

A strong coupling theory and  $s_{\pm}$  pairing state of iron pnictide superconductor.

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## Abstract

Superconductivity in iron pnictides is studied by using a twoorbital Hubbard model in the large U limit. The Coulomb repulsion induces an orbital-dependent pairing between charge carriers. The pairing is found mainly from the scattering within the same Fermi pocket. The interpocket pair scatterings determine the symmetry of the superconductivity, which is  $s_{\pm}$ wave at small Hund's coupling, and d wave at large Hund's coupling and large U. By studying Josephson junctions between a FeAs-based superconductor with antiphase *s*-wave pairing and a conventional *s*-wave superconductor, we found that a planar and a point contact junction may have opposite phases in a wide doping region of the pnictide, which can be used to design a trijunction ring with  $\pi$  phase to probe the antiphase pairing. We also provide a possible explanation to C. C. Tsuei's phase sensitive experiment.