TT 39: SC: Iron-Based Superconductors - 1111

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TT 39.1 Fri 10:15 H19 Insight, puzzles, and problems into the physics of Fe-pnictides from optics — •S.-L. DRECHSLER¹, H. ROSNER², R. SCHUSTER¹, F. ROTH¹, M. GROBOSCH¹, M. ROTTER³, K. KOEPERNIK¹, D. SINGH⁴, L. Zhang⁴, D. Jorendt³, N. Wizent², G. Behr¹, J. van den BRINK¹, N.L. WANG⁵, B. BUECHNER¹, and M. KNUPFER¹ — ¹Inst. f. Festkörper- & Werkstoffforsch., Dresden — ²Max-Planck-Inst. f. Chem. Physik fester Stoffe, Dresden — ³Department Chemie & Biochemie, Ludwig-Maximillians Universität München, München — 4 Oak Ridge Nat. Lab., Oak Ridge, Tennessee, USA — 5 Beijing Nat. Lab., f. Cond. Mat. Phys. Inst. of Phys., Chin. Acad. of Sci., Beijing, China We report Drude plasma frequencies (PF) for 12 Fe-pnictides from density functional theory (DFT) based calculations and compare them with experimental PF from reflectivity. The observed renormalization points to moderate many-body effects beyond the DFT like in ordinary transition metals. From large empirical background dielectric constants $\varepsilon_{\infty} \sim 10$, we estimate strong As and P polarizabilities which significantly reduce the Hubbard U_d from about 4 eV as suggested by significantly correlated [1] "bad metal" scenarios to below 2 eV pointing to rather strong polaronic effects [2]. We compare the dielectric and loss functions calculated within the RPA employing the DFT band structure for the parent compounds LaOFeAs and LaOFeP with single crystal derived data [1] and determine the frequency region with the strongest many-body effects beyond the RPA.

[1] M.M. Qazilbash et al. Nature Phys. 5, (2009) 647.

[2] G. Sawatzky et al. Europhys. Lett. 86 (2009) 17006.

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Nature of Magnetism in Iron Pnictides: an *ab initio* study — •YU-ZHONG ZHANG, INGO OPAHLE, HARALD JESCHKE, and ROSER VALENTI — Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Max-von-Laue-Straße 1, 60438 Frankfurt am Main, Germany

While it is commonly believed that magnetic-mediate pairing is the source of superconductivity in the iron-based superconductors, the nature of magnetism is still under debate. We apply ab initio molecular dynamics to investigate physical properties of LaOFePn, BaFe₂Pn₂ and LiFePn (Pn = As, Sb), so-called 1111, 122 and 111 compounds, respectively. We find that, with substitution of As by Sb, the stripetype antiferromagnetic orderings are always enhanced. By calculating Pauli susceptibility, we attribute the enhancement of magnetization to the increase of instability at (π, π) when As is substituted by Sb. Furthermore, we study the magnetic and lattice properties of LaOFePn (Pn=P, As, Sb, Bi) as well as ScOFeP, ScOFeAs and YOFeP and argue that LaOFeSb would be a candidate for a superconductor with highest transition temperature among the investigated compounds. We further suggest that the absence of antiferromagnetic phase in LaOFeP and the presence in LaOFeAs are due to the competition of instability in Pauli susceptibility between (π, π) and (0, 0) and therefore argue that superconductivity can only occur through doping in LaOFeSb.

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Effect of doping and pressure on the high- T_c superconductor YOFeAs – comparison with LaOFeAs – \bullet INGO OPAHLE¹, YU-ZHONG ZHANG¹, HEM C. KANDPAL², HARALD O. JESCHKE¹, and ROSER VALENTI¹ – ¹Institut für Theoretische Physik, Universität Frankfurt, 60438 Frankfurt/Main, Germany – ²IFW Dresden, P.O.B. 270016, D-01171 Dresden, Germany

The electronic structure of the high- T_c superconductor YOFeAs is calculated in the framework of density functional theory. Undoped YOFeAs is found to show the same spin density wave (SDW) instability as previously reported for LaOFeAs. The calculated Fe moment at ambient pressure is slightly smaller in YOFeAs than in LaOFeAs, but remains nonzero up to higher pressures compared to LaOFeAs. The Fermi surface shows similar strong nesting features like the one of LaOFeAs, stabilizing the spin density wave state. The effect of doping on the SDW state and implications for the superconductivity will be discussed.

