Vortex bound states in conventional and topological superconductors

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# **Ginzburg-Landau theory**

V. L. Ginzburg, L. D. Landau, Zh. Eksperim. I Teor. Fiz. 20, 1064(1950).

$$\psi(r) = \psi_0 e^{i\varphi}$$

#### 2003 Nobel Prize



V. L. Ginzburg A. A. Abrikosov

 $\hbar^2$ 

$$g_{s}(T,H) = f_{n}(T,0) + \alpha |\psi|^{2} + \frac{\beta}{2} |\psi|^{4} + \frac{1}{2m^{*}} |(-i\hbar\nabla - e^{*}A)\psi|^{2} + \frac{1}{2\mu_{0}}B^{2} - B \bullet H$$

GL-I 
$$\alpha \psi + \beta |\psi|^2 \psi + \frac{1}{2m^*} \left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \nabla - \frac{e^*}{c} \vec{A}\right)^2 \psi = 0$$
  $\xi^2(T) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m^* |\alpha(T)|^2}$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{GL-II} \quad j_{s} &= \frac{e^{*}\hbar}{2m^{*}i} (\psi^{*}\nabla\psi - \psi\nabla\psi^{*}) - \frac{e^{*2}}{m^{*}c} \psi^{*}\psi\vec{A} \\ &= \frac{e^{*}}{m^{*}} |\psi|^{2} (\hbar\nabla\phi - \frac{e^{*2}}{m^{*}}\vec{A}) = e^{*} |\psi|^{2} \vec{v_{s}} \end{aligned} \qquad \lambda^{2} &= \frac{m^{*}}{\mu_{0}e^{*2} |\psi_{0}|^{2}} \end{aligned}$$

L. P. Gor'kov, JETP 9, 1364(1959). A.A.Abrikosov, JETP 5, 1174(1957).

#### Interface energy between N-SC areas

$$\sigma_{NS} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ -\frac{\beta}{2} |\psi|^4 + \frac{(B - \mu_0 H_c)^2}{2\mu_0} \right] dx$$





 $\mathcal{K} = -$ 

 $\kappa = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \sigma = 0,$ 



# By solving the GL Equations in case of type-II SC, vortex lattice was predicted



A.A.Abrikosov, JETP 5, 1174(1957).

## **Vortex structure of a single vortex**



Bogoliubov QPs are confined with the vortex core with size of  $\xi$ , leading to the vortex bound states.

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#### BOUND FERMION STATES ON A VORTEX LINE IN A TYPE II SUPERCONDUCTOR

C. CAROLI, P. G. DE GENNES, J. MATRICON Service de Physique des Solides, Faculté des Sciences, Orsay (S& O)

#### Received 31 March 1964

This note discusses the excitations of low energy  $\epsilon \ll \Delta_{\infty}$  (where  $\Delta_{\infty}$  is the gap in zero field) which exist near an Abrikosov vortex line 1) in a pure superconductor of type II. The energy gap  $\epsilon_0$  for these excitations is very small  $\epsilon_0 \sim \Delta_{\infty}^2 / E_F$  (where  $E_F$  is the Fermi energy. Above  $\epsilon_0$  the density of states is finite and comparable to that of a cylinder of normal metal of radius  $\xi$  (the coherence length). These low lying states will play a major role in the discussion of transport and relaxation phenomena in type II superconductors at low temperatures.



states should be observed.

C. Caroli, P. G. de Gennes, J. J. Matricon, J. Phys. Lett. 9, 307-309 (1964).

To observe the discrete CdGM states, it must be

### in the **Quantum Limit**

$$\frac{T}{T_{\rm c}} \ll \frac{\varDelta}{E_{\rm F}} \sim \frac{1}{k_{\rm F}\xi_0}$$

This is very hard in conventional supercond uctors, because  $\Delta/E_F \sim 10^{-3}$ . Quantum limit w ould mean T $\leq 10$  mK.



