# (High field) Transport properties of strongly correlated metals

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### 1. Definitions & Reminders



Comparison with band structure calculations, effect of interactions, phase transitions...

A Global properties: C<sub>ν</sub>,  $\chi_{Pauli}$ , R<sub>H</sub>,  $\Delta \rho / \rho$ ...

FS measurements

Topographic properties: ARPES, AMRO, QO

#### **Global properties**

• Specific heat

$$C_{v} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} = \frac{\pi^{2}}{3} k_{B} g(\varepsilon_{F}) \times T \quad \text{where} \quad U = \int_{0}^{E_{F}} \varepsilon n(\varepsilon) f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$$
$$g(\varepsilon_{F}) = \frac{m^{*} k_{F}}{\hbar^{2} \pi^{2}}$$

$$R_{H} = \frac{\rho_{xy}}{B} = \frac{1}{nq}$$

• Magnetoresistance 
$$\vec{J} = ne\vec{v} = e \int_{SF} \vec{v} \frac{\delta \vec{k} \cdot d\vec{S}}{4\pi^2}$$
 where  $\delta \vec{k} = \frac{e\tau}{\hbar} \vec{E}$   
$$\vec{J} = -\frac{e^2 \tau}{4\pi^3 \hbar} \int_{SF} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{S} \vec{E}$$

#### Drude theory

| Electrical conductivity                  | $\sigma = \frac{ne^2\tau}{m^*}$                               | [ $\Omega$ cm] <sup>-1</sup>                         |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| Thermal conductivity                     | $\kappa = \frac{1}{3} v_F^2 \tau C_v =$                       | $\frac{1}{3}\ell v_F C_v \qquad [V$                  | V / K cm]  |
| Wiedemann-Franz law:                     | $\frac{\kappa}{\sigma} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}m^*v_F^2C_v}{ne^2}$ | 2  |  |
| if $C_v = \frac{3}{2}$                   | $nk_B$ and  | $\frac{1}{2}m^*v_F^2 = \frac{3}{2}nk_B$              | $\frac{\kappa}{\sigma} = \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{k_B}{e}\right)^2 T$ |
| $\lim_{T\to 0} \frac{\kappa}{T\sigma} =$ | = $L_0$ where   | $L_0 = \frac{\pi^2}{3} \left(\frac{k_B}{e}\right)^2$ |  |

Universal law, i.e. robust signature of Fermi liquid theory, stating that the electronic carriers of heat are fermionic excitations of charge *e*.

#### Boltzmann theory

 $f_k(r)$  Distribution function which measure the number of carrier (k, r) The distribution function can change through

(i) <u>*Diffusion*</u> Carriers of velocity  $v_k$  enter whilst others leave

$$\dot{f}_k\Big|_{diff} = -\boldsymbol{v}_k \cdot \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial \boldsymbol{r}}$$

(ii) <u>External fields</u>  $\dot{\mathbf{k}} = -\frac{e}{\hbar}(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{k}} \wedge \mathbf{H})$   $f_{\mathbf{k}} \rightarrow f_{\mathbf{k}+t\dot{\mathbf{k}}}$  $\dot{f}_{\mathbf{k}}\Big|_{field} = -\frac{e}{\hbar}(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{k}} \wedge \mathbf{H}).\frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{k}}}{\partial \mathbf{k}}$ 

(iii) <u>Scattering</u>

Several processes throw carries from one state to another through interaction or collision

$$\dot{f}_k\Big|_{scatt}$$

Total rate of change:  $\dot{f}_k = \dot{f}_k \Big|_{diff} + \dot{f}_k \Big|_{field} + \dot{f}_k \Big|_{scatt}$ 

$$-\boldsymbol{v}_{\boldsymbol{k}}\cdot\frac{\partial f_{\boldsymbol{k}}}{\partial \boldsymbol{r}}-\frac{e}{\hbar}(\boldsymbol{E}+\boldsymbol{v}_{\boldsymbol{k}}\wedge\boldsymbol{H})\cdot\frac{\partial f_{\boldsymbol{k}}}{\partial \boldsymbol{k}}=\dot{f}_{\boldsymbol{k}}\Big|_{scatt}\quad\text{and}\quad \boldsymbol{J}=\int e\boldsymbol{v}_{\boldsymbol{k}}f_{\boldsymbol{k}}d\boldsymbol{k}$$

