

“Enseigner la recherche en train de se faire”



*Chaire de
Physique de la Matière Condensée*

Seconde partie:
Quelques questions liées au transport dans les
matériaux à fortes corrélations électroniques

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Cycle 2011-2012

Partie II: 30/05, 06/06, **13/06/2012**

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Séance du 13 juin 2012

- Séminaires : 15h45 et 16h45 -

Sriram Shastry (University of California, Santa Cruz)

- 1. *"Simple insights into the Thermopower of correlated matter"*
- 2. *"Extremely correlated Fermi liquids"*

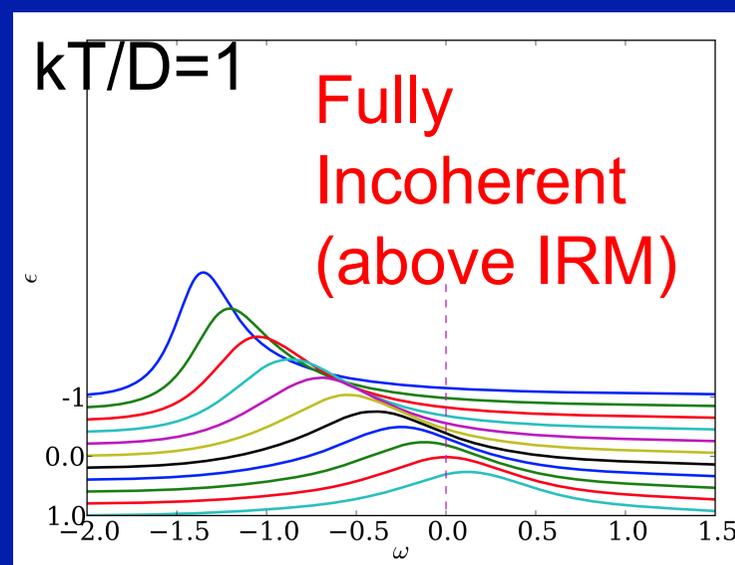
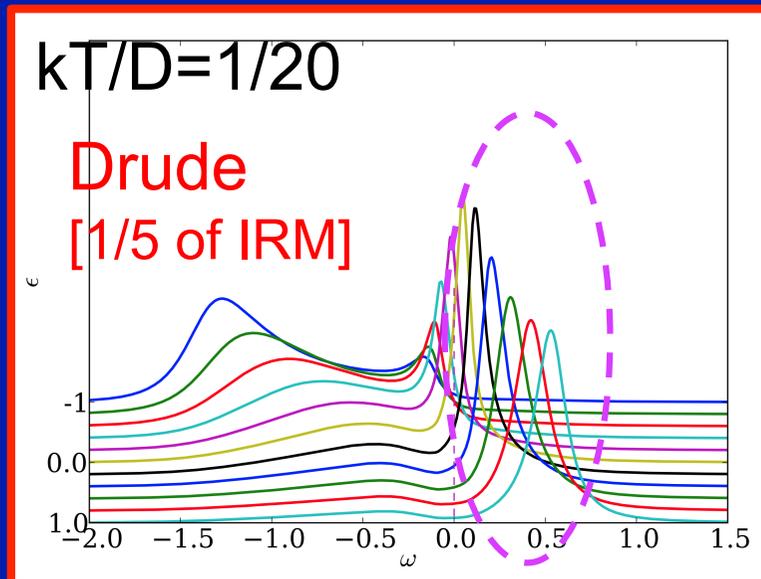
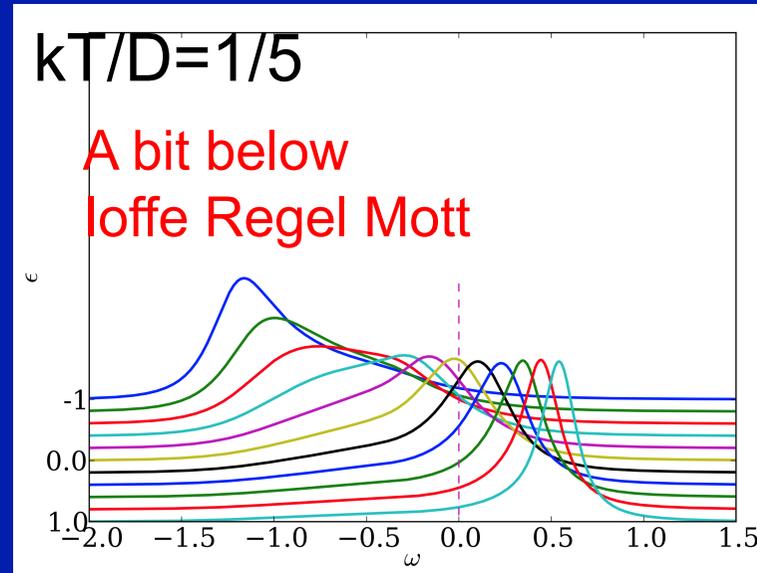
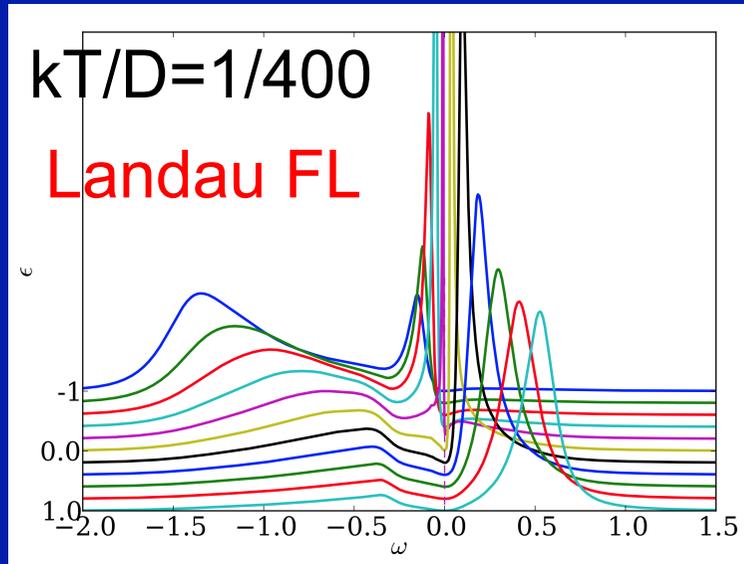
OUTLINE of the 3 lectures

- May, 30: Phenomenology, simple theory background. Mainly raise questions.
 - June, 6: Answer some of these questions for a doped Mott insulator (simplest 1-site DMFT description, recent results)
 - June, 13 : A few remarks on thermoelectric power (Seebeck coefficient)
- Not really a lecture on thermoelectrics ! [Here Seebeck as probe]
- `Hors d'oeuvre' / `Mise en bouche' for next year's lectures (march-april 2013) on thermoelectrics

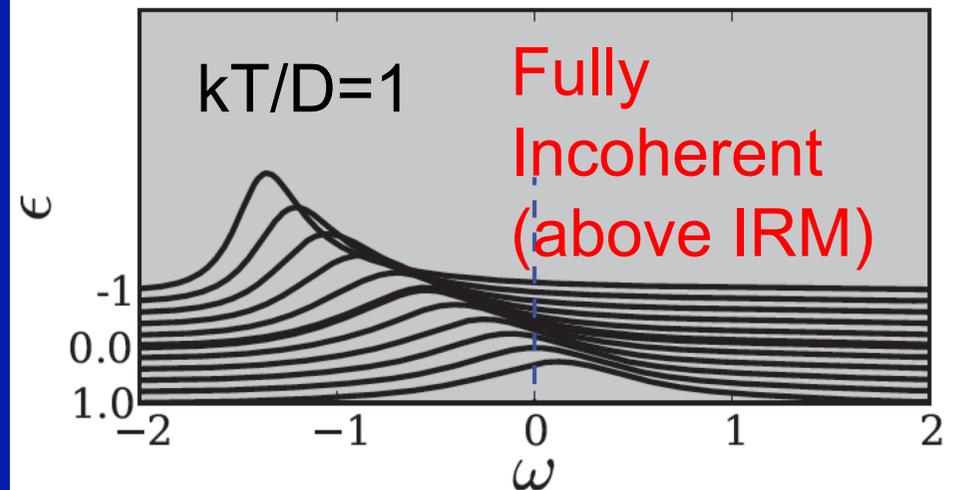
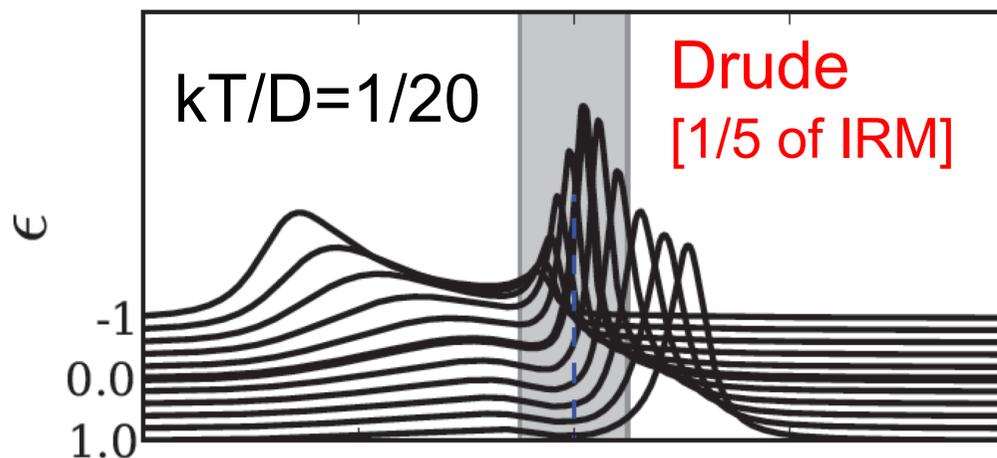
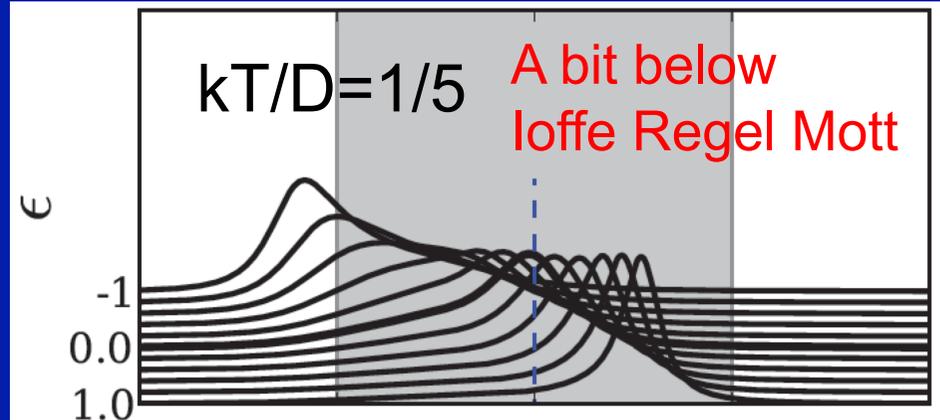
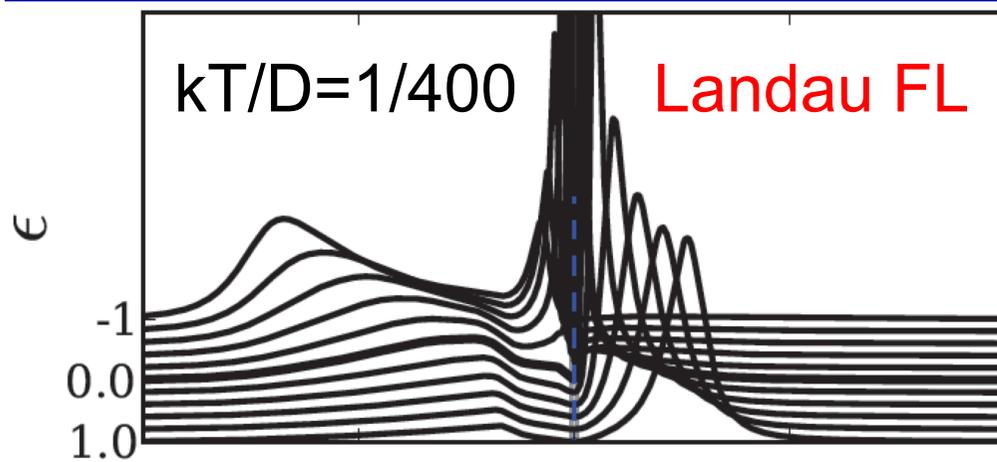
Three transport regimes (previous lectures)

- $T < T_{FL}$: Fermi Liquid regime with long-lived coherent quasiparticles ($T_{FL} \sim 0.05 \delta \cdot D$)
- $T_{FL} < T < T_{IRM}$ Metallic resistivity. In this regime, quasiparticles are still present but with a shorter lifetime than Landau's. Optics has a low-frequency peak. Drude description of transport applies
- $T > T_{IRM}$ 'Pseudo-metallic' resistivity in excess of IRM value. No quasiparticles. Doped lower Hubbard band. Optics \sim flat.

