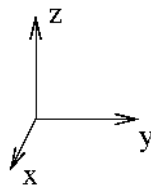


$z=0$ , view from above

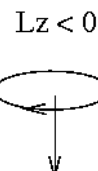
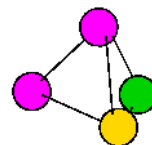
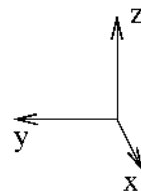


clockwise rotation

RIGHT



LEFT



$L_z < 0$

$L_z > 0$

Circular light has angular momentum (helicity)

absorption  $\rightarrow$  angular momentum transferred to orbital moment of electron

if states orbitally polarized  $\rightarrow$  transition probabilities different for left/right

$\rightarrow$  circular dichroism detects orbital polarization of electronic states

Ex. K-edge.  $1s \rightarrow p$ .

XMCD  $\sim \text{DOS}(p_+) - \text{DOS}(p_-)$

orbital magnetic polarization  $L_z(\epsilon)$  of  $p$ -projected conduction band

However, orbital polarization of conduction- $p$  band usually small, because spin-orbit coupling  $\ll$  hybridization

# Time-Dependent Density Functional Theory

Generalization of DFT to time-dependent phenomena, i.e.  $V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{t})$ .

History

**1980 Zangwill, Soven** linear response theory with LDA kernel (= time-dependent, adiabatic LDA)

**1984 Runge-Gross theorems** → equivalent of Hohenberg-Kohn for time-dependent  $V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  = functional of  $n(\mathbf{r}, t)$  (and given initial state).

**1995 Casida's equations** Implementation of TD-DFT in quantum chemistry codes → standard tool for optical spectra

**1998 Schwitalla, Ebert** 1st application to XAS: L-edge of 3d metals

**2003 Stener, Fronzoni et al.** implement TD-DFT for XAS in ADF code

**2003 Ankudinov et al.** TD-DFT in FEFF (Feff9 doc. 2013': "still under development")

**2012 Bunau, Joly** implement TD-DFT in FDMNES code

# Linear response theory

[A. Zangwill and P. Soven, Phys. Rev. A 21 (1980) 1561]

Perturbation  $H'(t) = \int \varphi_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}, t) n(\mathbf{r}, t) d\mathbf{r}$ .

Induced density change  $\delta n(\mathbf{r}, t) = n(\mathbf{r}, t) - n^0(\mathbf{r})$

$$\text{Linear Response} \quad \delta n(\mathbf{r}, t) = \int d\mathbf{r}' dt' \chi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; t - t') \varphi_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}', t')$$

$$\chi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; t - t') = -i\theta(t - t') \langle 0 | [\hat{n}(\mathbf{r}, t), \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}', t')] | 0 \rangle, \quad \hat{n}(t) = e^{iHt} \hat{n} e^{-iHt}$$

$\chi$  = response function = retarded density-density Green's function

Harmonic perturbation:  $\varphi_{\text{ext}}(t) = \varphi_{\text{ext}}(\omega) \exp(i\omega t)$

$$\Rightarrow \delta n(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \int d\mathbf{r}' \chi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) \varphi_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}', \omega).$$

$$\chi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = \sum_m \frac{\langle 0 | \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}) | m \rangle \langle m | \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}') | 0 \rangle}{\hbar\omega - (E_m - E_0) + i\eta} - \sum_m \frac{\langle 0 | \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}') | m \rangle \langle m | \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}) | 0 \rangle}{\hbar\omega + (E_m - E_0) + i\eta}$$

# Independent particle response function $\chi_0$

$$\chi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = \sum_m \frac{\langle 0 | \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}) | m \rangle \langle m | \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}') | 0 \rangle}{\hbar\omega - (E_m - E_0) + i\eta} - \sum_m \frac{\langle 0 | \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}') | m \rangle \langle m | \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}) | 0 \rangle}{\hbar\omega + (E_m - E_0) + i\eta}$$

Non-interacting electrons.  $|0\rangle, |m\rangle$  = Slater determinants.

$\Rightarrow |m\rangle = c_p^\dagger c_h |0\rangle$     **single particle-hole excitations**

$$\chi_0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega) = \sum_{hp} \frac{\phi_h^*(\mathbf{r}) \phi_p(\mathbf{r}) \phi_p^*(\mathbf{r}') \phi_h(\mathbf{r}')}{\hbar\omega - (\epsilon_p - \epsilon_h) + i\eta} - [p \leftrightarrow h]$$

**Response function in independent particle approximation**

# Absorption coefficient

$$\varphi_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}, t) = eE_0\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \cdot \mathbf{r}e^{i\omega t} \text{ (Approx. } e^{-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}} \approx 1.) \quad \varphi_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = eE_0\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \cdot \mathbf{r}.$$

Dipole moment

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}(\omega) = -e \int \mathbf{r} \delta n(\mathbf{r}, \omega) d\mathbf{r} = -e^2 E_0 \int \mathbf{r} \chi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \cdot \mathbf{r}' d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}'$$

$$\text{Absorption} \sim \langle \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{E} \rangle = \int \frac{d}{dt} \boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{E} = E_0^2 \sum_{ab} \epsilon_a \sigma_{ab} \epsilon_b$$

Absorption coefficient

$$\sigma(\omega) = -4\pi\alpha\hbar\omega \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \cdot \mathbf{r} \text{Im}\chi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \cdot \mathbf{r}'$$

With  $\chi_0$  we get

$$\sigma_0(\omega) = 4\pi^2\alpha\hbar\omega \sum_{hp} |\langle \phi_p | \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \cdot \mathbf{r} | \phi_h \rangle|^2 \delta(\hbar\omega + \epsilon_h - \epsilon_p)$$

Fermi's golden rule in 1-particle case

$$\delta n(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \int d\mathbf{r}' dt \chi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) \varphi_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}', \omega)$$

If the electrons didn't interact:  $\chi = \chi_0$ .

But they do interact. In TD-DFT the interaction is handled as in DFT, by introducing an auxiliary, non-interacting system with the same electron density  $n(\mathbf{r}, t)$ . The non-interacting electrons feel an **effective** field which replaces the electron-electron interaction.

