

Model Hamiltonians and Basic Techniques

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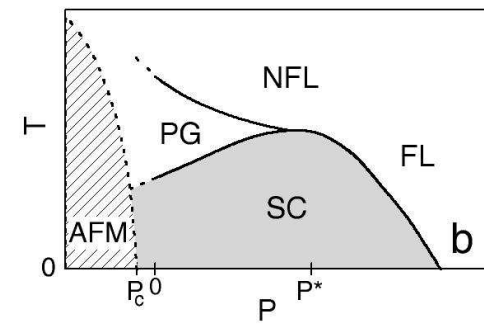
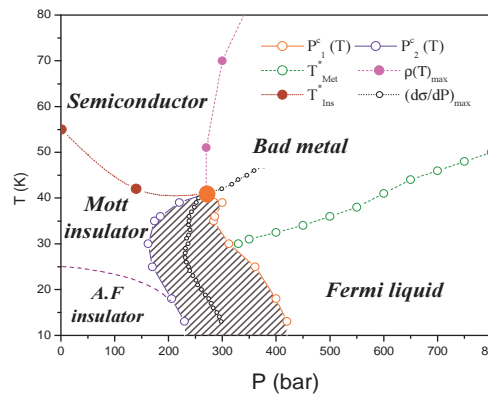
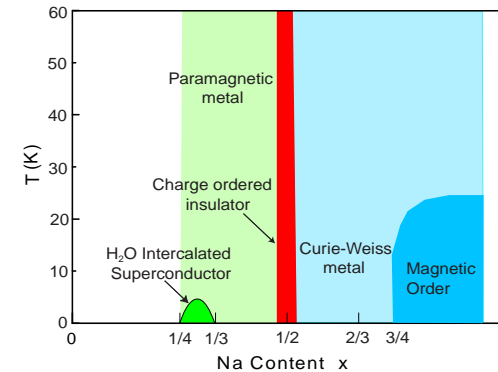
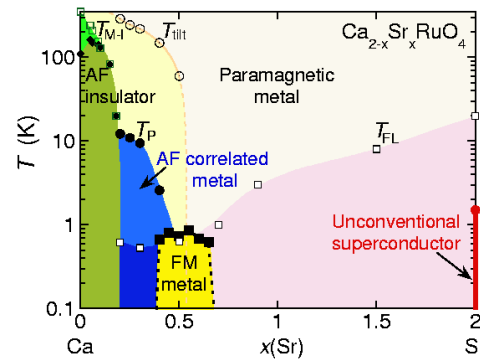
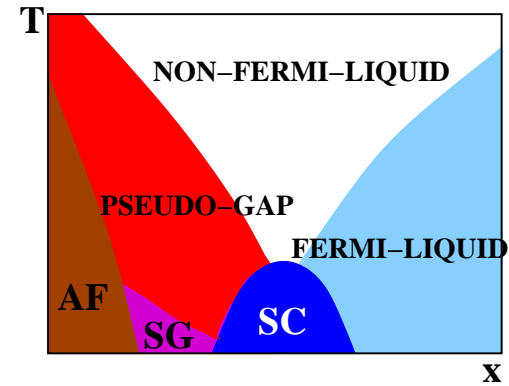
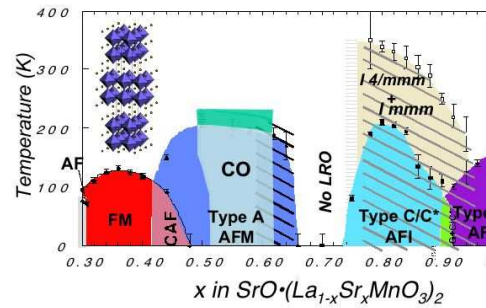
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- first approaches: Hartree-Fock and Hubbard I
- slave-boson approach

Motivation: Materials

Strongly correlated electron systems in realistic condensed matter offer a large variety of complex phenomena (non-Fermi liquid, charge-, spin- and orbital order, charge density waves, superconductivity,...)

- manganites
- high- T_c superconductors
- ruthenates
- cobaltates
- organic salts
- heavy fermions
- iron pnictides

... important for basic understanding and future technical applications



[E. Dagotto, Science 309 (2005)]

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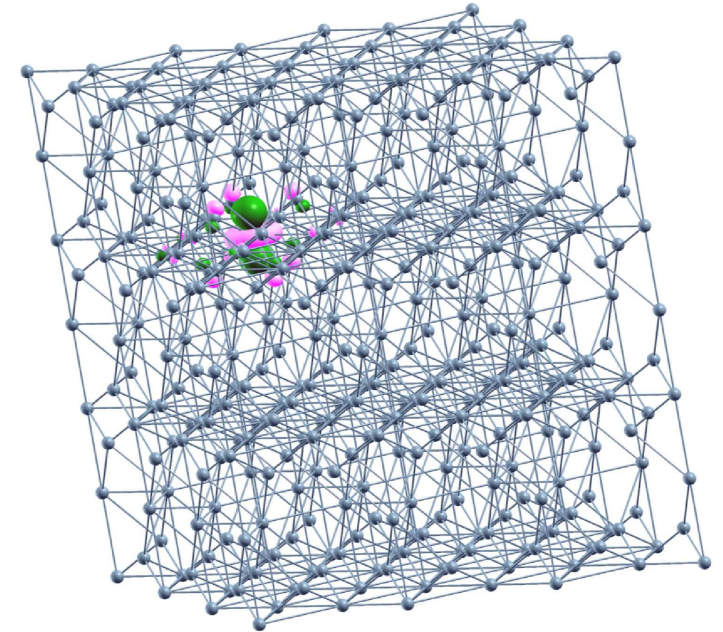
→ **Born-Oppenheimer approximation** Decoupling nuclei and electrons

$$H_e = H_e(\{\mathbf{R}\}) := \mathcal{H}_e + \mathcal{V}_{Ke}$$

Electrons on the Lattice

Electronic Hamiltonian in Second Quantization:

$$H_e = - \sum_{\alpha\beta ab\sigma} t_{\mathbf{R}_\alpha \mathbf{R}_\beta}^{L_a L_b} c_{\mathbf{R}_\alpha L_a \sigma}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{R}_\beta L_b \sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta \\ abcd\sigma\sigma'}} V_{ee}(\{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{L}\}) c_{\mathbf{R}_\alpha L_a \sigma}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{R}_\beta L_b \sigma'}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{R}_\delta L_d \sigma'} c_{\mathbf{R}_\gamma L_c \sigma}$$



lattice \mathbf{R} , orbitals L , spin-projection σ ,
electron creation/annihilation operator $c_{\mathbf{R}L\sigma}^{(\dagger)}$

hopping amplitude $t_{ij}^{L_1 L_2} = \int d\mathbf{r} w_{iL_1}^*(\mathbf{r}) \left\{ \frac{\hbar^2 \Delta}{2m} - v(\mathbf{r}) \right\} w_{jL_2}(\mathbf{r})$

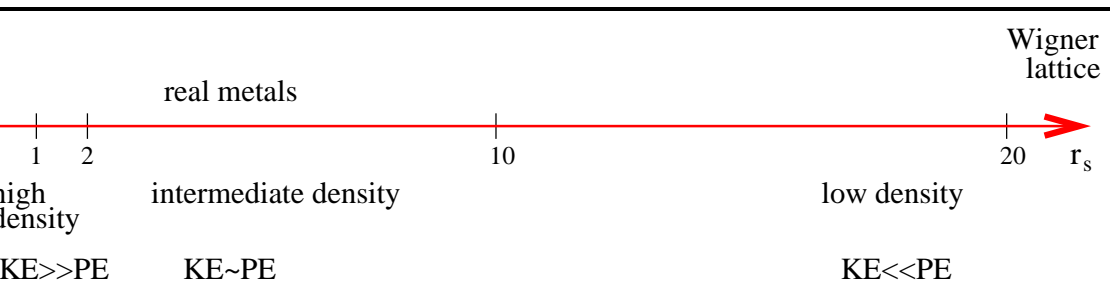
Coulomb interaction $V_{ee}(\{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{L}\}) = e^2 \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{w_{iL_1\sigma}^*(\mathbf{r}) w_{jL_2\sigma'}^*(\mathbf{r}') w_{kL_3\sigma'}(\mathbf{r}') w_{lL_4\sigma}(\mathbf{r})}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$

