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# GW approximation in ABINIT

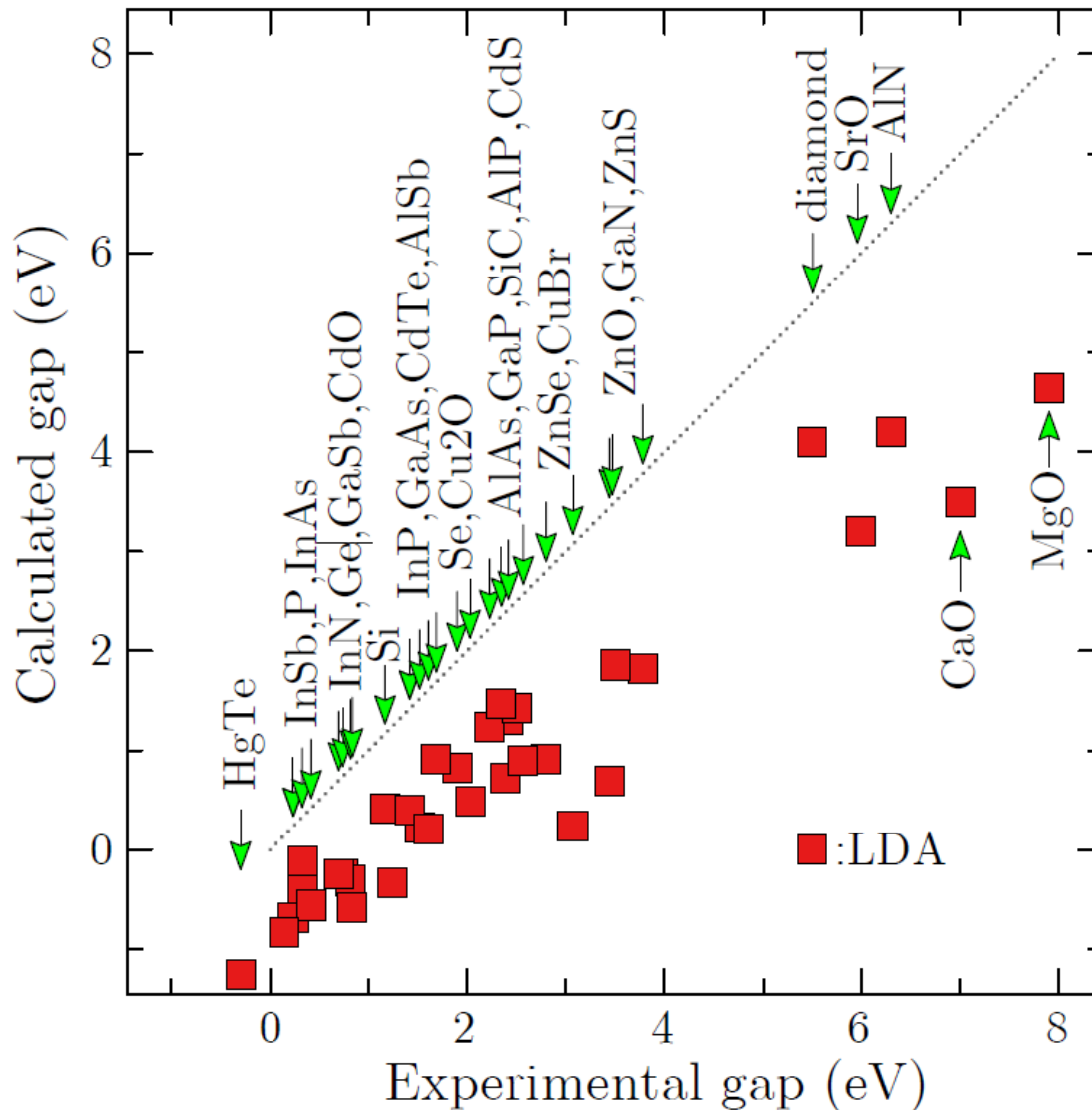
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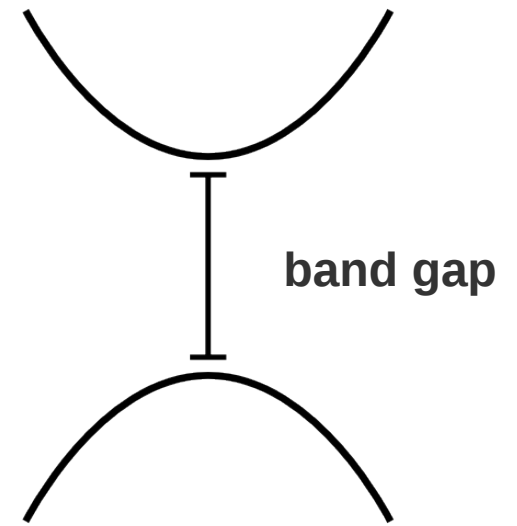


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# Standard DFT has unfortunately some shortcomings



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

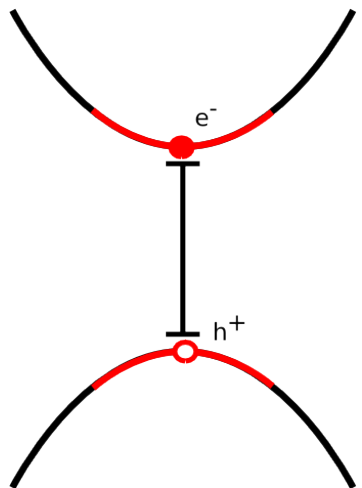


**Band gap problem!**

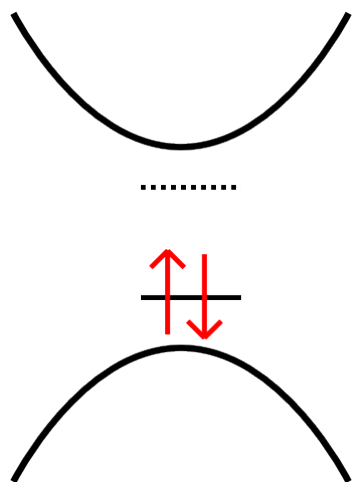


# A pervasive problem

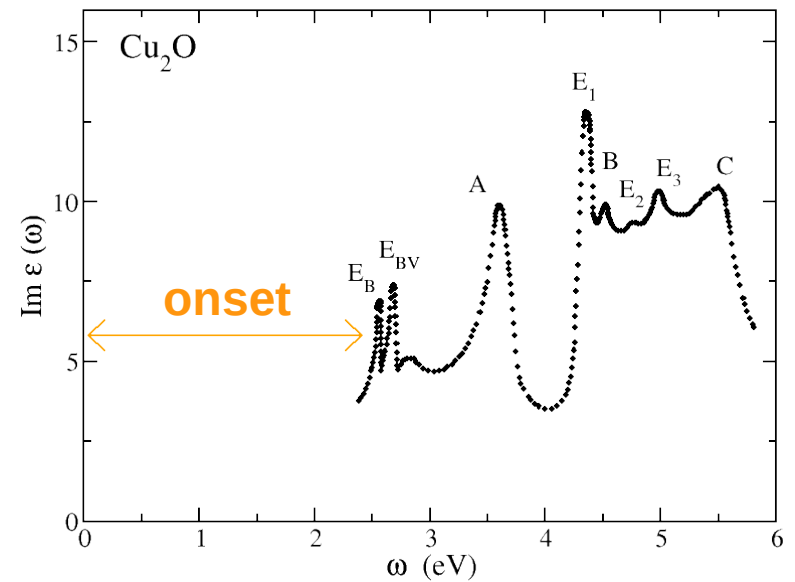
Conductivity for charge transport in semiconductors



Defect formation energy  
Charge transition level



Optical absorption



Photoemission

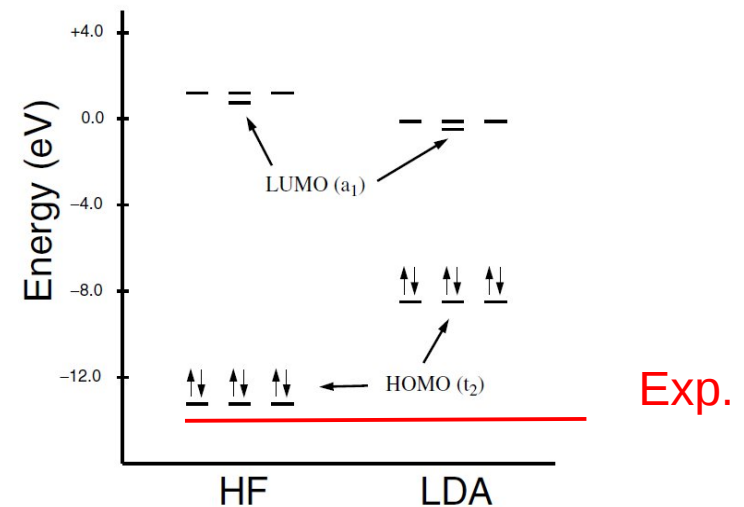


FIG. 1. Single-particle Hartree-Fock and local density approximation eigenvalue spectra (eV) for the  $\text{SiH}_4$  molecule.

# Gap re-normalization by a (metallic) substrate

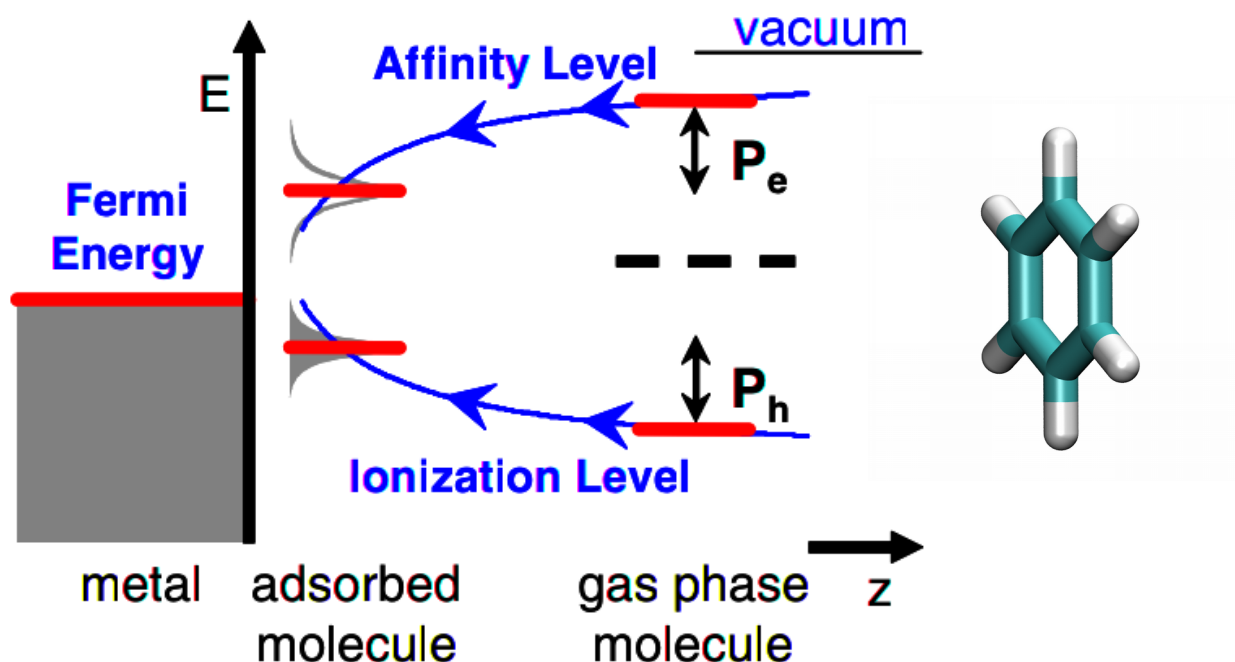


FIG. 1 (color online). Schematic energy level diagram indicating polarization shifts in the frontier energy levels (ionization and affinity) of a molecule upon adsorption on a metal surface.

Benzene deposited on copper, gold, graphite

Neaton, Hybertsen, Louie PRL (2006)

# How do go beyond within the DFT framework?

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Not easy to find improvement within DFT framework  
There is no such thing as a perturbative expansion  
Perdew's Jacob's ladder does not help for the band gap

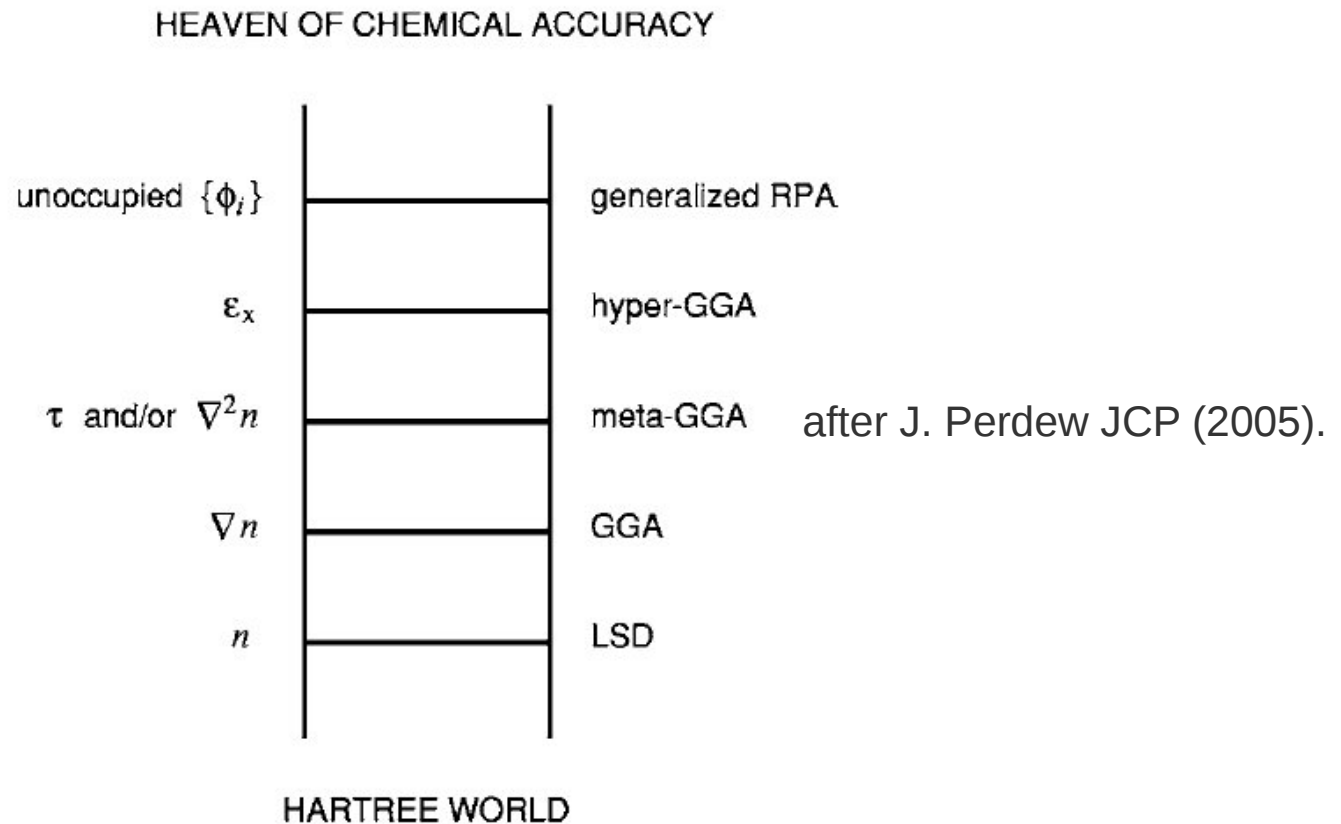


FIG. 1. Jacob's ladder of density functional approximations to the exchange-correlation energy.

**Need to change the overall framework!**

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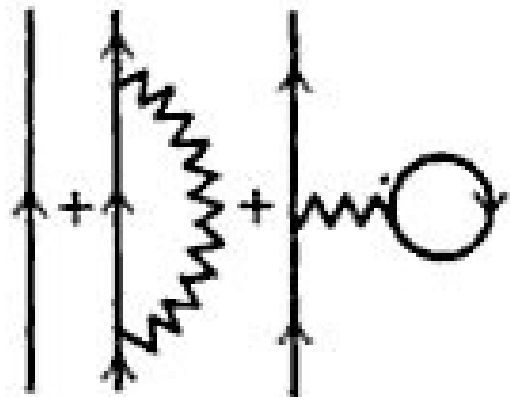
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# Many-body perturbation theory

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Historically older than the DFT (from the 40-50's)!  
Big names: Feynman, Schwinger, Hubbard, Hedin, Lundqvist

Green's functions  
= propagator

$$G(\mathbf{r}t, \mathbf{r}'t') =$$




# The Green's function

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Exact ground state wavefunction:  $|N, 0\rangle$

Creation, annihilation operator:  $\Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}t), \Psi(\mathbf{r}t)$

1  $\Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}t)|N, 0\rangle$  is a (N+1) electron wavefunction not necessarily in the ground state

2  $\Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}'t')|N, 0\rangle$  is another (N+1) electron wavefunction

**Let's compare the two of them!**

# Green's function definition

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$$\langle N, 0 | \underbrace{\Psi(\mathbf{r}t)}_1 \underbrace{\Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}'t')}_2 | N, 0 \rangle$$

$$= i G^e(\mathbf{r}t, \mathbf{r}'t') \quad \text{for } t > t'$$

Mesures how an extra electron propagates from  $(\mathbf{r}'t')$  to  $(\mathbf{r}t)$ .

# Green's function definition

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$$\underbrace{\langle N, 0 | \Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}' t')}_{\text{2}} \underbrace{\Psi(\mathbf{r} t) | N, 0 \rangle}_{\text{1}}$$
$$= i G^h(\mathbf{r}' t', \mathbf{r} t) \quad \text{for } t' > t$$

Mesures how a missing electron (= a hole) propagates from  $(\mathbf{r}t)$  to  $(\mathbf{r}'t')$ .

