Fermi liquid near Pomeranchuk quantum criticality

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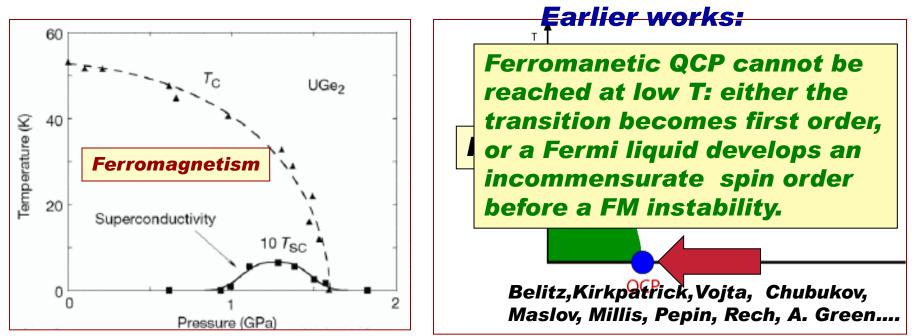
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Result:

Consider a 2D system of itinerant fermions at T=0, near a ferromagnetic instability.

ZrZn2, UGe₂



We found another pre-emptive instability of a Fermi liquid: towards a p-wave spin nematic (a magnetic analog of ³He) In a wide parameter range, this instability comes first. Issue: what is Femi liquid theory near a Pomeranchuk instability in a charge or a spin channel

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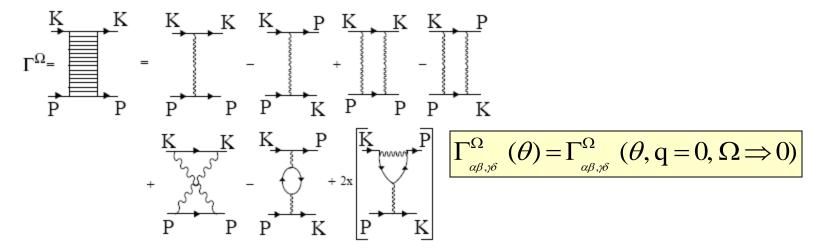
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Specifics of the spin case:

the consequence of SU(2) spin invariance a new instability of a near-ferromagnetic Fermi liquid Landau Fermi liquid theory uses conservation laws and Galilean invariance to capture effects of interactions, which come from the immediate vicinity of the Fermi surface

The input for the theory is a vertex

$$\Gamma^{\Omega}_{\alpha\beta,\gamma\delta} (\vec{k}_{\rm F} - \vec{p}_{\rm F}) = \Gamma^{\Omega}_{\alpha\beta,\gamma\delta} (\theta)$$



Includes everything except for soft bubbles with vanishing energy/momentum transfer. These come from the Fermi surface

$$K K + K + f + F + F = 0 \text{ at } \frac{d^{3}P}{(2\pi)^{3}} = \frac{m}{2\pi} \left(1 - \frac{\Omega}{\sqrt{\Omega^{2} + (v_{F}q)^{2}}} \right) = 0 \text{ at } \frac{v_{F}q}{\Omega} \to 0$$

$$Q = (q, \Omega)$$

All effects due to interactions near the Fermi surface can be captured by applying conservation laws (conservation of the number of particles, SU(2) spin conservation, gauge invariance, and Galilean invariance

No need for further diagrammatics once Γ^{Ω} is known

How it works:

$$\Gamma^{\Omega}_{\alpha\beta,\gamma\delta}\left(\theta\right) = A g_{\alpha\beta,\gamma\delta}\left(\theta\right)$$

Landau function

$$g_{\alpha\beta,\gamma\delta}(\theta) = g_{c}(\theta) \,\delta_{\alpha\gamma} \,\delta_{\beta\delta} + g_{s}(\theta) \,\vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\gamma} \,\vec{\sigma}_{\beta\delta}$$

$$g_{c}(\theta) = \sum_{n} g_{c,n} \cos(n \ \theta)$$

$$g_{s}(\theta) = \sum_{n} g_{s,n} \cos(n \ \theta)$$

in 2D

It is actually a bit more involved....

