

Impurity effects in high T_C superconductors

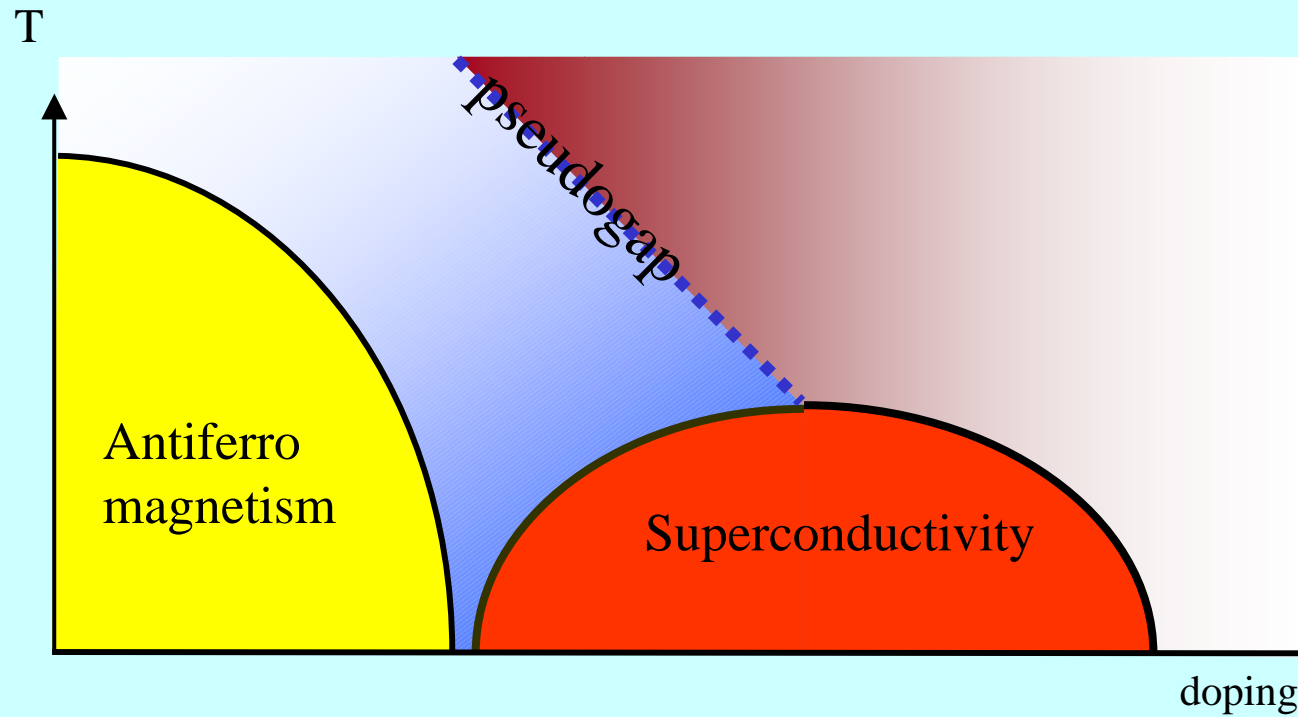
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High T_C cuprates

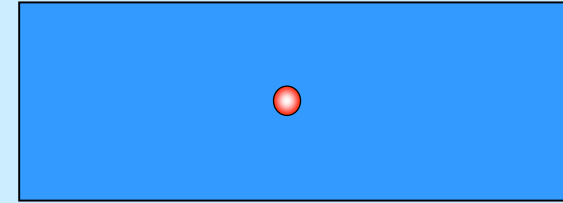


metallicity + correlations + exotic superconductivity

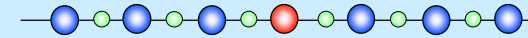
Impurity effects in cuprates

- Impurity in more « simple » systems

- in a metal
- in a BCS superconductor



- in a correlated insulator



- Impurity in High T_C cuprates

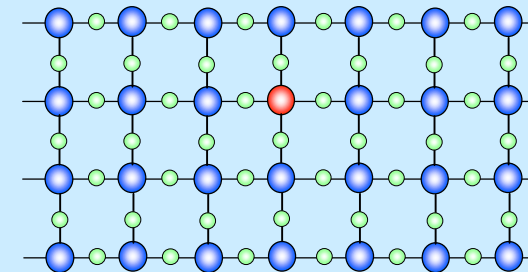
- in the metallic « normal » state

- macroscopic properties
- local magnetism

in underdoped state
with increasing doping

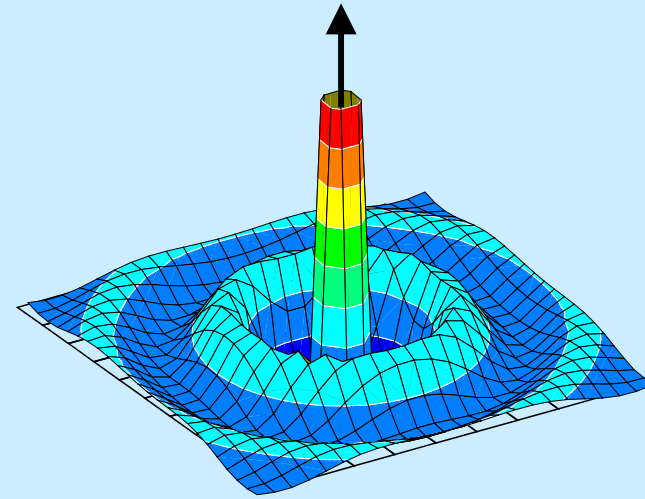
- in the superconducting state

- macroscopic properties
- density of states
- magnetism

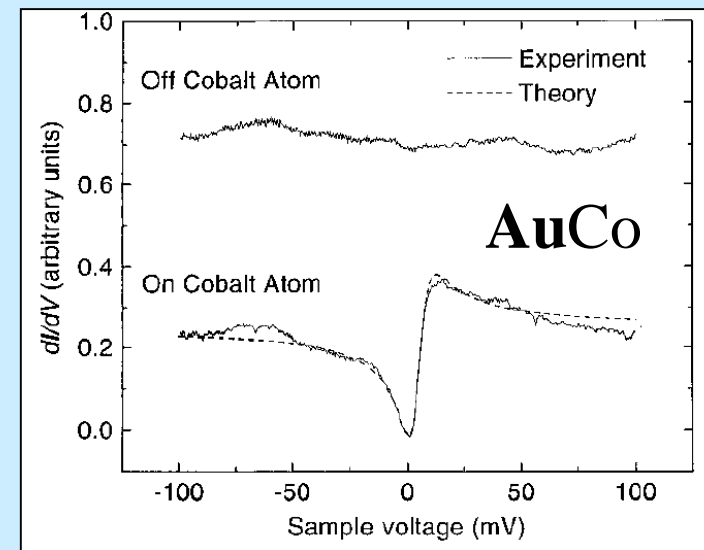
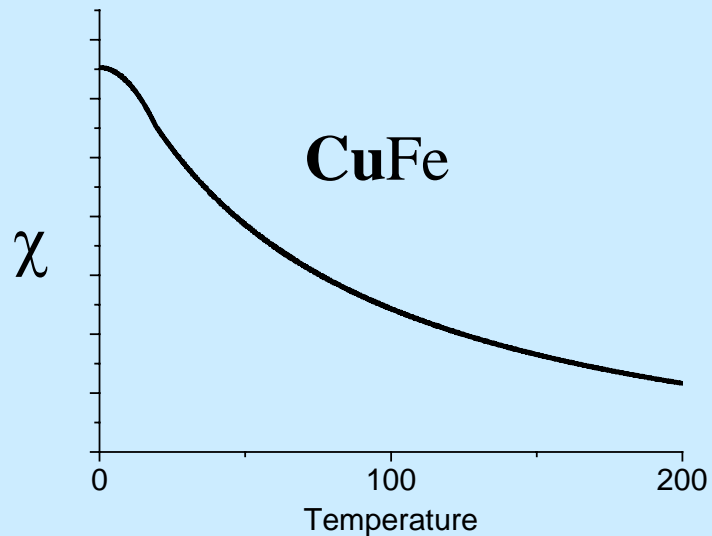