$w_{\mathbf{R}L}(\mathbf{r}) := w_L(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R})$: **Wannier function**

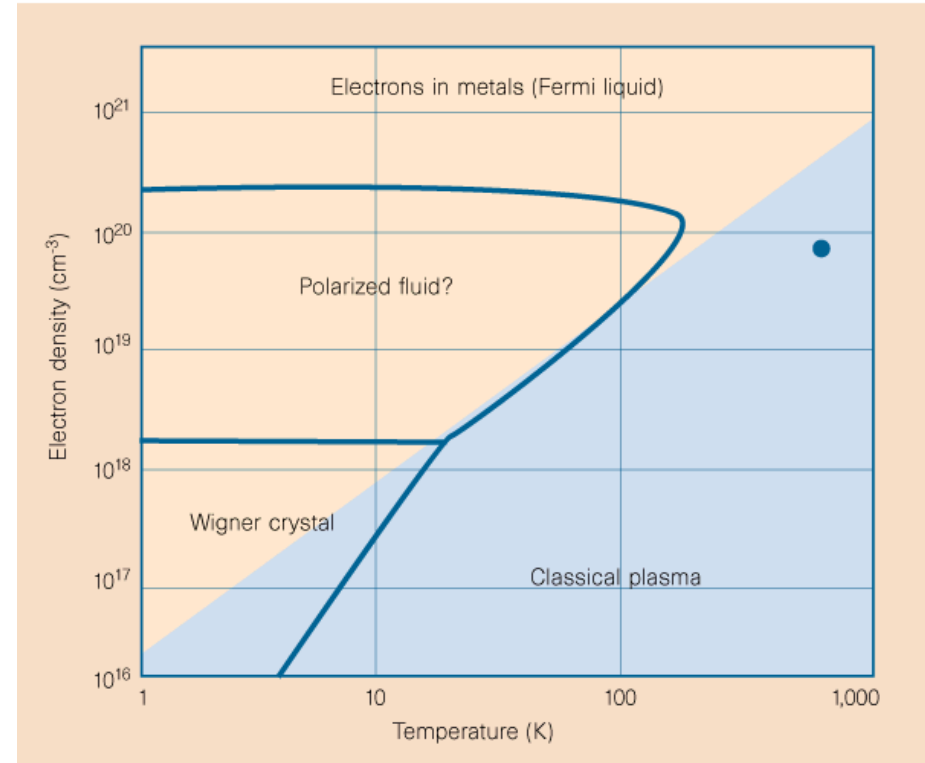
(\rightarrow presentation by J. Kunes)

The Big Problem

How do we go from the manageable homogeneous electron gas ...



Source: [R.D. Mattuck: A Guide to Feynman Diagrams, McGraw-Hill (1976)]



to the notoriously complex inhomogeneous, realistic electron gas:

- density functional theory (LDA, GGA, ...) (→ *presentation by P. Blöchl*)
- quantum chemistry (CI, CC, MP, ...)

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The Lesson

Because of the complexity of the interacting problem in condensed matter (i.e. exponential grow of the Hilbert space in a complicated potential landscape), simplified model Hamiltonians are needed to get access to the essential physics !

Introduction to the single-band Hubbard model

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spectral function: **"reading out the energy dependence"**

$$A(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \begin{cases} A^+(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \sum_m |\langle \Psi_m^{(N_e+1)} | c_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger | \Psi_0 \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega - \omega_{m0}) & \text{for } \omega \geq 0 \\ A^-(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \sum_m |\langle \Psi_m^{(N_e-1)} | c_{\mathbf{k}} | \Psi_0 \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega - \omega_{0m}) & \text{for } \omega < 0 \end{cases}$$

k-summed version: $\rho(\omega) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} A(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$

Chopping off hoppings and interactions

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simplify notation: $\mathbf{R}_\alpha, \mathbf{R}_\beta \rightarrow i, j$, $t_{ij} =: t$, $V_{ee}(i, i, i, i) =: U$, $n_{i\sigma} = c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{i\sigma}$

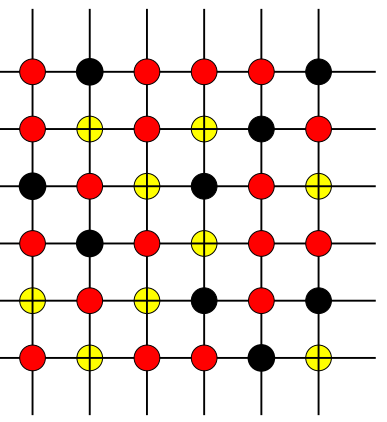
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[J. Hubbard, Proc. Royal Soc. London A 276, 238 (1963)]

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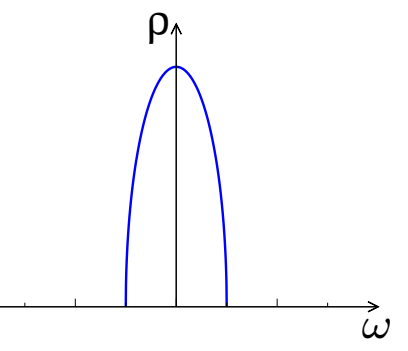
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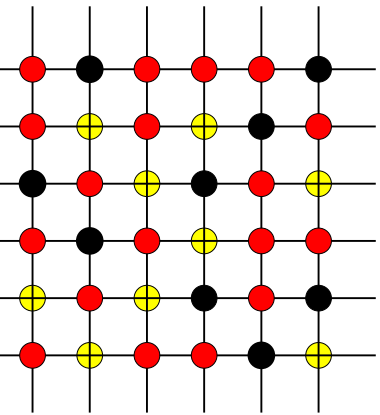
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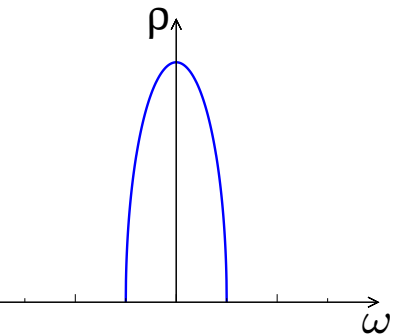
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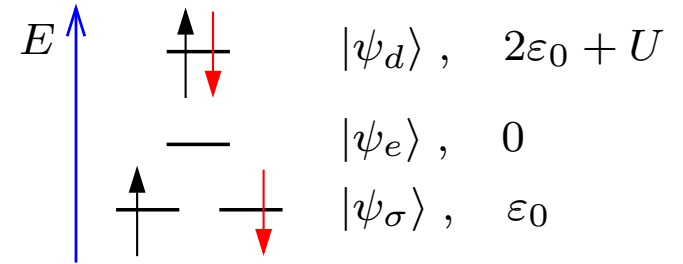
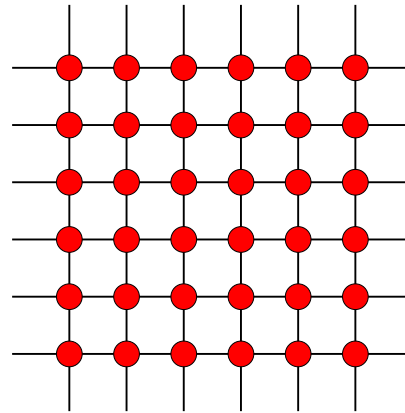
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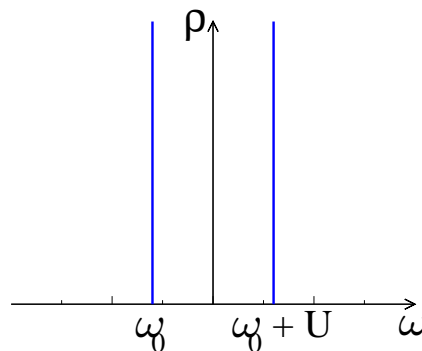
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atomic limit ($t = 0$)



