Competing order and quantum criticality

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Quantum phase transition: ground states on either side of  $g_c$  have distinct "order"



- Theory for a quantum system with strong correlations: describe phases on either side of  $g_c$  by expanding in deviation from the quantum critical point.
- Critical point is a novel state of matter without quasiparticle excitations
- Critical excitations control dynamics in the wide *quantum-critical* region at non-zero temperatures.

Important property of ground state at  $g=g_c$ : temporal and spatial <u>scale invariance</u>; characteristic energy scale at other values of g:  $\Delta \sim |g-g_c|^{zv}$ 

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#### **I. Quantum Ising Chain**

Degrees of freedom: j = 1...N qubits, N "large"  $|\uparrow\rangle_{j}, |\downarrow\rangle_{j}$ or  $|\rightarrow\rangle_{j} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\rangle_{j} + |\downarrow\rangle_{j}), \ |\leftarrow\rangle_{j} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\rangle_{j} - |\downarrow\rangle_{j})$ 

Hamiltonian of decoupled qubits:

$$H_0 = -Jg\sum_j \sigma_j^x$$



Coupling between qubits:

$$H_{1} = -J\sum_{j} \sigma_{j}^{z} \sigma_{j+1}^{z}$$

$$(|\rightarrow\rangle_{j} \langle \leftarrow |+| \leftarrow \rangle_{j} \langle \rightarrow |) (|\rightarrow\rangle_{j+1} \langle \leftarrow |+| \leftarrow \rangle_{j+1} \langle \rightarrow |)$$
Prefers neighboring qubits

are either 
$$|\uparrow\rangle_{j}|\uparrow\rangle_{j+1}$$
 or  $|\downarrow\rangle_{j}|\downarrow\rangle_{j+1}$   
(not entangled)

Full Hamiltonian

$$H = H_0 + H_1 = -J\sum_{j} \left(g\sigma_j^x + \sigma_j^z\sigma_{j+1}^z\right)$$

# leads to entangled states at g of order unity

Lowest excited states:

$$\left|\ell_{j}\right\rangle = \left|\cdots \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \leftarrow_{j} \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \cdots\right\rangle + \cdots$$

Coupling between qubits creates "flipped-spin" quasiparticle states at momentum p



Entire spectrum can be constructed out of multi-quasiparticle states



At T > 0, collisions between quasiparticles broaden pole to a Lorentzian of width  $1/\tau_{\varphi}$  where the *phase coherence time*  $\tau_{\varphi}$ 

is given by 
$$\frac{1}{\tau_{\varphi}} = \frac{2k_{B}T}{\pi\hbar}e^{-\Delta/k_{B}T}$$

S. Sachdev and A.P. Young, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 78, 2220 (1997)

<u>Ground states:</u> Strongly-coupled qubits  $(g \ll 1)$ 

 $|G\uparrow\rangle = |\cdots\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\cdots\rangle$ 

 $-\frac{g}{2} | \dots \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \dots \rangle - \dots$ 

Ferromagnetic moment  $N_0 = \langle G | \sigma^z | G \rangle \neq 0$ 

Second state  $|G\downarrow\rangle$  obtained by  $\uparrow \Leftrightarrow \downarrow$  $|G\downarrow\rangle$  and  $|G\uparrow\rangle$  mix only at order  $g^N$ 

Lowest excited states: domain walls

$$\left| d_{j} \right\rangle = \left| \cdots \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow_{j} \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \rangle + \cdots \right\rangle$$

Coupling between qubits creates new "domainwall" *quasiparticle* states at momentum *p* 

$$\left| p \right\rangle = \sum_{j} e^{ipx_{j}/\hbar} \left| d_{j} \right\rangle$$
  
Excitation energy  $\varepsilon(p) = \Delta + 4Jg \sin^{2}\left(\frac{pa}{2\hbar}\right) + O\left(g^{2}\right)$ 

Excitation gap  $\Delta = 2J - 2gJ + O(g^2)$ 



Dynamic Structure Factor  $S(p, \omega)$ : Strongly-coupled qubits  $(g \ll 1)$ Cross-section to flip a  $|\rightarrow\rangle$  to a  $|\leftarrow\rangle$  (or vice versa) while transferring energy  $\hbar\omega$  and momentum p



At T > 0, motion of domain walls leads to a finite *phase coherence time*  $\tau_{\varphi}$ , and broadens coherent peak to a width  $1/\tau_{\varphi}$  where  $\frac{1}{\tau_{\varphi}} = \frac{2k_B T}{\pi \hbar} e^{-\Delta/k_B T}$ 

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No quasiparticles --- dissipative critical continuum



S. Sachdev and J. Ye, Phys. Rev. Lett. **69**, 2411 (1992). S. Sachdev and A.P. Young, Phys. Rev. Lett. **78**, 2220 (1997).

