

Thermal transport in quantum materials

Lecture no. 1

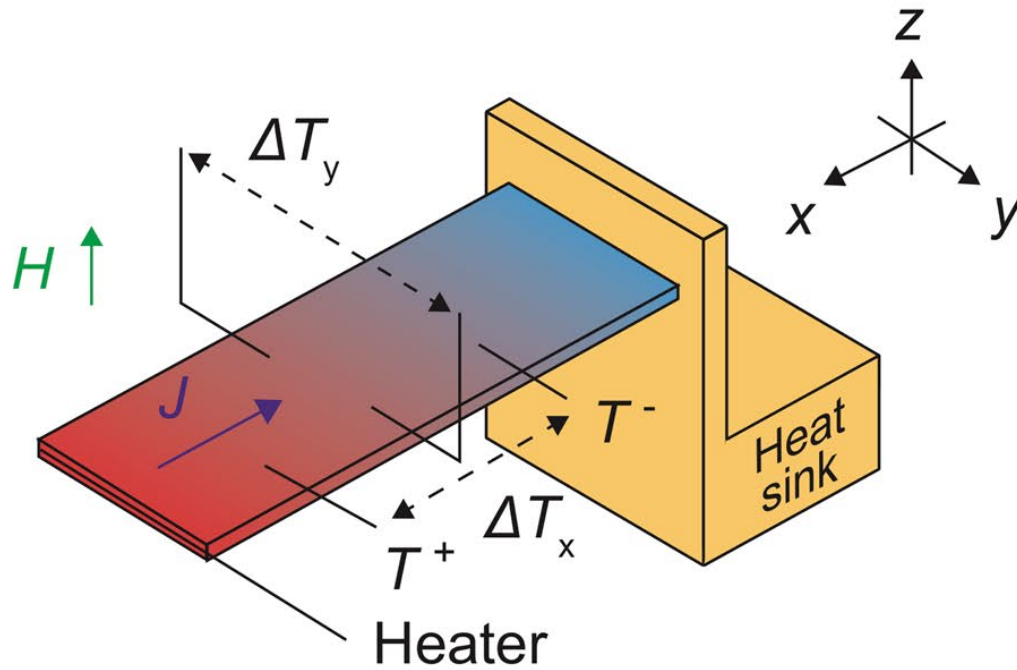
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Measurement of thermal transport



$$\kappa_{xx} = \frac{\dot{Q}}{\Delta T_x \alpha}$$

$$\kappa_{xy} = -\kappa_{xx} \frac{\Delta T_y}{\Delta T_x} \frac{L}{w}$$

Thermal transport in quantum materials

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- 2) Wiedemann-Franz law in cuprates

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ELECTRONS

1) Elastic scattering

2) Inelastic scattering — electrons, phonons, spin excitations

3) Wiedemann-Franz law ($T = 0$ limit)

4) Lorenz ratio ($T > 0$)

PHONONS

1) Scattering processes — boundaries, impurities, electrons, phonons, ...

ELECTRONS

Wiedemann-Franz law

$$\frac{\kappa}{\sigma} = \frac{c_v v^2 \tau / 3}{ne^2 \tau / m} = \frac{c_v v^2 / 3}{ne^2 / m}$$

NB. Assumes that tau is the same...

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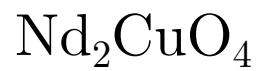
$$c_v = \frac{\pi^2}{3} k_B^2 g(E_F) T = \frac{\pi^2 k_B^2 n}{m v_F^2} T$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_F^2 = E_F$$

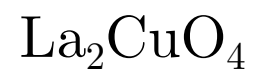
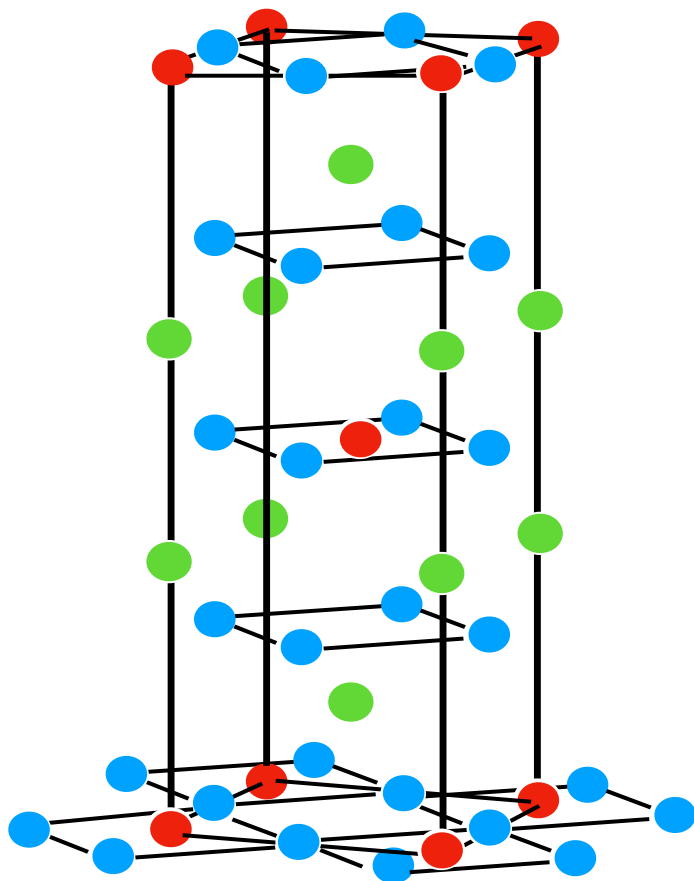
$$T \rightarrow 0 \quad L = \frac{\kappa}{\sigma T} = \frac{\gamma m v_F^2}{3 n e^2} = \frac{\pi^2 k_B^2 n}{3 n e^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{3} \left(\frac{k_B}{e} \right)^2 = 2.44 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W}\Omega/\text{K}^2$$

Cuprate superconductors

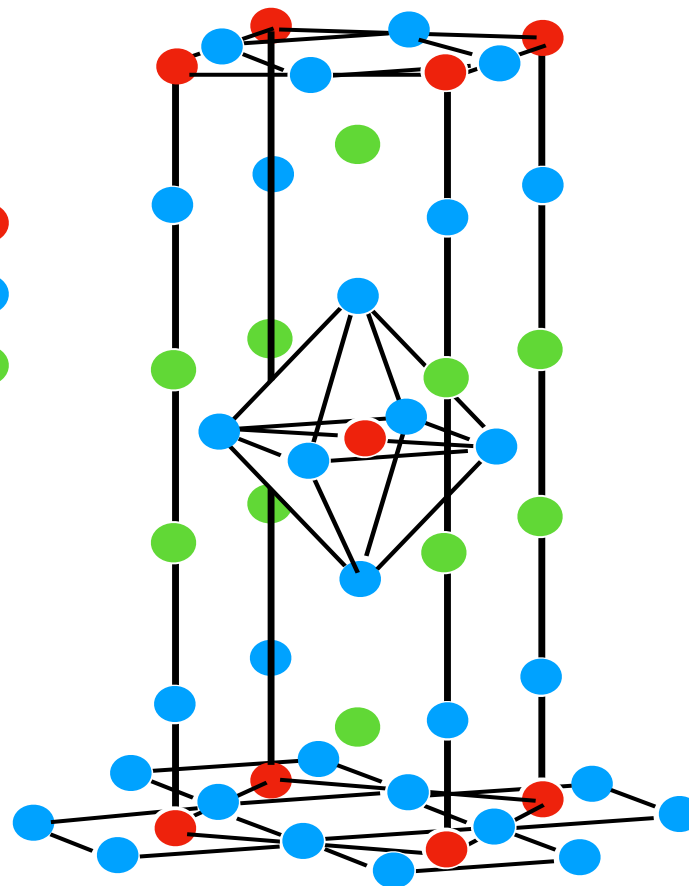
CUPRATES



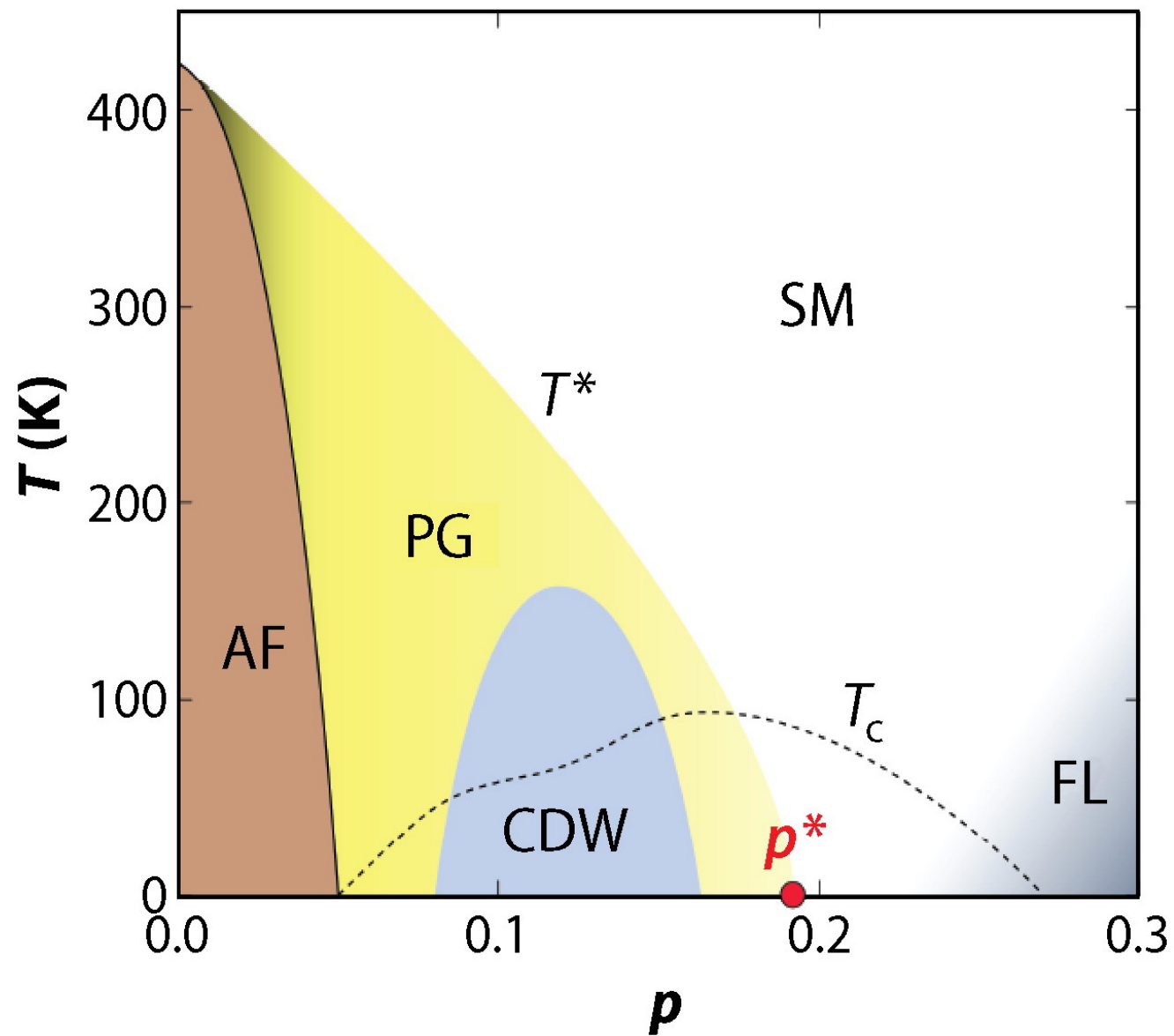
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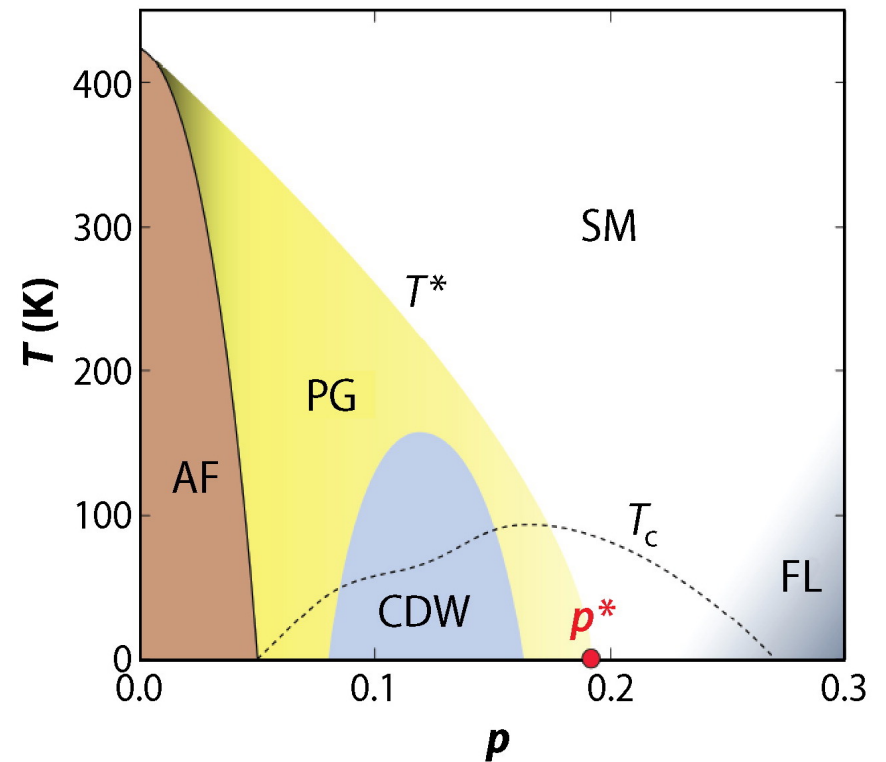


HOLE-DOPED CUPRATES



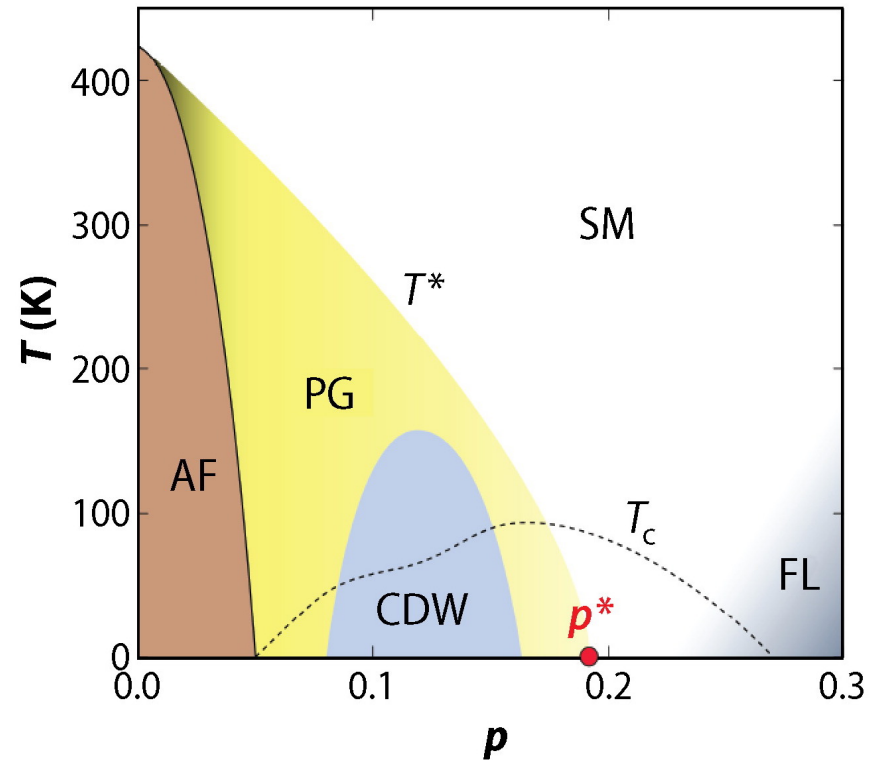
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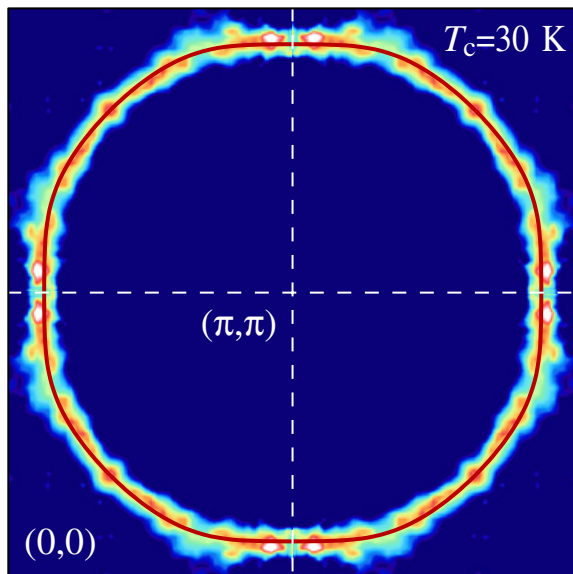
- a) Large Fermi surface — ARPES, quantum osc.
- b) T^2 resistivity

