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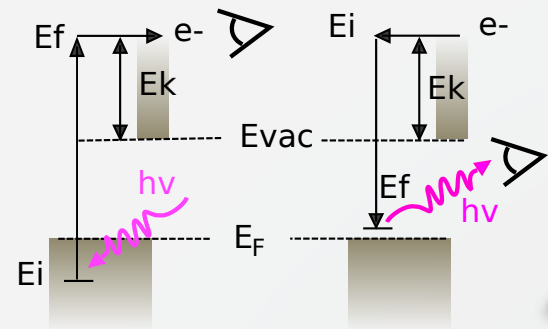


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Reduce the degrees of freedom

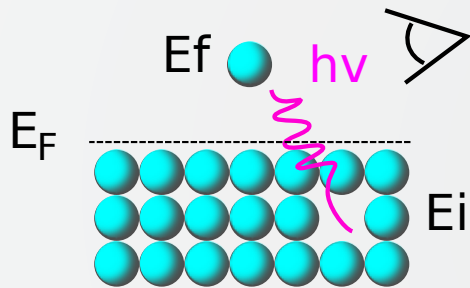
$$n(\mathbf{r}) = N \sum_s \int d\mathbf{x}_2 \cdots d\mathbf{x}_N |\Psi(\mathbf{r}_s \cdots \mathbf{x}_M, \mathbf{x}_{M+1} \cdots \mathbf{x}_N)|^2$$

(Access only part of the information: ground state properties)



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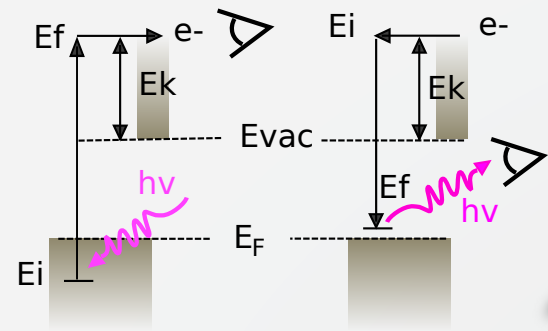
Target neutral excitations in electronic system:

Reduce to  
a 4-point 2 particles 'correlation function'

Derive equation of motion for the correlation functions  
(under certain assumptions)

Look briefly at practical implementations

Discuss the assumptions...

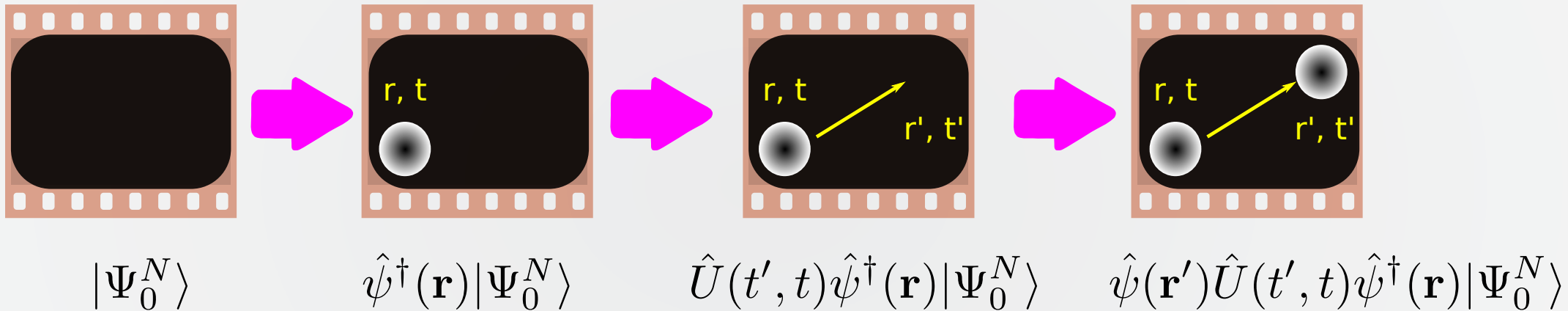


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# Let's "watch" the propagation of an added electron:



with:

$|\Psi_0^N\rangle$  N-electron ground state

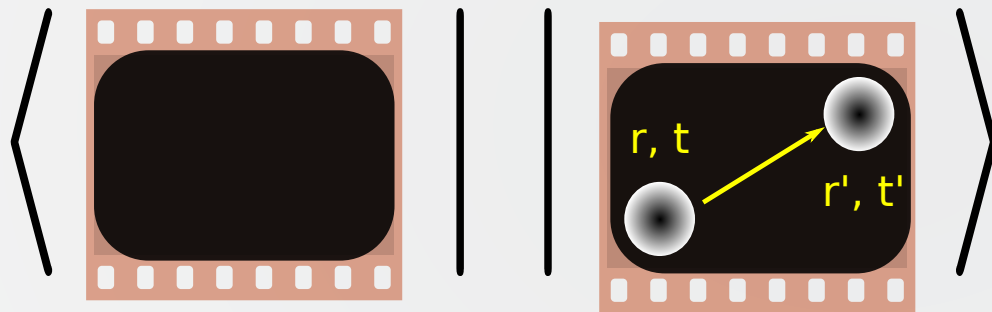
$\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}), \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r})$  field operators of annihilation/creation electron at  $\mathbf{r}$

$U(t', t) = \exp(-i\hat{H}(t' - t))$  evolution operator from  $t$  to  $t' > t$



Probability amplitude for propagation of additional electron from  $(\mathbf{r}, t)$  to  $(\mathbf{r}', t')$  in a many electron system:

=overlap final/initial states:



$$\langle \Psi_0^N | \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}') \hat{U}(t', t) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) | \Psi_0^N \rangle \equiv \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}', t') \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}, t) | \Psi_0^N \rangle$$

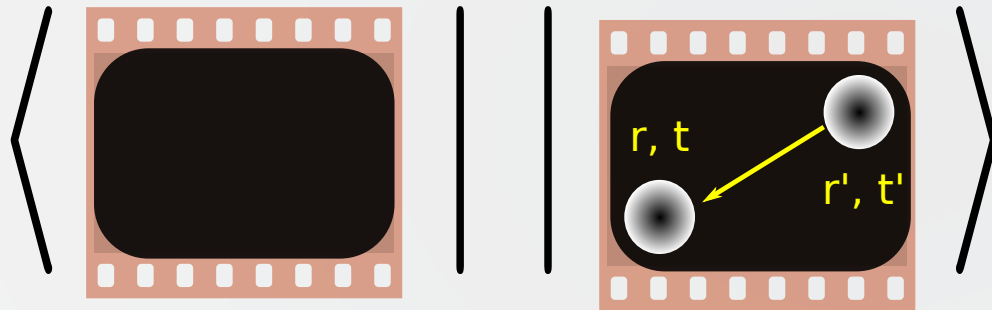
=definition of Green's function:

$$iG^e(\mathbf{r}', t'; \mathbf{r}, t) = \langle \Psi_0^N | \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}', t') \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}, t) | \Psi_0^N \rangle \theta(t' - t)$$



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$$iG^h(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}', t') = \langle \Psi_0^N | \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}, t) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}', t') | \Psi_0^N \rangle \theta(t - t')$$



# We can so define the time-ordered Green's function

$$G(\mathbf{r}', t'; \mathbf{r}, t) = -i \langle \Psi_0^N | \hat{T} [\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}', t') \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}, t)] | \Psi_0^N \rangle$$

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

$$= -i \left\langle \left[ \text{film frame} \right] \left[ \text{film frame} \right] \right\rangle_{t' > t} + i \left\langle \left[ \text{film frame} \right] \left[ \text{film frame} \right] \right\rangle_{t' < t}$$

$t' > t$ 
 $t' < t$

$\hat{T}$

**time ordering operator:** re-arranges a series of field operators in order of ascending time. Each permutation =  $x(-1)$



Which information is contained in the Green's function?

$$n(\mathbf{r}t) = \langle \Psi_0^N | \psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}, t) \psi(\mathbf{r}, t) | \Psi_0^N \rangle = -iG(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}, t + \eta)$$

$\eta$  infinitesimal positive number

It reduces to the ground state density:  
all ground state observables (by Hohenberg-Kohn theorem)



# Which information is contained in the Green's function?

Lehmann representation:

$$G(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}) = \sum_s \frac{\psi_s^{N+1}(\mathbf{r}') [\psi_s^{N+1}(\mathbf{r})]^*}{\omega - \varepsilon_s^{N+1} + i\eta} + \sum_s \frac{\psi_s^{N-1}(\mathbf{r}) [\psi_s^{N-1}(\mathbf{r}')]^*}{\omega - \varepsilon_s^{N-1} - i\eta}$$

obtained from GF definition by inserting:

$$1 = \sum_s |\Psi_s^{N\pm 1}\rangle \langle \Psi_s^{N\pm 1}|$$

sum over all states of  
N+1 (N -1) system

and Fourier transforming (time)



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where

$$\psi_s^{N+1}(\mathbf{r}) = \langle \Psi_0^N | \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}) | \Psi_s^{N+1} \rangle$$

with

$$\varepsilon_s^{N+1} = E_s^{N+1} - E_0^N$$

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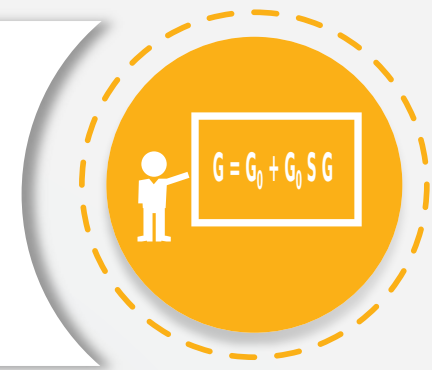
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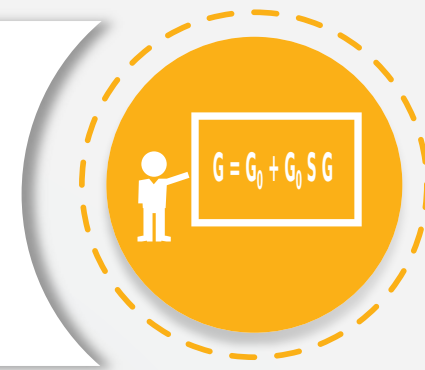
$\varepsilon_s^{N+1} = E_s^{N+1} - E_0^N$                        $\varepsilon_s^{N-1} = E_0^N - E_s^{N-1}$

Poles of Green's function give  
energies of added/removed electron  
(charged excitations)

How can we obtain the  
Green's function of a given  
many electron system?



From the equation of motion (EOM)  
for the annihilation field operator:



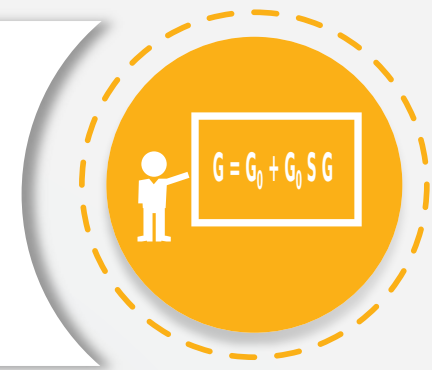
$$i\partial_t \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \left[ \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}, t), \hat{H} \right]$$

with Hamiltonian (in term of field operators)

$$\hat{H} = \int d\mathbf{r} \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) h(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}) + \text{ONE PARTICLE OPERATOR = KINETIC + EXTERNAL}$$
$$\frac{1}{2} \iint d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}') v(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}')$$

TWO-PARTICLE OPERATOR (COULOMB)

# We obtain an EOM for the Green's function

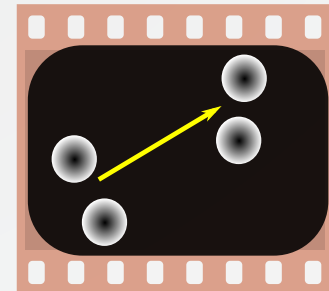


Using time-ordered Green's function definition:

$$i\partial_t G(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}', t') = \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')\delta(t - t') + h(\mathbf{r})G(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}', t') \\ - i \int d\mathbf{r}'' v(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'') \langle \Psi_0^N | \hat{T} [\hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}'', t) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}'', t) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}, t) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}', t')] | \Psi_0^N \rangle$$

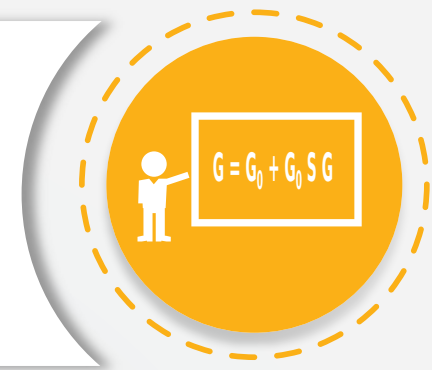
which however depends on 2-particles Green's function

$$G_2(1, 2, 3, 4) = (i)^2 \langle \Psi_0^N | \hat{T} [\hat{\psi}(1) \hat{\psi}(2) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(4) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(3)] | \Psi_0^N \rangle \\ 1 \equiv (\mathbf{r}_1, t_1)$$



infinite hierarchy of n-particles Green's function...

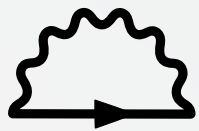
# Let's introduce the mass operator



$$i\partial_t G(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}', t') = \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')\delta(t - t') + h(\mathbf{r})G(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}', t') + \int d\mathbf{r}'' M(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}'' t'') G(\mathbf{r}'', t; \mathbf{r}', t')$$

$$\int d\mathbf{r}'' M(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}'' t'') G(\mathbf{r}'', t; \mathbf{r}', t') = -i \int d\mathbf{r}'' v(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'') \langle \Psi_0^N | \hat{T} [\hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}'', t) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}'', t) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}, t) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}', t')] | \Psi_0^N \rangle$$

We need to find an operative expression



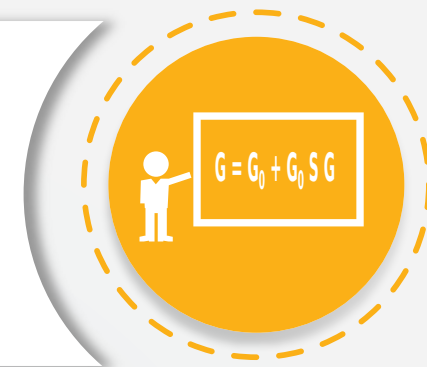
Many-Body perturbation theory

$+V \rightarrow 0$

Schwinger functional derivative



# Following the Schwinger functional derivative method



Change of Green's function to addition of 'fake' external potential

$$\left. \frac{\delta G(1, 2)}{\delta V(3)} \right|_{V=0} = G(1, 2) \underbrace{G(3, 3^+)}_{n(3)} - G_2(1, 2, 3, 3^+)$$

allows to define:  $M(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}'' t'') = \underbrace{\int d\mathbf{r}' n(\mathbf{r}') v(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'')}_{v_H(\mathbf{r})} + \underbrace{\Sigma(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}'' t'')}_{\Sigma(12)=v(13) \frac{\delta G(34)}{\delta V(5)} G^{-1}(52)}$

= HARTREE POTENTIAL + SELF-ENERGY

and rewrite:  $i\partial_t G(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}', t') = \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \delta(t - t') + \underbrace{(h(\mathbf{r}) + v_H(\mathbf{r}))}_{h_0(\mathbf{r})} G(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}', t')$

$$+ \int d\mathbf{r}'' \Sigma(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}'' t'') G(\mathbf{r}'', t; \mathbf{r}', t')$$

# Taking the Fourier transform (time to frequency space)



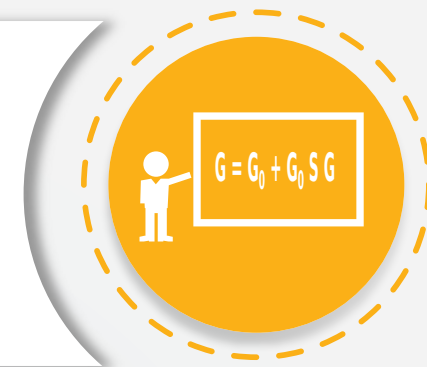
$$i\partial_t G(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}', t') = \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')\delta(t - t') + h_0(\mathbf{r})G(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}', t') \\ + \int d\mathbf{r}'' \Sigma(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}'' t'') G(\mathbf{r}'', t; \mathbf{r}', t')$$

defining  $(i\partial_t - h_0(1)) G_0(1, 2) = \delta(12)$   
& assuming steady state (dependence on  $t-t'$  only)

