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ARPES studies of Fe pnictides: Nature of the antiferromagnetic-orthorhombic phase and the superconducting gap



- Nature of the AFM-orthorhombic (AFO) phase and the "nematic phase":
 - Band folding versus C₄ symmetry breaking
- Superconducting gap anisotropy



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Outline



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Phase diagram of Fe-based superconductors



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Magneto-structural transition and possible electronic "nematic phase"





S. Kasahara et al., Nature '13

Folded Fermi surfaces of BaFe₂As₂ in the AFO phase



Folded Fermi surfaces of BaFe₂As₂ in the AFO phase

LDA calculation



T. Terashima et al., PRL '11

Folded Fermi surfaces of BaFe₂As₂ in the AFO phase by ARPES



Folded Fermi surfaces of BaFe₂As₂ in the AFO phase revealed by ARPES



C_4 symmetry breaking in the AFO and "nematic" phases of BaFe₂(As_{1-x}P_x)₂



Anisotropic band dispersions in the AFO phase of $BaFe_2As_2 - C_4$ symmetry breaking



ARPES for $k_z \sim Z$, detwinned



Persistence of the anisotropic band dispersions above $T_{N.S}$



Persistence of the anisotropic band dispersions above $T_{N,S}$



T. Shimojima et al., PRB '14

C₄ symmetry breaking and band folding in Fe-based superconductor: Possible antiferro-orbital order



Possible antiferro-orbital order below T*



Summary – AFO and "nematic" phases

- Folded electron and hole Fermi surfaces in the AFO phase revealed by ARPES are in almost perfect agreement with those deduced from the Subunikov-de Haas measurements.
- Not only C₄ symmetry breaking but also band folding survive above T_N,_S, suggesting the persistence of an antiferro-orbital order above T_N,_S up to T*.

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Nodeless s₊ superconducting gap in Fe pnictides

Superconducting gap of K_{0.4}Ba_{0.6}Fe₂As₂

s₊-wave superconductivity



H. Ding et al., Europhys. Lett. '08

K. Kuroki et al., PRB '09

Superconductivity with line nodes in BaFe₂(As_{1-x}P_x)₂

Phase diagram

Penetration depth



S. Kasahara et al., Nature '13

K. Hashimoto et al., PRB '10

Superconductivity with line nodes in SrFe₂(As_{1-x}P_x)₂

Phase diagram

Penetration depth



T. Kobayashi *et al.*, PRB '13

J. Murphy et al., PRB '13

Line nodes in order parameter according to spin-fluctuation mechanism





Superconducting gap on hole Fermi surfaces of BaFe₂(As_{0.65}P_{0.35})₂ and SrFe₂(As_{0.65}P_{0.35})₂





Line nodes in order parameter according to spin-fluctuation mechanism



Possibility of horizontal line nodes in spin-fluctuation mechanism



S. Graser *et al.*, PRB '10.

K. Suzuki et al., JPSJ '11

Superconducting gap on hole Fermi surfaces: Combined spin and orbital fluctuations



S. Onari and H. Kontani , PRL '12 T. Saito, S. Onari, H. Kontani, PRB '13

k_z dependence of the superconducting gap on hole Fermi surfaces of BaFe₂(As_{0.70}P_{0.30})₂



Y. Zhang et al., Nat. Phys. '12

k_z dependence of the superconducting gap on hole Fermi surfaces of BaFe₂(As_{0.70}P_{0.30})₂



Nearly k_z independent

T. Yoshida et al., Sci. Rep. '14

k_z dependence of the superconducting gap on hole Fermi surfaces of SrFe₂(As_{0.65}P_{0.35})₂



Line nodes in order parameter according to spin-fluctuation mechanism



Four-fold symmetry of thermal conductivity in magnetic fields in BaFe₂(As_{1-x}P_x)₂

Angular dependence



Possible line nodes in superconducting gap on electron Fermi surfaces

Vertical
line nodesLoop-like line nodesImage: Object of the second second

M. Yamashita et al., PRB '11.

Loop-like line nodes



I. Mazin et al., PRB '10

Superconducting gap on electron Fermi surfaces of BaFe₂(As_{0.70}P_{0.30})₂



Isotropic

Y. Zhang et al., Nat. Phys. '12

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Summary of ARPES experiments on gap anisotropy in isovalent-substituted 122 systems

		Hole FS	Electron FS
BaFe ₂ (As,P) ₂ (x=0.30)	Y. Zhang <i>et al</i> .	∆ ~ 0 at <i>k_z</i> ~ Z	isotropic
(x=0.30, 0.38) (x=0.35)	T. Yoshida e <i>t al.</i> T. Shimojima et al.	∆ > 0 for all <i>k_z</i> ∆ > 0 at <i>k_z</i> ~ Z FS-independent	anisotropic ——
SrFe ₂ (As,P) ₂ (x=0.35) before annealing	H. Suzuki <i>et al.</i>	∆ ~ 0 at <i>k_z</i> ~ Z	isotropic
after annealing		$ \Delta > 0$ for all k_z	isotropic
Ba(Fe,Ru) ₂ As ₂ (x=0.35)	L. Liu e <i>t al.</i>	∆ ~ 0 at <i>k_z</i> ~ Z	isotropic

Summary – Superconducting gap

- Superconducting gap anisotropy is material, composition, and disorder dependent even in the limited number of isovalent P- and Ru-substituted systems:
 - Hole FS: Gap minimum or no minimum around $k_z \sim Z$.
 - Electron FS: Isotropic or anisotropic.