

Orbital-Selective Pairing and Gap Structures of Iron-Based Superconductors

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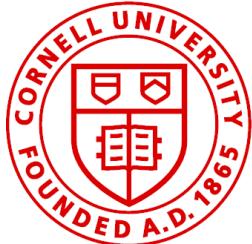
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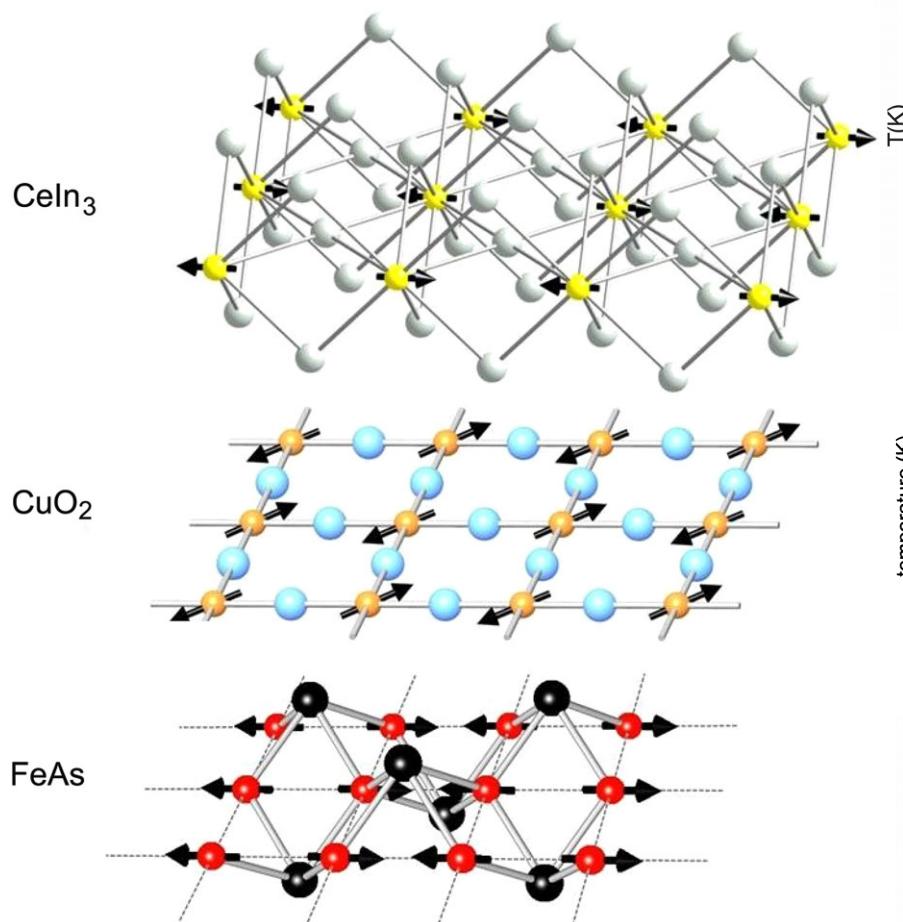
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Outline

- Unconventional superconductivity
 - some “big questions”
- Example of Fe-based SC: FeSe (bulk)
 - Why interesting?
 - Nematic order
 - Superconducting gap structure
 - Orbital selectivity
- Other materials: FeSe (monolayer), LiFeAs

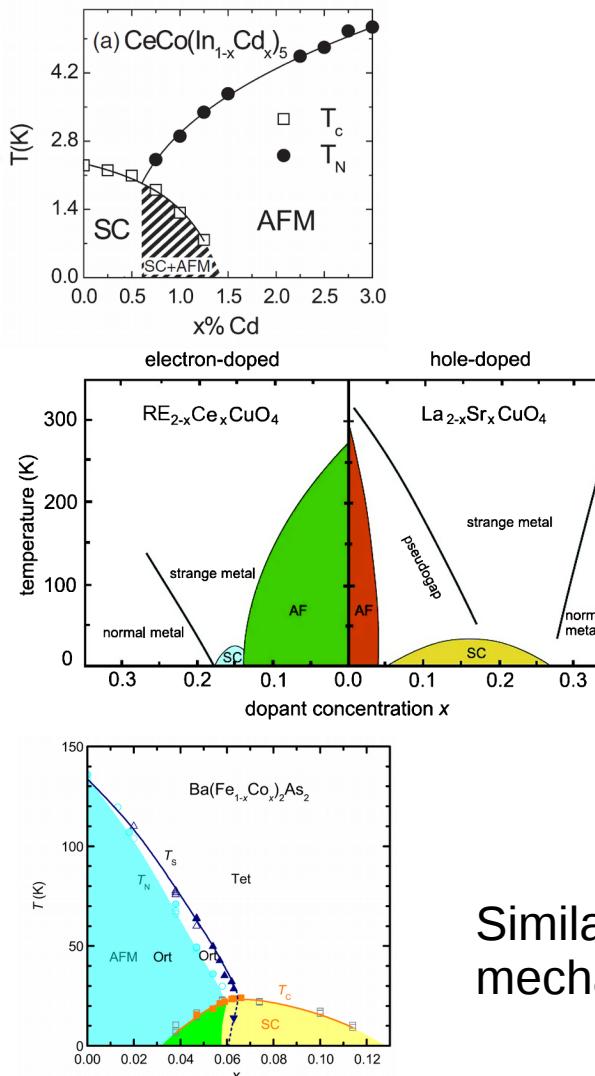
Unconventional superconductivity

2d active layers, antiferromagnetic spin orders (undoped compounds)



D. J. Scalapino
Rev. Mod. Phys. **84**, 1383 (2012)

Phase diagram: close proximity of antiferromagnetism and superconductivity

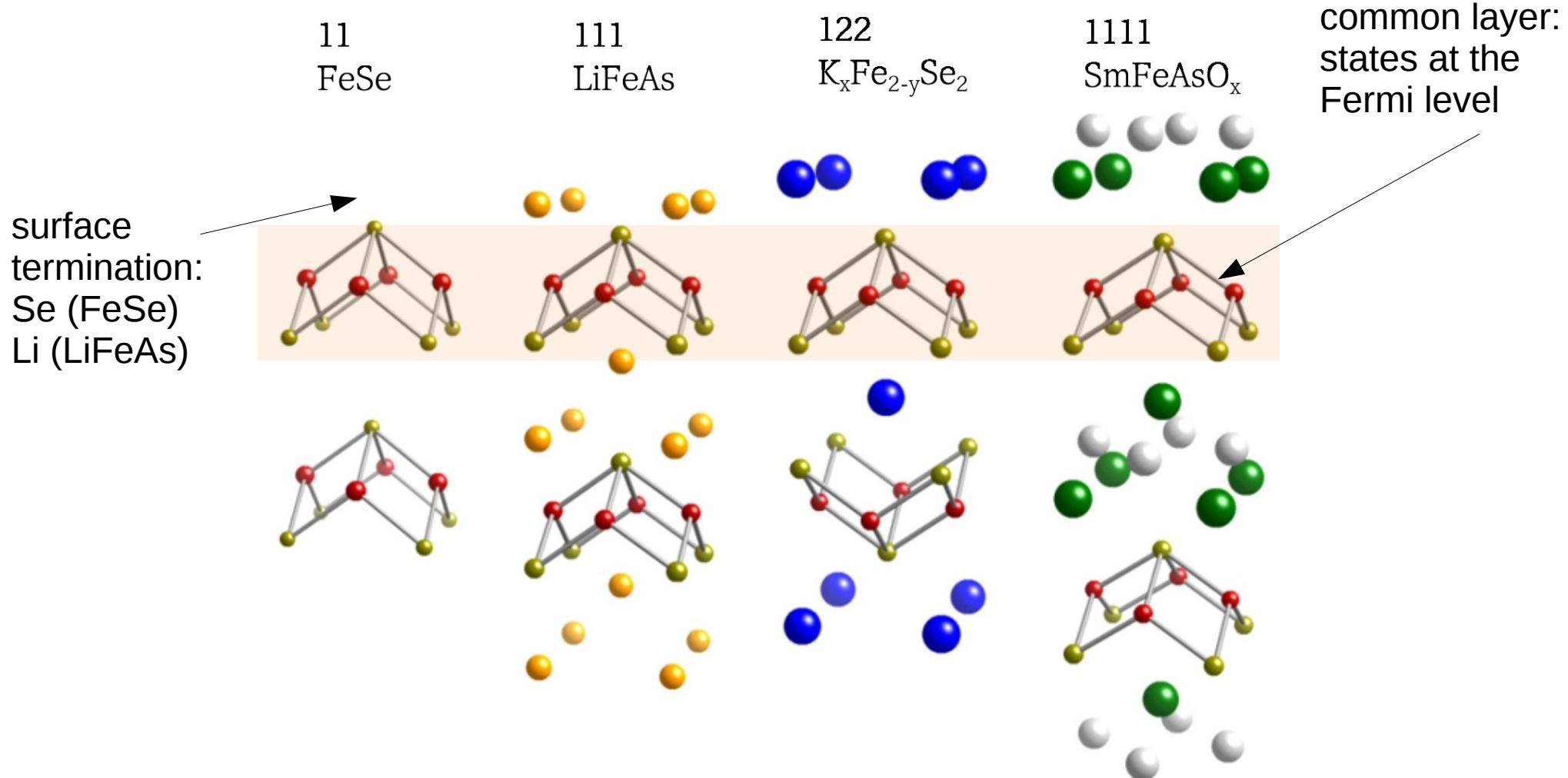


other interesting phases:
· charge density wave
· C₄ symmetric magnetic phases
· Nematic phase

Similarities in physical mechanisms?

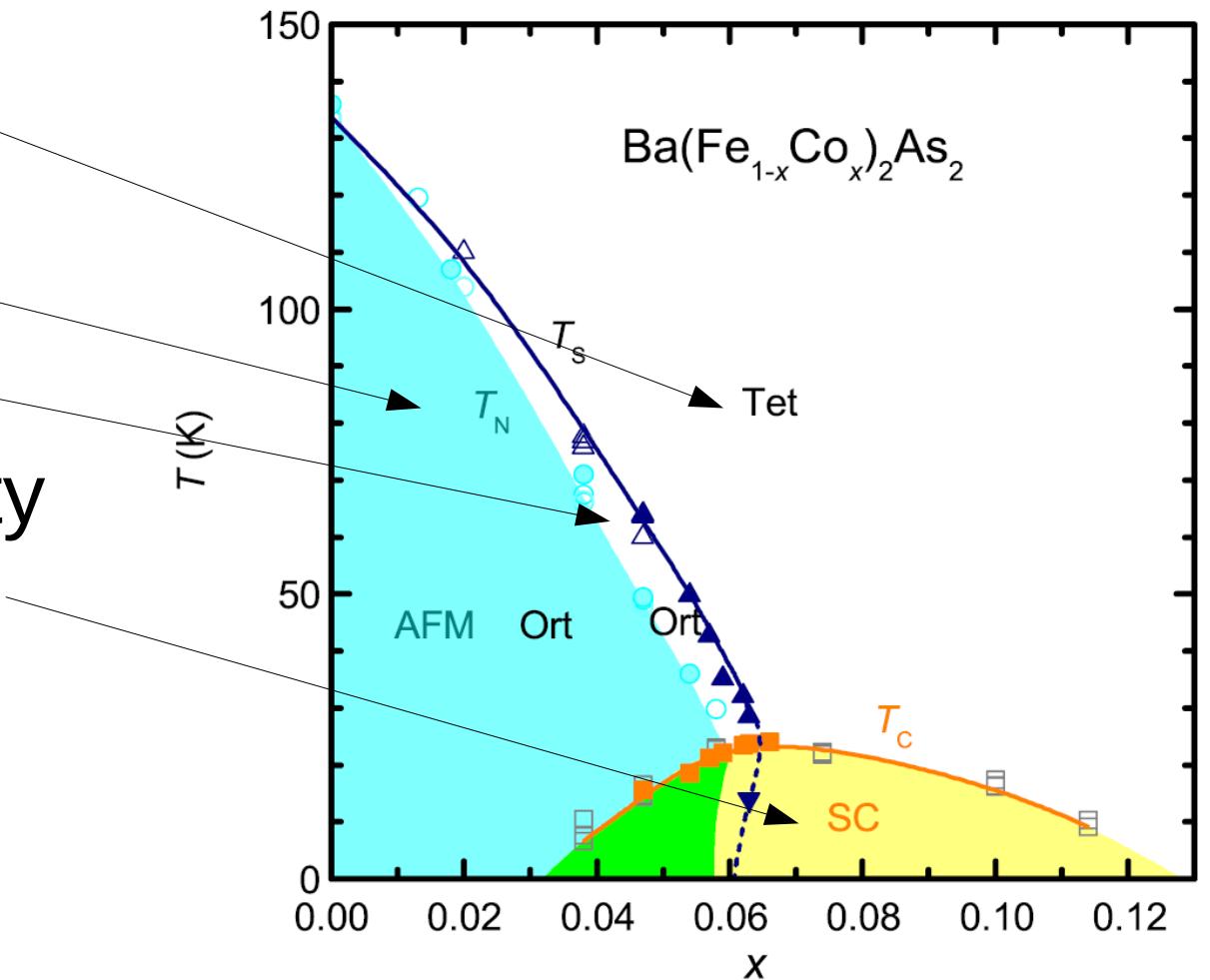
Fe based superconductors

- 2d layered materials: active states Fe(d)



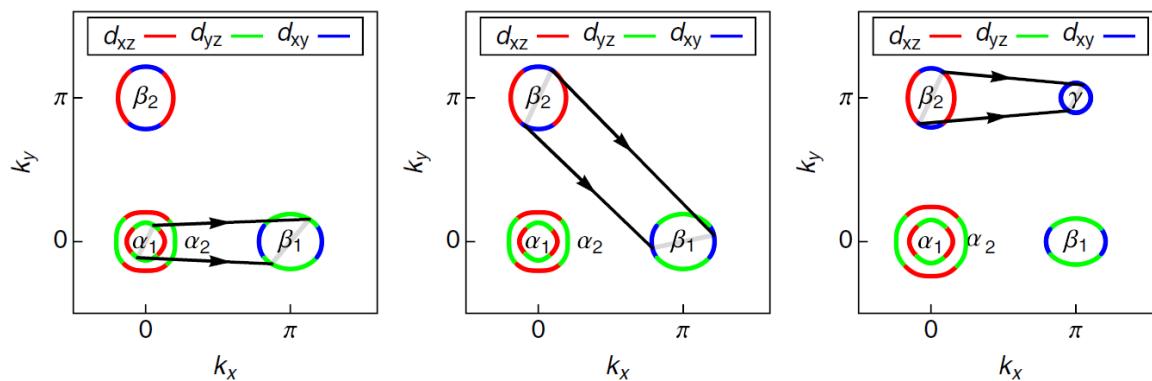
Fe based superconductors

- Band structure
- Magnetism
- Nematicity
- Superconductivity
(gap structure)

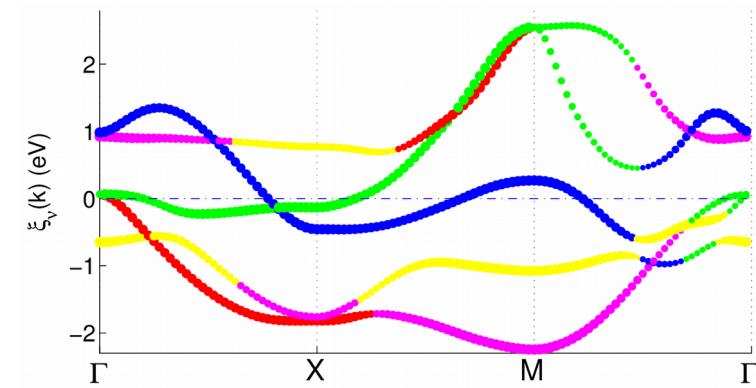


Band structure / Magnetism

- Fe(d) orbitals: quasi 2D electronic structure: 5 orbital model

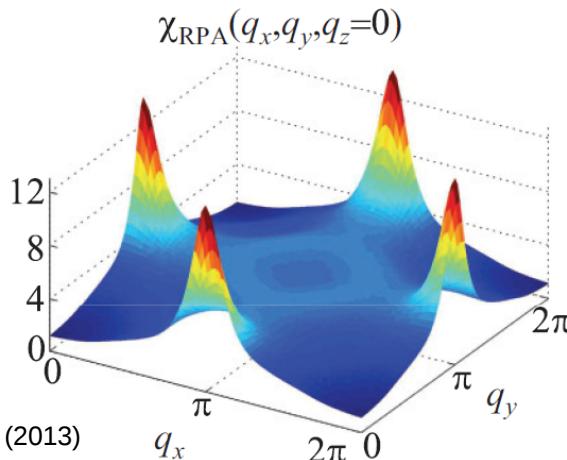


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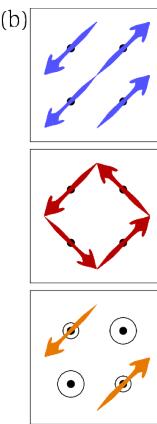
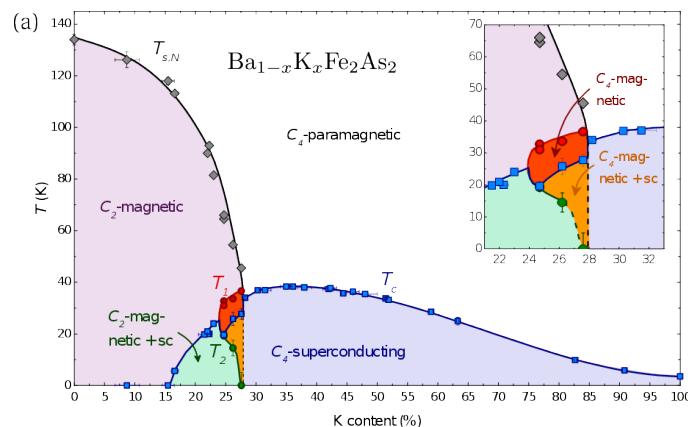


