

Quantum Criticality in Iron-pnictide Superconductors



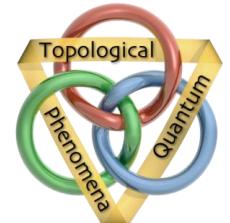
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OUTLINE

1. Evidence of a QCP in $\text{BaFe}_2(\text{As}_{1-x}\text{P}_x)_2$
 - Mass enhancement near $x=0.3$
2. Anomalous superconducting properties near the QCP



Collaborators

Transport properties
Penetration depth
Thermal conductivity
dHvA
Magnetic torque
Crystal growth

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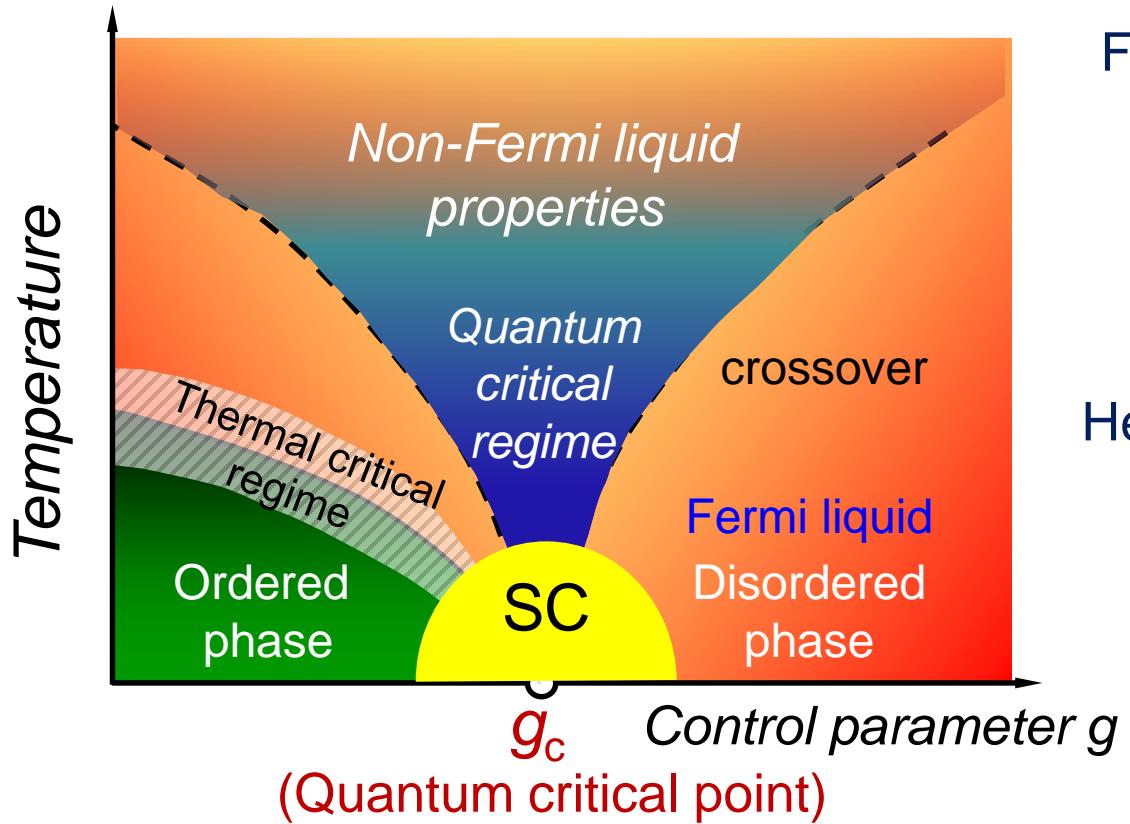


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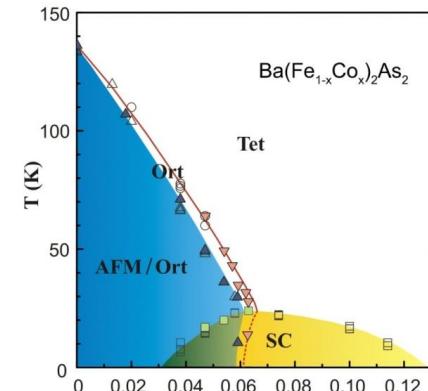
Aoyama Gakuin, Japan

Quantum Critical Point (QCP)

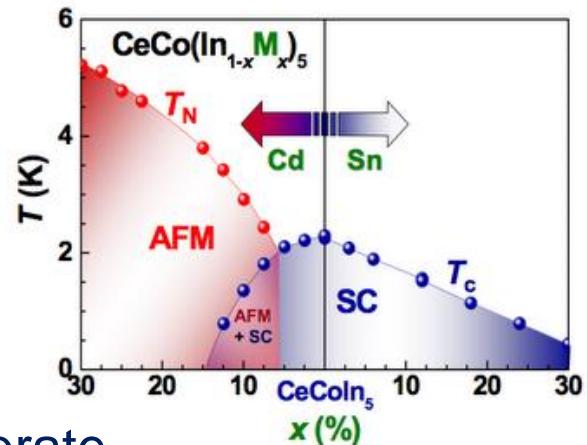


g : pressure, chemical substitution, magnetic field

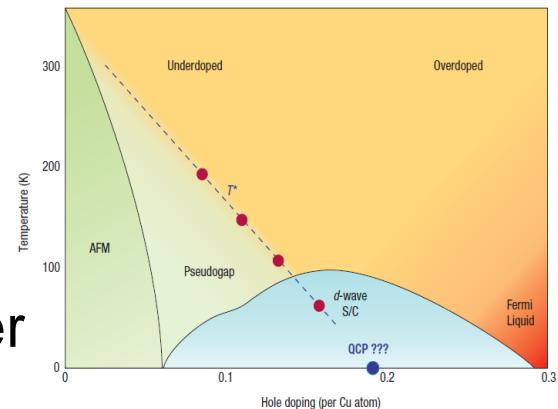
Fe-pnictide



Heavy Fermion



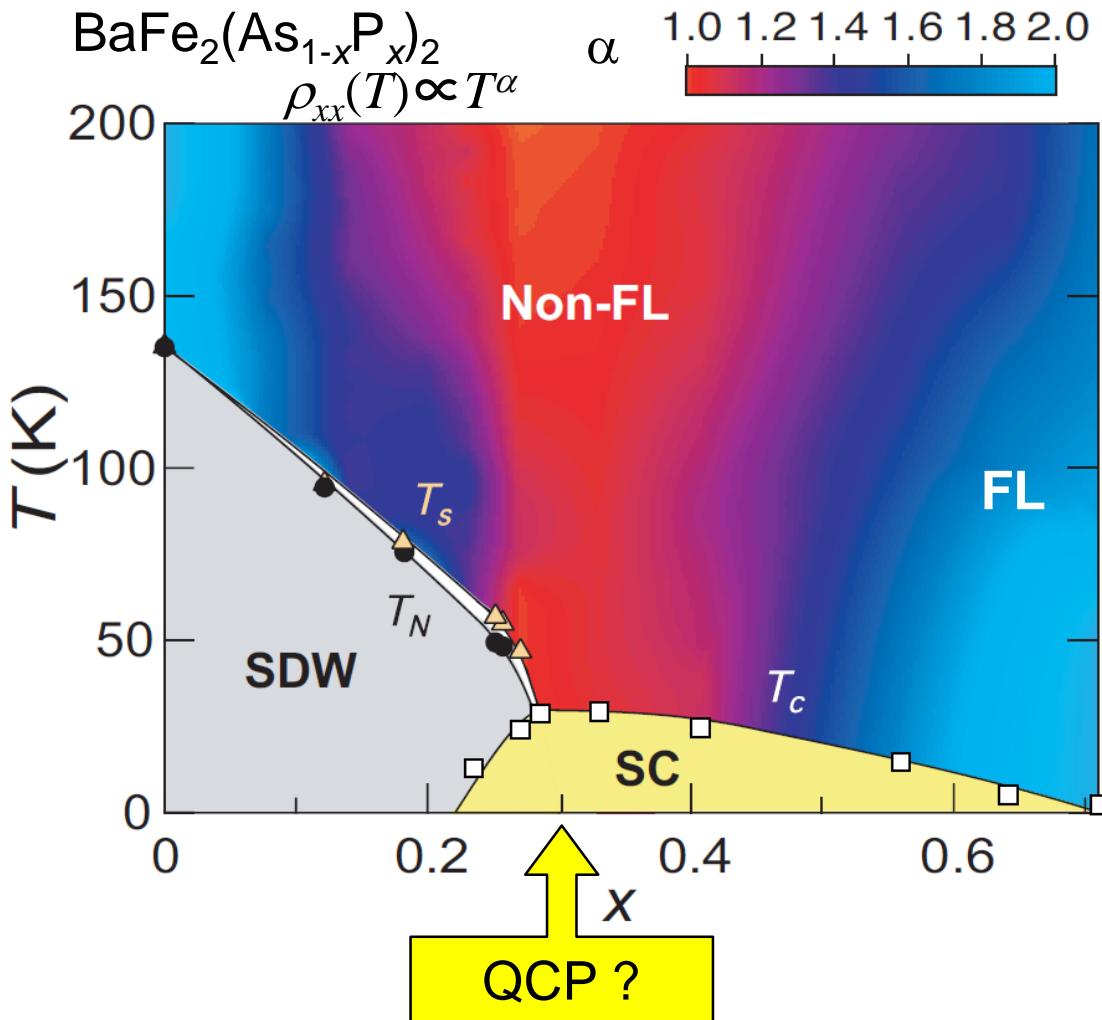
Cuprate



Does the QCP lie beneath the SC dome?

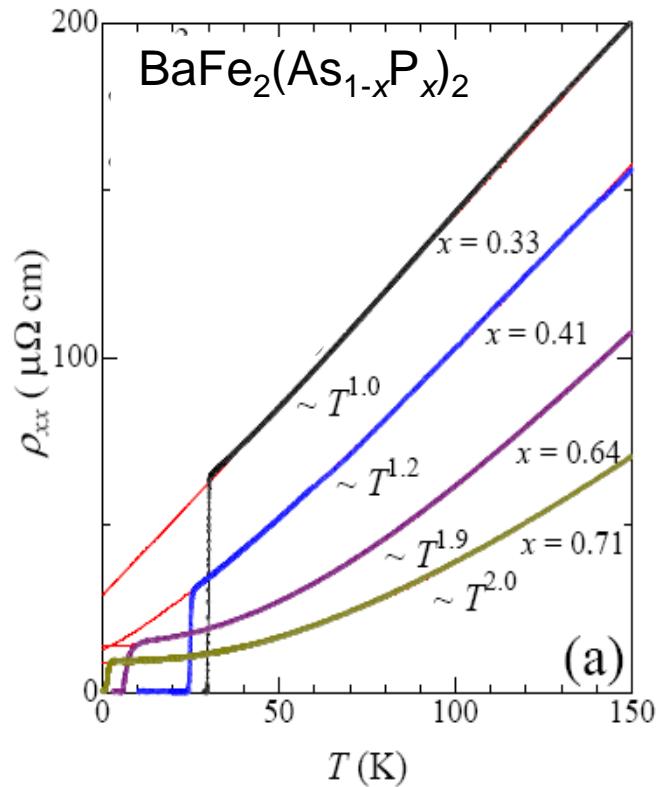
1. Mechanism of superconductivity
2. non-Fermi liquid properties
3. Coexistence of SC and magnetic (exotic) order

Doping evolution of the transport property



S. Kasahara *et al.*, PRB **81**, 184519 (2010).

A.E. Böhmer *et al.* Phys. Rev. B **86**, 094521 (2012).