A magnetic impurity in a metal

- RKKY spin polarization of the conduction carriers



- Kondo effect

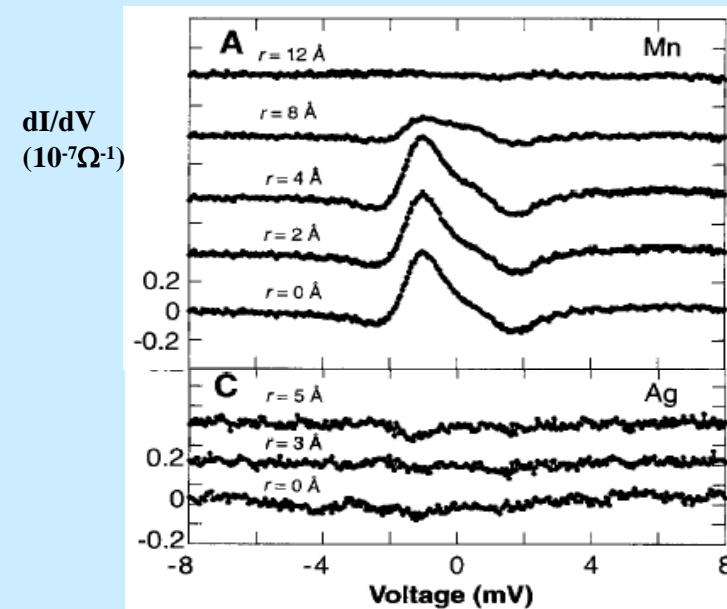


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A magnetic impurity in an isotropic BCS superconductor

- Decrease of T_C only if it is magnetic (Abrikosov, Gork'ov)
- Possible local bond states

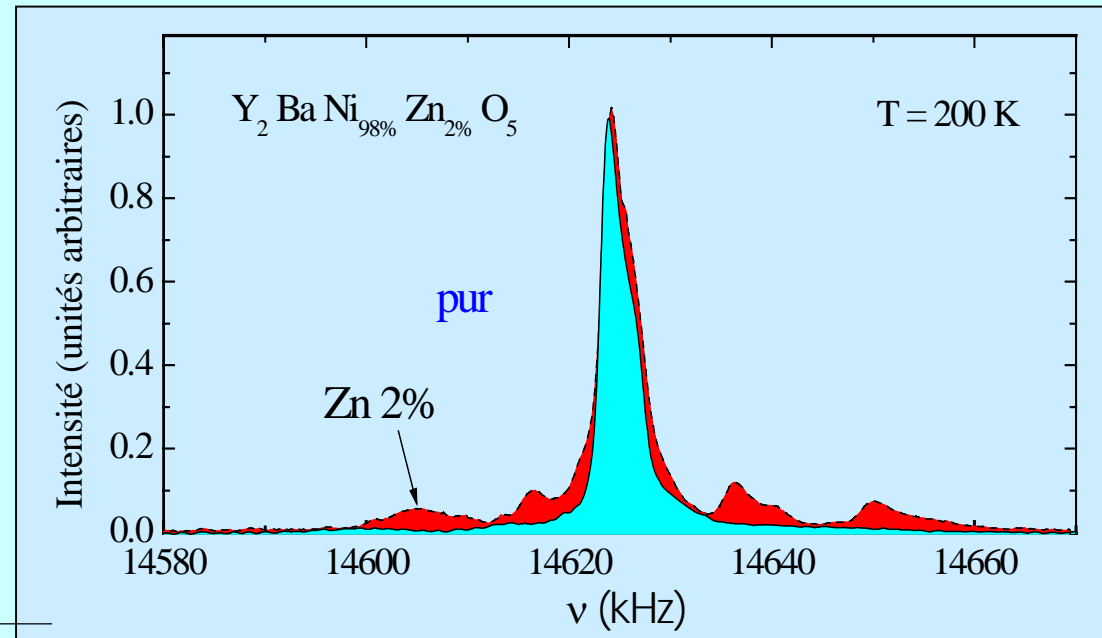
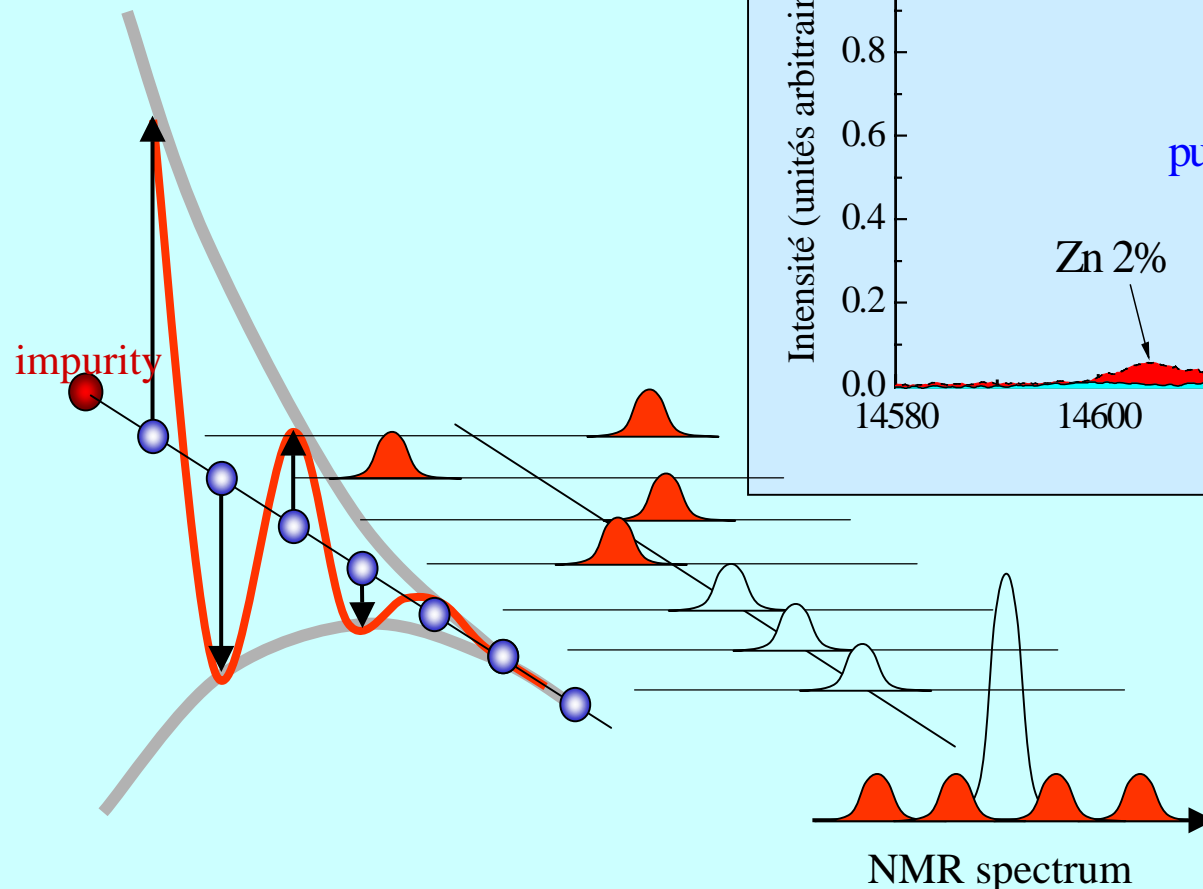
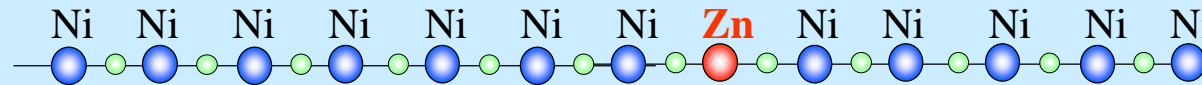
NbMn or NbAg



