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Theory of correlated fermionic condensed matter

## 5. Common concepts in correlated Fermi systems

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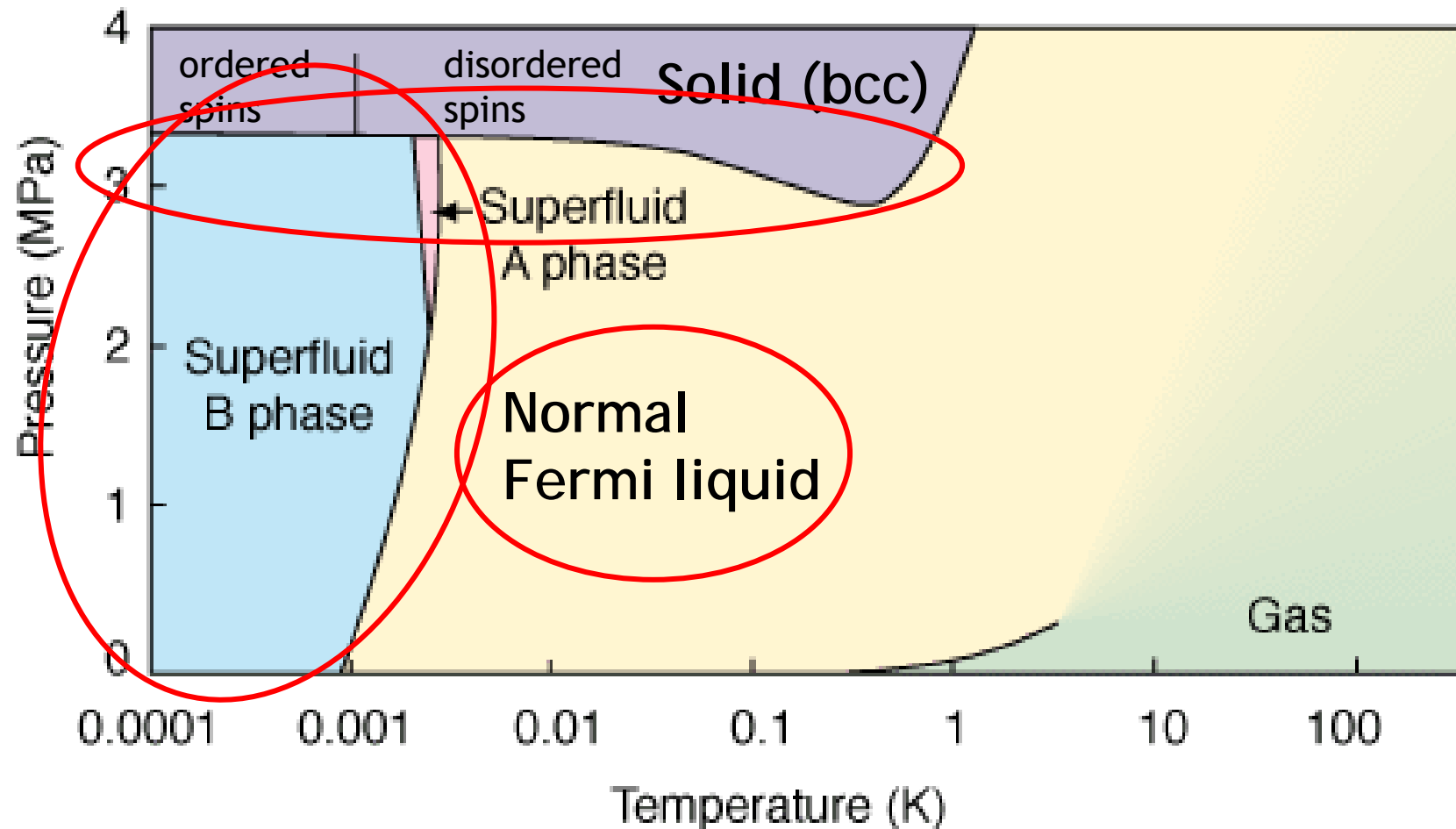
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# Outline:

- Common properties of correlated electrons and  $^3\text{He}$
- **Emergence** in many-particle systems