T -linear resistivity at $x=0.33$ just beyond the SDW end point

Hallmark of non-Fermi liquid

T^2 -dependence at $x=0.71$

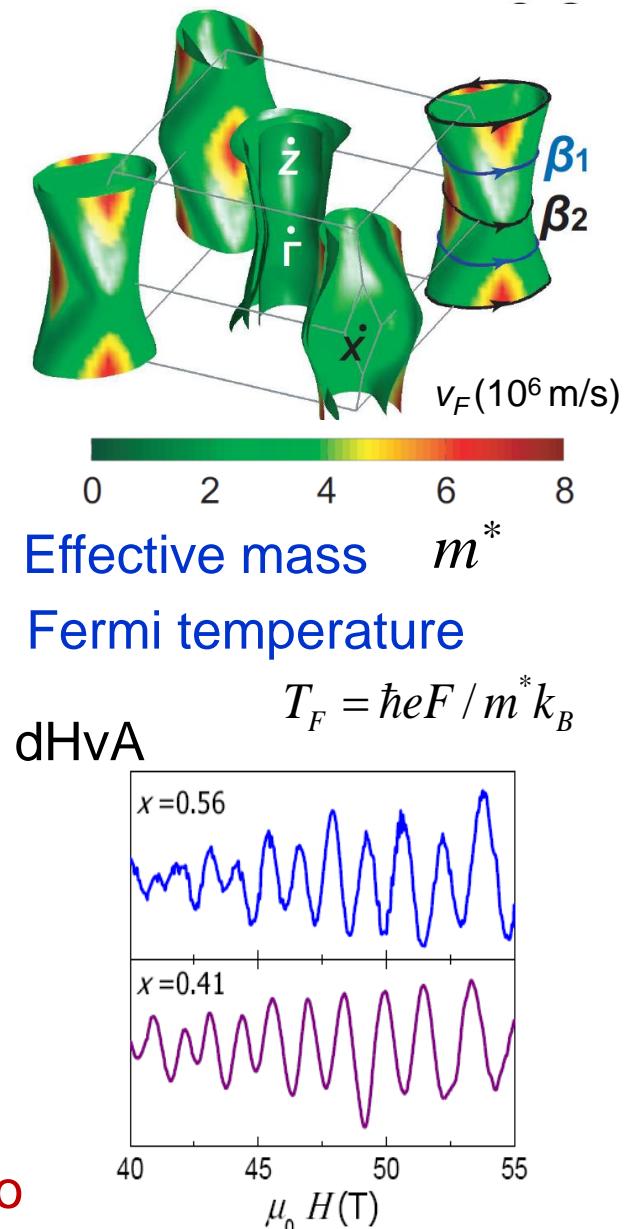
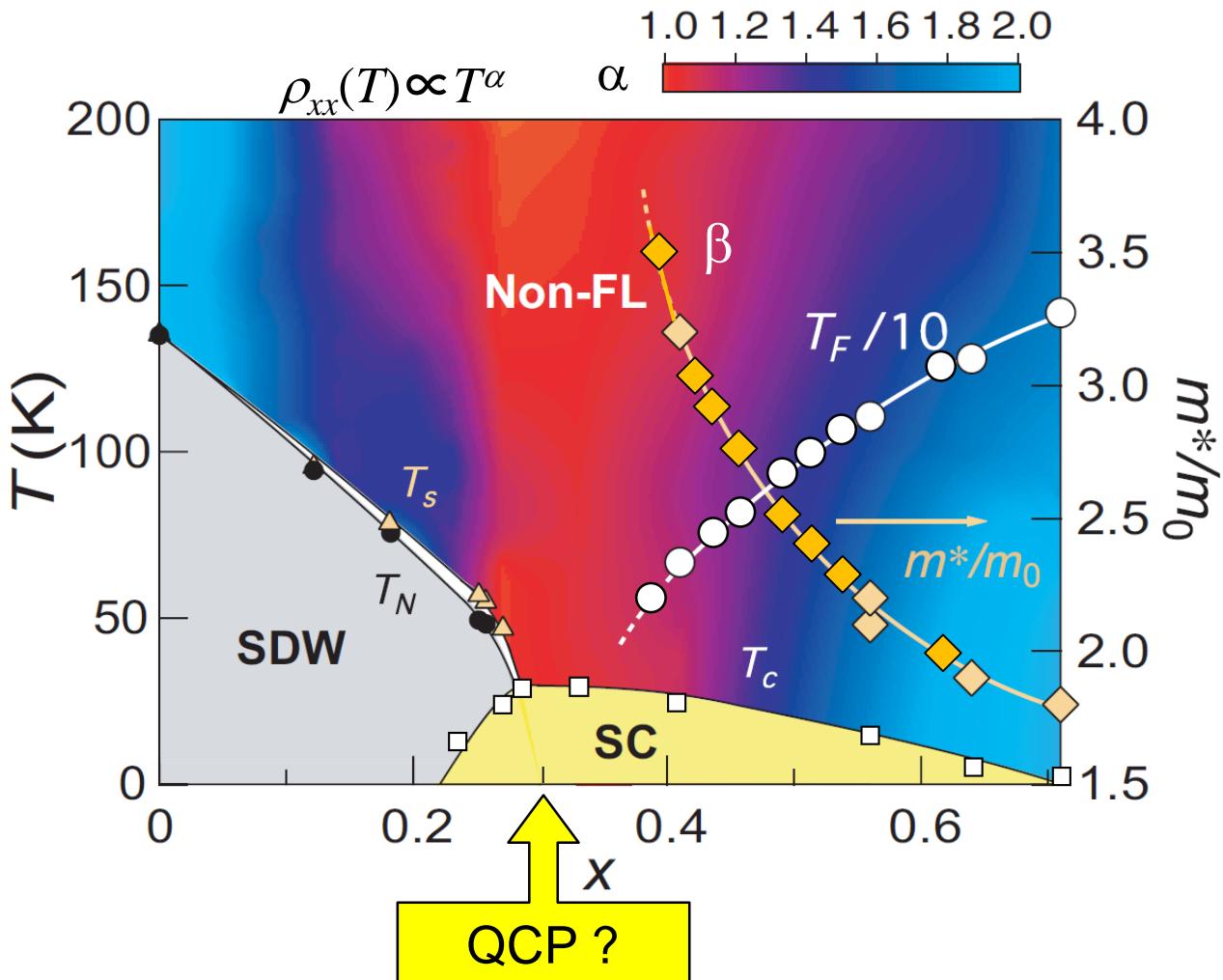
Fermi-liquid behavior

See also

S. Sachdev and B. Keimer, Physics Today (2011).

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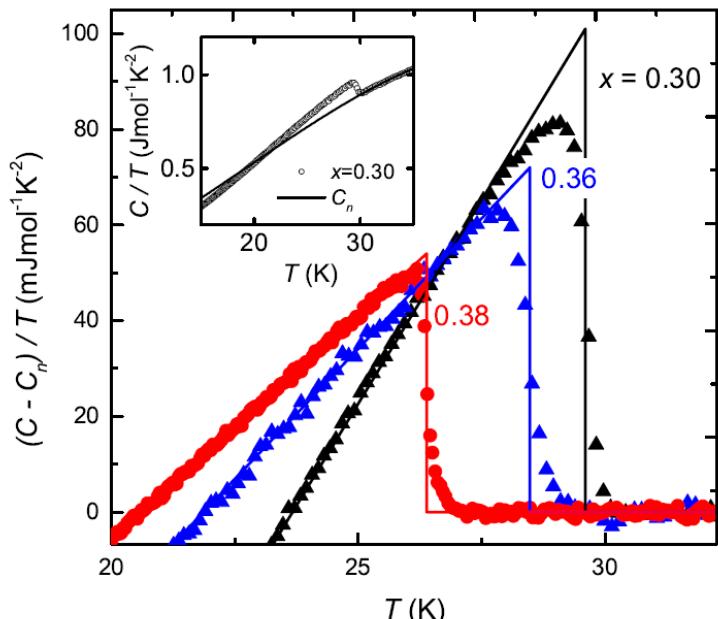
Fermi surface and mass renormalization



As x is tuned towards the maximum T_c ,
Effective mass m^* is strongly enhanced
Fermi temperature $T_F = \hbar e F / m^* k_B$ tends to zero

Doping evolution of the specific heat jump at T_c

$\text{BaFe}_2(\text{As}_{1-x}\text{P}_x)_2$

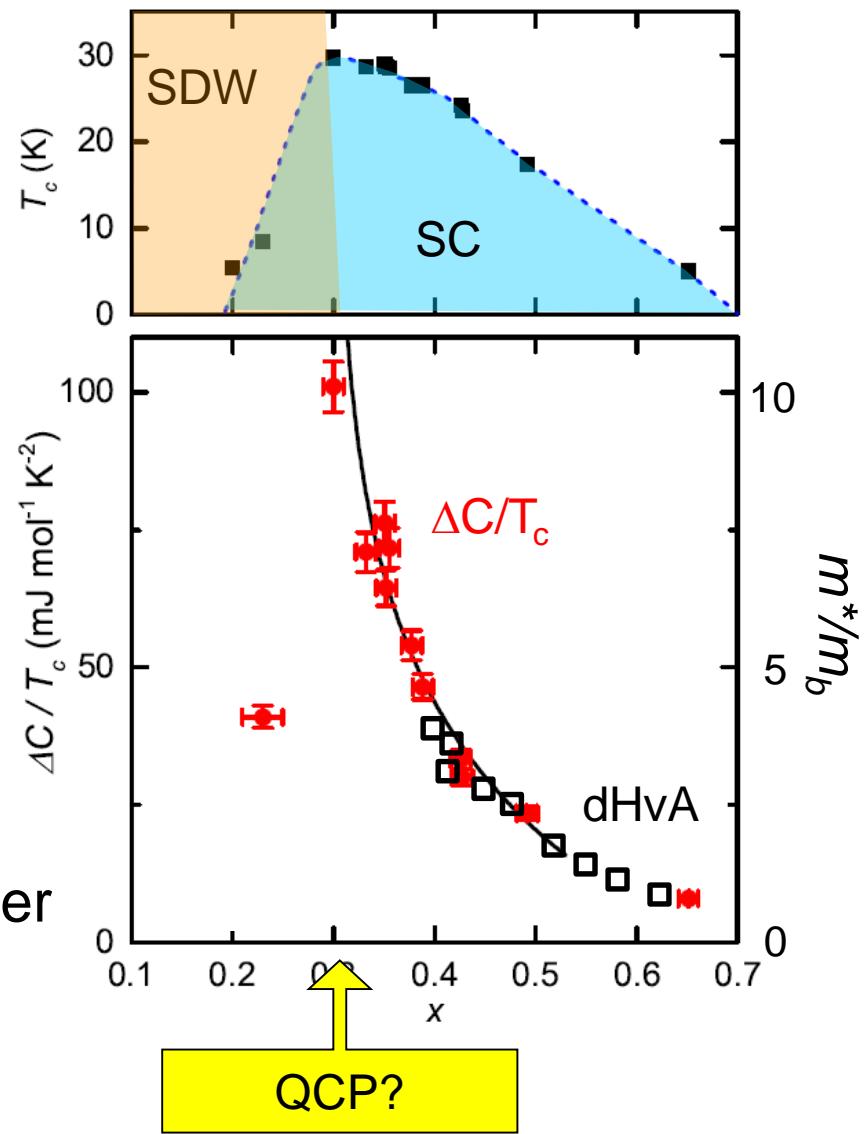


$$\frac{\Delta C}{T_c} \propto \gamma \propto m^*$$

The uniform mass enhancement over the Fermi surface

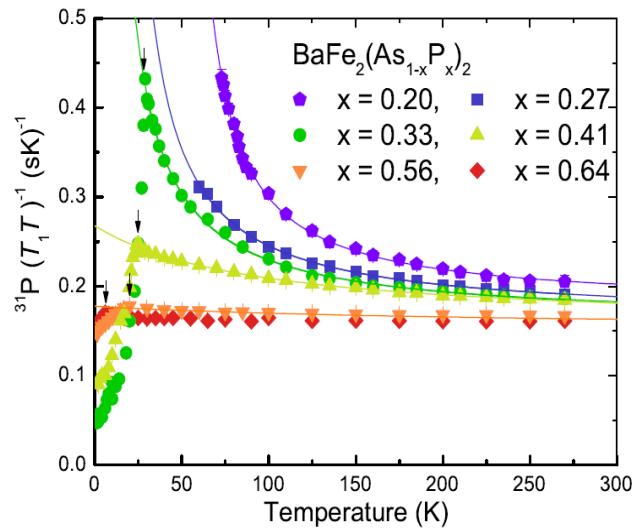
$$\frac{m^*}{m_b} = c_0 + c_1 \ln(x - x_c)$$