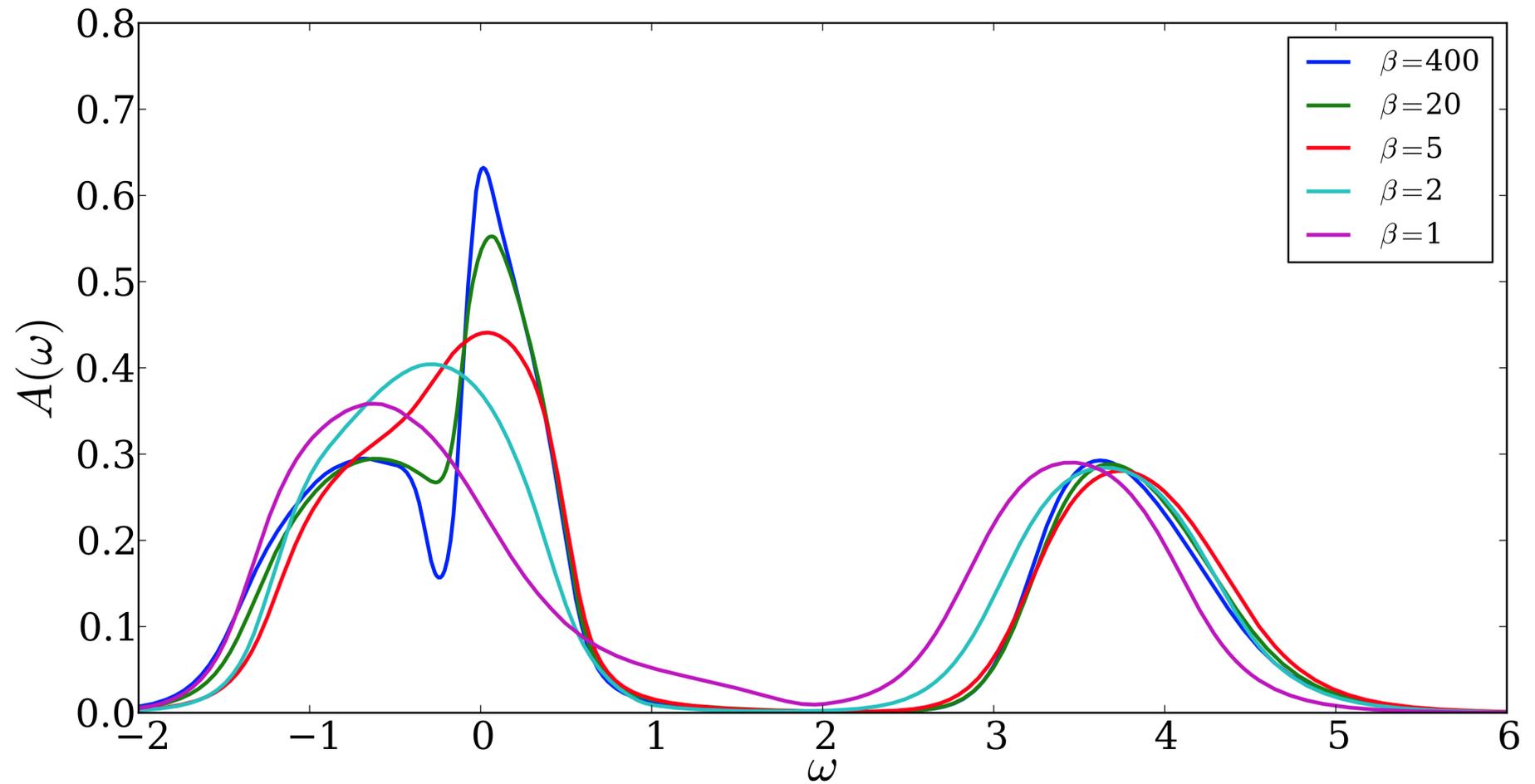
Landau quasiparticles \rightarrow Drude quasiparticles



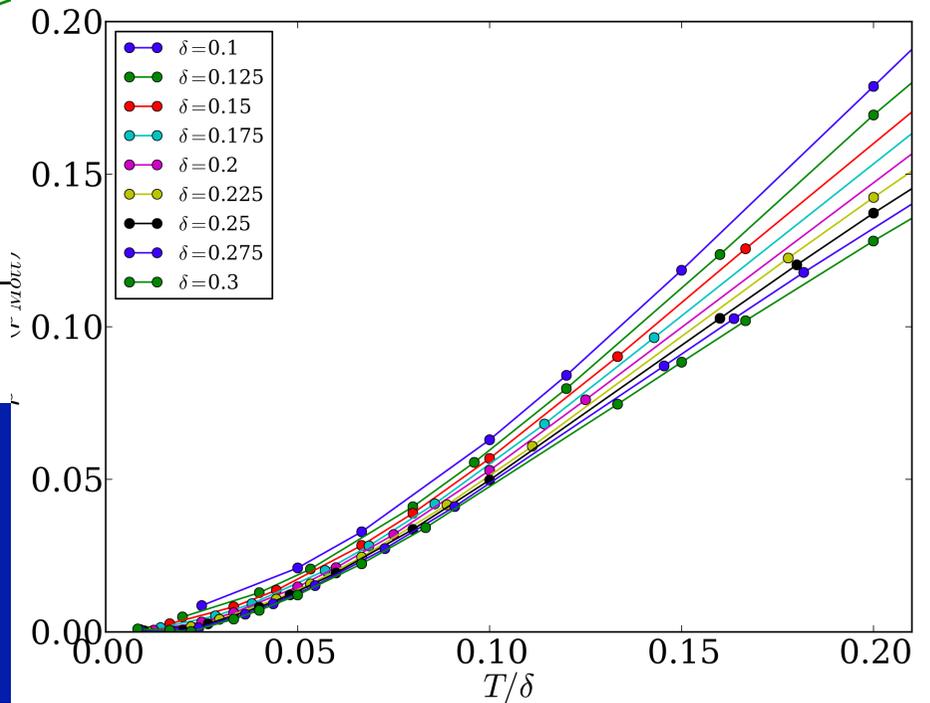
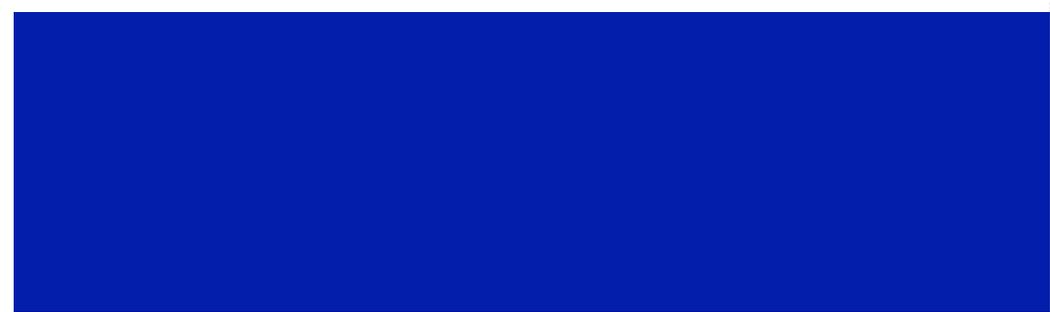
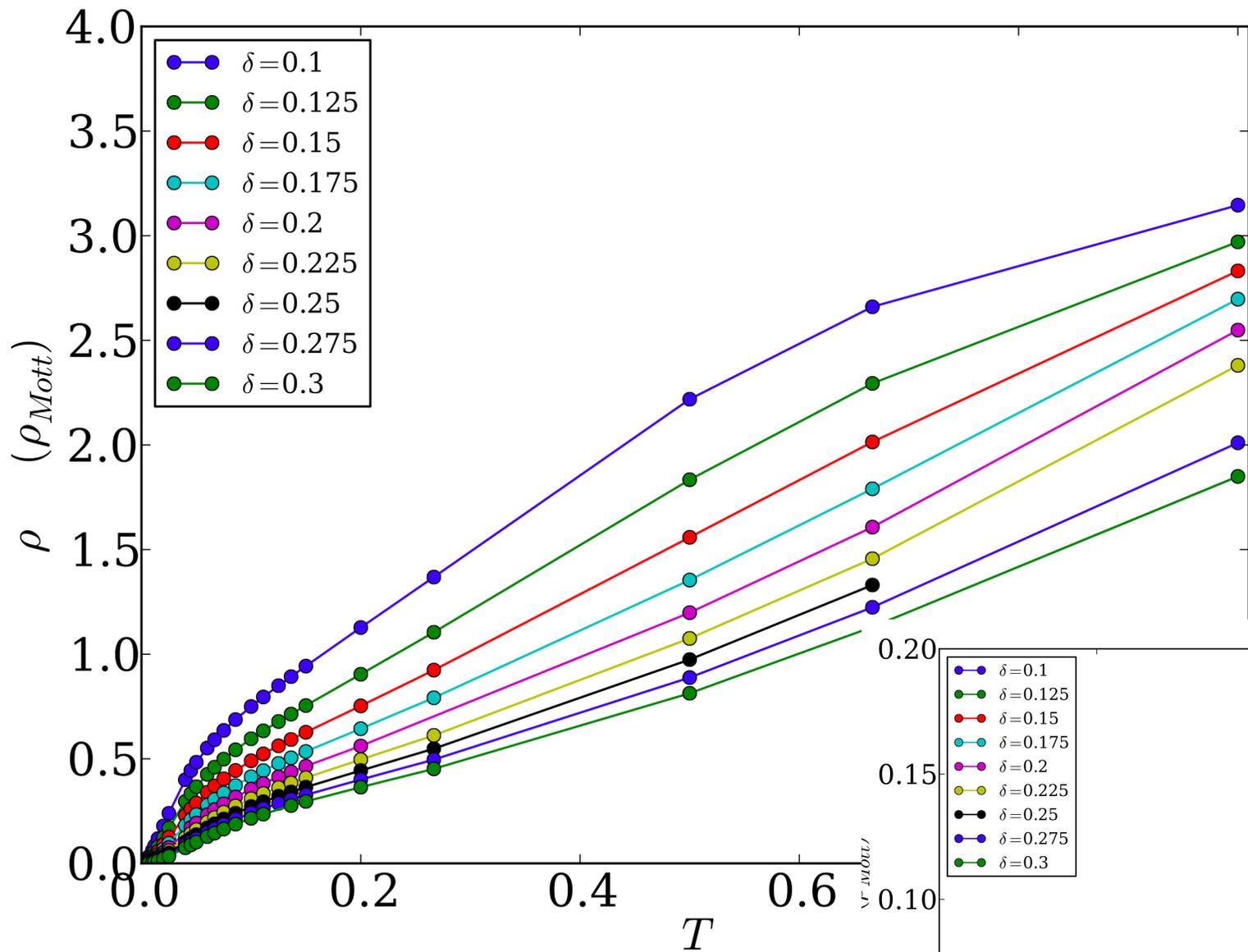
Which excitations contribute to dc transport ?



