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*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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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"*

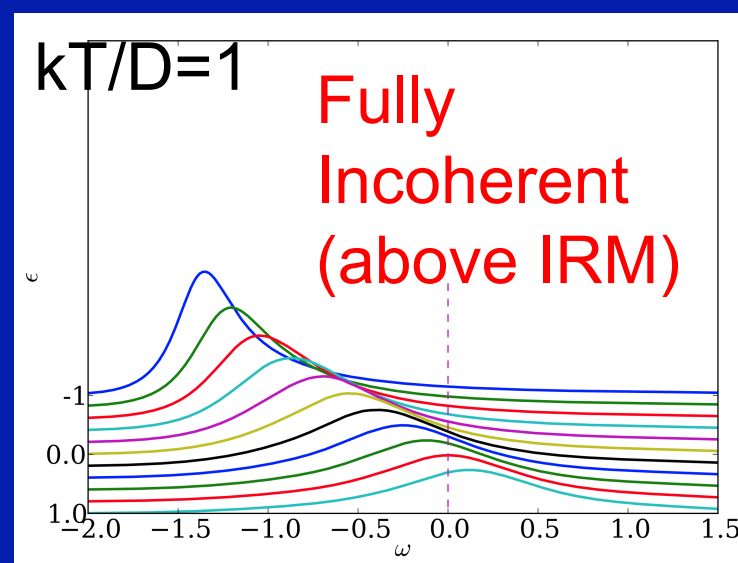
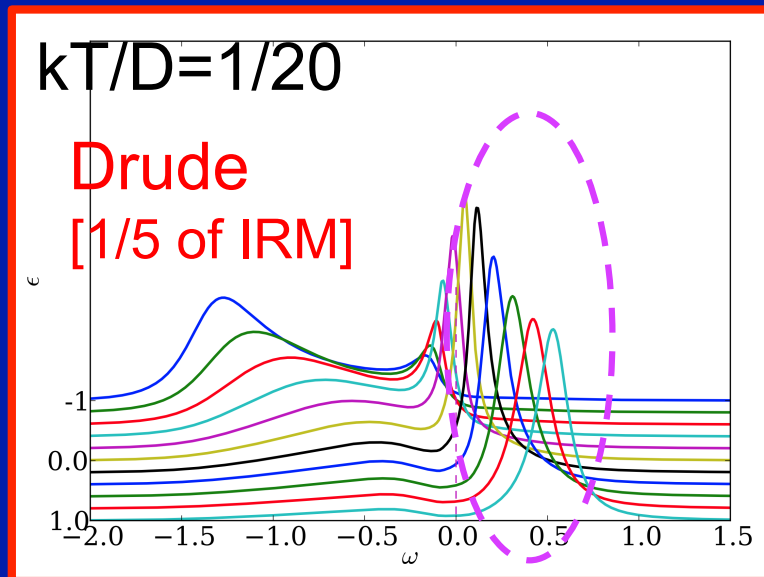
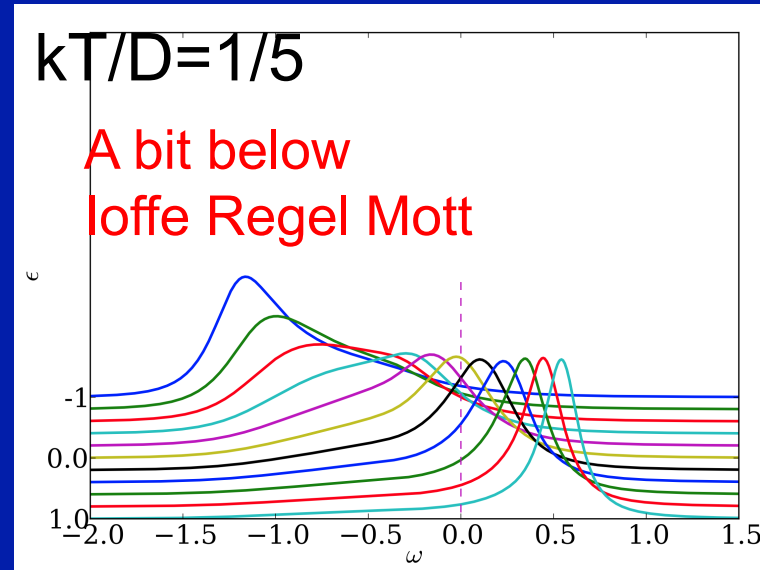
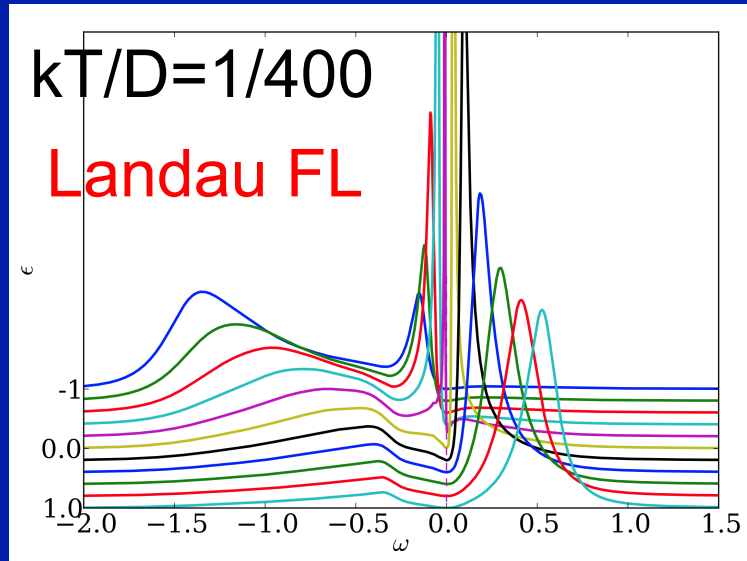
# OUTLINE of the 3 lectures

- 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

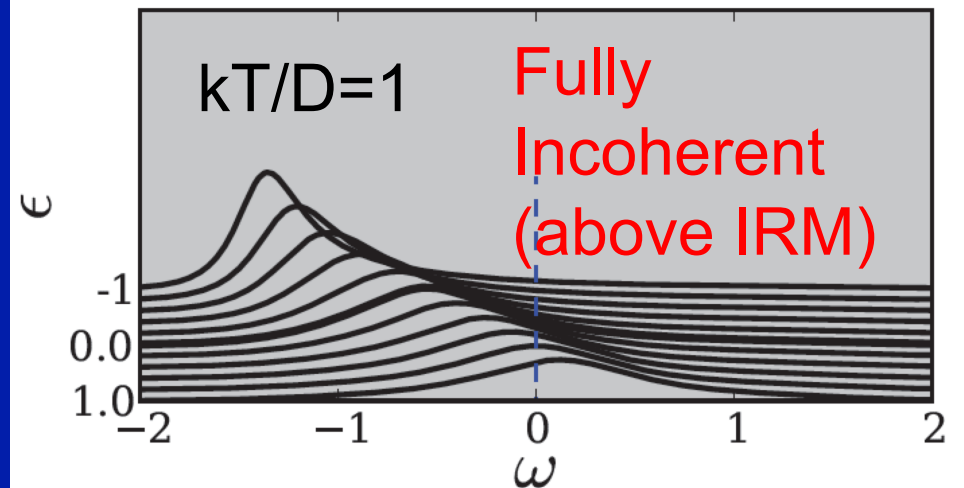
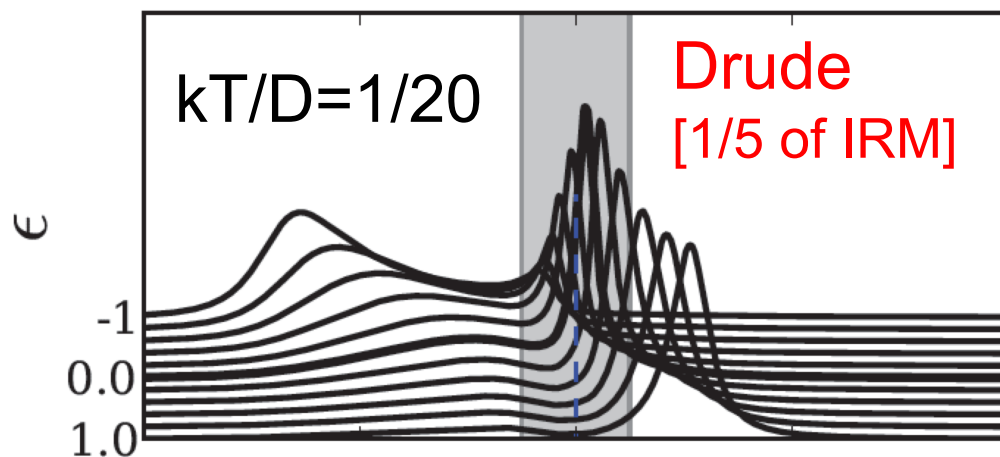
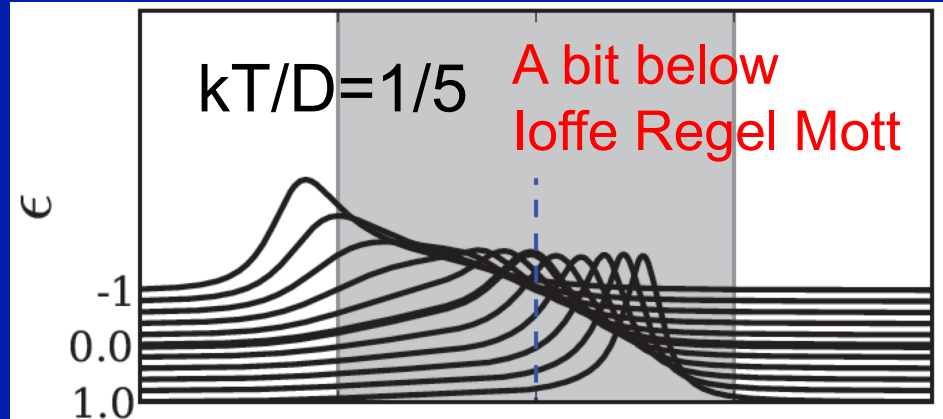
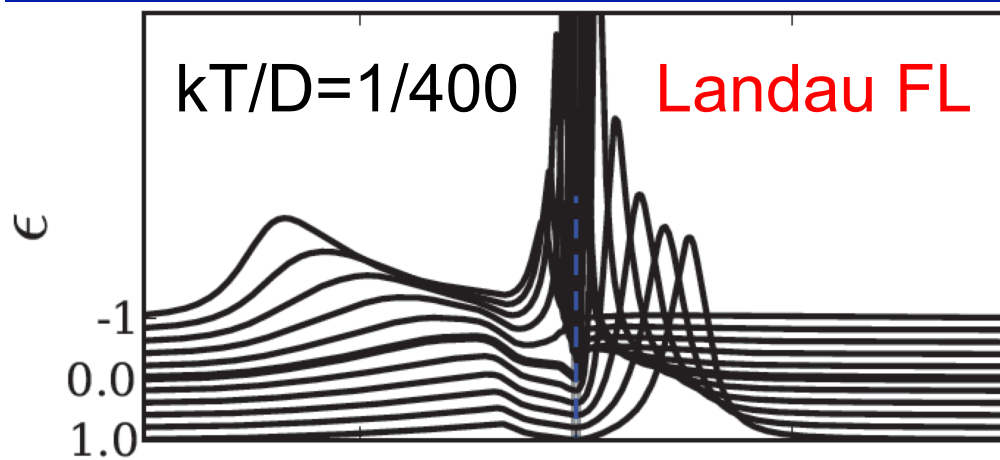
# Three transport regimes (previous lectures)

