

ELECTRON-MAGNON SCATTERING IN ELEMENTARY FERROMAGNETS FROM FIRST PRINCIPLES: LIFETIME BROADENING AND KINKS

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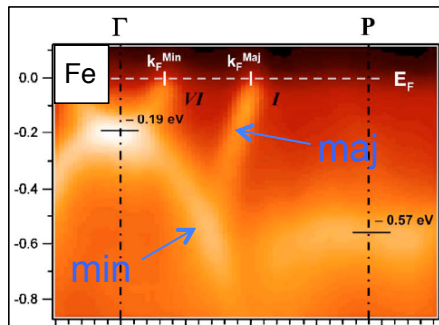
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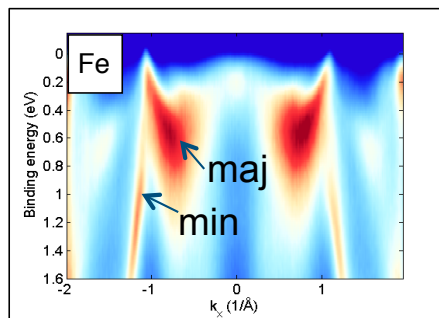


ARPES MEASUREMENTS

Spin asymmetry in spectra

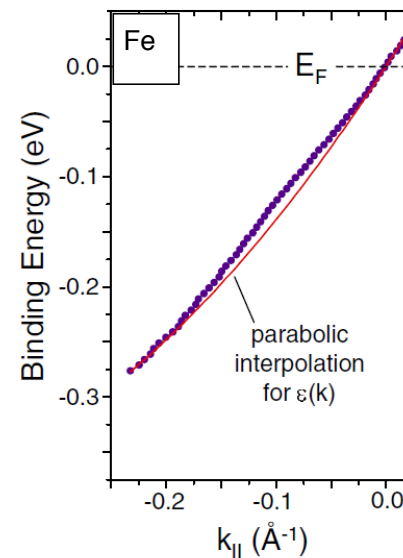


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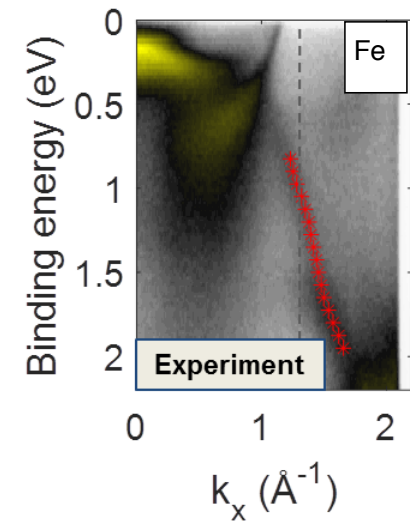


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Anomalies in band dispersion of iron

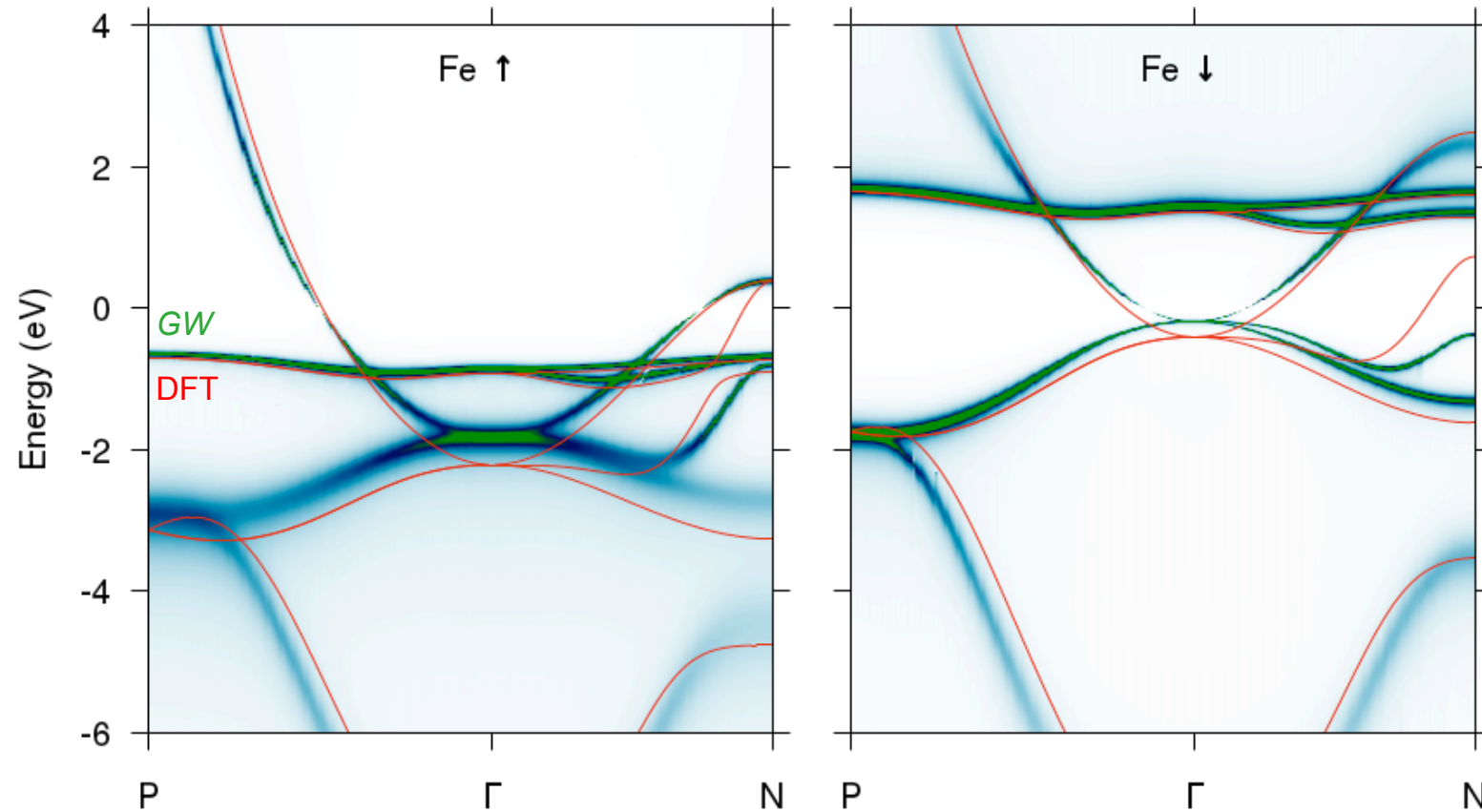


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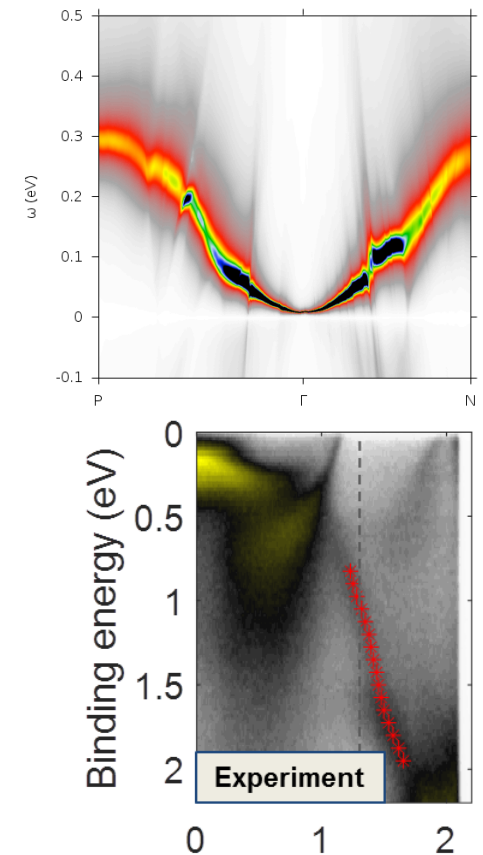
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IRON GW CALCULATION



OVERVIEW

- Many-body spin excitations
 - Transverse magnetic response function
 - Bethe-Salpeter equation
 - Implementation (Wannier functions)
 - Transition-metal ferromagnets
 - Goldstone violation (resolved with COHSEX)
- Electron-magnon scattering
 - Iteration of Hedin equations (*GT* self-energy)
 - Aspects of implementation
 - Results for iron and nickel (lifetime broadening, kinks, band anomalies)
- Conclusions



MAGNETIC RESPONSE FUNCTION

Response of the magnetization (electronic) density with respect to changes of the external magnetic (electric) field:

Spin-orbit coupling neglected

$$R(\mathbf{r}t, \mathbf{r}'t') = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\delta\sigma_x(\mathbf{r},t)}{\delta B_x(\mathbf{r}',t')} & \frac{\delta\sigma_x(\mathbf{r},t)}{\delta B_y(\mathbf{r}',t')} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\delta\sigma_y(\mathbf{r},t)}{\delta B_x(\mathbf{r}',t')} & \frac{\delta\sigma_y(\mathbf{r},t)}{\delta B_y(\mathbf{r}',t')} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta\sigma_z(\mathbf{r},t)}{\delta B_z(\mathbf{r}',t')} & \frac{\delta\sigma_z(\mathbf{r},t)}{\delta V(\mathbf{r}',t')} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta\rho(\mathbf{r},t)}{\delta B_z(\mathbf{r}',t')} & \frac{\delta\rho(\mathbf{r},t)}{\delta V(\mathbf{r}',t')} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B_x, B_y \rightarrow B^+ = B_x + iB_y$$

$$B^- = B_x - iB_y$$

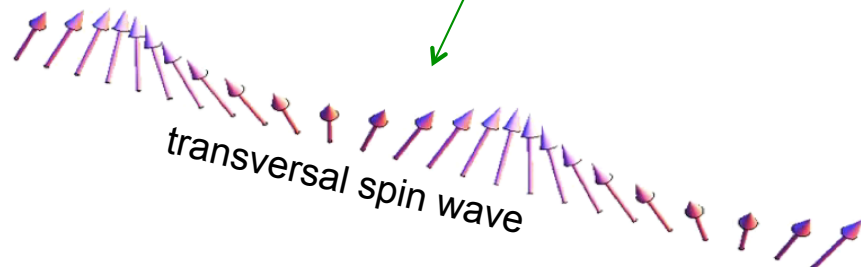
Circularly polarized B field

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$$R^{+-}(\mathbf{r}t, \mathbf{r}'t') = \frac{\delta\sigma^+(\mathbf{r},t)}{\delta B^+(\mathbf{r}',t')} = \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{T}[\sigma^+(\mathbf{r},t)\sigma^-(\mathbf{r}',t')] | \Psi_0 \rangle$$

MAGNETIC RESPONSE FUNCTION

$$R^{+-}(1,2) = \frac{\delta\sigma^+(1)}{\delta B^+(2)}$$

$$\sigma^+(1) = -i \sum_{\alpha,\beta} \sigma_{\beta\alpha}^+ G_{\alpha\beta}(1,1^+)$$

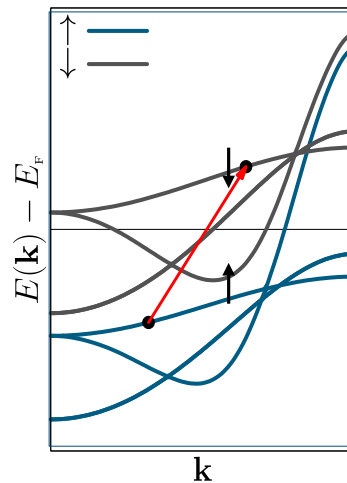
$$R = -i \frac{\delta G}{\delta B} = -i \frac{\delta}{\delta B} [G_0^{-1} - \Sigma]^{-1} = iGG \frac{\delta}{\delta B} [G_0^{-1} - \Sigma] = -iGG + GG \frac{\delta \Sigma}{\delta G} R$$

