Correlated electrons: mean-field methods and beyond

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Energy scales in condensed matter physics

Band structure

E (eV)



Low-energy model



Collective phenomena

Density functional method

Hohenberg Kohn theorems

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{n}_{\mathbf{k}} \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} + \frac{e^2}{2} \int \frac{\hat{n}_{\mathbf{r}} \hat{n}_{\mathbf{r}'}}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d^3 r d^3 r' + \int V(\mathbf{r}) \hat{n}_{\mathbf{r}} d^3 r$$

$$\hat{H}_{0} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{n}_{\mathbf{k}} \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} + e^{2} \int \frac{n_{\mathbf{r}'}}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d^{3}r' \hat{n}_{\mathbf{r}} d^{3}r + \int \left(V(\mathbf{r}) + V^{exch}(\mathbf{r})[n_{\mathbf{r}}] \right) \hat{n}_{\mathbf{r}} d^{3}r$$

Local density approximation

$$V^{exch}(\mathbf{r})[n_{\mathbf{r}}] \approx V^{exch}(\mathbf{r}, n_{\mathbf{r}})$$



Density functional method: H₃S superconductivity







GW









GW vs LDA





Optical absorption is a two-particle phenomenon



Diamond, C, 5.5 eV



Corundum, AI_2O_3 , 9.5 eV



Quartz, SiO₂, 8.5 eV



Chromium oxide, Cr₂O₃, 4 eV



Nickel oxide, NiO, 4 eV



Hubbard model





picture from http://hoffman.physics.harvard.edu



Hubbard model: phase diagram



Hartree method

$$S = -c_1^{\dagger} \left(\mathcal{G}_{12}^{-1} \right) c_2 - \frac{U}{2} \sum_j \int d\tau (s_{\tau j}^z)^2$$

$$S_{HF} = -c_1^{\dagger} \left(G_{12}^{-1} \right) c_2$$







BEC-BCS crossover



Mott insulators

 $\mathrm{Ni}^{2+}\mathrm{O}^{2-} + \mathrm{Ni}^{2+}\mathrm{O}^{2-} \leftrightarrow \mathrm{Ni}^{+}\mathrm{O}^{2-} + \mathrm{Ni}^{3+}\mathrm{O}^{2-}$







Gutzwiller method

 $|\Psi\rangle = \Pi_j (1 - \alpha c_{j\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{j\downarrow}^{\dagger}) |\Psi_0\rangle$



DMFT: concept

$$S = S_{at}[c^{\dagger}, c] + \iint_{0}^{\beta} \Delta_{\tau - \tau'} c_{\tau}^{\dagger}, c_{\tau'} d\tau d\tau'$$





DMFT: the simplest derivation

 $=\frac{1}{N}\sum G_{k\omega}$



$$S = \sum_{j} S_{imp}[c_j, c_j^{\dagger}] + \sum_{k\omega} (\epsilon_k - \Delta_{\omega}) c_{k\omega}^{\dagger} c_{k\omega}$$
$$\tilde{S}_{imp}[c_j, c_j^{\dagger}] = -\sum_{\omega} c_{j\omega}^{\dagger} \mathcal{G}_{\omega}^{-1} c_{j\omega}$$
$$\blacksquare$$
$$G = \frac{1}{\mathcal{G}_{\omega}^{-1} + \Delta_{\omega} - \epsilon_k} = \frac{1}{i\omega - \varepsilon_k - \Sigma_{\omega}} \qquad \mathcal{G}_{\omega}$$

DMFT: diagram formulation



$$G^{(0)} = \frac{1}{\omega - \varepsilon_k - \Sigma_\omega}$$

The main physical effect in Fermi-liquid state is the DOS renormalization

$$G_{\omega \to 0}^{(0)} = \frac{Z}{\omega - Z\varepsilon_k}, \quad Z = \frac{1}{1 - \partial_\omega \Sigma_{\omega \to 0}}$$



DMFT: infinite coordination number limit



 $\Delta_{\omega} = t^2 G_{\omega}$

corrections $\propto 1/N$



Impurity problem: continuous-time QMC solvers

Electron-hole transformation $n_{\downarrow} \rightarrow (1 - \tilde{n}_{\downarrow})$ makes the interation attractive.

