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X-ray core level spectroscopy: What do we learn? Which level of theory do we need?







Why IXS





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Time dependent perturbation theory





Real-space Green's function theory





Paradigm shift

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

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

No sums over final states !



Time dependent perturbation theory





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At time *t*=0 an excitation is created In spectroscopy one probes if at time *t* the excitation is still at the same place, or if it moved away.

Spectroscopy, including inelastic x-ray scattering probes the dynamics of the system



Time dependent spectroscopy





Nth order correlation functions in ω and *t* domain

Linear response in time and frequency domain

$$I_{spec} = -\mathrm{Im}\left\langle i \left| T^{\dagger} \frac{1}{\omega - H} T \right| i \right\rangle$$

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Nth order response in time and frequency domain

$$I_{spec} = -\mathrm{Im}\left\langle i \left| T^{\dagger} \frac{1}{\omega_{1} - H} T^{\dagger} \frac{1}{\omega_{1} + \omega_{2} - H} T \frac{1}{\omega_{1} - H} T \right| i \right\rangle$$
$$I_{spec} = \mathrm{Re} \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{i\omega_{2}(t_{2} - t_{1})} e^{i\omega_{1}t_{3}} \left\langle i \left| T^{\dagger}(t_{3}) T^{\dagger}(t_{2}) T(t_{1}) T(t_{0} = 0) \right| i \right\rangle$$



Many types of spectroscopy. But the theoretical challenge to describe these is for all types very similar $I = \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{1}{2} \right|_{T}$

$$I_{spec} = -\mathrm{Im}\left\langle i \left| T^{\dagger} \frac{1}{\omega - H} T \right| \right.$$

The interaction between matter and light is very well understood so the Operator T is not really a problem for all different spectroscopies

Calculating the ground-state $|i\rangle$ is in general a challenge

Calculating the propagator $\frac{1}{\omega-H}$ is in general a challenge

Use different levels of theory – approximating the extend of the solid or the Coulomb interaction







Electronic states of NiO on a mean-field level





On a mean-field level NiO is a metal, in reality an insulator





After localization of d electrons one can make d-d excitations



nIXS d-d excitations NiO 3 peaks instead of 1



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Orbital energy level diagram





First peak, excitation from t_{2g} to e_g





Third peak – Coulomb repulsion

$$\int \psi_1^*(r_1)\psi_2^*(r_2) \frac{1}{|r_1 - r_2|} \psi_1(r_1)\psi_2(r_2)$$
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Second peak, double excitation from t_{2g} to e_g





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Multiplet crystal field theory

Some history – theory developed in 1930⁺

Crystal with many atoms (for example NiO)





Multiplet crystal field theory

Some history – theory developed in 1950⁺

Approximate a solid by a single atom with an additional effective field to mimic the effect of the solid

All local multiplets included and correct crystal symmetry. Works for strongly correlated insulators and low energy excitations that do not lead to charge fluctuations. (Magnetic excitations – orbital excitations.) Also works for XAS on strongly correlated insulators on excitonic edges.

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Nowadays – parameters from theory (DFT)





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Add both occupied and unoccupied ligand orbitals (π -back bonding)

With renormalization group techniques Quanty can handle hundreds of ligand / bath orbitals





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$$\left\langle \psi_0 \left| a_{n,l,m,\sigma,i=0}^{\dagger} a_{n,l,m,\sigma,i=0} \right| \psi_0 \right\rangle \right. \left\langle \psi_0 \left| a_{n,l,m,\sigma,i=\infty}^{\dagger} a_{n,l,m,\sigma,i=\infty} a_{n,l,m,\sigma,i=\infty} \right| \psi_0 \right\rangle$$




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XAS and XPS on an DMFT level





nIXS in MnO – M_{23} edge 3p to 3d – giant resonances -



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Core level spectroscopy of excitionic states LDA+DMFT



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Decay of localized into delocalized states – resonances





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The intensity measured in a spectroscopy experiment is given by

$$I = -\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} \left\langle i \left| T^{\dagger} \frac{1}{\omega - H + i\frac{\Gamma}{2}} T \right| i \right\rangle$$

With Γ the line width of the peak, equal to the lifetime of the particle in the time domain

If H is the Hamiltonian of the universe, than $\Gamma=0$.

