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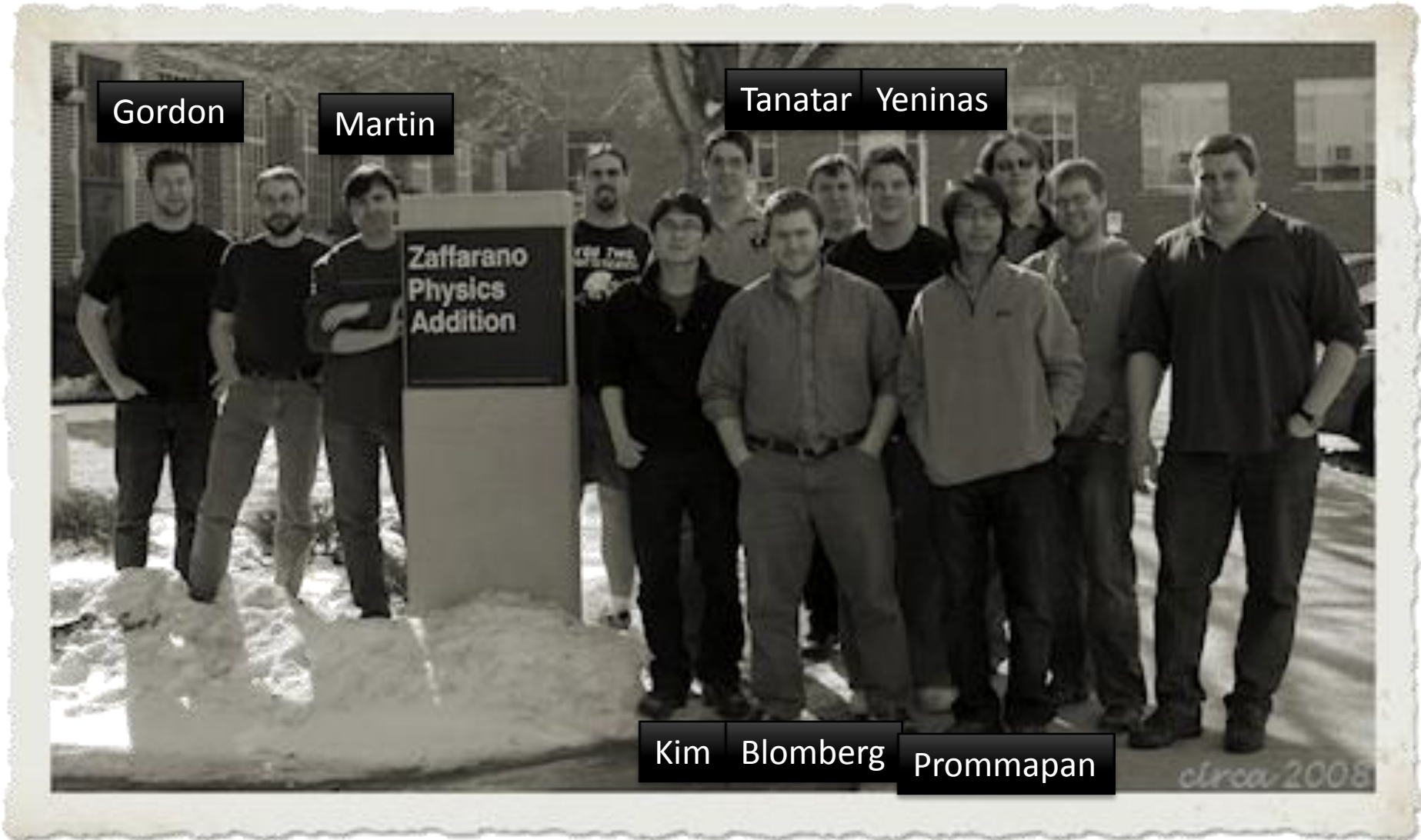
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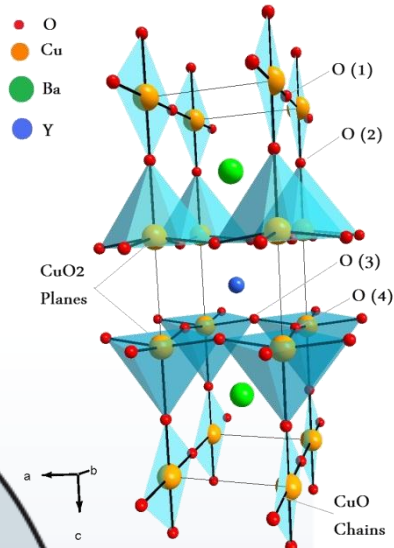




phase diagram

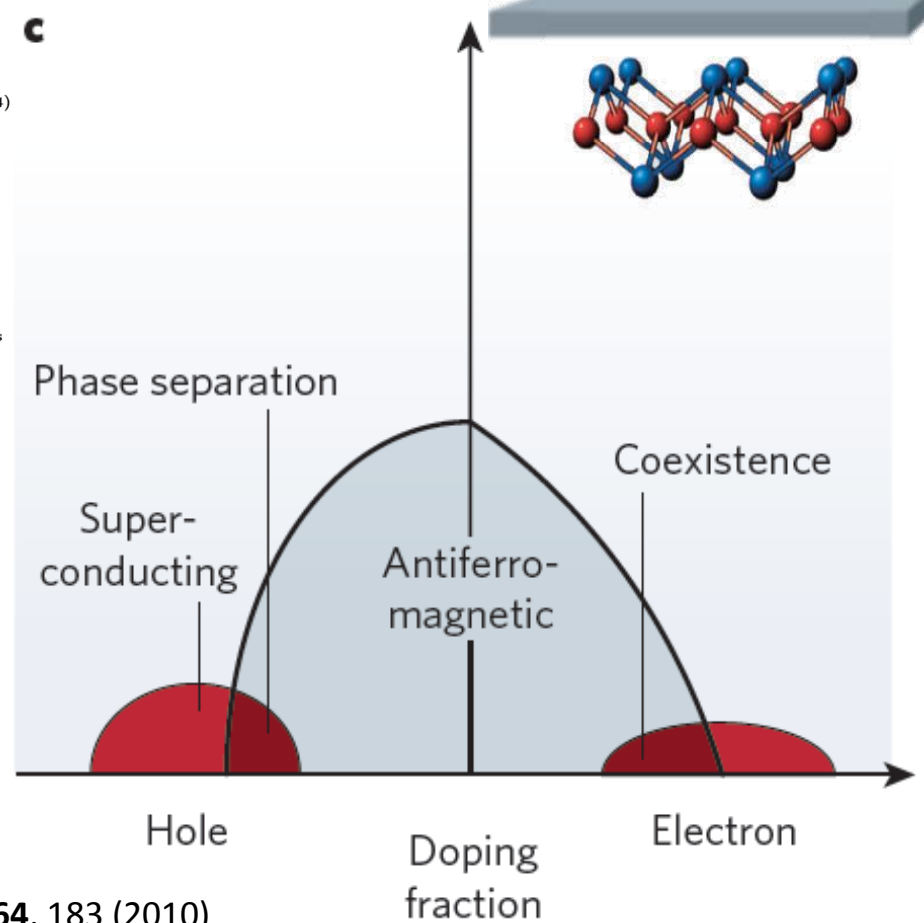
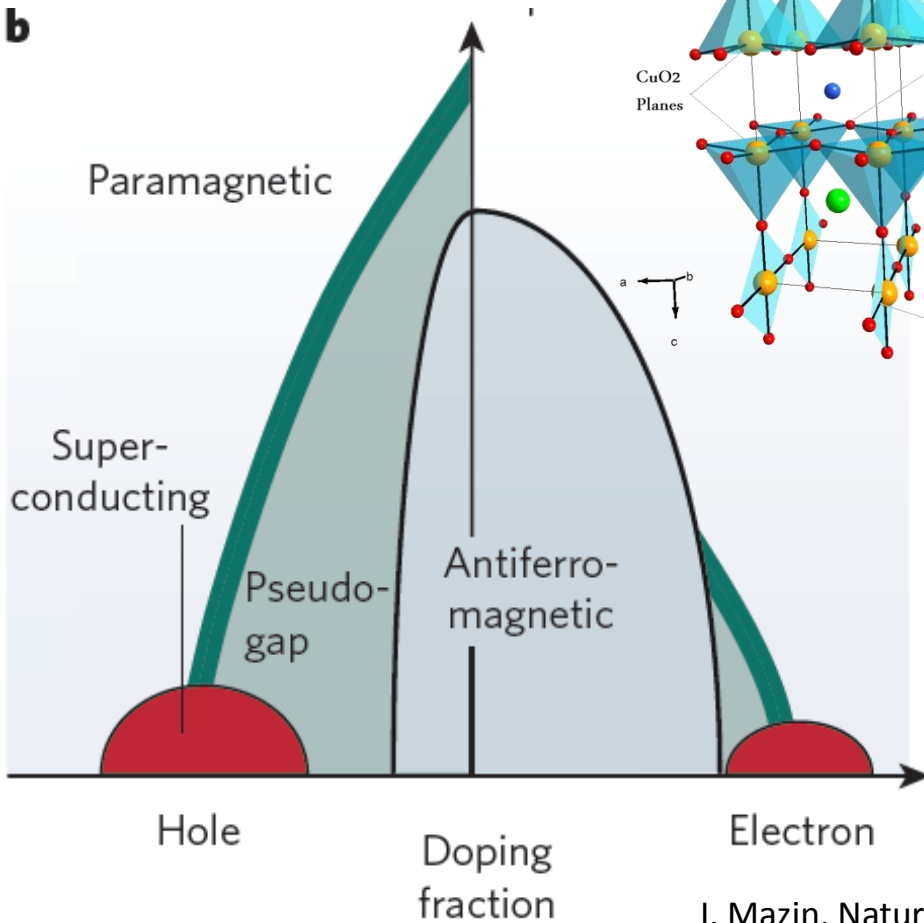
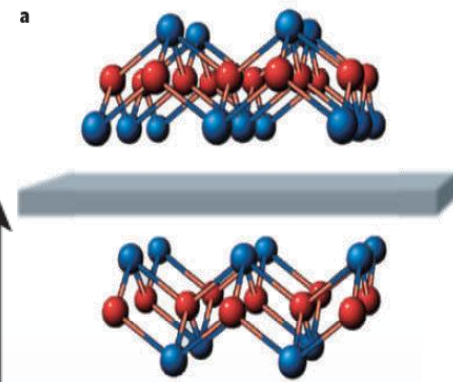
2D

Mott insulator



3D

metal



I. Mazin, Nature **464**, 183 (2010)

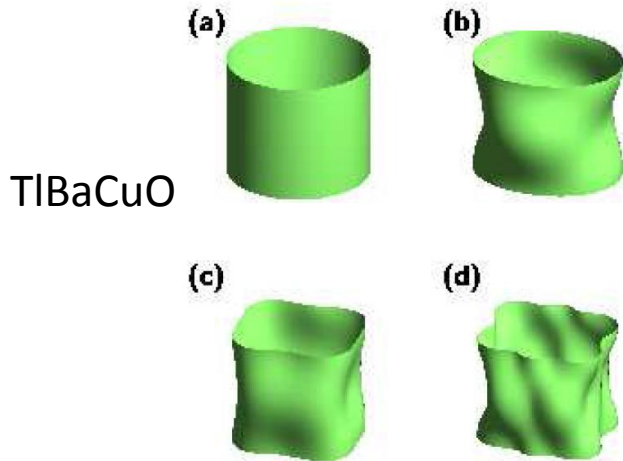
cuprates

Fe-based superconductors



3D bandstructure

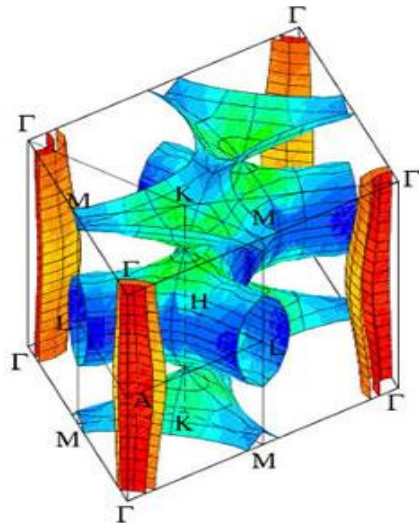
Cuprates: Single 2D FS, d-wave gap



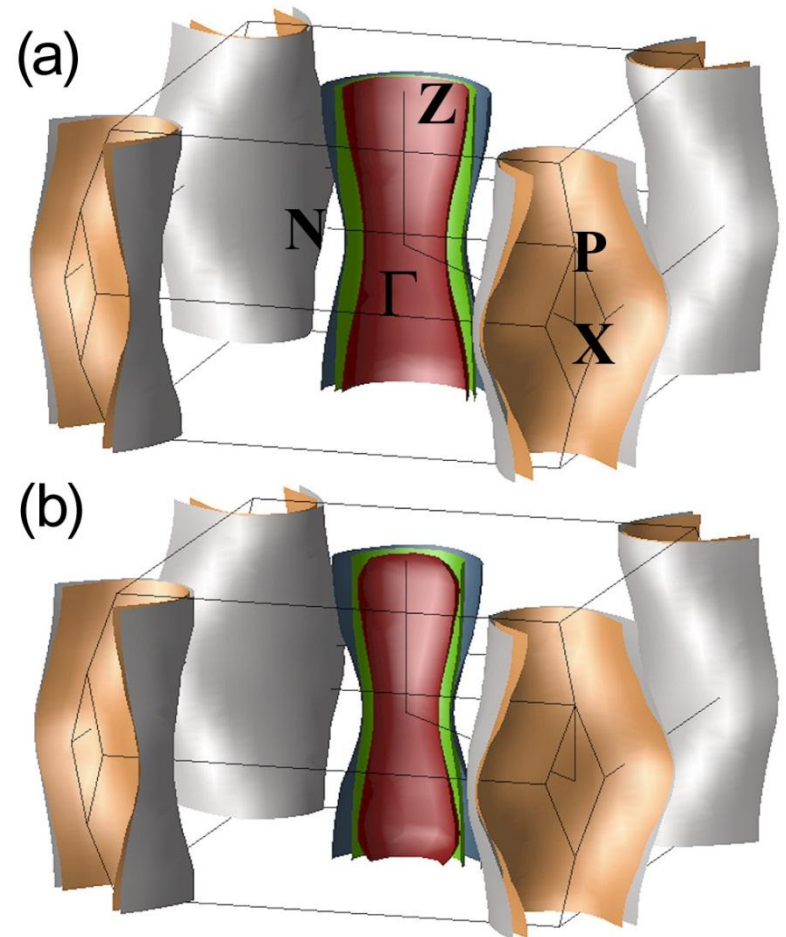
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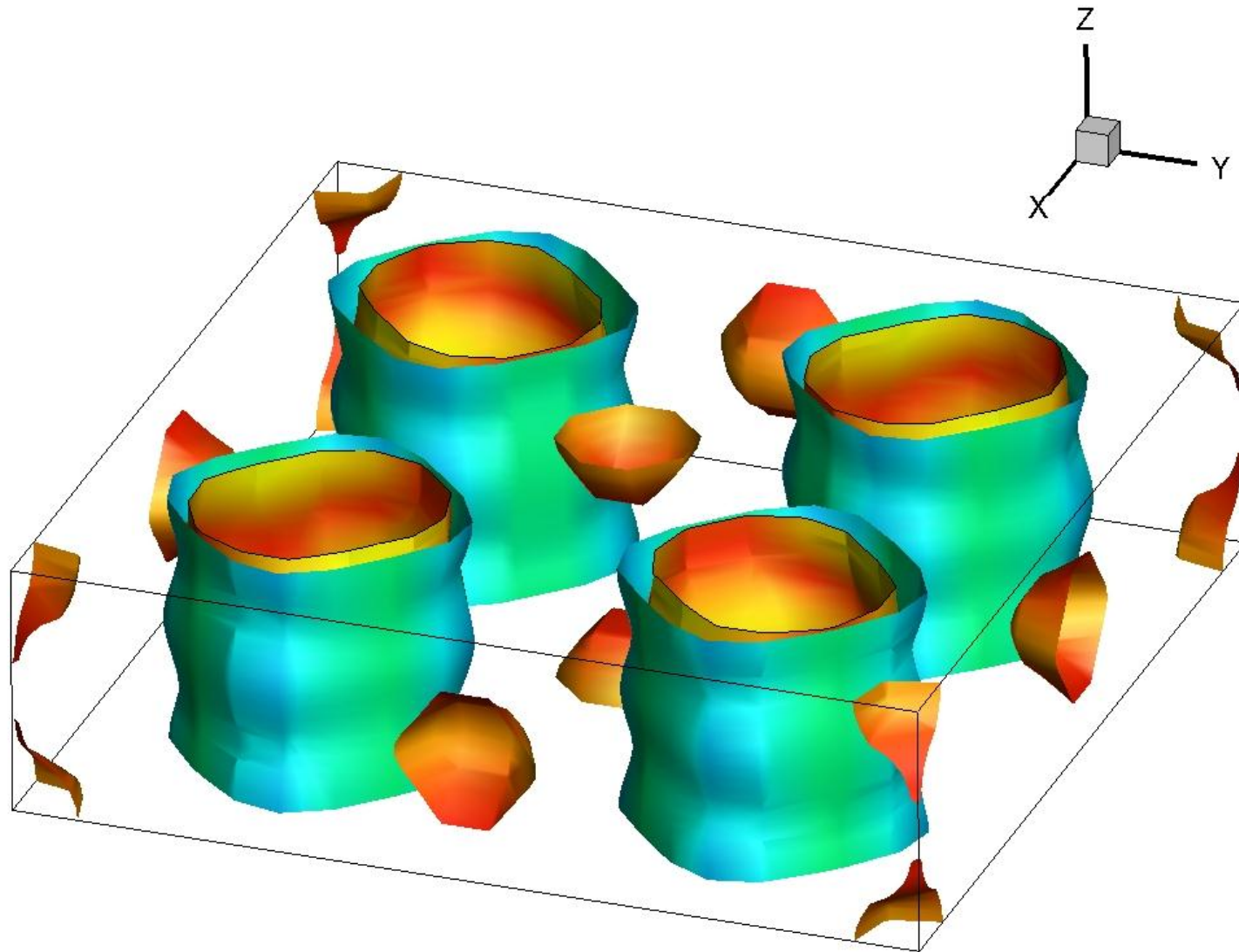
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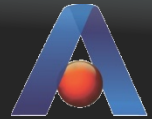
BaCo-122: Multiple gaps, 3D FS



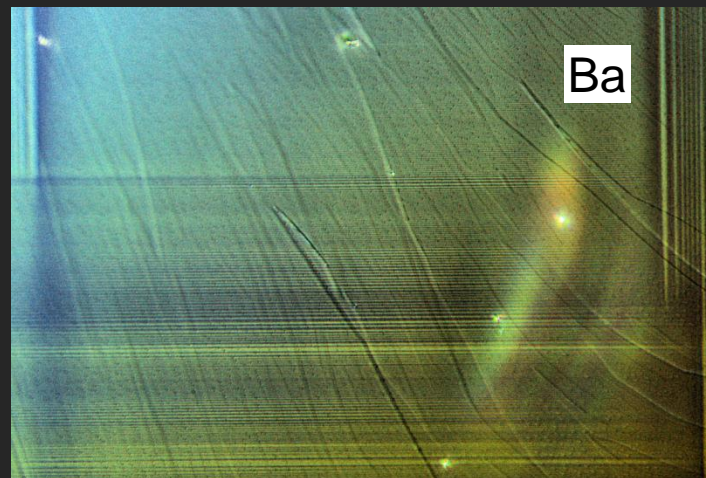
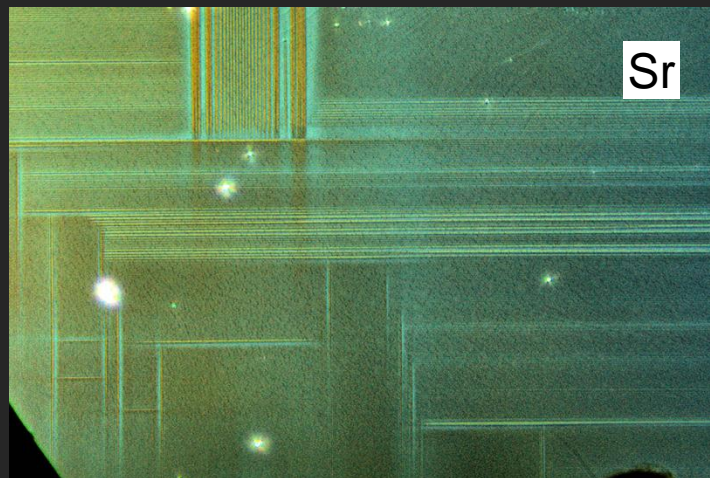
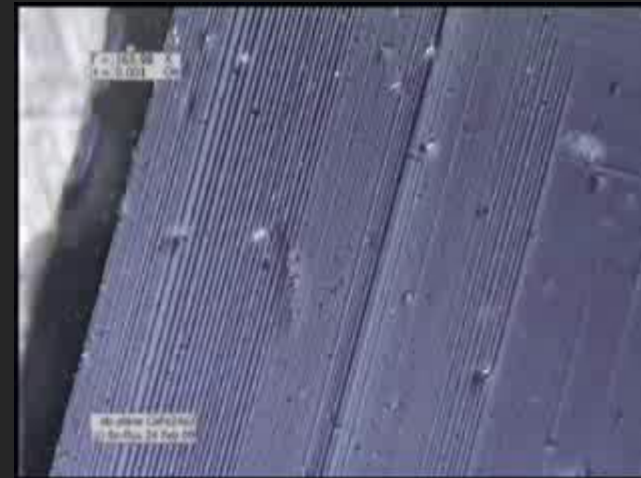
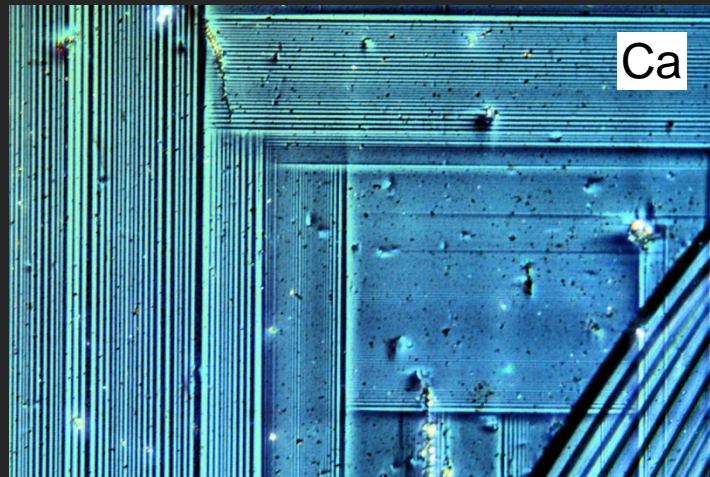
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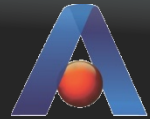
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domains in orthorhombic / AFM phase

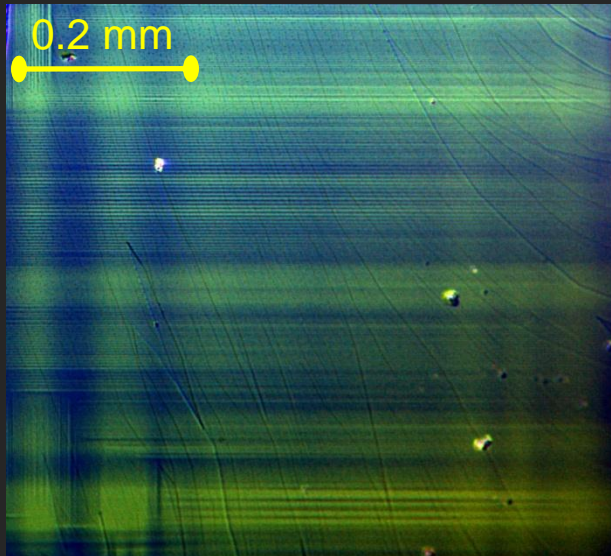


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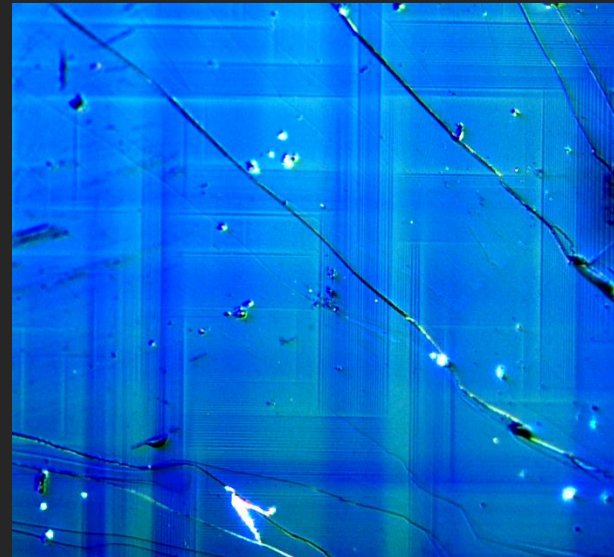


domains in doped FeCo122

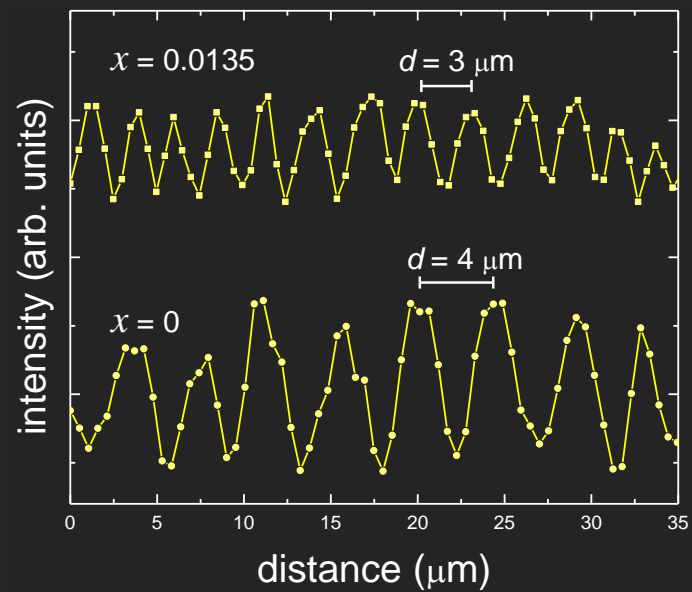
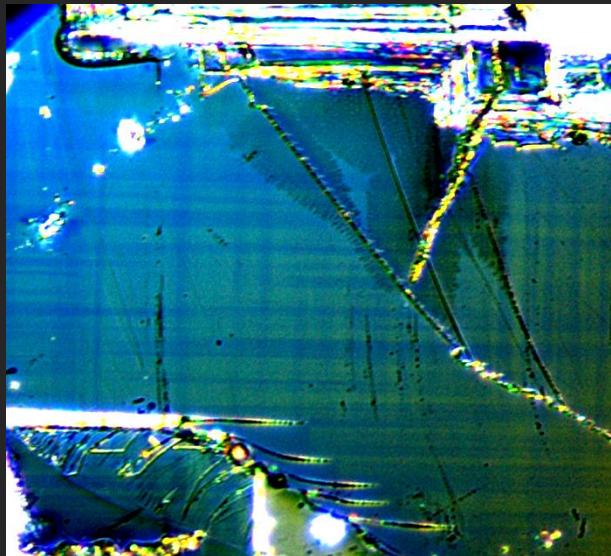
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$x = 0.0135$