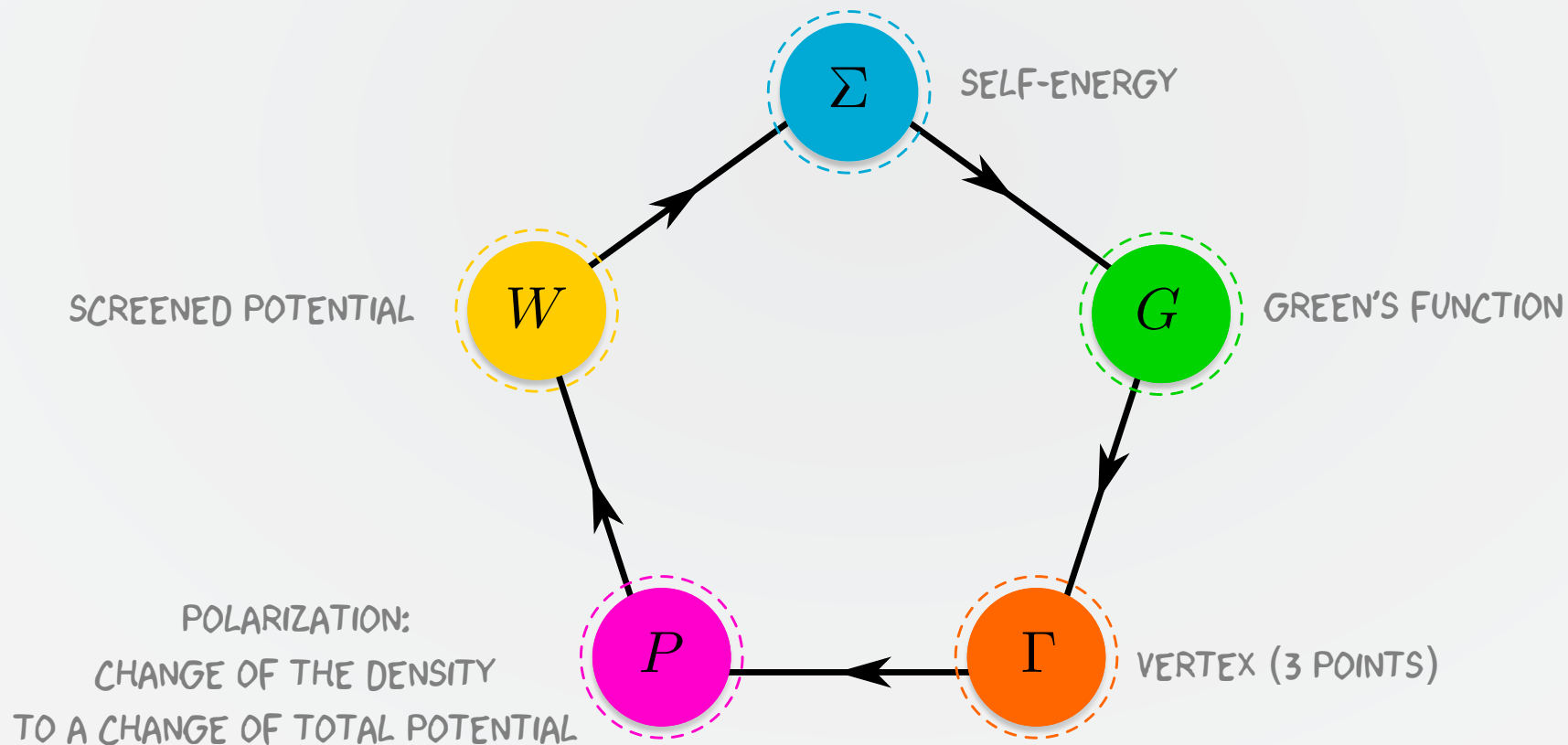
$$G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = G_0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) + \iint d\mathbf{r}'' d\mathbf{r}''' G_0(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{r}''; \omega) \Sigma(\mathbf{r}'', \mathbf{r}'''; \omega) G(\mathbf{r}''', \mathbf{r}'; \omega)$$

INTERACTING = NON-INTERACTING + SELF-ENERGY CORRECTIONS

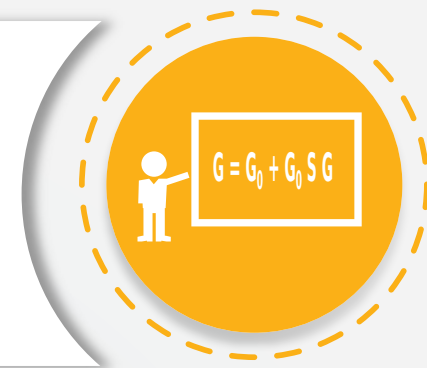
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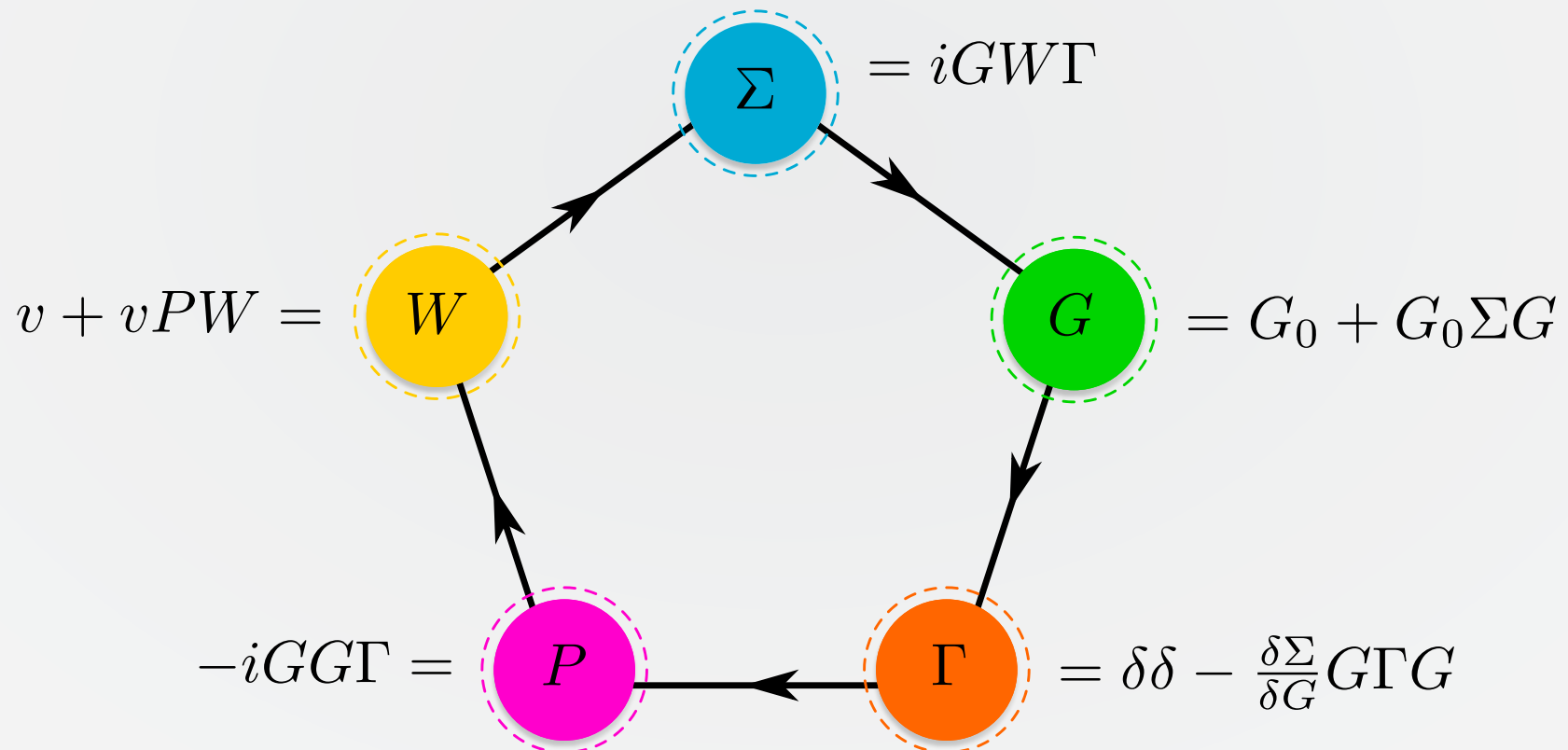
set of coupled integro-differential equation for:

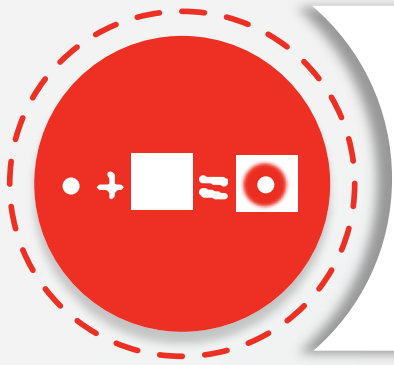


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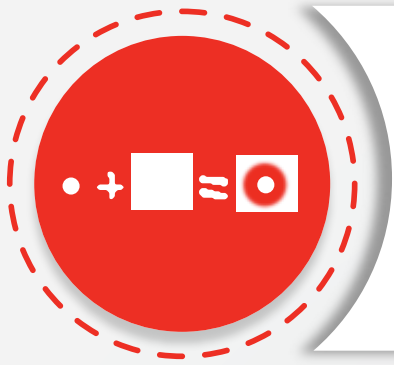


can be iterated analytically:



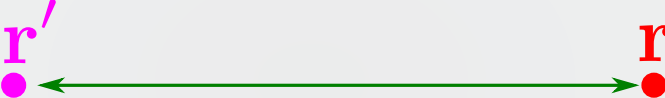


What is the physics we need to "put into" the self-energy?



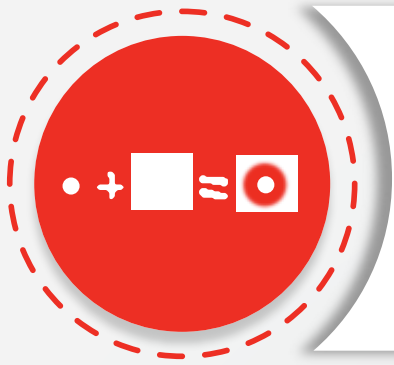
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Let's neglect interaction between additional electron and electron system:

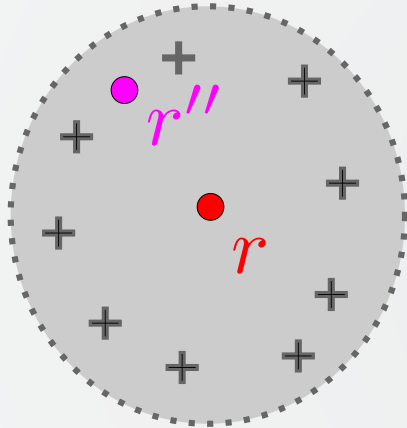

$$v(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

This gives the Fock self-energy:

$$\Sigma_x(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = i \int d\omega G_0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) v(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')$$



# A test charge in an electron system induces a perturbation in the electron density



electron gas +  
positive background

INDUCED CHARGE IN R'' DUE TO CHARGE IN R =

$$n^{\text{ind}}(\mathbf{r}'', \mathbf{r}; \tau) = \int d\mathbf{r}' R(\mathbf{r}'', \mathbf{r}'; \tau) v(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r})$$

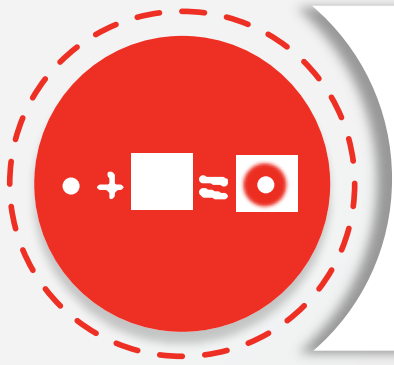
= DENSITY RESPONSE X POTENTIAL CHANGE IN R' DUE TO CHARGE IN R

where

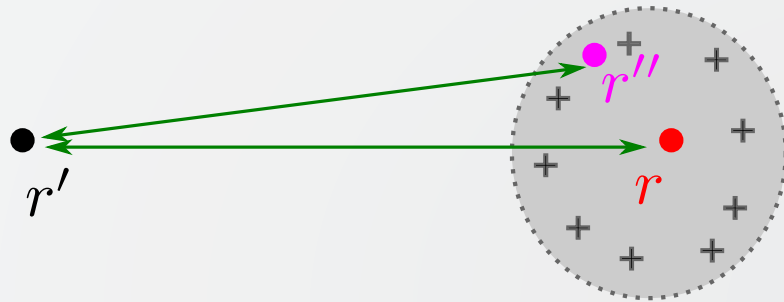
$$R(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}', t') = \left. \frac{\delta n(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\delta V(\mathbf{r}', t')} \right|_{V=0}$$

DENSITY RESPONSE = CHANGE IN DENSITY AT R

DUE TO CHANGE IN POTENTIAL AT R'



# In turn the induced charge changes (screens) the Coulomb potential

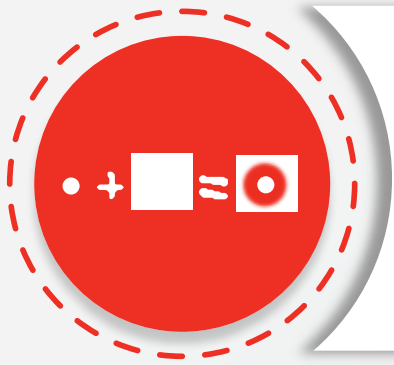


SCREENED POTENTIAL IN  $\mathbf{r}'$  DUE TO TEST CHARGE IN  $\mathbf{r}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 W(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}; \tau) &= v(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}) + \int d\mathbf{r}'' v(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}'') n^{\text{ind}}(\mathbf{r}'', \mathbf{r}; \tau) \\
 &= \int d\mathbf{r}'' \epsilon^{-1}(\mathbf{r}'', \mathbf{r}; \tau) v(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}'')
 \end{aligned}$$

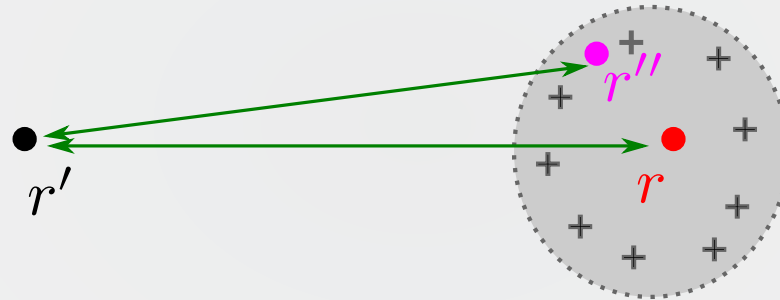
= BARE COULOMB + POTENTIAL DUE TO INDUCED CHARGE = INVERSE DIELECTRIC FUNCTION X BARE COULOMB POTENTIAL

with 
$$\epsilon^{-1}(\mathbf{r}'', \mathbf{r}; \tau) = \delta(\mathbf{r}'' - \mathbf{r}) + \int d\mathbf{r}_1 R(\mathbf{r}'', \mathbf{r}_1; \tau) v(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r})$$



# Let's look at the potential due to an additional electron

when we consider the interaction between additional electron and electron system:



This gives the GW self-energy:

$$\Sigma_{xc}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = i \int d\omega' G_0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega') W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega - \omega')$$



What effect on the calculated band gap do you expect when adding the screening?