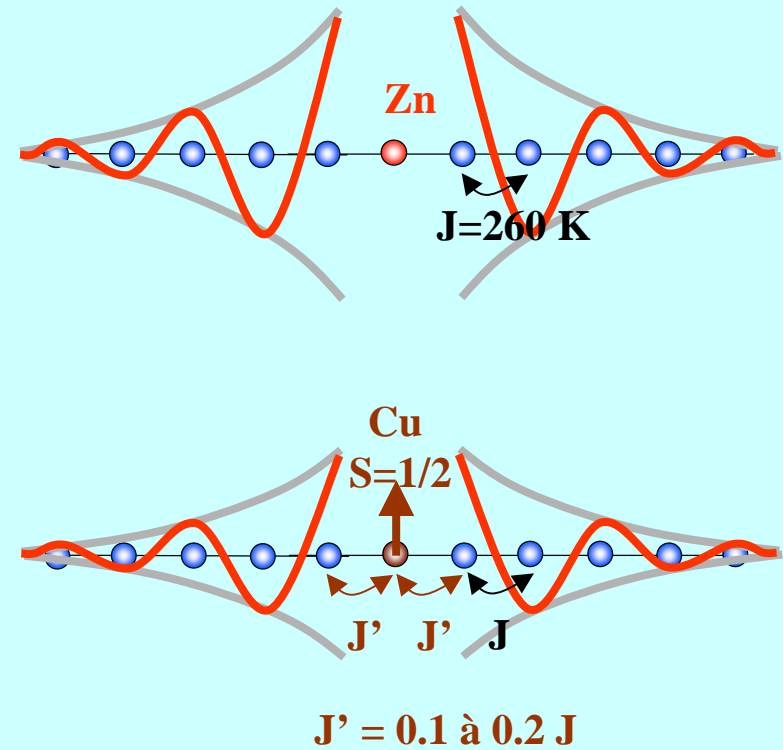
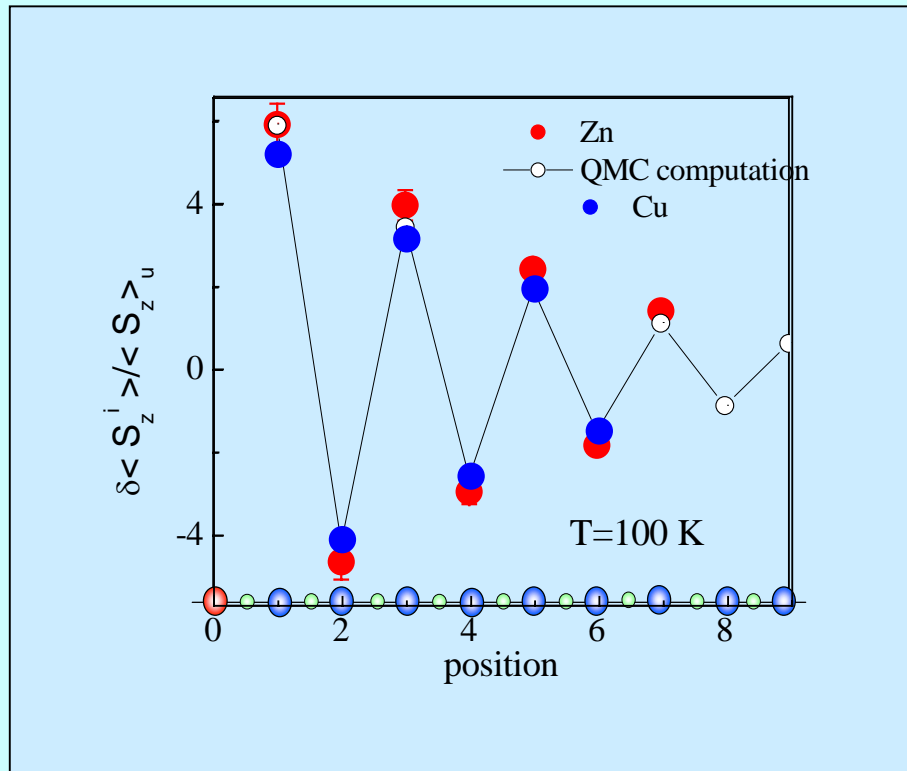
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An impurity in an insulating correlated system

example : Y_2BaNiO_5 as a spin 1 Ni chain with Haldane gap



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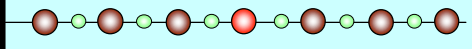
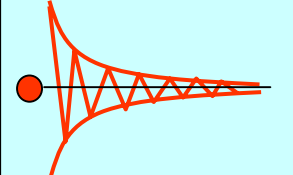
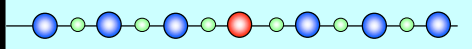
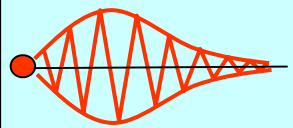
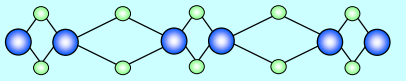
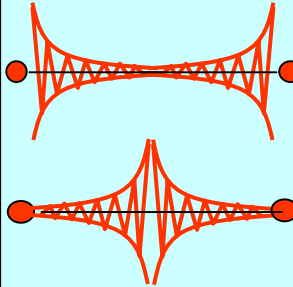
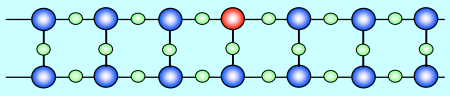
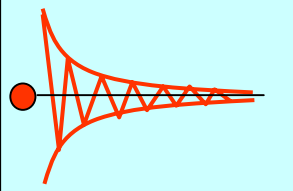


