Bosonic modes in Fermi liquid

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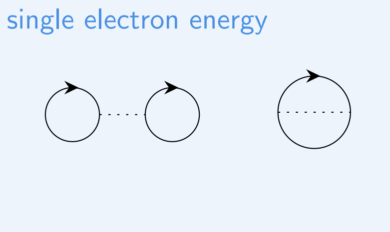
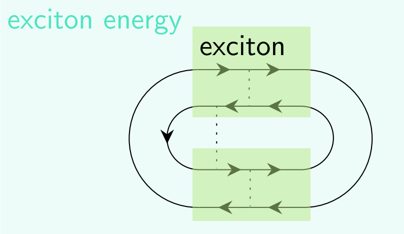
Background

In a Fermi liquid we have ...

- Quasiparticles (electron/hole) with Σ-correction
- Any anything else?





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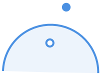
Today's topic

Electron-hole bosonic modes in Fermi liquid (with *some* scattering picked up back, i.e. beyond $\delta E \sim \varepsilon\,\delta n + f\,\delta n\,\delta n$), i.e.

$$|\text{single excitation}\rangle = \sum_{\boldsymbol{k}_1,\boldsymbol{k}_2} c_{\boldsymbol{k}_1\boldsymbol{k}_2} \left| \quad \right\rangle \tag{1}$$



No trion, higher order correlation, or even more exotic spinons, etc. beyond Fermi liquid

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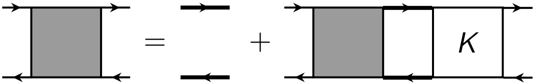

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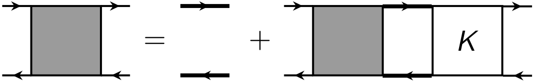

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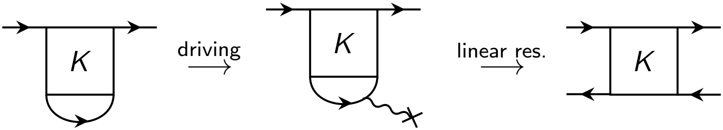
Linking BSE with single-electron kinetic theory

Linear response of single-electron under external field = BSE

$\Sigma =$ 

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simplest single-electron theory: quantum Boltzmann equation (QBE)

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What to expect

Three types of important bosonic modes:

- Zero sound in uncharged single-band Fermi liquid
- Plasmon in charged single-band Fermi liquid = zero sound + long range interaction
- Exciton in charged multi-band Fermi liquid

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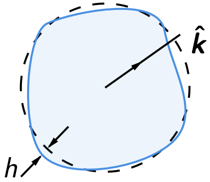
EOM governing zero sound Small disturbance, no collision, :

$$\frac{\partial \, \delta n_{\boldsymbol{p}}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{\boldsymbol{p}}^{\text{static}}}{\partial \boldsymbol{p}} \cdot \frac{\partial \, \delta n_{\boldsymbol{p}}}{\partial \boldsymbol{r}} - \frac{\partial n_{\boldsymbol{p}}^{\text{static}}}{\partial \boldsymbol{p}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{V} \sum_{\boldsymbol{p}'} f_{\boldsymbol{p}\boldsymbol{p}'} \frac{\partial \, \delta n_{\boldsymbol{p}}}{\partial \boldsymbol{r}}}_{\partial \varepsilon_{\boldsymbol{p}} / \partial \boldsymbol{r}} = 0 \tag{6}$$

Fermi surface vibration

Ansatz Disturbance as small as possible . . .

$$n_{\boldsymbol{p}}(\boldsymbol{r}, t) = \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}(\boldsymbol{q}\cdot\boldsymbol{r} - \mathrm{i}\,\omega t)}\,\theta(\mu - \varepsilon_{\boldsymbol{p}}^{\text{stable}} - h(\hat{\boldsymbol{p}})) \tag{7}$$



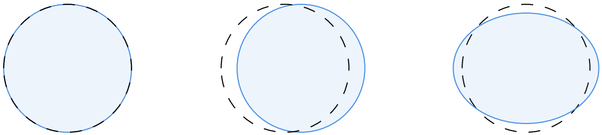
Eigenvalue problem

$$(\omega - \boldsymbol{q}\cdot\boldsymbol{v})h(\hat{\boldsymbol{k}}) = \boldsymbol{q}\cdot\boldsymbol{v}\int \frac{\mathrm{d}\Omega'}{4\pi} F(\vartheta) h(\hat{\boldsymbol{k}}'). \tag{8}$$

where $\boldsymbol{v}$ is single-electron velocity. $\Rightarrow$ zero sound has linear dispersion; zero sound requires $F \neq 0$

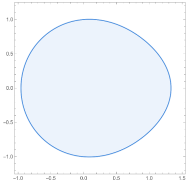
Modes

Shape of Fermi surface



$l = 0$ $l = 1$ $l = 2$

Distortion More electrons in $\hat{\boldsymbol{q}}$; less electrons in $-\hat{\boldsymbol{q}}$



Zero sound is not density wave In zero sound $V_{\text{Fermi sea}} = \text{const.} \Rightarrow$ zero sound is not ordinary sound

