



Workshop on Next Generation Quantum Materials

Combined external pressure and chemical substitution studies on BaFe₂As₂ single crystals





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Outline

I. Motivation – Fe-based SC

II. In-flux crystals growth

III. The role of local distortions in the Fe-site

V. Actual doping x orbital differentiation of the Fe 3d bands?
VI. Combined pressure and chemical substitution experiments
VII. The particular case of Cu-substitution in BaFe₂As₂

VIII. Final Remarks

Motivation

• Initial Discovery: LaFeAsO_{1-x} F_x (Kamihara et al., 2008, $T_c = 26 \text{ K}$) – T_c can get as high as ~ 56 K for R = Gd.



C. Wang et al., Europhys. Lett. 83, 67006 (2008).

Initial discovery: $T_c = 28$ K in

F-doped LaOFeAs

Y. Kamihara, T. Watanabe, M. Hirano, and H. Hosono, J. Am. Chem. Soc. **130**, 3296 (2008).

Motivation

Discovery of Oxygen free intermetallic "relatives": $Ba_{1-x}K_xFe_2As_2$ (Rotter et al., 2008, $T_c \sim 40$ K).



Two classes of FeAs-based materials (oxides and intermetallic compounds) with comparable Tcs and phase diagrams!!



M. Rotter et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 101, 107006 (2008)



N. Ni et al., Phys. Rev. B 80, 024511 (2009)

Pressure induced SC – similar to HFS



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Fe-based superconductors

- Common Structural parameter: Fe(As,Se)₄ tetrahedral
- Common Electronic parameter: SDW magnetic instability



Open Questions!

- 1) What is main microscopic tuning parameter responsible for driving SDW to SC ?
- 2) Are the structural and SDW phase transitions first or second order?
- 3) Do these two transitions happen simultaneously/independently?Do they have direct influence on the emergence of the SC phase?
- 4) What are the universal emergent phenomena in the Fe-based SC regarding the pairing mechanism and the SC gap symmetry?
- 5) What is the real potential for application of the existing Fe-based superconductors?

Flux Growth - Introduction

Growth of single crystals from low-melting solvents

- Simple hardware/inert atmosphere
- Low temperature / short time process
- Self-cleaning / well-faceted morphologies

Fisk & Remeika (1989) Canfield & Fisk (1992)







Metallic Flux Growth



Metallic Flux Growth









In-flux samples growth at GPOMS - Campinas











1 Ba+ 2 Fe + 2 As + 25 In



Comparison BaFe₂As₂: In- e Sn



R. R. Urbano... P. G. Pagliuso et al , Phys. Rev. Lett. 105 107001 (2010).



T. M. Garitezi...P. G. Pagliuso et al 2013 Braz. J. Phys. 43, 223-229 (2013).

In-flux grown samples are free of In – inclusion

Results – In flux grown samples

• Phase Diagram and Tcs for OPD samples



Results – In-flux grown samples

- Resistividade DC
 - Doping evolution
 - Residual Resistivity : $0.1 \le \rho \le 0.7 \text{ m}\Omega$ -cm, similar and/or smaller than self-flux samples (PRB **82**, 220504 e 064501 (2010)), but no need of As excess!



Results – In-flux grown samples

• J_c's similar or smaller than self-flux samples (J_c ~ 10⁶ A/cm²) (arXiv:0911.5582v1; PRB **80**, 174517 (2009); Appl. Phys. Lett. **94**, 062511 (2009); arXiv:1011.5721v1)

• High quality samples!



Samples	$J_{c} (2 \text{ K}, \text{H} = 0) (\text{A/cm}^{2})$	H _{c1} (Oe)	~λ (nm)	
PGM505 (x = 0,16)	2,9 106	~7500		
PGM506 (x = 0,06)	7,5 $10^4 - 6,2 \ 10^5$	~240	165	
PGM507 (x = 0,18)	5,8 10 ³	~360		
PGM424 (x = 0,20)		~250	145	
PGM416 (x = 0,07)	1,1 104	~2000	48	

Results – EXAFS – Decrease of d(Fe-As)





E. Granado.., P. G. Pagliuso et al. PRB 83, 184508 (2011)



Kimber S.A.J. et al., Nat. Mat. 8, 471 (2009)

TABLE I. Refined As-M (M = Fe, Co) distances and Debye-Waller factors obtained from the fits of x-ray absorption fine structure data at the As *K* edge at ambient pressure. Errors given in parentheses are statistical only, and are defined as the standard deviation of the results obtained from repeated measurements under identical conditions.

	T = 2 K	T = 30 K	T = 298 K
BaFe ₂ As ₂			
d(As-Fe) (Å)	2.3915(12)	2.3914(7)	2.3985(14)
σ^2 (Å ²)	0.00266(12)	0.00250 (7)	0.00465(11)
$Ba[Fe_{0.937}Co_{0.063}]_2As_2$			
d[As-(Fe,Co)] (Å)	2.3833(12)	2.3838(9)	2.3951(12)
σ^2 (Å ²)	0.00262(12)	0.00268(9)	0.00466(9)
Ba _{0.85} K _{0.15} Fe ₂ As ₂			
d(As-Fe) (Å)	2.3865(15)	2.3900(12)	2.3955(9)
σ^2 (Å ²)	0.00242(15)	0.00248(12)	0.00466(7)

Results – XANES on In-flux grown samples



E. M. Bittar ... P.G. Pagliuso et al. PRL **107**, 267402 (2011).

Fe K absorption edge is completely unaltered by Co-substitution!

