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## *Cuprates supraconducteurs : où en est-on ?*

Pseudogap and Nodal/Antinodal Dichotomy:  
Cluster-DMFT theoretical viewpoint  
\* Recent progresses \*

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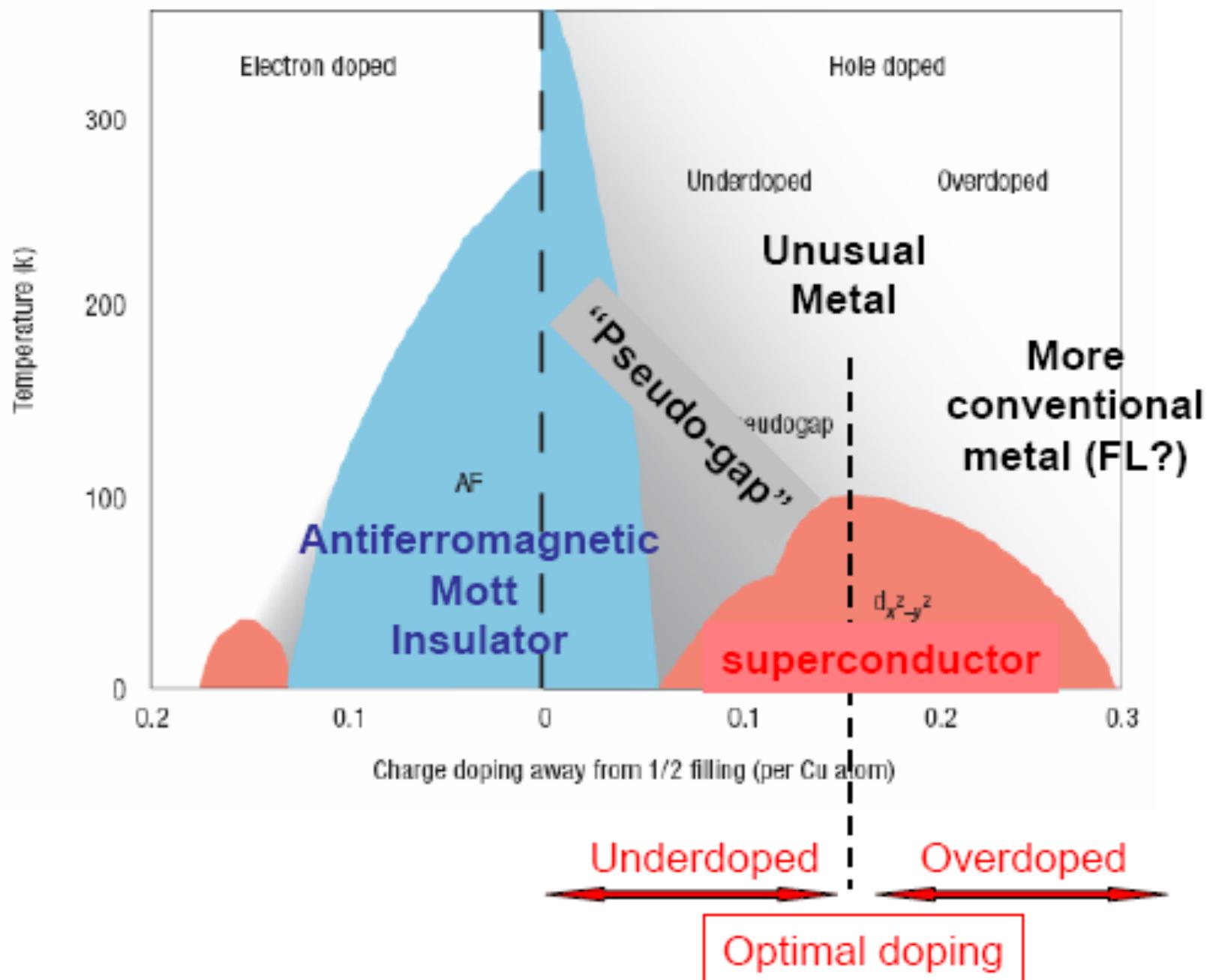
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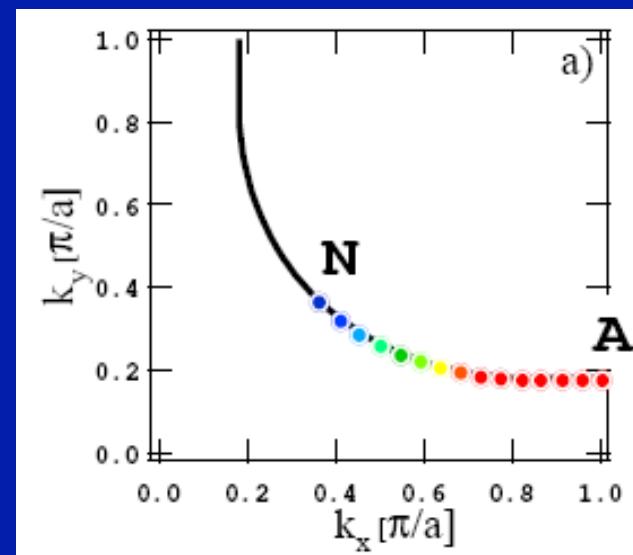
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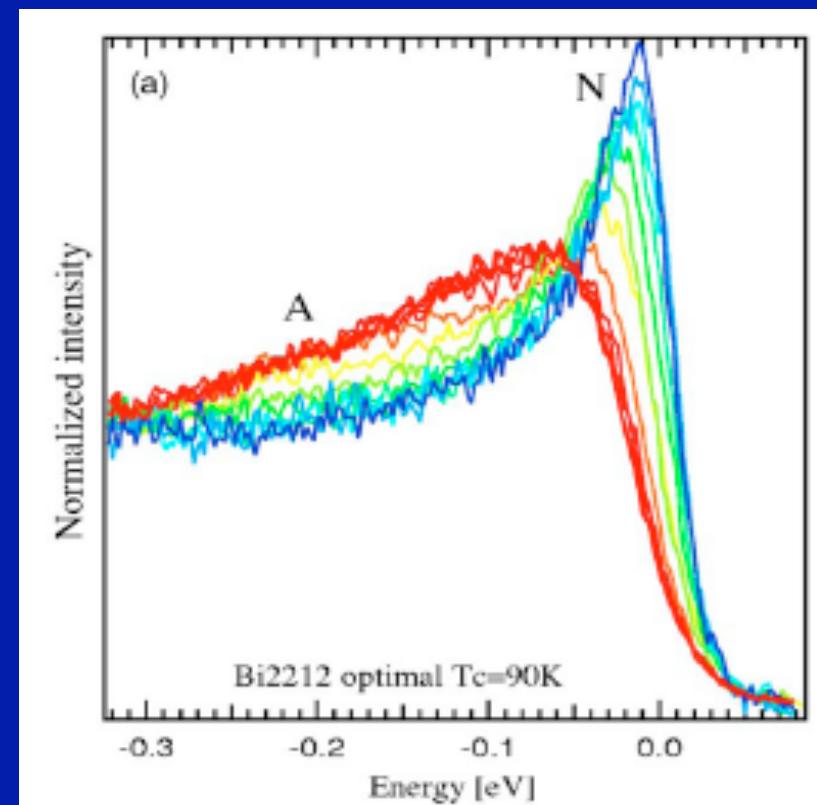


# NORMAL state:

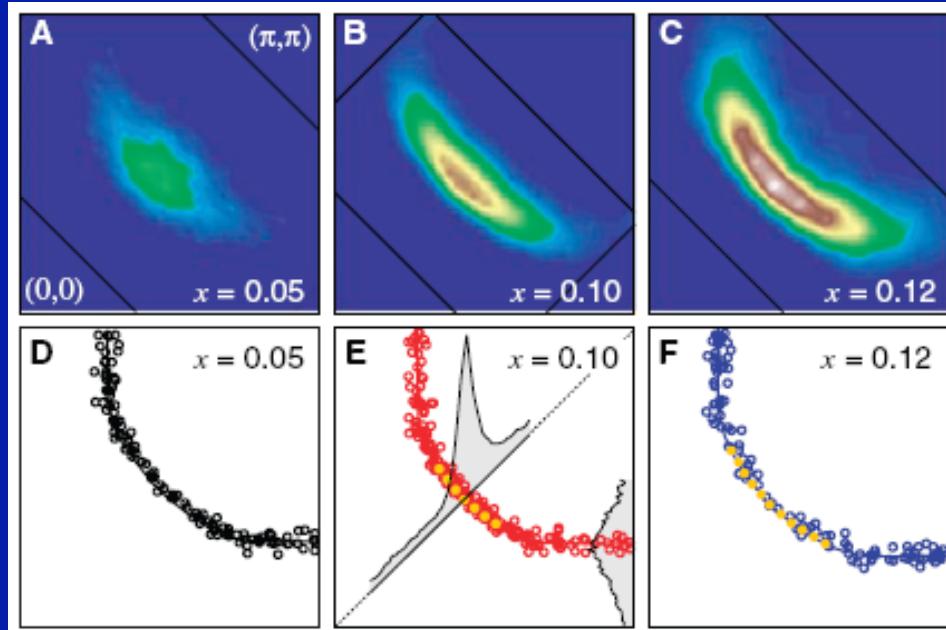
- ``Nodal'' regions display reasonably coherent quasiparticles
- In contrast, excitations in the ``antinodal'' regions e.g.  $(0,\pi)$  are much more incoherent  
AND they are (pseudo-) gapped below  $T^*$



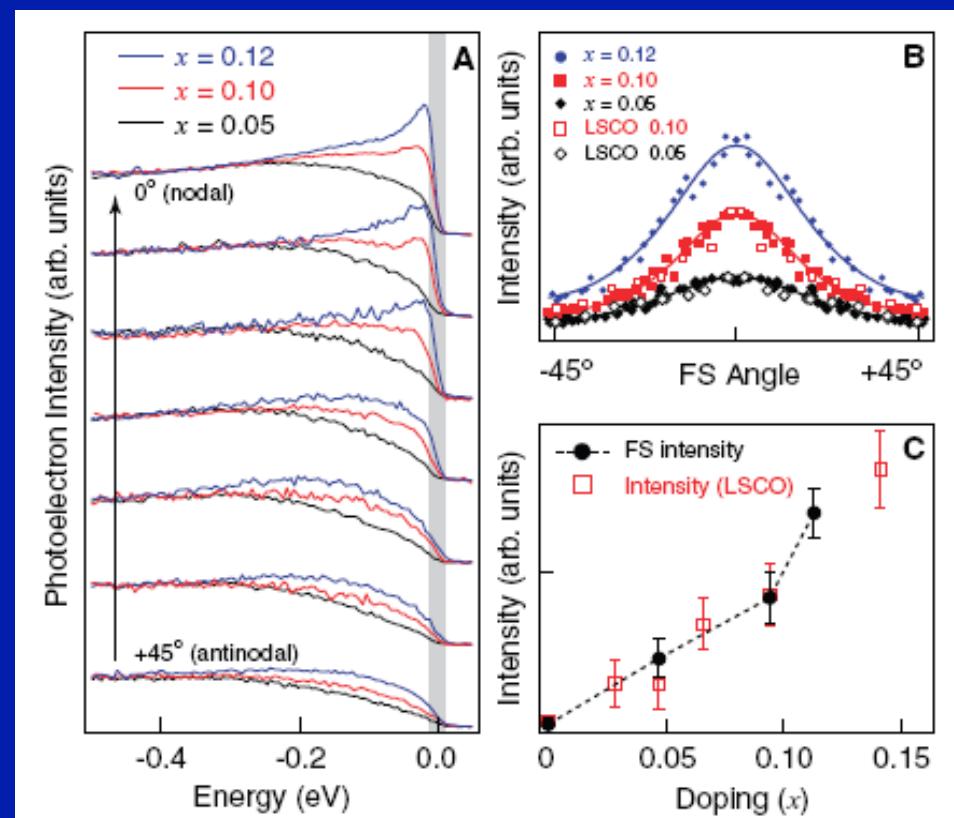
Kaminski et al., 2004 Bi2212  
 $T_c=90K @ T=140K$