## Final expression for the Green's function

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$$iG(\mathbf{r}t, \mathbf{r}'t') = \langle N, 0 | T [\Psi(\mathbf{r}t) \Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}'t')] | N, 0 \rangle$$

time-ordering operator

$$G(\mathbf{r}t, \mathbf{r}'t') = G^e(\mathbf{r}t, \mathbf{r}'t') - G^h(\mathbf{r}'t', \mathbf{r}t)$$

Compact expression that describes both the propagation of an extra electron and an extra hole

# Lehman representation

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$$iG(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', t-t') = \langle N, 0 | T [\Psi(\mathbf{r}t) \Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}'t')] | N, 0 \rangle$$

Closure relation

$$\sum_{M,i} |M,i\rangle \langle M,i|$$

Lehman representation:

$$G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega) = \sum_i \frac{f_i(\mathbf{r}) f_i^*(\mathbf{r}')}{\omega - \epsilon_i \pm i\eta}$$

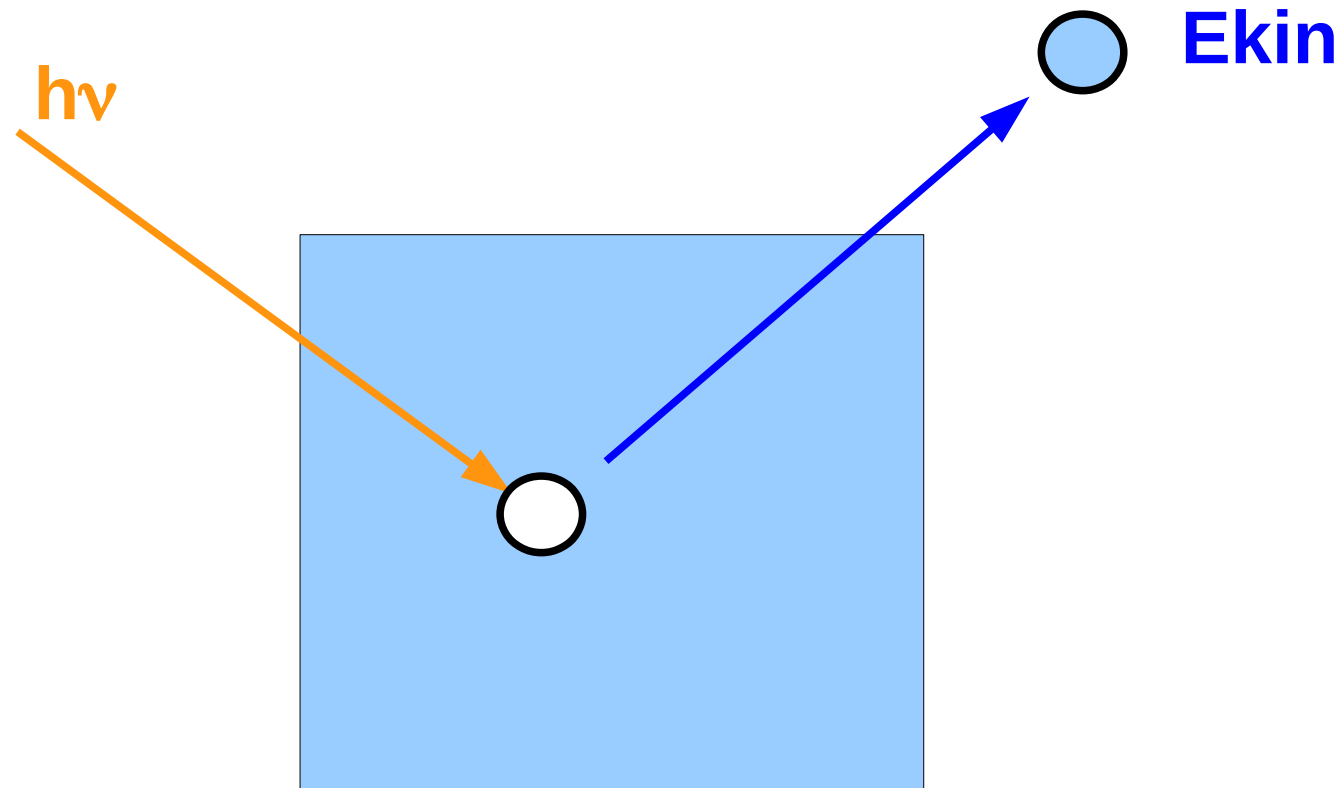
where

$$\epsilon_i = \begin{cases} E(N+1, i) - E(N, 0) \\ E(N, 0) - E(N-1, i) \end{cases}$$

Exact  
excitation energies!

# Related to photoemission spectroscopy

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Energy conservation:

before

after

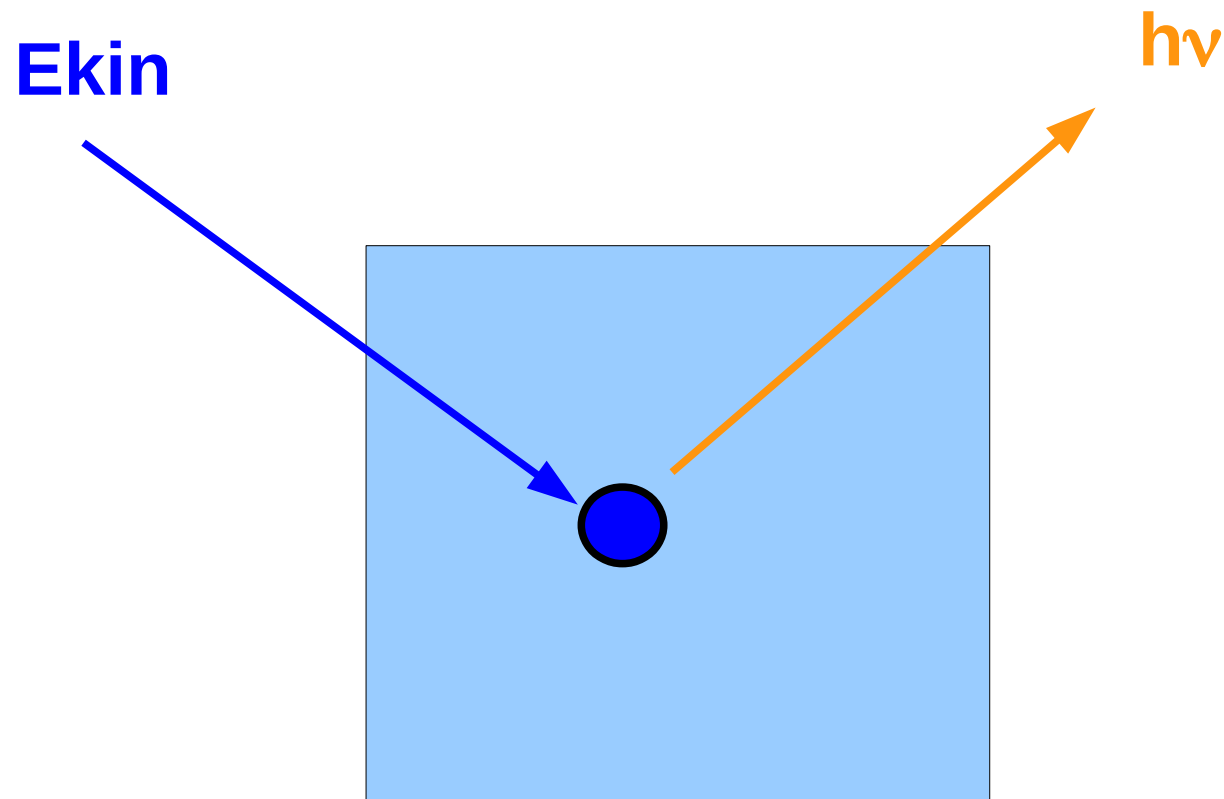
$$h\nu + E(N, 0) = E_{kin} + E(N - 1, i)$$

**Quasiparticle energy:**

$$\epsilon_i = E(N, 0) - E(N - 1, i) = E_{kin} - h\nu$$

# And inverse photoemission spectroscopy

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Energy conservation:

before

after

$$E_{kin} + E(N, 0) = h\nu + E(N + 1, i)$$

**Quasiparticle energy:**

$$\epsilon_i = E(N + 1, i) - E(N, 0) = E_{kin} - h\nu$$

# Exact realization of the Lehman decomposition

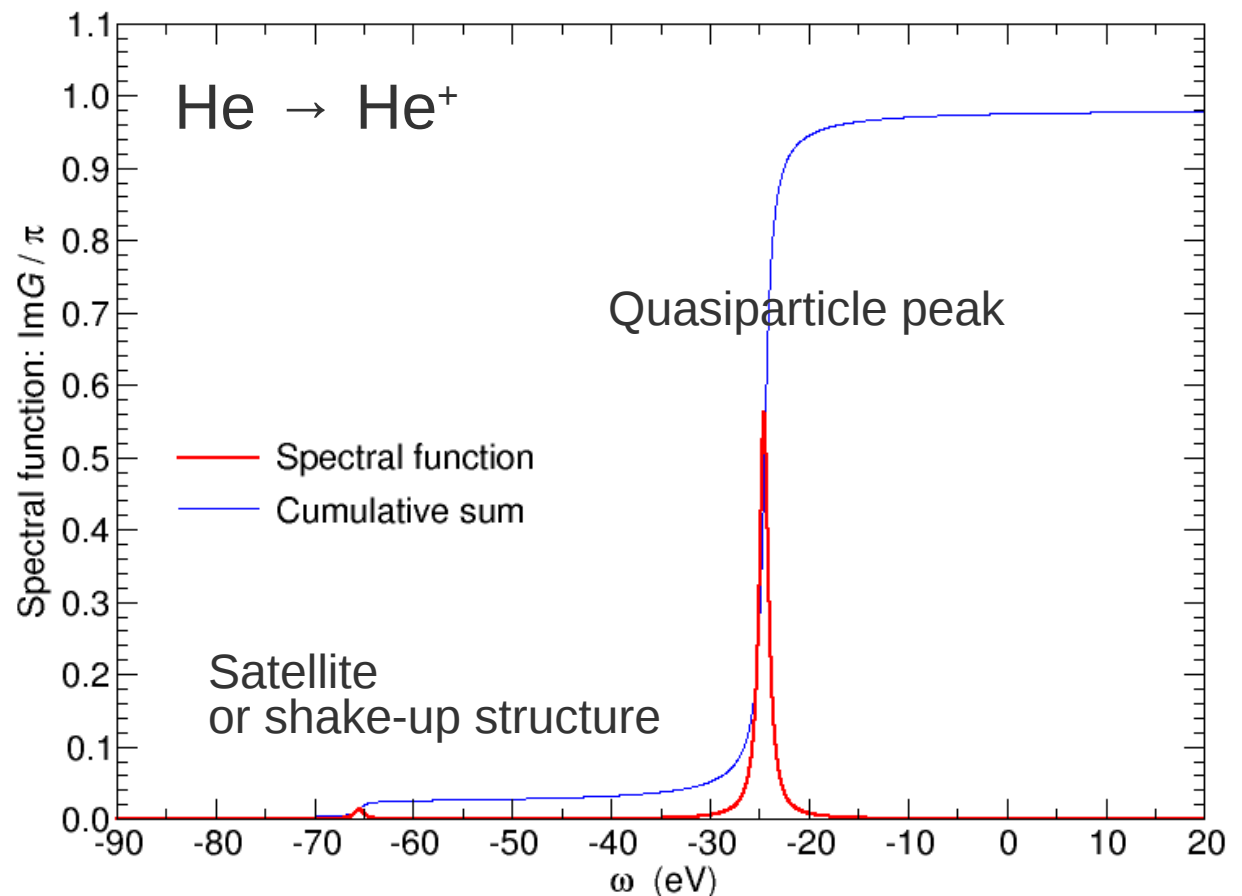
$$\langle m | G^h(\omega) | m \rangle = \sum_i \frac{\langle N 0 | \hat{c}_m^+ | N - 1 i \rangle \langle N - 1 i | \hat{c}_m | N 0 \rangle}{\omega - \epsilon_i - i\eta}$$

$$N = 2$$

$$N - 1 = 1$$

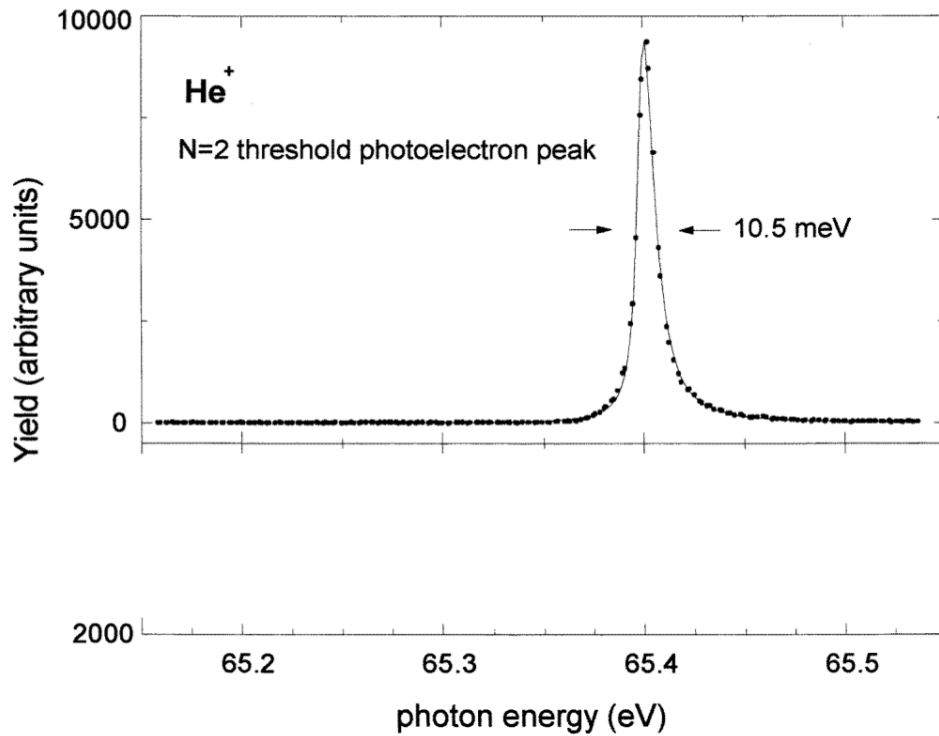
$$m = 1s$$

Obtained from FCI calculations



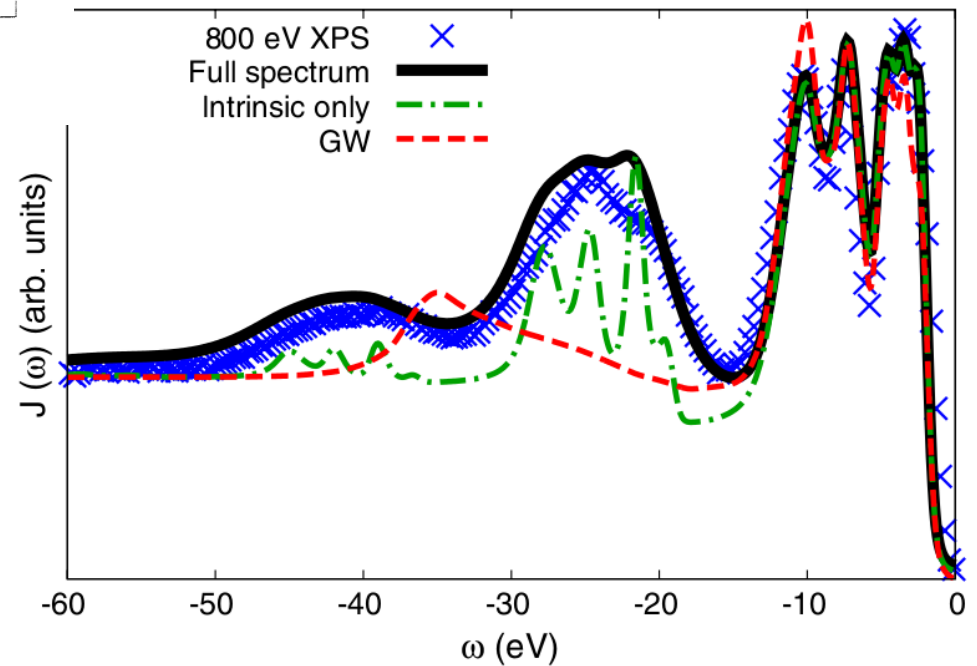


# Satellites in reality?



← Helium gas  
Thompson *et al.*  
J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys. 1998

Silicon crystal →  
Guzzo *et al.* PRL 2011



# Other properties of the Green's function

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Get the electron density:

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = -i G(\mathbf{r}t^-, \mathbf{r}, t)$$

Galitskii-Migdal formula for the total energy:

$$E_{total} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\mu} d\omega \text{Tr} [(\omega - h_0) \text{Im} G(\omega)]$$

Expectation value of any 1 particle operator (local or non-local)

$$\langle O \rangle = \lim_{t \rightarrow t'} \text{Tr} [O G]$$

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# Equation of motion of Green's functions: Dyson equation

Let us start with a non-interacting Green's function  $G_0$   
corresponding to a hamiltonian  $h_0$

$$\int d\mathbf{r}_2 \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) [\omega - h_0(\mathbf{r}_2)] G_0(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3, \omega) = \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_3)$$

In short:

$$[\omega - h_0] G_0 = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad G_0^{-1} = [\omega - h_0]$$

Imagine  $h_0$  is Hartree and  $h_{\text{KS}}$  is Kohn-Sham

$$[\omega - h_{\text{KS}}] G_{\text{KS}} = 1$$

$$\hookrightarrow [\omega - h_0 - v_{xc}] G_{\text{KS}} = 1$$

$$\hookrightarrow [G_0^{-1} - v_{xc}] G_{\text{KS}} = 1$$

$$\hookrightarrow G_{\text{KS}} = G_0 + G_0 v_{xc} G_{\text{KS}}$$

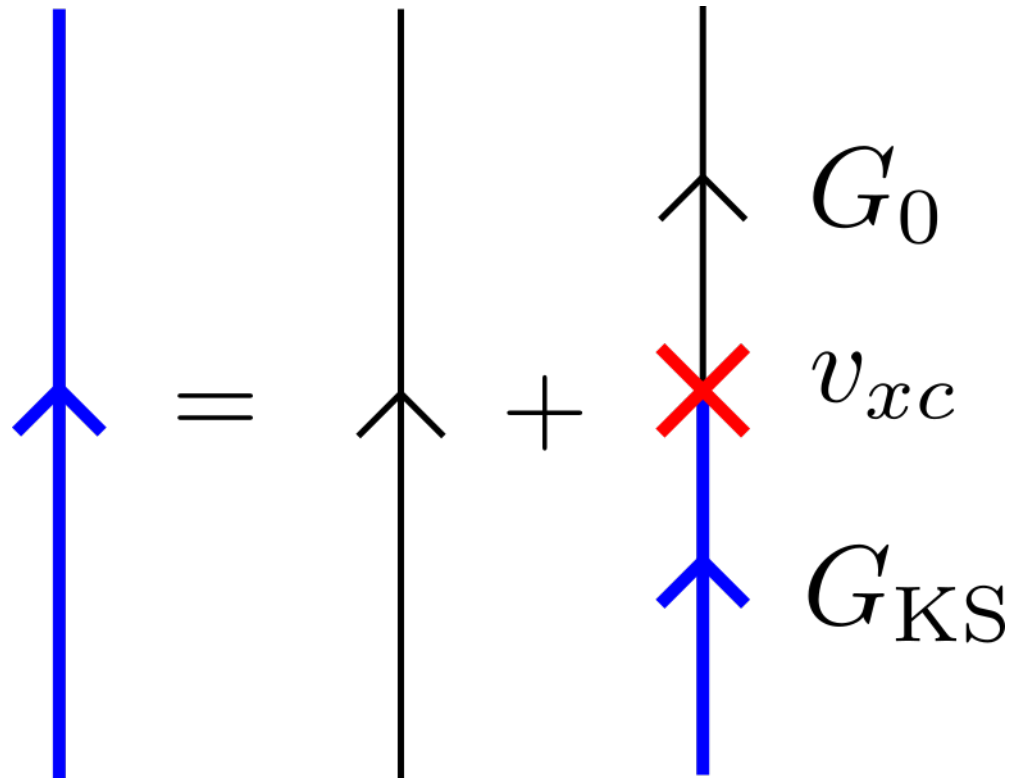
$$\hookrightarrow G_{\text{KS}} = G_0 + G_0 v_{xc} G_0 + G_0 v_{xc} G_0 v_{xc} G_0 + \dots$$



