**Theory of d-Vector of in Spin-Triplet Superconductor Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub>** 

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### **% Prologue**

**% Microscopic theory of d-vector on d-p model**

**% Anomalous NQR relaxation rate by internal Josephson effect due to pair spin-orbit interaction**





# Crucial experiment: NQR relaxation



**cf. Internal Josephson oscillations: Leggett (1973)**

# Experiment of Knight shift

### **The second round**

Murakawa, Ishida et al:

Phys. Rev. Lett. **93** (2004) 167004

The Knight-shift (H || c) **remains unchanged** across the  $T_c$ , as well as H || ab, even with a small magnetic field of **0.02[T]**.



# %Microscopic theory of d-vector on d-p model

- Brief and incomplete history
	- *d-*vector issue and theory
- Calculation of T<sub>c</sub> based on *d-p* model
- Anisotropy of *d*-vector
	- *d-p* model + spin-orbit interaction

Y. Yoshioka and KM: J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. **78**, 074701 (2009)

# Hubbard model calculation

T. Nomura & K. Yamada: J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. **71** (2002) 404

**The spin-singlet is more stable than the spintriplet, within the second order perturbation theory (SOPT).**

**Third order perturbation terms stabilize the spintriplet superconductivity**

T-dependence of C and 1/T<sub>1</sub> well explained



For γ-band

# Anisotropy of *d-*vector (Theory)

•Hubbard model + Atomic Spin-Orbit & Hund coupling Yanase & Ogata :J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. **72** (2003)673

> atomic spin-orbit interaction on Ru site pin *d*-vector to c-axis  $H_a \sim 0.015$ [T]

・Dipole-dipole interaction of Cooper pairs Y. Hasegawa: J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. **72**(2003) 2456

pin *d*-vector to c-axis H<sub>a</sub>~0.019[T]

 $0.015 + 0.019 = 0.034$  [T]

**The Knight shift for an external magnetic field (H || c) less than 0.034[T] should decrease across the T<sub>c</sub>** if the **d-vector were fixed to the c-axis.**



What is the mechanism which pins the *d*-vector in the *ab*-plane

Calculation based on the *d-p* model

*Hab*

*d*

- We first discuss the microscopic mechanism of the superconductivity in  $Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub>$  on the basis of the *d-p* model.
- We also calculate the effect of the atomic spin-orbit interaction on the *d-*vector starting from the *d-p* model.

### **Specialty of Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub> based 4d electrons**

#### Band structure calculation



T. Oguchi: PRB 51 (1995) 1385.

Appreciable weight of 2p-component remaining at Fermi level

$$
\frac{N_{\mathsf{F}}(\mathsf{O}_{\mathsf{I}}2p)}{N_{\mathsf{F}}(\mathsf{R}\mathsf{u}4d)} \simeq 0.17
$$

$$
\frac{N_{\mathsf{F}}(\mathsf{O}_{\mathbf{I}}2p)}{N_{\mathsf{F}}(\mathsf{R}\mathsf{u}4d_{xy})} \simeq 0.34
$$

Roles of oxygen cannot be eliminated

**Necessity of d-p model beyond Hubbard model**

**What kind of roles expected ?**

#### *d-p* model Hoshihara & Miyake:J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. **74**(2005)2679 2<sup>nd</sup> order perturbation calculation

$$
H_{dp} = \sum_{\langle i,j\rangle\sigma} (t_{dp}d_{i\sigma}^{+}p_{j\sigma} + h.c.)
$$
  
+ 
$$
\sum_{\langle i,j\rangle\sigma} (t_{pp}p_{i\sigma}^{+}p_{j\sigma} + h.c.)
$$
  
+ 
$$
U_{dd} \sum_{i} d_{i\uparrow}^{+} d_{i\downarrow}^{+} d_{i\downarrow} d_{i\uparrow}
$$
  
+ 
$$
U_{pp} \sum_{i} p_{i\uparrow}^{+} p_{i\downarrow}^{+} p_{i\downarrow} p_{i\uparrow}
$$