# ARPES sees « Fermi arcs »



K.Shen et al. Science 2007



# Physical origin of the pseudogap ?

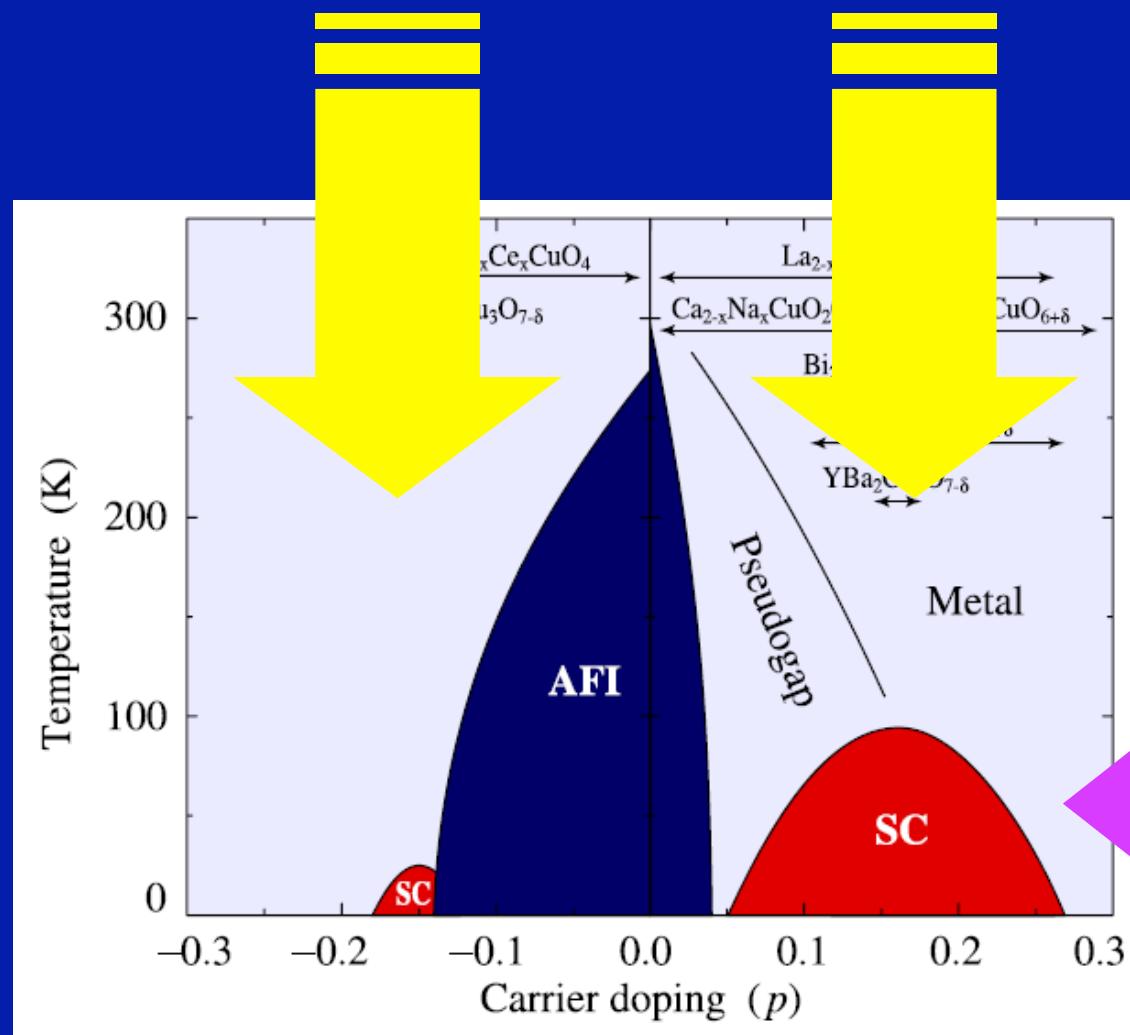
- \* Fluctuations of the SC order parameter → most probaby NOT
- \* Long-range ordering ?
  - cf . seminar by P.Bourges (orbital currents)  
→ is it the cause of the PG or a resulting instability ? [chicken or egg ?]
  - Signals formation of singlets due to strong antiferromagnetic superexchange [ $J$ ] ?  
cf. RVB ideas.  
Crossover, possibly triggering secondary instability
- \* Is the PG phenomenon captured by the simplest model:  
single-band Hubbard or t-J ?

# Why is this challenging for theory ?

- Approach to the Mott insulator: *quasiparticle coherence scale*
- Brinkman-Rice/Slave bosons/DMFT: *Uniform scale along Fermi surface* (of order  $\delta t$  )
- Need to take into account inter-site superexchange ( $J$ )  
→ singlet formation/spatial correlations

Brinkman-Rice/DMFT leads e.g. to a large effective mass  $\sim 1/\delta$   
while in fact  $\sim 1/J$  is expected for  $J < \delta t$   
(Indeed: spin entropy released at scale  $J$ )

# From high to low energy/temperature: DMFT and cluster extensions “top to bottom approach”



From high to  
low  
doping...

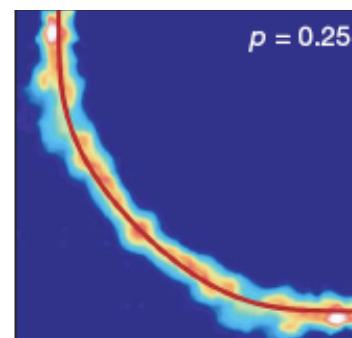
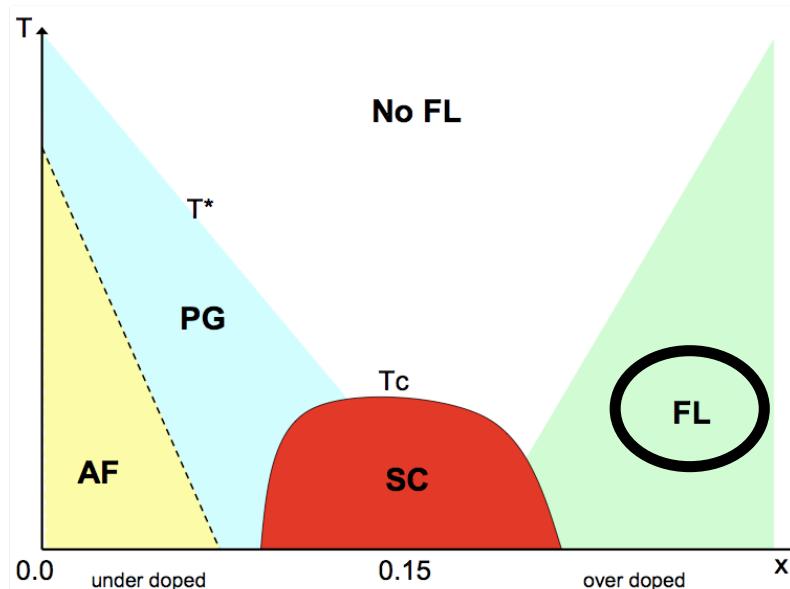
*Flowing down along RG trajectories...  
...Need a « compass » to orient ourselves,*



*Starting from:*

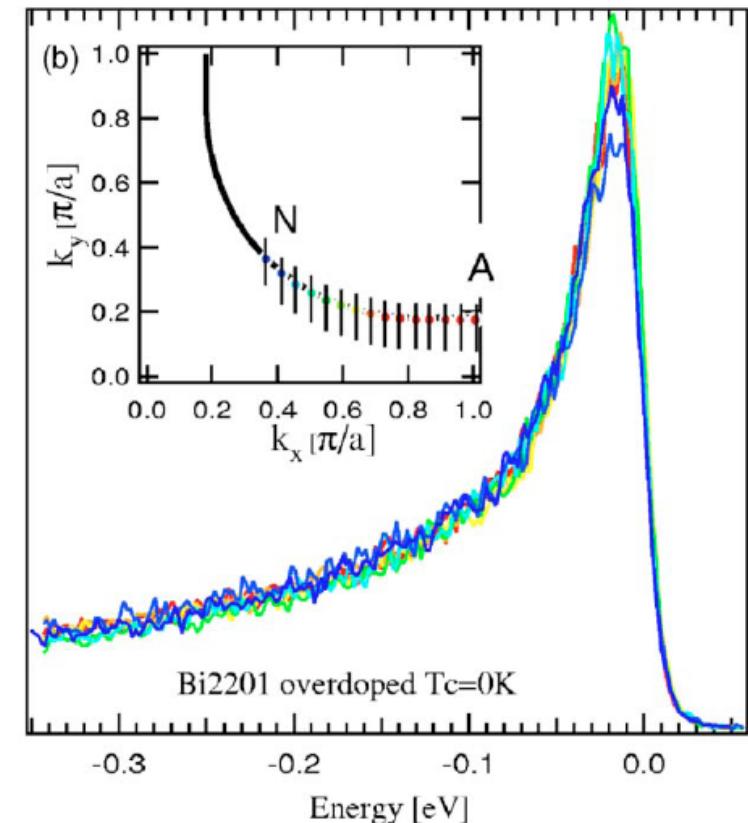
- High-temperature/*
- High-energy/*
- High-doping level ...*

**At very high doping levels, to the right of the SC dome: physics  $\sim$  uniform in momentum space**



*Plat  et al., PRL (2005)*  
TI2201 OD

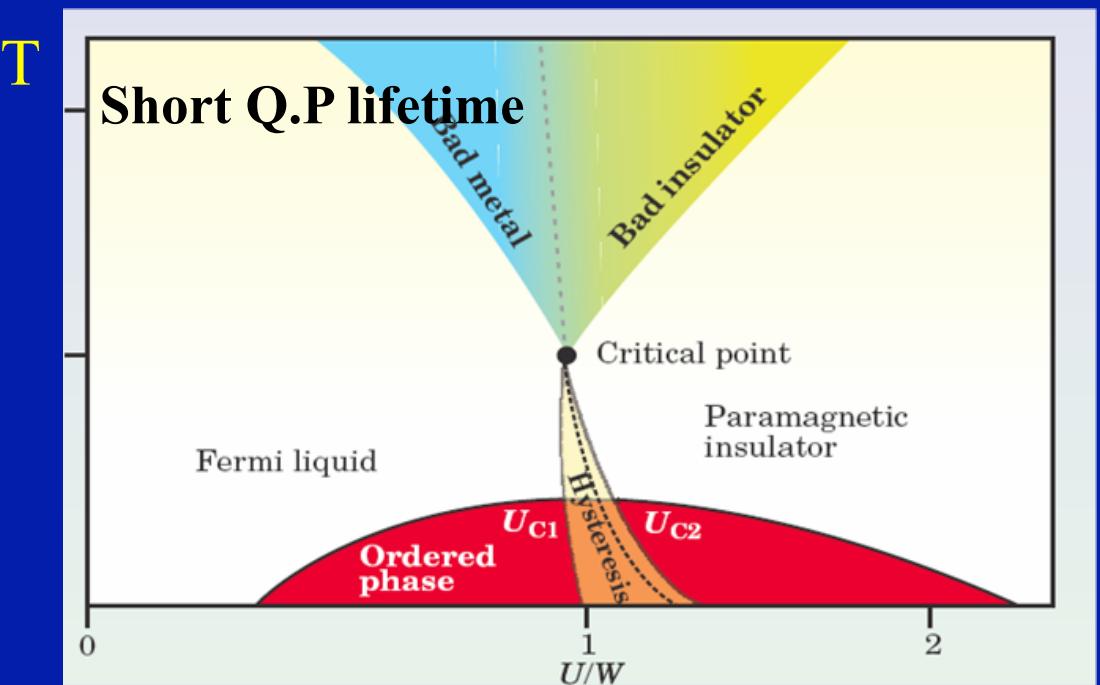
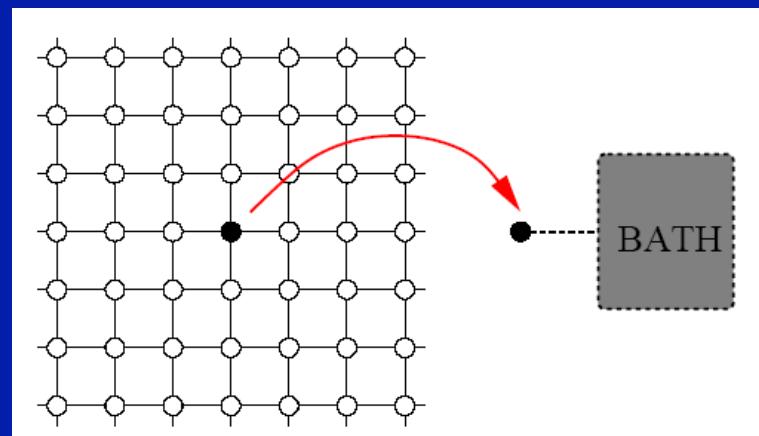
*Kaminski et al., PRB (2005)*



Single-site DMFT is a good approximation in this regime,  
Properties are close to that of a Fermi-liquid at low- $T$ , crossover to incoherent at higher  $T$

# Dynamical mean-field theory (single-site)

- Provides a simple theory of the proximity of the Mott transition
- Good at describing **the destruction of coherent quasiparticles** (small QP coherence scale, short lifetime near Mott transition)



Coherent excitations: k-space (wave)  
Incoherent excitations: real space (particle)

