Electronic structure of correlated electron systems : theory and experiment Lecture 1,2

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# Rough content of 5 lectures

- Lecture 1 and 2:Electronic structure of correlated and narrow band systems.
- Lecture 2 and 3: Electronic structure and theory of transition metal oxides (orbital, charge, spin and lattice degrees of freedom)
- Importance of non uniform polarizabilities Surfaces, interfaces of strongly correlated Oxides.
- Basic electronic structure and theoretical models of Fe Pnictides

# Content Lecture 1,2

- Electronic structure of correlated electron systems
  - Why are TM compounds and rare earths special
  - Quasi atomic vs band structure approaches
  - A bit about DFT, LDA+U, DMFT, Model H exact diagonalization
  - A bit about Auger and ARPES
  - Spectral weight transfer arguably the most direct evidence for strong correlation
  - Models and curiosity's

# Some Old Historical milestones

- 1929-1931 Bloch Wilson theory of solids
- 1937 De Boer and Verwey (NiO-CoO breakdown of band theory
- 1937 Peierls 3d electrons avoid each other (basically the Hubbard model)
- 1950 Jonker van Zanten Zener Pervoskites double exchange
- 1959 Anderson superexchange (U>>W)
- 1964 Hubbard model-, Hohenberg Kohn DFT-Kohn Sham, Goodenough Transition metal compounds

# Everyone claiming to work on real materials should be familiar with this

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# Wide diversity of properties

- Metals: CrO2, Fe3O4 T>120K
- Insulators: Cr2O3, SrTiO3,CoO
- Semiconductors: Cu2O
- Semiconductor metal: VO2, V2O3, Ti4O7
- Superconductors: La(Sr)2CuO4, LiTiO4, YBCO
- Piezo and Ferroelectric: BaTiO3
- Catalysts: Fe,Co,Ni Oxides
- Ferro and Ferri magnets: CrO2, gammaFe2O3
- Antiferromagnets: alfa Fe2O3, MnO,NiO ----
- Ionic conductors (batteries) LixNi1-xO
- Oxide fuel cells use Manganites and cobaltates

# Properties depend in detail on composition and structure

**Phase Diagram of** La<sub>1-x</sub>Ca<sub>x</sub>MnO<sub>3</sub>

Uehara, Kím and Cheong

R: Rombohedral

O: Orthorhombic (Jahn-Teller distorted)

O\*: Orthorhombic (Octahedron rotated)



Mizokawa et al PRB 63, 024403 2001

# $La_{3}Sr_{1}MnO_{3}$ Model for Charge, Spin and Orbital $\frac{1}{7}$ Correlations in Manganites

Mn4+, d3, S=3/2, No quadrupole ; Mn3+, S=2, orbital degeneracy



#### Ordering in strongly correlated systems



It's the outermost valence electron states that determine the properties ; Both the occupied and unoccupied ones

#### Two extremes for atomic valence states in solids

Valence extreme Two Types of states Large overlap R~d - Large dispersion. # - t eiter (free electr.) 5, p valence.  $\oplus$   $\oplus$   $\oplus$   $\oplus$   $\oplus$   $\oplus$   $\oplus$   $\oplus$   $\oplus$   $\oplus$ Little overlap - Read - Little dispersion Alomic Like 4- 1 Seith R: War-R:) (Eight binding) > Correlated.

Where is the interesting physics?

**Coexistance-----Hybridization** 

Kondo, Mixed valent, Valence fluctuation, local moments, Semicond.-metal transitions, Heavy Fermions, High Tc's, Colossal magneto resistance, Spin tronics, orbitronics

# Characteristics of solids with 2 extreme valence orbitals

#### R>> D

- electrons lose atomic identity
- Form broad bands
- Small electron electron interactions
- Low energy scale –charge fluctuations
- Non or weakly magnetic
- Examples Al, Mg, Zn, Si

#### R<<D

- Valence Electrons remain atomic
- Narrow bands
- Large electron electron interactions (on site)
- Low energy scale-spin fluctuations
- Magnetic (Hunds' rule)
- Gd, CuO, SmCo3

Many solids have coexisting R>>D and R<<D valence orbitals i.e. rare earth 4f and 5d, CuO Cu 3d and O 2p, Heavy Fermions, Kondo, High Tc,s, met-insul. transitions

# Why are the valence 3d and 4f orbitals in transition metal and rare earth compounds special

- Lowest principle q.n. for that I value
- Large centrifugal barrier l=2,3
- Small radial extent, no radial nodes, orthogonal to all other core orbital's via angular nodes (snuggle up to the nucleus)
- High kinetic energy (angular nodes) compensates for the strong potential energy
- Relativistic effects
- Look like core orb. But have high energy and form open shells like valence orb.

