# Effects of phonon interaction on pairing in high- $T_c$ superconductors

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We study the effects of phonon interaction on the superconducting pairing in the background of a *d*-wave gap, mediated by antiferromagnetic (AFM) spin fluctuations, using coupled BCS gap equations. We found that phonon interaction can induce a *s*-wave component to the *d*-wave gap in the (D+S) form with an interaction anisotropy and in the (D+iS) form without anisotropy, respectively. In either case, however,  $T_c$  is not enhanced compared to the pure *d*-wave pairing without phonon interaction. On the other hand, anisotropic phonon interaction can dramatically enhance the *d*-wave pairing itself and therefore  $T_c$ , together with the AFM spin fluctuation interaction. This  $(D_{AFM}+D_{ph})$  type pairing exhibits strongly reduced isotope coefficient despite the large enhancement of  $T_c$  by phonon interaction. Finally, we study the combined type of  $(D_{AFM}+D_{ph}+iS)$  gap and calculate the penetration depth and specific heat to be compared with the experiments.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

The problems of the high- $T_c$  superconductors (HTSC) have been mostly focused on the electronic correlations and phonons were usually considered as a secondary player at best. However, recent angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES) experiments revived the interest of the possibly important role of phonons in the high- $T_c$  cuprates (HTC).<sup>1</sup> In particular, the systematic measurements and analysis<sup>2</sup> of the kink structures in the quasiparticle dispersion near the Fermi surface (FS) proved that: (i) electron-phonon coupling is a strong candidate for the origin of the kink, (ii) the typical energy of the phonon(s) is ~40–70 meV, and (iii) the coupling matrix is quite anisotropic. Therefore, it is currently a pressing question what possible roles and effects, in particular, for the superconducting (SC) pairing, the phonon(s) can do in the HTC.

Although the SC gap symmetry in the high- $T_c$  cuprates is well established as a *d*-wave by most experiments, there are also continuous experimental reports such as tunneling conductance,<sup>3</sup> penetration depth measurements,<sup>4</sup> etc. that provide rather convincing evidence for a small magnitude of a *s*-wave component in addition to the dominant *d*-wave SC gap in some of the HTC compounds. Moreover it is well known that phonons mediate an attractive interaction between electrons and lead to an isotropic *s*-wave gap. Therefore, a more precise question would be: Is it possible to reconcile a *d*-wave gap and a *s*-wave gap together? If so, what is the role of phonon(s)?

While there is no consensus yet on the pairing mechanism for the *d*-wave gap in HTC, in this paper we assume that the antiferromagnetic (AFM) spin fluctuations are the mediating glue for the *d*-wave gap.<sup>5</sup> The key ingredient of this mechanism is that the sign changing character of the *d*-wave gap turns the all positive definite potential of the AFM spin fluctuations mediated interaction (we will call it "AFM interaction" for short from now on), in momentum space and in spin singlet channel, into an effectively attractive pairing interaction. From this point of view, it is clear that the phonon interaction and AFM interaction are antagonistic and difficult to work together to make a pairing because they tend to promote a different symmetry of the SC gap on each other.

An easy way to reconcile the *d*-wave and *s*-wave gaps with two different pairing interactions would be to invoke two separate bands for each gap.<sup>6</sup> The similar idea for the two s-wave gaps was very successful for MgB<sub>2</sub> (Ref. 7) because two well-separated bands exist. However, in HTSC, numerous experiments, in particular ARPES measurements,8 show that there is only one main band crossing FS. Then any idea of having s-wave and d-wave gaps in the single band, induced by two very different pairing interactions, seems too naive. However, if the coupling matrix of phonon interaction possesses a strong anisotropy, this combined pairing problem is not a trivial one and needs systematic investigation with a traceable formulation. This problem has been already studied by many authors with different techniques and aims.<sup>1,9,10</sup> In this paper, we took the simplest approach and studied the coupled gap equations for multiple gaps of a single band with two pairing interactions, i.e., AFM interaction and anisotropic phonon interaction, within the BCS framework. More justification for this approach will be discussed in Sec. II. By numerical solutions, we extensively investigated the necessary conditions of the strength and the degree of anisotropy of phonon interaction for various multigap solutions.

We found that the (D+S)- and (D+iS)-type solutions are indeed possible with a proper degree of anisotropy of phonon interaction for each case. However,  $T_c$  is not enhanced at all in these cases even though an additional s-wave component is formed due to the phonon interaction. Another interesting possibility is that the anisotropic phonon interaction can induce an additional *d*-wave component  $(D_{ph})$  to the AFM interaction induced d-wave component  $(D_{AFM})$ . As a result,  $T_c$ is dramatically enhanced due to the phonon interaction. We then derived an analytic  $T_c$  equation for this  $(D_{AFM}+D_{ph})$ case and showed that phonon isotope effect can be strongly reduced due to the interplay between the AFM and phonon interactions despite the large increase in  $T_c$  by phonon. This result can explain a long-standing puzzle of the small phonon isotope effect in HTSC. In view of experiments,<sup>2</sup> the best anisotropic phonon can be the  $B_{1g}$  buckling phonon mode which fulfills all necessary qualifications for our model. A similar conclusion was obtained by other authors<sup>9</sup> using different approaches. We emphasize, however, that the final effect of phonons in HTC compounds should be determined by the sum of all important phonon contributions, which is beyond the scope of this paper.

Finally, we also considered the combined type of  $(D_{AFM} + D_{ph} + iS)$  gap which is a very natural solution of the coupled gap equations and shows features such as (i) large enhanced  $T_c$ , and (ii) appearance of a *s*-wave component at low temperatures. This type of gap will be a possible solution for the tunneling conductance experiment in YBCO.<sup>3</sup> Calculations of superfluidity density also demonstrated that  $(D_{AFM} + D_{ph} + iS)$  gap can explain the nonmonotonic temperature dependence of the penetration depth measurements in YBCO and LSCO compounds.<sup>4</sup>

## **II. FORMALISM**

The interplay between phonons and electronic correlations in HTSC has been studied by numerous authors using different theoretical approaches and models.<sup>1,9,10</sup> In this paper, we took a simple-minded approach with a specific question for this problem. Experiments tell us that after all correlation effects have taken place, the quasiparticles (qps) remain to form a FS.<sup>8</sup> Also, quite detailed properties of the AFM spin fluctuations and symmetry allowed phonons are experimentally measured;<sup>1</sup> these measured bosonic fluctuations are final outcomes after all interplays between them and correlation effects. Now on the phenomenological basis, we consider a qp band and the AFM spin fluctuations as a dominant pairing interaction. In addition to that we add anisotropic phonon interactions and we study the pairing instability of the model for several possible types of multigap solution using generalized BCS gap equations. In this approach, remaining interplay between spin fluctuations and phonons is ignored. The results of this paper should be taken with this caveat. The Hamiltonian is written as

$$H = \sum_{k\sigma} \epsilon(k) c_{k\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{k\sigma} + \sum_{kk'\uparrow\downarrow} V_{\text{AFM}}(k,k') c_{k\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{-k\downarrow}^{\dagger} c_{k'\downarrow} c_{-k'\uparrow},$$

