### Kvantni materiali : od pasovne teorije do koreliranih elektronov

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### Redneck perspective on strong correlations



• a working-class white person from the southern US, especially a politically reactionary one.



### Left-wing radicals vs. conservative

From : http://condensedconcepts.blogspot.si

• Left-wing:

#### emergence (Phil Anderson, Nobel '77)

Completely new conceptual structures and techniques are needed. We must go beyond Landau's mean-field theory and Fermi liquid theory: topological order, quasi-particles with fractional quantum numbers, AdS-CFT, quantum criticality, ...

To the barricades!

- Right-wing
  - atomistic details (Walter Kohn, Nobel prize 98)

... we have the conservatives who believe that the key ingredients are atomistic detail, good density functionals, perturbation theory, mean-field theory, and the random-phase approximation.

New concepts and methods are not really needed. They have a good system [just like capitalism].

In particular, we don't need a revolution, just bigger computers!





### To balance Rok's part I will discuss more the redneck part

- Density functional theory
- Dynamical mean-field theory (a centrist thread - a bridge between left and right)
- The idea was also to bring the discussion in contact to recent research work ruthenates and on TaS<sub>2</sub> (next week)

### Some (10?) facts about SCES

(Initially, I wanted to make 10 – like 10 commandments from the bible. Then it was 7, like 7 things one should absolutely avoid on the first date. I ended up at only a few (tend to forget ...)) Fact 1: there is a thing called a DFT and it describes the bandstructure of many compounds well Fact 1: there is a thing called DFT and it describes the *bandstructure* of many compounds *well* 

#### Bandstructure



• k-resolved spectrum A(k,E)= $\Sigma_{kn}\delta[E-E_n(k)]$ ; DOS= $\Sigma_k\delta[E-E(k)]$ . DOS determines many properties of solid state *Well*: Fact 2: Several experimental techniques exist that allow quantitative comparison with theory

# Measuring spectra PES, ARPES



- Probes occupied one-electron states
  I(k,E)=f(E) A(k,E)
  - PES : k-integrated, probes DOS
- ARPES : k-resolved, probes A(k,E)



http://www.stanford.edu/group/photontheory/ARPES.html

#### ARPES

- Probes occupied part of spectral function
- Energy resolution
  10meV (sinhrotron)
  1meV(laser)



#### STS (measures ~DOS)



### **Optical conductivity**

Also gives information about DOS (more precisely, joint DOS)

$$\sigma(\Omega) = \sum_{k} \int d\omega v_k^2 A_k(\omega) A_k(\omega + \Omega) \frac{f(\omega) - f(\omega + \Omega)}{\Omega}$$



• Schroedinger equation for  $\Psi(\vec{r}_1, \ldots, \vec{r}_N)$ 

$$\hat{H}\Psi = \left[\hat{T} + \hat{V} + \hat{U}\right]\Psi = \left[\sum_{i}^{N}\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_i}\nabla_i^2\right) + \sum_{i}^{N}V(\vec{r}_i) + \sum_{i< j}^{N}U(\vec{r}_i,\vec{r}_j)\right]\Psi = E\Psi$$

$$n(ec{r}) = N \int \mathrm{d}^3 r_2 \cdots \int \mathrm{d}^3 r_N \Psi^*(ec{r}, ec{r}_2, \dots, ec{r}_N) \Psi(ec{r}, ec{r}_2, \dots, ec{r}_N).$$

there is a bijective relation between V(r), n(r). V(r) defines the ground state density. The relation can be inverted. There is a unique functional

$$\Psi_0=\Psi[n_0]$$

#### Fact 1: there is a thing called DFT and it describes the bandstructure of many compounds well



#### ARPES on Cu



## This DFT looks quite neat. What is it? (blackboard)

• Comments: information about exact energy of homogeneous electron gas is built in

- LDA is ab-initio technique: you put in coordinate of atoms and you get E (can investigate which structures are stable)
- It describes state in terms of auxiliary Kohn-Sham states
- Energies of these eigenstates for some reason are close to the experiments for several cases (noone really knows why)

