# Introduction to superconductivity in the

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## **A Famous Discovery!**



• 1986

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• Nobel Prize 1987 -Fastest one ever!

Possible High  $T_c$  Superconductivity in the Ba – La – Cu – O System  $La_{2-x}Ba_{x}CuO_{4}$ 

T<sub>c</sub> ~36 K



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## Breaking the Liquid Nitrogen Barrier!



• 1987

Paul Chu and co-workers



#### Based on idea of cooper pairs equal and opposite momentum Pairsroverlaps in r-space so many body condensate,all pairs in same wave function

Macromolecule,quantum mechanics at macroscopic level

## Coherence length much larger then free electron spacing



## BCS theory 1957 physics nobel prize 1972



John Bardeen



Leon N. Cooper



John R. Schrieffer





YBaCuO<sup>123</sup>

#### Cu oxide plane is modeled with atoms on square lattice " a "with

### each site filled which corresponds to half filling of BZ

Measure doping from half filling as reference. Hole doping. MOTT Send to other none CuO2 insulator

in band theory would be a metal

Plane = hole doping







Electron cannot hop to occupied site because of Hubbard U [large repulsive energy]. Can only hop to empty site so at half filling MOTT insulator



#### Antiferromagnet has twice the unit cell and half the BZ







## Phase Diagram of High $T_C$













#### Phase diagram of the cuprates



Basov and Timusk, Rev. Mod. Phys 77, 721 (2005)

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At zero temperature, no absorption till  $2\Delta$ , one  $\Delta$  to pull an electron out of condensate and one more when it is placed back in. This process blocks states that can no longer be used to form condensate

Takes energy gap to pull an electron out of condensate or to put one in



**Creates 2 excitations** 



**Process requires twice gap** 

Macromolecule, all electrons bound together

#### <u>Classic BCS with s-wave gap</u>



Phillips, Phys. Rev. 114, 67 (1959)

Because of gap, takes energy delta  $\Delta$  to release an electron from condensate and make an excitation [quasiparticle].

Specific heat is exponentially activated at low temperature.

$$C_{S}(T) \sim 2N(0)\Delta_{0}k_{B}\sqrt{2\pi} \left(\frac{\Delta_{0}}{k_{B}T}\right)^{3/2} e^{-\Delta/k_{B}T}$$
  
Exponential activation

Note 1/T dependence, still exponential dominates at low T.

#### BCS (conventional) superconductors:



#### s-wave symmetry

Cuprate HTSC superconductors:



#### d-wave symmetry

Kirill Samokhin, Brock University

#### Density of electronic states in s- and d-wave superconductor

$$N(\omega) = \Re e \left\{ \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{\omega^2 - \Delta_0^2}} \right\}$$

In d-wave distribution of gaps from 0 to maximum gap **COS**[20]





S-wave few excited electrons

## Temperature creates excitations out of ground state



D-wave more excited electrons only around nodes



Cuprates are near half filling for the CuO2 Brillouin Zone

e

In band theory this would be a metal

e -

Because of MOTT physics its an insulator at half

filling Mott physics

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Lattice parameter a

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Empty state, hole doping

## Use the model of Yang, Rice and Zhang

[YRZ] PRB73 ,174501 [2006] based on RVB resonating valence bond,

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Fewer zro energy excitations



Second energy scale associated with Mott transition to ins Density of states N[w]



#### Pseudogap does not change Low temperature law or its slope

 $d_{x^2-y^2}$ 



Of course , the gutzwiller coherence factor will come in additionally

**Dirac** point is only active spot at low temperature



### **Optical Properties in BCS**



In conventional superconductors, tunneling has been method of choice to get information on gap and phonons

Optics has been hard, good metals reflectance near 1

In poor metals such as oxides, optics has been great!

## Reflectance is an experimentally measured quantity

## From it can get optical the conductivity as a function of energy

Has real and imaginary part

**Real part is absorptive part** 

Interested in conductivity in energy range of gap and phonon energies: far infrared



#### Real [left] and imaginary [right] part of DRUDE conductivity



Width at half maximum is optical scattering rate  $1/\tau$  – here it is 1.0

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#### **Real part of conductivity** s-wave superconductor



#### Comparison of real part of conductivity in s- and dwave BCS at zero temp. BCS (conventional) Cuprate HTSC



superconductors:

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*E.* Schachinger and J.P. Carbotte, Models in Methods of High-Tc Superconductivity, Vol 2, Edited by J K Srivastava and S M Rao, pp73-169 Optical conductivity has real and imaginary part Real part is absorptive part

In superconducting state, imaginary part is related to the penetration depth



#### Low temperature behaviour of superfluid density in s- and d-wave s-wave is exponentially activated d-wave is linear in temperature



Inverse square of London penetration depth is proportional to superfluid density

## Comparison of London penetration depth for s- and d-wave symmetry in BCS

Penetration depth is distance an external magnetic field can penetrate into a superconductor [screening supercurrents are set up]



Experimental data in YBCO: D. A. Bonn et al, PRB 50, 4051 (1994)

### Highly underdoped ortholl YBCO



Crossover from linear to quadratic

Huttema et.al. PRB 80,104509 [2009]

## $1/\lambda^2(T)$ For Various Dopings



#### Fisher et.al. G-McM-group

## Raman in d-wave superconductor

Photon out





## Depends on polarization of the light, nodal, antinodal are different

### **Raman scattering**



Different polarization of light ,have different sampling factors [images different parts of k-space]

B1g samples most antinodal and B2g nodal direction



## YRZ theory of underdoped cuprates



Leblanc et.al. PRB 81,064504 [2010]

G-McM-group

Both scales are part of YRZ model No pseudogap in nodal direction Can dominate antinodal direction



Hufner et. Al. Rep. Prog. Phys. 71, 062501 [2008]

There are two gaps . Superconducting gap and a normal state gap associated with loss of metalicity as Mott transition to insulating state

is approached

Hard to escape there are two gaps in underdoped cuprates

one superconducting gap ,the other a pseudogap associated with Mott physics

Mott physics



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## **Angular resolved photo emission ARPES**

Photon in, electron out



Measures electron dispersion curve



Measure along red contour and front part of luttinger fermi surface ,back has little weight





YRZ theory applied to ARPES ,Leblanc et.al. Phys. Rev. B 81, 064504 [2010]



Total is square root of sum of squares of pseudogap [na ]and superconducting gap

#### Chatterjee et.al. Nature Physics 6,99 [2010]









ARPES measures dispersion curves for occupied states. Can "see" if there are states of zero energies [real Fermi surface].





## Discovery of superconductivity 1911



Kamerlingh-Onnes 1911



Fig. 17.

Temperature excites electrons out of fermi sea, create particle hole excitations



Number is N[0] \*T\*T Internal energy U change goes like above and

#### **Specific heat like T**

## In s-wave superconducting state there is a gap and so exponential activation

In a d-wave superconductor have distribution of gaps and DOS N[w] is linear in w so U goes like  $T^{**3}$  and specific heat like  $T^{**2}$ 



#### Hard to miss second gap ,perhaps seen best in c-axis optics It is there in normal state above Tc



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