

“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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Séance du 6 juin 2012

- Séminaire : 15h45 -

Nigel Hussey (University of Bristol)

High-temperature superconductivity and the Catch-22 conundrum

OUTLINE

- 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 (time permitting): some notions on thermoelectric properties

In memoriam Bernard Coqblin



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Exchange Interaction in Alloys with Cerium Impurities*

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Ex: Ruthenates (remember: 3 FS sheets)

ab-plane:

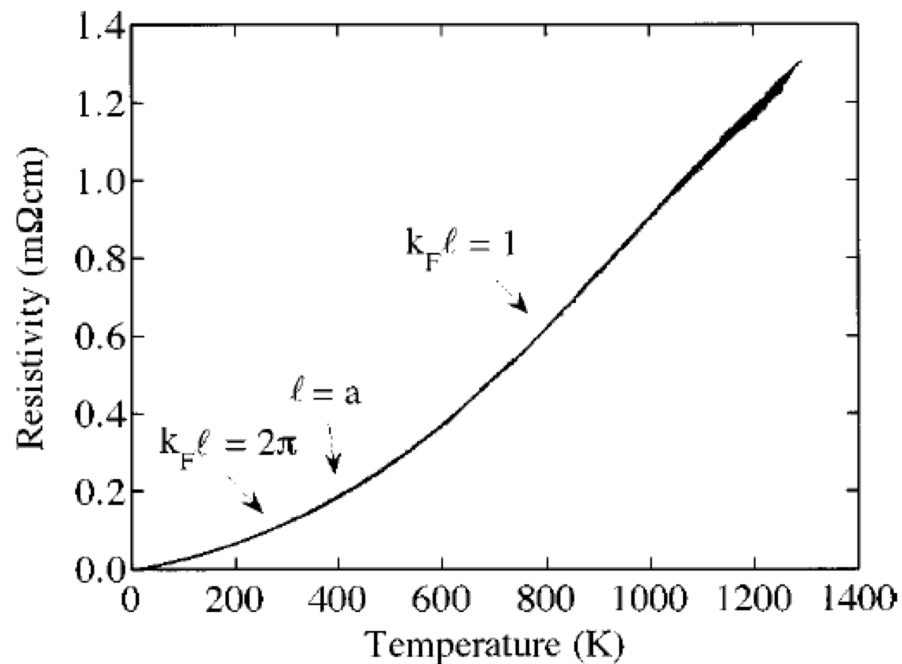


FIG. 1. The in-plane resistivity of Sr₂RuO₄ from 4 to 1300 K. Three criteria for the Mott-Ioffe-Regel limit are marked on the graph, and there is no sign of resistivity saturation, so Sr₂RuO₄ is a “bad metal” at high temperatures, even though it is known to be a very good metal at low temperatures.

- resistivity
does cross IRM value

- Nothing dramatic is seen
in ρ upon crossing IRM

Tyler, Maeno, McKenzie
PRB 58 R10107 (1998)

QUESTIONS :

- How low is T_{FL} and why ?
- What exactly happens to Landau quasiparticles at T_{FL} ?
- What are the current carrying entities for $T_{FL} < T < T_{IRM}$?
- Is a Drude description applicable in this regime, despite the absence of Landau QPs ?
- Is there any signature of IRM in some physical observable (ARPES ? Optics ?)

Why are these questions timely ?

- There is increasing evidence that there are indeed well-defined QPs in cuprates, in nodal regions
- These QPs may even be FL-like at low-enough T , certainly in overdoped (Hussey) and perhaps also in underdoped (Barisic)
- Quantum oscillations !
- Move away from the quest of infra-red stable NFL fixed points !
- Understand crossover scales, possibly momentum dependent, and physics (e.g. transport, and more) above T_{FL}

Some answers in a precise context: Doped Mott insulator with single-site DMFT

Recent results by: Xiaoyu Deng (EP), Jernej Mravlje (EP&CDF)
Rok Zitko (Ljubljana) & AG



Building up on previous work by several authors, see e.g. G.Palsson et al. PRL 80, 475 (1998) and PhD Rutgers; Merino & McKenzie PRB 61, 7996 (2000), Limelette et al. PRL and Science 2003, Uhrig et al. recent papers, etc.

Final expression for conductivity, Kubo-bubble :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re } \sigma_{\mu\nu}(\vec{q} = \vec{0}, \omega) &= \\ &= \frac{2\pi e^2}{\hbar} \int d\omega' \frac{f(\omega') - f(\omega' + \omega)}{\omega} \int d\epsilon \Phi_{\mu\nu}(\epsilon) A(\epsilon, \omega') A(\epsilon, \omega' + \omega) \end{aligned}$$

Transport function contains information about **BARE** velocities:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\mu\nu}(\epsilon) &= \int_{\text{BZ}} \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\partial \epsilon_{\vec{k}}}{\partial k_{\mu}} \frac{\partial \epsilon_{\vec{k}}}{\partial k_{\nu}} \delta(\epsilon - \epsilon_{\vec{k}}) , \\ \Phi(\epsilon) &= \frac{1}{d} \sum_{\mu} \Phi_{\mu\mu}(\epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

I hope I got factors of 2, π , e, \hbar etc... right !
Dimensions are OK !

Why now ?

- Could have been done 20 years ago... in principle (part of it has been explored, some key points were missed though)
- In practice:
- Need highly accurate impurity solvers down to low-T, with excellent resolution at low frequency (calculation of transport is exceedingly delicate)
- Need to handle real frequencies: a challenge to QMC methods

Algorithms

- NRG (à la Wilson)
- CT-QMC (mostly HYB, also U-exp at hi-T)

E.Gull et al.

REVIEWS OF MODERN PHYSICS, VOLUME 83, APRIL-JUNE 2011

Continuous-time Monte Carlo methods for quantum impurity models

Allows for analytic continuation using Pade approximants !!
(M.Ferrero)

<http://ipht.cea.fr/triqs/>

TRIQS – a Toolbox for Research on Interacting Quantum Systems



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UNITS

Energy, Temperature, Frequency:

$\frac{1}{2}$ bandwidth D ($=1$). Think of $D = 1\text{eV} = 12000\text{ K}$

Note: $\beta \equiv \frac{D}{k_B T}$

Resistivity

Ioffe-Regel-Mott value $\sigma_M = \frac{e^2}{\hbar} \frac{\Phi(\epsilon_F)}{\epsilon_F}$, ($k_F l = 1$)

Most calculations shown for $U/D=4$ ($> \text{Mott MIT} \sim 3$)

Transport function for quasi-2D free electrons :

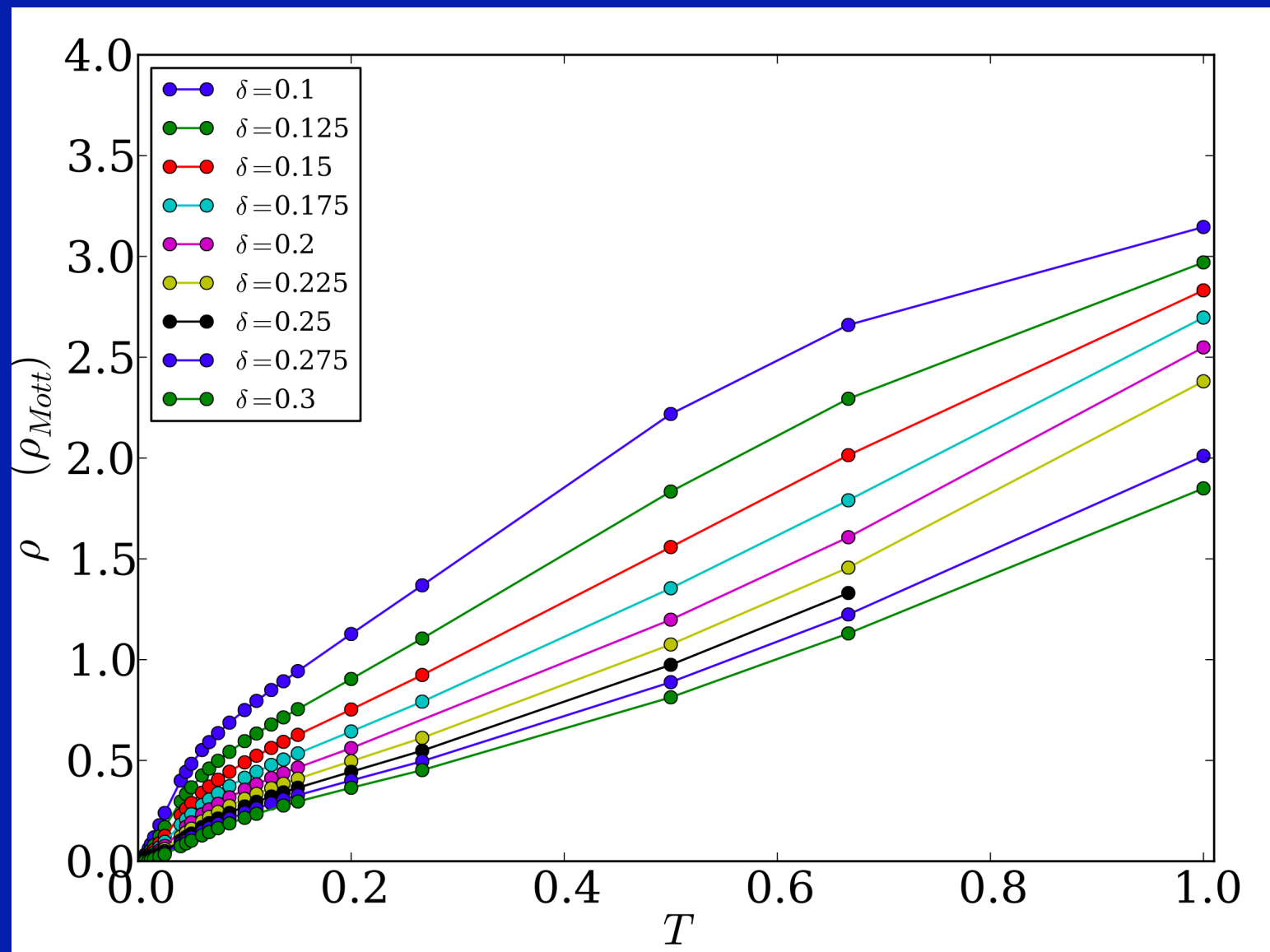
$$\Phi(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi/c_0}^{+\pi/c_0} \frac{dk_z}{2\pi} \int \frac{dk_x dk_y}{4\pi^2} \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{m} \right)^2 (k_x^2 + k_y^2) \delta \left[\epsilon - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (k_x^2 + k_y^2) \right],$$

