

Chaire de Physique de la Matière Condensée

Des oxydes supraconducteurs aux atomes froids - la matière à fortes corrélations guantiques -

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Illuminating the Strong Correlation Problem:

Optical conductivity of manganites, nickelates and cuprates.

OUTLINE

- 1. Limitations of Brinkman-Rice
- 2. Introduction to Dynamical Mean-Field Theory
- 3. The effective hybridization function a quantum generalization of the `Weiss field' concept
- 4. Phase diagram: Metal-insulator transition, magnetic phases
- 5. Nature of the metallic phase
- 6. Fragility of the Fermi-liquid state: the quasiparticle coherence scale
- 7. Beyond Fermi liquid: transport, spectroscopies (transfers of spectral weight)
- 8. The Mott critical endpoint

Qualitative features of Brinkman-Rice theory: (lecture 6)

- Quasiparticle weight vanishes as transition is reached: Z ~ U_c-U (BC) or Z ~ δ (FC)
- Drude weight ~ Z
- Effective mass m*/m = 1/Z : quasiparticles become heavy as insulator is reached
- Insulator is incompressible: jump in chemical potential Δµ ~ (U-U_c)^{1/2}
- Local susceptibility diverges at the transition $\chi_{loc} \sim 1/\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow$ insulator has local moments (In2 entropy)
- Optical gap of insulator and uniform susceptibility not so well-defined in this theory (sometimes identified to $\Delta\mu$ and χ_{loc} , respectively, but see below.

The simplest self-energy which makes all this possible:

$$\Sigma(\omega) = \Sigma(0) + \omega \left(1 - \frac{1}{Z}\right)$$

1) $\Sigma(0)$ is in charge of making Luttinger happy by insuring a Large Fermi surface: $\mu[n] - \Sigma[\omega = 0; n] = \mu_{U=0}[n]$

2) All the action is in Z !

no k-dependence→

$$\frac{m^*}{m} = 1 - \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial \omega} = \frac{1}{Z}$$

3) This self-energy is both extremely simple and a bit crazy:

- Crazy high-frequency behavior
- Only quasiparticles are described and they have infinitely long lifetime (Σ " = 0)

-Total spectral weight is $Z \rightarrow$ incoherent part not included -Don't even think of checking Kramers-Kronig...

Limitations of Brinkman-Rice :

cf. lecture 6 - quite clear from the experimental results on Titanates-

- → Must describe lifetime of quasiparticles
 → transport, optics
- Excited states: beyond quasiparticles (Hubbard satellites)
- Transfers of spectral weight
- Superexchange provides a cutoff to the divergence of effective mass (clear from entropic arguments)

2. Introduction to the Dynamical Mean-Field Theory framework

Correlated electrons in large dimensions: W.Metzner & D.Vollhardt, 1989 (then@Aachen) Dynamical Mean-Field Theory: AG & G.Kotliar, 1991 (then@Princeton & Rutgers)

DMFT:

An ``<u>effective atom</u>'' approach. Replace the full solid by an effective atom hybridized, in a self-consistent manner, to an energy-dependent environment (effective medium)



A simple example: the Hubbard model

$$H = -\sum_{\mathbf{RR}'\sigma} t_{\mathbf{RR}'} f_{\mathbf{R}\sigma}^{\dagger} f_{\mathbf{R}'\sigma} + \sum_{\mathbf{R}} H_{\mathsf{atom}}^{\mathbf{R}}$$

Focus on a given lattice site:

Atom can be in 4 possible configurations: $|0\rangle$, $|\uparrow\rangle$, $|\downarrow\rangle$, $|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle$

Describe ``history'' of fluctuations between those configurations



Atom is coupled to the environment by exchange of electrons: the dynamics of these histories is that of an <u>Anderson impurity problem</u> (cf. lectures 1-2)

As we have seen in lectures 1-2, an AIM is entirely specified by: 1) The position of the atomic level ε_d 2) The hybridization function $\Delta(\omega)$

$$S_{\text{eff}} = \int_{0}^{\beta} d\tau \int_{0}^{\beta} d\tau' d_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\tau) [(-\partial_{\tau} - \varepsilon_{d})\delta(\tau - \tau') - \Delta(\tau - \tau')] d_{\sigma}(\tau') + U \int_{0}^{\beta} d\tau n_{\uparrow} n_{\downarrow}$$