Chi et al., PRB **94**, 134515 (2016) [LiFeAs]

- Tendency towards $(\pi, 0)$, $(0, \pi)$ magnetism



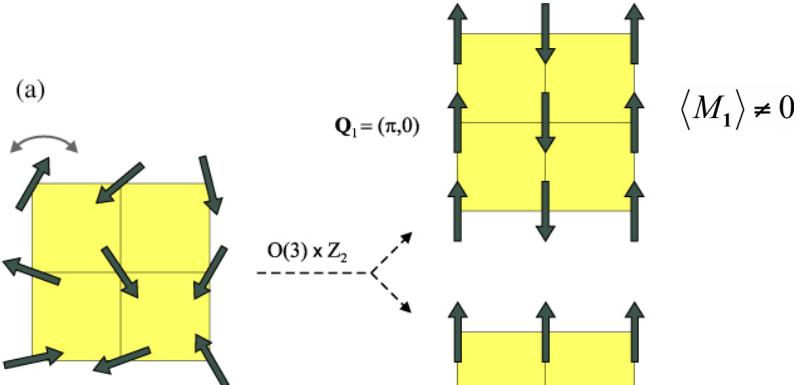
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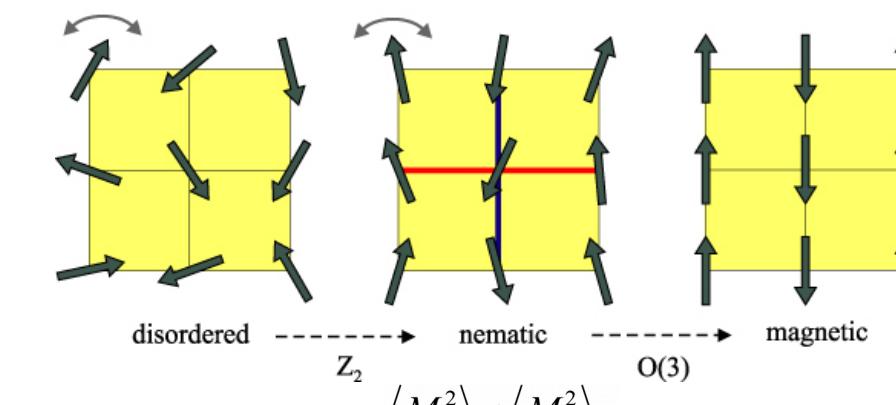
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Nematicity

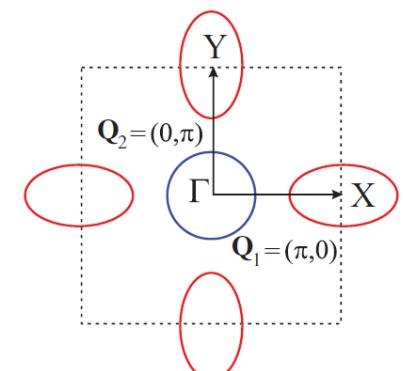
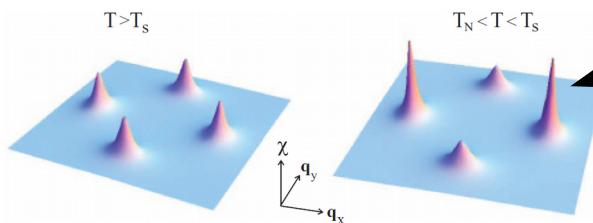
- Magnetic ordering



- Nematic state



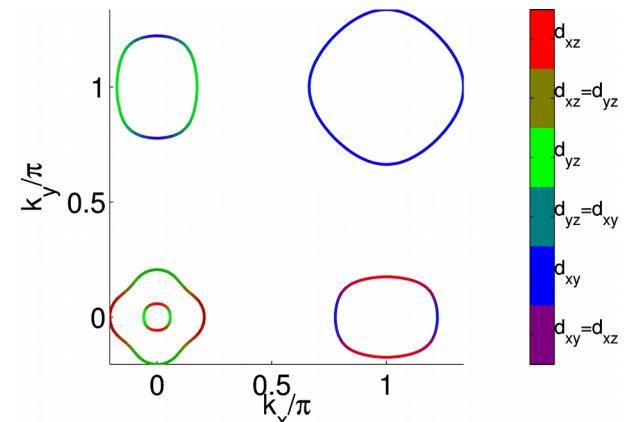
Magnetic fluctuations
stronger in x-direction
Tetragonal symmetry
breaking



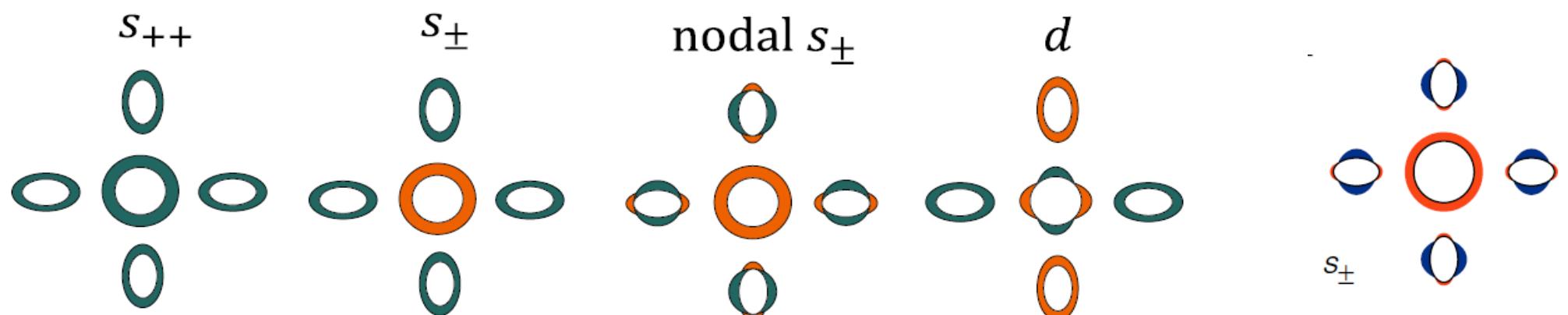
Itinerant approach to nematic state
 $\chi_{\text{nem}} \sim \chi_{\text{mag}}^2$

Superconductivity: gap structure

- Fermi surface



- Possible order parameters (tetragonal state)

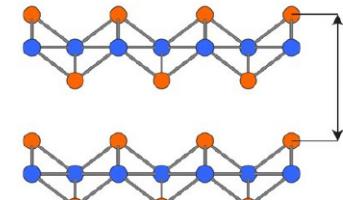
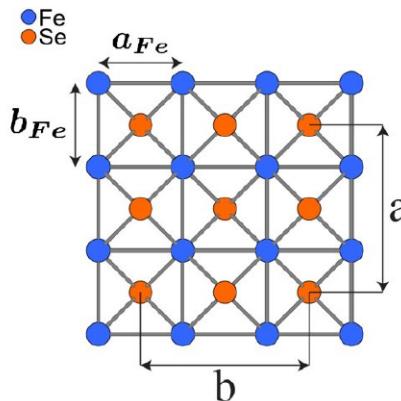


Hirschfeld, Korshunov, Mazin
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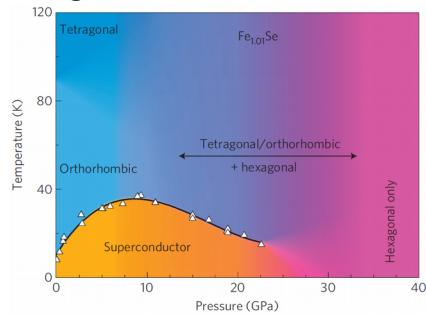
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FeSe: Why interesting?

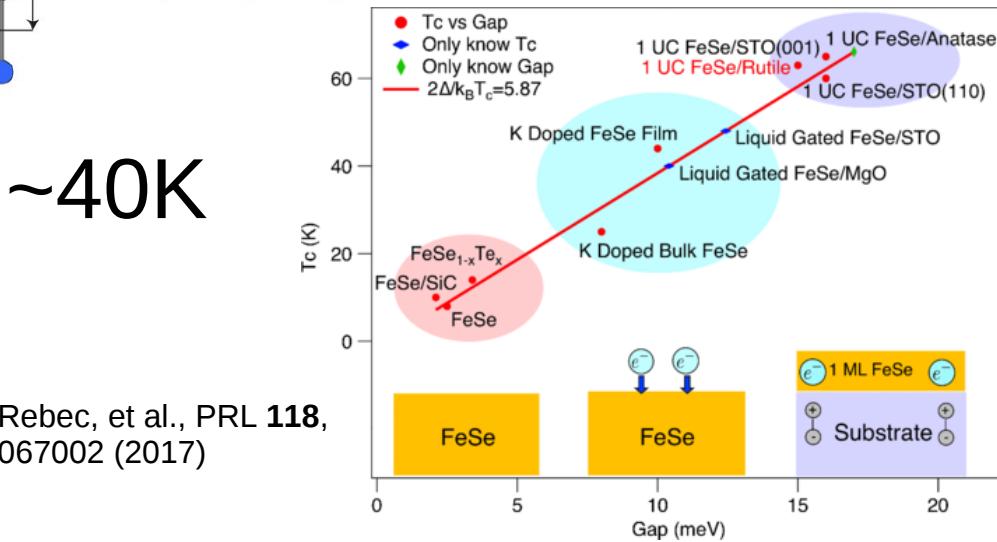
- 11 compound



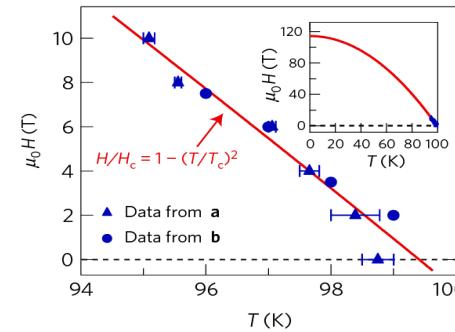
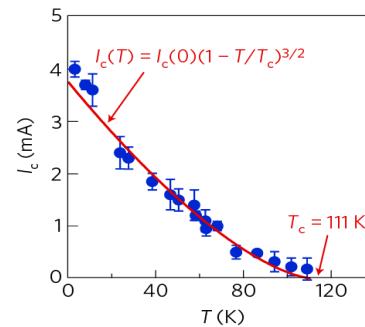
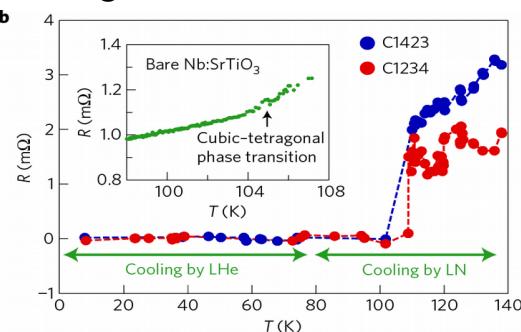
- T_c 8K, pressure,doping ~40K



Medvedev, et al. Nat. Mater. **8**, 630 (2009)



- T_c 100K (single layer) transport measurement

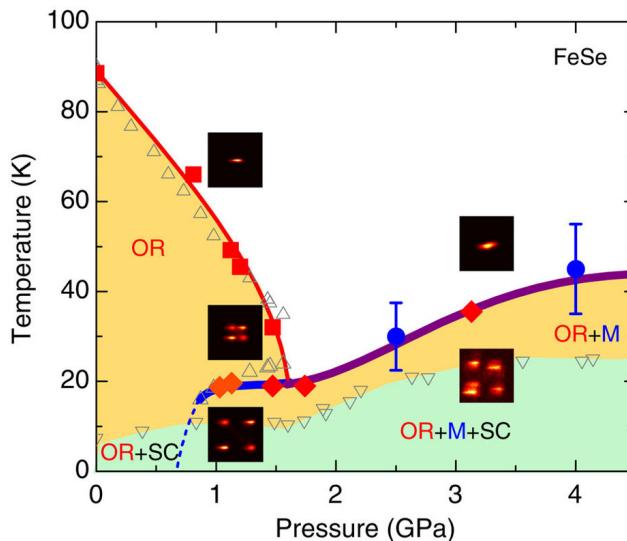


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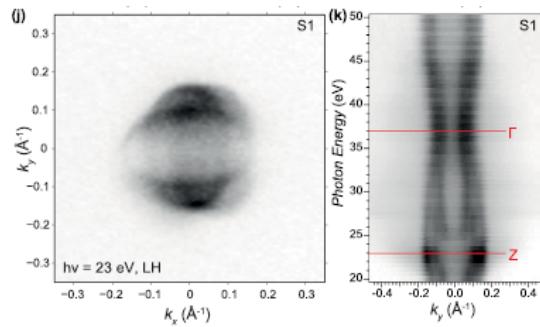
FeSe: Why interesting?

- nematic phase no magnetism ($p=0$)

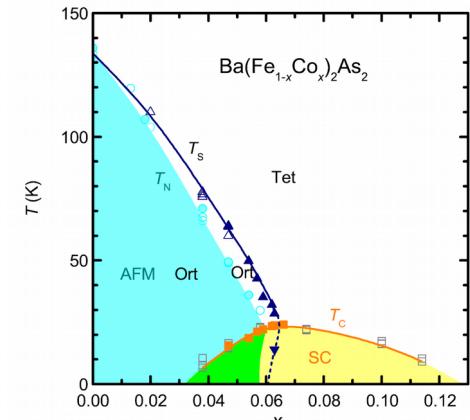
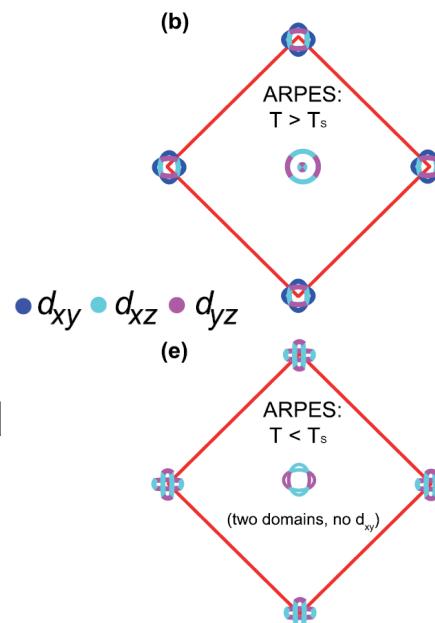
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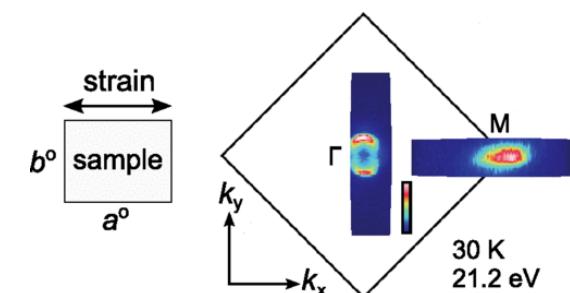
- ARPES
measured band structure
tiny Fermi surface
(far from ab initio results)



Measured orbital splitting



detwinned ARPES



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Watson, et al., PRB 90, 121111(R) (2014)
Suzuki, et al., PRB 92, 205117 (2015)
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FeSe

