

# Extended t-J model – the variational approach

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# Phase diagram

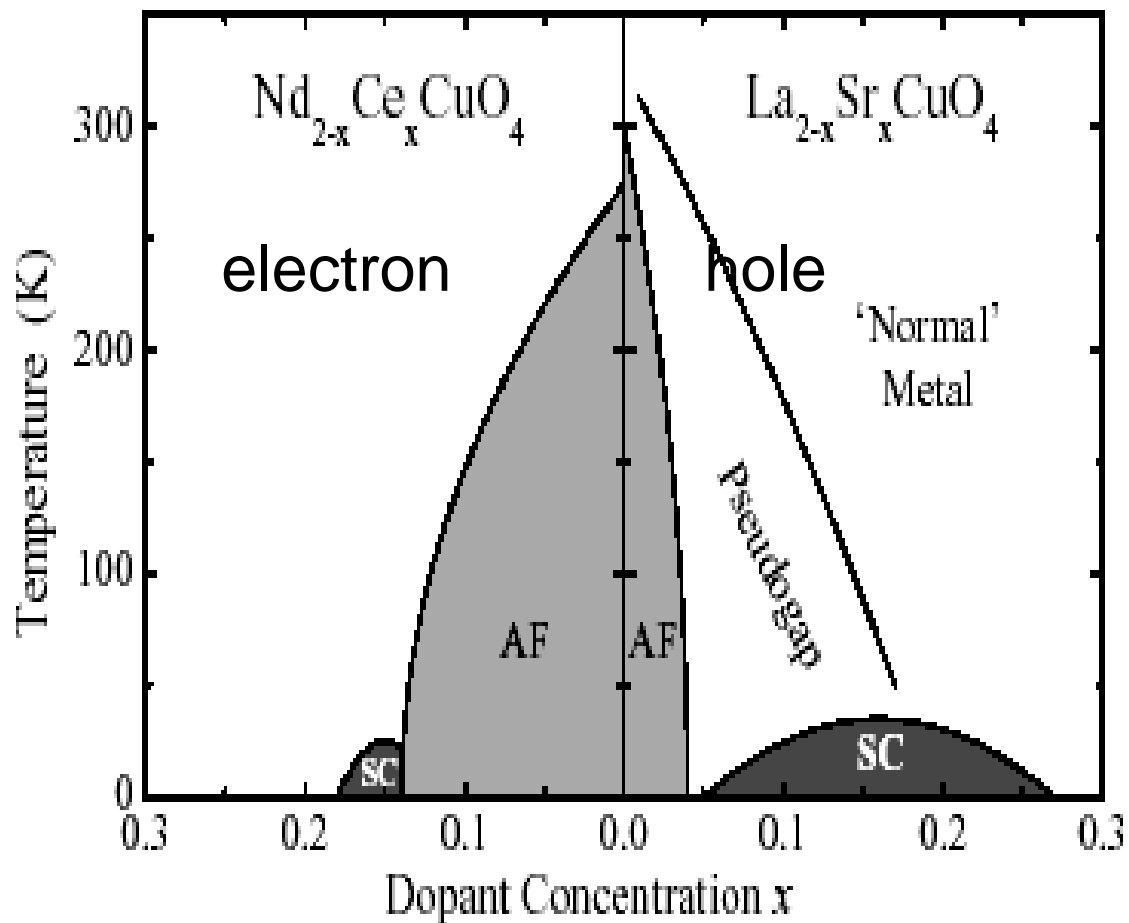
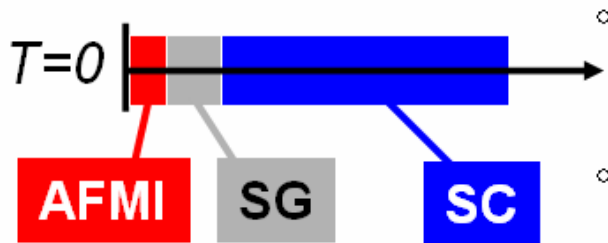
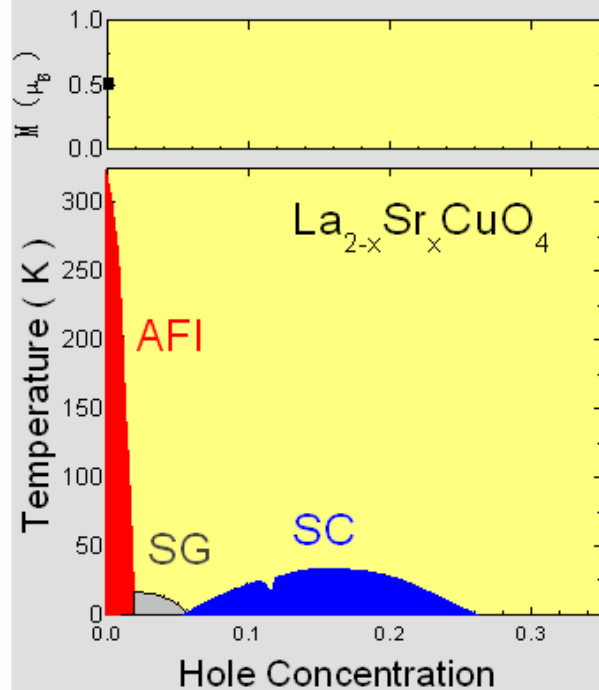
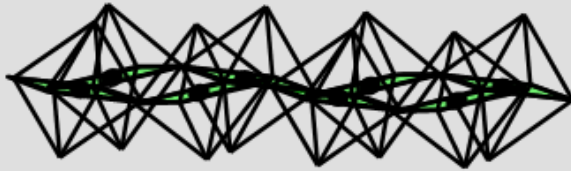
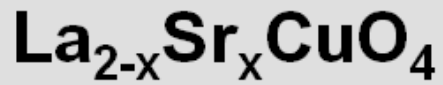


FIG. 1. Phase diagram of n and p-type superconductors.



Only AFM insulator (AFMI)?  
How about metal (AFMM),  
if no disorder?

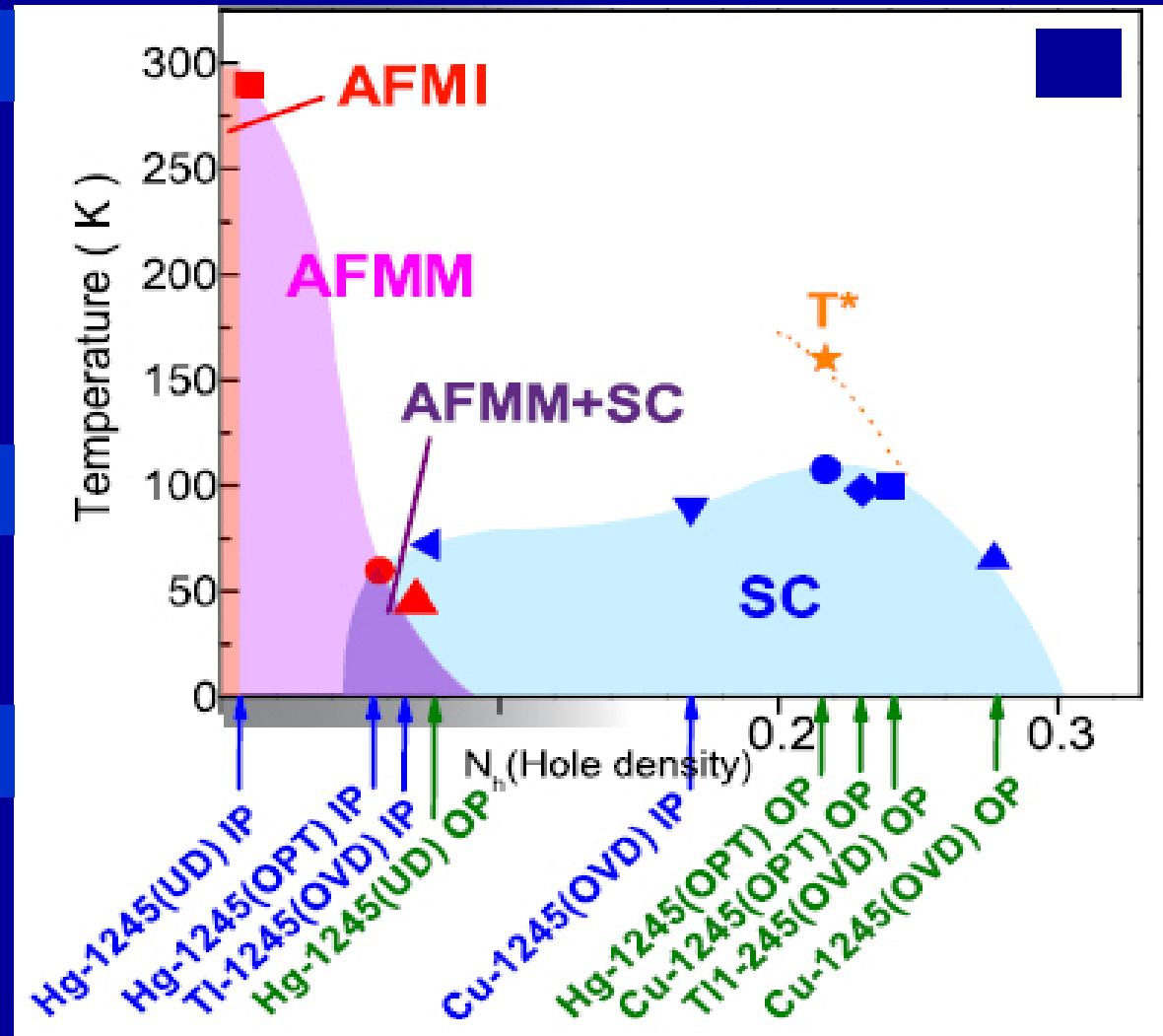
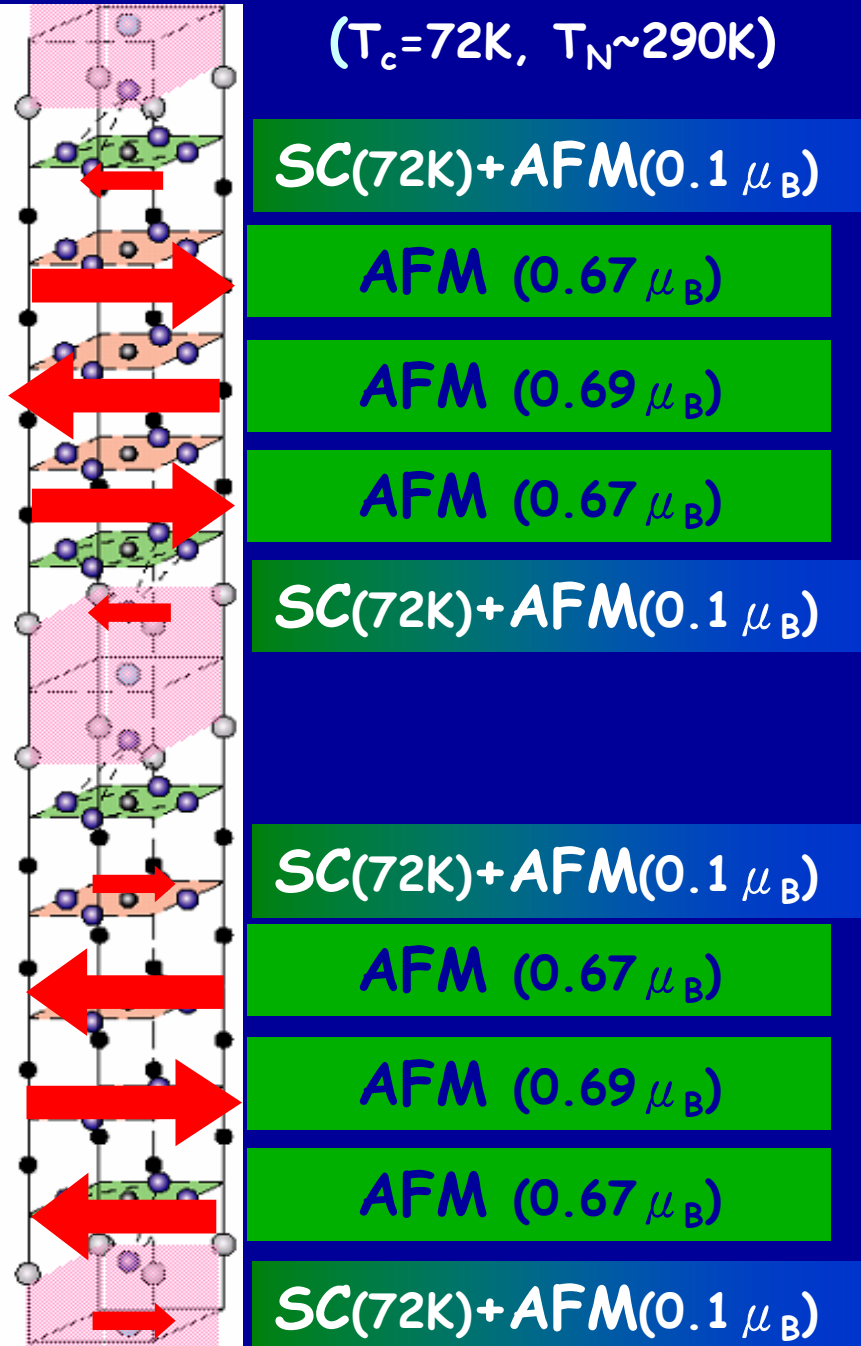
Coexistence of  
AF and SC?

Related to the  
mechanism of SC?

# UD Hg-1245

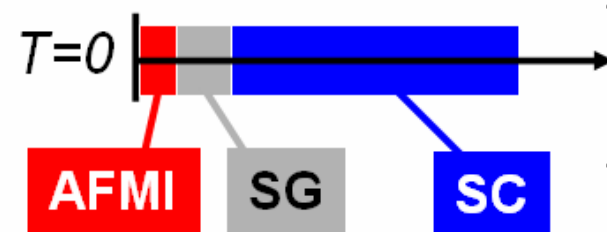
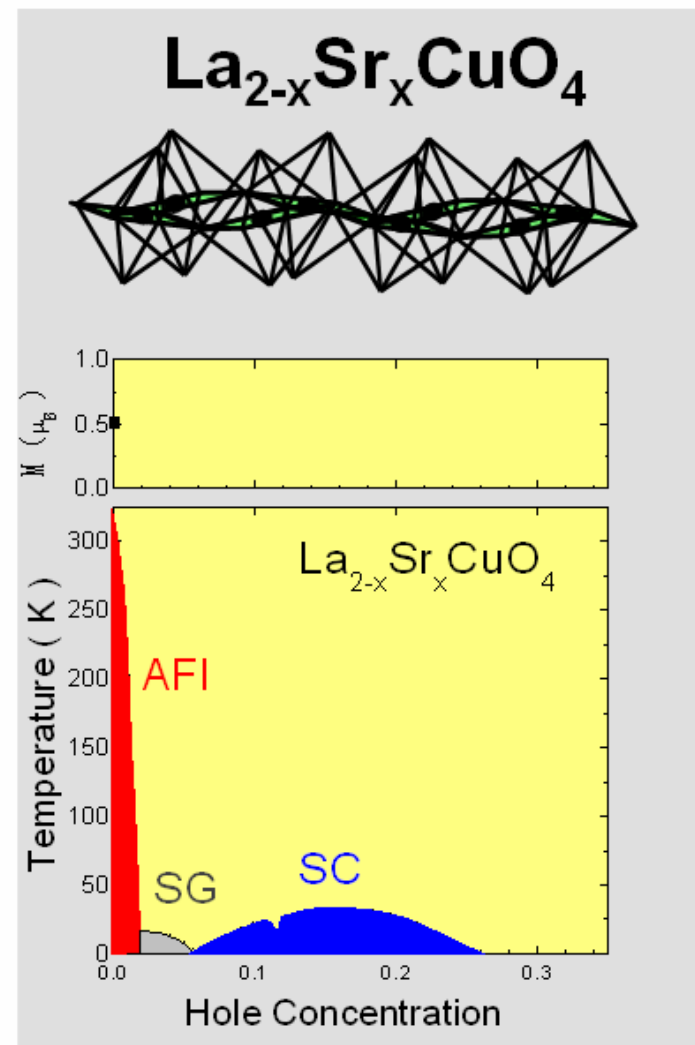
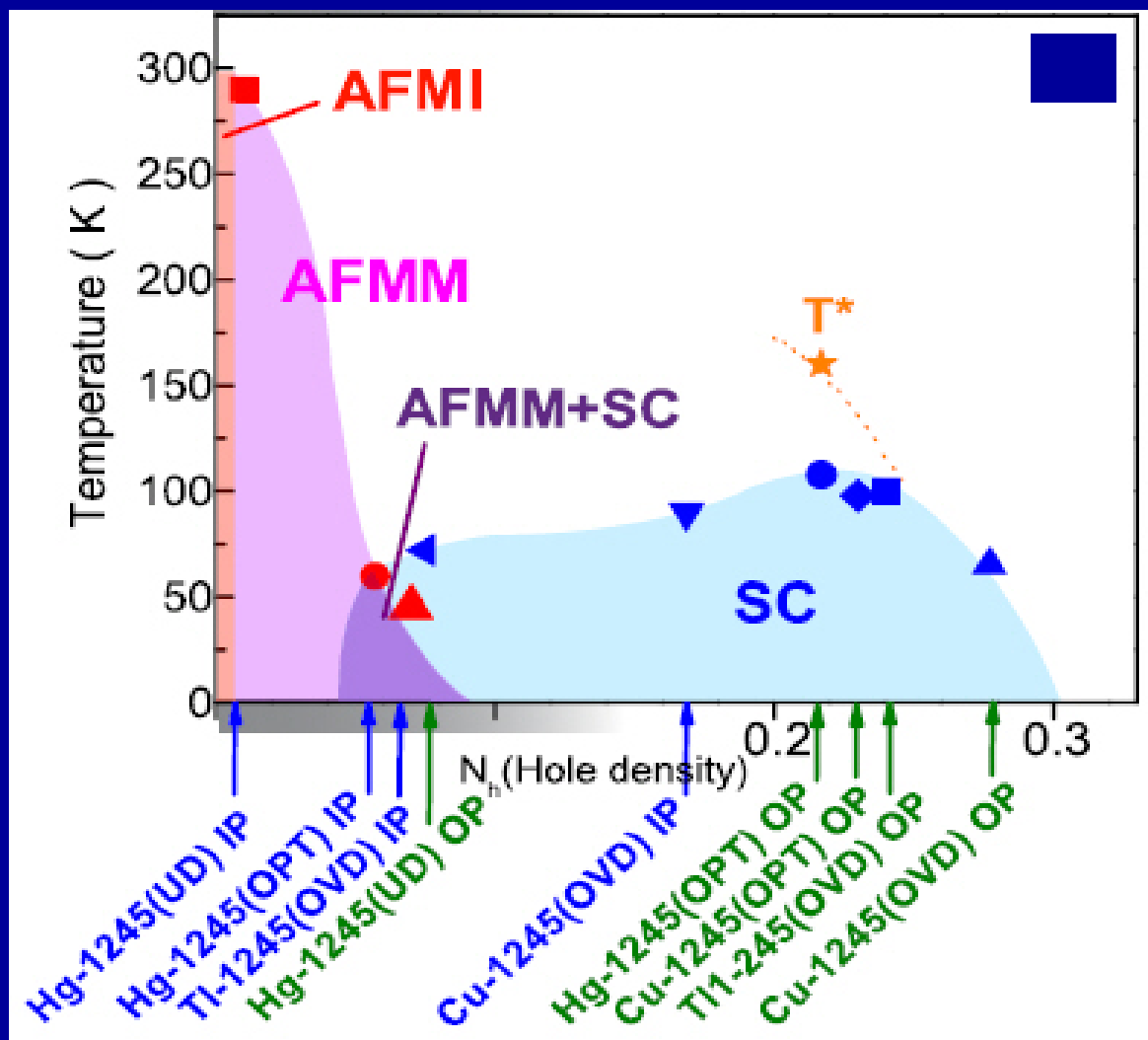
## Phase diagram for multi-layer systems

( $T_c=72\text{K}$ ,  $T_N\sim 290\text{K}$ )



H Mukuda et al., PRL ('06)

# "ideal" Phase diagram for hole-doped cuprates?



## Basic info from experiments

- 5 possible phases:  
AFMI, AFMM, d-wave SC, and AFM+d-SC, normal metal.
- e-doped system is different from hole-doped.
- Broken symmetries: particle and hole; AFM, SC...

Theoretical challenge:

the simplest model to account for all these properties?

To start, only consider the homogeneous solution.