$$\sum_{kk'\uparrow\downarrow} V_{\text{ph}}(k,k') c_{k\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{-k\downarrow}^{\dagger} c_{k'\downarrow} c_{-k'\uparrow}, \qquad (1)$$

where  $\epsilon(k)$  is the dispersion of the quasiparticles created by  $c_{k\sigma}^{\dagger}$  as standard notation.  $V_{AFM}(k,k')$  and  $V_{ph}(k,k')$  are the effective interactions, for the singlet superconducting pairing channel, originating from the AFM spin fluctuations and phonon(s), respectively. For traceable numerical calculations, we further simplify the above Hamiltonian as follows. The real two dimensional FS is simplified as a circular FS and the interactions are also modeled accordingly as follows:

$$V_{\rm AFM}(\Delta\phi) = V_M \frac{\phi_0^2}{(\Delta\phi \pm \phi_{\rm AFM})^2 + \phi_0^2}$$
(2)

and

$$V_{\rm ph}(\Delta\phi) = \begin{cases} -V_P & \text{for}|\Delta\phi| < \phi_{AN} \\ 0 & \text{for}|\Delta\phi| > \phi_{AN}, \end{cases}$$
(3)

where  $\Delta \phi = \phi - \phi'$  and  $\phi_{AFM} = \pi/2$  represent the exchanged momentum  $\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}'$  and the AFM ordering vector  $\mathbf{Q}$  in the circular FS, respectively.  $V_M$  and  $V_P$  are chosen to be positive so that  $V_{AFM}$  is all repulsive and  $V_{ph}$  is all attractive in momentum space.

The property of the AFM interaction with a short-range correlation is simulated with the inverse correlation length parameter  $\phi_0 [\lambda = (\pi a/\sqrt{2})\phi_0]$ . In this paper, we chose  $\phi_0 = 1(\lambda \sim 2a)$  for all numerical calculations, which is quite a short-range AFM correlation. The degree of anisotropy of the phonon interaction is controlled by the anisotropy angle parameter  $\phi_{AN}$  which restricts the scattering angle between incoming and outgoing qp momenta; for example,  $\phi_{AN} = \pi$  would allow a perfectly isotropic interaction. The phonon interaction  $V_{\rm ph}(\phi - \phi')$ , however, does not restrict the incoming ( $\phi$ ) and outgoing momenta ( $\phi'$ ). Now the reduced BCS Hamiltonian in the mean-field theory can be written as

$$H = \sum_{\phi\xi\sigma} \epsilon(\xi) c^{\dagger}_{\phi\xi\sigma} c_{\phi\xi\sigma} + \sum_{\phi\xi} \Delta^*_{\rm AFM}(\phi) c_{\phi\xi\downarrow} c_{-\phi\xi\uparrow} + \sum_{\phi\xi} \Delta^*_{\rm ph}(\phi) c_{\phi\xi\downarrow} c_{-\phi\xi\uparrow}, \qquad (4)$$

where  $\Delta_{AFM}(\phi)$  is the SC gap function induced by  $V_{AFM}$  and  $\Delta_{ph}(\phi)$  is the one induced by  $V_{ph}$ . The two gap functions  $\Delta_{AFM}(\phi)$  and  $\Delta_{ph}(\phi)$  may or may not have the same symmetry. After diagonalizing the above Hamiltonian we obtain two self-consistent equations as

$$\Delta_{\rm AFM}(\phi) = \sum_{\phi'\xi} V_{\rm AFM}(\phi - \phi') \langle c_{\phi\xi\downarrow} c_{-\phi\xi\uparrow} \rangle, \tag{5}$$

$$\Delta_{\rm ph}(\phi) = \sum_{\phi'\xi} V_{\rm ph}(\phi - \phi') \langle c_{\phi\xi\downarrow} c_{-\phi\xi\uparrow} \rangle. \tag{6}$$

Similar coupled gap equations were studied in previous studies.<sup>6</sup> The key difference is that our model has only one band. Then because the same band electrons should form the multigaps, there is severe competition between different gaps and more constraint to allow multigap solutions. In the next sections, we will consider several possible multigap solutions of the above coupled gap equations.

### A. (D+S) case

In this case, we assume  $\Delta_{AFM}(\phi) = \Delta_d \cos(2\phi)$  and  $\Delta_{ph}(\phi) = \Delta_s$ . This leads to the two coupled gap equations as follows:

$$\Delta_d(\phi) = -\sum_{\phi'} V_{\text{AFM}}(\phi - \phi') \Delta_t(\phi') \chi(\phi', \omega_{\text{AFM}}), \quad (7)$$

$$\Delta_{s}(\phi) = -\sum_{\phi'} V_{\rm ph}(\phi - \phi') \Delta_{t}(\phi') \chi(\phi', \omega_{p}), \qquad (8)$$

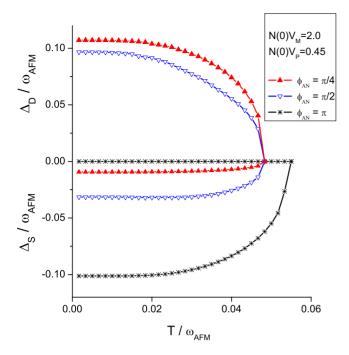


FIG. 1. (Color online) (D+S) case. Calculated magnitudes of *d*-wave components  $(\Delta_D/\omega_{AFM})$  and *s*-wave components  $(\Delta_S/\omega_{AFM})$  for different anisotropy angles  $\phi_{AN} = \pi/4$ ,  $\pi/2$ , and  $\pi$ . For all cases  $N(0)V_M = 2.0$ ,  $N(0)V_P = 0.45$ , and  $\omega_{ph}/\omega_{AFM} = 0.5$ .

$$\chi(\phi', \omega_{\rm AFM, ph}) = N(0) \int_0^{\omega_{\rm AFM, ph}} d\xi \frac{\tanh\left(\frac{E(\phi')}{2T}\right)}{E(\phi')}, \qquad (9)$$

where  $E(\phi) = \sqrt{\xi^2 + \Delta_t^2(\phi)}$ , and  $\Delta_t(\phi) = [\Delta_d \cos(2\phi) + \Delta_s]$  is the total gap function. N(0) is the density of states (DOS) at FS and  $\omega_{AFM,ph}$  are the BCS energy cutoffs of each pairing interaction,  $V_{AFM}$  and  $V_{ph}$ , respectively. Nonzero value of  $\Delta_s$ reduces the symmetry  $S_4$  of the pure *d*-wave gap to  $C_2$ ; namely, the nodal points shift away from diagonal directions and the sizes of the positive lobe and negative lobe of the total gap function  $\Delta_t(\phi)$  become different. We found that the coexistence of *d*- and *s*-wave gaps is possible only when  $V_{ph}(\phi - \phi')$  is strongly anisotropic; the minimum anisotropy of the phonon interaction is  $\phi_{AN} \le \pi/2$  for our model interaction of Eq. (3).

