

# Photo-enhanced antinodal conductivity in the pseudogap state of high $T_c$ cuprates

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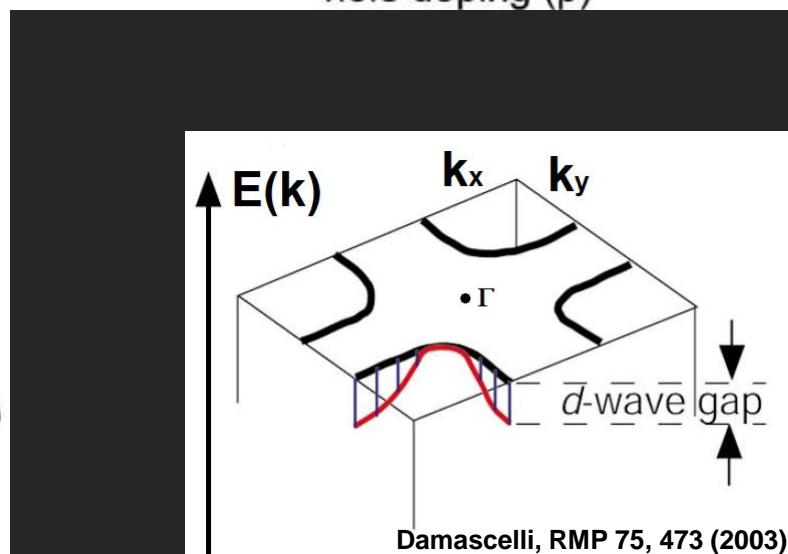
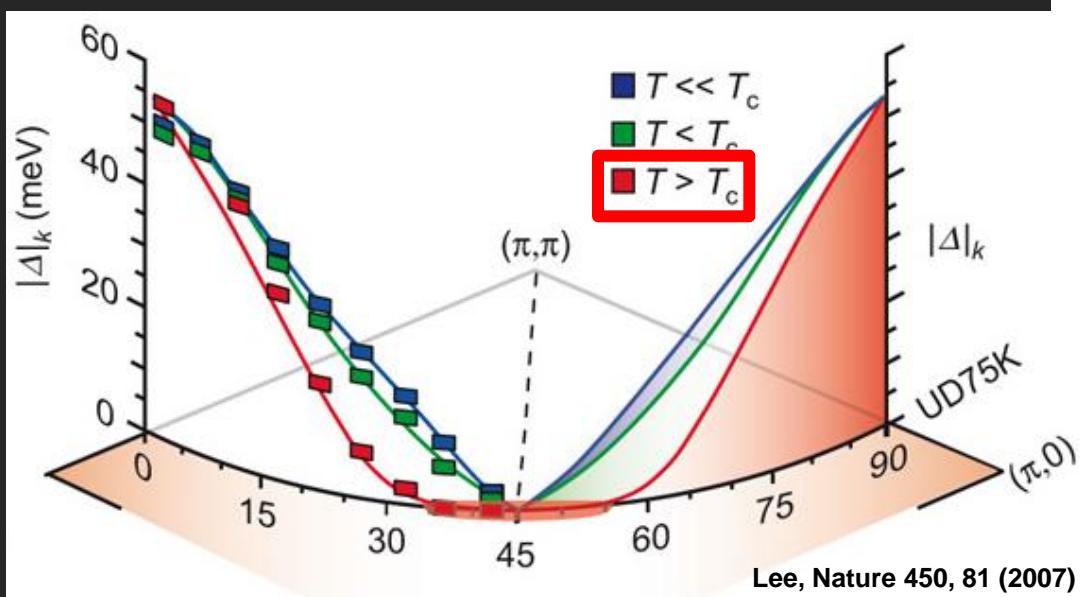
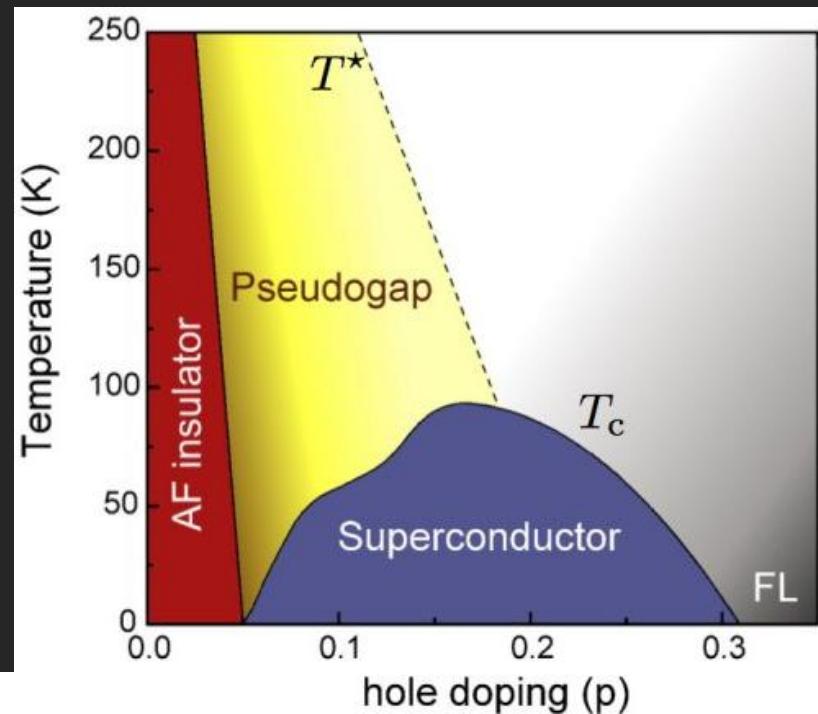
# The Pseudogap and the Phase Diagram

Motivations:

- Determine the phase diagram
- Understanding PG formation

*Mottness?? Long range orders??*

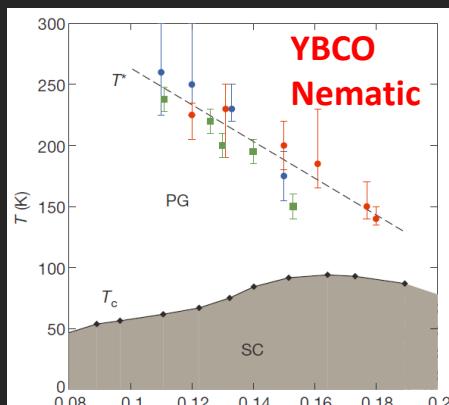
→ Key role of Non-Equilibrium Approach



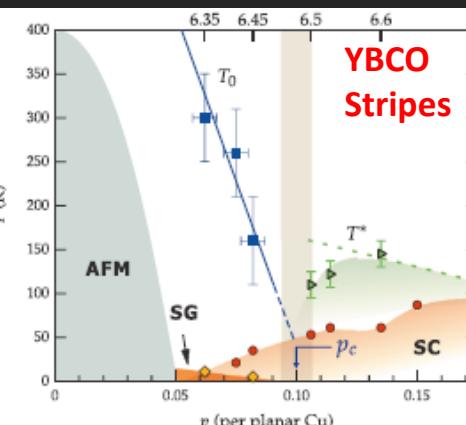
# The Pseudogap

Is the Pseudogap related to the onset of long-range-orders?

