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# Fe-based SC



- review of normal state
- review of sc state
- standard model
- new materials & directions

Reviews: P.J. Hirschfeld et al, Rep. Prog. Phys. 74, 124508 (2011); G.R. Stewart RMP 2012; Dagotto and Dai, Nat. Phys. 2012; A. Chubukov, Ann. Rev. 2012

# Discovery of LaO<sub>1-x</sub>F<sub>x</sub>FeAs Kamihara et al JACS 2008



# Iron-based superconductors

Recent reviews: G.R. Stewart RMP 2012, Paglione & Greene Nat Phys 2010; Johnston Adv. Phys. 2010

LaFeAsO LiFeAs FeSe BaFe<sub>2</sub>As<sub>2</sub>  $T_c = 38K$  $T_c = 28K$  $T_{c} = 18K$  $T_c = 8K$ (55K for Sm) Wang et al Hsu et al Rotter et al. Sol. St. Comm. 2008 **PNAS 2008** 

arXiv: PRL (2008)

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• Ni et al Phys. Rev. B 2008

Kamihara et al JACS (2008)
Ren et al Chin. Phys. Lett. (2008)

# **Comparison with cuprates**



Strong vs. weak coupling?

Single vs. multibands?

2D vs. 3D?



Table 1   Properties of different classes of superconductor						
Property	Conventional superconductors	Copper oxides MgB <sub>2</sub>		Iron-based superconductors		
T <sub>c</sub> (maximum)	<30 K	134 K	39 K	56 K		
Correlation effects	None (nearly-free electrons)	Strong local electronic interaction	None (nearly-free electrons)	Long-range (non-local) magnetic correlations		
Relationship to magnetism	No magnetism	Parent compounds are magnetic insulators	No magnetism	Parent compounds are magnetic metals		
Order parameter	One band, same-sign s wave	One band, sign-changing <i>d</i> wave	Two band, same-sign s wave	Two band, presumably sign- changing s wave		
Pairing interaction	Electron-phonon	Probably magnetic (no consensus)	Electron-phonon	Presumably magnetic		
Dimensionality	Three dimensional	Two dimensional	Three dimensional	Variable		

Mazin, Nature 2010

Can we learn what the essential ingredients for high-T<sub>c</sub> are from the comparison?

Phase diagrams of Cu-based and Fe-based superconductors are similar



Parent compounds are insulators

Parent compounds are metals

### Insulating behavior of parent compounds of the cuprates



# Metallic behavior of parent compounds of Fe pnictides

Fang et al 2009



# Electronic structure calculations

### LOFP Lebegue 2007 ( $T_c = 6K$ )





Band structures for 2 materials nearly identical! Hole pocket near  $\Gamma$ , electron pocket near M

Kotliar et al, Cao et al: correlations can be significant



# **Multiorbital physics**

### DOS near Fermi due almost entirely to 5 Fe d-states

Complications: calculations will be harder

*Novelty:* surprising new aspects of multiorbital/ multiband physics









Fermi surface

Band structure

### (Some) theorists find folded BZ already too complex

# Unfolded BZ Folded BZ



2D cross-sections

# Magnetic order in most (not all) parent compounds

de la Cruz et al Nature 453, 899 (2008)





Stripe like order w  $q=(\pi,0)$ 

# Ordered magnetism in FeSC

Material	Ts (K)	T <sub>N</sub> (Fe) (K)	μ <sub>Fe</sub> (μ <sub>B</sub> )	q <sub>Fe</sub>	Spin direction	$\begin{array}{c} \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{N}}(R) \\ \mathrm{(K)} \end{array}$	μ <sub>R</sub> (μ <sub>B</sub> )	q <sub>R</sub>	Spin direction
LaOFeAs	155	137	0.36	101	likely a	-			
CeOFeAs	158	140	0.8	100	а	4.0	0.94	101	a,b,c
PrOFeAs	153	127	0.48	100	а	14	0.84	100	с
NdOFeAs	150	141	0.25	101	likely a	1.96	1.55	100	a,c
CaFe <sub>2</sub> As <sub>2</sub>	173	173	0.80	101	а	-			
SrFe <sub>2</sub> As <sub>2</sub>	220	220	0.94	101	а	-			
BaFe <sub>2</sub> As <sub>2</sub>	142	143	0.87	101	a	-			
Fe <sub>1.068</sub> Te	67	67	2.25	100	b	-			

"double stripe"  $q = (\pi/2, \pi/2)$ 

Lynn, Dai 2009

# Weak coupling/strong coupling picture of magnetism?

Early theories proposing strong coupling: Yildrim 08; Fang et al 08, Cvectovic & Tesanovic 08, Abrahams & Si 08, Manousakis et al 08

Stripe order stabilized for large J<sub>2</sub>





Zhao et al. Natphys 09 spin excitations fit Heisenberg without need for Stoner continuum, but a-b anisotropy hard to understand. Diallo et al PRL 09: poor fit at higher E, spin waves are damped by p-h excitations; good fit from 1<sup>st</sup> principles susceptibility

# Also: "doping" with pressure



Magnetic order tied to structural phase transition
 possible coexistence with superconductivity?







