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# Fully *ab initio* calculation of transition temperature for alkali-doped fullerene superconductors

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# Alkali-doped fullerides

fcc A<sub>3</sub>C<sub>60</sub> (A=K, Rb, Cs)



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 $\checkmark$  Highest  $T_c$  among molecular superconductors

## **Electronic structure**

S. C. Erwin, W. E. Pickett, Science 254, 842 (1991); A. F. Hebard, Physics Today 45, 26 (1992)



- ✓ 3 orbital, half-filled
- ✓ Molecular orbital + small hopping between them

# Light-induced superconducting-like phase in K<sub>3</sub>C<sub>60</sub>

M. Mitrano et al., arXiv: 1505.04529



- ✓ Talk by Alice Cantaluppi (this morning)
- ✓ Study for nonequilibrium SC by Michael Sentef (tomorrow)

#### I focus on equilibrium properties !

# Superconductivity in alkali-doped fullerides

Zadik et al., Sci. Adv. 1, e1500059 (2015).





- > Mott insulating phase: induced by repulsive interaction
- ➤ s-wave superconductivity ( $T_c \sim 35K$ , very high for small bandwidth): induced by attractive interaction
- Low-spin state and dynamical Jahn-Teller effect in Mott phase (positive Hund's coupling should favor high-spin state)

# Difficulty in predicting $T_c$

### Density functional theory for superconductors (SCDFT)

— purely theoretical method to calculate  $T_c$  without any empirical parameter such as  $\mu^*$ 

L. N. Oliveira *et al.*, PRL **60**, 2430 (1988); T. Kreibich and E. K. U. Gross, PRL **86**, 2984 (2001); Lueders *et al.*, PRB **72**, 024545 (2005); Marques *et al.*, PRB **72**, 024546 (2005)



The way to calculate  $T_c$  for **unconventional** superconductors has not been established

# **Motivation & Outline**

- Unified description of the phase diagram
  - Pairing mechanism?
  - Why s-wave? (naïvely, strong correlation is incompatible with s-wave)
  - Origin of low-spin state?

- $\succ$  Fully *ab initio* calculation of superconducting transition temperature  $T_c$ 
  - Previous methods have often employed empirical parameters

we employ the combination of density functional theory (DFT) and model-calculation method (DMFT)

We show that effectively inverted Hund's rule is realized

ightarrow unusual cooperation between strong correlations and phonons

Unconventional mechanism !

M. Capone *el al.*, RMP 81, 943 (2009); M. Capone *et al.*, Science 296, 2364 (2002). M. Capone *et al.*, PRL 86, 5361-5364 (2001); YN *et al.*, Sci. Adv. 1, e1500568 (2015).



# Multi-energy-scale *ab initio* scheme for correlated electrons (MACE)

	Density functional theory (DFT)	Model calculation [e.g. dynamical mean field theory (DMFT) ]
Realistic	$(\mathbf{i})$	
Strong correlation	:()	$\overline{\bigcirc}$



Combination of DFT and model-calculation method

#### Procedure

- 1. Perform the DFT band structure calculation
- 2. *Ab initio* derivation of low-energy Hamiltonian including phonon (lattice vibration) degrees of freedom
- Unbiased analysis with the extended DMFT
   → reproduction of experimental phase diagram at a quantitative level

# Ab initio derivation of the low-energy model

Low-energy Hamiltonians for C<sub>60</sub> superconductors (3 orbital, half-filled)



$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \sum_{ij} \left[ \mathcal{H}_{0}^{(w)}(\mathbf{k}) \right]_{ij} c_{i\mathbf{k}}^{\sigma\dagger} c_{j\mathbf{k}}^{\sigma} + \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k'}} \sum_{ij,i'j'} \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} U_{ij,i'j'}^{(p)}(\mathbf{q}) c_{i\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\sigma\dagger} c_{j'\mathbf{k'}+\mathbf{q}}^{\sigma'} c_{j\mathbf{k}}^{\sigma} + \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k'}} \sum_{ij,i'j'} \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} U_{ij,i'j'}^{(p)}(\mathbf{q}) c_{i\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\sigma\dagger} c_{j'\mathbf{k'}+\mathbf{q}}^{\sigma'} c_{j\mathbf{k}}^{\sigma} + \sum_{\mathbf{q}\nu} \sum_{\mathbf{q}\nu} \sum_{ij} \sum_{ij} \sum_{\sigma} g_{ij}^{(p)\nu}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}) c_{i\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{\sigma\dagger} c_{j\mathbf{k}}^{\sigma} (b_{\mathbf{q}\nu} + b_{-\mathbf{q}\nu}^{\dagger}) + \sum_{\mathbf{q}\nu} \omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu}^{(p)} b_{\mathbf{q}\nu}^{\dagger} b_{\mathbf{q}\nu}$$