# Linear response TD-DFT

Real system

$$n(\mathbf{r}) \longleftrightarrow V_{\text{nucl}}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$n(\mathbf{r}, t) \longleftrightarrow V_{\text{nucl}}(\mathbf{r}) + \varphi_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$\delta n(\mathbf{r}, t) \longleftrightarrow \varphi_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

Auxiliary system

$$n(\mathbf{r}) \longleftrightarrow V_{\text{KS}}[n(\mathbf{r})]$$

$$n(\mathbf{r}, t) \longleftrightarrow V_{\text{KS}}[n(\mathbf{r}, t)] + \varphi_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$\delta n(\mathbf{r}, t) \longleftrightarrow \varphi_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}, t) + \delta V_{\text{KS}}[n(\mathbf{r}, t)] = \varphi_{\text{ext}} + \varphi_{\text{ind}}$$

$\varphi_{\text{ind}}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  is **induced field** due to charge density change  $\delta n(\mathbf{r}, t)$ .

There is a feedback effect:  $\varphi_{\text{ext}} \rightarrow \delta n \rightarrow \varphi_{\text{ind}} \rightarrow \delta^2 n \rightarrow \delta \varphi_{\text{ind}} \dots$



In the auxiliary system, the electrons are independent, so they respond with  $\chi_0$ , but not to the external, but to the “local” field  $\varphi_{\text{ext}} + \varphi_{\text{ind}}$

$$\delta n = \chi \varphi_{\text{ext}} = \chi_0 (\varphi_{\text{ext}} + \varphi_{\text{ind}})$$

$$\varphi_{\text{ind}}(\mathbf{r}t, \mathbf{r}'t') = \int d\mathbf{r}' dt' K(\mathbf{r}t, \mathbf{r}'t') \delta n(\mathbf{r}'t')$$

which defines the interaction **Kernel**  $K$ .

$$\varphi_{\text{ind}} = \delta V_{KS} = \delta V_H + \delta V_{XC}$$

$$\delta V_H(\mathbf{r}t) = \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\delta n(\mathbf{r}'t)}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}, \quad \delta V_{XC}(\mathbf{r}t) = \int d\mathbf{r}' dt' \frac{\delta V_{XC}}{\delta n(\mathbf{r}'t')} \delta n(\mathbf{r}t)$$

# Linear response TD-DFT

From  $\chi_0$  and  $K$ , we can calculate the full  $\chi$  by iteration or inversion

$$\chi \varphi_{\text{ext}} = \delta n = \chi_0(\varphi_{\text{ext}} + \varphi_{\text{ind}}) = \chi_0(\varphi_{\text{ext}} + K\delta n) = \chi_0(1 + K\chi)\varphi_{\text{ext}}$$

$$\chi = \chi_0 + \chi_0 K \chi \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \chi = (\chi_0^{-1} - K)^{-1}$$

In a basis set, this leads to matrix inversion/linear system [Casida]  
Alternatively, one can solve iteratively for  $\varphi_{\text{loc}} = \varphi_{\text{ext}} + K\delta n$  [ZS]

Zangwill, Soven: Adiabatic and local density approximation

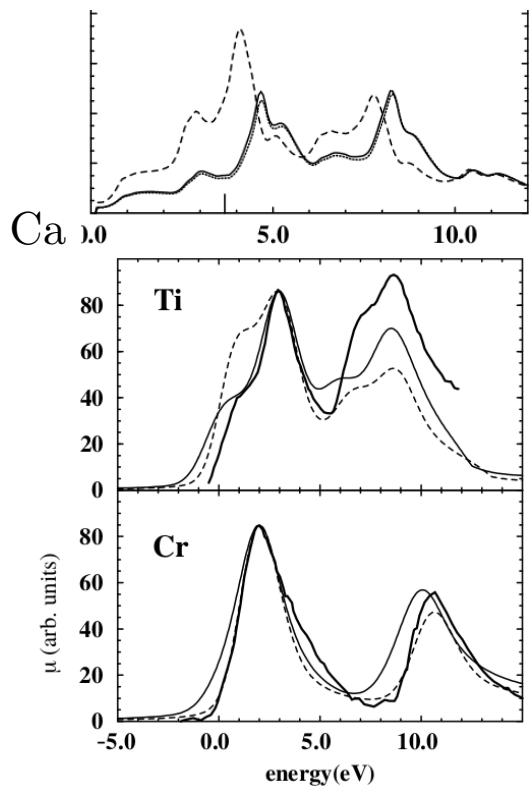
$$\frac{\delta V_{XC}}{\delta n(\mathbf{r}t)} = \left. \frac{dV_{XC}}{dn} \right|_{n(\mathbf{r})} \delta(t - t')$$

In adiabatic approximation,  $\varphi_{\text{ind}}(t)$  changes instantaneously with  $\delta n(t)$ .  
There are no delay or memory effects.

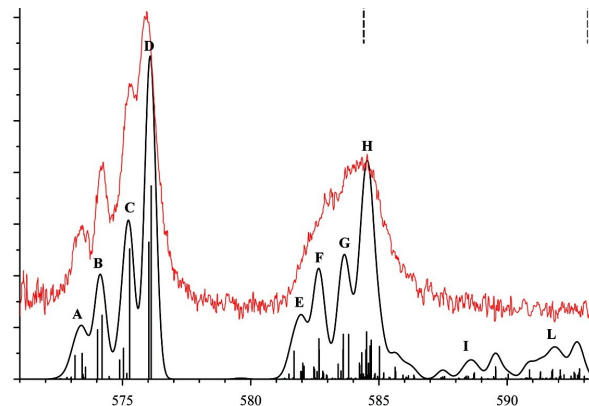
$\Rightarrow K(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega)$  is static, i.e. frequency independent.