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Fermi surface at $p = 0.3$



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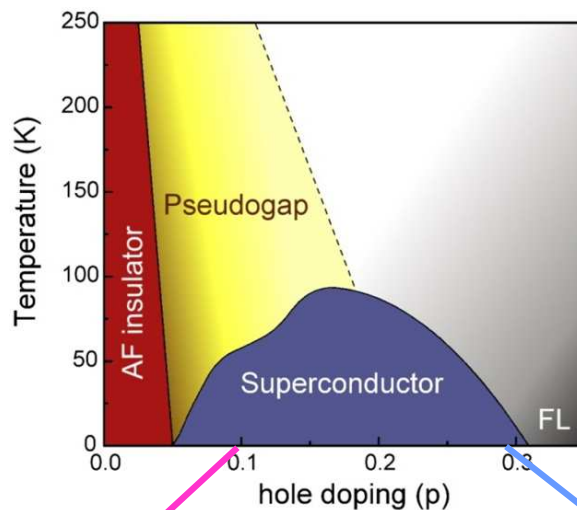
Carrier density

$$n = 1 + p$$

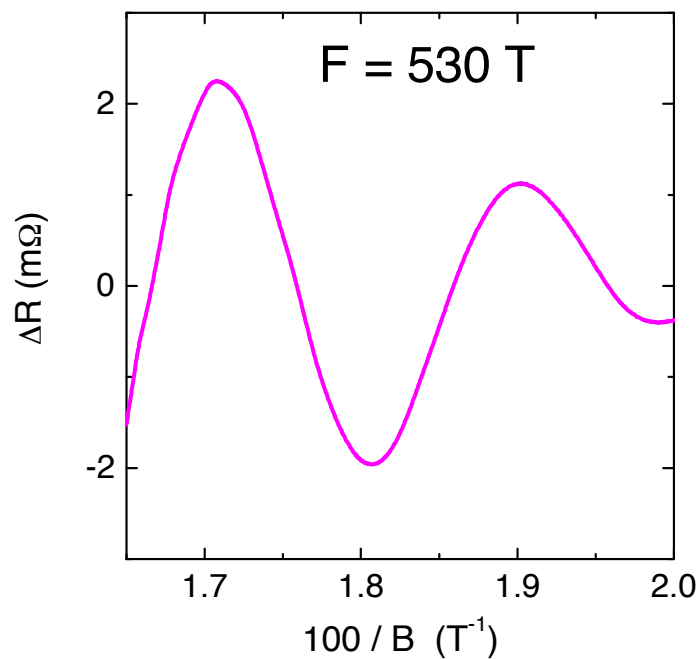
Fermi-surface reconstruction

Quantum oscillations

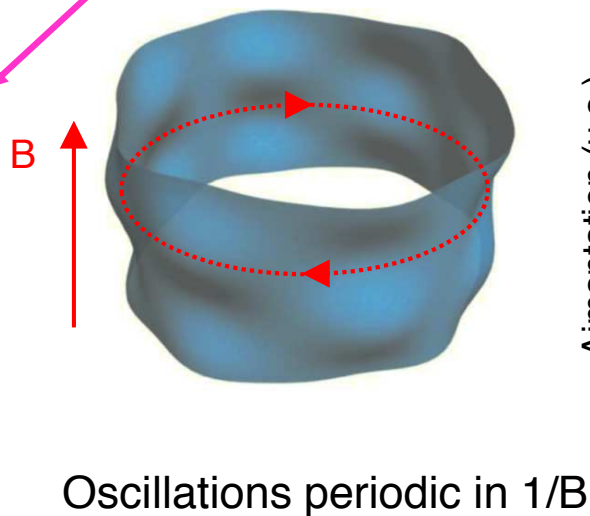
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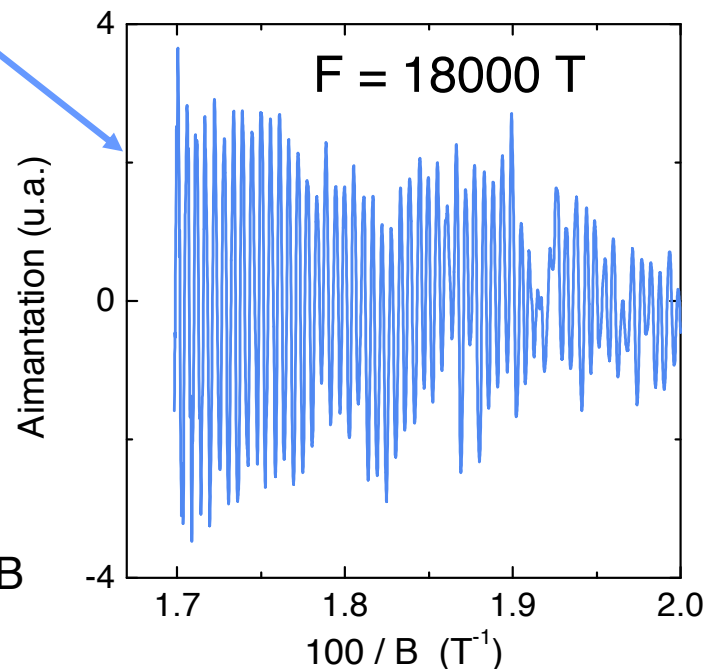
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N. Doiron-Leyraud et al, Nature'07

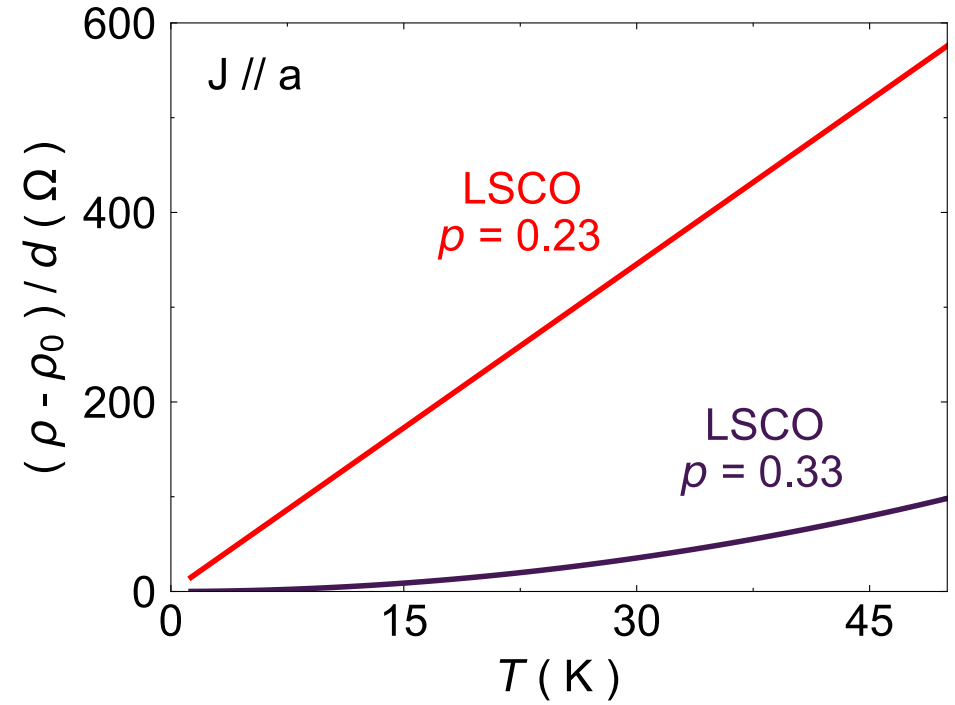
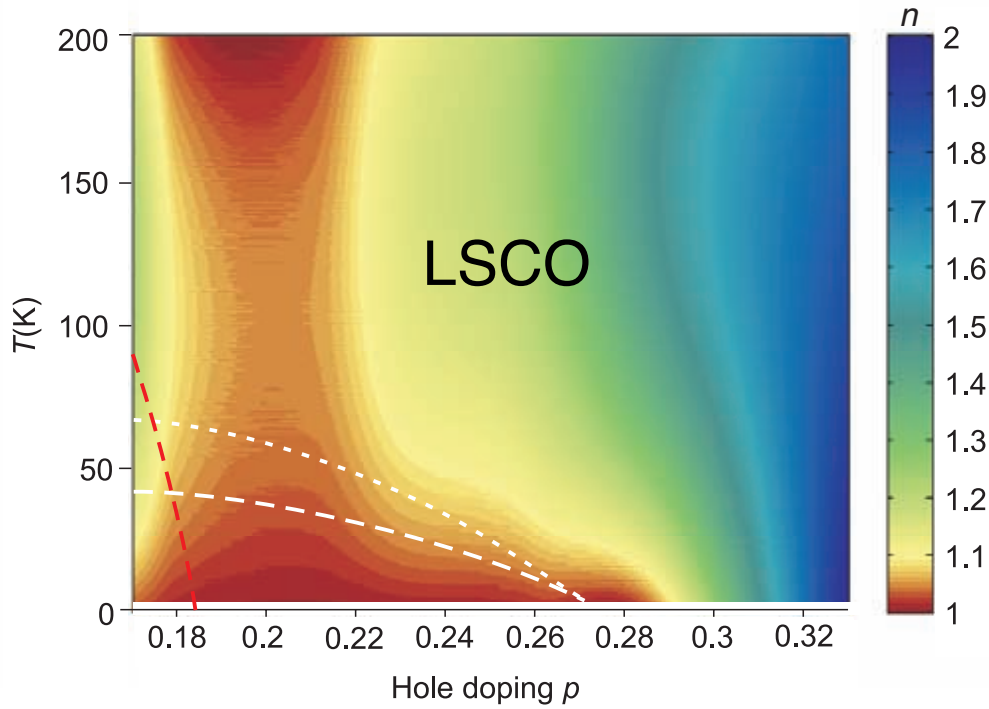


$$F = \frac{\phi_0}{2\pi^2} A_k \quad [\text{T}]$$



B. Vignolle et al, Nature'08

2009 T -linear to T -quadratic resistivity in h-doped cuprates LSCO

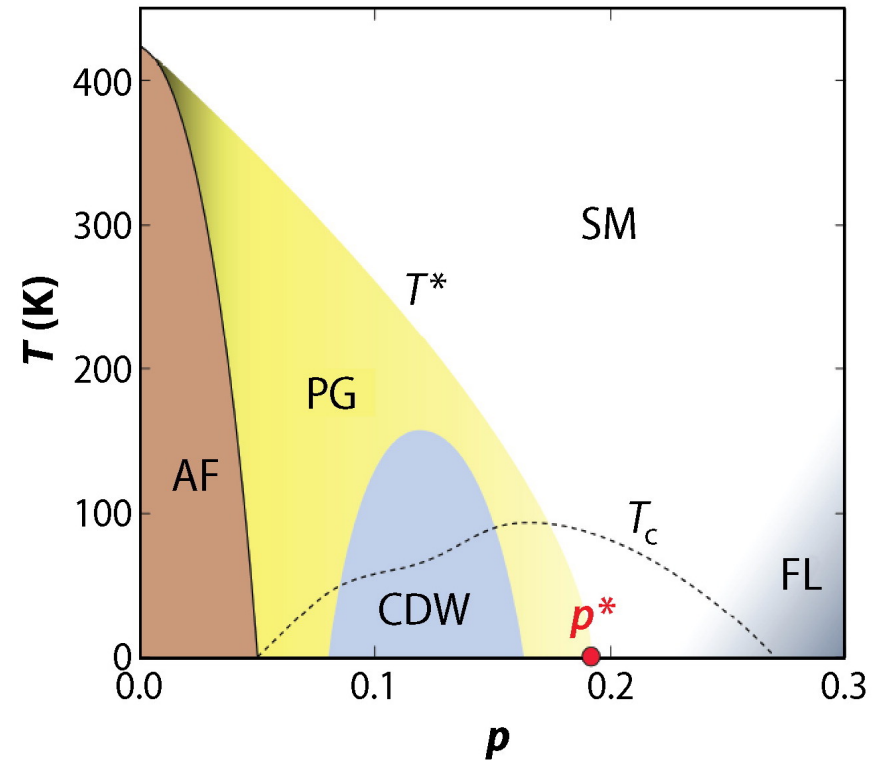


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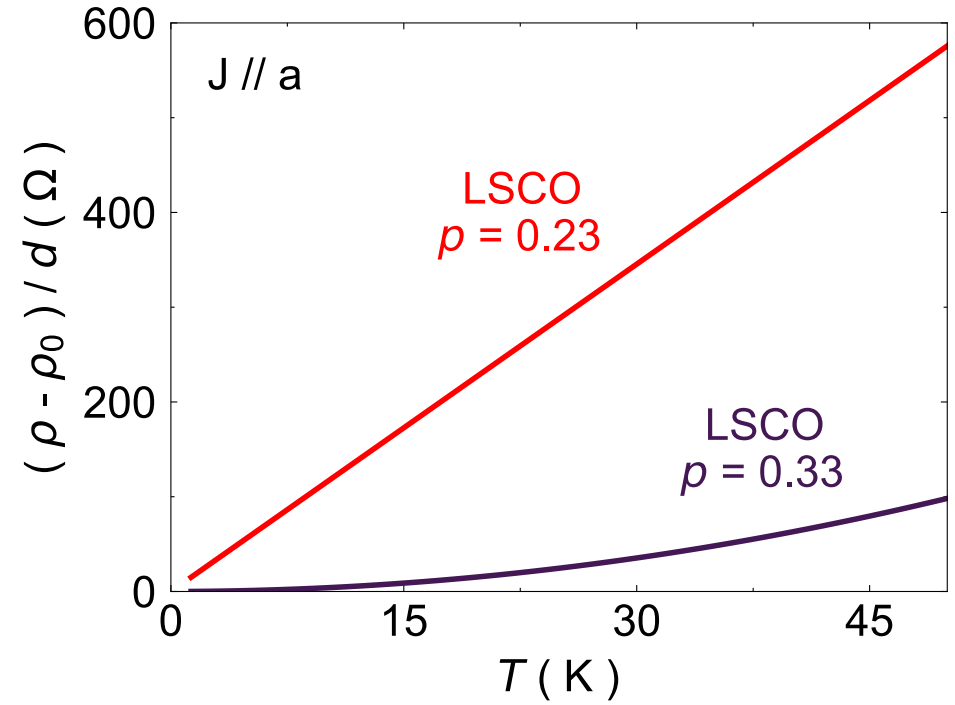
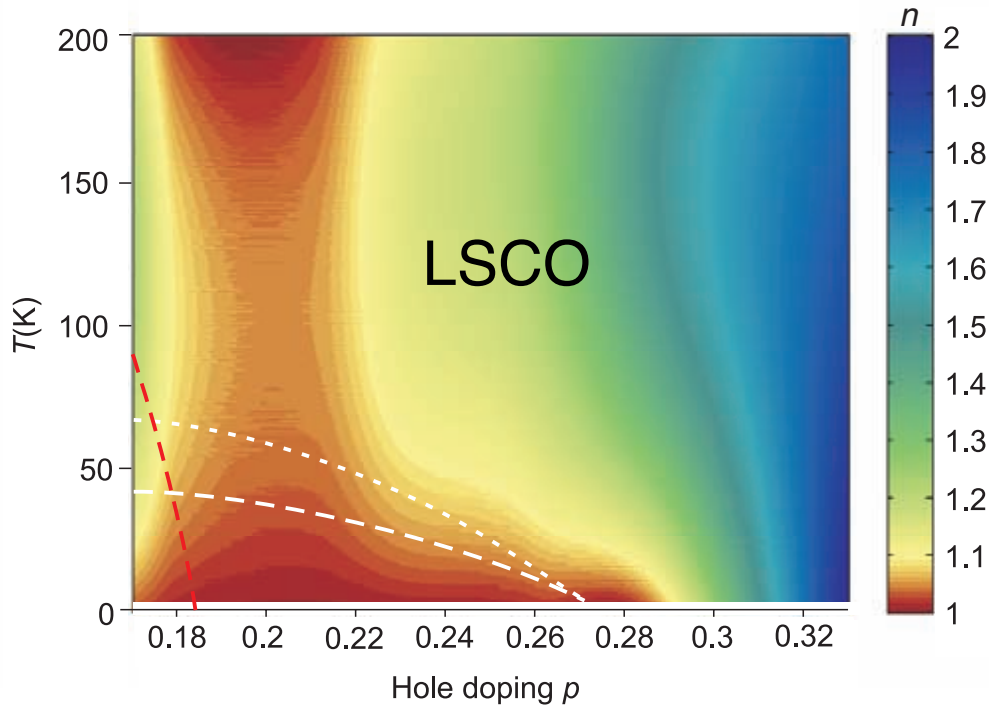
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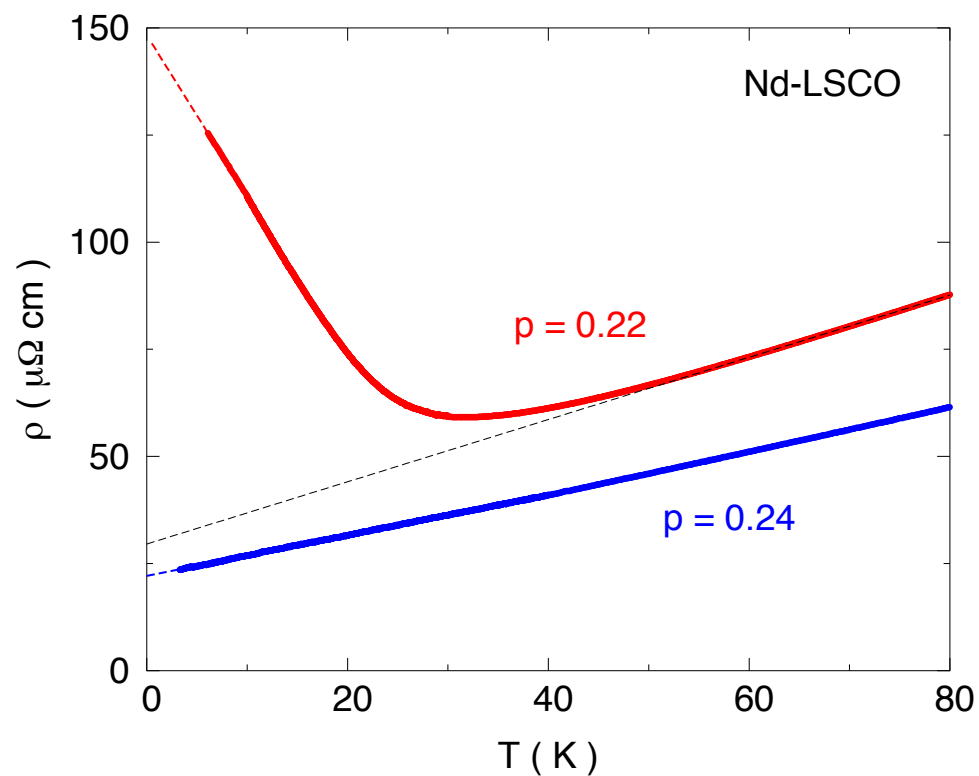
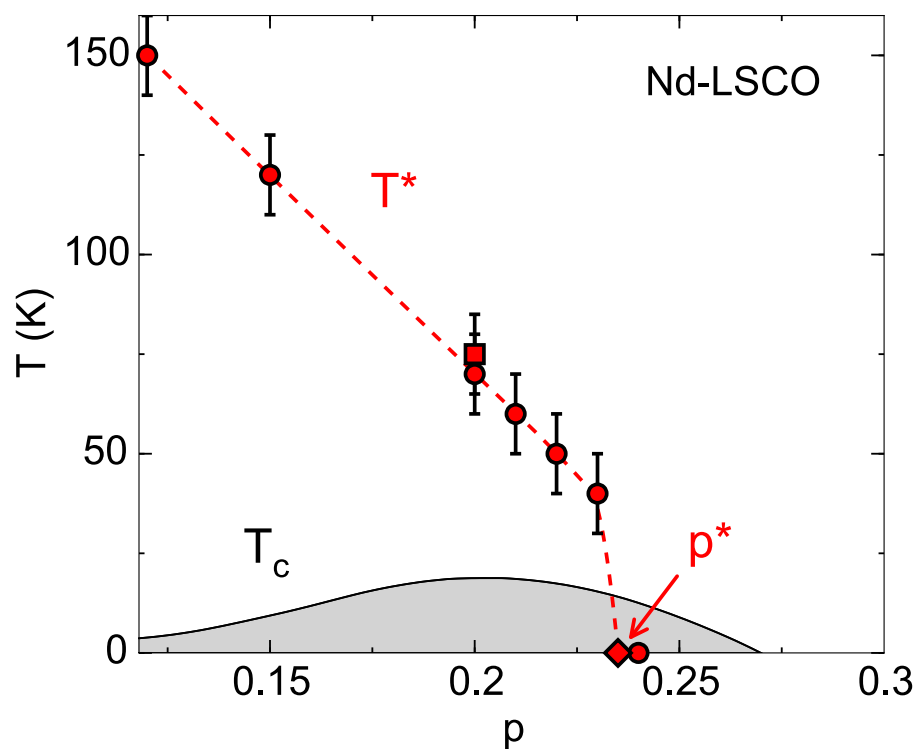