The lifetime of a propagator is due to Couplings not included into the Hamiltonian or due to states not included into the Hilbert space



A local multiplet can decay due to covalent interaction with the continuum





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Coexistence of bound and virtual-bound states in shallow-core to valence x-ray spectroscopies



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A local multiplet decays by the Auger Meitner process



Coulomb interaction to states with free electrons not included in the Hilbert space sofar

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Core-hole decays via Auger Meitner process





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Calculate the lifetime – From Γ to $\Sigma(\omega)$

In order to calculate the lifetime we split the Hilbert-space into two parts



Hilbert space A contains all local states, Hilbert-space B contains the states after decay. (e.g. with one electron in the continuum)

Hamiltonian H_A acts within subspace A, Hamiltonian H_B within subspace B and H_{AB} couples the two spaces

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$$\hat{\Sigma}(\omega) = \lim_{\Gamma \to 0^+} H_{AB}^{\dagger} \frac{1}{\omega - H_B + i\frac{\Gamma}{2}} H_{AB}$$

We can create a Krylov basis for H_A and calculate the Green's function describing the spectra of these states after making an excitation with operator H_{AB}



From Γ to $\Sigma(\omega)$ – for Auger Meitner decay

$$I = -\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} \left\langle I \left| T^{\dagger} \frac{1}{\omega - H - H_{Auger} \frac{1}{\omega - H + I\frac{\Gamma}{2}} H_{Auger}} T \right| I \right\rangle$$
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RIXS – competition between decay processes



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Accurate determination of $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ of a core excited state



Determining the neutrino mass - Nuclear decay of Ho

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The electron capture in ¹⁶³Ho experiment – ECHo

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How to determine the neutrino mass from nuclear decay




Electron capture in Ho and the neutrino mass





How to determine the neutrino mass from nuclear decay

Versuch einer Theorie der β-Strahlen. I¹). Von E. Fermi in Rom.

Mit 3 Abbildungen. (Eingegangen am 16. Januar 1934.) 7. Die Masse des Neutrinos.

Durch die Übergangswahrscheinlichkeit (32) ist die Form des kontinuierlichen β -Spektrums bestimmt. Wir wollen zuerst diskutieren, wie diese Form von der Ruhemasse μ des Neutrinos abhängt, um von einem Veru groß gleich mit den empirischen Kurven diese u klain Konstante zu bestimmen. Die Masse μ ist in dem Faktor p_o^2/v_σ enthalten. Die 14=1 Abhängigkeit der Form der Energieverteilungskurve von μ ist am meisten Fig. 1. ausgeprägt in der Nähe des Endpunktes der Verteilungskurve. Ist E_0 die Grenzenergie der β -Strahlen, so sieht



Electron capture in Ho and the neutrino mass



Electron capture in Ho and the neutrino mass





















Nuclear decay of Ho theory including locally bound states

Calculate the electron capture spectrum of atomic Ho including all bound orbitals for Ho in Au.

(1s, 2s, 2p, 3s, 3p, 4s, 3d, 4p, 5s, 4d, 5p, 6s, 4f) and 67 electrons

Operator T is the weak interaction, turning the Ho nucleus into a Dy nucleus, creating a neutrino and annihilating an s or $p_{1/2}$ electron.