Landau function

$$g_{\alpha\beta,\gamma\delta}\left(\theta\right) = \frac{m^{*}}{\pi} Z^{2} \Gamma^{\Omega}{}_{\alpha\beta,\gamma\delta}\left(\theta\right)$$

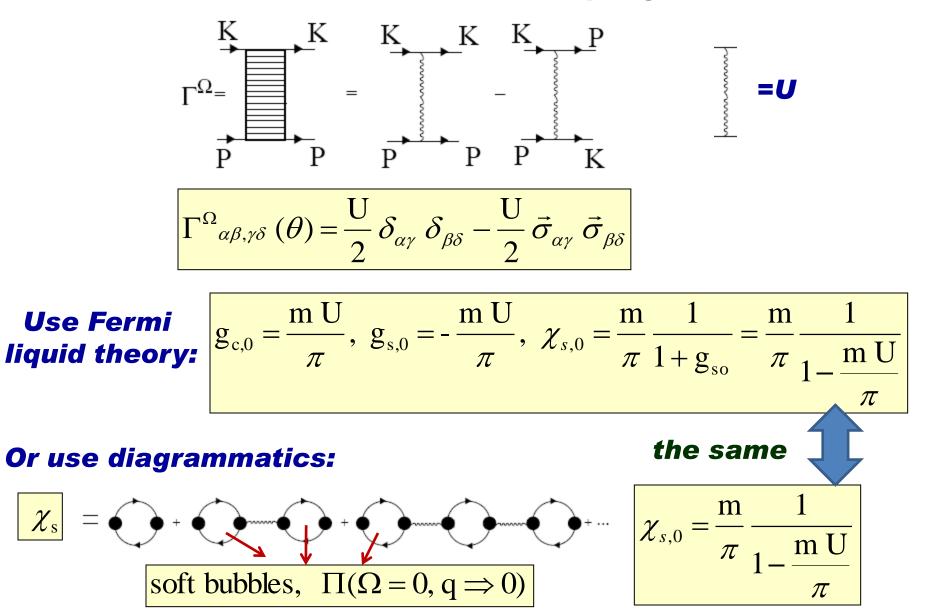
$$\frac{\mathrm{m}^*}{\mathrm{m}} = 1 + \mathrm{g}_{\mathrm{c},1}$$

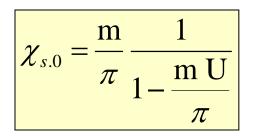
$$Z^{-1} = 1 - i \sum_{\beta} \Gamma^{\Omega}_{\alpha\beta,\alpha\beta} (K_F, P) G(P) G(P + Q) \frac{d^3 P}{(2\pi)^3}, \ Q = (q, \Omega), \ P = (p, \omega),$$
$$G(P) = \frac{Z}{i \, \omega - v_F \frac{m}{m^*} (p - p_F)}$$

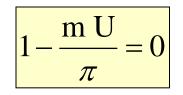
Pitaevskii& Landau

How it works:

constant interaction, weak coupling







Stoner criterion of a ferromagnetic instability

This can be done for any spin or charge channel:

$$\chi_{a,n} = \frac{m}{\pi} \frac{1}{1 + g_{a,n}}$$

$$\chi_{a,n} > 0 \implies 1 + g_{a,n} > 0$$
Pomeranchuk condition

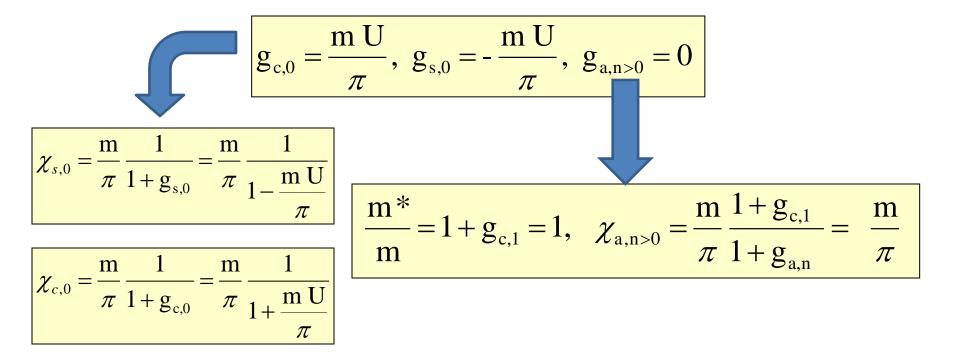
A Fermi liquid instability at g_{a,n} =-1 is called a Pomeranchuk instability

Examples: phase separation ($g_{c,0} = -1$), a ferromagnetic transition ($g_{s,0} = -1$), charge quadrupolar transition ($g_{c,2} = -1$), spin dipolar ($g_{s,1} = -1$) and quadrupolar ($g_{s,2} = -1$) transitions

Castellani, Di Castro, Metzner, Dell'Anna, Belitz, Vojta, Kirkpatrick, Rosch, Oganesyan, Kivelson, Fradkin, Garst, Wolfle, Kee, Kim, S-C. Zhang, C.Wu, Hirsch, Pepin, Senthil, P. Lee, S-S Lee, Green, Betouras, Hooley, Maslov, A.C. According to a textbook reasoning, only one, critical channel is relevant near a QCP: one Landau component approaches -1, others are irrelevant.