- In adiabatic TD-DFT, the kernel can be calculated directly from standard DFT
- if  $K_{XC} = 0$  we get the random-phase approximation (RPA)
- the space of excitations is one particle-hole excitations (as in  $\chi_0$ ) but there is mixture and spectral weight transfer
- collective oscillation of electron gas (plasmons) OK
- double and higher particle hole-excitations (complex multiplets) cannot be reproduced with static kernels
- going beyond the adiabatic approximation is difficult

# X-ray absorption spectra with TD-DFT



Schwitalla, Ebert, PRL 80, 4586, 1998



Fronzoni, Stener.. JPCA 113, 2914, 2009

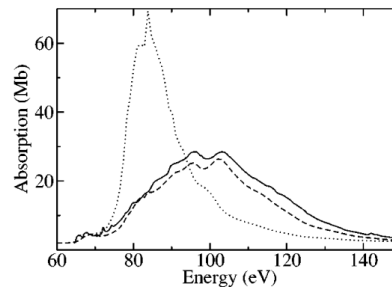


FIG. 2.  $N_{4,5}$ -edge XAS vs x-ray energy for solid Xe from experiment (solid),<sup>25</sup> and as calculated using the adiabatic TDLDA kernel  $f_{xc}(0)$  (dashes) and with the independent particle approximation (dots).

Ankudinov..Rehr, PRB 67, 115120, 2003

# Green's functions and quasi-particles

- Green's functions are the favorite tool of many-body theorists
- GF describe propagation of particles interacting with many others
- Free particles' properties: bare mass, free dispersion  $p^2/2m$  ...
- Under interaction, the particles properties become renormalized.  
→ different dispersion  $\epsilon(k)$ , effective mass, finite lifetime, ...  
the particles become “dressed”, or “quasi-particles”.
- More generally, quasi-particles are the elementary excitations of the interacting many-body system, including “dressed” single-electron states (e.g. polarons) and collective excitations (e.g. phonons, plasmons, etc)
- There's a Green's functions for each of them ...

# Green's functions in scattering theory

Free particles  $H_0 = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2$ .  $(E - H_0)\phi = 0$ .

Add potential  $H = H_0 + V$ .  $(E - H)\psi = V\psi$

$$\psi = \phi + [E - H_0]^{-1}V\psi = \phi + \mathcal{G}_0 V\psi = \phi + \mathcal{G}_0 T\phi$$

$\mathcal{G}_0 = (E - H_0)^{-1}$  free Green's Fct.  $E \rightarrow E \pm i\eta \Rightarrow$  retarded/advanced.

$T$  = scattering matrix.  $T\phi = V\psi$ .

$T = V + V\mathcal{G}_0 V + \dots$  Born series.

Full Green's function  $\mathcal{G} = (E - H)^{-1}$

$$\mathcal{G} = (E - H_0 - V)^{-1} = (\mathcal{G}_0^{-1} - V)^{-1} = \mathcal{G}_0 + \mathcal{G}_0 V \mathcal{G}_0 + \dots$$

Plane wave basis  $H_0|\mathbf{k}\rangle = \epsilon_k|\mathbf{k}\rangle$ ,  $\epsilon_k = \hbar^2 k^2 / 2m$ .

$$\mathcal{G}_0(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'; E) \equiv \langle \mathbf{k} | (E - H_0)^{-1} | \mathbf{k}' \rangle = \frac{\delta_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'}}{E - \epsilon_k}$$

# Green's functions in many-body theory

Retarded 1-part.GF:  $G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', t - t') = -i\theta(t - t')\langle 0 | [\Psi(\mathbf{r}t), \Psi^+(\mathbf{r}'t')] | 0 \rangle$

= Probability amplitude for a particle at  $\mathbf{r}t$  if one was added at  $\mathbf{r}'t'$   
→ 1-part. addition/removal spectrum = inverse/direct photoemission

Non-interacting:  $H_0 = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}}^+ c_{\mathbf{k}} \Rightarrow G_0(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = (\omega - \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}})^{-1} = \mathcal{G}_0$

Interacting:  $G = G_0 + G_0 \Sigma G \Leftrightarrow G^{-1} = G_0^{-1} - \Sigma$

Dyson equation.  $\Sigma$  = self-energy

Free space or crystal  $G^{-1}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \omega - \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \Sigma_{\mathbf{k}}(\omega)$

$\text{Re}\Sigma \rightarrow$  shift of eigenvalue (band).  $\text{Im}\Sigma \rightarrow$  finite lifetime  $\tau = \hbar/\text{Im}\Sigma$ .

Describes **quasiparticles** (Fermi-liquid theory)

# GW approximation

In 1965 Lars Hedin reformulated many-body problem in terms of a closed set of equations between

$G$  = Green's function  $\leftrightarrow$   $\Sigma$  = self-energy  $\leftrightarrow$   $P$  = polarization  
 $\leftrightarrow$   $W$  = screened interaction  $\leftrightarrow$   $\Gamma$  = vertex function

Neglect  $\Gamma \rightarrow$  “GW approximation”

= very successful for weakly correlated systems, e.g. semi-conductors

Coulomb interaction

$$v(r, r') = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{|r - r'|} \quad \text{bare}$$

$$W(r, r') = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \frac{1}{|r - r'|} \quad \text{statically screened}$$

$$W(r, r'; \omega) = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int dr'' \frac{\epsilon^{-1}(r, r''; \omega)}{|r'' - r'|} \quad \text{dynamically screened}$$

F. Aryasetiawan and O. Gunnarsson, Rep. Prog. Phys. 61 , 237 (1998)



# GW approximation

In practice usually

non-self-consistent version:  $G_0W_0$

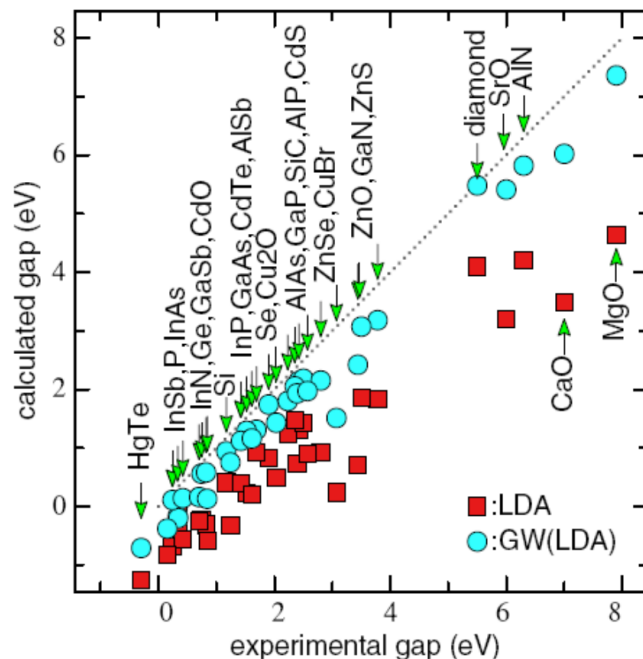
DFT  $\rightarrow G_0, \chi_0$

$$\epsilon^{-1}(r, r'; \omega) = \delta(r - r') + \int dr'' v(r, r'') \chi_0(r'', r'; \omega) \quad (\text{RPA})$$