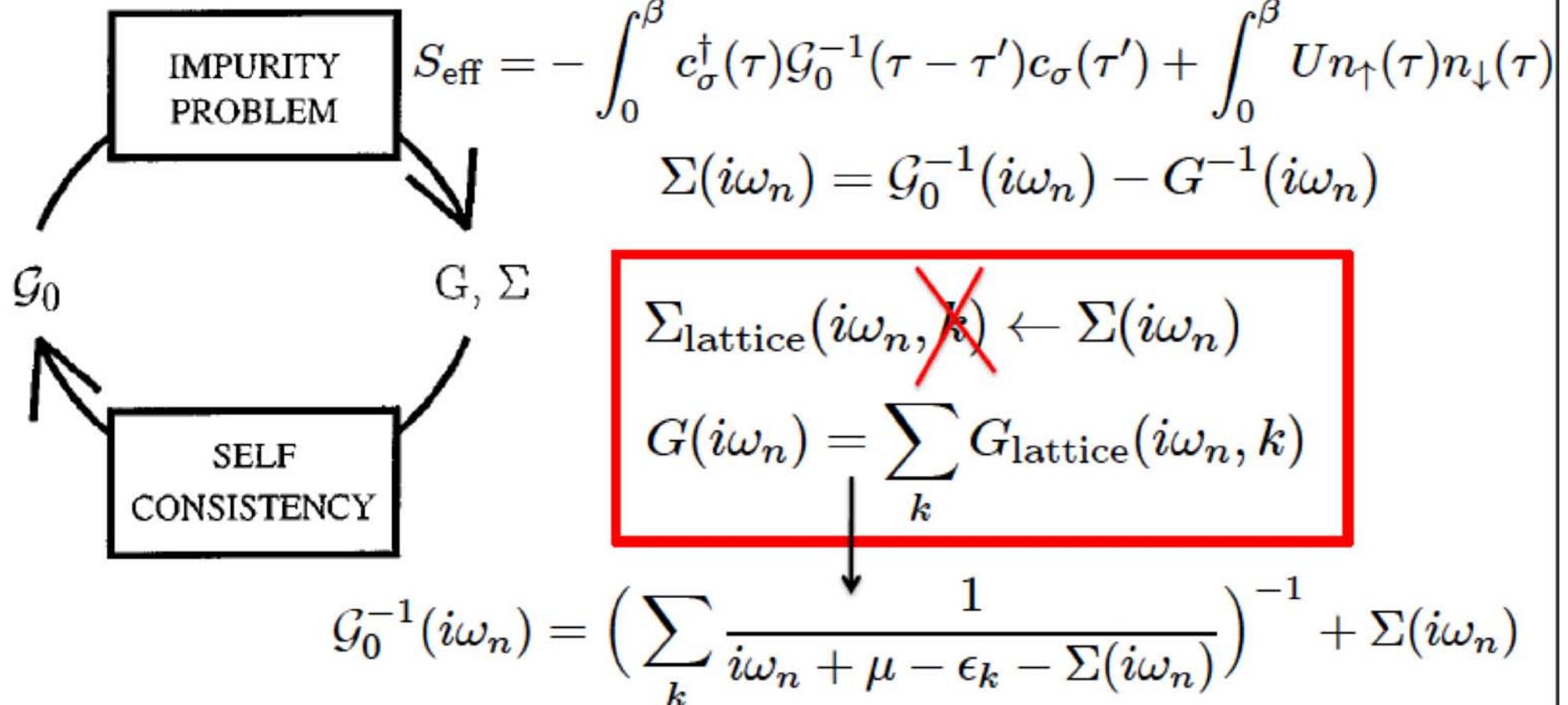
# 2D Hubbard model ( $t, t', U$ )

$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \sigma=\uparrow, \downarrow} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\sigma\mathbf{k}}^\dagger c_{\sigma\mathbf{k}} + U \sum_i n_{i\downarrow} n_{i\uparrow}$$
$$\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} = -2t(\cos(k_x) + \cos(k_y)) - 4t' \cos(k_x) \cos(k_y).$$

In the following:

$U/t = 10$   
 $t'/t = -0.3$   
Hole-doped  
Unit of energy:  $4t (= 1)$

## DMFT equations



In DMFT the self-energy of the lattice is local:  $Z$ ,  $m^*$ , coherence temperature, lifetimes are **constant along the Fermi surface**

# Beyond DMFT: accounting for momentum dependence

``Cluster'' extensions - come in various flavors,  
DCA, CDMFT etc...

For reviews see:

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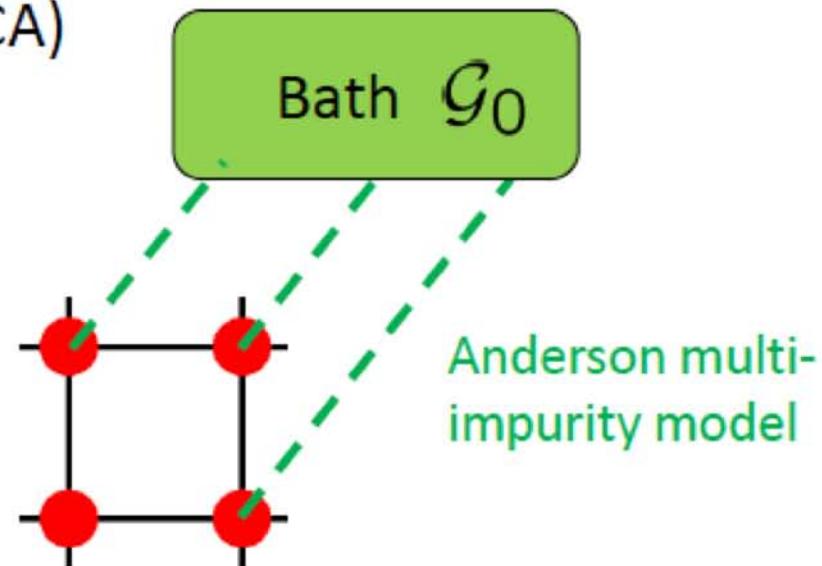
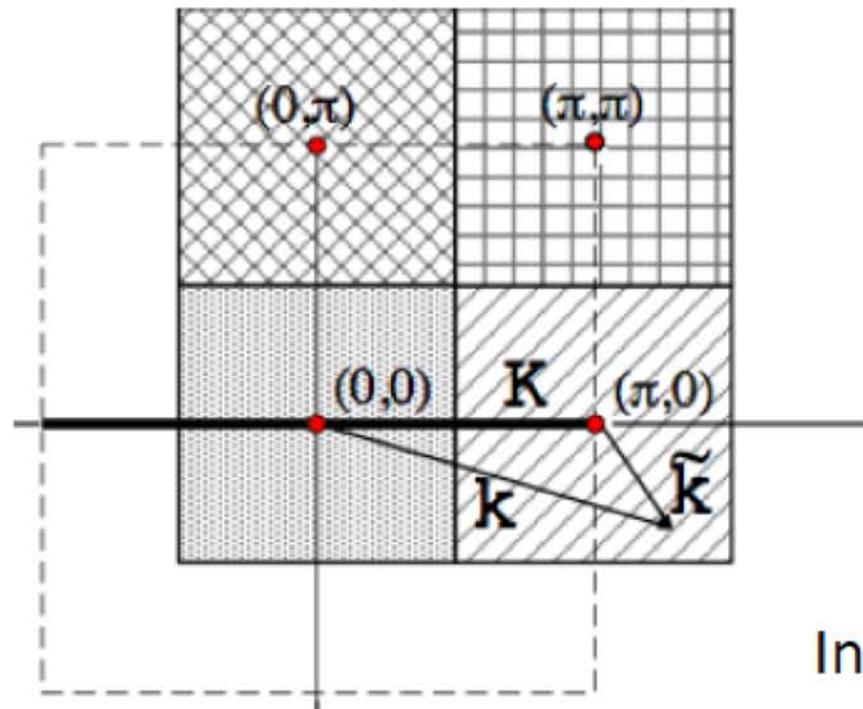
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# Including a $k$ -dependence

Dynamical cluster approximation (DCA)

*M. H. Hettler et al., PRB (1998)*

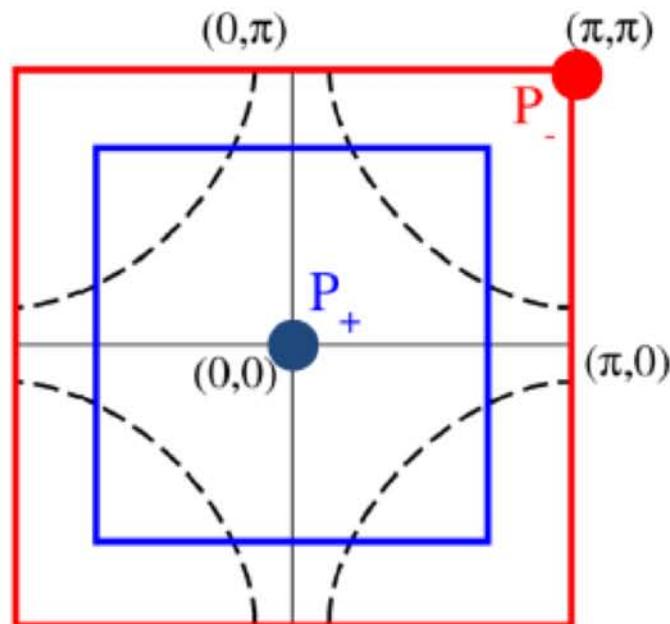
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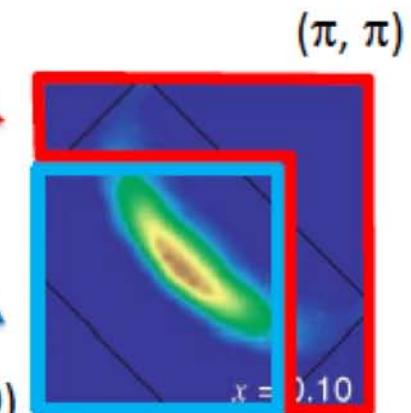
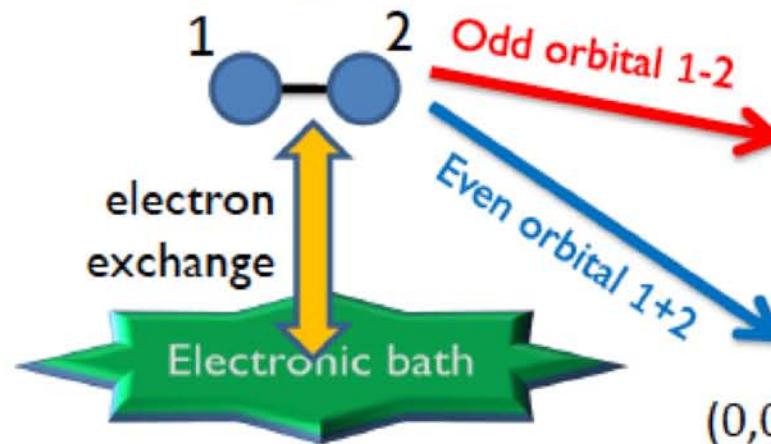
Cluster self-energies for every cluster momenta:  $\Sigma(K)$

In DCA, the lattice self-energy is constant over the patches and equal to the cluster self-energies

# Two-site DCA: A valence-bond DMFT

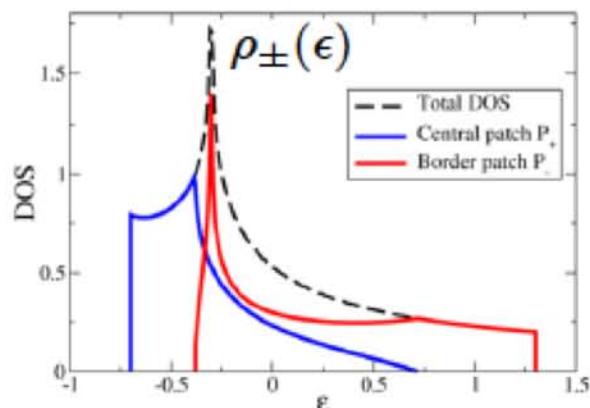


Two-site Anderson impurity model



$$\Sigma_{\text{lattice}} = \sum_{+} \text{in the central patch} + \sum_{-} \text{in the border patch}$$

One patch covers the **nodal** part of the BZ. The other covers the **antinodal** part



$$G_{\pm}(i\omega_n) = \int \frac{\rho_{\pm}(\epsilon)}{i\omega_n + \mu - \epsilon - \Sigma_{\pm}(i\omega_n)}$$

Solved by CTQMC + Padé approximants

# Recent breakthroughs *entering a new age for such approaches...*

## Continuous-time quantum Monte Carlo (CT-QMC)

\*Rubtsov 2005 Interaction expansion(CT-INT)