Indeed, if

$$\Gamma^{\Omega}_{\alpha\beta,\gamma\delta}\left(\theta\right) = \frac{\mathrm{U}}{2}\,\delta_{\alpha\gamma}\,\delta_{\beta\delta} - \frac{\mathrm{U}}{2}\,\vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\gamma}\,\vec{\sigma}_{\beta\delta}$$



OK in dimension D >3, but not in D=2

What if we just do diagrammatics (e.g., large N)

Effective mass
diverges
$$\Sigma(\omega) \sim \frac{\omega}{(1+g_{s,0})^{1/2}}, \quad \frac{m^*}{m} \sim \frac{1}{(1+g_{s,0})^{1/2}} \Rightarrow \infty$$
 $\Sigma(\omega) \sim \omega^{2/3}$ at a QCP $m^*/m = 1 + g_{c,1}$ At the same time, $\chi = \chi_{s,0} = \frac{m}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+g_{s,0}}$ no extra
renormalization

So, the question is, what is the Landau function near a 2D nematic QCP



Here the story begins....

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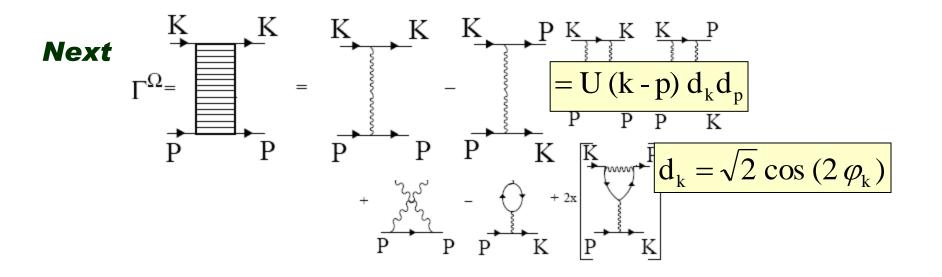
the consequence of SU(2) spin invariance a new instability of a near-ferromagnetic Fermi liquid For definiteness, consider a charge quadrupolar (d-wave) instability g_{c,2} -> -1

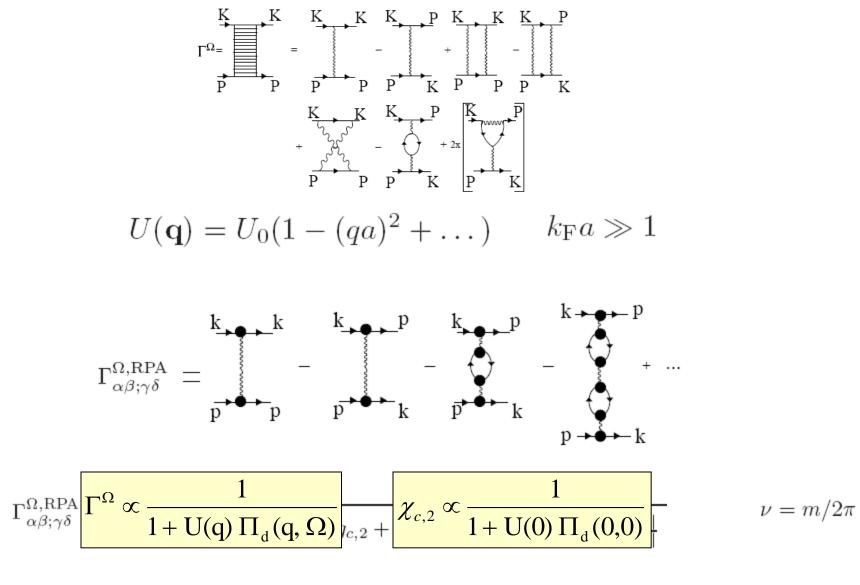
Metzner, Yamada,Kee, Kim, Oganesyan, Kivelson, Fradkin, Garst, Woelfle, Rosch, del'Anna

"Zero" order theory --same as before:

$$g_{\alpha\beta,\gamma\delta}^{(0)}(\theta) = g_{c,2} \cos 2\theta \,\delta_{\alpha\gamma} \,\delta_{\beta\delta} + g_{s,2} \,\cos 2\theta \,\vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\gamma} \,\vec{\sigma}_{\beta\delta}$$

$$\frac{m^*}{m} = 1, \, \chi_{c,2}^{(0)} \propto \frac{1}{(1 + g_{c,2})}$$





Interaction mediated by soft collective charge nematic excitations

Berk & Schrieffer

$$\Gamma^{\Omega}_{\alpha\beta,\gamma\delta}\left(\theta\right) \Rightarrow \overline{g}_{\alpha\beta,\gamma\delta}\left(\theta\right) \Rightarrow \overline{g}_{c}\left(\theta\right), \ \overline{g}_{s}\left(\theta\right) \Rightarrow \overline{g}_{c,n}, \overline{g}_{s,n}$$