Dyson equation

Chain rule

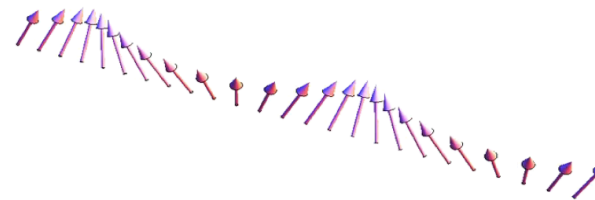
Stoner excitation

- Single particle
- Spin-flip
- Large energy scale (~eV)



Spin-wave excitation

- Collective excitation
- Small energy scale (~meV)



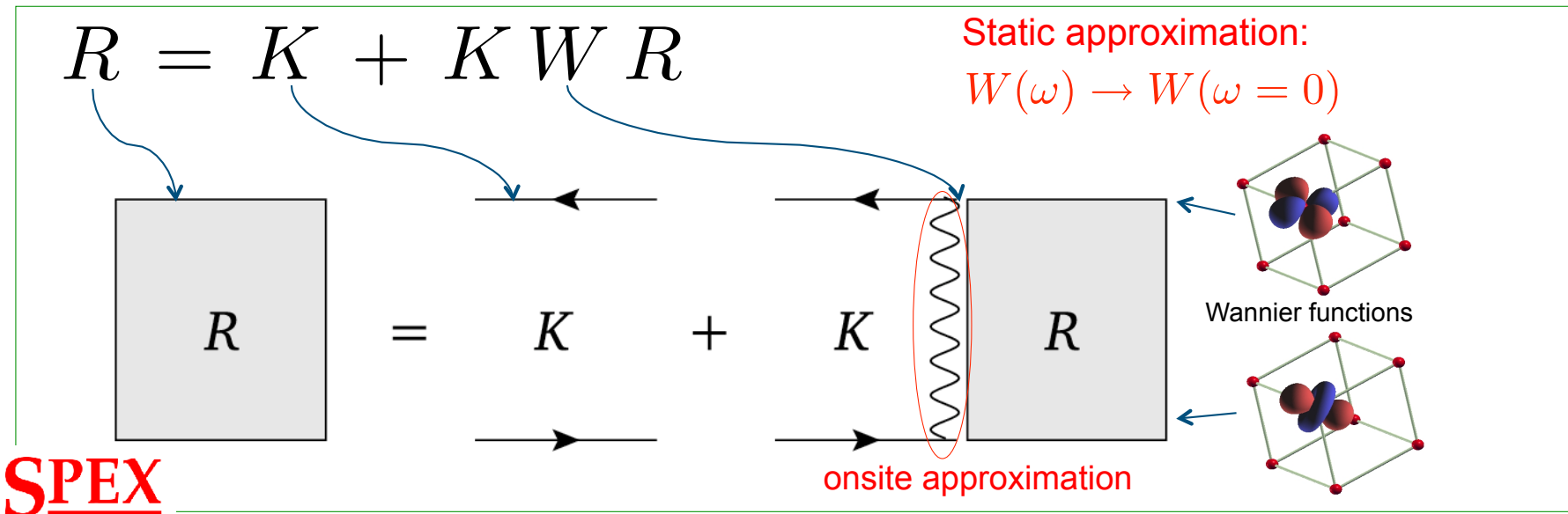
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BETHE-SALPETER EQUATION

Self-energy

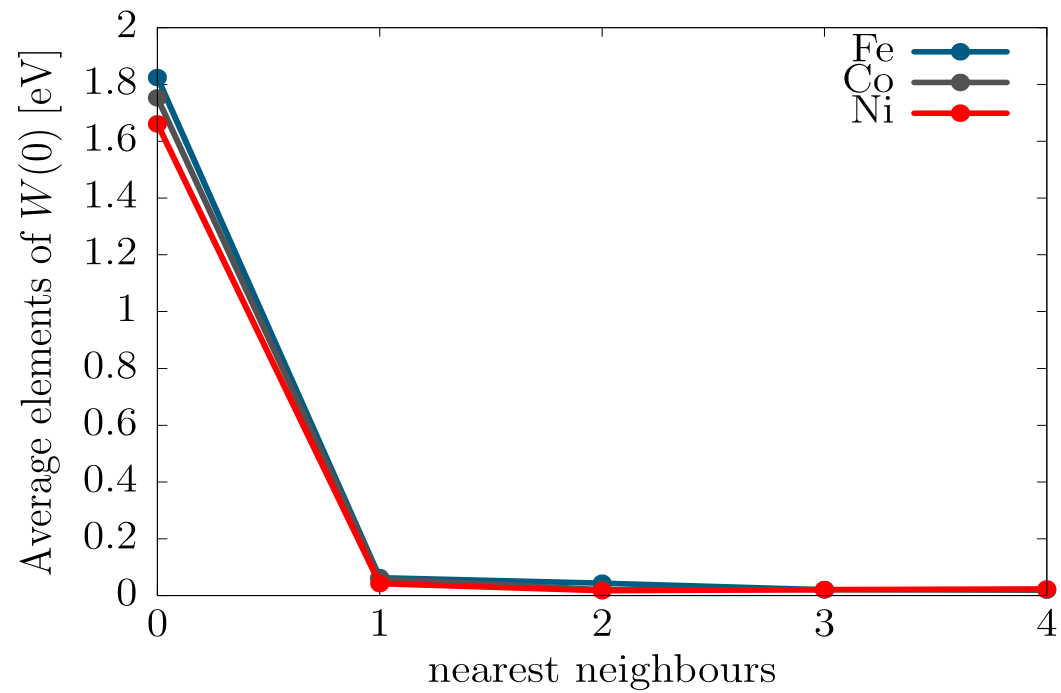
$$\Sigma(12) = iG(12)W(1^+2) \longrightarrow \frac{\delta\Sigma}{\delta G} = iW + iG \cancel{\frac{\delta W}{\delta G}} \text{ no SOC}$$

Bethe-Salpeter equation for spin excitations



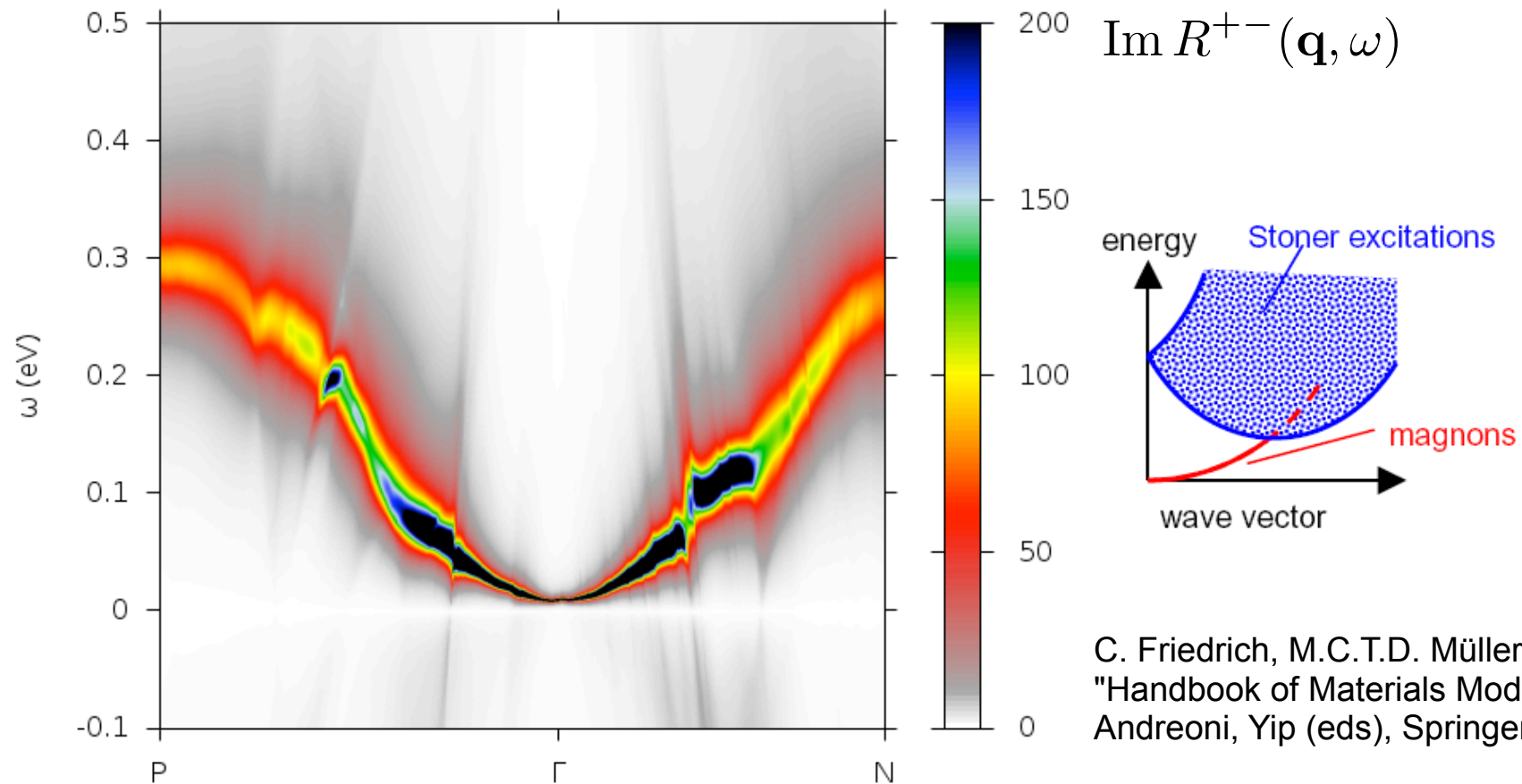
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SPATIAL DEPENDENCE W



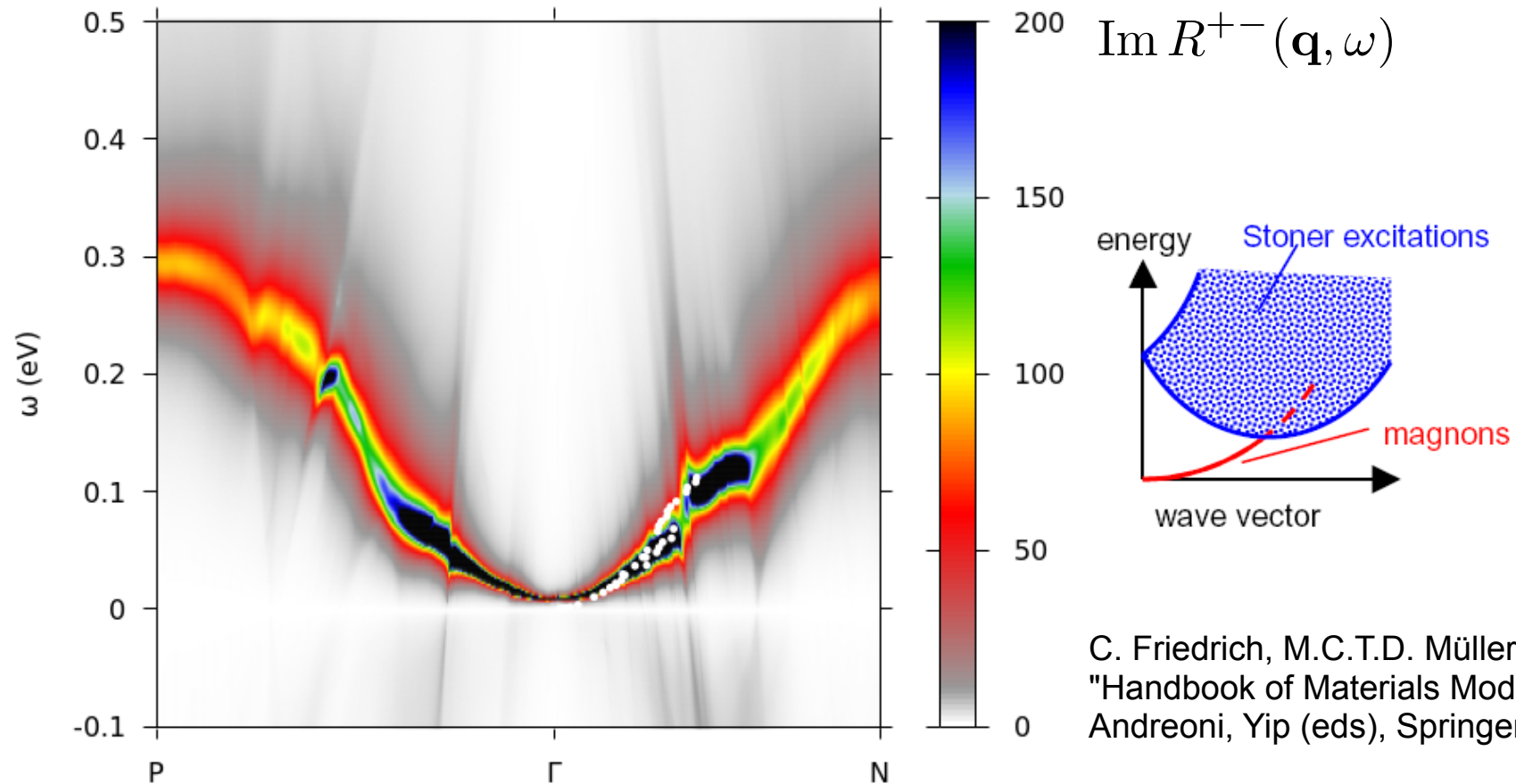
Largest contribution from the onsite interaction (~98%)