- $T < T_{FL}$ : 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.

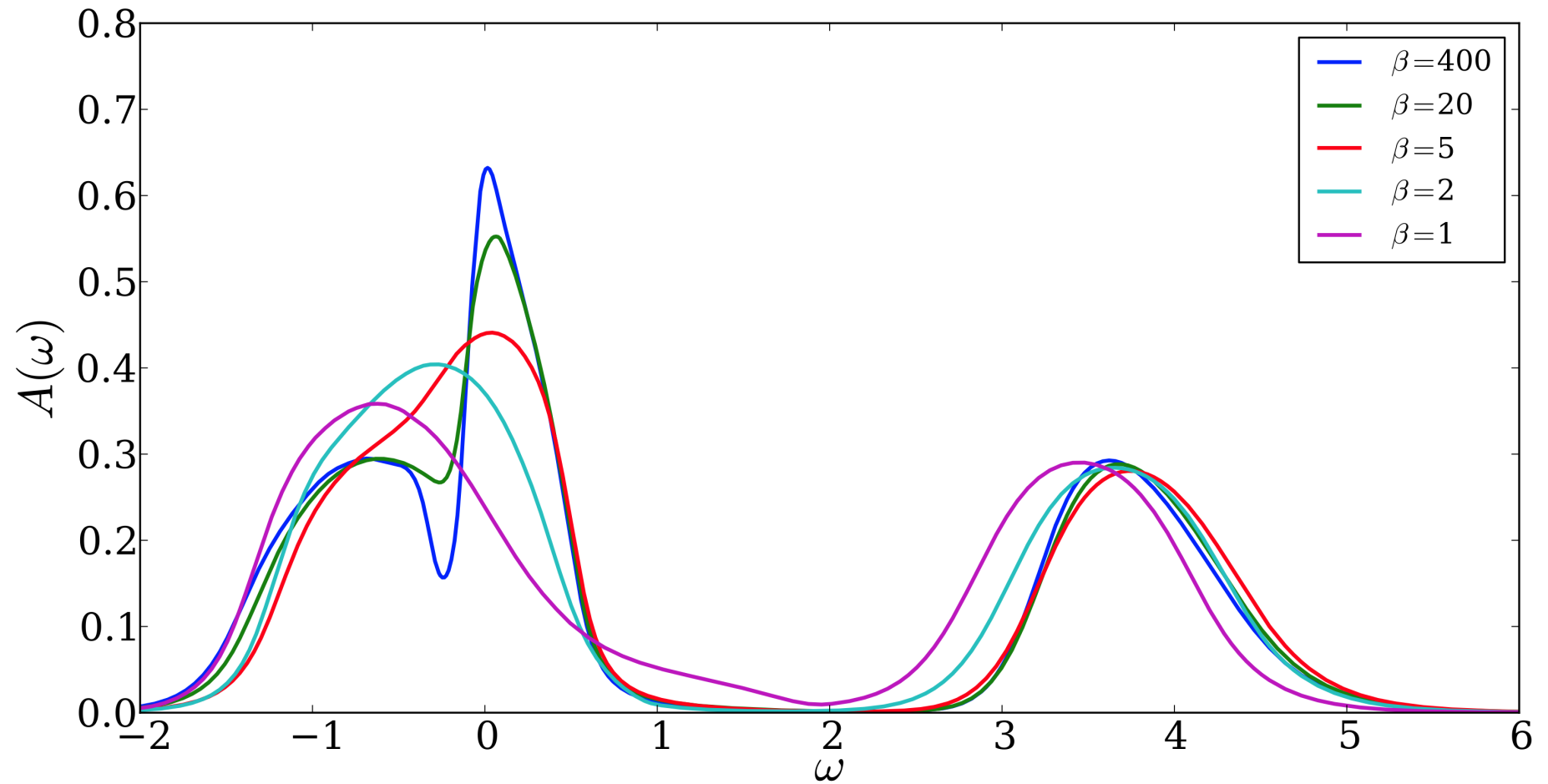
Landau quasiparticles  $\rightarrow$  Drude quasiparticles



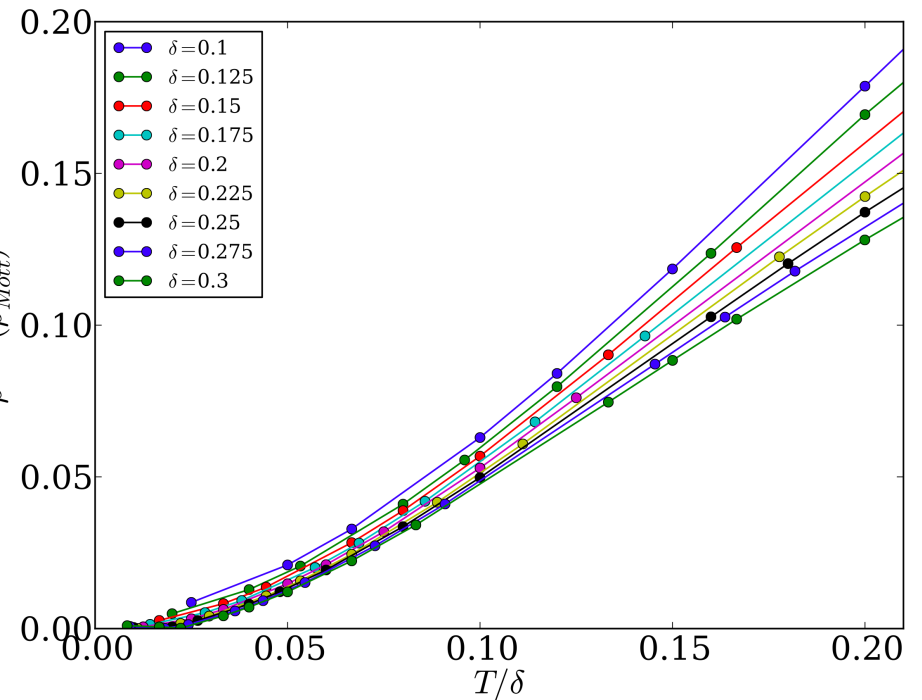
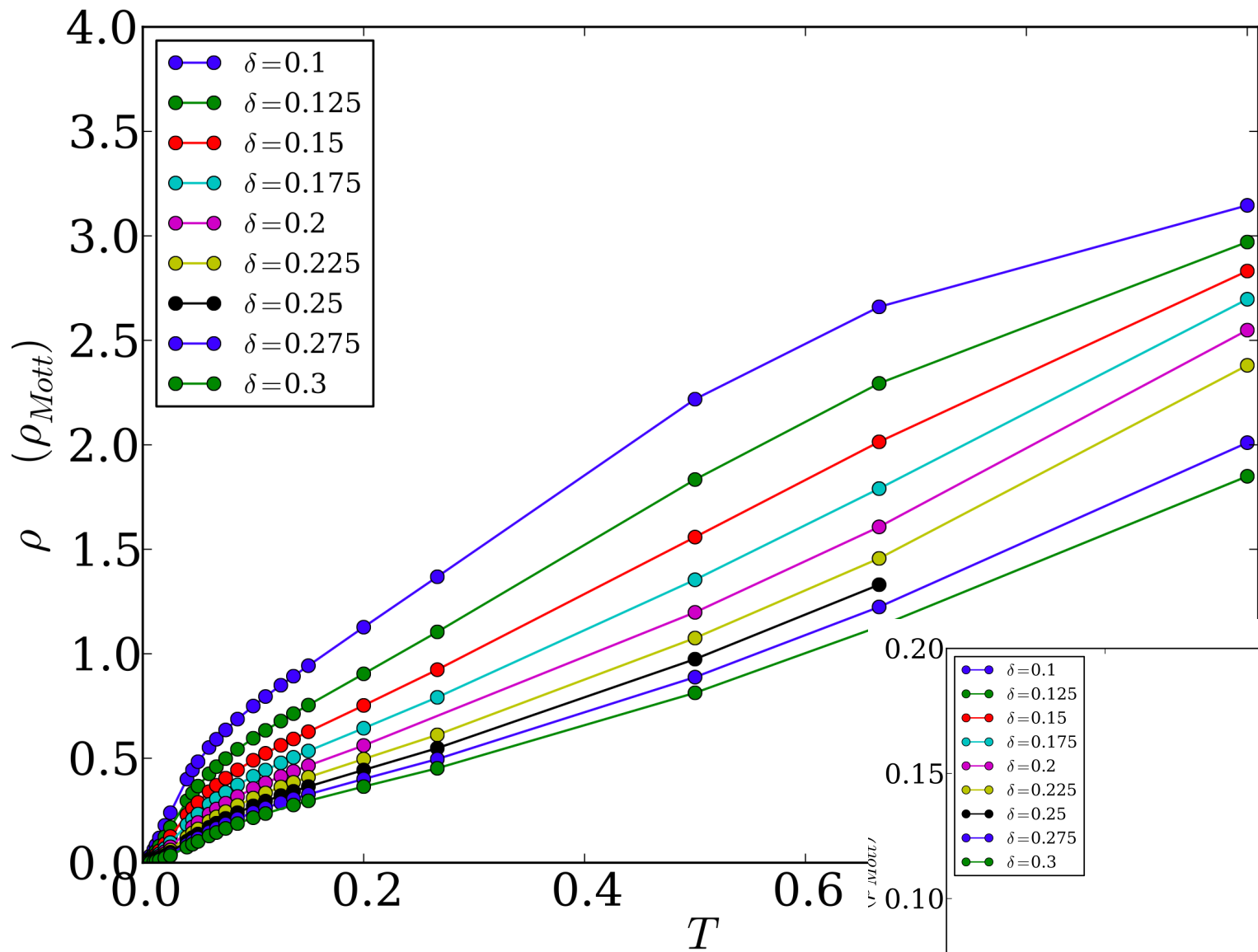
# Which excitations contribute to dc transport ?