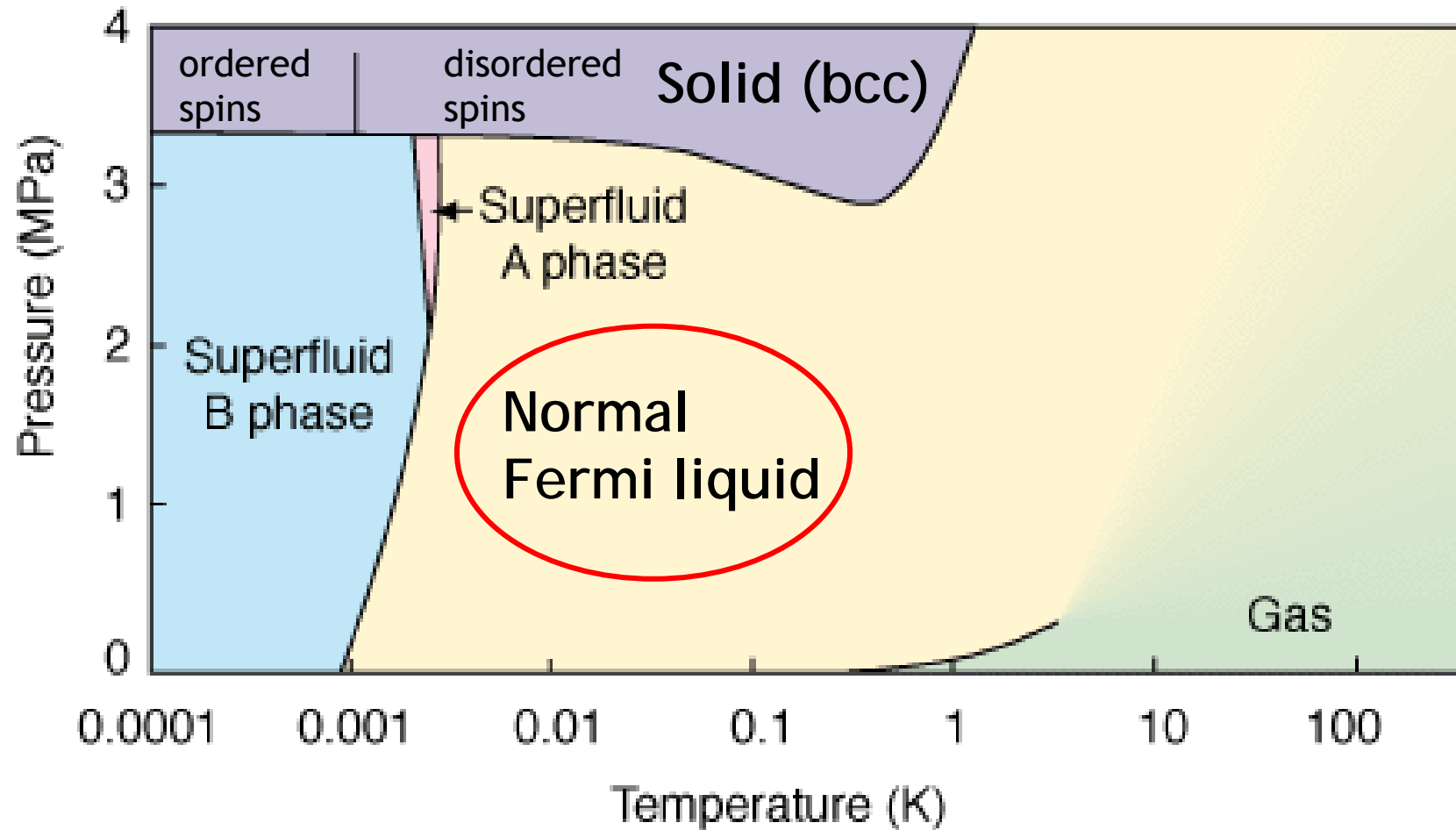
## Paradigm: Helium-3

1. Normal state
2. Pair-correlated state
3. localization-delocalization transition

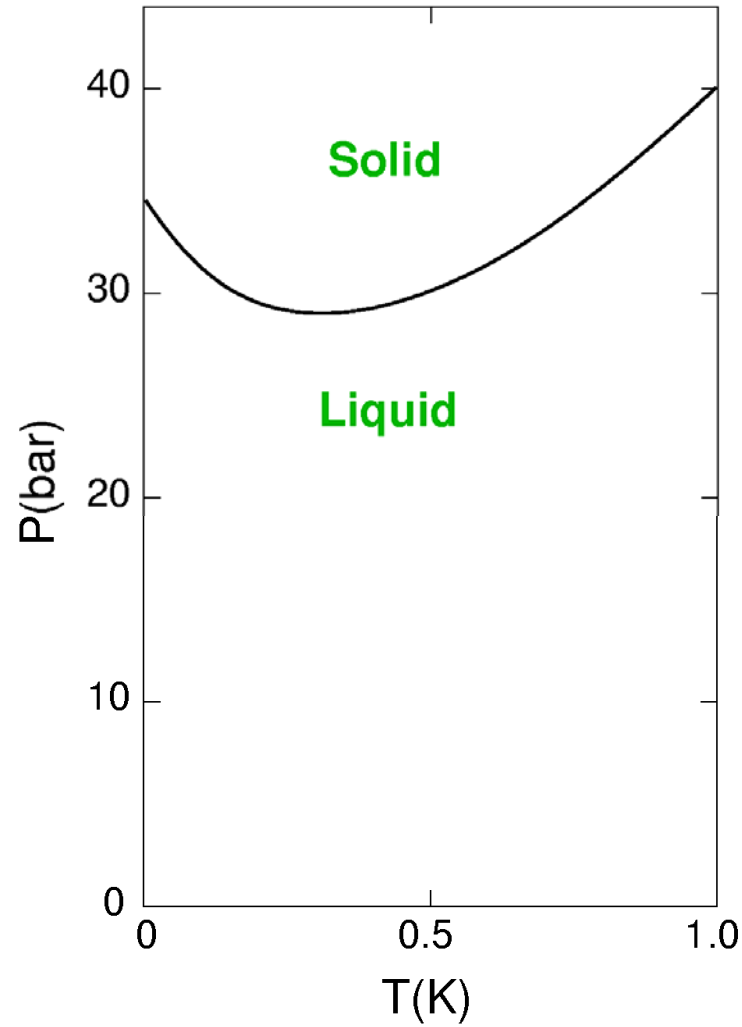


# 1. Normal state properties

$^3\text{He}$



$^3\text{He}$



Nuclear spin

$$I = \frac{1}{2}\hbar$$



Fermion

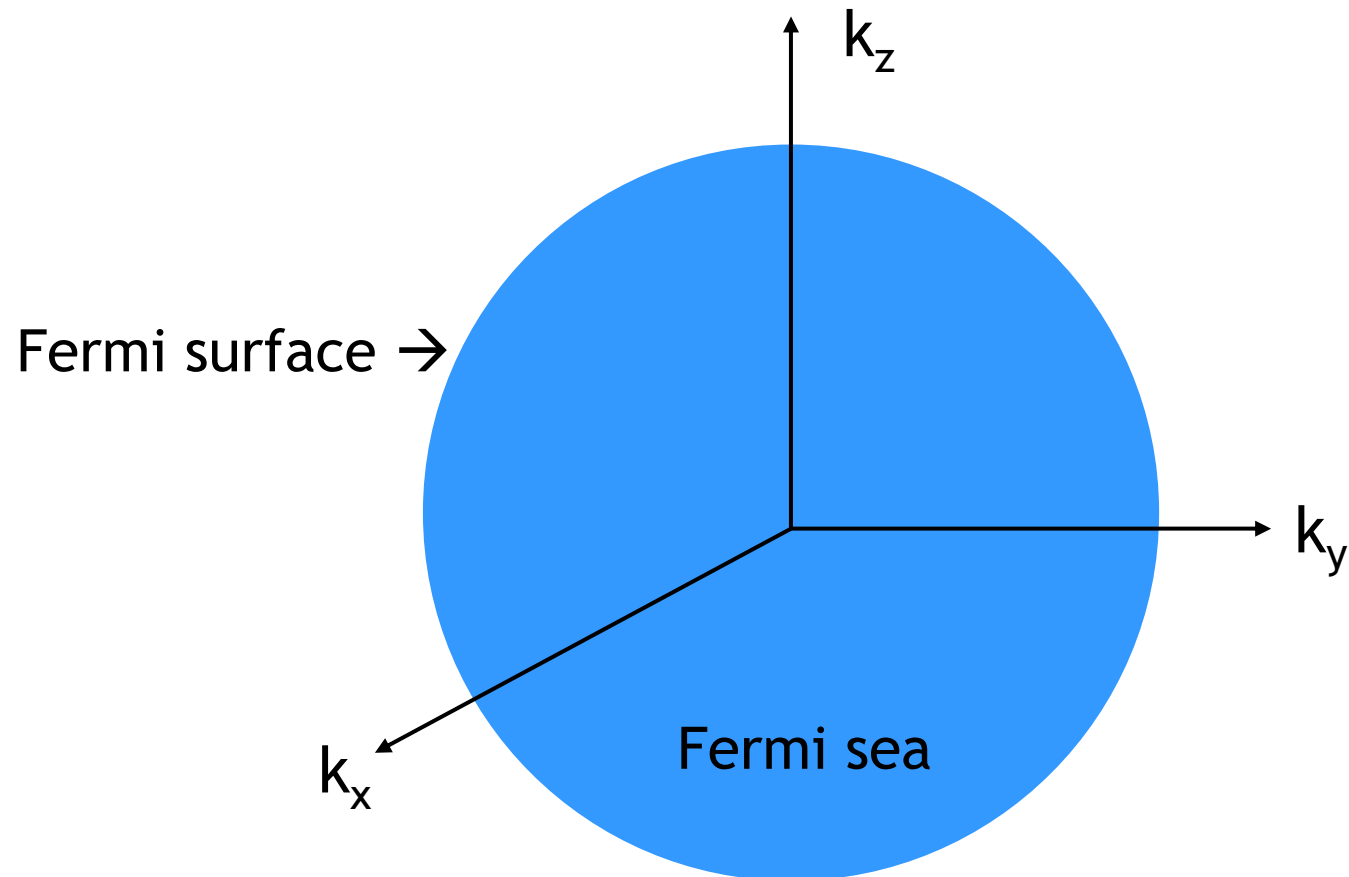


Fermi-Dirac statistics

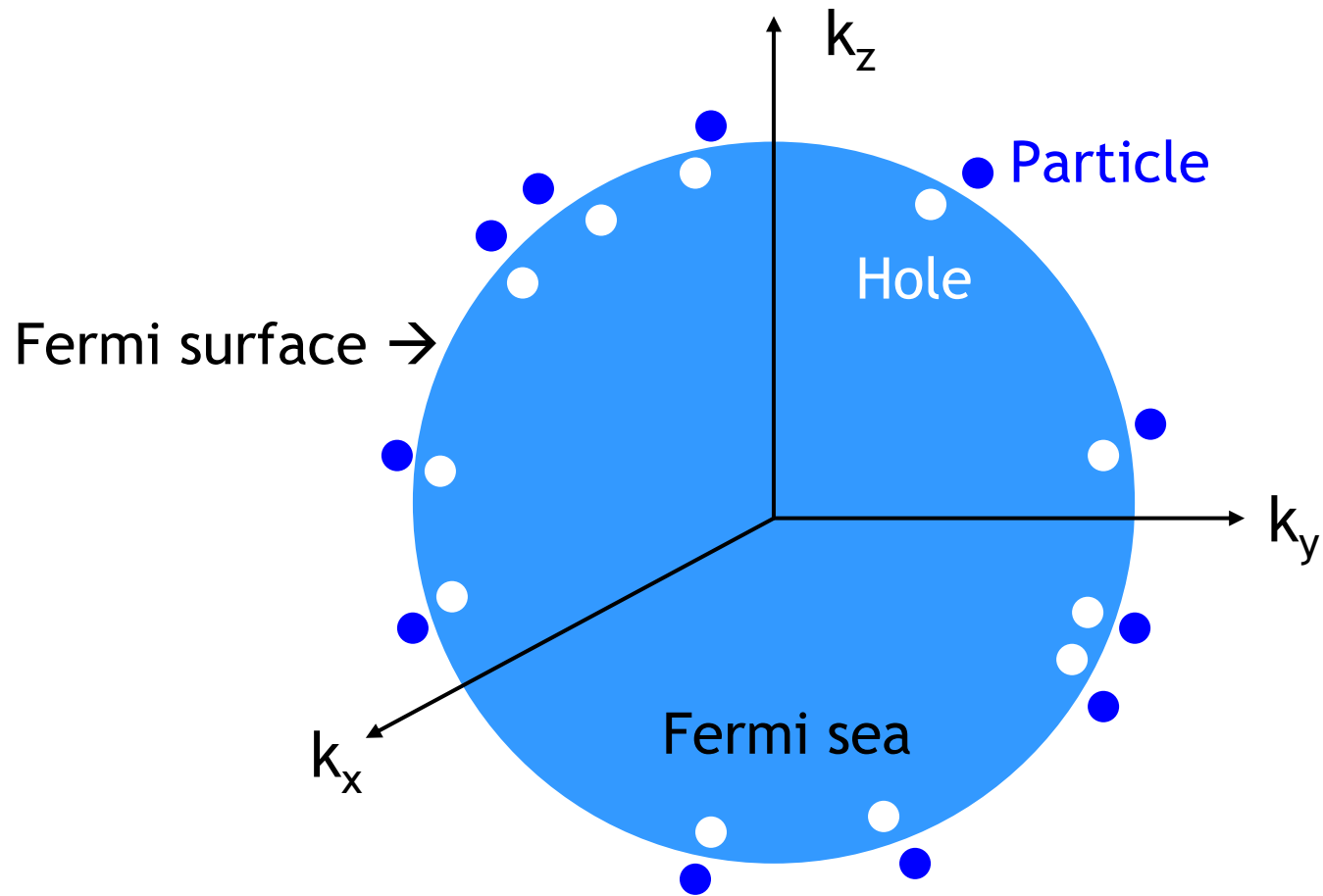


Fermi body/surface

# Fermi gas: Ground state



# Fermi gas: Excited states ( $T > 0$ )



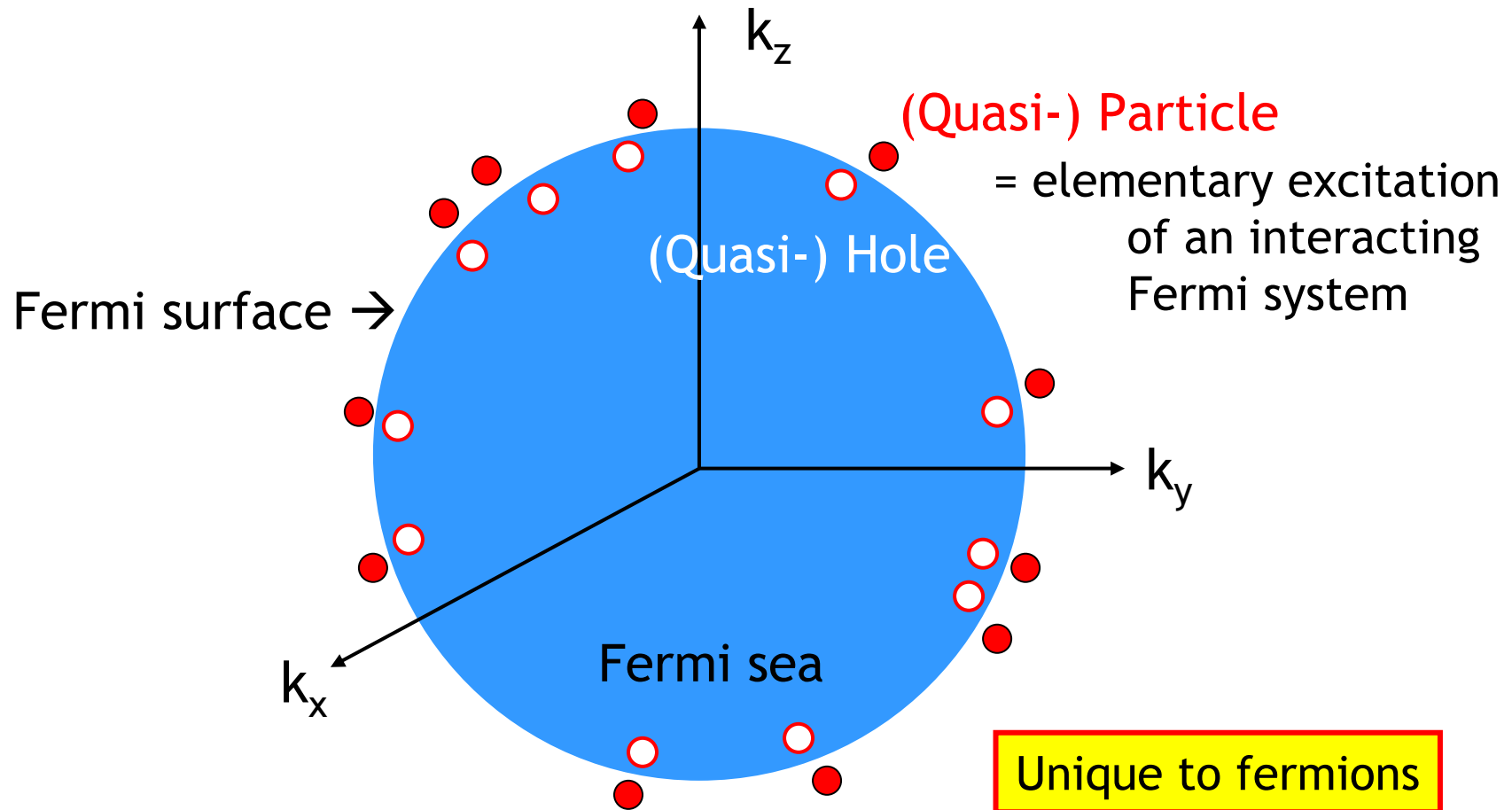
Exact k-states ("particles"): **infinite** life time

**Switch on interaction adiabatically** ( $d=3$ )

# Landau Fermi liquid

Landau (1956/58)

1-1 correspondence between k-states



Well-defined k-states ("quasiparticles") with

- finite life time
- effective mass
- effective interaction



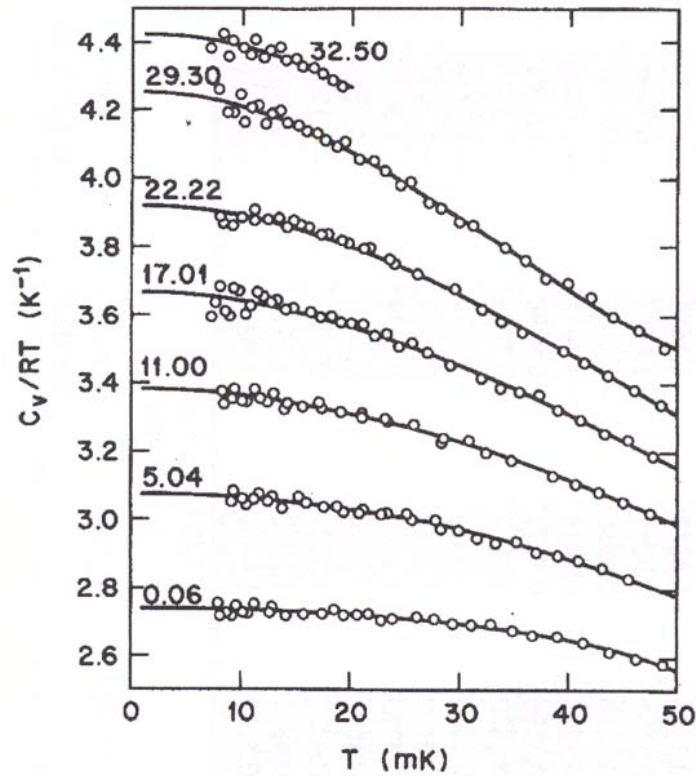
## Universal Fermi liquid properties:

specific heat  $c_V = \frac{m^*}{m} c_V^0$

spin susceptibility  $\chi_s = \frac{m^*/m}{1 + F_0^a} \chi_s^0$

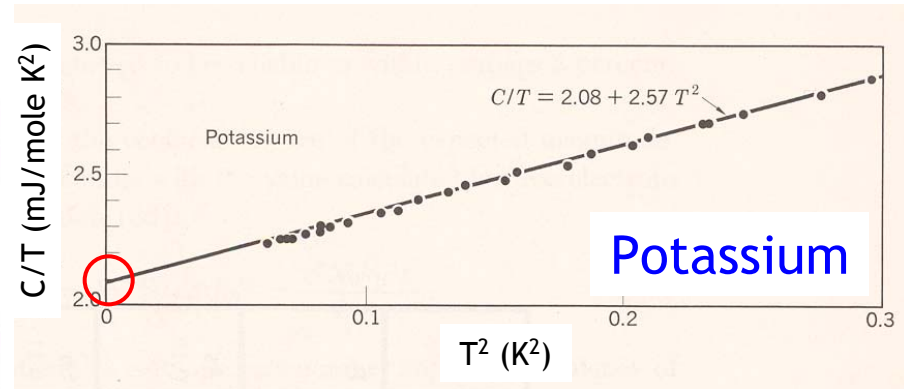
compressibility  $\kappa = \frac{m^*/m}{1 + F_0^s} \kappa^0$

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow 0} \frac{C_V}{T} = \gamma \propto \frac{m^*}{m} \quad \text{quasiparticle mass}$$

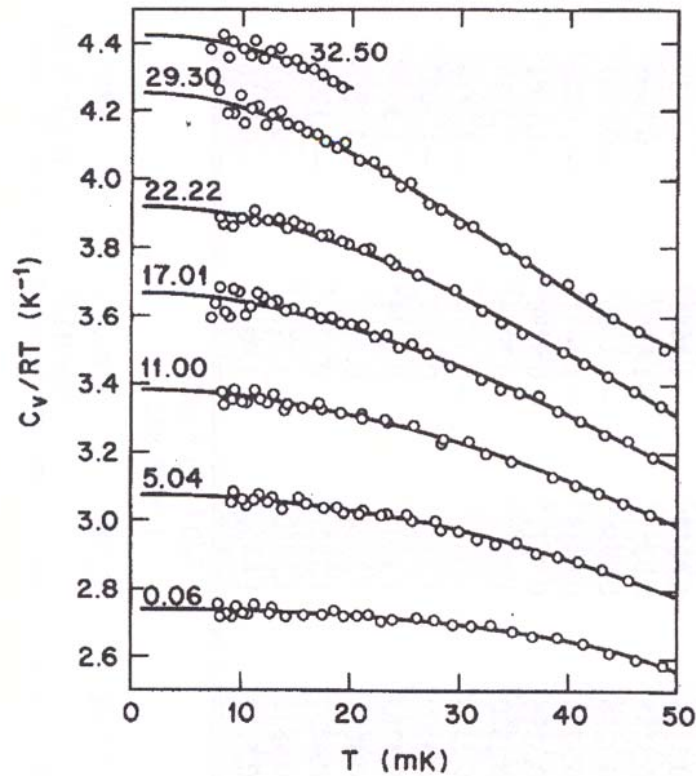


$^3\text{He}$   
Greywall (1983)

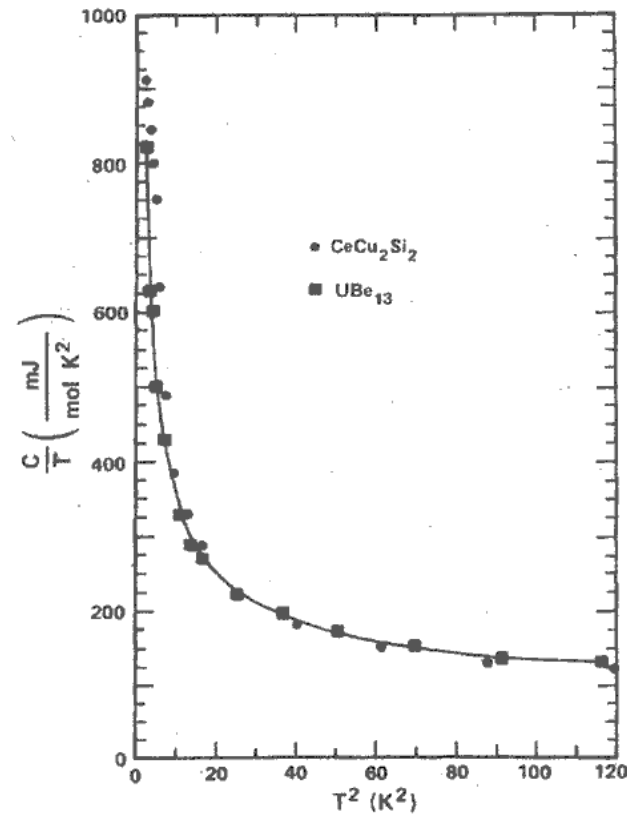
### Simple metals



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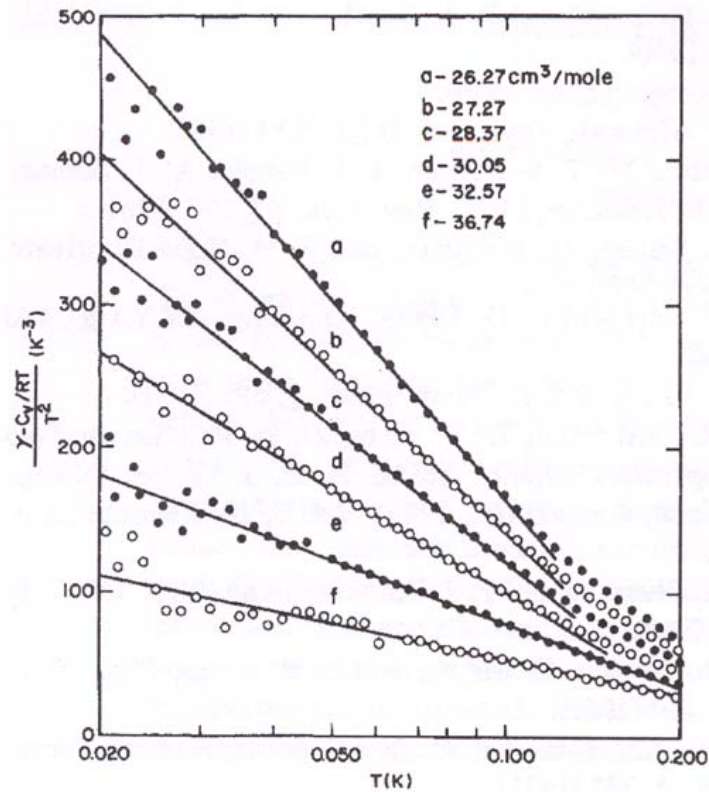
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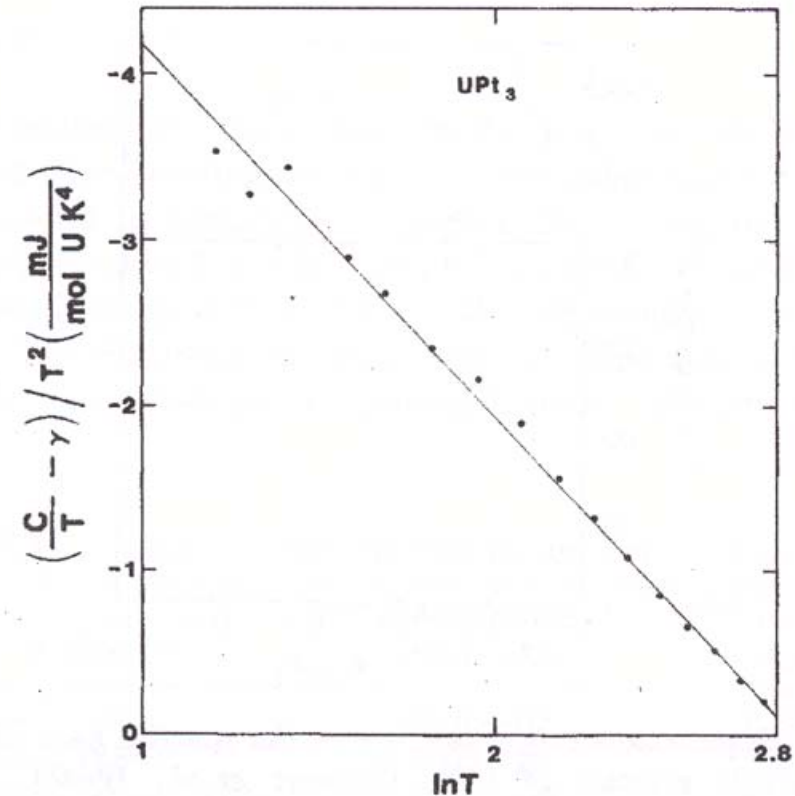
Heavy fermions:  $\text{UBe}_{13}$ ,  $\text{CeCu}_2\text{Si}_2$   
Stewart *et al.* (1983, 1984)

$$c_V = \gamma T + \Gamma T^3 \ln T$$

Eliashberg (1960)  
 Doniach, Engelsberg (1966)  
 Pethick, Carneiro (1973)  
 Chubukov *et al.* (2005)  
 Aleiner, Efetov (2006)

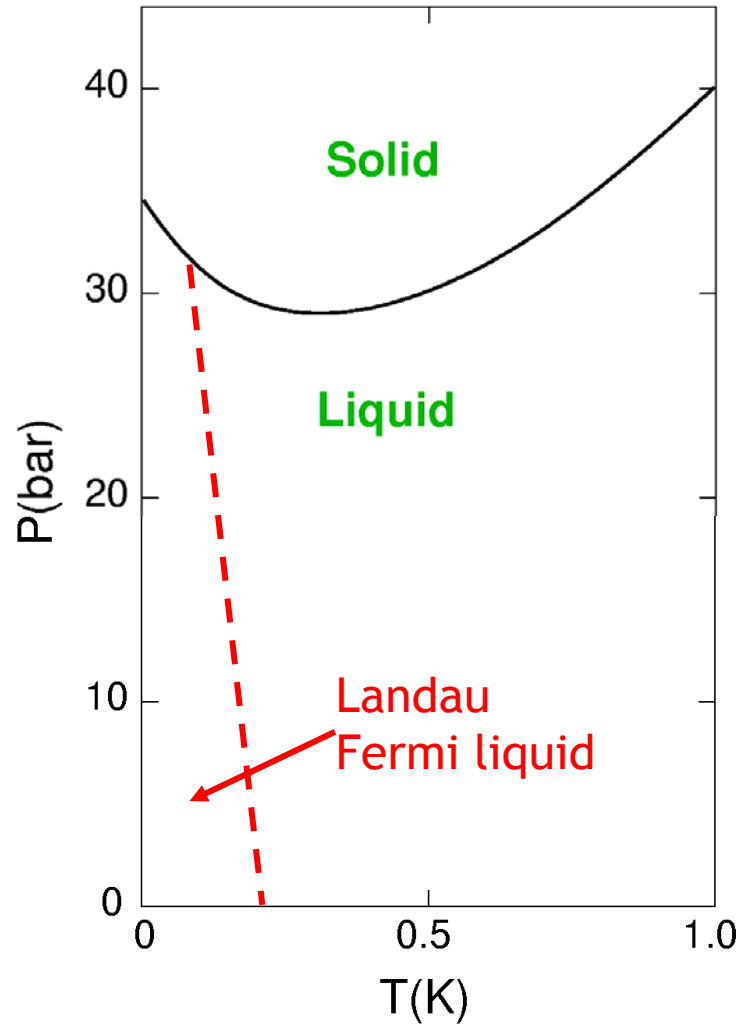


$^3\text{He}$   
 Greywall (1983)



