









Superconductivity in the three-band model of cuprates vs experiments

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Cuprates : Atomic structure





Outline

- Method
- 3-band Model
- Three experiments that tell us how to optimize Tc.
- Pairing mechanism
- Bonus
- Conclusion

Method : Model building

Hohenberg-Kohn : Exchange correlation Kohn-Sham : Basis set Density Functional Theory





Method Solving the models

Metzner, Vollhardt PRL **62**, 324 (1989) Georges, Kotliar, PRB **45**, 6479 (1992) Jarrell PRL **69**, 168 (1992) Review: Georges, Kotliar, Krauth, Rozenberg, RMP **68**, 13 (1996)

Dynamical Mean-Field Theory : DMFT







Method

Cluster generalization of Dynamical Mean-Field Theory : DMFT

REVIEWS Maier, Jarrell et al., RMP. (2005) Kotliar *et al.* RMP (2006) AMST *et al.* LTP (2006)

Lichtenstein *et al.*,PRB 2000 Kotliar *et al.*, PRB 2000 M. Potthoff, EJP 2003





Localized and delocalized pictures C-DMFT

Delocalized

Localized





$$G_{ij} = \int \frac{d^d \tilde{k}}{(2\pi)^d} \left(\frac{1}{(i\omega_n + \mu)I - \varepsilon(\tilde{k}) - \Gamma_O(i\omega_n) - \Sigma(i\omega_n)} \right)_{ij} (G^{-1})_{ij} = (G_0^{-1})_{ij} - \Sigma_{ij}$$

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Impurity solvers



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Impurity solver : continuous-time quantum Monte Carlo

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}[\psi^{\dagger}, \psi] \,\mathrm{e}^{-S_{c} - \int_{0}^{\beta} d\tau \int_{0}^{\beta} d\tau' \sum_{\mathbf{K}} \psi_{\mathbf{K}}^{\dagger}(\tau) \Delta(\tau, \tau') \psi_{\mathbf{K}}(\tau')}_{\mathbf{K}}$$

Hybridization expansion :

Werner Millis PRB 74, 155107 (2006) Werner Millis B 75, 085108 (2007) Haule, PRB 75, 155113 (2007) Sémon, Sordi, AMST PRB 89, 165113 (2014) Sémon, Yee, Haule, AMST PRB 90, 075149 (2014)

LPSCoreCT-HYBiQISTComCTQMC

Impurity solver (Exact diagonalisation)



Caffarel, Krauth, PRL 72 1545 (1994)

QCM David Sénéchal

Some groups using these methods for cuprates

- Europe:
 - Georges, Parcollet, Ferrero, Civelli, Fratino (Paris)
 - Sordi (London), Lichtenstein, Potthoff, (Hamburg) Aichhorn (Graz), Liebsch (Jülich) de Medici (Grenoble) Capone (Italy)
- USA:
 - Gull (Michigan) Millis (Columbia)
 - Kotliar, Haule (Rutgers) (Haule, Kotliar PRB 76, 104509 (2007))
 - Jarrell (Louisiana)
 - Maier, Okamoto (Oakridge)
- Japan
 - Imada (Tokyo) Sakai, Tsunetsugu, Motome
- China
 - Wei Wu ...

Critique of the method: advantages and limitations



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- Long range order:
 - No mean-field factorization on the cluster
 - Symmetry breaking allowed in the bath
- Included exactly:
 - Short-range dynamical and spatial correlations
- Missing:
 - Long wavelength p-h and p-p fluctuations
 - Hence good when the corresponding correlation lengths are small

Three-band (Emery VSA) **Hubbard model**



Sidhartha Dash Nicolas Kowalski

V. J. Emery, Phys. Rev. Lett. 58, 2794 (1987)

C. M. Varma, S. Schmitt-Rink, and E. Abrahams, Solid State Communications 62, 681-685 (1987), ISSN 0038-1098,

PNAS 118 (40) e2106476118 (2021)







