

Kinks in the dispersion of strongly correlated electrons

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Outline

Robust electronic correlation mechanism leading to

- kinks
- waterfalls

in the electronic dispersion

Kinks



Byczuk, Kollar, Held, Yang, Nekrasov, Pruschke, DV Nature Physics 3, 168 (March, 2007)

Kinks in conventional superconductivity



Electron-phonon (boson) correction of electronic dispersion Ashcroft, Mermin; *Solid State Physics* (1976)





Kink due to electron-phonon coupling



Kinks due to electron-boson coupling

Kinks due to electron-electron hybridization

Kinks: High-T_c cuprates

Valla *et al.* (1999) Bogdanov et al. (2000)



- Kinks at $\omega_* = 40-70 \text{ meV}$
- Coupling of electrons to phonons or spin fluctuations ?

Kinks due to electronic interaction in high-T_c cuprates (non-phononic)

- Manske, Eremin, Bennemann (2001, 2003, ...)
 Coupling of quasiparticles to spin fluctuations
 [FLEX]
- Randeria, Paramekanti, Trivedi (2004)
 Different high/low energy dispersion of nodal quasiparticles (origin?)
 [Gutzwiller projected wave functions]
- Kordyuk et al. (2004 -), Borisenko et al. (2006)
 Spin-fluctuation mediated electronic interaction
 [KK-consistent extraction of self-energy]
- Kakehashi, Fulde (2005)

Coupling of quasiparticles to short-range magnetic fluctuations

[Self-consistent projection operator method]

k-dependence of self-energy $\Sigma(\mathbf{k}, \boldsymbol{\omega})$ essential

Kinks: Metal surfaces

PES of quasi-1D electronic structures on Platinum(110) surface



Kinks due to coupling of electrons to what?

Kinks: Graphene



Doping by potassium adsorption

- "Low energy" kinks at 200 meV
- "High energy" kinks at 400-900 meV (near X-ing of Dirac branches, E_D)
- coupling of electrons to plasmons ?

Robust electronic correlation mechanism for kinks



$$H = -t \sum_{\langle \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j} \rangle, \sigma} c_{\mathbf{i}\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{j}\sigma} + U \sum_{\mathbf{i}} n_{\mathbf{i}\uparrow} n_{\mathbf{i}\downarrow}$$

$$\left\langle n_{\mathbf{i}\uparrow}^{}n_{\mathbf{i}\downarrow}^{}\right\rangle \neq \left\langle n_{\mathbf{i}\uparrow}^{}\right\rangle \left\langle n_{\mathbf{i}\downarrow}^{}\right\rangle$$

Correlation phenomena: Metal-insulator transition, ...

Hartree-Fock (static) mean-field theory generally insufficient



Correlated electrons





Proper time resolved treatment of local electronic interactions





→ LDA+DMFT

Kotliar, DV; Physics Today (March 2004)

k- resolved spectra (ARPES) in DMFT

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{k},\omega) = [\omega - \Sigma(\omega) - \mathbf{H}_{LDA}^{0}(\mathbf{k})]^{-1}$$

matrices in orbital space

→ k-resolved spectral function

$$A(\mathbf{k},\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} Tr \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{k},\omega)$$

Purely electronic mechanism for kinks: Strong correlations

$SrVO_3$ and $CaVO_3$







Ekaterinburg - Augsburg - Stuttgart collaboration, Nekrasov *et al.* (2004, 2006)

Renormalization of LDA-bands by self-energy

Kinks at
$$|\omega_*| \approx 200 \text{ meV}$$

Purely electronic mechanism for kinks: Strong correlations



Kinks at $|\omega_*| \approx 200 \text{ meV}$



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Electronic dispersion E_k

• Dispersion relation:

$$E_{\mathbf{k}} = \left\{ \omega \middle| A(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \max \right\}$$



• Integrated spectral function: $A(\omega) = \int d\mathbf{k}A(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$

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Characteristics of the kinks

- E.g.: p-h symmetric case
- Kink energy:

$$\omega_* = (\sqrt{2} - 1)Z_{FL} \left[\frac{\operatorname{Im}(1/G_0)}{\operatorname{Re}(G_0 \, '/G_0^2)} \right]_{\omega = E_F^0} \text{ inside central peak}$$

• Intermediate energy regime:

$$Z' = Z_{FL} \left[\frac{1}{\text{Re}(G_0'/G_0^2)} \right]_{\omega = E_F^0} = \text{weight of central peak in A}(\omega)$$

 \rightarrow change in slope (Z'/Z_{FL}) independent of interaction

• Curvature at kink: $\mathrm{Im}\Sigma''(\omega_*) \propto (Z_{FL})^2$

 \rightarrow sharpness of kink $\propto (Z_{FL})^{-2}$

 \rightarrow kinks sharpen with increasing interaction

Waterfalls

"Waterfalls" in the electronic dispersion



Wang, Tan, Wan (2006) X-over from QP to LHB [t-J model, slave bosons]

Macridin, Jarrell, Maier, Scalapino (2007)

Coupling of quasiparticles to spin fluctuations [DCA] Zhu, Aji, Shekhter, Varma (2007)

Quantum-critical fluctuations of loop-current phase; cut-off ω_c Kordyuk *et al.* (2007), Inosov *et al.* (2007)

Matrix element effects important

Electronic dispersion Ek: Hubbard model, square lattice, DMFT(NRG)U=8t, n=0.79Byczuk, Kollar (2007, unpublished)



Dispersion jumps from central peak to lower Hubbard band

see also Held, Yang (2007, unpublished)

Conclusions

1. Kinks in the electronic dispersion

- Purely electronic mechanism
- Generic for strong correlations
- 3-peak spectral function $A(\omega)$ sufficient
- New energy scale

 $\omega_* = Z_{FL} \times$ (bare energy scale)

inside central peak

- FL regime terminates at ω_{\ast}
- Intermediate energy scale with Z'> Z_{FL}
- Robust mechanism based on local physics
- Valid beyond DMFT
- Does not rule out other kinks
- 2. Waterfalls in the electronic dispersion

• Dispersion jumps from central peak to LHB