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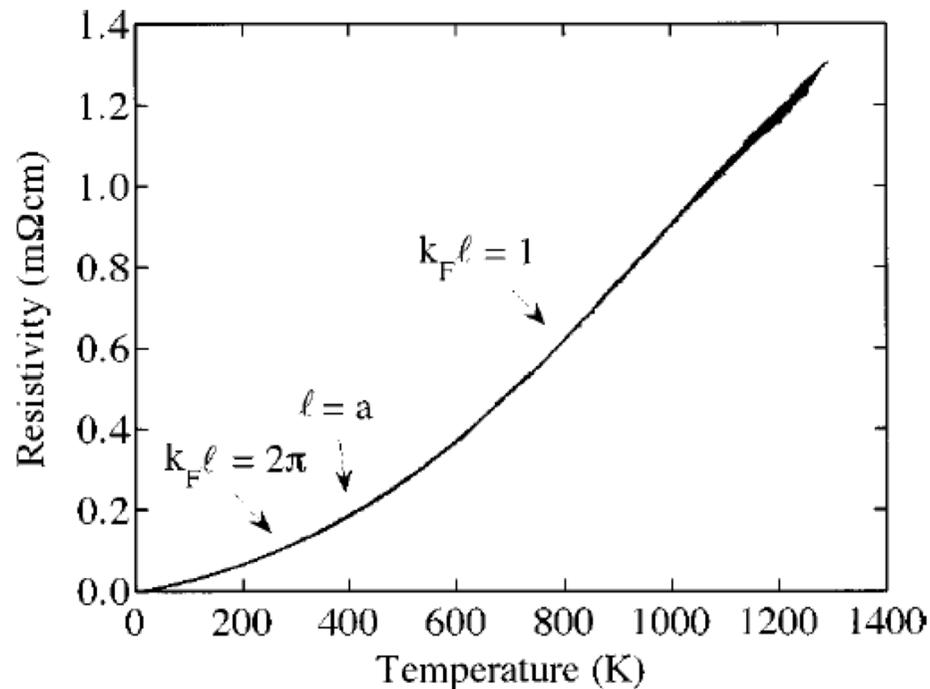


Clear 3-peak structure way above T_{FL}



Ex: Ruthenates (remember: 3 FS sheets)

ab-plane:



- resistivity
does cross IRM value

- Nothing dramatic is seen
in ρ upon crossing IRM

FIG. 1. The in-plane resistivity of Sr₂RuO₄ from 4 to 1300 K. Three criteria for the Mott-Ioffe-Regel limit are marked on the graph, and there is no sign of resistivity saturation, so Sr₂RuO₄ is a “bad metal” at high temperatures, even though it is known to be a very good metal at low temperatures.

Tyler, Maeno, McKenzie
PRB 58 R10107 (1998)

Outline of today's lecture

- Basics of thermoelectric effects/coefficients
- Seebeck from Kubo
- DMFT results: $S(T)$ for doped Hubbard in the 3 temperature regimes
- Low- T behaviour and key importance of particle-hole asymmetry
- High- T behaviour: Heike's formula(s) vs. Kelvin relation

Thermoelectric effects: basics

Grand-canonical potential $\Omega(T, \mu) = -k_B T \ln Z_G$

Particle-number and Entropy: $s = -\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial T} \Big|_{\mu}$, $n = -\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \mu} \Big|_T$

Particle and entropy currents: linear response

$$j_n = -\mathcal{L}_{11} \nabla \mu - \mathcal{L}_{12} \nabla T$$

$$j_s = -\mathcal{L}_{21} \nabla \mu - \mathcal{L}_{22} \nabla T$$

Onsager's relation: $\mathcal{L}_{12} = \mathcal{L}_{21}$

Electrical and heat currents:

Heat $\delta Q = T ds \Rightarrow j_Q = T j_s$ El. current:
Potential drop $\nabla\mu = q \nabla V = -q\vec{E}$ $j_e = q j_n$ ($q \equiv -e$)

$$j_e = q^2 \mathcal{L}_{11} \vec{E} - q \mathcal{L}_{12} \nabla T$$
$$j_Q = T q \mathcal{L}_{21} \vec{E} - T \mathcal{L}_{22} \nabla T$$

Ashcroft-Mermin's notations: $L_{11} = q^2 \mathcal{L}_{11}$, $L_{22} = T \mathcal{L}_{22}$
 $L_{12} = q \mathcal{L}_{12}$, $L_{21} = T q \mathcal{L}_{21}$

Electrical conductivity: $\nabla T = 0 \Rightarrow \sigma = q^2 \mathcal{L}_{11} = L_{11}$

Thermal conductivity: $j_n = 0 \Rightarrow j_Q = \kappa(-\nabla T)$
(no particle current)

$$\kappa = T \left[\mathcal{L}_{22} - \frac{\mathcal{L}_{12} \mathcal{L}_{21}}{\mathcal{L}_{11}} \right]$$

Two thermoelectric effects

1. **Seebeck effect:** thermal gradient induces a voltage drop between the two ends of a conductor

$$j_e = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{E} = S \vec{\nabla} T, \quad S \equiv \frac{\mathcal{L}_{12}}{q\mathcal{L}_{11}}$$

2. **Peltier effect:** electrical current induces heat current

$$\nabla T = 0 \Rightarrow j_Q = \Pi j_e, \quad \Pi \equiv T \frac{\mathcal{L}_{21}}{q\mathcal{L}_{11}}$$

Kelvin's relation (consequence of Onsager): $\Pi = T S$

The Seebeck coefficient S measures the entropy per charge flow:

$$j_s = S j_e - \frac{\kappa}{T} \nabla T \quad (\text{eliminating } \mu)$$

Seebeck from Kubo

Relating entropy current to energy current:

$$T ds = dE - \mu dn \Rightarrow T j_s = j_E - \mu j_n$$

Using particle & energy densities and equations of motion:

$$j_n = \sum_{kq\sigma} v_k c_{k\sigma}^\dagger c_{k+q\sigma}$$

$$j_E = \sum_{kq\sigma} v_k \frac{\partial c_{k\sigma}^\dagger}{\partial \tau} c_{k+q\sigma}$$

As before for conductivity, relate transport coefficients to correlators $\langle j j \rangle$, $\langle j j_E \rangle$, $\langle j_E j_E \rangle$

At the end of the day...

(neglecting vertex \rightarrow exact in DMFT)

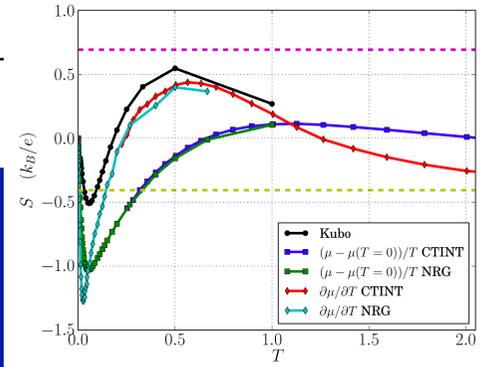
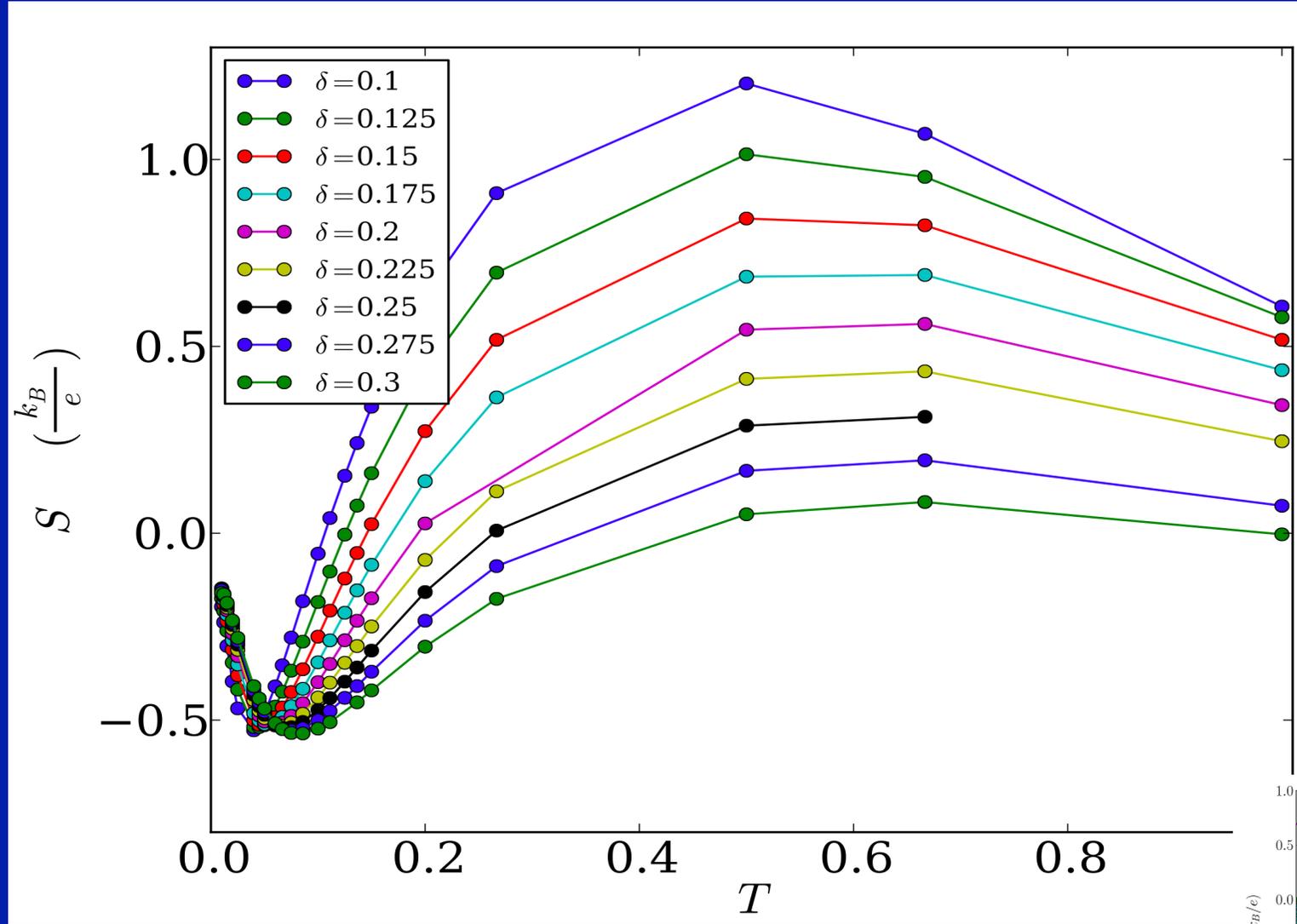
$$\sigma_{dc} = e^2 \beta A_0, \quad S = -\frac{k_B}{e} \frac{A_1}{A_0}$$