# Total DOS



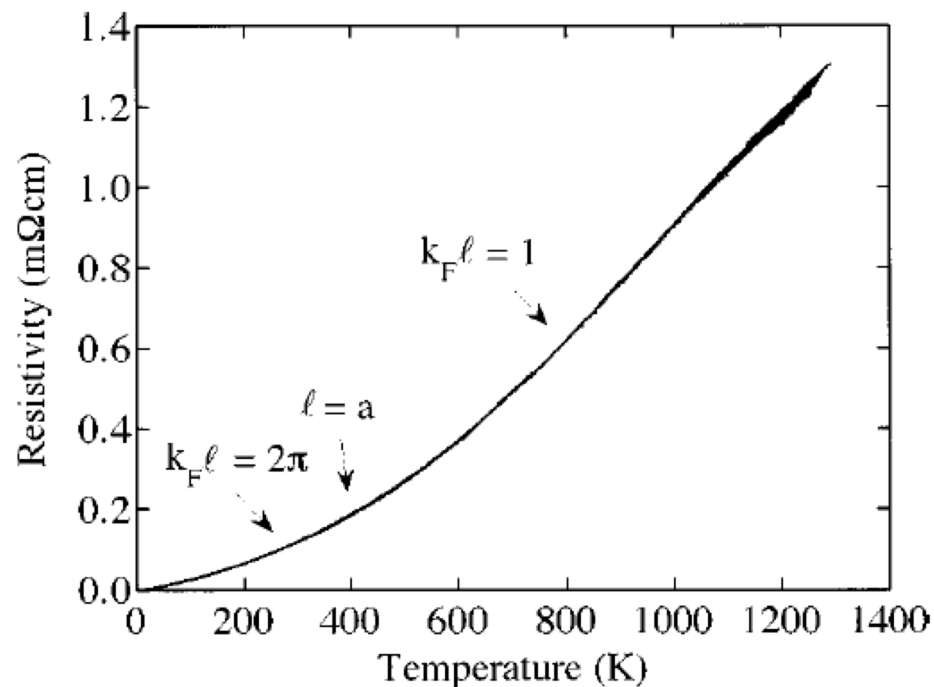
Clear 3-peak structure way above  $T_{FL}$





# Ex: Ruthenates (remember: 3 FS sheets)

ab-plane:



- resistivity  
does cross IRM value

- Nothing dramatic is seen  
in  $\rho$  upon crossing IRM

FIG. 1. The in-plane resistivity of  $\text{Sr}_2\text{RuO}_4$  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  $\text{Sr}_2\text{RuO}_4$  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:

$$j_s = S j_e - \frac{\kappa}{T} \nabla T$$

(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)

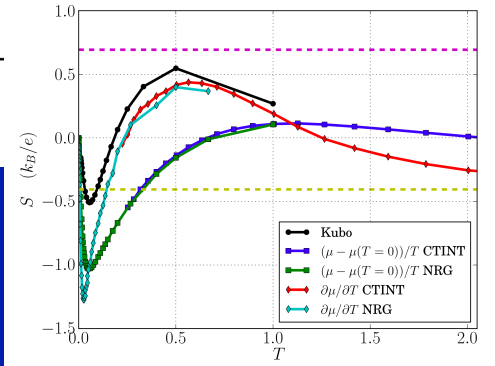
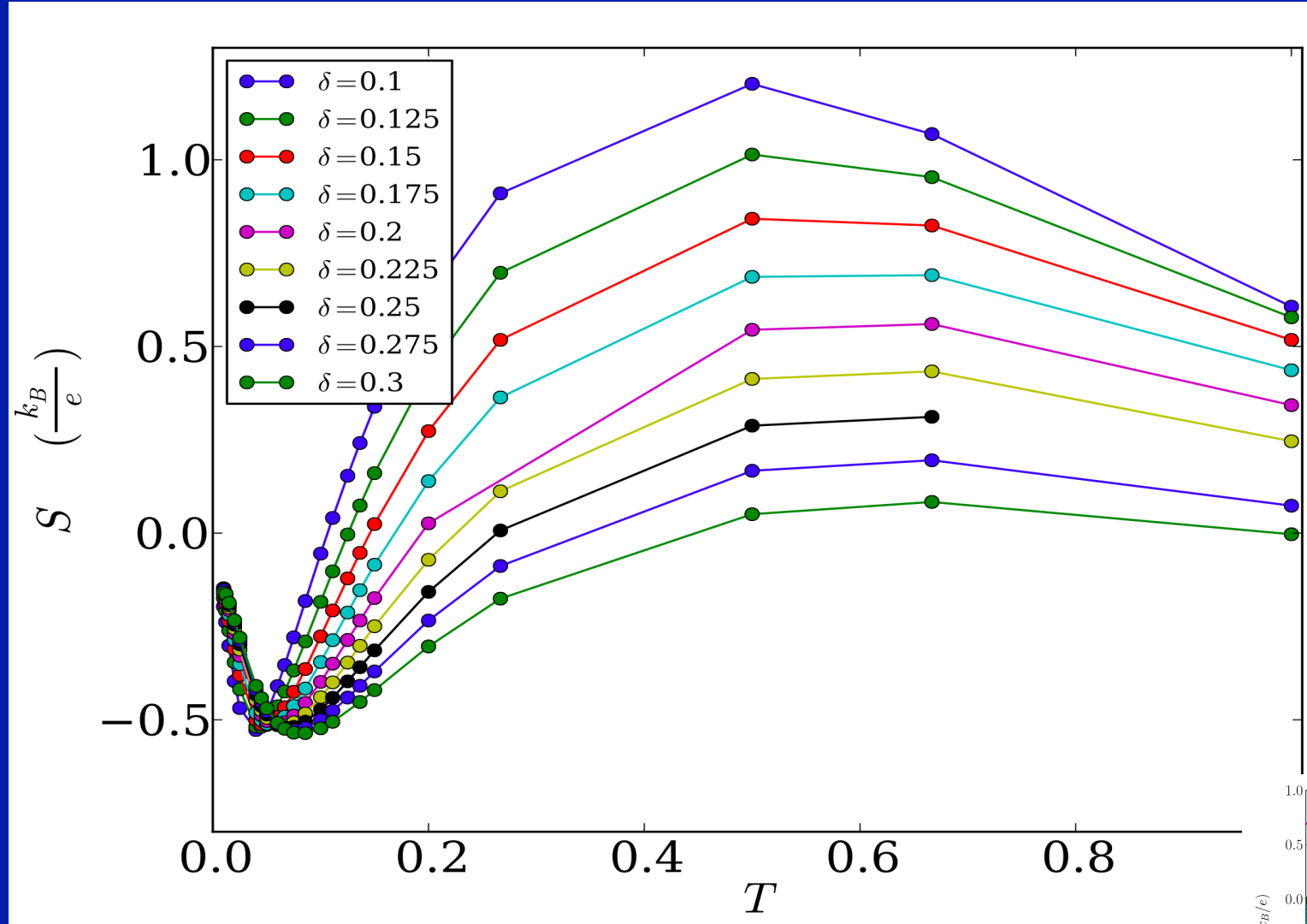
$$\sigma_{dc} = e^2 \beta A_0, \quad S = -\frac{k_B}{e} \frac{A_1}{A_0}$$

