# Fermi surfaces and quantum oscillations in the underdoped high-*T<sub>c</sub>* superconductors YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6.5</sub> and YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>

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We study underdoped high- $T_c$  superconductors YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6.5</sub> and YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub> using first-principles pseudopotential methods with additional Coulomb interactions at the Cu atoms and obtain Fermi-surface pocket areas in close agreement with measured Shubnikov-de Haas and de Haas-van Alphen oscillations. With antiferromagnetic order in CuO<sub>2</sub> planes, stable in the calculations, small hole pockets are formed near the so-called Fermi-arc positions in the Brillouin zone, which reproduce the low-frequency oscillations. A large electron pocket, necessary for the negative Hall coefficient, is also formed in YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6.5</sub>, giving rise to the high-frequency oscillations as well. Effective masses and specific heats are also calculated. Our results highlight the important role of magnetic order in the electronic structure of underdoped high- $T_c$  superconductors.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

The normal-state electronic structures of the underdoped high- $T_c$  superconductors have been studied for more than twenty years, but the Fermi-surface (FS) topology is still only partially understood.<sup>1-14</sup> An important observation is the disconnected FSs,<sup>1,2</sup> namely, Fermi arcs observed in angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES), which initiated intense investigations about whether the FSs are really disconnected arcs or closed pockets of which one side is hardly visible in ARPES. Recently, in contrast to having Fermi arcs, de Haas-van Alphen (dHvA) oscillations in the magnetization and Shubnikov-de Haas (SdH) oscillations in the resistance<sup>3–7</sup> observed in ortho-II YBa2Cu3O6.5 and YBa2Cu4O8 suggest well-defined close pockets in the FS of underdoped high- $T_c$ cuprates. The measured oscillations for YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6.5</sub> are a dominant one at  $500 \pm 20$  T with a satellite at  $1650 \pm 40$  T (Ref. 5) and, more recently, a dominant oscillation at  $540 \pm$ 15 T with satellites at  $450 \pm 15$ ,  $630 \pm 40$ , and  $1130 \pm 20$  T.<sup>6</sup> For YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, oscillation at  $660 \pm 15$  T is observed.<sup>7</sup>

The measured dHvA and SdH oscillations provide extreme cross-sectional areas of closed FS pockets,<sup>18</sup> but they alone are not enough to identify the shapes and locations of the pockets. Thus a quantitative theoretical calculation of the FS geometry can be useful to determine the FS topology. First-principles calculations based on the density-functional-theory (DFT) approach have been performed for YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6.5</sub> and YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>,<sup>8.9</sup> but the calculated FSs could not explain the oscillation measurements. In contrast to the meansurements, reported DFT calculations predict only FS pockets much larger than 500 T and do not obtain the electron-type carriers implied by the observed negative Hall coefficients.<sup>10</sup>

According to model calculations,<sup>11–17</sup> antiferromagnetic (AFM) order, a *d*-density wave, or a stripe order may result in small pockets in regions of the FS. Although using DFT, one may examine static magnetic order using spin-density-functional theory;<sup>19</sup> as yet, no magnetic order has been considered in the reported DFT calculations of YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6.5</sub> and YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>.

In this paper, we present first-principles DFT calculations of  $YBa_2Cu_3O_{6.5}$  and  $YBa_2Cu_4O_8$  with a Coulomb repulsion *U* at Cu sites, which yield FSs consistent with the dHvA and SdH measurements. We show that with physically reasonable *U* values, the AFM order in the CuO<sub>2</sub> planes reconstructs the FS and produces pockets with sizes consistent with the measured frequencies. Moreover, the calculated FS of  $YBa_2Cu_3O_{6.5}$  has a large electron pocket that explains the observed negative Hall coefficients. In addition, cyclotron effective masses and specific heats are calculated and compared with experiments. Our results support the possible importance of magnetic order in the electronic structures of underdoped high- $T_c$  cuprates.

### II. FERMI SURFACE OF ORTHO-II YBa2Cu3O6.5

Our present work is based on *ab initio* pseudopotential density-functional calculations with pseudo-atomic orbitals to expand the electronic wave functions.<sup>20</sup> Coulomb interaction at Cu *d* orbitals, parameterized by *U* and J,<sup>21</sup> is added to the local (spin) density approximation [L(S)DA + *U*]. With experimental atomic structures<sup>22,23</sup> we minimize the total energy with respect to the magnetic moments of Cu atoms in the CuO<sub>2</sub> planes and CuO chains to consider the possibility of AFM order. Our results are that YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub> is an AFM insulator (using U = 8.0 eV and J = 1.34 eV) and YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub> is a nonmagnetic metal (using U = J = 0).

