A brief Introduction of Fe-based SC

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Lecture 1: Introduction

1. Overview

2. What is sign-changing s-wave gap : +/-s-wave gap

Lecture 2: Superconducting properties of +/-s-wave gap

- 1. Impurity effects on the +/-s-wave gap
- 2. NMR : Knight shift and T1 relaxation rate
- 3. Penetration depth versus T
- 4. Volovik effect general principle
- 5. Volovik effect on $+/-s$ -wave gap thermal conductivity

Lecture 3: Specific heat jump and Condensation E vs. Tc

- 1. Specific heat jump vs. Tc : BNC scaling
- 2. Condensation E in BCS superconductor
- 3. Condensation E in multi-band superconductor
- 4. Pairing mechanism

Lecture 4: FeSe system (Tc~100K)

- 1. Possible phonon contribution
- 2. Renormalization of pairing cutoff in incipient band
- superconductors
- 3. Outlook.

BCS theory: Only one proven Theory of Superconductivity

 W_c : energy scale of coupling boson λ : coupling constant

A stronger glue can increase **T^c :**

But it causes the material unstable (*general stability problem*) : too much strong phonon attraction will cause a lattice collapse.

 $\frac{\rm c}{\rm c}$ < 30**K** (Anderson & Cohen) \rightarrow Maybe Γ^{max}

Anderson declared: (In **1987** Science vol. 235 and subsequent papers) **" This is Un-conventional SC" : non-BCS, non-Fermi liquid**

- 1. Cuprate-SC \rightarrow (RVB + doped holes) condensation
- 2. Cuprate-normal state \rightarrow new quantum liquid (no q.p.)
- 3. **high-Tc** is a natural manifestation of this new quantum liquid

Mott Physics

Electron q.p. $=$ spinon $+$ holon (spin-charge separation, Doped Spin liquid, etc., etc)

Last 30 years = history of frustration – still on going

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Discovery of Fe-based Superconductor (2006,2008)

Iron-Based Layered Superconductor: LaOFeP

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Crystallographic and magnetic structures of the iron-based superconductors.

Three main groups of Un-conventional Superconductors

Key Unconventional Superconductors:

1. High-Tc cuprate SC 2. Heavy Fermion SC 3. Iron-based SC

What do we mean by "Unconventional-SC"? \rightarrow Probably, non-BCS SC

When did it start ? \rightarrow because of high-T_c cuprates (1986 Bednorz & Meuller) **Why** did it start $? \rightarrow$ because of PW Anderson, partly

Ideas of **truly non-BCS** superconductors: e.g.

1. RVB SC : based on spin-charge separation 2. Anyon SC : based on new q.p. (neither fermion nor boson)

Interesting ideas but didn't pass exp. tests. \rightarrow at least, the cuprate and all other SC seems to consist of **Cooper pairs.** (*Josephson tunneling + many other conventional SC properties*)

But still many people wish to find a novel (non-BCS) theory.

 \rightarrow But, besides RVB, Anyon theories, what non-BCS theory ?

Common Phase diagram of unconventional SCs

Common Belief of paradigm:

-- Strong correlation \rightarrow *QCP* (?) *no q.p Non-Fermi Liquid normal state* \rightarrow *Un-conventional SC (perhaps high-T_c) Un-conventional pairing mechanism (non-BCS type ?)*

BCS theory of Fe-based Superconductor: **Sign-changing S-wave state or** \pm **S-wave**

How much can we understand Fe-based SC with BCS theory ?

Early theories (2008) just after the discovery of La(OF)FeAs (26K) *Mazin et al, PRL 101, 057003; Kuroki et al., 101, 087004 (later many more)*

Sign-changing S-wave solutions = multi-bands + AFM fluctuations

±S-wave

Two band BCS gap Equation

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\Delta_h(k) =
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$$
-\sum_{k'} [V_{hh}(k, k')\Delta_h(k')\chi_h(k') + V_{he}(k, k')\Delta_e(k')\chi_e(k')],
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\Delta_e(k) =
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$$
-\sum_{k'} [V_{eh}(k, k')\Delta_h(k')\chi_h(k') + V_{ee}(k, k')\Delta_e(k')\chi_e(k')].
$$
\n(6)