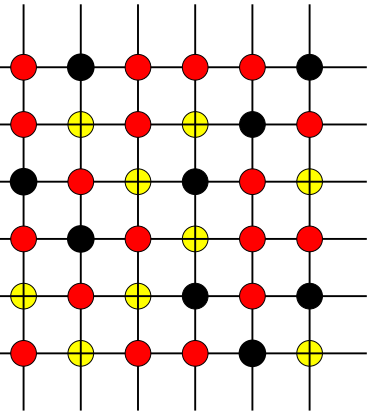
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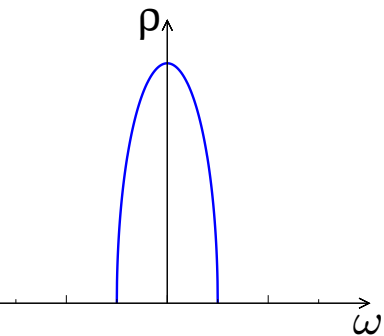
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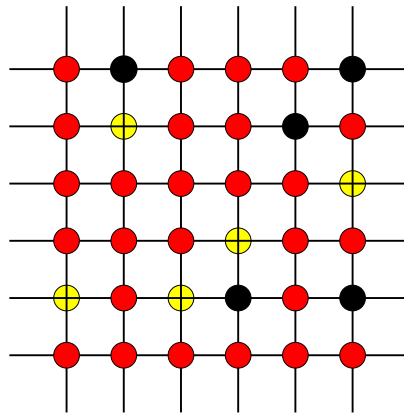


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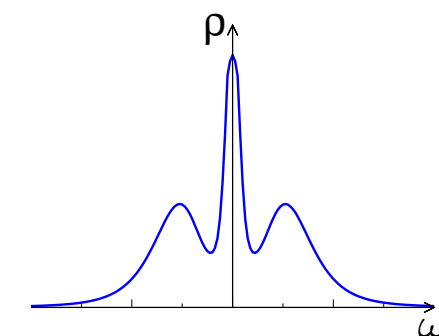
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intermediate ($U \sim t$)

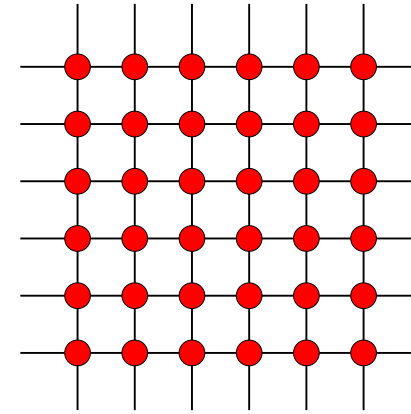


- correlated metal
- dominant population of single-occupied sites

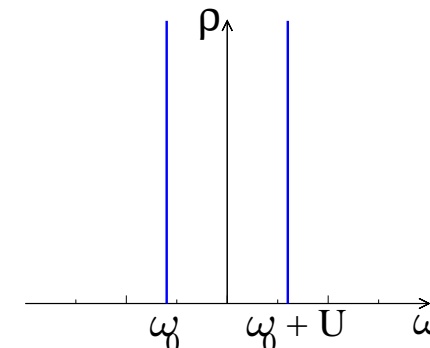


"Three-Peak Structure"

atomic limit ($t = 0$)

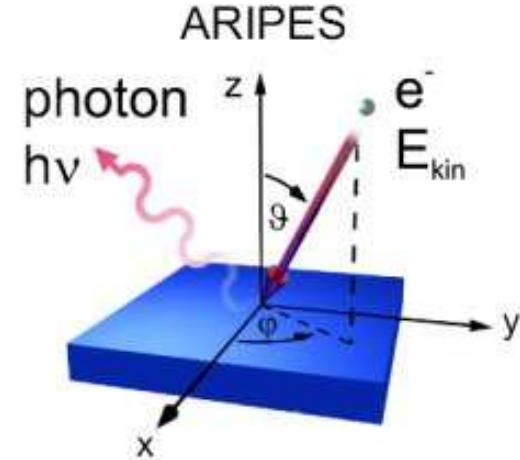
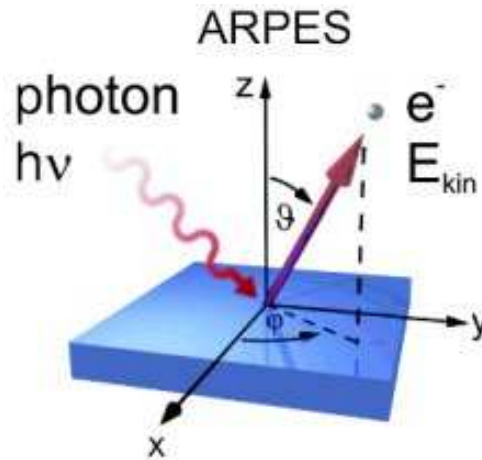


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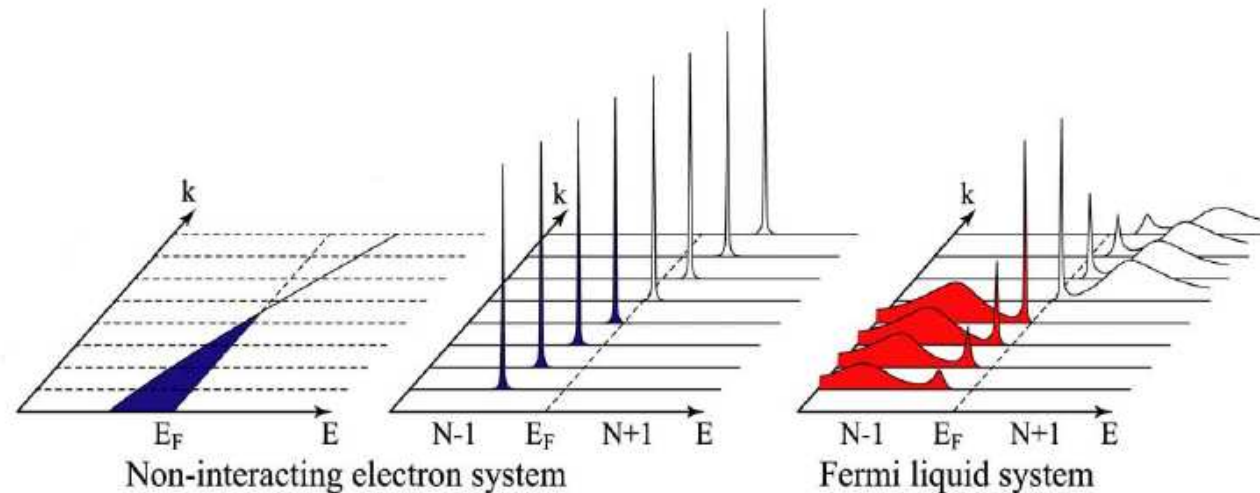


Spectral Function $A(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$

The spectral function $A(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ is of central interest and can be interpreted as the many-particle generalization of the band-structure and density-of-states concept for a solid. Measured by: **angle-resolved (inverse) photoemission**.



