

# Quasi particles in Fermi systems

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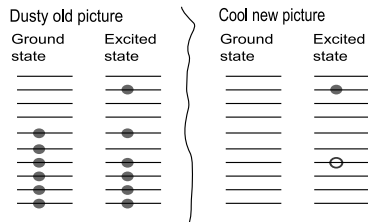
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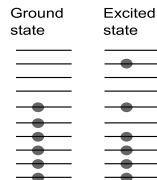
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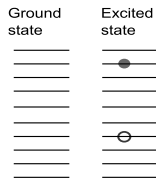
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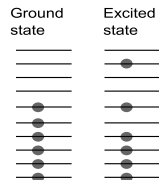
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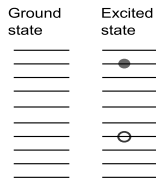
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- ▶ Fancy hole-particle picture:  $|1_5^h 1_9^p\rangle$

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## Matrix elements

One particle case:

▶ WF:  $\langle i | \hat{O} | j \rangle = \int dx \int dx' \phi_i^*(x) O(x, x') \phi_j(x') = O_{ij}$

▶ ON:

$$\langle 0 \dots 0 1_i 0 \dots | \hat{O}^{\text{occ}} | 0 \dots 0 1_j 0 \dots \rangle = O_{ij} \implies \hat{O}^{\text{occ}} = O_{ij} c_i^\dagger c_j + \text{more}$$

Peace of mind  $\implies$

$$\hat{O}^{\text{occ}} = \sum_{mn} O_{mn} c_m^\dagger c_n$$

## External perturbing potential

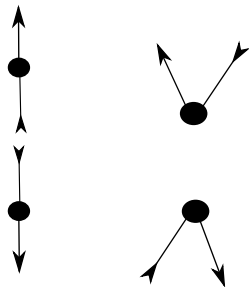
$$\hat{H} = \underbrace{\sum_i h_0(\hat{p}_i, \mathbf{r}_i)}_{H_0} + \underbrace{\sum_i V(\mathbf{r}_i)}_{H_1}$$

$$H_1 = \sum_{m,n > k_f} V_{mn} a_m^\dagger a_n + \sum_{m > k_f, n < k_f} V_{mn} a_m^\dagger b_n^\dagger$$

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$$H_0 = \sum_{k > k_f} \epsilon_k a_k^\dagger a_k + \sum_{k < k_f} \epsilon_k b_k b_k^\dagger$$

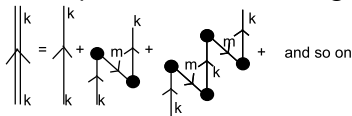


# Propagator in external potential

- ▶ Free particle:  $iG_0^+(k, t_2 - t_1) = \theta(t_2 - t_1)\theta(\epsilon_k - \epsilon_F)e^{-i\epsilon_k(t_2 - t_1)}$
- ▶ Free hole:  $iG_0^-(k, t_2 - t_1) = -\theta(t_1 - t_2)\theta(\epsilon_F - \epsilon_k)e^{i\epsilon_k(t_2 - t_1)}$
- ▶ Free hole in Fourier space (different  $\delta$  -sign for convergence):  

$$iG_0^-(k, \omega) = \frac{i\theta(\epsilon_F - \epsilon_k)}{\omega - \epsilon_k - i\delta}$$

Example:  $V_{mk}$  is much larger than the other perturbations



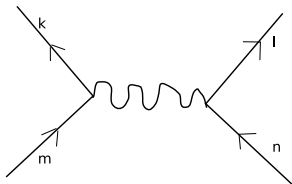
$$= \text{vertical line } k \times \left[ \text{bubble } m \text{ on line} + (\text{two bubbles } m \text{ on line})^2 + \text{and so on} \right] = \frac{1}{\text{vertical line } k - \text{bubble } m \text{ on line}}$$

$$G^+(k, \omega) = \frac{1}{\omega - \epsilon_k - \frac{|V_{mk}|^2}{\omega - \epsilon_m} + i\delta}$$

# Self-interacting fermi-system

Two particles in, two goes out. Transition amplitude:

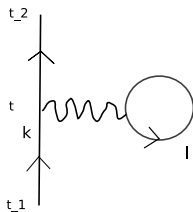
$$V_{klmn} = \int_{\mathbf{r}} \int_{\mathbf{r}'} \phi_k^*(\mathbf{r}) \phi_l^*(\mathbf{r}') V(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \phi_m(\mathbf{r}) \phi_n(\mathbf{r}')$$



$$= (-i) \frac{1}{2} V_{klmn}$$

## The bubble diagram

Interpretation: A hole is excited, which lasts 0 seconds.

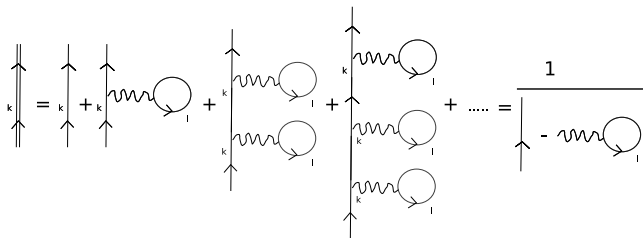


$$= (-1) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \sum_{l < k_f} [iG^+(k, t - t_1)] \left[ -\frac{i}{2} V_{klkl} \right] [iG^-(l, t - t)] [iG^+(k, t_2 - t)] = \mathcal{B}.$$

The circle is  $iG^-(l, t - t) = -1$ . In Fourier space:

$$\mathcal{B} = [iG_0^+(k, \omega)]^2 \sum_{l < k_f} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} V_{klkl} \right]. \quad (2)$$

# Hartree -approximation



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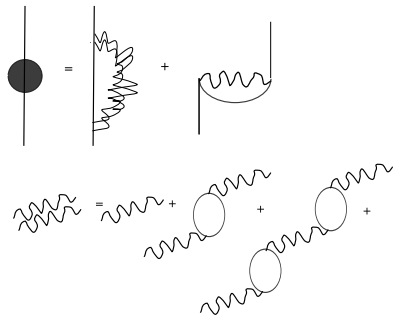
$$V_{klkl} = \int_{\mathbf{r}} \phi_k^*(\mathbf{r}) \underbrace{\int_{\mathbf{r}'} \sum_{l < k_f} |\phi_l^*(\mathbf{r}')|^2 V(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \phi_k(\mathbf{r})}_{v_{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{r})}$$

New effective one-particle problem!



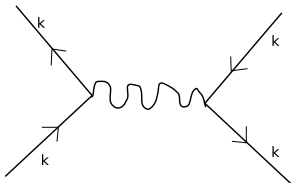
## Electron gas: Random phase approximation

Hartree-Fock gives  $m^* = 0$ . (because of long range Coloumb interaction), another resummation:

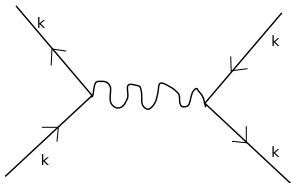


Interpretation: screening!

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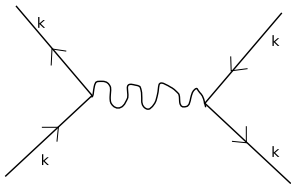


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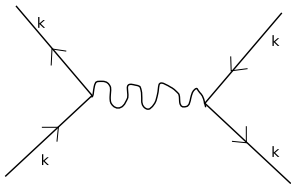
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- ▶ If holes can be interpreted as particles going backwards in time: Why is  $m_h \neq m_p$ ?