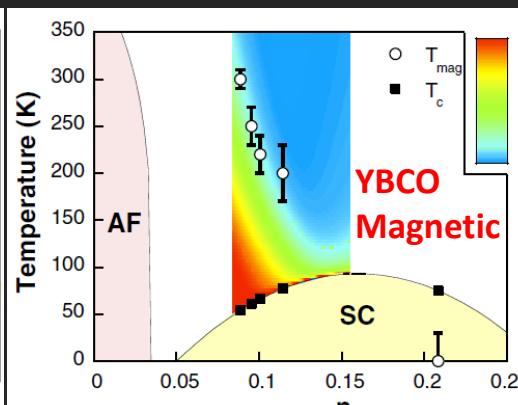
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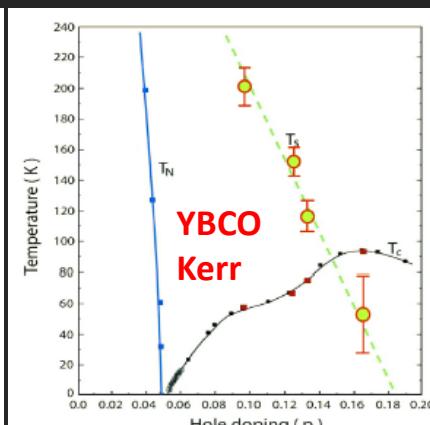
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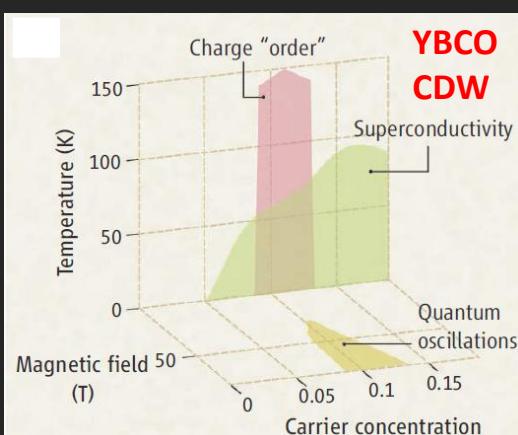
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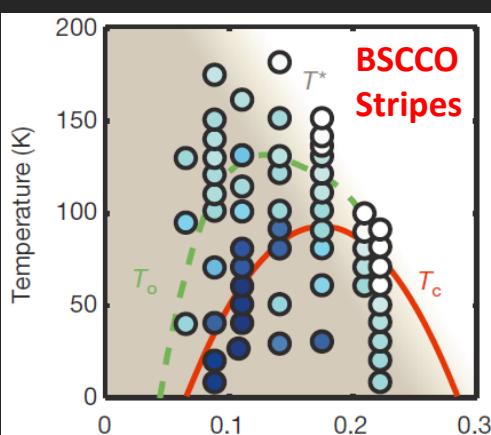
Fauque, PRL (2006)



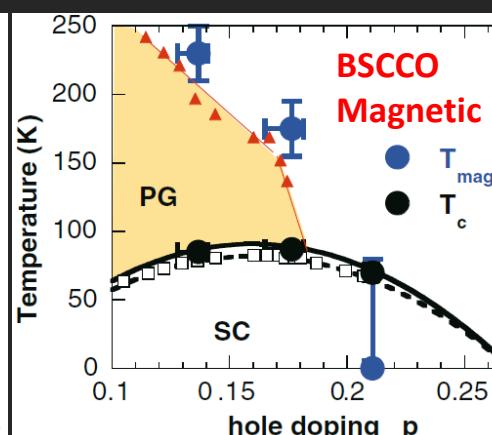
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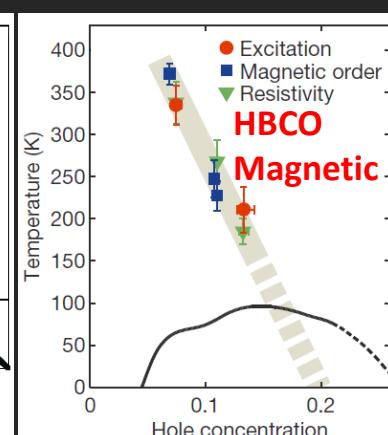
Ghiringhelli, Science (2012)



Parker, Nature (2010)



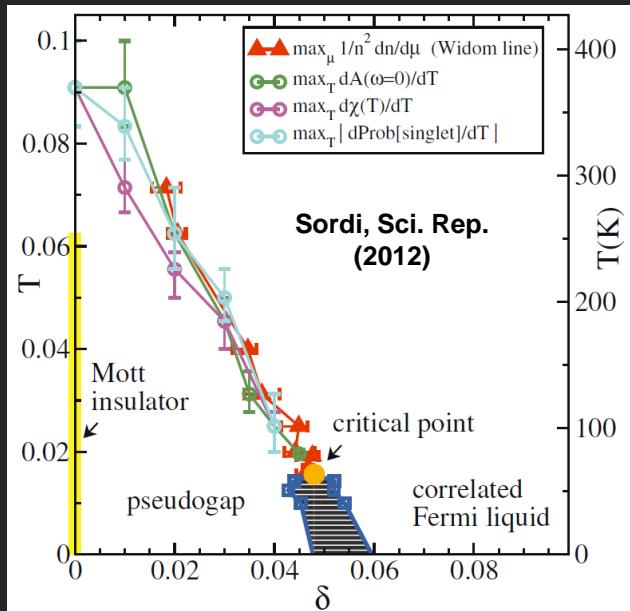
De Almeida, PRB (2012)



Li, Nature (2010)

→ Dependence on the details of structure

# Is it a phenomenon due to the short-range-correlations (Mottness)?



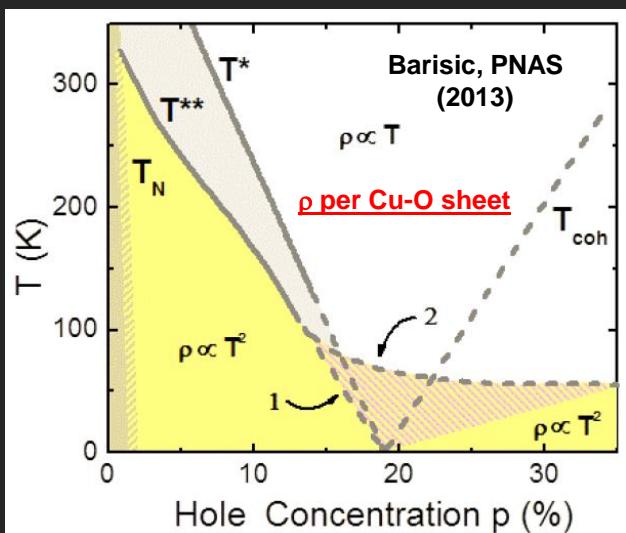
- Outcome from Hubbard Model solved by CDMFT

(Columbia, Rutgers, Ecole Polytechnique, Sissa)

- $T^*$  delimits different dynamical regimes, indicating thermodynamic anomalies – Widom line
- No broken symmetries are invoked
- Indication for Mottness in the PG

→ No experimental evidences exists that confirm this indication

## There are general and common trends



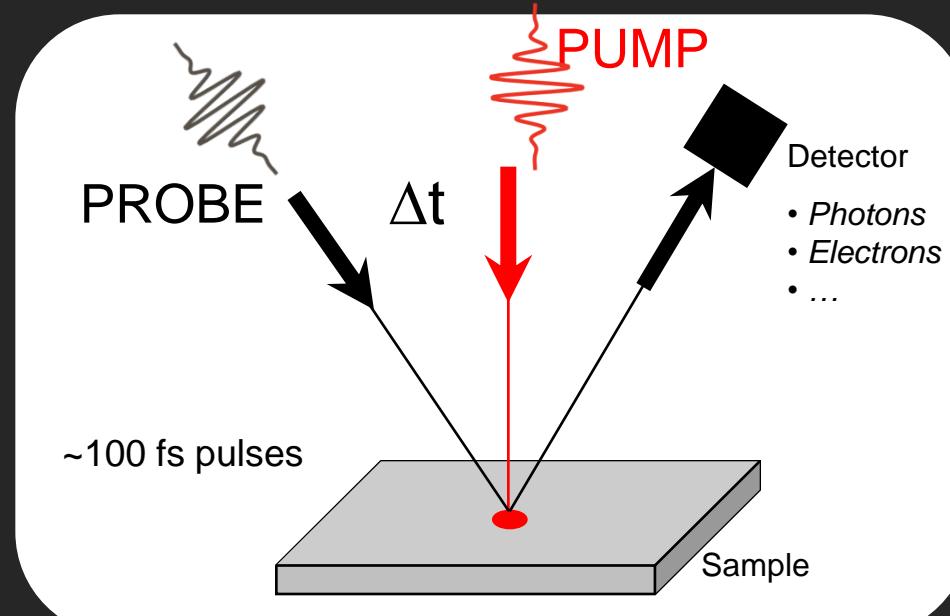
### Resistivity

HBCO  
YBCO  
LSCO  
TBCO

The departure from the  $T$ -linear behavior occurs at the same temperature,  $T^*$ , for 4 different compounds.