Patrick Sémon



David Sénéchal



Cartoon of the charge transfer insulator



"Ionic" limiting cases with manageable sign problem



Cu

Meinders et al. PRB 48, 3916 (1993) 37

d-wave Superconductivity



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

х

There are different kinds of cuprates : All with CuO₂ planes



Three experimental observations on optimizing T_c



The strategy





The strategy

- Variations in microscopic parameters in Hamiltonian
 - "Ionic" class of models
 - Large value of $\varepsilon_p \varepsilon_d$
 - "Covalent" class of models
 - Smaller and more realistic value of $\varepsilon_p \varepsilon_d$

#1 Optimizing T_c with oxygen hole content



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#1 Optimizing T_c with oxygen hole content



Rybicki,,, Haase, Nat. Comm. 7, 11413 (2016)

"Ionic" limiting cases with manageable sign problem



• $\varepsilon_p - \varepsilon_d = 7.0$, $t_{pd} = 1.5$, $t_{pp} = 1.0$, $t'_{pp} = 1.0$

Also, Fratino, Sémon, Sordi, AMT, PRB **93**, 245147 (2016) **46**

Results

•
$$\varepsilon_p - \varepsilon_d = 7.0$$
 $t_{pd} = 1.5$, $t_{pp} = 1.0$, $t'_{pp} = 1.0$

Critical Temperature



D. Rybicki et al. "Perspective on the phase diagram of cuprate high-temperature superconductors," Nature Communications, vol. 7, p. 11413, 2016



Kowalski, Dash, Sémon, Sénéchal, A-M.T. PNAS **118** (40) e2106476118 (2021)

"Covalent" models (T = 0)



"Realistic"

$$\circ \epsilon_p - \epsilon_d = 2.3, t_{pd} = 2.1, t_{pp} = 1.0, t'_{pp} = 0.2$$

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Electronic structure

	Compound	$\epsilon_d - \epsilon_p \; (eV)$	t_{pd} (eV)	t_{pp} (eV)	$t_{pp'}$ (eV)	t'/t	layers	$d_{\rm Cu-O}^{\rm apical}$ (Å)	$T_{\rm c}$ (K)
(1)	La_2CuO_4	2.61	1.39	0.640	0.103	0.070	1	2.3932	38
(2)	$Pb_2Sr_2YCu_3O_8$	2.32	1.30	0.673	0.160	0.108	2	2.3104	70
(3)	$Ca_2CuO_2Cl_2$	2.21	1.27	0.623	0.132	0.085	1	2.7539	26
(4)	$La_2CaCu_2O_6$	2.20	1.31	0.644	0.152	0.120	2	2.2402	45
(5)	$\mathrm{Sr}_2\mathrm{Nb}\mathrm{Cu}_2\mathrm{O}_{10}$	2.10	1.25	0.612	0.144	0.110	2	2.0450	28
(6)	${ m Bi}_2{ m Sr}_2{ m CuO}_6$	2.06	1.36	0.677	0.153	0.105	1	2.5885	24
(7)	$YBa_2Cu_3O_7$	2.05	1.28	0.673	0.150	0.110	2	2.0936	93
(8)	$HgBa_2CaCu_2O_6$	1.93	1.28	0.663	0.187	0.133	2	2.8053	127
(9)	$HgBa_2CuO_4$	1.93	1.25	0.649	0.161	0.122	1	2.7891	90
(10)	$\mathrm{Sr}_{2}\mathrm{CuO}_{2}\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$	1.87	1.15	0.590	0.140	0.108	1	2.8585	30
(11a)	$HgBa_2Ca_2Cu_3O_8$ (outer)	1.87	1.29	0.674	0.184	0.141	3	2.7477	135
(11b)	$HgBa_2Ca_2Cu_3O_8$ (inner)	1.94	1.29	0.656	0.167	0.124	3	2.7477	135
(12)	$Tl_2Ba_2CuO_6$	1.79	1.27	0.630	0.150	0.121	1	2.7143	90
(13)	$LaBa_2Cu_3O_7$	1.77	1.13	0.620	0.188	0.144	2	2.2278	79
(14)	${ m Bi_2Sr_2CaCu_2O_8}$	1.64	1.34	0.647	0.133	0.106	2	2.0033	95
(15)	$Tl_2Ba_2CaCu_2O_8$	1.27	1.29	0.638	0.140	0.131	2	2.0601	110
(16a)	$\mathrm{Bi}_2\mathrm{Sr}_2\mathrm{Ca}_2\mathrm{Cu}_3\mathrm{O}_{10}~(\mathrm{outer})$	1.24	1.32	0.617	0.159	0.138	3	1.7721	108
(16a)	$\mathrm{Bi}_2\mathrm{Sr}_2\mathrm{Ca}_2\mathrm{Cu}_3\mathrm{O}_{10}$ (inner)	2.24	1.32	0.678	0.198	0.121	3	1.7721	108



