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# All-electron space-time formalism for efficient cubic scaling GW calculations

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## The GW approximation in a nutshell

- GW calculations tackle the calculation of electronic energy levels as given by a photoemission experiment (electron addition /removal energies)
- G is the time-ordered one-body Green's function with poles at the proper electron addition/removal energies

$$G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = \sum_{n} \frac{f_n(\mathbf{r}) f_n^*(\mathbf{r}')}{\hbar \omega - \varepsilon_n + i\eta \hbar \operatorname{sgn}(\varepsilon_n - \mu)} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \varepsilon_n = (E_n^{N+1} - E_0^N) & (\varepsilon_n > \mu) \\ \varepsilon_n = (E_0^N - E_n^{N-1}) & (\varepsilon_n > \mu) \end{array}$$

• W is the screened Coulomb potential

$$W(1,2) = v(1,2) + \int d34 \ v(1,3)\tilde{\chi}(3,4)W(4,2)$$

• GW : lowest approximation in W for the exchange-correlation self-energy

$$\begin{split} \Sigma(1,2) &= i \int d34 \; G(1,3) W(4,1^+) \tilde{\Gamma}(4,2;3) \\ \\ \text{Vertex} \qquad \tilde{\Gamma}(1,2,3) &= \delta(1,2) \delta(1,3) + \frac{\partial \Sigma(1,3)}{\partial V} \\ \end{split}$$





$$(V = U + V^H)$$

U = infinitesimal external perturbation

The GW in practice : frequency representation and Kohn-Sham starting point

Exchange and 
$$\Sigma(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}';\varepsilon) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \int d\omega \ e^{i\omega 0^+} G(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}';\varepsilon+\omega) W(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}';\omega)$$

 ${}_{2} \underbrace{\Sigma}_{1} = \underbrace{S}_{2} \underbrace{K}_{G} \underbrace{K}_{1}$ 

A dynamical XC operator

Energy convolution between G and W

First-order like perturbation to correct Kohn-Sham energies

$$\varepsilon_n^{GW} = \varepsilon_n^{KS} + \langle \phi_n^{KS} | \Sigma_{XC}(\varepsilon_n^{GW}) - V_{XC}^{DFT} | \phi_n^{KS} \rangle$$

Build the « best » G and W available : start with Kohn-Sham eigenstates possibly with hybrid functional

$$G^{KS}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = \sum_{n} \frac{\phi_n^{KS}(\mathbf{r}) [\phi_n^{KS}]^*(\mathbf{r}')}{\hbar \omega - \varepsilon_n^{KS} + i0^+ \hbar \operatorname{sgn}(\varepsilon_n^{KS} - \mu)}$$

$$\chi_0^{KS}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = \sum_{mn} (f_m - f_n) \frac{[\phi_m^{KS}(\mathbf{r})]^* \phi_n^{KS}(\mathbf{r}) [\phi_n^{KS}(\mathbf{r}')]^* \phi_m^{KS}(\mathbf{r}')}{\omega - (\varepsilon_m^{KS} - \varepsilon_n^{KS}) + i0^+}$$

The construction of the susceptibility scales as O(N<sup>4</sup>)



Partially self-consistent *GW* : insert self-consistently corrected energy levels to (re)build G and W => much more accurate in particular when starting with functionals with no exact exchange.

Fully self-consistent GW : update as well the eigenstates (or spectral weights in G) => several flavours of self-consistency and much more expensive.

#### Duchemin & Blase JCTC 2021



Cubic-scaling algorithm: 4000 electrons (667 C atoms) in less than 5000 hours (with meV accuracy).

Standard  $O(N^4)$  approach : 3000 electrons (500 carbon atoms) with 6-311G\* basis and resolution-of-identity (RI-V) within 20000 hours !

=> GW very popular post-DFT approach for electronic structure properties implemented in many physics and chemistry codes (VASP, ABINIT, QuantumEspresso, BerkeleyGW, WEST, Turbomole, CP2K, MolGW, Fiesta, QuAcK, etc.)

$$\chi_{0}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = 2 \sum_{ja} \frac{\phi_{j}^{*}(\mathbf{r})\phi_{a}(\mathbf{r})\phi_{a}^{*}(\mathbf{r}')\phi_{j}(\mathbf{r}')}{\omega - (\varepsilon_{a} - \varepsilon_{i})} + c.c.$$
Imaginary time representation
$$\chi_{0}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; i\tau) = -iG(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; i\tau)G(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}; -i\tau)$$

$$G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; i\tau) = -i\sum_{j}^{\text{occ}} \phi_{j}(\mathbf{r})\phi_{j}(\mathbf{r}')e^{\varepsilon_{j}\tau} \quad (\tau > 0)$$

$$-i\sum_{a}^{\text{vir}} \phi_{a}(\mathbf{r})\phi_{a}(\mathbf{r}')e^{\varepsilon_{a}\tau} \quad (\tau < 0)$$