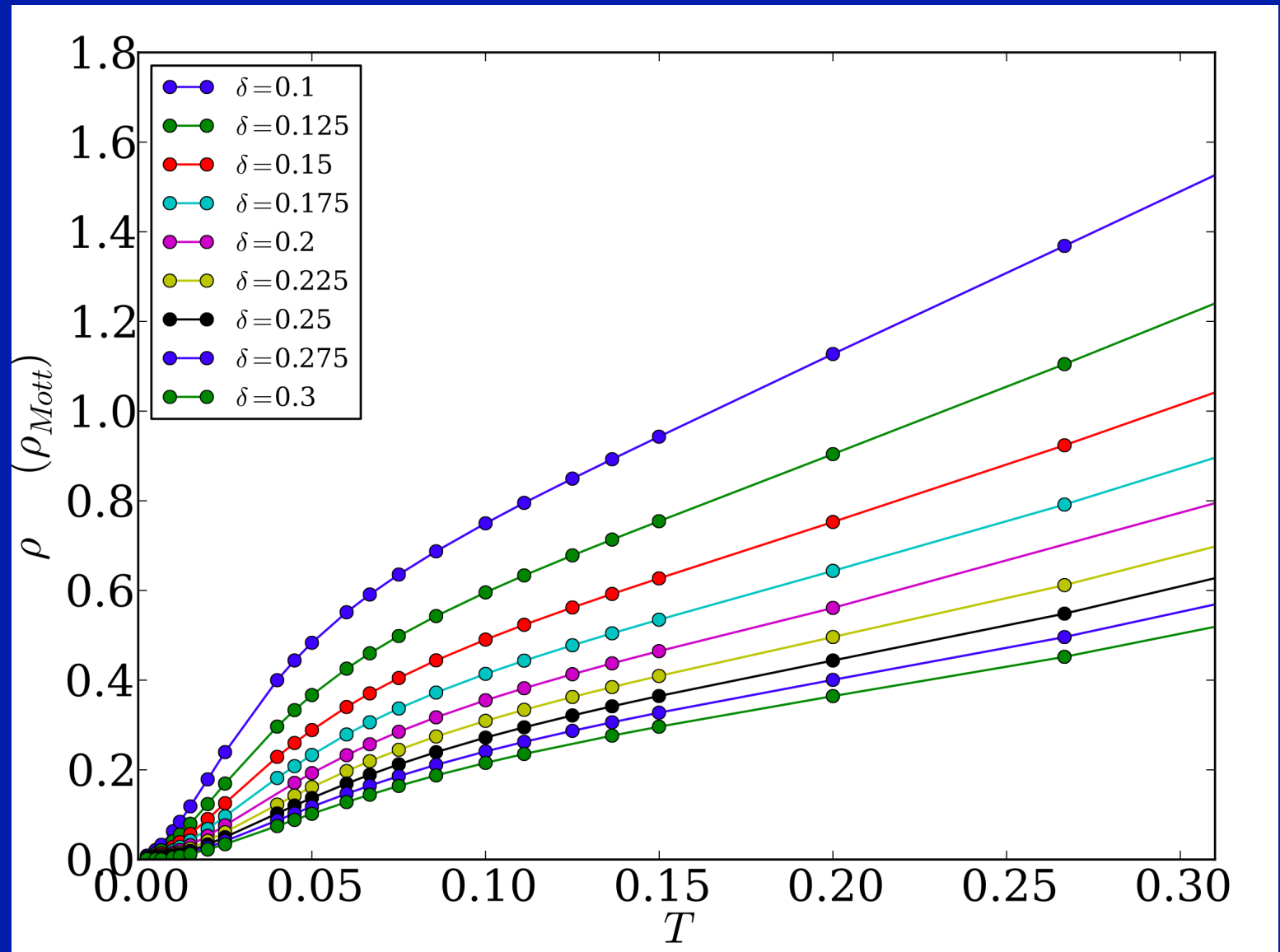
$$\Phi(\epsilon) = \frac{\epsilon}{2\pi c_0}$$

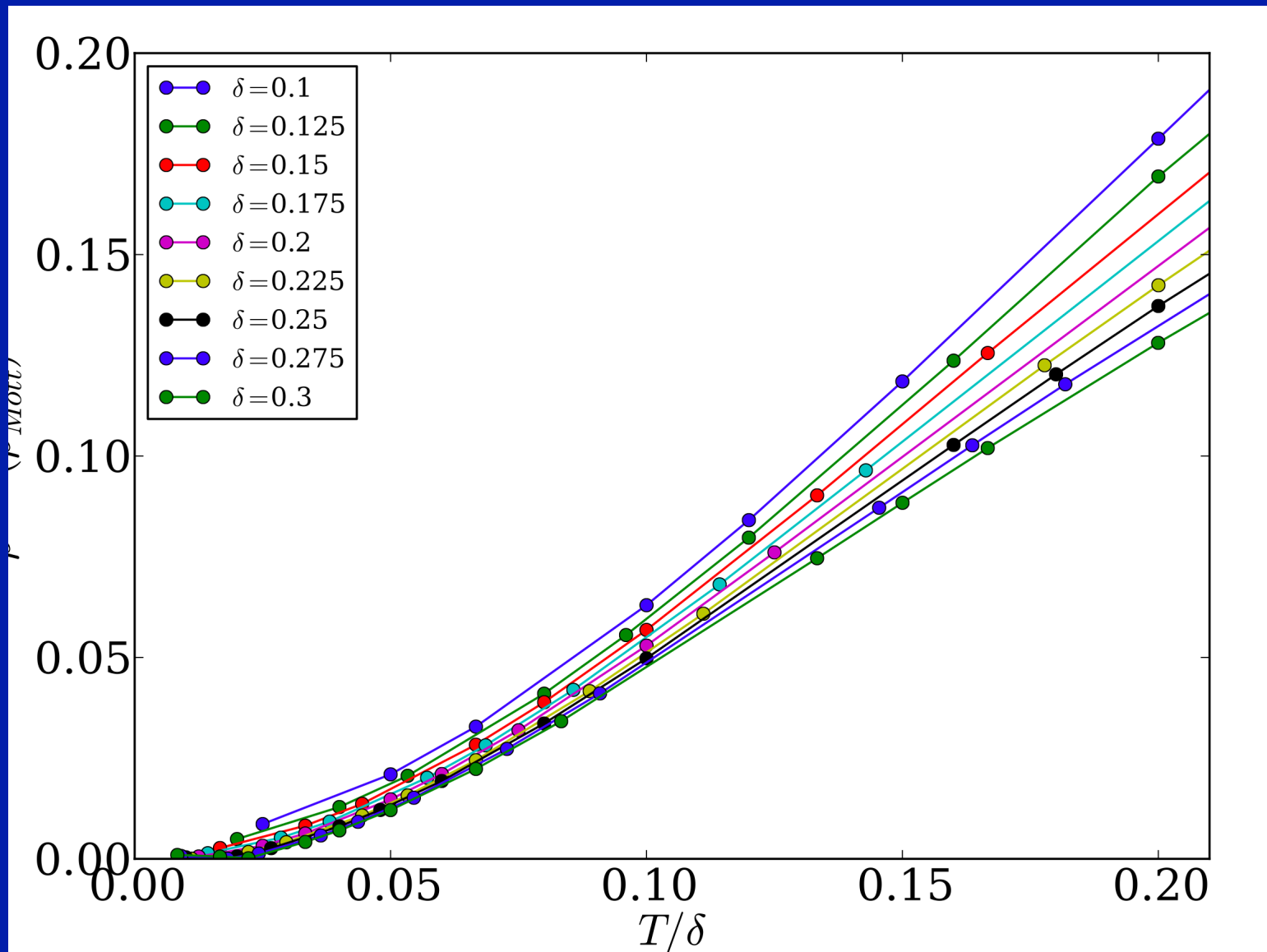
Hence, the IRM limit is naturally expressed in terms of $\Phi(\epsilon_F)/\epsilon_F$

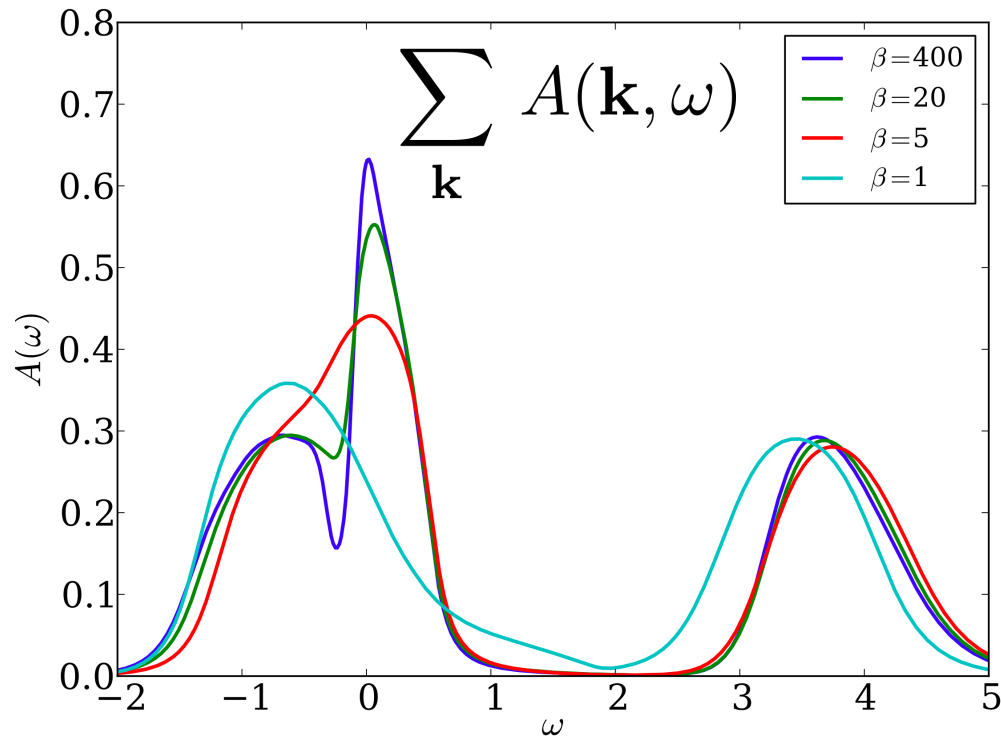
Drude, quasi-2D:

$$\sigma_{dc} = \frac{e^2}{\hbar} \frac{\Phi(\epsilon_F)}{\epsilon_F} (k_F l)$$







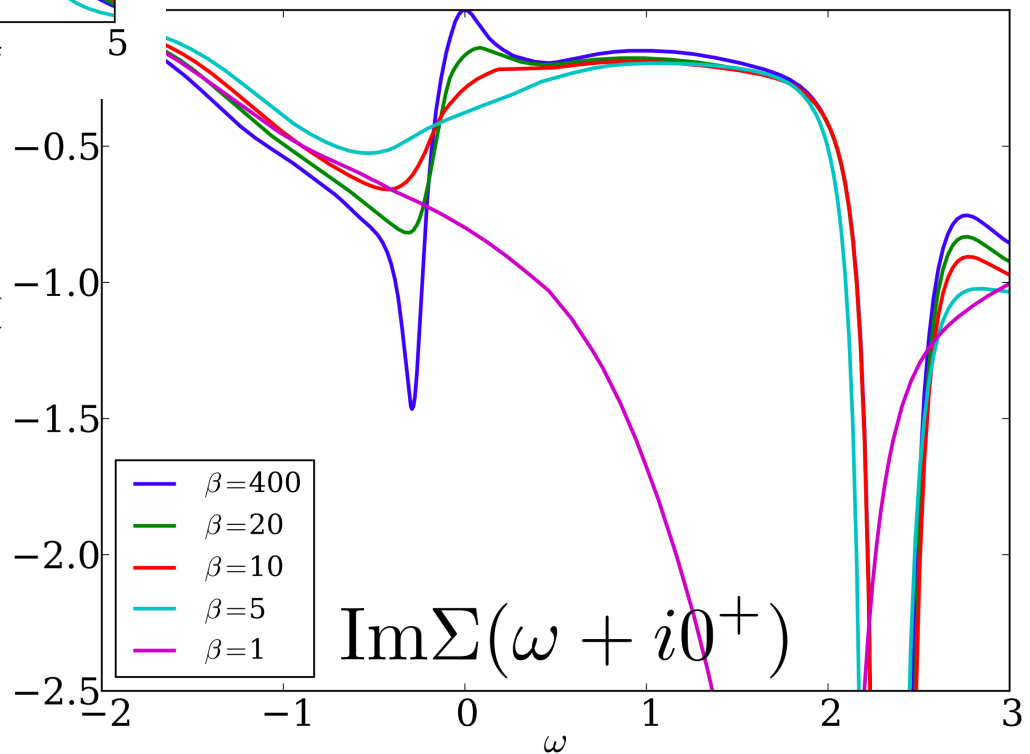


Doping: 20%

- Rich frequency dependence
- A lot of action in spectral properties as T is varied !

