

# **Resztkowy efekt Meissnera powyżej $T_c$ w nadprzewodnikach wysokotemperaturowych**

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### A few details:

#### Used samples:

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 $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_y\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_{8+\delta}$

#### Methodology:

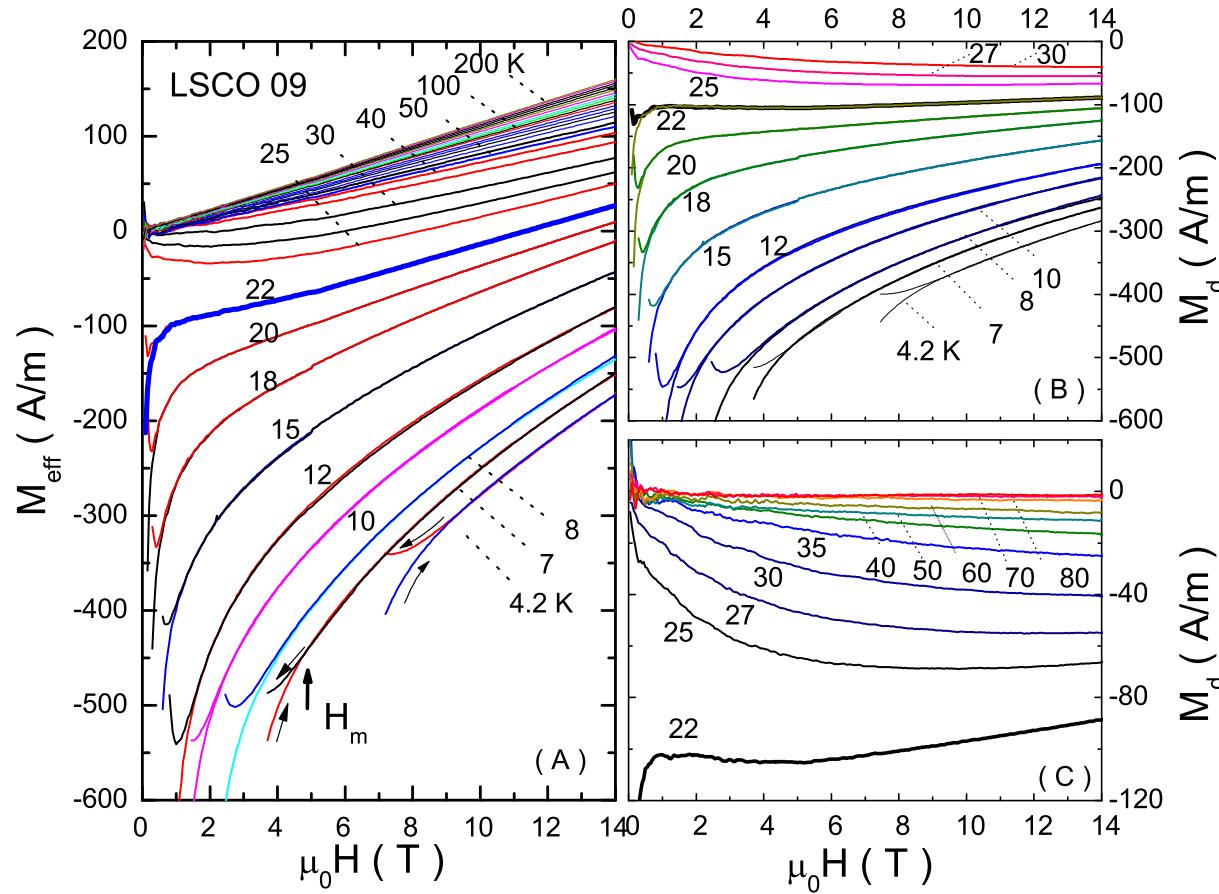
Torque magnetisation was measured using the samples glued to the tip of a thin cantilever with  $\vec{H}$  applied at a tilt angle  $\theta = 10^0 - 15^0$  to the crystal  $c$  axis.

#### Who/where/when:

L. Li, ... and N.P. Ong, Phys. Rev. B **81**, 054510 (2010).  
Princeton + Beijing + Tokyo + Ibaraki + Brookhaven

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$$M_d(H) = M_{\text{eff}} - M_p$$

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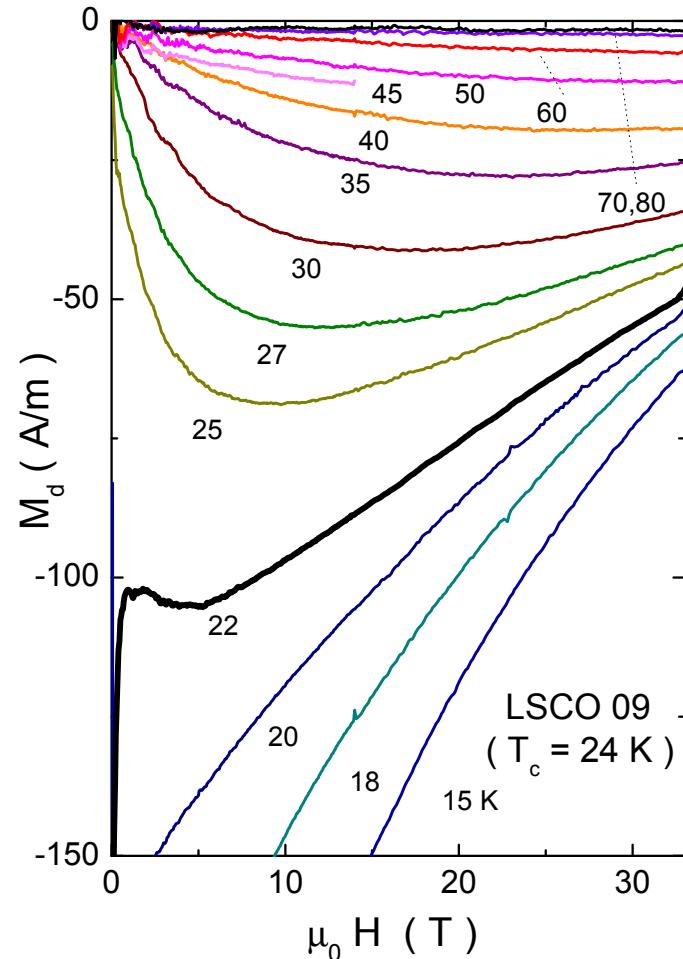
$$M_p = (A + BT) H$$

$$T_c = 24K$$

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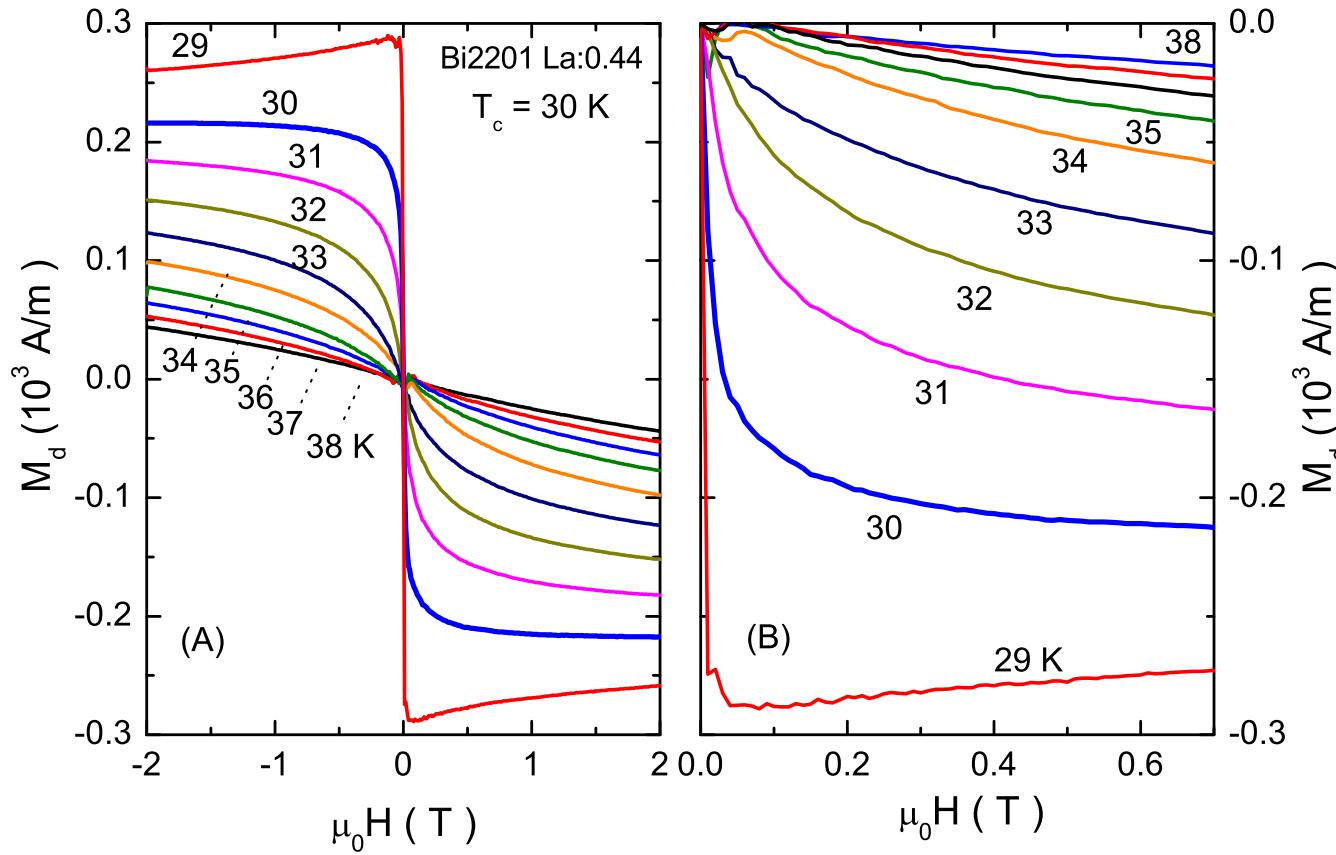
$M_d(H)$  measured  
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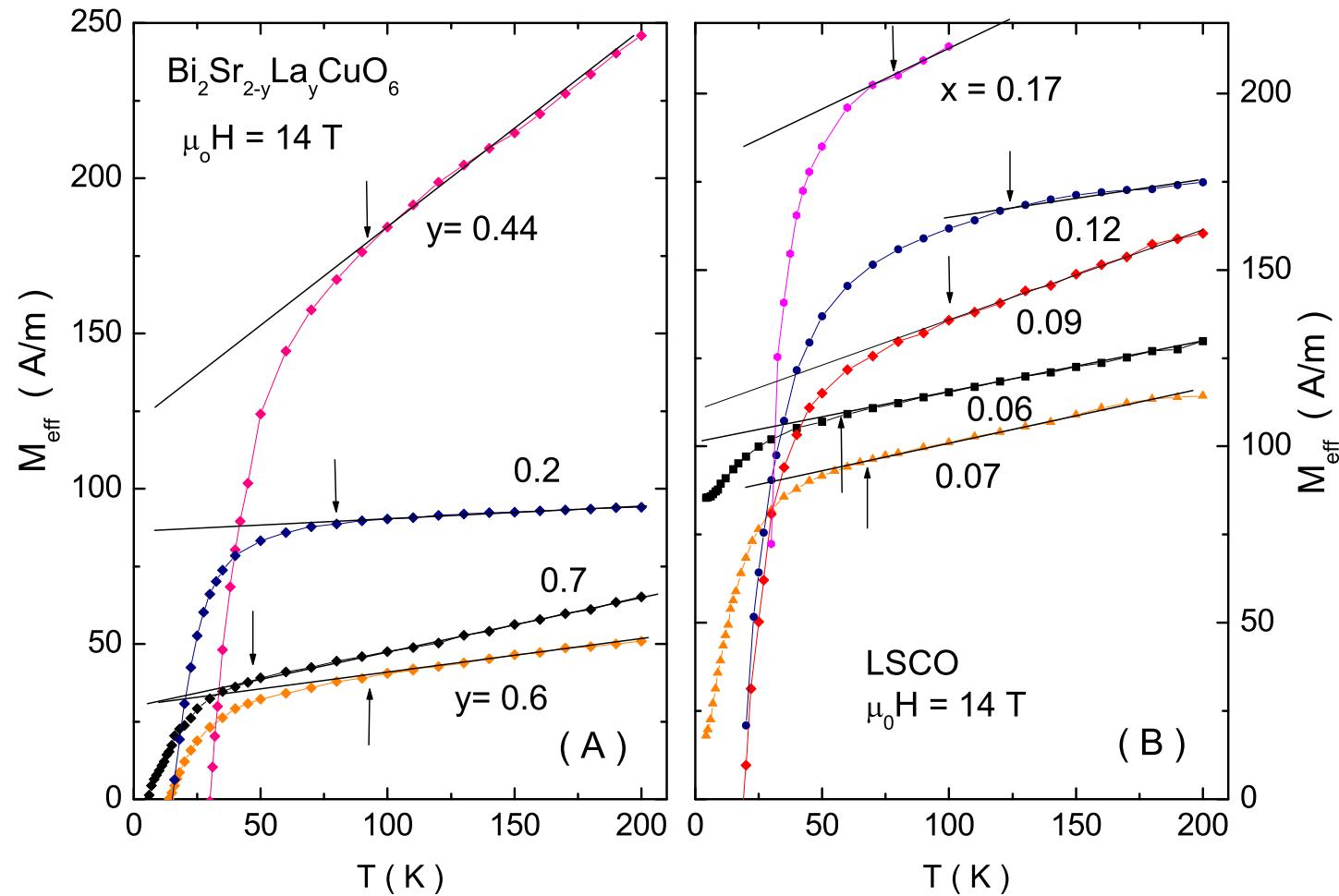
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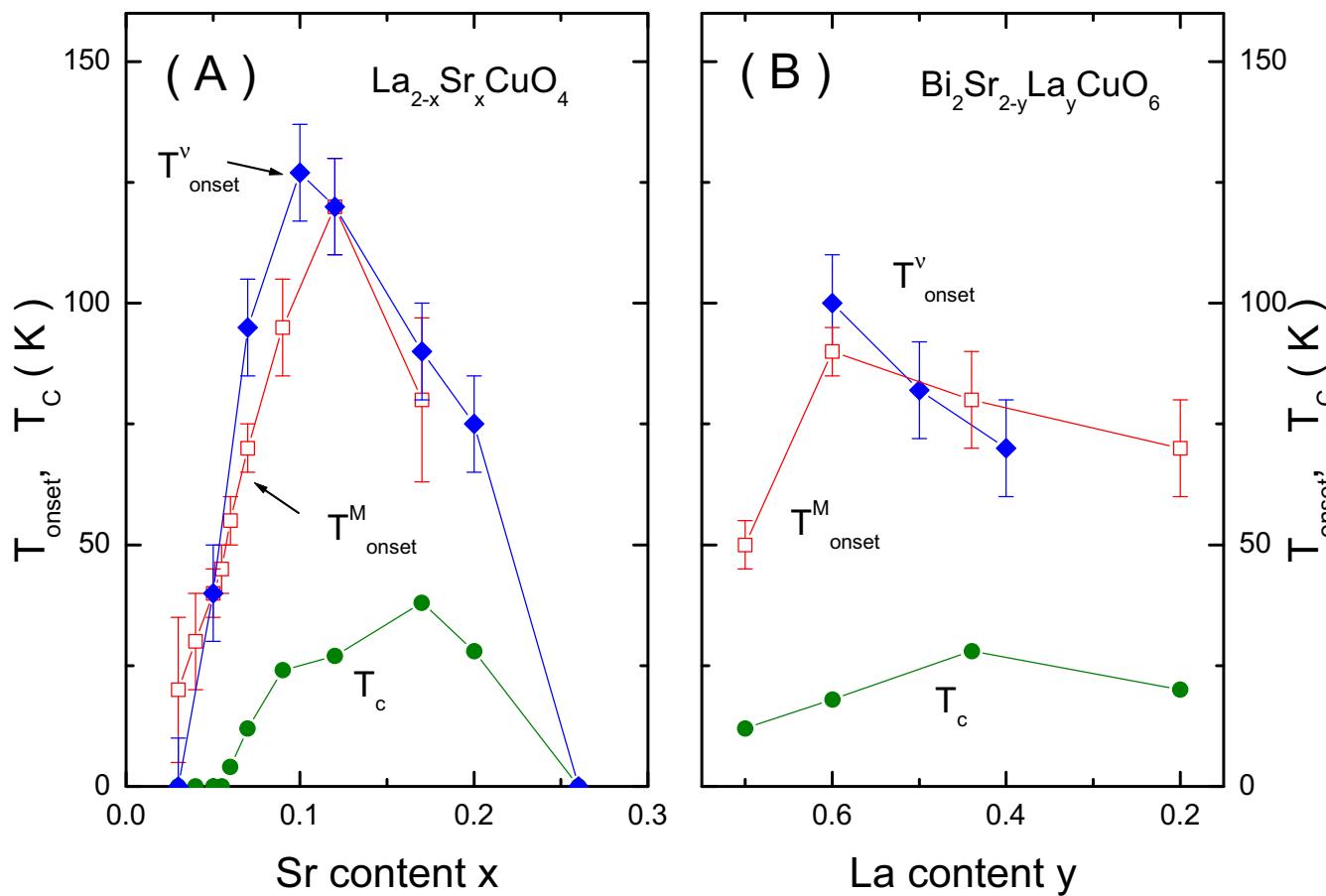
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showing the onset of doping dependent diamagnetism above  $T_c$ .