P. Walmsley *et al.*, PRL (2013).



Doping evolution of the magnetic properties (^{31}P NMR)

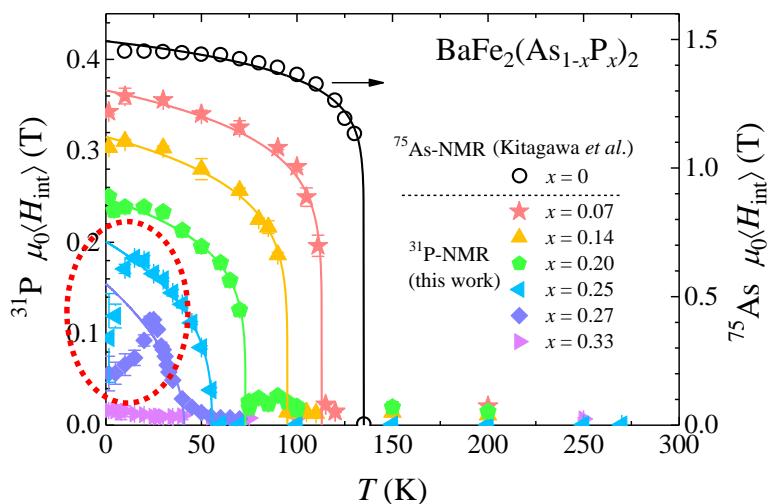
$$1/T_1 T \sim \chi(\pi, \pi)$$



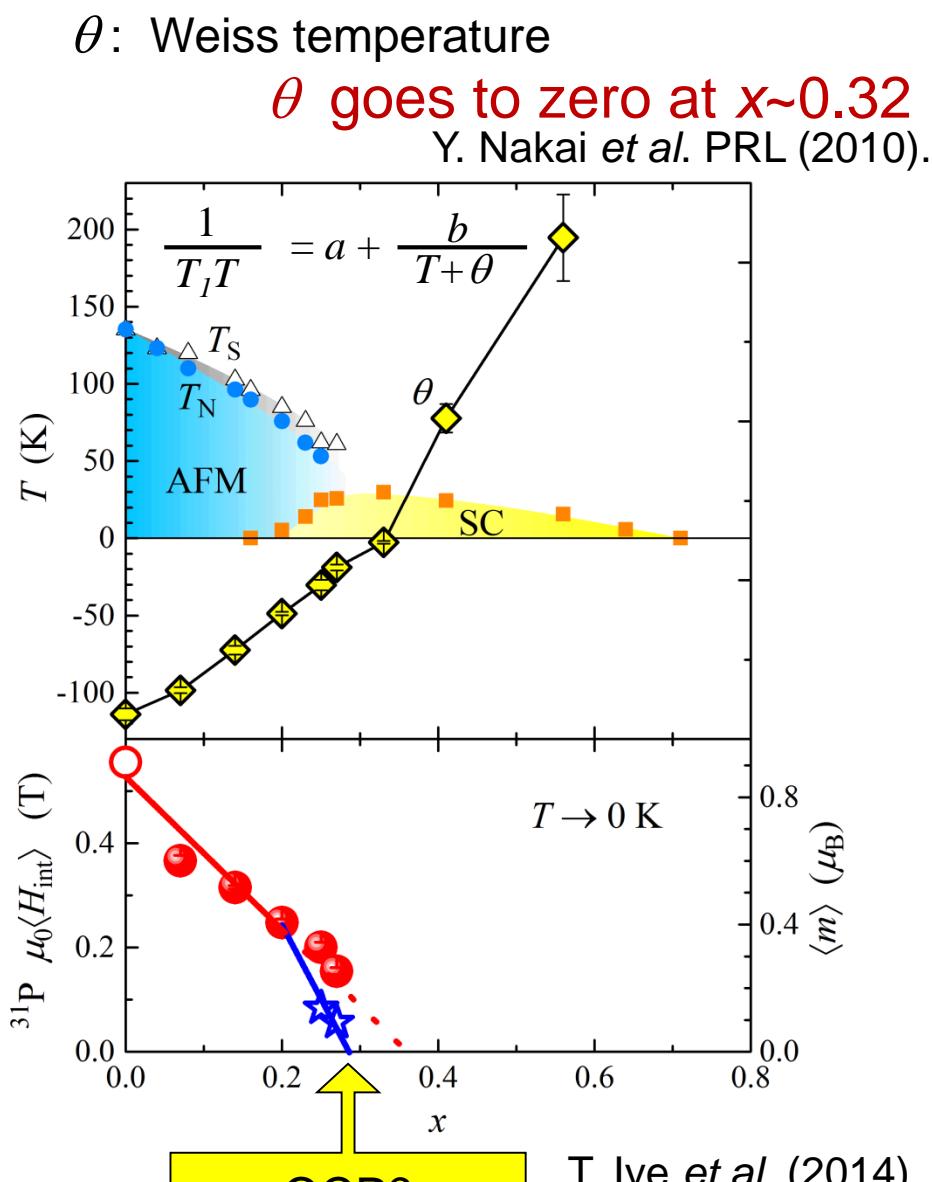
θ : Weiss temperature

θ goes to zero at $x \sim 0.32$

Y. Nakai et al. PRL (2010).



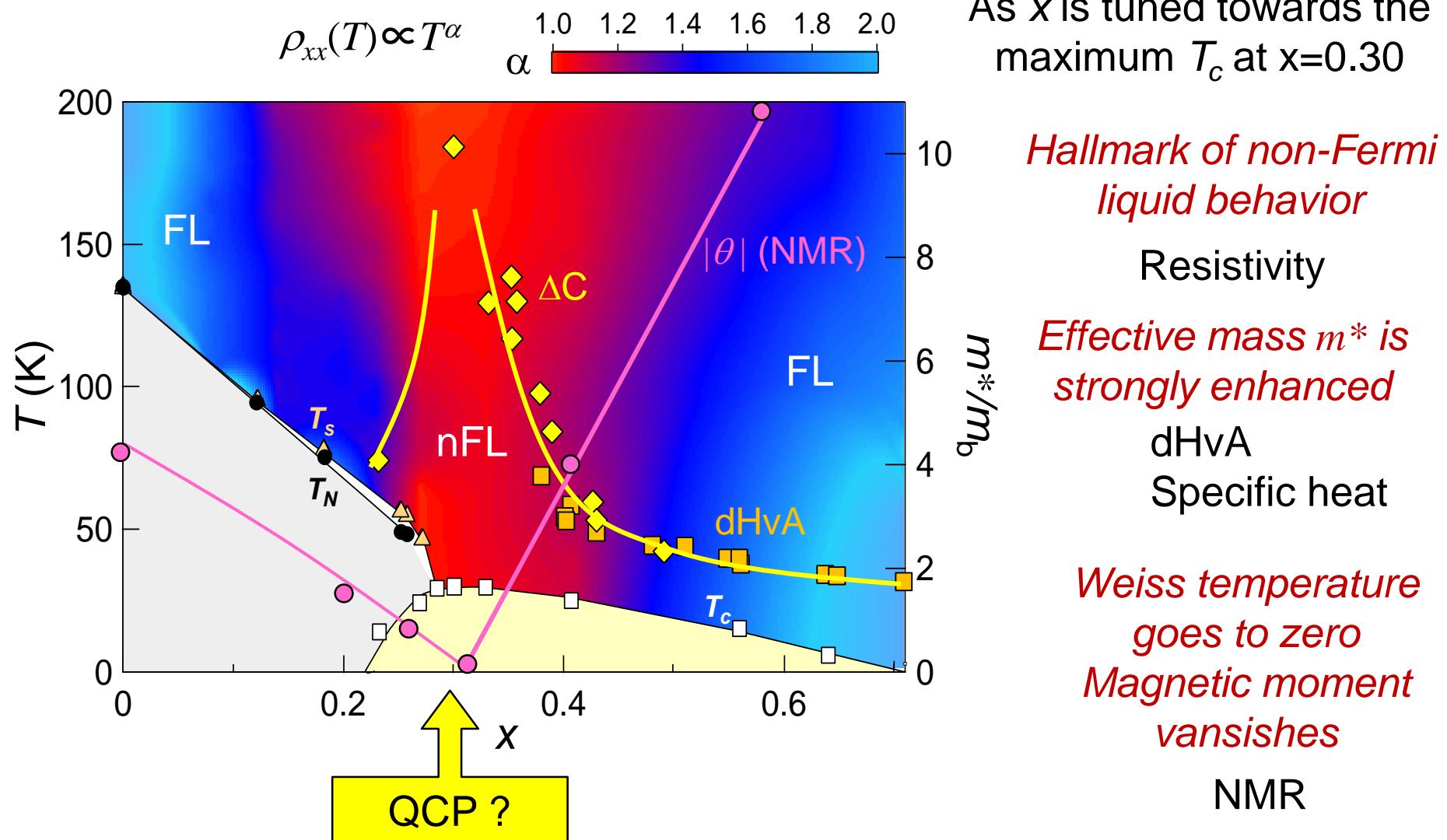
Coupling between magnetism
and superconductivity



Magnetic moment vanishes at $x = 0.3$

T. Iye et al. (2014).

Doping evolution of normal-state properties

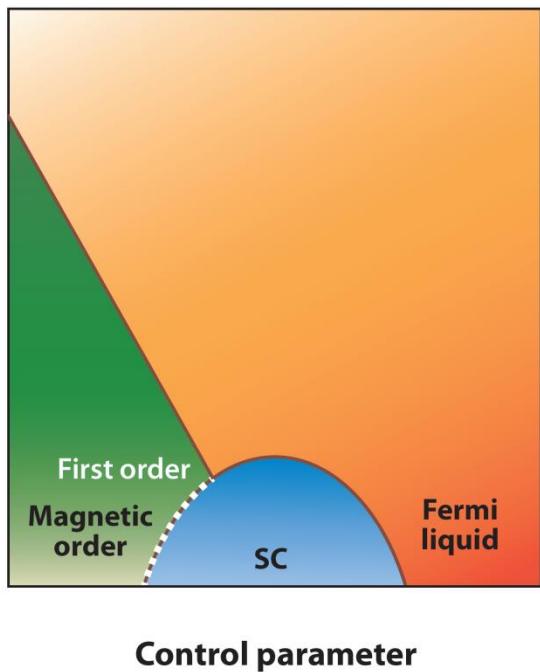


We need evidence at zero temperature and zero field.

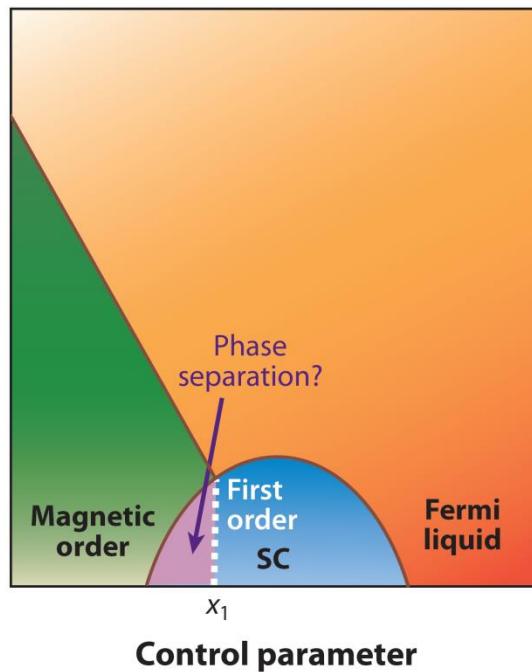
Phase diagrams of unconventional superconductors

Case-I

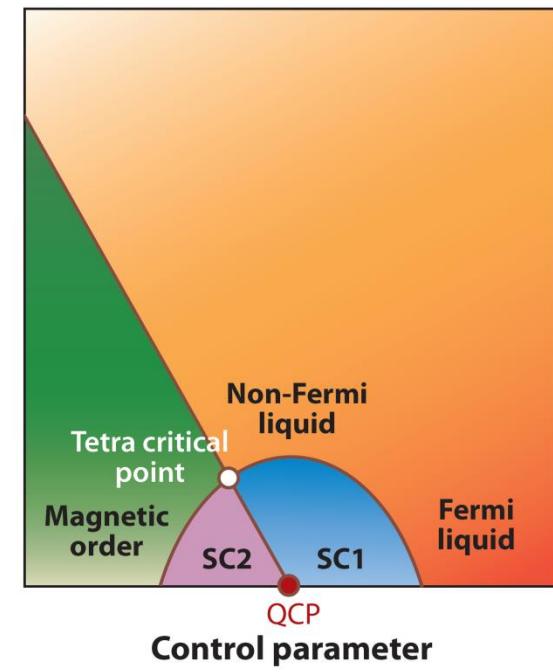
Temperature



Case-II



Case-III



Avoided criticality by the SC dome

QCP within the SC dome



K. Hashimoto *et al.*, Science (2012).

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Annu. Rev. Condens. Matter Phys. 5, 113-135 (2014).