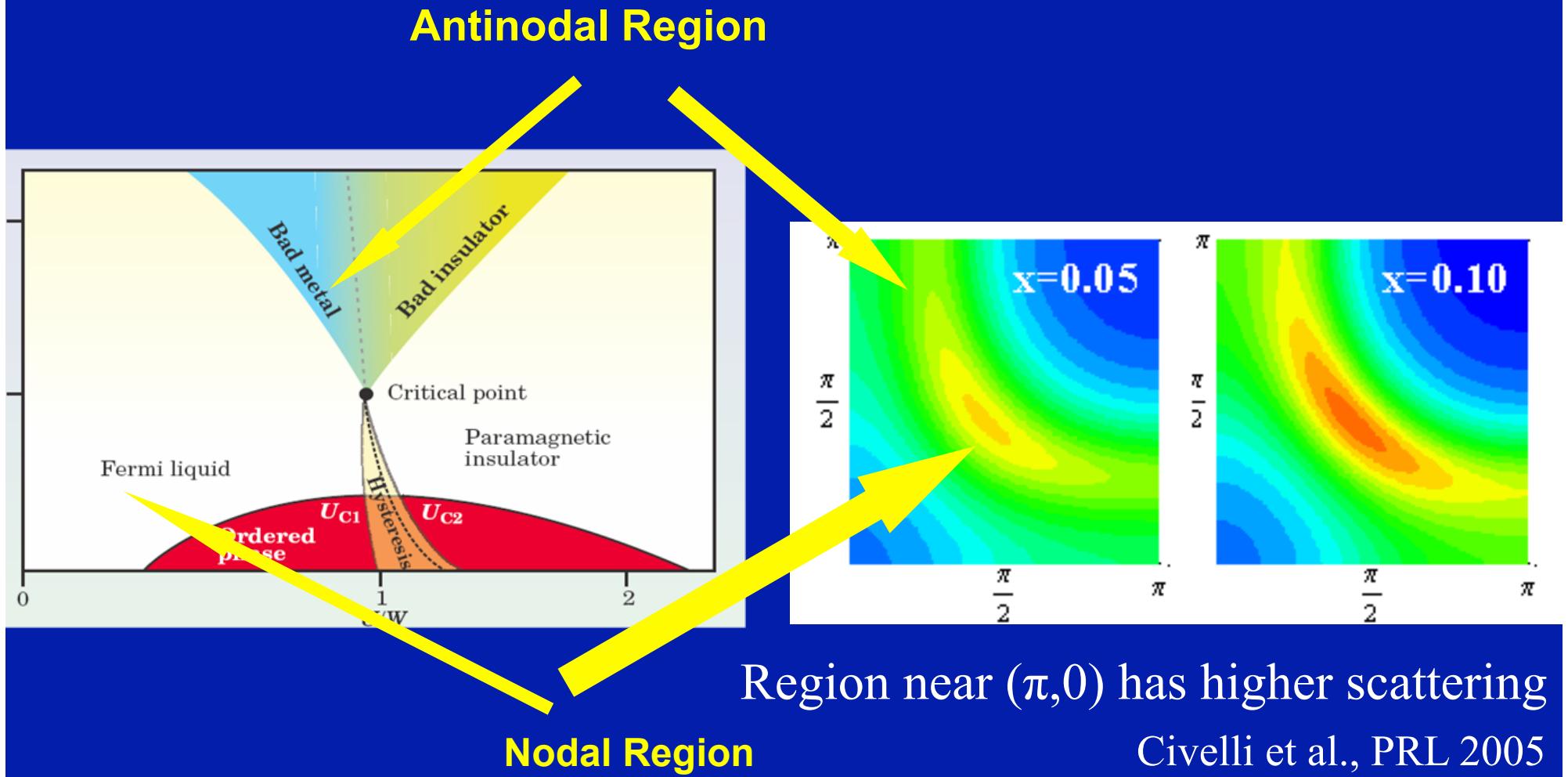
\*Werner/AJM 2006 Hybridization expansion(CT-HYB)

\*Gull/Parcollet 2008 Auxiliary field (CT-AUX)

\* Gull 2010 submatrix updates: convergence in cluster size reached for some parameter regime ! (full k-dependence resolved)

Early studies indicate that DCA/CDMFT schemes can capture pseudogap formation and nodal/antinodal differentiation

PG: Huscroft et al., PRL 2001, N/AN: Civelli et al. PRL 2005

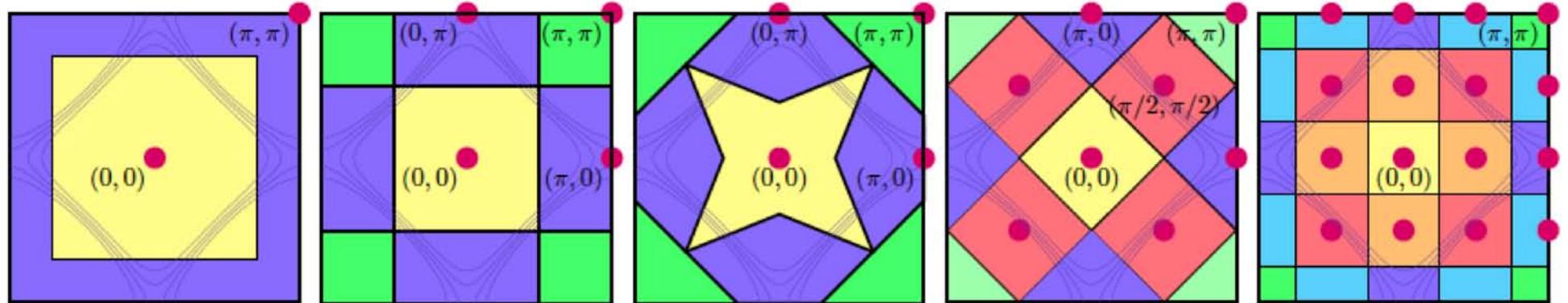


# How does this work ?

-Physical understanding as a momentum-selective Mott transition

- Generic features
- Systematic studies...  
from smallest to huge clusters !

# Increasing k-space resolution...



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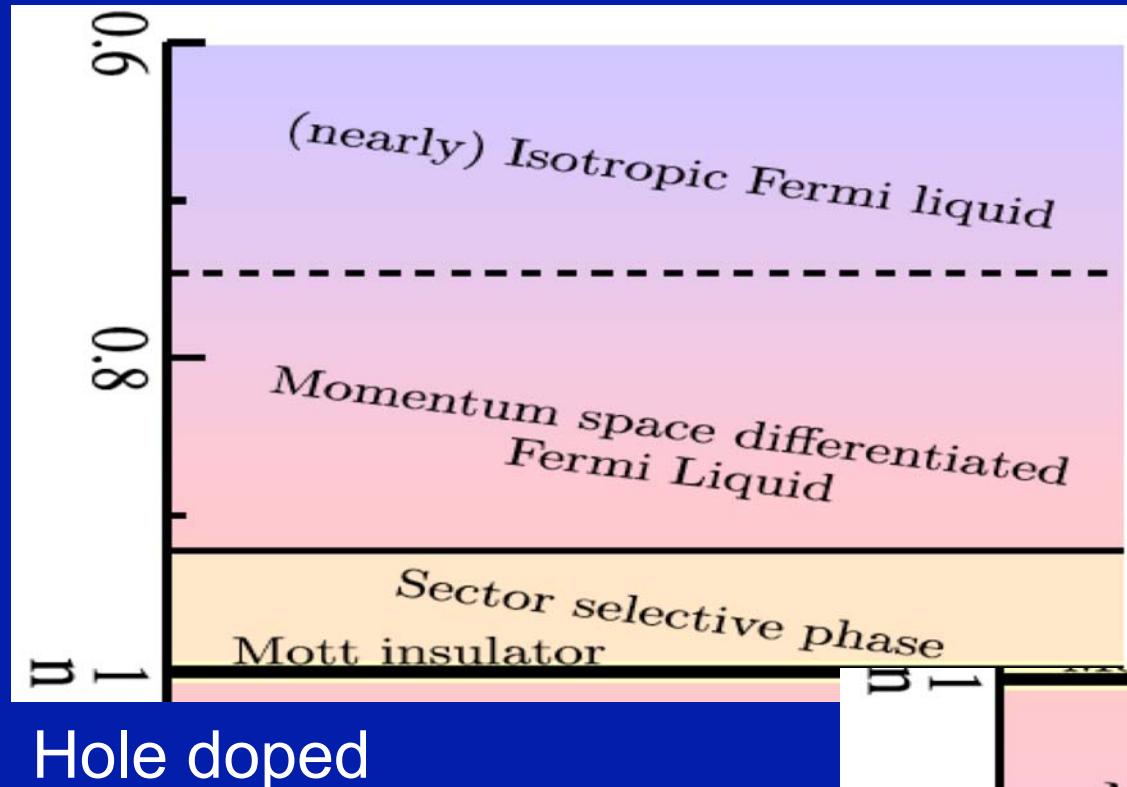
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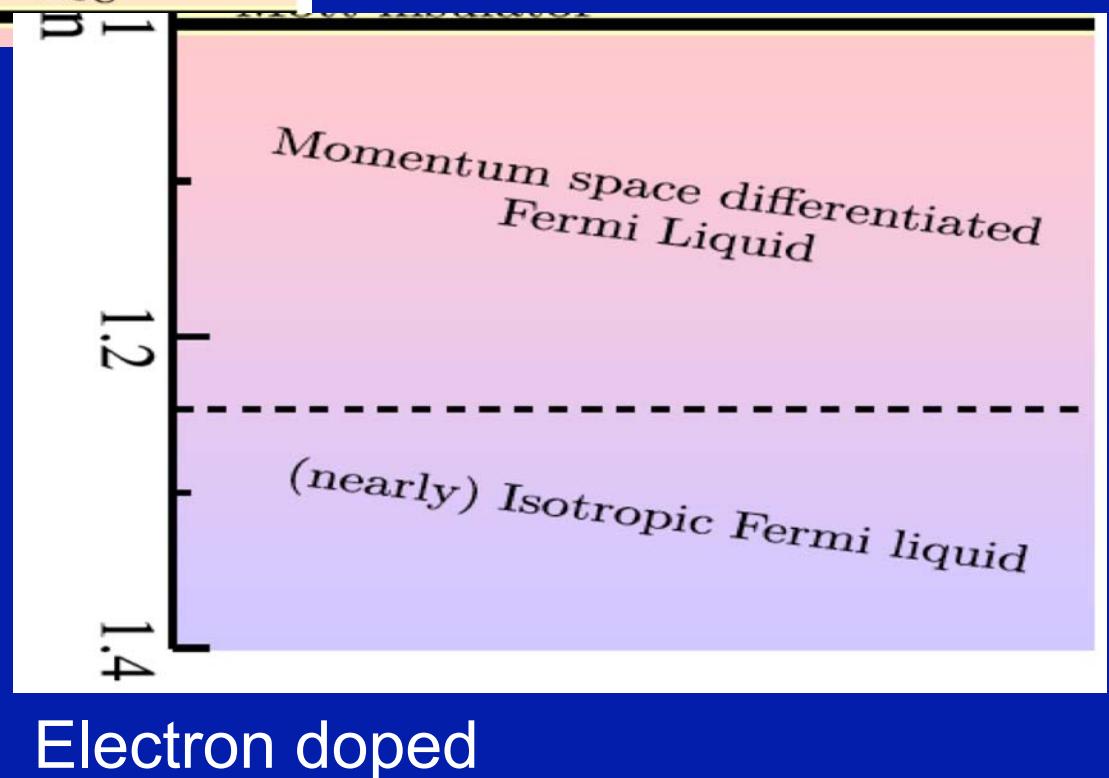
[Patches in  $\frac{1}{4}$  BZ, Sites in real-space cluster]



Hole doped

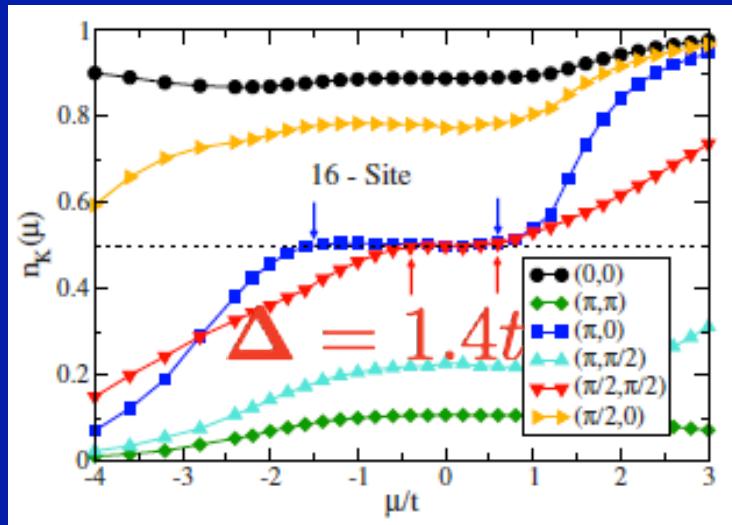
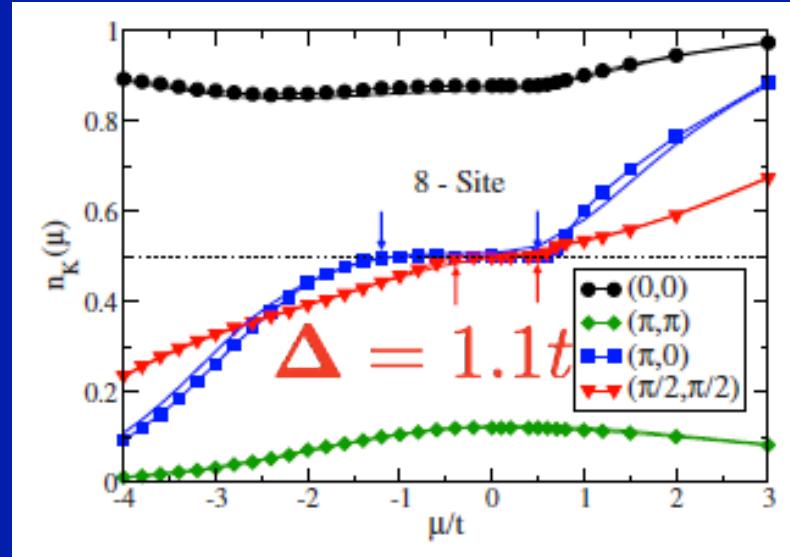
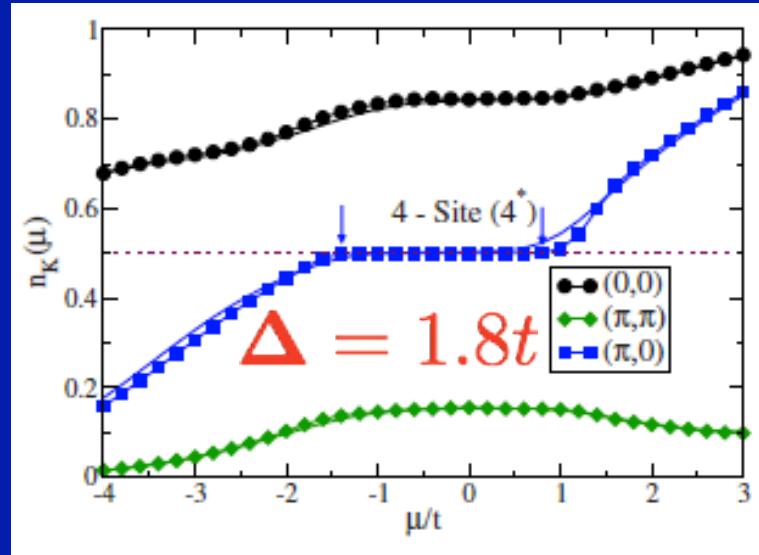
- Isotropic FL at hi-doping
- Momentum differentiation at intermediate doping
- Small HOLE-doping (only):  
Momentum-sector selective  
Mott transition