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$T^M$

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onset of the residual diamagnetism

$T_c$

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transition to superconducting state

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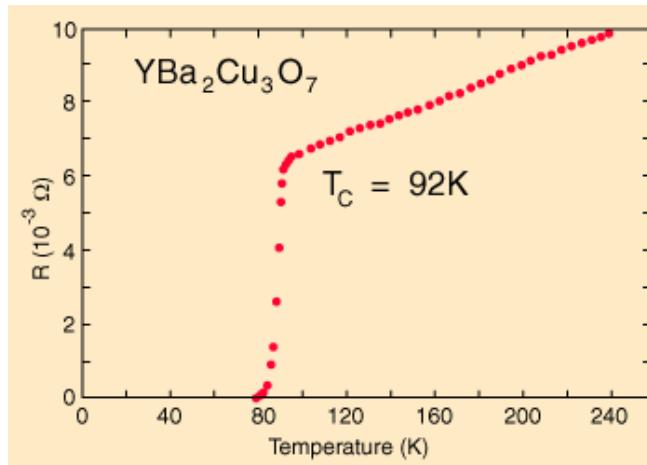
★ **General remarks**

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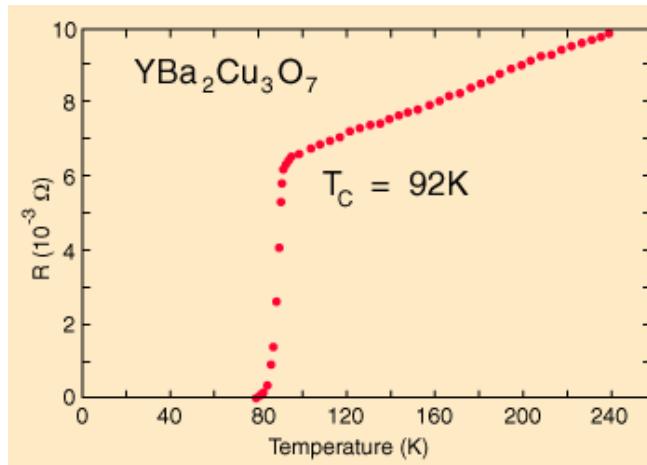


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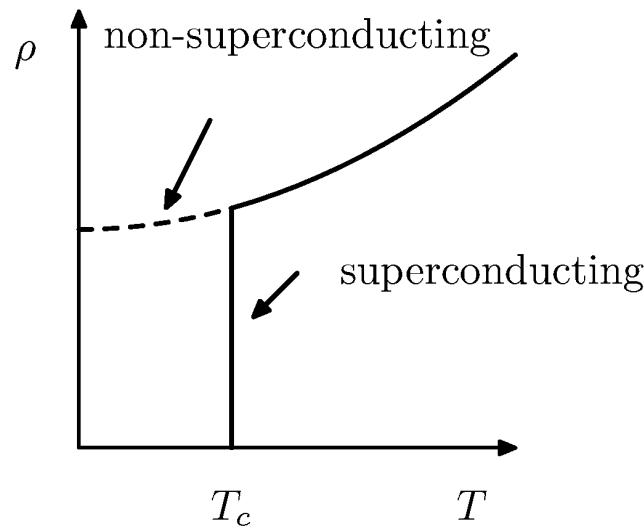
### Normal conductors:

$$\text{resistance } R = \rho \frac{l}{S}$$

$$\text{where } \rho \equiv 1/\sigma$$

$$\text{and } \sigma = \frac{ne^2}{m}\tau$$

$\tau(T)$  – relaxation time

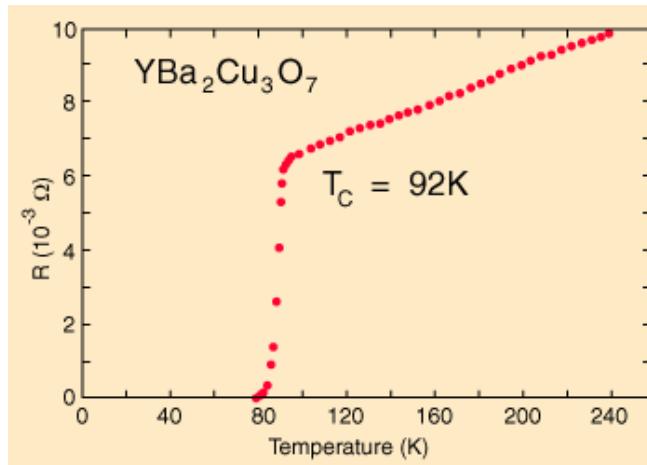


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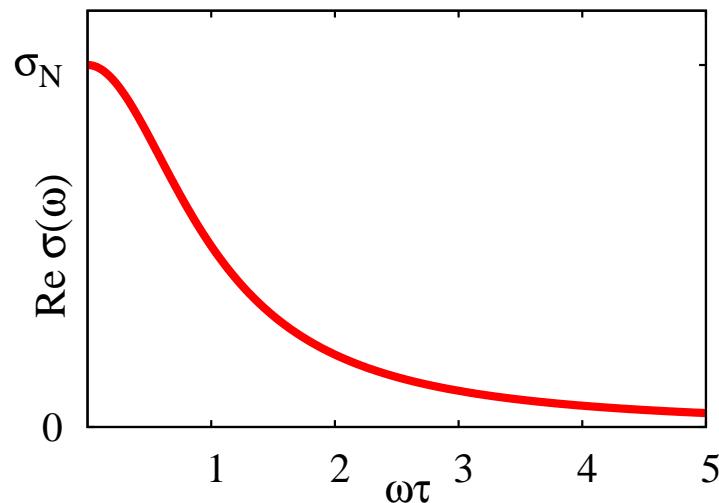
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Drude conductance

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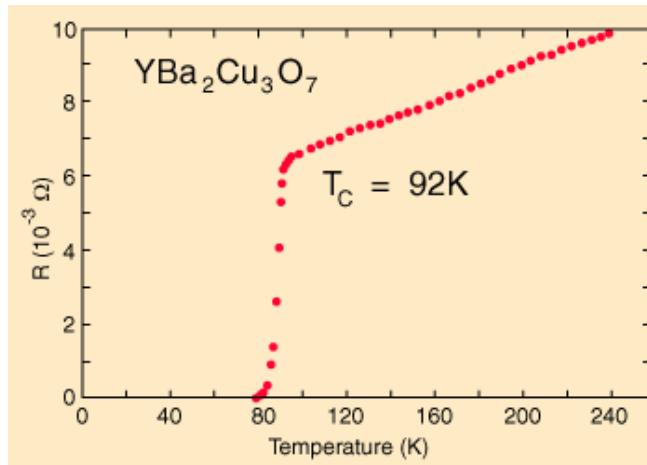
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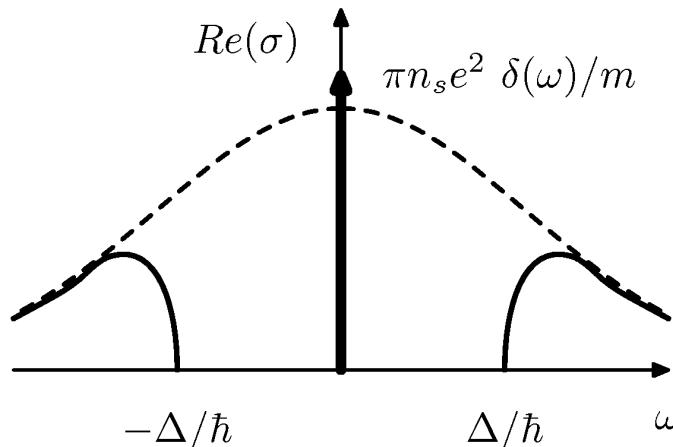
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must be obeyed also  
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$$n = n_n + n_s$$



$n_s$  – superfluid density

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## **– properties (continued)**