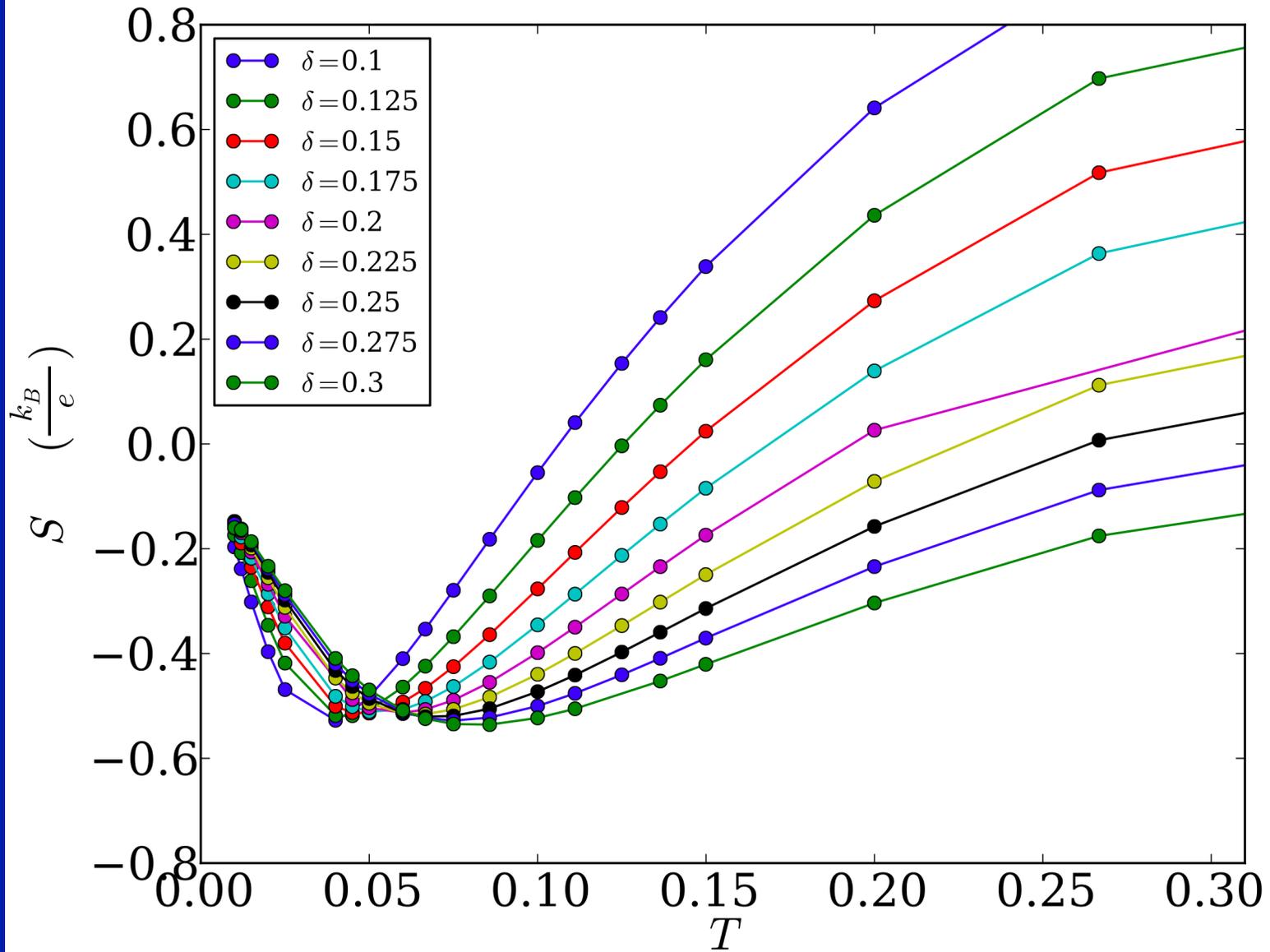
$$A_n = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \int d\omega (\beta\omega)^n f(\omega) f(-\omega) \int d\epsilon \Phi(\epsilon) A(\epsilon, \omega)^2$$

Two key observations:

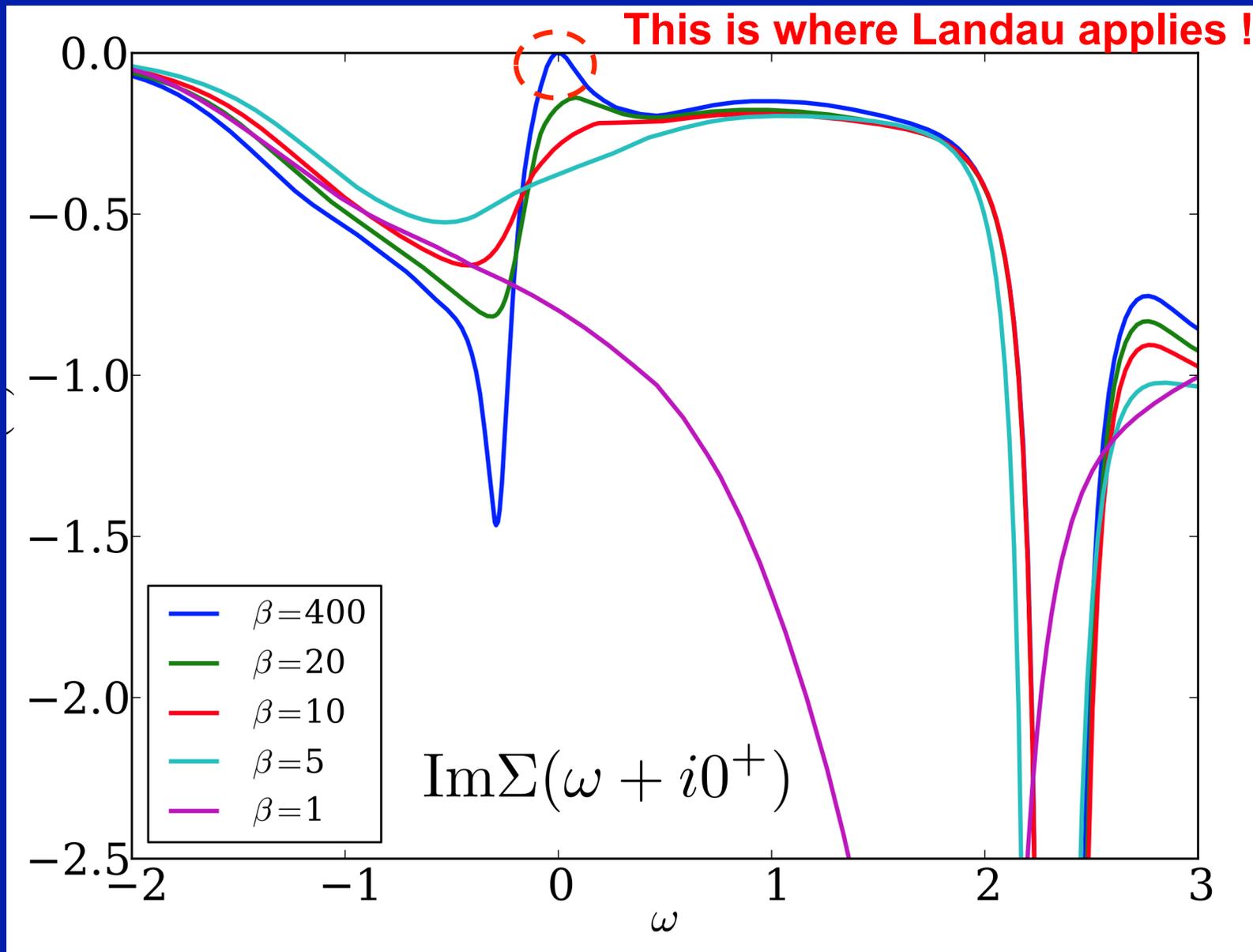
- The Seebeck is a RATIO, such as R_H . Scattering is not requested to get a non-zero S (although scattering rate does not entirely cancel, actually – see below). In other words: a uniform entropy current can exist without entropy production ($ds/dt=0$)
- The Seebeck coefficient involves an odd moment (A_1) and hence is very sensitive to the particle-hole asymmetry

Seebeck from DMFT, doped Hubbard





1. Fermi Liquid Regime



Resistivity in the FL regime: analytics

Low ω, T scaling form of scattering rate:

$$-\text{Im}\Sigma/D = a \left[\left(\frac{\omega}{\pi\delta} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{T}{\delta} \right)^2 \right] + \dots$$

$$a(U/D = 4) \simeq 5.5$$

→ On blackboard

$$\frac{\rho(T)}{\rho_M} = 1.22a \left(\frac{T}{\delta D} \right)^2 + \dots \simeq 0.017 \left(\frac{T}{T_{FL}} \right)^2$$

$$\rho(T_{FL}) \ll \rho_M$$

Note: $Z \sim \delta$ drops out from $A/\gamma^2 = \text{NON-UNIVERSAL constant}$

'Kadowaki Woods' 1986, TM Rice 1968

cf. N.Hussey JPSJ 74 (2005) 1107; B.Powell et al. Nature Physics 2009

Seebeck: the dominant low-T behaviour involves corrections to Fermi Liquid theory !
 [Particle-hole asymmetry of the scattering rate]

(Haule and Kotliar, arXiv:0907.0192) in "Properties and Applications of Thermoelectric Materials", Edited by V. Zlatic and A.C. Hewson, Springer

