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Probing the Spectral Function Using Momentum Resolved Radio Frequency Spectroscopy in Trapped Fermi Gases¹ QIJIN CHEN, Zhejiang University, KATHY LEVIN, University of Chicago — A measurement of the centrally important spectral function has not been possible in ultracold Fermi gases until recent momentum resolved radio frequency (RF) spectroscopy experiments in 40 K. These new experiments can be exploited to test many-body theories underlying general quantum simulations performed on Fermi gases. Here we establish the underlying physics of these RF measurements. We show that, by providing a clear dispersion signature of pairing, they remove ambiguity plaguing the interpretation of previous RF studies. Our calculated spectral intensities are in semi-quantitative agreement with the data.

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