

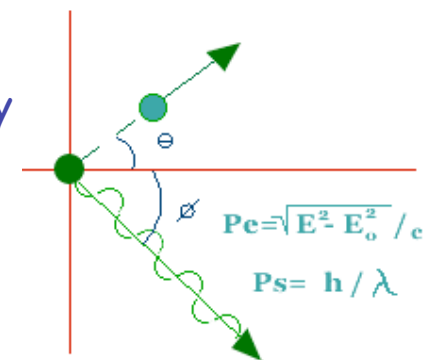
Inspiration ...



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Comprehensive treatment of correlations at different energy scales in nuclei using Green's functions

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| Lecture 1: 8/28/07 | Propagator description of single-particle motion and the link with experimental data |
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Some questions ...

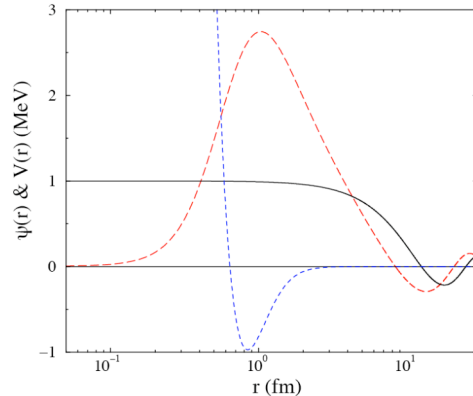
What does a nucleon do in the nucleus?

Is this a legitimate question?

Speculations ...

What is the dependence on N and Z ?

Energy scales:



As high as a realistic V_{NN} will take you

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Δ -isobars, pions

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As low as the first excited state

⇒ ALL OF THEM! HOW?

⇒ Time-dependent formulation not surprising

Description of the nuclear many-body problem

Ingredients: Nucleons interacting by "realistic interactions"

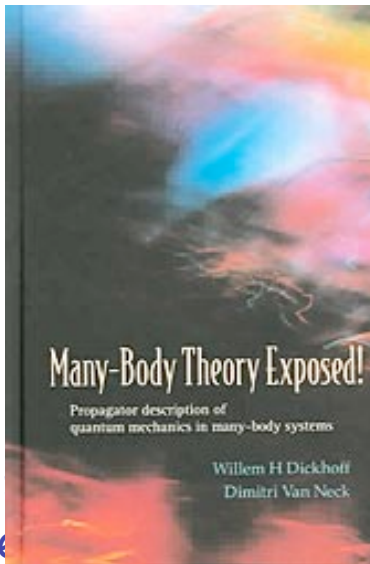
Nonrelativistic many-body problem

Method: Green's functions (Propagators)

⇒ amplitudes instead of wave functions

keep track of all nucleons, including the high-momentum ones

Book: Dimitri Van Neck & W.D.



Why: Physical insight and useful for all many-body systems

Link between experiment and theory clear

Can include all energy scales

Efficient: generates amplitudes not wave functions

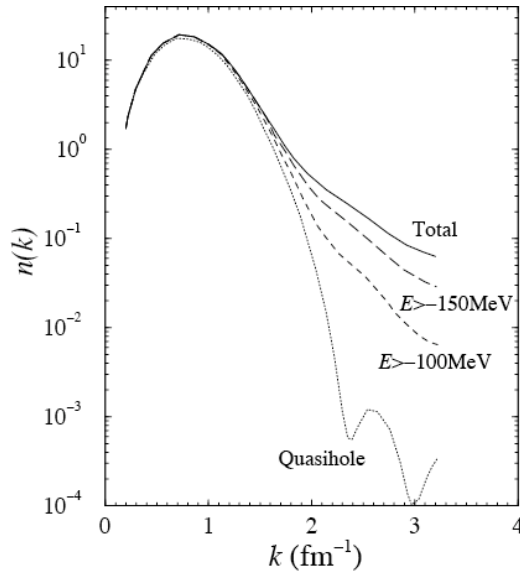
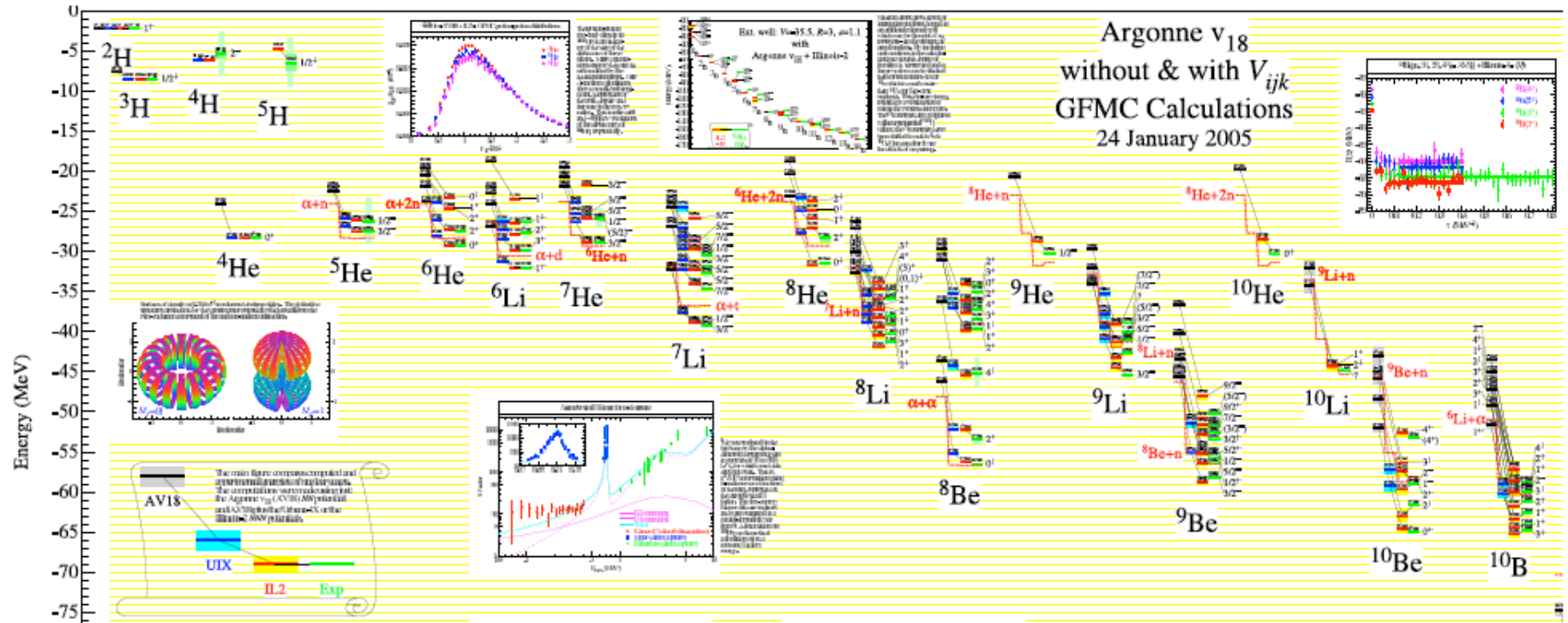
Review

Lecture

C. Barbieri, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. **52**, 377 (2004)

www.nucl.msu.edu/~brown/theory-group/lecture-notes.html

Good stuff ...



⇐ Physics of this picture requires different approach

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Outline

- What is a propagator
- Propagator in the many-body problem
- Information contained in propagator
- Spectral functions
- Relation with experimental data
- Experimental results
- Outline of perturbation theory

What is a propagator or **Green's function**?

Time evolution is governed by the Hamiltonian H . For a single particle the state

$$|\alpha, t_0; t\rangle = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}H(t-t_0)}|\alpha, t_0\rangle$$

is indeed a solution of $i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\alpha, t_0; t\rangle = H |\alpha, t_0; t\rangle$

Relation between wave function at t and t_0 can then be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(\vec{r}, t) &= \langle \vec{r} | \alpha, t_0; t \rangle = \langle \vec{r} | e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}H(t-t_0)} | \alpha, t_0 \rangle = \int d\vec{r}' \langle \vec{r} | e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}H(t-t_0)} | \vec{r}' \rangle \langle \vec{r}' | \alpha, t_0 \rangle \\ &= i\hbar \int d\vec{r}' G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}'; t - t_0) \psi(\vec{r}', t_0)\end{aligned}$$

with the propagator or **Green's function** defined by

$$G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}'; t - t_0) = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \langle \vec{r} | e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}H(t-t_0)} | \vec{r}' \rangle$$

Recall Huygens' principle!