The form of $\bar{g}_{c,n}$, $\bar{g}_{s,n}$ depends on a single parameter

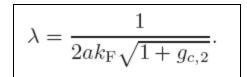
$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2(a k_F) \sqrt{1 + g_{c,2}}}$$

$$\lambda \ll 1$$
 weak coupling, $\overline{g}_{c,n}, \overline{g}_{c,n} \approx 1$

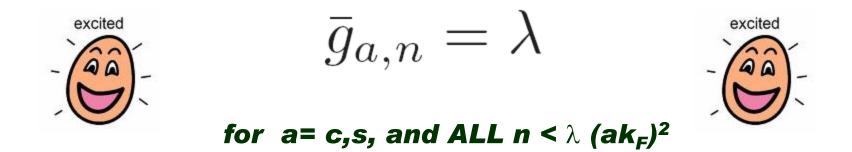
 $\lambda \ll 1$ strong coupling,

$$\overline{g}_{c,n}, \ \overline{g}_{c,n} \approx \lambda >> 1$$

Critical Fermi liquid



In a critical Fermi liquid (when $\lambda >> 1$)

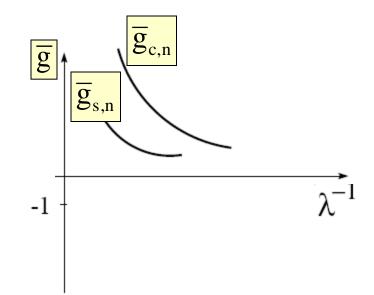


The textbook assumption that only one Landau component is singular near a Pomeranchuk transition is incorrect in 2D (and 3D)

Consequences of $\bar{g}_{a,n} = \lambda$,

"Zero" order theory for a critical Fermi liquid:

$$\frac{m^*}{m} = 1, \, \chi_{c,2}^{(0)} \propto \frac{1}{(1 + g_{c,2})}$$



Interaction with soft collective modes, acts on top of zero order theory and gives:

$$\frac{\mathrm{m}^{*}}{\mathrm{m}} \sim 1 + \overline{\mathrm{g}}_{\mathrm{c},1} = 1 + \lambda \propto \frac{1}{(1 + \mathrm{g}_{\mathrm{c},2})^{1/2}} \qquad \text{effective mass} \\ \frac{\mathrm{diverges}}{\mathrm{diverges}} \\ \chi_{\mathrm{c},2} = \chi_{\mathrm{c},2}^{(0)} \quad \frac{1 + \overline{\mathrm{g}}_{\mathrm{c},1}}{1 + \overline{\mathrm{g}}_{\mathrm{c},2}} \approx \chi_{\mathrm{c},2}^{(0)} \quad \frac{1 + \lambda}{1 + \lambda} = \chi_{\mathrm{c},2}^{(0)} = \frac{\mathrm{m}}{\pi} \frac{1}{1 + \mathrm{g}_{\mathrm{c},2}} \qquad \text{susceptibility} \\ \text{stays intact}}$$

This is fully consistent with diagrammatics

We can also introduce the full Landau function, which acts on top of free fermion theory, i.e., include "zero order" renormalization into Fermi liquid

$$\chi_{c,2}^{(0)} = \frac{m}{\pi}, \quad \chi_{c,2} = \frac{m}{\pi} \frac{1 + g_{c,1}^*}{1 + g_{c,2}^*}$$

$$g_{a,n}^* = g_{a,n} + \bar{g}_{a,n} (1 + g_{a,n})$$
 $g_{a,n} = g_{c,2} \,\delta_{a,c} \,\delta_{n,2}$

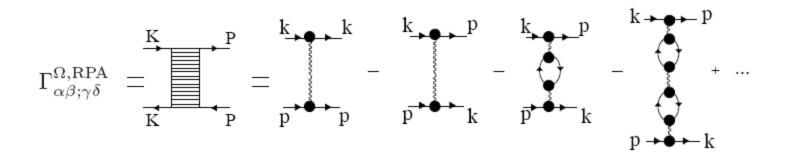
 $g_{a,n}^* = \bar{g}_{a,n}$ for all components except for n=2 charge component

$$g_{c,2}^{*} \chi_{c,2} = \frac{m}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+g_{c,2}} = \frac{m}{\pi} \frac{1+g_{c,1}^{*}}{1+g_{c,2}^{*}} = \frac{m}{\pi} \frac{(1+g_{c,2})^{-1/2}}{(1+g_{c,2})^{1/2}}$$
 oaches -1,
m

Divergence of χ is split between m^*/m and nematic "g-factor"

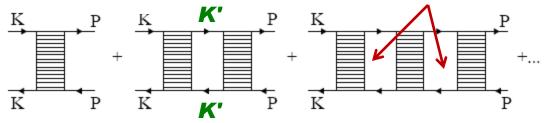
As usual, full story is a bit more messy:

$$\Gamma^{\Omega}_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta} = \frac{1}{Z_{\Gamma}} \Gamma^{\Omega,\text{RPA}}_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}$$



We neglected soft bubbles, as textbooks told us to do.