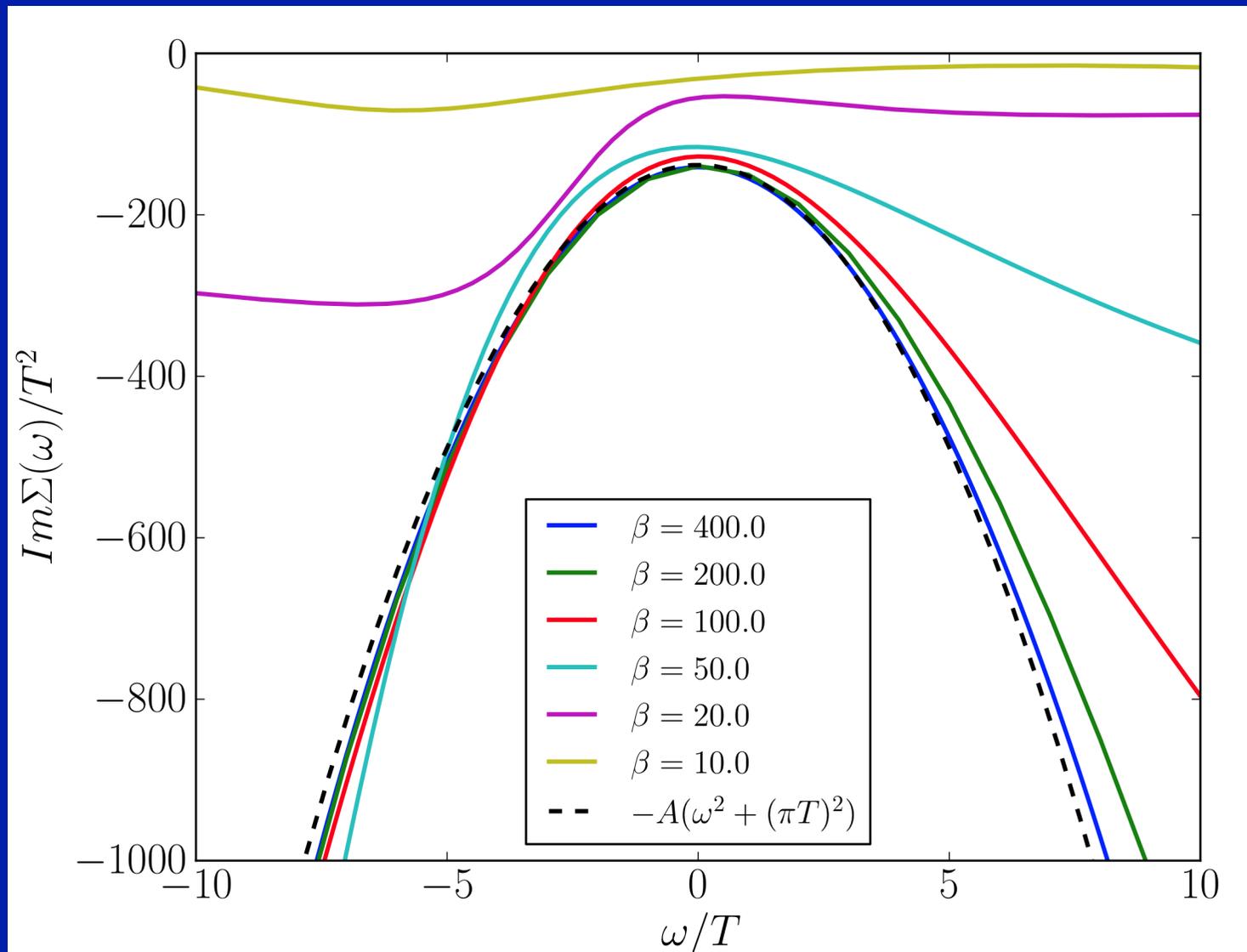
$$\Sigma''(\omega) = \Sigma^{(2)}(\omega) + \Sigma^{(3)}(\omega) + \dots$$

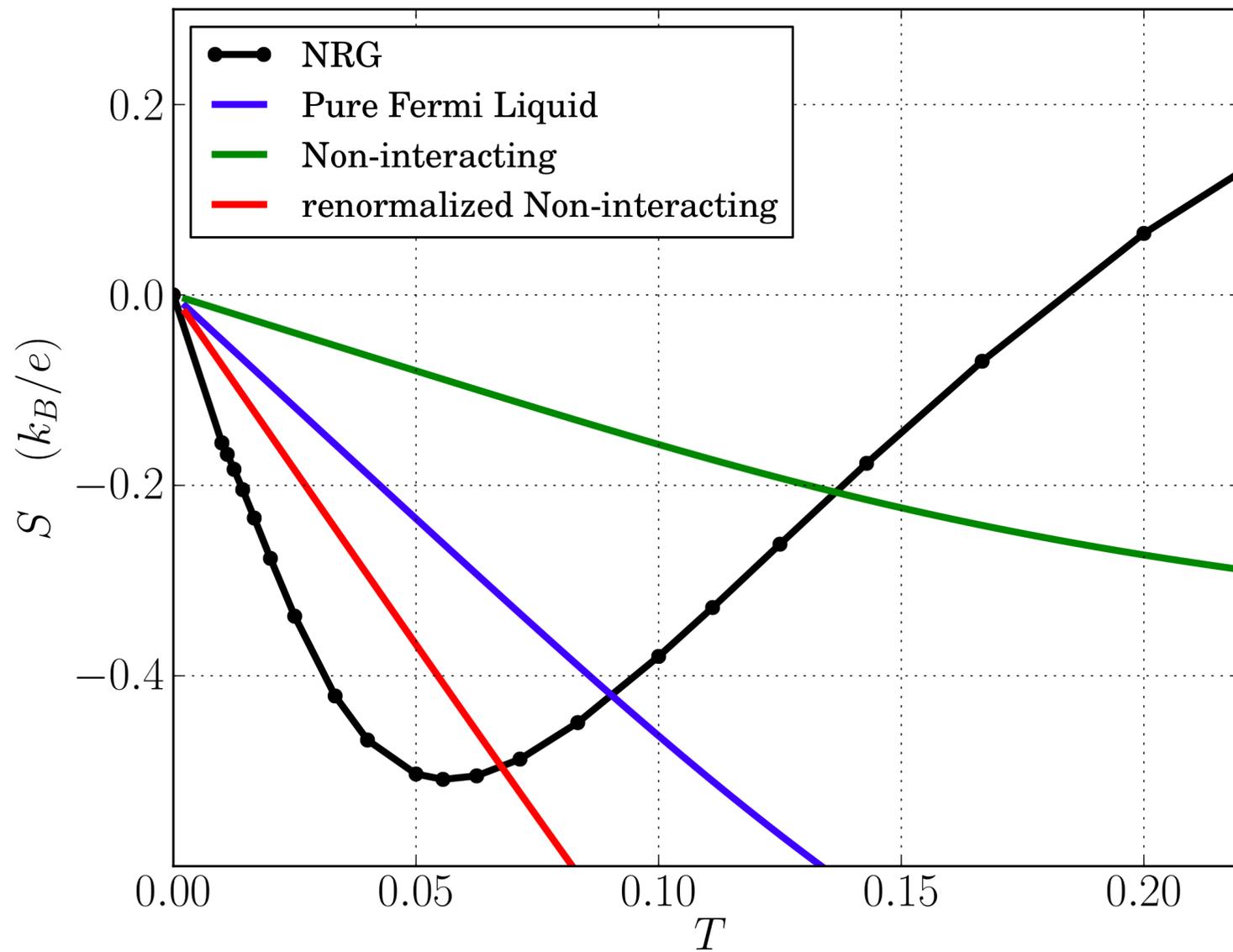
$$\Sigma^{(3)}(\omega) = \frac{(a_1 \omega^3 + a_2 \omega T^2)}{Z^3}$$

$$E_n^k = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^n dx}{4 \cosh^2(x/2) [1 + (x/\pi)^2]^k}$$

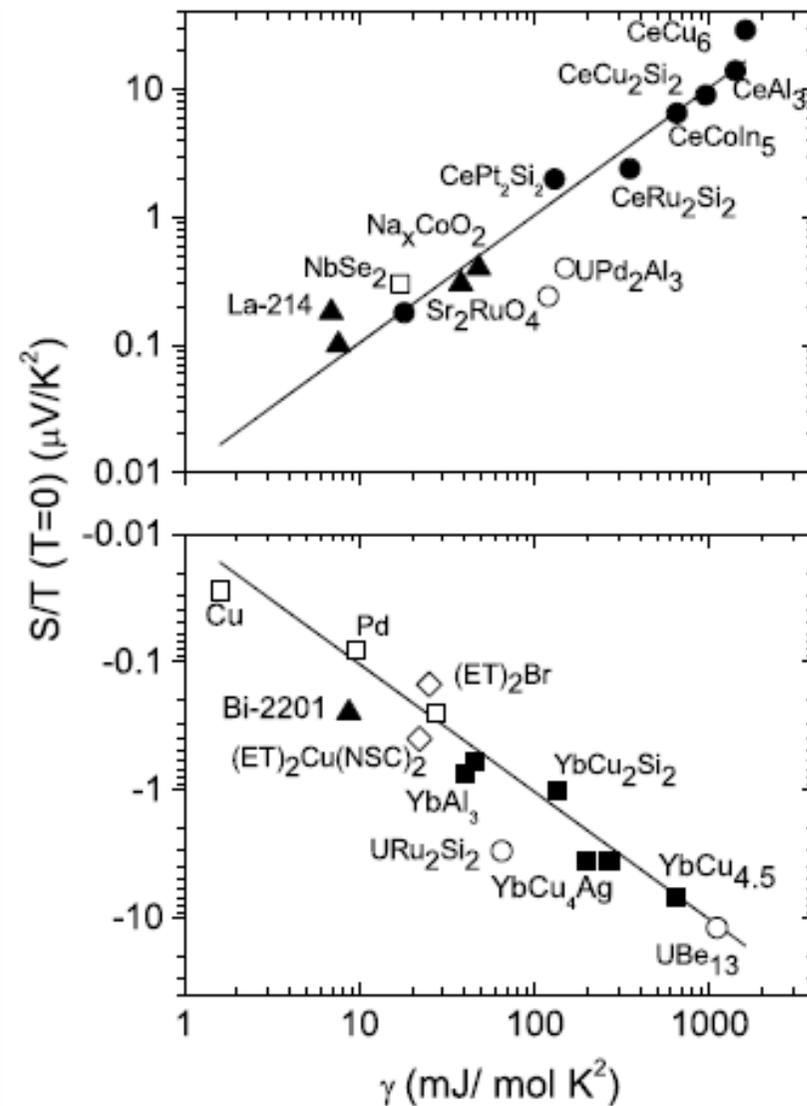
$$S = \frac{k_B k_B T}{|e| Z} \left[\frac{\Phi'(\mu_0) E_2^1}{\Phi(\mu_0) E_0^1} - \frac{a_1 E_4^2 + a_2 E_2^2}{\gamma_0 E_0^1} \right]$$

