# Electronic structure, correlations, and non-Fermi Liquid scattering in layered nickelates and cuprates.

Evolution of electronic self-energies ("ARPES as a Self-Energy Spectroscopy") (scattering rates, mass enhancements, ++, vs. ω, T, k, x, etc.)

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#### Angle Resolved Photoemission (ARPES)

#### $\rightarrow$ k-resolved electronic structure



Typically used for peak tracking (band dispersions, Fermi surface mapping).

Example: Massless Dirac-like surface state dispersion in a topological insulator



 $Bi_2Se_3$  surface state dispersion Y. Cao, D.S.D. et al. Nature Physics 2013

#### ARPES as a self-energy spectroscopy



Major goal: Develop ARPES as a true self-energy spectroscopy. Connect to (and explain) transport, optics, thermodynamics.

Intermediate step: Improve the quantitative accuracy of ARPES measurement and analysis.

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# Normal-state nodal ARPES scattering rates ( $\Sigma''$ ) as a function of $\omega$ ,T, doping (Bi2212).



All data looks quadratic at low  $\omega$  (FL-like), linear at high  $\omega$  (MFL-like). All data for one sample (many T and E) fit simultaneously to a more general form of  $\Sigma(\omega,T)$ .



# Scaling behavior of $\Sigma''$ as a function of T and $\omega$



Different slopes  $\rightarrow$  different power law exponents  $\alpha$ .

Σ"(eV)

# Low energy behavior of $\Sigma''$ as a function of PLL exponent $\alpha$ (T=100K)



Low energy scattering rate right of middle and right spectra look quadratic. Fermi Liquid? (No). Indicative of quasiparticles? (No).

# Resistivity vs T from Power Law Liquid $\Sigma''$



# QP Residue and optical conductivity from Power Law Liquid $\Sigma''$



"Sharpish" ARPES QP-like peak and optical Drude peak even when T=0 quasiparticle residue is identically zero.

T= 0

T=300K

# Power Law Liquid as a quantum critical phase (not quantum critical point).

Luttinger liquid physics in 1D. PLL spectra (and ARPES data) don't have the power law spectral weight that the LL physics has.

SYK (Sachdev/Ye/Kitaev) exactly solvable models.

Quantum gravity-based ideas (ADS/CFT)?

Doped Hubbard model?

The superconductivity is born out of these states.

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## EDCs (Energy Distribution Curves) and MDCs (Momentum Distribution Curves).

Serious trouble for system with large broadening (large self energies) and band curvature. No problem if spectral peaks are very sharp (self energy small) or if dispersion is linear.



T. Cuk, Z-X. Shen et al. PRL 93,117003 (2004)

## A new step: True 2D fitting (EDCs and MDCs fit simultaneously).

Obtain:

- Bare-band dispersion  $\epsilon(k)$
- Gaps  $\Delta(k, T)$
- Fully causal self energy  $\Sigma(k,\omega,T)=\Sigma'(k,\omega,T)+i\Sigma''(k,\omega,T)$ All the details of the 1-particle electronic interactions.

Orders of magnitude fewer free parameters. New level of accuracy  $\rightarrow$  new physics.

Haoxiang Li, D.S.D et al., Nature Comm. 9, 26 (2018)

### **Development of a 2D fitting method (EDCs and MDCs together).**

#### Nambu-Gorkov's Green's function

Mid-zone cut, lightly underoped Tc=85K Pb-BSCCO sample.

T=50K (UD85K)



$$G^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \omega + \varepsilon_k - \Sigma & \phi \\ \phi & \omega - \varepsilon_k - \Sigma \end{pmatrix}$$
$$G_{11} = \frac{\omega + \varepsilon_k - \sum}{(\omega - \Sigma)^2 - \varepsilon_k^2 - \varepsilon_k^2}$$
$$A(k, \omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} G_{11}$$
$$I(k, \omega) \propto \left( \left| \left\langle f \left| A \cdot p \right| i \right\rangle \right|^2 \times f(\omega) \times A(k, \omega) \right) \otimes R(k, \omega)$$

Note: 
$$\begin{cases} \phi = \Delta \cdot Z \\ Z = 1 - \frac{\Sigma'(\omega)}{\omega} \end{cases}$$

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Fully causal treatment within Nambu-Gor'kov:

Simultaneous extraction of:

- SC gaps, ∆(*k*,T)
- $\Sigma'(\boldsymbol{k},\omega,T)$  and  $\Sigma''(\boldsymbol{k},\omega,T)$
- Renormalization Z(k,w,T)
- Unrenormalized "bare" bands,  $v_F(k,T)$ , etc.

Orders of mag. fewer free parameters compared to EDC or MDC fitting.

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2D fit results are dashed black lines.

Band curvature makes MDCs asymmetric – can not captured in MDC fitting.

Orders of magnitude fewer free parameters than from 1D fits.

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#### **Coherent organization (conversion) of electronic correlations**



Mid-zone cut shown as an example.

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### **Increased k-range for pairing due to the correlations**



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## Coherent organization (conversion) of electronic correlations



Stronger  $\Sigma''$  in N-state gives a stronger  $\Sigma'$  effect in the SC state (strongest at antinode).

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#### Positive feedback loop due to increasing # of states for pairing.



- Should strengthen any mechanism for pairing (e.g. electron-phonon).
- May support a fully-electronic mechanism, starting from fluctuations.

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### Trilayer nickelates: Quasi-2D trilayer structure and similar d-electron counts to cuprates.





Phase diagram of hole-doped cuprates



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