- Origin of nematic order
 - Orbital order
Baek et al., Nat. Mat. **14**, 210 (2015)
Yamakawa, Onari, Kontani, Phys. Rev. X **6**, 021032 (2016)
 - Quantum paramagnet
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 - Longer-range Coulomb interactions
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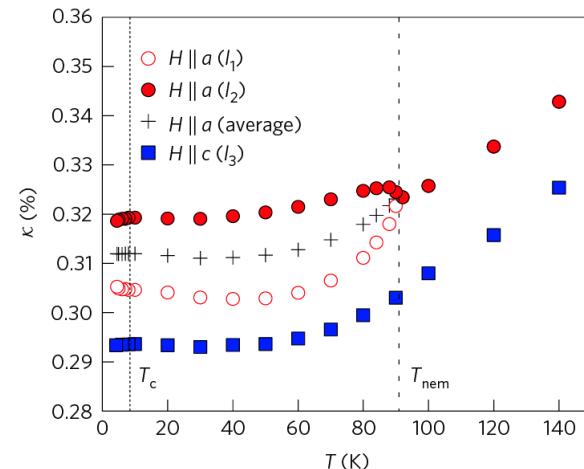
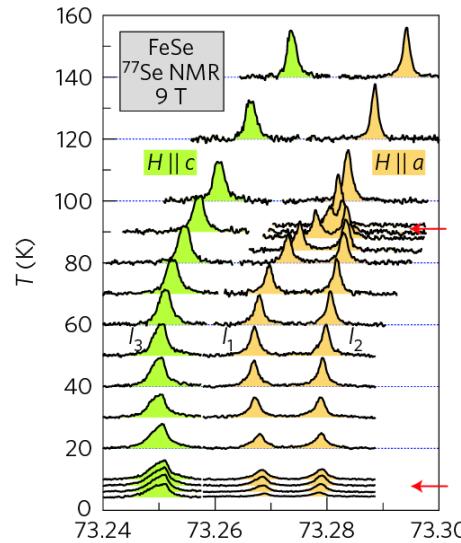
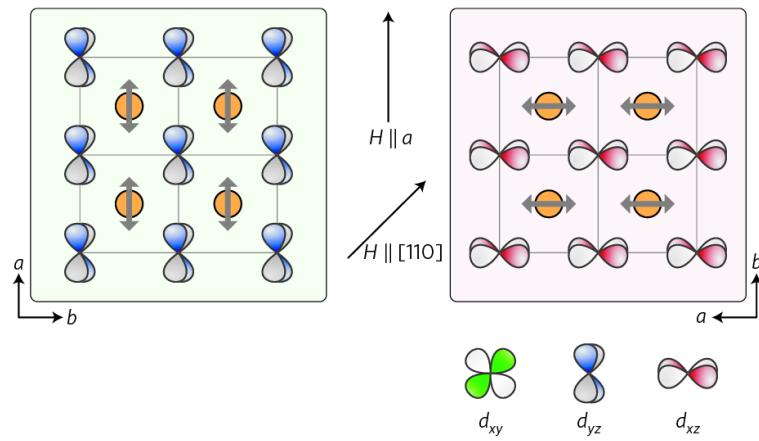
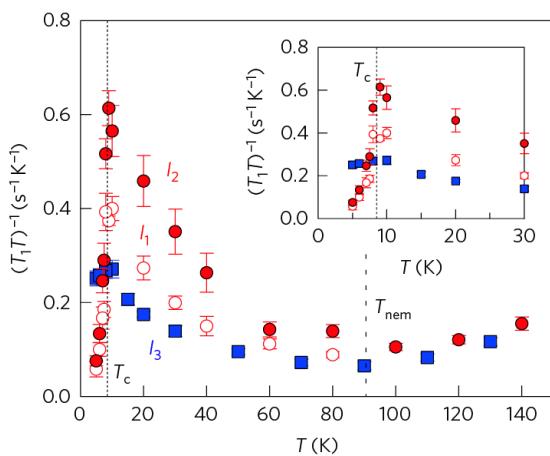
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Nematic order

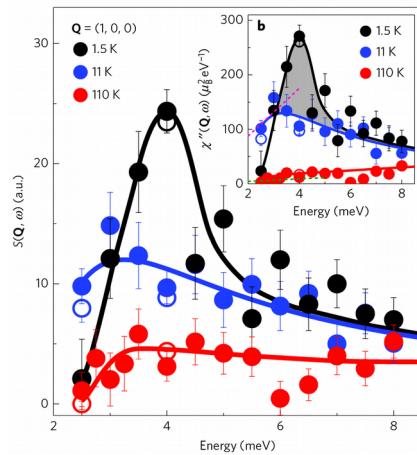
- NMR on FeSe splitting of the Se line
- No enhanced spin fluctuations below T_s



→ not caused by lattice distortion
→ evidence for orbital order (ferro)

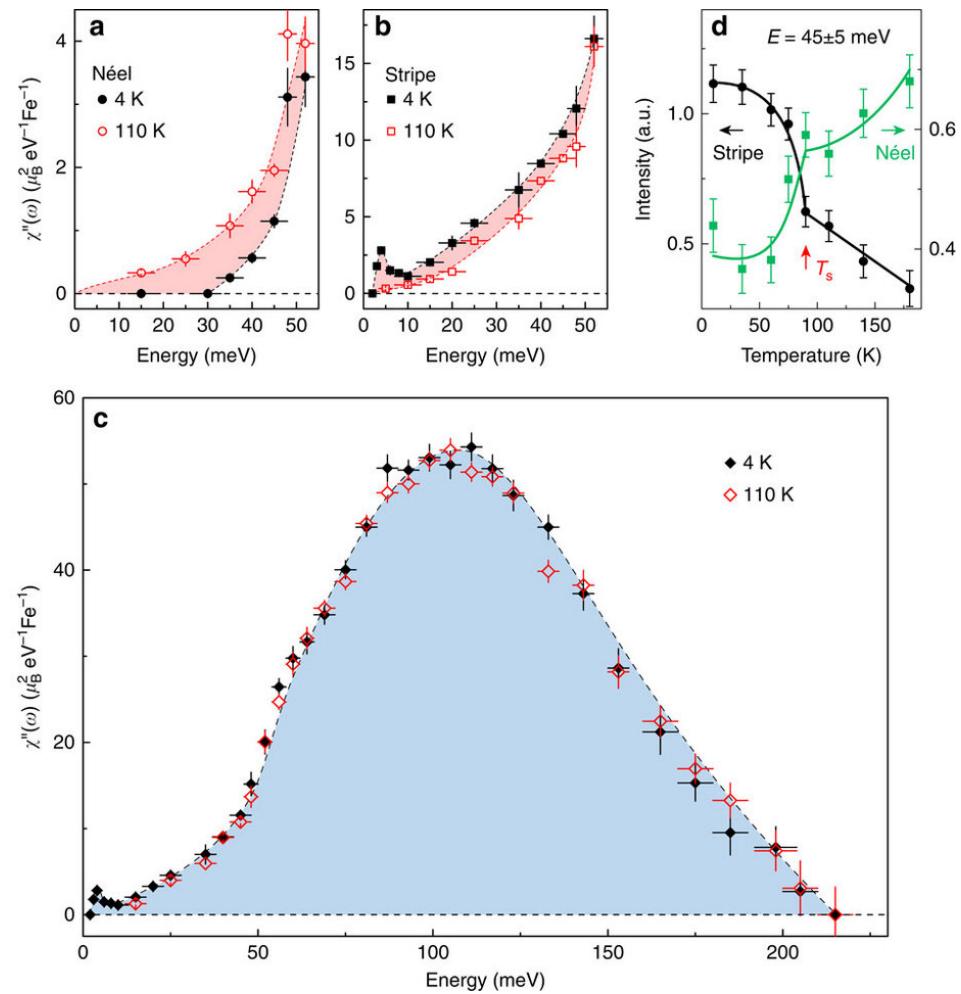
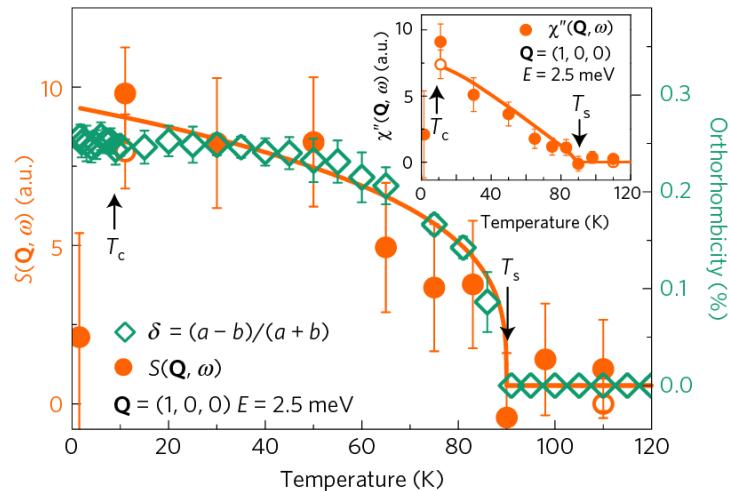
Spin excitations and magnetism

- Competition between stripe and Néel fluctuations



“spin resonance”
at $(\pi, 0)$

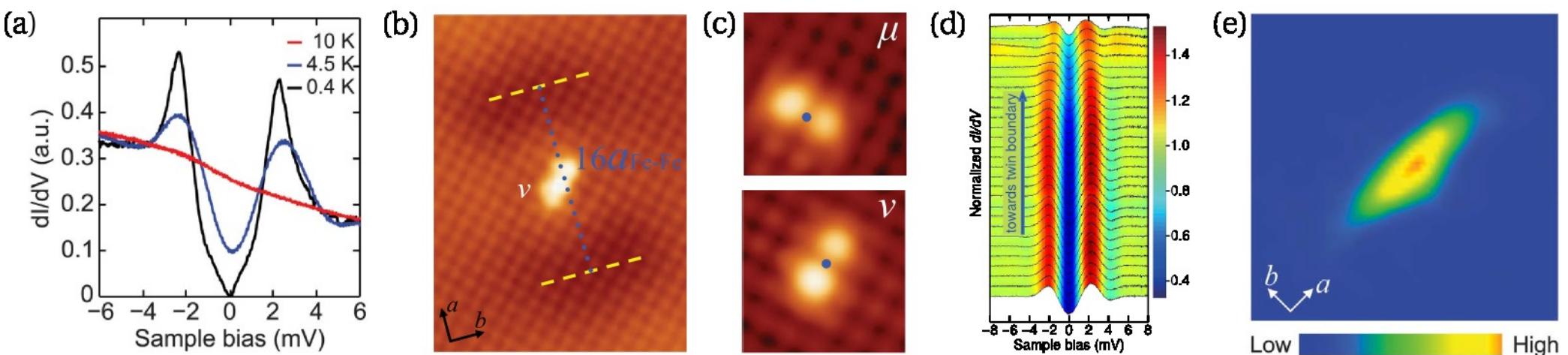
Wang et al.,
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Wang et al., Nat. Commun. **7**, 12182 (2016)

Superconducting gap structure

- consequences: nodal gapstructure, anisotropy

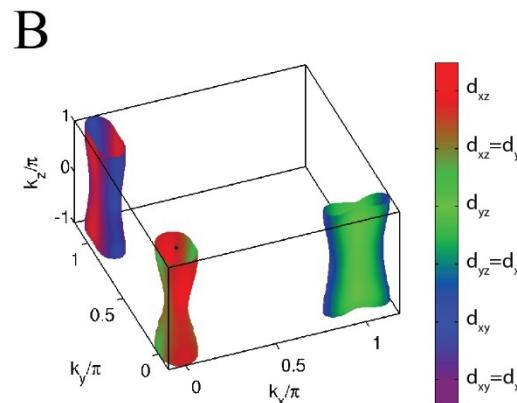
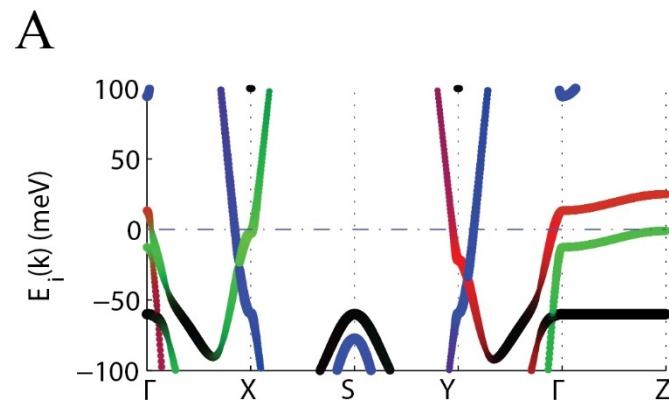


Song et al., PRL **109**, 137004 (2012)

Song et al., Science **332**, 1410 (2011)

Modelling

- Band structure:
measured spectral function

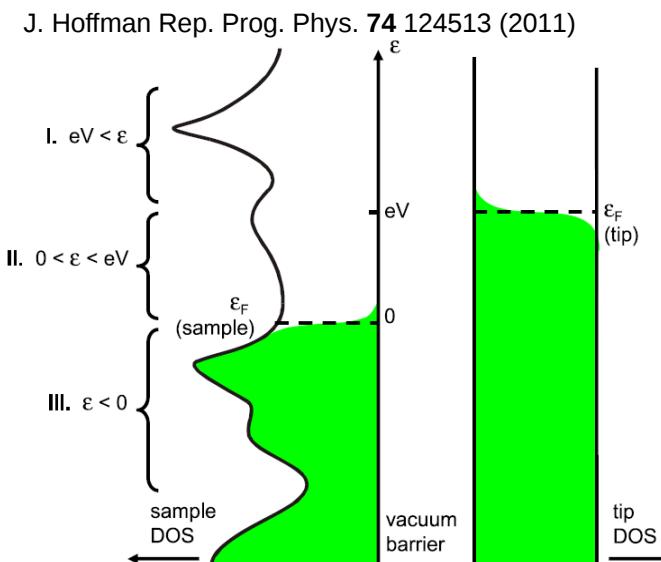
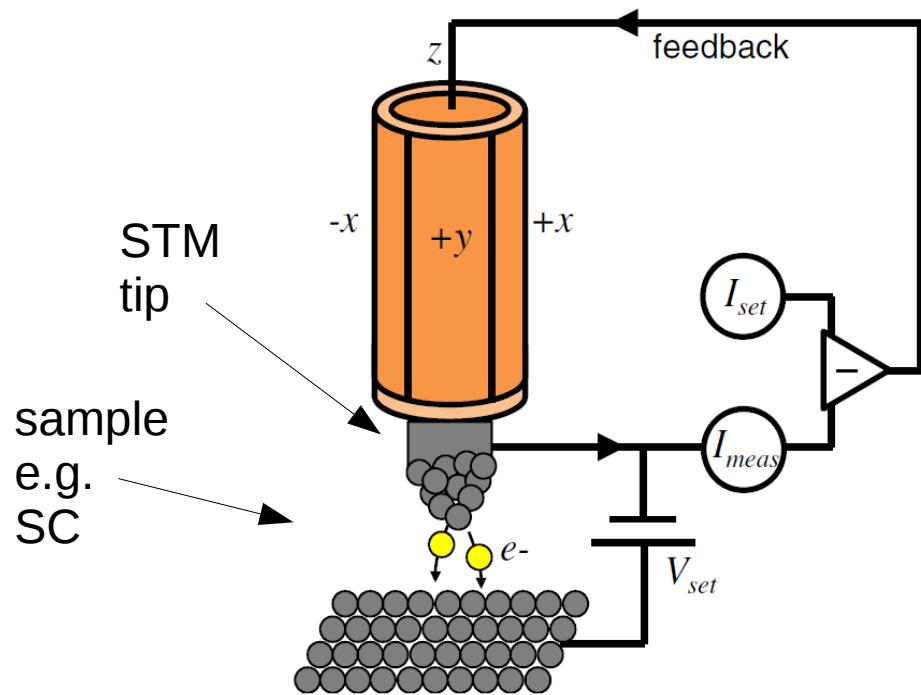


$$G(\vec{k}, \omega) = \frac{1}{\omega - E_{\vec{k}} + i0^+}$$
$$A(\vec{k}, \omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im}G(\vec{k}, \omega)$$

- ARPES
- Quantum oscillations
- Scanning tunnelling microscopy

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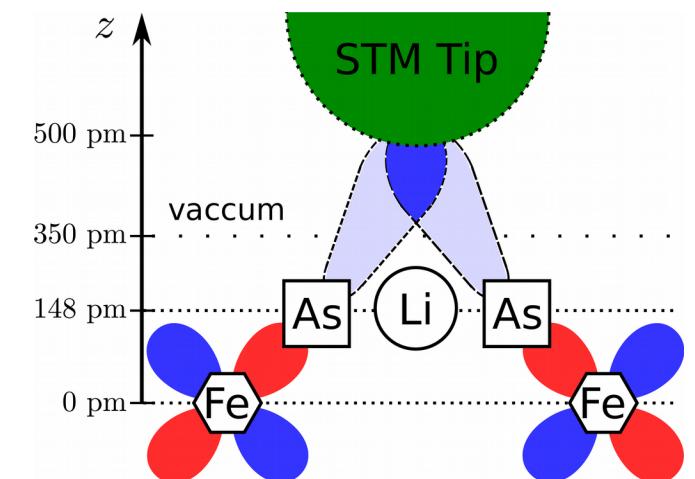
Scanning tunnelling microscopy



Tunnelling current:

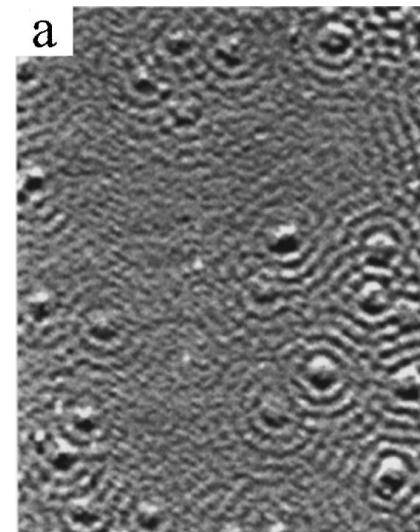
$$I(V, x, y, z) = -\frac{4\pi e}{\hbar} \rho_t(0) |M|^2 \int_0^{eV} \rho(x, y, z, \epsilon) d\epsilon$$

Local Density Of States (LDOS)
of sample at given energy **at the tip position**



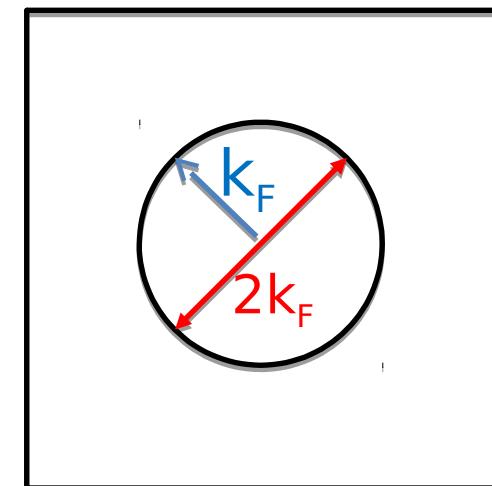
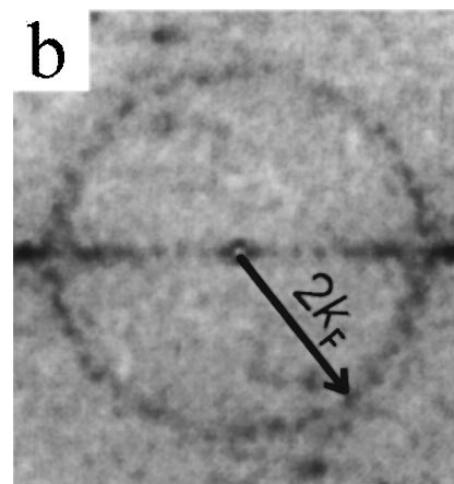
Quasiparticle Interference (QPI)

