

Theory of Resonant X-Ray Scattering with Applications to high-T_c Cuprates

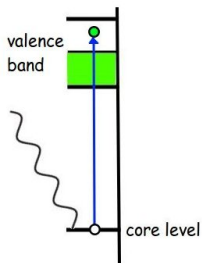
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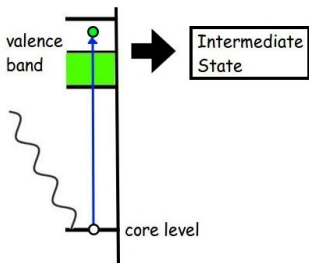
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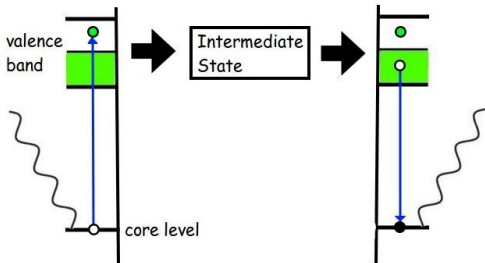
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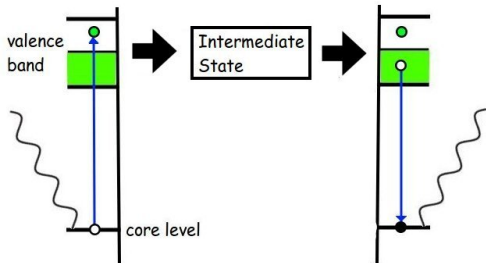
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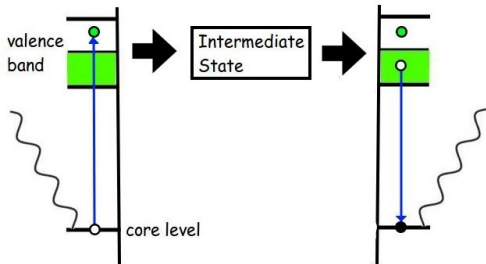


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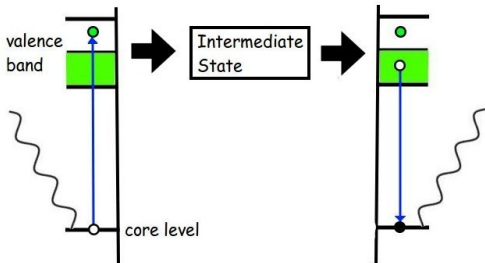
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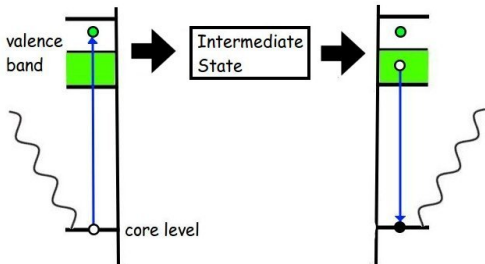
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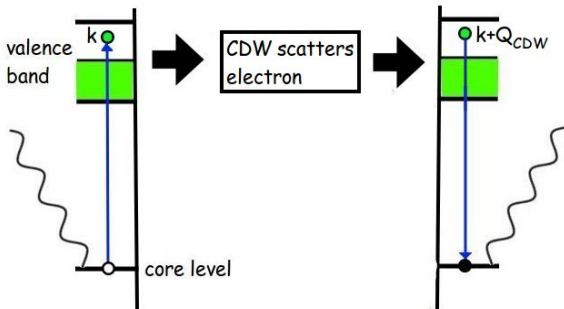
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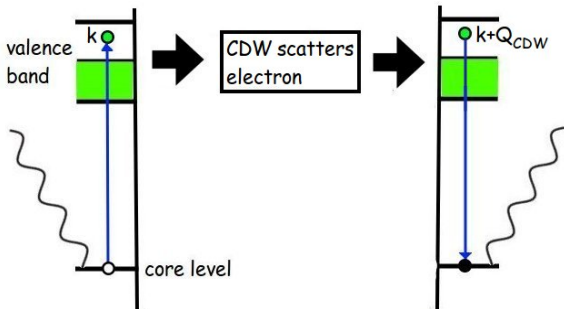
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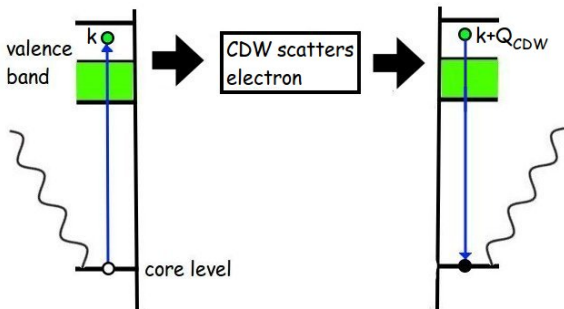
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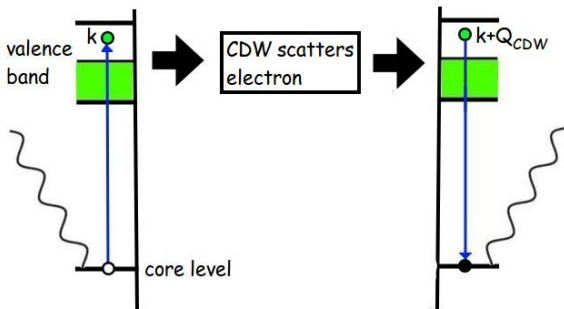


