

# *Pseudo-spin skyrmions in the under-doped cuprates*



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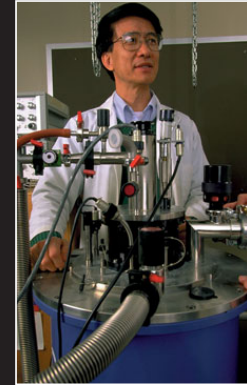
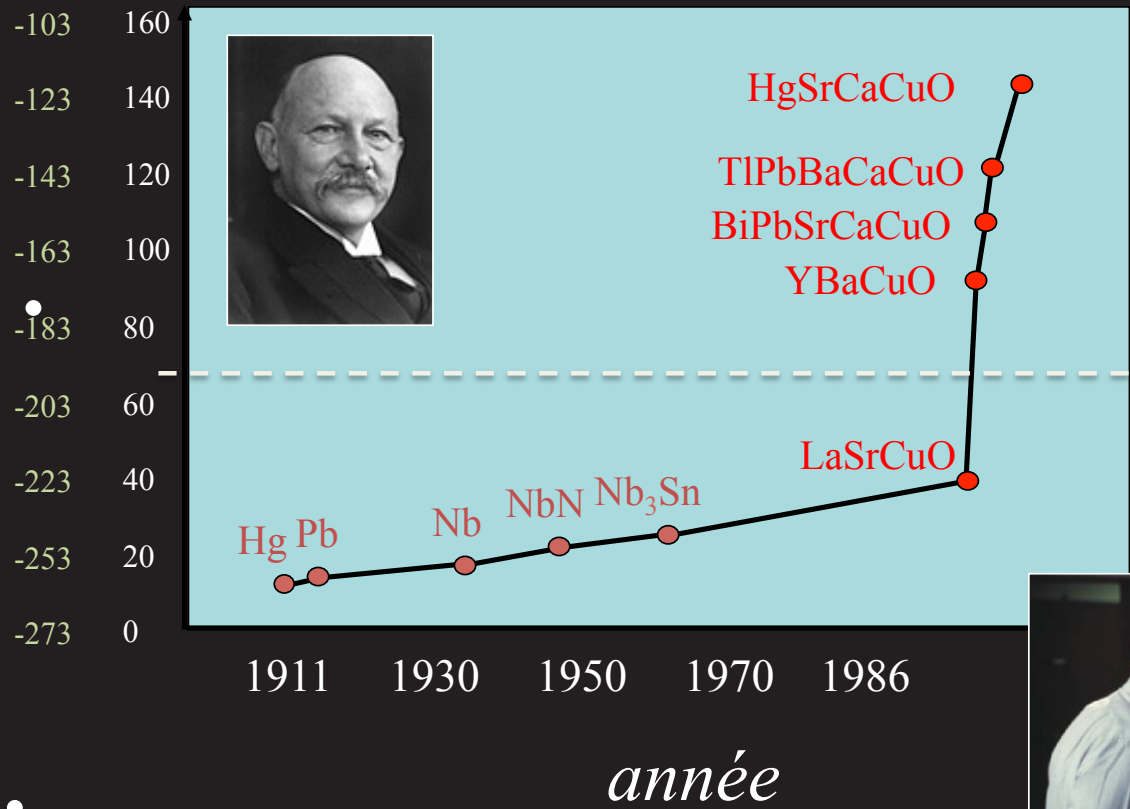
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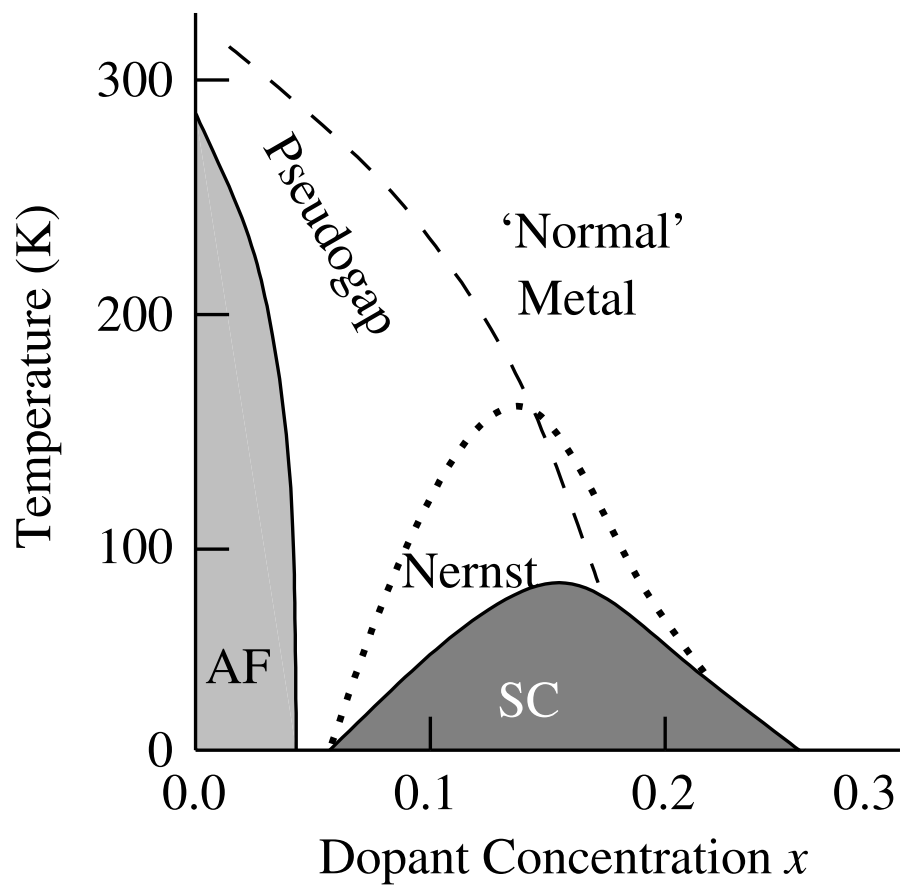
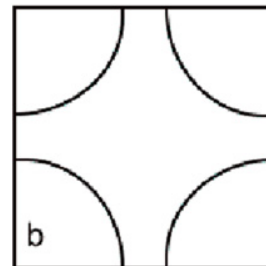
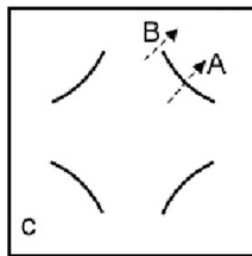
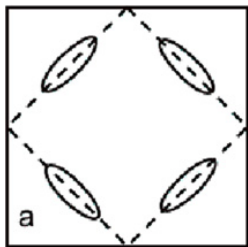
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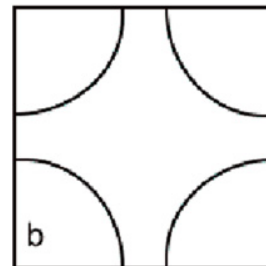
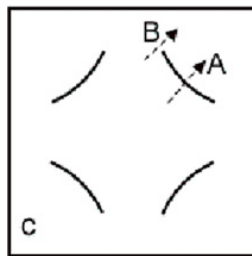
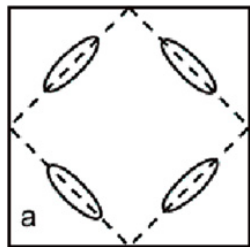


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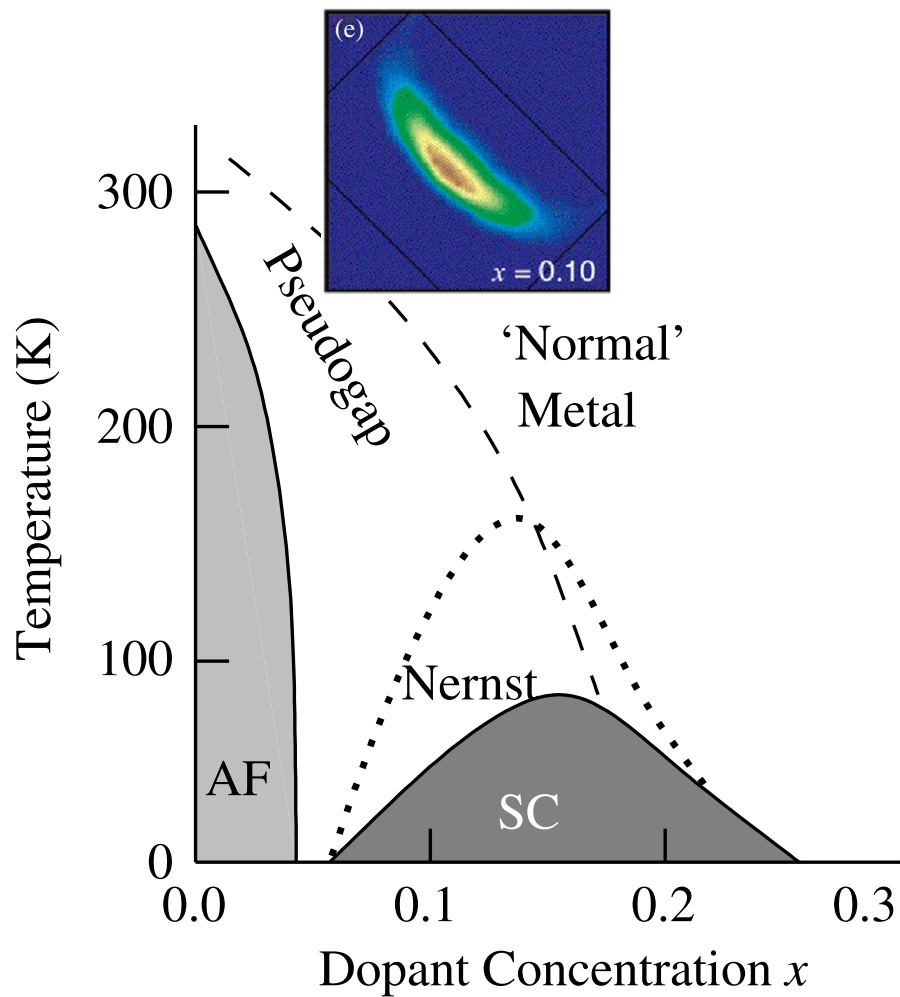


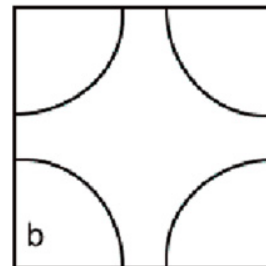
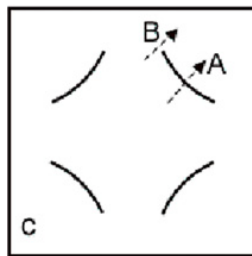
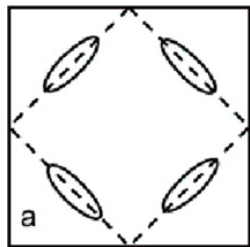




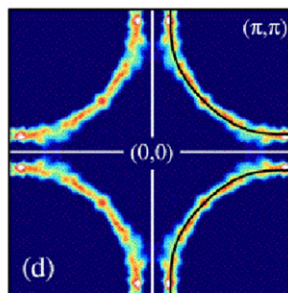
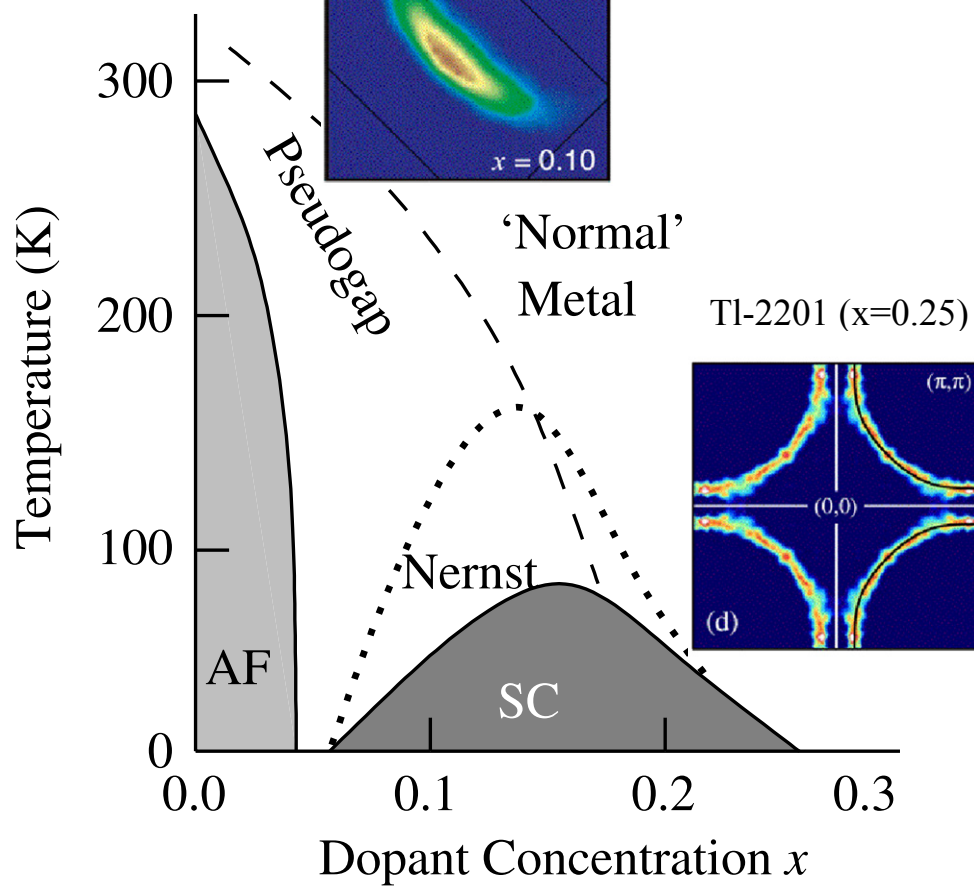
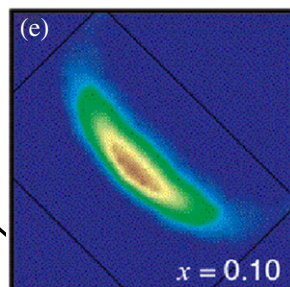


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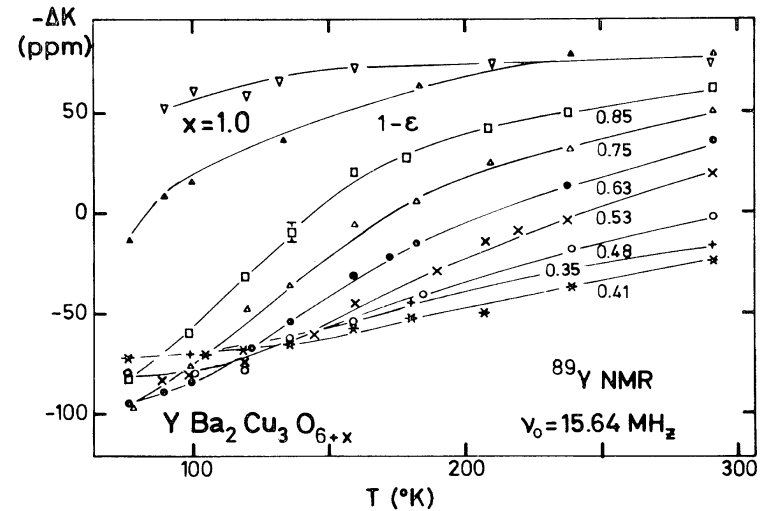
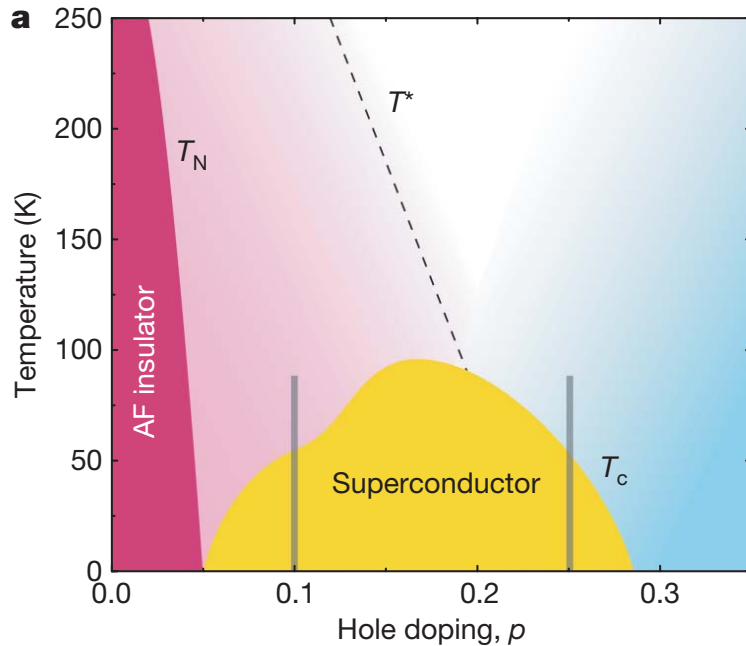


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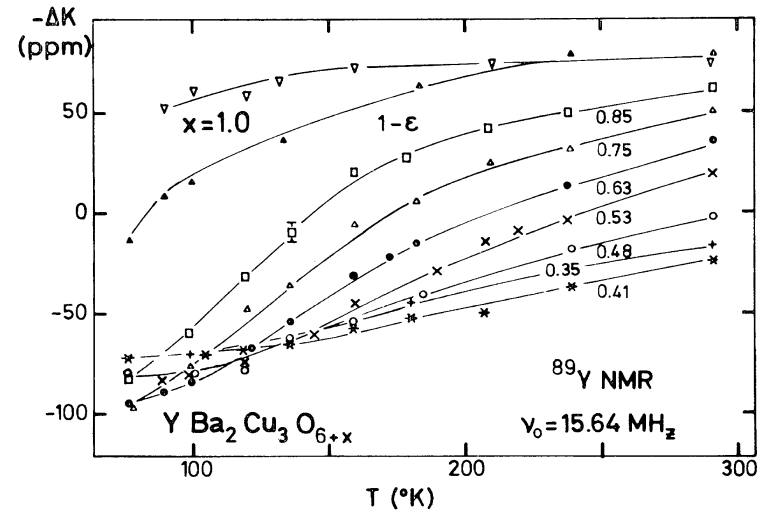
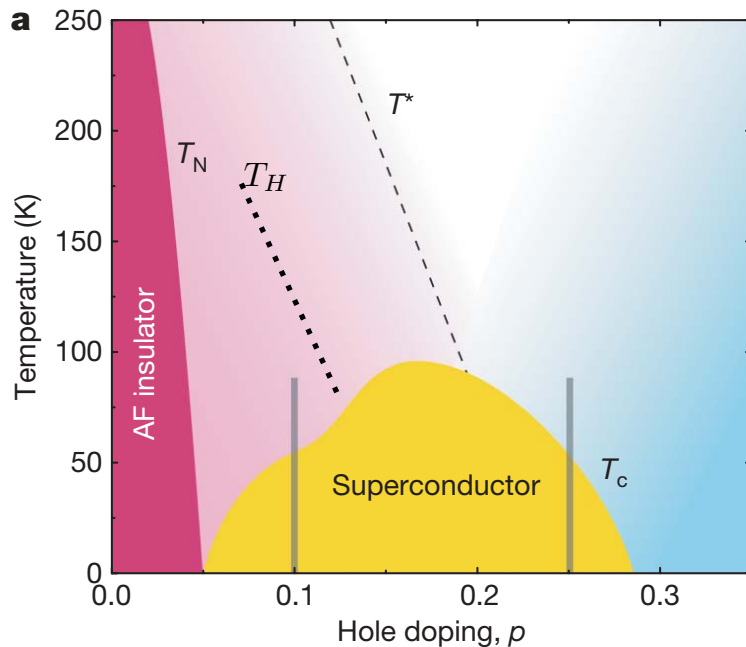
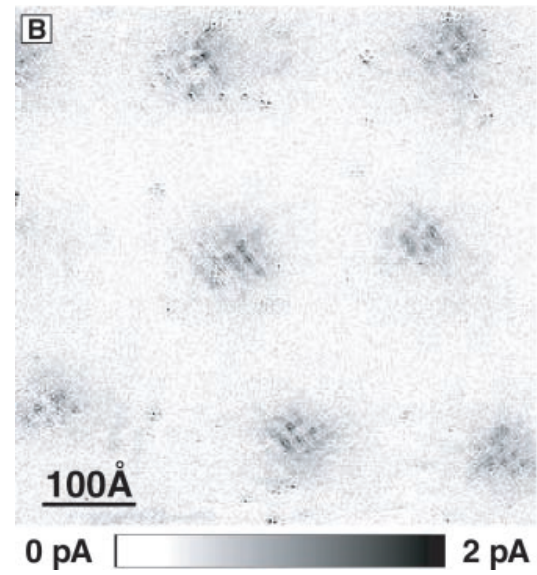
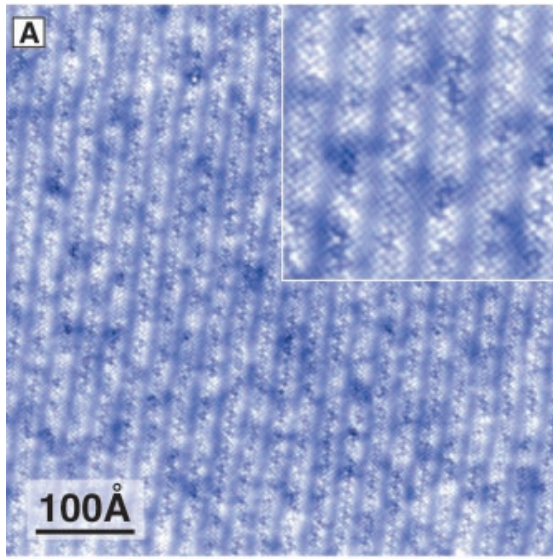


