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Crossover from non-Fermi liquid to Fermi liquid behavior and the superconducting dome in heavy electron systems¹ PEDRO SCHLOTTMANN, Florida State University — A nested Fermi surface and the remaining interaction between the carriers after the heavy particles are formed give rise to itinerant antiferromagnetism. We consider an electron and a hole pocket, separated by a wave vector \mathbf{Q} , and Fermi momenta k_{F1} and k_{F2} , respectively.² The order is gradually suppressed by increasing the mismatch of the two Fermi momenta and a QCP is obtained as $T_N \rightarrow 0$. For critical mismatch of the Fermi vectors (tuned QCP) the specific heat over T increases as $-\ln(T)$ as T is lowered^{1,2} and the linewidth of the quasi-particles is linear in T and ω . With increasing nesting mismatch and decreasing temperature the specific heat and the linewidth display a crossover from non-Fermi liquid ($\sim T$) to Fermi liquid ($\sim T^2$) behavior. If in addition the vector \mathbf{Q} is commensurate with the lattice (Umklapp with $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{G}/2$), pairs of electrons can be transferred between the pockets. To avoid the QCP this process may lead to superconductivity and a superconducting dome above the quantum critical point. We investigate the conditions under which such a dome arises.³

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