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Thermodynamic properties of Fe-based superconductors

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Phase diagrams



- superconductivity arises near a magnetic instability
- similar phase diagrams for other unconventional superconductors e.g. cuprates, heavy fermions, organics,
- questions: Is there a magnetic quantum critical point (QCP)?
 Is the pairing due to the magnetic fluctuations around the QCP?

Resistivity of $Ba(Fe_{1-x}Co_x)_2As_2$



NMR: AFM QCP from spin fluctuations in Co-Ba122



Spin-lattice relaxation rate diverges at - θ (Curie-Weiss law): $\frac{1}{T_1T} = \frac{C}{T+\theta}$ θ crosses zero smoothly at the critical concentration

Thermodynamics

- electronic heat capacity
 - entropy, phase transitions, superconducting gaps, fluctuations,...
 - **QCP** diverging effective mass?
- electronic thermal expansion
 - pressure dependence of entropy
 - QCP diverging Grüneisen parameter? sign change of Grüneisen parameter?

• This talk:

- Co-Ba122 quantum critical behavior?
- shear modulus (nematicity) compare Co- and K-doping
- KFe₂As₂ most strongly correlated Fe-based material?

Co-doped Ba122

specific heat and thermal expansion

- CM et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 108, 177004 (2012)
- F. Hardy, et al. Phys. Rev. B 81, 060501 (2010)
- Frédéric Hardy, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 102, 187004 (2009)

Specific heat of Ba122



- sharp first-order SDW transition
- no visible precursors (fluctuations) above T_{SDW} how does this fit into NMRpicture?
- clear reduction in electronic density of states below $\mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{SDW}}$

electronic heat capacity Co-Ba122

Frederic Hardy et al. PRB 2009 EPL 2010





electronic density of states - Sommerfeld coefficient



- sharp peak of γ_N at optimal doping
- DFT calculations predict similar peak (factor of 2) (SDW gaps FS - gap closes with doping)
- possible small mass enhancement at optimal doping

Grüneisen parameter near a QCP- pressure tuning



- divergence of Grüneisen parameter at QCP
- sign change at finite-T transition
- 'smoking gun' of QCP

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{L_i} \frac{dL_i}{dT} = -\frac{dS}{dp_i} \bigg|_T$$



 accumulation of entropy along critical line ending at the QCP competing phases new emergent phases - e.g. superconductivity

thermal expansion - capacitance dilatometer





 absolute resolution: D L ~ 0.01 Å
 relative resolution: D L/L ~ 10⁻⁸ - 10⁻¹⁰ (diffraction ~ 10⁻⁶)

thermal expansion of Ba(Fe,Co)₂As₂

CM et al. PRL 2012



Fermi liquid $\alpha_i(T) = a \cdot T + b \cdot T^3 + \dots$ electronic phonons

 $\frac{\alpha_i}{T}\Big|_{T=0} = -\frac{d\gamma_N}{dp_i}$

- clear signatures of SDW and superconducting transitions
- use 33 % data as phonon background: nearly zero electronic signal!!

electronic/magnetic thermal expansion subtracted 33 % Co data 3 % 5 % 5.5 % 0.10 % 0 11.9 % $\alpha_{a}^{\text{electronic}/T}$ (10⁻⁶ K⁻²) 0.05 8.1 % 8 0.00 S -0.05 a) a-axis 10 5 C Co content 0 50 100 150 200 pressure 15

- negative contribution above $T_{\text{SDW}},\,T_{c}$
- sign changes at $\rm T_{SDW}$ and $\rm T_{c}$



- clear evidence for non-Fermi liquid state above $T_{\text{SDW}},\,T_{\text{c}}$
- possible crossover to Fermi-liquid behavior below T*



- sign changes of $\alpha(T)$ - expected behavior at a QCP

- superconductivity is an emergent phase and covers QCP

Diverging Thermal Expansion of the Spin-Ladder System (C₅H₁₂N)₂CuBr₄



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- weakly coupled 1d chains (magnetic field tuning)
- QCP 'hidden' Bose Einstein condensation of magnons
 - additional sign changes of alpha
 - 2 QCPs (at 7 T and 14 T)

Paul Canfield







Summary - Co-Ba122

Evidence for quantum critical scenario?