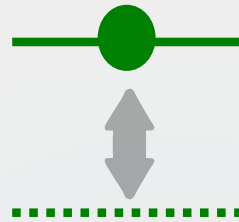


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$h_0$

HARTREE  
CLASSICAL MEAN FIELD POTENTIAL



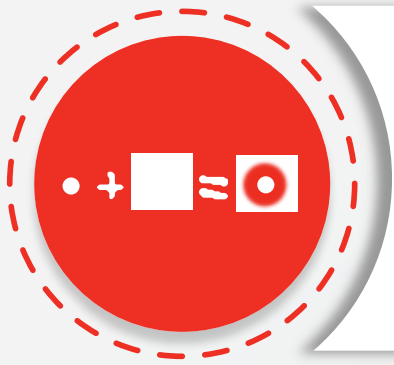
$\Sigma_x$

FOCK EXCHANGE  
PAULI CORRELATION



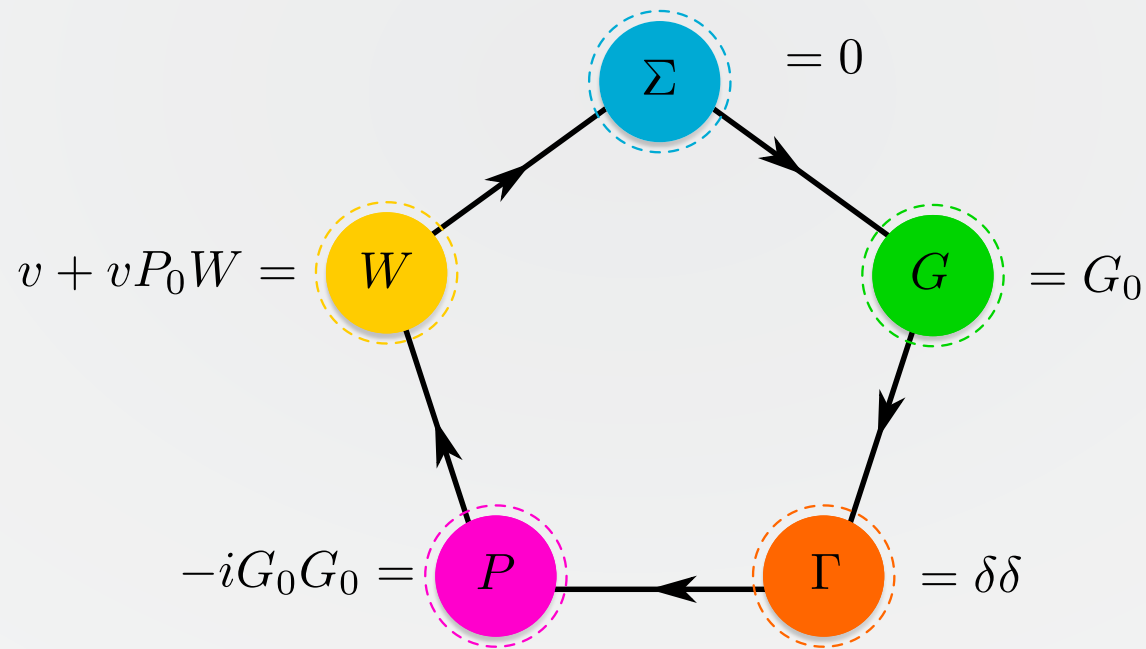
$\Sigma_c$

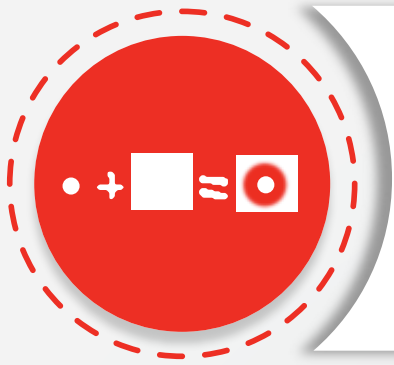
SCREENING  
(LESS REPULSION)



# GW approximation for the self-energy can be obtained rigorously from Hedin's equations

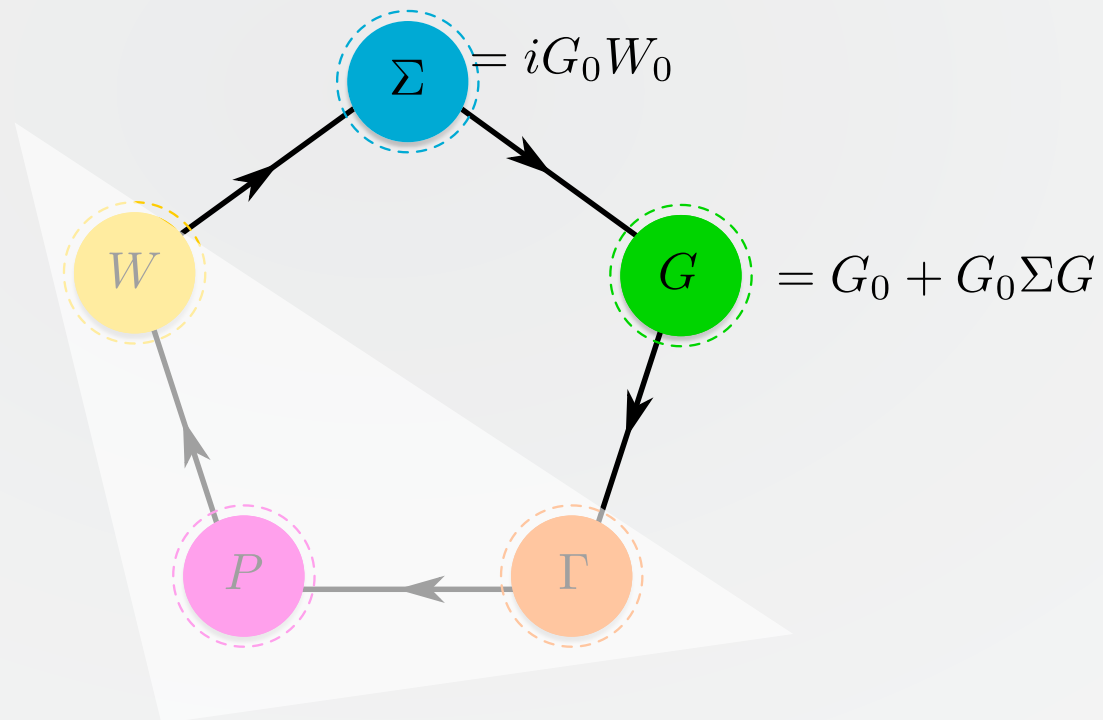
iteration 0:





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iteration 1:



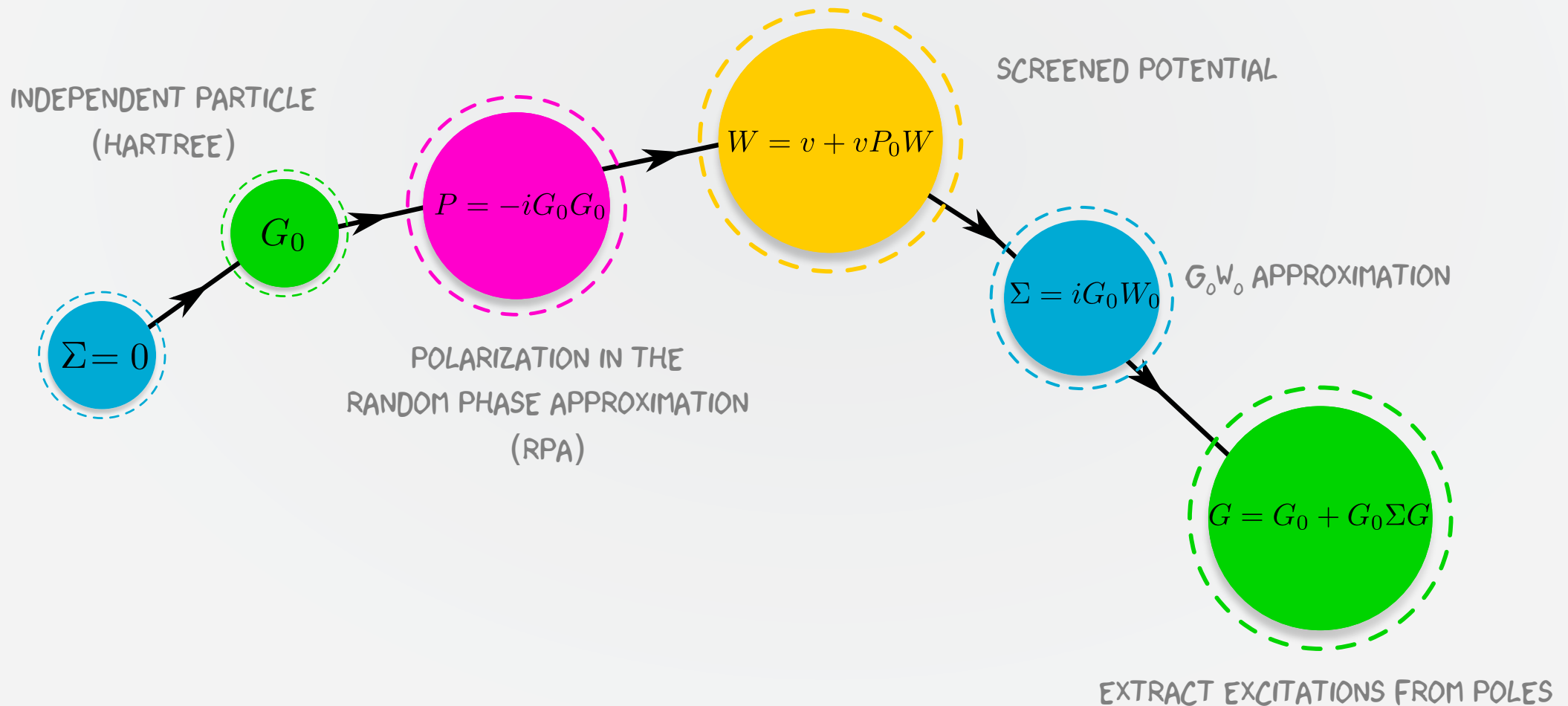
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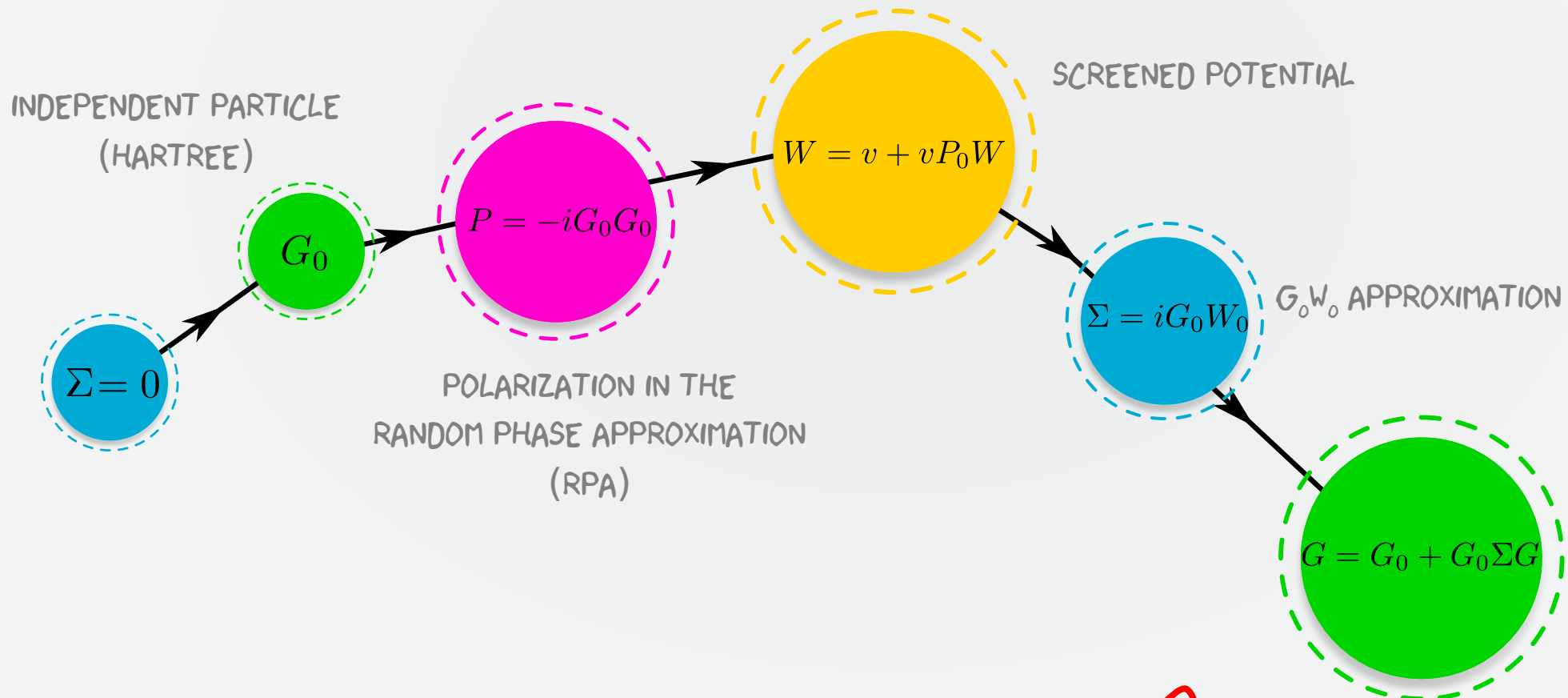
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Recipe from Hedin's equations... problems!

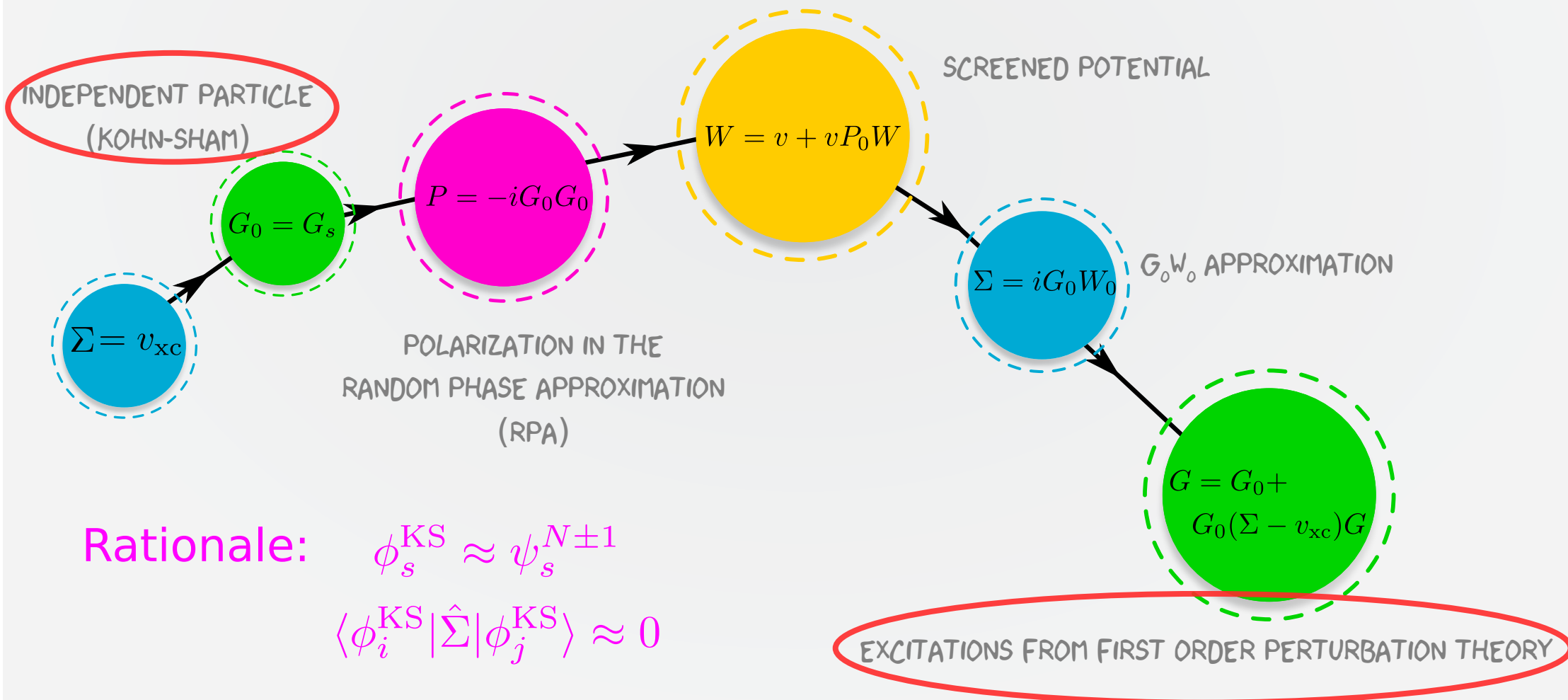


How to solve this???