### Zhao et al 2008

D.K. Pratt et al 09

Best guess at present: 1111—NO; 122--YES



DFT correctly reproduces (or even predicts) correct magnetic and structural ground states, <u>but</u> requires magnetism as a prior condition for distortion

Courtesy of M. Johannes & I. Mazin

# Transition driven by orbital ordering?

heory: Xu et al, Kruger et al, Fang et al 08

Experiments on untwinned samples: "nematic" susceptibility above T<sub>s</sub>?





Implications for superconductivity?

# ARPES: orbital ordering



Yi et al PNAS 2011

# Nematic behavior also in superconducting state!

STM on FeSe, Song et al., Science 2011



Vortex

### Impurity states

Strongly 1D defect structures in (barely orthorhombic system)!

# Three different types of order which break x/y symmetry

- stripe spin order (neutrons)
- structural order  $a_x \neq a_y$  (X-ray diffraction)
- orbital order dxz and dyz orbitals occupied differently (ARPES)

which one is the driving force?



Courtesy of A. Chubukov

# Magnetic origin for nematicity?



- Nematic order is a natural consequence of the magnetism of the pnictides (no need to introduce extra degrees of freedom)
- Nematic degrees of freedom affect the macroscopic properties across much of the phase diagram

# Magnetic origin for nematicity?

Symmetry breaking in the striped magnetic state of the iron pnictides:

O(3) x Z<sub>2</sub> symmetry breaking



 $(0,\pi)$ 

# Magnetic origin for nematicity?

• A state that breaks Z<sub>2</sub> symmetry but remains paramagnetic

spontaneous tetragonal symmetry breaking



# Correlation strengths across materials

### Qazilbash et al. NatPhys2009



Specific heat (m	J/ mol K <sup>2</sup> )
LaFePO	7
Ba(Co <sub>x</sub> Fe <sub>1-x</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> As <sub>2</sub>	15-20
Ba <sub>1-x</sub> K <sub>x</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> As <sub>2</sub>	50
FeSe <sub>0.88</sub>	9.2
KFe <sub>2</sub> As <sub>2</sub>	69-102
K <sub>0.8</sub> Fe <sub>1.6</sub> Se <sub>2</sub>	6

Review: Stewart, RMP (2011)

# Results from LDA+DMFT

Z. P. Yin, K. Haule, & G. Kotliar, Nat. Mat. 10, 932–935 (2011)

2.5 SDW DMFT Magnetic moment ( $\mu_{\rm B}$ ) 2.0 DSDW DMFT SDW EXP DSDW EXP 1.5 EXP PM fluctuating moment 1.0 0.5 0 xy xy/yz **EXP** optics EXP (AR)PES 5 z<sup>2</sup>  $m^*/m_{band}$  $-x^2 - y^2$ 4 2 FeP Te/Se 111 122 122 1111 Batersz r ster sr 4000 the set the the set

Fix interactions U,J, vary material

Not all orbitals are equally correlated!

### Can we understand evolution of correlations across 122 phase diagram?



### Some empirical measures of correlations



Sommerfeld coefficient

Optics: Drude contribution

$$\gamma \sim N^*(E_F) = \sum_{\alpha} (m^*/m_b)_{\alpha} N_b^{\alpha}(E_F)$$
$$D^* = \sum (m_b/m^*)_{\alpha} D_b^{\alpha}$$

⇒ selective orbital mass enhancement

### Multiorbital Mott physics: J acts as orbital decoupler:

- suppresses inter-orbital correlations
- differentiate orbitals with respect to distance from Mott transition



### de Medici et al, ArXiv:1212.3966



### Correlations have strong effect on LDA+DMFT Fermi surface of KFe2As2 (unlike BaFe2As2)

Backes et al (Frankfurt group)





# SC state: gap symmetry vs. structure



SC state: experimental "lack of universality" e.g., penetration depth experiments

