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3.The models

4.The properties of the models

5. Conclusions

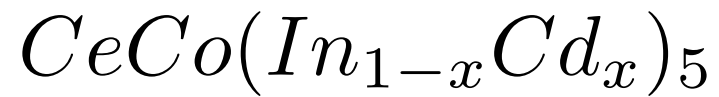
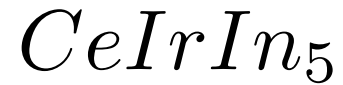
# I.The Materials

They come in families with:

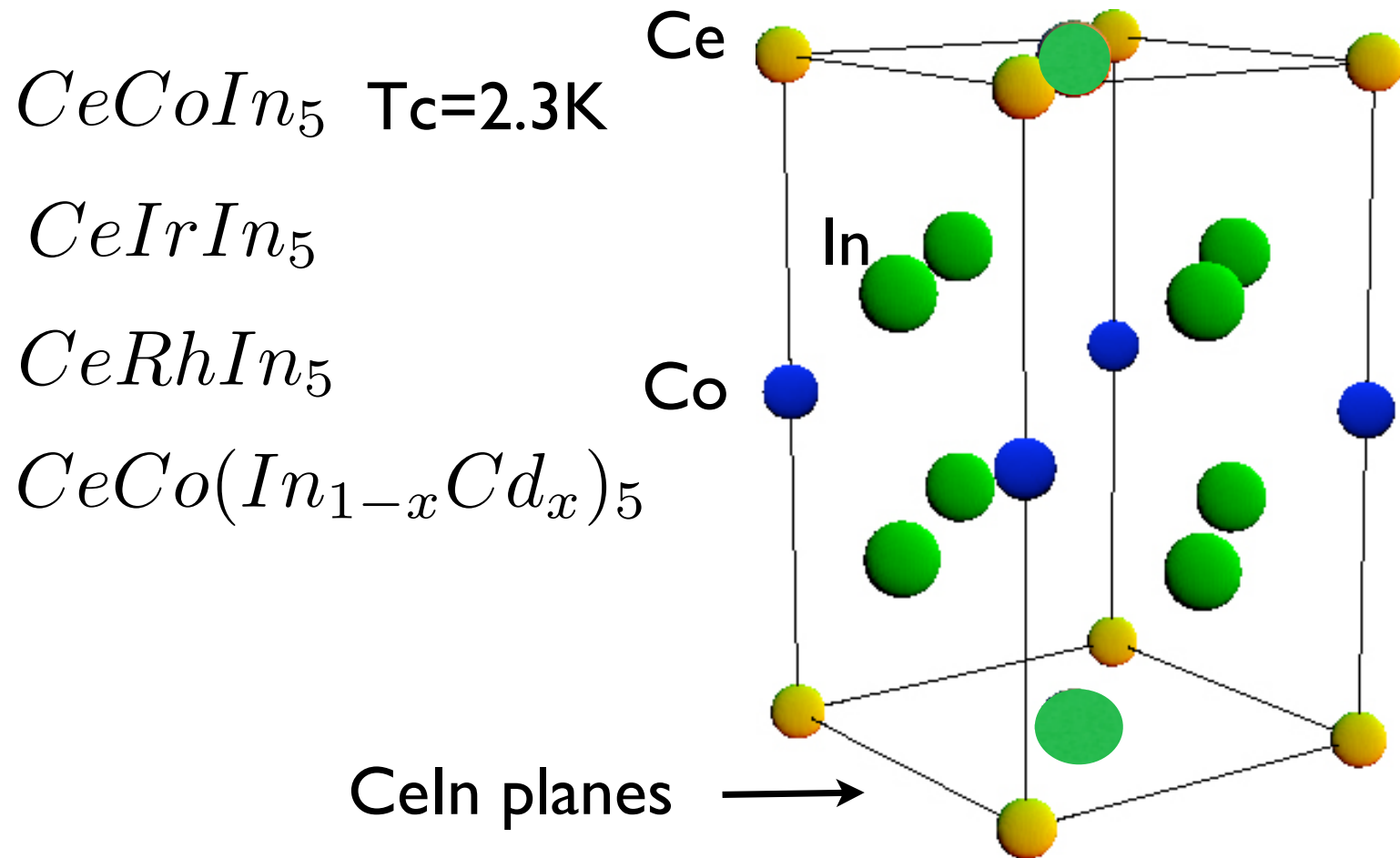
layered 2D structures

phase diagrams with AF magnetism/ superconductivity

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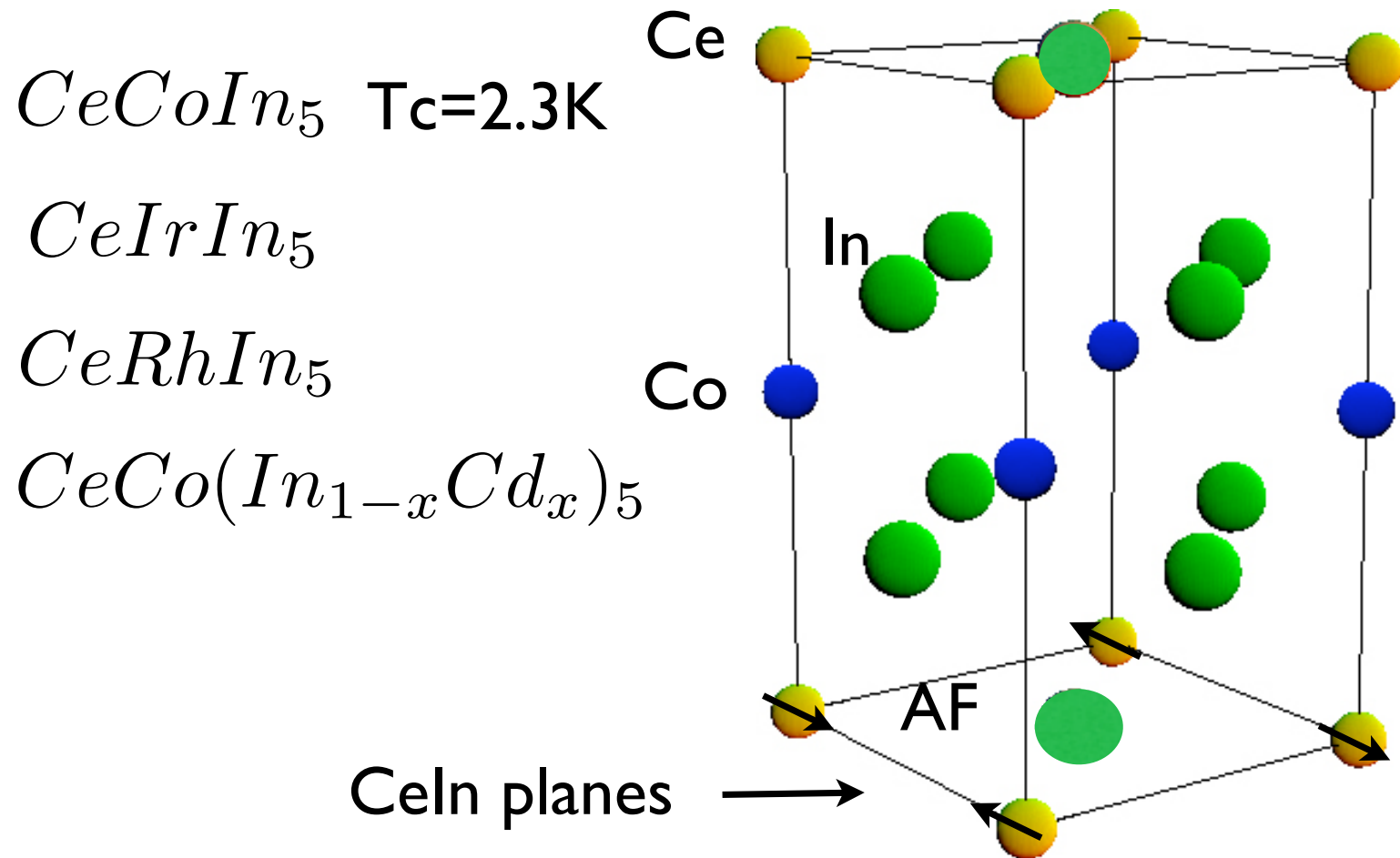


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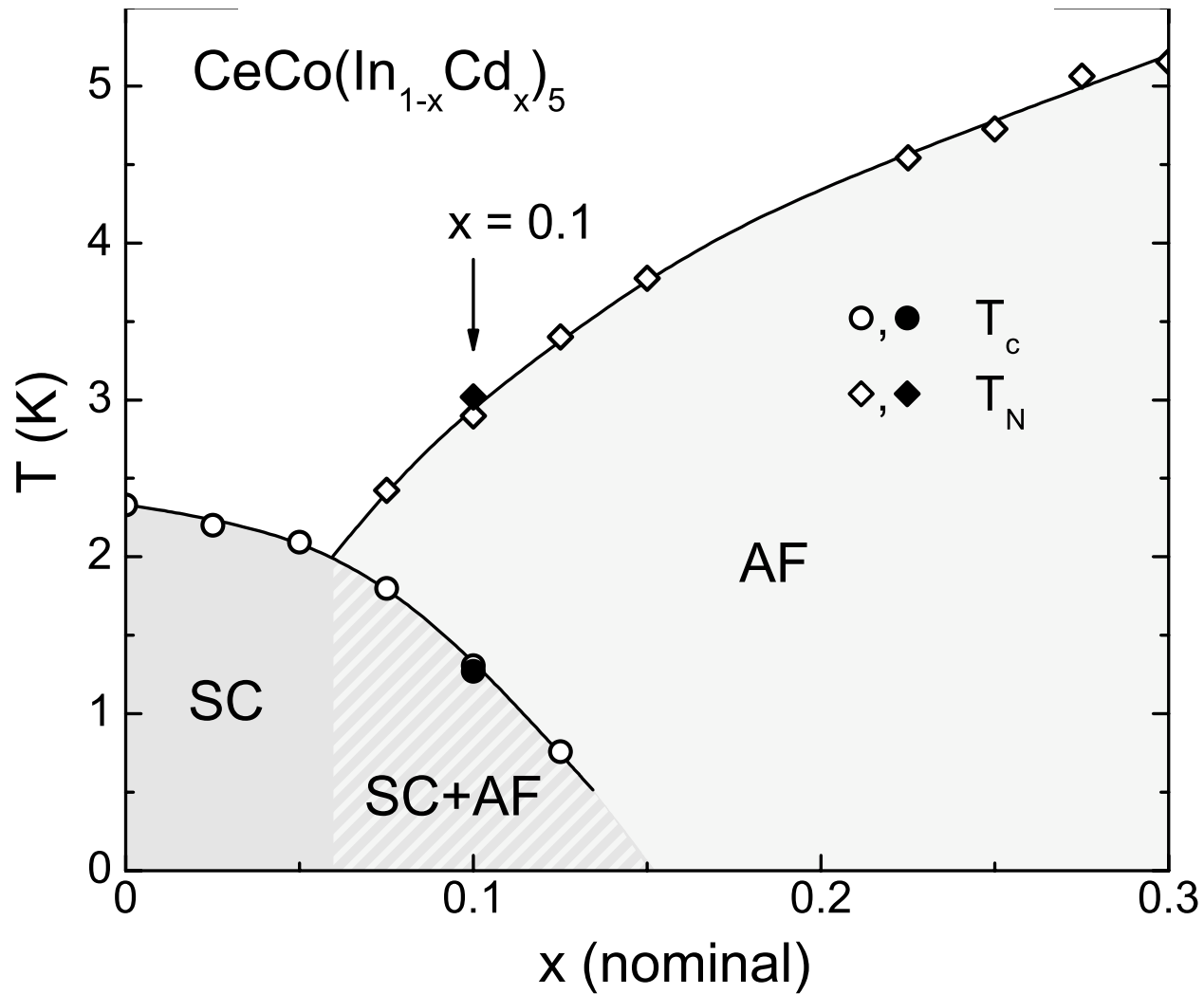
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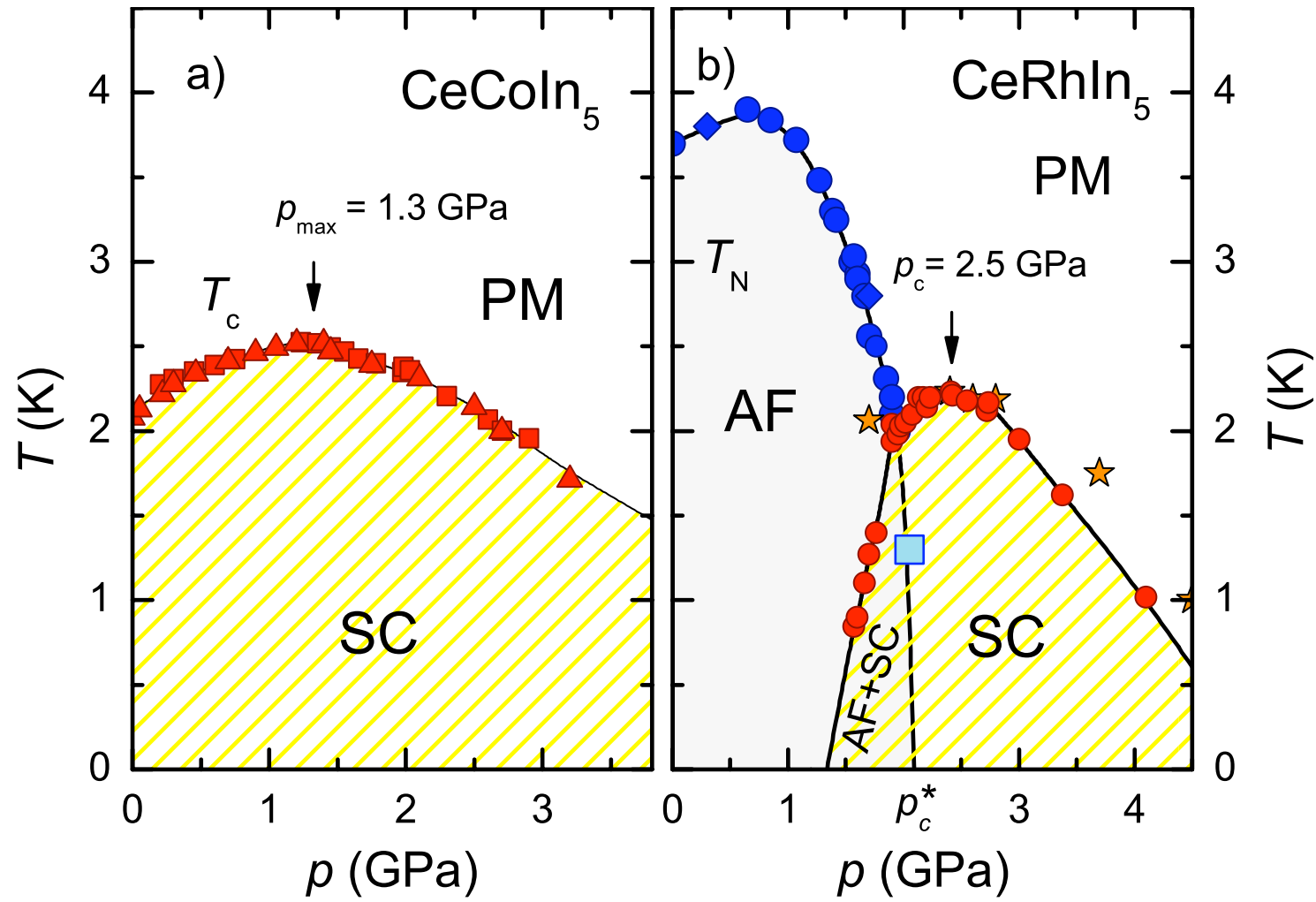
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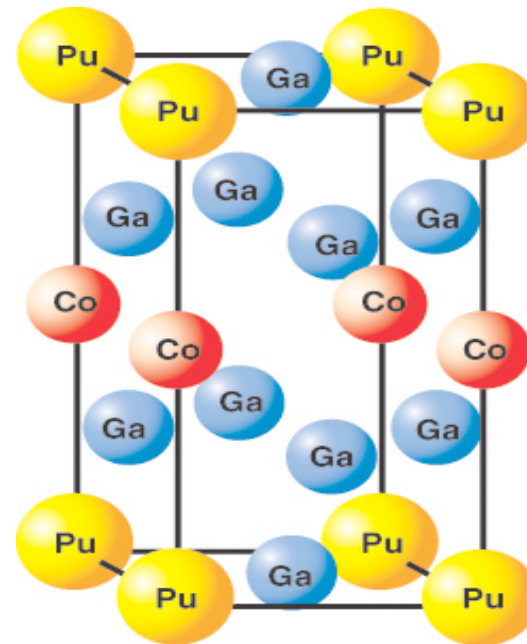
# The 115 actinide PuMGa<sub>5</sub> family