Particle-hole asymmetry of the scattering rate



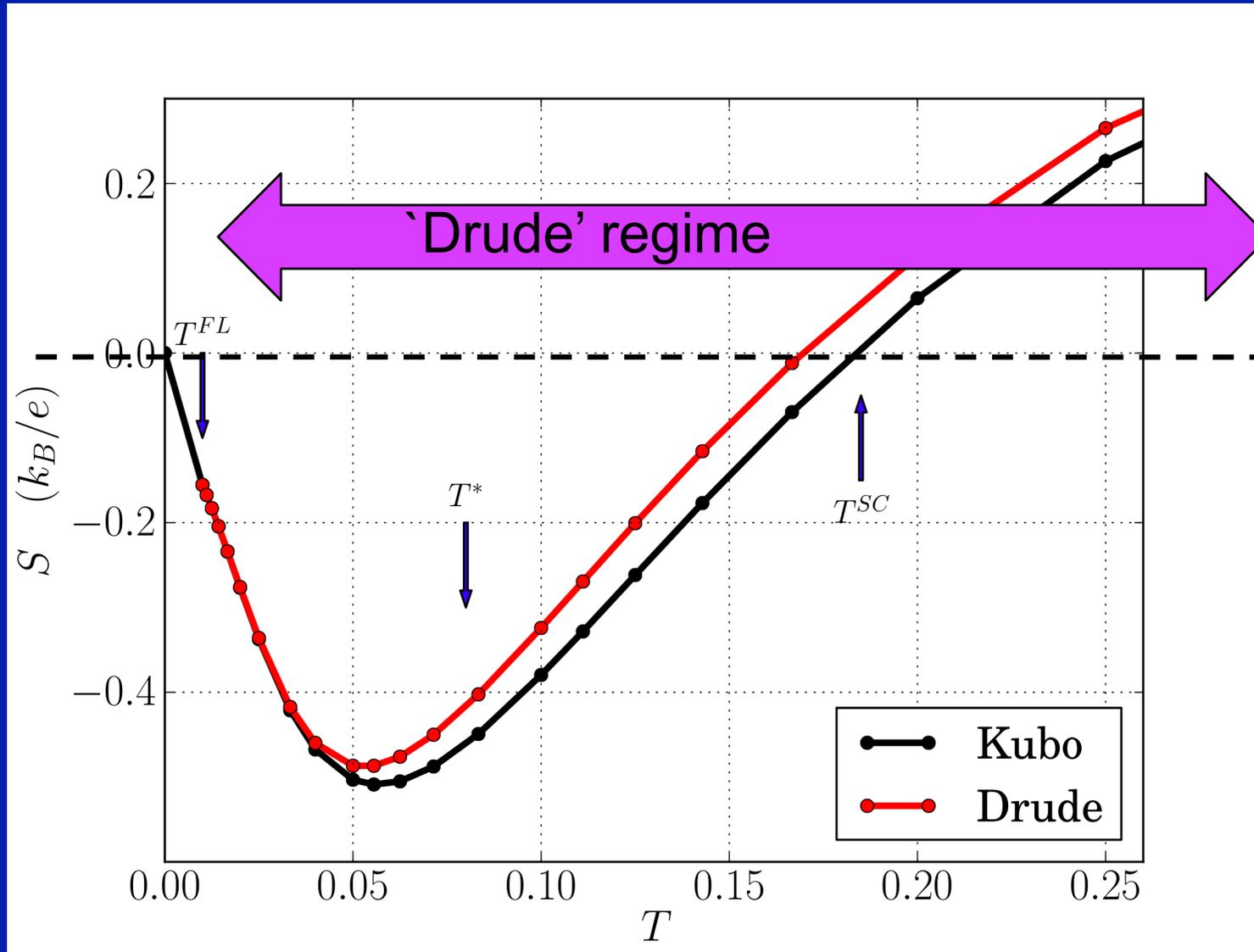


The Behnia-Jaccard-Flouquet law:
 $S/T\gamma$



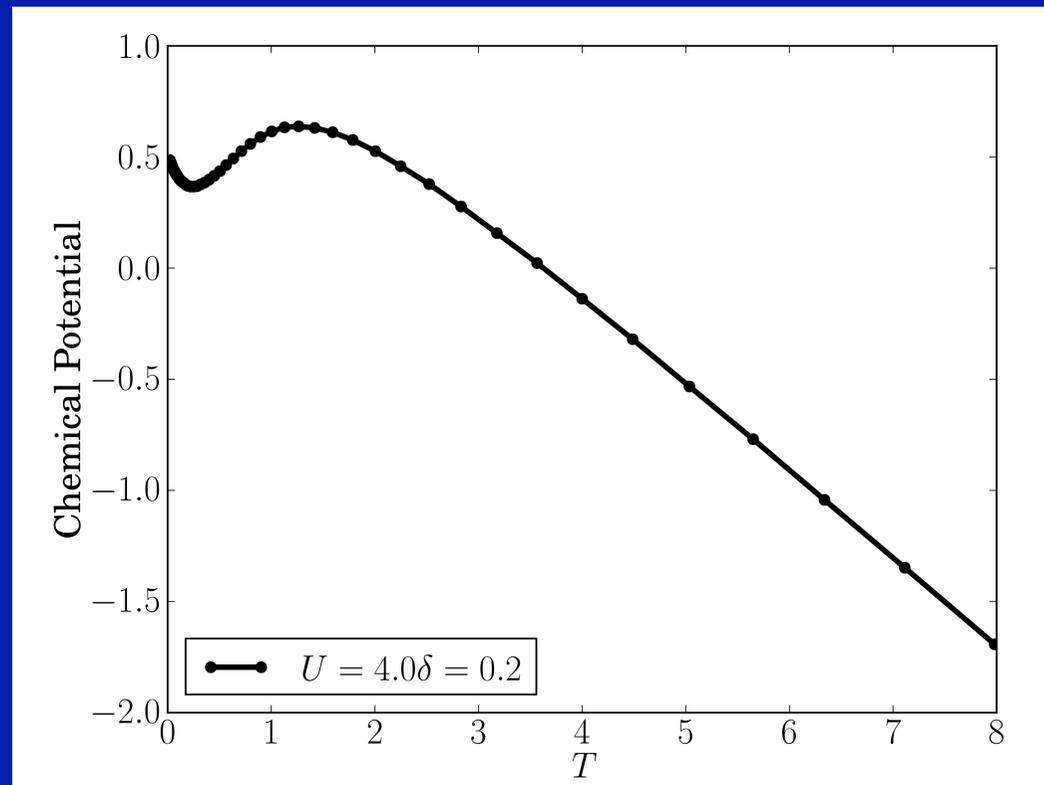
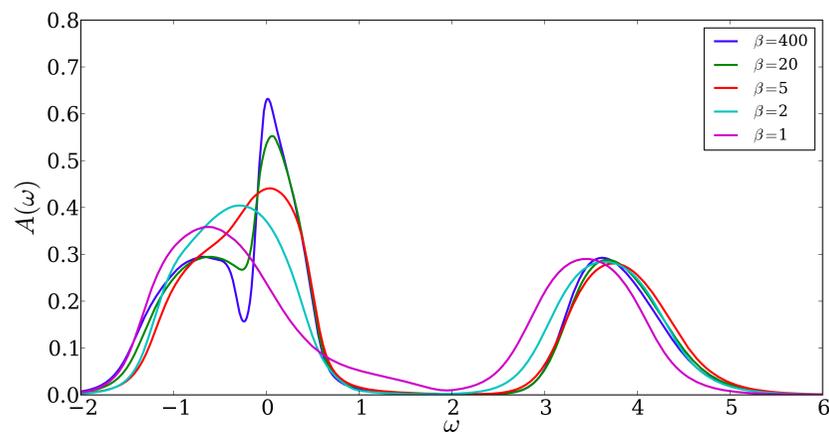
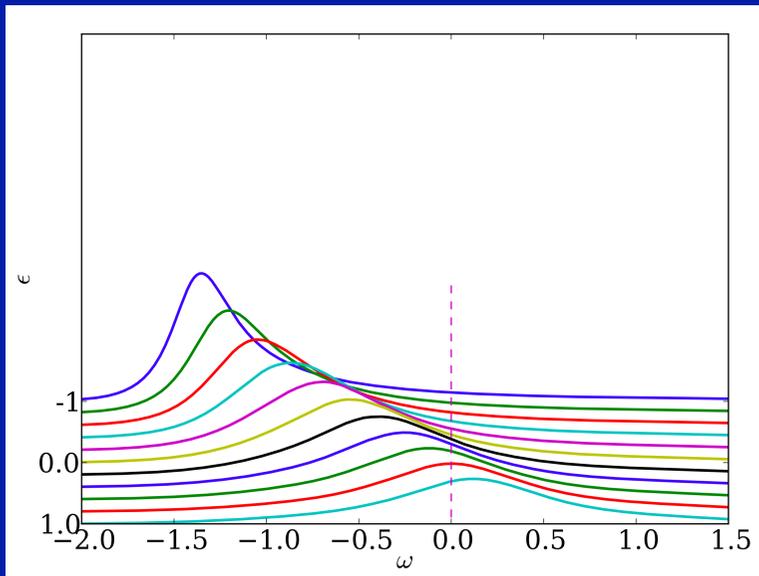
$$\frac{S}{\gamma T} = -\frac{3}{|e|} \frac{1}{D(\mu_0)} \left[\frac{\Phi'(\mu_0)}{\Phi(\mu_0)} \frac{E_2^1}{E_0^1} - \frac{a_1 E_4^2 + a_2 E_2^2}{\gamma_0 E_0^1} \right]$$

2. Seebeck in 'Drude' regime: minimum dominated by electron-like Drude quasiparticles



3. High-temperature regime(s):
Heike's limit(s) and Kelvin formula
(see also seminar by Sriram Shastry)

3. High temperatures: $T > T_{\text{IRM}}$ and beyond... Incoherent regime – Hubbard band physics ~ classical carriers in a rigid band



Chemical potential is linear in T at very hi- T

$$\boxed{\alpha \equiv \beta \mu}$$

$$\tilde{\rho}(\omega, \epsilon) = \rho(\omega - \mu, \epsilon).$$

G.Palsson,
PhD thesis
Rutgers

Hence the coefficients A_n from §3.4 become⁴:

$$A_n = \frac{\pi N}{4} \int d\omega \frac{(\beta\omega - \alpha)^n}{\cosh^2\left(\frac{\beta\omega - \alpha}{2}\right)} \int d\epsilon \tilde{\rho}^2(\omega, \epsilon) \Phi(\epsilon).$$

We now expand the hyperbolic cosine in Taylor series around $\beta = 0$.

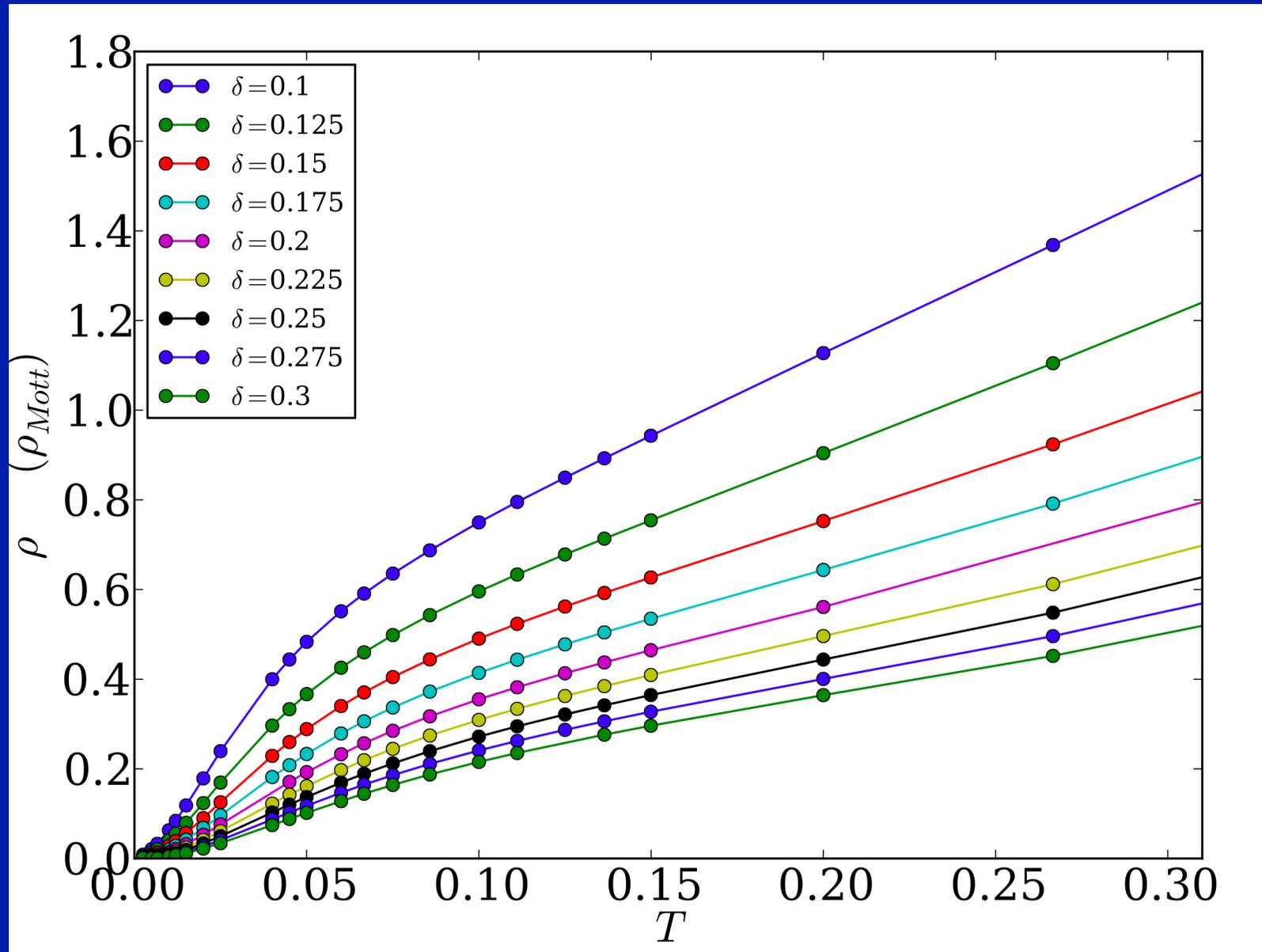
$$\frac{1}{\cosh^2\left(\frac{\beta\omega - \alpha}{2}\right)} = \frac{1}{\cosh^2\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)} \left(1 + \beta\omega \tanh\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) + \frac{\omega^2 \beta^2}{4} \left[3 \tanh\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) - 1 \right] \right).$$