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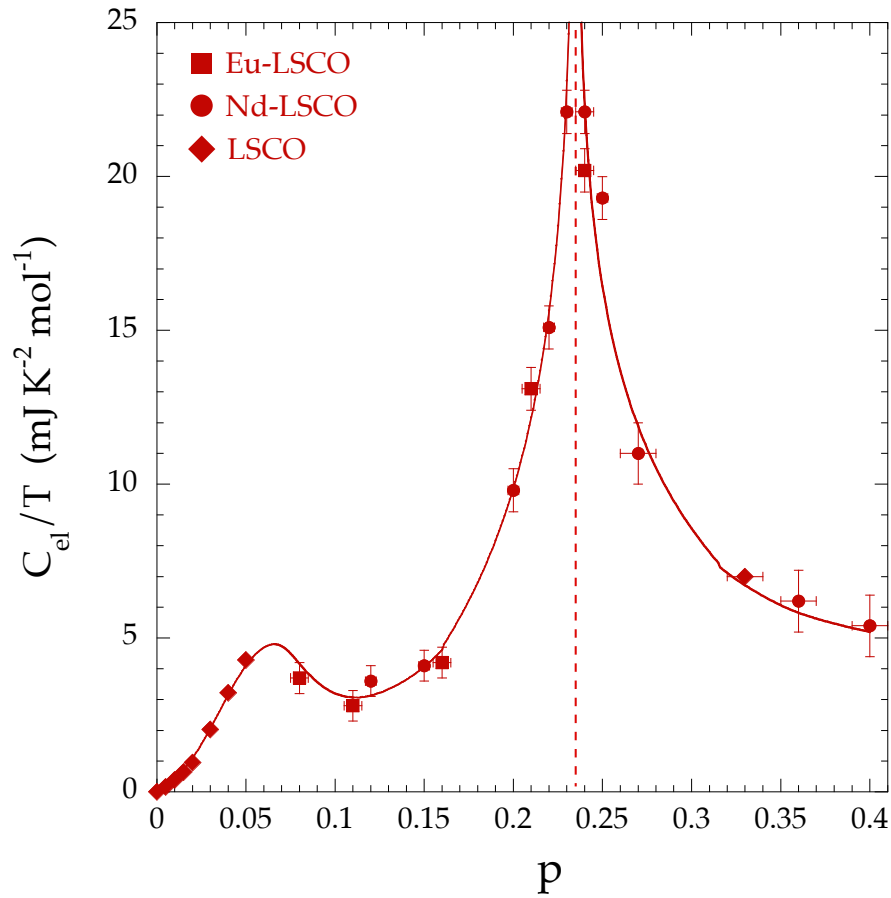
Linear- T resistivity & upturn



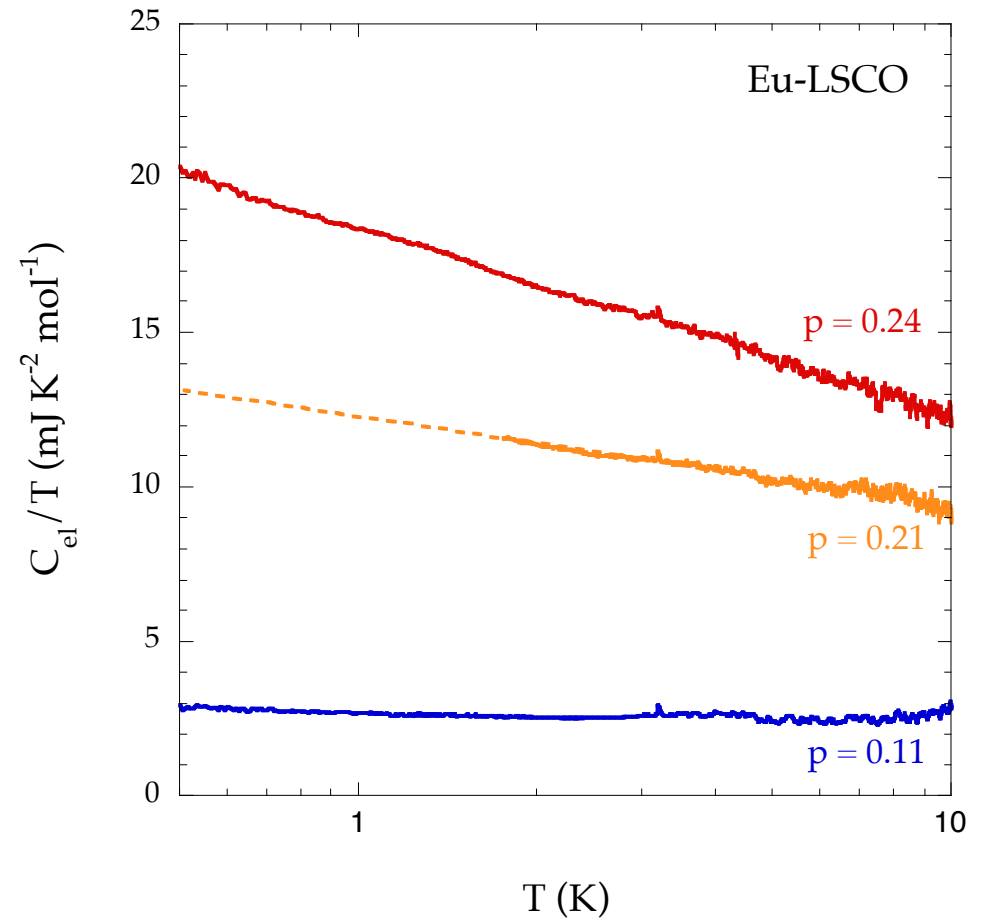
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Two thermodynamic signatures of quantum criticality in cuprates

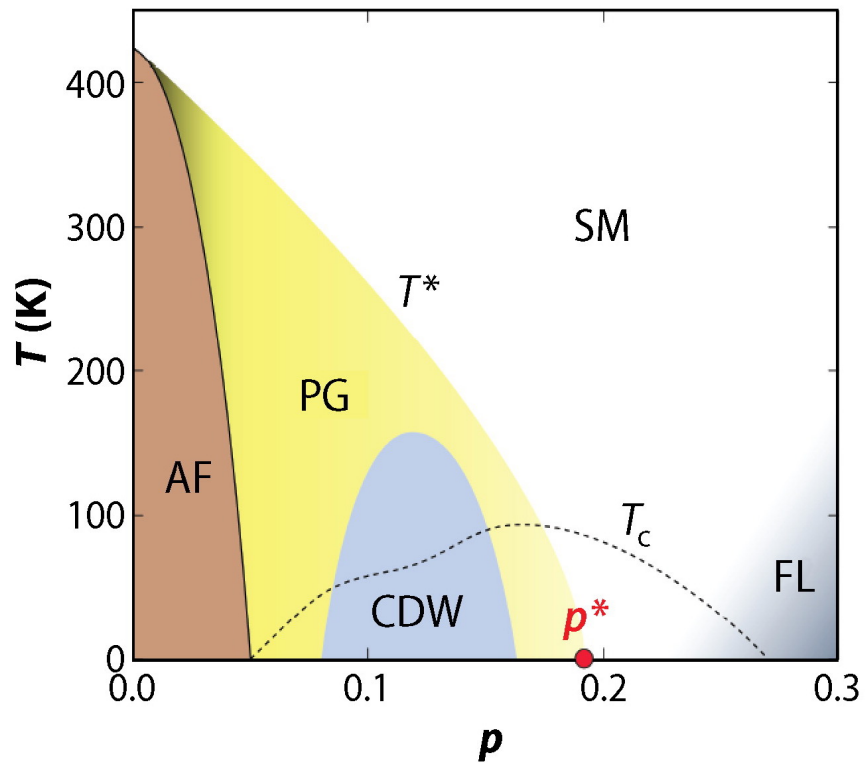


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$$C/T \sim -\log(T)$$

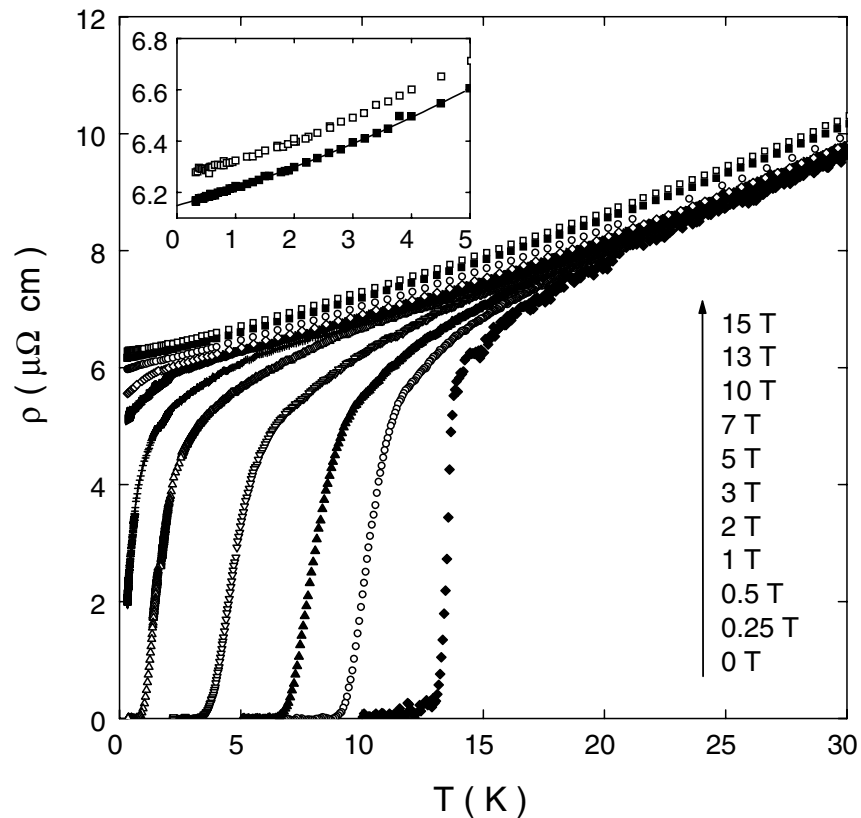
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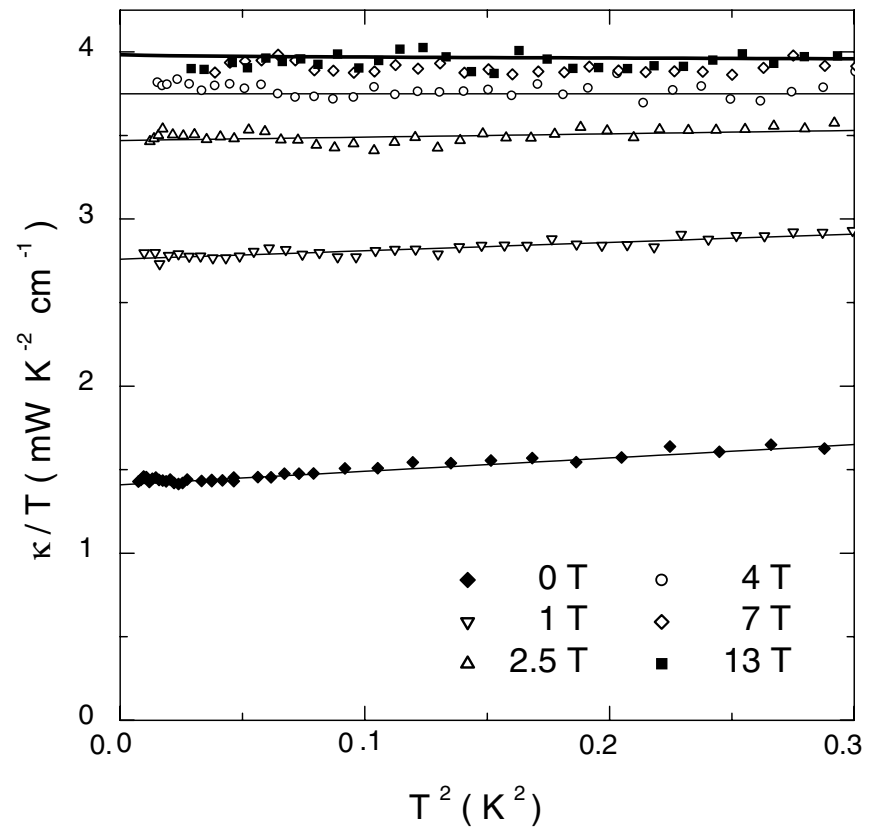
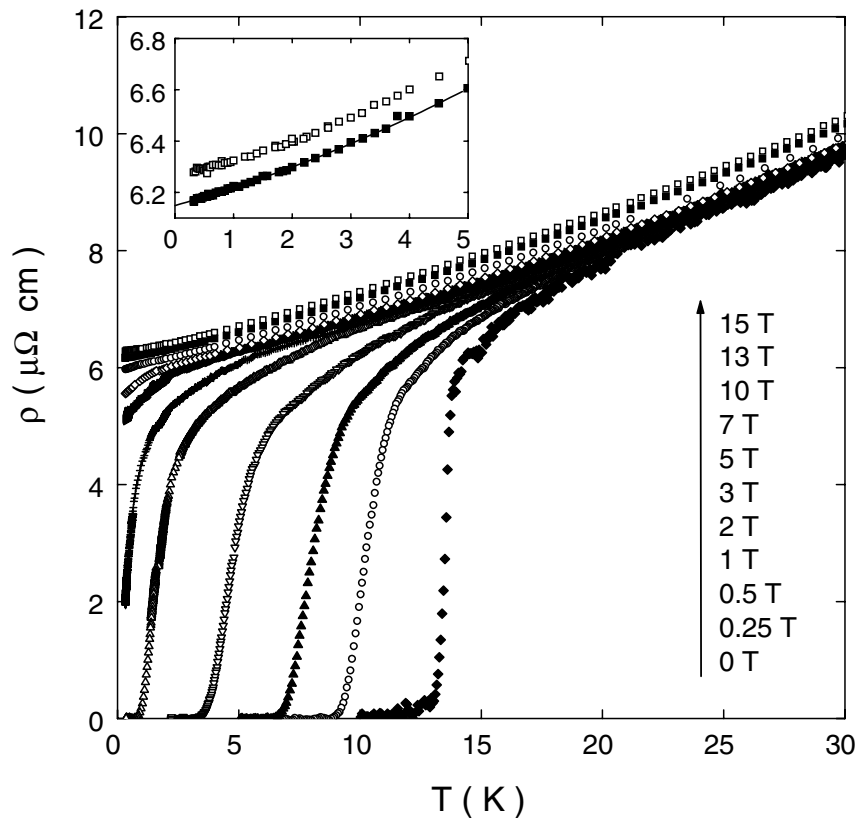
$$\rho(T) = \rho_0 + bT + cT^2$$

$$\rho_0 = 6.15 \pm 0.03 \mu\Omega \text{ cm}$$

$$\frac{\kappa}{\sigma T} = \frac{\pi^2}{3} \left(\frac{k_B}{e}\right)^2 \equiv L_0$$

$$\kappa_0/T = 3.95 \pm 0.04 \text{ mW K}^{-2} \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$L = \rho_0 \kappa_0/T = 0.99 \pm 0.01 L_0$$



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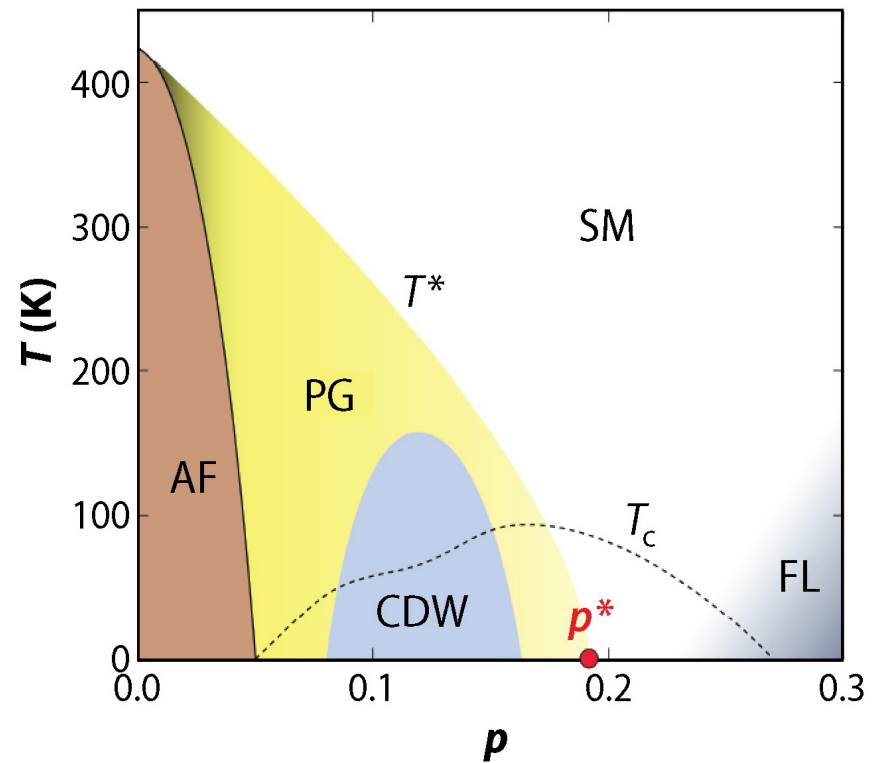
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The cuprate Nd-LSCO

The pseudogap phase

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below T^ , below p^**

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- b) STM — FS transformation across p^*
- c) Hall number — loss of carrier density
- d) NMR — loss of density of states