*PuCoGa<sub>5</sub>*      T<sub>c</sub>=18.5K

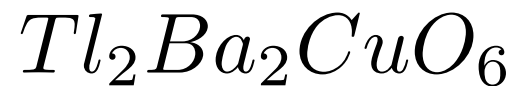
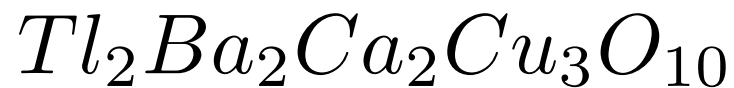
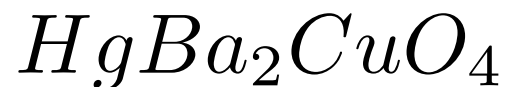
*PuRhGa<sub>5</sub>*      T<sub>c</sub>~8K

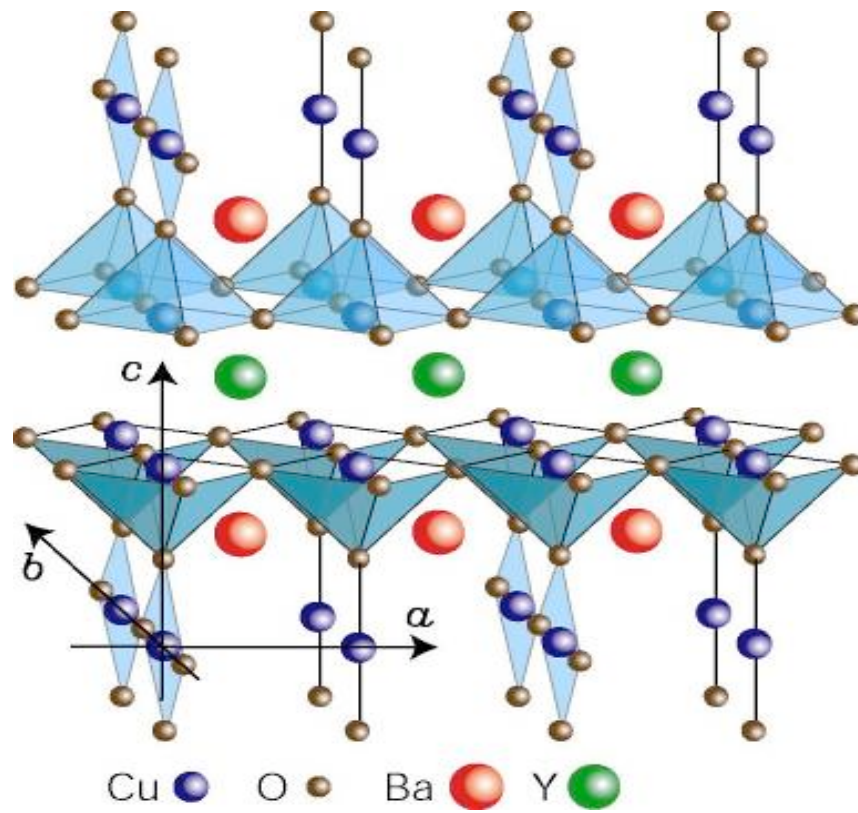
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Pu-Ga planes



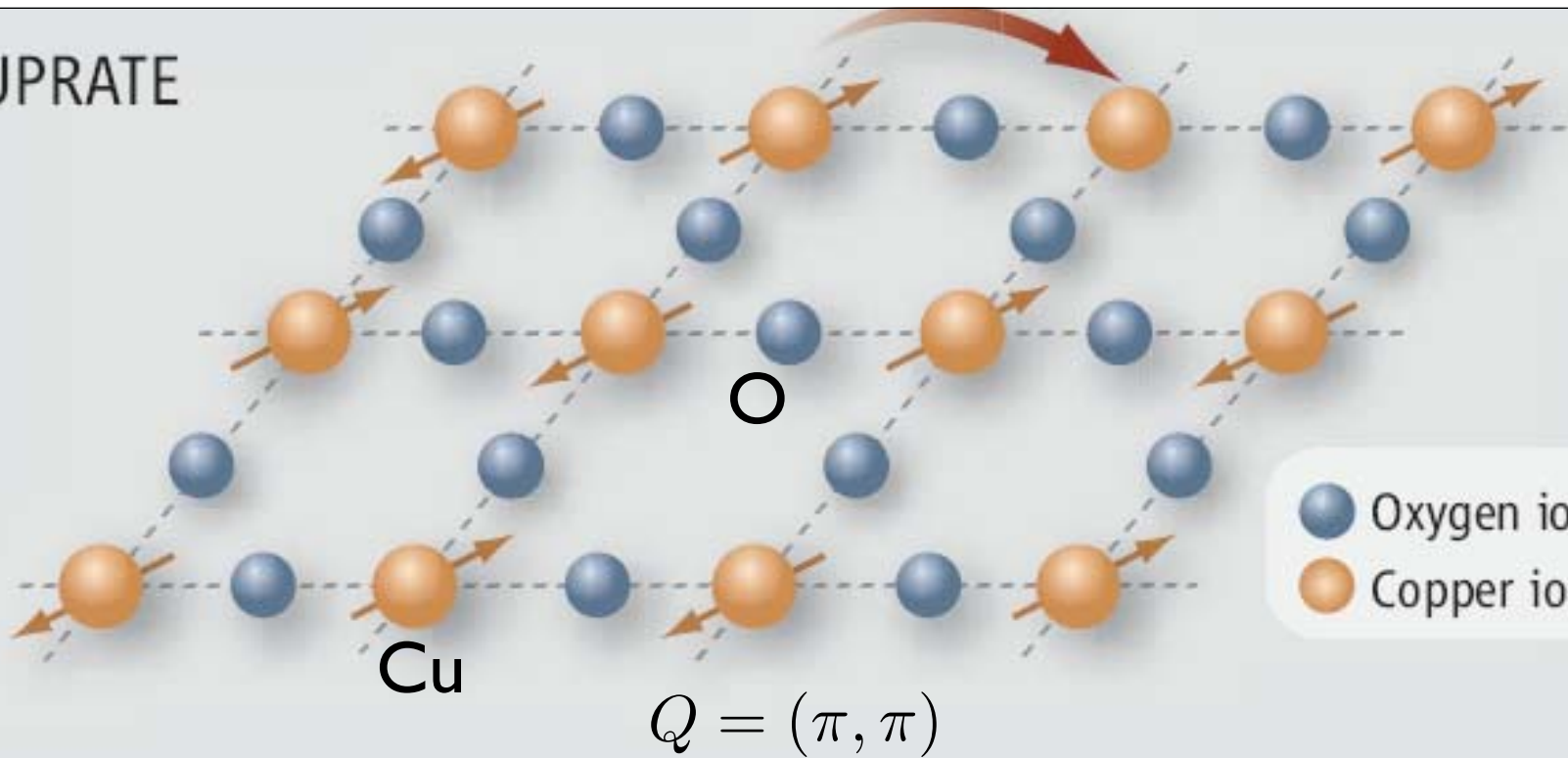
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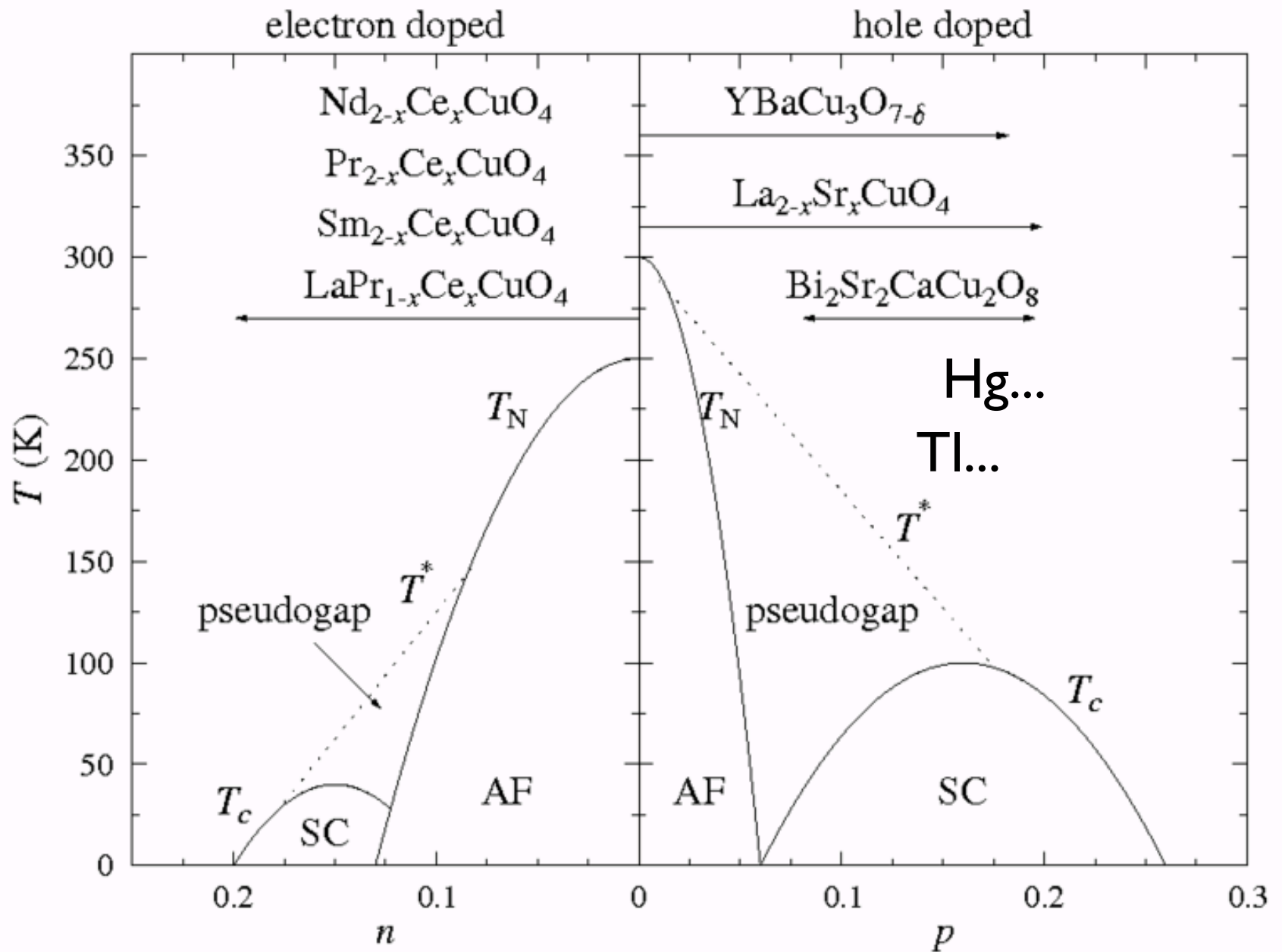


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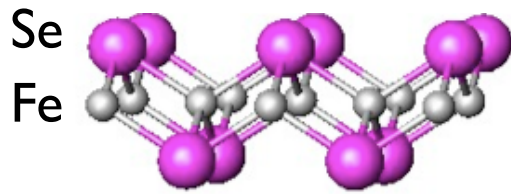
# CUPRATE



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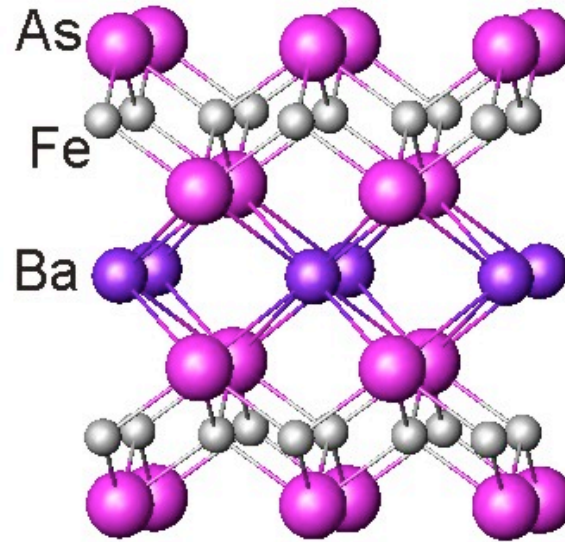


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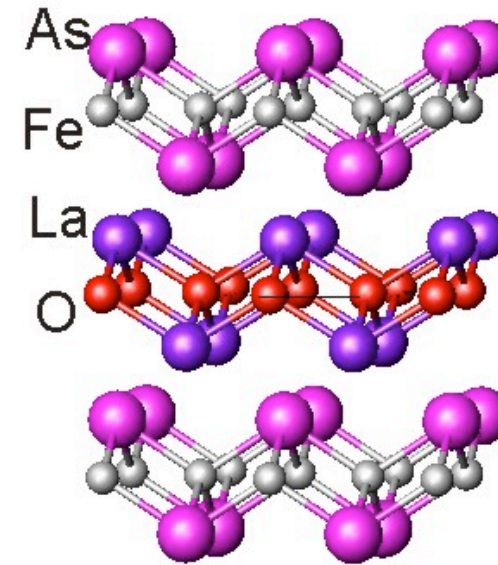


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FeAsLi  
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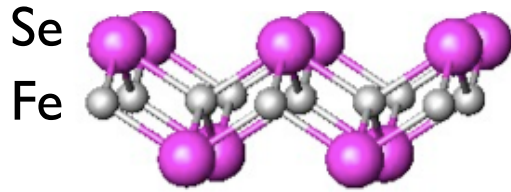
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LaFeAsO  
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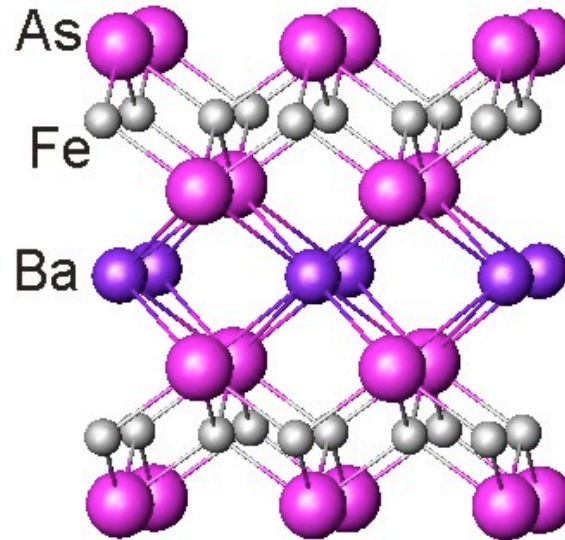


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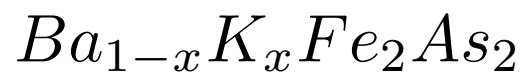
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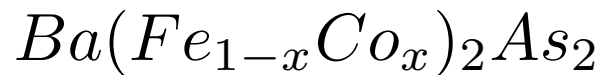
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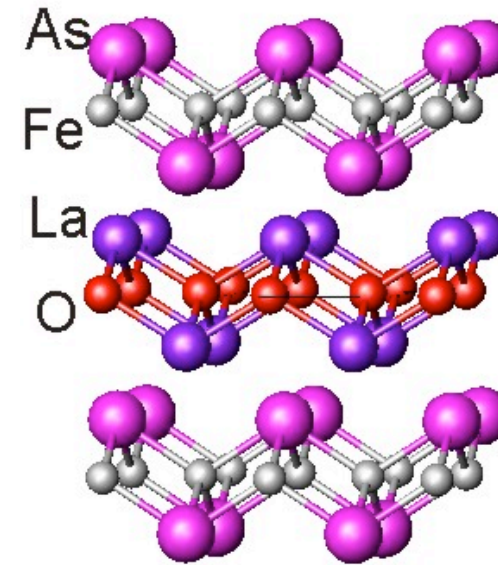
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$$T_c = 38K \quad \text{h}$$