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Alternative expressions

Using $\theta(t-t_0) = -\int \frac{dE'}{2\pi i} \frac{e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}E'(t-t_0)}}{E'+i\eta}$ (Note $\frac{d}{dt}\theta(t-t_0) = \delta(t-t_0)$)

the Fourier transform of the propagator can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}'; E) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d(t-t_0) e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}E(t-t_0)} G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}'; t-t_0) \theta(t-t_0) \\ &= \sum_n \frac{\langle 0 | a_{\vec{r}} | n \rangle \langle n | a_{\vec{r}'}^+ | 0 \rangle}{E - \varepsilon_n + i\eta} \\ &= \langle 0 | a_{\vec{r}} \frac{1}{E - H + i\eta} a_{\vec{r}'}^+ | 0 \rangle \quad \text{with} \quad H | n \rangle = \varepsilon_n | n \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Also $\langle 0 | a_{\vec{r}} | n \rangle = \langle \vec{r} | n \rangle = u_n(\vec{r})$

So numerator yields information on wave functions and denominator on eigenvalues of H .

How is G calculated?

“Simple” for the case of one particle. Can proceed by splitting

$$H = H_0 + V \text{ and using the operator identity } \frac{1}{A-B} = \frac{1}{A} + \frac{1}{A} B \frac{1}{A-B}$$

$$\text{for the operator } G = \frac{1}{E - H + i\eta} \quad \text{with} \quad A = E - H_0 + i\eta$$

and $B = V$ to obtain G in terms of $G^{(0)}$ and V :

$$\begin{aligned} G &= G^{(0)} + G^{(0)}VG \\ &= G^{(0)} + G^{(0)}VG^{(0)} + G^{(0)}VG^{(0)}VG^{(0)} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

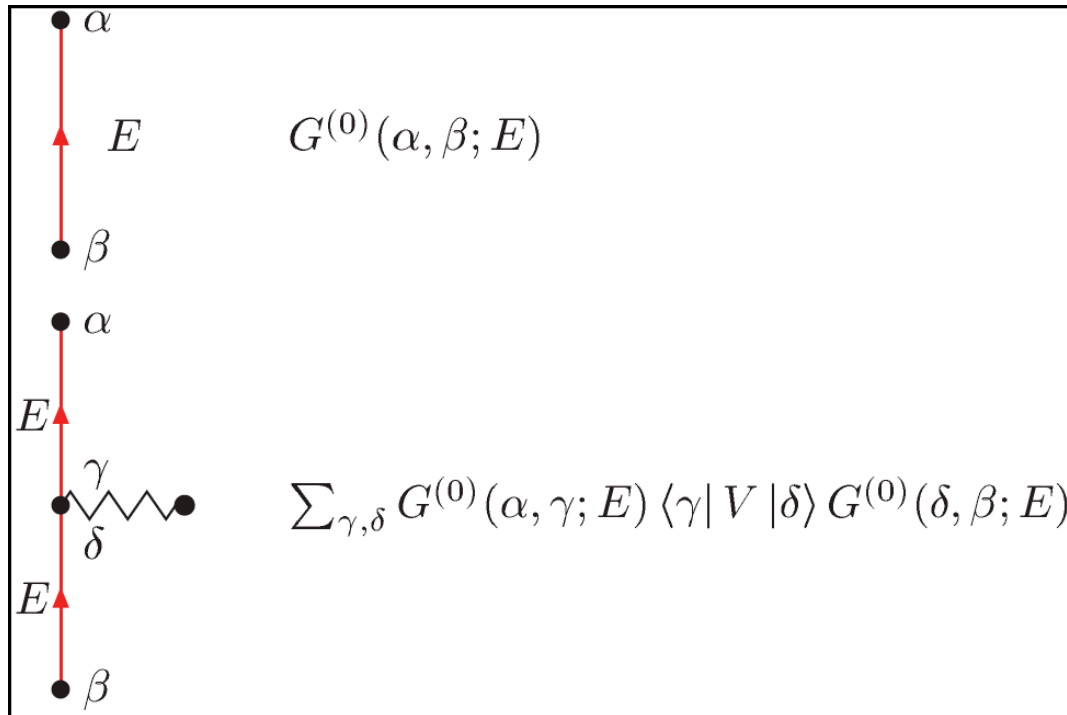
or in a particular basis

$$G(\alpha, \beta; E) = G^{(0)}(\alpha, \beta; E) + \sum_{\gamma \neq \delta} G^{(0)}(\alpha, \gamma; E) \langle \gamma | V | \delta \rangle G(\delta, \beta; E)$$

$$\text{with } G(\alpha, \beta; E) = \langle \alpha | \frac{1}{E - H + i\eta} | \beta \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad G^{(0)}(\alpha, \beta; E) = \langle \alpha | \frac{1}{E - H_0 + i\eta} | \beta \rangle$$

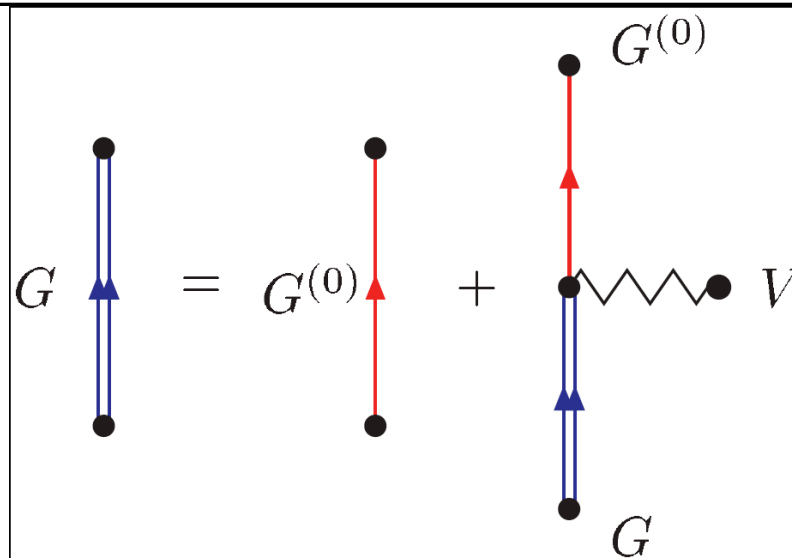
Diagrams

Lowest order



First order

All orders summed by



Single-particle propagator in the medium

Definition $G(\alpha, \beta; t - t') = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \langle \Psi_0^N | T [a_{\alpha_H}(t) a_{\beta_H}^+(t')] | \Psi_0^N \rangle$

with $\hat{H} | \Psi_0^N \rangle = E_0^N | \Psi_0^N \rangle$ **for the exact ground state**

and $a_{\alpha_H}(t) = e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H} t} a_{\alpha} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H} t}$ **(Heisenberg picture)**

while T orders the operators with larger time on the left including a sign change

$$G(\alpha, \beta; t - t') = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \left\{ \theta(t - t') e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} E_0^N (t - t')} \langle \Psi_0^N | a_{\alpha} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H} (t - t')} a_{\beta}^+ | \Psi_0^N \rangle \right.$$

particle

$$\left. - \theta(t' - t) e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} E_0^N (t' - t)} \langle \Psi_0^N | a_{\beta}^+ e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H} (t' - t)} a_{\alpha} | \Psi_0^N \rangle \right\}$$

hole

Fourier transform of G (Lehmann representation)

$$G(\alpha, \beta; E) = \sum_m \frac{\langle \Psi_0^N | a_\alpha | \Psi_m^{N+1} \rangle \langle \Psi_m^{N+1} | a_\beta^+ | \Psi_0^N \rangle}{E - (E_m^{N+1} - E_0^N) + i\eta} \quad \Leftarrow \text{Particle part}$$

$$+ \sum_n \frac{\langle \Psi_0^N | a_\beta^+ | \Psi_n^{N-1} \rangle \langle \Psi_n^{N-1} | a_\alpha | \Psi_0^N \rangle}{E - (E_0^N - E_n^{N-1}) - i\eta} \quad \Leftarrow \text{Hole part}$$

Numerator contains information about "wave functions"

$$\langle \Psi_n^{N-1} | a_\alpha | \Psi_0^N \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \langle \Psi_m^{N+1} | a_\beta^+ | \Psi_0^N \rangle$$

while denominator identifies eigenvalues of H for the $N \pm 1$ states

Note
$$\hat{H} | \Psi_n^{N \pm 1} \rangle = E_n^{N \pm 1} | \Psi_n^{N \pm 1} \rangle$$

has been used for exact $N \pm 1$ states of H

Spectral functions

Probability density for the removal of a particle with quantum numbers represented by α from the ground state, while leaving the remaining system at an energy

$$E_n^{N-1} = E_0^N - E$$

$$S_h(\alpha; E) = \sum_n \left| \langle \Psi_n^{N-1} | a_\alpha | \Psi_0^N \rangle \right|^2 \delta(E - (E_0^N - E_n^{N-1}))$$

for energies $E \leq \varepsilon_F^- = E_0^N - E_0^{N-1}$

Relation of "hole" spectral function to propagator

$$S_h(\alpha; E) = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} G(\alpha, \alpha; E) \quad \text{based on} \quad \frac{1}{x \pm i\eta} = P \frac{1}{x} \mp i\pi\delta(x)$$

