

# Quantum critical point shifts under superconductivity: Pnictides and cuprates

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We compare the position of an ordering transition in a metal to that in a superconductor. For the spin-density wave (SDW) transition, we find that the quantum critical point shifts by order  $|\Delta|$ , where  $\Delta$  is pairing amplitude so that the region of SDW order is smaller in the superconductor than in the metal. This shift is larger than the  $\sim|\Delta|^2$  shift predicted by theories of competing orders which ignore Fermi-surface effects. For Ising-nematic order, the shift from Fermi-surface effects remains of order  $|\Delta|^2$ . We discuss implications of these results for the phase diagrams of the cuprates and the pnictides. We conclude that recent observations imply that the Ising-nematic order is tied to the square of the SDW order in the pnictides but not in the cuprates.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The interplay between spin-density wave (SDW) ordering and superconductivity clearly plays a central role in the physics of a variety of quasi-two-dimensional correlated electron materials. This is evident from recent studies of the phase diagram of the ferropnictides<sup>1-7</sup> and the “115” family of heavy-fermion compounds.<sup>8</sup> In the cuprates, it has been argued that  $d$ -wave superconductivity is induced by SDW fluctuations in a metal,<sup>9</sup> and this has been the starting point for numerous studies of the complex phase diagram.<sup>10,11</sup> In all these materials, there is a regime of coexistence between SDW ordering and superconductivity, and this opens the way to a study of the “competition” between these orders.<sup>12</sup> This competition can be tuned by an applied magnetic field, as has been studied in a number of revealing experiments<sup>13-20</sup> on the  $\text{La}_{2-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{CuO}_4$  and  $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-\delta}$  series of superconductors (SCs).

This paper will discuss a question that arises naturally in the study of such competing orders.<sup>21,22</sup> We consider, first, the “parent” quantum critical point as that associated with the onset of SDW order,  $\vec{\varphi}$ , in a metal. To access this point we have to suppress superconductivity in some manner, say by the application of a magnetic field. This parent critical point will occur at a value  $r_c^0$  of some tuning parameter  $r$ , which could be the carrier concentration or the applied pressure. We define  $r$  so that  $r < r_c^0$  is the SDW phase with  $\langle \vec{\varphi} \rangle \neq 0$ ; see Fig. 1. The value of  $r_c^0$  is clearly material specific, and will depend upon numerous microscopic details. Then, we turn our attention to the onset of SDW order within the SC; we characterize the latter by a gap amplitude  $\Delta$ , and denote the critical value of  $r$  by  $r_c^\Delta$ . The essence of the picture of competing orders is that the onset of superconductivity should shrink the region of SDW order, and hence  $r_c^0 > r_c^\Delta$ . We will be interested here, in particular, in the magnitude of the shift  $r_c^0 - r_c^\Delta$ . We will see that the shift is dominated by low-energy physics, and so has a universal character. This shift  $r_c^0 - r_c^\Delta$  played a central role in the phase diagrams presented in Refs. 22 and 23, and applied to the cuprates. Recent work has shown that similar phase diagrams also apply to the pnictides<sup>5,6</sup> and the 115 compounds.<sup>8</sup> In the pnictides, a “backbending” of the onset of SDW order upon entering the SC phase, consistent with the idea of  $r_c^0 - r_c^\Delta > 0$ .

Let us begin by computing the shift  $r_c^0 - r_c^\Delta$  in mean-field Landau theory. The simplest free energy of the SDW and SC order parameters has the form<sup>23</sup>

$$\mathcal{L} = (r - r_c^0)\vec{\varphi}^2 + u(\vec{\varphi}^2)^2 + \tilde{r}|\Delta|^2 + \tilde{u}|\Delta|^4 + \kappa\vec{\varphi}^2|\Delta|^2. \quad (1)$$

Here  $\kappa > 0$  is the phenomenological parameter which controls the competition between the order parameters. Examining the onset of a phase with  $\langle \vec{\varphi} \rangle \neq 0$  in the superconductor with  $\Delta \neq 0$ , we conclude immediately from Eq. (1) that

$$r_c^0 - r_c^\Delta = \kappa|\Delta|^2. \quad (2)$$

Such a shift was a key feature of the theory in Ref. 23.

The primary focus of the previous work was in the lower field region, where the superconductivity is well formed, and  $\Delta$  is large. Here it is appropriate to treat the superconductivity in a mean-field manner, and ignore pairing fluctuations, while treating spin fluctuations more carefully. The present paper turns the focus to higher fields, where eventually superconductivity is lost. Here, clearly, Landau theory cannot be expected to apply to the superconducting order. Moreover, we expect the Fermi surface of the electrons to be revealed, and a more careful treatment of the electronic degrees of freedom is called for. One of the primary results of our paper will be that the Landau theory result in Eq. (2) breaks down for small  $\Delta$ , and, in particular, in the limit  $|\Delta| \rightarrow 0$ . This is a consequence of the crucial importance of Fermi-surface physics in determining the position of the SDW transition at

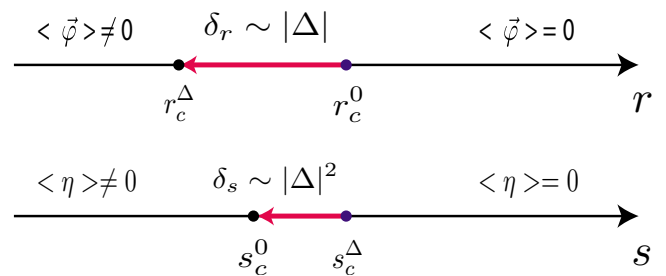


FIG. 1. (Color online) The SDW and nematic critical points shift from Fermi surface effects. The tuning parameters  $r, s$  are for the SDW and the nematic phase transitions. The critical points in the metal are at  $r_c^0, s_c^0$ , and under superconductivity, these shift to  $r_c^\Delta, s_c^\Delta$ , toward the ordered phases.

$T=0$ . Instead, we will show from the physics of the ‘‘hot spots’’ on the Fermi surface that the shift is larger, with

$$r_c^0 - r_c^\Delta \sim C|\Delta|. \quad (3)$$

For the competing order picture to hold, we require that  $C > 0$ . Somewhat surprisingly, we will find that our results for  $C$  are not transparently positive definite. Different regions of the Fermi surface contribute opposing signs so that determining the final sign of  $C$  becomes a delicate computation. In particular,  $C$  will depend on the vicinity of hot spots on the Fermi surface, which are special points connected by the SDW ordering wave vector. We will find that the immediate vicinity of the hot spots contributes a positive sign to  $C$ , while farther regions contribute a negative sign. Thus the primary competition between SDW and superconductivity happens at the hot spots while other regions of the Fermi surface which survive the onset of SDW order continue to yield an attraction between SDW and superconductivity. For the case where the two hotspots connected by the SDW ordering wave vector are equivalent under a lattice symmetry operation (i.e., they have the same pairing gap and the same magnitude of the Fermi velocity), we will find that distinct contributions to  $C$  exactly compensate each other so that  $C = 0$ . However, in the case that the two spots are not crystallographically equivalent (which is the generic situation in both the cuprates and the pnictides), we will show that  $C > 0$ . A positive  $C$  is indicated in Fig. 1.

We had considered the shift in SDW ordering due to superconductivity in a previous work.<sup>21</sup> However, in that work, the metallic and superconducting states were not Fermi liquids and BCS states, respectively, but rather fractionalized states known as ‘‘algebraic charge liquids.’’<sup>24–27</sup> In this case, we found that the competition between SDW and superconductivity was robust, and always yielded a shrinking in the size of the SDW region. We will not consider such exotic states here but work entirely within the framework of Fermi-liquid theory, in which the onset of superconductivity leads to a traditional BCS superconductor. In this context, the interplay between SDW and SC in a Fermi liquid is conveniently encapsulated in the ‘‘spin-fermion’’ model.<sup>10</sup> We will find the same qualitative shift in the SDW critical point as found earlier,<sup>21</sup> and the estimate in Eq. (3).

