Vortex Induced Spin-Density Wave and Core Charge in Bi₂Sr₂CaCu₂O_{8+v}

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Competition with magnetism is at the heart of high temperature superconductivity, intensely felt near a vortex core. To investigate vortex magnetism we use a spatially resolved probe based upon NMR spin-lattice-relaxation spectroscopy in Bi₂Sr₂CaCu₂O_{8+y}. These experiments indicate a spin-density wave associated with a vortex,¹ consistent with results from elastic neutron scattering in other cuprates. In magnetic fields up to H = 30 T, we have determined the spin-modulation amplitude, found the decay length from the vortex core to be twice the coherence length, and that the period is ~ 8a₀.

At low fields H < 10 T, but still at magnetic fields much greater than that of the decoupling transition, we have observed a narrowing in the distribution of local fields with increasing applied field,² and interpret this observation as a vortex lattice structural instability associated with charge trapped on the core. Our calculation of the latter, to be consistent with the experiment, requires a charge of magnitude $\sim 2x10^{-3}e$ per vortex pancake, decreasing with increased doping.

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