Nodal nematic quantum criticality and quasiparticle interference

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Crystal

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Liquid







Liquid

Nematic

Smectic

Crystal





Reinitzer(1888)

Kivelson, Fradkin, Emery, Nature (1998)



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<u>2DEG under B</u>







Strongly correlated systems



AlGaAs

GaAs

----- 2DEG

Positive charge

75nm

-10nm

Conduction Band

Anisotropic phase in high Landau Levels: Quantum Hall nematic



Lilly et al, PRL 83, 824, (1999).

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 $T_N = 100 \text{mK}$

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Anisotropic phase in an itinerant metamagnet Sr₃Ru₂O 7



Magnetoresistive anisotropy exposed by modest in-plane field Borzi et al, science 2007.



Anisotropy in magnetic $(\pi/a,\pi/b)$ neutron scattering peak



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H.Yamase and W. Metzner, PRB (2006). L. Dell'Anna and W. Metzner, PRL (2007)



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Fermi liquid breaks down some controversy over what is left

Cuprate: simplified life ?

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Hinkov et al, Science, 2008 ΤN **FWH**

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Vojta, Zhang, Sachdev, PRL (2000)



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 - couple strongly to nodal fermions



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•Symmetry: $\Psi \rightarrow \hat{\tau}_2 \Psi$, $\vec{p} \rightarrow -\vec{p}$, $\phi \rightarrow -\phi$



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: irrelevant in the massive (disordered) side

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(RG analysis confirmed the validity of this apporach Y. Huh and S. Sachdev (2008))

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 $\Rightarrow 2nd \text{ order } QPT \text{ at } g = g_c$



Gaussian fluctuation

$$\Pi(\vec{q},\omega) = \sum_{m,\alpha} \quad \begin{array}{c} \Psi_{m,\alpha} \\ \tau_1 \\ & & \\ k-q \end{array} \\ \tau_1 \\ & \\ & \\ k-q \end{array}$$

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 ω/Λ

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MDC line cuts

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Momentum space: ARPES

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FT - STS

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McElroy et al., Nature 2003

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QPI intensity map (charge impurity)



Nodal nematic qp



QPI linecuts (charge impurity)

Free BdG qp



Nematic critical qp



T. Hanaguri group's field dependence study

Courtesy of T. Hanaguri (RIKEN)

T. Hanaguri et al (unpublished)

Na-CCOC $V_{\text{sample}} = -0.1 \text{ V}, I_{\text{t}} = 0.1 \text{ nA}$ FT map 4.4 meV








Nematic critical QPI linecuts





Charge impurity

Magnetic impurity Sign preserving

Sign reversing

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Summary and Outlook

•Coexistence of ELC with SC can allow insight into ELC physics.

Nodal nematic quantum criticality:
A new QCP

-Nematic fluctuation effect enhances QPI

-QPI field dependence agrees with experiment

•Growing number of cases for electronic liquid crystalline states in strongly correlated systems.

Glassiness revealed at high energy



Kohsaka et al, Science, 2007