

Magnetism and superconductivity in ironpnictides superconductors: a status report

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- Iron pnictide superconductors: families and phase diagrams
- Magneto-structural coupling
- Superconducting gap structure and pairing mechanism
- Coexistence between Spin Density Wave and Superconductivity

2008: discovery



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Iron-Based Layered Superconductor La[O_{1-x} F_x]FeAs (x = 0.05-0.12) with $T_c = 26$ K

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dopage électrons

Structure and families



Common building block: Fe square lattice FeAs plane except FeSe

Pnictides



exception: FeSe...

Tc vs time



A new route to high Tc superconductivity?

Electron correlations?

Comparaison between kinetic energy from optics and from band structure calculations



Phase diagrams and families





J. Zhao et al. Nature Materials 7, 953-959 (2008)

122

- close proximity of SC phase with magnetism (heavy fermions, cuprates)
- coexistence (or not) between magnetism and superconductivity
- magnetic <u>and</u> structural transitions

H. Chen et al. Europhys. Lett. 85, 17006 (2009)

Crystal structure BaFe₂As₂





- Square plane of Fe (d⁶)
- As alternating above and below Fe planes
- FeAs₄ tetrahedra
- Ba blocking layer
- FeAs plane: 2 Fe/cell
- BZ sometimes defined with 1 Fe/cell (extended BZ)

A multi-orbital system





Minimal two-orbital model: \mathbf{d}_{xz} , \mathbf{d}_{yz}

Hole and electron Fermi surfaces

5 orbital models



orbital physics: Hund coupling

Fermi surfaces



Doiron-Leyraud et al. Nature 2007

Liu et al. Nature Phys. 2010

the x parameter: tuning magnetism and superconductivity



J. Paglione et R. Greene. Nature Physics 2010



Different ways of tuning magnetism and SC

- Hole, electron, isovalent doping
- pressure
- doping in the FeAs plane is not detrimental to Tc

the x parameter: tuning magnetism and superconductivity



Liu et al. Nat. Phys. (2010)

What is controling T_c ?

- Fe-As-Fe bond angle controls bandwidth and nesting ٠
- Sensitivity of the band structure and calculated Fe moment ٠ with As position





Singh et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 100, 237003 (2008)



 T_c is max for perfect tetrahedra: « magic » angle at 109°

C.H. Lee et al. JPSJ 77, 083704 (2008) Garbarino et al. EPL 96 5 (2011) 57002

x: structural tuning



K (hole) doping vs pressure

x parameter in $BaFe_2As_2$ (122)

Co doping vs pressure







S. Drotziger et al. JPSJ. 79, 124705 (2010)

No clear structural trends between Co and pressure
x is not just structural tuning

Phase diagram of $Ba(Fe_{1-x}Co_x)_2As_2$





- Relatively large and good quality single crystals
- Homogeneous Co doping (no segregation)

Fine control of Co

Canfield and Budko, Annu. Rev. Condens. Matter Phys. 1, 27-50 (2010)

F. Rullier-Albenque & al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 057001 (2009)

Transport in $Ba(Fe_{1-x}Co_x)_2As_2$



Electron doping in $Ba(Fe_{1-x}Co_x)_2As_2$





Spin Density Wave transition



itinerant magnet: SDW transition

Canfield and Budko Annu. Rev. Condens. Matter Phys. 1, 27-50 (2010)

SDW and Fermi surface nesting



- \bullet approximate Fermi surface nesting \mathbf{Q}_{SDW} between holes and electrons pockets
- enhancement of susceptibility at $Q_{SDW} = (\pi, \pi)$: instability
- DFT correctly predicts magnetism but over-estimate magnetic moment

Fermi surface reconstruction in the SDW state



Fermi surface reconstruction



- imperfect nesting: residual Fermi surfaces
- Not all the bands are clearly resolved
- SDW gaps unclear
- More than simple band folding ?



Richard et al. , Phys. Rev Lett. 104, 137001 (2010) Liu et al. Nature Phys. 6, 419 (2010) Ran et al. Phys. Rev. B 79, 014505 (2009)

Fermi surface reconstruction: quantum oscillations (SdH)



- very small FS area in the SDW phase (1.7%, 0.7% et 0.3% de ZB para): FS reconstruction
- one FS is isotropic and the other 2 anisotropic (cigar-shaped: Dirac point)

Spin density wave gaps



Magneto-structural transition



- first order in (Ca,Sr)-112 but second order in Ba-122
- orthorhombic distorsion is less than 0.5%
- Spin driven structural transition ?

Splitting of the transition in $Ba(Fe_{1-x}Co_x)_2As_2$



- magnetic and structural transitions split upon Co doping
- not observed in all systems (disorder?)
- fluctuating magnetic domains ?