# Non-Equilibrium Approach & Time-Resolved Optical Spectroscopy

Time domain  
(pump-probe delay)

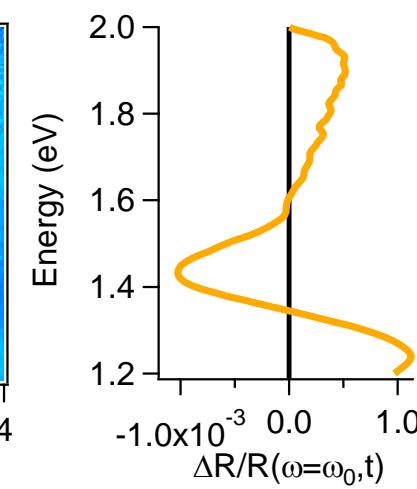
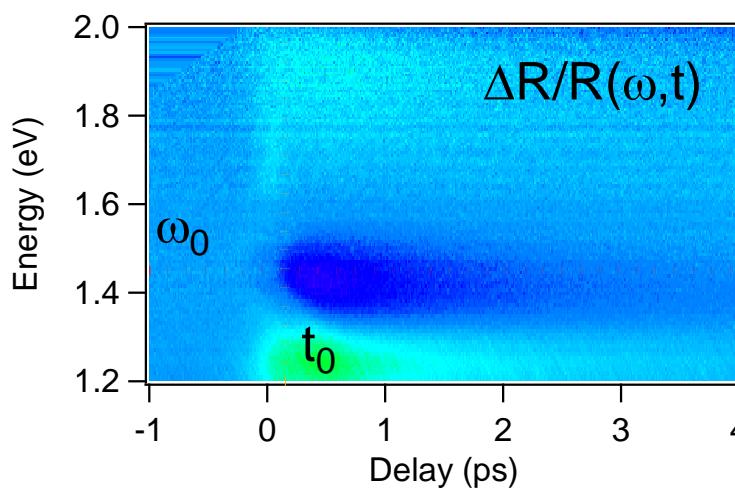
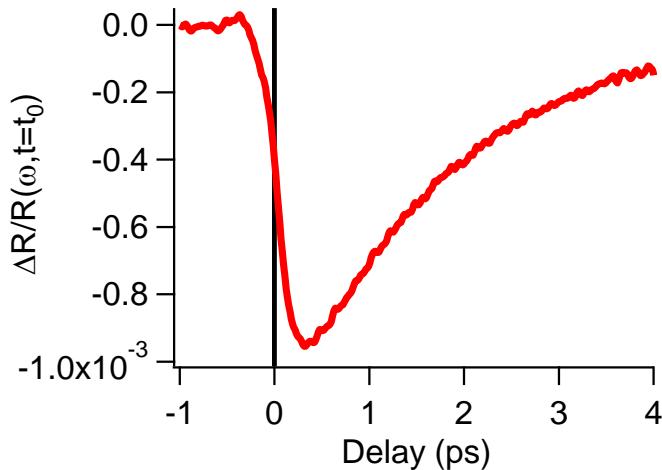


Timescale

BROADBAND PROBE

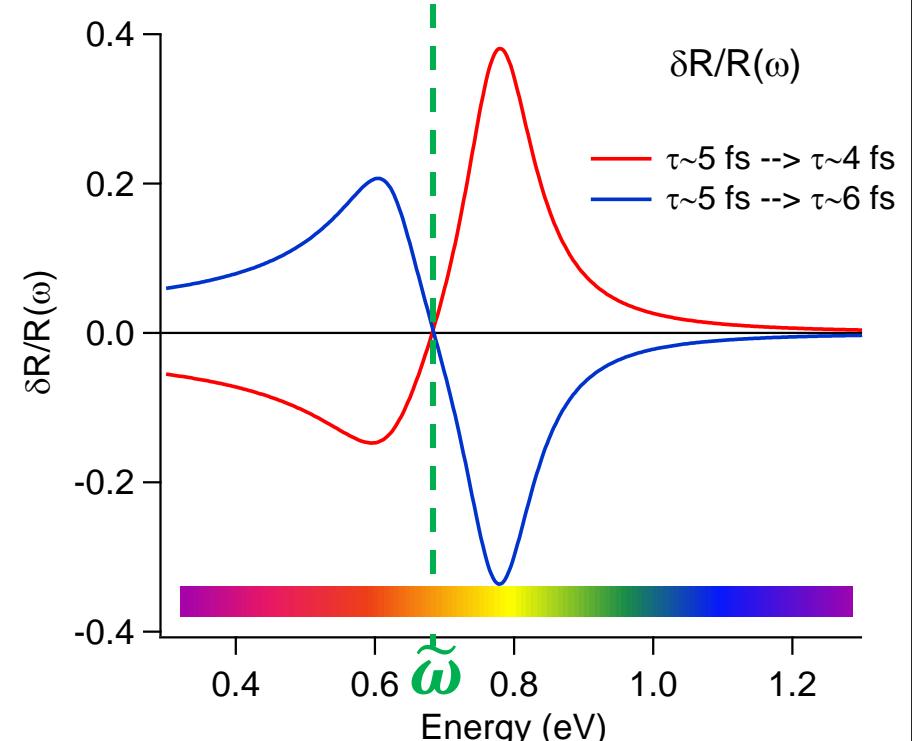
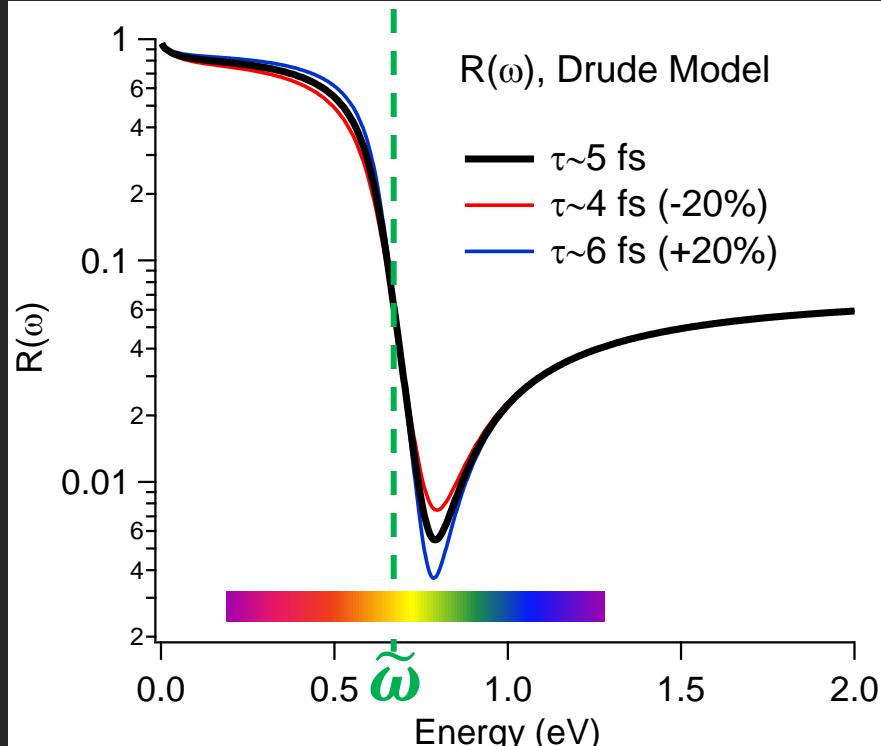
Energy domain  
(probe energy)

Spectral Fingerprint



# Isosbestic points and Reflectivity:

*How to measure the electronic scattering rate at high photon energies*



Non-equilibrium optics with spectral resolution can provide access to both energy&momentum conserving scattering processes and electronic scattering rate.

$$\epsilon_D(\omega) = \epsilon_\infty - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2 + i\gamma\omega}$$

