

# Hybridization of the Electronic Structure in Triple-layer High- $T_c$ Cuprate Bi2223 Observed by ARPES

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The energy gap seen in the superconducting (SC) and normal states has been believed to be an important piece of evidence for the mechanism of high SC transition temperature in cuprate superconductors. Bi-based high- $T_c$  cuprate superconductors can be classified by the number of the neighboring  $\text{CuO}_2$  planes ( $n$ ): single-layer ( $n = 1$ )  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CuO}_{4+\delta}$  (Bi2201), double-layer ( $n = 2$ )  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_{8+\delta}$  (Bi2212), triple-layer ( $n = 3$ )  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{10+\delta}$  (Bi2223). In going from  $n = 1$  to 3, the maximum  $T_c$  increases: It is 35 K and 95 K for Bi2201 and Bi2212, respectively, and reaches 110 K for Bi2223, which is the highest  $T_c$  among the Bi family of cuprates [1]. However, the microscopic origin of this trend has not been clarified yet.

For optimally doped Bi2223, we have revealed the electronic structure using angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES) [2-4]. In the present study, we have performed a high-resolution ARPES study of Bi2223 using synchrotron radiation and observed hybridization between the  $\text{CuO}_2$  planes, which shows that an anti-crossing energy gap opens around the off-nodal region. In this poster presentation, we will discuss a possible interpretation of hybridization of the electronic structure in the triple-layer cuprate superconductor and the origin of the high  $T_c$  [5].

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