# How can we implement a feasible computational scheme?



Modified recipe:



Rationale:

$$\phi_s^{\text{KS}} \approx \psi_s^{N\pm 1}$$

$$\langle \phi_i^{\text{KS}} | \hat{\Sigma} | \phi_j^{\text{KS}} \rangle \approx 0$$

In more detail one starts from  
a DFT calculation to  
obtain the Kohn-Sham eigensolutions



and calculate the non-interacting Green's function:

$$G_0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = \sum_s^{\text{occ}} \frac{(\phi^{\text{KS}}(\mathbf{r}))^* \phi^{\text{KS}}(\mathbf{r}')}{\omega - \varepsilon_s^{\text{KS}} - i\eta} + \sum_s^{\text{unocc}} \frac{(\phi^{\text{KS}}(\mathbf{r}))^* \phi^{\text{KS}}(\mathbf{r}')}{\omega - \varepsilon_s^{\text{KS}} + i\eta}$$

solution of EOM:

$$\left( i\partial_t - \underbrace{h_0(1) - v_{\text{xc}}}_{h^{\text{KS}}} \right) G_0(1, 2) = \delta(12)$$

Then evaluates the  
inverse dielectric function  
and screened potential



Polarisation:

$$P(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = \sum_i^{\text{occ}} \sum_a^{\text{unocc}} \phi_i(\mathbf{r}) \phi_a^*(\mathbf{r}) \phi_i^*(\mathbf{r}') \phi_a(\mathbf{r}') \\ \times \left( \frac{1}{\omega + \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_a + i\eta} - \frac{1}{\omega - \varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_a - i\eta} \right)$$

Dielectric matrix:

$$\epsilon(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') - \int d\mathbf{r}'' v(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'') P_0(\mathbf{r}'', \mathbf{r}'; \omega)$$

Inverse:  $\epsilon^{-1}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega), W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega)$  IN A GIVEN BASIS (ALGEBRAIC PROBLEM!)

# Then the self-energy matrix elements



EXCHANGE PART (FOCK), QUITE STRAIGHTFORWARD:

$$\langle \phi_s | \Sigma_x | \phi_s \rangle = \sum_i^{\text{OCC}} \iint d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\phi_i(\mathbf{r}) \phi_s^*(\mathbf{r}) \phi_i^*(\mathbf{r}') \phi_s(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

CORRELATION PART (SCREENING), REQUIRES INTEGRATION OVER FREQUENCIES - EXPENSIVE...

$$\langle \phi_s | \Sigma_c | \phi_s \rangle$$

non trivial - numerical tricks/approximations  
needed to efficiently treat/reduce to analytical  
integral over frequencies

Finally calculates **perturbatively**  
the excitation energies



$$G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = G_0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) + \iint d\mathbf{r}'' d\mathbf{r}''' G_0(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{r}''; \omega) (\Sigma(\mathbf{r}''; \mathbf{r}'''; \omega) - v_{xc}(\mathbf{r}'')\delta(\mathbf{r}'' - \mathbf{r}''')) G(\mathbf{r}''', t; \mathbf{r}', t')$$

PERTURBATION TO KS SOLUTION

At first order:

$$\phi_s^{\text{KS}} \approx \psi_s^{N\pm 1}$$

$$\langle \phi_i^{\text{KS}} | \hat{\Sigma} | \phi_j^{\text{KS}} \rangle \approx \delta_{ij}$$

$$E_s = \varepsilon_s + \langle \phi_s | \Sigma(E_s) - v_{xc} | \phi_s \rangle$$

NONLINEAR!

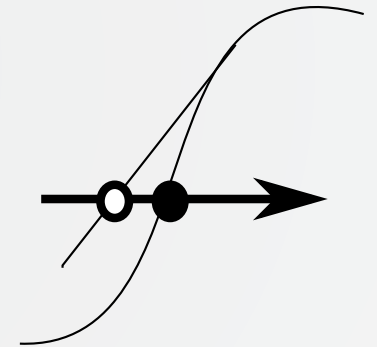
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Linearising  
(Newton):  $\Sigma(E_s) \approx \Sigma(\varepsilon_s) + (E_s - \varepsilon_s) \frac{\partial \Sigma(\varepsilon)}{\partial \omega}$

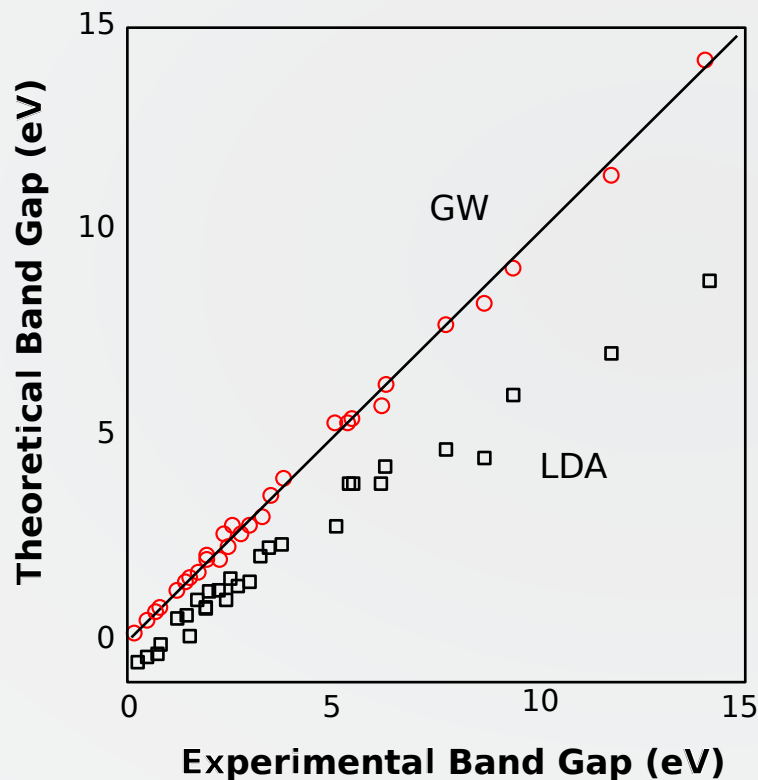


$$E_s = \varepsilon_s + Z_s \langle \phi_s | \Sigma(\varepsilon_s) - v_{xc} | \phi_s \rangle$$

$$Z_s = \left( 1 - \langle \phi_s | \frac{\partial \Sigma(\omega)}{\partial \omega} \Big|_{\omega=\varepsilon_s} | \phi_s \rangle \right)^{-1}$$

RENORMALIZATION  
FACTOR

# How does this approach work?



It corrects the underestimation of the LDA and takes calculated band-gaps close to the experimental values

$$E_s = \varepsilon_s + Z_s \langle \phi_s | \Sigma(\varepsilon_s) - v_{xc} | \phi_s \rangle$$

Hedin, J. Phys. Cond Matt 11, R489 (1999)



Can you trace back  
all approximations we made  
in obtaining the working equations?

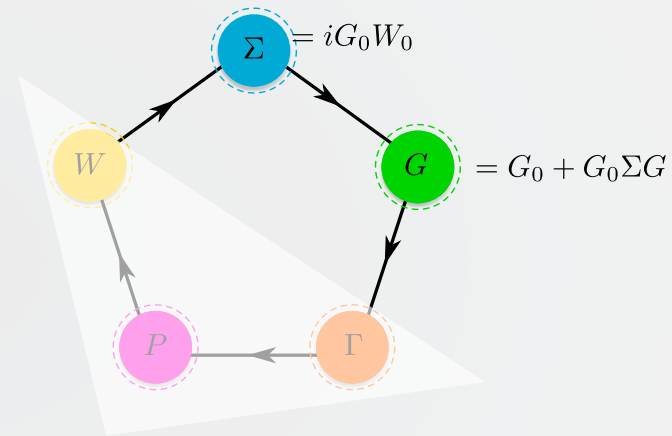


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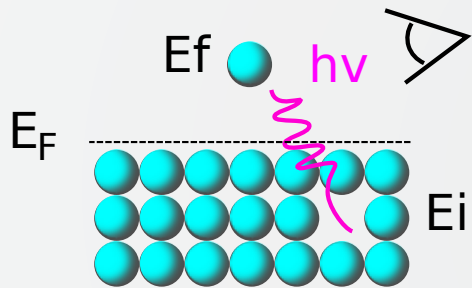
stopping at first iteration  
(no vertex, RPA for polarization)

$$\phi_s^{\text{KS}} \approx \psi_s^{N\pm 1}$$
$$\langle \phi_i^{\text{KS}} | \hat{\Sigma} | \phi_j^{\text{KS}} \rangle \approx 0$$

... more in numerical solutions



solving Dyson  
within first-order PT

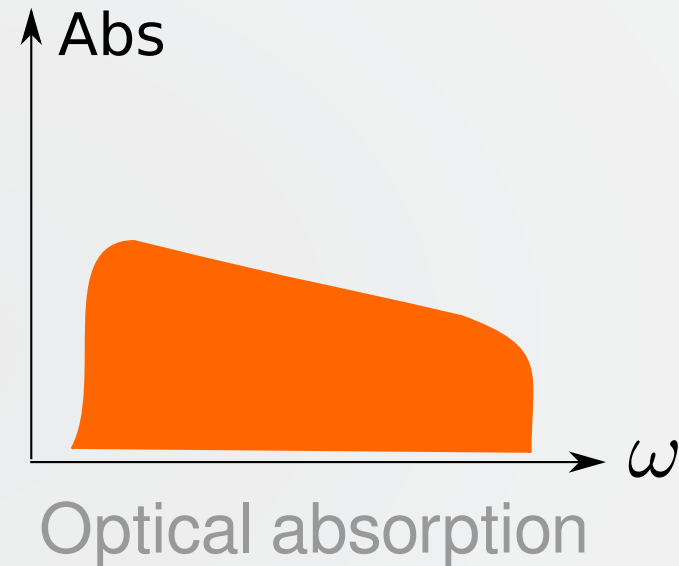
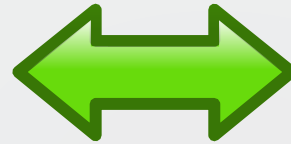
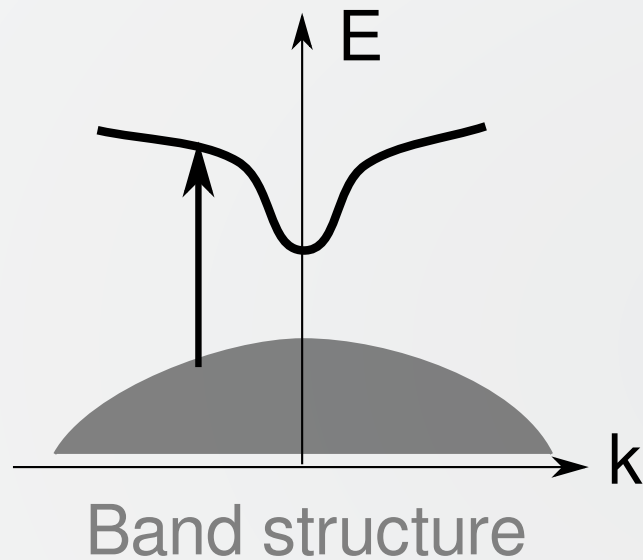


Target neutral excitations in electronic system:

Reduce to  
a 4-point 2 particles 'correlation function'



Can we get optical excitations directly from the electronic structure?



From Fermi-Golden rule + approximation  $E_N^{\text{fin}} - E_N^0 = E_{c\mathbf{k}} - E_{v\mathbf{k}}$

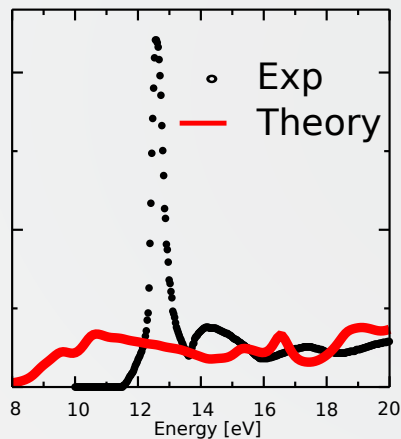
$$\text{Abs}(\omega) \propto \sum_{v,c} \int_{\text{BZ}} d\mathbf{k} |\langle v\mathbf{k} | \hat{D} | c\mathbf{k} \rangle|^2 \delta(E_{c\mathbf{k}} - E_{v\mathbf{k}} - \hbar\omega)$$



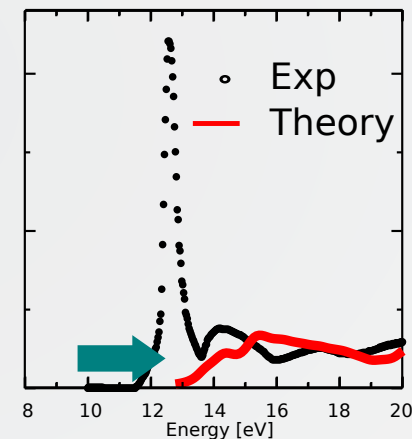
# Does this approach give reasonable results?

Test against optical absorption in bulk LiF:

with Kohn-Sham band-structure



with quasiparticle band-structure

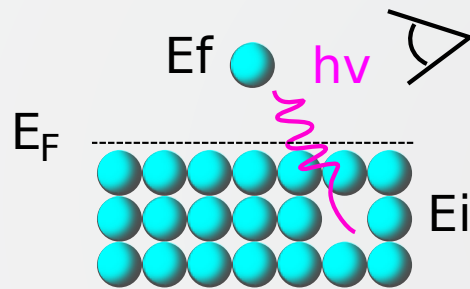


Fermi-Golden rule + approximation  $E_N^{\text{fin}} - E_N^0 = E_{c\mathbf{k}} - E_{v\mathbf{k}}$

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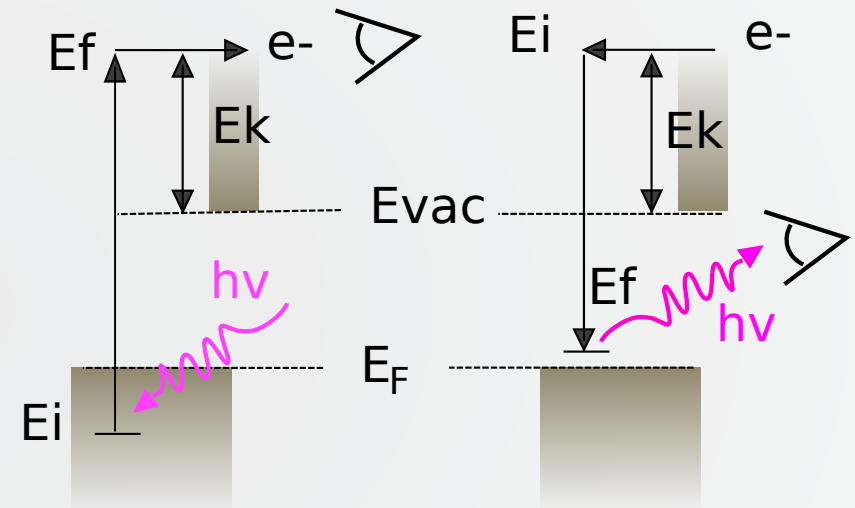
# What physical effect is missing?



