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Upper critical field of *p*-wave superconductors with orthorhombic symmetry CHRISTOPHER LÖRSCHER, RICHARD KLEMM, University of Central Florida — Recent experiments on exotic ferromagnetic superconducting materials such as UCoGe and topological superconductors such as $Cu_x Bi_2 Se_3$, have spawned renewed interest in *p*-wave superconductivity. We present an extension of the Scharnberg-Klemm theory of H_{c2} in *p*-wave superconductors to cases of partially broken symmetry in an orthorhombic crystal. Using a uniaxial anisotropic pairing interaction as is appropriate for the low-field regime of UCoGe, we have shown that a field induced crossover from one p-wave state to another can lead to kinks in $H_{c2}(T)$, which can mimic upward curvature in all three crystal axis directions. Reasonably good fits to the low-field UCoGe data are obtained. We have also investigated the angular dependence of the axial *p*-wave state, which might prove useful in identifying the *p*-wave state present in certain materials, and possibly suggest new experiments on well known *p*-wave superconductors.

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