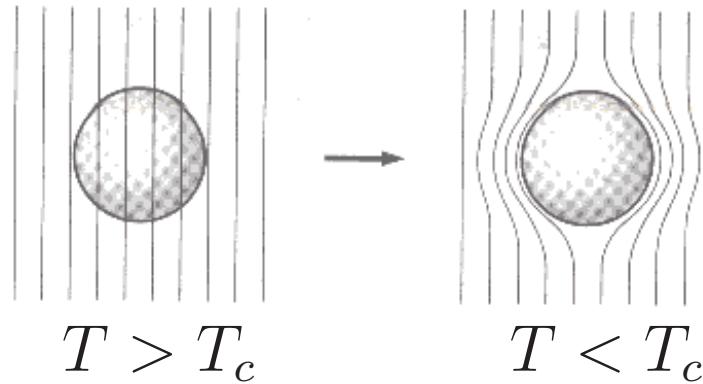
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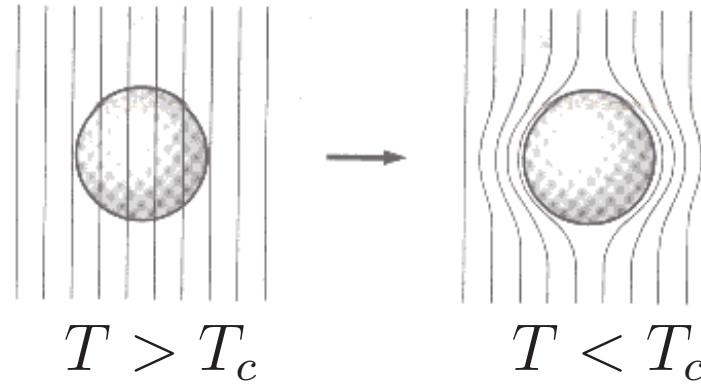
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Meissner effect is described  
by the London's equation

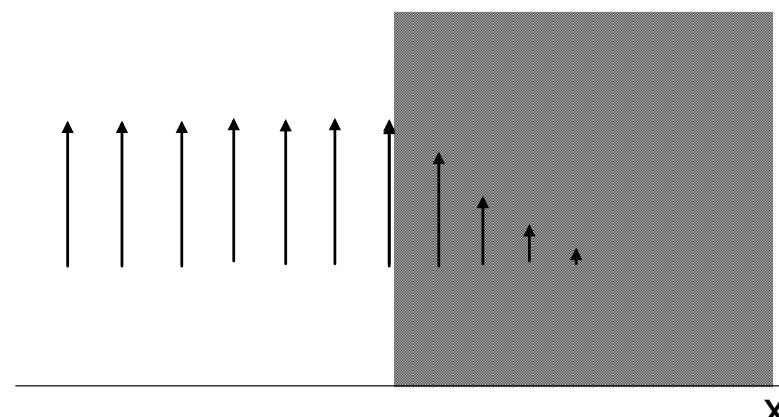
$$\vec{j} = - \frac{e^2 n_s(T)}{mc^2} \vec{A}$$

where the coefficient

$$\frac{e^2 n_s(T)}{mc^2} \equiv \rho_s(T) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

$\rho_s(T)$  – superfluid stiffness

$\lambda(T)$  – penetration depth



$$B(x) = B_0 e^{-x/\lambda}$$

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2. randomizing the phase ..... [ HTSC & disordered thin superconductors ]

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amplitude transition / classical superconductors /

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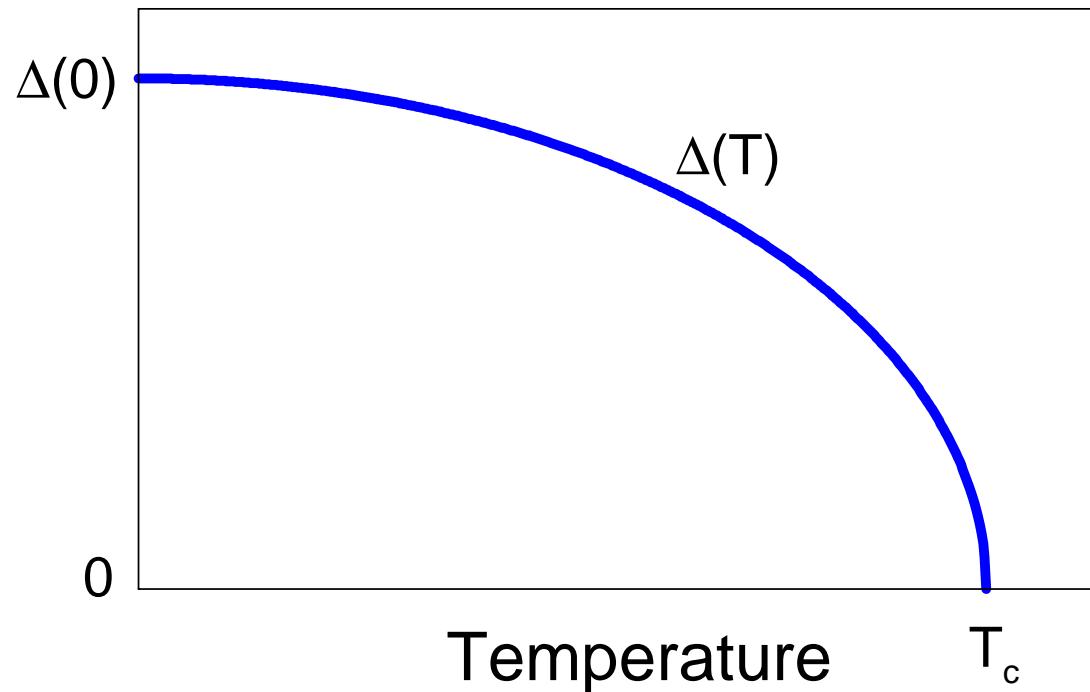
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*Electrons' pairing  
is responsible for  
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 $\Delta(T)$  in a single  
particle spectrum*

$$\Delta(T_c) = 0$$

Appearance of the electron pairs is simultaneous with onset of their coherence

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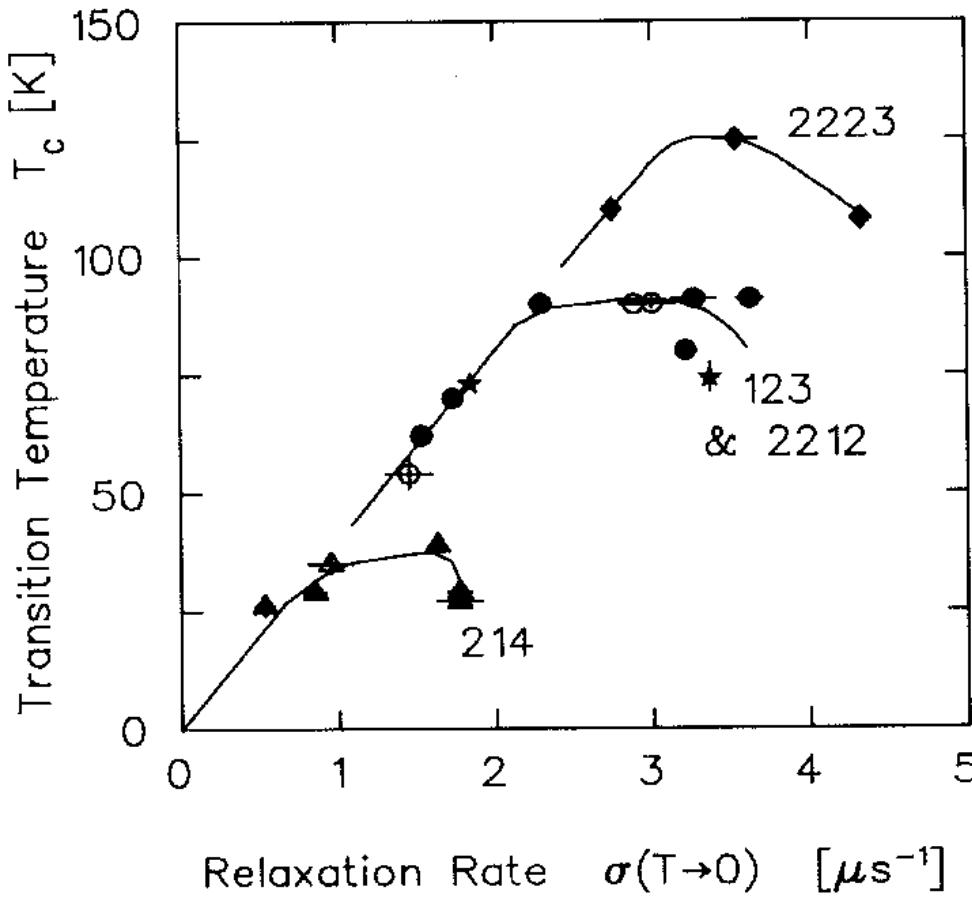
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Early experiments using the muon-spin relaxation indicated that in HTSC

$$T_c \propto \rho_s(0)$$

/ Uemura scaling /

The superfluid stiffness  $\rho_s(T)$  is here defined by

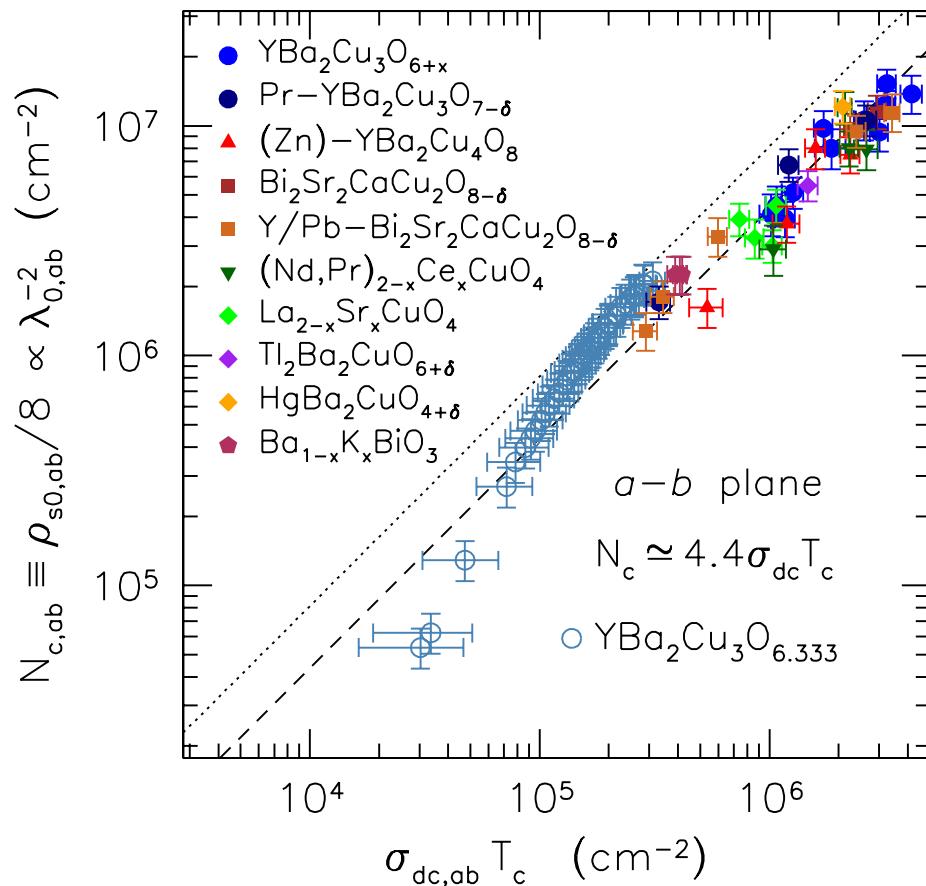
$$\rho_s(T) \equiv \frac{1}{\lambda^2(T)} = \frac{4\pi e^2}{m^* c^2} n_s(T)$$

Y.J. Uemura et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. **62**, 2317 (1989).

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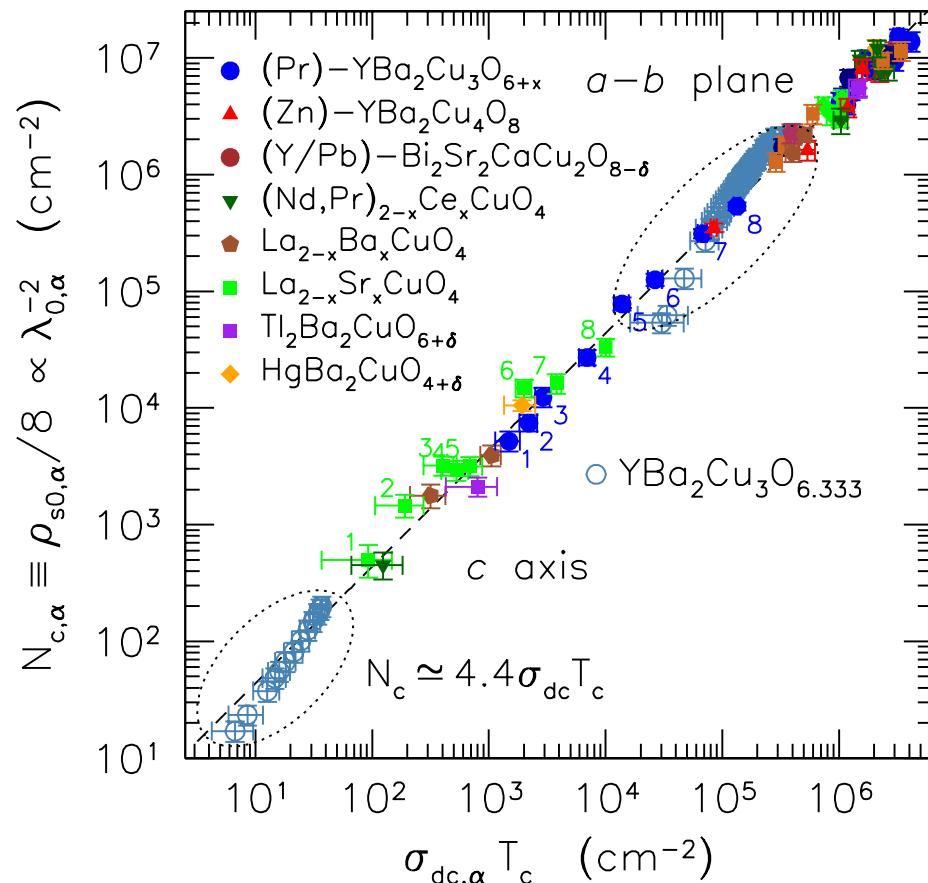
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Recently such scaling has been updated from transport measurements

$$\frac{1}{8}\rho_s = 4.4\sigma_{dc} T_c$$

# / Homes scaling /

This new relation is valid for all samples ranging from the underdoped to overdoped region.