OPTICAL ABSORPTION

OPTICAL EXCITATION ENERGY

≠



SUM OF INVERSE/DIRECT PHOTOEMISSION PROCESSES

≠

DIFFERENCE OF QUASIPARTICLE ENERGIES

≠

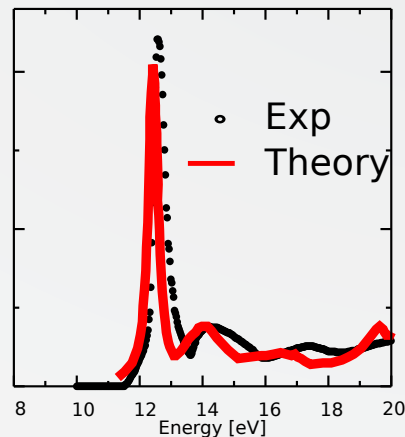
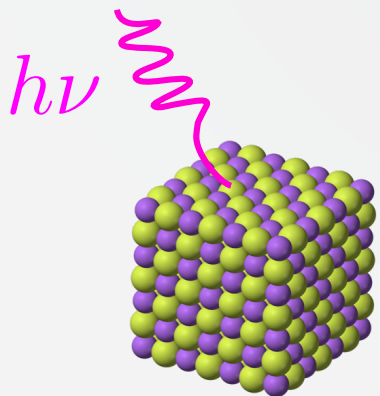


# Missing physics is electron-hole interaction: coupling among transitions

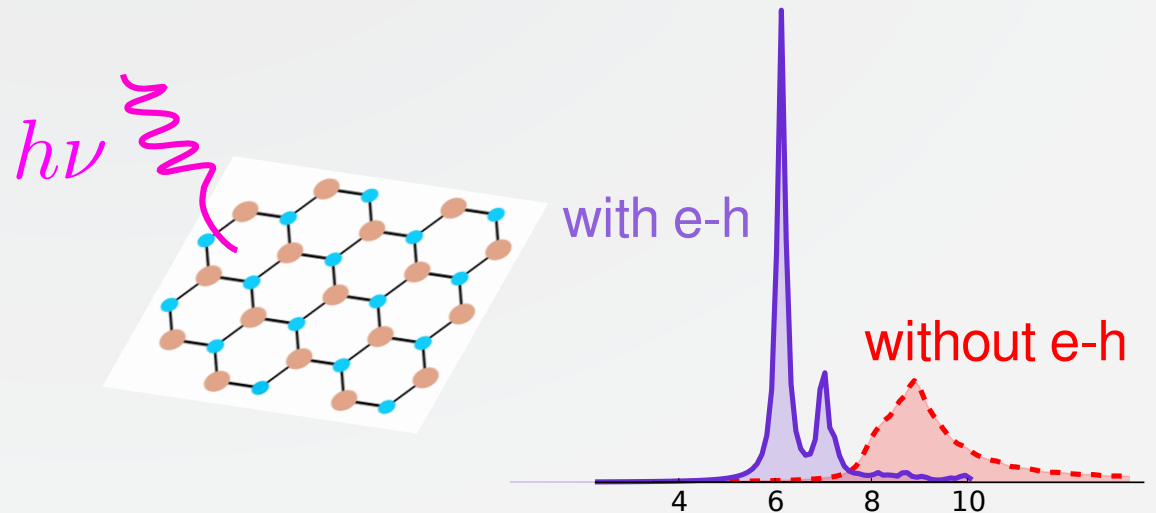
$$E_N^{\text{fin}} - E_N^0 = E_\lambda \neq E_{c\mathbf{k}} - E_{v\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\text{Abs}(\omega) \propto \sum_{\lambda} \sum_{v,c} \int_{\text{BZ}} d\mathbf{k} |A_{\lambda}^{cv\mathbf{k}} \langle v\mathbf{k} | \hat{D} | c\mathbf{k} \rangle|^2 \delta(E_\lambda - \hbar\omega)$$

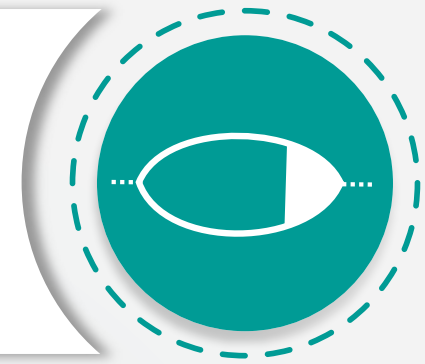
back to LiF optical spectrum



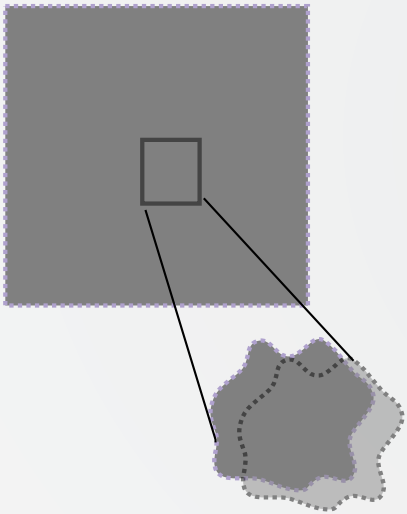
same effects in 2D materials



# From which microscopic quantity can we get the optical absorption?



$V_{\text{ext}}$  ASSOCIATED WITH LONGITUDINAL PART OF ELECTRIC DISPLACEMENT FIELD



Dielectric function:

$$\epsilon = \frac{\delta V_{\text{ext}}}{\delta V_{\text{tot}}} = 1 - v \frac{\delta \rho}{\delta V_{\text{tot}}} = 1 - vP \quad \text{IRREDUCIBLE: POLARIZABILITY}$$

$$\epsilon^{-1} = \frac{\delta V_{\text{tot}}}{\delta V_{\text{ext}}} = 1 + v \frac{\delta \rho}{\delta V_{\text{ext}}} = 1 + v\chi \quad \text{POLARIZABILITY}$$

@ MICROSCOPICAL LEVEL:

$$V_{\text{tot}} = V_{\text{ext}} + V_{\text{ind}} \equiv v\delta\rho$$

Relation between polarizabilities:


$$\chi = P + Pv\chi$$

# From which microscopic quantity can we get the optical absorption?



CONNECTION: MACROSCOPIC-MICROSCOPIC DIELECTRIC FUNCTION

$$\text{Abs}(\omega) = \mathcal{I} \lim_{\mathbf{q} \rightarrow 0} (\epsilon_M(\mathbf{q}, \omega)) = \mathcal{I} \left( \lim_{\mathbf{q} \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\epsilon_{00}^{-1}(\mathbf{q}, \omega)} \right)$$

 local fields

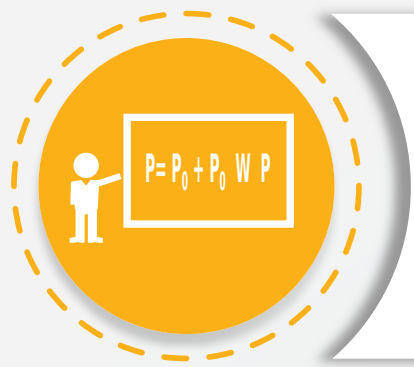
Introducing modified polarizability:

$$\bar{P} = P + P\bar{v}P \quad \text{with} \quad \bar{v}_{\mathbf{G}} = v_{\mathbf{G}}(1 - \delta_{\mathbf{G}0})$$

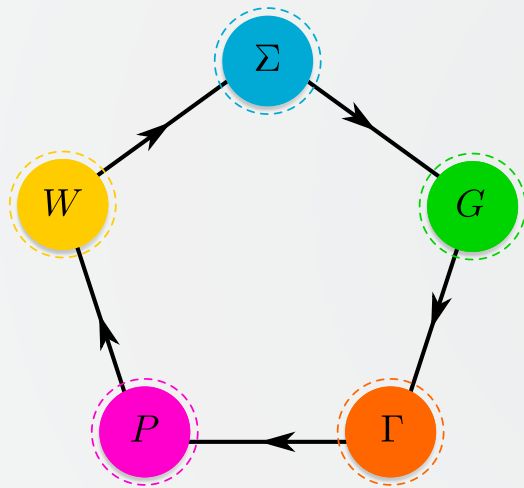
MICROSCOPIC PART

can be conveniently rewritten as:

$$\text{Abs}(\omega) = \mathcal{I} \left( \lim_{\mathbf{q} \rightarrow 0} v_0(\mathbf{q}) \bar{P}_{00}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \right)$$



# How can we (formally) obtain the polarizability?



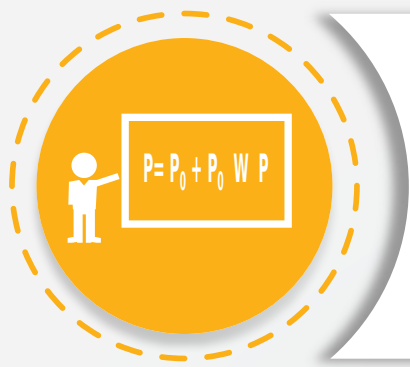
iteration of Hedin's equations  
which contain P



$$\chi(12) = \frac{\delta\rho(1)}{\delta V_{\text{ext}}(2)} \rightarrow {}^4L(1234) = \frac{\delta G(12)}{\delta V_{\text{ext}}(34)}$$

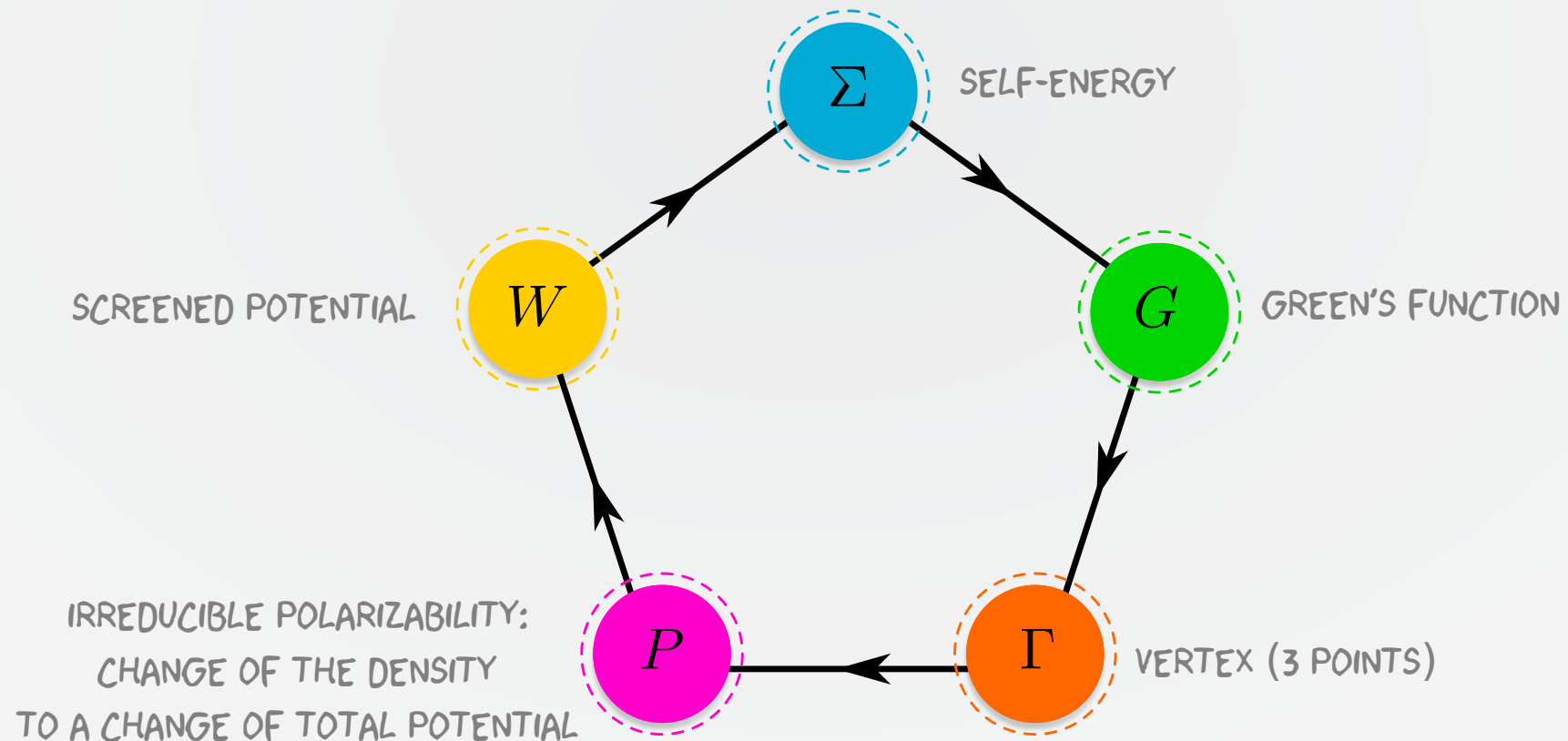
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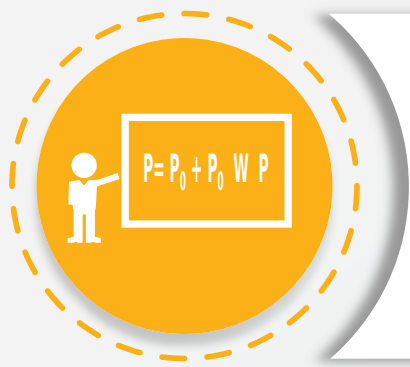
generalization of the polarizability  
to 4-point ...



# Hedin's equations include the irreducible polarizability

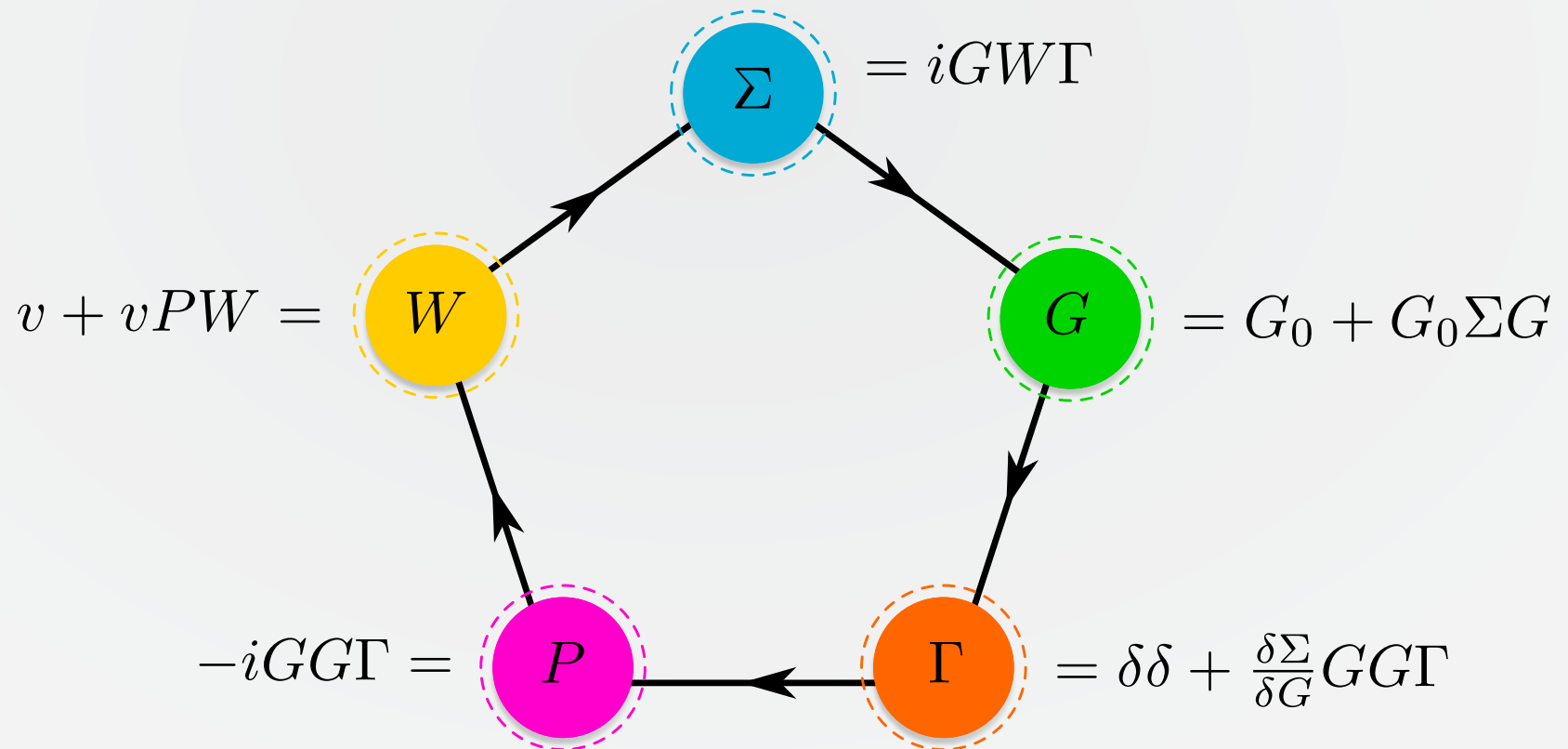
set of coupled integro-differential equation for:

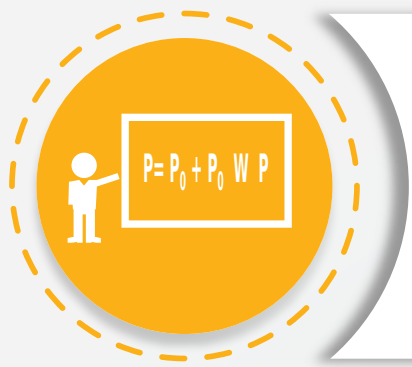




# Hedin's equations include the irreducible polarizability

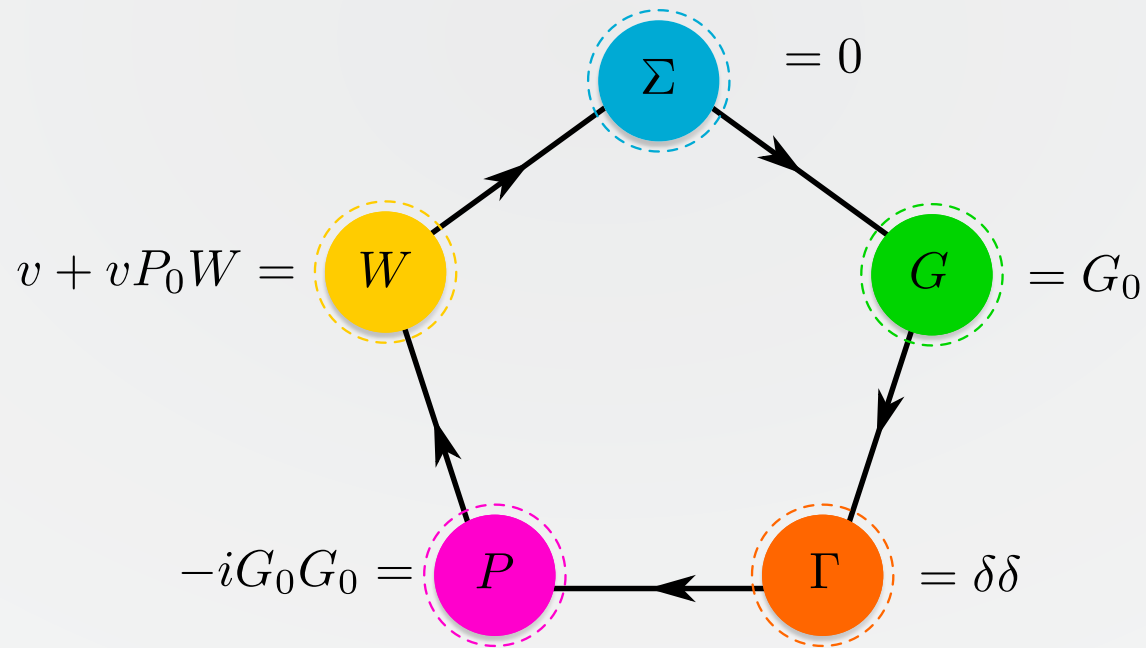
can be iterated analytically:

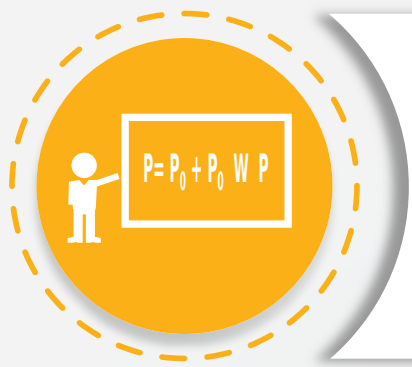




# RPA polarization and screening are obtained setting self-energy = 0

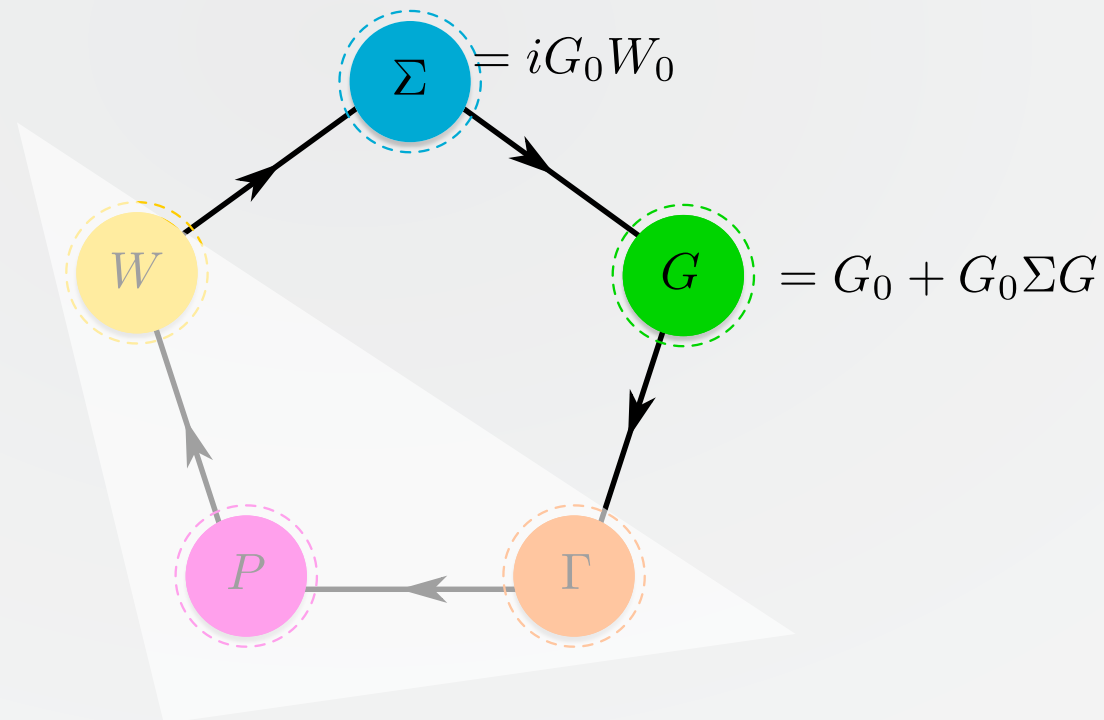
iteration 0:

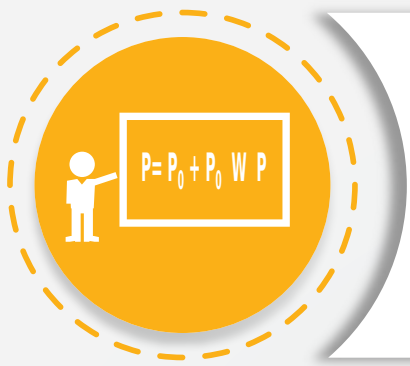




# The $G_0W_0$ approximation to the self energy is obtained as first iteration...

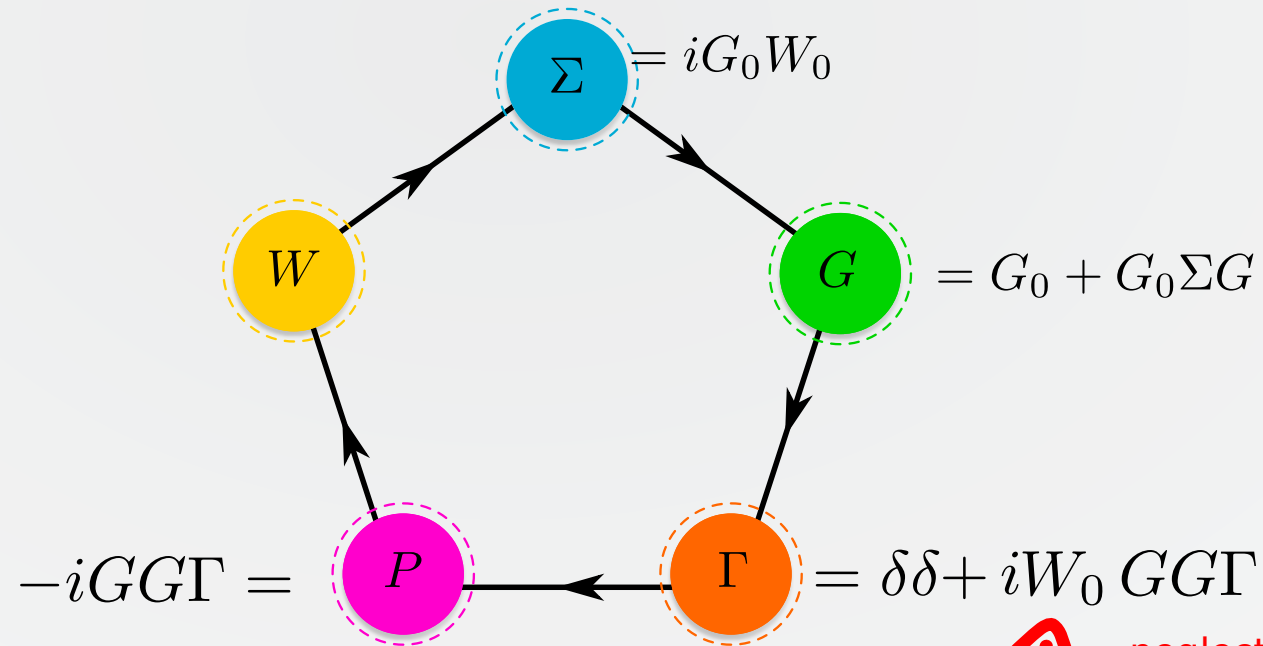
iteration 1:



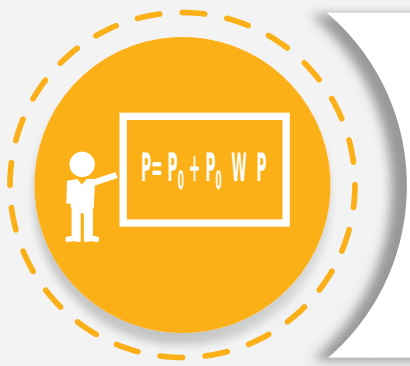


# We can also get the vertex and the polarizability

iteration 1:



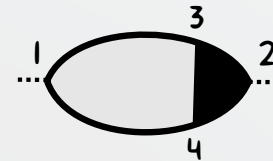
neglected dependence of  $W$  on  $G$



# Let's combine the equations for P and the vertex

$$P(12) = -i \int d(34) G(13) G(41) \Gamma(342)$$

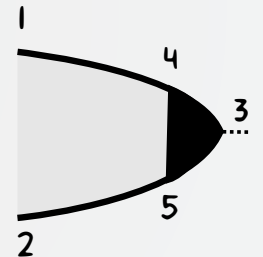
$1 \equiv r_1, \sigma_1, t_1 \dots$



$$\Gamma(123) = \delta(12)\delta(13) + iW(1^+2) \int d(45) G(14) G(52) \Gamma(453)$$

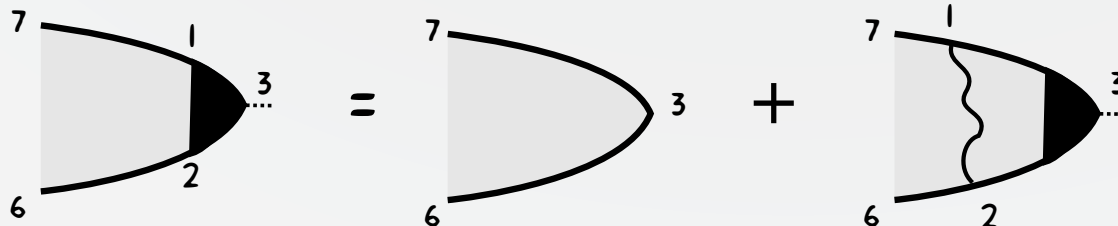
$i^3 P(123)$

3-POINT POLARIZABILITY

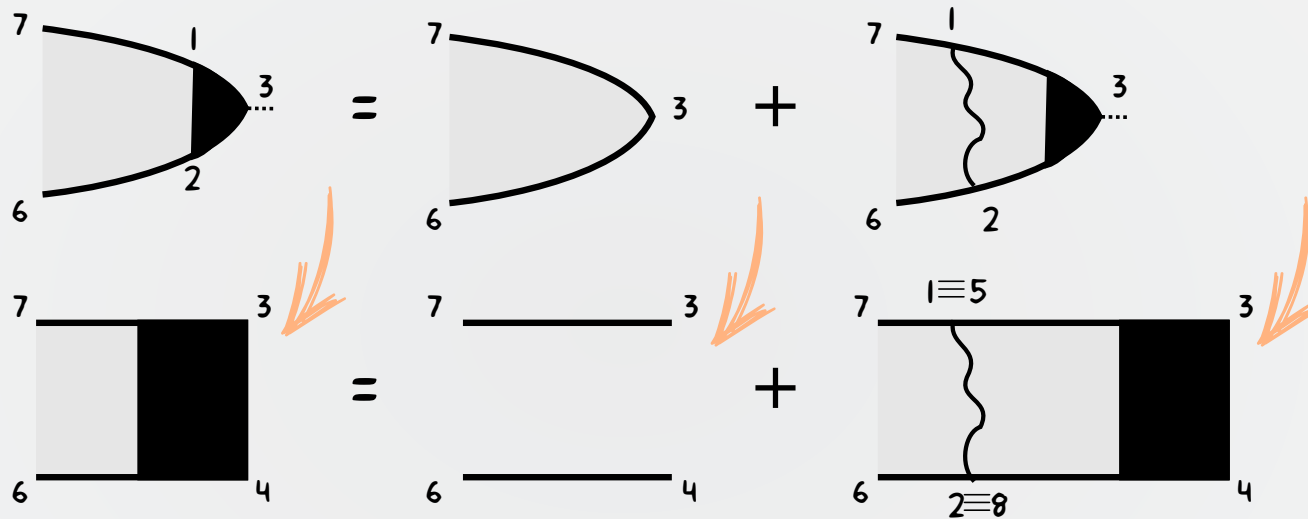
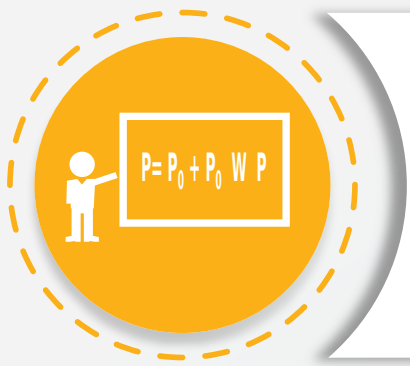


multiplying by  $-iGG$  both sides and integrate over (12):

$${}^3P(763) = -iG(73)G(36) + i \int d(12) W(1^+2) G(17) G(62) {}^3P(123)$$

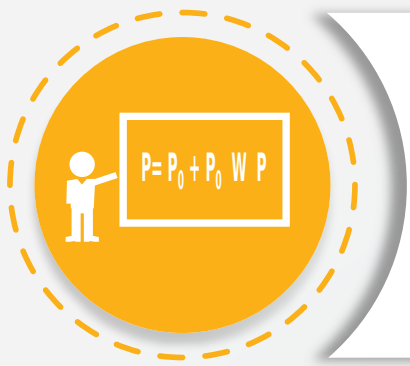


# Finally we get a Dyson-like equation for a 4-point polarizability



$${}^4P(7634) = {}^4P_0(7634) - \int d(1258) {}^4P_0(7612) {}^4W(1258) {}^4P(5834)$$

$${}^4P_0(7634) = -iG(73)G(64) \qquad {}^4W(1258) = W(1^+2)\delta(15)\delta(28)$$



# For the optical absorption we need the modified 4-point polarizability

Symbolic representation of Dyson equation for 4-point irreducible polarizability:

$${}^4P = {}^4P_0 + {}^4P_0 (-{}^4W) {}^4P$$

In analogy with the 2-point case we define the 4-point modified polarizability as:

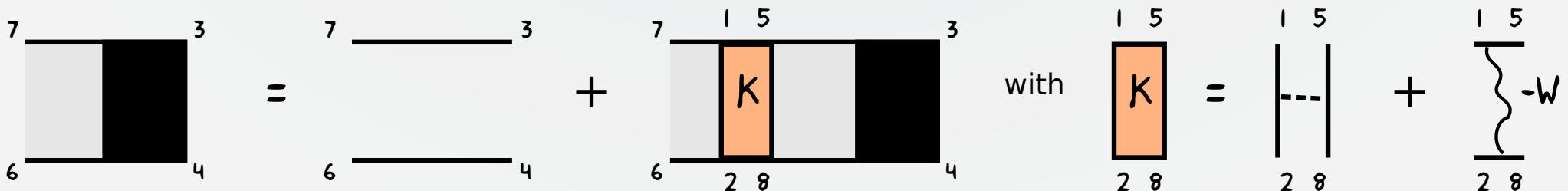
$${}^4\bar{P} = {}^4P + {}^4P {}^4\bar{v} {}^4\bar{P}$$

