

最近の実験研究の話題： 非従来型超伝導における様々な対称性

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1. Introduction

非従来型超伝導における対称性の破れ

2. 重い電子系超伝導体 URu_2Si_2 におけるカイラルd波超伝導

3. 鉄ヒ素系新高温超伝導体における拡張s波超伝導



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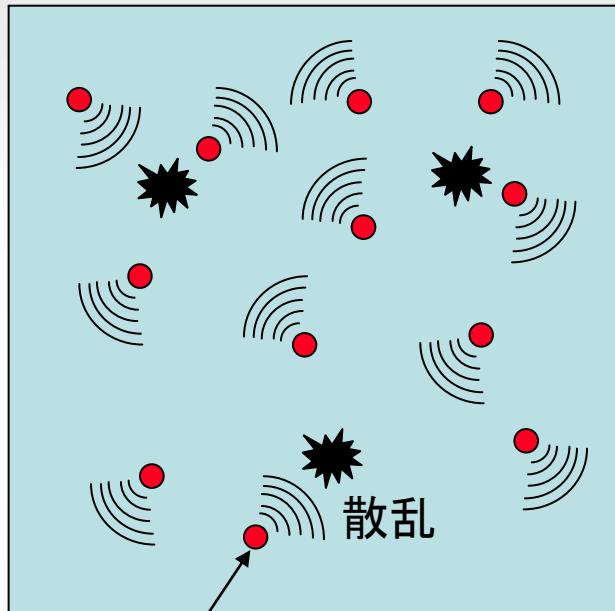
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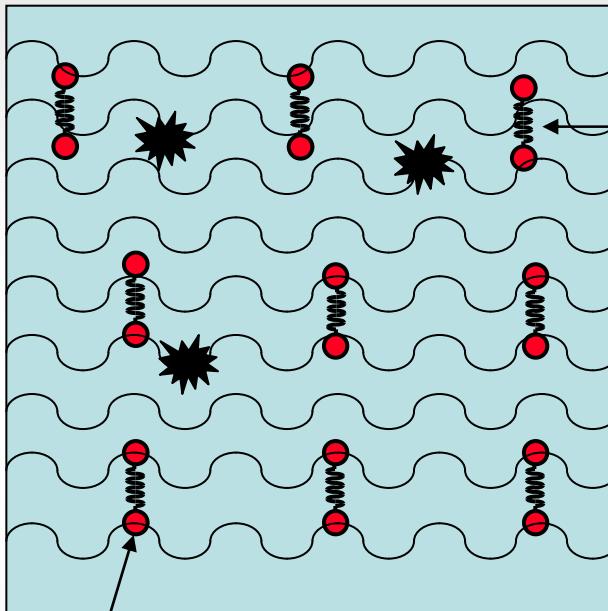
超伝導: 巨視的量子現象

金属



電子の波はバラバラ
→電気抵抗が発生する

超伝導



従来超伝導体の「のり」
=結晶格子の振動

電子はペアを組んで揃った波となる
(コヒーレントな波)
→電気抵抗ゼロ

位相が確定

超伝導：相転移 「自発的ゲージ対称性」の破れ

ゲージ変換(波動関数の位相を一様に変化させる)

$$\text{電子の消滅演算子 } a_k \rightarrow a_k' = a_k e^{i\theta}$$

高温(常伝導状態) 秩序変数 $\Psi = \langle a_{k\uparrow} a_{-k\downarrow} \rangle = 0 \rightarrow \Psi' = 0$

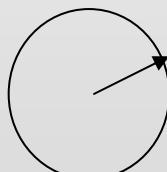


T=T_cで相転移

低温(超伝導状態) 電子対(Cooper対)を組む

$$\text{秩序変数 } \Psi = \langle a_{k\uparrow} a_{-k\downarrow} \rangle \neq 0 \rightarrow \Psi' = e^{i2\theta} \Psi$$

ゲージ変換対称性 $U(1)$ が破られている



回転対称性がない

超伝導に関する対称性の破れ

異方的超伝導 Unconventional superconductivity

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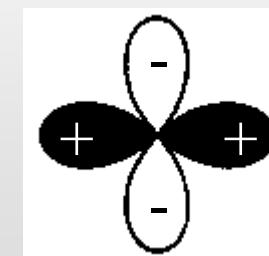
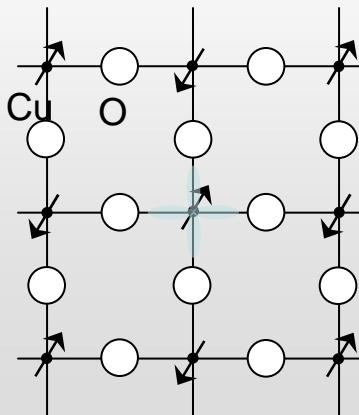
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(例1) 高温超伝導体

結晶構造 CuO_2 面

(4回対称)



対波動関数

$$d_x^2 - y^2$$

(2回対称)

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(例2) 粒子の交換に対して反対称(フェルミオン)

	軌道部分	スピン部分
スピン1重項超伝導	対称 (s,d,...)	反対称 ($\uparrow\downarrow - \downarrow\uparrow$)
スピン3重項超伝導 $^3\text{He}, \text{Sr}_2\text{RuO}_4, \text{etc...}$	反対称(p,f,...)	対称 ($\uparrow\uparrow, \downarrow\downarrow, \uparrow\downarrow + \downarrow\uparrow$)

Pairing mechanism \leftrightarrow nodes in the gap

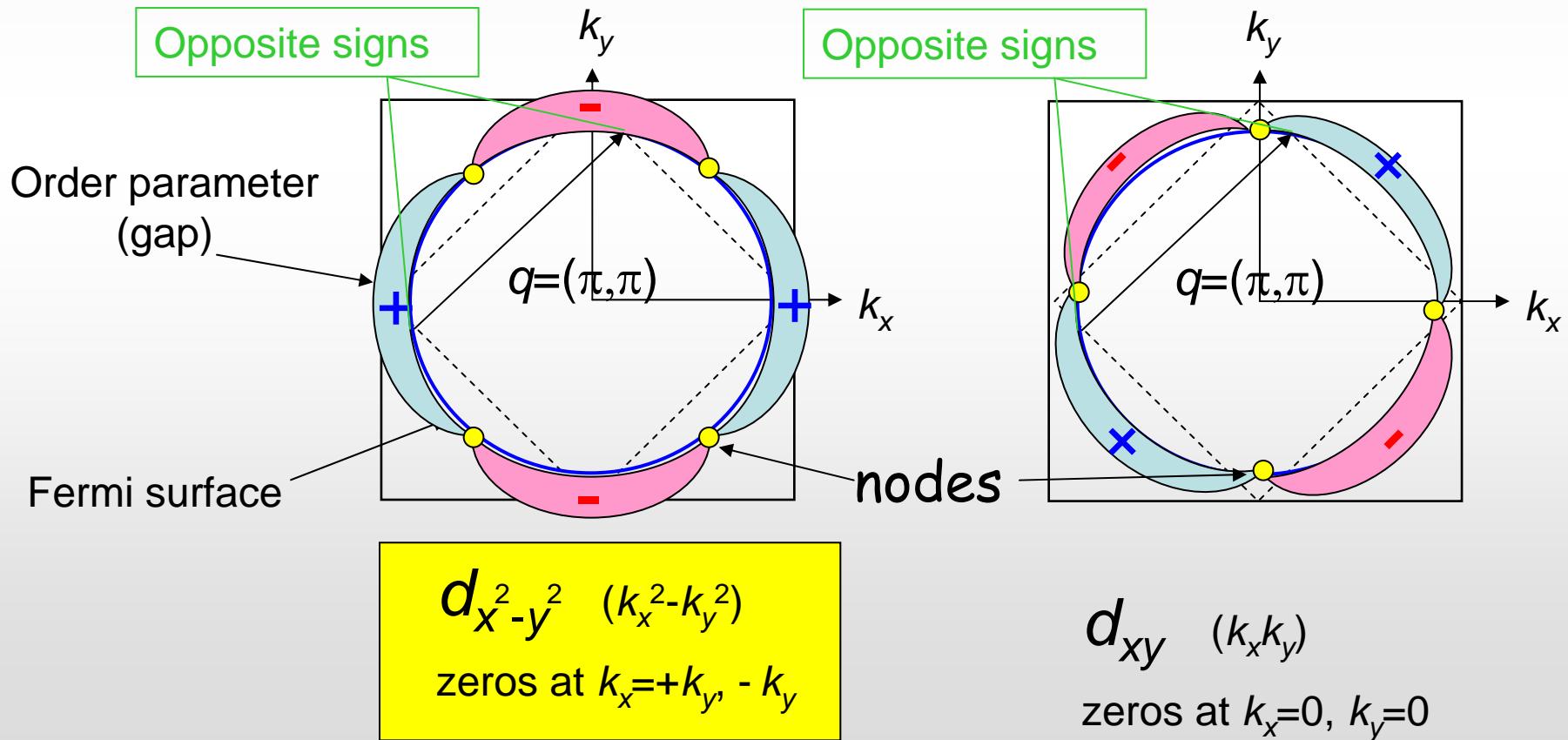
$$H_{\text{int}} = V_{k,k'} c_{-k'\downarrow}^+ c_{k'\uparrow}^+ c_{k'\uparrow} c_{-k'\downarrow}$$

$V_{k,k'}$ may be anisotropic in unconventional SCs

ex) Superconductivity mediated by **antiferromagnetic fluctuations** with $q=(\pi,\pi)$

$$V(\mathbf{q}) = - \rho(\mathbf{q}) \chi_0(\mathbf{q}) / [1 - \rho(\mathbf{q}) \chi_0^2(\mathbf{q})]$$