We will also generalize our methods to analyze the shifts in the quantum critical points of other orderings between the metallic and superconducting phases. Specifically, we will consider charge-density wave (CDW) order and Ising-nematic order,  $\eta$ . We will find that the CDW shift initially appears to be formally similar to Eq. (3) but the coefficient  $C$  is found to be exactly zero; terms higher order in  $\Delta$  do indicate competition with superconductivity but the CDW critical point shift is much smaller than the SDWs. For Ising-nematic order,  $\eta$ , we will also find that the Fermi-surface result is similar to that in Landau theory, as in Eq. (2). This smaller shift is also illustrated in Fig. 1. The weaker effect upon  $\eta$  is due to its reduced sensitivity to the gap opened by superconductivity on the Fermi surface.

We will present a detailed discussion of the implication of these results for the pnictide and cuprate phase diagrams to Sec. VI. However, let us highlight here an important infer-

ence that will follow from our computations. We will argue that the experimental phase diagrams imply that Ising-nematic ordering and SDW ordering are independent instabilities of the Fermi surface for the cuprates. In contrast, for the pnictides, our conclusion will be that the SDW ordering is the primary Fermi-surface instability, and the Ising-nematic ordering is a secondary response to the square of the SDW order parameter.

This paper is structured as follows. We will begin in Sec. II by introducing our starting point, the spin-fermion model with the SDW fluctuation. Within the spin-fermion theory, we show that the SDW fluctuation induces the  $d$ -wave pairing for the cuprate and  $s_{+-}$  for the pnictides instead usual  $s$ -wave pairings in Sec. III. Assuming the  $d$ - or  $s_{+-}$ -wave pairings in each case, we extend the spin-fermion theory into the theory with pairing and other possible orders in Sec. IV. In Sec. V, we show the quantum critical point shifts toward the ordered phase, which explicitly shows the competition between superconductivity and the SDW phase. Section VI presents our conclusions.

## II. SPIN-FERMION MODEL

We will study the system with SDW quantum phase transition in two-dimensional system. The main ingredients of the spin-fermion model are Fermi surfaces and the SDW order parameter. Let us first consider generic microscopic Hamiltonians for the cuprates and the pnictides,

$$H_{\text{Cu}} = \sum_k \epsilon_c(k) c_a^\dagger c_a + H_{\text{SDW}},$$

$$H_{\text{Fe}} = \sum_k \epsilon_c(k) c_a^\dagger c_a + \sum_k \epsilon_d(k) d_a^\dagger d_a + H_{\text{CDW}}. \quad (4)$$

Here, we consider ‘‘minimal Fermi surfaces’’ for both materials, where  $c$  correspond to the one-band electron for the cuprates around the  $\Gamma$  point, and for the pnictides,  $c, d$  correspond to the hole and electron bands centered at  $(0,0)$  and  $(\pm \pi/a_0, 0)$ . All terms containing the SDW operators are in  $H_{\text{CDW}}$ . In Fig. 2, we illustrate typical hole-doping cuprates large Fermi surface and pnictides’ two-band Fermi surfaces. To see general features, we consider incommensurate ordering wave vectors for cuprates,<sup>20</sup>

$$\vec{Q}_1 = \frac{2\pi}{a_0} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \vartheta, \frac{1}{2} \right), \quad \vec{Q}_2 = \frac{2\pi}{a_0} \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - \vartheta \right). \quad (5)$$

For the pnictides, we represent the ordering wave vector as  $\vec{Q} = (\pi/a_0, 0)$  explicitly in the figure but there is another hot spot with the ordering vector,  $\vec{Q} = (0, \pi/a_0)$ . From now on, we set the lattice constant as a fundamental unit as usual. As it is well known in the literature,<sup>23</sup> the incommensurate SDW fluctuation is described by two complex vector wave functions,

$$\vec{S} = \text{Re}[\vec{\Phi}_1 e^{i\vec{Q}_1 \cdot \vec{r}} + \vec{\Phi}_2 e^{i\vec{Q}_2 \cdot \vec{r}}]. \quad (6)$$

In the figure, two distinct hot spots are represented by filled and empty circles in the cuprate Fermi surface. The filled one

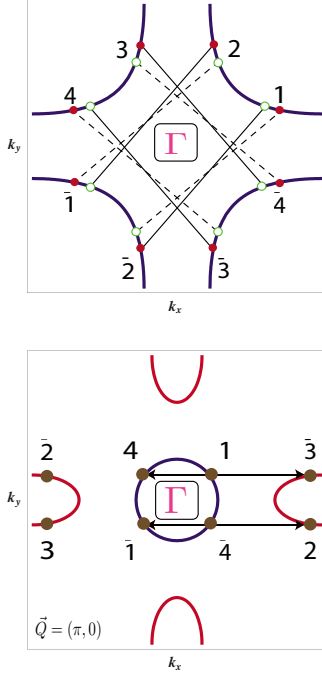


FIG. 2. (Color online) Hot spots near SDW transition. In the upper and lower panel, large Fermi surface for the cuprates and two-band structure for the pnictides are shown. The ordering vectors for the cuprates are  $\vec{Q}_1 = \frac{2\pi}{a_0}(\frac{1}{2} - \vartheta, \frac{1}{2})$ ,  $\vec{Q}_2 = \frac{2\pi}{a_0}(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - \vartheta)$ , and the pnictides have  $\vec{Q} = (\pi, 0)$ . In the upper panel, the filled and empty circles have different distances from the node, which means the gap magnitudes are different. Two ordering wave vectors are represented by the dashed and thin lines in the upper panel and arrowed lines are in the bottom. For the pnictides, the electron band is distorted because there is no symmetry that guarantees identicalness of the hole and the electron band, which can also induces different gap functions (Refs. 28 and 29). In both panels, every hot spot is numbered and the bar notation is used for the negative.

is farther from the nodal point than the empty one. Note that the incommensurate SDW fluctuation links a filled circle with an empty circle. If we consider one special case, the commensurate SDW fluctuation, two kinds of hot spots become identical, and we only need one real  $O(3)$  field to describe the SDW fluctuation as usual.

Because the hot spots mainly contribute to the transition in the low-energy theory, we write the electron annihilation operator as combination of the hot spot continuum fields as follows. For the cuprate,

$$c_a(x) \sim \sum_j f_{j,a}(x)e^{ik_{f,j}x} + g_{j,a}(x)e^{ik_{g,j}x}, \quad (7)$$

$$j = (1, \dots, 4, \bar{1}, \dots, \bar{4}).$$

The  $f, g$  fields represent the nearer and farther fields from the nodal points so the SDW fluctuation mixes the  $f$  and  $g$  fields. The commensurate limit means  $f$  and  $g$  fields become identical. For the pnictides case, two bands can be described by hot spot fields as follows:

$$c_a \sim f_{1a}e^{iK_1x} + f_{\bar{1}a}e^{-iK_1x} + f_{4a}e^{iK_4x} + f_{\bar{4}a}e^{-iK_4x},$$

$$d_a \sim g_{2a}e^{iK_2x} + g_{\bar{2}a}e^{-iK_2x} + g_{3a}e^{iK_3x} + g_{\bar{3}a}e^{-iK_3x}. \quad (8)$$

As in the cuprates, the SDW fluctuation mixes  $f$  and  $g$  particles in this notation. We note that the electron band does not have the shape of circle, which makes the SDW possible, and there is no symmetry that guarantees the identity of the two bands. For convenience, we focus on the commensurate case in the remaining of this section, and the next two sections for describing spin-fermion models. But, later in the Sec. V, we will come back to the general incommensurate cases and consider the critical point shifts in general.