Doping evolution of the London penetration depth at $T = 0$ K

London penetration depth λ_L is the quantity that can probe the electronic structure **at zero temperature limit**.

$$\lambda_L^{-2}(0) = \frac{\mu_0 n_s e^2}{m^*}$$

Number of superfluid
Mass of superfluid

1. Al coated method

Tunnel diode oscillator (13MHz, 70 mK)

2. Microwave surface impedance

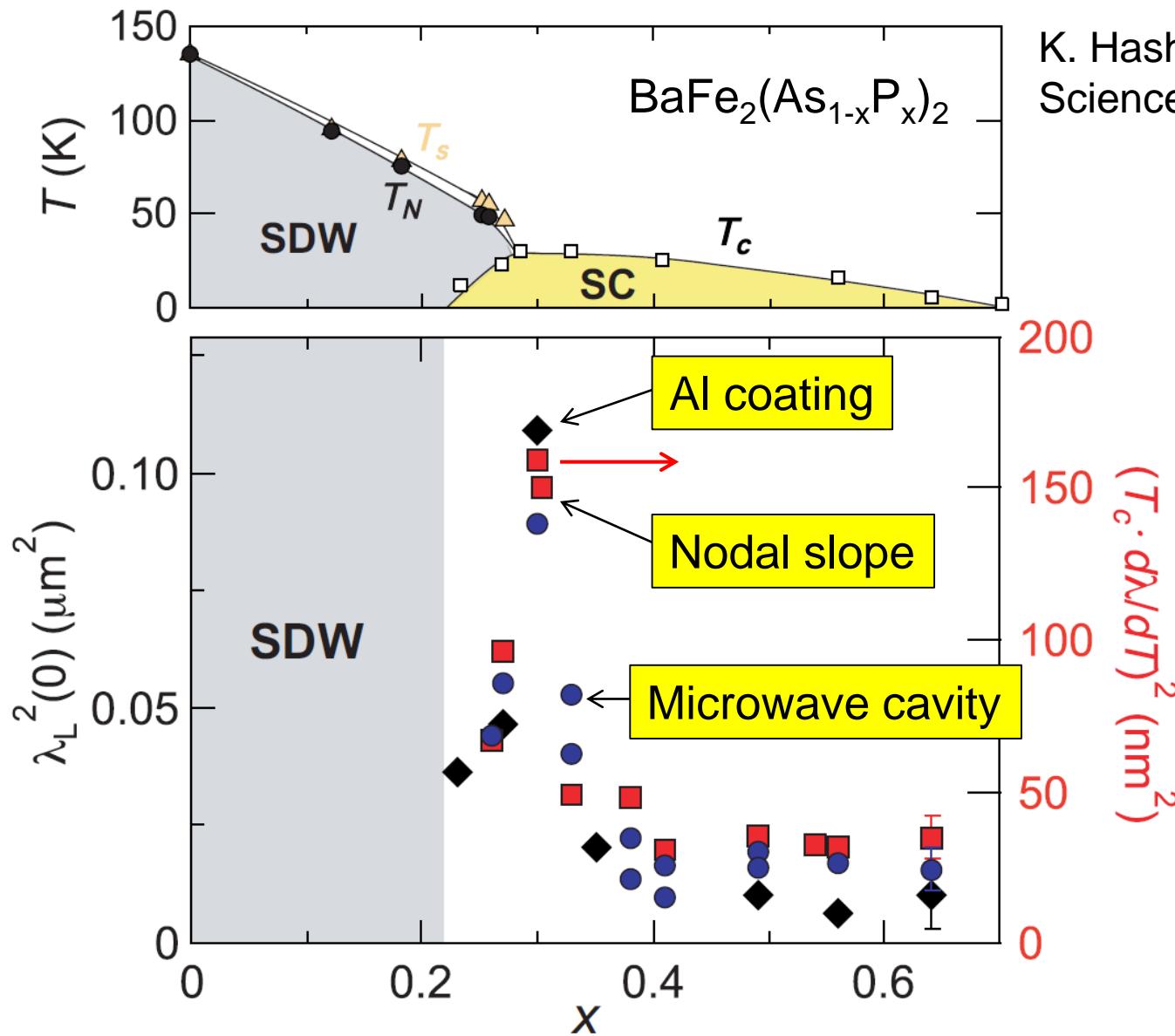
Rutile cavity resonator (5 GHz, Q~ 10^6 , 350 mK)

3. Nodal superconducting gap structure

Line node

$$\frac{\delta\lambda_L(T)}{\lambda_L(0)} \approx \frac{\ln 2}{\Delta} k_B T$$

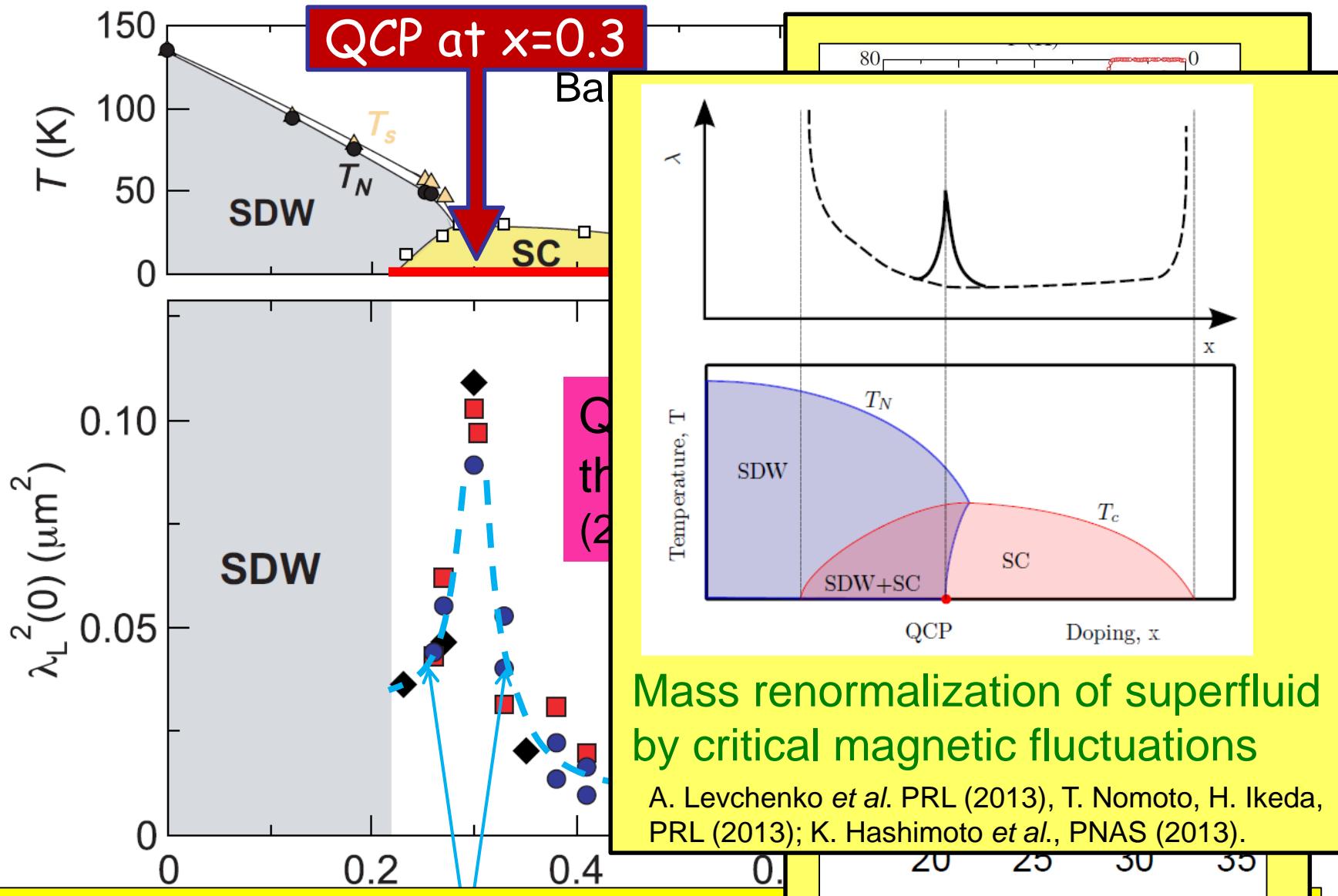
Doping evolution of the London penetration depth at $T=0$



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Science 336, 1554 (2012).

All three methods give very similar x-dependence

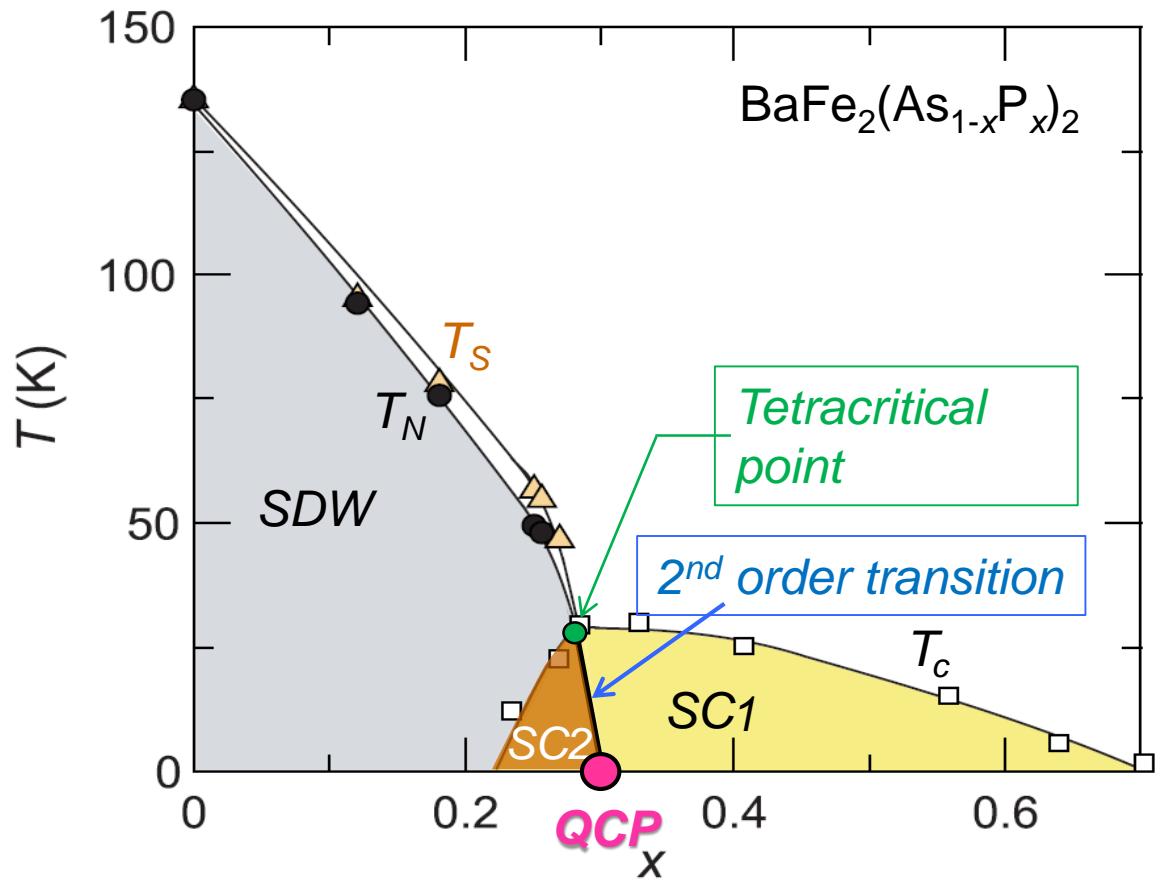
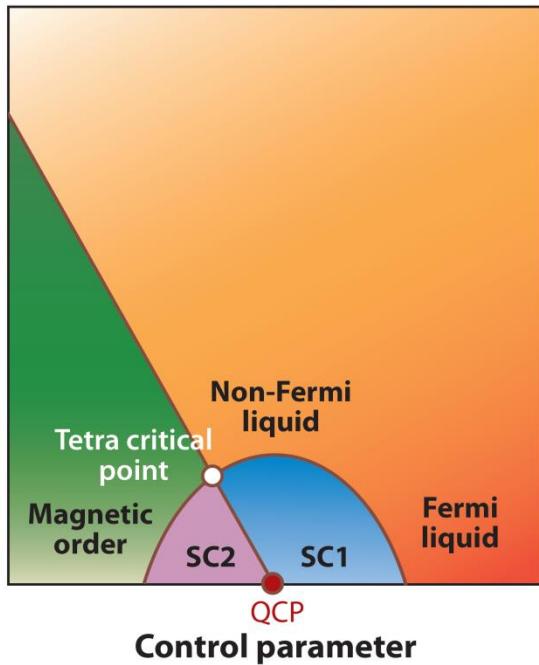
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Striking enhancement of $\lambda_L^2(0)$ on approaching