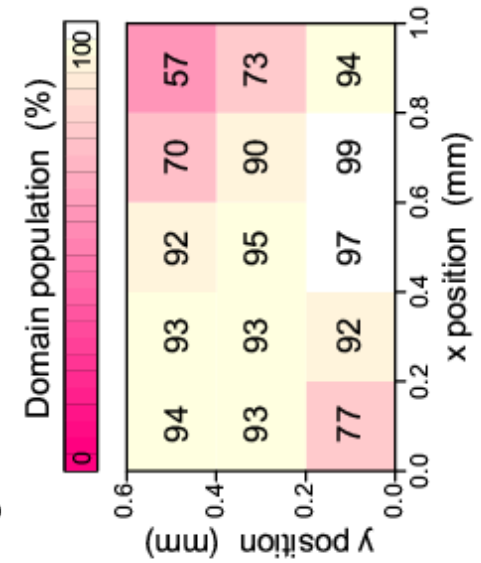
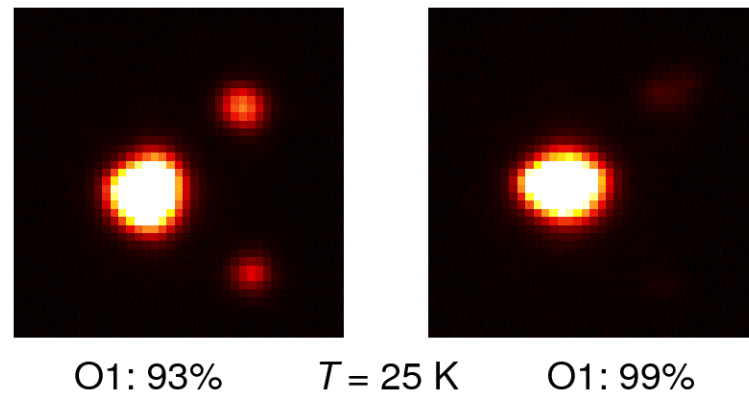
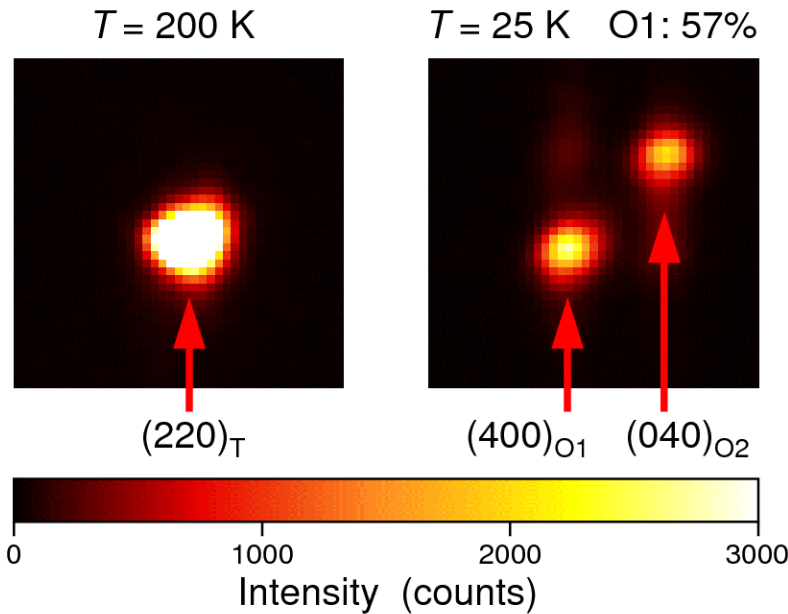
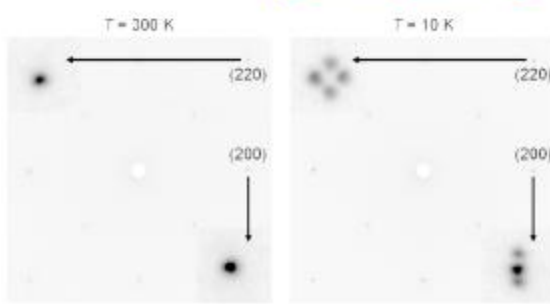
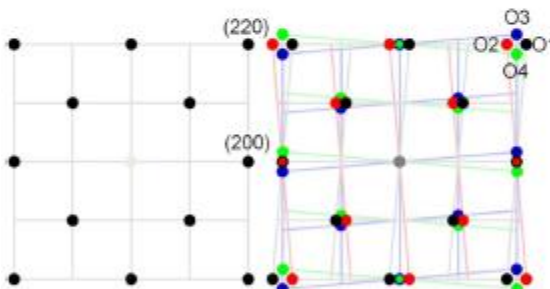
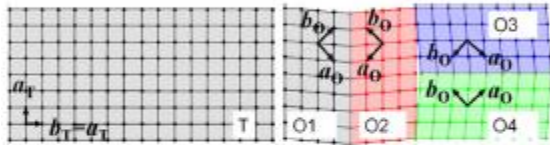
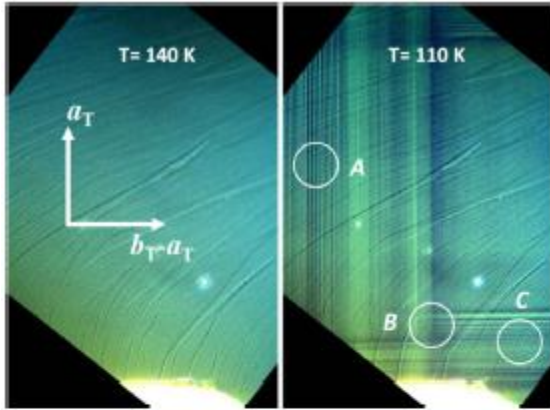


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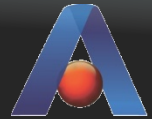




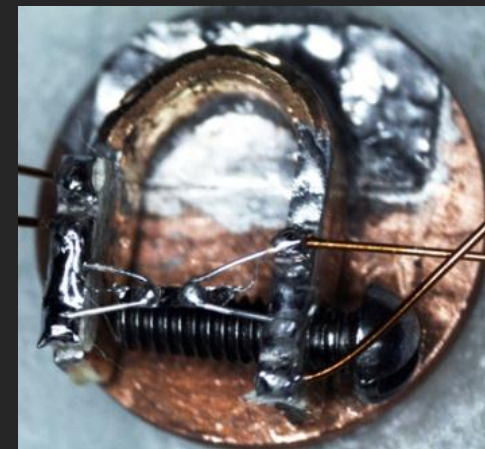
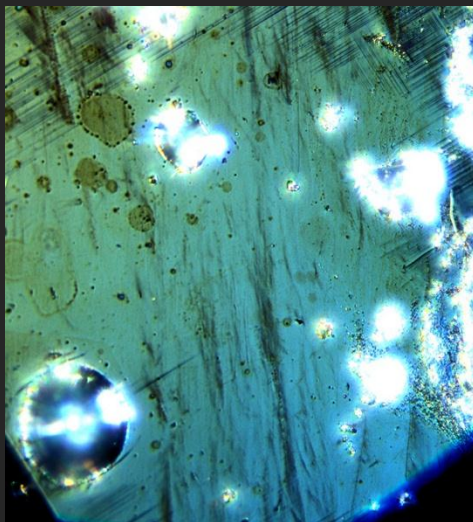
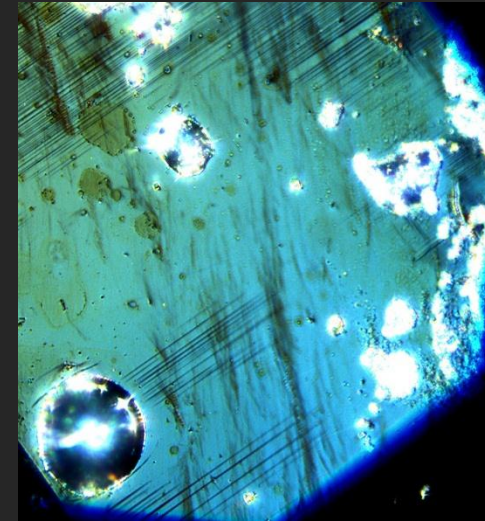
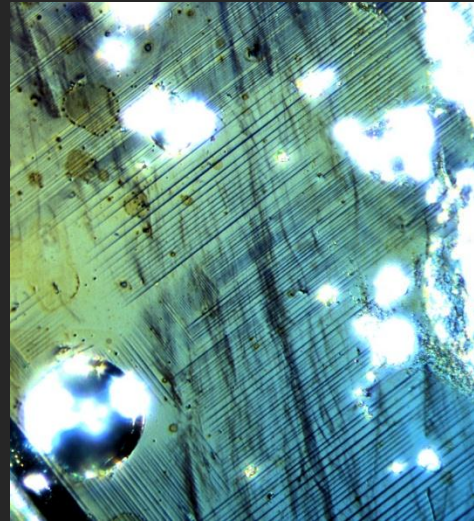
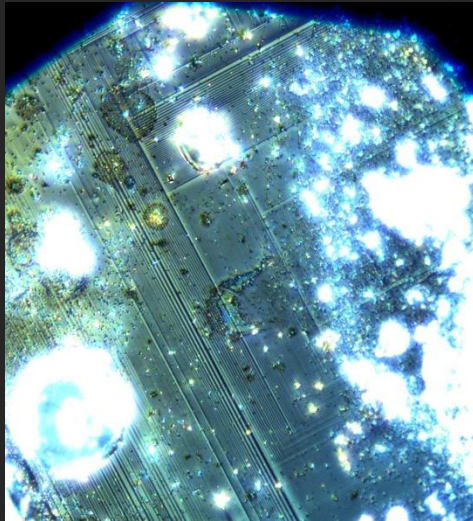
high – energy x-ray



Domain distribution map
200 μm spot
high energy x-ray



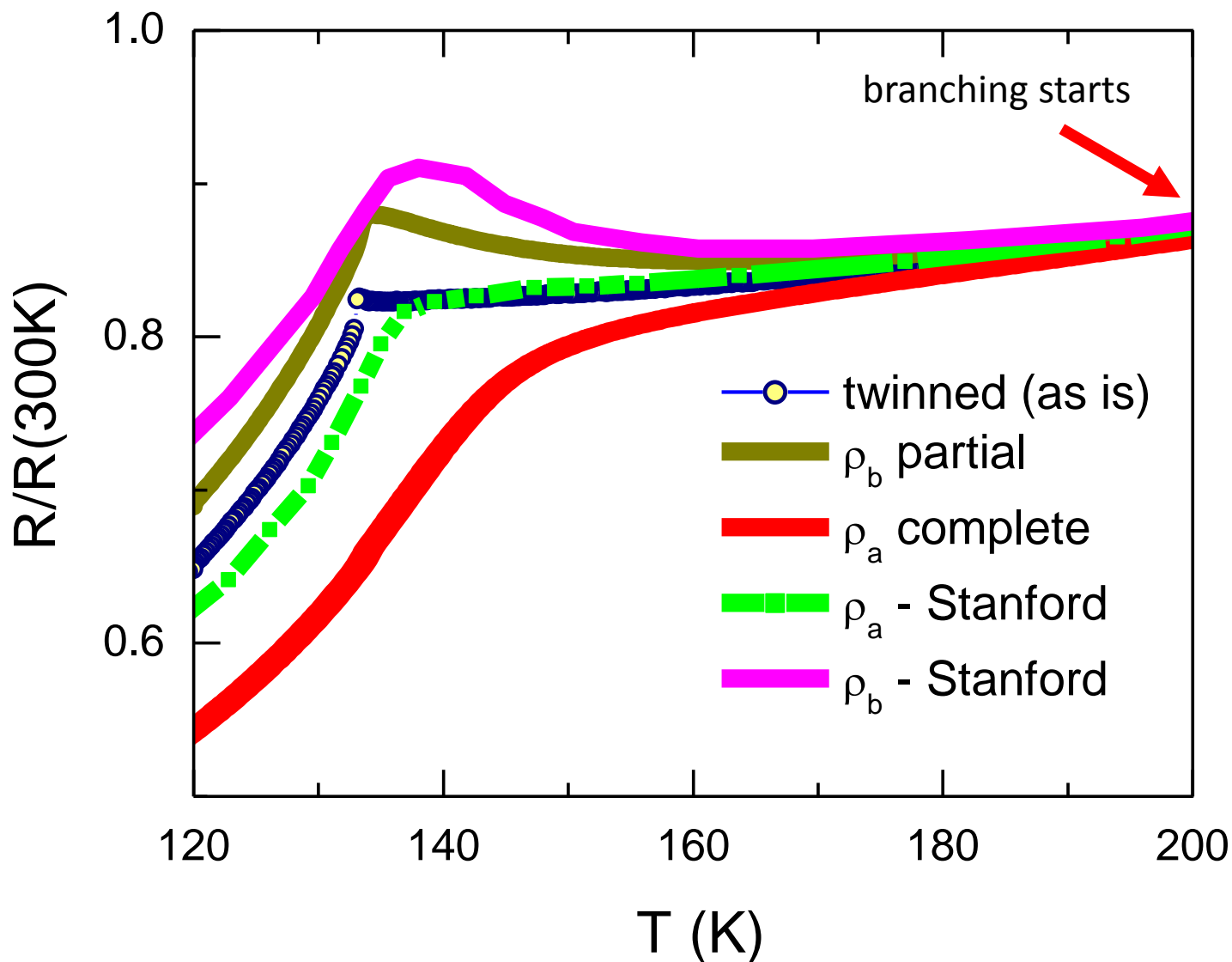
de-twinning



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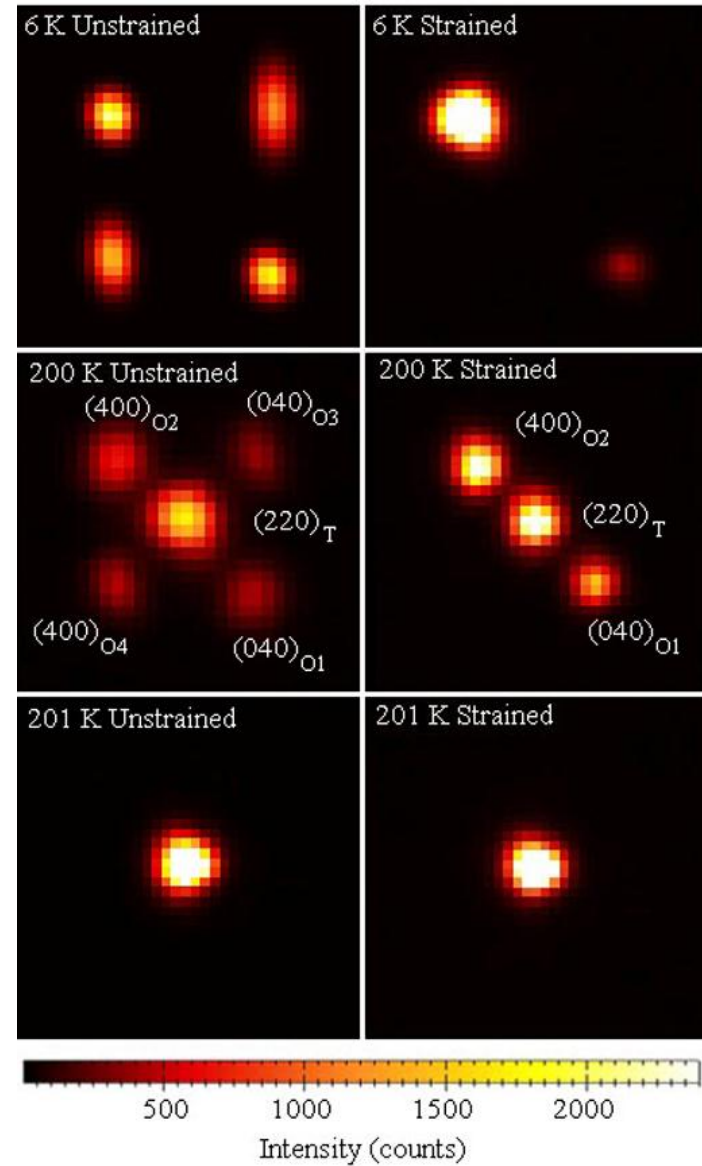
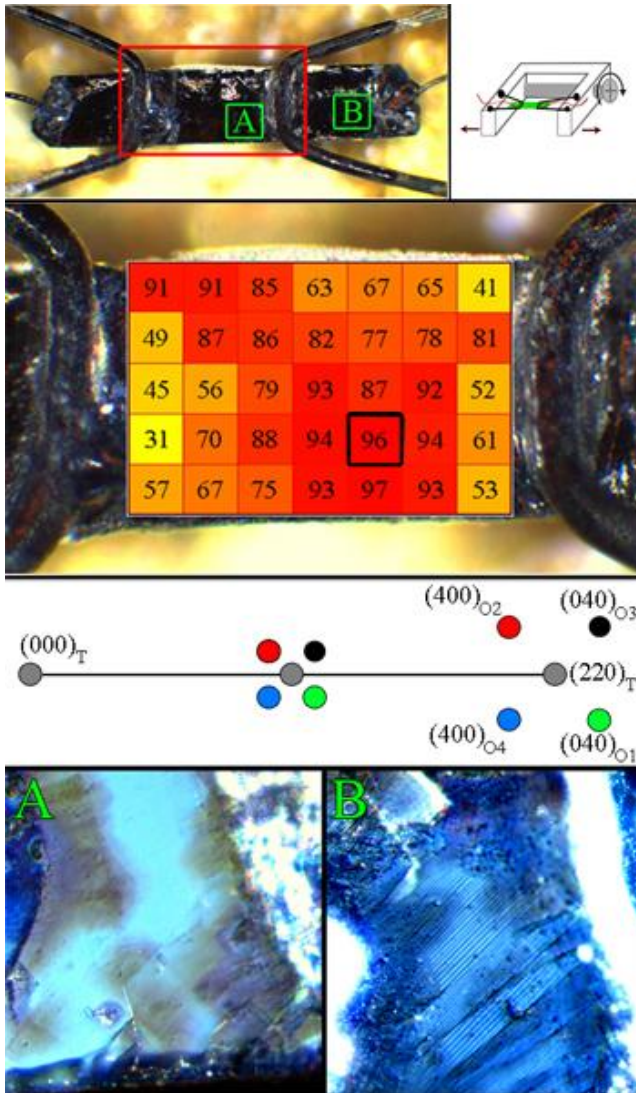


Ba122 – anisotropy in both ORT & TET!



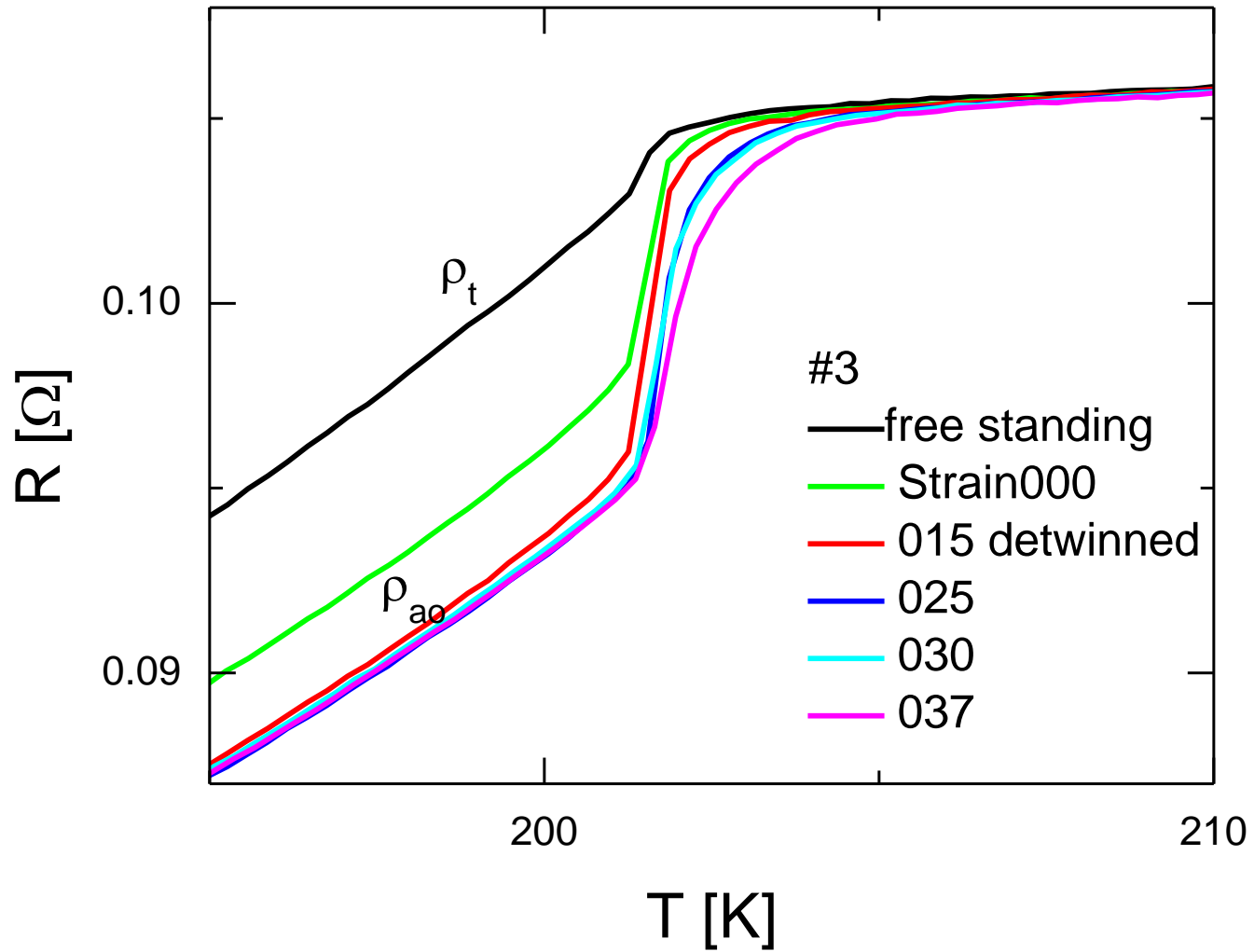


Sr122



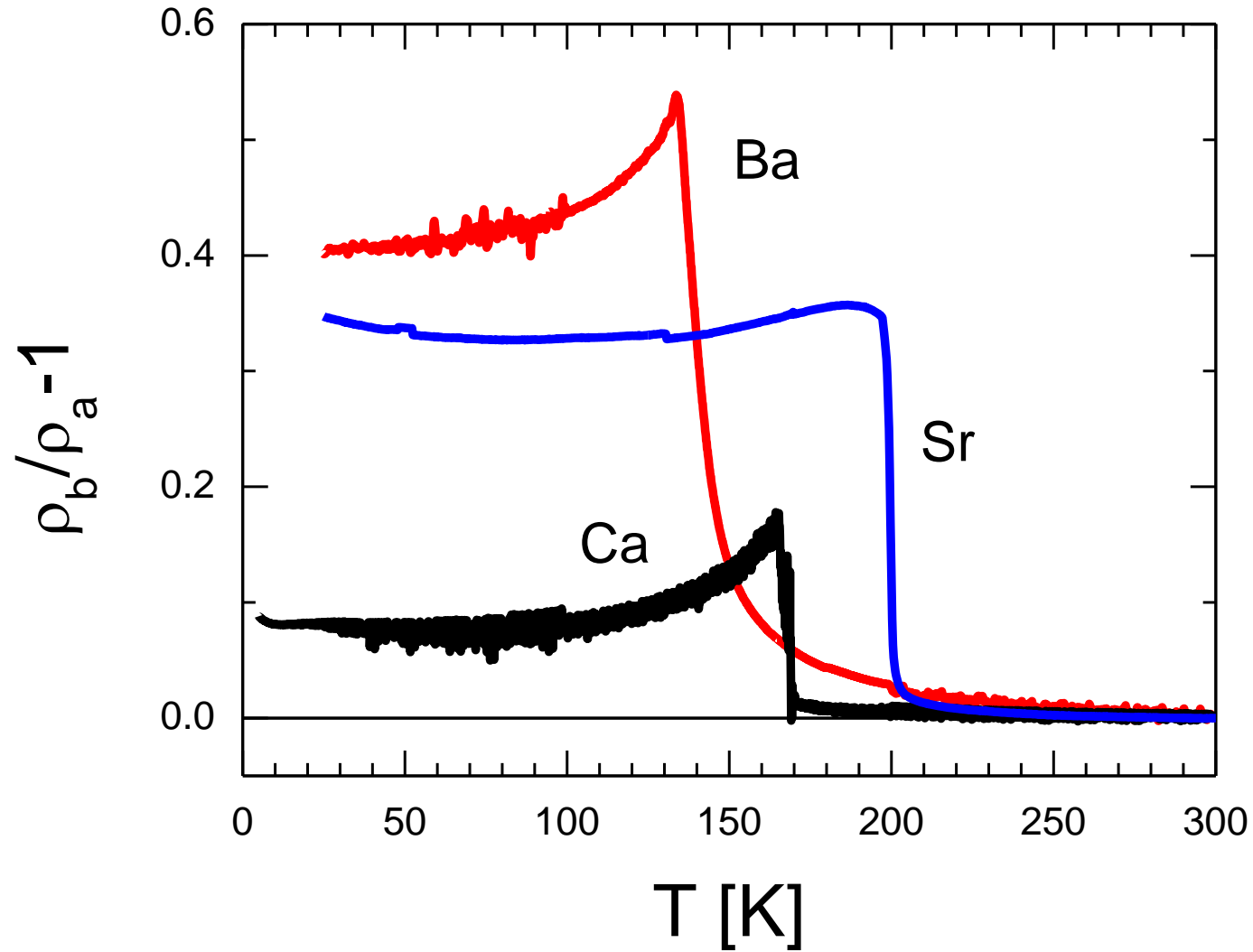


effect of strain



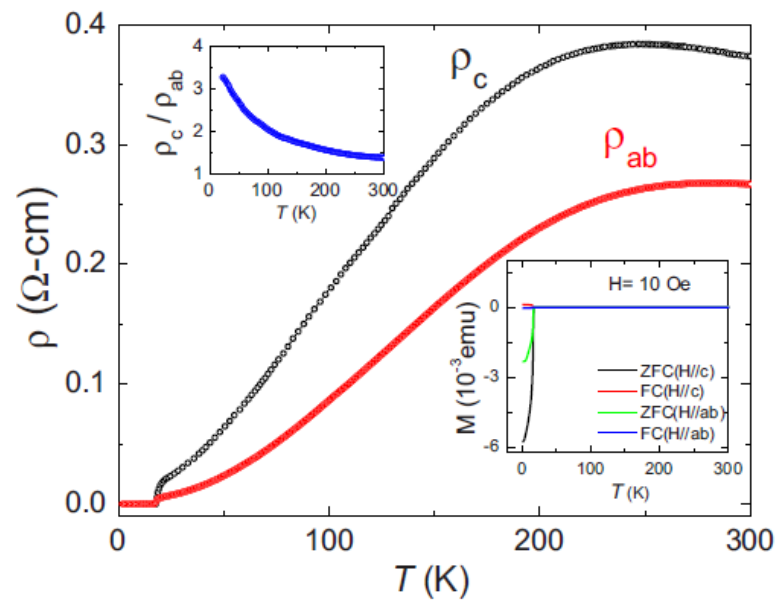
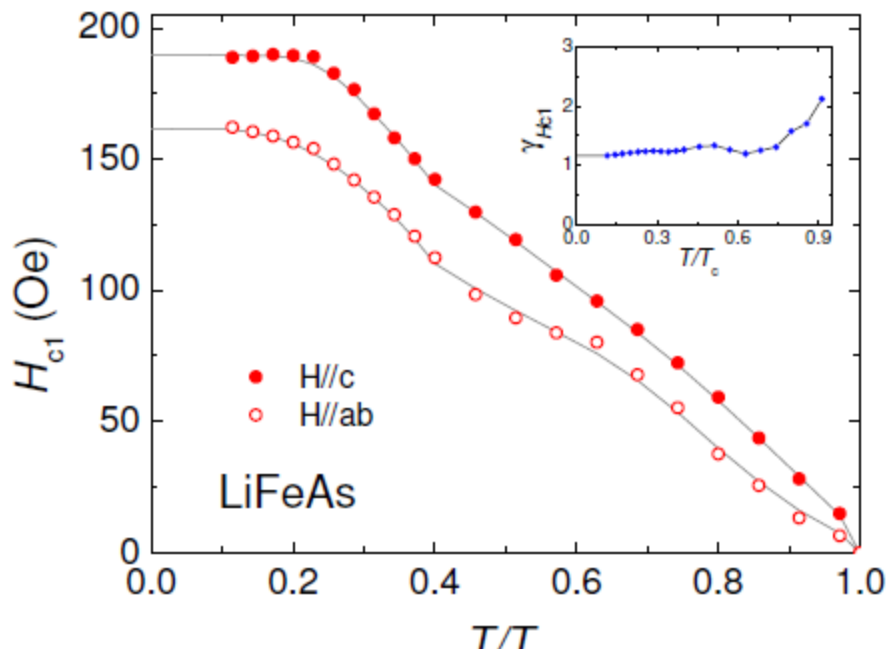


comparison of anisotropies





anisotropy: case of LiFeAs



Prof. Kwon (SKKU)

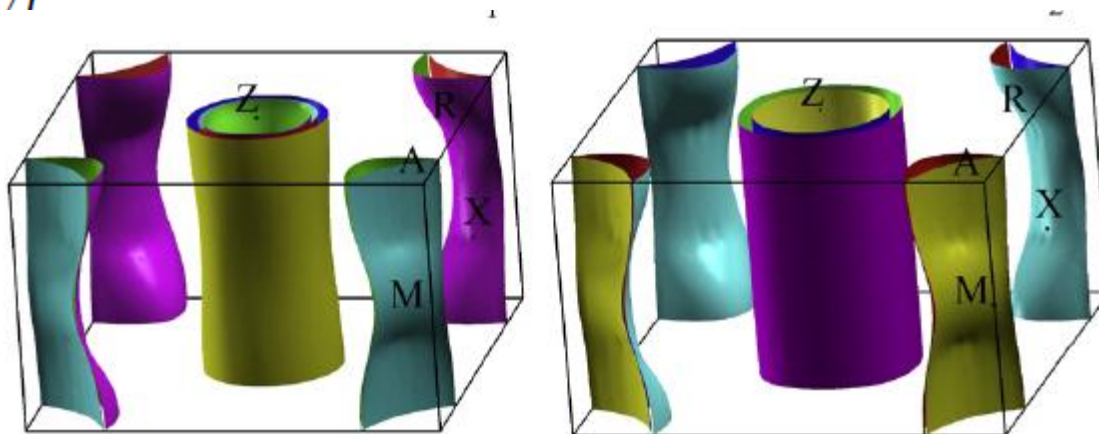
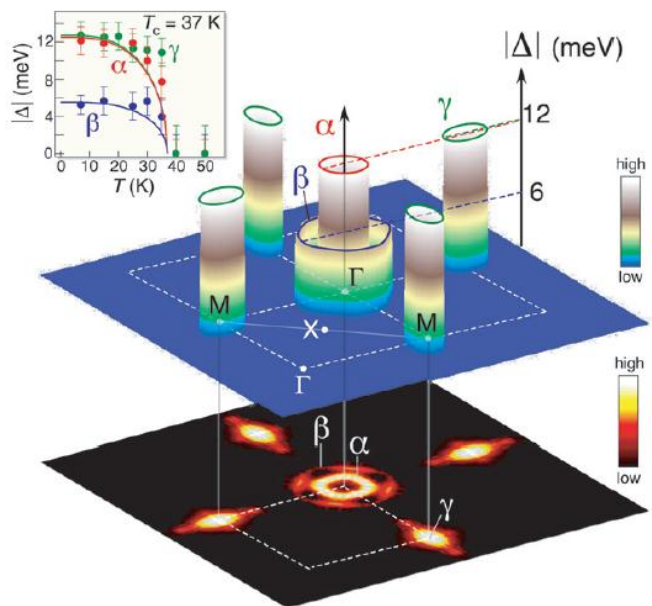


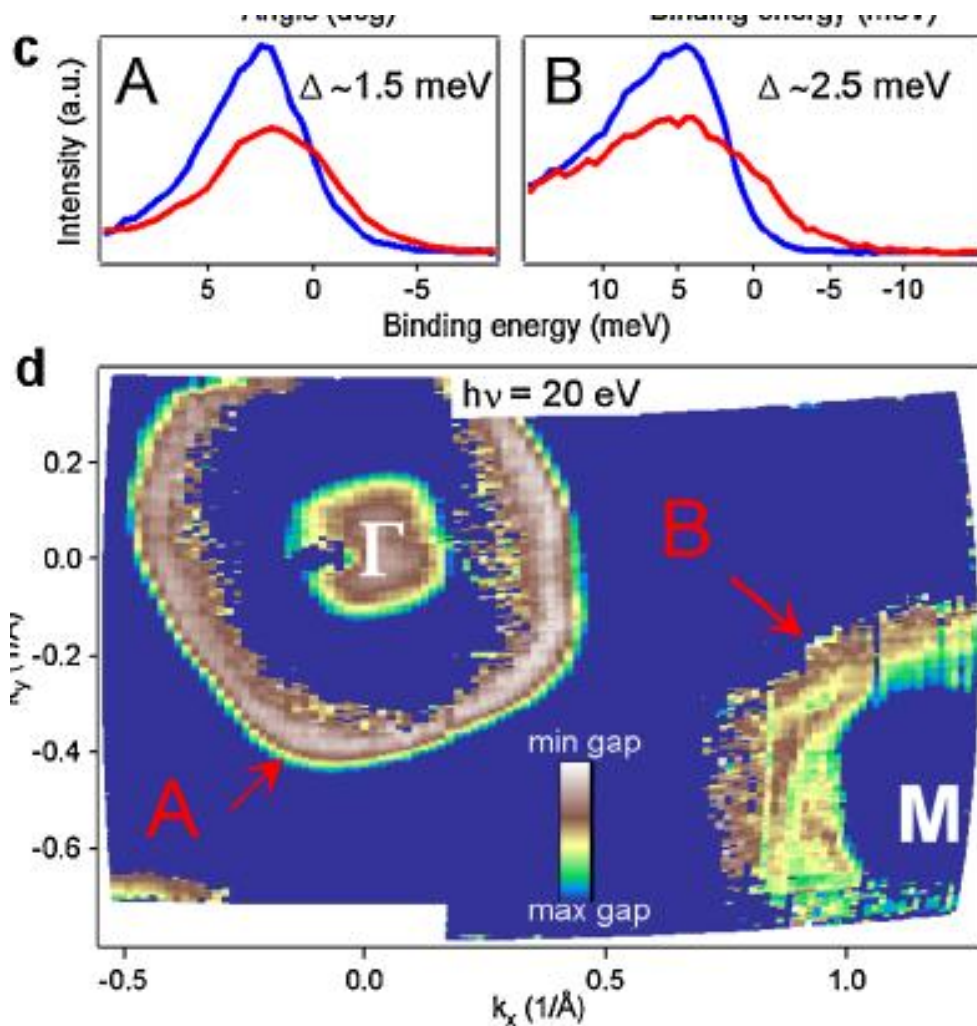
Fig. 3. (Color online) The Fermi surfaces of LiFeP (1) and LiFeAs (2).