Favors opposite order parameters on the two points connecting by q vector



Breaking time reversal symmetry $\mathcal{G} = \textcolor{red}{U(1)} \otimes \textcolor{red}{G} \otimes \textcolor{black}{SU(2)} \otimes \textcolor{red}{T}$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(x, t) = H\psi(x, t) \quad \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow -t} \quad i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial(-t)} \psi'(x, -t) = H\psi'(x, -t)$$

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} + V(x) \quad -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi^*(x, t) = H\psi^*(x, t)$$

$$\psi'(x, -t) = \psi^*(x, t)$$

If the order parameter has imaginary part $\Psi(x, k) = \psi_1(k) + i\psi_2(k)$
 then its time reversal state becomes different $\Psi^*(x, k) = \psi_1(k) - i\psi_2(k)$

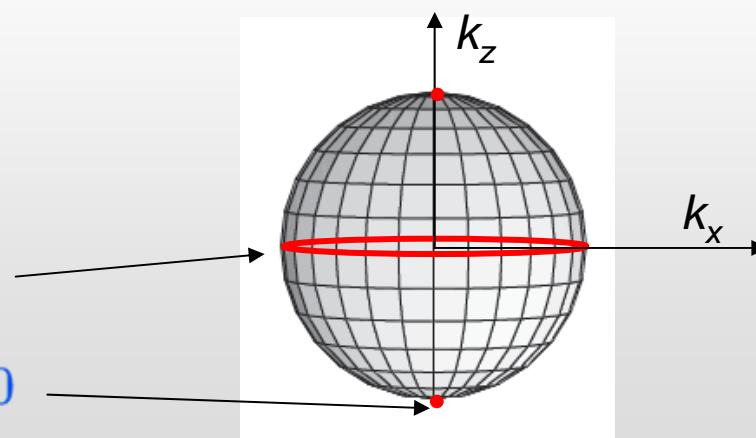
Time reversal symmetry is broken

example **Chiral d-wave**

$$\Delta \propto \hat{k}_z (\hat{k}_x \pm i\hat{k}_y)$$

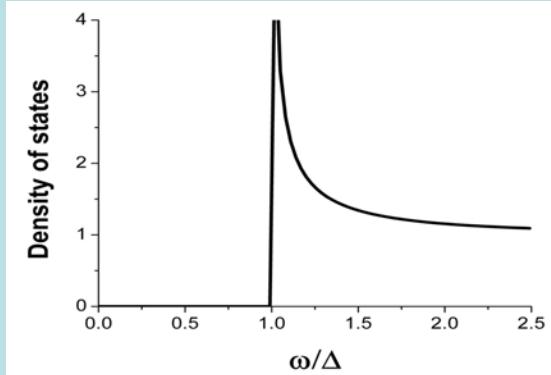
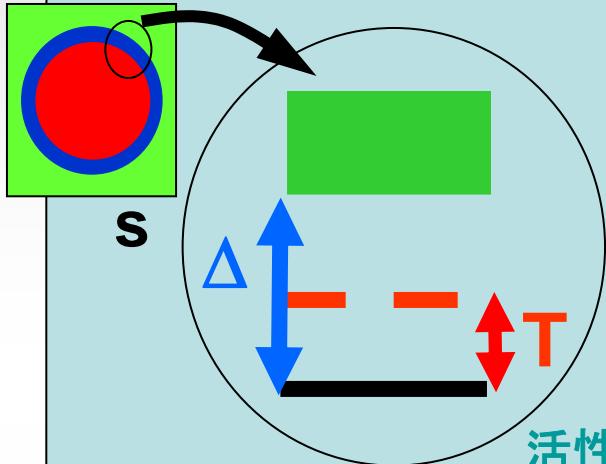
horizontal line node $k_z = 0$

point node $k_x = k_y = 0$



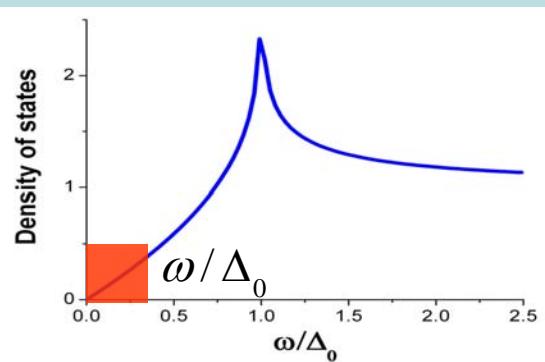
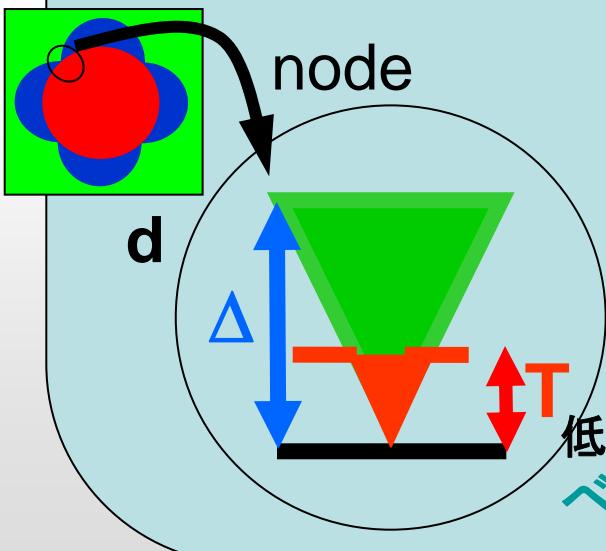
How to determine symmetry of unconventional superconductors

励起準粒子の性質を調べる(バルク測定)
比熱、磁場侵入長、熱伝導度、NMR緩和率 etc



低温で熱励起なし

活性化型の温度依存性 $\exp(-\Delta/T)$



低温で熱励起あり

べき乗の温度依存性 T^n

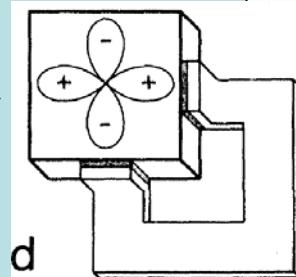
角度分解型光電子分光
(ARPES)

超伝導ギャップの
波数空間依存性
を測定可能

表面敏感 →
バルクと異なる
表面特異な状態?

接合を用いた測定

位相の情報
が得られる



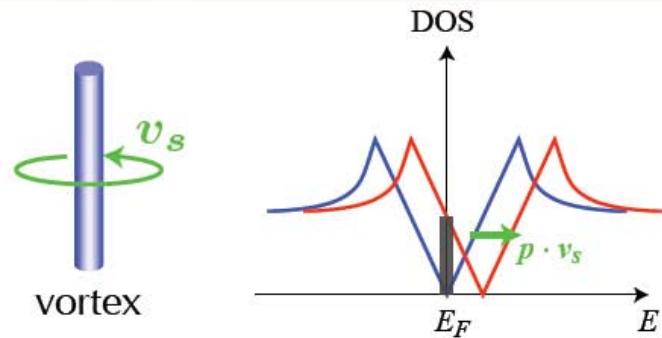
高度に制御された
接合の作製が必要
(銅酸化物高温
超伝導体のみで成功)

熱伝導率の角度依存性

ドップラーシフト

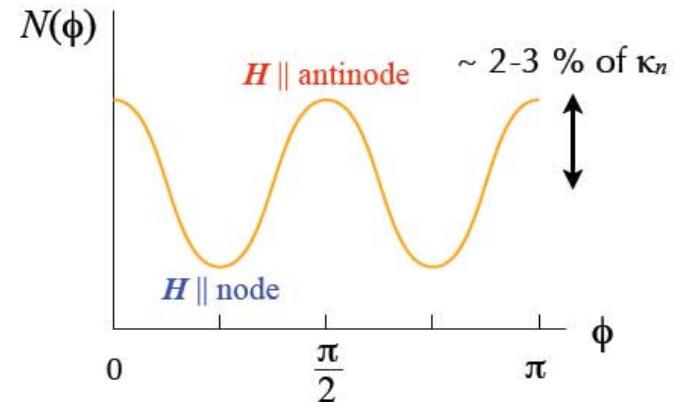
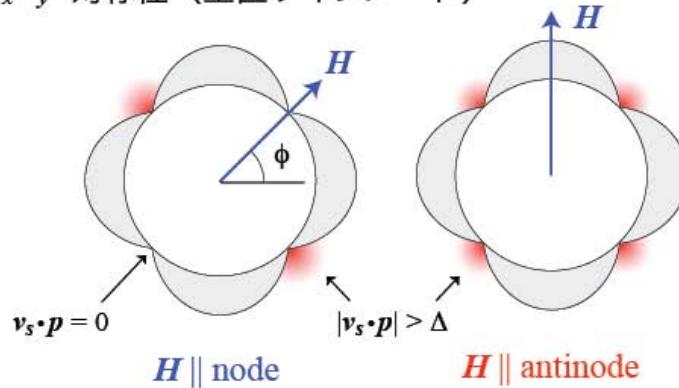
$$E(p) \rightarrow E(p) + v_s \cdot p$$

G.E. Volovik, JETP Lett. 58, 469 (1993)