- STM on normal metal (Cu)
 - impurities
 - Friedel oscillations



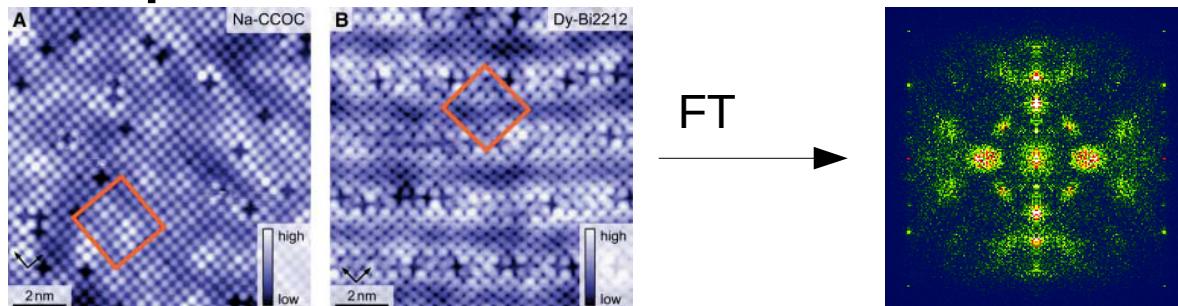
L. Petersen, et al.
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(1998)

- Fourier transform of conductance map
 - mapping of constant energy contour

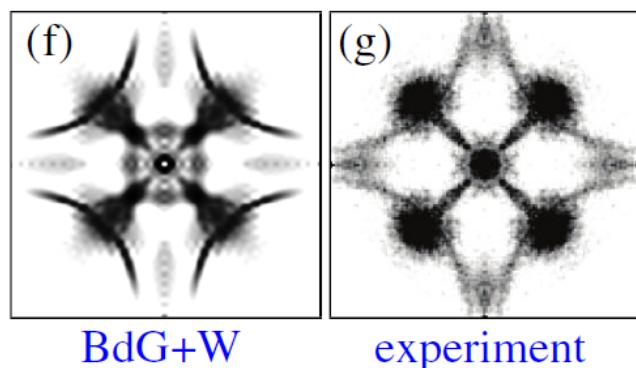
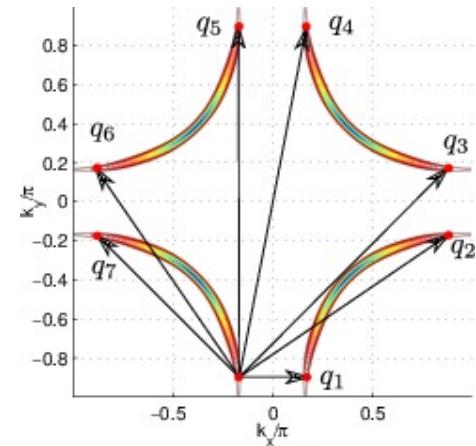


QPI in superconductors

- Fourier transform of differential conductance maps

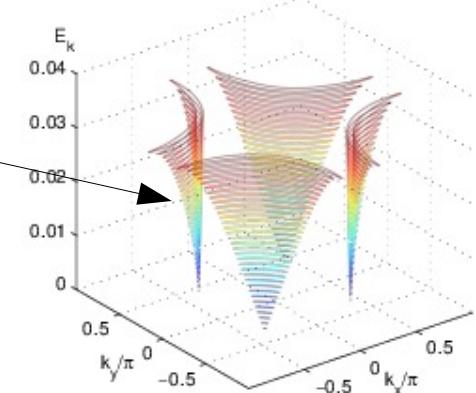


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A. Kreisel, et al., PRL **114**, 217002 (2015)

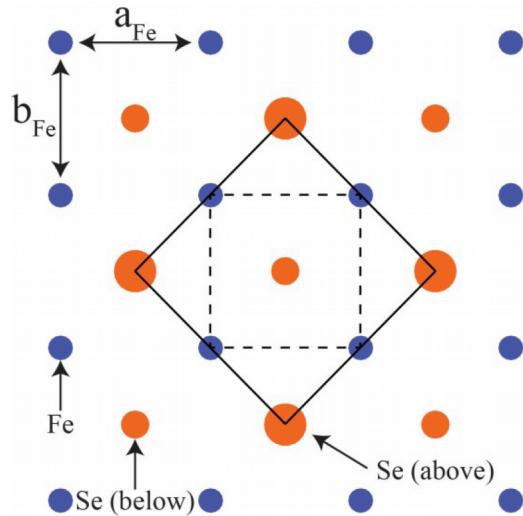
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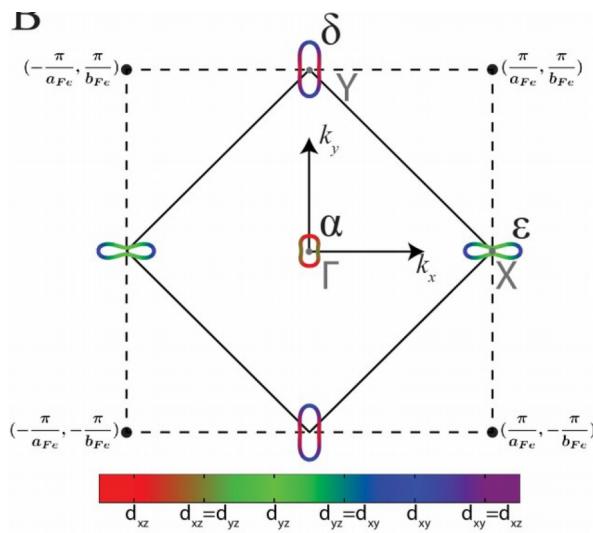
Trace back Fermi surface+measure
superconducting gap function

octet model: 7 scattering
vectors between regions
of high DOS

FeSe BQPI

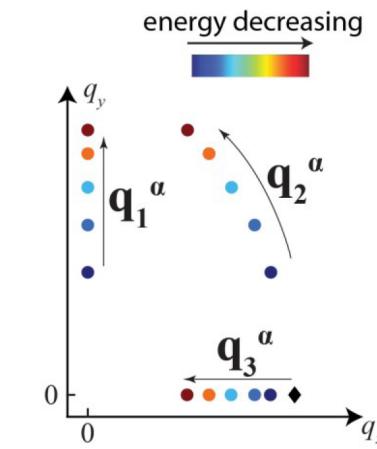
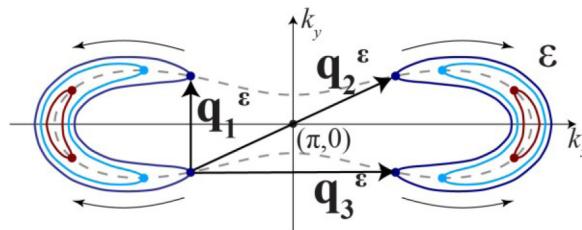


Coordinate system,
expected Fermi surface

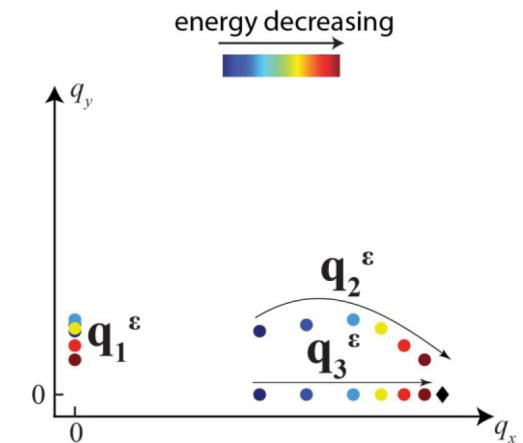


CEC: constant
energy contour
Expected
scattering vectors

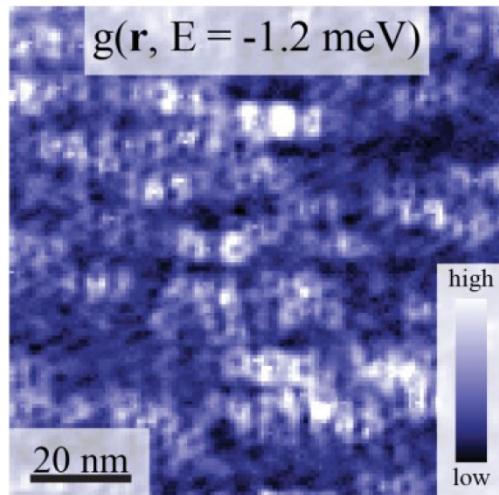
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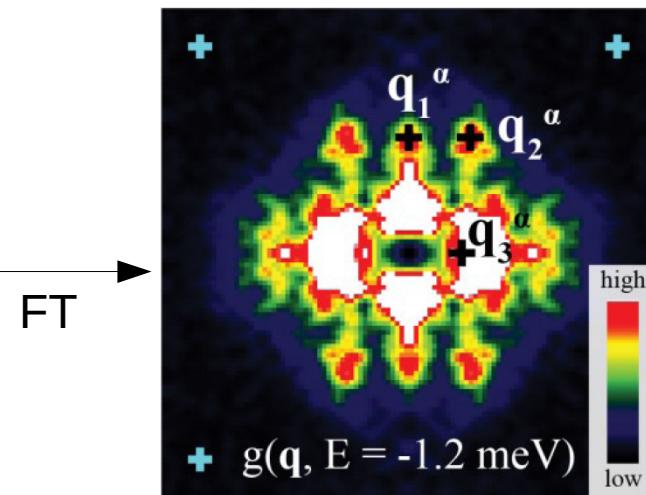
Dispersion of QPI peaks
 $q(E) \rightarrow k(E) \rightarrow E(k)$



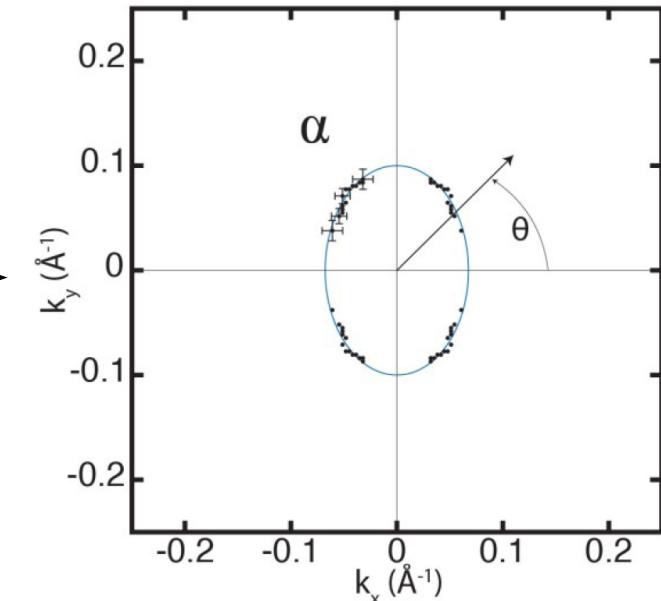
FeSe measurement



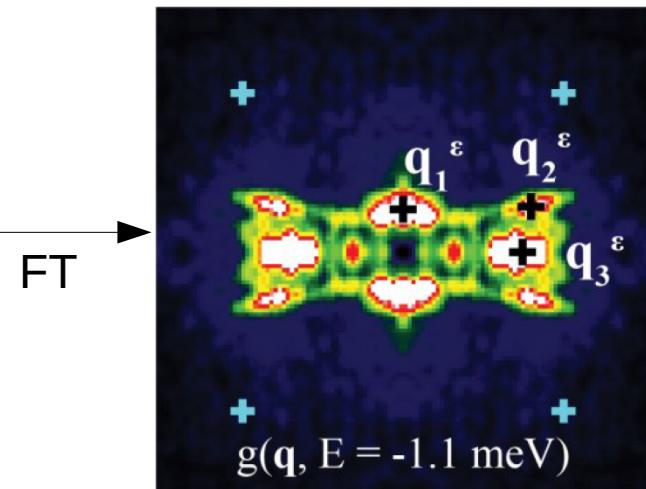
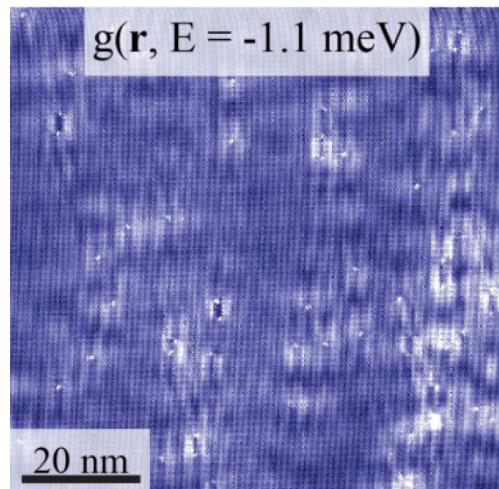
Conductance maps



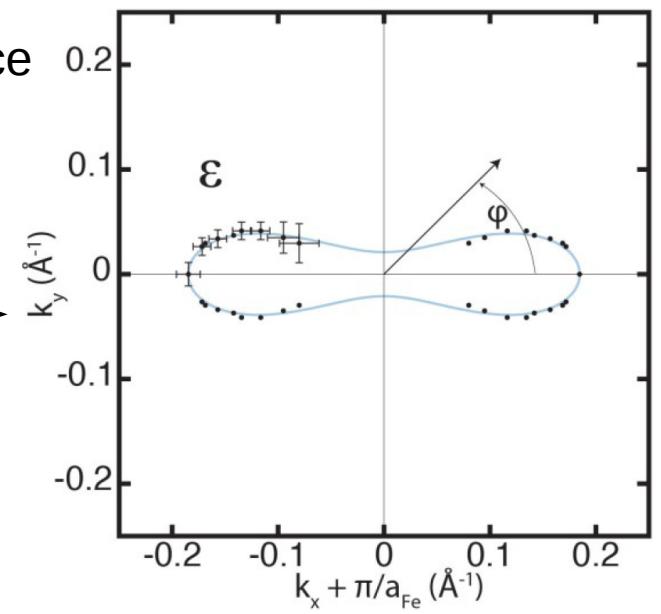
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Trace
back
Fermi
surface



FT



Band structure modelling

- Tight binding model

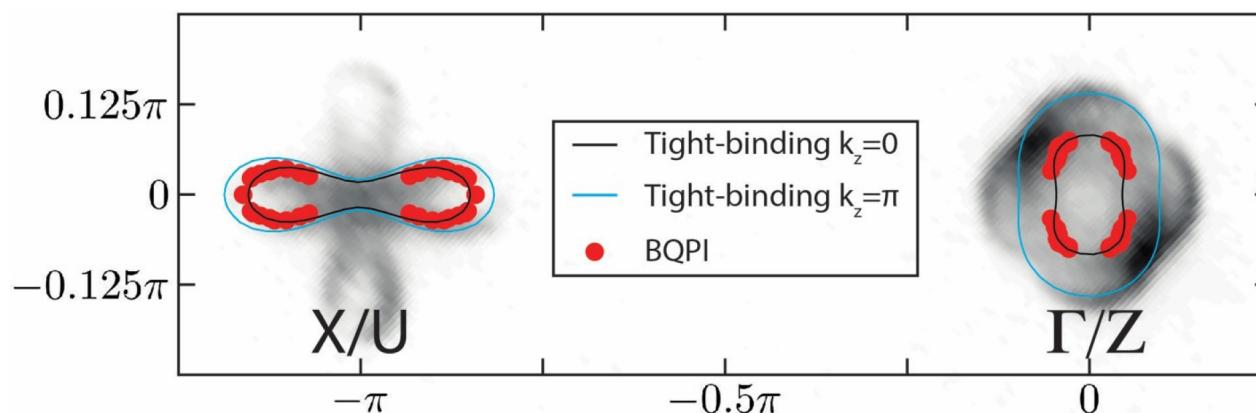
$$H_0 = \sum_{r,r',a,b} t_{r-r'}^{ab} c_{a,r}^\dagger c_{b,r'}$$

