

## Study of Josephson Pair Tunneling for Higher Temperature Superconductor

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### ABSTRACT

The optical conductivity measured on a  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_3$  polycrystal displays a peak at 450-500cm as bilayer cuprates such as Y Ba,  $\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_x$ , or  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_8$ . This feature, as well as strong phonon anomalies, are interpreted in the framework of the Josephson superlattice model. This model provides a good fit to both normal and superconducting states with only a few parameters and permits to extraction of the temperature depending on the interlayer Josephson coupling energy. From the multi-layer tight binding sum rule, we estimate the decrease of kinetic energy  $\Delta(\text{HC}) \sim 16\text{m}\epsilon$  between the normal and superconducting states. This value is of the same order as the Josephson Coupling energy obtained from the fit of the Josephson super lattice model (JSM). This result improves the consistency of the JSM and indicates that the Josephson pair tunneling can account for a significant ingredient for high-temperature superconductivity. In this present paper, we studied Josephson pair tunneling for higher-temperature superconductors(1-20).

**Keywords :** Josephson Tunneling, Temperature, Superconductor.

### I. INTRODUCTION

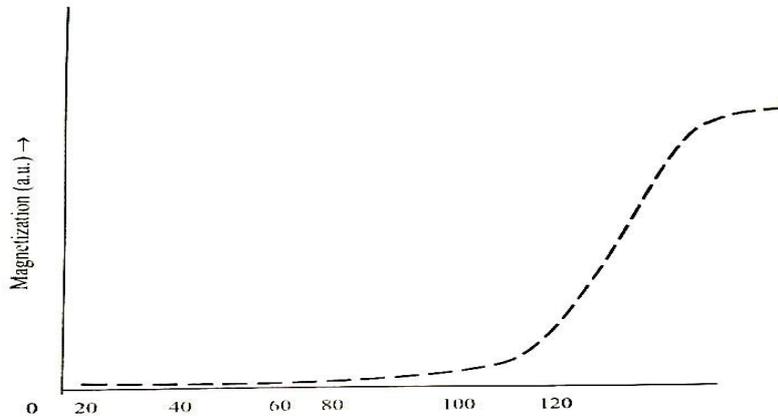
The electron pairing is due to electron-phonon interaction in conventional super conductor. The mechanism at the origin of high conductor superconductivity in cuprates is still matter of extensive debate. Optical spectroscopy could be useful experimental method to discriminate between interactions responsible of the electron pairing<sup>(21-36)</sup>. In particular, optical measurements are a good tool to probe typical energy scales involved in pairing mechanisms as done by Timusk et al<sup>(37)</sup> in 1989, also by Gervais<sup>(38)</sup> in 2002. Indeed the spectral weight (SW), determined by integrating the real parts of the optical conductivity up to a cut-off frequency  $\omega_c$ ,  $W = \int_0^{\omega_c} \sigma_1(\omega, T) d\omega$  is expected to follow the Ferrell, Glover and Tinkham(FGT) sum rule, which predicts that the SW lost in the superconducting state  $\Delta W(\omega_c, T = T_c) - W(\omega_c, T \ll T_c)$  must be retrieved in the  $\delta(\omega)$  functions centered at zero frequency which represent the superfluid density. The validity of the FGT sum rule can be tested by determining independently  $\Delta\omega$

