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Anomalous Magnetic Moments as Evidence of Chiral Superconductivity in Bi/Ni Epitaxial Bilayer

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Conventional vs. Unconventional Superconductivity

Conventional SC

s-wave pairing zero angular momentum

For extended electrons



Most known SCs

p-wave, *d*-wave, ... high angular momentum

For electrons with more localized orbits

compromise between attractive & repulsive interactions



- Strongly correlated electron systems
- Hard-core atoms:
 > superfluid ³He-A
 > cold atoms

Unconventional SC

Spinless, *p*-wave-like

For electrons with strong SOC or spinmomentum locking

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Emerging topological superconductivity in new topological materials/hetrostruc.?

- Doped TIs, Weyl SM., Hybrid devices, …
- > TMDC
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Pairing Symmetry, Even/Odd Parity



Pairing Symmetry, Even/Odd Parity

库珀对波函数: $\Psi = \Psi_{\text{质心}} \Psi_{\text{相对}} \Psi_{\text{自旋}}$



d-wave superconductivity in cuprates confirmed by phase-sensitive experiments



Oliver E. Buckley Condensed Matter Physics Prize (1998)

p-wave Superconductivity (Theory)



p-wave Superconductivity (Experimental)

- ³He-A D. M. Lee, D. D. Osheroff and R. C. Richardson, 1971 + A. J. Leggett
- Heavy fermion superconductors: CeCu₂Si₂, UGe₂, UPt₃, URhGe, UCoGe, ... 30+

Table I. Selection of candidates of spin-triplet superconductors. HF: heavy fermion superconductors, NCS: Noncentrosymmetric superconductors, FM: ferromagnetic superconductors, *: superconductivity under pressure.

Materials	Classification	Spin evidence of triplet pairing	dence of triplet pairing Properties	
³ He	Superfluid	magnetization, NMR etc. ⁷⁾	<i>p</i> -wave, A phase is chiral	
Sr ₂ RuO ₄	Oxide	NMR, polarized neutron	2D analogue of ³ He-A	
			Chiral <i>p</i> -wave	
UPt ₃	HF	NMR ¹⁸⁾	<i>f</i> -wave	
UBe13, URu2Si2, UNi2Al3	HF	NMR ¹³⁾		
UGe2*, URhGe, UCoGe	FM, HF	Indirect	Anomalous H_{c2}^{19-22}	
UIr*	NCS, FM, HF	Indirect		
CeIrSi ₃ *	NCS, HF	NMR ²³⁾		
Li ₂ Pt ₃ B	NCS	NMR ²⁴⁾		
CePt ₃ Si	NCS, HF	Indirect		
CeRhSi ₃ *	NCS, HF	Indirect	Anomalous H_{c2}^{25}	
S/FM/S	Junctions	Indirect $(I_c)^{26-29}$	Odd-freq., even-parity, s-wave	

Y. MAENO, JPSJ 81, 011009 (2012)

p-wave Superconductivity (Experimental)

Anomalous properties in:

- ✓ heat capacity
- ✓ magnetic susceptibility
- ✓ penetration depth
- ✓ NMR

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Needs to rule out:

- local phase separation,
- inhomogeneity

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Sr_2RuO_4 : p_x+ip_y -wave SC candidate?



Chiral $p_x + ip_y$ pairing, more features to expect

 Edge currents & Edge magnetization



M. Sigrist, T. M. Rice, K. Ueda, PRL 63, 1727 (1989) Superconducting domains



Search for edge magnetization in Sr₂RuO₄





The Moler Group at Stanford University is a mesoscopic magnetic imaging lab in the departments of Physics and Applied Physics at Stanford University.

Fail to observe edge current and/or edge magnetization

Phys. Rev. B 72, 012504 (2005) Phys. Rev. B 76, 014526 (2007) Phys. Rev. B 81, 214501 (2010)

Sr_2RuO_4 : p_x+ip_y -wave SC candidate?



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REVIEW ARTICLE OPEN Even odder after twenty-three years: the superconducting order parameter puzzle of Sr_2RuO_4

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In this short review, we aim to provide a topical update on the status of efforts to understand the superconductivity of Sr₂RuO₄. We concentrate on efforts to identify a superconducting order parameter symmetry that is compatible with all the major pieces of experimental knowledge of the material, and highlight some major discrepancies that have become even clearer in recent years. As the pun in the title suggests, we have tried to start the discussion from scratch, making no assumptions even about fundamental issues such as the parity of the superconducting state. We conclude that no consensus is currently achievable in Sr₂RuO₄, and that the reasons for this go to the heart of how well some of the key probes of unconventional superconductivity are really understood. This is, therefore, a puzzle that merits continued in-depth study.

npj Quantum Materials (2017)2:40; doi:10.1038/s41535-017-0045-4

Bi/Ni bilayer

- J. S. Moodera et al, PRB 42, 179 (1990).
- P. LeClair, J. S. Moodera, J. Philip, and D. Heiman, PRL 94 037006 (2005).