Splitting of the transition in $Ba(Fe_{1-x}Co_x)_2As_2$



Spin-lattice coupling CeFeAs1-xPxO 1.0 50 Ba C) 0.8 x = 0 (10⁻⁴) Moment/ Fe (µ_B) 0.6 $(\mathsf{B}_{1g},\mathsf{E}_{g})$ 0.4 0.2 $M^2(Fe) (\mu_B^2)$ 0.0 e 0,6 1.000 1.001 1.002 1.004 1.005 1.006 1.003 ao/bo 200 250 Raman Response (arb perature M(Fe) (μ_B) 305K $E_{g}(Fe,As)$ 0,6 0.05 1.2 215K x=0 0,4 dp/dT (mΩ cm K E 0.9 0.04 0.2 E o. 0,02 0,04 0.06 0,00 0.03 Х 0.02 50 100 150 200 250 T (K) Chauvière et al. Phys. Rev. B 80, 094504 (2009) (c) 0.01 de la Cruz et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 104, 017204 (2010) 115 120 125 130 135 140 T(K) Liu et al. Nature 459, 64-67 (2009) isotope effect on T_{N} 200 100 150 250 300 Raman Shift (cm⁻¹)

- phonon splitting much larger than expected from lattice distorsion alone
- strong spin-phonon coupling: modulation of the exchange constant by atomic motion
- linear relation between lattice distorsion, phonon splitting and magnetic moment

Anisotropic transport



Chu et al. Science 329, 824 (2010)

- very large transport anisotropy at low temperature
- extremely strong sensitivity of properties to stress above T_S: nematic susceptibility







strong in-plane anisotropy of the electronic properties

Nematic order ?



small stress induced large shift of $\mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{S},\mathsf{N}}$



Blomberg et al. Phys. Rev. B 83, 134505 (2011)

- no anisotropy above Ts for Ca122 and Sr122
- first order vs second order transition
- nematic phase above T_s is not generic
- Fluctuating magnetic domain

Orbital dependent band splitting



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- C₄ symmetry is broken
- splitting larger than expected from structural distorsion
- orbital degrees of freedom may play a role in the magneto-structural transition

Yi et al. PNAS 108, 6878 (2011)

Magneto-structural coupling

what is the driving force behind the M/S transition? a chicken and egg problem

 Magnetic driven structural distorsion: magnetic fluctuations drive the distorsion via magneto-elastic coupling or via Ising nematic fluctuations that break C₄ symmetry above T_s (φ=m₁.m₂) (« nemato-elastic » coupling)

T. Yildirim. Phys. Rev. Lett. 101, 057010 (2008) Fernandes et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 105, 157003 (2010) Chandra et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 64, 88 (1990) A. Cano et al., Phys. Rev. B 82, 020408(R) (2010) I. Paul, Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 047004 (2011)



2. **Orbital ordering**: difference in d_{xz} and d_{yz} occupation drives both magnetic and structural transitions (Kugel-Khomskii)



Superconducting state



Zhang et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 102, 147002 (2008)

Teresaki et al. JPSJ 78, 13701 (2008)

Electron-phonon coupling too weak to explain T_c >10K

Boeri et al. Physica C 469, 628-634 (2009)

Gap structure and spin fluctuation pairing

- weak electron-phonon coupling
- proximity of AF order suggests spin fluctuation pairing

$$\begin{split} \Gamma_{s}(\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{k}') &= \frac{3}{2}U^{2}\frac{\chi_{0}(\boldsymbol{q})}{1-U\chi_{0}(\boldsymbol{q})} \quad \text{singlet repulsive interaction (Stoner-Hubbard)} \\ \Delta_{\boldsymbol{k}} &= -\sum_{\boldsymbol{k}'}'\Gamma_{s}(\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{k}')\frac{\Delta_{\boldsymbol{k}}'}{2E_{\boldsymbol{k}}'} \mathrm{tanh}\frac{E_{\boldsymbol{k}}'}{2T}, \quad \text{solution allowed if } \Delta \text{ changes sign}_{\text{Berk and Schrieff}} \end{split}$$

 $\Delta_i = \sum_{i} \Lambda_{ij} \Delta_j F(\Delta_j, T)$

Berk and Schrieffer. Phys.Rev.Lett. 17, 433 (1966) Scalapino et al., Phys. Rev. B 34, 8190 (1986)

In cuprates: susceptibility is peaked at $Q=(\pi,\pi)$

In pnictides: susceptibility is peaked at $Q=(\pi,0)$

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Suhl et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 3, 552 (1959) Kuroki et al. Phys.Rev.Lett. 101, 087004 (2008) Mazin et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 101, 057003 (2008)

alternative model: orbital fluctuations theory predicts s++

Saito et al. Phys.Rev. B 82, 144510 (2010)

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Pairing interaction for cuprates (Monte Carlo and 3rd order perturbation theory) Repulsive!

Pairing interaction is attractive for specific regions in real space

Scalapino. Phys. Rep. 250, 329 (1995)

Gap symmetry vs gap structure

- spin fluctuation pairing naturally leads to s⁺⁻ symmetry in pnictide
- Coulomb interband interaction is responsible for both SDW and SC phase
- gap symmetry does not tell much about presence of nodes



same symmetry but different gap structure!