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#### **II. Coupled Ladder Antiferromagnet**

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J. Tworzydlo, O. Y. Osman, C. N. A. van Duin, J. Zaanen, Phys. Rev. B 59, 115 (1999).

M. Matsumoto, C. Yasuda, S. Todo, and H. Takayama, Phys. Rev. B 65, 014407 (2002).

S=1/2 spins on coupled 2-leg ladders







Excitations: 2 spin waves  $\varepsilon_p = \sqrt{c_x^2 p_x^2 + c_y^2 p_y^2}$ 



Weakly coupled ladders



Excitation: *S*=1 *exciton* (spin collective mode)

Energy dispersion away from antiferromagnetic wavevector

 $\varepsilon_p = \Delta + \frac{c_x^2 p_x^2 + c_y^2 p_y^2}{2\Lambda}$ 

 $\bigcirc = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \uparrow \downarrow \right) - \left| \downarrow \uparrow \right\rangle \right)$ 

# Paramagnetic ground state $\left\langle \vec{S}_i \right\rangle = 0$



*S*=1/2 spinons are *confined* by a linear potential.



#### **II.A Coherent state path integral**

See Chapter 13 of *Quantum Phase Transitions*, S. Sachdev, Cambridge University Press (1999).

Path integral for a single spin

 $Z = \operatorname{Tr}\left(e^{-H[S]/T}\right)$ =  $\int \mathcal{D}N(\tau)\delta(N^2 - 1)\exp\left(-iS\int A_{\tau}(\tau)d\tau - \int d\tau H\left[SN(\tau)\right]\right)$  $A_{\tau}(\tau)d\tau$  = Oriented area of triangle on surface of unit sphere bounded by  $N(\tau), N(\tau + d\tau)$ , and a fixed reference  $N_0$ 

Action for lattice antiferromagnet

$$\boldsymbol{N}_{j}(\tau) = \eta_{j}\boldsymbol{n}(x_{j},\tau) + \boldsymbol{L}(x_{j},\tau)$$

 $\eta_j = \pm 1$  identifies sublattices

## *n* and *L* vary slowly in space and time

Integrate out *L* and take the continuum limit

**Berry phases can be neglected for coupled ladder antiferromagent** 

Discretize spacetime into a cubic lattice

(justified later)

$$Z = \prod_{a} \int d\boldsymbol{n}_{a} \delta\left(\boldsymbol{n}_{a}^{2} - 1\right) \exp\left(\frac{1}{g} \sum_{a,\mu} \boldsymbol{n}_{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{n}_{a+\mu}\right) \quad a \to \text{cubic lattice sites}; \qquad \mu \to x, y, \tau;$$

S. Chakravarty, B.I. Halperin, and D.R. Nelson, Phys. Rev. B 39, 2344 (1989).

Quantum path integral for two-dimensional quantum antiferromagnet  $\Leftrightarrow$  Partition function of a classical three-dimensional ferromagnet at a "temperature" gQuantum transition at  $\lambda = \lambda_c$  is related to classical Curie transition at  $g = g_c$ 

## **II.B Quantum field theory for critical point**



Dynamic spectrum at the critical point



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## **III.A Collinear spins, Berry phases, and bond-order**

S=1/2 square lattice antiferromagnet with non-nearest neighbor exchange

$$H = \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \quad \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j$$

Include Berry phases after discretizing coherent state path integral on a cubic lattice in spacetime

$$Z = \prod_{a} \int d\boldsymbol{n}_{a} \delta\left(\boldsymbol{n}_{a}^{2} - 1\right) \exp\left(\frac{1}{g} \sum_{a,\mu} \boldsymbol{n}_{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{n}_{a+\mu} - \frac{i}{2} \sum_{a} \eta_{a} A_{a\tau}\right)$$

 $\eta_{\rm a} \rightarrow \pm 1$  on two square sublattices ;

 $\boldsymbol{n}_a \sim \eta_a \vec{S}_a \rightarrow \text{Neel order parameter;}$ 

 $A_{a\mu} \rightarrow$  oriented area of spherical triangle

formed by  $\boldsymbol{n}_a$ ,  $\boldsymbol{n}_{a+\mu}$ , and an arbitrary reference point  $\boldsymbol{n}_0$ 

Small  $g \rightarrow$  Spin-wave theory about Neel state receives minor modifications from Berry phases.

