

Theory and Calculation of X-ray spectra

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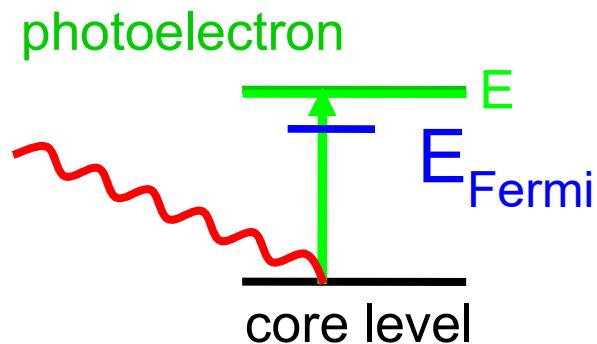
Theoretical Spectroscopy Calculations

- **GOAL:** Next Generation Theory
for Next Generation X-ray Sources
- **TALK**

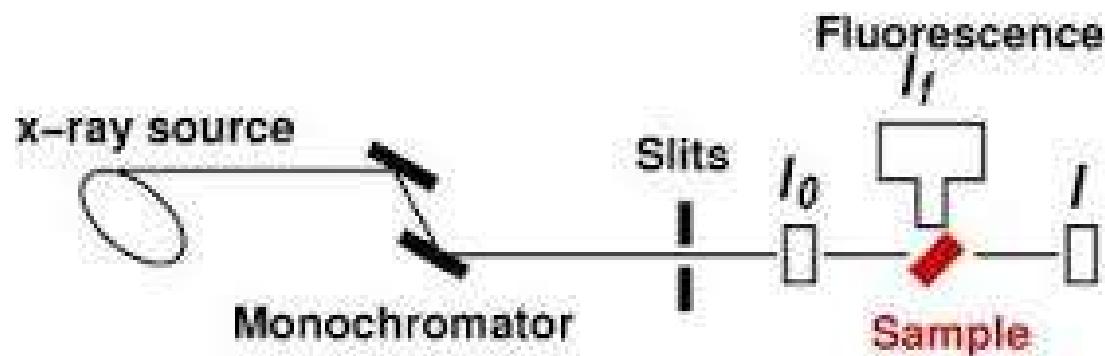
I Introduction
II State-of-the-art
III Next generation

Current approximations
Ab initio calculations
Multi-electron excitations
& strong correlations

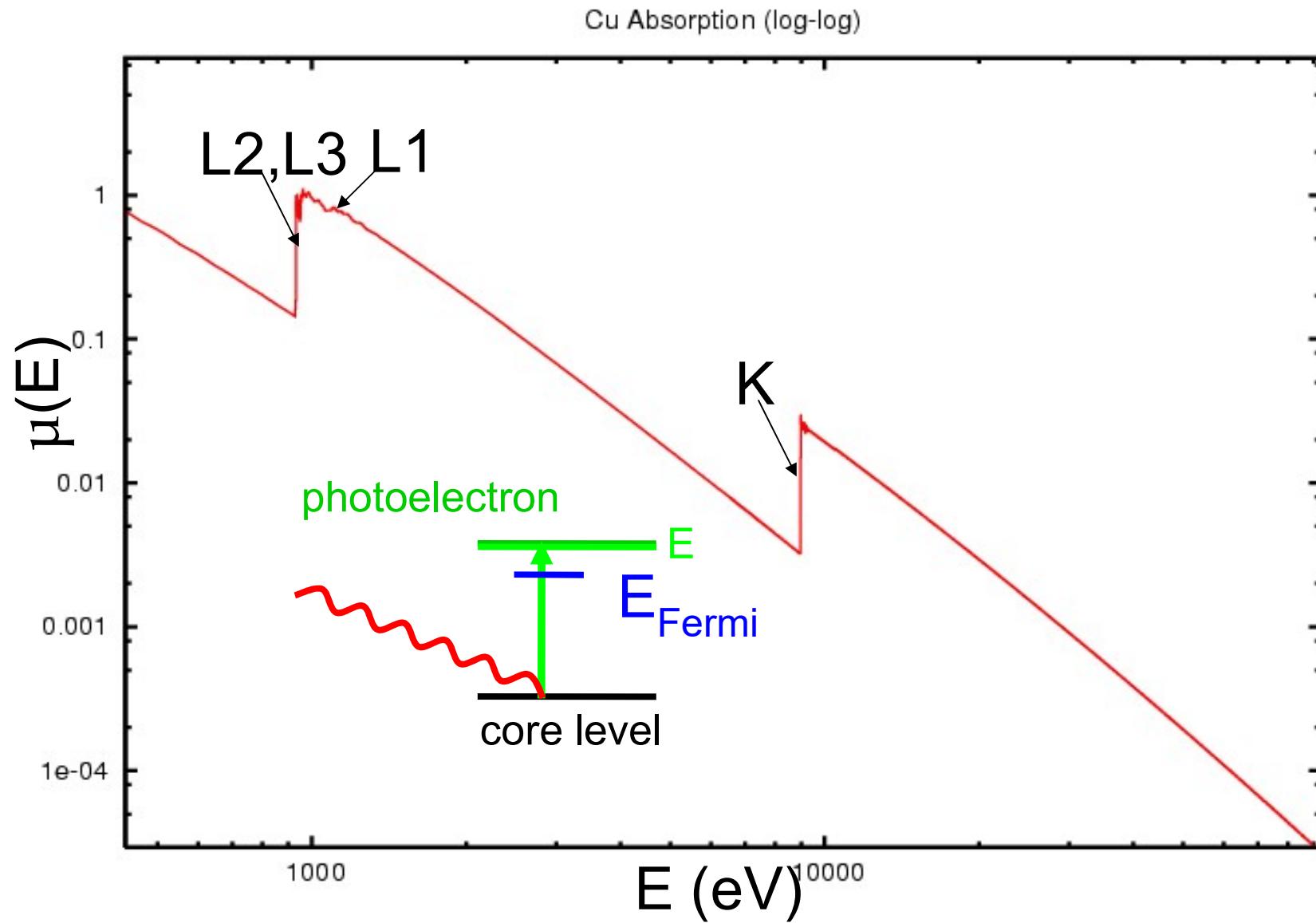
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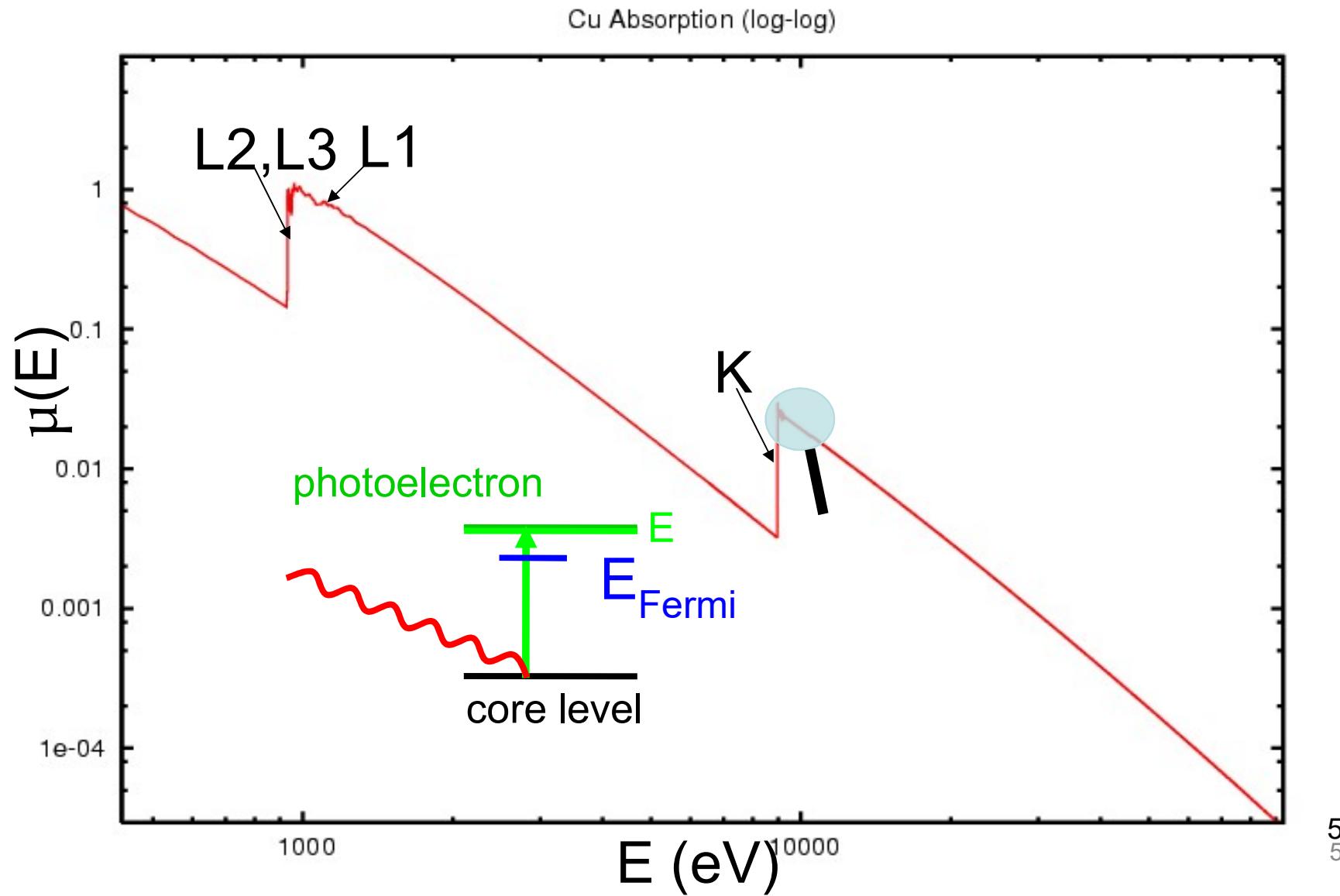
$$I = I_0 e^{-\mu(\omega)x} \Rightarrow \mu(\omega) \propto \log[I_0 / I]$$



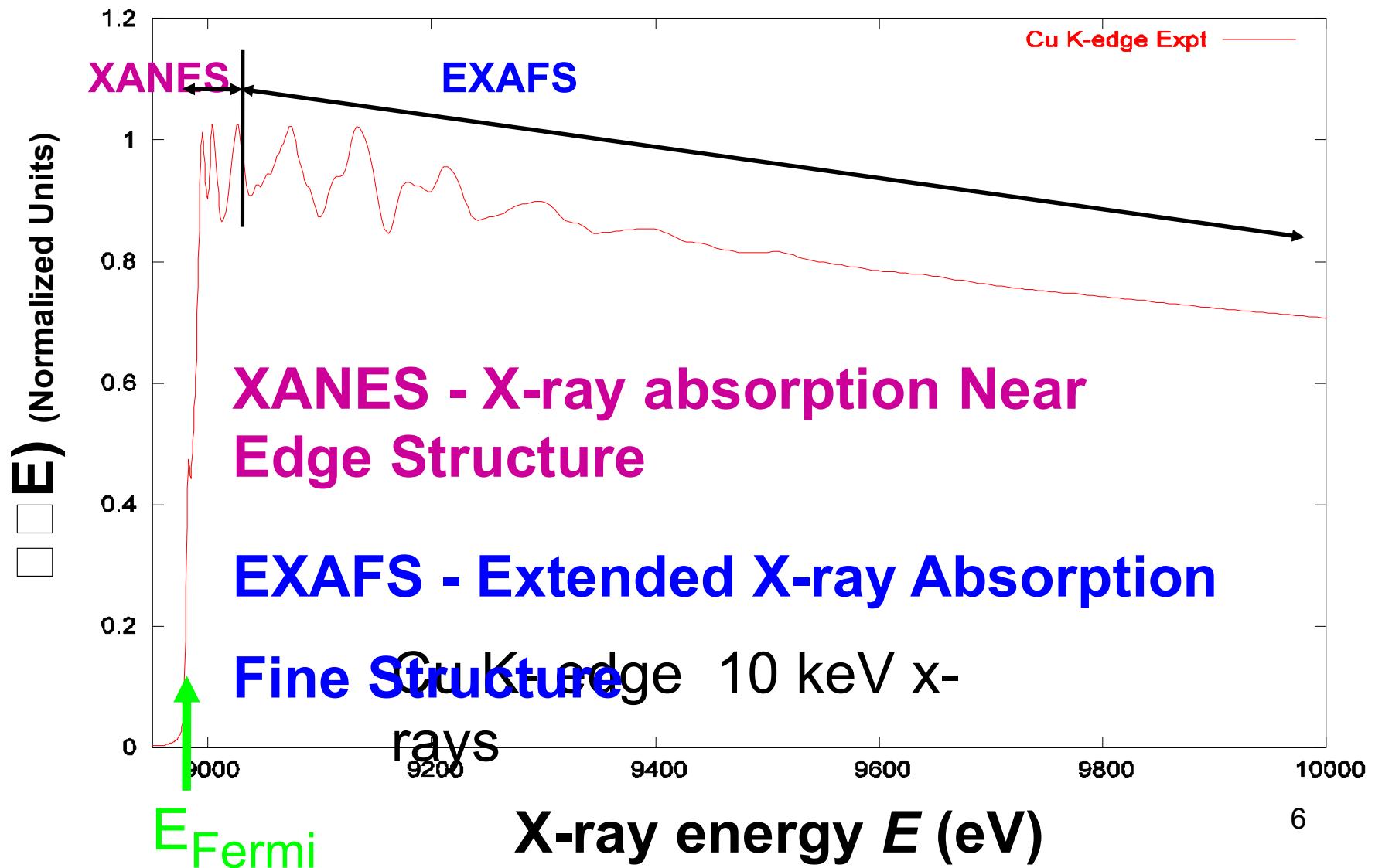
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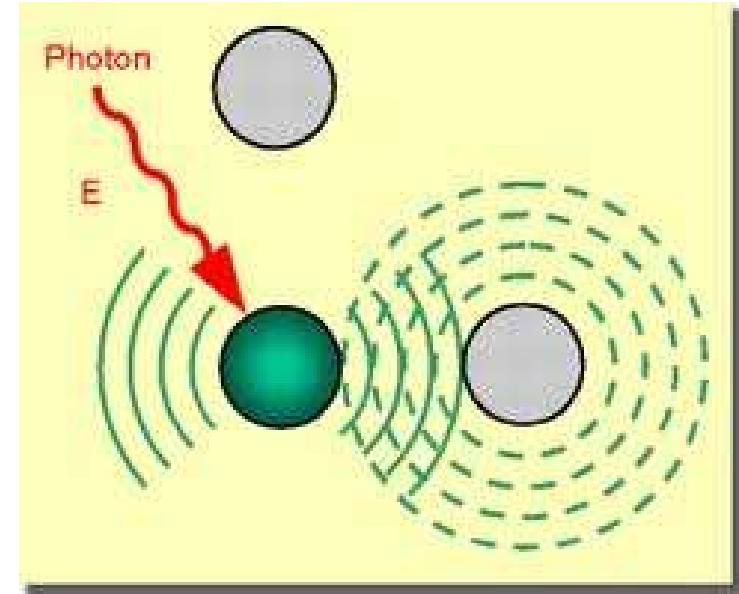