Site specific ESR on Fe-based Intermetallic Compounds



Electron spin resonance (ESR): Relaxation Mechanism in Metals



Results - ESR - Ba_{1-x}Eu_xFe₂As₂

- Decreasing Korringa rate.
- T and x independent g-factor





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ESR Results



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Site specific ESR on Fe-based Intermetallic Compounds



ESR – Results – Site Specific





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Smaller d_{Fe-As} with chemical substitution, hydrostatic pressure and magnetic field in the plane!

xy occupation increases

SDW Phase vanishes



Quantum Oscillations Results





FIG. 4. (Color online) Angular field dependence (anisotropy) of the observed QO frequencies of (a) EuFe₂As₂ (Eu122) and (b) BaFe₂As₂ (Ba122).

The calculated effective masses m_{DFT}^* also display agreement with the experimental data, as shown in Table I. We note that an ideal quantitative agreement of effective masses is often



FIG. 5. (Color online) The shifted Fermi surfaces of (a) BaFe₂As₂ and (b) EuFe₂As₂ compounds in the magnetic phase. We identify the large hole sheet (red) as the α pocket, the crescent electron sheet (blue) as the δ pocket, and the tubelike electron pocket (green) as the γ pocket.

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- Eu122 displays a much more isotropic and three-dimensional-like FS when compared with Ba122.
- Results suggest an anisotropic contribution of the Fe 3d orbitals to the FS in Ba122. We speculate that this orbital differentiation may be responsible for the suppression of the SDW phase in the FeAs-based compounds.
- P. F. S. Rosa...PG. Pagliuso et al. PHYSICAL REVIEW B 90, 195146 (2014)



 Different P-dependences are expected as a function of x for substituted samples!



Figure 1 | In-plane electrical resistivity, ρ_{ab} (*T*), for BaFe_{1.9} $M_{0.1}$ As₂ (*M* = Mn, Cu, Ni, Co) single crystals. The arrows show the minima of the first derivative in the vicinity of the SDW transition.

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Experimental Details

• In-plane electrical resistivity under quasi-hydrostatic pressure:



Extracted from Application Note on Pcell 15/30

Extracted from <http://www.dilatometer.info/>



- Very weak (increasing) Tc-dependence as a function of P for M
 = Co or Ni for x near OPD region, as expected.
- Surprisingly, T_c increases more than a factor of two as a function of pressure for M = Cu.

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• Abrikosov-Gokov - IMPB

$$\left|\frac{\Delta T_c}{\Delta c}\right| = \frac{\pi^2}{8} \eta(E_F) \langle J^2(\mathbf{q}) \rangle S(S+1),$$

• ESR Korringa rate.

$$\frac{d\left(\Delta H\right)}{dT} = \frac{\pi k}{g\mu_B} < J_{fs}^2(\mathbf{q}) > \eta^2\left(E_F\right)$$

Table I Experimental and calculated parameters for BaFe1.	"M,As ₂ (this work) and conventional SC (refs. [31, 37
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Sample	c (%)	G ESR	$\left \Delta T_{c}^{\exp}\right (\mathbf{K})$	Т _{с,0} (К)	$\langle J^2(\mathbf{q}) \rangle^{1/2}_{\mathrm{ESR}}(\mathrm{meV})$	$\left< J^2(\mathbf{q}) \right>_{AG}^{1/2} (\mathrm{meV})$
BaFe _{1.9} Cu _{0.1} As ₂	5	2.08(3)	22	26	1.2(5)	111(10)
BaFe _{1.88} Mn _{0.12} As ₂	6	2.05(2)	≥26	26	0.7(5)	≥32(3)
BaFe _{1.895} Co _{0.100} Mn _{0.005} As ₂	0.25	2.06(2)	10	26	0.8(5)	98(9)
Lu _{1-x} Gd _x Ni ₂ B ₂ C	0.5	2.035(7)	≈0.3	15.9	10(4)	11(1)
Y _{1-x} Gd _x Ni ₂ B ₂ C	2.1	2.03(3)	≈0.9	14.6	9(3)	10(1)
La _{1-x} Gd _x Sn ₃	0.4	2.010(10)	≈0.5	6.4	20(2)	≈ 20(2)

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the SC domes. The linear fit for the M = Cu compound (solid line) wasobtained from the phenomenological expression $\Delta T_c = S(S + 1)(a - bP)$. Using the same expression and S = 5/2, we obtain the dashed line for the M= Mn compound.

• BaCu₂As₂ is a Pauli metal!

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• Temperature-composition phase diagram:



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In-plane electrical resistivity at several pressures around the ODP limit:



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• Temperature-pressure phase diagram for Cu concentrations around the SC OPD:



• Temperature-pressure phase diagram for almost all the Cu concentrations of the SC dome:



Tendency to saturation and decreasing of T_c 35 M M Piva ... P.G. Pagliuso *et al J. Phys.: Condens. Matter* **27**, 145701 (2015)

 Magnetic field dependence of T_c and magneto resistance for the OPD compound at several pressures:



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• In-plane electrical resistivity for the under doped compound at several pressures:





• Zoom in the transition temperatures:



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• Zoom in the transition temperatures:



• Temperature-pressure phase diagram for the under doped sample:



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 Magnetic field dependence of T_c and magneto resistance for the under doped compound at several pressures:



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Final Remarks

- Fe 3d bands orbital differentiation induced by local distortions of the dFe-As seeem to be most relevant tuning parameter to drive the SDW phase to SC in Ba112.
- Cu²⁺ and Mn²⁺ spins give rise to a non-concentional IPB mechanism in substituted Ba112 system
- Cu-substituted Ba112 show screening/suppression of the Cu²⁺ spins as a function of pressure and Cu-concentration.
- Low-x Cu substitution samples showm the same pressure induced T_c around 30 K as the pure compound.
- Evolution of a negative MR to a positive one as a function of pressure or Cu substitution. 45

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