Before we go any further we also define

$$\gamma_n = \int d\epsilon d\omega \omega^n \tilde{\rho}^2(\omega, \epsilon) \Phi(\epsilon) \quad \text{and let} \quad \tau = \tanh\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta = \frac{1}{4 \cosh^2\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)}.$$

T-linear resistivity above Ioffe-Regel-Mott value
(but actually also applies below as one starts coming
out of Drude regime)

$$\rho(T) \sim \frac{T}{\gamma_0 \zeta}$$



Hi-T expansion, Seebeck:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_0 &= \pi N \zeta \left(\gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \beta \tau + \frac{1}{4} \gamma_2 \beta^2 [3\tau - 1] \right) \\
 A_1 &= \pi N \zeta \left(-\alpha \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \beta [1 - \alpha \tau] + \gamma_2 \beta^2 \left[\tau - \frac{\alpha}{4} (3\tau - 1) \right] \right) \\
 A_2 &= \pi N \zeta \left(\alpha^2 \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \beta [\alpha^2 \tau - 2\alpha] + \gamma_2 \beta^2 \left[1 - 2\alpha \tau + \frac{\alpha^2}{4} (3\tau - 1) \right] \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, all details of fermiology/bandstructure cancel out and a very simple hi-T limit holds:

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Thermopower in the correlated hopping regime

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(Received 16 June 1975)

$$S_\infty = + \frac{k_B}{e} \frac{\mu}{k_B T}$$

Thermodynamics: $T ds = dE - \mu dn \Rightarrow \frac{\mu}{T} = - \frac{\partial s}{\partial n} \Big|_E$

$$S_\infty = - \frac{k_B}{e} \frac{\partial (s/k_B)}{\partial n} \Big|_E$$

The two hi-T (Heike's) limits

1. $D < T \ll U$

$$p_0 + 2p_1 = 1, \quad n = 2p_1 \Rightarrow p_0 = 1 - n, \quad p_1 = n/2$$

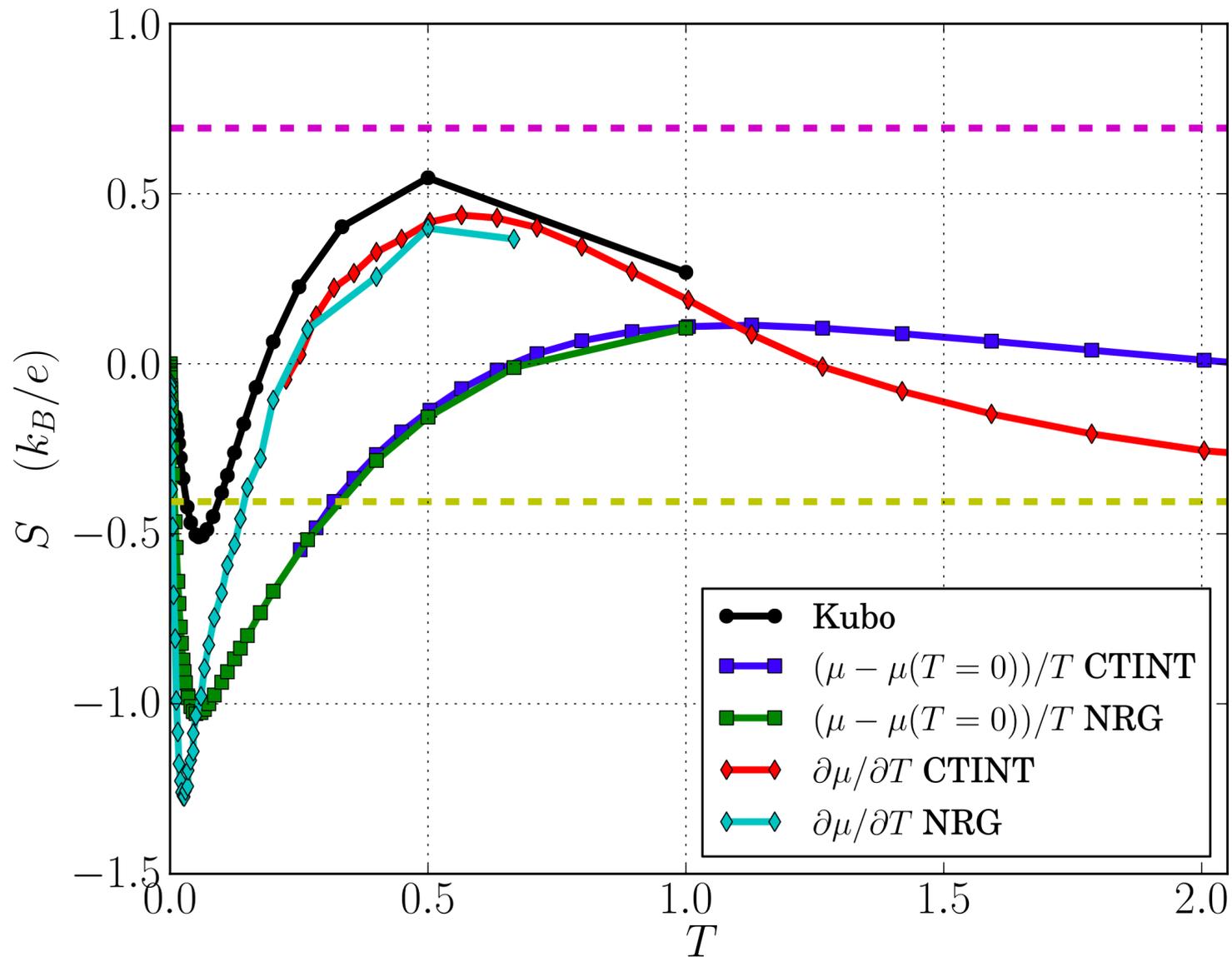
$$s/k = -(1 - n) \ln(1 - n) - n \ln n/2$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{\infty}^{(1)} = -\frac{k_B}{e} \ln \frac{2(1 - n)}{n}$$

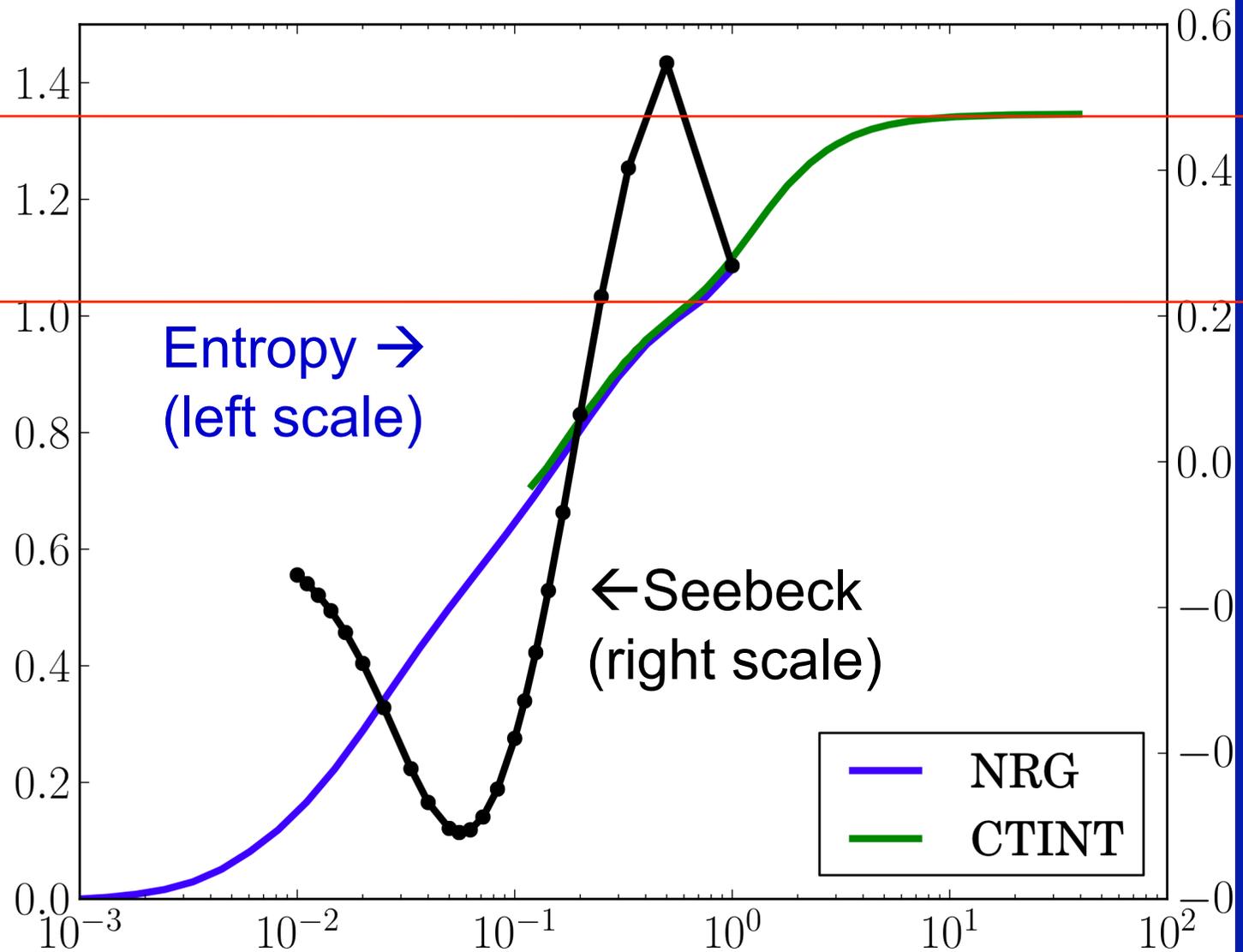
2. $T > U$

$$s/k = -2 \left[\frac{n}{2} \ln \frac{n}{2} + \frac{1 - n}{2} \ln \frac{1 - n}{2} \right]$$