$$W_0(r, r'; \omega) = \int dr'' \epsilon^{-1}(r, r''; \omega) v(r'', r')$$

$$\Sigma = i \int G_0 W_0$$

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



after van Schilfgaarde *et al* PRL **96** 226402 (2008)

# Bethe-Salpeter Equation (BSE) approach

- historically: explicit solution of interacting two-particle problem
- absorption spectra: interaction between excited electron and hole
- compute electron and hole Green's functions  $G_e(1, 1')$  and  $G_h(1, 1')$  using, e.g.  $GW$  approximation.
- electron-hole GF

$$G_{eh}(1, 2; 1', 2') = G_e(1, 1')G_h(2, 2') + \int G_e(1, 3)G_h(2, 4)K(3, 4; 5, 6)G_{eh}(5, 6; 1', 2')$$

- Kernel  $K$  = bare exchange and screened Coulomb interaction  $W$
- describes well excitonic effects
- very accurate for 1-electron – 1-hole interaction, but lacks multi-electron excitations (e.g. multiplets)

# X-ray absorption spectra with BSE

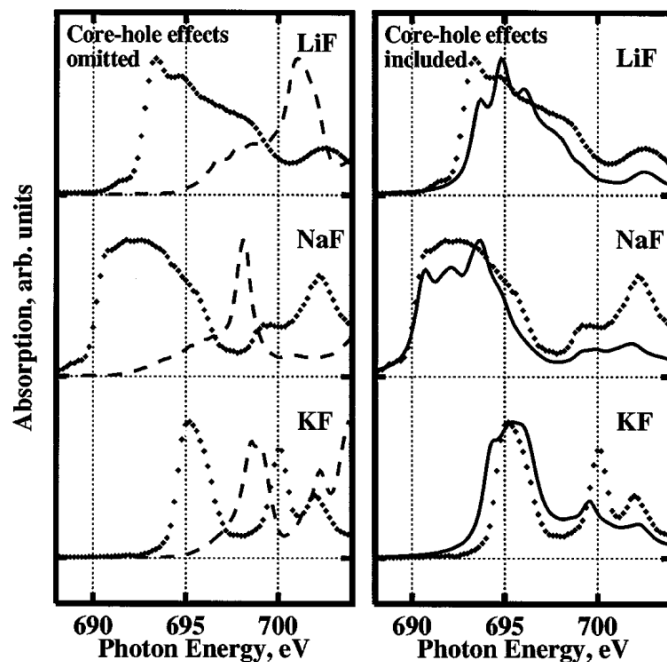
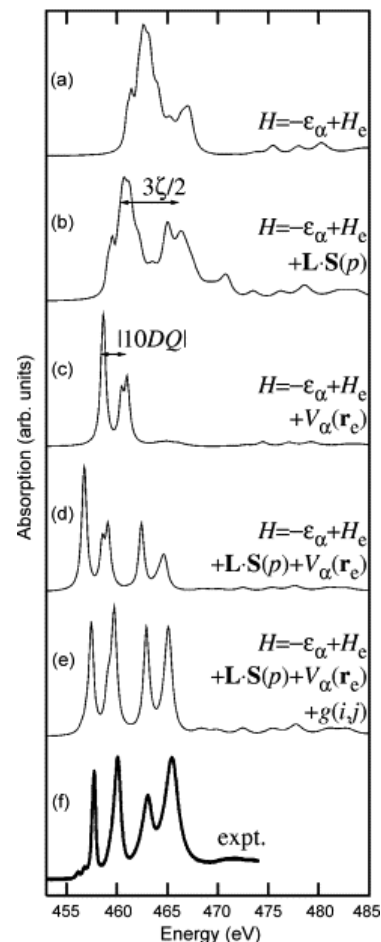


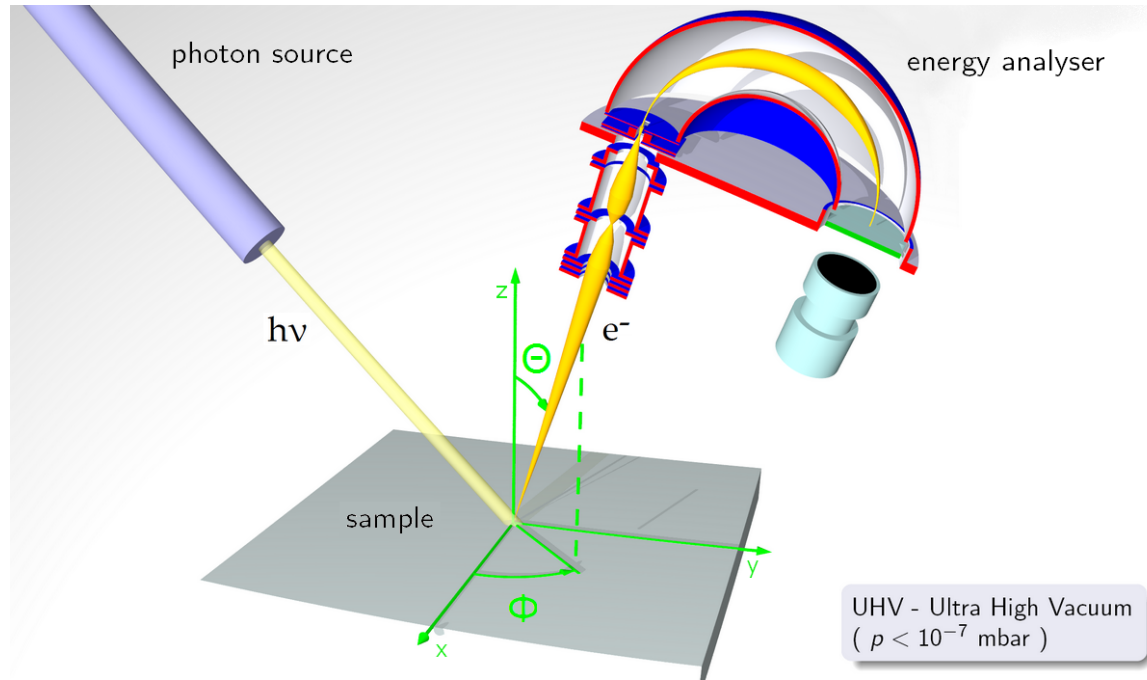
FIG. 2. XAS spectra near F  $K$  edge in LiF, NaF, and KF. Solid lines, with core-hole effects; dashed lines, without core-hole effects; points are experimental results [10].