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

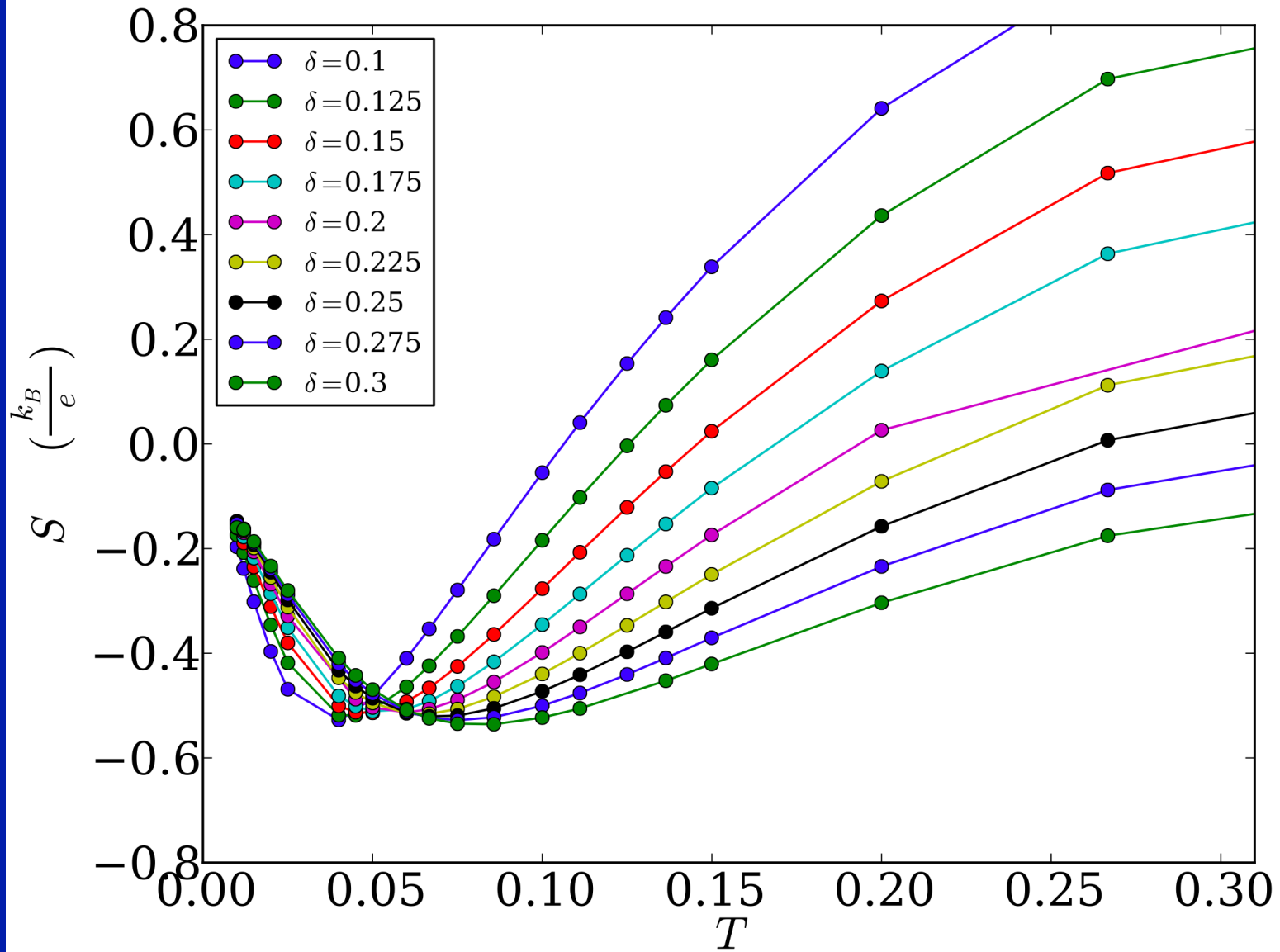
Two key observations:

- 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

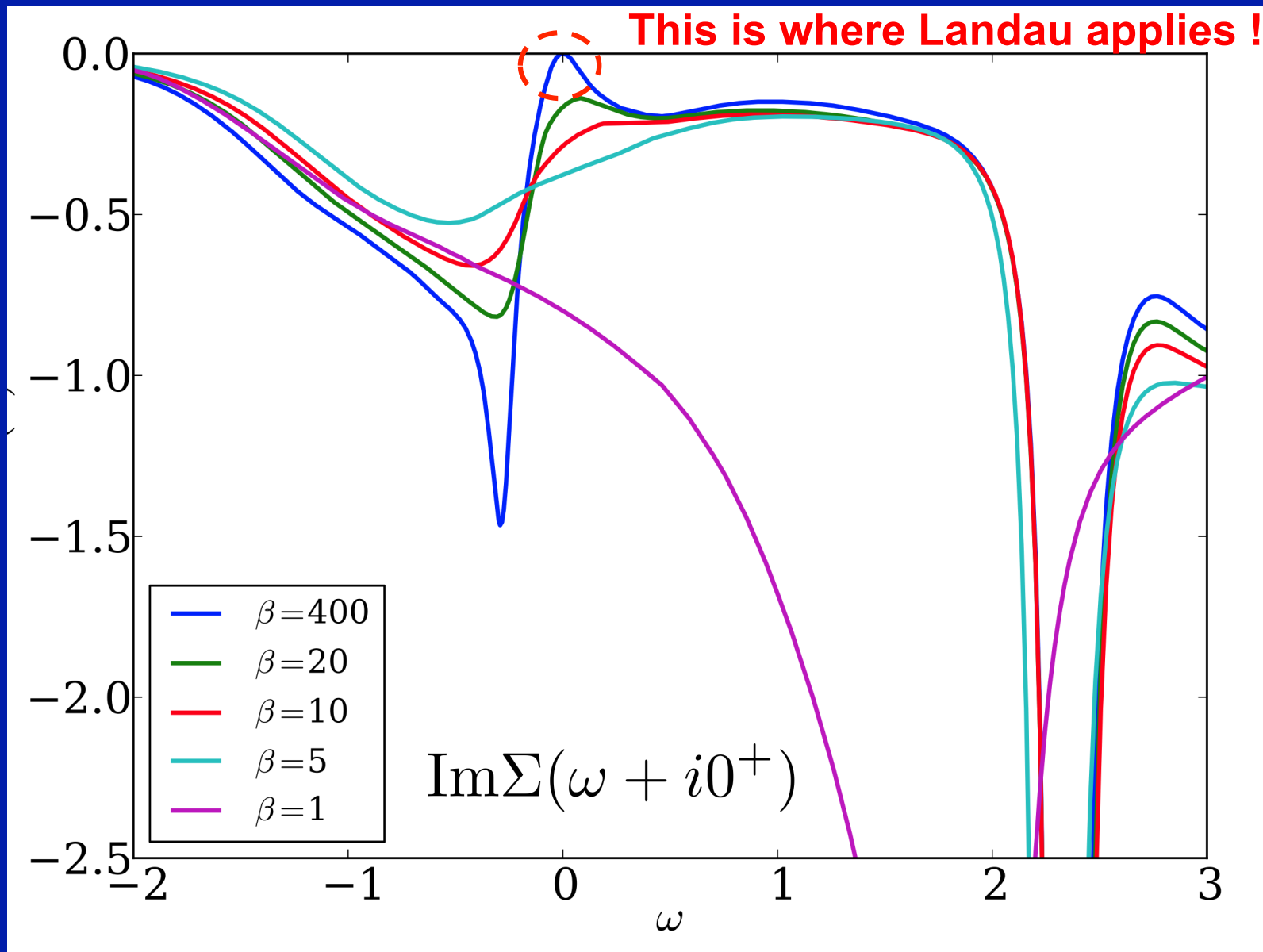
# Seebeck from DMFT, doped Hubbard







# 1. Fermi Liquid Regime



# Resistivity in the FL regime: analytics

Low  $\omega, T$  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

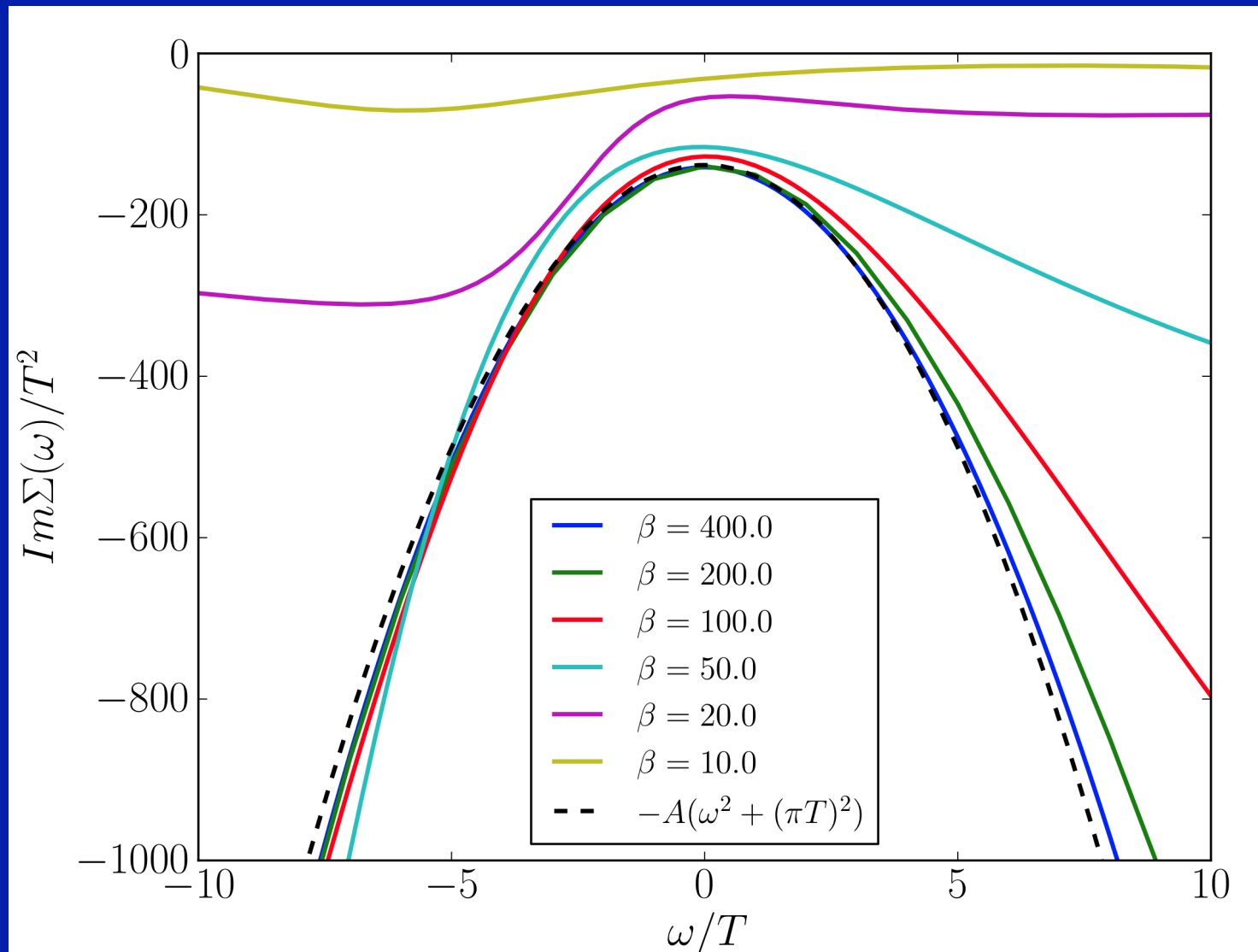
$$\Sigma''(\omega) = \Sigma^{(2)}(\omega) + \Sigma^{(3)}(\omega) + \dots$$