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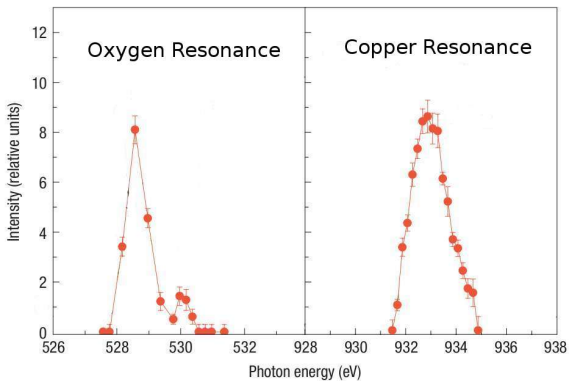


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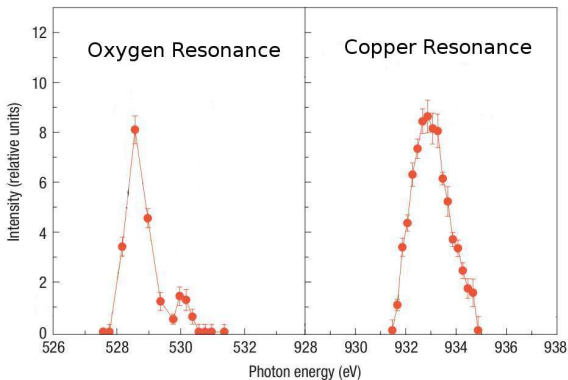
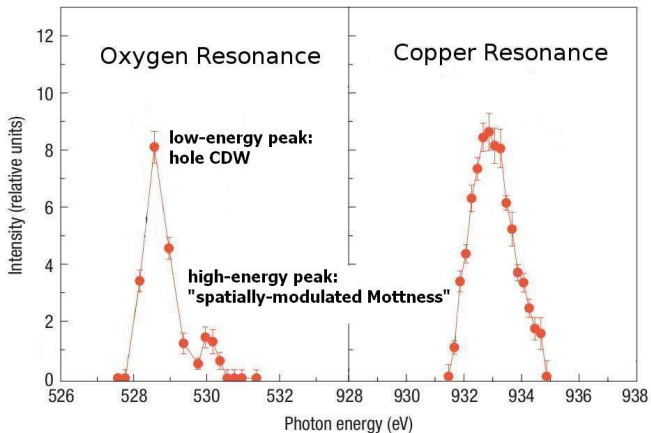