- small enhancement of effective mass at critical doping
- NFL behavior of thermal expansion above T_{SDW} (Ca122)
- sign changes of Grüneisen parameters



shear modulus - nematicity

Co- and K-doped Ba122

- A. E. Böhmer, et al. arXiv:1305.3515

- Rafael M. Fernandes, et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 137001 (2013)

softening of shear modulus - C₆₆





- soft mode of structural/magnetic transition

softening:

emergent magnetic/nematic fluctuations

- hardening below T_c:

consistent with magnetically driven nematic fluctuations and competing AFM and SC order

Structural quantum critical point in Co-Ba122



- softening observed also in overdoped tetragonal state
- evidence for 'structural' quantum critical point
- authors stressed importance of orbital degrees of freedom

Question: Is this behavior universal in pnictides - e.g. K-Ba122?

Young's modulus in a capacitance dilatometer

A. E. Böhmer, et al. arXiv:1305.3515



Measure bending changes under constant force (~20 g) with high resolution vs T
 Young's modulus is directly related to C₆₆ if C₆₆ is small

$$Y_{[110]} = 4\left(\frac{1}{C_{66}} + \frac{1}{\gamma}\right)^{-1} \text{ with } \gamma = \frac{C_{11}}{2} + \frac{C_{12}}{2} + \frac{C_{13}^2}{C_{33}}$$

e. g. Kityk et al., PRB, 2000

Young's modulus vs C₆₆ from ultrasound: Co-Ba122

A. E. Böhmer, et al. arXiv:1305.3515



- Good qualitative agreement with C₆₆ from ultrasound measurements by Yoshizawa et al.
- Young's moduli are normalized at room temperature

Young's modulus: K- and Co-doped Ba122



K-Ba122 Young's moduli: qualitatively similar to Co-Ba122 data

differences: - behavior at optimal doping less 'critical'

- almost no hardening seen below T_{c} for 60 % K (T_{c}= 28 K) vs 9 % Co



clear difference at optimal doping - lack of critical behavior in shear modulus for K-doping
 broad hardening for 60 % K below 100 K (not related to T_c!)
 versus softening and hardening for 9 % Co (similar reduced T_c)

Quantum critical points: K- vs Co-doping?



Inflection points - maximum in 'nematic susceptibility'plot points vs doping.

Phase diagram of 'divergent' lattice softening



Co - doping: resembles expected behavior at a quantum critical point

- K doping: softening cut off already at high temperatures lack of real QCP!
- Large region at higher K doping without large softening (and hardening)
- Question: Can one explain relatively large T_c (28 K at 60 % K) within spin mediated pairing scenario? Lack of critical softening and hardening!

Scaling between magnetic and lattice fluctuations in a family of iron-pnictide superconductors

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Conclusions - shear modulus

New technique: three-point-bending in capacitance dilatometer

High resolution – crystals don't need to be perfect!

- Confirmation of 'quantum criticality' in Ba(Fe,Co)₂ As₂
- New results for $(Ba,K)Fe_2As_2$:
 - Absence of quantum criticality !
 - Maximum T_c not at the point of vanishing orthorhombic order
 - Little coupling of C₆₆ shear mode with superconductivity for overdoped samples
 - Reconcile T_c=28K at 60% (Ba,K)Fe₂As₂ within spin-fluctuation scenario?

KFe₂As₂

specific heat, magnetization, thermal expansion,...

- F. Hardy, et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 27002 (2013)
- P. Burger, et al. Phys. Rev. B 88, 014517 (2013)
- Frederic Hardy, et al., arXiv:1309.5654

KFe₂As₂





- stoichiometric clean system!!
- non magnetic
- strongly correlated Hund's metal
- '3d heavy fermion metal'
- low T_c 3.4 K (advantage!)
- nodes? (nodal-s or d-wave?)

 KFe_2As_2 $T_C = 3.4 K$

resistivity and heat capacity

F. Hardy, et al. PRL 111, 27002 (2013)



- Fermi liquid!
- clean: RRR ~ 1000 2000



- strongly correlated!!
- small gap

Coherence – incoherence crossover

F. Hardy, et al. PRL 111, 27002 (2013)



Susceptibility



Similar to heavy-fermion compounds

T << T* : heavy Landau quasiparticles (FL)

T >> T* : strongly incoherent regime local moment behavior

correlations: orbitally-selective Mott transition?