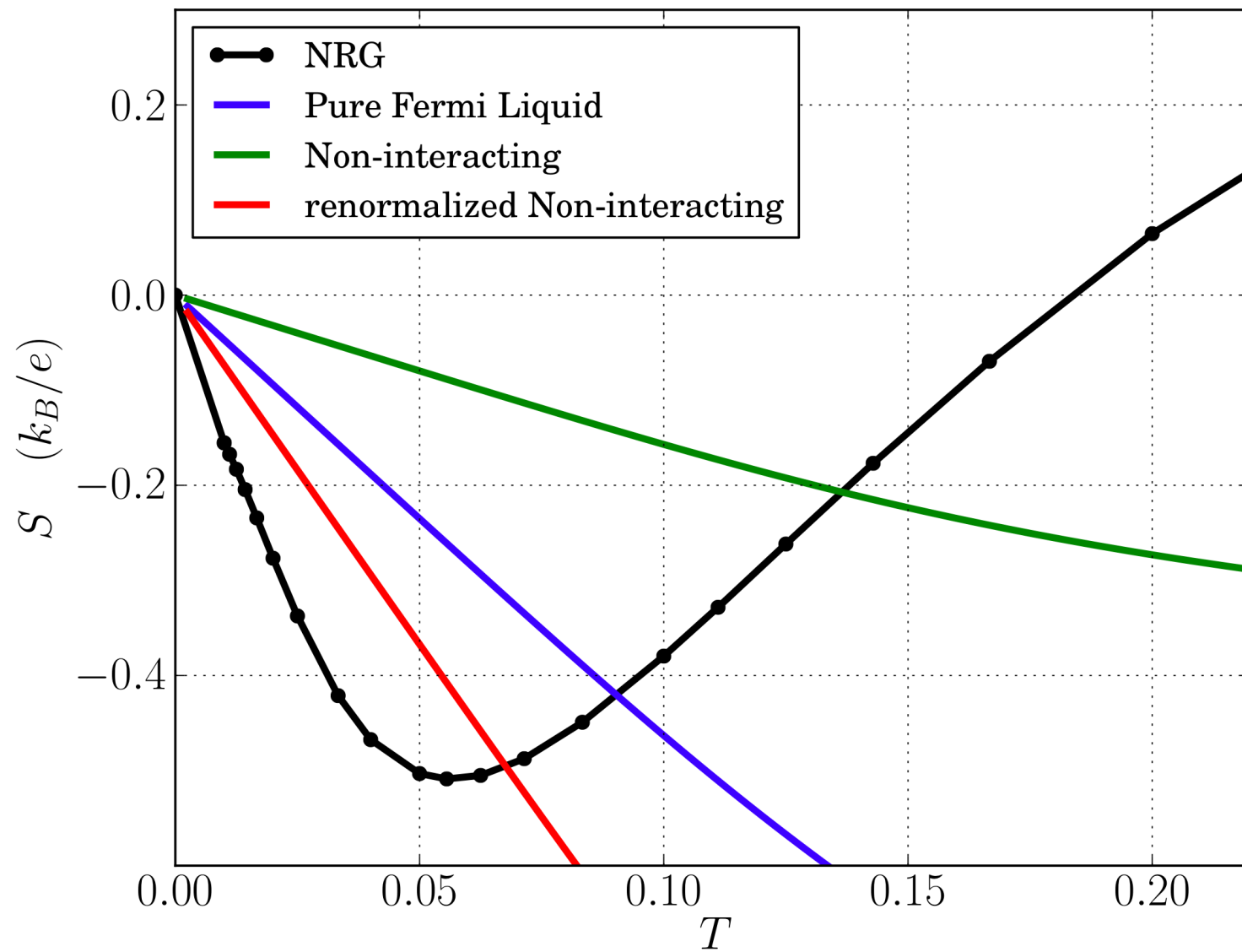
$$\Sigma^{(3)}(\omega) = \frac{(a_1 \omega^3 + a_2 \omega T^2)}{Z^3}$$

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

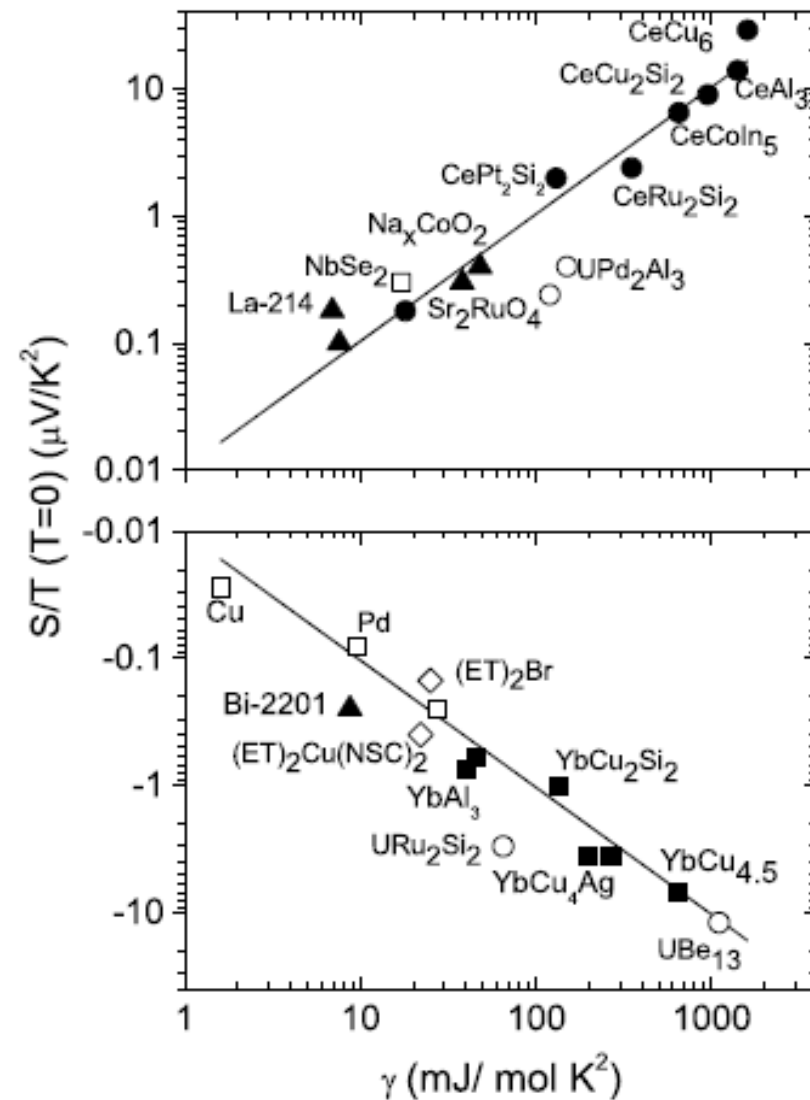
$$S = \frac{k_B k_B T}{|e| Z} \left[ \frac{\Phi'(\mu_0) E_2^1}{\Phi(\mu_0) E_0^1} - \frac{a_1 E_4^2 + a_2 E_2^2}{\gamma_0 E_0^1} \right]$$

# Particle-hole asymmetry of the scattering rate





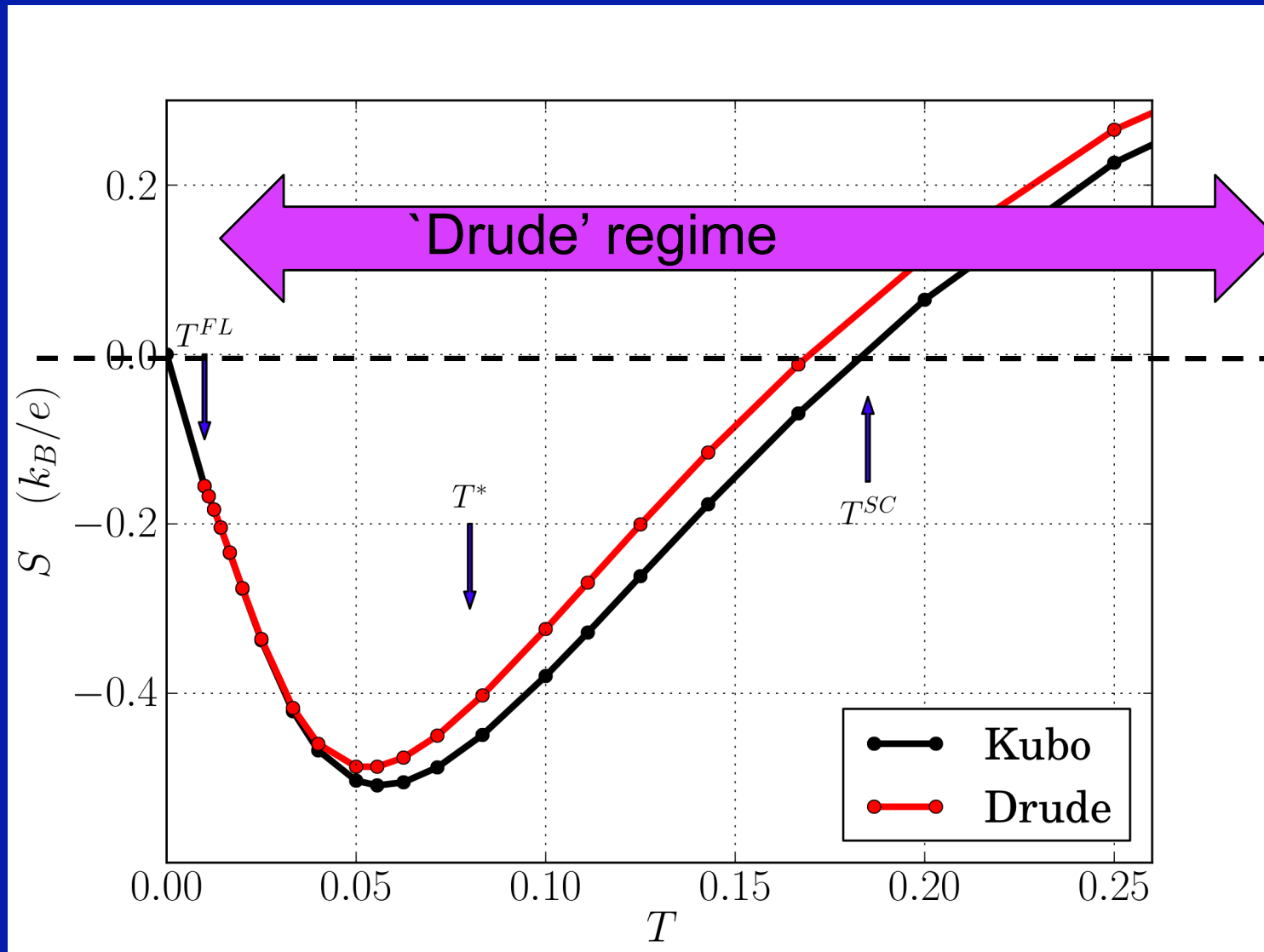
The Behnia-Jaccard-Flouquet law:  
 $S/T\gamma$



