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Title: Evidence for two-component superconductivity in Sr₂RuO₄

from ultrasound measurements

Abstract: The unconventional superconductivity of Sr₂RuO₄ has remained a mystery for over 25 years, even though its normal metallic state is quite well understood. Reaching a consensus on the bulk order parameter symmetry has been primarily difficult due to the discrepancies that exist between several major experimental evidences [1]. We use resonant ultrasound spectroscopy to measure the entire symmetry-resolved elastic tensor of Sr₂RuO₄ through the superconducting transition. We observe a thermodynamic discontinuity in the shear elastic modulus c_{66} , requiring that the superconducting order parameter is two-component [2]. We also find an anomalous increase in compressional sound attenuation immediately below T_c , in sharp disagreement with what is found in both conventional (s-wave) and high- T_c (*d*-wave) superconductors.

[1] A. P. Mackenzie et al., npj Quant. Mater. 2, 40 (2017)

[2] S. Ghosh et al., Nat. Phys. 17, 199–204 (2021)

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