Figure 1 shows typical results of the (D+S) gap solution. The normalized *d*-wave gap  $\Delta_D/\omega_{AFM}$  and the *s*-wave gap  $\Delta_S/\omega_{AFM}$  are plotted for different values of anisotropy angle  $\phi_{AN} = \pi/4, \pi/2$ , and  $\pi$  with fixed values of coupling constants  $N(0)V_M = 2$  and  $N(0)V_P = 0.45$ . The effective dimensionless coupling constants  $\lambda_{AFM,ph}$  are smaller than these values which are defined below as a projected average with a SC gap function:

$$\lambda_{\text{AFM,ph}} = N(0) \frac{\sum_{\phi,\phi'} V_{\text{AFM,ph}}(\phi - \phi') \eta(\phi) \eta(\phi)}{\sum_{\phi} \eta^2(\phi)}, \quad (10)$$

where  $\eta(\phi) = \cos(2\phi)$  for *d*-wave gap and  $\eta(\phi) = 1$  for *s*-wave gap. For the chosen potential strengths  $N(0)V_M = 2$ 

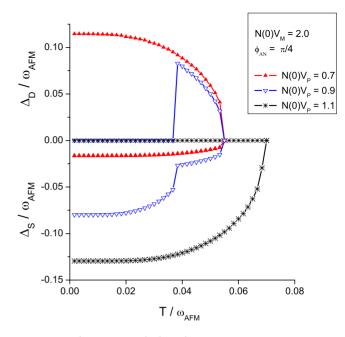


FIG. 2. (Color online) (D+S) case. Calculated magnitudes of *d*-wave components  $(\Delta_D/\omega_{AFM})$  and *s*-wave components  $(\Delta_S/\omega_{AFM})$  for different strengths of phonon interaction  $N(0)V_P$ =0.7, 0.9, and 1.1. For all cases  $N(0)V_M$ =2.0,  $\phi_{AN}=\pi/4$ , and  $\omega_{ph}/\omega_{AFM}=0.5$ .

and  $N(0)V_P=0.45$  in Fig. 1, the effective coupling strengths are  $\lambda_{\text{AFM},D}=0.332$  and  $\lambda_{\text{ph},S}=0.450$ , 0.338, and 0.198 for  $\phi_{AN}=\pi$ ,  $\pi/2$ , and  $\pi/4$ , respectively.

When  $\phi_{AN} = \pi$  (corresponding to a perfectly isotropic phonon interaction), solution is either a pure d-wave or a pure s-wave gap primarily depending on the strength of  $\lambda_{\text{AFM}}$  and  $\lambda_{ph}$ ; the final dominant instability is determined not only by the interaction strengths but also with the cut-off energy scales  $\omega_{AFM}$  and  $\omega_{ph}$ . In this case,  $\lambda_{ph,S}(=0.450)$  is much bigger than  $\lambda_{AFM,D}$  (=0.332), therefore a pure s-wave gap becomes a solution. Only when  $\phi_{AN} \leq \pi/2$  and  $\lambda_{ph,S}$  is not dominant over  $\lambda_{AFM,D}$  can a s-wave gap component coexist with a *d*-wave component. When these conditions are satisfied, no matter how weak the phonon interaction is, a finite s-wave component coexists over all the temperatures and shares the same transition temperature  $T_c$ . Also this  $T_c$  remains the same as the pure d-wave  $T_{c0}$  without the phonon interaction, regardless of the presence of  $\Delta_S$  and its magnitude. This somewhat unexpected result can be understood from the coupled gap equations [Eqs. (7) and (8)]. As far as the *d*-wave component is nonzero, which is the dominant pairing gap,  $T_c$  is determined solely by the d-wave gap equation [Eq. (7)] in the limit of  $\Delta_D, \Delta_S \rightarrow 0$ . In the opposite limit, namely, when  $\lambda_{ph,S}$  is dominant over  $\lambda_{AFM,D}$ , then even if  $\phi_{AN} \leq \pi/2$ , the *d*-wave gap is entirely suppressed and T<sub>c</sub> is determined solely by the s-wave gap equation [Eq. (8)].

In Fig. 2 we fixed the anisotropy angle  $\phi_{AN}(=\pi/4)$  and changed the coupling strength of phonon  $N(0)V_P(=0.7, 0.9, 1.1)$ . The variation of the magnitude of the *s*-wave gap  $\Delta_s$  can be understood with the effective coupling strength of  $\lambda_{\text{ph},s}$  (=0.31, 0.39, 0.48, respectively) compared to  $\lambda_{\text{AFM},D}(=0.332)$  as in Fig. 1. One peculiar feature occurs when  $N(0)V_P=0.9(\lambda_{\text{ph},s}=0.39)$  (down triangles). The higher

transition temperature  $T_{c,high}$  is understood as the coexistence cases of Fig. 1; although  $\lambda_{ph,S}(=0.39) > \lambda_{AFM,D}(=0.332)$ , the fact  $\omega_{\rm AFM} > \omega_{\rm ph}$  makes the *d*-wave pairing still slightly dominant at high temperatures. However at lower temperature one more transition occurs where the d-wave gap collapses to zero and the s-wave gap component makes a sudden increase. This abrupt change in gaps is a first-order transition and indicates that there are two competing local minima in the free energy. With temperature the global minimum changes from one local minimum to the other local minimum. This peculiar behavior is due to the closeness between  $\lambda_{AFM,D}$  and  $\lambda_{ph,S}$ , and yet the distance of the energy scale between  $\omega_{AFM}=1$  and  $\omega_P=0.5$  as we have chosen in our calculations (all energy scales are normalized by  $\omega_{AFM}$  in this paper) in this particular case. This is a rather artificial result of our model; nevertheless, it is an interesting behavior of the (D+S) type gap equations of Eqs. (7) and (8).

The summary for the (D+S) type gap is as follows: (i) the mixed type gap solution is possible if the phonon interaction has a proper anisotropy and its coupling strength is subdominant to the *d*-wave pairing strength; (ii) T<sub>c</sub> is not enhanced as far as the *d*-wave gap remains finite regardless of the presence and magnitude of the *s*-wave gap component.

#### B. (D+iS) case

In this case, we assume  $\Delta_{AFM}(k) = \Delta_d \cos(2\phi)$  and  $\Delta_{ph} = i\Delta_s$ . Accordingly,  $\Delta_t(\phi) = \Delta_d \cos(2\phi) + i\Delta_s$  and  $E(\phi) = \sqrt{\xi^2 + \Delta_d^2(\phi) + \Delta_s^2}$ . The gap equations are

$$\Delta_d(\phi) = -\sum_{\phi'} V_{\text{AFM}}(\phi - \phi') \Delta_t(\phi') \chi(\phi', \omega_{\text{AFM}}), \quad (11)$$

$$i\Delta_{s}(\phi) = -\sum_{\phi'} V_{\rm ph}(\phi - \phi')\Delta_{t}(\phi')\chi(\phi', \omega_{\rm ph}).$$
(12)