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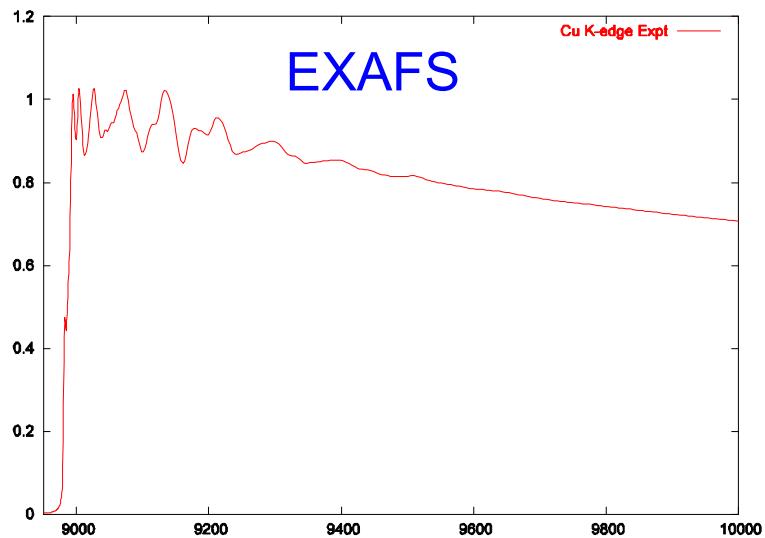
- Quantum interference



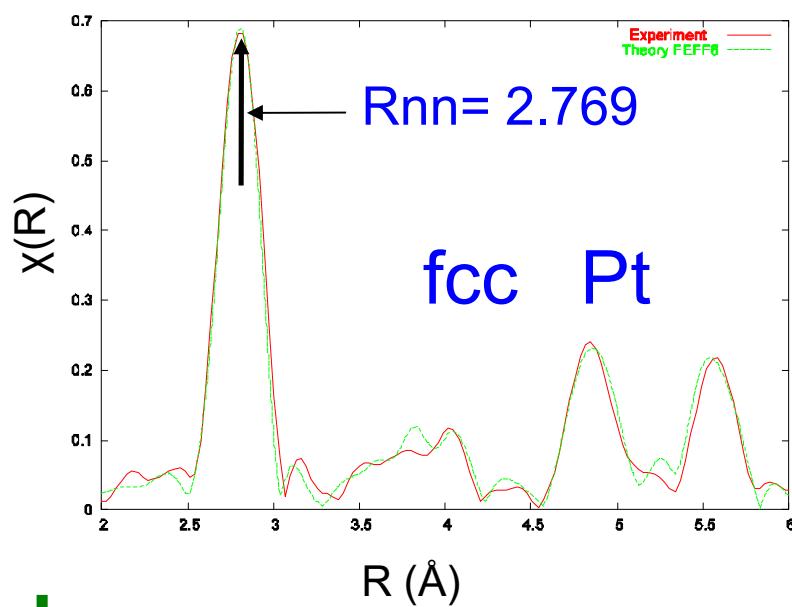
Qualitative Interpretation

D.Sayers Stern & Lytle 1970

Short range order theory



EXAFS Fourier transform –
radial distribution function

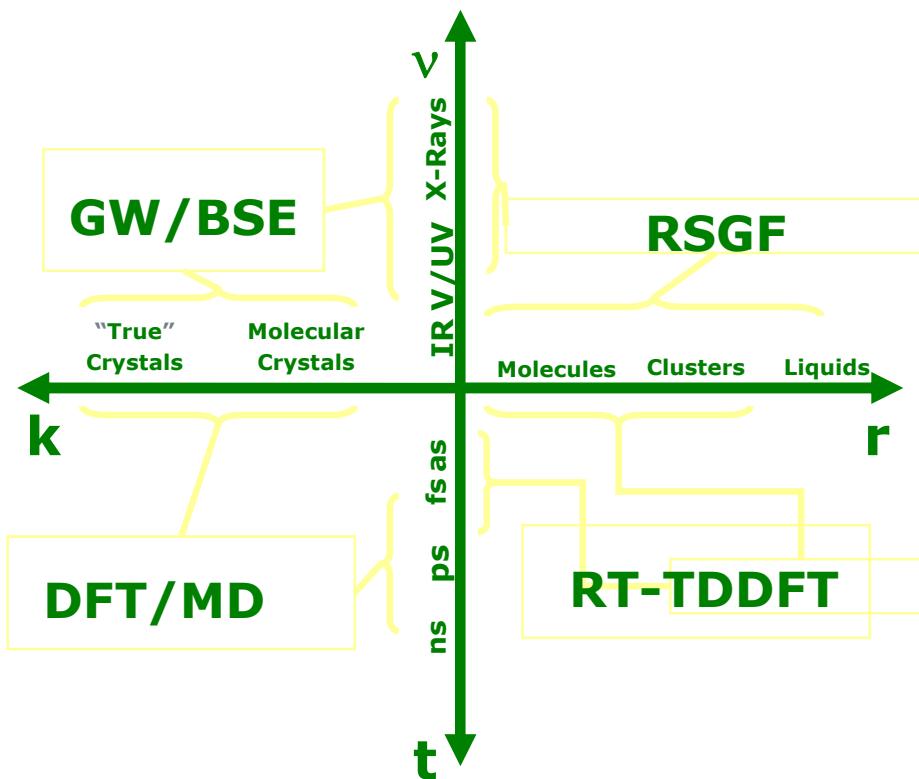


→ X-ray Microscope!

Introduction

Promise of Next generation Light sources: NSLSII, LCLS ...

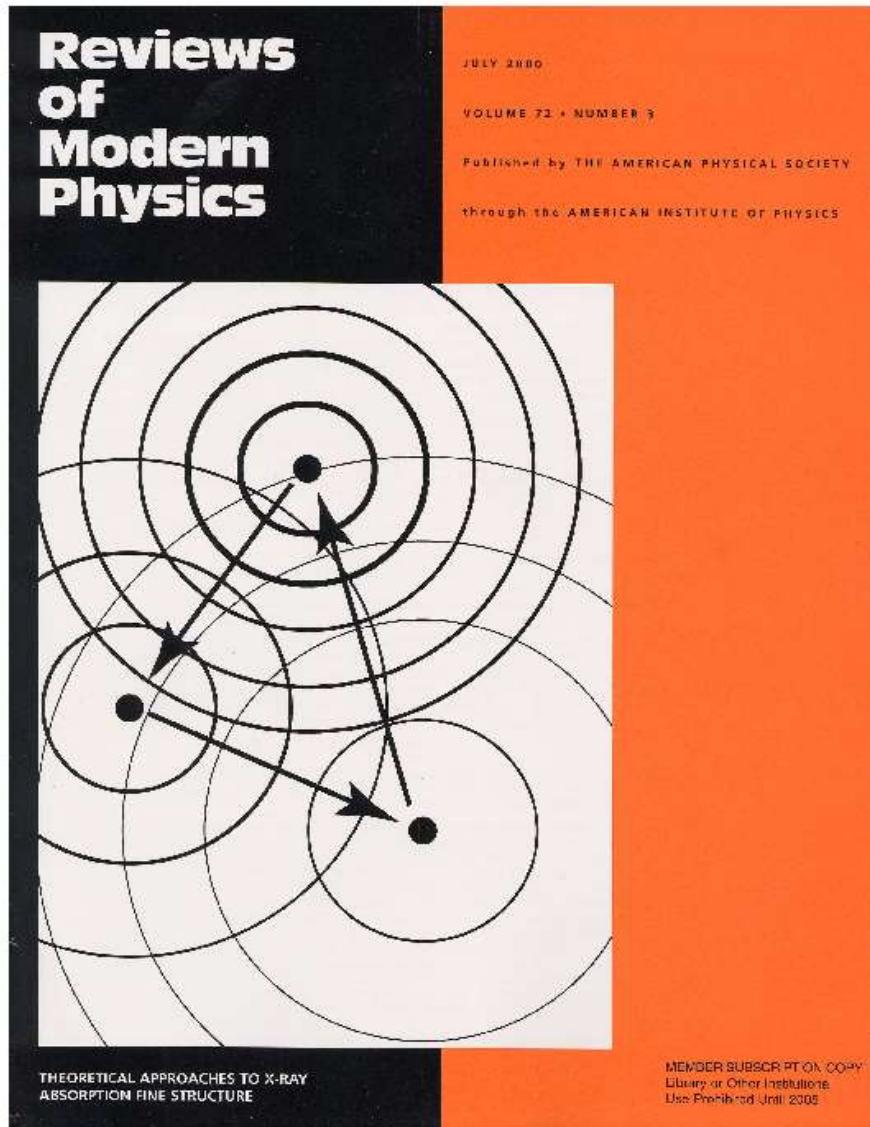
Powerful probes of multiple length and time scales
Partial solution to DOE 5 Grand Challenges, etc.



BUT
**Promise cannot be fully
exploited without**

Next generation theory
& software

I Current methods



J. J. Rehr & R.C. Albers Rev. Mod. Phys. 72, 621 (2000)

EXAFS & XANES

**Automated & Integrated
XAS codes**

FEFF

> 20 yrs development

Real-space Green's Function (RSGF) Theory VIS – X-ray

~~Fermi golden rule via Wave Functions~~

$$\mu(E) \sim \Sigma_f |\langle i | \hat{\epsilon} \cdot \mathbf{r} | f \rangle|^2 \delta(E - E_f)$$



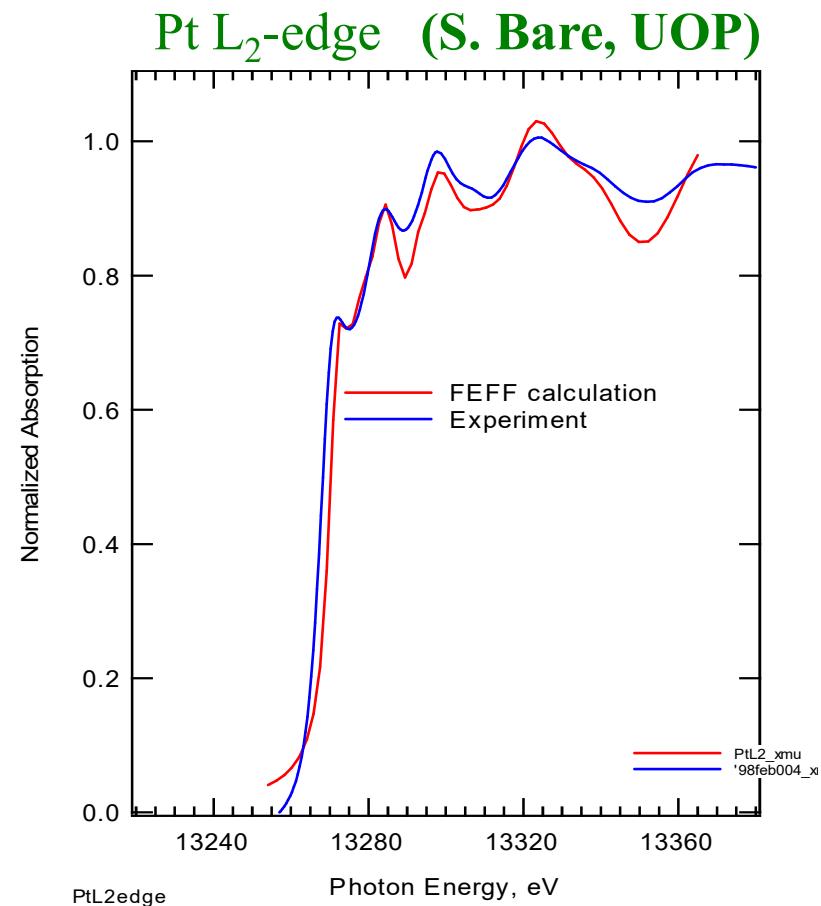
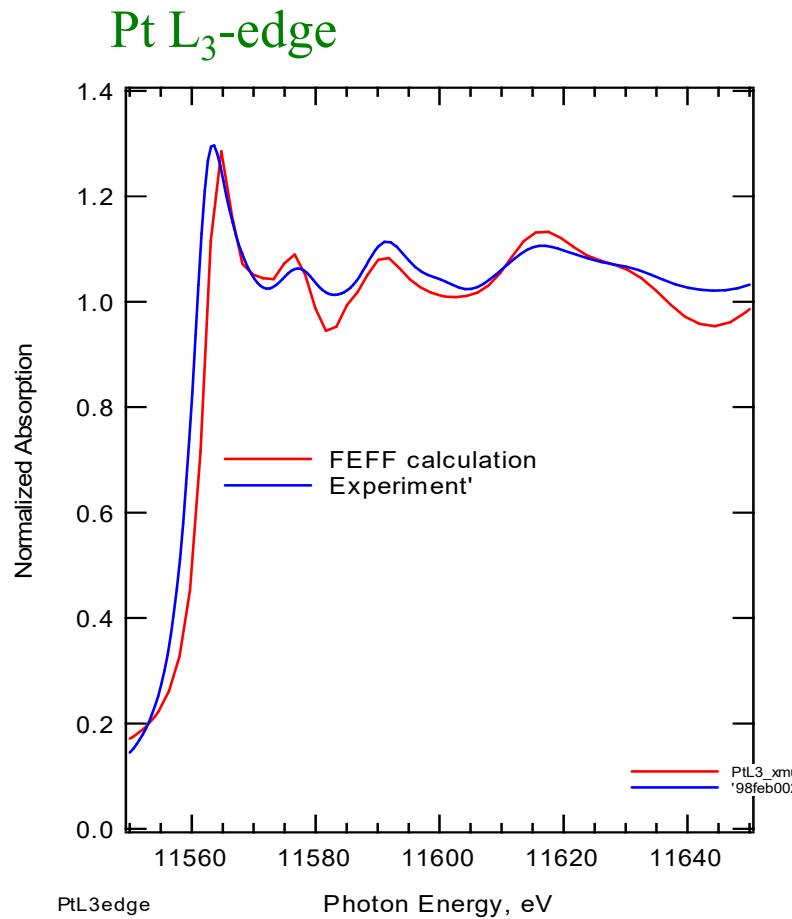
~~Paradigm shift:~~

Golden rule via Green's Functions $\mathbf{G} = 1/(E - h - \Sigma)$

$$\mu(E) \sim -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \langle i | \hat{\epsilon} \cdot \mathbf{r}' \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}, E) \hat{\epsilon} \cdot \mathbf{r} | i \rangle$$

EFFICIENT: No sums over final states !

Example: Pt XANES full multiple-scattering



- Good agreement: *Relativistic* FEFF8 code reproduces all spectral features, *including absence of white line at L₂-edge*.
- Self-consistency essential: position of Fermi level strongly affects white line intensity.

Spectra: RIXS, XES, Compton, ...