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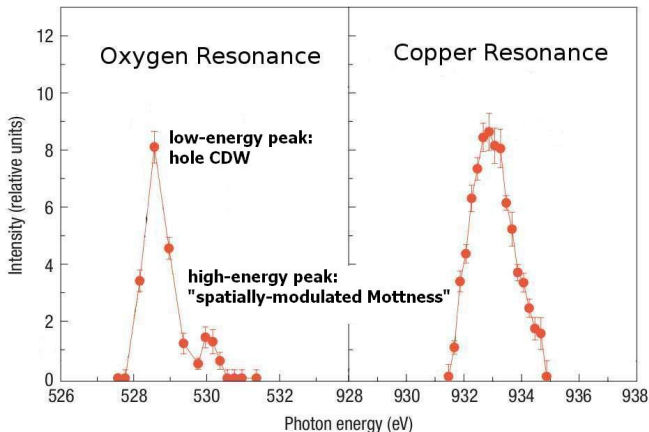
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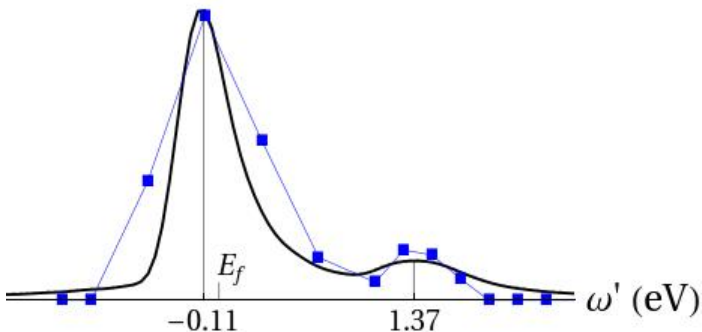
Problems with Mott interpretation

- Peak separation of 1.5 eV is too small for Hubbard gap.
- If second peak is Mott, it should be strong at Cu edge and weak at O edge.

A simple model agrees with experimental data

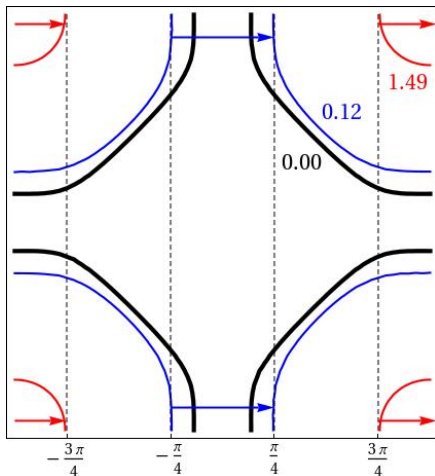
Results of a simple quasiparticle model:

$$H_m = \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{k}} \xi_{\mathbf{k}} d_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} d_{\mathbf{k}}}_{\text{band structure}} + V \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left(d_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{Q}}^{\dagger} d_{\mathbf{k}} + d_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} d_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{Q}} \right)}_{\text{mean-field CDW}} + \underbrace{V_c d_m^{\dagger} d_m}_{\text{core hole potential}}$$



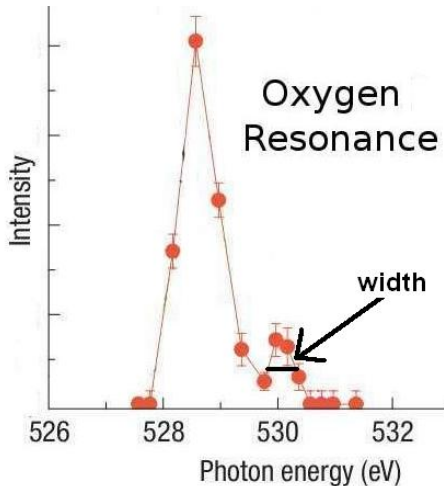
Band structure explains the two peaks

- Elastic scattering $|\mathbf{k}\rangle \rightarrow |\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{Q}_{CDW}\rangle$ needs $\xi_{\mathbf{k}} \approx \xi_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{Q}}$.
- Nesting of surface $\xi_{\mathbf{k}} = E$ yields peak at $\omega = E$.
- Contours tangent to degenerate lines $k_x = \pm(\pi - Q/2)$, $k_x = \pm Q/2$ are nested.