- Superconducting, $T_c \simeq 4.2$ K Coexistence of SC and FM

The SC was believed to arise from fcc-phase Bi induced by Ni.

Bi/Ni epitaxial bilayer from Fudan U



X. F. Jin group, Chin. Phys. Lett. 32, 067402 (2015)

Kerr Measurement based on Sagnac Interferometer

Time-Reversal-Symmetry-Breaking Superconductivity in Epitaxial Bismuth/Nickel Bilayers

X.X. Gong et al., Sci. Adv. 3, e1602579 (2017)



SQUID VSM measurement: Anomalous out-ofplane magnetic moment arises below Tc



The motivation of this work:

- What is the origin of this anomalous moment?
- Given the fact of SC and FM coexistence, could the moment arise from the orbital moments of Cooper pairs in a chiral superconductor?

Design of the experiment

Using Bi/Ni bilayer itself to form SQUIDs, to search for out-of-plane magnetic moments at the edges

dc SQUID





Superconducting quantum interference



Anomalous "advanced" hysteresis



Anomalous "advanced" hysteresis



Sr₂RuO₄ - Pb Josephson Junction van Harlingen group Science 2006





Control Experiment



Compressed periods due to anomalous phase shift



Compressed periods due to anomalous phase shift



The hysteresis loop is clockwise, which is "anomalous", being qualitatively different from the *ccw* ones for FM and flux pinning.



Is the anomalous hysteresis related to or influenced by the ferromagnetic moments of itinerant electrons?



In-plane field dependence of hysteresis





The Anomalous hysteresis is NOT related to the itinerant ferromagnetism.

The Picture

- Anomalous phase shift as reflected in interference
 → anomalous flux/moments
- The anomalous moments arise from the orbital moments of the Cooper pairs.
- While the orbital moments in the bulk of SC are screened by the Meissner screening current, the moments at the edge are not.

The Picture

 Edge currents & Edge magnetization



M. Sigrist, T. M. Rice, K. Ueda, PRL 63, 1727 (1989)

high angular momentum pairing Superconducting domains



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dc SQUID





The Picture

 The "advanced" hysteresis is related to the SC domain wall motion, triggered by ∆B instead of by B.



The Picture



The Picture for "Advanced" Hysteresis



The Picture for "Advanced" Hysteresis



The anomalous phase shift is proportional to the perimeter of the Bi/Ni ring

Device	$Distance^*$	Inner Radius	Loop Area	Calculated Period	Measured Period	$2\delta_0/2\pi$
	(μm)	$(\mu { m m})$	(μm^2)	(Oe)	(Oe)	
#1	0.4	3.0	39.3	0.53	$0.55 {\pm} 0.03$	$2.89 {\pm} 0.01$
#2	0.5	1.0	6.2	3.34	$3.37 {\pm} 0.06$	$0.54 {\pm} 0.04$
#3	0.2	1.0	6.1	3.39	$3.13 {\pm} 0.08$	$0.70 {\pm} 0.04$
#4	-0.4	1.0	5.6	3.69	$3.5 {\pm} 0.2$	$0.60{\pm}0.07$
#5	-0.4	2.0	17.6	1.18	$1.12 {\pm} 0.09$	$1.7 {\pm} 0.2$
#6	-0.4	3.0	35.9	0.59	$0.58 {\pm} 0.03$	$2.7 {\pm} 0.2$

TABLE I: A list of the parameters of six devices investigated.



Chiral-p or Chiral-d ?

SC domains, edge currents/magnetization \rightarrow Chiral superconductivity



Chauhan et al., PRL 122, 017002 (2019) (Armitage group, Johns Hopkins U) Gong et al., Sci. Adv. 2017;3: e1602579 (Yakovenko group, U. Maryland)

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Conclusion

- We have observed anomalous moments on Bi/Ni bilayer, showing "advanced" hysteresis.
- We attribute the moments to the orbital moments of Cooper pairs in chiral superconducting Bi/Ni, and attribute the hysteretic behavior to the motion of chiral superconducting domains.
- Further study is needed to identify whether the pairing symmetry is p_x+ip_y or d_{xy}+id_{x²-y²}



J. H. Wang et al., PRB **96**, 054519 (2017)