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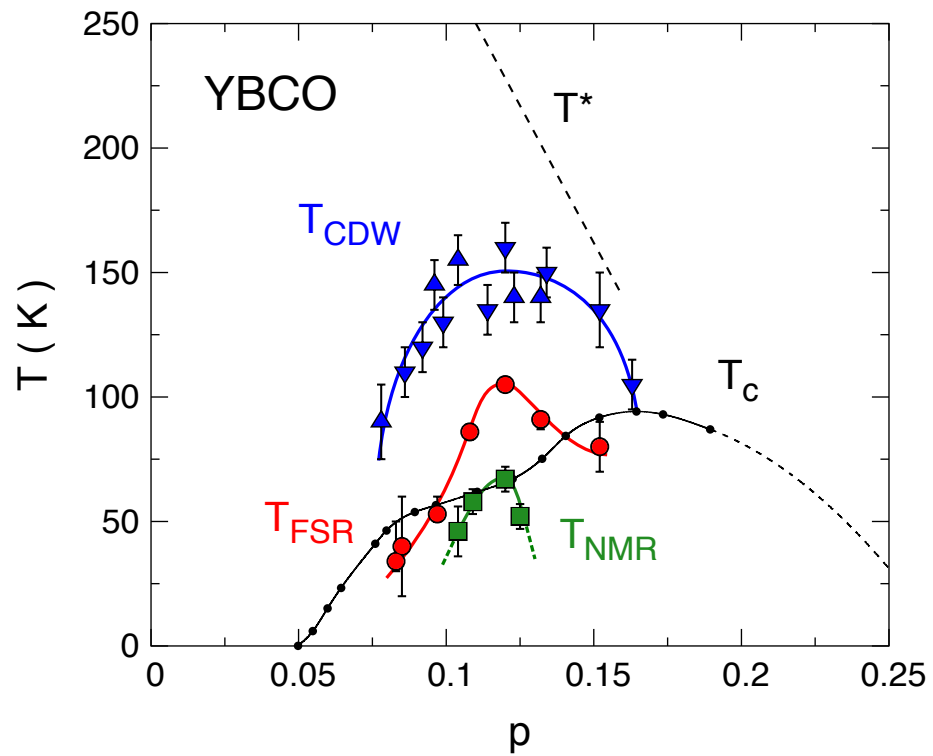
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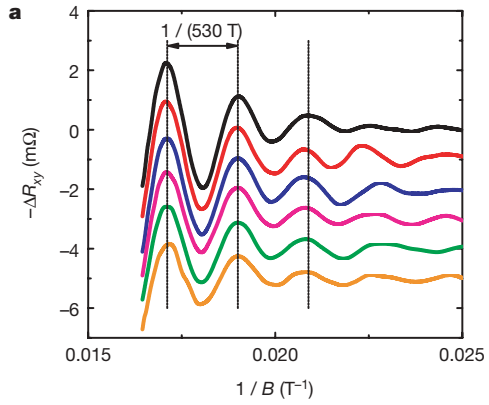
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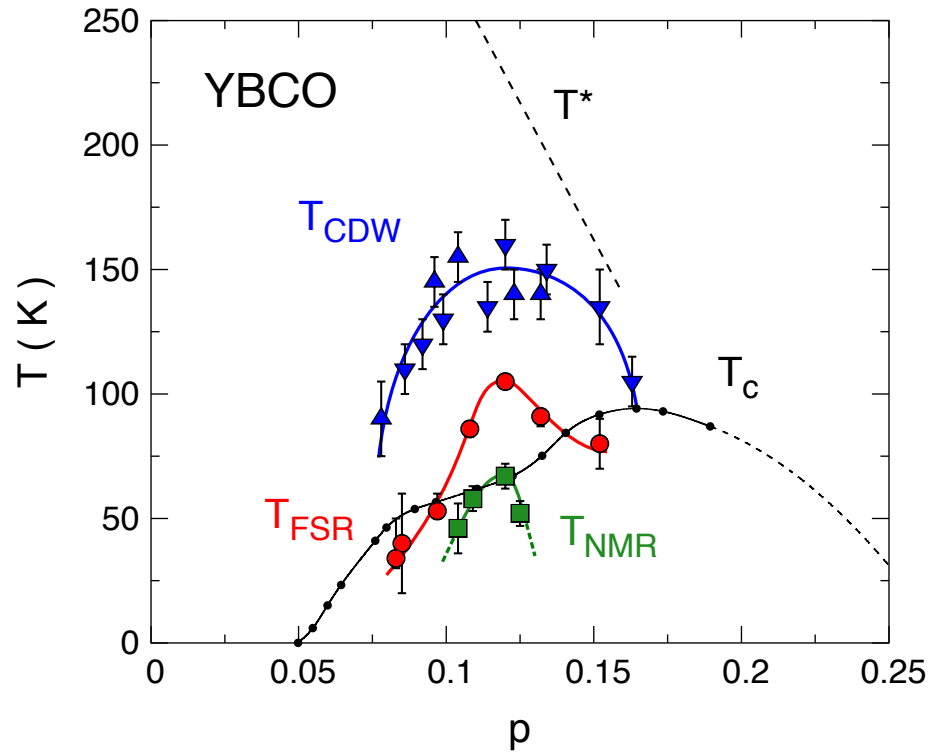
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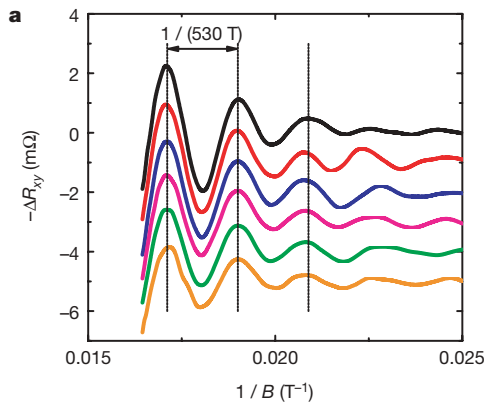
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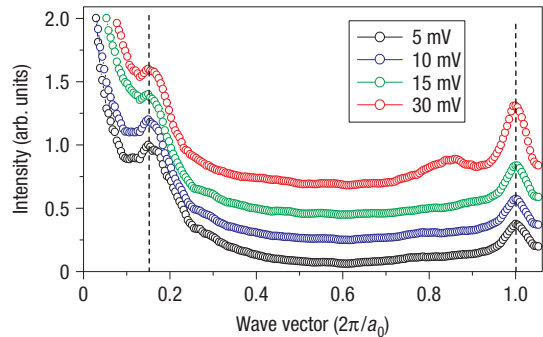
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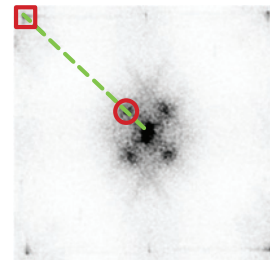
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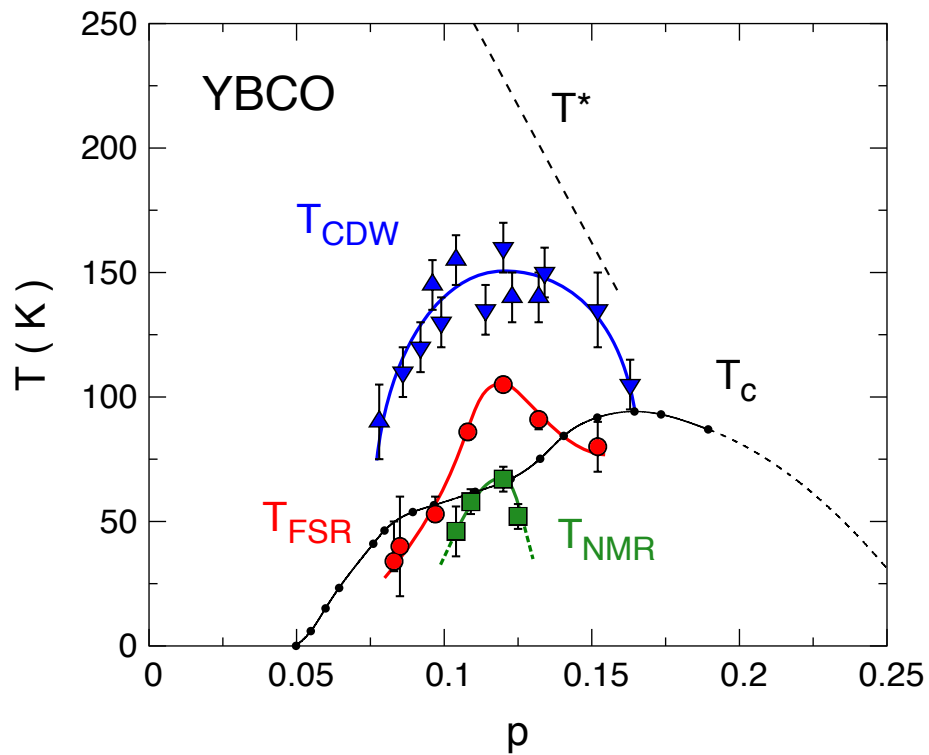
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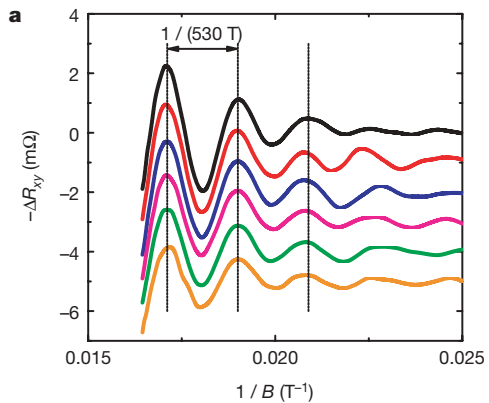
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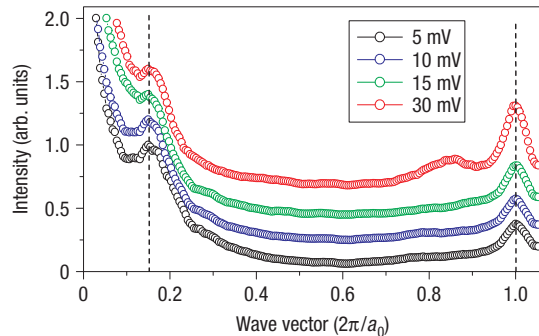
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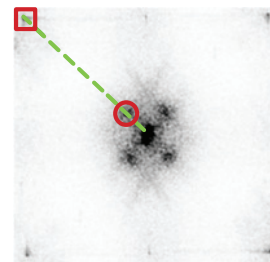
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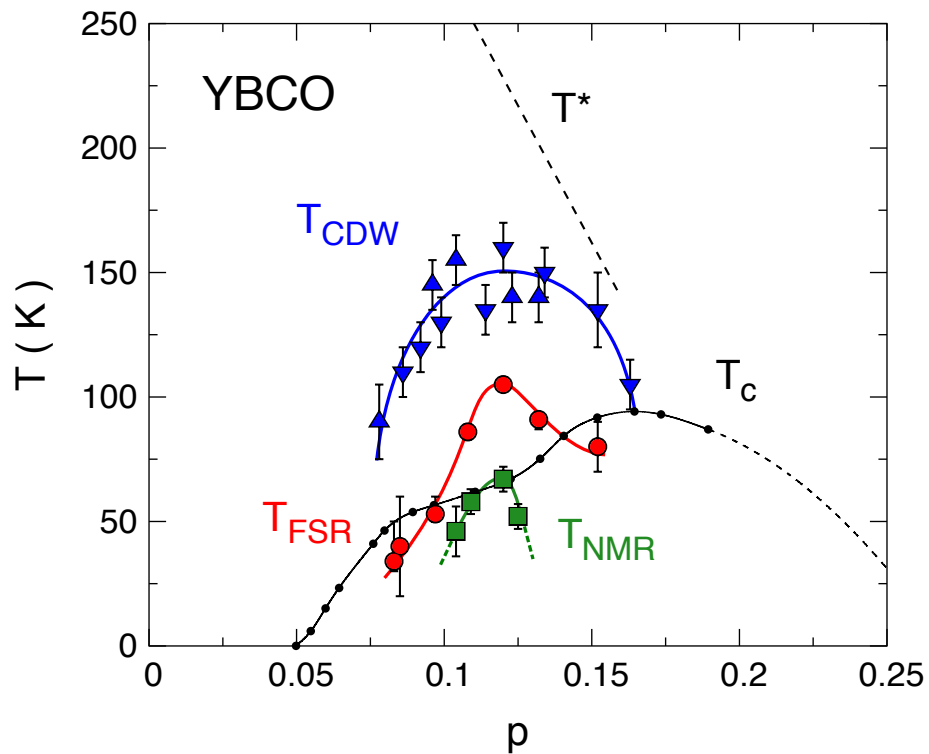
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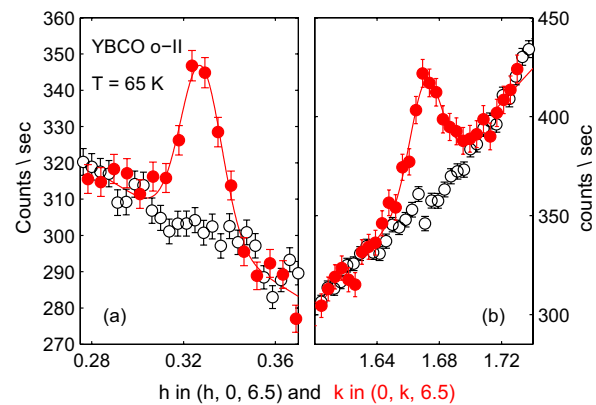
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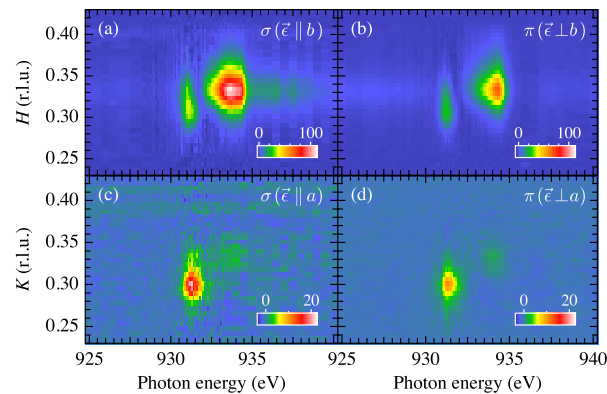
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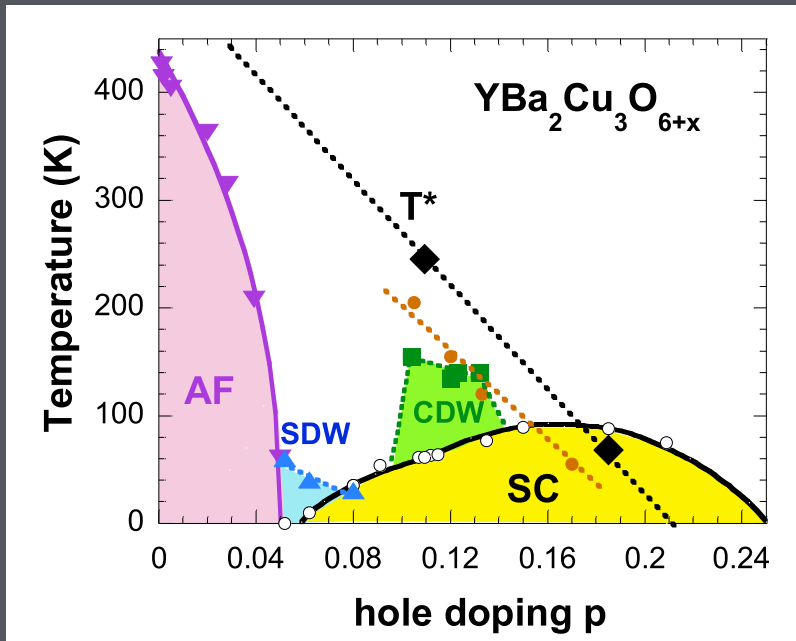
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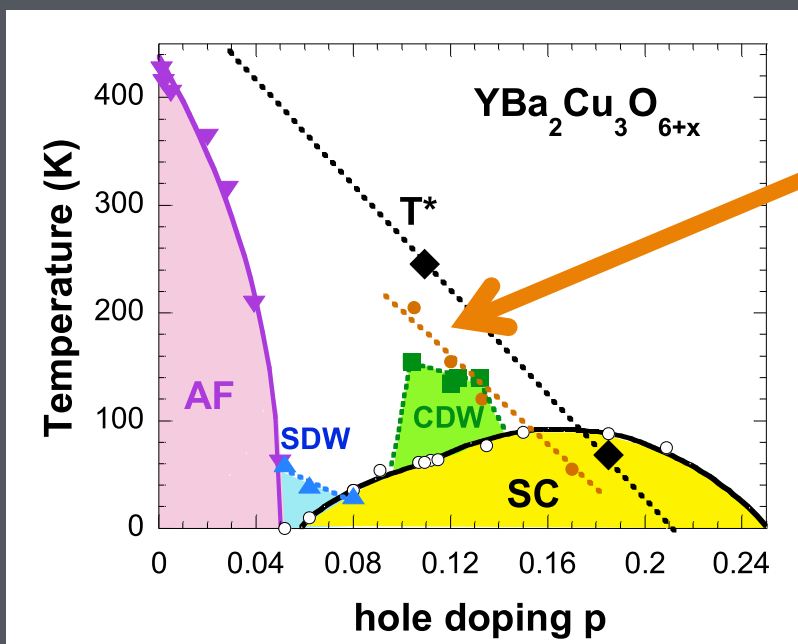
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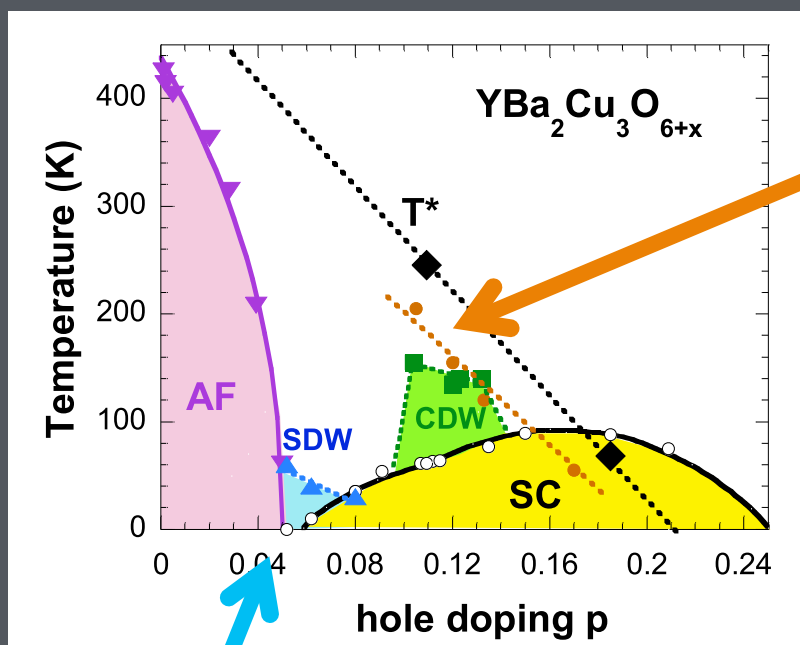