TT 39.4 Fri 11:00 H19 High field ESR spectroscopy on (Gd,La)OFeAs superconductors — •A. Alfonsov¹, F. Murányi², V. Kataev¹, N. Leps¹, R. Klingeler¹, A. Kondrat¹, C. Hess¹, S. Wurmehl¹, J. Werner¹, Location: H19

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In the present work we have studied polycrystalline samples of the $(Gd,La)O_{1-x}F_xFeAs$ superconductor with different levels of fluorine and gadolinium doping by means of high field/high frequency electron spin resonance (HF-ESR) spectroscopy. The Gd ESR signal is found to be sensitive to the magnetic phase transition from the paramagnetic to the spin density wave (SDW) state occurring in the parent (Gd,La)OFeAs compounds at temperatures $T_{SDW} \sim 130 - 150$ K. In addition, in case of $LaO_{1-x}F_xFeAs$ with 5% Gd doping there is a clear indication of the suppression of the magnetic order in the samples with the superconducting ground state. The GdOFeAs samples reveal an antiferromagnetic coupling between Gd and Fe planes which reflects in the splitting and shift of Gd ESR line below $T_{SDW} \sim 130$ K. Surprisingly, the 15% and 17% fluorine doped GdOFeAs samples, with $T_c=20K$ and $T_c=45K$ respectively, show the low-T ESR response similar to the undoped sample which indicates that the SDW is not completely suppressed in the SC samples. We compare HF-ESR data with results of transport measurements on these samples and discuss a possible contribution of magnetic rare-earths to the interplay between magnetism of the FeAs planes and superconductivity which evolves upon the fluorine doping.

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Structural transition and magnetic ordering in $(Sm,Ce)FeAsO_{(1-x)}F_x - \bullet JORGE E. HAMANN-BORRERO¹, AGNIESZKA KONDRAT¹, HEMKE MAETER², RALF FEYERHERM³, HANS-HENNING KLAUSS², RUEDIGER KLINGELER¹, CHRISTIAN HESS¹, GUENTHER BEHR¹, DIMITRI ARGYRIOU³, and BERND BUECHNER¹ - ¹Leibniz Institute for Solid State and Materials Research, IFW Dresden, 01171 Dresden, Germany - ²Institut fuer Festkoerperphysik, TU Dresden, D-01069 Dresden, Germany - ³Helmholtz Zentrum Berlin. Albert Einstein Str.15 12489 Berlin$

The tetragonal to orthorhombic transition of the layered compounds $(Sm, Ce)FeAsO_{(1-x)}F_x$ is studied by means of synchrotron x-ray diffraction, μ SR and resistivity. We particularly focus on the onset of the SDW and superconducting states by monitoring the structural transition temperature T_s the magnetic ordering temperature T_N and the critical temperature T_c . In the case of $SmFeAsO_{(1-x)}F_x$ the SDW state is only gradually suppressed upon doping until it is entirely suppressed in favour of the superconducting state. This is in contrast to $CeFeAsO_{(1-x)}F_x$ where the SDW state is suppressed much more efficiently and where superconductivity coexists with magnetism. Moreover, in further contrast to the findings by Zhao et al [1], we do not observe any orthorhombic distortion in superconducting samples.

[1] Zhao et al. Nature Materials, 2008, 7, 953-959.

TT 39.6 Fri 11:45 H19 Interplay of rare earth and FeAs magnetism in the iron pnictides GdOFeAs and CeOFeAs studied by muon spin relaxation and ⁵⁷Fe moessbauer spectroscopy — •N. YÈCHE¹, H.-H. KLAUSS¹, T. DELLMANN¹, H. LUETKENS², R. KHASANOV², A. AMATO², R. KLINGELER³, B. BÜCHNER³, and G. BEHR³ — ¹Institut für Festkörperphysik, TU Dresden — ²Laboratory for Muon-Spin Spectroscopy, Paul Scherrer Institut, CH-5232 Villigen, Switzerland ³Leibniz-Institut für Festkörper- und Werkstoffforschung Dresden ROFeAs with R = La, Ce, Pr, Sm, Gd are the magnetic mother compounds of the iron pnictide superconductors. We have investigated the magnetic properties and the interplay of iron and rare earth magnetic order in GdOFeAs by means of muon spin relaxation (μ^+ SR) and ⁵⁷Fe moessbauer spectroscopy and compare these to other undoped ROFeAs. We find that the Gd mother compound shows magnetic interaction between the rare earth and the FeAs layers similar to the Ce compound as allready reported in [1]. This results indicate that the rare-earth-FeAs electronic interaction is not crutial for the enhanced T_C in these systems.