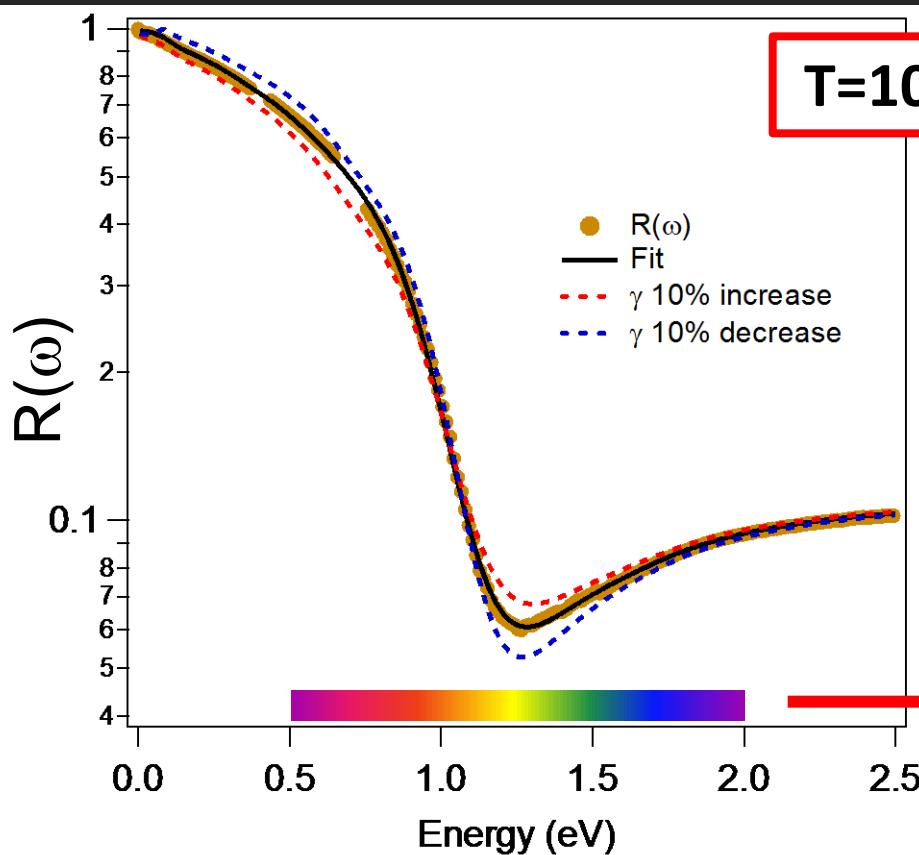
$$R(\omega) = \left| \frac{1 - \sqrt{\epsilon(\omega)}}{1 + \sqrt{\epsilon(\omega)}} \right|^2$$

$$\omega \sim \tilde{\omega}: \quad \delta R(\omega, \gamma) = \frac{\partial R}{\partial \gamma}(\omega) \delta \gamma$$

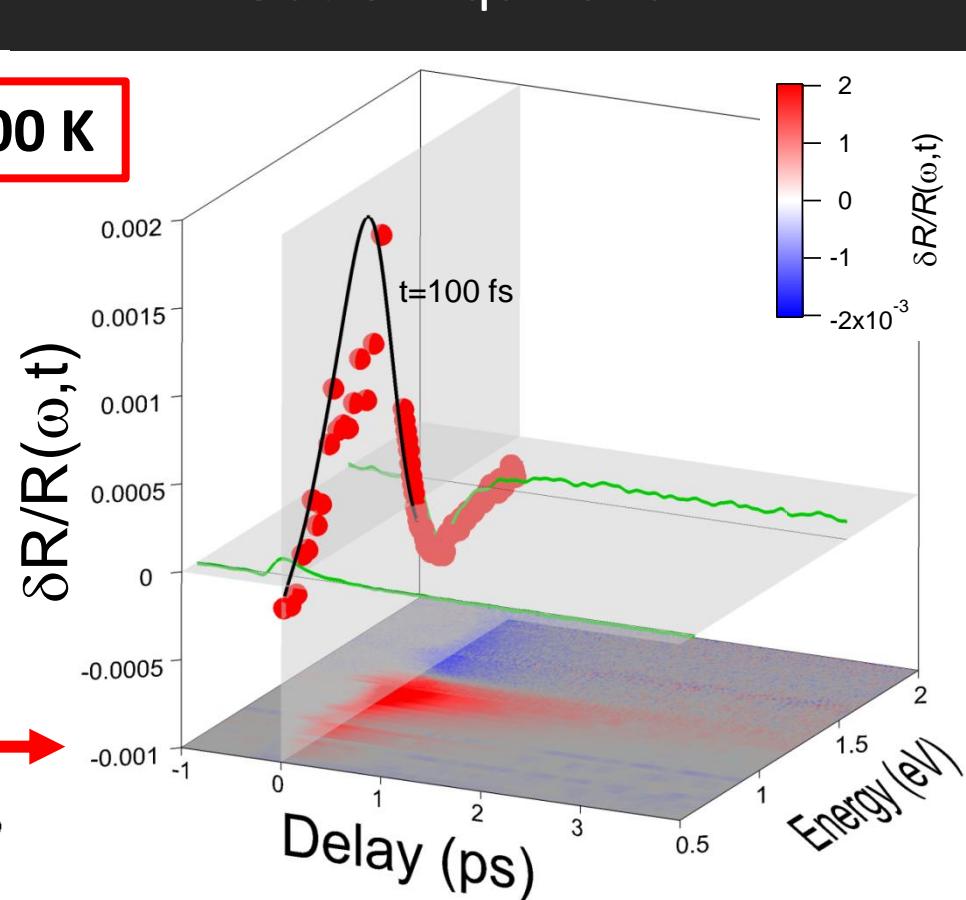
# Equilibrium and Non-Equilibrium optical spectroscopic data

Optimally Doped  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_{0.92}\text{Y}_{0.08}\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_{8+\delta}$  ( $T_c=96$  K)

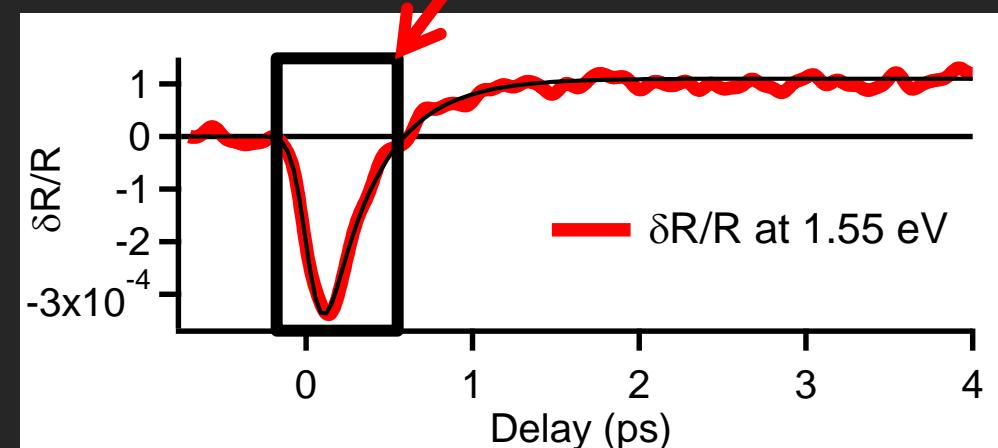
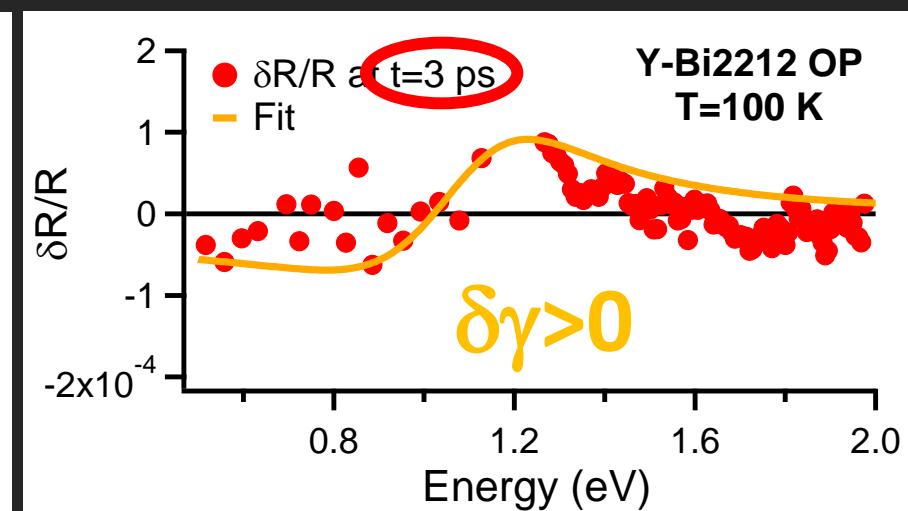
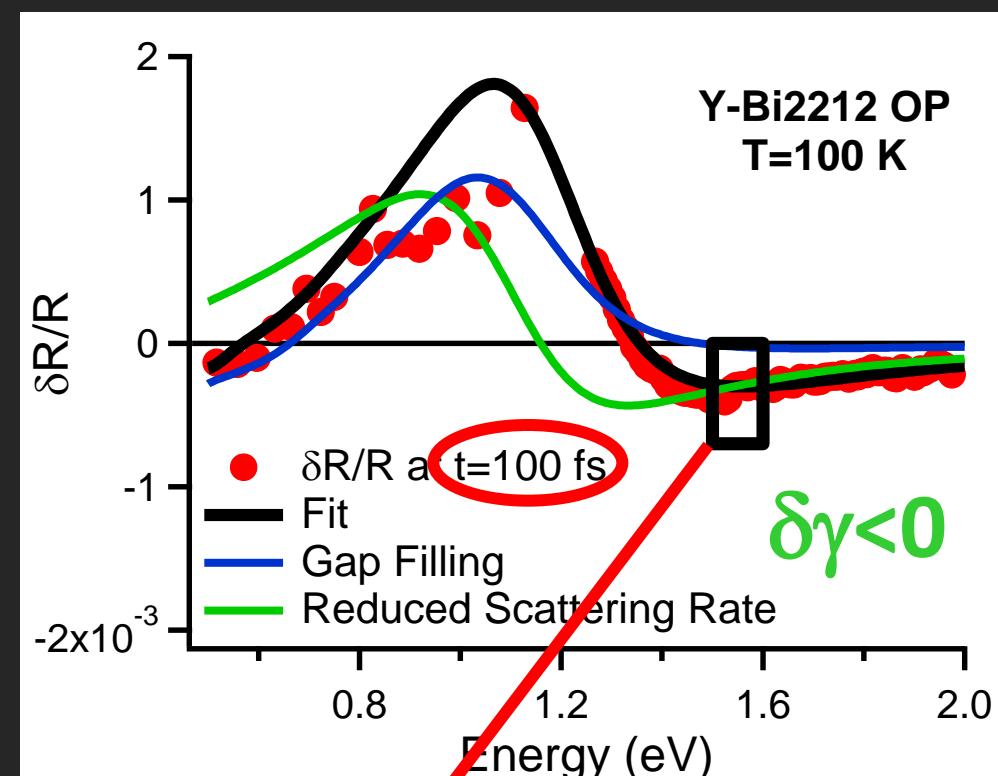
Equilibrium