Total DOS

Self-energy
"scattering rate"



1. The Fermi-Liquid regime

Local Fermi-liquid/Landau Theory description

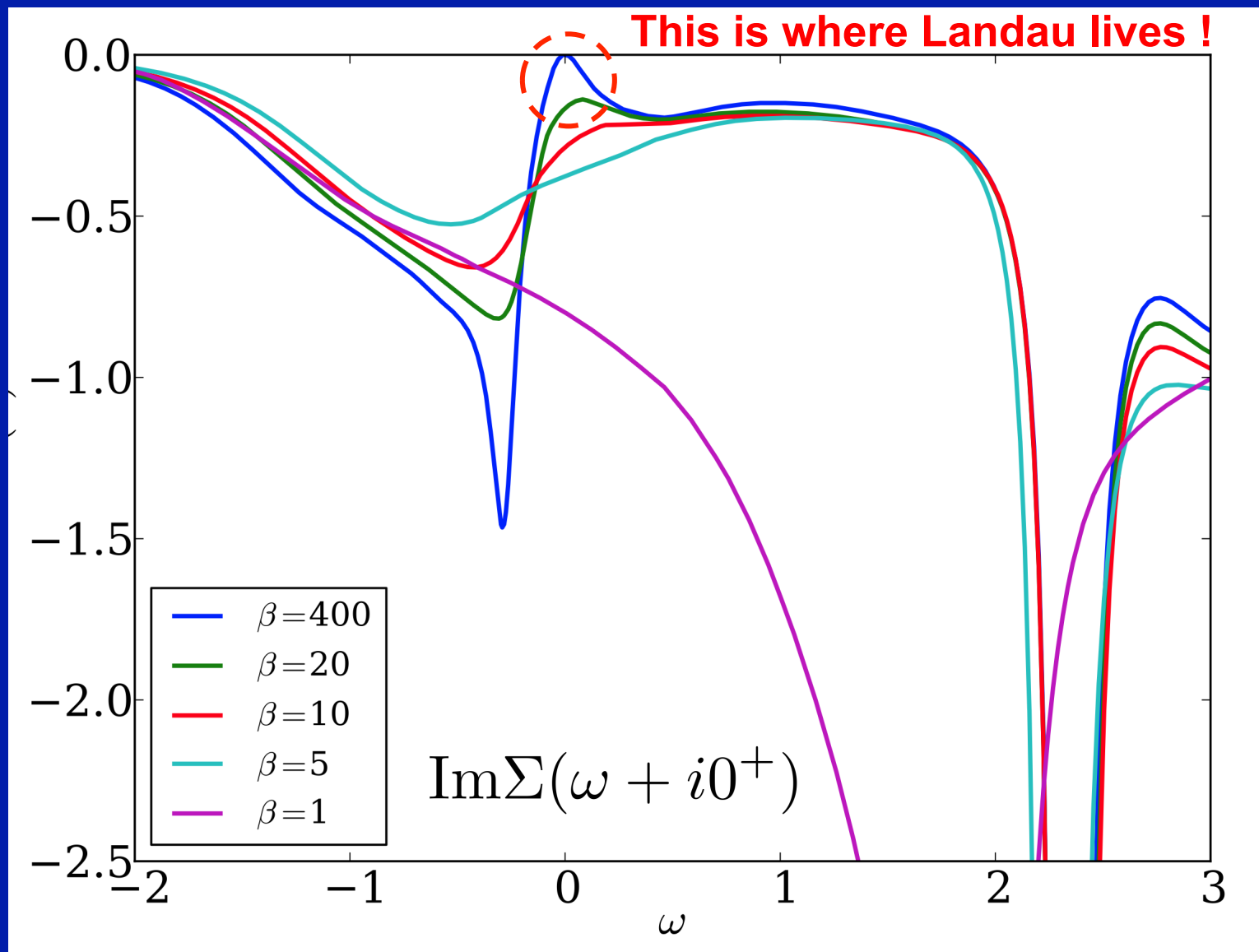
A self-consistent Kondo-like screening problem

DMFT (lattice) self-consistency \rightarrow intermediate coupling

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{Re}\Sigma(\omega + i0^+) &= \Sigma_0 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{Z}\right)\omega + \dots \\ -\operatorname{Im}\Sigma(\omega + i0^+) &= \frac{c}{D} [\omega^2 + (\pi T)^2]\end{aligned}$$

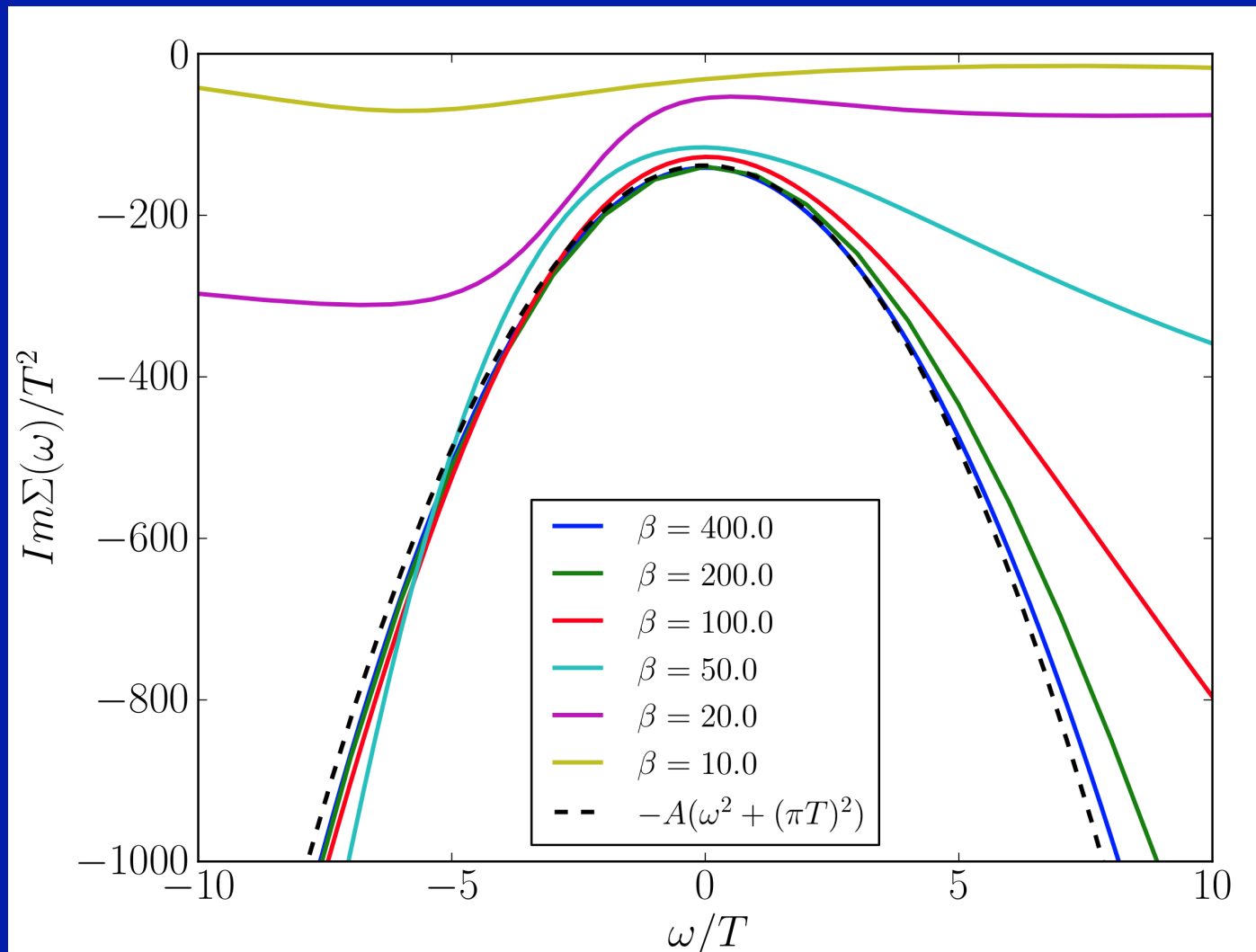
Luttinger theorem (large FS):