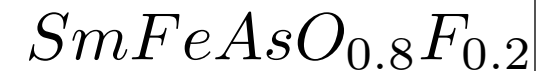
$$T_c = 22K$$



LaFeAsO



$$T_c = 28K$$



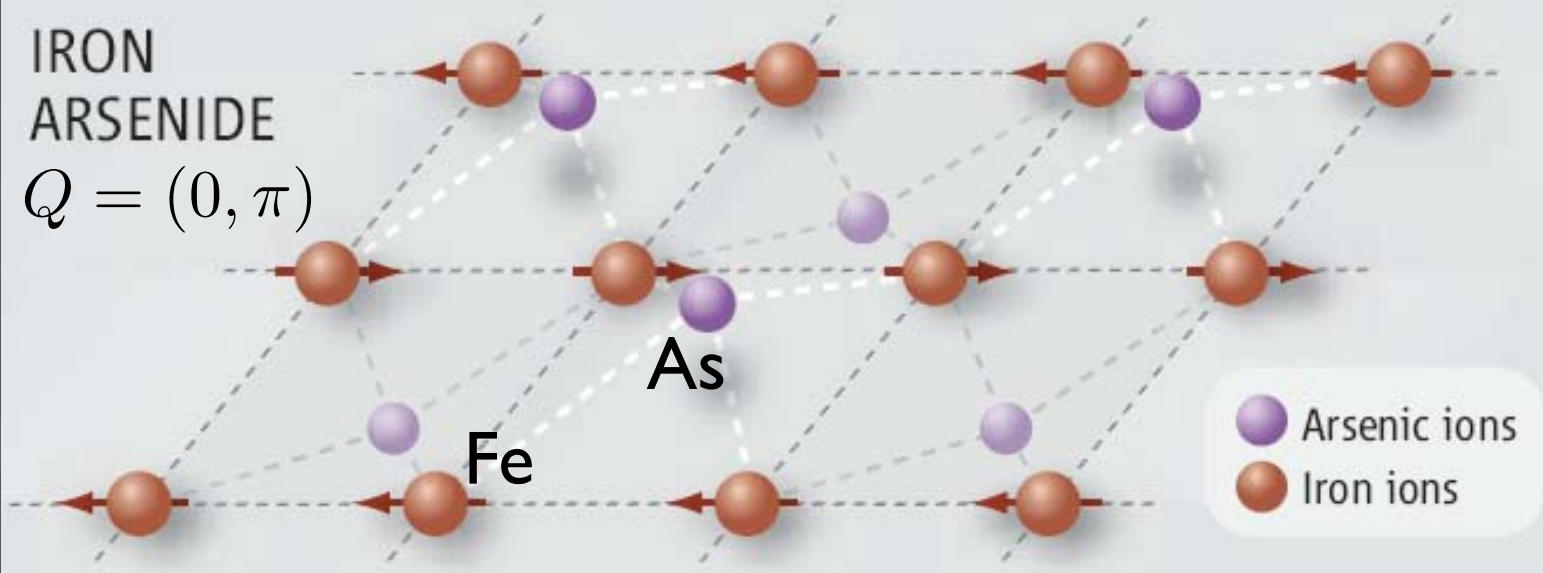
$$T_c = 55K$$



$$T_c = 6K$$

IRON  
ARSENIDE

$$Q = (0, \pi)$$

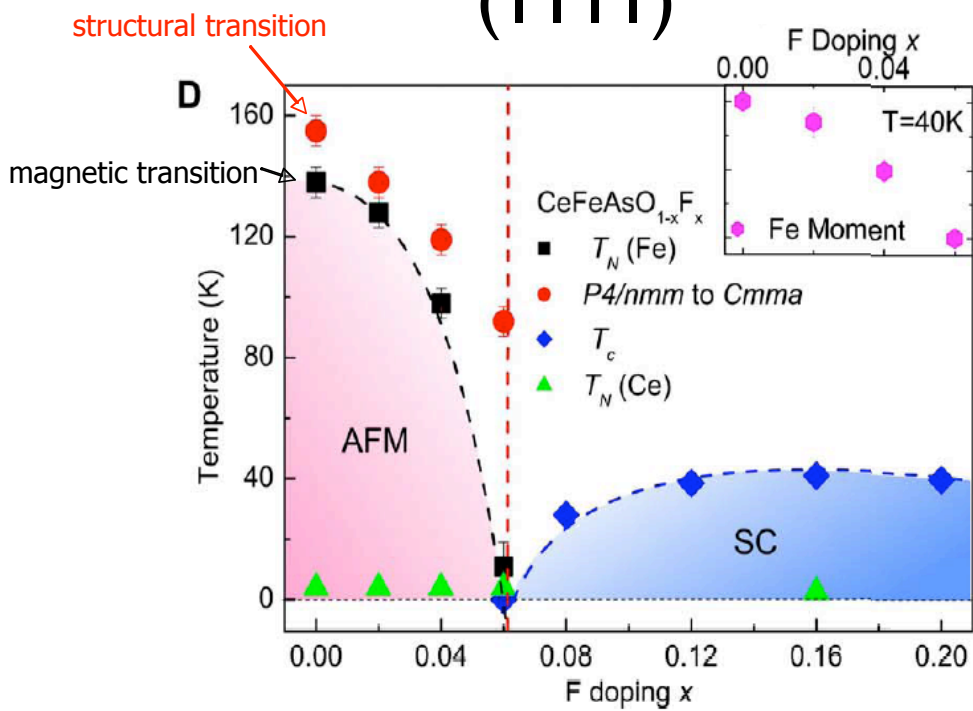


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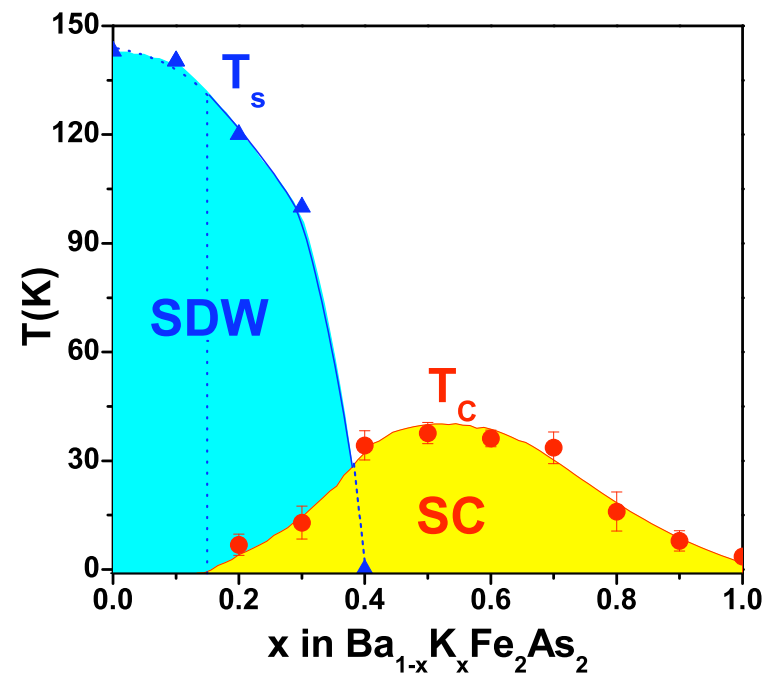
- Arsenic ions
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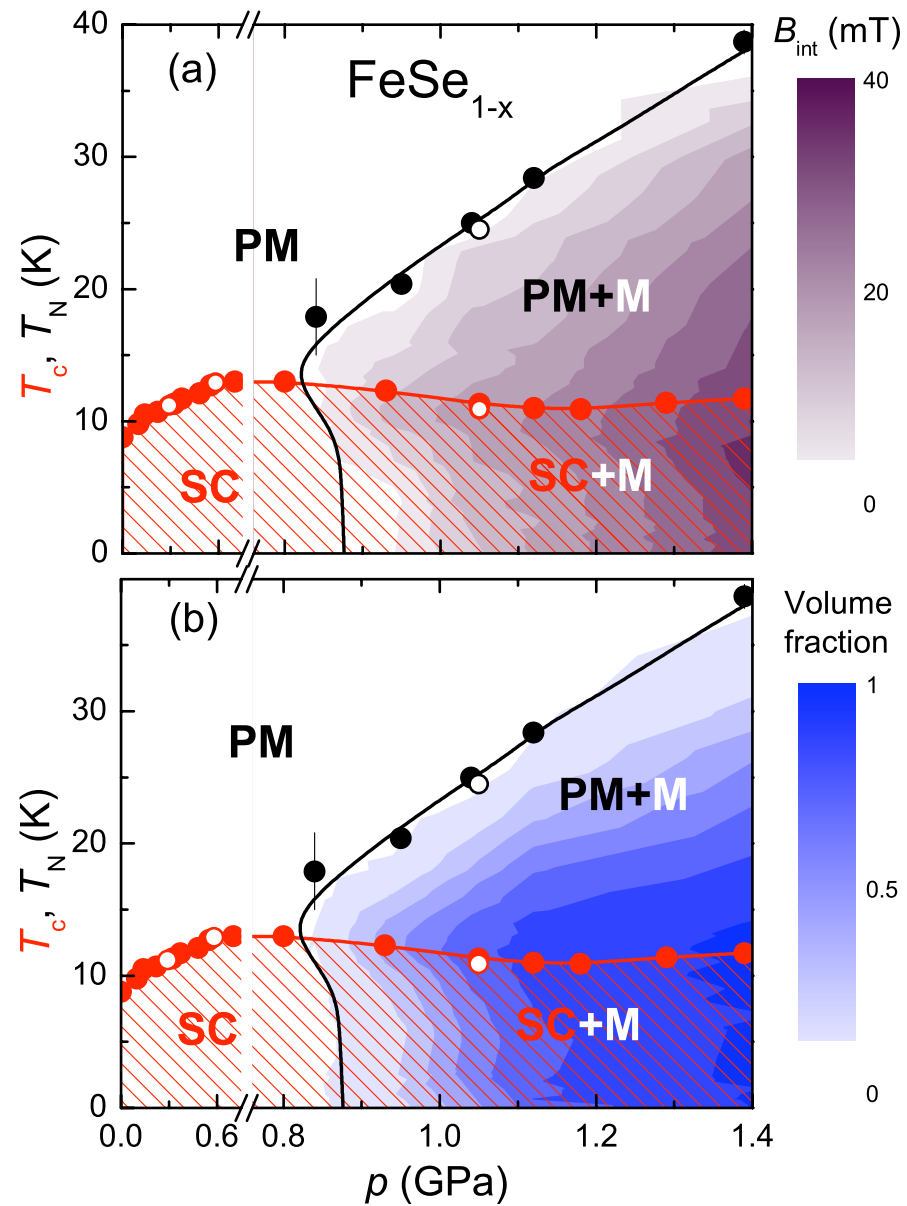


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Fe-pnictides and chalcogens : Fe 3d orbitals hybridize through As or Se 4p . Parent compound is a semi-metallic AF ( pressure or doping can lead to SC).

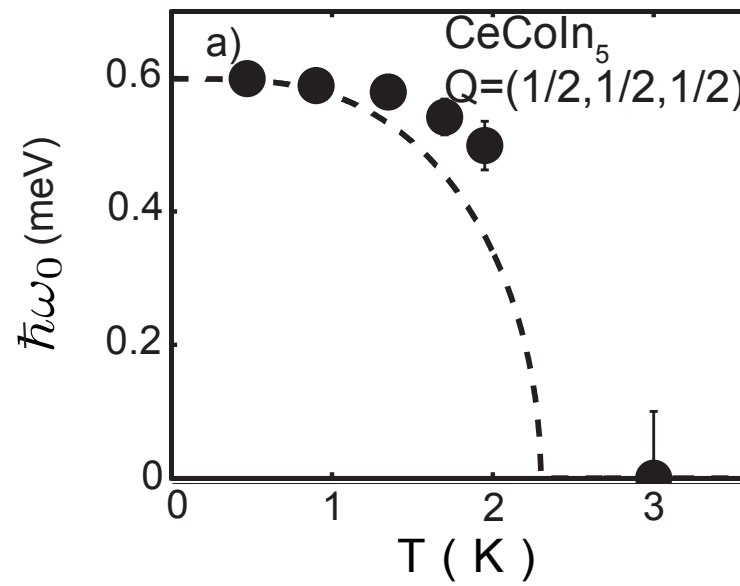
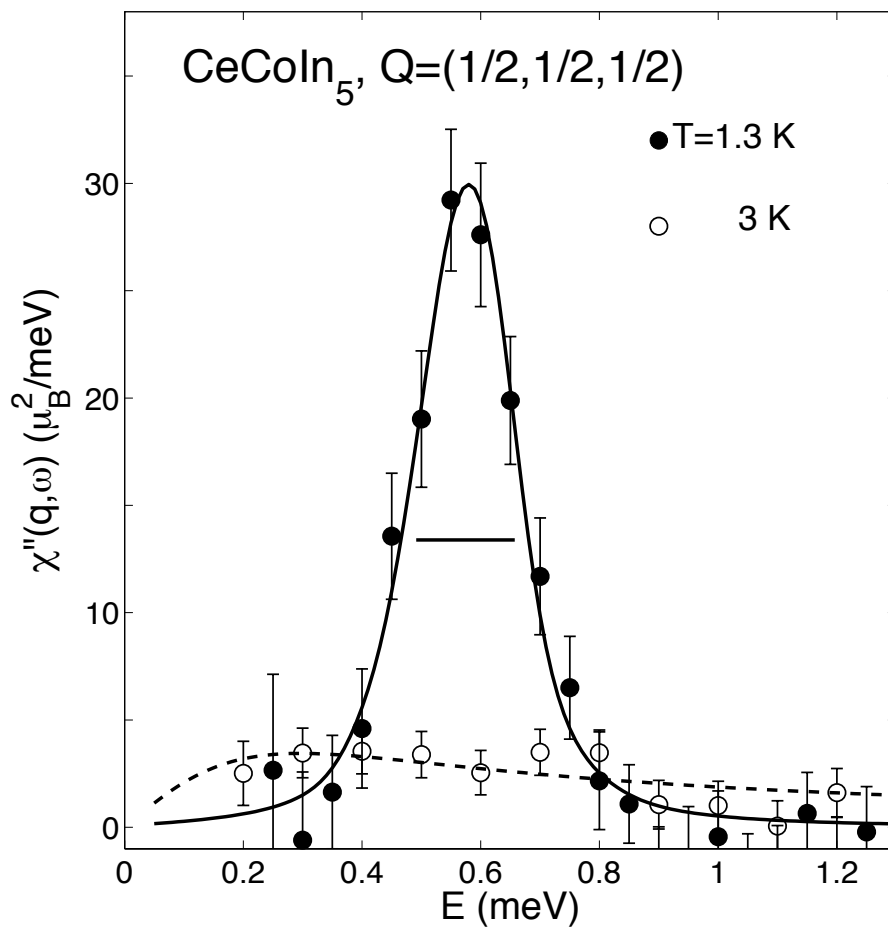


## 2. The neutron scattering resonance in the superconducting state

This can occur because the BCS coherence factor

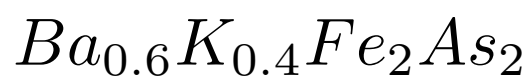
$$\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\Delta(k+Q)\Delta(k)}{E(k+Q)E(k)} \right) \longrightarrow 1$$

when  $\Delta(k+Q) = -\Delta(k)$

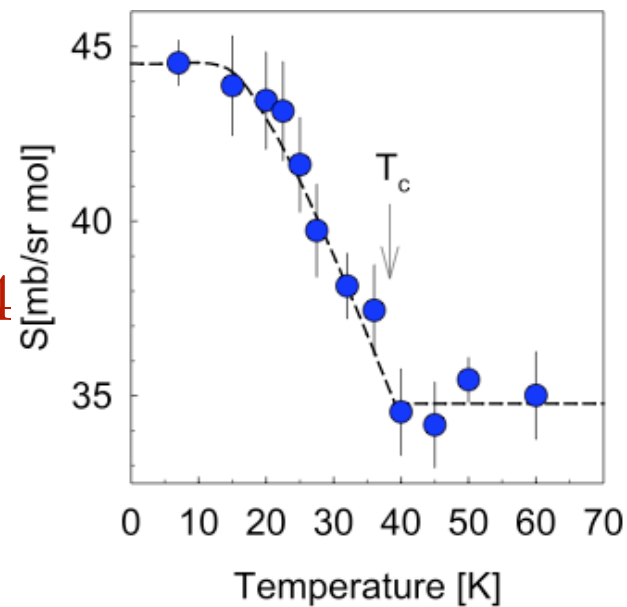
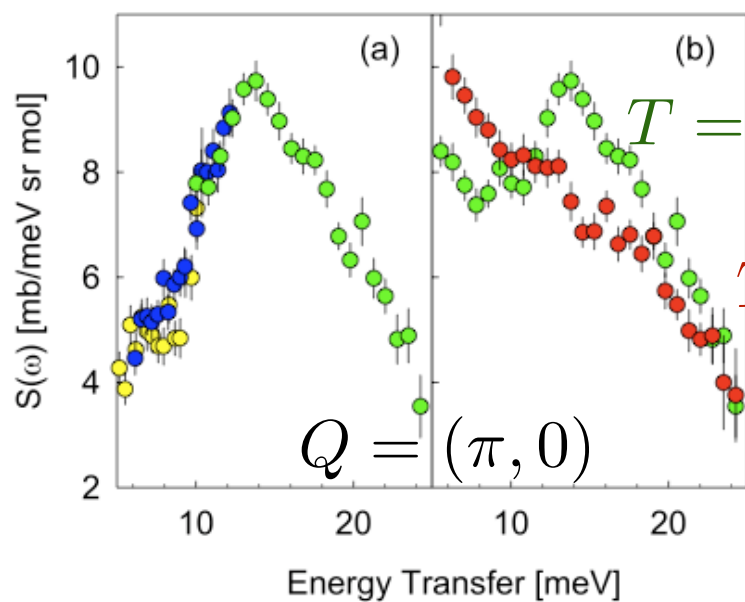


$$\frac{\hbar\omega_{res}}{2\Delta_0} = 0.65$$

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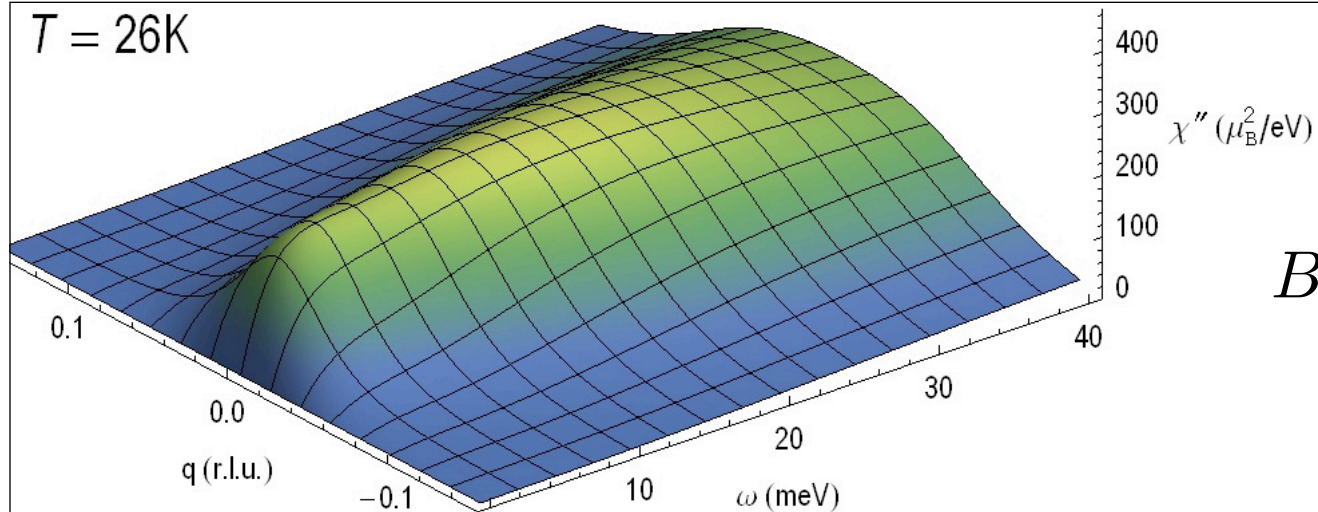