[1] H. Maeter et al., Phys.Rev.B 80, 094524 (2009)

TT 39.7 Fri 12:00 H19 Anomalous Nernst Effect and spin fluctuations in LaFeAs $O_{1-x}F_x - \bullet$ Christian Hess, Agnieszka Kondrat, Günter Behr, Rüdiger Klingeler, and Bernd Büchner — Institute for Solid State Research, IFW Dresden, Helmoltzstrasse 20, 01069 Dresden

We present Nernst-effect investigations on LaFeAsO_{1-x}F_x. In the parent compound the formation of a SDW state leads to a huge enhancement of the Nernst coefficient at $T < T_N$. Despite the absence of SDW order at underdoped superconducting doping levels, a similar anomalous behavior is also observed (with smaller magnitude), which is suggestive of a spin-fluctuation enhanced Nernst-effect. Interestingly, at optimal doping level the Nernst coefficient is only weakly temperature dependent and appears more conventional.

TT 39.8 Fri 12:15 H19 Unusual disorder effects in LaFeAs_{1- δ}O_{0.9}F_{0.1} as revealed by NMR spectroscopy — •Franziska Hammerath¹, Stefan-Ludwig Drechsler¹, Hans-Joachim Grafe¹, Guillaume Lang¹, Günter Fuchs¹, Günter Behr¹, Ilya Eremin², Maxim Korshunov^{2,3}, and Bernd Büchner¹ — ¹Leibniz-Institut für Festkörper- & Werkstoffforschung, Dresden, Germany — ²MPI für Physik komplexer Systeme, Dresden — ³L.V. Kirensky Inst. of Physics, Sib. Branch of Russ. Acad. Scs., Krasnoyarsk, Russia

We report ⁷⁵As NMR measurements of the spin-lattice relaxation in the superconducting state of LaFeAsO_{0.9}F_{0.1} and As-deficient samples, LaFeAs_{1-δ}O_{0.9}F_{0.1} with a drastic change of the $1/T_1$ temperature dependence below T_c from a T^3 -law for LaFeAsO_{0.9}F_{0.1} to a T^β -law ($\beta = 5 - 6$) for LaFeAs_{1-δ}O_{0.9}F_{0.1}. T_c and the slope of the upper critical field near T_c increase unexpectedly in the As-deficient samples. Our results are discussed in terms of non-universal SC gaps in Fe-pnictides and the effect of As deficiency as an exotic case when non-magnetic 'smart' impurities even stabilize an s_{\pm} -wave superconductor as well as within a scenario of a disorder driven change to conventional s_{++} superconductivity.

[1] H.-J. Grafe et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 101, 047003 (2008).

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Superconductivity and Ferromagnetism in $CeFeAs_{1-x}P_xO$ — •ANTON JESCHE, CORNELIUS KRELLNER, and CHRISTOPH GEIBEL — Max Planck Institute for Chemical Physics of Solids, Dresden, Germany

The emergence of superconductivity in RFeAsO (R = rare earth) is connected with the suppression of the antiferromagnetic (AFM) ordering of Fe which can be achieved by the substitution of e.g. La by Sr, Fe by Co, As by P, and O by F. A special case here is CeFeAs_{1-x}P_xO, which shows AFM ordering of Fe at $T_{\rm N}^{\rm Fe} = 145$ K and AFM ordering of Ce at $T_{\rm N}^{\rm Ce} = 3.7$ K for pure CeFeAsO, whereas pure CeFePO is a paramagnetic heavy fermion metal. The substitution of As by P results in a decrease of $T_{\rm N}^{\rm Fe}$ similar to F doping. An extrapolation suggests a complete suppression of the Fe ordering for $x \simeq 0.35$. However, instead of the 'expected' superconducitivity, the Ce ordering changes from AFM to FM at the disappearance of $T_{\rm N}^{\rm Fe}$ and superconductivity emerges only in a small concentration range around x = 0.3. We report on measurements of electrical resistivity, specific heat, and magnetic susceptibility on single- and polycrystalline samples. Our results are supported by NMR, ESR, and μ SR measurements and reveal a competition of superconductivity and ferromagnetic ordering of Ce.