6) Pseudogap phase

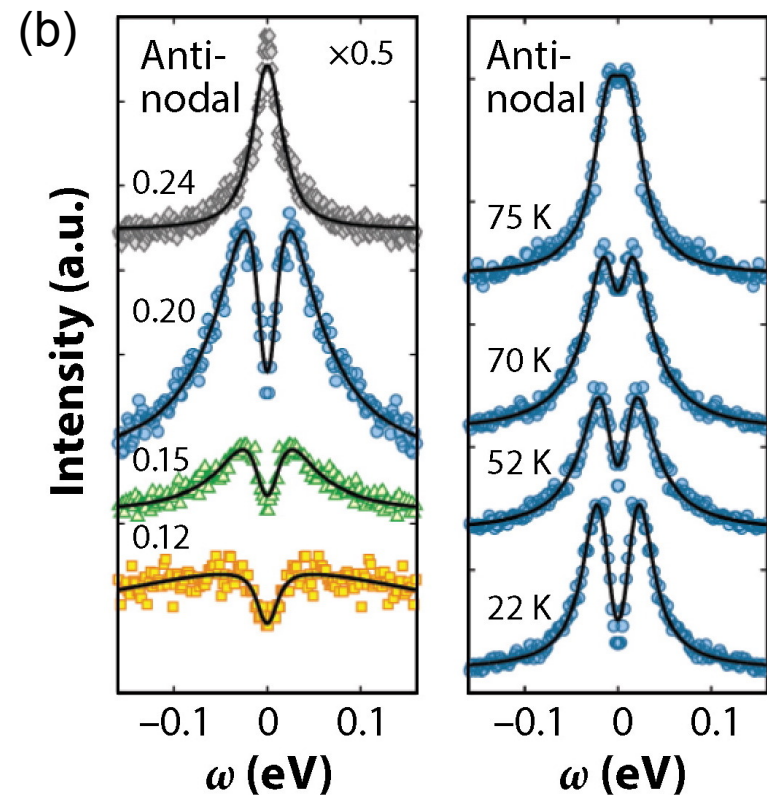
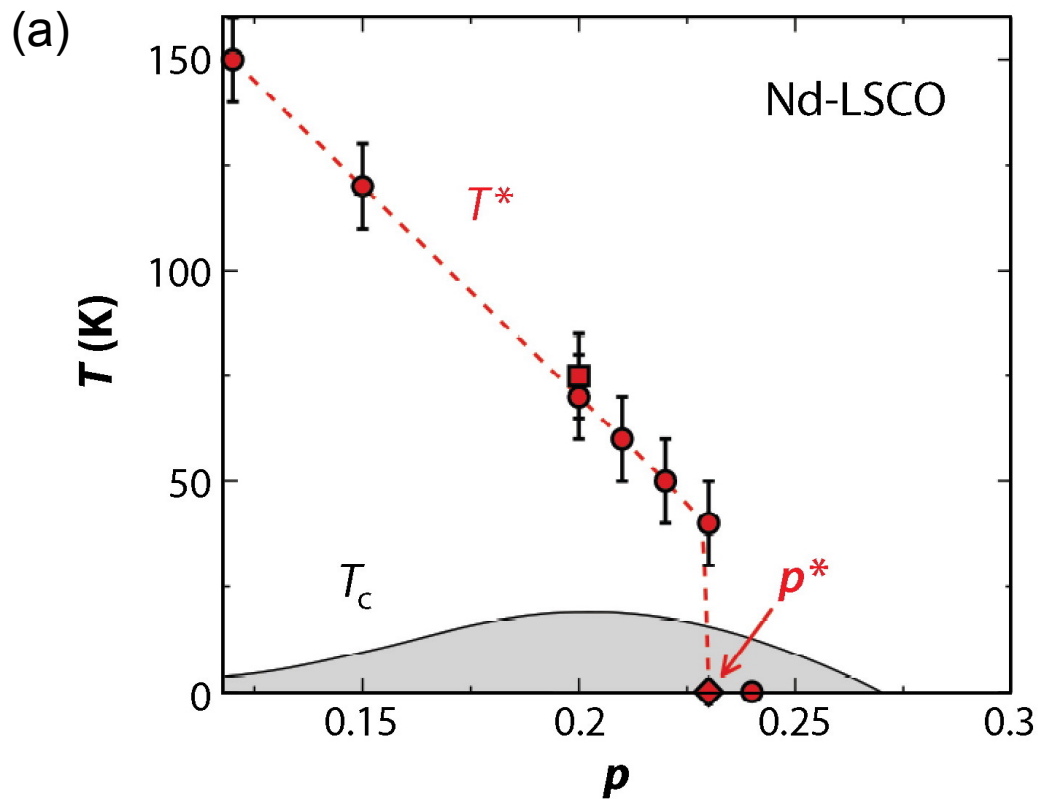
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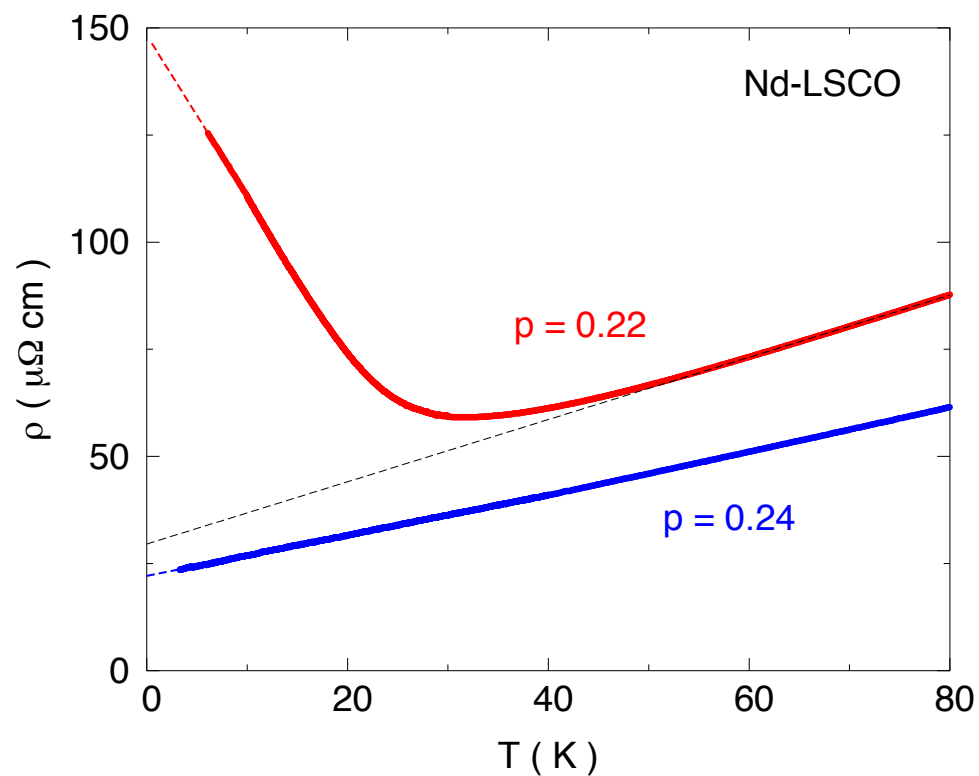
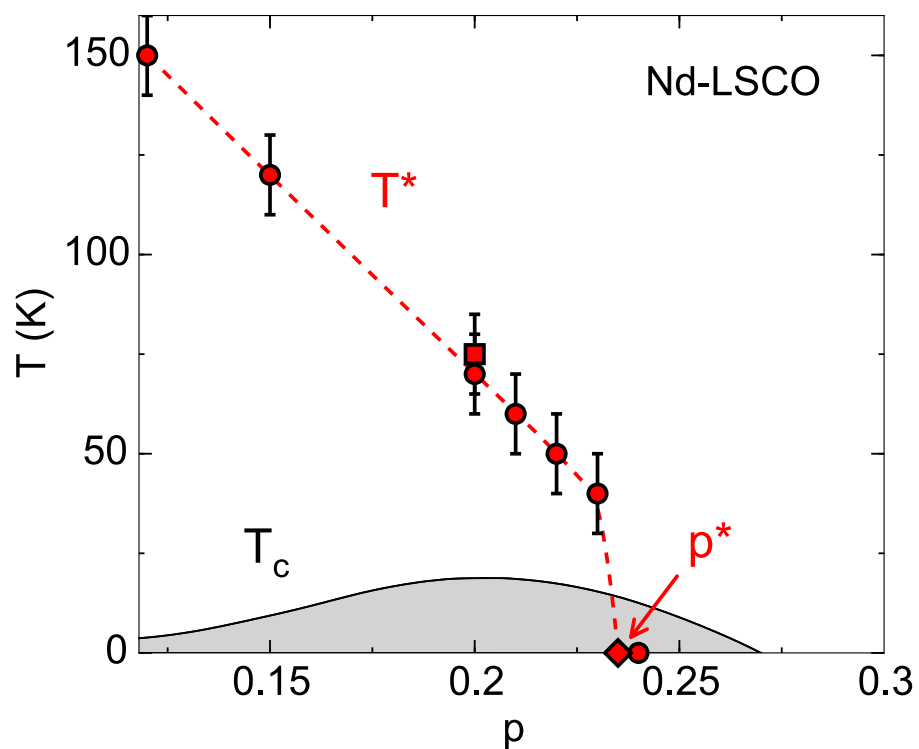
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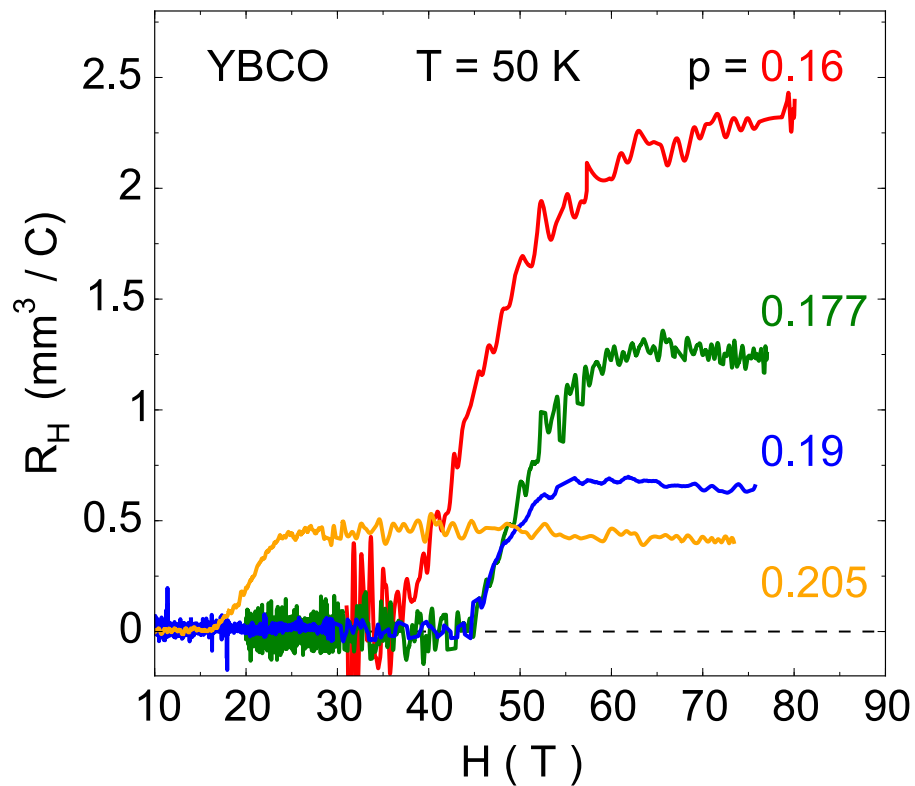
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Cuprate superconductors

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Hall coefficient : drop in carrier density at p^*



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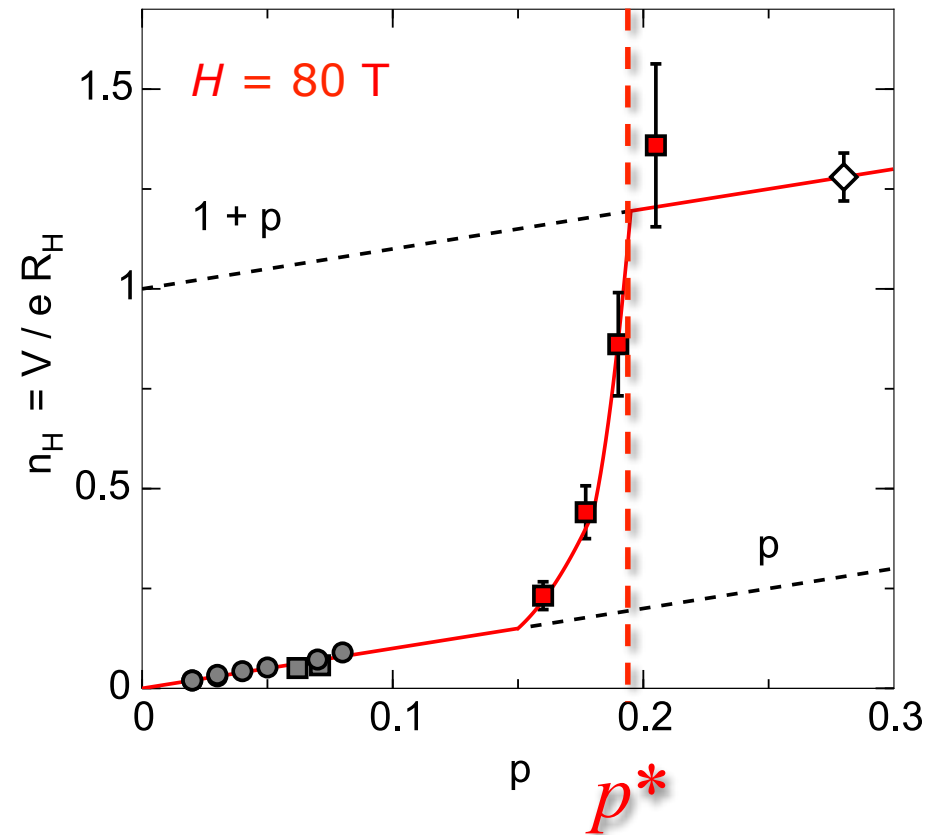
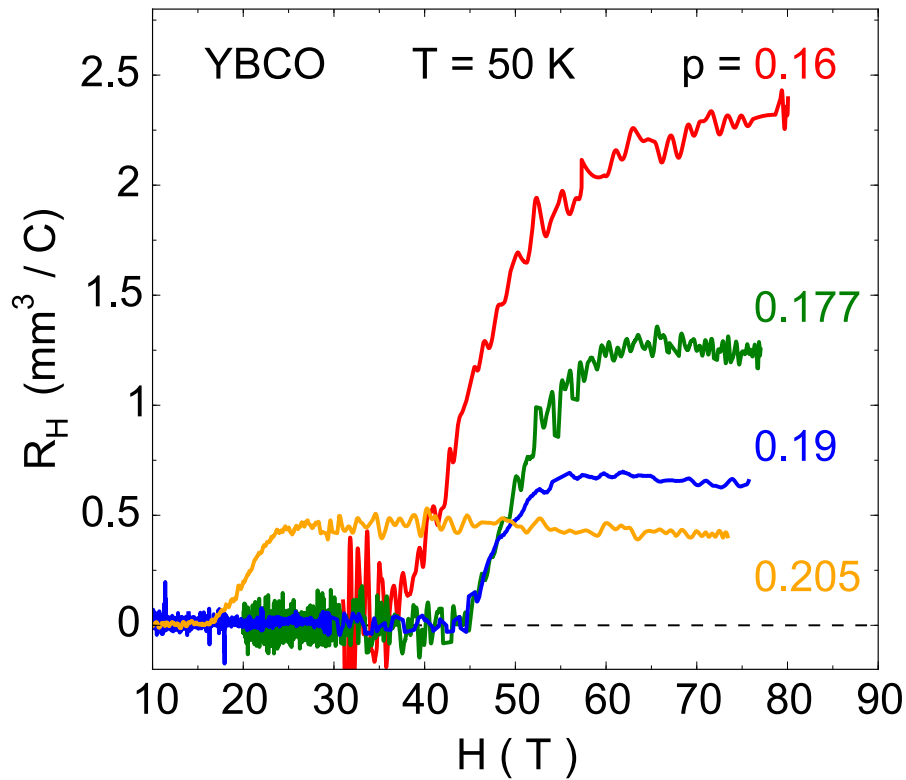
90 T pulsed magnet

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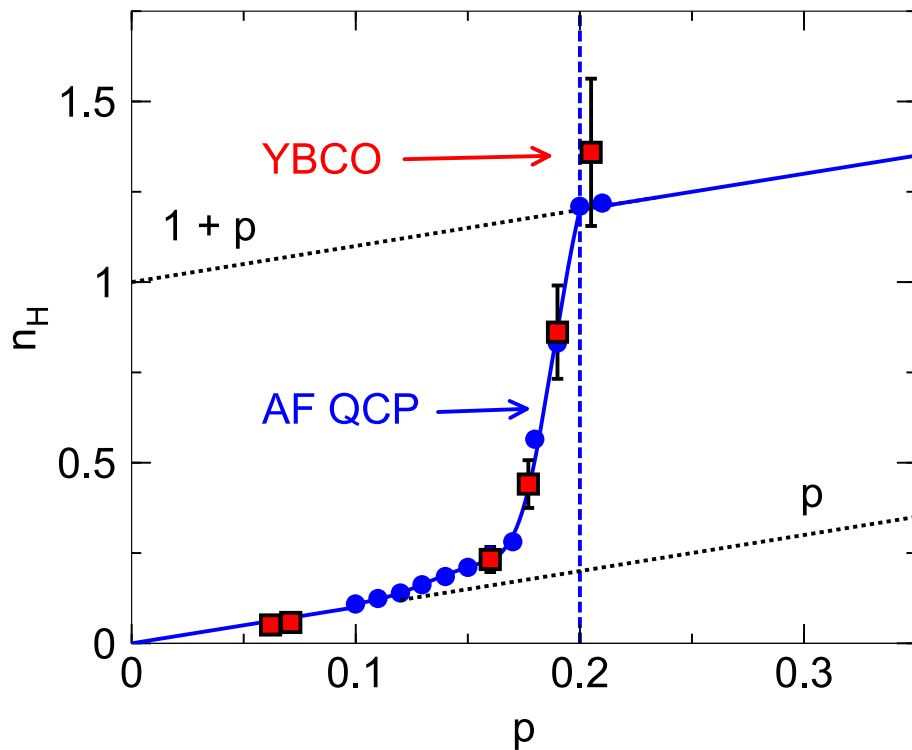
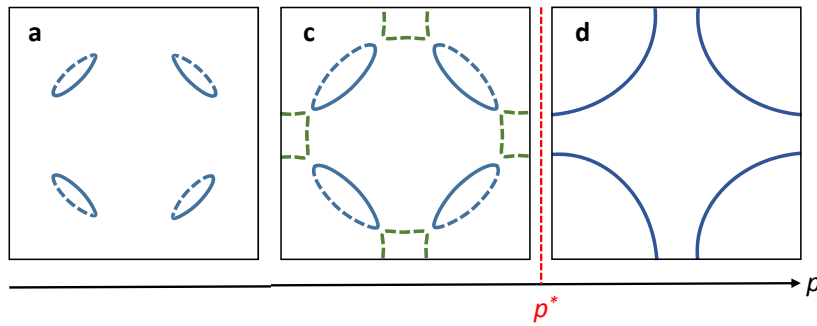
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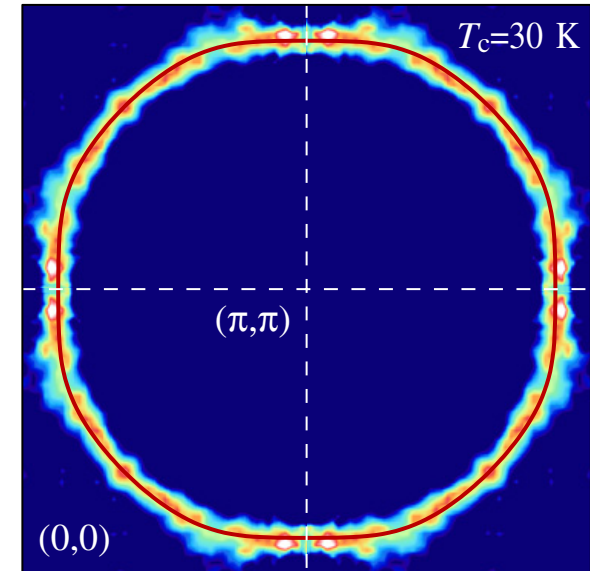
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Fermi-surface reconstruction by AF order