- possible source of anisotropy around FS: orbital content, intraband interaction, FS topology
- crucial role of nesting properties

Maier et al. Phys.Rev. B 79, 224510 (2009) Kuroki et al. Phys. Rev. B 79, 224511 (2009) Multiple gaps in optimally-doped K-Ba122



FS dependent pairing strength (3.5 - 7 k_BT_c)

Multiple gaps in optimally-doped Co-Ba122



up to three different gaps have been reported ٠



• significantly smaller gaps: one smaller than BCS weak coupling ratio one bigger

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• role of anisotropy?



Prosorov et al. Rep. Prog. Phys.. 74, 124505 (2011)

- significantly smaller gaps: one smaller than BCS weak coupling ratio one bigger
- fit must be done self-consistently: one cannot assume two independent BCS T dependences
- different techniques may be sensitive to different FS (effective mass, Fermi velocity....)

Probing the phase - Cuprates: reminder



Tsuei et al. Rev. Mod. Phys. 72, 969 (2000)

Neutron resonance in Co-Ba122

 $T_c=25K$

Spin excitation spectrum in SC state



- collective spin excitation below 2Δ at Q_{AF}
- fingerprint of a sign changing gap and residual AF fluctuations
- observed in various families (11, 122, 1111...) and other SC: cuprates; heavy fermions...
- no truely conclusive phase sensitive test up to now (phase shift in Josephson loops, qp interferences...)

Gap anisotropy in Co-Ba122



ARPES sees isotropic and large gaps

- Surface vs bulk issue?
- ARPES resolution?

Thermal conductivity: anisotropic gap or very small gap (but no nodes)



-0.75

-1.00

- Field dependence of the low temperature residual term of electronic specific heat: anisotropic gap but doping dependent!
- Optimal doping: full gaps
- Under and overdoped: siginficant anisotropy

Gap anisotropy in Co-Ba122

Raman pair-breaking peak



- significant anisotropy around electron pocket: Δ_{max} =6-7 Δ_{min}
- in-plane or out of plane anisotropy

2D vs 3D Fermi surfaces



Brouet et al. PRB 80, 165115 (2009)

Directionnal thermal conductivity in Co-Ba122



$k_{\rm z}$ dependence of the gap via ARPES



k_z is tuned via incident photon energy

Directionnal thermal conduct



the structure of the gap is strongly doping dependent

Substitution dependence of the gap anisotropy

 κ_{th} : isovalent versus hole doping



London penetration depth: isovalent vs hole doping





- $BaFe_2(As_{1-x}P_x)_2$ shows clear indication of nodes
- gap structrure is not universal

Gap structure in Ba122



Interband pair interaction — Intra and interband pair interaction

- plus k-dependence of interaction (nesting) + orbital dependence
- doping dependent ! fine tuning

Role of orbital content



Fermi surfaces

- orbital dependent FS leads to modulation of interband interaction matrix: intra-orbital scattering dominates
- d_{yz}/d_{xz} scattering between electron and hole pocket lead to s⁺⁻ pairing
- d_{xy} scattering between electron pocket frustrates s⁺⁻ pairing: anisotorpy
- additional hole pocket stabilizes isotropic s⁺⁻

Kuroki et al. PRB 79, 224511 (2009) Maier et al. PRB 79, 224510 (2010)

Strong sensitivity to FS topology (doping, As height...)

Doping dependant gap and interband spin fluctuations



Hirschfeld et al. arXiv:1106.3712 (2011)

Phase diagram of the gap structure in Ba122 from spin fluctuation theory

Role of disorder: optical conductivity





- SDW+SC: atomic coexistence (NMR, muSr...) for Co-Ba122: situation less clear in other systems
- Fe conduction electrons are involved in both orders: competition
- s⁺⁻ gap and incommensurability favor coexistence

Vorontsov and Chubukov Phys. Rev. B 81, 174538 (2010) Fernandes and Schmalian Phys. Rev. B 82, 014521 (2010)



SDW vs SC





Prosorov et al. Rep. Prog. Phys.. 74, 124505 (2011) Fernandes et al. Phys. Rev. B 82, 014520 (2010)

- drastic increase of penetration depth in the coexistence regime
- drop in the superfluid density

SDW vs SC: Raman

Vorontsov and Chubukov Phys. Rev. B 81, 174538 (2010)



Hot spots in underdoped cuprates and pnictides





Doiron-Leyraud et al. Nature 2007

Superconductivity is confined in k-space in both systems close to competing order

Summary



- key role of magnetic fluctuations
- interband Coulomb interaction drive both SC and SDW
- gap structure is not universal (but gap symmetry is s-wave)
- maximum T_c: optimum nesting <u>without</u> magnetism
- need to confirm s+- gap !
- is their a role for structural degrees of freedom ?















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