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#### Special place for transition metal and rare earths



charge densily of outer orbitals of rare earths. charge 65 Latomic radius r Elemental configuration 4f 5s2 5p6 652 5d' - <14 (open) but a Lomic We will see Later how To model this **Hubbard** For 4f U as Hubbardto form broad bands in solids DFT for 53, 65, 6p large as 12eV empty but well below Es

## Band Structure approach vs atomic

#### Band structure

- Delocalized Bloch states
- Fill up states with electrons starting from the lowest energy
- No correlation in the wave function describing the system of many electrons
- Atomic physics is there only on a mean field like level
- Single Slater determinant states

#### Atomic

- Local atomic coulomb and exchange integrals are central
- Hunds rules for the Ground state -Maximize total spin-Maximize total angular momentum-total angular momentum J =L-S<1/2 filled shell , J=L+S for >1/2 filled shell
- Mostly magnetic ground states

Band theory - DF Po I 1 (the for the states) for are one electron Bloch states No correlation in P but in Key  $\left[-\frac{1}{2}\nabla^{2}+W(r)+V_{e}(r)+V_{e}(r)\right]\varphi(r)=e_{i}\varphi(r)$ Lone particle problem Vy = fdr V(r-r) per) VAC = f((cr)) ecr) > 2 1 finit<sup>2</sup> isi 23 = dEnle exchange-correlation Je potential Hohenberg Kohn Q. a e have no physical maning! math. functions to get

Single Slater det. Of One electron Bloch States. No correlation In the wave function

Recall that the ground State has few properties It is the excited states that Determine the response to External perturbations such as fields.

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Interaction between two Bloch wave electrons = U/N ~0 So is correlation negligible?

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# Surely a lattice of H atoms separated by say 1 cm would not behave like a metal

What have we forgotten ? The electron electron repulsive interaction Experimental evidence for atomic like behaviour in transition metal compounds and rare earths Photoemission/inverse photoemission and Auger spectrscopy

PES ( Photo electron Speck. ) involves Low tw - valence electrons Consider a metal H ounpied ece) 7 Intensity of cmitted electrons as a function of two photon in to 50 Measure density of states for chectron removal × Matrix chement

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#### High resolution angular resolved photoelectron spectroscopy





#### Example of a simple metal in one electron theory



#### **Example of a metal in which electrons are dressed**

#### **ARPES: The One-Particle Spectral Function**

A. Damascelli, Z. Hussain, Z.-X Shen, Rev. Mod. Phys. 75, 473 (2003)



Photoemission intensity:  $I(k,\omega) = I_{\theta} |M(k,\omega)|^2 f(\omega) A(k,\omega)$ 

**Single-particle spectral function**  $A(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\Sigma''(\mathbf{k}, \omega)}{[\omega - \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \Sigma'(\mathbf{k}, \omega)]^2 + [\Sigma''(\mathbf{k}, \omega)]^2}$ 

 $\Sigma(k,\omega)$ : the "self-energy" captures the effects of interactions

# Angular resolved photoelectron spectroscopy (ARPES) of Cu metal Thiry et al 1979

**ARPES Cu** 

Cu is d10 so one d hole Has no other d holes to Correlate with so 1 part. Theory works if the only Important interaction is The d-d interaction. Great agreement with DFT



We note that for Cu metal with a full 3d band in the ground state one particle theory works well to describe the one electron removal spectrum as in photoelectron spectroscopy this is because a single d hole has no other d holes to correlated with. So even if the on site d-d coulomb repulsion is very large there is no phase space for correlation.

The strength of the d-d coulomb interaction is evident if we look at the Auger spectrum which probes the states of the system if two electrons are removed from the same atom

If the d band had not been full as in Ni metal we would have noticed the effect of d-d coulomb interaction already in the photoemission spectrum as we will see.