Large  $g \rightarrow$  Berry phases are crucial in determining structure of "quantum-disordered" phase with  $\langle n_a \rangle = 0$ Integrate out  $n_a$  to obtain effective action for  $A_{a\mu}$ 

Change in choice of  $n_0$  is like a "gauge transformation"

 $A_{a\mu} \to A_{a\mu} - \gamma_{a+\mu} + \gamma_a$ 

( $\gamma_a$  is the oriented area of the spherical triangle formed by  $n_a$  and the two choices for  $n_0$ ).



The area of the triangle is uncertain modulo  $4\pi$ , and the action is invariant under  $A_{a\mu} \rightarrow A_{a\mu} + 4\pi$ 

These principles strongly constrain the effective action for  $A_{a\mu}$ 

Simplest large g effective action for the  $A_{a\mu}$ 

$$Z = \prod_{a,\mu} \int dA_{a\mu} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2e^2} \sum_{\Box} \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda}\Delta_{\nu}A_{a\lambda}\right) - \frac{i}{2} \sum_{a} \eta_a A_{a\tau}\right)$$
  
with  $e^2 \sim g^2$ 

This is compact QED in 2+1 dimensions with Berry phases.

This theory can be reliably analyzed by a duality mapping. The gauge theory is <u>always</u> in a <u>confining</u> phase: There is an energy gap and the ground state has a <u>bond order wave</u>.

N. Read and S. Sachdev, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 62, 1694 (1989).
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K. Park and S. Sachdev, *Phys. Rev.* B 65, 220405 (2002).

Exact duality transform on periodic Gaussian ("Villain") action for compact QED yields

$$Z = \sum_{\{h_{ar{j}}\}} \exp\left(-rac{e^2}{2}\sum_{ar{j}}\left(\Delta_\mu h_{ar{j}} - \Delta_\mu \mathcal{X}_{ar{j}}
ight)^2
ight),$$

with  $h_{\bar{\jmath}}$  integer.

Height model in 2+1 dimensions with 'offsets'  $\mathcal{X}_{\bar{j}} = 0, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4$  on the four dual sublattices.



For large  $e^2$ , low energy height configurations are in exact one-toone correspondence with dimer coverings of the square lattice

⇒ 2+1 dimensional height model is the path integral of the **Quantum Dimer Model** 



There is no roughening transition for three dimensional interfaces, which are smooth for all couplings

- $\implies$  There is a definite average height of the interface
- **Ground state has a bond order wave.**

Bond order wave in a frustrated S=1/2 XY magnet

A. W. Sandvik, S. Daul, R. R. P. Singh, and D. J. Scalapino, cond-mat/0205270

First large scale numerical study of the destruction of Neel order in S=1/2antiferromagnet with full square lattice symmetry



 $H = 2J\sum_{\langle ij\rangle} \left( S_i^x S_j^x + S_i^y S_j^y \right) - K\sum_{\langle ijkl\rangle \subset \Box} \left( S_i^+ S_j^- S_k^+ S_l^- + S_i^- S_j^+ S_k^- S_l^+ \right)$ 

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#### **III.B Non-collinear spins and deconfined spinons.**

Magnetically ordered state:  $\checkmark \langle \vec{S}(\boldsymbol{r}) \rangle \propto \vec{N}_1 \cos(\boldsymbol{Q} \cdot \boldsymbol{r}) + \vec{N}_2 \sin(\boldsymbol{Q} \cdot \boldsymbol{r})$  $\boldsymbol{Q} = \left(\frac{4\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{3}}\right); \ \vec{N}_1^2 = \vec{N}_2^2 = 1; \ \vec{N}_1 \cdot \vec{N}_2 = 0$ Solve constraints by writing:  $N_1 + iN_2 = \mathcal{E}_{ac} Z_c \sigma_{ab} Z_b$ where  $z_{12}$  are two complex numbers with  $|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 = 1$ 

Order parameter space:  $S_3/Z_2$ Physical observables are invariant under the  $Z_2$  gauge transformation  $z_a \rightarrow \pm z_a$  Non-magnetic state

Fluctuations can lead to a "quantum disordered" state in which  $z_a$  are globally well defined. This requires a topologically ordered state in which vortices associated with  $\pi_1(S_3/Z_2)=Z_2$  ["visons"] are gapped out. This is an RVB state with deconfined S=1/2 spinons  $z_a$ 

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Spinons are deconfined

P. Fazekas and P.W. Anderson, *Phil Mag* 30, 23 (1974).
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R. Moessner and S.L. Sondhi, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 86, 1881 (2001).