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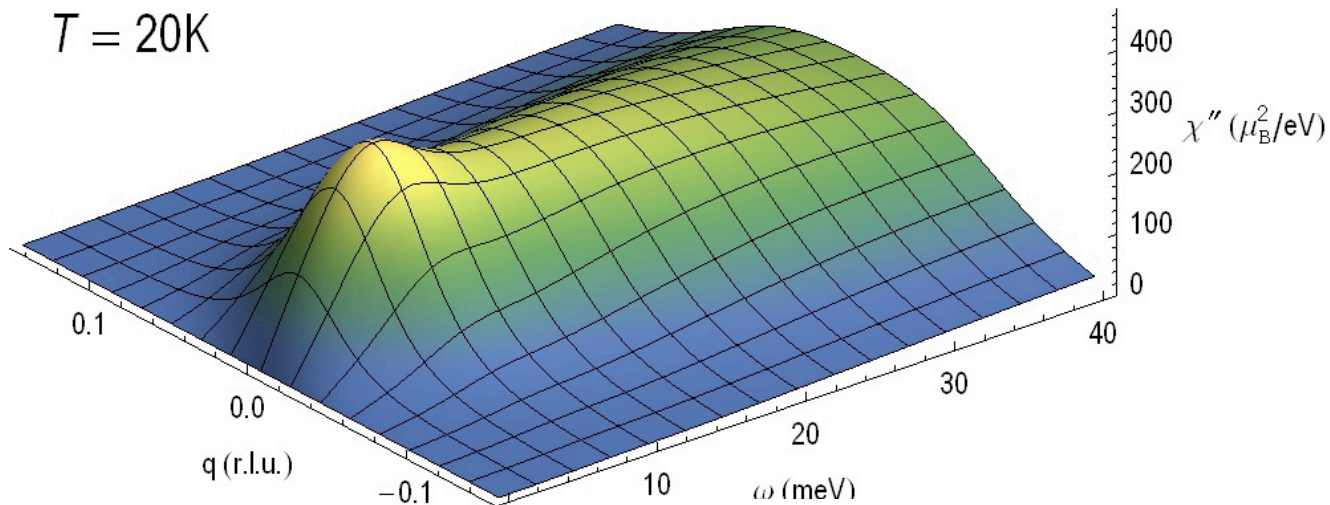
$$\left(1 - \frac{\Delta(k+Q)\Delta(k)}{E(k+Q)E(k)}\right)$$

$T = 26\text{K}$

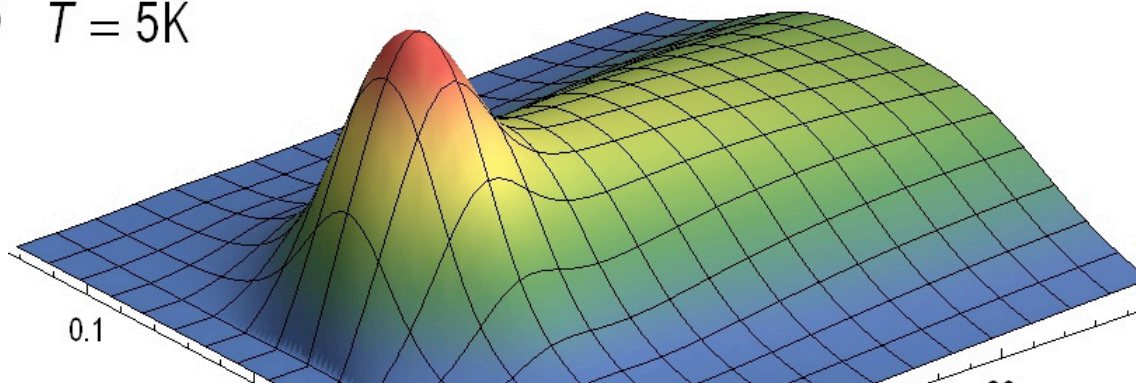


$T_c = 25\text{K}$

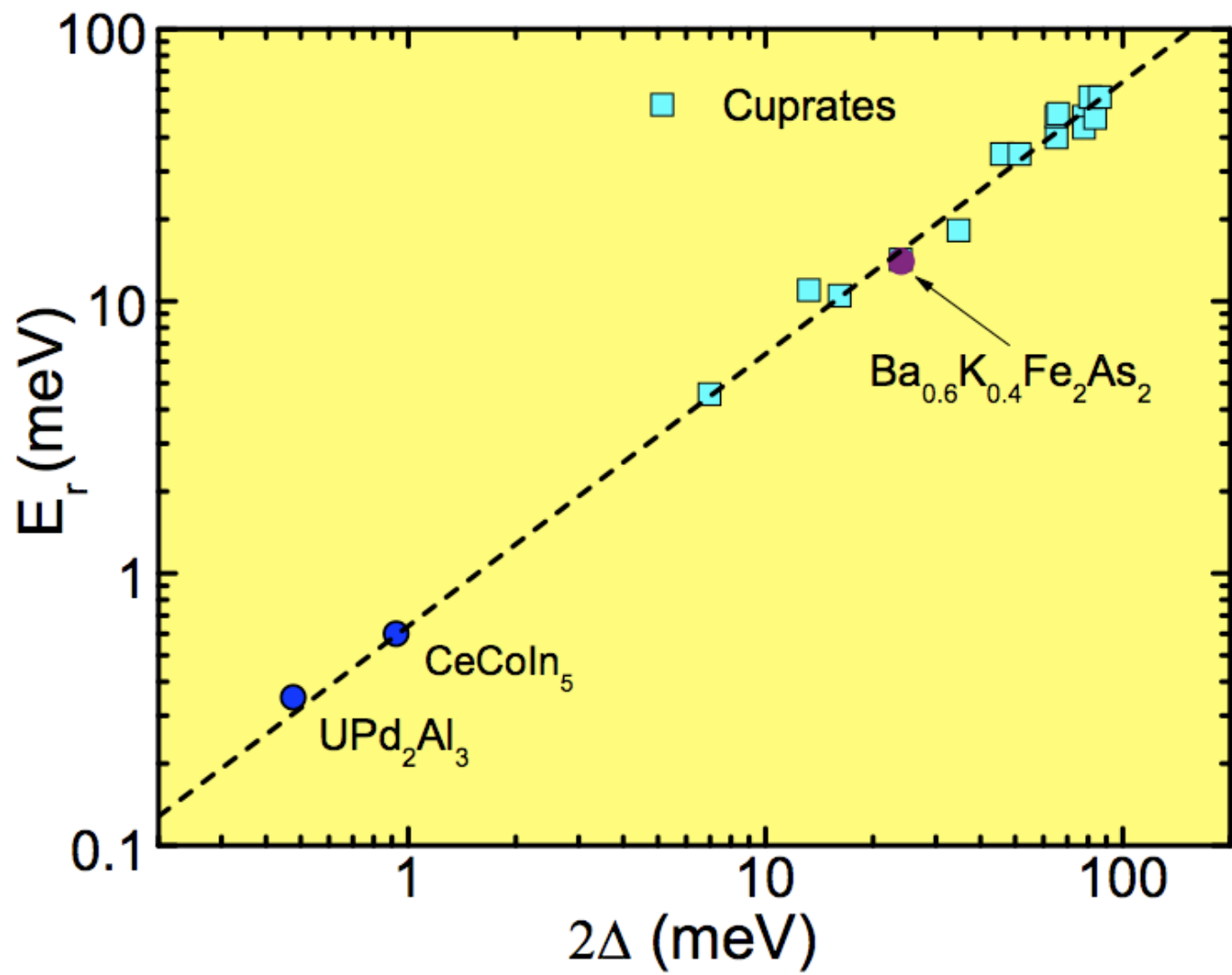
$T = 20\text{K}$



$T = 5\text{K}$



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The same electrons that are involved with superconductivity are involved with magnetism

# 3.The Models

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## Multi-orbital Hubbard Models

$$H_0 = \sum_{i,n,\sigma} \epsilon_n n_{i n \sigma} + \sum_{i,j,\sigma} \sum_{n,m} t_{ij}^{nm} d_{n\sigma}^\dagger(i) d_{m\sigma}(j)$$

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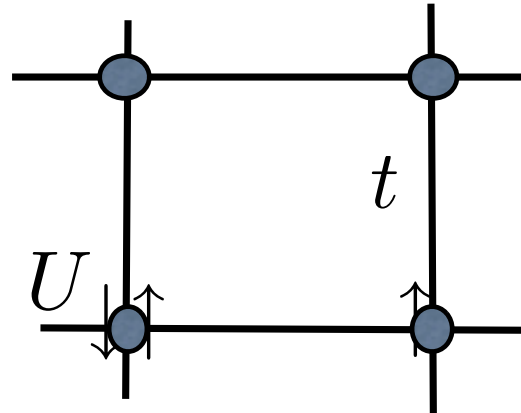
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$$H_{int} = U \sum_{in} n_{i,n\uparrow} n_{i,n\downarrow} + \frac{V}{2} \sum_{i,n,m} n_{in} n_{im} \\ - \frac{J}{2} \sum_{i,n,m} S_{in} * S_{im} + \frac{J'}{2} \sum_{i,n,m} \sum_{\sigma} d_{in\sigma}^\dagger d_{in-\sigma}^\dagger d_{im-\sigma} d_{im\sigma}$$

## 4. The properties of the models

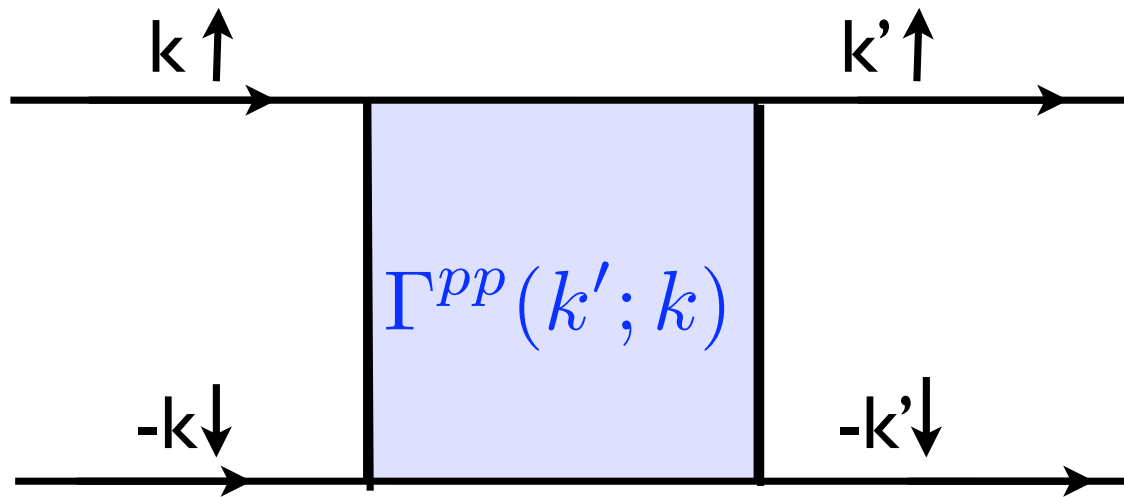
# The Hubbard Model



$$H = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle \sigma} (c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + c_{j\sigma}^\dagger c_{i\sigma}) + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

$$U/t \quad n = 1-x$$

The effective pairing interaction is given by the irreducible particle-particle vertex

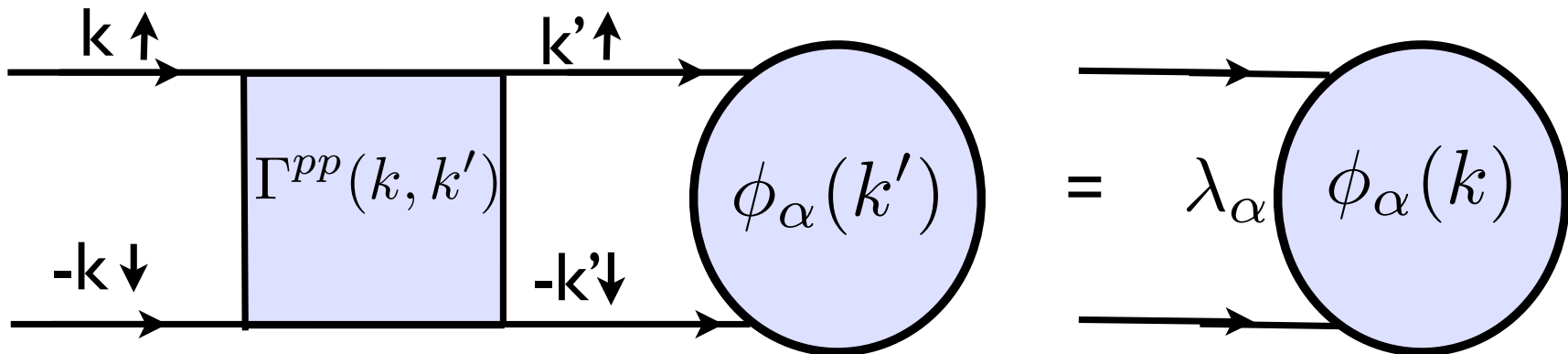


Here  $k=(k, i\omega_n)$ . The momentum transfer is  $k'-k$  and the Matsubara energy transfer is  $i\omega_{n'} - i\omega_n$ .