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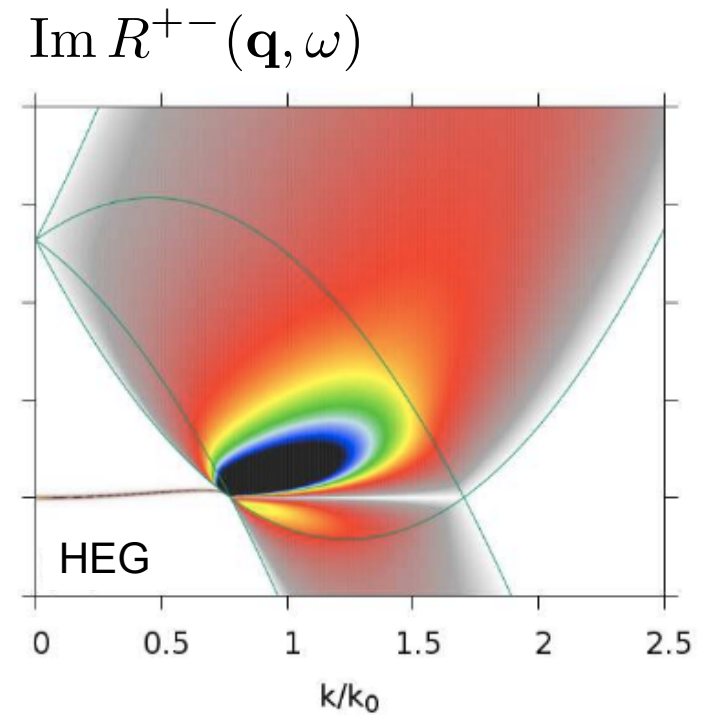
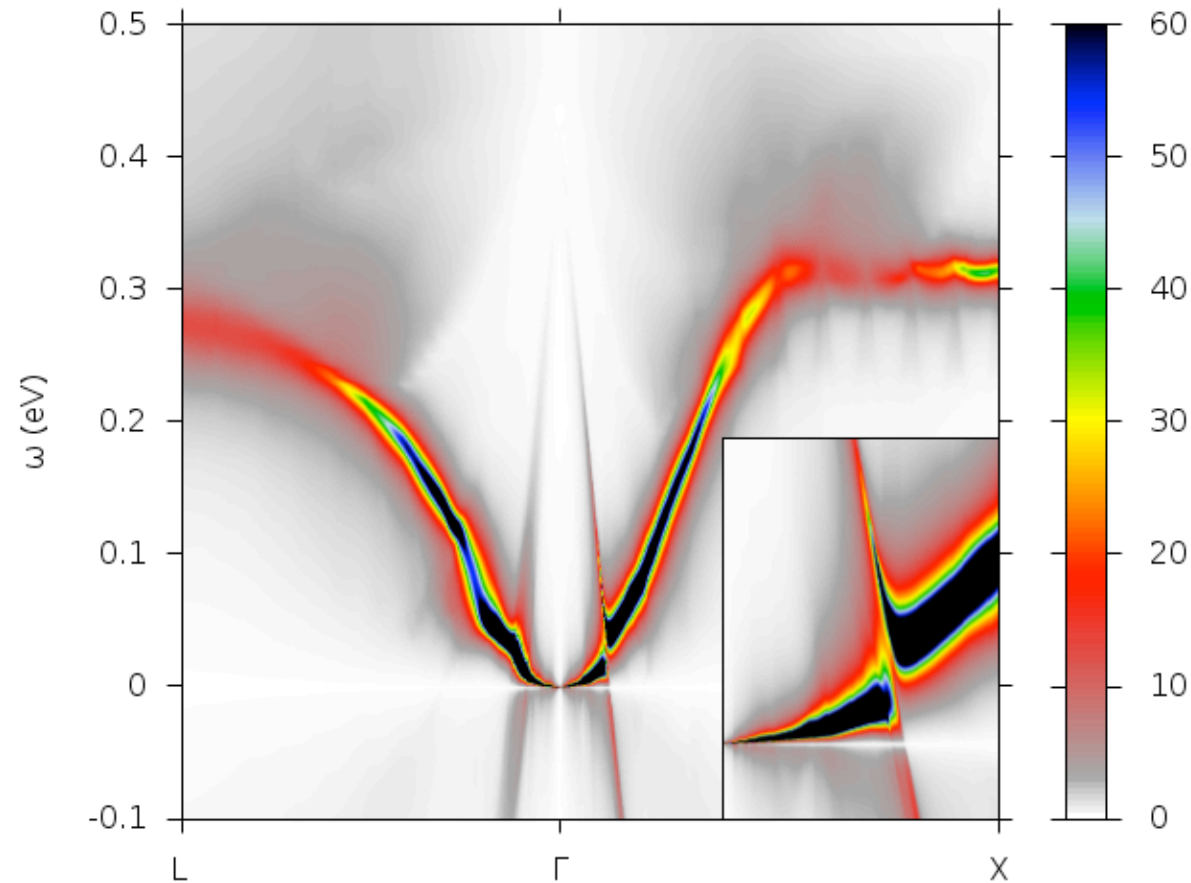
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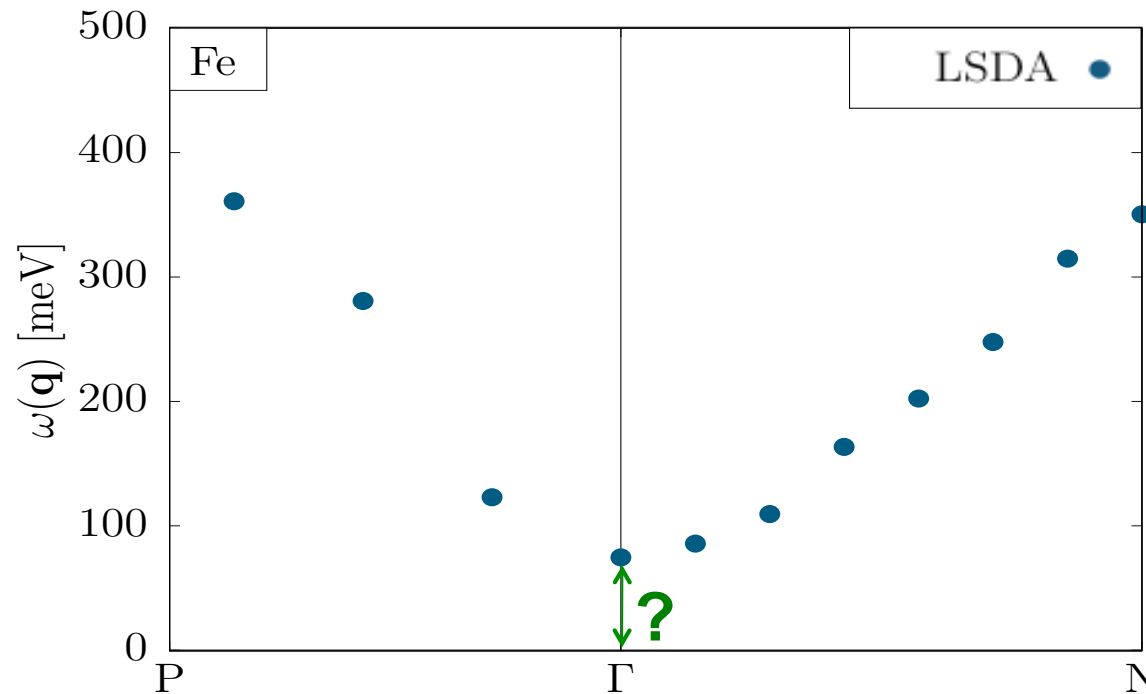
Experiments (white circles) Collins et al. PR 179, 417; Mook et al. PRB 7, 336

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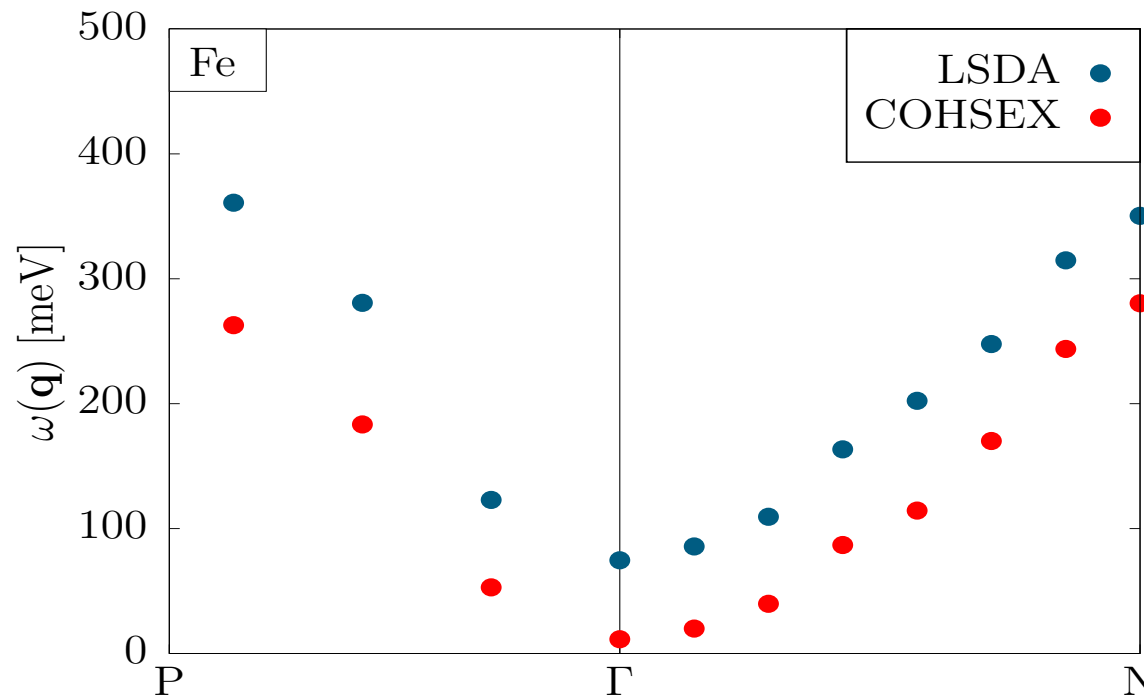
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INSIGHT FROM HUBBARD MODEL