site+bond
centered
orbital order

$$H_N = H_0 + H_{OO} + H_{SOC}$$

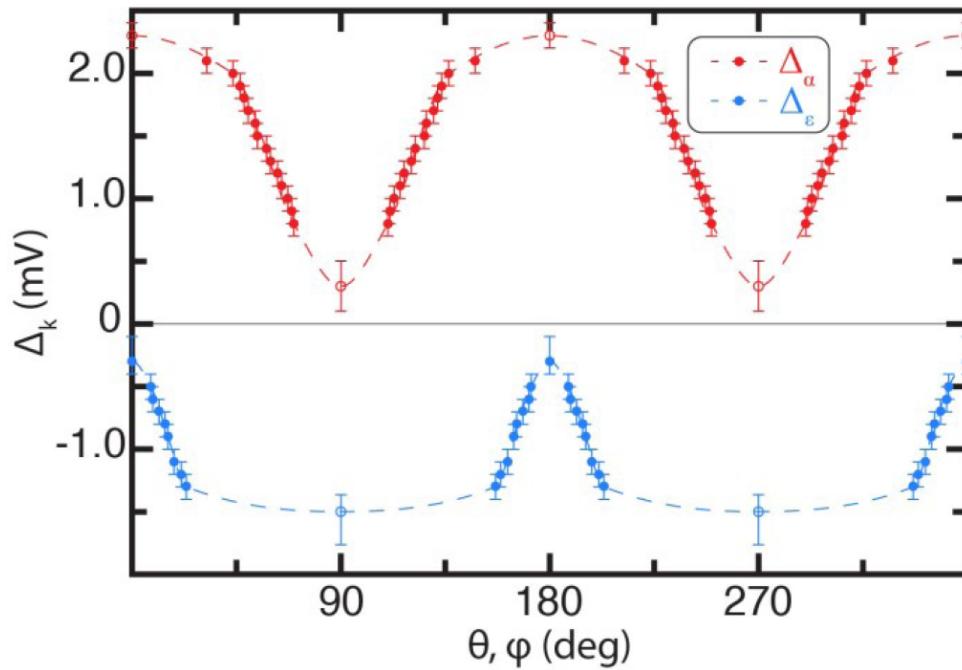
$$H_{SOC} = \lambda \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S}$$

needed for consistent
splitting at Gamma

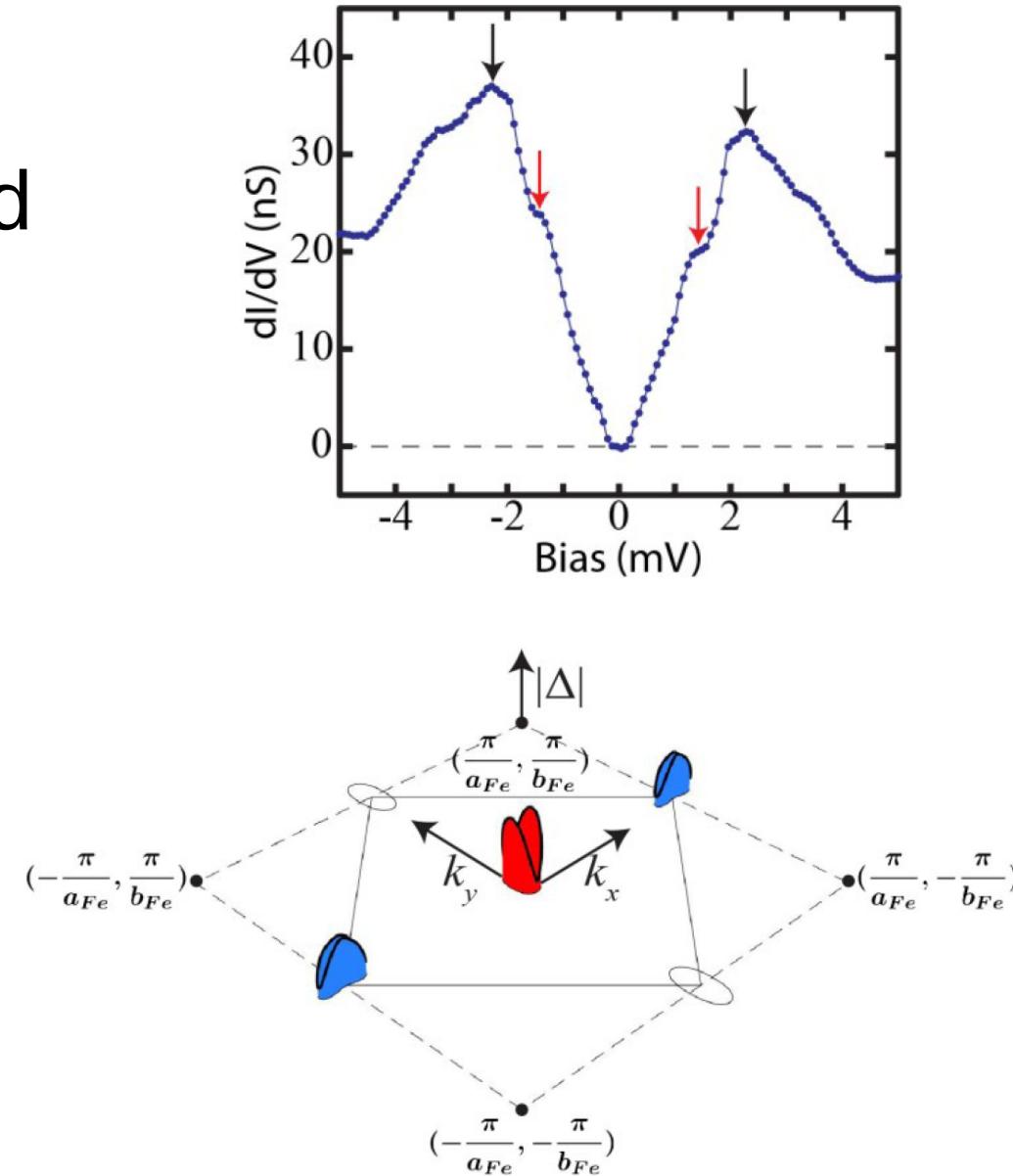


Superconducting gap

- highly anisotropic order parameter, 2 band
- “antiphase” oscillation



Sign change?!

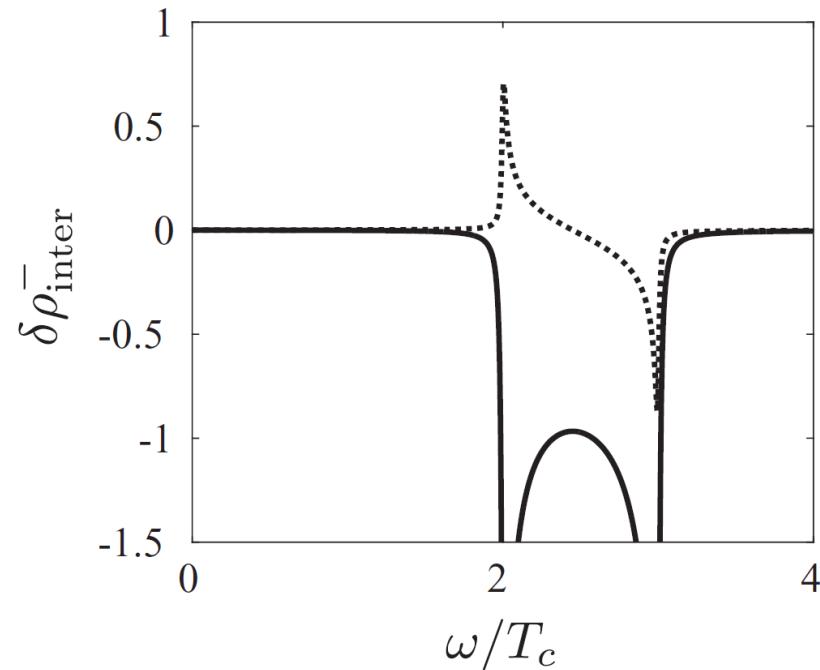


Phase sensitive measurement

- HAEM procedure
- Consider:

$$\rho_-(\vec{q}, \omega) = \text{Re}\{g(\vec{q}, +\omega)\} - \text{Re}\{g(\vec{q}, -\omega)\}$$

- S_{++} : sign change in signal
- S_{+-} : no sign change in signal



Hirschfeld et al., PRB **92**, 184513 (2015)

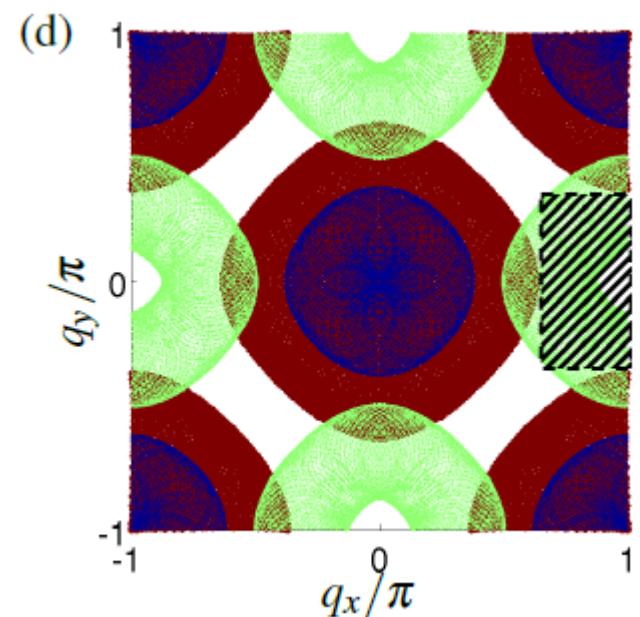
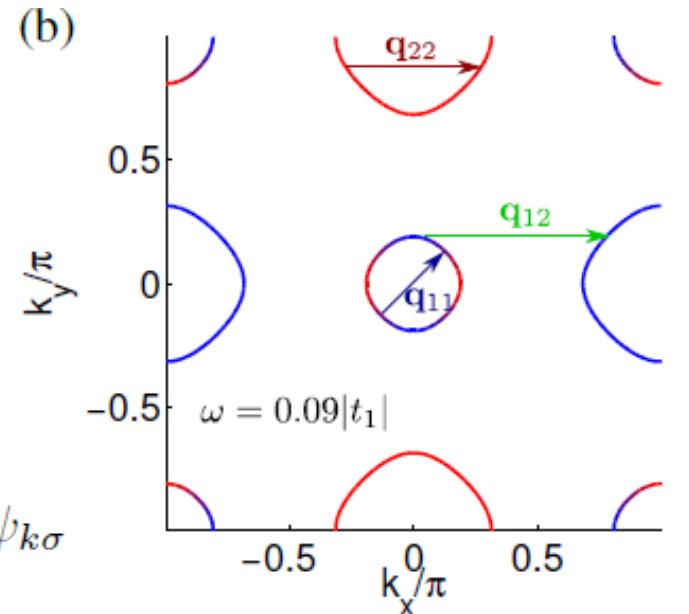
More realistic: 2 band model

- Fermi surface

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \sum_{k\sigma} \psi_{k\sigma}^\dagger [(\epsilon_+(k) - \mu)\tau_0 + \epsilon_-(k)\tau_3 + \epsilon_{xy}(k)\tau_1] \psi_{k\sigma}$$

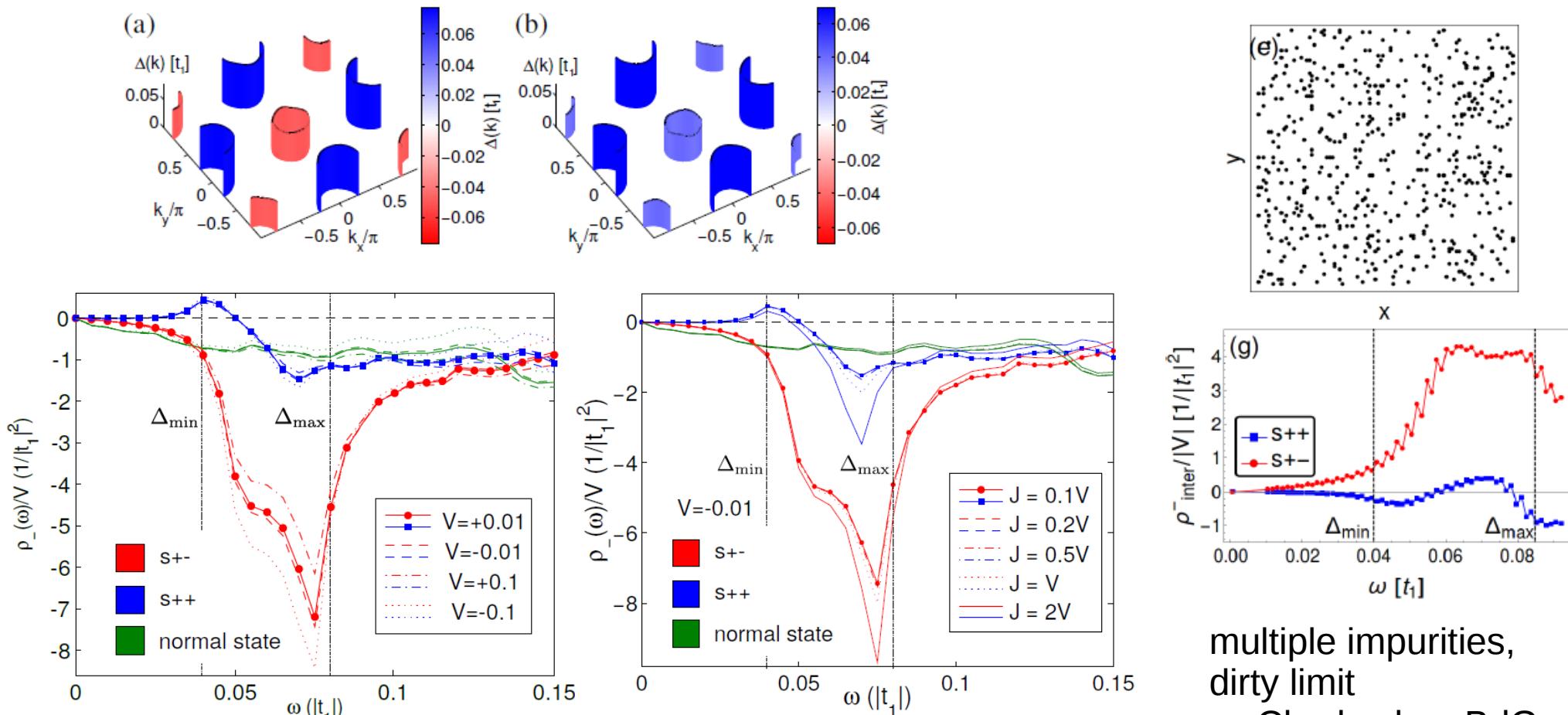
- JDOS for obtaining sign changing scattering vectors

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{imp}} = \sum_{\mu,\sigma=\pm} (V_{\text{imp}} - \sigma J) c_{i'\mu\sigma}^\dagger c_{i'\mu\sigma}$$



Results: possible ways to recover signal

- Calculate antisymmetrized density response $\rho_-(\vec{q}, \omega) = \text{Re}\{g(\vec{q}, +\omega)\} - \text{Re}\{g(\vec{q}, -\omega)\}$

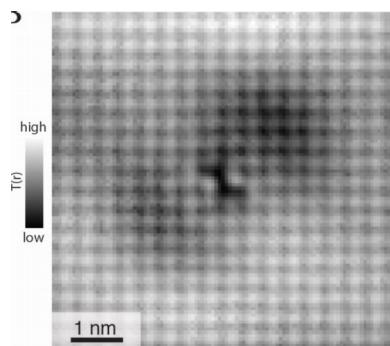


Single impurity (centered!) → robust against impurity potential

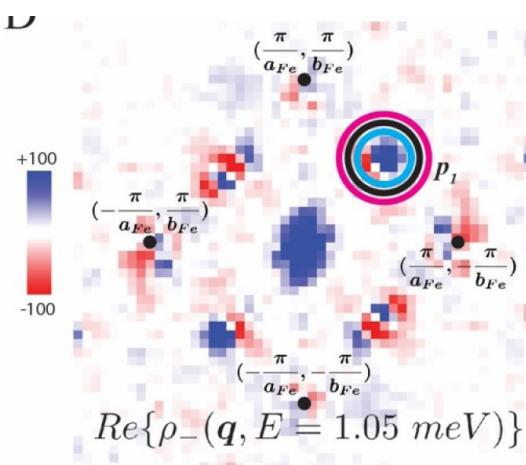
Measurement+modelling

- Problem: shift theorem in FT → single impurity (centered)

$$\rho_-(\vec{q}, \omega) = \text{Re}\{g(\vec{q}, +\omega)\} - \text{Re}\{g(\vec{q}, -\omega)\}$$



- separate interband scattering contributions



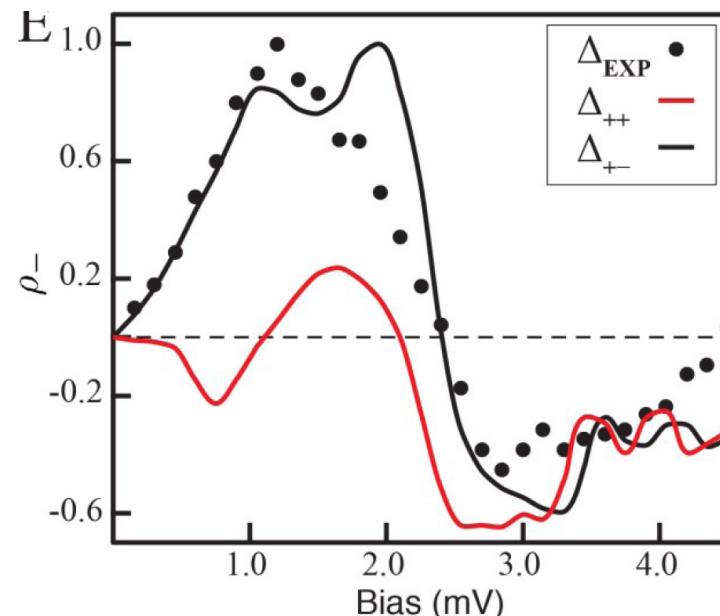
- Theory:
use measured gap
+electronic structure

$$G_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}(\omega) = G_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}'}^0(\omega) + G_{\mathbf{k}}^0(\omega)T(\omega)G_{\mathbf{k}'}^0(\omega)$$

$$T(\omega) = [1 - V_{imp}G_0(\omega)]^{-1}V_{imp}$$

$$\delta N(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Tr} \left\{ \text{Im} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} G_{\mathbf{k}}^0(\omega) T(\omega) G_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^0(\omega) \right\}$$

