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Evolutional Science and Engineering of Correlated Electrons Matter

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講義情報 (Lecture note)

強相関電子機能工学

(Evolutional Science and Engineering of Correlated Electrons Matter)

◇ Summary of lecture

New types of superconducting and magnetic phenomena emerge in correlated electron matters. Strong electron-correlation effect gives rich physical phenomena and functions in condensed matters, being key-concept for heavy-electron materials, itinerant electron magnets, high-transition-temperature copper-oxide superconductors, novel transition-metal oxides, and organic-conductors magnets and superconductors. We begin with a perspective view on these materials. An overview on experimental techniques, that are powerful tools for investigating these phenomena, are given, focusing on Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) and Neutron Scattering (NS) experiments. On the basis of microscopic information obtained by these techniques, we address intriguing properties in correlated electron matters and their physical backgrounds. The important functions and central physics of superconductivity are reviewed on conventional materials so as to be able to capture its basic concept. Strongly correlated superconductivity is also remarked for understanding of a new concept for superconductivity mediated by magnetic interactions. Potential application of correlated electron matters to technology is presented focusing on "Spintronics" or "Strongly Correlated Electronics".

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1. Introduction to Correlated Electrons Matters (Report :1-4)
2. Introduction to Magnetism (Report :5-6)
3. Basic notion on Superconductivity (Report :7)
4. How to Probe Rich and Emergent Properties in Correlated Electron Matters
--Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) and Neutron Scattering Methods--
5. Frontier of Superconductivity
 - 5.1 High- T_c Copper Oxides and Novel superconductivity
 - 5.2 Spin-fluctuations mediated d-wave superconductivity
 - 5.3 Heavy-Electron Systems
6. Recent Topics

Schedule of lecture :

Y. Kitaoka

Oct. : 6th, 13, 20, 27

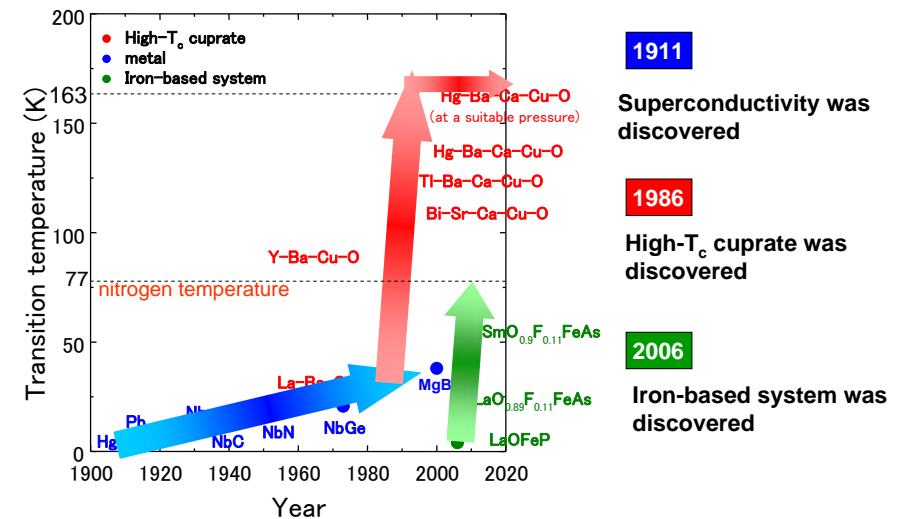
Nov. : 10th, 17, 24

Dec. : 1th, 8, 15 (examination)

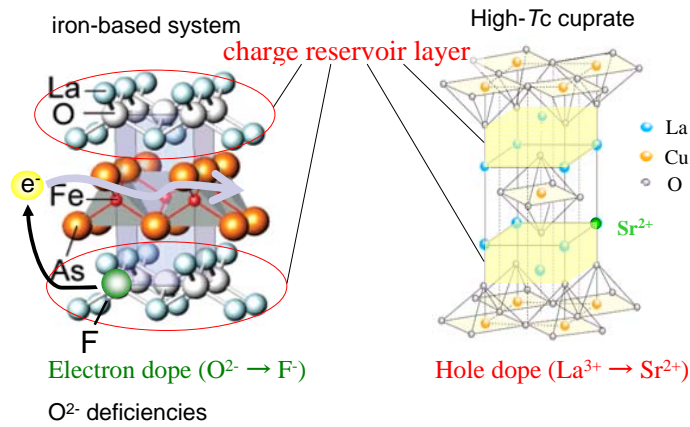
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Jan. : 5th, 12, 19, 26 (lecture)

Why T_c is so high ?