U<sub>pp</sub> cannot be reduced by correlation among 4d electrons (on-site correlation)

Interaction between ( $\gamma$ -band) quasi-particles

$$
\mathcal{H}_{int} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'\mathbf{q}} \tilde{J}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}';\mathbf{q}} a_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}\uparrow}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k}'-\mathbf{q}\downarrow}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k}'\downarrow} a_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow} \qquad \tilde{J}_{1}
$$

$$
\tilde{J}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}';\mathbf{q}} = U_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}';\mathbf{q}} + J_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}';\mathbf{q}} + J_{\mathbf{k}',\mathbf{k};\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{q}}
$$

 $N_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k'};\mathbf{q}}:$  interaction intricately depends on wave vectors.

> Fast Fourier Transformation (FFT) method is not available





- Spin-triplet state is stabilized even within 2**nd** order perturbation (SOP), and we could not obtain sufficient  $T_c$  for spin-singlet state.
- $T_c$  increases monotonically as  $U_{\text{pp}}$  increases.



# **Anisotropy of d-vector due to atomic spin-orbit and Hund's rule coupling**

To violate SU(2) symmetry in the spin space, namely to make a difference between  $V_{\uparrow\uparrow}$  and  $V_{\uparrow\downarrow}$ , we introduce the atomic spin-orbit interaction  $\lambda$  up to second order and Hund-coupling  $J_H$  up to first order.

$$
V_{\uparrow\uparrow} < V_{\uparrow\downarrow} & V_{\uparrow\uparrow} > V_{\uparrow\downarrow} \\ \mathbf{d} \parallel \mathbf{c} & \mathbf{d} \perp \mathbf{c}
$$

M. Ogata: J. Phys. Chem. Solids **63** (2002) 1329 Hamiltonian at Ru site K. K. Ng and M. Sigrist: Europhys. Lett. **49** (2000) 473

$$
H_{4d} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{k\alpha\sigma}^{\dagger} & c_{k\beta\sigma}^{\dagger} & c_{k\gamma-\sigma}^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{\alpha} & -i\sigma_{2}^{\lambda} & b_{k\sigma} \\ i\sigma_{2}^{\lambda} & \varepsilon_{\beta} & i\sigma b_{k\sigma} \\ b_{k\sigma}^{*} & -i\sigma b_{k\sigma}^{*} & \varepsilon_{\gamma} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{k\alpha\sigma} \\ c_{k\beta\sigma} \\ c_{k\gamma-\sigma} \end{pmatrix}
$$

Green function containing  $\alpha$  - and  $\beta$ -bands

e.g.  $G_{\alpha \uparrow \gamma \downarrow}(k) = b_{k \uparrow} G_{\alpha}(k) G_{\gamma}(k)$ 





cf. anisotropy due to dipole interaction  $H_a \sim 0.019$ T

# Conclusion 1

- On d-p model with Upp, we calculated pairing interaction up to the 3rd order perturbation and the  $T_c$  of the superconductivity.
	- In contrast to the Hubbard model
		- The spin-triplet state is stable even within SOPT
		- $\cdot$  sin  $k_x$  type gap structure is obtained
- Introducing the spin-orbit interaction and Hund coupling to the *d-p* model, we obtained the result that the *d*-vector can be perpendicular to the *c*axis, in consistent with the recent Knight shift measurements.