状態密度の角度依存性

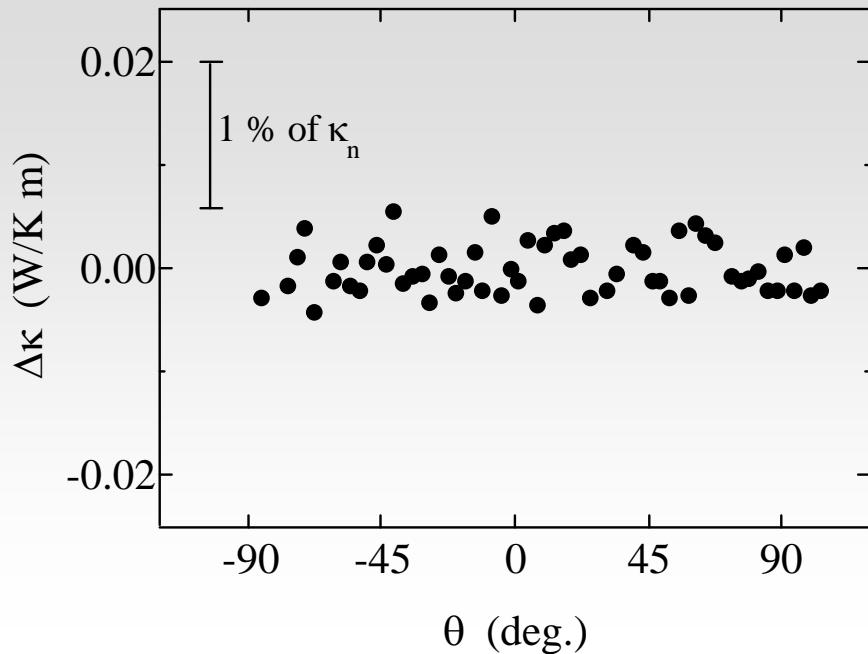
$d_{x^2-y^2}$ 対称性 (垂直ラインノード)



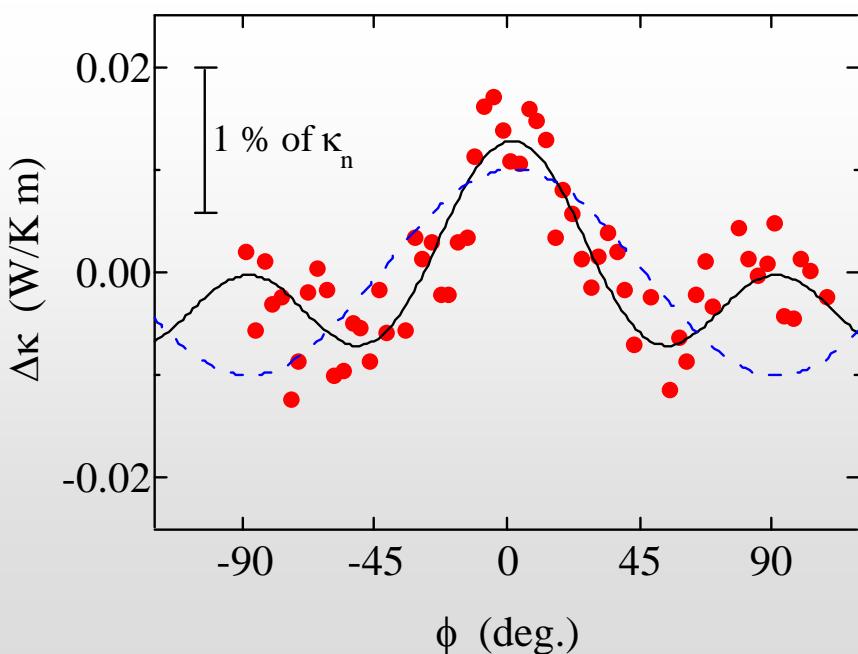
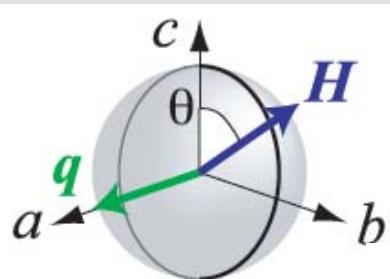
$d_{x^2-y^2}$ symmetry

4回対称性の振動

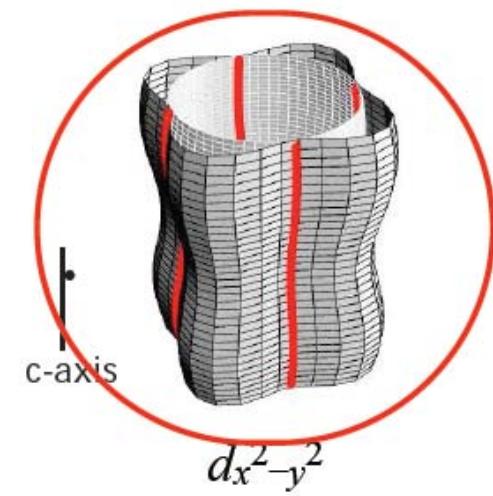
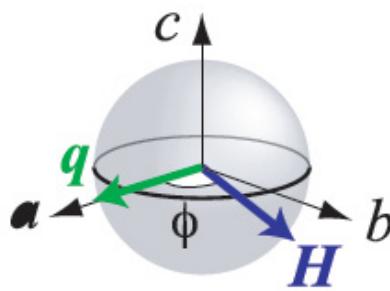
CeIrIn₅



$H \parallel bc$ -plane



$H \parallel ab$ -plane

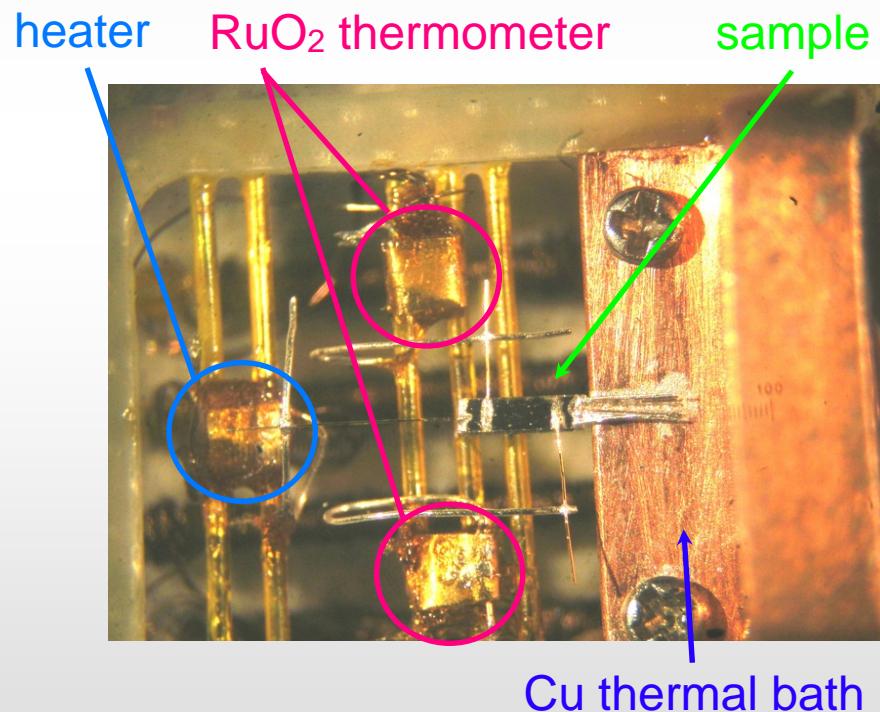
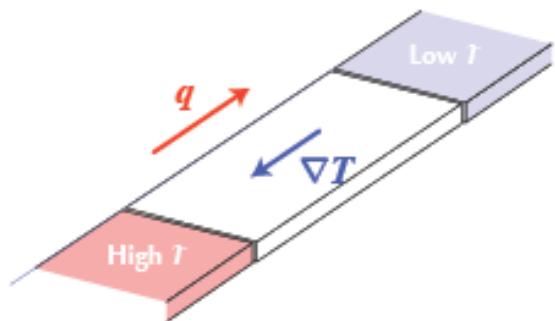


$d_x^2 - y^2$ symmetry

Y. Kasahara *et al.*
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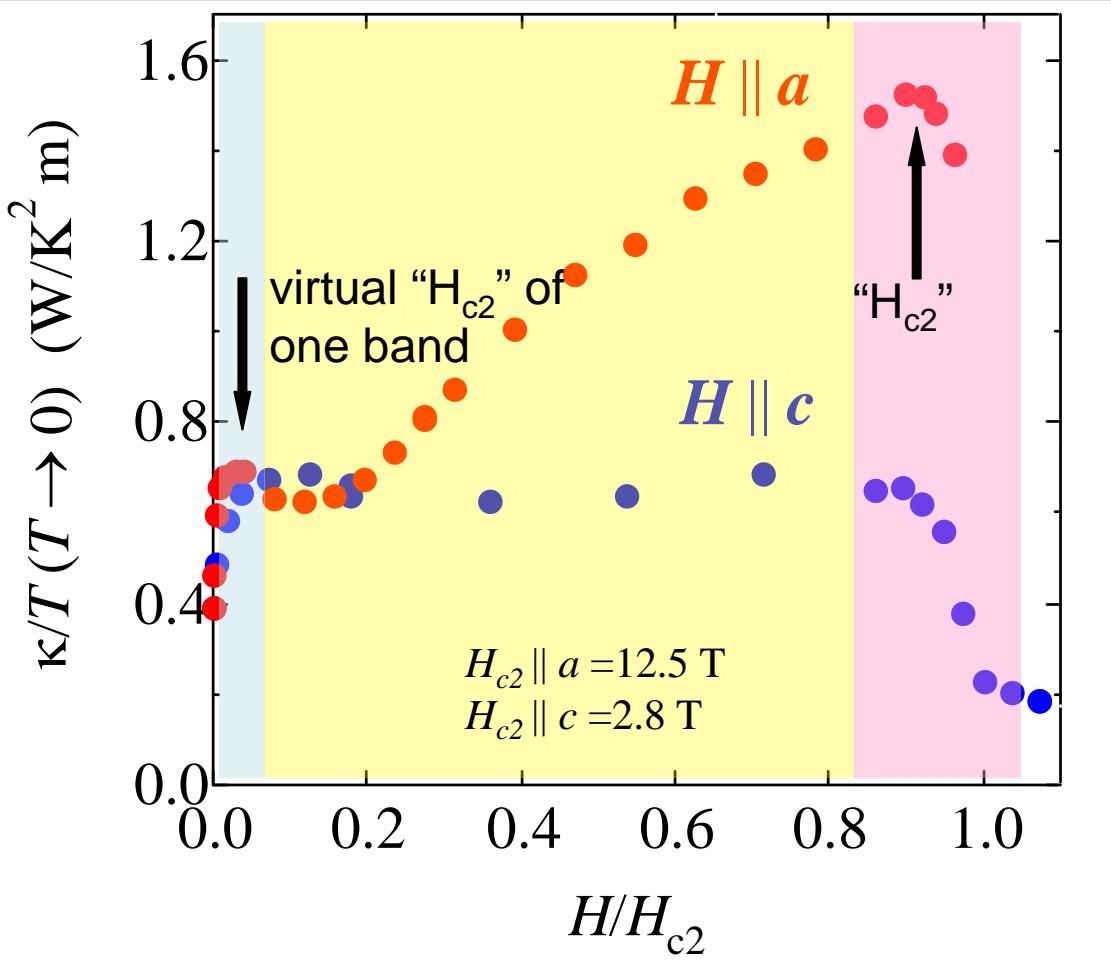
Superconducting state of URu_2Si_2 studied by the thermal transport measurements