Hicks et al 2008 LaFePO  $T_c = 6K$ 

Prozorov, 2011 Co-doped Ba122 T<sub>c</sub>=25K

Hashimoto et al 2009 K-doped Ba122  $T_c = 40K$ 



gapped SC

# Thermal conductivity (H=0)

(bulk probe, lowest temperatures thus far)

LaFePO: Yamashita et al aXv:0906.0622



K-doped Ba-122: Luo et al aXv:0904.4049



Big linear T term

Tiny or zero linear T term

Recall in theory of nodal SC linear T term  $\Rightarrow$  residual qp excitations (metallic-like) for d-wave superconductor this term is "universal"  $\kappa/T \sim N_0 v_F^2/\Delta_0$ 

# NMR spin-lattice relaxation



Yashima et al arXiv:0905.1896

$$\frac{T_1^{-1}}{(T_1^{-1})_N} = 2\frac{T}{T_c} \int_0^\infty d\omega \left(\frac{-\partial f}{\partial \omega}\right) \left(\frac{N(\omega)}{N_0}\right)^2$$



Nakai et al. JPSJ (2008)

line nodes  $\Rightarrow N(\omega) \sim \omega \Rightarrow T^3$ !

# Resonant mode in inelastic neutron scattering



Ba<sub>0.6</sub>K<sub>0.4</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>As<sub>2</sub>: Christianson et al Nature 2008

Reminder: cuprates: Fong et al PRB 2000





In Ba-122 resonance observed near  $Q=\pi$ ,0 (1-Fe BZ) Appears only in SC state (like opt. doped cuprates)

$$\operatorname{Im} \chi \sim \sum_{k} \left[ 1 - \frac{\Delta_k \Delta_{k+q}}{E_k E_{k+q}} \right] ..$$

 $\Delta_{k+Q} = -\Delta_k \Longrightarrow$  sign change of order parameter

Multiband theory: Maier & Scalapino 2008, Korshunov & Eremin 2008, Maier et al 2009







- What is the symmetry of SC order parameter?
- What controls whether Fe-based material is nodal or gapped superconductor?
- Why are these systems' superconducting states nonuniversal?

# Pairing by spin fluctuations?

### 1) Electron-phonon interaction is weak:

We have calculated *ab initio* the electron-phonon spectral function,  $\alpha^2 F(\omega)$ , and coupling,  $\lambda$ , for the stoichiometric compound [9]. Some moderate coupling exists, mostly to As modes, but the total  $\lambda$  appears to be ~ 0.2, with  $\omega_{log} \sim 250$  K, which can in no way explain  $T_c \gtrsim 26$  K.

### Mazin et al, PRL 2008, see also Mu et al CPL (2008), Boeri et al. PRL 2008



### Singh & Du PRL 200

### 2) Magnetism is usually nearby:



# Spin fluctuation theories of pairing

Effective interaction from spin fluctuations (Berk-Schrieffer 1966)

$$V_s(q,\omega) \cong \frac{3}{2} \frac{\overline{U}(\chi_0(q,\omega))}{1 - U\chi_0(q,\omega)}$$
$$\chi_0(q,\omega) = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{f(\varepsilon_{p+q}) - f(\varepsilon_p)}{\omega - (\varepsilon_{p+q} - \varepsilon_p) + i\delta}$$





Equations may have solutions even when all elements of the interaction matrices are repulsive (>0).

The simplest example is an off-diagonal repulsion:  $V_{11} = V_{12} = 0$ ,  $V_{12} = V_{21} = -V < 0$ . In this case the solution reads:  $\lambda_{eff} = \sqrt{\Lambda_{12}\Lambda_{21}} = |V_{12}|\sqrt{N_1N_2}$ ,  $\Delta_1(T_c)/\Delta_2(T_c) = -\sqrt{N_2/N_1}$ .

# Similar argument from Mazin et al PRL 2008 for pnictides: consider only $\alpha$ - $\beta$ pair scattering



- nesting peaks interaction V<sub>s</sub> at  $\pi$ ,0 in 1-Fe zone.
- interaction is constant over sheet since they are small.
- therefore *isotropic* sign-changing s<sub>+/-</sub> state solves gap eqn

# Spin fluctutation pairing theories in Fe-pnictides



Realistic theories: gaps display strong anisotropy/ nodes



Two pairing channels nearly degenerate:

a) Can different FeAs materials have different symmetries?

b) Or, do all have s-wave symmetry, differing gap structures for different materials

### What is the origin of the gap anisotropy [Maier et al PRB 09]?

1. importance of orbital character on Fermi sheets

- 2. scattering between  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  sheets
- 3. intraband Coulomb repulsion