$$\mu - \Sigma_0(T = 0) = \mu_{U=0}(n) \equiv \epsilon_F$$



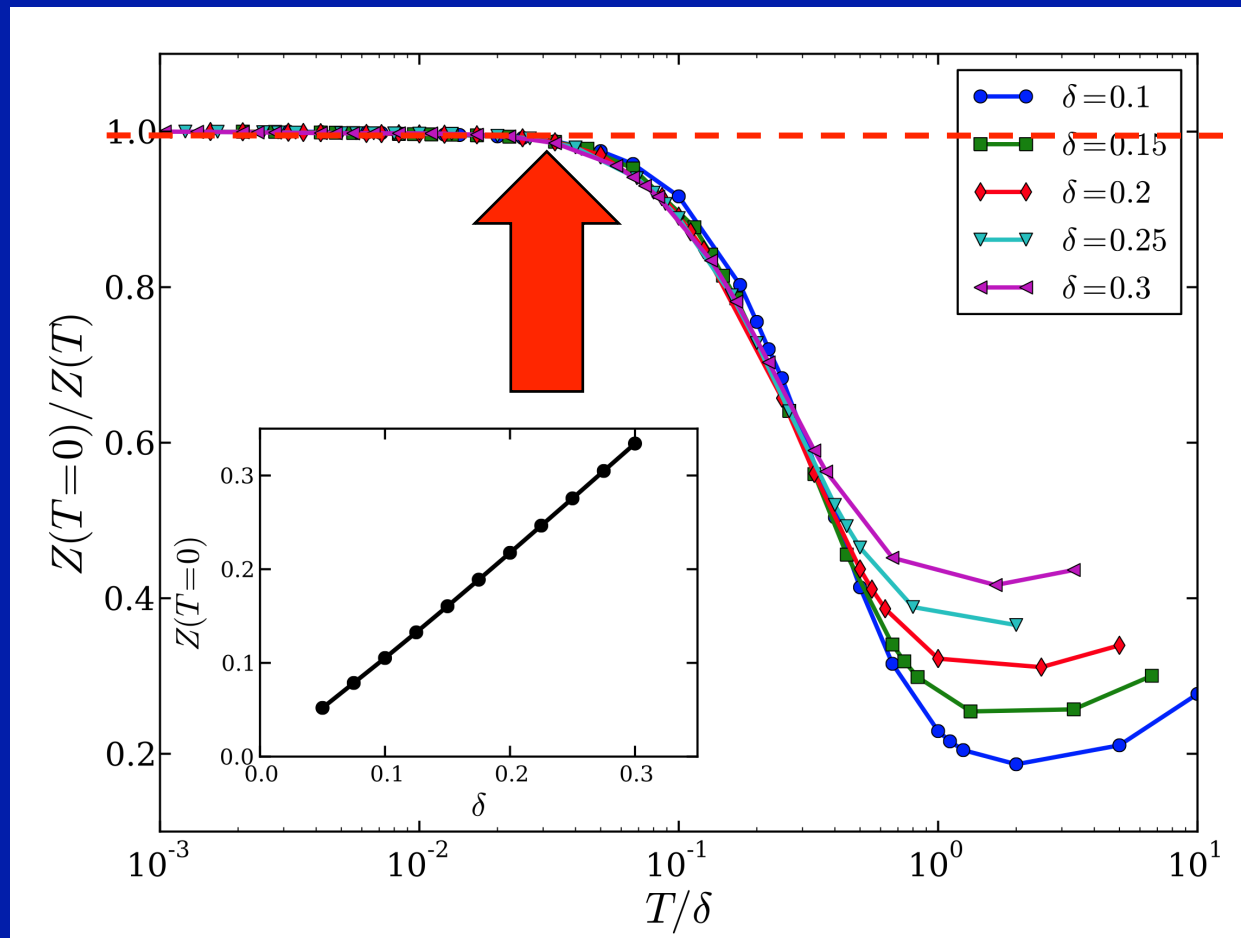
Identifying the Fermi Liquid scale

a. From $\omega^2 + (\pi T)^2$ scaling (Pade)



c. From T-dep of “effective mass”
 (useful: Matsubara...)

$$Z(0)/Z(T) = \text{const. for } T < T_{FL}$$



Brinkman-Rice
 Behaviour
 of

$$\frac{m^*}{m} = \frac{1}{Z} = \frac{1}{\delta}$$

Fermi Liquid scale (U/D=4)

$$T_{\text{FL}}/D \simeq 0.05 \delta$$

* A very low scale

(as compared to bare electronic scales) !

e.g. $D=1\text{eV}$, $\delta=10\%$ \rightarrow 60 K

* Scales \sim doping

but much lower than 'Brinkman-Rice' scale $\sim \delta D$
(by 1/20)

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

Sr_{1-x}La_xTiO₃

Tokura et al. PRL 1993

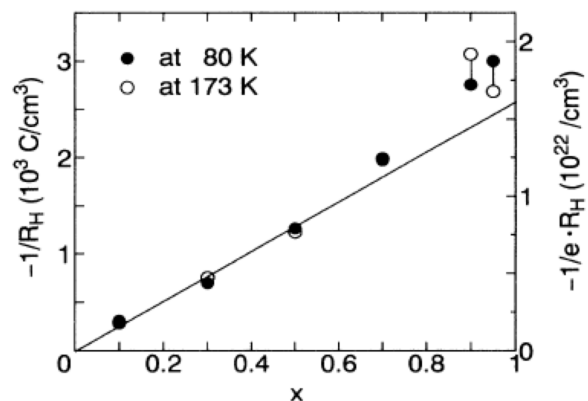
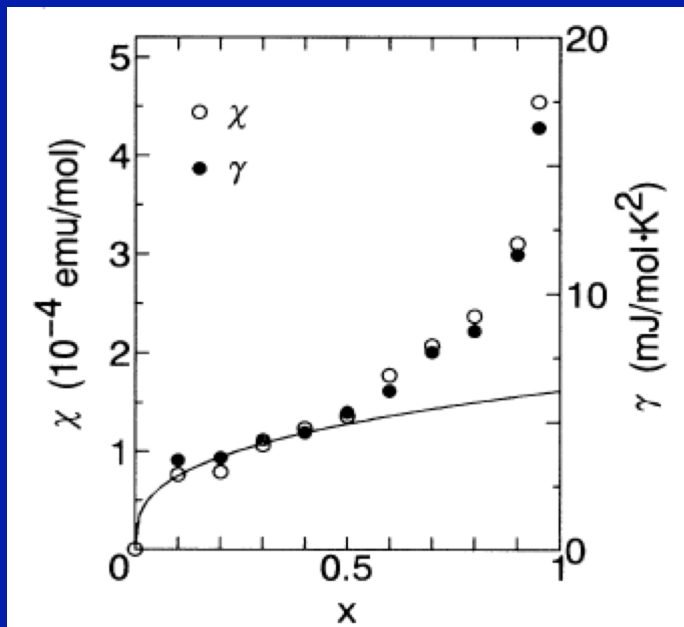
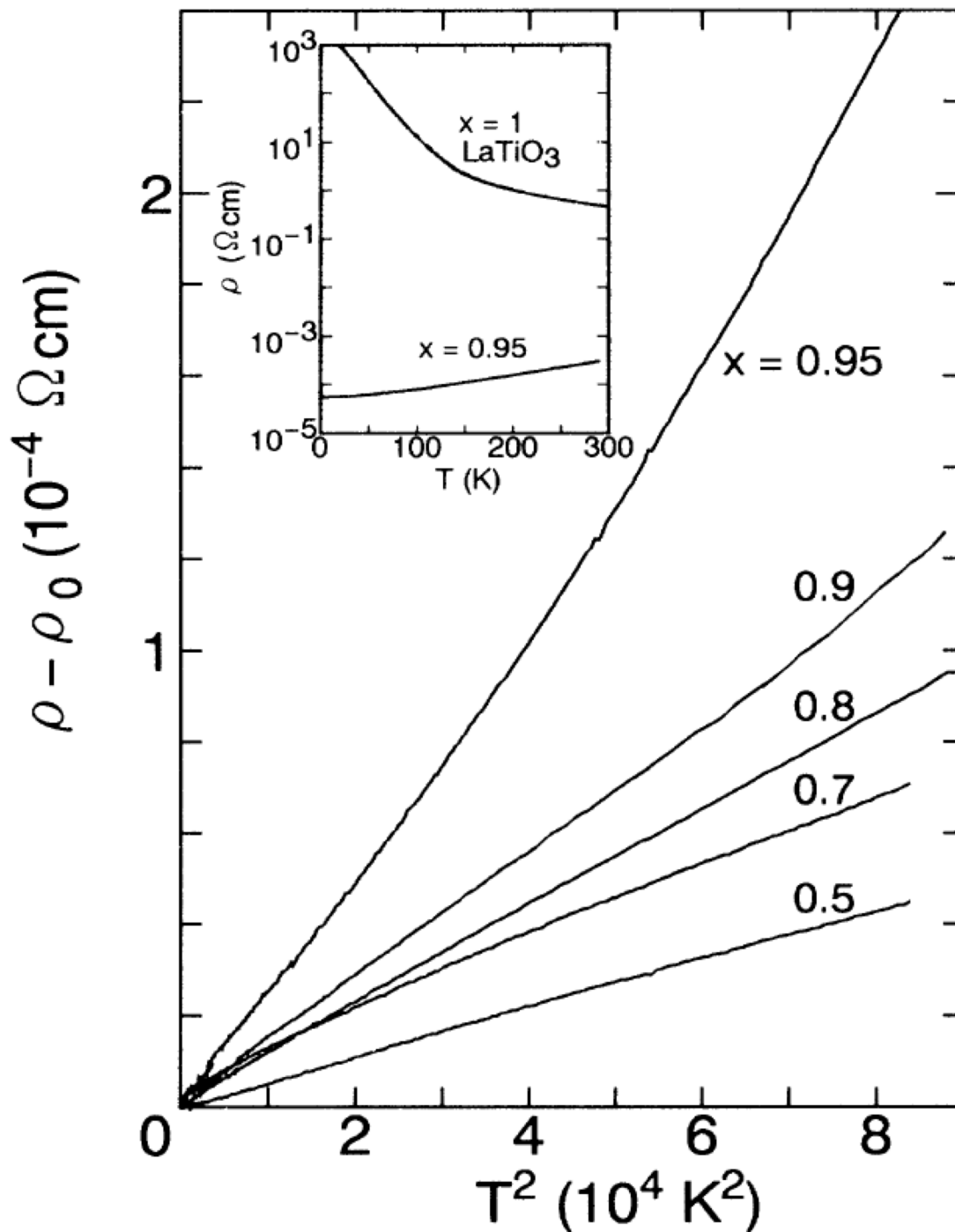
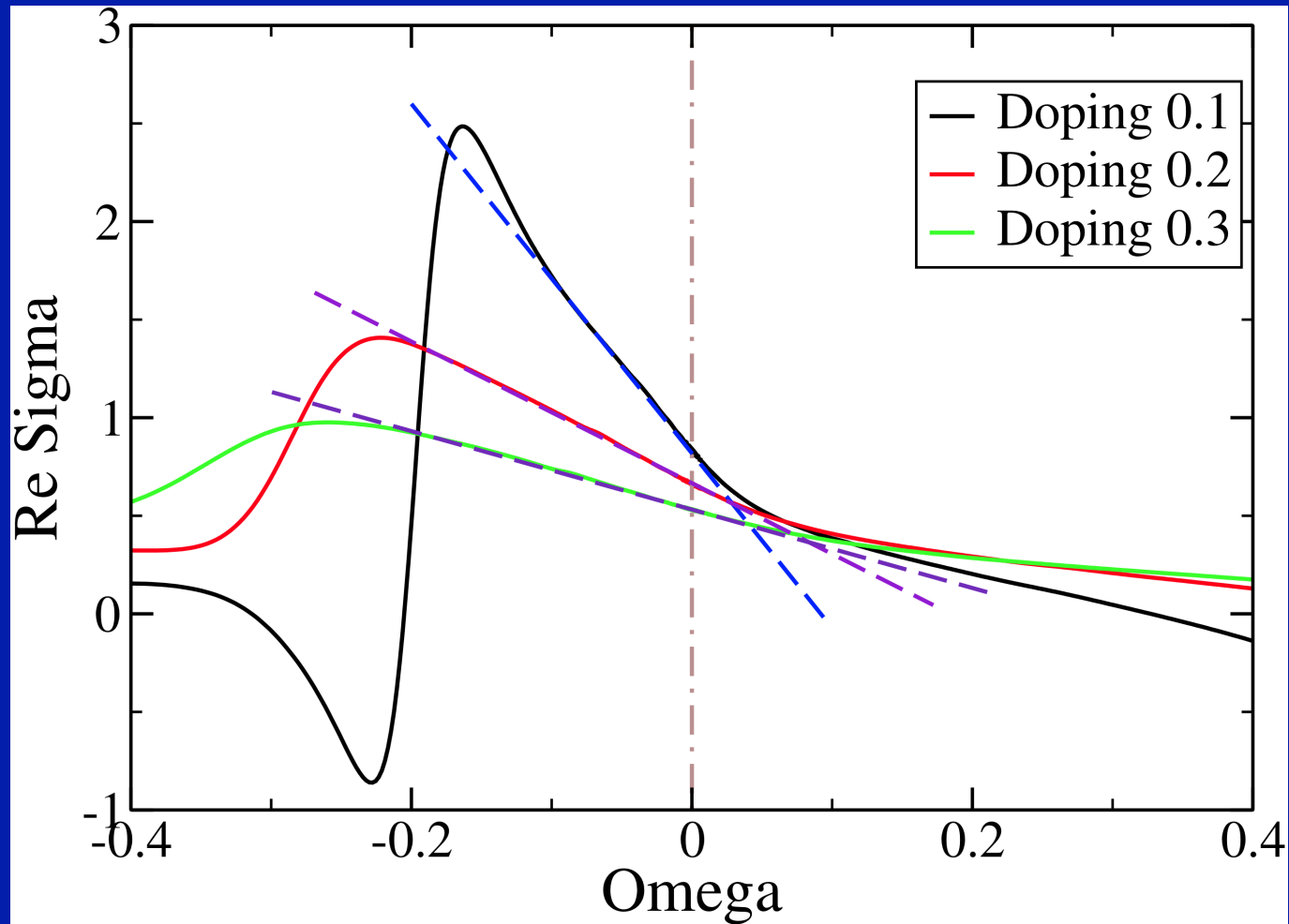


