The role of Hund's coupling in the nematicity of iron superconductors:

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Nematicity in FeSe



Orthorhombic distortion

Electronic properties strongly anisotropic



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Sun et al, arXiv 1512.06951

Spin degree of freedom

Orbital degree of freedom

Ising-spin nematic? Quadrupolar orders? $\label{eq:Ferro-orbital onsite ordering Δ (n_{zx}-n_{yz})?$ d-wave nematic bond order Δ Σ_k (coskx-cosky)(n_{zx}(k)+n_{yz}(k)) ?$



Experimentally electronic bands similar to those predicted by LDA but strongly renormalized (narrower bands with enhanced mass) are observed



LDA: Fe bands at the Fermi level. Several orbitals involved Minimum model : 5 orbitals (6 electrons when undoped)

Multi-orbital character may play an important role in the correlations and instabilities

Hund's coupling: key role in the correlations



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Outline

□ Correlations in iron superconductors: the role of Hund's coupling. Hund metals

□ Nematicity:

- Response of the system to an anisotropic perturbation: ferro-orbital ordering and correlations
- Consequences in the band structure (ARPES)

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$$\begin{split} H &= \sum_{i,j,\gamma,\beta,\sigma} t_{i,j}^{\gamma,\beta} c_{i,\gamma,\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{j,\beta,\sigma} + h.c. + U \sum_{j,\gamma} n_{j,\gamma,\uparrow} n_{j,\gamma,\downarrow} \\ \lim_{j,\gamma \in J_{H}} t_{i,j}^{\gamma,\beta,\sigma} t_{ight-binding (hopping)} \\ &+ \left(U' - \frac{J_{H}}{2} \right) \sum_{j,\gamma > \beta,\sigma,\tilde{\sigma}} n_{j,\gamma,\sigma} n_{j,\beta,\tilde{\sigma}} - 2J_{H} \sum_{j,\gamma > \beta} \vec{S}_{j,\gamma} \vec{S}_{j,\beta} \\ + J' \sum_{j,\gamma \neq \beta} c_{j,\gamma,\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{j,\gamma,\downarrow}^{\dagger} c_{j,\beta,\downarrow} c_{j,\beta,\uparrow} + \sum_{j,\gamma,\sigma} \epsilon_{\gamma} n_{j,\gamma,\sigma} . \\ \sum_{j,\gamma \neq \beta} t_{j,\gamma,\uparrow} c_{j,\gamma,\downarrow} c_{j,\beta,\downarrow} c_{j,\beta,\uparrow} + \sum_{j,\gamma,\sigma} \epsilon_{\gamma} n_{j,\gamma,\sigma} . \\ U' = U - 2J_{H} \quad J' = J_{H} \\ \text{Two interaction parameters: U, } J_{H} \end{split}$$

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Local density-density interactions only

two electrons in the same orbital two electrons in different orbitals with the same spin

$$H_{\text{int}} = U \sum_{a} n_{a\uparrow} n_{a\downarrow} + (U' - J_H) \sum_{a < b,\sigma} n_{a\sigma} n_{b\sigma}$$

$$+ U' \sum n_{a\uparrow} n_{b\downarrow}$$

two electrons in different orbitals with different spin **Ising approximation:** Spin-flip part of Hund's term & pair-hopping neglected

 $U'=U-2J_H \longrightarrow$ Two interaction parameters: U, J_H



Correlations diagram corresponding to a 5 orbital Tight-binding model suitable for iron superconductors with n=6 electrons (undoped)



Correlated **high-spin state** but still itinerant (double exchange)

Yu & Si, PRB 86, 085104 (2012) Similar diagram in (π,0) Hartree-Fock: EB et al, PRB 87, 174508 (2012)

See also: Werner et al, PRL 101 (2008), Haule & Kotliar NJP 11(2008), Ishida & Liebsch PRB 81 (2010) Liebsch & Ishida, PRB 82 (2010), de Medici et al PRL 107 (2011) & PRB 83(2011), Werner et al, Nat. Phys 8 (2011), Lanata et al PRB (2013), de Medici et al PRL 112, (2014), Calderon et al ,PRB 90 (2014) Fanfarillo & EB, PRB 92 (2015)



