Optical conductivity of a clean metal near Ising-nematic quantum critical point



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- Landau Fermi liquid (FL) theory provides a paradigm for understanding electron transport in metallic systems
- However, nowadays many correlated electron systems show deviations from FL behavior. For example, *T*-linear resistivity observed in different electron systems





Other examples: itinerant ferromagnets





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- Understanding the transport properties of electrons near QCP remains one of the challenges in the study of strongly correlated electron systems
- In addition to dc resistivity, optical responses of correlated electron systems also provide valuable information on the dynamics of electrons near QCP through optical conductivity $\sigma(\Omega, T)$

Explore wide frequency range and extract possible Ω/T scaling in $\sigma'(\Omega, T)$

e.g. $\sigma'(\Omega) \propto 1/\Omega^{\alpha}$ with ($\alpha \approx 1$) observed for underdoped/optimally doped cuprates and iron-based superconductors, probably dual to *T*linear dc resistivity (although other exponents of α are observed), see N. Armitage, arXiv 0908.1126;

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Part I: Introduction

- Optical conductivity $\sigma(\Omega, T)$ is commonly used probe to extract electron dynamics in correlated materials
- Drude formula (phenomenological): $\sigma'(\Omega, T) \propto \frac{1}{\Omega^2 \tau_J(\Omega, T)}$ at $\Omega \gg 1/\tau_J$ FL: $\tau_J^{-1}(\Omega, T) \propto max\{\Omega^2, T^2\} \implies \sigma'(\Omega \gg T) \propto \text{const}; \ \sigma'(\Omega \ll T) \propto T^2/\Omega^2$
- Optical conductivity of a FL: σ'(Ω, T) ∝ Ω2+4π2T2 Ω2
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Maslov, Chubukov, Rep. Prog. Phys. 80(2017) 026503 • Optical conductivity of a NFL, e.g. a clean metal near Ising-nematic QCP (D = 2, z = 3, q = 0):

$$1/\tau_q \backsim \Sigma^{\prime\prime} \propto \Omega^{2/3} \longrightarrow \frac{1}{\tau_J} \backsim \frac{q^2}{k_F^2} \Sigma^{\prime\prime} \propto \Omega^{2/3} \Omega^{2/3} = \Omega^{4/3}$$

then based on Drude formula, $\sigma'(\Omega, 0) \propto \frac{1}{\Omega^2 \tau_I} \propto \Omega^{-2/3}$

- Existing theoretical works:
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Part II: Optical conductivity near Ising-nematic QCP

• Quantum Critical Point (QCP)



z = 3 QCP: $V(q, \Omega_m) \sim \frac{1}{q^2 + \xi^{-2} + \gamma |\Omega_m|/q}$ (Landau damped critical boson, Hertz-Millis-Moriya theory)

 ξ : correlation length, $\xi \to \infty$ at QCP Approach criticality from the FL side ($\xi < \infty$), crossover to quantum critical regime: $\xi^{-1} \to \max\{\omega^{\frac{1}{3}}, T^{\frac{1}{3}}\}$ TABLE I. Optical conductivity of a 2D electron system near an Ising-nemtaic quantum critical point (QCP) for different types of Fermi surfaces. FL stands for the Fermi-liquid region.

$\sigma'(\omega,T)$	Fermi surface				
	Isotropic with nonparabolic spectrum or convex		Concave		
	FL	QCP	FL	QCP	
$\omega \gg T$	$\omega^2 \ln \omega $	$ \omega ^{2/3}$	const	$ \omega ^{-2/3}$	
$\omega \ll T$	$T^4 \ln T/\omega^2$	$T^{8/3}/\omega^2$	T^2/ω^2	$T^{4/3}/\omega^2$	



Convex FS





 $\varepsilon(k) = -2t(\cos k_x + \cos k_y) + 4rt\cos k_x \cos k_y$ convex to concave transition: $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_c = 8r(2r^2 - 1)$

Crossover from convex to concave FS

1. Model Hamiltonian

$$H = H_0 + gH_{\text{int}},$$

$$H_0 = \sum_{\mathbf{k}s} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k},s}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k},s} ,$$

$$H_{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{q}} V(\mathbf{q}) d_{\mathbf{q}} d_{-\mathbf{q}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}\mathbf{q}ss'} U(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q}) c_{\mathbf{k}_+,s}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{p}_-,s'}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{p}_+,s'} c_{\mathbf{k}_-,s}$$