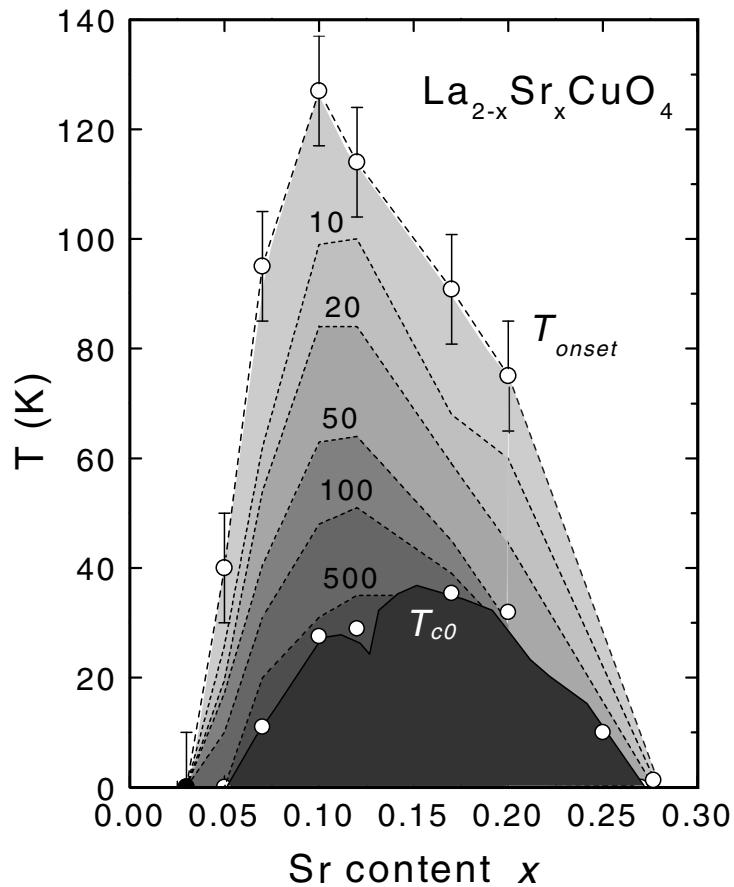
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**Electron 'pre-pairing'**

**/experimental evidence/**

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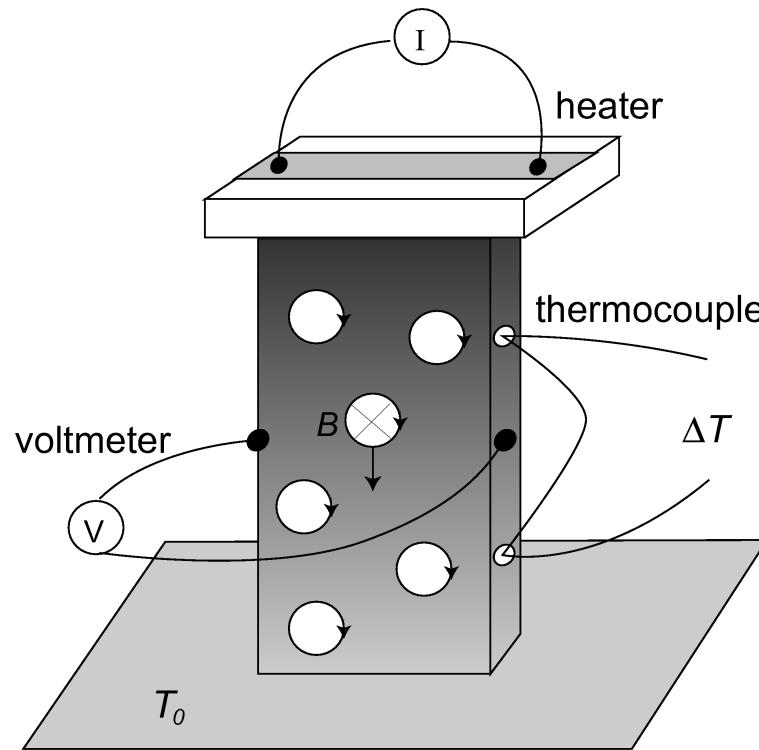
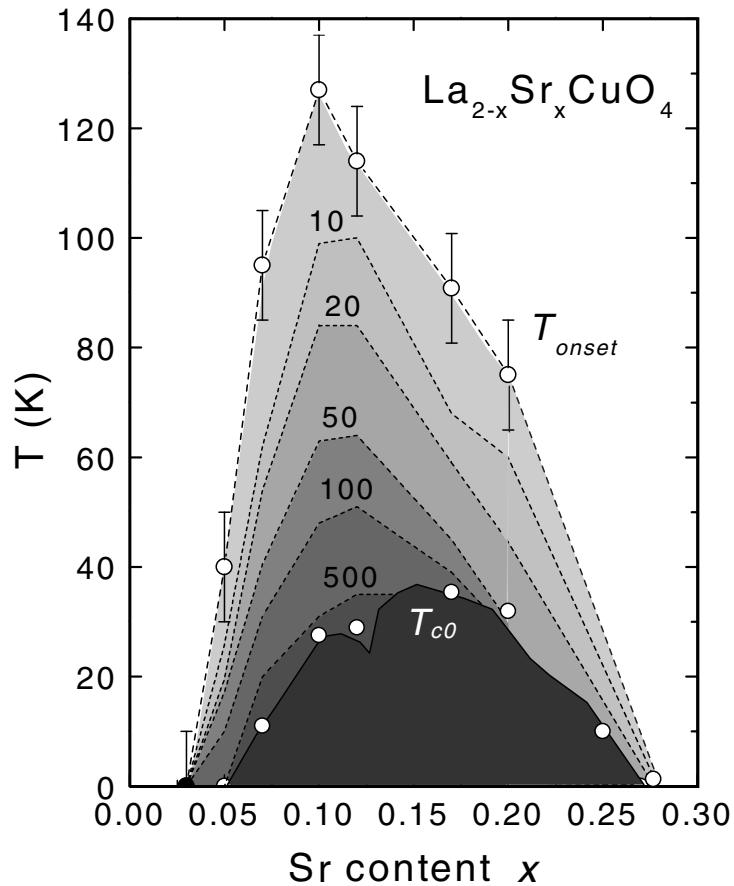


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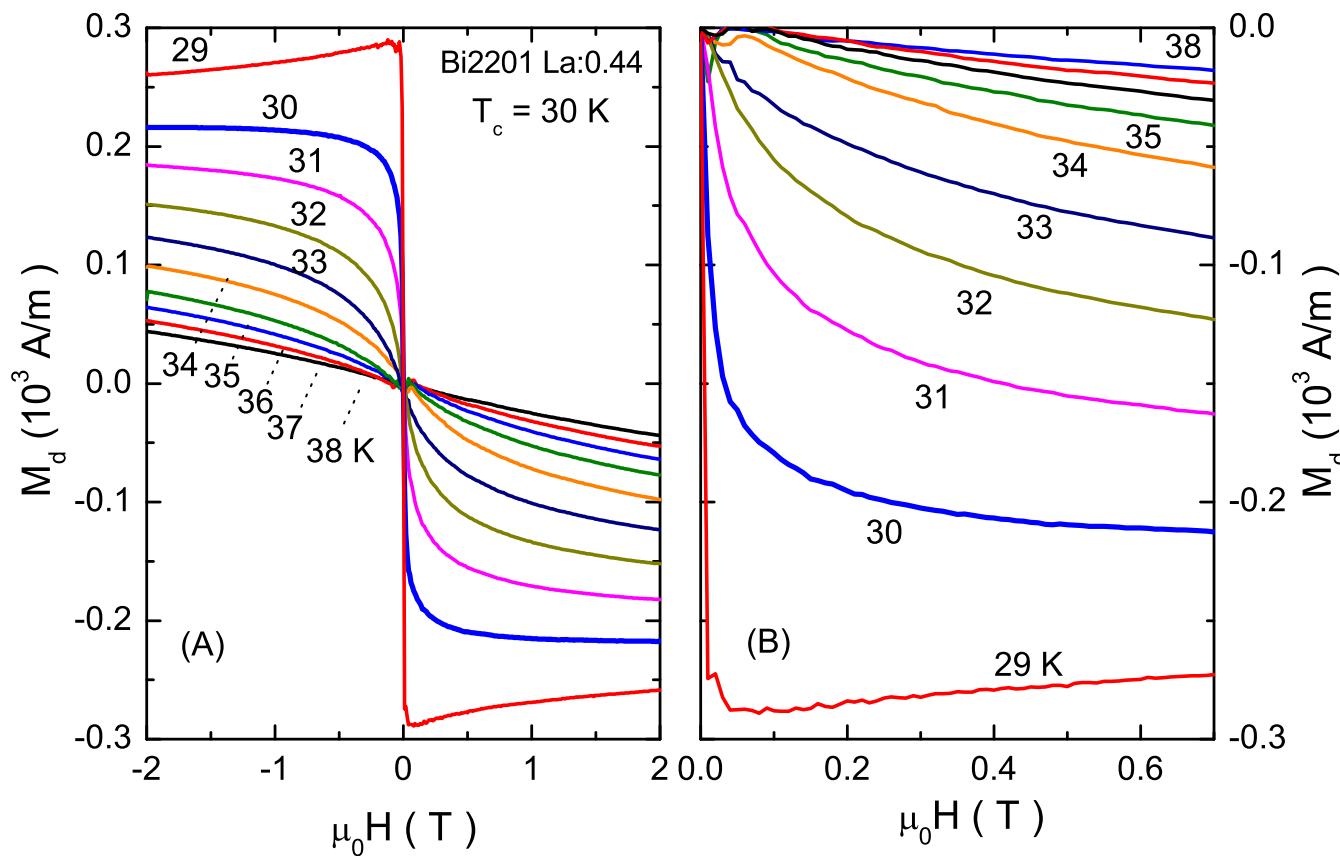