# Superconductivity

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The d-wave pairfield susceptibility

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# Magnetism

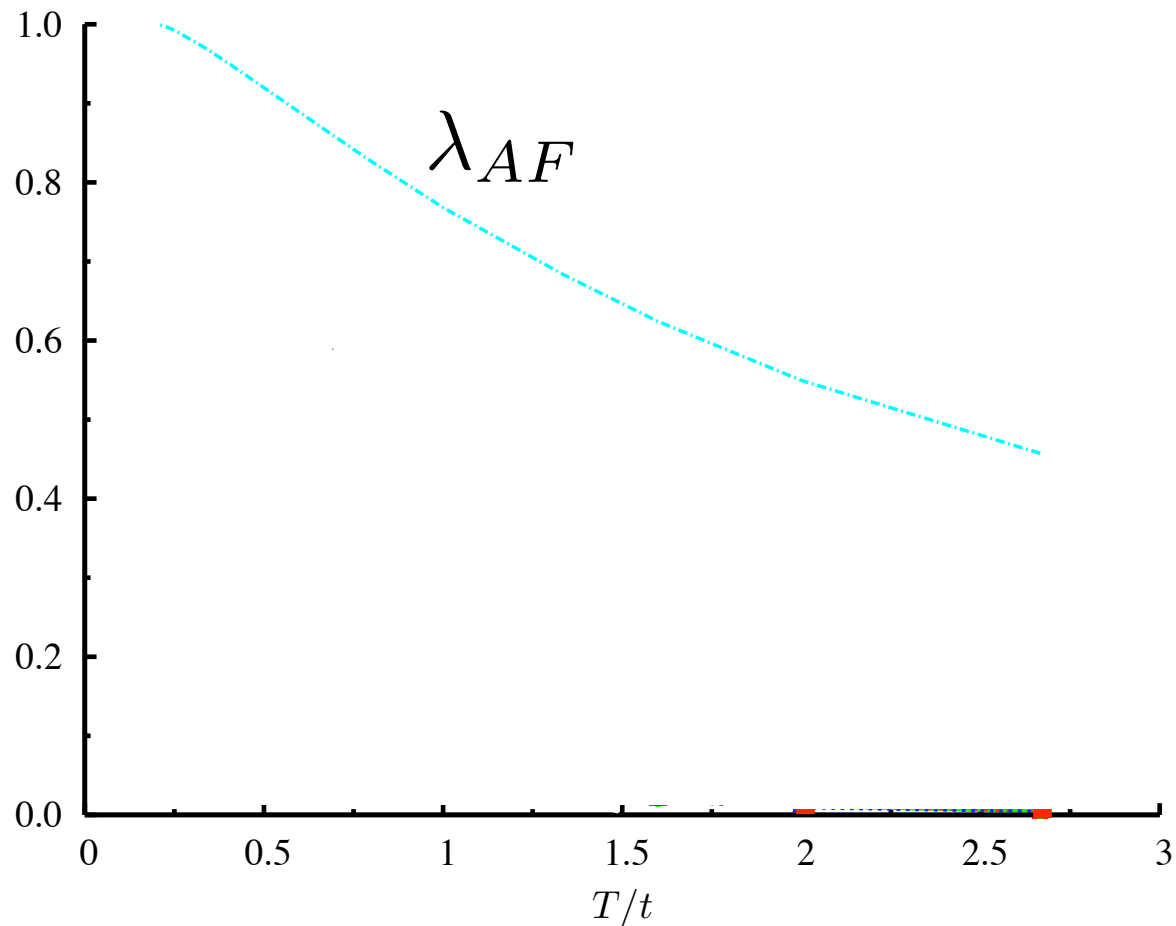
In the same way, we have for the **particle-hole** channel with center of mass momentum  $Q$

$$-(T/N) \sum_{k'} \Gamma^{ph}(k, k') G(k' + Q) G(k') \psi_{\alpha}(k') = \lambda_{\alpha} \psi_{\alpha}(k)$$

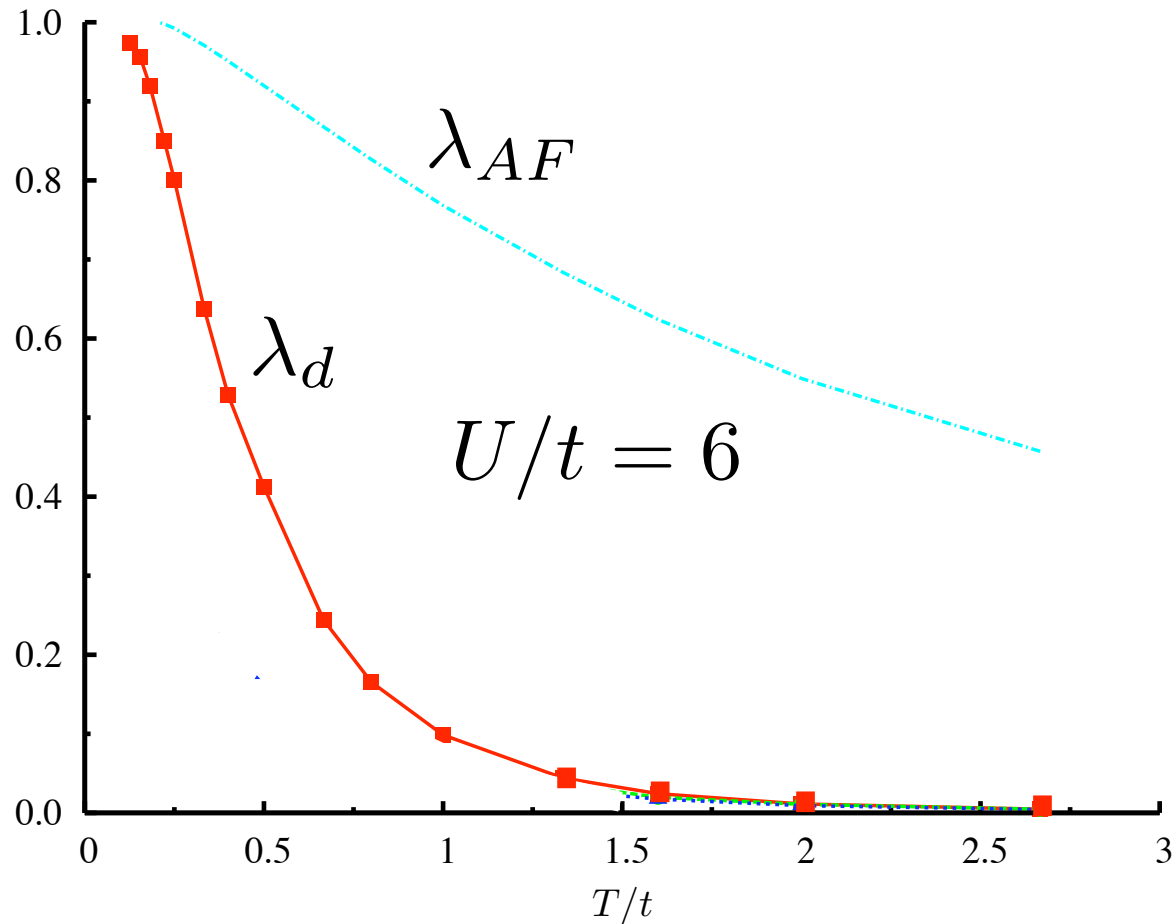
with  $\Gamma^{ph}(k, k')$  the irreducible particle-hole vertex

$$\chi_{AF}(T) \approx \frac{\text{const}}{1 - \lambda_{AF}(T)}$$

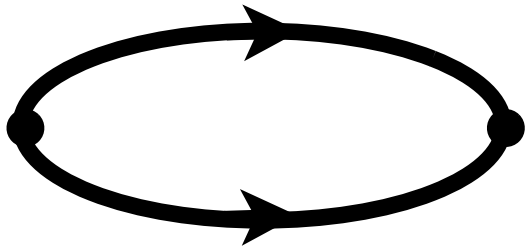
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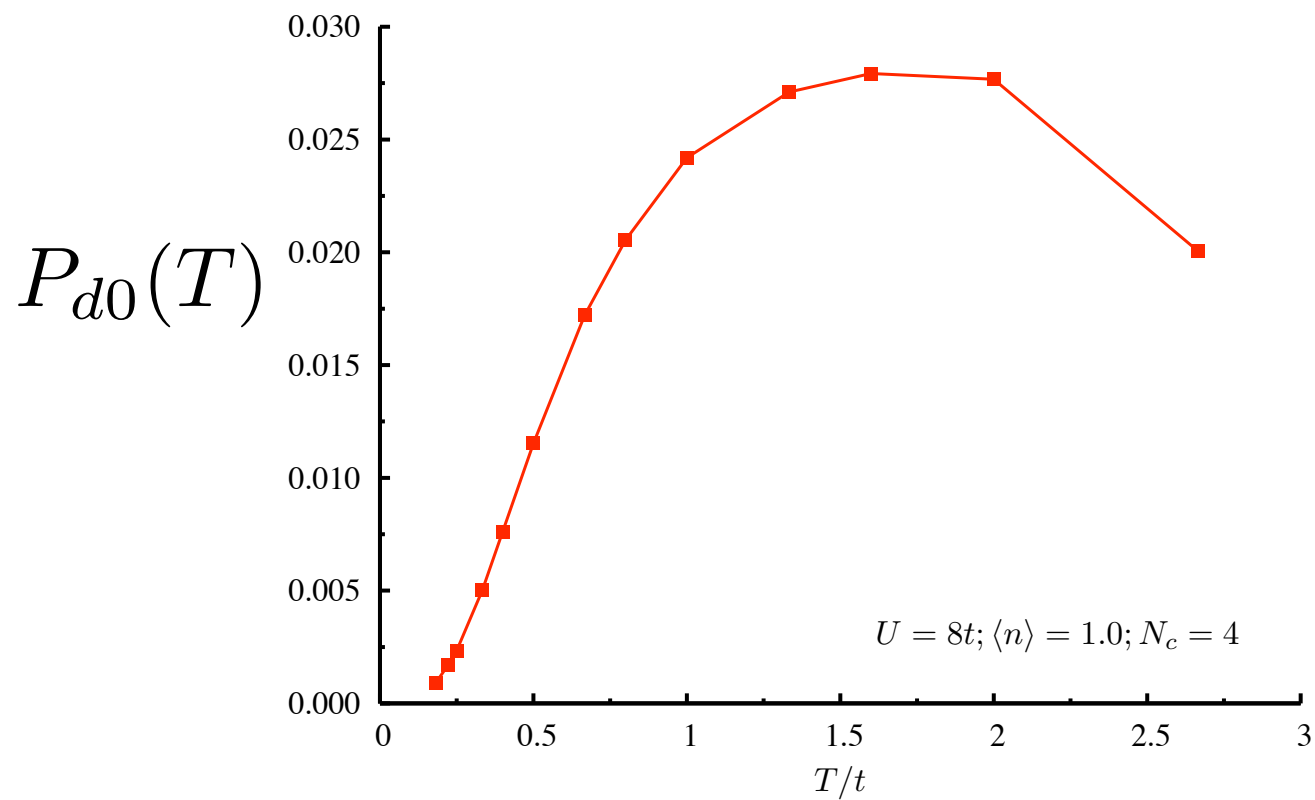


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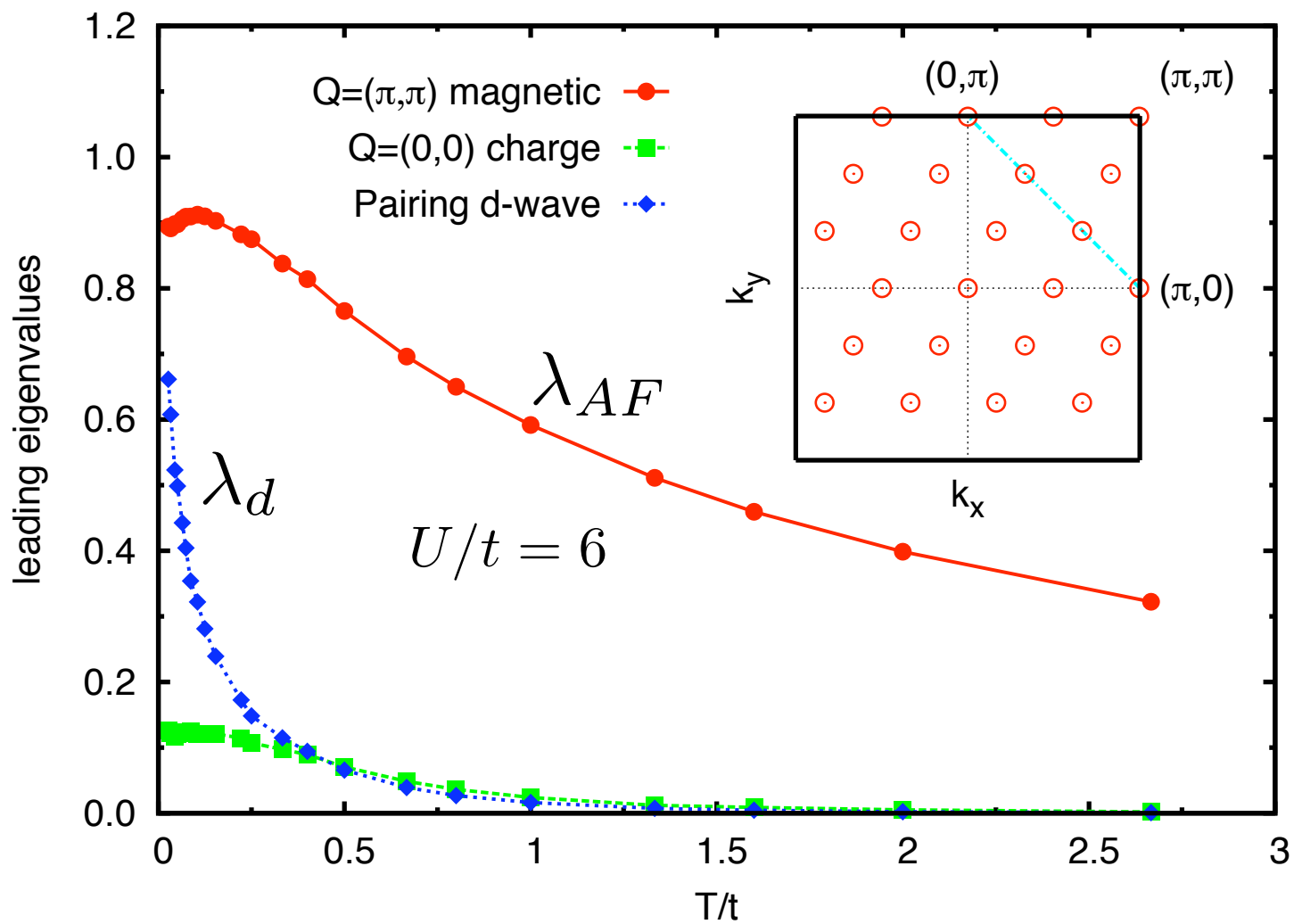