Recent experimental realization:  $Cs_2CuCl_4$ 

R. Coldea, D.A. Tennant, A.M. Tsvelik, and Z. Tylczynski, Phys. Rev. Lett. 86, 1335 (2001).

## **2D** Antiferromagnets with an odd number of S=1/2 spins per unit cell



S=1/2 spinons, Z<sub>2</sub> gauge theory

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#### **IV. Quantum transitions between BCS superconductors**

From numerical/analytical/RG studies of the square lattice Hubbard model we know that ground state has

 $\Rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$  superconductivity near half filling

C.J. Halboth and W. Metzner Phys. Rev. Lett. 85, 5162 (2000).

 $\Rightarrow d_{xy}$  superconductivity for small electron density

M.A. Baranov and M. Yu Kagan, Z. Phys. B **86**, 237 (1992). M.A. Baranov, A.V. Chubukov, and M. Yu Kagan, Int. J. Mod. Phys. B **6**, 2471 (1992).

We model this phenomenologically:

$$H = \sum_{k} \varepsilon_{k} c_{k\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{k\sigma} + J_{1} \sum_{j,\mu} \mathbf{S}_{j} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{j+\hat{\mu}} + J_{2} \sum_{j,\nu} \mathbf{S}_{j} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{j+\hat{\nu}}$$

where the sum on  $\mu$  is over x, y, that on  $\nu$  is over x + y, x - y,

$$\mathbf{S}_{j} \equiv \frac{1}{2} c_{j\sigma}^{\dagger} \vec{\sigma}_{\sigma\sigma'} c_{j\sigma'}$$

with  $\vec{\sigma}$  the Pauli matrices, and the dispersion

$$\varepsilon_k = -2t_1(\cos(k_x) + \cos(k_y)) - 2t_2(\cos(k_x + k_y) + \cos(k_x - k_y)) - \mu$$

BCS mean-field theory

$$\begin{split} H_{BCS} &= \sum_{k} \varepsilon_{k} c_{k\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{k\sigma} \quad - \quad \frac{J_{1}}{2} \sum_{j,\mu} \Delta_{\mu} (c_{j\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{j+\hat{\mu},\downarrow}^{\dagger} - c_{j\downarrow}^{\dagger} c_{j+\hat{\mu},\uparrow}^{\dagger}) + \text{h.c.} \\ &- \quad \frac{J_{2}}{2} \sum_{j,\nu} \Delta_{\nu} (c_{j\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{j+\hat{\nu},\downarrow}^{\dagger} - c_{j\downarrow}^{\dagger} c_{j+\hat{\nu},\uparrow}^{\dagger}) + \text{h.c.} \end{split}$$

We choose

$$egin{array}{rcl} \Delta_x &=& -\Delta_y \equiv \Delta_{x^2-y^2} \ \Delta_{x+y} &=& -\Delta_{x-y} \equiv \Delta_{xy} \end{array}$$

The complex numbers  $\Delta_{x^2-y^2}$  and  $\Delta_{xy}$  are to be determined by minimizing the ground state energy per site

$$E_{BCS} = J_1 |\Delta_{x^2 - y^2}|^2 + J_2 |\Delta_{xy}|^2 - \int rac{d^2k}{4\pi^2} \left[ E_k - arepsilon_k 
ight]$$

where the fermionic quasiparticle dispersion is

$$E_{k} = \left[\varepsilon_{k}^{2} + \left|J_{1}\Delta_{x^{2}-y^{2}}(\cos k_{x} - \cos k_{y}) + 2J_{2}\Delta_{xy}\sin k_{x}\sin k_{y}\right|^{2}\right]^{1/2}$$

The energy only depends upon the relative phase between  $\Delta_{x^2-y^2}$  and  $\Delta_{xy}$ .