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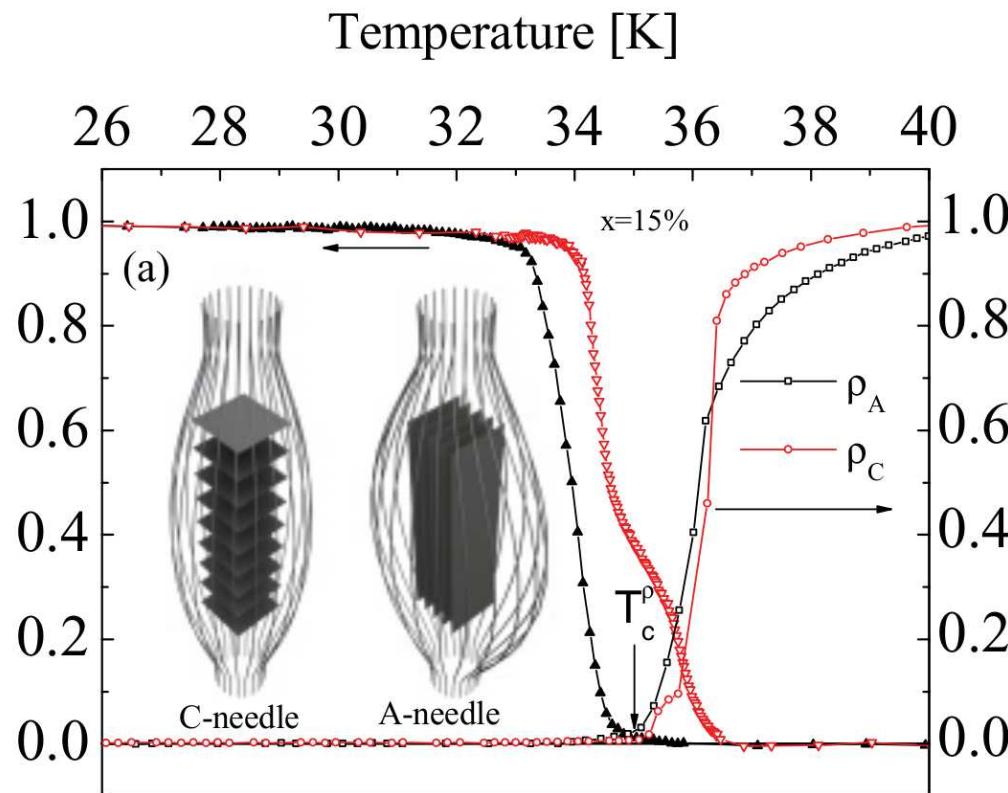
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Enhanced diamagnetic response revealed above  $T_c$   
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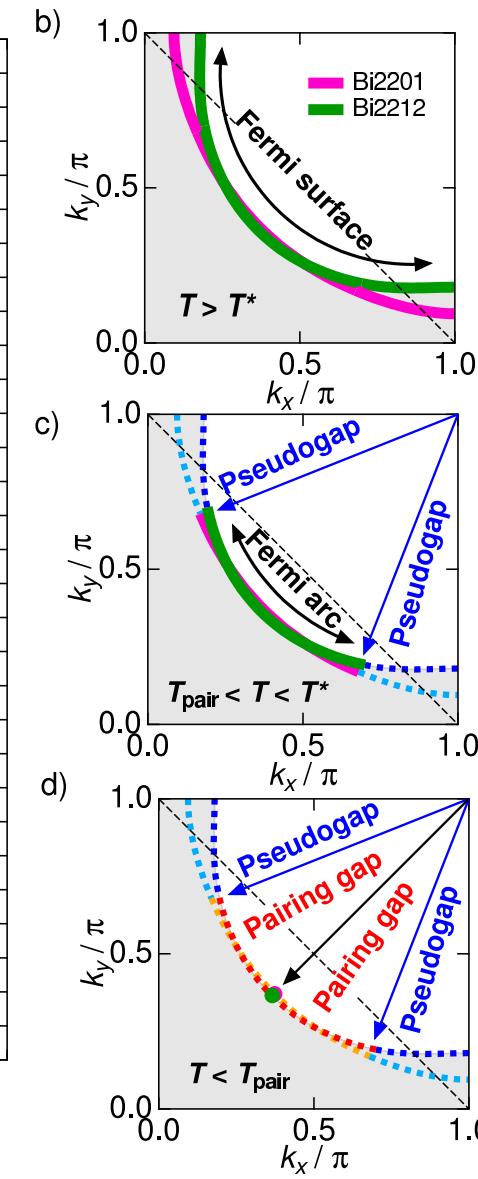
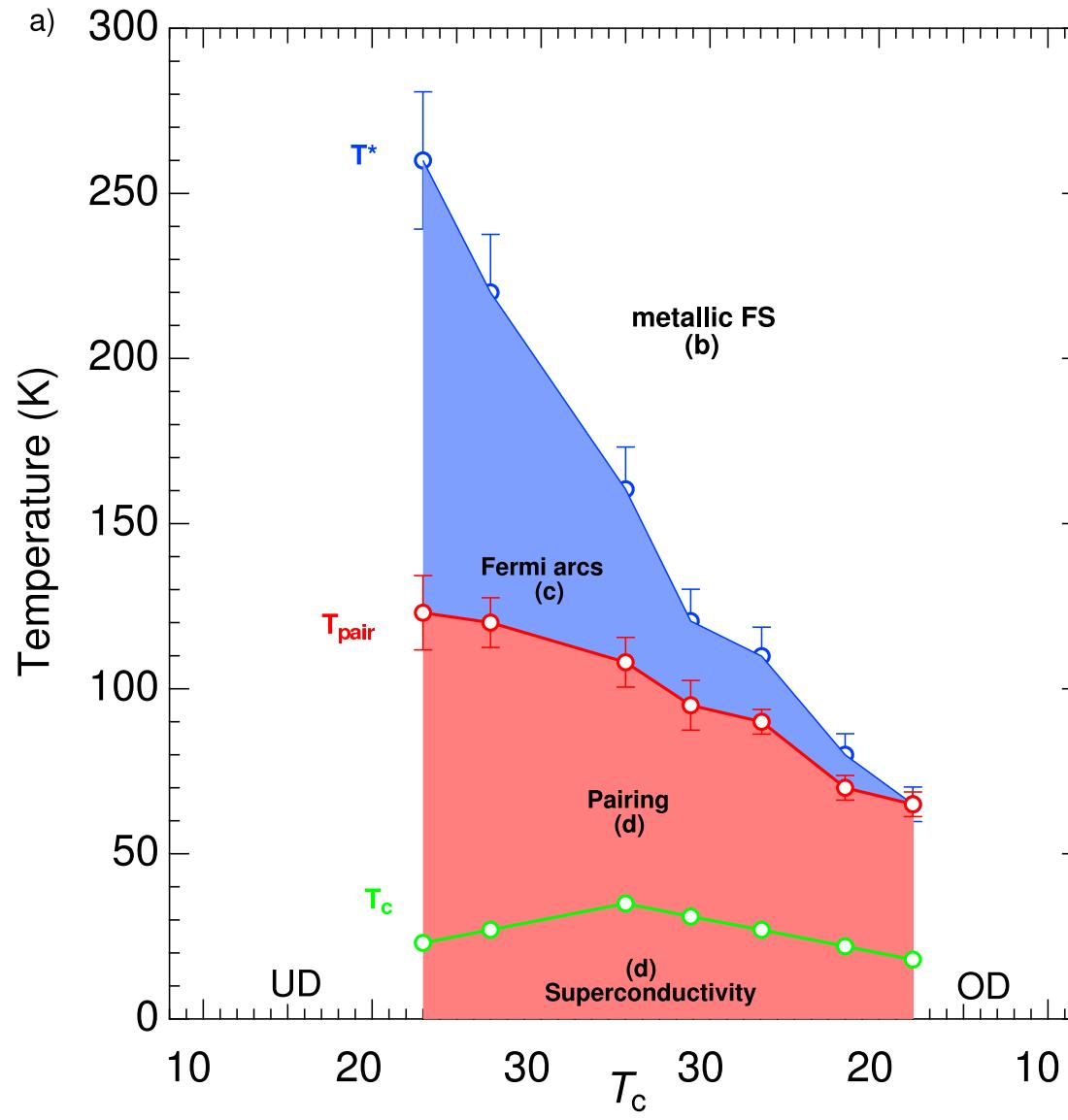
G. Drachuck et al, Phys. Rev. B 85, 184518 (2012).

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Magnetization measurements for the needle  
shape  $\text{La}_{2-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{CuO}_4$  single crystals.

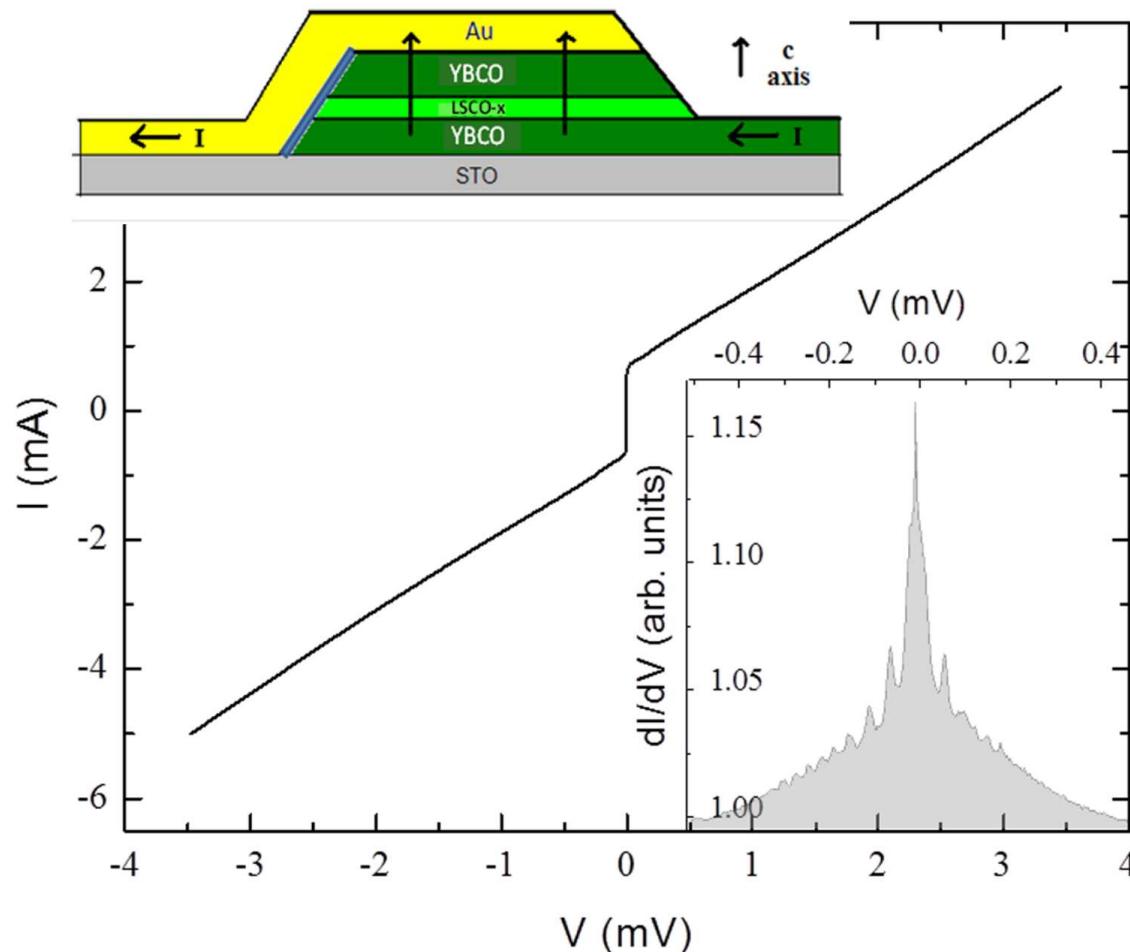
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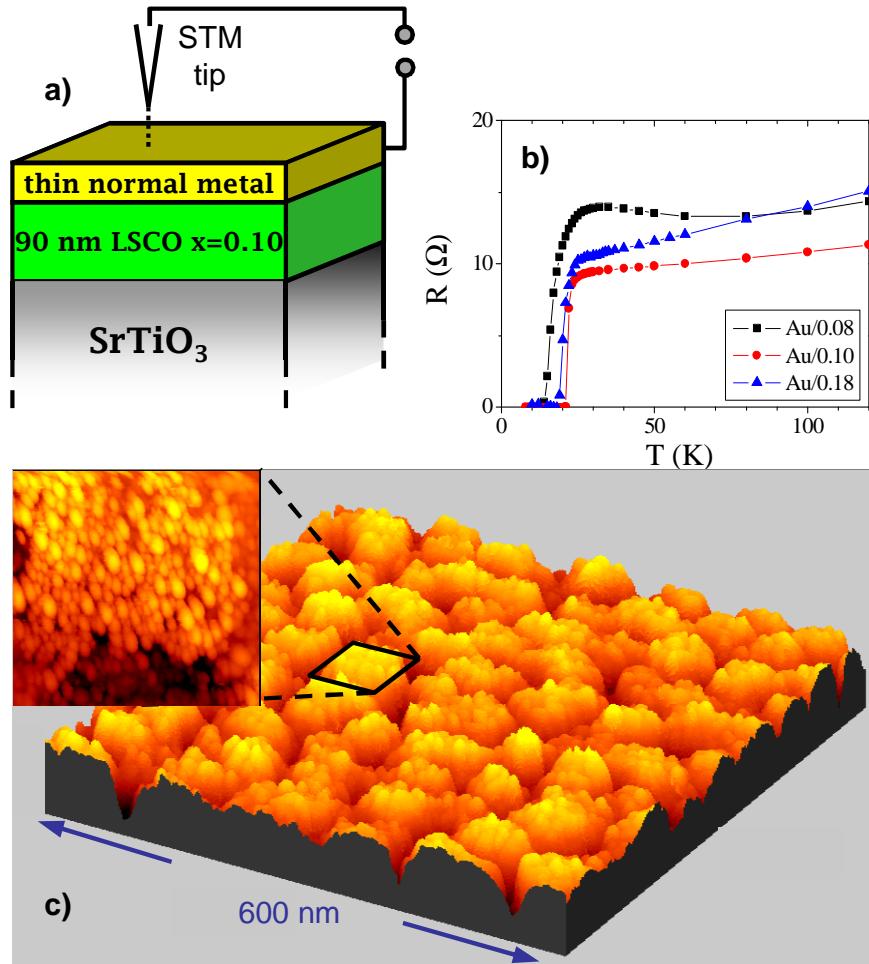


Josephson current in  $\text{YBaCuO} - \text{LaSrCuO} - \text{YBaCuO}$  junction  
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*T. Kirzhner and G. Koren, Scientific Reports 4, 6244 (2014).*

