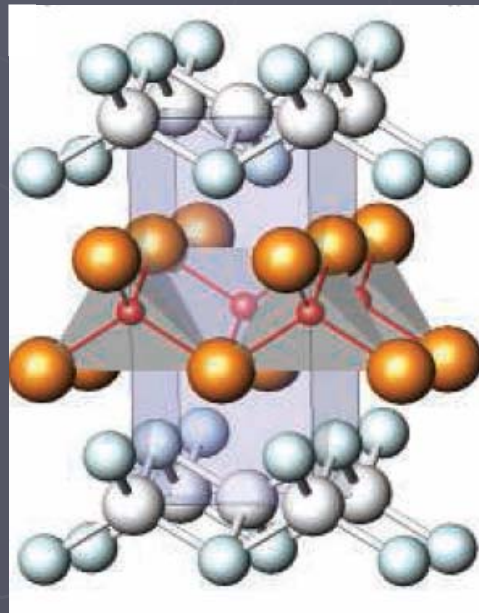


Spin fluctuation pairing in Fe-based superconductors and its consequences

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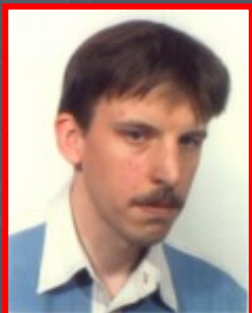
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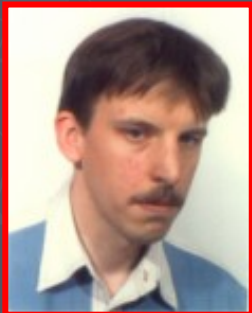
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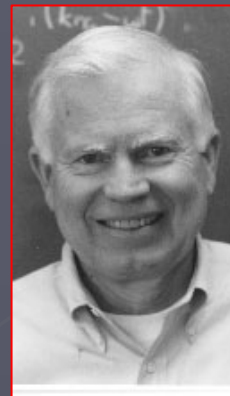
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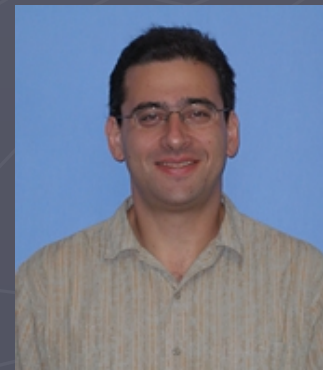
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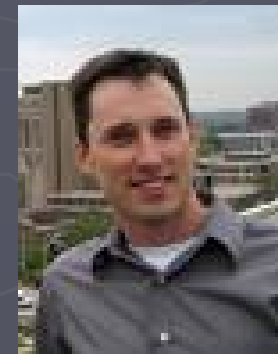
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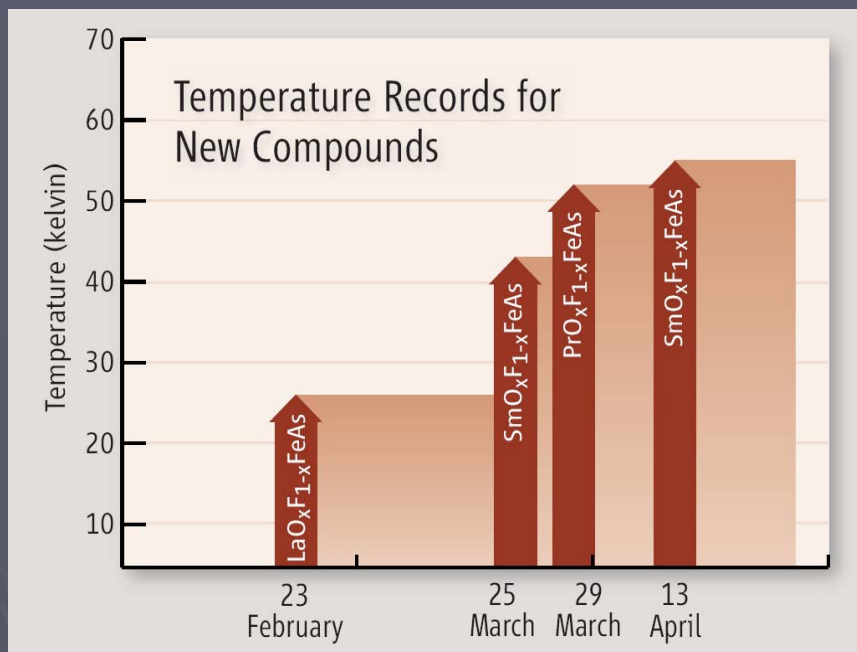


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Outline

- Review of Fe-based superconductivity
- Electronic structure/minimal band model
- “contradictory” experiments
- Theory: pair state/mechanism
- Disorder in generalized s-states
- Theory of thermal conductivity
- \Rightarrow higher T_c ?

First family of ferropnictide SC



Smaller c

- a) Y. Kamihara et.al., Tokyo, JACS
- b) X.H. Chen, et.al., Beijing, arXiv: 0803.3790
- c) Zhi-An Ren, Beijing, arXiv: 0803.4283
- d) Zhi-An Ren, Beijing, arXiv: 0804.2053.

also:

LOFFA under pressure: $T_c=43\text{K}$

(Takahashi et al Nature 453 376 (2008))

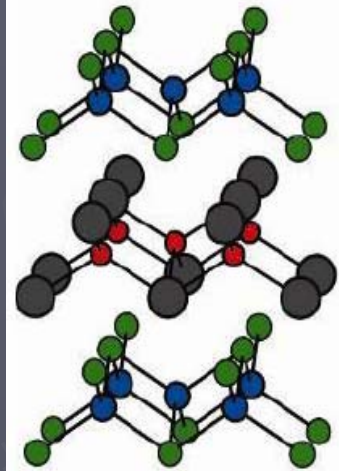
Rare earths:

$\text{SmF}_x\text{O}_{1-x}\text{FeAs}$ $x \sim 0.2$ d)	$T_c=55\text{K}$, cm/0803.3603 $a=3.933\text{\AA}$, $c=8.4287\text{\AA}$
$\text{PrF}_x\text{O}_{1-x}\text{FeAs}$ c)	$T_c=52\text{K}$, cm/0803.4283 $a=3.985\text{\AA}$, $c=8.595\text{\AA}$
$\text{CeF}_x\text{O}_{1-x}\text{FeAs}$ b)	$T_c=41\text{ K}$, cm/0803.3790 $a=3.996\text{\AA}$, $c=8.648\text{\AA}$
$\text{LaF}_x\text{O}_{1-x}\text{FeAs}$ a)	$T_c=26\text{ K}$, JACS-2008 $a=4.036\text{\AA}$, $c=8.739\text{ \AA}$
$\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{OFeAs}$	$T_c=25\text{K}$, cm/0803.3021, $a=4.035\text{\AA}$, $c = 8.771\text{\AA}$

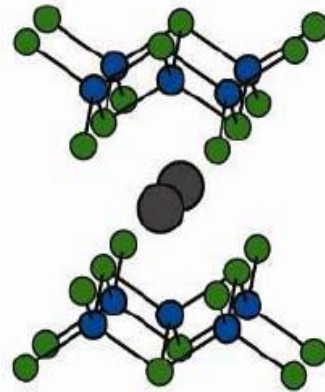
57	58	59	60	61	62	63
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1111 vs. 122 vs. 111 vs. 11 materials

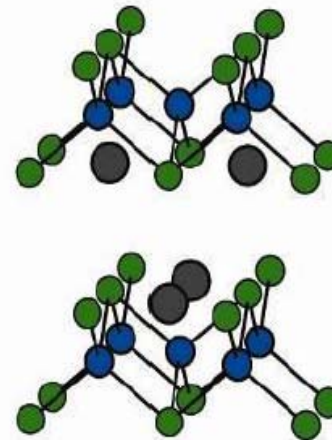
LaFeAsO



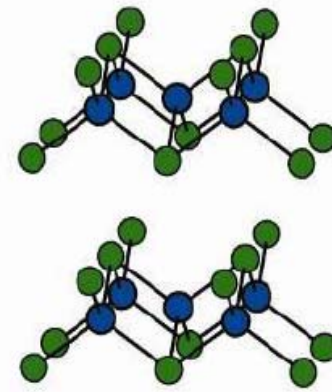
BaFe₂As₂



LiFeAs



FeSe



$T_c = 28\text{K}$

(55K for Sm)

- Kamihara et al
JACS (2008)
- Ren et al
Chin. Phys. Lett.
(2008)

$T_c = 38\text{K}$

- Rotter et al.
arXiv: PRL (2008)
- Ni et al Phys. Rev. B 2008
(single xtals)

$T_c = 18\text{K}$

Wang et al
arXiv: 0806.4688

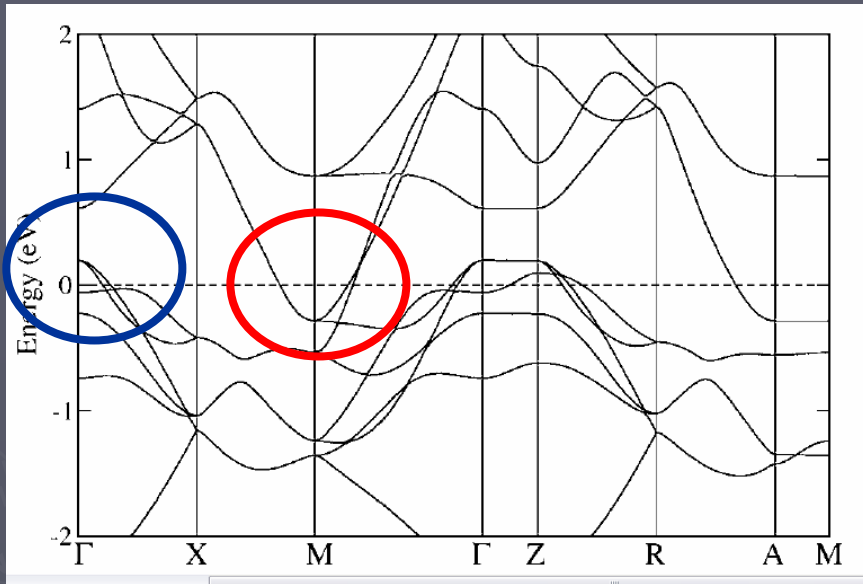
$T_c = 8\text{K}$

Hsu et al
arXiv:0807.2369

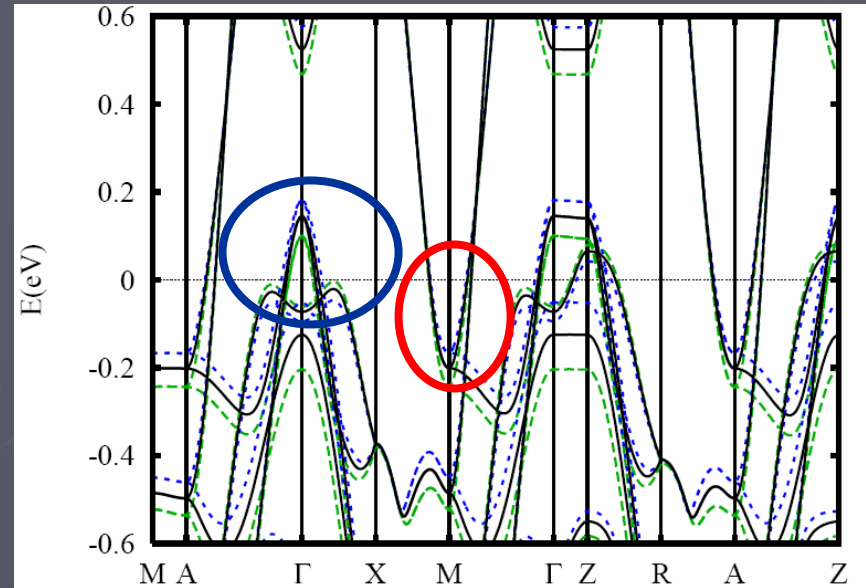
No arsenic ☺!

Electronic structure calculations

LOFP [Lebegue 2007](#)



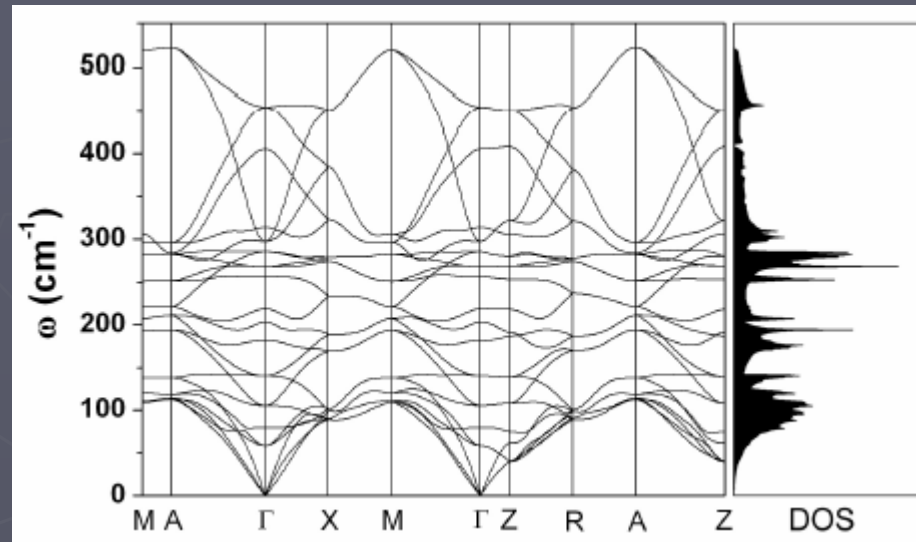
LOFA [Singh & Du 2008](#)



Band structures for 2 materials nearly identical!
Hole pocket near Γ , electron pocket near M

What accounts for factor 10 difference in T_c ?

Further conclusions of electronic structure calculations: e-ph coupling is *weak*



Singh & Du PRL 2008

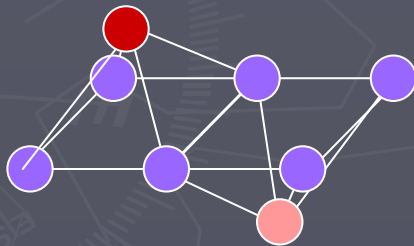
We have calculated *ab initio* the electron-phonon spectral function, $\alpha^2 F(\omega)$, and coupling, λ , for the stoichiometric compound [9]. Some moderate coupling exists, mostly to As modes, but the total λ appears to be ~ 0.2 , with $\omega_{log} \sim 250$ K, which can in no way explain $T_c \gtrsim 26$ K.

Mazin et al, PRL 2008, see also Mu et al CPL (2008), Boeri et al. PRL 2008

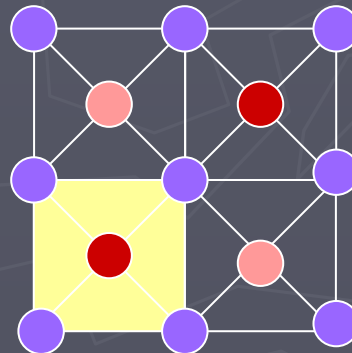
Understanding electronic structure

Band structure – Fe-As-Fe vs. Fe-Fe unit cell

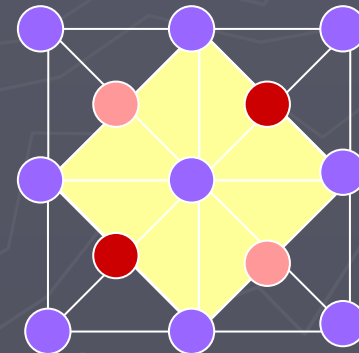
Real unit cell consists of 2 Fe and 2 As atoms, but due to the high degeneracy of the two As positions it is convenient to look at an effective unit cell with only 1 Fe and 1 As atom



Fe-Fe cell
„effective“ unit cell



Fe-As-Fe cell
„real“ unit cell

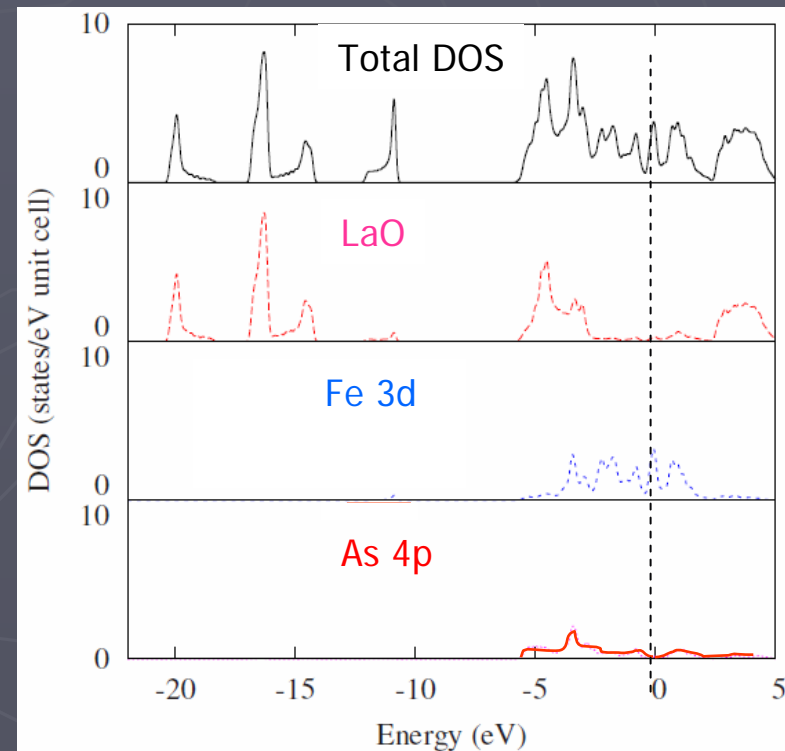
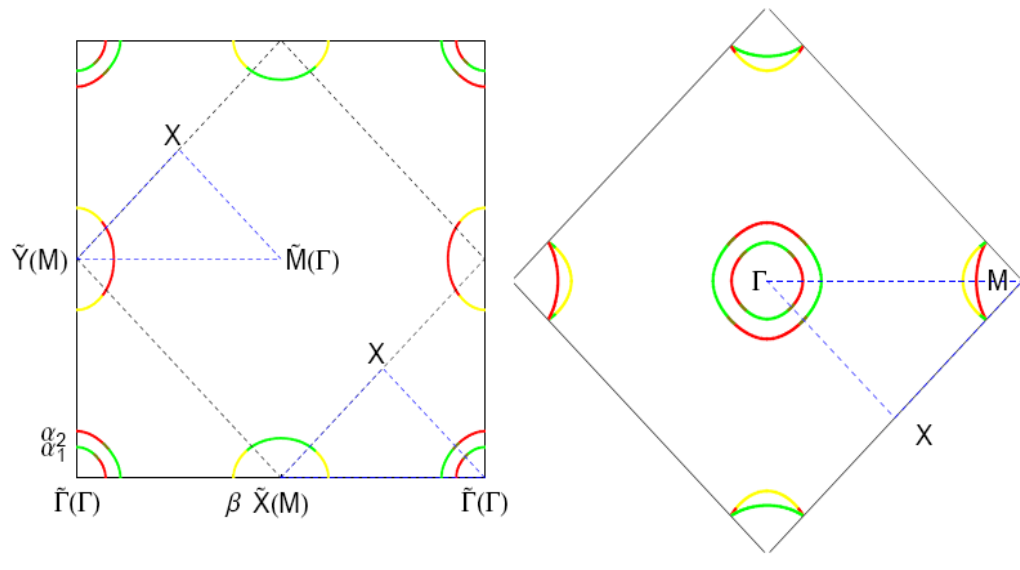


Understanding electronic structure

Fe-As-Fe vs. Fe-Fe unit cell

As DOS at Fermi level negligible: use „effective“ Fe-Fe cell.