Using the LDA + U method with no magnetic order, we obtain the electronic structure for YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6.5</sub> [see Figs. 1(a) and 1(b)], which are in good agreement with previous calculations.<sup>8</sup> The FS has only large hole pockets and open orbits [see Fig. 1(b)], however, this is not in agreement with the observed quantum oscillations.

When magnetic order is considered in the LSDA + U calculations for YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6.5</sub>,  $(\pi, \pi)$  AFM order is stabilized in the CuO<sub>2</sub> planes with neighboring Cu magnetic moments pointing in opposite directions, and this drastically changes the electronic structures [see Figs. 1(c) and 1(d)]. With U = 6.0 eV and J = 1.0 eV each Cu atom in the CuO<sub>2</sub> plane has 0.48 Bohr magneton ( $\mu_B$ ), while the CuO chains are still nonmagnetic.



FIG. 1. (Color online) Electronic structures in ortho-II YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6.5</sub> with Coulomb interaction at Cu *d* orbitals (U = 6.0 eV and J = 1.0 eV). (a) The band structure and (b) the FS obtained by the LDA + *U* method with no magnetic order. (c) The band structure and (d) the FS obtained by the LSDA + *U* method with ( $\pi$ ,  $\pi$ ) AFM order in the CuO<sub>2</sub> planes. In (b) and (d), the FSs are drawn in the Brillouin zone of a real-space unit cell (0.383 × 0.387 nm<sup>2</sup>) containing a Cu atom on each CuO<sub>2</sub> plane. Blue (red) lines are hole pockets and open orbits (electron pockets). (e) FS pockets in (d). The  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha'$ , and  $\beta$  pocket areas are 485, 621, and 1450 T, respectively. The shape of the  $\alpha'$  pocket is close to the rounded square reported by the angle-dependent quantum oscillation measurement.<sup>33</sup> (f) Comparison with experimental FS pocket areas (630 T from Ref. 6 and 1650 T from Ref. 5) in dashed lines. A FS area of 1 nm<sup>-2</sup> corresponds to a frequency of 105 T.<sup>18</sup>

The FS [see Fig. 1(d)] now consists of small hole pockets ( $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  indicating two largest ones) and a large electron pocket ( $\beta$ ). The calculated pocket areas, which are not very sensitive to *U* and *J* around the used values, are in good agreement with the experimental observations [see Fig. 1(f)]. This shows that the AFM order<sup>24,25</sup> may be a way to quantitatively explain the measured dHvA and SdH frequencies.

Figure 1(d) shows that the hole pockets ( $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$ ) are located at  $(\pm \frac{\pi}{2}, \pm \frac{\pi}{2})$ , close to the positions of the Fermi arcs in the ARPES data.<sup>1,2</sup> This supports the idea that slow AFM fluctuation<sup>26</sup> may form hole pockets near  $(\pm \frac{\pi}{2}, \pm \frac{\pi}{2})$ , with their shapes possibly modified to form the arcs because of short-range fluctuation.<sup>11,12</sup> Figure 1(d) also shows that the electron pocket ( $\beta$ ) is much more anisotropic than the hole pockets ( $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$ ). This arises because the electron pocket is derived from CuO-chain states moving along the chain and CuO<sub>2</sub>-plane states moving perpendicular to the chain, while the hole pockets come from the CuO<sub>2</sub> plane only. To have an isotropic resistivity as observed in experiments at temperature



FIG. 2. (Color online) FS pocket sizes versus  $k_z$  and cyclotron effective masses in YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6.5</sub>. (a) FS pocket areas perpendicular to the  $k_z$  axis when the Fermi level is at the charge-neutrality level. (b) Hole and (c) electron pocket areas and their cyclotron effective masses as functions of the Fermi-level shift ( $\Delta E_F$ ) from the charge-neutrality level. The indexes  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha'$ , and  $\beta$  are the same as in Fig. 2(d). A FS area of 1 nm<sup>-2</sup> corresponds to a frequency of 105 T.<sup>18</sup>

below 80 K,<sup>3,27</sup> we find that the electron mean-free path for the CuO-chain states should be about one quarter of that for CuO<sub>2</sub>-plane states in the  $\beta$  pocket because of a difference in the group velocities. The presence of ordered CuO chains is essential for the metallicity of ortho-II YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6.5</sub>. With broken CuO chains we obtain an almost insulating phase for YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6.5</sub>.