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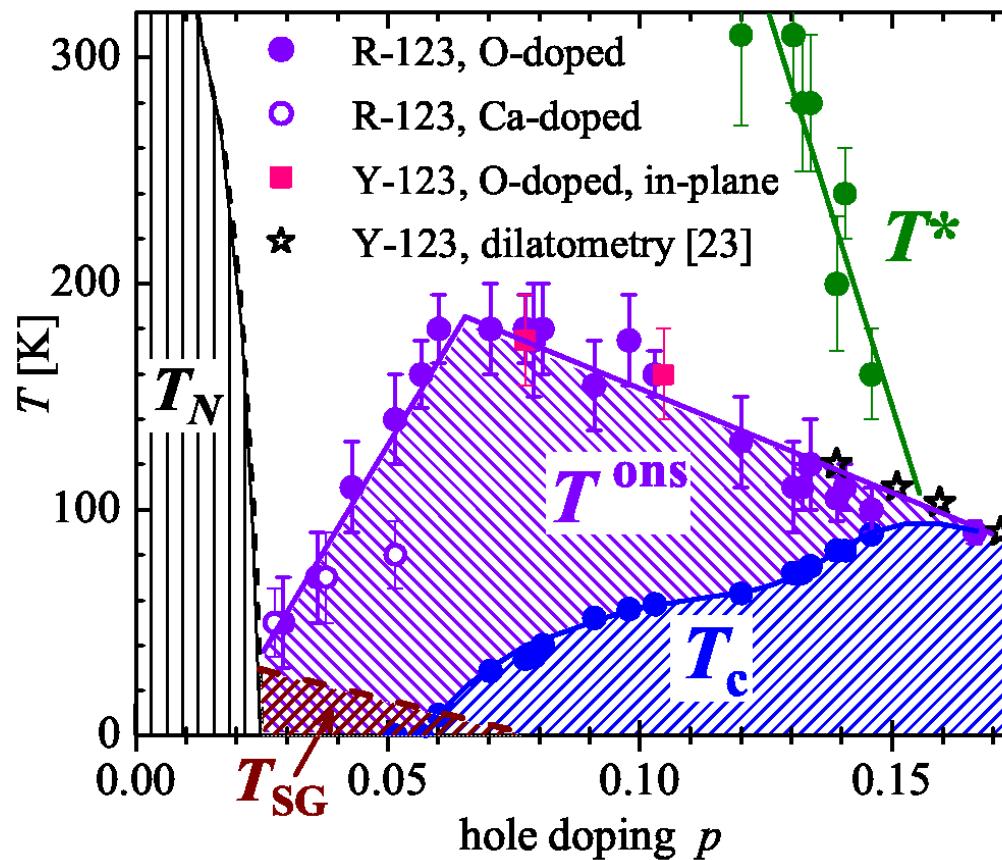
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Pseudogap induced  
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in ultrathin metallic  
slab deposited on  
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## experimental fact # 7



A. Dubroka et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. **106**, 047006 (2011).

Onset of the superfulid fraction observed in  
the c-axis optical measurements  $\text{Re}\sigma_c(\omega)$ .

## Incoherent pairs above $T_c$

... continued



Bogoliubov quasiparticles detected above  $T_c$  in ARPES measurements for YBaCuO and LaSrCuO compounds

Argonne (2008), Villigen (2009).



Bogoliubov-type interference patterns in pseudogap state as the *fingerprint* of phase incoherent d-wave superconductivity preserved up to  $1.5 T_c$

J. Lee, ... and J.C. Davis, *Science* **325**, 1099 (2009).

## Diamagnetism

and its origin above  $T_c$

## Phenomenological model

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## Response to the external fields

Within the Kubo formalism a response to the electromagnetic field is characterized by the current-current correlation function

$$-\hat{T}_\tau \langle \hat{j}_q(\tau) \hat{j}_{-q}(0) \rangle$$

where

$$\langle \dots \rangle = \text{Tr} \left\{ e^{-\beta \hat{H}} \dots \right\} / \text{Tr} \left\{ e^{-\beta \hat{H}} \right\}$$

and  $\beta = 1/k_B T$ .

We have diagonalized Hamiltonian by the continuous unitary transformation

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr} \left\{ e^{-\beta \hat{H}} \hat{O} \right\} &= \text{Tr} \left\{ e^{\hat{S}(l)} e^{-\beta \hat{H}} \hat{O} e^{-\hat{S}(l)} \right\} \\ &= \text{Tr} \left\{ e^{\hat{S}(l)} e^{-\beta \hat{H}} e^{-\hat{S}(l)} e^{\hat{S}(l)} \hat{O} e^{-\hat{S}(l)} \right\} \\ &= \text{Tr} \left\{ e^{-\beta \hat{H}(l)} \hat{O}(l) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\hat{H}(l) = e^{\hat{S}(l)} \hat{H} e^{-\hat{S}(l)}$$

$$\hat{O}(l) = e^{\hat{S}(l)} \hat{O} e^{-\hat{S}(l)}$$

## Technicalities

The initial current operator

$$\hat{j}_{\mathbf{q},\sigma} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} v_{\mathbf{k} + \frac{\mathbf{q}}{2}} \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q},\sigma}$$

has been found (from the flow equation) as

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{j}_{\mathbf{q},\uparrow}(l) &= \sum_{\mathbf{k}} v_{\mathbf{k} + \frac{\mathbf{q}}{2}} (\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}}(l) \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k},\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q},\uparrow} + \mathcal{B}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}}(l) \hat{c}_{-\mathbf{k},\downarrow}^\dagger \hat{c}_{-(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}),\downarrow}^\dagger \\ &\quad + \sum_{\mathbf{p}} (\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q}}(l) \hat{b}_{\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{p}}^\dagger \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k},\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{c}_{\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q},\downarrow}^\dagger + \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q}}(l) \hat{b}_{\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{p}}^\dagger \hat{c}_{\mathbf{p},\downarrow}^\dagger \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q},\uparrow})) \end{aligned}$$

with the boundary conditions

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}}(0) = 1 \text{ and } \mathcal{B}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}}(0) = \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q}}(0) = \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q}}(0) = 0$$

We next determined the **asymptotic** values  $\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}}(l) \equiv \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}}$   
from the coupled set of flow equations

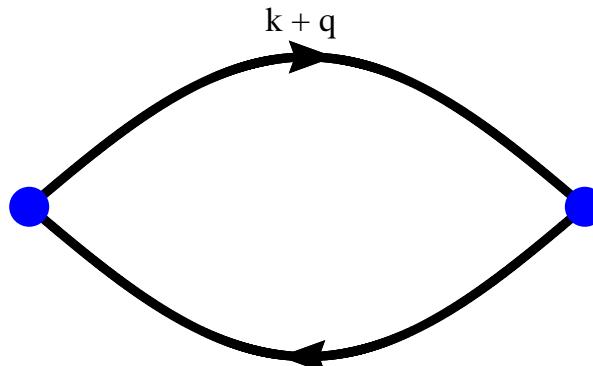
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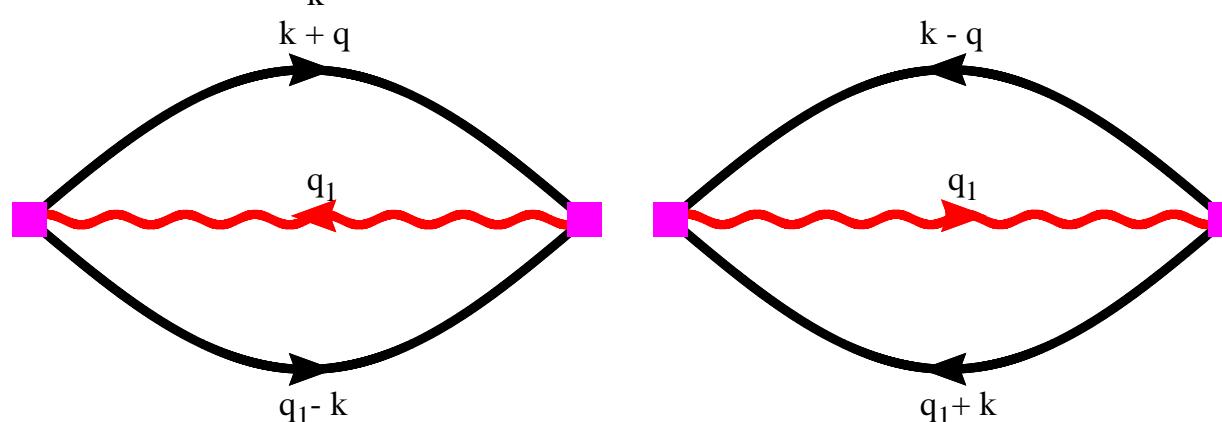
The current-current response function

$$-\hat{T}_\tau \langle \hat{j}_q(\tau) \hat{j}_{-q} \rangle \equiv \Pi(q, \tau)$$

consists the following contributions



↔ the usual bubble diagram

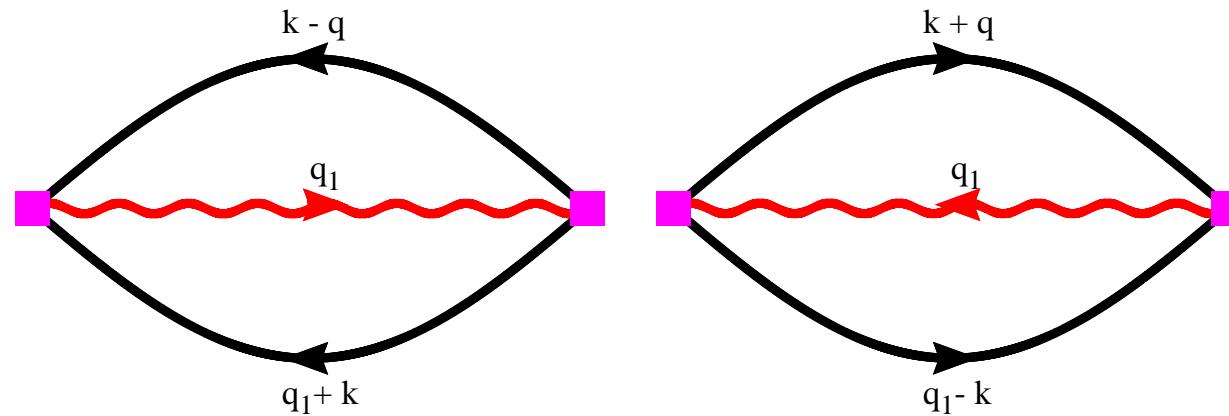


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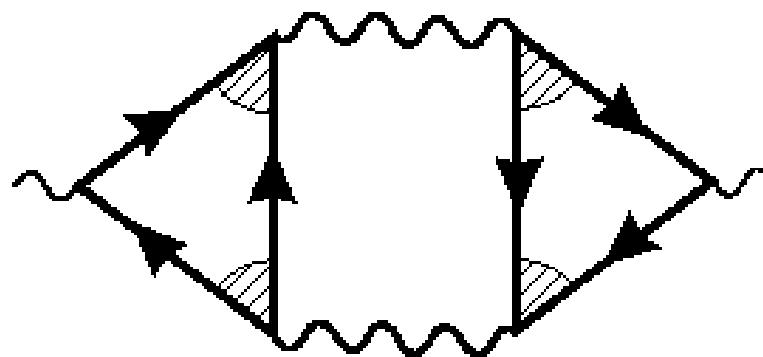
where each **vertex** must be determined from the flow equations.

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The anomalous contributions



resemble the Aslamasov-Larkin diagram



They substantially enhance the conductance/diamagnetism above  $T_c$ .