$A(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ with and without interactions:



Correlated condensed matter

- \mathbf{k} is not always a good quantum number
- finite lifetime of states away from Fermi level
- band-narrowing close to Fermi level
- filling of states affects the **whole** spectrum

Main Excitations

In strongly correlated solids there are in principle two dominant types of excitations:

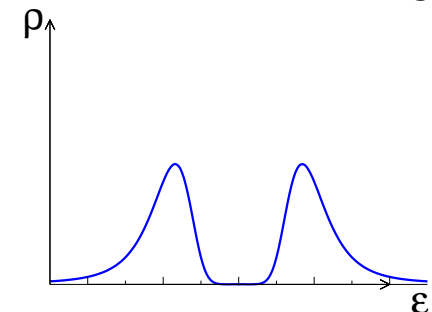
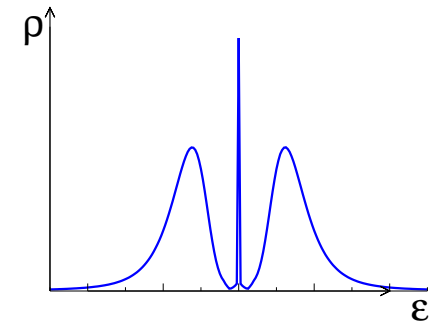
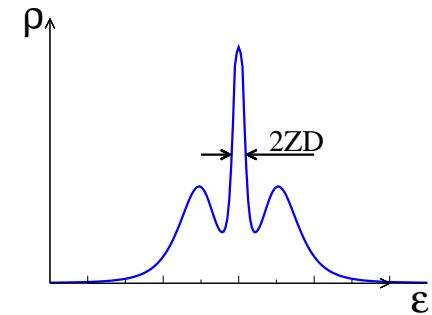
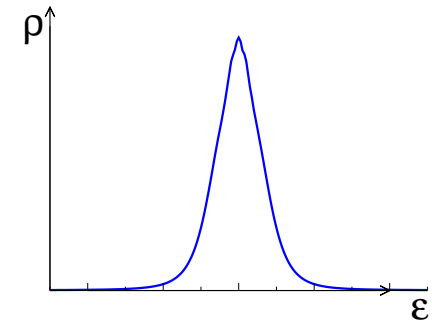
● low-energy (coherent) **quasiparticles** with well-defined wave vector

- energy shift from the noninteracting eigenvalue
- exist on a long but still finite timescale
- band narrowing by $ZD \sim \varepsilon_F^*$
- will be destroyed at high temperature

● high-energy (incoherent) **atomic-like excitations**

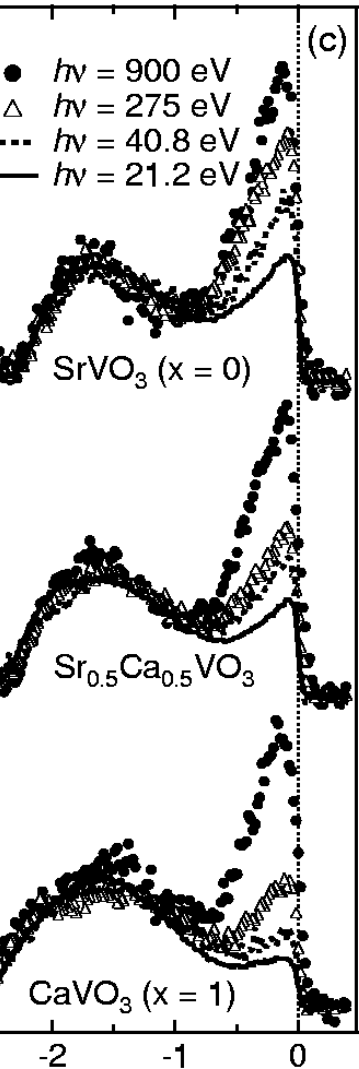
- form Hubbard bands around atomic levels
- exist on a short time scale
- lower and upper Hubbard band are separated by U
- Mott insulating state for small t/U

⇒ **Theory has to describe the interplay of different energy scales !**

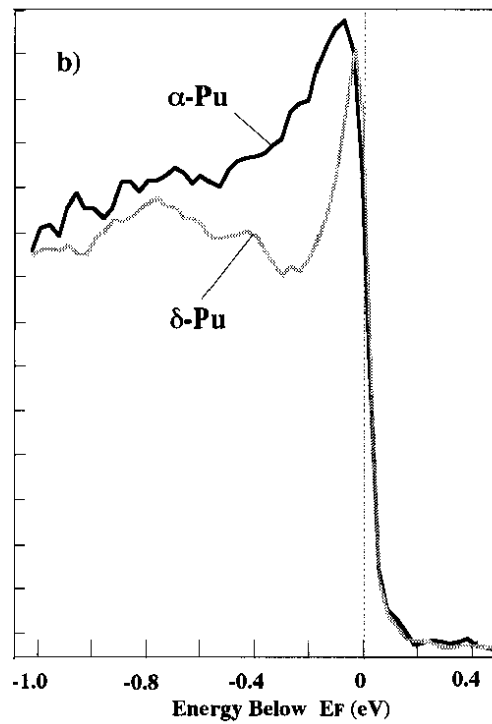


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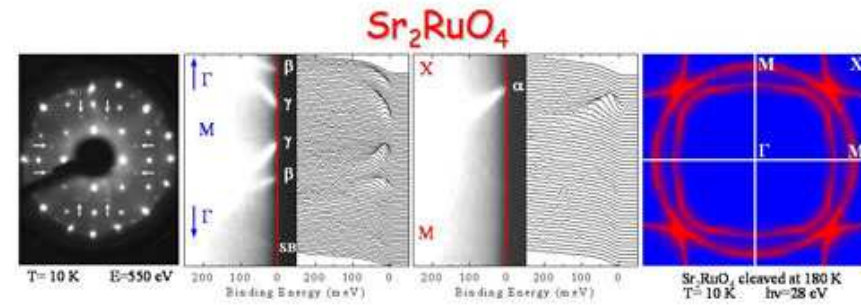
Sr/CaVO₃



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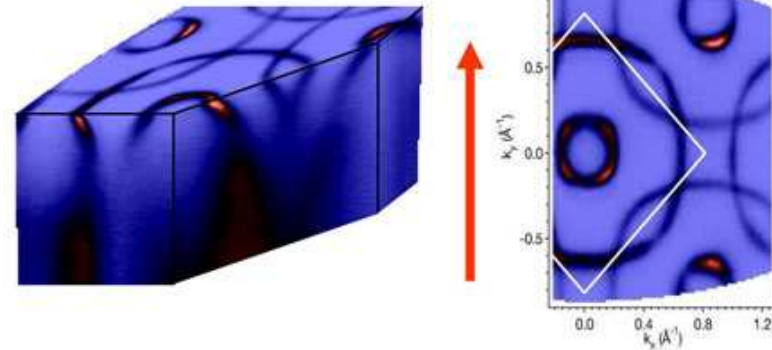


[Arko et al. PRB 62 (2000)]



[Shen group, Stanford]

Sr₂RhO₄



Yoshida et al. PRL 93 (2004)]

Some properties of the Hubbard model

- parameters: t , U (filling n , lattice type)
- spin-rotational invariant
- analytically exact solvable in one dimension and numerically exact in infinite dimensions
- $U = 0$: Fermi gas, $t=0$: atomic limit
- limit $U/t \gg 1$: perturbation approach in t/U
 - half filling: Hubbard model \rightarrow antiferromagnetic quantum Heisenberg model