# Minimal theoretical models

- **2D Hubbard model** –  $U$  and  $t$  differ by almost an order of magnitude, reliable numerical approaches:  
exact diagonalization (ED) for 18 sites with 2 holes (Becca et al, PRB 2000)  
finite temp. quantum Monte Carlo (QMC) , fermion sign problem ( Bulut, Adv. in Phys. 2002)

2D t-J type models –



**Model proposed by P.W. Anderson in 1987:  
t-J model on a two-dimensional square lattice, generalized to  
include long range hopping**

$$H = - \sum_{i,j,\sigma} t_{ij} (c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{j\sigma} + H.C.) + J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \left( \vec{s}_i \cdot \vec{s}_j - \frac{1}{4} n_i n_j \right)$$

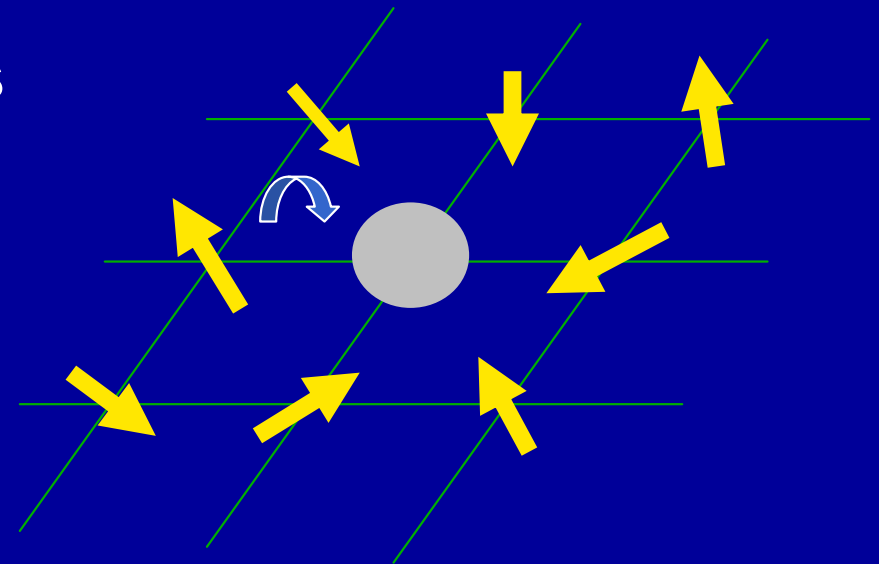
$$\vec{s}_i \rightarrow \text{spin } 1/2,$$

$$n_i = \sum_{\sigma} c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{i\sigma}$$

$t_{ij} = t$  for nearest neighbor charge hopping,  
 $t'$  for 2nd neighbors,  $t''$  for 3rd ,  $t'$  and  $t''$   
 breaks the particle-hole symmetry  
 $J$  is for n.n. AF spin-spin interaction

**Constraint:** For hole-doped systems  
 two electrons are not allowed  
 on the same lattice site

Three species: an up spin,  
 a down spin or an empty site or  
 a “hole”



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no finite temp. QMC – sign problem and strong constraint

ED for 32 sites with 1,2 and 4 holes (Leung, PRB)

# Variational Monte Carlo method

Expectation values of an operator  $O$  in  $|\Phi\rangle$ :

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{\langle \Phi | \hat{O} | \Phi \rangle}{\langle \Phi | \Phi \rangle} = \sum_{\alpha, \gamma} \frac{\langle \Phi | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | \hat{O} | \gamma \rangle \langle \gamma | \Phi \rangle}{\langle \Phi | \Phi \rangle}$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha} \frac{|\langle \alpha | \Phi \rangle|^2}{\langle \Phi | \Phi \rangle} \sum_{\gamma} \frac{\langle \gamma | \Phi \rangle}{\langle \alpha | \Phi \rangle} \langle \alpha | \hat{O} | \gamma \rangle \equiv \sum_{\alpha} \rho_{\alpha} f_{\alpha}$$

$$f_{\alpha} = \sum_{\gamma} \frac{\langle \gamma | \Phi \rangle}{\langle \alpha | \Phi \rangle} \langle \alpha | \hat{O} | \gamma \rangle$$

Bases:

$$|\alpha\rangle = \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\uparrow}} \prod_{j=1}^{N_{\downarrow}} c_{R_{i\uparrow}}^{\dagger} c_{R_{j\downarrow}}^{\dagger} |0\rangle$$

$$\rho_{\alpha} = \frac{|\langle \alpha | \Phi \rangle|^2}{\langle \Phi | \Phi \rangle}$$

-- the probability of config.  $\alpha$

$$\langle \alpha | \Phi \rangle = \det(\hat{a}_{\alpha})$$

Slater determinant

Metropolis algorithm

To improve the trial wave function, we could add a Jastrow factor with more parameters like

$$\hat{J} \bullet |\psi\rangle$$

$$\hat{J} = \prod_{i < j} \left( 1 - (1 - r_{ij}^\alpha) \cdot n_i^h n_j^h \right)$$

$$r_{ij} = \sqrt{\sin^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{L} (x_i - x_j) \right) + \sin^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{L} (y_i - y_j) \right)}$$

This term introduces power-law correlation between holes

When we have many variational parameters ( $p_i$ ), we could use the Stochastic reconfiguration (SR) method

Casula, *et. al.*, J. Chem. Phys. '04

Sorella, PRB '05

Yunoki and Sorella, PRB '06

Similar to steepest descent (SD) method, we define a “force”:

$$F_i \equiv -\frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} E(\Phi_{\mathbf{p}_i}) \quad \delta p_i = p'_i - p_i = F_i \delta t$$

We can obtain the next parameters  $p'_i$  by iterating

The energy improvement is approximately written as

$$\Delta E \equiv E(\Phi_{\mathbf{p}'_i}) - E(\Phi_{\mathbf{p}_i}) \simeq -\sum_{i=1}^{v_p} F_i \delta p_i = -\delta t \sum_{i=1}^{v_p} F_i^2$$

Energy will converge to the minimum when all  $F_i=0$ .

We can tune  $\delta t(>0)$  to control the convergence of iteration.

However, SD method overlooks a possibility that a small  $\delta p_i$  may lead to a large change of the wave function...

Therefore, we also need to minimize a “distance”:

$$\Delta_{\mathbf{p}} = 1 - \frac{\langle \Phi_{\mathbf{p}_i} | \Phi_{\mathbf{p}'_i} \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \Phi_{\mathbf{p}_i} | \Phi_{\mathbf{p}_i} \rangle \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{p}'_i} | \Phi_{\mathbf{p}'_i} \rangle}}$$

A functional is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} f(\delta p_i) &= \Delta E + \lambda \Delta_{\mathbf{p}} \\ &= - \sum_{i=1}^{v_p} F_i \delta p_i + \lambda \sum_{i,j=1}^{v_p} \delta p_i \delta p_j \hat{S}_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

$\lambda$  is a Lagrange multiplier

Minimization of  $f(\delta p_i)$  with respect to  $\delta p_i$ , we have a “new” iterated formula:

$$\delta p_i = \delta t \sum_{j=1}^{v_p} \hat{S}_{ij}^{-1} F_j \quad \delta t = 1/2\lambda$$

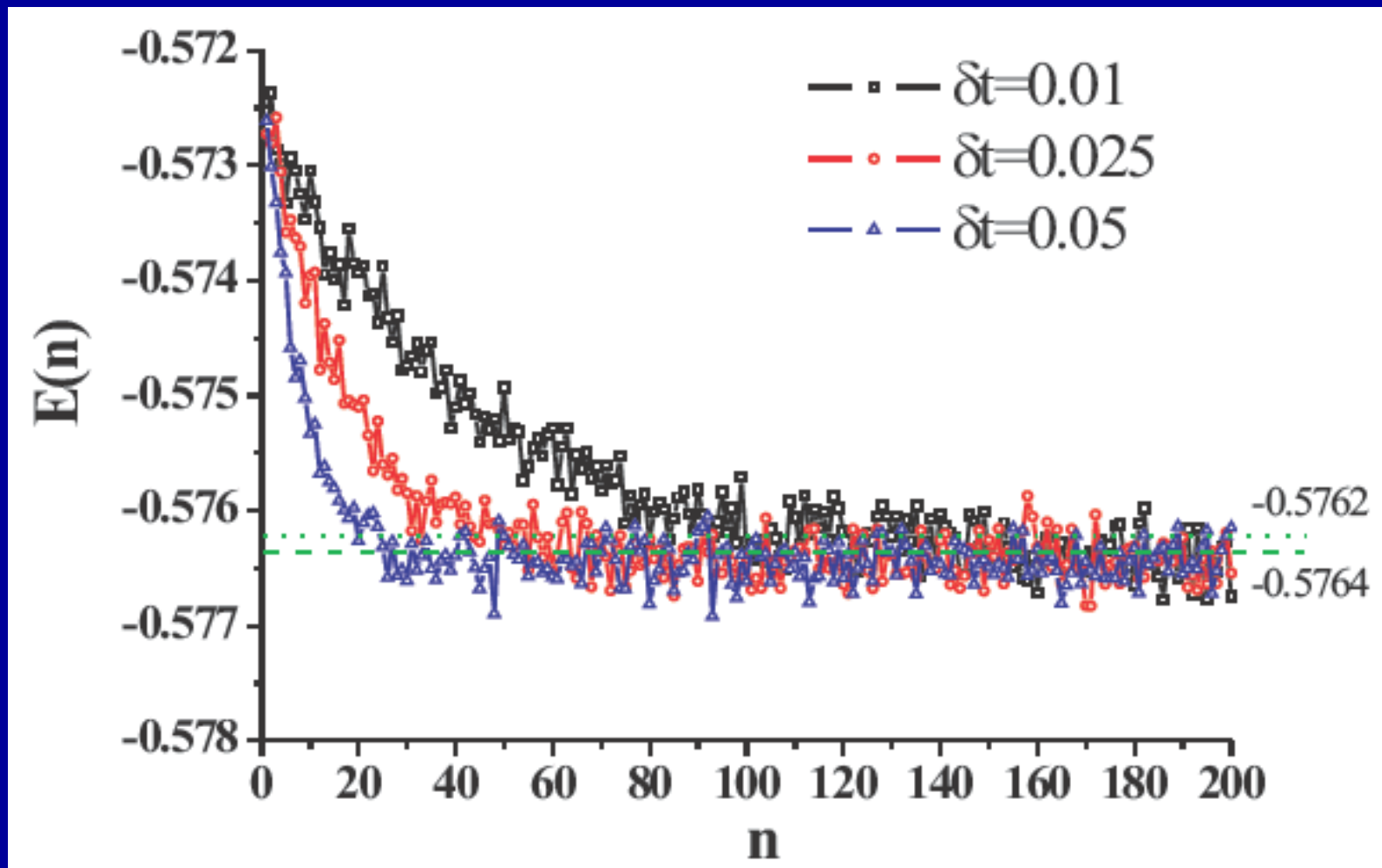
Then, the energy improvement for SR method becomes

$$\Delta E = -\delta t \sum_{i,j=1}^{v_p} \hat{S}_{ij}^{-1} F_i F_j$$

$S_{ij}$  matrix remains positive definite.

Sometimes  $S_{ij}$  has no inverse matrix for some unstable iterations. If so, we use the SD method instead.

How do we choose  $\delta t$  in SR method?



2D Lattice size=64

$t-t'-t''-J$  model with  $(t', t'', J) = (-0.3, 0.2, 0.3)$

Trial wave function:  $d$ -wave RVB wave function

$n$  is the number of iterations



## Beyond VMC approach – a less biased approach the Power-Lanczos method

For a given trial wave function,  $|\Phi\rangle$ , we approach the ground state in two steps:

### 1. Lanczos iteration

$$|\Phi^{(1)}\rangle = |\Phi\rangle + \frac{C_1}{N} \mathbf{H} |\Phi\rangle$$

We denote this state as  $|\text{PL1}\rangle$

$$|\Phi^{(2)}\rangle = |\Phi\rangle + \frac{C_1}{N} \mathbf{H} |\Phi\rangle + \frac{C_2}{N^2} \mathbf{H}^2 |\Phi\rangle$$

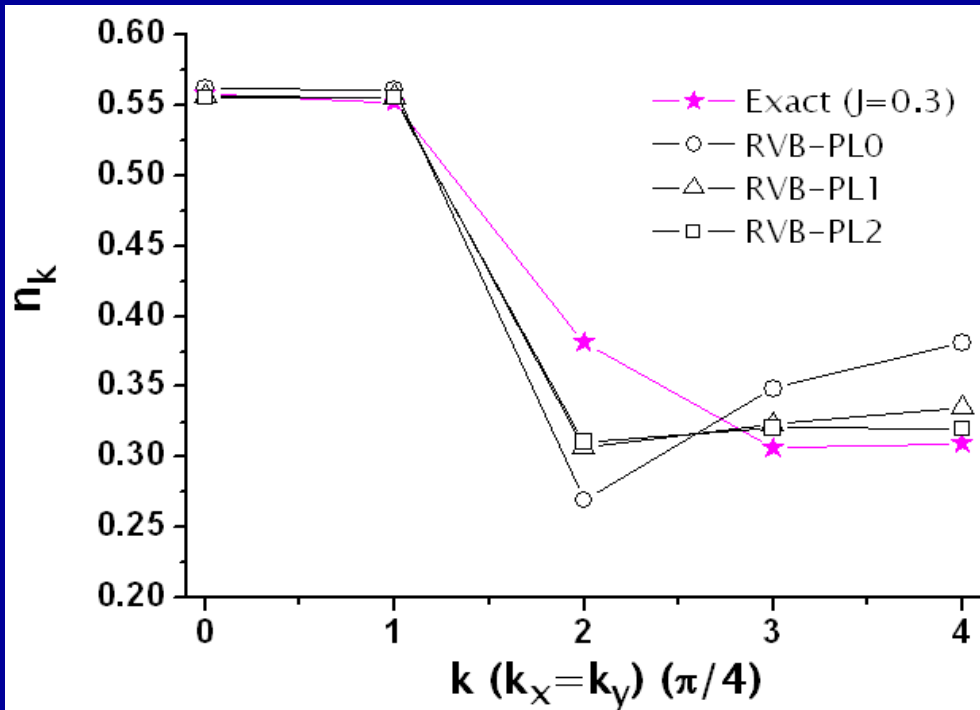
$|\text{PL2}\rangle$

$C_1$  and  $C_2$  are taken as variational parameters

### 2. Power Method

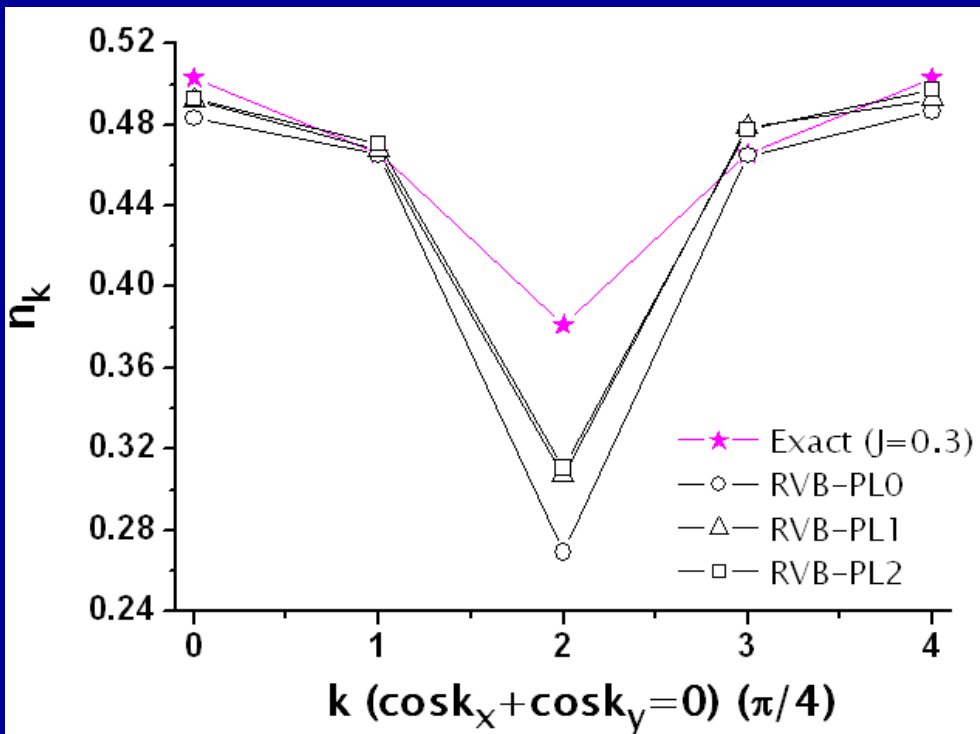
$$|\Phi_n^{(l)}\rangle = (W - \mathbf{H})^n |\Phi^{(l)}\rangle$$

$$|\text{GS}\rangle = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\Phi_n^{(l)}\rangle = (W - \mathbf{H})^n |\Phi^{(l)}\rangle$$



After PL,  $n_k$ ,  $HH(R)$ , and energy get closer to exact results!

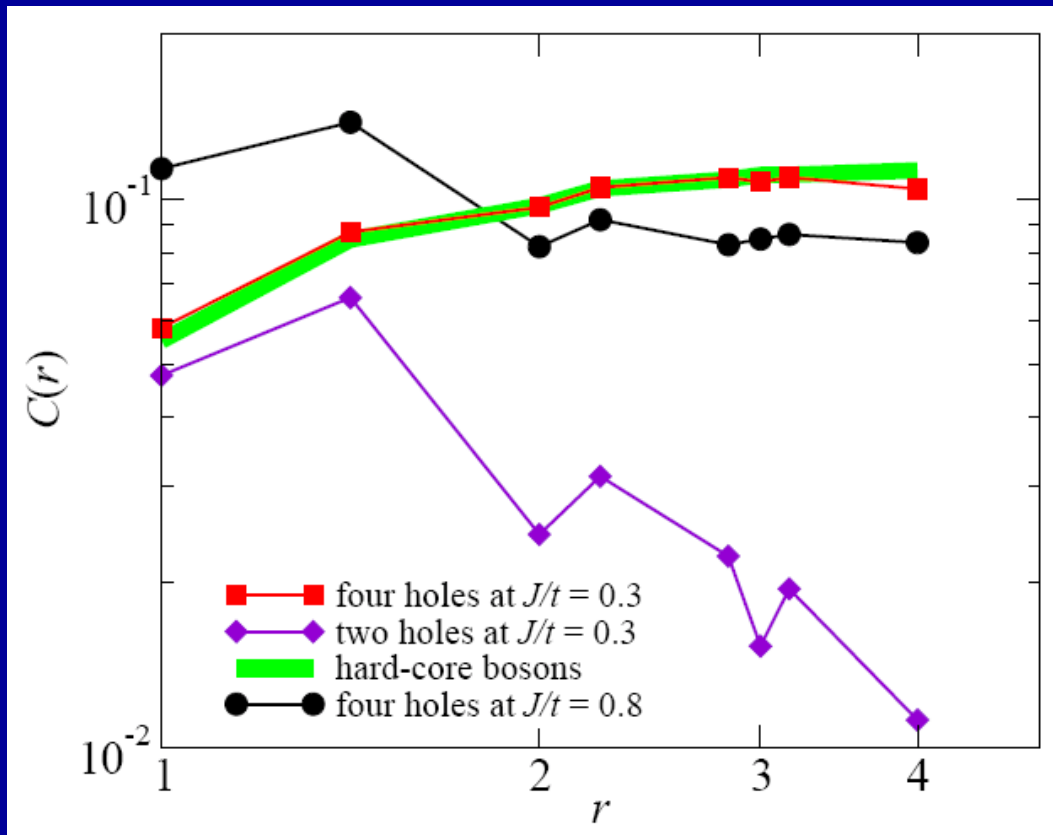
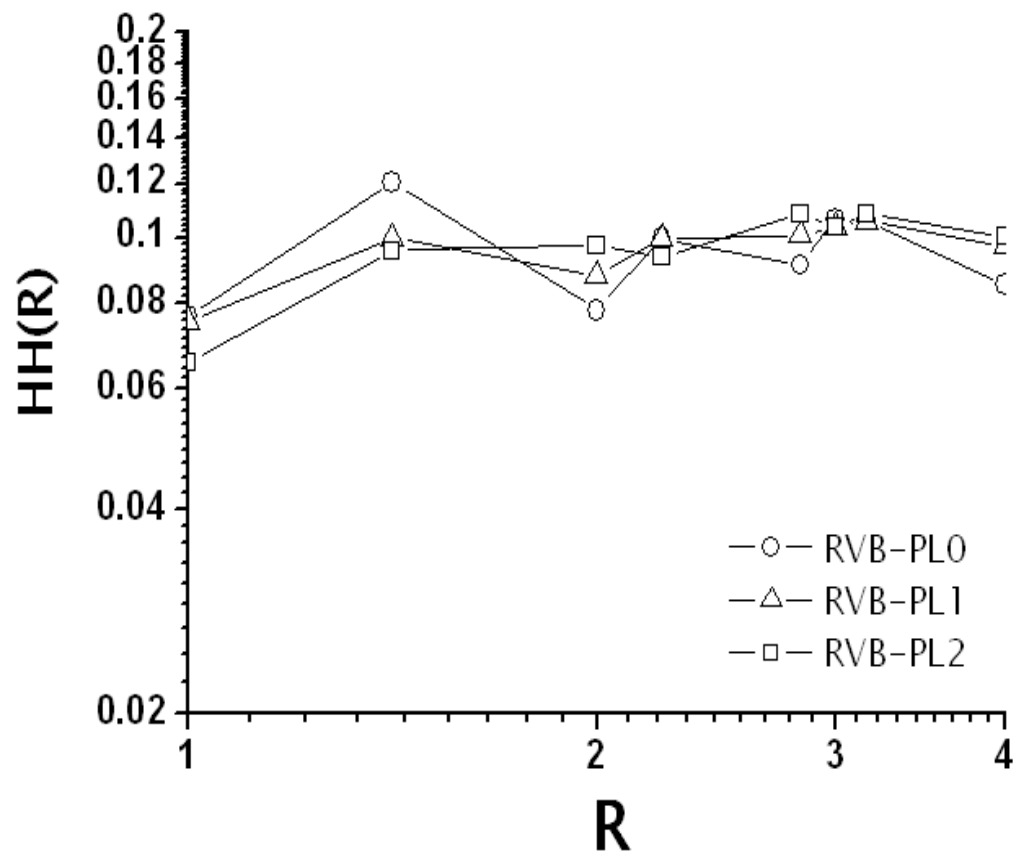
For the  $t$ - $J$  model, Leung PRB 2006, 4 holes in 32 sites



### PL Energy

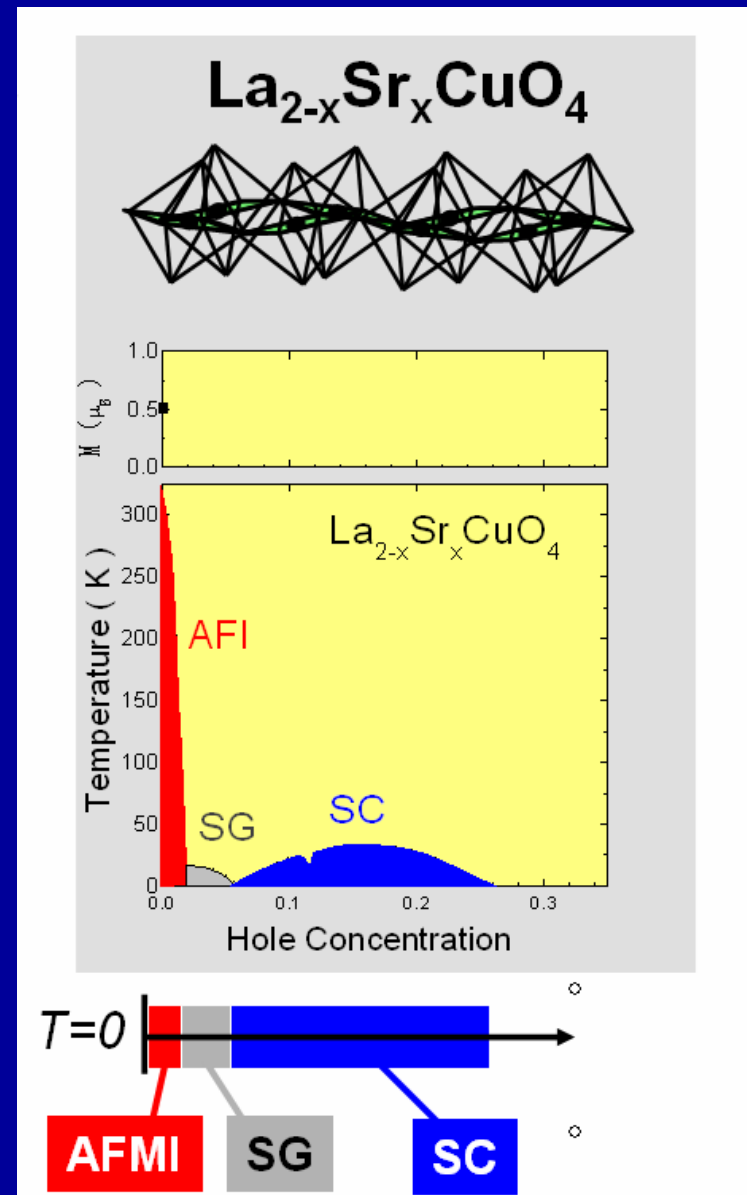
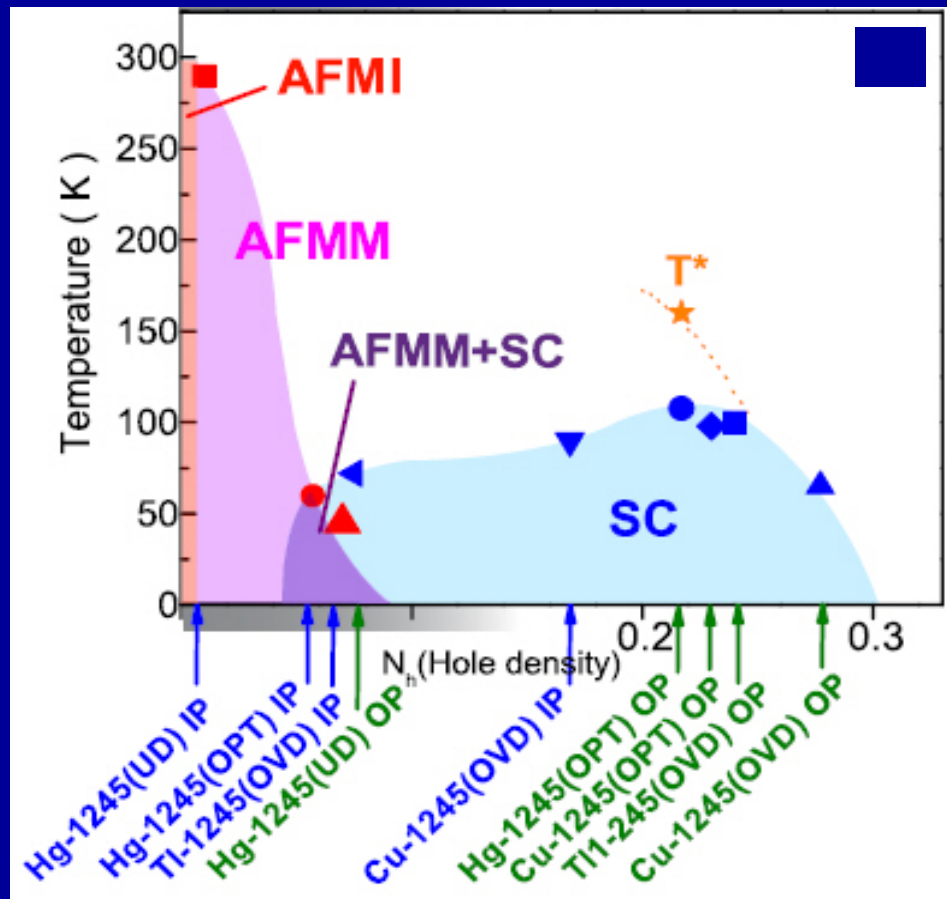
J=0.3	E
Exact	-0.583813
RVB(PL0)	-0.5431
RVB(PL1)	-0.5654
RVB(PL2)	-0.5709

# HH(R) – the hole-hole correlation function



# Trial wave functions for hole-doped systems

Must account for : Mott insulator  
AFM, SC , AFM+SC?



$$H = -\sum_{i,j\sigma} t_{ij} (c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{j\sigma} + H.C.) + J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \left( \mathbf{s}_i \cdot \mathbf{s}_j - \frac{1}{4} n_i n_j \right)$$

AFM is natural!  
D-wave SC?