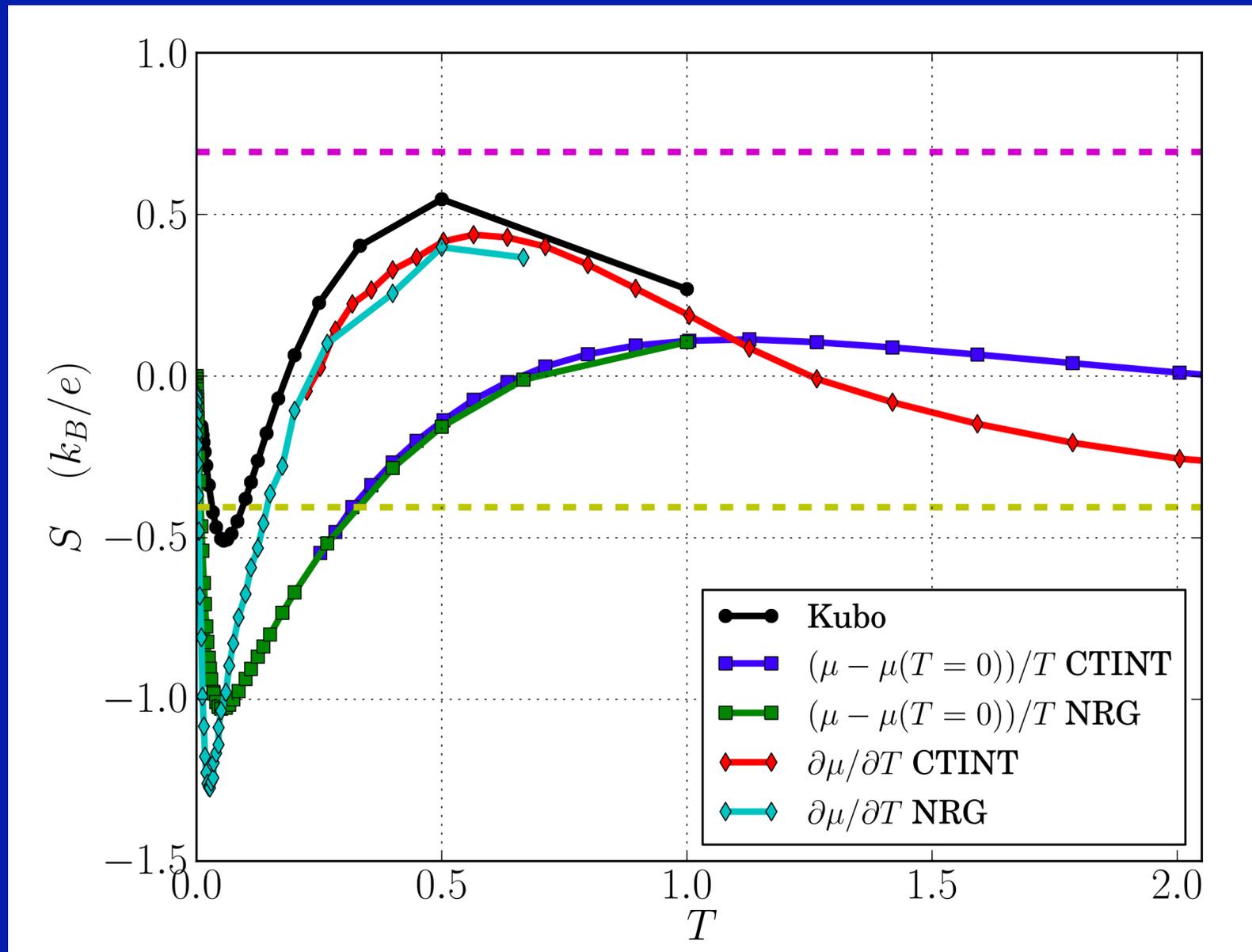
$$\Rightarrow S_{\infty}^{(2)} = +\frac{k_B}{e} \ln \frac{n}{2 - n}$$

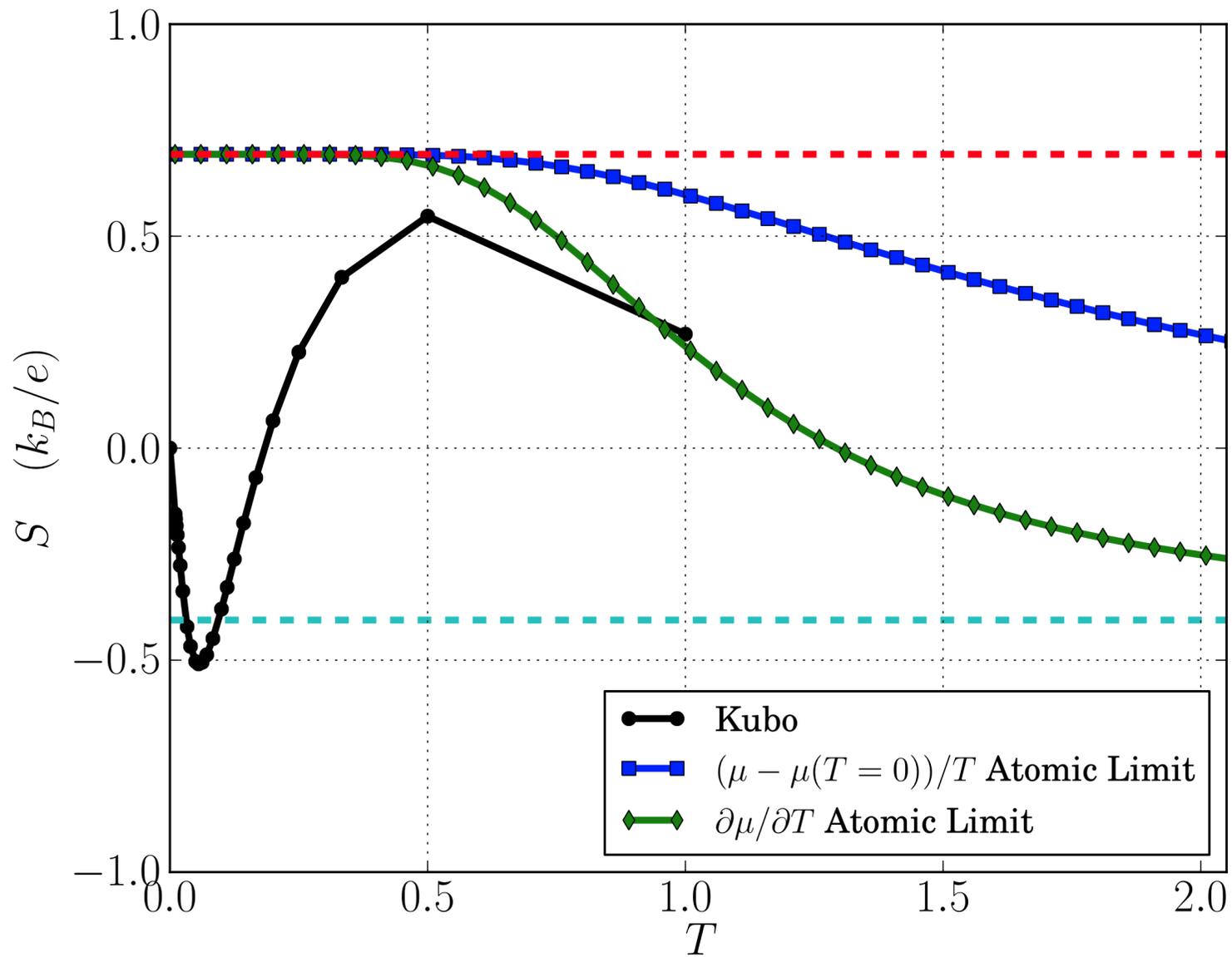


Seebeck and Entropy



Heike's vs. Kelvin formulas \rightarrow cf. Sriram Shastry's lecture





Main messages: Seebeck

- Seebeck sensitive probe of the different regimes: FL, Drude, hi-T regimes
- Particle-hole asymmetry crucial: not only of `fermiology' also of scattering rate
- Fermi liquid theory insufficient even for lowest T behaviour !
- Simple generalizations of hi-T formula work quite nicely, better than Heike's → possibly useful for material design ?

Comparison to exp. On LaSrTiO3

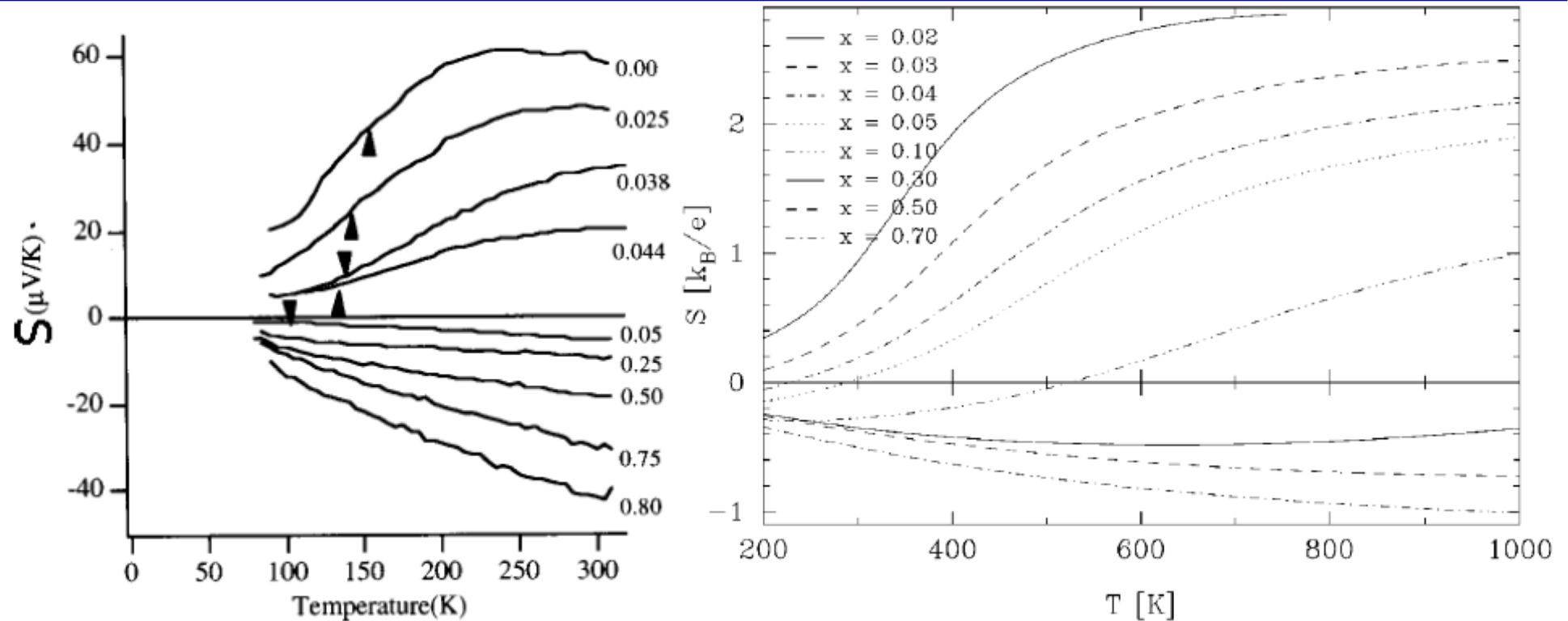


Fig. 4 Experimental (left panel) and theoretical computations of the thermoelectric power (S) of the $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{TiO}_3$ from Refs. [16] and [9].