Generic behavior  
in different doping  
regimes



Electron doped

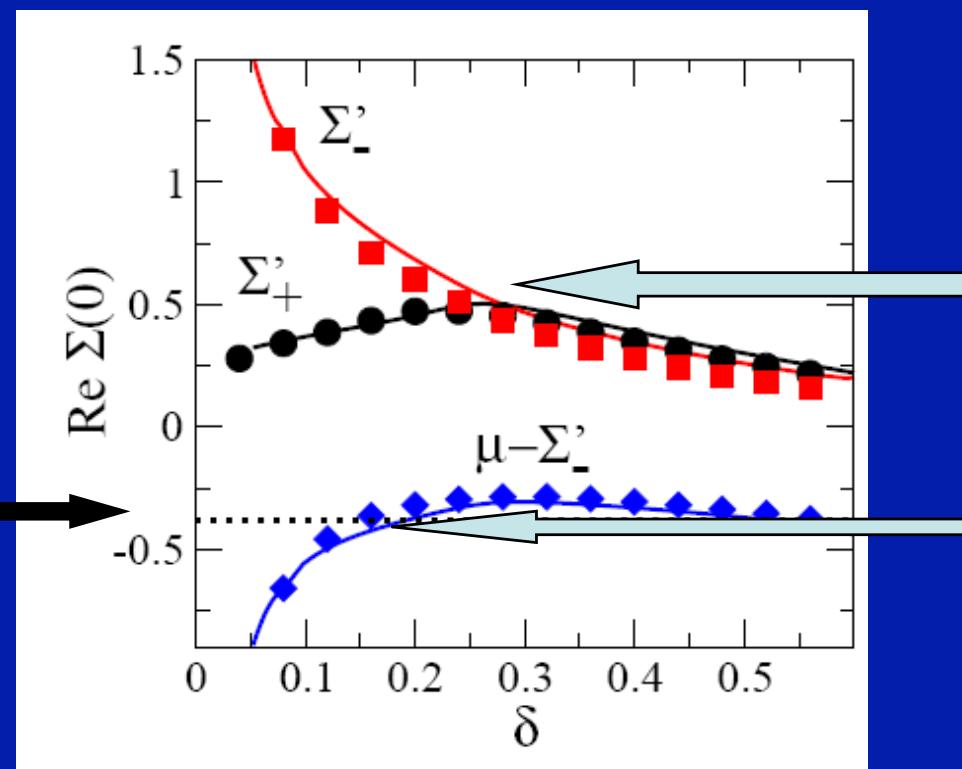
# Momentum sector occupancy vs chemical potential: incompressibility of antinodes in sector-selective regime



Cluster size	$n_{\text{diff}}^h$	$n_{\text{diff}}^e$	$\Delta_g$	$n_{\text{SST}}^h$	$\Delta_{\text{SST}}$
2	0.66	1.27	1.4		
4	0.65	1.38	2.6		
$4^*$	0.69	1.39	1.8	0.96	2.4
8	0.72	1.23	1.1	0.93	1.9
16	0.65	1.35	1.4	0.91	2.1

*2-patch (VB-DMFT) theory adopts a somewhat special route to momentum selective transition:*

Band edge of outer patch d.o.s

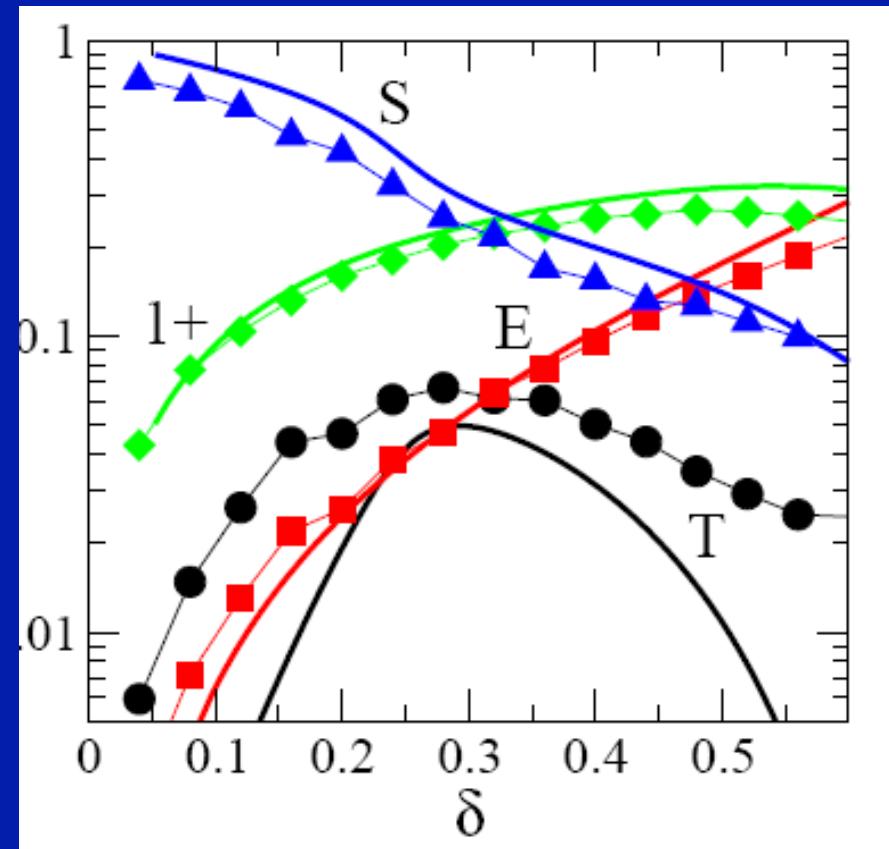


Zero-frequency self-energies vs. doping

Onset of differentiation

Outer/odd Orbital gets (pseudo-) gapped

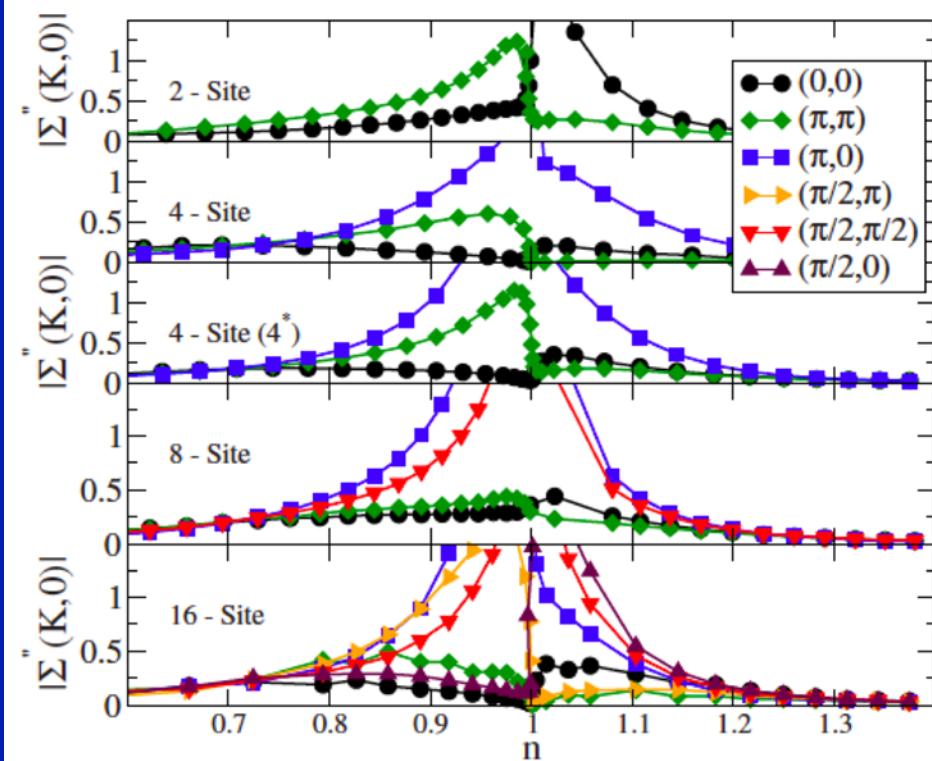
- Low doping MS regime is dominated by formation of singlets on bonds (evolves to ~ Brinkman-Rice at higher doping)



Statistical weights of the singlet (S) and 1-particle (1+) state vs. Doping in the CT-QMC calculation

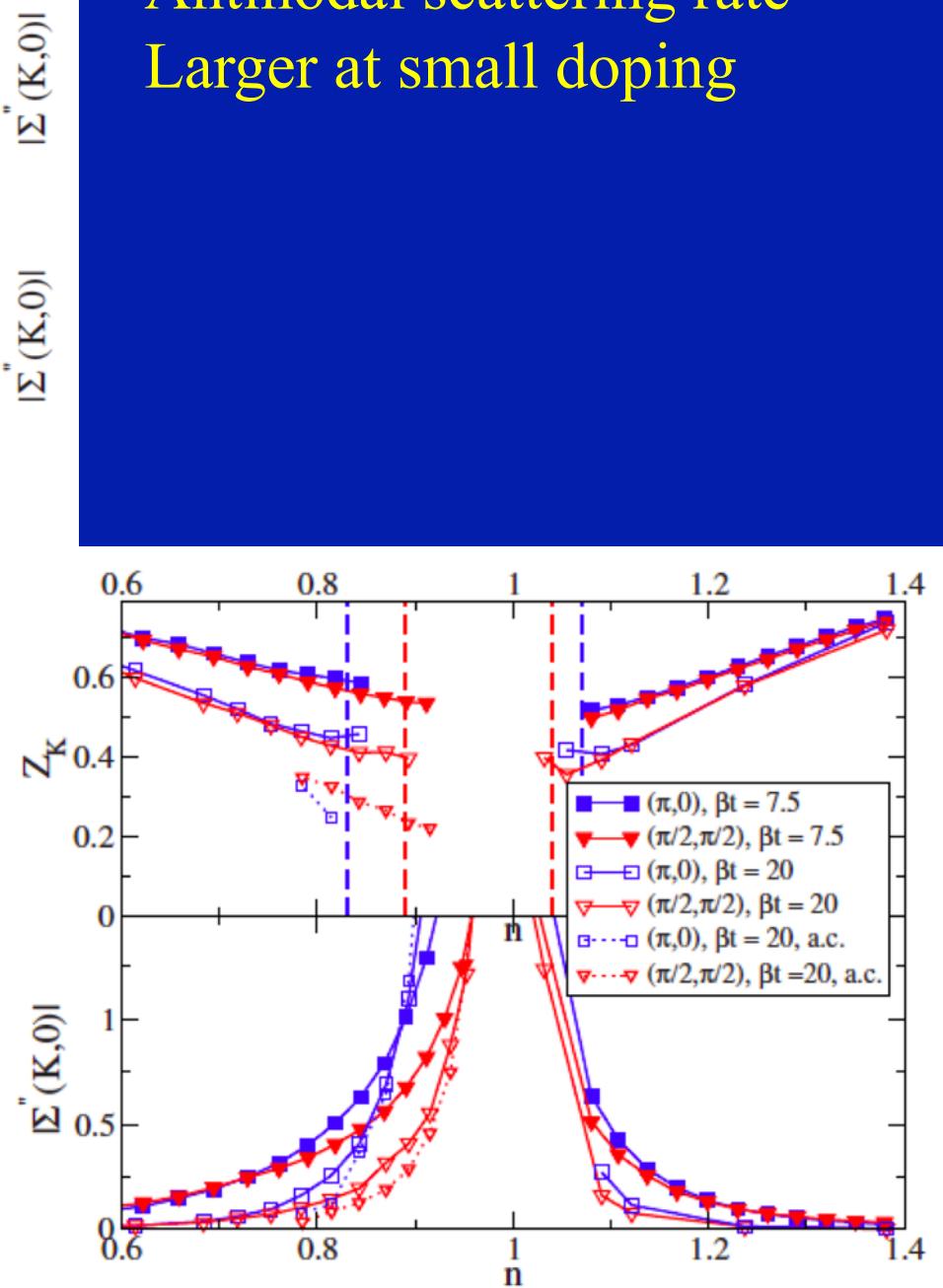
# Momentum-differentiated regime at intermediate doping level