See also: Chubukov et al 2009, Thomale et al 2009 (band picture), Thomale et al 2010, Kemper et al 2010



Nonuniversality in experiments: sensitivity to small changes in electronic structure, disorder

any nodes are *accidental* rather than symmetry-enforced in ext.-s states



### Big picture: evolution of gap with doping

PH, Korshunov and Mazin Rep. Prog. Phys. 2011



# s<sub>++</sub> or s<sub>+-</sub>? Few phase-sensitive expts.

### Chen et al, Nature 2010

### Christianson et al Nature 2008

### Hanaguri et al Science 2010



### NdFeAsO<sub>0.88</sub>F<sub>0.12</sub>

Half-integer fluxes detected (in a small fraction of loops)

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### Ba<sub>0.6</sub>K<sub>0.4</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>As<sub>2</sub>

Enhanced susceptibility at Q below Tc  $\Rightarrow$  sign change of order parameter



### Fe(Se,Te)

Field dependence of quasiparticle interference peaks depends on order parameter sign



Various critiques of all experiments, alternate scenarios: where is the

# Hiroshi Kontani, M2S 2012

# impurity effect in single crystal (Ba,K)Fe<sub>2</sub>As<sub>2</sub>

J.Li et al. PRB 85, 214509 (2012).



✓ Vegard's law: good crystal



### other experiments:

1111 systems: Sato et al, JPSJ('08) Ba122: Paglione et al, arXiv('12) irradiation: Nakajima et al, PRB ('10)

Theory:  $S \pm wave state$ disappears when  $\rho_{imp} = 20 \sim 40 \mu \Omega cm$ 

local impurity on Fe-sites Inter- and intraband impurity scattering in 2-band s<sub>+/-</sub> system



# e- irradiation experiments (Prozorov, Shibauchi)



# New directions in FeSC

Three materials which don't quite fit the "standard" paradigm

LiFeAs: stoichiometric 18K superconductor with

clean, nonpolar surfaces nonmagnetic, no FS nesting

KFe<sub>2-x</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>: 31K superconductor with

3µ<sub>B</sub> ordered magnetic moment, ordered Fe vacancies, parent compound may be *insulating* 

FeSe under stress: 43K SC intercalated with Li amide, ammonia 40K SC under 10 GPa pressure ?? 65K SC single layer on STO





Borisenko et al PRL 2010

# Importance of correlations?



 $k_7 = 0$ 

Yin et al 2011 Nat Mat, Ferber et al PRB 2012

LDA+DMFT: hole pockets shrink, electron pockets unaffected

see also Lee et al, PRL 2012

## ARPES results for SC gap function (Dresden group)





# β electron pocket

γ hole pocket







Borisenko et al Symmetry 2012

# Experimental data (Disney version)





Borisenko et al 2012

Umezawa et al 2012

### Results of 3D spin fluctuation calculations I Leading pairing eigenstate 10-orbital DFT-based or ARPES-fit bands

Wang et al PRB 2013







Conclusion: s+/- pairing from spin fluctuations despite lack of Fermi surface nesting

# LiFeAs ``ab initio" pairing theory: success or failure? Comparison with experiment

### IV. Ahn et al aXv: '14 I. Wang et al. PRB '13



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Bands	ARPES*	LDA+DMF T	ARPES*	ARPES*
Full gap	yes	no	yes	yes
Ratios of gaps on large pockets	yes	?	yes	possible
Gap size on α pockets	"no"	?	yes	possible
Phase of gap on β pockets	yes	yes	yes	possible

 III. Saito et al. IV. Yin et al. aXv '13
 aXv: '14 •Some disagreement re ARPES Fermi surface: cf. Chi et al 1308.4413 surfaces, samples?

# FeSe: 8K superconductor, but:



### Medvedev et al 2010 Tc $\rightarrow$ 37K under pressure



Wang et al. Chin. Phys. Lett. 2012 1 layer Tc $\rightarrow$ 35K under tensile strain





Tc $\rightarrow$ 43K molecular intercalation

# Conclusions

- Magnetic and orbital correlations at high T both lead to stripe magnetic order and superconductivity: which are more important?
- repulsive interactions probably lead to s+/- state for "generic" Fe-based SC with hole and electron pockets
- orbital character, intraband Coulomb enhance gap anisotropy. anisotropic s<sub>+/-</sub> nodal structures show strong sensitivity to small changes in electronic structure (pnictogen height, surfaces, strain, defects)
- spin fluctuation theory explains gap anisotropy of 122's across phase diagram, gets details correct in "generic" FeSC

"end point compounds" show tendency to d-wave order