At this stage, we have not yet specified how to choose ε_d and Δ

Focus on <u>energy-dependent</u> local observable :

$$G_{RR}(\omega) \equiv G_{\rm loc}$$

On-site Green's function (or spectral function) of the `solid'

Use atom-in-a-bath as <u>a reference system</u> to represent this observable:

→ IMPOSE that ε_d and Δ should be chosen such that:

$$G_{\rm imp}[\omega;\varepsilon_d,\Delta(\omega)] = G_{\rm loc}(\omega)$$

At this point, given G_{loc} of the lattice Hubbard model, we have just introduced an exact local representation of it

G_{RR} is related to the exact self-energy of the lattice (solid) by:

$$G_{\rm RR}(\omega) = \sum_{\rm k} \frac{1}{\omega + \mu - \varepsilon_{\rm k} - \Sigma({\rm k}, \omega)} = G_{\sf loc}(\omega)$$

In which \mathcal{E}_{k} is the tight-binding band (FT of the hopping $t_{RR'}$) High-frequency $\rightarrow \varepsilon_{d} = -\mu + \sum_{k} \varepsilon_{k} (= -\mu)$

Let us now make the **APPROXIMATION** that the lattice self-energy is **k-independent** and coincides with that of the effective atom (impurity problem):

$$\Sigma({
m k},\omega)\simeq \Sigma_{
m imp}(\omega)$$

This leads to the following self-consistency condition:

$$G_{\rm imp}[i\omega;\Delta] = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{1}{G_{\rm imp}[i\omega;\Delta]^{-1} + \Delta(i\omega) - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}}$$

DMFT equations: embedded atom + self-consistency \rightarrow fully determines both the local G and Δ :



Weiss mean-field theory Density-functional theory Dynamical mean-field theory

rely on similar conceptual basis

| TABLE 2. Comparison of theories based on functionals of a local observable |
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| Theory | MFT | DFT | DMFT |
|-------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Quantity | Local magnetization m_i | Local density $n(x)$ | Local GF $G_{ii}(\omega)$ |
| Equivalent | Spin in | Electrons in effective potential | Quantum |
| system | effective field | | impurity model |
| Generalised | Effective | Kohn-Sham | Effective |
| Weiss field | local field | potential | hybridisation |

- Exact energy functional of local observable
- Exact representation of local observable:
- Generalized ``Weiss field''
- Self-consistency condition, later approximated

see e.g: A.G arXiv cond-mat 0403123

Check two simple limits ...

- Non-interacting case: $\Sigma = 0$

-"Atomic" limit (t=0):

$$G_{loc}^{U=0} = \mathcal{G}_0 = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{1}{i\omega_n + \mu - \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}}$$

4 states on each site: $|0\rangle, |\uparrow\rangle, |\downarrow\rangle, |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle$

Obviously, in this limit: $\Sigma_{ij}^{at} = \Sigma^{at}(i\omega_n) \,\delta_{ij}$

(Exact) atomic Green's function:

$$G_{at} = \frac{1 - n/2}{i\omega_n + \mu} + \frac{n/2}{i\omega_n + \mu - U}$$

$$\Delta(i\omega_n) = 0 \quad \mathcal{G}_0^{-1} = \frac{1}{i\omega_n + \mu}$$

The limit of large lattice connectivity

(Metzner&Vollhardt, 1989)

-The DMFT scheme becomes EXACT in the limit of large lattice connectivity (large number of spatial dimensions).

- Requires scaling of hopping amplitude



- Proof: e.g. ``cavity construction'' or perturbative inspection of Baym-Kadanoff functional.

Phases with long-range order

e.g self-consistency condition in commensurate $Q=(\pi,...,\pi)$ antiferromagnetic phase

A- and B- sublattice, symmetry: $G_{A\sigma}(i\omega_n) = G_{B,-\sigma}(i\omega_n)$

Green's function matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \zeta_{A\sigma} & -\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}} \\ -\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}} & \zeta_{B\sigma} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\zeta_{A\sigma} = i\omega_n + \mu - \sigma h_s - \Sigma_{A\sigma}$$

Self-consistency:

$$G_{\alpha\sigma} = \zeta_{\bar{\alpha}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\epsilon \frac{D(\epsilon)}{\zeta_{A\sigma}\zeta_{B\sigma} - \epsilon^2}$$