*A metal with anisotropic scattering rate*



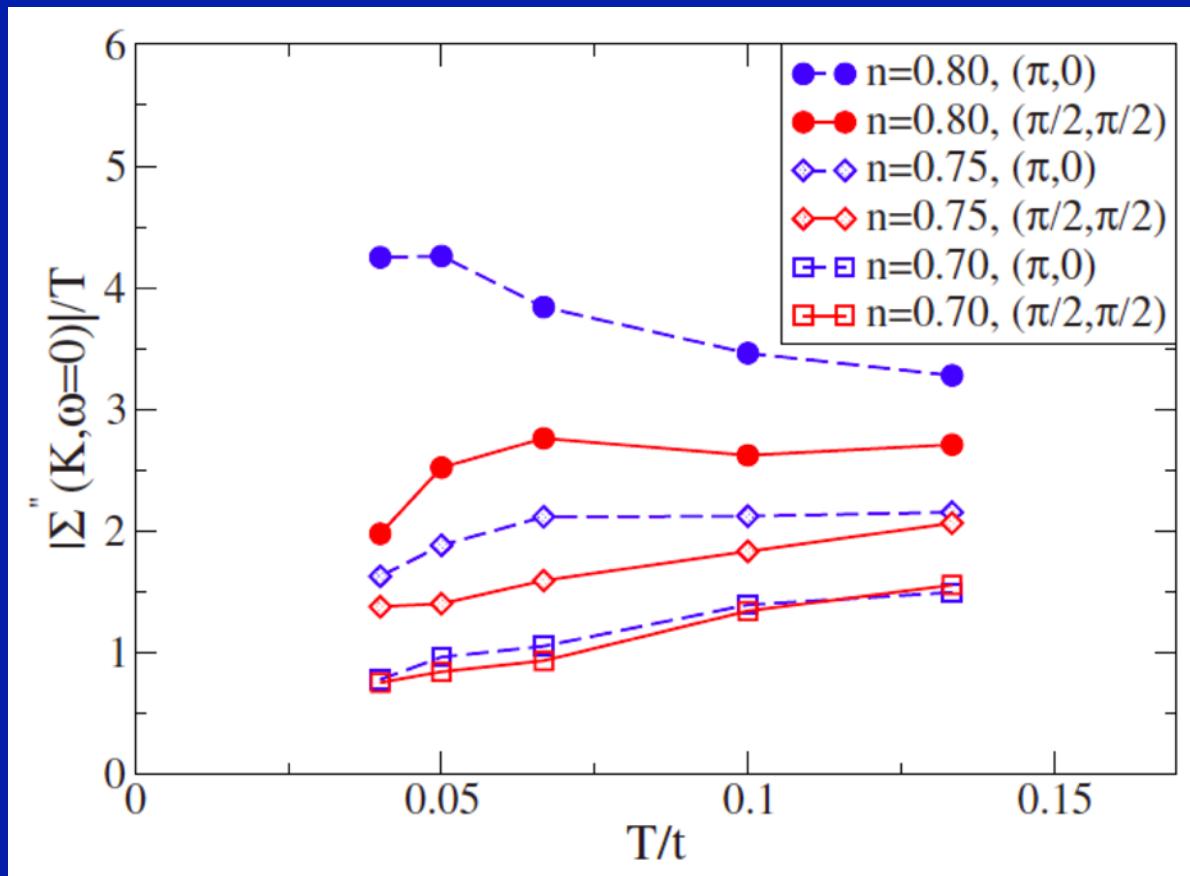
Antinodal scattering rate  
Larger at small doping

No clear Brinkman-Rice  
Behavior of QP weights Z



# T-dependence of scattering rate

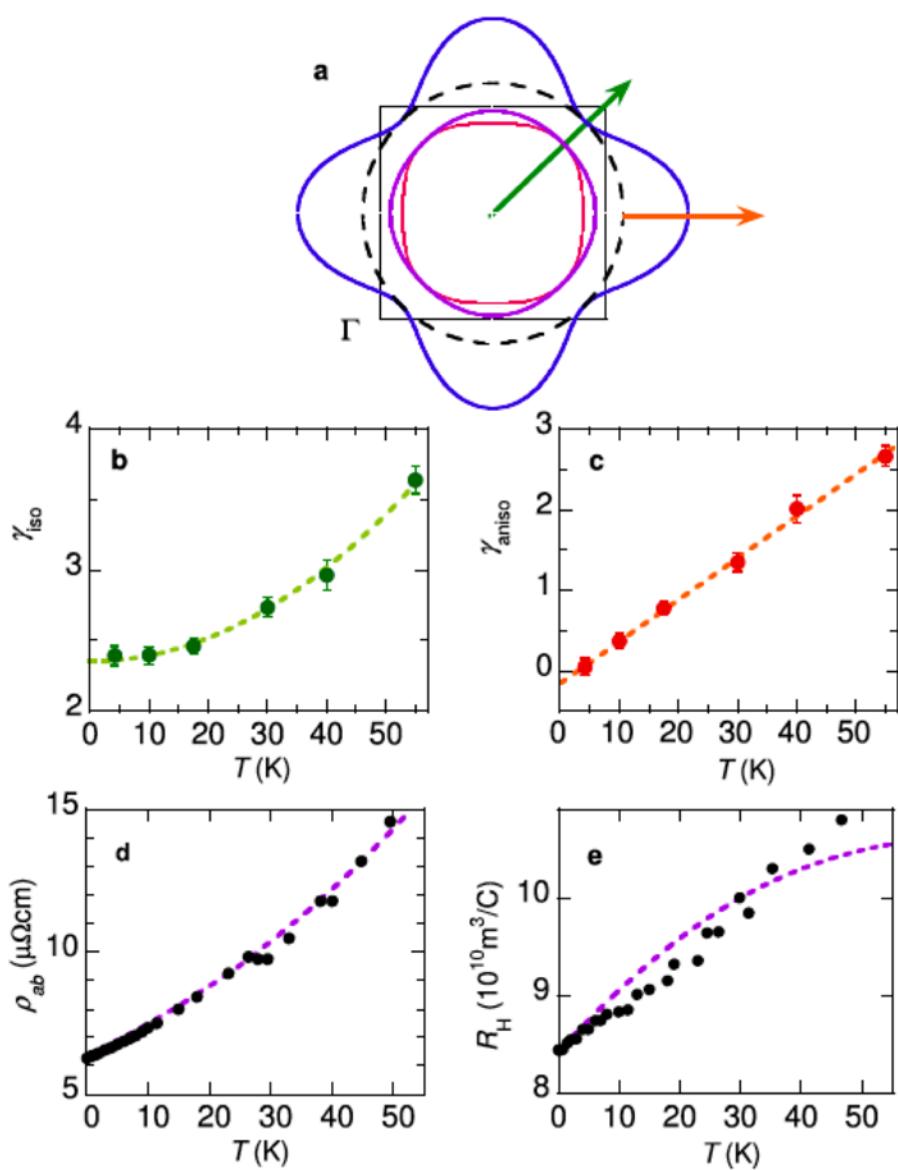
$$\Sigma''(0)/T$$



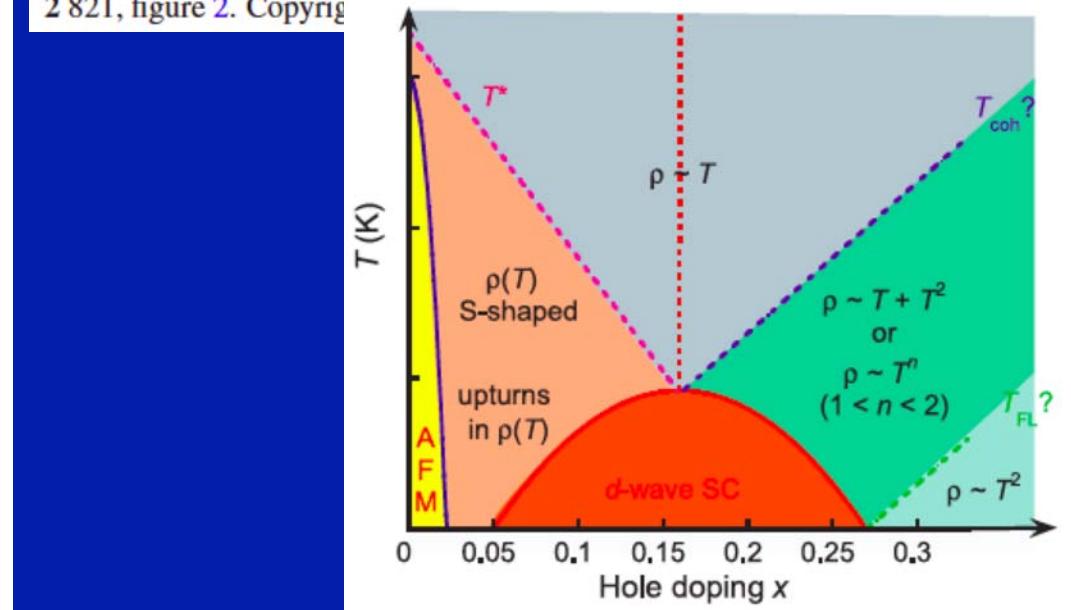
Nodal and Antinodal  
Behave differently at  
Small doping

Isotropic behavior at  
High doping

# Qualitatively consistent with transport experiments: cf. N.Hussey J.Phys.CondMat (2008)

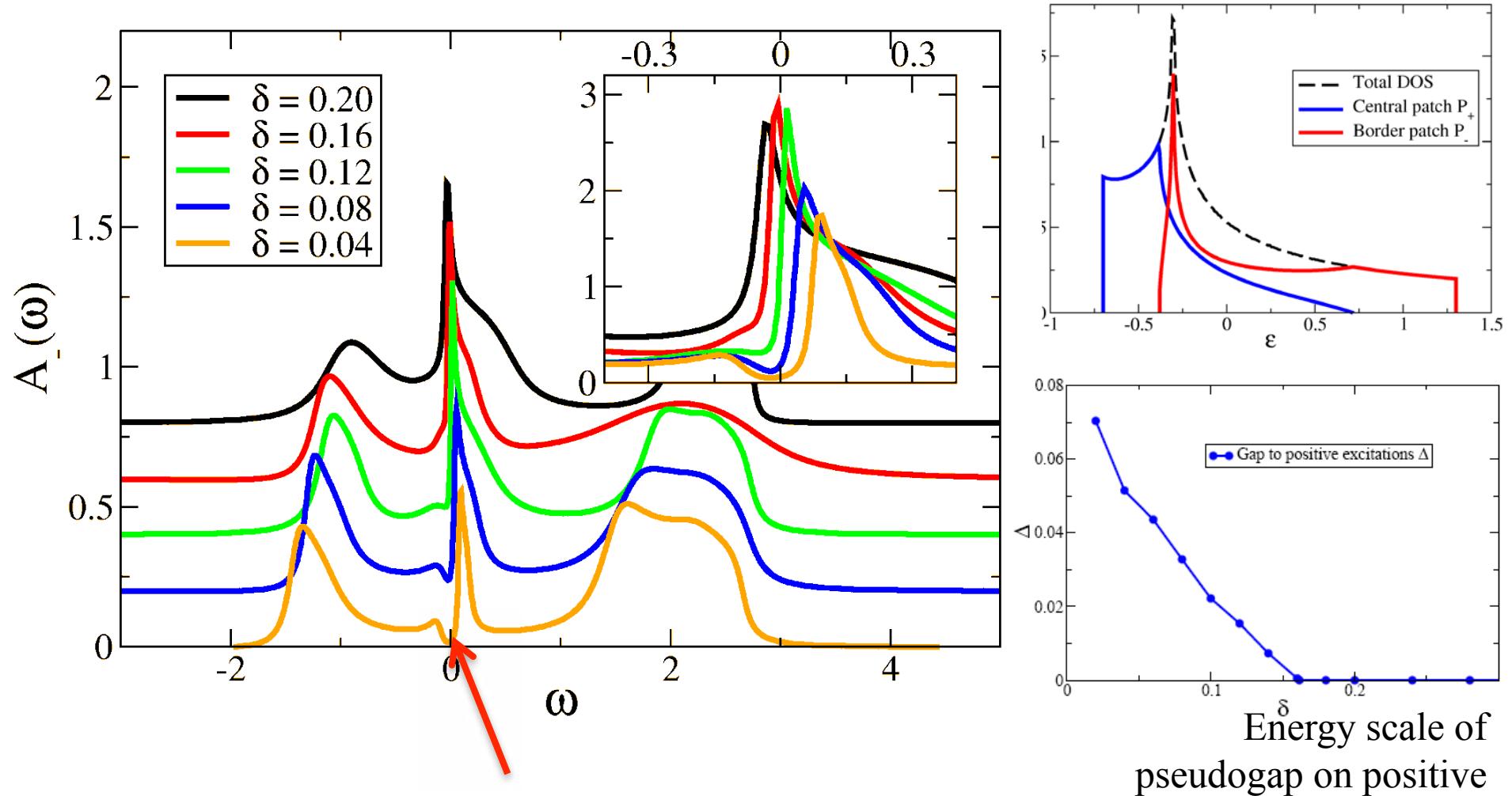


**Figure 6.** (a) Inner red curve: schematic 2D projection of the FS of overdoped Tl2201. Adjacent purple curve: schematic representation of the d-wave superconducting gap. Outer blue curve: geometry of  $(\omega_c \tau)^{-1}(\varphi)$ . Dashed black line: isotropic part of  $(\omega_c \tau)^{-1}(\varphi)$ . (b)  $T$  dependence of  $\gamma_{\text{iso}}$ , i.e. the isotropic component of  $(\omega_c \tau)^{-1}(\varphi)$  and sole contribution along the ‘nodal’ region indicated by the green arrow in (a). The dashed curve is a fit to  $A + BT^2$ . (c)  $T$  dependence of  $\gamma_{\text{aniso}}$ , i.e. the anisotropic component of  $(\omega_c \tau)^{-1}(\varphi)$  and the additional contribution that is maximal along the ‘anti-nodal’ direction indicated by the orange arrow in (a). The dashed curve is a fit to  $C + DT$ . (d) Circles:  $\rho_{ab}(T)$  data for overdoped Tl2201 ( $T_c = 15$  K) extracted from [49]. Dashed curve: simulation of  $\rho_{ab}(T)$  from parameters extracted from the ADMR analysis. (e) Circles:  $R_H(T)$  data for the same crystal [49]. Dashed curve: simulation of  $R_H(T)$ . Adapted with permission from *Nature Physics* 2 821, figure 2. Copyright © 2008 Nature Publishing Group.