and the superfluid density, obtained from the real part of the dielectric function  $\epsilon_1(\omega)$ . In conventional superconductor, the FGT sum rule is fulfilled for  $\omega_c = 4\Delta$  where  $\Delta$  is the superconducting gap. Recent works by different authors have shown that for both in-plane and interlayer optical measurements, the FGT sum rule is partially violated in high temperatures superconductors (HTSC) as done by Homes et.al.<sup>(40)</sup> in the year 2004 and Boris et. al.<sup>(41)</sup> in 2002. The inplane SW is recovered only at energy larger than 0.6eV and 1eV in under doped Y Ba<sub>2</sub> Cu<sub>2</sub> O<sub>6.6</sub> as done by home et. al. in 2004 and Bi<sub>2</sub> Sr<sub>2</sub> Ca Cu<sub>2</sub> O<sub>8</sub> films by Lobo, Bontemps et. al.<sup>(42)</sup> in the year 2003. Moreover, Basov et. al.<sup>(43)</sup> pointed out that the interlayer FGT sum rule is violated up to to at least 1200cm<sup>-1</sup>. These values are larger than conventional energy scale (-800cm<sup>-1</sup>). These results suggest that energy scale involved in the pairing mechanisms are larger than bosonic excitations. The violation of the FGT sum rule upto a conventional energy scale, can be interpreted as a change in charge carrier kinetic energy in the framework of the tight binding model given by Abraham's et.al. (in the year 1999. Such a change can be explain within various scenarios by P.W. Anderson<sup>(45)</sup> in 1998. Both in-plane (in underdoped Bi<sub>2</sub>Sr<sub>2</sub>CaCu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>) and interlayer (in Tl<sub>2</sub> Ba<sub>2</sub> CuO<sub>6.6</sub>) sum rule violation have been proposed as an evidence of a decrease of kinetic energy by Basov et. al. in 1999. The situation is also unusual in multiplayer cuprates. Indeed the SW change  $\Delta W$  takes negative value as shown by the Munzar et. al.<sup>(46)</sup> in 2001. This behaviour is due to an increase of the SW related to the appearance of a broad band around 450cm<sup>-1</sup> as temperature is decreased as calculated by Bernhard et. al.<sup>(27)</sup> in 2000. Concomitantly with the growth of the 450cm<sup>-1</sup> absorption band, anomalous temperature dependence of some phonon modes is observed. To describe the result, Van der marel and Tsevetko<sup>(48)</sup> in 1996 considered the system as stacked superconducting layer with non-equivalent intralayer and interlayer Josephson Plasma Frequencies and int respectively. In this so called Josephson Super Model(JSM), the dielectric function  $\epsilon(\omega)$  results in the contribution of the different conduction channels added in parallel. An extension of this model was proposed by Munzar et. al.<sup>(49)</sup> in the year 1999, to describe both 450cm<sup>-1</sup> mode and phonon anomalies by taking into account local electric fields acting of different ions involved in a vibration mode. This approach was successful used to optical response of several bilayer cuprates in the year 2001 by Zeleny et. al.<sup>(50)</sup>. In the JSM, the internal electric field is not homogenous in the whole multilayer superconductor. Therefore, the usual tight binding sum rule cannot be applied. Recently, in the year 2003, an approximate tight binding sum rule has been developed to quantity the change of kinetic energy multilayer compounds by Munzar and Holden<sup>(31)</sup>. Using this sum rule boris et. al.<sup>(32)</sup> found a possible decrease of the kinetic energy on Bi<sub>2</sub>Sr<sub>2</sub>Ca<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub>. However, this value cannot be compared with other quantities such as condensation energy because of the lack of specific data. Our main aim is to analyze quantitatively the optical conductivity of trilayer Bi<sub>2</sub>Sr<sub>2</sub>Ca<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub> in the framework of the Josephson superlattice mode.

## II. MATERIALS AND METHOD

From this investigation we extract the temperature dependence of relevant parameters and as the plasma frequency of the Condensate, or equivalently the Josephson Coupling energy. Moreover, we found a possible decrease of kinetic energy deduces from the multilayer tight tight-binding sum rule, which confirm the results of Boris et. al. Finally, the decrease of kinetic energy is compared with Josephson Coupling energy obtained independently from the JSM. Using the nominal composition Bi<sub>2</sub> Pb Sr<sub>2</sub> Ca<sub>2</sub> Cu<sub>2</sub> Cu<sub>3</sub> suggested by Maeda et. al.<sup>(53)</sup> and adopted by Hong et. al.<sup>(54)</sup>, the powder precursor was obtained by the

polymer matrix method. The sample microstructure exhibits good  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Cu}_{30}\text{O}_{10}$  grain alignment. Magnetization measurement exhibit a quite broad transition with a  $T_c$ , onset at  $104^\circ\text{K}$  as a shown in the graph- Thermoelectric power measurement have been performed as a function of temperature. At higher temperature, TEP value is nearly  $11\text{mV}\text{K}^{-1}$ . According to Obertelli and cooper<sup>(55)</sup>, this value indicates that the compound is slightly underdoped,