The spin-fermion model with commensurate SDW simply becomes

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\tau \vec{\varphi})^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \vec{\varphi})^2 + \frac{r}{2}(\vec{\varphi})^2 + \frac{u}{4}(\vec{\varphi}^2)^2 + f_{j,a}^\dagger(\partial_\tau - i\vec{v}_j \cdot \nabla - av_f^2 \nabla^2)f_{j,a} + \lambda \vec{\varphi}(f_{j,a}^\dagger \vec{\sigma}_{a,b} f_{j',b})M_{j,j'}, \quad (9)$$

where  $M_{j,j'}$  is nonzero constant when  $k_j, k_{j'}$  are connected by  $\vec{Q}$ . The first and second lines describe the dynamics of the spin and fermion sectors. The third line is the ‘‘Yukawa’’ coupling term. Note that we explicitly include the second-derivative kinetic term for the fermions in the theory, which becomes irrelevant if we only focus on the SDW phase transition. Such term is not necessary for describing the SDW phase transition with noncollinear Fermi velocities only but the existence plays an important role in extending the theory to the one with pairing and nematic orders. Note that the final form of the spin-fermion model is exactly the same in both the cuprates and the pnictides even though the microscopic band structure and the ordering vectors are completely different. This means the physics for the SDW transition is universal and we can focus on one case and apply the result to the other case.

As usual, the effective action for the SDW phase transition is given by integrating out the fermions and expand with order parameters,

$$\mathcal{S}_H = \int \frac{d^2k}{4\pi^2} T \sum_{\omega_n} \frac{1}{2} [k^2 + \gamma|\omega_n| + r - \chi_0] |\varphi_a(k, \omega_n)|^2 + \frac{u}{4!} \int d^2x d\tau [\varphi_a^2(x, \tau)]^2. \quad (10)$$

This Hertz-type theory is well known and it describes the SDW fluctuation with dynamical critical exponent  $z=2$  at least in the zeroth order. In this paper, we only focus on the critical point shifts rather than critical properties of the transition itself.<sup>11</sup>

### III. PAIRING INSTABILITIES

Within the spin-fermion model, we can address pairing problems naturally. If we consider the SDW fluctuation as a pairing boson, then we need to investigate plausibility of the pairing instabilities by the SDW. The basic idea is following. If we assume there is infinitesimal pairing, then the pairing becomes enhanced or suppressed by the integrating out higher energy-momentum contributions depending on the

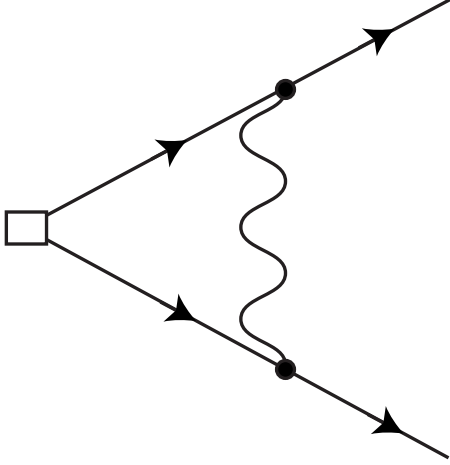


FIG. 3. Pairing vertex. The line with arrow is fermion and the wavy line is for the SDW fluctuation.

possibility of the pairing channel. In Fig. 3, such a pairing vertex is illustrated. Note that the fermions with opposite momenta are paired, so the participating fermions in the pairing is not the same as ones in the SDW in general. If we consider the  $s$ -wave channel in the cuprates and the  $s_{++}$  channel for the pnictides, the pairing and its vertex correction are

$$\Phi_s \equiv \varepsilon_{ab}(f_{1,a}f_{1,b} + f_{2,a}f_{2,b} + f_{3,a}f_{3,b} + f_{4,a}f_{4,b}),$$

$$g_{\Phi}^s = g_{\Phi,0}^s \left( 1 - \lambda_{\varphi}^2 \int_{k,\omega} \frac{1}{\omega^2 + \varepsilon_k^2} \frac{1}{\gamma|\omega| + k^2 + \xi^{-2}} \right). \quad (11)$$

Note that the relative sign between hot spots does not change, which is the main characteristic of the  $s$ -wave pairing. As we can see, the vertex becomes irrelevant in the low-energy limit in the renormalization group (RG) sense. Therefore, the SDW fluctuation cannot mediate usual  $s$ -wave pairing for the cuprates and  $s_{++}$  for the pnictides.

However, in the  $d$ -wave channel of the cuprates<sup>9</sup> and the  $s_{+-}$  channel<sup>30,31</sup> of the pnictides, the relative sign between the hot spots changes, given the pairing symmetries. Such relative sign changes allow the pairing channel's enhancement. The pairing and its vertex correction are

$$\Phi_d \equiv \varepsilon_{ab}(f_{1,a}f_{1,b} - f_{2,a}f_{2,b} - f_{3,a}f_{3,b} + f_{4,a}f_{4,b}),$$

$$g_{\Phi}^d = g_{\Phi,0}^d \left( 1 + \lambda_{\varphi}^2 \int_{k,\omega} \frac{1}{\omega^2 + \varepsilon_k^2} \frac{1}{\gamma|\omega| + k^2 + \xi^{-2}} \right). \quad (12)$$

Clearly, the alternative sign change induces enhancement of the  $d$ - and  $s_{+-}$ -wave pairings in the low-energy limit. Therefore, the  $d$  and  $s_{+-}$  pairing is natural under the SDW fluctuations rather than usual  $s$  and  $s_{++}$  pairings in conventional theory. In the next sections, we assume the existence of the pairings in each case and incorporate them into the spin-fermion model in a manner consistent with symmetry. Moreover, by symmetry consideration, we also introduce other possible order parameters such as a nematic order and charge-density wave and extend our theory to incorporate them.

TABLE I. Symmetry transformations of the spinor fields under square lattice symmetry operations.  $T_{x,y}$ : translation by one lattice spacing along the  $x,y$  direction;  $R_{\pi/2}$ :  $90^\circ$  rotation about a lattice site ( $x \rightarrow y, y \rightarrow -x$ );  $I_{xy}$ : reflection about the  $x=y$  axis ( $x \rightarrow y, y \rightarrow x$ );  $\mathcal{T}$ : time-reversal, defined as a symmetry (similar to parity) of the imaginary time path integral and the conjugate fields are transformed to  $\Psi^\dagger \rightarrow \Psi^\dagger \tau_y$ . Note that such a  $\mathcal{T}$  operation is not antilinear. Also, the notation,  $\tilde{\Psi}_{i,b} = (\Psi_{i,b}^\dagger)^T$  is used for convenience.

	$T_{x,y}$	$R_{\pi/2}$	$I_{xy}$	$\mathcal{T}$
$\Psi_{1,a}$	$\Psi_{1,a} e^{-ik_{1,x,y}}$	$i\tau^z \Psi_{3,a}$	$i\tau^z \Psi_{2,a}$	$-\tau^y \Psi_{1,a}$
$\Psi_{2,a}$	$\Psi_{2,a} e^{-ik_{2,x,y}}$	$i\tau^z \Psi_{4,a}$	$i\tau^z \Psi_{1,a}$	$-\tau^y \Psi_{2,a}$
$\Psi_{3,a}$	$\Psi_{3,a} e^{-ik_{3,x,y}}$	$-i\tau^x \varepsilon_{ab} \tilde{\Psi}_{1,b}$	$-i\tau^x \varepsilon_{ab} \tilde{\Psi}_{4,b}$	$-\tau^y \Psi_{3,a}$
$\Psi_{4,a}$	$\Psi_{4,a} e^{-ik_{4,x,y}}$	$-i\tau^x \varepsilon_{ab} \tilde{\Psi}_{2,b}$	$-i\tau^x \varepsilon_{ab} \tilde{\Psi}_{3,b}$	$-\tau^y \Psi_{4,a}$

Notice that the vertex correction in the Eq. (12) is logarithmically divergent if we have finite correlation length. Such behavior is a well-known signature of the conventional BCS theory. However, in the quantum critical region, the pairing boson is softened and the quantum fluctuation becomes important. The nature of this quantum critical pairing has been discussed in Refs. 10 and 11.