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

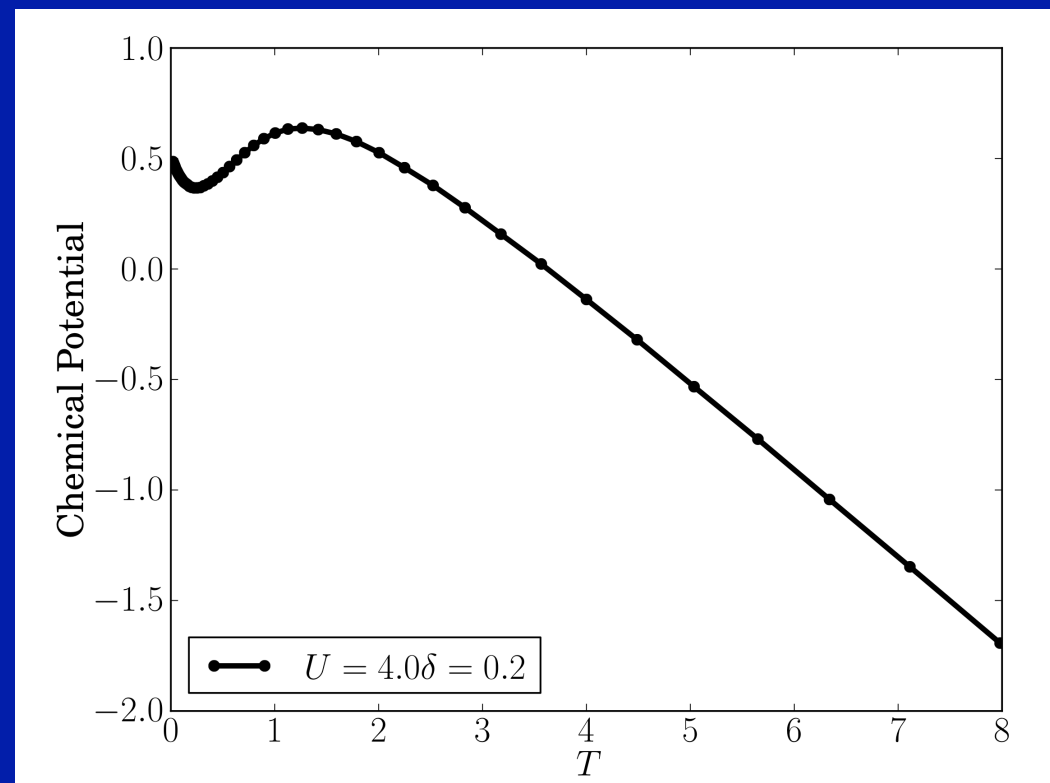
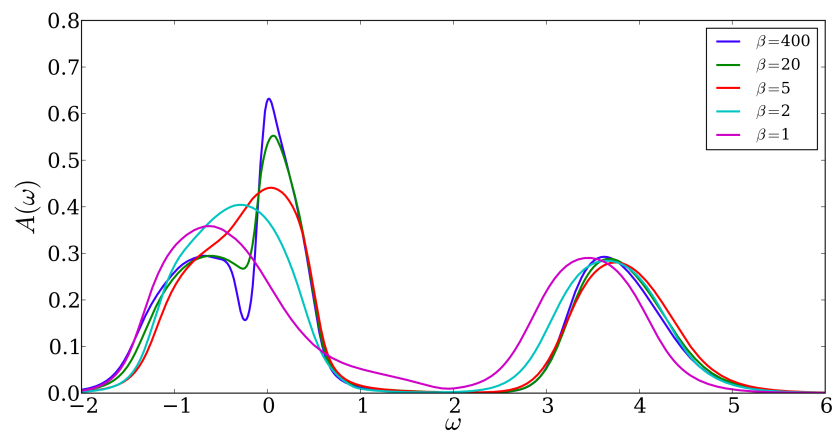
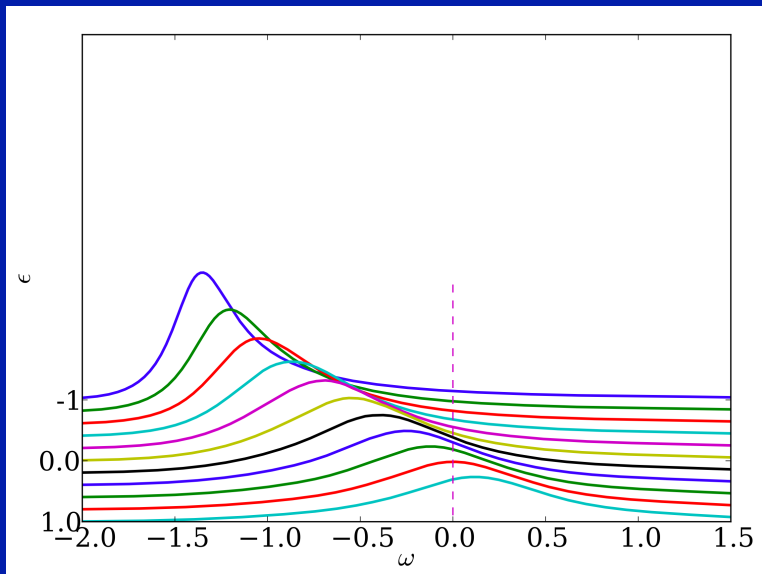


## 2. Seebeck in 'Drude' regime: minimum dominated by electron-like Drude quasiparticles



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 become<sup>4</sup>:

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

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

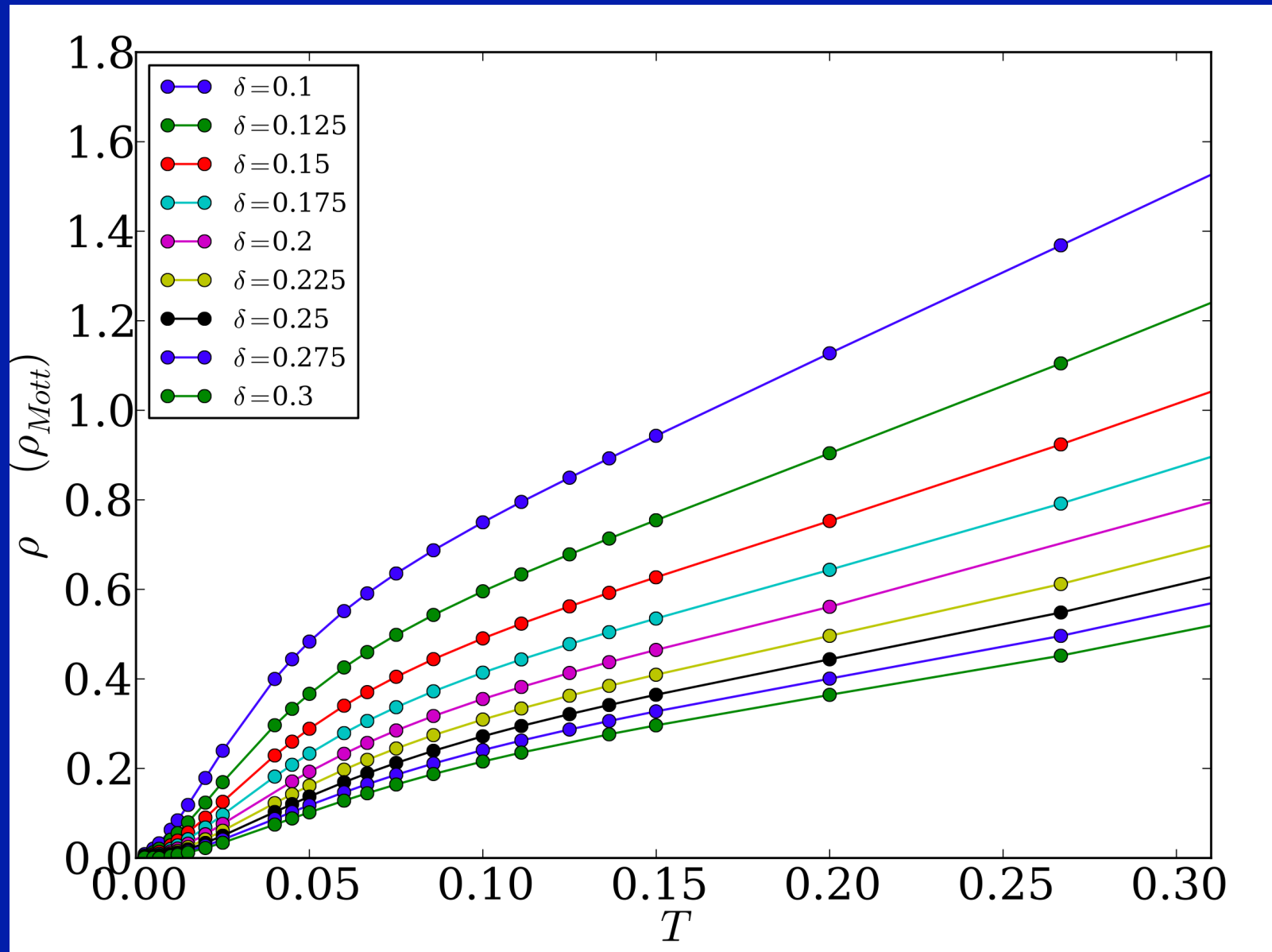
$$\frac{1}{\cosh^2\left(\frac{\beta\omega - \alpha}{2}\right)} = \frac{1}{\cosh^2\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)} \left( 1 + \beta\omega \tanh\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) + \frac{\omega^2 \beta^2}{4} \left[ 3 \tanh\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) - 1 \right] \right).$$

