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Electron lattice coupling in HTSC cuprates: Evidence for polaron formation from unconventional isotope and strain effects ANNETTE BUSSMANN-HOLDER, Max-Planck-Institute for Solid State Research, HUGO KELLER, University of Zurich, ALAN R. BISHOP, Los Alamos National Laboratory, ARNDT SIMON, Max-Planck-Institut for Solid State Research, ROMAN MICNAS, A. Mickiewicz University Poznan, K.A. MÜLLER, University of Zurich — Motivated by recent Andreev reflection experiments we use a two- component scenario to study lattice effects on the superconducting transition temperature T_c , the isotope exponent and strain effects in high temperature superconducting copper oxides. We find that the polaronic renormalization of the single particle energies substantially enhances T_c , can explain the strain induced enhancement of T_c and yields the unconventional isotope effect on the London penetration depth λ_L . The lattice distortion which causes these effects is identified as the Q_2 -type Jahn-Teller mode.

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