H. F. Hess, et al., PRL 64, 2711 (1990).

F. Gygi, and M. Schluter, PRB 43, 7609 (1991).

For 53 years, the discrete CdGM bound states with different energy levels have not been really observed!  $E_{CdGM} = \mu \frac{\Delta^2}{E}$ 

#### Low-Lying Quasiparticle Excitations around a Vortex Core in Quantum Limit

N. Hayashi, T. Isoshima, M. Ichioka, and K. Machida. Phys. Rev. Lett.80, 2921 (1998).

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1}{2k_{\rm F}\xi_0} \nabla^2 - E_{\rm F} \end{bmatrix} u_j(\mathbf{r}) + \Delta(\mathbf{r})v_j(\mathbf{r}) = E_j u_j(\mathbf{r})$$
$$- \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1}{2k_{\rm F}\xi_0} \nabla^2 - E_{\rm F} \end{bmatrix} v_j(\mathbf{r}) + \Delta^*(\mathbf{r})u_j(\mathbf{r}) = E_j v_j(\mathbf{r})$$





$$E_{\mu} = \mu \Delta^2 / E_{\rm F}$$
  
 $\mu = 1/2, 3/2, 5/2, ...$ 

The particle-hole asymmetry in the vortex bound states in the quantum limit for single band. N. Hayashi, T. Isoshima, M. Ichioka, and K. Machida, Phys. Rev. Lett. 80 2921 (2000).

#### Sub-gap states in cuprate

#### Revisiting the vortex-core tunnelling spectroscopy in $YBa_2Cu_3O_{7-\delta}$

Jens Bruér,<sup>1</sup> Ivan Maggio-Aprile,<sup>1</sup> Nathan Jenkins,<sup>1</sup> Zoran Ristić,<sup>1</sup> Andreas Erb,<sup>2</sup> Christophe Berthod,<sup>1</sup> Øystein Fischer,<sup>1</sup> and Christoph Renner<sup>1,\*</sup>



Nat. Commun. 7, 11139(2016).



#### S. H. Pan et al., Nature 85, 1536(1996).

- Two symmetric peaks around zero bias
- It appears inside and outside vortex core, could be competing order
- E<sub>F</sub> not well defined in cuprates

## **STM/STS** measurements

$$I = \frac{4\pi e}{\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ f(\varepsilon - eV) - f(\varepsilon) \right] \rho_s(\varepsilon) \rho_t(\varepsilon - eV) \left| M \right|^2 d\varepsilon$$



## Spatial mapping

- $I/V \rightarrow Image$
- $dI/dV \rightarrow LDOS$
- d<sup>2</sup>l/dV<sup>2</sup> → interaction between the electrons and the bosonic excitations
- Fourier transform: from real space to momentum space

# FeTe<sub>0.55</sub>Se<sub>0.45</sub>



5 nm



# Post anneal the sample to achieve the best SC transition, before the STM study.









Full gap structure

It shows one or two coherence peaks

### M. Y. Chen, et al., Nature Communications 9, 970 (2018).

#### Three discreet energy levels on positive bias (about 20% vortices)







The peak position does not shift spatially until out of the vortex core region.

M. Y. Chen, H. Yang, HHW et al Nature Commun. 9, 970(2018).



All peak energies of the 1<sup>st</sup> peak at (a) positive and (b) negative bias. *Taking the average value* 

 $E_{1/2} = \Delta^2/2E_F \approx 0.45 \text{ meV}$ 

∆ = 1.1 to 2.1 meV

 $E_{\rm F}$  = 1.3 to 4.9 meV



#### The possible nature of the asymmetry of the observed CdGM states



The asymmetric spectrum and different features on the positive and negative energy si de are induced by the existence of shallow electron and hole bands with different Fermi energies Lubashevsky, ...,Kanigel A, Nat. Phys. 8, 309-312 (2012).