The main difference from the (D+S) case is that because of the phase *i* between  $\Delta_d(\phi)$  and  $\Delta_s$ , two gaps are only indirectly coupled through the quasiparticle energy  $E(\phi)$  in the pair susceptibility  $\chi(\phi, \omega_{M, ph})$ . Therefore the coupling of two gaps is much smoother than the (D+S) case. One consequence of this is that the gap equations can allow two transition temperatures  $T_{c,D}$  and  $T_{c,S}$  for each gap  $\Delta_D$  and  $\Delta_S$ , respectively. This feature is shown in Fig. 3 where  $N(0)V_M$ =2.0 ( $\lambda_{AFM,D}$ =0.332) and N(0)V<sub>P</sub>=0.55 are fixed and the anisotropy angle of phonon interaction  $\phi_{AN}$  is varied as  $\pi/4$ ,  $\pi/2$ , and  $\pi$  (correspondingly  $\lambda_{\text{ph},S}$ =0.243, 0.414 and 0.55). Main features are summarized as follows: (i) when  $\lambda_{ph,S}$  is too weak, the effect of phonon interaction is totally ignored and the gap and  $T_c$  is solely determined by the AFM interaction (see  $\phi_{AN} = \pi/4$  case); (2) when  $\lambda_{ph,S}$  is much stronger than  $\lambda_{AFM,D}$ , the *d*-wave gap is totally suppressed and the gap and  $T_c$  is determined solely by phonon interaction (see  $\phi_{AN} = \pi$  case). This behavior is similar to the (D+S) case; (iii) when the effective coupling strengths are comparable, namely  $\lambda_{AFM,D} \approx \lambda_{ph,S}$ , both *d*- and *s*-wave gaps have separate transition temperatures  $T_{c,D}$  and  $T_{c,S}$  and two gaps can coexist at low temperatures (see  $\phi_{AN} = \pi/2$  case). In this case,  $T_{c,D}$  is always the higher transition temperature and this transition temperature is just the same as the pure d-wave  $T_{c0}$ 

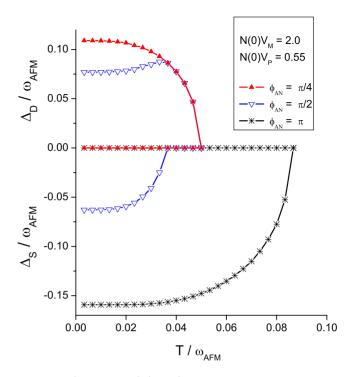


FIG. 3. (Color online) (D+iS) case. Calculated magnitudes of *d*-wave components  $(\Delta_D/\omega_{AFM})$  and *s*-wave components  $(\Delta_S/\omega_{AFM})$  for different anisotropy angles  $\phi_{AN} = \pi/4$ ,  $\pi/2$ , and  $\pi$ . For all cases  $N(0)V_M = 2.0$ ,  $N(0)V_P = 0.5$ , and  $\omega_{ph}/\omega_{AFM} = 0.5$ .

without phonon interaction. At the lower transition temperature  $T_{c,S}$ , the *s*-wave gap  $i\Delta_S$  opens and the size of *d*-wave gap  $\Delta_D$  decreases accordingly.

To clarify the roles of the anisotropy and the strength of phonon interaction, in Fig. 4 we fixed the anisotropy angle as  $\phi_{AN} = \pi$ , which simulates a perfectly isotropic phonon interaction, and varied the interaction strength. Figure 4 shows the results of these calculations. With  $N(0)V_M = 2.0(\lambda_{AFM} = 0.332)$ , we varied  $N(0)V_P$  (=0.3,0.4,0.5; accordingly  $\lambda_s = 0.3, 0.4, 0.5$ ). This plot demonstrates that the anisotropy of phonon interaction does not play a particular role in the case of the (D+iS) type gap. The mixed gap solution of the (D + iS) type is still possible when  $\lambda_{AFM,D}$  and  $\lambda_{ph,S}$  are of comparable strength regardless of the anisotropy of phonon interaction.

The summary for the (D+iS) type gap is as follows: (i) The mixed type gap solution is possible if the phonon interaction  $\lambda_{ph,S}$  is comparable but still subdominant to the AFM interaction strength  $\lambda_{AFM,D}$ . (ii) In contrast to the (D+S)case, separate two transition temperatures  $T_{c,D}$  and  $T_{c,S}$  exist for each gap  $\Delta_D$  and  $\Delta_S$ ;  $T_{c,D}$  is always higher than  $T_{c,S}$  and only below  $T_{c,S}$  do two gaps coexist. (iii) As in the (D+S)case,  $T_c$  is not enhanced as far as the *d*-wave gap remains finite regardless of the presence and magnitude of the *s*-wave gap component. (iv) Anisotropy of the phonon interaction is not particularly necessary.

## C. $(D_{AFM}+D_{ph})$ case

This is the case that phonon interaction also supports the d-wave pairing. Because it is clear that a perfectly isotropic

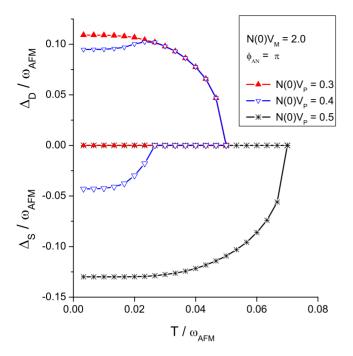


FIG. 4. (Color online) (D+iS) case. Calculated magnitudes of *d*-wave component  $(\Delta_d/\omega_{AFM})$  and *s*-wave component  $(\Delta_s/\omega_{AFM})$  for different strengths of phonon interaction  $N(0)V_P=0.3$ , 0.4, and 0.5. For all cases  $N(0)V_M=2.0$ ,  $\phi_{AN}=\pi$ , and  $\omega_{ph}/\omega_{AFM}=0.5$ .

phonon interaction has null effect on the *d*-wave gap, anisotropy of the phonon interaction is crucial for this case. The total gap is, therefore,  $\Delta_t(\phi) = (\Delta_{d1} + \Delta_{d2})\cos(2\phi)$  and the gap equations are written as

$$\Delta_{d1}(\phi) = -\sum_{\phi'} V_{\text{AFM}}(\phi - \phi') \Delta_t(\phi') \chi(\phi', \omega_{\text{AFM}}), \quad (13)$$

$$\Delta_{d2}(\phi) = -\sum_{\phi'} V_{\rm ph}(\phi - \phi') \Delta_t(\phi') \chi(\phi', \omega_{\rm ph}).$$
(14)

The two gap equations above can be combined to a single gap equation but we keep the separate form in order to trace the effect of the phonon interaction. In contrast to the previous cases,  $T_c$  can be dramatically enhanced when the phonon interaction  $V_{\rm ph}(\Delta\phi)$  has a proper degree of anisotropy. Other authors<sup>9</sup> also obtained a similar result using different approaches. In Fig. 5, we plot  $\Delta_{d1}$  and  $\Delta_{d2}$  separately; between the same symbols the smaller value is the phonon induced *d*-wave gap  $\Delta_{d2}$  and the larger one is the AFM induced d-wave gap  $\Delta_{d1}$ . We change the anisotropy angle of  $V_{\rm ph}(\Delta\phi)$  with the fixed interaction strengths of  $N(0)V_M$ =2.0( $\lambda_{AFM,D}$ =0.332) and N(0)V<sub>p</sub>=0.5. For the anisotropy angle  $\phi_{AN} = \pi/2$  and  $\pi$ , the phonon interaction has absolutely no effect on the *d*-wave pairing; this is simply because the d-wave projected average [Eq. (10)] becomes zero for these two commensurate angles with our model potential [Eq. (3)]. With a stronger anisotropy ( $\phi_{AN} = \pi/4$ ;  $\lambda_{ph,D} = 0.12$ ), the phonon scattering sees only a limited part of the d-wave gap, therefore the *d*-wave gap can be seen effectively as a *s*-wave gap for the anisotropic phonon. For an even stronger anisotropy ( $\phi_{AN} = \pi/8$ ;  $\lambda_{ph,D} = 0.098$ ), a very narrow scattering