The data represents the behavior at the zero temperature limit.

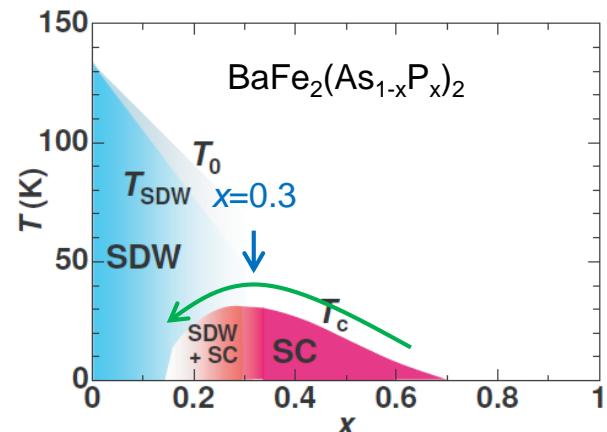
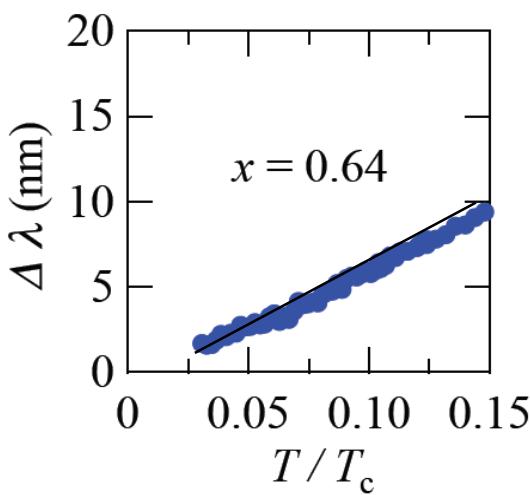
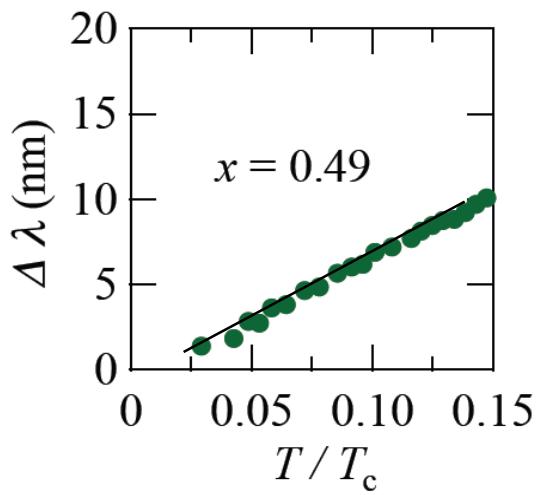
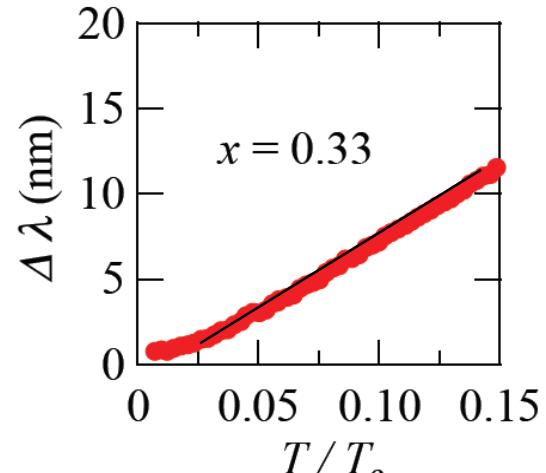
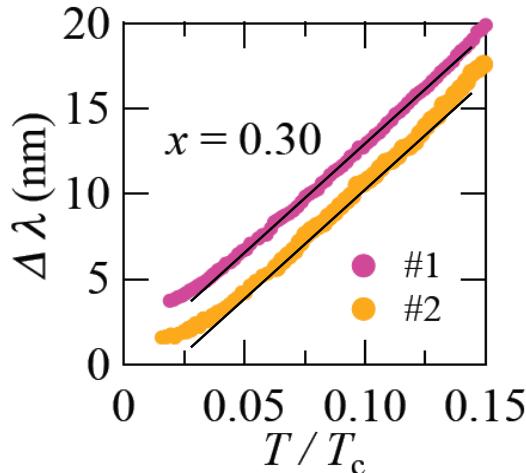
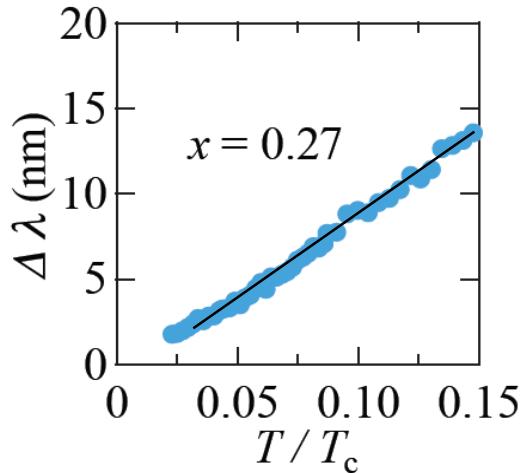
QCP lies beneath the dome



1. The QCP is the origin of the **non-Fermi liquid** behavior above T_c .
2. Unconventional **SC coexists with AFM** on a microscopic level.
3. The quantum critical fluctuations help to **enhance superconductivity**.

Doping evolution of $\lambda(T)$ in $\text{BaFe}_2(\text{As},\text{P})_2$

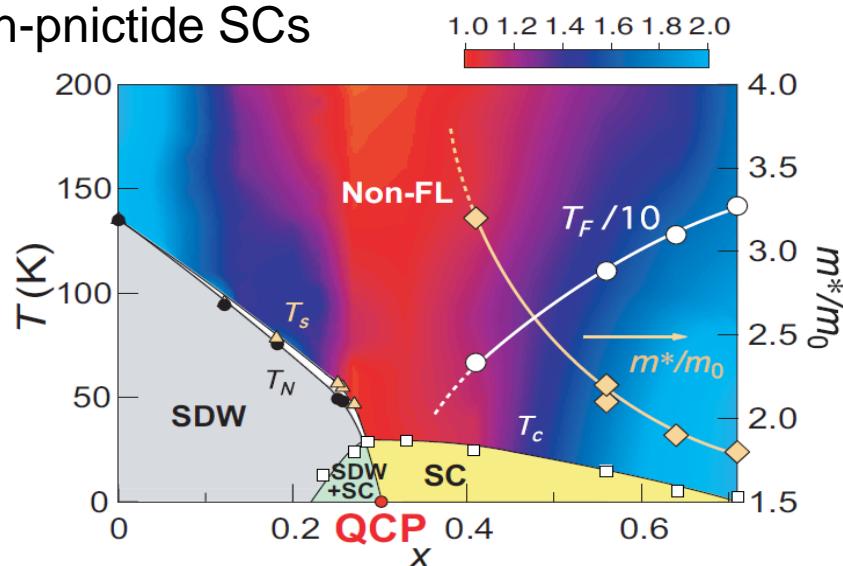
Robust line nodes over a wide range of x .



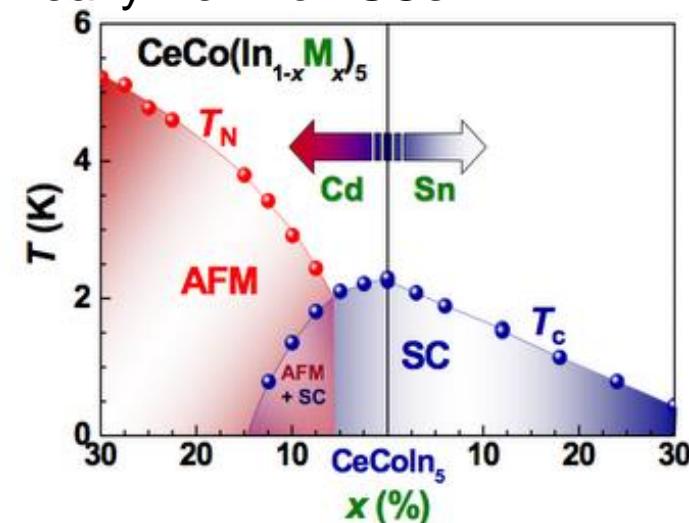
Deviations from the T -linear dependence near $x=0.3$

Nodal superconductors in the vicinity of AFM

Iron-pnictide SCs

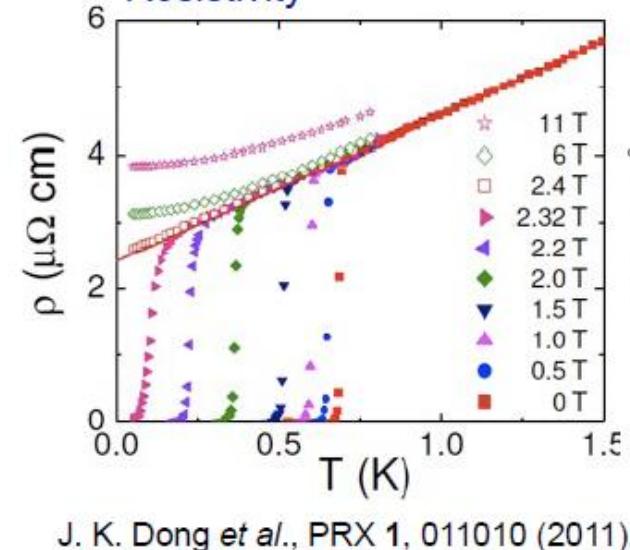
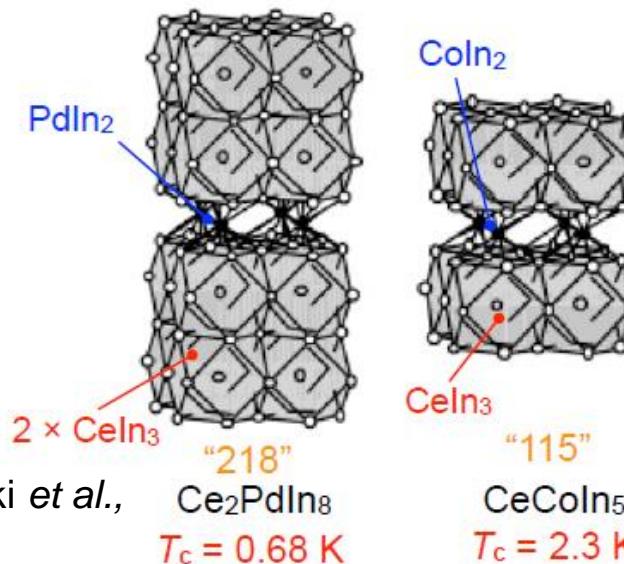