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Fermi surface at $p = 0.3$

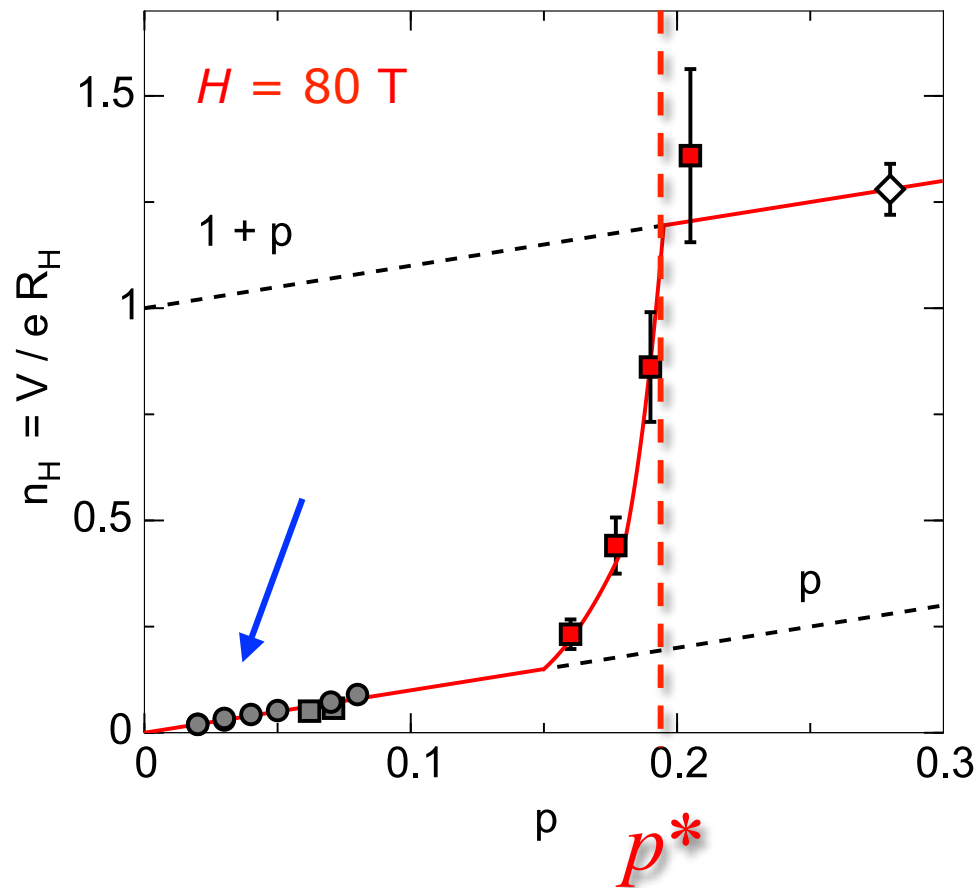


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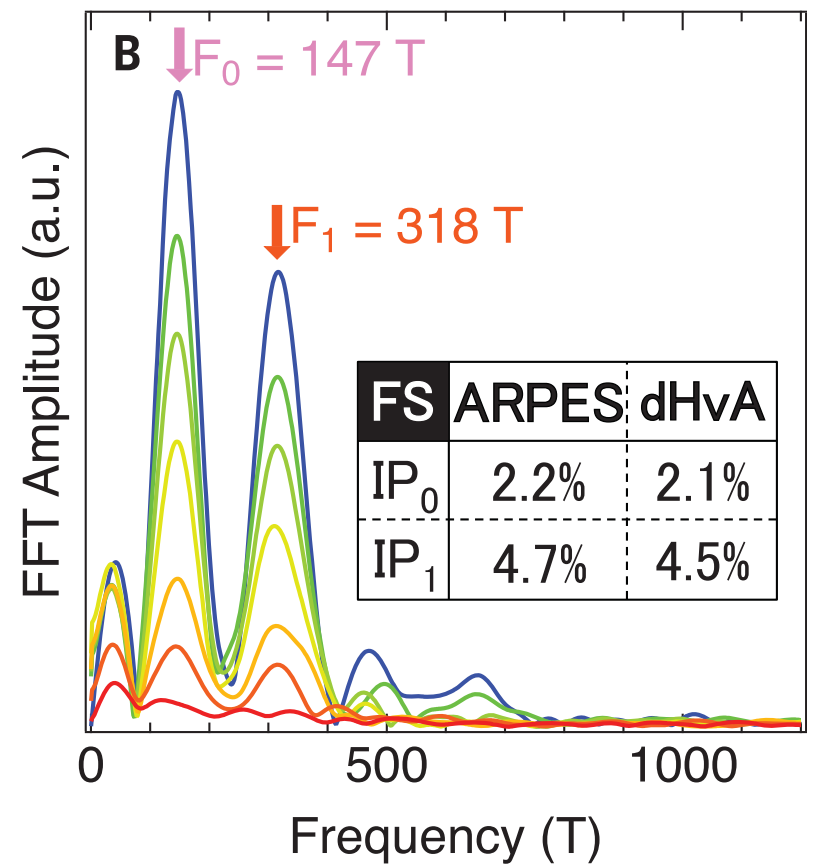
Carrier density

$$n = 1 + p \rightarrow n = p$$

Fermi surface at low p - ARPES and quantum oscillations



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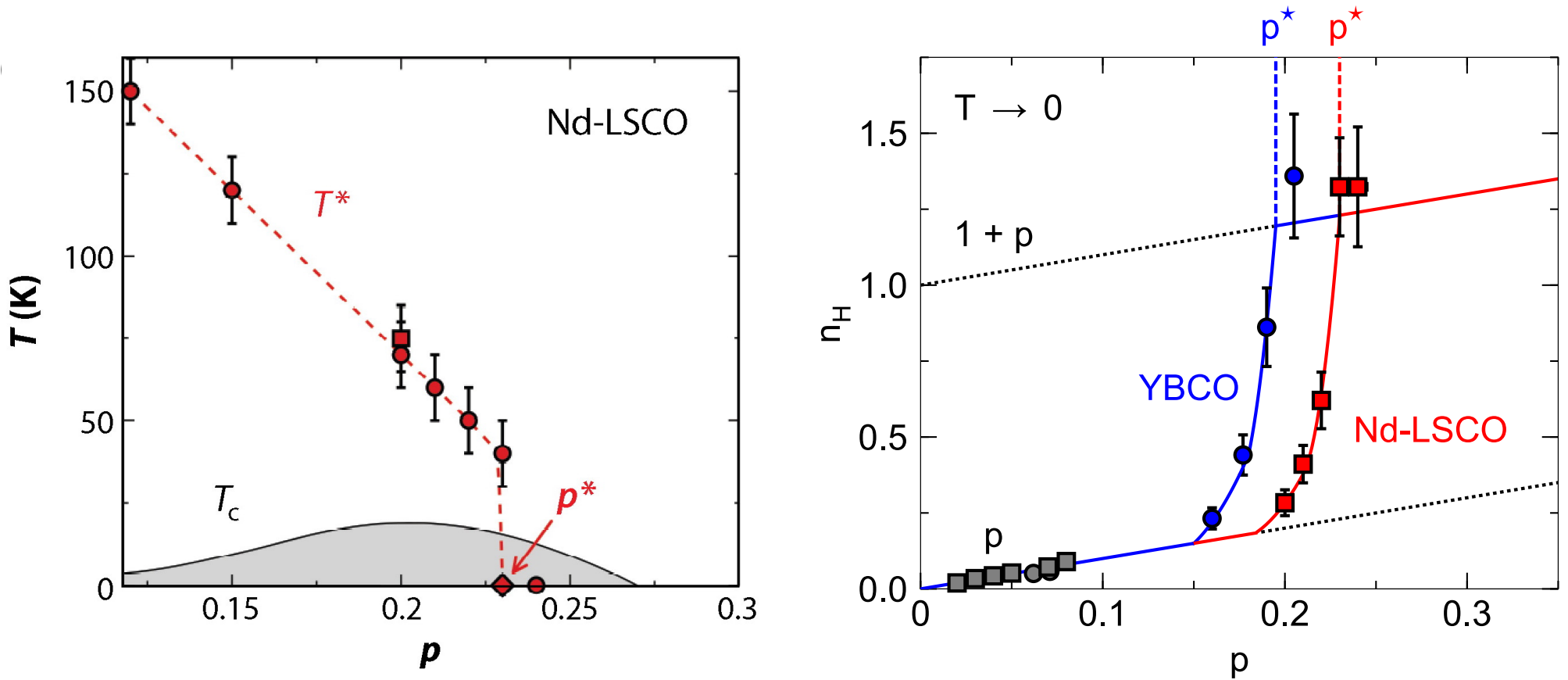
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Fermi-surface transformation across the pseudogap critical point of the cuprate superconductor

 $\text{La}_{1.6-x}\text{Nd}_{0.4}\text{Sr}_x\text{CuO}_4$

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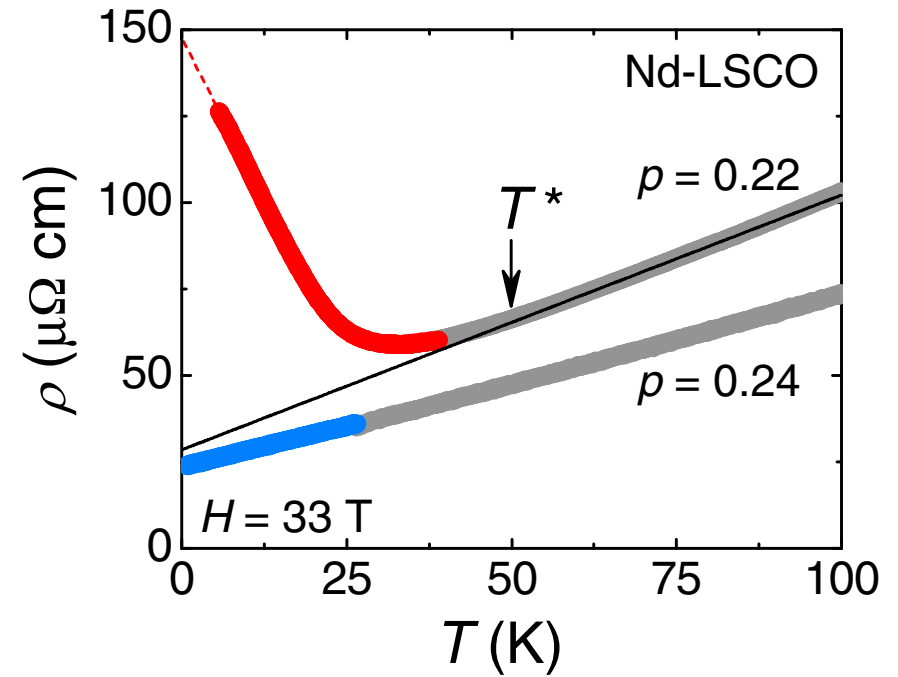
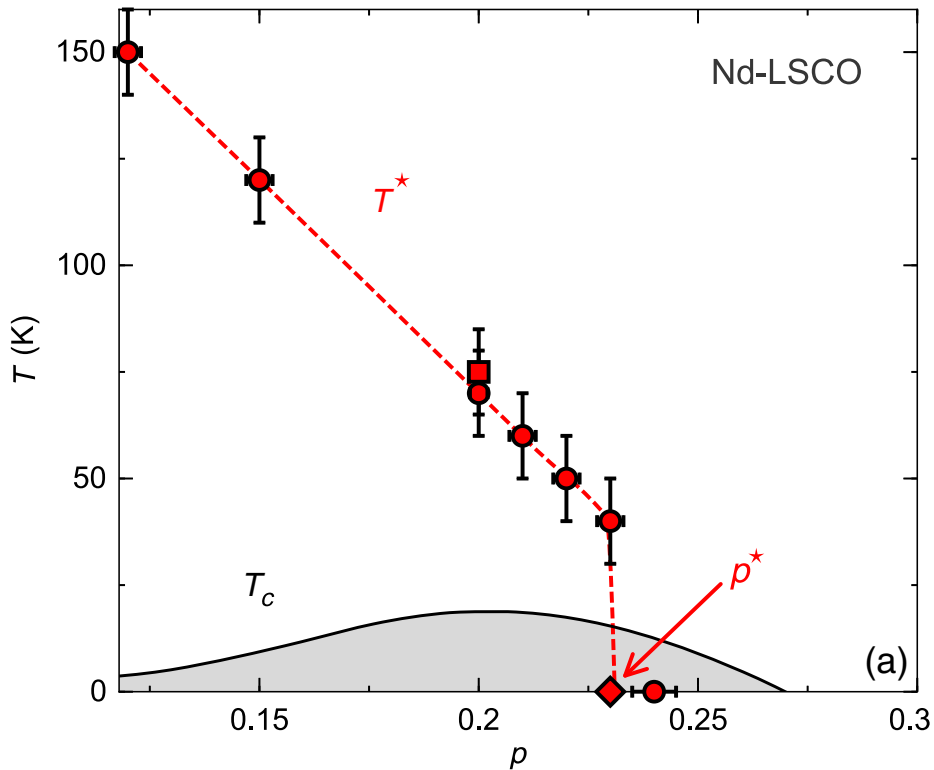
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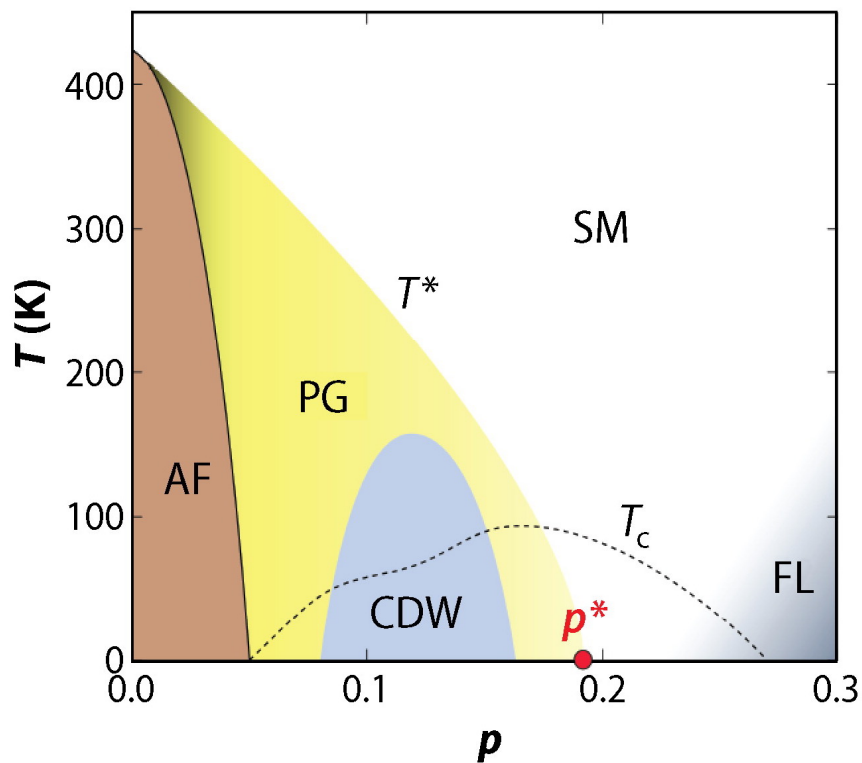
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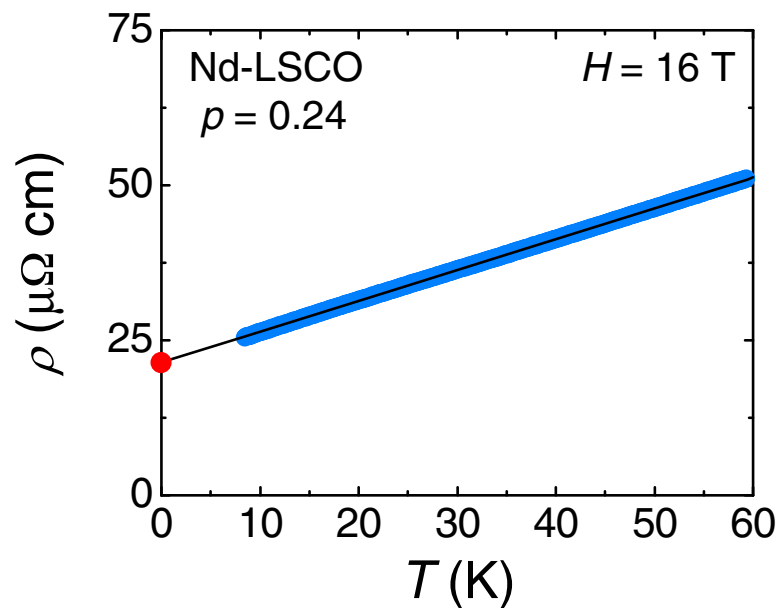
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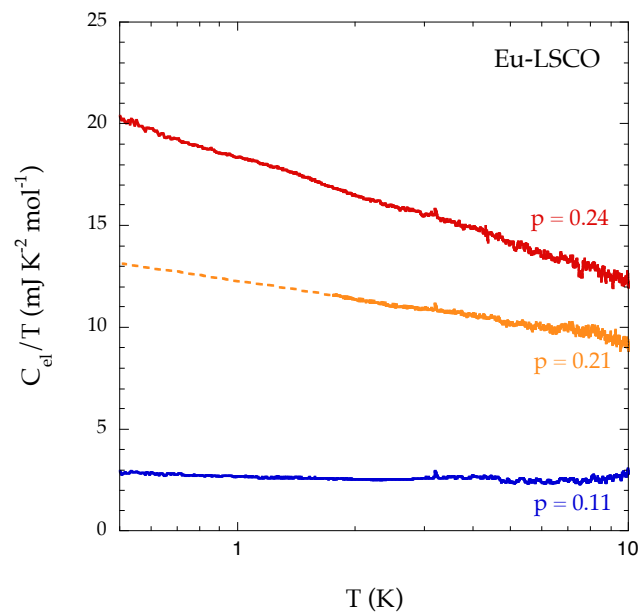
Strange metal phase



T -linear resistivity

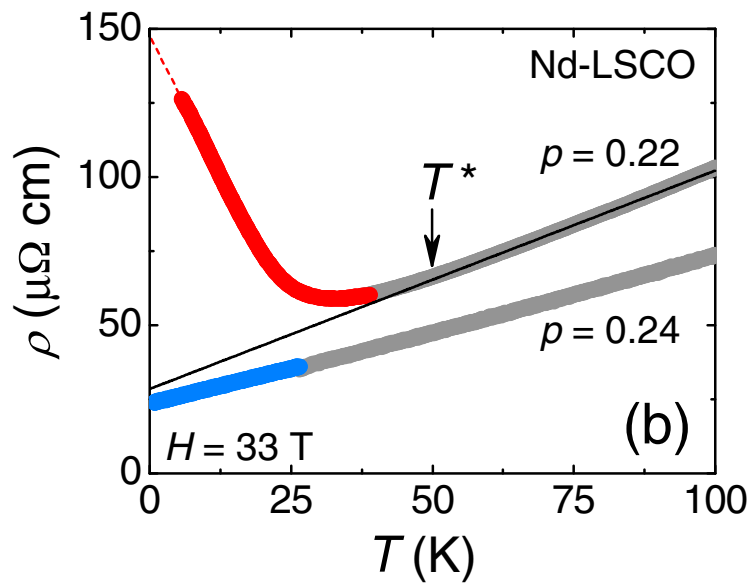
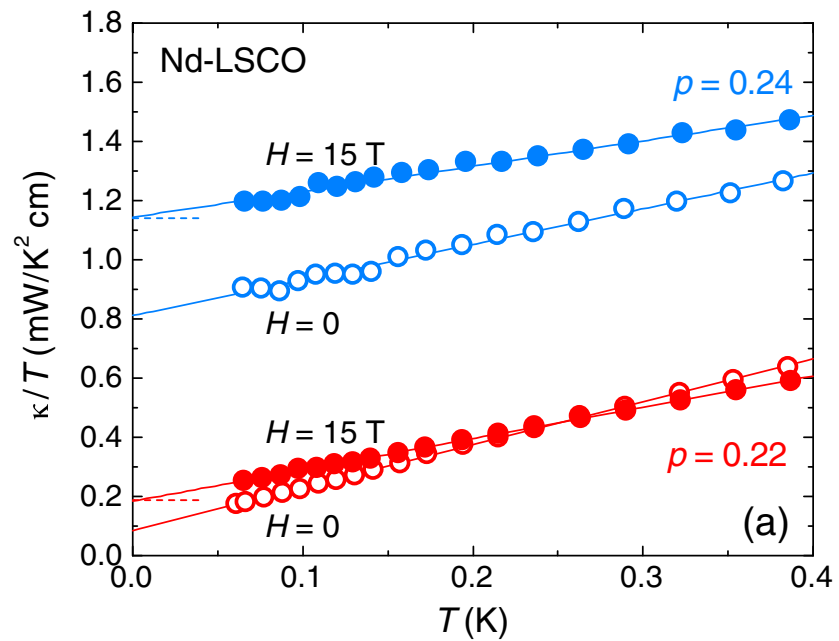