This is fine as long as effective interaction is static,
however our $\Gamma^{\Omega,RPA}_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}$ is dynamicsoft bubbles



This yields, after summation of ladder series

Three coupled equations

$$\frac{1}{Z_{\Gamma}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{Z^2 m *}{m} \lambda} \left(1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{Z^2 m *}{m} \lambda}\right)} \quad \frac{1}{Z} = 1 + \frac{\lambda}{4} \frac{Z^2}{Z_{\Gamma}} \frac{m^*}{m} \qquad \frac{m^*}{m} = 1 + \frac{\lambda}{4} \frac{Z^2}{Z_{\Gamma}} \frac{m^*}{m}$$
with $\lambda = \frac{1}{2ak_{\rm F}\sqrt{1 + g_{c,2}}}$. as a parameter
$$Z \frac{m^*}{m} = 1$$
Weak coupling $\lambda \ll 1$

$$\frac{m^*}{m}\big|_{\lambda \ll 1} = 1 + \lambda/4; \ Z\big|_{\lambda \ll 1} = 1 - \lambda/4; \ Z_{\Gamma}\big|_{\lambda \ll 1} = 1 - 3\lambda/4$$

Strong coupling

$$\frac{m^{*}}{m}|_{\lambda \gg 1} = \lambda + 1/4\lambda; \quad |Z|_{\lambda \gg 1} = 1/\lambda - 1/4\lambda^{3}$$

$$Z_{\Gamma}|_{\lambda \gg 1} = 1/4\lambda + 1/4\lambda^{2}$$

$$Z_{\Gamma} \approx Z/4$$

$$\bar{g}_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}(\theta) \approx \frac{1}{1 + g_{c,2} + (ak_{\mathrm{F}}\theta)^{2}} \left(\delta_{\alpha\gamma}\delta_{\beta\delta} + \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\gamma} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{\beta\delta}\right)$$

$$\bar{g}_{a,n} = \lambda$$



The story continues....

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Apply the same reasoning to a ferromagnetic transition

$$\Gamma^{\Omega}_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}(\mathbf{k},\omega_{k};\mathbf{p},\omega_{p}) = \frac{1}{2\nu Z} \frac{1}{\delta + (aq)^{2} + \frac{|\Omega|}{v_{F}q}} \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\delta} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{\beta\gamma} \qquad \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{p}, \ \Omega = \omega_{k} - \omega_{p}$$
This is Hertz-Millis
 $\delta = 1 + g_{s,0}$
 $\nu = m/2\pi$

$$\bar{g}_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{p}) = Z^2(m^*/m)\Gamma^{\Omega}_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}(\mathbf{k},0;\mathbf{p},0)$$

$$\bar{g}_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta} = \bar{g}_c \delta_{\alpha\gamma} \delta_{\beta\delta} + \bar{g}_s \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\gamma} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{\beta\delta}$$

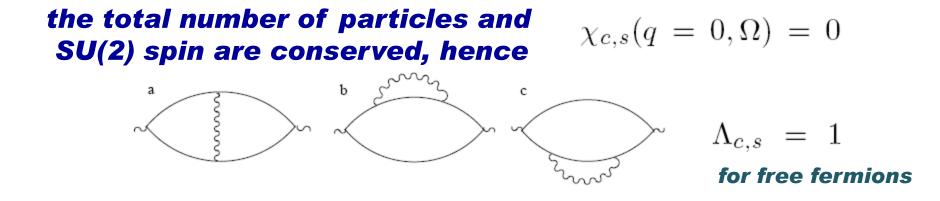
$$m^{*}/m = 1 + \bar{g}_{c,1} \qquad \chi_{s} = \chi_{s}^{0}(1 + \bar{g}_{c,1})/(1 + \bar{g}_{s,0})$$

$$\frac{m^{*}}{m} = \lambda \qquad \lambda \equiv \frac{3}{4ak_{F}\sqrt{\delta}}$$

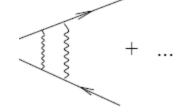
$$\chi_{s} = \chi_{s}^{0}\frac{1 + \lambda}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{3}} \qquad \text{Divergence before a QCP?}$$
Diagrammatics:
$$\frac{m^{*}}{m} \approx \frac{1}{Z} = \lambda \qquad \chi_{s} = \chi_{s}^{0} \propto \frac{1}{\delta},$$