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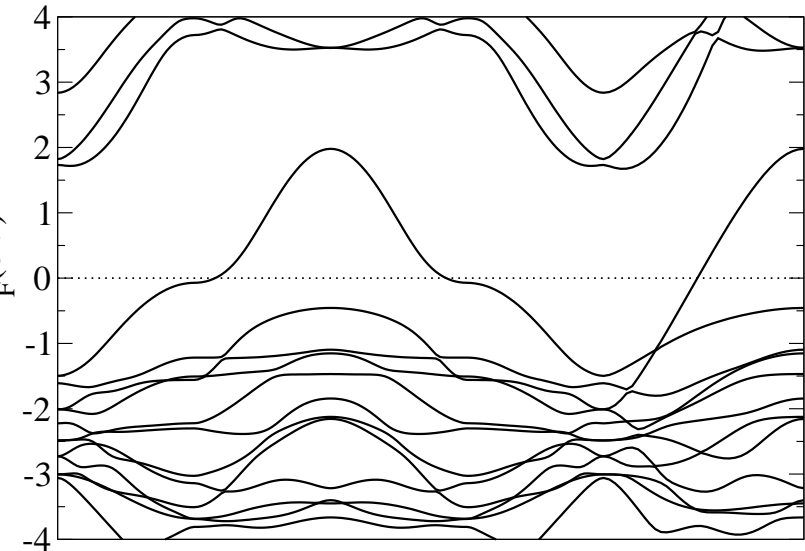
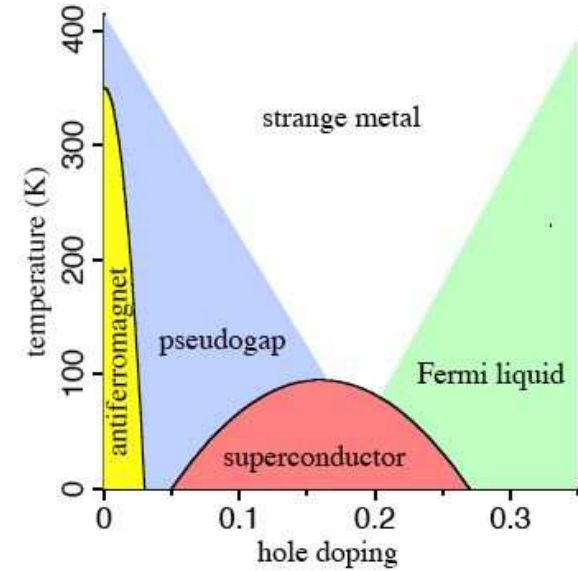
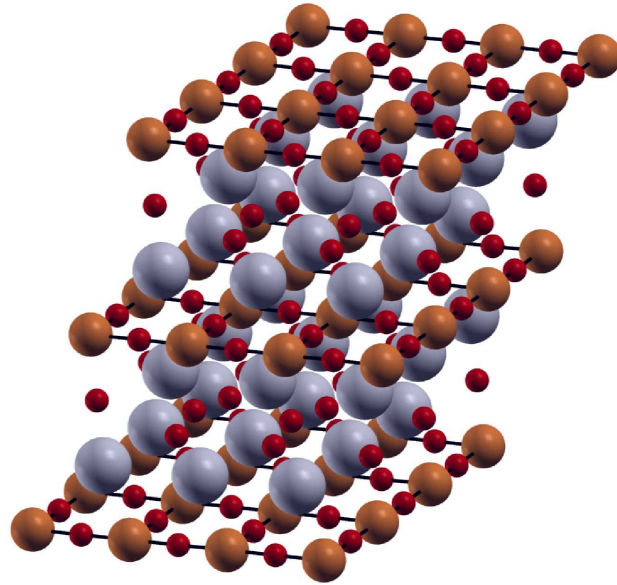
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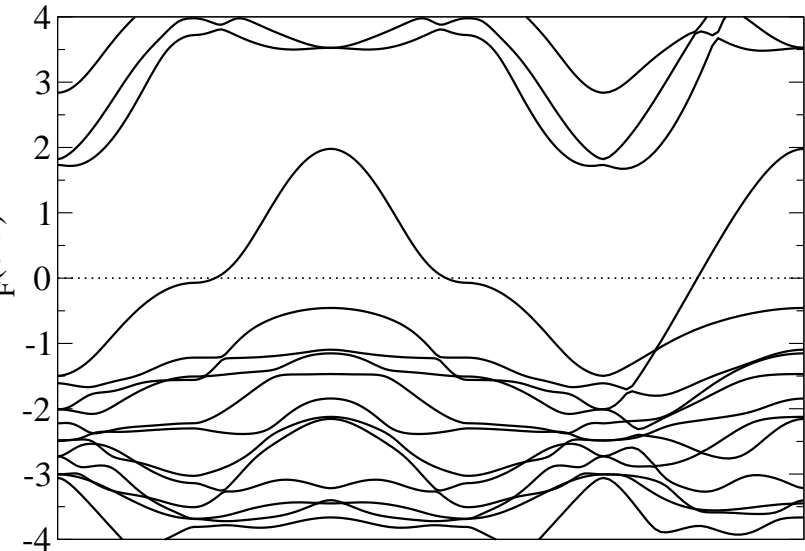
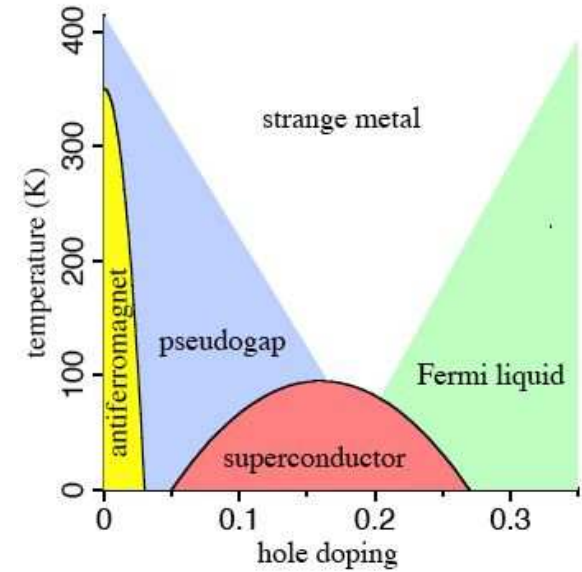
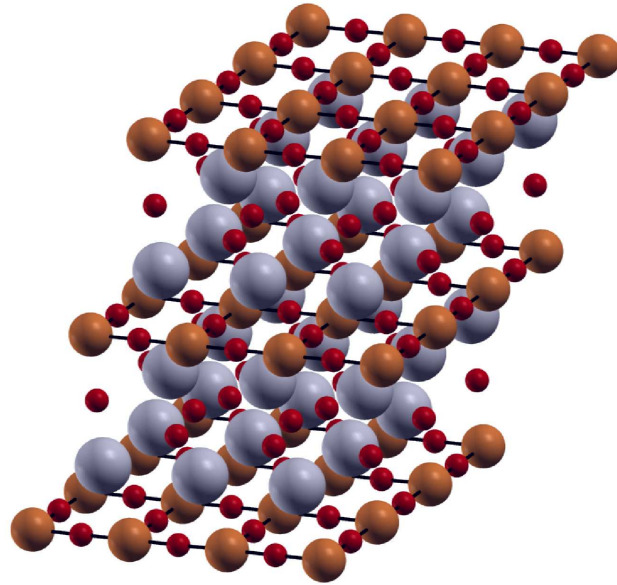
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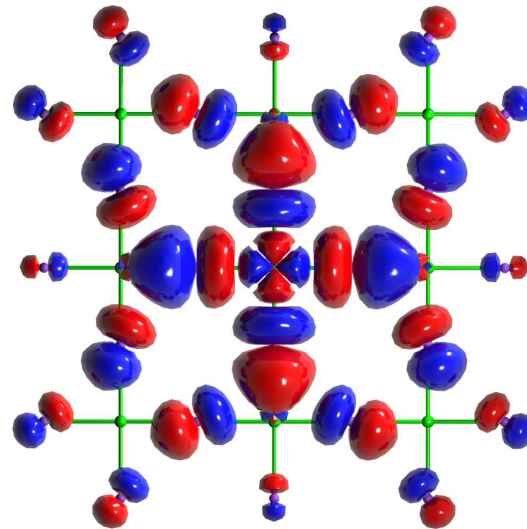


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[O. K. Andersen et al.]