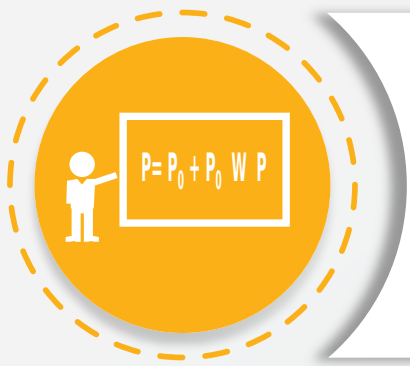
+ DEF OF THE 4-POINT ANALOGUE OF THE MICROSCOPIC COULOMB POTENTIAL

Combining the two:

$${}^4\bar{P} = {}^4P_0 + {}^4P_0 {}^4\bar{K} {}^4\bar{P} \quad \text{with} \quad {}^4\bar{K} = {}^4\bar{v} - {}^4W$$

+ 4-POINT KERNEL





# Bethe-Salpeter equation is expressed in terms of the two-particle correlation function

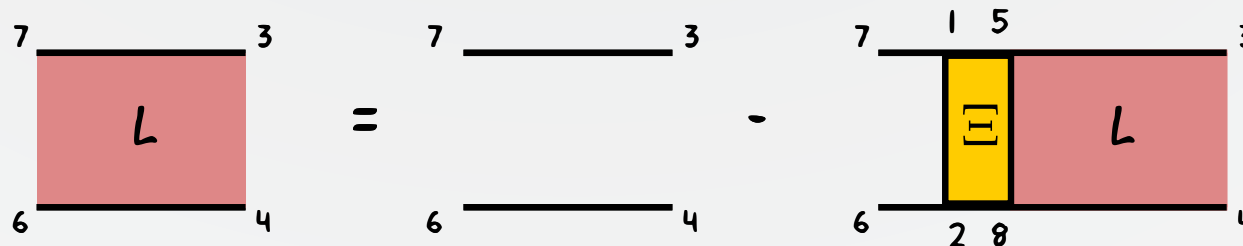
Two-particle correlation function:

$$L(1324) \equiv -G_2(1324) + G(12)G(34)$$

Related to the polarizability:  $\bar{L} = -i^4 \bar{P}$  (MODIFIED REDUCIBLE)

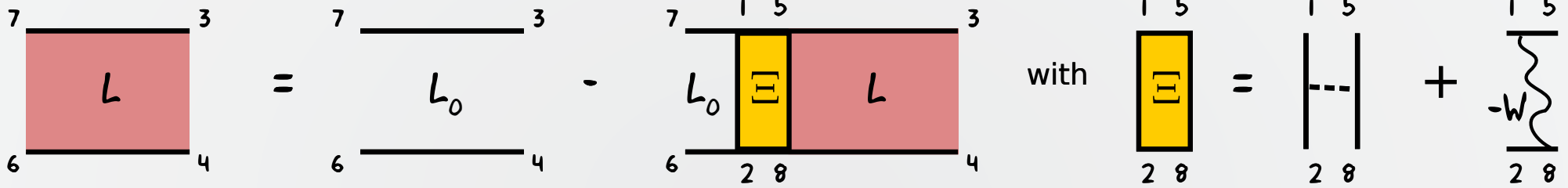
Bethe-Salpeter Equation:  $\bar{L} = L_0 + L_0 \Xi \bar{L}$

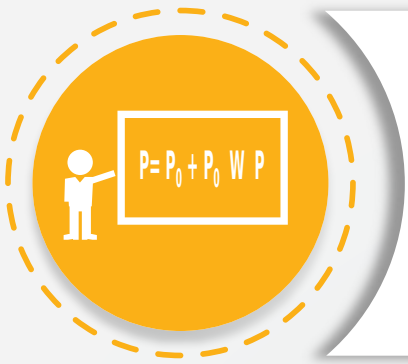
Bethe-Salpeter Kernel:  $\Xi = -i^4 K = -i\bar{v} + iW$



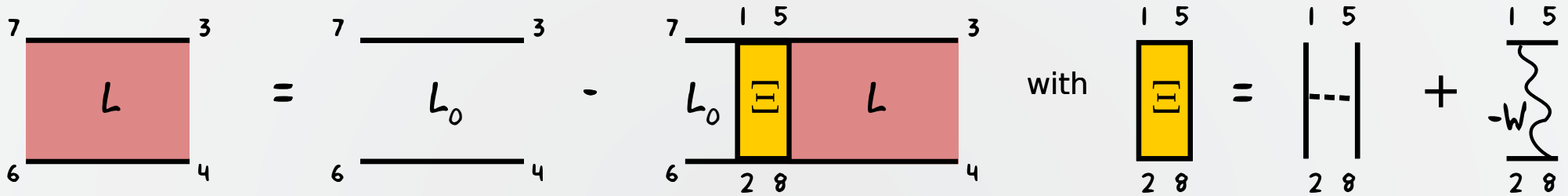
# Quiz time!!!

Which approximations were introduced so far?





# Several approximations entered the equation



Since we iterated Hedin's just twice:

- $W$  is calculated within RPA
- in  $L_0$ ,  $G$  is calculated at  $G_0W_0$
- We neglected how the screening is changing with  $G$

(+ WE ARE SOLVING THE DYSON EQUATION FOR  $G$  PERTURBATIVELY)

FUNCTIONAL DERIVATIVE OF SELF-ENERGY

We add a further one:



$$W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; t, t') \approx W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \delta(t - t')$$

STATIC SCREENING!

# How can we solve the Bethe-Salpeter in practice?



So far:

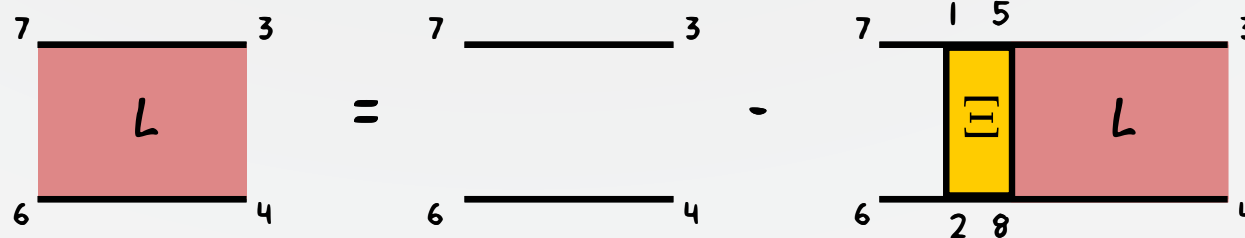
$$\text{Abs}(\omega) = \mathcal{I} \left( \lim_{\mathbf{q} \rightarrow 0} v_0(\mathbf{q}) \bar{P}_{00}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \right)$$

$$\bar{P}(12) = {}^4\bar{P}(1122) = -i\bar{L}(1122)$$

From Bethe-Salpeter Equation:  $\bar{L} = L_0 + L_0 \Xi \bar{L}$

with Bethe-Salpeter Kernel:  $\Xi = -i {}^4K = -i\bar{v} + iW$

Four-point quantity...  
How can we invert  
Dyson equation?



Key idea is to use the  
"transitions" between quasiparticles  
as a basis

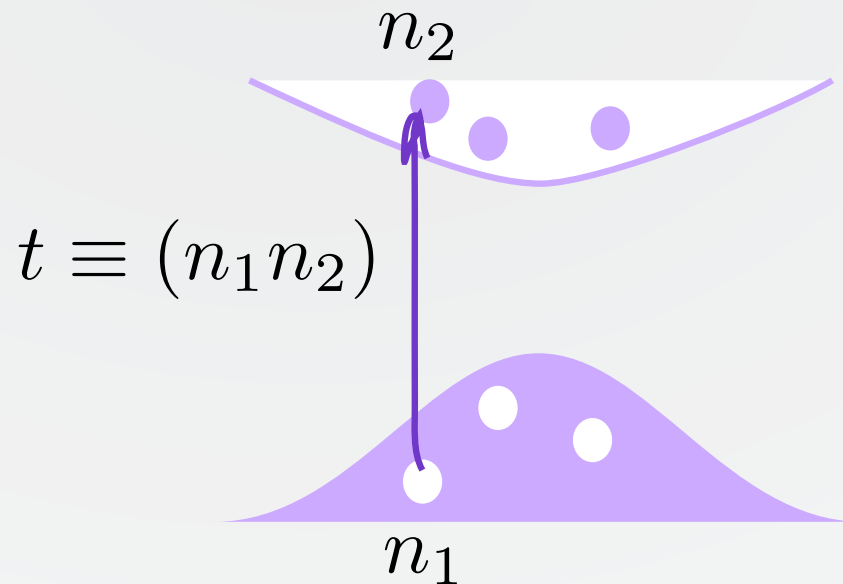


Any 4-point quantity:

$$A_{tt'} \equiv A_{(n_1 n_2)(n_3 n_4)}$$

$$\equiv \int d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}_2 d\mathbf{r}_3 d\mathbf{r}_4 \psi_{n_1}(\mathbf{r}_1) \psi_{n_2}^*(\mathbf{r}_2) A(1234) \psi_{n_3}^*(\mathbf{r}_3) \psi_{n_4}(\mathbf{r}_4)$$

Where:



# Equation rewritten as pseudo-eigenvalue problem for 2-particle Hamiltonian



The modified reducible polarization:

$$\bar{P}_{tt'} = -i\bar{L}_{tt'} = f_t \left[ (\omega I - H^{2p}) \right]_{tt'}^{-1} = \sum_{\lambda} \frac{A_{\lambda}^t A_{\lambda}^{t'}}{\omega - E_{\lambda}}$$

POLES AT  
EIGENENERGIES  
OR  $H^{2p}$

$$H_{tt'}^{2p} A_{\lambda}^{t'} = E_{\lambda} A_{\lambda}^t \quad \text{with:} \quad H_{tt'}^{2p} = \Delta E_t \delta_{tt'} + f_t (v - W)_{tt'}$$

which enters the optical absorption:  $\text{Abs}(\omega) = \mathcal{I} \left( \lim_{\mathbf{q} \rightarrow 0} v_0(\mathbf{q}) \bar{P}_{00}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \right)$

$$\text{Abs}(\omega) \propto \sum_{\lambda} \sum_{v,c} \int_{\text{BZ}} d\mathbf{k} |A_{\lambda}^{cv\mathbf{k}} \langle v\mathbf{k} | \hat{D} | c\mathbf{k} \rangle|^2 \delta(E_{\lambda} - \hbar\omega)$$

CAN BE GENERALIZED FOR NON HERMITIAN

For optical absorption  
select only the valence to  
conduction transitions



$$H_{tt'}^{2p} = \Delta E_t \delta_{tt'} + f_t (v - W)_{tt'}$$

can be rewritten explicitly for valence-conduction transitions as:

SHIFT (ON-DIAGONAL) &  
COUPLING (OFF-DIAGONAL)  
OF CV TRANSITIONS,  $E > 0$

COUPLING BETWEEN POSITIVE  
AND NEGATIVE TRANSITIONS

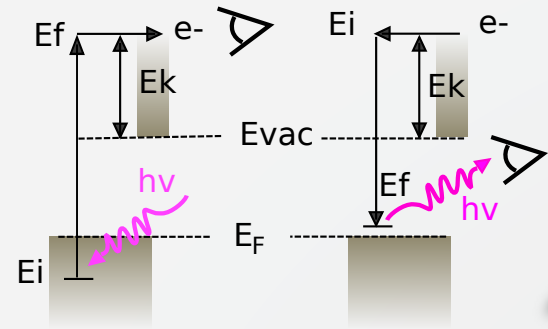
$$H^{2p} = \begin{pmatrix} [\Delta E + (v - W)]_{cv, c' v'} & (v - W)_{cv, v' c'} \\ (v - W)_{vc, c' v'} & [\Delta E + (v - W)]_{vc, v' c'} \end{pmatrix}$$

COUPLING BETWEEN POSITIVE  
AND NEGATIVE TRANSITIONS

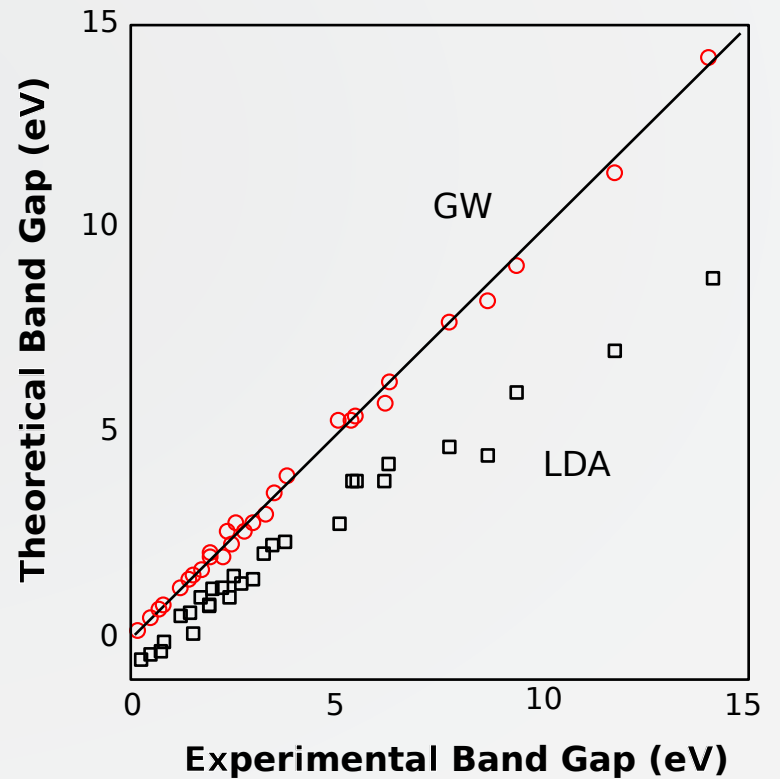
SHIFT (ON-DIAGONAL) &  
COUPLING (OFF-DIAGONAL)  
OF VC TRANSITIONS,  $E < 0$

# Charged excitations in electronic system:

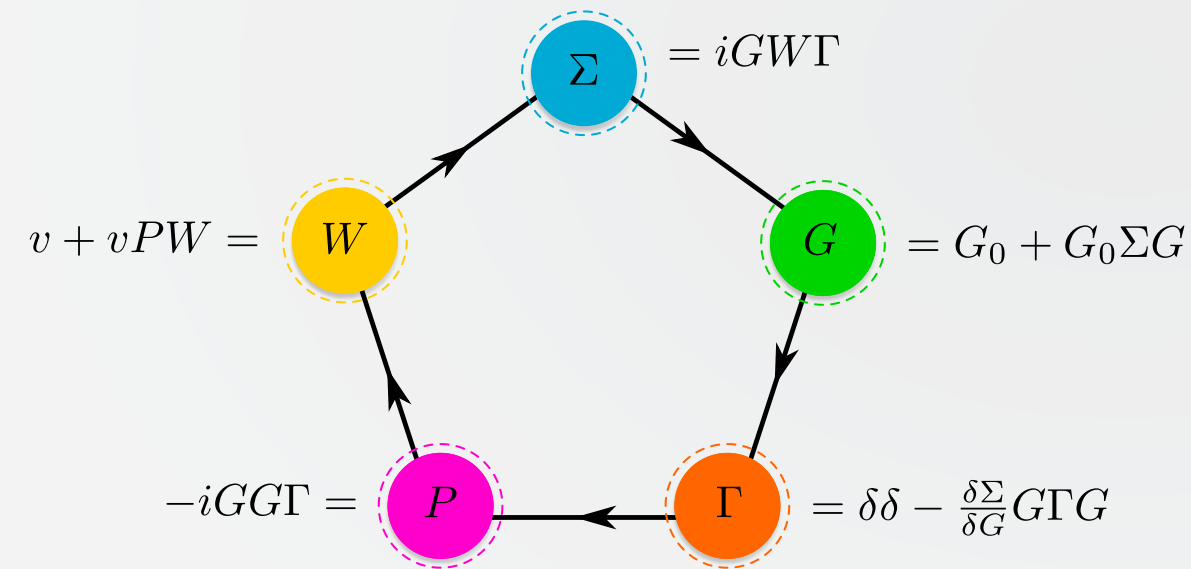
1-particle Green's function  
'solve' set of coupled equations