Fermi liquid theory is based on conservation laws. Let's verify if we are using a conserving approach in the spin case

Check Ward identities:



$$\Lambda_{c,s}$$
 =



Maki-Thompson diagrams

Charge susceptibility:

Series for Λ_c are geometric, the nth term is $(\lambda/(1+\lambda))^n$

$$\begin{split} \Lambda_{\rm c} = 1 + \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} + \left(\frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}\right)^3 + \ldots = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}} = 1 + \lambda \\ \chi_{c,s}(q=0,\Omega) = \chi_{c,s}^0 \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda_{c,s}}{1+\lambda}\right) \end{split}$$

 $\chi_c(q=0,\Omega)=0$ as it indeed should

Spin susceptibility:

Series for Λ_c are geometric, the nth term is $(-1/3)^n (\lambda/(1+\lambda))^n$

$$\Lambda_{c} = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} + \left(\frac{1}{9}\right) \left(\frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}\right)^{2} - \left(\frac{1}{27}\right) \left(\frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}\right)^{3} + \dots$$
$$= \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}} = \frac{3(1+\lambda)}{3+4\lambda}$$
$$\chi_{c,s}(q = 0, \Omega) = \chi_{c,s}^{0} \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda_{c,s}}{1+\lambda}\right)$$
$$\chi_{s}(q = 0, \omega) \neq 0$$

Physics:

We have a model with spin-spin interaction between itinerant fermions, mediated by collective spin excitations

An electron spin is split into a spin of an itinerant fermion ${\bf s}=c^{\dagger}_{\alpha}\vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta}c_{\beta}$ and a spin of a collective boson ${\bf S}$.

For SU(2) invariant case, the interaction is $s \cdot S$, which can flip s^z . As a result, fermionic s is not conserved separately from S.

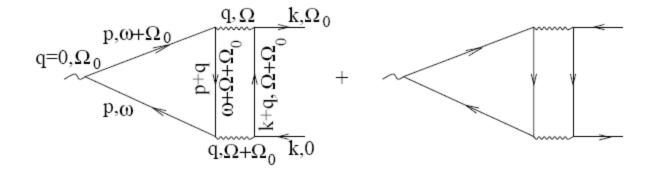
N.B. For Ising spins, Ward identities are satisfied.



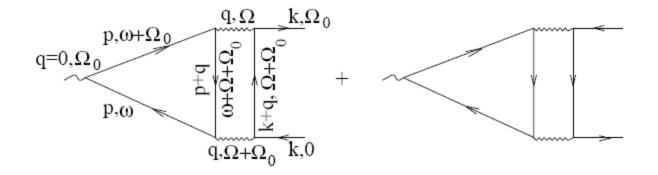
How to cure?

Need backflow terms which flip s^z back

Candidates: Aslamazov-Larkin processes



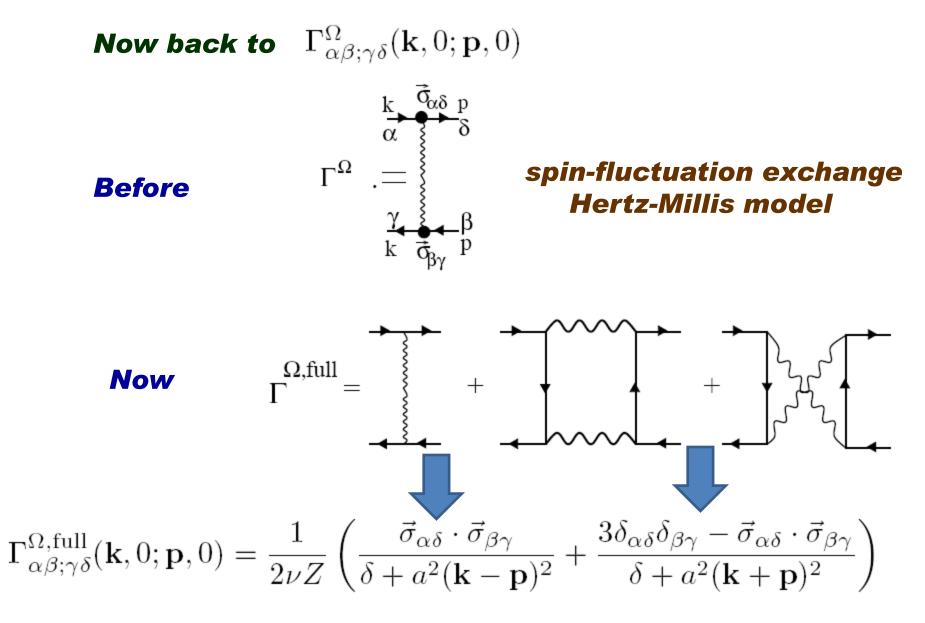
Charge case: the two diagrams cancel each other. Spin case: the two add up