## Some quantitative estimate:

$$\xi \approx \frac{\hbar v_F}{\pi \Delta_s} \qquad E_F = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar^2 k_F^2}{2m} \qquad \frac{\Delta}{E_F} = \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{1}{\xi k_F} \approx \frac{1}{\xi k_F}$$
$$\frac{T}{T_c} << \frac{\Delta}{E_F} \approx \frac{1}{\xi k_F} \qquad \text{Quantum limit}$$

T = 400 mK, and

 $T/T_{\rm c} \approx 0.03$ ,  $1/k_{\rm F}\xi_0 \approx 0.3$  to 0.6

Using  $\xi_0 = 25 \text{ Å}, k_F(\alpha \text{-band}) = 0.07 \text{ Å}^{-1}, k_F(\theta \text{-band}) = 0.12 \text{ Å}^{-1}$ 



Some spectra (~40-50%) show a single peak near zero  $\mu_0 H = 4 T$ 



Freek Massee, et al. Science Advances 1, e1500033 (2015)

#### M. Y. Chen, H. Yang, HHW et al. Nature Commun. 9, 970(2018).



V (mV)

We have measured more than 30 vortices in total before Dec. 2017, about 20% of them show the discrete energy levels. Quite some vortices show the asymmetric single peak at a positive energy and near zero-bias.

#### Observation of pristine Majorana bound state in iron-based superconductor FeTe0.6Se0.4

Robust and clean Majorana zero mode in the vortex core of high-temperature superconductor (Li0.84Fe0.16)OHFeSe





Dongfei Wang, Lingyuan Kong, Hong Ding\*, and Hongjun Gao\*, et al. Science, eaao1797 (2018)

Q. Liu, C. Chen, T. Zhang\*, D. L. Feng\* et al., Phys. Rev. X 8, 041056 (2018)



Theoretically it was proposed that the downward shifted  $p_z$  band due to the Te substitution will cross the  $d_{xz}$  band near Fermi energy. Because of the strong spin-orbital coupling effect and the parity feature of these bands, a topological surface state exists with a spin-helical texture.

- X. Wu, S. Qin, Y. Liang, H. Fan, and J. Hu, Phys. Rev. B 93, 115129 (2016).
- P. Zhang, … H. Ding, and S. Shin, Science 360, 182 (2018).

# How to reconcile with the IOP and RIKEN data in $FeTe_{0.6}Se_{0.4}$ ? Check with more vortices 200x200 nm<sup>2</sup>











6.0 T









Some typical vortices with the ZBCP

X. Y. Chen et al., arXiv.1909.01686

In the same area we measured the vortex core states under different magnetic fields, and try to have statistics on the probability of the ZBCP (criterion: peak within  $\pm 0.1$ meV)



0.5 T	5/15
1 T	8/33
2 T	21/120
4 T	18/160
6 T	23/240

Xiaoyu Chen, HHW et al. arXiv.1909.01686



T Machida, T. Hanaguri, et.al Nat. Material. 18, 811(2019). The higher percentage is probably due to

- More Te concentration in their samples
- Lower temperature with higher energy resolution



20.2 nm

#### Magnetic field dependence of the ZBCP

(a) (b) *B*=0 T *B*=1.0 T *B*=0 T B=2.0 T *B*=0.5 T -*B*=2.0 T B=0.5 T *B*=4.0 T *B*=1.0 T *B*=6.0 T 6 10 d//d // (a.u.) d//d // (a.u.) 4 5 2 0 0 -4 -2 0 2 -2 -6 4 6 -6 -4 0 2 4 6 Bias (mV) Bias (mV)

The ZBCP could be due to Majorana mode. The split by field could be induced by the interaction. Some times the zero-bias peak (Majorana-mode) appears at high magnetic field, for example at B = 6.0 T







The ZBCP is very fragile to thermal effect, disappears at about 4K.





Xiaoyu Chen, HHW et al. arXiv.1909.01686

## Vortices with zero energy modes

























#### Vortices without zero energy modes



No clear correlation between the appearance of Majorana modes and local surface concentration of Te/Se.