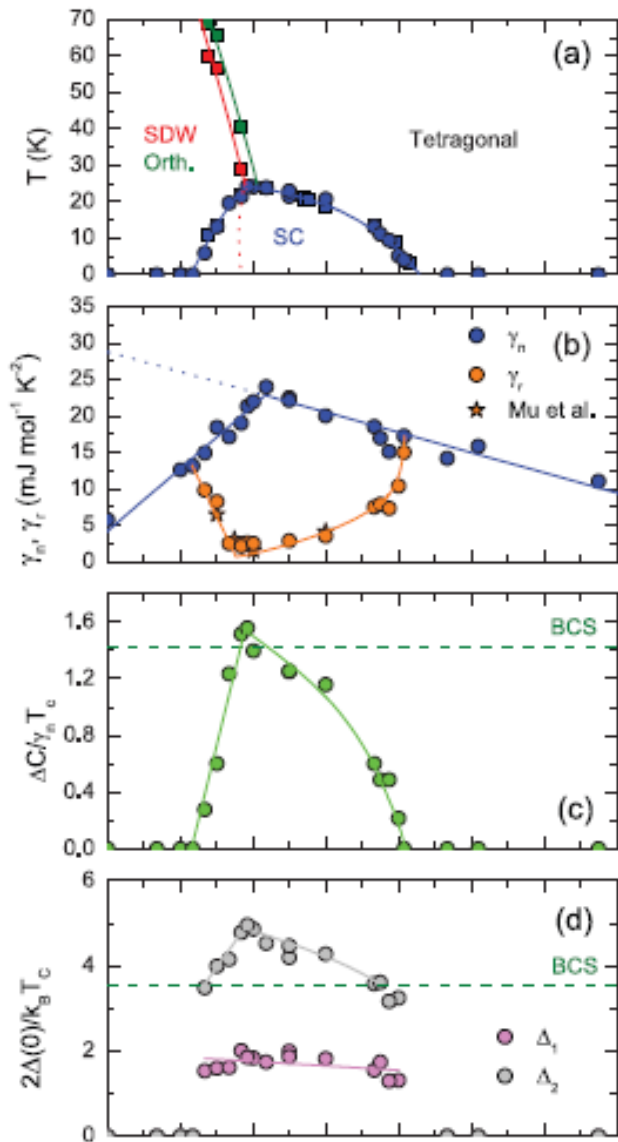
Two (an)isotropic gaps in pnictides



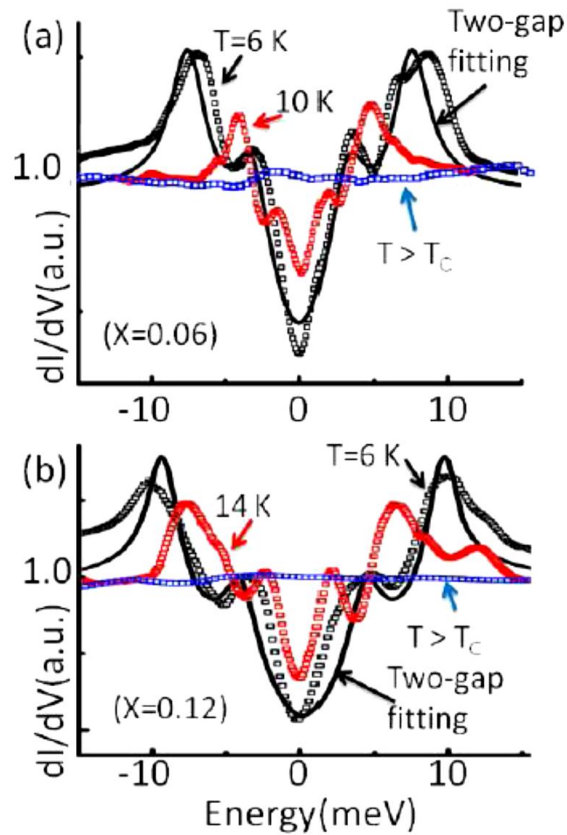
ARPES, BaK122
H.Ding *et al.* Europhys. Lett. 83, 47001 (2008)



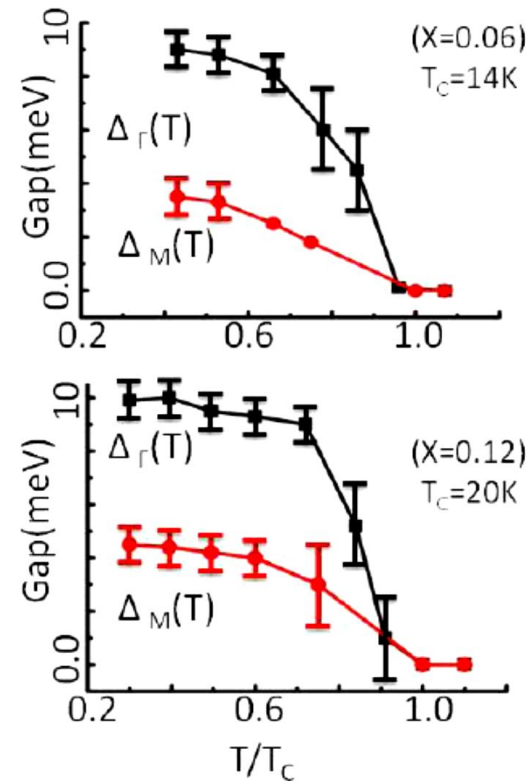
LiFeAs
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C_p FeCo122
F. Hardy et al., EPL 47008 (2010)

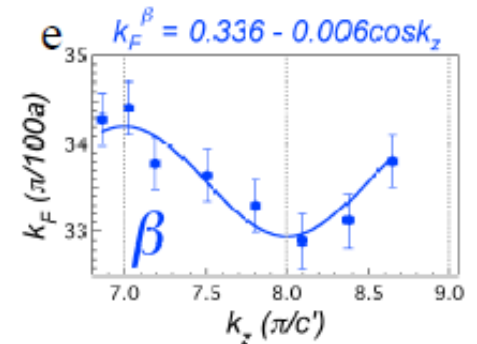
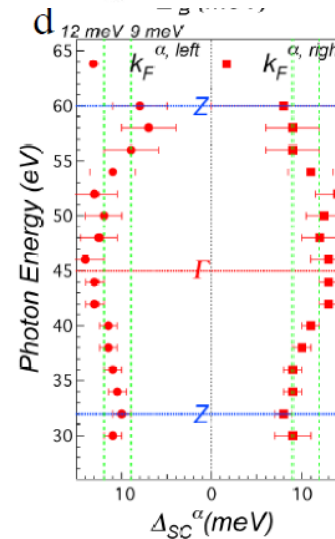
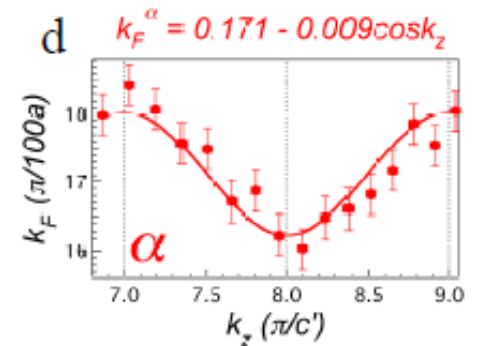
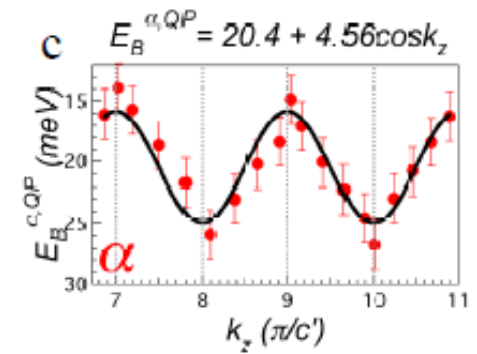
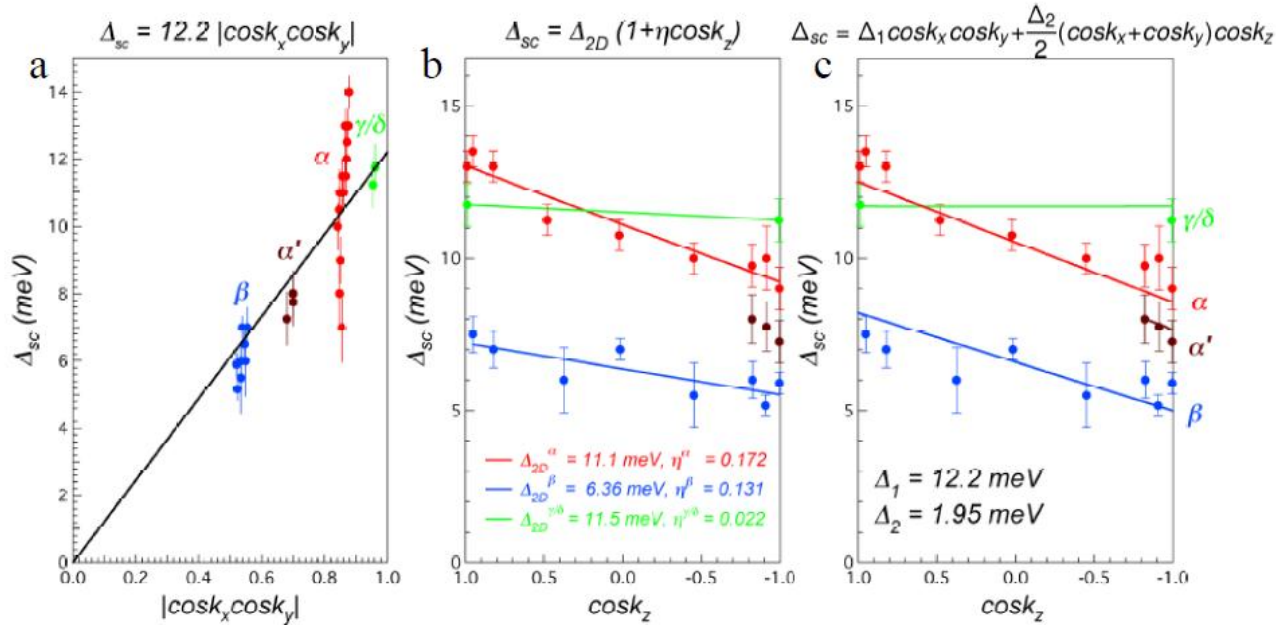


Tunneling FeCo122
M. L. Teague et al., (2010)





3D structure



Ba_{0.6}K_{0.4}Fe₂As₂, H. Ding et al., arXiv:1006.3958



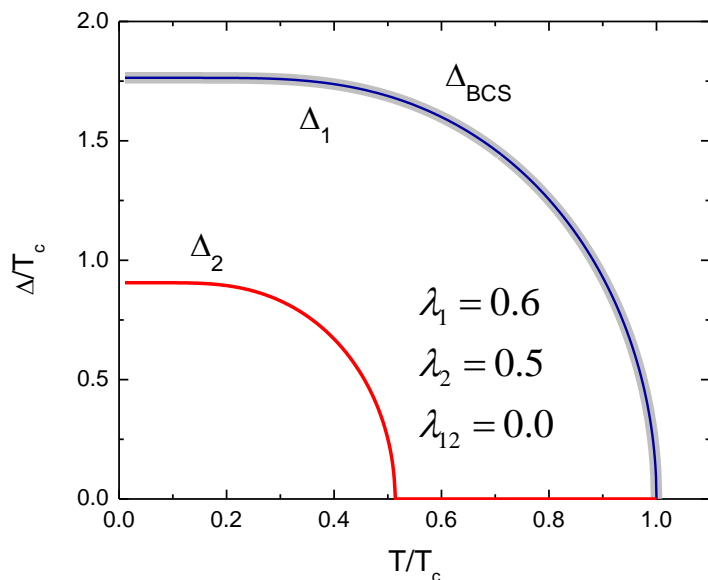
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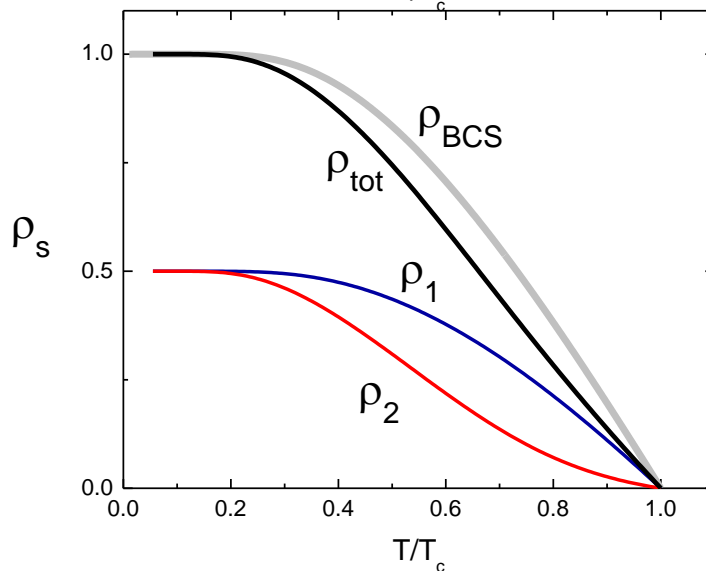
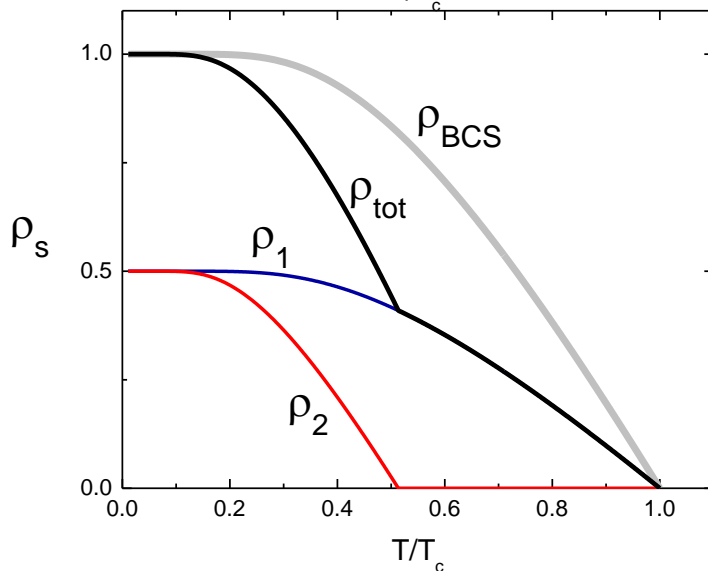
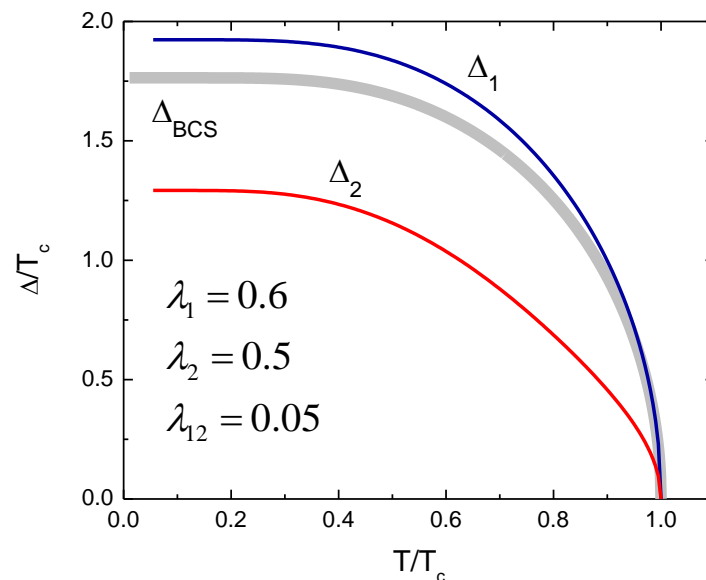


self-consistent description (Eilenberger)

$$\frac{\Delta_1(T)}{\Delta_1(0)} = \frac{\Delta_{BCS}(T)}{\Delta_{BCS}(0)} = \frac{\Delta_2(T)}{\Delta_2(0)}$$

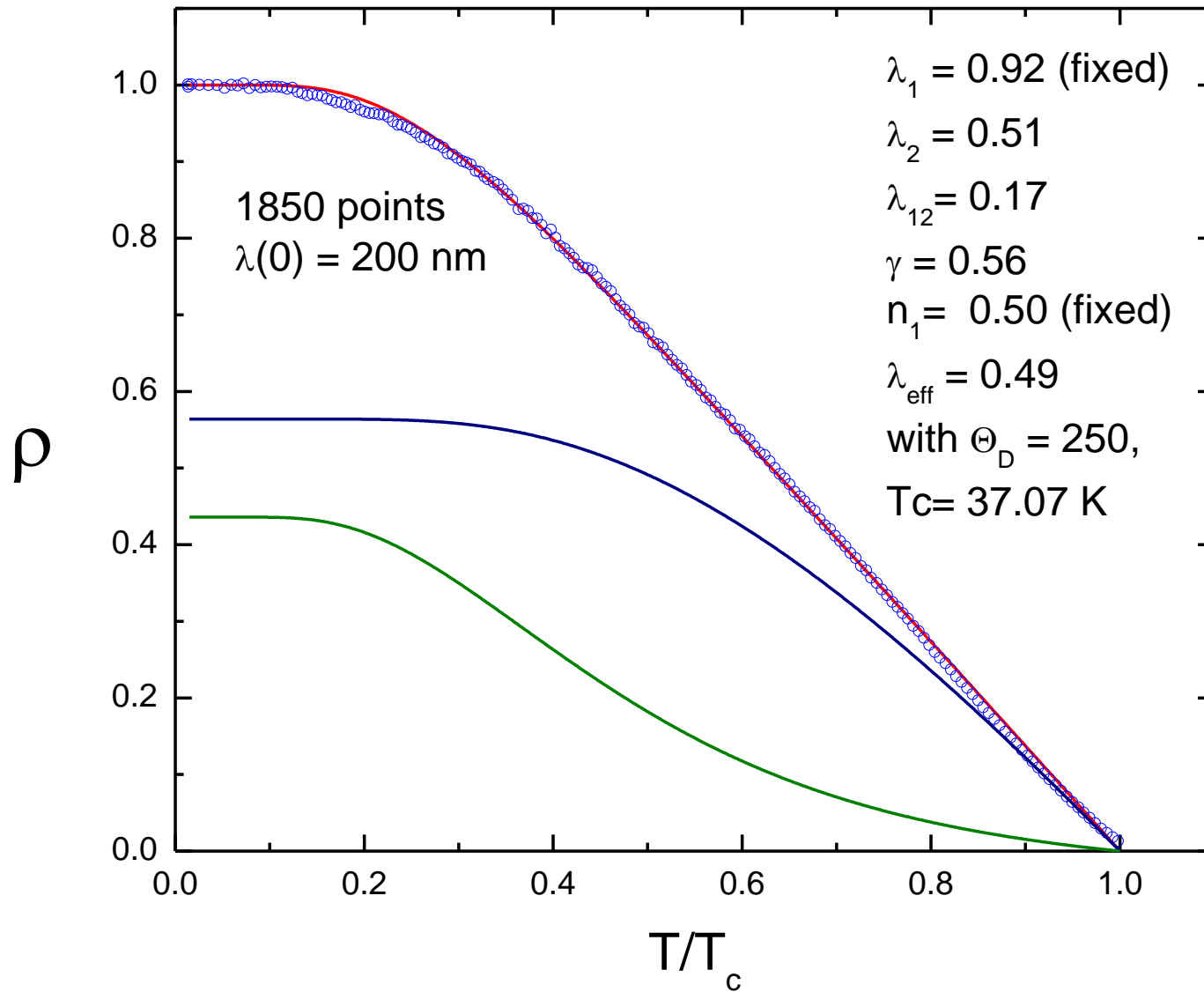


$$\frac{\Delta_1(T)}{\Delta_1(0)} \approx \frac{\Delta_{BCS}(T)}{\Delta_{BCS}(0)} \neq \frac{\Delta_2(T)}{\Delta_2(0)}$$