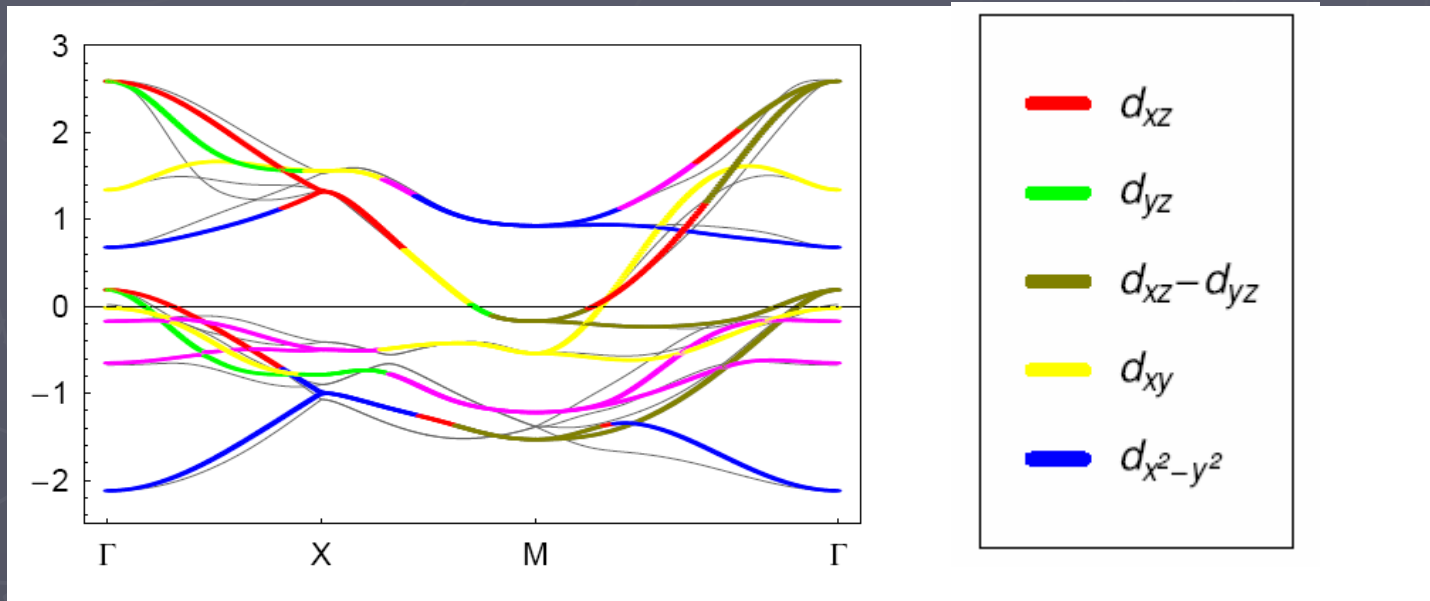
Advantage: We can write down an effective **5 band Fe-Fe model Hamiltonian**



Band structure – Five band model

Graser et al. NJP 2009

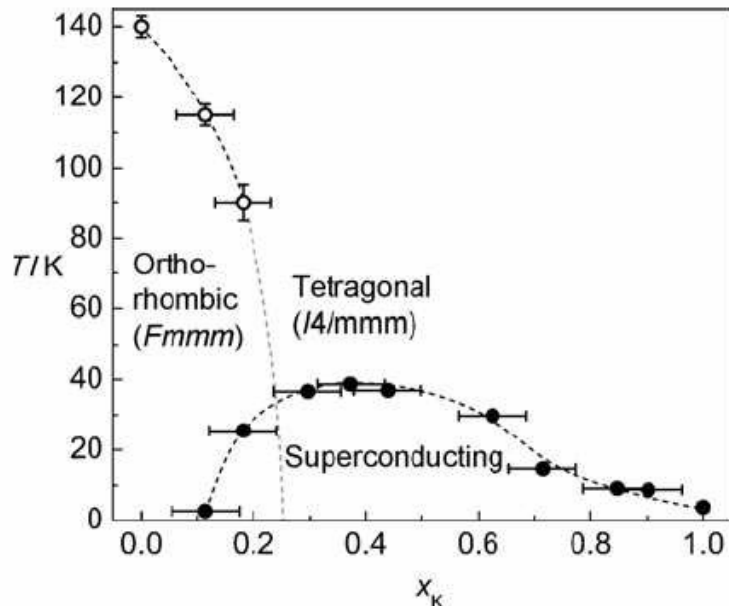
Fit to *Cao et al PRB 77, 220506 (2008)* see also *Kuroki et al PRL 101, 087004 (2008)*



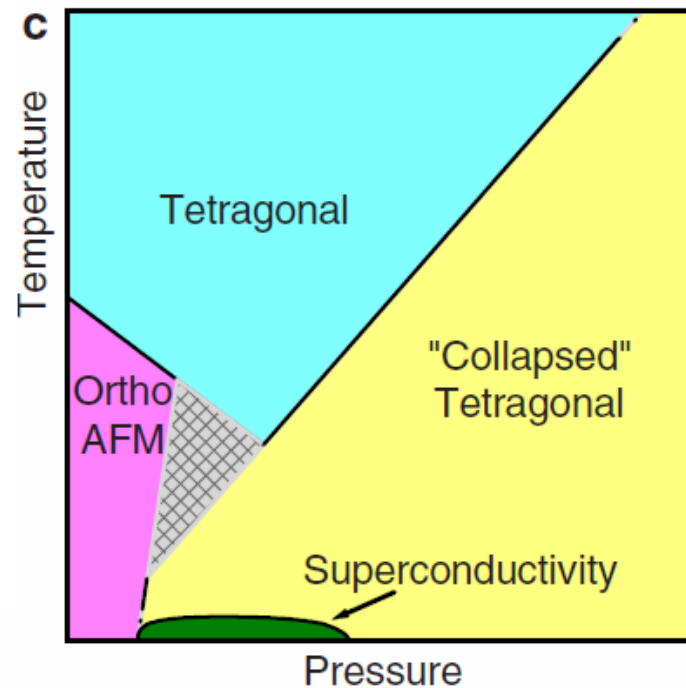
Notes on 122 materials

- T_c up to 38 K
- good crystals which cleave well—ARPES, STM
- dope with K or Co, or apply pressure to obtain superconductivity
- properties are more 3D than 1111 materials

$K_xBa_{1-x}Fe_2As_2$

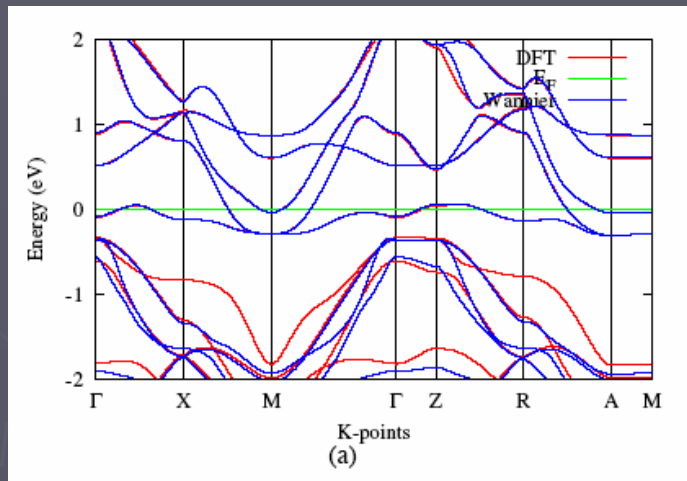


$CeFe_2As_2$ under pressure



Parent compounds are ordered antiferromagnets

Cao et al. Phys. Rev. B 77, 220506 (2008)



State with AF order is $\sim 40\text{meV}$ lower in energy than paramagnetic state.

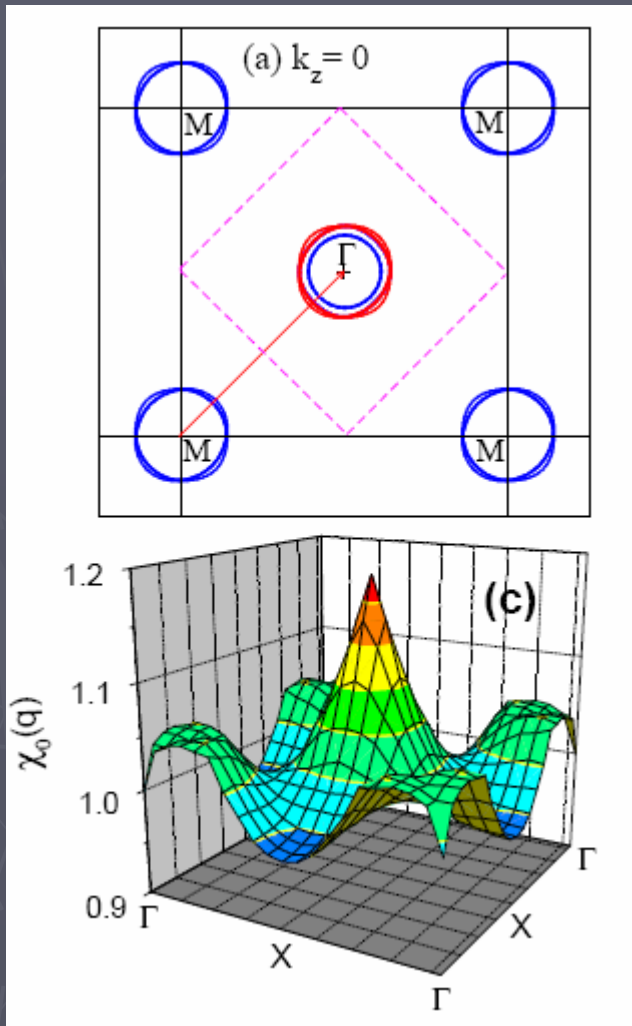
But linear SDW state (Dong et al EPL 2008) $\sim 100\text{meV}$ lower!

Both magnetic states found by LDA have $\sim 2\mu_B$ ordered staggered moment. (exception: Yildirim PRL 2008)

AF



Weak coupling perspective: nesting of FS and susceptibility



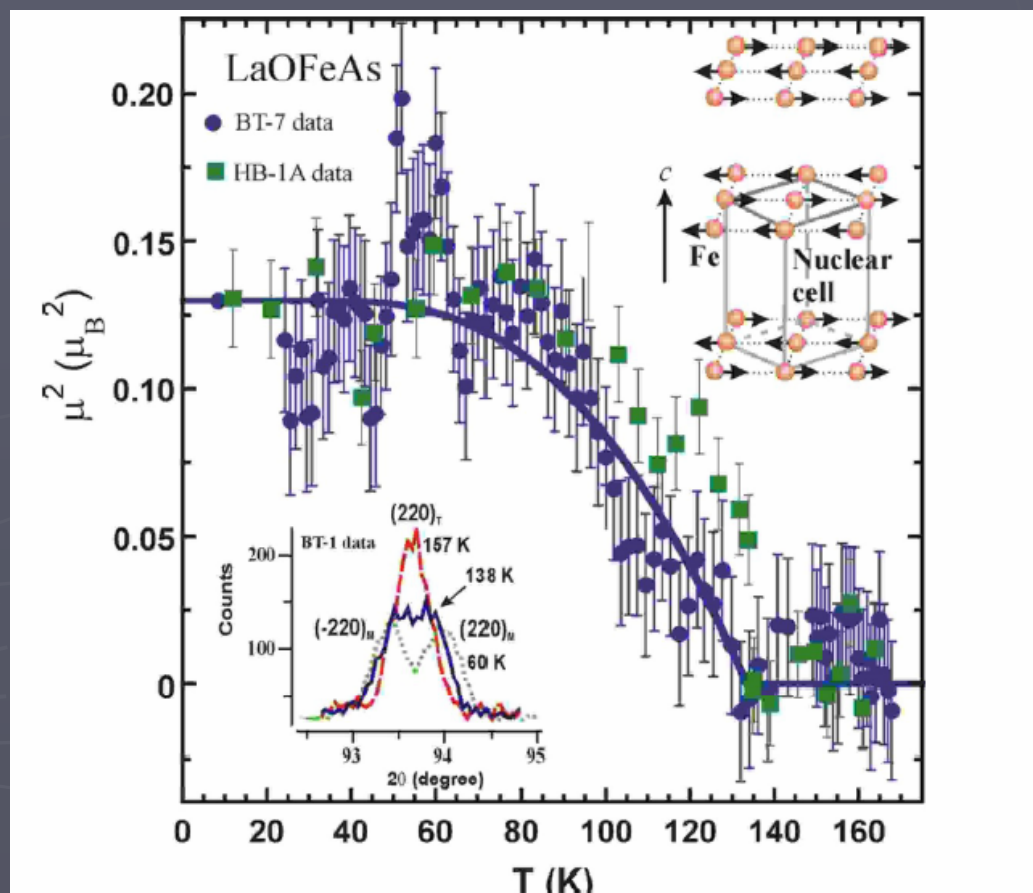
Simple picture put forward by Dong et al:

Small peak in χ due to near nesting of FS sheets drives magnetic instability. Doping destroys nesting, kills SDW. Nesting vector is $Q = \pi, \pi$ in correct BZ, (or $Q = \pi, 0$ in effective BZ).

Nesting feature and concomitant susceptibility peak are driving forces for a spin-fluctuation pairing mechanism in several theories.

Neutron scattering verifies collinear SDW state

de la Cruz et al Nature 453, 899 (2008)

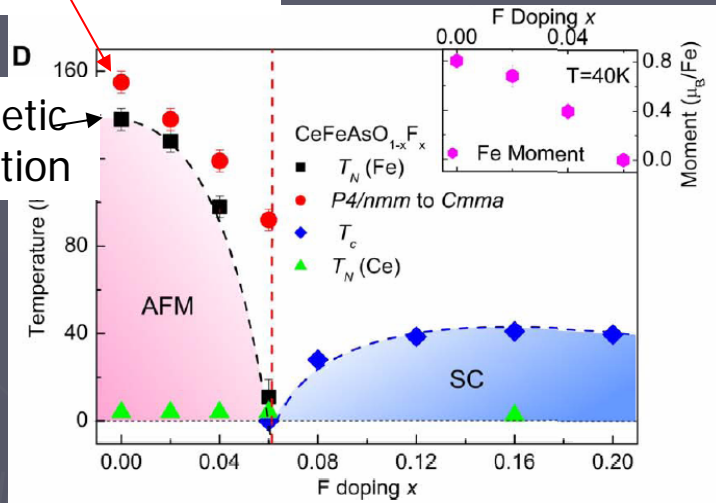


But size of ordered moment is only 0.36 μ_B !

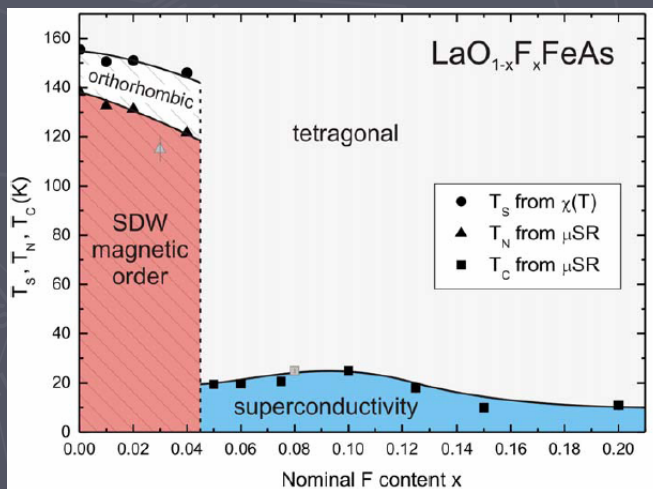
- Magnetic order tied to structural phase transition
- possible coexistence with superconductivity

structural transition

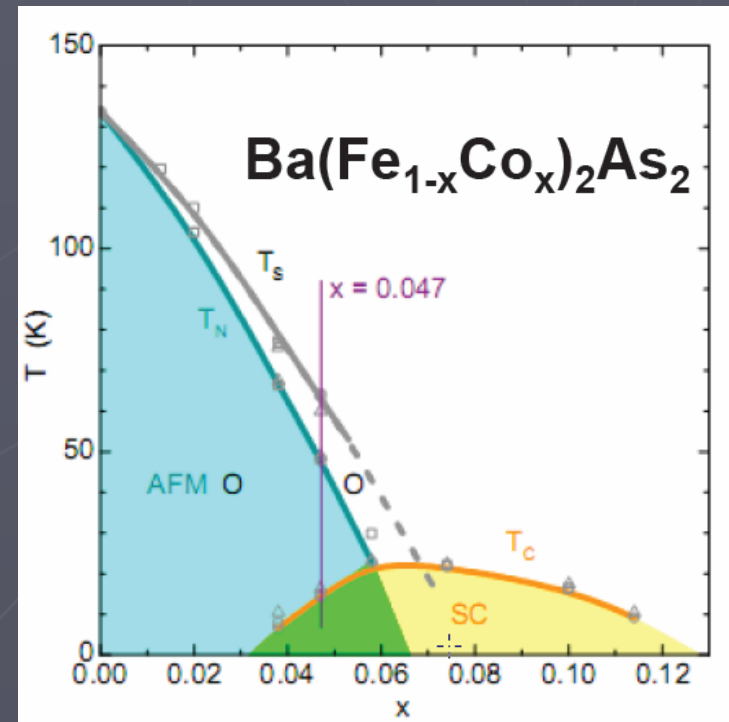
magnetic transition



Zhao et al arXiv:0806.2528



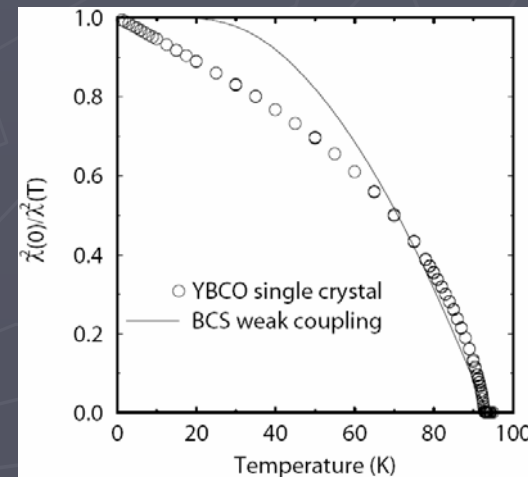
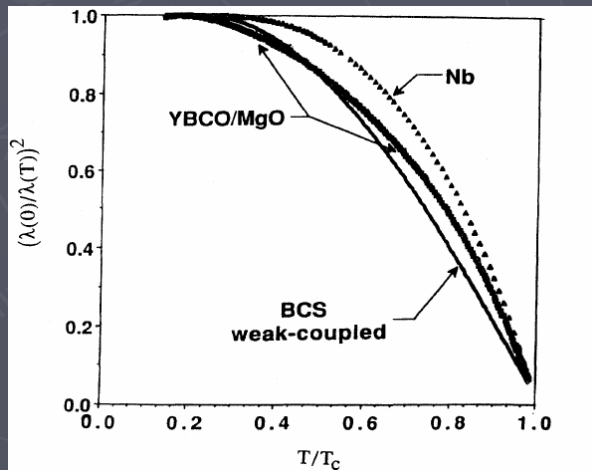
Luetkens et al arXiv:0806.3533



D.K. Pratt et al, arXiv 0903.2833

Controversy: symmetry of order parameter?

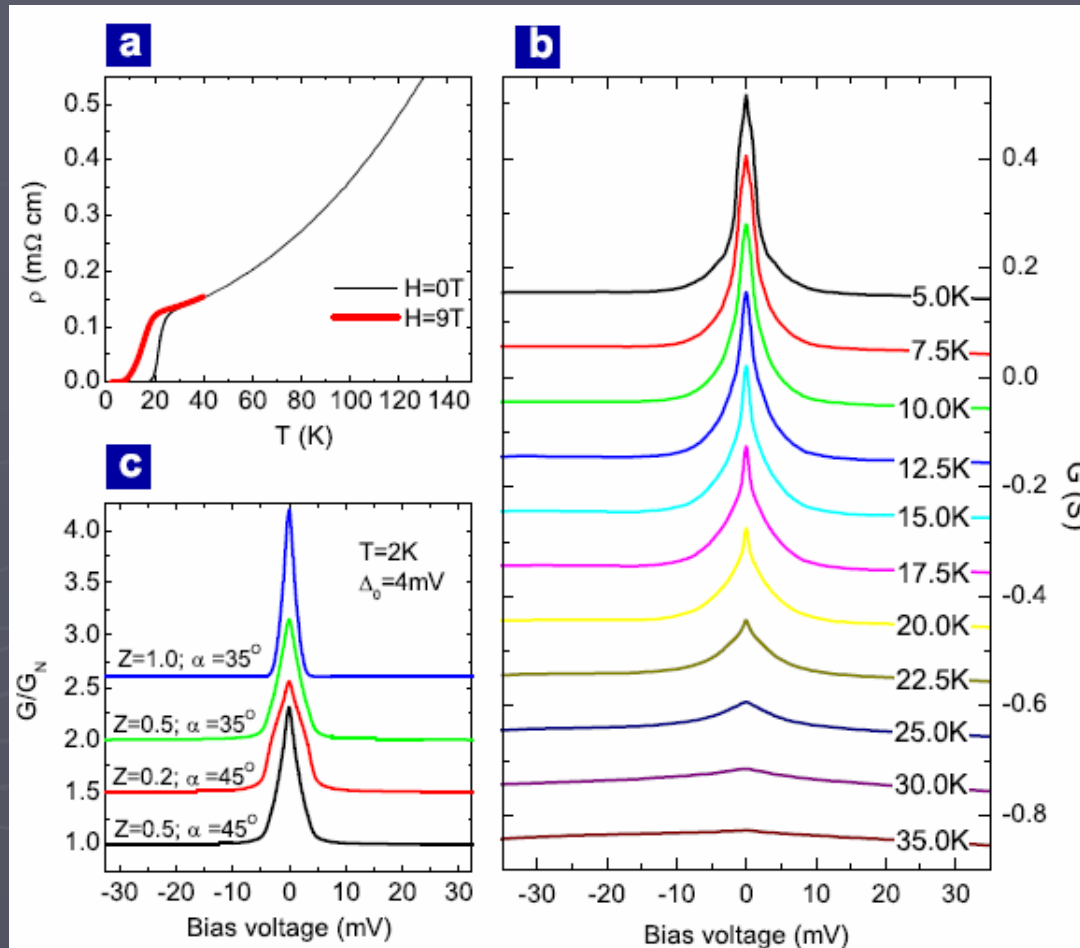
- Early measurements on powdered LOFFA supported low energy excitations, Andreev surface states, NMR $T_1 \sim T^3 \Leftrightarrow$ nodes.
- Some penetration depth measurements, ARPES suggest isotropic gap
- **Recall** situation in cuprate field early 90's: lack of understanding of disorder effects, lack of low T data led to wrong conclusions



