A pressure-tuned electronic transition in lightly doped Bi2212

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Outline

- Quantum Critical Point in cuprates and why we need a pressure axis
- Sample and experimental technique (Diamond Anvil Cell)
- Results from Raman Spectroscopy and X-Ray Diffraction (Cuk et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 100, 217003 (2008))
- Results from transport measurements
- Conclusions and Future Directions

High T_c Phase Diagram and Quantum Critical Point?





Applying 60T to destroy the superconductivity...

Insulator to Metal Phase Transition at T ~ 0

0.3



Weak Magnetic changes across putative QCP



J.E. Sonier Science 292, 1692 (2001)

Xia, Kapitulnik PRL 100, 127002 (2008)

Advantages of studying transition with pressure

- Tune through QCP without applying a magnetic field
- Continuous axis, finer than doping
- Laboratory control: Same sample, same experimental setting; avoids disorder

Helping theory get closer to experiment:

- Investigates free energy landscape
- Controlled metric (lattice compression)

Previous Pressure Effects in Cuprates

Tuning T_c and Metallicity on Superconducting Samples ...

- increased hopping t_{pd} between Cu_d and O_p bands
- increased interlayer tunneling matrix element (t)
- doping by bringing the chemically substituted block layers closer to the Cu-O planes
- variation of electron-electron and electron-phonon interactions

Highest T_c of 164K in Hg1223 at 40 GPa !



Experimental Technique

Raman Spectroscopy X-Ray Diffraction



Diamond Anvil Cell Ruby chip as Pressure manometer

1 GPa = 10 kbar = 10,200 atm Loaded sample



Resistance measurements: Requires leads into sample Chamber

Raman Spectroscopy

X-Ray Diffraction

 χ " ~ $\Omega \sigma(\Omega)$ Raman Conductivity

 λ Electron-Phonon Coupling

 $\gamma_{gr} \sim \textit{Gruneissen Parameters}$ Compressibility of Magnons, Phonons

Fano
Line-Shape
• frequency shift
• asymmetry ~ λ
• broadening ~ Γ

Equation of State: Structural Transitions; Compressibility

Magnitude compression of Bi2212:

- a, b-axis ~ 5 %
 compression by 30 GPa
- c-axis ~ 10 % compression by 30 GPa, complimentary metric to P

Samples: insulating Bi2212



Why Bi2212 ?

- YBCO chain ordering with pressure
- LSCO stripe phase, not as compressible, lower T_c

 Generic, high T_c cuprate exhibiting main features of phase diagram

Raman Spectra of Insulating Bi2212 Sample



χ " ~ Ω σ(Ω): Raman Conductivity



Electron-Phonon Coupling





B_{1g} Bond-Buckling Mode

Comparison to Doping Axis



How 20GPa compares to x~0.2

- Linearity in Raman background begins around 0.2 holes/Cu (Venturini (2002))
- λ fits become appreciable around optimal doping (Opel (1999), Devereaux (1995))

LDA count ~0.01 holes/Cu/GPa means
 ~0.2 holes/Cu at 20GPa (J.D. Jorgensen (1990))

Two-Magnon Peak



Phonon Compressibility



Continuity of Transition: Independent of P,T Pathway

Lattice Compressibility

Change in Compressibility of c-axis at 21 GPa Also consistent with 2nd order transition



20 GPa Transition



Electronic Transition in
 Raman background and λ

Spectral weight transfer to low energy from two-Magnon peak; softening of two-Magnon peak

Maximum in the Gruneissen parameter of B_{1g} and apical oxygen phonons

Compressibility discontinuity in the c-axis lattice constant

Interpretation of Transition

• Lifshitz topological Transition

- unifying low energy feature, like Fermi surface, changes
- 2nd order like, continuous transition
- evidence from ARPES (arcs) and Hall jump at x ~ 0.2
- Competing order

Transport Measurements

- Resistance measurements require leads brought
 into cell
- Low-T R changes by four orders of magnitude at ~3-5GPa
- Resistance downturn, and magnetoresistance suggest superconducting patches
- Consistency: Three groups, Bridgman and Diamond Anvil Cells

Bridgman Anvil Cell



Magnetoresistance



Bridgman Cell: Maple Group



Diamond Anvil Cell



High Pressure Cell ~ 50 GPa Range

Requires FIB contacts



~3 GPa Transition

Four orders of magnitude change in resistance at low temperatures

 Signatures of superconductivity in Magnetoresistance

Seen by three different groups with Bridgman and Diamond Anvil Cells

Inhomogeneity of pressure distribution leads to differing results at higher pressures



Comparison to Heavy Fermions



H.Q. Yuan M. Grosche Science 302, 2104 (2003)

Future Experiments

- Resistivity measurements with c-axis uniaxial pressure
- Optical Reflectivity

 Extended X-Ray Absorption Spectroscopy

Conclusions

- Two transitions at ~3 GPa and 20 GPa which resemble the insulator-superconductor transition and the putative quantum critical point at optimal doping
- At 20GPa, lattice, magnetic, and electronic dynamics change together
- Future experiments using the pressure axis will characterize the transitions better, and possibly help identify relevant terms in the Hamiltonian