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Doping evolution of nodal quasiparticles in the cuprate superconductor YBCO via low-temperature thermal conductivity SAMUEL RENE DE COTRET, J.-PH. REID, N. DOIRON-LEYRAUD, L. TAILLEFER, University of Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, Canada, B.J. RAMSHAW, R. LIANG, D.A. BONN, W.N. HARDY, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada — The thermal conductivity of the cuprate superconductor YBa₂Cu₃O_y was measured at temperatures down to $T \sim 50$ mK in magnetic fields up to H = 15 T on high-quality single crystals with a hole doping ranging from p = 0.08 to p = 0.18. The residual linear term at $T \to 0$, a direct measure of the nodal quasiparticle velocities [1], is tracked as a function of doping, and compared to recent, high-resolution ARPES measurements of the Fermi velocity and gap magnitude as a function of doping, in the related cuprate superconductor Bi₂Sr₂CaCu₂O_{8+ δ} [2].

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