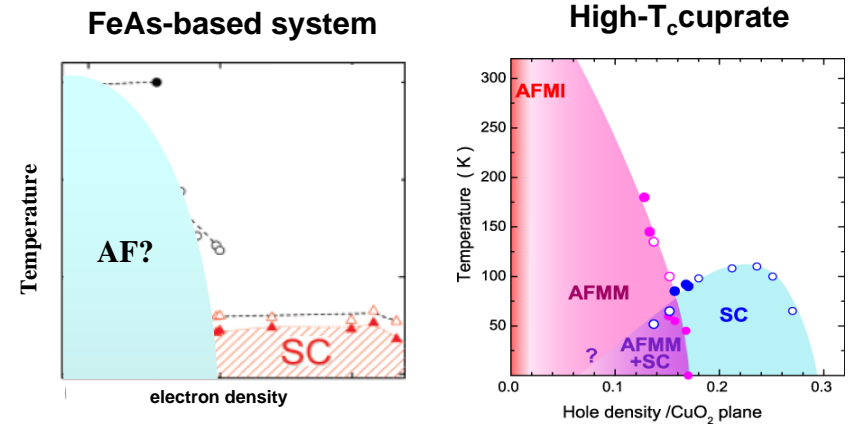


Fe-Pnictides Superconductors – Mechanism?



- Layered structure (charge reservoir layer & conduction layer)

Phase diagram in FeAs and CuO systems

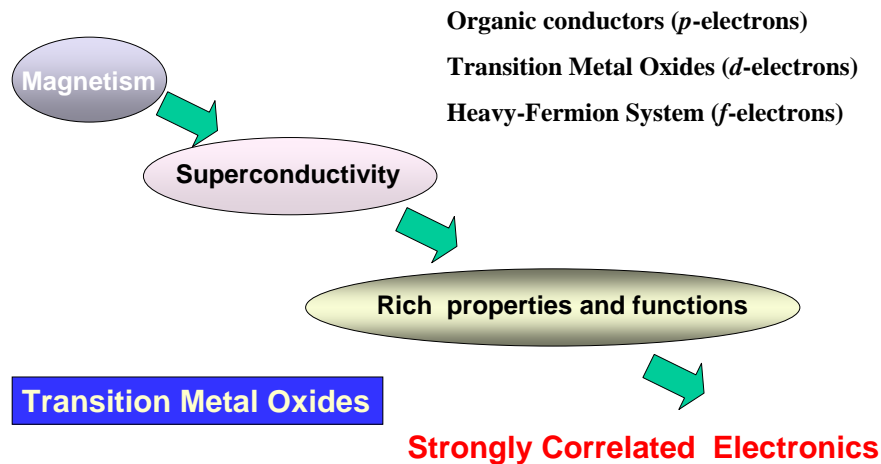


Superconductivity emerges by doping carriers?

Relation to a magnetic instability?

Physics behind Strong Electron Correlation and possible application to technology

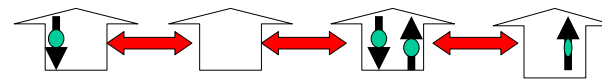
Strong correlated electron system shows a rich variety of phenomena



What is the Novel Characteristics of Correlated Electrons ?

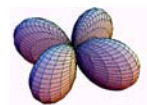
Conventional metal (itinerant electrons with no spin degree of freedom)
Charge plays role for "Electronics"

One electron per atom



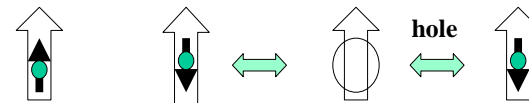
Strong repulsive Coulomb interaction on a same lattice site due to narrow 3d orbitals

Mott Insulators (magnetism with spin degree of freedom)



Doped Mott insulators

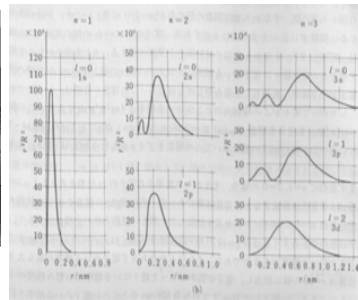
(quantum liquid and quantum nematics of spin and charge)



Holes are traveling under restricted conditions for spin direction and whether electron is occupied or not.