Solving the effective quantum impurity problem: computational techniques

Several numerical algorithms, or semi-analytical approximation schemes have been developed over the years to this aim, starting in the early days of the Kondo effect (Anderson impurity model) [e.g: Hirsch-Fye auxiliary field QMC, Resummed perturbation theories, Numerical Renormalisation Group] **Recent key advance:** continuous time QMC \rightarrow cf seminar 1 by O.Parcollet (A.Rubtsov et al.: pert. series in U, *P.Werner et al: pert. series around atomic limit)*

$\Delta(\omega)$: generalizing the Weiss field to the quantum world



Pierre Weiss 1865-1940 *« Théorie du Champ Moléculaire »* (1907)

Einstein, Paul Ehrenfest, Paul Langevin, Heike Kammerlingh-Onnes, and Pierre Weiss at Ehrenfest's home, Leyden, the Netherlands. From Einstein, His Life and Times, by Philipp Frank (New York: A.A. Knopf, 1947). Photo courtesy AIP Emilio Segrè Visual Archives. Low-frequency behavior of $\Delta(\omega)$ determines nature of the phase

- Δ(ω→0) finite → local moment is screened. `Self-consistent' Kondo effect.
 Gapless metallic state.
- Δ(ω) gapped → no Kondo effect, degenerate ground-state, insulator with local moments

A- Phase diagram

Will focus in the following (for lack of time) on:
-1/2 -filled Hubbard model
- mostly paramagnetic solutions

Generic phase diagram (Hubbard at ¹/₂-filling, schematic)



Unfrustrated ¹/₂-filled model: phases with long-range order and crossovers, d=3 cubic lattice



Critical boundary calculated for a 3D cubic lattice using: -Quantum Monte Carlo (Staudt et al. Eur. Phys. J. B17 (2000) 411) - Dynamical Mean-Field Theory approximation

Phase diagram : zoom on paramagnetic solutions

Hubbard model, Bethe lattice, homog. phase, n = 1, e.g., DMFT(QMC)



- coexistence region $[U_{c1}; U_{c2}]$, first-order transition
- crossover above critical region

Blümer et al. Units here are 4D=2*bandwidth

B-Nature of the metallic phase

• At (possibly very) low T,ω: a Fermi liquid

$$\operatorname{Re}\Sigma(\omega+i0^{+}) = U/2 + (1-1/Z)\omega + O(\omega^{3}),$$
$$\operatorname{Im}\Sigma(\omega+i0^{+}) = -B\omega^{2} + O(\omega^{4}).$$

- At U_{c2} transition: $Z \rightarrow 0$ (~ Brinkman-Rice)
- Heavy quasiparticles: m*/m=1/Z (divergence reflects large entropy of insulator, see below)



Approach to the Mott state in titanates



Increase of effective mass

Tokura et al. PRL, 1993



FIG. 2. The filling (x) dependence of the inverse of Hall coefficient (R_H^{-1}) in $Sr_{1-x}La_xTiO_3$. Open and closed circles represent the values measured at 80 K and 173 K, respectively. A solid line indicates the calculated one based on the assumption that each substitution of a Sr^{2+} site with La^{3+} supplies the compound with one electron-type carrier per Ti site.

R_H reported as ~ T-independent and consistent w/ large Fermi surface

But... there is (plenty of) life beyond the Fermi-liquid regime



CTQMC+Analytical continuation (Pade), courtesy M.Ferrero, compares perfectly to NRG $B\omega^2$ applies only below coherence scale B-coefficient is enhanced ~ $1/Z^2$



These 2 peaks will coalesce into a pole at ω =0 as insulator is reached

k-integrated spectral function (total d.o.s) :



Value of A(ω =0) is pinned at U=0 value due to Luttinger theorem

→ Low-energy quasiparticles and incoherent Hubbard bands Coexist in one-particle spectrum of correlated metal



Quasiparticle excitations

Wave-like

Momentum (k-) space

Atomic-like excitations (Hubbard satellites)

Particle-like (adding/removing charges locally)

Real (R-) space

Spectral weight transfers

Are treated on equal footing within DMFT

Evolution of the Spectral Function in Mott-Hubbard Systems with d¹ Configuration

A.Fujimori et al.

Low-energy quasiparticles

and

high-energy Hubbard bands coexist

- in a strongly-correlated metal:
- early evidence from photoemission (1992). Independent theoretical
- evidence from DMFT (1991)

Tremendous experimental progress over the last ~ 12 years !