$$q = -\kappa \nabla T$$

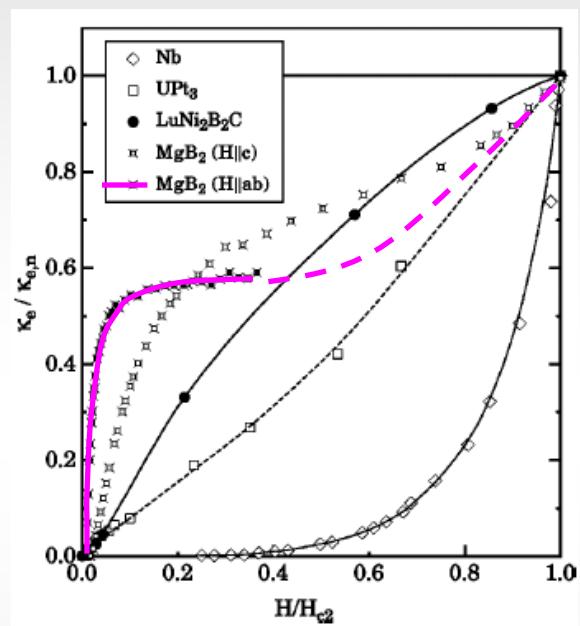


Y. Kasahara *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett. **99**, 116402 (2007).

URu₂Si₂



1. Steep increase at low H
2. Plateau-like behavior
3. Jump at H_{c2}



A.V.Sologubenko *et al.* PRB (2002)

Multiband superconductivity (consistent with the compensation)

$$\xi \propto v_F \propto 1/m^*$$

Low-H behavior of κ

Light hole band with small “ H_{c2} ”

High-H behavior of κ

Heavy electron band with large “ H_{c2} ”



Low field behavior of the thermal conductivity, which is governed by the **light spherical hole band**

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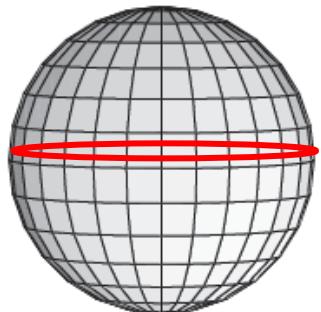
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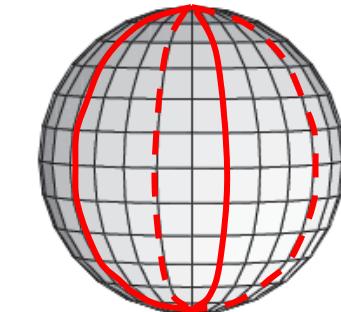
➡ Spherical band

