Quantum phase transitions of metals in two dimensions



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FIG. 4 (color). (a) Temperature dependences of ρ_a/ρ_b for selected y. (b) Evolution of ρ_a/ρ_b in the y vs T plane. The white region corresponds to the superconducting state. The CuO chains cause a peak at y = 7.0, which is gradually diminished as the chains are destroyed with decreasing y; on the other hand, a growth of ρ_a/ρ_b with further decreasing y, observable for y < 6.60, signals the self-organization of the electrons into charge stripes. The anisotropy ratio at y = 6.35, 6.45, 6.50, 6.55, 6.60, 6.65, 6.70, 6.75, 6.80, 6.83, 6.95, and 7.00 are the actual data, and linear interpolations are employed to generate the color map.

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Nematic order in YBCO

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Broken rotational symmetry in the pseudogap phase of a high-Tc superconductor

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Fermi surface with full square lattice symmetry

Spontaneous elongation along x direction:

Spontaneous elongation along y direction:

Ising-nematic order parameter

$$\phi \sim \int d^2 k \left(\cos k_x - \cos k_y\right) c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}$$

Measures spontaneous breaking of square lattice point-group symmetry of underlying Hamiltonian

Spontaneous elongation along x direction: Ising order parameter $\phi > 0$.

Spontaneous elongation along y direction: Ising order parameter $\phi < 0$.

Pomeranchuk instability as a function of coupling r

Phase diagram as a function of T and r

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Effective action for electrons:

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$$\equiv \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_{f}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \int d\tau c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^{\dagger} \left(\partial_{\tau} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} \right) c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}$$

Coupling between Ising order and electrons

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A ϕ fluctuation at wavevector \vec{q} couples most efficiently to fermions near $\pm \vec{k}_0$.

Expand fermion kinetic energy at wavevectors about \vec{k}_0

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Line of singularities in momentum space on the "hot" Fermi surface $sq_x + q_y^2 = 0$.

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- Our approach leads to a redundant description of underlying degrees of freedom. The "Galilean symmetry" ensures consistency of redundant description.

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Note
$$q'_x + q'^2_y = q_x + q^2_y$$
: ensures compatibility
of redundant 2+1 dimensional field theories.

$$\mathcal{L} = \psi_{+}^{\dagger} \left(\zeta \partial_{\tau} - i \partial_{x} - \partial_{y}^{2} \right) \psi_{+} + \psi_{-}^{\dagger} \left(\zeta \partial_{\tau} + i \partial_{x} - \partial_{y}^{2} \right) \psi_{-}$$
$$- \lambda \phi \left(\psi_{+}^{\dagger} \psi_{+} + \psi_{-}^{\dagger} \psi_{-} \right) + \frac{1}{2g} \left(\partial_{y} \phi \right)^{2} + \frac{r}{2} \phi^{2}$$

After tuning the single parameter $r \sim \lambda - \lambda_c$, and sending $\zeta \to 0$, \mathcal{L} describes a critical theory with no coupling constants. There is a separate copy of this critical theory for each direction \hat{q} . This theory has 2 independent exponents z and η , and the correlation length and susceptibility exponents are given by

$$\nu = \frac{1}{z - 1} \quad ; \qquad \gamma = 1$$

The fermion and order parameter Green's functions obey the scaling forms

$$G(\vec{q},\omega) = \xi^{2-\eta} \Phi_{\psi} \left((q_x + q_y^2)\xi^2, \omega\xi^z \right) \quad ; \quad D(\vec{q},\omega) = \xi^{z-1} \Phi_{\phi} \left(q_y\xi, \omega\xi^z \right)$$

We have computed the exponents to three loops, and find z = 3and $\eta = -0.0868$ at this order.

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Graph mixing ψ_+ and $\psi_$ is $\mathcal{O}(N^{3/2})$ (instead of $\mathcal{O}(N)$), violating genus expansion

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"Large" Fermi surfaces in cuprates



$$H_0 = -\sum_{i < j} t_{ij} c_{i\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{i\alpha} \equiv \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}$$

The area of the occupied electron/hole states:

$$\mathcal{A}_e = \begin{cases} 2\pi^2(1-x) \\ 2\pi^2(1+p) \end{cases}$$
$$\mathcal{A}_h = 4\pi^2 - \mathcal{A}_e$$

for hole-doping xfor electron-doping p



The electron spin polarization obeys

$$\left\langle \vec{S}(\mathbf{r},\tau) \right\rangle = \vec{\varphi}(\mathbf{r},\tau) e^{i\mathbf{K}\cdot\mathbf{r}}$$

where $\vec{\varphi}$ is the spin density wave (SDW) order parameter, and **K** is the ordering wavevector. For simplicity, we consider $\mathbf{K} = (\pi, \pi)$.