# **Concluding remarks**

- Discrete energy levels of Caroli-de Gennes-Martricon states have been observed in some vortex cores of  $FeTe_{0.55}Se_{0.45}(E_{1/2}, E_{3/2}, E_{5/2})$  in the quantum limit due to small Fermi energy, small value of  $E_F/\Delta$  would imply the BCS-BEC crossover.
- In some vortices of Fe(Te,Se), we confirmed the ZBCP which does not behave as the usual CdGM states. This could be due to the Majorana mode, or due to the multiband effect. The ZBCP has sensitive temperature, magnetic field and environment dependence.





- M. Y. Chen, H. Yang, HHW et al., Nature Commun. 9, 970(2018).
- X. Y. Chen, H. Yang, HHW et al., arXiv. 1909.01686.

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#### **Topological superconductor (TSC):**

- 3D TSCs: Possess a pairing gap with odd parity in the bulk; Gapless surface states consisting of Majorana fermions; Within the vortex core there is Majorana mode (zero energy mode)
- 2D TSCs: Spin helical edge state, a finite DOS at zero energy
- 1D TSCs: helical SC chain, MZMs show at the two terminals
- M. Z. Hasan, C. L. Kane, *Rev. Mod. Phys.* 82, 3045-3067 (2010)
- X. L. Qi & S. C. Zhang, RMP 83, 1057 (2011)
- M. Sato, Y. Ando, *Rep. Prog. Phys.* 80, 076501 (2017)

## Majorana Feimion: $\gamma = \gamma^+$ , non-abelian statistics

## Some routes toward a TSC:

- Proximity effect: nanowire/SC, TI/SC heterostructure: Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>/NbSe<sub>2</sub>, Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>/Bi2212
- 2. Dope a TI: Cu<sub>x</sub>Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>, Sr<sub>x</sub>Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>, Sn<sub>1-x</sub>In<sub>x</sub>Te
- 3. Superconductor with topological band structure itself Fe(Te,Se)
- 4. Pressurize a TI: Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>, Bi<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub>, Sb<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>, Sb<sub>2</sub>Te

## Majorana fermions in 1D system



#### Zero-bias conduction peak

V. Mourik et al., Science 336, 1003–1007 (2012).

#### LDOS(a.u.) Shiba Н $-\Delta_s 0 + \Delta_s$ E=0 0.36\(Delta 0.9\) Energy 600 75 dl/dV (nS) 50 02 400 dl/dV (nS) 25 5 -5 0 Energy (meV) 150 Ε 200 dl/dV (nS) 0\_5 50 0 Energy (meV) -5 0 Energy (meV)

Stevan Nadj-Perge et al. *Science* **346**, 602-607 (2014).

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#### Majorana quasi-particle



H. Kim, R. Wiesendanger\* et al. Sci. Adv. 4, eaar5151 (2018).

## PHYSICAL REVIEW B **90**, 100509(R) (2014)

#### Odd-parity topological superconductor with nematic order: Application to Cu<sub>x</sub>Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>

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Time-reversal-invariant (*T*-invariant) topological superconductors in two and three dimensions are a new class of unconventional superconductors which exhibit a full superconducting gap in the bulk and gapless helical quasiparticles on the boundary

We predict that the spin-orbit interaction associated with hexagonal warping plays a crucial role in pinning the two-component order parameter and makes the superconducting state generically fully gapped, leading to a topological superconductor.

