

the LSR holds if we consider the sign changes the Green's function undergoes not at $\omega = 0$ but at $\omega = \mu$.

2. Superconducting Instability

The residual interactions between the Fermi pockets and the Cooperons will lead to instabilities in the RPA solutions as temperature goes to zero. Provided a finite chemical potential is present the leading instability will be to a superconducting state. While gapless quasi-particles only exist in the A-bands, both A and B bands will go superconducting simultaneously. The general form of the Cooperon-quasiparticle interaction is

$$\begin{aligned}
H_{\phi QP} = & \sum_{i=A,B;\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}} \frac{\Gamma_i(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q})}{(NL a)^{1/2}} \left[\Phi_i(\mathbf{q}) \Delta_{QPA}^\dagger(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}) + h.c. \right] \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'} \frac{g(\mathbf{q},\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}')}{NL a} \Delta_{QPA}^\dagger(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}) \Delta_{QPA}(\mathbf{k}',\mathbf{q}) \\
\Delta_{QPA}^\dagger(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}) = & \epsilon_{\sigma\sigma'} [A_{1\sigma}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}) A_{1\sigma'}^\dagger(-\mathbf{k}) - A_{2\sigma}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}) A_{2\sigma'}^\dagger(-\mathbf{k})].
\end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

Here L is the length of the ladders, a is the interladder spacing, and N is the number of ladders in the array. $\Phi_{A,B}$ are the Cooperon fields whose bare propagators are defined as

$$D_i^0(\omega_n, k) = \langle T \Phi_i(\mathbf{k}, \omega_n) \Phi_i^\dagger(\mathbf{k}, \omega_n) \rangle_0 = \frac{v_{Fi}}{-(i\omega_n - 2\mu)^2 + \Delta_i^2 + (v_{Fi} k_x)^2}. \tag{3.12}$$

We see that g has the dimensionality of energy \times length² and Γ_i has the dimensionality of energy \times length^{1/2}.

The different terms in Eqn. (3.11) have different origins. The strongest interactions are presumably Γ_i as this term already exists for uncoupled ladders. Inter-ladder interactions, such as interladder Coulomb repulsion, also contribute to Γ_i . However interladder hopping does not – this contribution is suppressed due to a mismatch between the Fermi momenta of the A_i and B_i bands. The coupling g is smaller than Γ_i : it arises only in second order perturbation theory from intraladder interactions and from presumed weak inter-ladder Coulomb interactions.

The pair susceptibility for the quasiparticles Δ_{QPA} in an RPA approximation is given by

$$\chi_{QPA}^{RPA}(\omega_n, \mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{LN a} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2} \int_0^\beta d\tau e^{i\omega_n \tau} \langle T \Delta_{QPA}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{q}, \tau) \Delta_{QPA}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{q}, 0) \rangle$$