Out-of-Equilibrium



# Modeling non-equilibrium optical properties

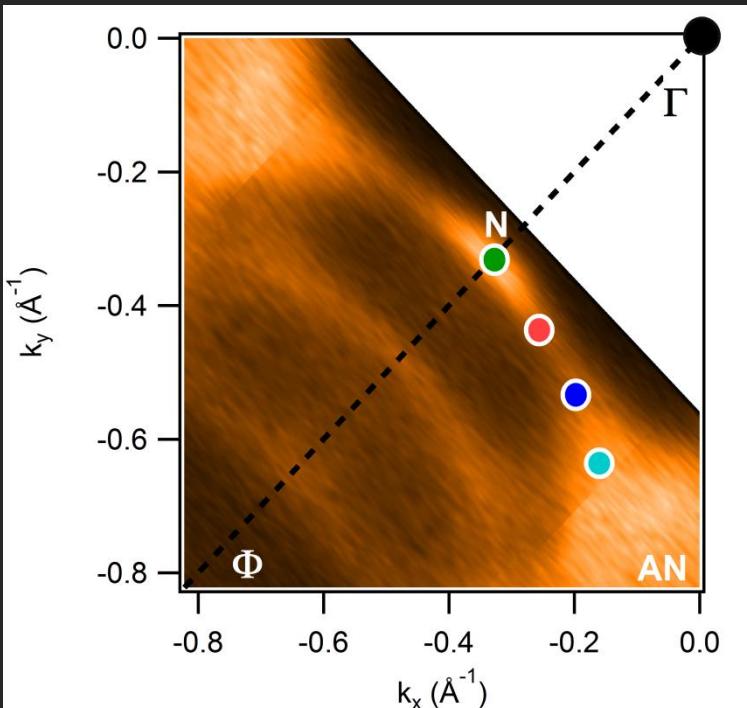


➤  $t < 1$  ps:  $\delta\gamma < 0$   
transient *decrease* of scattering rate  
(impulsive effect)

➤  $t > 3$  ps:  $\delta\gamma > 0$   
transient *increase* of scattering rate  
(thermal effect)

# ARPES at Equilibrium and Out-of-Equilibrium

ARPES at Equilibrium



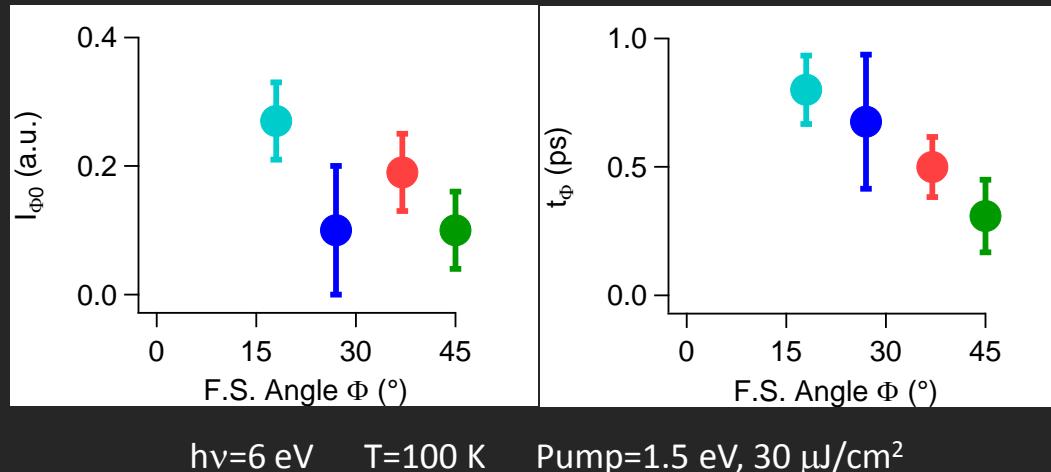
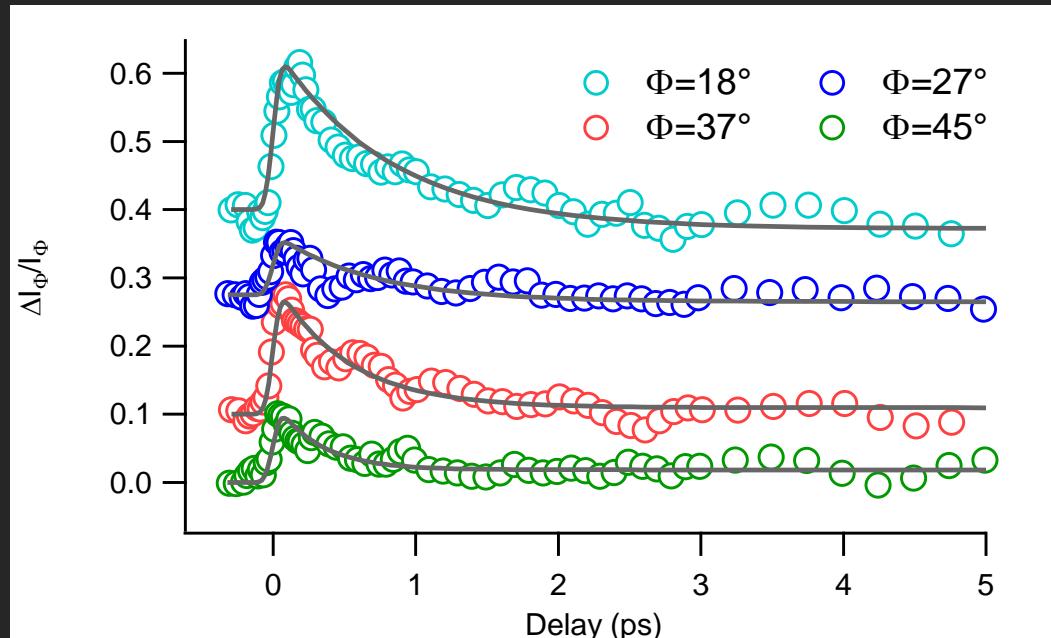
Equilibrium:

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Non-Equilibrium:

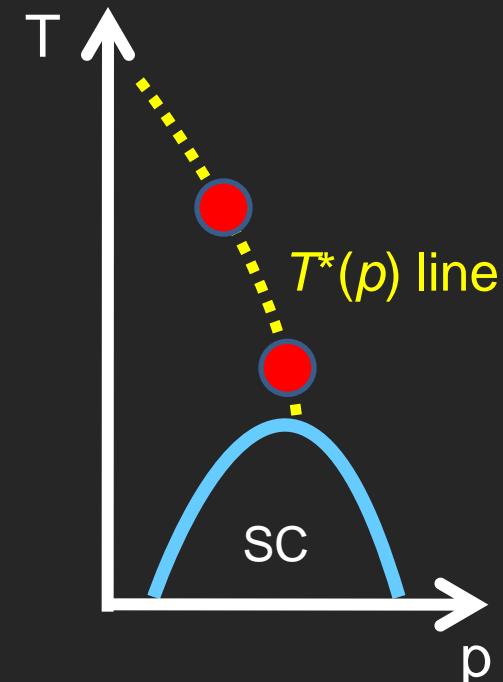
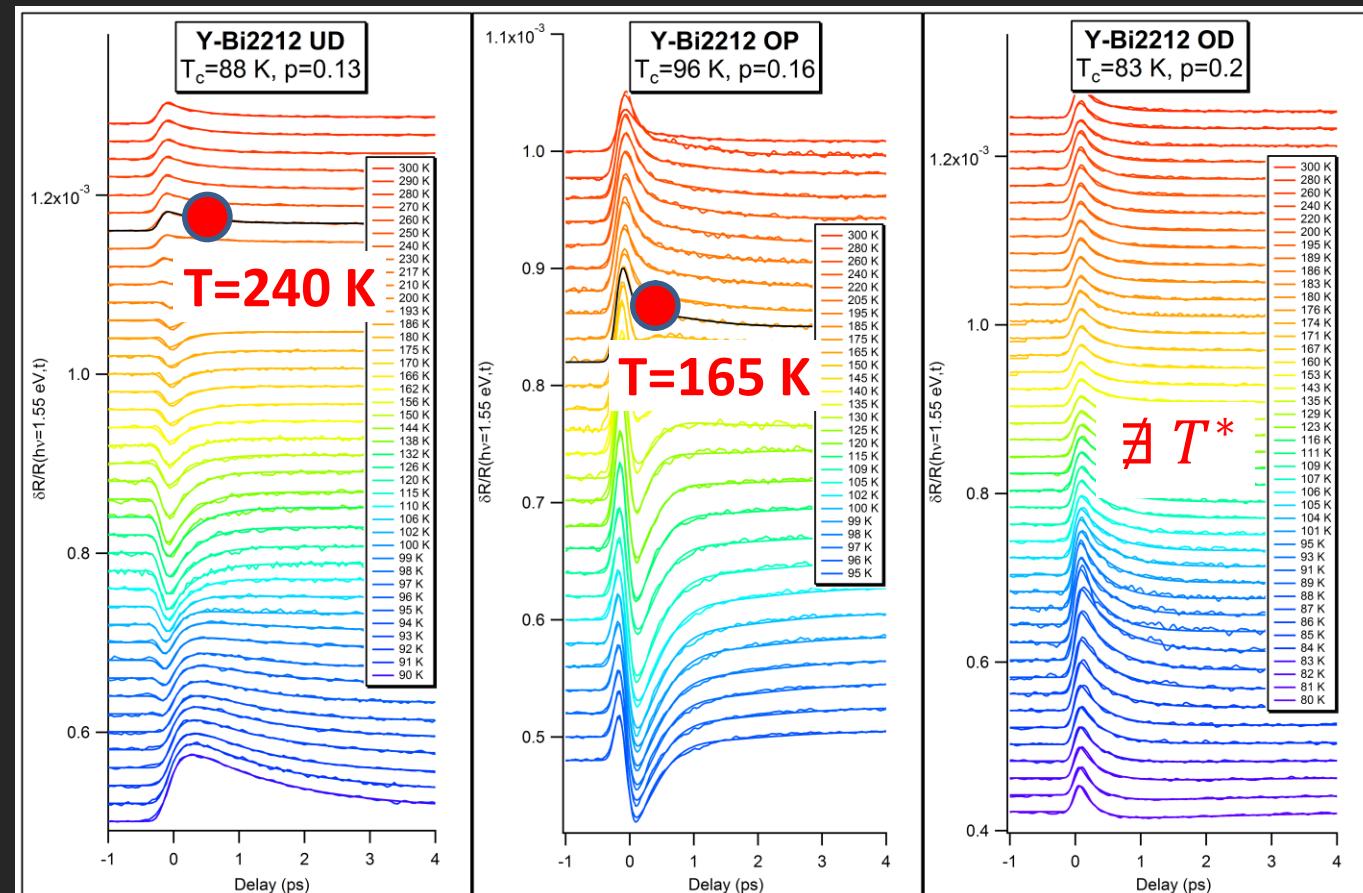
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ARPES Out-of-Equilibrium



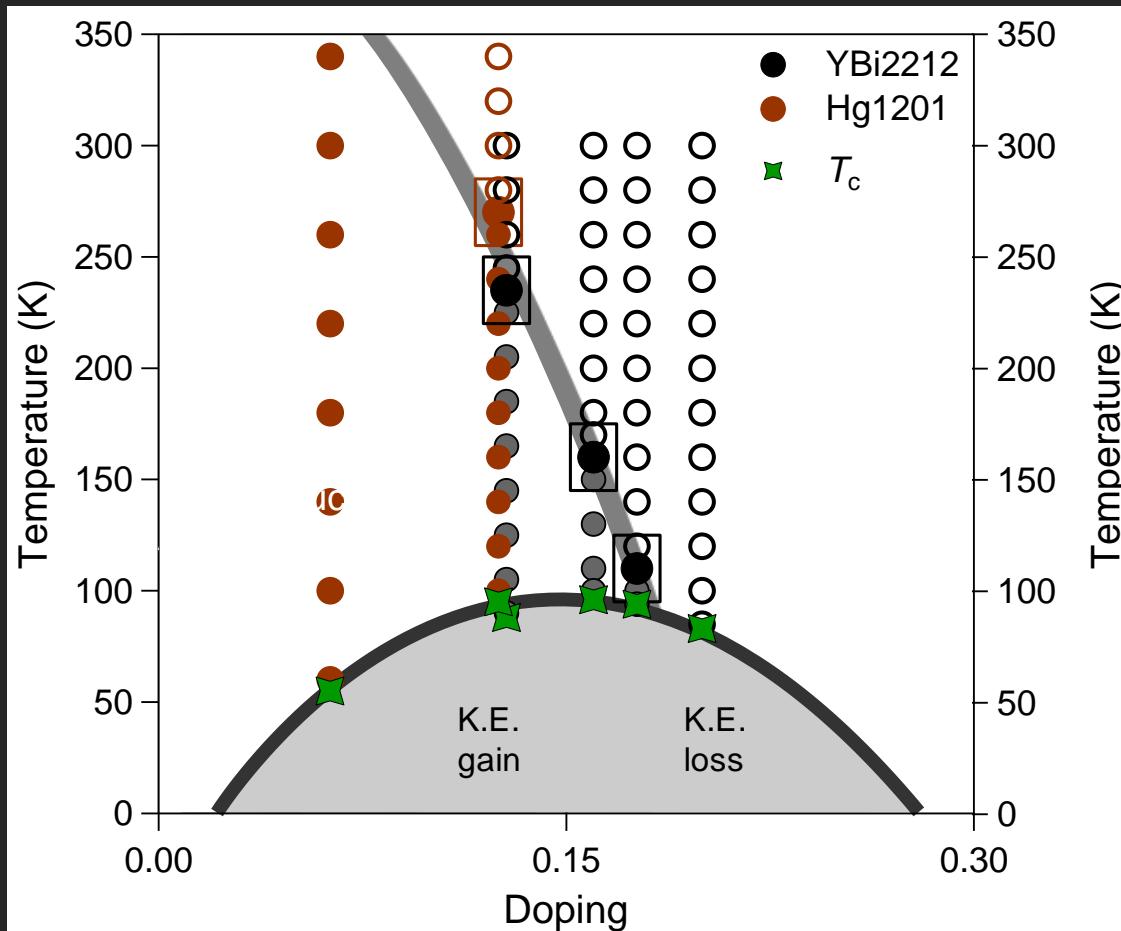
# Onset of the Pseudogap: $T^*=T^*(p)$ from T-Scan

