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Anisotropic electron-phonon coupling in MgB2 by ARPES

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We present high-quality angle-resolved photoemission measurements on the superconductor MgB2. The renormalization of the sigma bands due to the electron-phonon coupling is clearly visible for the first time. Using a self-consistent fitting procedure we determine the self-energy, extract the bosonic 'glue', and calculate the momentum-dependent coupling parameter. The large values of \lambda~1.6 measured at specific momenta in the Brillouin zone are in agreement with ab-initio theoretical estimates. Comparison of these values with the Fermi surface average value of \lambda~0.7 is a direct demonstration of the strong electron-phonon coupling anisotropy, thought to be the origin of the large Tc in this material.

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