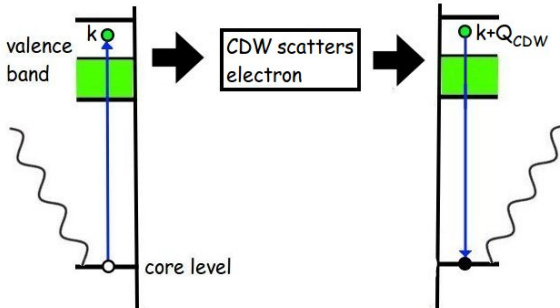


Long-lived quasiparticles

- Peaks are broadened by core hole and quasiparticle decay.
- $1/\text{width}$ gives lower bound for quasiparticle lifetime.
- Narrow high-energy peak implies long-lived quasiparticles!
- Complements magnetic oscillations and DMFT (PRL **110**, 086401)



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Summary of REXS

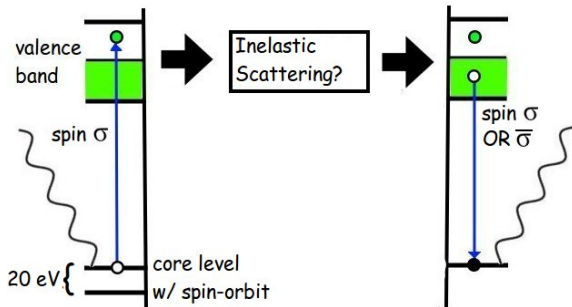
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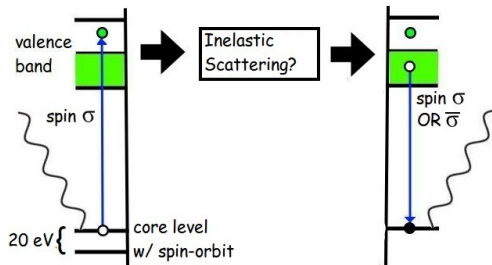
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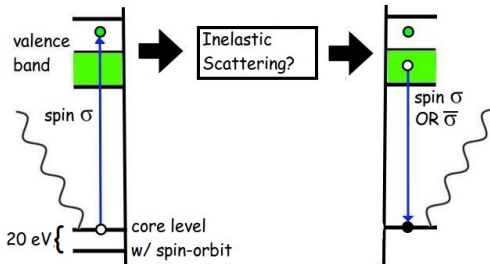
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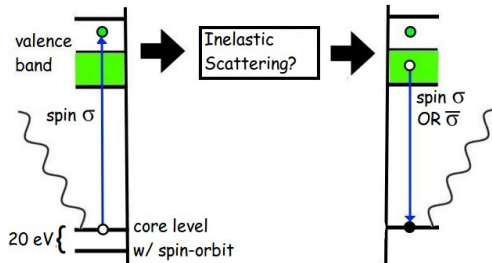
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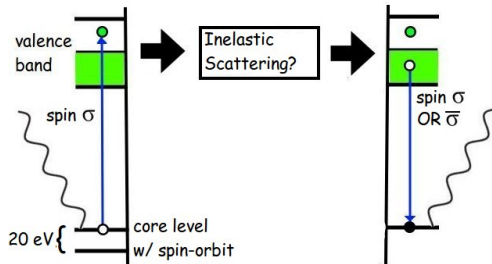
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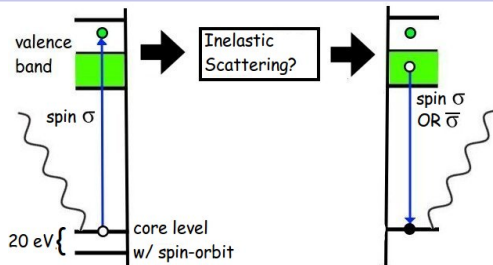
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- $\chi_{\alpha\beta}$: polarization-dependent balance between spin-flip and non-flip
- Forward and **backward** time “Keldysh” histories