Heavy fermions:  $\text{UPt}_3$   
 Stewart *et al.* (1983, 1984)

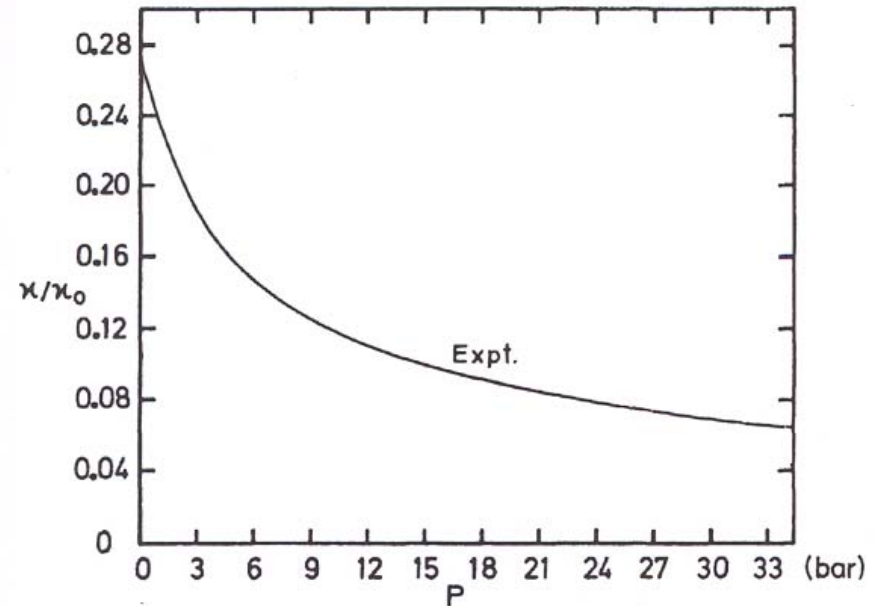
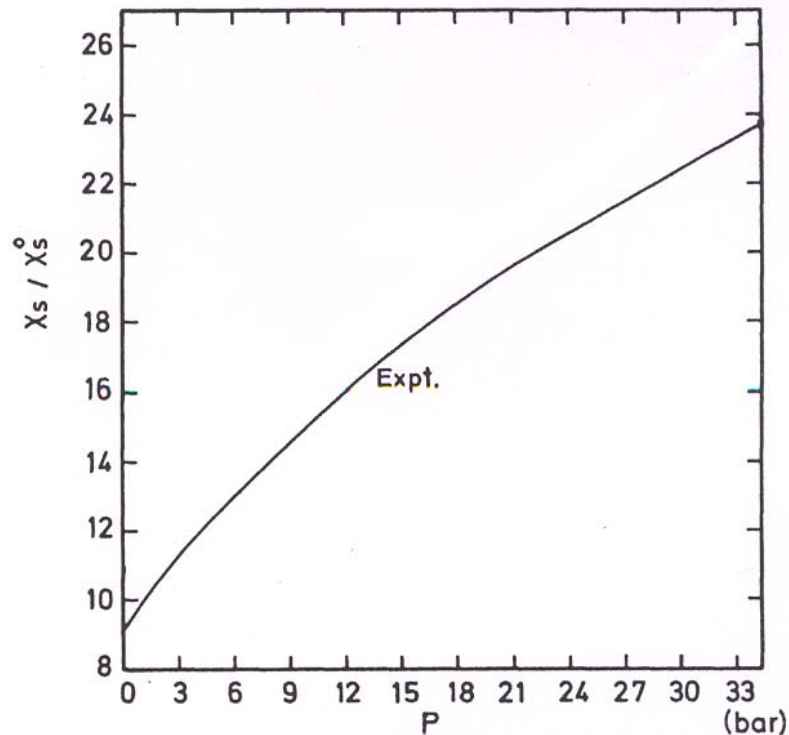
$^3\text{He}$



$$T_F^* = \frac{1}{k_B} \frac{\hbar^2 k_F^2}{2m^*}$$
$$= \frac{m}{m^*} T_F \approx 1.5K$$

## $^3\text{He}$ : Pressure dependence

Greywall (1983)

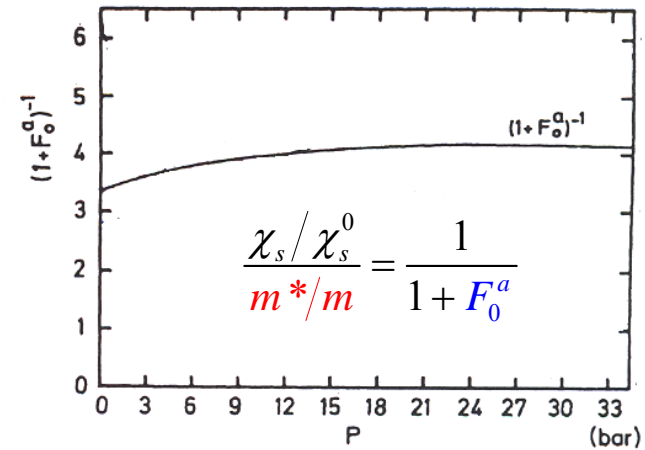
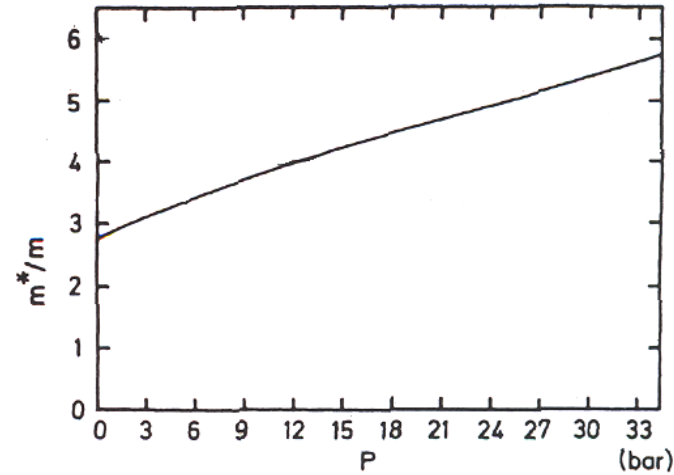
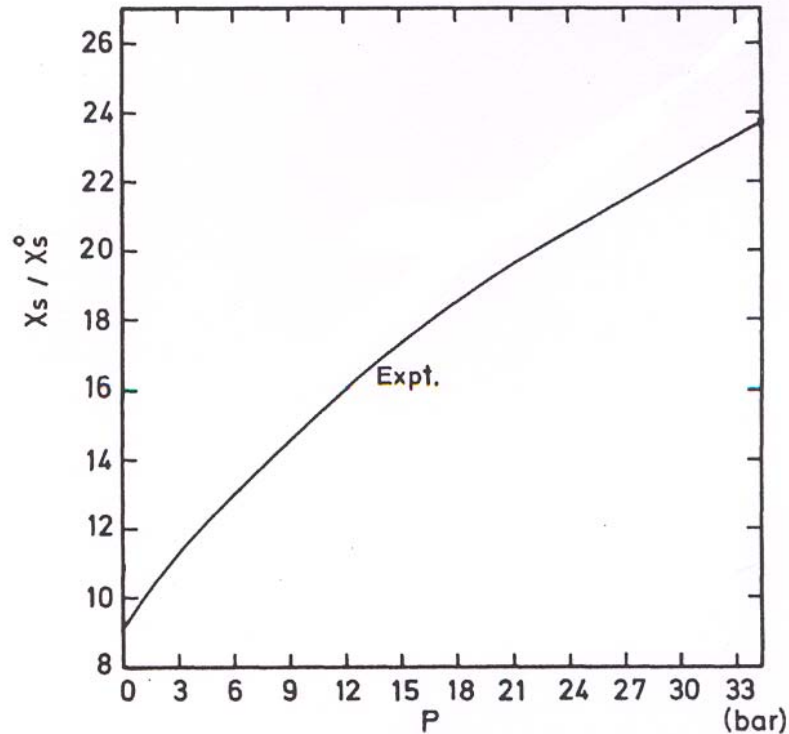


Strong short-range, repulsive interactions  $\rightarrow$

- spin fluctuations strongly enhanced
- density fluctuations strongly suppressed

High susceptibility: “almost ferromagnetic liquid“?

## $^3\text{He}$ : Pressure dependence



$$\chi_s / \chi_s^0 = \frac{m^*/m}{1 + F_0^a}$$

Anderson, Brinkman (1975):

“Almost localized Fermi liquid“;  
vicinity of Mott transition

## Gutzwiller-Brinkman-Rice theory

$$H = \sum_{i,j,\sigma} t_{ij} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + U \underbrace{\sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}}_{\hat{D}}$$

Gutzwiller (1963)  
Hubbard (1963)  
Kanamori (1963)

Gutzwiller wave function  $|\psi_G\rangle = e^{-\lambda \hat{D}} |\psi_0\rangle$

$$E_G = \frac{1}{L} \frac{\langle \psi_G | H | \psi_G \rangle}{\langle \psi_G | \psi_G \rangle}$$

↑  
One-particle wave function  
(Hartree-Fock, BCS, etc.)

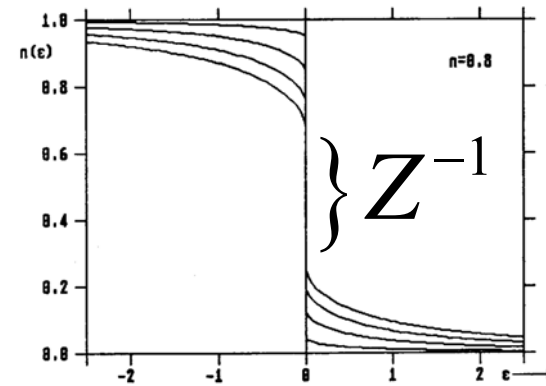
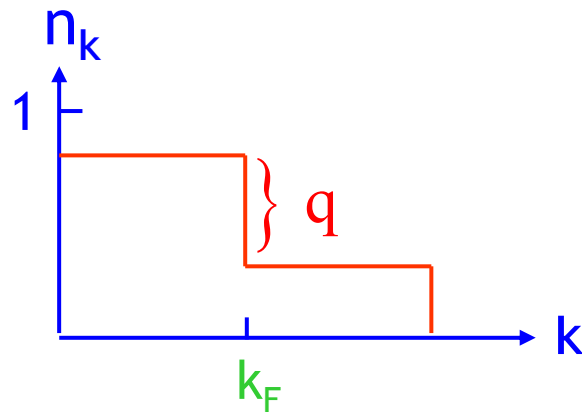
d=1,∞: exact analytic evaluation possible

Metzner, DV (1988/89)



# Gutzwiller approximation (1963/65)

$$\frac{E_G^{GA}}{L} = q(d)\bar{\epsilon}_0 + Ud, \quad \frac{\partial E}{\partial d} = 0$$



Brinkman, Rice (1970):

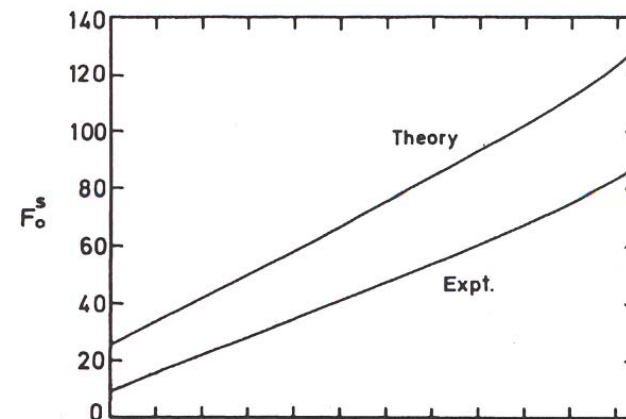
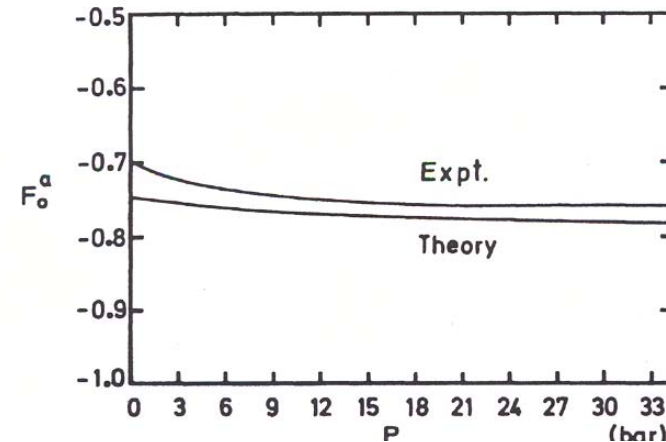
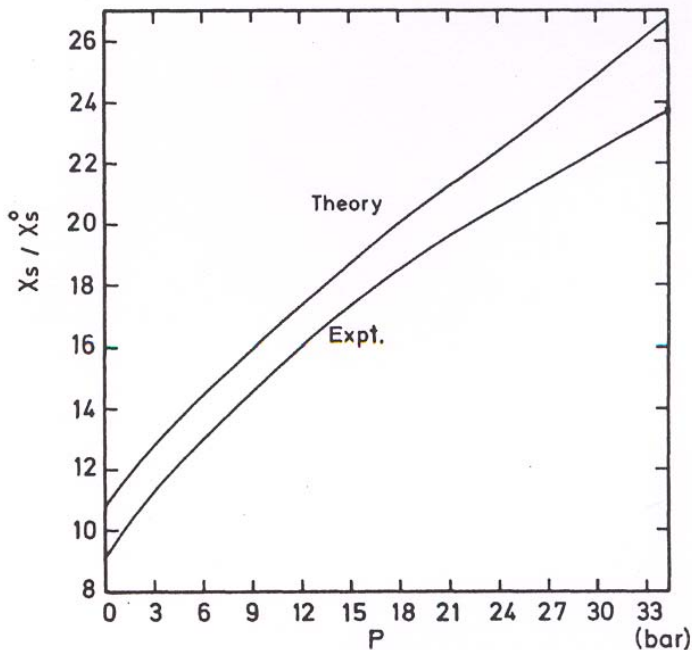
$$\frac{m^*}{m} = q^{-1} \xrightarrow{U \rightarrow U_c} \infty$$

Describes  
metal-insulator  
("Mott") transition,  
→ application to  $V_2O_3$

# Gutzwiller-Brinkman-Rice theory: Application to normal liquid $^3\text{He}$

DV (1984)

Gutzwiller approximation  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Landau Fermi liquid theory



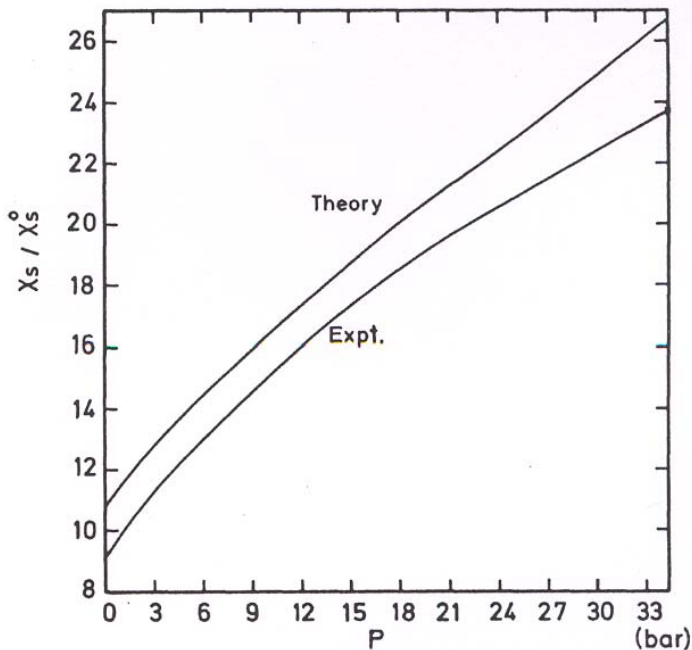
liquid  $^3\text{He}$ :

"almost **localized** Fermi liquid" (vicinity of **Mott transition**),  
not „almost ferromagnetic“