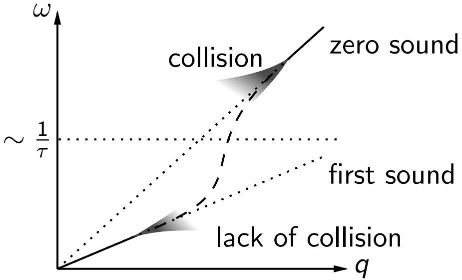
Comparison with ordinary sound

Ordinary sound Fermi liquid theory $\Rightarrow \partial\rho/\partial P \Rightarrow$ another sound mode ("first sound", ordinary sound, density mode) from hydrodynamics

Relation with zero sound

- First sound appears when $\omega\tau \ll 1$: ordinary hydrodynamics $\Leftrightarrow$ local equilibrium $\Leftrightarrow \tau \ll 1/\omega$
- zero sound appears when $\omega\tau \gg 1$: no collision integral $\Leftrightarrow \tau \gg 1/\omega$

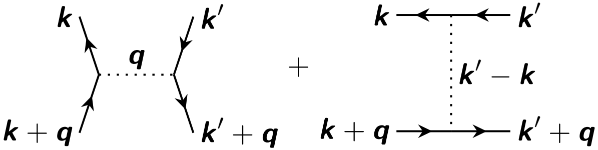
The two are connected: a radical finite-T correction



What happens with long-range interaction

The origin of $f_{\boldsymbol{p}\boldsymbol{p}'}$

$$f_{\boldsymbol{k}\boldsymbol{k}'} = \lim_{\boldsymbol{q}\to 0} \tag{9}$$



Coulomb interaction $\Rightarrow$ first term divergent in $\boldsymbol{k}$ space $\Rightarrow$ it should be considered in $\boldsymbol{r}$ space

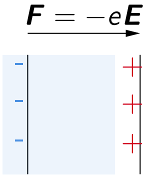
Landau-Silin eq.

$$\frac{\partial n_{\boldsymbol{p}}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{\boldsymbol{p}}}{\partial \boldsymbol{p}} \cdot \frac{\partial n_{\boldsymbol{p}}}{\partial \boldsymbol{r}} - \frac{\partial(\varepsilon_{\boldsymbol{p}} - e\varphi(\boldsymbol{r}))}{\partial \boldsymbol{r}} \cdot \frac{\partial n_{\boldsymbol{p}}}{\partial \boldsymbol{p}} = \underbrace{I_{\text{Fermi golden rule}}}_{\text{collision}}, \tag{10}$$

$$\varepsilon_{\boldsymbol{p}}(\boldsymbol{r}) = \varepsilon^0_{\boldsymbol{p}} + \frac{1}{V}\sum_{\boldsymbol{p}'} f_{\boldsymbol{p}\boldsymbol{p}'}\,\delta n_{\boldsymbol{p}}(\boldsymbol{r}), \quad \nabla^2\varphi = e\cdot\frac{1}{V}\sum_{\boldsymbol{p}} n_{\boldsymbol{p}}(\boldsymbol{r}). \tag{11}$$

Plasmon mode

Plasmon is gapped When $\boldsymbol{q} \to 0$ we get to the elementary case



$$m\ddot{\boldsymbol{x}} = -m\omega^2 \boldsymbol{x} = (-e)\boldsymbol{E} = -e \cdot \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} en\boldsymbol{x} \Rightarrow \omega = \sqrt{\frac{ne^2}{\epsilon_0 m}}. \tag{12}$$

Comparison with zero sound When $\boldsymbol{q} \to 0$, $\varphi(\boldsymbol{r}) \Rightarrow$ oscillation: long-range interaction $\Rightarrow$ finite gap

Comparison with first sound $V_{\text{Fermi sea}} =$ const. in plasmon as well: plasmon is not a density mode

Summary

Fermi liquid, uncharged: zero sound

- Linear, gapless
- From $f_{\boldsymbol{p}\boldsymbol{p}'}$

Fermi liquid, charged: plasmon

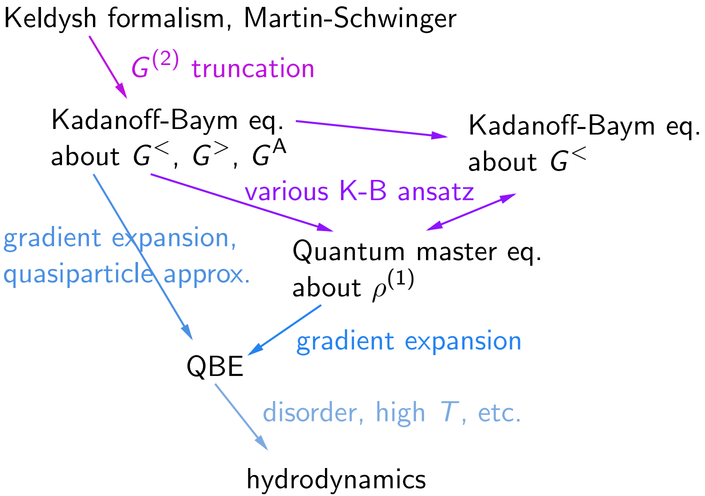
- Divergent Hartree term $\Rightarrow$ self-energy correction in real space
- When $\boldsymbol{q} = 0$: $f_{\boldsymbol{p}\boldsymbol{p}'}$ not important; gapped

Two bands: exciton

Justifying quantum Boltzmann equation

Is QBE reliable?

Yes! When we intuitively expect it to work –



Discussion