Narrow spatial distribution of orbitals of 3d and 4f electrons play role for emergent properties in transition metal oxides and rare earth inter-metallic compounds

Li	Be											B	C	N	O	F	Ne
Na	Mg											Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
Fr	Ra	Ac	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr	



Radial Distribution of Electron Density at atomic site

Periodic table of elements

M-I (Mott) transition in correlated electron system

Hubbard model

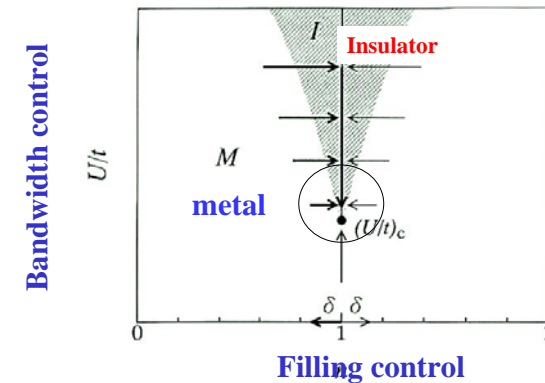
$$H = -t \sum_{i+1} a_i^+ a_i + U \sum n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

Kinetic energy

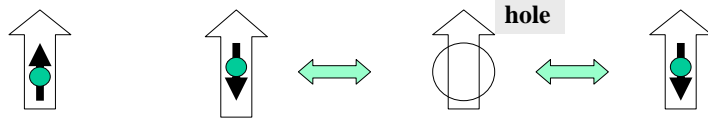
To see outside world

On-site Coulomb repulsive interaction

Make them away from each other



Spin-Charge-Orbital degrees of freedom are coupled each other



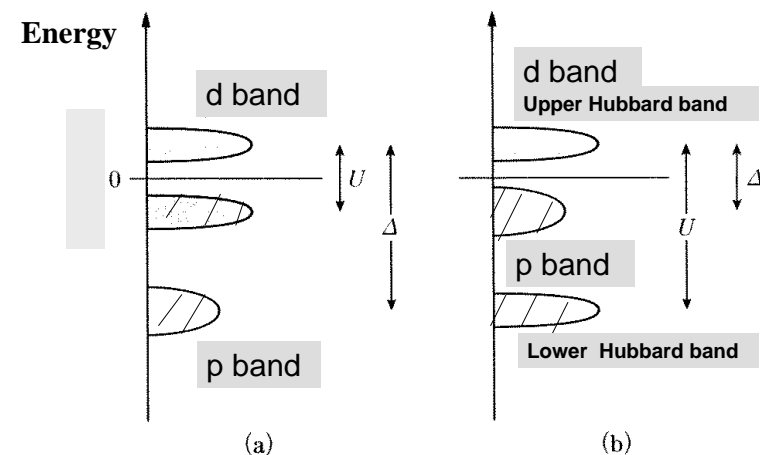
quantum liquid and quantum nematics of spin and charge

Multi-criticality of different phase yields giant response to the application of external magnetic or electric fields, and to photo irradiation.

Rich variety of ground states such as high- T_c superconductors, novel magnetism and electricity