Occupation number:
$$n(\alpha) = \int_{-\infty}^{\varepsilon_F^-} S_h(\alpha; E) dE = \langle \Psi_0^N | a_\alpha^\dagger a_\alpha | \Psi_0^N \rangle$$

Relation with experimental data

Direct knockout reaction:

Transfer a large amount of momentum and energy to a bound N -particle system leaving an ejected fast particle and a bound $N-1$ system. By observing the momentum of the ejected particle one can reconstruct the hole spectral function.

$$\text{Initial state } |\Psi_i\rangle = |\Psi_0^N\rangle \quad \text{Final state } |\Psi_f\rangle = a_{\vec{p}}^+ |\Psi_n^{N-1}\rangle$$

$$\text{External probe transfers momentum } \hat{\rho}(\vec{q}) = \sum_{\vec{p}} a_{\vec{p}}^+ a_{\vec{p}-\vec{q}}$$

$$\text{Transition matrix element } \langle \Psi_f | \hat{\rho}(\vec{q}) | \Psi_i \rangle \approx \langle \Psi_n^{N-1} | a_{\vec{p}-\vec{q}} | \Psi_0^N \rangle$$

(Plane Wave) Impulse Approximation \Rightarrow ejected particle absorbs q

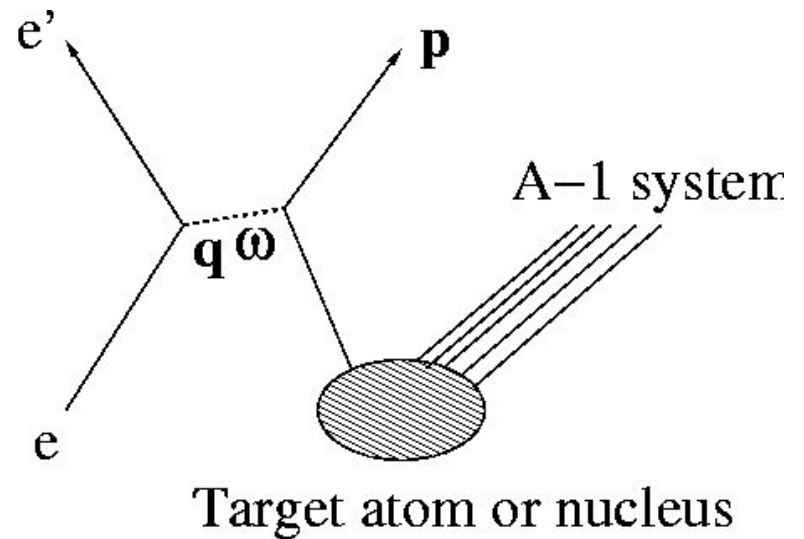
Cross section from Fermi's Golden Rule

$$d\sigma \propto \sum \left| \langle \Psi_f | \hat{\rho}(\vec{q}) | \Psi_i \rangle \right|^2 \delta(E + E_i - E_f) = S_h(\vec{p}_{miss}; E_{miss})$$

$$\text{with } \vec{p}_{miss} = \vec{p} - \vec{q} \quad \text{and} \quad E_{miss} = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} - E = E_0^N - E_n^{N-1}$$

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Basic idea of
(e,2e) or
(e,e'p)



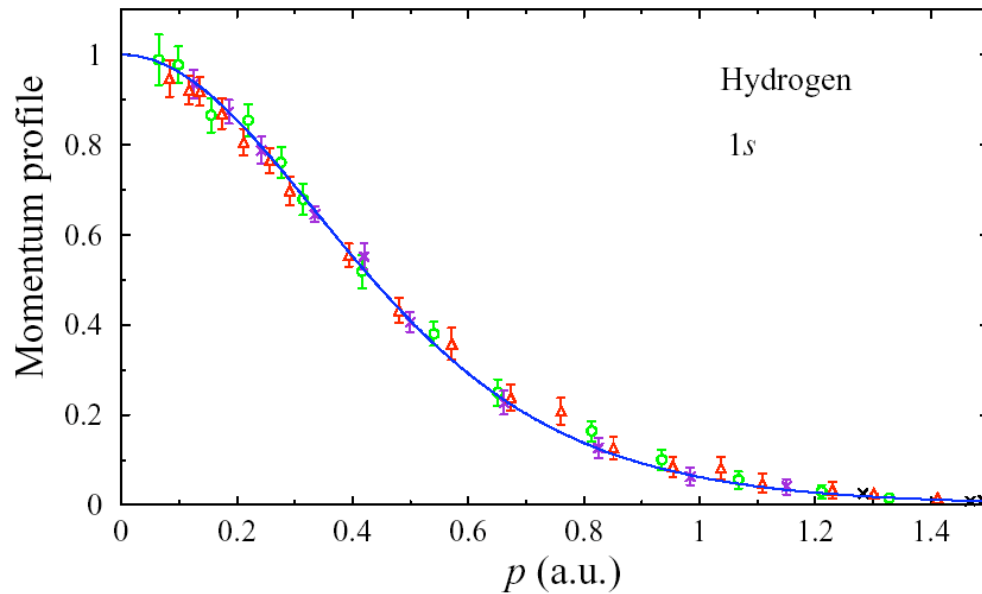
$$d\sigma_L \propto \left| \langle \Psi_f | \hat{\rho}_c(\vec{q}) | \Psi_i \rangle \right|^2 \delta(E - E_i - E_f)$$

Simplest case: $\langle \vec{p}, \Psi_n^{N-1} | \hat{\rho}_c(\vec{q}) | \Psi_0^N \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \Psi_n^{N-1} | a_{\vec{p}-\vec{q}} | \Psi_0^N \rangle$

$$\Rightarrow d\sigma_L \propto \sum_n \langle \Psi_0^N | a_{\vec{p}-\vec{q}}^+ | \Psi_n^{N-1} \rangle \langle \Psi_n^{N-1} | a_{\vec{p}-\vec{q}} | \Psi_0^N \rangle \delta(E_{miss} - (E_0^N - E_n^{N-1}))$$

Realistic case : distorted waves / more realistic description of knocked out particle

Atoms studied with the (e,2e) reaction

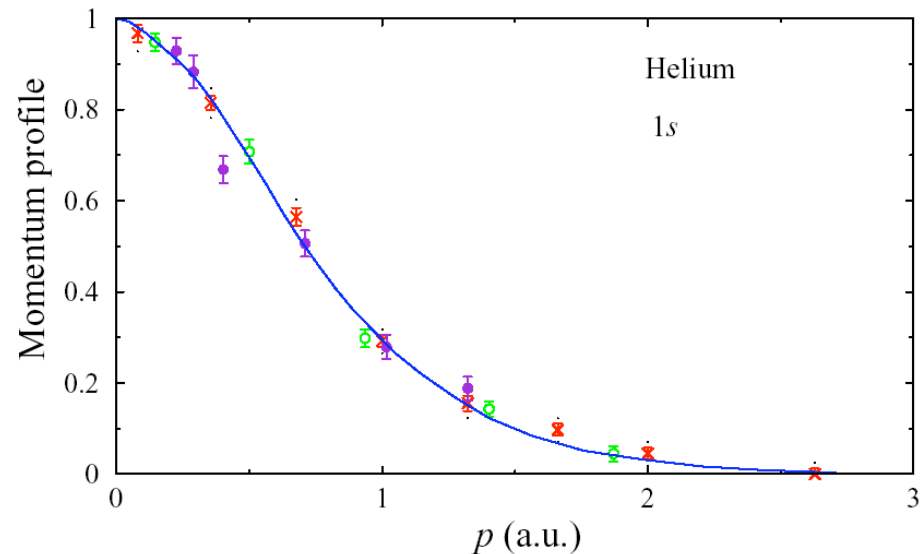


$$\varphi_{1s}(p) = 2^{3/2} \pi \frac{1}{(1+p^2)^2}$$

Hydrogen 1s wave function
"seen" experimentally
Phys. Lett. 86A, 139 (1981)

And so on for other atoms ...