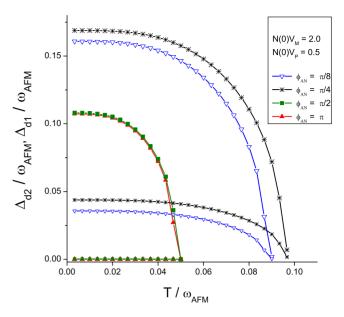


FIG. 5. (Color online)  $(D_{\rm AFM}+D_{\rm ph})$  case. Calculated magnitudes of  $D_{\rm AFM}$  component  $(\Delta_{d1}/\omega_{\rm AFM})$  and  $D_{\rm ph}$  component  $(\Delta_{d2}/\omega_{\rm AFM})$  for different anisotropy angles  $\phi_{AN}=\pi/8$ ,  $\pi/4$ ,  $\pi/2$ , and  $\pi$ . For all cases  $N(0)V_M=2.0$ ,  $N(0)V_P=0.5$ , and  $\omega_{\rm ph}/\omega_{\rm AFM}=0.5$ .

angle reduces the effective coupling strength. In our model potential,  $\phi_{AN} = \pi/4$  is the optimal anisotropy. In fact, even weaker anisotropy of  $\pi/4 < \phi_{AN} < \pi$ —except the special commensurate angles  $\phi_{AN} = \pi/2$  and  $\pi$ —produces some uncompensated effective interaction  $\lambda_{ph,D}$  and boosts the *d*-wave pairing. This is an artifact of the model potential [Eq. (10)] which always emphasizes the small angle scattering. Therefore, for some real phonons, it is possible to have a repulsive (destructive for *d*-wave pairing)  $\lambda_{ph,D}$  if large angle (around  $\Delta \phi = \pi/2$ ) scattering overweighs small angle scattering.

Figure 6 shows the results of total gap  $\Delta_{d-\text{tot}} = \Delta_{d1} + \Delta_{d2}$  with the optimal anisotropy angle  $\phi_{AN} = \pi/4$  and varying phonon coupling strength  $N(0)V_P = 0.0, 0.2, 0.4$ , and 0.6 ( $\lambda_{\text{ph},D} = 0.0, 0.047, 0.095$ , and 0.142, respectively). The results demonstrate that the relatively weak phonon interaction  $\lambda_{\text{ph},D}$  can significantly increase  $T_c$  from the pure AFM interaction induced  $T_{c0}$ .

Considering the experimental findings about phonons in the high- $T_c$  cuprates, the best candidate for the anisotropic pairing phonon is  $B_{1g}$  buckling mode of the plane oxygen motion.<sup>2</sup> Devereaux and co-workers extensively analyzed the behaviors of  $B_{1g}$  mode and found the following: (i)  $B_{1g}$  mode has a strong anisotropic coupling matrix element concentrated around antinodal points; (ii) the maximum coupling strength can reach as high as  $\lambda \sim 3$ . Compared to our model calculations, the optimal anisotropy for the *d*-wave pairing  $\phi_{AN} = \pi/4$  is just about the same degree of anisotropy of the  $B_{1g}$  mode. Regarding the coupling strength, for example, in Fig. 6 the maximum coupling strength  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  is  $N(0)V_p = 0.6$ and the corresponding average strength is  $\lambda_{ph,D} = 0.142$ . These values are much smaller than the ones extracted by Devereaux and co-workers<sup>2</sup> from ARPES. Larger values of coupling constants would be more realistic. With larger cou-

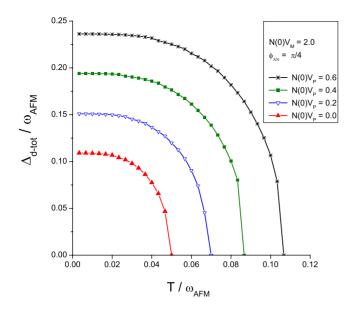


FIG. 6. (Color online)  $(D_{\rm AFM}+D_{\rm ph})$  case. Calculated magnitudes of the total *d*-wave gap  $(\Delta_{d-{\rm tot}}/\omega_{\rm AFM})$  for different strengths of phonon interaction  $N(0)V_P=0.0, 0.2, 0.4$ , and 0.6. For all cases  $N(0)V_M=2.0, \phi_{AN}=\pi/4$ , and  $\omega_{\rm ph}/\omega_{\rm AFM}=0.5$ .

pling strength  $[\lambda > O(1)]$ , the strong coupling correction becomes important which will be discussed later. However, even with the same phonon, the coupling strength extracted from ARPES experiments and the coupling strength for the pairing problem can be very different, in particular, due to the on-site Coulomb interaction.

Another important anisotropic phonon in Bi-2212 is the breathing mode which strongly interacts near the nodes. The effect of this phonon is partially included in our calculations because our model phonon interaction [Eq. (3)] only constrains the scattering angle by  $\phi_{AN}$  but does not constrain the incoming **k** and outgoing momenta **k'** ( $\phi$  and  $\phi'$  in our model). The anisotropic phonon scattering concentrating near nodes will be mostly canceled by the sign changing *d*-wave gap and will be of no importance for the *d*-wave pairing. For a realistic estimate of the phonon effects in HTC compounds, all important phonons should be included to calculate  $\lambda_{ph,D}$  using full coupling matrix elements. This is beyond the scope of the current paper.

Since we found that an anisotropic phonon can dramatically enhance  $T_c$  of *d*-wave pairing, we also consider the isotope effect of the phonon, which is reported to be anomalously small, in particular, near optimal doping region by many experiments.<sup>11</sup> For this purpose, Fig. 7 shows the calculated  $T_c$ 's (symbols) from Eqs. (13) and (14) as a function of the phonon energy cutoff  $\omega_{\rm ph}/\omega_{\rm AFM}$  for various phonon coupling strengths  $N(0)V_P=0.0$ , 0.2, 0.4, and 0.6, respectively. The BCS theory predicts  $T_c \sim \omega_{\rm ph}$  (isotope exponent  $\alpha$ =0.5), which should show up as linear lines in Fig. 7. Our numerical results show much weaker power than the linear one indicating  $\alpha < 0.5$ . For a more analytic investigation for the isotope effect and the origin of the  $T_c$  enhancement by phonon in the  $(D_{AFM}+D_{ph})$  case, we derived an analytic T<sub>c</sub> equation. The gap equations |Eqs. (13) and (14)| can reduce to a single  $T_c$  equation by adding two equations and taking a

