Investigation of electronic correlation in organic charge-transfer salts using STM Hans-Joachim Elmers (Universität Mainz)

Introduction

Organic charge transfer (CT) salt: quasi-2D bandstructure, correlated π -electron system, $T_c = 11 \text{ K}$, unconventional superconductivity



Project goals and work program





Measure temperature-dependent spectra from well defined in-situ prepared surfaces of two-dimensional strongly correlated many-body systems occurring in real material environment.



[(BEDT-TTF)₂]⁺

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Focus on metal-superconductor transition in the organic charge transfer salts κ -(BEDT-TTF)₂X (X=Cu(NCS)₂, $Cu[N(CN)_2]Br, Hg(SCN)_2CI)$ close to the metal-insulator transition

Investigation of the relation between disorder and superconductivity by variation of intrinsic disorder (deuteration, cooling rate, irradiation)

Study of the action of uniaxial pressure on electron correlation effects following hints from transport measurements

Temperature dependent measurements of differential conductivity of (DOEO)₄HgBr₄

T. Sasaki, Crystals 2, 274 (2012)

Experimental Results

Tunneling parallel and perpendicular to the conducting layers



Techniques

Low-temperature STM (Omicron LT-STM)

Obtaining spectral information



Test measurement with BCS-SCC Nb



Actuator

Suppression of the DOS near Fermi level - Anderson-Hubbard model

\$ 0.6



From Ref. [P6]

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 $\operatorname{AH}(V) = \left\{ \exp\left[-\alpha \left(-\log|eV|\right)^d\right], |V| \ge V_0 \right\}$

 α = 0.3, eV₀ = 7 meV, ε_{T} = 0.1 meV Granular metal (GM) discarded because of too large Coulomb repoulsion from the fit.

Quasiparticle DOS in the superconducting state - two gaps

Crystal mounting











Sample

Role within the SFB/TR 49

B6 B11

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Thermodynamic and transport properties of κ -(BEDT-TTF)₂X (X=Cu[N(CN)₂]Br) are investigated in projects B6 (Lang) and B11 (Müller) on single crystals.



B8



Samples are provided from projects B6 (Lang) and B11 (Müller).

Definition of cooling rate induced disorder Deduced from noise spectroscopy Performed in project B11 (Müller).

Continuation of intense cooperation with project B2 (Valenti) for microscopic understanding of superconducting order parameter and B9 (Huth) for analysis of results.

Photoemission spectroscopy performed in project B8 (Schönhense) supplies complementary information.



Cooperation on DOEO with project B8 (Schönhense) From Ref. [P8]

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