- Electronic one-body part (red): maxloc Wannier
- Coulomb interaction part (green): cRPA method
   → talks by Priyanka, Philipp (yesterday)
- Phonon (lattice vibration) part (blue): cDFPT method

#### All the parameters are determined by *ab initio* calculations, not by hand

YN, K. Nakamura, and R. Arita, PRB 85, 155452 (2012); YN, K. Nakamura, and R. Arita, PRL 112, 027002 (2014)

# Ab initio downfolding for electron-phonon coupled systems

Low-energy models for electron-phonon coupled systems:

Electronic one-body part  

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i,j: orbital (Wannier) indices (w): Wannier gauge  $\sigma$ : spin index

O<sup>(p)</sup>: the quantity with constraint (partially screened)

#### Maximally localized Wannier function

N. Marzari and D. Vanderbilt, Phys. Rev. B. 56 12847 (1997); I. Souza et al., ibid. 65, 035109 (2001)

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The unitary matrix U is decided to minimize the spread functional  $\Omega$ :

$$\Omega = \sum_{n} \left[ \left\langle r^{2} \right\rangle_{n} - \overline{\mathbf{r}}_{n}^{2} \right]$$

where,

$$\overline{\mathbf{r}}_{n} = \left\langle w_{n\mathbf{0}} \big| \mathbf{r} \big| w_{n\mathbf{0}} \right\rangle$$
$$\left\langle r^{2} \right\rangle_{n} = \left\langle w_{n\mathbf{0}} \big| r^{2} \big| w_{n\mathbf{0}} \right\rangle$$

# One body part of the Hamiltonian

N. Marzari and D. Vanderbilt, Phys. Rev. B. 56 12847 (1997) I. Souza et al., ibid. 65, 035109 (2001)

#### Max loc Wannier



molecular-orbital like



Hopping between molecular orbital

$$t_{m\mathbf{R}n\mathbf{R}'} = \left\langle w_{m\mathbf{R}} \left| \mathcal{H}_{_{KS}} \left| w_{n\mathbf{R}'} \right\rangle \right.$$





YN-Nakamura-Arita, Phys. Rev. B 85, 155452 (2012)

## Interaction between electrons

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**Coulomb** interaction



Interaction mediated by phonons (lattice vibration)



U: intraorbital U': interorbital  $J_{\rm H}$ : exchange

repulsive

 $U_{ph}$ : intraorbital  $U'_{ph}$ : interorbital  $J_{ph}$ : exchange

#### attractive

# Types of intramolecular interaction



Interorbital (opposite spin)



• Interorbital (same spin)



• Pair hopping







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i,j: orbital (Wannier) indices (w): Wannier gauge  $\sigma$ : spin index  $O^{(p)}$ : the quantity with constraint (partially screened)

**Constrained** random phase approximation (cRPA)

F. Aryasetiawan et al., Phys. Rev. B. 70 19514 (2004)

## **Constrained RPA**

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Screened Coulomb interaction W (RPA)

$$W = (1 - v\chi_{0})^{-1}v$$

$$\chi_{0}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \underbrace{\sum_{i,j} \frac{f_{i}(1 - f_{j})}{\epsilon_{i} - \epsilon_{j}}}_{ij} [\phi_{i}^{*}(\mathbf{r})\phi_{j}(\mathbf{r})\phi_{j}^{*}(\mathbf{r}')\phi_{i}(\mathbf{r}') + \text{c.c.}]$$