$$\langle S_Z(i) \rangle \sim e^{-r/\xi(T)} / T$$

$$\langle S_i \cdot S_j \rangle \sim e^{-r/\xi}$$

Das et al., 2004
Tedoldi et al., 2000

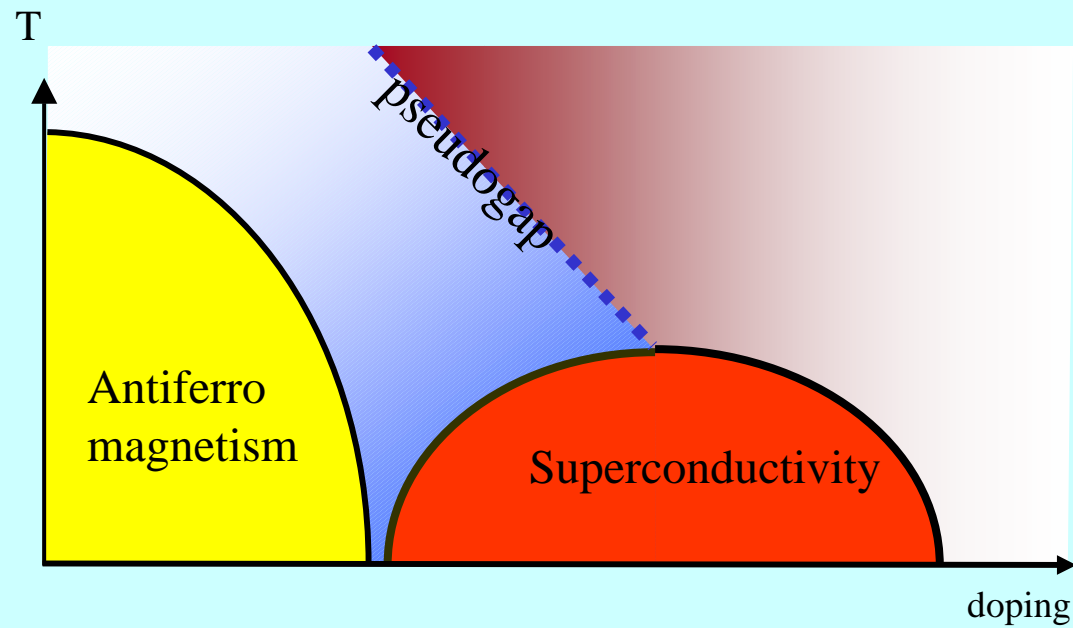
Some other low dimension spin systems

<p>Spin 1 Chain</p> 	<p>Gap</p> <p>$\xi < 6$</p>		<p>AF ?</p>
<p>Spin 1/2 Chain</p> 	<p>$\xi \sim 1/T$</p>		<p>No order</p>
<p>Spin-Peierls Chain</p> 	<p>Gap</p> <p>Dimerisation</p>		<p>AF order</p>
<p>2-leg ladder</p> 	<p>Gap</p> <p>$\xi < 3$</p>		<p>AF order</p>

Common mechanism : breaking of a singlet

Non magnetic impurity effects in cuprates

The normal state



Why choosing YBaCuO ?

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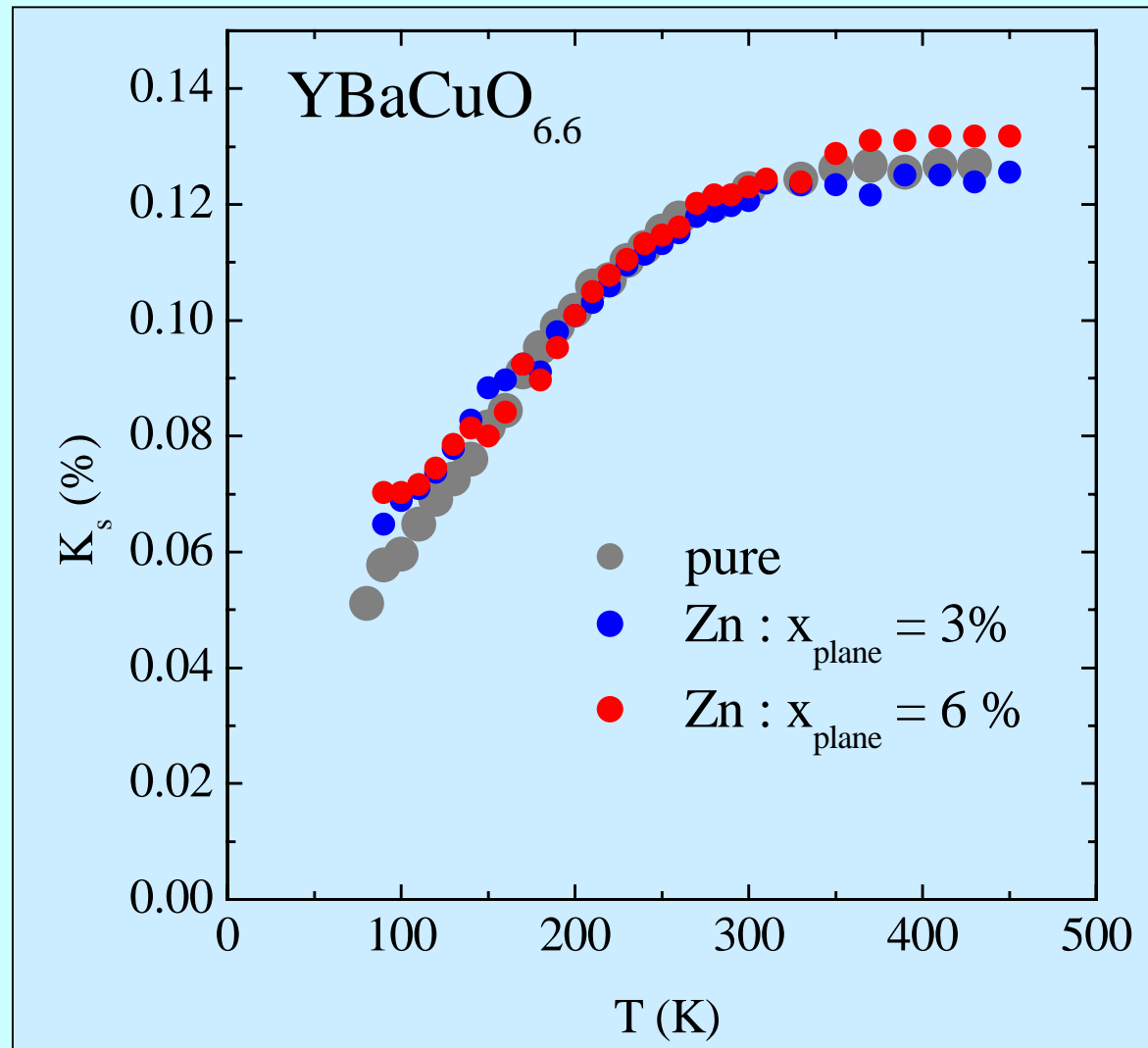
^{17}O NMR Evidence for a Pseudogap in the Monolayer $\text{HgBa}_2\text{CuO}_{4+\delta}$

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TABLE I. The different monolayer compounds with the associated T_c and NMR oxygen width.