In 1987, Anderson pointed out the superexchange term

$$\begin{aligned} H_J &= J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \left( \mathbf{s}_i \cdot \mathbf{s}_j - \frac{1}{4} n_i n_j \right) \\ &= -\frac{J}{2} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} (c_{i,\uparrow}^+ c_{j,\downarrow}^+ - c_{i,\downarrow}^+ c_{j,\uparrow}^+) (c_{i,\downarrow} c_{j,\uparrow} - c_{i,\uparrow} c_{j,\downarrow}) \\ &= -\frac{J}{2} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \Delta_{i,j}^+ \Delta_{i,j} \end{aligned}$$

This provides the pairing mechanism!

It can be easily shown that near half-filling this term only favors d-wave pairing for 2D Fermi surface!

Spin or charge pairing?

The resonating-valence-bond (RVB) variational wave function proposed by Anderson ( originally for s-wave and no  $t'$ ,  $t''$ ),

$$|RVB\rangle = P_d \left[ \prod_k (u_k + v_k C_{k,\uparrow}^+ C_{-k,\downarrow}^+) \right] |0\rangle = P_d |BCS\rangle$$

The Gutzwiller operator  $P_d = \prod_i (1 - n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow})$  enforces no doubly occupied sites for hole-doped systems

$$v_k / u_k = \frac{E_k - \varepsilon_k}{\Delta_k}, \quad \Delta_k = \Delta_v (\cos k_x - \cos k_y)$$

$$\varepsilon_k = -2(\cos k_x + \cos k_y) - 4t'_v \cos k_x \cos k_y - 2t''_v (\cos 2k_x + \cos 2k_y) - \mu_v,$$

$$E_k = \sqrt{\varepsilon_k^2 + \Delta_k^2}$$

four variational parameters,  $t'_v$ ,  $t''_v$ ,  $\Delta_v$ , and  $\mu_v$

d-RVB = A projected d-wave BCS state!

AFM was not considered.

# The simplest way to include AFM:

$$|\psi_{tr}\rangle = \exp(h^* \sum_i (-1)^i S_z^i) |\text{RVB}\rangle$$

Lee and Feng, PRB 1988, for t-J

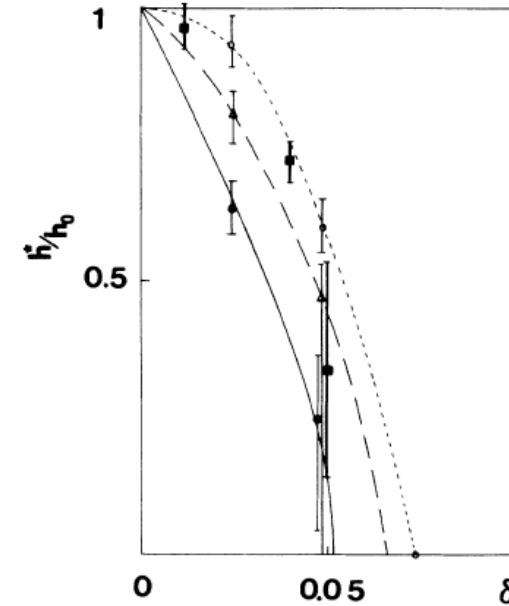


FIG. 3. Data of the ratio  $h^*/h_0$  as a function of the hole concentration  $\delta$  for  $\Delta=0.6$ ,  $t/J=5$  (solid circles),  $\Delta=0.6$ ,  $t/J=2.5$  (open circles),  $\Delta=0.2$ ,  $t/J=5$  (triangles), and internal field measurement (Ref. 4) of  $(\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Ba}_x)_2\text{CuO}_4$  (squares), respectively. Typical error bars are shown.

TABLE I. A comparison of the ground-state energy and sublattice magnetization for the Heisenberg model on a two-dimensional square lattice.

Author(s)	$-\langle \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \rangle$	$M_s/2$	Method
Anderson (Ref. 17), Kubo (Ref. 18)	0.329	0.303	Spin wave
Horsch and von der Linden (Ref. 13)	0.3219(9)	0.335	Variational
Oitmaa and Betts (Ref. 12)	0.328(3)	0.24	Finite lattice
Yokoyama and Shiba (Ref. 19)	0.321(1)	0.43	Variational SDW
Gros (Ref. 9)	0.319(1)	0	Variational RVB
Huse and Elser (Ref. 16)	0.3319	0.355	Variational
Liang <i>et al.</i> (Ref. 20)	0.3344(2)	0.375	Variational RVB
Present work	0.332(5)	0.37(1)	Variational

Use mean field theory to include AFM,

$$\pm \Delta = \left\langle c_{i\uparrow} c_{j\downarrow} - c_{i\downarrow} c_{j\uparrow} \right\rangle \begin{cases} +, & \text{if } i - j = \hat{x} \\ -, & \text{if } i - j = \hat{y} \end{cases}$$

Lee and Feng, PRB38, 1988; Chen, et al., PRB42, 1990; Giamarchi and Lhuillier, PRB43, 1991; Lee and Shih, PRB55, 1997; Himeda and Ogata, PRB60, 1999

Assume AFM order parameters:

staggered magnetization

$$m = \left\langle s_A^z \right\rangle = -\left\langle s_B^z \right\rangle$$

And uniform bond order

$$\chi = \left\langle \sum_{\sigma} c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{j\sigma} \right\rangle$$

Two sublattices and two bands – upper and lower spin-density-wave (SDW) bands



# RVB + AFM for the half-filled ground state (no t, t' and t'')

$$|\psi_0\rangle = P_d \left[ \sum_k (A_k a_{k\uparrow}^+ a_{-k\downarrow}^+ + B_k b_{k\uparrow}^+ b_{-k\downarrow}^+) \right]^{Ne/2} |0\rangle$$

$Ne = \#$  of sites

$a_{k\sigma}$  – lower SDW &  $b_{k\sigma}$  – upper SDW bands

$$A_k = \frac{E_k + \xi_k}{\Delta_k} \quad \& \quad B_k = -\frac{E_k - \xi_k}{\Delta_k} \quad P_d = \prod_i (1 - n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow})$$

$$E_k = \left( \xi_k^2 + \Delta_k^2 \right)^{1/2} \quad \xi_k = \left[ \left( \frac{3}{4} J\chi \right)^2 (\cos k_x + \cos k_y)^2 + (Jm)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

Variational results

$$\langle S_i^p \cdot S_j^p \rangle = -0.3324(1)$$

staggered moment  $m = 0.367$

“best” results

$$-0.3344$$

$$0.375 \sim 0.3$$

Liang, Doucot  
And Anderson

The wave function for adding holes or removing electrons from the half-filled RVB+AFM ground state

Lee and Shih, PRB55, 5983(1997); Lee *et al.*, PRL 90 (2003); Lee *et al.* PRL 91 (2003).

Creating charge excitations to the Mott Insulator “vacuum”.

The state with one hole (two parameters:  $m_v$  and  $\Delta_v$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\psi_{1h}(k, S_z = 1/2)\rangle &\propto c_{-k\downarrow} |\psi_0\rangle \\
 &= P_d c_{k\uparrow}^+ \left[ \sum_{q \neq k} (A_q a_{q\uparrow}^+ a_{-q\downarrow}^+ + B_q b_{q\uparrow}^+ b_{-q\downarrow}^+) \right]^{Ne/2-1} |0\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

**A down spin with momentum  $-k$  ( &  $-k + (\pi, \pi)$  ) is removed from the half-filled ground state. --- This is different from all previous wave functions studied.**

$$H = - \sum_{i,j\sigma} t_{ij} (c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{j\sigma} + H.C.) + J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \left( \mathbf{s}_i \cdot \mathbf{s}_j - \frac{1}{4} n_i n_j \right)$$

Without the long range hopping terms,  $t'$  and  $t''$ , the model Hamiltonian, t-J model, has the particle-hole symmetry:  $c_{i\sigma}^+ \rightarrow c_{i\sigma}$

$t'$  and  $t''$  break the symmetry between doping electrons and holes!

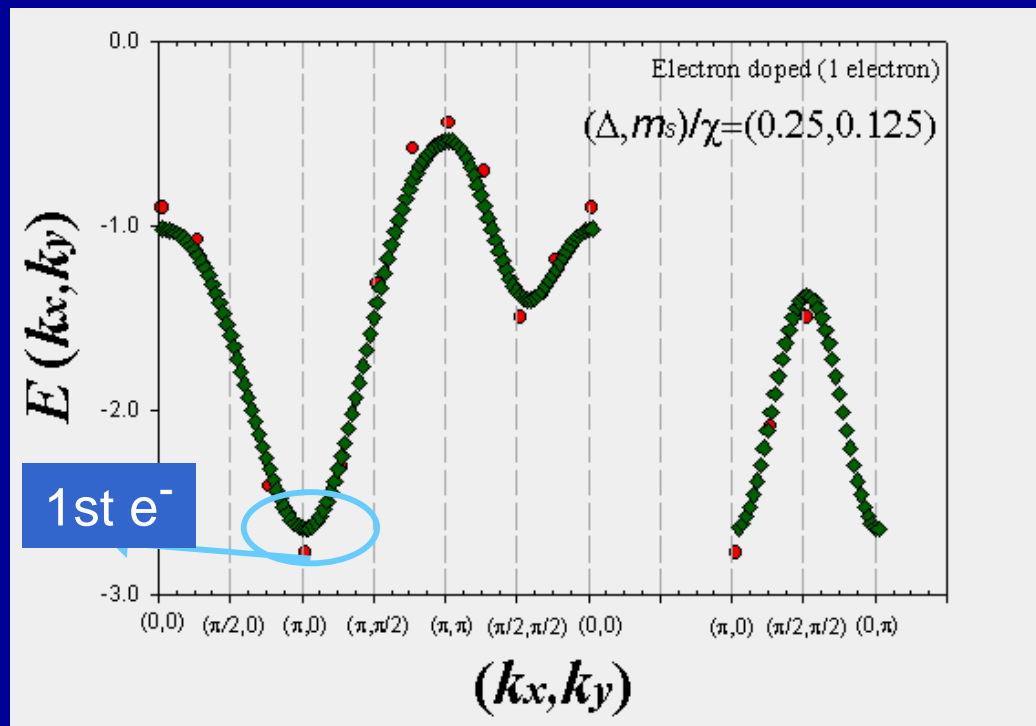
From hole-doped to electron-doped, just change  $t'/t \rightarrow -t'/t$  and  $t''/t \rightarrow -t''/t$

Different Hamiltonians – different phase diagram.

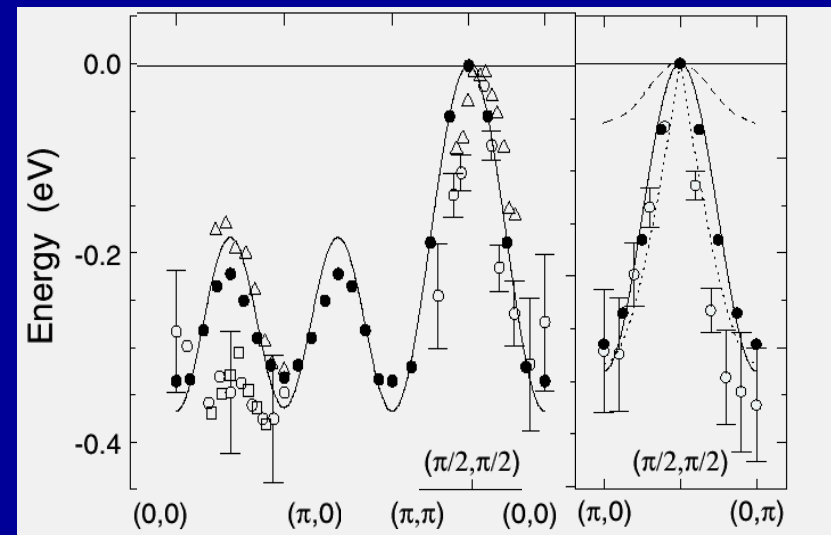
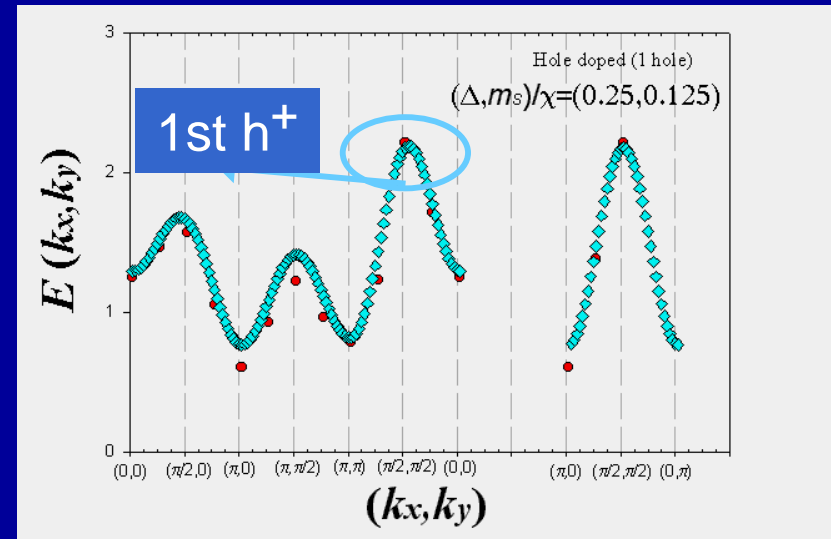
**Same variational wave function for hole- and electron-doped materials.**

$$J/t=0.3$$

Energy dispersion after one electron is doped. The minimum is at  $(\pi, 0)$ .  
 $t'/t=0.3, t''/t=-0.2$



Dispersion for a single hole.  
 $t'/t=-0.3, t''/t=0.2$

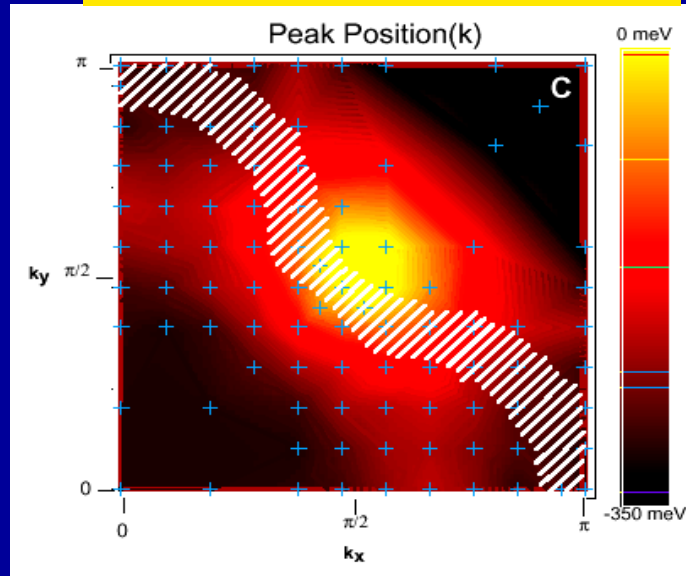


The same wave function is used for both e-doped and hole-doped cases.

There is no information about  $t'$  and  $t''$  in the wave function used.

□ Kim et. al. , PRL80, 4245 (1998); ○ Wells et. al.. PRL74, 964(1995); △ LaRosa et. al. PRB56, R525(1997).  
 ● SCBA for  $t-t'-t''-J$  model, Tohyama and Maekawa, SC Sci. Tech. 13, R17 (2000)

## ARPES for $\text{Ca}_2\text{CuO}_2\text{Cl}_2$

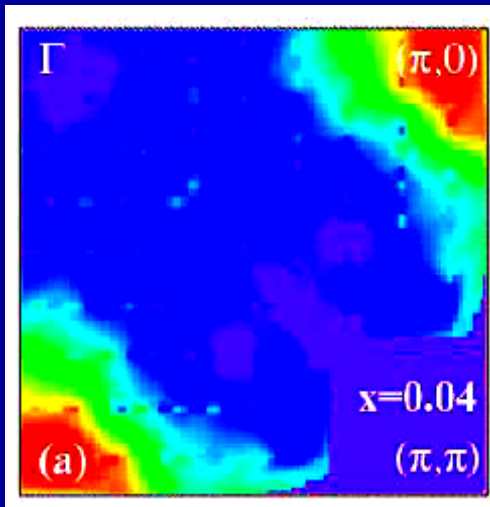


The lowest energy at

$$k = (\pi/2, \pi/2)$$

Ronning, Kim and Shen, PRB67 (2003)

$\text{Nd}_{2-x}\text{Ce}_x\text{CuO}_4$  -- with 4% extra electrons

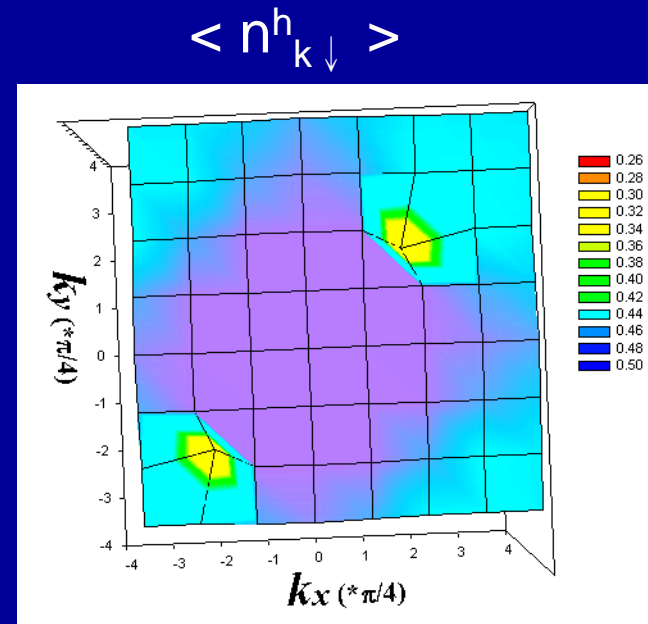
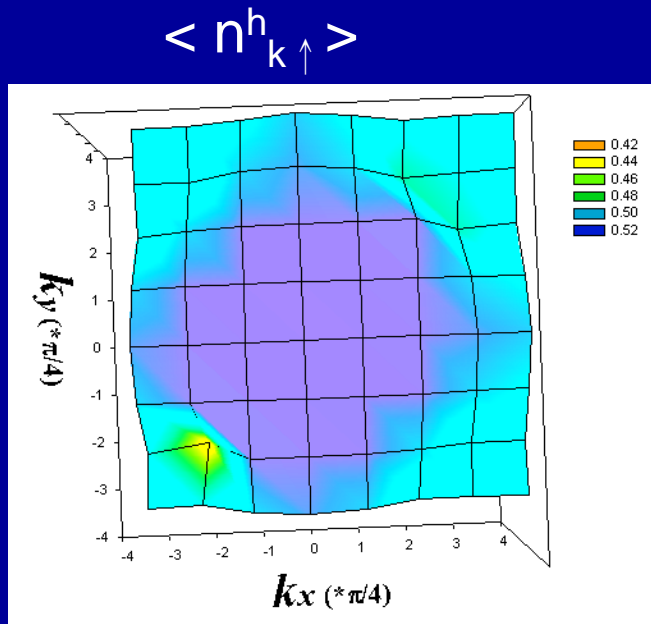


Fermi surface around  $(\pi, 0)$  and  $(0, \pi)$ !