RIXS Formalism



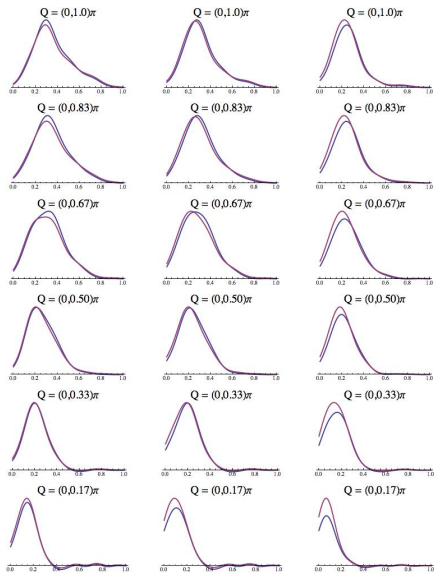
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where $U_{mn} = e^{-ih_n\tau} e^{ih_0s} e^{ih_mt}$, and $U_0 = e^{i(\tau-t-s)h_0}$, and $F = 1 - N + U_{mn}U_0N$.

Surprise: band structure yields dispersing peaks!



- left to right: doping $x = 0.15, 0.25, 0.40$
- bottom to top: momentum transfer $\mathbf{Q} = 0.17(\pi, 0) \dots (\pi, 0)$
- each plot: intensity vs. energy transfer $0 \leq \Delta\omega \leq 1$ eV in spin-flip channel.
- blue and purple: core hole potential $U_c = 0.0, -0.5$ eV.

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Same energy, widths, long high-energy tail, and doping-insensitivity.

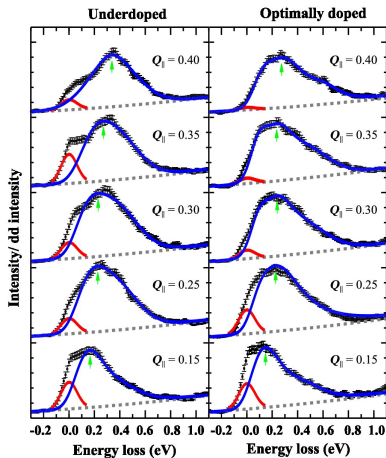
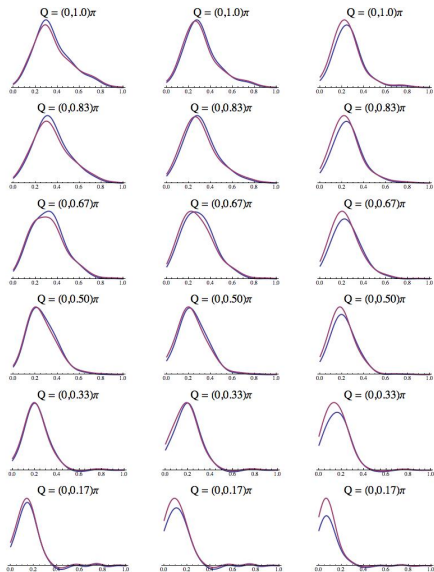


Figure: Bi-2212 data from Mark Dean et al, PRL **110**,147001 (2013)

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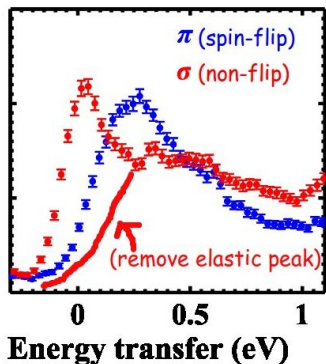


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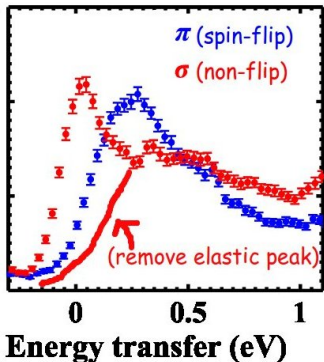


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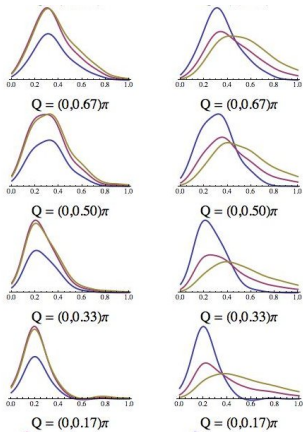


Figure: Left: spin-flip lineshapes, right: non-flip lineshapes for core hole strengths $U_c = 0.0, -0.25, -0.5$ eV.