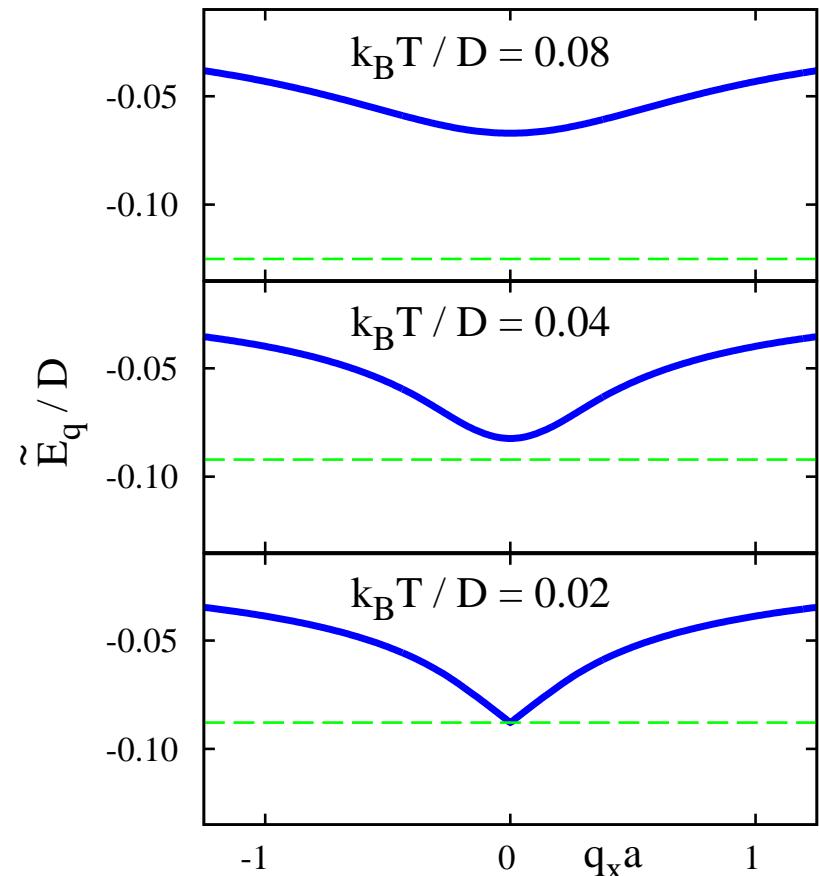
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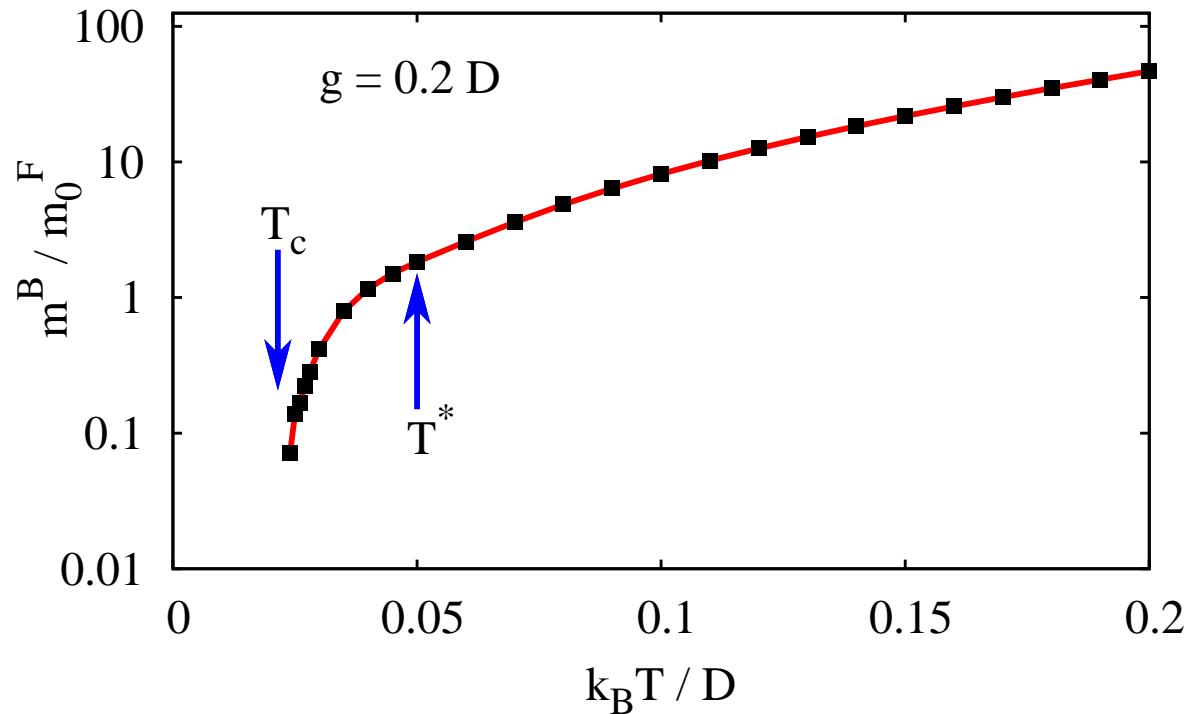
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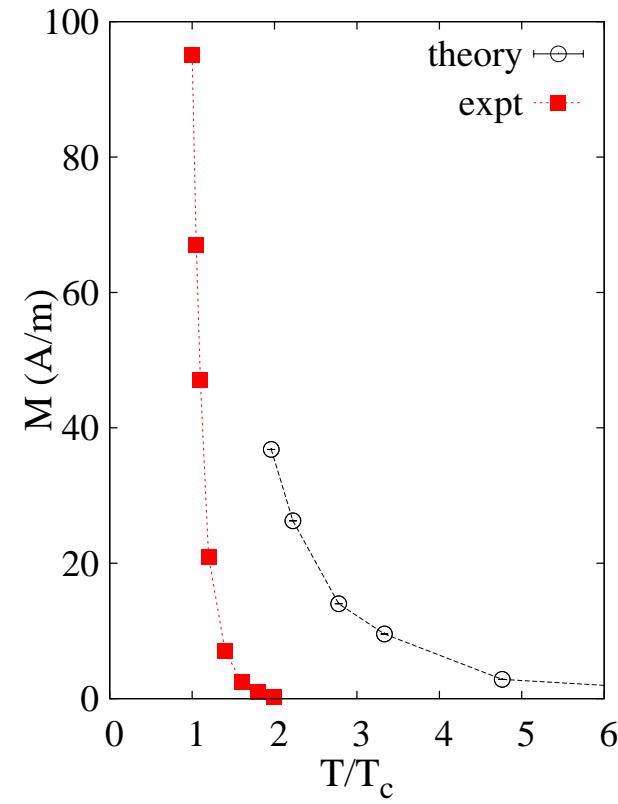
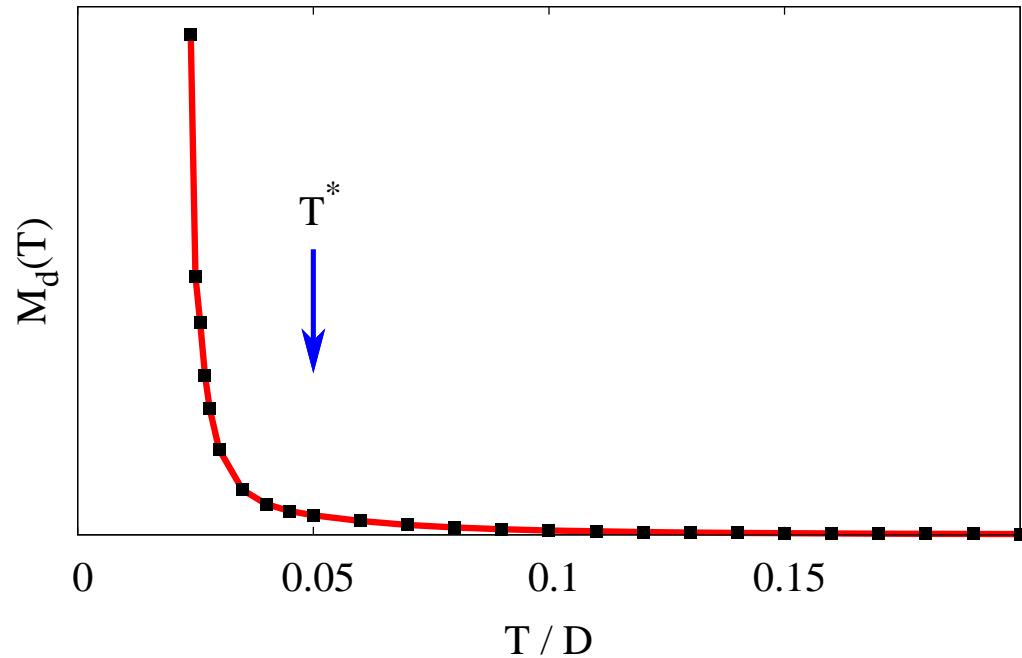
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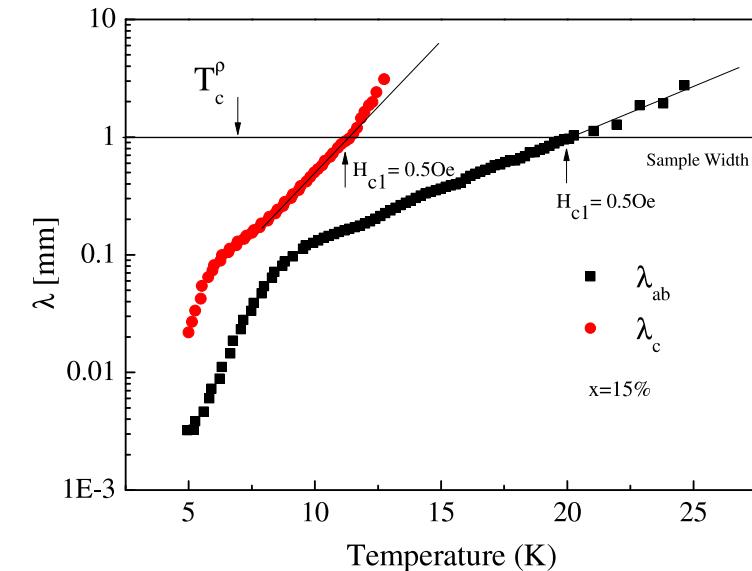
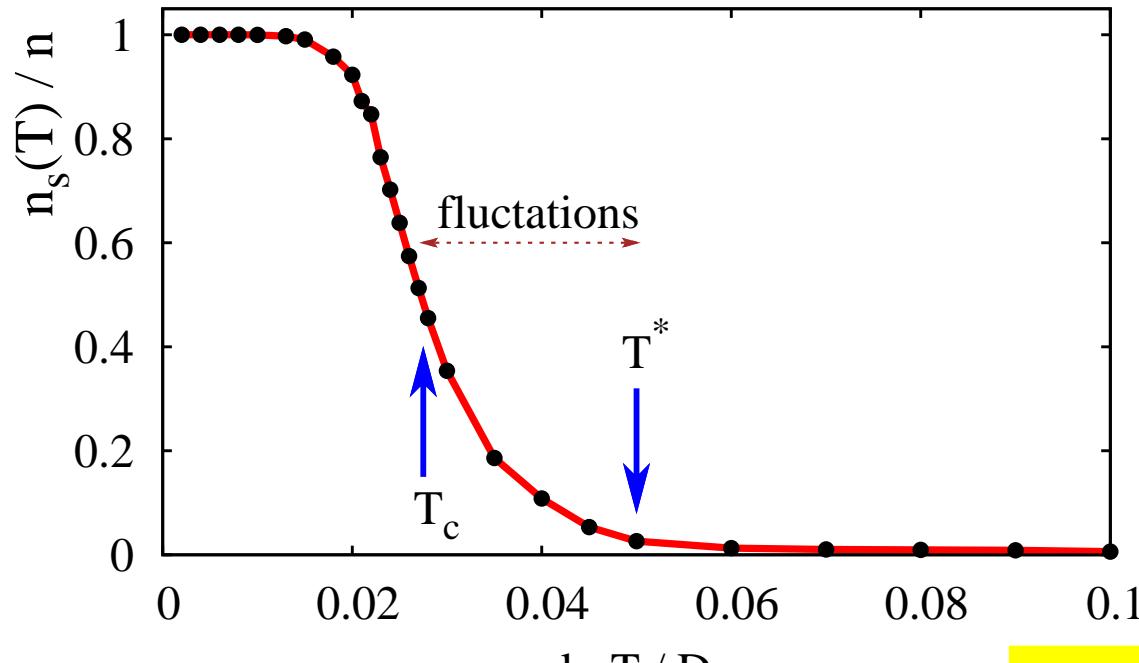
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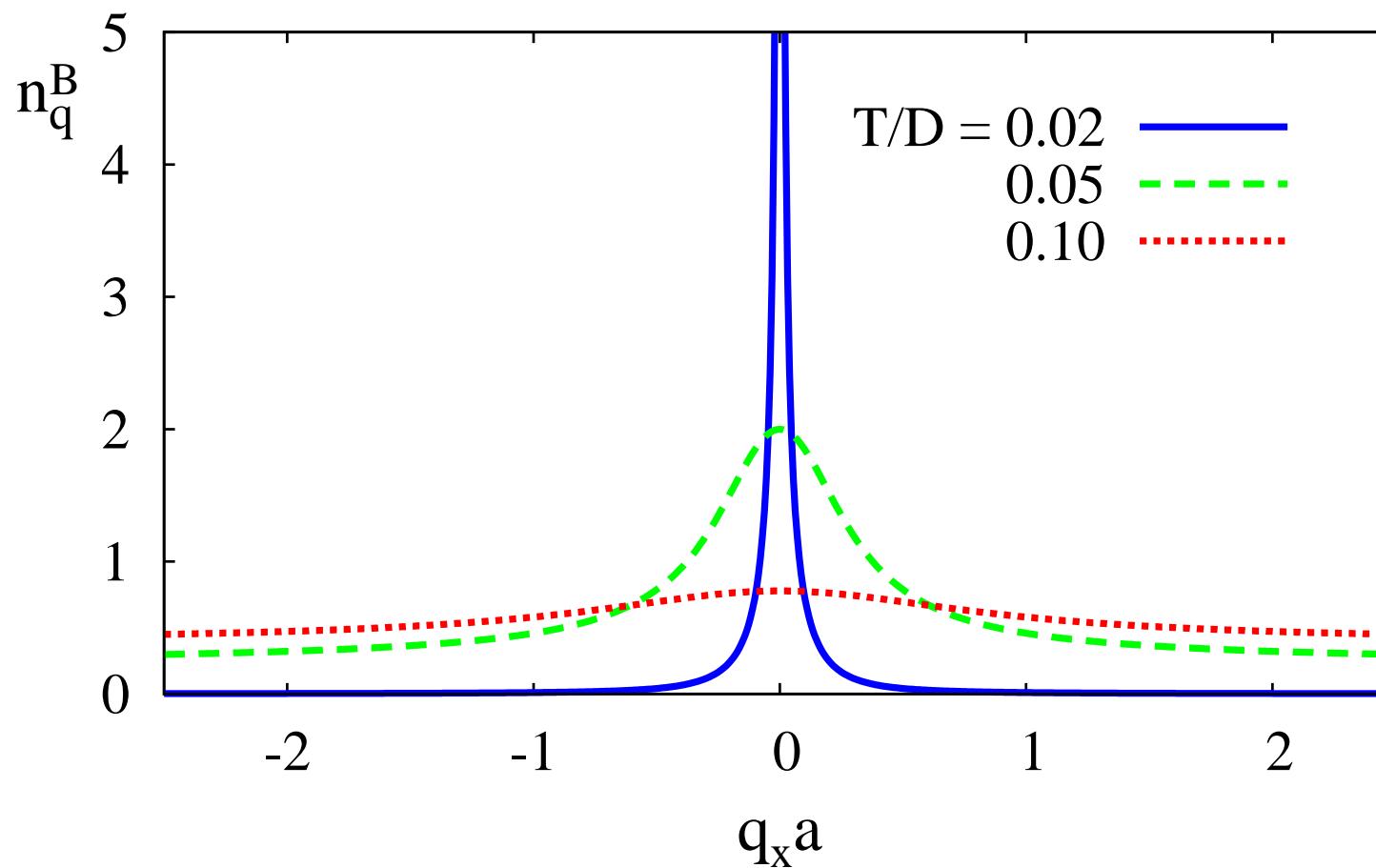
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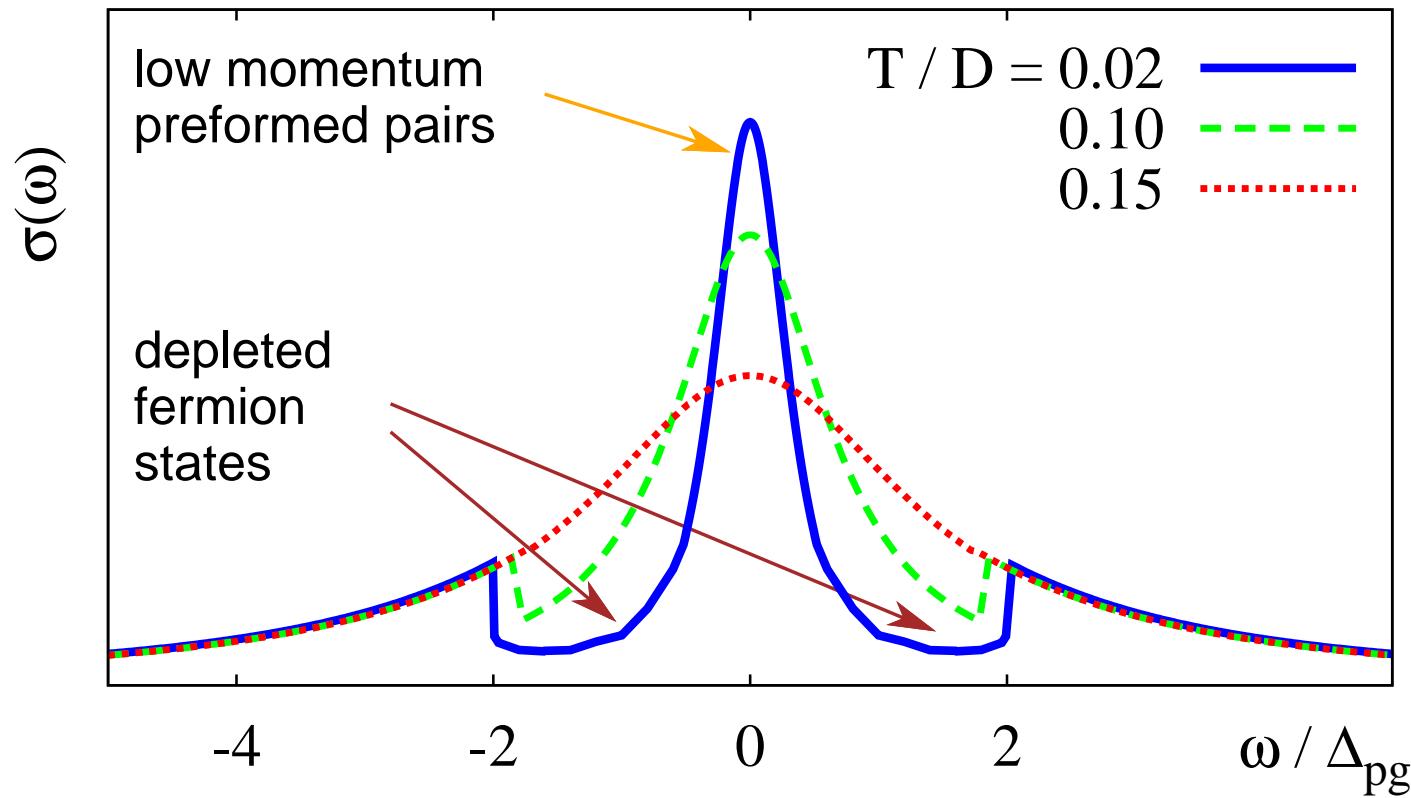
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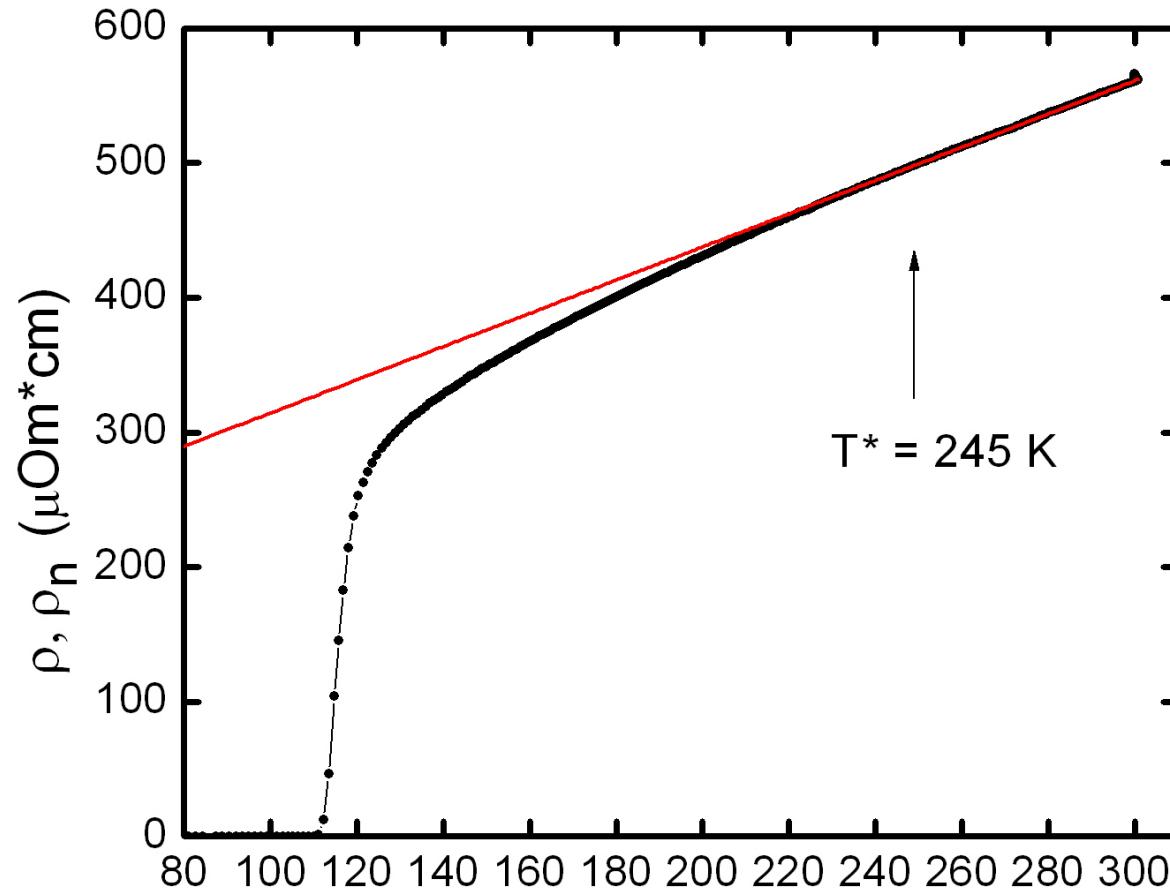
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Qualitative effects: **optical gap + Drude peak**