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Real-space Green's function approach to resonant inelastic x-ray scattering

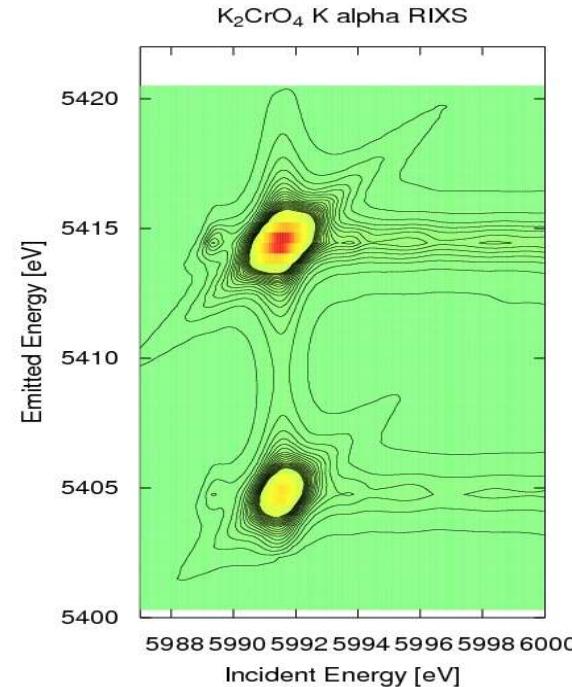
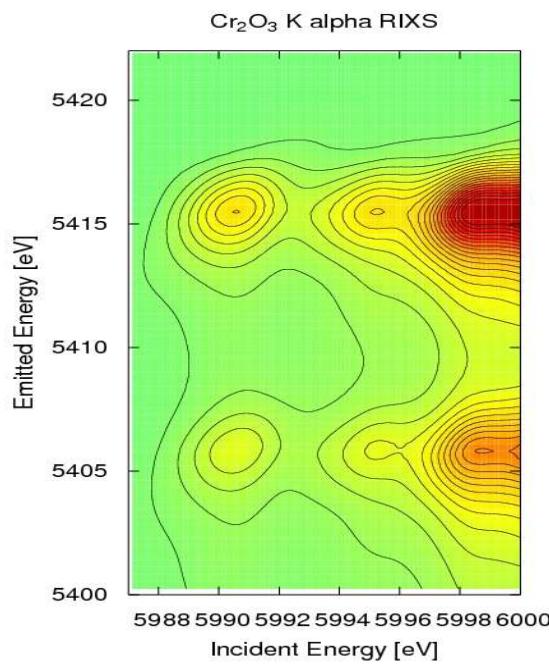
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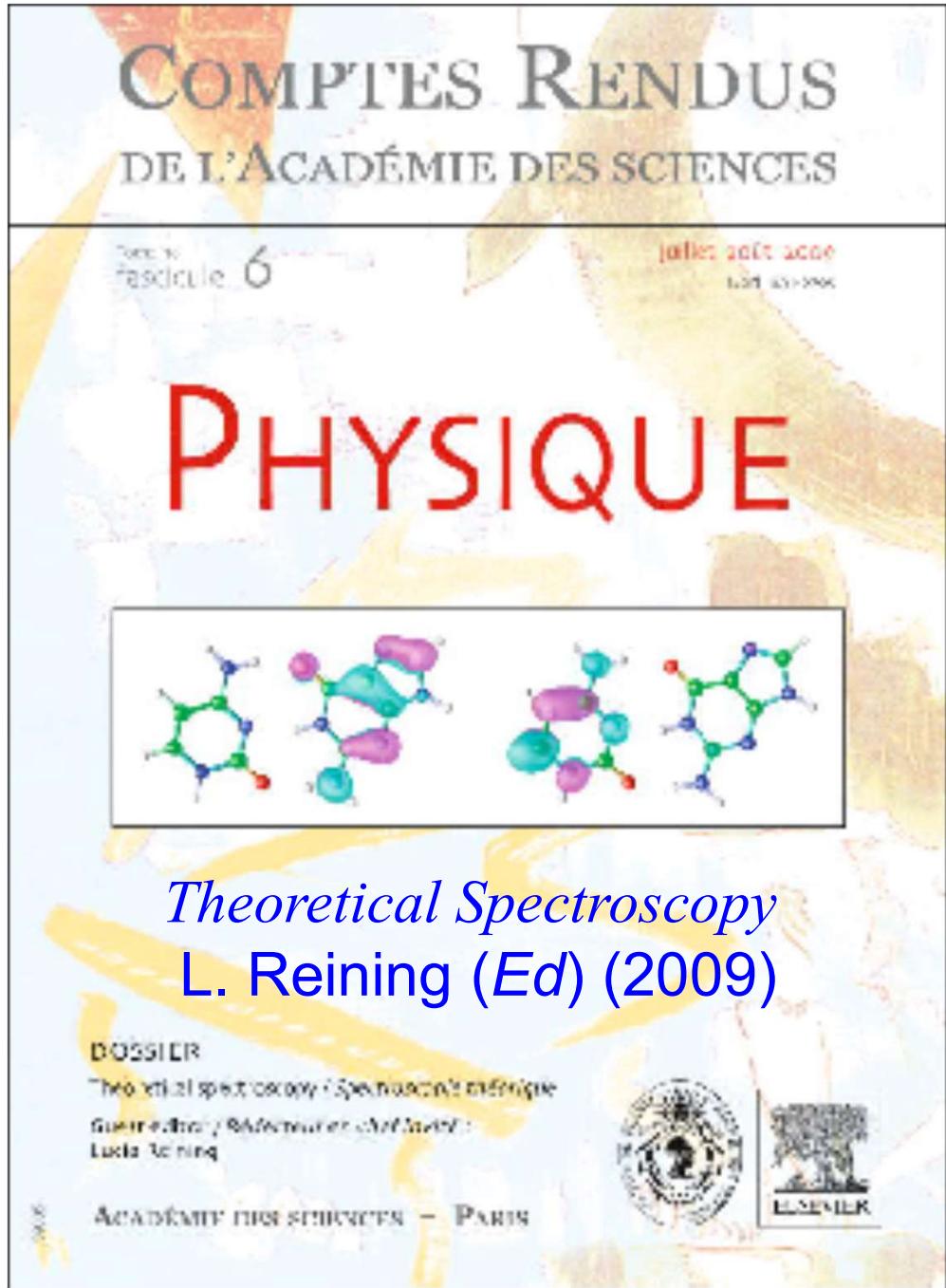
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$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega d\omega} \propto \frac{\omega}{\Omega} \int d\omega_1 \frac{\mu_e(\omega_1)\mu(\Omega - \omega - \omega_1 + E_b)}{|\omega - \omega_1 - i\Gamma_b|^2}$$





II. State of the art theory

FEFF9

JJR et al., Comptes Rendus
Physique 10, 548 (2009)

State of the art theory

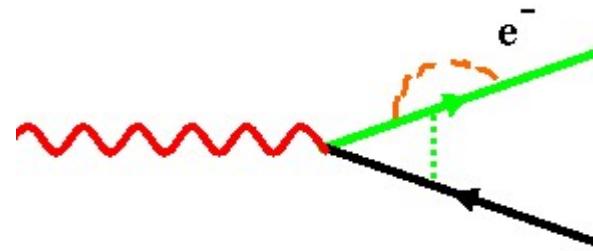
GOAL: ab initio many-body effects

no adjustable parameters

GW Self-energy

Debye Waller factors

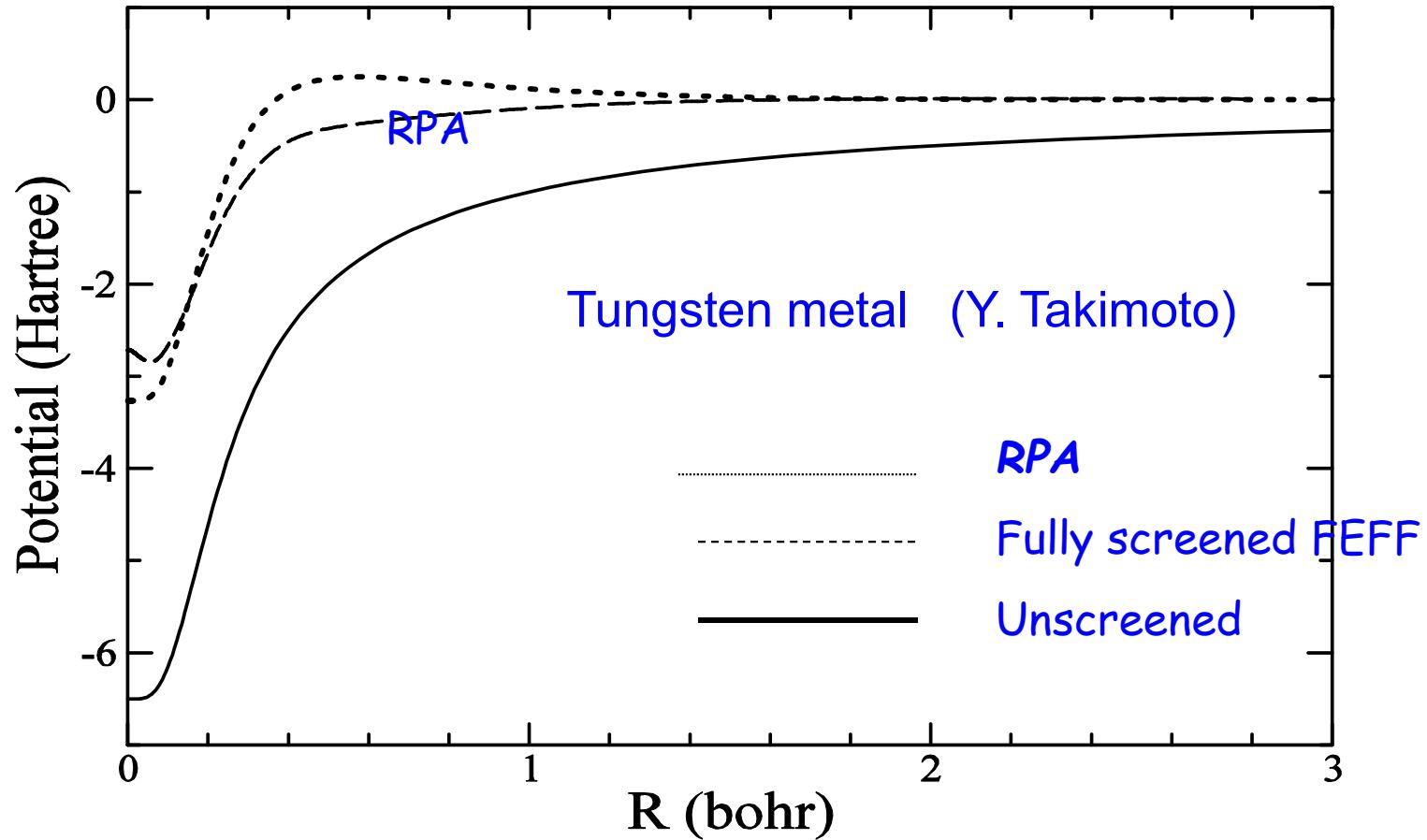
RPA core-hole



Need: **multiple codes:** DFT, self-energy, Phonons

No one group or code can do it all

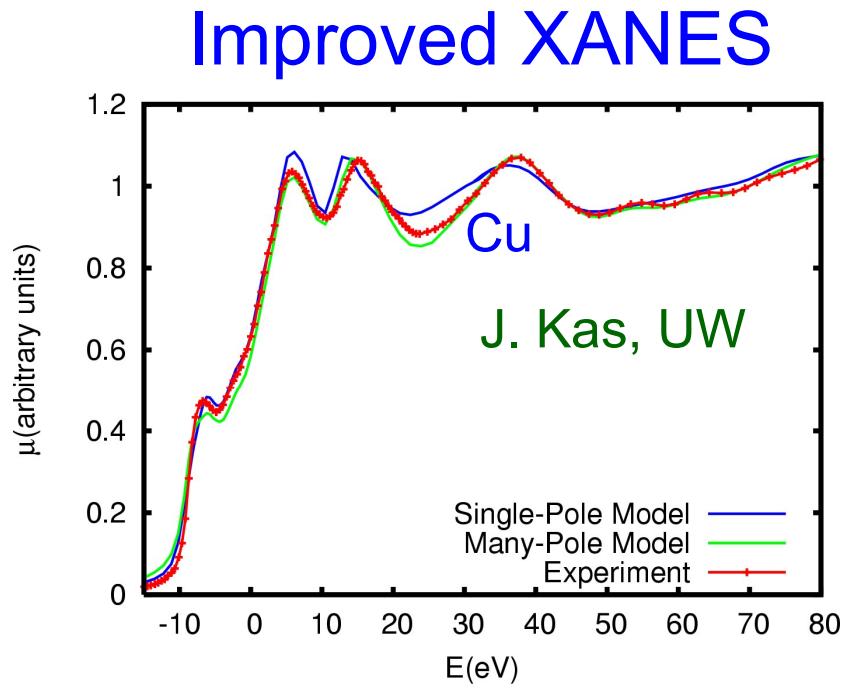
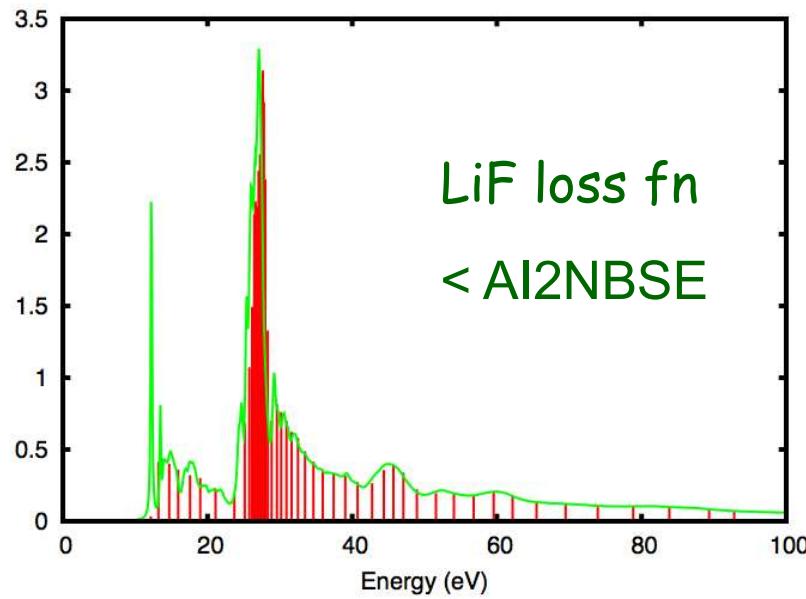
RPA Core-hole potential



* Also used in BSE
Improves on final state rule, $Z+1$, half hole

Many-pole GW Self-energy

Energy dependent $\Sigma(E) = iGW$ – replaces V_{xc}
MFP, energy shifts *cf. Hedin-Lundqvist plasmon-pole*



*J.J. Kas et. al, Phys Rev B **76**, 195116 (2007)