Y-Bi2212 Crystals with different doping level



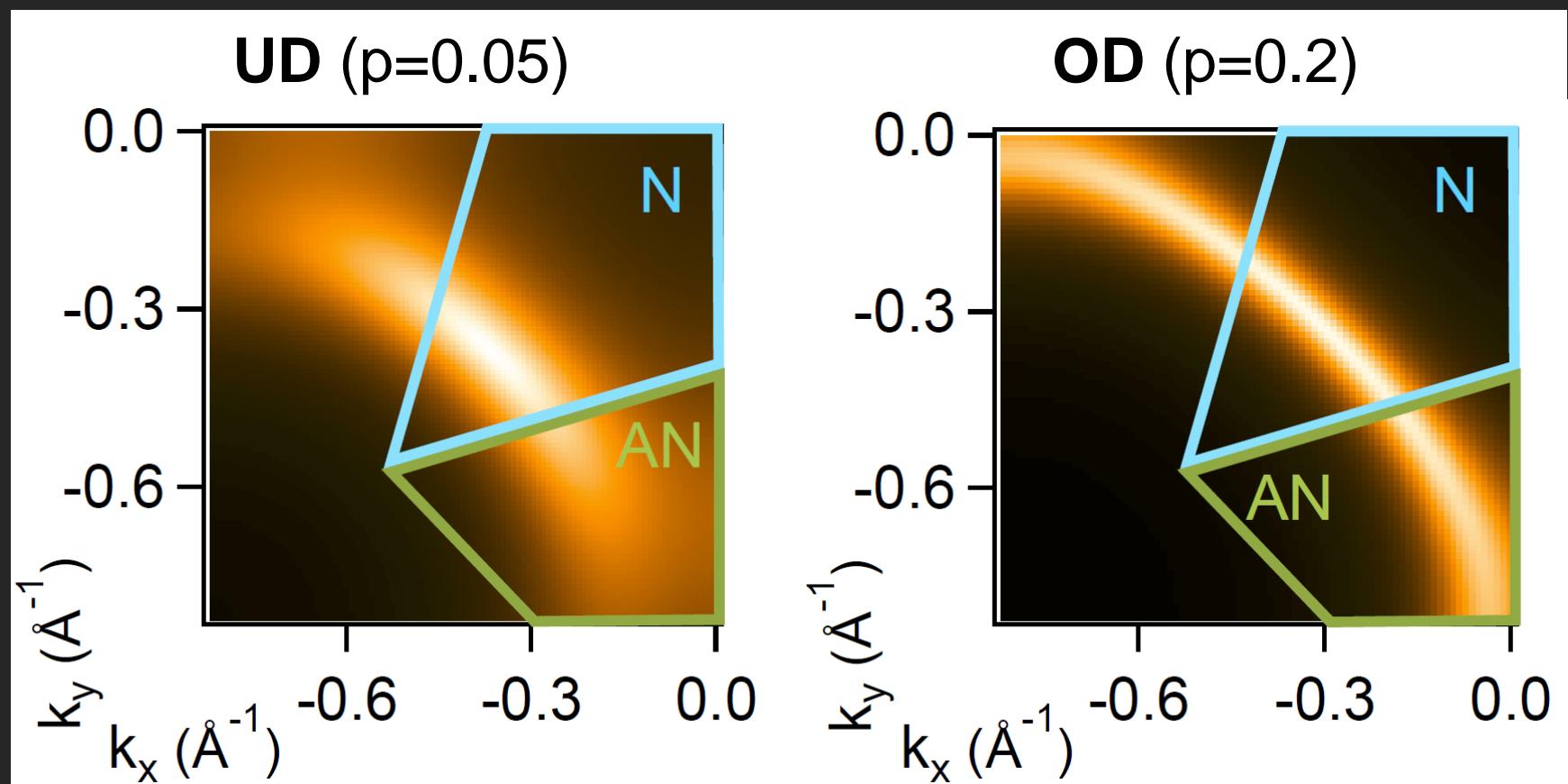
# Universal Phase Diagram

{ Y-Bi2212:  $T_{c,\max} = 96 \text{ K}$ , 2 CuO planes per U.C.  
Hg1201:  $T_{c,\max} = 96 \text{ K}$ , 1 CuO plane per U.C.



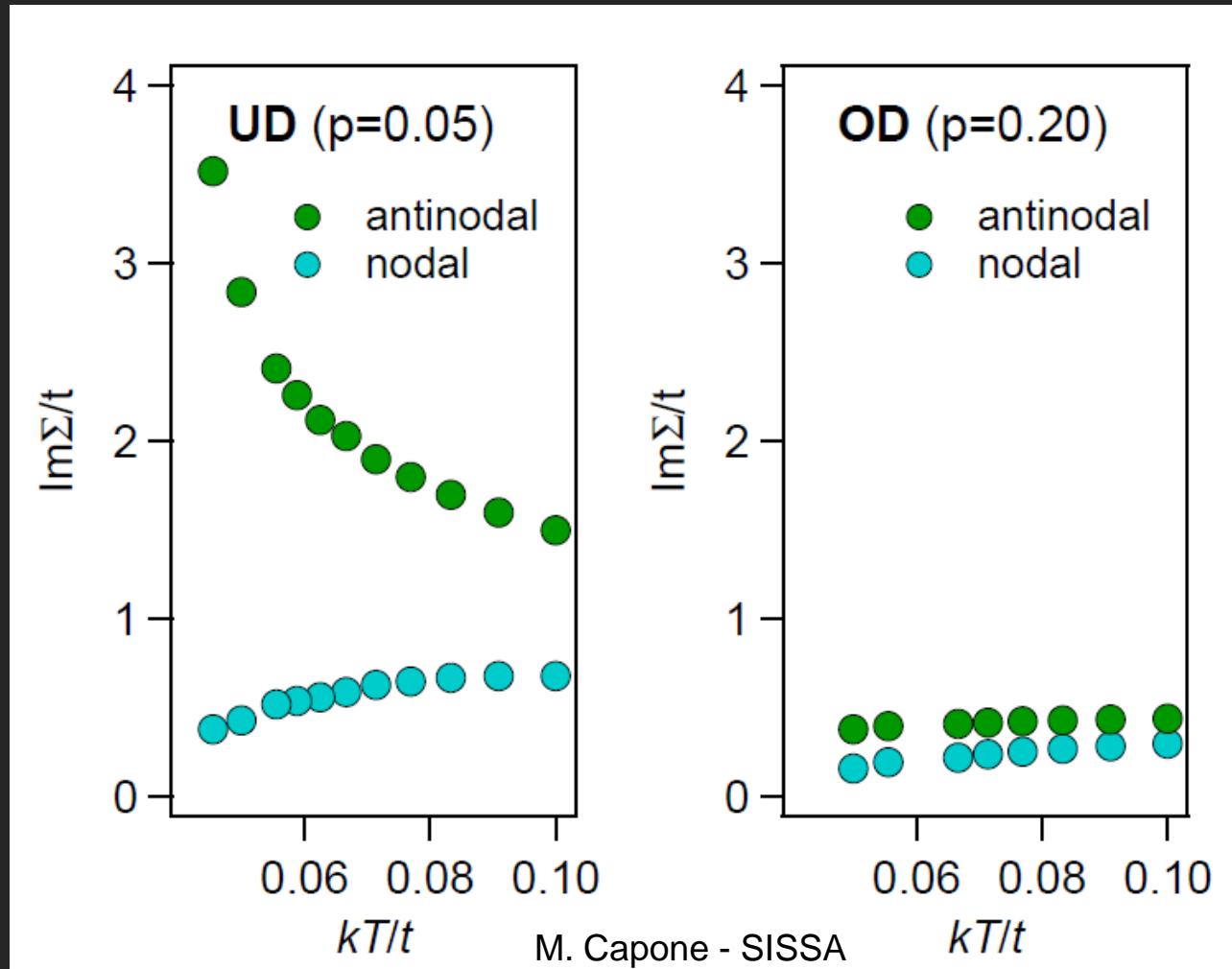
$$\hat{H} = - \sum_{i,j,\sigma} (t_{ij} \hat{c}_{i\sigma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{j\sigma}^\dagger + c.c.) + U \sum_i \hat{n}_{i,\uparrow} \hat{n}_{i,\downarrow} - \mu \sum_i \hat{n}_i$$

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# The N-AN Dichotomy in the Pseudogap