For more detailed comparison, Fig. 2(a) shows the  $k_z$ dependence of FS pocket areas. The three largest extreme areas of hole pockets are 485 and 621 T at  $k_z = 0$  and 708 T at  $k_z = \pi/c$  [see Fig. 2(a)], which overestimate by about 15% the experimental low frequencies, 450, 540, and 630 T.<sup>6</sup> The largest extreme area of the electron pocket ( $\beta$ ) is 1450 T at  $k_z = 0$  [see Fig. 2(a)], and it underestimates by 12% the experimental high frequency, 1650 T.<sup>5</sup> If the Fermi level is shifted to higher energy, hole pockets would shrink and the electron pocket would expand [see Figs. 2(b) and 2(c)]. With a Fermi-level shift  $(\Delta E_F)$  of 4 meV above the charge-neutrality level, the extreme pocket sizes become 441, 564, and 652 T for the holes and 1519 T for the electron, respectively, resulting in closer agreement with experimental results. Since FS pocket areas change slowly with the AFM ordering vector,<sup>28</sup> our results using the  $(\pi, \pi)$  AFM order approximate incommensurate cases close to the  $(\pi, \pi)$  order.

We calculate the cyclotron effective masses [see Figs. 2(b) and 2(c)] and the electronic contribution to the normal-state specific heat from the LSDA + U electronic structure of YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6.5</sub>. The obtained cyclotron effective masses are 1.78 times the free electron mass  $(m_e)$  for the  $\alpha'$  pocket and 1.88  $m_e$  for the  $\beta$  pocket. These values are smaller than the measured values,  $1.78 \sim 1.9 m_e$  for the low frequency and 3.8  $m_e$  for the high frequency,<sup>3–5</sup> but they are consistent with experiments in the sense that the effective mass of the low-frequency oscillation (from the  $\alpha'$  pocket

in our result) is smaller than that of the high-frequency oscillation (from the  $\beta$  pocket in our result). The calculated Sommerfeld coefficient for the normal-state specific heat is 9.28 mJ mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-2</sup>, slightly smaller than the experimental value of 10 mJ mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-2</sup>.<sup>29</sup> The differences between our values and the measured ones may originate from many-body effects.

## III. HALL COEFFICIENTS OF ORTHO-II YBa2Cu3O6.5

The presence of the electron pocket in our FS [see Fig. 1(d)] definitely opens a chance of a negative Hall coefficient, but it alone is not sufficient since the total numbers of holes and electrons in our calculation are equal to each other to represent a charge-neutral stoichiometric sample. Since the Hall coefficient is inversely proportional to the net charge of the carriers, a slight imbalance of the two types of carriers would result in a relatively large Hall coefficient. With  $\Delta E_F = 4$  meV, as discussed above for the oscillation frequencies, we can obtain a negative Hall coefficient of -25 mm<sup>3</sup> C<sup>-1</sup> at 70 T [see Fig. 3(a)], close to the experimental value of about -30 mm<sup>3</sup> C<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>10</sup>

Figure 3 shows the Hall coefficients obtained by semiclassical transport theory within the relaxation-time approximation, assuming temperature-dependent but field-independent meanfree paths ( $\lambda$ ) and  $\Delta E_F = 4$  meV. At 50 K, we assume isotropic  $\lambda$  for holes, which are 40 nm for the  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  pockets and 10 nm for the other smaller pockets, and anisotropic  $\lambda$  for electrons ( $\beta$ ), which are 20 and 80 nm for CuO-chain and CuO<sub>2</sub>-plane states, respectively. At 1.5 K, they are increased to ten times the values at 50 K. These values of  $\lambda$  are adjusted to show a theoretical reproduction of the experimental data although they are quite a bit larger than those for SdH oscillation amplitudes. With the assumed  $\lambda$  the calculated Hall coefficient is negative at high magnetic field and low temperature, becoming positive at high temperature [see Fig. 3(b)], as in the experiment.<sup>10</sup>

The SdH oscillations are displayed in Fig. 3(a) by modifying the conductivity tensor  $\sigma_{ij}$  to include effects of the Landau levels.<sup>30</sup> The above mentioned mean free paths ( $\lambda$ ) are used for  $\sigma_{ij}$  itself; however, a reduction of  $\lambda$  by a factor of 0.05 is assumed for the modification factor of  $\sigma_{ij}$ for quantum oscillations yielding SdH oscillation amplitudes



FIG. 3. (Color online) Hall coefficients for YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6.5</sub>. (a) Hall coefficient vs magnetic field (B) at temperature T = 1.5 K with and without the SdH oscillation (red and blue lines, respectively). (b) Hall coefficient vs temperature at B = 60 T without considering the SdH oscillation.