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. $D < T \ll U$

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

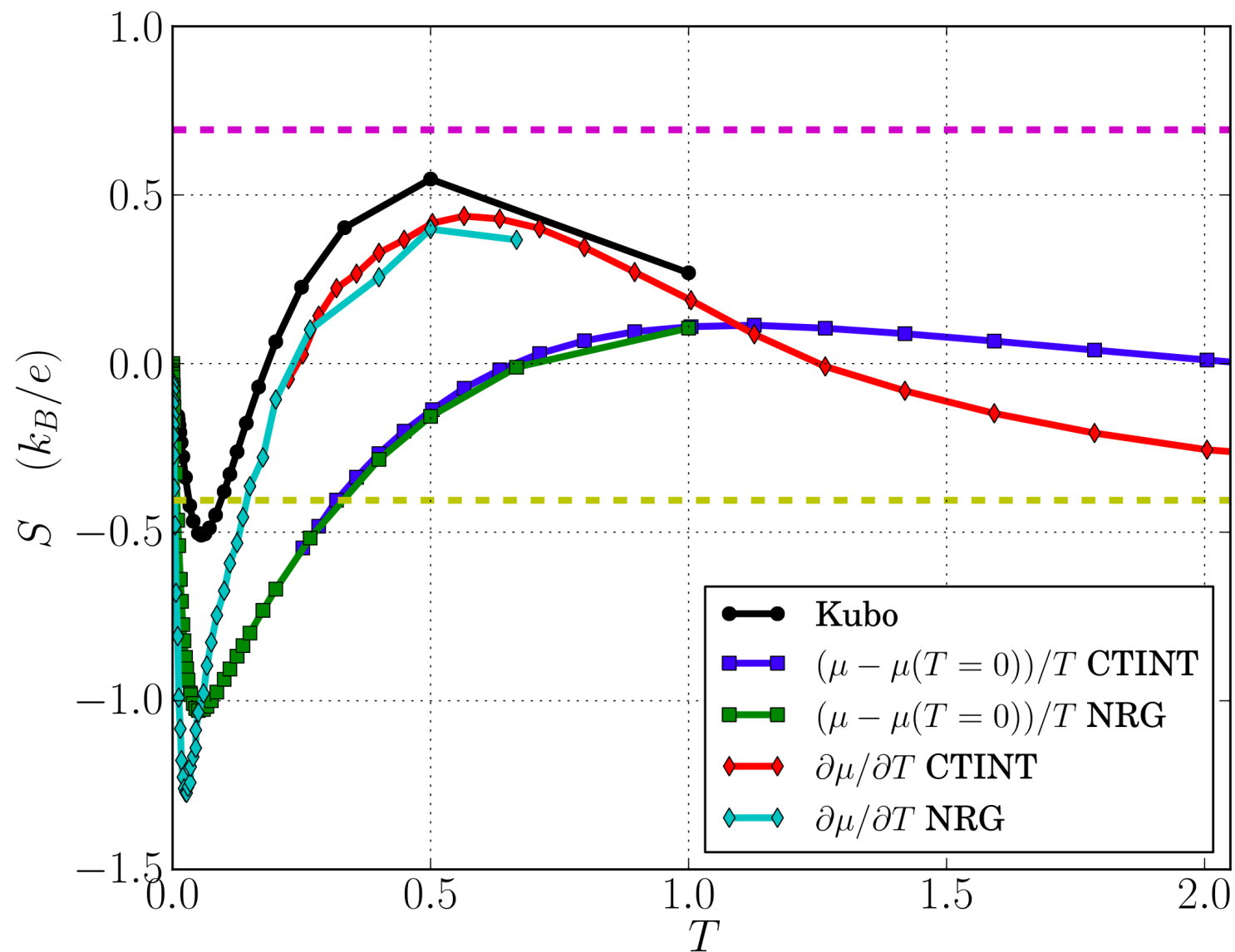
$$s/k = -(1 - n) \ln(1 - n) - n \ln n/2$$

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

## 2. $T > U$

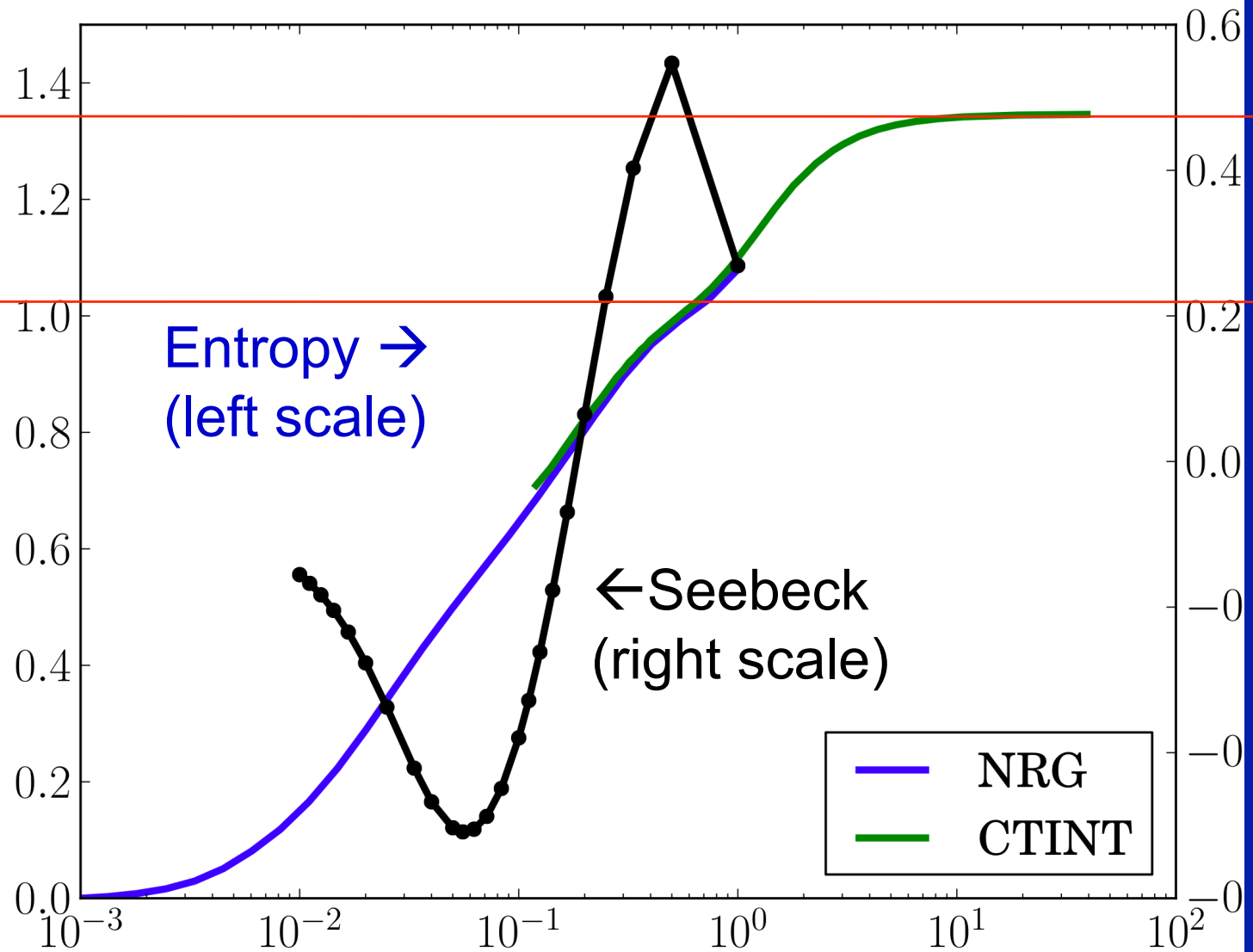
$$s/k = -2 \left[ \frac{n}{2} \ln \frac{n}{2} + \frac{1 - n}{2} \ln \frac{1 - n}{2} \right]$$