Small number of electrons affects the Avogadro's number of electrons

Classification of Mott Hubbard Insulator and Charge Transfer Insulator



Strong Correlation Effect in Solid

Covalent bonding effect of H₂ molecule

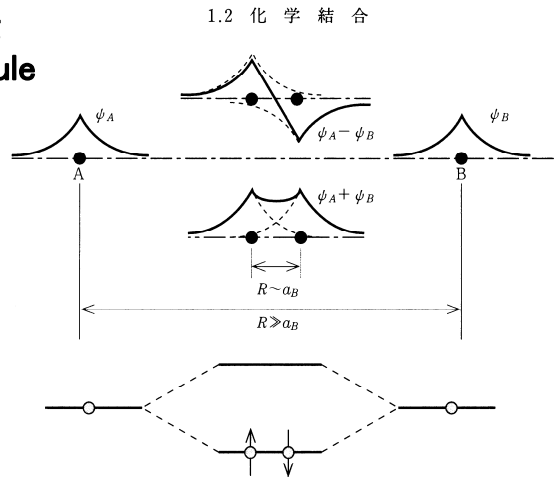


図 1.3 2 個の水素原子が近づいて水素分子を形成するようす。二つの電子は結合軌道に取容される。

1. Electronic state of H₂⁺ (Molecular Orbital Method)

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta - \frac{e^2}{|r - R_a|} - \frac{e^2}{|r - R_b|}$$

$$\psi = c_a \psi_a + c_b \psi_b \rightarrow$$

Molecular orbital composed of 1s eigen state at nuclear A and B sites

Eigen equation

$$H\psi = E\psi$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} H_{aa} - E & H_{ba} - SE \\ H_{ab} - SE & H_{bb} - E \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Eigen function

Eigen energy

Here

$$\psi_1 = \frac{\psi_a + \psi_b}{\sqrt{2(1+S)}}$$

$$E_1 = \frac{H_{aa} + H_{ab}}{1+S}$$

$$S = \int \psi_a \psi_b dv, \quad H_{ij} = \int \psi_i H \psi_j dv.$$

$$\psi_2 = \frac{\psi_a - \psi_b}{\sqrt{2(1-S)}}$$

$$E_2 = \frac{H_{aa} - H_{ab}}{1-S}$$

$$H_{aa} = H_{bb}, \quad H_{ab} = H_{ba}$$

2. Hydrogen Molecule (Molecular orbital method)

Put two electrons into the lowest bonding molecular orbital state

$$\psi_1 = \frac{\psi_a + \psi_b}{\sqrt{2(1+S)}}$$

The wave function for two electrons system should be under the constrain of anti-symmetric condition in mutual exchange of position of electrons

$$\Phi_S = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{vmatrix} \psi_1(1)\alpha(1) & \psi_1(1)\beta(1) \\ \psi_1(2)\alpha(2) & \psi_1(2)\beta(2) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \psi_1(1)\psi_1(2) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\alpha(1)\beta(2) - \beta(1)\alpha(2)] \quad \text{Here } H'_1, H'_2 \text{ are given by}$$

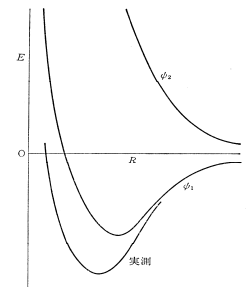
$$H = H'_1 + H'_2 + e^2/r_{12} \quad H' = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta - \frac{e^2}{|r - R_a|} - \frac{e^2}{|r - R_b|}$$

The expectation value of eigen energy is given by

$$E_S = 2E_1 + \int \psi_1(r_1)^2 \psi_1(r_2)^2 \frac{e^2}{r_{12}} dv_1 dv_2 \quad E_1 = \frac{H_{aa} + H_{ab}}{1+S}$$

The Coulomb repulsive interaction energy is included.

The right figure shows the binding energy E_g as the function of distance R between the A and B nuclear. The molecular orbital approximation gives rise to $E_g = 2.65$ eV and $R = 0.85$ Å. These values are not consistent with the respective experimental values 4.72 eV and 0.74 eV.



2-1 図 原子間距離の関数として H₂⁺ の結合エネルギーを描いたもの

What is the reason why the molecular orbital method is not good approximation ?

$$\psi_1(1)\psi_1(2) \propto \psi_a(1)\psi_a(2) + \psi_b(1)\psi_b(2) + \psi_a(1)\psi_b(2) + \psi_b(1)\psi_a(2)$$

The first and second term correspond to the state where two electrons occupy the same site like H⁺H⁻. In the case of $R \rightarrow \infty$, H⁺H⁻ is unstable because two hydrogen atoms are well separated. The reason why this approach is not good is that the on-site Coulomb energy cost U is larger than the transfer integral t .