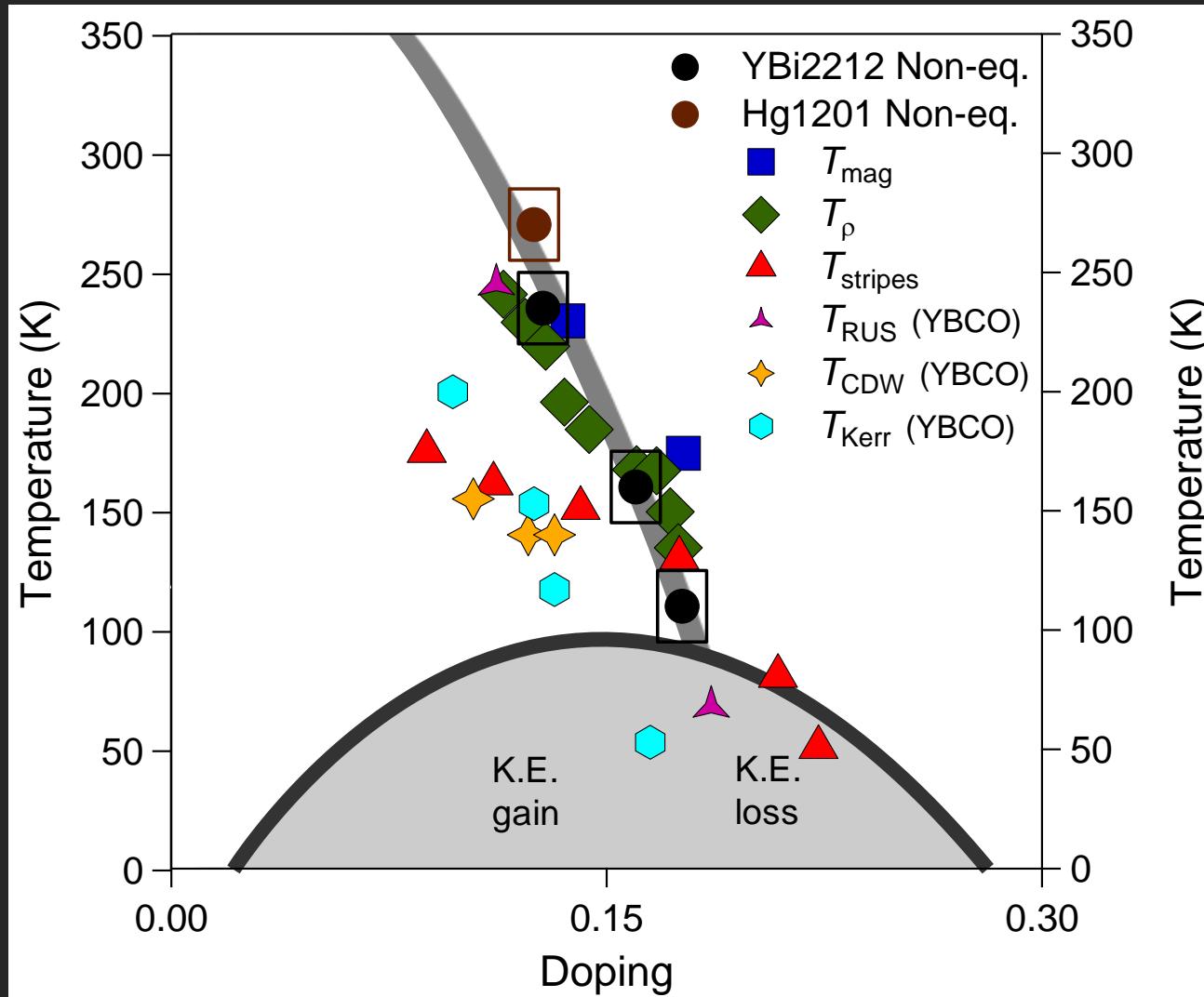
*Nodal (N) and Antinodal (AN) scattering rate for UD and OD compounds*



*The electronic scattering rate as a measure of the degree of electronic correlations*

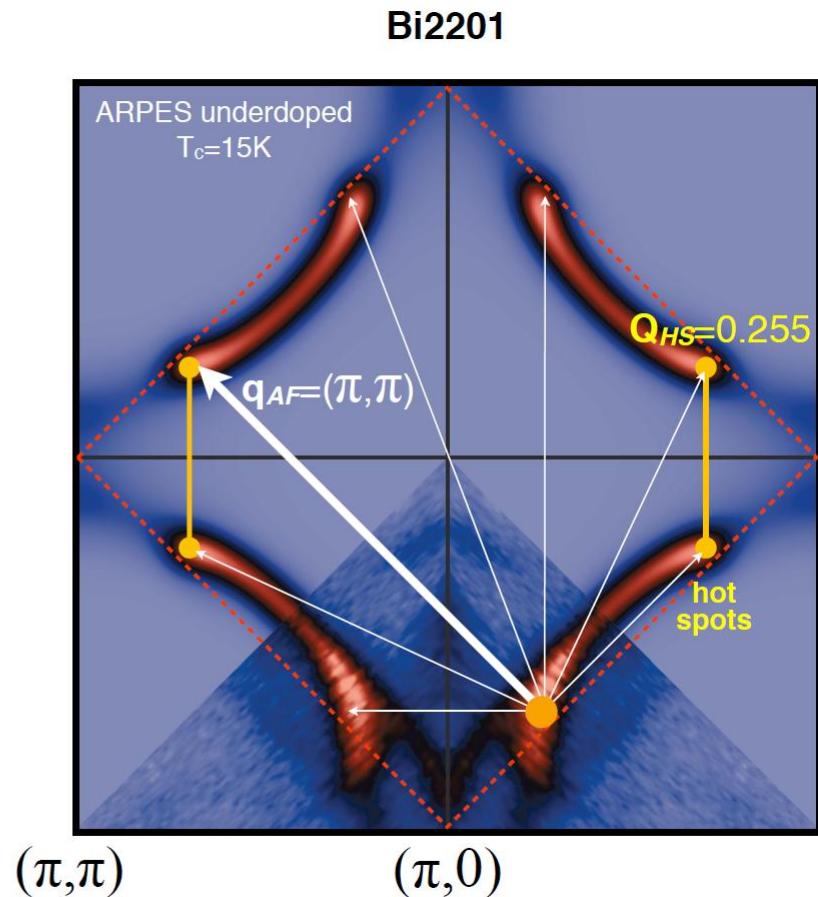
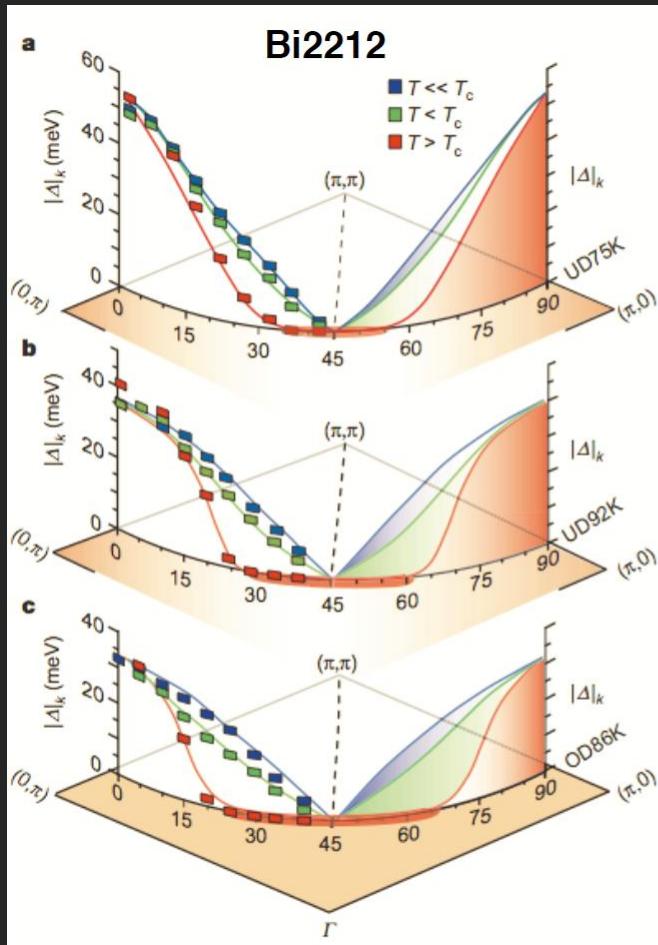
- The absorption of the pump pulse renders the AN quasiparticles more metallic, less localized

# The Phase Diagram



- Non equilibrium measurements reveal the Mottness associated to AN quasiparticles.
- Broken symmetries seem not to be related to the PG: are a consequence and not its cause.

# Pseudogap and Ordering Tendencies



Adapted by C. Giannetti

W. S. Lee et al., Nature 450, 81 (2007)

R. Comin et al., Science 343, 390 (2014)

$Q_{CO} \sim 0.256$  r.l.u. (REXS/STM)  $\leftrightarrow$   $Q_{HS} \sim 0.255$  r.l.u. (ARPES)

# Conclusions

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- We revealed the fingerprint of Mottness for AN quasiparticles.
- The onset of the Mottness follows the  $T^*(p)$  line.
- CDMFT simulations account for experimental results.
- The pseudogap phase is due to strong and short-ranged electronic correlations.
- Long-range orders are an effect of the Pseudogap, not its cause.

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