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Orbital-selective Mott transitions and their relevance to Iron superconductors

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Mott transition

Localization of itinerant electrons by correlations

The proximity to a Mott insulator strongly affects the properties of a system:

- strong spectral weight transfer
- formation of local moments
- large mass enhancement/low coherence temperature

The Mott insulating state has an extensive entropy: instable to ordered phases at low T

<u>Cuprates</u> have been modeled in terms of proximity to a Mott insulating state



Limelette et al. Science 302, 89 (2003)

Correlations in Iron superconductors

Iron superconductors show in general no Mott insulating state







Moderate to strong mass enhancements Correlated physics





Aufbau





Hund's Rules

In open shells:

- 1. Maximize total spin S
- 2. Maximize total angular momentum T
- (3. Dependence on J=T+S, Spin-orbit effects)

$$H_{\rm int} = (U - 3J)\frac{\hat{N}(\hat{N} - 1)}{2} - 2J\vec{S}^2 - \frac{1}{2}J\vec{T}^2$$

The two faces of Hund's coupling in metals

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Multi band Hubbard model

- J is 'Janus-faced' (has two contrasting effects):
- lowering of coherence Temp (away from single-filling)
- enhancement of the Mott gap (away from half-filling)





Janus Bifrons

In ancient Roman religion and mythology, Janus is the god of beginnings and transitions, then also of gates, doors, doorways, endings and time. Most often he is depicted as having two heads [...]



LdM, J. Mravlje, A. Georges, PRL 107, 256401 (2011)

Strong correlations far from a Mott insulator!!

DFT+ 'cheap' mean fields

N. Lanatà, H. Strand, G. Giovannetti, LdM and M. Capone (unpublished)

R. Yu and Q. Si, ArXiv:1202.6115

LaFeAsO, J/U=0.25

1.0 b 0.8 xz/yz $x^2 - y^2$ 0.6 $3z^2 - r^2$ \mathbf{Z}_{α} 0.4 0.2 0.0 12 0 8 4 U (eV) **LDA+Slave Spins**



Orbital selective physics





Orbital-selective Mott transition (OSMT)

- Coexisting itinerant and localized conduction electrons
- Metallic resistivity and free-moment magnetic response
- non Fermi-liquid physics of the intinerant electrons

Possibly relevant for: $Ca_{2-x}Sr_{x}RuO_{4}$, BaVS₃, LiV₂O₄, α -Fe, <u>Fe-Superconductors</u>, ...

Anisimov et al., Eur. Phys. J. B 25, 191 (2002) Koga et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 92, 216402 (2004) For a review:

M. Vojta J. Low Temp. Phys. 161, 203 (2010)

Two-orbital Hubbard model with different bandwidths



OSMT in systems with the same bandwidth





3 bands of the same width

Crystal-field (one band up) + Hund's coupling



OSMT region widens with J

LdM, S.R. Hassan, M. Capone, X. Dai, PRL102, 126401 (2009)

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OSMT in a 3-band model with equal bandwidths and a symmetric crystal field splitting



Crucial: Hund's coupling suppresses the orbital fluctuations, rendering the orbitals independent from one-another



Hund's coupling acts as a **band-decoupler**





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LdM, S.R. Hassan, M. Capone, X. Dai, **PRL**102, 126401 (2009) LdM, Phys. Rev. B 83, 205112 (2011) Werner and Millis, Phys. Rev. Lett.99, 126405 (2007)

Non Fermi-liquid properties of the OSMP



Back to realistic calculations (ab-initio + MF)



N. Lanatà, H. Strand, G. Giovannetti, LdM and M. Capone (unpublished)

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FeSe, J/U=0.224

LaFeAsO, J/U=0.25



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Orbital selective coherence temperature

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OSMT + hybridization = pseudogap



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Angle-resolved Photoemission Data (Shen's group Stanford)

$$A_x Fe_{2-y} Se_2 (A=K,Rb)$$





M. Yi et al. (unpublished 2012)

Angle-resolved Photoemission Data (Shen's group Stanford)



 $A_xFe_{2-v}Se_2$ (A=K,Rb)

 $> d_{xy}$ spectral weight diminishes with temperature.

 $> d_{xz}/d_{yz}$ spectral weight does not diminish in the same temperature window.

temperature-induced Orbital-Selective

Mott Transition M. Yi et al. (unpublished 2012)

Other experimental evidences

• EPR-NMR, Arçon et al., Phys. Rev. B 82, 140508 (2010)



FIG. 3. ${}^{125}K$ and ${}^{77}K$ Knight shifts versus (a) bulk susceptibility, $\chi_{B||c}$ and (b) χ_{EPR} with temperature as an implicit parameter.

FeSe_{0.42}Te_{0.58} Knight shift scales with local (EPR) and not bulk susceptibility

> • Neutrons, Xu et al, Phys. Rev. B 84, 052506 (2011)

• Magnetoresistance , Yuan H-Q et al. ArXiv:1102.5476



Magnetic transition insensitive to large magnetic fields: magnetism of local origin. Also: two-component Hall resistance analysis $FeSe_{0.65}Te_{0.35}$ Integrated magnetic spectral weigth up to 12meV shows little change with T



OSMT dependence on doping and U



Liebsch and Ishida PRB 82,155106 (2010)

OSMT dependence on doping and U



Decoupled band picture



Analogies



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Conclusions:

Hund's coupling crucial influence makes Iron Superconductors:

- <u>Correlated</u>, but away from the n=6 Mott insulating state (Janus effect)
- Acting as a "**band-decoupler**" through the suppression of orbital fluctuations <u>favors **orbital selectivity:**</u>

Fe-SC are in proximity of an Orbital-Selective Mott Phase

• <u>OSMT scenario as a proximity to the n=5 Mott insulator?</u> <u>FeSC are like cuprates?</u>

Experimental support for OSMT physics in Fe-SC

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