Early evidence for nodes 1: Andreev pt contact spectroscopy

Shan et al EPL 2008

LOFFA



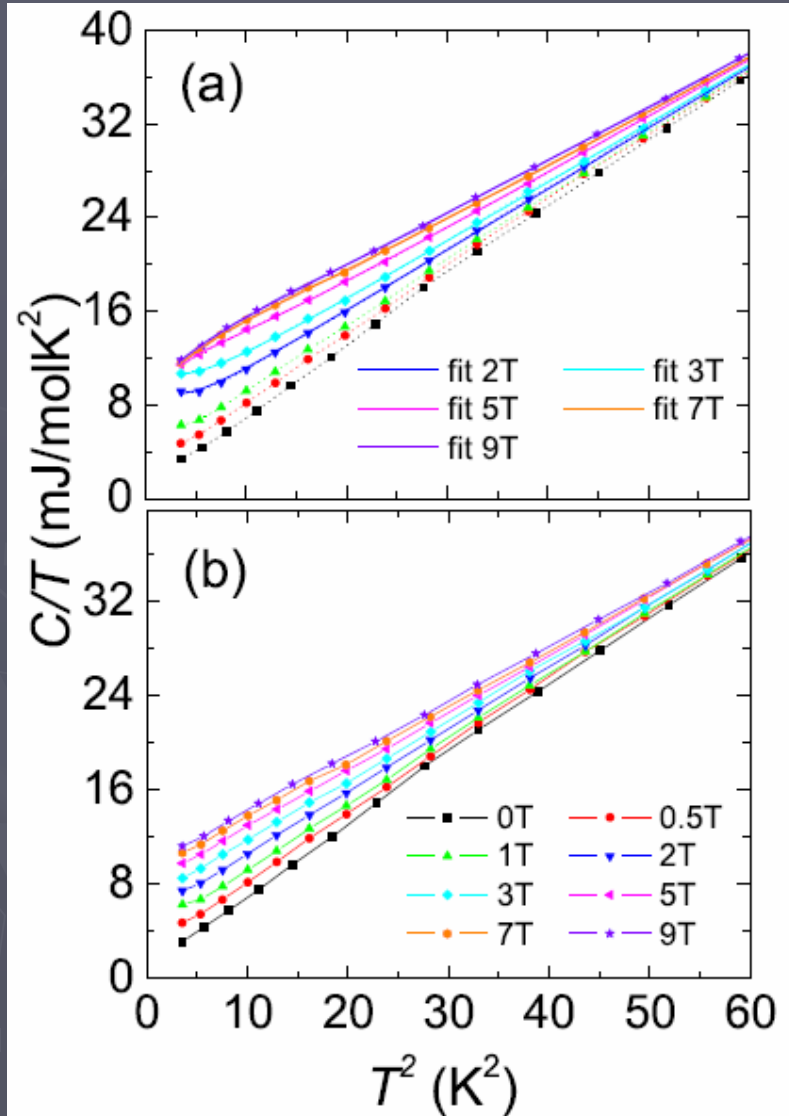
expt

BTK theory

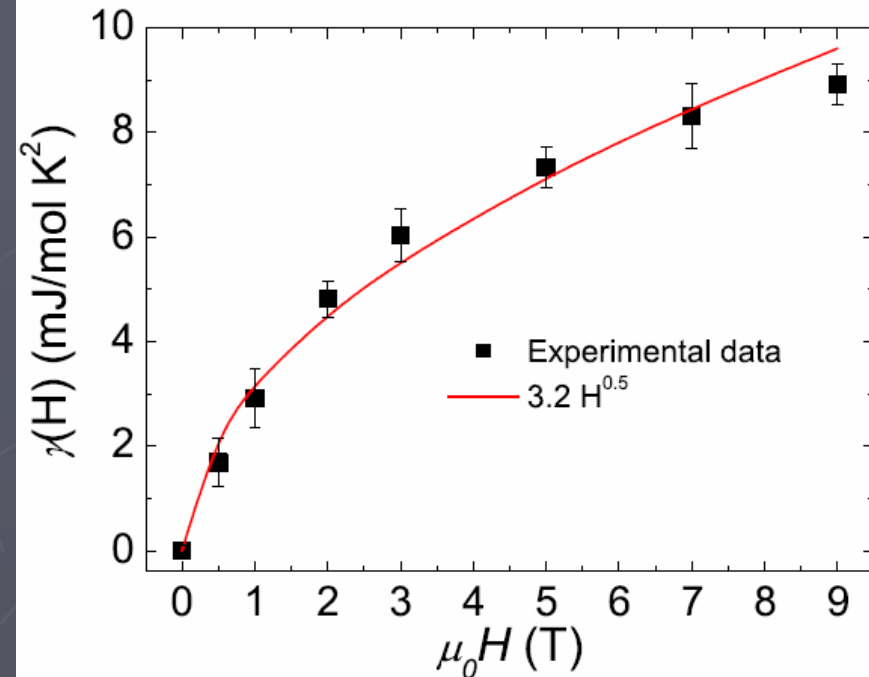
(similar to d-wave)

Early evidence for nodes II: Volovik effect

Mu et al aXv March/Chin.Phys.Lett. (2008)

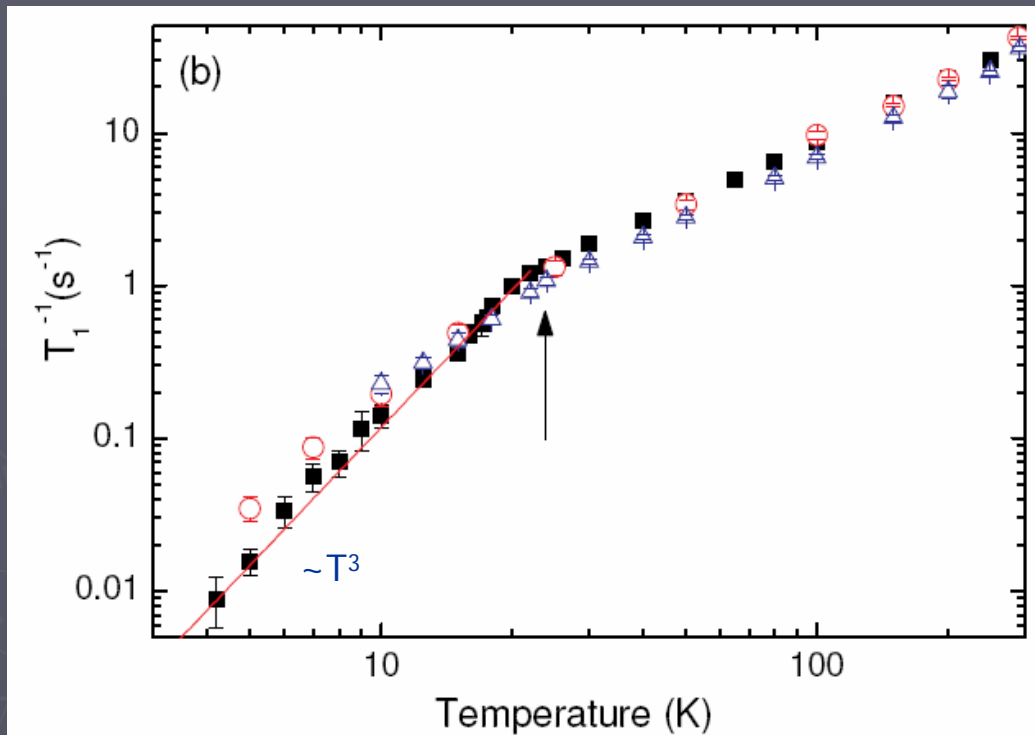


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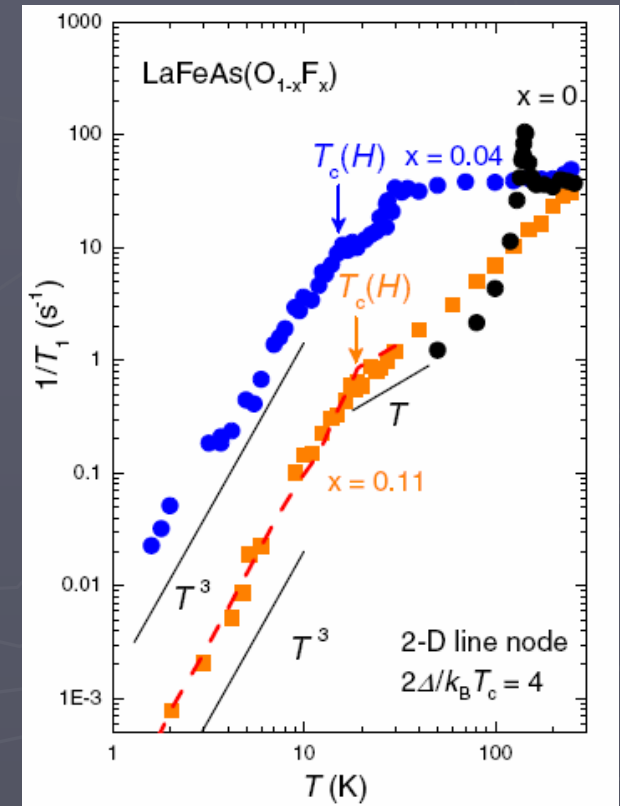


Early evidence for nodes III: NMR

LOFFA



Grafe et al Phys. Rev. Lett. (2008)



Nakai et al. JPSJ (2008)

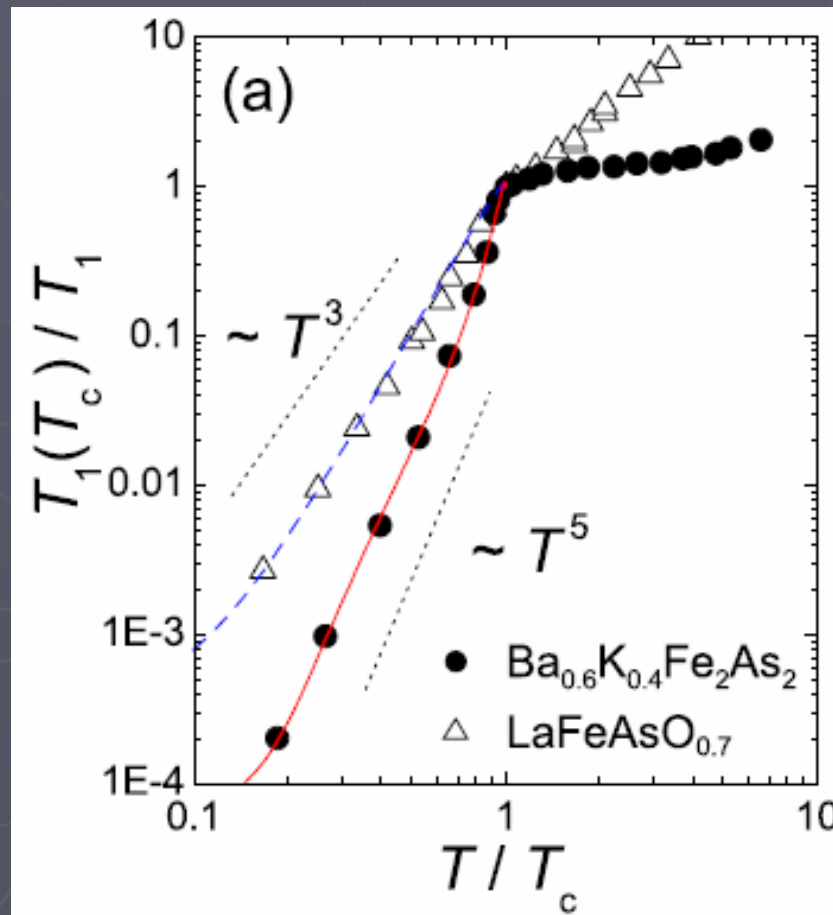
$$\frac{T_1^{-1}}{(T_1^{-1})_N} = 2 \frac{T}{T_c} \int_0^\infty d\omega \left[\frac{-\partial f}{\partial \omega} \right] \left[\frac{N(\omega)}{N_0} \right]^2$$

PH et al 1988

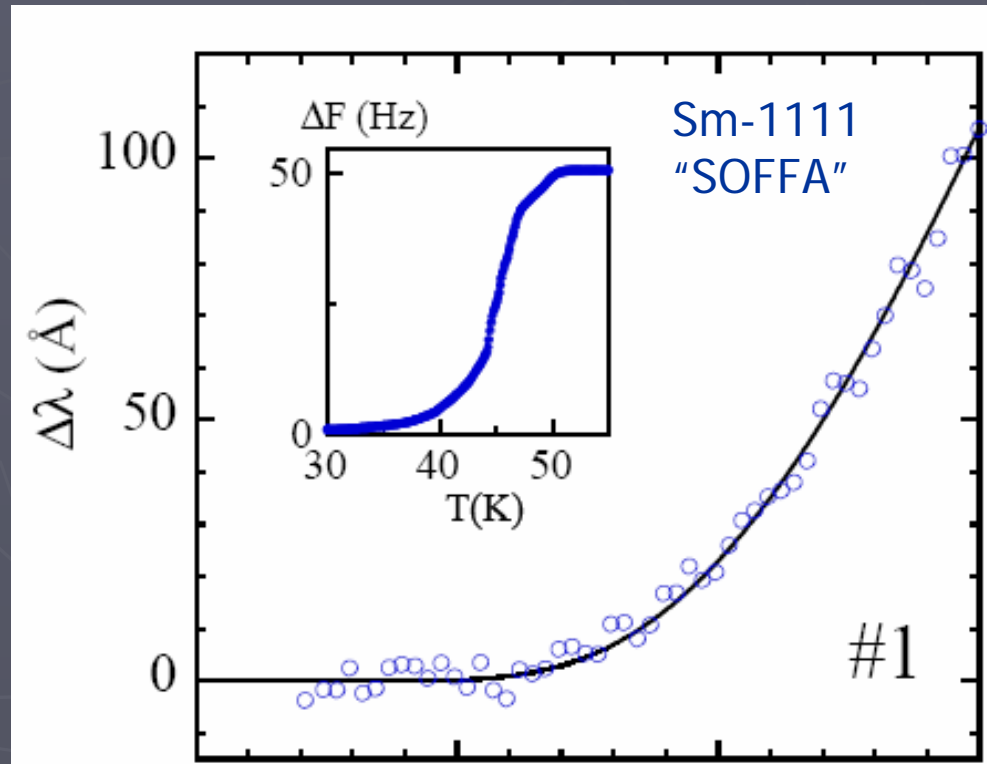
line nodes $\Rightarrow N(\omega) \sim \omega \Rightarrow T^3 !$

NMR on K-doped Ba-122

Yashima et al arXiv:0905.1896



Early penetration depth experiments reported *exponential* $\lambda(T)$
(\Rightarrow full gap)

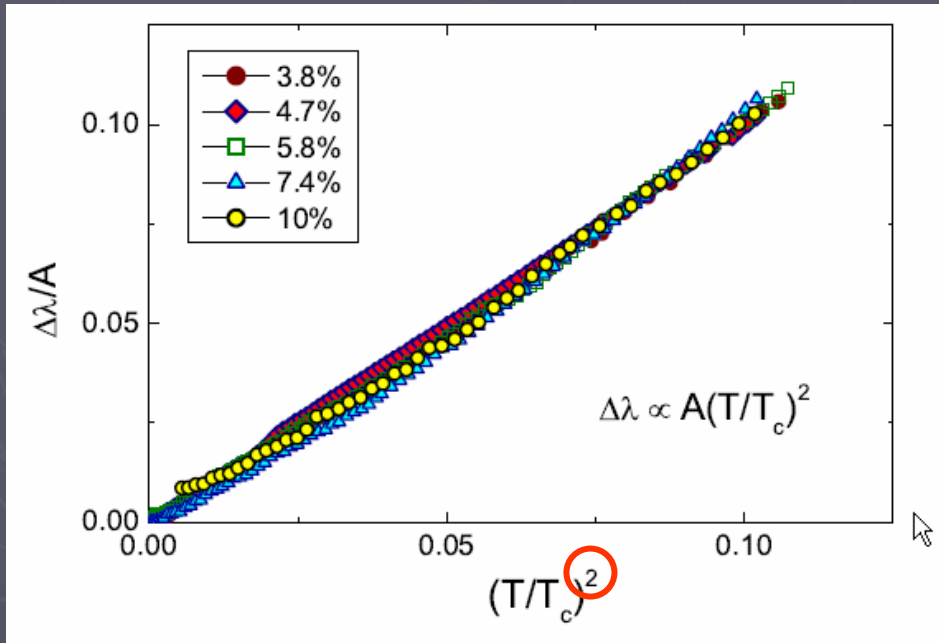


Malone et al Phys. Rev. B 2009

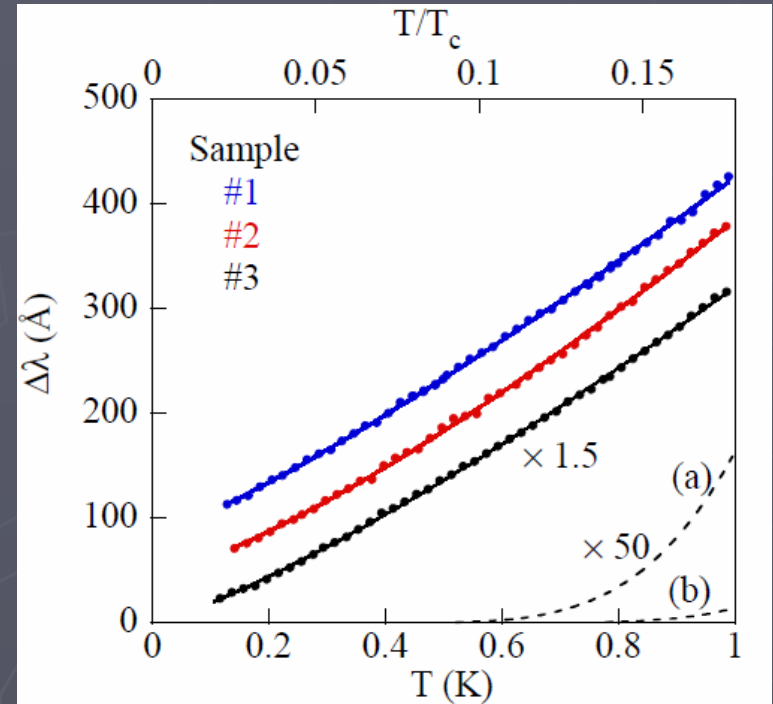
Caution: magnetism of rare earth ions

Other pen. depth experiments

Gordon et al 2008 $\text{Ba}_{1-x}\text{Co}_x\text{Fe}_2\text{As}_2$ $T_{c,\text{max}}=38\text{K}$



Fletcher et al 2008 LaFePO $T_c=6\text{K}$



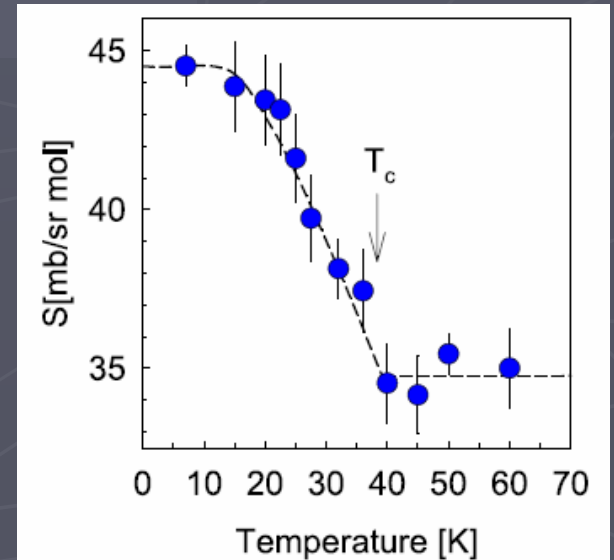
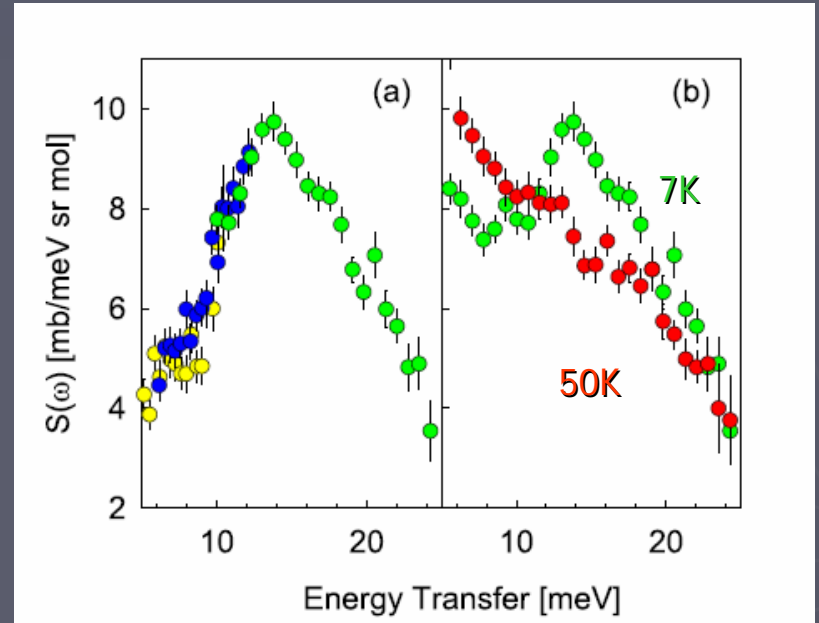
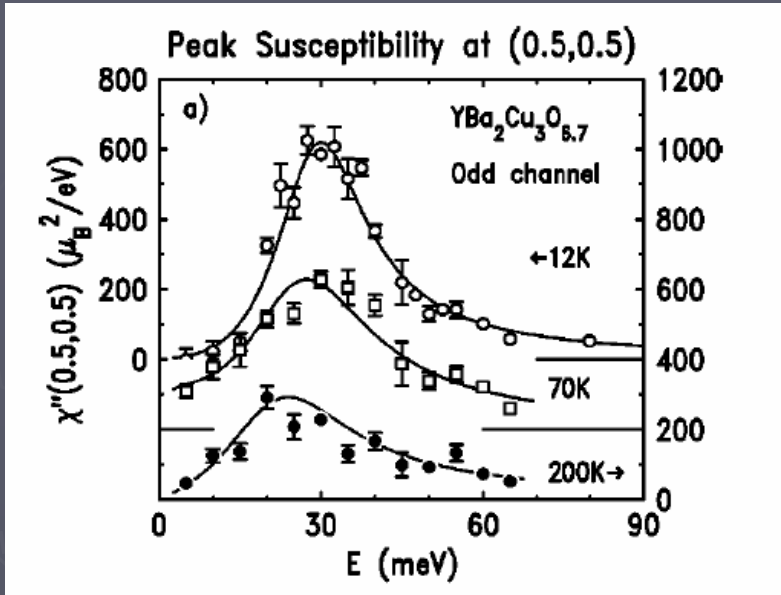
Recall $\Delta\lambda \simeq \int d\omega \left(-\frac{\partial f}{\partial \omega} \right) N(\omega)$ and for
 dirty clean
 nodal SC