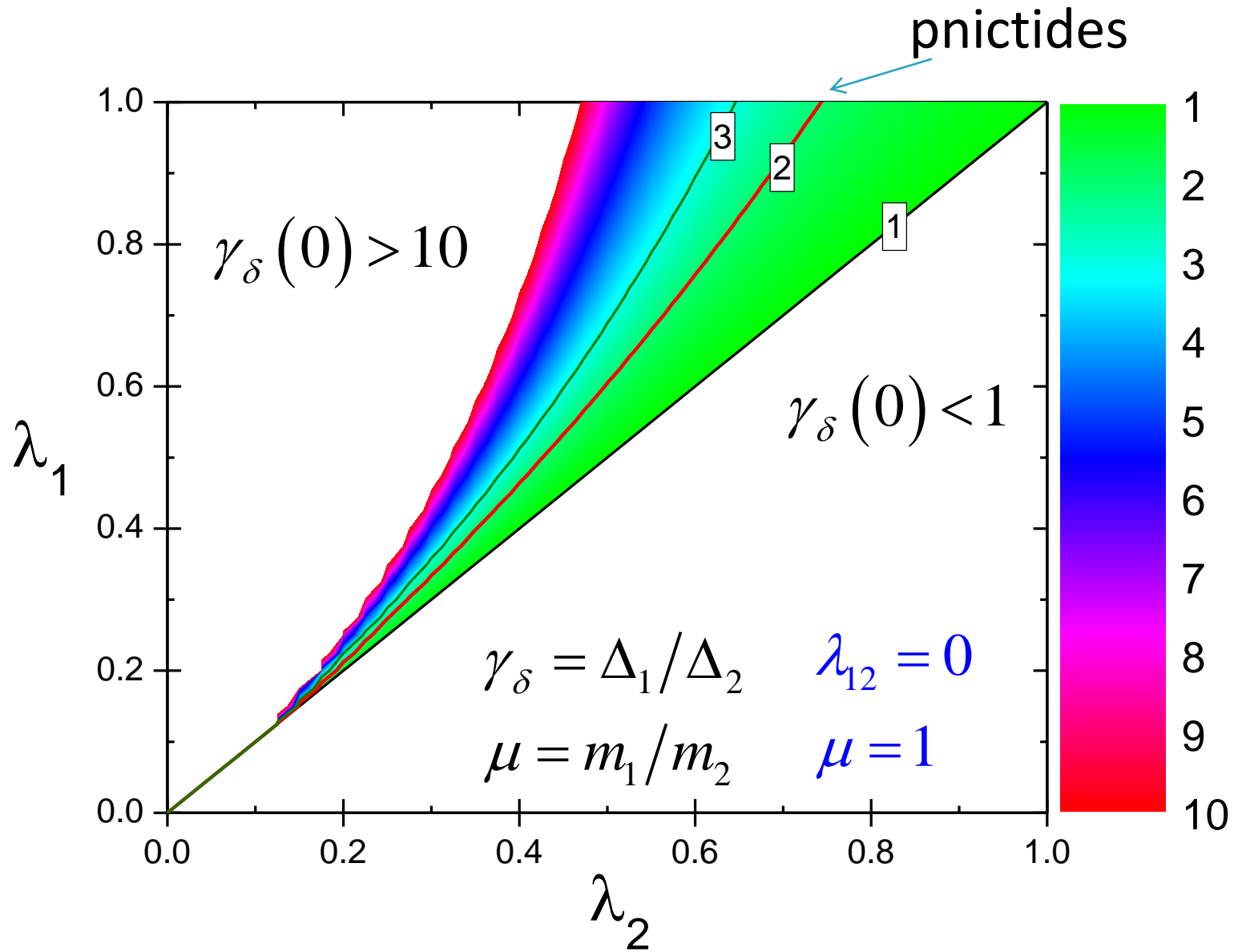


BaK122



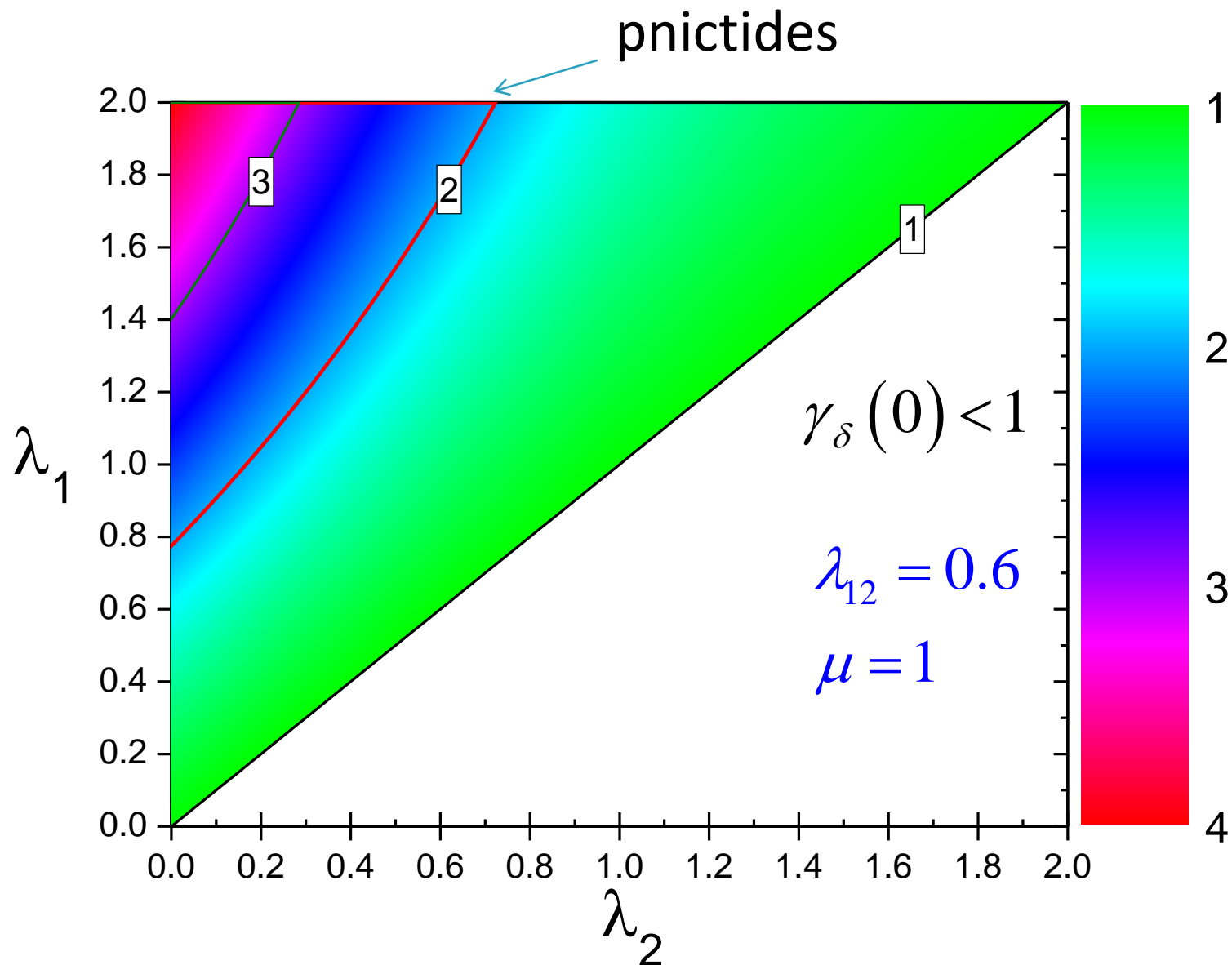


gap ratio in a two-band superconductor





need substantial λ_{ij}



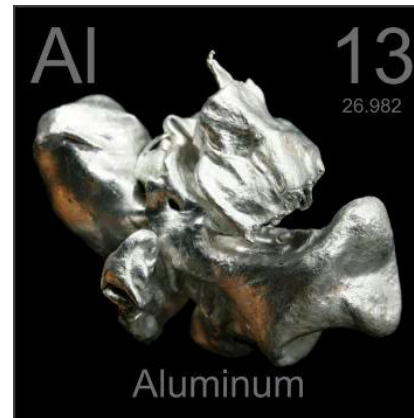


zoology of the gaps

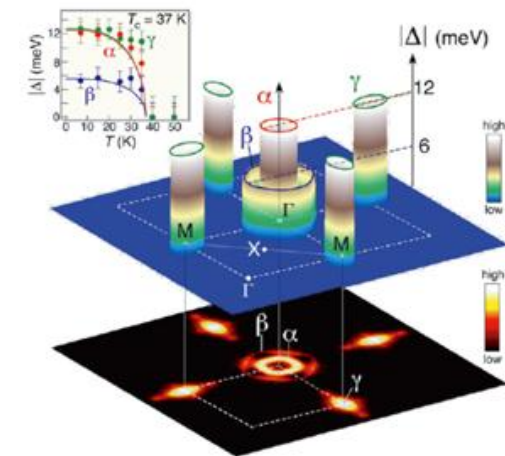
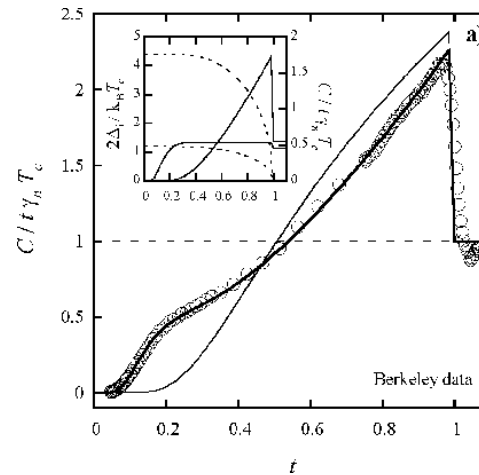
single gap

same sign

sign change



multigap





the experiment: tunnel – diode resonator

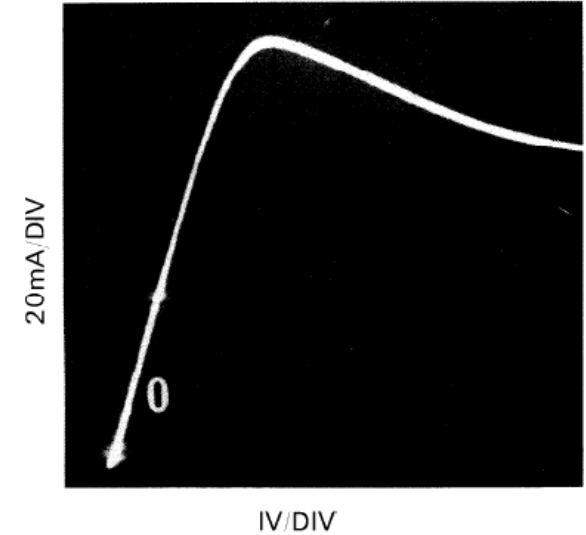
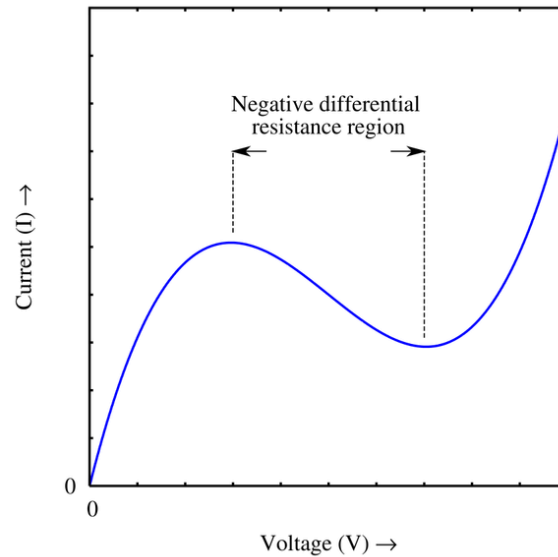
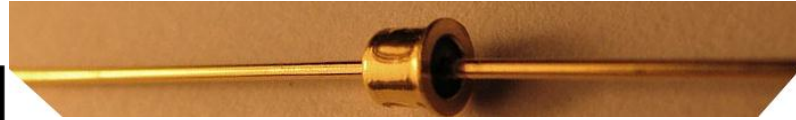
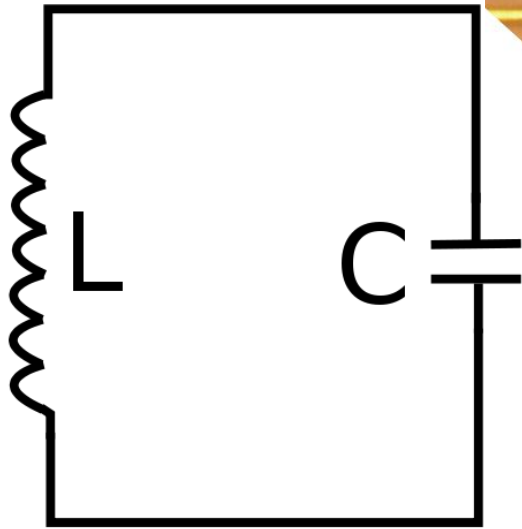


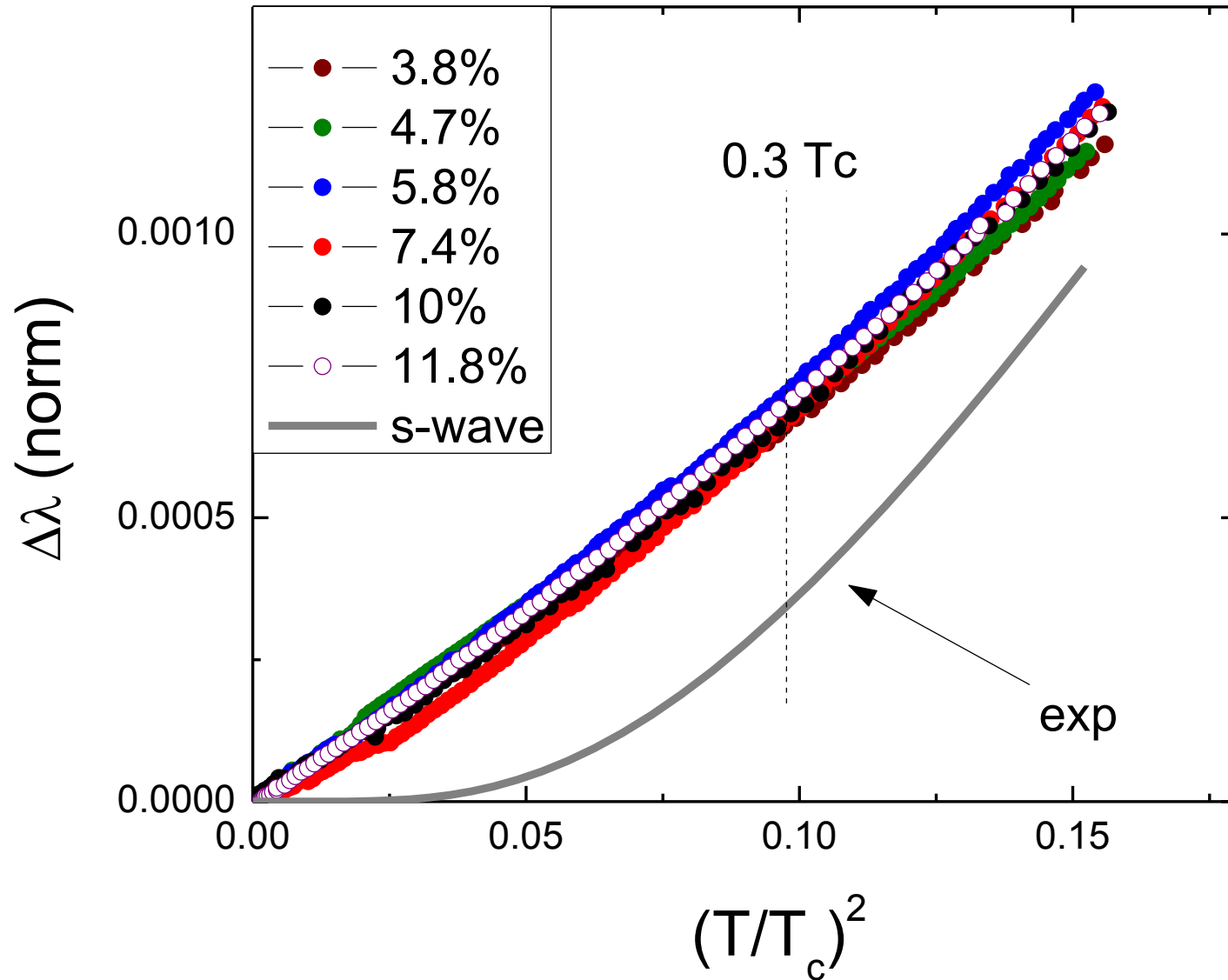
Fig. 14. Current-voltage characteristic at room temperature of a 70Å-period, GaAs-Ga_{0.5}Al_{0.5}As superlattice.

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- *Reona (Leo) Esaki*



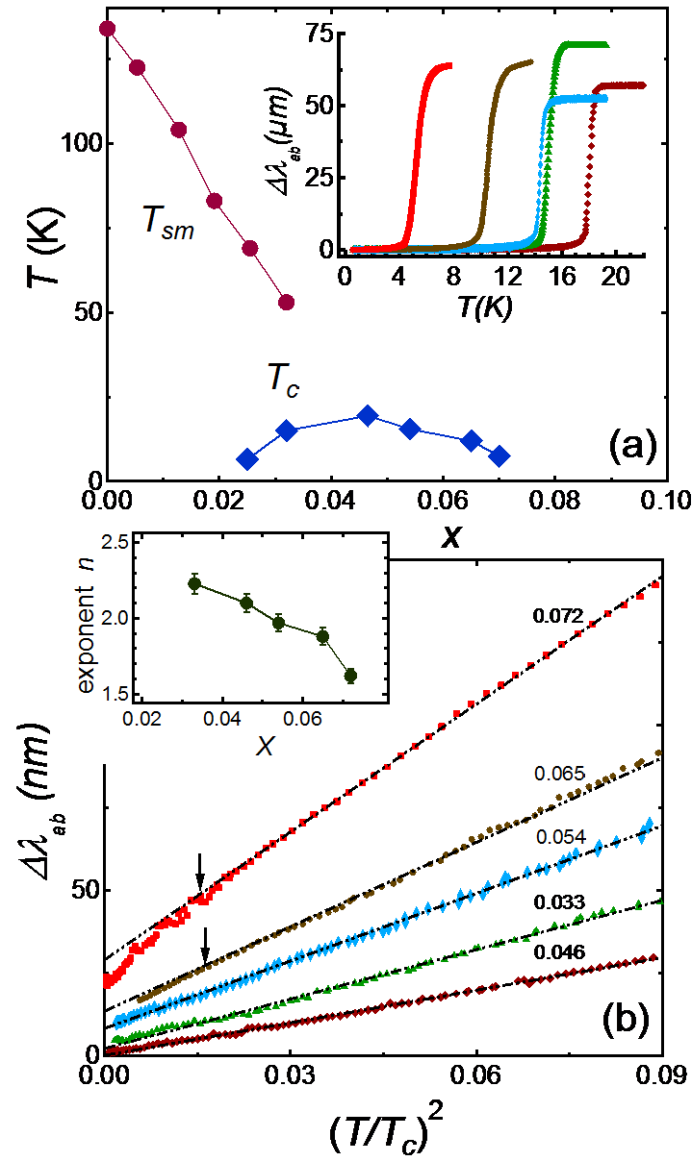
universal power-law behavior of $\lambda(T)$ in Co-122



R. T. Gordon *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **102**, 127004 (2009); Phys. Rev. B **79**, 100506(R) (2009)



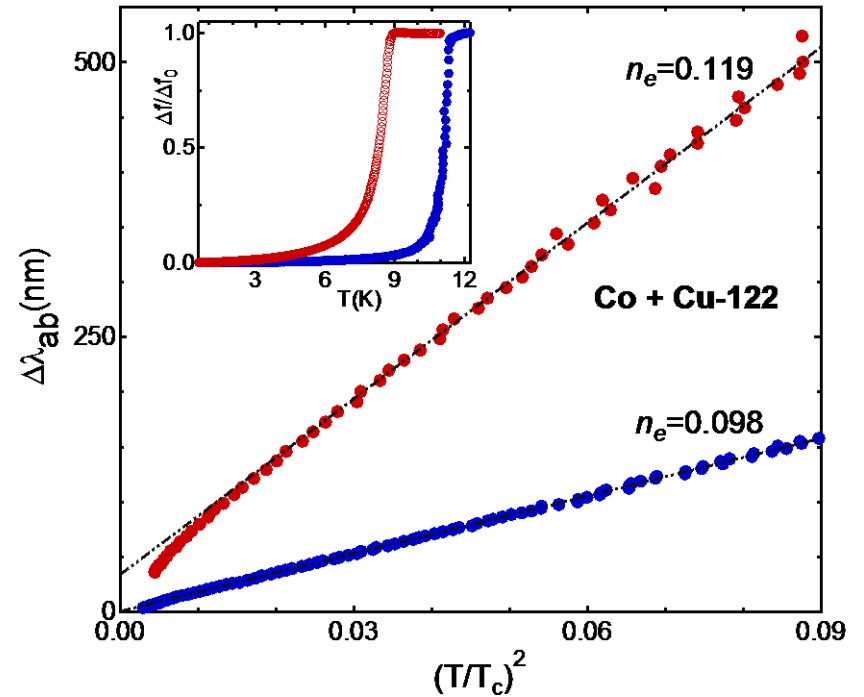
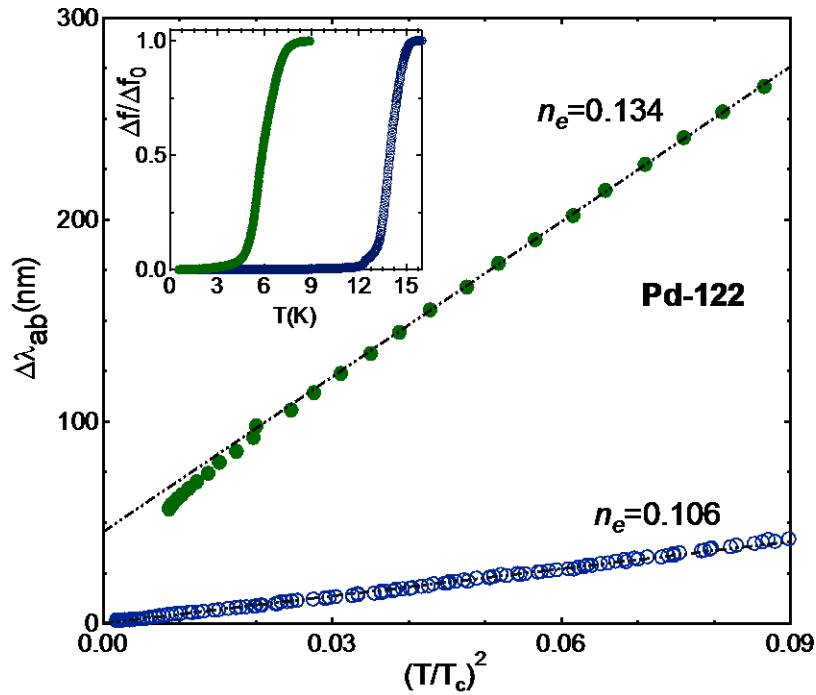
Ba(Fe_{1-x}Ni_x)₂As₂ single crystals



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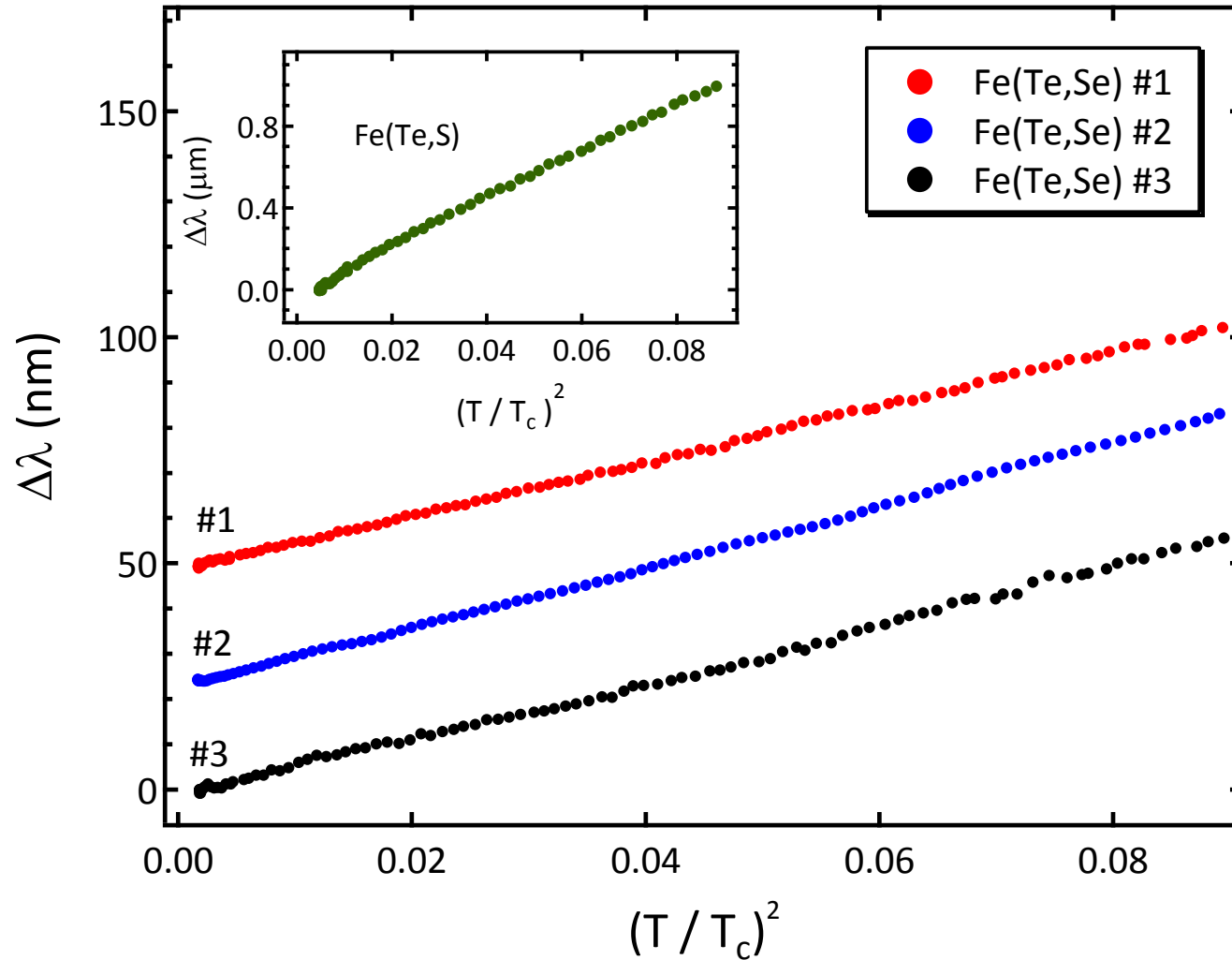
Ba(Fe_{1-x}T_x)₂As₂ (T = Pd, Co+Cu)



C. Martin *et al.*, SUST **23**, 065022 (2010)



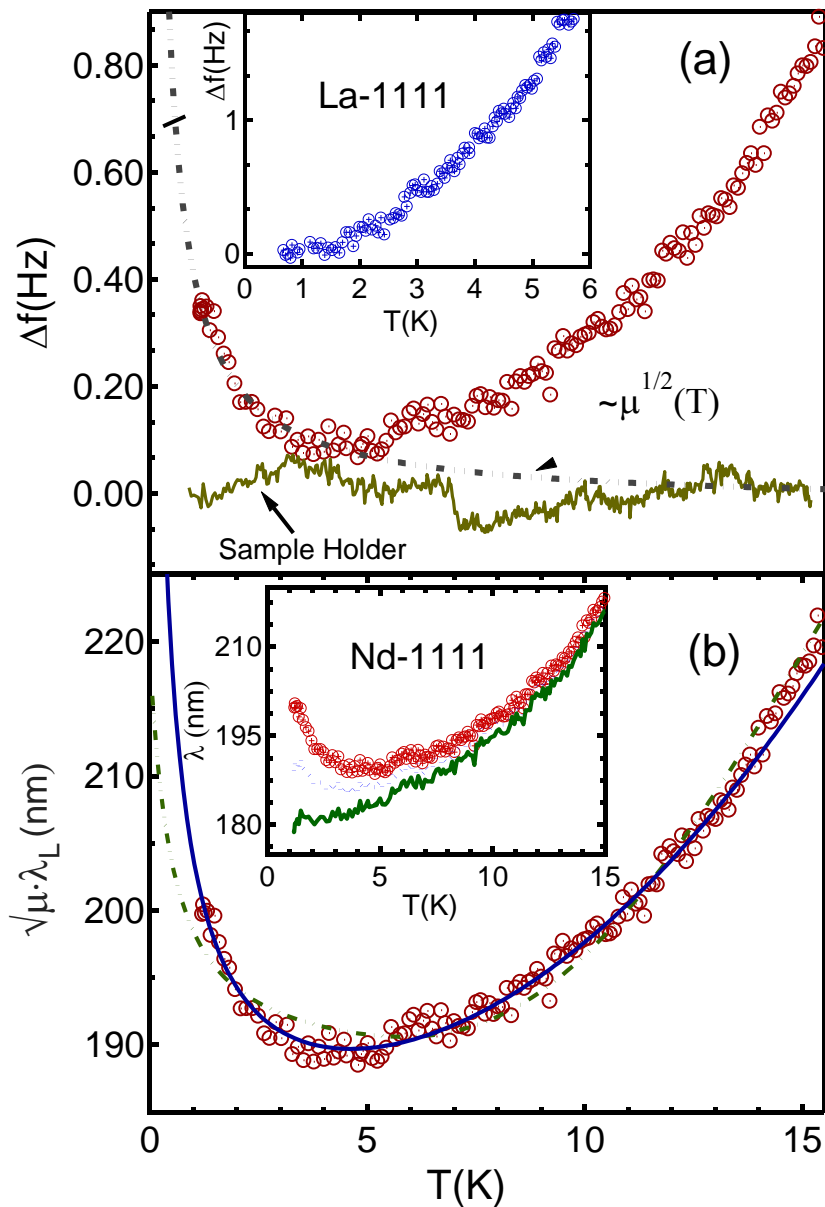
"11" system - Fe(Te,Se)



H. Kim *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B **81**, 180503 (2010)



RFeAsO_{1-x}F_y single crystals (R-1111)



J. R. Cooper, PRB **54**, 3753 (1996)

$$4\pi\chi \approx \mu \frac{\lambda(\mu)}{R} \tanh \frac{R}{\lambda(\mu)} - 1$$

$$\lambda(\mu) = \frac{\lambda_L}{\sqrt{\mu}}$$

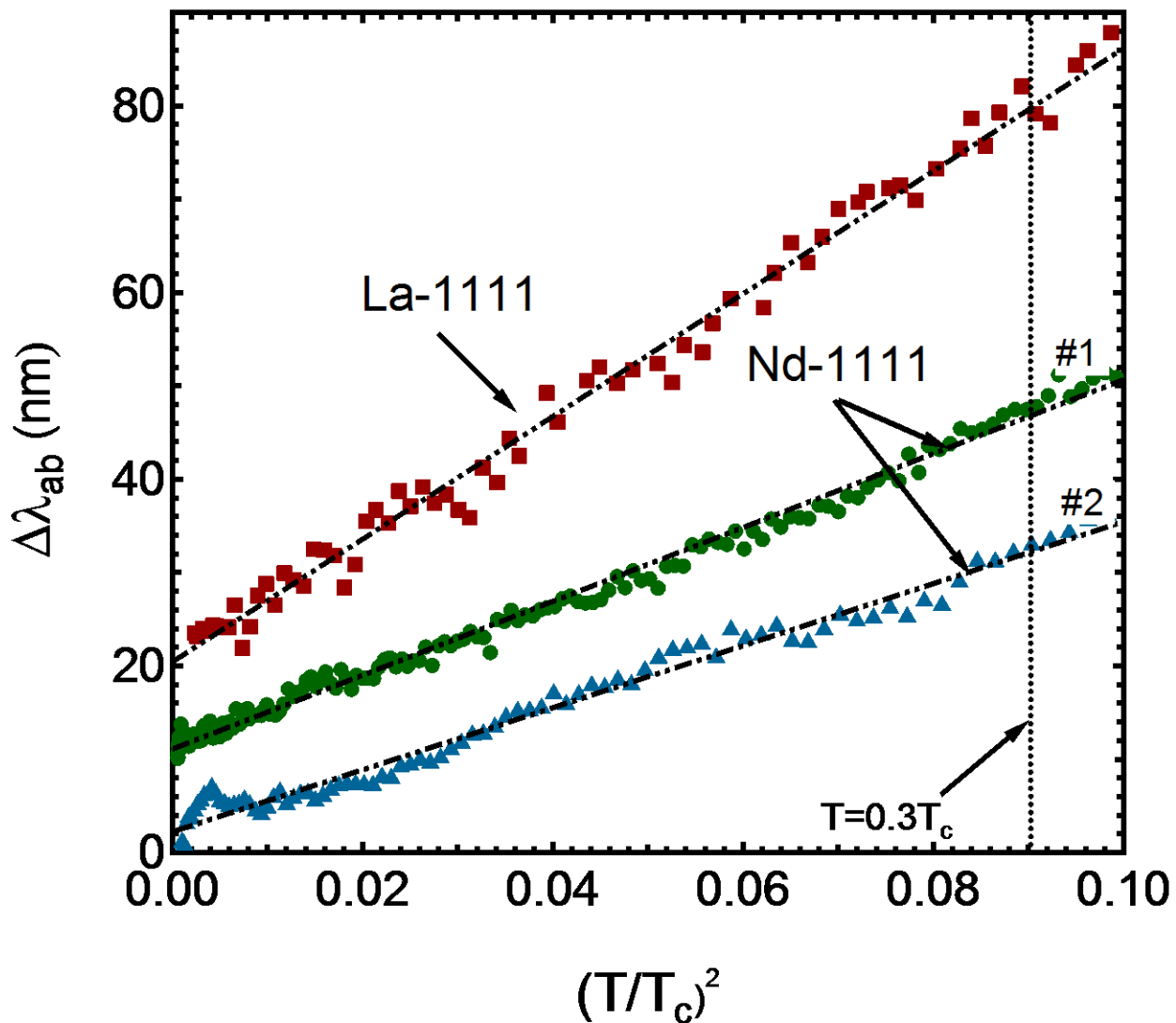
$$\Delta f(T) \propto \sqrt{\mu(T)} \lambda_L(T)$$