Multi-orbital Hubbard models

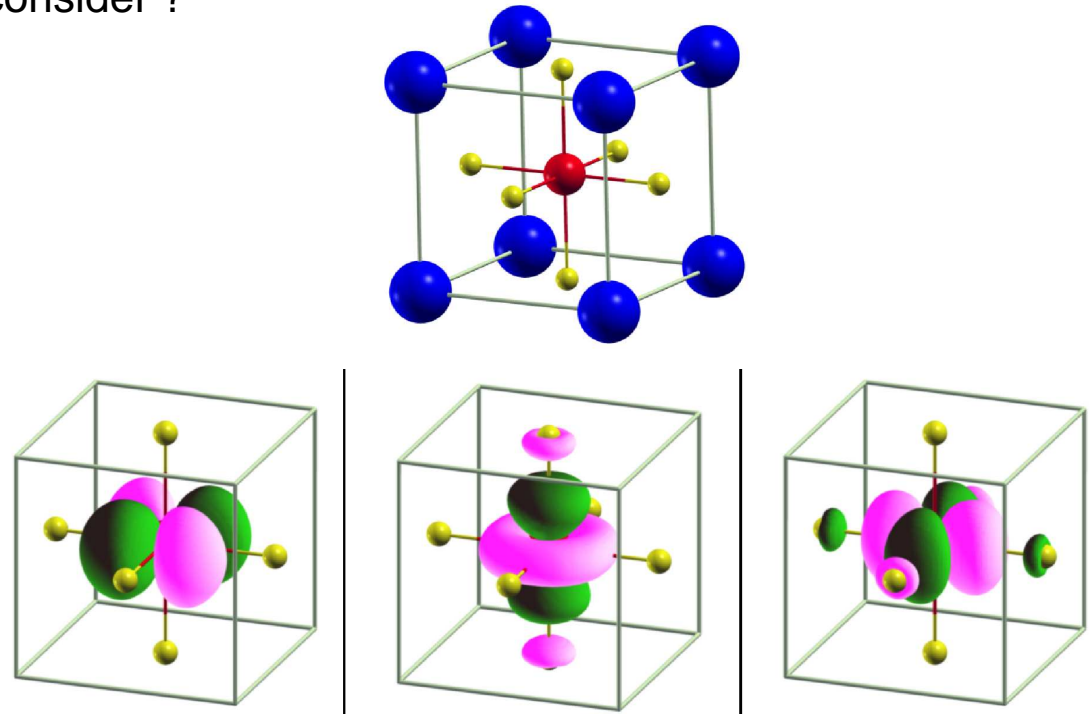
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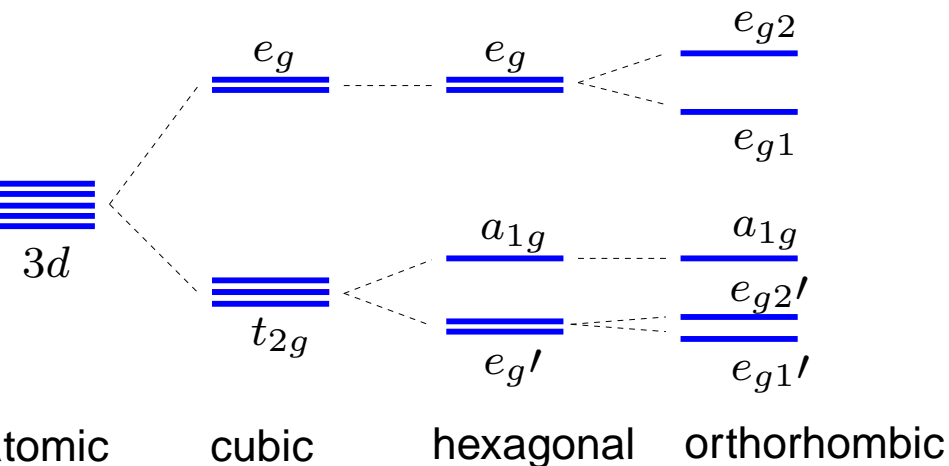
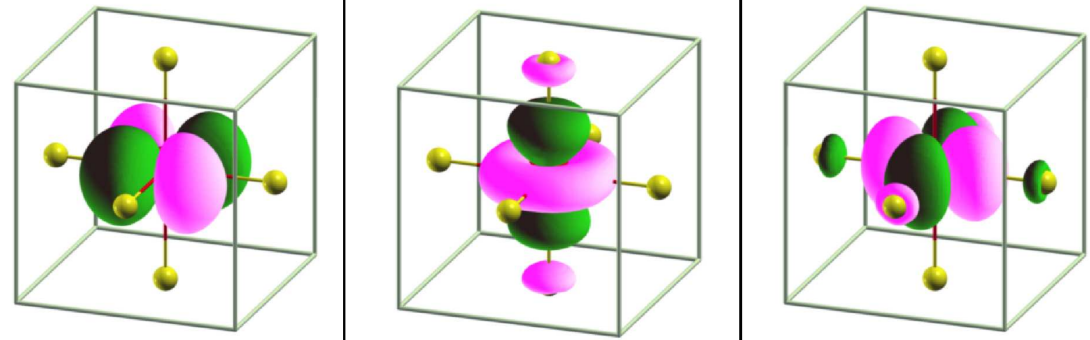
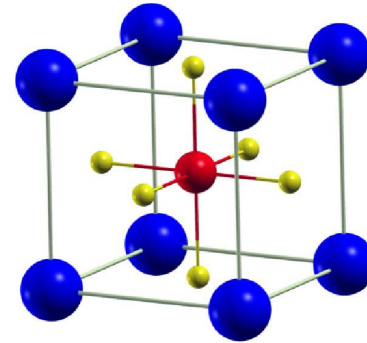
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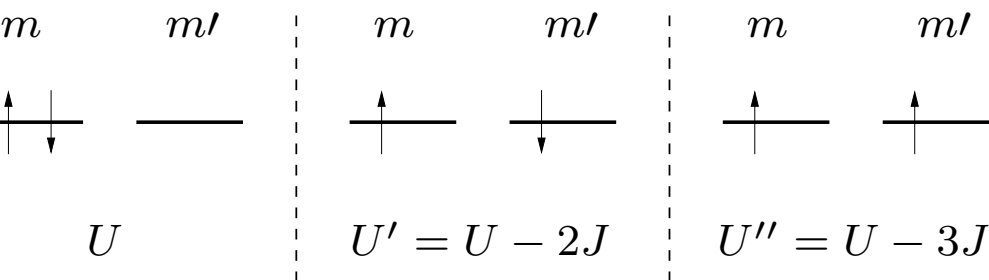
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Advances for realistic models, especially in the LDA+DMFT context:

● computing $U_{mm'm''m'''}(\omega)$ from first principles

(→ presentation by F. Aryasetiawan)

● many-body technique to handle $U = U(\omega)$

(→ presentation by P. Werner)

