Interplay between superconductivity and CDW in Cuprates and dichalcogenides form IXS

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I will focus on the interplay between superconductivity and charge density waves in superconducting cuprates and dichalcogenides.

High resolution inelastic x-ray scattering was used to observe of a quasi-elastic 'central peak' in underdoped YBa₂Cu₃O_{6.6}, demonstrating the static nature of the CDW correlations, attributed to the pining of CDW nanodomains on defects [1]. Low energy phonons also exhibit anomalously large superconductivity induced renormalizations close to the CDW ordering wave vector, providing new insights regarding the long-standing debate of the role of the electron-phonon interaction, a major factor influencing the competition between collective instabilities in correlated-electron materials. Relationship to the well-known anomalies in reported in the higher energy phonon branches will be discussed. Finally, dependence of these effects with pressure will be reported.

Pressure has also been used to tune the ground state of a less correlated material, 2H-NbSe₂. There a fast hardening of the soft phonon mode with pressure is observed, much faster than predicted by calculations carried out at the harmonic level. Inclusion of the full anharmonic potential in the calculation yields an excellent agreement with the experimental data, and further allows demonstrating the major role of the electron-phonon interaction in the superconducting mechanism [2, 3].

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