Sign-changing S-wave solutions for multi-bands + AFM interaction

±S-wave pairing

Two band Model

+S

 $V_{\rm Q}$

-S

 $\mathbf{1}$ \mathcal{F} \pm s-wave = d-wave

Universal Pairing Mechanism of AFM spin fluctuation V(Q)

All BCS theory

More realistic calculations with **orbital** d.o.f., 3D $V_{spin}(q)$, FS shapes, etc found that $\pm s$ -gap is a dominant solution. But with some parameters, other solutions are possible: **accidental nodes, horizontal node, d-wave, s++, etc.**

Kuroki et al JPSJ 2010

P. J. Hirschfeld, M. M. Korshunov, I. I. Mazin, Rep. Prog. Phys. 74, 124508 (2011)

an orbital-antiphase pairing symmetry in iron-based superconductors

More variation

Z. P. Yin,* K. Haule, and G. Kotliar

Standard Paradigm of Pnictide SC

Q: Is it consistent with experiments ?

A: Almost Yes.

Experimental situation of Fe-based SC

1. Most of Experiments (90 % or more) *(ARPES, Raman, Penetration depth, Specific heat, Thermal Conductivity, NMR, etc)* are all consistent with the ±**s-wave gap**.

2. Problem is : it is too boring BCS (also s-wave) SC.

Part II:

Superconducting properties of \pm **s-wave gap**

Probing **Pairing Mechanism** is **Religion**, but

Probing **Pairing symmetry is Science** $\left\{ \right\}$ dow energy DOS $N(\omega, T, H)$

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\Big\vert \qquad \Big\vert \qquad \sim e^{-T/\Delta}
$$

Activated laws

Many probes for $N(\omega, T, H)$:

•**C(T,H)/T** •**Thermal conductance κ(T, H)** \cdot **Penetration depth** $\lambda(T)$ \cdot **NMR** $1/T_1$ (T,H) •**Tunneling** •**Etc.**

 $\sim T^{\alpha}$

Power laws

Hallmarks of D-wave SC (Cuprates)

NMR 1/T¹ ~ T 3

Pene. Depth $\lambda(T) \sim T$ *Superfluidity density* $\Delta \rho(T) \sim T$

Thermal conduc. $\kappa(H) \sim H^{1/2}$

+ various power laws T \overline{a} and \overline{a}

SC properties of ±**s gap** (Fe-SC) : exponential behaviors

Direct Evidences of isotropic S-wave gaps

Evidence for isotropic full gaps

Unconventional s-Wave Superconductivity in Fe(Se,Te)

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q2 point signal enhances or decreaces with B fields

Fig. 4. Magnetic field-induced change in QPI intensities indicates the s_{\pm} -wave symmetry. Differ-

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(1) First challenge for full s-wave gap

d-wave like

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Evidence for nodal gap

NMR cartoon picture

Spin-lattice relaxation rate 1/T₁

 $±∆$ interband term gives (-)suppression $→$ No Hebel-Slichter peak

 $(T_c(H) = 16K)$ and 0.11 $(T_c(H) = 20K)$. The dashed curve is a calculation with assuming a line node gap $\Delta(\phi) = \Delta_0 \sin(2\phi)$ with $\Delta_0 = 2k_BT_c$ (see text).

Impurity effect

T-matrix approximation for imp. scattering

(summation of a infinite series of single impurity scattering) x (imp. concentration n_{imp})

- 1. Low concentration expansion.
- 2. Interaction strength can be strong or weak.

(2) Spin-lattice relaxation rate $1/T_1 \rightarrow T^3 \rightarrow$ lines of node (D-wave)

Y.Bang, PRB 79, 054529 (2009)

More consistent with \pm S-wave

Y. Nakai et al, PRB 79, 212506 (2009)

(color online) The temperature dependence of $FIG. 3:$ $^{75}(1/T_1)$ in LaFeAsO_{0.92}F_{0.08} measured at zero magnetic field. The solid curve is a two gap fit assuming a d -wave symmetry with parameters, $\Delta_1(0) = 4.2k_BT_c$, $\Delta_2(0) = 1.6k_BT_c$, and $\alpha = 0.6$ (see text). The dotted curve is a simulation assuming two s-wave gaps that change signs with parameters, $\Delta_1(0) = 3.75k_BT_c$, $\Delta_2(0) = 1.5k_BT_c$, and $\alpha = 0.38$ referred from literature.^{30,31}20 lie BOST Exilovic indicates T_c .