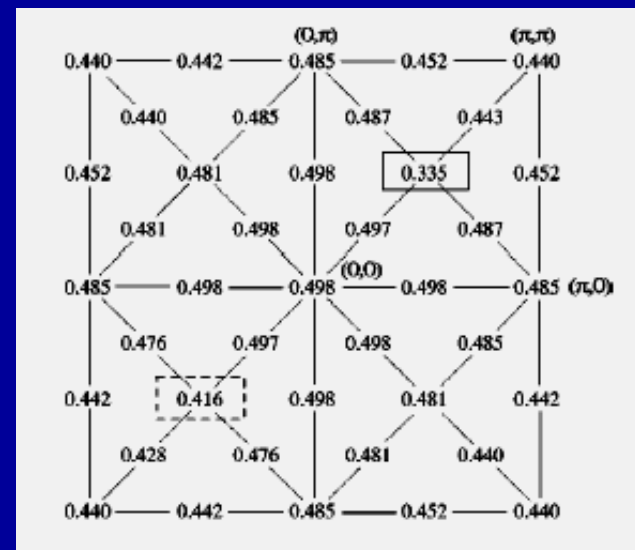
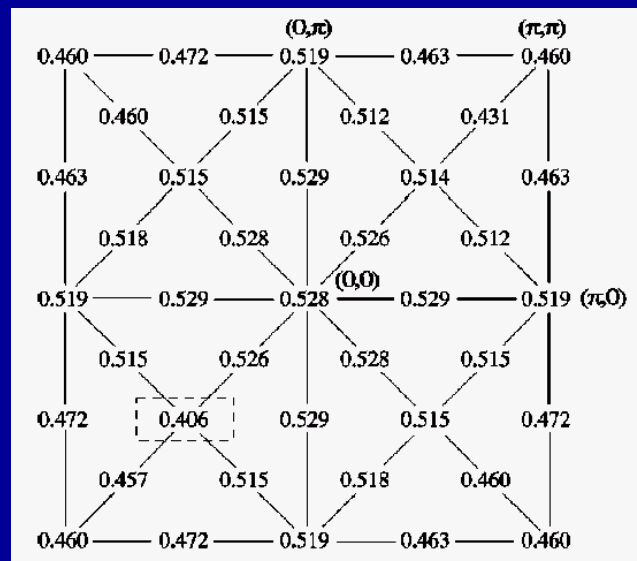
Armitage *et al.*, PRL (2002)

Momentum distribution for a single hole calc. by the quasi-particle wave function

$$|\psi_{1h}(k = (\pi/2, \pi/2), S_z = 1/2)\rangle$$



64 sites



Exact results for the single-hole ground state for 32 sites. Chernyshev et al. PRB58, 13594(98')

# Wave Functions for one *hole* system

- Quasi-particle state:

$$P_d C_{k\downarrow}^+ \left( \sum_{q \neq -k} ' A_a a_{q\uparrow}^+ a_{-q\downarrow}^+ + B_q b_{q\uparrow}^+ b_{-q\downarrow}^+ \right)^{\frac{N}{2}-1} |0\rangle$$

**Hole momentum ( $k_h$ )=unpaired spin momentum ( $k_s$ ) =  $k$**

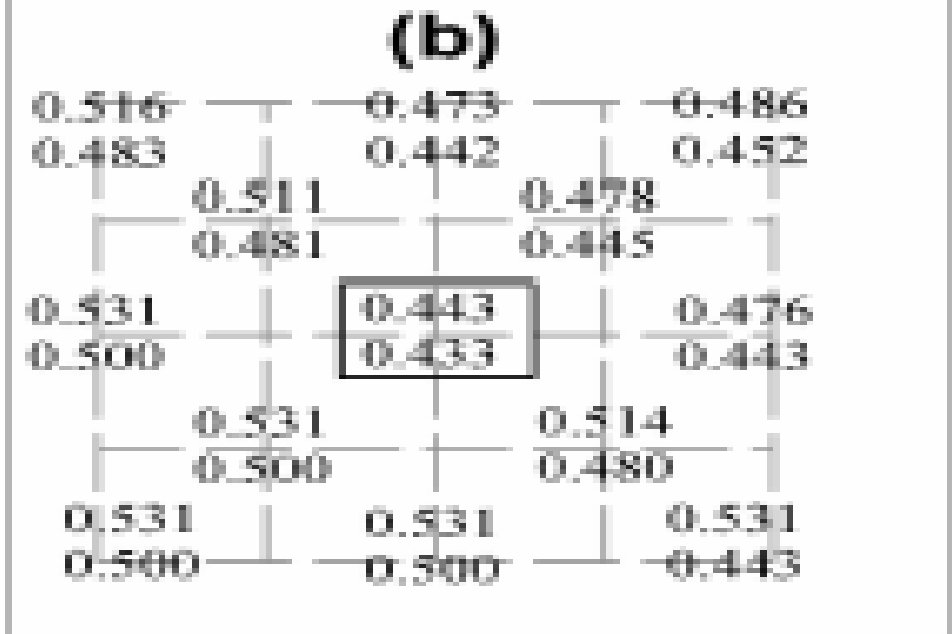
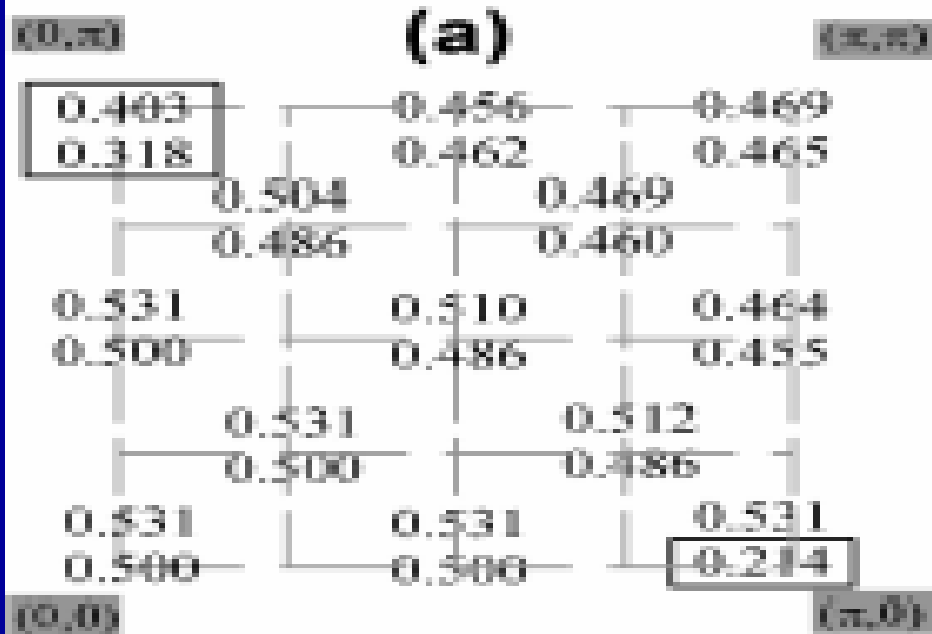
- Spin-bag state:

$$P_d C_{k_s\downarrow}^+ \left( \sum_{q \neq k_h} ' A_a a_{q\uparrow}^+ a_{-q\downarrow}^+ + B_q b_{q\uparrow}^+ b_{-q\downarrow}^+ \right)^{\frac{N}{2}-1} |0\rangle$$

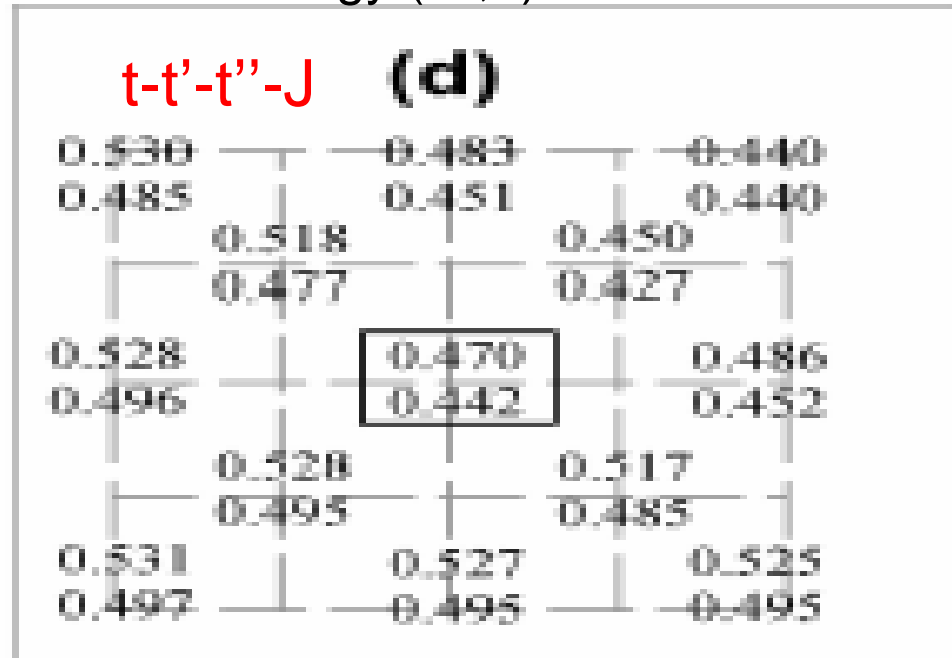
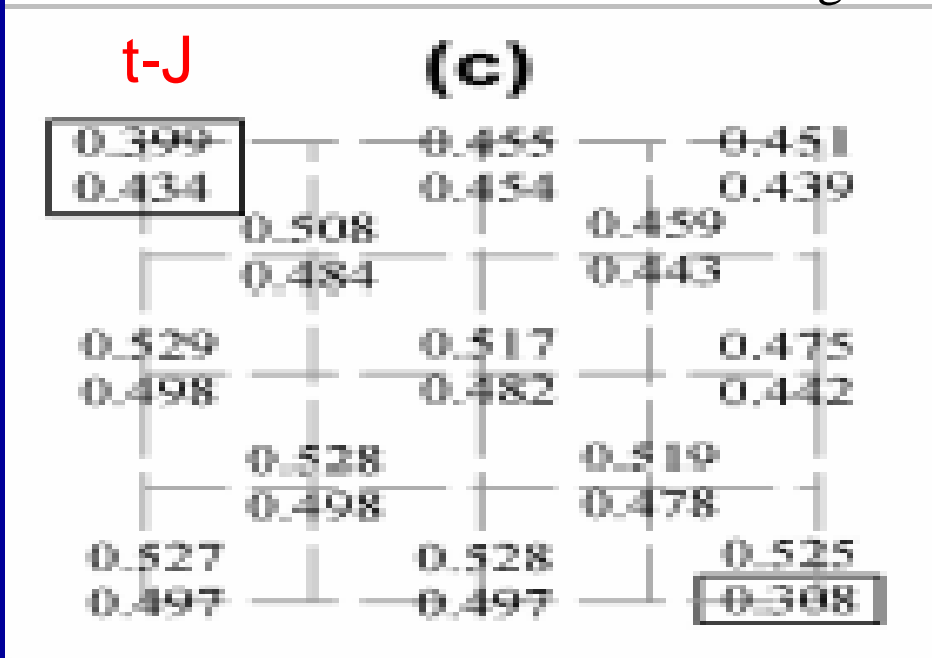
, where  $k_s \neq k_h = \left( \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$

a QP state  $\mathbf{k}_h = (\pi, 0) = \mathbf{k}_s$

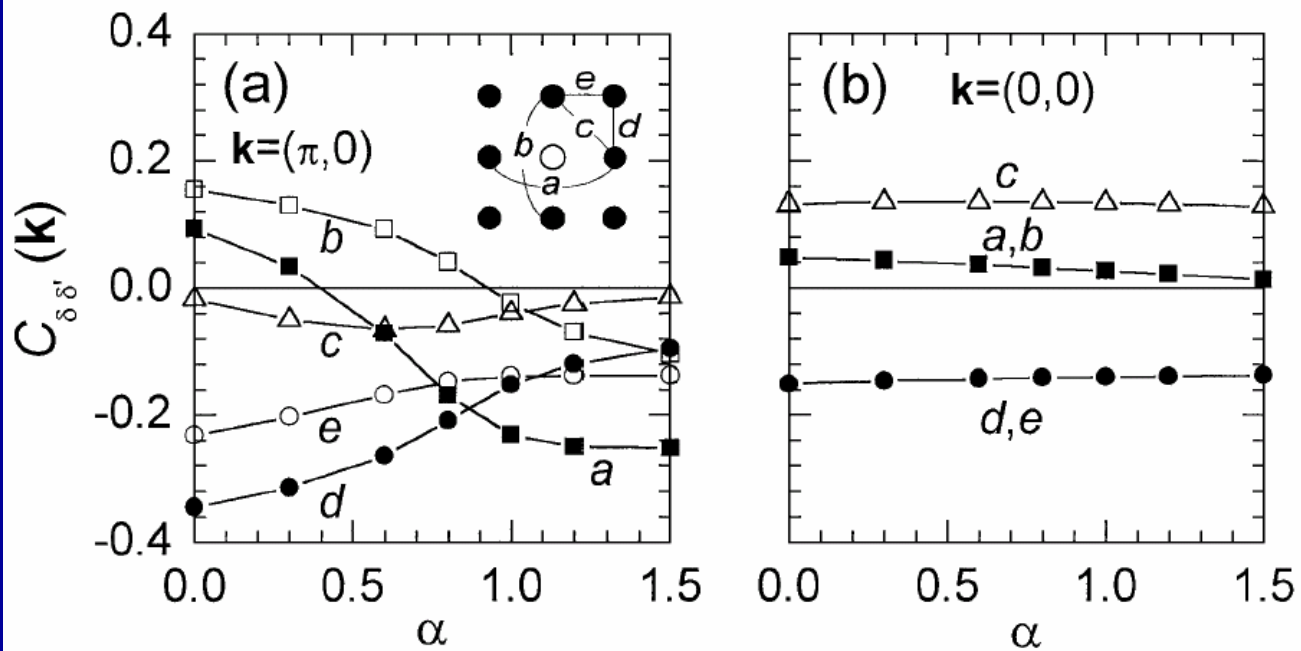
a SB state  $\mathbf{k}_s = (\pi, 0), \mathbf{k}_h = (\pi/2, \pi/2)$



Exact 32 site result from P. W. Leung for the lowest energy  $(\pi, 0)$  state







Takami TOHYAMA et al.,  
 J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. Vol 69,  
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$J/t=0.4$ ,  $t'/t \approx -\alpha/3$   
 and  $t''/t' = 2/3$

	(0,0) QP	(0,0) SB	( $\pi/2, \pi/2$ ) QP	( $\pi, 0$ ) QP	( $\pi, 0$ ) SB
a	0.188	-0.0288	-0.0044	0.123	-0.0313
b	0.188	-0.0254	-0.0052	0.159	-0.0085
c	0.202	-0.0302	-0.0005	0.071	-0.002
d	-0.273	-0.203	-0.2241	-0.353	-0.1921
e	-0.264	-0.195	-0.2154	-0.279	-0.2115

**Our Result: ( $\pi, 0$ )  
 is QP at t-J model,  
 but SB for t-t'-t''-J.**

**(0, 0) is QP for  
 both**

QP: Quasi-Particle state

SB: Spin-Bag state

## The state with two holes

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_{2h}(k_{total} = 0, S_Z = 0)\rangle &\propto c_{k_h \uparrow} c_{-k_h \downarrow} |\psi_0\rangle \\ &= P_d \left[ \sum_{q \neq k_h} (A_q a_{q \uparrow}^+ a_{-q \downarrow}^+ + B_q b_{q \uparrow}^+ b_{-q \downarrow}^+) \right]^{Ne/2 - 1} |0\rangle \end{aligned}$$

**Ground state is**  
 $\mathbf{k}_h = (\pi/2, \pi/2)$   
**for two 0e holes;**  
 $\mathbf{k}_h = (\pi, 0)$   
**for two 2e holes.**

Similar construction for more holes and more electrons.

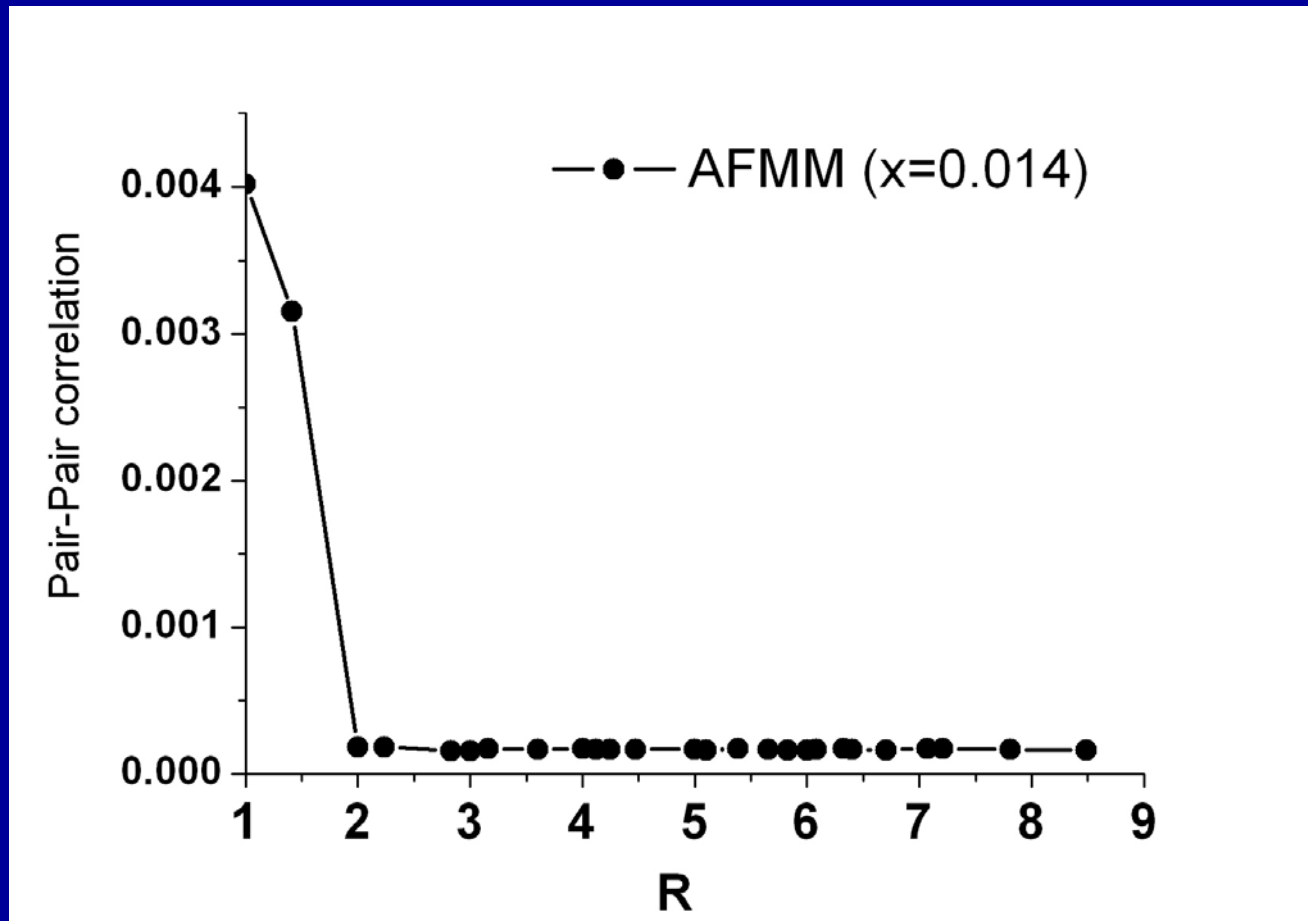
The Mott insulator at half-filling is considered as the vacuum state. Thus hole- and electron-doped states are considered as the negative and positive charge excitations .

**Fermi surface becomes pockets in the k-space!**

Lee *et al.*, PRL 90 (2003); Lee *et al.* PRL 91 (2003).

## d-wave pairing correlation function

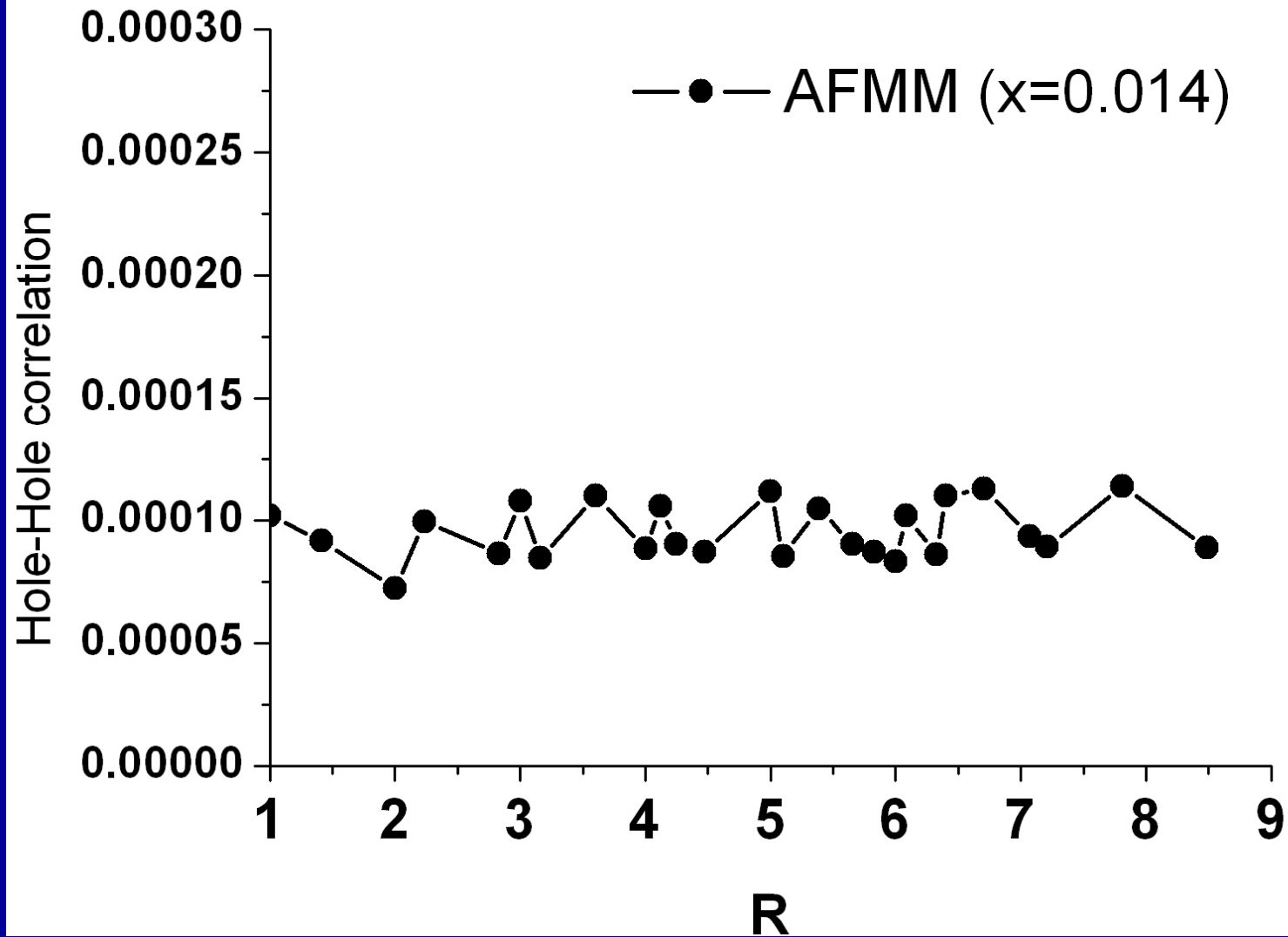
$$P_{s \text{ or } d}(R) = \frac{1}{N_s} \sum_i \langle \Delta_i^\dagger \Delta_{i+R} \rangle \quad \Delta_i = c_{i\uparrow}(c_{i+\hat{x}\downarrow} + c_{i-\hat{x}\downarrow} \pm c_{i+\hat{y}\downarrow} \pm c_{i-\hat{y}\downarrow})$$



2 holes  
in 144 sites

The new wave function has AFM but negligible pairing.  
It could be used to represent an AFM metallic (AFMM) phase.