#### IV. MICROSCOPIC SYMMETRY AND EFFECTIVE THEORY

To extend the spin-fermion model to the one with pairing terms and nematic order parameter, let us consider microscopic symmetries and their transformations because the square lattice symmetry should be respected in the low-energy theory. Hereafter, we analyze the symmetry in terms of the cuprate problem unless otherwise stated. It is easy to extend it to the pnictides case. Due to the  $d_{x^2-y^2}$ -wave property, the pairing term's rotation and reflection needs additional factors. In Appendix A, we show the explicit transformation properties of fields and bilinear terms to avoid notation ambiguity. Nambu spinors for particles are defined in a usual way,

$$\Psi_{i,a} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} f_{i,a} \\ \varepsilon_{ab} f_{i,b}^\dagger \end{pmatrix}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4. \quad (13)$$

In Table I, we summarize the transformation rules of the spinor fields.

Among various combinations of bilinear terms, the following operators are of interest:

$$O_{\Delta} \equiv +\Psi_{1,a}^\dagger \tau^x \Psi_{1,a} - \Psi_{2,a}^\dagger \tau^x \Psi_{2,a} - \Psi_{3,a}^\dagger \tau^x \Psi_{3,a} + \Psi_{4,a}^\dagger \tau^x \Psi_{4,a}, \quad (14)$$

$$O_{\zeta} \equiv +\Psi_{1,a}^\dagger \tau^x \Psi_{1,a} + \Psi_{2,a}^\dagger \tau^x \Psi_{2,a} + \Psi_{3,a}^\dagger \tau^x \Psi_{3,a} + \Psi_{4,a}^\dagger \tau^x \Psi_{4,a}, \quad (15)$$

$$O_{\eta} \equiv +\Psi_{1,a}^\dagger \tau^z \Psi_{1,a} - \Psi_{2,a}^\dagger \tau^z \Psi_{2,a} - \Psi_{3,a}^\dagger \tau^z \Psi_{3,a} + \Psi_{4,a}^\dagger \tau^z \Psi_{4,a}, \quad (16)$$

$$O_\rho \equiv +\Psi_{2,a}^\dagger \tau^x \Psi_{3,a} + \Psi_{3,a}^\dagger \tau^x \Psi_{2,a}. \quad (17)$$

The operator,  $O_\Delta$ , is invariant under all the lattice symmetries. This is just  $d$ -wave pairing term's low-energy expression. Therefore, inserting the operator,  $O_\Delta$ , in the original Lagrangian is certainly allowed by the symmetry consideration. For the future convenience, let us write down the fermion Hamiltonian with pairing explicitly,

$$H_f = \sum \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{1,a}^\dagger \\ \Psi_{2,a}^\dagger \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \tau^z + \Delta \tau^x & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_2 \tau^z - \Delta \tau^x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{1,a} \\ \Psi_{2,a} \end{pmatrix} + \sum \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{3,a}^\dagger \\ \Psi_{4,a}^\dagger \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_3 \tau^z - \Delta \tau^x & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_4 \tau^z + \Delta \tau^x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{3,a} \\ \Psi_{4,a} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (18)$$

$\varepsilon_i(k) = \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{k} + av_f^2 k^2$ . Note that  $\Delta$  is a given constant here.

The  $O_{\zeta,\eta}$  operators are also interesting, and they are transformed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{x,y}: O_{\zeta,\eta} &\rightarrow +O_{\zeta,\eta}, \\ R_{\pi/2}: O_{\zeta,\eta} &\rightarrow -O_{\zeta,\eta}, \\ I_{xy}: O_{\zeta,\eta} &\rightarrow -O_{\zeta,\eta}, \\ T: O_{\zeta,\eta} &\rightarrow +O_{\zeta,\eta}. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Therefore,  $O_{\zeta,\eta}$  operators have nematic ordering symmetries. The difference between two operators is that  $O_\zeta$  is from the pairing channel and  $O_\eta$  is from the density channel.

The final operator  $O_\rho$  describes a charge-density-wave order parameter, which has horizontal ordering wave vector in this case. Such ordering was considered a candidate of the ‘‘pseudogap’’ phase and the high-energy  $4a_0$  ordering pattern in the cuprates.<sup>32</sup> Notice that the hot spots are in general not linked by  $(\pi/4, 0)$  but linked by the ordering vector,  $\vec{Q}_{\text{CDW}} = \vec{k}_{f2} - \vec{k}_{f3}$ , which is consistent with the observations of the Hudson and collaborators.<sup>33</sup> For a thorough consideration of the charge-density wave, we need to investigate hot spots for the charge-density-wave order and start from the beginning. But because the calculations are identical in both cases, we consider the charge ordering within the present SDW theory.

The original theory can be extended by introducing the other order parameters from the above microscopic consideration. The total theory is

$$\mathcal{L}_\varphi = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\tau \vec{\varphi})^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \vec{\varphi})^2 + \frac{r}{2}(\vec{\varphi})^2 + \frac{u}{4}(\vec{\varphi}^2)^2,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\Psi = \Psi_{i,a}^\dagger (\partial_\tau + \mathcal{H}_0) \Psi_{i,a},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\eta = \frac{1}{2}(\partial \eta)^2 + s \eta^2 + \dots,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\rho = \frac{1}{2}(\partial \rho)^2 + w \rho^2 + \dots,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\varphi-\Psi} = \lambda_\varphi \vec{\varphi} \cdot [\Psi_{1,a}^\dagger \vec{\sigma}_{ab} \tau^x \varepsilon_{bc} \vec{\Psi}_{2,c} + \Psi_{3,a}^\dagger \vec{\sigma}_{ab} \tau^x \varepsilon_{bc} \vec{\Psi}_{4,c}],$$

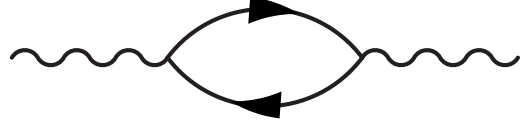


FIG. 4. Susceptibility Feynman diagram. The wavy line is for the order parameters like the SDW or the nematic order. The vertex matrix elements depend on the order parameters.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\eta-\Psi} = \lambda_\eta \eta \cdot O_\eta = \lambda_\eta \eta \sum_j m_j \Psi_{j,a}^\dagger \tau^x \Psi_{j,a},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rho-\Psi} = \lambda_\rho \rho \cdot O_\rho = \lambda_\rho \rho (\Psi_{2,a}^\dagger \tau^x \Psi_{3,a} + \Psi_{3,a}^\dagger \tau^x \Psi_{2,a}),$$

$$\mathcal{L}'_\zeta = \frac{1}{2}(\partial \zeta)^2 + s_1 \zeta^2 + \dots,$$

$$\mathcal{L}'_{\zeta-\Psi} = \lambda_\zeta \zeta \cdot O_\zeta = \lambda_\zeta \zeta \cdot \sum_j \Psi_{j,a}^\dagger \tau^x \Psi_{j,a}, \quad (20)$$

where  $\mathcal{H}_0$  is the spatial representation of the Eq. (18) and  $m_{1,4}=1$ ,  $m_{2,3}=-1$ . Note that the  $\mathcal{L}'$  terms are higher order in terms of the pairings.

Before going further, let us remark the meaning of the above consideration. In this extended theory, we have found the two different nematic order channels. One order parameter,  $\eta$ , couples to the density of fermions. The other one,  $\zeta$ , couples to the pairing, which suggests they have different charges. Many previous works focus on the pairing channel nematic order with the nodal fermions of the  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  superconductivity.<sup>34-39</sup> The nematic order naturally induces different pairings,  $\Delta_x \neq \Delta_y$ , which corresponds to the condensation of  $\zeta$  in this case. The original nodal fermions are gapped and the nodes become shifted depending on the sign of the gap function. Within the nodal fermion theory, the density channel is not allowed by the square lattice symmetry. In our spin-fermion model, the density channel is surely allowed and can see the effect under the small superconductivity. Note that the pairing channel is higher order in the pairing amplitude  $\Delta$ , which we will assume it is small here.