### **% Anomalous NQR Relaxation by internal Josephson effect due to pair spin-orbit interaction**

K. Miyake: JPSJ **79** (2010) 024714.

Spin-orbit interaction due to relative motion of quasiparticles near Fermi level

$$
H_{\rm so}=-\frac{\mu_{\rm B}^2}{\hbar}\frac{m_{\rm band}}{m^*}\sum_i\sum_{j\neq i}\frac{1}{r_{ij}^3}\vec{\sigma}_i\cdot[\vec{r}_{ij}\times[(2\bar{g}-1)\vec{p}_i-2\bar{g}\vec{p}_j]]
$$

Two Ward-Pitaevskii idenities:

$$
-\frac{m_{\text{band}}}{m^*a} (i\vec{\nabla}_p \times \mathbf{p}) = - (i\vec{\nabla}_p \times \mathbf{p}) + \frac{i}{2} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \Gamma^k_{\alpha\beta,\alpha\beta}(p,q) \{ G(q) (i\vec{\nabla}_q \times \mathbf{q}) G(q) \}_k
$$

$$
\frac{1}{a} \sigma_{\alpha\beta} = \sigma_{\alpha\beta} - i \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \sigma_{\xi\eta} \{ G_{\xi}(q) G_{\eta}(q) \}_\omega \Gamma^\omega_{\eta\xi,\beta\alpha}(q,p)
$$

2<sup>nd</sup> quantization representation:

$$
H_{\rm so} = -\frac{\mu_{\rm B}^2}{\hbar} \frac{m_{\rm band}}{m^*} \int \int d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}_2 \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|^3} \psi_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}_1) \psi_{\gamma}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}_2) \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} \delta_{\gamma\delta}
$$
  

$$
\cdot \left[ (\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) \times (-i\hbar) \left( (2\bar{g} - 1) \vec{\nabla}_1 - 2\bar{g} \vec{\nabla}_2) \right) \right] \psi_{\delta}(\mathbf{r}_2) \psi_{\beta}(\mathbf{r}_1)
$$
  

$$
H_{\rm so} = -\frac{\mu_{\rm B}^2}{\hbar} \frac{m_{\rm band}}{m^*} \int \int d\mathbf{R} d\mathbf{r} \frac{1}{r^3} \psi_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{r}/2) \psi_{\gamma}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{r}/2) \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} \delta_{\gamma\delta}
$$
  

$$
\cdot \left[ \vec{r} \times (-i\hbar) \left( (4\bar{g} - 1) \vec{\nabla}_r - \frac{1}{2} \vec{\nabla}_R \right) \right] \psi_{\delta}(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{r}/2) \psi_{\beta}(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{r}/2) \psi_{\delta}(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{r}/2) \psi_{\delta}
$$

Mean-field type decoupling approximation

$$
\langle \psi_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{r}/2)\psi_{\gamma}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{r}/2)\psi_{\delta}(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{r}/2)\psi_{\beta}(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{r}/2)\rangle
$$
  
\n
$$
\simeq \langle \psi_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{r}/2)\psi_{\gamma}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{r}/2)\rangle \langle \psi_{\delta}(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{r}/2)\psi_{\beta}(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{r}/2)\rangle
$$
  
\n
$$
= \langle \psi_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}/2)\psi_{\gamma}^{\dagger}(-\mathbf{r}/2)\rangle \langle \psi_{\delta}(-\mathbf{r}/2)\psi_{\beta}(\mathbf{r}/2)\rangle.
$$

Free energy for pair spin-orbit interaction

$$
F_{\rm so} \equiv \langle H_{\rm so} \rangle = -\frac{\mu_{\rm B}^2}{\hbar} \frac{m_{\rm band}}{m^*} (4\bar{g} - 1)V \int \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r} \frac{1}{r^3} \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} \delta_{\gamma\delta} \cdot F_{\gamma\alpha}^*(\mathbf{r}) [\vec{r} \times (-i\hbar) \vec{\nabla}_r] F_{\delta\beta}(\mathbf{r})
$$

$$
F_{\delta\beta}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \langle \psi_{\delta}(\mathbf{r}/2) \psi_{\beta}(-\mathbf{r}/2) \rangle = i(\vec{\sigma}\sigma_2)_{\alpha\beta} \cdot \vec{F}(\mathbf{r})
$$

$$
F_{\rm so} = -g_{\rm so}(\mathrm{i}\vec{d} \times \vec{d}^*) \cdot \vec{L} \qquad \qquad g_{\rm so} = \mu_{\rm B}^2 \frac{m_{\rm band}}{m^*} (4\bar{g} - 1) 4\pi \Psi^2 V_{\rm g}
$$