**Boltzmann equation** 

Rq: (i) Isotropic condition: 
$$J = \frac{e^2 \tau}{4\pi^3 \hbar} \int v_k dS \cdot E$$

(ii) Shockley-Chambers tube integral

$$\sigma_{x\beta} = -\frac{e^3 B}{2\pi^2 \hbar^2} \int_0^T \left( \int_0^\infty v_x(t) e^{-t'/\tau(t)} v_\beta(t+t') dt' \right) dt$$

#### 1930 de Haas-van Alphen / Shubnikov-de Haas effect



W.J. de Haas

(1878-1960)



P.M. van Alphen (1906-1967)



L.V. Shubnikov (1901-1945)









Temperature / Disorder effects on quantum oscillations

• Low T measurements

 $\hbar \omega_c > k_B T$ 

• Need high quality single crystals

$$\hbar \omega_c > \frac{\hbar}{\tau} \Rightarrow \omega_c \tau > 1$$

Lifshitz-Kosevich theory (1956)

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{T}\neq \mathsf{0} \\ \mathsf{p}=1 \end{array} \qquad \qquad \Delta \mathsf{R}, \Delta \mathsf{M} \propto \mathsf{R}_{\mathrm{T}} \mathsf{R}_{\mathrm{D}} \mathsf{R}_{s} \sin \left[ 2\pi \left( \frac{\mathsf{F}}{\mathsf{B}} - \gamma \right) \right] \end{array}$$

$$\frac{F}{B} = \frac{\hbar}{2\pi q} \frac{A_F}{B} \qquad \text{Onsager relation} \Rightarrow A_F \qquad \text{Extremal area}$$

$$R_T = \frac{X}{sh(X)} \text{ where } X = 14.694 \times Tm_c / B \qquad \Rightarrow \text{(m}^*) \qquad \text{Cyclotron mass}$$

$$R_D = \exp\left(-\frac{14.694 \times T_D m_c}{B}\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{\pi}{\mu B}\right) \qquad \Rightarrow T_D = \frac{\hbar}{2\pi k_B \tau} \qquad \text{Dingle temperature} \text{(mean free path)}$$

$$R_S = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} m_b^* g\right) \qquad \Rightarrow m_b^* g$$

Direct measure of the Fermi surface extremal area

(but number of orbits ? location in k-space ?)

Rq: Luttinger theorem at 2D

$$n_{2D} = \frac{2A_k}{(2\pi)^2} = \frac{F}{\phi_0}$$

### Quantum oscillations: the case of $Sr_2RuO_4$



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|                                  | α     | ρ     | Y     |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Frequency $F(kT)$                | 3.05  | 12.7  | 18.5  |
| Average $k_F$ (Å <sup>-1</sup> ) | 0.302 | 0.621 | 0.750 |
| $\Delta k_F/k_F$ (%)             | 0.21  | 1.3   | < 0.9 |
| Cyclotron mass $(m_e)$           | 3.4   | 6.6   | 12.0  |
| Band calc. $F(kT)$               | 3.4   | 13.4  | 17.6  |
| Band calc. $\Delta k_F/k_F$ (%)  | 1.3   | 1.1   | 0.34  |
| Band mass $(m_e)$                | 1.1   | 2.0   | 2.9   |



 $\begin{array}{ll} \mathrm{Sr_2RuO_4\ cleaved\ at\ 180\ K} \\ \mathrm{T}{=\ 10\ K} & \mathrm{h}\nu{=}28\ \mathrm{eV} \\ \\ \mathrm{Damascelli\ et\ al,\ PRL\ 85\ 5194\ (2000)} \end{array}$ 

### 2. Experimental techniques

### Electrical transport vs Thermal transport



### Thermal transport setup





insulator: a = 0

*s*-wave superconductor: a = 0*d*-wave superconductor :  $a \neq 0$ YBCO (optimal)

### Electrical transport measurements

2 points measurements



#### Sample connected with silver paint



#### ~ 400 µm

#### 4 points measurements



# Microstructures (FIB carved) of CeRhIn<sub>5</sub> $\sim$ 60 x 60 µm



Moll et al, Nature Comm. 6, 6663 (2015)