Penetration depth (T)

2nd challenge

FIG. 2: (color online). Calculated normalized superfluid density $[\lambda^2(0)/\lambda^2(T)]$ versus temperature for sample #1, using different assumed values for the zero temperature penetration depth $\lambda(0)$. The solid lines are fits to the two gap model described in the text, and the inset table shows the fit parameters.

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P. C. Canfield,

C. Martin, R. T. C

Prozorov et al

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

This is not exactly true with impurities.

D-wave gap: kinematically driven V-shape DOS

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\delta\lambda_{v}(T)\sim T
$$

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\delta\lambda_{\rm const}\left(T\right)\sim T^2
$$

S-wave gap : dynamically driven V-shape DOS

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\boxed{\delta \lambda_{\rm v}(T) \sim T^3}
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$$
\delta\lambda_{\rm const}(T)\thicksim T^2
$$

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Penetration depth $\delta \lambda(T)$

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

Prozorov et al, PRB 79, 100506 (2009)

Exponentially flat \rightarrow T³ \rightarrow T²

Bang, EPL 86, 47001 (2009)

LaFePO, BaFe² (As0.67P 0.33)2, KFe2As² Some challenge for nodal gap ?

Some evidence for nodal gap: $\lambda(T) \sim T$

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PRL 102, 147001 (2009)

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Evidence for a Nodal-Line Superconducting State in LaFePO

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Evidence for a Nodal Energy Gap in the Iron-Pnictide Superconductor LaFePO from Penetration Depth Measurements by Scanning SQUID Susceptometry

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FIG. 2 (color online). Temperature dependence of the in-plane penetration depth $\Delta \lambda_a$ in three single crystals of LaFePO. Data for sample 3 has been multiplied by 1.5. The curves are offset for clarity. Solid lines are power-law fits giving an exponent of 1.2 ± 0.1 . The dashed lines are the behavior expected for a fully gapped Fermi surface (a) with parameter relevant to Sm-1111 [5] and (b) the conventional isotropic BCS case. Both curves have been multiplied by 50 for clarity.

FIG. 3. Top: $\Delta \lambda$ of two LaFePO specimens, at the points indicated in Fig. 4. The lines were fit over $0.7 < T < 1.6$ K. Bottom: black lines are possible superfluid densities for LaFePO sample #1, point 2, with different $\lambda(0)$. Shaded area: superfluid density of YBa₂Cu₃O_{6.99} [1/($\lambda_a \lambda_b$)], from [30,31]; the width of the shaded area reflects uncertainty in $\lambda(0)$.

Continuous evolution from \pm S gap \rightarrow Nodal gap **which is the same Mechanism.**

 \rightarrow

S g+S : nodal gap (A1g)

Another challenge for nodal gap

Volovik Effect : thermal conductivity (H)

Volovik Effect

$C(T,H)/T$ and $\kappa(T,H)$: probe $N(0,H)$ in mixed state with mag. field H

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

M. Tanatar et al, PRL, 104, 067002 (2010)

D-wave : nodal gap $\rightarrow \kappa(H) \sim \sqrt{H}$ Volovik effect

L. Taillefer et al

But, strong field dependence is not unique with d-wave gap. Some S-wave also show strong field dependence.