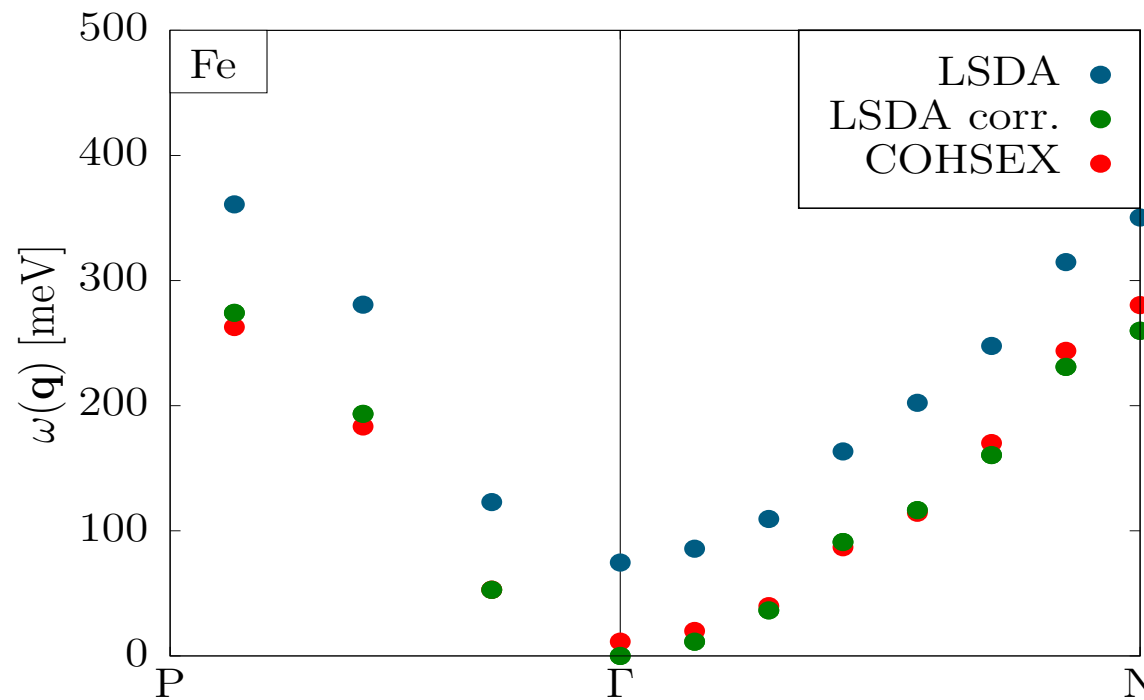
$$H = E_0 \sum_{i\sigma} a_{i\sigma}^\dagger a_{i\sigma} + \sum_{ij,\sigma} t_{ij} a_{i\sigma}^\dagger a_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

Goldstone mode (limit $\mathbf{q} \rightarrow 0$, $\omega \rightarrow 0$)

$$1 = \frac{mU}{\Delta_x}$$

Parameter for correcting G_{LSDA}

VIOLATION OF GOLDSTONE CONDITION



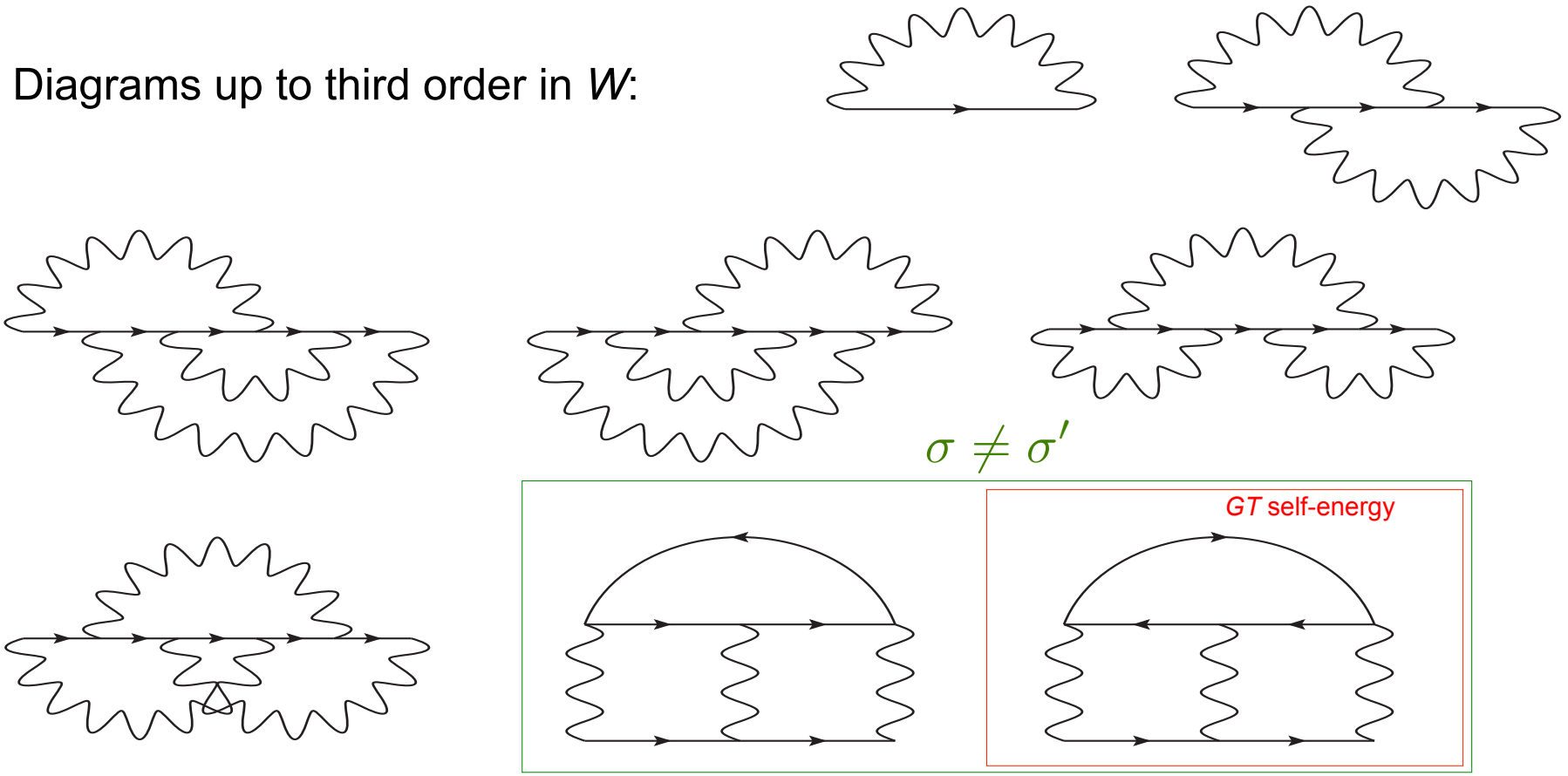
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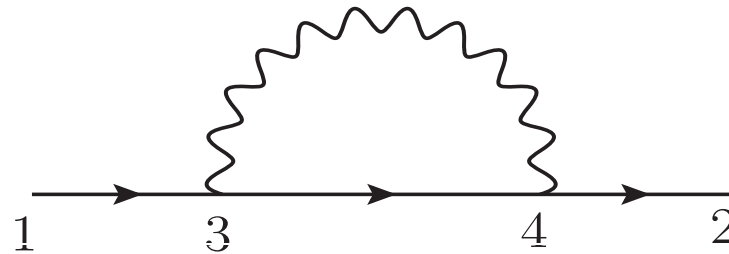
SELF-ENERGY (HEDIN EQUATIONS)

Diagrams up to third order in W :

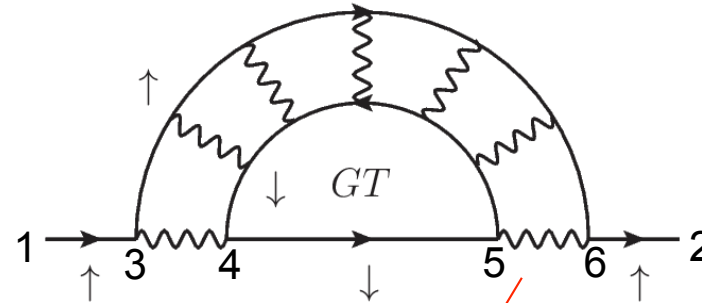


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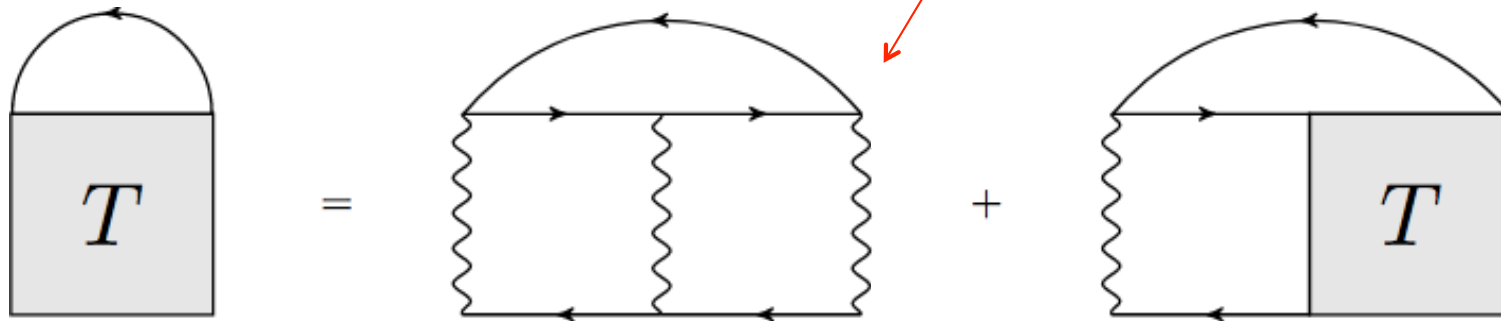
GW self-energy:



GT self-energy:

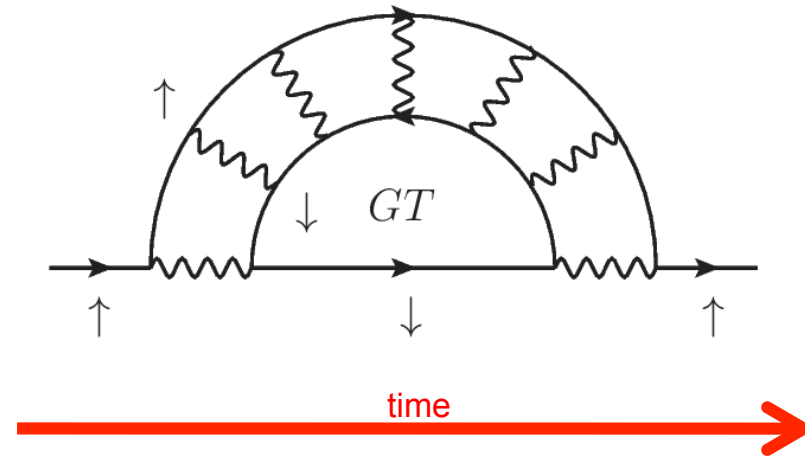


Bethe-Salpeter equation:

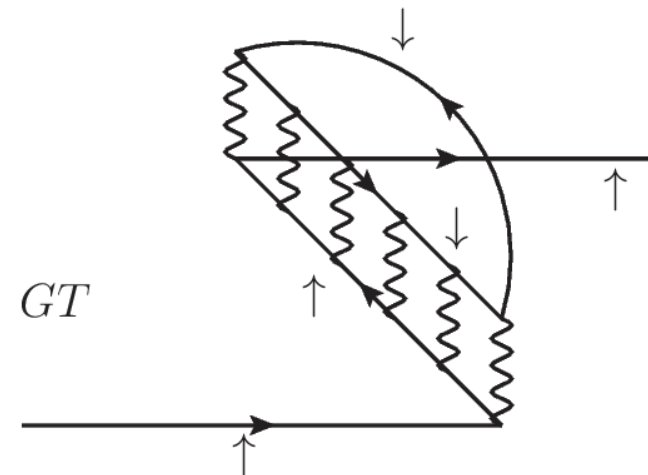


SELF-ENERGY

magnon is emitted
before absorbed



magnon is absorbed
before emitted?
electron travels back in time?