Steep increase with H

$$\kappa/T(T \rightarrow 0) \sim \sqrt{H}$$

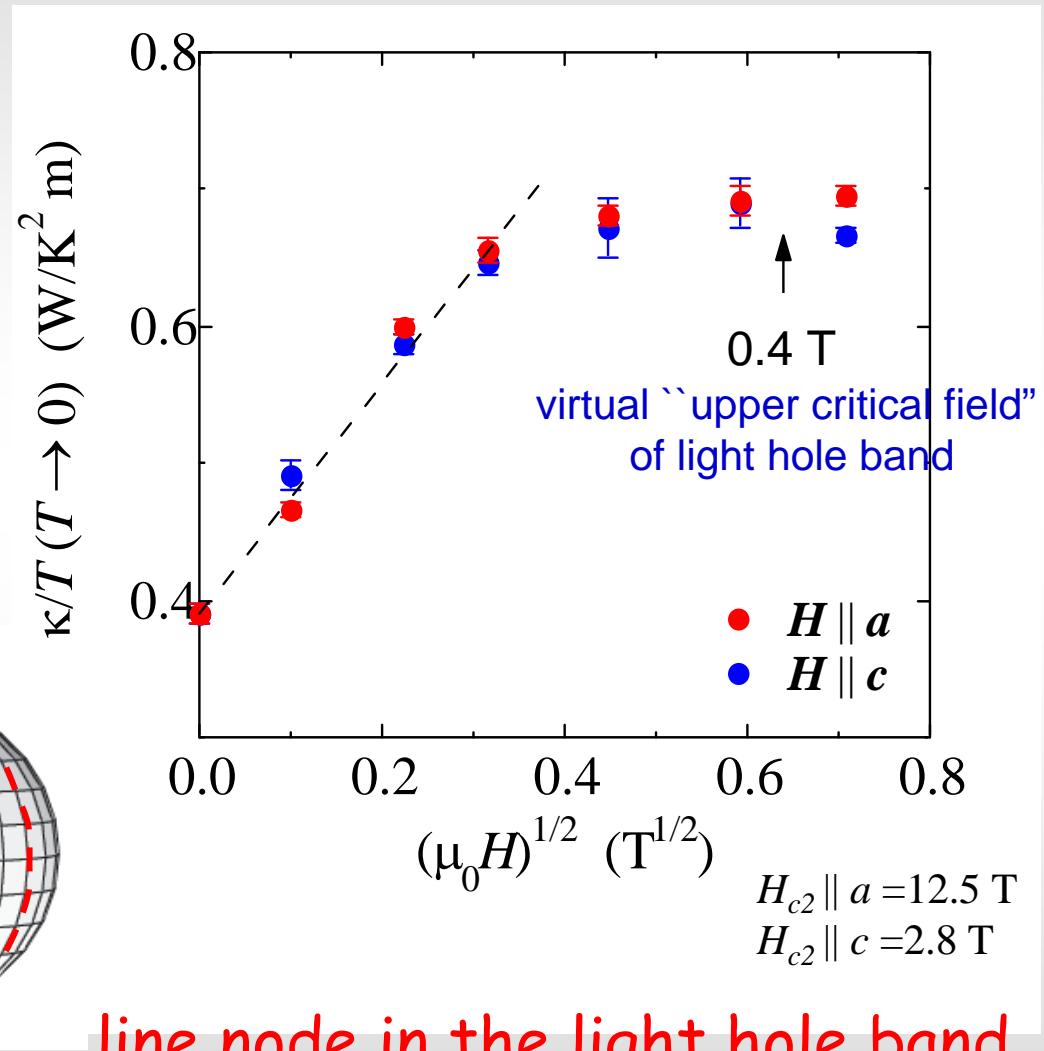


or



Horizontal

Vertical



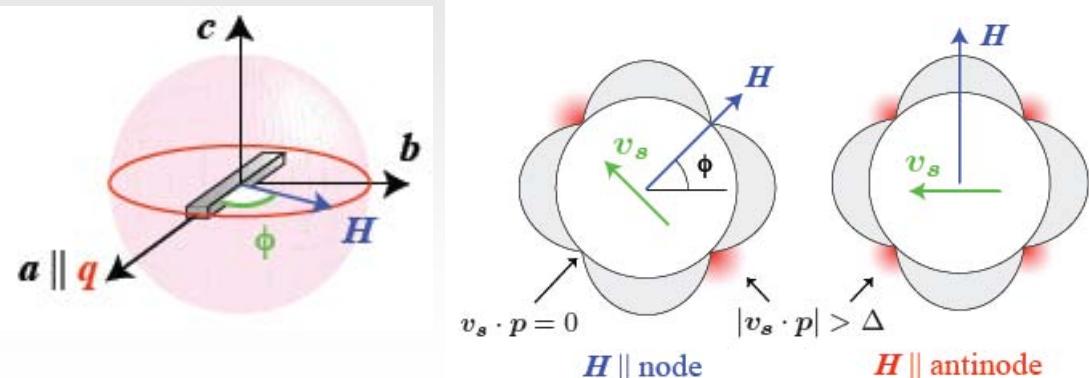
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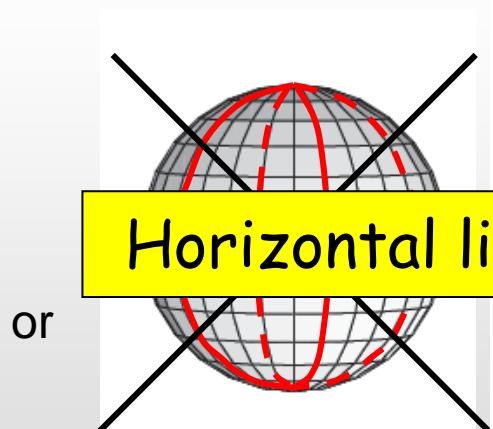
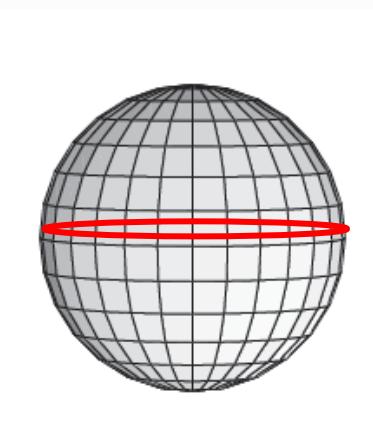
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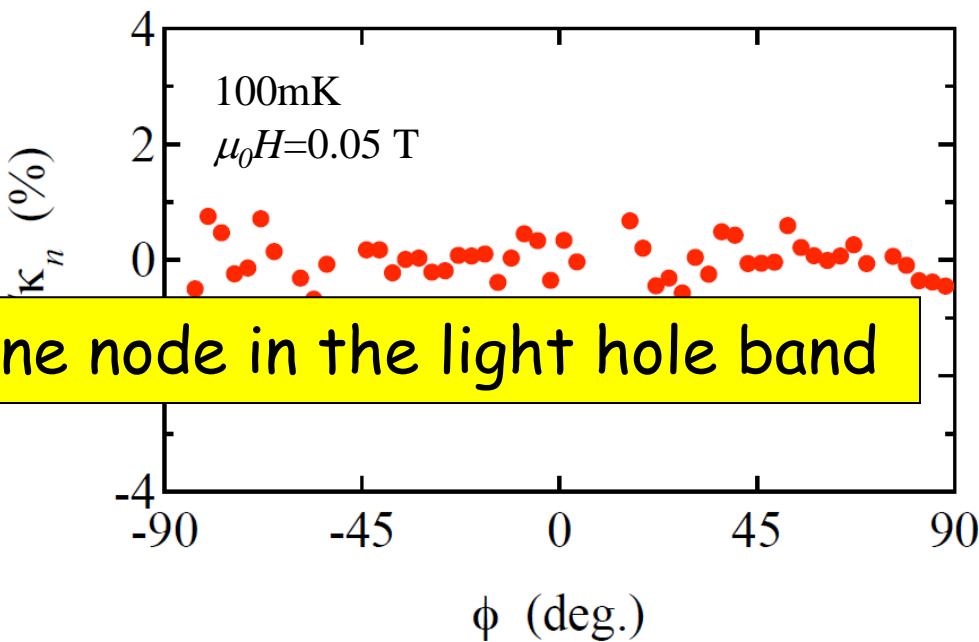
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Vertical



High field behavior of the thermal conductivity, which is governed by the elliptical heavy electron band

Anisotropic H -dependence

$H \parallel a$: convex H -dependence

Doppler shift occurs for $H \parallel a$

$H \parallel c$: H -independent

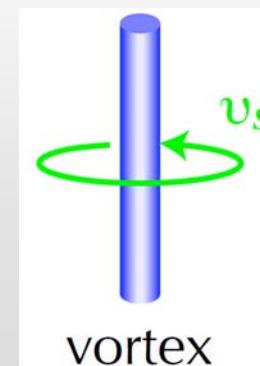
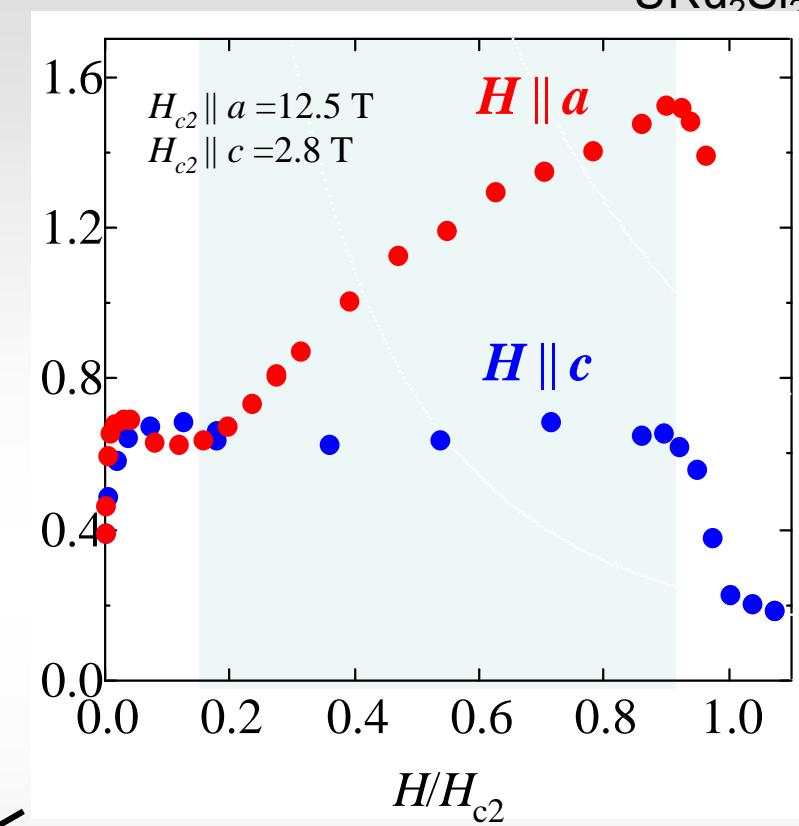
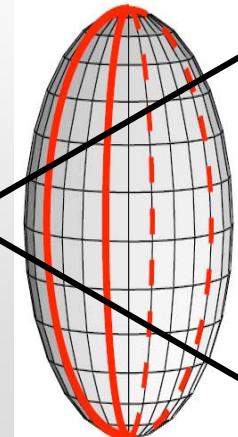
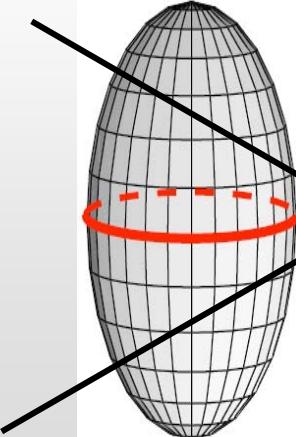
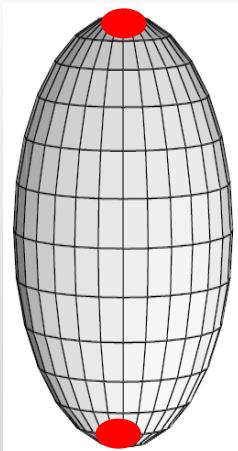
Doppler shift does NOT occur for $H \parallel c$

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superfluid velocity

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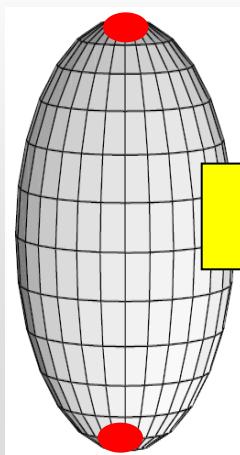
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vortex

H

inactive

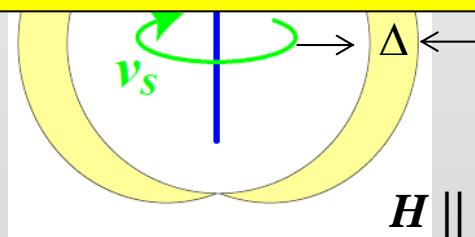
p

$|\mathbf{v}_s \cdot \mathbf{p}| = 0$

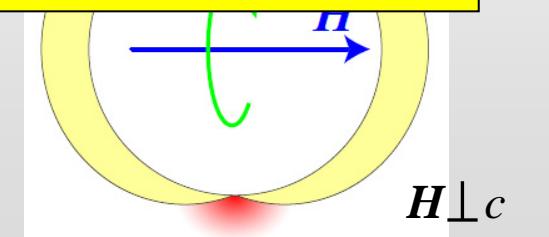
active

$|\mathbf{v}_s \cdot \mathbf{p}| > \Delta$

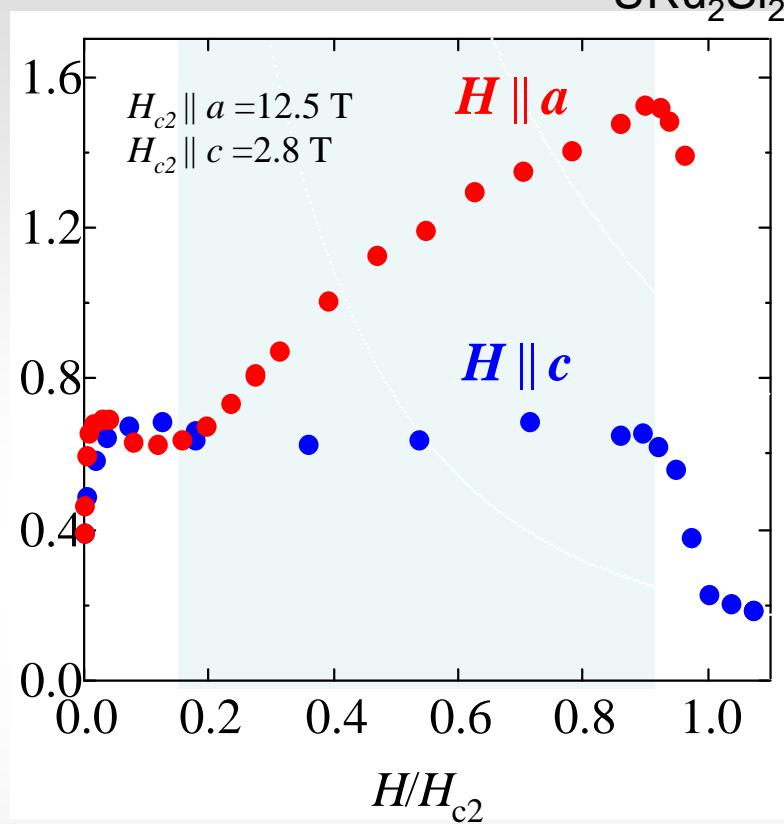
Point node along c -axis in heavy electron band