**Temperature (K)**

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Magnetization measurements shows an  $T_c$  onset at 104-105 K with  $T_c/T_{\text{max}} = 0.95$ , which yields  $T_c = 104^\circ\text{K}$ . This value of  $T_c$  is in agreement with the value deduced from the magnetization measurements. To quantify the error of the spectrum due to the leakage of the plans response, we filled both the spectra with the dielectric model given by petit et.al.<sup>(56)</sup>.

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_\alpha [\pi_j \left\{ \frac{\omega_{jLO}^2 - \omega^2 + iT_{jLo}\omega}{\omega_{jTO}^2 - \omega^2 + iT_{jTo}\omega} \right\} - \{(\omega_\rho^2 - i(T_\rho - T_o)\omega) - (\omega(\omega - iT_o))\}]$$

Where  $\omega_{jLO}$ ,  $T_{jLo}$  and  $\omega_{jTO}$ ,  $T_{jTo}$  are the frequencies and damping of longitudinal optic and transverse optic phonon modes respectively and the index refers to the plasma. the dielectric response  $\epsilon(\theta)$  to the incident energy with an angle of the sample is given by

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon(\theta)} = \left\{ \frac{\cos^2(\theta)}{\epsilon_1} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{\sin^2(\theta)}{\epsilon_2} \right\}$$

So, we can calculate the reflectivity and the angle dependent dielectric function  $\epsilon(\theta)$  based on  $\epsilon_1$  and  $\epsilon_2$  respectively. The experimentally observed phonon modes agree remarkably well with recent assignment based on shell model calculation as a done by kovaleva et. al.<sup>(57)</sup>. The existence of two oxygen bond bending mode is a typical property of  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{10}$ . Actually, only one oxygen bond bending mode is predicted by Prase et. al.<sup>(58)</sup> and observed by zelenzy<sup>(59)</sup> in  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_8$ . This assigned to apical oxygen vibration. The lattice dynamics calculations have been performed with the approximate tetragonal space group, so that the phonons experimentally one non-predicted and probably due to incommensurate structure or disorder. The spectra show no substantial change down to  $T_c$ . In a superconducting state, a broad peak rapidly grows. This is in agreement with result of Boris and on  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}$  as observed by

zelenzy. We plotted  $\Delta 6(W,T)=6(W,5K) - 6(W,T)$  to determine the frequency regions when changes occur. The SW of the apical oxygen vibration strongly decreases below  $T_c$ . Such a feature is explained in the framework of the JSM by large change in interlayer local electric field as explained by Munzar et. al.<sup>(29)</sup> in 1999. We analyze the data as a function of temperature in the framework of the JSM, because we are mainly interested in tunneling current only and in order to reduce the number of the parameters, the model was simplified as given by Phuo et. al.<sup>(60)</sup> that the interlayer region is assumed to be insulating so that its susceptibility read  $\chi_{int} = 0$ . Such an approximation was also made to fit optical conductivity of  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}$  as shown by Zelenzy et. al.<sup>(50)</sup>

The intralayer susceptibility  $Z_{int}$  includes a London term to describe the superconducting condensate, and a Drude term which represent the electronic background  $\chi_{int} = [-\{\omega_{tl}^2/\omega^2\} - \{\mathcal{L}_{tl}^2/(\omega^2 + iy_{tl})\}]$ . In this equation, it was supposed that the conductivity is the same for the two potential barriers of the Josephson junction within the trilayer block. Also, the local electric field renormalization due to displacement of the ion is neglected.