## V. CRITICAL POINT SHIFTS

In this section, to study influence of the superconductivity on quantum critical points in general, we come back to general cases, including the incommensurate cases for the cuprates. We can easily generalize the previous discussion to the incommensurate case: the changes are mainly in the fermions' spectra, which have different velocities and gap functions between two SDW linked points, and the existence of the complex two vector fields for the SDW. We will see effects of superconductivity on the quantum critical points by evaluating the diagrams in Fig. 4 for various order parameters with and without superconductivity.

### A. Spin-density wave

To investigate the effect of the superconductivity on the SDW critical point, let us focus on the SDW order near the

criticality with and without superconductivity. The interaction between the SDW order and fermions naturally affects the critical point as we saw in the Eq. (10). If we allow the superconductivity, the main effect of the superconductivity is gapping out the fermion surfaces so the contribution to the critical point has to be changed. The amount of the change can be obtained by evaluating the susceptibility with and without the pairing. In each case, the critical point is affected with the loop contribution and we can evaluate them with the Hamiltonian, Eq. (18). The total susceptibility for the one ordering wave vector, say 1, is

$$\chi_{\Delta}^{\phi} = \sum_{k_i - k_j = \vec{Q}_1} \chi_{\Delta,ij}^{\phi}.$$

Due to the symmetry it is enough to choose one of the linking hot spots. For example, the SDW fluctuation between  $k_{f,1}$  and  $k_{g,2}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{\Delta,12}^{\phi} &= (-)2\lambda_{\varphi}^2 \int_{k,\omega} \frac{i\omega + \varepsilon_1(k)}{\omega^2 + \varepsilon_1^2 + \Delta_+^2} \frac{i\omega + \varepsilon_2(k)}{\omega^2 + \varepsilon_2^2 + \Delta_-^2} \\ &+ 2\lambda_{\varphi}^2 \int_{k,\omega} \frac{\Delta_+}{\omega^2 + \varepsilon_1^2 + \Delta_+^2} \frac{\Delta_-}{\omega^2 + \varepsilon_2^2 + \Delta_-^2} \\ &= 2\lambda_{\varphi}^2 \int_{k,\omega} \frac{\omega^2 - \varepsilon_1(k)\varepsilon_2(k) + \Delta_+\Delta_-}{(\omega^2 + \varepsilon_1^2 + \Delta_+^2)(\omega^2 + \varepsilon_2^2 + \Delta_-^2)}. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

The two gap functions arise from the two bands in pnictides, and from the distance differences from the nodal point in the cuprates. To parametrize gap difference, let us introduce one parameter,  $\alpha$  as  $\Delta_{\pm} = \Delta(1 \pm \alpha)$ ; thus  $\alpha$  characterizes the distinction between the two hot spots, which become crystallographically equivalent  $\alpha=0$ . For the cases under consideration here,  $\alpha=0$  for a commensurate  $(\pi, \pi)$  wave vector for the SDW ordering for the cuprate case while  $\alpha \neq 0$  in all other cases. As we showed in Eq. (10), the susceptibility function contributing to the critical point and the relative critical point shifts with and without superconductivity is defined as

$$r_c^{\Delta} = \chi_{\Delta}^{\phi} = \chi_0^{\phi} - (\chi_0^{\phi} - \chi_{\Delta}^{\phi}) = r_c^0 - \delta_r. \quad (22)$$

A positive  $\delta_r$  implies the critical point shifts to shrink the SDW region leading to competition between the SDW and the superconductivity while the negative sign implies attraction between the SDW and the superconductivity.

As we can see, the fermion loop formula,  $\chi_{\Delta}^{\phi}$ , is divergent in the ultraviolet limit without the curvature term. But the critical point shift, which was defined as difference between different pairing magnitudes, is well defined. This is because the susceptibility function contains two independent momentum components unless the two Fermi velocities are parallel, which requires hot spots are the same as the nodes. We exclude such special case in this paper. Therefore, the curvature term,  $a$ , can be dropped, and we assume  $|\Delta|a \ll 1$ . So, the dispersion relation  $\varepsilon_i(k) = \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{k}$  will be used for evaluation,

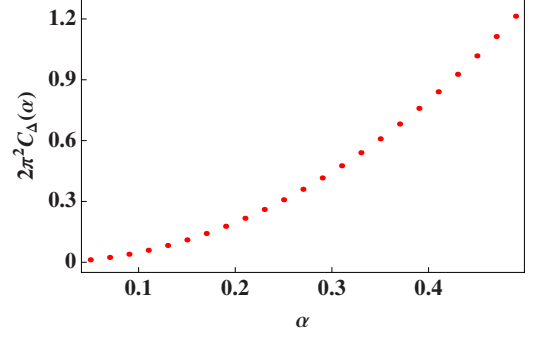


FIG. 5. (Color online) The SDW critical point shift with the relative gap parameter  $\alpha$ ,  $C_{\Delta}(\alpha)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_r &= \chi_0^{\phi} - \chi_{\Delta}^{\phi} = N_f \lambda_{\varphi}^2 \int_k \left[ \frac{1}{|v_1 \cdot k| + |v_2 \cdot k|} \left( 1 + \frac{v_1 \cdot k v_2 \cdot k}{|v_1 \cdot k| |v_2 \cdot k|} \right) \right. \\ &- \frac{1}{\sqrt{(v_1 \cdot k)^2 + \Delta_+^2} + \sqrt{(v_2 \cdot k)^2 + \Delta_-^2}} \\ &\times \left( 1 + \frac{v_1 \cdot k v_2 \cdot k}{\sqrt{(v_1 \cdot k)^2 + \Delta_+^2} \sqrt{(v_2 \cdot k)^2 + \Delta_-^2}} \right. \\ &\left. \left. + \frac{\Delta_+ \Delta_-}{\sqrt{(v_1 \cdot k)^2 + \Delta_+^2} \sqrt{(v_2 \cdot k)^2 + \Delta_-^2}} \right) \right] \\ &= N_f \lambda_{\varphi}^2 \frac{C_{\Delta}(\alpha)}{|\sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2)| v_{f1} v_{f2}}, \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

where the Fermi velocities are defined as

$$\vec{v}_1 = v_{f1} [\cos(\theta_1), \sin(\theta_1)], \quad \vec{v}_2 = v_{f2} [\cos(\theta_2), \sin(\theta_2)].$$

Therefore, the angle dependence and the relative gap function determine the critical point shift. The angle dependence on the two Fermi velocities indicates that more parallel velocities imply a larger critical point shift. So the perpendicular Fermi velocities of SDW participating fermions have the smallest critical point shift. As we can see, the sine function dependence indicates that the collinear Fermi velocities are dangerous in our calculation. In this case, we need to keep  $a$  from the start, and the functional behavior becomes the same as the nematic case. The coefficient,  $C(\alpha)$ , is

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\Delta}(\alpha) &= \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int dq_x dq_y \left[ \frac{1}{|q_x| + |q_y|} \right. \\ &- \frac{1}{\sqrt{q_x^2 + (1-\alpha)^2} + \sqrt{q_y^2 + (1+\alpha)^2}} \\ &\left. \times \left( 1 + \frac{1-\alpha^2}{\sqrt{q_x^2 + (1-\alpha)^2} \sqrt{q_y^2 + (1+\alpha)^2}} \right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

As pointed out in Sec. I, the sign of  $C_{\Delta}(\alpha)$  is not immediately evident from Eq. (24): the small  $\vec{q}$  region near the hot spot contributes a positive sign while that from large  $\vec{q}$  has a negative sign. A numerical evaluation of Eq. (24) shows that the result is indeed non-negative for all  $\alpha$ , and the result is shown in Fig. 5:  $C_{\Delta}(\alpha)$  increases monotonically with increasing  $\alpha$ .