FIG. 2. Photoemission spectra (diamond symbols) of YTiO₃ (hv=21.2 eV), LaTiO₃ (hv=48 eV), and SrVO₃ (hv=55 eV) in the *d*-band region. The spectra of VO₂ in the metallic phase (hv=60 eV) and ReO₃ (hv=40.8 eV) are taken from Refs. [9] and [14], respectively. They are compared with the DOS given by band-structure calculations [13,15] (solid curves). The instrumental resolution is ~0.5 eV for VO₂ and ~0.2-0.3 eV otherwise.



 $\rho_{\exp t}(\omega)$ of Ca_{1-x}Sr_xVO₃ taken with $h\nu = 50$ eV. A spectrum of Au is also shown as a reference to E_F and the instrumental resolution.

FIG. 4: Comparison of the calculated, parameter-free LDA+DMFT(QMC) spectra of SrVO₃ (solid line) and CaVO₃ (dashed line) with bulk-sensitive high-resolution PES (SrVO₃: circles; CaVO₃: rectangles) [4]. Horizontal line: experimental subtraction of the background intensity.

Quasiparticle peak revaled in recent high-energy photoemission experiments !

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Prominent Quasiparticle Peak in the Photoemission Spectrum of the Metallic Phase of V2O3

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Genuine Electronic States Insensitive to the Distortion in Perovskite Vanadium Oxides Revealed by High-Energy Photoemission

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Realistic DMFT Calculation of spectrum for an oxide: SrVO3

SrVO₃

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Mott Transition and Suppression of Orbital Fluctuations in Orthorhombic $3d^1$ Perovskites

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The strongly correlated metal at lowenergy: ``single-parameter scaling'' (if only ω ~ ZD is considered → can be extended to a 2-parameter scaling up to scale ~ Z^{1/2} D)

$$\mathrm{Im}\Sigma(\omega) = \mathrm{c}\,\mathrm{D}\phi\left(\frac{\omega}{\mathrm{ZD}}\right) \sim \mathrm{c}\frac{\omega^2}{\mathrm{Z}^2\mathrm{D}} + \cdots$$

Consequences:

-Kadowaki-Woods ratio for resistivity vs. specific heat -Behnia-Jaccard-Flouquet ratio for Seebeck vs. sp. heat



The Behnia-Jaccard-Flouquet ratio: S/Tγ

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Titanates/transport:

$$\rho_{dc} = AT^2 + \cdots$$
 $A/\gamma^2 \sim \text{const.}$

Fermi liquid behavior observed Below ~ 100K @ 5% doping

Kadowaki-Woods ratio



C- The paramagnetic Mott insulator DMFT viewpoint (i.e realistic for T not too low, weak magnetic correlations)

- Local moments
- Ln2 entropy per site
- Diverging local susceptibility
- Magnetic correlations show up in 2-particle quantities, not 1-particle (limitation of DMFT)
- Finite uniform q=0 susceptibility ~ 1/J
- Pole in $\Sigma(\omega)$ related to gap

• Insulating solution : $\Delta(0) = 0$: gapped bath \Rightarrow no Kondo effect



Spectral function (U/D=4)

D-Thermodynamics :

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Pomeranchuk effect In metal !



2.00

1.60

D/D

U/D

3.00

T/D

4.00

5.00

E- Fragile quasiparticles: materials with small quasiparticle coherence scale (e.g close to Mott transition):
Large spectral weight transfers upon changing temperature
Unconventional transport

QP coherence scale ~ width of quasiparticle band

$$\varepsilon_F^* \sim ZD$$

 \rightarrow Because DMFT describes BOTH low-energy quasiparticles and incoherent Hubbard bands, these issues can be addressed and computed



Fermi-liquid regime T ≪ ε^{*}_F. Coherent quasiparticles. QP peak in the spectral function. Resistivity:

$$\rho = \rho_M \left(\frac{T}{\epsilon_F^*}\right)^2 \tag{1}$$

Note: prefactor enhanced by correlations. $\rho_M \propto ha/e^2$ Mott value.

- Incoherent ("bad") metal T ~ ε_F^{*}. QP peak quickly suppressed upon increasing T above ε_F^{*}. Resistivity is quasi-linear, and greater than Mott limit.
- Insulating-like ε^{*}_F ≪ T ≪ Δ_g. QP peak is gone. (Pseudo-) gap in local d.o.s. Transport is insulating-like (Mott gap).