It is considered that the electric field acting on the ions involved in phonon modes is assumed to be in the interlayer local field  $E_{int}$ . For the sake of simplicity, we fit the bond bending mode regardless of local field effects. The anomalies are then taken into account by changing the oscillator strength and damping. Thus, the dielectric function  $\epsilon(\omega)$  reads

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_\alpha + \left\{ \frac{d_{int}}{(d_{int} + d_{tl})} \right\} \chi_{int} \left( \frac{E_{int}}{E} \right) + \left\{ \frac{d_{tl}}{(d_{int} + d_{tl})} \right\} \chi_{tl} \left( \frac{E_{tl}}{E} \right) + \chi_{phonon} \left( \frac{E_{int}}{E} \right) + \chi_{bb_1} + \chi_{bb_2} + \chi_{mir}$$

Where,  $\chi_{phonon} = \sum_i \{S_i \omega_i^2 / (\omega_i^2 - \omega^2 - ir_i \omega^2)\}$   
and  $\chi_{mir} = \{S_{mir} \omega_{mir}^2 / (\omega_{mir}^2 - \omega^2 - ir_{mir} \omega^2)\}$

The interlayer and intralayer local electric fields  $E_{int}$  and  $E_{tl}$  are determined by the set of equations  $E_{tl} = E_{int} + \{(\chi_{int} E_{int} - \chi_{tl} E_{tl}) / \epsilon_\alpha\}$  and

$$E(d_{tl} - d_{int}) = E_{tl} d_{tl} + E_{int} d_{int}$$

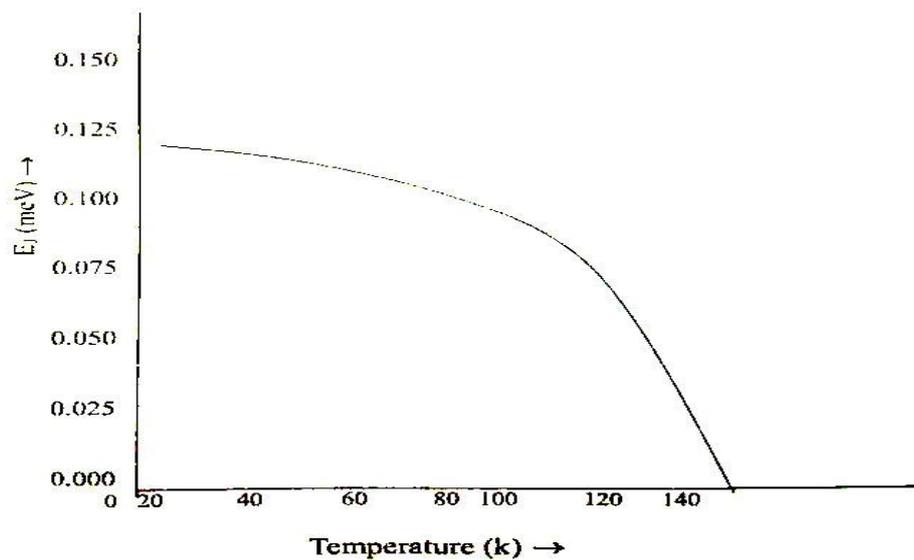
Where  $E$  is the applied electric field. Although this model captures the main physics of the electronic properties of the system, it fails to reproduce the anomalies of bond-bending modes. An extension of the JSM has been recently proposed by Dubroka and Munzar (61) to take these phonon anomalies into account.

The intralayer Josephson Frequency obtained from the fit is useful to estimate the intralayer Josephson coupling by the equation  $E_J = (\hbar^2 \epsilon_0 a^2 / 4e^2 d_{bl}) \omega_{tl}^2$ . The uncertainty on  $\omega_{bl}$  is probably larger than the error bars obtained.