A curious feature of Fig. 5 is that  $C_\Delta(0)=0$ : it vanishes for the case of equivalent hot spots. However, it is not at all evident from the integral in Eq. (24) that it equals zero for  $\alpha=0$ . This is more easily proved from the original expression in Eq. (21), by reversing the order of frequency and momentum integration. Evaluating first the momentum integration in Eq. (21) (after linearizing the dispersion about the Fermi surfaces) we find

$$\chi_{\Delta,1\bar{2}}^\phi = \lambda_\varphi^2 \frac{1}{2v_{f1}v_{f2}|\sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2)|} \int_\omega \frac{\omega^2 + \Delta_+\Delta_-}{\sqrt{\omega^2 + \Delta_+^2}\sqrt{\omega^2 + \Delta_-^2}}. \quad (25)$$

It is now evident that the critical point shift vanishes for  $\Delta_+=\Delta_-$ , for then the above result becomes independent of the value of the gap.

If we consider the state slightly off the criticality, e.g., by considering finite temperature, then the low-energy physics is governed by the temperature. In such a case, the shift becomes an analytic function of the superconducting gap, which means quadratic gap functions scaled with another energy scale, instead of the linear gap. Therefore, we can understand the nonanalytic behavior of the linear gap as a property of the quantum critical points.

### B. Charge-density wave

The CDW ordering operator,  $O_\rho$ , with a specific ordering wave vector,  $\vec{Q}_{\text{CDW}} = \vec{k}_{f2} - \vec{k}_{f3}$ , was introduced in the previous section. The CDW has different characteristics from the SDW. For example, instead of the spin-dependent vertex, it has density-type operators linking two hot spots, and also the linked hot-spots' gap functions have the same pairing sign and magnitude. Combining all of these, the susceptibility for the CDW with superconductivity is

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{\Delta,23}^\rho &= (-)2\lambda_\rho^2 \int_{k,\omega} \frac{i\omega + \varepsilon_3(k)}{\omega^2 + \varepsilon_3^2 + \Delta_+^2} \frac{i\omega + \varepsilon_2(k)}{\omega^2 + \varepsilon_2^2 + \Delta_+^2} \\ &\quad + 2\lambda_\rho^2 \int_{k,\omega} \frac{\Delta_+}{\omega^2 + \varepsilon_3^2 + \Delta_+^2} \frac{\Delta_+}{\omega^2 + \varepsilon_2^2 + \Delta_+^2} \\ &= 2\lambda_\rho^2 \int_{k,\omega} \frac{\omega^2 - \varepsilon_3(k)\varepsilon_2(k) + \Delta_+\Delta_+}{(\omega^2 + \varepsilon_3^2 + \Delta_+^2)(\omega^2 + \varepsilon_2^2 + \Delta_+^2)}. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

The CDW critical point shift is

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_w &= \chi_0^\rho - \chi_\Delta^\rho = \frac{N_f \lambda_\rho^2}{2} \int_k \left[ \frac{1}{|v_3 \cdot k| + |v_2 \cdot k|} \left( 1 - \frac{v_3 \cdot kv_2 \cdot k}{|v_3 \cdot k||v_2 \cdot k|} \right) \right. \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\sqrt{(v_3 \cdot k)^2 + \Delta_+^2} + \sqrt{(v_2 \cdot k)^2 + \Delta_+^2}} \\ &\quad \times \left( 1 - \frac{v_3 \cdot kv_2 \cdot k}{\sqrt{(v_3 \cdot k)^2 + \Delta_+^2}\sqrt{(v_2 \cdot k)^2 + \Delta_+^2}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{\Delta_+\Delta_+}{\sqrt{(v_3 \cdot k)^2 + \Delta_+^2}\sqrt{(v_2 \cdot k)^2 + \Delta_+^2}} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{N_f \lambda_\rho^2}{2} \frac{C_\Delta(0)}{\lambda_\rho^2} \frac{|\Delta_+|}{v_{f2}^2}, \quad (27)$$

where the Fermi velocities are defined as

$$\vec{v}_2 = v_{f2}[\cos(\theta_2), \sin(\theta_2)], \quad \vec{v}_3 = v_{f2}[\cos(\theta_3), \sin(\theta_3)],$$

where the angle between  $\vec{v}_{2,3}$  is  $(\theta_2 - \theta_3)$ , and the velocities are not collinear in general. Interestingly, the calculation itself is quite similar to the SDWs formally. However, a key difference is that the participating fermions have the exactly same gap functions and Fermi velocities for the CDW, and this is guaranteed by symmetry. Consequently, the prefactor in Eq. (27) is  $C_\Delta(\alpha=0)$  which is zero. Thus the shift in the CDW critical point vanishes at this order.

We can estimate higher order in  $\Delta$  by evaluating Eq. (27) with a finite momentum cutoff  $\Lambda$ . This introduces dependence of the result on  $\Delta/\Lambda$ , which is evaluated in Appendix B. We find a net competing effect but this is formally higher order in  $\Delta$  and so parametrically smaller than the SDW case.

### C. Nematic order

With the extension of the spin-fermion theory, we can consider the nematic order parameter within the theory. As we mentioned before, there are two channels for the nematic order but for the case of a small pairing gap, it is enough to consider the density channels. The critical point correction can be evaluated from the fermion loop calculation as before, and it is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{N_f} \chi_\Delta^\eta &= (-1)\lambda_\eta^2 \int_{k,\omega} \text{Tr} \left( \tau^z \frac{i\omega + \varepsilon_k \tau^z + \Delta_i \tau^x}{\omega^2 + \varepsilon_k^2 + \Delta_i^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \tau^z \frac{i\omega + \varepsilon_k \tau^z + \Delta_i \tau^x}{\omega^2 + \varepsilon_k^2 + \Delta_i^2} \right) \\ &= 2\lambda_\eta^2 \int_{k,\omega} \left( \frac{1}{\omega^2 + \varepsilon_k^2 + \Delta_i^2} - \frac{2\varepsilon_k^2}{(\omega^2 + \varepsilon_k^2 + \Delta_i^2)^2} \right) \\ &= \lambda_\eta^2 \int_k \frac{\Delta_i^2}{(\varepsilon_k^2 + \Delta_i^2)^{3/2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

Note that there is a crucial difference in this integration compared to the previous critical point shifts. Because the nematic order parameter consists of particle and hole with same Fermi velocity, the pathology of collinear dispersions are always present in the nematic phase transition. Therefore, we need to keep the curvature term,  $a$ , and then we have the susceptibility as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{N_f} \chi_\Delta^\eta &= 2\lambda_\eta^2 \int_{k,\omega} \left( \frac{1}{\omega^2 + \varepsilon_k^2 + \Delta_i^2} - \frac{2\varepsilon_k^2}{(\omega^2 + \varepsilon_k^2 + \Delta_i^2)^2} \right) \\ &= \lambda_\eta^2 \int_k \frac{\Delta_i^2}{(\varepsilon_k^2 + \Delta_i^2)^{3/2}} = \lambda_\eta^2 D_0 \int_{-1/(4a)}^\infty d\varepsilon \frac{\Delta_i^2}{(\varepsilon^2 + \Delta_i^2)^{3/2}} \\ &= \lambda_\eta^2 \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1}{v_f^2 a} [1 - 8(|\Delta_i|a)^2], \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

where  $D_0$  is the constant density of state. The lower cutoff is

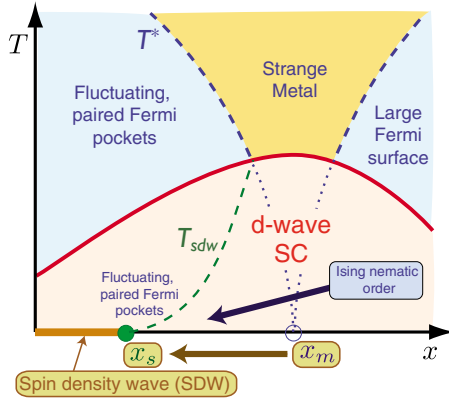


FIG. 6. (Color online) Cuprate phase diagram adapted from Refs. 21 and 22. Here  $x$  is hole doping,  $x_m$  is the position of the SDW critical point in the metal, and  $x_s$  is the SDW critical point in the insulator. The shift between  $x_m$  and  $x_s$  represents the consequence of Eq. (3). The regions with “fluctuating Fermi pockets” have renormalized classical thermal fluctuations of SDW order. Ising-nematic ordering is expected for  $T < T^*$ , and consistent with Fig. 1, this regime is not sensitive to the onset of superconductivity.

from the dispersion relation  $\epsilon_k = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{k} + av^2k^2$ . Note that this integration is well defined in both ultraviolet and infrared regions. Even in the SDW the collinear Fermi velocity hot spots whose cases are excluded in this paper also suffer similar problems.