Exercice

# A first contact with diagrams

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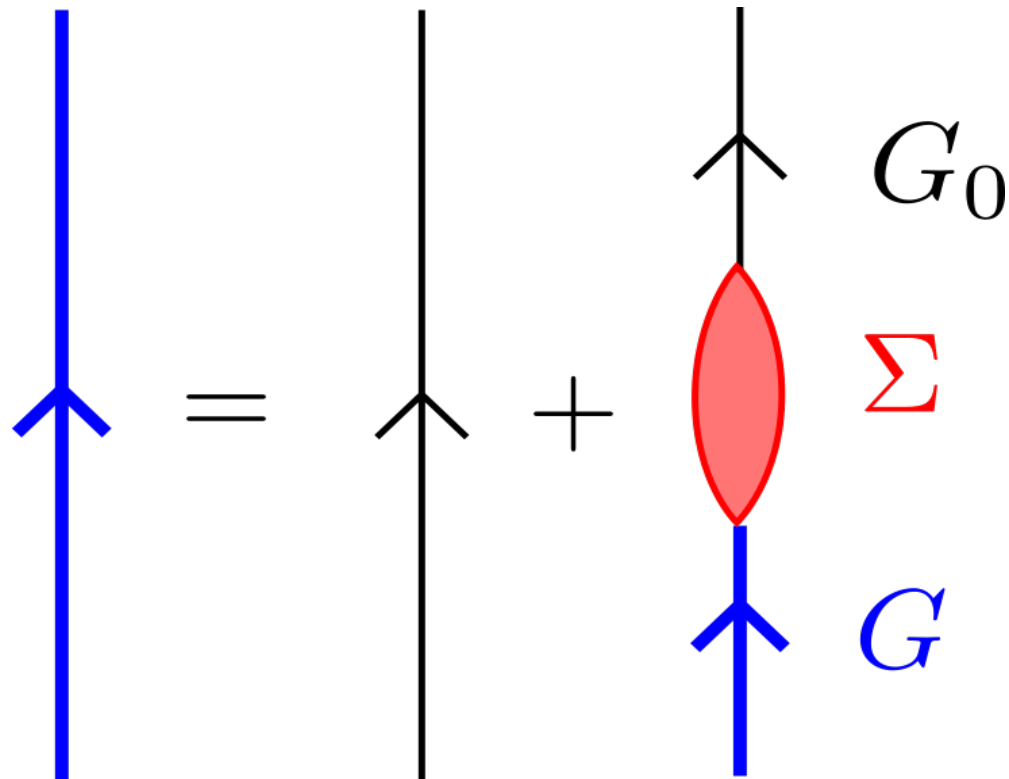
$$G_{KS}(1,2) = G_0(1,2) + \int d^3 G_0(1,3) v_{xc}(3) G_{KS}(3,2)$$

Dyson equation connects the Green's functions arising from different approximations

What about the **exact Green's function?**

# Dyson equation for the exact Green's function

Imagine there exists an operator that generates the exact  $G$



$$G(1,2) = G_0(1,2) + \int d(34) G_0(1,3) \Sigma(3,4) G(4,2)$$

This operator is the famous “self-energy”:

- non-local in space
- time-dependent
- non-Hermitian

**Everything else now deals with finding expressions for the self-energy!**

# A hierarchy of equations of motion

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In fact there is an exact expression for the self-energy as a function of the **two-particle Green's function**

$$[G_0^{-1} - \Sigma]G = 1$$

$$[G_0^{-1} - G_2]G = 1$$

$$G_2(1,2;3,4) = \langle N, 0 | T [\Psi(1)\Psi(2)\Psi^+(3)\Psi^+(4)] | N, 0 \rangle$$

And try to guess the equation of motion for the two-particle Green's function?

$G_2$  needs  $G_3$

$G_3$  needs  $G_4$

$G_4$  needs  $G_5$

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# An expression for the self-energy

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Trick due to Schwinger (1951):

- Introduce a small external potential  $U$  (that will be made equal to zero at the end)
- Calculate the variations of  $G$  with respect to  $U$

$$G_2(1,3;2,3) = \frac{\delta G(1,2)}{\delta U(3)}$$

Obtain a perturbation theory with basic ingredients  $G$  and  $v$

1<sup>st</sup> order is Hartree-Fock

2<sup>nd</sup> order is MP2

However MP2 diverges for metals!

Trick due to Hubbard+Hedin (late 1950's – early 1960's):

- Introduce the electrostatic response  $V$  to  $U$
- Calculate the variations of  $G$  with respect to  $V$

$$V(1) = U(1) - i \int d2 v(1,2) \delta G(2,2)$$

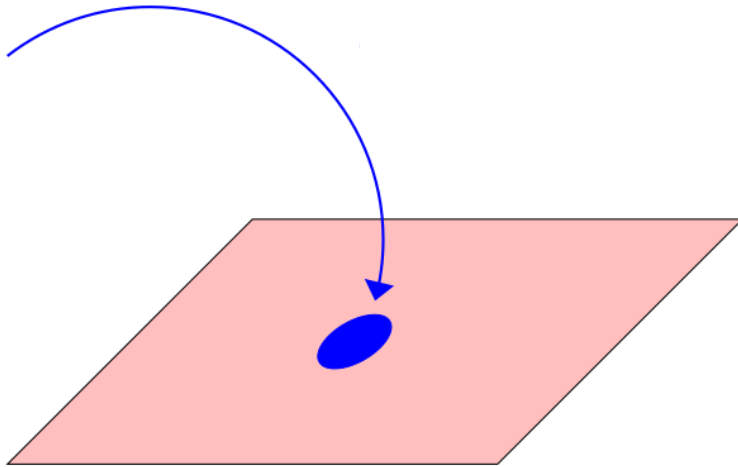
Obtain **a new renormalized perturbation theory** with basic ingredients  $G$  and  $W$

1<sup>st</sup> order is  $GW$



# Shifting from $U$ to $V$

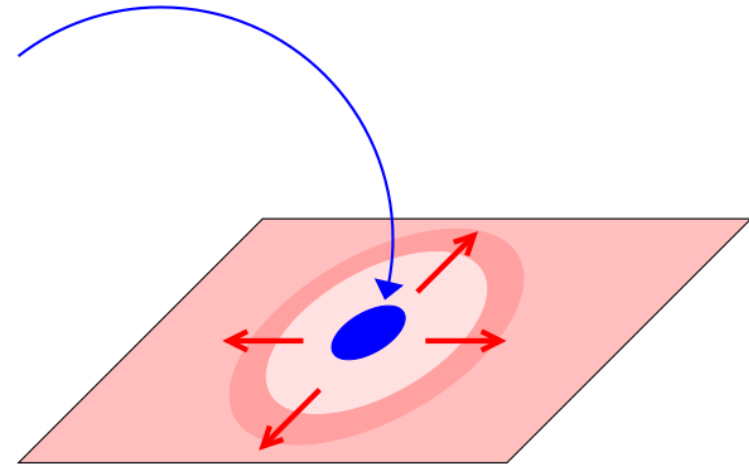
$$U(1) = \varepsilon \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_1) \delta(t - t_1)$$



Everything is functional of  $U$

$$G[U]$$

$$U(1) = \varepsilon \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_1) \delta(t - t_1)$$



$$V(1) = U(1) + \int d\mathbf{r} v(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}) \delta\rho(\mathbf{r})$$

$V$  also includes the electrostatic response


Everything is functional of  $V$

$$G[V]$$

# Hedin's coupled equations

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6 coupled equations:  $1=(\mathbf{r}_1 t_1 \sigma_1)$   $2=(\mathbf{r}_2 t_2 \sigma_2)$

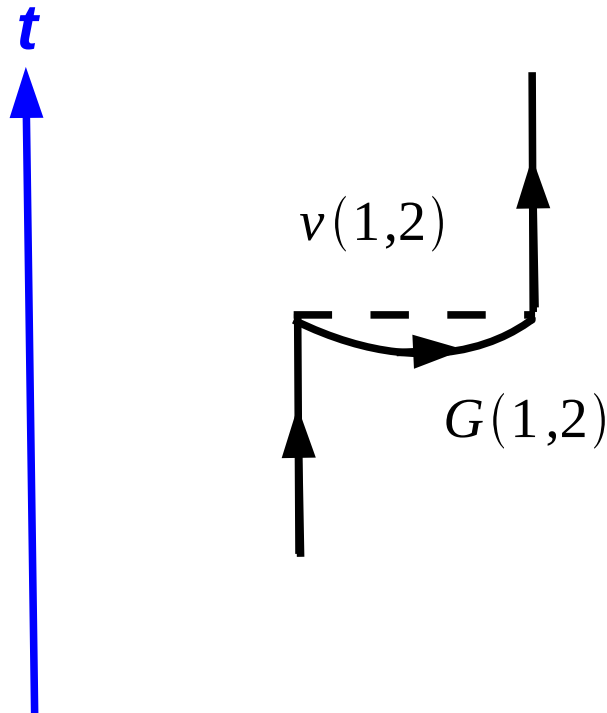


$G(1,2) = G_0(1,2) + \int d^3 4 G_0(1,3) \Sigma(3,4) G(4,2)$  **Dyson equation**  
 $\Sigma(1,2) = i \int d^3 4 G(1,3) W(1,4) \Gamma(4,2,3)$  **self-energy**  
 $\Gamma(1,2,3) = \delta(1,2) \delta(1,3) + \int d^3 4 5 6 7 \frac{\delta \Sigma(1,2)}{\delta G(4,5)} G(4,6) G(5,7) \Gamma(6,7,3)$  **vertex**  
 $\chi_0(1,2) = -i \int d^3 4 G(1,3) G(4,1) \Gamma(3,4,2)$  **polarizability**  
 $\epsilon(1,2) = \delta(1,2) - \int d^3 v(1,3) \chi_0(3,2)$  **dielectric matrix**  
 $W(1,2) = \int d^3 \epsilon^{-1}(1,3) v(3,2)$  **screened Coulomb interaction**

# Simplest approximation

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$$\Sigma(1,2) = iG(1,2)v(1^+,2) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{Fock exchange}$$



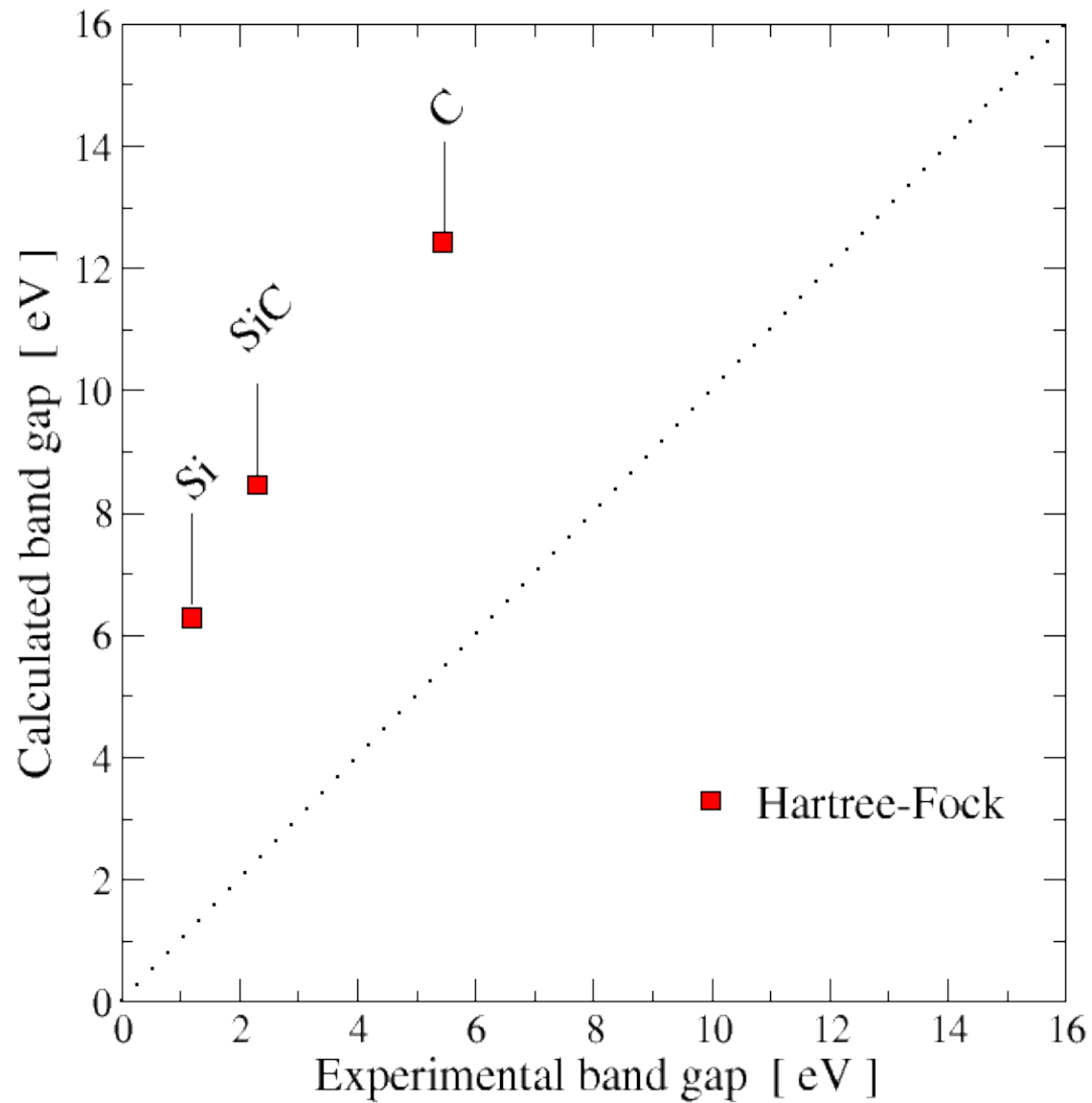
Dyson equation:

$$G = G_0 + G_0 \Sigma G$$

$$G = G_0 + G_0 \Sigma G_0 + \dots$$

**Not enough:** Hartree-Fock is known to perform poorly for solids

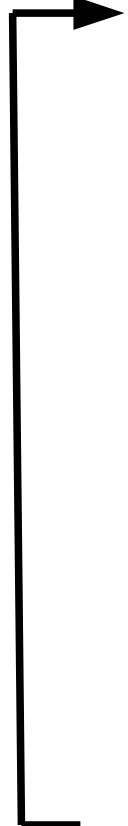
# Hartree-Fock approximation for band gaps



# Hedin's coupled equations

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$$\Sigma(1,2) = i \int d^3 4 G(1,3) W(1,4) \Gamma(4,2,3) \quad \text{self-energy}$$
$$\Gamma(1,2,3) = \delta(1,2) \delta(1,3) + \int d^4 567 \frac{\delta \Sigma(1,2)}{\delta G(4,5)} G(4,6) G(5,7) \Gamma(6,7,3)$$
$$\chi_0(1,2) = -i \int d^3 4 G(1,3) G(4,1) \Gamma(3,4,2)$$
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**screened Coulomb interaction**

# Here comes the *GW* approximation

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$$\Sigma(1,2) = iG(1,2)W(1,2)$$

*GW* approximation

$$\chi_0(1,2) = -iG(1,2)G(2,1)$$

RPA approximation

$$\varepsilon(1,2) = \delta(1,2) - \int d3 v(1,3)\chi_0(3,2)$$

$$W(1,2) = \int d3 \varepsilon^{-1}(1,3)v(3,2)$$



# Let us play with diagrams

$$\chi_0(1,2) = -i G(1,2) G(2,1)$$

$$\Sigma(1,2) = i G(1,2) W(1,2)$$

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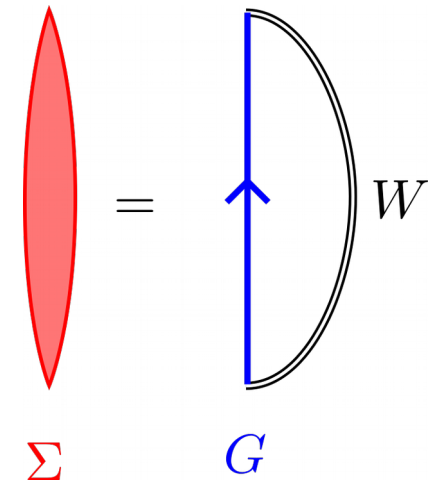
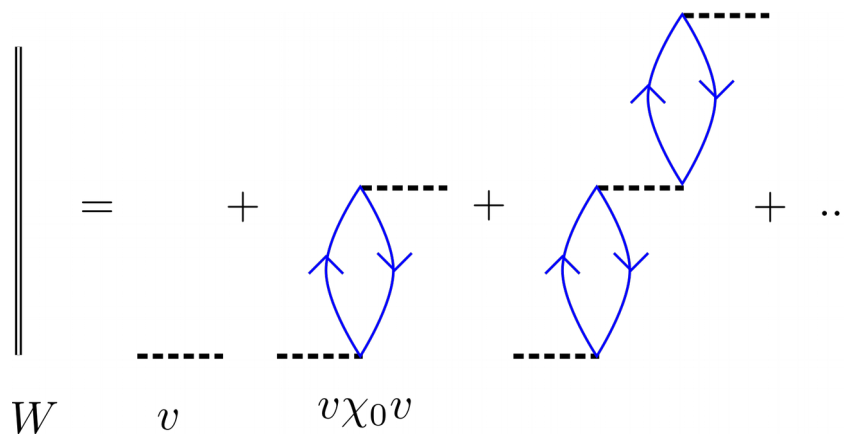
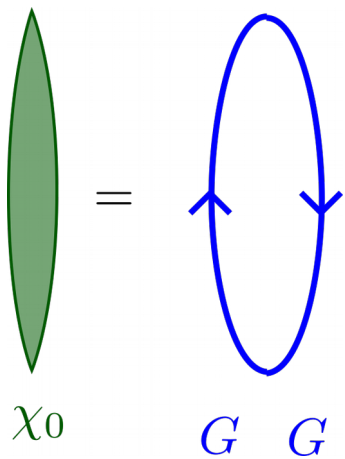
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$$W = v + v \chi_0 W$$

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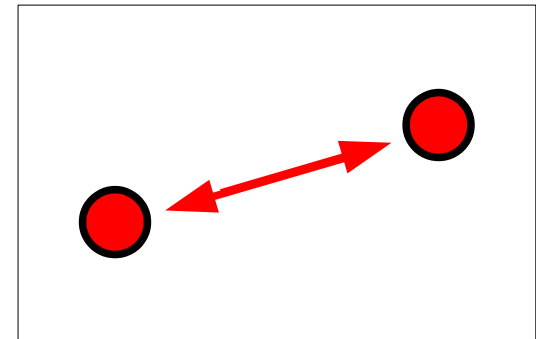
Infinite summation over bubble (or ring) diagrams



# What is $W$ ?

Interaction between electrons in vacuum:

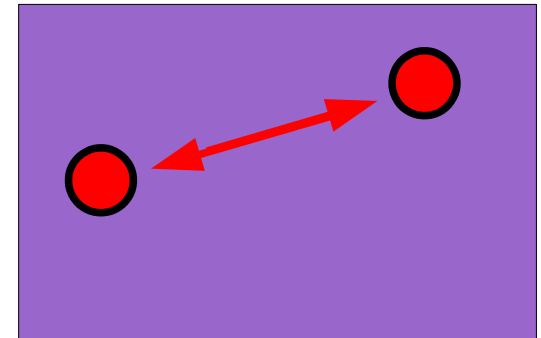
$$v(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$



Interaction between electrons in a homogeneous polarizable medium:

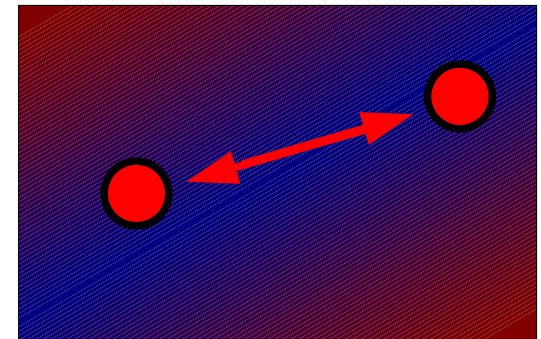
$$W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

Dielectric constant  
of the medium



Dynamically screened interaction between electrons  
in a general medium:

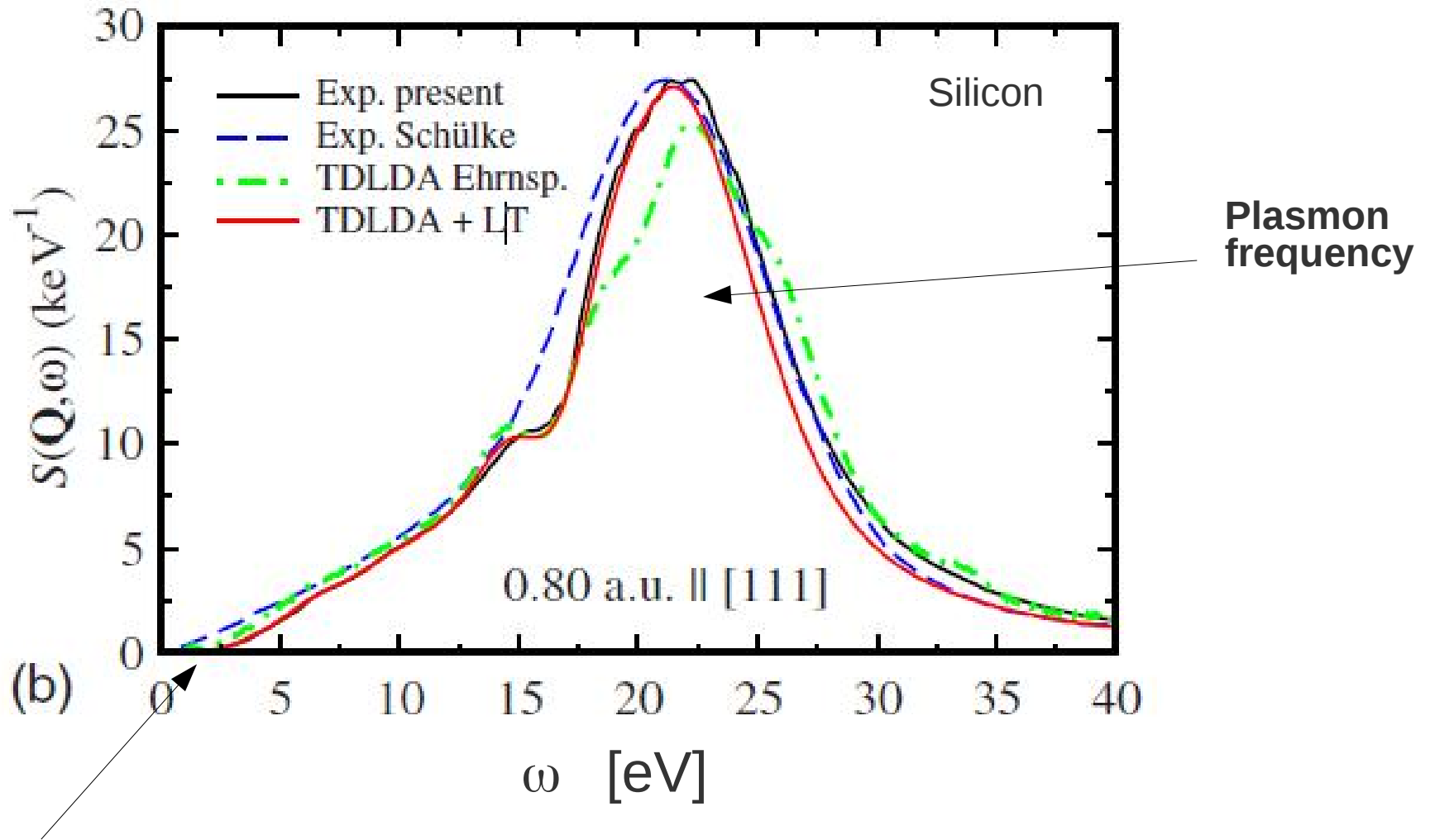
$$W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega) = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d\mathbf{r}'' \frac{\epsilon^{-1}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'', \omega)}{|\mathbf{r}'' - \mathbf{r}'|}$$



# $W$ is frequency dependent

$W$  can be measured directly by Inelastic X-ray Scattering

$$\text{Im } W(\mathbf{q} = 0.80 \text{ a.u.}, \omega)$$



Zero below the band gap

H-C Weissker et al. PRB (2010)

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# Summary

# Summary: DFT vs Green's function

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Electronic density

$$\rho(\mathbf{r})$$

Local and static



exchange-correlation potential

$$v_{xc}(\mathbf{r})$$

Approximations:

LDA, GGA, hybrids

Green's function

$$G(\mathbf{r}t, \mathbf{r}'t')$$

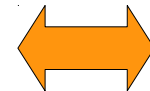
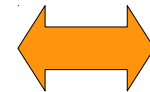
Non-local, dynamic  
Depends onto empty states



exchange-correlation operator  
= self-energy

$$\Sigma_{xc}(\mathbf{r}t, \mathbf{r}'t')$$

HF, GW approximation



$$\Sigma_{GW}(\mathbf{r}t, \mathbf{r}'t') = iG(\mathbf{r}t, \mathbf{r}', t')W(\mathbf{r}t, \mathbf{r}'t')$$

# GW viewed as a “super” Hartree-Fock

Hartree-Fock Approximation

$$\Sigma_x(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\mu} d\omega' G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \omega') v(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$$

= bare exchange

GW Approximation

$$\Sigma_{xc}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \omega) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \int d\omega' G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \omega + \omega') W(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_1, \omega')$$

$\Sigma_x(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$   
Bare exchange

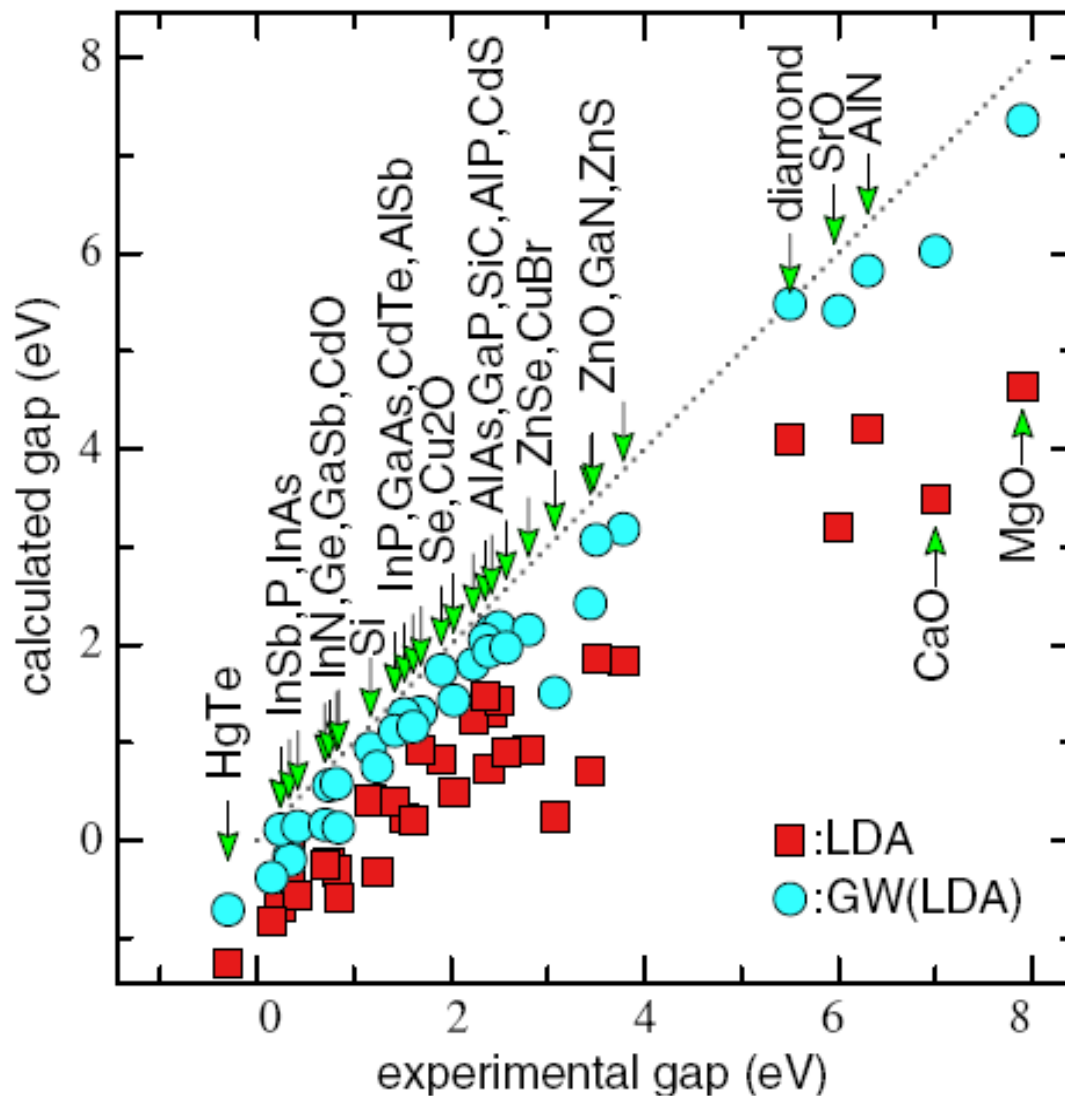
$\Sigma_c(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \omega)$   
+ correlation

Non Hermitian  
dynamic

GW is nothing else but a “screened” version of Hartree-Fock.

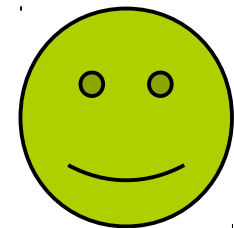
Exercise

# GW approximation gets good band gap



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

No band gap problem anymore!



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# Historical recap of *GW* calculations

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- 1965: Hedin's calculations for the homogeneous electron gas  
Phys Rev **2201 citations**
- 1967: Lundqvist's calculations for the homogeneous electron gas  
Physik der Kondensierte Materie **299 citations**
- 1982: Strinati, Mattausch, Hanke for real semiconductors but within tight-binding  
PRB **154 citations**
- 1985: Hybertsen, Louie for real semiconductors with ab initio LDA  
PRL **711 citations** & PRB **1737 citations**
- 1986: Godby, Sham, Schlüter for real semiconductors to get accurate local potential  
PRL **544 citations** & PRB **803 citations**
- ~2001: First publicly available *GW* code through the ABINIT project
- 2003: Arnaud, Alouani for extension to Projector Augmented Wave  
PRB **102 citations**
- 2006: Shishkin, Kresse for extension to Projector Augmented Wave (again)  
PRB **256 citations**

# GW approximation in practice

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- For periodic solids: Abinit, BerkeleyGW, VASP, Yambo  
based on plane-waves (with pseudo or PAW)

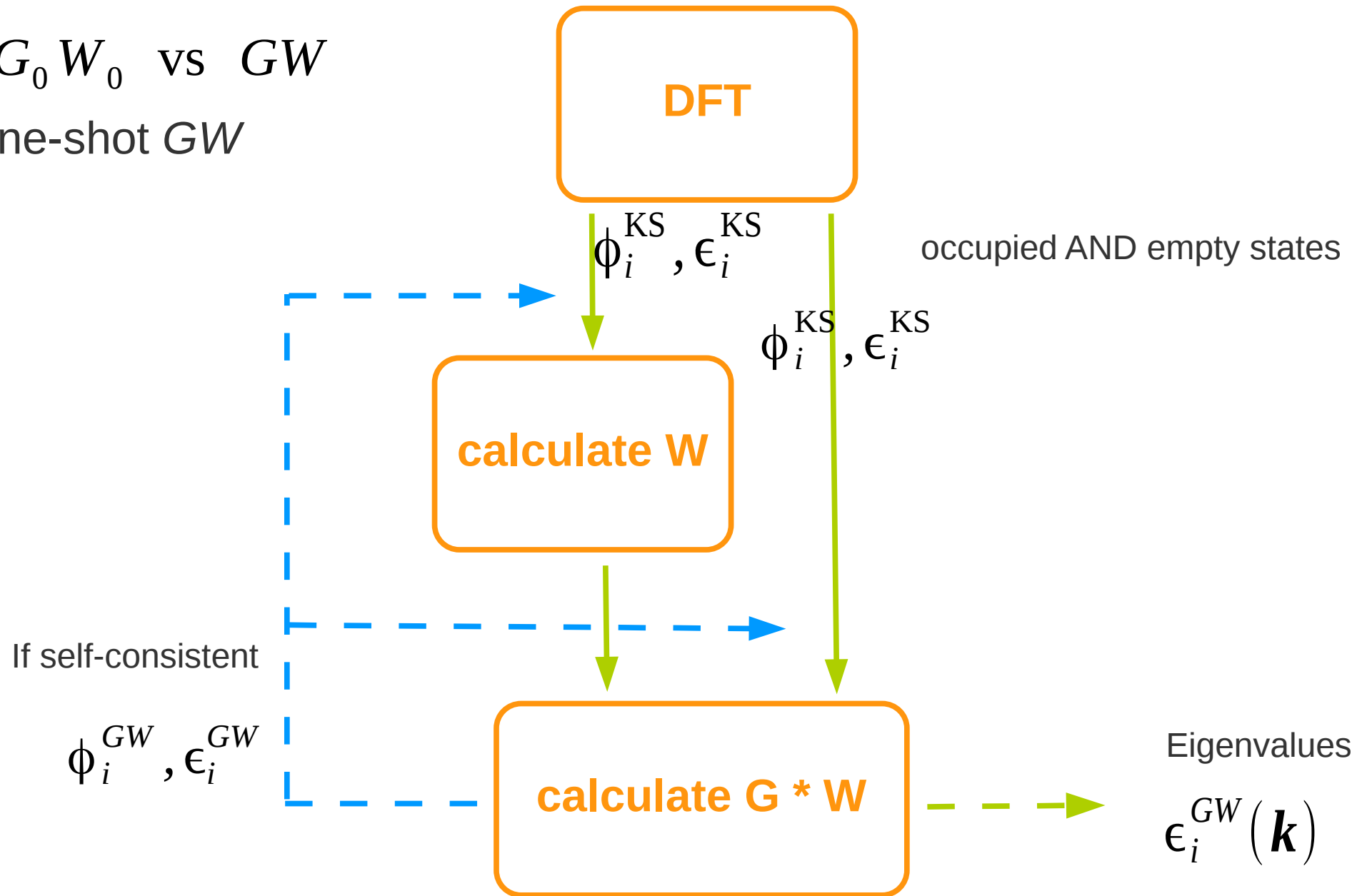


- For finite systems: MOLGW, Fiesta, FHI-AIMS  
based on localized orbitals (Gaussians or Slater or other)



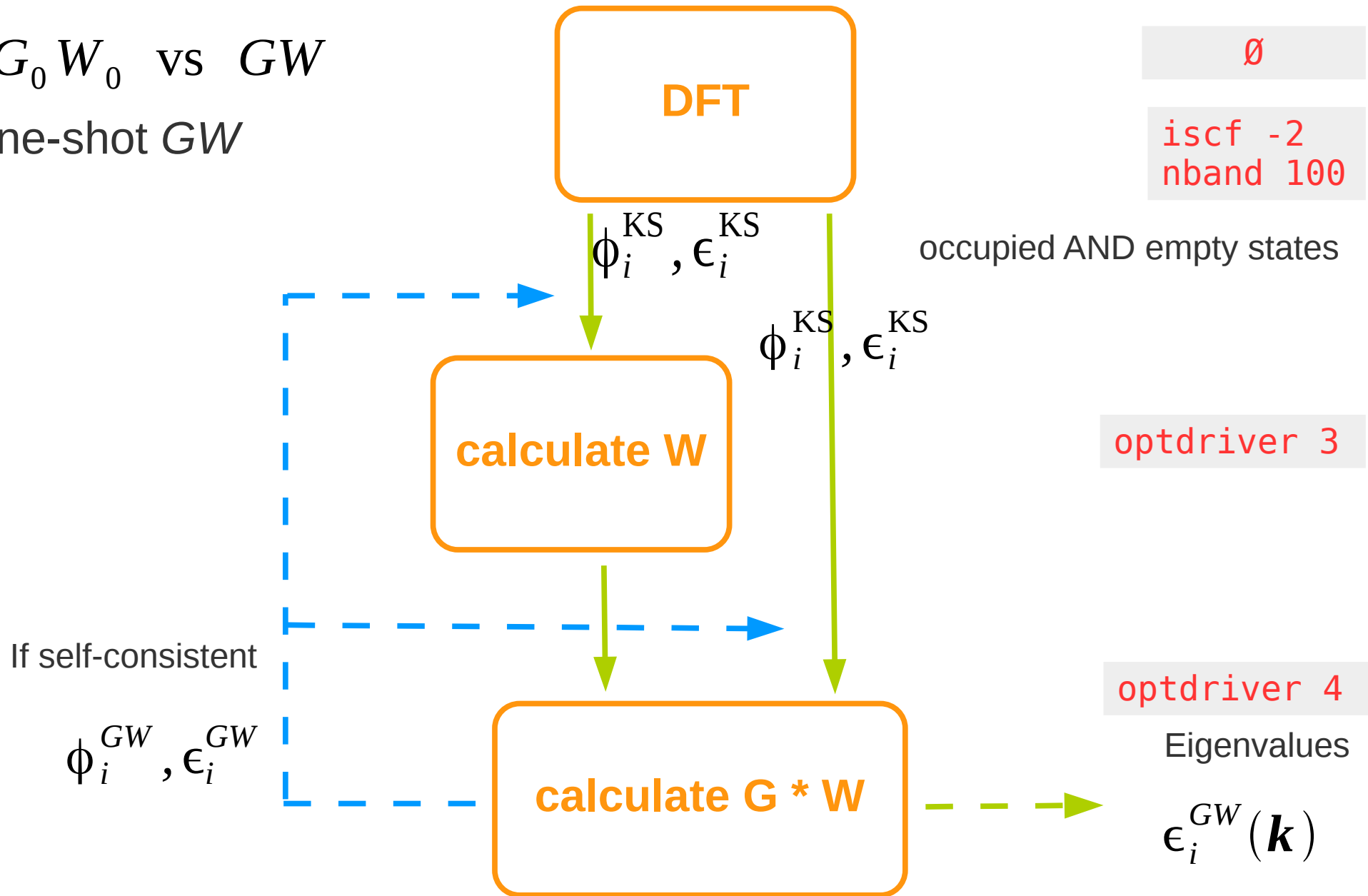
# Workflow of a typical GW calculation

$G_0 W_0$  vs  $GW$   
One-shot  $GW$



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# How to get $G$ ?