Heavy-Fermion SCs

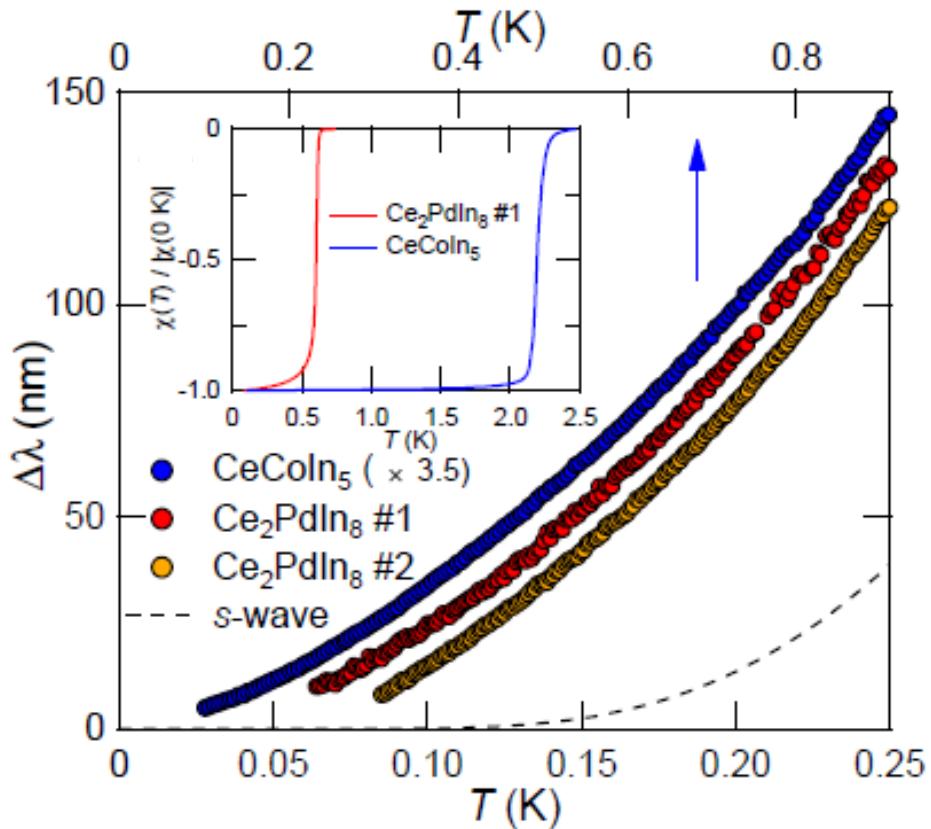


prototypical ‘quantum critical’ superconductors with nodes

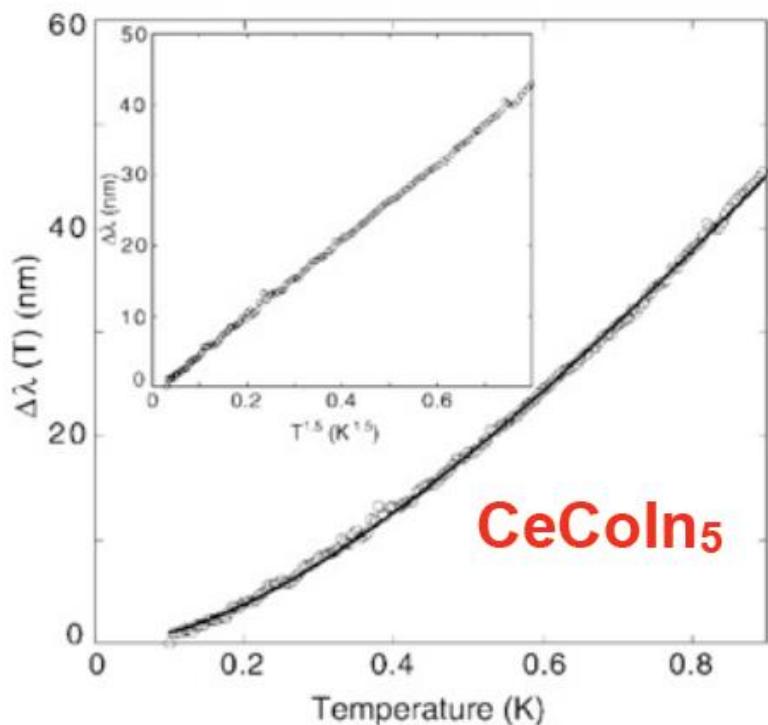
Resistivity



Anomalous $\lambda(T)$ in CeColn₅ and Ce₂PdIn₈



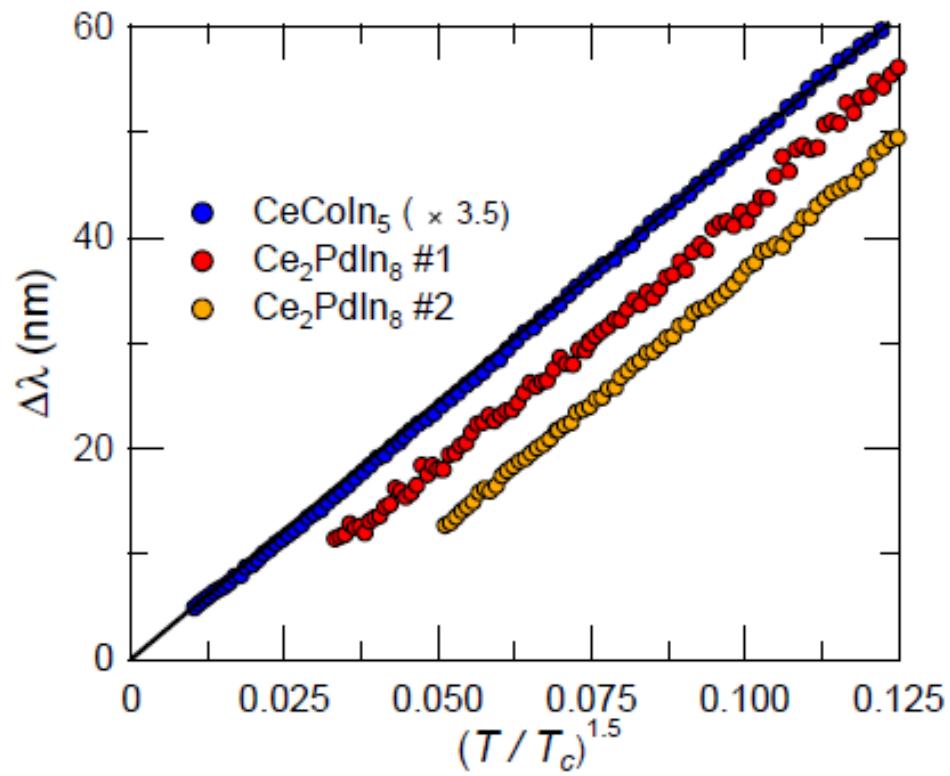
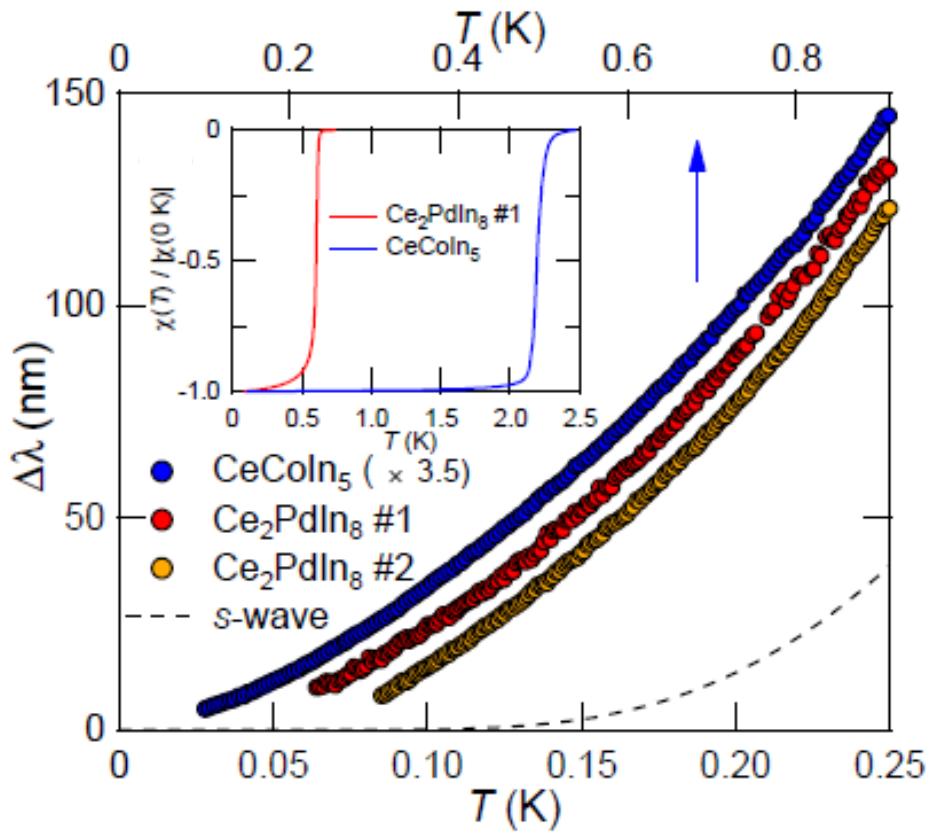
Deviations from the T -linear dependence



Consistent with previous studies.