The critical point shift of the nematic ordering, then, is

$$\delta_c^\eta \equiv \chi_0^\eta - \chi_\Delta^\eta = N_f \lambda_\eta^2 \frac{C_\eta}{v_f^2} \frac{1}{a} (|\Delta_i| a)^2, \quad (30)$$

where  $C_\eta = \frac{2}{\pi}$ . Note that the nematic critical point shift does not contain the linear gap behavior like the SDW. Instead it starts from the second order and it is analytic in terms of the gap function. Such a term describes usual competing term of the Landau-Ginzburg theory, as was discussed in Sec. I. Parametrically the nematic ordering is more stable than the spin-density wave under the “weak” superconductivity.

## VI. CONCLUSIONS

Our main results, summarized in Fig. 1, have a natural application to the physics of the cuprates. For SDW ordering, we have shown that there is a large shift in the quantum critical point due to the onset of superconductivity, represented by Eq. (3). In contrast, for the Ising-nematic order, when considered as an independent order parameter, there is a significantly smaller shift, of order that expected in Landau theory in Eq. (2). These results provide a natural basis for the phase diagram proposed in earlier work,<sup>21,22</sup> which we reproduce here in Fig. 6. The large shift in the SDW ordering between the metal and the superconductor is represented by the arrow from  $x_m$  to  $x_s$ . We assume that the Ising-nematic ordering has an onset around  $x_m$ , and this is barely shifted by the onset of superconductivity, as implied by Fig. 1. Consequently, long-range Ising-nematic ordering can survive for  $x > x_s$ , as is indicated in Fig. 6. These results are consistent

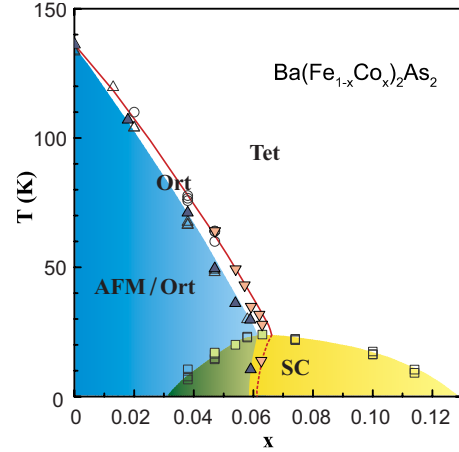


FIG. 7. (Color online) Phase diagram for  $\text{Ba}[\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Co}_x]_2\text{As}_2$  from Refs. 5 and 6. The backbending of the SDW ordering transition in the superconducting phase is similar to that of  $T_{\text{CDW}}$  in Fig. 6. Here, rather than renormalized classical SDW fluctuations, we have true long-range order indicated by “AFM.” The Ising-nematic order is present in the phase labeled “Ort” and absent in that labeled “Tet.” Note that, unlike the cuprates, the Ising-nematic transition follows the SDW ordering transition in the superconducting state too.

with recent observations of Ising-nematic ordering<sup>40–42</sup> in the hole-doped cuprates.

In an applied magnetic field, as was discussed in Refs. 22 and 23, the point  $x_s$  eventually merges with  $x_m$  so that the SDW transition in the high-field normal state takes place at  $x = x_m$ . Given this, we expect that the Ising nematic transition will also merge (or become very close to) with the SDW transition at high fields.

A notable feature of Fig. 6 is the backbending of the crossover line bounding the region where there are “renormalized classical” fluctuations of local SDW order: this region is bounded by the line labeled  $T^*$  in the normal state, and by the line labeled  $T_{\text{sdw}}$  in the superconducting state. As we have argued,<sup>21,22</sup> this is a natural consequence of the shift of the in SDW quantum critical point from  $x_m$  to  $x_s$ .

Turning to the pnictides, we note that the backbending of the SDW ordering has been clearly seen in recent experiments, as shown in Fig. 7.

Here, because the stronger three dimensionality of the crystal structure and the commensurate wave vector, the region of renormalized classical SDW fluctuations becomes a region of true long-range order, and so is more easily detected by neutron scattering. However, Fig. 7 differs from the phase diagram in Fig. 6 in one important aspect: note that the Ising-nematic transition in Fig. 7 closely tracks the SDW transition in both the normal and superconducting states, rather than separating from it in the superconducting state as in Fig. 6. This means that the shift in the nematic ordering transition due to superconductivity is not significantly smaller than that of the SDW transition. This is in conflict with the situation outlined in Fig. 1, where the nematic transition hardly shifts relative to the SDW transition.

This difference between our computations and the pnictide phase diagram in Fig. 7 implies that the Ising-nematic



transition in the pnictides is not an independent instability associated with the electrons near the Fermi surface. For if it were, our computations show that it would barely notice the onset of superconductivity. We now argue that the phase diagram in Fig. 7 can be understood if we assume that the Ising-nematic ordering is primarily induced by its coupling to the square of the SDW order.<sup>43,44</sup> Thus, in addition to the coupling of the nematic order,  $\eta$ , to the fermions in Eq. (20), we need to add its coupling to the SDW order,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\eta-\varphi} = \tilde{\lambda} \eta (\tilde{\varphi}_x^2 - \tilde{\varphi}_y^2), \quad (31)$$

where  $\tilde{\varphi}_x(\tilde{\varphi}_y)$  is the SDW ordering at wave vector  $(\pi, 0)[(0, \pi)]$ . Then a correction of order  $|\Delta|$  to the SDW fluctuations from the onset of superconductivity, will feed into a similar correction to the Ising-nematic fluctuations via a perturbation theory in  $\tilde{\lambda}$ . Thus our conclusion is that  $\tilde{\lambda}$  is the dominant coupling which induces Ising-nematic order in the pnictides. A similar conclusion appears to have been reached recently by Kimber *et al.*<sup>45</sup> based on their analysis of the scanning tunnel microscope observations of Chuang *et al.*<sup>46</sup> In contrast, for the cuprates, the influence of  $\tilde{\lambda}$  appears significantly weaker.

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#### APPENDIX A: SYMMETRY

In this section, we set the notation for the symmetry transformation of the square lattice. Mean-field Hamiltonian with the  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  needs the pairing term as  $\Delta_{i,i\pm x} = -\Delta_{i,i\pm y}$ ,

$$H_{MF} = - \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} t_{ij} (c_{ia}^\dagger c_{ja} + \text{H.c.}) - \mu \sum_i c_{i,a}^\dagger c_{i,a} + \sum_{ij} \Delta_{ij}^* (\epsilon^{ab} c_{ia} c_{jb}) + \text{H.c.} \quad (A1)$$

The first line describes usual hopping terms on the square lattice, which gives the Fermi surface. We exclude special ‘‘nesting’’-type Fermi surfaces and assume there are points linked by the spin-density-wave ordering vector.

We start with lattice field transformations,

$$T_{x,y}: c_a(x) \rightarrow c'_a(x') = c_a(x),$$

$$R_{\pi/2}: c_a(x) \rightarrow c'_a(x') = i c_a(x),$$

$$I_{xy}: c_a(x) \rightarrow c'_a(x') = i c_a(x). \quad (A2)$$

The rotation and reflection transformation attaches the factor  $i$ , which makes the  $d$  wave pairing term invariant. After writing the lattice fields with continuum field, we can obtain the

TABLE II. Symmetry transformations of the hot-spot fields under square lattice symmetry operations.