$U(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = F(\mathbf{k})F(\mathbf{p})V(\mathbf{q}).$

 $F(\mathbf{k})$: Form factor projecting interaction into a given angular momentum channel

$$V(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{q^2 + q_B^2}, \quad \text{Orenstein-Zernike form,} \\ nearly critical FL \\ q_B \to \max\{\omega^{\frac{1}{3}}, T^{\frac{1}{3}}\}$$

2. Current density operator $\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{j}_0 + g\mathbf{j}_{int}$ $\mathbf{j}_0 = e \sum_{\mathbf{k}s} \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k},s}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k},s}$ $\mathbf{j}_{int} = e \sum_{\mathbf{k}pqss'} [(\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} + \nabla_{\mathbf{p}})U(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})] c_{\mathbf{k}_+,s}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{p}_-,s'}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{p}_+,s'} c_{\mathbf{k}_-,s}$

3. Kubo formula

$$\sigma'(\omega, T) \equiv \operatorname{Re} \sigma(\omega, T) = -\frac{1}{\omega} \operatorname{Im} \Pi_{j}(\omega, T),$$

$$\Pi_{j}(\omega, T) = -\frac{i}{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} dt e^{i\omega t} \langle [\mathbf{j}(t) ; \mathbf{j}(0)] \rangle$$

$$\equiv -\frac{i}{2} \langle [\mathbf{j}(t) ; \mathbf{j}(0)] \rangle_{\omega}$$

$$\sigma'(\omega, T) = \frac{1}{2\omega^{3}} \operatorname{Im} \langle [\mathbf{K}(t) ; \mathbf{K}(0)] \rangle_{\omega},$$

$$\mathbf{K}(t) = i\partial_{t} \mathbf{j} = [\mathbf{j}, H].$$

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$$\mathbf{K}(t) = [\mathbf{j}_0 + g\mathbf{j}_{\text{int}}, H_0 + gH_{\text{int}}] = g\mathbf{K}_1(t) + g\mathbf{K}_2(t) + O(g^2), \qquad \mathbf{K}_1(t) = [\mathbf{j}_0, H_{\text{int}}], \\ \mathbf{K}_2(t) = [\mathbf{j}_{\text{int}}, H_0]. \\ \mathbf{K}_1 = -\frac{e}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k} \mathbf{p} \mathbf{q} s s'} \Delta \mathbf{v} U(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) c^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{k}_+, s} c^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{p}_-, s'} c_{\mathbf{k}_-, s} \qquad \Delta \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{p}_+} \\ \mathbf{K}_2 = e \sum_{\mathbf{k} \mathbf{p} \mathbf{q} s s'} \Delta \varepsilon (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} + \nabla_{\mathbf{p}}) U(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) c^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{k}_+, s} c^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{p}_-, s'} c_{\mathbf{p}_+, s'} c_{\mathbf{k}_-, s} \qquad \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} \\ \Delta \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k$$

5. Optical conductivity:
$$\sigma'(\omega, T) = \sigma_1'(\omega, T) + \sigma_2'(\omega, T) + \sigma_{12}'(\omega, T),$$
$$\sigma_1'(\omega, T) = \pi e^2 g^2 \frac{1 - e^{-\omega/T}}{\omega^3} \int_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} U^2(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) (\Delta v)^2 M(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \delta(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} + \omega),$$
$$\sigma_2'(\omega, T) = 4\pi e^2 g^2 \frac{1 - e^{-\omega/T}}{\omega^3} \int_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} [(\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} + \nabla_{\mathbf{p}})U(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})]^2 (\Delta \varepsilon)^2 M(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \delta(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} + \omega),$$
$$\sigma_{12}'(\omega, T) = 4\pi e^2 g^2 \frac{1 - e^{-\omega/T}}{\omega^3} \int_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} \Delta \varepsilon \Delta v \cdot (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} + \nabla_{\mathbf{p}}) U^2(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) M(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \delta(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+} + \omega),$$
$$M(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = n_F(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_+}) n_F(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_-}) [1 - n_F(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_-})] [1 - n_F(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_+})]$$