***Ab initio* XAS Debye Waller Factors ^{*} $e^{-2\sigma^2 k^2}$**

***An Initio* Determination of Extended X-Ray Absorption Fine Structure Debye-Waller Factors**

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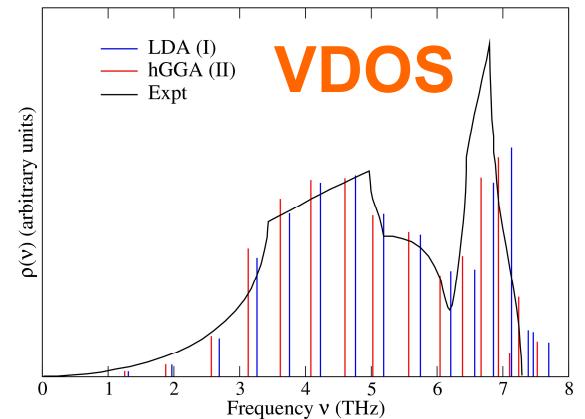
Hahn-Meitner-Institut Berlin, Glienicker Strasse 100, D-14109 Berlin, Germany

(Dated: August 23, 2005)

**Many Pole model
for phonons**

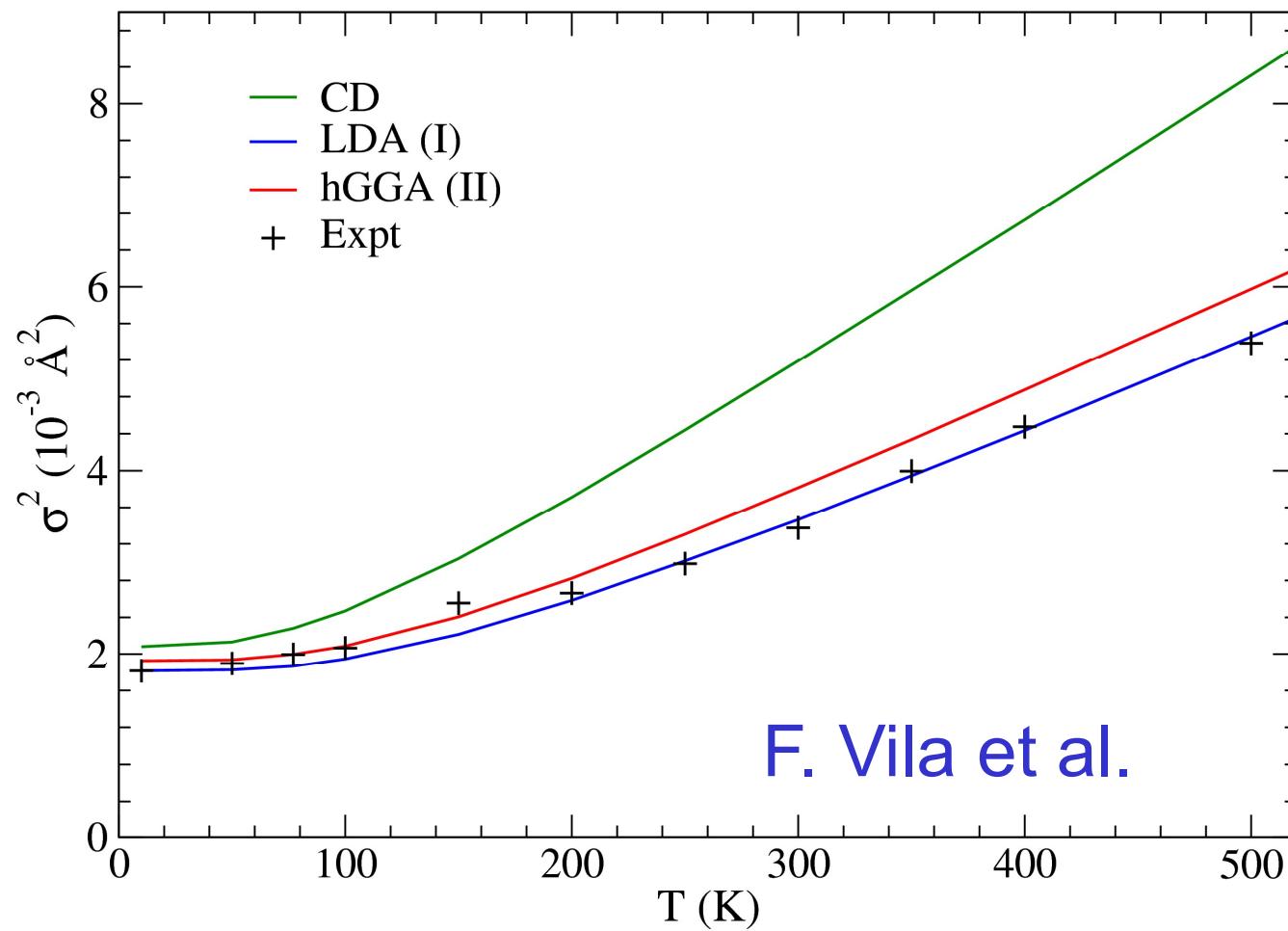
$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\hbar}{\mu_i} \int_0^\infty \rho(\omega^2) \coth \frac{\beta \hbar \omega}{2} d\omega$$

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(\omega^2) &= \langle Q_i | \delta(\omega^2 - D) | Q_i \rangle \\ &= \{6\text{-step Lanczos recursion}\}\end{aligned}$$



*Phys. Rev. B **76**, 014301 (2007)

Example: XAFS Debye-Waller Factor of Ge

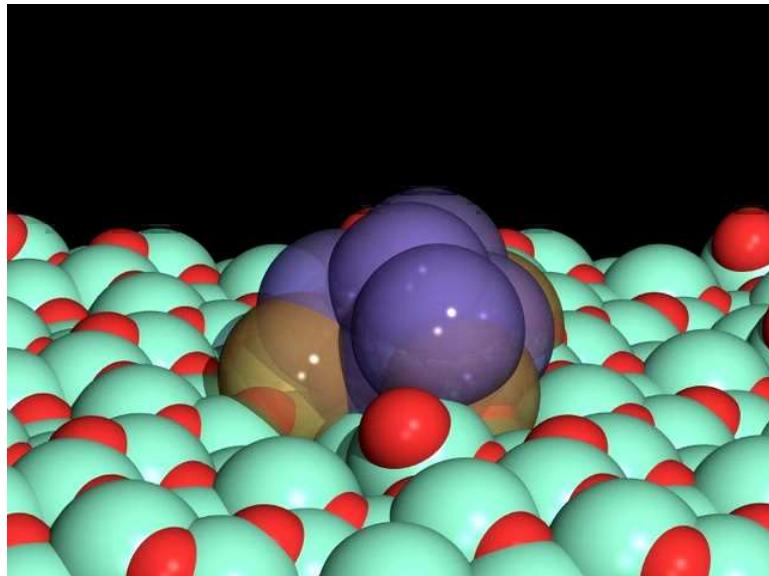


Expt: Dalba et al. (1999)

Real-time Finite T DFT-MD / XAS

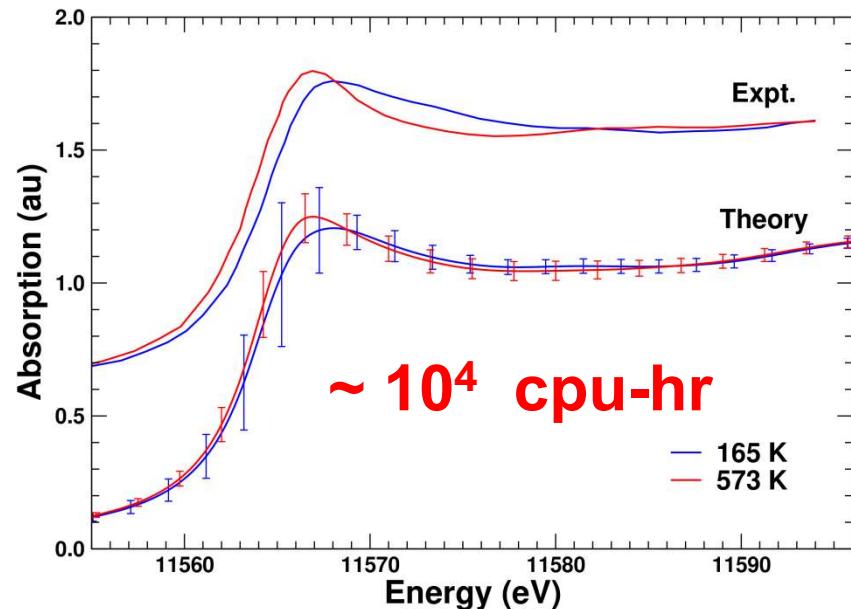
Nanoscale Pt catalysts*

$\text{Pt}_{10} / \gamma\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$



metallic Pt Al
oxidized Pt O

Expt. vs DFT/MD structure
+ FEFF XAS Theory*

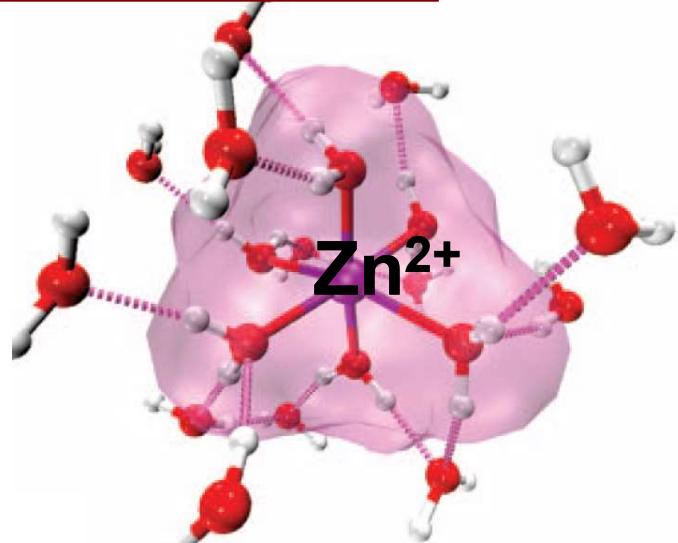


*F. Vila, J.J. Rehr, J. Kas, R.G. Nuzzo, A.I. Frenkel, Phys. Rev. B **78**, 121404(R) (2008)

EXAFS and DFT-MD Aqueous ions Transition metals, Me^{2+}

Exceptional agreement for:

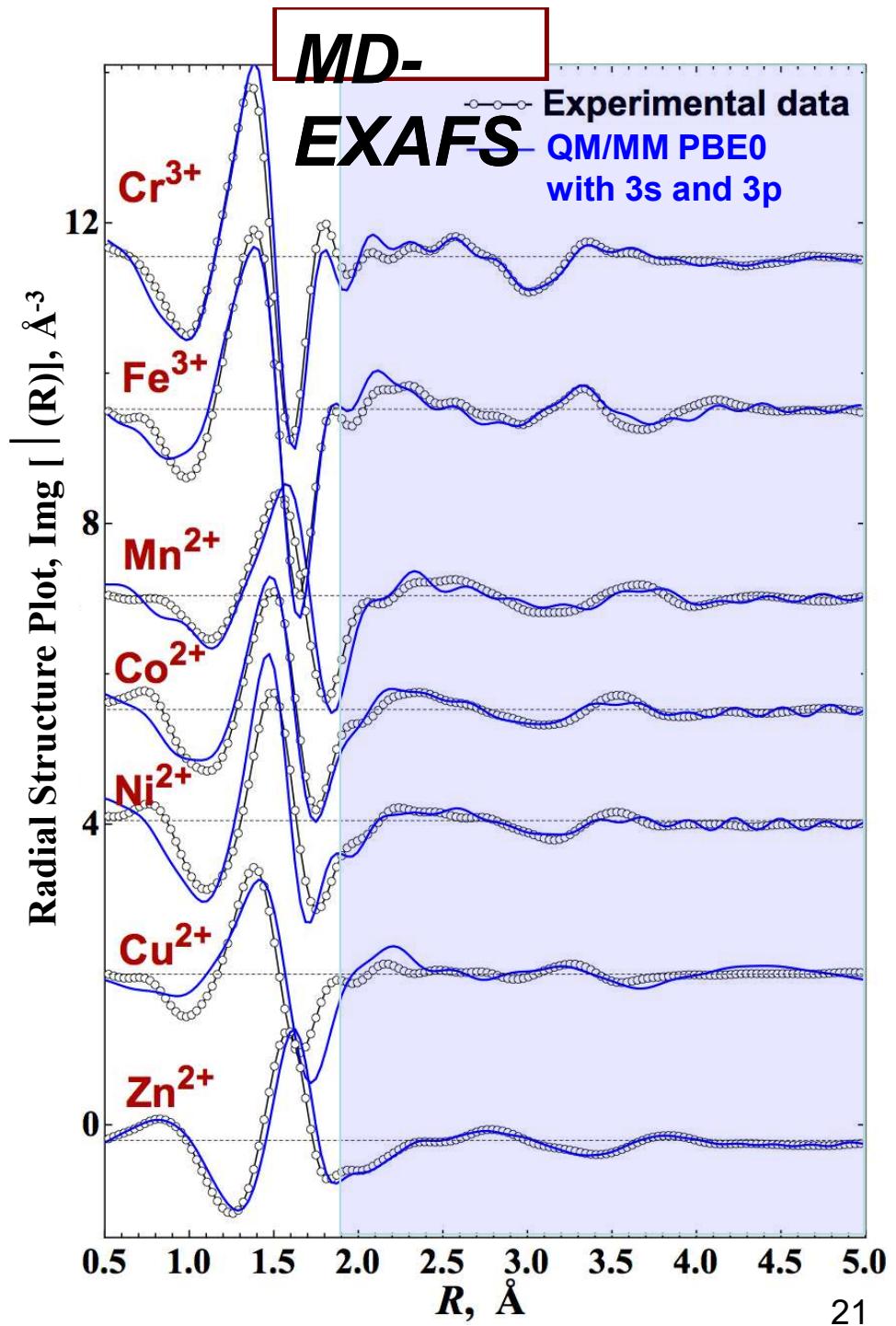
- 1st shell distance and disorder
- Octahedral symmetry
- Angular distribution functions
- Vibrational motions of first shell
- 2nd shell distance and disorder



QM/MM $\text{Cr}^{3+} + 6\text{H}_2\text{O} / 58 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$
DFT PBE0/CPMD MM "SPC/E"
300K

Fulton, Bylaska, Schenter, et al JPC Lett., 3, 2588
(2012)

24	51.996	25	54.938	26	55.845	27	58.933	28	58.693	29	63.546	30	65.39
Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn							
CHROMIUM	MANGANESE	IRON	COBALT	NICKEL	COPPER	ZINC							