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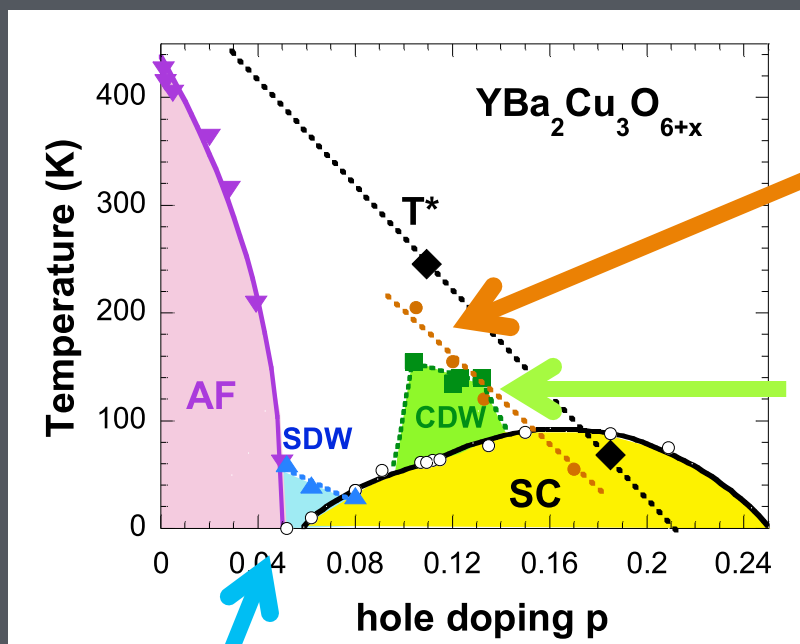
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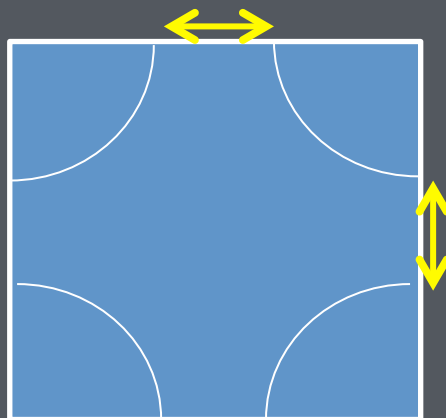
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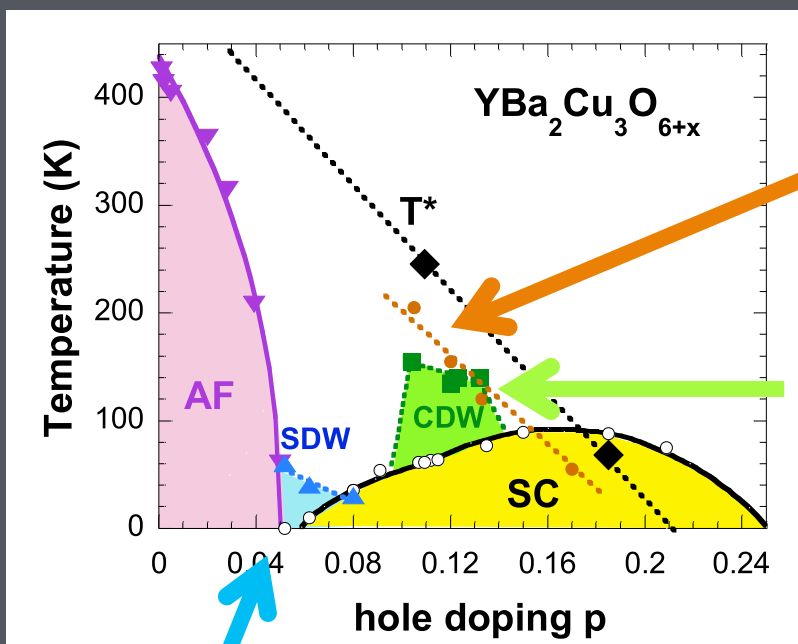
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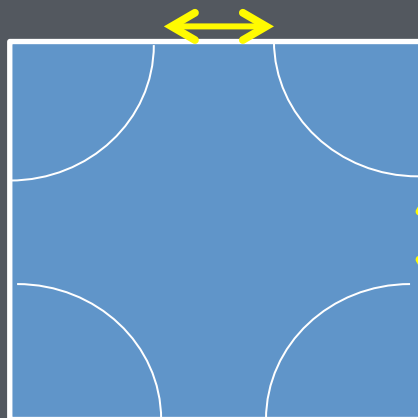
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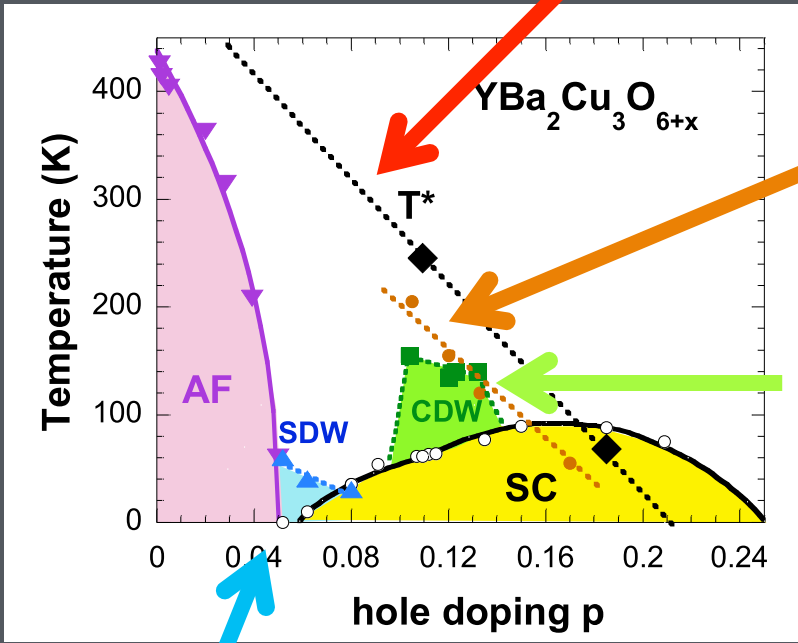
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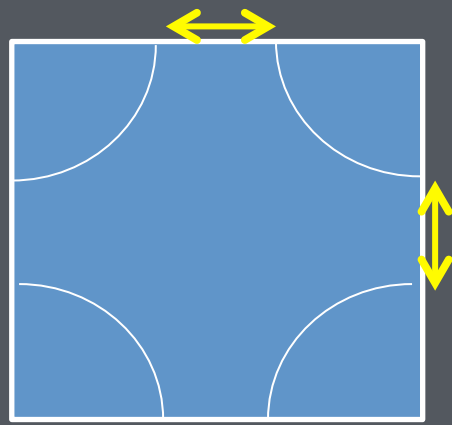
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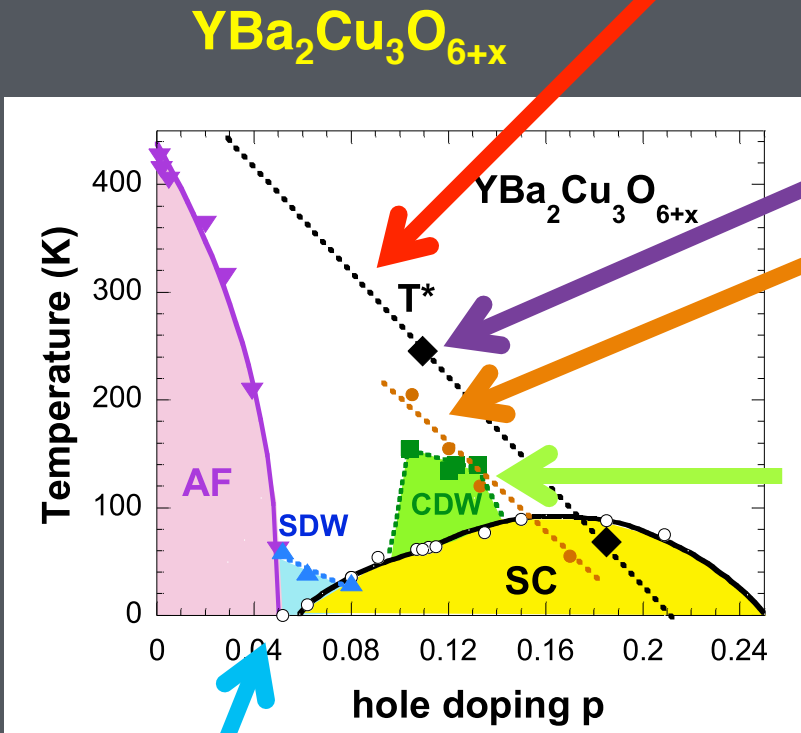
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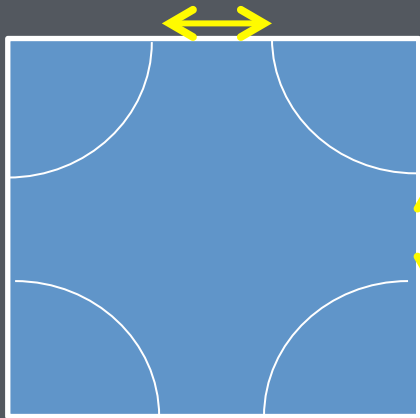
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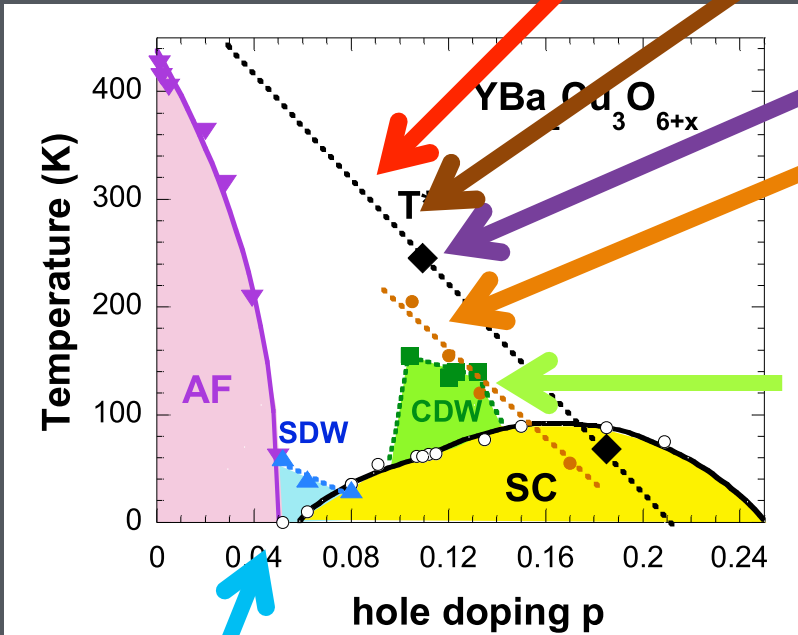
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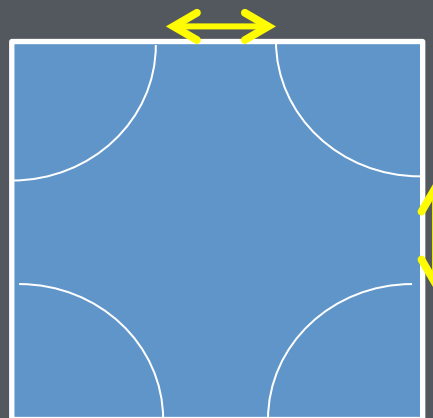
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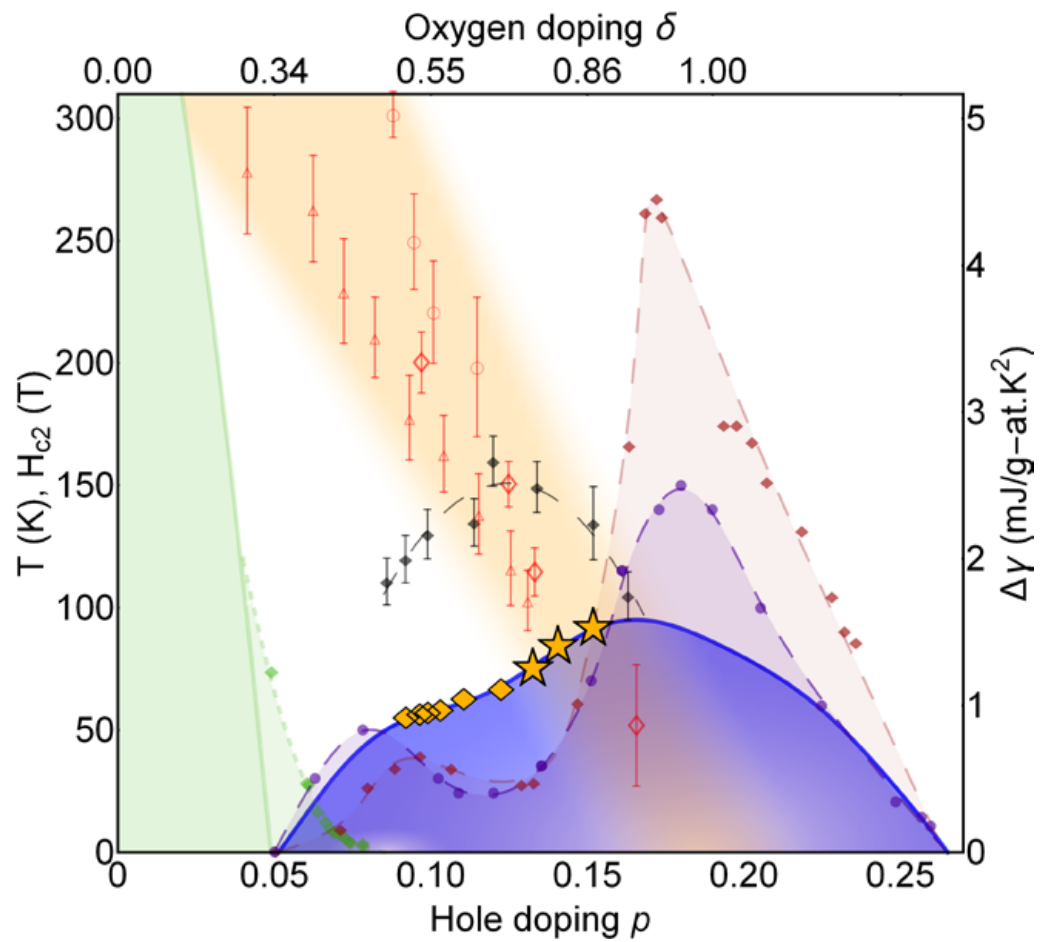
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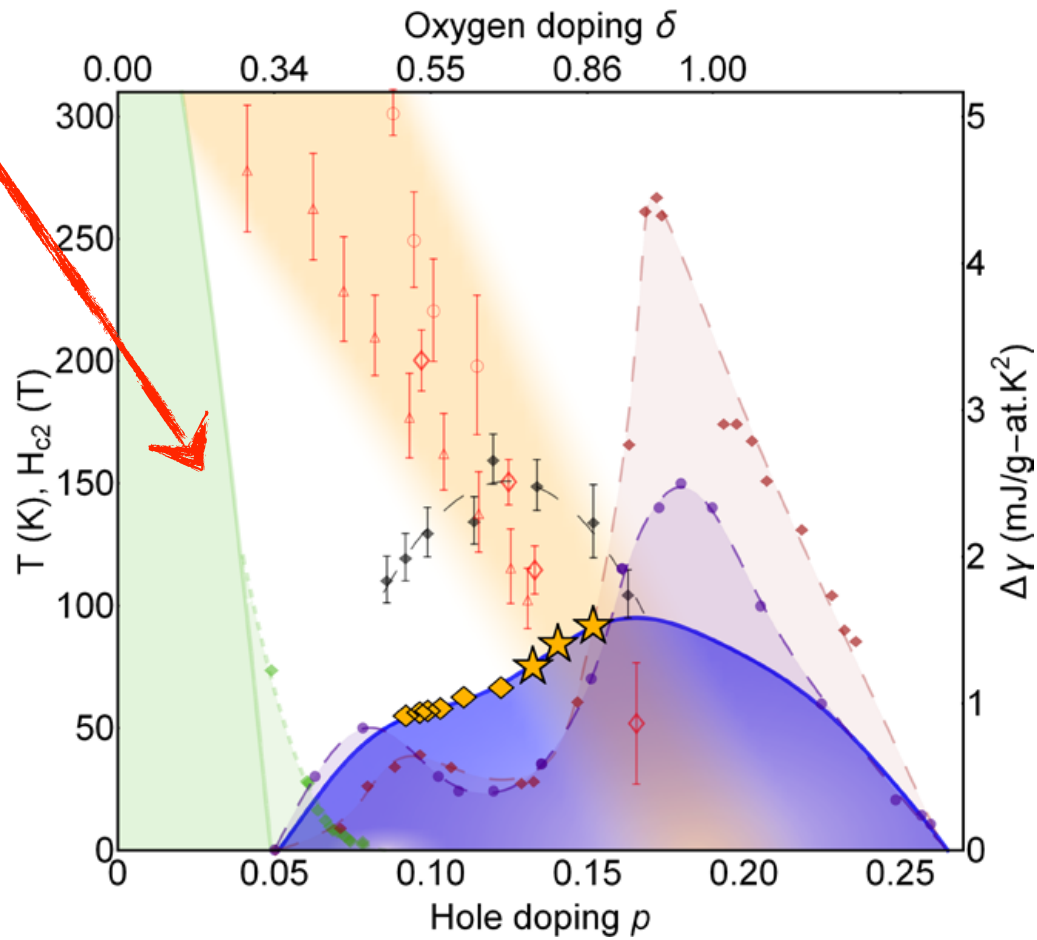
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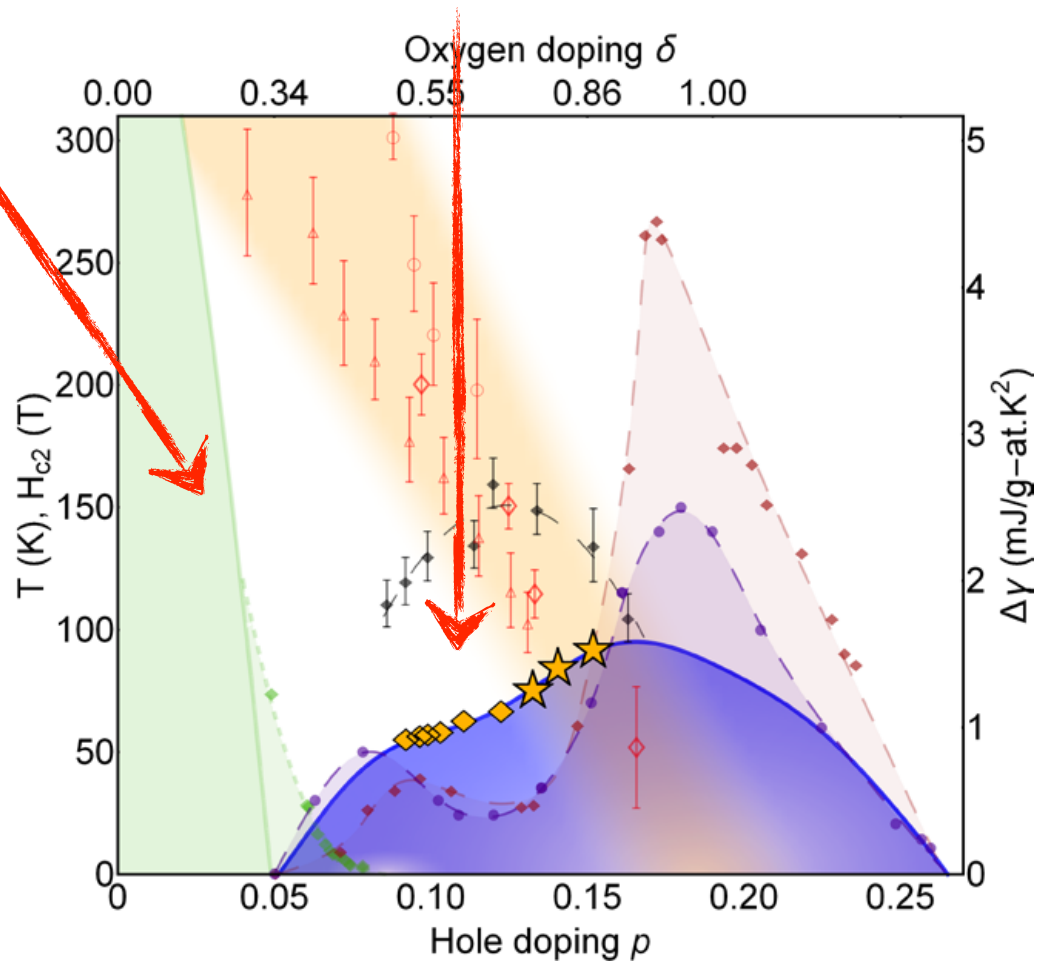
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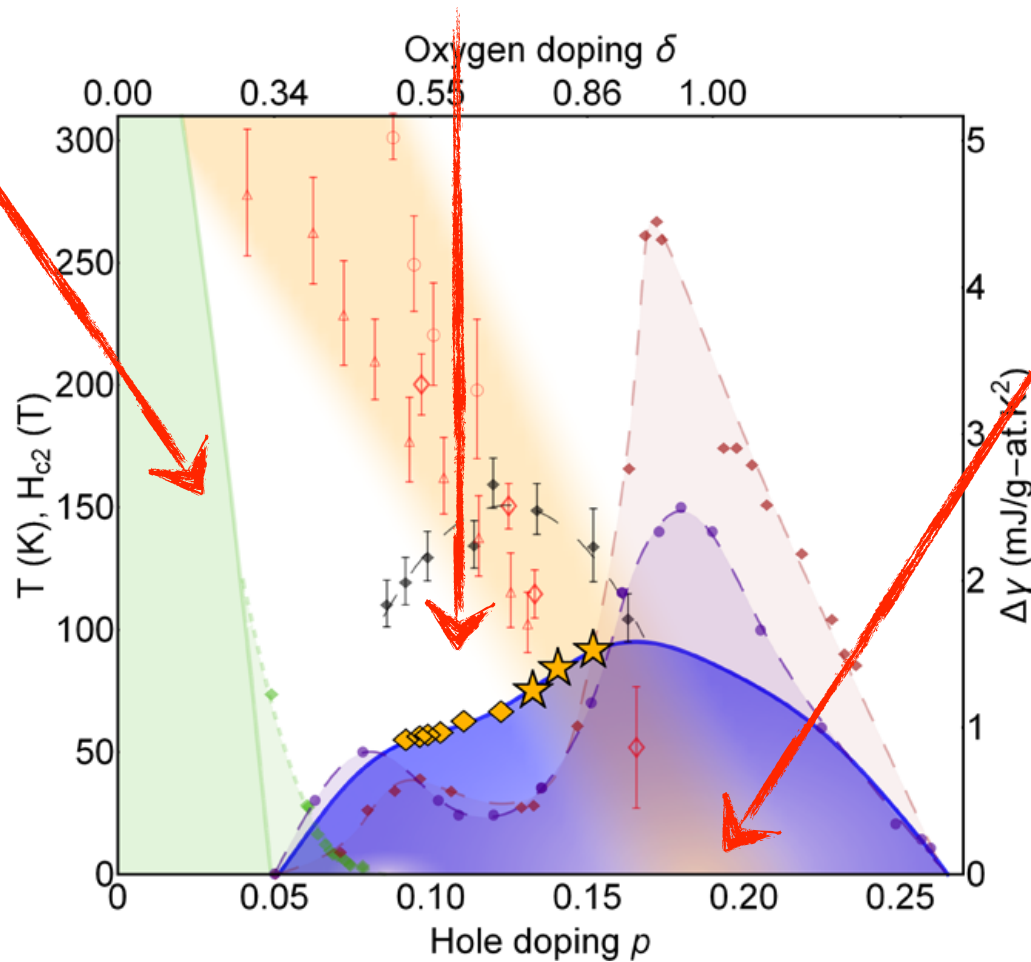
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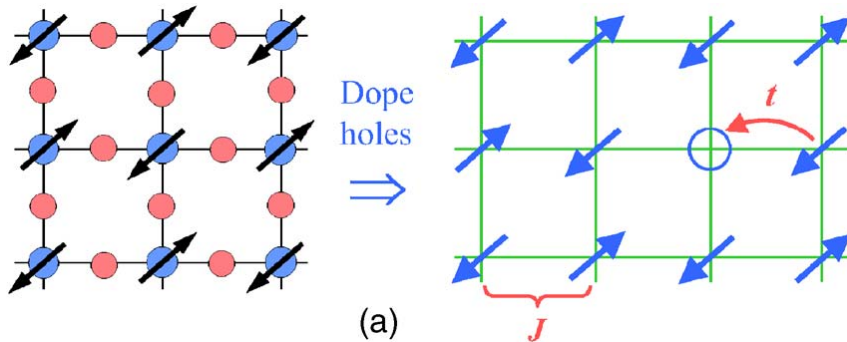
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# The context : doping a Mott insulator