close to experiments.<sup>10</sup> This may suggest that the quantum coherence is relaxed much faster than the classical linear momentum, but it is beyond the scope of our present work to justify the assumed  $\lambda$ . Nonetheless, our assumed  $\lambda$  of 20 nm at 1.5 K for SdH oscillations from the  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  pockets is consistent with 17 nm from measured dHvA oscillations.<sup>5</sup> In our results, the low-frequency  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  oscillations are much stronger than the high-frequency  $\beta$  oscillation since the average mean free time is larger for the holes than for the electrons even with the assumed  $\lambda$  because of the difference in their group velocities. Thus, the dominant oscillation in the Hall coefficient [see Fig. 3(a)] originates from the hole pockets although the Hall coefficient itself is negative at high field due to the electron pocket. Calculated SdH oscillations grow with the magnetic field [see Fig. 3(a)], as in experiments.<sup>10</sup>

Compared with model calculations considering magnetic fluctuations,<sup>11,12</sup> our results show that the presence of CuO chains in YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6.5</sub> is important for explaining the high-frequency quantum oscillation and the negative Hall coefficient. Since our results are based on a static long-range magnetic order stable in the LSDA + U method, fluctuations in real materials may modify the FS. As discussed above, one possibility is the evolution of the small-size hole pockets [ $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  in Fig. 1(d)] to arcs, as proposed by the model calculations.



FIG. 4. (Color online) Electronic structures in YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub> with Coulomb interaction at Cu *d* orbitals (U = 3.1 eV and J = 0.8 eV). (a) The LDA + U band structure and (b) the FS in the nonmagnetic case. (c) The LSDA + U band structure and (d) the FS with ( $\pi$ ,  $\pi$ ) AFM order in the CuO<sub>2</sub> planes. In (b) and (d), the FSs are drawn in the Brillouin zone of a real-space unit cell (0.384 × 0.387 nm<sup>2</sup>) containing a Cu atom on each CuO<sub>2</sub> plane. Blue (red) lines are hole pockets and open orbits (electron pockets). (e) FS pockets in (d). The  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha'$ , and  $\beta$  pocket areas are 721, 729, and 685 T, respectively. (f) Comparison with the measured FS pocket area (660 T from Ref. 7) in the dashed line.

While the *d*-density-wave theory predicts hole pockets larger than electron pockets, our result predicts an electron pocket larger than hole pockets and assigns FS pockets to the observed frequencies oppositely. Thus, in our work, the observed major frequency originates from small-size hole pockets, while the negative Hall coefficient is due to a large-size electron pocket.

## IV. FERMI SURFACE OF YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>

For  $YBa_2Cu_4O_8$ , as in the case of  $YBa_2Cu_3O_{6.5}$ , we obtain very different FSs with and without AFM order in the CuO<sub>2</sub> planes [see Fig. 4]. With the LDA + U method with U =3.1 eV and J = 0.8 eV for all Cu d orbitals we obtain a FS consisting of large hole pockets and open orbits [see Fig. 4(b)], which is consistent with previous first-principles calculations.<sup>31</sup> When the magnetic order is considered by the LSDA + U method with the same U and J, AFM order is stable in the CuO<sub>2</sub> planes with 0.22  $\mu_B$  at each Cu atom, and the FS consists of small hole pockets ( $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  indicating the two largest ones), open orbits, and small electron pockets ( $\beta$ ), as shown in Fig. 4(d). The calculated FS pocket areas are 721 ( $\alpha$ ), 729 ( $\alpha$ '), and 685 T ( $\beta$ ), which are close to the measured value 660 T<sup>7</sup>, overestimating it by about 10% or less. Contrary to YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6.5</sub>, the calculated FS pocket sizes in YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub> are sensitive to U and J around the used values. Calculated cyclotron effective masses, 0.45  $m_e$  for holes and 0.52  $m_e$ for electrons, are much smaller than the measured values of  $2.7 \sim 3.0 \ m_e^{-7}$ , but calculated Sommerfeld coefficient for the

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normal-state specific heat, 6.97 mJ mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-2</sup>, is rather close to the experimental value of 9 mJ mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-2</sup>.<sup>32</sup>

## V. CONCLUSION

We have studied the electronic structures of YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6.5</sub> and YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub> by the LSDA + U method, and the results yield FS topologies fully consistent with quantum oscillation measurements. It is shown that the magnetic order in the CuO<sub>2</sub> planes may explain quantitatively the dHvA and SdH oscillation frequencies, the negative Hall coefficients, and the specific heat. These results point to the importance of magnetic order for understanding the electronic structures of the underdoped high- $T_c$  cuprates.

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