Almlöf, Häser (1991,1992) : Laplace transform idea for MP2 calculations

$$E^{(2)} = -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijab} \frac{\langle ab || ij \rangle^2}{\varepsilon_a + \varepsilon_b - \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j}$$

Laplace transform

$$\varepsilon_a + \varepsilon_b - \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j)^{-1} = \int_0^{+\infty} dt \ e^{-(\varepsilon_a + \varepsilon_b - \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j)t}$$

Disentangles energies in denominator

The decoupling of the sums between occupied and unoccupied states reduce the calculation of the susceptibility to O(N<sup>3</sup>). Such an approach has hardly been used in practice but is regaining popularity under various forms.

See Kresse et al. PRB 2016.

A first issue : The GW self-energy analytic continuation problem

$$\chi_0(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}';i\tau) \Longrightarrow \chi_0(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}';i\omega) \Longrightarrow W(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}';i\omega) \Longrightarrow \Sigma(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}';i\omega)$$

Safe and stable procedure : the self-energy is smooth along the imaginary axis

BUT: the analytic continuation to the real-axis is a well-known problem



$$\Sigma(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}';\varepsilon) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \int d\omega \ e^{i\omega 0^+} G(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}';\varepsilon+\omega) W(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}';\omega)$$

The number of pole of the self-energies are the poles of G multiplied by the poles of W !



van Setten et al. "GW100: benchmarking...", JCTC 2015



Solution : G and its poles on the real axis are known ! The only thing that needs to be continued is the screened Coulomb potential that has much less poles than the self-energy !

$$G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = \sum_{n} \frac{\phi_n(\mathbf{r})\phi_n^*(\mathbf{r}')}{\omega - \varepsilon_n + i\eta \times \operatorname{sgn}(\varepsilon_n - \mu)}$$
  

$$\chi_0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; i\tau) \Longrightarrow \chi_0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; i\omega) \Longrightarrow W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; i\omega) \Longrightarrow W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) \longrightarrow W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega)$$
Form  $\Sigma(\omega)$ 



Quasiparticle energy at the crossing of the red line and the correlation self-energy  $~\Sigma_C(\omega)$ 

$$\varepsilon_{n}^{GW} = \varepsilon_{n}^{KS} + \langle \phi_{n}^{KS} | \Sigma_{XC}(\varepsilon_{n}^{GW}) - V_{XC}^{DFT} | \phi_{n}^{KS} \rangle$$

$$\int \text{Crossing of 2 functions: } \varepsilon_{n}^{GW} = \omega$$

$$f(\omega) = \omega - \varepsilon_{n}^{KS} + \langle \phi_{n}^{KS} | V_{XC}^{DFT} | \phi_{n}^{KS} \rangle$$

$$g(\omega) = \langle \phi_{n}^{KS} | \Sigma_{XC}(\omega) | \phi_{n}^{KS} \rangle$$

Analytic continuation errors (GW100 test set)



Analytic continuation extremely safe close to the gap with few points (10-14) along the imaginary axis.

A second issue : Disentangling the molecular orbitals with separable resolution-of-the-identity (RI)

In physics (planewaves) or quantum chemistry (atomic basis) susceptibility not calculated on a grid :

$$\chi_0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; i\omega) = 2\sum_{ja} \frac{\phi_j^*(\mathbf{r})\phi_a(\mathbf{r})\phi_a^*(\mathbf{r}')\phi_j(\mathbf{r}')}{i\omega - (\varepsilon_a - \varepsilon_i)} + c.c.$$

but using an auxiliary basis (planewaves, atomic orbitals, etc.) that projects on codensities (MOs products) :

$$\langle P_{\mu}|\chi_{0}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}';i\omega)|P_{\nu}\rangle = 2\sum_{ja}\frac{\langle\phi_{j}\phi_{a}|P_{\mu}\rangle\langle P_{\nu}|\phi_{a}\phi_{j}\rangle}{i\omega - (\varepsilon_{a} - \varepsilon_{i})} + c.c.$$

MOs are entangled (not separable) in RI fitting coefficients !