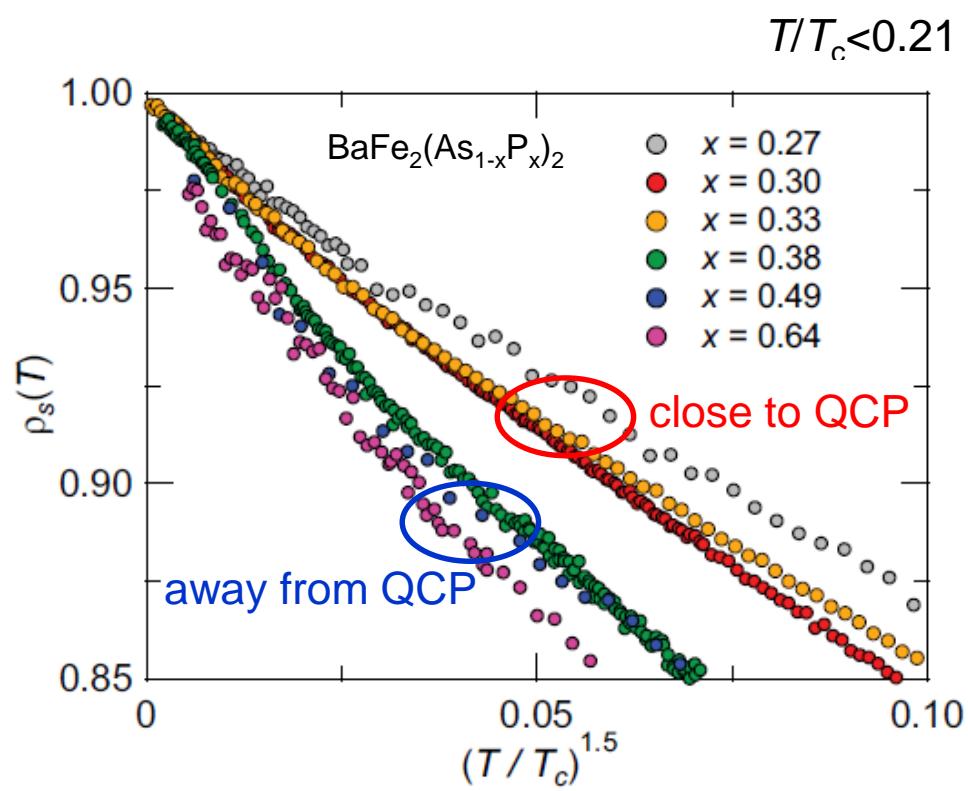
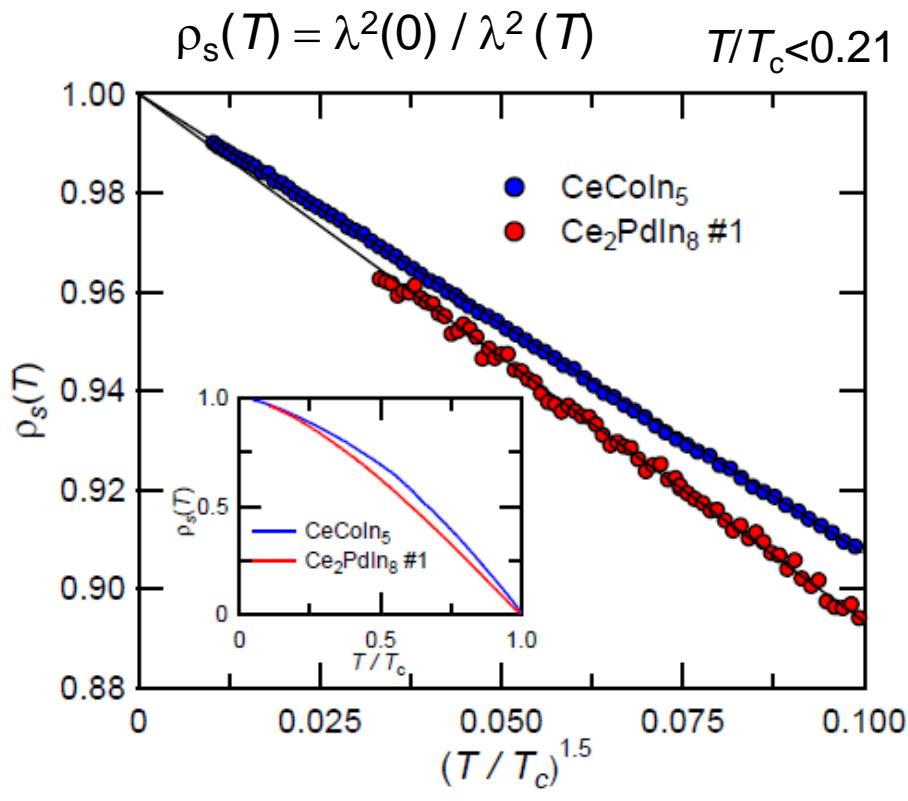
S. Ozcan *et al.*, Europhys. Lett **62** 412 (2003).

Anomalous $\lambda(T)$ in CeCoIn₅ and Ce₂PdIn₈

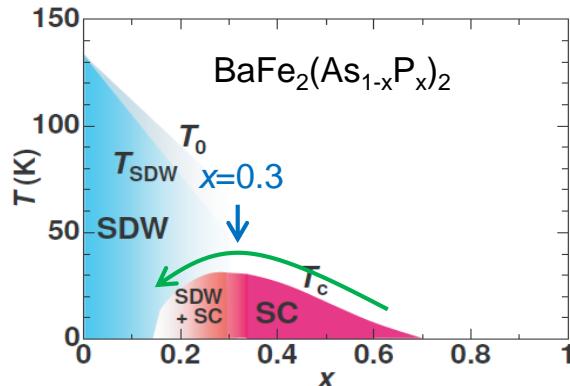


Anomalous non-integer 3/2 power-law dependence in a wide T -range

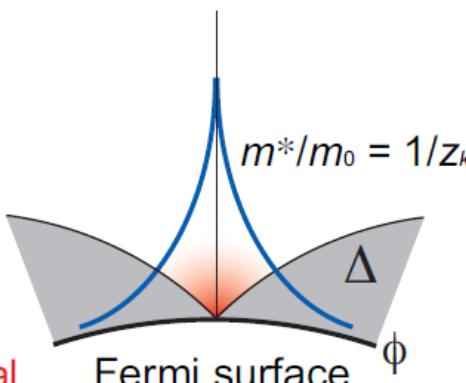
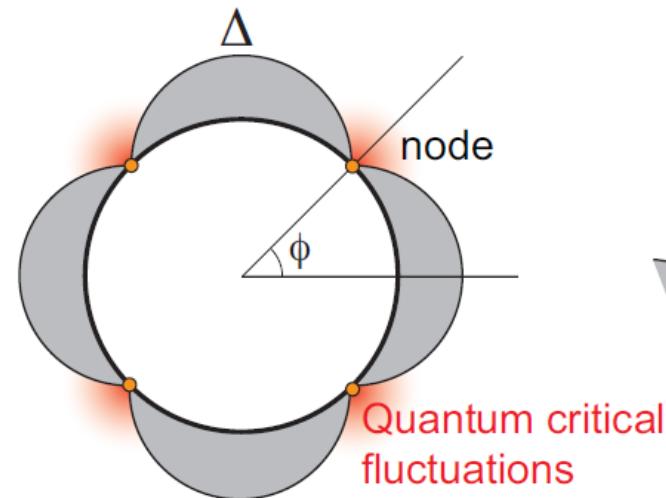
Anomalous superfluid density in ‘quantum critical’ SCs



Anomalous non-integer power-law T dependence of superfluid density (except for the very low- T) is observed.



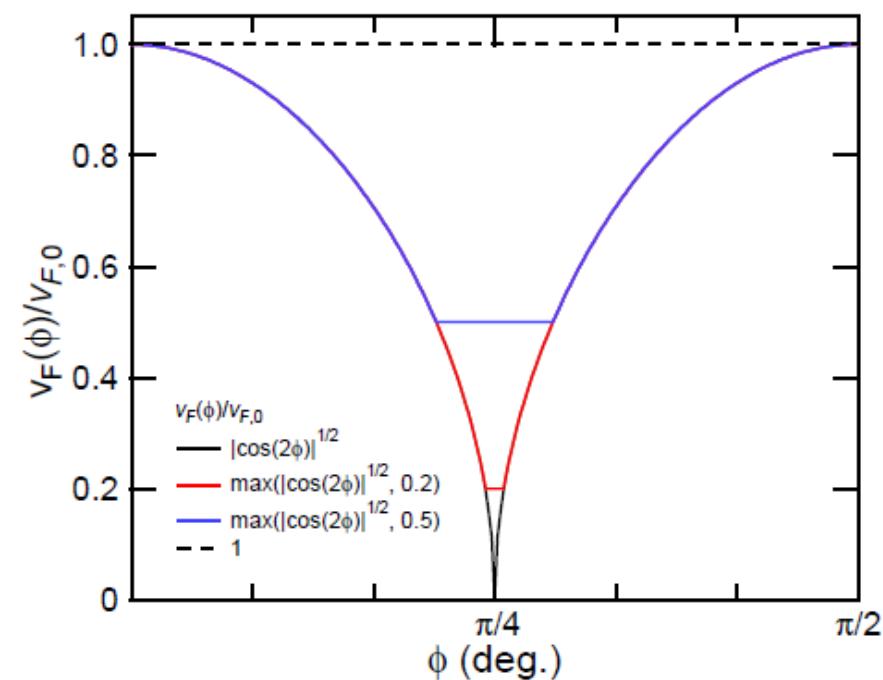
‘Nodal quantum criticality’ in unconventional SCs



Below T_c
Low-energy quantum critical fluctuations may be quenched by the SC gap formation.



Fermi surface is not gapped at the nodes, which leads to momentum-dependent mass enhancement.



$$m^{*2} \propto (p - p_{QCP})^{-\beta}$$

p : non-thermal parameter \rightarrow gap magnitude

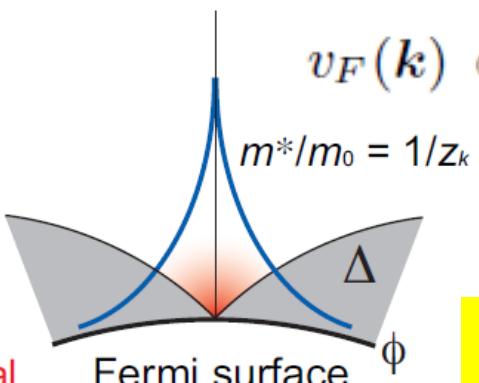
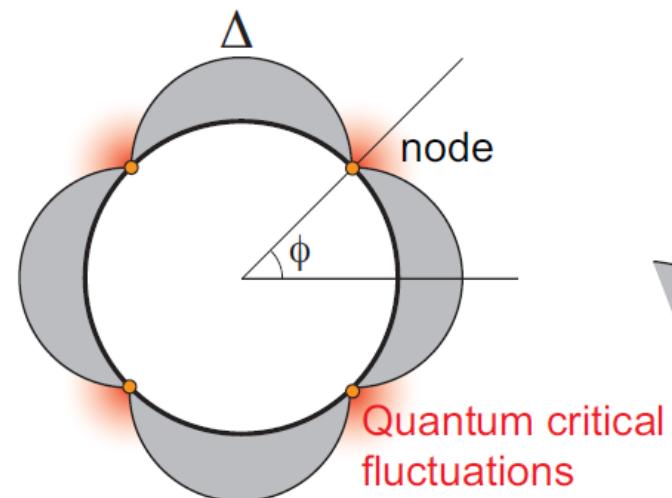
$$v_F(k) \propto z_k \propto 1/m^*(k) \propto |\Delta(k)|^{\beta/2}$$