E. L. Shirley, PRL 80, 794 (1998)

*idem* JESRP 144, 1187 (2005)  $\rightarrow$  SrTiO<sub>3</sub>



# Photoelectron spectroscopy



[wikipedia]

Energy, angular and spin distribution of photoexcited electrons

# XPS: X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy

## Elemental Analysis

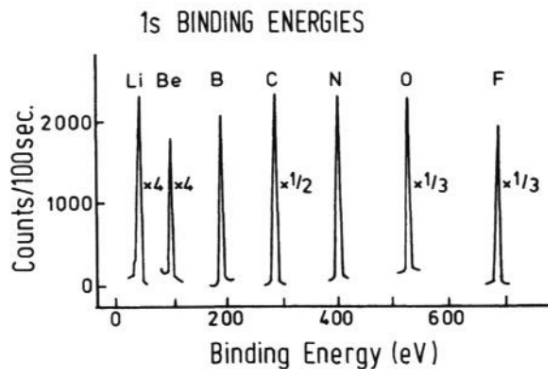


Fig. 2.2. XPS spectra of the 1s core levels of Li, Be, B, C, N, O, F [S. Hüfner, Photoelectron Spectroscopy]

## Chemical Shift

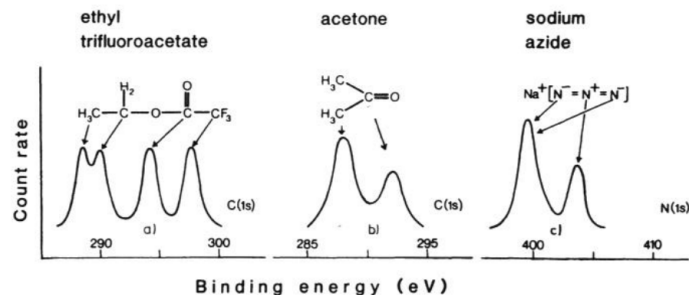
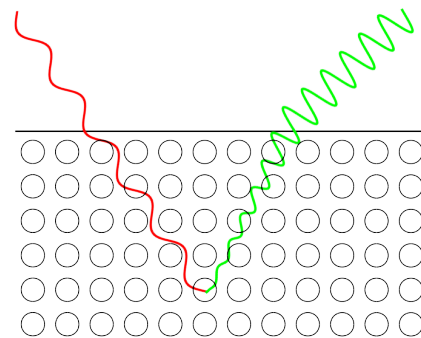


Fig. 2.5. Chemical shifts for the C 1s levels in ethyl trifluoroacetate (a), and acetone (b), and the N 1s levels in sodium azide (c). Chemical shifts can be crudely related to electronegativity differences: The known [2.8] electronegativity differences ( $\Delta x$ ) are C - H :  $\Delta x = 0.4$ , C - O :  $\Delta x = 1.0$ ; C - F :  $\Delta x = 1.5$ , which rationalize the chemical shifts in ethyl trifluoroacetate [2.3]

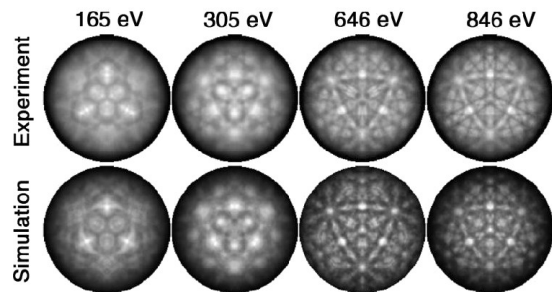
- peak position: Electron Spectroscopy for Chemical Analysis ESCA
- lineshape: electron correlation effects due to core-hole screening asymmetry, plasmons peak, charge-transfer satellites, multiplets

# XPD: X-ray Photoelectron Diffraction

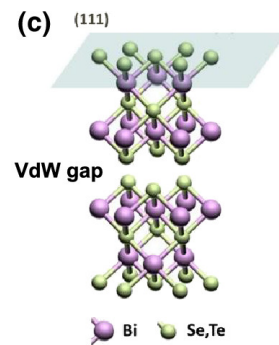
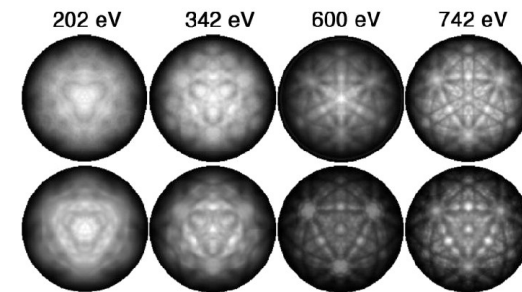
- angular distribution of XPS signal
- needs single crystal surface but no long-range order of impurities
- → local structure probe with chemical sensitivity → impurities/adsorbates
- theory: real-space multiple scattering in finite cluster, e.g. EDAC code