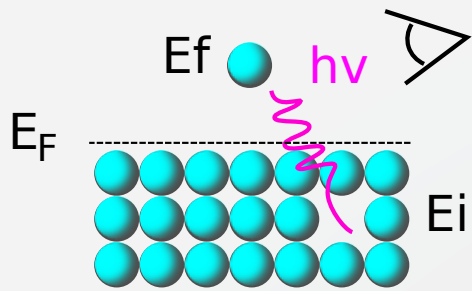


$$E_s = \varepsilon_s + Z_s \langle \phi_s | \Sigma(\varepsilon_s) - v_{xc} | \phi_s \rangle$$



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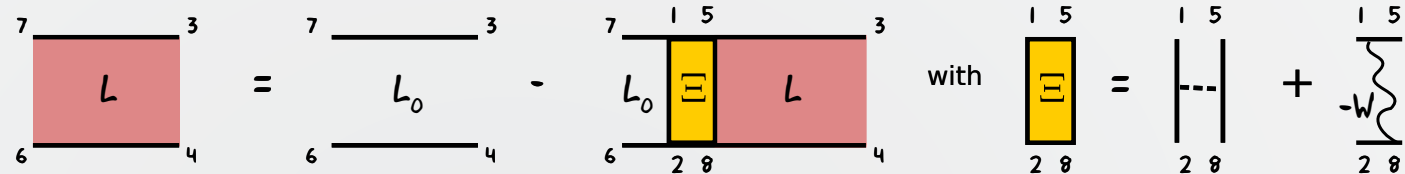




Neutral excitations in electronic system:

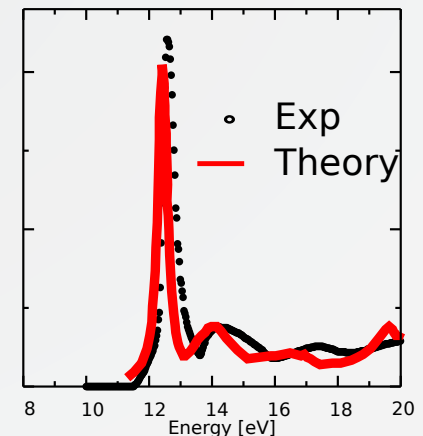
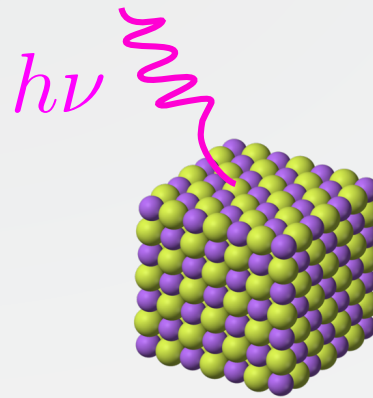
2-particle correlation function  
'solve' Bethe-Salpeter equation

Bethe-Salpeter equation:



eigenproblem for 2-particle Hamiltonian:

$$H_{tt'}^{2p} A_{\lambda}^{t'} = E_{\lambda} A_{\lambda}^t$$



$$\text{Abs}(\omega) \propto \sum_{\lambda} \sum_{v,c} \int_{\text{BZ}} d\mathbf{k} |A_{\lambda}^{cv\mathbf{k}} \langle v\mathbf{k} | \hat{D} | c\mathbf{k} \rangle|^2 \delta(E_{\lambda} - \hbar\omega)$$



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$$\phi_s^{\text{KS}} \approx \psi_s^{N\pm 1}$$
$$\langle \phi_i^{\text{KS}} | \hat{\Sigma} | \phi_j^{\text{KS}} \rangle \approx 0$$

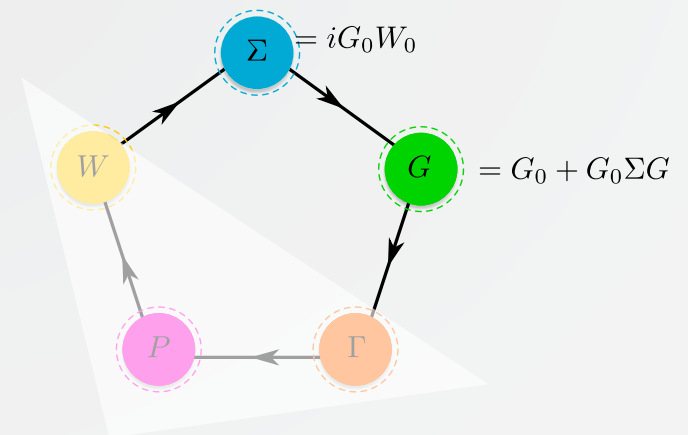
See yesterday's lecture:

- valid only when perturbation is small
- self-consistency: e.g. QSGW, COHSEX

Once we use selfconsistency we 'need' to include vertex because of 'cancellations':

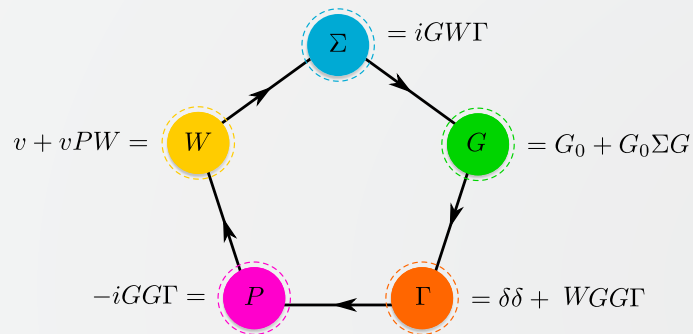
self-consistency gives a larger gap  
...thus smaller screening ...thus larger gap...

vertex in P enhances the screening  
...thus smaller gap

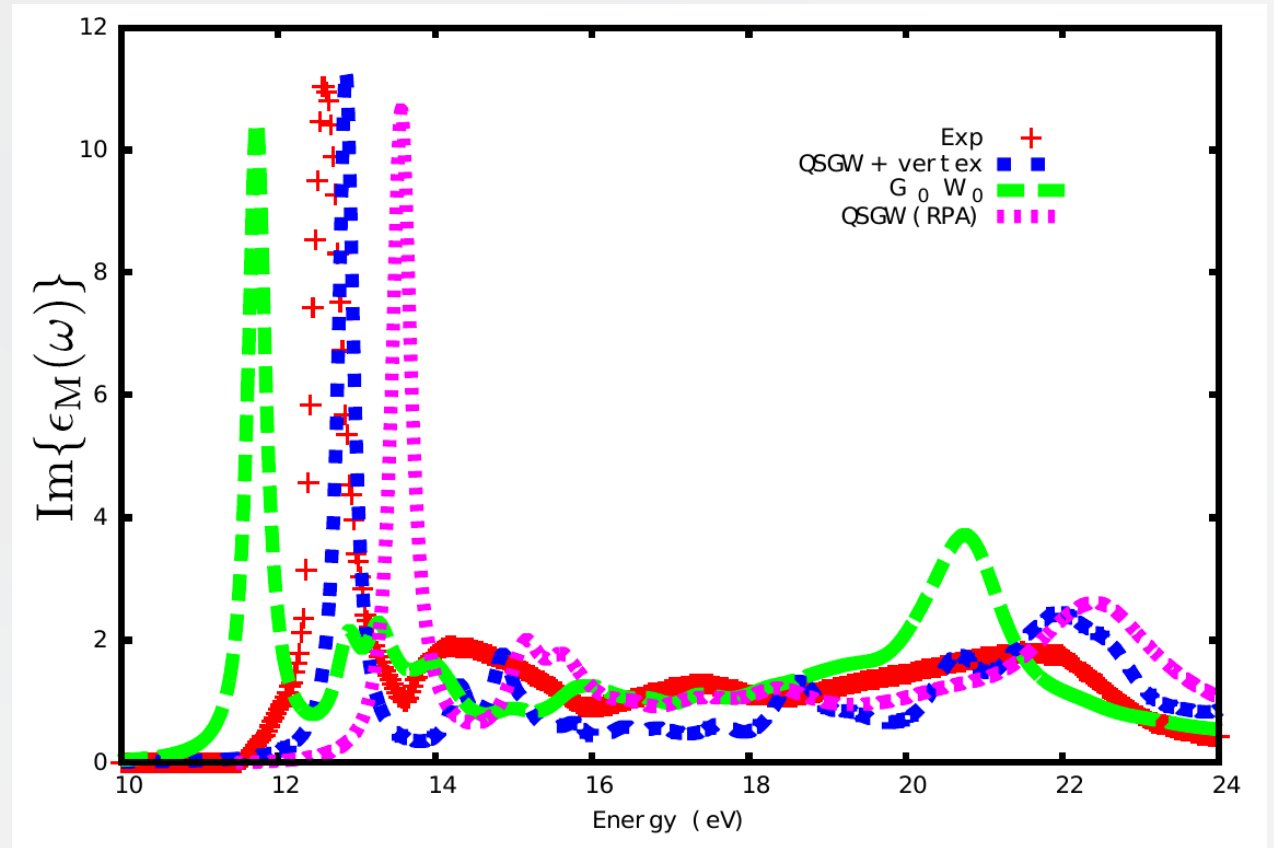




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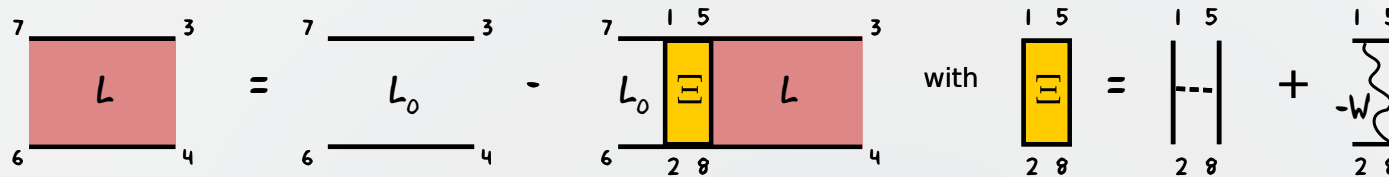
Brian Cunningham's took a further iteration



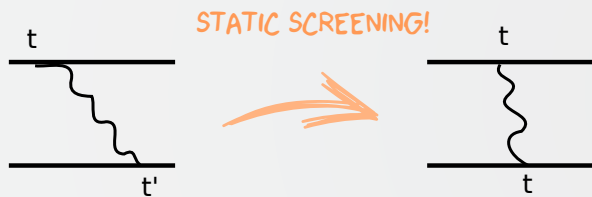
preliminary results



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BETHE-SALPETER EQUATION

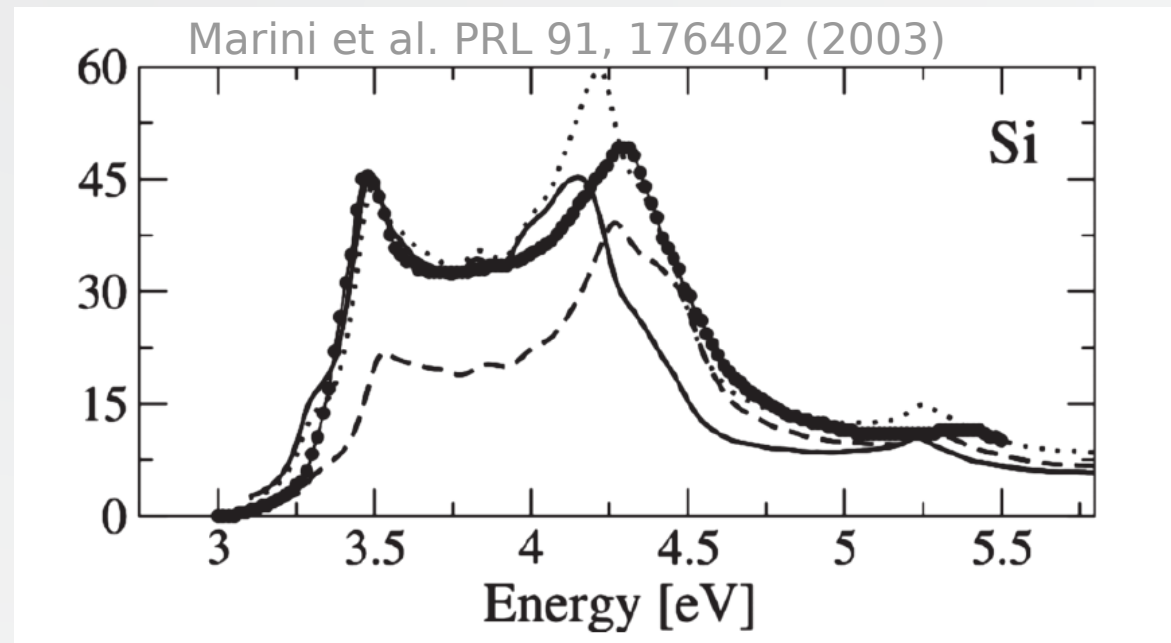


$$W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; t, t') \approx W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')\delta(t - t')$$

This approximation is again relying on a cancellation:

- in  $L_0$ , no renormalization by  $Z$  (if we apply it reduction  $\sim Z^2$ )

- in the static limit vertex  $\sim 1/Z$

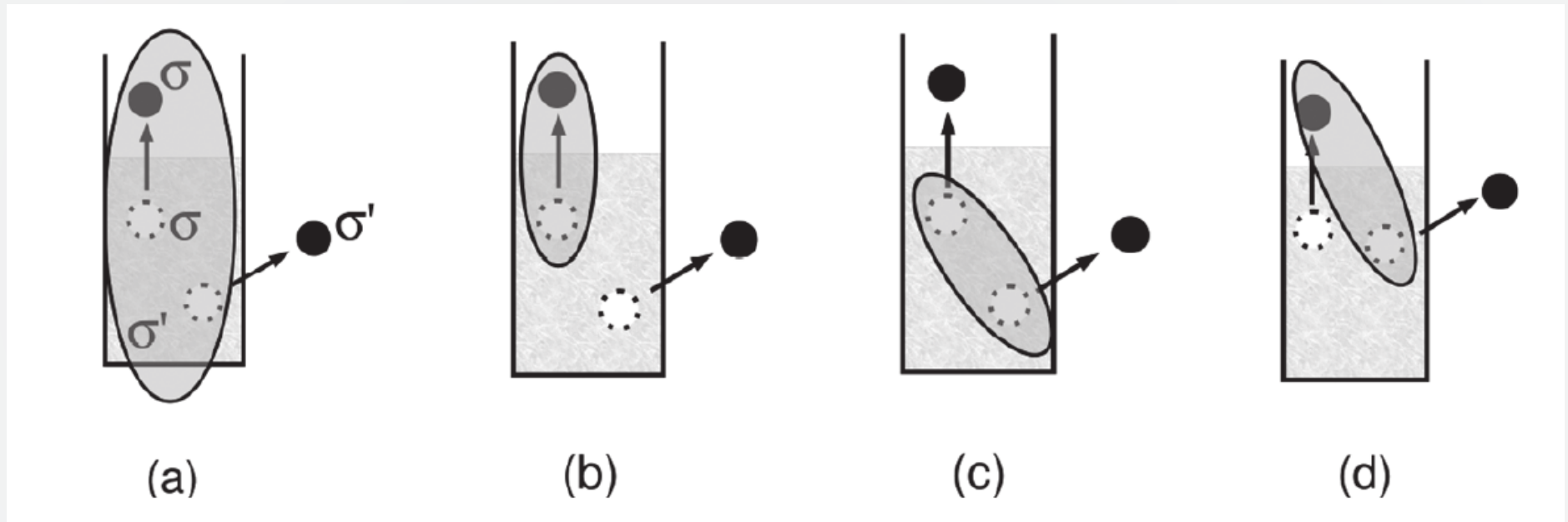


does not hold for metals...



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from Interacting electrons - ch. 15



FULL PICTURE

HIGH-DENSITY  
LIMIT

LOW-DENSITY  
LIMIT

SPIN-FLIP

$$\Sigma \approx GW$$

$$\Sigma \approx GT$$

$$T_{\sigma\sigma'\sigma\sigma'}$$



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