Excitonic condensation of strongly correlated electrons

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combing a bold head

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L. Balents, PRB **62**, 2346 (2000) G. Khaliullin, PRL **111**, 197201 (2013) JK and P. Augustinský, PRB **90**, 235112 (2014) T. Kaneko, Y. Ohta and S. Yunoki, PRB 97, 155131 (2018) J. Nasu et al., PRB **93**, 205136 (2016) T. Tatsuno et al., JPSJ 85, 083706 (2016) T. Yamaguchi, K. Sugimoto and Y. Ohta, JPSJ **86**, 043701 (2017)



$(Pr_{1-y}Y_y)_{1-x}Ca_xCoO_3$



Temperature (K)

9 T

35

Energy (eV)

50 **a**

Ca₂RuO₄



A. Jain et al., Nat. Phys. 13, 633 (2017)

TlCuCl₃



bi-layer Heisenberg model

P. Merchant et al., Nat. Phys. 10, 373 (2014)



Excitonic insulator



"The first point that we must make about this model is that the predicted continuous increase in the number of free electrons and holes from the value zero is not possible. An electron and a positive hole will attract each other ... the electron and hole will always, when in the state of lowest energy, form pairs (excitons) ..."



H. Cercellier et al., PRL 99, 146403 (2007); C. Monney et al. PRL 106, 106404 (2011)

Experimental proof of exciton condensation: bilayers



J. P. Eisenstein and A. H. MacDonald, Nature 432, 691 (2004)

Exciton-polariton condensates



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Superradiant Quantum Materials

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Outline

• Two-orbital Hubbard model:

strong coupling DMFT results

- Real materials (Pr_xR_{1-x})_yCa_{1-y}CoO₃
- How to detect exciton condensate?

Model set-up



2-orbital atom with 2 electrons

U



2-orbital atom with 2 electrons



2-orbital atom with 2 electrons





Hopping between neighbors



No Coulomb interaction between neighbors => Hubbard model

Strong-coupling limit (hard-core bosons)



t≪U





















Effective Hamiltonian:

The new \bigcirc particles are **bosons** and carry **spin S=1**.

Fermion (electron) picture

Boson (exciton) picture



vacuum state









$$H_{\text{eff}} = \underbrace{\varepsilon}_{i} n_{i} + K_{\perp} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(\mathbf{d}_{i}^{\dagger} \cdot \mathbf{d}_{j} + H.c. \right) + K_{\parallel} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} n_{i} n_{j} + K_{0} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{j}$$

MF phase diagram:

elementary excitations of normal phase











Back to fermions (Dynamical mean-field theory)



$$\boldsymbol{\phi} = \sum_{\alpha\beta} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} \langle a^{\dagger}_{\alpha} b_{\beta} \rangle$$
Numerical results (DMFT) excitonic instability:



Hubbard model

Two-band Hubbard model at n=2 (half filling)



$$\begin{split} H_{\rm t} &= \frac{\Delta}{2} \sum_{i,\sigma} \left(n_{i\sigma}^a - n_{i\sigma}^b \right) + \sum_{i,j,\sigma} \left(t_a a_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} a_{j\sigma} + t_b b_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} b_{j\sigma} \right) \\ &+ \sum_{\langle ij \rangle, \sigma} \left(V_1 a_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} b_{j\sigma} + V_2 b_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} a_{j\sigma} + c.c. \right) \\ H_{\rm int}^{\rm dd} &= U \sum_i \left(n_{i\uparrow}^a n_{i\downarrow}^a + n_{i\uparrow}^b n_{i\downarrow}^b \right) + (U - 2J) \sum_{i,\sigma} n_{i\sigma}^a n_{i-\sigma}^b \\ &+ (U - 3J) \sum_{i\sigma} n_{i\sigma}^a n_{i\sigma}^b \\ H_{\rm int}' &= J \sum_{i\sigma} a_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} b_{i-\sigma}^{\dagger} a_{i-\sigma} b_{i\sigma} + J' \sum_i \left(a_{i\uparrow}^{\dagger} a_{i\downarrow}^{\dagger} b_{i\downarrow} b_{i\uparrow} + c.c. \right). \end{split}$$