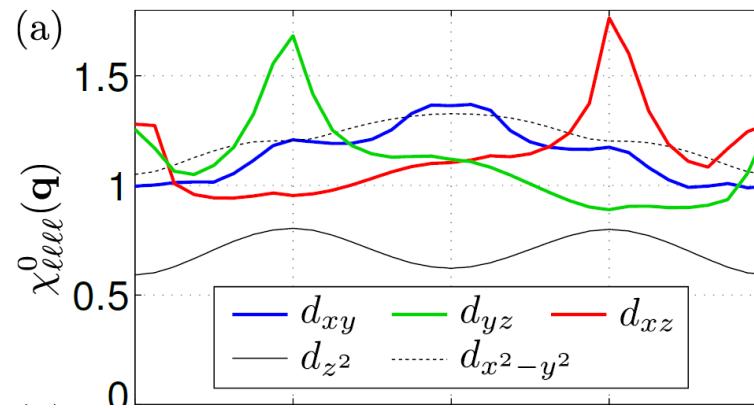
$$\rho(\omega) = \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \delta N(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$$



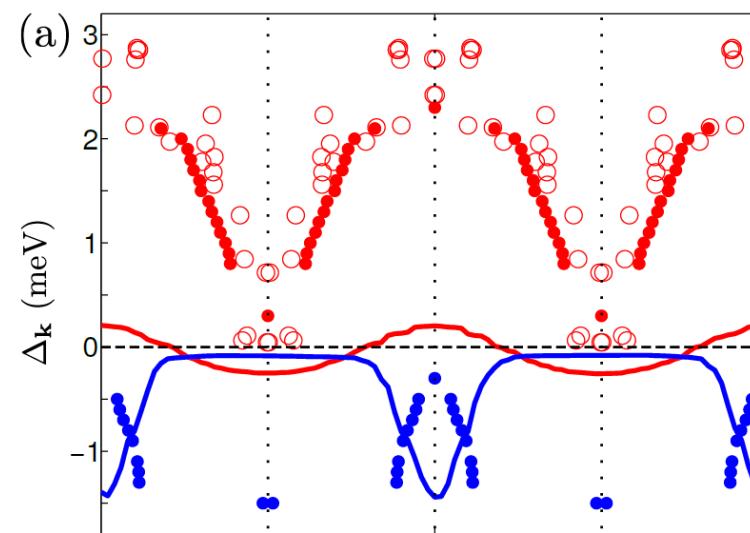
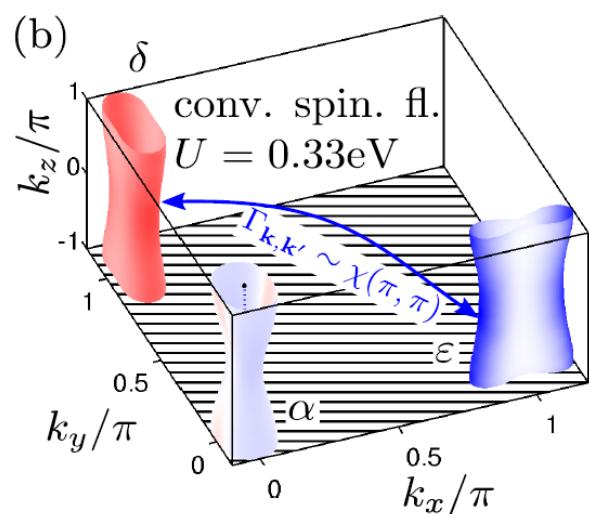
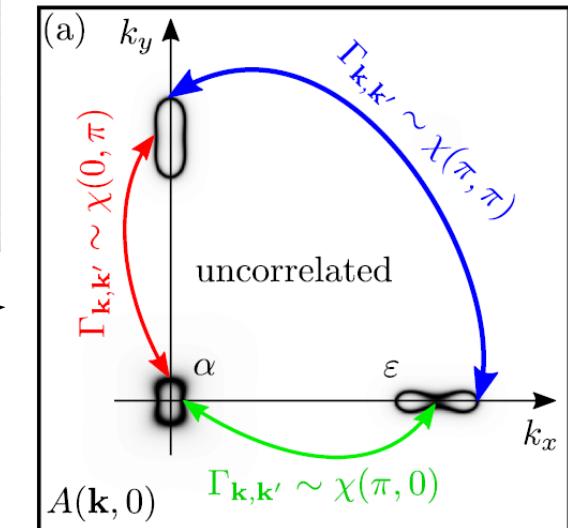
→ no sign change in signal, thus GAP changes sign

Pairing from spin-fluctuation theory?

- Susceptibility



- Pairing glue
- Solution of BCS equation



Does not work!
 → “in-phase”
 anisotropy
 → Small anisotropy on
 Gamma pocket!

What is missing?

- Interactions (standard)
- Electronic structure (measured)
- Pairing mechanism?

$$\chi_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3 \ell_4}^0(q) = - \sum_{k, \mu \nu} M_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3 \ell_4}^{\mu \nu}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) G^\mu(k+q) G^\nu(k)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3 \ell_4}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') &= \left[\frac{3}{2} \bar{U}^s \chi_1^{\text{RPA}}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \bar{U}^s \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \bar{U}^s - \frac{1}{2} \bar{U}^c \chi_0^{\text{RPA}}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \bar{U}^c + \frac{1}{2} \bar{U}^c \right]_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3 \ell_4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\nu \mu}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') &= \text{Re} \sum_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3 \ell_4} a_\nu^{\ell_1, *}(\mathbf{k}) a_\nu^{\ell_4, *}(-\mathbf{k}) \\ &\quad \times \Gamma_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3 \ell_4}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') a_\mu^{\ell_2}(\mathbf{k}') a_\mu^{\ell_3}(-\mathbf{k}') \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H &= H_0 + U \sum_{i, \ell} n_{i\ell\uparrow} n_{i\ell\downarrow} + U' \sum_{i, \ell' < \ell} n_{i\ell} n_{i\ell'} \\ &\quad + J \sum_{i, \ell' < \ell} \sum_{\sigma, \sigma'} c_{i\ell\sigma}^\dagger c_{i\ell'\sigma'}^\dagger c_{i\ell\sigma'} c_{i\ell'\sigma} \\ &\quad + J' \sum_{i, \ell' \neq \ell} c_{i\ell\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\ell\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\ell'\downarrow} c_{i\ell'\uparrow}, \end{aligned}$$

Fermi liquid description

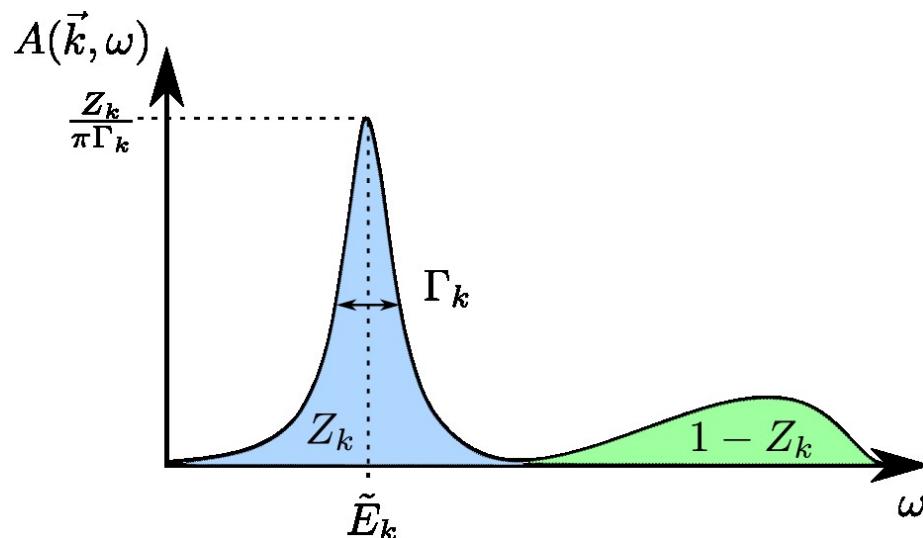
- Coherent electronic states

$$G(\vec{k}, \omega) = \frac{1}{\omega - E_{\vec{k}} + i0^+}$$

$$A(\vec{k}, \omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} G(\vec{k}, \omega)$$

- Dressed electronic states

$$G(\vec{k}, \omega) = \frac{1}{\omega - E_{\vec{k}} - \Sigma(\vec{k}, \omega) + i0^+}$$



Relevant for Fe based SC:

- Yin, Haule, Kotliar, Nat. Mat. **10**, 932-935 (2011)
de' Medici, Giovannetti, Capone. Phys. Rev. Lett. **112**, 177001 (2014)
M. Aichhorn, et al., Phys. Rev. B **82**, 064504 (2010)
Liu et al., Phys. Rev. B **92**, 235138 (2015)
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Orbital selective physics

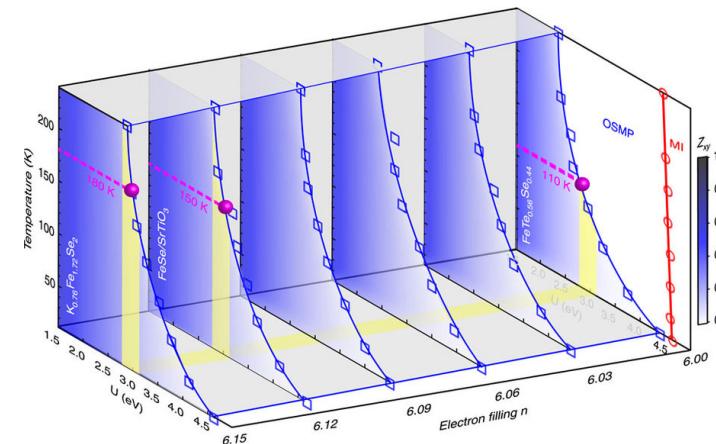
- States in some orbitals more decoherent than others
Strong renormalizations of the d_{xy} orbital
Yi et al., Nat. Comm. **6**, 7777 (2015)
- Spectroscopic probes struggle to detect d_{xy} orbital states
- FeSe: quasiparticle weights for d_{xz} and d_{yz} orbital distinct in nematic phase

$$G_{ab}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = Z_{ab} G_{ab}^0(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$$

$$c_a \rightarrow \sqrt{Z_a} c_a$$

$$Z_{ab} = \sqrt{Z_a} \sqrt{Z_b}$$

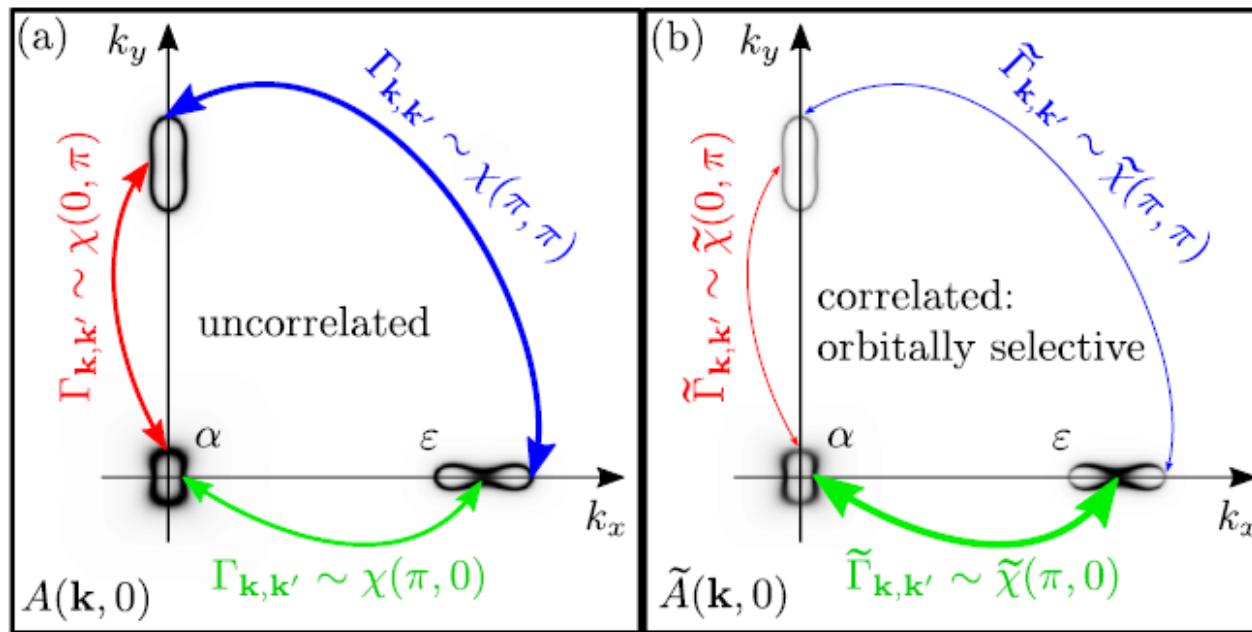
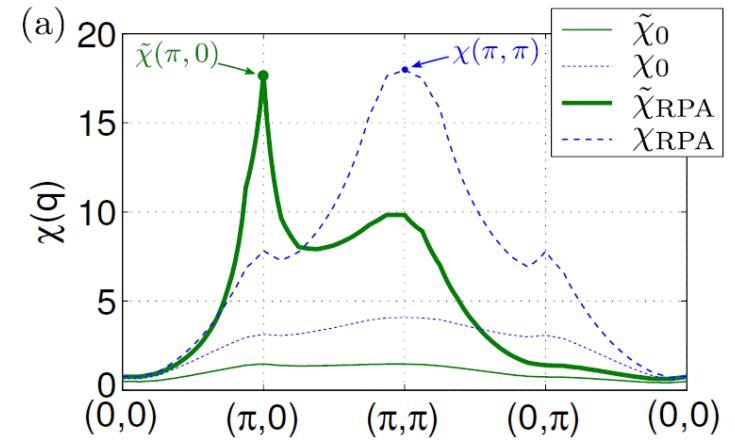
geometric mean of
quasiparticle weights



Spin-fluctuation theory

- “dressed susceptibility”
- $$\tilde{\chi}_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3 \ell_4}^0(\mathbf{q}) = \sqrt{Z_{\ell_1} Z_{\ell_2} Z_{\ell_3} Z_{\ell_4}} \chi_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3 \ell_4}^0(\mathbf{q})$$
- Dressed pairing interaction

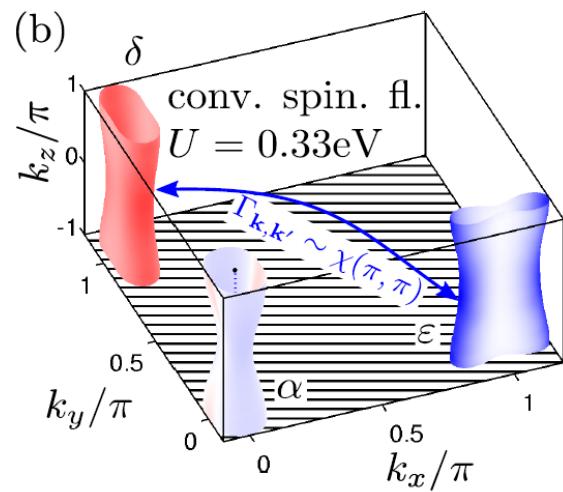
$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Gamma}_{\nu\mu}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') = & \text{Re} \sum_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3 \ell_4} \sqrt{Z_{\ell_1}} \sqrt{Z_{\ell_4}} a_{\nu}^{\ell_1, *}(\mathbf{k}) a_{\nu}^{\ell_4, *}(-\mathbf{k}) \\ & \times \tilde{\Gamma}_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3 \ell_4}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') \sqrt{Z_{\ell_2}} \sqrt{Z_{\ell_3}} a_{\mu}^{\ell_2}(\mathbf{k}') a_{\mu}^{\ell_3}(-\mathbf{k}') \end{aligned}$$



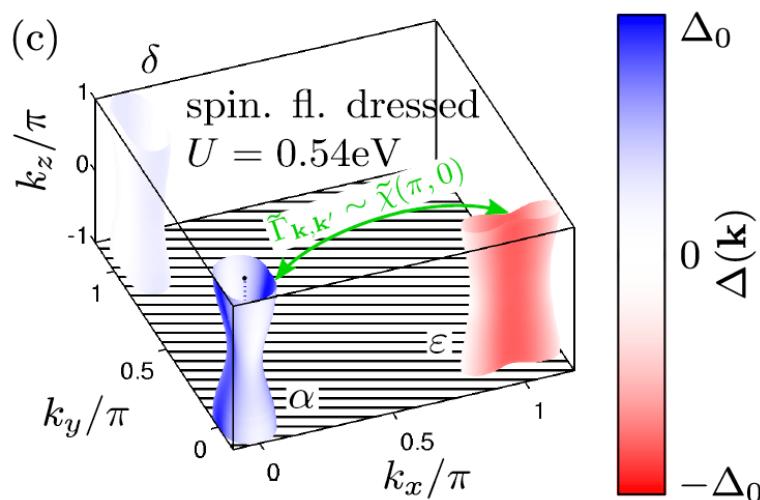
Dominant pairing in d_{yz}
orbital channel
 \rightarrow orbital selective pairing