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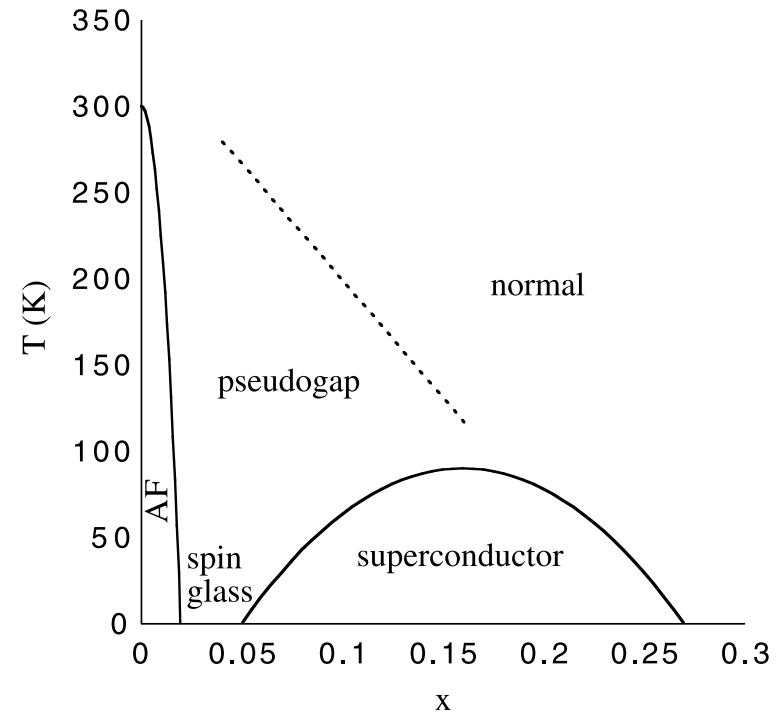
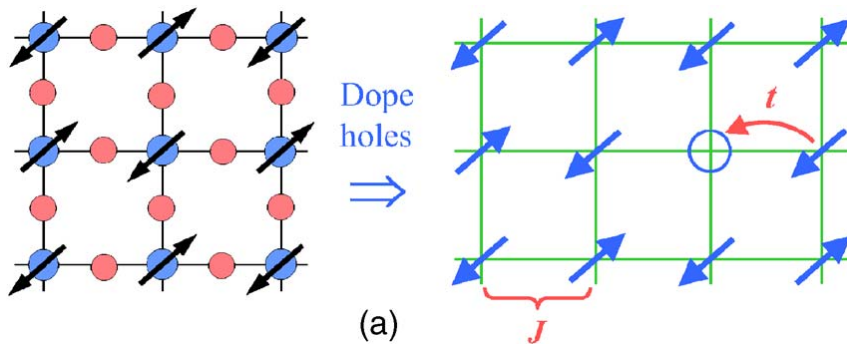
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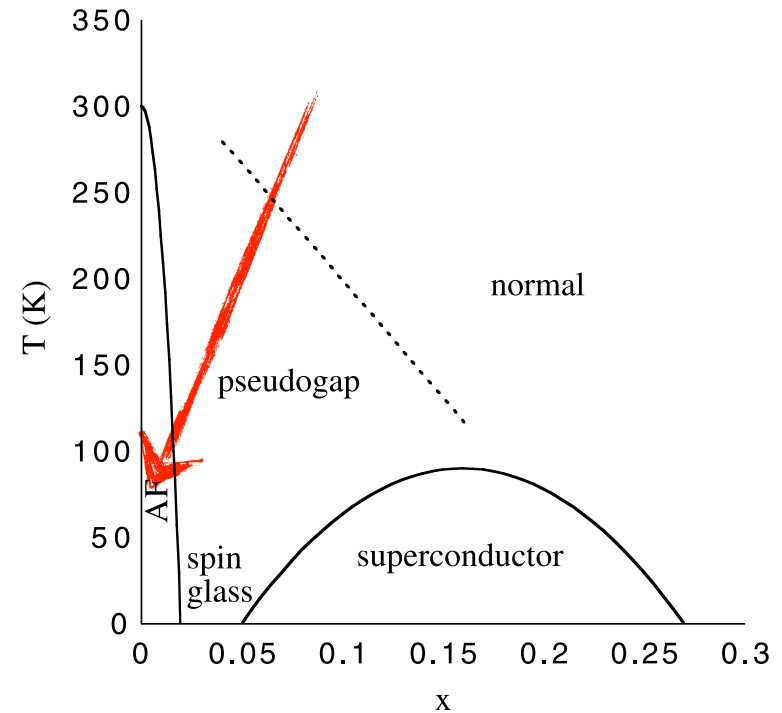
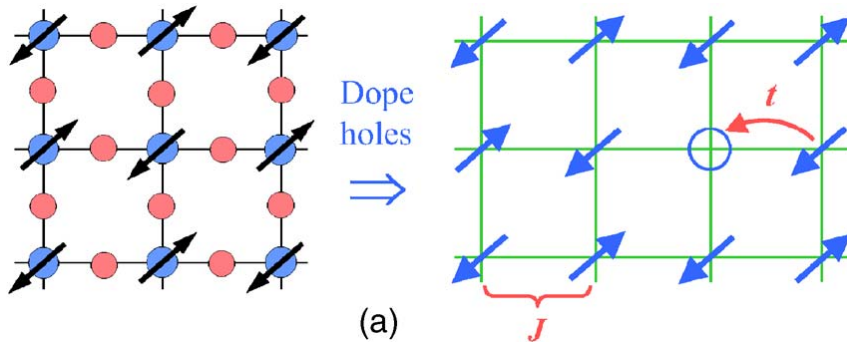
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UBe <sub>13</sub>	140	11,000	0.9	$10^2$	$3 \times 10^2$	19, 20
LaMO <sub>6</sub> S <sub>8</sub>	200	7,000	5	$4 \times 10^2$	$2 \times 10^2$	12, 21
B <sub>0.6</sub> K <sub>0.4</sub> BiO <sub>3</sub>	40	3,000	20	$5 \times 10^2$	50	12
K <sub>3</sub> C <sub>60</sub>	30	4,800	19	$10^2$	17	22, 23
(BEDT) <sub>2</sub> Cu(NCS) <sub>2</sub>	15.2	8,000	8	15	1.7	24
Nd <sub>2-<math>x</math></sub> Ce <sub><math>x</math></sub> Cu <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4+<math>\delta</math></sub>	6.0	1,000	21	$4 \times 10^2$	16	25
Tl <sub>2</sub> Ba <sub>2</sub> CuO <sub>6+<math>\delta</math></sub>	11.6	2,000	80	$2 \times 10^2$	2	26, 27
	11.6	1,800	55	$2 \times 10^2$	3.6	26, 27
Bi <sub>2</sub> Sr <sub>2</sub> CaCu <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	7.5	1,850	84	140	1.5	28, 29
Bi <sub>2</sub> Pb <sub><math>x</math></sub> Sr <sub>2</sub> Ca <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> O <sub>10</sub>	5.9	1,850	105	110	0.9	28
	8.9	1,850	105	160	1.4	28
La <sub>2-<math>x</math></sub> Sr <sub><math>x</math></sub> CuO <sub>4+<math>\delta</math></sub>	6.6	3,700	28	30	1	30
	6.6	2,200	38	85	2	30
YBa <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> O <sub>7-<math>\delta</math></sub>	5.9	1,600	92	145	1.4	31
YBa <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>4</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	6.8	2,600	80	65	0.7	31

$$V_0 = \frac{(\hbar c)^2 a}{16\pi e^2 \lambda^2(0)}$$

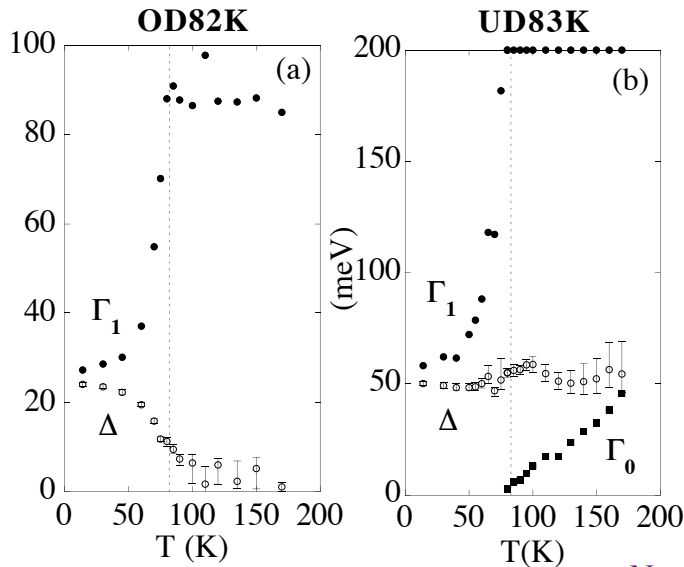
$$T_\theta^{\max} \simeq V_0$$

# Fluctuations

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TABLE 1 Phase stiffness and  $T_\theta^{\max}$  for various superconductors

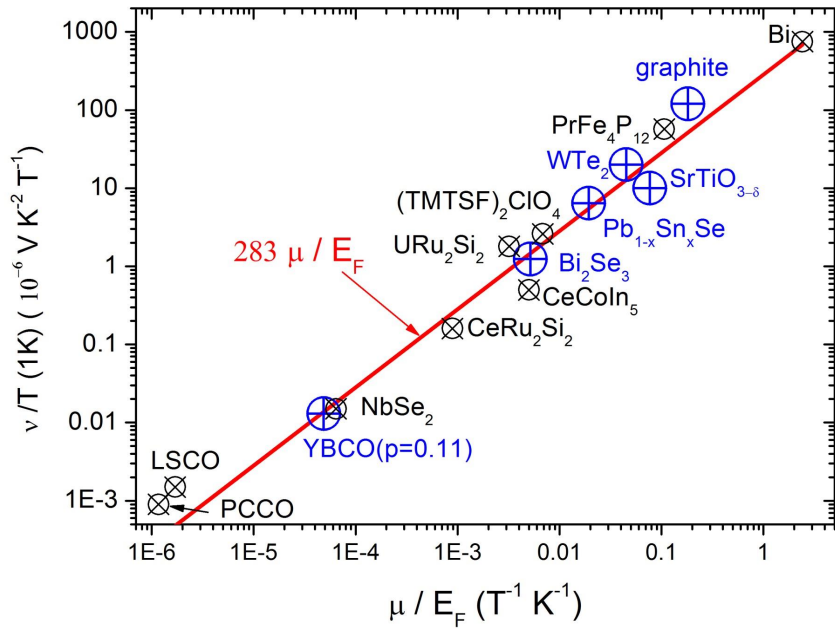
Material	$l$ (Å)	$\lambda$ (Å)	$T_c$ (K)	$V_0$ (K)	$T_\theta^{\max}/T_c$	Ref.
Pb	830	390	7	$6 \times 10^5$	$2 \times 10^5$	17
Nb <sub>3</sub> Sn	60	640	18	$2 \times 10^4$	$2 \times 10^3$	18
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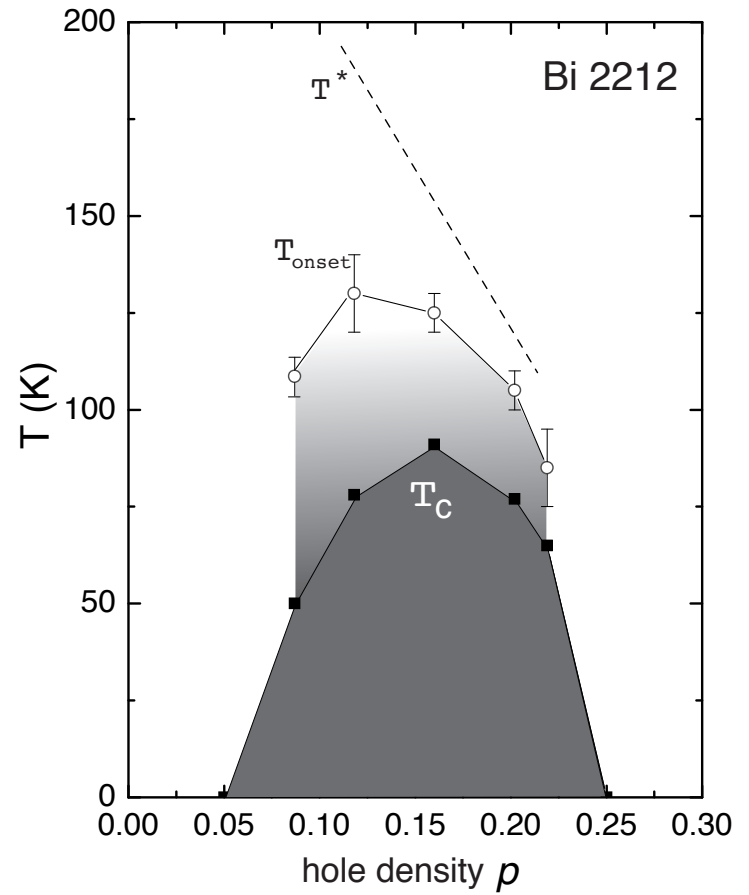
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Benhia 2011



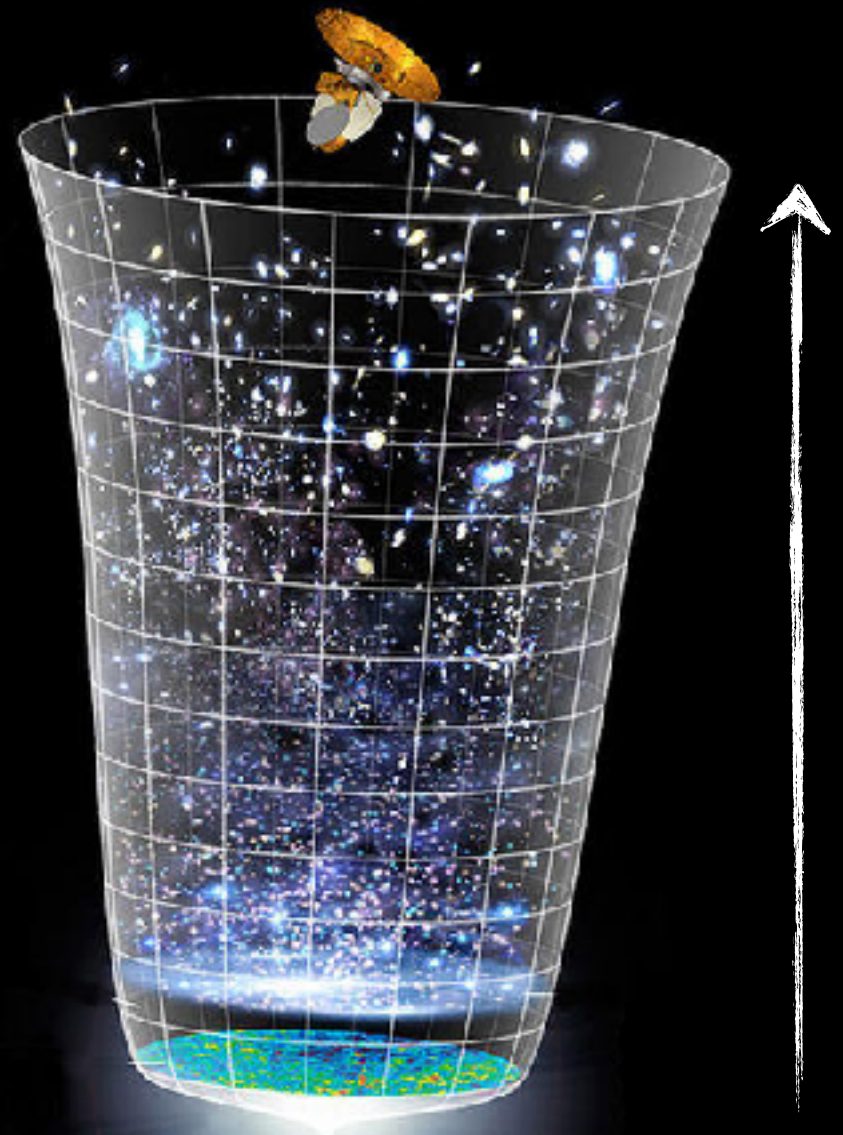
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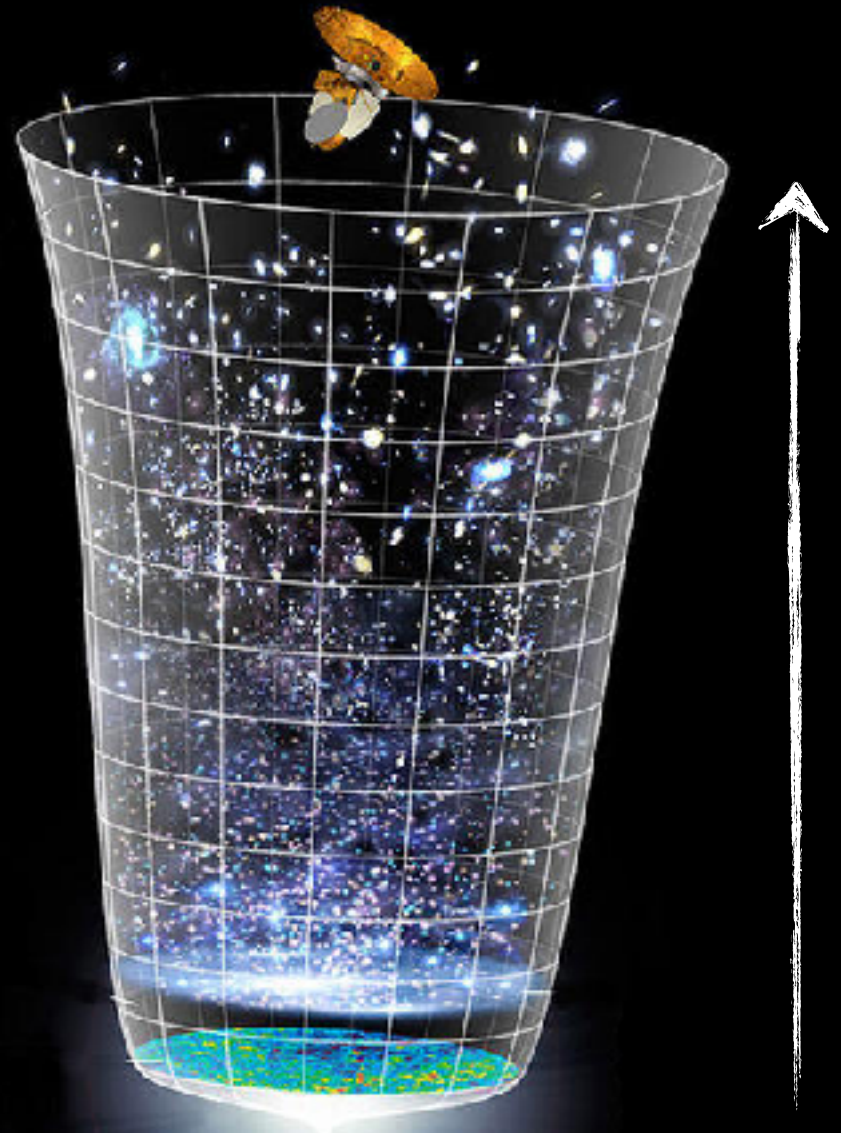
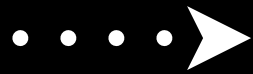
**Fluctuations of phase,  
amplitude, and others...**