$$x_{0} = \sum_{O \mapsto T} + \sum_{T \mapsto V} + \sum_{O \mapsto V} + \sum_{T \mapsto T}$$

$$\mathbf{1} \quad \mathbf{2} \quad \mathbf{3} \quad \mathbf{4}$$

$$K_{cRPA} = \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{2} + \mathbf{3} + \mathbf{4} \mathbf{4} \mathbf{4}$$

$$W_{eff} = (1 - v\chi_{cRPA})^{-1}v$$

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$$U_{\mu\nu} = \int d\mathbf{r} \int d\mathbf{r}' |\psi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r})|^{2} W_{eff}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')|\psi_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}')|^{2}$$

$$v: \text{ bare Coulomb interaction} \quad \Psi: \text{ Wannier function}$$

# Interaction parameters for C<sub>60</sub> superconductors

YN-Nakamura-Arita, Phys. Rev. B 85, 155452 (2012)



- U ~1 eV > W ~ 0.5 eV → strongly correlated
   J<sub>H</sub> ~ 0.035 eV → very small compared to U
- V ~ 0.25-0.30 eV

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 $O^{(p)}$ : the quantity with constraint (partially screened)

Constrained density-functional perturbation theory (cDFPT) YN, K. Nakamura, and R. Arita, Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 027002 (2014) YN and R. Arita, arXiv:1509.01138.

# Density-functional perturbation theory (DFPT)

S. Baroni et al, Rev. Mod. Phys. 73, 515 (2001).

electron-phonon coupling

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$
  
 $\omega = k_{\rm ion} + k_{\rm el}$ 

phonon frequency

http://monoist.atmarkit.co.jp/feledev/ articles/heat/01/netsu01\_05.gif

-  $\infty$ 

 $g_{\mu\nu} = \langle \psi_{\mu} | \Delta V | \psi_{\nu} \rangle$  $\Delta V = \Delta V_{\rm ion} + \Delta V_{\rm el}$ 

 $k_{
m el}$  and  $\Delta V_{
m el}$  are related with the electron-density response to ionic displacement



density-functional perturbation

S. Baroni *et al*, Rev. Mod. Phys. **73**, 515 (2001).

# Phonon frequency and electron-phonon coupling

**Phonon frequencies**  $\omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu}$  and **electron-phonon couplings**  $g_{n'n}^{\nu}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q})$  are given by (for simplicity we consider the case where there is one atom with mass M in the unit cell)

$$\begin{split} & \underbrace{D(\mathbf{q})}_{\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{v}}\mathbf{e}_{\nu}(\mathbf{q}) = \omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu}^{2}\mathbf{e}_{\nu}(\mathbf{q}) & \text{v: phonon mode} \\ & \mathbf{y}_{\text{n'n}}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) = \left\langle \psi_{n'\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} \middle| u_{0}\mathbf{e}_{\nu}(\mathbf{q}) \cdot \frac{\partial V_{SCF}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{q})} \middle| \psi_{n\mathbf{k}} \right\rangle & u_{0} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2M\omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu}}} & \text{: characteristic} \\ & u_{0} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2M\omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu}}} & \text{: characteristic} \\ & \text{length scale} \\ & \text{Potential change due to the ionic displacement} \\ \\ \text{where} & \left[ D(\mathbf{q}) \right]_{\alpha\alpha'} = \frac{1}{M} \frac{\partial^{2}E}{\partial u_{\alpha}^{*}(\mathbf{q}) \partial u_{\alpha'}(\mathbf{q})} = \frac{1}{M} \begin{bmatrix} C(\mathbf{q}) \\ a\alpha' \\ & \text{Interatomic force constant} \\ (\text{"spring constant}) \\ & n(\mathbf{r}): \text{ electron ground-state energy} \\ & \alpha: \text{ cartesian coordinates } (x,y,z) \\ & n(\mathbf{r}): \text{ electron density} \\ & \left[ C(\mathbf{q}) \right]_{\alpha\alpha'} = \frac{1}{N} \begin{bmatrix} \int \left( \frac{\partial n(\mathbf{r})}{\partial u_{\alpha}(\mathbf{q})} \right)^{*} \frac{\partial V_{ion}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial u_{\alpha'}(\mathbf{q})} d\mathbf{r} + \int n(\mathbf{r}) \frac{\partial^{2}V_{ion}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial u_{\alpha'}(\mathbf{q})} d\mathbf{r} + \frac{\partial E_{N}}{\partial u_{\alpha}^{*}(\mathbf{q})\partial u_{\alpha'}(\mathbf{q})} \\ & \text{ renormalizing (softening)} \\ & \text{bare} \\ & \frac{\partial V_{SCF}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial u(\mathbf{q})} = \frac{\partial V_{ion}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial u(\mathbf{q})} + \int \left( \frac{e^{2}}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} + \frac{dV_{xc}(\mathbf{r})}{dn} \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \right) \frac{\partial n(\mathbf{r}')}{\partial u(\mathbf{q})} d\mathbf{r}' \\ & \text{bare} \\ & \text{Hartree + exchange correlation terms (screening)} \end{aligned}$$