$N(\omega) \simeq N_0 + a\omega^2$
 $N(\omega) \simeq \omega$
 so $\Delta\lambda \simeq \begin{cases} T^2 & \text{dirty} \\ T & \text{clean} \end{cases}$

Resonant mode in inelastic neutron scattering

$\text{Ba}_{0.6}\text{K}_{0.4}\text{Fe}_2\text{As}_2$: Christianson et al aXv:0807.3932

Reminder: cuprates: Fong et al PRB 2000



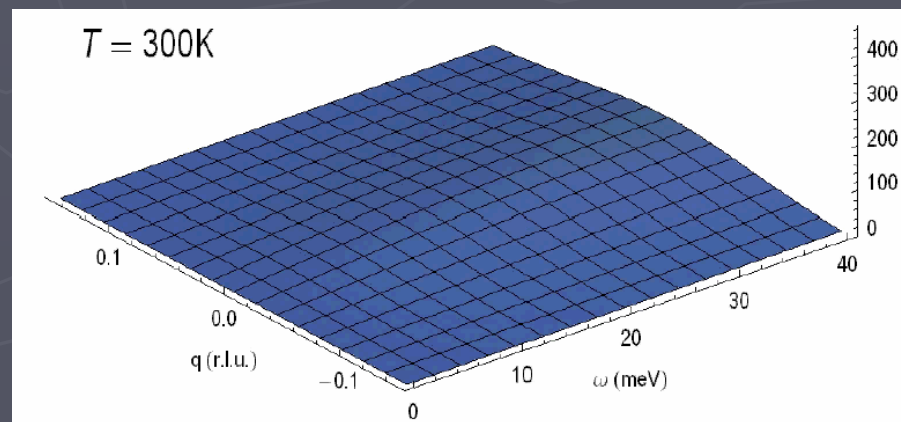
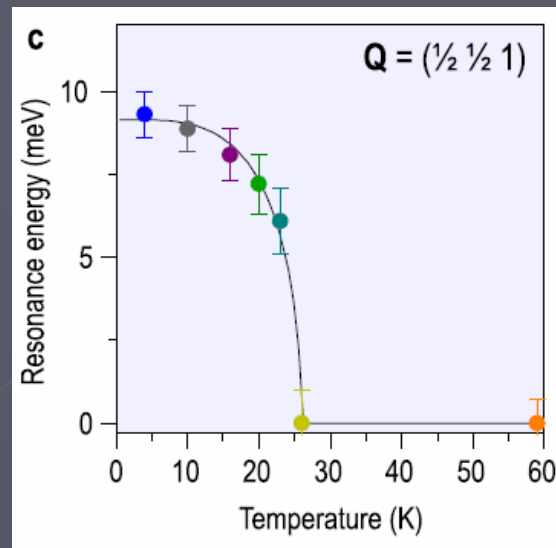
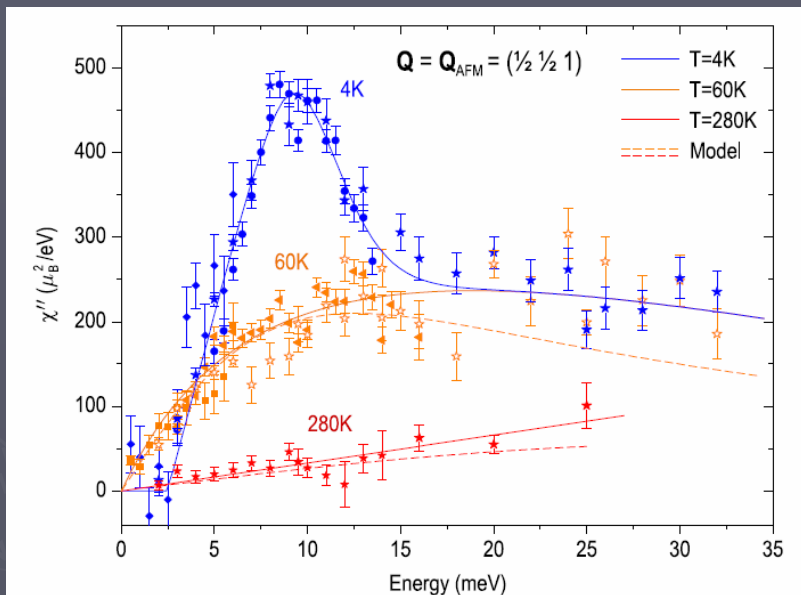
In Ba-122 resonance observed near $Q=\pi,\pi$ (folded BZ)

Appears only in SC state (like opt. doped cuprates)

In 1-band models $\Rightarrow \Delta_{k+Q} = -\Delta_k \Rightarrow$ "unconventional"

Neutron response/resonant mode II

Inosov et al arXiv:0907.3632

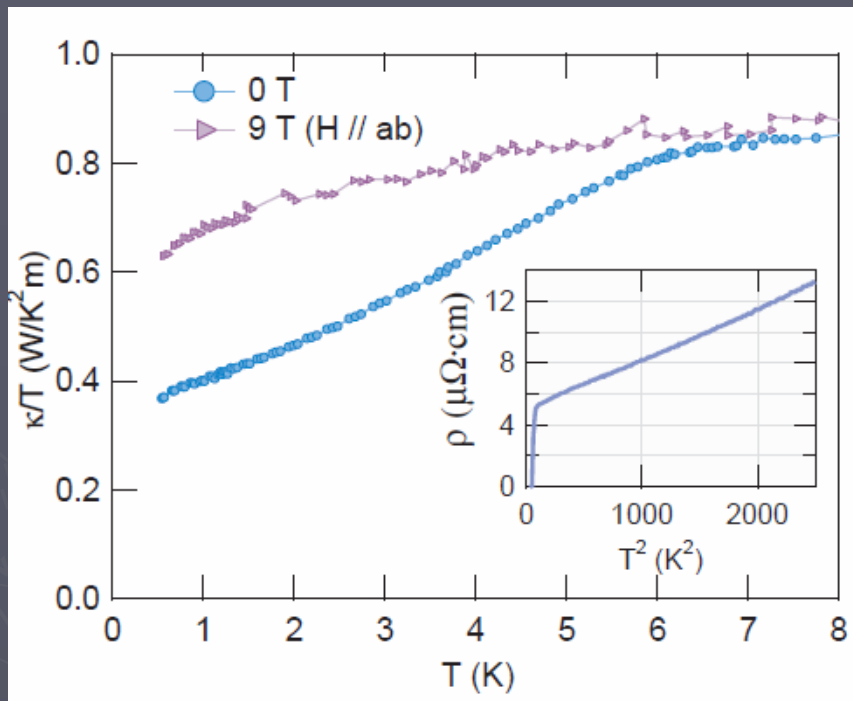


Thermal conductivity ($H=0$)

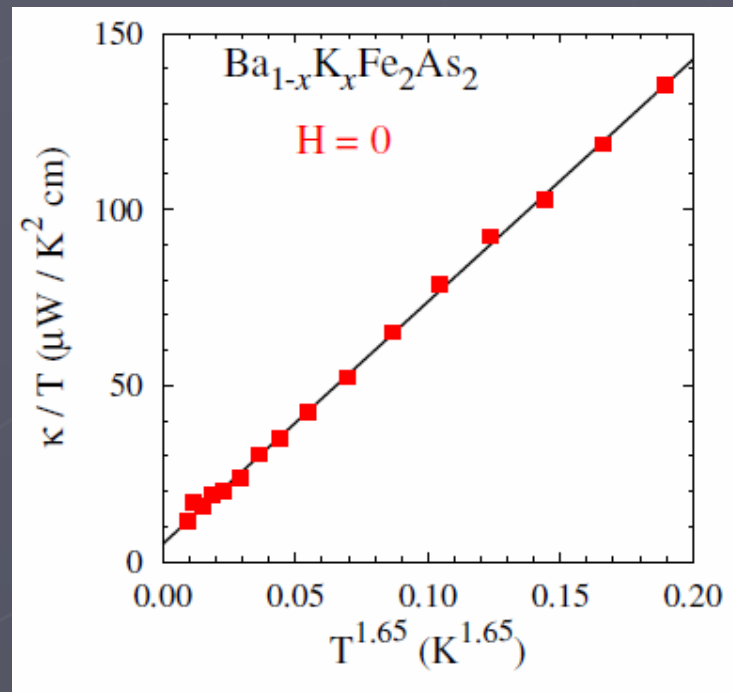
(bulk probe, lowest temperatures thus far)

LaFePO: [Yamashita et al aXv:0906.0622](#)

K-doped Ba-122: [Luo et al aXv:0904.4049](#)



Big linear T term



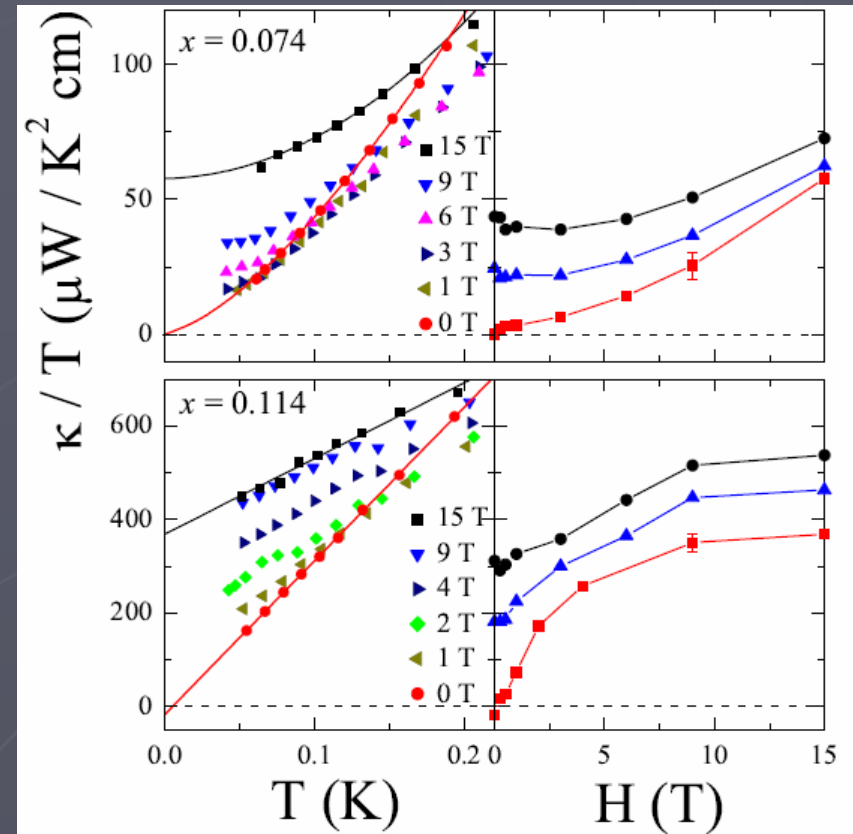
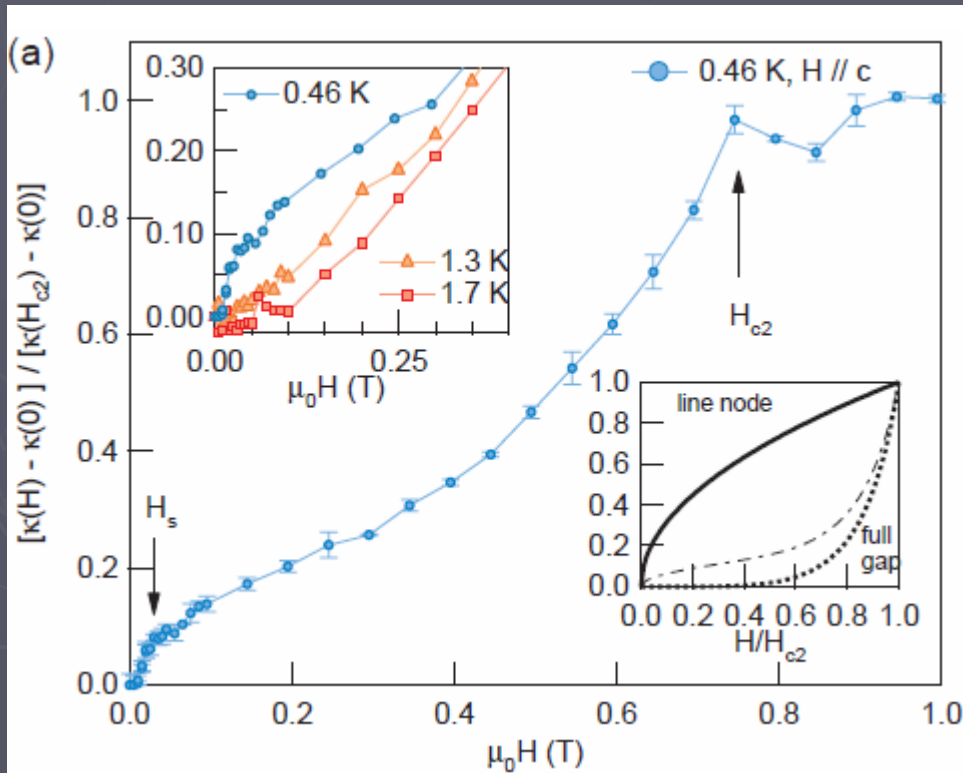
Tiny or zero linear T term

Recall in theory of nodal SC linear T term \Rightarrow residual qp excitations (metallic-like) for d-wave superconductor this term is "universal" $\kappa \sim N_0 v_F^2 / \Delta_0$

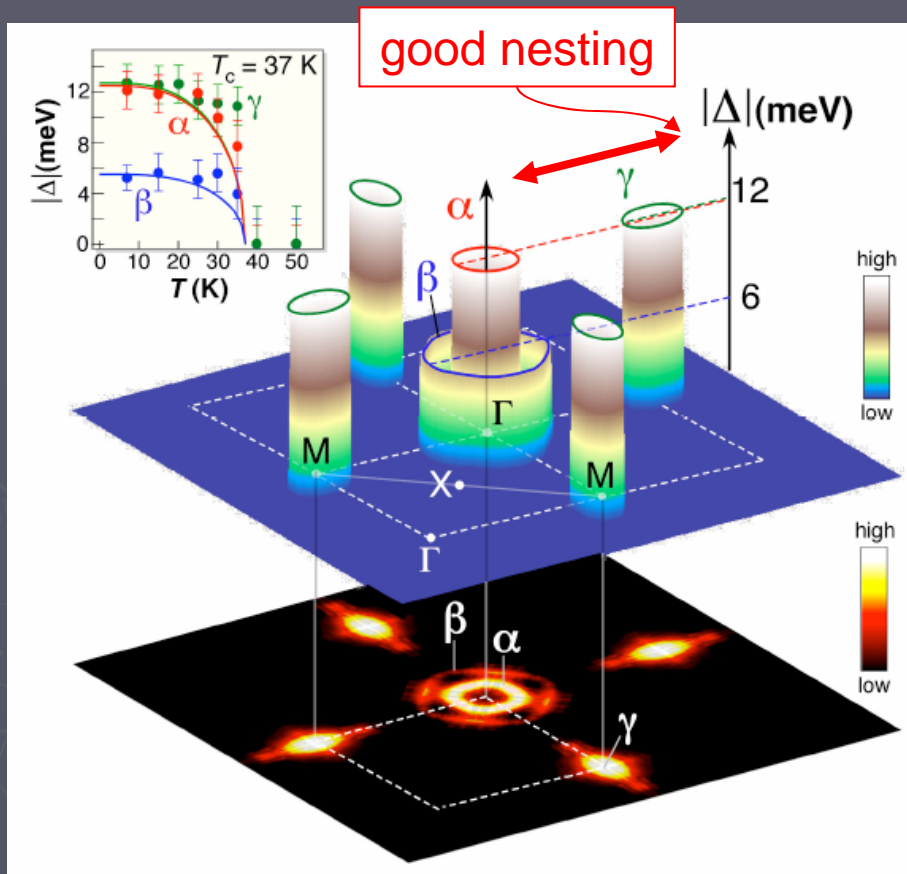
Thermal conductivity ($H > 0$)

LaFePO: Yamashita et al aXv:0906.0622

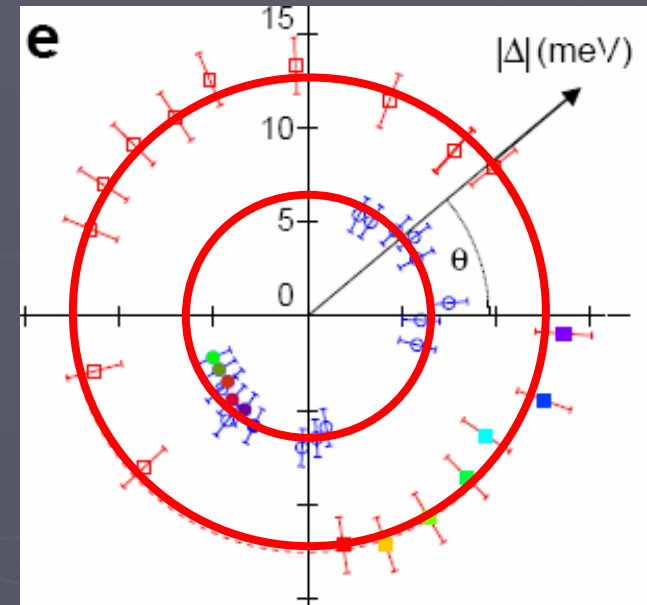
Co-doped Ba-122: Tanatar et al aXv:0904.4049



ARPES



Gap size



H. Ding et al.,
Europhys. Lett. 83, 47001 (2008).

Many ARPES measurements, none find highly anisotropic gap

Spin fluctuation theories of pairing

S. Graser, T. Maier, PH & D.J. Scalapino NJP 2009

Effective interaction from spin-fluctuations (Berk-Schrieffer 1961)

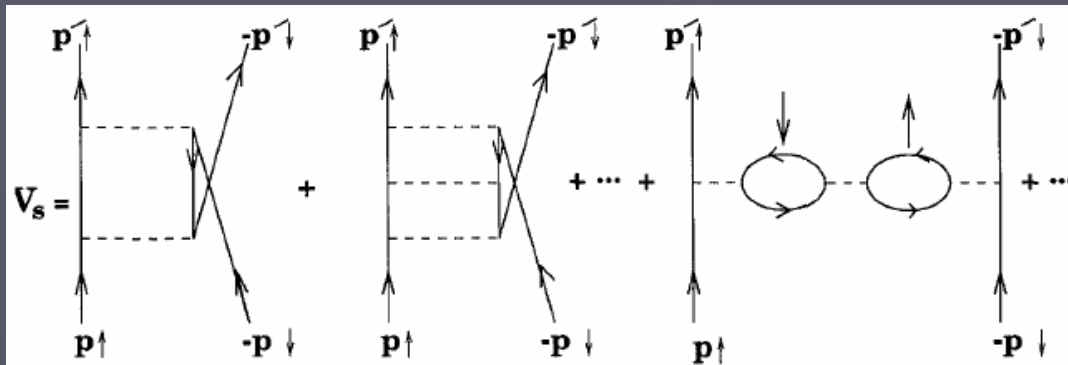


Fig. 1. Diagrams representing the Berk-Schrieffer [1] spin-fluctuation mediated pairing interaction in the singlet channel.

$$V_s(q, \omega) \cong \frac{3}{2} \frac{\bar{U}^2 \chi_0(q, \omega)}{1 - \bar{U} \chi_0(q, \omega)}$$

$$\chi_0(q, \omega) = \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{f(\epsilon_{p+q}) - f(\epsilon_p)}{\omega - (\epsilon_{p+q} - \epsilon_p) + i\delta}$$

$$\lambda_{SF} = - \int_0^\infty \frac{\langle \text{Im} V_s(q, \omega) \rangle}{\omega} d\omega = - \text{Re} \langle V_s(q, 0) \rangle$$

Spin fluctuation pairing theories in Fe-pnictides

Early electronic structure calculations show λ_{e-ph} *weak*

Several calculations of spin-fluctuation pairing:

- Kuroki et al PRL 2008
- Qi et al aXv:0804.4332
- Wen-Lee aXv:0804.1739
- Mazin et al PRL 2008
- Zhang et al PRL 2008
- Graser et al NJP 2009

Graser et al calculation starting point:

$$H = H_0 + H_{int}$$

$H_0 = 5$ -band tight-binding model

$$H_{int} = U \sum_{is} n_{i,s\uparrow} n_{i,s\downarrow} + \frac{V}{2} \sum_{i,s,t \neq s} n_{is} n_{it} - \frac{J}{2} \sum_{i,s,t \neq s} \vec{S}_{is} \cdot \vec{S}_{it} + \frac{J'}{2} \sum_{i,s,t \neq s} \sum_{\sigma, \tau} c_{is\sigma}^\dagger c_{is\bar{\sigma}}^\dagger c_{it\bar{\sigma}} c_{it\sigma}$$

orbit

most general 2-body Hamiltonian with **intrasite** interactions only!

spin fluctuation pairing theories cont'd

Graser et al: start from generalized multiorbital susceptibility:

$$\chi_{s\alpha, t\beta}^{p\gamma, q\delta}(\mathbf{q}, i\Omega) = \frac{1}{6} \chi_{st}^{pq} \vec{\sigma}_{\beta\alpha} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{\gamma\delta} + \frac{1}{2} \chi_{st}^{pq} \delta_{\beta\alpha} \delta_{\gamma\delta}$$

then define singlet and triplet pairing vertices

$$\Gamma_{0st}^{pq}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}', i\Omega) = -\frac{1}{2} (U_0 - 3U_1)_{ps}^{tq}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}', i\Omega)$$

$$\Gamma_{1st}^{pq}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}', i\Omega) = -\frac{1}{2} (U_0 + U_1)_{ps}^{tq}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}', i\Omega)$$

$$U_{0ps}^{tq} = \left[\frac{1}{2} \gamma_0 + \gamma_0 \chi_0^{\text{RPA}} \gamma_0 \right]_{ps}^{tq}$$

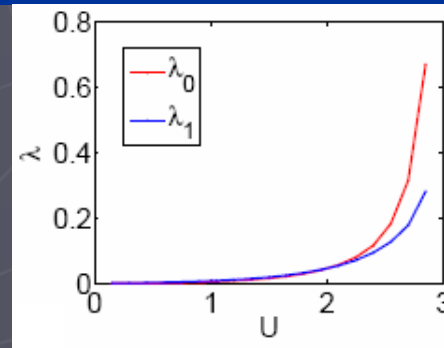
$$U_{1ps}^{tq} = \left[\frac{1}{2} \gamma_1 + \gamma_1 \chi_1^{\text{RPA}} \gamma_1 \right]_{ps}^{tq}$$

linearized gap equation has various eigenvectors g :

$$-\sum_j \oint_{C_j} \frac{dk'_{\parallel}}{2\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi v_F(k')} \Gamma_{ij}(k, k') g_{\alpha}(k') = \lambda_{\alpha} g_{\alpha}(k)$$

Which one wins? dimensionless pairing interaction for each pairing symmetry:

$$\lambda[g(\mathbf{k})] = -\frac{\sum_{i,j} \oint_{C_i} \frac{d\mathbf{k}_{\parallel}}{v(\mathbf{k})} \oint_{C_j} \frac{d\mathbf{k}'_{\parallel}}{v(\mathbf{k}')} g(\mathbf{k}) \Gamma_{ij}^{[g]}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') g(\mathbf{k}')}{(2\pi)^2 \sum_i \oint_{C_i} \frac{d\mathbf{k}_{\parallel}}{v(\mathbf{k})} g^2(\mathbf{k})}$$

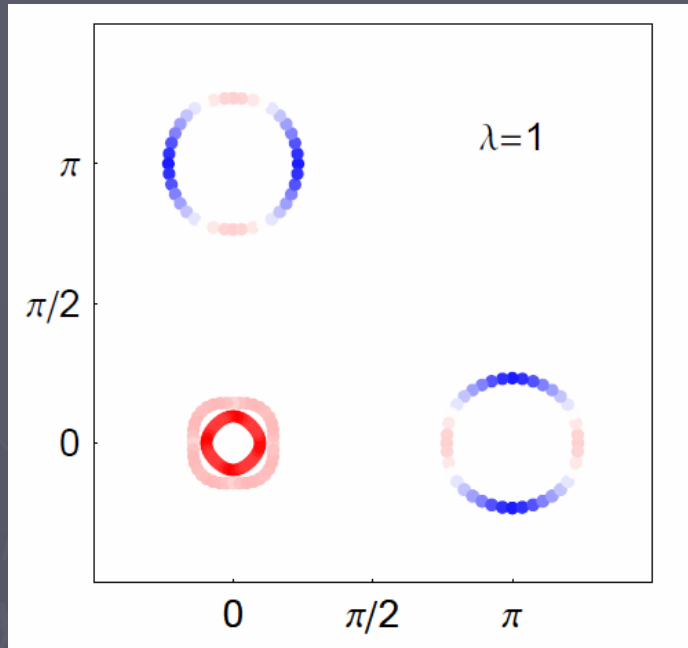


Qi et al (2-band)
 Lee-Wen (3-band)
 Mazin et al (2-band)
 Kuroki et al (nodes)
 Zhang et al (aniso)
 Graser et al (nodes)

differences in: band structure, effective interaction, method...?

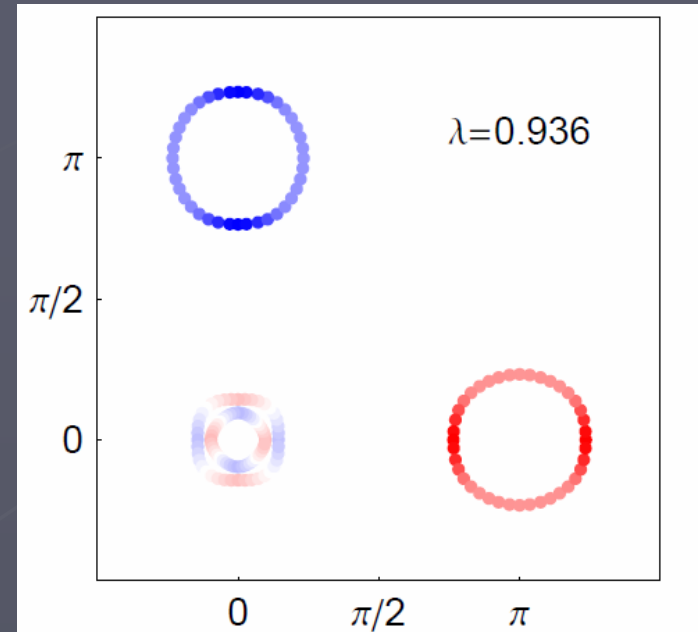
Graser et al: The “winning” pairing functions for $U \rightarrow U_c$ display gap nodes!

“anisotropic extended-s”-wave



$U=1.73$ $J=0$

nearby: dx^2-y^2



$U=1.78$ $J=U/2$

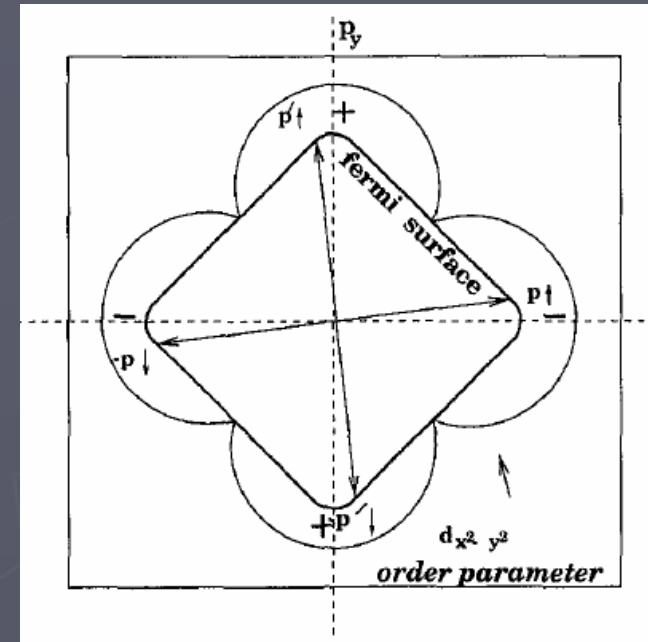
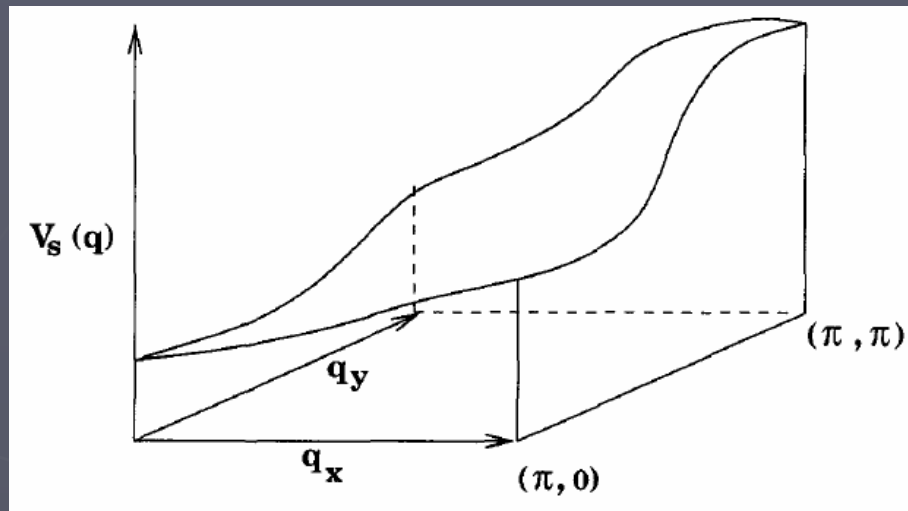
($x=0.125$ e-doped)

Two pairing channels appear to be nearly degenerate within this scheme:

- Can different FeAs materials have different symmetries?
- New types of excitonic order parameter modes?

see Maier & Scalapino 2009, W-C Lee et al 2009

Recall: *d*-wave in cuprates from antiferromagnetic spin fluctuations

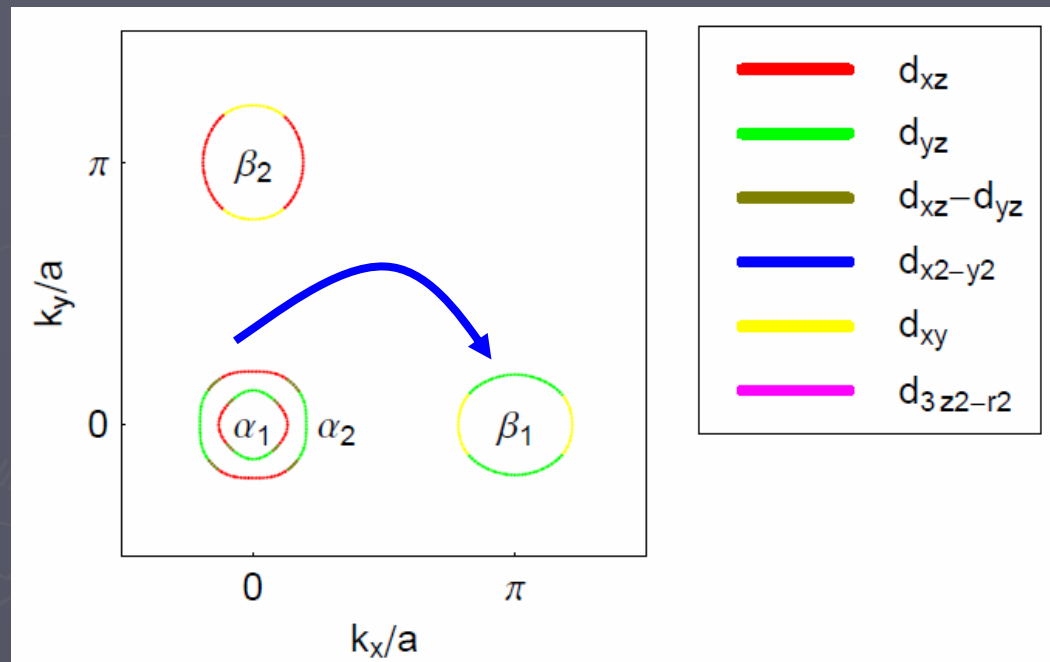


$$\Delta_p = - \sum_{p'} \frac{V(p - p') \Delta_{p'}}{2E_{p'}}$$

d-wave takes advantage of peak in spin fluctuation interaction at π, π !

$$\Delta_{p+(\pi, \pi)} = -\Delta_p$$

Similar argument from [Mazin et al PRL 2008](#) for pnictides:
consider only α - β pair scattering

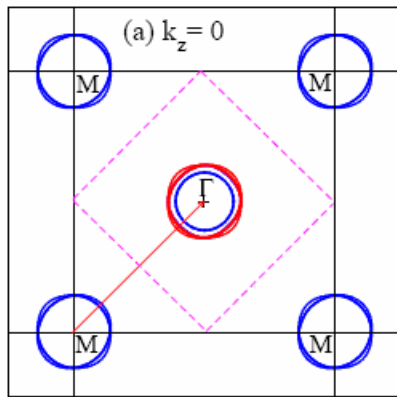


- nesting peaks interaction V_s at $\pi, 0$ in 1-Fe zone.
- interaction is constant over sheet since they are small.
- therefore *isotropic* sign-changing $s_{+/-}$ state solves gap eqn

$$\Delta_p = - \sum_{p'} \frac{V(p-p') \Delta_{p'}}{2E_{p'}}$$

What is the origin of the gap anisotropy [Maier et al PRB 09]?

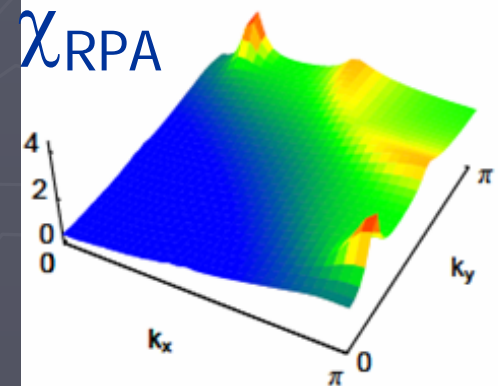
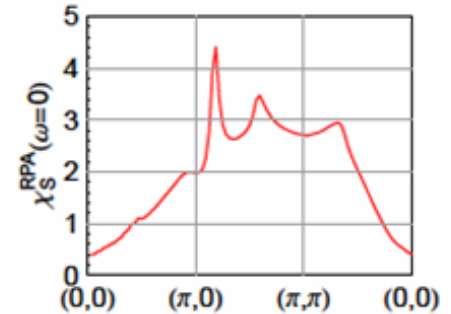
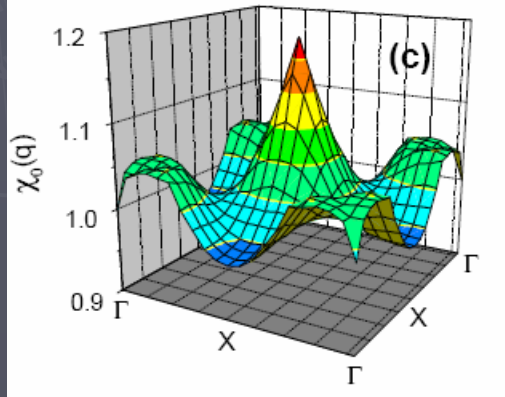
1. importance of orbital character on Fermi sheets
2. scattering between β_1 and β_2 sheets
3. intrasheet coulomb repulsion



$$\chi_{st}^{pq}(q, \omega) =$$

$$-\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k, \mu\nu} \frac{a_{\mu}^s(k) a_{\mu}^{p*}(k) a_{\nu}^q(k+q) a_{\nu}^{t*}(k+q)}{\omega + E_{\nu}(k+q) - E_{\mu}(k) + i0^+}$$

$$\times [f(E_{\nu}(k+q)) - f(E_{\mu}(k))]$$



Dong et al, Mazin et al 2008:
orbital character neglected

Graser et al 2009

Importance of orbital character on Fermi sheets

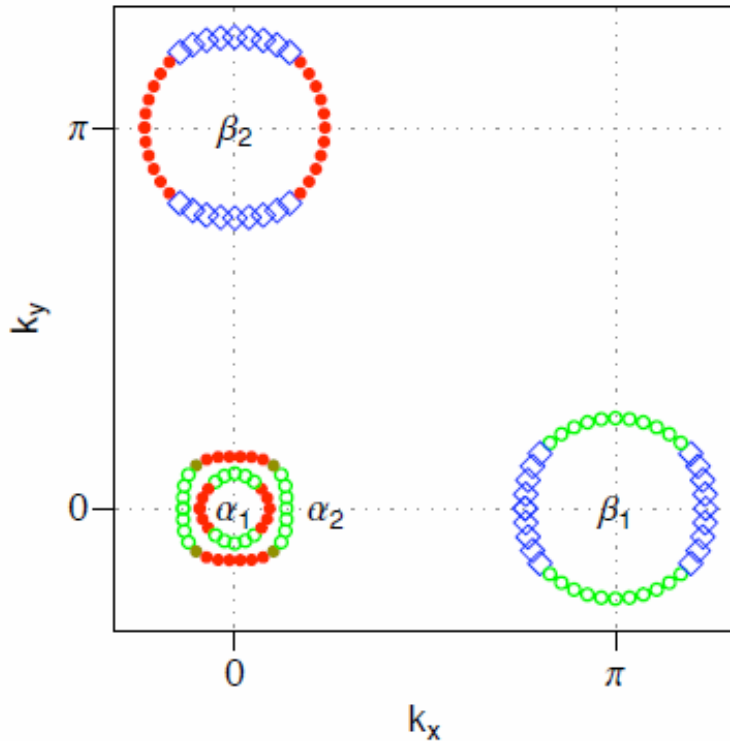
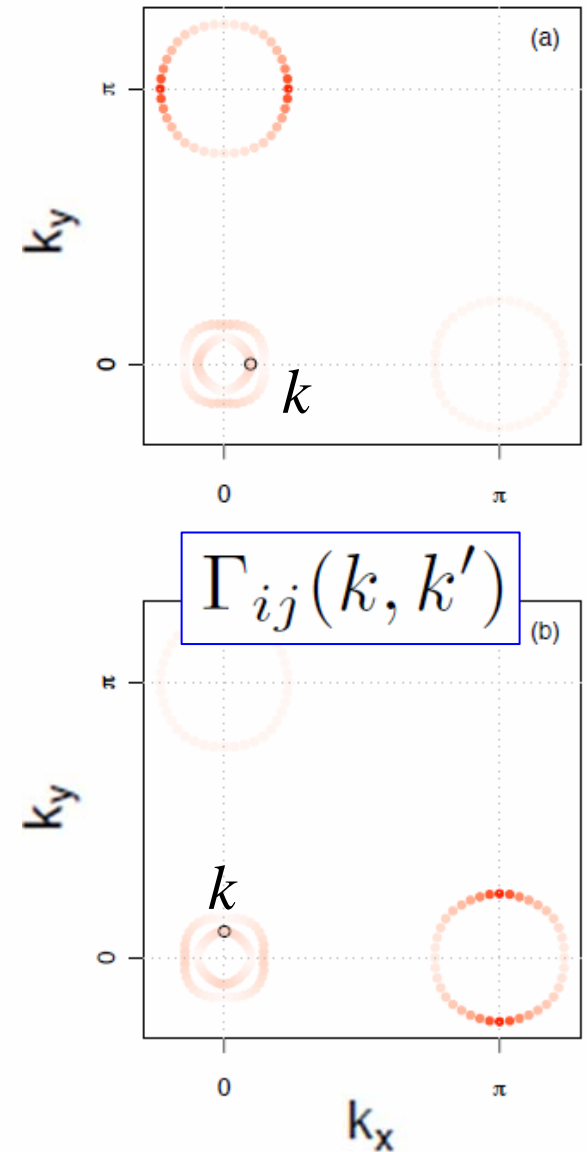
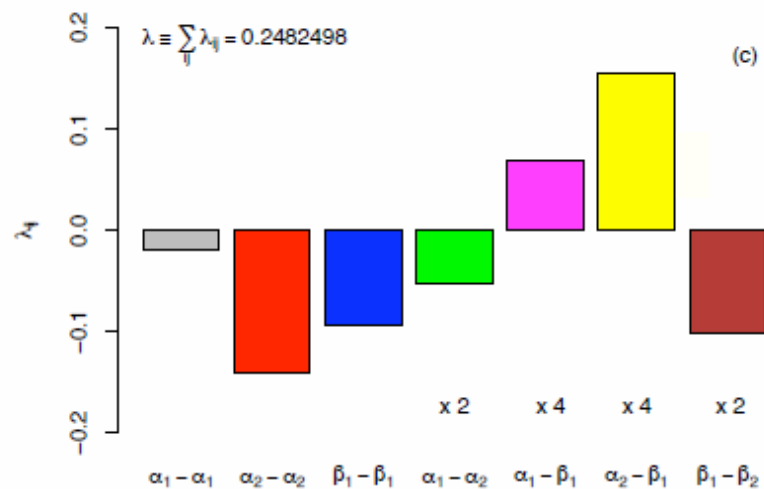
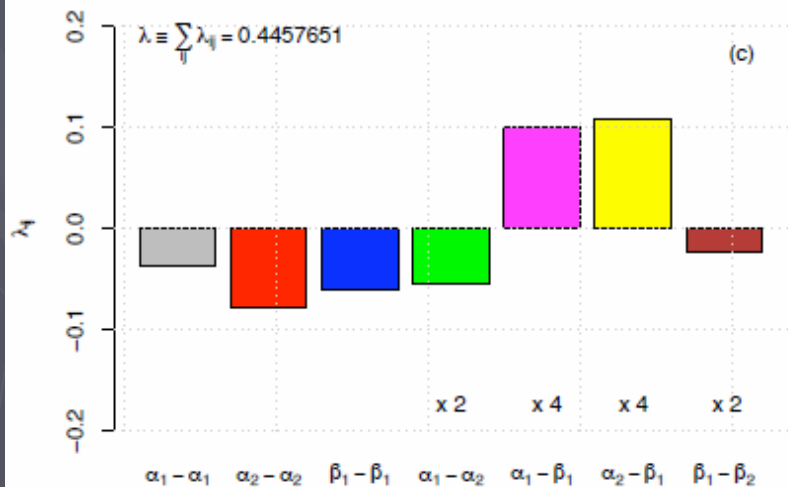
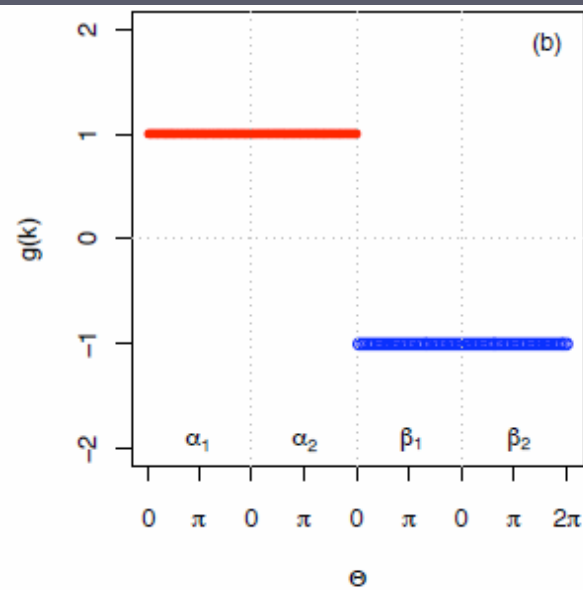
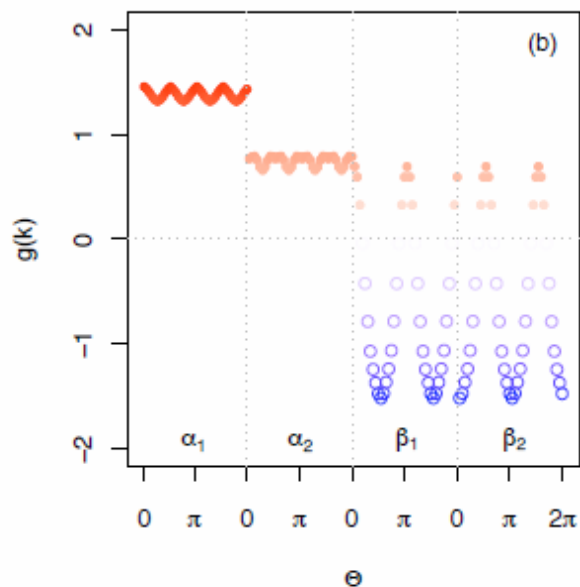