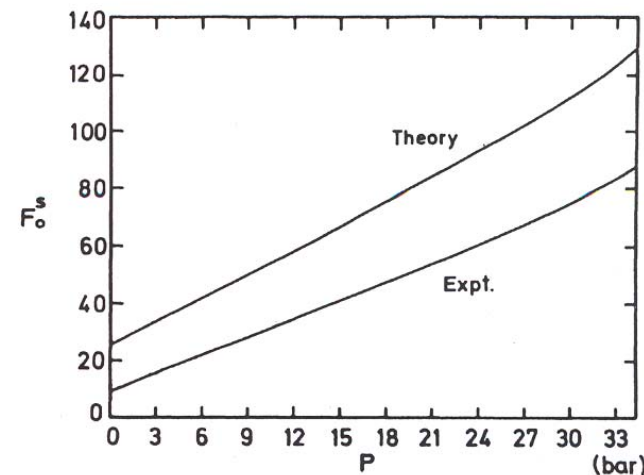
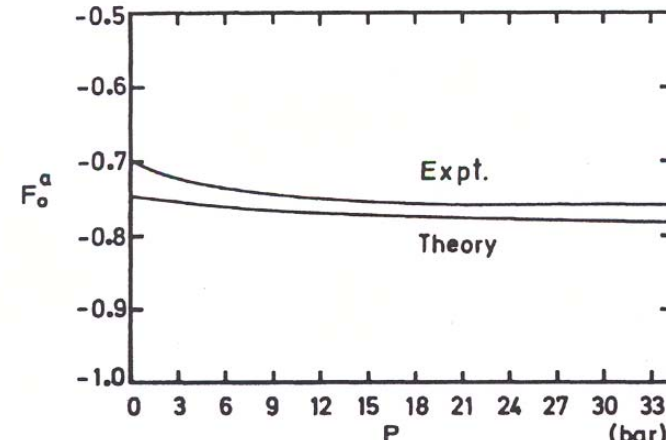
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Generalization:  
Gutzwiller-Hubbard  
lattice gas model for  $^3\text{He}$



DV, Wölfle, Anderson (1987)

# Gutzwiller wave function in $d \rightarrow \infty$

$$|\psi_G\rangle = e^{-\lambda \hat{H}_U} |\psi_0\rangle$$
$$E_G = \frac{\langle \psi_G | H | \psi_G \rangle}{\langle \psi_G | \psi_G \rangle}$$

Gutzwiller approximation **exact** in  $d \rightarrow \infty$

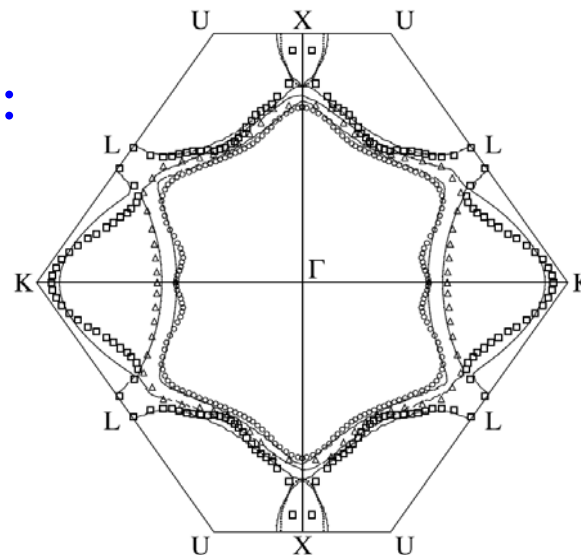
Metzner, DV (1989)

$d \rightarrow \infty$ : Evaluation of  $E_G$  for arbitrary  $|\psi_0\rangle$

Gebhard (1990)

Multi-band generalization:

„Gutzwiller DFT“



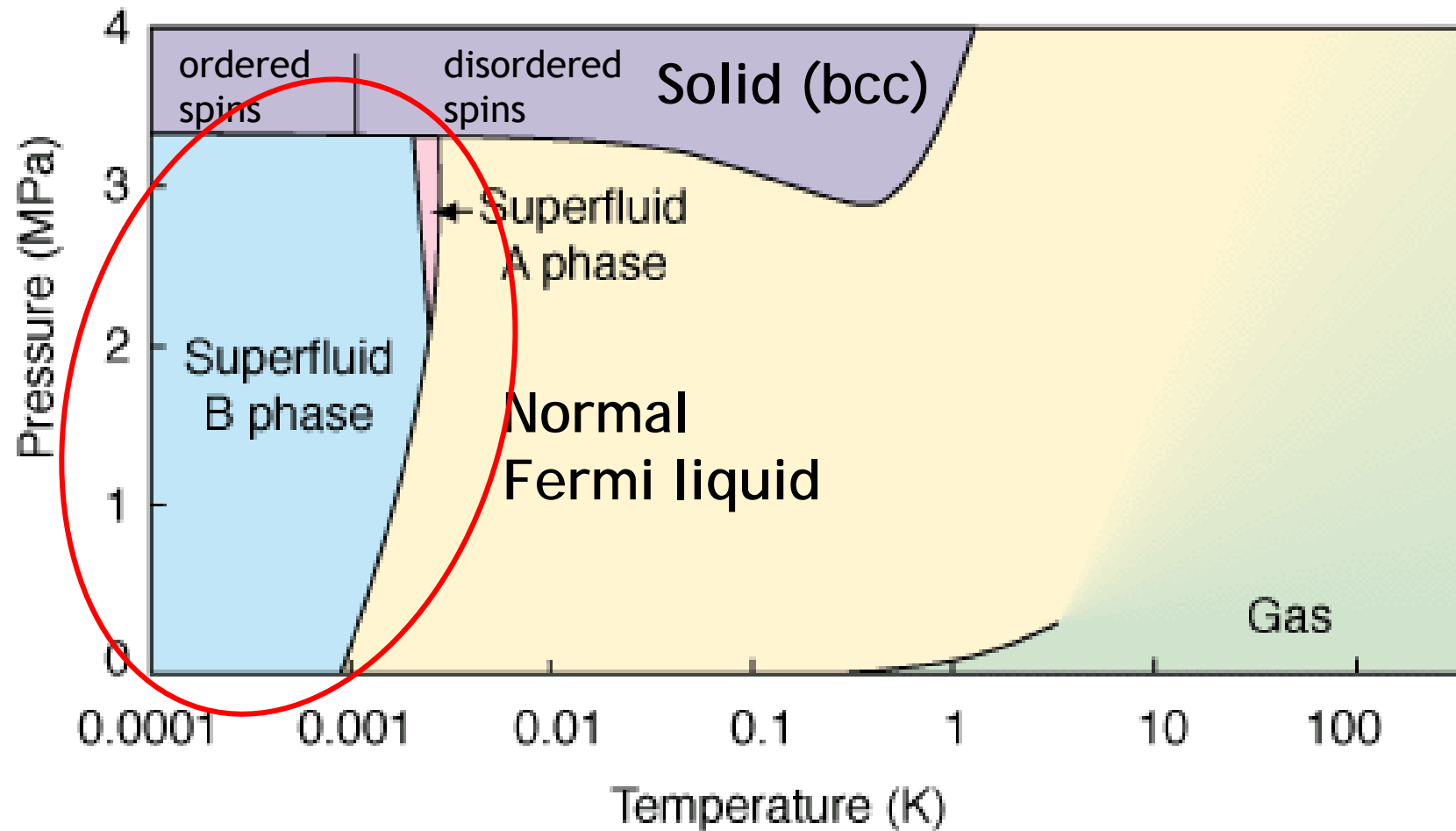
Ferromagnetic Ni:  
Cut of Fermi surface

Bünemann, Gebhard, Ohm, Weiser, Weber (2005)

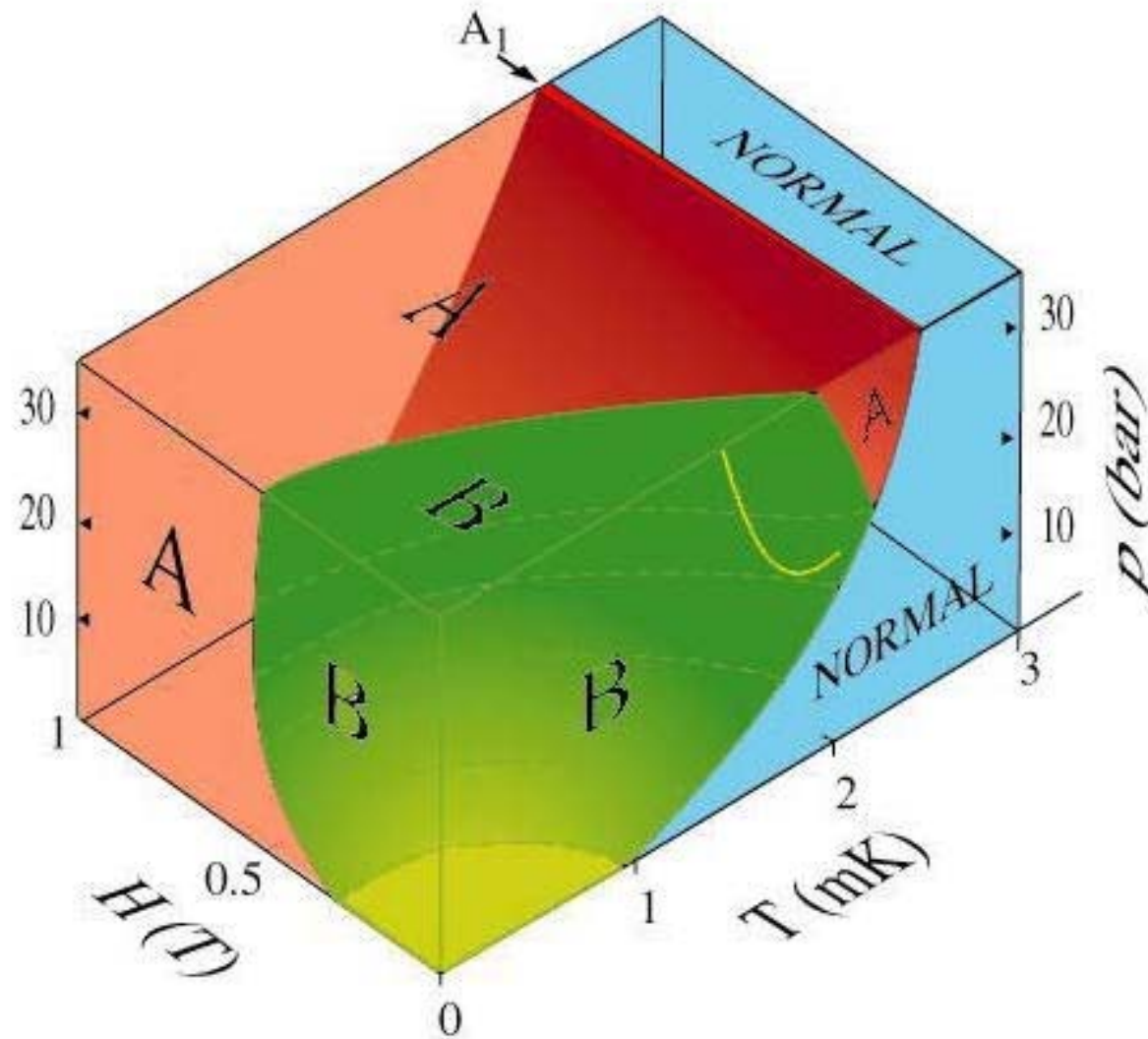
## 2. Pair-correlated state

Osheroff, Richardson, Lee (1972)

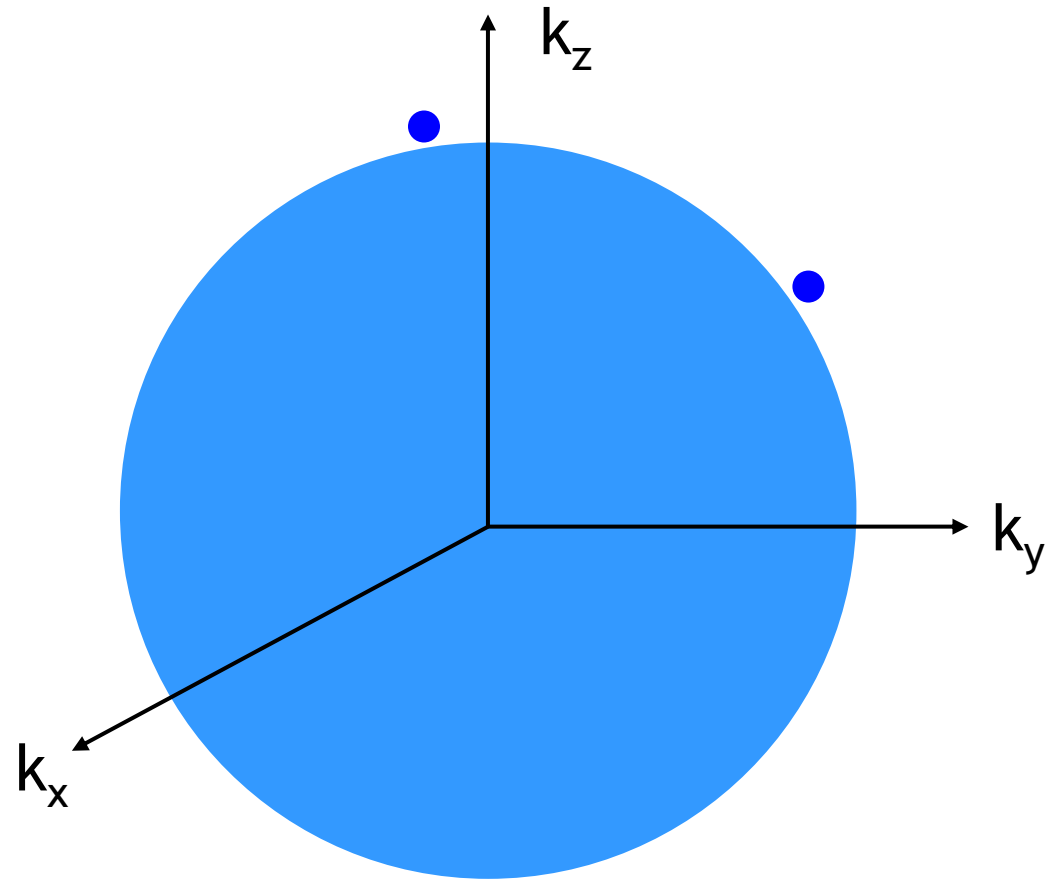
$^3\text{He}$ : P-T phase diagram



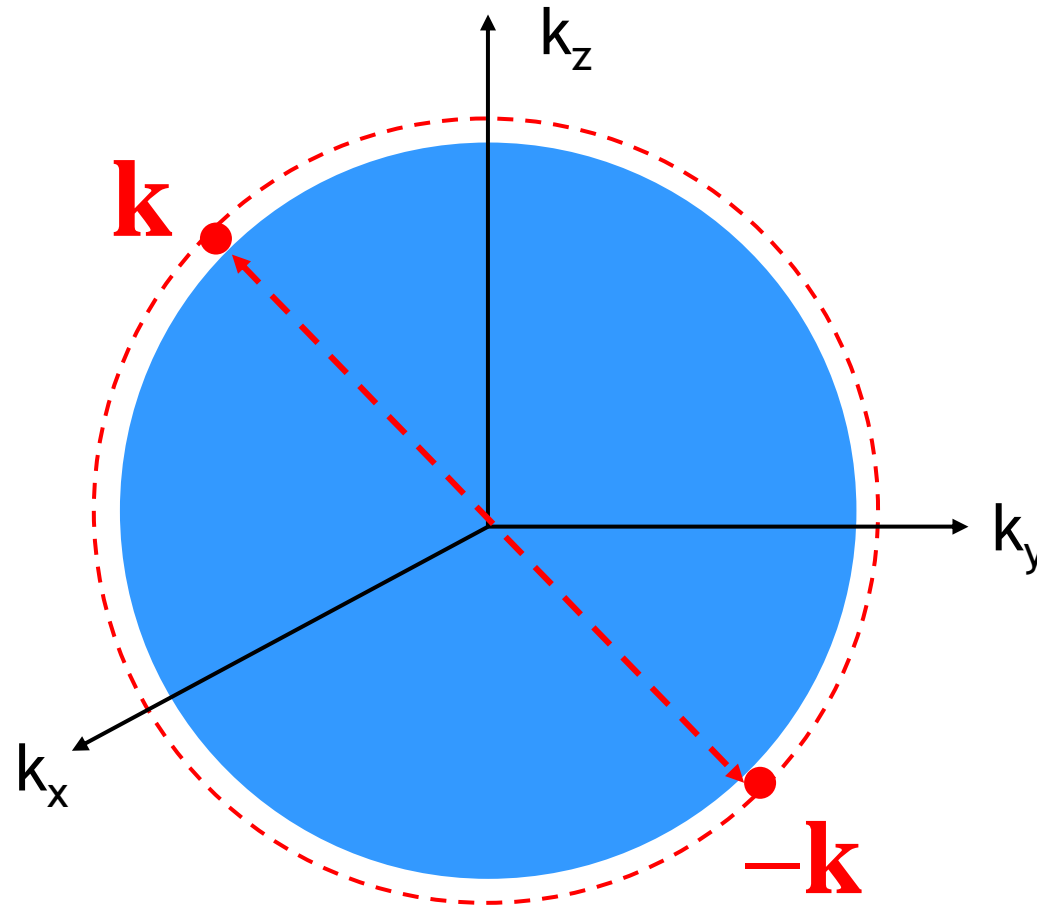
# $^3\text{He}$ : H-P-T phase diagram



# Landau Fermi liquid



Arbitrarily weak attraction  $\Rightarrow$  Cooper instability

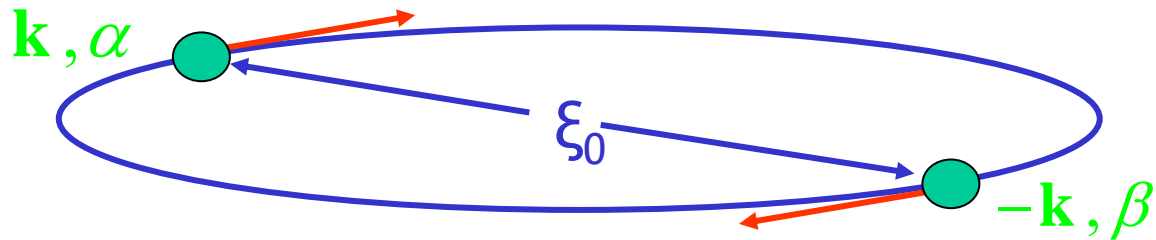


Universal fermionic property



Arbitrarily weak attraction:

Cooper pair  $(\mathbf{k}, \alpha; -\mathbf{k}, \beta)$



$$\Psi_{L=0,2,4,\dots} = \psi(\mathbf{r}) \left| \uparrow\downarrow - \downarrow\uparrow \right\rangle$$

$S=0$   
(singlet)

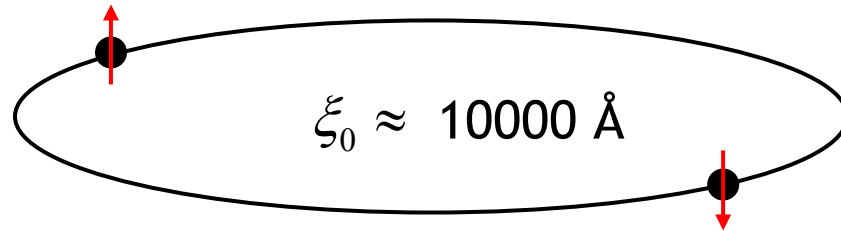
$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{L=1,3,5,\dots} = & \psi_+(\mathbf{r}) \left| \uparrow\uparrow \right\rangle \\ & + \psi_0(\mathbf{r}) \left| \uparrow\downarrow + \downarrow\uparrow \right\rangle \\ & + \psi_-(\mathbf{r}) \left| \downarrow\downarrow \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$S=1$   
(triplet)

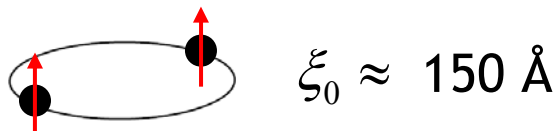
# Cooper pairing of Fermions vs. Bose-Einstein condensation

Cooper pair: "Quasi-boson"

Conventional superconductors



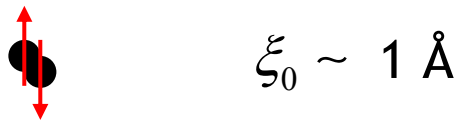
Superfluid  $^3\text{He}$



High  $T_c$  superconductors



Tightly packed bosons



BCS

Continuous crossover?

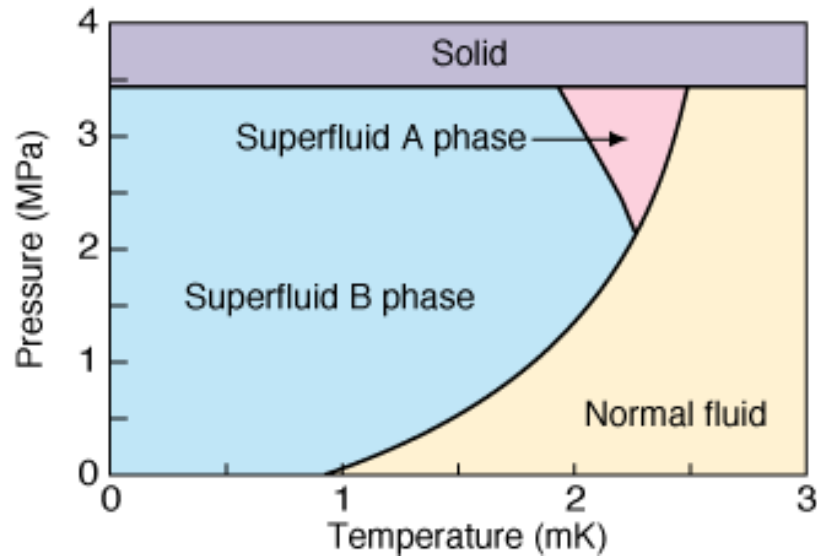
BEC

New insights from BEC of cold atoms

Leggett (1980)

# Superfluid $^3\text{He}$

$L=1, S=1$

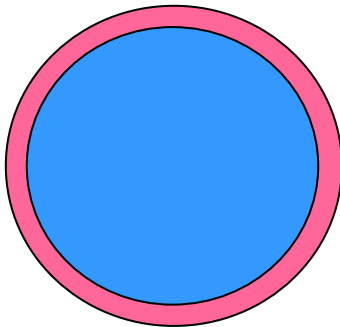


Order parameter matrix

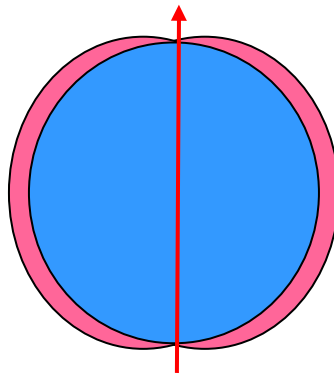
$A_{i\mu}$

$3 \times 3 \times 2 = 18$  real numbers

B phase



A phase



$SO(3)_S \times SO(3)_L \times U(1)_\varphi$  symmetry broken



s-wave pairing

Leggett (1975)  
Mineev (1980)  
Bruder, DV (1986)

"conventional" superfluidity/superconductivity

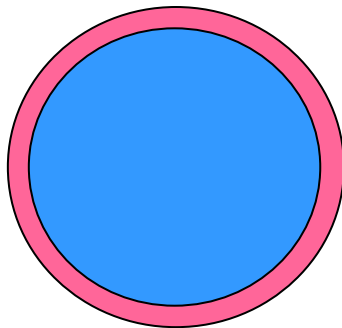
$SO(3)_S \times SO(3)_L \times U(1)_\varphi$  symmetry broken

$SO(3)_{S+L}$

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Leggett (1975)  
Mineev (1980)  
Bruder, DV (1986)

B phase



Spontaneously broken spin-orbit  
symmetry (SBSOS) Leggett (1972)

"unconventional" superfluidity

$$c_V \propto e^{-\Delta/k_B T}$$

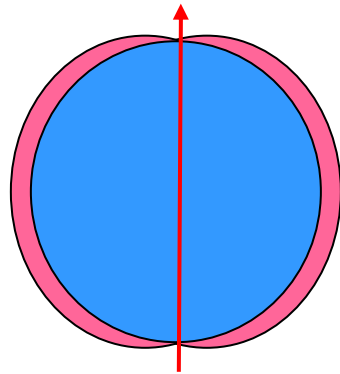
only stable phase in mean-field theory

$SO(3)_S \times SO(3)_L \times U(1)_\varphi$  symmetry broken

$U(1)_{S_z} \times U(1)_{L_z - \varphi}$

Leggett (1975)  
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A phase



$$c_V \propto T^3$$

"unconventional" superfluidity

stabilization by  
strong-coupling effects

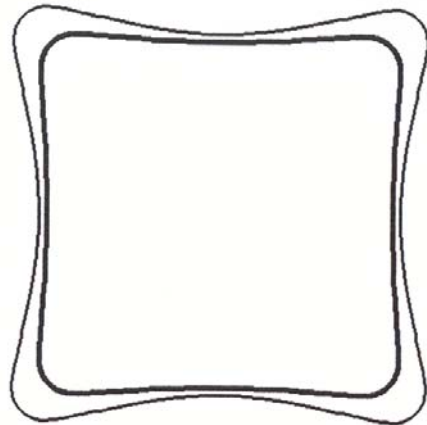
# Unconventional superconductivity

$G \times SO(3)_s \times T \times U(1)_\varphi$  symmetry broken

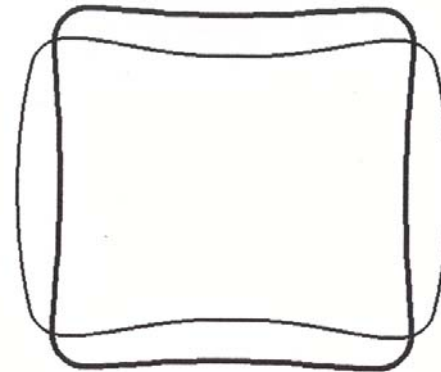
G: point symmetry group of solid

Anderson (1985)  
Volovik, Gorkov (1985)  
Ueda, Rice (1985)  
Blount (1985)

Example: Tetragonal crystal ( $D_{4h}$ )



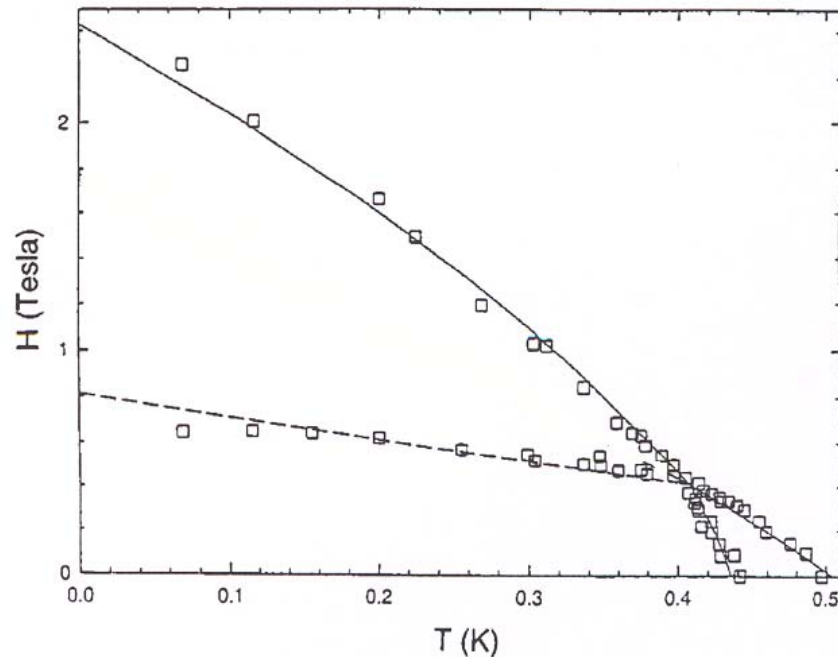
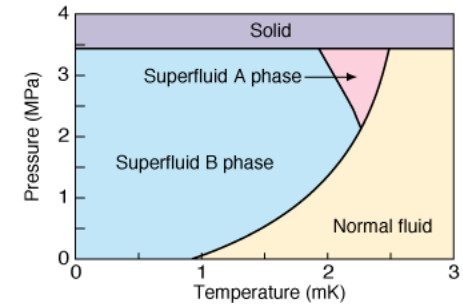
conventional



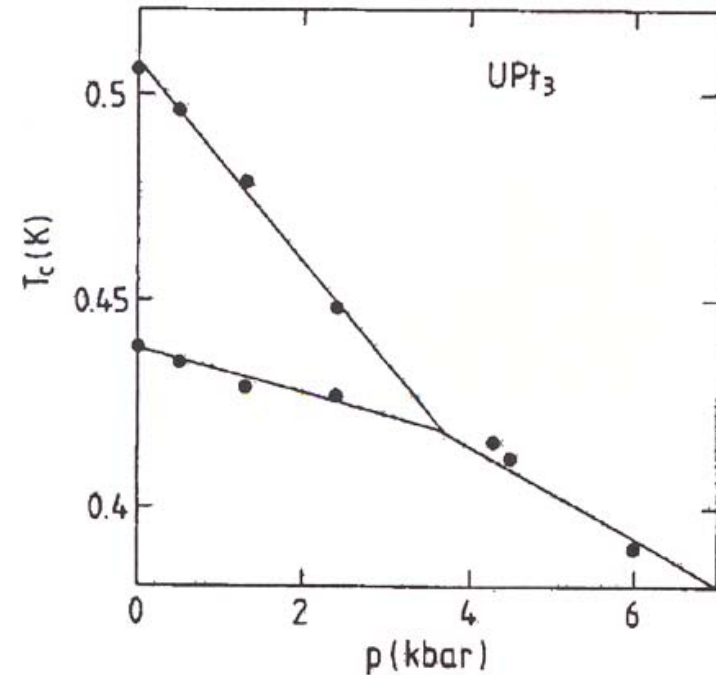
$D_{2h}$ : unconventional

# Unconventional superconductivity

$\text{UPt}_3$



H-T phase diagram  
Adenwalla *et al.* (1990)  
Park, Joynt (1995)



T-P phase diagram  
v. Löhneysen, Trappmann,  
Taillefer (1992)



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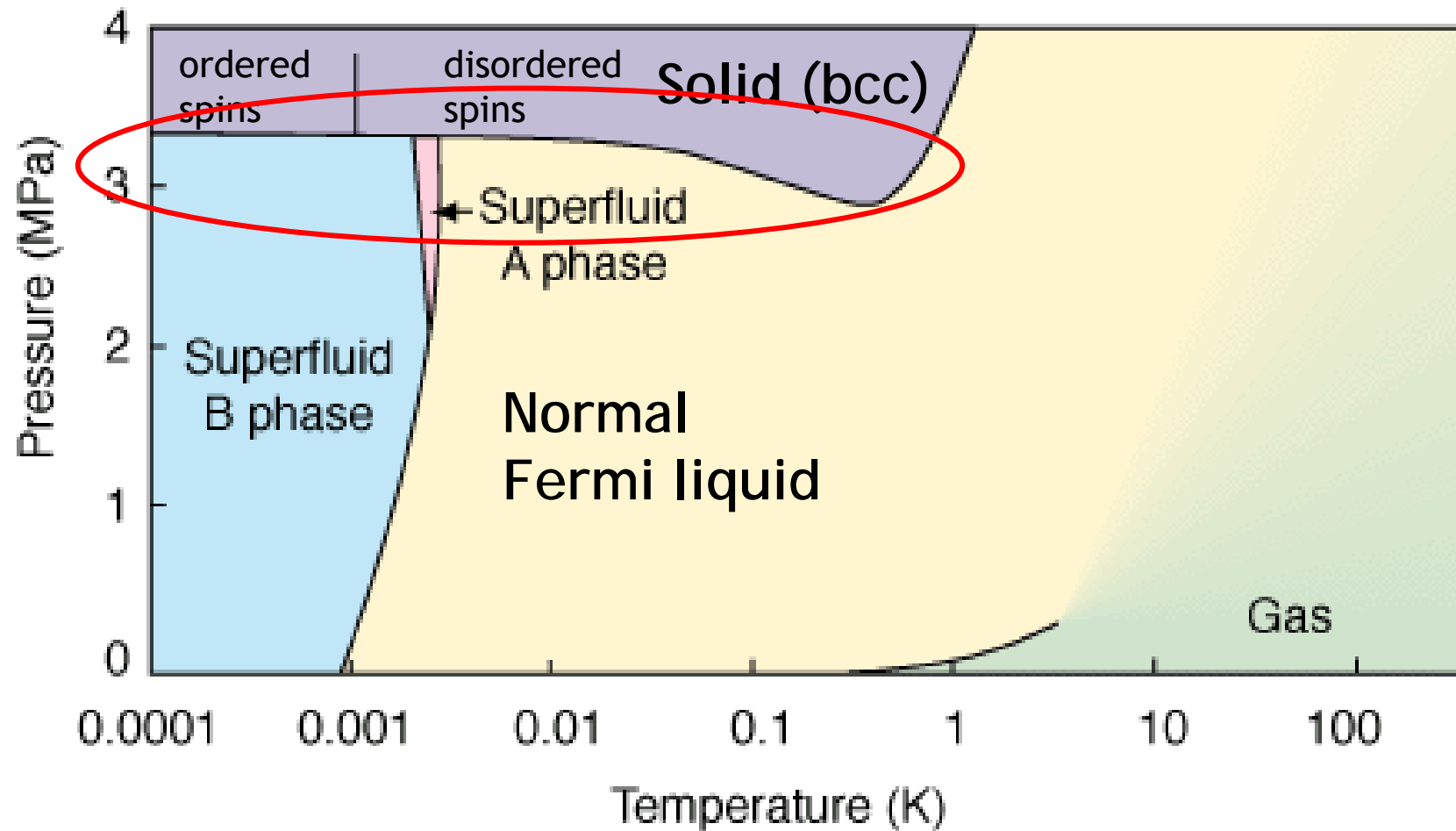
Other systems:

$U_{1-x}Th_xBe_{13}$  Ott *et al.* (1985)