## **Constrained DFPT**

YN, K. Nakamura, and R. Arita, PRL **112**, 027002 (2014) YN and R. Arita, arXiv:1509.01138.



### **Phonon-mediated interactions**



# Phonon-mediated interaction for fcc A<sub>3</sub>C<sub>60</sub>

#### YN et al., Science Advances 1, e1500568 (2015)

	small	Lattice constant			> large
	K <sub>3</sub> C <sub>60</sub>	Rb <sub>3</sub> C <sub>60</sub>	Cs <sub>3</sub> C <sub>60</sub>	Cs <sub>3</sub> C <sub>60</sub>	Cs <sub>3</sub> C <sub>60</sub>
U <sub>ph</sub> (0) [eV]	-0.15	-0.14	-0.11	-0.12	-0.13
<i>U</i> ′ <sub>ph</sub> (0) [eV]	-0.053	-0.042	-0.013	-0.022	-0.031
J <sub>ph</sub> (0) [eV]	-0.050	-0.051	-0.051	-0.051	-0.052

$$U_{\rm ph} = V_{ii,ii}, \quad U'_{\rm ph} = V_{ii,jj}, \quad J_{\rm ph} = V_{ij,ij} \qquad \qquad V_{ij,kl} =$$

 $> |J_{ph}(0)| \sim 0.05 \text{ eV} > J_{H} \sim 0.035 \text{ eV} \rightarrow \text{negative exchange interaction}$ 

→ negative exchange interaction (Inverted Hund's rule)

The relation  $U'_{\rm ph} \sim U_{\rm ph} - 2J_{\rm ph}$  holds

# Effective intramolecular interaction



## Model Analysis

Extended dynamical mean-field theory (extended DMFT)
 DMFT+ dynamical screening coming from off-site Coulomb interactions

A. M. Sengupta and A. Georges, PRB 52, 10295 (1995); Q. Si and J. L. Smith, PRL 77, 3391 (1996).



+ self consistent conditions

- ✓ describes the local correlation (intramolecular quantum fluctuations) accurately
- $\checkmark$  One of the most reliable methods to study three-dimensional *s*-wave SC

# **DMFT analysis using realistic Hamiltonian** $\rightarrow$ Jan's talk

# Phase diagram



- ✓ s-wave SC next to Mott phase with  $T_c \simeq 30$  K
- ✓ Critical volume
- ✓ Slope between PM and PI

### Property of metal-insulator transition at 40 K (above $T_c$ )

YN et al., Science Advances 1, e1500568 (2015).



 $\succ$  (210) configurations dominate (because of U' > U)

> Mott physics: filling is (nearly) fixed at half-filling in the insulating phase

no ferro-orbital order, i.e., six types of (210) configurations ( $\{n_1, n_2, n_3\} = \{2, 1, 0\}, \{0, 2, 1\}, \{1, 0, 2\}, \{2, 0, 1\}, \{1, 2, 0\}, \{0, 1, 2\}$ ) are degenerate

# Superconducting mechanism

YN et al., Science Advances 1, e1500568 (2015).