**(a) Se 3d**



**(b) Bi 4f**

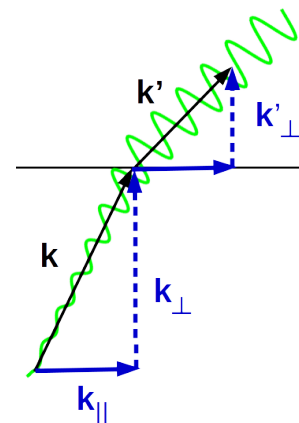
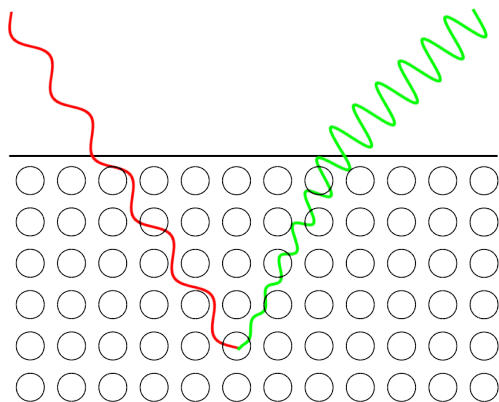
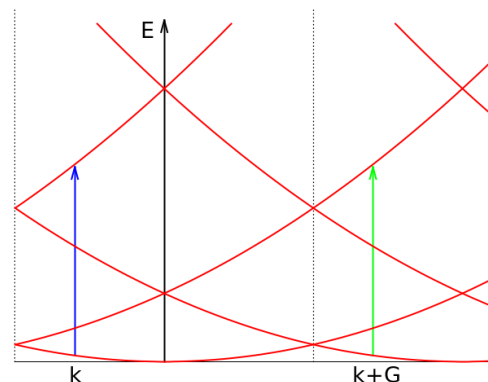


V. Kuznetsov et al., J. Phys. Soc. Jpn 87, 061005 (2018)]

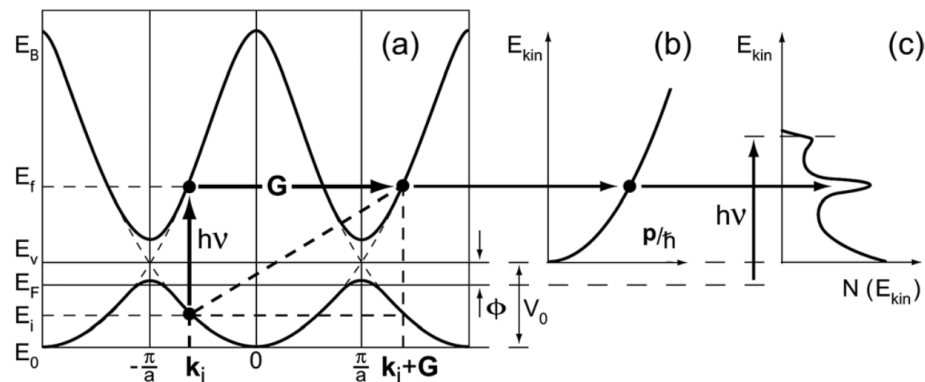
# ARPES: Angle-Resolved Photoelectron Spectroscopy

## 3-step model

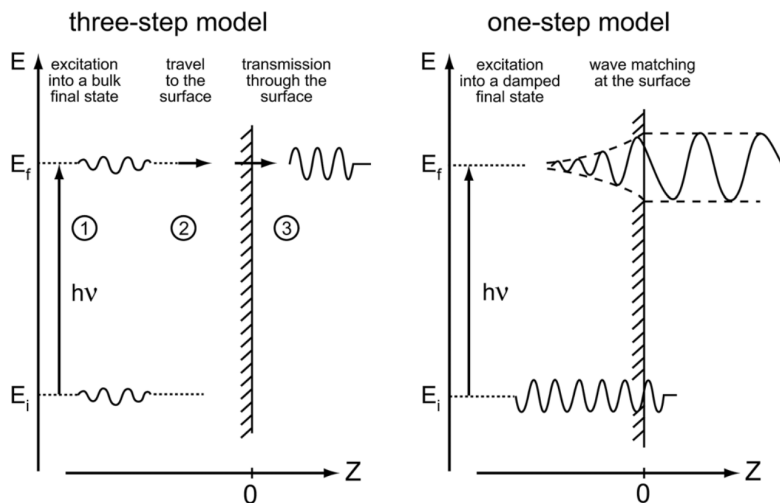
- 1 photon absorption in bulk  
→ vertical band transition  
 $(\mathbf{k}, \epsilon_i) \rightarrow (\mathbf{k}, \epsilon_f), \quad \epsilon_f = \epsilon_i + \hbar\omega$
- 2 propagation to surface with damping  
 $\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \phi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})e^{z/\lambda}$
- 3 transmission through surface  
matching with free wave  $e^{i\mathbf{k}' \cdot \mathbf{r}}$   
 $\mathbf{k}'_{\parallel} = \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}, \quad k'_{\perp} = k_{\perp} + 2mV_0/\hbar^2$



# ARPES: Angle-Resolved Photoelectron Spectroscopy



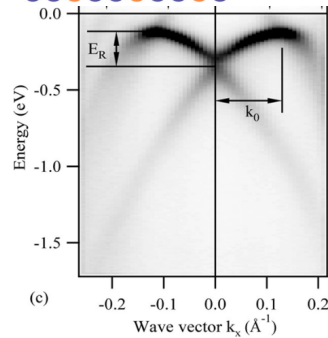
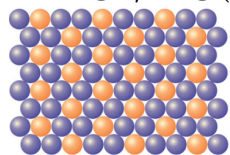
A. Damascelli, 2004.  
Phys. Scr. T109, 61.