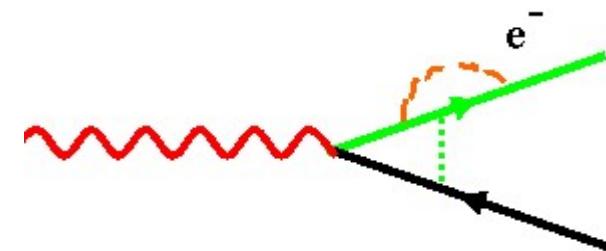
III. Next generation XAS Calculations

- beyond-quasiparticles

Excitonic effects BSE

Multi-electron excitations

Strong correlations



**Plus integrated Codes: DFT, GW/BSE, Real-time
etc.**

GW Bethe-Salpeter Equation

Bethe-Salpeter equation calculations of core excitation spectra

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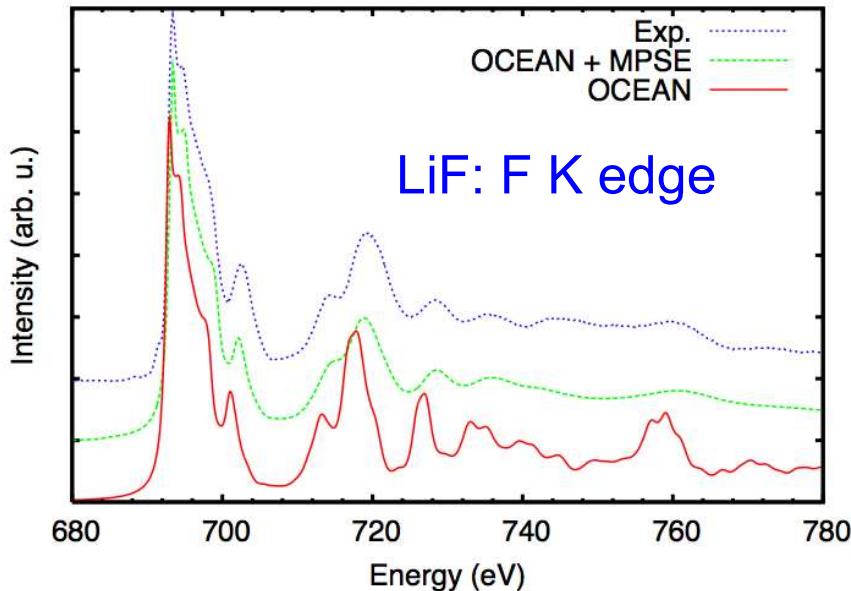
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(Received 29 September 2010; published 4 March 2011)

We present a hybrid approach for Bethe-Salpeter equation (BSE) calculations of core excitation spectra including x-ray absorption (XAS), electron energy loss spectra (EELS), and nonresonant inelastic x-ray scattering (NRIXS). The method is based on *ab initio* wave functions from the plane-wave pseudopotential code ABINIT atomic core-level states and projector augmented wave (PAW) transition matrix elements; the NIST core-level BSE solver; and a many-pole self-energy model to account for final-state broadening and self-energy shifts. Multiplet effects are also approximately accounted for. The approach is implemented using an interface dubbed OCEAN (Obtaining Core Excitations using ABINIT and NBSE). To demonstrate the utility of the code we present results for the K edges in LiF as probed by XAS and NRIXS, the K edges of KCl as probed by XAS, the Ti L_{2,3} edge in SrTiO₃ as probed by XAS, and the Mg L_{2,3} edge in MgO as probed by XAS. These results are compared with experiment and with other theoretical approaches.

**BSE
OCEAN***



Phys. Rev. B83, 115106 (2011)

*Obtaining Core Excitations
from ab initio NBSE

Plane-wave, pseudo- potential
+ PAW + MPSE

cf. EXC, EXC!TING,
BerkeleyGW

Many-body Amplitudes in XAS S_θ^2

- Many-body $X^*S \approx$ Convolution

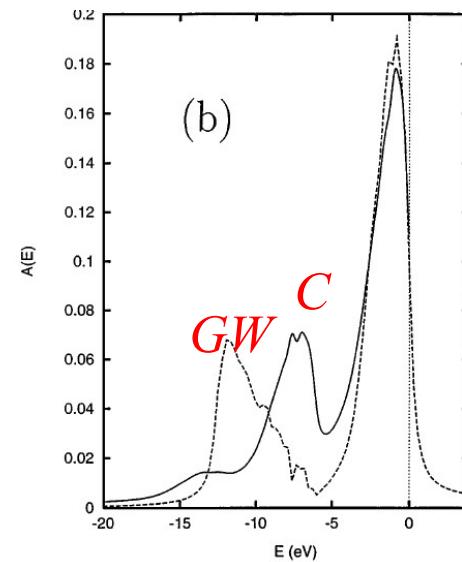
$$\mu(\omega) = \int_0^\infty d\omega' \tilde{A}(\omega, \omega') \mu_{qp}(\omega - \omega')$$

$$\equiv \langle \mu_{qp}(\omega) \rangle$$

Na XPS

- Source: multi-electron excitations
- Spectral function \sim XPS

$$A = -\text{Im } G$$



Which Green's function ? GW vs Cumulant

J. Phys.: Condens. Matter 11 (1999) R489–R528

On correlation effects in electron spectroscopies and the
 GW approximation

$$\Sigma = i \mathbf{G}W\Gamma$$

Lars Hedin

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

GW

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

$$\Gamma = 1 \quad \Sigma^{GW} = iG\mathbf{W}$$

Cumulant

$$G(t) = G_0(t) e^{C(t)}$$

$$C \sim \text{Im } \Sigma^{GW}$$

Similar ingredients; all many-body effects in Σ^{GW}

Test: Satellites in XPS of simple metals*

Multiple Plasmon Satellites in Na and Al Spectral Functions
from *Ab Initio* Cumulant Expansion

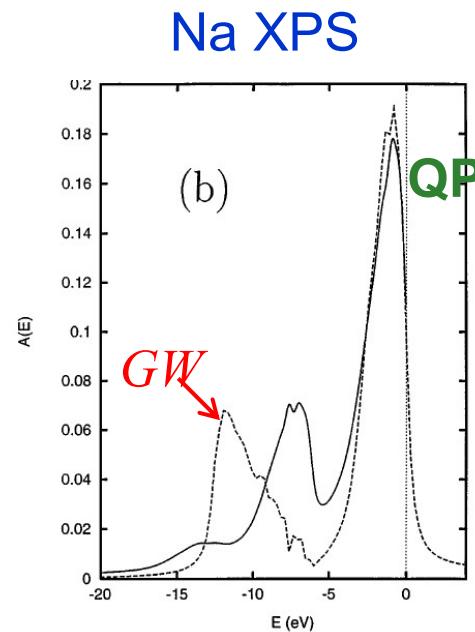
F. Aryasetiawan,^{1,2} L. Hedin,¹ and K. Karlsson³

Phys Rev Lett **77**, 2268 (1996)

Good news: *GW* quasi-particle peak agrees with XPS

Bad news: *GW* has *one* satellite
@ wrong energy

XPS has multiple satellites



Test 2: Multiple Satellites in XPS of Si

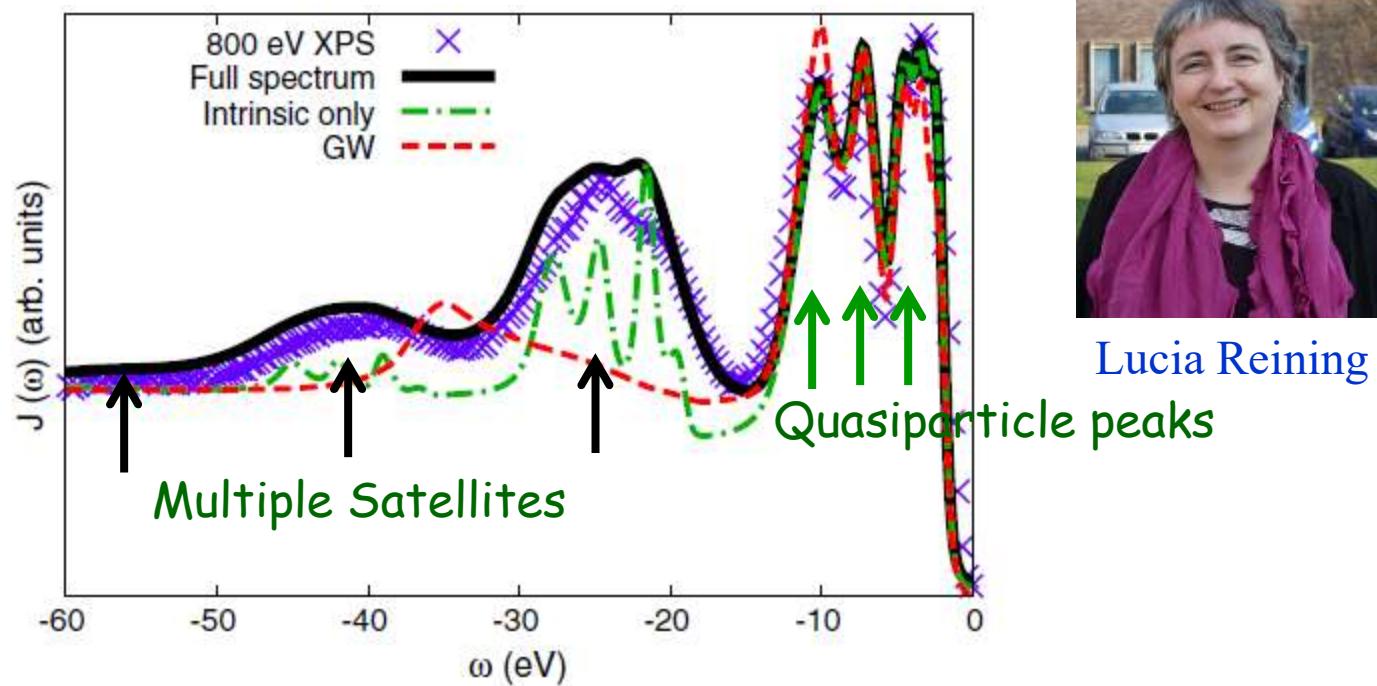
PRL 107, 166401 (2011)

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

Matteo Guzzo,^{1,2,*} Giovanna Lani,^{1,2} Francesco Sottile,^{1,2} Pina Romaniello,^{3,2} Matteo Gatti,^{4,2} Joshua J. Kas,⁵ John J. Rehr,^{5,2} Mathieu G. Silly,⁶ Fausto Sirotti,⁶ and Lucia Reining^{1,2,†}



XPS Intensity Ratios in Molecules

PRL 108, 193005 (2012)

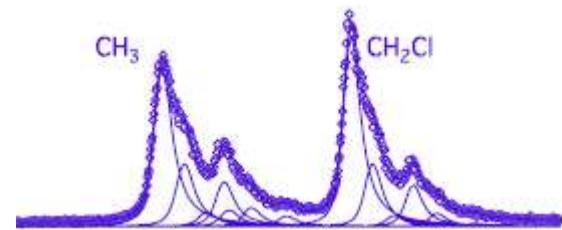
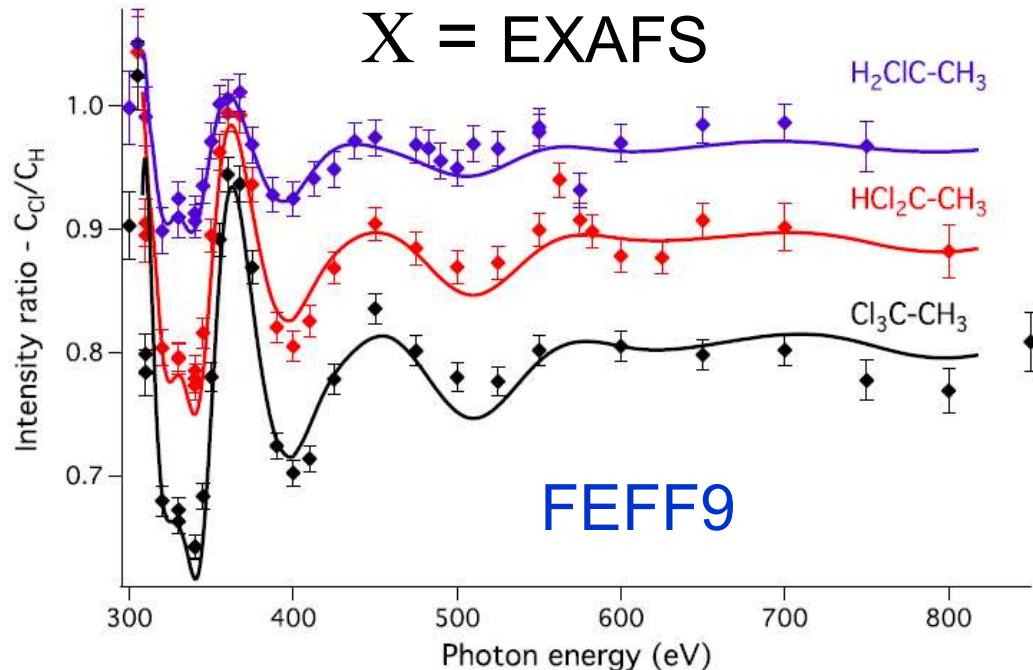
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Nonstoichiometric Intensities in Core Photoelectron Spectroscopy

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$$R = \frac{\mu_{C_A}}{\mu_{C_H}} = \frac{\mu_0 c_A Z_{C_A} (1 + X_{C_A})}{\mu_0 c_H Z_{C_H} (1 + X_{C_H})} \approx R_0 (1 + X_R)$$



<XPS> = XAS

Intensity ratio $\sim Z$

*including all losses
explains non-
stoichiometric ratios*

Question: Can the cumulant method work for CT satellites in correlated systems ?

Hedin's answer * **MAYBE**

“Calculation similar to core case ... but with more
complicated fluctuation potentials ...

... not question of principle, but of computational work...”