FIG. 1: (color online) The Fermi surface of the 5-orbital tight-binding model¹⁵. The main orbital contributions are shown by the following colors/symbols: d_{xz} (red/solid circles), d_{yz} (green/open circles), $d_{x^2-y^2}$ (blue/diamonds)

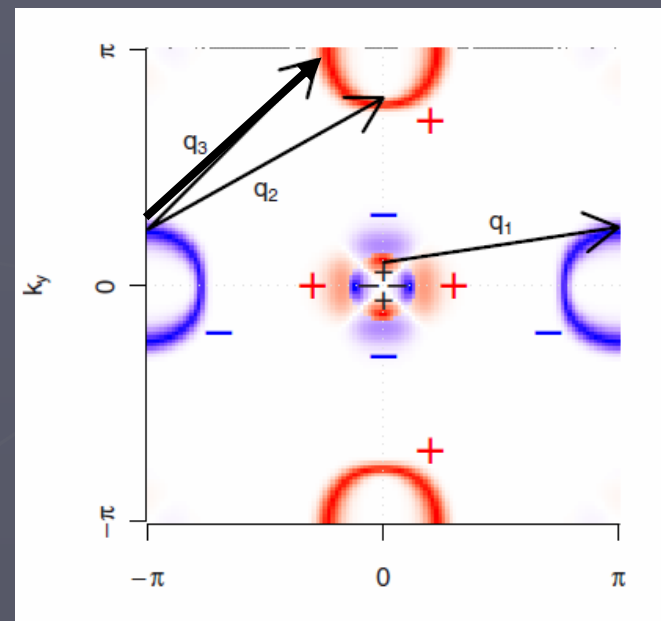
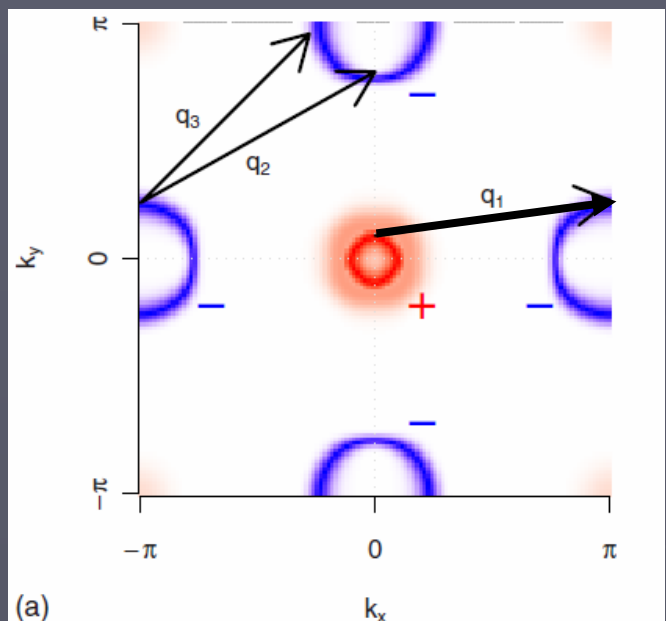


orbital weight factors favor scattering within given orbital

Contributions to pairing strength λ

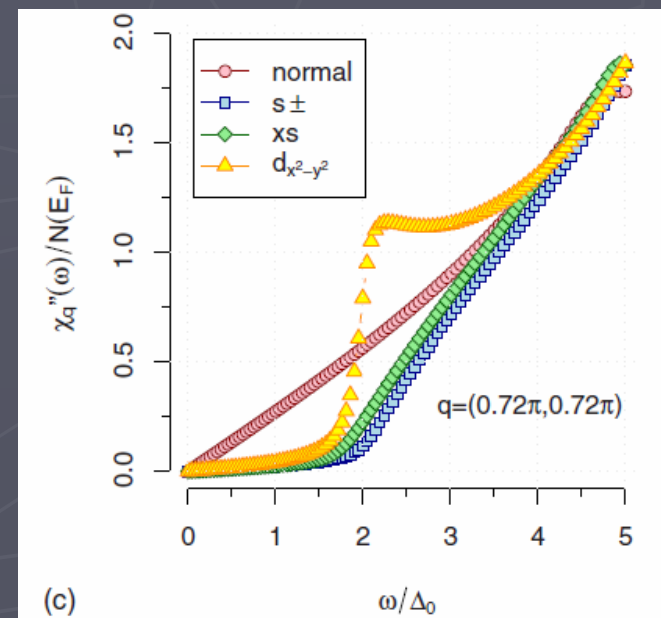
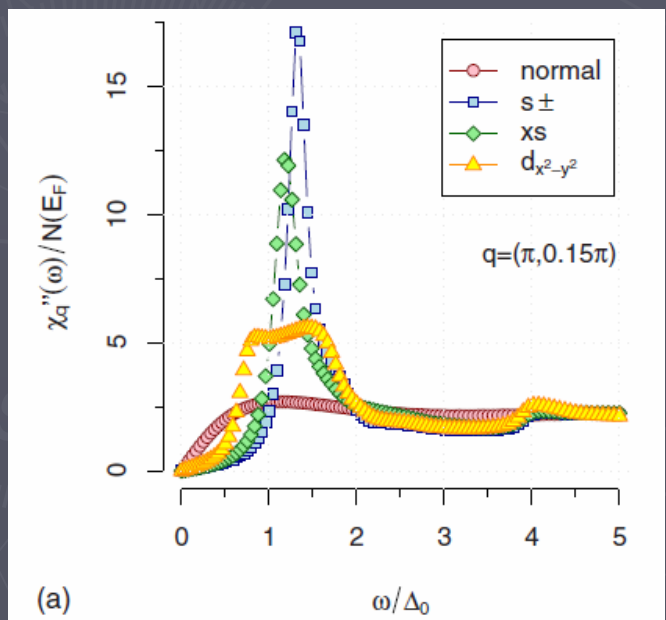


Distinguishing different sign-changing states by neutron resonance

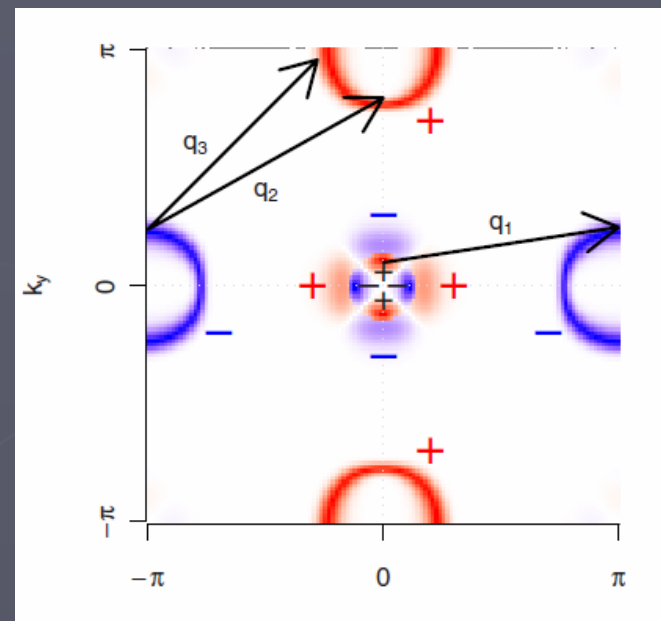
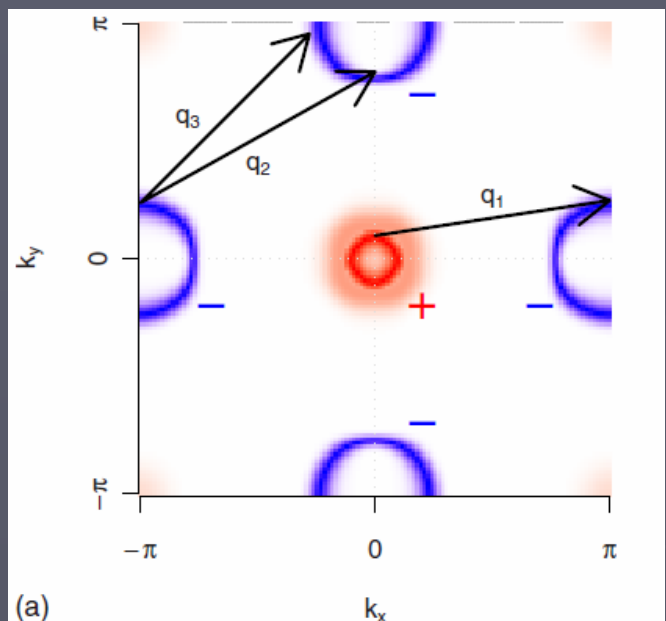


Maier et al
PRB 2009

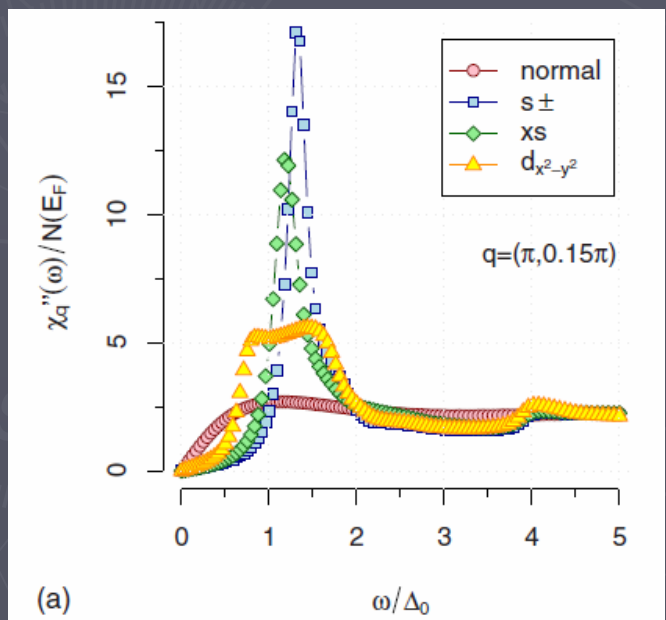
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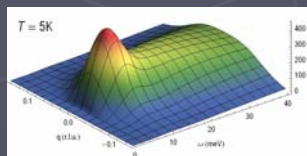
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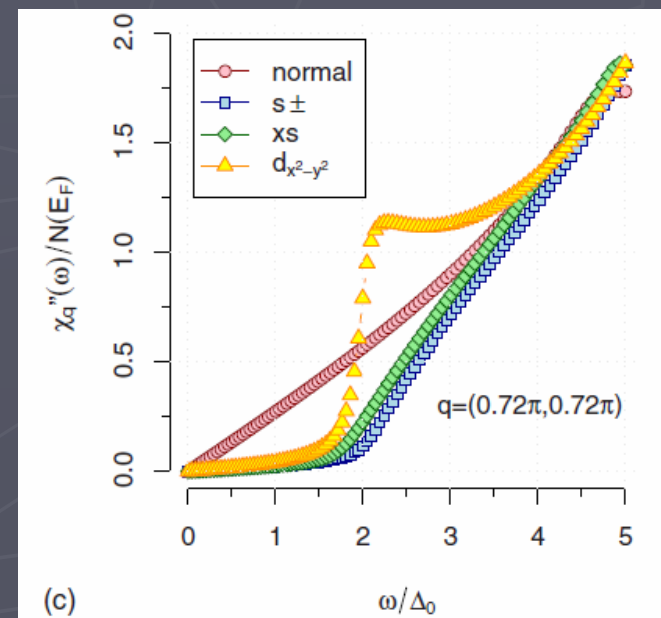
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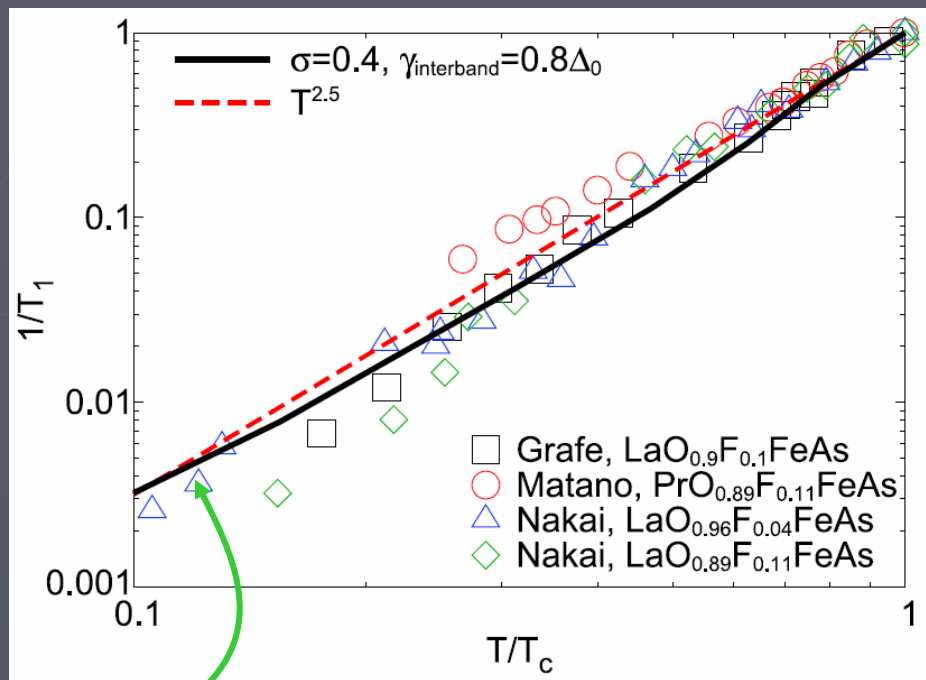
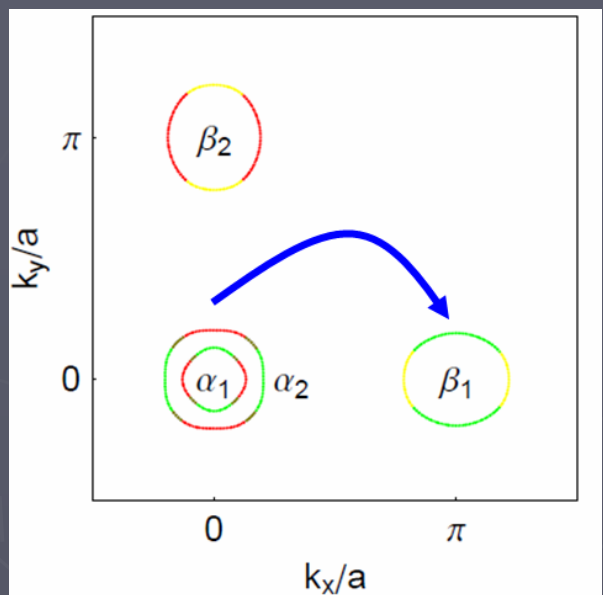


no incomm.
response!



Disorder: Can we reconcile (some) experiments on SC state?

Scenario 1: isotropic $s_{+/-}$ state + interband impurity scattering \Rightarrow low-E power laws



$$\frac{T_1^{-1}}{(T_1^{-1})_N} = 2 \frac{T}{T_c} \int_0^\infty d\omega \left[\frac{-\partial f}{\partial \omega} \right] \left[\frac{N(\omega)}{N_0} \right]^2$$

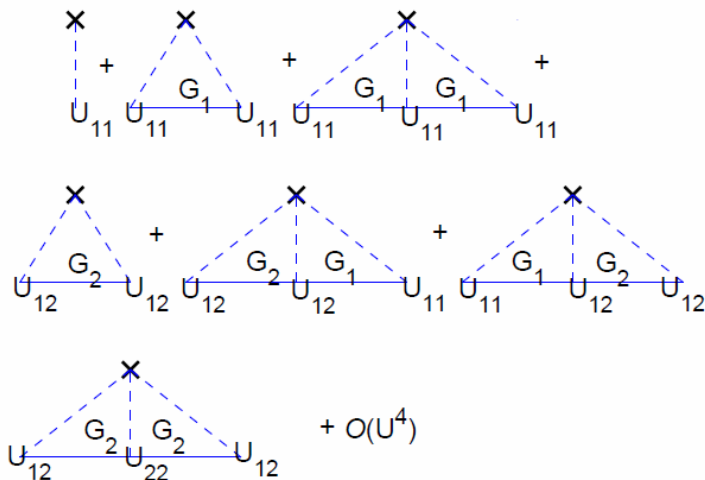
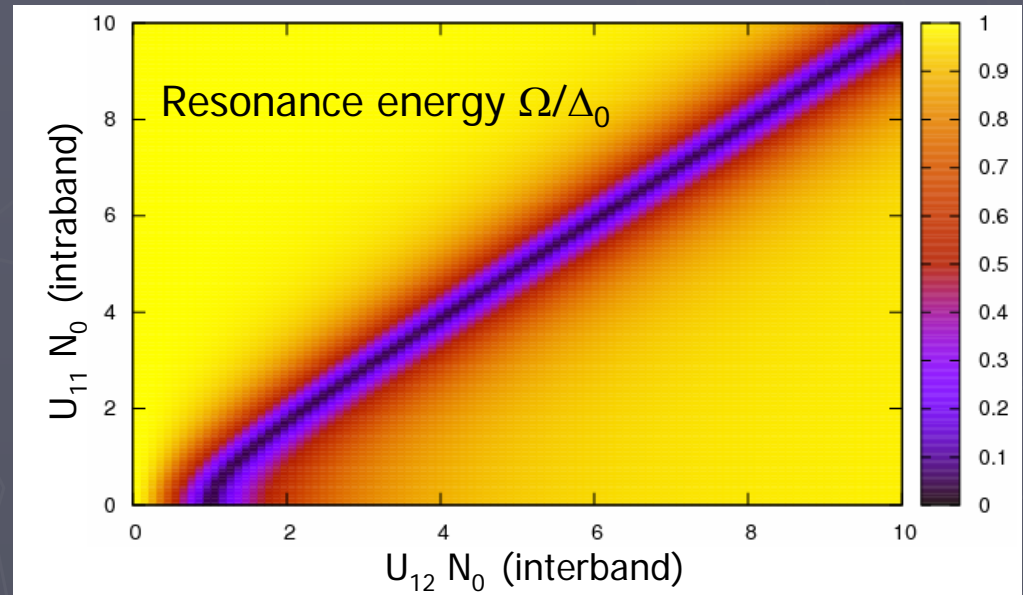
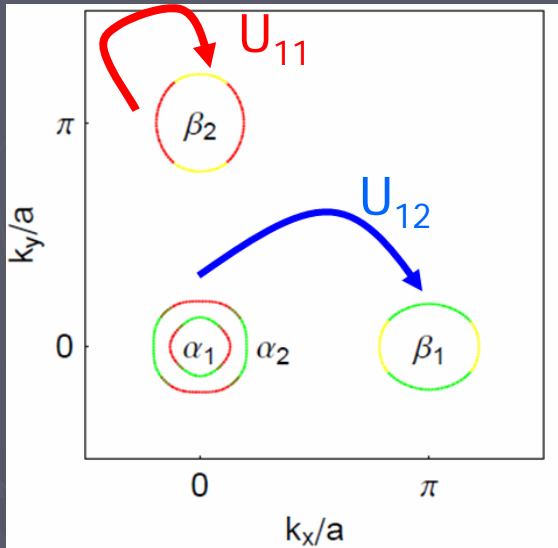
$\sim T$ if $N(\omega = 0) = \text{const}$

Parker et al PRB 2008
 Chubukov et al., PRB 2008
 Vorontsov et al arXiv:0901.0719

$s_{+/-}$ state has full spectral gap but **interband** scattering is pairbreaking (Muzikar 1990s)
 Implication: samples showing full gap are **clean**; samples with low-E states are **dirty**

Some details: disorder in $s_{+/-}$ state

Muzikar 1996, Golubov & Mazin 1997, Kontani et al 2008, 2009,
Parker et al 2008, Chubukov et al 2008, Mishra et al 2009



In isotropic $s_{+/-}$ picture, scattering must be carefully tuned to create qp states near Fermi level.