Spin density wave theory

Spin density wave Hamiltonian

$$H_{\rm sdw} = \vec{\varphi} \cdot \sum_{\mathbf{k},\alpha,\beta} c^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{k},\alpha} \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} c_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{K},\beta}$$

Diagonalize $H_0 + H_{sdw}$ for $\vec{\varphi} = (0, 0, \varphi)$

$$E_{\mathbf{k}\pm} = \frac{\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{K}}}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{K}}}{2}\right) + \varphi^2}$$

Hole-doped cuprates



Large Fermi surface breaks up into electron and hole pockets

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$\vec{\varphi}$ fluctuations act on the large Fermi surface

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Start from the "spin-fermion" model

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{Z} &= \int \mathcal{D}c_{\alpha}\mathcal{D}\vec{\varphi}\exp\left(-\mathcal{S}\right) \\ \mathcal{S} &= \int d\tau \sum_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^{\dagger} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\tau} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}\right) c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} \\ &- \lambda \int d\tau \sum_{i} c_{i\alpha}^{\dagger}\vec{\varphi}_{i} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} c_{i\beta} e^{i\mathbf{K}\cdot\mathbf{r}_{i}} \\ &+ \int d\tau d^{2}r \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\mathbf{\nabla}_{r}\vec{\varphi}\right)^{2} + \frac{\widetilde{\zeta}}{2} \left(\partial_{\tau}\vec{\varphi}\right)^{2} + \frac{s}{2}\vec{\varphi}^{2} + \frac{u}{4}\vec{\varphi}^{4}\right] \end{split}$$



$$\mathcal{L}_{f} = \psi_{1\alpha}^{\ell\dagger} \left(\zeta \partial_{\tau} - i \mathbf{v}_{1}^{\ell} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla}_{r} \right) \psi_{1\alpha}^{\ell} + \psi_{2\alpha}^{\ell\dagger} \left(\zeta \partial_{\tau} - i \mathbf{v}_{2}^{\ell} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla}_{r} \right) \psi_{2\alpha}^{\ell}$$
$$\mathbf{v}_{1}^{\ell=1} = (v_{x}, v_{y}), \, \mathbf{v}_{2}^{\ell=1} = (-v_{x}, v_{y})$$

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Apply RG on both fermions and $\vec{\varphi}$, using this local field theory. We can set $\lambda = 1$, and the only coupling constants are v_y/v_x and u. Have obtained RG flow equations to two loops. I. Order parameters at zero wavevector Ising-nematic order

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FIG. 2: Magnetic quantum oscillations measured in $YBa_2Cu_3O_{6+x}$ with $x \approx 0.56$ (after background polynomial subtraction). This restricted interval in $B = |\mathbf{B}|$ furnishes a dynamic range of ~ 50 dB between T = 1 and 18 K. The actual T values are provided in Fig. 3.

Fermi liquid behaviour in an underdoped high Tc superconductor

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Field-induced transition between magnetically disordered and ordered phases in underdoped $La_{2-x}Sr_xCuO_4$



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> FIG. 1. (a) A fragment of the theoretical phase diagram, adopted from Refs. 4 and 20. The vertical axis is the magnetic field and the horizontal axis is the coupling strength between superconductivity and magnetic order. (b) Field dependence of the magnetic Bragg peak corresponding to the incommensurate SDW peak at Q=(1.125, 0.125, 0). Every point is measured after field cooling at T=1.5 K. The data are fitted to $I=I_0+A|H-H_c|^{2\beta}$ above H_c as explained in the text. Spectrometer configuration: 45-60-Be—S—Be-60-open; cold Be filters were used before and after the sample to eliminate contamination from high-energy neutrons; E=4 meV.



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Onset of superconductivity disrupts SDW order, but associated CDW/ VBS/nematic ordering can survive

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Similar phase diagram for CeRhIn₅



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