2. Atomic orbital description of hydrogen molecular (Heitler-London method)

$$\Phi_{HL} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(1+S^2)}} [\psi_a(1)\psi_b(2) + \psi_b(1)\psi_a(2)]$$

The expectation value of eigen energy is given by

$$\langle \Phi_{HL} | H = (H'_1 + H'_2 + e^2/r_{12}) | \Phi_{HL} \rangle = E_{HL}$$

$$E_{HL} = \frac{1}{1+S^2} \iint \psi_a(1)\psi_b(2) H [\psi_a(1)\psi_b(2) + \psi_b(1)\psi_a(2)] dv_1 dv_2$$

$$E_{HL} = 2E_{1s} + \frac{Q}{1+S^2} + \frac{J}{1+S^2}$$

$$Q = \iint \psi_a(1)^2 \psi_b(2)^2 \left(-\frac{e^2}{|r_1 - R_b|} - \frac{e^2}{|r_2 - R_a|} + \frac{e^2}{r_{12}} \right) dv_1 dv_2$$

$$J = \iint \psi_a(1)\psi_b(1)\psi_a(2)\psi_b(2) \left(-\frac{e^2}{|r_1 - R_b|} - \frac{e^2}{|r_2 - R_a|} + \frac{e^2}{r_{12}} \right) dv_1 dv_2$$

	Biding energy (eV)	Distance between atoms (Å)
Molecular orbital	2.65	0.85
Atomic orbital	3.14	0.87
Experiment	4.72	0.74

The atomic orbital method is better than the molecular method for hydrogen molecule. Note that the spin state of the atomic orbital is given by $[\alpha(1) \beta(2) - \beta(1) \alpha(2)]/\sqrt{2}$

Consider other atomic orbital state with parallel spins as follow ;

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_T &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{vmatrix} \psi_1(1)\alpha(1) & \psi_2(1)\alpha(1) \\ \psi_1(2)\alpha(2) & \psi_2(2)\alpha(2) \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(1-S^2)}} [\psi_b(1)\psi_a(2) - \psi_a(1)\psi_b(2)] \alpha(1)\alpha(2) \end{aligned}$$

The spin function is expressed by other two sets $\beta(1) \beta(2)$ ($S_z = -1$), $[\alpha(1) \beta(2) + \beta(1) \alpha(2)]/\sqrt{2}$ ($S_z = 0$) for parallel spins ($S=1$).

The expectation value of energy

$$2E_{1s} + \frac{Q}{1-S^2} - \frac{J}{1-S^2}$$

for parallel spins ($I=1$)

overlap integral

For anti-parallel spin ($I=0$)

$$2E_{1s} + \frac{Q}{1+S^2} + \frac{J}{1+S^2}$$

The difference between $I=0$ and $I=1$ state is $2J$ where

$$J = \iint \psi_a(1)\psi_b(1)\psi_a(2)\psi_b(2) \left(-\frac{e^2}{|r_1 - R_b|} - \frac{e^2}{|r_2 - R_a|} + \frac{e^2}{r_{12}} \right) dv_1 dv_2 = -2St + J'$$

Since the overlap integral between the 1s wave function S is large, J is negative. Therefore, when the spin direction at each atomic site is anti-parallel, atoms are bound. This is called as covalent bond.

The difference between the $S=0$ and $S=1$ state is

$$E(\uparrow\downarrow + \downarrow\uparrow) - E(\uparrow\uparrow, \leftarrow\leftarrow, \downarrow\downarrow) = 2J = -4St + 2J'$$

In other context, the effective Hamiltonian is given by $-2J s_a \cdot s_b$

note $S = s_a + s_b$ and $S(S+1) = S^2 = s_a^2 + s_b^2 + 2s_a \cdot s_b$

Note $s_a \cdot s_b = -3/4$ for $S=0$ and $s_a \cdot s_b = 1/4$ for $S=1$.

$E(S=0) - E(S=1) = 2J$ is obtained.

$-2J s_a \cdot s_b$ type of Hamiltonian is applicable for many body systems and is called as Heisenberg Hamiltonian.

