Effect of the electron-phonon coupling on phonons in iron based superconductors

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- Fe superconductors: overview
- Study of lattice dynamics in *Ln*FeAsO
- Study of lattice dynamics in EuFe₂As₂



Fe-superconductors. Overview



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Iron-Based Layered Superconductor La[O_{1-x}F_x]FeAs (x = 0.05-0.12) with $T_c = 26$ K

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Crystallographic structures of Fe-superconductors



Phase diagrams of Fe-superconductors



- superconductivity originates within Fe layer
- suppression of magnetism by doping or by pressure leads to SC
- unconventional superconductors: magnetic(?) excitations are the "glue" of the Cooper pair



Measurements of phonons in FeSCs





Theoretical phonon calculations



Electron-phonon properties of LaFeAsO

The theory predicts T_c =0.8K due to the phonon mediated Cooper pairing. Much smaller than exp. T_c = 25K

Theory predicts significant effect of the local magnetic moment on the phonon structure. It suggest to use phonons to reveal presence of the Fe magnetic moment.



Dependence of phonons on magnetism

Fe PDOS for parent 1111 compounds





Fe PDOS for LaFeAsO_{1-x}F_x at 0 and 296 K



Fe PDOS for parent / doped 1111 compounds





How to find "peak" energy

Options to find peaks:

- Fit by peak function \leftarrow ? \rightarrow peak shape unknown
- Use COM position \leftarrow ? \rightarrow depends on chosen E-range
- Our solution: search or relative shift compared to reference spectrum by least square fit. Obtain value with statistical error.







Peaks positions vs T for parent and doped conpounds





Raman scattering data with 1111 compounds

Raman scattering of NdFeAsO_{1-x}F_x Zhang et al., PRB 79 (2009) 052507

RAMAN SHIFT (cm⁻¹) 11/1 11/1 11/1 11/1 11/1 11/1 11/1

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RAMAN SHIFT (cm⁻¹)

336

173



T-dependence of other modes





Raman scattering data with 122 compounds

Raman scattering on BaFe₂As₂ Chauviere et al. PRB 80 (2009) 094504 Baum et al., PRB 98(2018) 075113



Gap between $B_{2g}^{(1)}$ and $B_{3g}^{(1)}$: theory : 2.8 meV exp : 1.2 meV





EuFe₂As₂. NIS measurements at room T

EuFe₂As₂ NIS on powder







Phase diagram of EuFe₂As₂

Phase diagram of EuFe_{2-x}Ni_xAs₂



NIS on EuFe₂As₂ at low and room T





T - dependence of phonons in EuFe₂As₂



T – dependence of the phonon line position and width obtained by Lorentz fit





Theory proposition for spin-dynamics

A key role for unusual spin dynamics in ferropnictides Nature Physics 5 (2009) 141

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- AF magnetic
- orthorhombic
- * domain walls <u>fixed</u>
 * all domains with same direction (x/y symmetry broken)



- paramagnetic
- orthorhombic

* <u>dynamic</u> domain walls * all domains with same direction (x/y symmetry broken)





- paramagnetic
- tetragonal

* <u>dynamic</u> domain and twin walls * twins at different directions (x/y symmetry conserve)



Conclusion

- There are anomalies in the T dependence of the phonon structure for FeSc of 1111 and 122 families.
- They can be related to the structural transition, spin-lattice coupling, e-ph coupling, ...???
- Characteristic E scale of anomalies is 0.1 1 meV. E –resolution of current HRM is 0.7 – 1 meV



Investigation of the T evolution of the phonon anomalies requires monochromator with 0.1 meV E resolution (spectrograph).

Other useful capability of the spectrograph is simultaneous measurements of different samples (doped / parent FeSc)



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