	T_c^{max} (K)	^{17}O full width kHz/% of K_s
$\text{HgBa}_2\text{CuO}_{4+\delta}$	95	30 kHz/50%
$\text{Tl}_2\text{Ba}_2\text{CuO}_{6+\delta}$	85	15 kHz/20% [11]
$\text{La}_{2-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{CuO}_4$	38	90 kHz/120% [12]
$\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CuO}_6$	10	70 kHz/110% [10]
YBaCuO_7	92	12 kHz

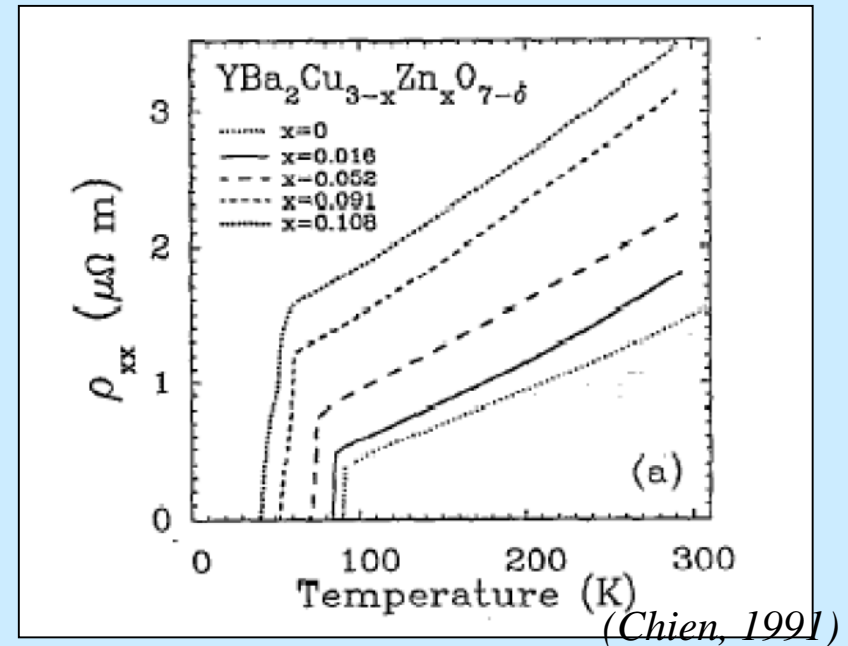
Impurity effects on doping and pseudogap



- No effect on doping
- No effect on pseudogap

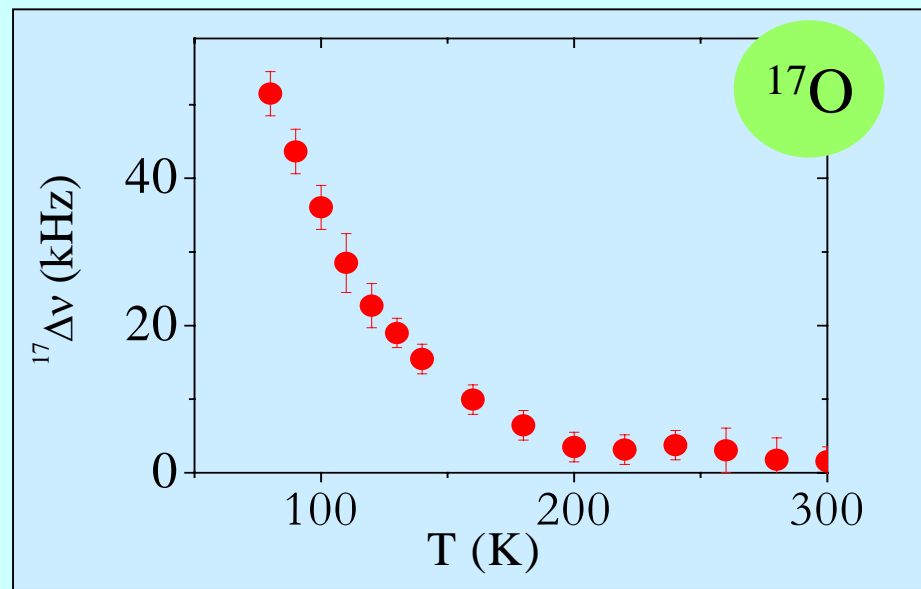
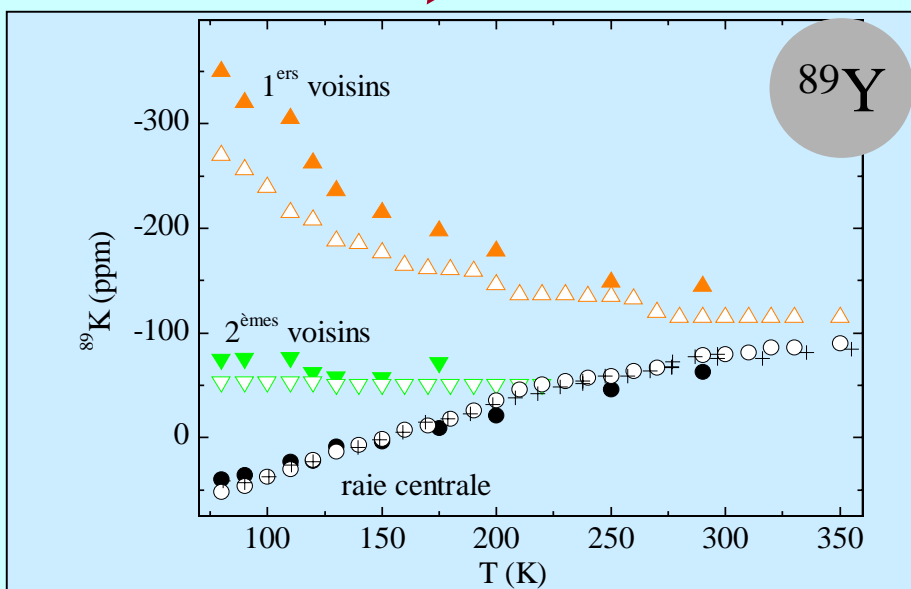
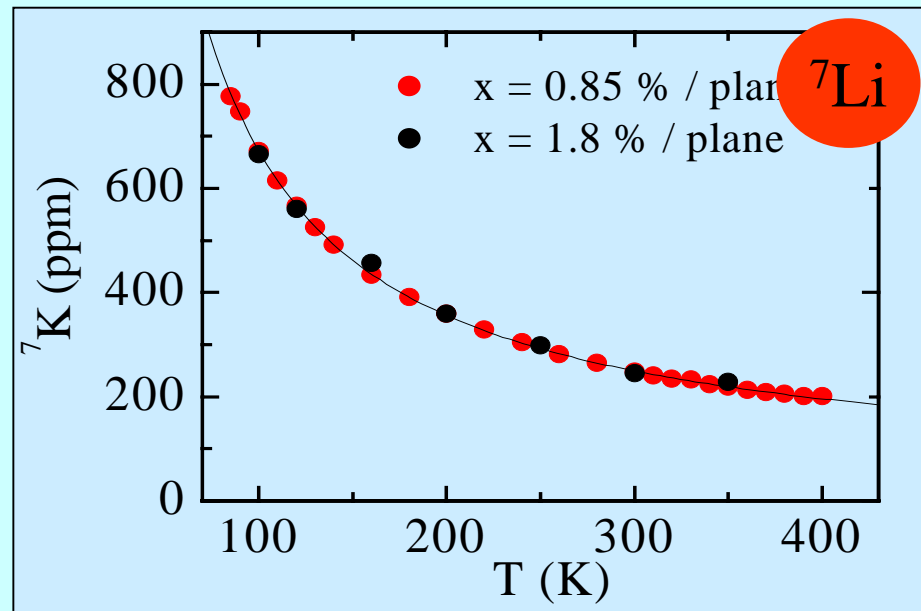
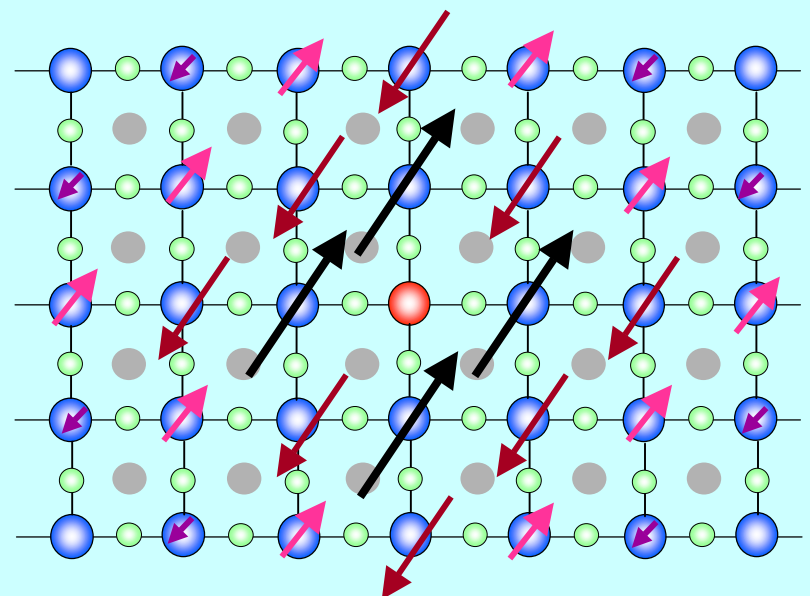
Impurity effects on macroscopic properties