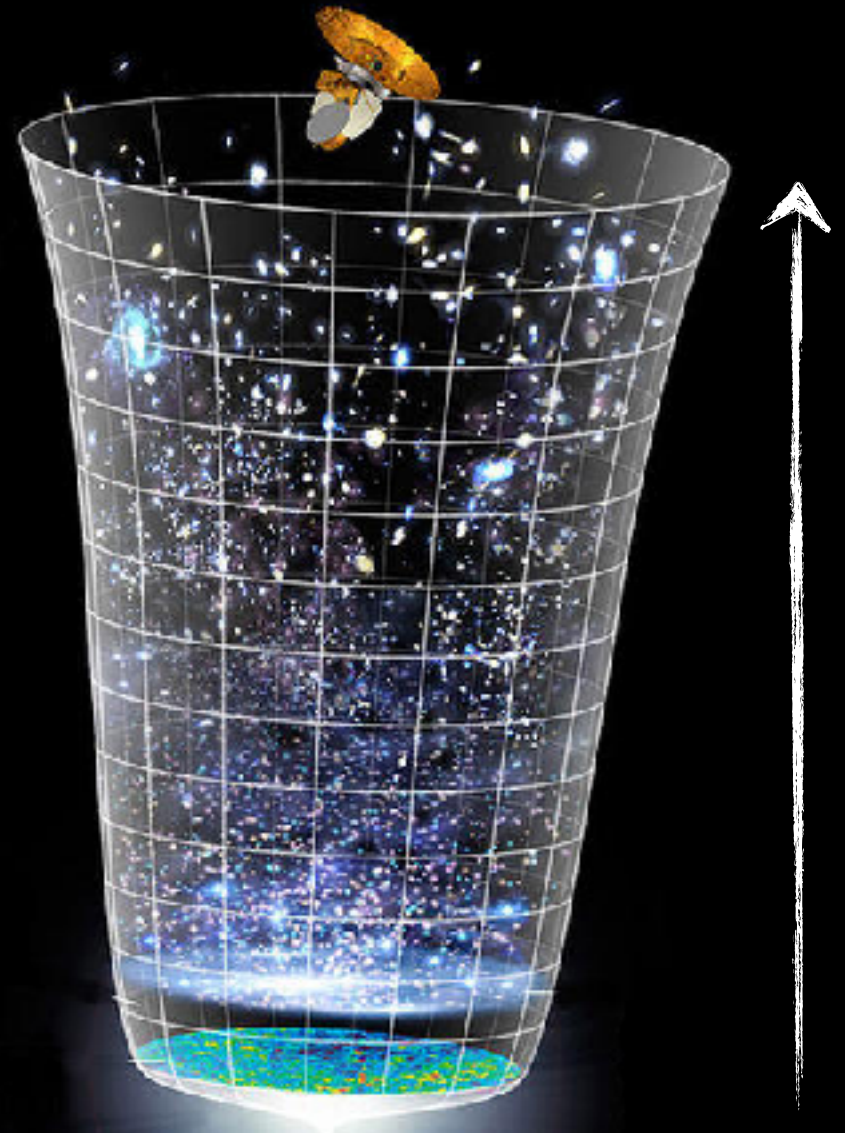


Condensate



Phase  
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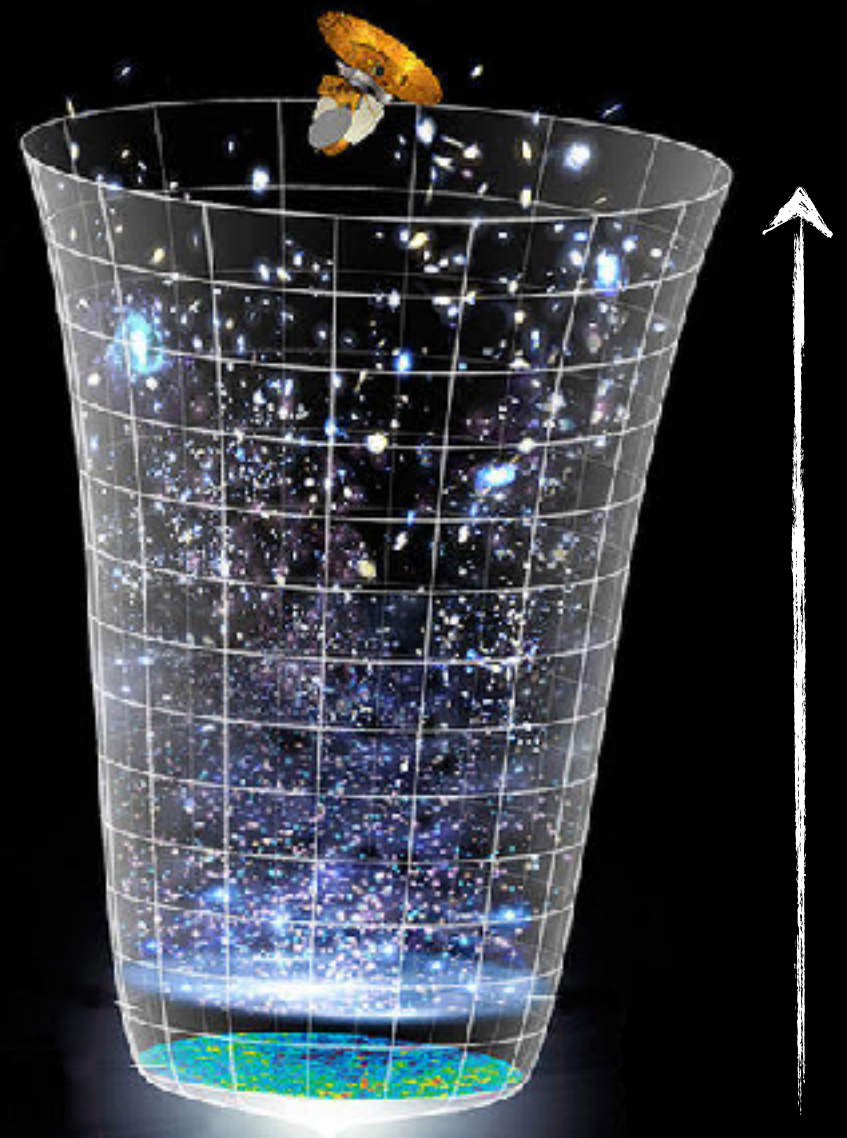




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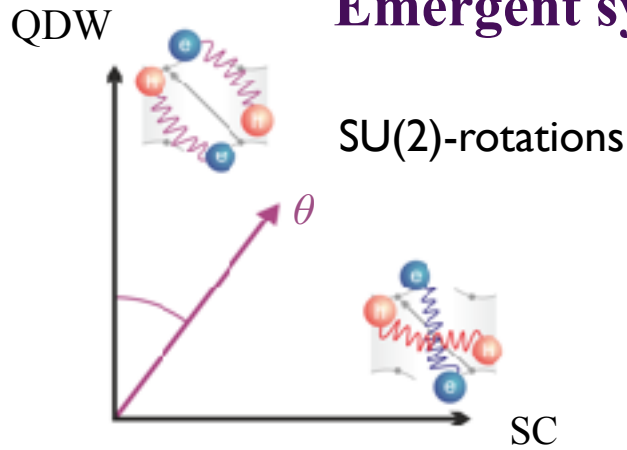
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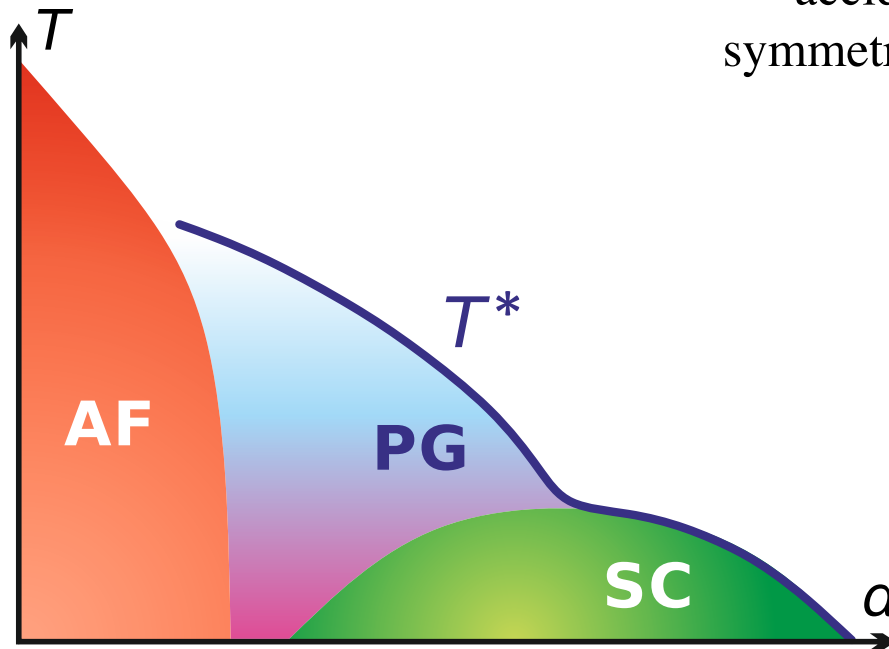
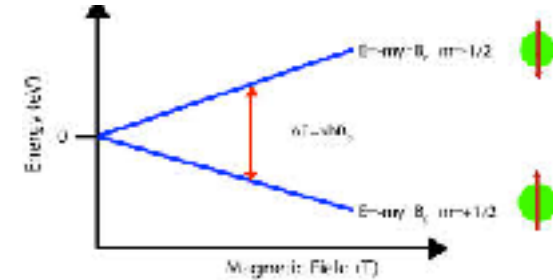
« Schyzofrenic »  $SU(2)$  flucutations

Emergent  $SU(2)$  fluctuations

# Emergent symmetries in the under-doped regime

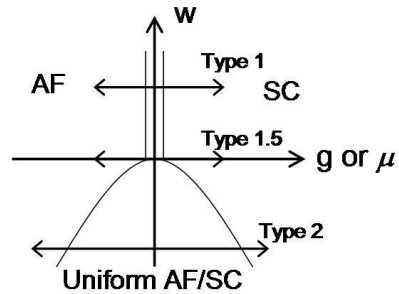
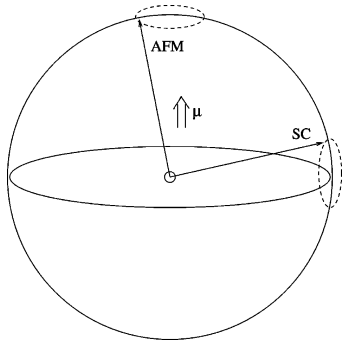


Degenerescence of levels:  
accidental?  
symmetry related?

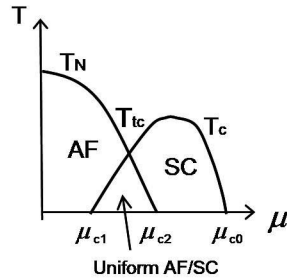
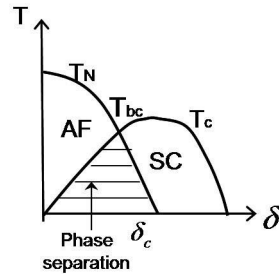
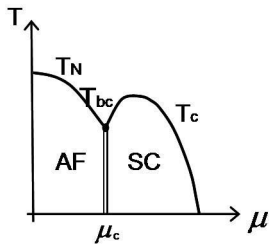


At some energy scale in the phase diagrams SC and Charge sectors are related by and SU(2) symmetry

### SO(5)-group



Fine-tuning condition ?



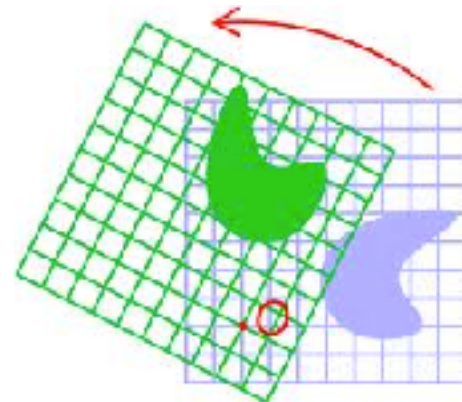
Demler, Zhang, Hanke (2005)

SU(2) symmetry related to the SU(2) symmetry of the superexchange hamiltonian and gauge SU(2) symmetry

$$U_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} -\chi_{ij}^* & \Delta_{ij} \\ \Delta_{ij}^* & \chi_{ij} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\chi_{ij} \delta_{\alpha\beta} = 2 \langle f_{i\alpha}^\dagger f_{j\beta} \rangle, \quad \chi_{ij} = \chi_{ji}^*$$

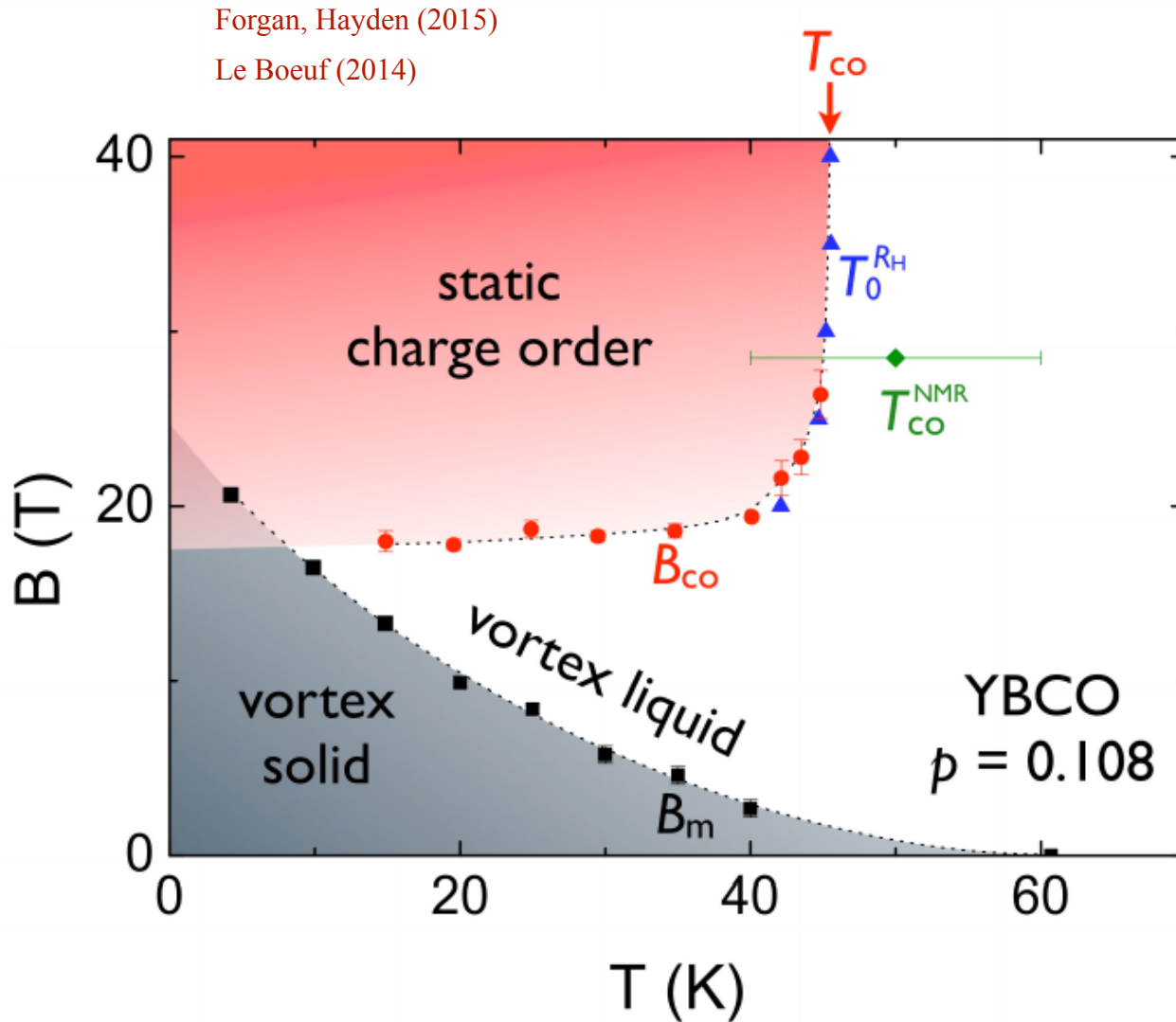
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Sachdev et al (2013)  
Kotliar and Liu (1988)  
Lee, Wen, Nagaosa, RMP (2006)



# Phase diagram under applied magnetic field



# The concept of SU(2) symmetry

C.N. Yang & S-C. Zhang (1989)

## Pseudo-Spins

$$\eta^+ = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow}^\dagger c_{-\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{Q}\downarrow}^\dagger$$

$$\eta_z = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left( c_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow} + c_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{Q}\downarrow}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{Q}\downarrow} - 1 \right)$$

## l=1 representation

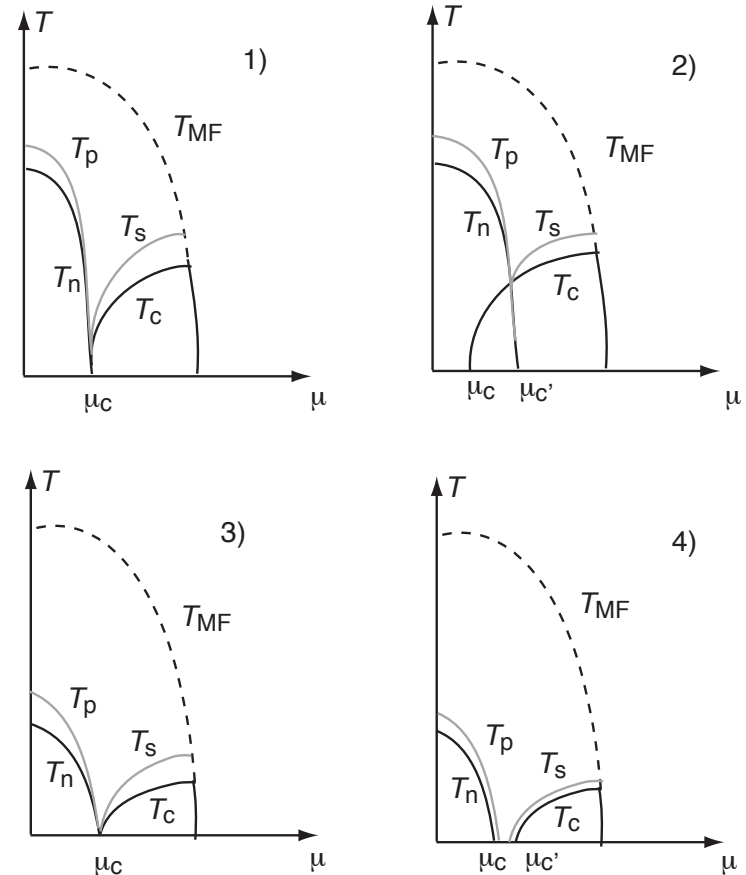
$$\Delta_1 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow}^\dagger c_{-\mathbf{k}\downarrow}^\dagger,$$

$$\Delta_0 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \sigma} c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{Q}\sigma},$$

$$\Delta_{-1} = -\Delta_1^\dagger,$$

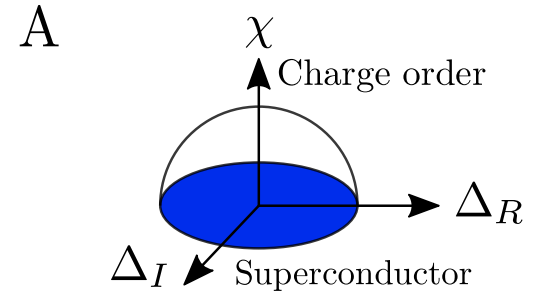
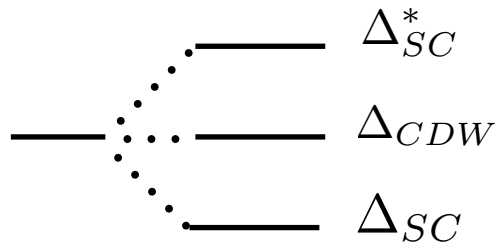
$$[\eta^\pm, \Delta_m] = \sqrt{l(l+1) - m(m \pm 1)} \Delta_{m \pm 1},$$

$$[\eta_z, \Delta_m] = m \Delta_m.$$

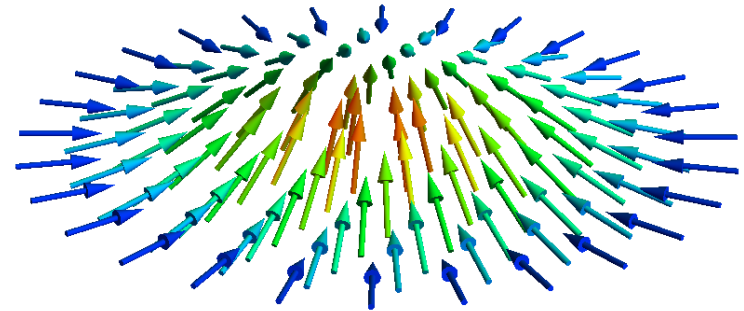
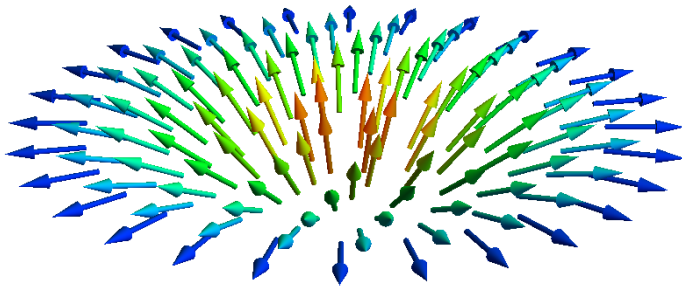