Pairing and gap structure

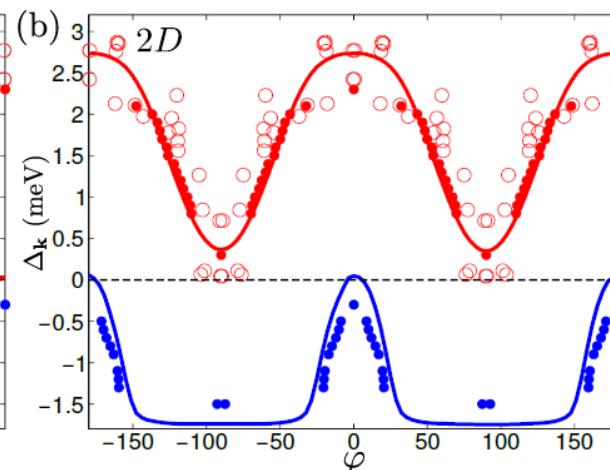
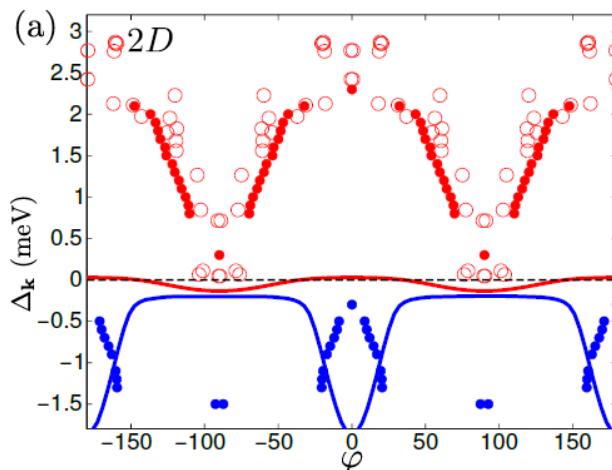
uncorrelated



correlated



$$c_a \rightarrow \sqrt{Z_a} c_a$$



Fit parameters, so far no microscopic calculation
But: same trends found in microscopic calculations

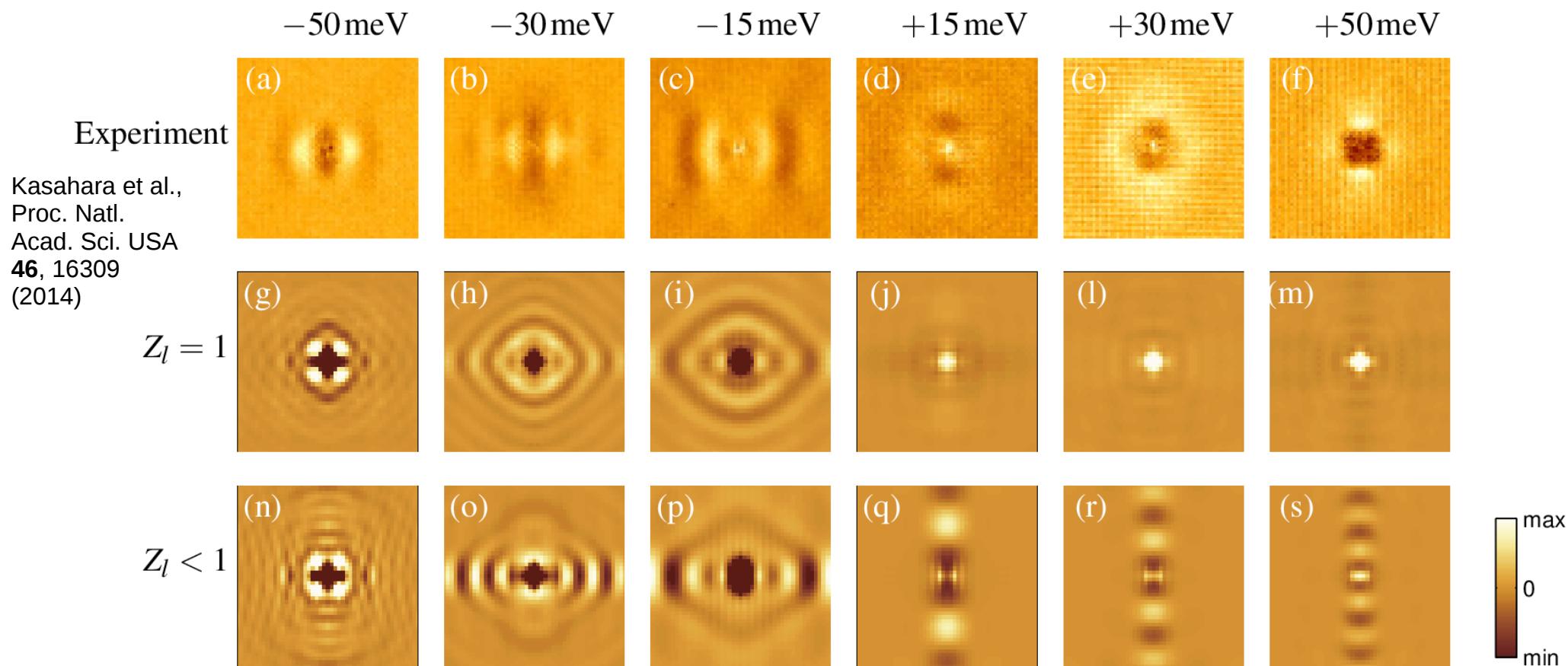
$$(d_{xy}, d_{x^2-y^2}, d_{xz}, d_{yz}, d_{3z^2-r^2})$$

$$\{\sqrt{Z_l}\} = [0.2715, 0.9717, 0.4048, 0.9236, 0.5916]$$

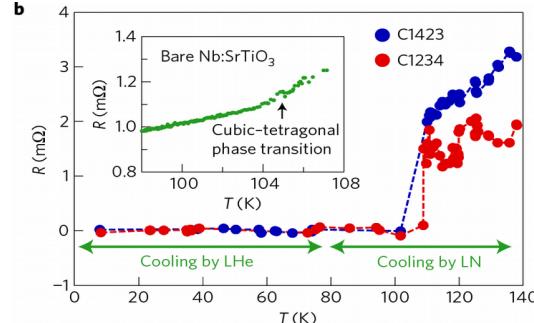
Fermi liquid theory

- Predictions for other experiments: electronic dimer close to impurity

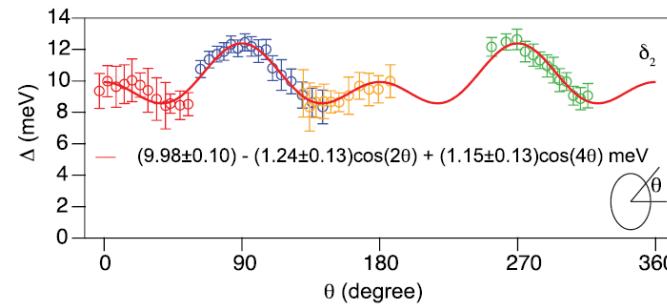
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Other systems: FeSe monolayer

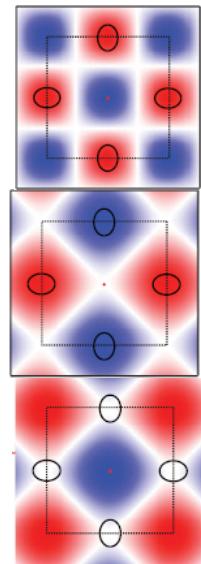


Ge et al. Nat. Mater. 14, 285 (2015)

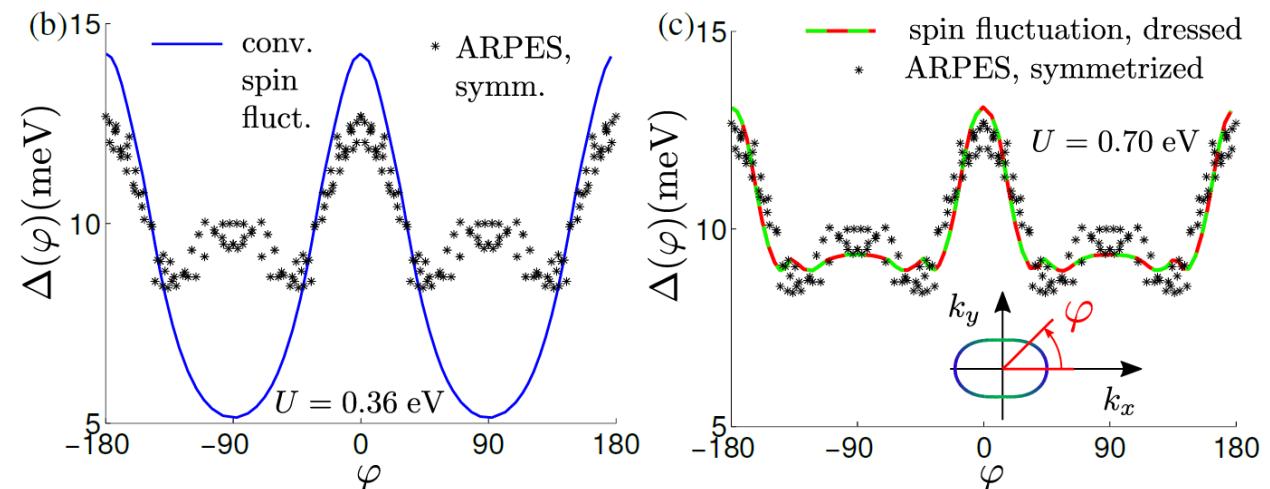
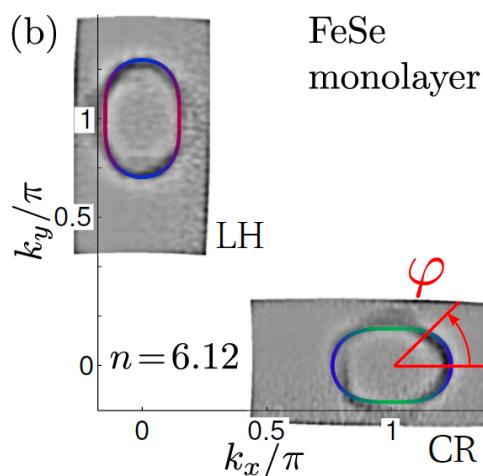


Zhang, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 117001 (2016)

No explanation
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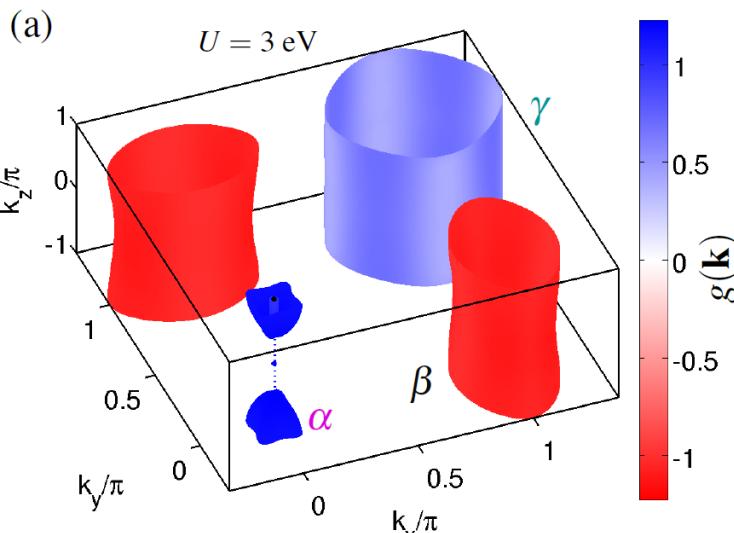
- Same model, but: 2D, no orbital order, rigid shift



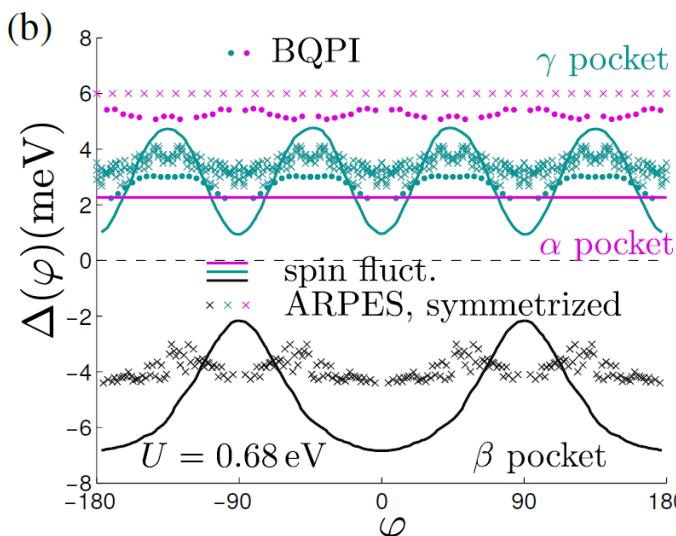
$$\{\sqrt{Z_l}\} = [0.4273, 0.8000, 0.9826, 0.9826, 0.700] \\ (d_{xy}, d_{x^2-y^2}, d_{xz}, d_{yz}, d_{3z^2-r^2})$$

LiFeAs

- Large gap on the α pocket

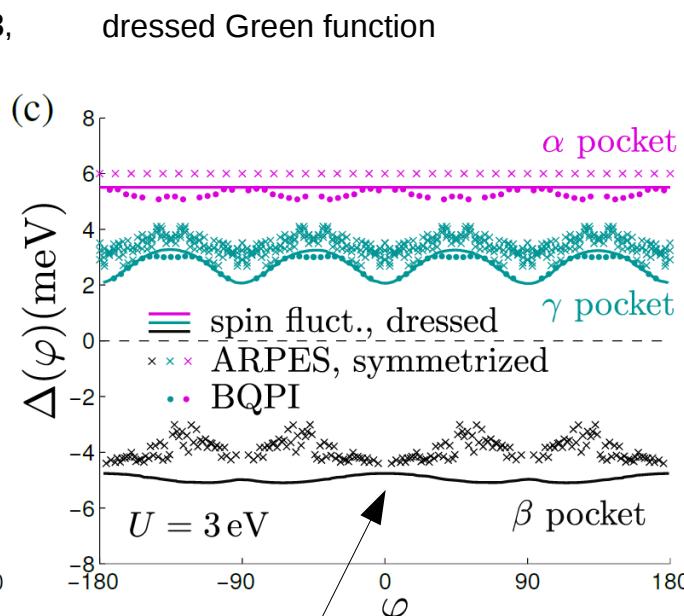


Compare: Y. Wang et al. Phys. Rev. B **88**, 174516 (2013)



$$\{\sqrt{Z_l}\} = [0.5493, 0.969, 0.5952, 0.5952, 0.9267]$$

$$(d_{xy}, d_{x^2-y^2}, d_{xz}, d_{yz}, d_{3z^2-r^2})$$



“antiphase variation” of gap does not come out spot on
Borisenko et al. Symmetry **4**, 251 (2012)

Conclusions

- Many interesting and open questions remain in the field of high- T_c superconductivity
- FeSe is extremely interesting due to nematicity and orbital selective pairing due to strong correlations
- A modified spin-fluctuation approach allows for quantitative description of gap functions and other observables

$$G_{ab}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = Z_{ab} G_{ab}^0(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$$

- HAEM procedure as alternative method to deduce the relative phase of the order parameter

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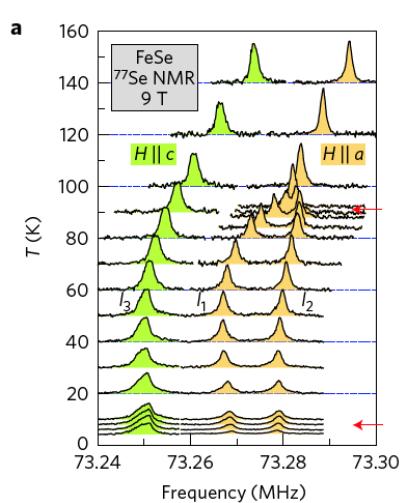
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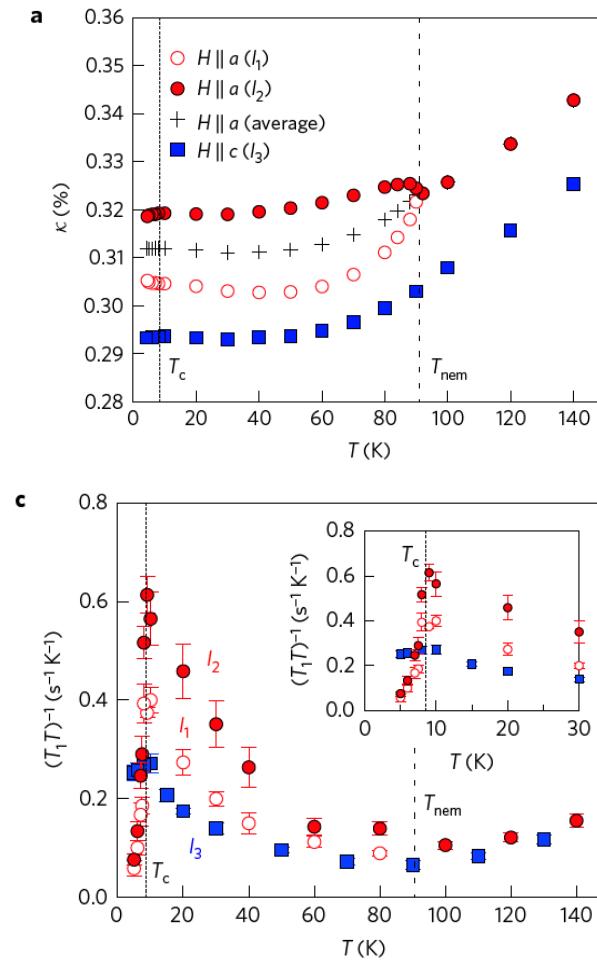
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NMR: Knight shift, $1/T_1T$