#### Lock-in amplifier

#### **Phase-sensitive detection**



DC signal if  $\Theta_{sig} - \Theta_{ref} = c^{te}$ 

#### Lock-in amplifier



### High magnetic field facility



#### LNCMI-Grenoble: static fields

Resistive coil  $I_{max} = 32\ 000\ A, P = 24\ MW$ Water flow ~ 300 L/s (for cooling) Max. field = 36.5 T



Hybrid project (2019) 34 T (R) + 9 T (SC) = 43 T



NHMFL Tallahassee (45 T)

#### LNCMI-Toulouse: pulsed fields







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### 3. Transport properties of SCES

Inspired by a talk of N. Hussey

#### Transport properties of SCES

What makes DC transport measurements such an important probe of SCES ?

 $\checkmark\,$  " Often the first thing to be measured, but the last to be understood..."

✓ "What scatters may also pair"

Hence electrical resistivity is a powerful, albeit coarse, probe of superconductivity

✓ In the Fermi liquid picture the resistivity is T<sup>2</sup> with A /  $\gamma^2 \approx 10^{-5} \,\mu\Omega$  cm mol<sup>2</sup> K<sup>2</sup>/J<sup>2</sup>

 $\checkmark$  Close to a quantum critical point the resistivity is linear in T

# High temperature: bad metals

#### What constitutes metallic behaviour?





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Basic definition: A material whose resistivity increases with temperature



#### Ioffe-Mott-Regel limit



$$\rho(T) = \frac{m^*}{ne^2} \Gamma(T) \propto \frac{1}{\ell(T)}$$

Semiclassical theory breaks down if

 $\ell$  become shorter than the interatomic distance *a* 

OR

$$\ell > \lambda_F = \frac{2\pi}{k_F}$$

$$k_F \ell > 1$$

 $\ell \approx a \Rightarrow$  saturation of the resistivity ( $\Delta k \approx$  size of Brillouin zone)

## Conventional metallic transport at high T



Hussey et al, Phil. Mag 84 2847 (2004)

$$\sigma(\omega) = \frac{\sigma_0}{1 + \omega^2 \tau^2}$$

- Drude term = coherent QP contribution
- Peak centred at  $\omega = 0$  but extends up to W
- Drude peak broadens at high T with a width at half-maximum equal to  $\Gamma(T < T_m)$
- Saturation of  $\rho \Leftrightarrow$  Loss of coherence of the QP  $\sigma(\omega, T)$  evolves into a plateau (T < W)

Spectral weight preserved below  $\omega \sim W$  (bandwidth)

### Bad metallic transport in cuprates



## Conventional vs bad metallic transport at high T



A bad metal behaves as if it is a QP insulator which is render metallic by collective fluctuations (e.g. CDW, SDW, stripes...)

# Low temperature: T<sup>2</sup> resistivity

#### Correlated Fermi liquid at low T



 $T^2$  resistivity originates from electron-electron scattering processes near  $E_F$ 

Electrons participating in the scattering event are those confined to a width of  $k_B T / E_F$ 

**Overdoped** cuprates

Heavy fermions



Nakamae et al, PRB 68 100502 (2003)

Lohneysen, JPCM 8 9689 (1996)

#### Kadowaki-Woods ratio

$$\rho(T) = \rho_0 + AT^2$$

$$C_{el} = \gamma T = \frac{\pi^2}{6} k_B^2 N(\varepsilon_F) T$$

$$A/\gamma^2 = \text{const.} \Rightarrow A \propto N(\varepsilon_F)^2$$



Yamada & Yoshida, *Prog.Theor.Phys.* **76** 621 (86) Auerbach & Levin, *JAP* **61** 3162 (87) Coleman, *PRL* **59** 1026 (87) Miyake, Matsuura & Varma, *SSC* **71** 1149 (89) Kontani, *JPSJ* **73** 515 (04)