C. Martín *et al.*, arXiv:0807.0876

C. Martín *et al.*, arXiv:0903.2220
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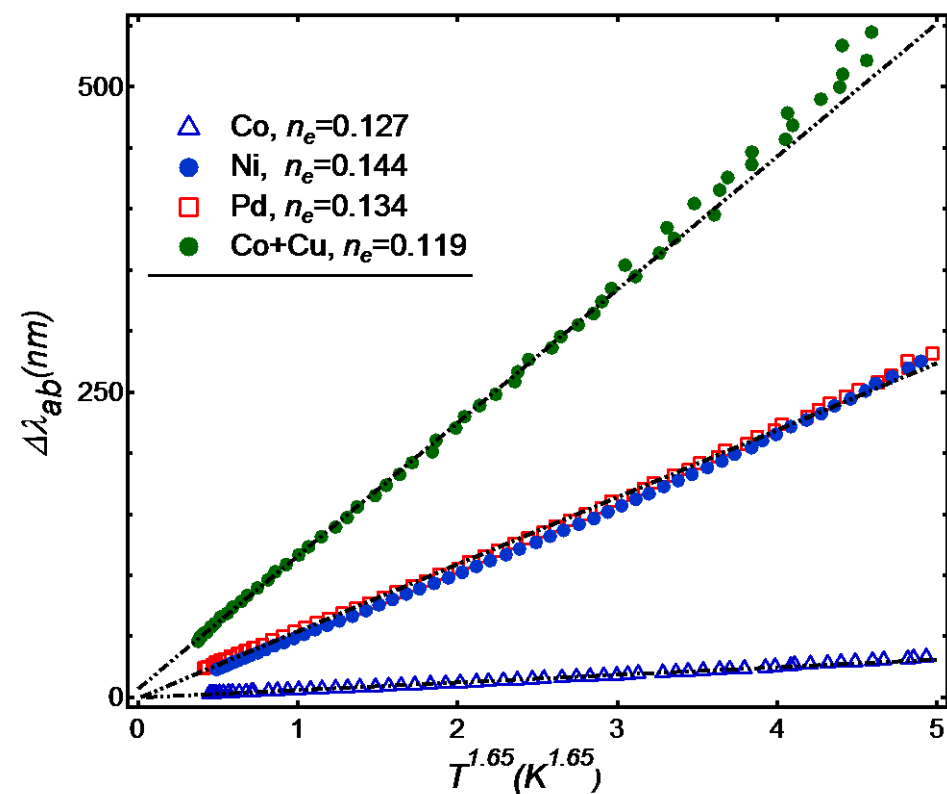
“1111” $\text{RFeAsO}_{1-x}\text{F}_x$



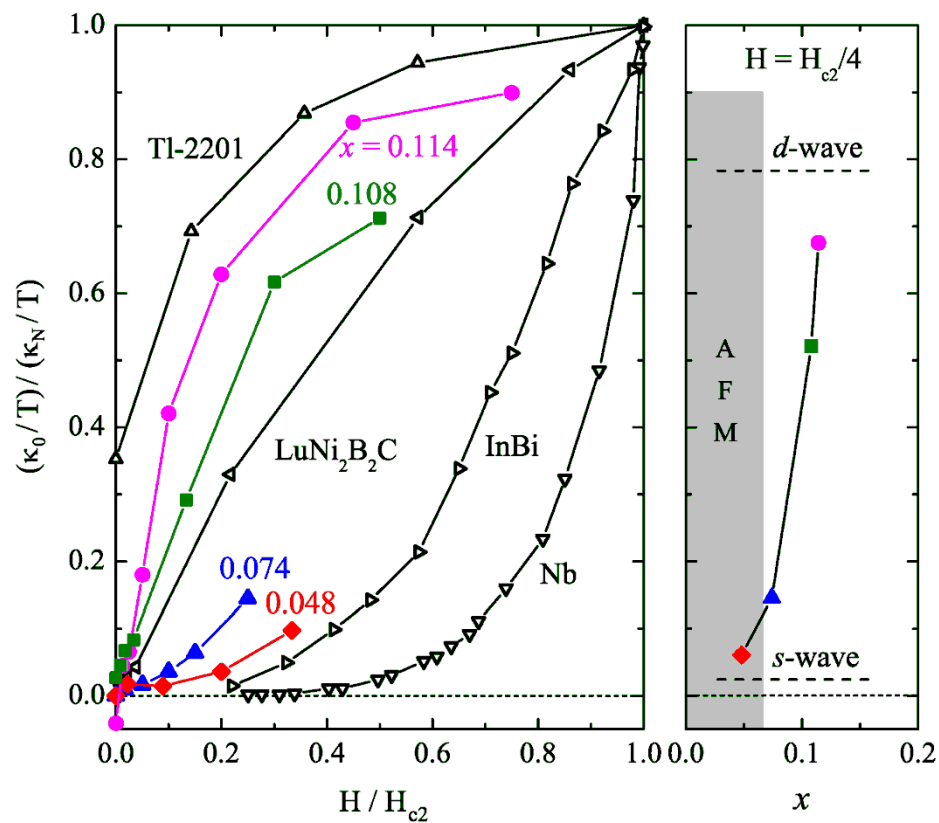
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overdoped regime: large gap anisotropy



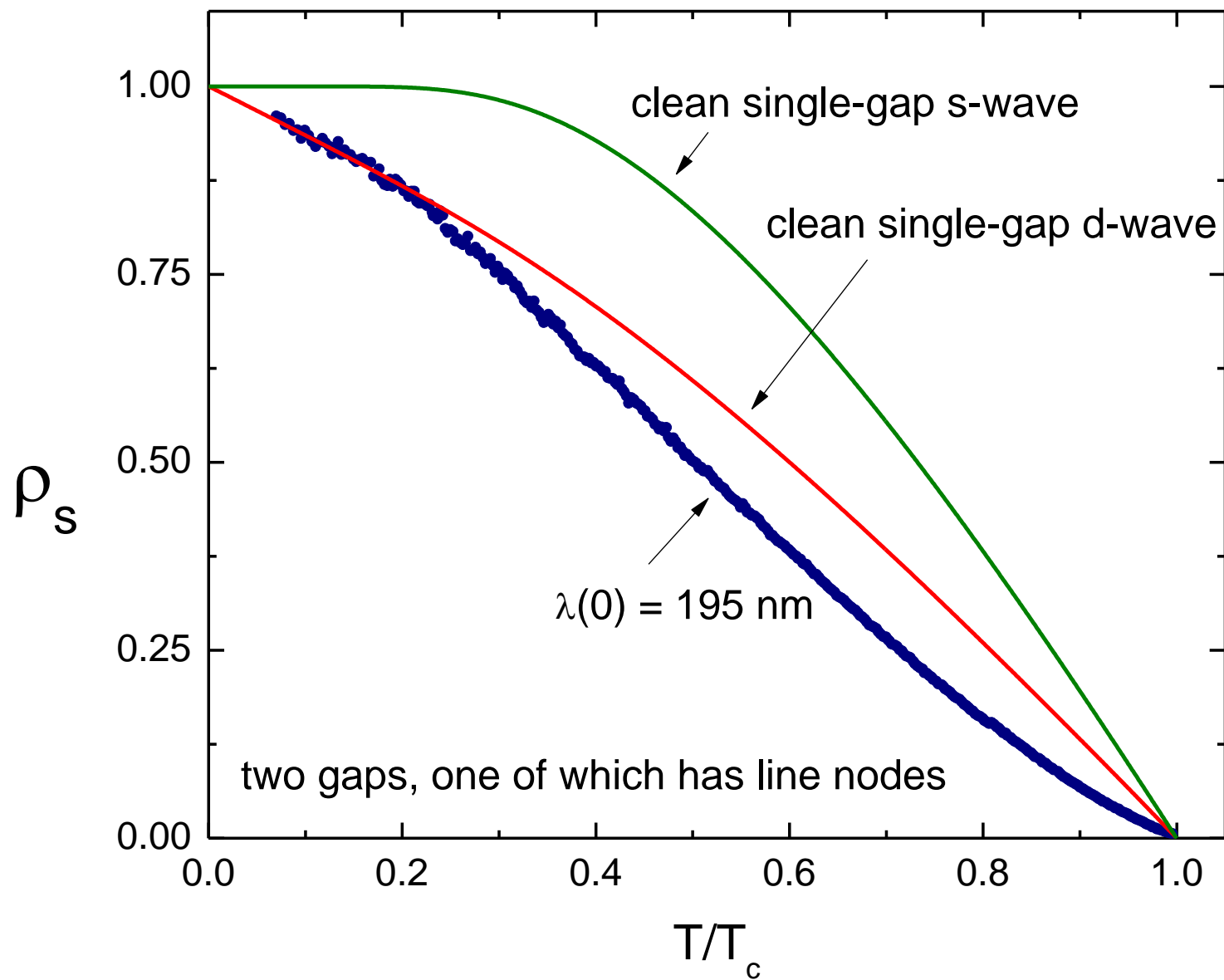
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BaFe₂(AsP)₂





conclusion: $\lambda_{ab}(T)$

in all iron-based superconductors

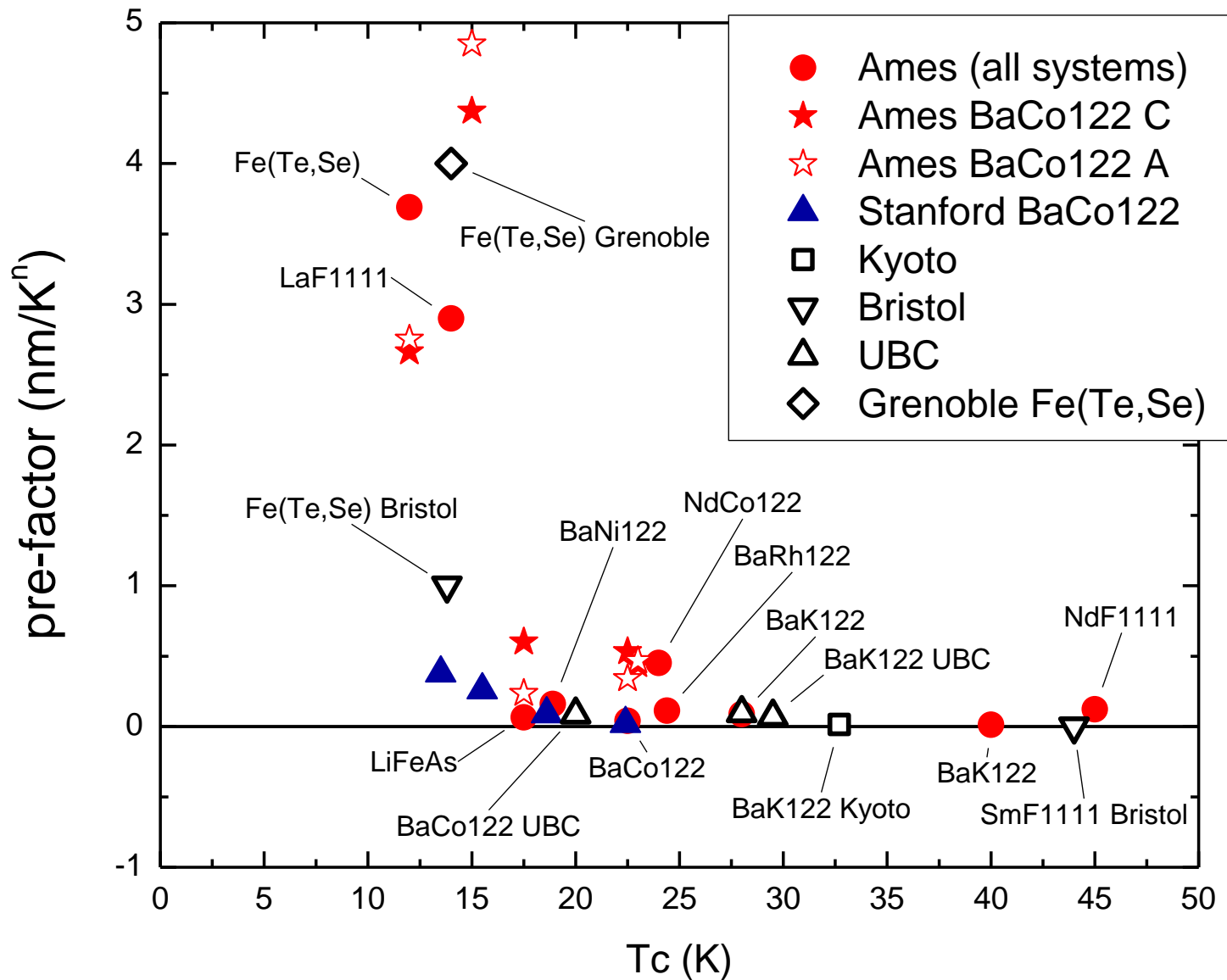
$$\lambda_{ab}(T) = \lambda_{ab}(0) + AT^n$$

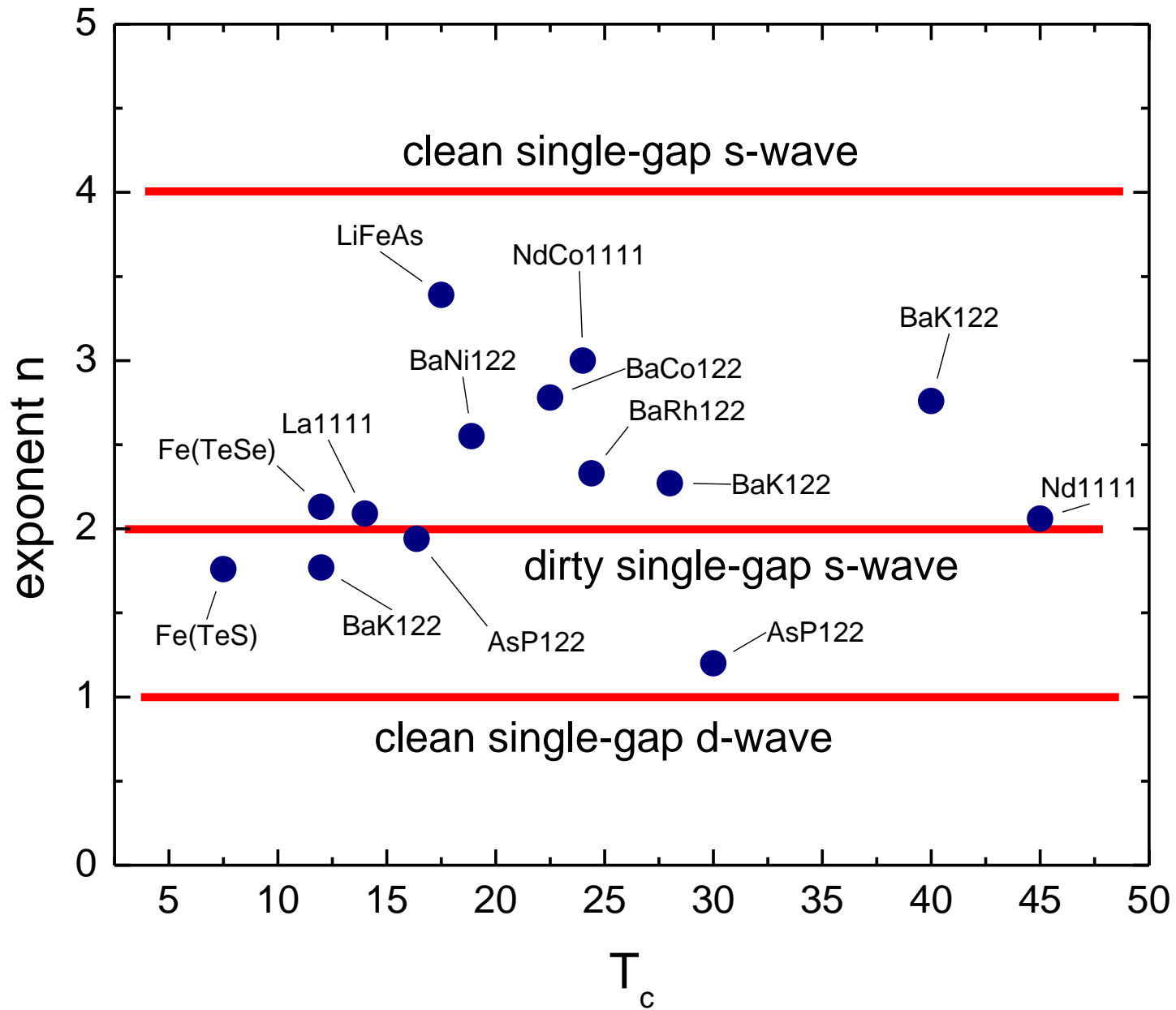
$2 < n < 3$ in most doped Fe-based superconductors
 $n \approx 1.xx$ in P – doped materials

large in-plane gap anisotropy in
the overdoped regime



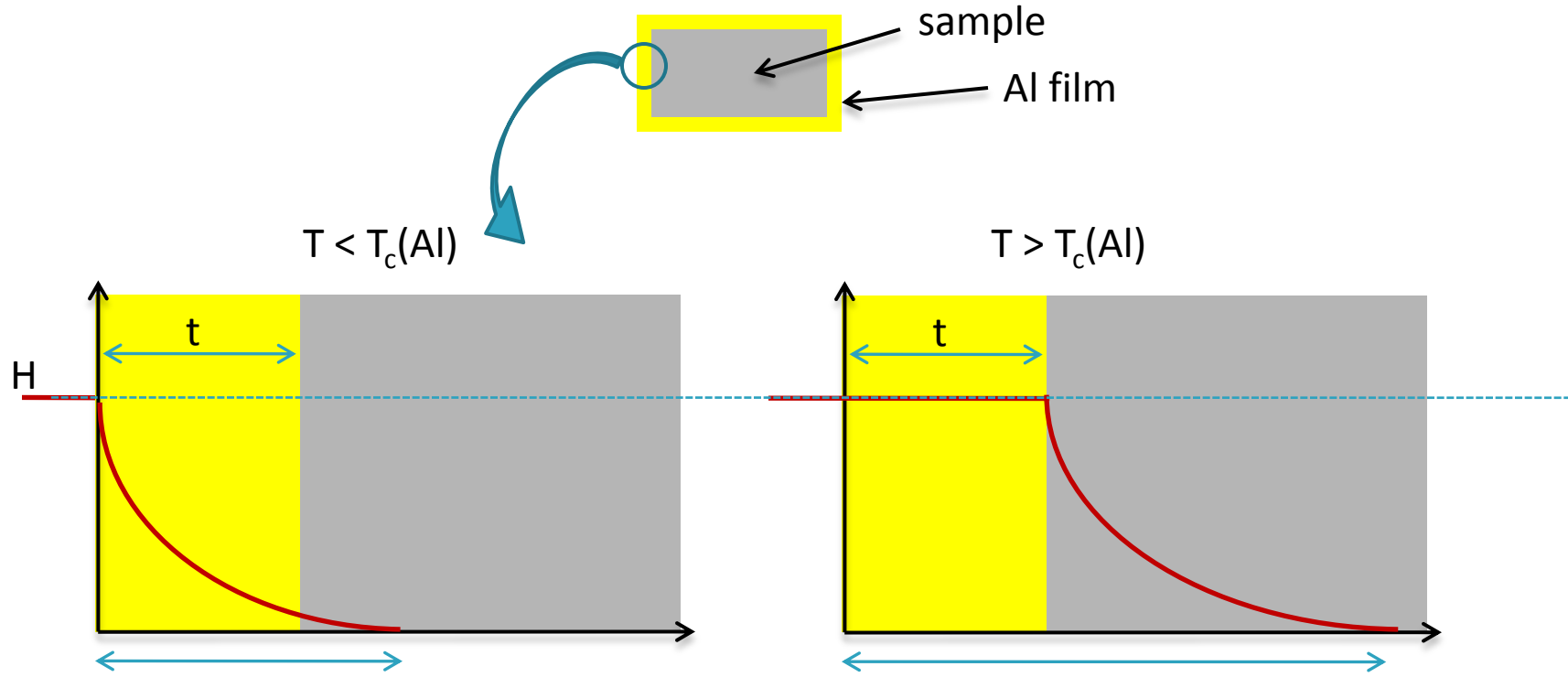
comparison with other measurements







the absolute value of $\lambda(0)$



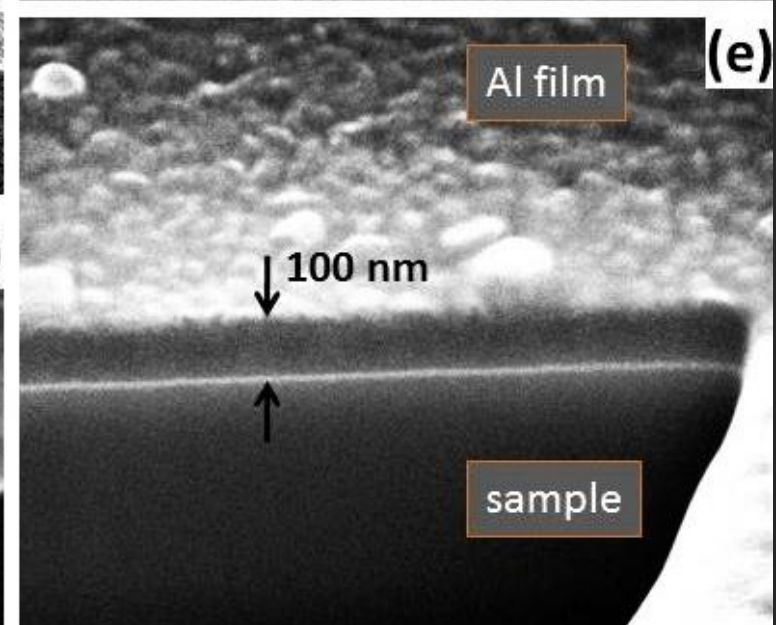
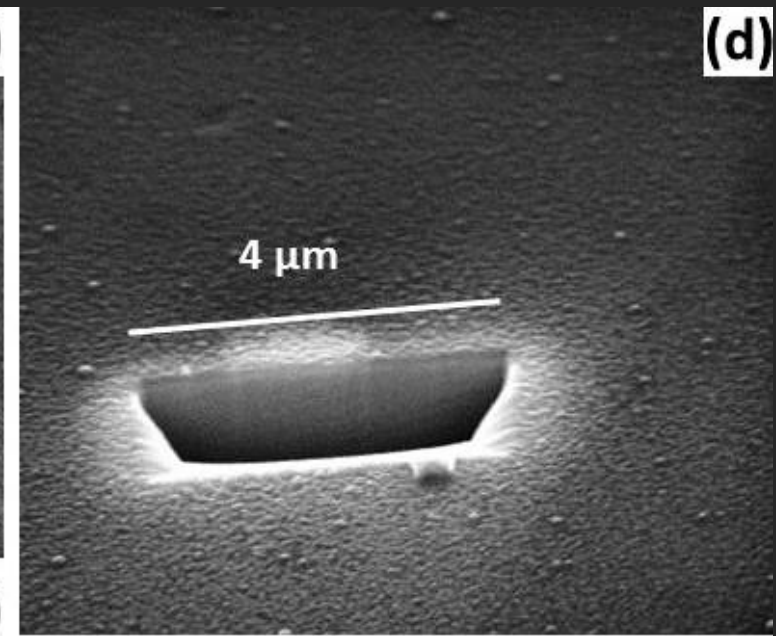
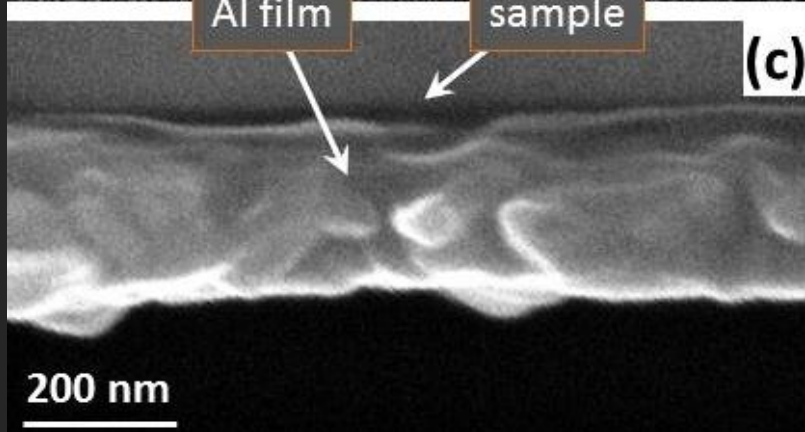
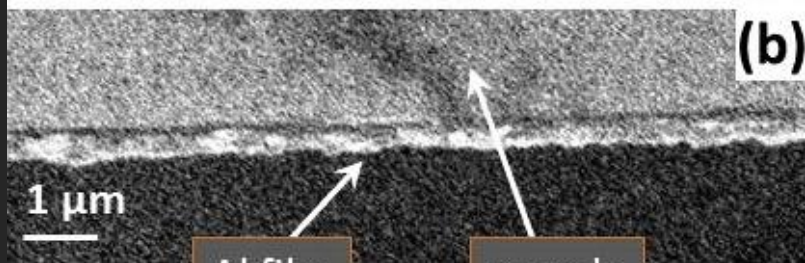
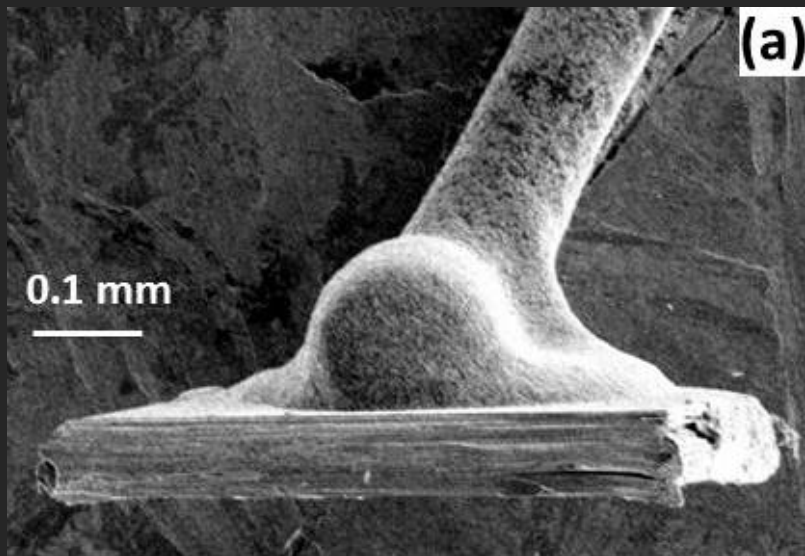
$$\lambda_{eff}(T < T_c^{Al}) = \lambda_{Al} \frac{\lambda + \lambda_{Al} \tanh(t / \lambda_{Al})}{\lambda_{Al} + \lambda \tanh(t / \lambda_{Al})}$$

$$\lambda_{eff}(T > T_c^{Al}) = t + \lambda$$

$t \approx 1000 \text{ \AA}$
 $\lambda_{Al} \approx 500 \text{ \AA}$

$$\Delta\lambda_{eff} = \lambda_{eff}(T > T_c^{Al}) - \lambda_{eff}(T \ll T_c^{Al}) \quad \leftarrow \text{measured}$$