Basic techniques

1. Hartree Fock

Mean-Field Approach

Hubbard model:
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problem: decoupling of operators not unique in any case here rotational invariance is lost !

$$\begin{aligned} c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow} &= -c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} c_{i\downarrow} \xrightarrow{\text{Wick}} -\langle c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow} \rangle c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} - \langle c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} \rangle c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow} + \langle c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} \rangle c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow} + \langle c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow} \rangle c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} \\ &\quad + \langle c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow} \rangle \langle c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} \rangle - \langle c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} \rangle \langle c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Hartree-Fock representation

local decoupling of the interaction kernel in

$$n_{i\sigma} = c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{i\sigma} \quad \wedge \quad S_i^+ = c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow}, \quad S_i^- = c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow}$$

leads to Hartree-Fock (HF) theory of the mean-field approach to the Hubbard model:

$$H_{\text{hub}}^{\text{HF}} = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle \sigma} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + \frac{U}{2} \sum_i \left\{ n_i \langle n_i \rangle - 4 \mathbf{S}_i \langle \mathbf{S}_i \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle n_i \rangle^2 - 2 \langle \mathbf{S}_i \rangle^2 \right\} \quad n_i = \sum_{\sigma} n_{i\sigma}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{modified dispersion} \quad \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^{\text{HF}} := \frac{\partial E_{\text{hub}}^{\text{HF}}}{\partial \langle n_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} \rangle} = \frac{\partial \langle H_{\text{hub}}^{\text{HF}} \rangle}{\partial \langle n_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} \rangle} = \begin{cases} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} + U \left(\frac{n}{2} - m \right) & \text{for } \sigma = \uparrow \\ \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} + U \left(\frac{n}{2} + m \right) & \text{for } \sigma = \downarrow \end{cases}$$

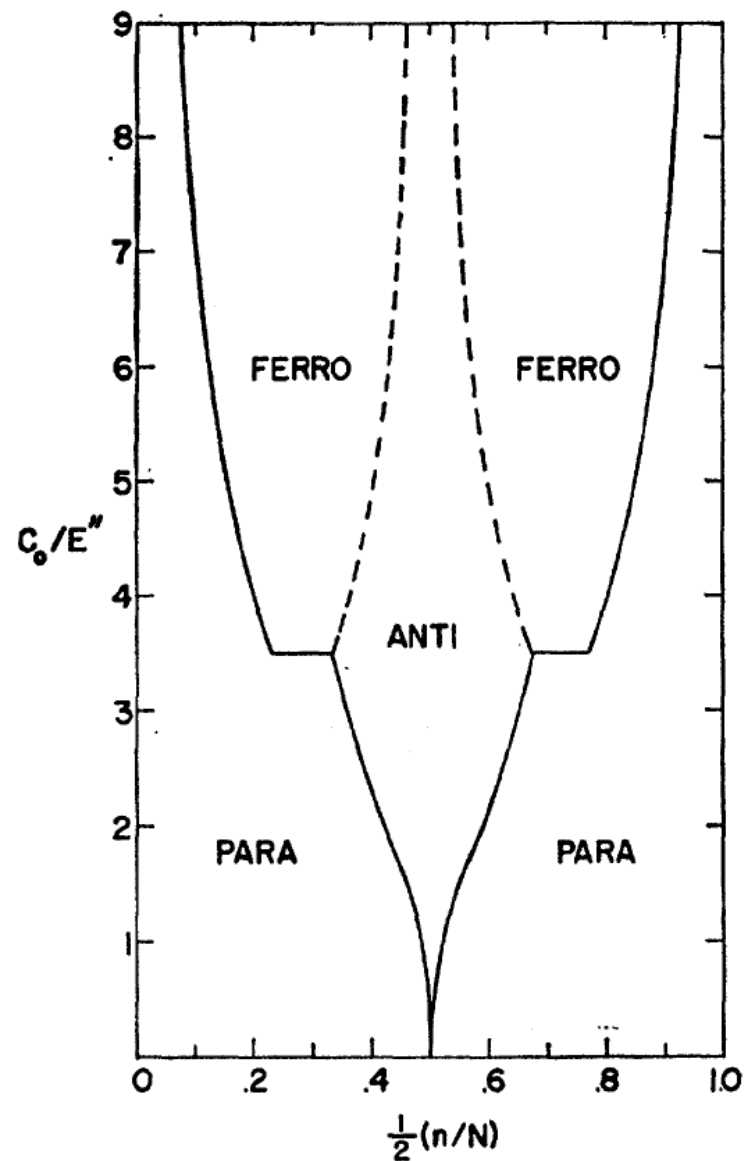
$$\left(\text{using } \sum_i n_{i\sigma} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} n_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} \quad , \quad m = \frac{1}{2} (\langle n_{i\uparrow} \rangle - \langle n_{i\downarrow} \rangle) \right)$$

- simple approximation, numerically very efficient
- in principle no correlations in HF, ill-defined for metallic systems
- can be useful for long-range ordered Mott insulators (\rightarrow LDA+U !)
- other decoupling schemes possible (e.g., to describe superconductivity)

IF phase diagram for the Hubbard model

single-band Hubbard model on the 3D simple cubic lattice without non-collinear phases

[R. Penn, Phys. Rev. 142, 350 (1966)]



Basic techniques

2. Hubbard I

Employing the Green's function

one-particle Green's function: $G_\sigma(\mathbf{k}, t) = -i \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{T} c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}(t) c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^\dagger(0) | \Psi_0 \rangle$

Lehmann representation:

$$G_\sigma(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \sum_m \frac{|\langle \Psi_m^{(N_e+1)} | c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^\dagger | \Psi_0 \rangle|^2}{\omega + \mu - \omega_{m0} + i\eta} + \sum_m \frac{|\langle \Psi_m^{(N_e-1)} | c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} | \Psi_0 \rangle|^2}{\omega + \mu - \omega_{0m} - i\eta} \rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega' A_\sigma(\mathbf{k}, \omega')}{\omega + \mu - \omega' + \text{sgn}(\omega') i0^+}$$

Example: Fermi-gas limit $A_\sigma(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \delta(\omega - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}})$

$$\Rightarrow G_\sigma^{\text{FG}}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega' \frac{\delta(\omega' - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}})}{\omega + \mu - \omega' + \text{sgn}(\omega') i0^+} = \frac{1}{\omega + \mu - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} + i\eta_{\mathbf{k}}}$$

general

$$G_\sigma(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \frac{1}{\omega + \mu - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \Sigma_\sigma(\mathbf{k}, \omega)}$$

self-energy $\Sigma_\sigma(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ carries all many-body effects !