 $\Delta^{o}(\mathbf{k}) = \vec{d}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \vec{\sigma}$ , where  $\vec{d}(\mathbf{k}) = -\vec{d}(-\mathbf{k})$ . Odd parity gap

	$\Delta_{1a}$	$\Delta_{1b}$	$\Delta_2$	$\Delta_3$	$\Delta_{4x}$	$\Delta_{4y}$
Irreducible representation	$A_{1g}$	$A_{1g}$	<i>A</i> <sub>1<i>u</i></sub>	A <sub>2u</sub>	$E_u$	
Pairing potential	$\sigma_0$	$\sigma_{x}$	$\sigma_y s_z$	$\sigma_{z}$	$\sigma_y s_x$	$\sigma_y s_y$
d-vector	-		$\sim (\lambda k_x, \lambda k_y, k_z)$	$\sim (-\lambda k_y, \lambda k_x, 0)$	$\sim (k_z, 0, -\lambda k_x)$	$\sim (\varepsilon k_x, -k_z, \lambda k_y)$
Parity	even	even	odd	odd	odd	
Topo. SC	no	no	yes	yes	yes	
Nematic SC	no	no	no	no	yes	



#### S. Yonezawa et al. Cond. Matt. Physics. 2019

# Possible two-fold symmetry in Cu<sub>x</sub>Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>





The two-fold superconductivity corresponds to the topological SC phase.

L. Fu, Phys. Rev. B 90, 100509(R) (2014) NMR

Matano K., et al. Nat. Phy. doi:10.1038/nphys3781 (2016)

#### **Specific heat**

Yonezawa S., et al., *Nat. Phys.* **13**, 123-126 (2017).

#### How about the bulk superconductivity in Sr<sub>x</sub>Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>?

Superconducting properties of sample 1



#### T<sub>c</sub> = 2.78 K

Magnetic screening volume is about 92.4%

G. Du, HHW et al., Sci. China PMA60, 037411 (2017). This configuration allows the current flowing always perpendicular to c-axis The angular dependence of resistivity of sample 1-3 measured at various fields and temperatures.

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a, c, e are measured at 1.9 K.
b, d, f are measured at 0.5 T.
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The maximum resistivity directions at 0.5 T and 1.9 K are defined as  $\theta^{max}$ . For S1, S2, and S3,  $\theta^{max}$ values are around 86.3°, 86.7°, and 3.9°, respectively.



The maximum direction of the superconducting gap  $(\theta^{min}$  for resistivity).



The maximum direction of the superconducting gap is either parallel or perpendicular to the main crystallographic axis.

# Comparison with an iron based superconductor with isotropic superconductor



Sr<sub>x</sub>Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>

Ba<sub>0.65</sub>K<sub>0.35</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>As<sub>2</sub> single crystal in-plane isotropic superconductor

- The resistivity of  $Ba_{0.65}K_{0.35}Fe_2As_2$  is zero below 35 K and quickly increase to the value of the normal state above 36 K.
- The simple dumbbell-shaped feature which is observed in the experiment of Sr<sub>x</sub>Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub> is absent in the data of Ba<sub>0.65</sub>K<sub>0.35</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>As<sub>2</sub>.

## Drive the Dirac Electrons into Cooper Pairs in $Sr_{x}Bi_{2}Se_{3}$



 $T_c = 3 \text{ K.}$  $\mu_0 H_{c2} = 3.5 \text{ T.}$ 

Magnetic screening volume is about 91.6% at 1.8K.

*G. Du, HHW et al., Nat. Commun.* **8**, 14466 (2017)

#### Area with intercalated Sr impurities (Sr clusters)

STS spectra with superconducting gapped feature



G. Du, Hai-Hu Wen et al., Nat. Commun. 8, 14466 (2017)

## Full superconducting gaps and theoretical fittings

2.5



Fitting with two components associating with double gaps (s & ani-s wave).

A combination of the s wave with the weight of 27% and the ani-s wave gap with the weight of 73% turns out to give the best fit.

$$I(V) \propto \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}\varepsilon \int_{0}^{2\pi} \mathrm{d}\theta [f(\varepsilon) - f(\varepsilon + eV)] \times \mathrm{Re} \left\{ \frac{\varepsilon + eV - i\Gamma}{[(\varepsilon + eV - i\Gamma)^2 - \Delta^2(\theta)]^{1/2}} \right\},$$

27% S-wave 73% anisotropic S-wave

# Temperature and magnetic field dependence of tunneling spectra, and the Landau levels.



#### The variation of LL oscillations with magnetic field.



*G. Du, HHW et al., Nat. Commun.* **8**, 14466 (2017)

## Surface Dirac electrons are driven into Coopers by the selfproximity effect. The bulk SC gap has certain anisotropy.



#### G. Du, HHW et al., Nat. Commun. 8, 14466 (2017)

## Topological insulator/superconductor heterostructure

Jinfeng Jia's group

#### Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>/NbSe<sub>2</sub>



Proximity effect induced superconductivity.