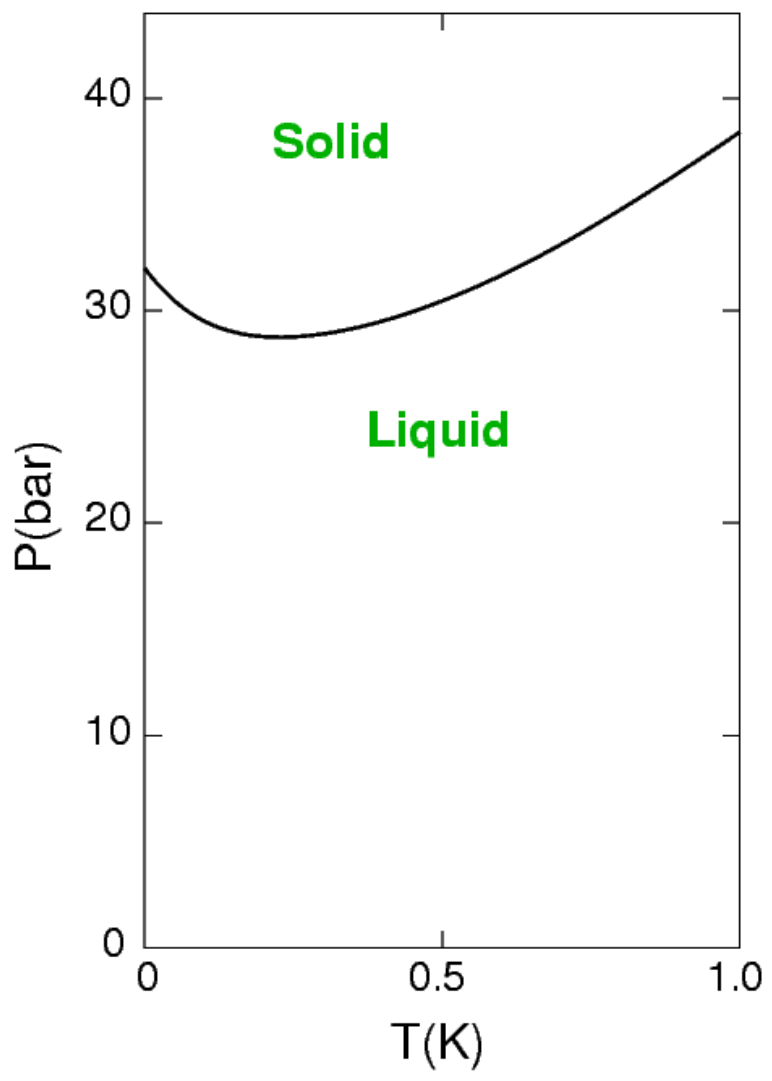
$Sr_2RuO_4$  Maeno *et al.* (1994)  $\rightarrow$  triplet pairing

### 3. Localization-delocalization transition

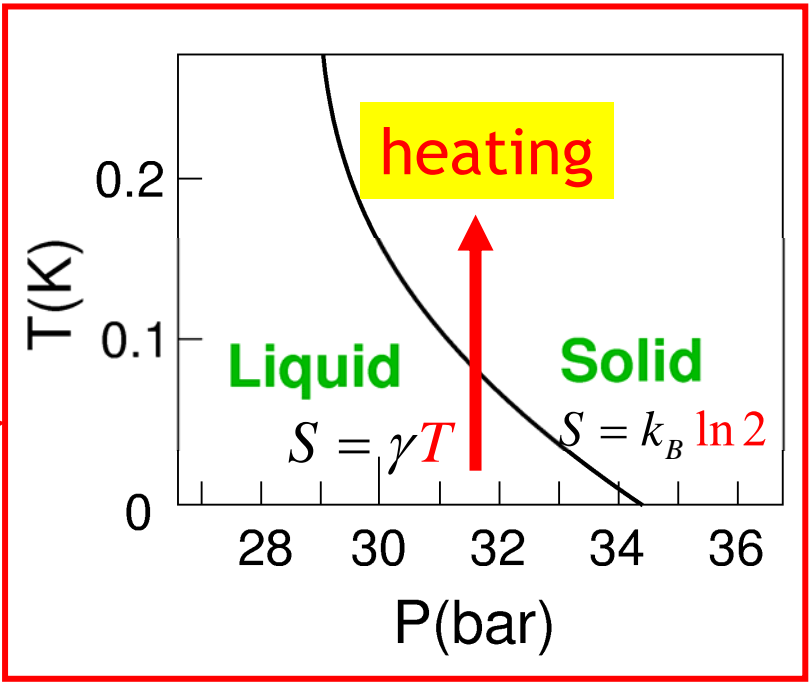
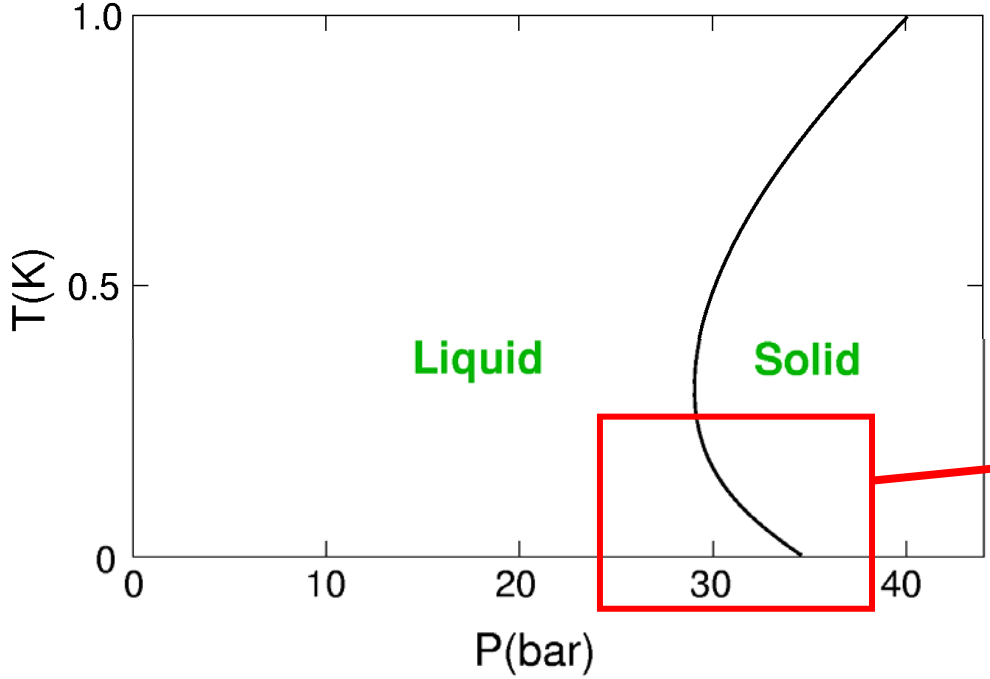
$^3\text{He}$



**$^3\text{He}$**



# <sup>3</sup>He

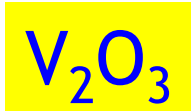


Interaction →

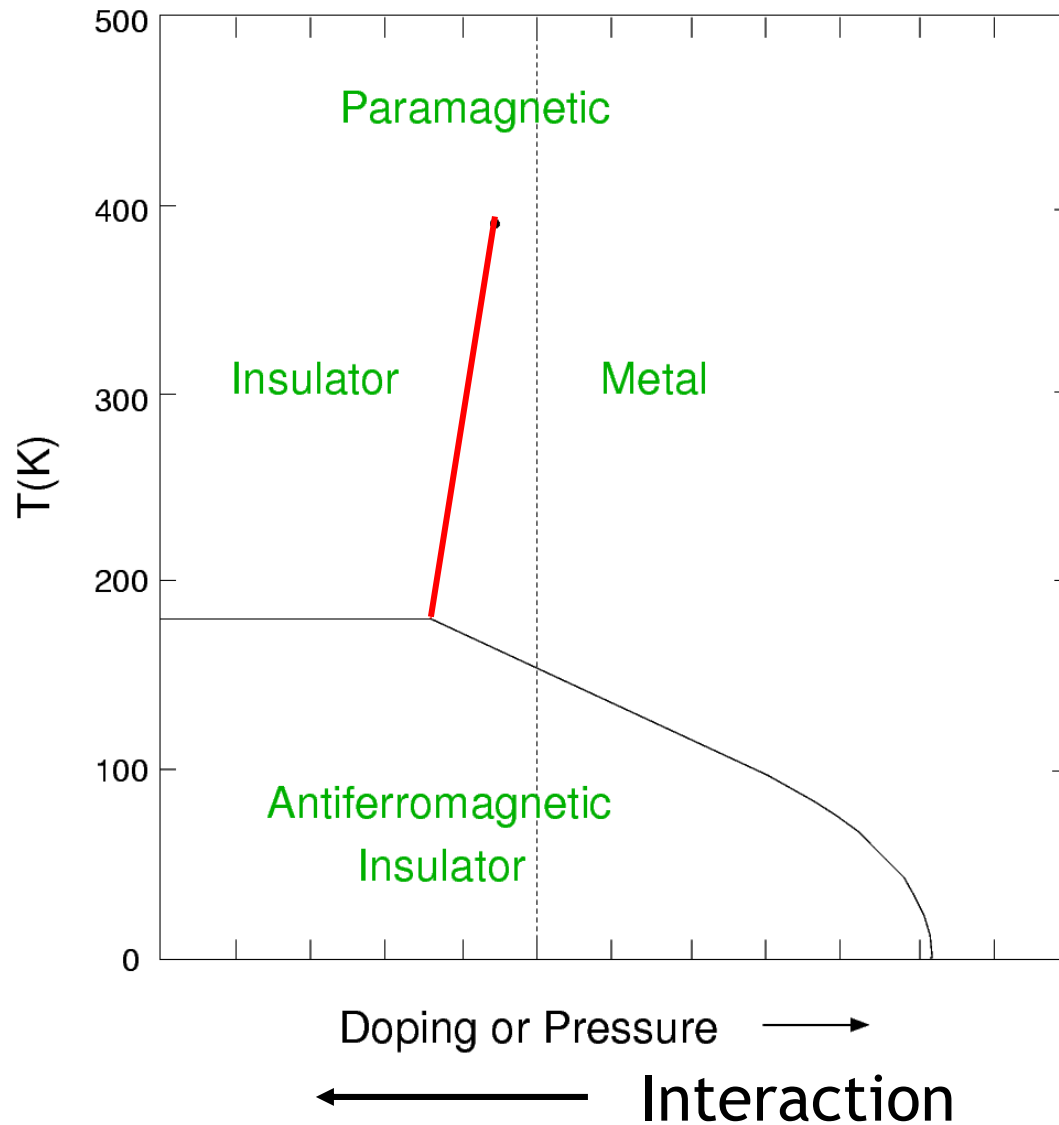
Clausius-Clapeyron eq.:

$$\frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{s_2 - s_1}{v_2 - v_1} = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta v}$$

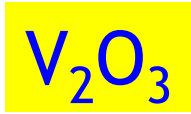
anomalous ("Pomeranchuk") effect



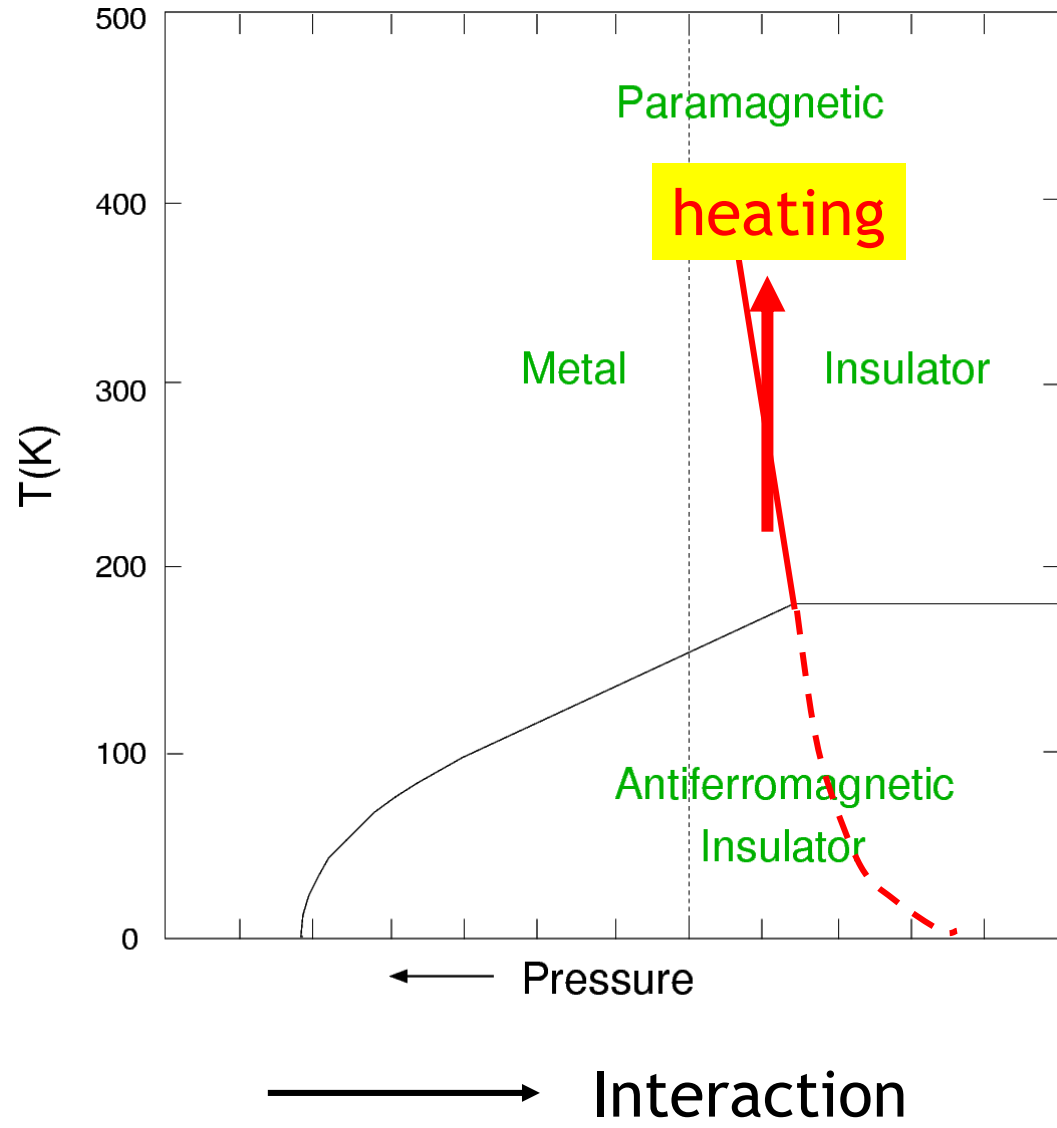
McWhan *et al.* (1971)



Correlation induced ("Mott-Hubbard") metal-insulator transition



McWhan *et al.* (1971)



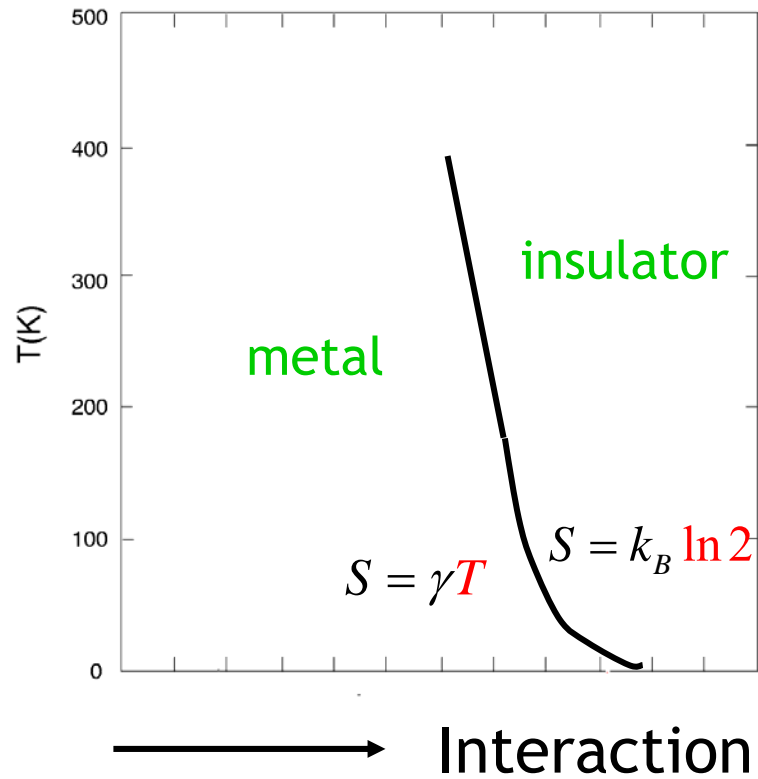
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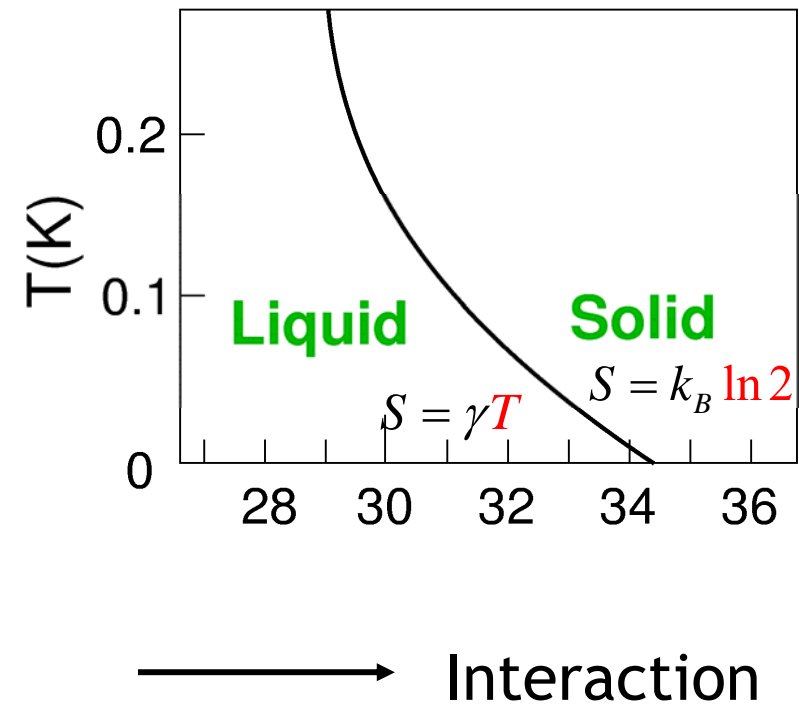
$V_2O_3$ :

