### The extreme strange metal YbRh<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> Silke Paschen Institute of Solid State Physics, TU Wien



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#### Motivations to understand strange metal behaviour in SCES



(Taupin & SP, Crystals 12 (2022) 251)

# Non-Fermi liquid states of interest in their own right *p* and *x* tuned strange metals have a superconducting dome







#### **Quantum critical point scenario: Entropy accumulation**















### "Normal" QCPs follow Ginzburg, Landau, Wilson paradigm Predictions for some thermodynamic properties

d=2	d = 3	d=2	d = 3
z = 2	z = 2	z = 3	z = 3

$$\alpha_{\rm cr} \sim \ell n \ell n \frac{1}{T} \quad T^{1/2} \qquad \ell n \frac{1}{T} \qquad T^{1/3}$$

$$C_{\rm cr} \sim T\ell n \frac{1}{T} - T^{3/2} T^{2/3} T\ell n \frac{1}{T}$$

$$\Gamma_{r,cr} \sim \frac{\ell n \ell n \frac{1}{T}}{T \ell n \frac{1}{T}} - T^{-1} T^{-2/3} \ell n \frac{1}{T} \left( T^{2/3} \ell n \frac{1}{T} \right)^{-1}$$

d: dimension, z = 2: AFM metal, z = 3: FM metal

 $\alpha$ : thermal expansion, *C*: specific heat,  $\Gamma = \alpha/C$ : Grüneisen ratio

#### No hyperscaling above the upper critical dimension

(v. Löhneysen et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 79 (2007) 1015; Hertz & Millis)











## Dynamical response: THz time-domain transmission spectroscopy

- Real and imag. part of  $\sigma$ (
- No Kramers-Kronig trans
- Thin films needed!

#### Molecular beam epitaxy system





#### (Prochaska et al., Science 367 (2020) 285)

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#### **Relation to the high-** $T_c$ **cuprates: Carrier (de)localization**

Phase diagram at 50 T

Change of carrier concentration







#### **Planckian dissipation in electrical transport?**



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#### Planckian dissipation in optical conductivity?

$$\operatorname{Re}[\sigma(\omega)] = \sigma_1 = \frac{ne^2\tau}{m} \frac{1}{1+\omega^2\tau^2}$$

$$\operatorname{Im}[\sigma(\omega)] = \sigma_2 = \frac{ne^2\tau}{m} \frac{\omega\tau}{1+\omega^2\tau^2}$$



#### Planckian dissipation in optical conductivity?



### Is there superconductivity at the QCP of YbRh<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>?



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#### **Electrical resistivity at ultralow temperatures: Iso-***B* **curves**



#### **Electrical resistivity at ultralow temperatures: Iso-***T* **curves**

**YbRh**<sub>2</sub>**Si**<sub>2</sub>



(Nguyen et al., Nat. Commun. 12 (2021) 4341)

#### **Temperature–magnetic field phase diagrams**











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