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From Kohn-Sham DFT

Remember

$$\left[ \omega - h_{\text{KS}} \right] G_{\text{KS}} = 1$$

which means

$$G_{\text{KS}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega) = \sum_i \frac{\phi_i^{\text{KS}}(\mathbf{r}) \phi_i^{\text{KS}*}(\mathbf{r}')}{\omega - \epsilon_i^{\text{KS}} \pm i\eta}$$



This expression will be used to get  $W$  and  $\Sigma$

# How to get $W$ ?

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From the RPA equation

$$\chi_0(1,2) = -i G_{\text{KS}}(1,2) G_{\text{KS}}(2,1)$$

which translates into

$$\chi_0(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \omega) = \sum_{\substack{i \text{ occ} \\ j \text{ virt}}} \phi_i(\mathbf{r}_1) \phi_i^*(\mathbf{r}_2) \phi_j(\mathbf{r}_2) \phi_j^*(\mathbf{r}_1) \\ \times \left[ \frac{1}{\omega - (\epsilon_j - \epsilon_i) - i\eta} - \frac{1}{\omega - (\epsilon_i - \epsilon_j) + i\eta} \right]$$



**Exercice**

This is the Alder-Wiser formula or the SOS formula

**It involves empty states!**

Then

$$W = v + v \chi_0 W$$

$$W = (1 - v \chi_0)^{-1} v$$

geometric series

# Dealing with two-point functions in reciprocal space

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Remember 1-point functions are

$$\phi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{G}} c_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G}) e^{i(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{G})\cdot\mathbf{r}}$$

**1 vector of coefficients** per  $\mathbf{k}$ -point in the Brillouin zone

Then 2-point functions are

$$W(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \frac{1}{\Omega} \sum_{\mathbf{q}\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'} e^{i(\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{G})\cdot\mathbf{r}_1} W_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}(\mathbf{q}) e^{-i(\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{G}')\cdot\mathbf{r}_2}$$

**a matrix of coefficients** per  $\mathbf{q}$ -point in the BZ due to translational symmetry:

$$W(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = W(\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r}_2 + \mathbf{R})$$

# W in plane-waves and frequency space

$$(1) \quad \chi_0(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \omega) = \sum_{\substack{i \text{ occ} \\ j \text{ virt}}} \phi_i(\mathbf{r}_1) \phi_i^*(\mathbf{r}_2) \phi_j(\mathbf{r}_2) \phi_j^*(\mathbf{r}_1) \\ \times \left[ \frac{1}{\omega - (\epsilon_j - \epsilon_i) - i\eta} - \frac{1}{\omega - (\epsilon_i - \epsilon_j) + i\eta} \right]$$

(2)

$$\epsilon(1,2) = \delta(1,2) - \int d^3v(1,3) \chi_0(3,2)$$

(3)

$$W(1,2) = \int d^3\epsilon^{-1}(1,3) v(3,2)$$

$$(1) \quad \chi_{0GG'}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \sum_{\substack{k \\ i \text{ occ} \\ j \text{ virt}}} \langle j\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q} | e^{-i(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{G}) \cdot \mathbf{r}_1} | i\mathbf{k} \rangle \langle i\mathbf{k} | e^{i(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{G}') \cdot \mathbf{r}_2} | j\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q} \rangle$$

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$$(2) \quad \times \left[ \frac{1}{\omega - (\epsilon_j - \epsilon_i) - i\eta} - \frac{1}{\omega - (\epsilon_i - \epsilon_j) + i\eta} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{q} \text{ the same regular grid} \\ \text{as } \mathbf{k} \text{ but } \Gamma\text{-centered} \end{array}$$

$$(3) \quad \epsilon_{GG'}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \delta_{G,G'} - \sum_{G''} v_{GG''}(\mathbf{q}) \chi_{0G''G'}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \quad \longleftarrow \quad v_{GG''}(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{4\pi}{|\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{G}|^2} \delta_{G,G''}$$

$$W_{GG'}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \epsilon_{GG'}^{-1}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{G}') v_{G'}(\mathbf{q}) \quad \longleftarrow \quad \text{matrix inversion}$$



# Self energy evaluation in GW

Correlation part of the GW self energy requires a convolution in frequency:

$$\Sigma_c(\omega) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega' G(\omega + \omega') W_p(\omega')$$

$$G(\omega) = \sum_i \frac{\phi_i(\mathbf{r}) \phi_i^*(\mathbf{r}')}{\omega - \epsilon_i \pm i\eta}$$

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How to deal with the frequency dependence in  $W$ ?

**How do we perform the convolution?**  
**How do we treat the frequency dependence in  $W$ ?**

# Analytic structure of $W(\omega)$

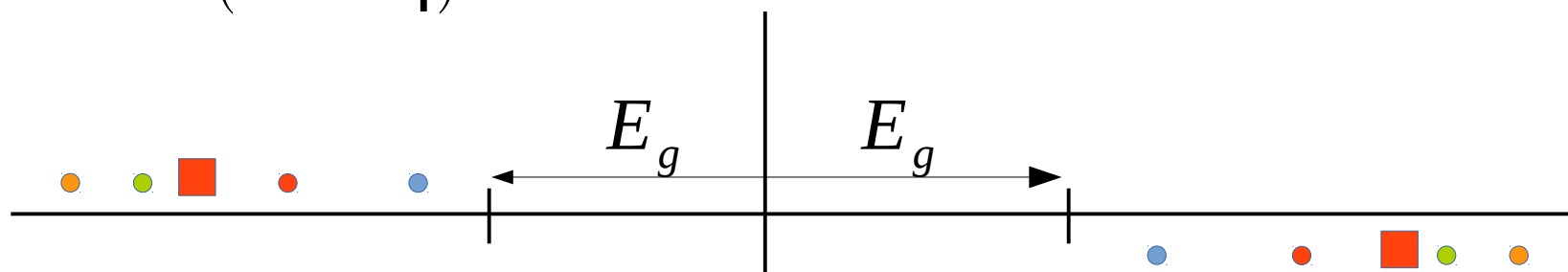
- Time ordered response function:

Many poles which go by pairs:  $\pm(\tilde{\omega}_i - i\eta)$

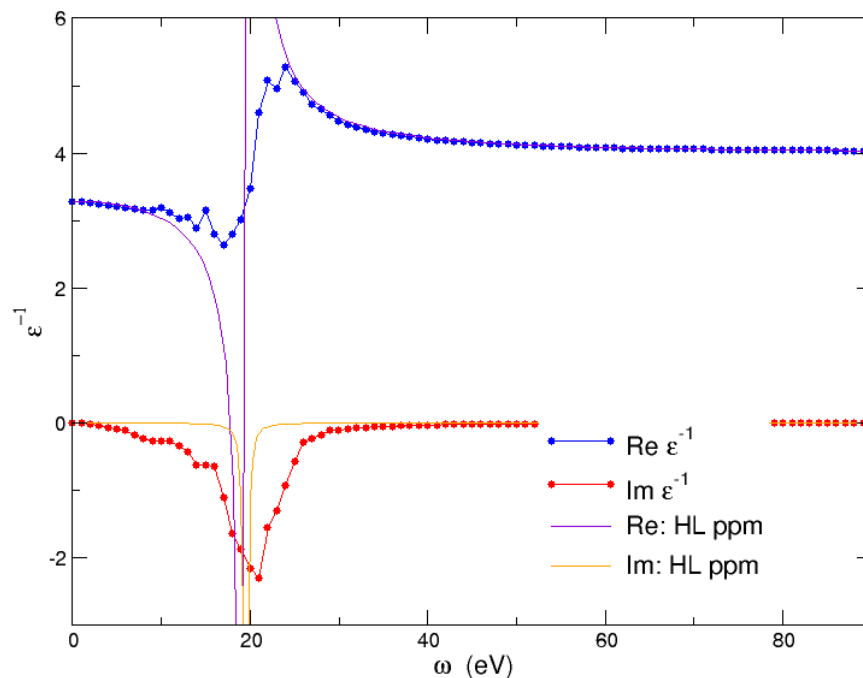
- Plasmon-pole model:  
One pair of poles:

$$\pm(\tilde{\omega} - i\eta)$$

Complex plane:



Silicon:  
For a given  $\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{G}$ :



# Plasmon-Pole Models in GW

Correlation part of the GW self energy requires a convolution in frequency:

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Generalized Plasmon-Pole Model:

$$\varepsilon^{-1}(\omega') - 1 = \frac{\Omega^2}{2\tilde{\omega}} \left[ \frac{1}{\omega' - \tilde{\omega} + i\eta} - \frac{1}{\omega' + \tilde{\omega} - i\eta} \right]$$

ppmodel

Amplitude of the pole

Position of the pole

small real number

2 parameters need two constraints:

- Hybertsen-Louie (HL):  $\varepsilon^{-1}(0)$  and f sum rule  $\int_0^{+\infty} \omega \text{Im} \varepsilon^{-1}(\omega) = -\frac{\pi}{2} \omega_p^2$
- Godby-Needs (GN):  $\varepsilon^{-1}(0)$  and  $\varepsilon^{-1}(i\omega)$

# GW obtained as a first-order perturbation

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$$G = G_0 + G_0 \Sigma G$$

$$G_{\text{KS}} = G_0 + G_0 v_{\text{xc}} G_{\text{KS}}$$

$$G^{-1} = G_{\text{KS}}^{-1} - (\Sigma - v_{\text{xc}})$$

**Approximation :**  $\phi_i^{\text{GW}} \approx \phi_i^{\text{KS}}$

$$G^{-1} = \sum_i |\phi_i\rangle (\omega - \epsilon_i^{\text{GW}}) \langle \phi_i|$$

$$G_{\text{KS}}^{-1} = \sum_i |\phi_i\rangle (\omega - \epsilon_i^{\text{KS}}) \langle \phi_i|$$

$$\epsilon_i^{\text{GW}} = \epsilon_i^{\text{KS}} + \langle \phi_i | \Sigma(\epsilon_i^{\text{GW}}) - v_{\text{xc}} | \phi_i \rangle$$

# Linearization of the energy dependance

$$\epsilon_i^{GW} - \epsilon_i^{KS} = \left\langle \phi_i^{KS} \left| \left[ \Sigma(\epsilon_i^{GW}) - v_{xc} \right] \right| \phi_i^{KS} \right\rangle$$

Not yet known

**Taylor expansion:**

$$\Sigma(\epsilon_i^{GW}) = \Sigma(\epsilon_i^{KS}) + (\epsilon_i^{GW} - \epsilon_i^{KS}) \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial \epsilon} + \dots$$

**Final result:**

$$\epsilon_i^{GW} = \epsilon_i^{KS} + Z_i \left\langle \phi_i^{KS} \left| \left[ \Sigma(\epsilon_i^{KS}) - v_{xc} \right] \right| \phi_i^{KS} \right\rangle$$

where

$$Z_i = 1 / \left( 1 - \left\langle i \left| \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial \epsilon} \right| i \right\rangle \right)$$

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# Typical GW output in ABINIT

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nkptgw 1
kptgw 0. 0. 0.
bdgw 4 5
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k =	0.000	0.000	0.000							
Band	E0	<VxcLDA>	SigX	SigC(E0)	Z	dSigC/dE	Sig(E)	E-E0	E	
4	0.506	-11.291	-12.492	0.744	0.775	-0.291	-11.645	-0.354	0.152	
5	3.080	-10.095	-5.870	-3.859	0.775	-0.290	-9.812	0.283	3.363	

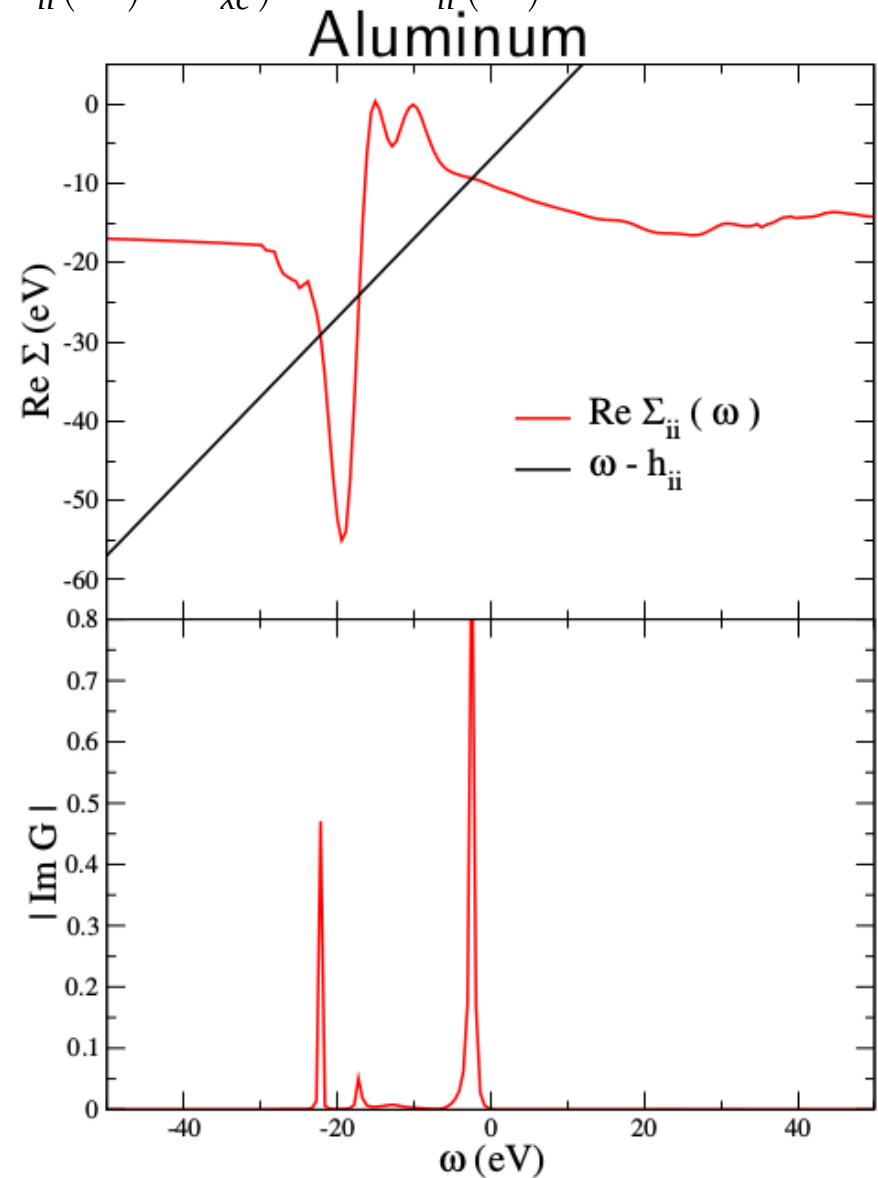
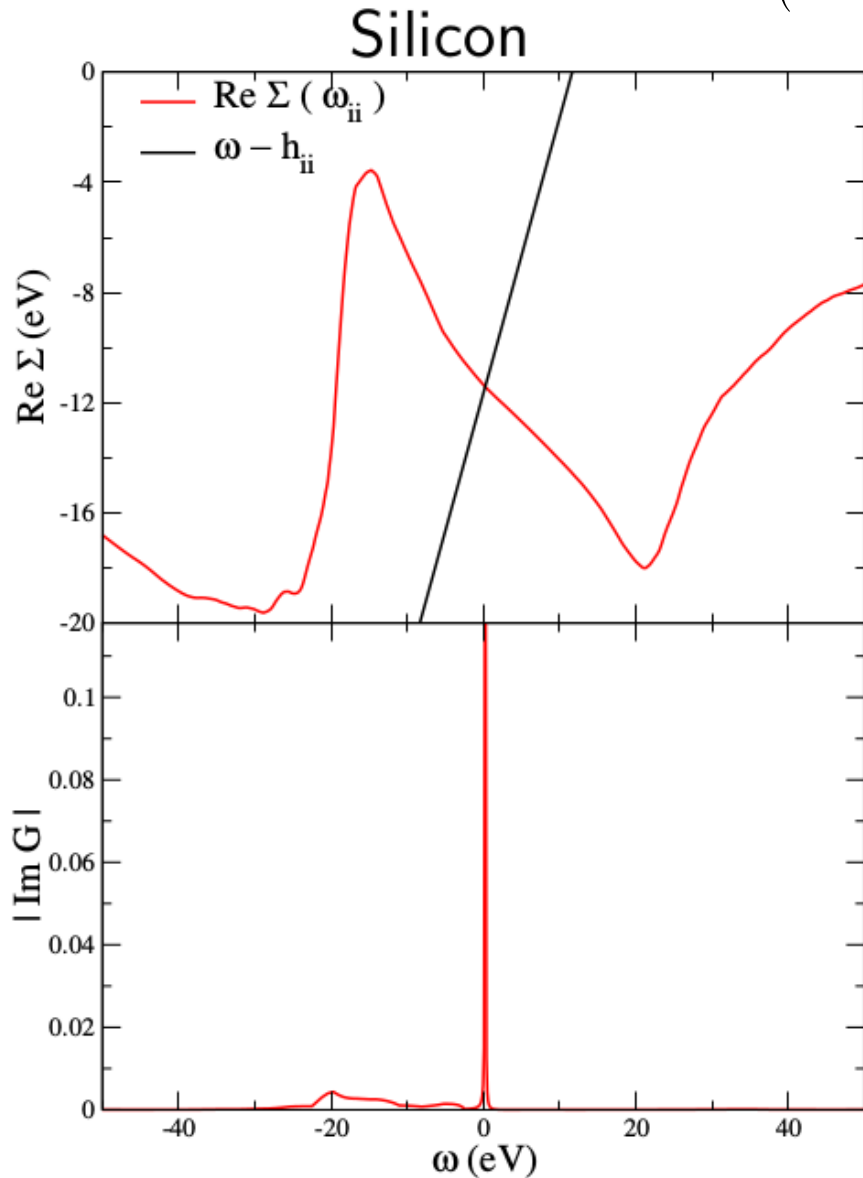
  

E <sup>0</sup> _gap	2.574
E <sup>GW</sup> _gap	3.212

$$\epsilon_i^{GW} = \epsilon_i^{KS} + Z_i \left\langle \varphi_i^{KS} \left| \sum_{xc} \left( \epsilon_i^{KS} \right) - v_{xc} \right| \varphi_i^{KS} \right\rangle$$

