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Spin-orbital entanglement and spin-triplet pairing in Sr₂RuO₄



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Sr₂RuO₄

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Strongly Correlated Electron Systems







- Mott-Hubbard
- Heavy Fermions
- Unconventional SC
- Spin-charge order
- Colossal MR



Strongly Correlated Electron Systems





Mott criterion U>W





Comin & Damascelli, arXiv:1303.1438

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Could be Na₂IrO₃ a clear cut case?

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Na₂IrO₃ as a Novel Relativistic Mott Insulator with a 340-meV Gap

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$T_N = 15K \rightarrow distinguish Mott from Slater$

Including Correlations: LDA+SO+U



We must include on-site correlations via U to get the right gap and local ½ moments

Would this work without SO?

Not really..

Na₂IrO₃ is a Relativistic Mott Insulator: Coulomb U and SO coupling cannot be decoupled

Mott criterion U>W



Strongly-correlated electronic states of matter

Late

3d TMO

5d TMO



What about 4d oxides? Let's consider Sr₂RuO₄

Sr₂RuO₄: p-wave Superconductivity

2D perovskite



Unconventional superconductivity

- Pairing mechanism?
- Order parameter ?
- FM-AF fluctuations ?

Rice & Sigrist, JPCM 7, L643 (1995)



Mackenzie & Maeno, RMP 75, 657 (2003)



Mackenzie et al., PRL 80, 161 (1998)



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Luke et al., Nature 394, 558 (1998)



Sr₂RuO₄: Evidence for Spin-triplet Pairing

Knight shift Microscopic spin susceptibility



Ishida et al., Nature (1998)

Phase sensitive measurements verified the odd-parity orbital pairing symmetry due to the formation of spin-triplet Cooper pairs Nelson et al., Science (2004)



μSR Relaxation rate

Time-reversal symmetry breaking

 $P_{u} \| c$

Luke et al., Nature (1998)

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Maeno et al., JPSJ (2012)



1D ($d_{xz,yz}$) versus 2D (d_{xy}) Superconductivity ?



Band structure calculation: 3 t_{2q} bands crossing E_F



Mazin et al., PRL 79, 733 (1997)

The Fermi Surface of Sr₂RuO₄

de Haas-van Alphen



Bergemann et al., PRL 84, 2662 (2000)

LDA



Mazin *et al.*, PRL **79**, 733 (1997)

ARPES



Damascelli et al, PRL 85, 5194 (2000)

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Bergemann et al., PRL 84, 2662 (2000)

Surface



Damascelli et al, PRL 85, 5194 (2000)

Cleaved at 10K

Damascelli et al, PRL 85, 5194 (2000)

Bulk

Cleaved at 200K

Structural surface reconstruction: rotation of RuO₆ octahedra

R. Matzdorf et al., Science 289, 746 (2000)













Band	n_e^{ARPES}	v_F^{ARPES} (eV Å)	$v_F^{ m LDA+SO}/v_F^{ m ARPES}$	n_e^{dHvA}
α_s	1.721	0.56	4.1	•••
β_s	0.757	0.59	3.6	
γ_s	1.396	0.42	Sufface 5.2	•••
Total	3.874			
α_b	1.760	1.30	1.6	1.781
β_b	0.903	0.80	3.3	0.921
γ_b	1.280	0.76	DUIK 2.9	1.346
Total	3.943			4.048

Importance of Spin-Orbit Coupling in 4d Oxides



Sr₂RuO₄



Damascelli et al, PRL 85, 5194 (2000)

Why LDA for Rh214 does not work as well? Something is missing in LDA!

Correlations? Structure? Surface?

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Kim *et al*, PRL **97**, 106401 (2006) Baumberger *et al*, PRL **96**, 246402 (2006)



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$$H = \zeta \Sigma_i \, l_i \cdot s_i$$

Spin-Orbit Coupling

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When is Spin-Orbit important? Degeneracy at E_F!



M.W. Haverkort, I.S. Elfimov, L.H. Tjeng, G.A. Sawatzky, A. Damascelli, PRL 101, 026406 (2008)

SO coupling suppresses the band dispersion along c axis





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SO coupling leads to strong k_z dispersion of quantization axis

Magnetic Anisotropy and Spin Fluctuations in Sr₂RuO₄



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Anisotropy of the Incommensurate Fluctuations in Sr₂RuO₄: A Study with Polarized Neutrons

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k-dependent enhanced out-of-plane dynamic susceptibility

Spin-resolved Circularly-polarized Photoemission

 Ca_2RuO_4

T. Mizokawa, L.H.Tjeng *et al.* PRL **87**, 077202 (2001)

Sr₂RuO₄ H. Fujiwara, L.H.Tjeng *et al.* (unpublished)



The expectation value of the Spin-Orbit coupling can be experimentally determined by sum rule : Σ diff / $\rho^{00} \propto \langle \Sigma_i |_{z,i} S_{z,i} \rangle$. [G. Van der Laan and B. T. Thole PRB **48**, 210 (1993)]

Spin-orbit coupling is important for both Ca₂RuO₄ and Sr₂RuO₄

PRL 112, 127002 (2014)

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Spin-Orbital Entanglement and the Breakdown of Singlets and Triplets in Sr₂RuO₄ Revealed by Spin- and Angle-Resolved Photoemission Spectroscopy

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Band structure + spin-orbit coupling

Fermi surface + spin-orbit coupling





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Band structure + spin-orbit coupling

New SO-split eigenstates Circular polarization Spin-resolved ARPES



Spin-orbit splitting 130±30 meV Spin-ARPES confirms SO entanglement

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Spin-polarized photoemission using selection rules



Confirming with spin-ARPES

Initial states not
 spin polarized

$$P^{\otimes}S_{ ext{Motts}} = rac{\sqrt{I_U^{\oplus}I_D^{\ominus}} - \sqrt{I_D^{\oplus}I_U^{\ominus}}}{\sqrt{I_U^{\oplus}I_D^{\ominus}} + \sqrt{I_D^{\oplus}I_U^{\ominus}}}$$

- Repeat experiment with both helicities
- Measure a clear polarization asymmetry



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Spin-Orbit Coupling: K-dependent Entanglement



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Spin-Orbit Coupling: K-dependent Entanglement



K-dependent entanglement of orbital and spin quantum numbers

$$\psi(\mathbf{k},\sigma) = \varphi(\mathbf{k}) \, \phi_{\sigma}^{\text{spin}}$$

$$\psi(\mathbf{k},\sigma) = \alpha \varphi_{\uparrow}(\mathbf{k}) \phi_{\uparrow}^{\rm spin} + \beta \varphi_{\downarrow}(\mathbf{k}) \phi_{\downarrow}^{\rm spin}$$

What is the fate of spin-triplet superconductivity?

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \sigma_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \sigma_2) = \varphi(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)\phi_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2}^{\text{spin}}$$

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Breakdown of singlet-triplet Cooper pairs!



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Spin-Orbit Coupling: What is the Fate of Cooper Pairs?







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Sr₂RuO₄: Challenges to Spin-triplet Pairing



Additional SC phase transition Suppressed for field angle $\theta \sim 1^{\circ}$



Magnetic anisotropy driven by spin-orbit coupling?

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NO singlets and triplets on most of Fermi surface

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