# Photoemission spectroscopy from the three-body Green's function.

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- Physics of the photoemission spectroscopy;
- one and three-body Green's function;
- application to the symmetric Hubbard dimer;
- conclusion and future development.

#### Direct and inverse photoemission

•hole/hole/electron electron/electron/hole PES IPES  $e^{-}$  $e^{-}$  $\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}$  $\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}$  $E_{\rm vac}$  $E_{\rm vac}$  $h\nu$  $\epsilon_k^{\text{IPES}}$  $h\nu$  $E_F$  $E_F$  $\epsilon_{\iota}^{\text{PES}}$  $N \rightarrow N - 1$  $N \rightarrow N + 1$ 

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Three-body Green's function

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## One-body Green's function

The one-body Green's function is defined as

$$iG_1(1,1')=\langle \Psi_0^{\mathcal{N}}|\mathcal{T}[\hat{\psi}(1)\hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(1')]|\Psi_0^{\mathcal{N}}
angle$$

where  $(1) = (r_1, \sigma_1, t_1)$  and

$$\mathcal{T}[\hat{\psi}(1)\hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(1')] = heta(t_1 - t_{1'})\hat{\psi}(1)\hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(1') - heta(t_{1'} - t_1)\hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(1')\hat{\psi}(1).$$

It is possible to write  $G_1$  in the well known spectral representation

$$G_{1}(\omega) = \sum_{n} \frac{\langle \Psi_{0}^{N} | \hat{\psi} | \Psi_{n}^{N+1} \rangle \langle \Psi_{n}^{N+1} | \hat{\psi}^{\dagger} | \Psi_{0}^{N} \rangle}{\omega - (E_{n}^{N+1} - E_{0}^{N}) + i\eta} + \sum_{n} \frac{\langle \Psi_{0}^{N} | \hat{\psi}^{\dagger} | \Psi_{n}^{N-1} \rangle \langle \Psi_{n}^{N-1} | \hat{\psi} | \Psi_{0}^{N} \rangle}{\omega - (E_{0}^{N} - E_{n}^{N-1}) - i\eta}$$

To calculate  $G_1$  we use the Dyson equation

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where  $(1) = (r_1, \sigma_1, t_1)$ . Thanks to the T-ordering operator

$$T[\hat{\psi}_{1}(1)...\hat{\psi}_{n}(n)] = \sum_{p} \theta(t_{p_{1}} > ... > t_{p_{n}})(-1)^{p}\hat{\psi}_{p_{1}}(p_{1})...\hat{\psi}_{p_{n}}(p_{n})$$

and adding a completeness  $\sum_{n} |\Psi_{n}^{N}\rangle \langle \Psi_{n}^{N}| = 1$ , it describes

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Each e/e/h term has a form similar to

$$\sum_{n} e^{i\tau(E_{0}^{N}-E_{n}^{N+1})} \langle \Psi_{0}^{N} | \hat{\psi}(x_{1}) e^{-i\hat{H}\tau_{13'}} \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x_{3'}) e^{-i\hat{H}\tau_{3'2}} \hat{\psi}(x_{2}) | \Psi_{n}^{N+1} \rangle \\ \langle \Psi_{n}^{N+1} | \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x_{2'}) e^{-i\hat{H}\tau_{2'3}} \hat{\psi}(x_{3}) e^{-i\hat{H}\tau_{31'}} \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x_{1'}) | \Psi_{0}^{N} \rangle$$

where  $\tau$  corresponds to the time of the combined propagation of the added particle and the electron-hole pair

$$au = rac{1}{3}(t_1 + t_2 + t_{3'}) - rac{1}{3}(t_3 + t_{1'} + t_{2'})$$
 and  $au_{ij} = t_i - t_j$ .

The time differences  $\tau_{ij}$  are instantaneous:  $\tau_{ij} \rightarrow 0$ .