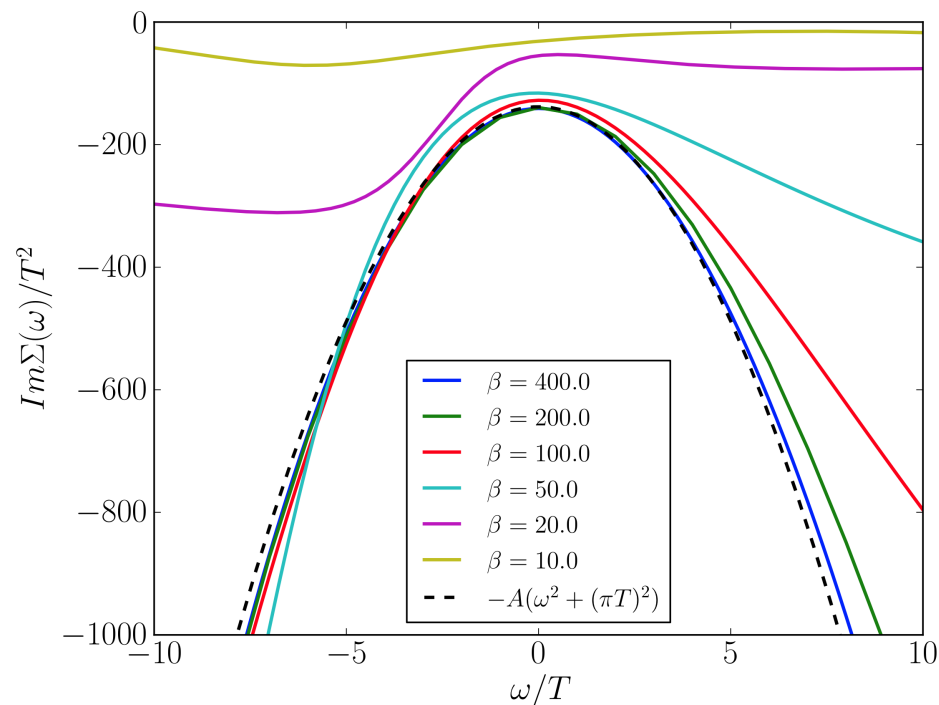
FIG. 2. The filling (x) dependence of the inverse of Hall coefficient (R_H^{-1}) in Sr_{1-x}La_xTiO₃. Open and closed circles represent the values measured at 80 K and 173 K, respectively. A solid line indicates the calculated one based on the assumption that each substitution of a Sr²⁺ site with La³⁺ supplies the compound with one electron-type carrier per Ti site.



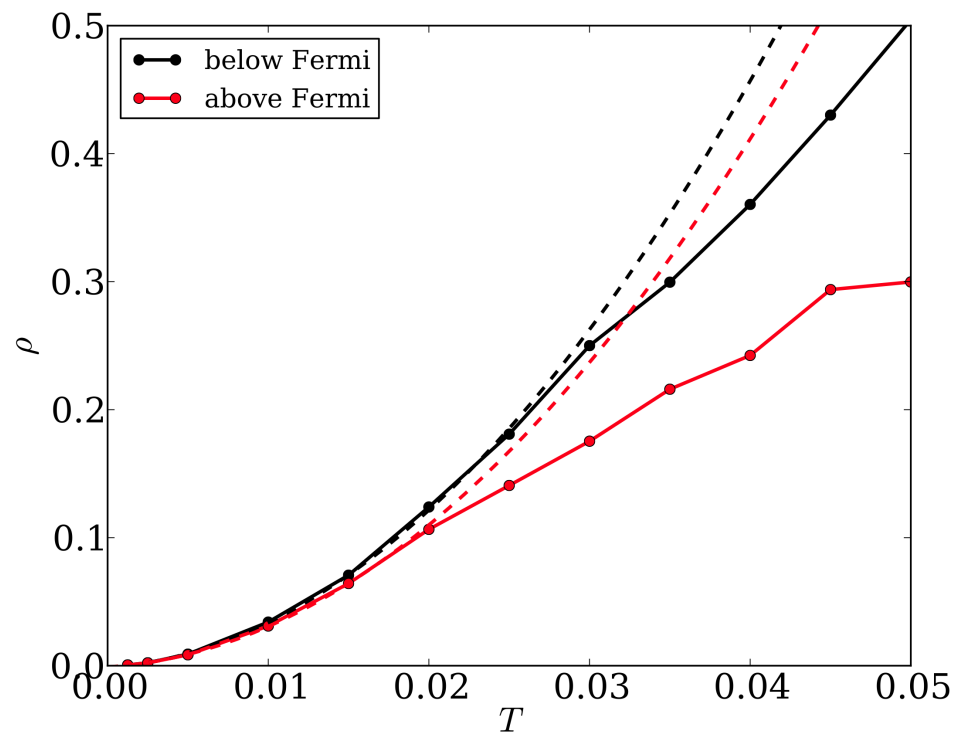
Hole- and electron- like 'kinks' and the FL coherence scale



Strong particle-hole asymmetry of the scattering rate in the FL regime



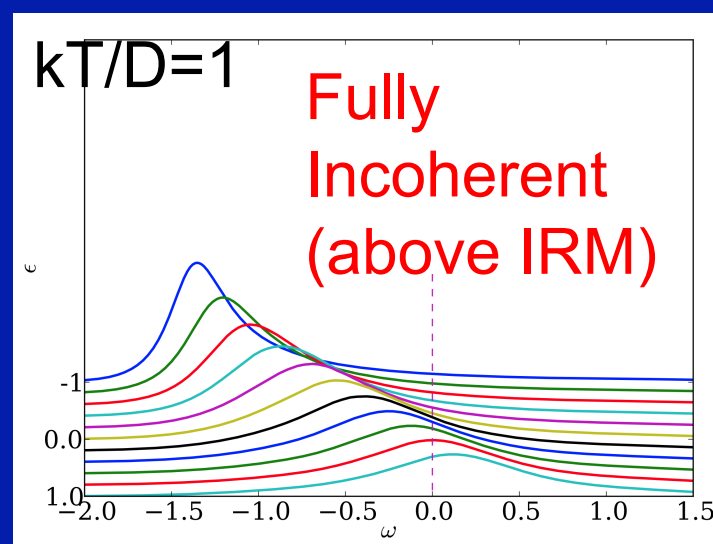
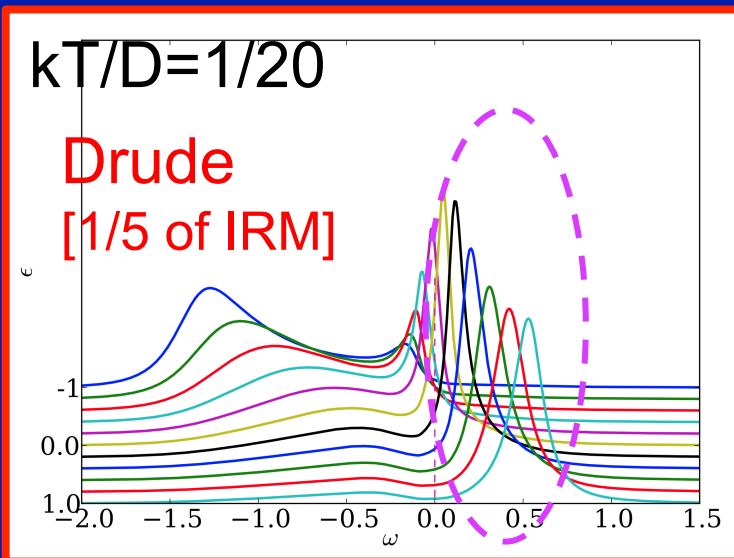
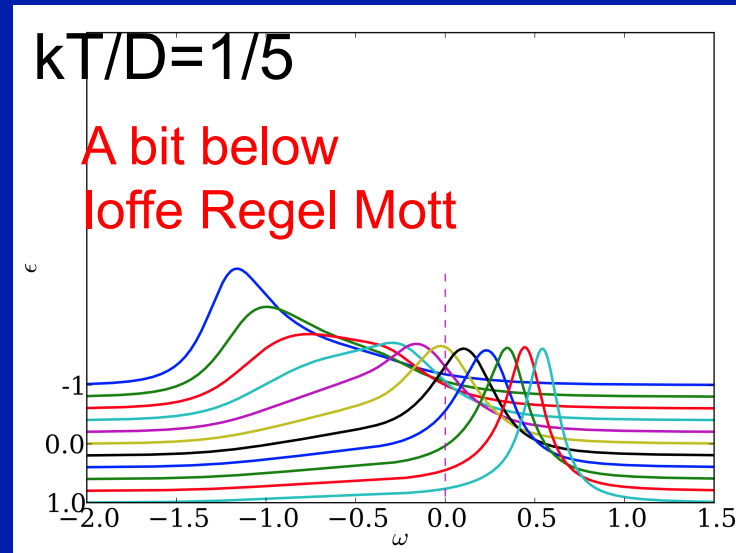
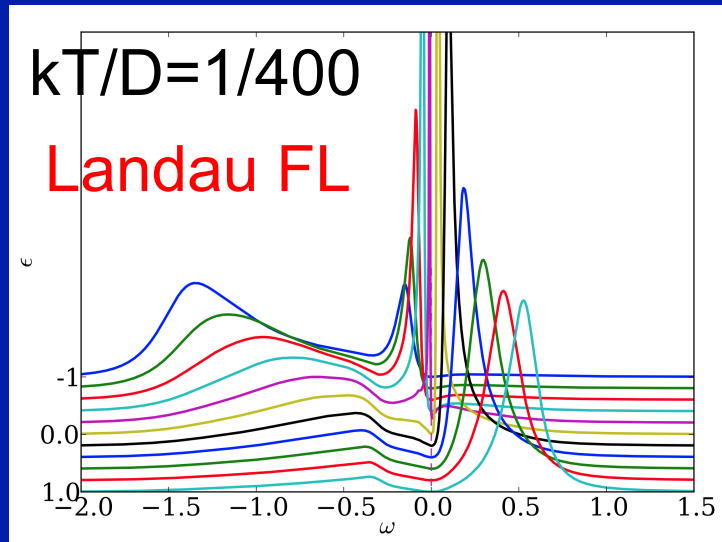
Positive ω and negative ω contributions to Kubo-Drude formula:



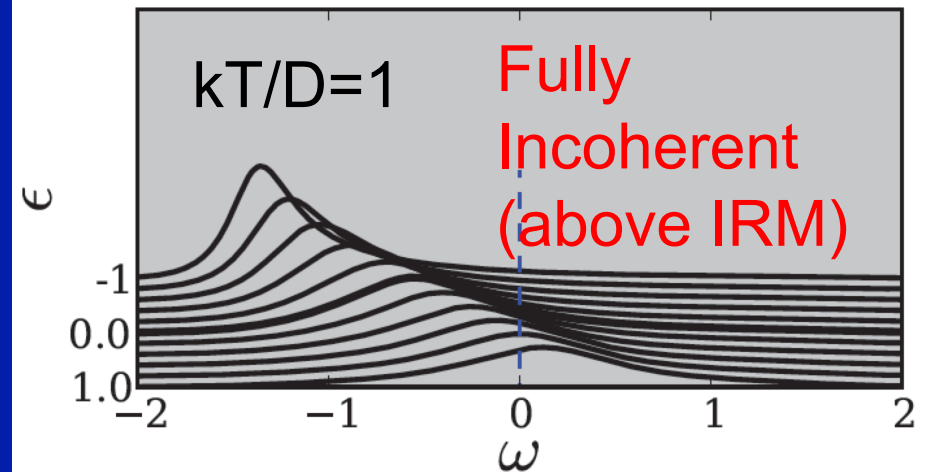
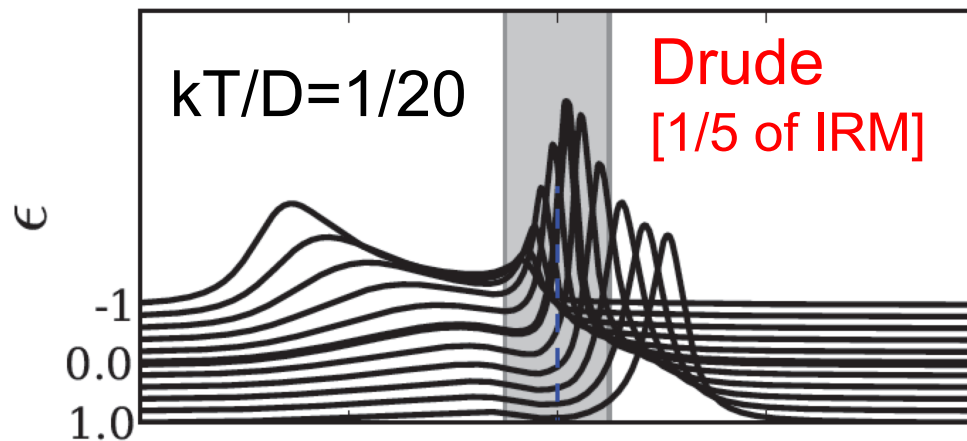
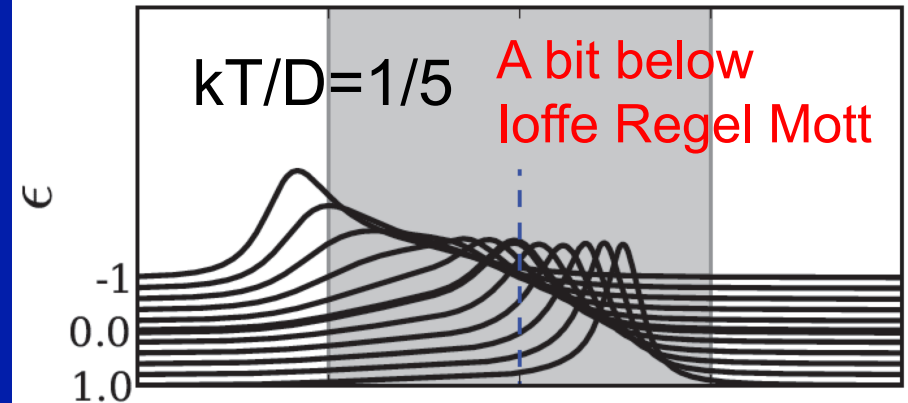
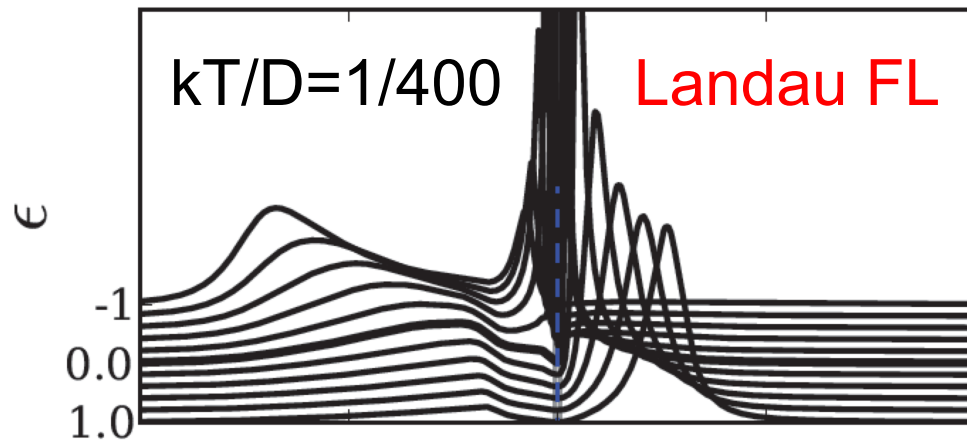
2. The 'Drude' regime for $T > T_{FL}$ ($T < T_{IRM}$)