• The energies also have meaning: take SrVO<sub>3</sub>

## Transition metal oxides; structure and band-structure







#### An observation

 Bands quite narrow (2eV) in contrast to Cu (~10eV)

#### Part 2



#### When LDA breaks down:

#### electronic correlations

## Redneck perspective on strong correlations (part 2)



#### From past week

Fact 1. there is a thing called DFT(LDA) and it describes the bandstructure of many compounds well

Fact 2. Several experimental techniques exist that allow quantitative comparison with theory



- LDA breaks down when interactions get strong
- Electronic correlations and Mott transition
- DMFT
- Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub>: Correlated metal with low coherence scale due to Hund's rule coupling
- Spin-liquid behavior in TaS<sub>2</sub>

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Note: band insulator needs even # of els. / band.

Breakdown of band picture: correlated metals and Mott insulators

#### Fact 3: strong Coulomb repulsion leads to a breakdown of band theory and occurrence of Mott insulator

• Partial breakdown: quasiparticles with large renormalizations compared to band-theory

• Complete breakdown: Mott insulator

### Partial breakdown (Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub>)



- Completely different picture.
- Coherent excitat
  - only up to a 0.1e
- Heavy quasiparti
  - $(E=k^2/2m, dE/dk)$

#### Red: band-theory Strong renormaliza tions

## Transition metal oxides; structure and band-structure







#### TMOs: structure and el. structure







- PES: satellites (not present in LDA)
- ARPES: coherent excitations

only up to a 0.5eV

Renormalization of slope (mass) by 2

Yoshida, ..., ZX Shen (2008)

#### **TMOs:** photoemission







- PES:atomic satellites (not preser
- QP peak (narrowed by 2 from LD
- ARPES: coherent excitations only up to a 0.5eV
La<sub>2</sub>CuO<sub>4</sub>

• 9 els in Cu 3d orbitals: 1 hole in x<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup>







### Mott transition: La<sub>2</sub>CuO<sub>4</sub> is (Mott) insulator

PES shows a 2eV gap instead of a metal





Binding Energy (eV)

#### Optical conductivity also shows gap



Notice overall LDA describes result well, only low energy spectral weight is missing

### On doping, metallicity is restored; filling controlled Mott transition

• (Actually, more than that : doped LSCO is a high Tc superconductor!)





Ando'04

### Band-width controlled driven Mott transition



#### Fact 4: orbitals matter! Why 3d special?

- 3d orbitals don't have nodes, reach further into core
- -> charge is screened less
- -> kinetic energy smaller



### Values of interaction can also be calculated

- Atomic U<sub>at</sub>(3d orbitals) ~ $e^2/4\pi\epsilon_0 r \sim 15 \text{ eV}$
- In oxides screened to U~5eV
- 4d orbitals ~2.5eV ; 5d orbitals 1.5eV

- One has an insulating state in a half-filled band
- Mott insulator
- Hubbard model: take band of x<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup> orbitals and supplement it by Hubbard repulsion U
- LDA bands as a starting point for many body calculations



#### Hubbard model



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

$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} c^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} + \sum_{i} U n_{i\uparrow} n_{j\downarrow}$$

#### Mott picture of the Mott transition

• (atomic : blackboard)



#### Fact 5 : Mott insulators are magnets

- localized electrons/site = spin
- Spins are coupled by exchange interaction -> Heisenberg model and magnetism
- Magnetic susceptibility rises as one cools down and magnetism arises

- Mott picture: adiabatic continuity with an insulator, but not with a metal:
- Does not described correctly doped Mott insulator

 $Sr_{1-x}La_{x}TiO_{3}$ 



 $\rho - \rho_0 (10^{-4} \Omega \text{ cm})$ 

#### **Brinkman-Rice picture**

 Solving Hubbard model with a variational ansatz

 $|\Psi_G\rangle = g^{\hat{D}} |\text{FG}\rangle$ =  $\prod_{R_i} [1 - (1 - g)\hat{D}_i] |\text{FG}\rangle,$ 





Doping driven:  $Z \sim \delta$ 

## Fact 6: DOS of correlated metal consists of quasiparticle peak and Hubbard bands

• Mott transition: on metallic side adiabatic continuity with a noninteracting gas (with reduced bandwidth by Z), on insulating with an atom.