* L. Hedin, J. Phys.: Condens. Matter **11**, R489 (1999)

Approach: Cumulant expansion in real-time

Real time cumulant approach for charge transfer satellites in x-ray photoemission spectra

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[arXiv:1408.2508](https://arxiv.org/abs/1408.2508)

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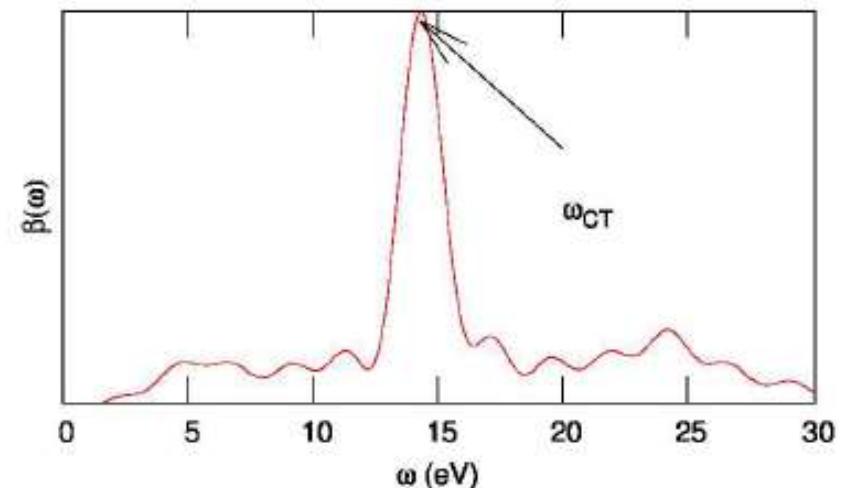
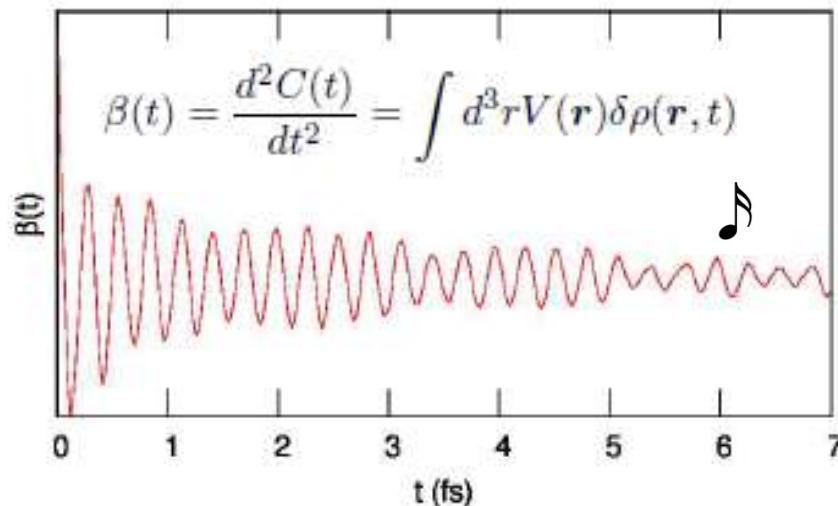
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Langreth

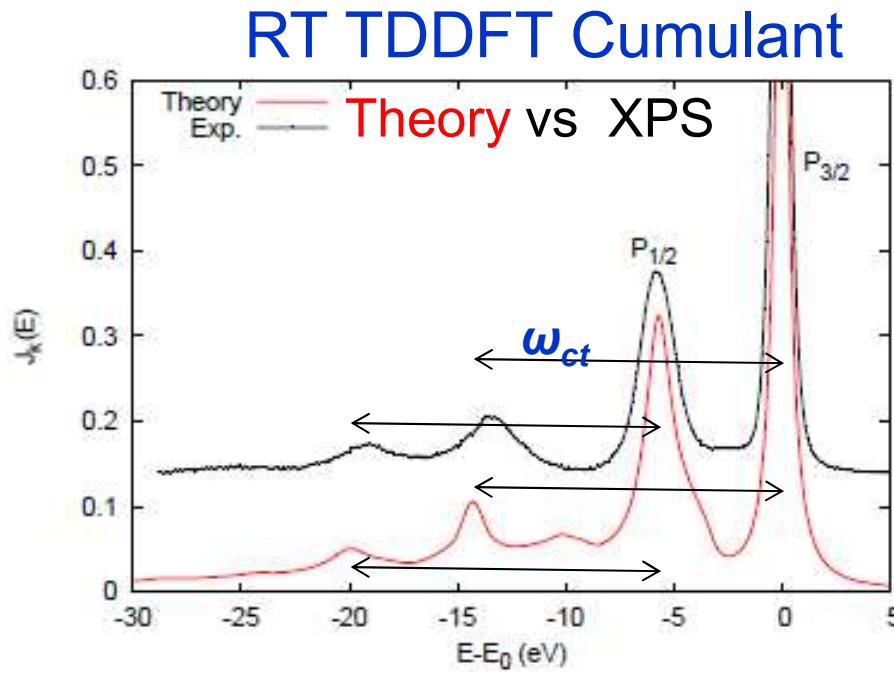
$$C(t) = \sum_{\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}'} V_{\mathbf{q}}^* V_{\mathbf{q}'} \int d\omega S(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}', \omega) \frac{e^{i\omega t} - i\omega t - 1}{\omega^2} = \int d\omega \beta(\omega) \frac{e^{i\omega t} - i\omega t - 1}{\omega^2}$$

RT Cumulant: RT-TDDFT

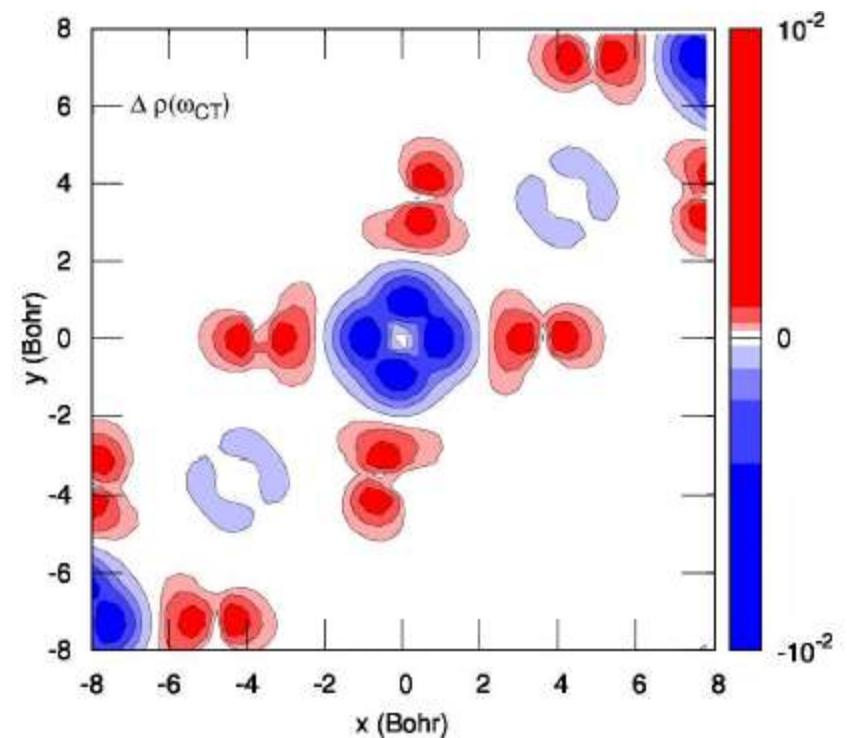
$$S(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}', \omega) = \int \frac{dt}{2\pi} e^{i\omega t} \langle \rho_{\mathbf{q}}(t) \rho_{\mathbf{q}'}(0) \rangle$$



XPS & Real-space Interpretation



Charge Fluctuations



Interpretation: satellites due to local ligand-metal charge fluctuations at frequency $\sim \omega_{ct}$ in response to transient core-hole potential

Conclusions and Outlook

EXAFS - well understood with current methods

RSGF + DFT/MD

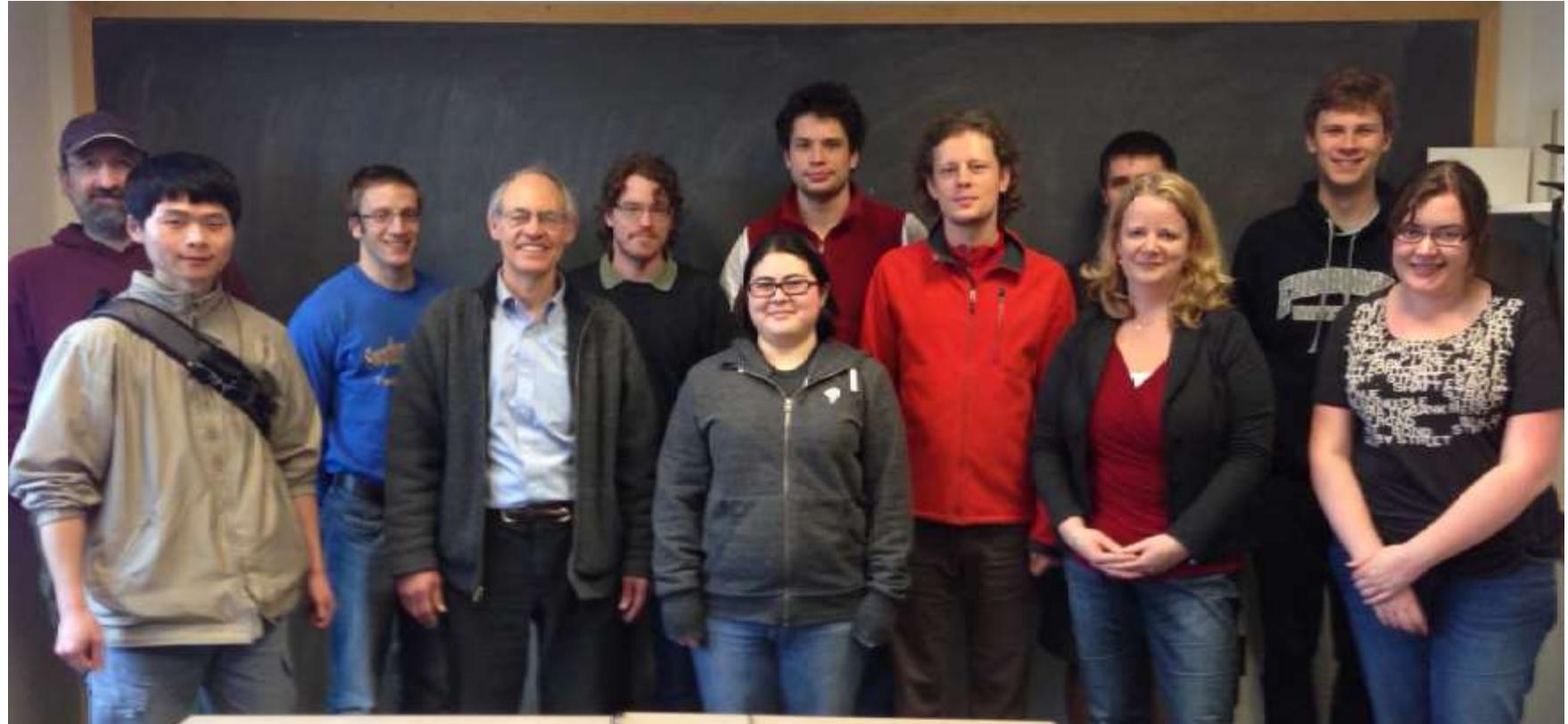
XANES – semi-quantitative state of the art theory

GW, GW/BSE, DW factors, ...

**XAS, XPS - Multi-electron excitations & correlations
via quasi-boson/cumulant theory**

**Full spectrum calculations possible in arbitrary
materials with NG theory and codes.**

Rehr group & collaborators



Thanks for Listening!

Many Success Stories

XAS of doped SiC

M Ohkubo et al., Sci. Rep., **2**, 831 (2012)



“FEFF8.4 played an important role in analysis of XANES spectra of N-doped SiC. I appreciate your effort for developing this fantastic software ...”

Masataka Ohkubo

Cumulant Expansion & Spectral Function

$$G_k(t) = e^{i\epsilon_k^0 t} e^{C(t)}$$

$$C(t) = \int d\omega' \beta(\omega') \frac{e^{i\omega' t} - i\omega' t - 1}{\omega'^2}$$

Spectral Function

$$A_k(\omega) = \int \frac{dt}{2\pi} e^{i(\omega - \epsilon_k)t} \exp \left\{ \int d\omega' \beta(\omega') \frac{e^{i\omega' t} - i\omega' t - 1}{\omega'^2} \right\}$$

*see L. Hedin, J. Phys.: Condens. Matter **11**, R489 (1999)
cf. D.C. Langreth *Phys. Rev. B* **1**, 471 (1970) (Linked cluster theorem)

Other properties

Kernel: $\beta(\omega) = |\text{Im } \Sigma_k(\omega)| \sim \text{Im } \varepsilon^{-1} \sim \text{loss function}$

Peaks in $A(\omega)$ \sim Peaks in loss function

$$Z = e^{-\bar{n}} \quad \bar{n} = \sum_q g_q^2 / \omega_q^2 = \int \beta(\omega) / \omega^2 d\omega.$$

$\bar{n} = 0.201 r_s^{3/4}$ mean number of shake-up bosons
Dimensionless measure of correlation strength

$n \sim 0.3 \text{ to } 0.4$ even in s-p systems !

IV. Problems with Cumulant Expansion*

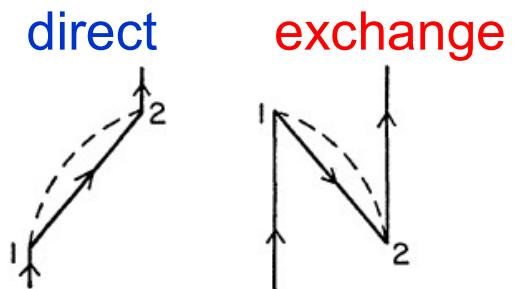
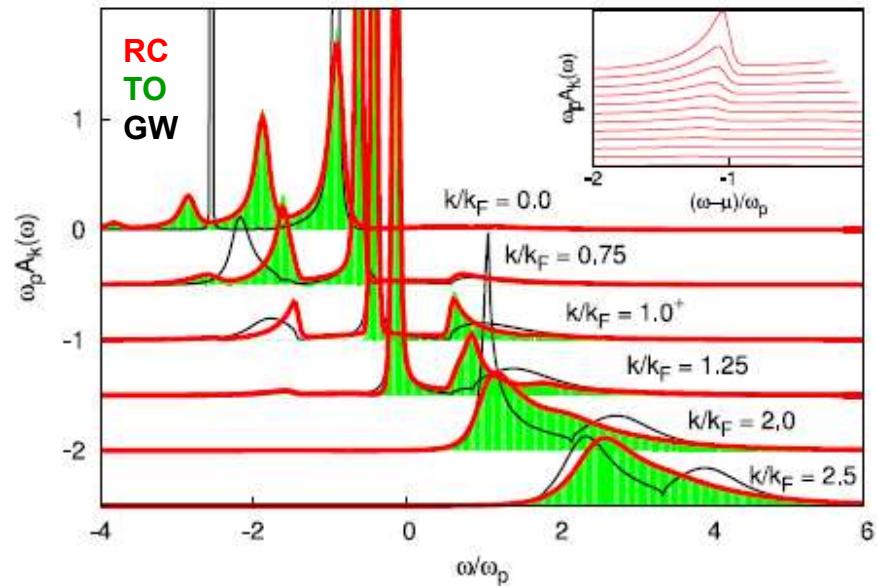
BAD: Pathologies at Fermi energy*