IMPLEMENTATION

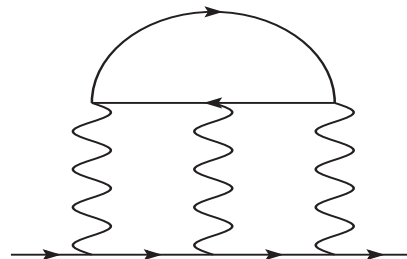
GW approximation:

$$G = G_0 + G_0[\Sigma - v_{xc}]G$$

GT approximation:

$$G = G_0 + G_0\Sigma G$$

COHSEX
or
LSDA corr.



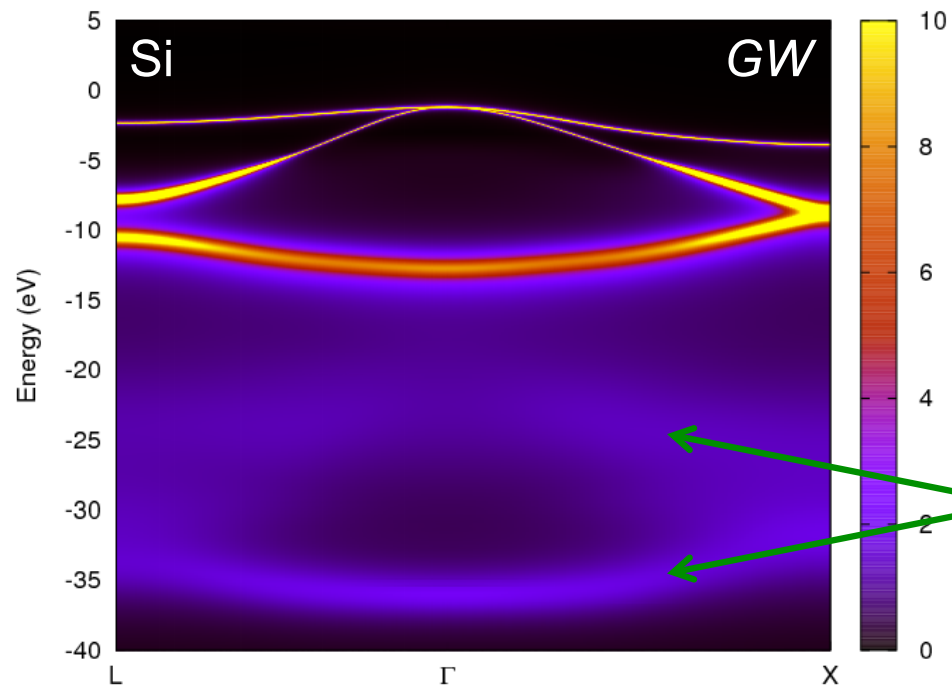
+ ...

$$S^\sigma(\omega, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_n \text{Im} \frac{1}{\omega - \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}n}^\sigma - \Sigma_{\mathbf{k}n}^\sigma(\omega) + \Delta_v}$$

alignment of chemical potential

→

SATELLITES

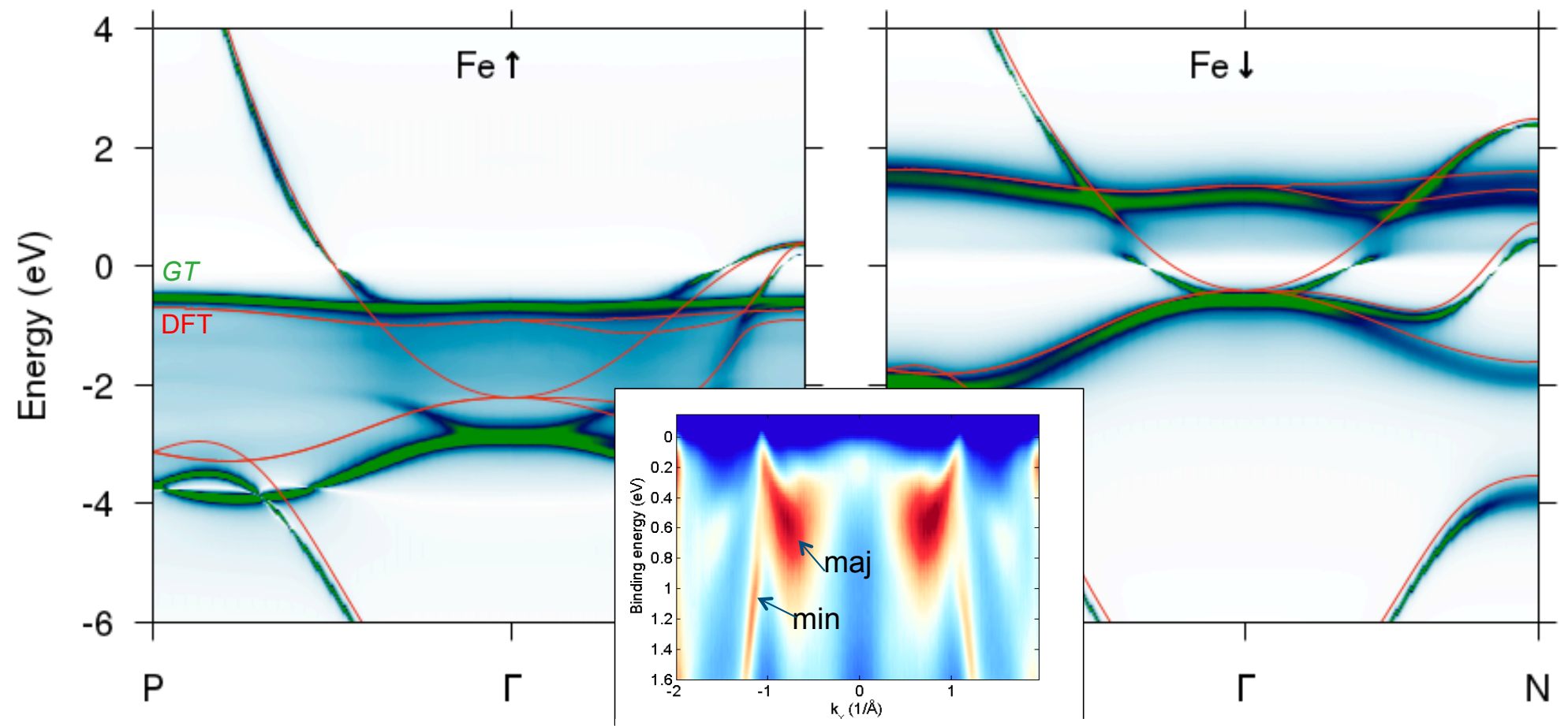


Spectral function

Plasmon satellites
 $\omega_0 \approx 23$ eV

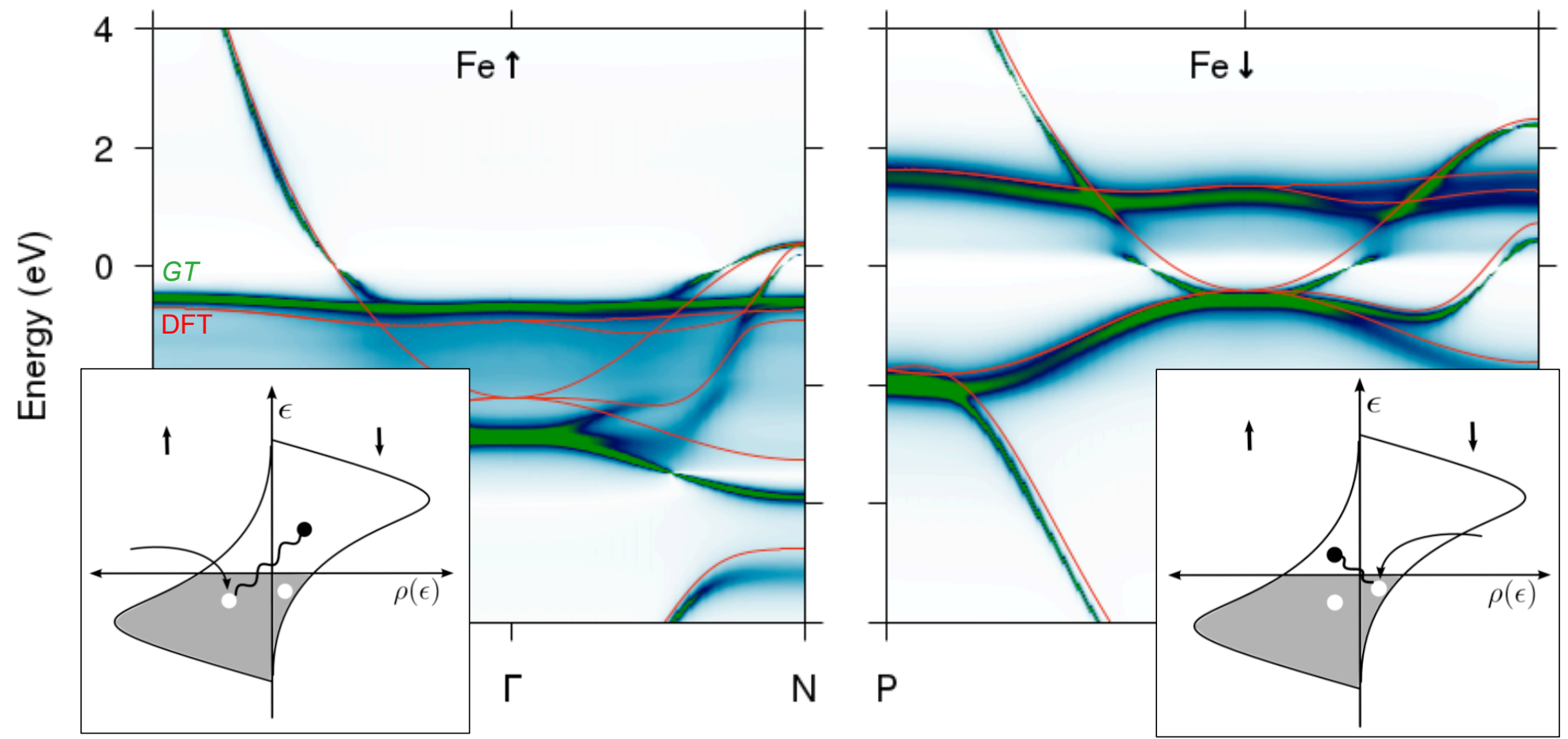
Magnon satellites?
 $\omega_0 \sim 0-0.3$ eV