# Pseudogap regime (momentum sector-selective)

# VB-DMFT/Antinode: not a sharp gap, a pseudogap!



At the antinode, a pseudogap appears below the transition.  
Correlations have a strong effect (e.g. prominent Hubbard bands)

Energy scale of  
pseudogap on positive  
energy side

## Pseudogap opening upon cooling:

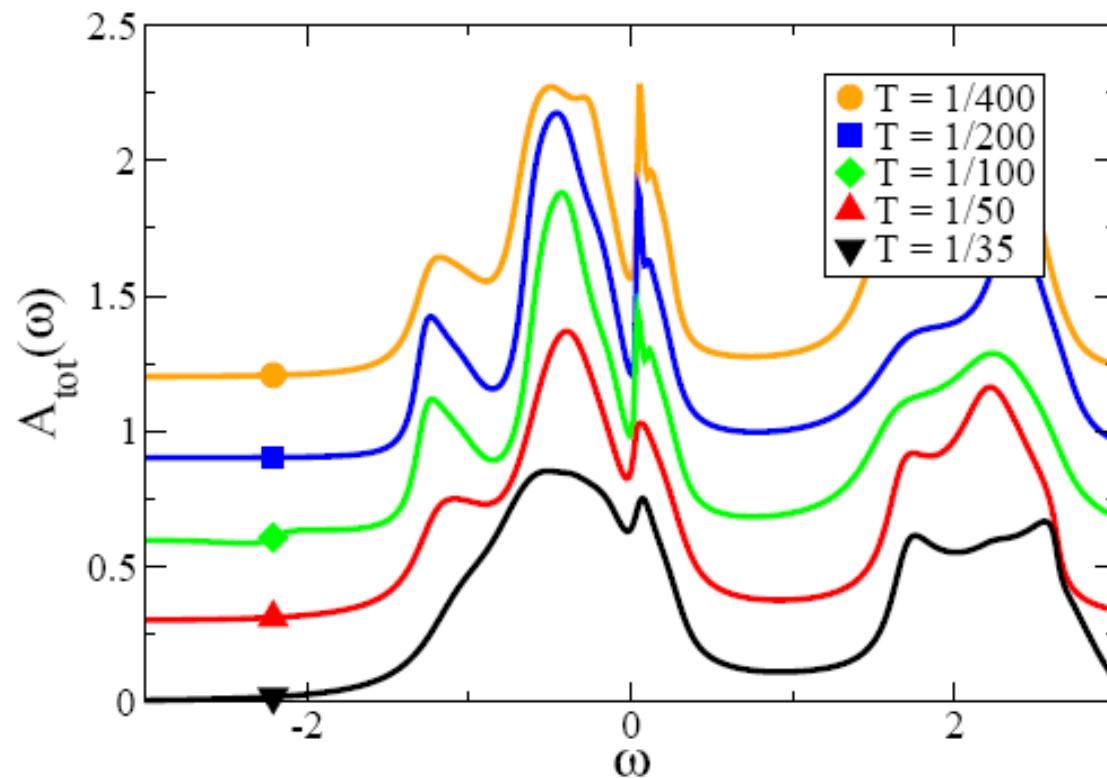
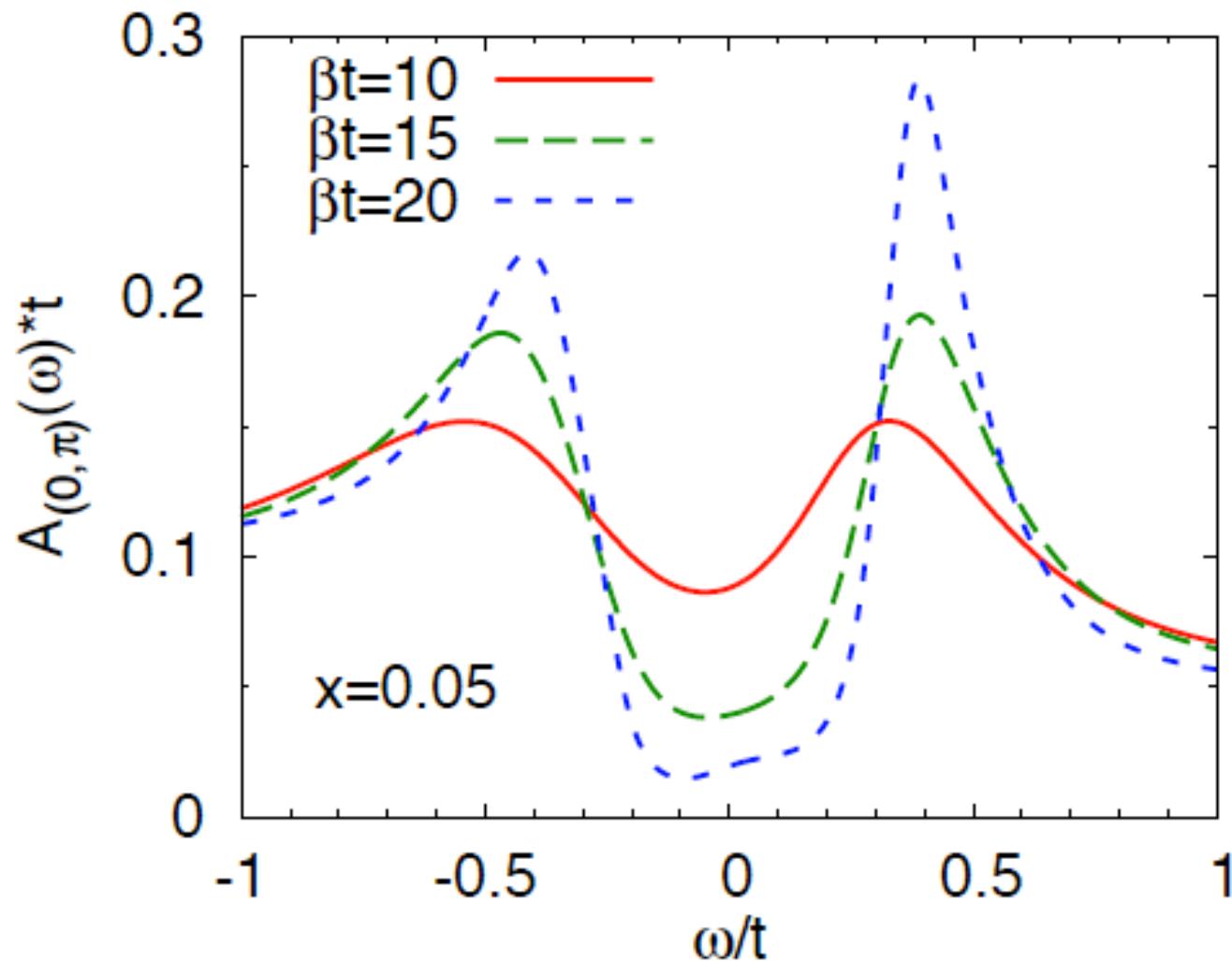


FIG. 10: (Color online) Total spectral function  $A_{\text{tot}}(\omega)$  for various temperature at  $\delta = 0.08$ . A shift of 0.3 has been added between each curves for clarity.

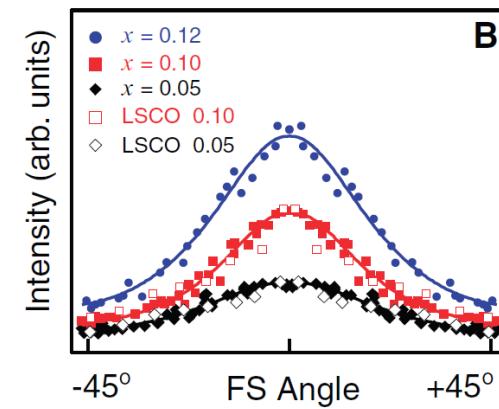
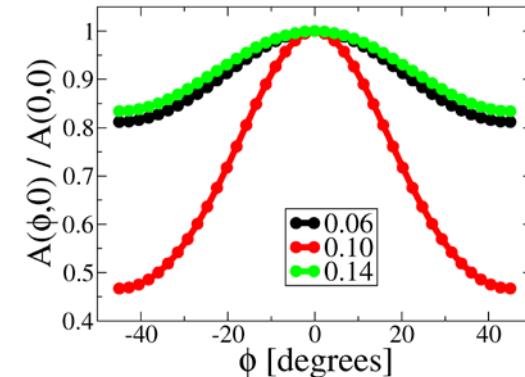
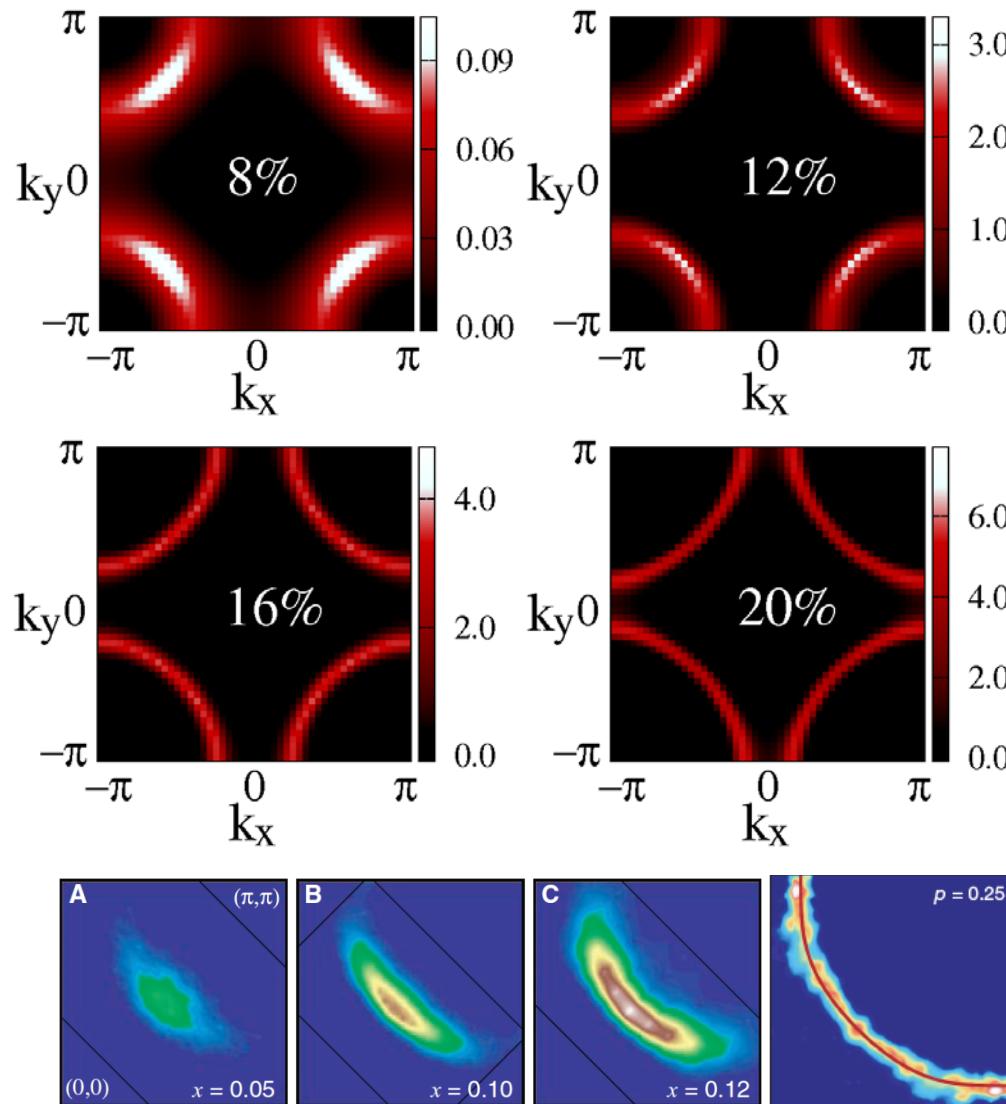
(Curves shifted upwards relative to one another, for clarity)

