

Three-dimensional Fermi surfaces and their nesting properties in the iron pnictide superconductor $\text{BaFe}_2(\text{As}_{1-x}\text{P}_x)_2$

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Most of experimental studies on the iron-pnictide superconductors have so far indicated that the superconducting gap opens on the entire Fermi surfaces. However, the isovalent-substituted system $\text{BaFe}_2(\text{As}_{1-x}\text{P}_x)_2$ shows signatures of superconducting gap with line nodes¹, which would give critical information to clarify the pairing mechanism. According to the theory of spin-fluctuation-mediated pairing mechanism, three-dimensional nodes in the superconducting gap may appear in the strongly warped hole Fermi surface². Therefore, it is crucial to reveal the three-dimensional electronic structure of the this system for understanding the superconductivity. By angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy, we find that one of the hole Fermi surfaces has a highly three-dimensional shape and shows poor nesting with the electron Fermi surfaces at the optimal composition. This hole Fermi surface becomes disconnected along k_z direction for large x , which may lead to the suppression of the superconductivity.

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