$H \parallel c$



$H \perp c$



Superconducting gap function of URu₂Si₂

(1) Spin-singlet

(2) Horizontal line node (light hole band)

(3) Point node along the c-axis (heavy electron band)

A simple classification by group theory

Even-parity (spin-singlet) pair states in a tetragonal crystal with point group D_{4h}

symmetry	basis function	nodal structure
A_{1g}	$1, k_x^2 + k_y^2, k_z^2$	Full gap
A_{2g}	$k_x k_y (k_x^2 - k_y^2)$	Vertical line node
$B_{1g} (d_{x^2-y^2})$	$k_x^2 - k_y^2$	Vertical line node
$B_{2g} (d_{xy})$	$k_x k_y$	Vertical line node
$E_g (1,0)$	$k_x k_z$	Vertical line node + Horizontal line node
$E_g (1,1)$	$k_z (k_x + k_y)$	Vertical line node + Horizontal line node
$E_g (1,i)$	$k_z (k_x + i k_y)$	Horizontal line node + Point node

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Superconducting gap symmetry

Chiral *d*-wave (E_g)

$$\hat{k}_z(\hat{k}_x \pm i\hat{k}_y)$$

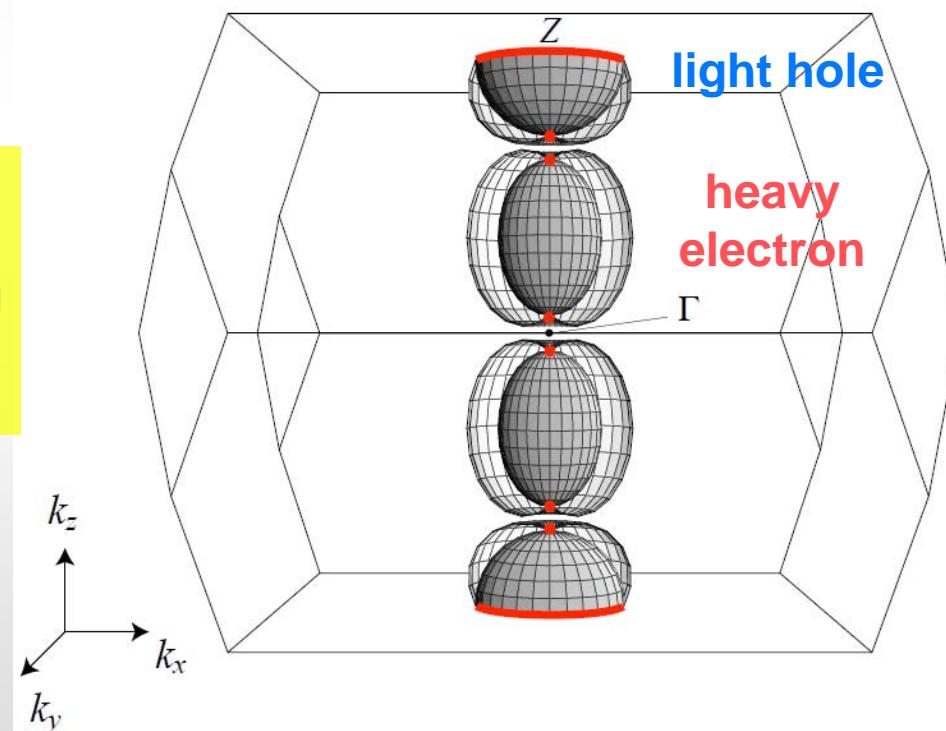
$$\Delta = \Delta_0 \sin \frac{k_z}{2}c \left(\sin \frac{k_x+k_y}{2}a \pm i \sin \frac{k_x-k_y}{2}a \right)$$

(Body center tetragonal)

horizontal line node $k_z = 0, \pm \frac{2\pi}{c}$

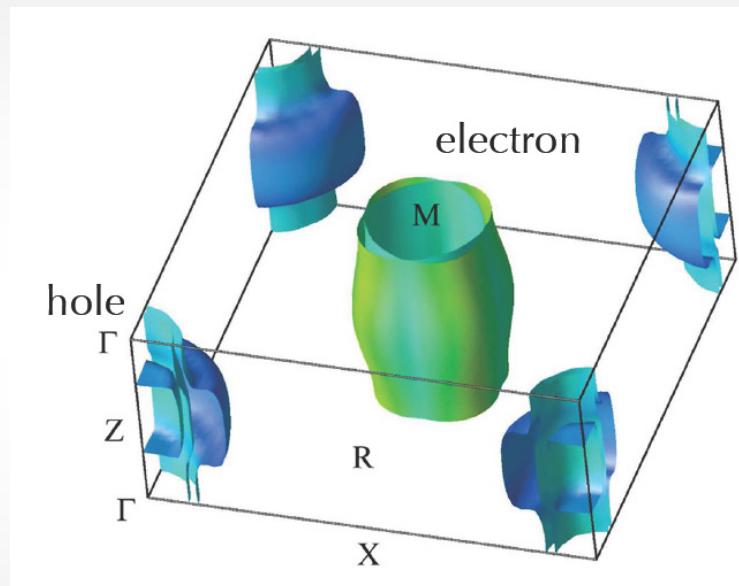
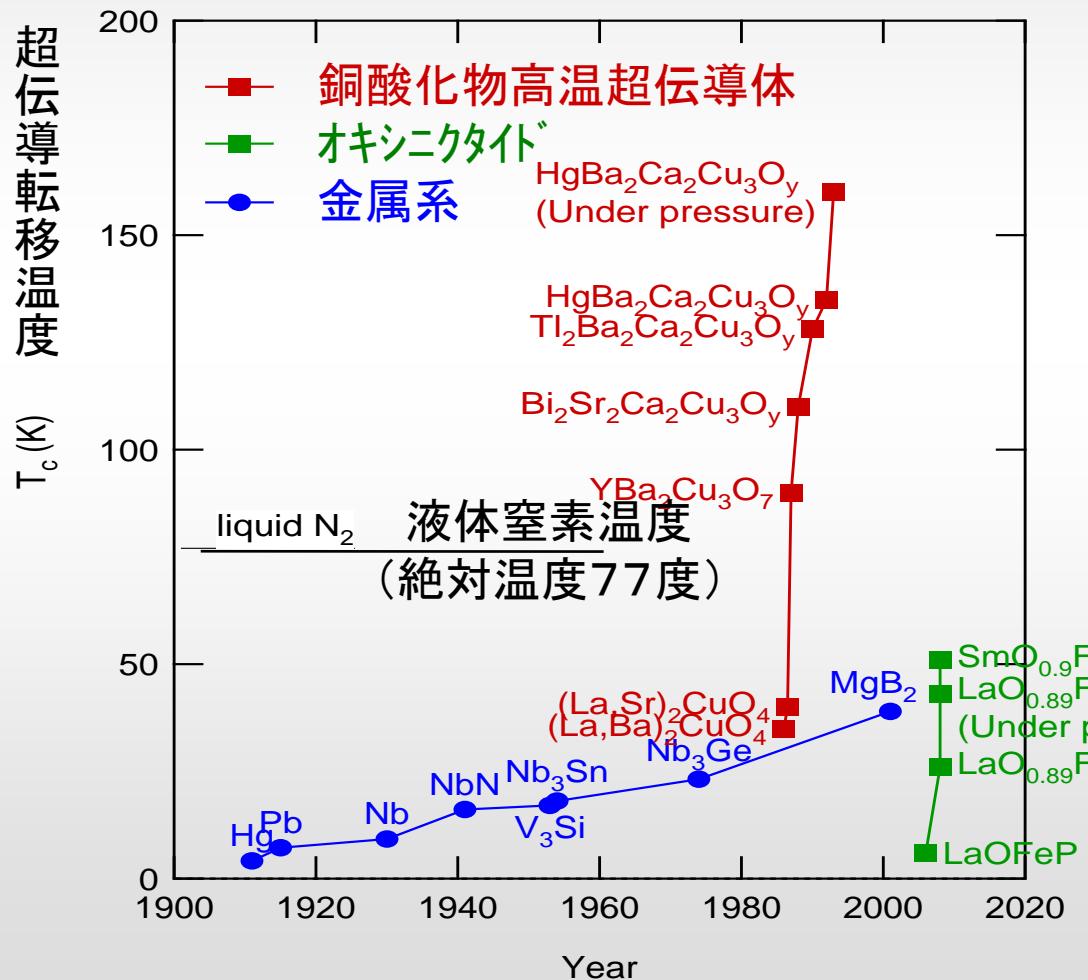
point node

$$k_x = k_y = 0$$



Microwave penetration depth measurements in the new Fe-based high- T_c superconductors

K. Hashimoto *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **102**, 017002 (2009).



Multiband
electronic structure

Probing low-energy quasiparticle excitations

- Penetration depth $\lambda(T)$

a direct probe for superfluid density

$$n_s = \frac{\lambda^2(0)}{\lambda^2(T)}$$

- full gap superconductors

$$\frac{\delta\lambda_{ab}(T)}{\lambda_{ab}(T)} \approx \sqrt{\frac{\pi\Delta}{2k_B T}} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta}{k_B T}\right)$$