$$P_d(T) = \frac{P_{d0}(T)}{1 - \lambda_d(T)}$$

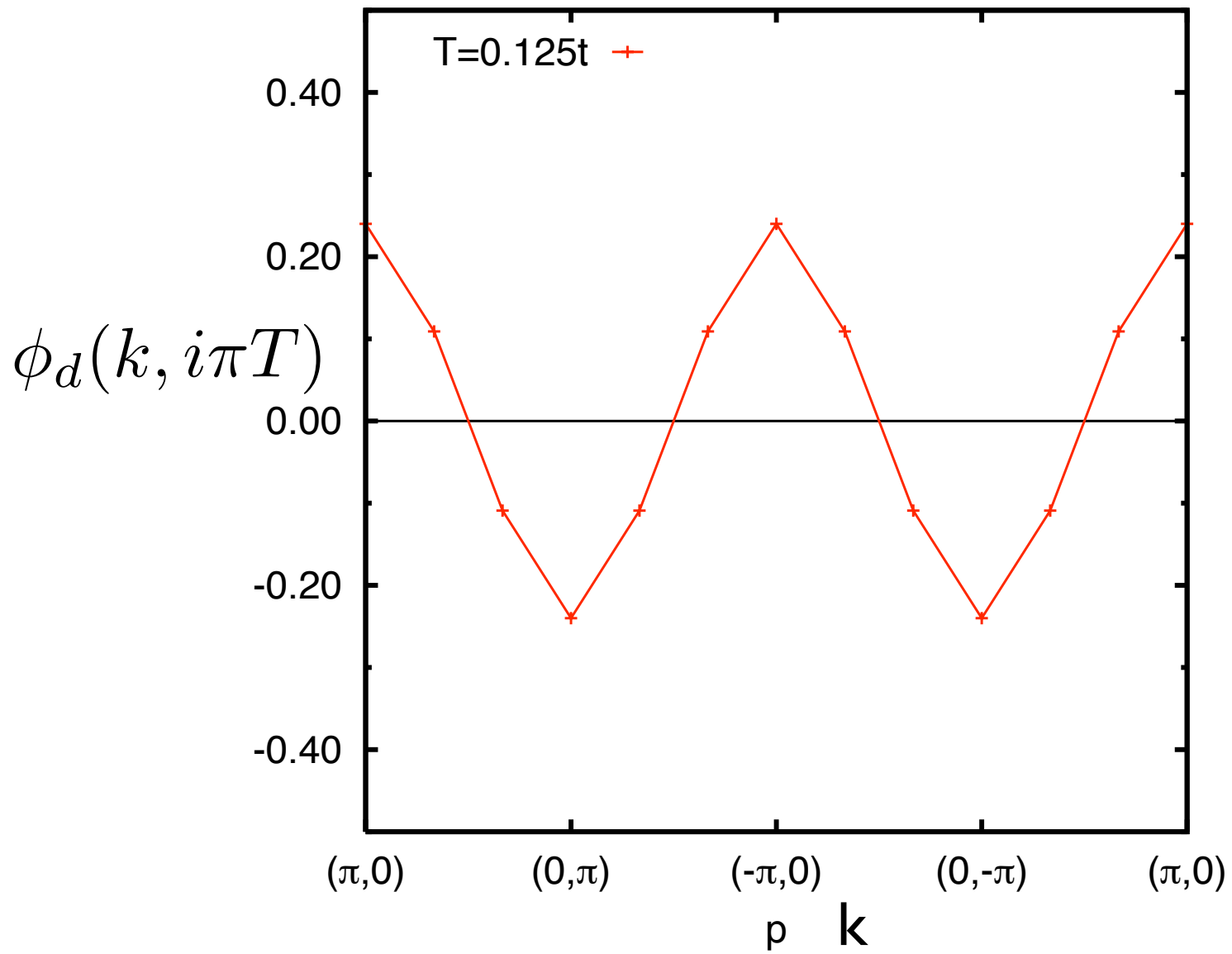
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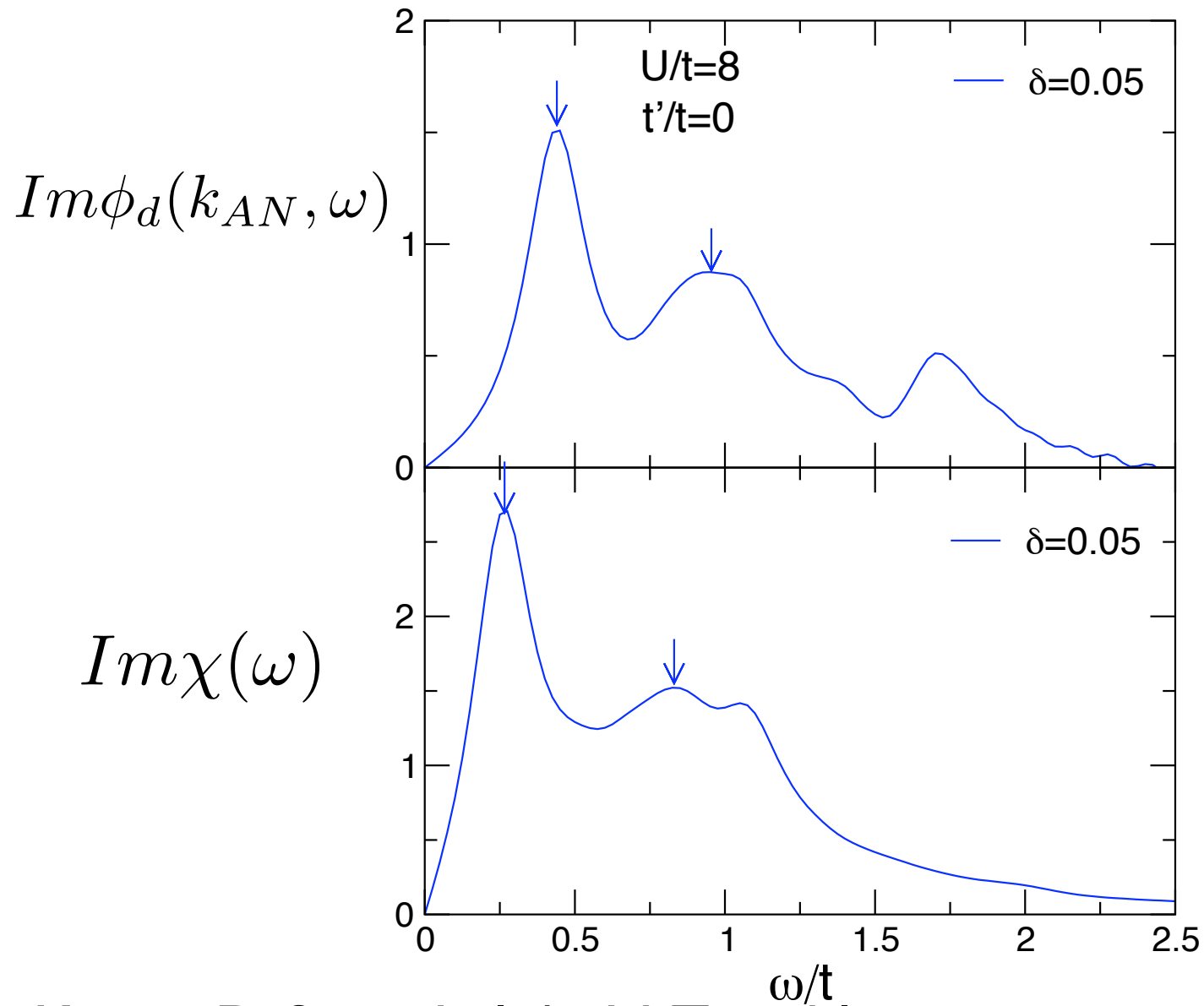
$$\langle n \rangle = 0.85$$



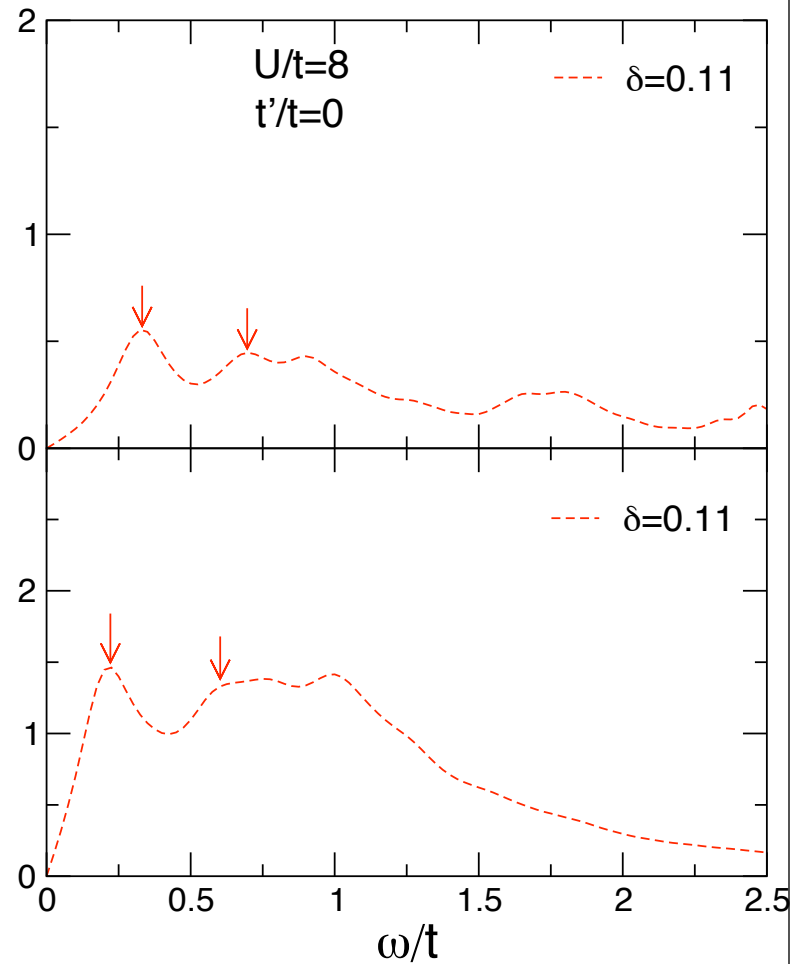
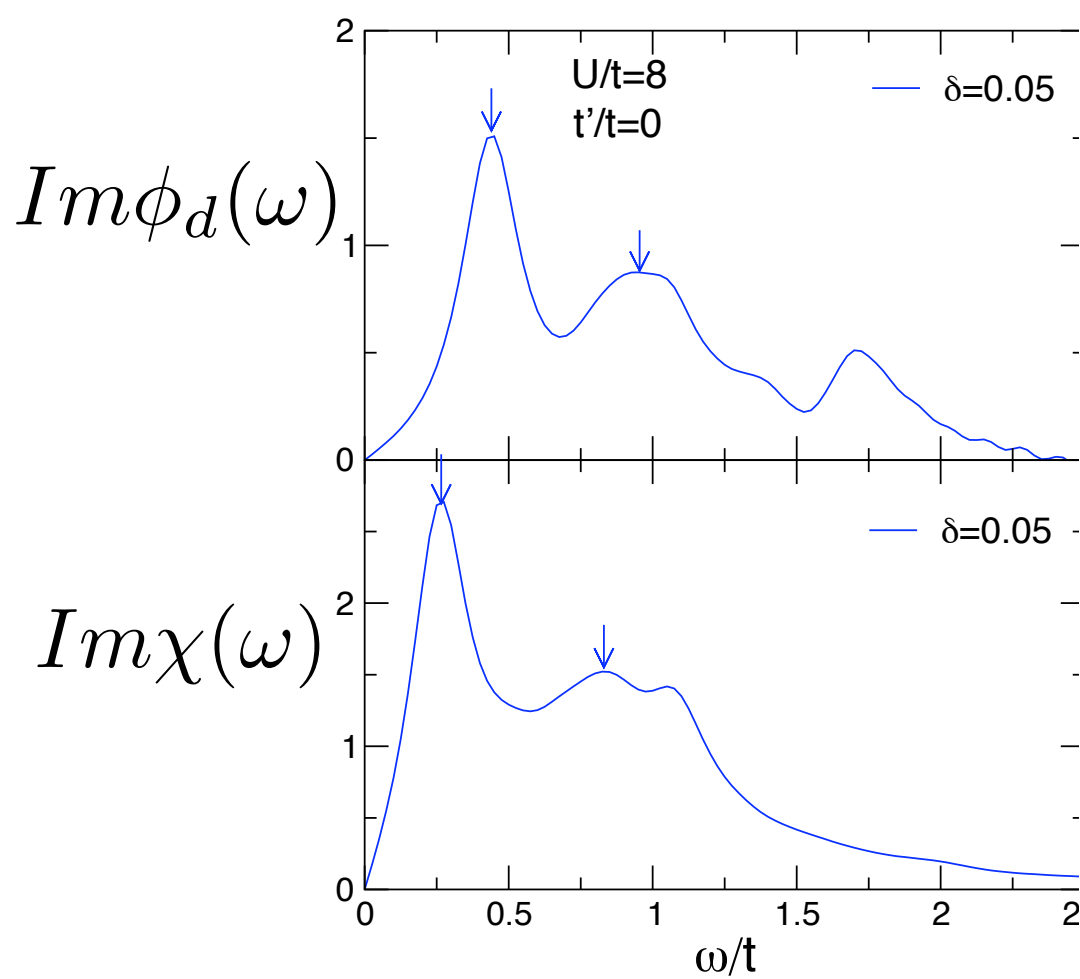
The  $k$  and  $\omega$  dependence of the gap function  $\phi(k, \omega)$  reflect the structure of the pairing interaction.

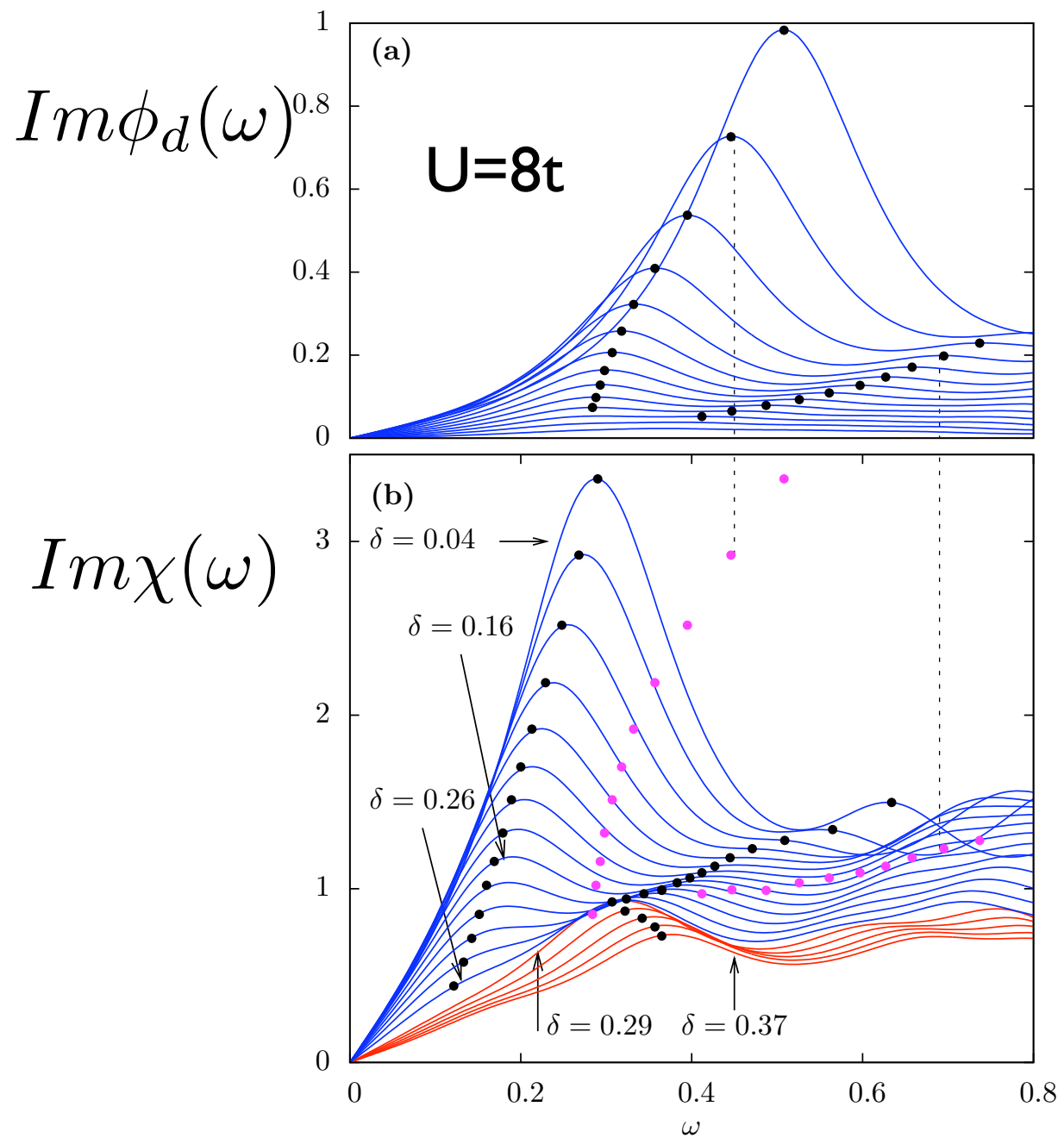


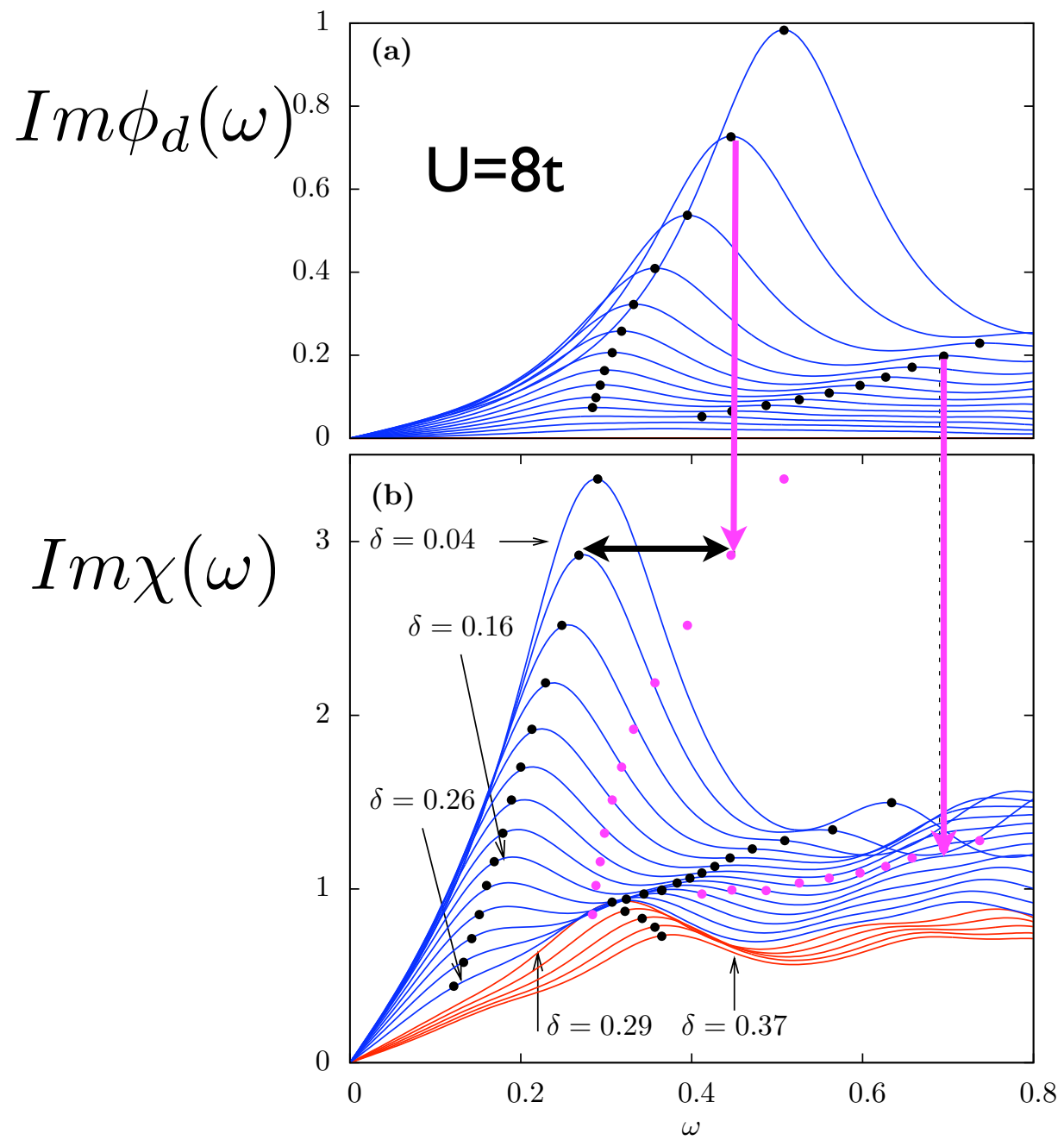




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There are many papers addressing the multi-orbital Hubbard model and the Fe superconductors