RIXS

- Quasiparticles, core hole mimic magnon's lineshape!
- Relevant to "pairing glue."
- Spin flip insensitive to core hole. . . diagrammatics?

REXS

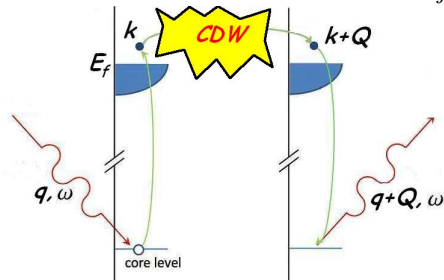
- Band structure
- Long-lived quasiparticles

Model

$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \xi_{\mathbf{k}} d_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} d_{\mathbf{k}} + V \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left(d_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{Q}}^{\dagger} d_{\mathbf{k}} + d_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} d_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{Q}} \right) + V_c d_j^{\dagger} d_j \quad (1)$$

$$\xi_{\mathbf{k}} = -t(\cos k_x + \cos k_y) + 4t_1 \cos k_x \cos k_y - 2t_2(\cos 2k_x + \cos 2k_y), \quad (2)$$

$$\langle g | \sum_j p_j^{\dagger} d_j e^{-i(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{Q}) \cdot \mathbf{R}_j} | n \rangle \quad d_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{Q}}^{\dagger} d_{\mathbf{k}} \quad \langle n | \sum_j d_j^{\dagger} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}_j} | g \rangle$$



Energy Domain to Time Domain

$$I(\omega, \mathbf{Q}) \propto \left| \sum_{j,n,\sigma} e^{-i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}_j} \frac{\langle i|d_{j\sigma}|n\rangle\langle n|d_{j\sigma}^\dagger|i\rangle}{E_i - \tilde{E}_n^{N+1} + \omega + i\Gamma} \right|^2 \quad (3)$$

$$= \left| \sum_{j\sigma} e^{-i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}_j} \int_0^\infty e^{-(i\omega+\Gamma)t} \langle i|d_j e^{-i\mathcal{H}_1(j)t} d_j^\dagger e^{-i\mathcal{H}_0 t}|i\rangle dt \right|^2, \quad (4)$$

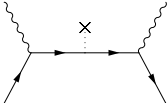
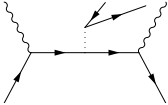
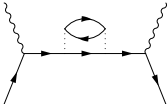
$$\sum_n \frac{|n\rangle\langle n|\dots|i\rangle}{E_i - \tilde{E}_n^{N+1} + \omega + i\Gamma} = \sum_n \int_0^\infty e^{(E_i - \tilde{E}_n^{N+1} + \omega + i\Gamma)it} |n\rangle\langle n|\dots|i\rangle dt \quad (5)$$

$$= \int_0^\infty e^{i\omega - \Gamma t} e^{-iH_j t} \sum_n \cancel{|n\rangle\langle n|\dots}^1 e^{iH_0 t} |i\rangle dt \quad (6)$$

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Why one can ignore interactions

Diagram	in Words	Contribution to REXS
	elastic scattering	contributes
	inelastic scattering	does not contribute
	self-energy	renormalizes quasiparticles

$$I_{\text{REXS}}(\omega, \mathbf{Q}) \propto \left| \sum_{j,n} e^{-i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}_j} \frac{\langle i|d_j|n\rangle\langle n|d_j^\dagger|i\rangle}{E_i - \tilde{E}_n^{N+1} + \omega + i\Gamma} \right|^2 \quad (7)$$

while STM measures local density of states $\text{Im}G(\omega, \mathbf{r}_j)$,

$$\text{Im} \sum_n \left[\frac{\langle i|d_j|n\rangle\langle n|d_j^\dagger|i\rangle}{E_i - E_n^{N+1} + \omega + 0^+i} + \frac{\langle i|d_j^\dagger|n\rangle\langle n|d_j|i\rangle}{-E_i + E_n^{N-1} + \omega + 0^+i} \right] \quad (8)$$

Differences: decay of intermediate state in REXS, intermediate state energy depends on core hole interaction, REXS does not have electron-removal term.