$$Te^{-\int W^{0}(\tau)d\tau} = 1 + U \int n^{0}_{\uparrow}(\tau)n^{0}_{\downarrow}(\tau)d\tau + \frac{1}{2!}U^{2}T \int \int n^{0}_{\uparrow}(\tau_{1})n^{0}_{\downarrow}(\tau_{1})n^{0}_{\uparrow}(\tau_{2})n^{0}_{\downarrow}(\tau_{2})d\tau d\tau' + \dots$$

The series always converges for a finite fermionic system at finite temperature. We perform a random walk in the space of {k, (arguments of integration)}



A.R., V. V. Savkin, and A. I. Lichtenstein, Phys. Rev. B 72 035122 (2005).

DMFT: Mott transition







DMFT: AF ordering





DMFT: neutron matter

$$G = \frac{1}{\mathcal{G}_{\omega}^{-1} + \Delta_{\omega} - \epsilon_k} \qquad \qquad \mathcal{G}_{\omega} = \int_{k < k_D} G_{k\omega} d^3$$

$$S^{AIM}[c_j^{\dagger}, c_j] = \sum_{l,s,\omega} c_{j\omega ls}^{\dagger} (-i\omega + \Delta_l(i\omega)) c_{j\omega ls} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{l,s,\omega} \tilde{\Delta}_{\omega l} (c_{j\omega ls}^{\dagger} c_{j\omega ls}^{\dagger} c_{j\omega ls} c_{j\omega ls} c_{j\omega ls}) + S^{int}[c_j^{\dagger}, c_j]$$

$$\Delta(i\omega) \xrightarrow{\text{AIM solver}} G_{imp}(i\omega)$$
$$\Sigma_{imp}(i\omega) = (i\omega + \mu - \Delta(i\omega)) - G_{imp}^{-1}(i\omega)$$

Maksim Velikanov, A.R. and Boris Krippa New J. Phys. 23 033015 (2021)



DMFT: neutron matter at beta-equilibrium





Key questions about High Tc cuprates



picture from http://hoffman.physics.harvard.edu

It is known that the system is correlated and the coupling is non-local (*d*-pairing)

- What is the pairing mechanism?
- Why Tc is high?
- Why dome structure of the SC state?
- Why planar system?



Going beyond DMFT

Start from the partition function $Z = \int e^{-S[c,c^*]} \mathcal{D}c^* \mathcal{D}c$ with Hubbard action

 $S[c, c^*] = \sum_i S_{imp}[c_i, c_i^*] - \sum_{\omega k\sigma} (\Delta_\omega - \epsilon_k) c_{\omega k\sigma}^* c_{\omega k\sigma}$

$$S_{imp}[c_i, c_i^*] = \sum_{\omega, \sigma} (\Delta_\omega - \mu - i\omega) c_{i,\omega,\sigma}^* c_{i,\omega,\sigma} + U \int_0^\beta n_{i,\uparrow,\tau} n_{i,\downarrow,\tau} d\tau$$

Use Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation to decouple the kinetic part

$$e^{A^2 c^*_{\omega k\sigma} c_{\omega k\sigma}} = B^{-2} \int e^{-AB(c^*_{\omega k\sigma} f_{\omega k\sigma} + f^*_{\omega k\sigma} c_{\omega k\sigma}) - B^2 f^*_{\omega k\sigma} f_{\omega k\sigma}} df^*_{\omega k\sigma} df^*_{\omega k\sigma} df_{\omega k\sigma} df_{\omega k\sigma}$$

The resulting action

$$S[c, c^*, f, f^*] = \sum_i S_{imp}[c_i, c_i^*] +$$

$$\sum_{\omega k\sigma} \left[g_{\omega}^{-1} (f_{\omega k\sigma}^* c_{\omega k\sigma} + c_{\omega k\sigma}^* f_{\omega k\sigma}) + g_{\omega}^{-2} (\Delta_{\omega} - \epsilon_k)^{-1} f_{\omega k\sigma}^* f_{\omega k\sigma} \right]$$

allows to integrate out c, c* at each site



Going beyond DMFT: dual fermions

... yielding

$$S[f, f^*] = \sum_{\omega k\sigma} g_{\omega}^{-2} \left((\Delta_{\omega} - \epsilon_k)^{-1} + g_{\omega} \right) f_{\omega k\sigma}^* f_{\omega k\sigma} + \sum_i V_i$$