# Topology and local structures

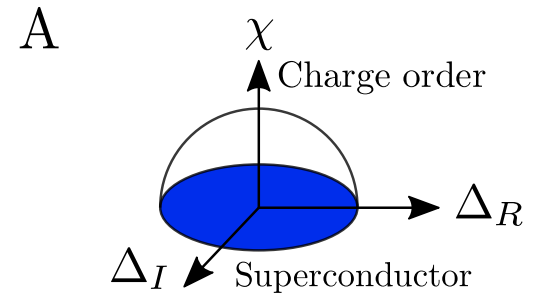
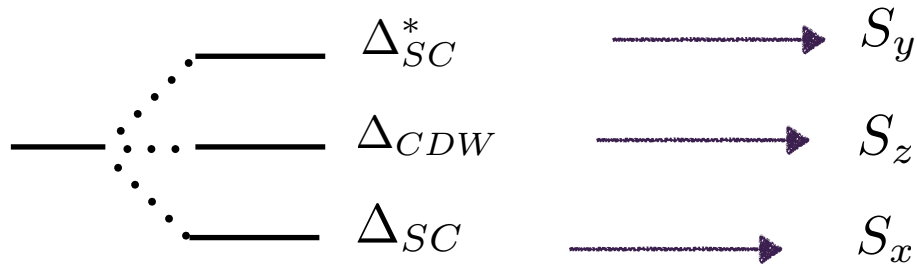
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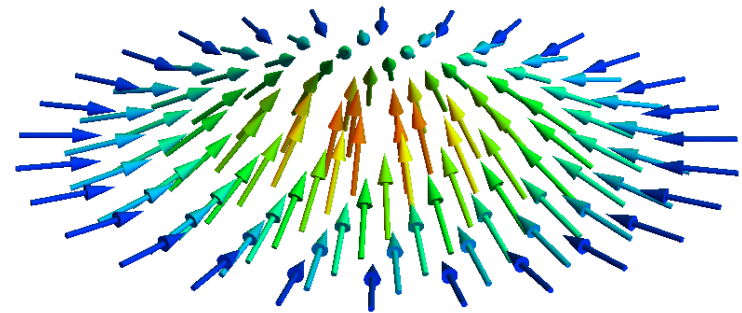
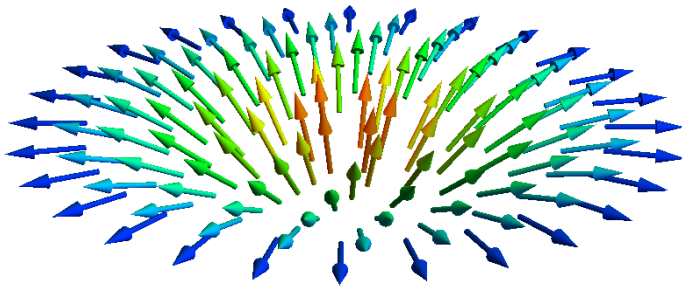
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Skyrmions in the pseudo spin space



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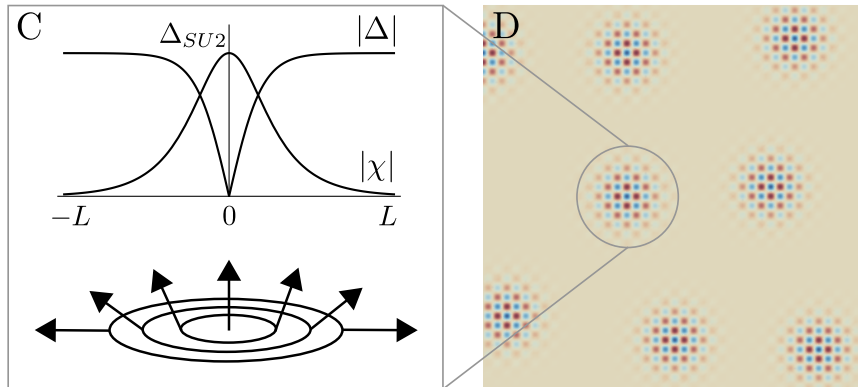
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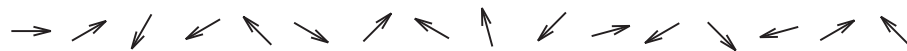
## Homotopy classes

$$\Delta_{-,R}^2 + \Delta_{-,I}^2 + \Delta_{+,R}^2 + \Delta_{+,I}^2 = 1$$

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**Vortex structure  
Phase diagram**



(c) Pseudogap



(b) Nernst



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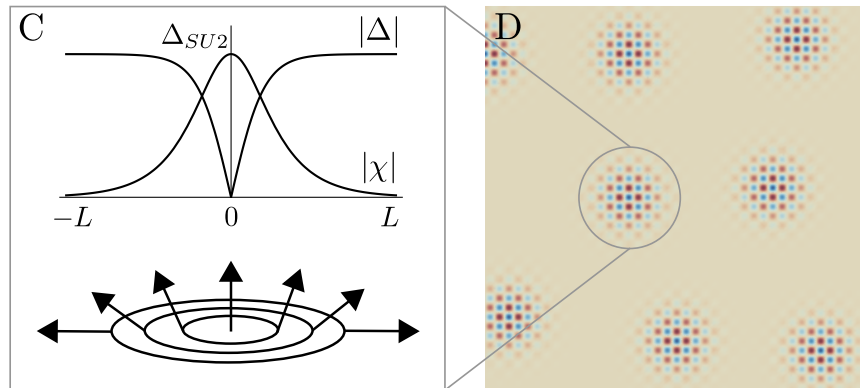
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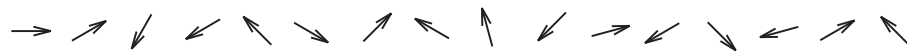
Phase of the CDW is frozen to an integer value

$$\Delta_-^2 + \Delta_{+,R}^2 + \Delta_{+,I}^2 = 1$$

$$\pi_2(S_2) = \mathbb{Z}$$



Vortex structure  
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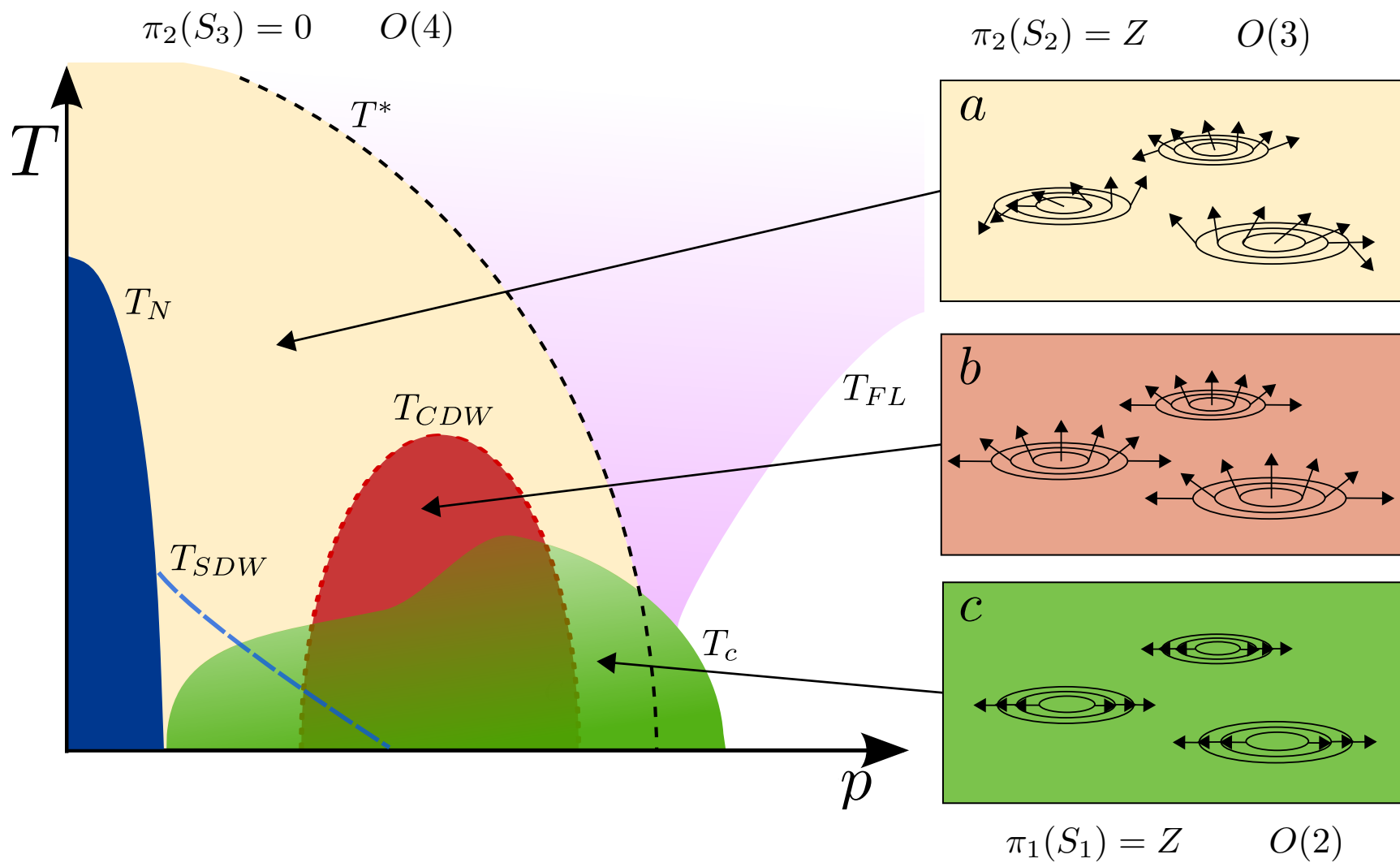
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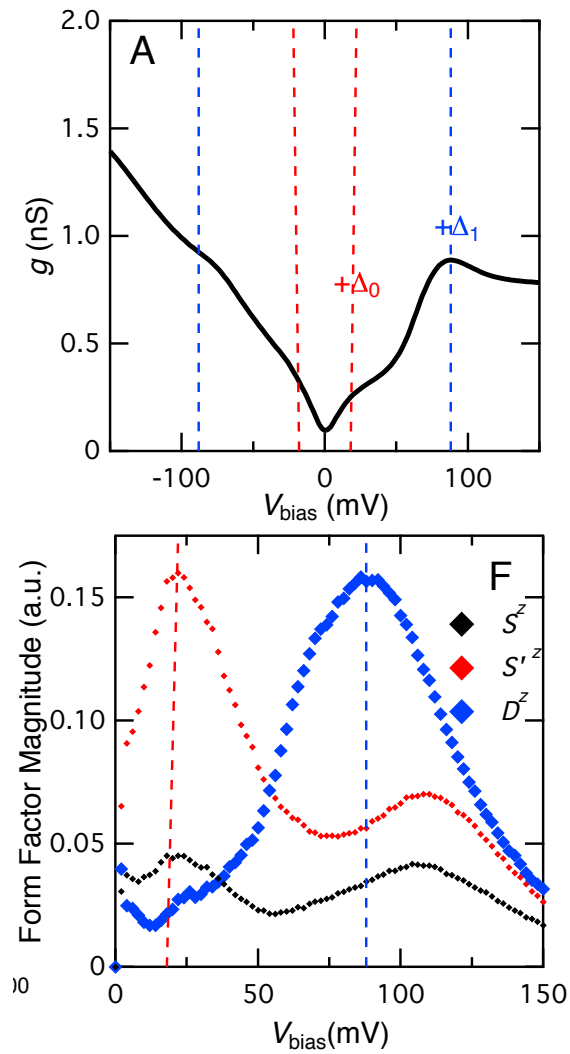


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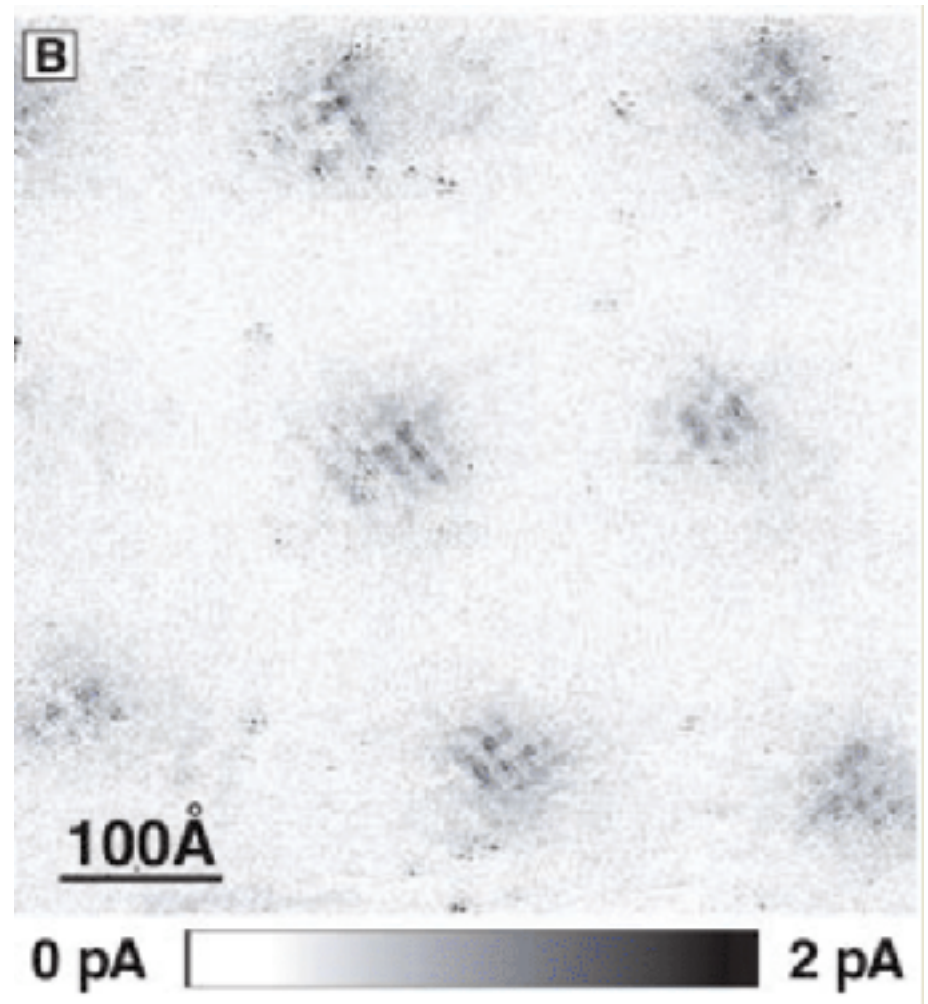




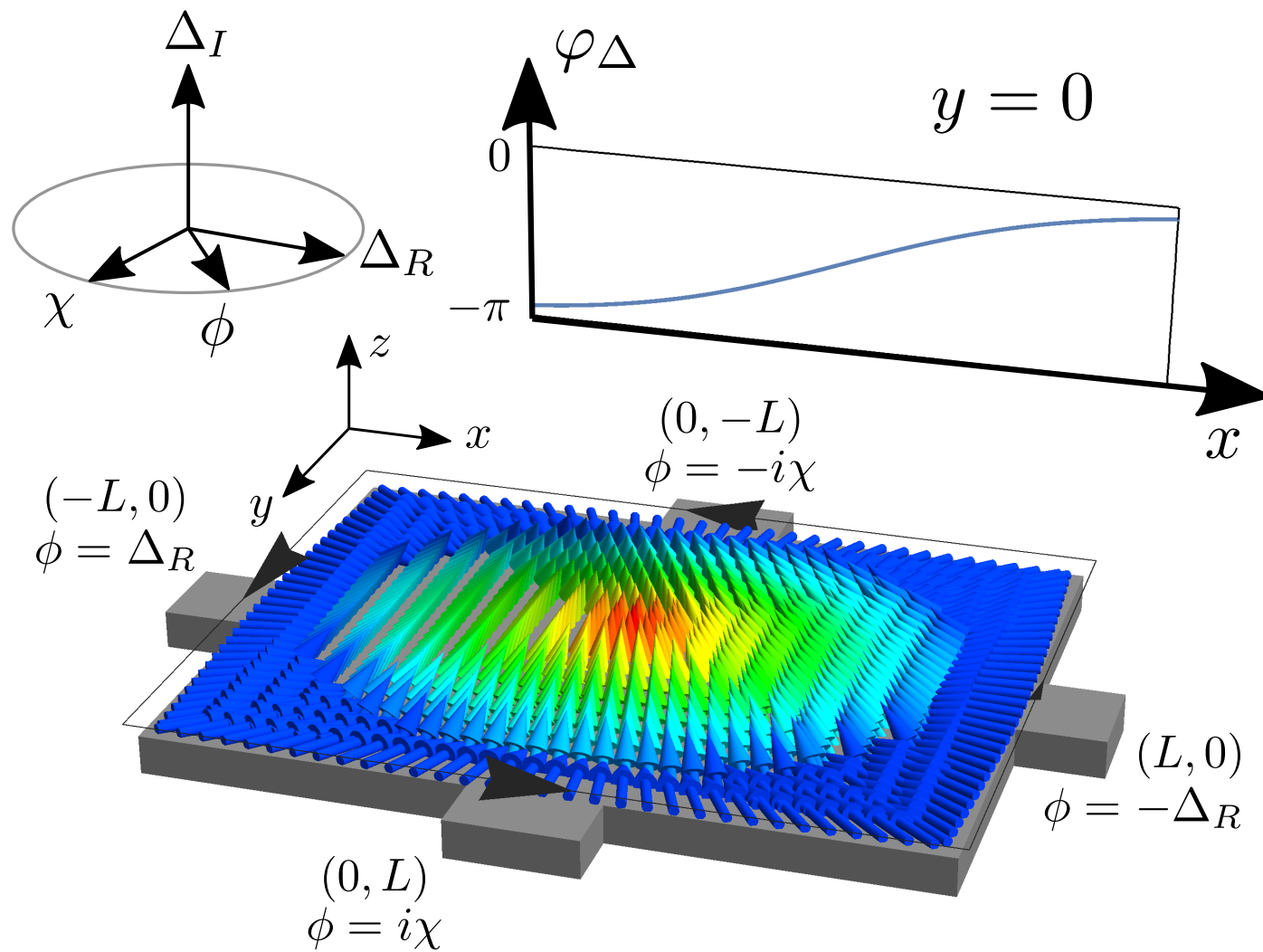
# STM



Hamidian et al. (2015)



Hoffmann (2002)

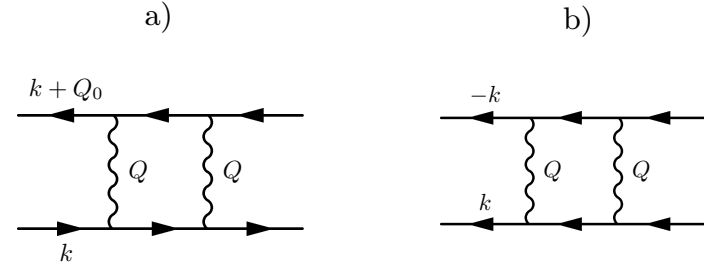


Key ingredient

# Short range AF correlations : J strong enough

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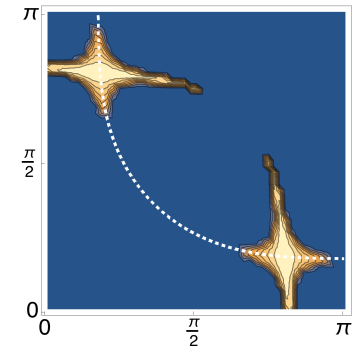
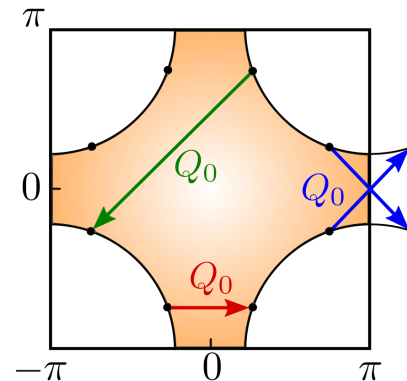
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Generalizes the 8 hot spots model close to AF QCP