Helium
in Phys. Rev. A8, 2494 (1973)



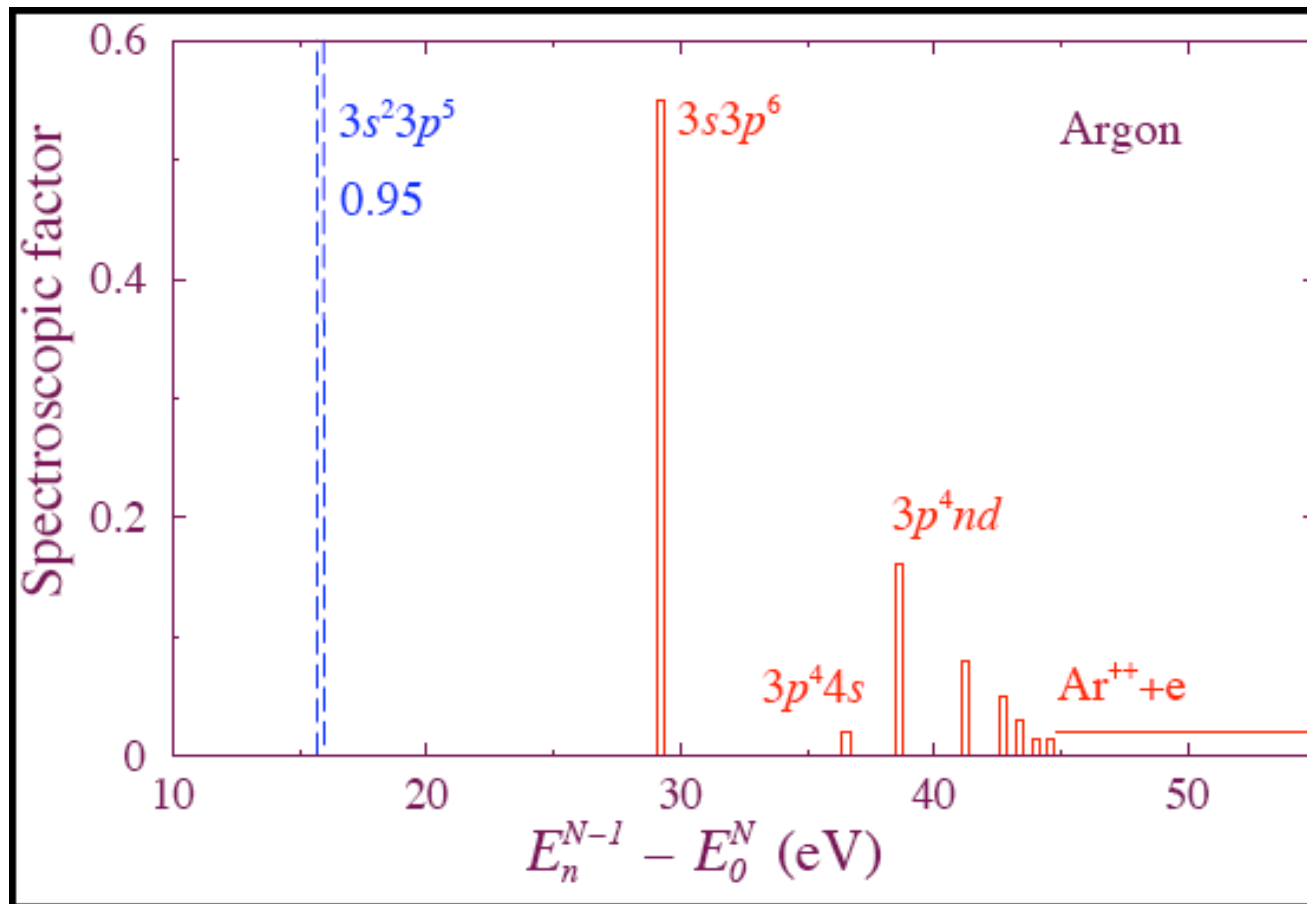
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Spectroscopic factors in atoms

For a bound final $N-1$ state the spectroscopic factor is given by $S = \int d\vec{p} \left| \langle \Psi_n^{N-1} | a_{\vec{p}} | \Psi_0^N \rangle \right|^2$

For H and He the $1s$ electron spectroscopic factor is 1

For Ne the valence $2p$ electron has $S=0.92$ with two additional fragments, each carrying 0.04, at higher energy.

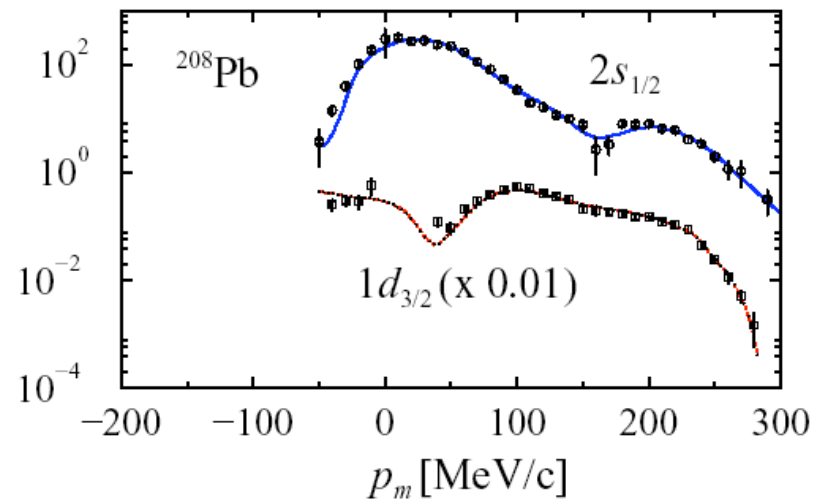
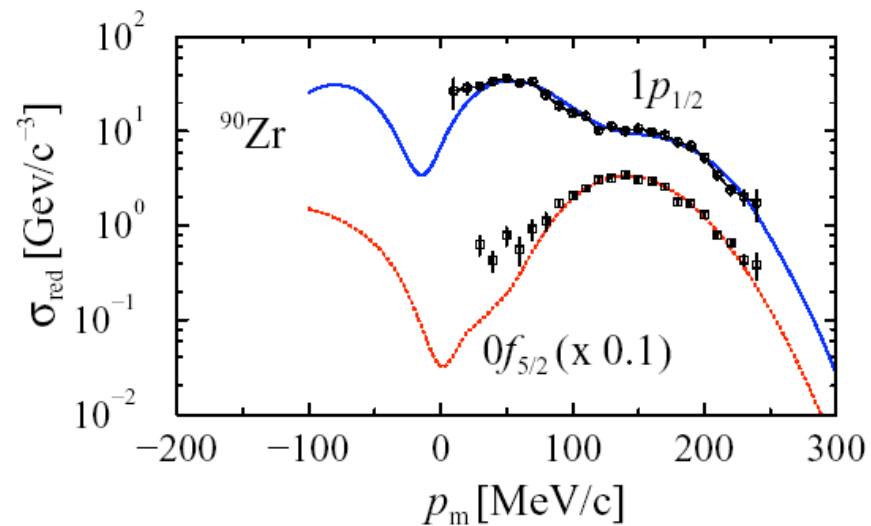
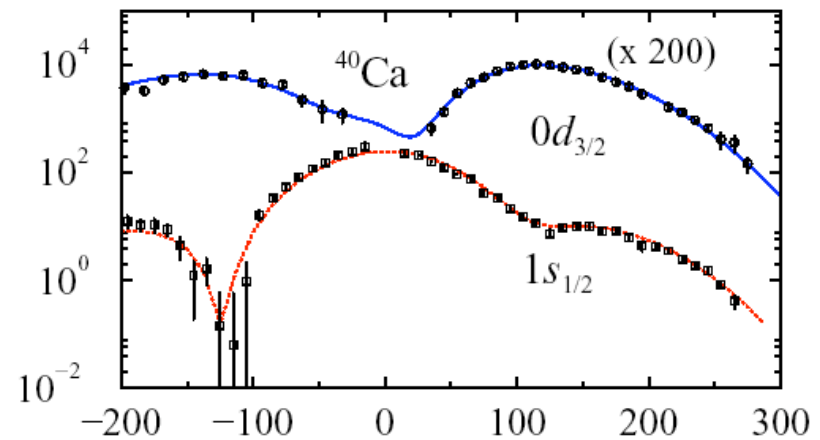
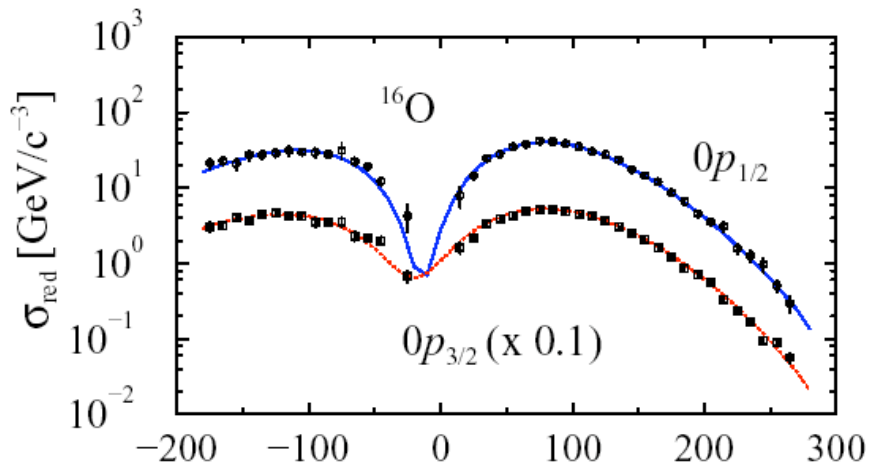