	$T_x$	$T_y$	$R_{\pi/2}$	$I_{xy}$
$f_{1,a}$	$f_{1,a} e^{-ik_{1x}}$	$f_{1,a} e^{-ik_{1y}}$	$i f_{3,a}$	$i f_{2,a}$
$f_{2,a}$	$f_{2,a} e^{-ik_{2x}}$	$f_{2,a} e^{-ik_{2y}}$	$i f_{4,a}$	$i f_{1,a}$
$f_{3,a}$	$f_{3,a} e^{-ik_{3x}}$	$f_{3,a} e^{-ik_{3y}}$	$i f_{1,a}$	$i f_{4,a}$
$f_{4,a}$	$f_{4,a} e^{-ik_{4x}}$	$f_{4,a} e^{-ik_{4y}}$	$i f_{2,a}$	$i f_{3,a}$
$\tilde{f}_{1,a}$	$\tilde{f}_{1,a} e^{ik_{1x}}$	$\tilde{f}_{1,a} e^{ik_{1y}}$	$i \tilde{f}_{3,a}$	$i \tilde{f}_{2,a}$
$\tilde{f}_{2,a}$	$\tilde{f}_{2,a} e^{ik_{2x}}$	$\tilde{f}_{2,a} e^{ik_{2y}}$	$i \tilde{f}_{4,a}$	$i \tilde{f}_{1,a}$
$\tilde{f}_{3,a}$	$\tilde{f}_{3,a} e^{ik_{3x}}$	$\tilde{f}_{3,a} e^{ik_{3y}}$	$i \tilde{f}_{1,a}$	$i \tilde{f}_{4,a}$
$\tilde{f}_{4,a}$	$\tilde{f}_{4,a} e^{ik_{4x}}$	$\tilde{f}_{4,a} e^{ik_{4y}}$	$i \tilde{f}_{2,a}$	$i \tilde{f}_{3,a}$

transformation in Table II. It is worthwhile to mention that at low-energy or long-wavelength scale the fields at hot spots can be treated as independent fields.

Time-reversal symmetry is obtained with low-energy fields instead of the lattice fields so we do not consider it here. See the caption of Table I,

$$\Psi_{i,a} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} f_{i,a} \\ \epsilon_{ab} \tilde{f}_{i,b}^\dagger \end{pmatrix}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4. \quad (A3)$$

After introducing the Nambu spinors, bilinear spinors' transformations can be done easily.

Physical quantities are described with bilinear terms such as density and pairing interactions. Below several important bilinear terms are listed up to constants,

$$\Psi_{1,a}^\dagger \tau^0 \Psi_{1,a} = f_{1a}^\dagger f_{1a} - \tilde{f}_{1a}^\dagger \tilde{f}_{1a},$$

$$\Psi_{1,a}^\dagger \tau^z \Psi_{1,a} = f_{1a}^\dagger f_{1a} + \tilde{f}_{1a}^\dagger \tilde{f}_{1a},$$

$$\Psi_{1,a}^\dagger \tau^x \Psi_{1,a} = \epsilon_{ab} (f_{1a}^\dagger \tilde{f}_{1b}^\dagger + \tilde{f}_{1b} f_{1a}),$$

$$\Psi_{1,a}^\dagger \tau^y \Psi_{1,a} = (-i) \epsilon_{ab} (f_{1a}^\dagger \tilde{f}_{1b}^\dagger - \tilde{f}_{1b} f_{1a}),$$

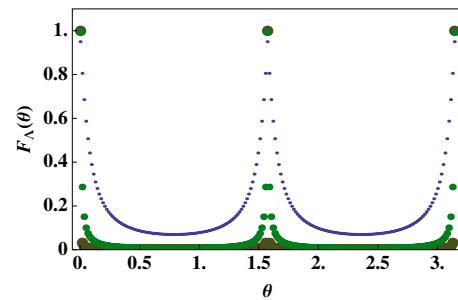


FIG. 8. (Color online) The CDW critical point shift varying with the cutoff. The CDW has participating fermions which have the same gap functions, so it is the  $\alpha=0$  case formally. The small (blue), medium (green), large (dark yellow) dots correspond to the cutoffs 10,  $10^2$ , and  $10^3$ . As we can see, the integrand is positive in any cases but the numbers are getting smaller with larger cutoffs.

$$\Psi_{1,a}^\dagger \tau^x \bar{\sigma}_{ab} \varepsilon_{bc} \bar{\Psi}_{2,c} = -(f_{1a}^\dagger \bar{\sigma}_{ab} f_{2b}^- + f_{2a}^\dagger \bar{\sigma}_{ab} f_{1b}^-),$$

$$\Psi_{1,a}^\dagger \tau^x \bar{\sigma}_{ab} \Psi_{1,b} = (f_{1a}^\dagger f_{1c}^\dagger \varepsilon_{bc} + f_{1d}^- f_{1b} \varepsilon_{ad}) \bar{\sigma}_{ab},$$

$$\Psi_{1,a}^\dagger \tau^y \bar{\sigma}_{ab} \varepsilon_{bc} \bar{\Psi}_{2,c} = i(f_{1a}^\dagger \bar{\sigma}_{ab} f_{2b}^- - f_{2a}^\dagger \bar{\sigma}_{ab} f_{1b}^-),$$

$$\Psi_{1,a}^\dagger \tau^y \bar{\sigma}_{ab} \Psi_{1,b} = (-i)(f_{1a}^\dagger f_{1c}^\dagger \varepsilon_{bc} - f_{1d}^- f_{1b} \varepsilon_{ad}) \bar{\sigma}_{ab}. \quad (\text{A4})$$

$$\Psi_{1,a}^\dagger \tau^0 \bar{\sigma}_{ab} \Psi_{1,b} = f_{1a}^\dagger \bar{\sigma}_{ab} f_{1b} + f_{1a}^\dagger \bar{\sigma}_{ab} f_{1b}^-,$$

$$\Psi_{1,a}^\dagger \tau^z \bar{\sigma}_{ab} \Psi_{1,b} = f_{1a}^\dagger \bar{\sigma}_{ab} f_{1b} - f_{1a}^\dagger \bar{\sigma}_{ab} f_{1b}^-,$$

## APPENDIX B: THE CDW CRITICAL POINT SHIFT

As we saw in the above, the critical point shift for the CDW is determined by the function,

$$\begin{aligned} C_\Delta(0) &= \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int dq_x dq_y \left[ \frac{1}{|q_x| + |q_y|} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{q_x^2 + 1} + \sqrt{q_y^2 + 1}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{q_x^2 + 1} \sqrt{q_y^2 + 1}} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int d\theta dr \left[ \frac{1}{|\cos(\theta)| + |\sin(\theta)|} - \frac{r}{\sqrt{r^2 \cos^2(\theta) + 1} + \sqrt{r^2 \sin^2(\theta) + 1}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 \cos^2(\theta) + 1} \sqrt{r^2 \sin^2(\theta) + 1}} \right) \right] \\ &= \lim_{\Lambda \rightarrow \infty} \int d\theta F_\Lambda(\theta). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B1})$$

$$F_\Lambda(\theta) \equiv \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^\Lambda \left[ \frac{1}{|\cos(\theta)| + |\sin(\theta)|} - \frac{r}{\sqrt{r^2 \cos^2(\theta) + 1} + \sqrt{r^2 \sin^2(\theta) + 1}} \times \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 \cos^2(\theta) + 1} \sqrt{r^2 \sin^2(\theta) + 1}} \right) \right] dr \quad (\text{B2})$$

In Fig. 8, we illustrate the function,  $F_\Lambda(\theta)$ , with different cutoffs. As we can see the larger cutoffs make the smaller  $C_\Delta(0)$ , even though it is positive.

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