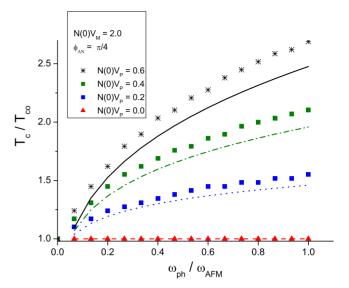


FIG. 7. (Color online)  $(D_{AFM}+D_{ph})$  gap.  $T_c$  (symbols) calculated as a function of  $\omega_{ph}/\omega_{AFM}$  for different strengths of phonon interaction  $N(0)V_P=0.0$ , 0.2, 0.4, and 0.6, normalized by  $T_{c0}$  the transition temperature with  $N(0)V_P=0.0$ . For all cases,  $N(0)V_M$  = 2.0 and  $\phi_{AN}=\pi/4$ . The lines are the results of the analytic formula of  $T_c$  [Eq. (15)]. The symbols and lines of the same colors have the same parameters set.

limit of  $\Delta_{d1}, \Delta_{d2} \rightarrow 0$ . The pair susceptibility  $\chi(\omega_{\text{AFM,ph}})$  [Eq. (9)] is integrated out using BCS approximation which is  $\int_{0}^{\omega_D} d\xi [\tanh \frac{\xi}{2T}] / \xi \approx \ln[2C\omega_D / \pi T]$  (C= $e^{\gamma} \approx 1.7807$ ), valid when  $\omega_D / 2T_c \gg O(1)$ . Finally we obtained the  $T_c$  formula of the  $(D_{\text{AFM}} + D_{\text{ph}})$  case as

$$T_c \simeq 1.13 \omega_{\rm AFM}^{\lambda_{\rm AFM}} \cdot \omega_{\rm ph}^{\lambda_{\rm ph}} e^{-1/\lambda_t}, \qquad (15)$$

where  $\lambda_t = (\lambda_{AFM} + \lambda_{ph})$ ,  $\lambda_{AFM} = \lambda_{AFM} / \lambda_t$ , and  $\lambda_{ph} = \lambda_{ph} / \lambda_t$ , and  $\lambda_{AFM}$  and  $\lambda_{ph}$  are the dimensionless effective coupling constants obtained from Eq. (10) with *d*-wave gap average for both couplings.  $\omega_{AFM}$  and  $\omega_{ph}$  are the energy cutoffs of the AFM interaction and phonon interaction, respectively. As mentioned above, this  $T_c$  formula is derived assuming  $\omega_{M,ph}/2T_c \ge O(1)$  and this condition is well satisfied when  $\lambda_t < O(1)$ . In Fig. 7, we also plot the results of  $T_c$ 's from Eq. (15) (lines) with the same parameters and compare them with the numerical calculations (symbols) from Eqs. (13) and (14). It shows a reasonably good agreement between two results although the deviations increase with increasing the coupling constant  $N(0)V_p$  (or  $\lambda_{ph,D}$ ) as expected. However, the overall and quantitative behavior of  $T_c$  is well captured by Eq. (15).

Now we are in position to read the phonon isotope coefficient  $\alpha$  from Eq. (15), which is

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}\tilde{\lambda}_{\rm ph} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{\lambda_{\rm ph}}{\lambda_{\rm AFM} + \lambda_{\rm ph}}.$$
 (16)

For example, with representative values of  $\lambda_{AFM}$ =0.33,  $\lambda_{ph}$ =0.1, and  $\omega_{ph}/\omega_{AFM}$ =0.5, we obtain  $\alpha \approx 0.116$ , which is a pretty small value compared to the standard BCS value of 0.5 while  $T_c$  is enhanced by about 100% from  $T_{c0}$ , the tran-

sition temperature without phonon interaction (see Fig. 7;  $N(0)V_P=0.6$  is  $\lambda_{ph}=0.142$ ). This isotope coefficient equation [Eq. (16)] provides a very plausible resolution why the isotope coefficient is so low near optimal doping region where  $T_c$  is the highest and increases toward underdoped regime (decreasing  $T_c$ ). The phonon coupling strength ( $\lambda_{ph}$ ) is likely unchanged with doping but the effective coupling strength of the AFM mediated interaction ( $\lambda_{AFM}$ ) will change sensitively with doping. If we assume that  $\lambda_{AFM}$  increases with increasing doping<sup>12</sup> but  $\lambda_{ph}$  remains constant, Eq. (16) describes the general trend of the experimentally observed oxygen isotope effect  $\alpha_0$ .<sup>11</sup> Although the isotope exponent [Eq. (16)] is the mean-field theory, the strong coupling correction of it is absent in leading order as will be seen in Eq. (17).

In order to stretch the applicability of  $T_c$  formula [Eq. (15)] to a realistic estimate of  $T_c$  for HTSC, we need to consider (i) the strong coupling effects and (ii) reliable estimate of the coupling constants  $\lambda_{AFM}$  and  $\lambda_{ph}$ . The first one requires, in principle, the solution of Eliashberg equation including frequency dependence. However, if the estimate of  $T_c$  is our interest, there is the well-tested Allen-Dynes'  $T_c$ formula,<sup>13</sup> which modified the BCS  $T_c$  formula including strong coupling effects. We can easily extend our  $T_c$  formula [Eq. (15)] according to Allen-Dynes. The difficult part is the second one-reliable estimate of coupling constants. These estimates are diverging among researchers. One source of discrepancy is that the anisotropic bosonic fluctuations contribute differently to different physical properties. For example, extracting the dimensionless coupling constant  $\lambda_{AFM}$ of AFM spin fluctuations, for example, can be very different from ARPES, resistivity, Raman spectra, respectively. The same difficulty applies to anisotropic phonon modes. Furthermore, when AFM spin fluctuations and phonon modes contribute together to these properties, it is a tricky task to extract the coupling constant of a specific bosonic mode. Keeping this caveat in mind, we list some of the estimates: The estimates of  $\lambda_{AFM}$  are 0.4–1.0 by Monthoux *et al.*,<sup>14</sup> 0.5–1.8 from ARPES by Johnson et al.,<sup>15</sup> and 0.2 by Kulic.<sup>16</sup> For  $B_{1q}$  phonon—which we consider the best candidate for the anisotropic pairing phonon mode—Devereaux et  $al.^2$  estimated from ARPES that the average  $\lambda_{ave} \sim 0.2$  but it varies from 0.2 to 2.3 depending on the position on the Fermi surface. On the other hand, a much larger value  $\lambda_{ave} \sim 2.0$  was estimated by Kulic<sup>16</sup> from resistivity and ARPES. Therefore, we think, at the moment, it is difficult to choose definite values of coupling constants.