Argon
3p and 3s
strength

Closed-shell
atoms
 $n(\alpha) = 0$ or 1

(e,e'p) cross sections for closed-shell nuclei

NIKHEF data, L. Lapikás, Nucl. Phys. A553, 297c (1993)

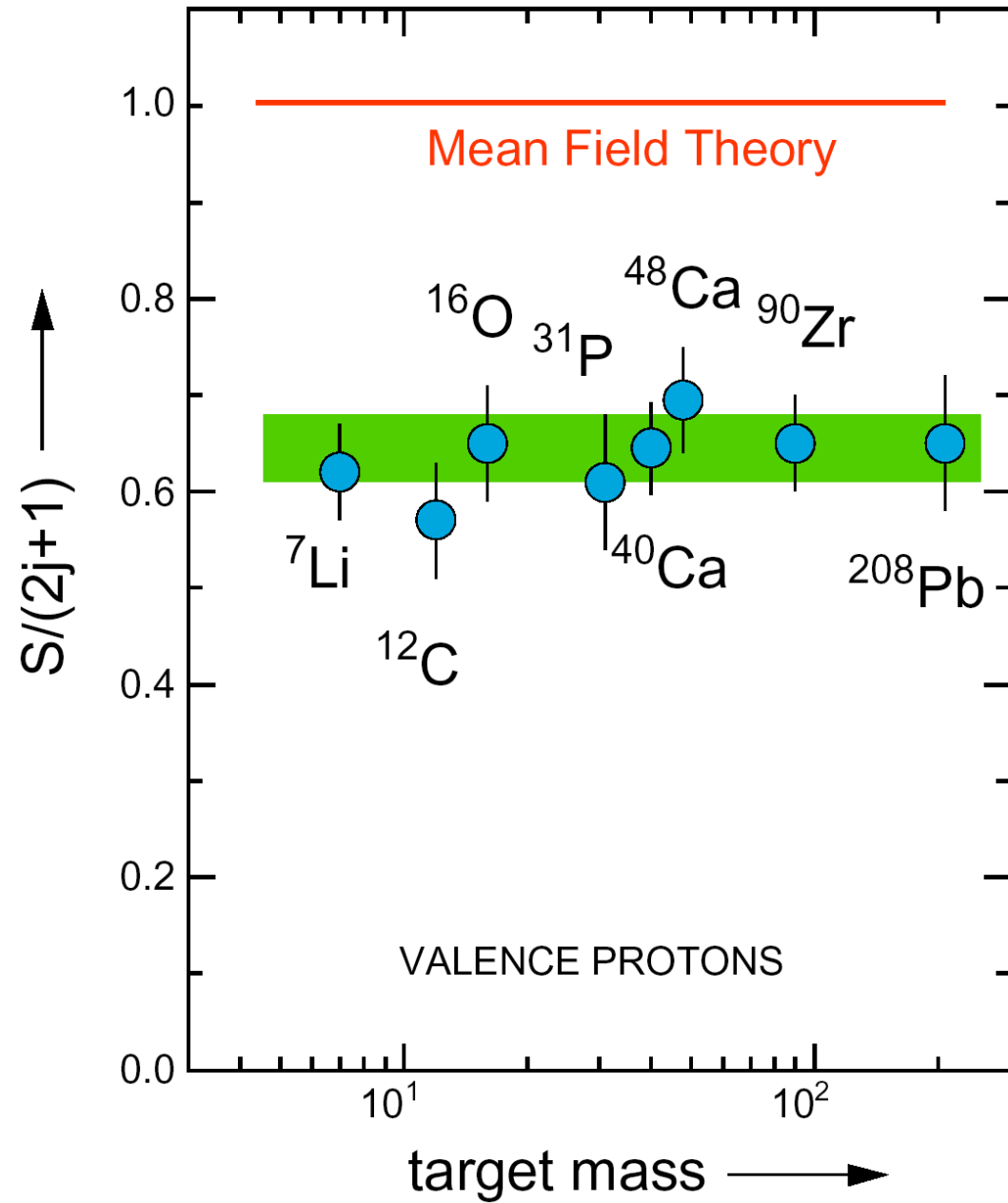


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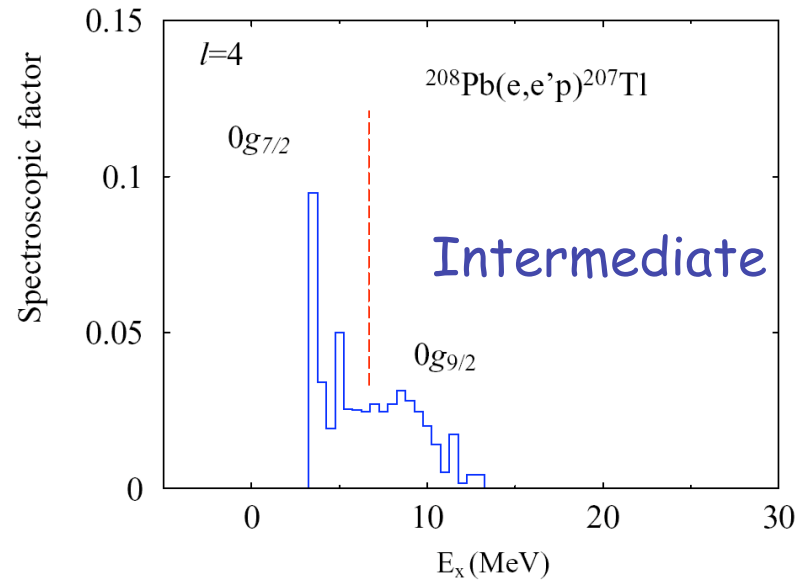
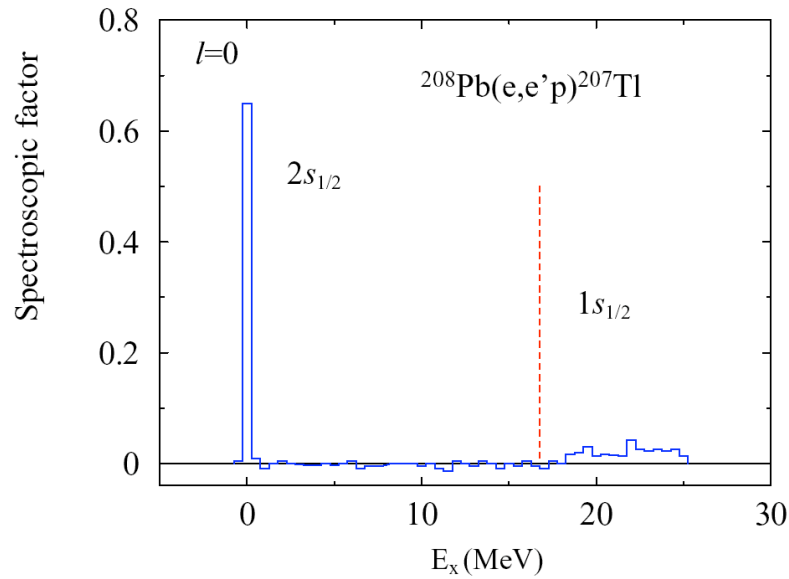
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Removal
probability for
valence protons
from
NIKHEF data

Note:
We have seen mostly
data for removal of
valence protons

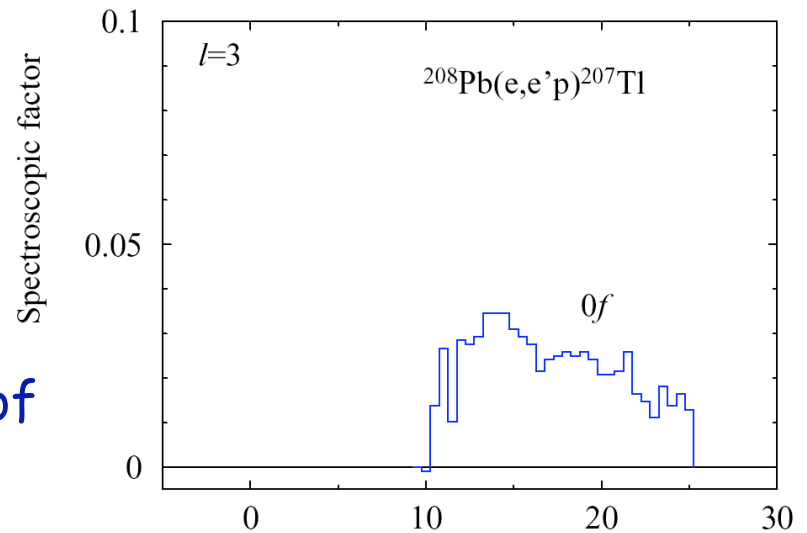


and ...