What if we remove 2-d electrons? Two hole state with Auger spectroscopy



E(photon)-E(photoelectr) = E(2p), E(2-d holes) = E(2p)-E(3d)-E(Auger)U = E(2-d holes) - 2xE(1-d hole)



The L3M45M45 Auger spectrum of Cu metal i.e final state has 2 -3d holes on the Atom that started with a 2p hole. Solid line is the experiment. Dashed line is one Electron DFT theory, vertical bars and lables are the free atom multiplets for 8- 3d electrons on a Cu atom . Ef designates the postion of the Fermi level in the DFT .

#### Antonides et al 1977

Sawatzky theory 1977

Two particles in Hubbard )d = t & CRASE CRE + U & CRE CRE CRE CRE CRE = En En Cho Cho + U Zago Say Go Chys Cho Momentum + Spin conservation [H,K]=0 [H,S]=0 K=Total momentum S= Oorl For Grays = KOICKALGAT Gal G. Chyslor contains both singlet + Triplet Triplet - soln. - self convolution of Ipart. Gensity of states 4 U is not active G = (SAg - SARg) - Z-E\_ - EK-A

Pyson 
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 $G_{1}^{MAAL} = S_{0}g_{2} = \frac{1}{2-K} = S_{0}g_{0}G_{0}(A,K_{1};2)$   
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for  $W << U$  strong corrotation  
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For 2 spin antiparellet electrons  
and  $U >> W$   
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2 electrons on  
different sites  
Wide band

# D shells are complicated by multiplet structure

- Atomic physics d orbital is 5 fold degenerate not including the spin and neglecting the spin orbit coupling.
- Two d electrons or holes with orbital angular momentum =2 and spin of ½ can couple into total angular momentum states L with total spin 1 or 0 as follows ; singlet S, singlet G, singlet D and triplet P and triplet F
- The energy separations in the Cu Auger spectrum are from atomic coulomb integrals with triplet F as the lowest energy state for 8 d electrons as given by Hunds' rule

For U>>W and in the presence of unfilled bands the one particle removal spectrum will be very different from that of a filled band

> Compare the PES of Cu metal with a full d band to that of Ni with on the average 0.6 holes in the 3d band

![](_page_37_Figure_0.jpeg)

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111 Cu (-3d") closed band : no problem in ARPES - one particle Greens fin. For Ni Open d band ... problem occurs for one electron removal Take a snap shat N: melalis UPS Dith & Trene hybridization ALECTRON SINDING ENGAGE (.Y.) Si not the X-my CAT'SI screet []

The relative weights Of the d9 and d8 (satellite) configurations depend on Initial d occupation and i.e. mixing i.e. band width Both in the initial and final states

> For a LDA/DMFT try see Lichtenstein et al PRL 067205 (2001)

In one electron theory P(n) = m! (1-c)<sup>m-n</sup>c<sup>n</sup> = Probability that a sile has n electrons m = degeneracy C = concentration of checker = sn? So for Ni C=0.94 all conf. d + d' occur without energetic considerations In atom starting point Ni fluctuates between d'a d'o d' D' d' d' d' d'' d' D' d' d' d'' d'' coste U Alomic theory minimizes polarity fluctuations

J. Ghijsen et al

#### Photoemission spectrum of CuO Cu in d9 S=1/2 state

Phys. Rev. B. <u>42</u>, (1990) 2268.

![](_page_40_Figure_3.jpeg)

Note the atomic like multiplet structure as for the rare earths

We will come back to the Photoemission and Zhang Rice singlets later.

# Transition metal d-d interactions

- The satellite position gives an estimate of the F0 Slater integral or U. More details below
- Important is that the multiplet spread is given by only slightly decreased gas phase atomic values i.e. F2 and F4 Slater integrals or J hund= (1/14)(F2 +F4) is reduced by at most 20% from the atomic values.
- F0 on the other hand is reduced from the atomic >20eV to about 7 eV!!!!!