Weber, Yee, Haule, Kotliar, EPL 100, 2012

#1 Optimizing T_c with oxygen hole content



Rybicki,,, Haase, Nat. Comm. 7, 11413 (2016)

T = **0** exact diagonalization solver : order parameter

$$2\hat{\Delta} = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle_x} \left(d_{i,\uparrow} d_{j,\downarrow} - d_{i,\downarrow} d_{j,\uparrow} \right) - \sum_{\langle ij \rangle_y} \left(d_{i,\uparrow} d_{j,\downarrow} - d_{i,\downarrow} d_{j,\uparrow} \right) + \text{H.c.},$$





T = 0 superconducting domes for the covalent models



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T = 0 max order parameter for the two models



#2 Optimizing T_c with Charge Transfer gap ϵ

(Oxygen as a witness)



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Experimental puzzle #2 with Charge Transfer Gap



Optimal doping

Acharya et al. Phys. Rev. X 8, 021038 (2018)

Kowalski, Dash, Sémon, Sénéchal, A-M.T. PNAS 118 (40) e2106476118 (2021)60

Charge-transfer gap, oxygen hole content



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Charge transfer gap and oxygen hole content : Oxygen as a witness



#3 Optimizing T_c with superexchange



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Bonus



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T_c and total hole concentration are not well correlated



T. Kondo et al.

Journal of Electron Spectroscopy and Related Phenomena 137-140, 663 (2004)

Bonus: total hole doping does not explain max order parameter for the two classes of models



Bonus : Importance of covalency

Affinity Energy ($E(M^{2+}) - E(M^{1+})$) of first row Trans. Metals in relation to Ionization Energy of Oxygen ($E(O^{2-}) - E(O^{1-})$)



C. M. Varma and T. Giamarchi, *Model for copper oxide metals* and superconductors (Elsevier Science B.V., 1995).

Summary Conclusion



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Pairing at small and large U : An analogy



Yee et al Phys. Rev. B 89, 094517 (2014) Acharya et al Phys. Rev. X 8, 021038 (2018)⁷⁵

Optimizing Tc

- Spin ¹/₂
- One band
- Two-dimensions
- Strong covalency between chalcogen and transition metal.
 Chalcogen screens U
- Charge-transfer gap just opening (intermediate interactions).
- Large J at half-filling
- ... and more

C. Weber, PNAS 2021 Vol. 118 No. 46 e2115874118
Chuck-Hou Yee *et al EPL* 111 17002 (2015)
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Optimizing T_c

Π		charge	dopants	structure	hamiltonian
•	HgO _δ	balances -2 charge	supplies	harbors dopants	tunes chemical potential
OÃO	BaO	neutral	inert	protects CuO ₂ from disorder	tunes in-plane t, t', U
~~~	CuO ₂	-2 charge/u.c.	accepts	roughly sets lattice const.	superconducts
0,0	BaO		(same as other CaS layer)		

$Hg(CaS)_2CuO_2$

Chuck-Hou Yee et al EPL 111 17002 (2015)

Take home messages

- A detailed picture of the origin of superconductivity in cuprates follows from a model that takes into account Cu, O, kinetic energy and repulsion
- We need to look beyond traditional tools of solid state physics to work this out.



Merci Thank you

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