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

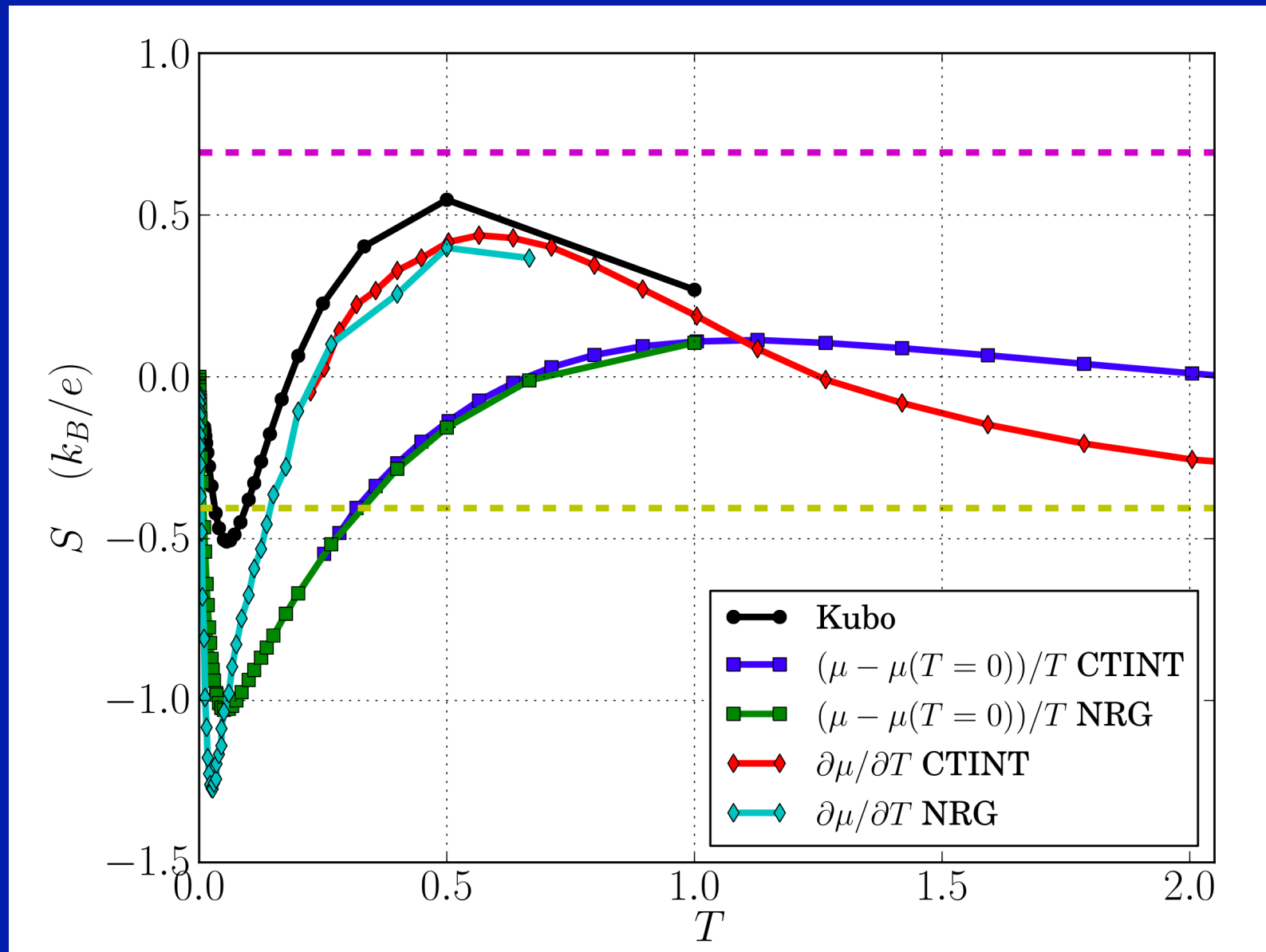


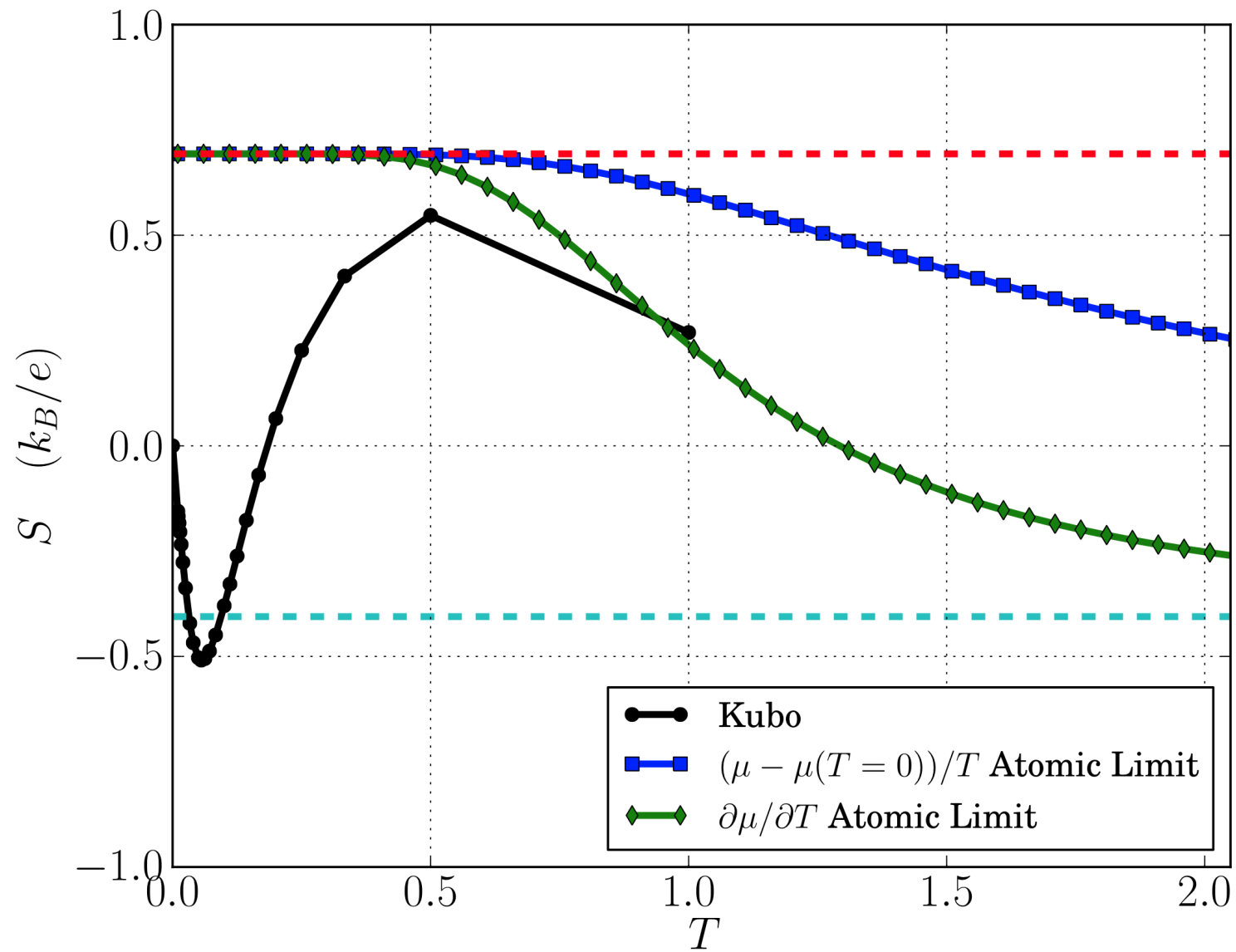


# Seebeck and Entropy



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

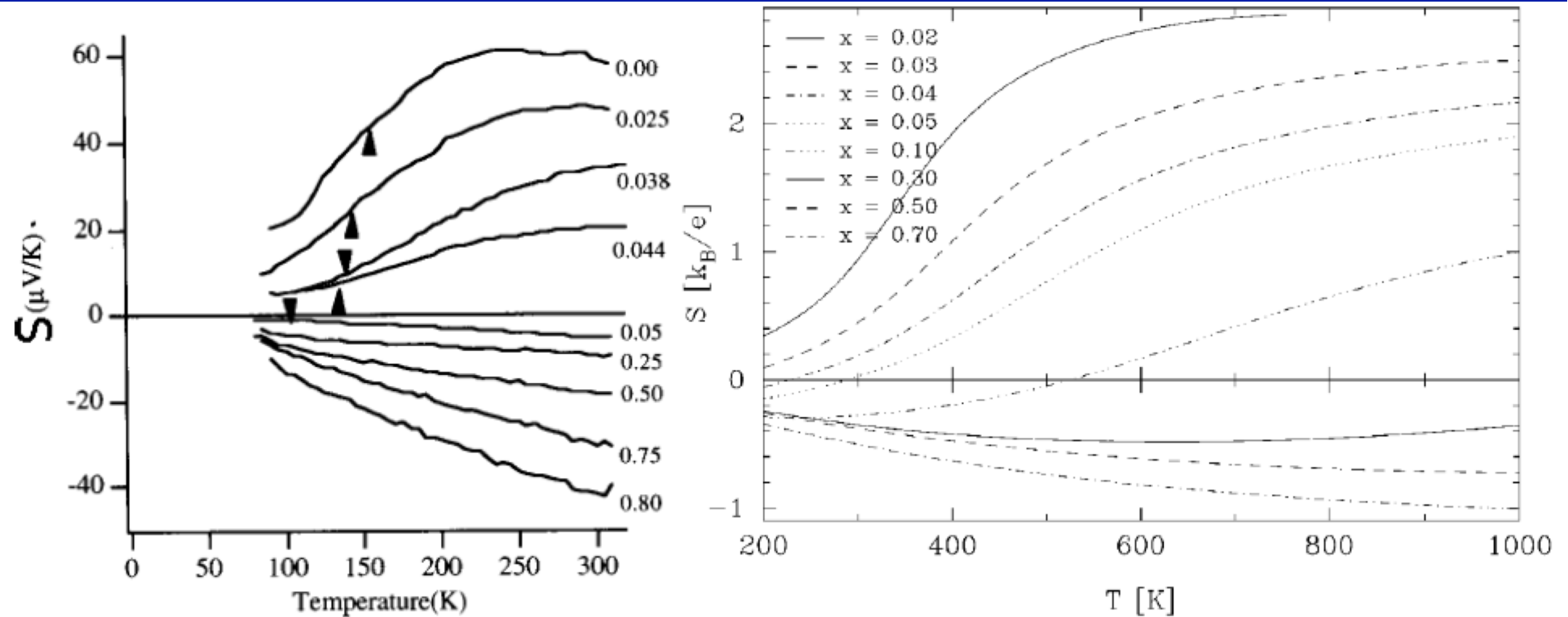




# Main messages: Seebeck

- 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].