Quasiparticles **SURVIVE** but they no longer obey Landau's theory

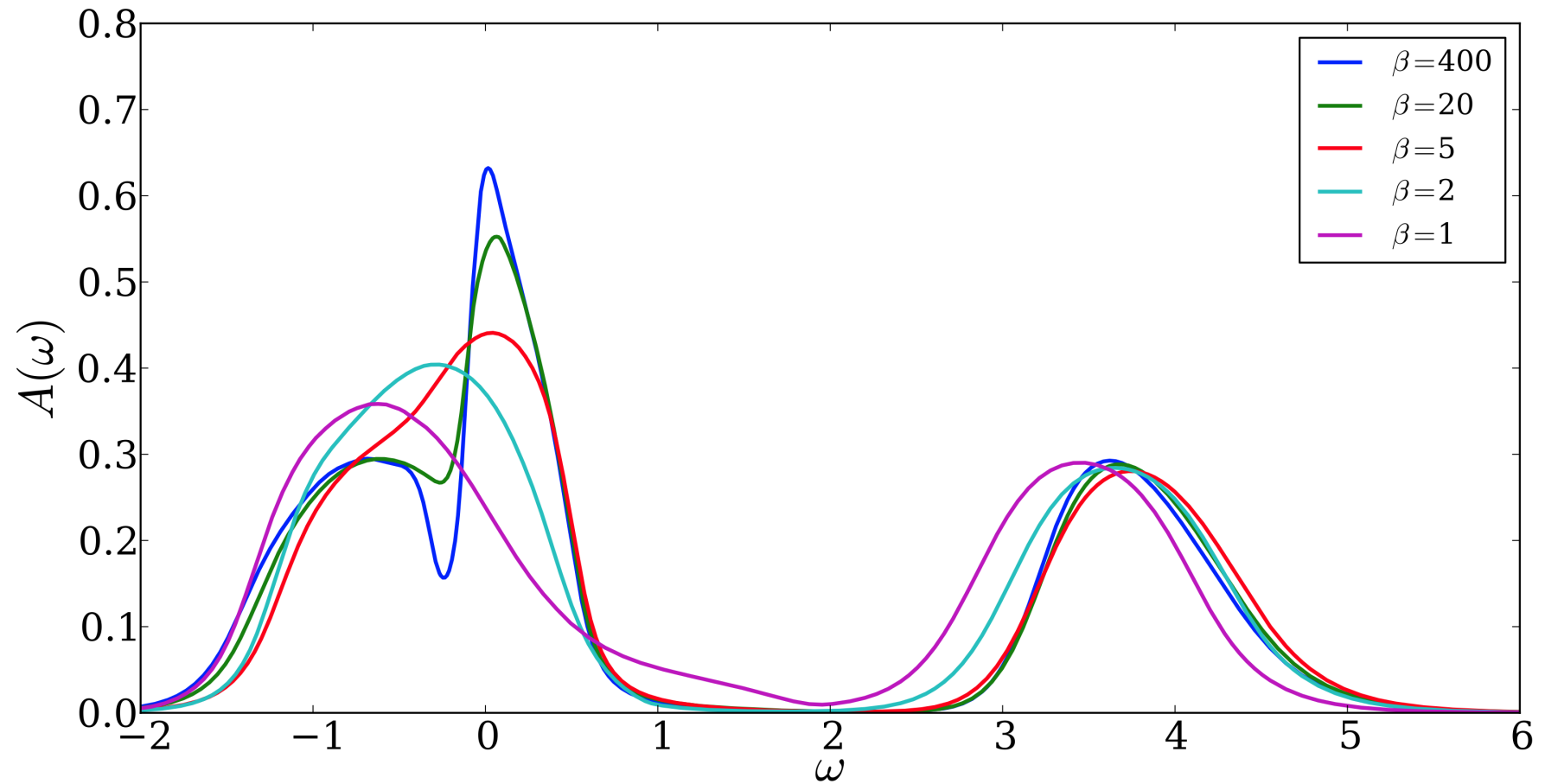
The 'dark side' of the Fermi surface



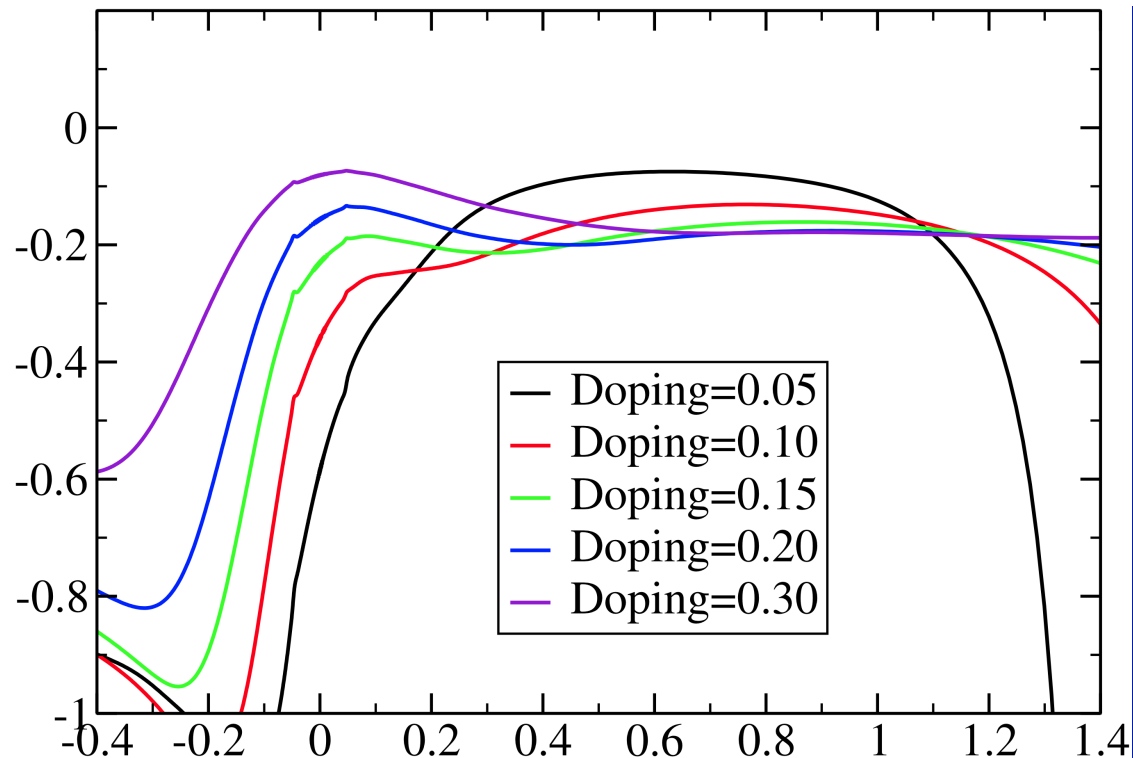
Which excitations contribute to dc transport ?



Total DOS

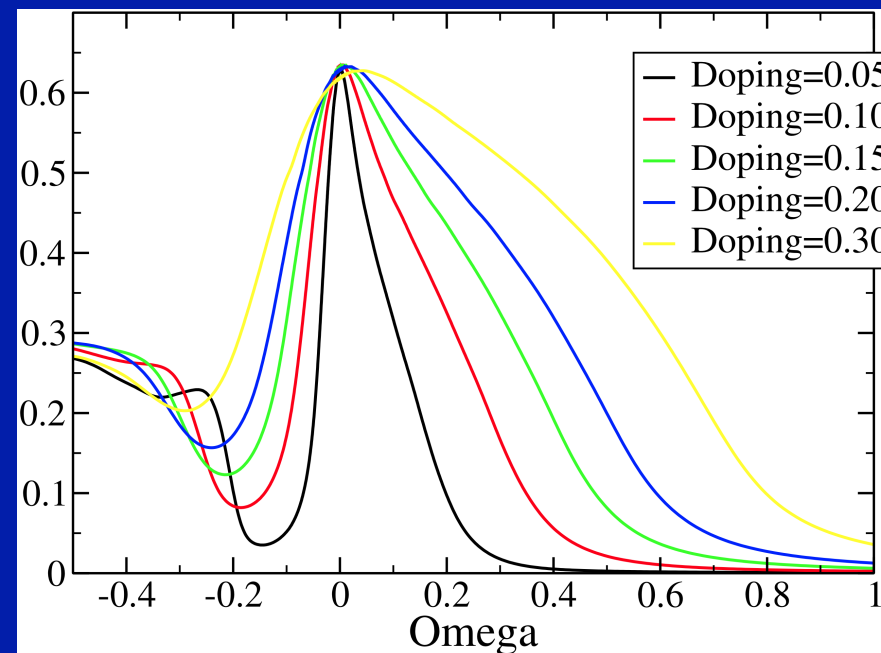
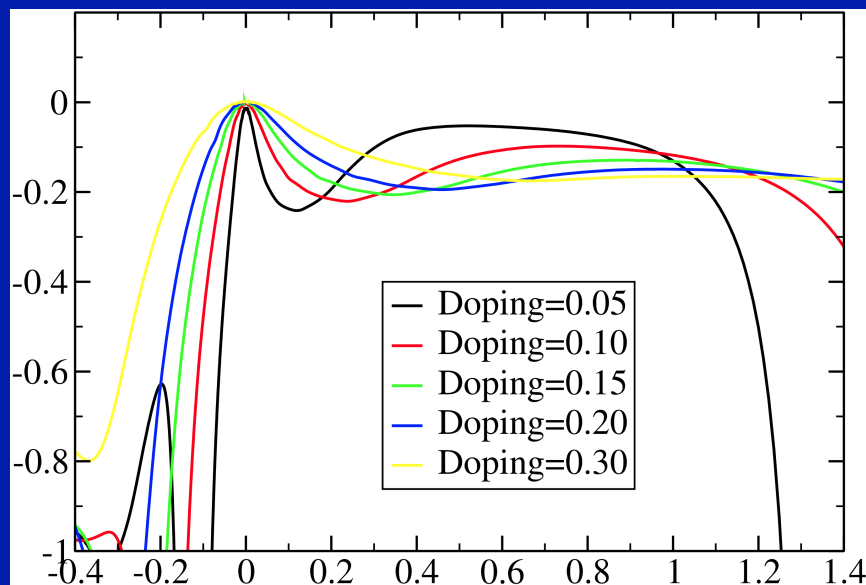


Clear 3-peak structure way above T_{FL}



'Drude' quasiparticles:
 Scattering rate $\gg kT$
 but $\ll D$

Weakly-temperature and
 energy-dependent
 ('plateau')
 over some range



Claims about destruction of quasiparticles as seen in ARPES: to be reconsidered

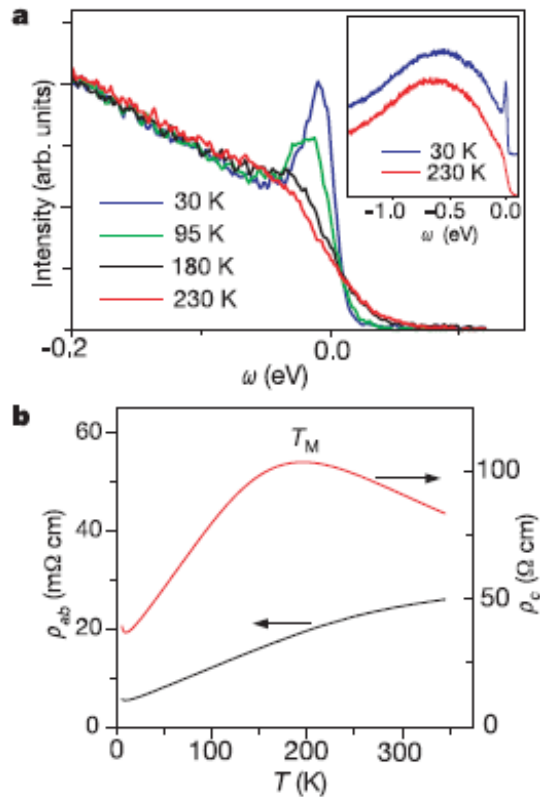


Figure 2 Correlation between the ARPES and transport in $(\text{Bi}_{0.5}\text{Pb}_{0.5})_2\text{Ba}_3\text{Co}_2\text{O}_y$. **a**, The changes in energy distribution curves (vertical cross-sections of the ARPES data shown in Fig. 1) (for $k = k_F$) with temperature. The inset shows the wide-range energy distribution curves. **b**, Transport data. The in-plane and the out-of-plane resistivities are measured on a sample from the same batch with a conventional four-probe technique.

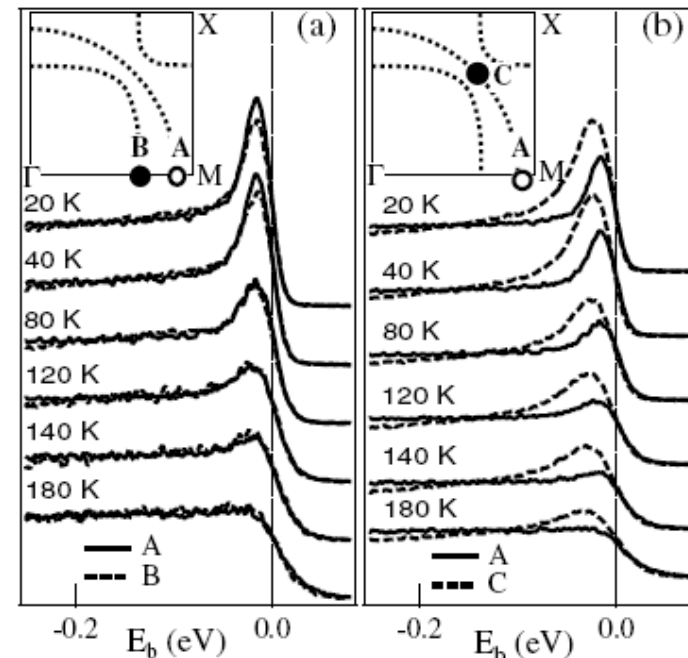


FIG. 2. Temperature dependence of spectra at the three FSCPs: A, B, and C (see the insets). (a) Comparison of spectra between A and B. (b) Comparison of spectra between A and C. The insets show measurement locations in the Brillouin zone.