Quasihole strength or spectroscopic factor $Z(2s_{1/2})=0.65$
 $n(2s_{1/2}) = 0.75$
from elastic electron scattering

Strong fragmentation of deeply-bound states



Many-body perturbation theory for G

- Identify solvable problem by considering $\hat{H}_0 = \hat{T} + \hat{U}$ where U is a suitable auxiliary potential.
- Develop expansion in $\hat{H}_1 = \hat{V} - \hat{U}$
- Employs time-evolution, Heisenberg, Schrödinger, and interaction picture of quantum mechanics.
- Once established, this expansion (expressed in Feynman diagrams) is organized in such a way that nonperturbative results can be obtained leading to the Dyson equation. The Dyson equation describes sp motion in the medium under the influence of the self-energy which is an energy-dependent complex sp potential.
- Further insight into the proper description of sp motion in the medium is obtained by studying the relation between sp and two-particle propagation. This allows the selection of appropriate choices of the relevant ingredients for the system under study.

How to calculate G ?

Rearrange Hamiltonian $\hat{H} = \hat{T} + \hat{V} = (\hat{T} + \hat{U}) + (\hat{V} - \hat{U}) = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{H}_1$

Many-body problem with H_0 can be exactly solved when U is a one-body potential like a Woods-Saxon or HO potential.

Corresponding sp propagator (replace H by H_0)

$$G^{(0)}(\alpha, \beta; E) = \sum_m \frac{\langle \Phi_0^N | a_\alpha | \Phi_m^{N+1} \rangle \langle \Phi_m^{N+1} | a_\beta^\dagger | \Phi_0^N \rangle}{E - (E_m^{A+1} - E_{\Phi_0^N}) + i\eta} + \sum_n \frac{\langle \Phi_0^N | a_\beta^\dagger | \Phi_n^{N-1} \rangle \langle \Phi_n^{N-1} | a_\alpha | \Phi_0^N \rangle}{E - (E_{\Phi_0^N} - E_n^{A-1}) - i\eta}$$

$$= \delta_{\alpha, \beta} \left[\frac{\theta(\alpha - F)}{E - \varepsilon_\alpha + i\eta} + \frac{\theta(F - \alpha)}{E - \varepsilon_\alpha - i\eta} \right]$$

using the sp basis associated with H_0 . Note that $\hat{H}_0 a_\alpha^+ | \Phi_0^N \rangle = (E_{\Phi_0^N} + \varepsilon_\alpha) a_\alpha^+ | \Phi_0^N \rangle$

$$\hat{H}_0 a_\alpha | \Phi_0^N \rangle = (E_{\Phi_0^N} - \varepsilon_\alpha) a_\alpha | \Phi_0^N \rangle$$

So that e.g. $S_h^{(0)}(\alpha; E) = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} G^{(0)}(\alpha, \alpha; E) = \delta(E - \varepsilon_\alpha) \theta(F - \alpha)$

~ like in atoms

and $n^{(0)}(\alpha) = \int_{-\infty}^{\varepsilon_F^{(0)-}} dE \delta(E - \varepsilon_\alpha) \theta(F - \alpha) = \theta(F - \alpha)$

Perturbation expansion using $\mathcal{G}^{(0)}$ and H_1

Use "interaction picture" $\hat{H}_1(t) = e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}\hat{H}_0 t} \hat{H}_1 e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}\hat{H}_0 t}$

then

$$G(\alpha, \beta; t - t') = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \sum \left(\frac{-i}{\hbar} \right)^m \frac{1}{m!} \int dt_1 \cdots \int dt_m \langle \Phi_0^N | T[\hat{H}_1(t_1) \cdots \hat{H}_1(t_m) a_\alpha(t) a_\beta^+(t')] | \Phi_0^N \rangle_{connected}$$

Can be calculated order by order using diagrams and Wick's theorem.
Yields expressions involving $\mathcal{G}^{(0)}$ and matrix elements
of the two-body interaction V (and the auxiliary potential U)

Simple diagram rules in time formulation.

For practical calculations use energy formulation. Diagrams

Diagram rules in energy formulation

Rule 1 Draw all topologically distinct (direct) and connected diagrams with m horizontal interaction lines for V (dashed) and $2m + 1$ directed (using arrows) Green's functions $G^{(0)}$

Rule 2 Label external points only with sp quantum numbers, e.g. α and β
Label each interaction with sp quantum numbers

$$\begin{array}{c} \alpha & \beta \\ \bullet & \text{---} & \bullet \\ \gamma & & \delta \end{array} \Rightarrow \langle \alpha\beta | V | \gamma\delta \rangle = (\alpha\beta | V | \gamma\delta) - (\alpha\beta | V | \delta\gamma)$$

For each arrow line one writes

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \mu \\ | \\ \uparrow E \\ | \\ \bullet \nu \end{array} \Rightarrow G^{(0)}(\mu, \nu; E)$$

but in such a way that energy is conserved for each V

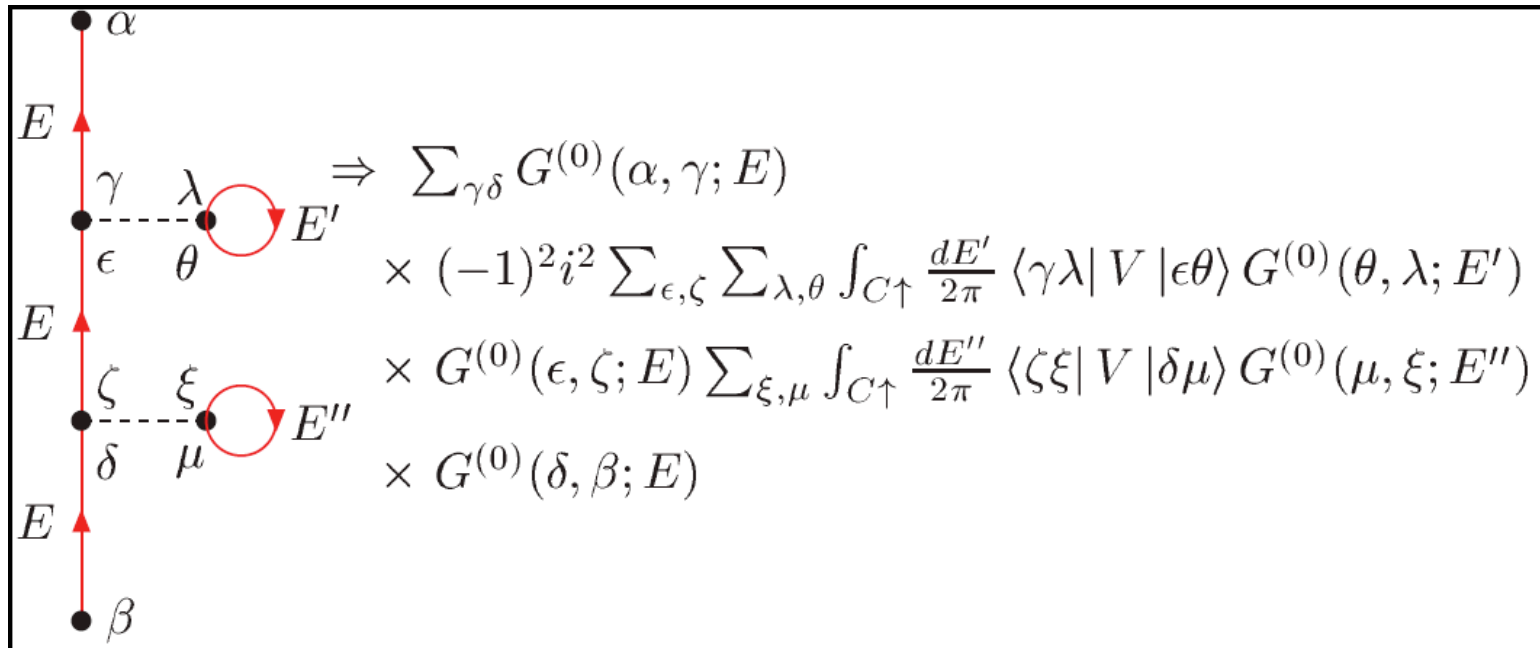
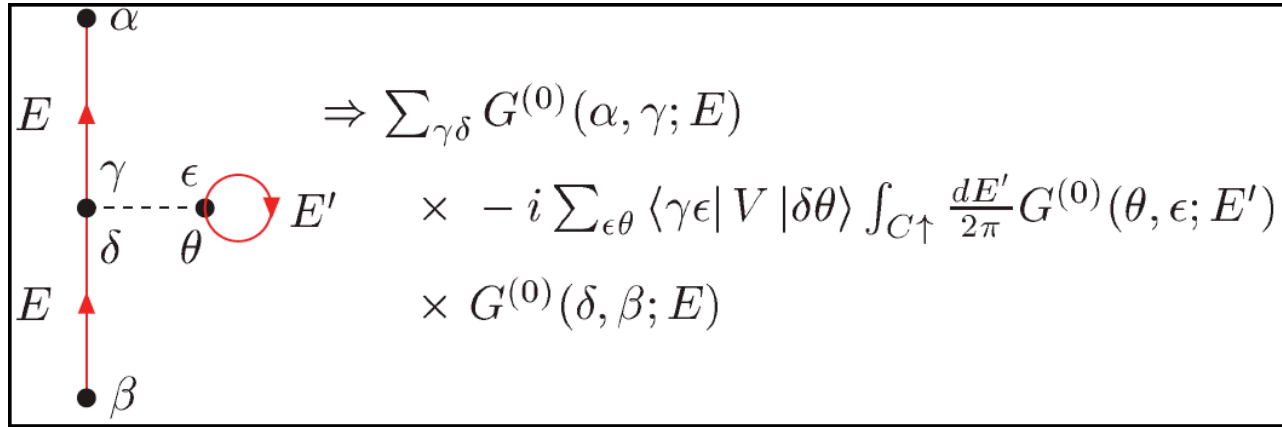
Rule 3 Sum (integrate) over all internal sp quantum numbers and integrate over all m internal energies