$$e^{-V[f_j,f_j^*] - g_\omega^{-1} f_j^* \omega f_j \omega} = \int e^{-S_{imp}[c_j,c_j^*] + g_\omega^{-1}(f_{\omega k\sigma}^* c_{\omega k\sigma} + c_{\omega k\sigma}^* f_{\omega k\sigma})} \mathcal{D}c_j^* \mathcal{D}c_j$$

$$V[f_i, f_i^*] = -\gamma_{1234}^{(4)} f_1^* f_2 f_3^* f_4 + \gamma_{123456}^{(6)} f_1^* f_2 f_3^* f_4 f_5^* f_6 + \dots$$

There are exact relations between new and old variables, in particular

$$G_{\omega,k} = g_{\omega}^{-2} (\Delta_{\omega} - \epsilon_k)^{-2} G_{\omega,k}^{dual} + (\Delta_{\omega} - \epsilon_k)^{-1}$$



Going beyond DMFT: diagrams in dual fermions

$$S[c, c^{\dagger}] = \sum_{\omega k \sigma} (-i\omega + \epsilon_k - \mu) c^{\dagger}_{\omega k \sigma} c_{\omega k \sigma} + U \sum_i \int_0^{\beta} n_{i \uparrow \tau} n_{i \downarrow \tau}$$

$$S[f, f^{\dagger}] = \sum_{\omega k \sigma} \underbrace{g^{-2}_{\omega} \left((\Delta_{\omega} - \epsilon_k)^{-1} + g_{\omega} \right)}_{-\tilde{G}_0^{-1}} f^{\dagger}_{\omega k \sigma} f_{\omega k \sigma} + \sum_n \gamma^{(n)}_{\text{loc}}$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{G_0^{-1}(\omega, k) - \Sigma_{\omega}}}_{-g_{\omega}} - g_{\omega} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{\gamma^{(4)}_{\text{loc}}}} f^{-2}_{\text{loc}} \int f^{\dagger}_{\omega k \sigma} f_{\omega k \sigma} + \sum_n \gamma^{(n)}_{\text{loc}} = 0$$

Fermi arcs in cuprates

b=80 U=2 t=0.25 t'=-0.3t doing 10%



ARPES, Bi2Sr2CaCu208 Norman et al (2007).



ANR, M. I. Katsnelson, A. I. Lichtenstein, A. Georges Phys.Rev. B 79 045133 (2009)



Low-energy action

$$S[f^{\dagger}, f] = \sum_{\omega k\sigma} -\tilde{G}_{0}^{-1} f_{\omega k\sigma}^{\dagger} f_{\omega k\sigma} + \sum_{n} \gamma_{\text{loc}}^{(n)}$$

$$S_{<} = -\sum \mathcal{G}_{12}^{-1} f_{1<}^{\dagger} f_{2<} + \sum \mathcal{J}_{1234} f_{1<}^{\dagger} f_{2<} f_{3<}^{\dagger} f_{4<}$$

$$f = f_{<} + f_{>}$$

$$f_{<}^{\tilde{G}_{>}} f_{<}^{\tilde{G}_{>}} f_{$$



Parquet formalism: interplay of different channels





Bethe-Salpeter and Dyson equations



Phase diagram of Hubbard model



G. V. Astretsov, G. Rohringer, ANR Phys. Rev. B 101, 075109 (2020)

D-wave superconductivity and magnetic fluctuations in Hubbard model



• What is the pairing mechanism?

AF fluctuations

• Why Tc is high?

Strong coupling of charge carriers with AF modes (no small parameter like m/M)

- Why dome structure of the SC state?
 Interplay of AF fluctuations and DOS of carriers
 van Hove singularities at Fermi level for the optimal doping
- Why planar system?

2D is a land of fluctuations

van Hove singularities are stronger in 2D



Hierarchy of scales and approximations

BSCCO Hubbard Effective action LxL Parquet

- Neglect many-particle local vertices
- Control number of lowest Matsubaras (1, 2...)
- Second order perturbation theory for a renormalized interaction and a propagator
- $16x16 \rightarrow 32x32$ decreases critical temperature
- Self-consistent two-particle method