#### DMFT

#### Kondo effect



Resistivity minimum: associated to presence of magnetic impurities

### RG picture of Kondo: infrared slavery (like quarks)

Anderson model -> Kondo model -> Kondo effect

$$H = \sum_{k} \epsilon_{k} n_{k} + \sum_{k\sigma} \left( V_{k} c_{k\sigma}^{\dagger} d_{\sigma} + h.c. \right) + \epsilon n + U n_{\uparrow} n_{\downarrow}$$

$$H_{\rm Kondo} = \sum_k \epsilon_k n_k + J \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{s}$$

$$J(D') = \frac{J}{1/2 + J\rho \log(D'/D)}$$

$$T_K \sim D e^{-\frac{1}{2J\rho}}$$



#### NRG results

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$$I/4$$

#### Spectral function of Anderson model



• Good numerics to calculate, tests in quantum dots and transmission through molecules











#### Back to bulk



#### Dynamical mean-field theory (DMFT)





In limit of large d, self energy becomes local (independent of k)

$$G_{\boldsymbol{k}\,\sigma}(i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{i\omega_n - \epsilon_{\boldsymbol{k}} + \mu - \Sigma_{\sigma}(i\omega_n)}.$$

Georges et al. RMP'96

#### **DMFT** results



#### ARPES



#### LDA+DMFT

- Take LDA bands
- Describe interactions with DMFT (substracting mean-free part included in LDA).



#### Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub> properties





p-wave supercond.

T\_~2K

Maeno et al., Nature'94

Rice and Sigrist , J.Phys.CM'95 Correlated metal: Fermi liquid, (m\*/m~4)

4 el. in Ru  $t_{2g}$  orbitals

### Fermi liquid behavior below 20K Fact 7: In Fermi liquids $\rho$ ~T<sup>2</sup>



#### Fermi surfaces



 $Sr_{2}RuO_{4}$ : el. structure

LDA and experiments give very similar Fermi surfaces. Shape can be understood (blackboard)





Strong renormalization.  $\sim 4$ 

Band-width 3eV, U~2.5eV.

(SrVO<sub>3</sub> had renormalization 2, but U~5eV)

#### Going multi-orbital: new ingredient:Hund's rule coupling

• "Bus seat rule"





• Maximize 1<sup>st</sup> spin, 2<sup>nd</sup> orbital momentum, 3<sup>rd</sup>

# • $H=H_{band}+H_{aton}$ • $H=H_{band}+H_{aton}$ • $H=H_{band}$ • $H=H_{band}$

• Large and filling-dependent effects of J! Quasiparticle weight  $Z \sim (m_{LDA}/m)$ :



- 1. shift of  $U_c$  2.additional effect on correlations
- At N=2, correlated state (a "Hund's metal") far
#### Why? : Two effects of J 1<sup>st</sup> modified atomic charge gap

• Effective interaction

 $U_{eff} = E(N+1) + E(N-1) - 2 E(N)$ 



- U-3J away from half-filling ( $U_{eff}$  diminished by J)
- U+(M-1)J at half filling  $(U_{eff} increased by J)$
- Slater all d-states Hamiltonian (# of orbs. M=5)