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Review: Bascones et al, Comptes Rendus Physique 17,36 (2016)





Inverse of electronic mass renormalization yz/zx Quasiparticle weights Z_{γ} 0.8 0.6 $Z_{3z^2-r^2}$ 0.4 0.2 u/U=0.25

Technique: Single site Slave-spin, Local correlations Correlation strength in different orbitals is different. **Orbital dependent mass enhancement**

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Hund metals: decoupling



Fanfarillo & EB, PRB 92, 075136 (2015)

U'=U-2J_H



Strong correlations but still itinerancy

Strong correlations: Forbidden process (increases # of **double occupied orbitals**

& decreases spin polarization)



Metallicity: Allowed process

(no increase in # of **double occupied orbitals** & increases spin polarization)



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Iron superconductors in the correlations diagram





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Hund's coupling and ferro-orbital ordering

Response of the system to an onsite level splitting

 $n_{yz} - n_{zx} = \frac{d(n_{yz} - n_{zx})}{d(\delta \varepsilon_0)} \delta \varepsilon_0$



 $\delta \varepsilon_0 = \varepsilon_{zx} - \varepsilon_{yz}$

How does the response of the system depend on interactions?



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Response of the system to an onsite level splitting





Anisotropy in the correlation strength

 $Z_{yz} - Z_{zx} = \frac{d(Z_{yz} - Z_{zx})}{d(\delta \varepsilon_0)} \quad \delta \varepsilon_0$



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Effect of the nematicity on the band structure

2-Fe unit cell

zx: green yz:red

In the tetragonal state (no nematicity): Degeneracy of zx and yz bands at symmetry points





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In the nematic state finite splitting appears between zx and yz bands at the symmetry points. The splitting gives information on the kind of nematic order

Naive splitting used to interpret ARPES experiments



Bond d-wave order: $\Delta \Sigma_{k} (coskx-cosky)(n_{zx}+n_{yz})$ Splitting at $M_{1}^{\sim}4\Delta$ Splitting at $\Gamma^{\sim}0$



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Effect of Onsite orbital ordering on the band structure $\delta \epsilon_0 (n_{zx} - n_{vz})$



Shift at the symmetry points

$$\begin{split} &\delta \varepsilon_{zx}(k) \sim \delta \varepsilon^*_{0,zx} + \delta Z_{zx}(2t^y_{zx,zx} \cos ky + 4t'_{zx,zx} \cos kx \cos ky) \\ &\delta \varepsilon_{yz}(k) \sim \delta \varepsilon^*_{0,yz} + \delta Z_{yz}(2t^x_{yz,yz} \cos kx + 4t'_{yz,yz} \cos kx \cos ky) \\ &t^y_{zx,zx} = t^x_{yz,yz} \sim -0.32 \text{ eV} \end{split} \qquad \text{Tight binding parameters} \\ &t'_{zx,zx} = t'_{yz,yz} \sim 0.23 \text{ eV} \end{aligned} \qquad \textbf{K dependence in 1-Fe unit cell} \end{split}$$



Effect of Ferro-orbital ordering on the band structure







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Different splittings at Γ , Γ^{up} , M_1 , M_2



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Role of Hund's coupling in the nematicity of iron superconductOrs

□ Strong suppression of ferro-orbital ordering due to Hund's coupling, operative for interactions suitable for FeSe

□ Anisotropic quasiparticle weight in presence of other sources of anisotropy (ferro-orbital ordering, hopping anisotropy, d-wave nematic, strain).

Enhanced response at the crossover to the Hund metal (FeSe)

□ Impact on the band structure: Splittings between zx/yz at symmetry points different from naive expectations. Important for the interpretation of ARPES experiments

 \Box Further information from the splittings at M₂ and Γ^{up} (optical conductivity)





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