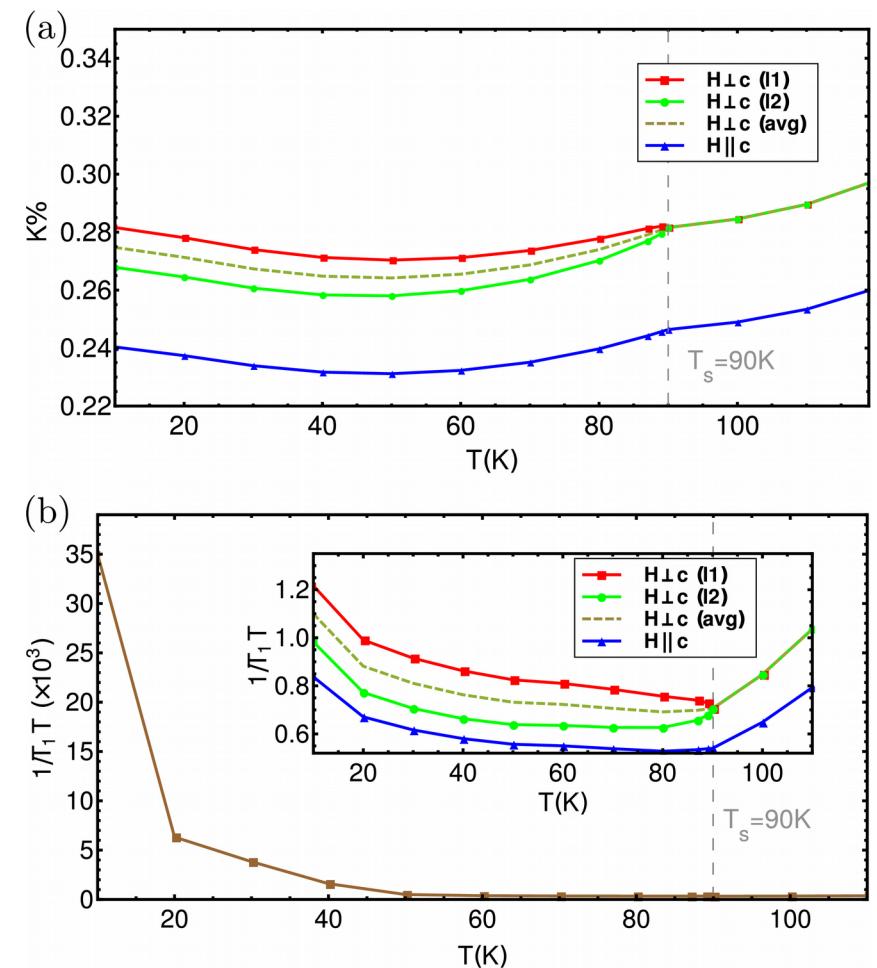
orbital order visible in Knight shift



Baek, et al. Nature Materials **14**, 210 (2015)



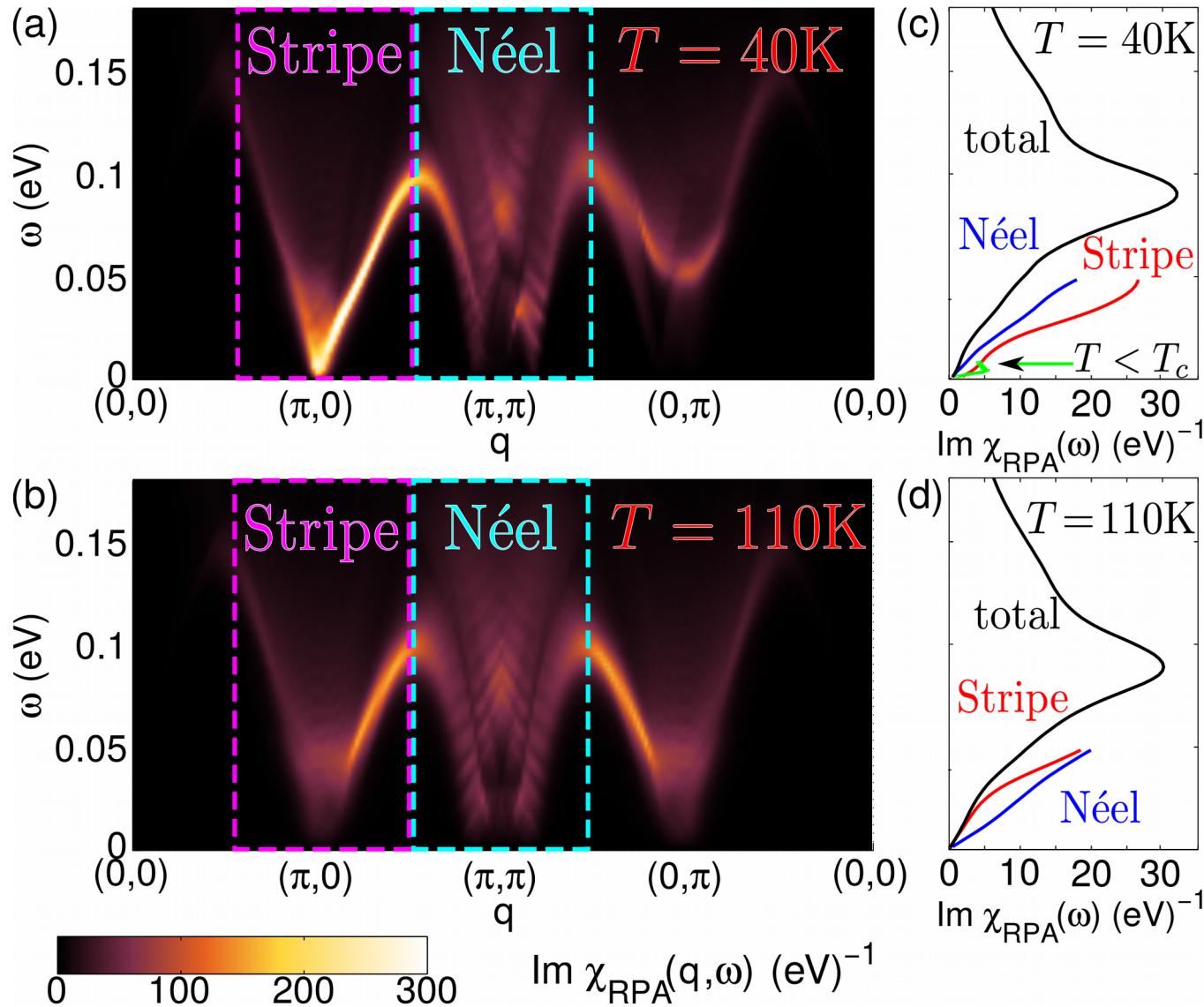
no enhanced low-energy spin fluctuations visible in NMR



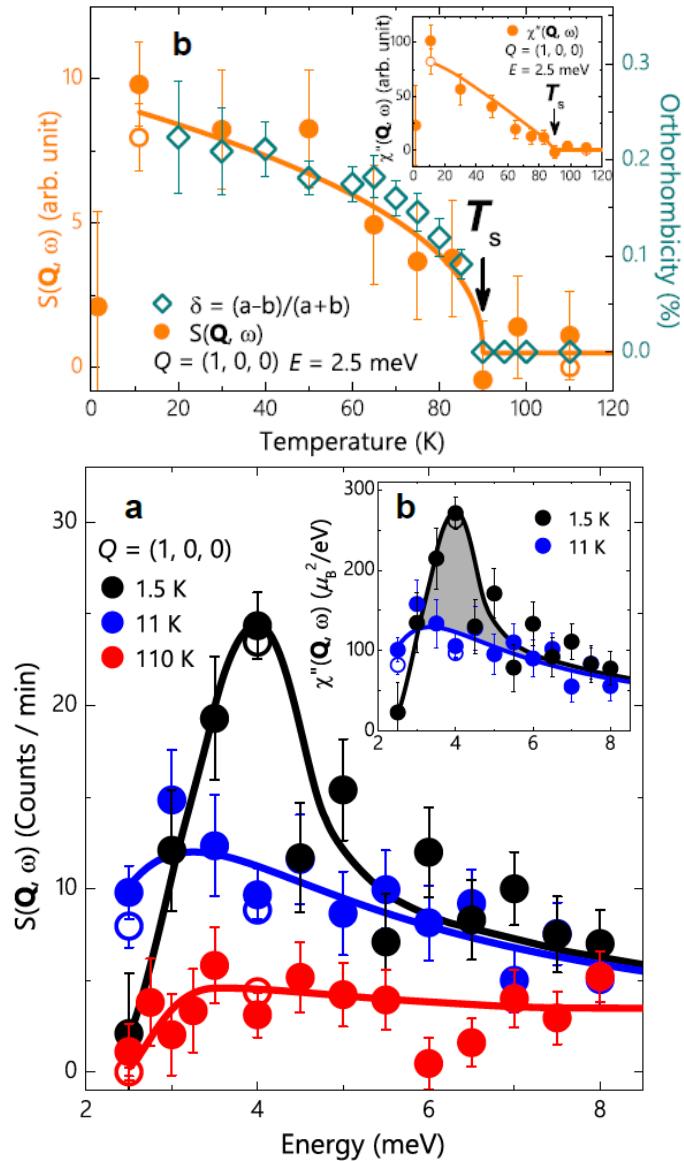
$$\frac{1}{T_1 T} = \lim_{\omega_0 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\gamma_N^2}{2N} k_B \sum_{\mathbf{q}\alpha\beta} |A_{hf}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{q})|^2 \frac{\text{Im}\{\chi_{\text{RPA}}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{q}, \omega_0)\}}{\hbar\omega_0}$$

Spin fluctuations at higher energies

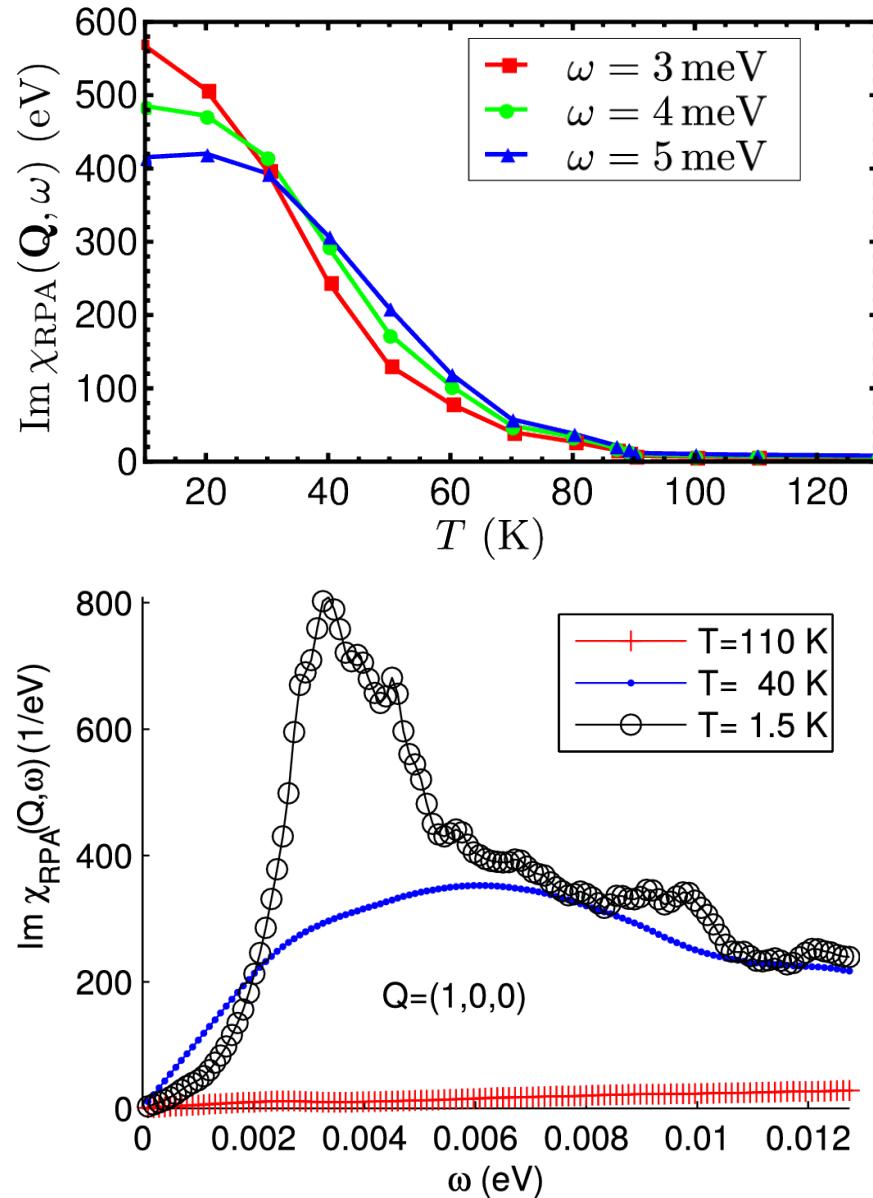
- FeSe: close to magnetic instability (tune interactions accordingly)
- transfer from Néel fluctuations to Stripe fluctuations on lowering temperature
- spin resonance at low energies from transfer of spectral weight in the superconducting state



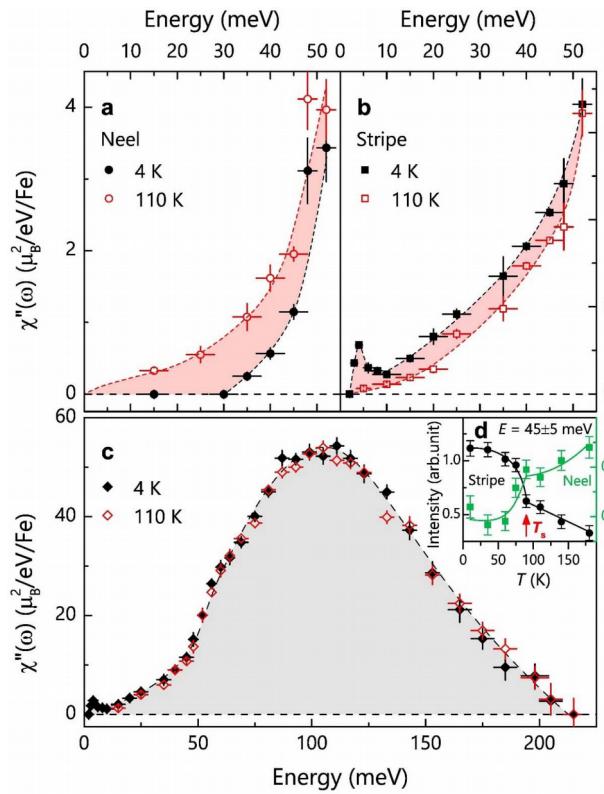
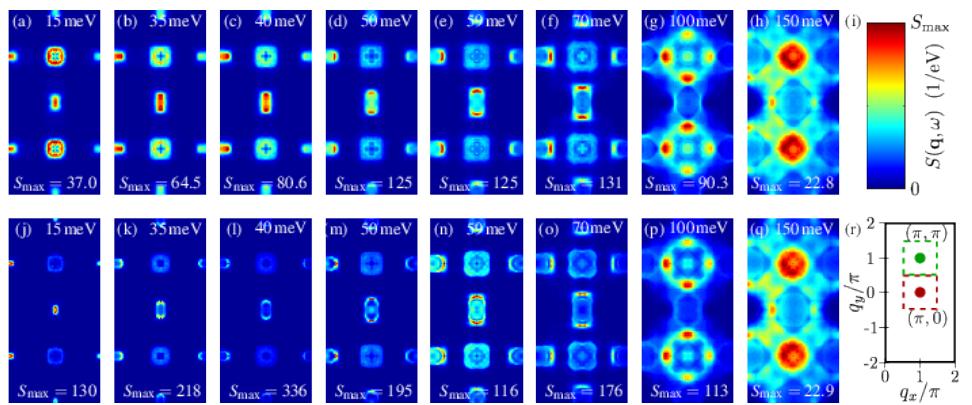
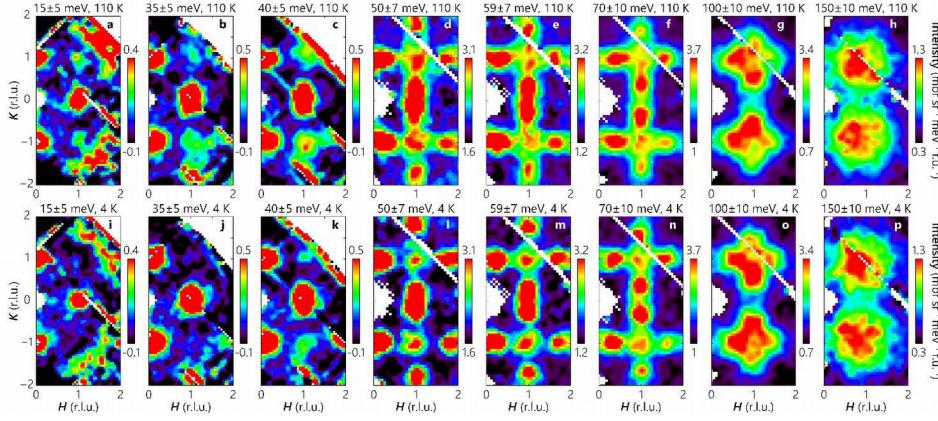
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Wang et al., Nature Materials 15, 159 (2016)



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