#### Electron-electron-hole and hole-hole-electron parts



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$$G_{1}(x_{1}, x_{1'}; \omega) = G_{1}^{e}(x_{1}, x_{1'}; \omega) + G_{1}^{h}(x_{1}, x_{1'}; \omega)$$

$$= \sum_{n} \frac{\langle \Psi_{0}^{N} | \hat{\psi}(x_{1}) | \Psi_{n}^{N+1} \rangle \langle \Psi_{n}^{N+1} | \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x_{1'}) | \Psi_{0}^{N} \rangle}{\omega - (E_{n}^{N+1} - E_{0}^{N}) + i\eta}$$

$$+ \sum_{n} \frac{\langle \Psi_{0}^{N} | \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x_{1'}) | \Psi_{n}^{N-1} \rangle \langle \Psi_{n}^{N-1} | \hat{\psi}(x_{1}) | \Psi_{0}^{N} \rangle}{\omega - (E_{0}^{N} - E_{n}^{N-1}) - i\eta}$$

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The e/e/h and h/h/e parts of 
$$G_3$$
 in the spectral representation read as  

$$G_3^{e+h}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_{1'}, x_{2'}, x_{3'}; \omega) = G_3^e(x_1, ..., x_{3'}; \omega) + G_3^h(x_1, ..., x_{3'}; \omega)$$

$$= \sum_n \frac{\langle \Psi_0^N | \hat{\psi}(x_1) \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x_{3'}) \hat{\psi}(x_2) | \Psi_n^{N+1} \rangle \langle \Psi_n^{N+1} | \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x_{2'}) \hat{\psi}(x_3) \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x_{1'}) | \Psi_0^N \rangle}{\omega - (E_n^{N+1} - E_0^N) + i\eta}$$

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With appropriate contractions and integrations it is possible to recover  $G_1$  from  $G_3$ 

$$\int dx_2 dx_3 G_3^e(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_{1'}, x_3, x_2, \omega) = (N+1)^2 G_1^e(x_1, x_{1'}, \omega)$$
$$\int dx_2 dx_3 G_3^h(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_{1'}, x_3, x_2, \omega) = N^2 G_1^h(x_1, x_{1'}, \omega)$$

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$$G_{3}^{e+h}(\omega) = G_{03}^{e+h}(\omega) + G_{03}^{e+h}(\omega)\Sigma_{3}(\omega)G_{3}^{e+h}(\omega)$$

where  $G_{03}^{e+h}$  is the non-interacting electron/hole three-body Green's function. It contains both quasi-particle and satellite poles

$$G_{03}^{e+h}(\omega) = \frac{\phi\phi\phi\phi^*\phi^*\phi^*}{\omega - \epsilon^c + i\eta} + \frac{\phi\phi\phi\phi^*\phi^*\phi^*}{\omega - \epsilon^c - \epsilon^{e/h} + i\eta} + \dots$$

where  $\epsilon^c$  is the one-particle energy of a conduction band, and  $\epsilon^{e/h}$  is the energy of the electron/hole pair.

We defined  $\Sigma_3$  as the three-body self-energy. Its task is to shift the poles from non-interacting to interacting ones. A static self-energy is enough to do that

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#### Symmetric Hubbard dimer

The Hamiltonian of the model is

$$H = -t \sum_{i \neq j=1,2} \sum_{\sigma} c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{j\sigma} + \frac{U}{2} \sum_{i=1,2} \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{i\sigma'}^{\dagger} c_{i\sigma'} c_{i\sigma} - \epsilon_0 \sum_{i=1,2} \sum_{\sigma} n_{i\sigma}.$$

Where -t and U represents the hopping kinetic energy and the on-site (spin-independent) interaction.



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## Spectral function of the half filling Hubbard dimer

Weak interaction



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In conclusion:

- We developed a new strategy, based on the three-body Green's function and static three-body self-energy, to obtain the direct and inverse photo-emission spectra;
- Our model was tested on the symmetric Hubbard dimer giving very encouraging results;
- We need a strategy to find an approximate three-body self-energy that can be applied to real system.

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$$\begin{aligned} G_{3}^{e+h}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, x_{1'}, x_{3}, x_{2}; \omega) &= \\ &= \sum_{n} \frac{\langle \Psi_{0}^{N} | \hat{\psi}(x_{1}) \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x_{2}) \hat{\psi}(x_{2}) | \Psi_{n}^{N+1} \rangle \langle \Psi_{n}^{N+1} | \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x_{3}) \hat{\psi}(x_{3}) \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x_{1'}) | \Psi_{0}^{N} \rangle}{\omega - (E_{n}^{N+1} - E_{0}^{N}) + i\eta} \\ &+ \sum_{n} \frac{\langle \Psi_{0}^{N} | \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x_{3}) \hat{\psi}(x_{3}) \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x_{1'}) | \Psi_{n}^{N-1} \rangle \langle \Psi_{n}^{N-1} | \hat{\psi}(x_{1}) \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x_{2}) \hat{\psi}(x_{2}) | \Psi_{0}^{N} \rangle}{\omega - (E_{0}^{N} - E_{n}^{N-1}) - i\eta} \end{aligned}$$