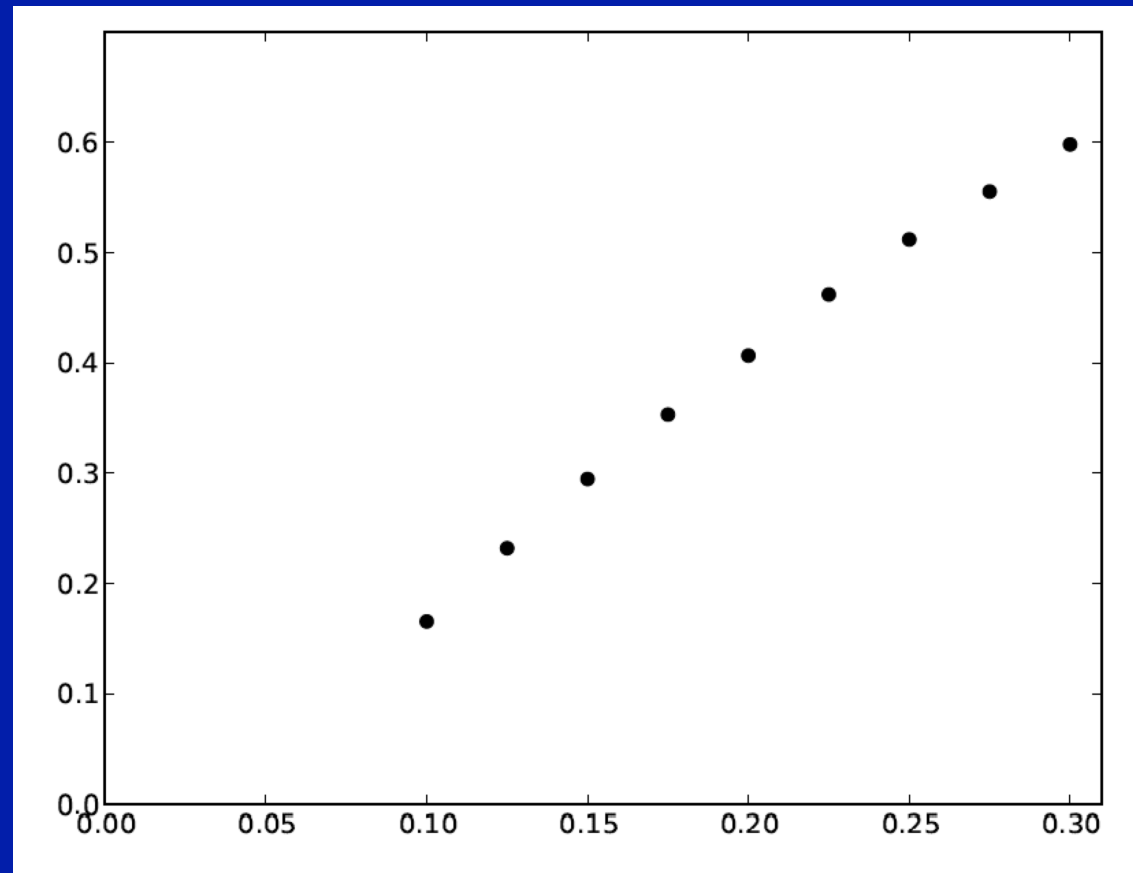
Wang et al PRL 92 (2004) 137002

T.Valla et al. Nature 417 (2002) 628

When is the IRM 'limit' reached ?

The true meaning of the Brinkman-Rice scale $\sim \delta D$

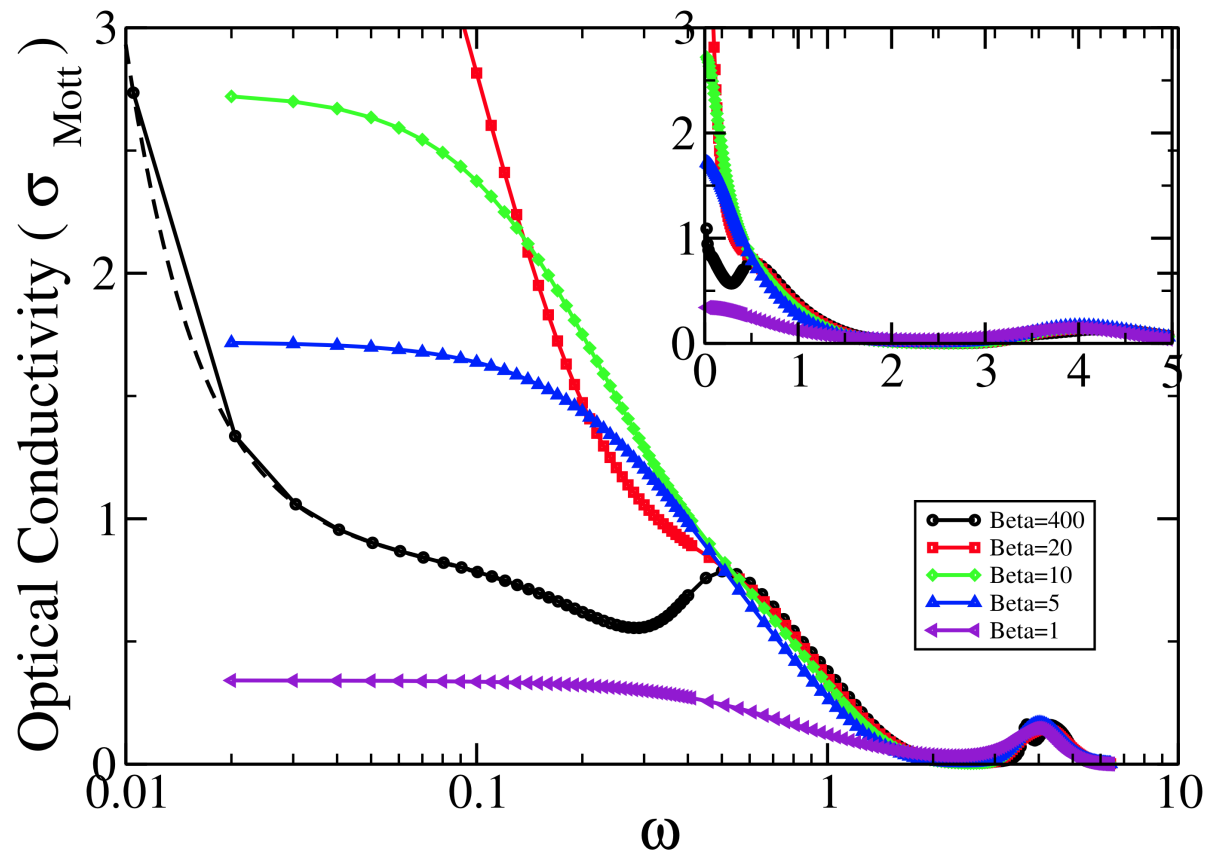
T_{IRM}/D



Doping

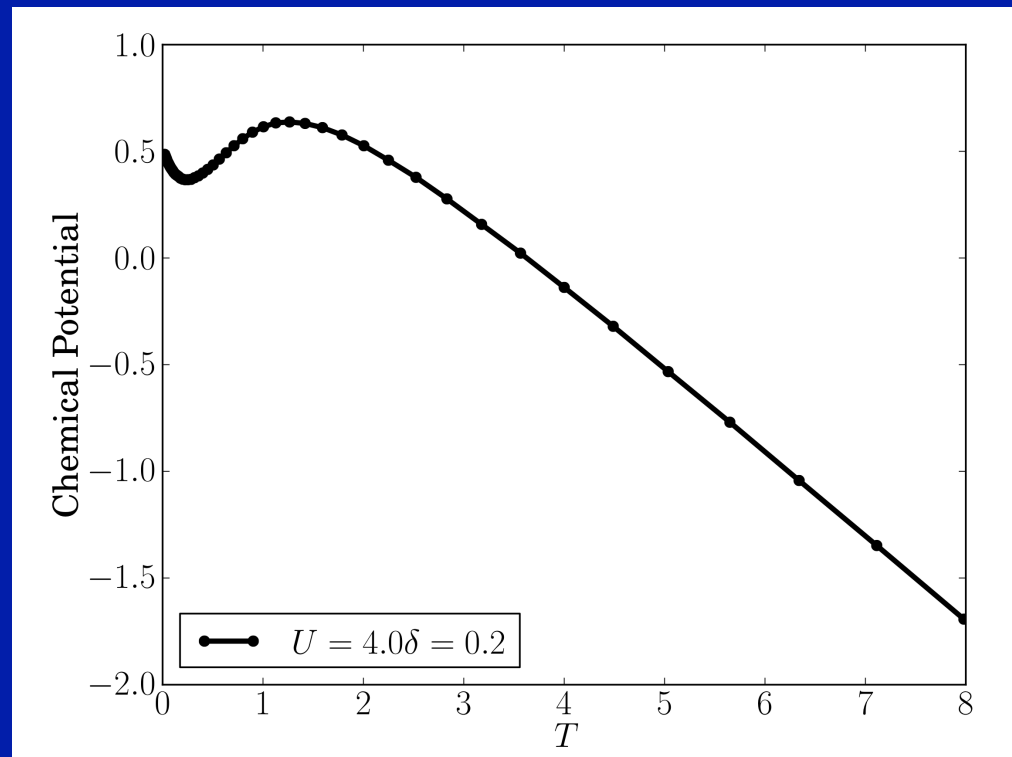
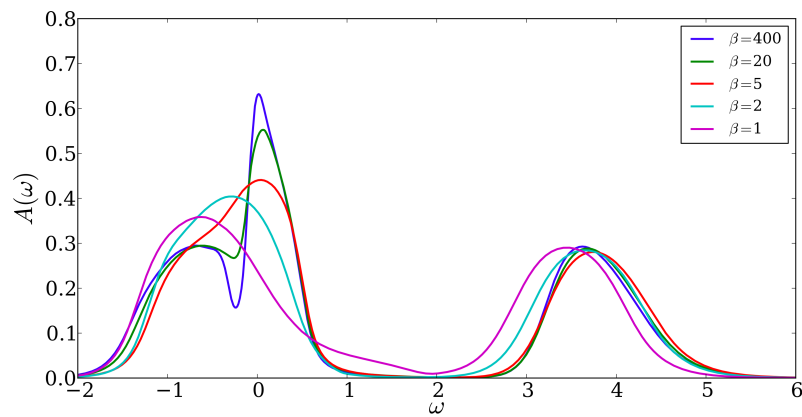
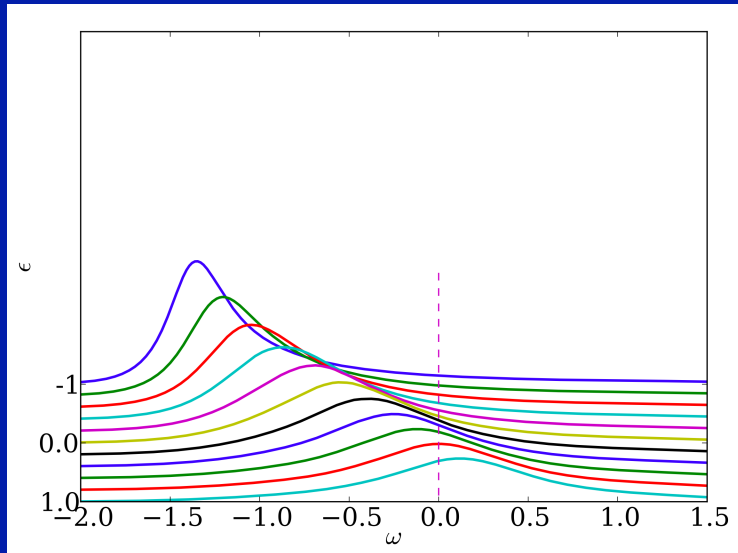
Signatures of IRM in optics:

“IRM limit = changes in MIR range”



cf. N.Hussey, Takenaka, Takagi review in Phil Mag, 2004.

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

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

Hence the coefficients A_n from §3.4 become⁴:

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

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

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

Before we go any further we also define

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

T-linear above IRM $\rho(T) \sim \frac{T}{\gamma_0 \zeta}$ From G.Palsson's PhD