Cuprate high- T_c superconductivity: Insights from a model system



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$T_{\rm c}$ over the years



Cuprates: crystal and electronic structure



Doiron-Leyraud *et al.*, *Nature* **447**, 565 (2007)

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d-wave pairing near a spin-density-wave instability

D. J. Scalapino, E. Loh, Jr.,* and J. E. Hirsch[†] Institute for Theoretical Physics, University of California, Santa Barbara, California 93106 (Received 23 June 1986)

We investigate the three-dimensional Hubbard model and show that paramagnon exchange near a spin-density-wave instability gives rise to a strong singlet *d*-wave pairing interaction. For a cubic band the singlet $(d_{x^2-y^2} \text{ and } d_{3z^2-r^2})$ channels are enhanced while the singlet (d_{xy}, d_{xz}, d_{yz}) and triplet *p*-wave channels are suppressed. A unique feature of this pairing mechanism is its sensitivity to band structure and band filling.



Unconventional SC near AF instability



Uemura, Nature Materials 8, 253 (2009)

Some important questions

Q: What's the pairing symmetry?

 \Box Q: What causes the pseudogap above T_c ?

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ARPES



Doiron-Leyraud et al., Nature 447, 565 (2007)









Hashimoto et al., Nat. Phys. 6, 414 (2010)

STM/STS





Bi2212

•-X - y

1.2

1.5

Optical conductivity



Raman scattering





Le Tacon et al., Nat. Phys. 2, 537 (2006)

Neutron scattering





(Resonant) X-ray scattering



Some important questions

Q: What's the pairing symmetry?

A: *d*-wave.

- \Box Q: What causes the pseudogap above T_c ?
 - A: There is evidence for both pre-formed pairs and competing order.
- Q: Is there a competing order other than AFM?
 - A: CDW, SDW, intra-unit-cell order are all possible.
- Q: Which bosonic modes are important?
 - A: Both magnetic excitations and phonons are prominent.

(Which one is the "pairing glue" is a separate question!)

- Q: What's the minimal microscopic model?
 - A: Single-band models are accepted as there is no strong violation.

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Model system HgBa₂CuO_{4+ δ}



- Single layer, tetragonal
- □ Single Cu site, flat Cu-O sheet
- Doping disorder confined to far away from the Cu-O sheets
- \Box Highest T_c (max. 97 K) among single-layer compounds

Challenges from the synthesis



Zhao, et al., Adv. Mater. 18, 3243 (2006)

Pure and big single crystals





Work since 2008



Neutron scattering

Properties of neutron





Raman scattering





Optical ellipsometry



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The neutron resonant mode



Hayden et al., Nature 429, 531 (2004)

Resonant mode in Hg1201



Yu, YL et al., PRB 81, 064518 (2010)

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Resonant mode in Hg1201

❑ We confirmed the universal presence of the resonant mode
❑ Sign-changing ∆_{sc} connected by **q**_{res}: as expected from *d*-wave

Coherence factor:
$$\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\Delta(k)\Delta(k+q^*)}{\mathcal{E}(k)\mathcal{E}(k+q^*)} \right)$$



Eschrig et al., Adv. Phys. 55, 47 (2006)

Conventional wisdom: $E_r \propto T_c$



Superconducting gap: Δ_{sc}



Universal E_r - Δ_{sc} scaling

 $\Box \Delta$ is not proportional to T_c in underdoped systems

One should consider both resonant modes in bilayer systems



Yu, YL et al., Nature Physics 5, 873 (2009)



Implication

Unexpected from a simple RPA excitonic picture

$$\chi(q,\omega) = \frac{\chi_0(q,\omega)}{1 + J(q)\chi_0(q,\omega)}$$

Implies a much deeper connection between magnetic fluctuations (entire spectrum) and superconductivity



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"Orbital current" order



Spin-polarized neutron scattering

Properties of neutron

charge 0, spin 1/2 magnetic moment (P), energy (E) and momentum (k) scattering due to nuclear and electromagnetic interaction

Spin-flip scattering all comes from electromagnetic interaction



Intra-unit-cell order: initial evidence



Intra-unit-cell order: confirmed in Hg1201

(101) Bragg peak



Intra-unit-cell order: evidence from STM/STS



Lawler et al., Nature 466, 347 (2010)

New excitations in the pseudogap state



Related publications:

YL et al., Nature **468**, 283 (2010)

YL et al., Nat. Phys. 8, 404 (2012)

Coldea et al., PRL 86, 5377 (2001)

Samples



Unusual aspect of the resonance data



Verification of magnetic origin



Almost disperseless excitation

Sample: OP95



Sample: OP95



A second excitation branch



Verification of magnetic origin



T dependence



Q dependence



Connection to signal maxima at (1/2,1/2)



New excitation summary

- Two almost disperseless modes
- Verified to be magnetic
- Set in below ~ 7*
- One energy decreases with doping
- Mysterious Q dependence of intensity
- Connection to AF fluctuations



YL et al., Nature **468**, 283 (2010) YL et al., Nat. Phys. **8**, 404 (2012)

Electron-boson coupling



Electron-boson coupling



Electron-boson coupling



Inverted from high-resolution ARPES data taken by Xingjiang Zhou's group

Yun et al., PRB 84, 104521 (2011)

What are these excitations?

1. Excitations from "orbital currents"?

Two modes, same *T*^{*} as seen by neutron diffraction

Q-dependence, relation to AF fluctuations

See Varma, Nature 468, 184 (2012)



2. Admixture between AF fluctuations and phonons?

Multiple modes, Q-dependence, coincidence with AF fluctuation maxima
Lack of systematic theory

3. Local modes?

Weak dispersion, Q-dependence

Coincidence with AF fluctuation maxima, large spectral weight

See, e.g., Martin et al., PRB 70, 224514 (2004)

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Phonon-mediated superconductivity

Lattice vibration

0.2

0.5

(H,H) (r.l.u.)



50

0.8

0

= 93~96k

100

Temperature (K)

150

200

Magnetic fluctuation mediated superconductivity



Desire to form pairs

A feedback effect due to pairing can be expected on the magnetic fluctuations

More "juice" at higher energy



Lipscombe et al., PRL 99, 067002 (2004)

How about correlation between high-energy magnetic excitations and SC as we change temperature and doping?

Raman scattering



Le Tacon et al., Nat. Phys. 2, 537 (2006)

Sugai et al., PRB 68, 184504 (2003)

Samples



Hole concentration

sample surface (50x)







High-energy feedback effect

Enhancement of two-magnon peak when the gap opens

Pre-formed pairs observed around the same temperature

High-energy feedback effect similar to the resonant mode!



YL et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 108, 227003 (2012)

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Nd12Ba18Cu2O6

Ba₂Cu₂O₂

Nd₁₂Ba_{1.8}Cu₃O₇ YBa₂Cu₄O₀

YBa₂Cu₂O₄₄

YBa2Cu3O66 INS data



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