# Full quasiparticle solution

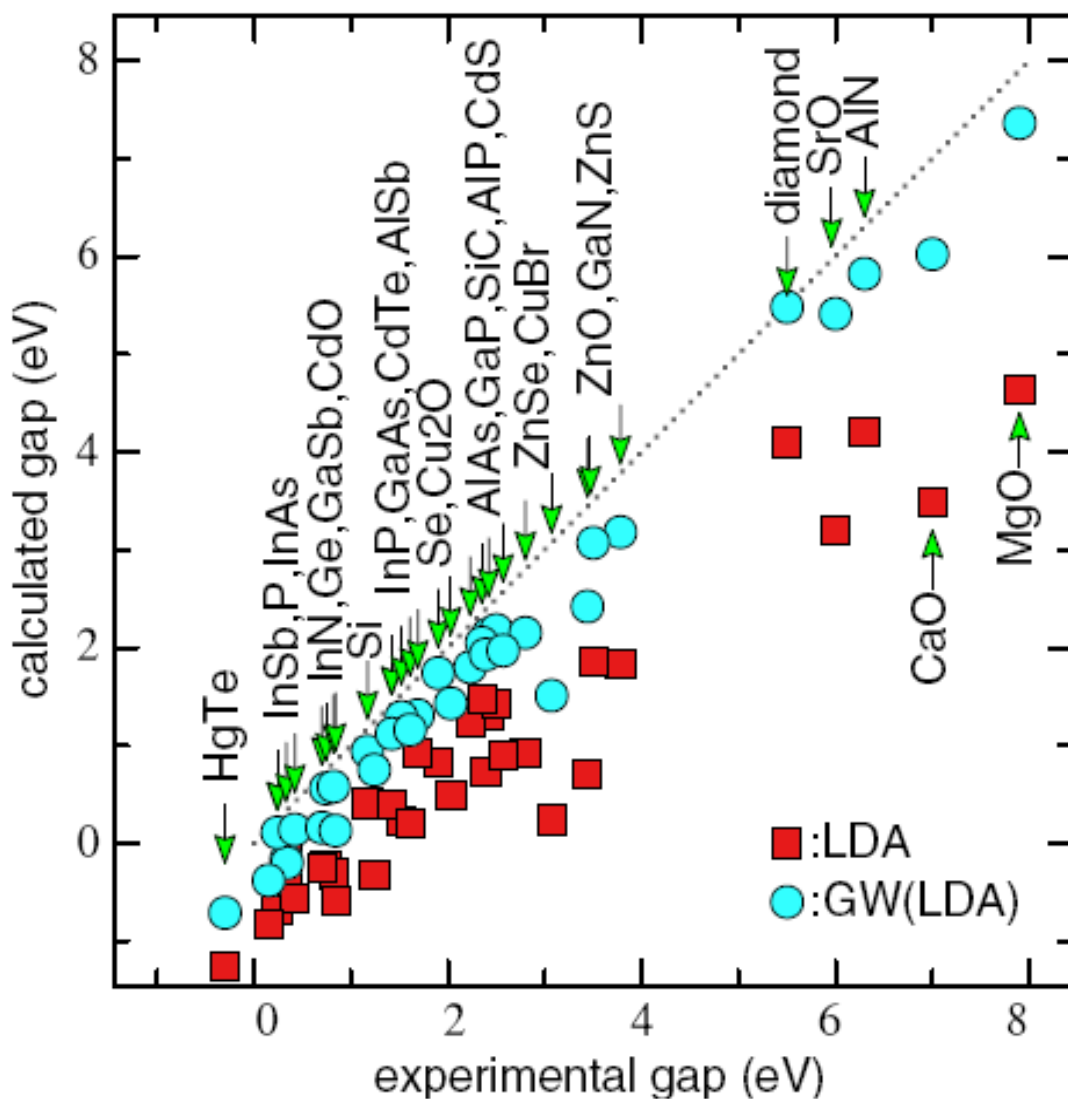
$$A_{ii}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} |\text{Im} G(\omega)| = \frac{\text{Im} \Sigma_{ii}(\omega)}{(\omega - \epsilon_i^{\text{KS}} + \text{Re} \Sigma_{ii}(\omega) - v_{xc})^2 + \text{Im} \Sigma_{ii}(\omega)^2}$$



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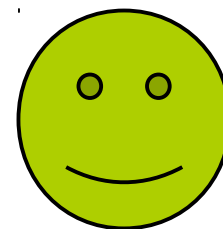


# GW approximation gets good band gap



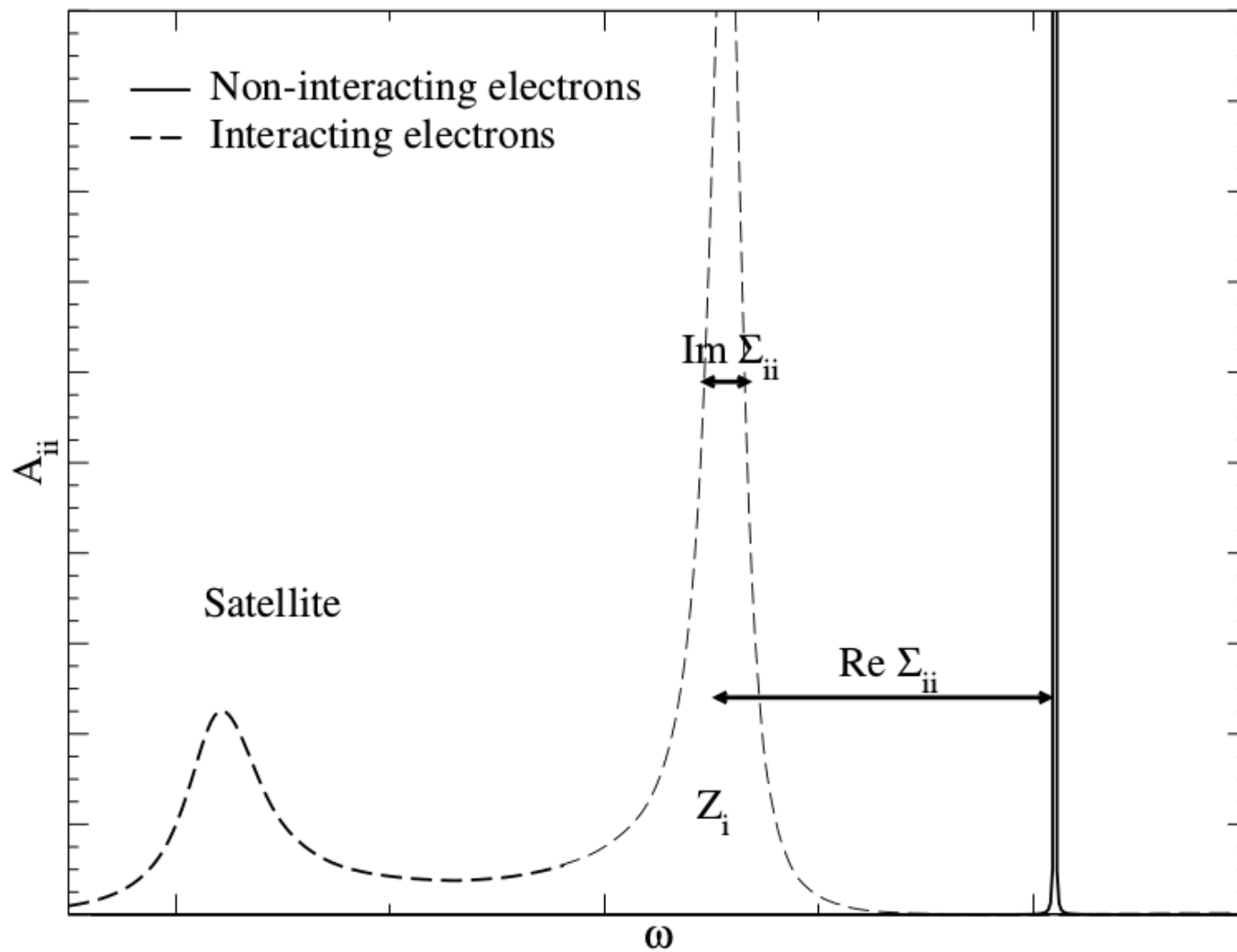
van Schilfgaarde *et al* PRL **96** 226402 (2008)

No more a band gap problem !



# Spectral function

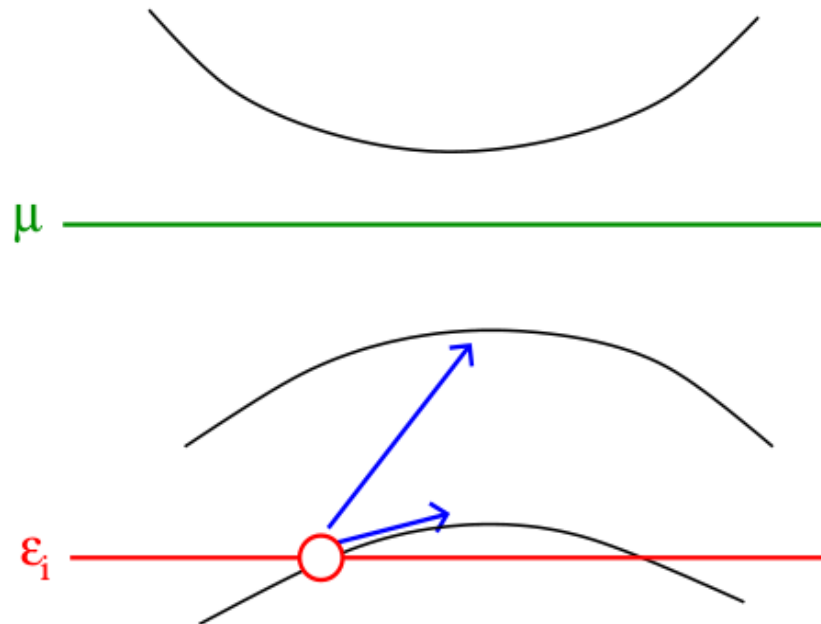
$$A(\omega) = |\text{Im}G(\omega)| / \pi$$



# Excitation lifetime

Hole self-energy:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Im}\{\langle i|\Sigma(\epsilon_i)|i\rangle\} = & - \sum_{j\mathbf{q}\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'} M_{ij}(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{G}) M_{ij}^*(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{G}') \\ & \times \text{Im}(W - v)_{\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}'}(\mathbf{q}, \epsilon_j - \epsilon_i) \\ & \times \theta(\mu - \epsilon_j)\theta(\epsilon_j - \epsilon_i) \end{aligned}$$



# Exact realization of the Lehman decomposition

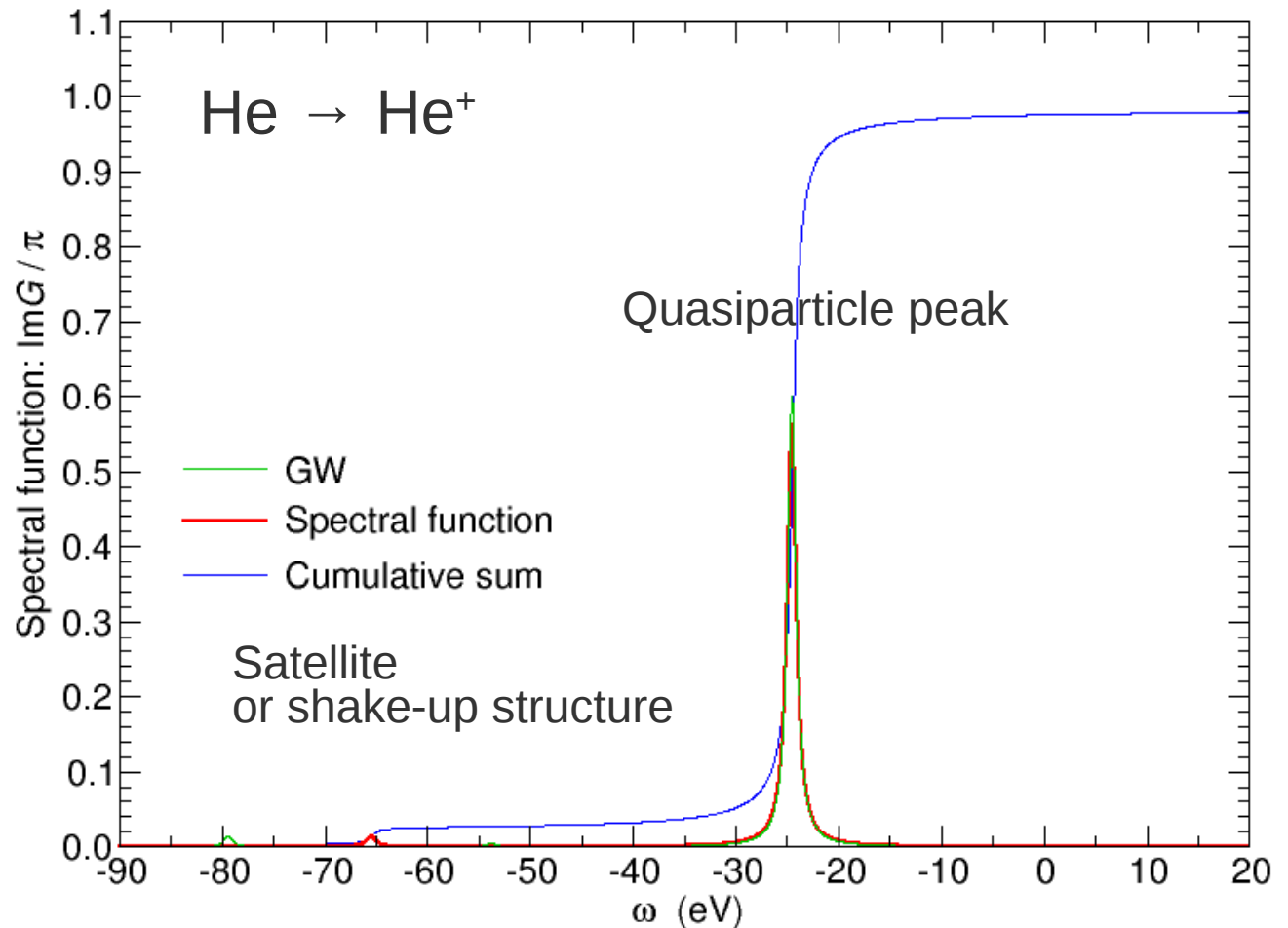
$$\langle m | G^h(\omega) | m \rangle = \sum_i \frac{\langle N 0 | \hat{c}_m^+ | N - 1 i \rangle \langle N - 1 i | \hat{c}_m | N 0 \rangle}{\omega - \epsilon_i - i\eta}$$

$$N = 2$$

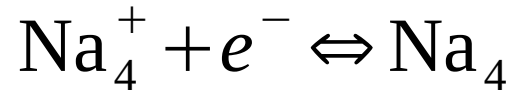
$$N - 1 = 1$$

$$m = 1s$$

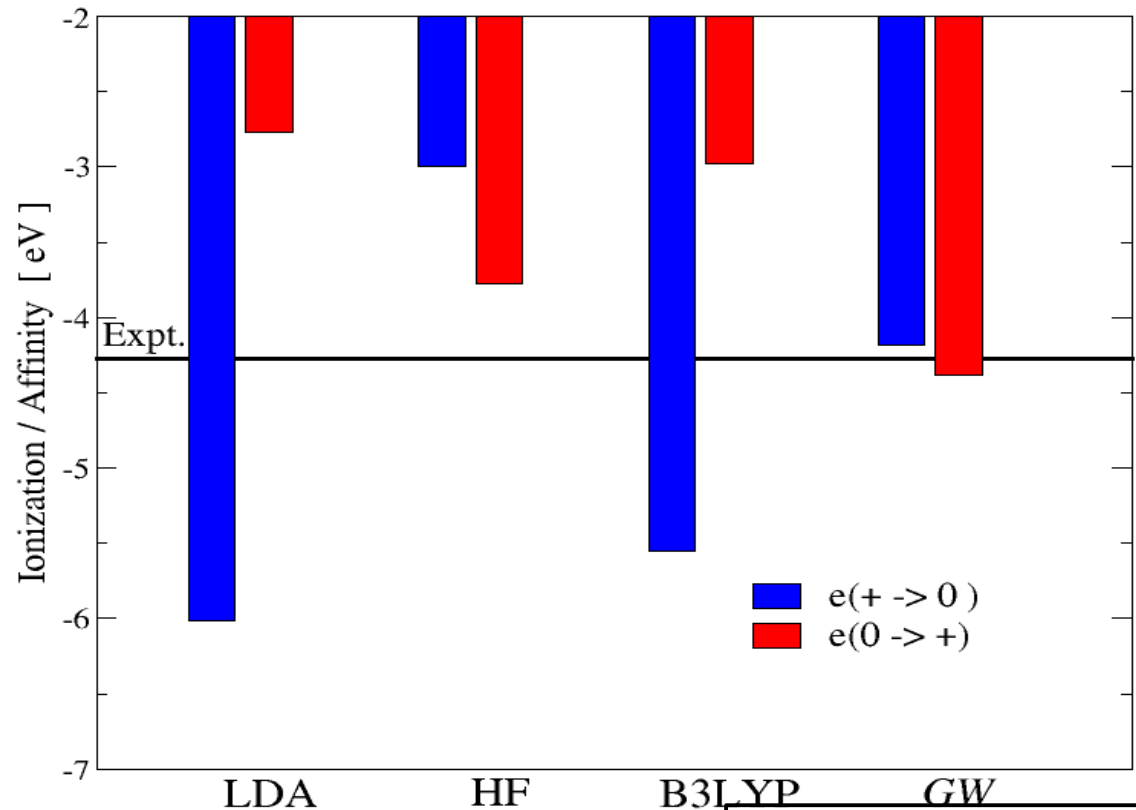
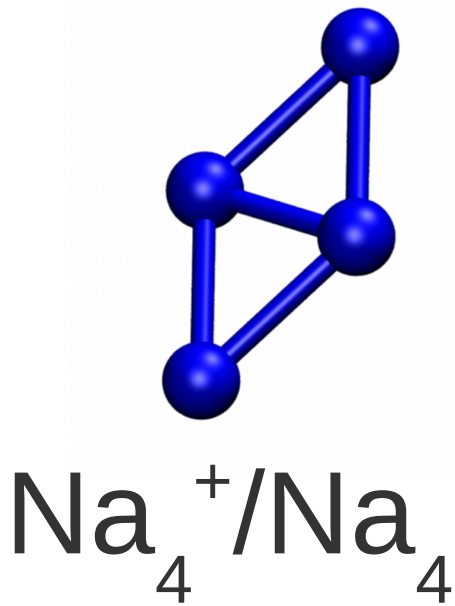
Obtained from FCI  
calculations



# Clusters de sodium



$$E_0(\text{Na}_4) - E_0(\text{Na}_4^+) = \begin{cases} \epsilon(\text{HOMO}, \text{Na}_4) \\ \epsilon(\text{LUMO}, \text{Na}_4^+) \end{cases}$$



Bruneval PRL (2009)