Using  $\int dx \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x) \hat{\psi}(x) |\Psi_n^N\rangle = N |\Psi_n^N\rangle$  and  $\int dx \langle \Psi_n^N | \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x) \hat{\psi}(x) = \langle \Psi_n^N | N\rangle$ 

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the non-interacting three-body Green's function is a sum of two types of terms

$$G_{01}(\omega)G_{01}G_{01} = \sum_{n,m,t} \frac{\phi_n \phi_n^* \phi_m \phi_m^* \phi_t \phi_t^*}{\omega - \epsilon_n^{c/\nu} + i\eta \text{sign}(\omega - \mu)}$$
$$\int d\omega' d\omega'' G_{01}(\omega + \omega' - \omega'')G_{01}(\omega')G_{01}(\omega'') =$$
$$= \sum_{n,m,t} \frac{\phi_n \phi_n^* \phi_m \phi_m^* \phi_t \phi_t^*}{\omega - \epsilon_n^{c/\nu} - \epsilon_m^{c/\nu} + \epsilon_t^{\nu/c} + i\eta \text{sign}(\omega - \mu)}$$

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### Total electron/electron/hole contribution

$$\begin{aligned} G_{3}^{e}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, x_{1'}, x_{2'}, x_{3'}; \tau_{12}, \tau_{23'}, \tau_{1'2'}, \tau_{2'3}, \omega) &= \\ &= -\sum_{n} e^{-i[\omega - (E_{n}^{N+1} - E_{0}^{N})]F(\tau_{12}, \tau_{3'1}, \tau_{1'2'}, \tau_{31'})} \\ &\frac{X_{n}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3'}; \tau_{12}, \tau_{23'})\tilde{X}_{n}(x_{1'}, x_{2'}, x_{3}; \tau_{1'2'}, \tau_{2'3})}{\omega - (E_{n}^{N+1} - E_{0}^{N}) + i\eta} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$X_n(x_1, x_2, x_{3'}; \tau_{12}, \tau_{23'}) = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k=1, 2, 3'} (-1)^P \theta(\tau_{ij}) \theta(\tau_{jk}) \exp\left[\frac{i}{3} E_0^N(2\tau_{ij} + \tau_{jk})\right]$$

$$exp[\frac{1}{3}E_n^{N+1}(2\tau_{jk}+\tau_{ij})]\langle\Psi_0^N|\Upsilon(x_i)e^{-iH\tau_{ij}}\Upsilon(x_j)e^{-iH\tau_{jk}}\Upsilon(x_k)|\Psi_n^{N+1}\rangle$$

and

$$F(\tau_{12},\tau_{3'1},\tau_{1'2'},\tau_{31'}) = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k=1,2,3'} (\tau_{ij} - \tau_{ki})\theta(\tau_{jk})\theta(\tau_{ki}) - \sum_{i \neq j \neq k=1',2',3} (\tau_{ij} - \tau_{ki})\theta(\tau_{jk})\theta(\tau_{ij})$$

## Spectral function of the 1/4 filling Hubbard dimer

#### Weak interaction



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## Spectral function of the 1/4 filling Hubbard dimer

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$$G_{3}^{e+h}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\mu} d\omega' \frac{A_{3}(\omega')}{\omega - \omega' - i\eta} + \int_{\mu}^{+\infty} d\omega' \frac{A_{3}(\omega')}{\omega - \omega' + i\eta}$$

$$A_{3}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, x_{1'}, x_{2'}, x_{3'}; \omega)$$

$$= \sum_{n} X_{n}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3'}) X_{n}^{*}(x_{1'}, x_{2'}, x_{3}) \delta(\omega - (E_{n}^{N+1} - E_{0}^{N}))$$

+ 
$$\sum_{n} Z_{n}(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3'}) Z_{n}^{*}(x_{1'}, x_{2'}, x_{3}) \delta(\omega - (E_{0}^{N} - E_{n}^{N-1}))$$

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