Nuclear decay of Ho theory including locally bound states





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High resolution theory (Lorenzian FWHM = 1 eV)











Electron captured from inner shell





Electron captured from inner shell











Auger decay – self-energy of the many particle propagator

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Nuclear decay of Ho – local multiplets and Auger decay





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These peaks do not have a lorenzian lineshape. Focus on one decay to see what happens

$$[\text{Ho}]_{\circ}^{4s} \rightarrow [\text{Ho}]_{\circ}^{4p} p_{\circ}^{4d} + e_{\epsilon f}^{-}$$



Nuclear decay of Ho – local multiplets and Auger decay





Nuclear decay of Ho – Energy dependence of the lifetime





Direct imaging of orbitals in quantum materials

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Measuring orbitals – resonances in non-resonant IXS





Measuring orbitals – sum-rules in nIXS

$$\int -\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} \left\langle i \left| T^{\dagger} \frac{1}{\omega - H + i\frac{\Gamma}{2}} T \right| i \right\rangle d\omega = \left\langle i \left| T^{\dagger} T \right| i \right\rangle$$

For s-nIXS integrated over a single core resonance (c) the operator one measures is the projection operator to the one particle orbital:

$$R_{c,s}(r)j_l(qr)Y_{l,m}(\theta,\phi)$$

For the angular part this is a complete orthonormal set. For the radial part this is a complete set, non-orthogonal and with a norm proportional to $|R_{cs}(r)|$. One measures the projected partial density matrix around the atom of the resonance with a radius related to the size of the core orbital.



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Understanding quantum materials

For very small systems there is a nearly perfect theoretical understanding of quantum materials and their dynamics



Experiment – For example: *Real-time observation of valence electron motion* (Nature **466** 2010)



Reconstructed wave-package



But what happens if we put a larger molecule in a field





Pictures from wikipedia

Simple metals (Li, Al, ...) in a field – Plasmon oscillations





Pictures from wikipedia

How about this molecule



Pictures from wikipedia



More Is Different

P. W. Anderson Science, New Series, Vol. 177, No. 4047 (Aug. 4, 1972), 393-396.

The main fallacy in this kind of thinking is that the reductionist hypothesis does not by any means imply a "constructionist" one: The ability to reduce everything to simple fundamental laws does not imply the ability to start from those laws and reconstruct the universe. In fact, the more the elementary particle physicists tell us about the nature of the fundamental laws, the less relevance they seem to have to the very real problems of the rest of science, much less to those of society.

The constructionist hypothesis breaks down when confronted with the twin difficulties of scale and complexity. The behavior of large and complex aggregates of elementary particles, it turns out, is not to be understood in terms of a simple extrapolation of the properties of a few particles. Instead, at each level of complexity entirely new properties appear, and the understanding of the new behaviors requires research which I think is as fundamental in its nature as any other.



How far can we get ab initio

Quantum Mechanics of Many-Electron Systems.

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§ 1. Introduction.

The general theory of quantum mechanics is now almost complete, the imperfections that still remain being in connection with the exact fitting in of the theory with relativity ideas. These give rise to difficulties only when high-speed particles are involved, and are therefore of no importance in the consideration of atomic and molecular structure and ordinary chemical reactions, in which it is, indeed, usually sufficiently accurate if one neglects relativity variation of mass with velocity and assumes only Coulomb forces between the various electrons and atomic nuclei. The underlying physical laws necessary for the mathematical theory of a large part of physics and the whole of chemistry are thus completely known, and the difficulty is only that the exact application of these laws leads to equations much too complicated to be soluble. It therefore becomes desirable that approximate practical methods of applying quantum mechanics should be developed, which can lead to an explanation of the main features of complex atomic systems without too much computation.
































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Multi-electron excitations – excited state v.s. ground-state







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Solution (2):

Many determinants are highly improbable and do not contribute to the state of interest. Therefore do not include those in the basis



Minimize the exponent of the exponential scaling



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Configuration interaction

Renormalization group

Improve on Configuration interaction by systematically optimizing the one orbital basis and remove the unimportant many electron determinants.

Mix ideas from quantum chemistry and renormalization group theory PRB **85**, 165113 (2012). PRB **90**, 085102 (2014).



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Solution (1): Approximate the Coulomb interaction by a (time dependent) potential. (LDA, GGA, Hartree-Fock) Solution (3): Combined with (2): Include locally all interactions, make non-local approximations.

- Multiplet Crystal-Field Theory
- Multiplet Ligand-Field Theory
- Embedded Cluster Theory
- Dynamical mean-field theory
- (connected to DFT or HF)

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