FIG. 4. Thermal conductivity in the basal plane of MgB_2 vs H at several fixed temperatures. The arrows denote the upper critical field H_{c2} for $H\|c$. The solid and open symbols correspond to the field direction perpendicular and parallel to the c axis, respectively.

$$
\left[C(T, H)/T \propto \int d\omega \left(-\frac{\partial f}{\partial \omega} \right) N(\omega, H) \right]
$$

$$
\kappa(T, H) \propto \int d\omega \left(-\frac{\partial f}{\partial \omega} \right) S(\omega, H)
$$

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\begin{aligned}\nN(\omega, H) &= \sum_{n} \delta(\omega - E_n(H)) \\
S(\omega, H) &= \sum_{n, m} v_x^2 \delta(\omega - E_n(H)) \delta(E_n - E_m) \\
\end{aligned}
$$

Fully Q.M treatment *(Tesanovic et al, Mishra et al.)*

Volovik effect :

semiclassical approximation valid for $H_{c1} < H < H_{c2}$. Replace $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r})$ by $v_s(\mathbf{r})$ and have Doppler shift of q.p. energy ξ_k .

Pair breaking due to Doppler shift of q.p. energy

Small Gap OP doesn't collapse because Δ_{large} and Δ_{small} are coupled each other.

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$$
C(T, H) = \int d\omega < N(\omega, H) > \frac{\omega^2}{T^2} \operatorname{sech}^2(\frac{\omega}{2T})
$$

$$
\kappa(T, H, r) \sim \frac{1}{T^2} \int_0^\infty d\omega \omega^2 \operatorname{sech}^2(\frac{\omega}{2T}) K_i(\omega, T, H, r)
$$

where,
$$
K_i(\omega, T, H, r) = \frac{1}{Im\sqrt{\tilde{z}^2 - \tilde{\Delta}_i^2}} \times \left(1 + \frac{\tilde{z}^2 - \tilde{\Delta}_i^2}{|\tilde{z}^2 - \tilde{\Delta}_i^2|}\right)
$$

and
$$
\tilde{z} = \tilde{\omega} + \mathbf{v}_s(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{F}}
$$

$$
\kappa_{\parallel}(T,H) = \int dr^2 \kappa(T,H,r)/\pi R_H^2
$$

$$
\kappa_{\perp}^{-1}(T,H) = \int dr^2 \kappa^{-1}(T,H,r)/\pi R_H^2
$$

Thermal conductivity $\kappa(H)$ **: probe** $N(0,H)$ **in mixed state with mag. field H**

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

D-wave evidence

M. Tanatar et al, PRL, 104, 067002 (2010)

Absolute evidence for ±S-wave

Y Bang, PRL,, 104, 217001 (2010)

1. We have no consensus yet for a microscopic theory of IBS.

2. But, the \pm s-wave gap symmetry conforms with most of Experiments (90 % or more) *(ARPES, Raman, Penetration depth, Specific heat, Thermal Conductivity, NMR, etc)*

3. Problem is : it is too boring BCS (also s-wave) SC.

4. Some people likes to find, at least, some nodes.

Continuous evolution from \pm S gap \rightarrow Nodal gap **which is the same Mechanism.**

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S g+S : nodal gap (A1g)

Octet-Line Node Structure of Superconducting Order Parameter in KFe2As2 K. Okazaki et al.

A 2.5 500 о sample 1 Δ (µeV) sample 2 Δ sample 3 2.0 $\Delta(\varphi) = |\Delta_0[1 + A\cos(4\varphi) + B\cos(8\varphi)]|$ O 1.5 – inner Δ (meV) -10 0 10 Fermi Surface Angle (deg.) 1.0 middle 0.5 outer TT 844 n his comment his -90 -45 Ω 45 90 Fermi Surface Angle (deg.)

Science 337, 1314 (2012);

 \triangle (meV) B 2.0 inner (xz/yz) middle $(xz/yz + z^2)$ outer (x^2-y^2) $\mathbf c$ middle (RPA) 0.1 0.05 Ω -0.05 D nodal points kx

We are obsessed with Un-conventional Superconductivity in the past 30 yrs. Many people have different meaning with it. We need to clarify our questions and wishes more clearly.

- 1. Normal state properties show abundant NFL, QC behaviors, and Mott physics.
- 2. But, all SC properties are very conventional with Cooper pairs.
- 3. Do we think a Non-BCS theory is only option for explaining high Tc ?
- 4. Do we have any idea of non-BCS SC theory ?