IRON BAND STRUCTURE

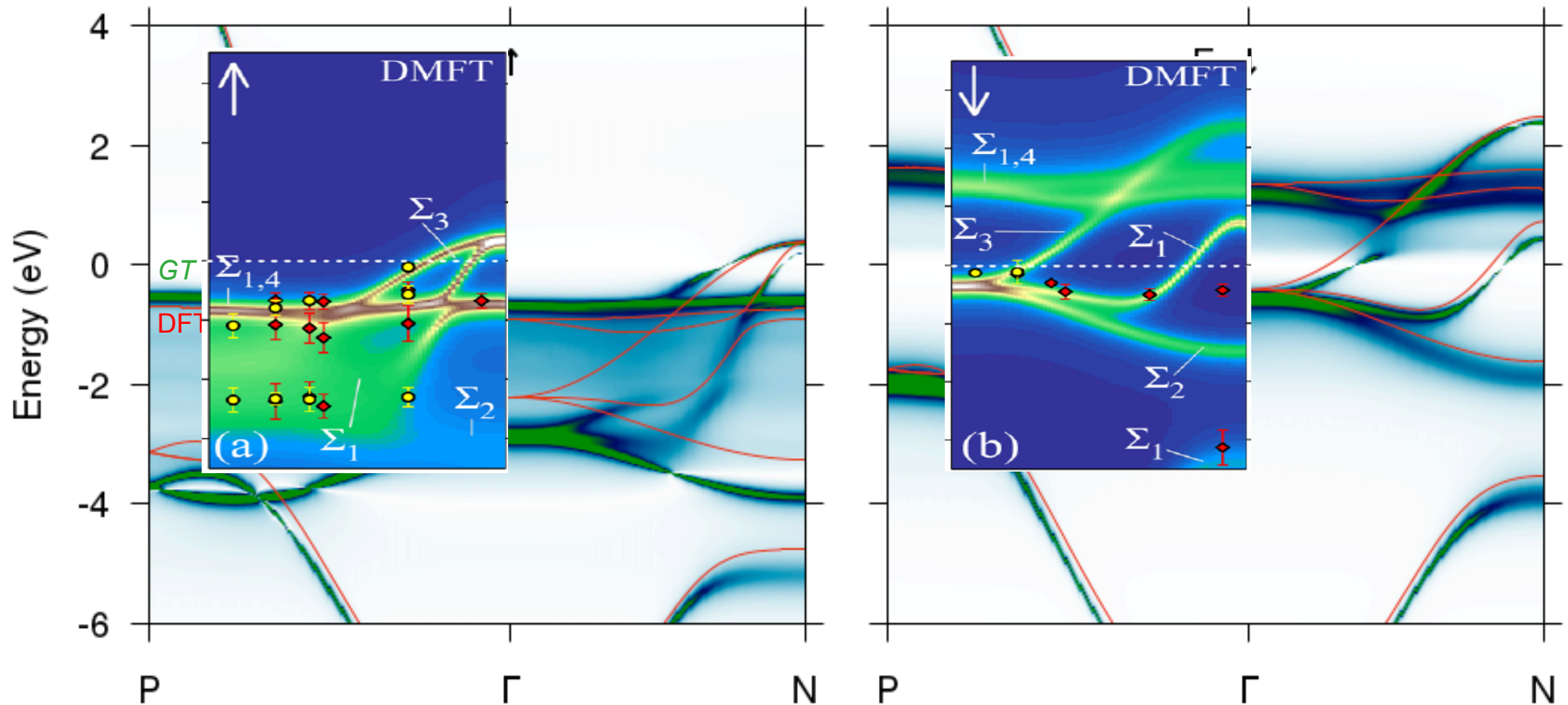


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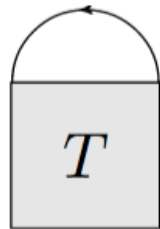
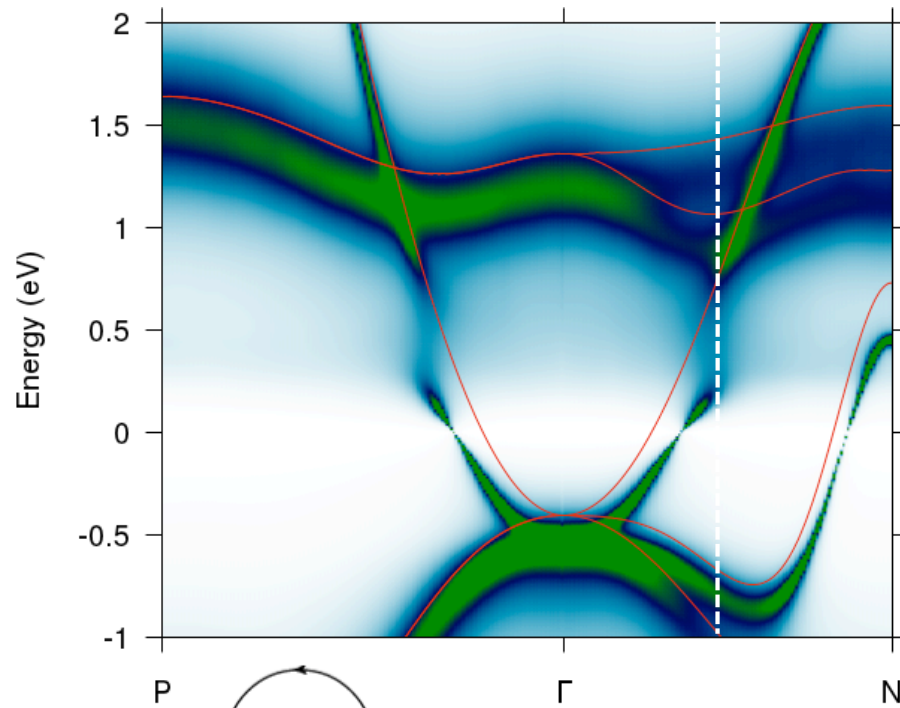


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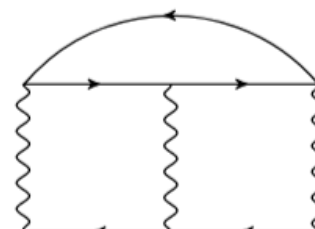
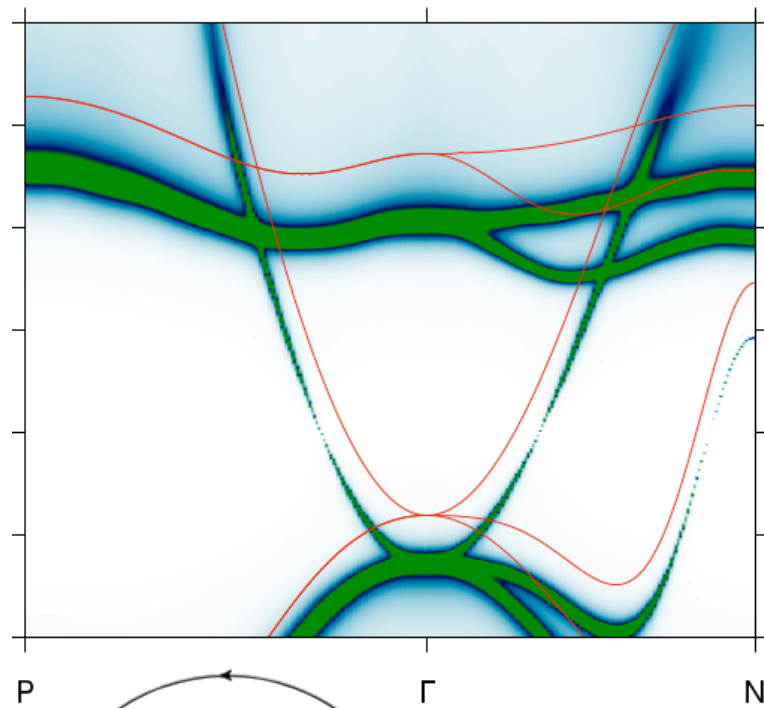


DMFT: J. Sánchez-Barriga et al., PRL **103**, 267203 (2009)

ANOMALY SPIN DOWN

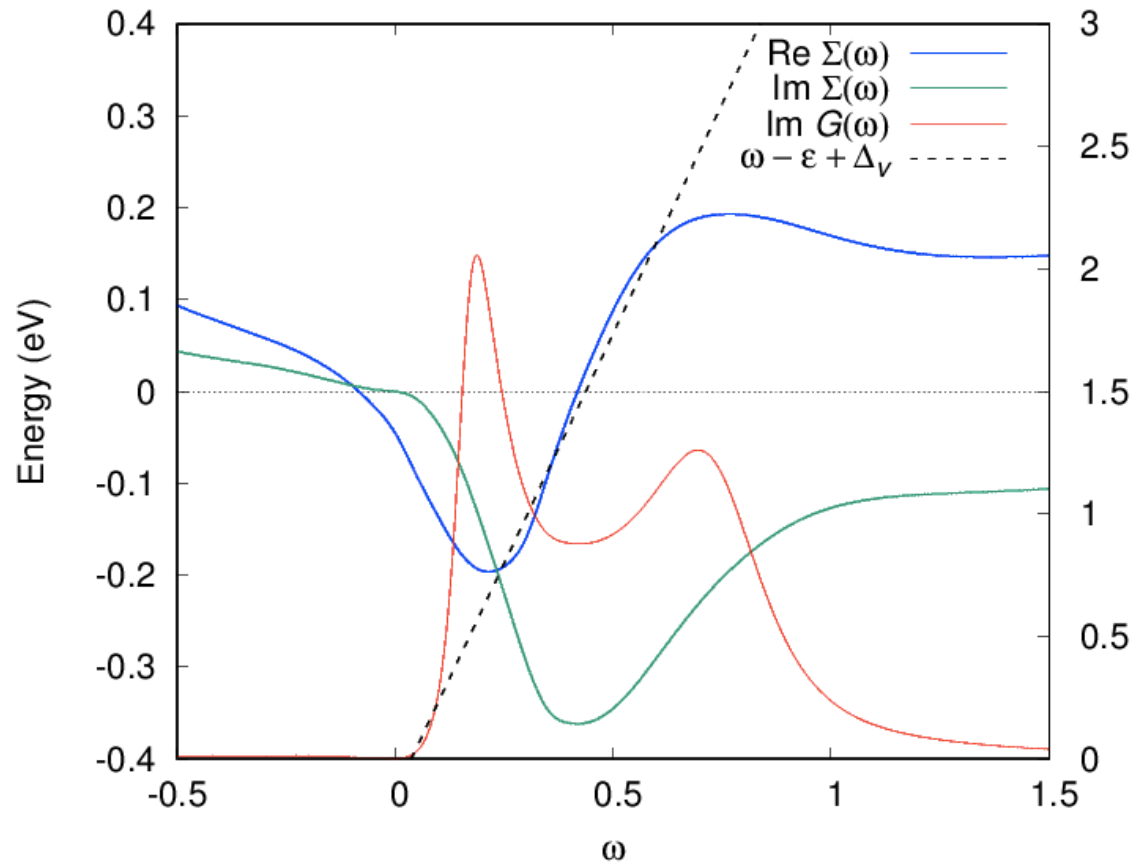


full *GT* self-energy



only 3rd order diagram

IRON BAND ANOMALY (SPIN DOWN)

