Photoemission band structure of the weak itinerant ferromagnetic superconductor Y₉Co₇

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In the lecture a few of experimental results for the first weak itinerant ferromagnetic superconductor Y₉Co₇ will be shortly reviewed and discussed [1]. The discovery of superconductivity in Y₉Co₇ that exhibited at the same time the itinerant ferromagnetism was a big surprise because it showed that the two incompatible phenomena might be reconciled at some temperatures under certain thermodynamic conditions [1-3]. The recently discovered itinerant ferromagnetic superconductors are those strongly correlated electron compounds: UGe₂, URhGe and UCoGe . The physical properties of the latter one resembles strongly those observed in Y₉Co₇ [4]. The measurements of electrical resistivity, susceptibility, magnetization, specific heat, nuclear magnetic resonance and other properties show the magnetic transition at $T_C \cong 4.5$ K and the onset of superconductivity at about $T_s \cong 2.5$ K, revealing the coexistence state within a temperature interval below T_s [1-3]. Next, we focus attention on our recent Ultraviolet Photoemission Spectroscopy (UPS) and their comparison with our band structure calculations [5]. Interpretations are considered which take into account the characteristic structure of the compound and possible types of magnetic ordering.

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