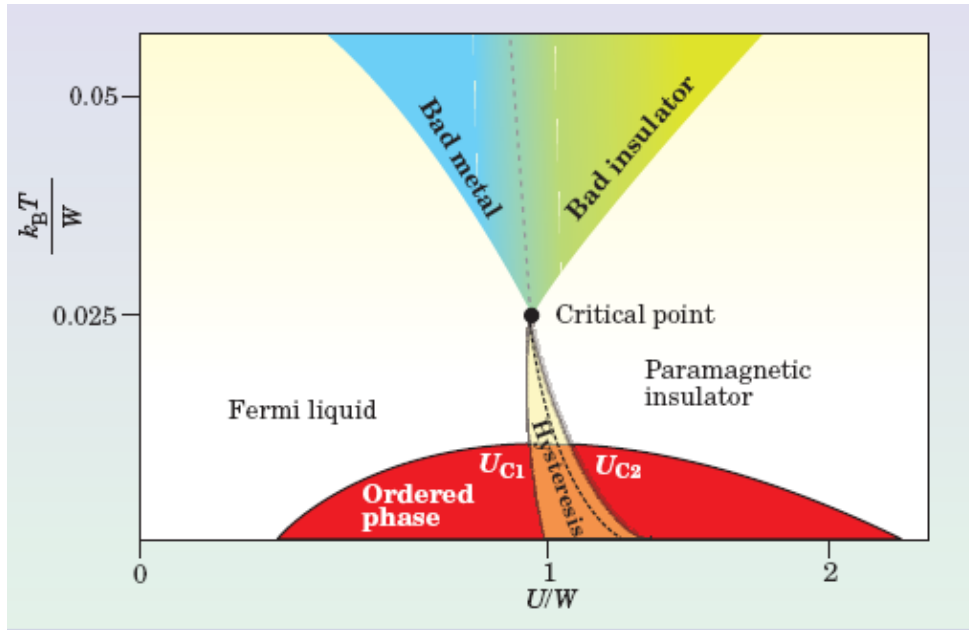
Mott metal-insulator transition



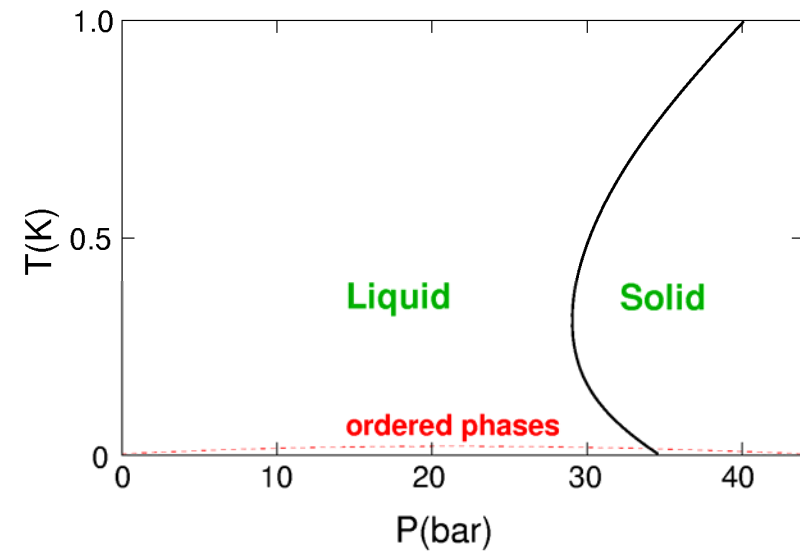
${}^3\text{He}$ :

liquid-solid transition





Strongly correlated  
electron materials:  
 $V_2O_3$ ,  $NiSe_{2-x}S_x$ ,  $\kappa$ -organics, ...



Helium-3

Universality due to  
Fermi statistics + correlations



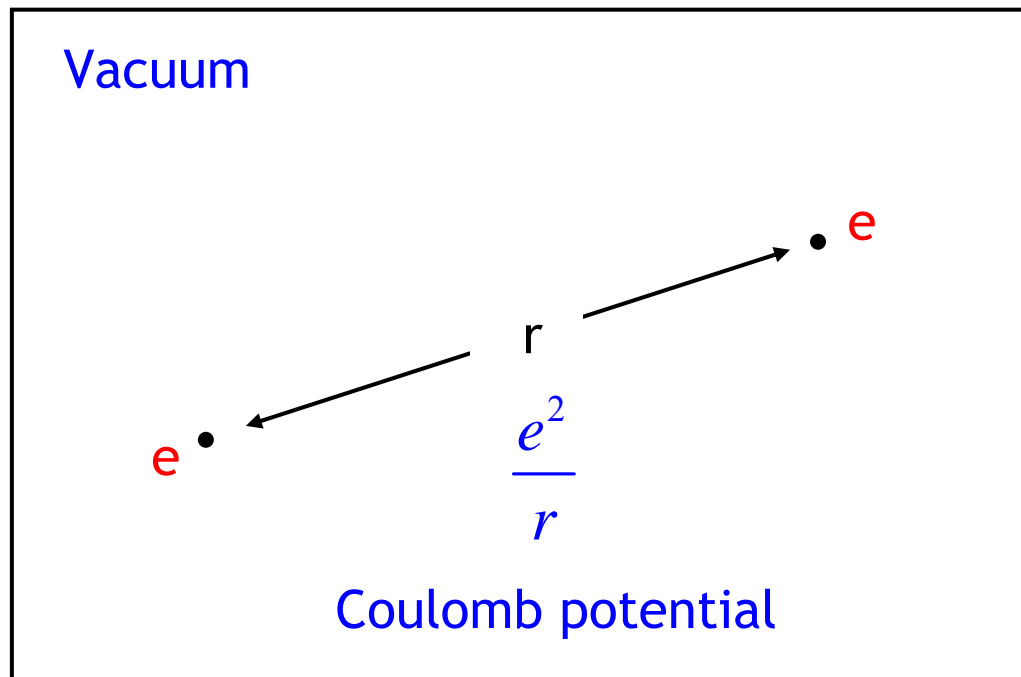
Peculiarities of  
Many-Particle Systems  
and “Emergence”

# Interacting many-particle systems

Elementary (“bare”) particles + interactions



effective (“quasi”) particles + effective interactions



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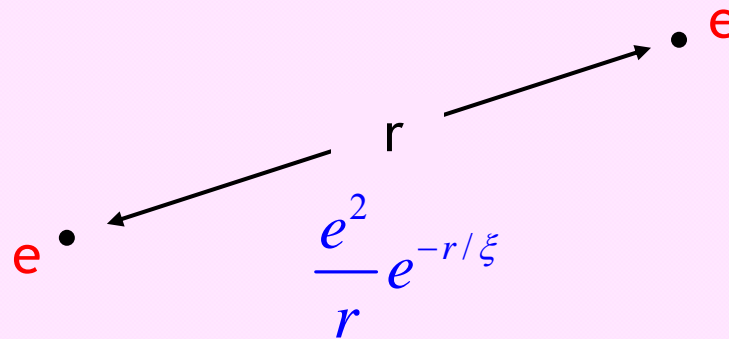
Elementary (“bare”) particles + interactions



effective (“quasi”) particles + effective interactions

Electron gas: **Screening**

Simplest approximation: Thomas-Fermi



Effective Yukawa potential

# Interacting many-particle systems

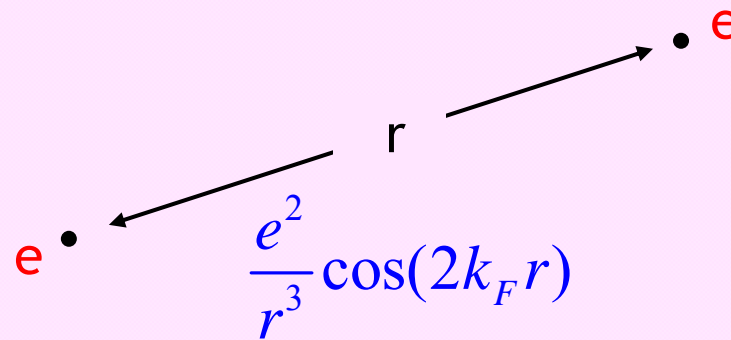
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Electron gas: **Screening**

Better approximation: Lindhard



Friedel oscillations

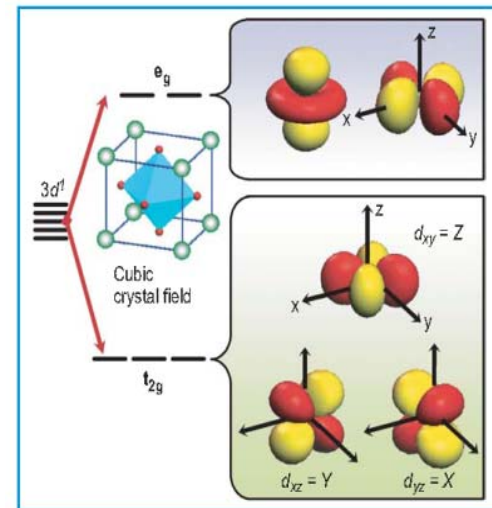
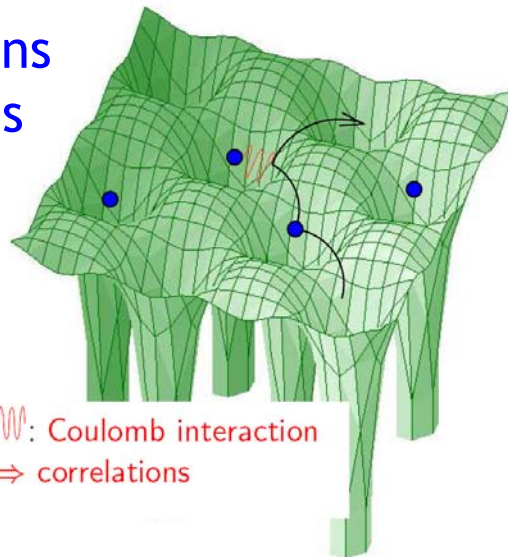
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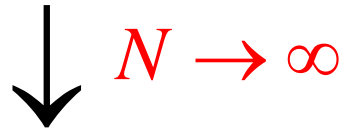
Electrons  
in solids



“Strong interaction” of  
electrons in localized orbitals

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Lee, Yang (1952)

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Unpredicted **“emergent”** behavior

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because one and one are two.

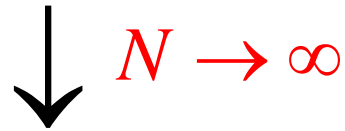
We are finding out that we must learn a great deal more about 'and'.

Arthur Eddington (1882-1944)

“More is different”

Anderson (1972)

# Interacting many-particle systems



## Emergence

Examples:

Superconductivity  
Magnetism  
Galaxy formation

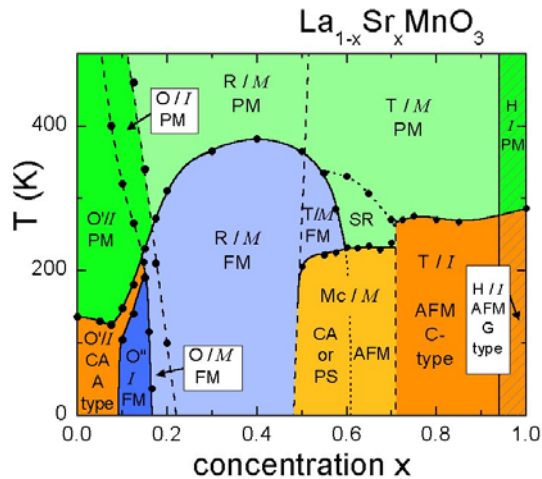
Traffic  
Weather  
Stock market

Ants  
Human body  
Consciousness

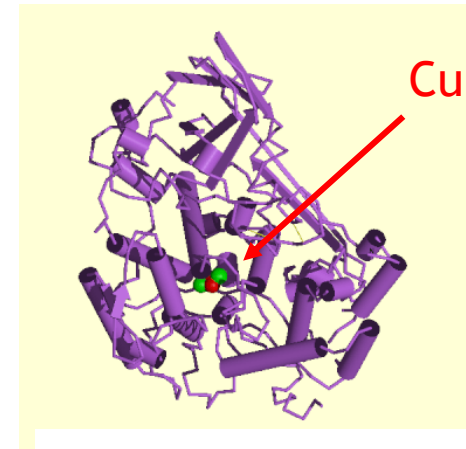
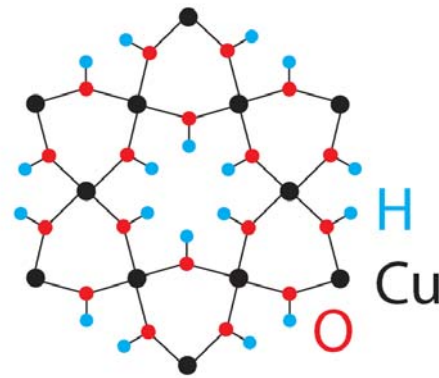
# New Developments & Perspectives

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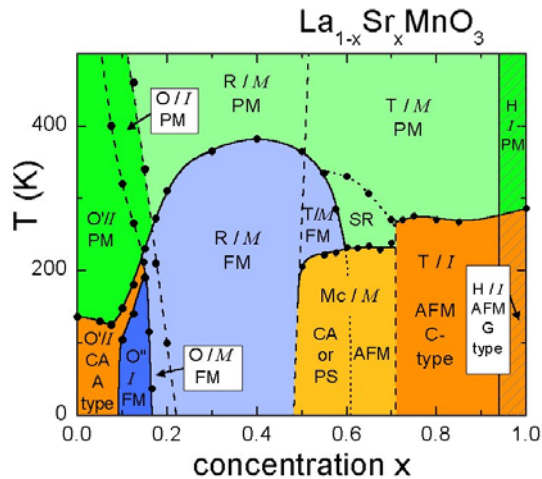


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Hemberger *et al.* (2002)

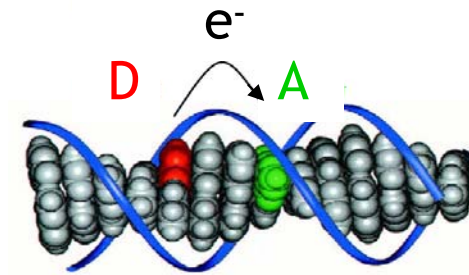
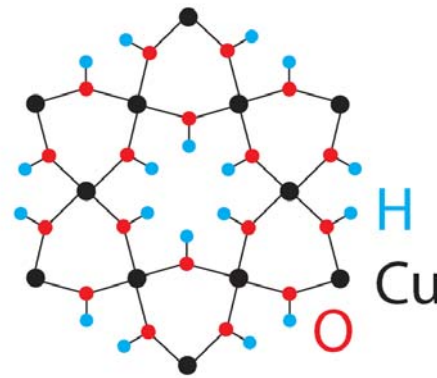