	Effective Coulomb interaction $U_{eff}$ for Hund's rule ground-state				
	Full Hamiltonian		Simple	Kanamori	Kanamori
					mean field
$d^1$	$F^{0}-\frac{8}{49}F^{2}-\frac{9}{441}F^{4}$	U <sub>0</sub> - J <sub>H</sub> -C	$U_0-J_H$	U'- J	U'- J
$d^2$	$F^0 + \frac{1}{49}F^2 - \frac{54}{441}F^4$	$U_0$ - $J_H$ +C	$U_0-J_H$	U'- J	U'- J
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$d^4$	$F^{0} - \frac{8}{49}F^{2} - \frac{9}{441}F^{4}$	$U_0-J_H-C$	U <sub>0</sub> - J <sub><math>H</math></sub>	U'- J	U'- J
$d^5$	$F^0 + \frac{14}{49}F^2 + \frac{126}{441}F^4$	$U_0 + 4 U_H$	$U_0 + 4J_H$	JJ+4J	U+4J
$d^6$	$F^{0}-\frac{8}{49}F^{2}-\frac{9}{441}F^{4}$	U <sub>0</sub> - J <sub><i>H</i></sub> -C	$U_0$ - $J_H$	U'- J	U'- J
$d^7$	$F^0 + \frac{1}{49}F^2 - \frac{54}{441}F^4$	$U_0-J_H+C$	$U_0-J_H$	U'- J	U'- J
$d^8$	$F^0 + \frac{1}{49}F^2 - \frac{54}{441}F^4$	$U_0$ - $J_H$ +C	$U_0$ - $J_H$	U'- J	U'- J
$d^9$	$F^{0} - \frac{8}{49}F^{2} - \frac{9}{441}F^{4}$	Uc			

D.Van der Marel and G.Sawatzky PRB 37 (1988) 10674 [VdMS]

# 2<sup>nd</sup> effect: J suppresses tunneling

- J lowers atomic degeneracy, blocks orbital fluctuations, hence prohibits some of the hopping
- Example: Create a charge excitation in half-filled two orbital problem. J allows it to move only in one of two possible ways.



(Schrieffer 1967, Okada, Yosida 1973, Jayaprakash et al, 1981, Nevidomskiy-Coleman 2009).

#### A localized perspective





Correlated state, far from Mott, ruthenates and pnictides.

## Coherence-incoherence crossover in Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub>

#### ARPES



Ingle et al., PRB'05

Wang et al., PRL'04

Shen et al., PRL'07

#### Magnetic response

# Pauli susceptibilty $1/T_1 \sim T$



Fact 8: Many correlated electron systems are well described by LDA+DMFT



# TaS<sub>2</sub>

- $TaS_2$  one electron in Ta d-bands (local  $t_{2g}$  env.)
- Layers of triangular lattices
- 5-d electrons (small U)



#### Mott transition



- STS shows insulating behavior (also optics)
- Small gap (0.1eV)



• Actually, a set of structural transitions. Mott state is realized in CDW at low-T.



# Narrow band close to FL following structural transition

• 1 band per cluster of 13 Ta atoms relevant at low energies





• If it is a Mott insulator, what do spins do ?

# Mott insulator, but Pauli susceptibility?

Pauli magnetic susceptibility



#### • Finite linear in T specific heat. Like in metals.



### Collaboration with F5/F7

- Klanjsek et al, Nphys'17
- No magnetic order (muon spectroscopy)
- $1/T_1$  shows unusual T<sup>2</sup> dependence
- Spin liquid!



## Summary

- Atomistic/ band-structure point of view on correlated electron systems
- LDA describes band-structure of many compounds well, but breaks down when U is strong
- Mott transition ; DMFT
- Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub>: low coherence scale & Hund's coupling
- TaS<sub>2</sub> Mott insulator at small U; spin-liquid behavior

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Fact 2: Several experimental techniques exist that allow quantitative comparison with theory

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Fact 4: orbitals matter!

Fact 5: Mott insulators are magnets

Fact 6: DOS of correlated metals consists of quasiparticle peak and Hubbard bands

Fact 7: in Fermi liquids  $\rho \sim T^2$ 

Fact 8: Many correlated electron systems are well described by DMFT (LDA+DMFT)

# Thank you!