If intraband \gg interband as expected, no such states are created

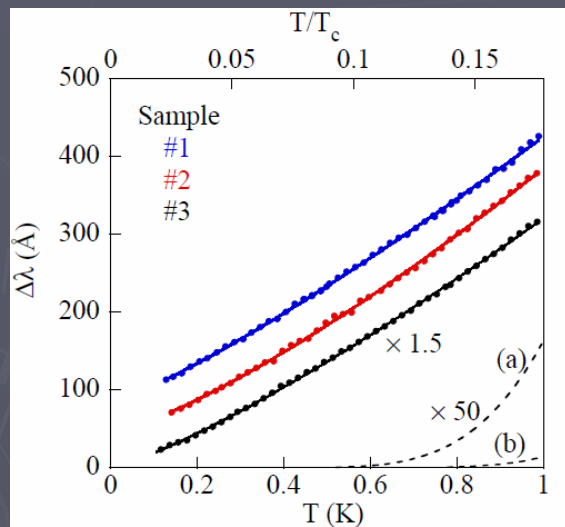
Reconciling contradictory experiments cont'd.

Scenario 2: anisotropic states with **intraband** scattering

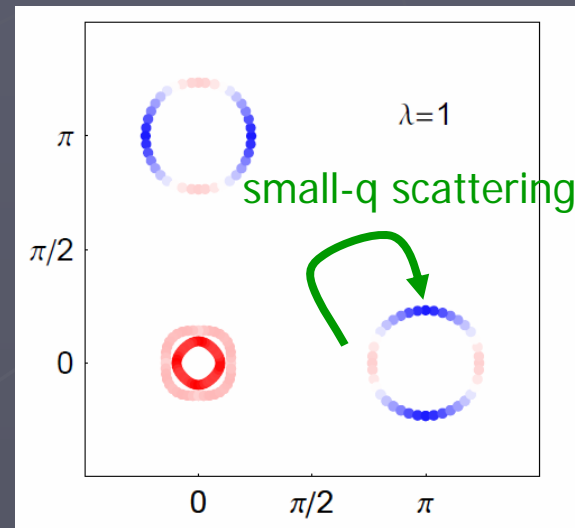
recall

Fletcher et al 2008 LaFePO $T_c=6K$

$\lambda \sim T \Rightarrow$ nodes!

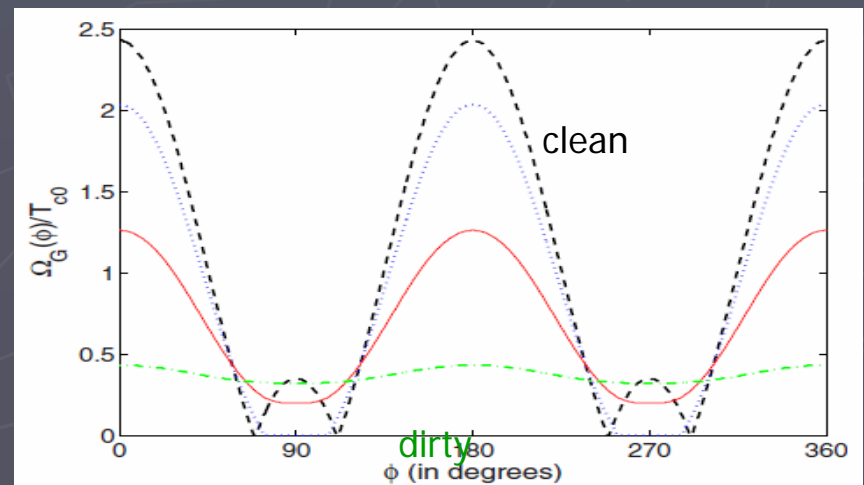


Mishra et al PRB 2009



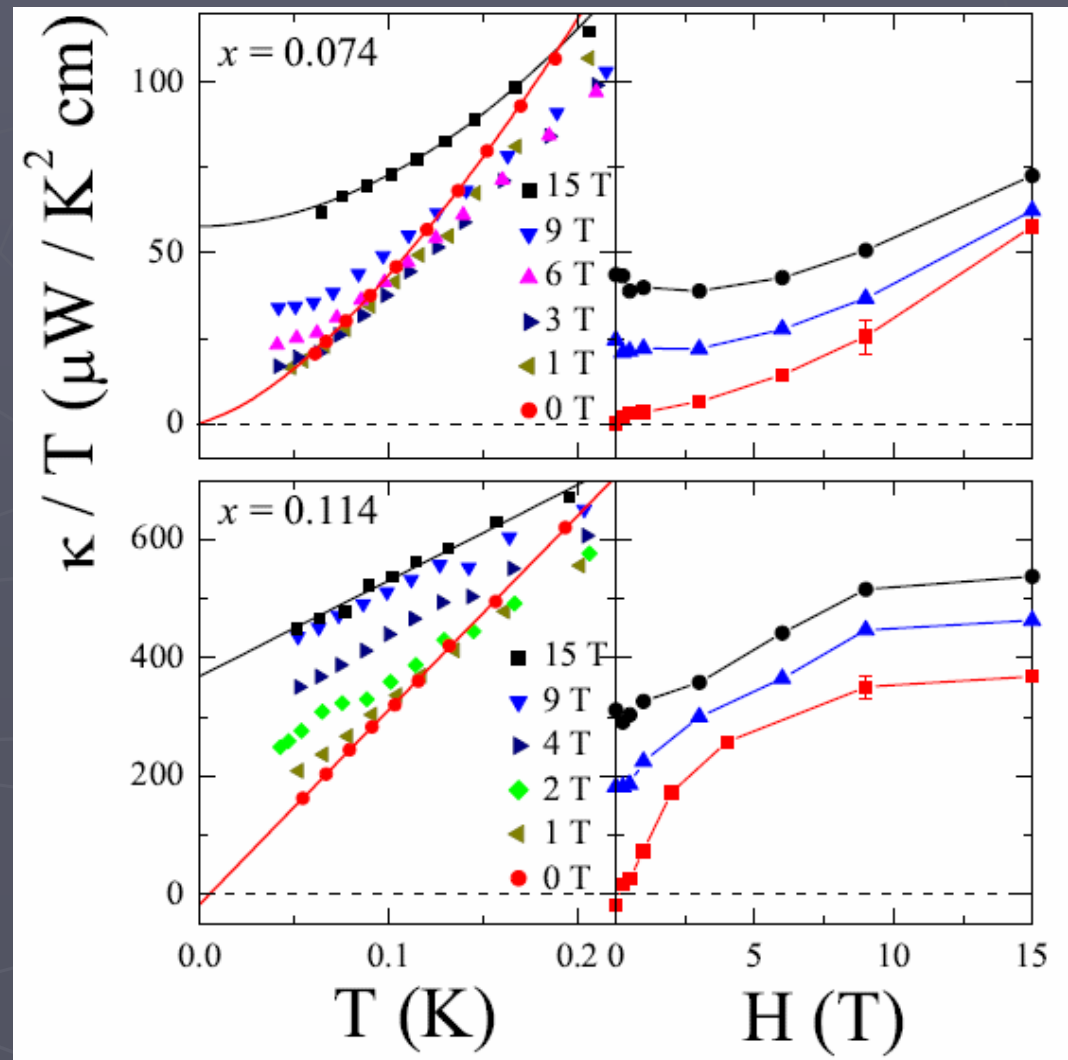
intraband scattering **averages** gap anisotropy, **removes** nodes!

\Rightarrow **clean** systems have nodes, **dirty** ones full gaps!



Reminder: thermal conductivity in Co-122

Co-doped Ba-122: [Tanatar et al aXv:0904.4049](#)

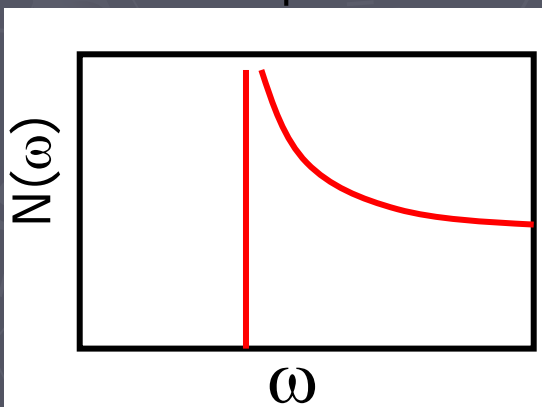
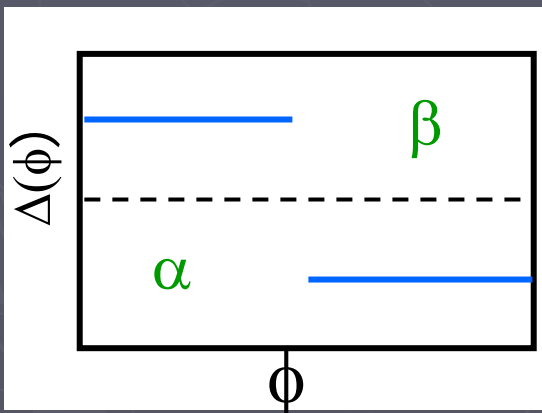


Theory of thermal conductivity

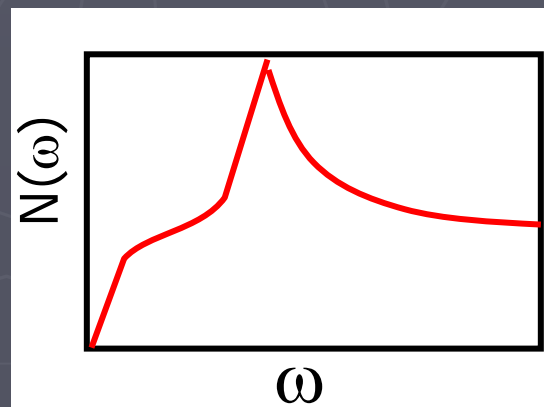
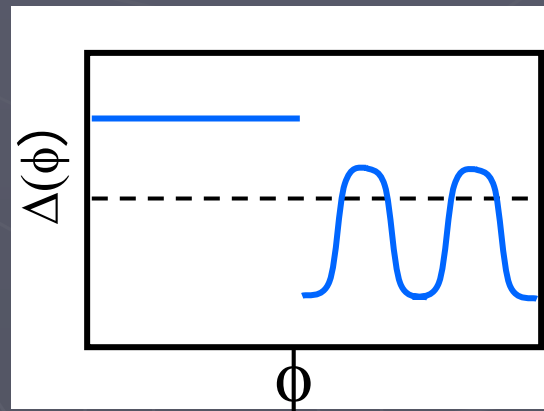
Mishra, Vorontsov, Vekther and PH 2009

2-band phenomenological calculation:

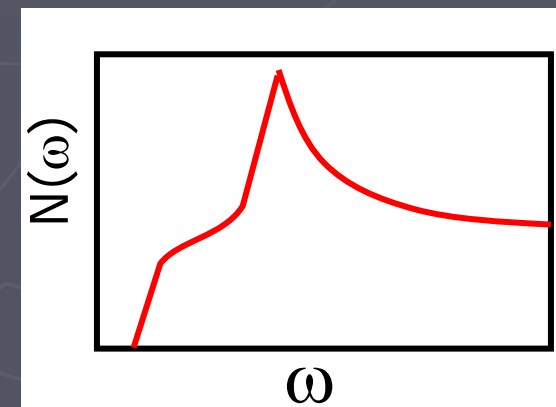
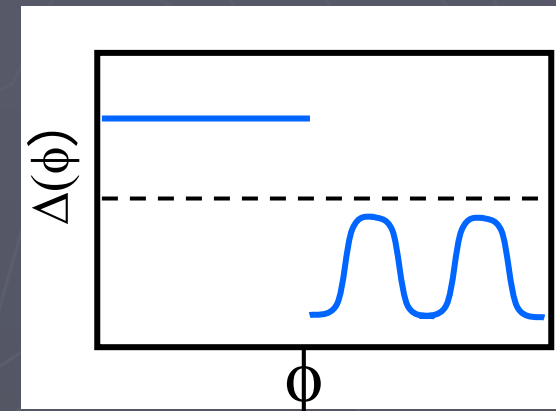
a) isotropic $s_{+/-}$



b) nodes



c) deep minima



Theory of thermal conductivity cont'd

$$\kappa = \sum_i \frac{N_i v_{Fi}^2}{8} \int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{\omega^2}{T^2} \operatorname{sech}^2\left(\frac{\omega}{2T}\right) \times \left\langle \frac{1}{\operatorname{Re}\sqrt{\tilde{\Delta}_i^2 - \tilde{\omega}_i^2}} \left[1 + \frac{|\tilde{\omega}_i|^2 - |\tilde{\Delta}_i|^2}{|\tilde{\Delta}_i^2 - \tilde{\omega}_i^2|} \right] \right\rangle_\phi$$

Both ω and Δ are renormalized by disorder

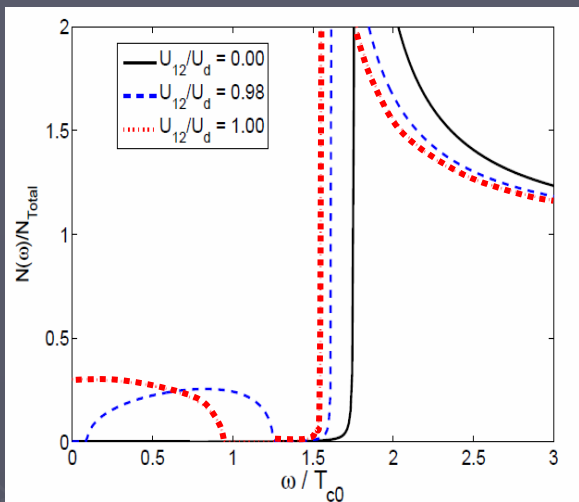
In d-wave case as $T \rightarrow 0$, $\tilde{\Delta} = \Delta$ and

$$\kappa \sim N_0 v_F^2 / v_\Delta \quad (\text{universal})$$

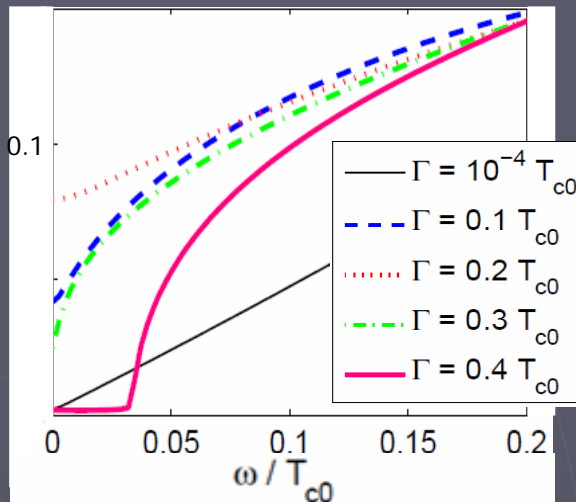
Q: what happens in 2-band A1g cases as $T \rightarrow 0$?

Theory of thermal conductivity cont'd

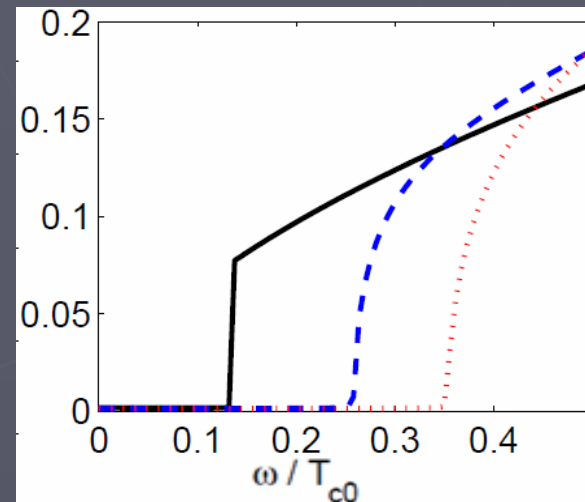
isotropic $\Gamma = 0.3 T_{c0}$



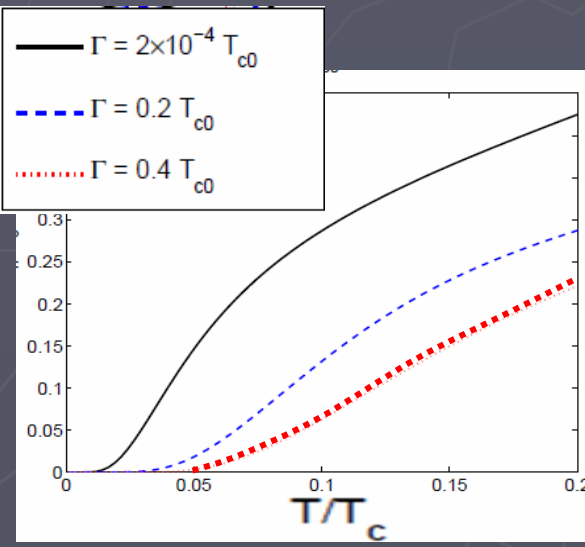
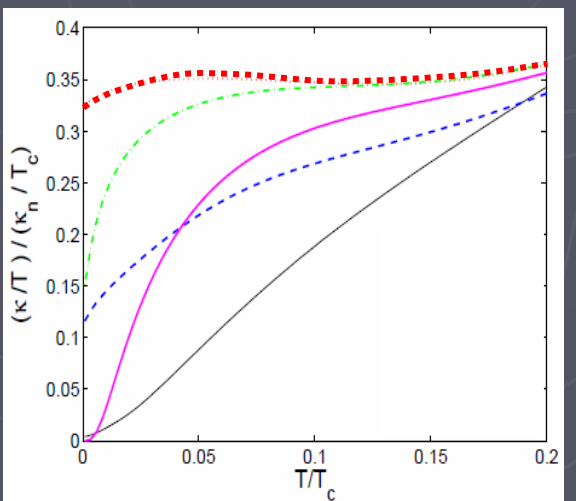
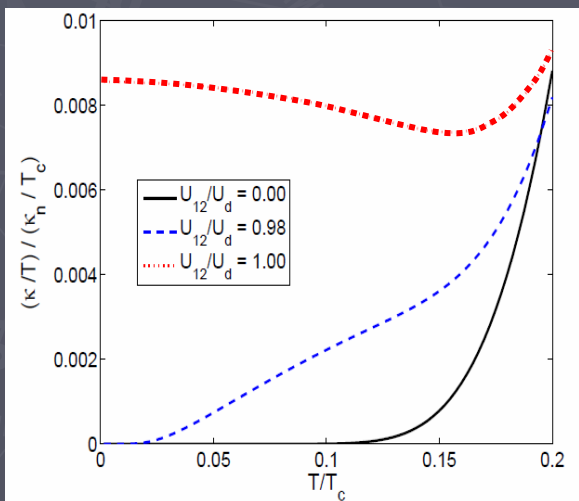
nodes $c=0.07$



deep minima $c=0.07$

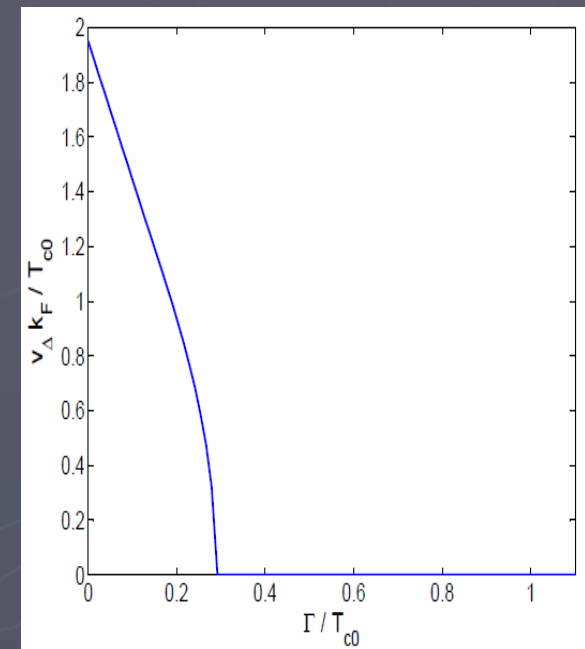
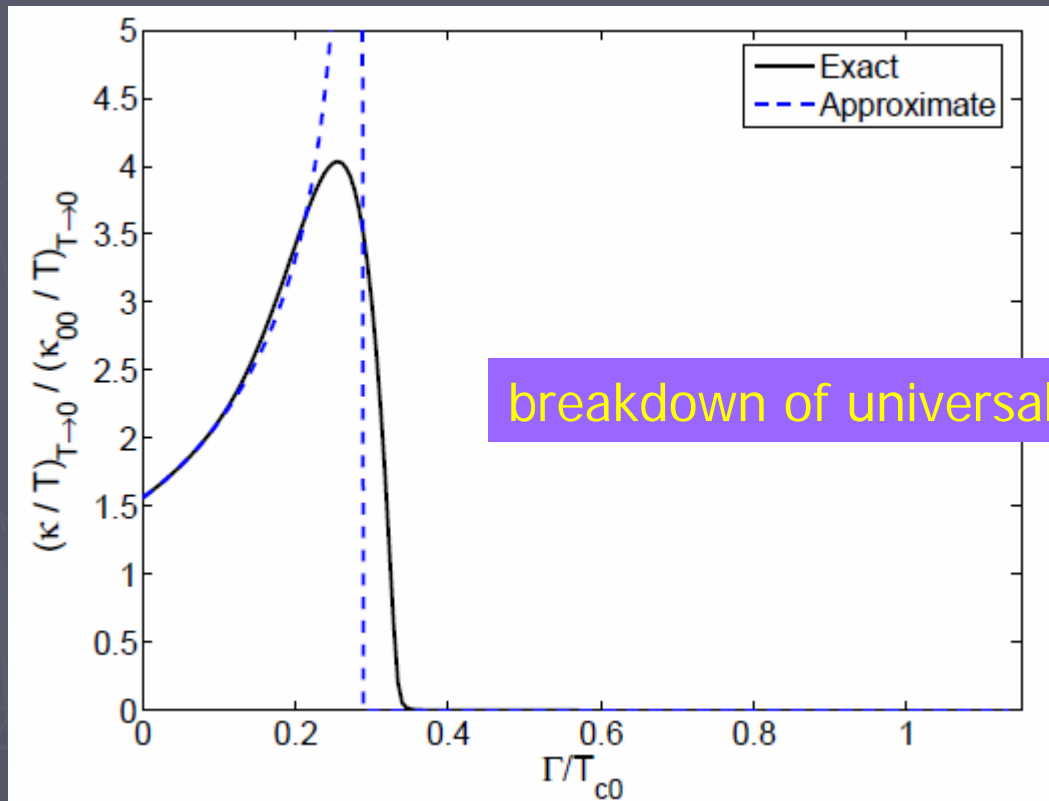