Free energy for dipole-dipole interaction

$$
F_{\rm d} = -\frac{3c}{4a\pi}g_{\rm d}\left[ (\vec{d}\cdot\vec{L})^2 - \frac{1}{3} \right] \qquad a(=3.87\text{\AA}) \text{ and } c(=6.37\text{\AA})
$$

$$
g_{\rm d} = \frac{\pi}{2}\mu_{\rm eff}^2\Psi^2 = \frac{\pi}{2}\bar{g}^2\mu_{\rm B}^2\Psi^2
$$
 Hasegawa: JPSJ **72** (2003) 2456

Condensation energy in GL region

$$
F_{\rm GL} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\mathrm{d}n}{\mathrm{d}\epsilon} \right) \left[ -\left( 1 - \frac{T}{T_{\rm c}} \right) \frac{\Delta_{\uparrow}^{2} + \Delta_{\downarrow}^{2}}{2} + \frac{7\zeta(3)}{16} \frac{\kappa}{(\pi k_{\rm B} T_{\rm c})^{2}} \frac{\Delta_{\uparrow}^{4} + \Delta_{\downarrow}^{4}}{2} \right]
$$

$$
F_{\rm cond}^{\rm unit} = -\frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{\mathrm{d}n}{\mathrm{d}\epsilon} \right) \frac{8}{7\zeta(3)} \frac{1}{\kappa} (\pi k_{\rm B} T_{\rm c})^{2} \left( 1 - \frac{T}{T_{\rm c}} \right)^{2}
$$

Spin-orbit coupling in GL region

$$
g_{\rm d} = \frac{\pi}{8} \mu_{\rm eff}^2 \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}n}{\mathrm{d}\epsilon}\right)^2 \frac{8}{7\zeta(3)} \frac{1}{\kappa} (\pi k_{\rm B} T_{\rm c})^2 \left[\ln(1.14 \beta_{\rm c} \epsilon_{\rm c})\right]^2 \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_{\rm c}}\right)
$$

$$
\frac{g_{\rm so}}{|F_{\rm cond}^{\rm unit}|} = \frac{m_{\rm band}}{m^*} \frac{(4\bar{g} - 1)}{\bar{g}^2} 4\pi \mu_{\rm B}^2 \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}n}{\mathrm{d}\epsilon}\right) [\ln(1.14\beta_{\rm c}\epsilon_{\rm c})]^2 \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_{\rm c}}\right)^{-1}
$$

Gap structure in equilibrium

$$
\hat{\Delta} = \frac{\Delta_0}{\sqrt{1 + \eta^2}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 - \eta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \eta \end{pmatrix}
$$

$$
d_{0x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\eta^2}} \quad d_{0y} = \mathrm{i} \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{1+\eta^2}}
$$

 $d_{0z}=0$  weakly non-unitary

Total free energy in the GL region

e energy in the GL region  
\n
$$
F(\eta) = -g_{\text{so}} \frac{2\eta}{1 + \eta^2} + |F_{\text{cond}}^{\text{unit}}| \frac{4\eta^2}{(1 + \eta^2)^2} \qquad F_{\text{so}} = -g_{\text{so}} \frac{2\eta}{1 + \eta^2}
$$



$$
\Omega \simeq 4.3 \times 10^7 \sqrt{(1+F_0^a)/\kappa} \, T_{\rm c} \frac{m_{\rm band}}{m} \quad [{\rm sec}^{-1}]
$$