# Spin-resolved ARPES – Rashba effect

BiAg<sub>2</sub>/Ag(111)



C. R. Ast et al.,  
PRL 98, 186807  
(2007)

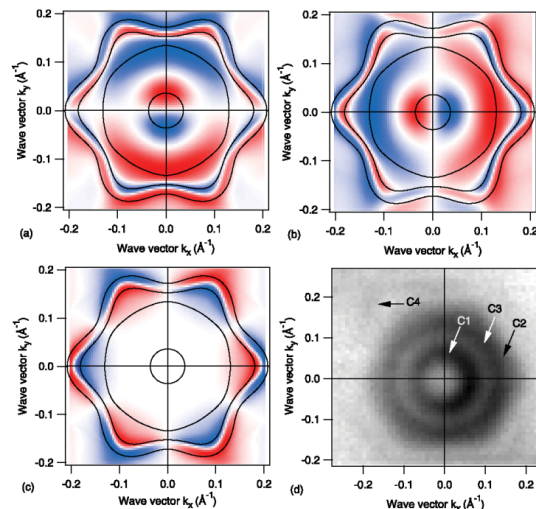
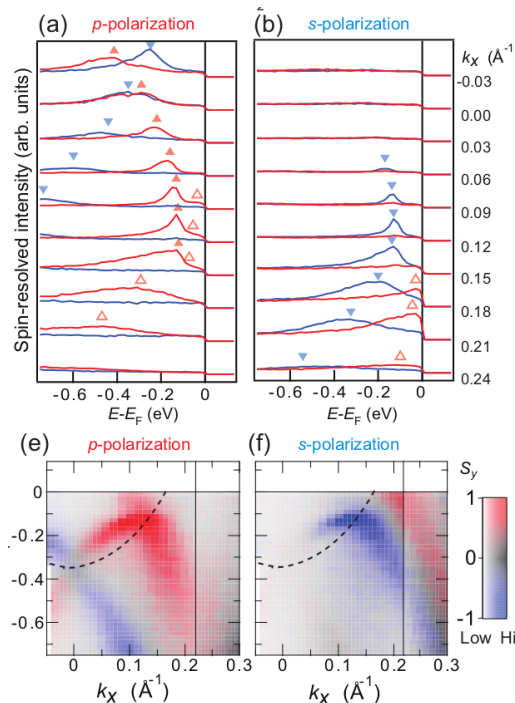


FIG. 3 (color). (a)–(c) Constant energy contour of the spin polarization  $\mathbf{P}$  in  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  direction, respectively, at an energy of  $-0.55$  eV. The projection in  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  direction is shown in (a)–(c), respectively. The intensity scale is linear with red and blue coloring corresponding to positive and negative values,

Calculated  $S_x, S_y, S_z$  at  $-0.55$  eV



R. Noguchi et al. PRB 2017

System is **non-magnetic**. Strong spin-orbit coupling and breaking of inversion symmetry cause **large spin-polarization** of bands.

# Self-energy(2) — Dynamical mean field theory

Strongly correlated systems:  $3d$ -metal oxides,  $5f$  elements ...

Competition between kinetic energy and local Coulomb repulsion

→ band magnetism, metal-insulator transition, high- $T_c$

super-conductivity (?)

Hubbard model

$$H = \sum_{k\sigma} \epsilon_k n_{k\sigma} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} = \sum_{ij\sigma} t_{ij} c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

$$G_{k\sigma}(\omega) = [\omega - \epsilon_k - \Sigma_{k\sigma}(\omega)]^{-1}$$

Static mean-field theory (e.g. exchange, HFA)

$$\Sigma_{k\sigma}(\omega) = U \langle n_{k-\sigma} \rangle \quad \neq \text{fct}(\omega)$$

Dynamical mean-field theory

$$\Sigma_{k\sigma}(\omega) \rightarrow \Sigma_{\sigma}(\omega) \quad \neq \text{fct}(k)$$

## Self-energy(2) — Dynamical mean field theory

In DMFT, Hubbard model ( $U \neq 0$  on all sites) is mapped on Anderson impurity model ( $U \neq 0$  only at one site)  $\rightarrow \Sigma(\omega)$  local,  $k$ -independent. Self-consistency: Anderson impurity GF coincide with local Hubbard (lattice) Green's function

$$G_{imp}(\omega) = G_{00}(\omega) = \sum_k [\omega + \epsilon_k - \Sigma_k(\omega)]^{-1}$$

Approximation of DMFT:  $\Sigma_k(\omega) = \Sigma_{imp}(\omega)$

This gives self-consistent equation for  $\Sigma_{imp}(\omega)$

The difficult part is the solution of the Anderson impurity model.

Various numerical “solvers” exist, with different advantages and disadvantages.

DMFT has been combined with DFT.

DFMT becomes exact in infinite dimensions [W. Metzner PhD 1999].

# Spectral function

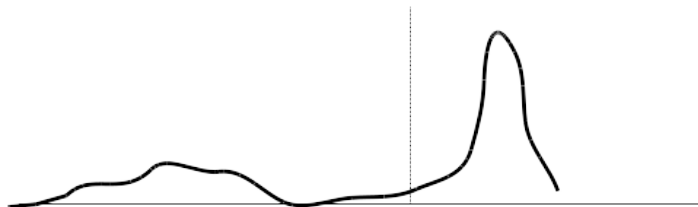
$$A_k(\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} G_k(\omega)$$

non-interacting system

$$A_k^0(\omega) = \delta(E - \epsilon_k)$$

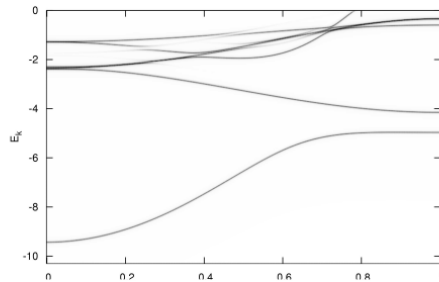


interacting system  $A_k(\omega)$

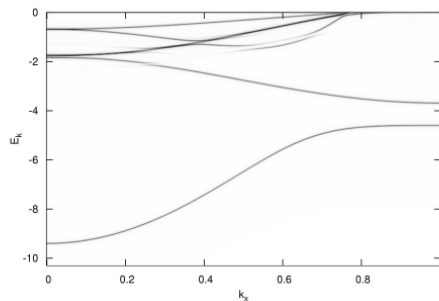


Spin-resolved results for Ni for  $\vec{k} \parallel [001]$

LSDA

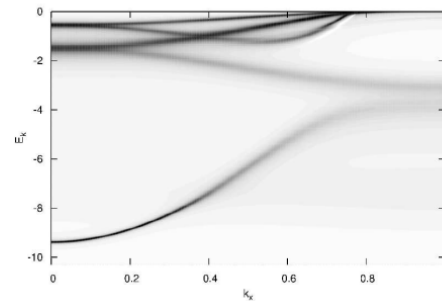
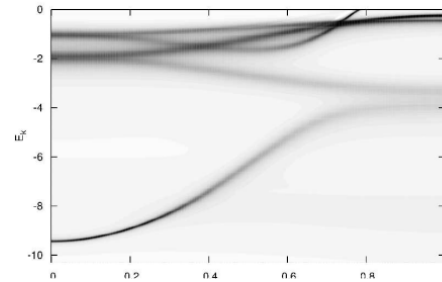