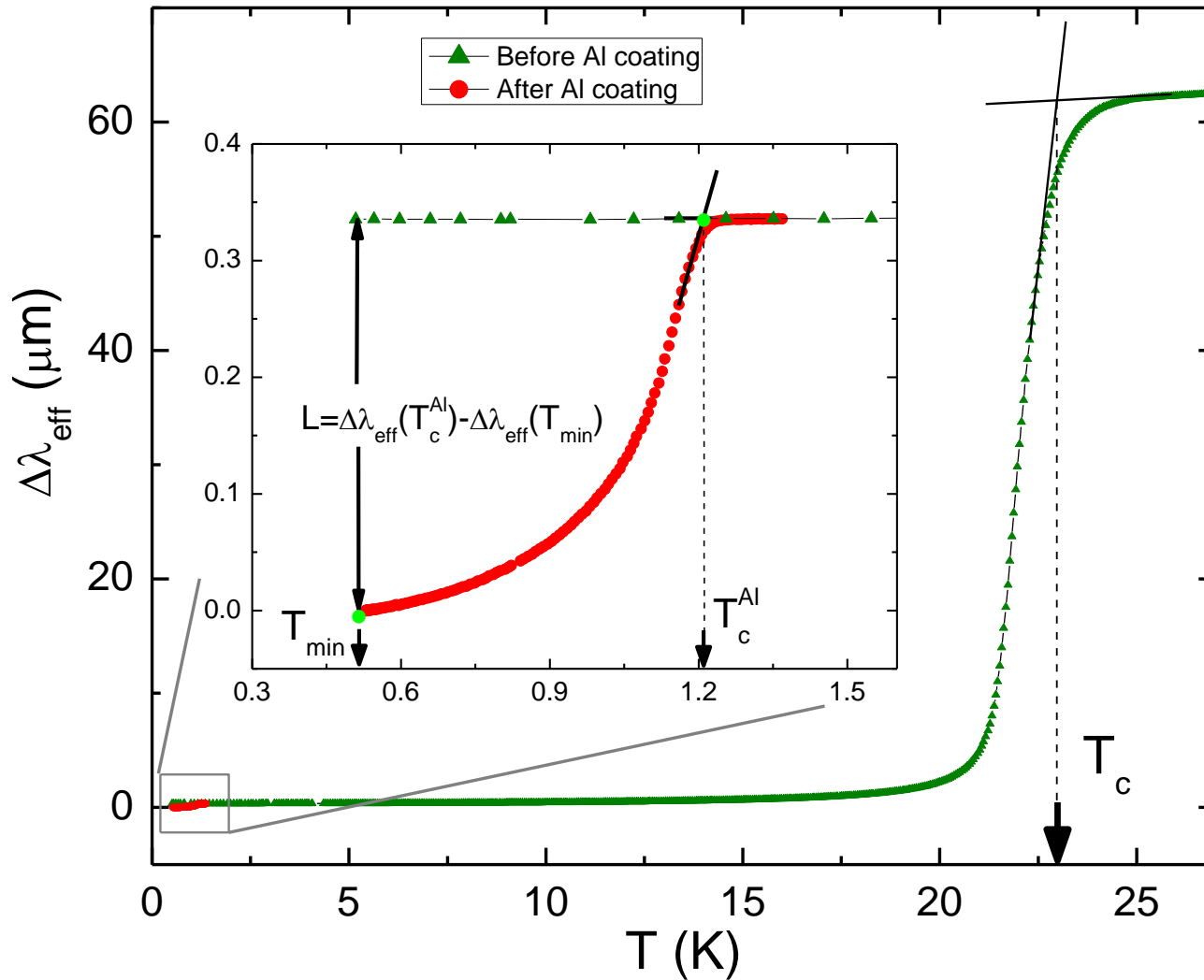
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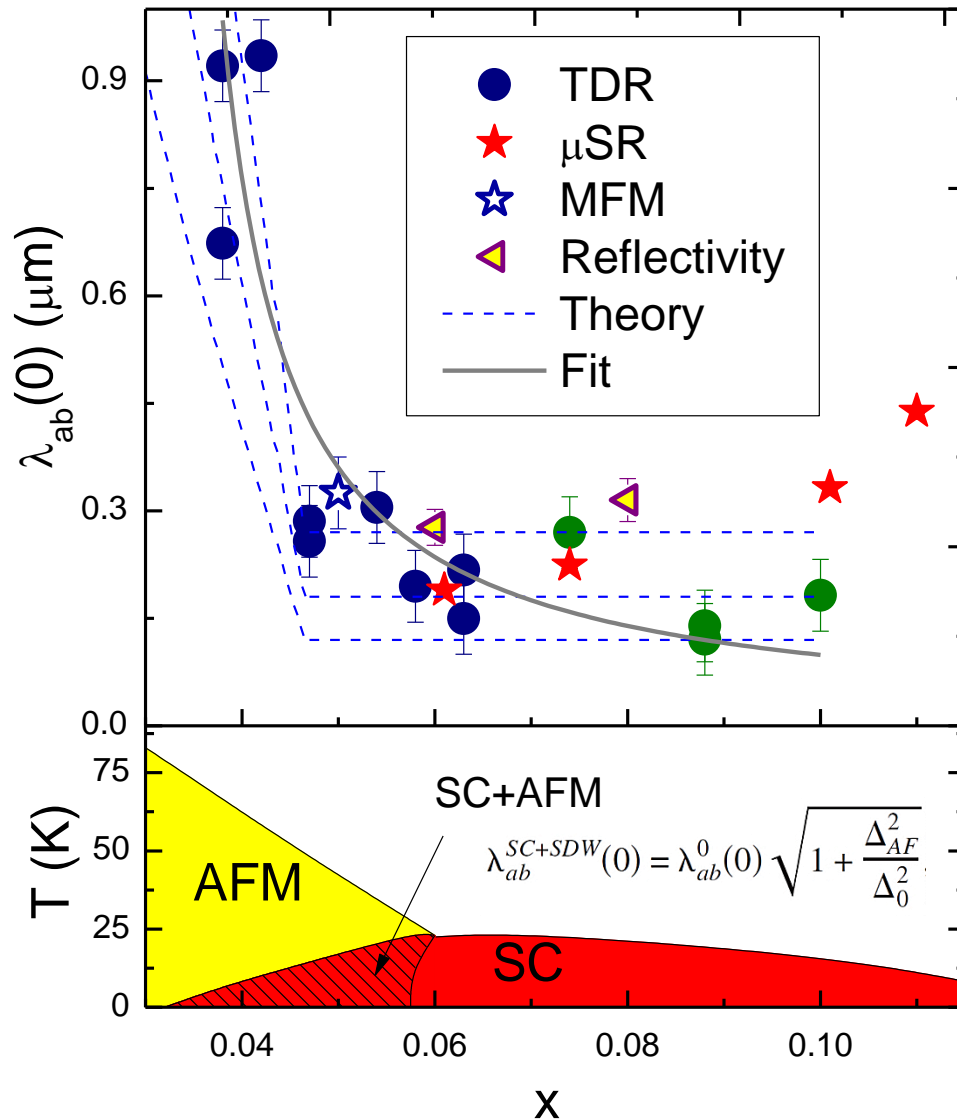
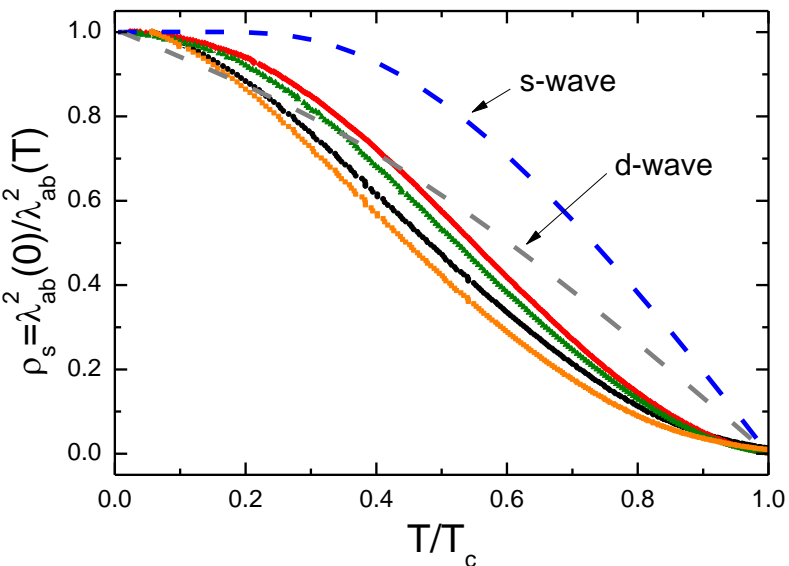
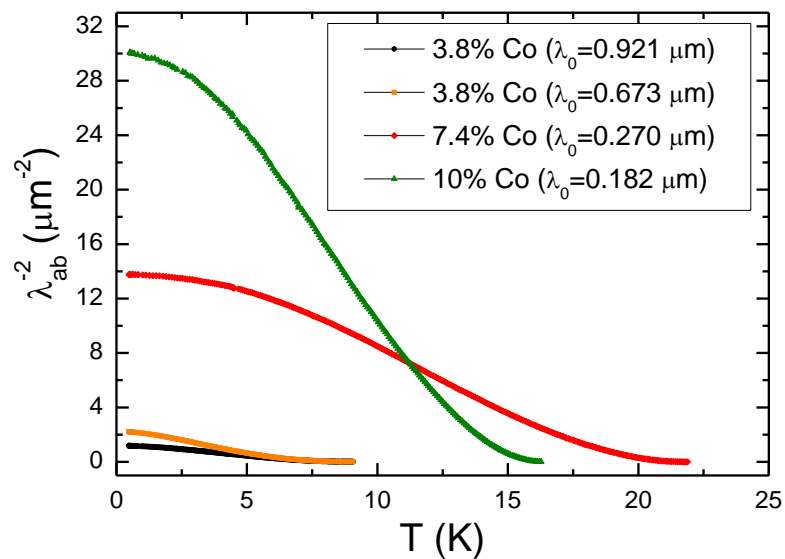
$\lambda(0)$ in $\text{Ba}(\text{Fe}_{0.93}\text{Co}_{0.07})_2\text{As}_2$



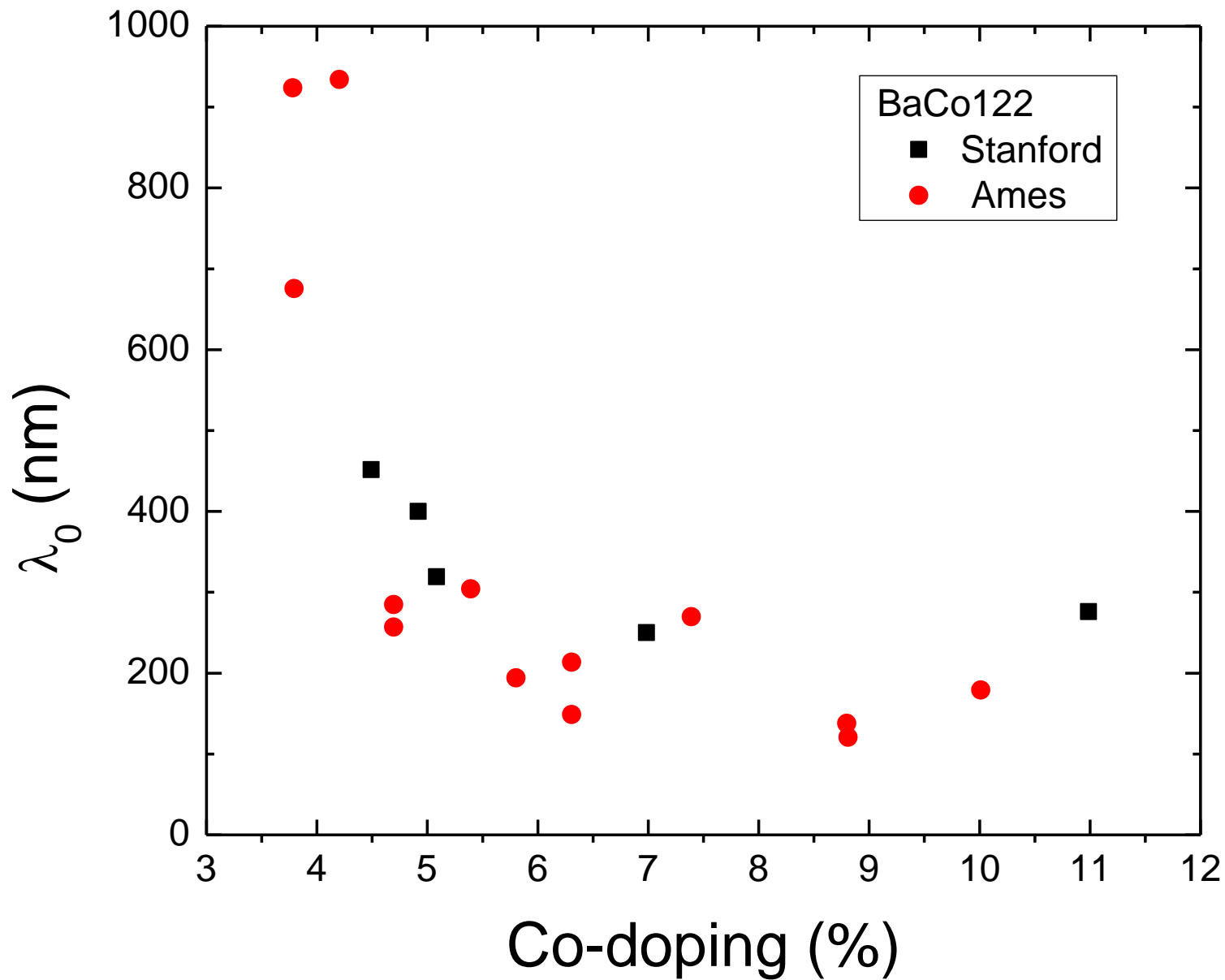
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$\lambda(0)$ vs. x



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pairbreaking for general FS and any gap symmetry

$$f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}_F, \omega) \quad \Delta(\mathbf{r}, T, \mathbf{k}_F) = \Psi(\mathbf{r}, T) \Omega(\mathbf{k}_F), \langle \Omega^2 \rangle = 1 \quad \text{- order parameter.}$$

$$g^2 + ff^+ = 1 \quad \text{Simplify: } \langle \Omega \rangle = 0 \quad (\text{applicable to d-wave and } s_{\pm}) \quad \hbar = k_B = 1$$

Introduce normal and spin-flip scattering in Born approximation.

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{\pm}} = \frac{1}{\tau} \pm \frac{1}{\tau_m} \quad \text{or} \quad \rho = \frac{\hbar}{2\pi T_c \tau}, \quad \rho_{\pm} = \rho \pm \rho_m$$

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for strong pair-breaking, at all temperatures: $f \ll 1, g \approx 1 - ff^+ / 2$

$$\frac{\Psi(1-t^2)}{12\pi T \rho_+^2} = \sum_{\omega > 0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\Psi}{\omega^+} - \langle \Omega f \rangle \right) \quad \text{- self-consistent gap equation with } \omega_+ = \omega + (2\tau_{\pm})^{-1}$$

$$\Psi^2 = \frac{2\pi^2 (T_c^2 - T^2)}{3\langle \Omega^4 \rangle - 2} \quad \text{- without fields. It gives Abrikosov-Gor'kov result for } \Omega = 1$$

A. A. Abrikosov and L. P. Gor'kov, Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz. **39**, 1781 (1960). Sov. Phys. JETP **12**, 1243 (1961).



response to fields and currents

Weak supercurrents and fields leave the OP amplitude unchanged, but cause the condensate, i.e., Δ and the amplitudes f to acquire an overall phase $\theta(\mathbf{r})$:

$$\Delta = \Delta_0 e^{i\theta} \quad f = (f_0 + f_1) e^{i\theta} \quad \mathbf{j} = -4\pi |e| N(0) T \operatorname{Im} \sum_{\omega > 0} \langle \mathbf{v} g \rangle$$

$$g = g_0 + g_1 \quad f^+ = (f_0 + f_1^+) e^{-i\theta} \quad \langle X \rangle = \oint_{FS} X \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_F}{(2\pi)^3 \hbar N(0) |\mathbf{v}|}$$

with: $\frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{j}_i = -(\lambda^2)_{ik}^{-1} \mathbf{a}_k$

$\frac{2\pi}{\phi_0} \mathbf{a} \equiv \nabla \theta + \frac{2\pi}{\phi_0} \mathbf{A}$ gauge - invariant vector potential

$$(\lambda^2)_{ik}^{-1} = \frac{8\pi^2 e^2 N(0) T}{c^2} \langle v_i v_k \Omega^2 \rangle \Psi^2 \sum_{\omega > 0} \frac{1}{\omega_+^3}$$

for strong scattering, $\sum_{\omega > 0} \frac{1}{\omega_+^3} = -\frac{1}{16\pi^3 T^3} \psi'' \left(\frac{\rho^+}{2t} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \approx \frac{\tau_+^2}{\pi T}$

in real units: $(\lambda^2)_{ik}^{-1} = \frac{16\pi^3 e^2 N(0) k_B^2 \tau_+^2}{c^2 \hbar^2 (3\langle \Omega^4 \rangle - 2)} \langle v_i v_k \Omega^2 \rangle (T_c^2 - T^2)$

$$\Delta \lambda(T) = \eta \frac{T^2}{T_c^3}, \quad \lambda(0) = \frac{2\eta}{T_c} \quad \text{where} \quad \eta = \frac{c\hbar}{8\pi k_B \tau_+} \sqrt{\frac{3\langle \Omega^4 \rangle - 2}{\pi e^2 N(0) \langle v_a^2 \Omega^2 \rangle}}$$



strong pair-breaking in pnictides

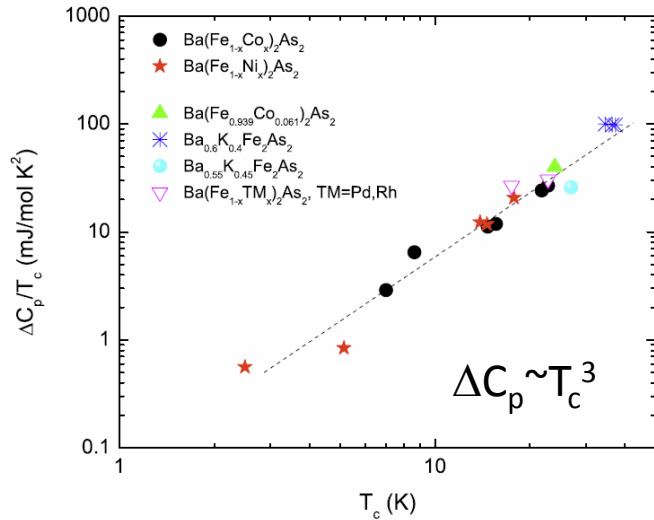
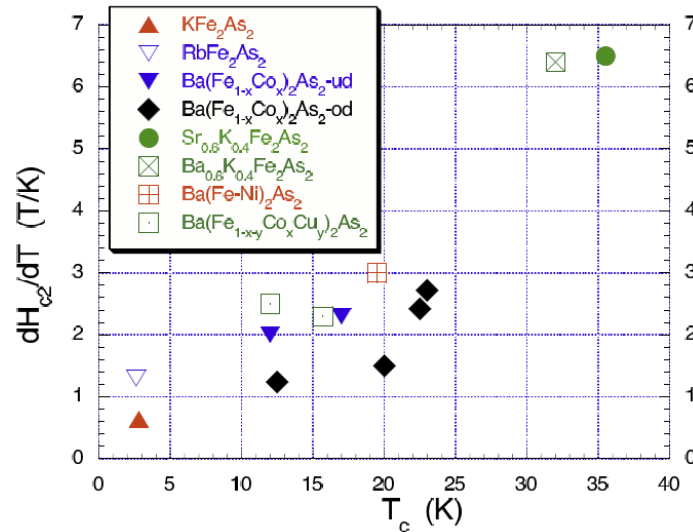
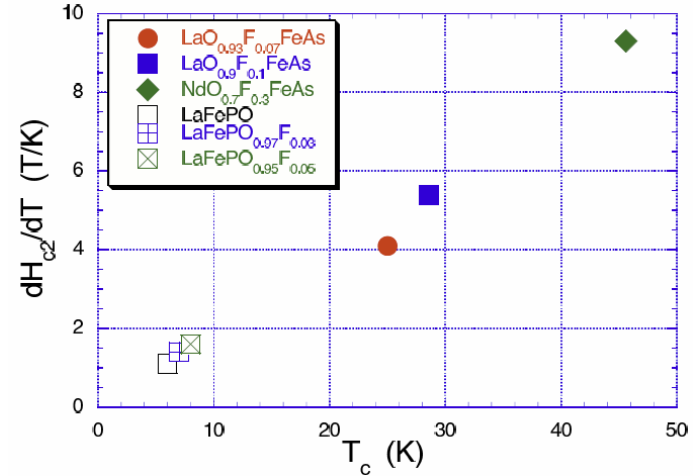


FIG. 3. (Color online) $\Delta C_p/T_c$ vs T_c for $\text{Ba}(\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Co}_x)_2\text{As}_2$ (circles) and $\text{Ba}(\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Ni}_x)_2\text{As}_2$ (stars) plotted together with literature data for $\text{Ba}(\text{Fe}_{0.939}\text{Co}_{0.061})_2\text{As}_2$ (Ref. 8), $\text{Ba}_{0.55}\text{K}_{0.45}\text{Fe}_2\text{As}_2$ (Ref. 18), $\text{Ba}_{0.6}\text{K}_{0.4}\text{Fe}_2\text{As}_2$ (Refs. 19–21) and $\text{Ba}(\text{Fe}_{0.943}\text{Rh}_{0.057})_2\text{As}_2$ and $\text{Ba}(\text{Fe}_{0.957}\text{Pd}_{0.043})_2\text{As}_2$ (Ref. 22). Dashed line has a slope $n=2$ and is a guide for the eyes.

S. L. Bud'ko et al., Phys. Rev. B **79**, 220516 (2009)

$$\Delta C = C_s - C_n = \frac{16\pi^4 k_B^4 N(0)\tau_+^2}{3\hbar^2(3\langle\Omega^4\rangle - 2)} T_c^3.$$

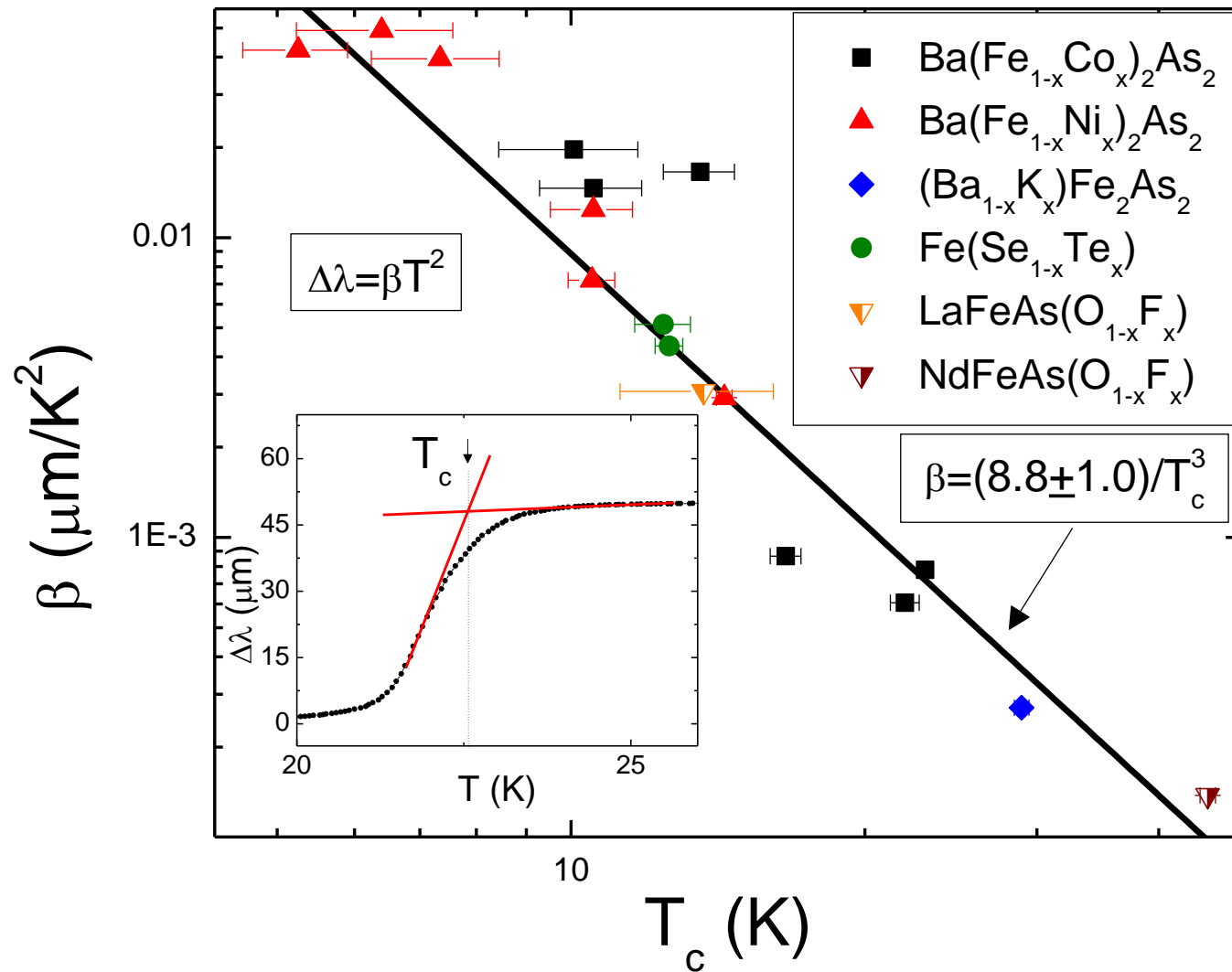
$$\frac{dH_{c2,c}}{dT} = -\frac{2\pi\phi_0 k_B^2}{3\hbar^2\langle\Omega^2 v_a^2\rangle} T_c \quad \frac{dH_{c2,ab}}{dT} = -\frac{2\pi\phi_0 k_B^2}{3\hbar^2\sqrt{\langle\Omega^2 v_a^2\rangle\langle\Omega^2 v_c^2\rangle}} T_c$$



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scaling of $\Delta\lambda(T) = \beta T^2$



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summary: effect of scattering on $\Delta\lambda(T)$

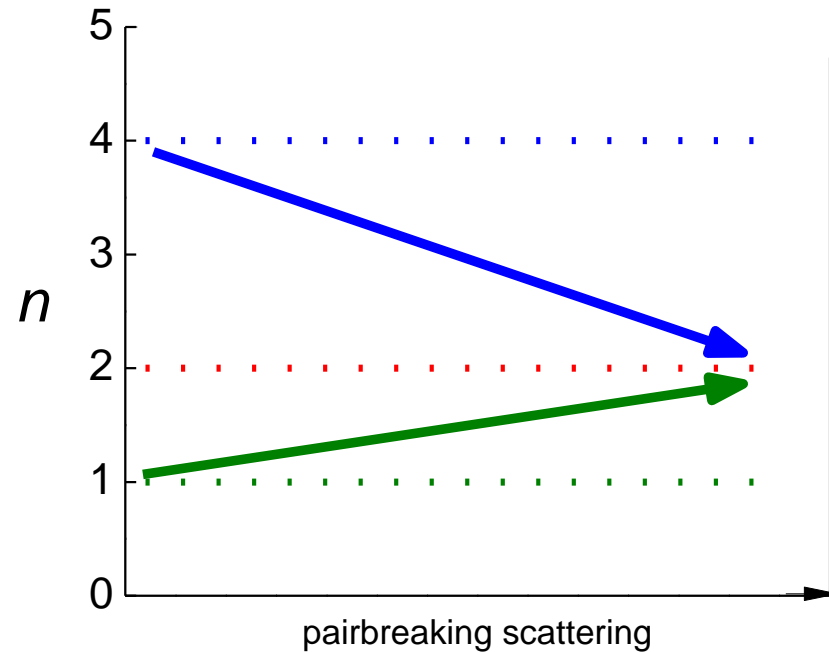
$$\Delta\lambda = \beta T^n$$

line nodes

$$\Delta\lambda(T) \propto \begin{cases} T & \text{- clean} \\ T^2 & \text{- dirty} \end{cases}$$

pairbreaking s-wave (s_{\pm})

$$\Delta\lambda(T) \propto \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{\pi\Delta(0)}{2T}} e^{-\Delta(0)/T} \propto T^4 & \text{- clean} \\ T^2 & \text{- dirty} \end{cases}$$



1.4 GeV $^{208}\text{Pb}^{56+}$ irradiation of Fe{Co, No}-122

Irradiation at

Argonne Tandem Linear Accelerator System (ATLAS)

$$\text{flux: } \sim 5 \times 10^{11} \frac{\text{ions}}{\text{m}^2 \text{s}}$$

ion penetration length: $\sim 60\text{-}70 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$