- Effect on resistivity :
 - Zn : strong scattering center
 - Ni : weaker

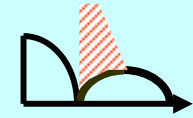


- Effect on macroscopic susceptibility :
 - Zn induces an effective paramagnetic moment $S < 1/2$ which decreases with increasing doping
 - Ni induces a moment $\neq S=1$ (Mendels, 1994,1999; Zagoulaiev, 1995)

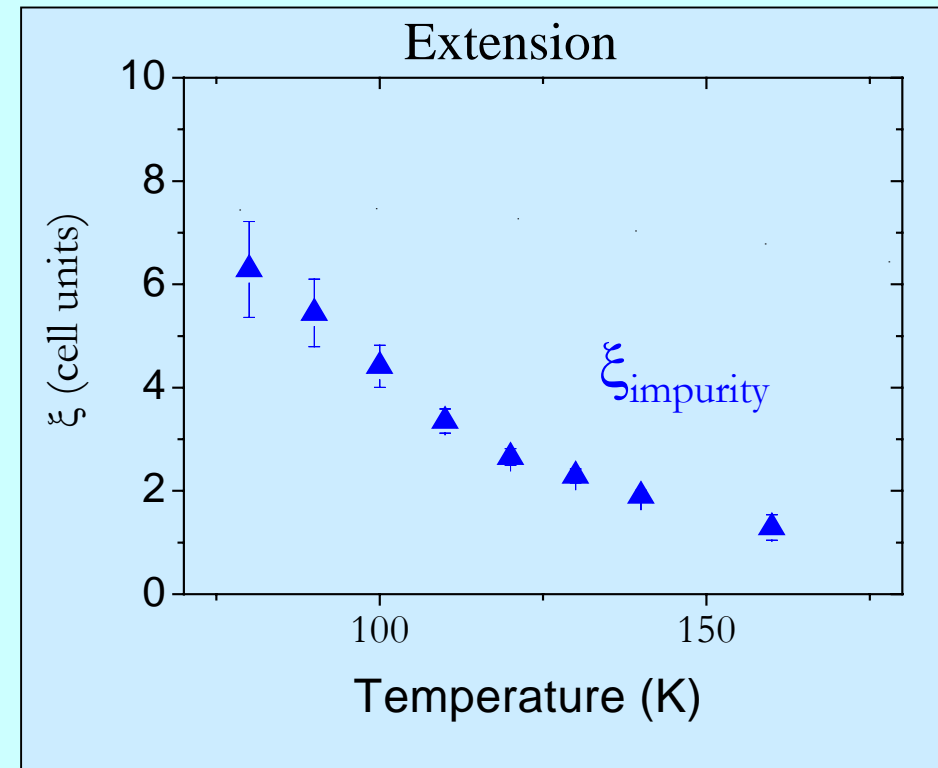
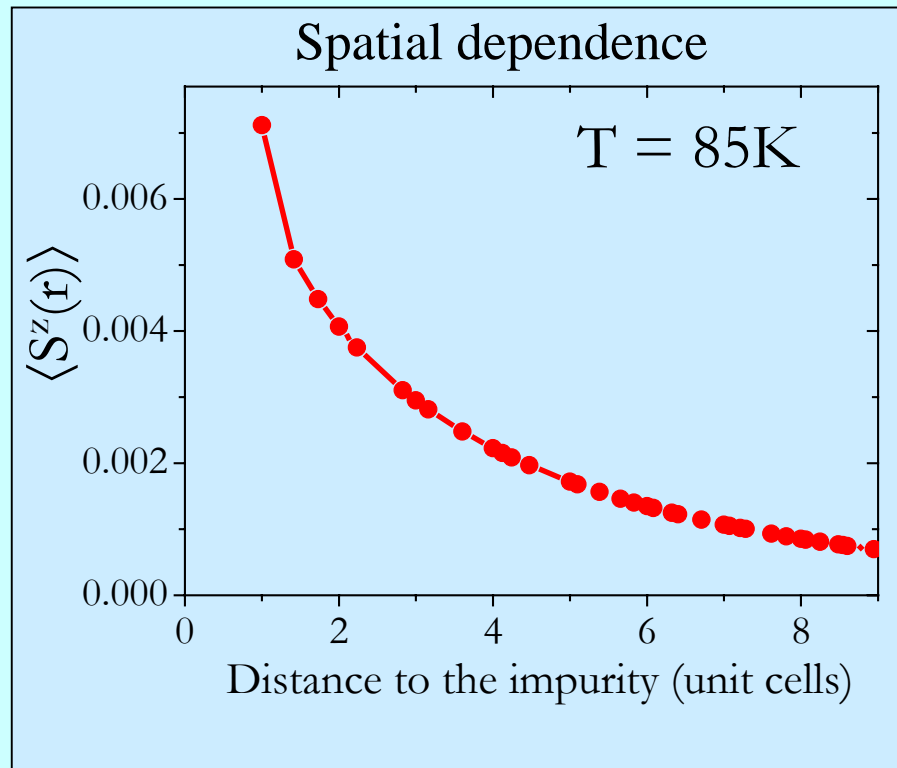
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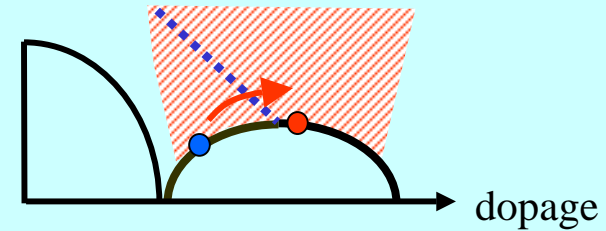
Multi-nuclei quantitative analysis of the induced staggered polarization