For each closed loop an independent energy integration occurs over the contour $C \uparrow$

Rule 4 Include a factor $(i/2\pi)^m$ and $(-1)^F$ where F is the number of closed fermion loops

Rule 5 Include a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$ for each equivalent pair of lines

Examples of diagrams



More diagrams

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\gamma\delta} G^{(0)}(\alpha, \gamma; E) \times i^2 \sum_{\epsilon\theta} \sum_{\lambda\zeta} \int_{C\uparrow} \frac{dE'}{2\pi}$$

$$\times \langle \gamma\epsilon | V | \delta\theta \rangle G^{(0)}(\lambda, \epsilon; E') G^{(0)}(\theta, \zeta; E')$$

$$\times \sum_{\mu\xi} \int_{C\uparrow} \frac{dE''}{2\pi} \langle \zeta\xi | V | \lambda\mu \rangle G^{(0)}(\mu, \xi; E'')$$

$$\times G^{(0)}(\delta, \beta; E)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\gamma\delta} G^{(0)}(\alpha, \gamma; E)$$

$$\times (-1) i^2 \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dE_1}{2\pi} \int \frac{dE_2}{2\pi} \sum_{\lambda, \epsilon, \theta} \sum_{\zeta, \xi, \mu} \langle \gamma\lambda | V | \epsilon\theta \rangle$$

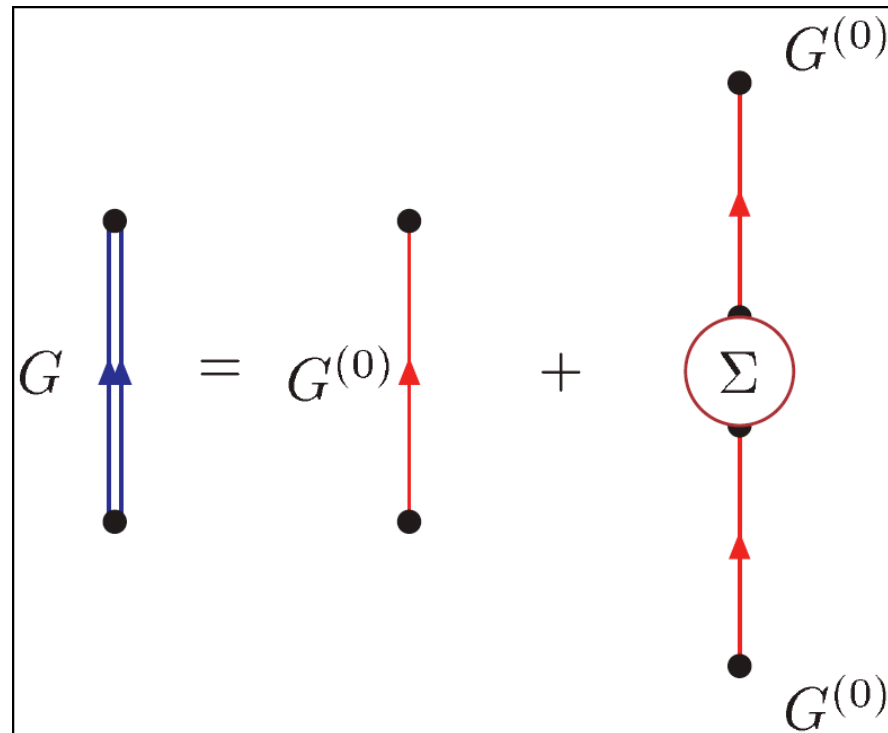
$$\times G^{(0)}(\epsilon, \zeta; E_1) G^{(0)}(\mu, \lambda; E_1 + E_2 - E)$$

$$\times G^{(0)}(\theta, \xi; E_2) \langle \zeta\xi | V | \delta\mu \rangle$$

$$\times G^{(0)}(\delta, \beta; E)$$

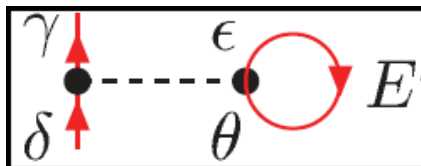
Diagram organization

Sum of all diagrams can be written as



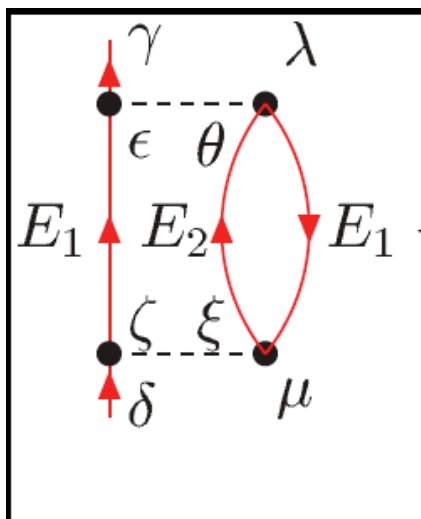
Introducing some self-energy diagrams

First order



$$\Rightarrow -i \sum_{\epsilon\theta} \langle \gamma\epsilon | V | \delta\theta \rangle \int_{C\uparrow} \frac{dE'}{2\pi} G^{(0)}(\theta, \epsilon; E')$$

One of the second order diagrams



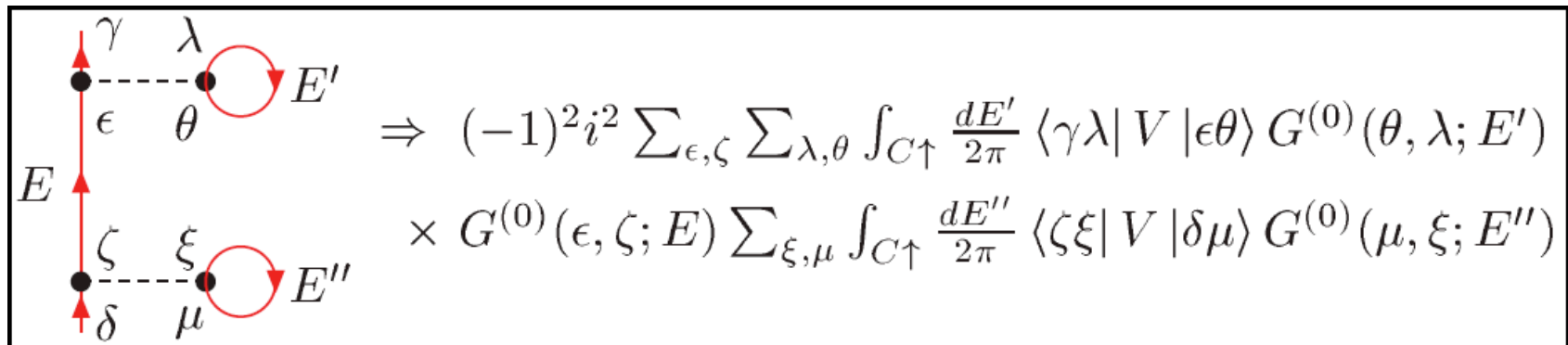
$$\Rightarrow (-1)i^2 \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dE_1}{2\pi} \int \frac{dE_2}{2\pi} \sum_{\lambda, \epsilon, \theta} \sum_{\zeta, \xi, \mu} \langle \gamma\lambda | V | \epsilon\theta \rangle$$

$$\times G^{(0)}(\epsilon, \zeta; E_1) G^{(0)}(\mu, \lambda; E_1 + E_2 - E)$$

$$\times G^{(0)}(\theta, \xi; E_2) \langle \zeta\xi | V | \delta\mu \rangle$$

The irreducible self-energy

The following self-energy diagram is reducible (previous two were irreducible), *i.e.* can be obtained from lower order self-energy terms by iterating with $G^{(0)}$



$$\Rightarrow (-1)^2 i^2 \sum_{\epsilon, \zeta} \sum_{\lambda, \theta} \int_{C^+} \frac{dE'}{2\pi} \langle \gamma \lambda | V | \epsilon \theta \rangle G^{(0)}(\theta, \lambda; E')$$