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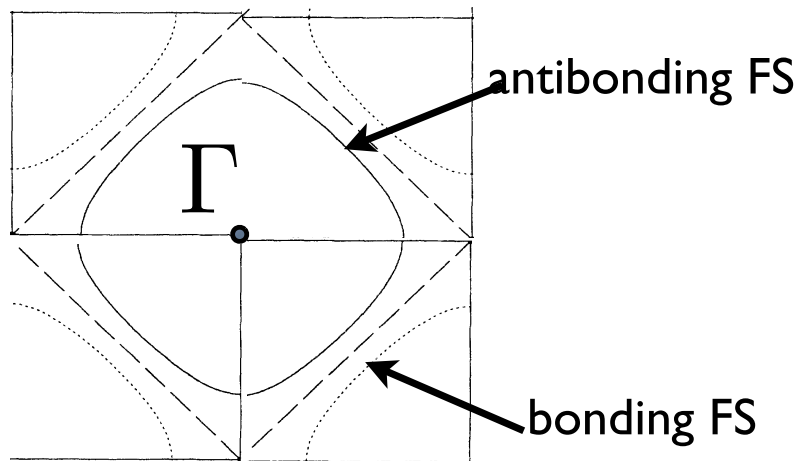
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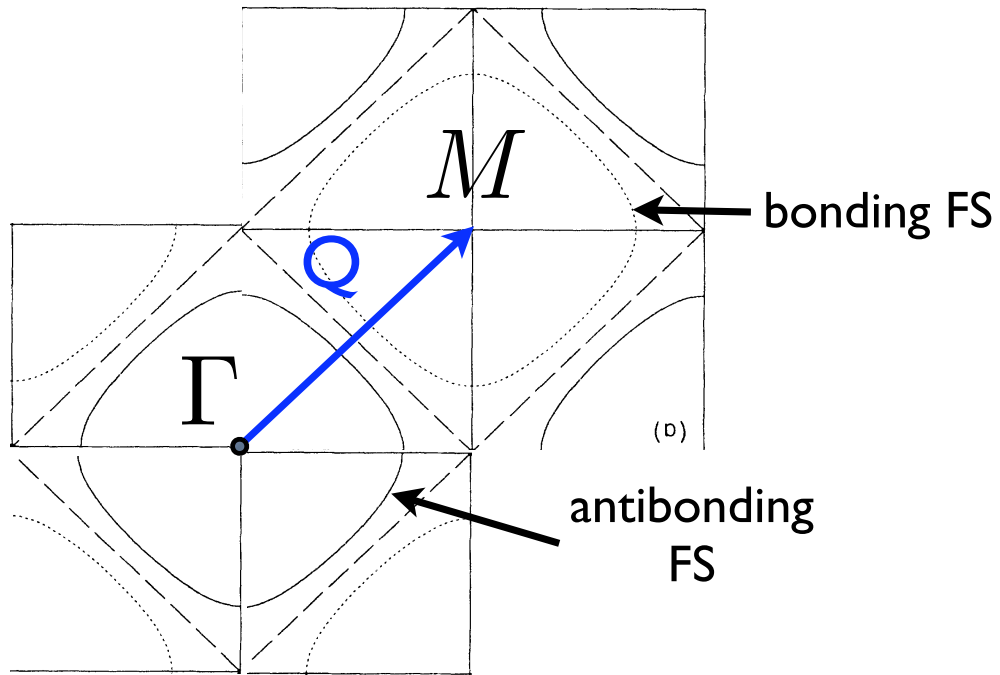
The 2-layer Hubbard model with an interlayer hopping

$$-t_z \sum_{i,\sigma} (d_{1\sigma}^\dagger(i) d_{2\sigma}(i) + h.c.)$$

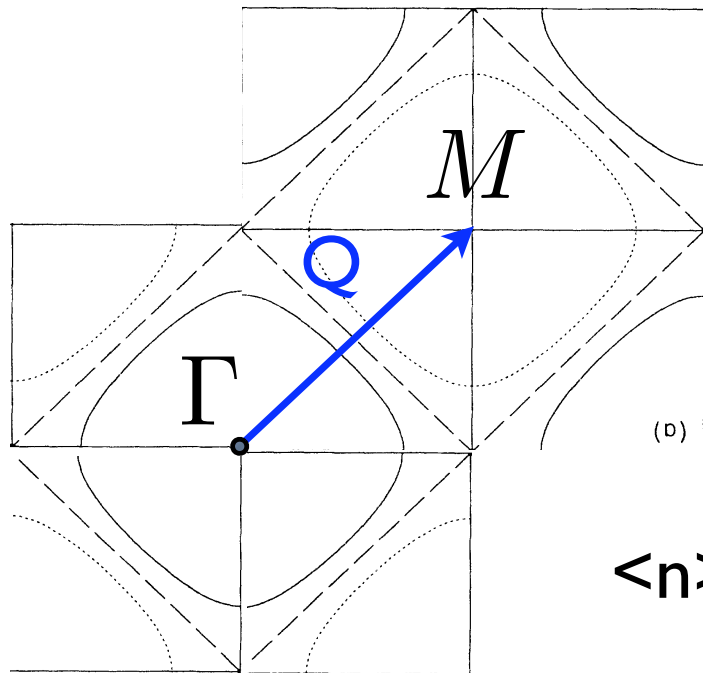
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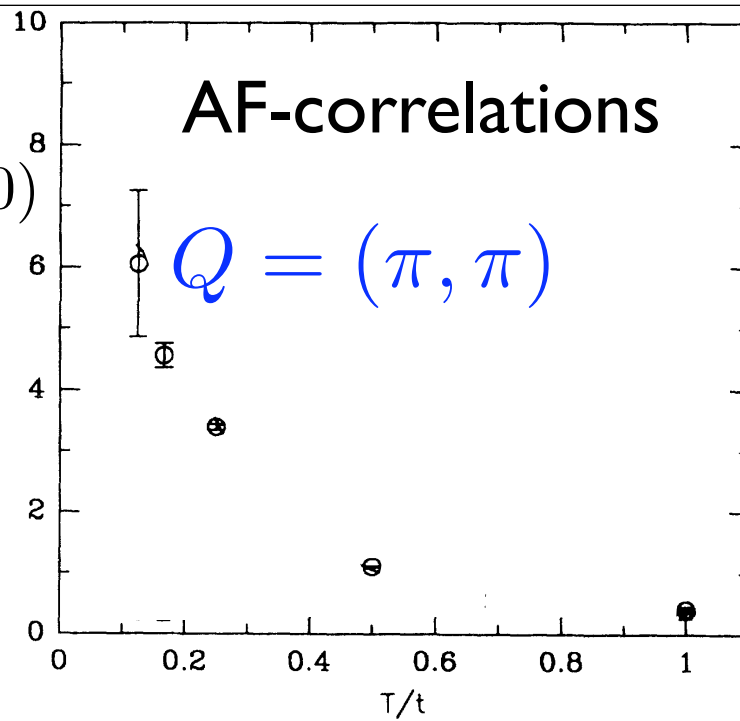


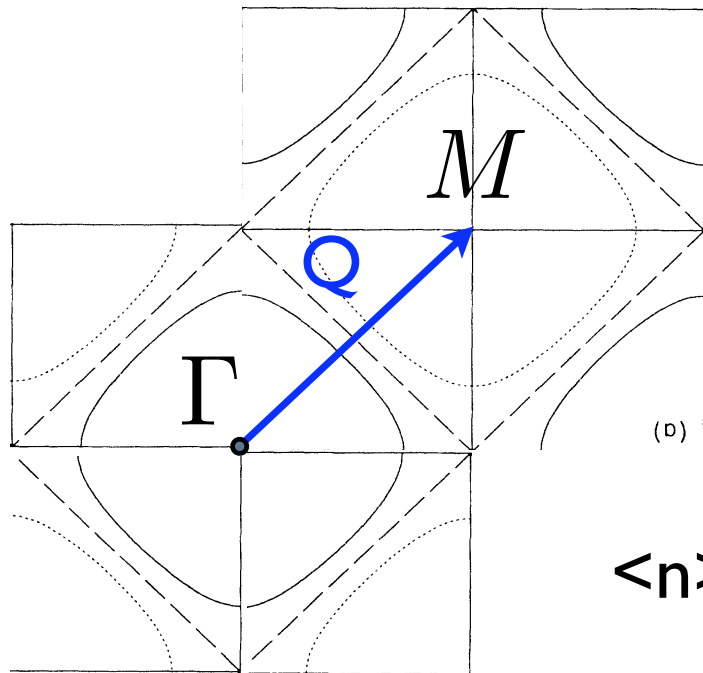




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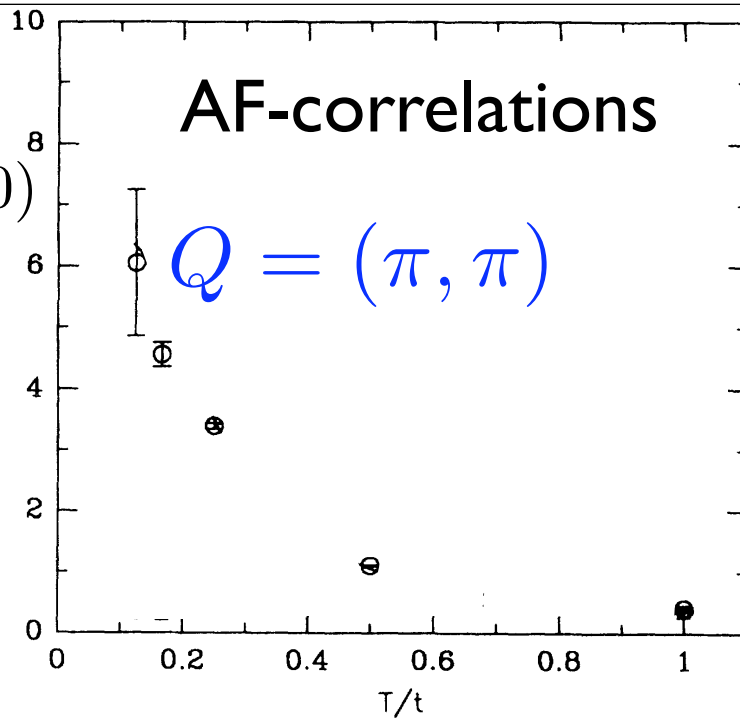




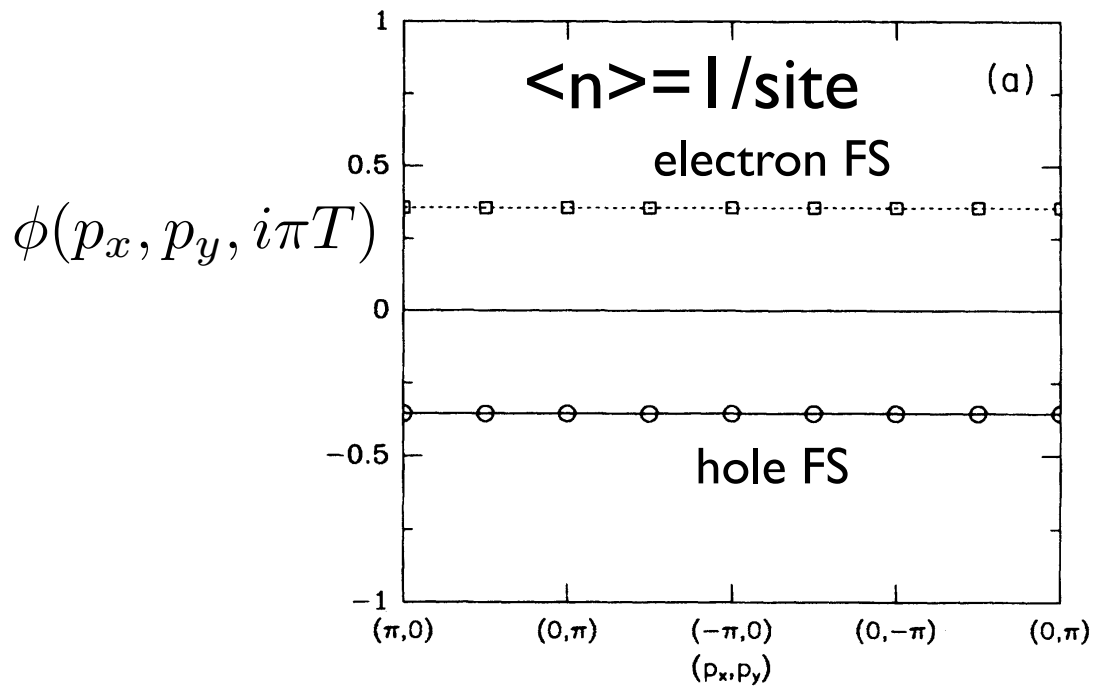
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AF-correlations

$$Q = (\pi, \pi)$$



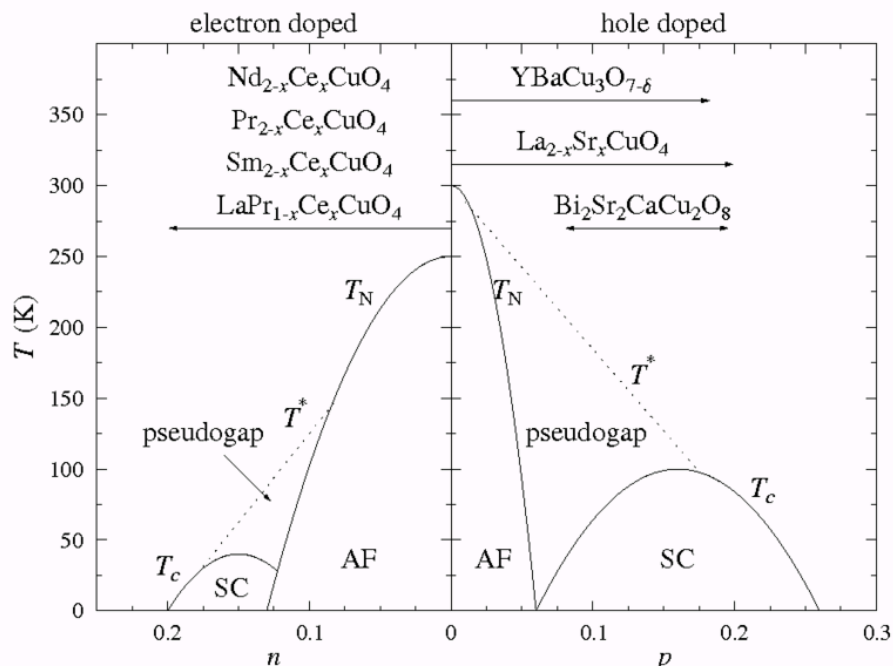
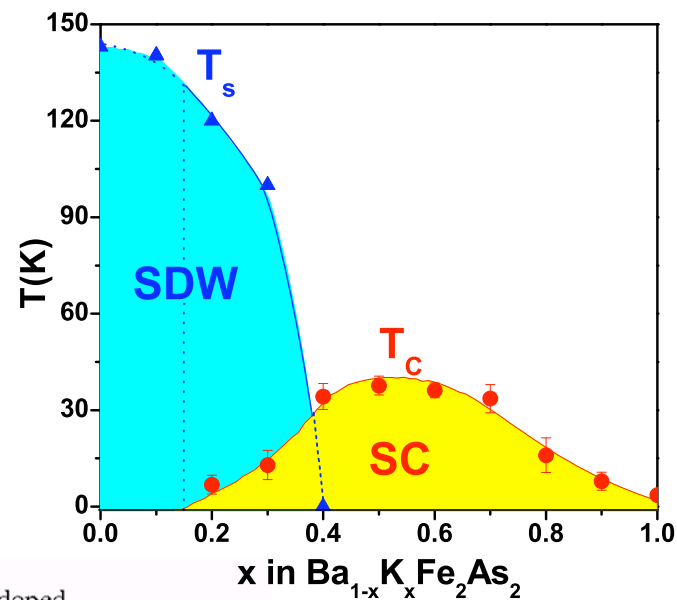
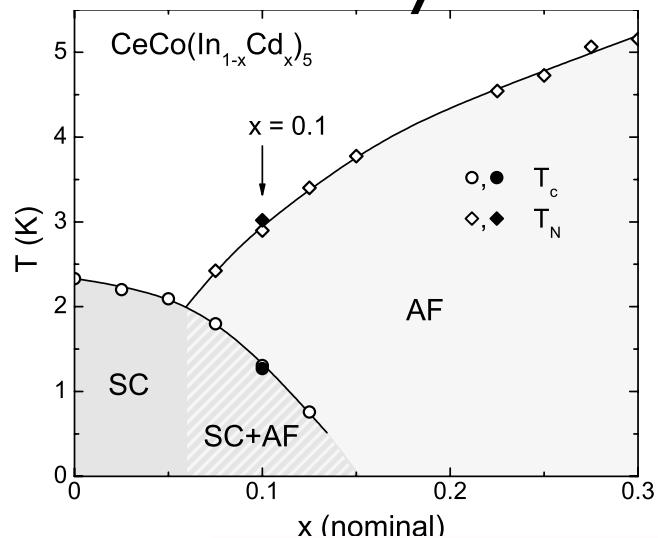
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Sign-switched  
pairfield