Energy due to magnetic field

$$
\Delta F_{\text{magn}} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{1 - \frac{T}{T_c}}{1 + F_0^{\text{a}}} \chi_z H^2
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{1 - \frac{T}{T_c}}{(1 + F_0^{\text{a}})^2} \mu_B^2 \left(\frac{dn}{d\epsilon}\right) H^2
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{1 - \frac{T}{T_c}}{(1 + F_0^{\text{a}})^2} \mu_B^2 \left(\frac{dn}{d\epsilon}\right) H^2
$$
\n
$$
F_{\text{so}} = -g_{\text{so}} \frac{2\eta}{1 + \eta^2}
$$
\n
$$
g_{\text{so}} = \frac{m_{\text{band}}}{m^*} 8 \frac{(4\bar{g} - 1) \pi}{\bar{g}^2} \frac{\pi}{8} \mu_B^2 \left(\frac{dn}{d\epsilon}\right)^2 \frac{8}{7\zeta(3)} \frac{1}{\kappa} (\pi k_B T_c)^2 \left[\ln(1.14 \beta_c \epsilon_c)\right]^2 \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c}\right)
$$
\n
$$
H_a^{\text{so}(2)} \simeq 1.2 \times 10 \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c}\right)^{-1/2} \quad \text{[gauss]}
$$
\nIn the limit of  $T \to T_c$ \n
$$
H_a^{\text{so}(2)} \simeq 6.4 \times 10^2 \quad \text{[gauss]}
$$

Energy due to dipole-dipole interaction

$$
\frac{(3c/4a\pi)g_d}{\Delta F_{\text{magn}}} \simeq 0.39 \times 10^4 \frac{1}{H^2} (1 + F_0^a)^2 \frac{m^*}{m} T_c^2 \simeq 3.6 \times 10^4 \frac{1}{H^2} \quad \text{[gauss}^{-2]}
$$
  

$$
H_a^{\text{dd}} \simeq 1.9 \times 10^2 \quad \text{[gauss]}
$$

**Anisotropy field due to one-body spin-orbit coupling can win dipole-dipole term**

NQR relaxation rate due to internal Josephson oscillations

$$
\chi_{z}(\omega) = -\frac{\Omega^{2}\chi_{z}}{\omega^{2} - \Omega^{2} + i\Gamma\omega} \quad \text{Leggett & Takagi: Ann. Phys. 106 (1977) 79}
$$
\n
$$
\frac{1}{T_{1}T} = \frac{A}{\mu_{B}^{2}} \sum_{q < q_{c}} \frac{\text{Im}\chi_{z}(q,\omega)}{\omega} \qquad \qquad \boxed{\Gamma = \gamma_{0}\tau\Omega^{2}}
$$
\n
$$
\gamma_{0} \equiv [1 - Y(T)]^{-1}Y(T) \frac{\chi_{z}}{\mu_{B}^{2}} \left(\frac{\text{dn}}{\text{d}\epsilon}\right)
$$
\n
$$
\frac{\text{Im}\chi_{z}(\omega)}{\omega} = \chi_{z} \frac{\gamma_{0}\tau}{\left[\left(\frac{\omega}{\Omega}\right)^{2} - 1\right]^{2} + (\gamma_{0}\omega\tau)^{2}} \qquad \tau = b\frac{\hbar T_{F}}{\hbar_{B}T^{2}} = 7.6 \times 10^{-12}b\frac{T_{F}}{T^{2}}
$$
\n
$$
\left(\frac{1}{T_{1}T}\right)_{S(J)} \simeq \frac{A}{\mu_{B}^{2}} \chi_{z} \frac{\pi}{4} n_{L} c r^{2} \left(\frac{a}{\xi_{0}}\right)^{2} \frac{\gamma_{0}\tau}{1 + (\gamma_{0}\omega\tau)^{2}},
$$
\n
$$
\frac{\xi_{0}}{a} = 1.1 \times 10^{-1} \frac{T_{F}}{T_{c}} \qquad \frac{T_{F}}{T_{c}} \simeq 2.5 \times 10^{3} \qquad \left(\frac{\text{dn}}{\text{d}\epsilon}\right) \simeq \frac{1}{c} \frac{n_{2}d}{\text{kg}T_{F}}
$$
\n
$$
\left(\frac{1}{T_{1}T}\right)_{S(J)} = 6.5 \times 10 \frac{A}{\mu_{B}^{2}} \frac{n_{L}c^{2}}{n_{2}d} br^{2} \chi_{z} \hbar \left(\frac{\text{dn}}{\text{d}\epsilon}\right) \left(\frac{T_{c}}{T}\right)^{2} \frac{\gamma_{0}}{1 + (\gamma_{0}\omega\tau)^{2}}
$$