2 holes  
in 144 sites



Increase doping, pockets are connected to form a Fermi surface:

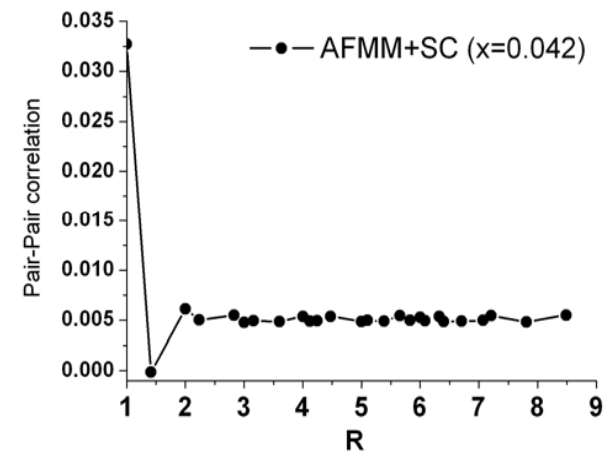
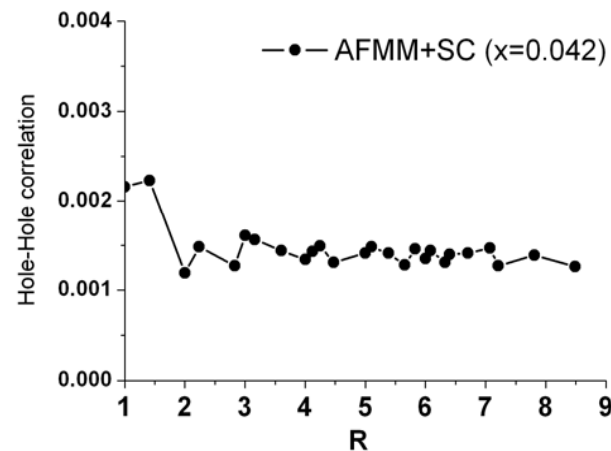
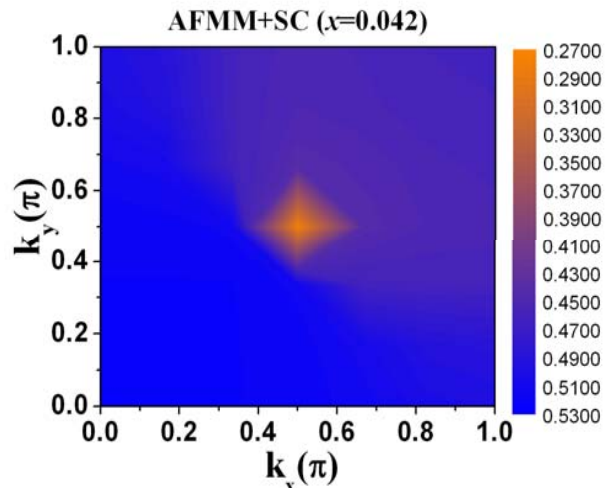
**Cooper pairs formed by SDW quasiparticles**

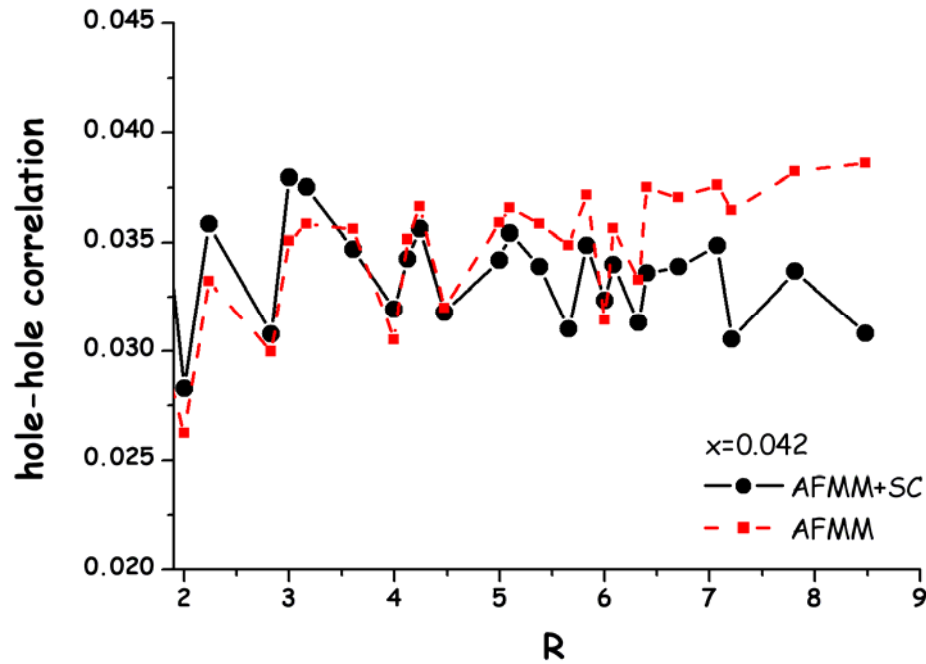
$$|N_e\rangle_{AFMM+SC} = P_d \left( \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in MBZ} A_{\mathbf{k}} a_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow}^\dagger a_{-\mathbf{k}\downarrow}^\dagger + B_{\mathbf{k}} b_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow}^\dagger b_{-\mathbf{k}\downarrow}^\dagger \right)^{N_e/2} |0\rangle$$

$$\xi_{\mathbf{k}}^\pm = \pm \sqrt{\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^2 + m_v^2} - \mu_v - t'_v \cos k_x \cos k_y - t''_v (\cos 2k_x + \cos 2k_y)$$

$$\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} = -(\cos k_x + \cos k_y)$$

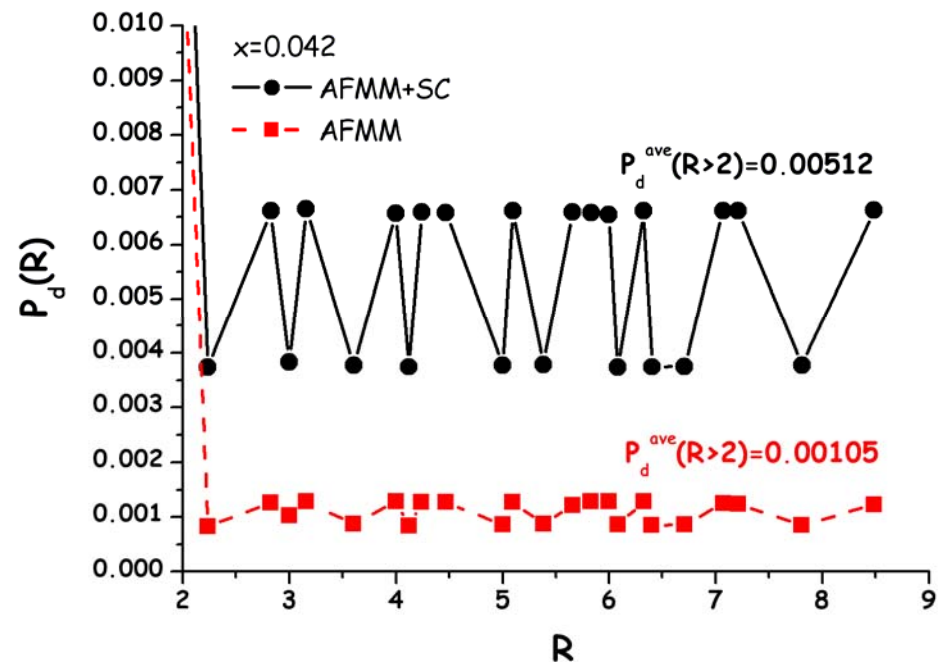
three new variational parameters:  $\mu_v$ ,  $t'_v$  and  $t''_v$

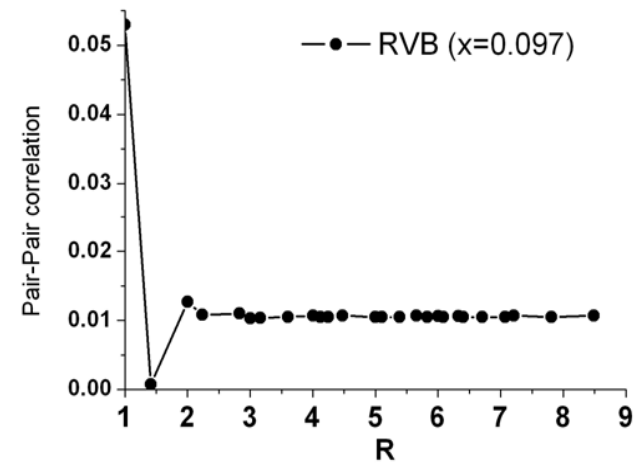
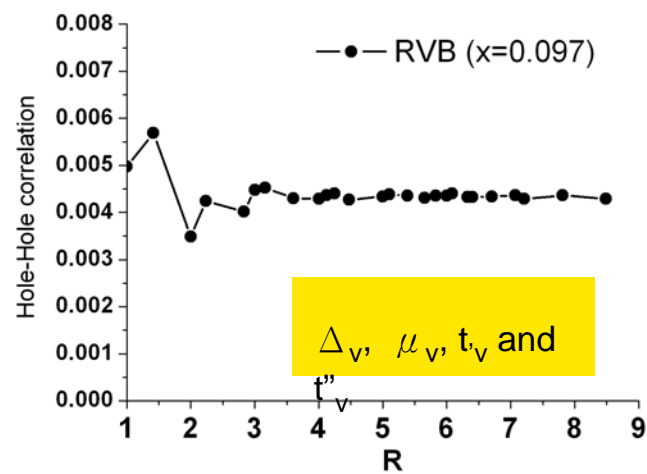
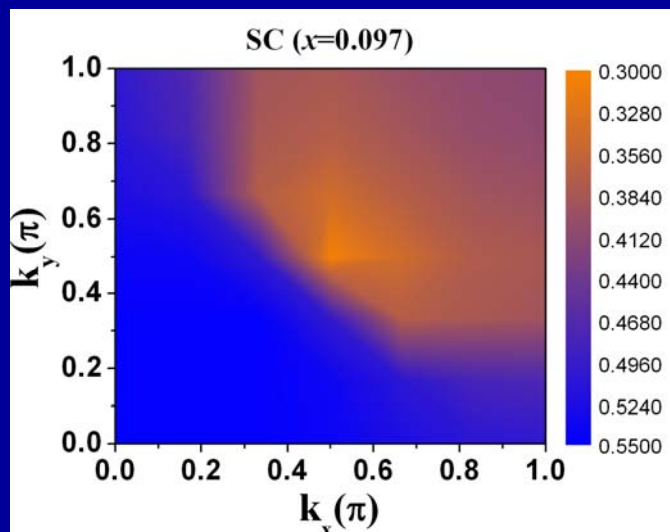
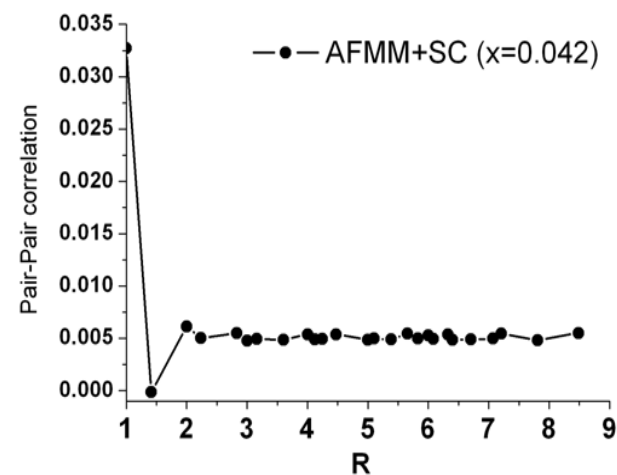
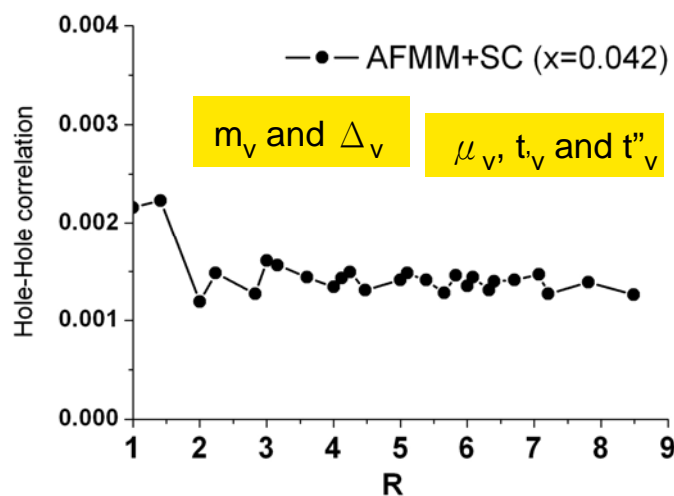
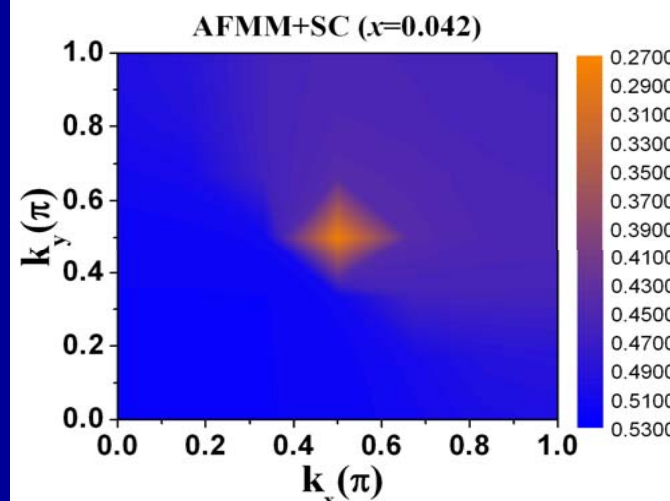
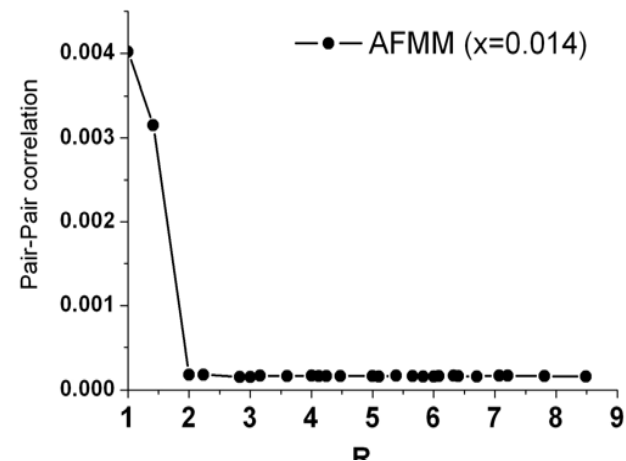
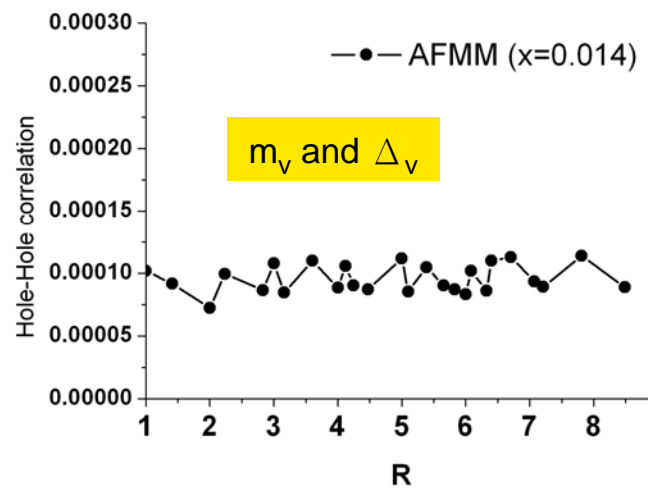
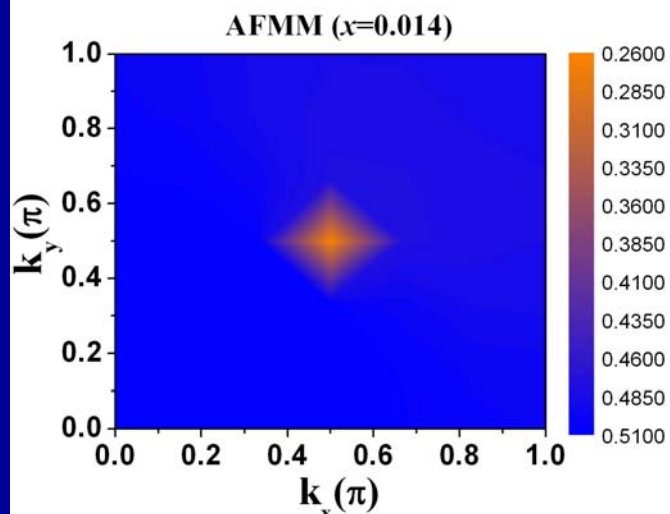




AFMM shows stronger hole-hole repulsive correlation than AFMM+SC.

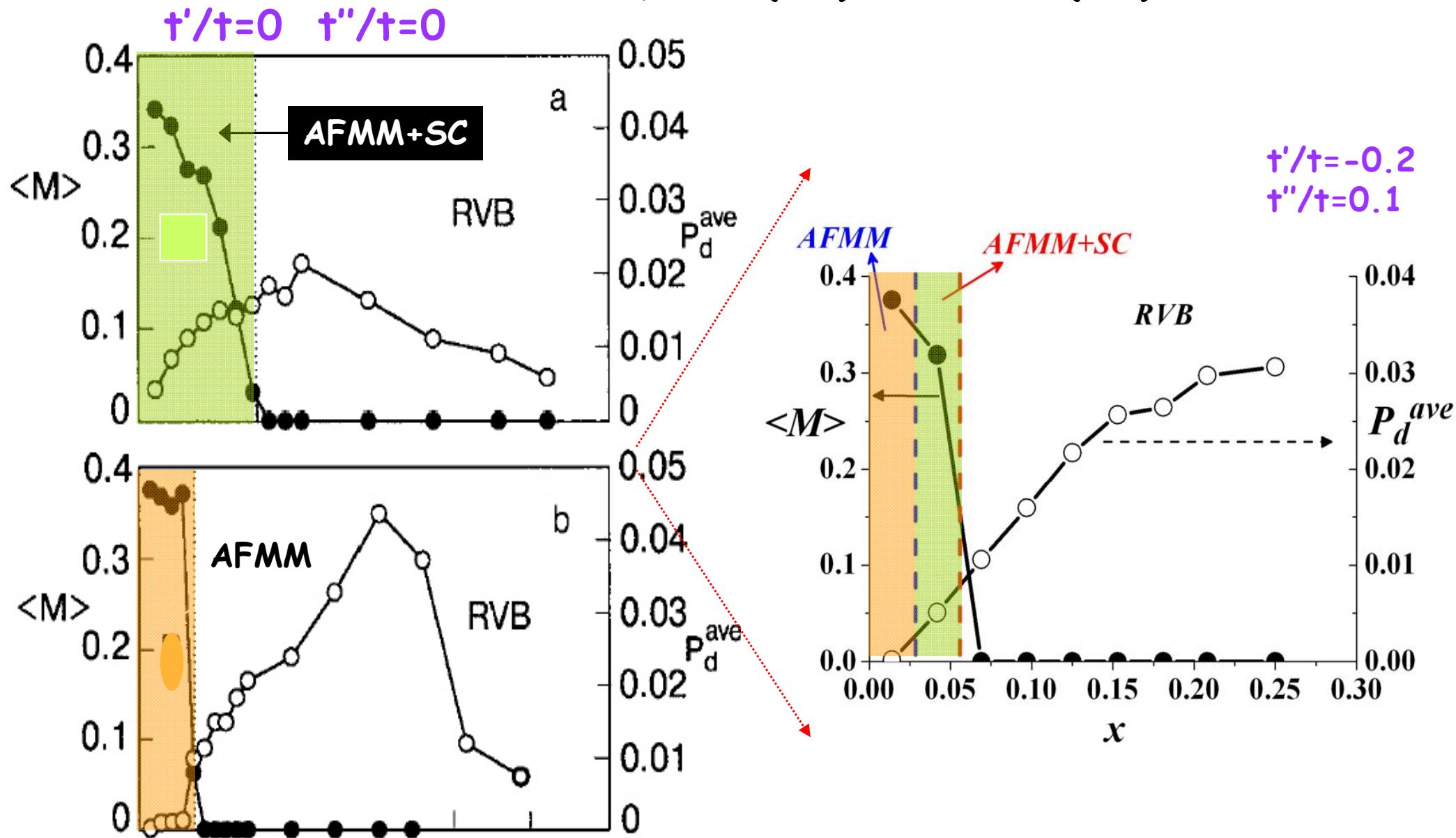
The pair-pair correlation of AFMM is much smaller than AFMM+SC.





# Possible Phase Diagrams for the $t$ - $J$ model

CT Shih et al., LTP ('05) and PRB ('04)