When J is negative due to the overlap of wave functions among nearest neighbor atomic sites, Spins are anti-parallel. On the other hand, if the wave function is orthogonalized, J is always positive and hence ferromagnetism is realized

Proof:

$$J_{n_1, n_2} = \int \varphi_{n_1}^*(r_1) \varphi_{n_2}^*(r_2) \frac{e^2}{r_{12}} \varphi_{n_1}(r_2) \varphi_{n_2}(r_1) d\tau_1 d\tau_2$$

$1/r$ is expanded in a Fourier series as

$$\frac{e^2}{r_{12}} = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{4\pi e^2}{k^2} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)}$$

$J = -2St + J' = J'$ (because of $S=0$)

$$J_{n_1, n_2} = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{4\pi e^2}{k^2} \int \varphi_{n_1}^*(r_1) \varphi_{n_2}(r_1) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot r_1} d\tau_1 \times \int \varphi_{n_1}^*(r_2) \varphi_{n_2}(r_2) e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot r_2} d\tau_2 > 0$$

のように書きかえられる。したがって J_{n_1, n_2} は常に正である。

M-I (Mott) transition in correlated electron system

Hubbard model

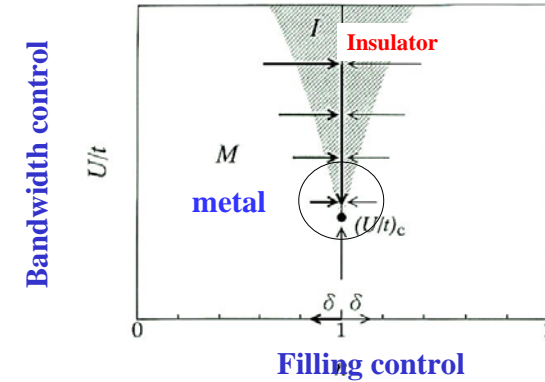
$$H = -t \sum_{i+1} a_i^+ a_i + U \sum n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

Kinetic energy

On-site Coulomb repulsive interaction

To see outside world

Make them away from each other



$$E_s = 2E_1 + \int \psi_1(r_1)^2 \psi_1(r_2)^2 \frac{e^2}{r_{12}} dv_1 dv_2$$

$$E_g = 2E_1 + \frac{1}{(1+S^2)} [U/2 + K/2 + J'] \Psi_{H_2}^{S=0} = \Psi_1(r_1) \Psi_1(r_2)$$

$$E_1 = \frac{E_{1s}(1+S) - u - t}{(1+S)}$$

$$E_{HL} = 2E_{1s} + \frac{Q}{1+S^2} + \frac{J}{1+S^2} = 2E_{1s} - 2u - 2St + K + J'$$

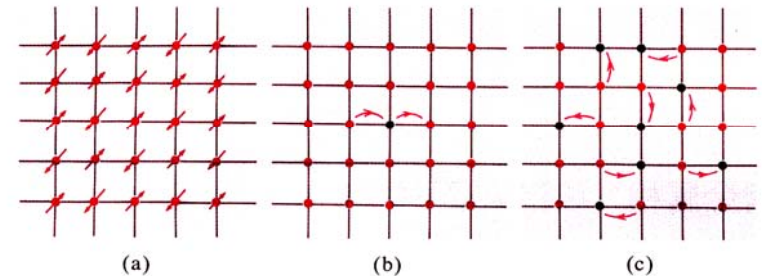
$$Q = \iint \psi_a(1)^2 \psi_b(2)^2 \left(-\frac{e^2}{|r_1 - R_b|} - \frac{e^2}{|r_2 - R_a|} + \frac{e^2}{r_{12}} \right) dv_1 dv_2 = -2u + K$$

$$J = \iint \psi_a(1) \psi_b(1) \psi_a(2) \psi_b(2) \left(-\frac{e^2}{|r_1 - R_b|} - \frac{e^2}{|r_2 - R_a|} + \frac{e^2}{r_{12}} \right) dv_1 dv_2 = -2St + J' \quad \text{Hubbard model: } K=0$$

$$E_g - E_{HL} = [(K/2 + U/2 - 2t) - (K + 2St)] \sim (U-K)/2 - 2t = [(U-K) - 4t]/2 > 0$$

$$\psi_1(1) \psi_1(2) \propto \psi_a(1) \psi_a(2) + \psi_b(1) \psi_b(2) + \psi_a(1) \psi_b(2) + \psi_b(1) \psi_a(2)$$