3.5

dl/dV (0.1 nA/V)

This unusual splitting behavior could be possibly due to the Majorana fermion zero mode.

vortex core is spin polarized. The spin selective Andreev reflection is observed.

M.X. Wang, Science 336, 52-55 (2012). J.P. Xu, et. al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **114**, 017001 (2015). Hao-Hua Sun, et. al., PRL 116, 257003 (2016).

# Bi<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub> thin films on the FeTe<sub>0.55</sub>Se<sub>0.45</sub>





Α

4

3

2

d//dV (a.u.)







# **Quasiparticle Interference (QPI), or FT-STS**

#### **QPI** in a metal

$$w(i \rightarrow f) \propto \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |V(\vec{q})|^2 n_i(E_i, \vec{k}_i) n_f(E_f, \vec{k}_f)$$

M. Crommie *et al.*, Nature 363, 524 (1993).



## **QPI in SC: Bogoliubov QPs**

$$E_{\pm}(\vec{k}) = \pm \sqrt{\varepsilon(\vec{k})^2 + \left| \Delta(\vec{k}) \right|^2}$$

 $w(i \to f) \propto \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \left\| u_{k_i} u_{k_f}^* \pm v_{k_i} \mathbf{v}_{k_f}^* \right\| V(\vec{q}) \right\|^2 n_i(E_i, \vec{k}_i) n_f(E_f, \vec{k}_f)$ 

$$u_{k} = \frac{\Delta(k)}{\left|\Delta(k)\right|} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon(k)}{E(k)}\right)}; v_{k} = \sqrt{1 - u_{k}^{2}}$$



T. Hanaguri et al. Science323, 923(2009).

# The QPI intensity appears along one of the $\Gamma\mbox{-}K$ directions below the gap



M. Y. Chen, X. Y. Chen, Huan Yang, HHW et al.. Sci. Adv. 4, eaat1084 (2018).



## **Control experiment: another set of measurements Fermi surface becomes six-fold beyond the gap.**



- Elongated vortices, due to two-fold SC gap. The elongated direction is along one of the a-axis.
- Fermi velocity is six-fold or isotropic, not due to the Fermi velocity problem.
- Along a-axis, the core state is always sitting at zero bias, with a small tail of splitting. While along the perpendicular direction, the central peak splits into two, as usual.



By increasing energy, the vortex image changes from one bar to two within the gap. While the vortex shape becomes roughly round outside the gap region.

M. Y. Chen, X. Y. Chen, Huan Yang, HHW et al.. Sci. Adv. 4, eaat1084 (2018).

### **Nematic Skyrmions in odd-Parity Superconductors**

A. A. Zyuzin, Julien Garaud, and Egor Babaev

Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 167001 (2017)



Vortex with two half chiral spin cores? The spin degeneracy is lifted here.

# **Concluding Remarks**

- Superconductivity has been induced in Bi<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub> thin film deposited on FeTe<sub>0.55</sub>Se<sub>0.45</sub> by proximity effect.
- QPI illustrates directly a twofold gap feature with the minimum gap along one of the main axes, supporting the D<sub>4v</sub> pairing manner.
- Elongated vortex has been observed, supporting the twofold symmetric SC measured by QPI.
- Combining with theory, we believe an uniform SC state with odd pairity has been easily made and proved.

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# **Collaborators**

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 Kejin Ran, Jingsheng Wen @ NJU
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Thank you for your attention!