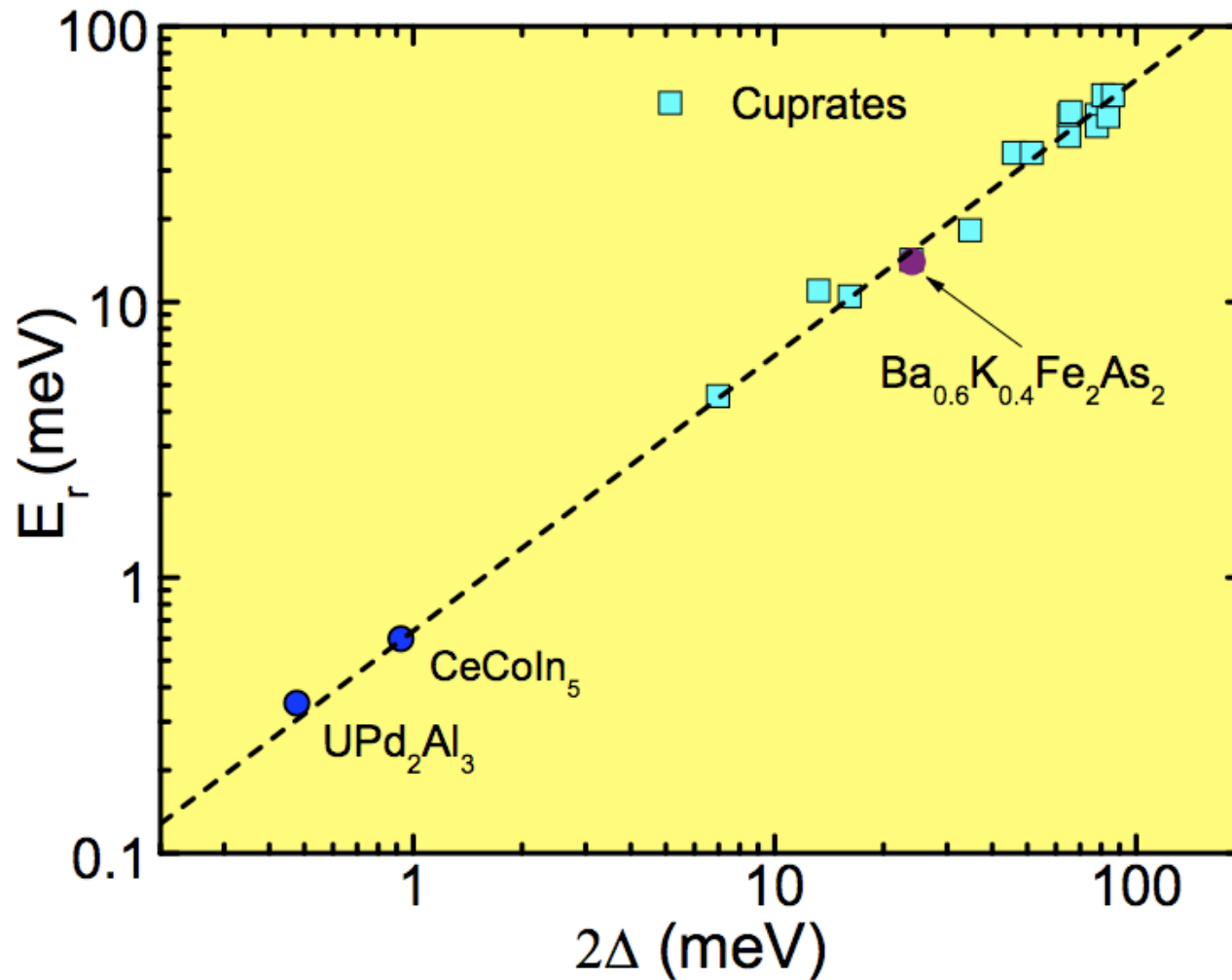
# Some Common Threads

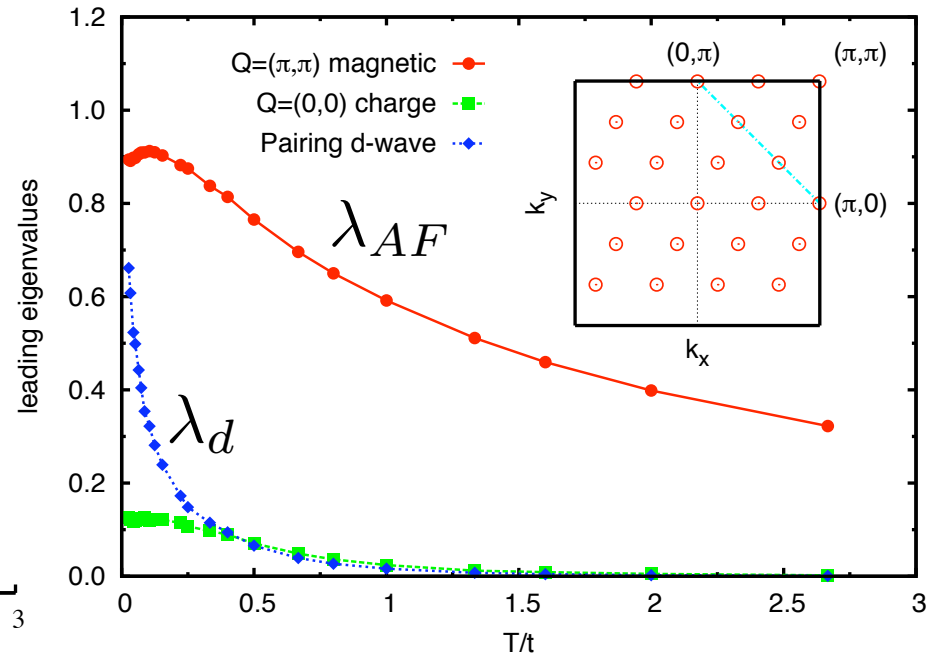
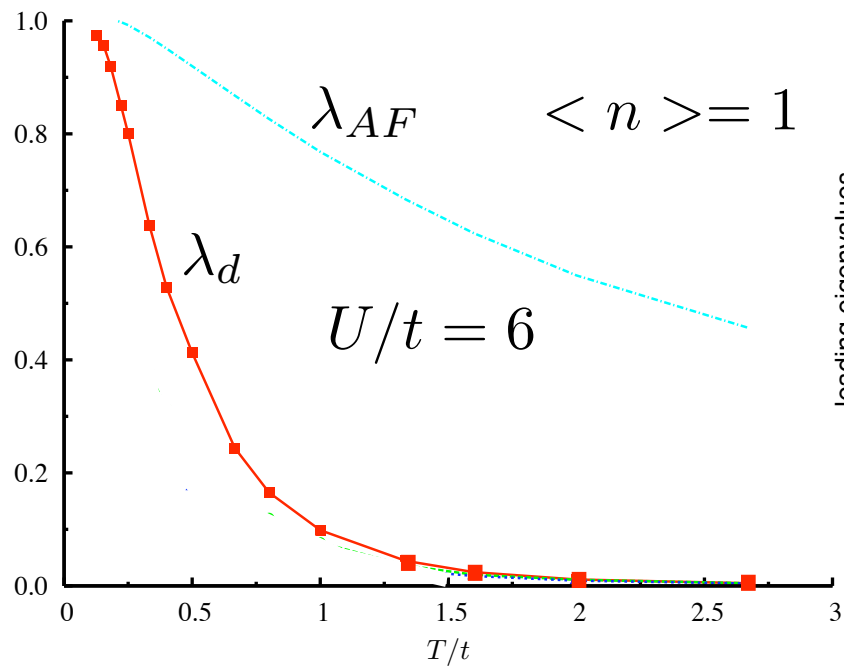
# Competition and/or coexistence of AF and unconventional superconductivity



Neutron scattering resonance implies a sign change of the gap

$$\Delta(k + Q) = -\Delta(k)$$



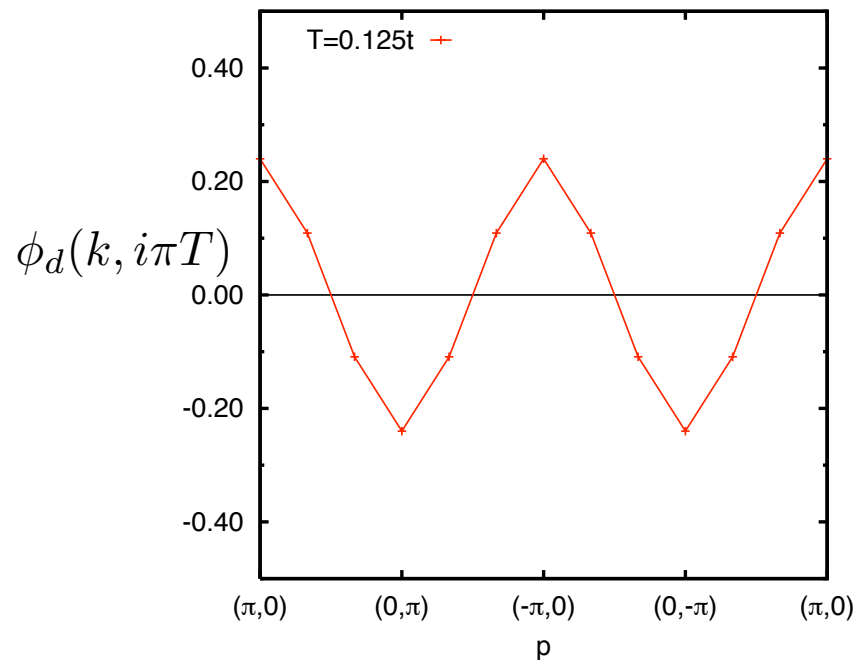


In both the materials and the models superconductivity appears when antiferromagnetism is suppressed.

In the models we see that the structure of the interaction is reflected in  $\Delta(k, \omega)$

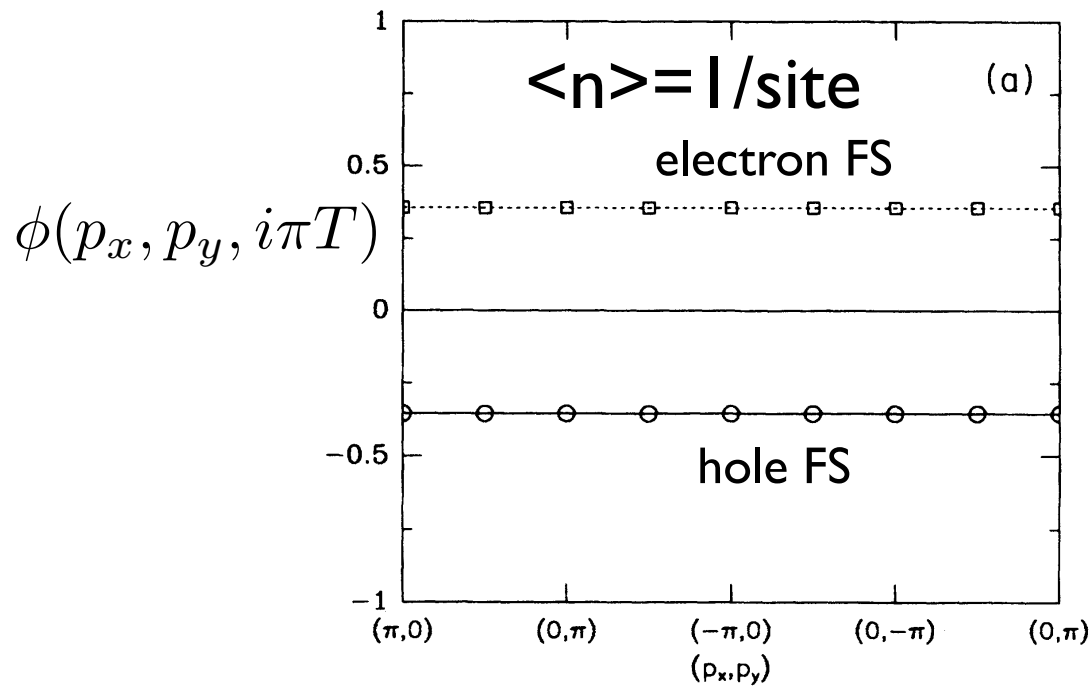
The k dependence of the gap depends upon the electronic band structure ( Fermi surfaces and orbital weights).

The frequency dependence of the gap depends on the frequency dependence of the magnetic susceptibility.



Single band Hubbard

$$d_{x^2 - y^2}$$



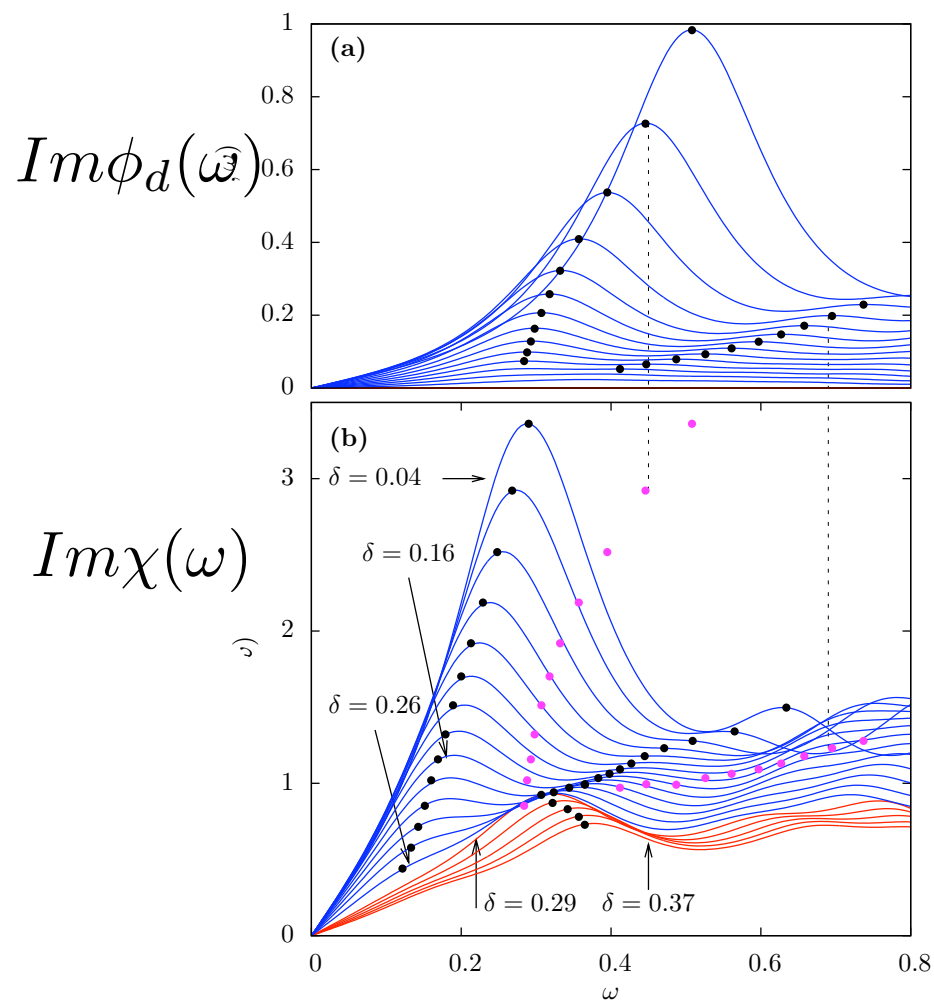
Model 2-band Hubbard

sign switched

for large  $t_z$



The frequency dependence of the gap depends on the frequency dependence of the magnetic susceptibility.



**It remains to be seen how these threads will be tied together for the real materials.**