Mott Insulator and charge-carriers doped Insulator - Metal Transition



Mott Insulator

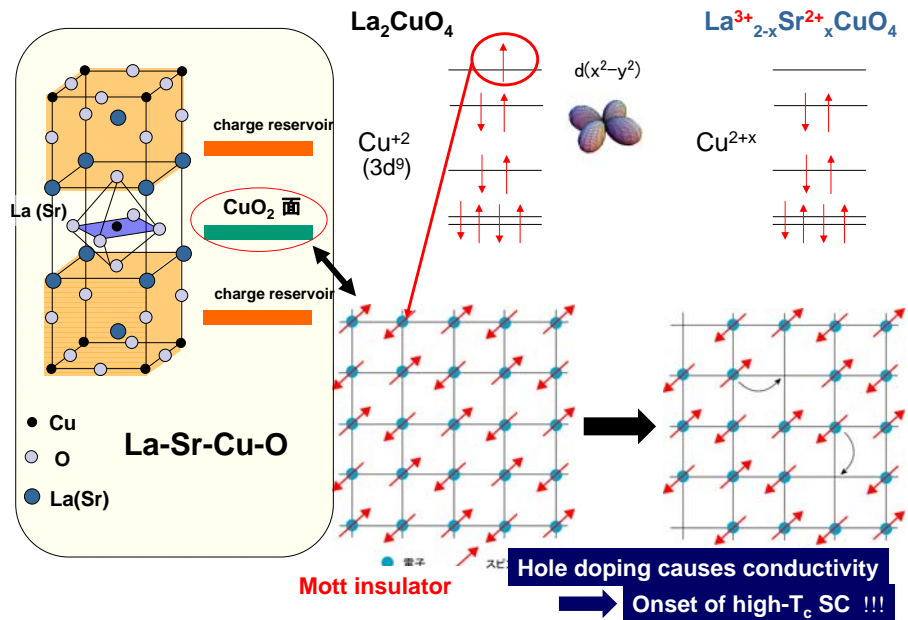
Strongly Correlated Metal

Conventional Metal

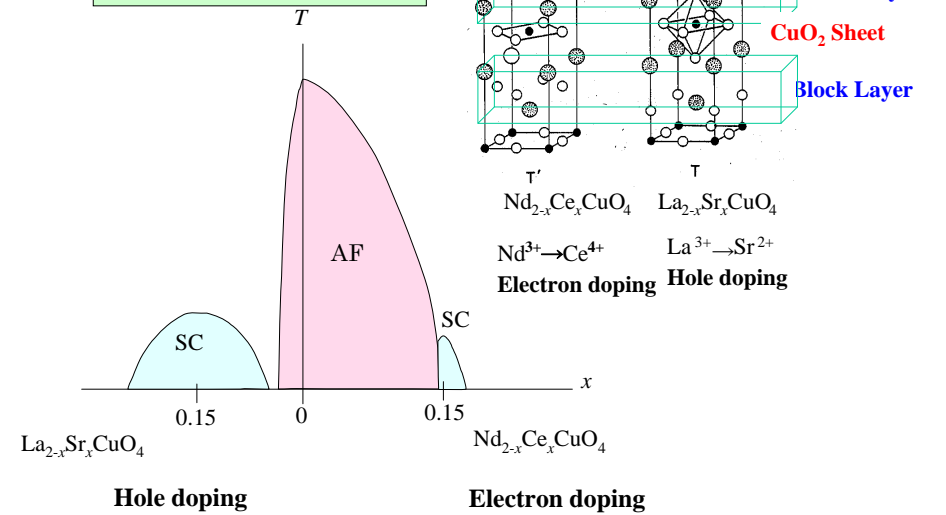
How to dope carriers

- Chemical substitution
- Photo induced carriers injection

Carrier doping into Mott insulator



High Temperature Superconductivity in Doped Strong Correlated Oxides



Origin of force in the Nature