#### Microscopic study of square lattice model



G. Sangiovanni, M. Capone, S. Caprara, C. Castellani, C. Di Castro, M. Grilli, cond-mat/0111107



$$S_{\Psi} = \int \frac{d^2 k}{(2\pi)^2} T \sum_{\omega_n} \Psi_1^{\dagger} \left( -i\omega_n + v_F k_x \tau^z + v_\Delta k_y \tau^x \right) \Psi_1$$
$$+ \int \frac{d^2 k}{(2\pi)^2} T \sum_{\omega_n} \Psi_2^{\dagger} \left( -i\omega_n + v_F k_y \tau^z + v_\Delta k_x \tau^x \right) \Psi_2$$

Ising order parameter for transition  $\phi \sim i\Delta_{xy}$ Coupling to low energy fermions  $i\lambda \int d^2x d\tau \Big[ \phi \Big( f_{1\uparrow}^{\dagger} f_{3\downarrow}^{\dagger} - f_{1\downarrow}^{\dagger} f_{3\uparrow}^{\dagger} - f_{2\uparrow}^{\dagger} f_{4\downarrow}^{\dagger} - f_{2\downarrow}^{\dagger} f_{4\uparrow}^{\dagger} \Big) + \text{h.c.} \Big]$  $= \int d^2x d\tau \Big[ \lambda \phi \Big( \Psi_1^{\dagger} \tau^y \Psi_1 - \Psi_2^{\dagger} \tau^y \Psi_2 \Big) \Big]$ 

Action for low energy fluctuations near critical point

$$S = \int d^{2}x d\tau \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\tau} \phi)^{2} + \frac{c^{2}}{2} (\nabla \phi)^{2} - \frac{s}{2} \phi^{2} + \frac{u}{24} \phi^{4} \right. \\ \left. + \Psi_{1}^{\dagger} (\partial_{\tau} + iv_{F} \partial_{x} \tau^{z} + iv_{\Delta} \partial_{y} \tau^{x}) \Psi_{1} \right. \\ \left. + \Psi_{2}^{\dagger} (\partial_{\tau} + iv_{F} \partial_{y} \tau^{z} + iv_{\Delta} \partial_{x} \tau^{x}) \Psi_{2} \right. \\ \left. + \lambda \phi \left( \Psi_{1}^{\dagger} \tau^{y} \Psi_{1} - \Psi_{2}^{\dagger} \tau^{y} \Psi_{2} \right) \right]$$

{For  $v_F = v_{\Delta}$  terms with fermions

$$=\overline{\Psi}_{1}\gamma_{\mu}\partial_{\mu}\Psi_{1}+\overline{\Psi}_{2}\gamma_{\mu}\partial_{\mu}\Psi_{2}+\lambda\phi\left(\overline{\Psi}_{1}\Psi_{1}-\overline{\Psi}_{2}\Psi_{2}\right)$$

Chiral symmetry breaking in the Higgs-Yukawa model}

Momentum shell renormalization group equations

$$\frac{d\lambda}{d\ell} = \frac{(3-d)}{2}\lambda - C_1\lambda^3$$
$$\frac{du}{d\ell} = (3-d)u - C_2u^2 + C_3\lambda^4 - C_4\lambda^2 u$$

where  $C_{1-4}$  are functions of  $v_F / v_\Delta$ ; similar flow equation for  $v_F / v_\Delta$ . Critical point is controlled by fixed point  $u = u^*$ ,  $\lambda = \lambda^*$ ,  $v_F^* = v_\Delta^*$ , which obeys hyperscaling, and is Lorentz invariant. Crossovers near transition in *d*-wave superconductor



M. Vojta, Y. Zhang, and S. Sachdev, Phys. Rev. Lett. 85, 4940 (2000).

In a Fermi liquid, quasiparticle relaxation rate ~  $T^2$ In a BCS  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  superconductor, quasiparticle relaxation rate ~  $T^3$ In a gapped BCS  $d_{x^2-y^2} + id_{xy}$  superconductor, (as in the gapped Ising chain) quasiparticle relaxation rate ~  $e^{\Delta/T}$ 

In quantum critical region:

$$G_F(k,\omega) = \frac{\Lambda^{-\eta_F}}{(k_B T)^{1-\eta_F}} \Phi\left(\frac{ck}{k_B T}, \frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T}\right)$$

Nodal quasiparticle Green's function  $k \rightarrow$  wavevector separation from node

