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Gap Symmetry in $KFe_2As_2^1$ SAURABH MAITI, Dept. of Physics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, MAXIM KORSHUNOV, L.V. Kirensky Institute of Physics, Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia; Siberian Federal University, Russia., ANDREY CHUBUKOV, Dept. of Physics, University of Wisconsin-Madison — We revisit the issue of the gap symmetry in KFe_2As_2 , which is an Fepnictide superconductor with only hole pockets. Previous theoretical studies mostly argued for a d-wave gap in KF e_2 As₂ since transport and thermodynamic measurements point to the presence of the gap nodes. However, a d-wave gap is inconsistent with recent laser-based angleresolved photoemission measurements. We propose the scenario for a nodal s-wave superconductivity induced by a non-magnetic intra-band and inter-band interactions between fermions near the two hole pockets at Γ point. The superconducting gap that we find changes sign between the two hole pockets at Γ point and has $\cos 4\theta$ angular dependence and can have accidental nodes on one or several hole pockets. We argue that strong angle dependence is the consequence of near-degeneracy between inter-pocket and intra-pocket interaction on the hole pockets. We also provide a connection between the the relative phase of 4θ oscillations and the shapes of the Fermi surface and discuss the implications in the light of photoemission and tunneling experiments.

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