Mott transition and transport crossovers in the organic compound κ -(BEDT-TTF)₂Cu[N(CN)₂]Cl



P. Limelette et al., PRL 91 (2003) 016401

DMFT/NRG calculations of resistivity (S.Florens.T.Costi.A.G)



FIG. 6: Temperature-dependence of the resistivity at different pressures. The data (circles) are compared to a DMFT-NRG calculation (diamonds), with a pressure dependence of the bandwidth as indicated. The measured residual resistivity ρ_0 has been added to the theoretical curves.



Large transfers of spectral weight seen in all spectroscopies, e.g optics:



Optical conductivity

Drude weight ~ doping

FIG. 108. N_D to N_{D0} as a function of δ (Katsufuji, Okimoto, and Tokura, 1995) for La_{1-x}Sr_xTiO₃.





Large transfers of spectral weight

FIG. 107. Optical conductivity spectra in $R_{1-x}Sr_xTiO_{3+y}$ or $R_{1-x}Ca_xTiO_{3+y}$ (R=La, Nd, Sm, and Y). From Katsufuji, Okimoto, and Tokura, 1995.

Optics and transfers of spectral weight from DMFT calculations...



T-dependence

e.g. Rozenberg et al., 1995 Jarrell et al., 1995 (curves above)



Doping-dependence

Old results →For much more recent work, see seminar by AJ Millis

Critical behaviour at the Mott critical endpoint

A liquid-gas transition ?

 Insulator:

 low-density of doubly occupied sites

 Metal:

 High-density

 LIQUID

+ cf. early ideas of Castellani et al.

+ Recent DMFT/Landau theory approach: **scalar** order parameter





Critical behaviour near Tc,Uc



FIG. 1. Double occupation $\langle d \rangle$ as a function of U for dif temperatures. The thin lines denote IPT results for T_1 0.0469, 0.05, 0.052, 0.056 (top to bottom). The thick line a fit to the IPT data using the LG theory. The circles are data obtained at $T_{\rm QMC} = 1/40, 1/35, 1/32, 1/25$ [8]. Th results where shifted by a constant -0.07 along the U axi by -0.003 along the $\langle d \rangle$ axis. The curves for the three temperatures are above T_c and the lowest temperature ones branches) are just below. The inset shows the scaling or reduced temperatures $[T - T_c]_{\rm QMC}$ versus $[T - T_c]_{\rm IPT}$.

Kotliar et al. PRL 84 5180 (2000)





FIG. 2. Density of doubly occupied sites vs temperature at half filling for various values of U (square DOS). Very similar results are obtained for the Gaussian DOS. Inset: Temperature at which $\langle D \rangle$ is minimum vs U.

Georges and Krauth PRL 69 1240 (1992)



FIG. 2. The density of states at the Fermi energy $\rho(0) = A_0$ as a function of temperature in the critical region ($U = 2.463 \, 16 \approx U_c$). The singular behavior of the slope at $T_c \approx 0.046 \, 897$ can be clearly appreciated. The inset shows the variation of the spectral function for $U \simeq U_c$ in the vicinity of T_c : dashed line for $T - T_c/T_c = -0.000 \, 25$, solid line for $T - T_c/T_c = 0.000 \, 06$, and dotted line for $T - T_c/T_c = 0.000 \, 49 \, [11]$.



Scaling: Universal form of the `equation of state"

$$\sigma_{met}(P,T) - \sigma_c = (\delta h)^{1/\delta} f_{\pm} \left(\frac{\delta h}{|r|^{\gamma \delta/(\delta-1)}} \right)$$

Cf also: Kagawa et al. (Kanoda's group) on the BEDT organics



Beyond DMFT...

 Spatial correlations, when sizeable, influence quasiparticle properties
 (e.g. cuts-off divergence of effective mass)

Some materials, especially hi-Tc cuprates at low doping levels, are strongly non-Brinkman Rice and follow a quite peculiar route to the Mott transition with strong momentum-space differentiation



NORMAL state:

- ``Nodal'' regions display reasonably coherent quasiparticles
- In contrast, excitations in the ``antinodal'' regions e.g. (0,π) are much more incoherent
 AND they are (pseudo-) gapped below T*





ARPES sees « Fermi arcs »



Ca_{2-x}Na_xCuO₂Cl₂

K.Shen et al. Science 2007



→Next year's lectures ! (Fall 2010)