- superconductors with line nodes

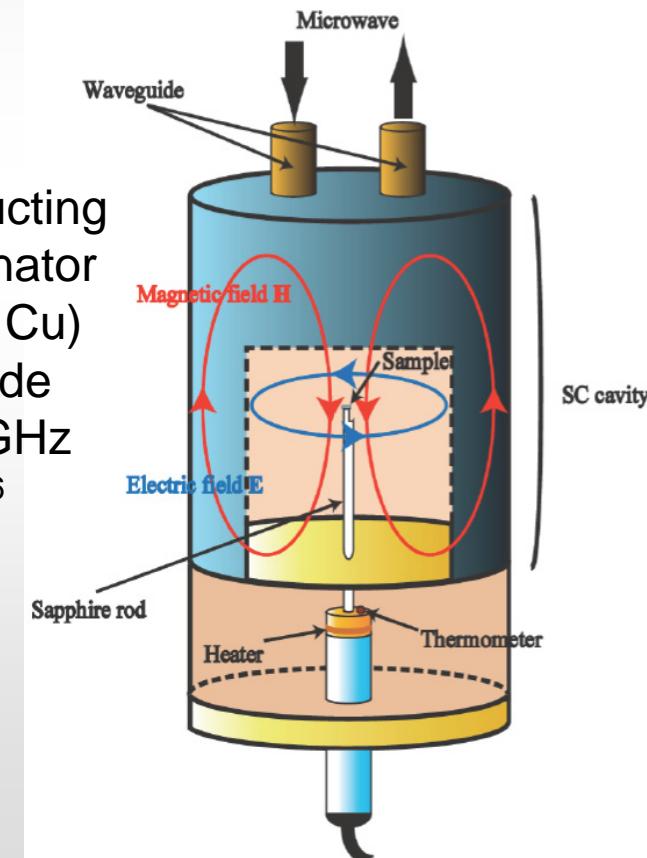
$$\frac{\delta\lambda_{ab}(T)}{\lambda_{ab}(T)} \approx \frac{\ln 2}{\Delta} k_B T$$

$\lambda > 10^3$ Å: reasonably representative of the bulk

$\lambda(T), \sigma_1(T)$
Surface impedance measurements

$$Z_s = R_s + iX_s = \left(\frac{i\mu_0\omega}{\sigma_1 - i\sigma_2}\right)^{-1/2}$$

$$X_s = \mu_0\omega\lambda(T)$$

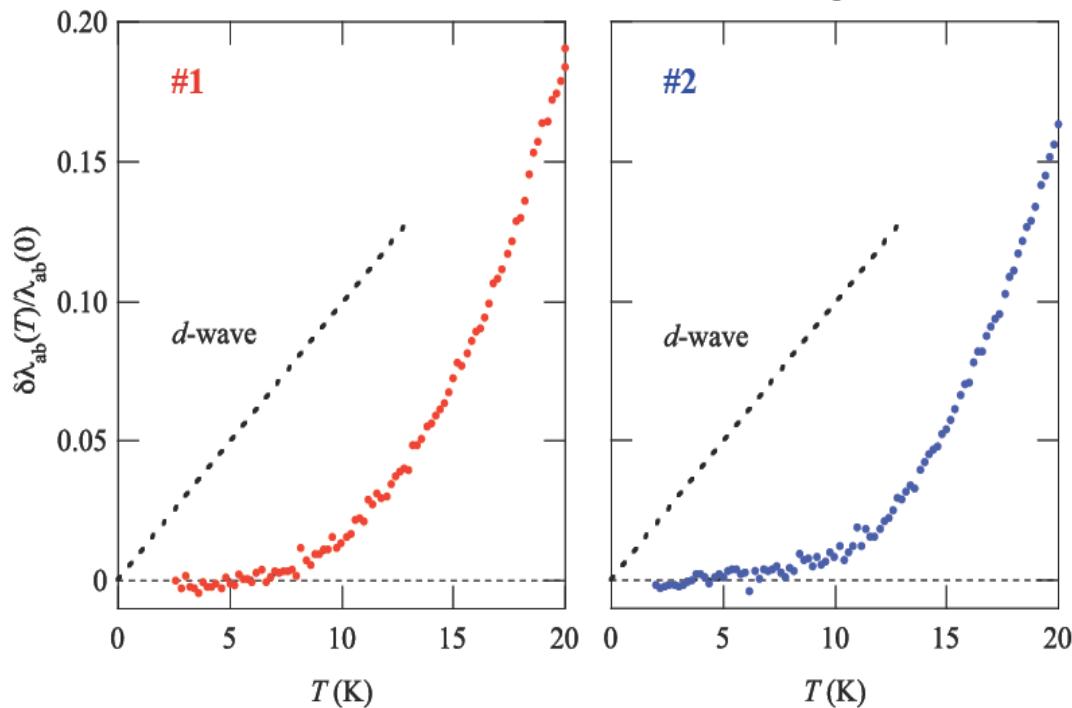


Results: penetration depth

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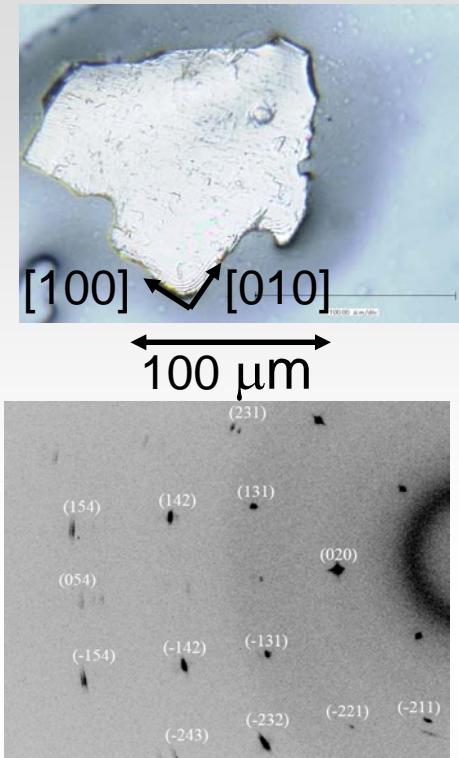