Time-ordered GF (TO)
lacks satellites on
both sides of QP peak
near Fermi energy

GW lacks multiple satellites

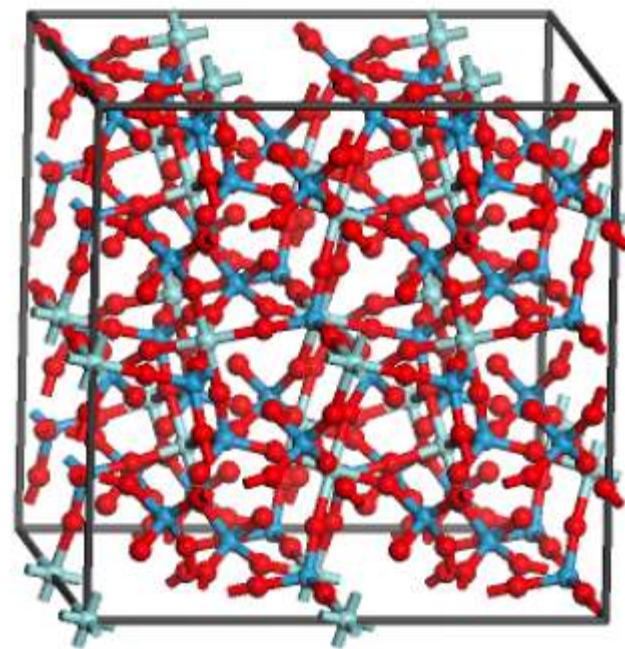
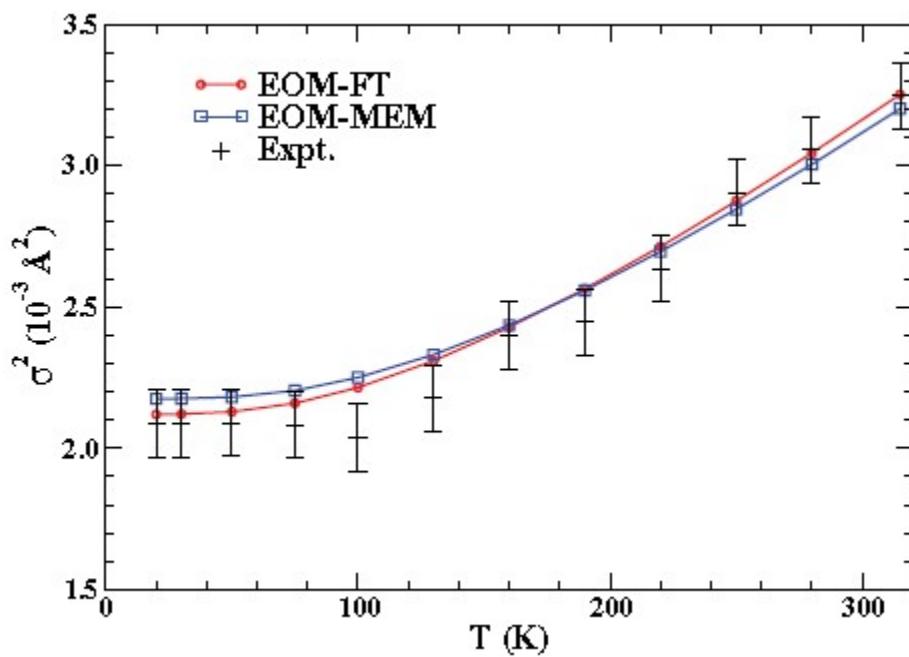
Source: recoil approximation:
neglect of “exchange diagrams”
in time-ordered cumulant

Electron spectral function



*arXiv:1402.0022

Debye-Waller factors σ^2 in Zr tungstate



FIX: Retarded Cumulant expansion*

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Cumulant expansion of the retarded one-electron Green function

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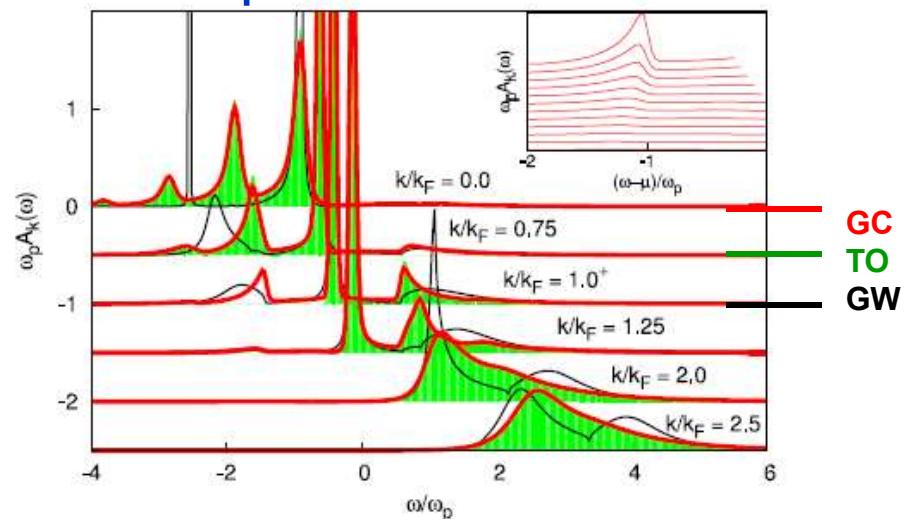
Spectral function

Retarded formalism

$$G_k^R(t) = -i\theta(t)e^{-i\epsilon_k^{HF}t}e^{\tilde{C}_k^R(t)},$$

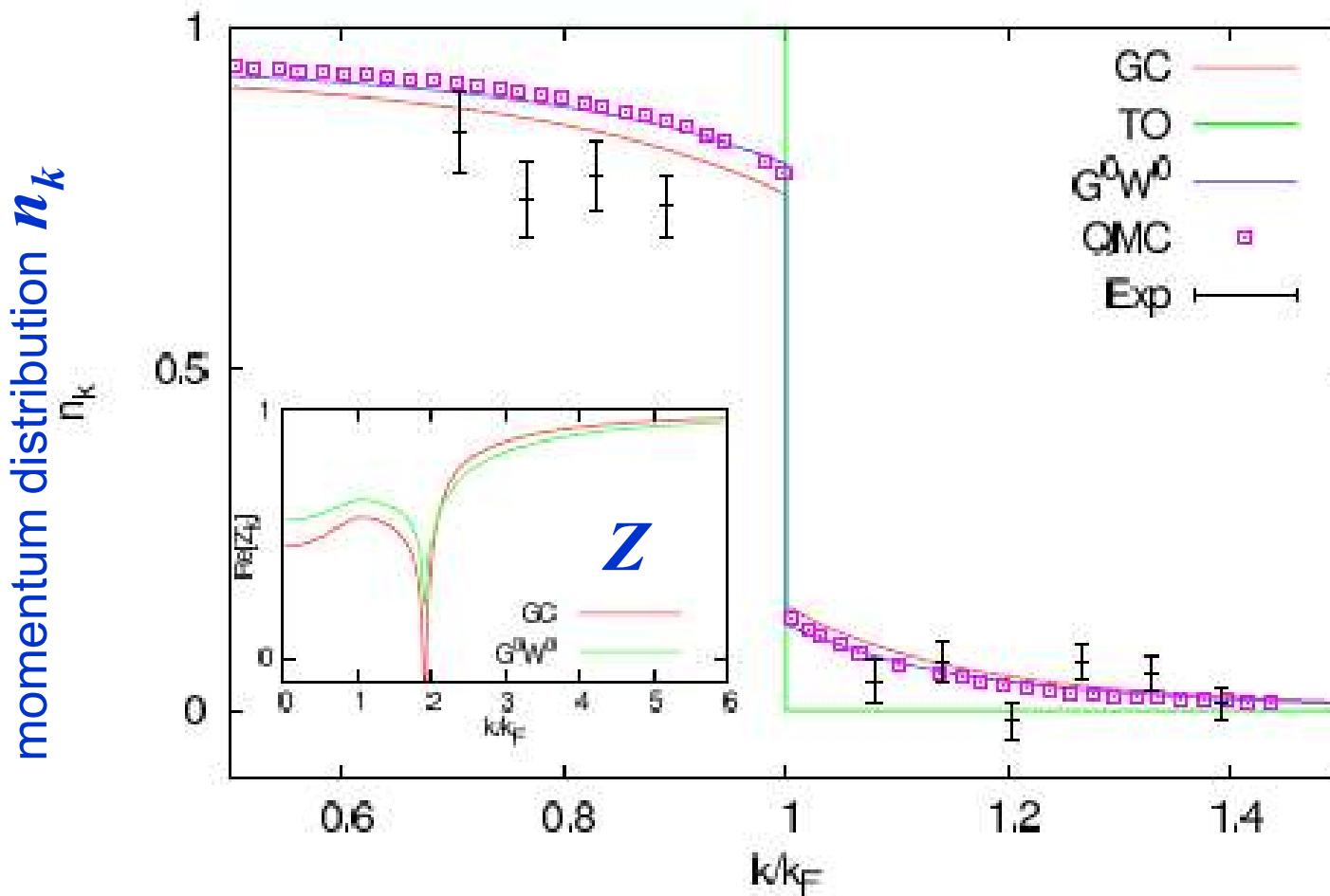
$$\tilde{C}_k^R(t) = \int d\omega \frac{\beta_k(\omega)}{\omega^2} (e^{-i\omega t} + i\omega t - 1),$$

$$\beta_k(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} |\text{Im } \Sigma_k^R(\omega + \epsilon_k)|,$$



*Phys. Rev. B. (in press, Aug. 2014); arXiv:1402.0022

Retarded Cumulant (GC) gives GOOD quasi-particle properties



Many-body Amplitudes in X-ray Spectra

- Many-body $X^*S \approx$ Convolution

$$\mu(\omega) = \int_0^\infty d\omega' \tilde{A}(\omega, \omega') \mu_{qp}(\omega - \omega')$$
$$\equiv \langle \mu_{qp}(\omega) \rangle$$

- Explains crossover: **adiabatic**
to sudden transition

$$|g_q|^2 = |g_q^{ext}|^2 + |g_q^{intrin}|^2 - 2 g_q^{ext} g_q^{intrin}$$

Interference reduces loss!

Strong correlation effects: 1. Hubbard corrections

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Hubbard model corrections in real-space x-ray spectroscopy theory

Towfiq Ahmed, J. J. Kas, and J. J. Rehr

cRPA calculated U

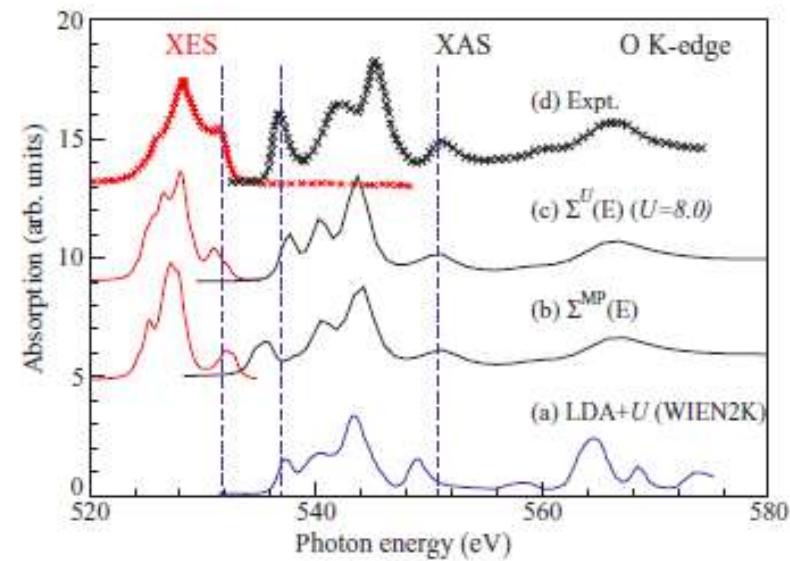
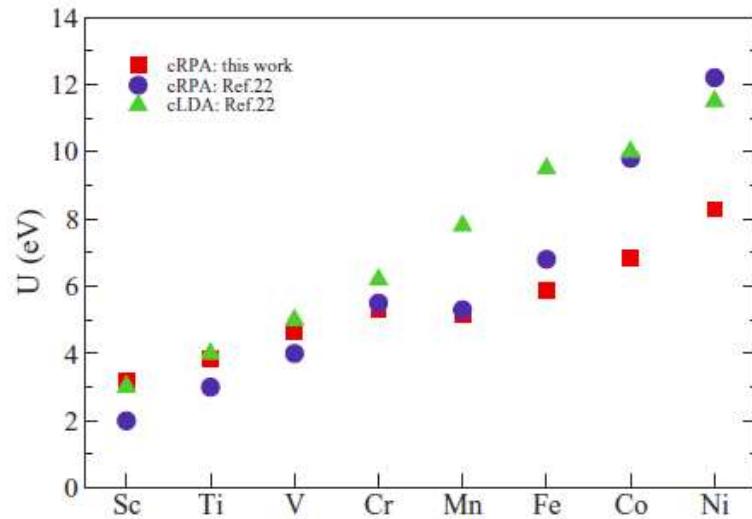


FIG. 1. (Color online) Results of our cRPA calculations of U (re

FIX: Next generation approach

Quasi-Boson Approximation

IDEA: Neutral Excitations - plasmons, phonons,
* electron-hole pairs, magnons are **bosons** γ

Many-body Model: $|N\rangle = |e, h, \gamma\rangle$

- Excitations: $H_v = \sum_n \omega_n a_n^\dagger a_n$
- Electrons: $h' = \sum_k \epsilon_k c_k^\dagger c_k$
- e-boson coupling $V_{pv} = \sum_{nkk'} [V_{kk'}^n a_n^\dagger + (V_{kk'}^n)^* a_n] c_k^\dagger c_{k'}$
- Core-hole-boson coupling: $V_{vc} = -\sum_n V_{bb}^n (a_n^\dagger + a_n)$

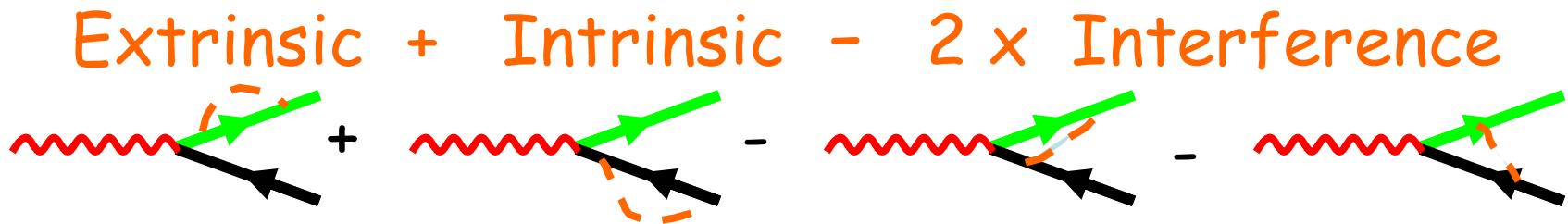
$V^n \rightarrow -\text{Im } \varepsilon^{-1}(\omega_n, q_n)$ “fluctuation potentials”

* L. Hedin, J. Phys.: Condens. Matter **11**, R489 (1999)

GW++: Effective Green's Function

- perturbation theory*

$$g_{\text{eff}}(\omega) = e^{-a} \left[g'(\omega) + \sum_n \left(\frac{V_{bb}^n}{\omega_n} \right)^2 g'(\omega - \omega_n) - 2 \sum_n \frac{V_{bb}^n}{\omega_n} g'(\omega - \omega_n) V^n g'(\omega) \right]$$



Leading term: $g'(\omega)$ damped Green's function in presence of core-hole (~ final state rule!)

$$g'(\omega) \equiv [\omega - h' - \Sigma(\omega) + i\gamma]^{-1}$$

*L. Campbell, L. Hedin, J. J. Rehr, and W. Bardyszewski, Phys. Rev. B **65**, 064107 (2002)

2. Multiplets a la GW/BSE

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BSE calculations of transition metal L-shell spectra

