

Three-dimensional Fermi-surface mapping of BaFe₂As₂ using low-energy angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy

Recently the occurrence of high-T_c superconductivity in iron-based layered materials has been reported. However, the three-dimensional shape of Fermi surface remains controversial. In this work, we have studied BaFe₂As₂ by high-resolution angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES) using low-energy tunable photons and linearly-polarized photons, and determined the band dispersion in three-dimensional momentum space. The experiments were performed at BL-9A and BL-1 of Hiroshima Synchrotron Radiation Center. Along the Γ -X cut parallel to k_x axis, two hole-like bands, α and β , and an electron-like band, ε' , are observed around Γ point near the Fermi level. Scanning the photon energy $h\nu$ from 6.5 to 30 eV, we mapped out Fermi-surface cross section in k_x - k_z plane, and observed fine warping structures along k_z dispersion. The Fermi surfaces, β and ε' , are proximate to each other in large k_z range, indicating Fermi-surface nesting between them. The Fermi surface, α , has an egg-like shape separated at Γ and Z points with strong k_z -warping. Our results suggest that the Fermi surfaces of BaFe₂As₂ are largely reconstructed due to collinear antiferromagnetic order.