• Why does the geometry of FS matter?

$$(\omega, T) \propto < \Delta \boldsymbol{v}^2 > \delta(\Omega + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_k - \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{k-q}) \delta(\Omega - \omega - \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_p + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{p+q})$$

$$\Delta \boldsymbol{v} = \boldsymbol{v}_k + \boldsymbol{v}_p - \boldsymbol{v}_{k-q} - \boldsymbol{v}_{p+q}$$

- Δv vanishes identically for Galilean-invariant system (quadratic dispersion)
- Isotropic FS but nonparabolic dispersion: Δv vanishes if all momenta are placed onto the FS, need to expand around the FS

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$$\Delta \boldsymbol{v} = \frac{w_{\rm np}}{k_{\rm F}} \bigg[(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}}) \hat{\mathbf{k}} + (\varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}) \hat{\mathbf{p}} + (\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}) \frac{\mathbf{q}}{k_{\rm F}} \bigg], \quad w_{\rm np} = 1 - \frac{k_F \epsilon''(k)}{\epsilon'(k)} \bigg|_{k=k_F}$$
$$(\Delta \boldsymbol{v})^2 \sim w_{\rm np}^2 \max\{\omega^2, T^2\}/k_{\rm F}^2$$

• Optical conductivity $\sigma'(\omega, T) \propto q_{\rm B}^{-4} \omega^2 \max\left\{\ln\frac{\omega_{\rm FL}}{|\omega|}, \frac{T^4}{\omega^4}\ln\frac{\omega_{\rm FL}}{T}\right\}.$

In terms of Drude formula:

 $\sigma'(\omega, T) \propto \frac{1}{\omega^2 \tau_J(\omega, T)}, \tau_J^{-1}(\omega, T) \propto 0 \times max\{\omega^2, T^2\} + \text{const} \times max\{\omega^4, T^4\}$ Extrapolating to QCP: $q_B \to \max\{|\omega|^{1/3}, T^{1/3}\} \longrightarrow \sigma'(\omega, 0) \propto \omega^{2/3}$

Isotropic FS (nonparabolic)

 $\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{k}} = \epsilon'(k)\mathbf{k}/k$

• Why does the geometry of FS matter?



$$\begin{aligned} \sigma'(\omega,T) \propto &< \Delta v^2 > \delta(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-q}) \delta(\varepsilon_p - \varepsilon_{p+q}) \\ \Delta v &= v_k + v_p - v_{k-q} - v_{p+q} \end{aligned}$$

• $\varepsilon_{k} = \varepsilon_{k-q}$, $\varepsilon_{\bar{p}} = \varepsilon_{\bar{p}-q}$ ($\bar{p} = -p$, TRS) intersection points of the original FS and the one shifted by q, at most two intersection points (see (a)) for a convex FS

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} &= \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}} \longrightarrow \{\mathbf{k}, -\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}\} \\ \varepsilon_{\mathbf{\bar{p}}} &= \varepsilon_{\mathbf{\bar{p}}-\mathbf{q}} \longrightarrow \{\mathbf{\bar{p}}, -\mathbf{\bar{p}}+\mathbf{q}\} = \{-\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}\} \end{aligned}$$

Two sets of solutions must coincide

- Only two possible choices:
- 1) swap scattering, k = p + q (see (b))

2) Cooper (head-on) scattering, k = -p (see (c))

Both lead to $\Delta v = 0$. Need to expand from the FS, $\Delta v^2 \sim [\max(\omega, T)]^2$, similar to the isotropic case

$$\sigma'(\omega, T) \propto q_{\rm B}^{-4} \omega^2 \max\left\{\ln\frac{\omega_{\rm FL}}{|\omega|}, \frac{T^4}{\omega^4}\ln\frac{\omega_{\rm FL}}{T}\right\}. \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{At QCP:} \quad \sigma'(\omega, 0) \propto \omega^{2/3}$$

• Why does the geometry of FS matter?



$$\begin{aligned} \sigma'(\omega,T) \propto &< \Delta v^2 > \delta(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{k-q}) \delta(\varepsilon_p - \varepsilon_{p+q}) \\ \Delta v &= v_k + v_p - v_{k-q} - v_{p+q} \end{aligned}$$