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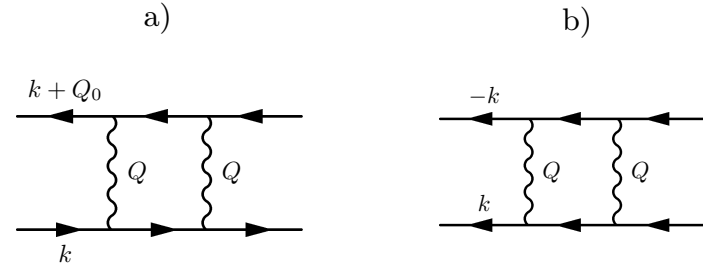
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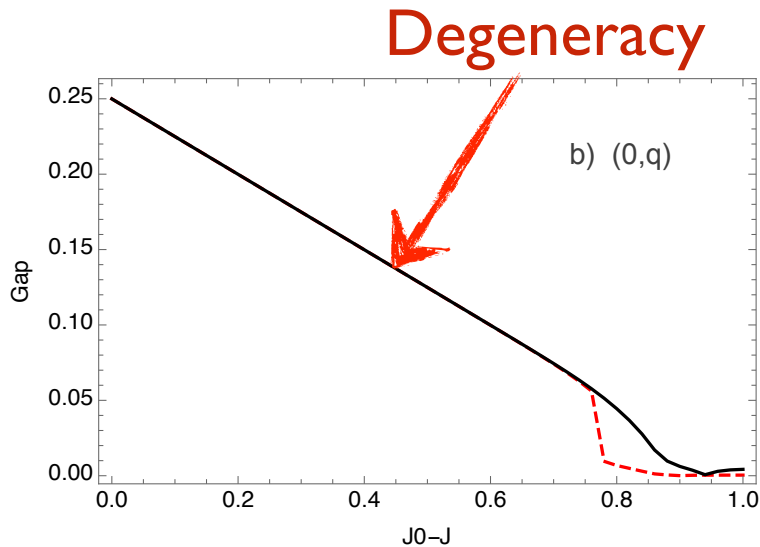
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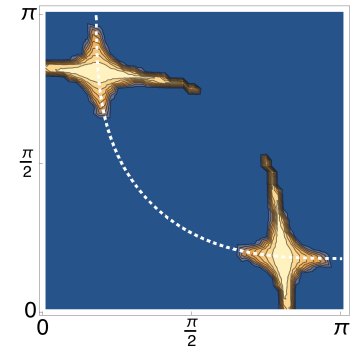
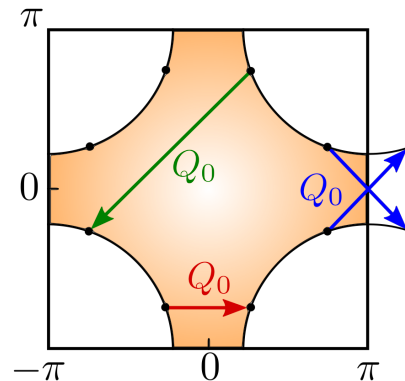
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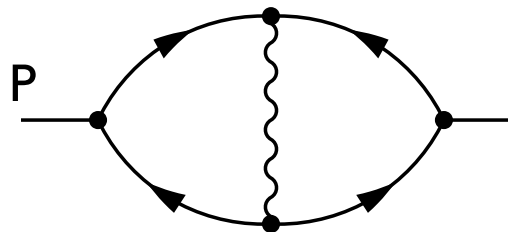
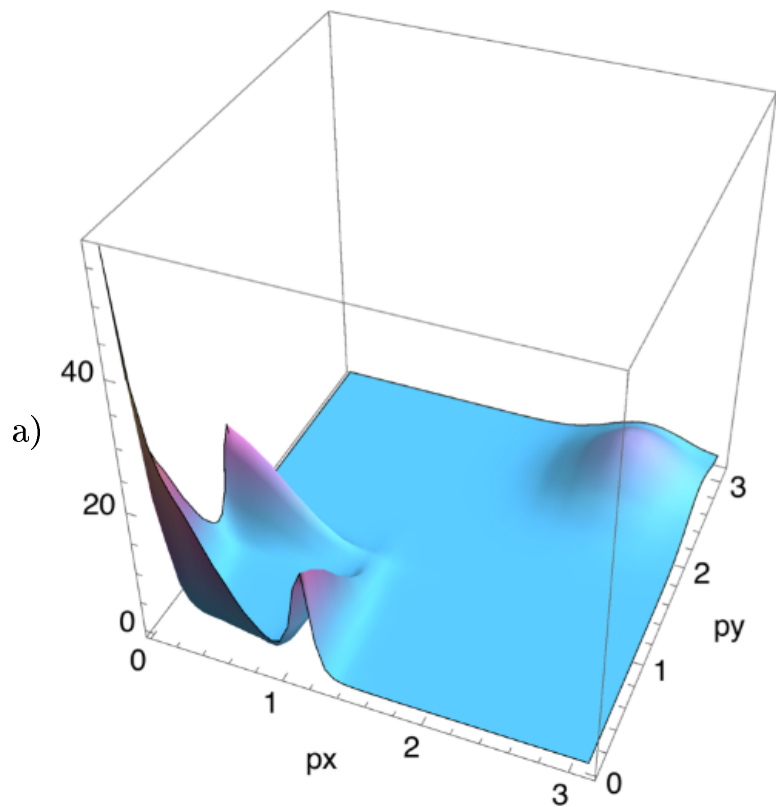
**AF decreases as a function of doping**  $x \simeq (J_0 - J)^\alpha$

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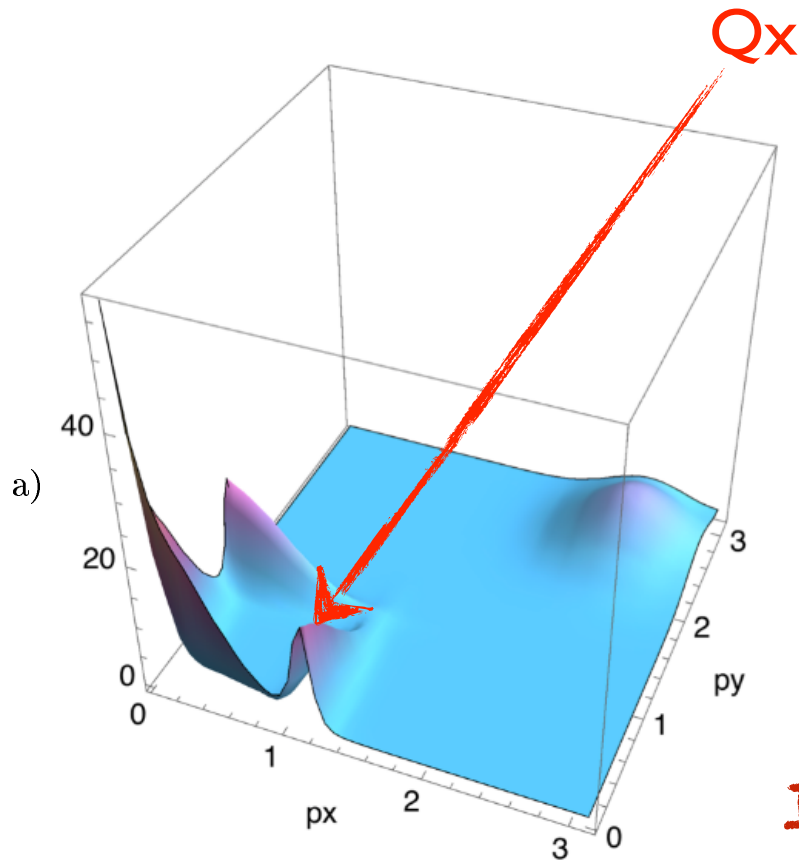
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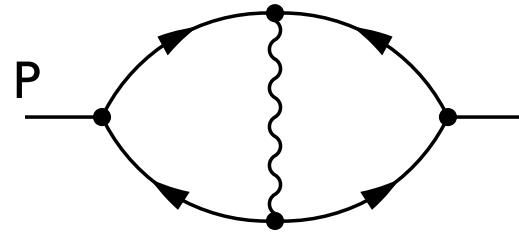
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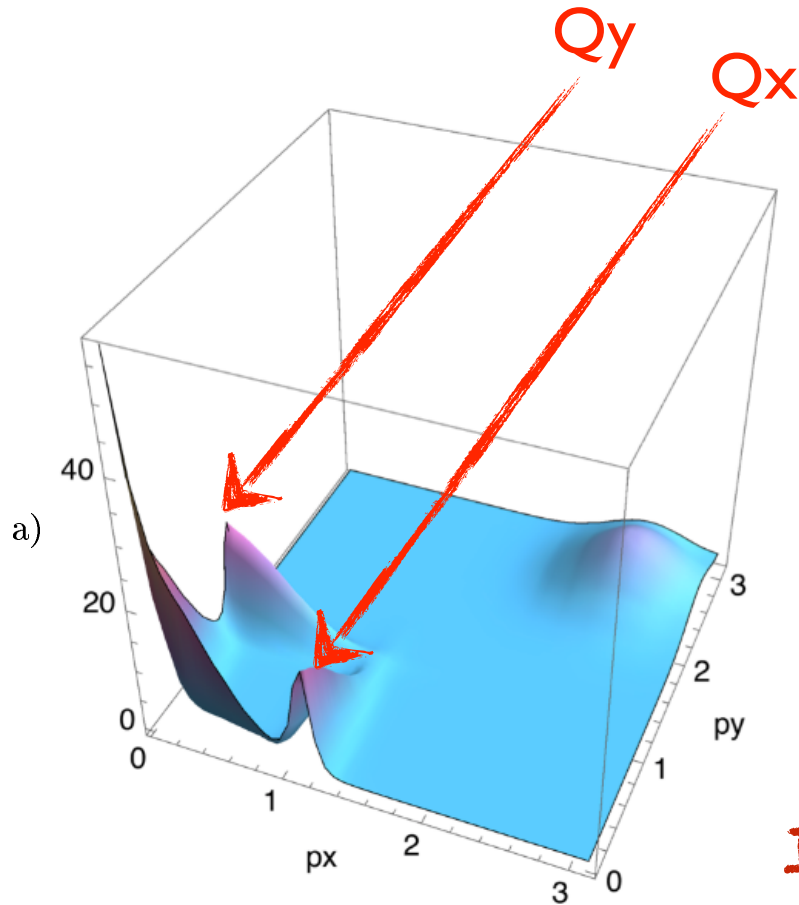
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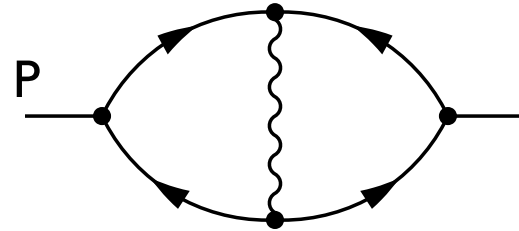
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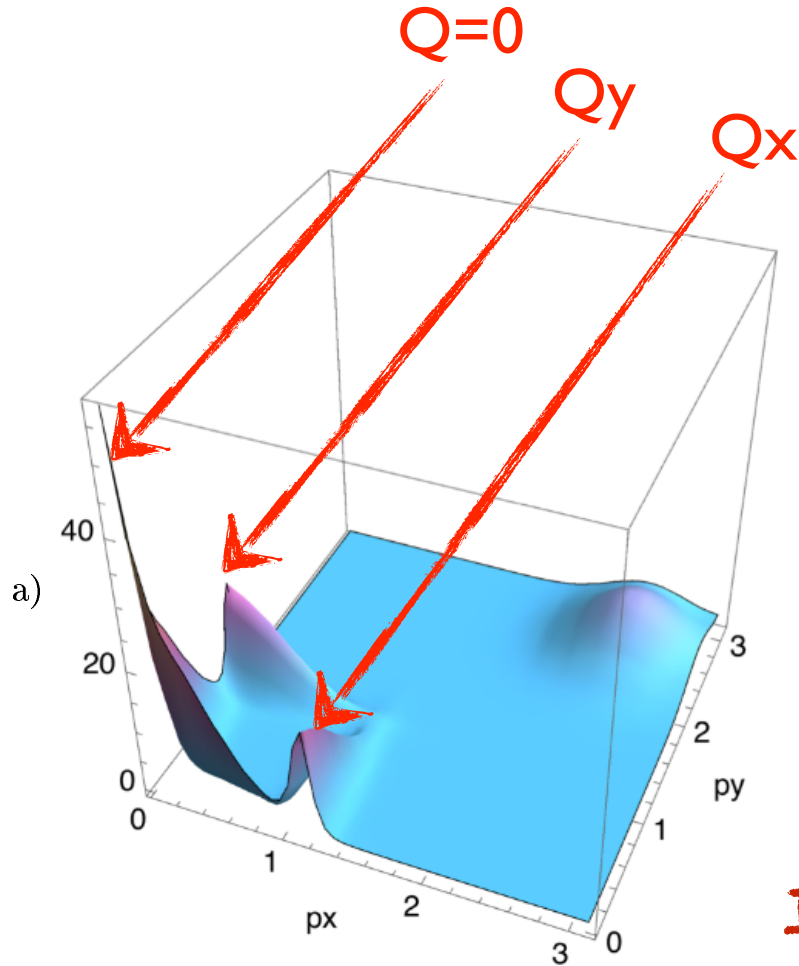


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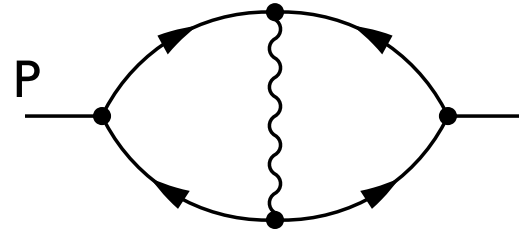
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# Experiments

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INS in Hg1201

Anomalous  
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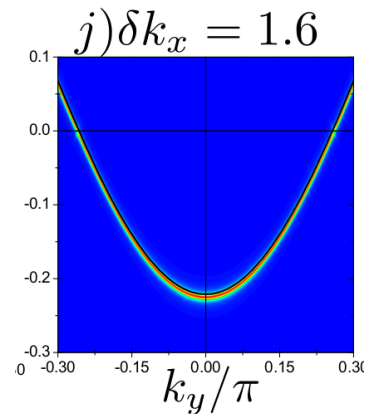
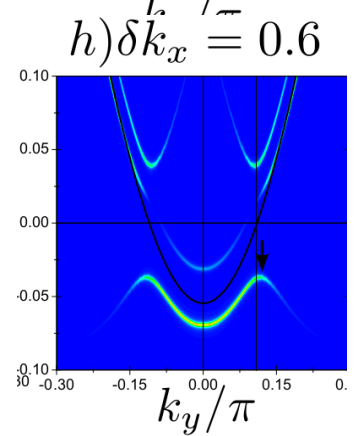
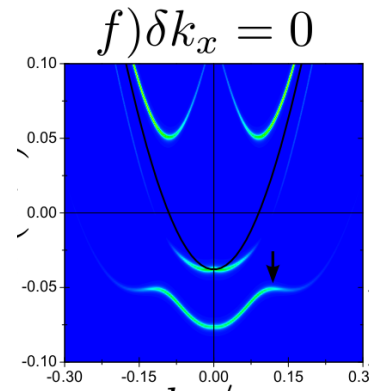
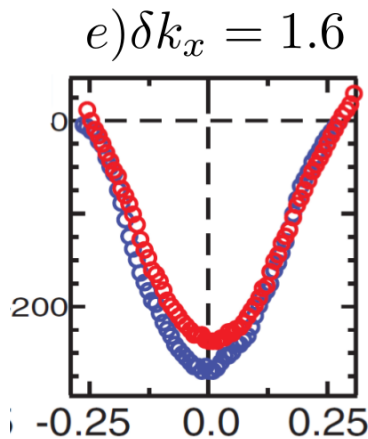
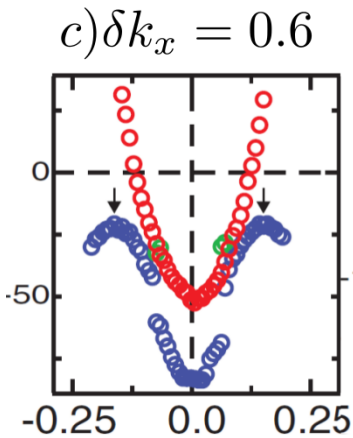
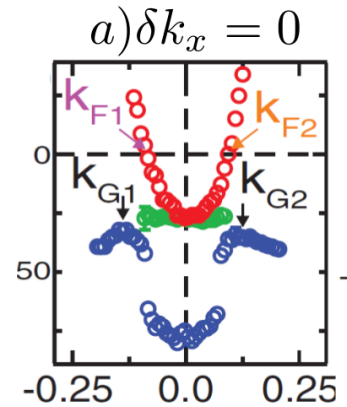
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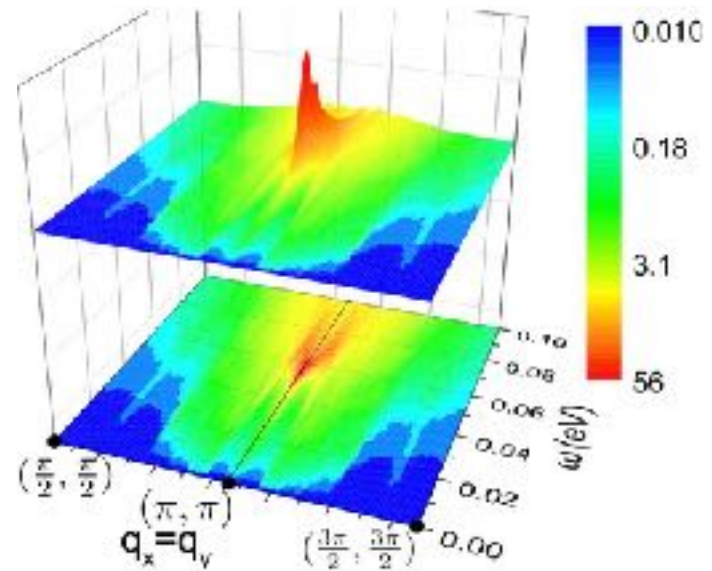
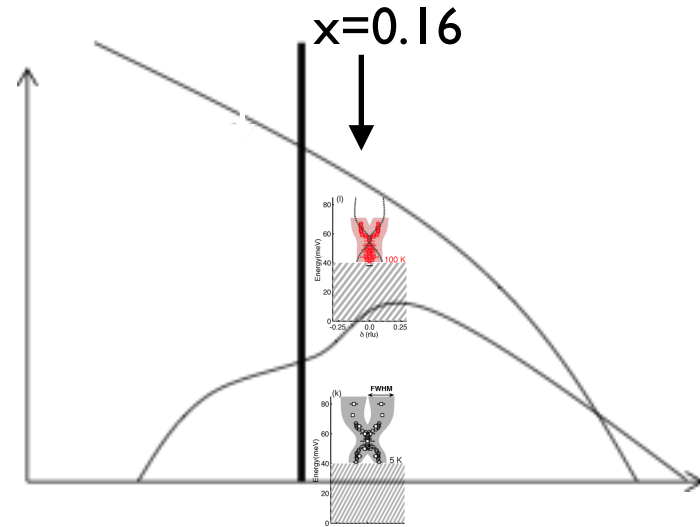


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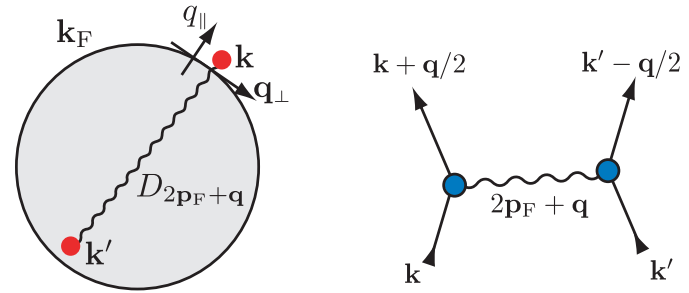


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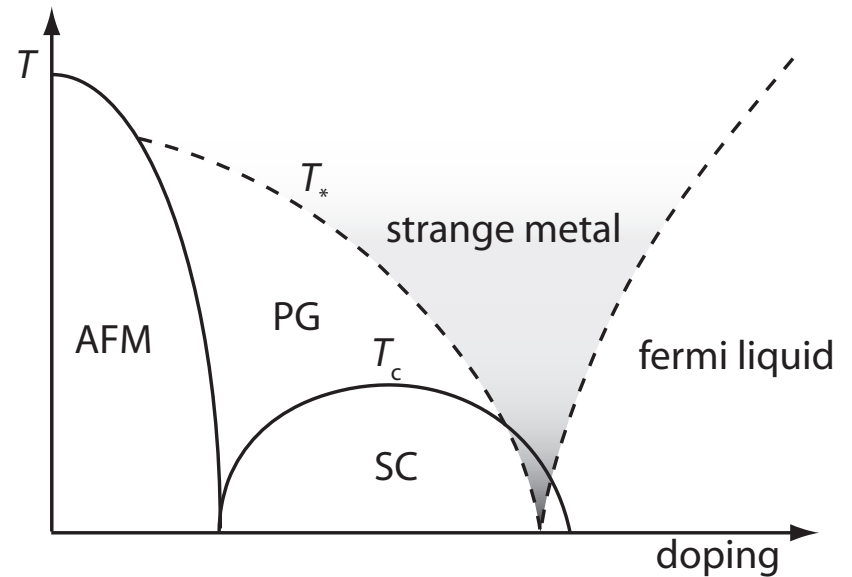
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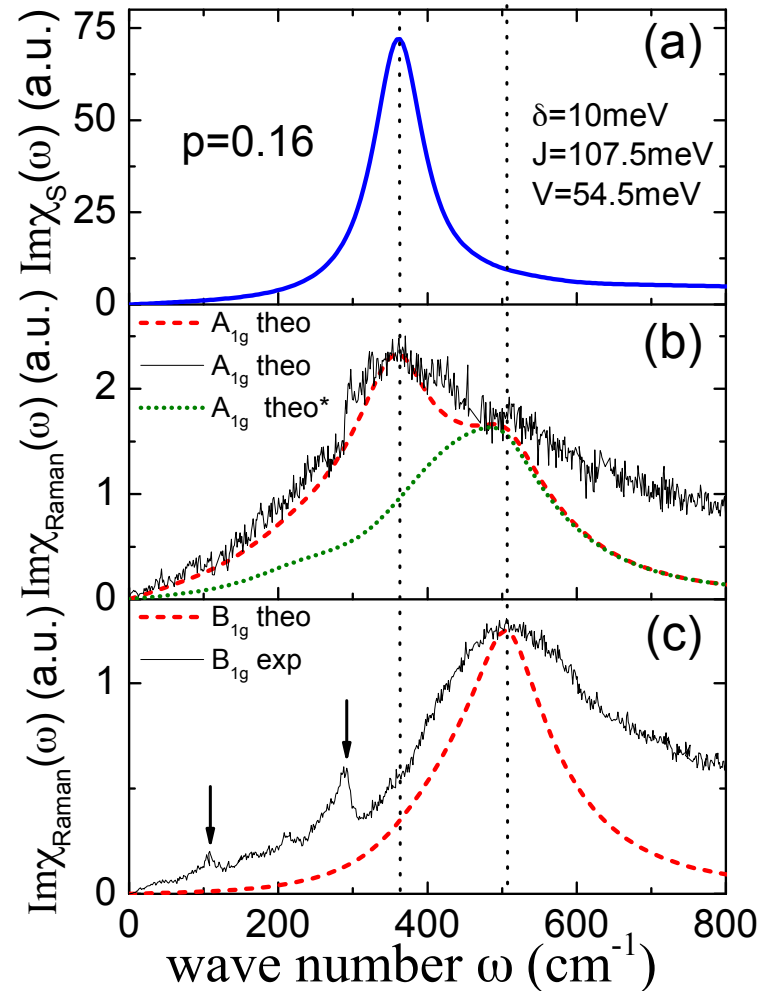