F. Hardy, et al. PRL 111, 27002 (2013)



FIG. 5: (Color online) Gutzwiller slave-boson mean-field calculations of the orbitally-resolved mass-enhancement factor z_{α} for BaFe₂As₂ and KFe₂As₂, for two different values of the intraorbital Coulomb repulsion U.

J. Schmalian, G. Kotliar

LDA+DMFT: Strong Hund's coupling

Haule, et al., New J. Phys. 11, (2009) 025021
Yin, Nature Materials 10, (2011) 932
de' Medici, et al., arxiv:1212.3966 (2012)
Kondo interactions between
localized spins and itinerant *e*L.P. Gor'kov et al., PRB 87 (2012) 024504

specific heat - 4-band BCS model

Frederic Hardy, et al., arXiv:1309.5654





Laser ARPES

Okazaki et al., Science 337 (2012) 1314

- four-band BCS 'fit'
- density of states from de Haas-van Alphen
- consistent with ARPES (not values of Δ !)
- small gaps and nodes



Strong Pauli-limiting behavior - KFe₂As₂ H||a

P. Burger, et al. Phys. Rev. B 88, 014517 (2013)



- strong Pauli limitation seen at low temperatures weakly first-order transition at H_{c2} FFLO?

- similar to CeCoIn₅

H-T phase diagram





Conclusions - K122

- Strong 'Hund' correlations
- Coherence-incoherence crossover
- Large s-wave gap several tiny energy gaps
- Strong paramagnetic effects Pauli limited H_{c2} (FFLO?)



Superconducting state

4-band BCS analysis (s-wave)

Hardy, et al., unpublished



180

electronic Grüneisen parameter

 $\alpha^{\text{electronic}}/C^{\text{electronic}}$



- sign change of Grüneisen parameter at T_{SDW} and T_{c}
- 'diverging' Grüneisen parameter near onset and end of sc dome new QCPs!
- similar Grüneisen parameters for 5.5% and 6.5 % Co point to an intimate connection between SDW and SC states!

Thermodynamical critical field from reversible magnetization



- good agreement with H_c from heat capacity data
- no spurious magnetic contributions in C_p

Magnetization in the mixed state, H || c

Reversible magnetization



de Gennes, Superconductivity of Metals and Alloys (1966) Kogan et al., PRB 38R (1988), 11958

Near H_{C2} : only sensitive to the large gap because vortices related with small gaps have already overlapped

Magnetostriction measurements: H||a



Magnetostriction measurements: H||c



Ferromagnetism and lattice distortions in the perovskite YTiO₃

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Pressure dependencies

Pressure along	dγ _n /dp _i [mJ/mol K² GPa]	dT _c /dp _i [K/GPa]	dH _c /dp _i [T/GPa]	dχª/dp _i [1/GPa]	dχ ^{c/} dp _i [1/GPa]
a-axis	-7.7	-1.9	-0.049	-1.4 x 10 ⁻⁵	4.1 x 10 ⁻⁶
c-axis	-4.81	2.10	0.046	-6.7 x 10⁻ ⁶	-3.0 x 10 ⁻⁵

 $dT_c/dP \approx -1 \text{ K/GPa}$

$dT_c/dp_c \approx + 1.1 \text{ K/GPa}$

- superconductivity couples strongly to c/a ratio (opposite sign for Co-Ba122) normal state less anisotropic
- fair agreement with Bud'ko et al.



Bud'ko et al. PRB 86, 224514 (2012)

Normalized pressure dependencies

[1/GPa]	1/γ _n dγ _n /dp _i	1/T _c dT _c /dp _i	1/H _c H _c /dp _i	1/χ ^a dχ ^a /dp _i	1/χ ^c dχ ^c /dp _i
a-axis	-0.076	-0.56	-0.71	-0.035	0.013
c-axis	-0.047	0.61	0.66	-0.016	-0.096
volume	-0.20	-0.51	-0.75	-0.086	-0.070

- largest relative pressure effects: T_c and H_c
- $T_{\rm c}$ and $H_{\rm c}$ closely related
- $-\gamma$ and χ much smaller
- detailed analysis complicated due to multiband nature (too many parameters)