#### **Damping of Nodal Quasiparticles**

#### Photoemission on BSSCO (Valla et al Science 285, 2110 (1999))



Width of quasiparticle energy distribution curve (EDC) ~  $k_B T$ 

Yoram Dagan and Guy Deutscher, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **87**, 177004 (2001). Observations of splitting of the ZBCP

# Spontaneous splitting<br/>(zero field)Magnetic field splitting



Covington, M. *et al.* Observation of Surface-Induced Broken Time-Reversal Symmetry in YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7-δ</sub> Tunnel Junctions, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **79**, 277-281 (1997)

Zero Field splitting and  $\chi^{-1}$  versus  $[\Delta_{max}-\Delta]^{1/2}$  All YBCO samples



#### **Conclusions: Phase transitions of BCS superconductors**

Examined general theory of all possible candidates for zero momentum, spin-singlet order parameters which can induce a second-order quantum phase transitions in a *d*-wave superconductor

> Only cases (A)  $d_{x^2-y^2} \Leftrightarrow d_{x^2-y^2} + is$  pairing and (B)  $d_{x^2-y^2} \Leftrightarrow d_{x^2-y^2} + id_{xy}$  pairing

have renormalization group fixed points with a non-zero interaction strength between the bosonic order parameter mode and the nodal fermions, and so are candidates for producing damping  $\sim k_B T$  of nodal fermions.

Independent evidence for (B) from tunneling experiments.

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Hole-doped cuprates are BCS superconductors with  $\langle c_{k\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{-k\downarrow}^{\dagger} \rangle \equiv \Delta_{k} = \Delta_{0} \left( \cos k_{x} - \cos k_{y} \right) d$ -wave pairing  $\langle \vec{S} \rangle = 0$  spin-singlet

Low energy excitations:

Superflow:  $\Delta_0 \rightarrow \Delta_0 e^{i\theta}$ S = 1/2 fermionic quasiparticles:  $E_k = \sqrt{\varepsilon_k^2 + \Delta_k^2}$ 

BCS theory also predicts that the Fermi surface, with gapless quasiparticles, will reveal itself when  $\Delta_0 \rightarrow 0$ , either locally or globally at low temperatures.  $\Delta_0$  can be suppressed by a strong magnetic field, and near vortices, impurities and interfaces.

Superconductivity in a doped Mott insulator

<u>*Hypothesis*</u>: cuprate superconductors have low energy excitations associated with additional order parameters

Theory and experiments indicate that the most likely candidates are spin density waves and associated "charge" order

Superconductivity can be suppressed globally by a strong magnetic field or large current flow.

Competing orders are also revealed when superconductivity is suppressed locally, near impurities or around vortices.

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# The doped cuprates



2-D CuO<sub>2</sub> plane Néel ordereth finite destate expires o doping

# Phase diagram of the doped cuprates



# T = 0 phases of LSCO



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# **II.** Effect of a magnetic field on SDW order with co-existing superconductivity



Effect of the Zeeman term: precession of SDW order about the magnetic field



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Effect of magnetic field on SDW+SC to SC transition

Infinite diamagnetic susceptibility of *non-critical* superconductivity leads to a strong effect.

- Theory should account for <u>dynamic</u> quantum spin fluctuations
- All effects are ~  $H^2$  except those associated with H induced superflow.
- Can treat SC order in a static Ginzburg-Landau theory

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{S}_{b} &= \int d^{2}r \int_{0}^{1/T} d\tau \Big[ \left| \nabla_{r} \Phi_{\alpha} \right|^{2} + c^{2} \left| \partial_{\tau} \Phi_{\alpha} \right|^{2} + s \left| \Phi_{\alpha} \right|^{2} + \frac{g_{1}}{2} \left( \left| \Phi_{\alpha} \right|^{2} \right)^{2} + \frac{g_{2}}{2} \left| \Phi_{\alpha}^{2} \right|^{2} \Big] \\ \mathcal{S}_{c} &= \int d^{2}r d\tau \Big[ \frac{\mathbf{V}}{2} \left| \Phi_{\alpha} \right|^{2} \left| \psi \right|^{2} \Big] \\ F_{GL} &= \int d^{2}r \Big[ - \left| \psi \right|^{2} + \frac{\left| \psi \right|^{4}}{2} + \left| (\nabla_{r} - iA) \psi \right|^{2} \Big] \end{split}$$