Thermal cond/T



Theory of thermal conductivity cont'd

b) Nodes



Same form as in d-wave case,
but v_{Δ} is strongly disorder-dependent

$$\mathcal{K} \sim N_0 v_F^2 / v_{\Delta}$$

Field dependence of thermal conductivity: BPT method

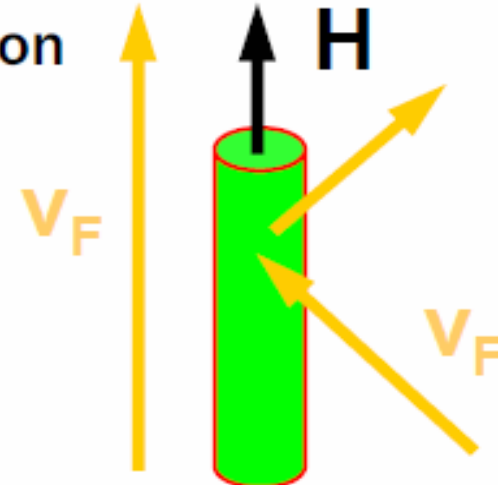
$$\left[-2i\tilde{\varepsilon} + \mathbf{v}_F \left(\nabla_{\mathbf{R}} - \frac{2ie}{c} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{R}) \right) \right] f = 2ig\tilde{\Delta}(\mathbf{R}, \phi)$$

Input: vortex lattice

- Brandt-Pesch-Tewordt approximation: $g \rightarrow$ spatial average
- Nearly exact near H_{c2} , good down to low fields
- Closed form expression for the Green's function

$$g(\hat{\mathbf{p}}, \varepsilon) = -i\pi \left[1 - i\sqrt{\pi} \left(\frac{2\Lambda\Delta_0}{|\mathbf{v}_F^\perp|} \right)^2 Y^2(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) W' \left(\frac{2\tilde{\varepsilon}\Lambda}{|\mathbf{v}_F^\perp|} \right) \right]^{-1/2}$$

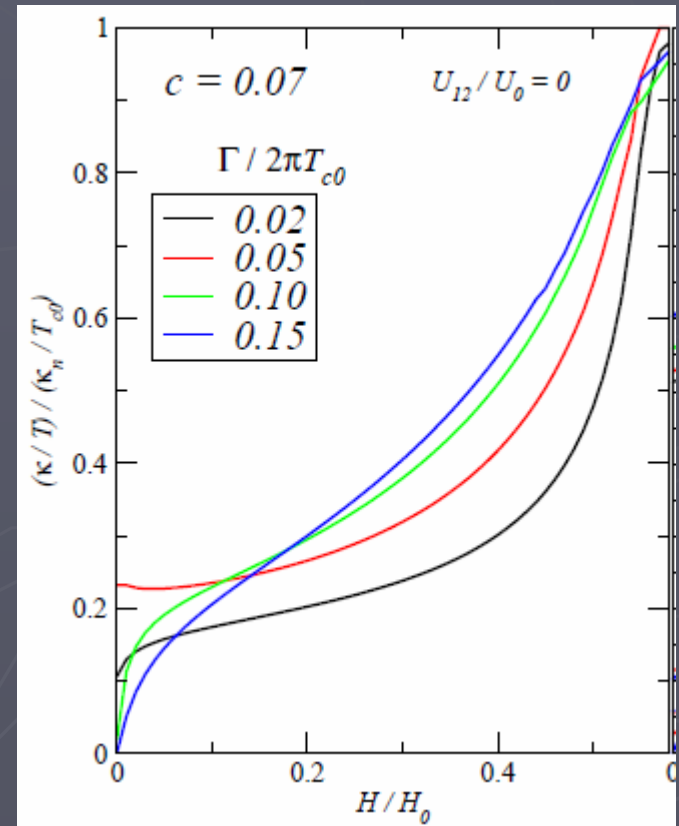
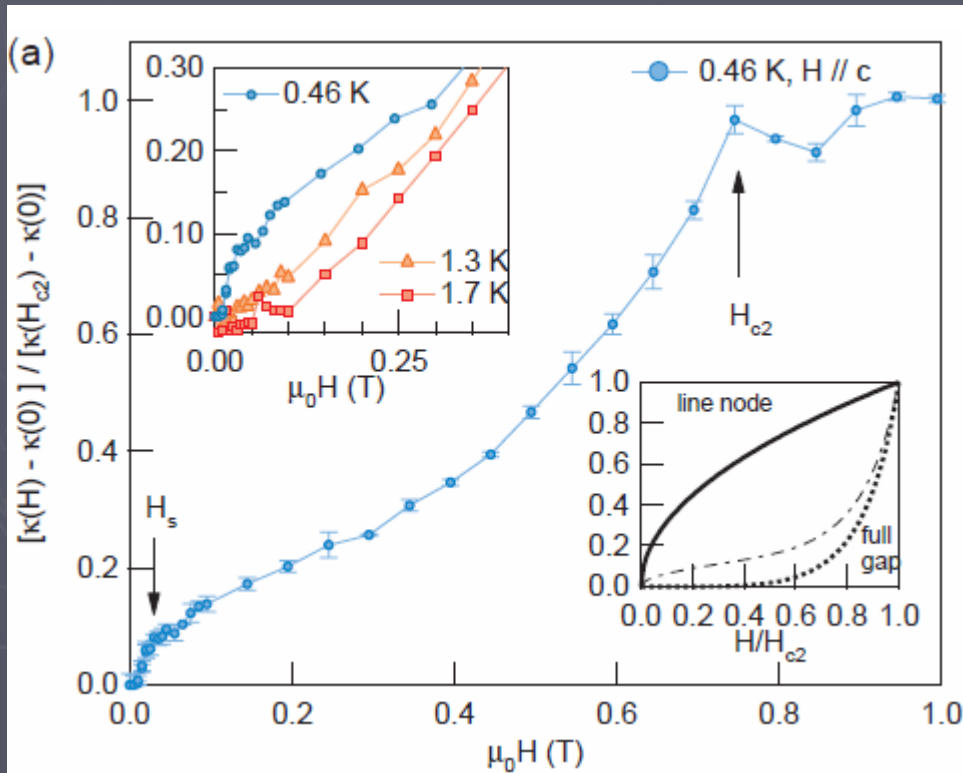
- self-consistency in T, H , impurities
- DOS, specific heat, thermal conductivity
- angle-dependent scattering on the vortices



Field dependence of thermal conductivity: results

Expt: LaFePO Yamashita et al

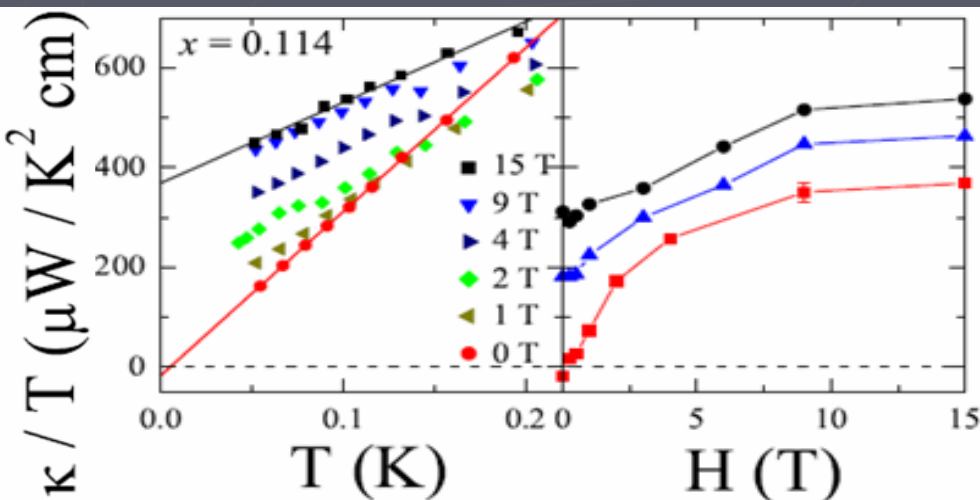
Theory: nodes, pure intraband scatt only



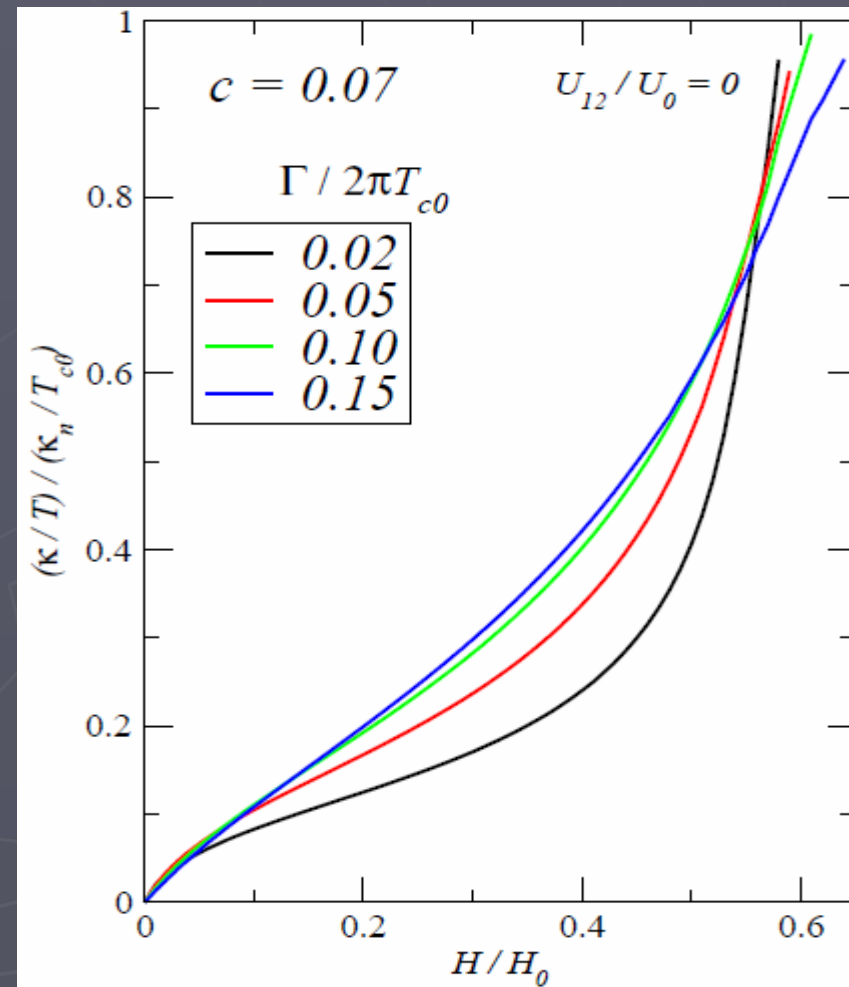
Field dependence of thermal conductivity: results cont'd

Theory: deep gap minima

Expt: Co-doped Ba-122 [Tanatar et al](#)



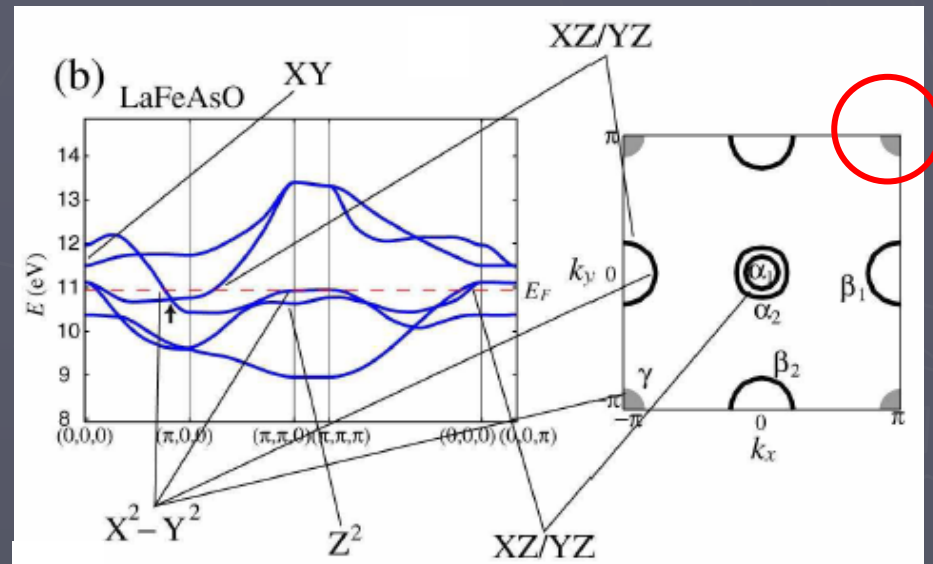
Field dependence with deep gap minima not qualitatively different from nodes!



Higher T_c ? Systematics of T_c 's and pair state in 1111's

H. Kuroki et al., Phys. Rev. B 79, 224511 (2009)

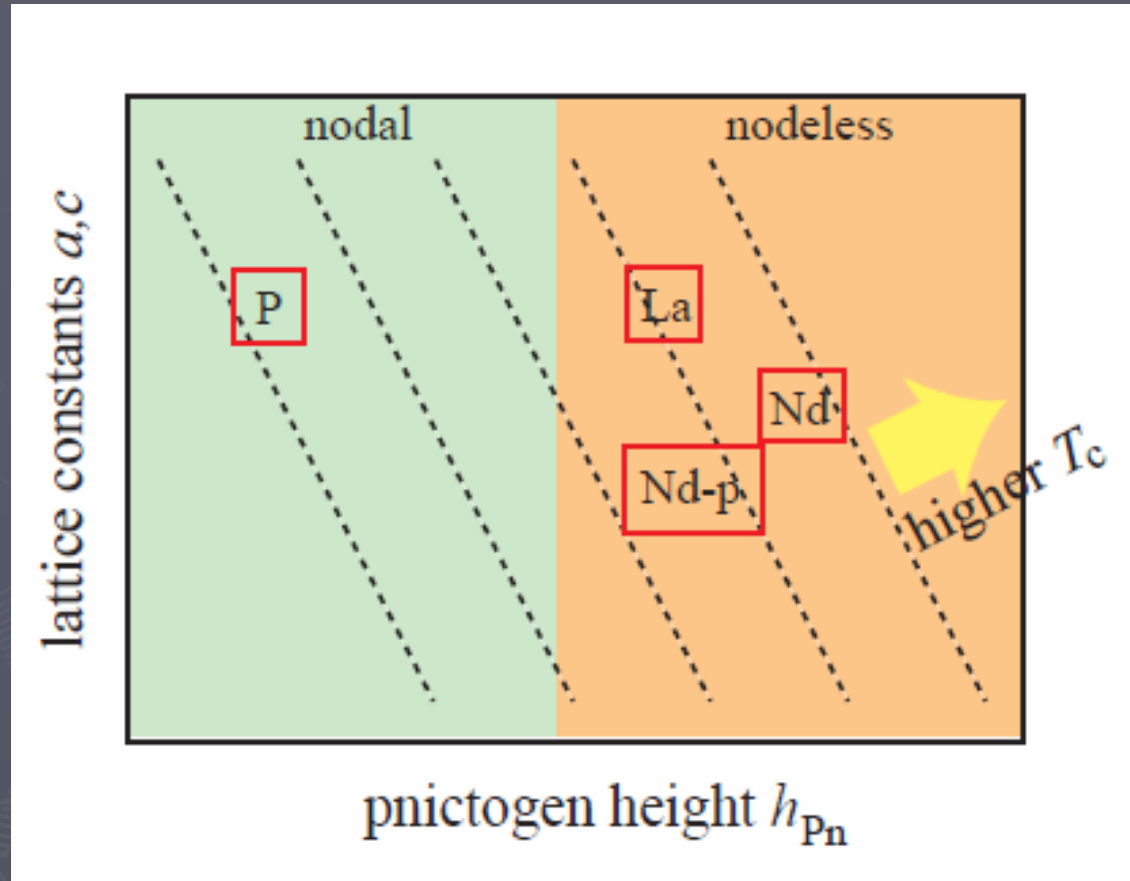
Look at effective tight-binding spin fluctuation models for various 1111 materials



	$a(\text{\AA})$	$c(\text{\AA})$	z_{Pn}	$h_{\text{Pn}} (\text{\AA})$	α	$t_{X^2-Y^2}$	$t'_{X^2-Y^2}$	t_{XZ}	t'_{XZ}
La^{1-}	4.04	8.74	0.6512	1.32	113.6	0.163	0.124	-0.210	0.329
$h_{\text{As}} = 1.38\text{\AA}$	4.04	8.74	0.6580	1.38	111.2	0.132	0.113	-0.191	0.309
$h_{\text{As}} = 1.14\text{\AA}$	4.04	8.74	0.6304	1.14	121.1	0.261	0.153	-0.240	0.364
$a = 3.95\text{\AA}$	3.95	8.74	0.6512	1.32	112.4	0.148	0.123	-0.210	0.346
$c = 8.40\text{\AA}$	4.04	8.40	0.6573	1.32	113.6	0.174	0.132	-0.209	0.327
Nd^{50}	3.94	8.51	0.6624	1.38	109.9	0.135	0.123	-0.202	0.332
Nd-p^{81}	3.92	8.37	0.6584	1.33	111.9	0.172	0.138	-0.217	0.350
Nd-ud^{50}	3.97	8.57	0.6571	1.35	111.7	0.156	0.129	-0.213	0.341
P^{49}	3.96	8.51	0.6339	1.14	120.2	0.253	0.156	-0.234	0.377

Higher T_c ?

Kuroki et al. PRB '09



T_c , pair structure trends from band structure changes alone

Analogy: T_c of 1-layer cuprates vs. apical oxygen height? (Pavarini et al 2001)

Conclusions

- Spin fluctuation calculations predict reasonable T_c , find dominant A_{1g} sign-changing (s-wave) but nearby d-wave. Can systems display SC symmetry transitions as function of external parameter?
- challenge: explain apparently commensurate magnetic response
- s-wave is always highly anisotropic on electron sheets in theory
- Hope: use such theories to predict *systematics* of T_c within family (Kuroki)
- Order parameter symmetry controversial, expts. disagree.

A_{1g} (nodes vs. no nodes?) vs. B_{1g} ?

2 different scenarios which attempt to reconcile by accounting for disorder: distinguish by systematic disorder experiments

Belief: LFPO has nodes, 122's have deep gap minima, which decrease with overdoping \Rightarrow more low-E qp's. Spoiler: ARPES?