# What is the best starting point for $G_0W_0$ ?

Ionization  
of  
small  
molecules

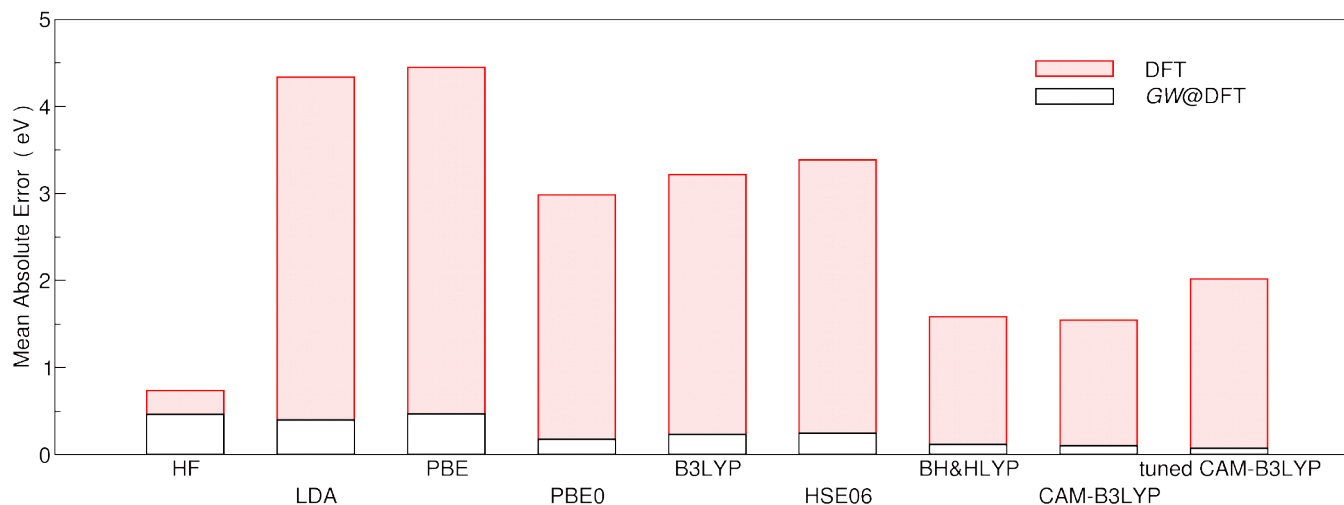
Journal of Chemical Theory and Computation

Article

Table 1.  $G_0W_0$  HOMO Energy of the 34 Molecules Employing Different Starting Points with the cc-pVQZ Basis Set<sup>a</sup>

starting point	GW@										exp
	HF	LDA	PBE	PBE0	B3LYP	HSE06	BH&HLYP	CAM-B3LYP	tuned CAM-B3LYP	CCSD(T)	
LiH	-8.20	-7.24	-7.07	-7.66	-7.53	-7.47	-7.91	-8.03	-8.07	-7.94	
Li <sub>2</sub>	-5.36	-5.13	-5.12	-5.29	-5.23	-5.19	-5.30	-5.32	-5.38	-5.17	
LiF	-11.62	-10.61	-10.37	-10.93	-10.82	-10.89	-11.29	-11.49	-11.45	-11.51	
Na <sub>2</sub>	-4.98	-4.91	-4.89	-4.97	-4.96	-4.91	-4.97	-4.98	-5.01	-4.82	
NaCl	-9.36	-8.56	-8.43	-8.82	-8.77	-8.70	-9.06	-9.15	-9.22	-9.13	-9.80
CO	-14.97	-13.63	-13.55	-14.00	-13.92	-13.92	-14.36	-14.26	-14.11	-14.05	
CO <sub>2</sub>	-14.38	-13.45	-13.32	-13.68	-13.57	-13.59	-13.91	-13.91	-13.82	-13.78	
CS	-13.08	-10.97	-10.93	-11.43	-11.31	-11.33	-11.79	-11.69	-11.55	-11.45	
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	-11.65	-11.10	-11.08	-11.27	-11.23	-11.21	-11.40	-11.41	-11.41	-11.42	-11.49
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	-10.85	-10.39	-10.37	-10.53	-10.52	-10.48	-10.65	-10.67	-10.66	-10.69	-10.68
CH <sub>4</sub>	-14.86	-14.07	-14.03	-14.30	-14.27	-14.23	-14.52	-14.53	-14.48	-14.40	-14.40 <sup>44</sup>
CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	-11.74	-11.02	-10.98	-11.21	-11.18	-11.15	-11.41	-11.43	-11.41	-11.41	-11.29
CH <sub>3</sub> OH	-11.69	-10.70	-10.64	-10.97	-10.89	-10.88	-11.20	-11.22	-11.17	-11.08	-10.96
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	-9.81	-9.18	-9.17	-9.36	-9.35	-9.30	-9.53	-9.55	-9.53	-9.49	

Hybrids perform better,  
preferably with a large  
content of EXX ~ 50 %



F. Bruneval & MAL Marques, JCTC (2013)

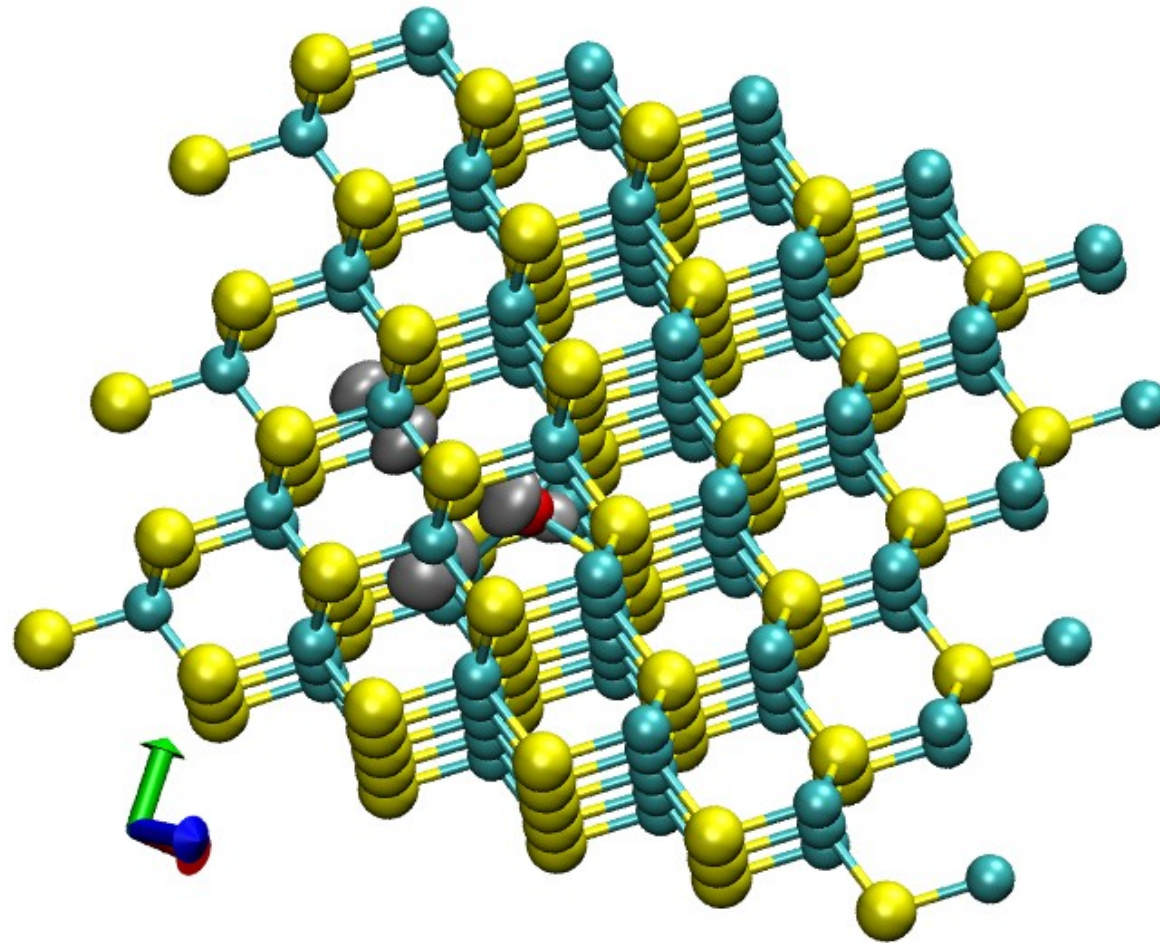
Jouvence, Quantum Materials 2018

# Defect calculation within GW approximation

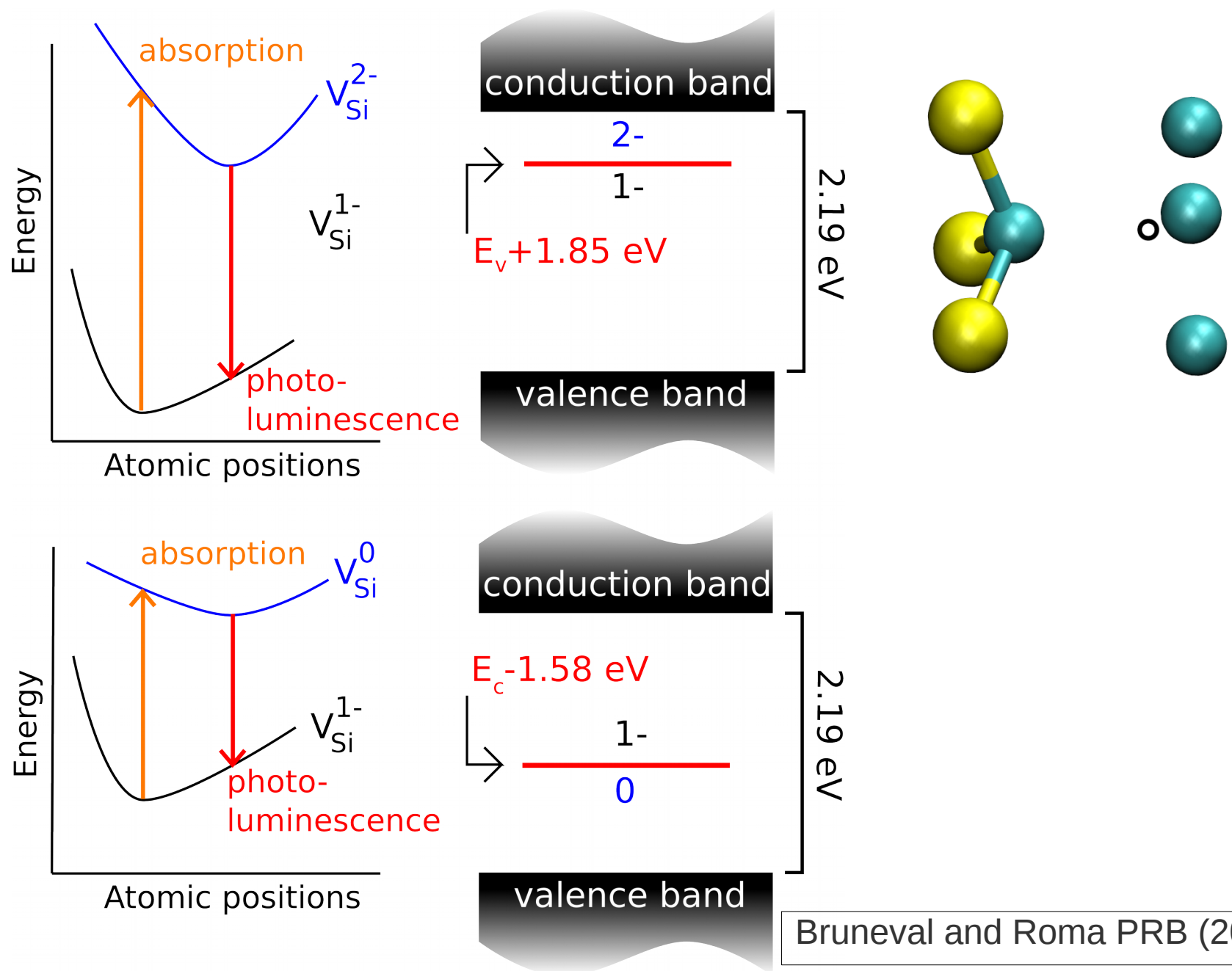
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Up to 215 atoms

Cubic silicon carbide



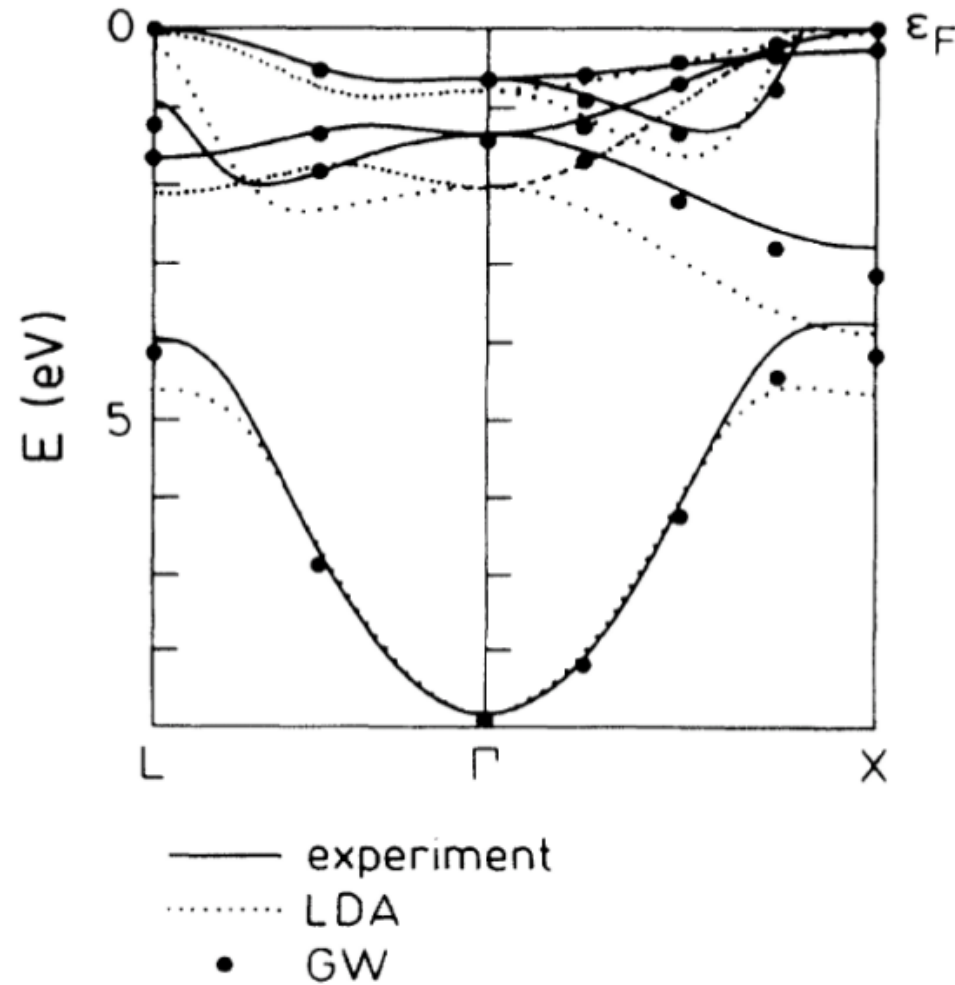
# Photoluminescence of $V_{Si}$





# 3d metal band structure

## Nickel

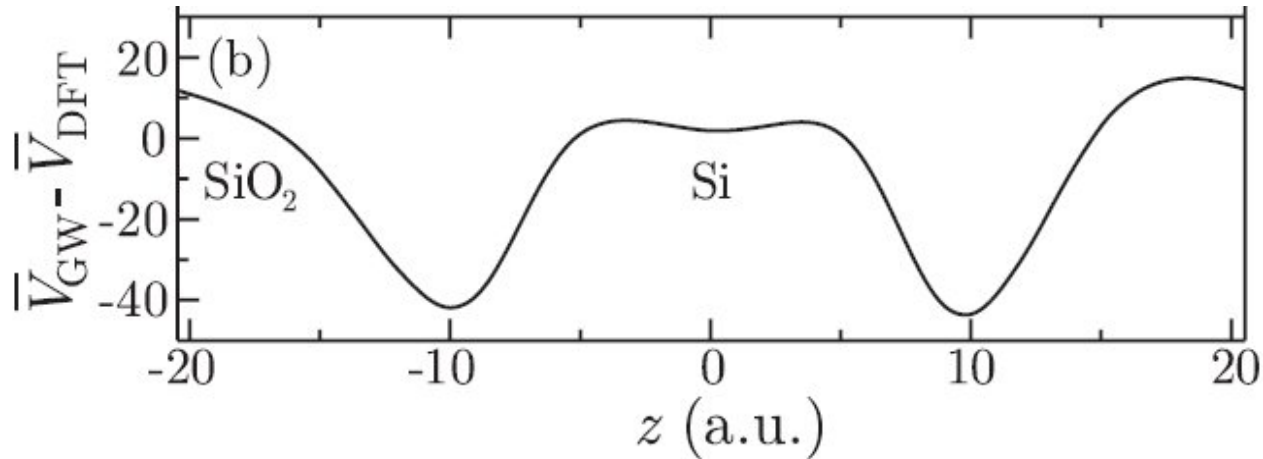
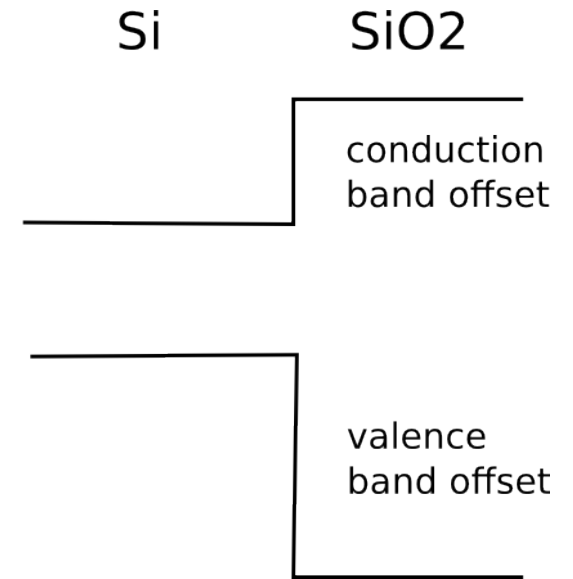


from [F. Aryasetiawan, PRB \*\*46\*\* 13051 \(1992\).](#)

# Band Offset at the interface between two semiconductors

Very important for electronics!