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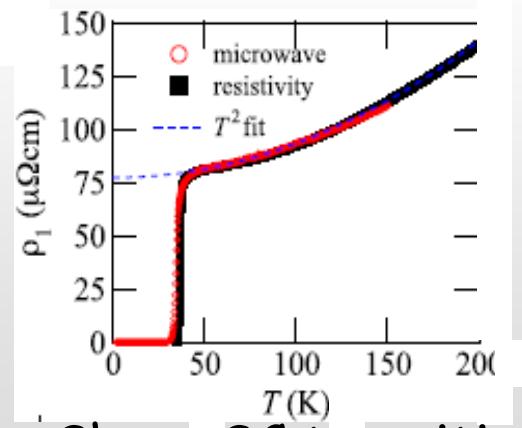
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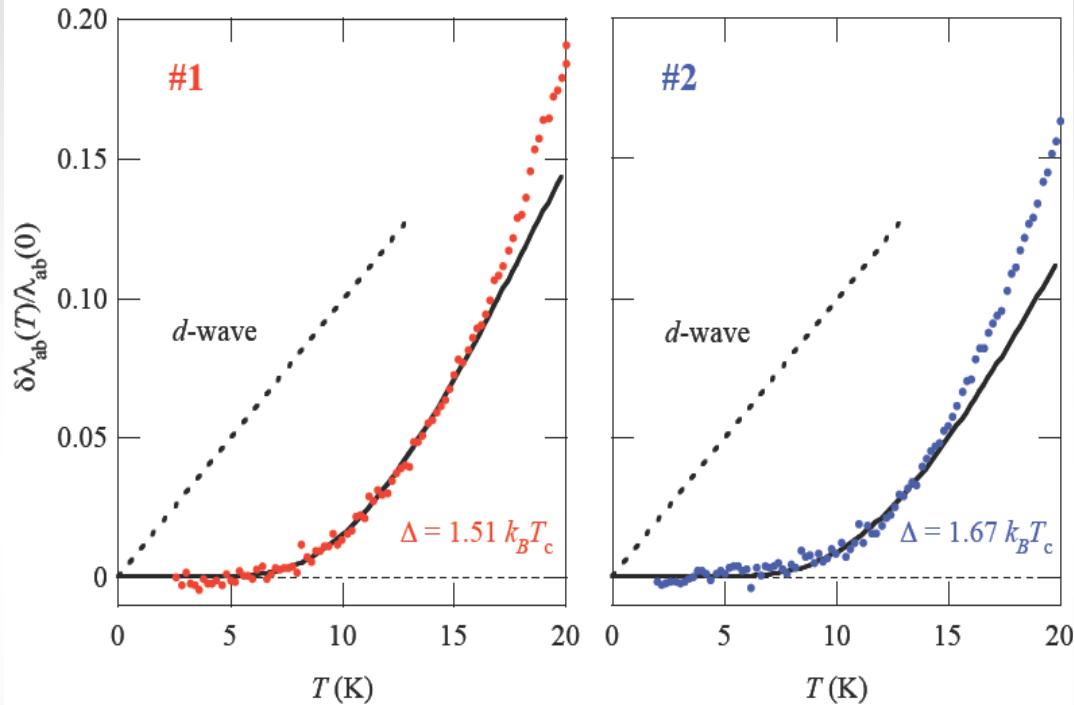
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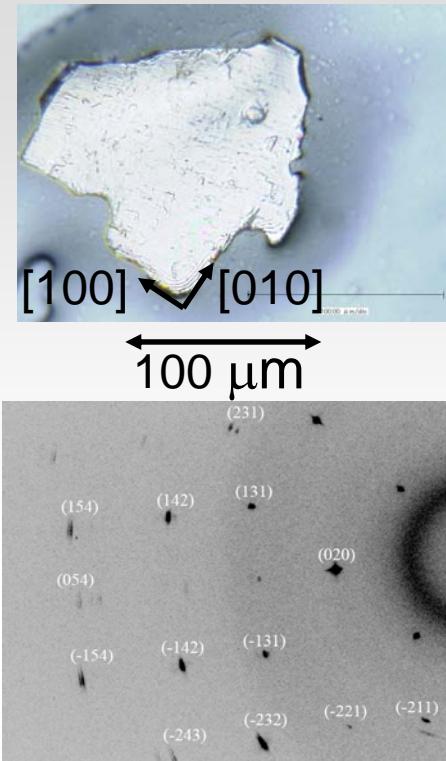
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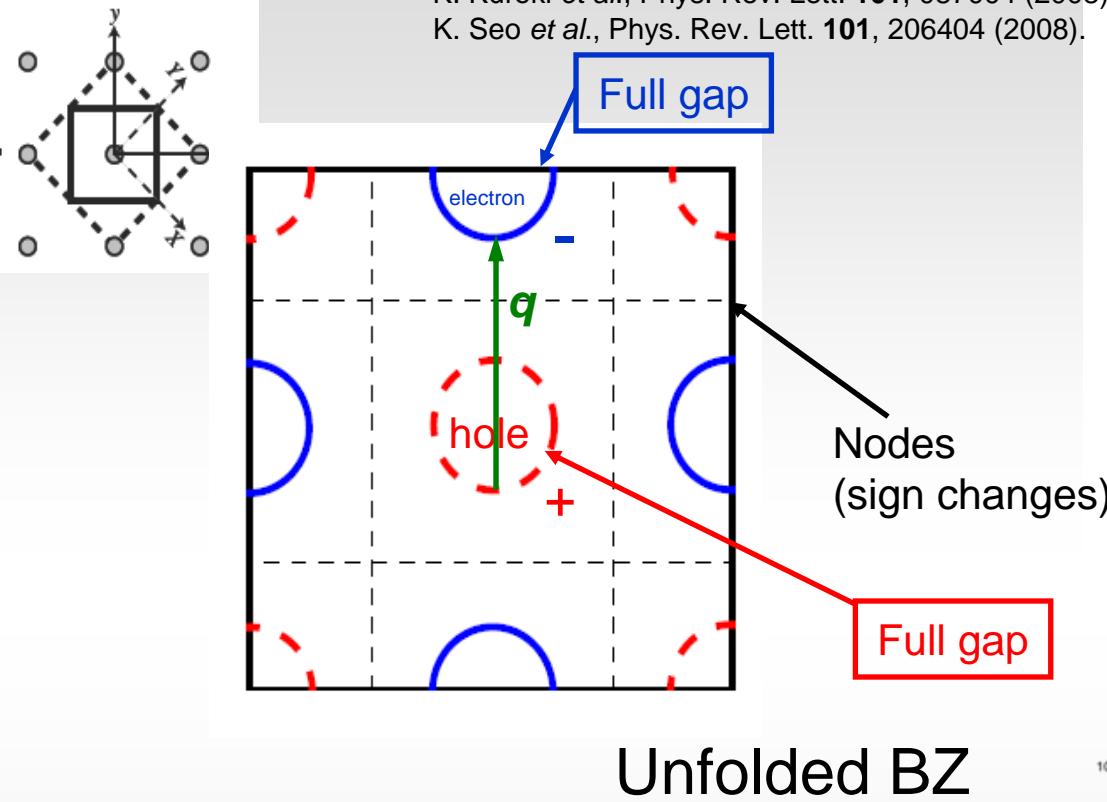
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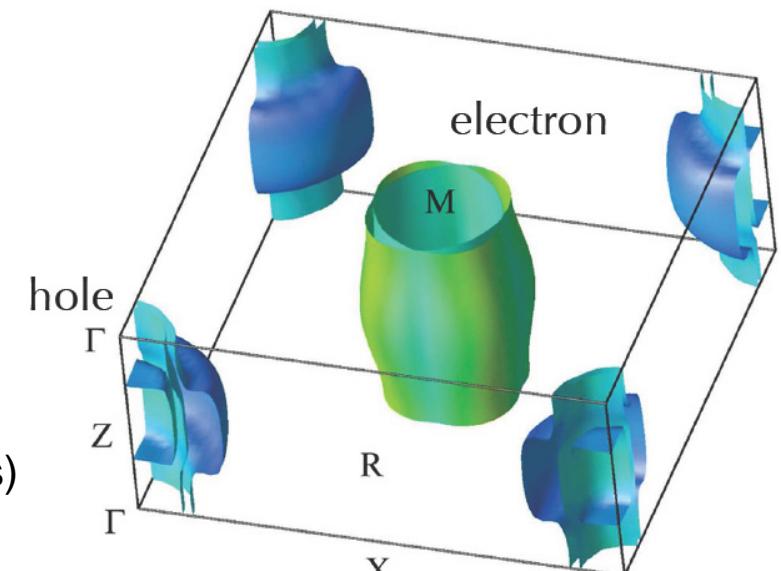
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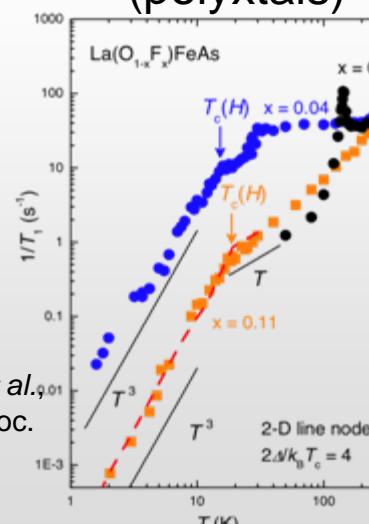


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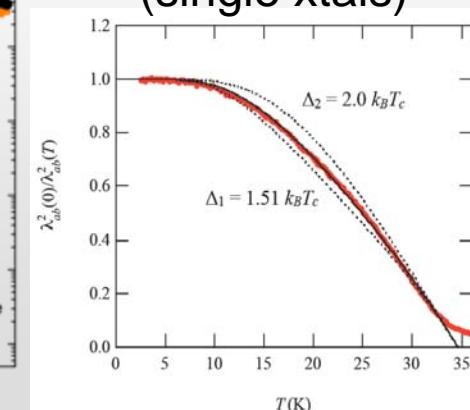
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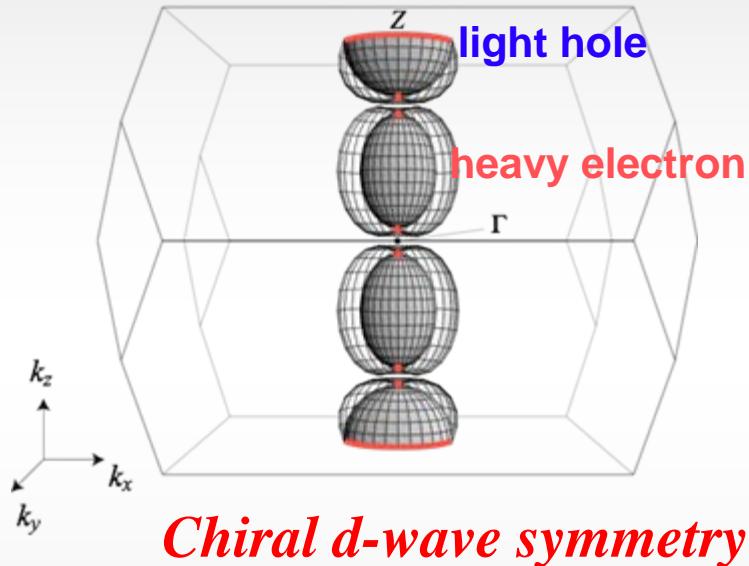


penetration depth
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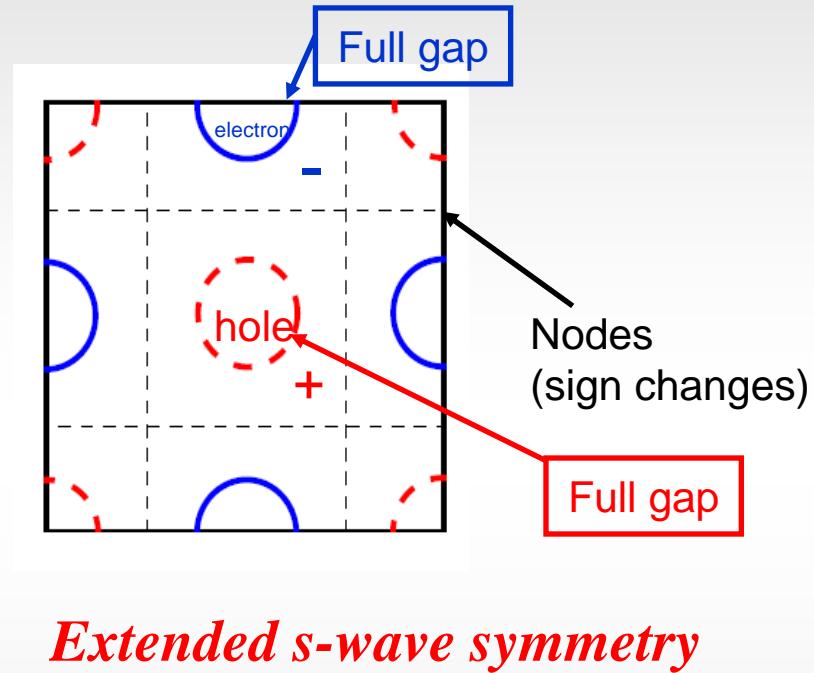


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