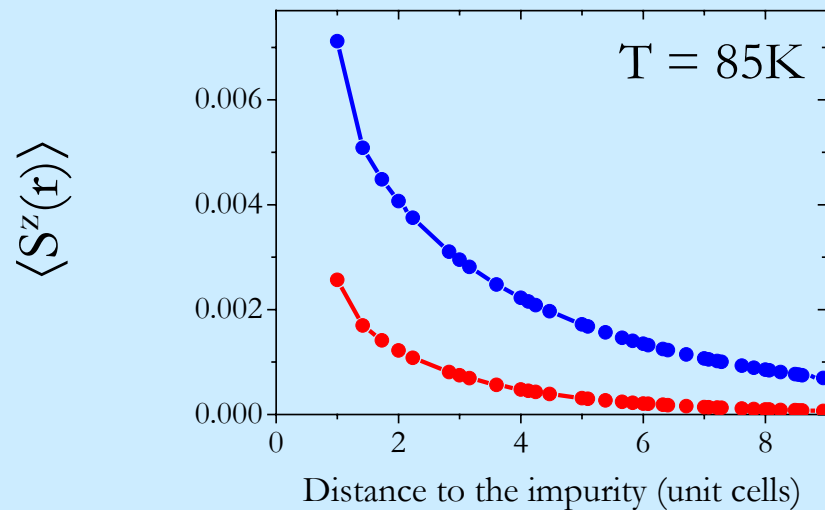
Ouazi, 2004

- Analogy with spin chains
- Theoretical justifications :
 - t-J (Poilblanc)
 - RVB (Khaliullin, Gabay, Nagaosa & Lee)

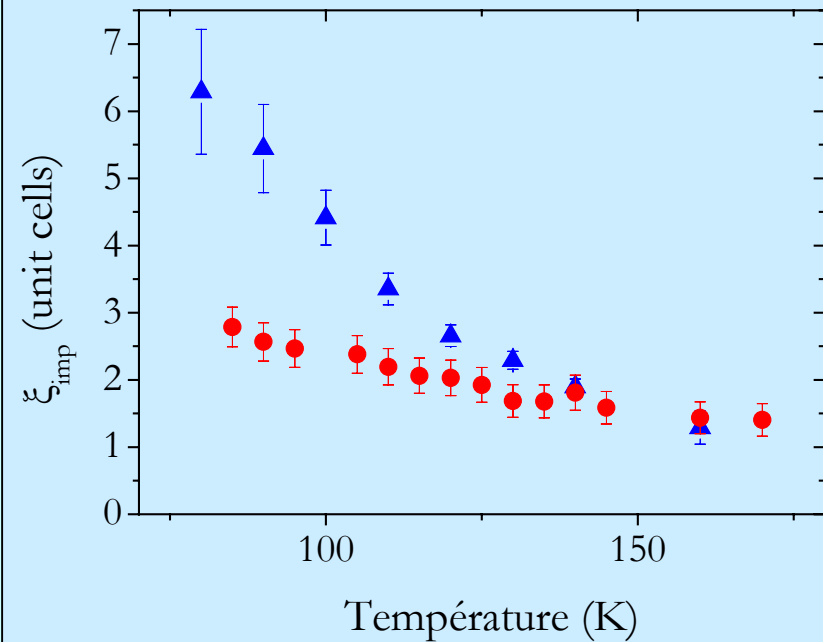
Effect of hole doping on the induced polarization



Spatial dependence



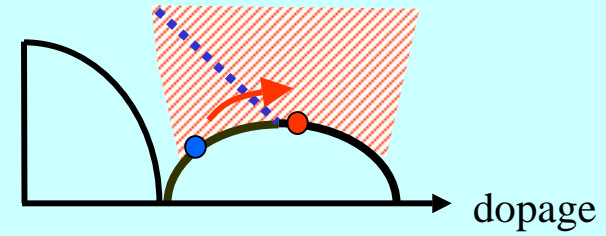
Extension



- persistence of correlations at optimal doping

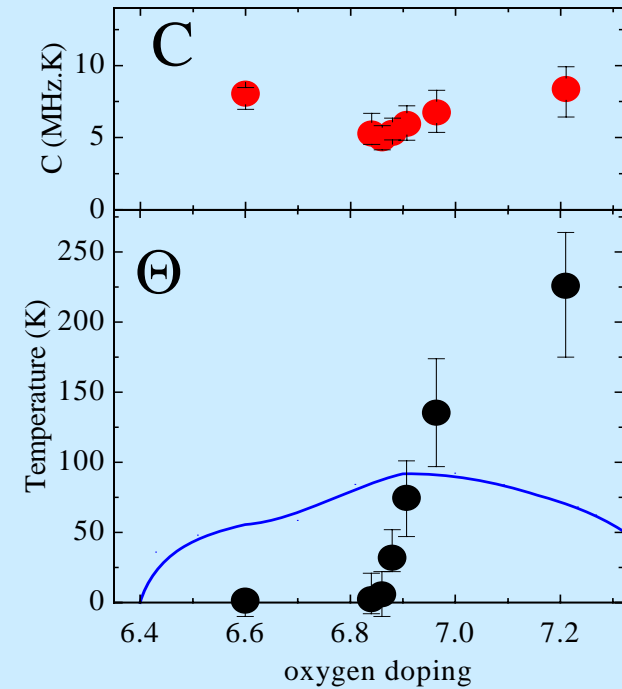
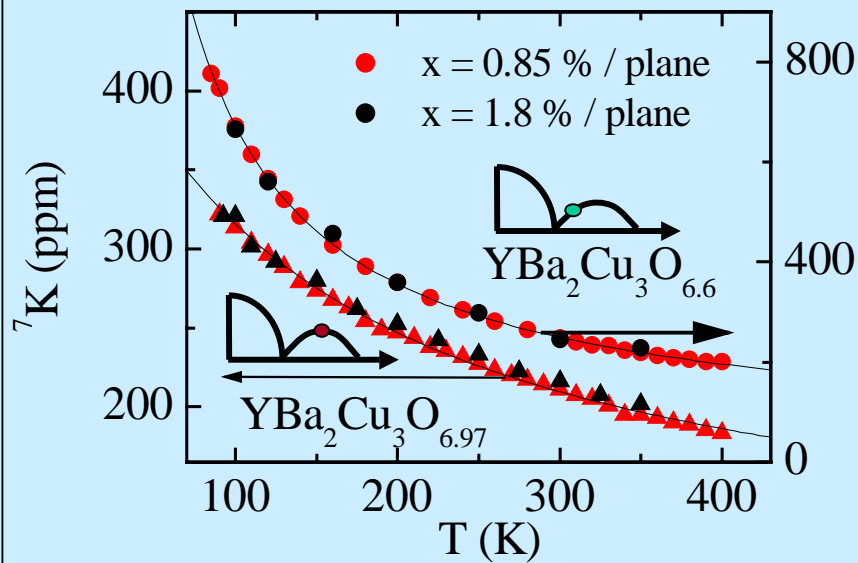
NAFL, SCR (Bulut, Ohashi)