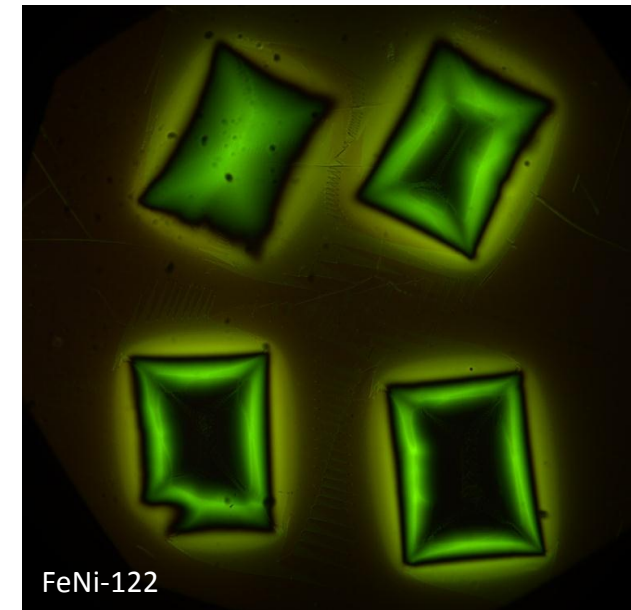
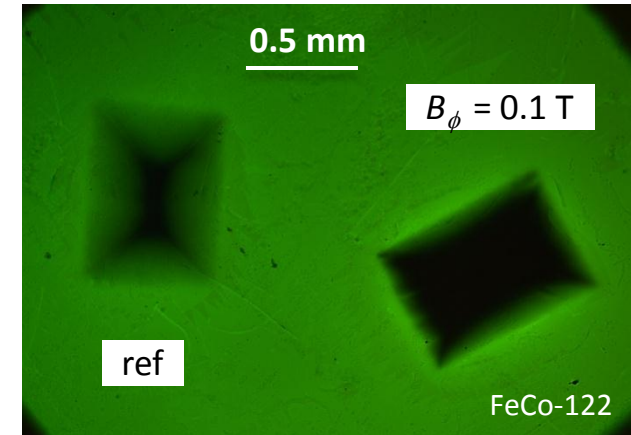
density of defects n [tracks/cm²] is parameterized by the matching field:

$$B_\phi = n\phi_0$$

we used fluences in the range up to

$$B_\phi = 2 T$$

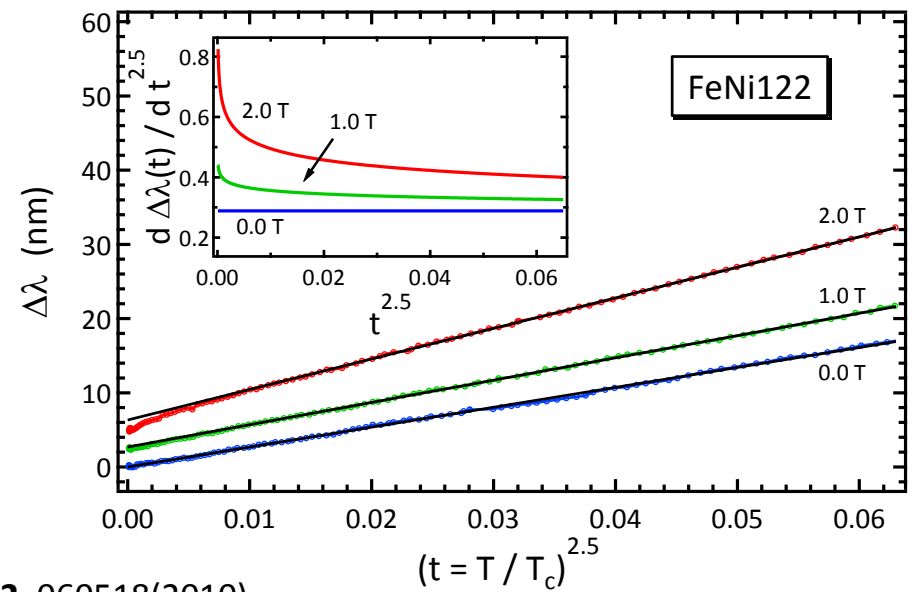
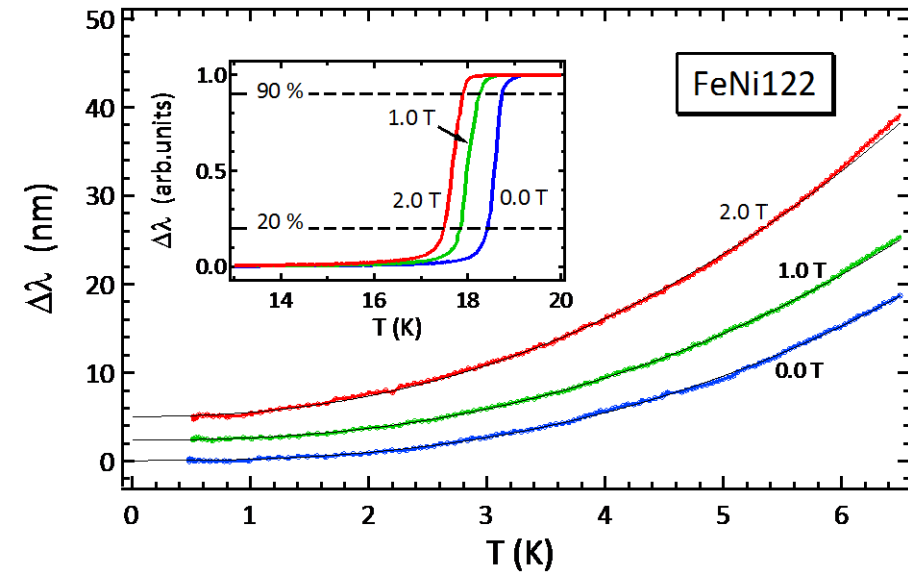
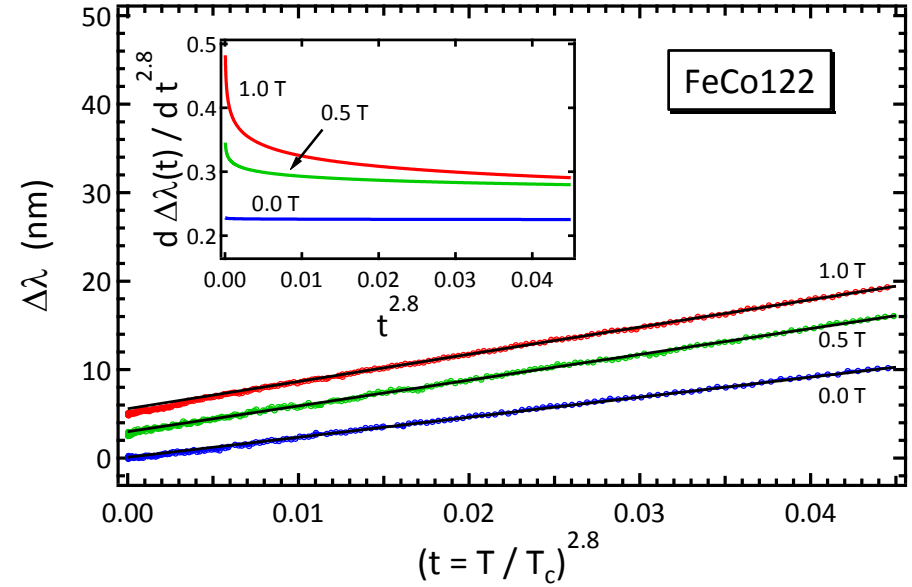
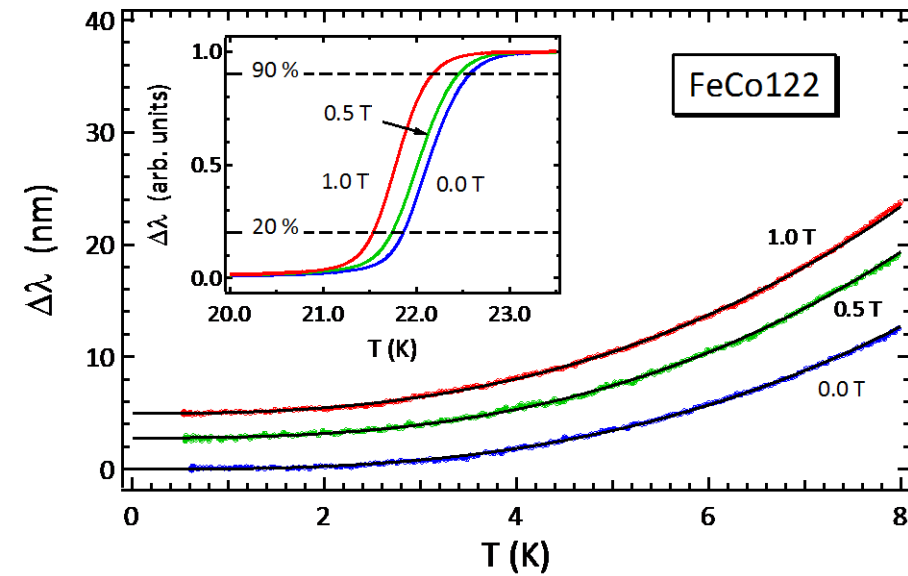
corresponding to the mean distance of 32 nm between the ion tracks



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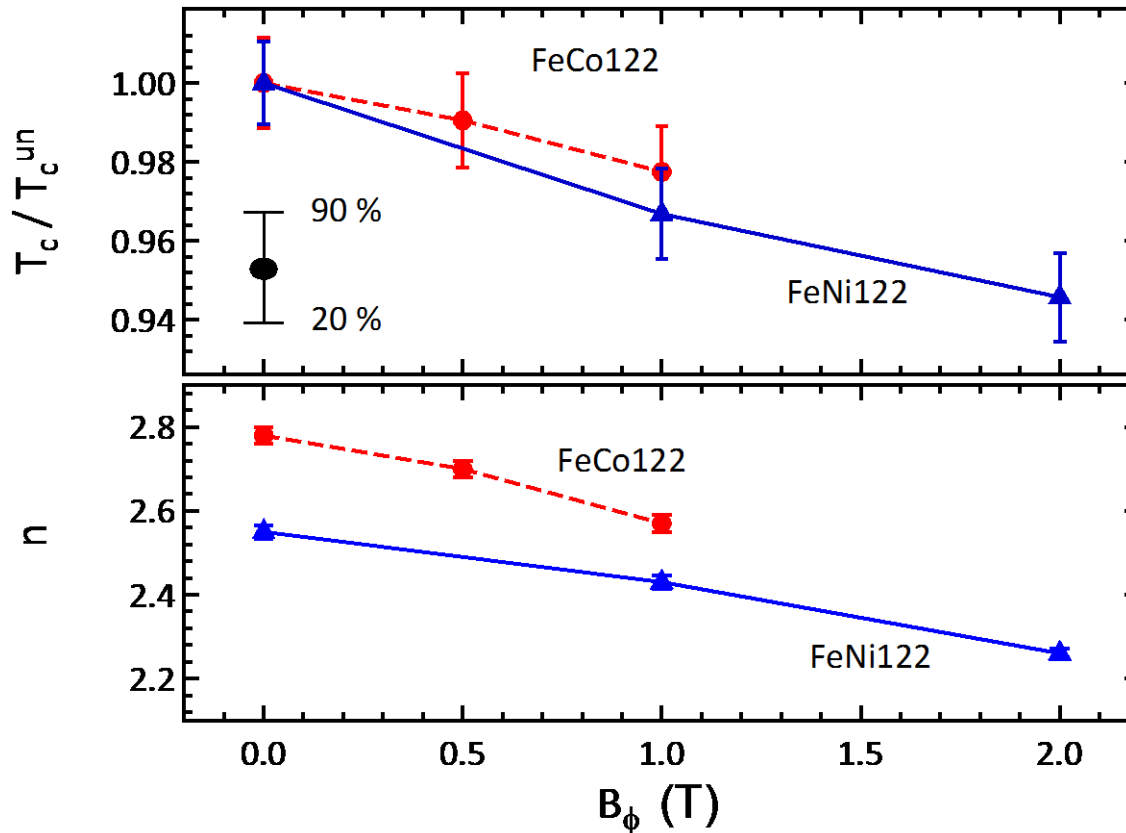
London penetration depth



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two independent parameters: T_c and n



d-wave:

$n=1$ (clean) \rightarrow $n=2$ (dirty)

S_\pm :

$n=4$ (exp, clean) \rightarrow $n=2$ (dirty)

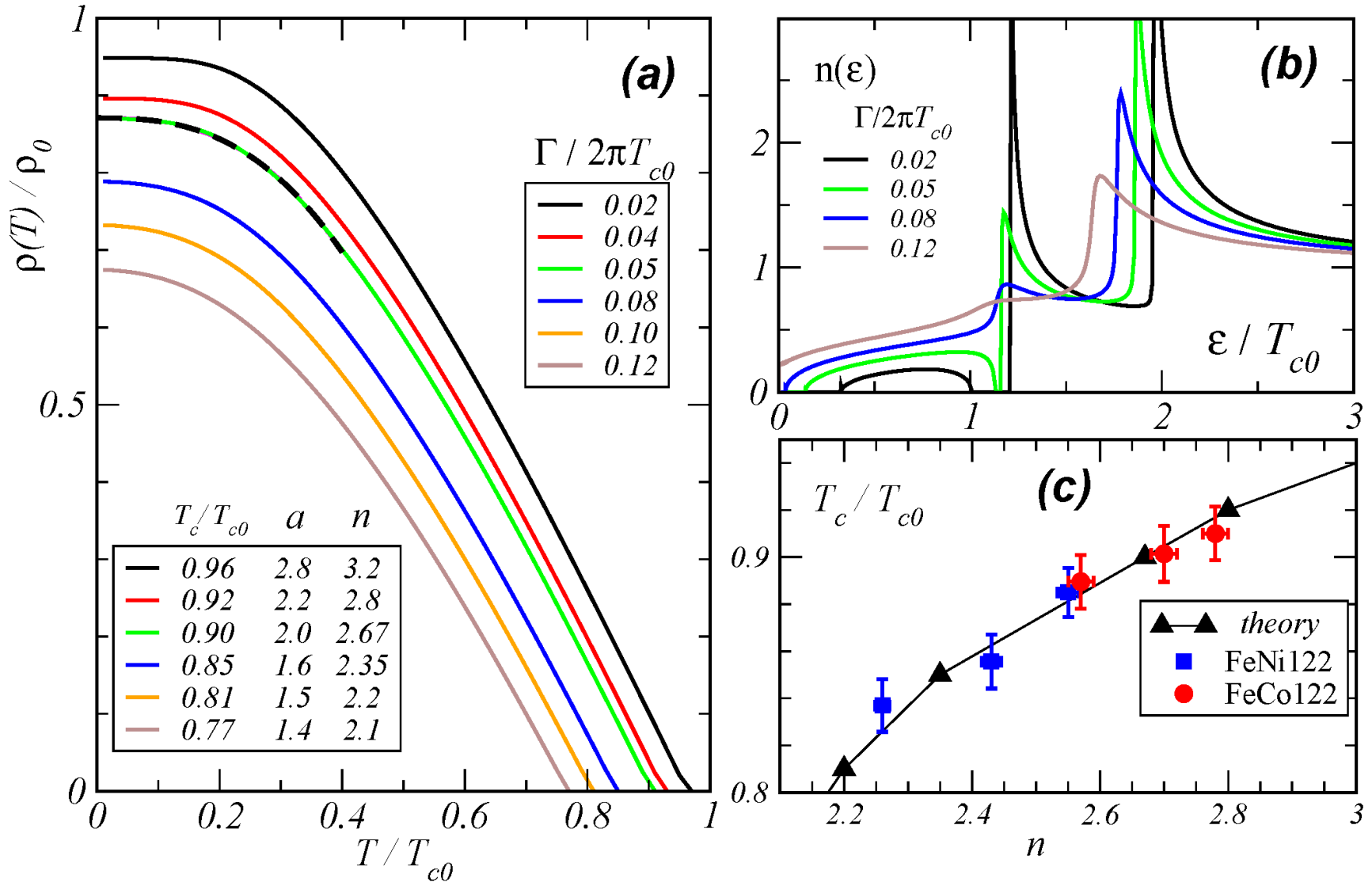
qualitative agreement with S_\pm

what about quantitative agreement?

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pairbreaking with $s_{+/-}$ pairing: numerics



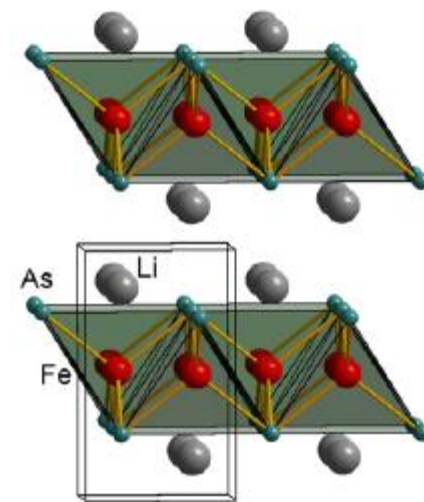
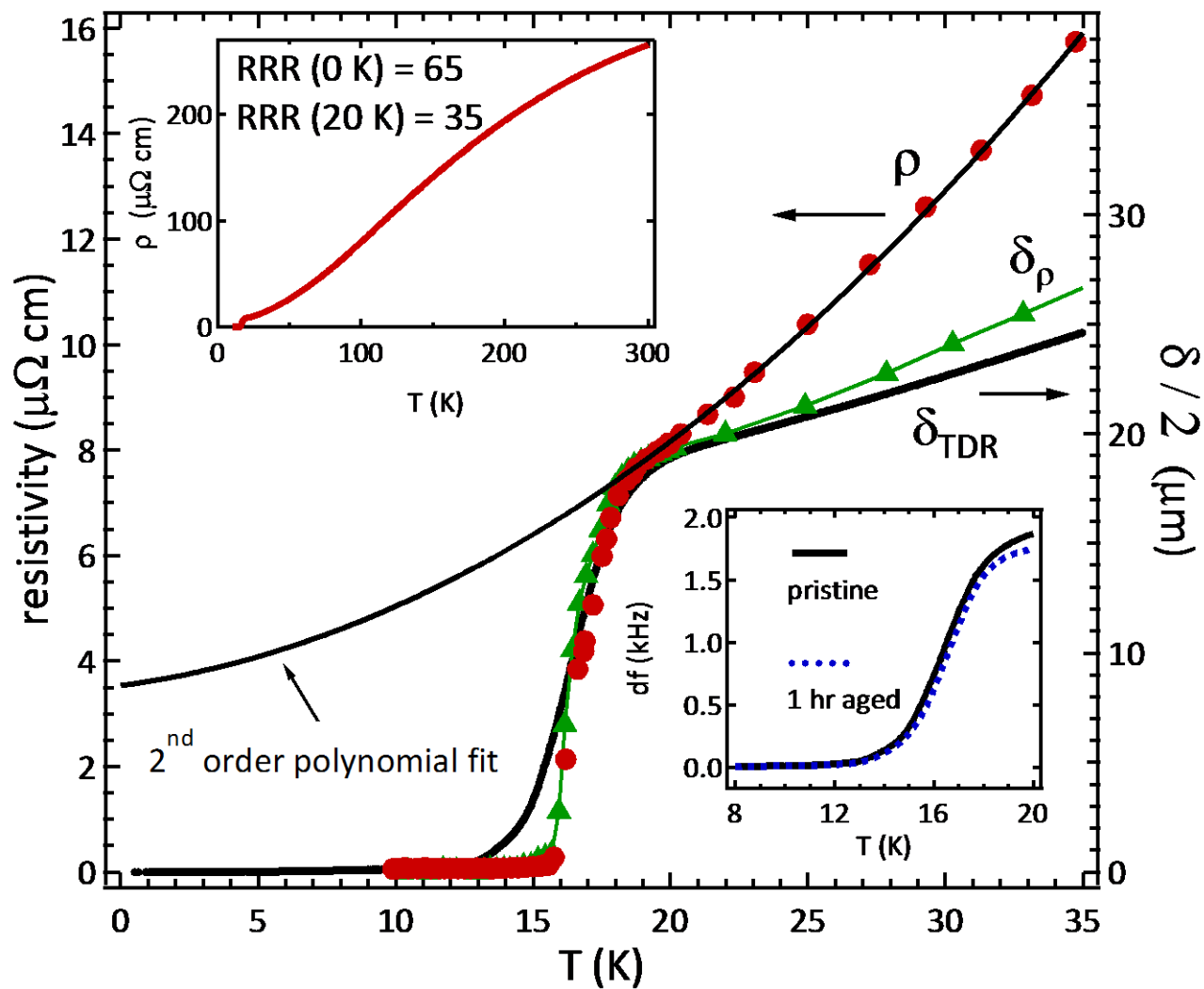
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power-law behavior of $\lambda_{ab}(T)$
in charge - doped pnictides
comes from pair-breaking
scattering + anisotropy



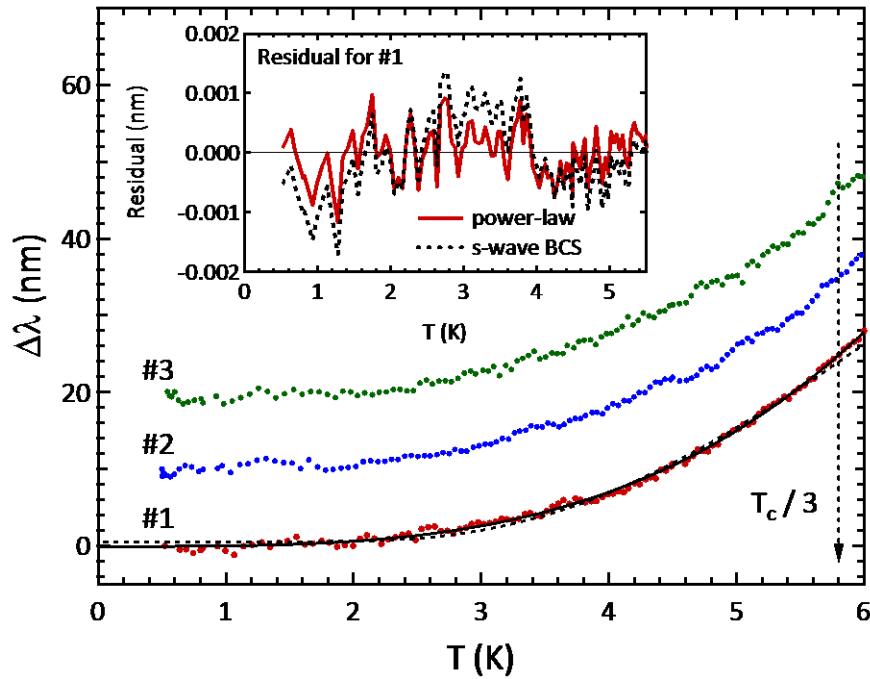
LiFeAs



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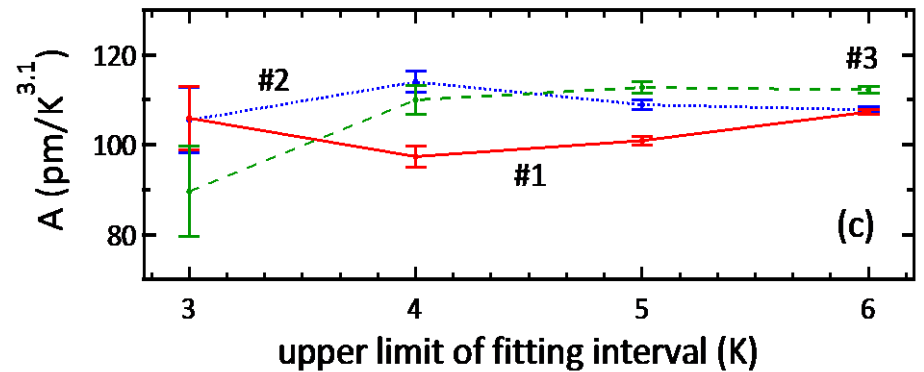
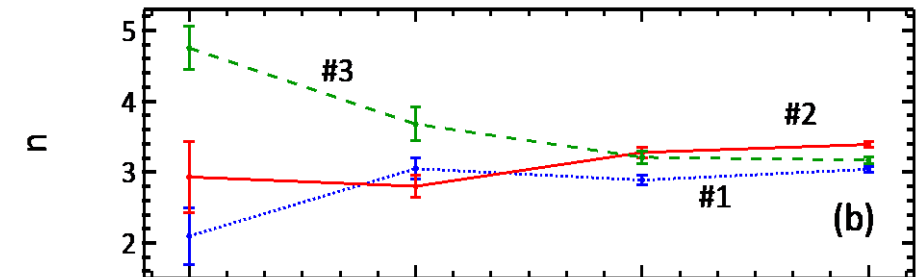
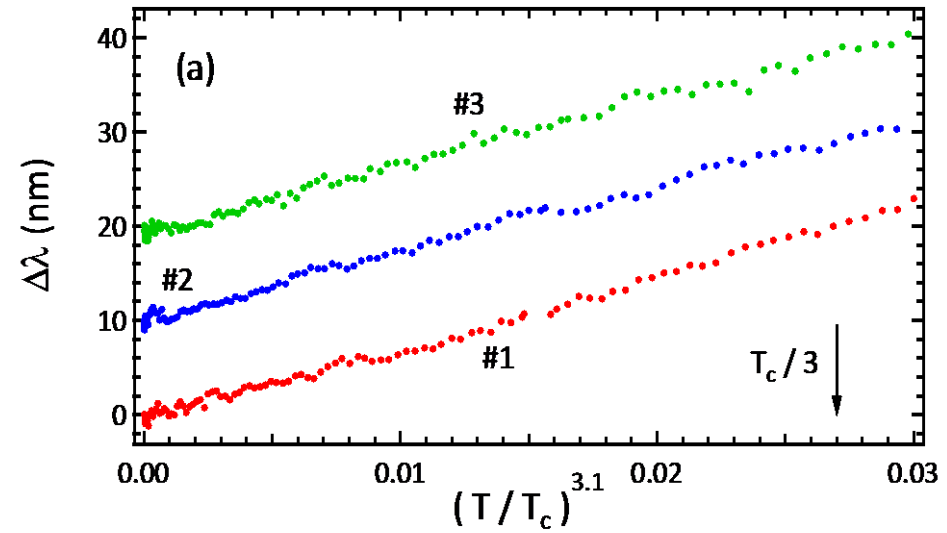


penetration depth



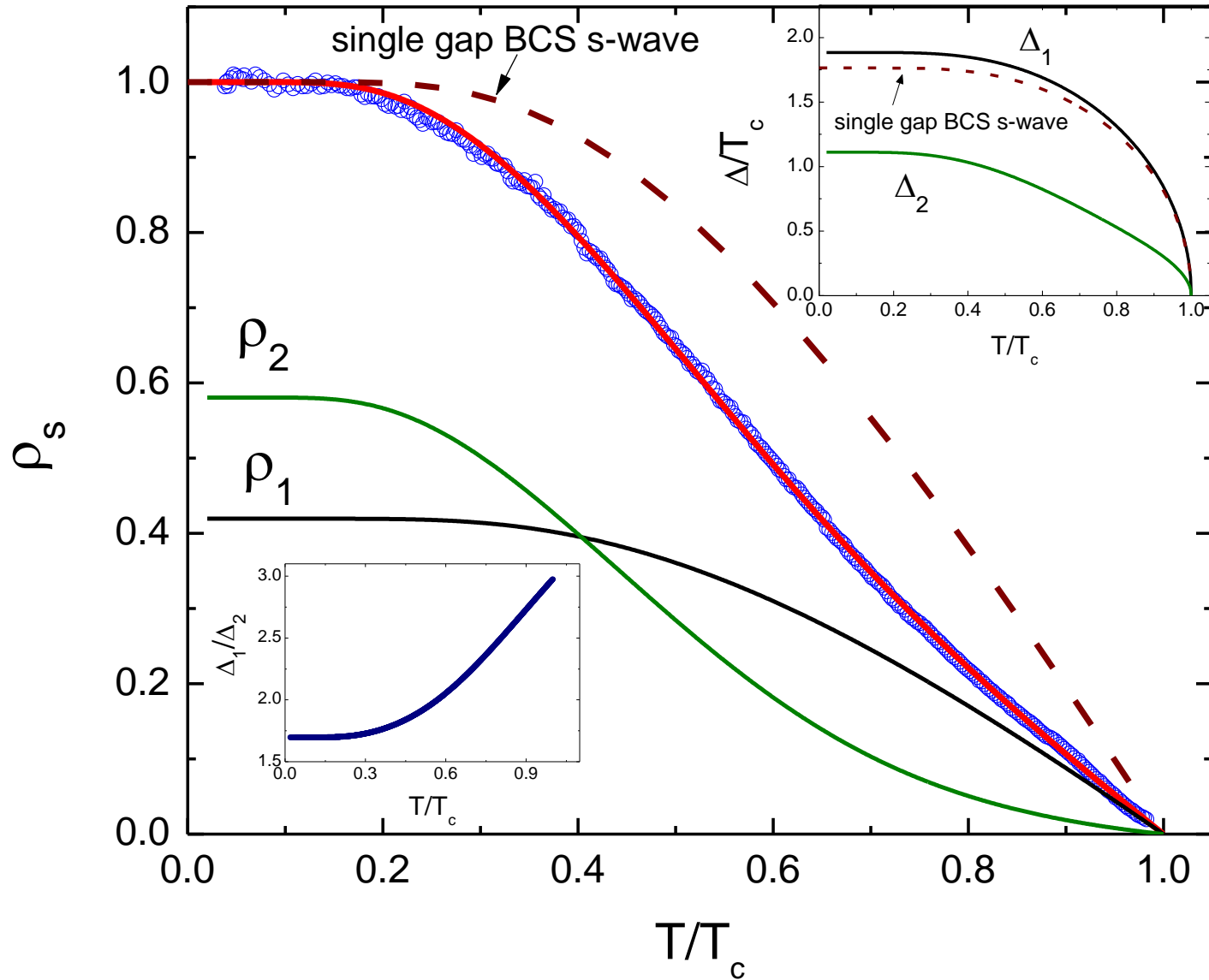
$$\Delta\lambda \sim T^{3-3.4}$$

this is practically exponential
(esp. with two-gap scenario)