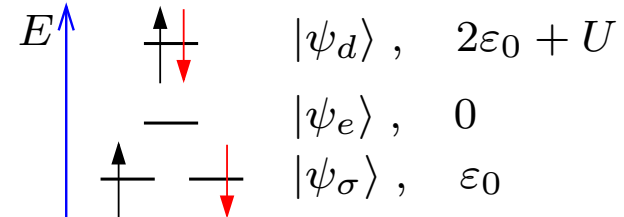
Example: Hartree-Fock approximation (first order diagrammatic expansion)

$$\Sigma^{\text{HF}} = \Sigma(\mathbf{k}) = \Sigma^{\text{Hartree}} + \Sigma^{\text{Fock}} = \text{[diagram: wavy line to a circle]} + \text{[diagram: wavy line to a circle with a loop]} + \text{[diagram: wavy line to a circle with a loop]} + \dots$$

Computing the atomic self-energy

concentrate on the local Green's function: $G_{i\sigma}(\omega) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} G_{\sigma}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$

half filling the local spectral function $\rho(\omega)$ in the atomic limit is given by

$$\rho_{i\sigma}(\omega) = \begin{cases} \sum_i \langle n_{i\bar{\sigma}} \rangle |\langle \psi_d | c_{i\sigma}^\dagger | \psi_{\bar{\sigma}} \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega - \omega_{d\bar{\sigma}}) = \sum_i \langle n_{i\bar{\sigma}} \rangle \delta(\omega - (\varepsilon_0 + U)) \\ \sum_i \langle n_{i\sigma} \rangle |\langle \psi_e | c_{i\sigma} | \psi_{\sigma} \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega - \omega_{e\sigma}) = \sum_i \langle n_{i\sigma} \rangle \delta(\omega - \varepsilon_0) \end{cases}$$


$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow G_{i\sigma}(\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^0 d\omega' \frac{(1 - \langle n_{i\bar{\sigma}} \rangle) \delta(\omega' - \varepsilon_0)}{\omega + \mu - \omega' - i0^+} + \int_0^{\infty} d\omega' \frac{\langle n_{i\bar{\sigma}} \rangle \delta(\omega' - (\varepsilon_0 + U))}{\omega + \mu - \omega' + i0^+} \\ &= \frac{1 - \langle n_{i\bar{\sigma}} \rangle}{\omega + \mu - \varepsilon_0 - i0^+} + \frac{\langle n_{i\bar{\sigma}} \rangle}{\omega + \mu - \varepsilon_0 - U + i0^+} \end{aligned}$$

now adapt to $G_{i\sigma}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\omega + \mu - \Sigma_{i\sigma}^{\text{atom}}(\omega)}$

$$\Sigma_{i\sigma}^{\text{atom}}(\omega) = U n_{i\bar{\sigma}} + U^2 \frac{n_{i\bar{\sigma}}(1 - n_{i\bar{\sigma}})}{\omega + \mu - U(1 - n_{i\bar{\sigma}})}$$

atomic-limit self-energy of the half-filled Hubbard model

Hubbard-I approximation

Structure of atomic self-energy for the crystal Green's function:

$$G_{\sigma}^{\text{HI}}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \frac{1}{\omega + \mu - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \Sigma_{i\sigma}^{\text{atom}}(\omega)}$$

Roots of the denominator (poles) yield the excitations of the system:

$$\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^{\text{HI}} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} + U \vee \pm \sqrt{(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} + U)^2 + 4U \langle n_{i\bar{\sigma}} \rangle} \right\}$$

- simple approximation, numerically very efficient
- atomic reference point, does not reduce to Hartree-Fock
- appropriate for paramagnetic Mott insulators
- dispersing Hubbard bands, but no quasiparticle peak
- violates particle-hole symmetry

Basic techniques

3. Slave Bosons

Introducing additional degrees of freedom

half-filled single-band Hubbard model in the $U \rightarrow \infty$ limit: $H = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle \sigma} P c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} P$

multiply occupied sites are forbidden: $\sum_{\sigma} n_{i\sigma} < 2$ **not easy to handle !**

new auxiliary quantum degrees of freedom $\phi_i^{(\dagger)}$ $c_{i\sigma}^\dagger = f_{i\sigma}^\dagger \phi_i \quad \wedge \quad c_{i\sigma} = f_{i\sigma} \phi_i^\dagger$
 decomposition of original electron operator into fermionic f part and bosonic ϕ part

$$\begin{array}{ll} \phi_i^\dagger |\text{vac}\rangle = |0_i\rangle & |0_i\rangle : n_b = 1 \quad \wedge \quad n_{f\sigma} = 0 \\ f_{i\sigma}^\dagger |\text{vac}\rangle = |\sigma_i\rangle & |\uparrow_i\rangle : n_b = 0 \quad \wedge \quad n_{f\uparrow} = 1 \\ & |\downarrow_i\rangle : n_b = 0 \quad \wedge \quad n_{f\downarrow} = 1 \end{array}$$

necessary constraint for $U \rightarrow \infty$: $\sum_{\sigma} f_{i\sigma}^\dagger f_{i\sigma} + \phi_i^\dagger \phi_i = 1 =: Q$

Hamiltonian problem may then be expressed as $H = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle \sigma} \phi_i \phi_j^\dagger f_{i\sigma}^\dagger f_{j\sigma}$

have boson $\phi_i^{(\dagger)}$ takes care of high-energy excitations, while $f_{i\sigma}^{(\dagger)}$ carries the sole quasiparticle part at low energy

Slave-Boson Mean-Field Approximation

$$U \rightarrow \infty : \quad H_{\text{hub}} = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle \sigma} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} \quad \rightarrow \quad H_{\text{hub}}^{\text{SB}} = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle \sigma} \phi_i \phi_j^\dagger f_{i\sigma}^\dagger f_{j\sigma}$$

Mean-field approach: condensing the slave bosons (saddle-point approximation)

$$r := \langle \phi_i \rangle \quad , \quad \sum_{\sigma} \langle n_{f\sigma} \rangle + |r|^2 = 1 \quad , \quad H_{\text{eff}} = -|r|^2 t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle \sigma} f_{i\sigma}^\dagger f_{j\sigma}$$

Linkman-Rice effect: $|r|^2 = 1 - \langle n_f \rangle := \delta \quad \Rightarrow \quad t_{\text{eff}} = \delta t$ (strong bandwidth reduction at doping δ)

Interacting ground state may be found by minimizing the grand potential with constraint:

$$\Omega = \langle H_{\text{eff}} \rangle + \lambda \left(\sum_{\sigma} \langle n_{f\sigma} \rangle + |r|^2 - 1 \right) - \mu \sum_{\sigma} \langle n_{f\sigma} \rangle$$

Generalization to finite- U and multi-orbital Hubbard problems possible !

$$\rightarrow \quad \underline{H}_{\text{hub}} = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle \sigma} r_i r_j^* f_{i\sigma}^\dagger f_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i \phi_{\uparrow\downarrow i}^\dagger \phi_{\uparrow\downarrow i}$$

Green's Function and Self-Energy

quasiparticle dispersion: $\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^{\text{SBMF}} := \frac{\partial E^{\text{SBMF}}}{\partial \langle n_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^f \rangle} = |r|^2 \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} + \lambda$

> Green's function of non-interacting quasiparticles:

$$G_f(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \frac{1}{\omega + \mu - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^{\text{SBMF}}} = \frac{1}{\omega + \mu - |r|^2 \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \lambda}$$

Full electronic Green's function and local self-energy:

$$G^{\text{SBMF}}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = |r|^2 G_f(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \frac{|r|^2}{\omega + \mu - |r|^2 \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \lambda} =: \frac{1}{\omega + \mu - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \Sigma^{\text{SBMF}}(\omega)}$$
$$\Sigma^{\text{SBMF}}(\omega) = \omega \left(1 - \frac{1}{|r|^2} \right) + \mu - \frac{\mu - \lambda}{|r|^2}$$

- still simple approximation, numerically very efficient
- good description of renormalized quasiparticles at low energy
- Hubbard excitations only via static multiplets → no complete spectral function !

Conclusions

Models

- are needed to investigate complex physics beyond effective single-particle problems
- are still very difficult to solve, most often only in approximations manageable
- Hubbard-like models are at the heart of describing the competition between localization and itinerancy

Techniques

- static mean-field approaches are simple, but most often a good starting point
- central goal: modeling self-energy $\Sigma(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ as good as possible
- many approaches concentrate on certain limits/energy-ranges
- one needs to describe strong/weak interacting limit as well as all relevant energy scales
- Hartree-Fock and Hubbard-I are ok for the start, but one has to understand their limits
- Slave-Boson Mean-Field ok when explicit quantum-fluctuations are negligible and dynamic Hubbard bands are irrelevant