In the framework of the interlayer tunneling theory, the Josephson's coupling energy  $E_J$  represents the decrease of the kinetic energy due to pair tunneling which is expected to be responsible for higher values of  $T_c$ . The decrease of kinetic energy is predicated to be equal to the condensation energy  $U_0 = E_J$ . Unfortunately, the value of  $U_0$  for  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{10}$  is not known. However the value of  $E_J$ , calculated from the JSM for optically doped  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_8$ . The possible change in Kinetic energy can be estimated independently by using the so called tight binding and sum rule. Recently an approximate tight binding sum rule has been developed to applied to multilayer compound

$$\Delta(H_c) = (2\hbar^2 a^2/\pi e^2) \{((n-1)d_{bl} + d_{in})/d_{bl}^2\} \Delta\omega(\omega_c)$$

The value of  $\Delta(H)$  thus obtained is slightly larger than that calculated by Boris et. al.<sup>(21)</sup>. As displayed in the graph it is worthwhile to compare the Josephson Coupling energy  $E_J$ , extracted from the JSM fit and to charge from Kinetic energy  $\Delta(H_c)$ . Both quantity show a quite similar temperature difference. Considering large uncertainty in the determination of  $E_J$ , both values are in quite responsible agreement. Then this result can account for ITL theory as a relevant ingredient of pairing mechanism in HTSC. However, as a point out by Timusk and Homes<sup>(62)</sup> in the year 2003 even JSM provides a good fit of experimental data above  $T_c$ . is hard to recognise with simple Josephson tunneling current.



#### Temperature dependence of the interlayer Josephson energy

$$E_J = (\hbar^2 \epsilon_0 a^2 / 4e^2 d_{bl}) \omega_{tl}^2$$

### III. TUNNELING CURRENT DENSITY IN SINGLE CRYSTAL

Recently the intrinsic quasi-particle conductivity along the BSCCO single crystal mesa structures in the superconductive and normal states were studied by different workers. Direct measurement of the mesa temperature enable corrections to be made for self heating and permits the acquisition of reliable I-V characteristics over a wide range of temperatures and voltages. Unlike a conventional superconductor, there is no evidence for any change in quasi particle conductivity at  $T_c$ , consistent with precursor pairing of electron in the normal state. At low temperature the initial low voltage linear conductivity exhibits a  $T^2$  dependence, approaching a limiting value at zero temperature. The interlayer quasi particle conductivity has been measured in the normal and superconducting state using small mesas litho-graphically patterned

on the surface of a number of single crystals of BSCCO with a range of doping, thus forming the different potential barriers. The behaviour of the interlayer conductivity at low temperature and its dependence on passing through  $T_c$ . Very similar multi branched IV characteristics were observed to those reported by Kliner et. al.<sup>(63)</sup> in 1992. The temperature corrected I-V curves as well described by a tunnelling current is given by  $I = \Delta(V + EV^3)$ .

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

The intrinsic linear conductance,  $\alpha$  is inconsistent with models involving coherent interlayer tunneling between layers as proposed by Suzuki and Tanabe<sup>(64)</sup> previously. The derived linear component of the conductivity,  $\sigma_c$ , is plotted as a function of temperature. At low temperature conductivity is given by  $\sigma_c(T) = \text{constant} (1 + \gamma T^2)$ , consistent with impurity assisted interlayer hopping as reported by Xiang and Wheathly.  $\sigma_c$  is continuous at  $T_c$ , for no evidence for the discontinuity in slope expected from any model involving the onset of pairing at  $T_c$ . Because it is continuous on pairing through  $T_c$ , changes in conductivity above  $T_c$  are unlikely to be associated with superconducting fluctuations. For all samples,  $\sigma_c(T)$  decreases monotonically from temperatures well above,  $T_c$ , consistent with onset on a pseudo-gap, possibly due to precursor pairing in the normal state.

$$\left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \cdot dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{j\omega(t-x)} \cdot d\omega$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^t x(\lambda) \cdot d\lambda (j2\pi f)^{-1} \cdot x(t) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) x(0) \cdot \delta(t)$$

$$x_p(K) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_p(n) e^{-j\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}\right)nk}$$

$$x(Z) \Big|_{z=e^{i\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}\right)k}} = x \left[ e^{i\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}\right)k} \right]$$

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x(n) = a^n, 0 \leq K \leq N - 1 \\ 0, \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right.$$

$$x(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a^n z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (az^{-1})^n$$

$$x(e^{i\omega}) = (1 - a^N e^{-i\omega N}) / (1 - a e^{-i\omega})$$

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