

Green's function approach to ab initio band structures

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Crystal orbital algebraic diagrammatic construction (CO-ADC)

One-particle Green's function in crystal momentum representation:

$G_{pq}(\vec{k}, t, t') = (-i) \langle \Psi_0^N | \hat{T}[\hat{c}_{\vec{k}p}(t) \, \hat{c}_{\vec{k}q}^{\dagger}(t')] \, | \Psi_0^N \rangle$

- The one-particle Green's function contains less information than the many-particle wave function:
- Exact correlated band structures are given by the poles of $G_{pq}(\vec{k},\omega)$.
- -The *exact* ground-state energy and the *exact* groundstate expectation values of one-particle operators can be expressed in terms of $G_{pq}(k, t, t')$.
- Full translational symmetry adaption.
- Exploitation of the invariance under lattice translations of the individual terms in the self-energy.

Algebraic diagrammatic construction (ADC) for crystal orbitals:

- Ansatz for the self-energy (ADC form) [1, 2].
- $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\vec{k},\omega) = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{\infty}(\vec{k}) + \boldsymbol{M}^{+}(\vec{k},\omega) + \boldsymbol{M}^{-}(\vec{k},\omega)$ $M^{\pm}(\vec{k},\omega) = U^{\pm\dagger}(\vec{k}) \, (\omega \, \mathbbm{1} - K^{\pm}(\vec{k}) - C^{\pm}(\vec{k}))^{-1} \, U^{\pm}(\vec{k})$

Configuration selection:

- The problem of assembling $\Sigma(\vec{k}, \omega)$ is *infinite*.
- Configuration selection is needed to obtain a linear scaling configuration space.
- The summand in the analytic expression of the second order self-energy diagrams can be used as a selection criterion:

 $\frac{V_{\vec{0}\,\varrho\,\vec{g}_1\,\kappa\,[\vec{g}_2\,\alpha\,\vec{g}_3\,\beta]}V_{\vec{R}\,\sigma\,\vec{g}_1\,\kappa\,[\vec{g}_2\,\alpha\,\vec{g}_3\,\beta]}^*}{\omega-\varepsilon_{\vec{g}_3\,\beta}-\varepsilon_{\vec{g}_1\,\kappa}} \,n_{\vec{g}_1\,\kappa}\,\bar{n}_{\vec{g}_2\,\alpha}\,\bar{n}_{\vec{g}_3\,\beta} \,.$

• $G_{pq}(\vec{k},\omega)$ can be evaluated perturbatively in terms of Goldstone diagrams which is the central approximation employed.

Intermediate change of representation:

• Introduction of the self-energy $\Sigma(\vec{k},\omega)$ by the Dyson equation.

 $oldsymbol{G}(ec{k},\omega) = oldsymbol{G}^0(ec{k},\omega) + oldsymbol{G}^0(ec{k},\omega) \, oldsymbol{\Sigma}(ec{k},\omega) \, oldsymbol{G}(ec{k},\omega)$

- Electron correlations are predominantly local!
- Generalized Wannier orbitals are the conceptual equivalent to localized molecular orbitals.
- Localized orbitals have been utilized successfully in linear scaling methods to compute ground-state energies of large molecules.
- Thus represent self-energy in terms of Wannier orbitals.

• The Lehmann representation of the one-particle Green's function $G(\vec{k},\omega)$ which yields the quasi-particle band structure is determined from the Hermitian eigenvalue problem:

$$\boldsymbol{B}(\vec{k})\boldsymbol{X}(\vec{k}) = \boldsymbol{X}(\vec{k})\boldsymbol{E}(\vec{k})$$

 $m{B}(ec{k}) = egin{pmatrix} (m{F} + m{\Sigma}^\infty)(ec{k}) & m{U}^{+\dagger}(ec{k}) & m{U}^{-\dagger}(ec{k}) \ m{U}^{+}(ec{k}) & (m{K}^+ + m{C}^+)(ec{k}) & m{0} \ m{U}^{-}(ec{k}) & m{0} & (m{K}^- + m{C}^-)(ec{k}) \end{pmatrix}$

- Allows a numerically stable determination of poles.
- Non-perturbative description: perturbation theory only serves to construct an intermediate state representation of the Hamiltonian which is diagonalized subsequently.
- Describes correlation effects **beyond** the quasi-particle picture: strong correlation and electronic resonances [3, 4].

- Truncation of the configuration space implies a finite-range of the Coulomb interaction.
- Only a certain number of non-degenerate states are decribed.
- The computational effort to determine excited states in crystals scales linearly, if only a few a priori chosen states are considered, but, generally, the problem is a *quadratical* scaling problem!

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Ab initio quasi-particle band structures of a (HF) $_{\infty}$ chain and a bulk LiF crystal

Band structure of $(HF)_{\infty}$ chains: • Zig-zag chain, basis set cc-pVDZ.



• Excitations from the valence orbitals of the origin unit cell plus the nearest and next nearest neighbour unit cells.



Band structure of a LiF crystal:

• Rock-salt structure, basis set STO-6G.

• Excitations from the valence orbitals of the origin unit cell.



• Excitations from the valence orbitals of the origin unit cell plus the nearest and next nearest neighbour unit cells.



Localized orbitals:

- The Fock matrix in terms of localized molecular or crystal orbitals is *not* diagonal.
- Exact transformation of the ADC equations leads to an ADC(∞ ,2) matrix with roughly 50% non-zero entries. Consequently a selective diagonalization is very expensive.
- Off-diagonal Fock matrix elements are treated perturbatively in the construction of the ADC form.
- Ionization potentials and electron affinities of a hydrogen fluoride molecule, basis set cc-pVDZ.



(*) Quasi-particle band structure obtained with an effective Hamiltonian approach by BEZUGLY and BIRKENHEUER.

- Valence bands shift significantly upwards.
- Slight increase of the width of the isolated band complexes.
- Excitations from the origin unit cell alone already describes the band structure of $(HF)_{\infty}$ satisfactorily.
- The inclusion of excitations in the nearest neighbour cells has only a minor influence on the band structure, ~pprox 0.1– 0.3 eV, at the Γ point.
- Very good agreement between CO-ADC(2,2) and the effective Hamiltonian quasi-particle band structures.
- The fundamental band gap is reduced significantly due to electron correlations.
- Excitations in neighbouring unit cells are essential.
- The width of the F2p band complex is hardly influenced by electron correlations.
- Good agreement with experimental results.

-10 -20 E [eV]

- Very good agreement of ADC(2,2) and ADC(∞ ,2) results for outer valence IPs and the lowest EA.
- Deviation of ADC(2,2) IP in the inner valence around 40 eV.
- Only ADC(3,2) and ADC(∞ ,2) describe strong correlation (breakdown of the molecular orbital picture of ionization) properly and are generally in excellent agreement.
- ADC(2,2) \rightarrow ADC(3,2) leads to an overall improvement in accuracy of IPs and EAs by an order of magnitude with respect to ADC(∞ ,2).
- A more accurate treatment is *not* required!