The modified strong coupling  $T_c$  formula *a* la Allen-Dynes<sup>13</sup> is the following:

$$T_{c} \simeq \langle \omega_{\rm AFM} \rangle^{\lambda_{\rm AFM}} \cdot \langle \omega_{\rm ph} \rangle^{\lambda_{\rm ph}} e^{-Z/\lambda_{t}}, \qquad (17)$$

where Z is the wave function (quasiparticle) renormalization factor,  $Z=1+\lambda_{AFM,Z}+\lambda_{ph,Z}$  and  $\lambda_t=\lambda_{AFM}+\lambda_{ph}$ .  $\lambda_{AFM,Z}$  and  $\lambda_{ph,Z}$  are the *s*-wave projected averages of the respective interactions using Eq. (10) while  $\lambda_{AFM}$  and  $\lambda_{ph}$  are the *d*-wave projected ones of the same interactions. For isotropic *s*-wave pairing  $\lambda_Z=\lambda$ ,<sup>13</sup> but for anisotropic pairing, in general,  $\lambda_Z$  $>\lambda$  because the projected average with an anisotropic pairing wave function tends to reduce the averaged effective interaction. For example,  $\lambda_{AFM,Z}/\lambda_{AFM}>2$  and  $\lambda_{ph,Z}/\lambda_{ph}>2$ 

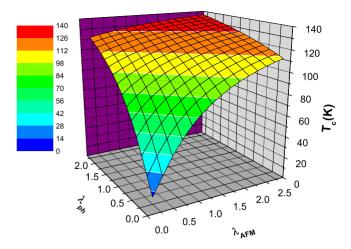


FIG. 8. (Color online) Calculated  $T_c$  including strong coupling correction using Eq. (17).  $\langle \omega_{\rm AFM} \rangle = 100$  meV and  $\langle \omega_{\rm ph} \rangle = 50$  meV are used.

for the case of *d*-wave pairing with typical anisotropy of  $V_{\text{AFM}}$  and  $V_{\text{ph}}$  interactions in our calculations. Therefore the suppression of  $T_c$  by strong coupling correction in the *d*-wave SC is much severe than in the case of the isotropic *s*-wave SC.

The prefactor energy scale  $\langle \omega \rangle$  is defined as the first moment of the spectral density  $\alpha^2 F(\omega)$  of a given bosonic mode.<sup>13</sup> When the bosonic mode has sharp spectral density at a specific frequency  $\omega_0$  as in optical phonon,  $\langle \omega \rangle \sim \omega_0$ . However when the spectral density  $F(\omega)$  has a broad tail after the peak frequency  $\omega_{sf}$  as in AFM fluctuations,  $\langle \omega_{AFM} \rangle$  can be much larger than  $\omega_{sf}$ . To provide guidance for possible comparison with HTSC experiments, we plot the calculated  $T_c$  in Fig. 8 using Eq. (17) for the range of  $\lambda_{AFM}$  and  $\lambda_{ph}$  values. We chose  $\langle \omega_{\rm ph} \rangle = 50$  meV, the experimental value of  $B_{1g}$ phonon, and  $\langle \omega_{\rm AFM} \rangle = 100 \text{ meV} \sim 2\omega_{sf}$ , twice of the typical spin fluctuation energy  $\omega_{sf} \sim 40-50$  meV. Keeping in mind the limitations of the  $T_c$  formula [Eq. (17)] discussed above, the main messages are the following: (i) increasing coupling constants, both  $\lambda_{AFM}$  and  $\lambda_{ph}$ , beyond a certain value, say >2, become quickly ineffective to increase  $T_c$  because of the large quasiparticle renormalization Z; (ii)  $T_c$  of ~100 K can be achieved by a combined pairing interaction of  $\lambda_{AFM}$  and  $\lambda_{ph}$  of practically acceptable values; (iii) further increasing coupling constants beyond  $\lambda_{AFM,ph} \sim 2-3$  to increase  $T_c$  is not very realistic but  $\langle \omega_{AFM} \rangle$  remains as a possible tuning parameter to increase  $T_c$ .

Regarding the phonon isotope effect, the strong coupling  $T_c$  equation [Eq. (17)] predicts the same isotope exponent as the mean-field equations [Eqs. (15) and (16)]; the change of phonon frequency, in principle, affects the phonon coupling constants  $\lambda_{ph}$  and  $\lambda_{ph,Z}$  but this correction is negligibly small.<sup>13</sup>

## **D.** $(D_{AFM}+D_{ph}+iS_{ph})$ case

Combining the  $(D_{AFM}+D_{ph})$  and (D+iS) case, we can consider the  $(D_{AFM}+D_{ph}+iS_{ph})$  type solution. This is indeed a natural solution of the combined gap [Eqs. (12)–(14)] and

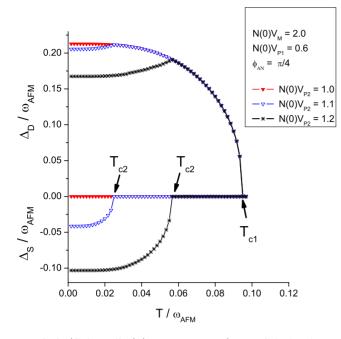


FIG. 9. (Color online)  $(D_{\text{AFM}}+D_{\text{ph}}+iS_{\text{ph}})$  case. Calculated magnitudes of total *d*-wave component  $(\Delta_D = \Delta_{\text{AFM}} + \Delta_{\text{ph}})$  and *s*-wave component  $(\Delta_s)$  for different strengths of phonon interaction  $N(0)V_{P2}=1.0, 1.1, \text{ and } 1.2$ . For all cases  $N(0)V_M=2.0, N(0)V_{P1}=0.6, \phi_{AN}=\pi/4, \text{ and } \omega_p/\omega_{\text{AFM}}=0.5$ .

the total gap will be  $\Delta_t(\phi) = (\Delta_{d1} + \Delta_{d2})\cos(2\phi) + i\Delta_s$ . In this case, phonon interaction(s) mediate both *d*-wave and *s*-wave pairings, which seems to contradict common knowledge. The fact is that phonon alone—no matter how anisotropic—cannot induce a *d*-wave gap but it can boost it if a *d*-wave gap is formed by other interactions. Then as we found in Sec. II B, a phonon interaction can add *iS* component at lower temperatures. An interesting point is that the phonon interaction boosting *d*-wave gap and the phonon interaction inducing *iS* gap can be the same phonon if the anisotropy and the interaction strength are properly tuned. Of course a more general case is that two different phonon modes play separate roles, respectively. For clearness, we rewrite the gap equations describing the  $(D_{AFM}+D_{ph}+iS_{ph})$  case below:

$$\Delta_{d1}(\phi) = -\sum_{\phi'} V_{\text{AFM}}(\phi - \phi') \Delta_t(\phi') \chi(\phi', \omega_{\text{AFM}}), \quad (18)$$

$$\Delta_{d2}(\phi) = -\sum_{\phi'} V_{1,\text{ph}}(\phi - \phi') \Delta_t(\phi') \chi(\phi', \omega_{p1}), \quad (19)$$

$$i\Delta_s(\phi) = -\sum_{\phi'} V_{2,\text{ph}}(\phi - \phi')\Delta_t(\phi')\chi(\phi', \omega_{p2}), \quad (20)$$

where the pair susceptibilities  $\chi(\phi, \omega)$  are defined in Eq. (9) and the quasiparticle energy is  $E(\phi) = \sqrt{\xi^2 + \Delta_d^2(\phi) + \Delta_s^2}$  with  $\Delta_d(\phi) = (\Delta_{d1} + \Delta_{d2})\cos(2\phi)$ . For generality we assume two different phonon interactions  $V_{1,\text{ph}}$  and  $V_{2,\text{ph}}$ , respectively, but they can be the same phonon as explained above.