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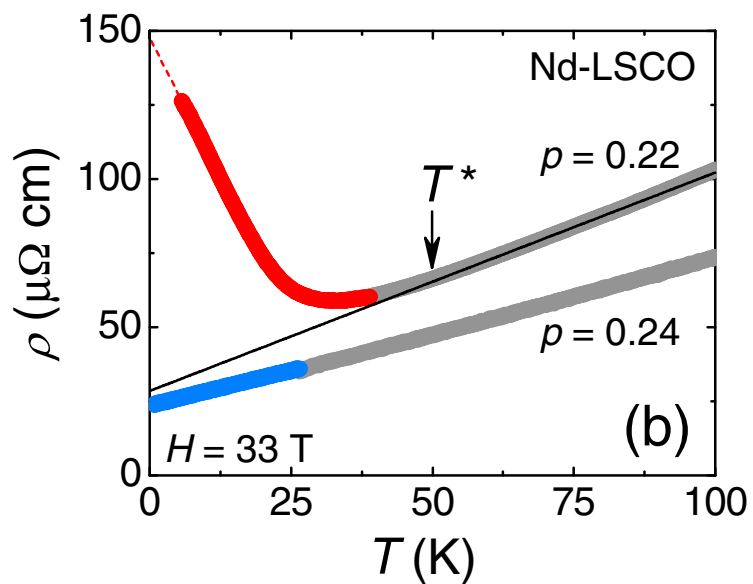
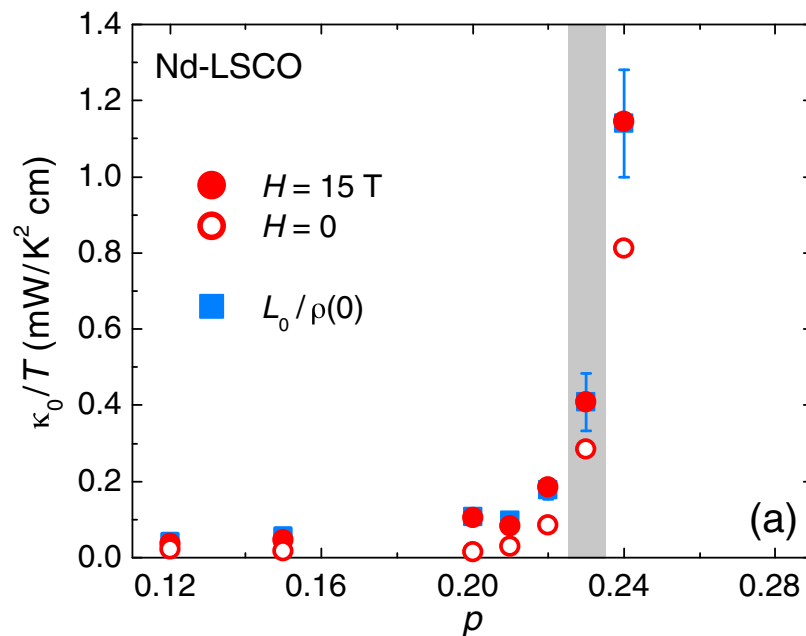
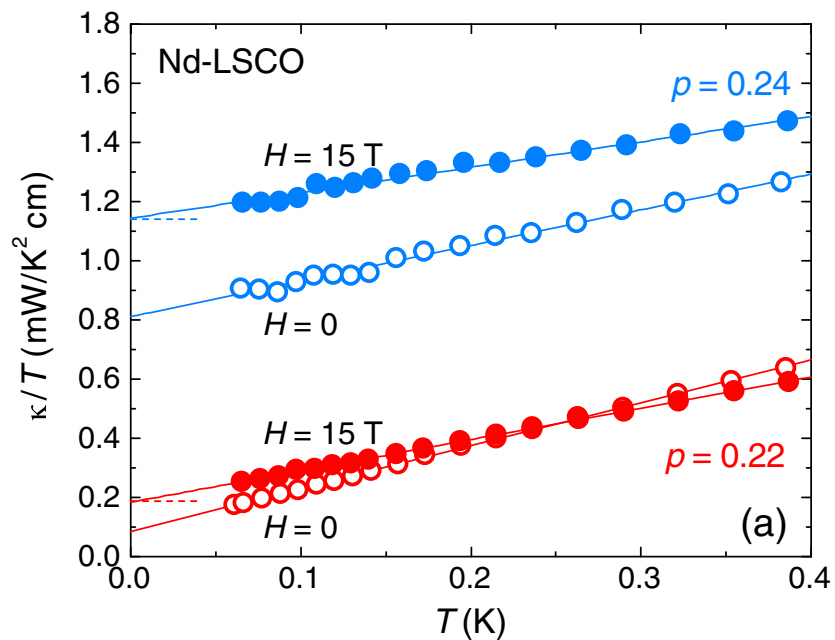
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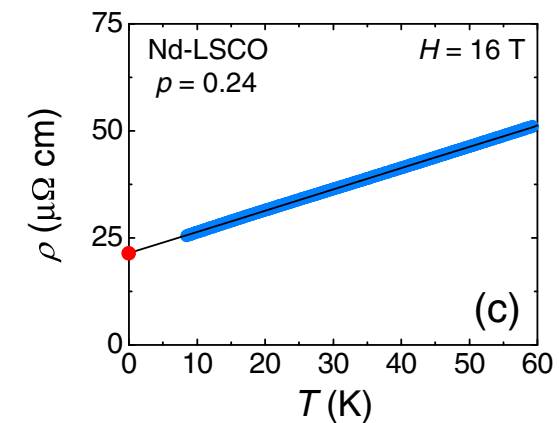
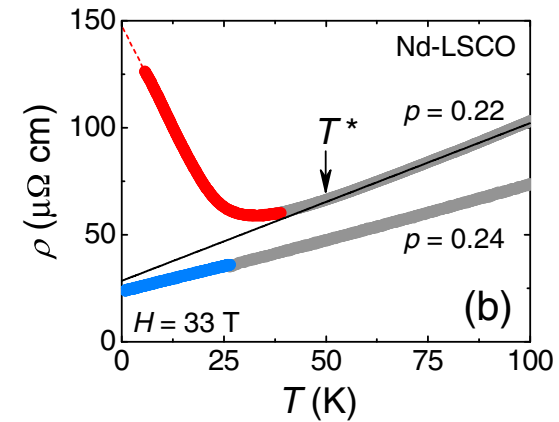
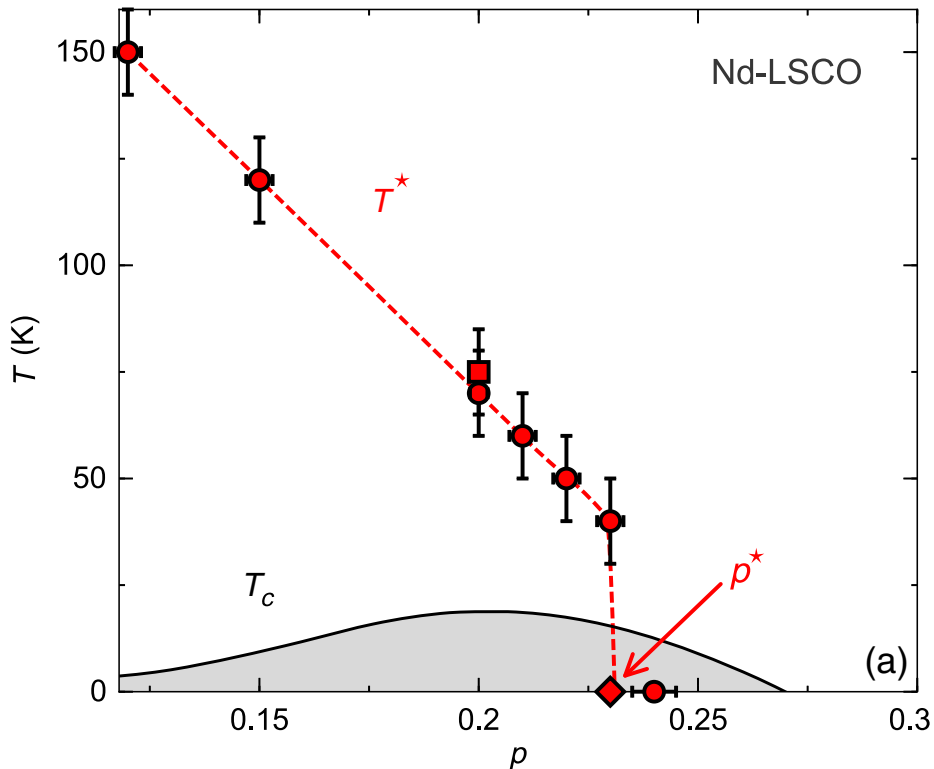
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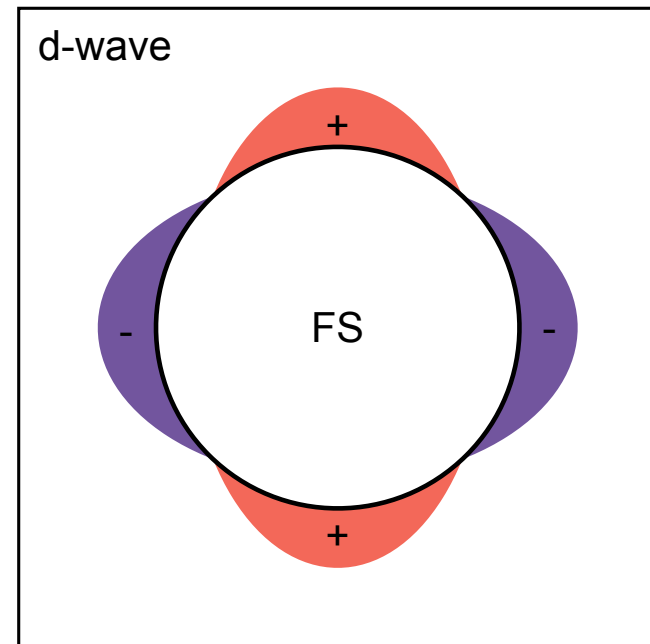
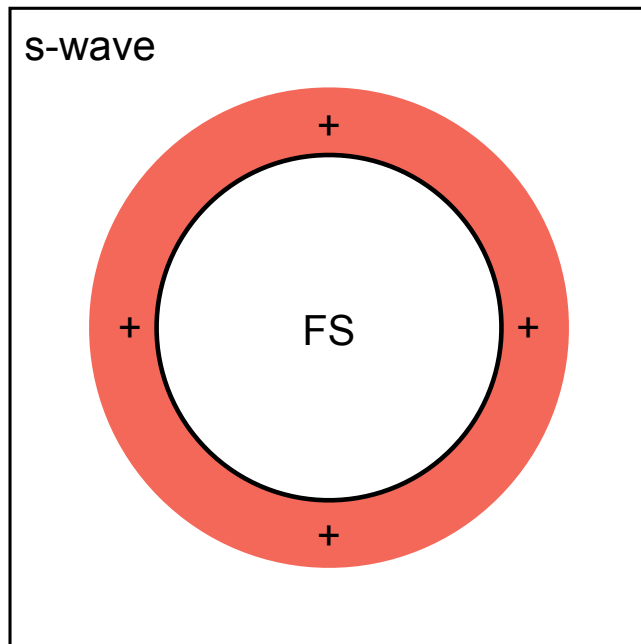
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Superconductivity

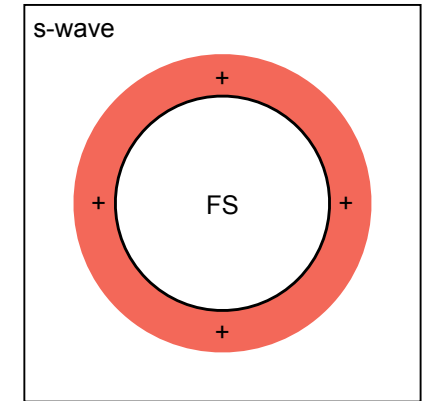
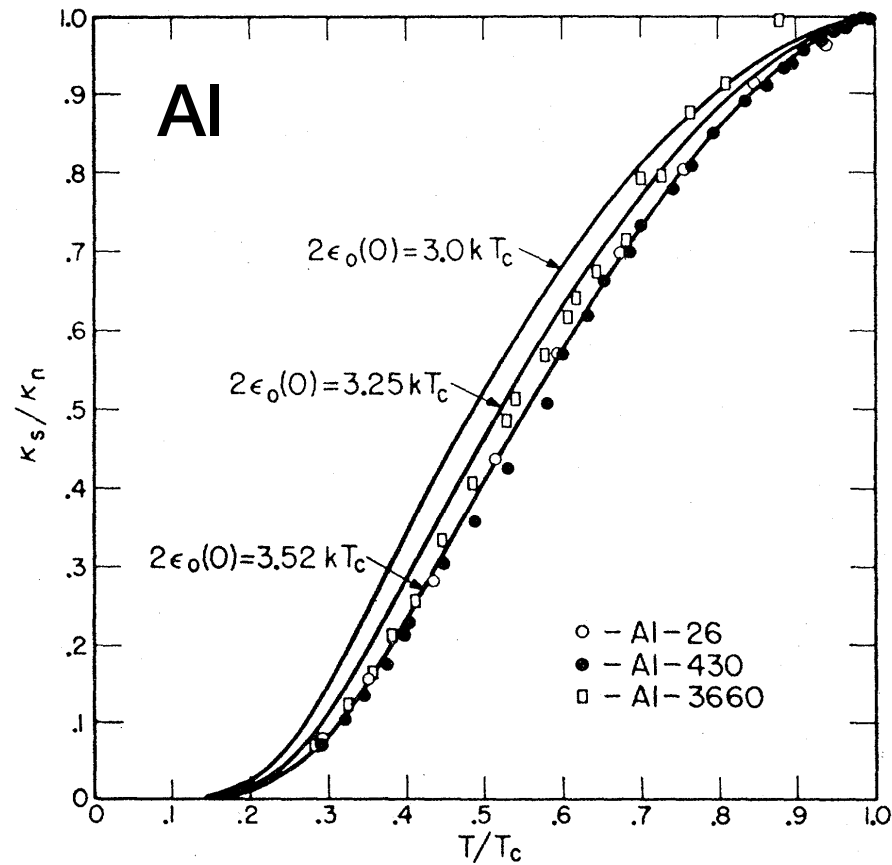


SUPERCONDUCTORS

s-wave

T dependence

Thermal conductivity



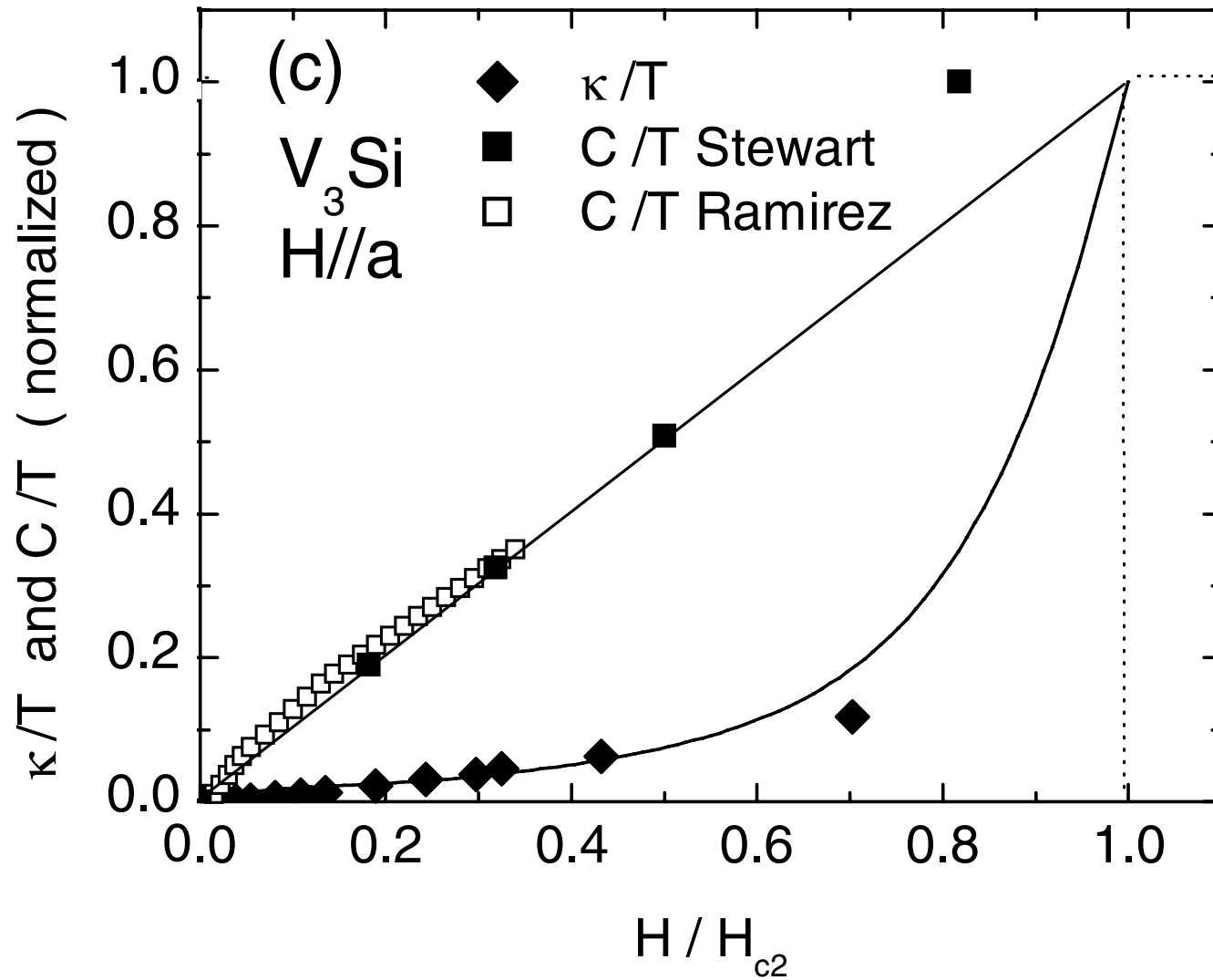
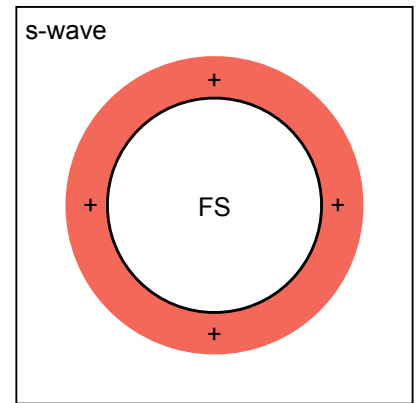
Exponential at low T
— gap

Perfect conductor of charge,
perfect of insulator of heat !