Volume Grüneisen parameters B = 50 GPa (DFT, Rolf Heid)

	- dlnγ _n /dlnV	- dlnT _c /dlnV	- dlnH _c /dlnV	- dlnxª/dlnV	- dlnχ ^c /dlnV
volume	- 8.9	- 23	- 34	- 3.9	- 3.1

classical superconductors			
-	dlnT _c /dlnV	- dlnγ/dlnV	
Al	-17	-1.8	
Pb	-3	-1.7	
Nb	0	-1.5	

Boughton, Olsen, Palmy 1970

U-based superconductors				
- dlnT _c /dlnV - dlnγ/dlnV				
UPt ₃	- 65	- 50		
URu_2Si_2	-59	- 40		
UBe ₁₃	-21	- 52		

J. Flouquet et al. Physica C, 1991

- same signs of T_c and γ Grüneisen parameters as other SC's
- intermediate absolute values of Grüneisen parameters
- does not match trend with Ba doping (T_c increases, γ decreases)

change of pairing symmetry under pressure?



Uniaxial pressure effects in FeSe



Anna Böhmer et al. arxiv 1303.2026v1



T (K)



two s-wave gaps provide very good fit of data
consistent with proposed s+- state





Coexistence of Competing Antiferromagnetic and Superconducting Phases in the Underdoped Ba(Fe_{0.953}Co_{0.047})₂As₂ Compound Using X-ray and Neutron Scattering Techniques

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Specific heat and thermal expansion

Gibbs free energy:

$$G = U - TS + pV$$



Volume thermal expansion: $\beta = \frac{1}{V} \frac{dV}{dT} = \frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial P \partial T} = \kappa_T \frac{dS}{dV} \Big|_T$

- for superconductors
 - bulk superconductivity?
 - Sommerfeld coefficient
 - nature of energy gap
 - (s, d, ...multigap)
 - strong or weak coupling?

- pressure dependences (uniaxial!)
- Grüneisen parameter
- Ehrenfest Relation:

$$\frac{dT_c}{dp_i} = \frac{\Delta \alpha_i V_m}{\Delta C_p / T_c}$$

Suppression of superconducting dome in Ba($Fe_{0.94-x}Co_{0.06}Mn_x$) ₂As₂



First-Principles Calculations + Eliashberg

First-principles-based $\pm s$ -wave modelling for iron-based superconductors: Studies for specific heat and nuclear magnetic relaxation rate





Grüneisen parameter at a QCP?



phonons
$$\Gamma = -\frac{V}{\omega_{Debye}} \frac{\partial \omega_{Debye}}{\partial V} \approx const.$$

CeCuAg: Küchler et al. PRL 93 (2004)



electronic specific heat of Ba(Fe,Co)₂As₂



some residual electronic term at low T (need to measure below 2 K!!)
simple single-band d-wave or s-wave fits do not work

S. Kasahara et al., Phys. Rev. B 81, 184519 (2010)



- nearly linear resistivity at optimal doping!
- similar behavior found in cuprates and heavy fermions
- need thermodynamic data showing non-Fermi liquid behavior

Superconducting state

KFe₂As₂

 $\gamma_{\rm n} = 102 \text{ mJ mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-2}$

 MgB_2



Bouquet et al., PRL 109 (2012) 087001



25

30

35

T_c = 38.9 K

40

45

M. Abdel-Hafiez et al. arxiv1301.5257





- doping and pressure are closely related: $dg/dp \sim dg/dx$
- uniaxial pressure is a good tuning parameter
- 33% Co good background dg/dp = 0

Heat capacity and susceptibility

F. Hardy, et al. PRL 111, 27002 (2013)



Confirm heavy QP (dHvA, ARPES)





Coherence – incoherence crossover

Thermal expansion



F. Hardy, et al. PRL 111, 27002 (2013)

Existence of strong correlations

Similar to heavy-fermion compounds and ruthenates

Evidence for coherence-incoherence crossover

- T << T* : heavy Landau quasiparticles (Fermi liquid)
- T >> T* : strongly incoherent regime local moment behavior non-linear heat capacity

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Magnetization of KFe₂As₂: H||a



- reversible down to small fields reversible magnetization: $M = (M^+ + M^-)/2$

- large paramagnetic signal