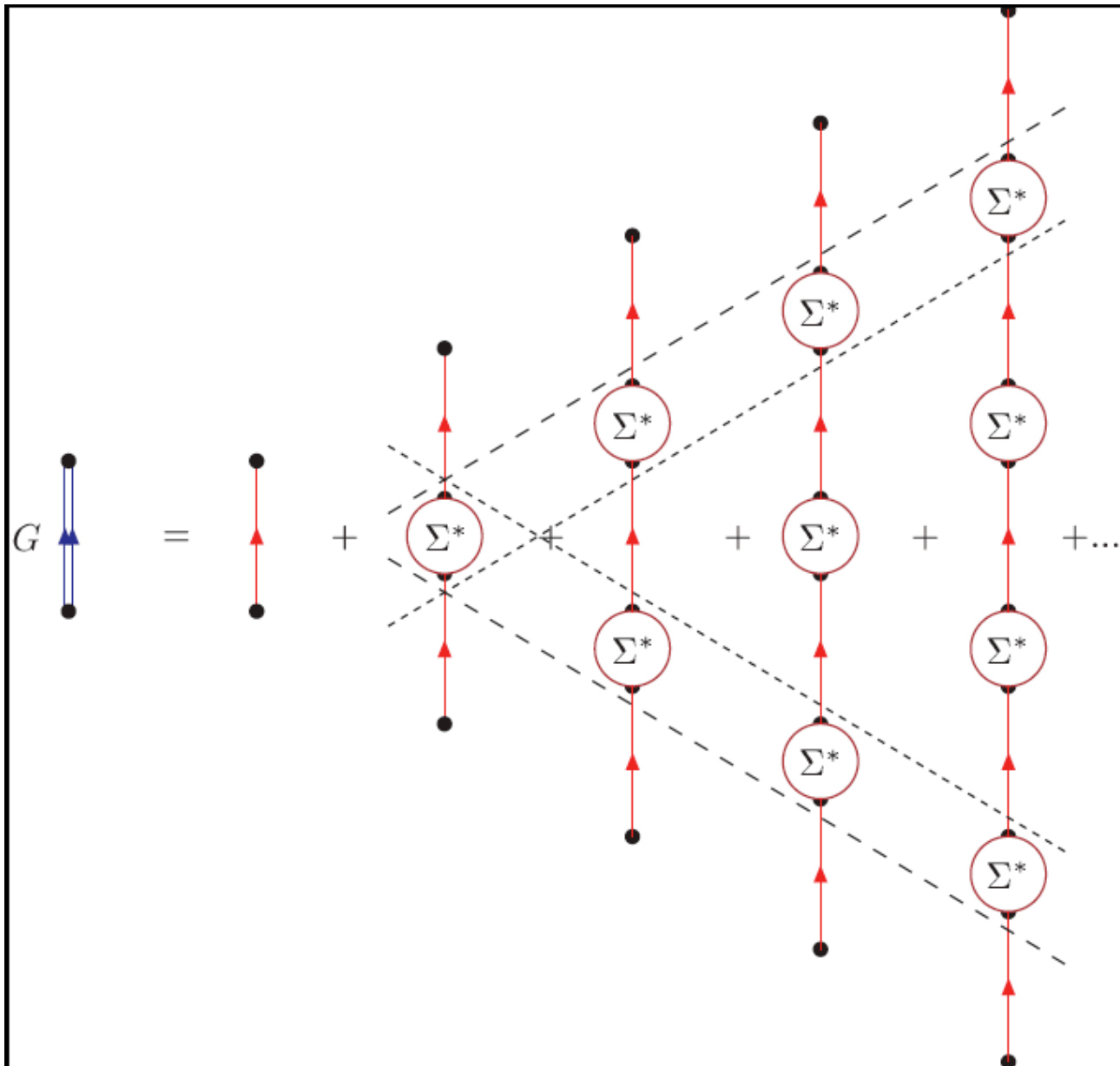
$$\times G^{(0)}(\epsilon, \zeta; E) \sum_{\xi, \mu} \int_{C^+} \frac{dE''}{2\pi} \langle \zeta \xi | V | \delta \mu \rangle G^{(0)}(\mu, \xi; E'')$$

Sum of all irreducible diagrams is denoted by Σ^* .
All diagrams can then be obtained by summing

$$G(\alpha, \beta; E) = G^{(0)}(\alpha, \beta; E) + \sum_{\gamma, \delta} G^{(0)}(\alpha, \gamma; E) \Sigma^*(\gamma, \delta; E) G^{(0)}(\delta, \beta; E) + \dots$$

diagrammatically ...

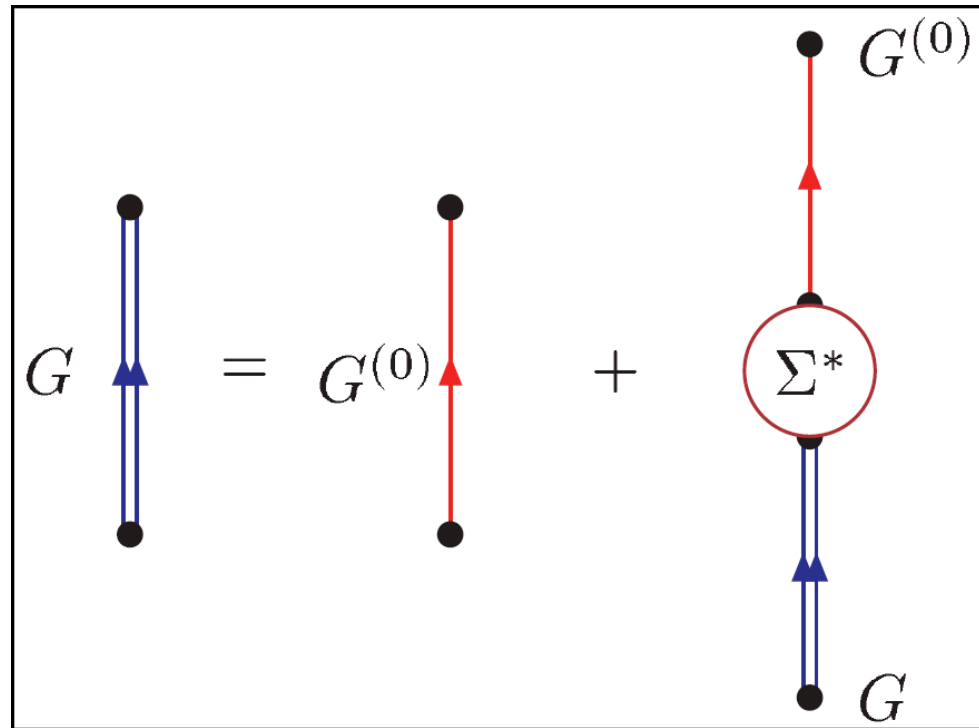
Towards the Dyson equation



Can be summed by

Green's functions I 30

Dyson equation



Looks like the propagator equation for a single particle

$$G(\alpha, \beta; E) = G^{(0)}(\alpha, \beta; E) + \sum_{\gamma \delta} G^{(0)}(\alpha, \gamma; E) \Sigma^*(\gamma, \delta; E) G(\delta, \beta; E)$$

with the irreducible self-energy acting as the in-medium (complex) potential.

Homework

Recover the time-independent Schrödinger equation for bound states from

$$G(\alpha, \beta; E) = G^{(0)}(\alpha, \beta; E) + \sum_{\gamma \delta} G^{(0)}(\alpha, \gamma; E) \langle \gamma | V | \delta \rangle G(\delta, \beta; E)$$

in momentum space for a particle without spin

$$G^{(0)}(\alpha, \beta; E) = \langle \alpha | \frac{1}{E - H_0 + i\eta} | \beta \rangle \quad \text{can then be written as}$$

$$G^{(0)}(\vec{p}, \vec{p}'; E) = \langle \vec{p} | \frac{1}{E - \frac{\vec{p}_{op}^2}{2m} + i\eta} | \vec{p}' \rangle = \delta(\vec{p} - \vec{p}') \frac{1}{E - \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} + i\eta}$$

Strategy: • Introduce complete set of eigenstates of H in G

• Calculate $\lim_{E \rightarrow \epsilon_n} (E - \epsilon_n) [G = G^{(0)} + G^{(0)} V G]$
with $H|n\rangle = \epsilon_n|n\rangle$ and $\epsilon_n < 0$