 $I_{\rm AL} = \frac{1}{2\nu Z^2} \int \frac{dqq}{2\pi} \int \frac{d\Omega}{2\pi} \int \frac{d\theta_{\bf pq}}{2\pi} \int \frac{d\theta_{\bf pq}}{2\pi} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \int d\epsilon_p G({\bf p},\omega) G({\bf p},\omega+\Omega_0) G({\bf k}_F+{\bf q},\Omega+\Omega_0) \\ \times \left[G({\bf p}+{\bf q},\omega+\Omega+\Omega_0) - G({\bf p}-{\bf q},\omega-\Omega)\right] \bar{\Gamma}({\bf q},\Omega) \bar{\Gamma}({\bf q},\Omega+\Omega_0)$

$$I_{\rm AL} = (4/3)\lambda/(1+\lambda)$$

 $I_{\rm MT} + I_{\rm AL} = (\lambda/(1+\lambda)) \quad \text{the same as for the charge case}$ Series now hold in $(\lambda/(1+\lambda))^n$ and $\Lambda_s = 1 + \lambda \quad \chi_s(q = 0, \omega) = 0$



spin only

spin AND charge

Fermi liquid revisited

$$g_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}^{\text{full}}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{p}) = Z^{2}(m^{*}/m)\Gamma_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}^{\omega,\text{full}}(\mathbf{k},0;\mathbf{p},0) = g_{c}^{\text{full}}\delta_{\alpha\gamma}\delta_{\beta\delta} + g_{s}^{\text{full}}\vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\gamma}\cdot\vec{\sigma}_{\beta\delta}$$

$$g_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}^{\text{full}}(\theta) = \frac{3}{2}\frac{\delta_{\alpha\gamma}\delta_{\beta\delta}}{\delta + 4(ak_{F})^{2}\sin^{2}\theta/2} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\gamma}\cdot\vec{\sigma}_{\beta\delta} \times \left(\frac{4}{\delta + 4(ak_{F})^{2}\cos^{2}\theta/2} - \frac{1}{\delta + 4(ak_{F})^{2}\sin^{2}\theta/2}\right), \quad (1 + 1)$$

$$g_{c,1}^{\text{full}} = \bar{g}_{s,0}^{\text{full}} = \lambda \text{ for } \lambda \gg 1$$

$$m^{*}/m = \lambda; \ \chi_{s} = \chi_{s}^{0}\frac{1+\lambda}{1+\lambda} = \chi_{s}^{0}$$

All Landau components again diverge upon approaching a ferromagnetic QCP

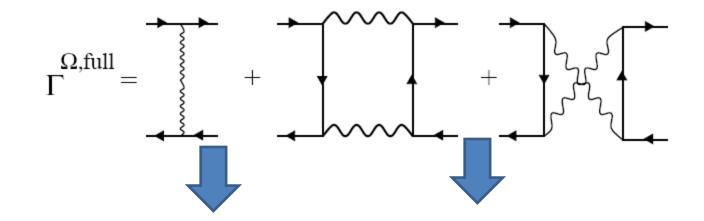
Charge components:

$$g_{c,n}^{\text{full}} = (3/2\pi) \int_0^{\pi} d\theta \cos n\theta / (\delta + 4a^2 k_F^2 \sin^2 \theta / 2) \approx \lambda$$

charge susceptibilities $\chi_{c,n} = \chi_{c,n}^0 (m^*/m) / (1 + g_{c,n}^{\text{full}}) = \chi_{c,n}^0 (1 + \lambda) / (1 + \lambda) = \chi_{c,n}^0$ remain intact

Spin components:

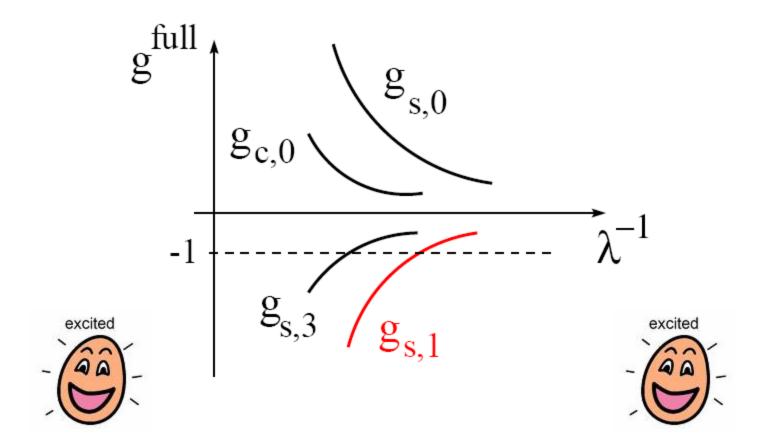
$$\begin{split} g_{s,n}^{\mathrm{full}} &= \lambda \delta_{n,2m} - \frac{5}{3} \lambda \delta_{n,2m+1} \\ & \text{For } n = 2m \quad g_{s,n}^{\mathrm{full}} = \lambda \quad \textit{same as charge components} \\ & \text{For } n = 2m + 1, \ g_{s,n}^{\mathrm{full}} = -5\lambda/3 \\ g_{s,n}^{\mathrm{full}} \text{ approaches } -1 \text{ at } \lambda = 3/5 \end{split}$$