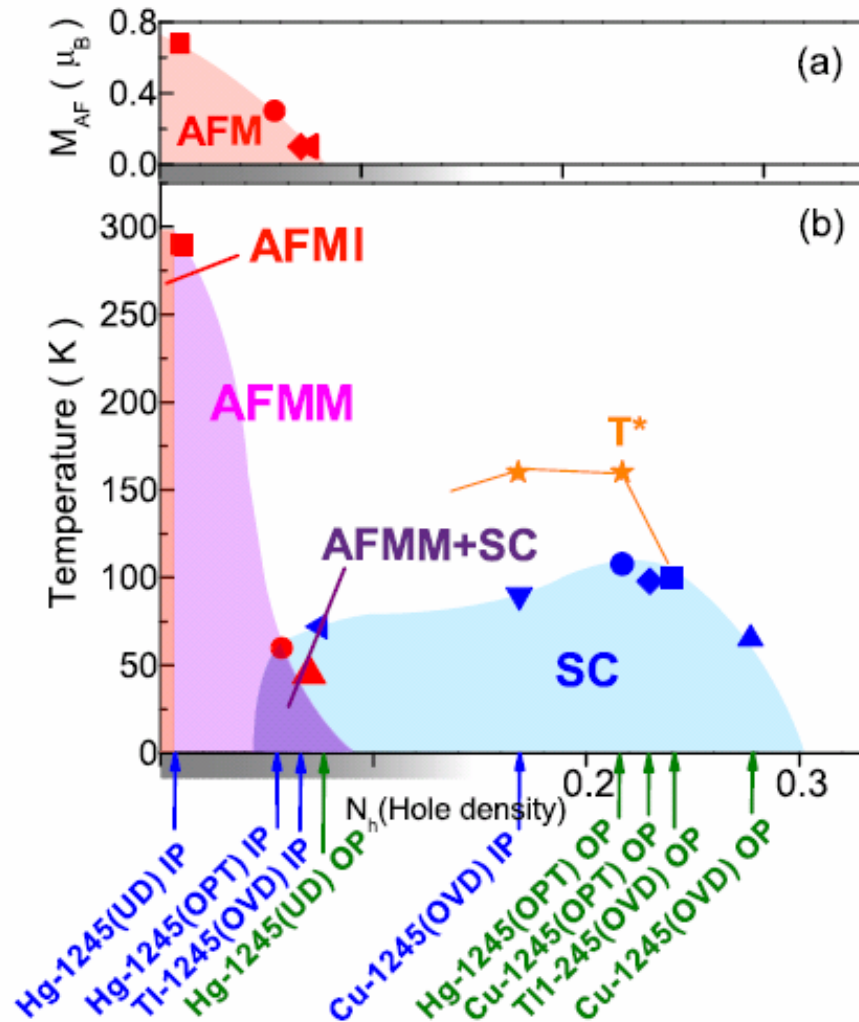


$t'/t=-0.3$ ,  $t''/t=0.2$

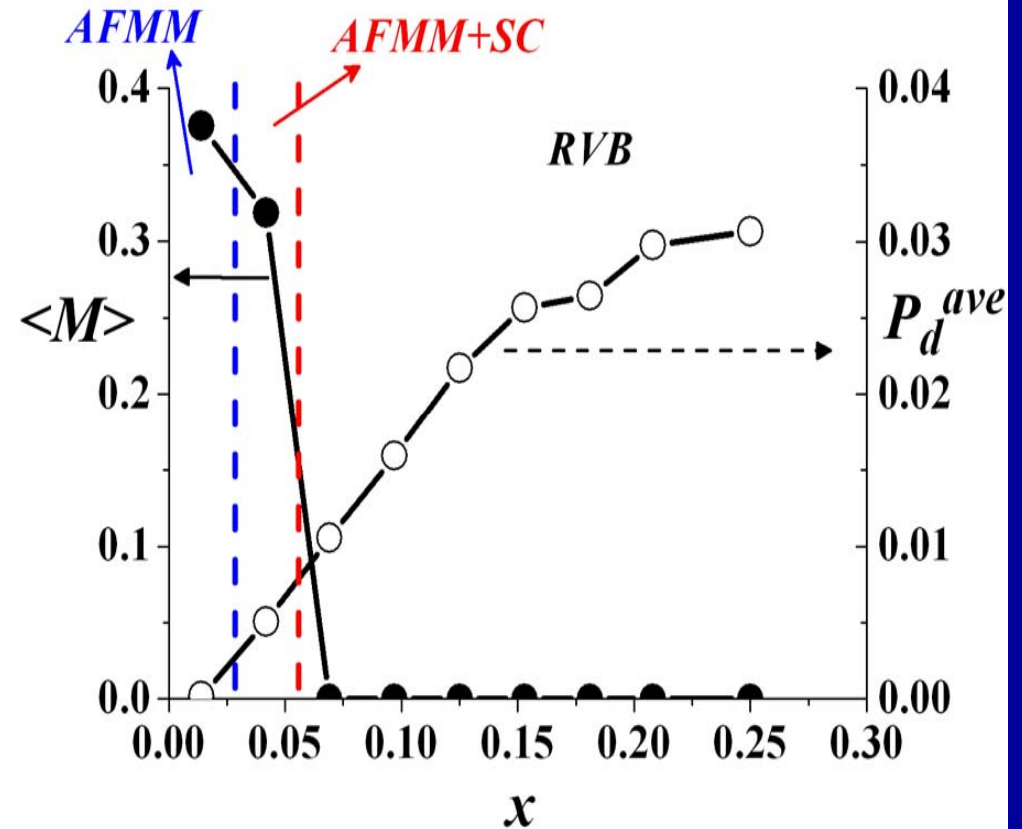


# Phase diagram for hole-doped systems

## The "ideal" Cu-O plane

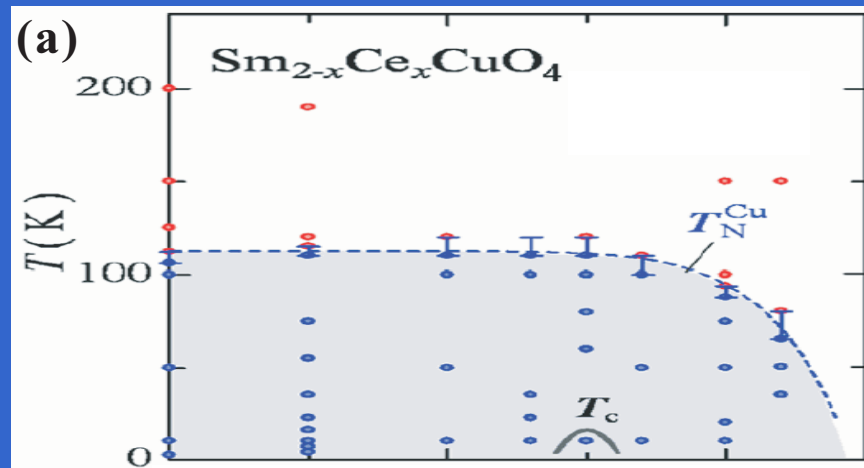


Extended t-J model,  $t'/t=-0.2$ ,  $t''/t=0.1$

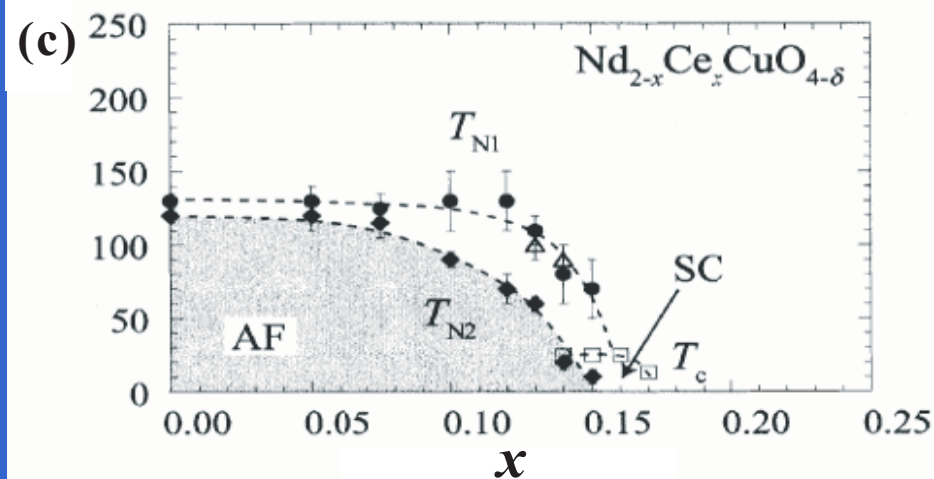
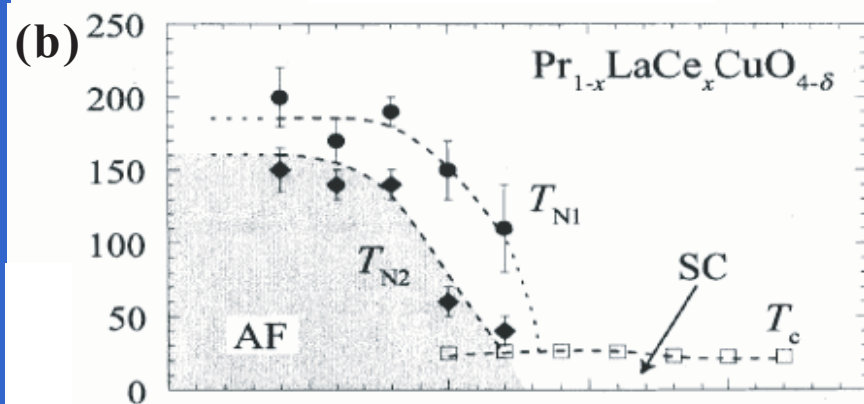


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# Experiments for electron-doped cuprates



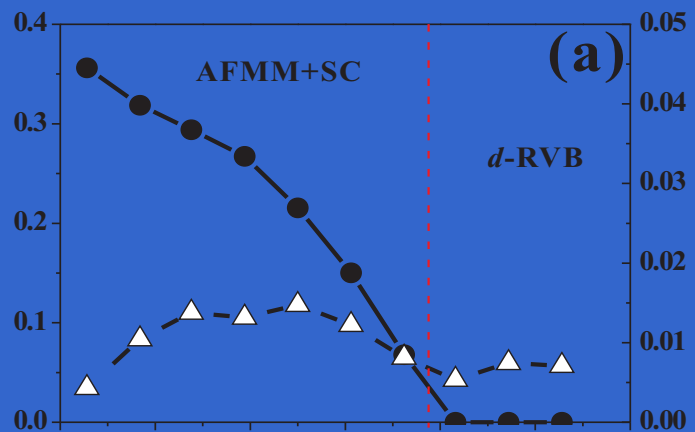
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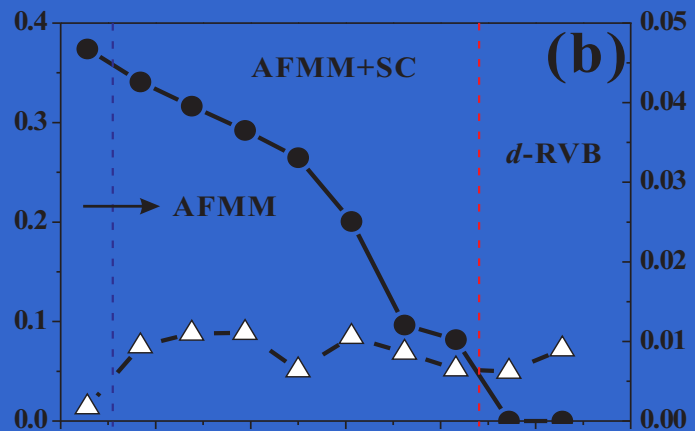
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VMC ( $t', t''$ )

(0.1, -0.05)



(0.15, -0.1)



(0.3, -0.2)

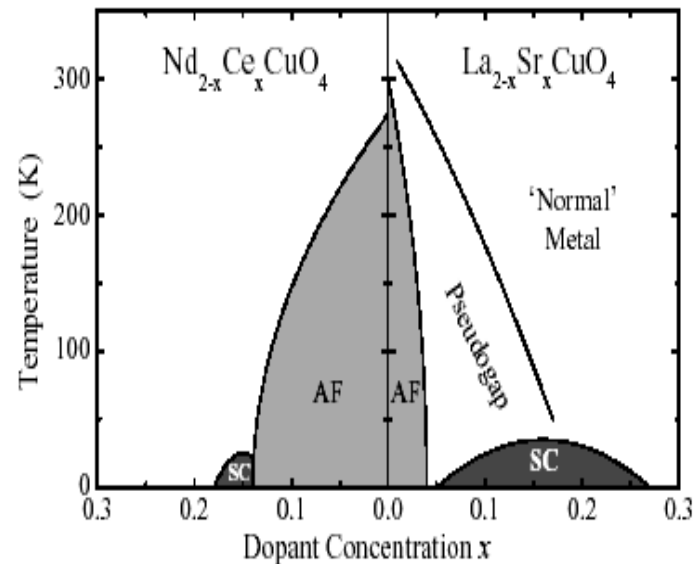
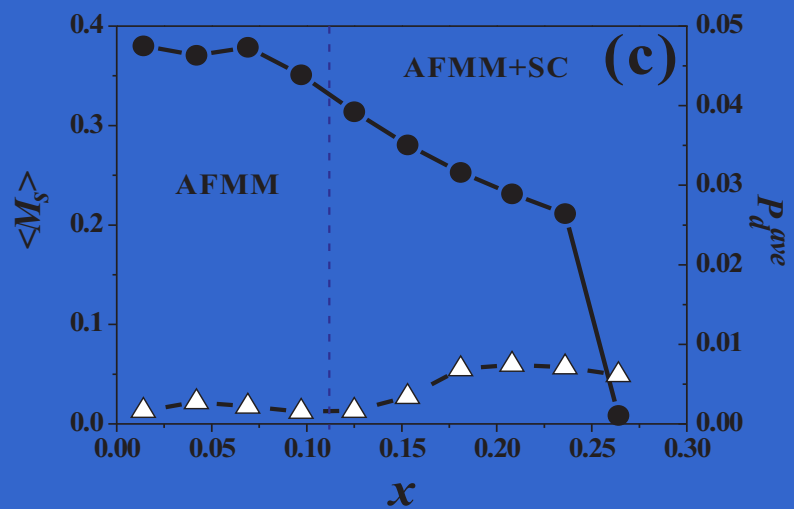


FIG. 1. Phase diagram of n and p-type superconductors.

# Excitations in the SC state

The ground state  $|RVB\rangle_r = P_d \left[ \prod_k (u_k + v_k C_{k,\uparrow}^+ C_{-k,\downarrow}^+) \right] |0\rangle$

With a fixed-number of holes, the d-RVB state becomes

$$|N_e\rangle = P_d \left( \sum_{\mathbf{q}} a_{\mathbf{q}} c_{\mathbf{q}\uparrow}^\dagger c_{-\mathbf{q}\downarrow}^\dagger \right)^{N_e/2} |0\rangle$$

$$a_{\mathbf{q}} = v_{\mathbf{q}} / u_{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{E_{\mathbf{q}} - \xi_{\mathbf{q}}}{\Delta_{\mathbf{q}}}, \Delta_{\mathbf{q}} = \Delta(\cos q_x - \cos q_y)$$

Quasi-particle excitation  $|N_e + 1, k\rangle = P_d C_{k,\uparrow}^+ \left( \sum_{\mathbf{q}} a_{\mathbf{q}} C_{\mathbf{q},\uparrow}^+ C_{-\mathbf{q},\downarrow}^+ \right)^{N_e/2} |0\rangle$

Excitation energies are fitted with  $E_k = \sqrt{(\varepsilon_k^2 + \Delta_k^2)}$

# QP excitation

$$|N_e + 1\rangle \equiv P_d c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^\dagger | \overline{N_e} \rangle$$

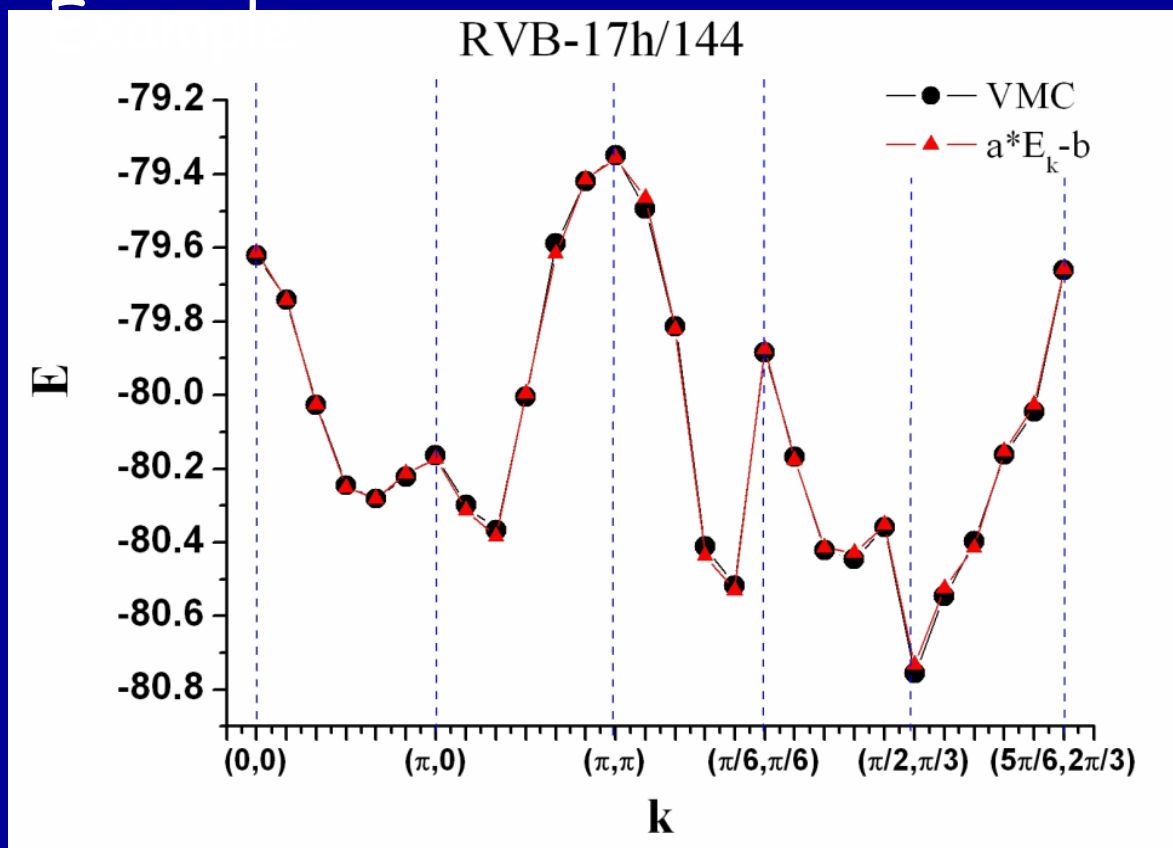
$$|N_e - 1\rangle \equiv P_d c_{-\mathbf{k}-\sigma}^\dagger | \overline{N_e - 2} \rangle$$

$$\propto P_d c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} | \overline{N_e} \rangle$$

$$|N_e + 1, k\rangle = P_d C_{k,\uparrow}^+ \left( \sum_q a_q C_{q,\uparrow}^+ C_{-q,\downarrow}^+ \right)^{N_e/2} |0\rangle$$

Excitation energies are fitted with

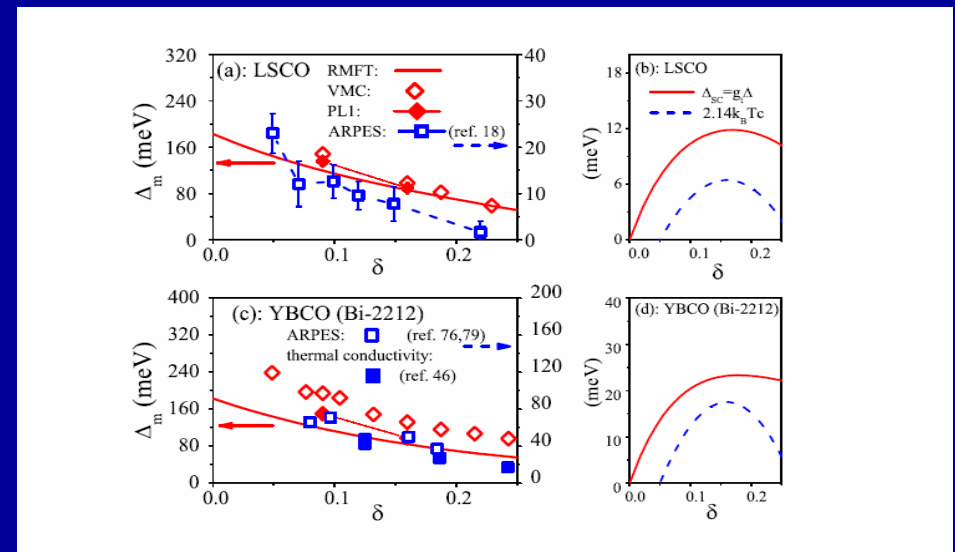
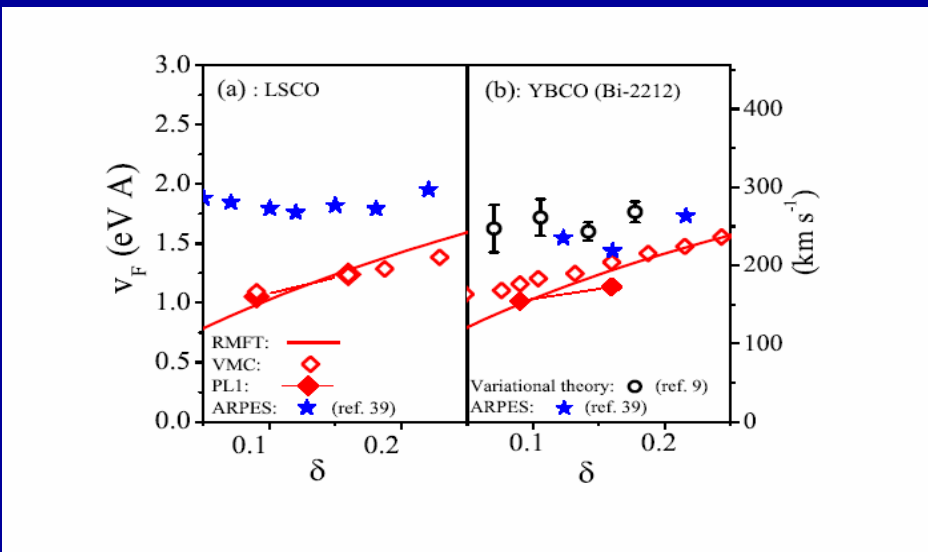
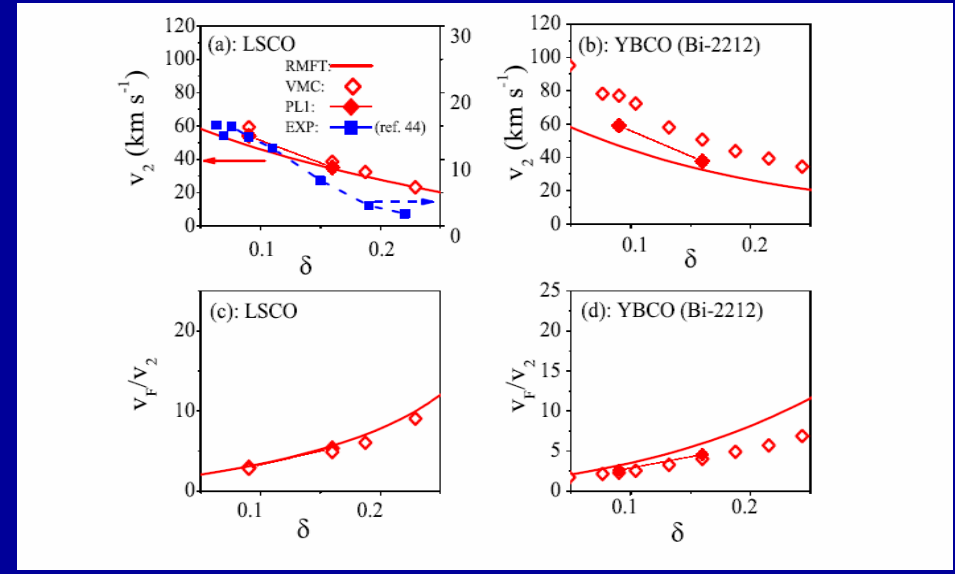
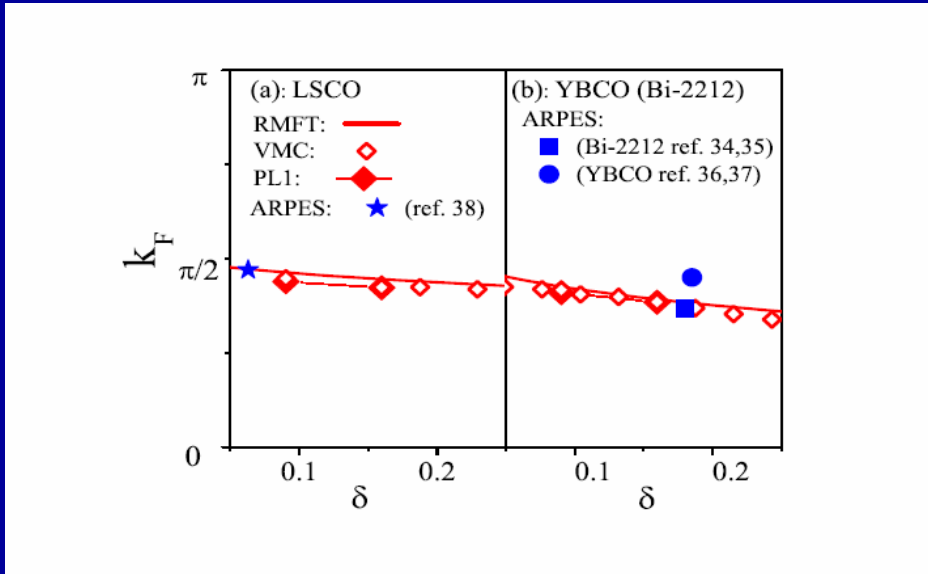
$$E_k = \sqrt{(\varepsilon_k^2 + \Delta_k^2)}$$



$t'/t$ ,  $t''/t$ , and  $\mu/t$  are renormalized and "Fermi surface" is determined by **Setting  $\Delta=0$**  in the excitation energy.