Dynamical mean-field theory



Physics Today (March 2004) Kotliar, Vollhardt

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Bethe-Salpeter equation

- full (ω , ν , ν ') frequency structure
- local ph-irreducible vertex
- multi-orbital; no symmetry constraints
- Maxent for analytic continuation



Polar excitonic condensate (half filling)

Order parameter



Uniform spin susceptibility





Model parameters (eV): U=4, J=1, Δ_{CF} =3.40 t_a =0.4118, t_b =-0.1882 square lattice

JK and P. Augustinský, PRB 90, 235112 (2014)

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$\mathsf{T} (d_y^I) \neq 0$



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Dynamical susceptibility



D. Geffroy et al., PRL 122, 127601 (2019)

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Formal defs:

$$d_{i\eta}^{R} = \sum_{\alpha\beta} \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{\eta} (a_{i\alpha}^{\dagger} b_{i\beta} + b_{i\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{i\beta})$$
$$d_{i\eta}^{I} = i \sum_{\alpha\beta} \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{\eta} (a_{i\alpha}^{\dagger} b_{i\beta} - b_{i\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{i\beta})$$
$$S_{i}^{z} = \sum_{\alpha\beta} \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{z} (a_{i\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{i\beta} + b_{i\alpha}^{\dagger} b_{i\beta})$$







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Cross-hopping



$$\begin{split} H_{\text{eff}} = & \varepsilon \sum_{i} n_{i} + K_{\perp} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(\mathbf{d}_{i}^{\dagger} \cdot \mathbf{d}_{j} + H.c. \right) + K_{\parallel} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} n_{i} n_{j} + K_{0} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{j} \\ & + K_{1} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(\mathbf{d}_{i}^{\dagger} \cdot \mathbf{d}_{j}^{\dagger} + \mathbf{d}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{d}_{j} \right) \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} K_{\perp}K_{1} &> 0 \quad \text{SDW:} \\ K_{\perp}K_{1} &< 0 \quad \text{SCDW:} \\ \end{split} \qquad \psi &= \prod_{i} (\alpha + \beta d_{ix}^{\dagger}) |0\rangle \\ \psi &= \prod (\alpha + i\beta d_{ix}^{\dagger}) |0\rangle \end{split}$$





JK and D. Geffroy, PRL 116, 256403 (2016)



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spin GM





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Condensate state	M_{\perp}	M_{\parallel}	$\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{r})$	$\mathbf{m_k}$	$\operatorname{Re} \phi$	$\operatorname{Im} \phi$
FMEC	\checkmark	√ , 0	✓	\checkmark	√	<
SDW	0	0	\checkmark	0	1	0
SCDW	0	0	0	0	0	✓
SDW'	0	√ , 0	\checkmark	\checkmark	1	0
SCDW'	0	0	0	1	0	✓)
$\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{k}} = \sum_{\alpha\beta} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} \langle a^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} a_{\mathbf{k}\beta} + b^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} b_{\mathbf{k}\beta} \rangle$						



Spin density in k-space (Brillouin zone)

- k-space spin texture
- bulk spin current ?
- spontaneous spin-orbit coupling

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Spin-texture inversion in the giant Rashba semiconductor BiTel

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Excitonic condensation in real materials



"Experience without theory is blind, but theory without experience is mere intellectual play."

Immanuel Kant



cubic d⁶ cobaltite (LaCoO₃): LDA+U results



- Numerous excitonic phases are possible
- Rhombohedral distortion (real structure) suppresses excitonic order
- Spin-orbit coupling favors the excitonic order

J. Fernandez Afonso and JK, PRB 95, 115131 (2017)

Real LaCoO₃

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important question HS ≈ IS + IS ???

Possible route to exciton magnet in cobaltites:

2D structure, e.g., (SrLa)₂CoO₄ => smaller E_{IS}-E_{HS}







JK and P. Augustinský, PRB 90, 235112 (2014)

Exchange splitting in Pr_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}CoO₃



JK and P. Augustinský, PRB 90, 235112 (2014)



$Pr_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}CoO_{3}$

Order parameter:



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How to detect excitonic condensate (PEC)?



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Conclusions

- Excitonic magnetism provides a rich field of new physics with potentially interesting application
- Excitonic magnets have yet to be found (promising candidates exist)
- Experimental techniques for unambiguous identification of excitonic condensate have to be established


Higgs mode