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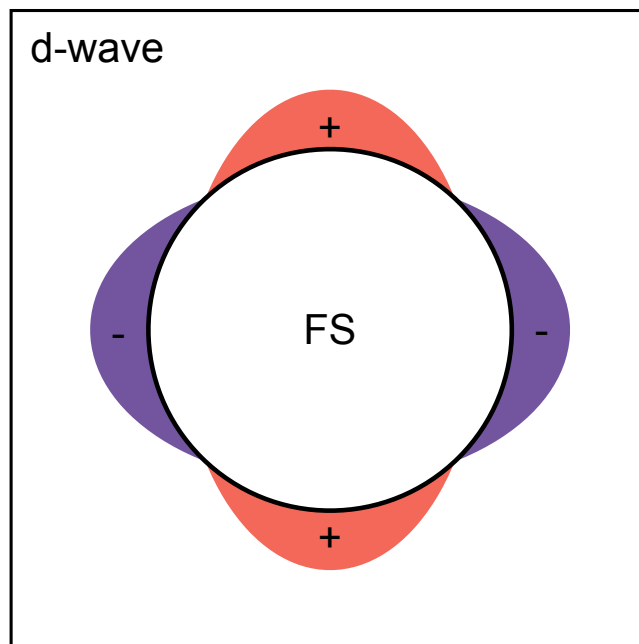
s-wave

H dependence



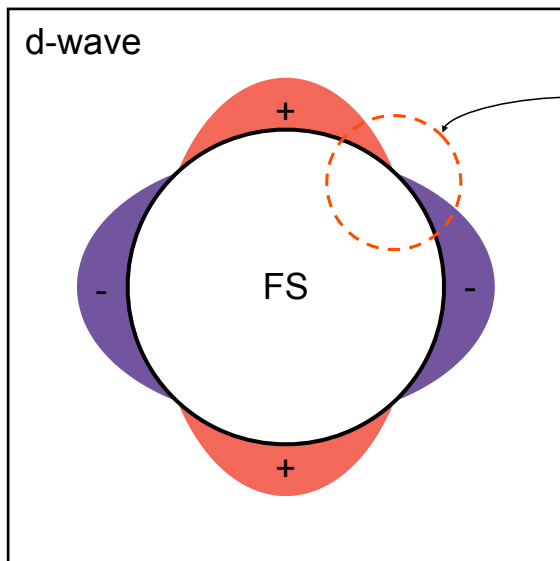
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d-wave



Universal heat conduction

BCS Theory with d -wave gap: $\Delta = \Delta_0 \cos(2\phi)$



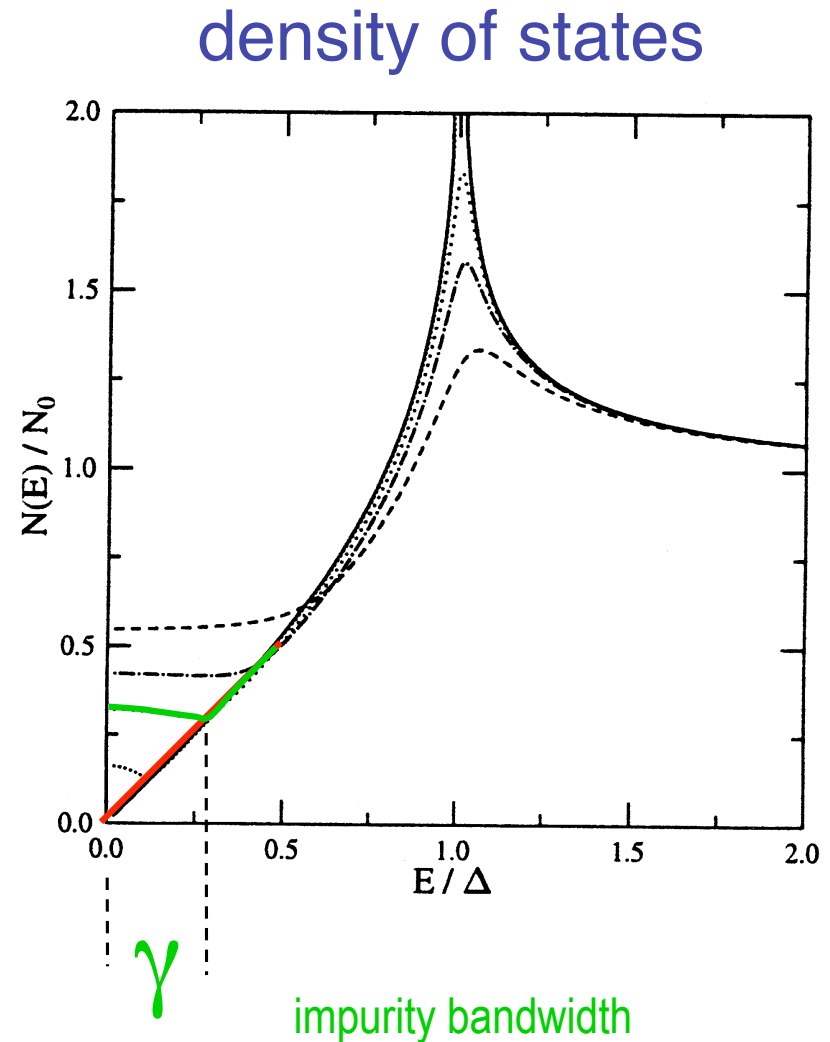
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Linear density of states at low energy
- governs all low temperature properties

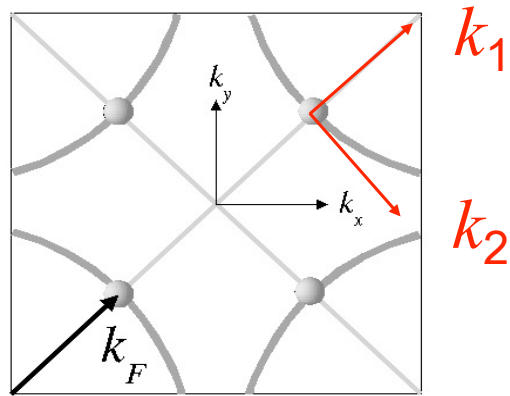
e.g. $C_e \sim T^2$

impurity effects

Finite density of delocalised states at zero energy

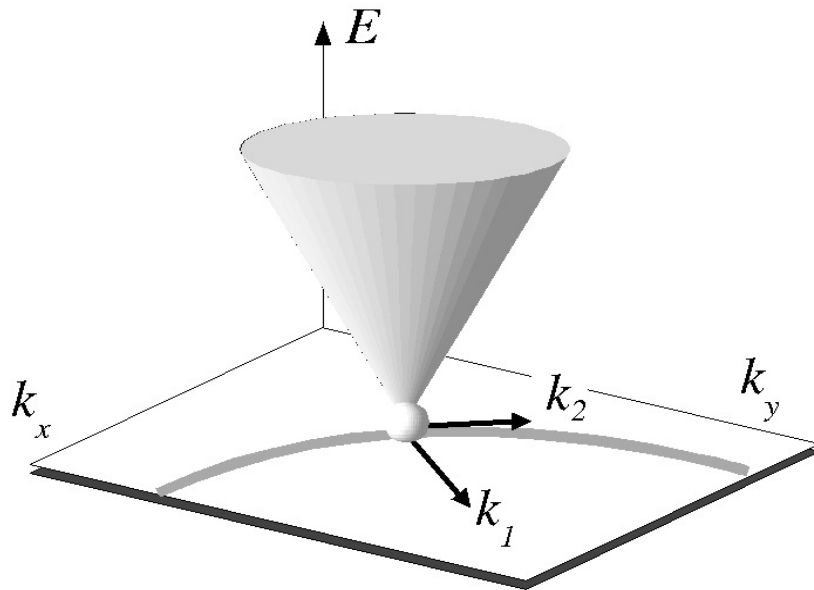
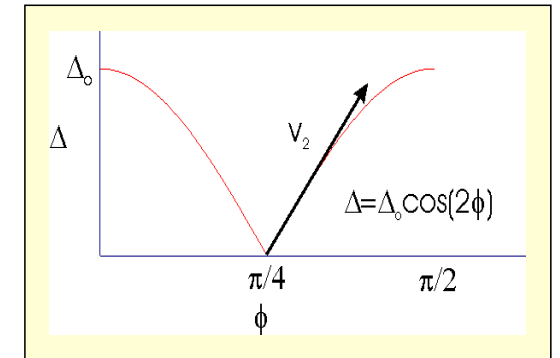


Fermi-liquid theory of nodal quasiparticles



$$E = +\hbar\sqrt{v_F^2 k_1^2 + v_2^2 k_2^2}$$

$$v_2 = \frac{1}{\hbar k_F} \times \left. \frac{\partial \Delta}{\partial \phi} \right|_{\text{node}}$$



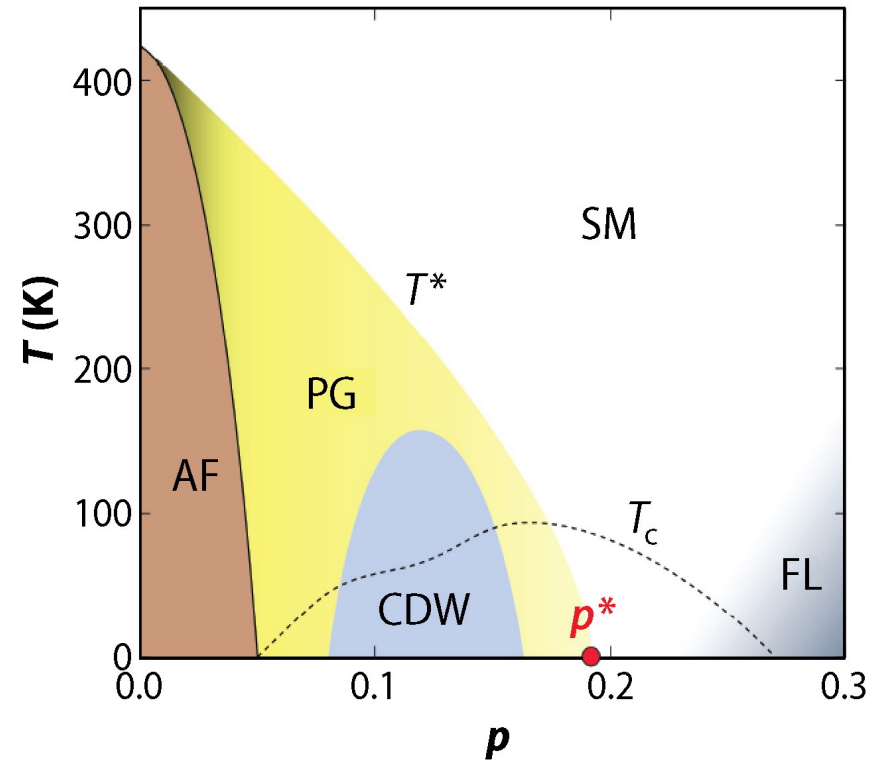
Finite residual linear term (RLT)

$$\frac{\kappa_0}{T} = \frac{k_B^2 n}{3\hbar c} \left(\frac{v_F}{v_\Delta} + \frac{v_\Delta}{v_F} \right) \quad d\text{-wave}$$

Cuprate superconductors

Six regions

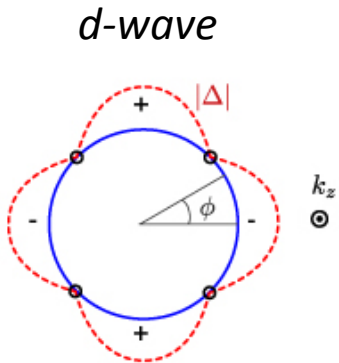
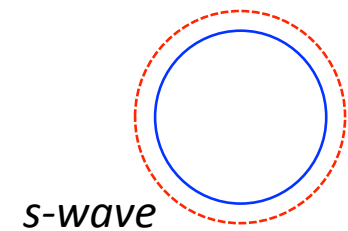
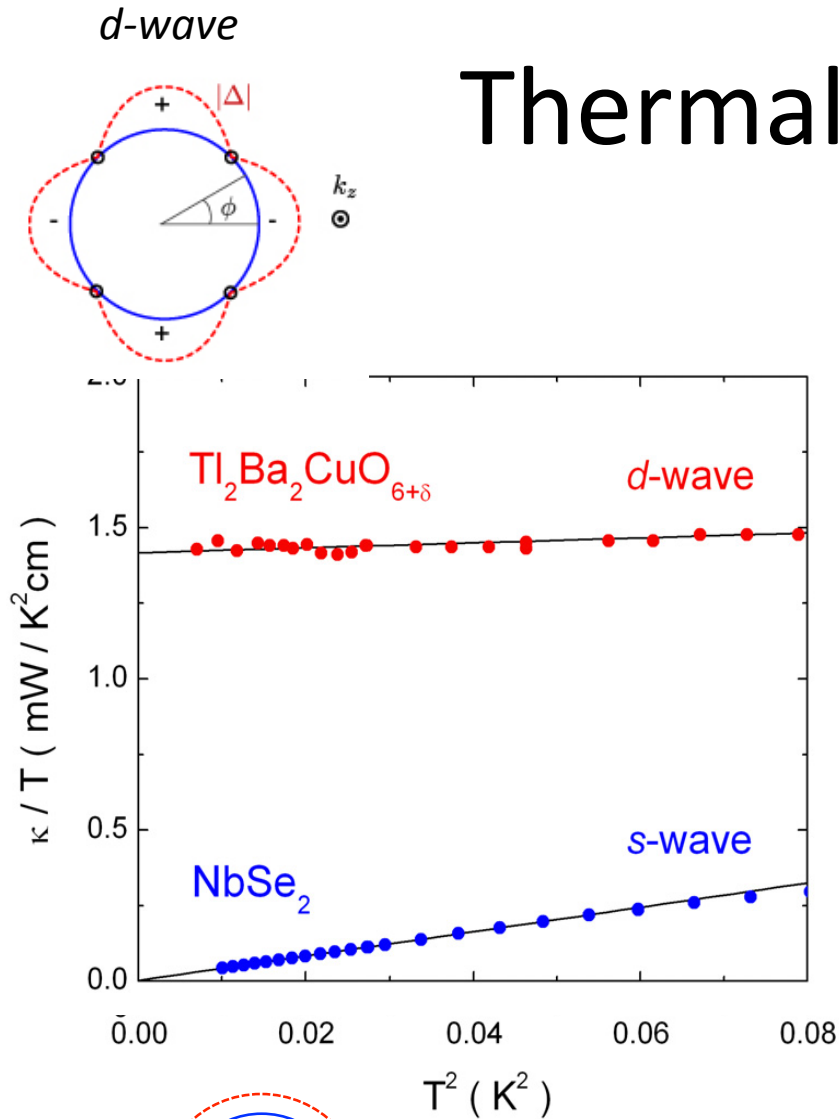
- 1) Superconductivity
- 2) Mott insulator
- 3) Fermi liquid
- 4) Strange metal
- 5) Charge order
- 6) Pseudogap phase



Thermal conductivity

Finite residual linear term (RLT)