<u>Coupling between S=1/2 fermionic quasiparticles and</u> <u>collective mode of spin density wave order</u>



Strong constraints on the mixing of quasiparticles and the  $\Phi_{\alpha}$  collective mode by momentum and energy conservation: nodal quasiparticles can be essentially decoupled from nonzero K collective modes

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### Main results





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Neutron scattering of  $La_{2-x}Sr_xCuO_4$  at x=0.1



B. Lake, H. M. Rønnow, N. B. Christensen,
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<u>Neutron scattering measurements of static spin correlations of the</u> <u>superconductor+spin-density-wave (SC+SDW) in a magnetic field</u>

Elastic neutron scattering off  $La_2CuO_{4+y}$ 

- B. Khaykovich, Y. S. Lee, S. Wakimoto,
- K. J. Thomas, M. A. Kastner,





Best fit value - a = 2.4 with  $H_{c2} = 60$  T



#### Structure of *long-range* SDW order in SC+SDW phase

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k measures deviation from SDW ordering wavevector K

 $\delta \left| f_0 \right|^2 \propto H \ln(1/H)$ 



D. P. Arovas, A. J. Berlinsky, C. Kallin, and S.-C. Zhang, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **79**, 2871 (1997) discussed static magnetism within the vortex cores in the SC phase.Their model implies a ~*H* dependence of the intensity

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A longitudinal spin density wave necessarily has an accompanying modulation in the site charge densities, exchange and pairing energy per link etc. at half the wavelength of the SDW

*"Charge" order*: periodic modulation in local observables invariant under spin rotations and time-reversal.

Order parmeter ~ 
$$\sum_{\alpha} \Phi_{\alpha}^{2}(\mathbf{r})$$
  
 $\delta \rho(\mathbf{r}) \propto S_{\alpha}^{2}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\alpha} \Phi_{\alpha}^{2}(\mathbf{r}) e^{i2\mathbf{K}\cdot\mathbf{r}} + \text{c.c.}$ 

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Prediction: Charge order should be pinned in halo around vortex core

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#### STM around vortices induced by a magnetic field in the superconducting state

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#### Fourier Transform of Vortex-Induced LDOS map



K-space locations of vortex induced LDOS

K-space locations of Bi and Cu atoms

Distances in k –space have units of  $2\pi/a_0$  $a_0=3.83$  Å is Cu-Cu distance

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#### Pinning of CDW order by vortex cores in SC phase



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□→ low magnetic field
△→ high magnetic field
near the boundary
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IV. STM image of pinned charge order in  $Bi_2Sr_2CaCu_2O_{8+\delta}$  in zero magnetic field



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## Spectral properties of the STM signal are sensitive to the microstructure of the charge order



Measured energy dependence of the Fourier component of the density of states which modulates with a period of 4 lattice spacings

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Theoretical modeling shows that this spectrum is best obtained by a modulation of bond variables, such as the exchange, kinetic or pairing energies.

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IV. Neutron scattering observation of static charge order in  $YBa_2Cu_3O_{6.35}$ (spin correlations are dynamic)

1600 100 Counts/5 Min 1000 1000 200K <del>]</del>1000 900 1000 800 800H 0.120.14 0.1 1.1 1.12 1.14 (h, 0, 0.7) (h, 0, 1.3)

Charge order period = 8 lattice spacings

FIG. 1. Measurements of the charge order for YBCO6.35. (a) Measurements obtained at a small momentum transfer so the results are not affected by impurity powder lines. Powder lines were also avoided around the (1.125, 0, 1.3) r.l.u. position shown in (b). The lines are Gaussian fits to the data. In (a) 200 and (b) 100 additional counts were added onto successive scans so the data could be presented on the same plot. The scattering broadens at higher temperatures.

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### **Conclusions**

- I. Cuprate superconductivity is associated with doping Mott insulators with charge carriers
- II. The correct paramagnetic Mott insulator has bond-order and confinement of spinons
- III. Mott insulator reveals itself vortices and near impurities. Predicted effects seen recently in STM and NMR experiments.
- IV. Semi-quantitative predictions for neutron scattering measurements of spin-density-wave order in superconductors; theory also establishes connection to STM experiments.
- V. Future experiments should search for SC+SDW to SC quantum transition driven by a magnetic field.
- VI. Major open question: how does understanding of low temperature order parameters help explain anomalous behavior at high temperatures ?