#### Kadowaki & Woods, SSC 58 507 (86)

$$A/\gamma^{2} \sim a_{0} = 10^{-5} \mu \Omega \text{cm.mol}^{2} \text{.K}^{2}/\text{J}^{2}$$

$$A \propto \gamma_0^2 \propto m^{*2}$$

$$A_{i} = \left(\frac{8\pi^{3}ack_{B}^{2}}{e^{2}\hbar^{3}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{m_{i}^{*2}}{k_{Fi}^{3}}\right)$$

Hussey, JPSJ 74 1107 (2005)

#### Correlated Fermi liquid at low T



# Low temperature: Quantum criticality

## Quantum criticality

#### 'Classical' phase transition



#### Quantum phase transition



Phase transition that is driven not by T but by quantum fluctuations ('zero point motion')

$$\Delta x.\,\Delta p \geq \hbar$$

As T  $\rightarrow$  0, thermal motion ceases but electron cannot be at rest ( $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta p$  fixed)

 $\Rightarrow$  « State of constant agitation » that can melt order

Melting of ice = increase in thermal motion of the molecules as *T* is raised

### Quantum critical metals

Quantum ordered Quantum ordered Quantum disordered



### Quantum critical metals





#### Organic superconductors

Doiron-Leyraud et al, PRB 80 214531 (2009)

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m\*/m<sub>b</sub>

#### Pnictides

Shibauchi et al, ARCMP 5 1113 (2014)

#### **Cuprates**

Daou et al, Nature Phys. 5 31 (2009)

### Origin of the T-linear resistivity

 $\frac{VOLUME 82, NUMBER 21}{Interplay of Disorder and Spin Fluctuations in the Resistivity near a Quantum Critical Point A. Rosch} \rho \sim T$ Competition of weak, but isotropic impurity scattering and strong scattering from spin-fluctuations

PHYSICAL REVIEW BVOLUME 51, NUMBER 141 APRIL 1995-IIResistivity as a function of temperature for models with hot spots<br/>on the Fermi surface<br/>R. Hlubina\* and T. M. RiceResistivity as a function of temperature for models with hot spots<br/>on the Fermi surface<br/>R. Hlubina\* and T. M. RiceBUTOnly effective at "hot spots" on the FS connected by the AF wavevector !<br/>The rest of the FS short-circuit the anomalous transport and yield  $\rho \sim T^2$ 

#### Locally critical quantum phase transitions in strongly correlated metals

Qimiao Si\*, Silvio Rabello\*, Kevin Ingersent† & J. Lleweilun Smith\*

Nature 413,804 (2001)

<u>Proposition</u>: scattering near a QCP have a local character, i.e. no k-dependence  $\Rightarrow$  the entire FS is "hot" : Marginal Fermi liquid with  $\rho \sim T$ 

### Origin of the T-linear resistivity

#### Planckian dissipation



For SCES,  $0.9 < \alpha < 2.2$  in spite of differences in dimensionality and microscopic nature of the interactions.

The law of quantum mechanism forbids the dissipation time to be any shorter then  $\tau$ 

### 4. High fields transport properties

### Why high magnetic field ?



**RESTORE THE NORMAL STATE OF SUPERCONDUCTORS** YBCO 150  $H_{c2}(T)$ 100 50 D  $p^2$ 0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0 Hole doping, p G. Grissonnanche et al. Nature Comm. 5, 3280 (2014)



« Although it is difficult to predict the role that quantum criticality will play in our final understanding of the cuprates, the case for a QCP would be made very compelling if a new experiment were to reveal a sharp and pronounced change in some electronic property in the zero-temperature limit, on crossing the QCP as a function of doping. »

Broun, Nature Physics 4 170 (2008)



Phase with a distinct order parameter?

M. Norman et al, Nature'98

180 K

Pseudogap = partial suppression of the low energy excitation as seen by spectroscopy and thermodynamic probes and located at the anti-node (from ARPES)



The broken symmetries are instability of the pseudogap



- Pseudogap and charge order are separate phenomena.
- Sharp drop of the carrier density at the critical point of the pseudogap.

#### High fields transport properties in LSCO

Access ground state using pulsed magnetic fields

T-linear term becomes dominant at low T



#### Anomalous criticality in LSCO



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Doping dependence of the linear term of the resistivity in hole-doped cuprates



"What scatters may also pair"

Taillefer, ARCMP 1, 51 (2010)