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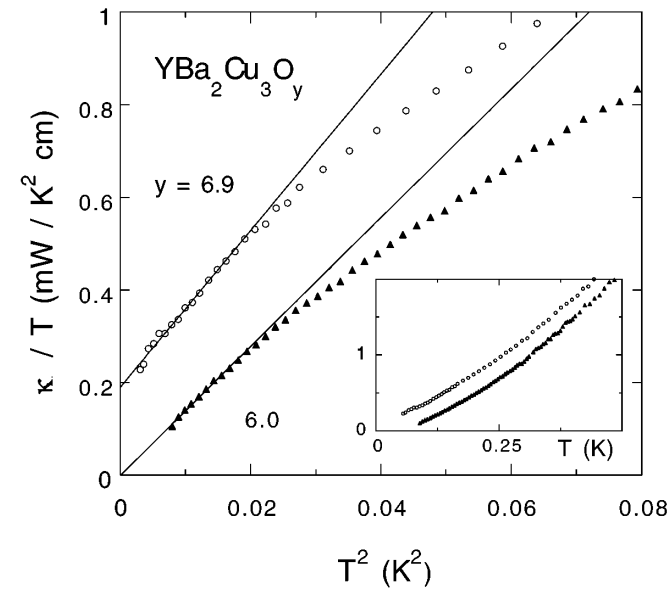
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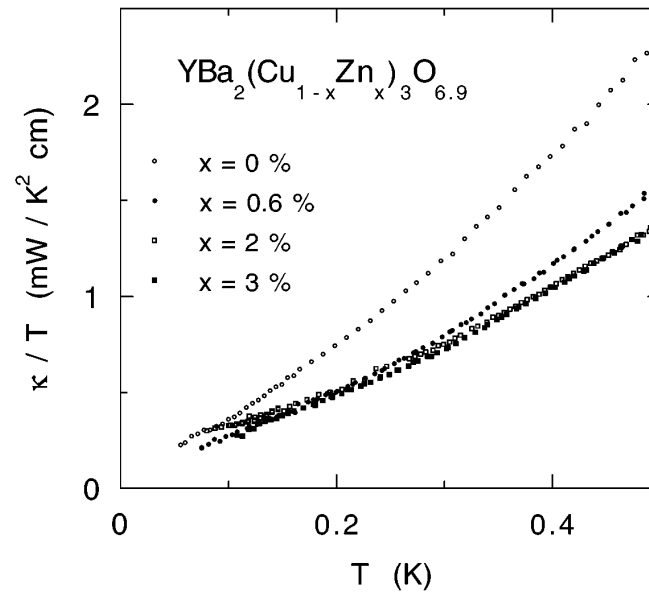
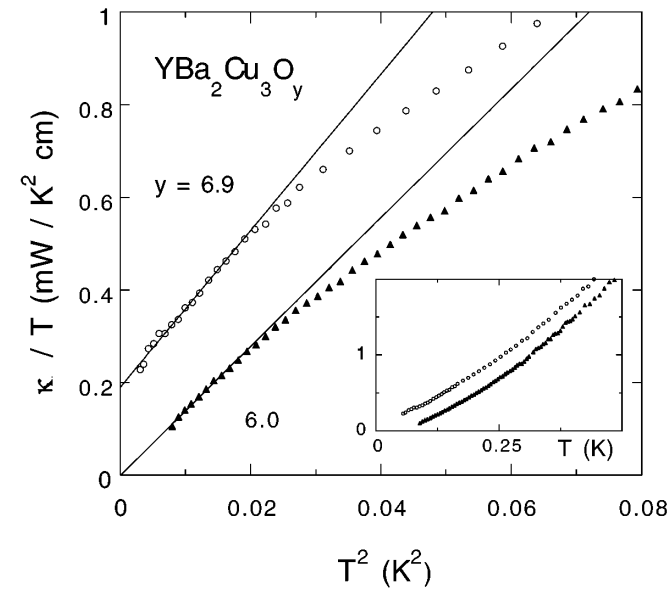
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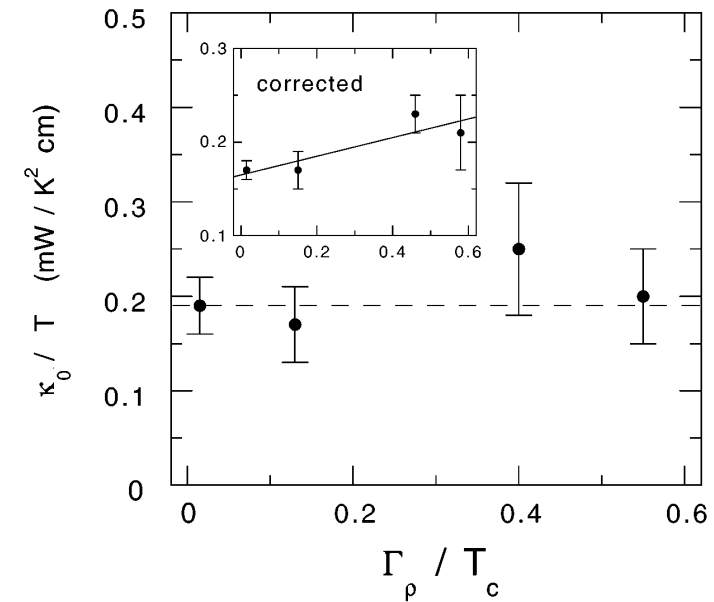
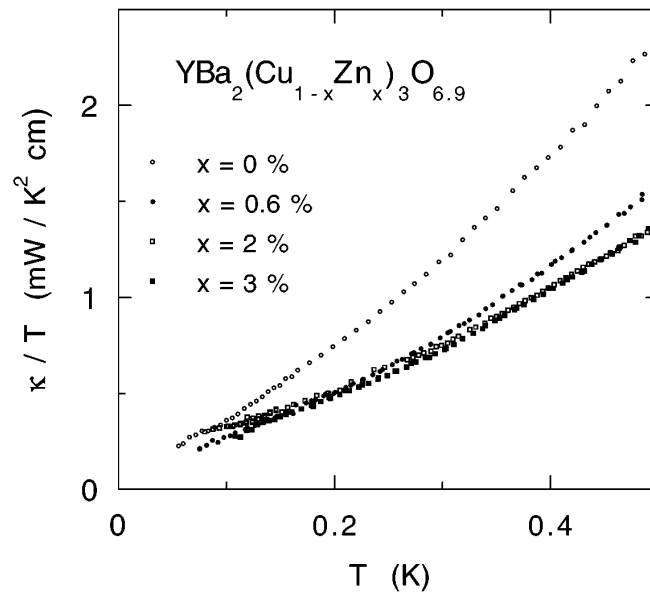
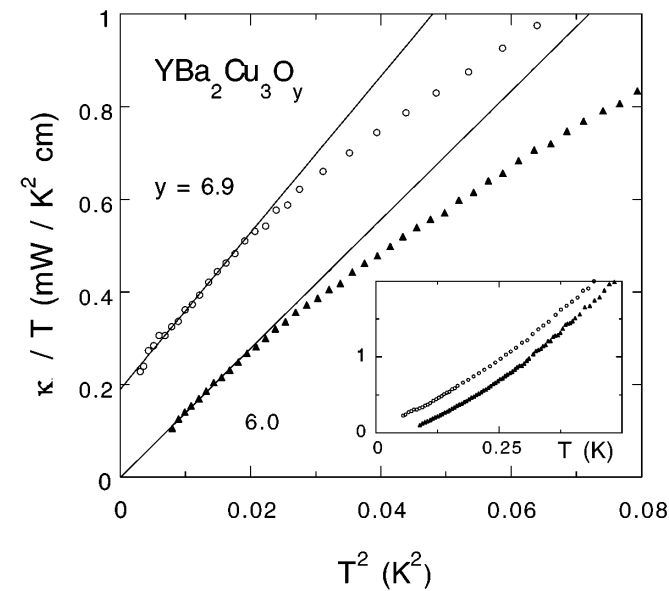
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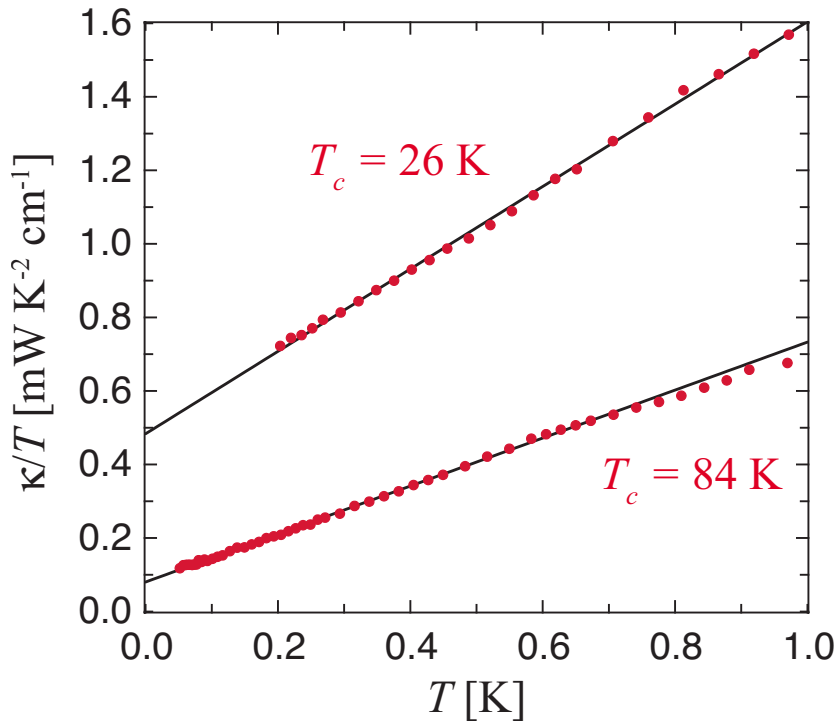
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$$v_{\Delta} = \frac{1}{\hbar k_F} \left. \frac{d\Delta}{d\phi} \right|_{node}$$

$$\frac{\kappa}{T} = \frac{\kappa_0}{T} + AT$$

$$\frac{\kappa_0}{T} = \frac{k_B^2 n}{3\hbar c} \left(\frac{v_F}{v_{\Delta}} + \frac{v_{\Delta}}{v_F} \right)$$

$$\frac{\kappa_0}{T} \simeq \frac{k_B^2 n}{6 c} k_F \frac{v_F}{\Delta_0}$$



T_c (K)	p	κ_0/T (mW K ⁻² cm ⁻¹)	Δ_0 (meV)	$\Delta_0/k_B T_c$
84 ^a	0.188	0.08	40	5.6
76	0.203	0.15	22	3.4
72	0.209	0.14	23	3.8
68	0.214	0.12	28	4.8
27	0.252	0.34	9.5	4.1
26 ^a	0.253	0.48	6.7	3.0

^aDenotes the same sample measured at two dopings.

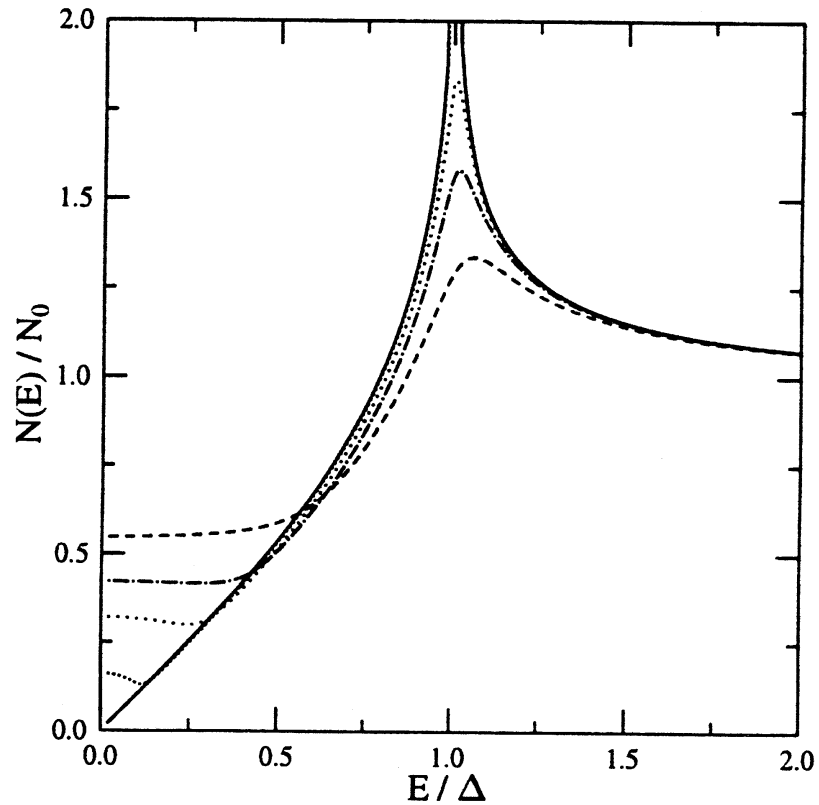
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Field dependence — Doppler shift

$$E_H = a \hbar \sqrt{2 / \pi v_F} \sqrt{H / \Phi_0}$$

density of states



$$C \sim \sqrt{H}$$

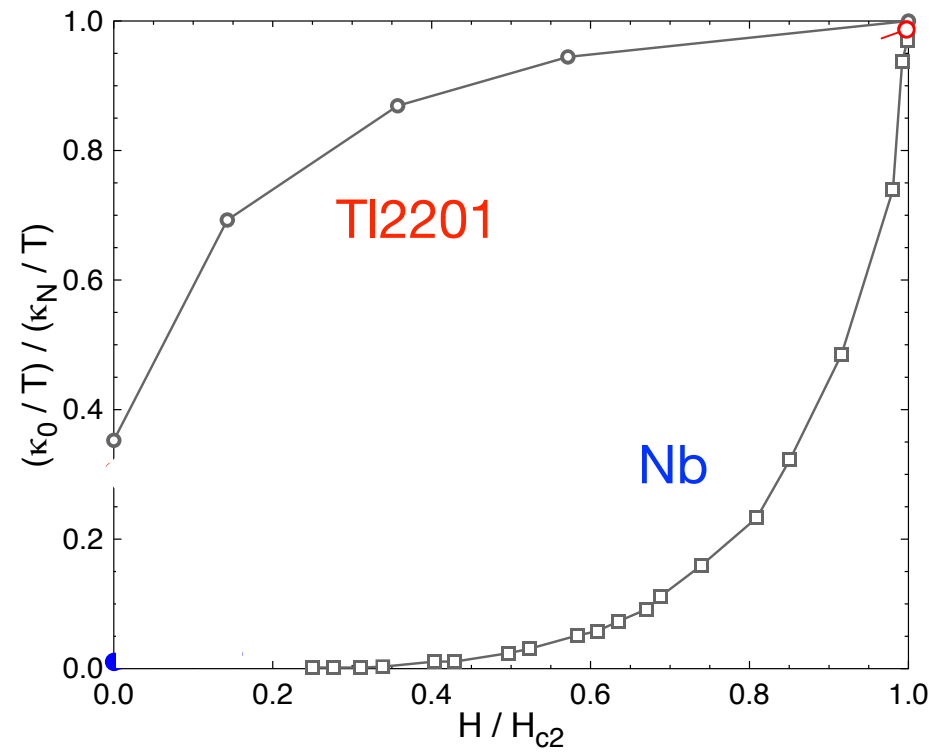
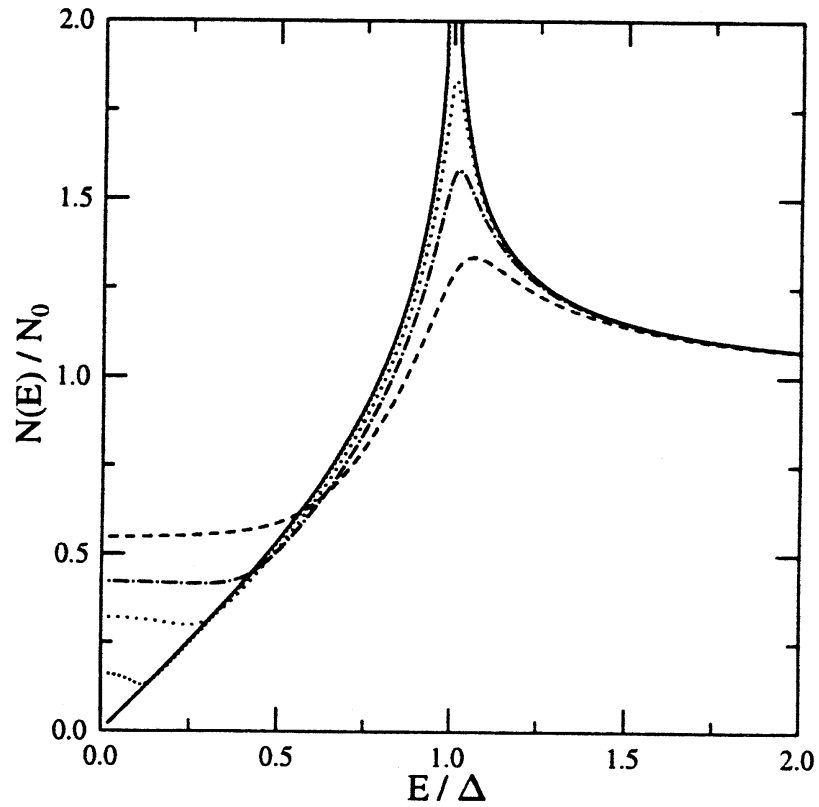
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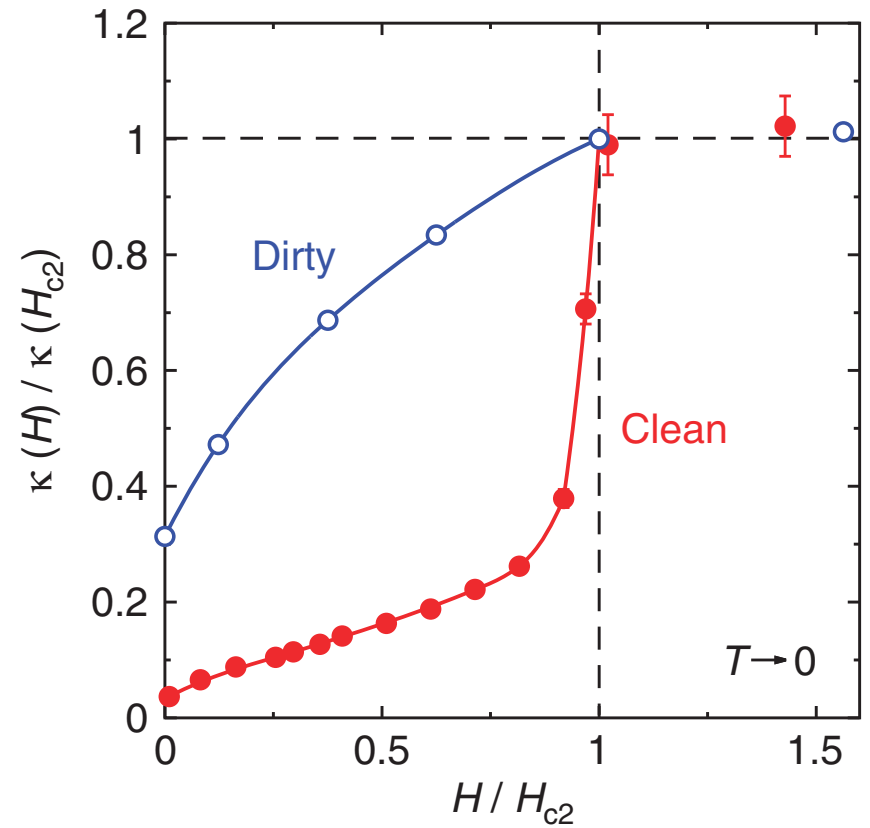
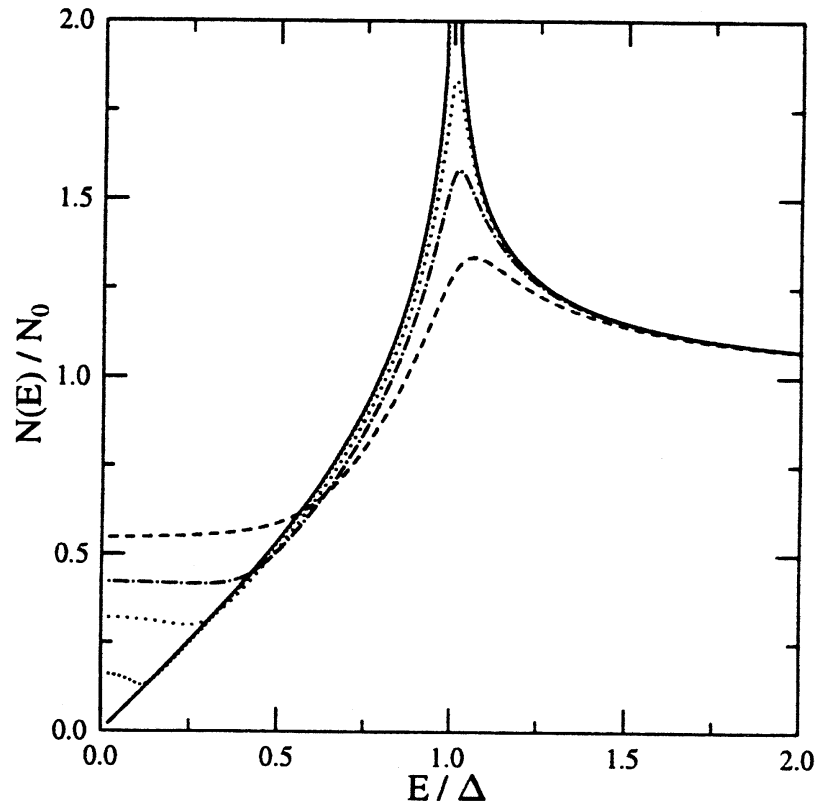
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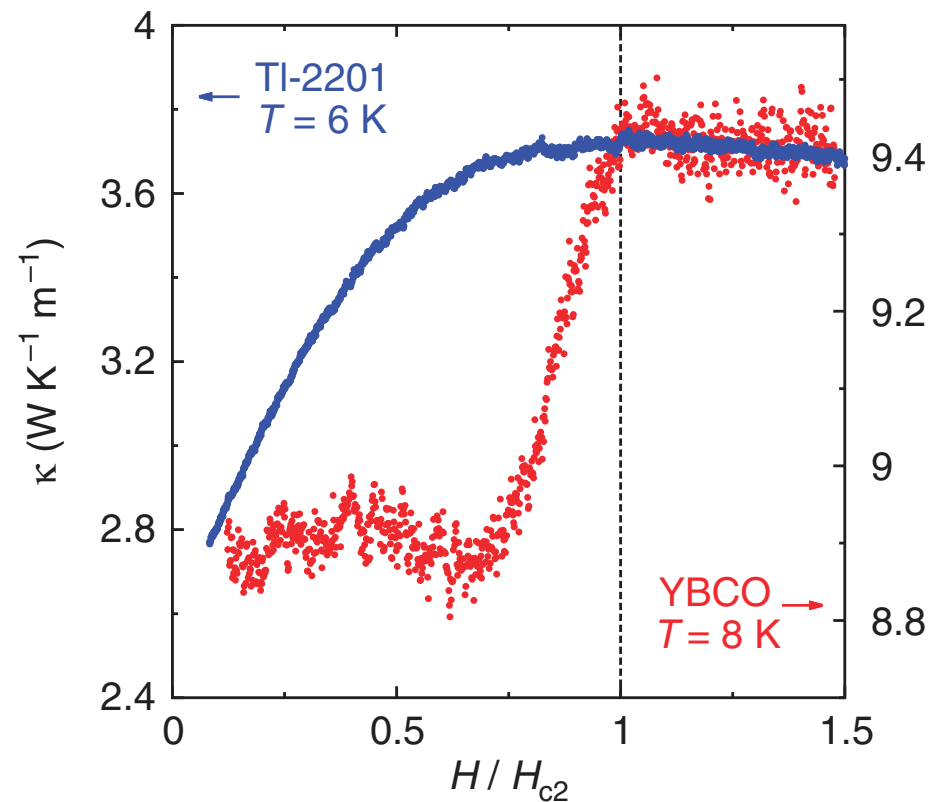
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