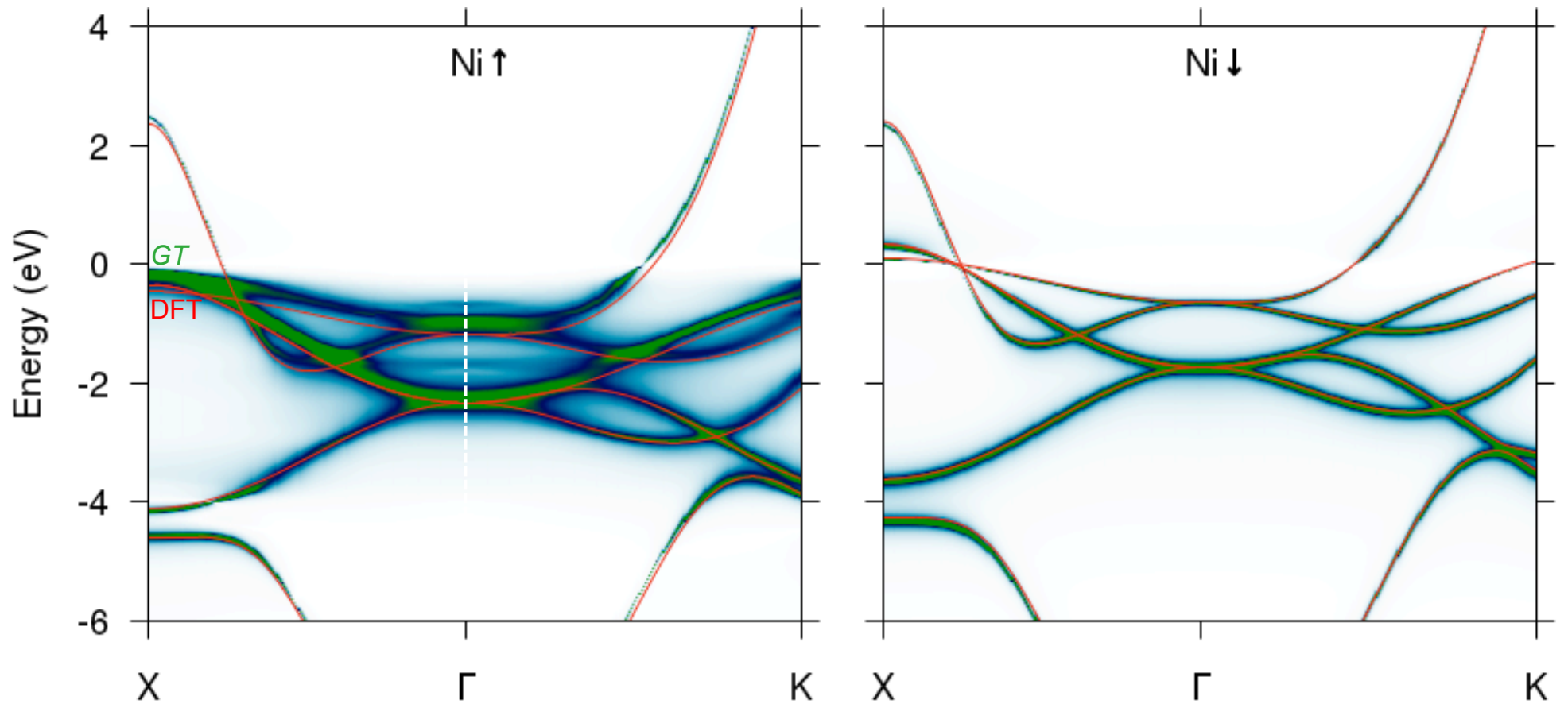


$-\pi^{-1} \text{Im } G(\omega) \text{ (eV}^{-1}\text{)}$

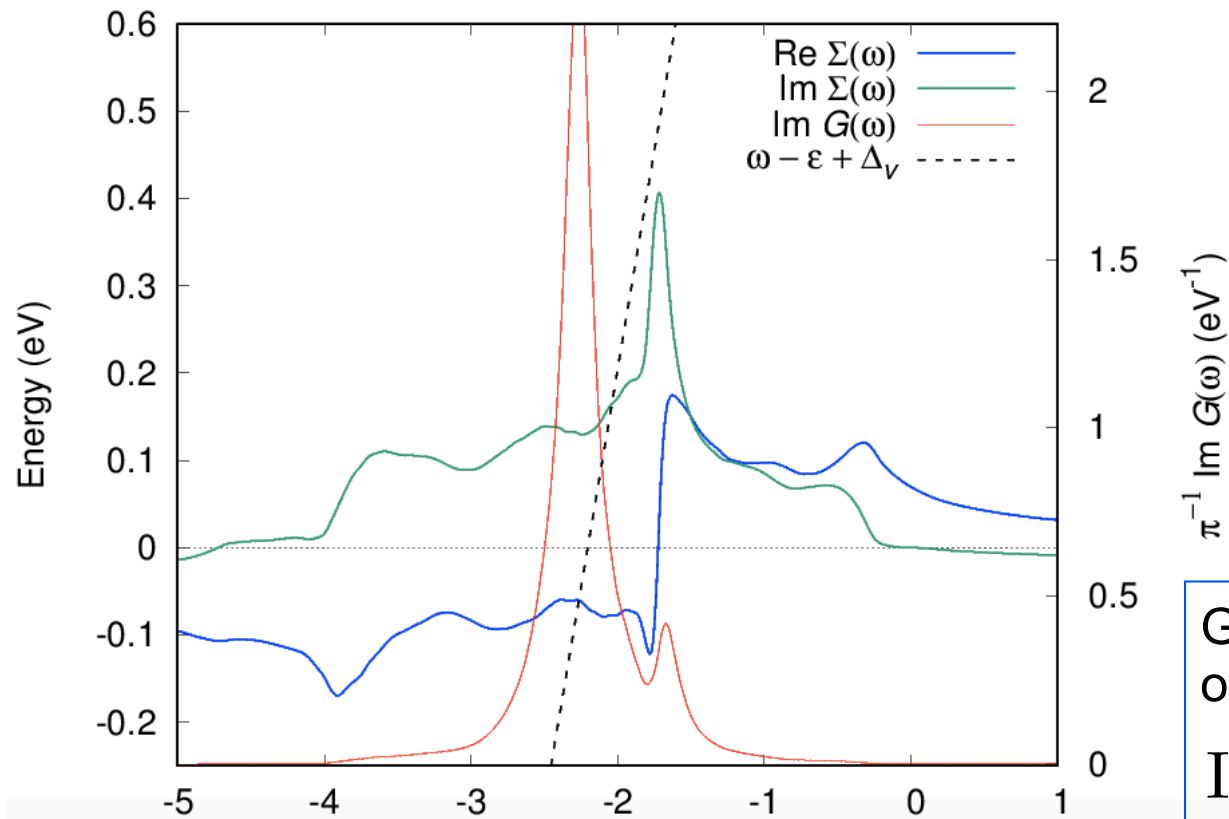
Graphical solution
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NICKEL BAND STRUCTURE



NICKEL BAND ANOMALY (SPIN UP)

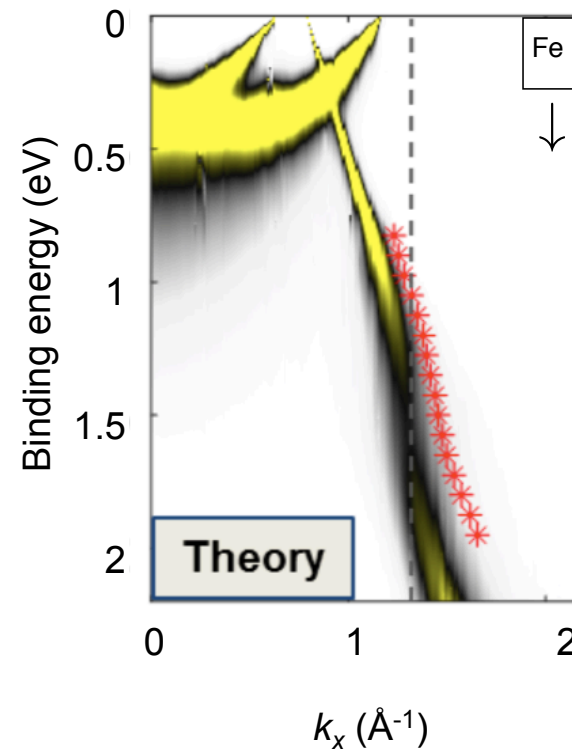
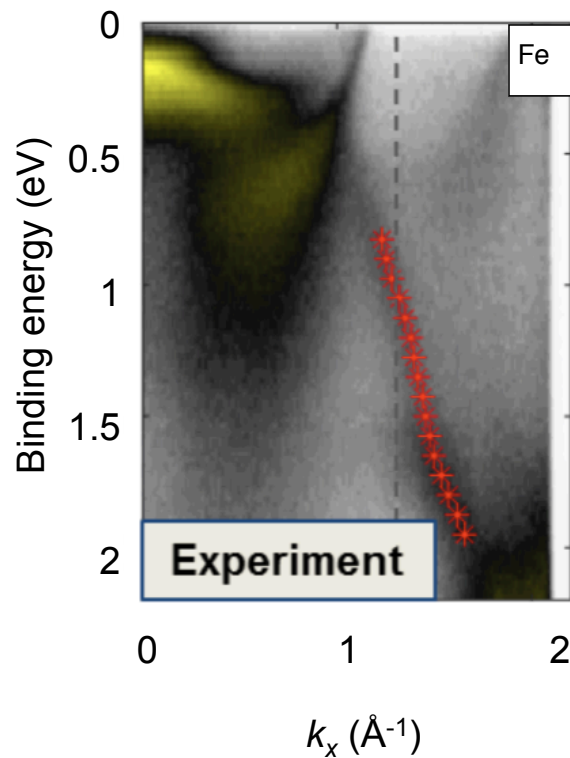


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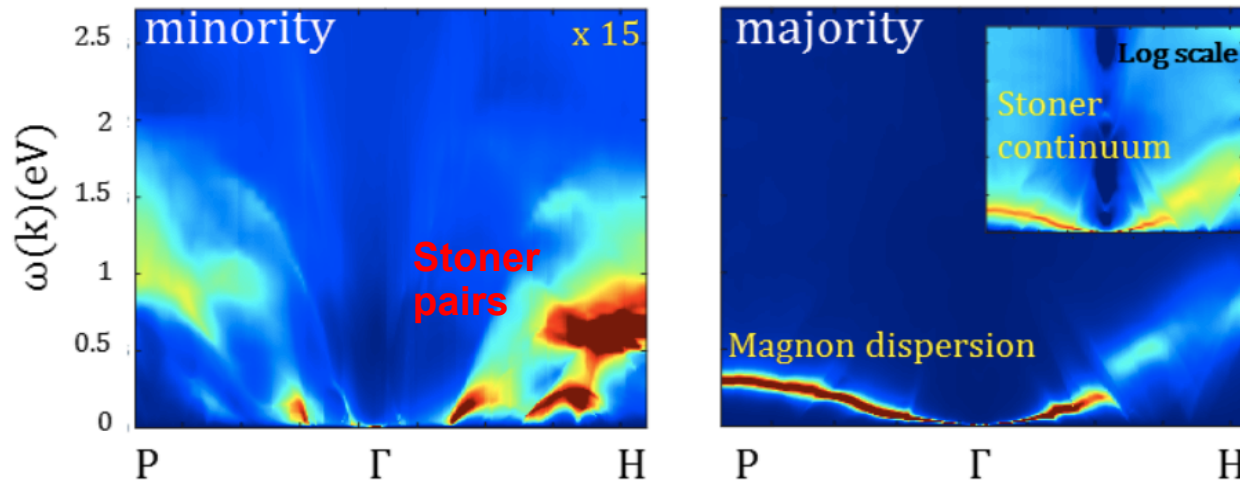
HIGH-ENERGY BAND ANOMALY (IRON)

ARPES (Mlynczak *et al.*, Jülich)

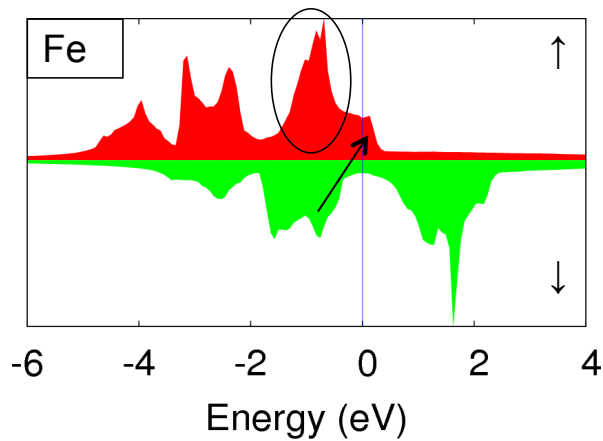


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$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\omega - \omega' - \epsilon - i\eta} \frac{1}{\omega' - \epsilon_M - i\eta} d\omega'$$