$\beta \sim 1$ has been reported
in $\beta\text{-YbAlB}_4$ and YbRh_2Si_2

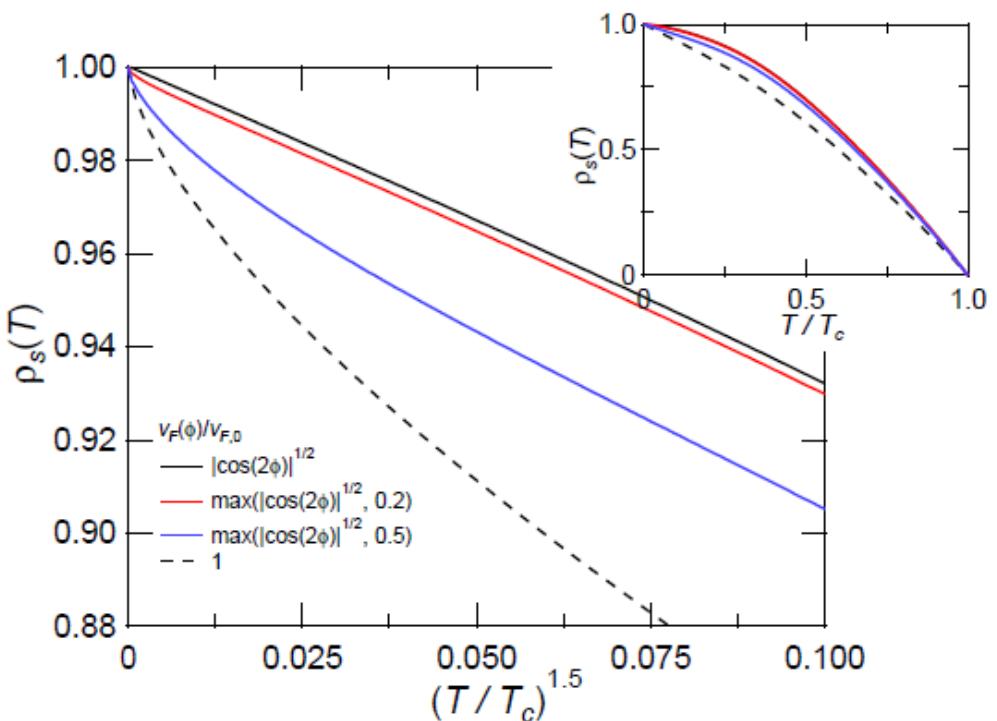
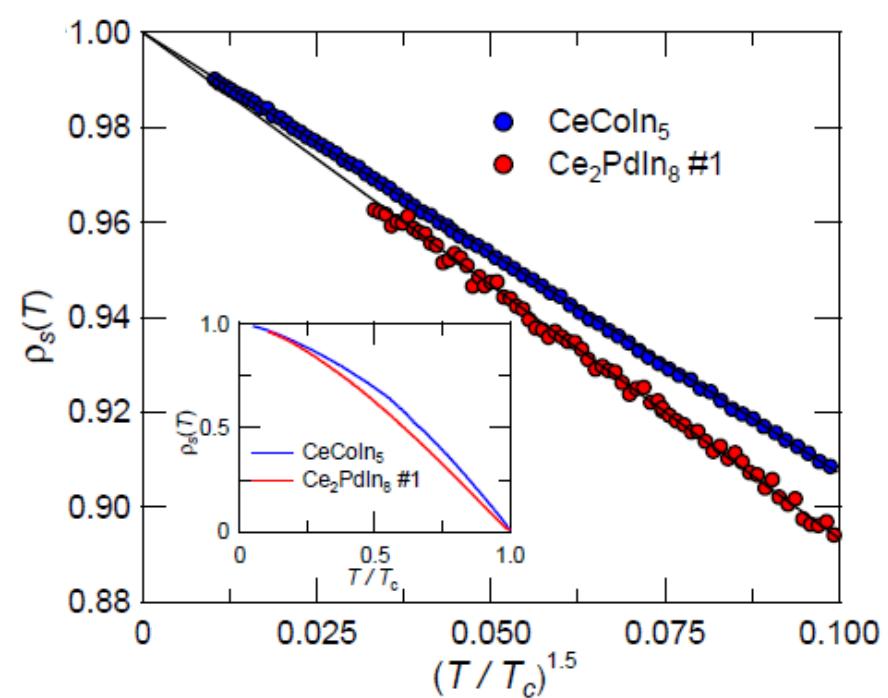
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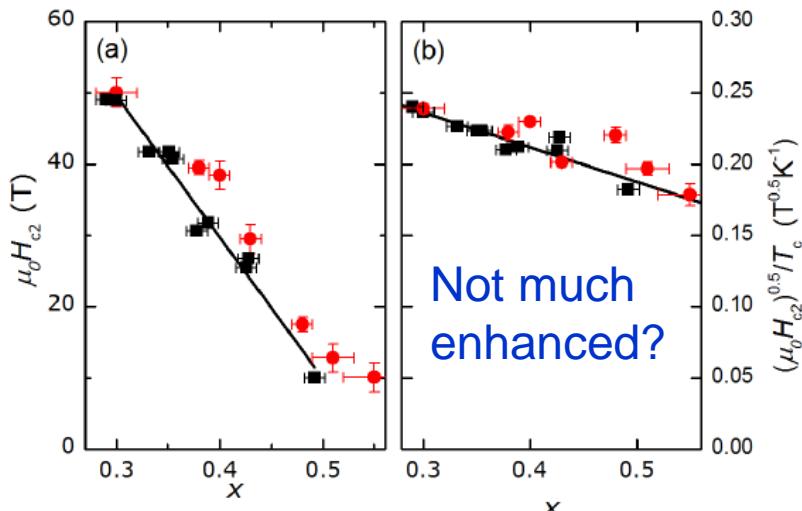


In nodal SCs, quantum criticality may appear in momentum space.

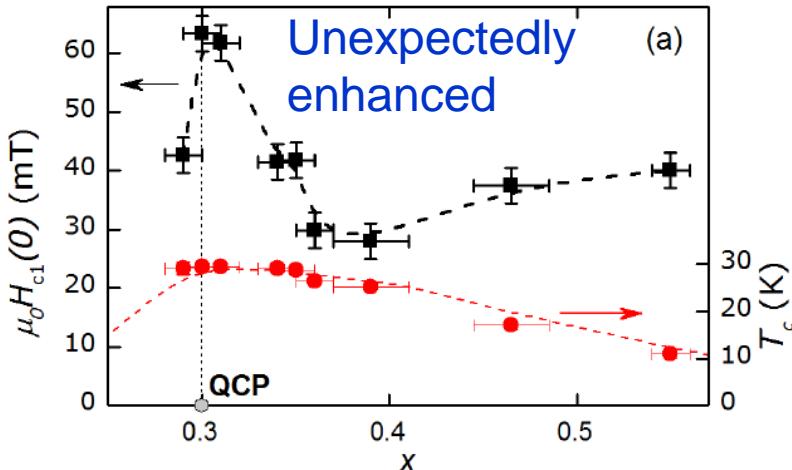


Anomalous critical fields in quantum critical SCs

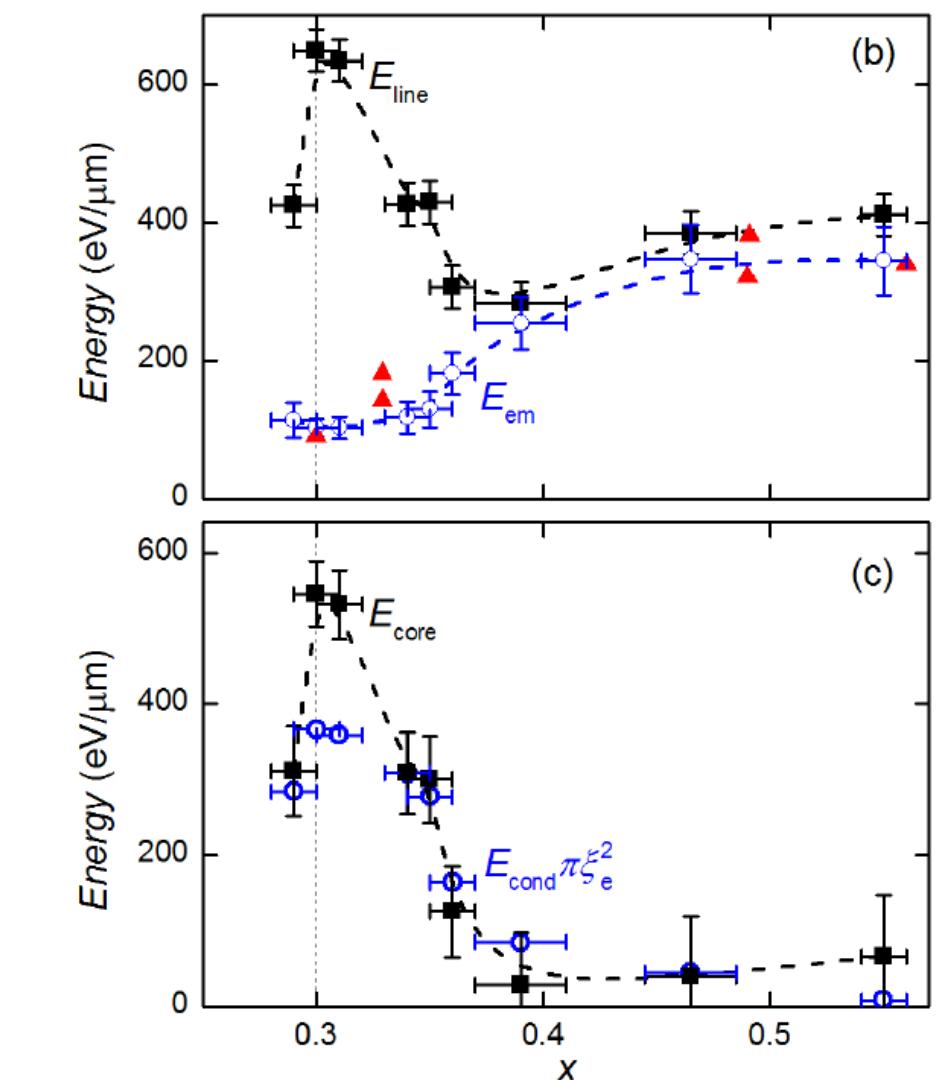
$$H_{c2} = \frac{\phi_0}{2\pi\mu_0\xi_{\text{GL}}^2} \propto (m^*\Delta)^2$$



$$H_{c1} = \frac{\phi_0}{4\pi\mu_0\lambda^2} (\ln(\kappa) + 0.5) = (E_{\text{em}} + E_{\text{core}})/\phi_0$$



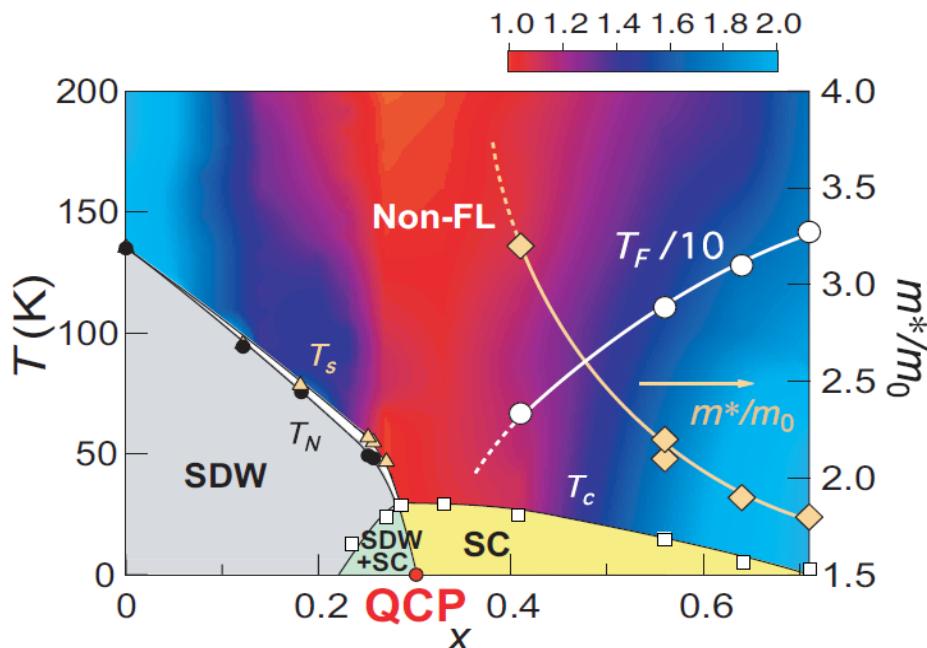
C. Putzke *et al.*, arXiv:1402.1323



Unusual vortices with enhanced core energy
Microscopic mixing of AFM and SC?

Summary: $\text{BaFe}_2(\text{As}_{1-x}\text{P}_x)_2$ A clean system to study the QCP

Quantum critical point

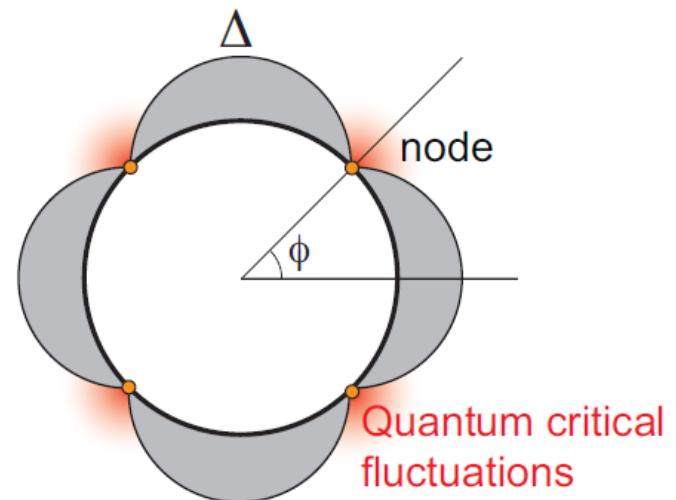


Several anomalies in the normal state
A sharp peak in penetration depth at $T=0$

A QCP lurking inside
the superconducting dome

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Annu. Rev. Condens. Matter Phys. **5**, 113 (2014).

Anomalous SC properties near the QCP



Possible nodal quantum criticality
and unusual vortex state due to
microscopic mixing of AFM and SC

K. Hashimoto *et al.*, PNAS **110**, 3293 (2013).
C. Putzke *et al.*, arXiv:1402.1323