Stability of superconductivity at 10 K

realistic	(pair hopping)=0	(spin flip)=0	U' <sub>eff</sub> < U <sub>eff</sub> ( U' <sub>ph</sub> (new) = U <sub>ph</sub> )
SC	Non SC	SC	Non SC

- > The crucial factors for *s*-wave superconductivity are
  - 1. Generation of intraorbital pair by  $U'_{eff} > U_{eff}$ strong correlation helps it by suppressing kinetic energy
  - 2. Tunneling of the pairs due to pair-hopping term (Suhl-Kondo mechanism)



H. Suhl et al. (1959); J. Kondo (1963)

#### strong electron correlations and phonons cooperatively work for SC (unconventional)

## Summary

- > Ab initio derivation of low-energy model
  - $\checkmark \quad U, U' > W \rightarrow \text{ strongly correlated}$
  - ✓ J → effectively inverted
- Unbiased EDMFT analysis
  - ✓ Treat both Coulomb and electron-phonon interactions
- Quantitative and qualitative reproduction of the phase diagram
  - ✓ *T*<sub>c</sub> ~ 30K
  - ✓ Mott phase next to SC phase
- Superconducting mechanism
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  - ✓ Tunneling of the pair due to the pair-hopping term (Suhl-Kondo mechanism)

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Outlook: light-induced superconducting-like phase (Tc > 100 K) in  $K_3C_{60}$ 

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A.Ganin et al Nature Mater. 7,367-371(2008) Y.Takabayashi et al Science 323,1285-1590(2009) band structure (fcc K<sub>3</sub>C<sub>60</sub>)



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+ small hopping between them

## Effective low-energy Hamiltonian

#### Ab initio Hamiltonian

$$H_{FP} = \sum_{i} \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta_i - \sum_{\alpha} \frac{Z_{\alpha} e^2}{|\mathbf{R}_{\alpha} - \mathbf{r}_i|} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \frac{e^2}{r_{ij}} + \sum_{\alpha < \beta} \frac{Z_{\alpha} Z_{\beta} e^2}{|\mathbf{R}_{\alpha} - \mathbf{R}_{\beta}|}$$

global energy scale (> 100,000 K ~ 10 eV)

#### **Effective Hamiltonian**

$$H_{e\!f\!f} = \sum_{\sigma} \sum_{i \neq j} t_{ij} a^{\dagger}_{i\sigma} a_{j\sigma} + \sum_{ijkl} \sum_{\sigma\rho} W_{ijkl} a^{\dagger}_{i\sigma} a^{\dagger}_{k\rho} a_{l\rho} a_{j\sigma}$$

low-energy phenomena ( $\sim$  50 K )



# Phonon frequency

#### Red: partially renormalized Blue: fully renormalized



✓ Frequencies of the phonons coupled to  $t_{1u}$  electrons are renormalized ✓ Tiny momentum dependence → Einstein-like phonon

## Dynamical structure of $U_{eff}$ and $U'_{eff}$



✓  $U'_{\rm eff}$  >  $U_{\rm eff}$  for  $\omega \lesssim 0.2\,$  eV (difference is small ~ 5 %)

- ✓ Consider the dynamical screening effects through off-site interactions and electron phonon coupling (we use static  $J_{eff} = J_{ph}(0)+J_{H}$ )
- ✓ Effects of off-site Coulomb interactions
  - $\rightarrow$  U and U' are reduced by ~ 0.27 eV

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#### Quantity at 40 K (above $T_c$ )



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## Interaction between electrons



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# Density functional theory (DFT)





#### Weakly correlated material



Material dependence (e.g. difference between  $K_3C_{60}$  and  $Rb_3C_{60}$ )

Strongly correlated material

# model calculation

Solving the lattice model (e.g. Hubbard model) accurately

$$\mathcal{H} = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \sum_{\sigma} (\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{i\sigma} \hat{c}_{j\sigma} + \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{j\sigma} \hat{c}_{i\sigma}) + U \sum_{i} \hat{n}_{i\uparrow} \hat{n}_{i\downarrow}$$
hopping Coulomb repulsion

**†** 

Solver: dynamical mean-field theory (DMFT), variational Monte Carlo, path-integral renormalization group, tensor network, density matrix renormalization group ....



Describes the effect of strong electron correlations (e.g. Mott insulator)



Realistic calculation (what is an appropriate value for t, U?)