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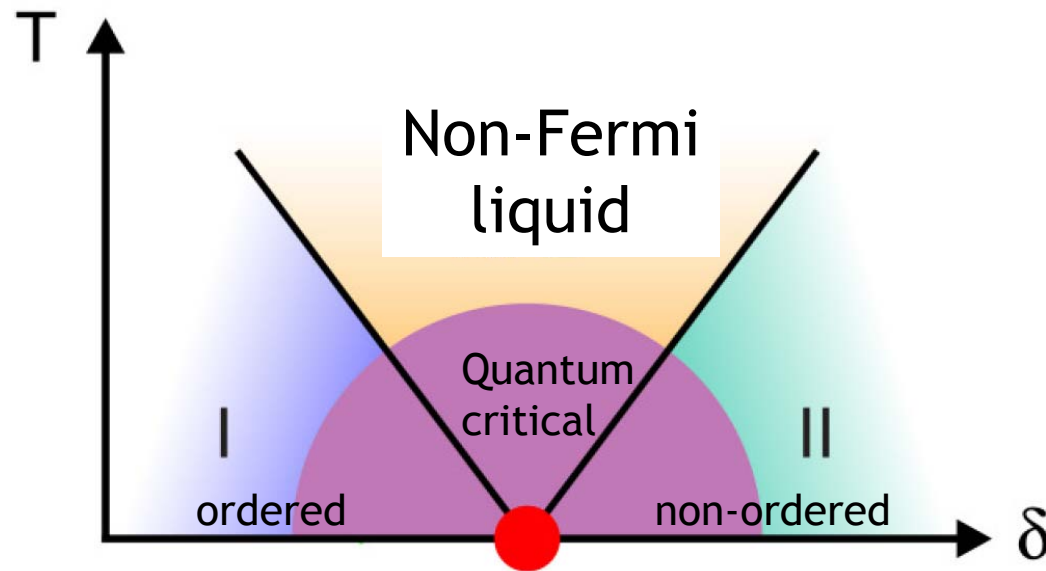
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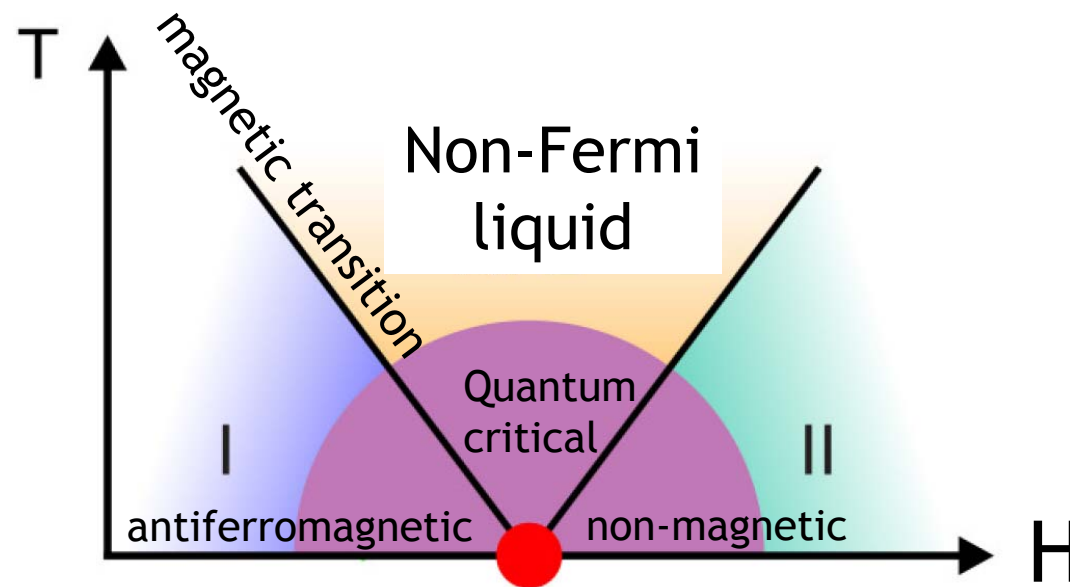
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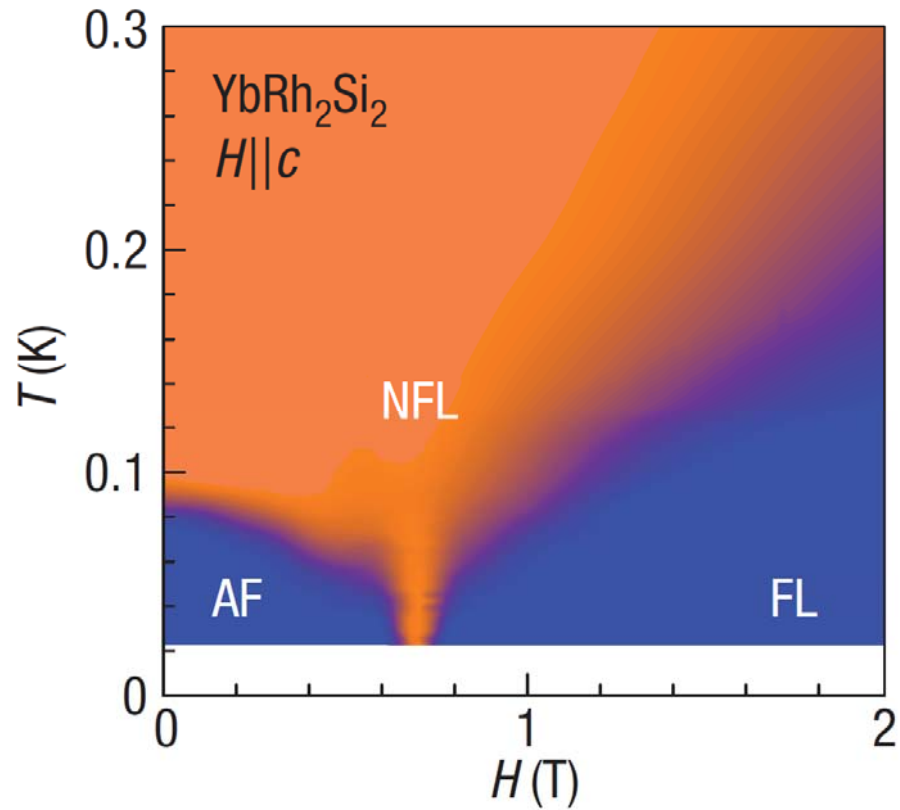
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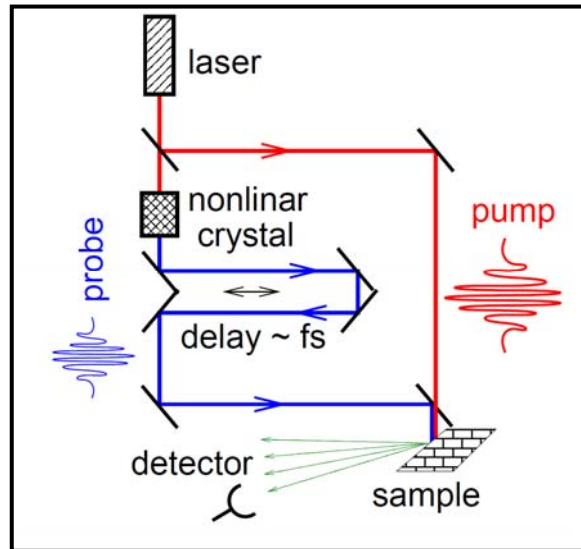
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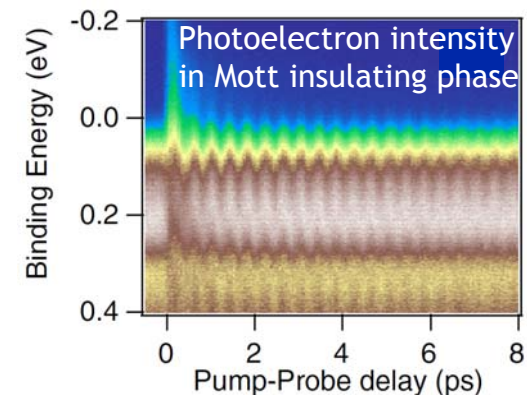
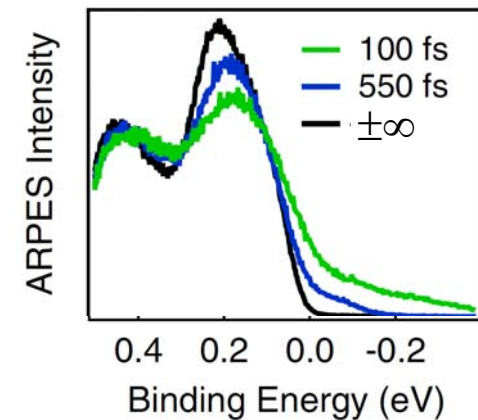
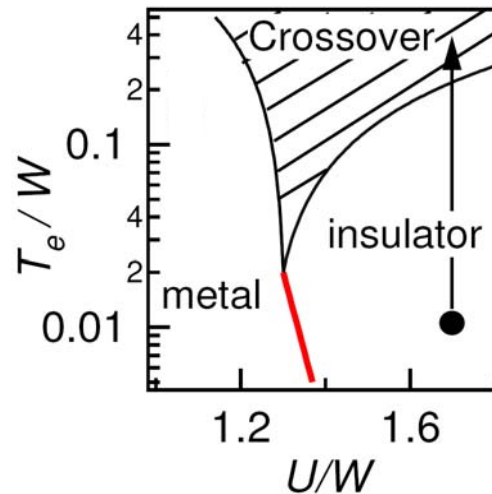


## (iii) Correlated electrons in non-equilibrium

Real time evolution of correlation phenomena, e.g.,  
**time-resolved optical photoemission**



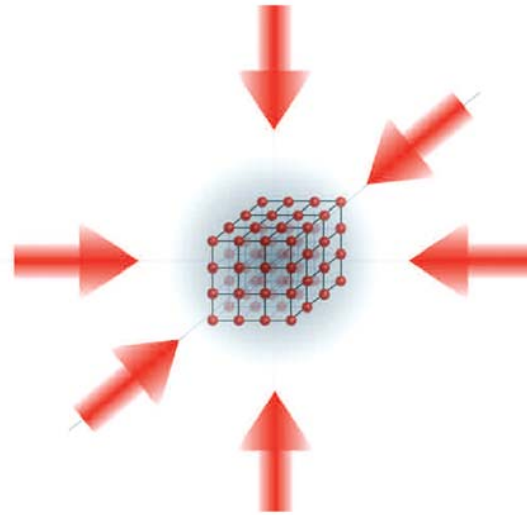
Pump-probe experiment



Perfetti *et al.* (2006)

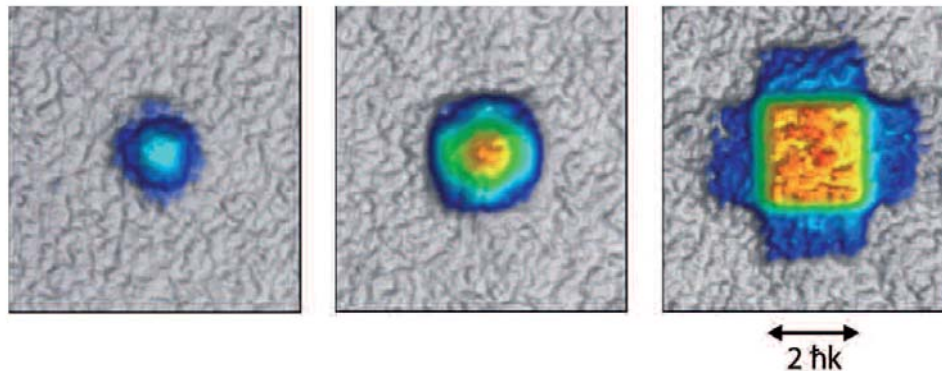
Required: Theory of non-equilibrium beyond  
linear response in correlated **bulk** materials

## (iv) Correlated fermionic/bosonic atoms in optical lattices



Modugno et al. (2003)

Bosonic/fermionic atoms in optical lattices

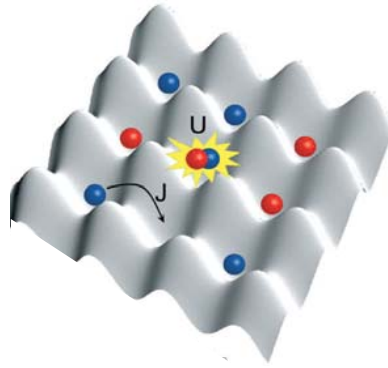


Köhl, Esslinger (2006)

Observation of Fermi surface ( $^{40}\text{K}$  atoms)

High degree of tunability: “Many-body tool box”

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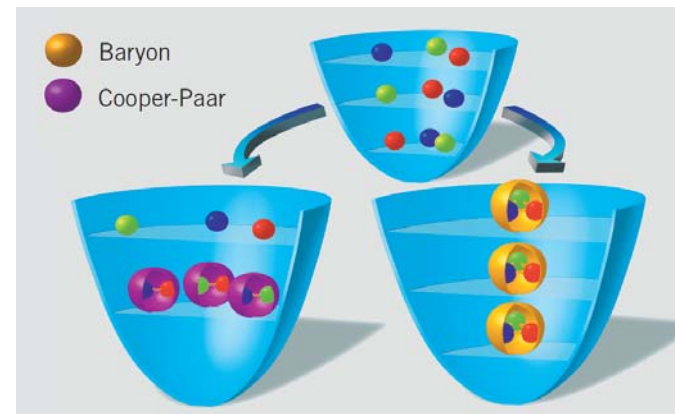
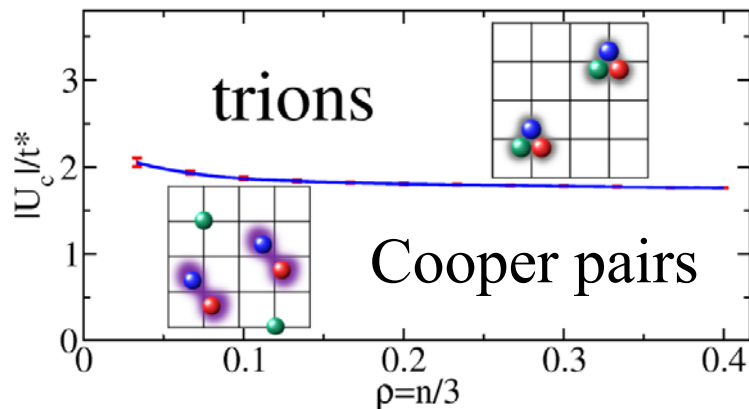
Hubbard model with ultracold atoms Jaksch *et al.* (1998)

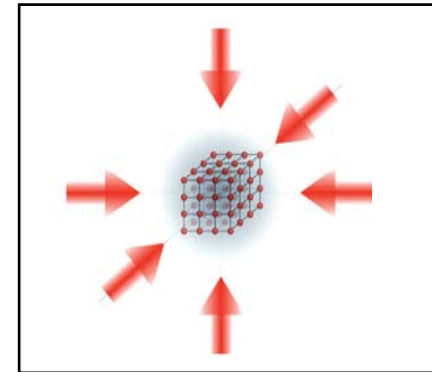
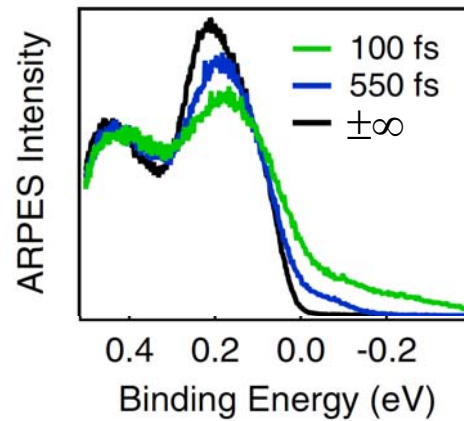
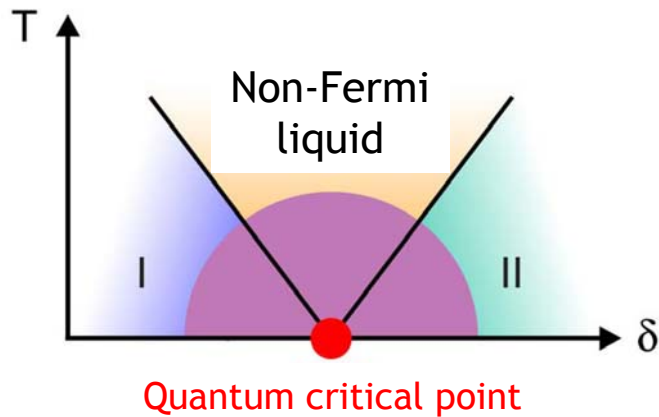
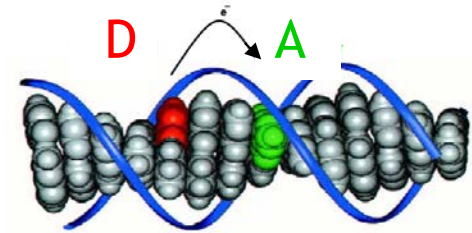
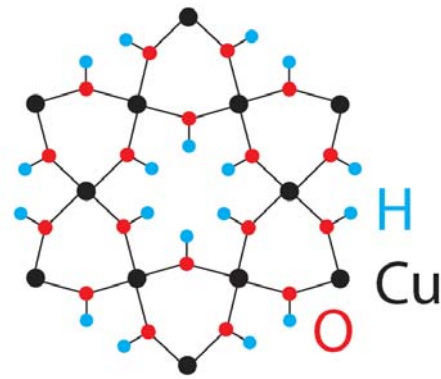
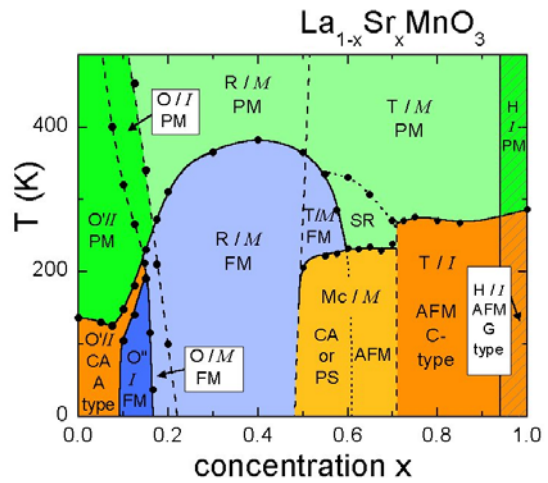
Angular momentum  $L^{\text{tot}} = F \rightarrow N=2F+1$  hyperfine states

$\rightarrow$  SU(N) Hubbard models

Honerkamp, Hofstetter (2004)

$N=3$ , e.g.  ${}^6\text{Li}$ ,  $U < 0$ : Color superconductivity, baryon formation (QCD)  
Rapp *et al.* (2006)





Correlated many-particle systems:  
More manifold and fascinating than ever