$J/t=0.3, t=0.3eV$   
 $t'/t=-0.3$  &  $t''/t=0.2$  for YBCO and BSCO

but  $t'/t=-0.1$  &  $t''/t=0.05$  for LSCO



Our VMC overestimates the gap by a factor of 2, PRB 2006

# Anomalies in the spectral weight for the low-lying excitations.

$$A(k, \omega) = \sum_m \left| \langle m | C_{k, \sigma} | 0 \rangle \right|^2 \delta(\omega + E_m - E_0) + \sum_m \left| \langle m | C_{k, \sigma}^+ | 0 \rangle \right|^2 \delta(\omega - E_m + E_0)$$

$$Z_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^+ = \frac{|\langle N_e + 1 | c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^\dagger | N_e \rangle|^2}{\langle N_e | N_e \rangle \langle N_e + 1 | N_e + 1 \rangle}$$

$$|N_e + 1\rangle \equiv P_d c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^\dagger | \overline{N_e} \rangle$$

$$Z_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^- = \frac{|\langle N_e - 1 | c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} | N_e \rangle|^2}{\langle N_e | N_e \rangle \langle N_e - 1 | N_e - 1 \rangle}$$

$$|N_e - 1\rangle \equiv P_d c_{-\mathbf{k}-\sigma}^\dagger | \overline{N_e - 2} \rangle \\ \propto P_d c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} | \overline{N_e} \rangle$$

For ideal Fermi gas :

$$Z_{\mathbf{k}}^+ = 1 - n_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^0$$

$$Z_{\mathbf{k}}^- = n_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^0$$

For BCS theory :

$$Z_{\mathbf{k}}^+ = u_{\mathbf{k}}^2$$

$$Z_{\mathbf{k}}^- = v_{\mathbf{k}}^2$$

For Gutzwiller-projected wave functions??

Using the identities,

$$[c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}, P_d]P_d = 0;$$
$$P_dc_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}[c_{\mathbf{k}'\sigma}^\dagger, P_d] = P_d\left[\frac{1}{N}\sum_i e^{i(\mathbf{k}'-\mathbf{k})\cdot\vec{R}_{i\sigma}}n_{i,-\sigma}\right]P_d$$

Exact Identity :

S. Yunoki, cond-mat/0508015,  
C.P. Nave *et al.*, cond-mat/0510001

$$Z_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^+ = \frac{1+x}{2} - n_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}$$

$$Z_{ave}^+ \equiv \frac{1}{N}\sum_{\mathbf{k}} Z_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^+ = x$$

No exact relation is known about

$$Z_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^-$$



So what is  $Z_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^-$  ?

BCS theory predicts

$$Z_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^- Z_{-\mathbf{k}-\sigma}^+ = u_{\mathbf{k}}^2 v_{\mathbf{k}}^2 \propto \Delta_{\mathbf{k}}^2$$

Is this relation between pairing amplitude and spectral weight also true for projected wave functions?

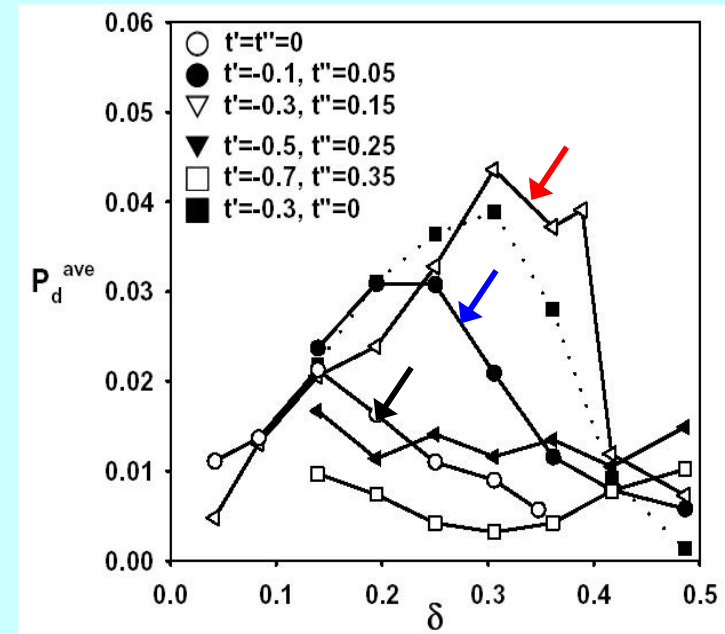
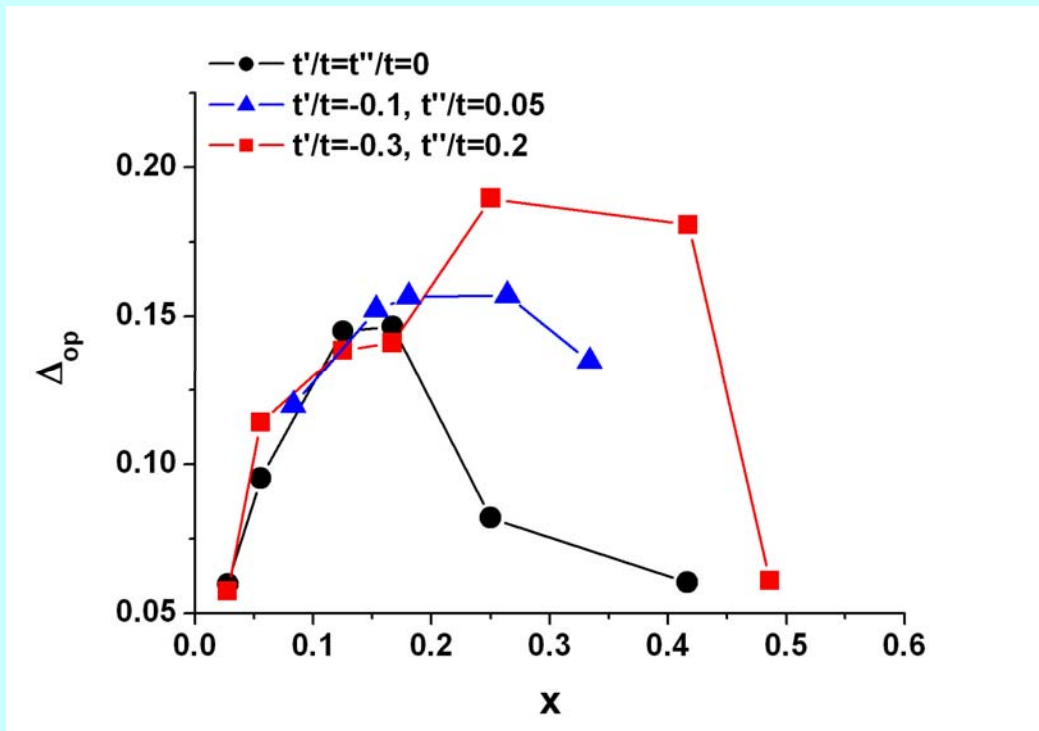
$$P_{\mathbf{k}} \equiv \frac{|\langle N_e | c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^\dagger c_{-\mathbf{k}-\sigma}^\dagger | N_e - 2 \rangle|^2}{\langle N_e | N_e \rangle \langle N_e - 2 | N_e - 2 \rangle} = Z_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^- \cdot Z_{-\mathbf{k}-\sigma}^+$$

**YES!!**

# Pairing amplitude by VMC (II):

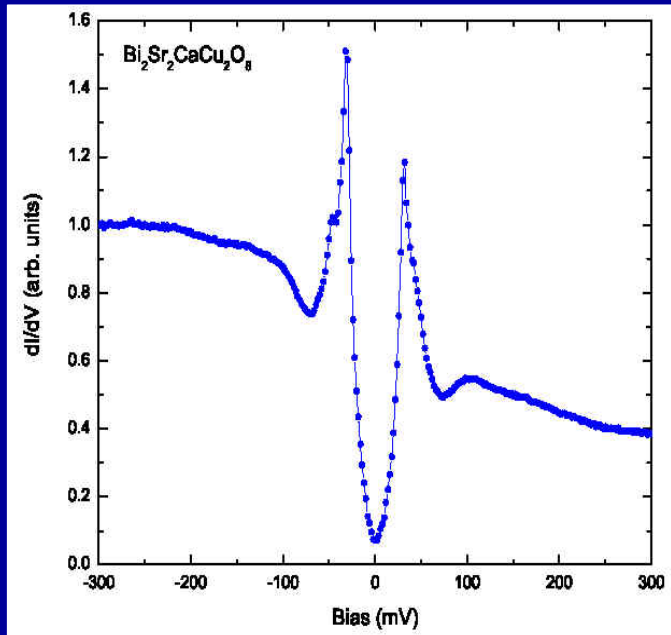
$$\Delta_{op} = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} | \cos(k_x) - \cos(k_y) | \sqrt{P_{\mathbf{k}}}$$

## Long-range pair-pair correlation

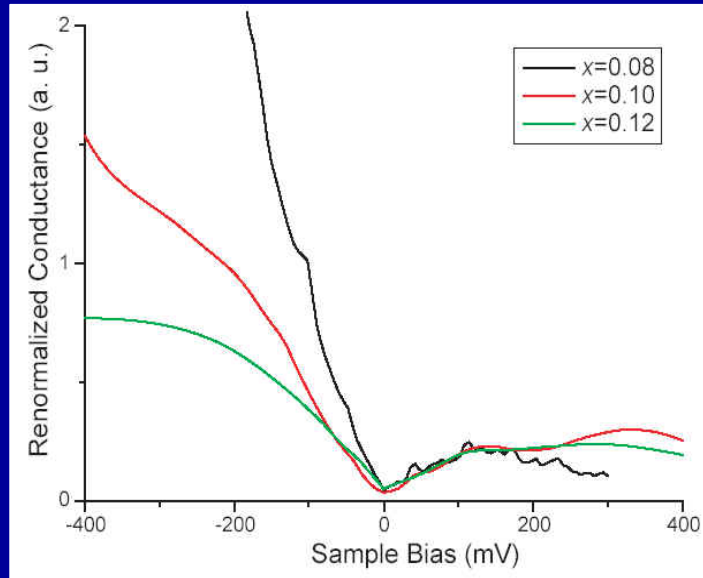


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# Anomalies in STS conductance

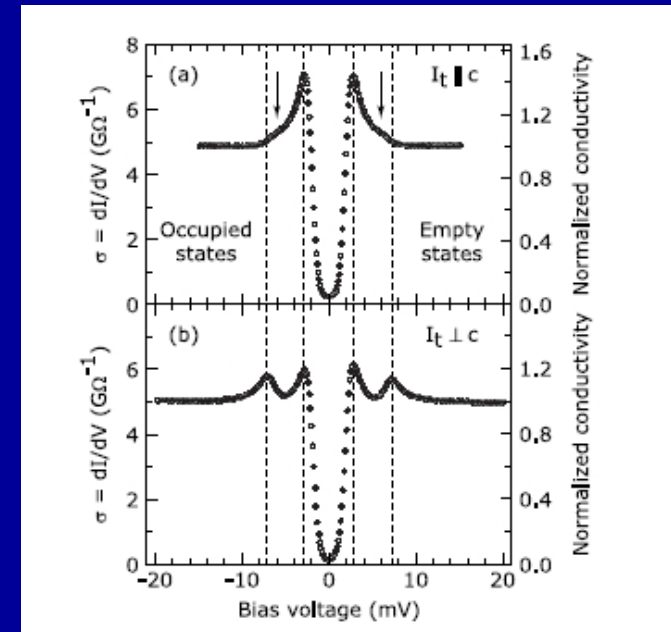


S.H. Pan *et al.*, unpublished data

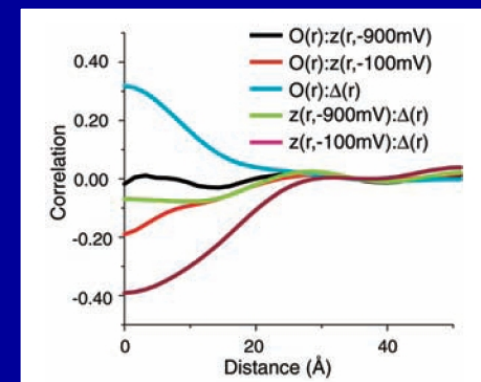
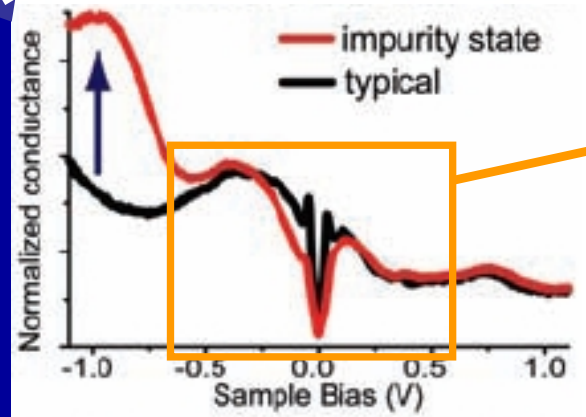
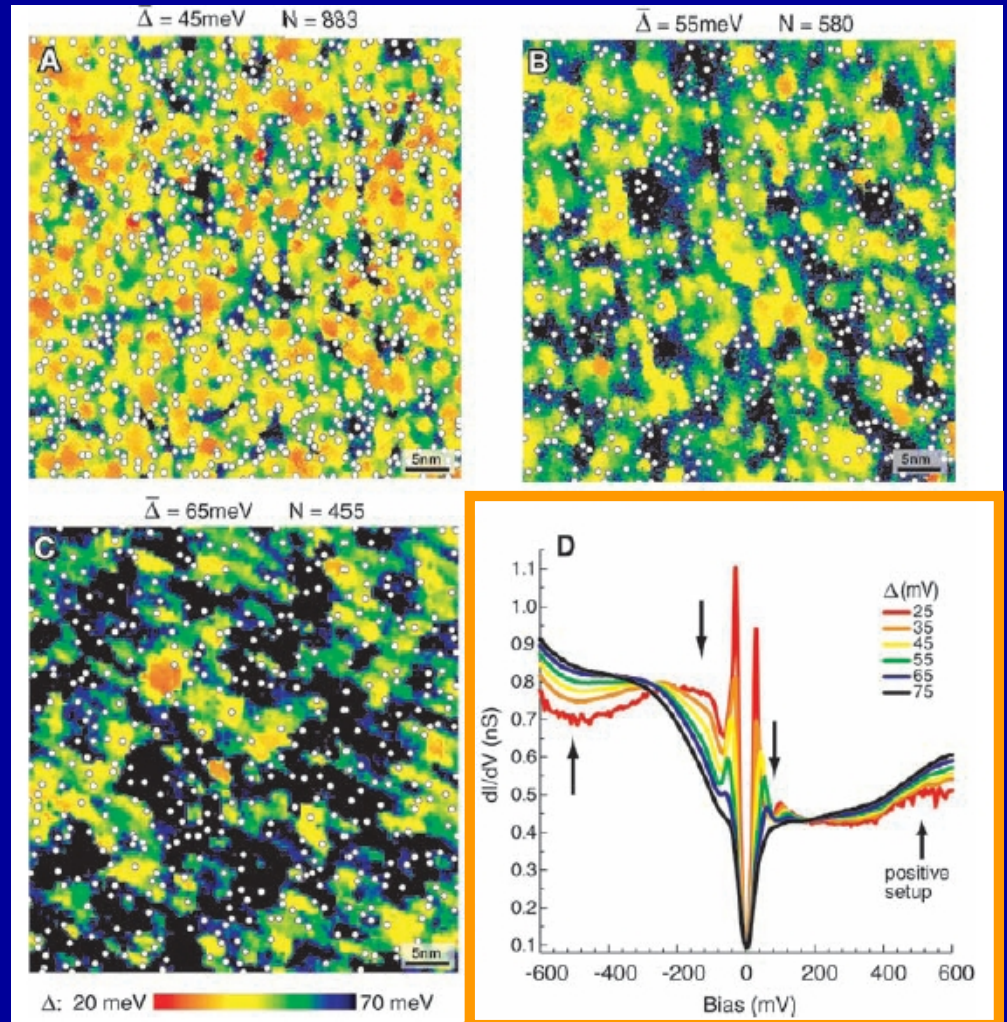
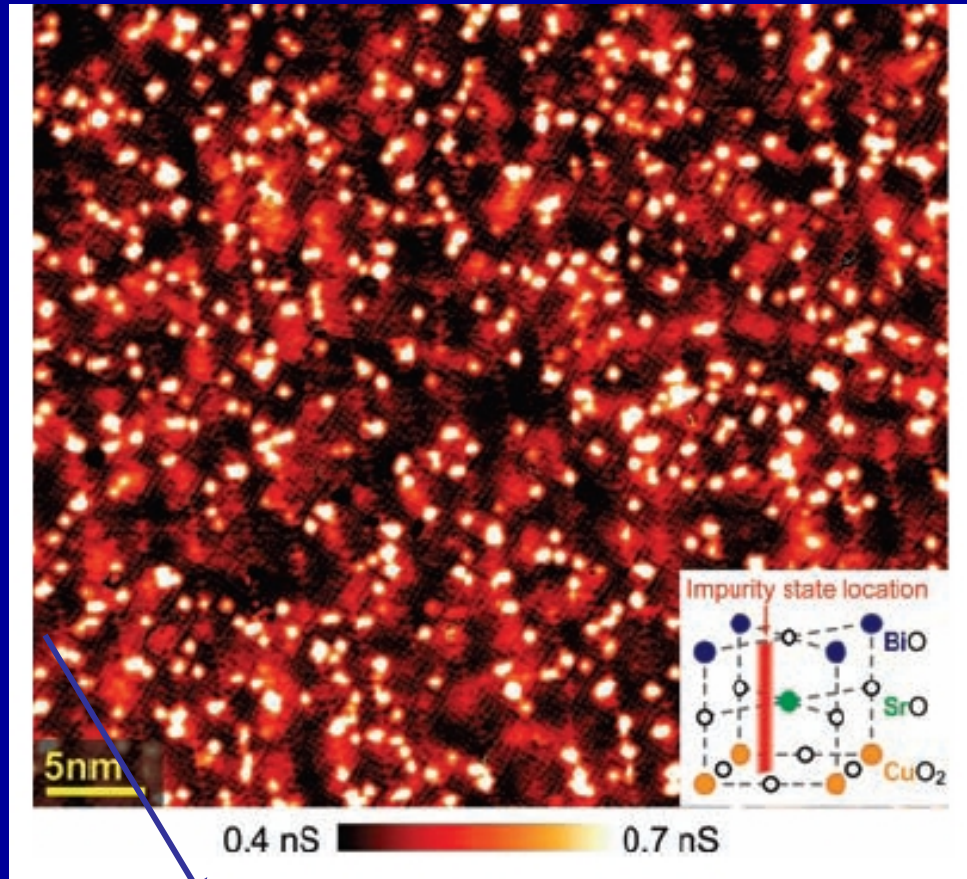


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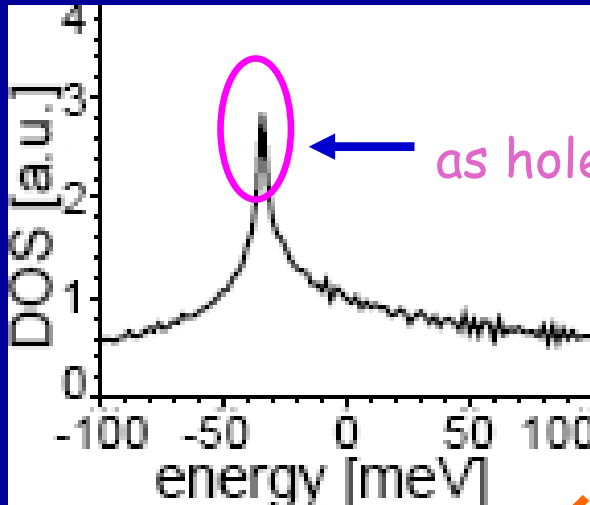
$\text{MgB}_2$



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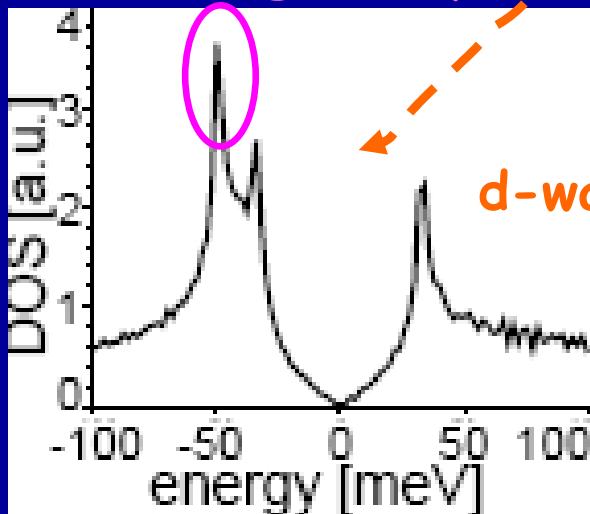


# Could the asymmetry be DOS effects ?



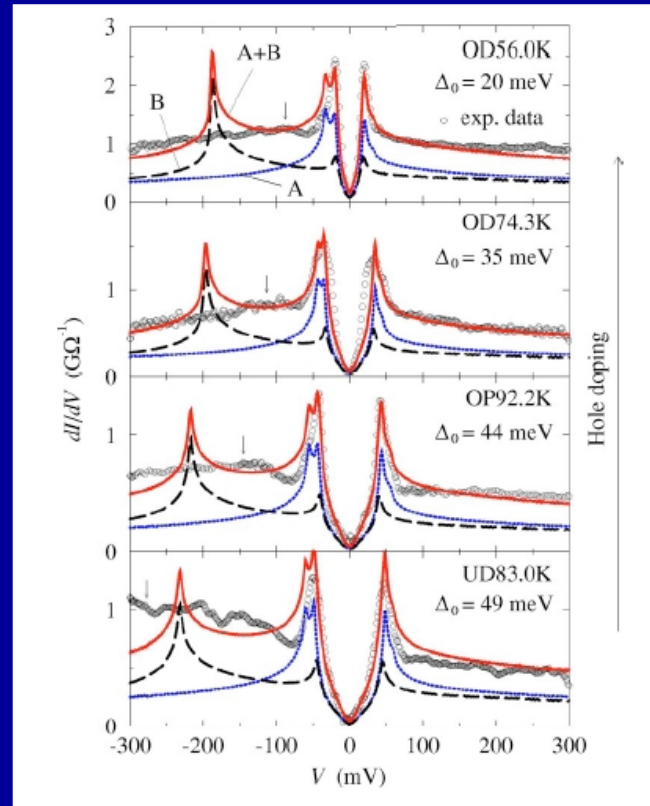
as hole doped

DOS singularity



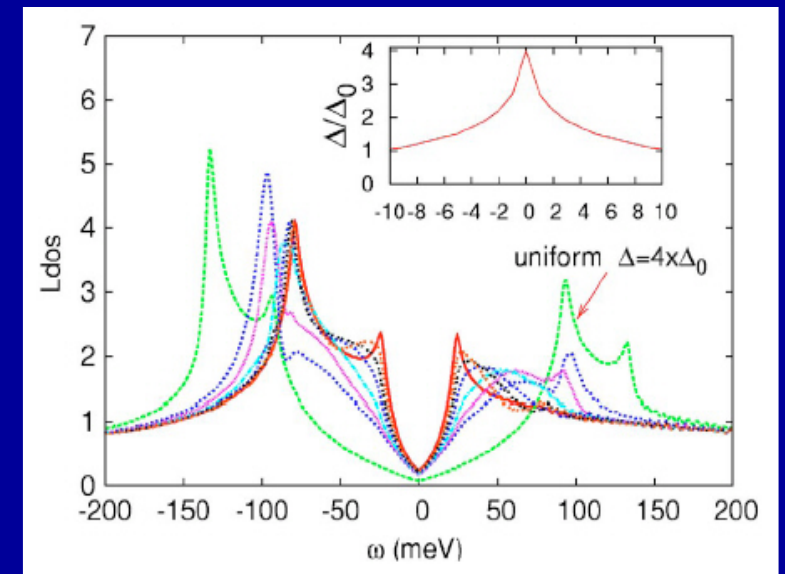
d-wave gap opened !