In Fig. 9 we plot the solutions of  $\Delta_d = \Delta_{d1} + \Delta_{d2}$  and  $\Delta_s$  components separately. We fix the AFM interaction  $N(0)V_M = 2.0$  and the *d*-wave boosting phonon interaction

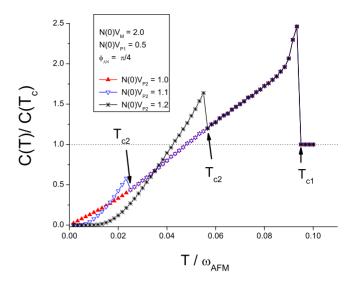


FIG. 10. (Color online)  $(D_{AFM}+D_{ph}+iS_{ph})$  case. Normalized specific heats  $C(T)/C(T_c)$  for different strength of phonon interaction  $N(0)V_{P2}$ . There are two transition temperatures  $T_{c1}$  (higher) and  $T_{c2}$  (lower). The same parameters as in Fig. 9.

 $N(0)V_{P1}=0.6$  as a case of Fig. 6 and vary the phonon interaction  $N(0)V_{P2}$  inducing *iS* gap component as 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2, respectively.  $T_c$  is enhanced by  $N(0)V_{P1}$  and does not change for different  $N(0)V_{P2}$  values because it is determined only by the *d*-wave gap component. We also chose the same anisotropy  $\phi_{AN}=\pi/4$  for both phonons  $V_{1,\text{ph}}$  and  $V_{2,\text{ph}}$  for convenience. Anisotropy condition for the *d*-wave boosting phonon is important; optimal anisotropy is  $\phi_{AN}=\pi/4$  for our model. However, the phonon interaction  $V_{2,\text{ph}}$  inducing *iS* gap does not need to be anisotropic.

This type of gap solution can provide a possible resolution to the recent experiments of HTC which indicate the presence of a s-wave component at low temperatures. The anomalous tunneling conductance in YBCO,<sup>3</sup> nonmonotonic behavior of the penetration depth at low temperatures and its isotope effect,<sup>4</sup> etc. indicate a mixed gap of the (D+iS) type at low temperatures and a phonon effect with it. Figure 10 shows the normalized specific heat  $C(T)/C(T_{c1})$  for the gap solutions of Fig. 9. A general feature is that it shows a d-wave type specific heat below  $T_{c1}$  and then turns into a s-wave type behavior below  $T_{c2}$  where an additional iS gap component opens. Since the second transition at  $T_{c2}$  is a true second-order phase transition, the specific heat exhibits a jump. However the size of jump is far smaller than the BCS value of  $\Delta C = 1.43C(T_{c2})$ . The reason is because when *iS* gap opens at  $T_{c2}$ , the size of the *d*-wave gap also abruptly decreases so that the amount of the specific heat jump is partially canceled. Nevertheless, careful experiments should be able to discern the jump in the specific heat at the second transition temperature  $T_{c2}$  if this scenario is true.

Figure 11 shows the normalized superfluid density  $\lambda_L^2(0)/\lambda_L^2(T)$  for the gap solutions of Fig. 9. The general features are the same as in the specific heat: *d*-wave behavior in between  $T_{c1}$  and  $T_{c2}$ , and *s*-wave behavior below  $T_{c2}$ . In particular, the additional sharp increase of  $\lambda_L^{-2}(T)$  below  $T_{c2}$  has some resemblance to the experimental observations<sup>4</sup> although the flattened out behavior at very low temperatures is not clearly observed experimentally.

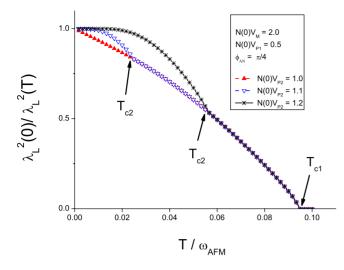


FIG. 11. (Color online)  $(D_{AFM}+D_{ph}+iS_{ph})$  case. Normalized superfluidity density  $\lambda_L^2(0)/\lambda_L^2(T)$  for different strengths of phonon interaction  $N(0)V_{P2}$ . The same parameters as in Fig. 9.

We propose a firm experimental test for this scenario. The *d*-wave boosting phonon interaction does not have a minimum interaction strength; as far as it has a proper anisotropy it will enhance the *d*-wave pairing as much as its strength. For the *iS* component to appear below  $T_{c2}$  the phonon interaction needs a minimum strength to overcome a part of the *d*-wave component. Therefore, a controlled suppression of the *d*-wave gap (with nonmagnetic impurities not to weaken the *s*-wave pairing) will widen a window of low-temperature region where the *iS* component pops up.

### **III. CONCLUSIONS**

In this paper we studied the effects of phonon interaction on the superconducting pairing in the background of the *d*-wave gap already formed by the AFM interaction. In particular, we studied the role of anisotropy of the phonon interaction and possible multigap type solutions within a generalized BCS theory. For many cases the anisotropy of the phonon interaction is a crucial condition for interesting interplay with the AFM interaction but not always; the (D+S)type gap needs an anisotropic phonon but the (D+iS) type gap is more tolerable with the anisotropy of phonon interaction because two gaps are more gently coupled in the (D+*iS*) case. In both cases,  $T_c$  is not enhanced at all by phonon interaction as far as the *d*-wave gap component remains finite. Anisotropic phonon can boost  $T_c$  together with the AFM interaction in the  $(D_{AFM}+D_{ph})$  type solution. With numerical calculations and analytic  $T_c$  equation, we showed that  $T_c$  is enhanced dramatically following the modified BCS exponential form  $T_c \sim \exp(-1/\lambda_l)$  with the total coupling strength  $\lambda_t = \lambda_{AFM} + \lambda_{ph}$ . This type of solution can also explain how and why the phonon isotope effect is strongly reduced despite the large enhancement of  $T_c$  by phonon. Our isotope coefficient formula [Eq. (16)] provides a good description of the overall trend of oxygen isotope coefficient  $\alpha_{\Omega}$ .<sup>11</sup>

Also, a combined type solution of  $(D_{AFM}+D_{ph}+iS)$  gap is considered. This type of gap not only shows the features of the  $(D_{AFM}+D_{ph})$  gap—enhanced  $T_c$  and small isotope effect—but also shows the appearance of a *s*-wave component at low temperatures. The latter feature can provide a microscopic origin of the small *s*-wave component suggested from recent experiments of tunneling conductance<sup>3</sup> and penetration depth measurements.<sup>4</sup> Calculations of the superfluidity density showed a qualitative agreement with experiments of the abrupt increase of  $\lambda_L^{-2}(T)$  at lower temperatures.<sup>4</sup> However, this scenario should be confirmed by experimental observation of a specific heat jump at the second low transition temperature  $T_{c2}$  for the *s*-wave gap component as shown in Fig. 10. We proposed a systematic impurity doping study to test this scenario.

Finally, we would like to restate the limitation of our work. First, the dynamical interplay between phonon(s) and AFM interaction is not properly treated. This problem was already studied by many authors.<sup>1,9,10</sup> We bypassed this complicated problem on the phenomenological basis; after all correlation effects have taken place we assumed that fermion quasiparticles remain, and AFM spin fluctuations and several phonon modes are considered as experimentally defined quantities after mutual screening and renormalization. Second, when we consider the *s*-wave pairing, we should have included the on-site Coulomb interaction in the HTC cuprates in addition to the phonon interaction. Therefore,  $\lambda_{ph,S}$  in this paper should be considered as a renormalized quantity after including the on-site Coulomb interaction.

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