- N > 2 intersection points for a concave FS
- Two of the channels are still head-on (a) and swap scattering (b), but rest of the scattering channels do relax current, $\Delta v \neq 0$ $\sigma'(\omega, T) \propto q_B^{-2} \frac{\omega^2 + 4\pi^2 T^2}{\omega^2}$

Even for a concave FS, the kinematic constraint $\varepsilon_k = \varepsilon_{k-q}$ has more than 2 solutions only if q is near high symmetry axis and q being small

 $\Delta \phi_{q} \propto \Delta^{3/2}, q_{max} \propto \Delta^{1/2}, (\Delta \boldsymbol{v})^{2} \propto (q \Delta)^{2}$

$$\sigma'(\omega, 0) \propto \Theta(\Delta) \frac{\Delta^{7/2}}{\omega^{2/3}} + \omega^{2/3}$$

Convex to concave FS

(d)

 $\Delta = \epsilon_F - \epsilon_c < 0$: convex; > 0: concave

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Two-valley system (Multipli-connected FS)



Kinematic constraint $\varepsilon_k = \varepsilon_{k-q}$ has N > 2 intersection points, similar to a concave FS Expect in the FL regime:

 $\sigma'(\omega, T) \propto \frac{\omega^2 + 4\pi^2 T^2}{\omega^2}$ $\tau_J^{-1}(\omega, T) \propto \text{const} \times \max\{\omega^2, T^2\}$

We provide a diagrammatic derivation of optical conductivity based on Kubo formula

• One of the bands (band 1) is tuned near Ising-nematic QCP, while the other band (band 2) acts as a "momentum sink" for band 1 (two bands are isotropic but nonparabolic)

 $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{ff}} + \mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{ff}}$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\rm f0} = \sum_{j=1,2} \int d\tau \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \bar{c}_{\mathbf{k},j}(\tau) \left(\partial_{\tau} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k},j}\right) c_{\mathbf{k},j}(\tau) \\ \mathcal{A}_{\rm ff} = \frac{1}{2} \int d\tau \sum_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q}} \sum_{jj'=1,2} F(\mathbf{k}) F(\mathbf{p}) v_{jj'} \\ \times \bar{c}_{\mathbf{k}+\frac{\mathbf{q}}{2},j}(\tau) \bar{c}_{\mathbf{p}-\frac{\mathbf{q}}{2},j'}(\tau) c_{\mathbf{p}+\frac{\mathbf{q}}{2},j'}(\tau) c_{\mathbf{k}-\frac{\mathbf{q}}{2},j}(\tau)$$

 $\hat{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_{11} & v_{12} \\ v_{12} & v_{22} \end{pmatrix},$

Bare Hubbard interaction

• RPA for dressed interaction V

 $\hat{V}(\mathbf{q}, \Omega_m) = \hat{v} + \hat{v}\hat{\Pi}(\mathbf{q}, \Omega_m)\hat{V}(\mathbf{q}, \Omega_m),$ $\hat{\Pi}(\mathbf{q}, \Omega_m) = \operatorname{diag}\left(\Pi_{11}(\mathbf{q}, \Omega_m), \Pi_{22}(\mathbf{q}, \Omega_m)\right)$

Assuming band 2 is noninteracting, $v_{22} = 0$; Expand to $O(v_{12}^2)$





Part III: Summary

• Optical conductivity $\sigma'(\omega, T)$ of a NFL: a 2D clean metal near Ising-nematic QCP $(z = 3, q = 0), \omega$ - and *T*-dependence sensitive to the geometry of Fermi surface

$\sigma'(\omega,T)$	Fermi surface						
	Isotropic with nonparabolic spectrum or convex			Concave			
	FL	QCP	FL	QCP			
$\omega \gg T$	$\omega^2 \ln \omega $	$ \omega ^{2/3}$	const	$ \omega ^{-2/3}$			
$\omega \ll T$	$T^4 \ln T/\omega^2$	$T^{8/3}/\omega^2$	T^2/ω^2	$T^{4/3}/\omega^2$			

Convex FS: $\sigma'(\omega, 0) \propto \omega^{2/3}$ Concave FS: $\sigma'(\omega, 0) \propto \omega^{-2/3}$

• Optical conductivity $\sigma'(\omega, T)$ of a two-valley system near Ising-nematic QCP



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