Hoffman



d-BCS with 2 bands

B. W. Hoogenboom et al. PRB ('03)



M. Cheng et al. PRB ('05)

# Particle-hole asymmetry for STS conductance

Conductance is related to the spectral weight

$$A(k, \omega) = \sum_m |\langle m | C_{k,\sigma} | 0 \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega + E_m - E_0) + \sum_m |\langle m | C_{k,\sigma}^+ | 0 \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega - E_m + E_0)$$

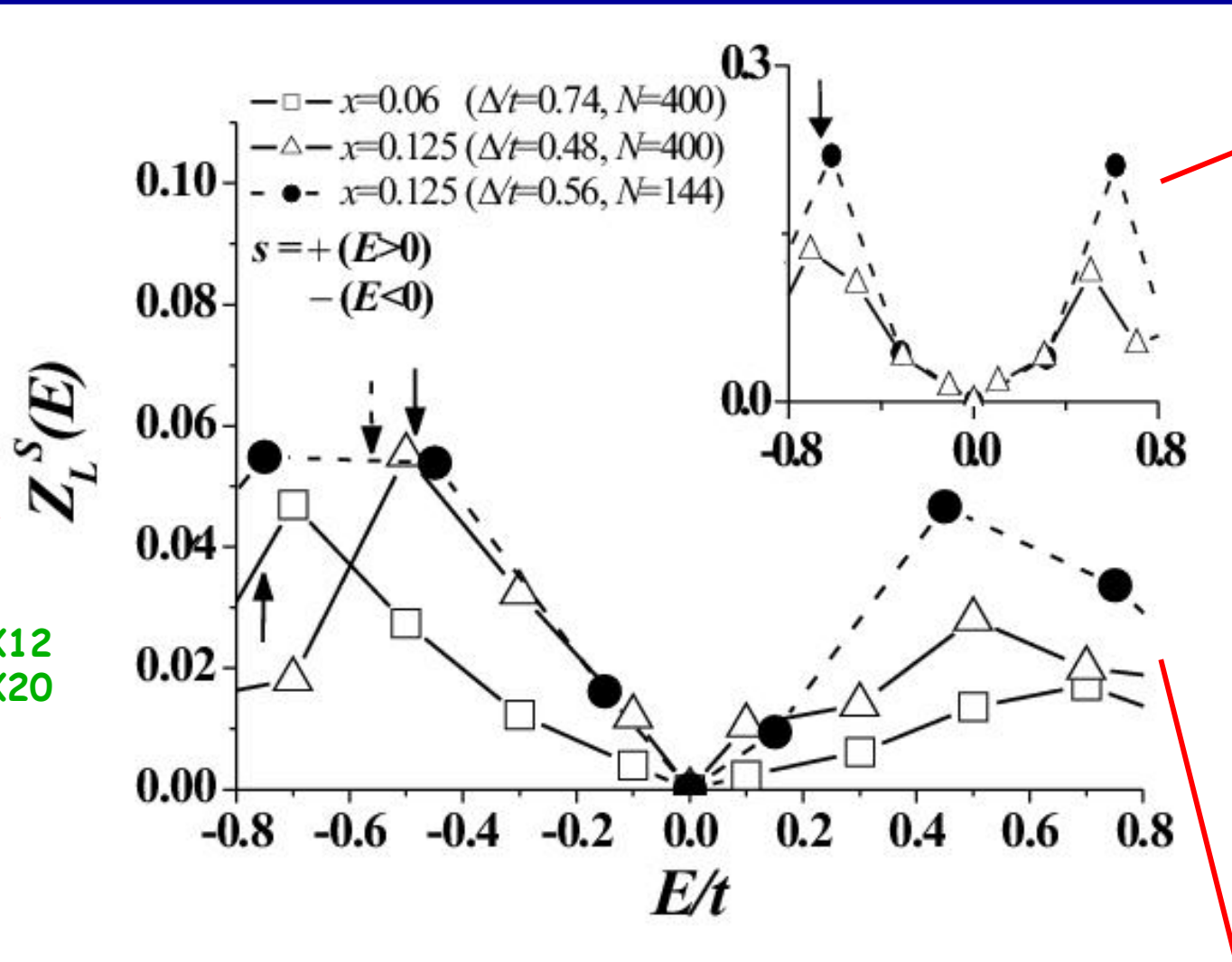
the tunneling conductance at negative bias:

$$\sum_m |\langle m | C_{k,\sigma} | 0 \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega + E_m - E_0) = \sum_k Z_k^- \delta(\omega - E_k + E_0)$$

For positive bias:

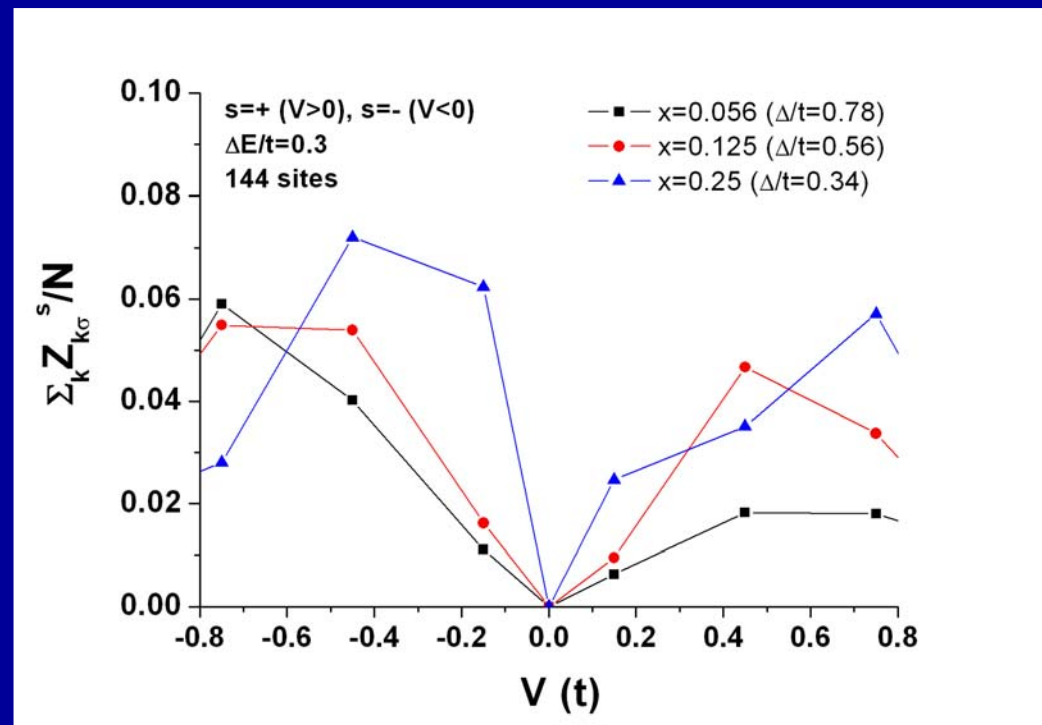
$$\sum_k Z_k^+ \delta(\omega - E_k + E_0)$$

# Quasi-particle contribution to the conductance ratio

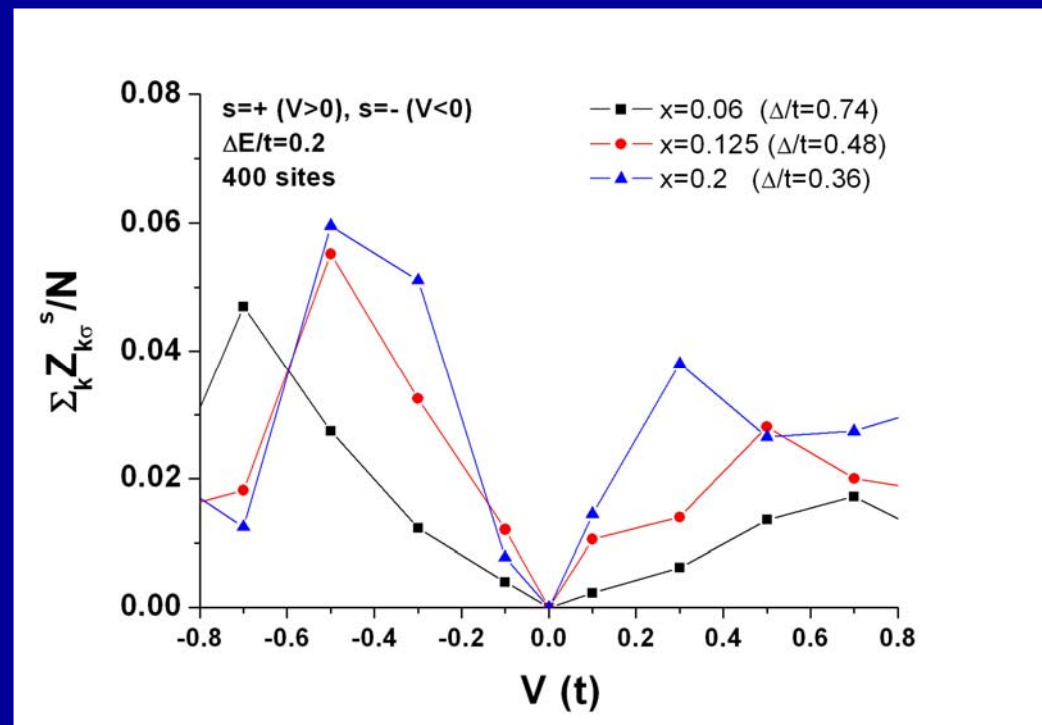
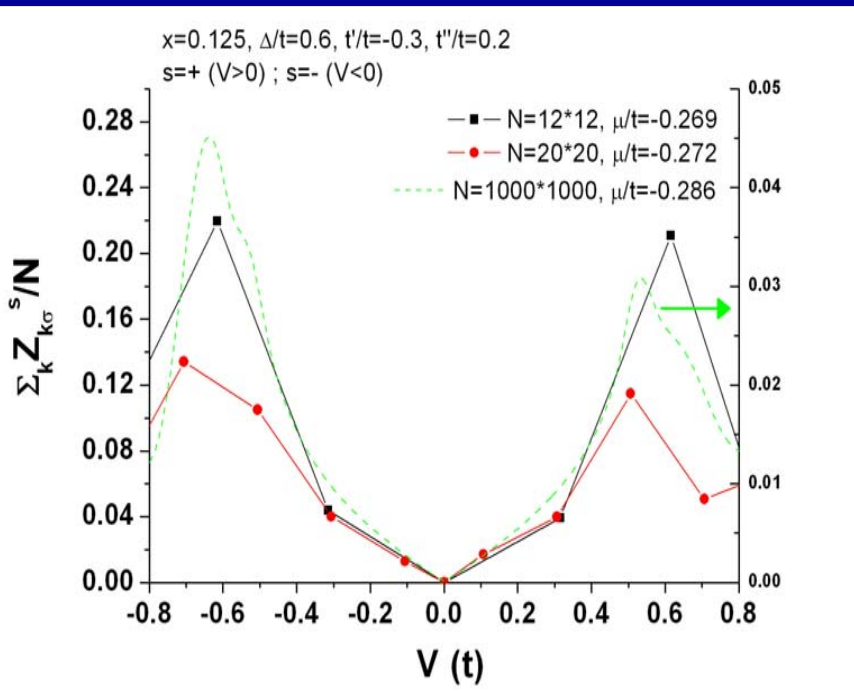


# Quasi-particle contribution to the conductance ratio :

*d*-RVB ( $t'=-0.3$ ,  $t''=0.2$ )

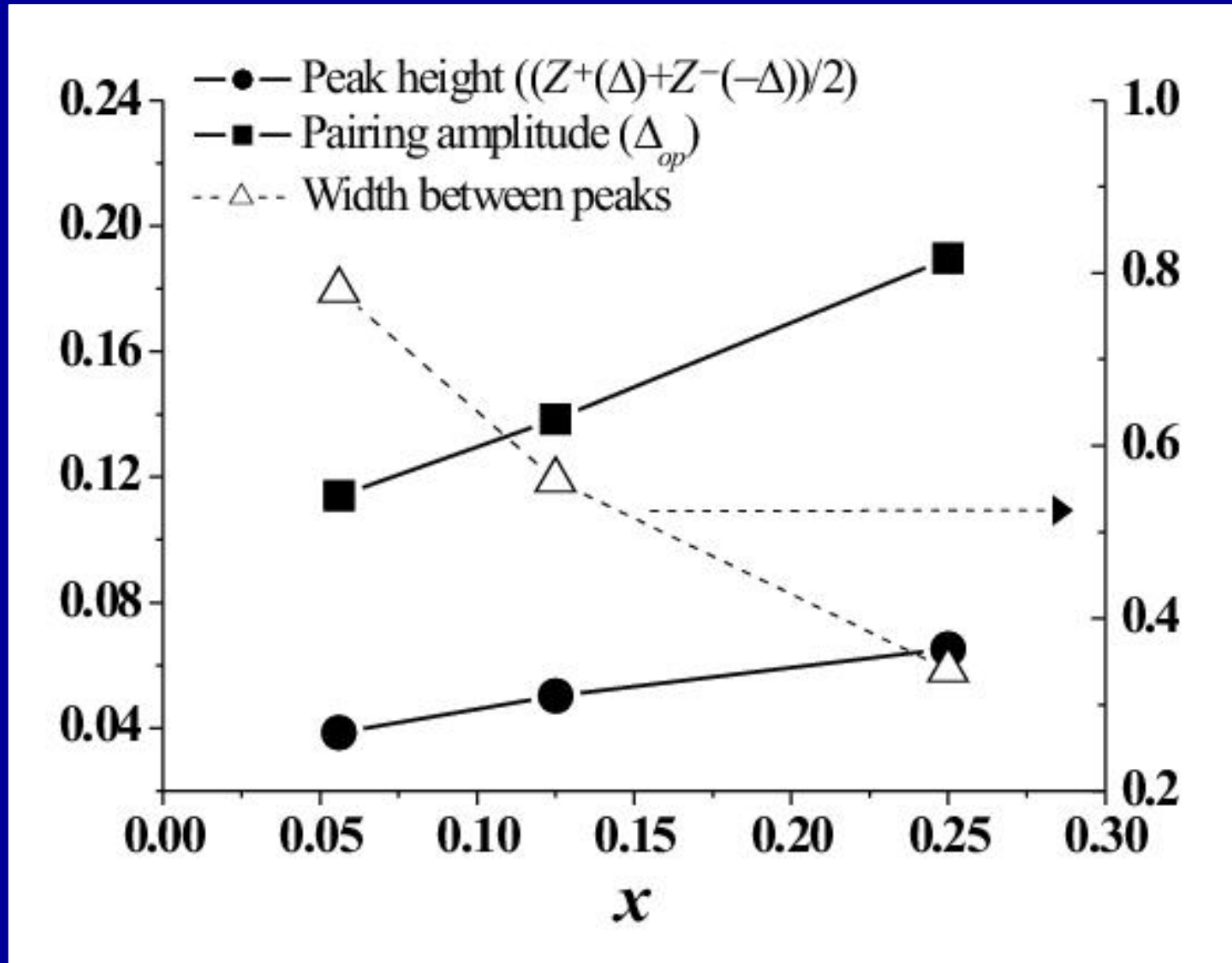


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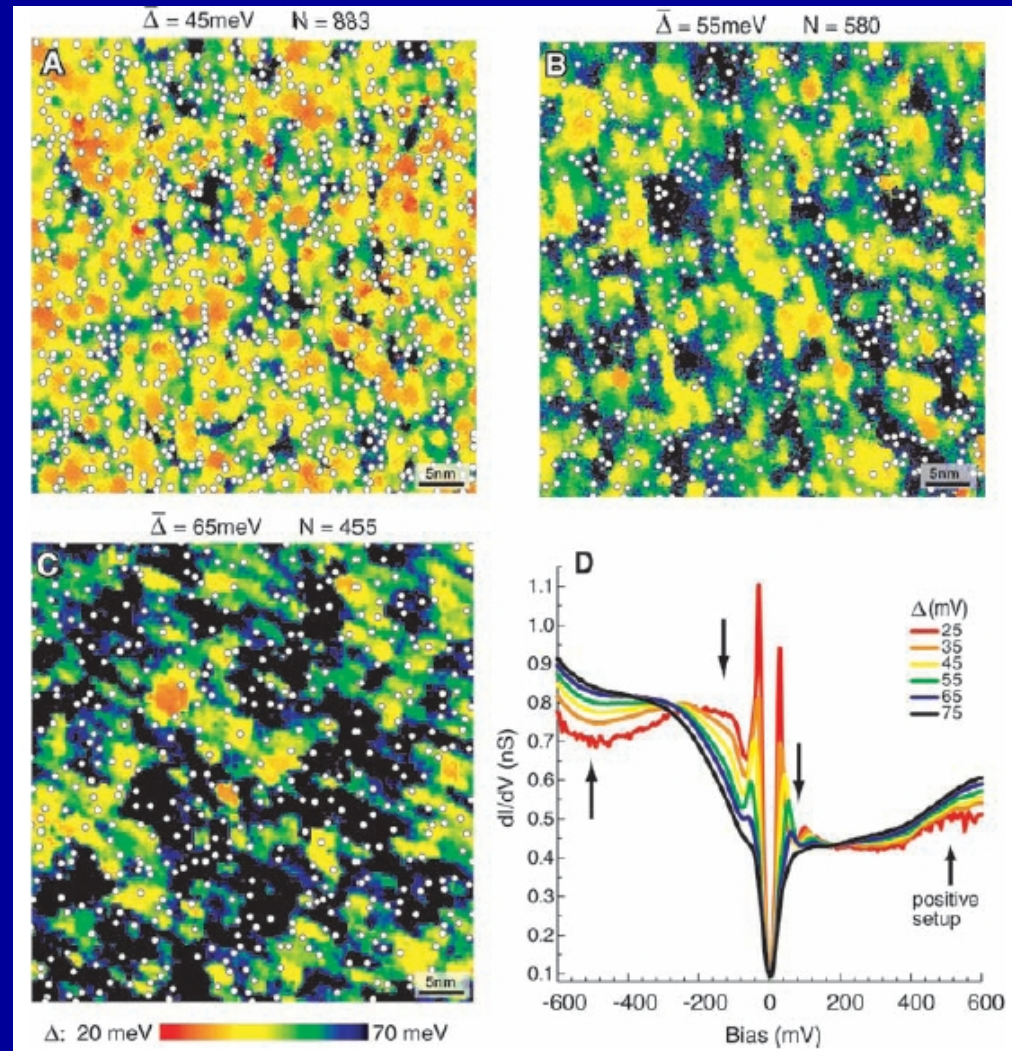




# Spectral weight PEAK HEIGHTS and GAP SIZES



# Why is d-wave SC so robust?



McElroy et al. Science (05)

Consider the impurity elastic scattering matrix element

$$V_{k,k'} : \langle k | C_{k,\sigma}^+ C_{k',\sigma} | k' \rangle$$

For BCS theory, this is just  $u_k u_{k'} - v_k v_{k'}$

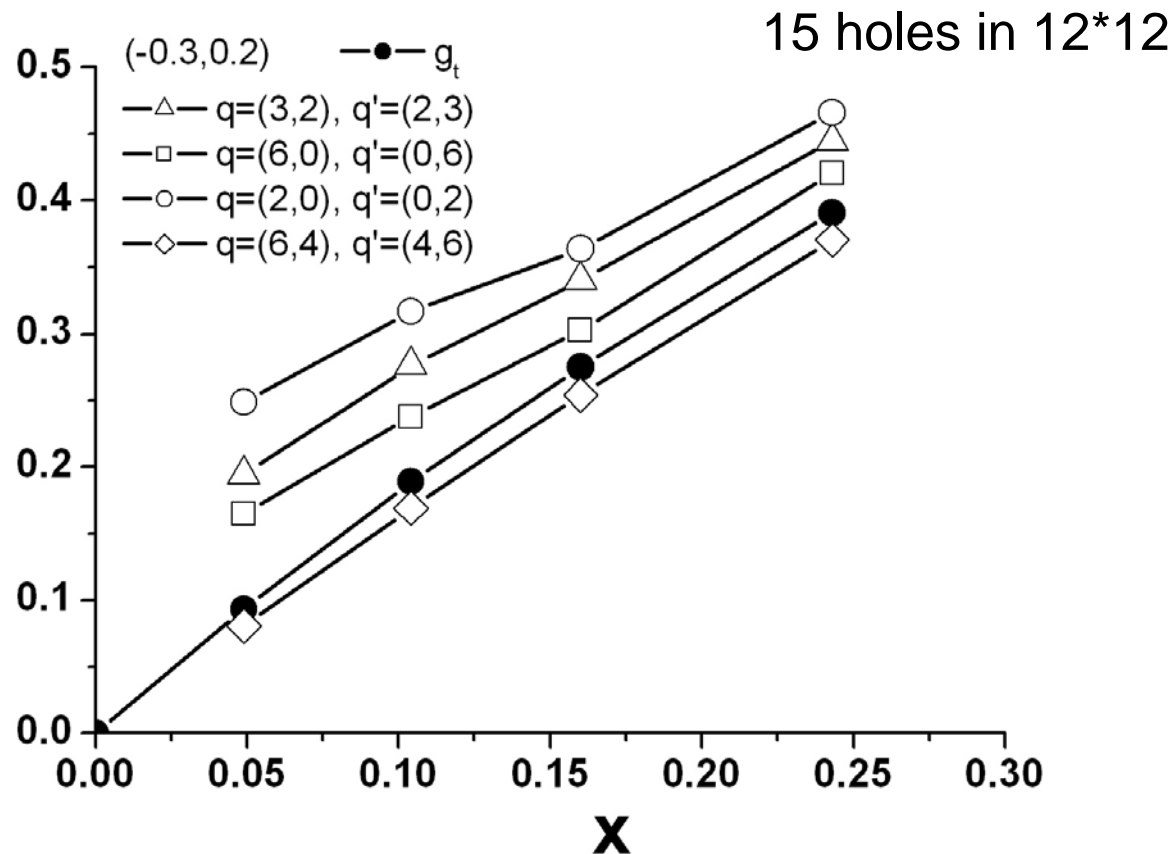
But for projected states, there is a strong renormalization

$$|N_e + 1, k\rangle = P_d C_{k,\uparrow}^+ \left( \sum_q a_q C_{q,\uparrow}^+ C_{-q,\downarrow}^+ \right)^{N_e/2} |0\rangle$$

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$g_t = 2x/(1+x)$   
 Renormalized  
 Mean-field  
 theory ,  
 Garg et al,  
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# Summary

- Variational approach provides a semi-quantitative way to understand the t-J or extended t-J model by taking into account the projection rigorously.
- Based on the RVB concept, trial wave functions for the doped system have been constructed to represent the AFMM, AFMM+SC and SC phases, these phase were observed in multilayer cuprates.
- With the values of t, t' and J in the range of experiments, the phase diagram obtained agree with cuprates below optimal doping.
- Same theory shows that the AFM is much more robust in electron-doped system.

# Summary

- In addition to studying ground states, variational approach could also study excitation spectra, STM conductance asymmetry, effects of disorder (why d-wave is so robust) etc..
- Questions unanswered: stripes, competing states, ..

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