$\approx 0.8\text{eV}$ $\approx 0.7\text{eV}$

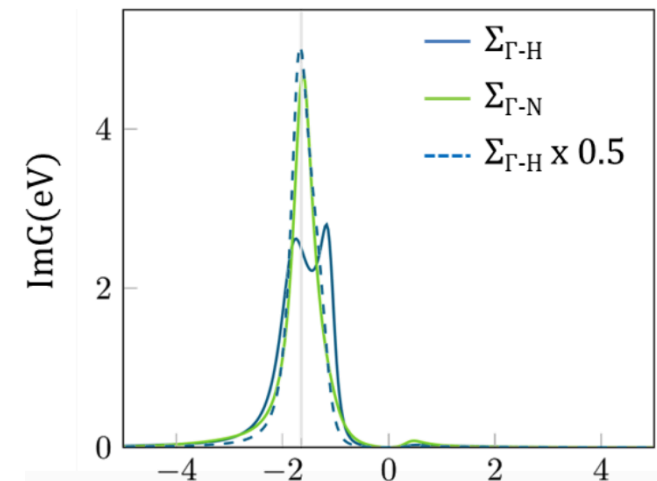
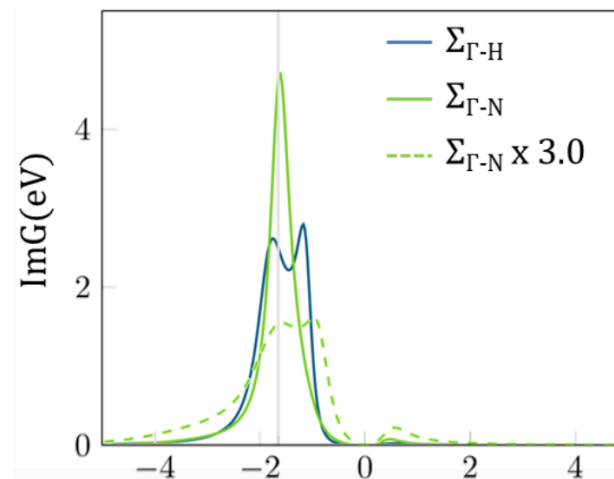
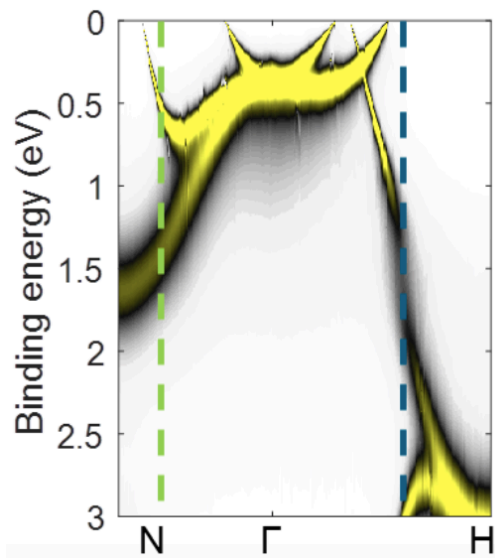
$$= \frac{i}{\omega - (\epsilon + \epsilon_M) - i\eta}$$

$\approx 1.5\text{eV}$

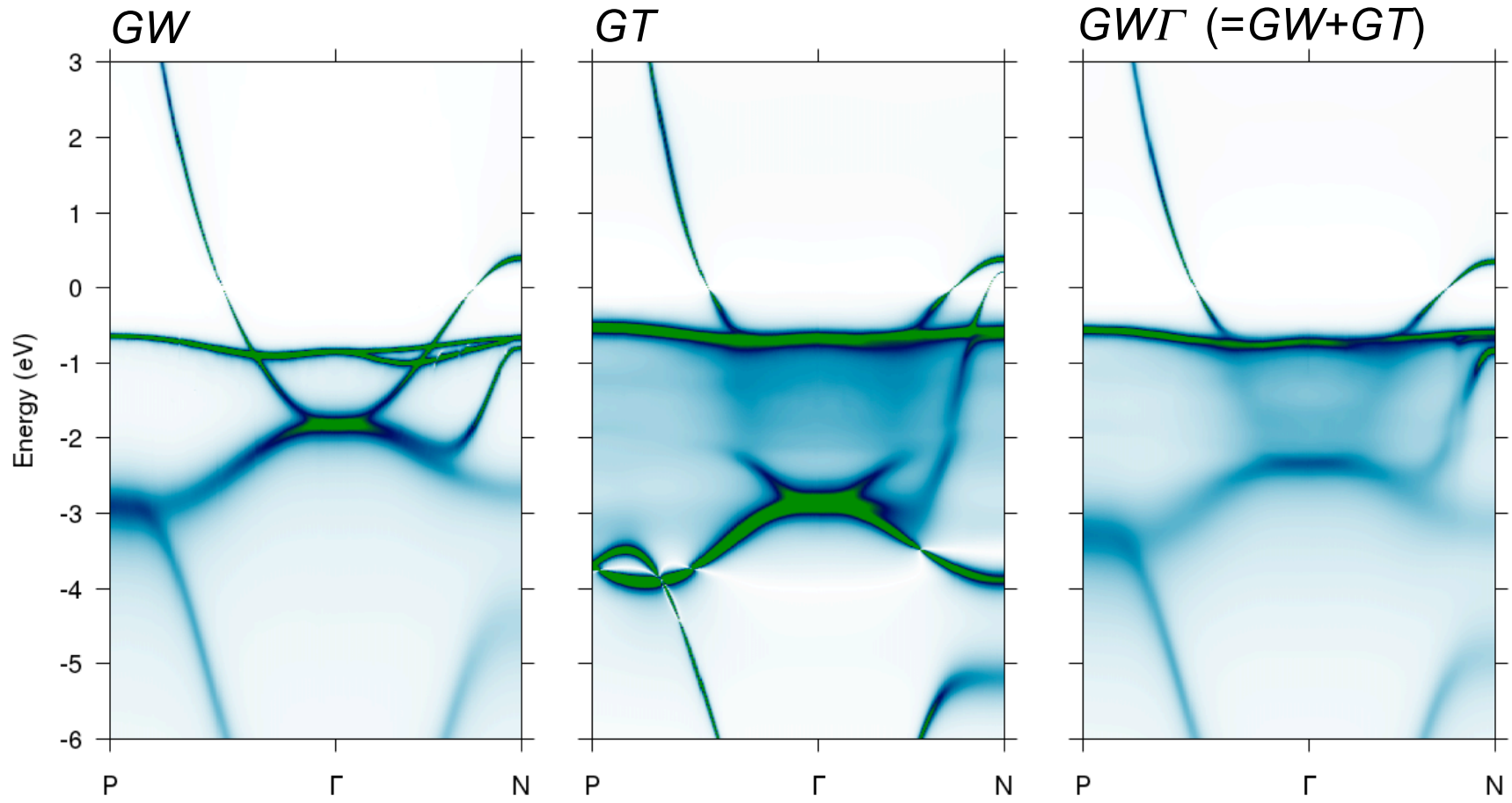
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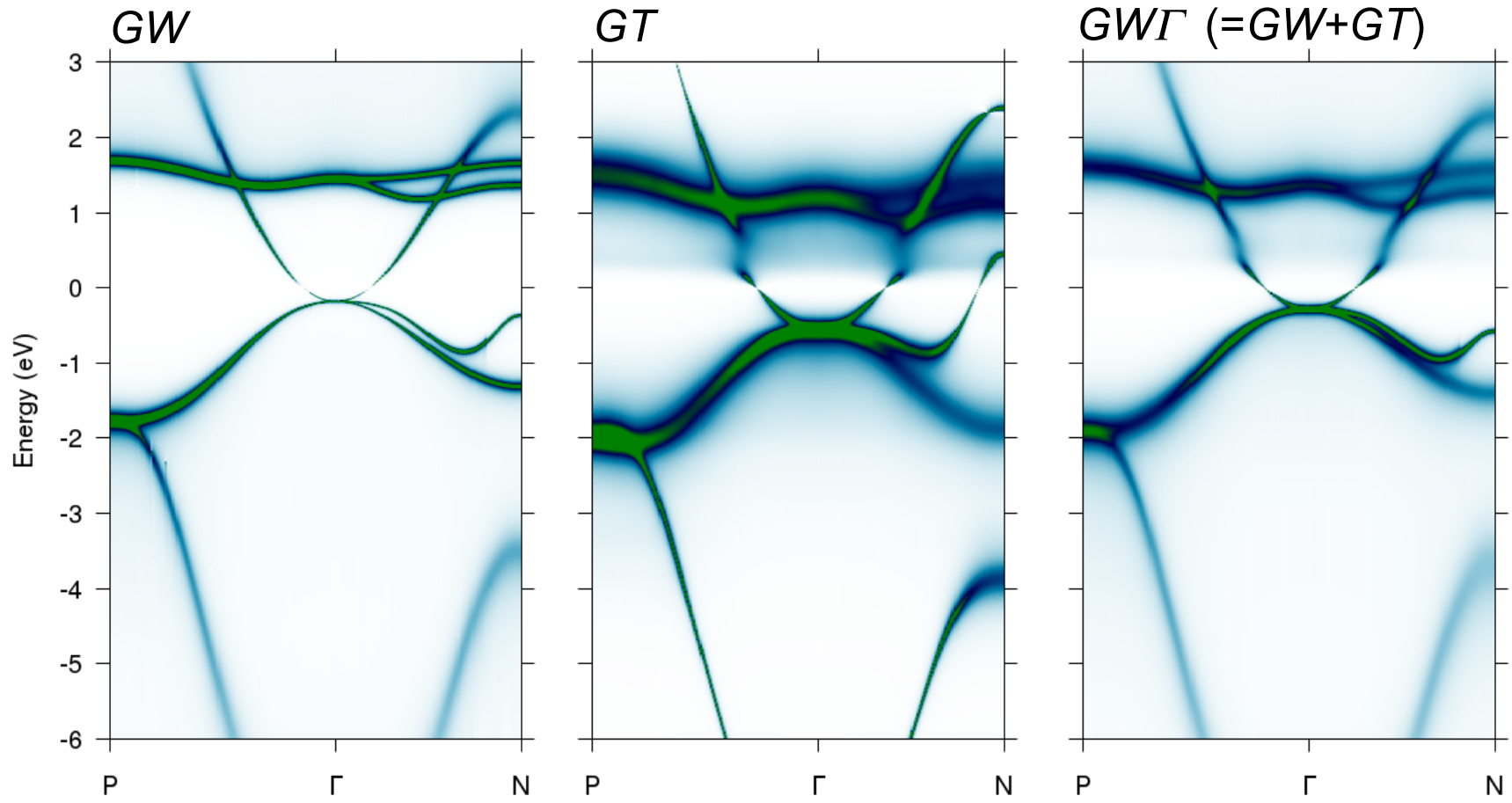
Importance of **k** dependence



IRON BAND STRUCTURE (SPIN UP)



IRON BAND STRUCTURE (SPIN DOWN)



SUMMARY

- Calculation of spin excitations (spin waves and Stoner excitations) implemented within FLAPW through the solution of the **Bethe-Salpeter equation**.
- Goldstone condition **violated** in the limit $\mathbf{q} \rightarrow 0$ and $\omega \rightarrow 0$ due to inconsistency of Green functions (LSDA vs. self-consistent)
- Static **COHSEX** approximation for the self-energy **recovers** correct dispersion of Goldstone mode. Alternative: **corrected LSDA** approach.
- Electron-magnon scattering described by **GT self-energy**.
- **Strong spin asymmetry** of lifetime broadening in agreement with experiment. Majority *d* bands strongly renormalized (quasiparticle character lost) due to coupling to many-body spin excitations.
- **Band anomalies** due to many-body renormalization through coupling to spin-wave and Stoner excitations (the latter seen in recent ARPES experiment).

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