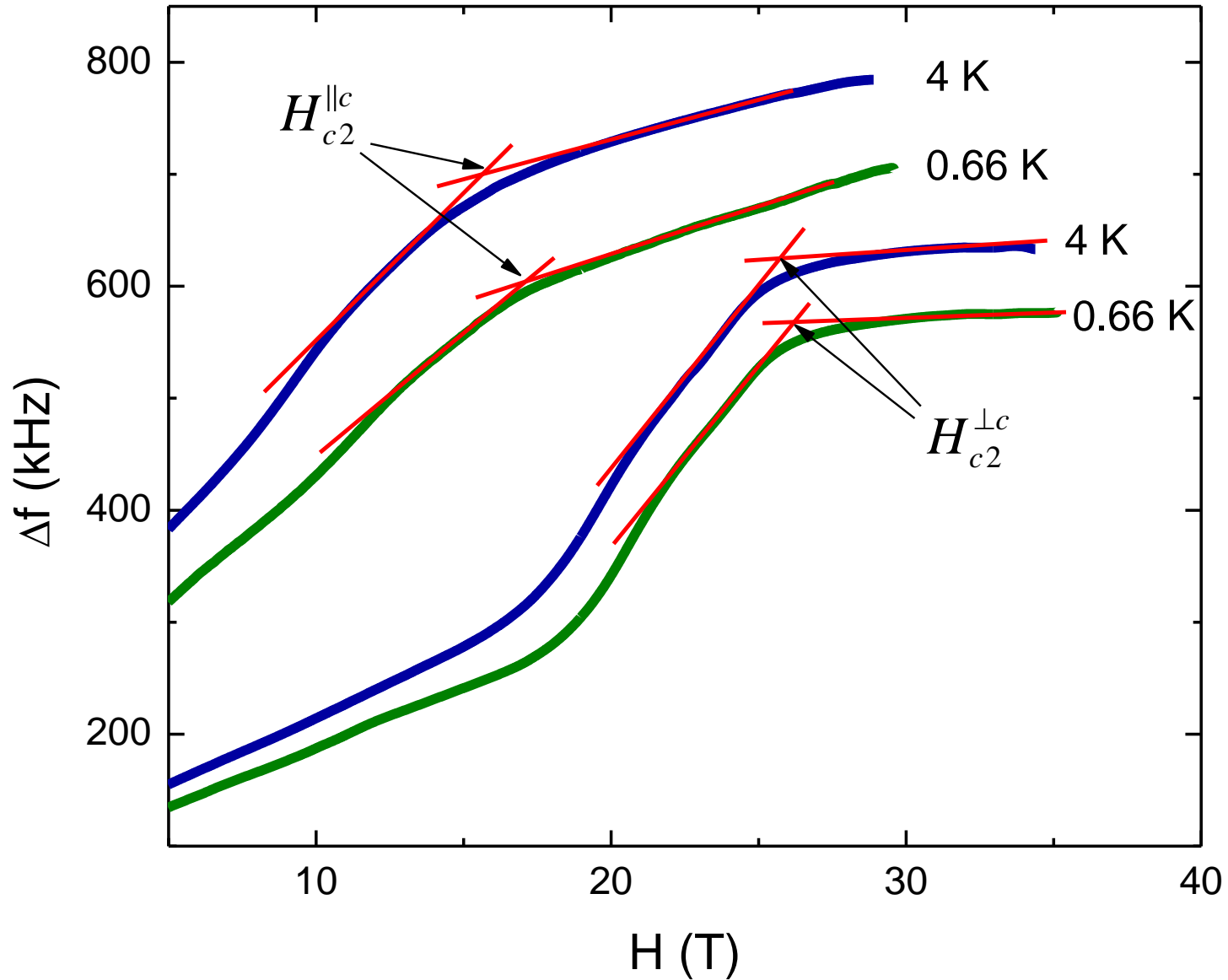
superfluid density



clean weak-coupling two-gap BCS works in the entire T-range

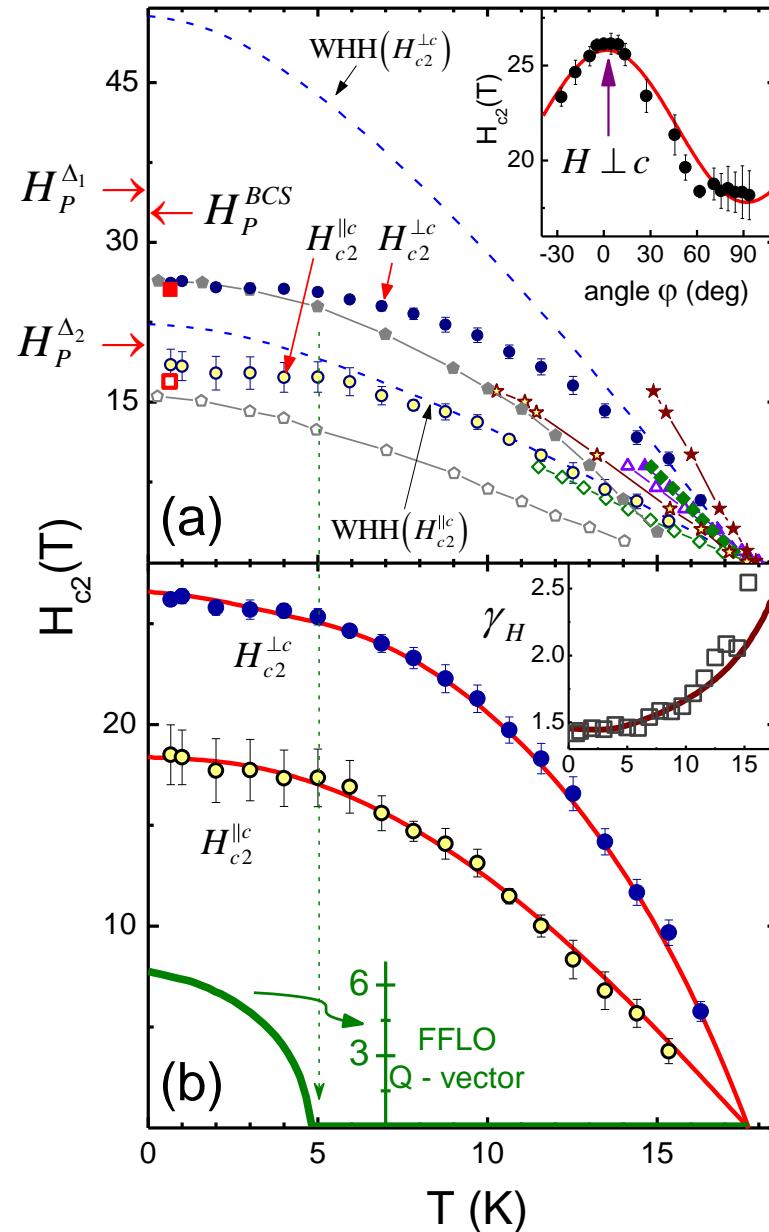


upper critical field



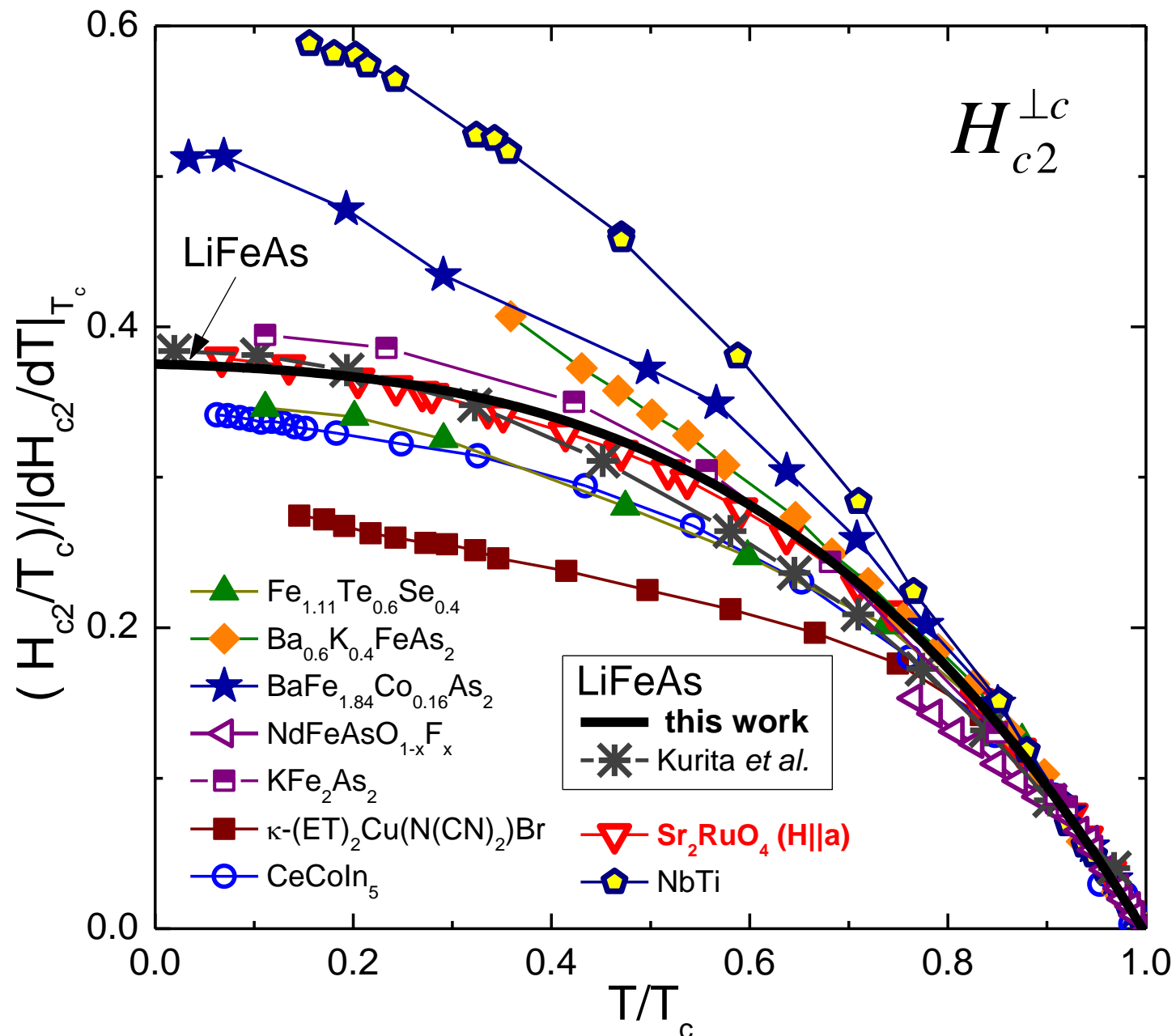


Pauli limiting and possible FFLO state



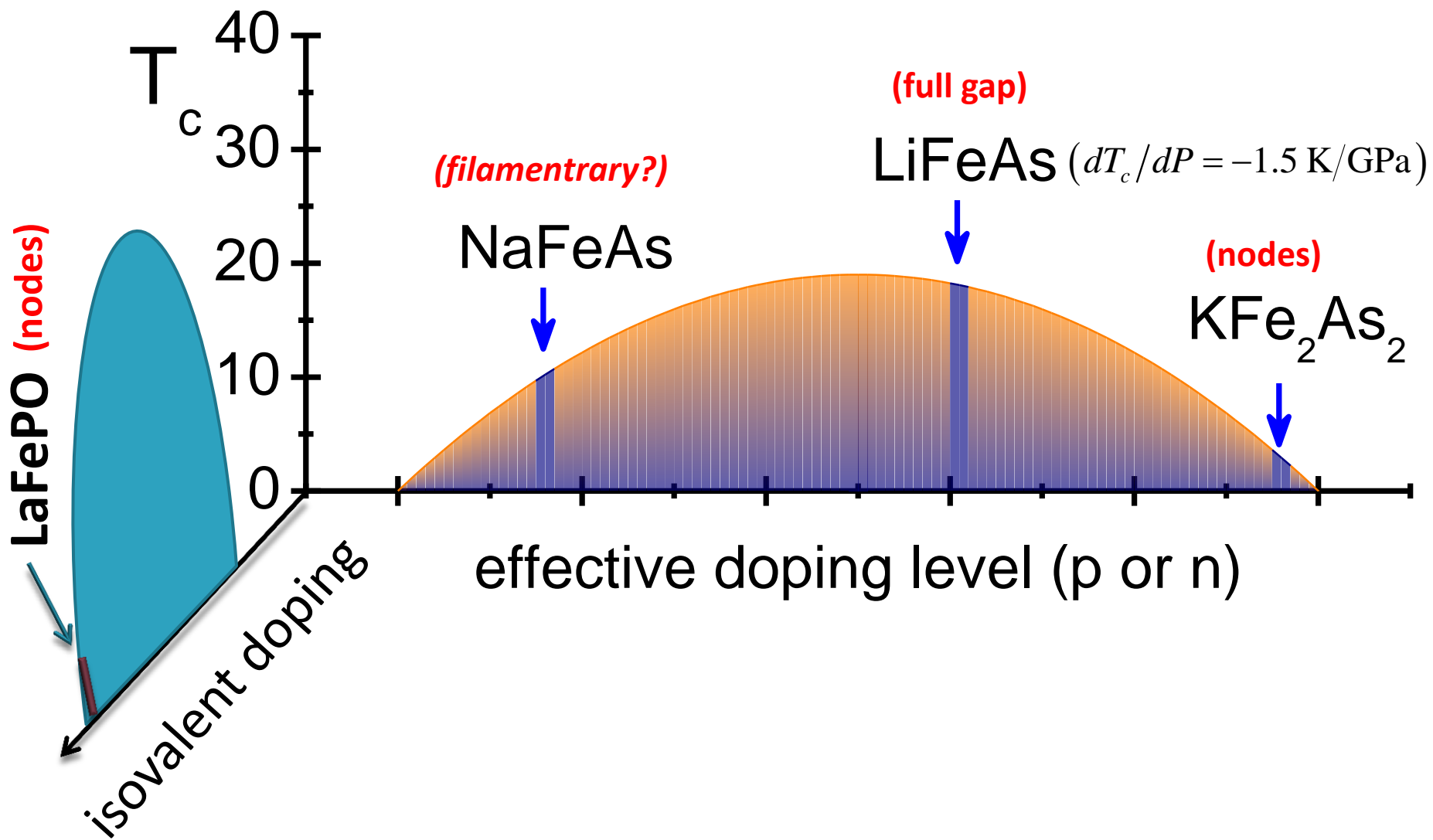


comparison with other systems



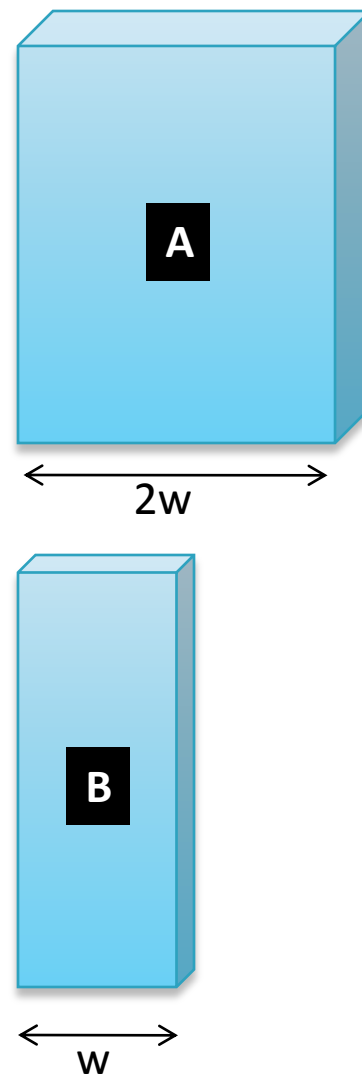
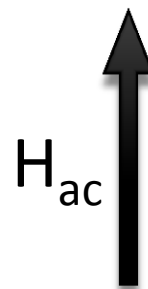
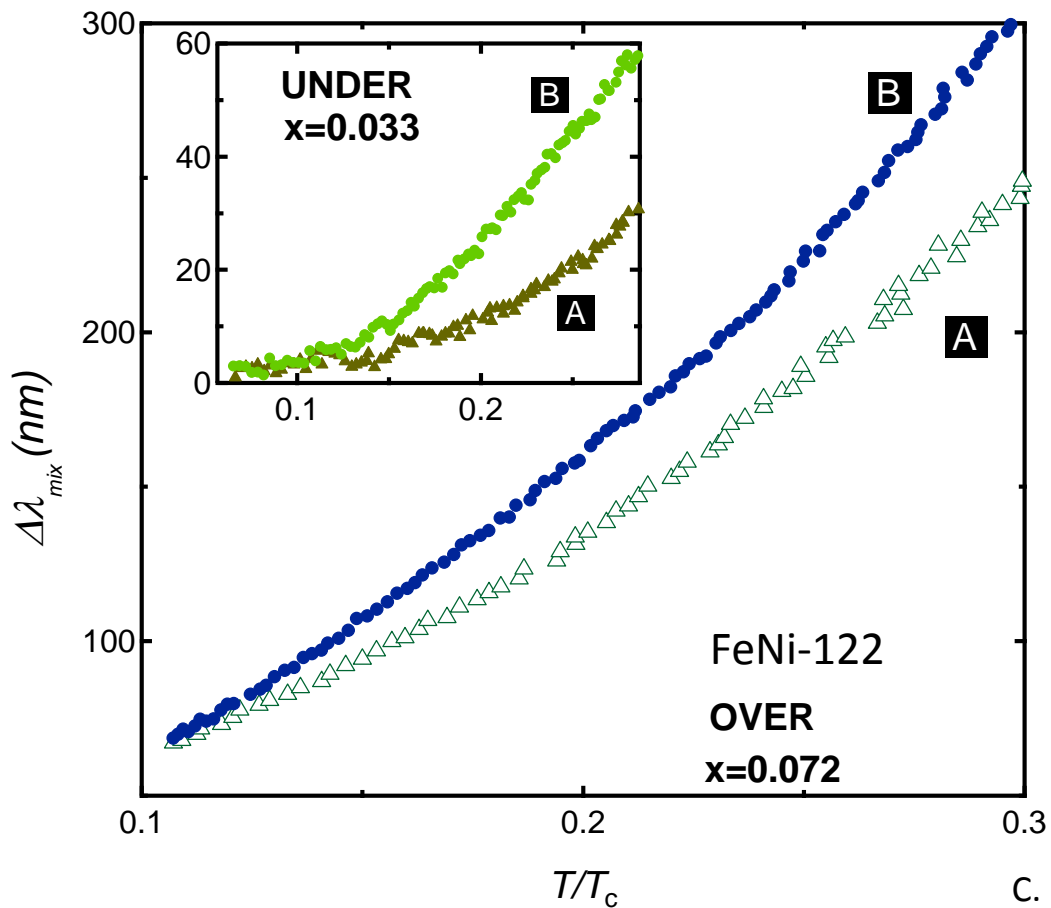
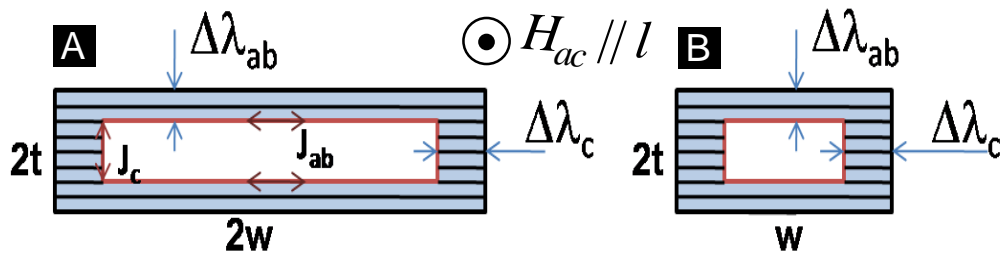


stoichiometric pnictides





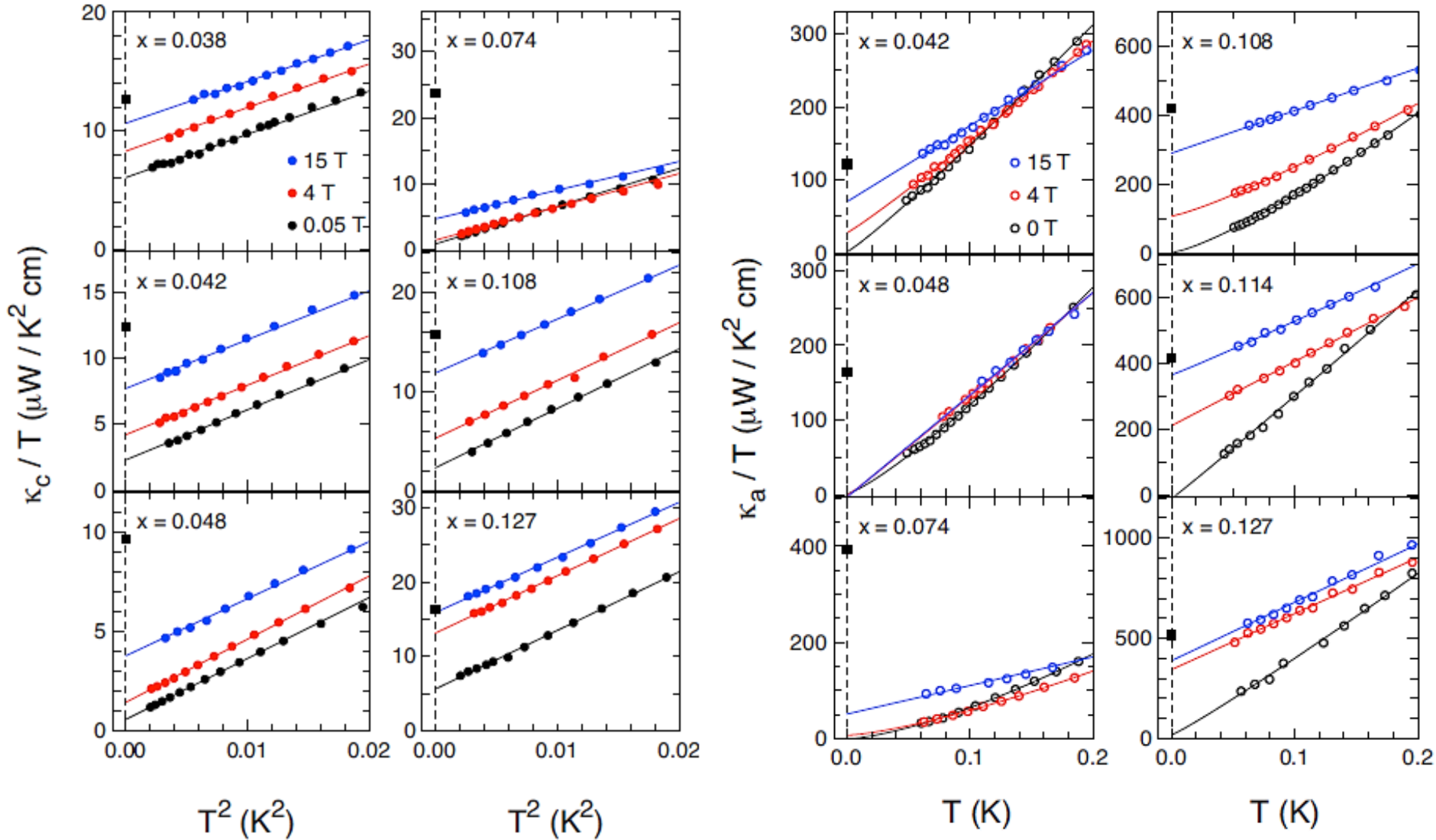
are there nodes in the overdoped state?


 λ_c


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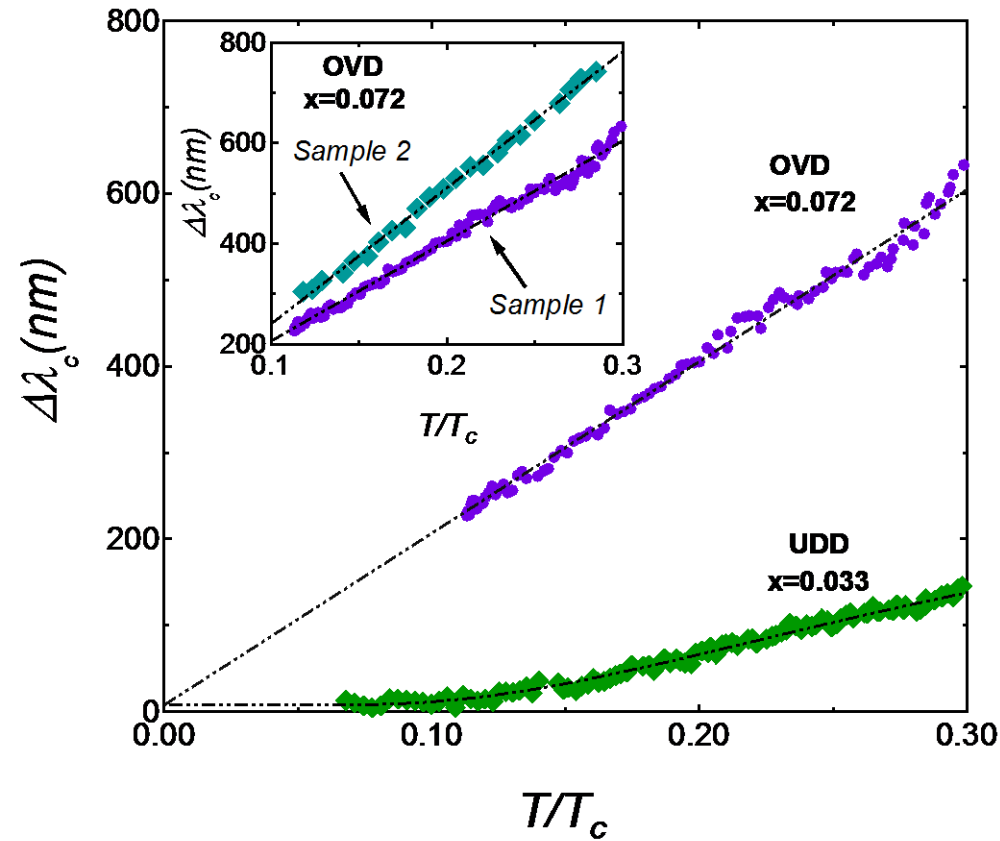


c-axis thermal conductivity

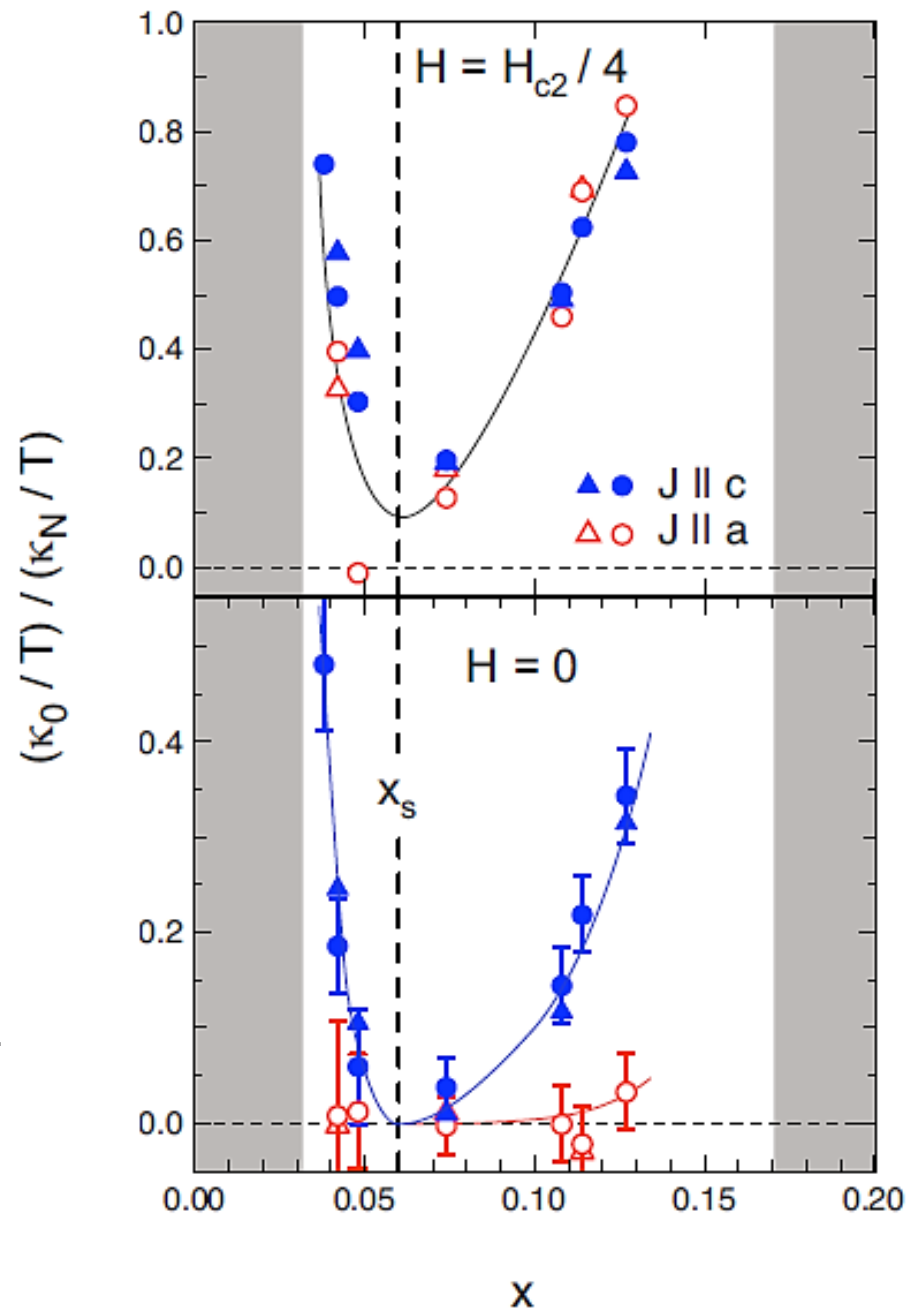


H = 0, 4 15 T

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conclusions

- it appears that Fe-based superconductors represents most complex system so far
- low anisotropy. Three - dimensional bandstructure
- Modulated 3D gap. Possibly with doping-dependent nodes
- fully gapped at optimal doping developing significant anisotropy in the overdoped regime
- unconventional s-wave pairing with many options for nodes (that are not symmetry imposed)
- clear signatures of two distinct gaps
- Pauli limited H_{c2} , possible FFLO state
- significant effects of pair-breaking scattering