spin up



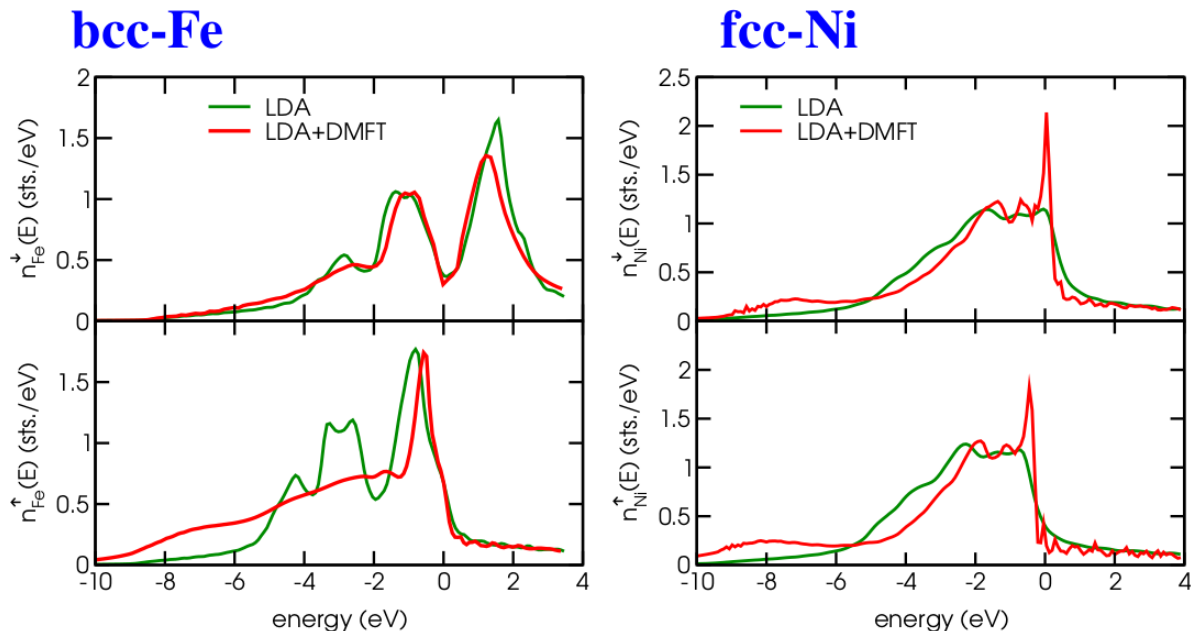
spin down

DMFT



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# Spin resolved DOS of bcc-Fe and fcc-Ni



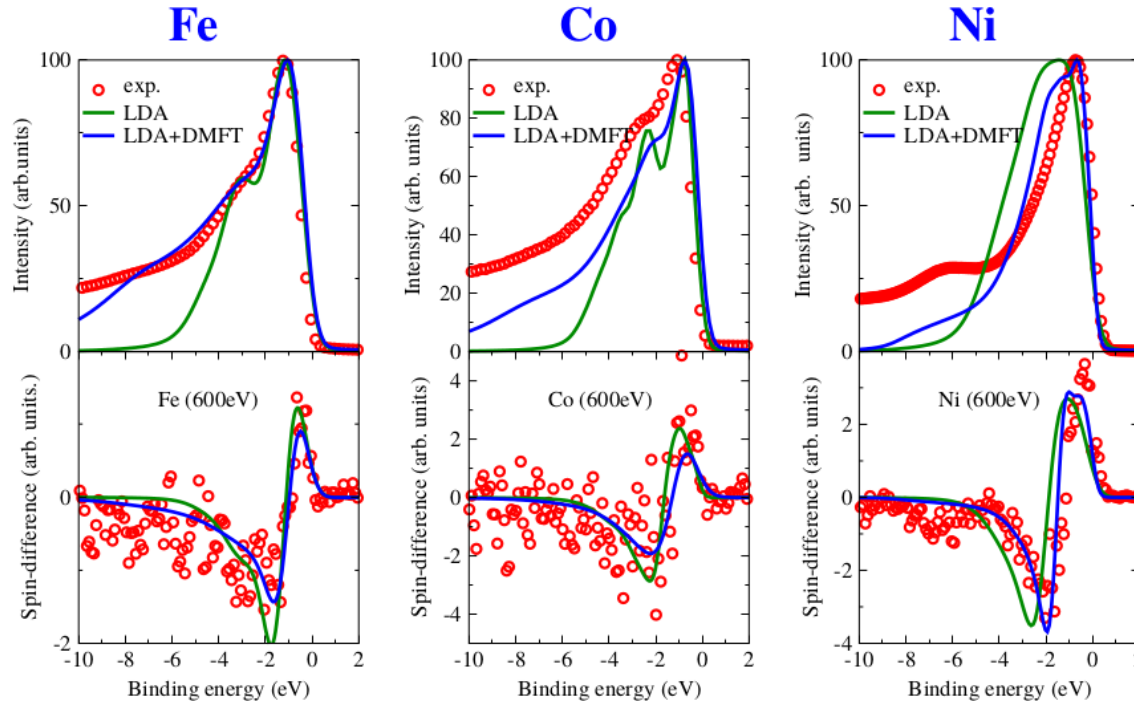
● Fe:  $U = 2.0$  eV,  $J = 0.9$  eV,  $T = 400$  K

● Ni:  $U = 3.0$  eV,  $J = 0.9$  eV,  $T = 400$  K

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## Photocurrent and spin-difference $E_{\text{phot}} = 600 \text{ eV}$

Experiments - N. Brookes *et al.*, ESRF



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# That's all

Thanks for your attention.