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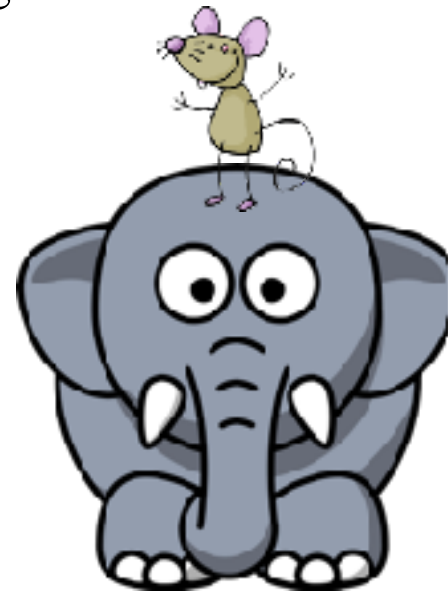
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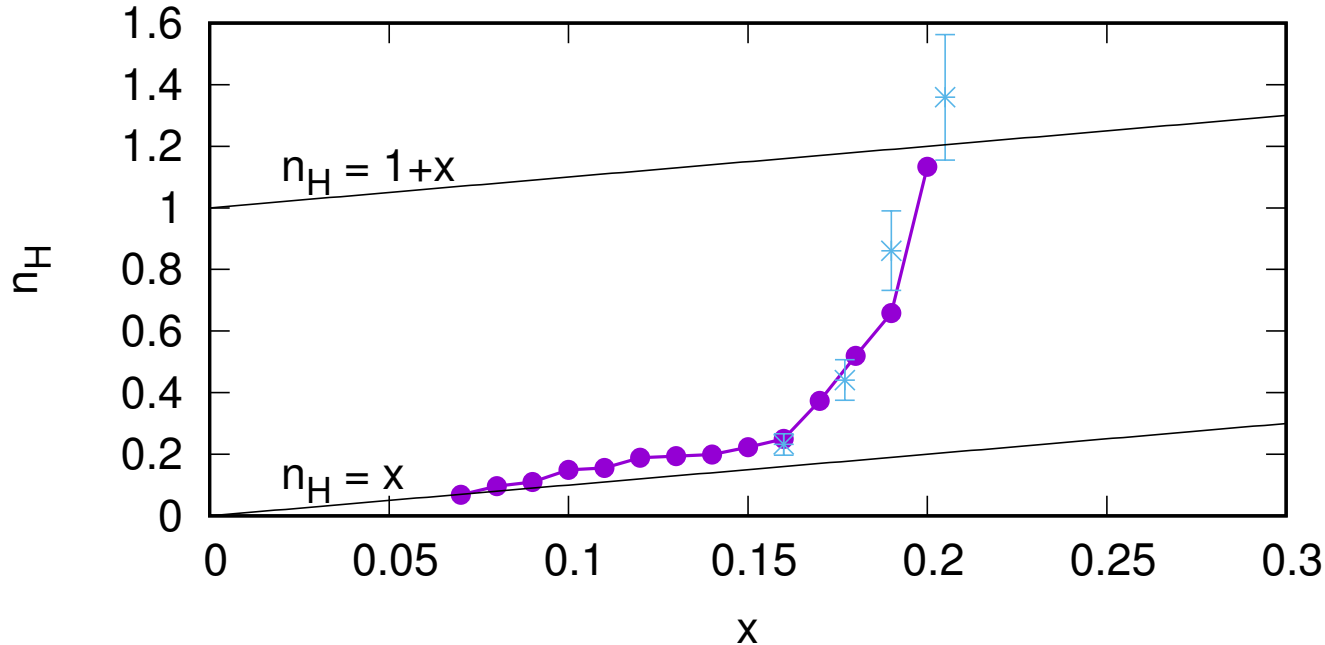
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$$\sigma_{xx} = -\frac{2\pi e^2}{VN} \sum_k v_x(k)^2 \int d\omega \frac{\partial f(\omega)}{\partial \omega} A(k, \omega)^2$$

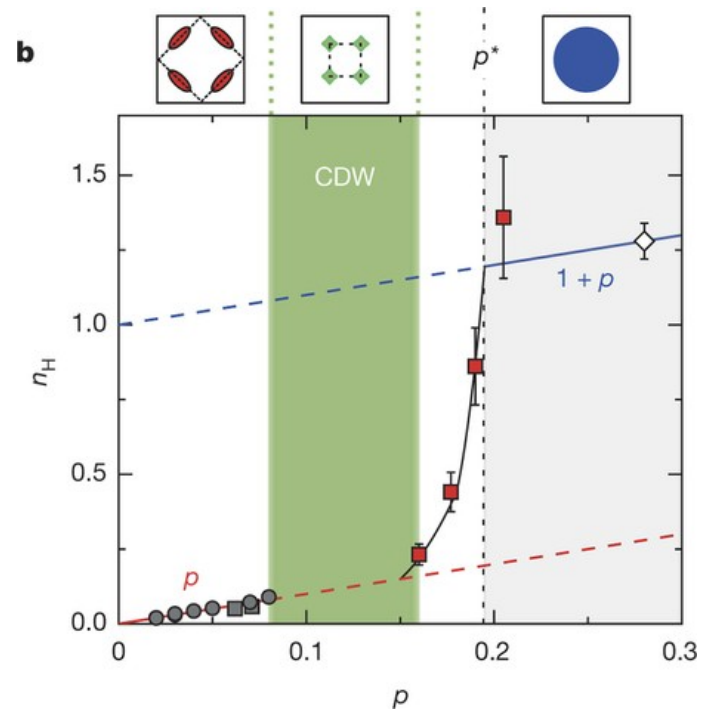
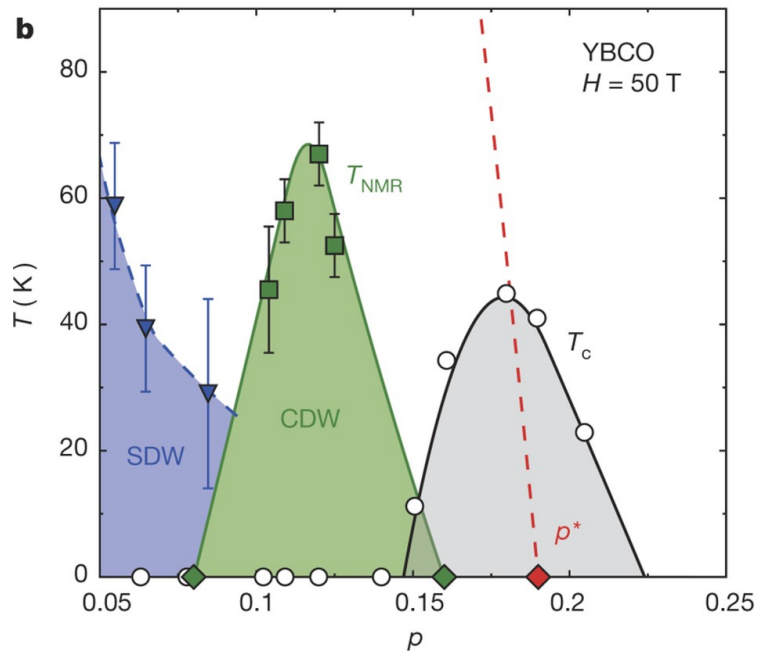
$$R_H = \frac{\sigma_{xy}}{(\sigma_{xx})^2}, \quad n_H = \frac{V}{eR_H}$$

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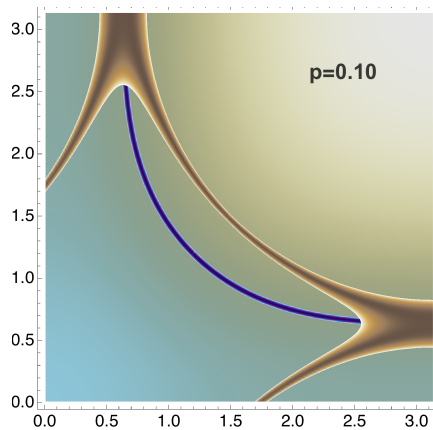
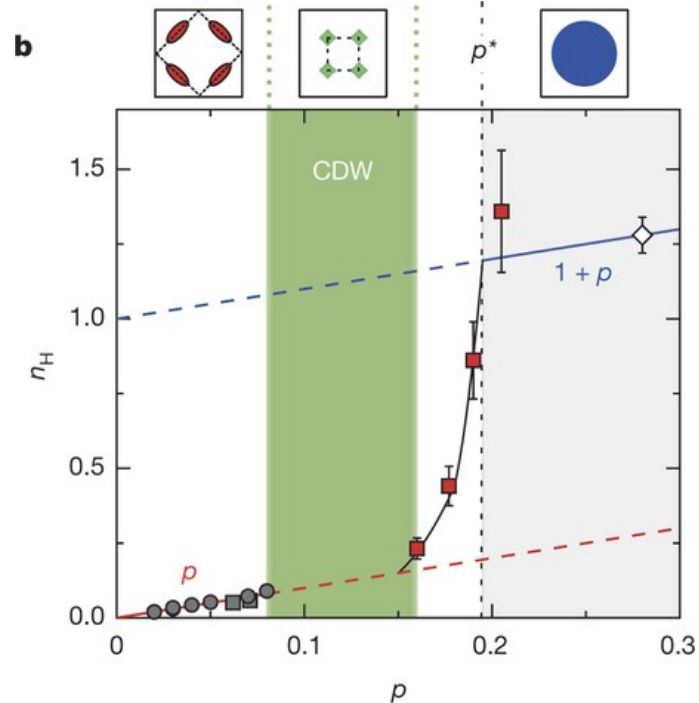
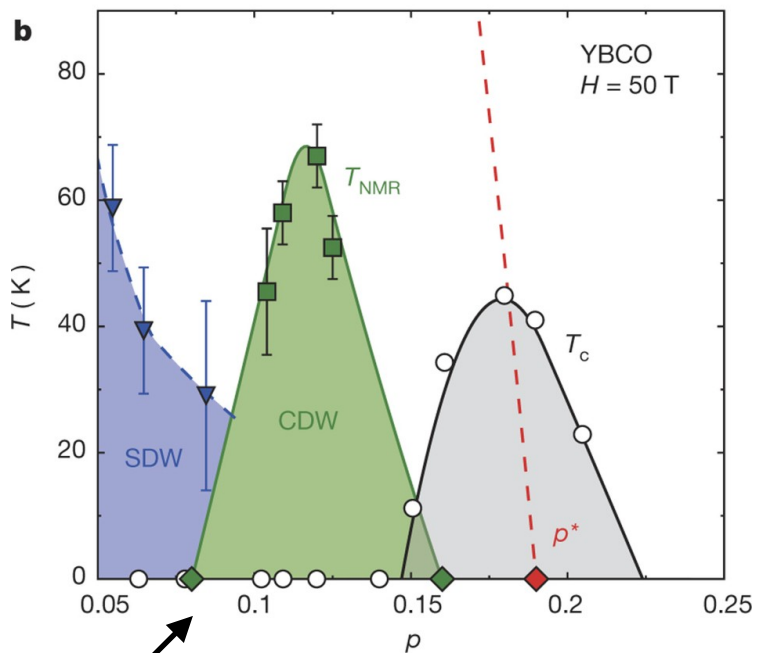
$$G(k, \omega) = \frac{1}{\omega - \xi_k - B \frac{M(k)^2}{\omega + \xi_k}}$$



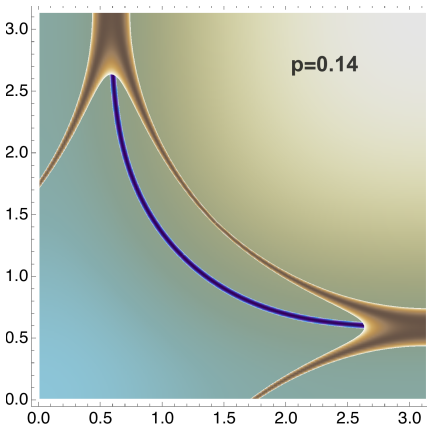
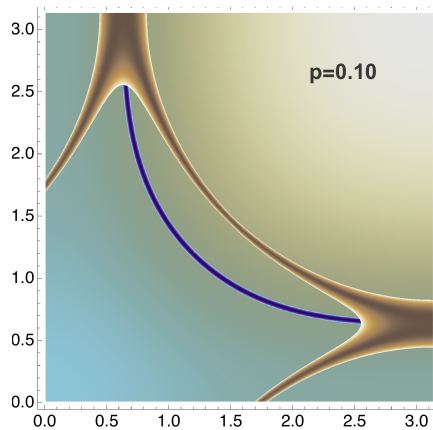
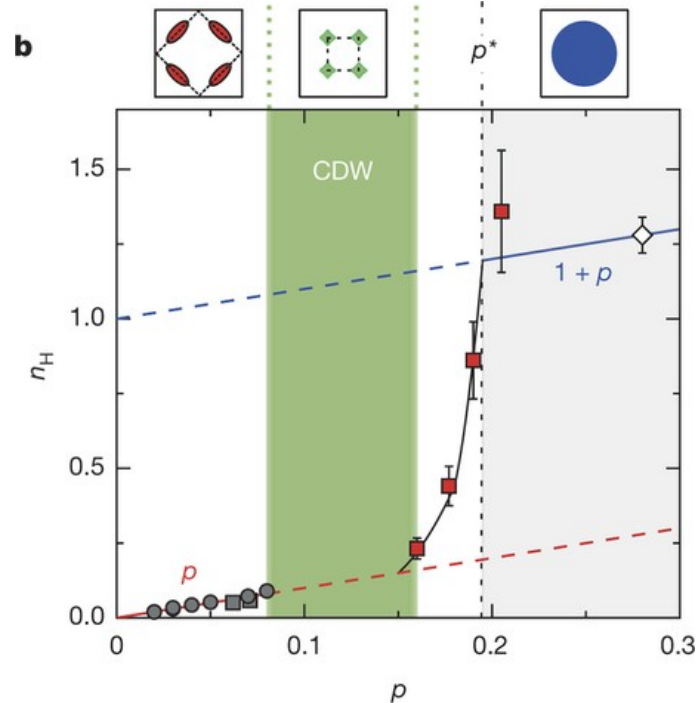
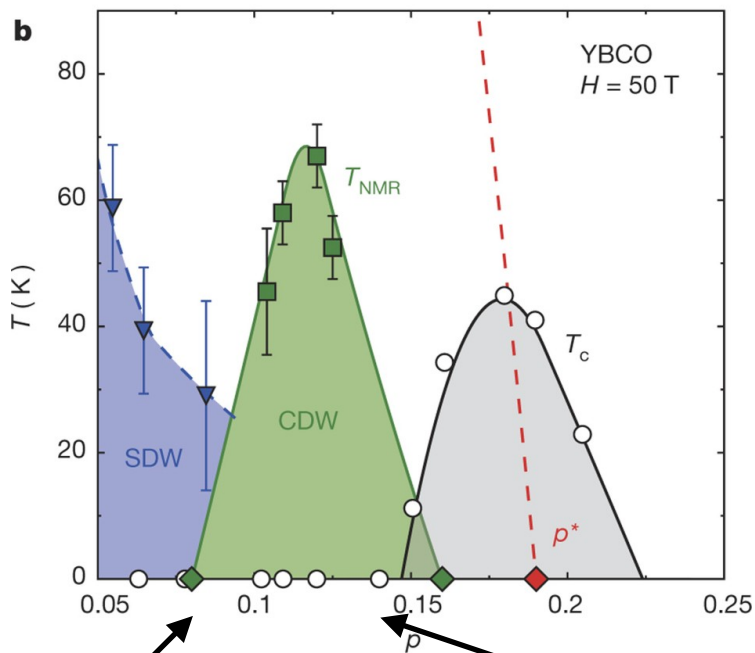
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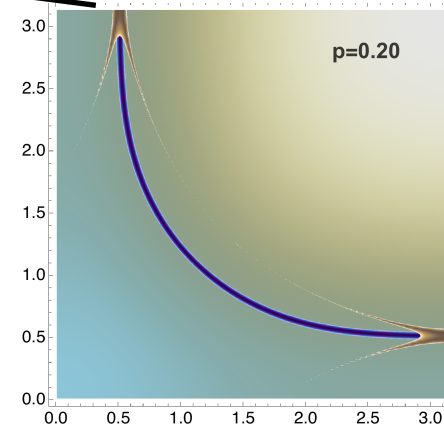
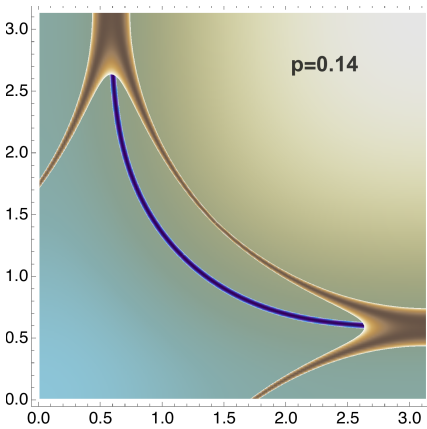
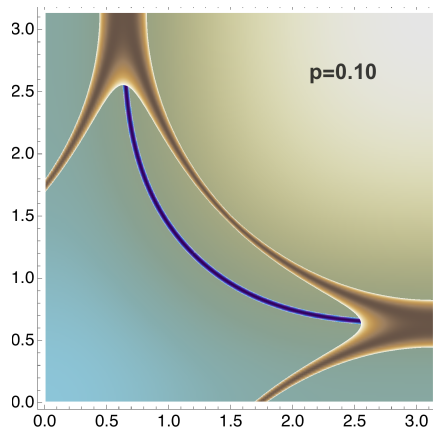
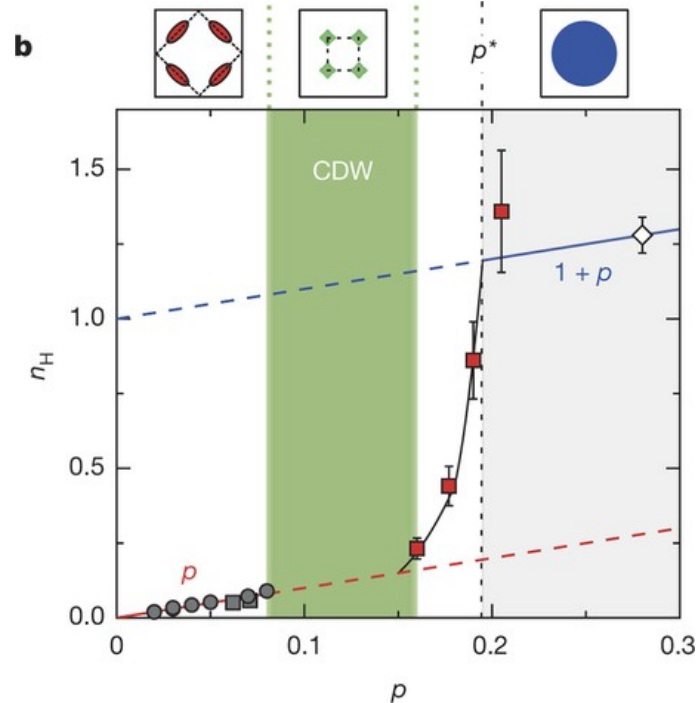
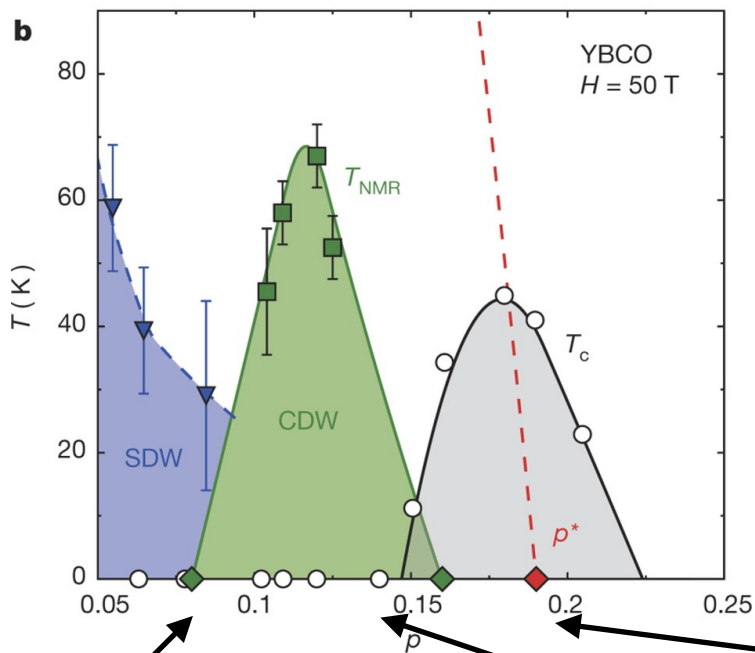
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