This amounts in quantum chemistry to a resolution-of-the-identity (RI) technique :

$$\phi_{n}(\mathbf{r})\phi_{m}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mu} \mathcal{F}_{\mu}(\phi_{n}\phi_{m})P_{\mu}(\mathbf{r})$$

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$$[\chi_{0}^{RI}(i\omega)]_{\mu\nu} = 2\sum_{ja} \frac{\mathcal{F}_{\mu}(\phi_{j}\phi_{a})\mathcal{F}_{\nu}(\phi_{j}\phi_{a})}{i\omega - (\varepsilon_{a} - \varepsilon_{j})} + c.c.$$

$$\mathcal{F}^V_{\mu}(\phi_n\phi_m) = \sum_{\nu} [V^{-1}]_{\mu\nu}(P_{\nu}|\phi_n\phi_m)$$
 Coulomb fitting

$$[\chi_0^{RI}(i\tau)]_{\mu\nu} = -2i\sum_{ja} \mathcal{F}_{\mu}(\phi_j\phi_a)\mathcal{F}_{\nu}(\phi_j\phi_a)e^{\varepsilon_j\tau}e^{-\varepsilon_a\tau}$$

MOs are entangled (not separable) in RI fitting coefficients !

$$\begin{split} \phi_{n}(\mathbf{r})\phi_{m}(\mathbf{r}) &= \sum_{\mu} \mathcal{F}_{\mu}^{V}(\phi_{n}\phi_{m})P_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}) & & & \\ & & &$$

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Build minimal grid that reproduces a RI-V calculation for a given auxiliary basis and a given accuracy (meV) => Typical grid size needed: 300-500 points per atom (3-4 times larger than auxiliary Gaussian basis set)

See also: ISDF (Interpolative Separable Density Fitting), Lu and Thicke, J. Comput. Phys. 2017

Standard RI-V results can be obtained with much reduced CPU (cubic scaling) and meV accuracy ! Crossover with standard quartic scaling approach for systems containing a few dozens of atoms.



Duchemin & Blase, JCP 2019; JCTC 2021

• The same technique(s) can be used for cubic-scaling RPA correlation energies

(Duchemin & Blase, JCP 2019)

$$E_C^{RPA} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty d\omega \ Tr \left[ \ln(1 - \chi_0(i\omega) \cdot v) + \chi_0(i\omega) \cdot v \right]$$

• The same technique can be « simply » used to calculate 2-electron Coulomb integrals (applications to HF, MP2, etc.)



For Coulomb integrals, similar in spirit to other techniques in quantum chemistry such as chain-of-sphere COS (Neese et al, 2011), Tensor Hyper Contraction techniques (Sherrill et al. 2016), etc.

Towards large scale GW (and Bethe-Salpeter) calculations ...

Conclusions : cubic scaling all-electron *GW* calculations can be performed on hundreds of atoms with modest CPU time requirements (reducing the memory needs as well).

- No use of sparcity in AO basis set overlap
- No use of localization of 2-body operators such as  $G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega), \chi_0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega), etc.$

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Tensor Hypercontraction Technique

R. M. Parrish, E. G. Hohenstein, T. J. Martinez, and C. D. Sherrill, J. Chem. Phys. 137, 224106 (2012)

$$\underset{\mathbf{Z}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \quad \sum_{\boldsymbol{\rho}, \boldsymbol{\rho}'} ||(\boldsymbol{\rho}|\boldsymbol{\rho}') - \sum_{kk'} ||(\boldsymbol{\rho}|\boldsymbol{\rho}') - \sum_{k'} ||(\boldsymbol{\rho}|\boldsymbol{\rho}')$$

Similar idea but fit directly 2-electrons Coulomb integrals =>  $O(N^4)$  setting of quadrature instead of  $O(N^3)$  in our case.

Chain-of-sphere approach (COS)
$$(\mu\kappa|\nu\lambda) \simeq \sum_k W_k \mu(\mathbf{r}_k)\kappa(\mathbf{r}_k) \int d\mathbf{r} \frac{\nu(\mathbf{r})\lambda(\mathbf{r})}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}_k|}$$
Neese et al. 2009 - presentQuadrature on one  
codensity onlyOne-electron integrals  
in Gaussian basis

#### Review : Elisa Rebolini et al. JCTC 2016

Imaginary frequency grid points (RPA)

Need to evaluate integrals of the form

$$E$$
 ranges from  $E_{gap}$  to  $\max(\varepsilon_a - \varepsilon_i)$ 

$$\int_0^\infty d\omega \left(\frac{1}{E - i\omega} - \frac{1}{E + i\omega}\right) = \pi$$

Minimize

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Contour deformation with analytic continuation

 $\Re(\omega)$ 

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poles of  $G(\omega + E)$ 

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$$\Sigma_{C}^{GW}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; E) = \frac{-1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \ G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; E + i\omega)(W - v)(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; i\omega)$$
$$-\sum_{i} \phi_{i}(\mathbf{r})\phi_{i}(\mathbf{r}')(W - v)(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \underline{\varepsilon_{i}} - E)\theta(\varepsilon_{i} - E)$$
$$+\sum_{a} \phi_{a}(\mathbf{r})\phi_{a}(\mathbf{r}')(W - v)(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \underline{E} - \varepsilon_{a})\theta(E - \varepsilon_{a})$$
$$\downarrow$$
Poles of W shifted by Green's function poles

