### Luttinger liquid behavior in the spectral and transport properties of Li<sub>0.9</sub>Mo<sub>6</sub>O<sub>17</sub>

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### The Basic Luttinger Assumptions = TLM Model





### **Physical Properties of the TLM**



### **Bosonic Representation**

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{H}_{\rho} &= \int dx \frac{v_{\rho}}{2} \left[ K_{\rho} \Pi_{\rho}^{2} + \frac{1}{K_{\rho}} (\partial_{x} \phi_{\rho})^{2} \right] \left. \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{v}_{\rho} \\ \mathsf{K}_{\rho} \end{array} \right. \\ \mathcal{H}_{\sigma} &= \int dx \frac{v_{\sigma}}{2} \left[ K_{\sigma} \Pi_{\sigma}^{2} + \frac{1}{K_{\sigma}} (\partial_{x} \phi_{\sigma})^{2} \right] \left. \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{v}_{\sigma} \\ \mathsf{K}_{\sigma} \end{array} \right] \end{split}$$

$$K_{\rho} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi v_f - g_{\rho}}{2\pi v_f + g_{\rho}}}$$

 $K_{\rho}$ >1 attaractive interactions  $K_{\rho}$ =1 non-interacting fermions  $K_{\rho}$ <1 repulsive interactions

 $K_{\sigma}$ =1 if spin rotationally invariant

### Relaxing the TLM assumptions: The Luttinger Liquid

- Consider curvature on the bands: but negligible within a cut-off energy: T\*.
- Include backward scattering repulsive interaction g<sub>1</sub>.



•  $g_1$  is irrelevant and TLM is the fixed point in the RG sense.

 Physical properties remain asymptotically valid below the cutoff energy T\*.

Single particle hopping (⊥ ) <b>t</b> ⊥		Orbitals overlap and/or bridges	FL	"enough" spectral weight at the Fermi Level
Pair hopping (⊥ ) J⊥		2nd order	SC	Attractive interacions in the chains
Particle-hole hopping (⊥ ) V⊥		2nd order	CDW	Strong repulsion in the chains
Disorder (Collective) D		Random Potential. Impurities Defect	Localization	Critical value of the repulsion in the chains
Attractive Backward scattering y	ε(k) -k <sub>f</sub> k <sub>f</sub> k	Momentum transfer in chain interactions	Spin Gap (Luther- Emery Liquid) Charge stavs	Attractive spin backscattering

### **Coupling LL's: the Sliding LL**

#### Emery, Kivelson, Fradkin and Lubensky (00)

$$S_{\theta} = \int \frac{d^3 Q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2} \kappa(q_{\perp}) \left\{ \frac{1}{v(q_{\perp})} \omega^2 + v(\vec{q}_{\perp}) q_{\parallel}^2 \right\} |\phi(\mathbf{Q})|^2$$
$$\mathbf{Q} = (\omega, q_{\parallel}, q_{\perp})$$

Couple the LL with interchain interactions that keep TLM structure.
Such set of couplings include the density-density interactions.
System decouples in as many independent modes as chains are coupled "TLM modes".

• Electronic motion is still 1D.



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### **Band structure calculations.**



### **ARPES** band structure and Fermi surface map.

# Quasi-1D nature, incommensurability and linearity actually observed in ARPES





### In which T range can we observe LL physics.



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### **Temperature dependence of the DOS exponent**

- LiPB QCS, LL lineshapes .
- $\alpha(T) \Rightarrow$  scale dependence.
- Marginality. Common in 1D.

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= \frac{1}{4} (K_{\rho} + K_{\rho}^{-1} + K_{\sigma} + K_{\sigma}^{-1} - 4 \\ \mathbf{SU(2)} \\ \mathbf{K_{\sigma}} = \mathbf{1} \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{K_{\sigma}} &= \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{K_{\sigma}} = \mathbf{1} \\ \delta &= K_{\rho} - \beta \end{aligned}$$

Experimentally: lack of scaling relation between exponents. Are there neutral modes?





### **Two-band Model**

$$\begin{array}{c} \rho^{+} = \rho_{c} + \rho_{D} \\ \rho^{-} = \rho_{c} - \rho_{D} \\ \sigma^{+} = \sigma_{c} + \sigma_{D} \\ \sigma^{-} = \sigma_{c} - \sigma_{D} \end{array} \right\}$$
 Neutral Modes

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- + intra & interband back-scattering terms
- + Pair tunneling J's



### **RG** equations.

 $\Rightarrow$ 

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{8} (K_{\rho+} + K_{\rho+}^{-1} + K_{\rho-} + K_{\rho-}^{-1} - 4)$$

$$K_{\rho-} \text{ renormalizes and changes } \alpha$$

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$$(K_{\rho-})' = \frac{1}{4} \{3(J_2)^2 + J_1^2\},$$

$$(J_1)' = \{d + g_{\sigma+}\} J_1 + g_{\sigma-} J_2,$$

$$(J_2)' = g_{\sigma-} J_1 + \{d - g_{\sigma+}\} J_2,$$

$$(g_{\sigma+})' = -\{g_{\sigma-}^2 + g_{\sigma+}^2\} - \frac{1}{2} (J_2)^2,$$

$$(g_{\sigma-})' = -2\{g_{\sigma-} - g_{\sigma+}\} + \frac{1}{2} J_2 J_1$$

$$d = 1 - \frac{1}{\nu} - g_{\sigma+}$$



### Chain physics: α (T)

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**Repulsive back-scattering** 

Those interesting flows are stable

$$\int 0 < g_{\sigma-}(0) < g_{\sigma+}(0) \ \lambda = d + \sqrt{g_{\sigma+}^2 + g_{\sigma-}^2} < 0$$

$$d=1-rac{1}{K_{
ho-}}-g_{\sigma+}$$

## α (Τ)



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RG equations: GS: (88)

$$(K_{\rho})' = -\frac{K_{\rho}^2 u_{\rho}}{2u_{\sigma}} \mathcal{D}$$

$$y' = \{2 - 2K_{\sigma}\}y - \mathcal{D}$$

$$\mathcal{D}' = \{3 - K_{\sigma} - y - K_{\rho}\} \mathcal{D}$$

Compute resistivity using Kubo formula and Born approximation.



### **Experiment & Theory**



### Parallel Transport : pressure dependence

Theoretical Relation: asipmtotic δ and Tmin Pressure changes both. Same D(0) and y



#### **Dots:Exp. Schlenker ('89)**





Parallel resistivity analysis.

#### Upturn does not fit to an exponential gapped behavior at low T



•K(T): Substract the power-law part.
•Low-T:
•Different measurements: Schlenker (89) & Choi (04) very similar



# Summary

- Li<sub>0.9</sub>Mo<sub>6</sub>O<sub>17</sub> linear dispersion at E<sub>F</sub>, large T\*, small T<sub>3D</sub> k<sub>F</sub> incommensurate.
- Charge neutral critical modes contribute to the spectral density but not to transport; Interaction between these modes renormalize  $\alpha$  (decreases with decreasing T).
- LL+Disorder can account for the upturn in the resistivity. Power laws shows up in the intermediate temperature regime.
- Sliding LL model and T=0 phase diagram position from resistivity exponents.