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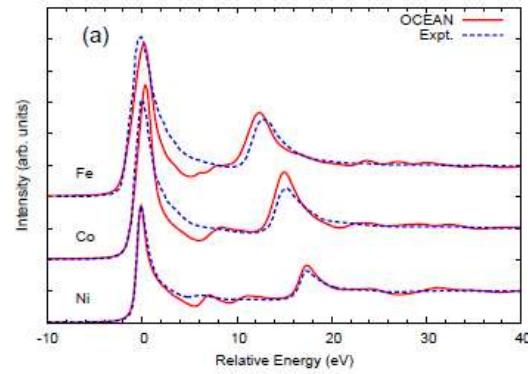
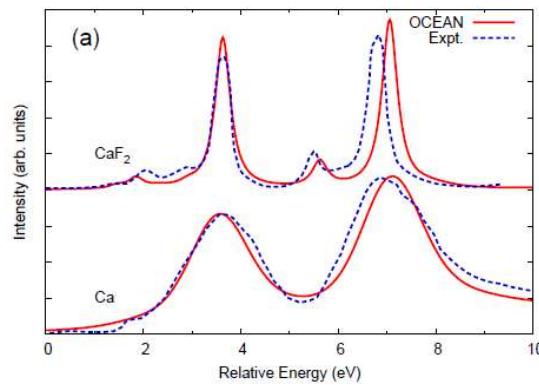
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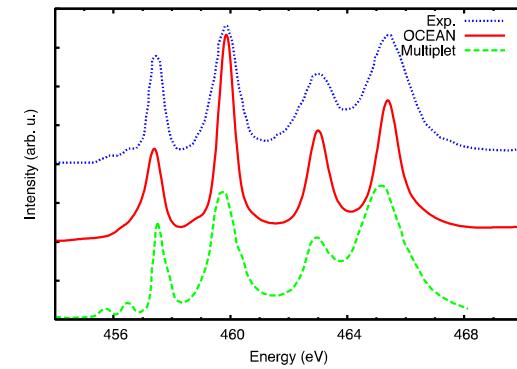
We present *ab initio* Bethe-Salpeter equation (BSE) calculations of the $L_{2,3}$ edges of several insulating and metallic compounds containing Ca, V, Fe, Co, Ni, and Cu, spanning a range of $3d$ -electron occupations. Our approach includes the key ingredients of a unified treatment of both extended states and atomic multiplet effects, i.e., self-consistent crystal potentials, ground-state magnetism, *GW* self-energy corrections, spin-orbit terms, and Coulomb interactions between the L_2 and L_3 states. The method is implemented in the OCEAN package, which uses plane-wave pseudopotential wave functions from ABINIT as a basis, a PAW construction for transition matrix elements, and a resolvent formalism for the BSE calculation. The results are in near quantitative agreement with experiment, including both fine-structure at the edges and the non-statistical L_3/L_2 ratios observed in these systems.

GW/BSE
+ Spin & SO
+ MPSE
+ Slater F, G

Transition metal oxides



Multiplets in SrTiO₃



3. Charge Transfer Satellites

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Transition from the adiabatic to the sudden limit in core-level photoemission:
A model study of a localized system

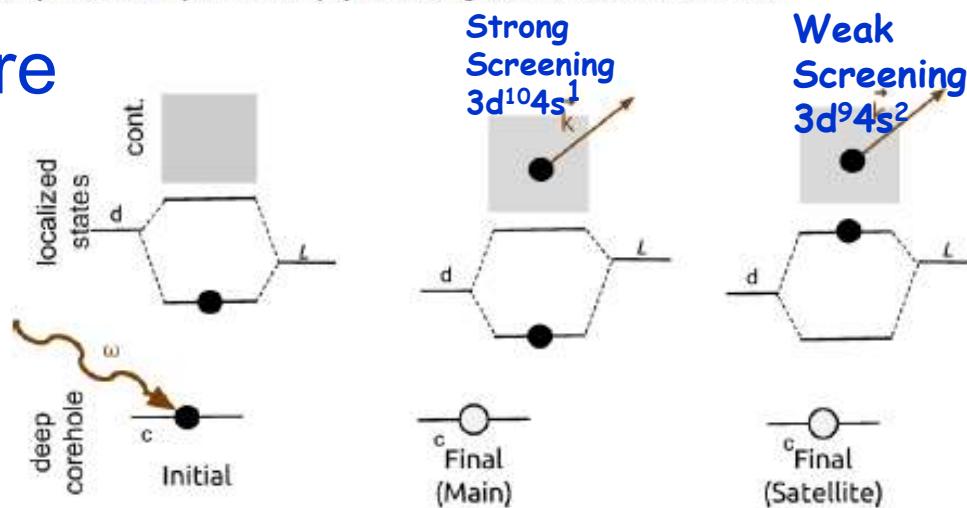
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2-state picture



Approaches: Anderson impurity, DMFT, multiplets,
+ Lots of Sound & Fury + millions of cpu hrs
BUT still no satisfactory 1st principles theory ...

Simple picture: 2-state model of LGH*

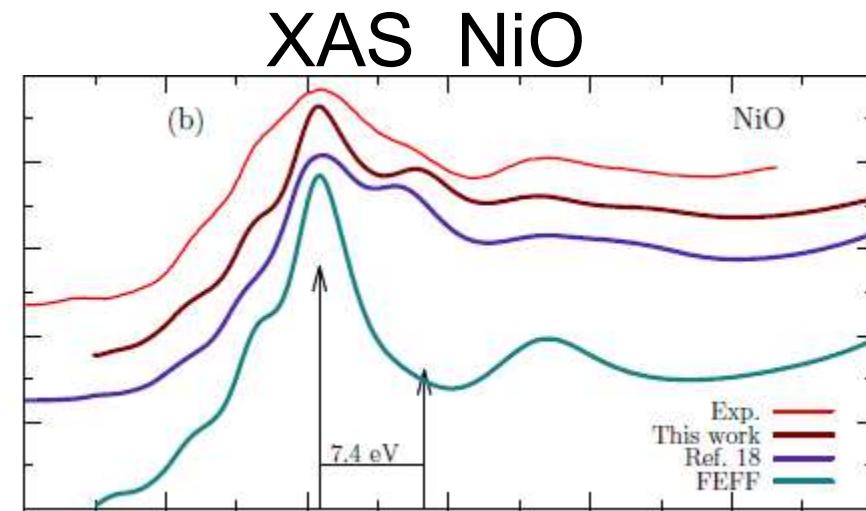
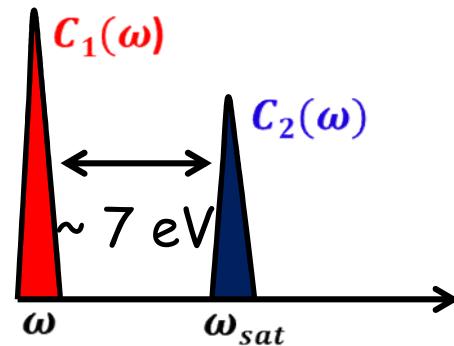
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Charge transfer satellites in x-ray spectra of transition metal oxides

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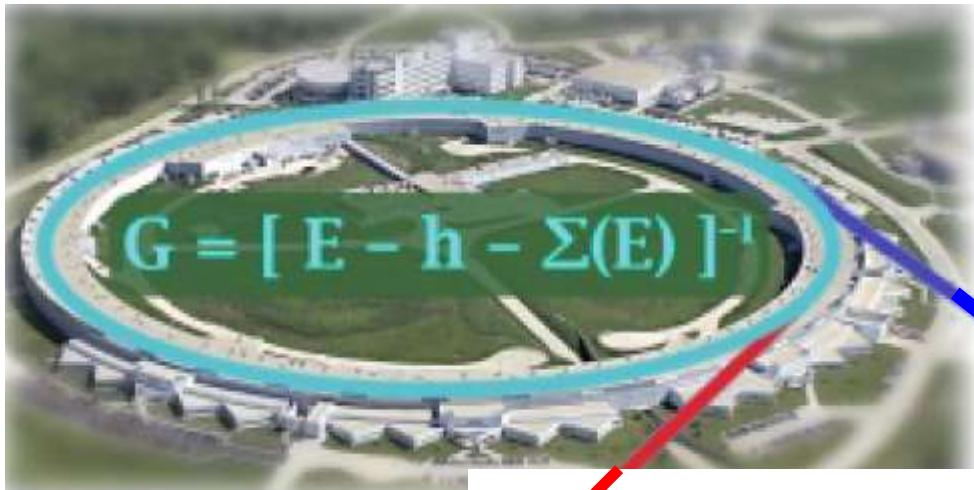
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$$H = \sum_{i\sigma} \epsilon_{i\sigma}^{DFT} n_{i\sigma} + \sum_{ij} U_{ij} n_{i\uparrow} n_{j\downarrow} + t(c_{3d}^\dagger c_{4s} + c_{4s}^\dagger c_{3d})$$



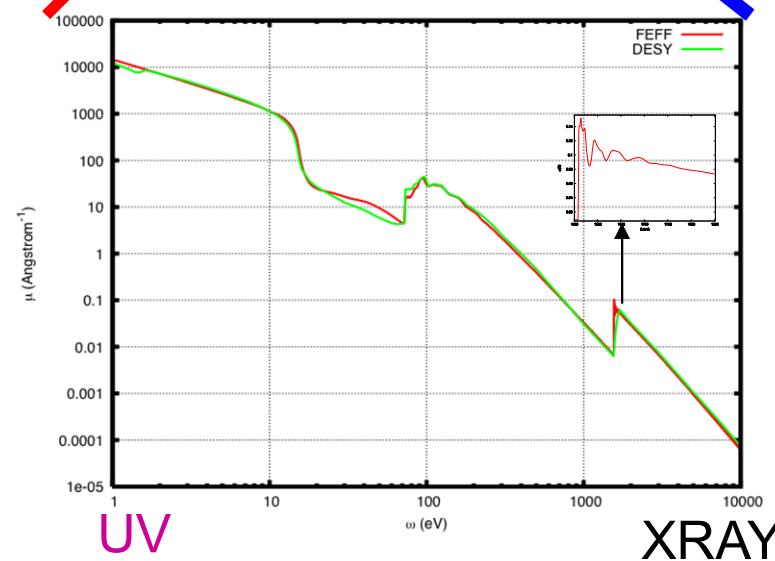
*Lee, Gunnarsson & Hedin, Phys Rev B 60, 8034 (1999)

Goal: X-ray Spectroscopy Beamline



XAS
XES
XMCD
NRIXS
RIXS
etc.

Full spectrum
theoretical tools



EU Model



European
Theoretical
Spectroscopy
Facility

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A new facility
for research!

European Theoretical Spectroscopy Facility

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Nanoquanta builds the ETSF Network of Excellence

An innovative project...

The Nanoquanta Network of Excellence, partially financed by the European Union under the Sixth Framework Programme, is building up a new type of facility called European Theoretical Spectroscopy Facility (ETSF). On the lines of the synchrotron facilities successfully shared by researchers across Europe, the ETSF will offer users the opportunity to benefit from the latest developments in the field of electronic excited states in matter.

To burst the secrets of matter

What happens in matter when it is exposed to radiation? What does the response of the material to the radiation – that is, the spectra we measure – tell us? That is what the researchers of the ETSF want to know.



In matter, the electrons occupy energy levels. When absorbing radiation, they can be promoted to a higher level, depending on the characteristics of the system. These transitions must then be calculated taking into account the field that the electron interacts with.

As an example of '2g of a almond, which contains 8×10^{23} electrons', shows that the task is huge! Mathematical expressions must then be derived, taking into account the 'many-body' physics in an approximate way.

Nevertheless, much computer power is necessary to obtain a reliable description of real matter. To do that, researchers develop software which translates the equations into the language of computers.

- Our work plan includes:
- to derive simplified but reliable mathematical expressions
 - to build up efficient associated software
 - to create user-friendly software and manuals and to organize training events



European Theoretical Spectroscopy Facility

1-The core of the ETSF

A network of prominent European Condensed Matter theory groups, which will take responsibility for management of the ETSF and reach out

They developed, thanks to a 15 yrs collaboration, many of the theoretical approaches and computational solutions which are commonly used in the framework of calculations of electronic excitations from first principles.

2-Associate theory groups

A broad and federal community of research groups working on similar topics

→ They fully benefit from the scientific exchange enabled and stimulated by the ETSF and will be able to advertise on the ETSF website and call for proposals just like members of the Core.

3-Users

A large and varied group of researchers from the public or private sector

Demand for collaboration using the developed software and support for these calculations is growing rapidly amongst theoreticians and experimentalists, some working at large laboratories and others in private companies.

→ They benefit from the ETSF in different ways, depending on the proximity of the user to the field:

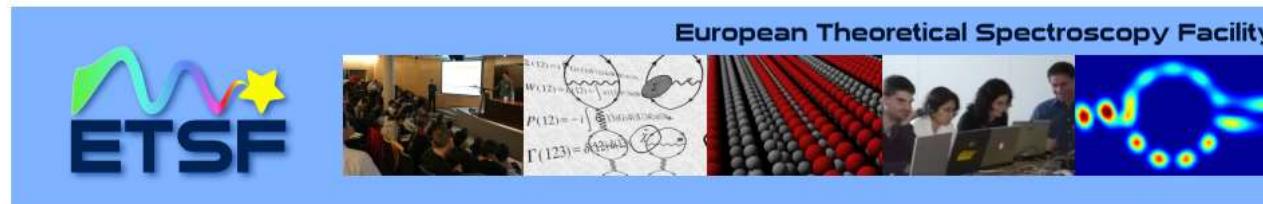
- download software and use it with the help of publications, manuals and tutorials provided by the ETSF;
- participate in training events;
- require ongoing consultancy for a project;
- demand pieces of theory or software that do not yet exist but are sufficiently relevant to be devised by a member of the ETSF, in collaboration with the proposer if appropriate;
- propose a relevant project that requires full-time work of a member of the ETSF.

Users of the ETSF may already propose pilot projects on different levels, according to their expertise. The first open call for user projects will start in 2005.

Theoretical spectroscopy and fight against cancer, an example

Theory and software help not only to know the properties of matter, but also to understand how it works and therefore to envisage important applications.
For example, the Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP), which gives the *Acropora* Victoria alga its "green" color, is largely used in molecular biology. But now does the GFP cause a light injury and, moreover, if it changes structure, to become fluorescent and affect DNA, causing it to mutatate?

A better understanding of the fluorescent GFP properties, its behaviour enables to improve its use as a biological marker. In the fight against cancer, it will become possible to destroy so-called "marker" cells without touching the healthy ones around them.



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Networked “theoretical beamlines”

The ETSF is divided into 7 beamlines, each of which is concerned with a specific scientific topic. A beamline coordinator is responsible for the contact with the users of each line. He/She also serves as the contact person for users who want to submit a proposal to the ETSF.

Further details are available on the beamlines' description.

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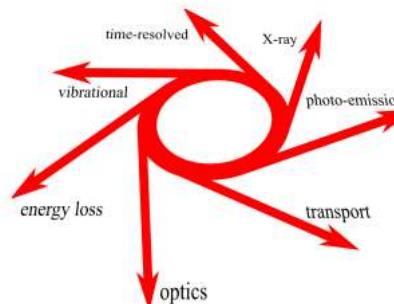
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