$$\Gamma^{\Omega,\text{full}}_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}(\mathbf{k},0;\mathbf{p},0) = \frac{1}{2\nu Z} \left(\frac{\vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\delta} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{\beta\gamma}}{\delta + a^2(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{p})^2} + \frac{3\delta_{\alpha\delta}\delta_{\beta\gamma} - \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\delta} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{\beta\gamma}}{\delta + a^2(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{p})^2} \right)$$

forward scattering back scattering

Beyond leading approximation: $g_{s,1}^{\mathrm{full}}$ approaches -1 first



A pre-emptive spontaneous instability into a p-wave spin-nematic state!

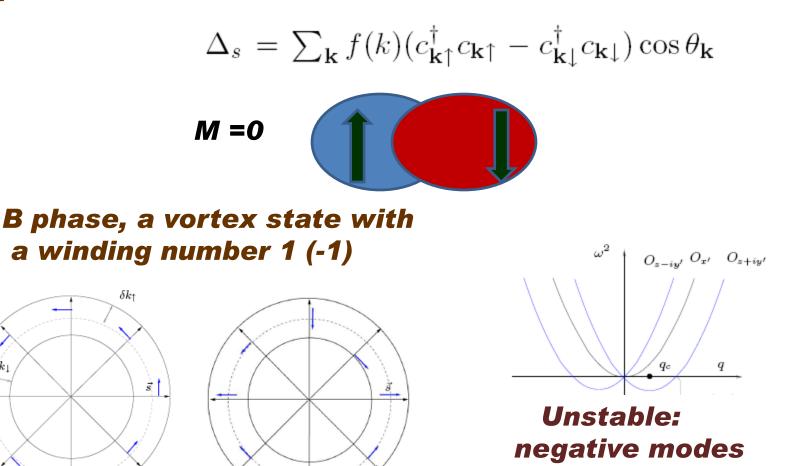
A p-wave spin nematic.

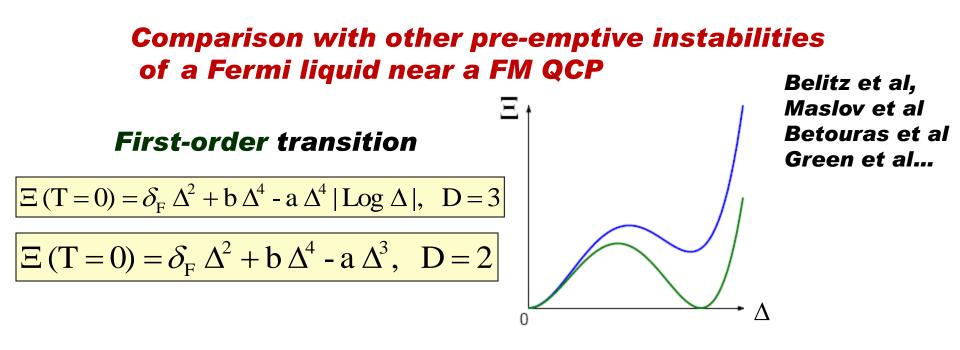
Hirsch, Kee, Kim, S-C Zhang, C. Wu, Fradkin, Kivelson....

Can appear in two phases, A and B.

A phase -- stable

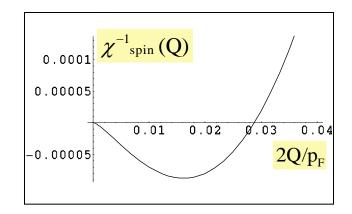
 $\delta k_{\rm J}$





A spiral instability

$$\chi_{\rm spin}(Q) = (Q^2 - a | Q | p_F)^{-1}$$



If $ak_F < 7.4$, *nematic instability comes first!*

Conclusions:

To construct a Fermi liquid near a nematic transition requires some efforts

All Landau components except for a critical one diverge upon approaching a charge QCP. Effective mass diverges, but susceptibilities in non-critical channels are not affected and remain finite.

Hertz spin-fermion model is NOT the correct theory near a ferromagnetic QCP: in the conserving approximation, the interaction has both spin and charge components

A nearly ferromagnetic Fermi liquid develops a spontaneous instability towards a p-wave spin nematic.

THANK YOU