Example: Si/SiO<sub>2</sub> interface for transistors



GW correction with respect to LDA

R. Shaltaf PRL (2008).

# Summary

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- The *GW* approximation **solves the band gap problem!**
- The calculations are extremely heavy, so that we resort to many additional technical approximations: **method named  $G_0W_0$**
- The complexity comes from
  - Dependence upon empty states
  - Non-local operators
  - Dynamic operators that requires freq. convolutions

# Reviews - Links

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  - L. Hedin and S. Lunqvist, in Solid State Physics, Vol. **23** (Academic, New York, 1969), p. 1.
  - F. Aryasetiawan and O. Gunnarsson, Rep. Prog. Phys. **61** 237 (1998).
  - W.G. Aulbur, L. Jonsson, and J.W. Wilkins, Sol. State Phys. **54** 1 (2000).
  - G. Strinati, Riv. Nuovo Cimento **11** 1 (1988).
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- F. Bruneval and M. Gatti, “Quasiparticle Self-Consistent GW Method for the Spectral Properties of Complex Materials”, Top. Curr. Chem (2014) 347: 99–136

## Codes:

- <http://www.abinit.org>
- <http://www.berkeleygw.org/>
- <https://github.com/bruneval/molgw>

# Exercice: H<sub>2</sub> in minimal basis: GW@HF

Find the location of the poles of the self-energy

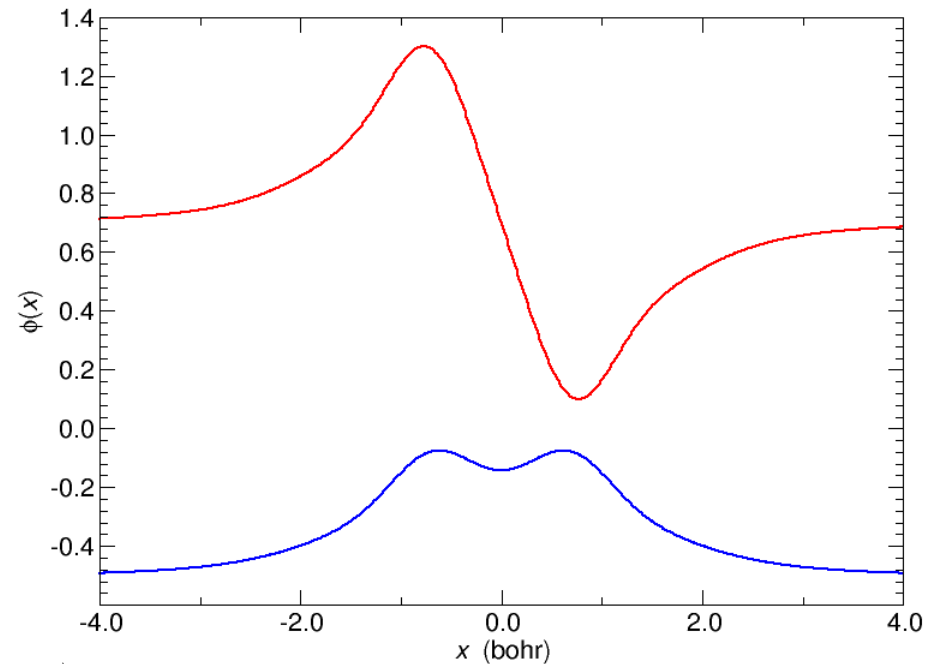
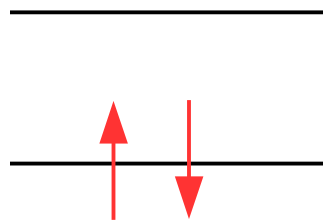
Szabo-Ostlung book chapter 3 teaches how to perform HF in this example:

Basis: STO-3G      r(H-H) = 1.4 bohr

2 basis functions → 2 eigenstates:

**LUMO anti-bonding**

**HOMO bonding**



In eigenvector basis:

Hamiltonian:

$$C^T H C = \begin{pmatrix} -0.578 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.670 \end{pmatrix}$$

Coulomb interaction:

$$\langle 11 | \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|} | 11 \rangle = 0.675$$

$$\langle 12 | \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|} | 12 \rangle = 0.181$$

$$\langle 22 | \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|} | 22 \rangle = 0.697$$

Atomic units

# Exercise: $H_2$ in minimal basis: GW@HF

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Find the location of the poles of  $W$

Diagonalize the RPA equation

$$\chi^{-1}(\omega) = \begin{matrix} & & & & |kl\rangle \\ \begin{matrix} \langle ij| \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\omega - (\epsilon_j - \epsilon_i)}{f_i - f_j} \\ \ddots \\ \ddots \end{pmatrix} & - & \begin{pmatrix} \\ (ij|\frac{1}{r}|kl) \\ \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\Delta\epsilon = \epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1 = 1.248$$

$$v = (12|1/r|12) = 0.181$$

$$\begin{matrix} & & |12\rangle & |21\rangle \\ \begin{matrix} \langle 12| \\ \langle 21| \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\omega - \Delta\epsilon}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\omega + \Delta\epsilon}{-2} \end{pmatrix} & - & \begin{pmatrix} v & v \\ v & v \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\Omega = \pm \sqrt{\Delta\epsilon^2 + 4v\Delta\epsilon} = \pm 1.569$$

# Exercice: H<sub>2</sub> in minimal basis: GW@HF

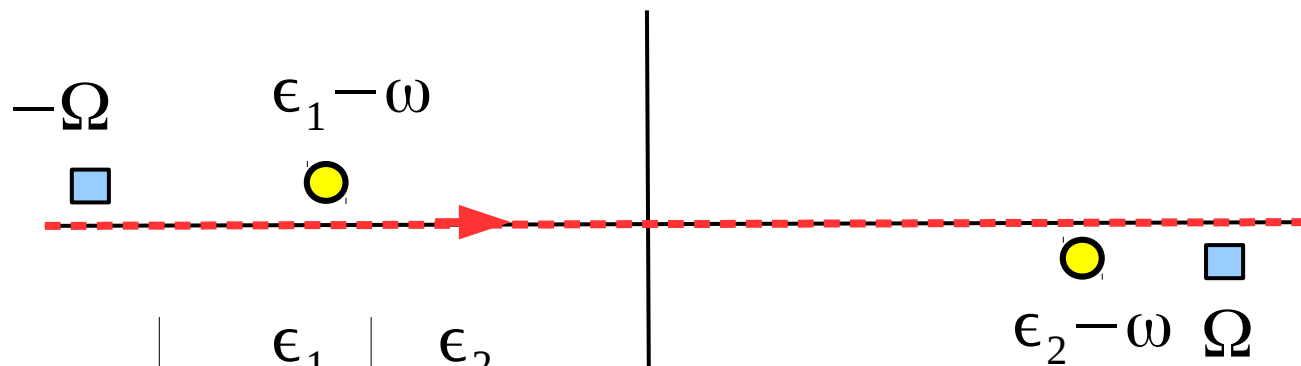
$$\Sigma_c(\omega) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega' G(\omega + \omega') W_p(\omega')$$

$$G(\omega) = \sum_i \frac{\phi_i(\mathbf{r})\phi_i(\mathbf{r}')}{\omega - \epsilon_i \pm i\eta}$$

$$W_p(\omega) = \sum_s \frac{L_s(\mathbf{r})R_s(\mathbf{r}')}{\omega - \Omega_s \pm i\eta}$$

$$\Sigma_c(\omega) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \sum_{i \in \{1,2\}} \sum_{s \in \{1 \rightarrow 2, 2 \rightarrow 1\}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega' \frac{\alpha}{\omega + \omega' - \epsilon_i \pm i\eta} \times \frac{\beta}{\omega' - \Omega \pm i\eta}$$

Integration in the complex plane:



Pole table:

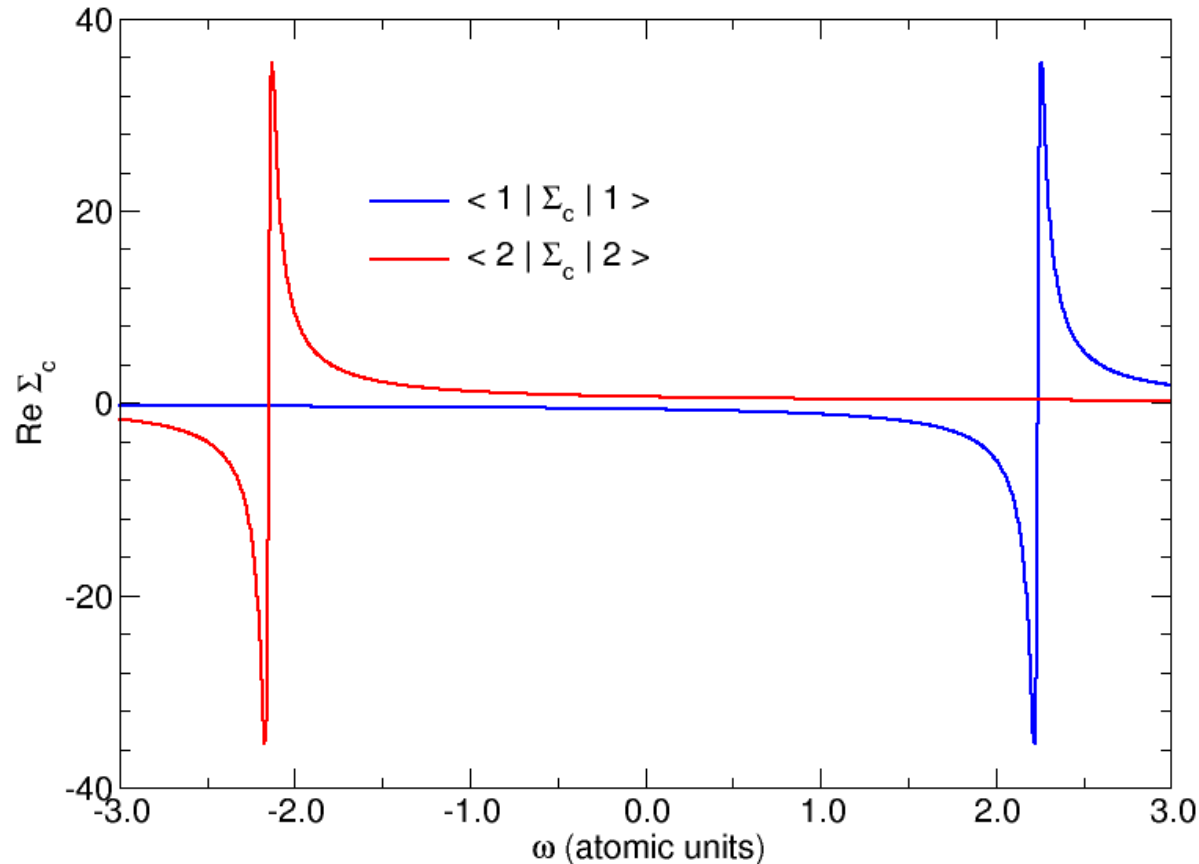
	$\epsilon_1$	$\epsilon_2$
$-\Omega$	<b>X</b>	$\epsilon_2 + \Omega$
$\Omega$	$\epsilon_1 - \Omega$	<b>X</b>

# Exercice: H<sub>2</sub> in minimal basis: GW@HF

$$\epsilon_2 + \Omega = 2.239$$

$$\epsilon_1 - \Omega = -2.147$$

Real part of  
the self-energy  
from MOLGW



$$\epsilon_{\text{HOMO}}^{\text{GW}} = -16.23 \text{ eV}$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{LUMO}}^{\text{GW}} = 18.74 \text{ eV}$$



# Exercice: H<sub>2</sub> in minimal basis: GW@HF

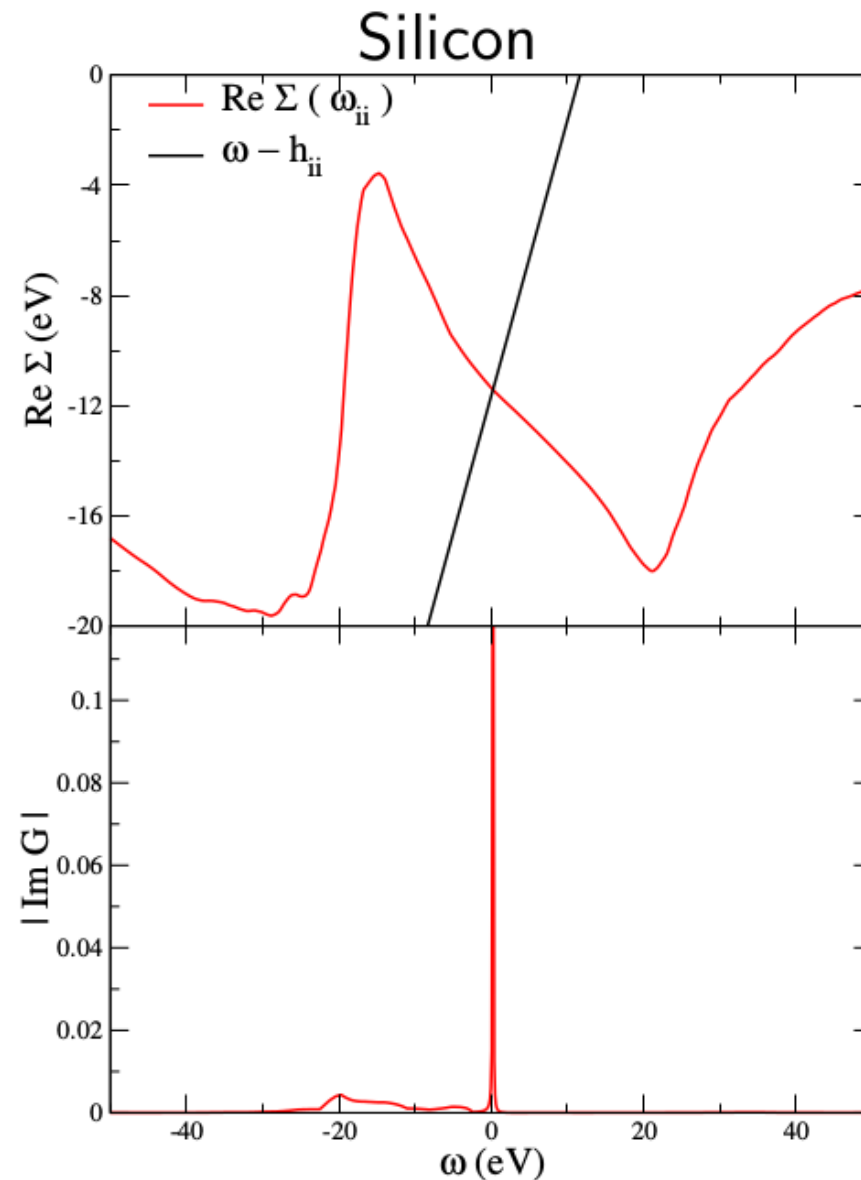
Same conclusions hold for a many-state case:

Bulk silicon

Plasmon frequency  $\sim 17$  eV

Occupied states  $\sim -5 - 0$  eV

Empty states  $\sim +2 - \dots$  eV

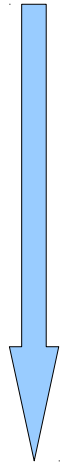


# Exercise 1

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Green's function in frequency domain

$$iG(\mathbf{r}_1 t_1, \mathbf{r}_2 t_2) = \theta(t_1 - t_2) \sum_{i \text{ virt}} \phi_i(\mathbf{r}_1) \phi_i^*(\mathbf{r}_2) e^{-i\epsilon_i(t_1 - t_2)} \\ - \theta(t_2 - t_1) \sum_{i \text{ occ}} \phi_i(\mathbf{r}_2) \phi_i^*(\mathbf{r}_1) e^{-i\epsilon_i(t_2 - t_1)}$$



$$G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \omega) = \int d(t_1 - t_2) e^{i\omega(t_1 - t_2)} G(\mathbf{r}_1 t_1, \mathbf{r}_2 t_2)$$

$$G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \omega) = \sum_i \frac{\phi_i(\mathbf{r}_1) \phi_i^*(\mathbf{r}_2)}{\omega - \epsilon_i \pm i\eta}$$

# Exercise 2:

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Fock exchange from Green's functions

$$\Sigma_x(1,2) = iG(1,2)v(1^+,2) \longrightarrow \Sigma_x(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \omega) = - \sum_{i \text{ occ}} \frac{\phi_i(\mathbf{r}_1)\phi_i^*(\mathbf{r}_2)}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|}$$

# Exercise 3: let's play with Dyson equations

## 1) The multiple faces of the Dyson equation

$$[\omega - h_{\text{KS}}] G_{\text{KS}} = 1$$

$$\hookrightarrow [\omega - h_0 - v_{xc}] G_{\text{KS}} = 1$$

$$\hookrightarrow [G_0^{-1} - v_{xc}] G_{\text{KS}} = 1$$

$$\hookrightarrow G_{\text{KS}} = G_0 + G_0 v_{xc} G_{\text{KS}}$$

$$\hookrightarrow G_{\text{KS}} = G_0 + G_0 v_{xc} G_0 + G_0 v_{xc} G_0 v_{xc} G_0 + \dots$$

$$\hookrightarrow G_{\text{KS}}^{-1} = G_0^{-1} - v_{xc}$$

## 2) Combining the Dyson equations

$$\left. \begin{aligned} G^{-1} &= G_0^{-1} - \Sigma \\ G_{\text{KS}}^{-1} &= G_0^{-1} - v_{xc} \end{aligned} \right\} G^{-1} = G_{\text{KS}}^{-1} - (\Sigma - v_{xc})$$

$$\hookrightarrow 1 = [G_{\text{KS}}^{-1} - (\Sigma - v_{xc})] G$$

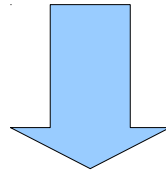
$$\hookrightarrow 1 = [\omega - h_0 - \Sigma] G$$

# Exercise 4

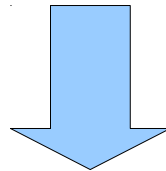
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Derive the standard Adler-Wiser formula (1963):

$$\chi_0(1,2) = -iG(1,2)G(2,1)$$



$$\chi_0(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \omega) = -\frac{i}{2\pi} \int d\omega' G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \omega + \omega') G(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_1, \omega')$$



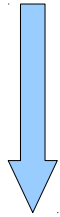
$$\chi_0(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \omega) = \sum_{\substack{i \text{ occ} \\ j \text{ virt}}} \phi_i(\mathbf{r}_1) \phi_i^*(\mathbf{r}_2) \phi_j(\mathbf{r}_2) \phi_j^*(\mathbf{r}_1) \\ \times \left[ \frac{1}{\omega - (\epsilon_j - \epsilon_i) - i\eta} - \frac{1}{\omega - (\epsilon_i - \epsilon_j) + i\eta} \right]$$

# Exercise 5

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Derive that the product in time becomes a convolution in frequency:

$$\Sigma(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, t_1 - t_2) = iG(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, t_1 - t_2)W(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_1, t_2 - t_1)$$



$$G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \omega) = \int dt_1 dt_2 e^{i\omega(t_1 - t_2)} G(\mathbf{r}_1, t_1, \mathbf{r}_2, t_2)$$

$$G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, t_1 - t_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d\omega e^{-i\omega(t_1 - t_2)} G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \omega)$$

$$\Sigma(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \omega) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \int d\omega' G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \omega + \omega')W(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_1, \omega')$$

# Exercice 6: Feynman diagram drawing

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- a) Draw all the 1<sup>st</sup> order diagrams for the self-energy
- b) Draw all the 2<sup>nd</sup> order diagrams for the self-energy
- c) What is the difference between the proper and the improper self-energy
- d) How self-consistency can simplify the expansion?

## **Self-energy diagram drawing rules:**

1. Diagrams are combinations of arrows (Green's function) and horizontal lines (Coulomb interaction).  
Upward arrows are electrons, downward arrows are hole.
2. Diagrams should be connected.
3. Self-energy have an entry point and an exit point (possibly the same).
4. Each intersection should conserve the particle numbers.
5. A valid diagram cannot be cut (by removing an arrow) into another lower order self-energy.