## 8-sites: pseudogap opening



Werner, Gull, Parcollet, Millis, Lin

# Calculated ARPES intensity maps

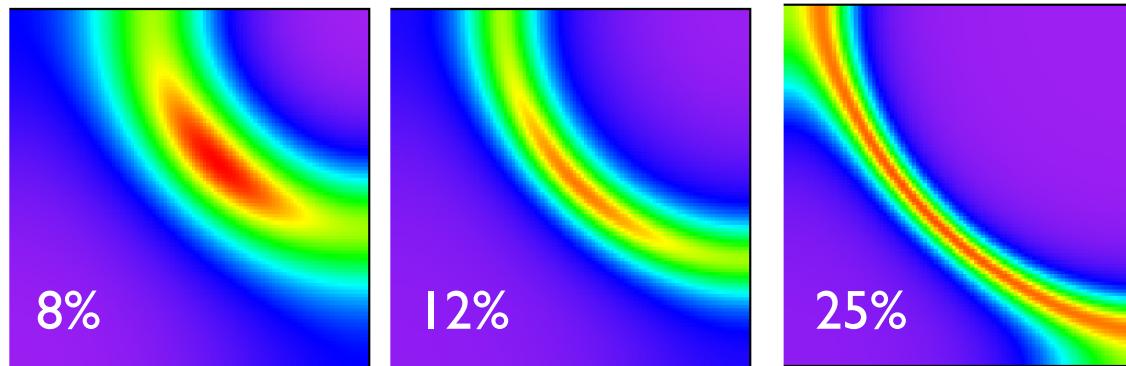


*Shen et al., Science (2005)*

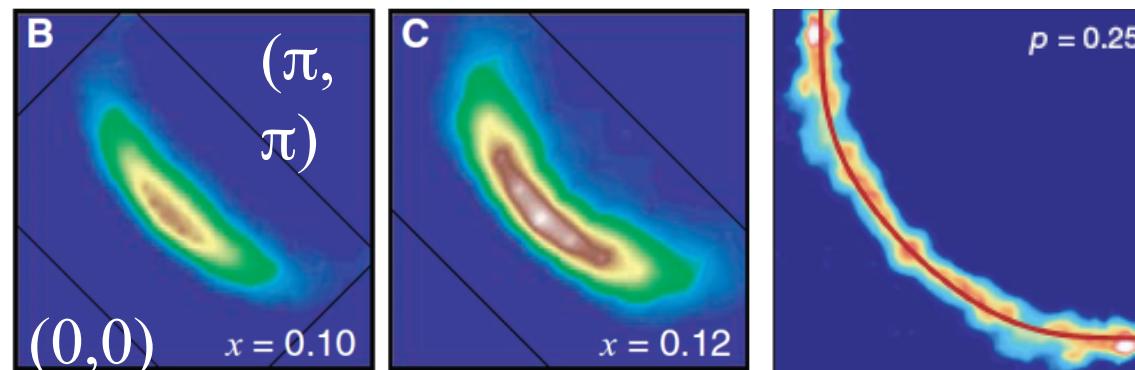
Maximum contrast  
around 10%

With an (cumulant-) interpolation over the Brillouin zone...

# Computed ARPES intensity maps



$A(k, \omega=0)$  contour map



*Shen et al., Science  
(2005)*

*Platé et al., PRL  
(2005)*

With an interpolation over the Brillouin zone...

# C-axis optical conductivity

## M.Ferrero et al. PRB (2010)

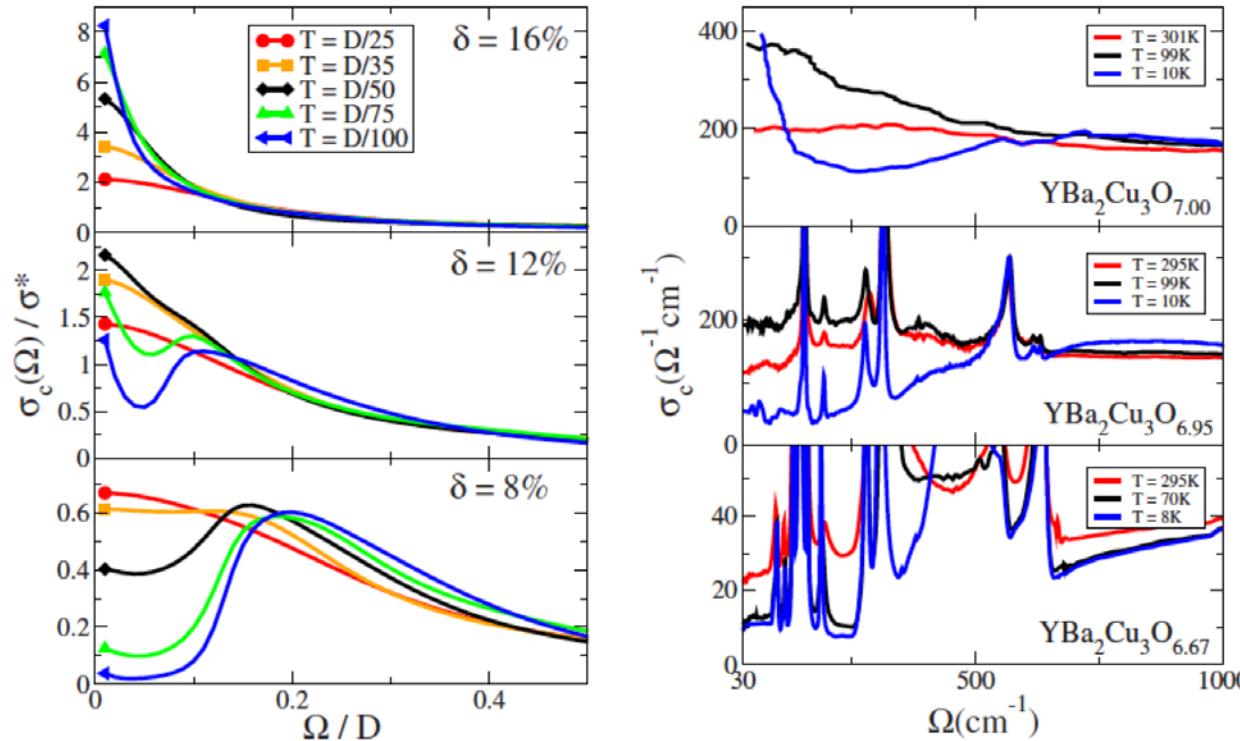
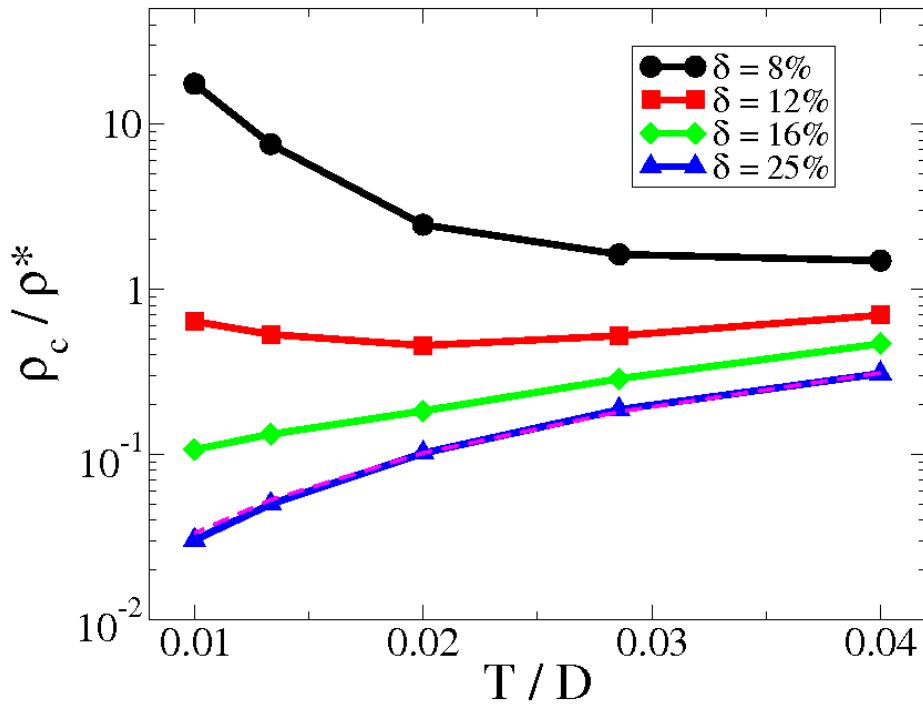


FIG. 2. (Color online) Left panel: the  $c$ -axis optical conductivity  $\sigma_c(\Omega)$  calculated within VB-DMFT for three doping levels.  $\sigma_c$  is displayed in units of  $\sigma^*$  as defined in the text ( $\sigma^*$  is of order  $50 \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$  for  $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_y$ ). Frequency is normalized to the half-bandwidth  $D \sim 1 \text{ eV} = 8000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Right panel: experimental data for the  $c$ -axis optical conductivity of  $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_y$ . The data for  $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7.00}$  is taken from Ref. 8 where the phonon contribution was subtracted by fitting to five Lorentzian oscillators. The data for  $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{6.95}$  and  $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{6.67}$  are taken from Refs. 23 and 24.

$$\sigma_c(\Omega) = \frac{2e^2c}{\hbar ab} \int d\omega \frac{f(\omega) - f(\omega + \Omega)}{\Omega} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} t_{\perp}^2(\mathbf{k}) A(\mathbf{k}, \omega) A(\mathbf{k}, \omega + \Omega), \quad (2)$$

# C-axis resistivity

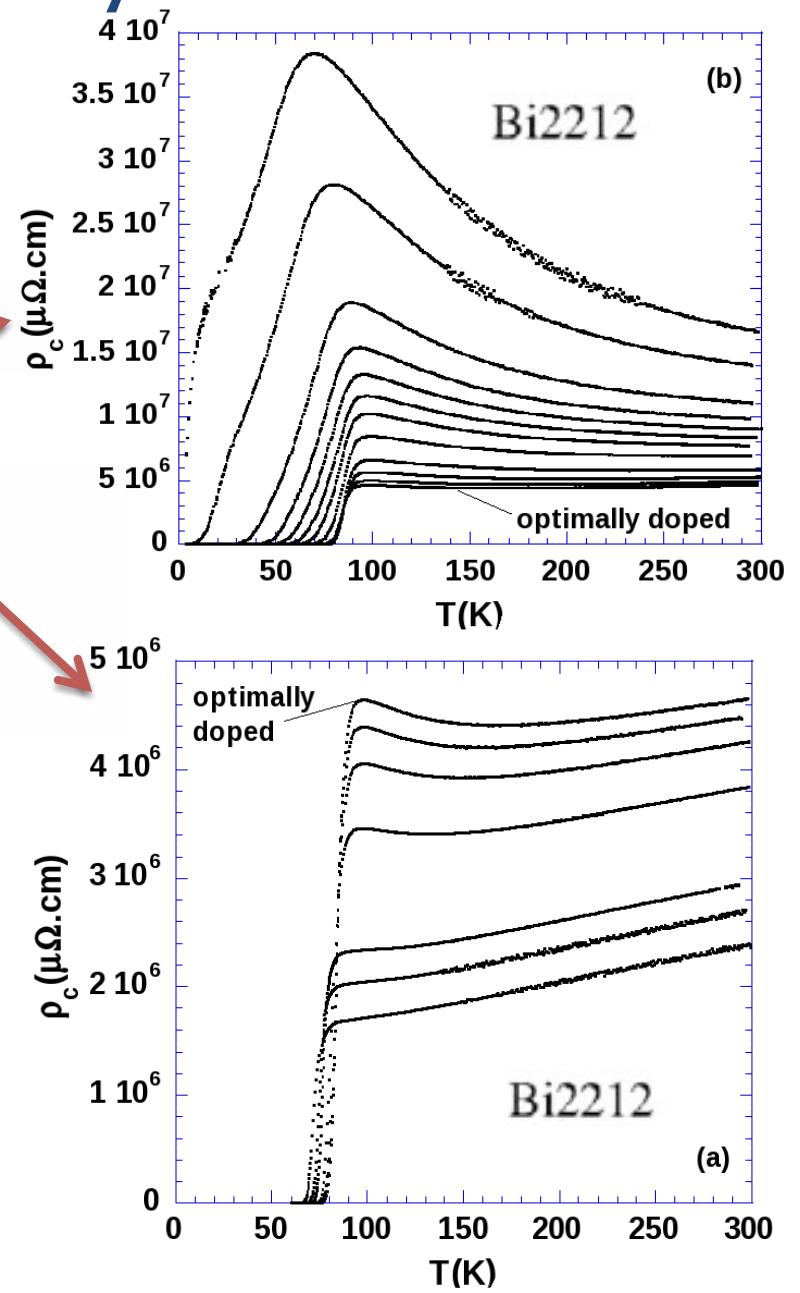


Overdoped: metallic

Underdoped: insulating

Optimally: minimum in resistivity

*H. Raffy et al.*



# Take-home messages: cluster extensions of DMFT

- Proximity to Mott transition destroys antinodal quasiparticles
- Low-doping regime is dominated by the buildup of short-range singlet correlations ( $J$ ), responsible for PG formation
- Minimal cluster-extension of DMFT accounts for nodal/antinodal differentiation
- PG appears as a momentum-sector selective Mott phase