# Lang Baer and Cox J Phys F 11, 121 (1981)

- Photoemission and inverse photoemission of all the rare earth metals
- Demonstrates the atomic multiplets of the 4f electron removal and addition states
- Intensities given by atomic coefficients of fractional parentage starting from the Hunds' rule ground state

![](_page_44_Figure_0.jpeg)

# MORE ON RARE EARTHS

- The Hubbard U; as clearly demonstrated, its definition depends on which multiplets you take and depends strongly on the element.
   Convention is to either take the multiplet average or the Slater F0 integral.
- The multiplet splitting is very close to the atomic value little SCREENING OF THE HUNDS RULES INTERACTIONS I.E. SLATER F2,F4,F6 INTERACTIONS

Note the atomic physics needed to describe the rare earth 4f electron removal and addition spectrum

For the 3d transition metal compounds things are a lot more subtle. In some cases we need the atomic approaches and in others one particle theory seems to work very well

### Simplest model single band Hubbard

![](_page_47_Figure_1.jpeg)

# For large U>>W and 1 electron per site

- ----Insulator
- Low energy scale physics contains no charge fluctuations
- Spin fluctuations determine the low energy scale properties
- Can we project out the high energy scale?

$$H = \sum_{i,j} J S_i S_j \qquad J = 4t^2 / U$$

Heisenberg Spin Hamiltonian

We should be a bit careful about decoupling spin and charge degrees of freedom even in this case

The charge distribution for the antiparrallel and parallel nn spin states are different! For the singlet there is admixture of doubly occupied sites. For triplets there is not! Has strong consequences! **Temperature dependent Optical** conductivity Tsvetkov et al PRB 69, 075110 (2004)

Spin order dependent Optical transitions

![](_page_51_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_51_Figure_2.jpeg)

Before we go on lets look at a specific property of the Hubbard model which is measureable for a "doped" MH system

Seamus Davis the STS asymmetry CT Shen X ray absorption in doped Cuprates

## Spectral weight transfer

The real signature of strong correlation effects

H.Eskes et al PRL 67, 1035 (1991) Meinders et al, PRB 48, 3916 (1993)

#### Doping a Mott – Hubbard system

![](_page_54_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_55_Figure_0.jpeg)

Meinders et al, PRB 48, 3916 (1993)

![](_page_56_Figure_0.jpeg)

Bosons – block 0 states Fermions – block 1 state

These –block 2 states on The low energy scale

Note the even larger slop for finite hopping integrals Dynamic spectral weight transfer

> Phillip Phillips uses this to Define "Mottness" Stanescu ,phillips PRB 69 245104 (2004)

#### Eskes et al PRL <u>67</u>, (1991) 1035 Meinders et al PRB <u>48</u>, (1993) 3916

![](_page_57_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_58_Figure_2.jpeg)

Note that there is no spectral weight transfer and a gap closing with doping From half filled . Both opposite to the real situation

# We come back to spectral weight transfer later for the transition metal compounds

Hubbard model is not exactly solvable except in 1 D but even then the spectral functions are difficult to extract

Lieb and Wu PRL 20, 1445, (1968)

A bit more about simple models and some peculiar properties in 1 and 2 dimensions of the simple models

Less than 1/2 filled Hubbard First Unt 7 - ± 7 - 7 I. J ITodeL )d = t & E (1-n; ) Cir C; (1-n; ) } + He J Z S. S. avoids double occ. goes to Heisenberg for 1/2 filled. Also this is not solvable

Don't know of a rigorous Proof of Hubb----t,J (U>>w)

# Spin charge separation in 1D

![](_page_63_Figure_1.jpeg)

Now the charge is free to move

### Magnons and spinons in 1D

![](_page_64_Figure_1.jpeg)

Spinons propagate via  $J S_i^+S_{1+1}^-$ 

![](_page_65_Figure_0.jpeg)

Quantum Spin Excitations in the Spin-Peierls System CuGeO 3 M. Arai, M. Fujita, M. Motokawa, J. Akimitsu, and S. M. Bennington

![](_page_66_Figure_1.jpeg)

T= 300K

FIG. 4(color). The dynamical gruceure factor at 300 K. The spin continuum persists, but with the maximum reduced from 32 to 30 meV. The lower boundary has changed completily

![](_page_66_Figure_3.jpeg)

### in 20 things are much Less clear !!

![](_page_67_Figure_1.jpeg)

fig. 5

Self Confinement?

Similar is some sense to the 1D case it is proposed that one has 2D rivers of charge separating anti-phase domain walls. Charges can now fluctuate from left to right without costing J

Anisimov, Zaanen ,Andersen, Kivelson,Emery-----

![](_page_68_Figure_2.jpeg)

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