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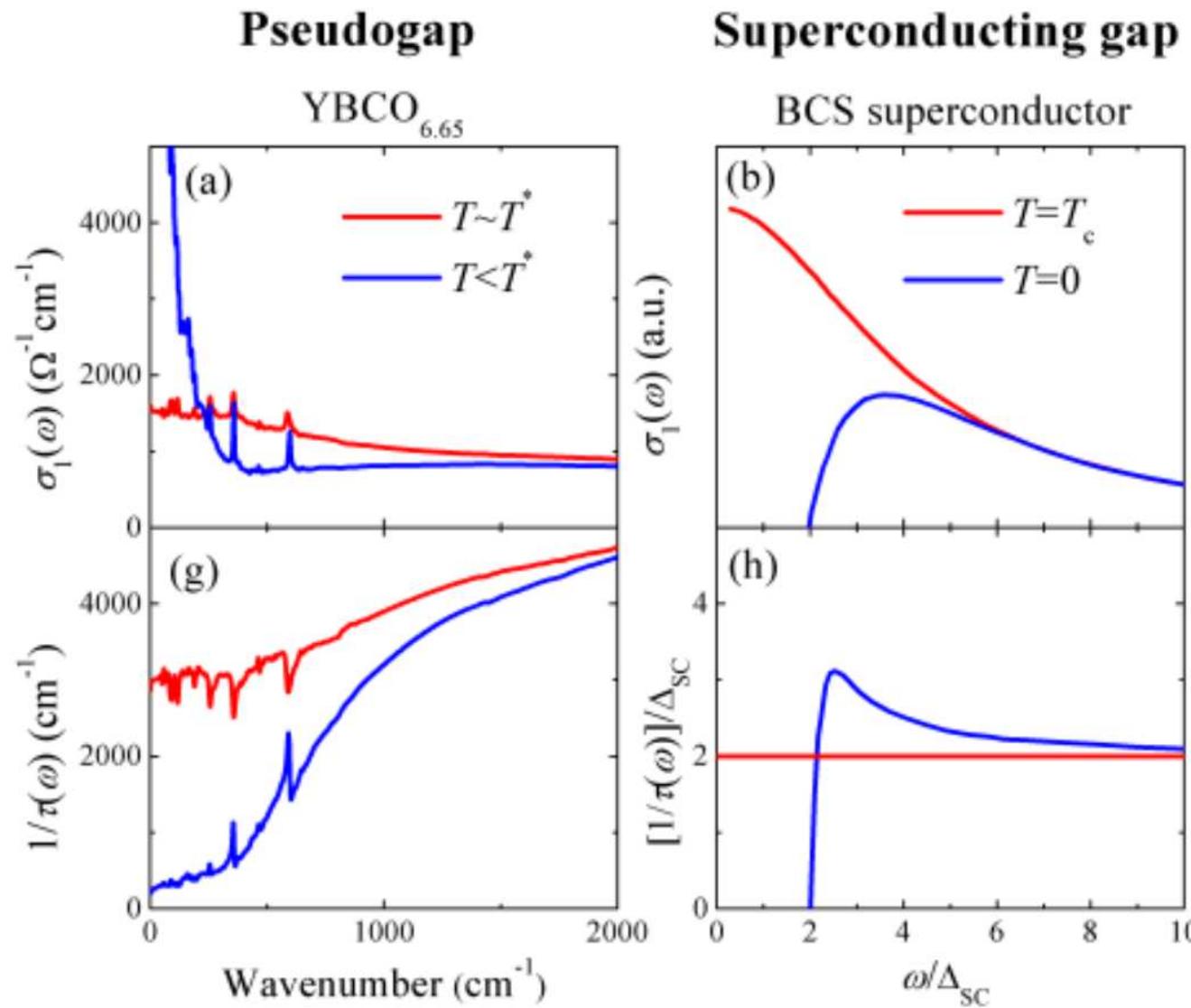
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