# NQR relaxation rate in normal state<br>  $\left(\frac{1}{T_1T}\right)_N = A\frac{1}{4}\frac{\chi_z}{\mu_B^2}\frac{\hbar\left(\frac{dn}{d\epsilon}\right)}{1+F_0^a}\frac{q_c}{k_F}n_Lc^2a^2$

$$
\frac{(1/T_1T)_{S(J)}}{(1/T_1T)_{N}} = \frac{6.5 \times 10}{(q_c/k_F)a^2n_{2d}}br^24(1+F_0^a)\left(\frac{T_c}{T}\right)^2\frac{\gamma_0}{1+(\gamma_0\omega\tau)^2}
$$
  
Two independent parameters 
$$
C \equiv \frac{6.5 \times 10}{(q_c/k_F)a^2n_{2d}}br^2 \qquad D \equiv 0.39\frac{b}{T_c}
$$



 $(1/T_1T)_{S} = (1/T_1T)_{S(J)} + (1/T_1T)_{S(Q)}$ 

(I)  $C = 0.2, D = 0.44$ (II)  $C = 0.55, D = 1.0$ 

Mukuda, Ishida et al: Phys. Rev. B **65** (2002) 132507

# Conclusion 2

- It is shown that the SO coupling works only in the equalspin pairing (ESP) state to make the pair angular momentum **L** and the pair spin angular momentum i **d**x**d**\* parallel with each other.
- The SO coupling gives rise to the internal Josephson effect in a chiral ESP state as in superfluid A-phase of **<sup>3</sup>**He with a help of an additional anisotropy arising from SO coupling of atomic origin which works to direct the d-vector into ab-plane.
- This resolves the problem of the anomalous relaxation of <sup>17</sup>O-NQR and the structure of d-vector in Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub>.

#### **Meaning of spin-orbit coupling for Cooper pairing**



Rice & Sigrist: J. Phys.: Condens. Matter **7** (1995) L643

**Fundamental assumption of group theoretical argument in the case of strong "pair" spin-orbit interaction – orbital and spin space are transformed simultaneously** 

> $[\hat{R}d(k)]_i = \sum_j R_{ij}d_j(\hat{R}k)$  $\hat{R}$ : crystal group transformation

**This assumption is apparently broken if the "pair" spin-orbit coupling is negligibly small. Then, a question is what the condition of "pair" spin-orbit is strong enough to assure the above assumption is.**

**Point: strong one-body spin-orbit coupling does not necessarily imply strong "pair" spin-orbit coupling**.

**cf. In Ce-based heavy fermion systems with CEF of order 100K, one-body atomic spin-orbit coupling has already been used to form quasiparticles which are specified by the label of Kramers doublet of CEF ground state. Relevant "pair" spin-orbit coupling is estimated to be negligibly small: K. Miyake, Springer Series in Solid State Sciences 62, p.256**



#### **Group theoretical arguments:**

**Anderson, Volovik & Gorkov, Ueda & Rice, Blount (1984)**

**In any odd parity state, gap can vanish only at point(s) if the "pair" spin-orbit interaction is strong enough**.

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Counter example: UPt<sub>3</sub>
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Tou et al: PRL **77** (1996) 1374. PRL **80** (1998) 3129.



 $\chi_{\perp}(q,0)$  1<sup>st</sup> order in  $U_{dd}$  and  $U_{pp}$ 

