

Towards understanding the c-axis infrared response of underdoped cuprate superconductors

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The c-axis infrared (IR) conductivity of underdoped high-T_c cuprate superconductors reveals a pronounced pseudogap (PG) and, for materials with two CuO₂ planes per unit cell, signatures of coherent electronic coupling within the pair of closely spaced planes, in particular the so-called transverse plasma mode (TPM) located around 400 cm⁻¹. The PG develops below *T* much greater than *T_c*, the TPM below *T_c*, *T_c* less than *T_c* much less than *T*. We report on results of our recent studies aiming at understanding these phenomena. (a) The formulas frequently used to describe the c-axis response of the coupled electron-phonon system of bilayer cuprate superconductors, that were originally obtained at the level of the phenomenological multilayer model (MLM), have been derived by using diagrammatic perturbation theory [1,2]. This provides a support for several important findings based thereon, in particular those of [3]. (b) The reported magnetic field (H perpendicular to the planes) induced changes of the TPM [4,3] have been clarified using the MLM [5]. Results of our analysis suggest that the response at H=0 and T=*T_c* is close to that at H = ca 25 T less than H_{c2} and T much less than *T_c*, in accord with theories attributing the above *T_c* state to that of a superconductor lacking the long range phase coherence. (c) The qualitative difference between the manifestations of the PG in the c-axis IR response and those in the in-plane one belongs to major unsolved problems in the physics of the cuprates. In the third part of our contribution, implications of the MIR data reported by Yu et al. [6] will be discussed.

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