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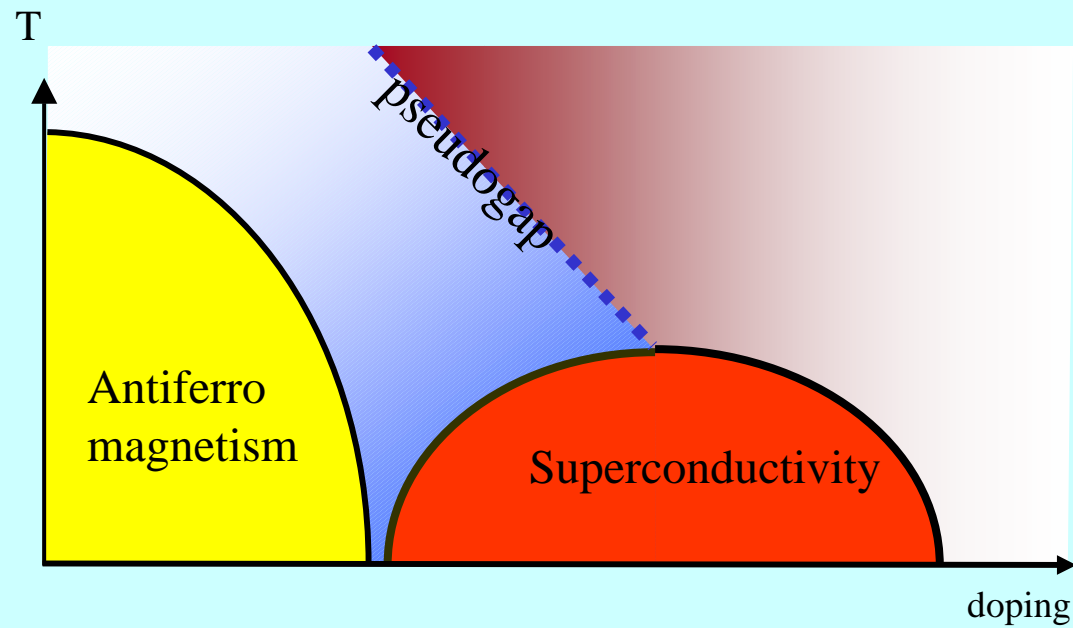
Susceptibility on 1st near neighbor Cu

Fit in $C/(T+\Theta)$



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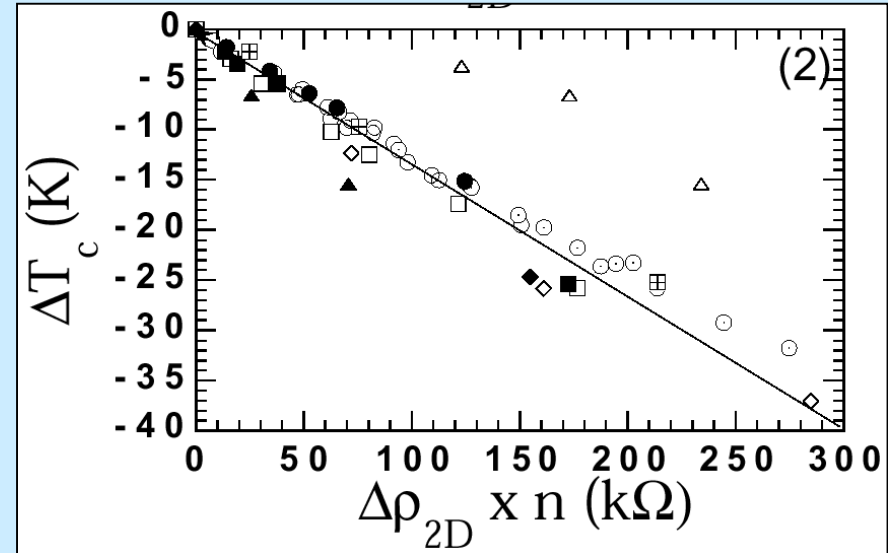
The superconducting state



Impurity effects in the superconducting state

- Effect on T_C :

only dependent on
scattering potential (d-wave)



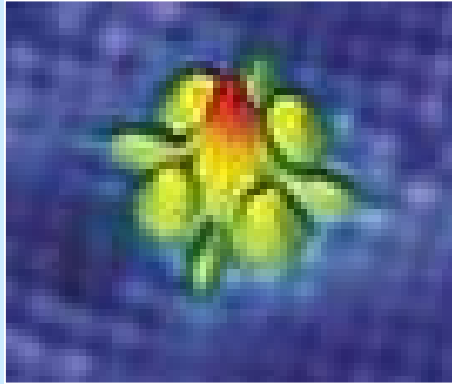
(Rullier-Albenque, 2000)

- Effect on penetration depth :

λ increases with impurity content,
 n_s decreases with impurity content (Bonn, 1993; Bernhard, 1996)

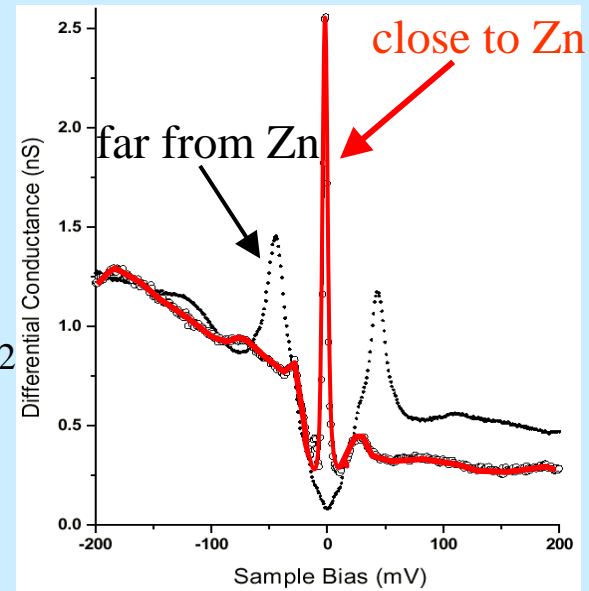
Impurity effects in the superconducting state

Effect on local Density Of States

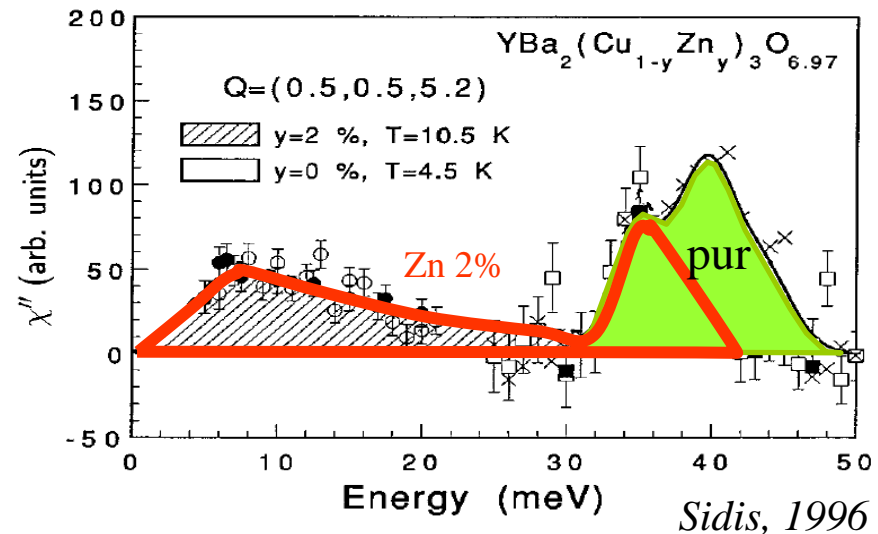


Pan, Nature 2000
Hudson, Nature 2001

Bi2212 + Zn T = 4.2

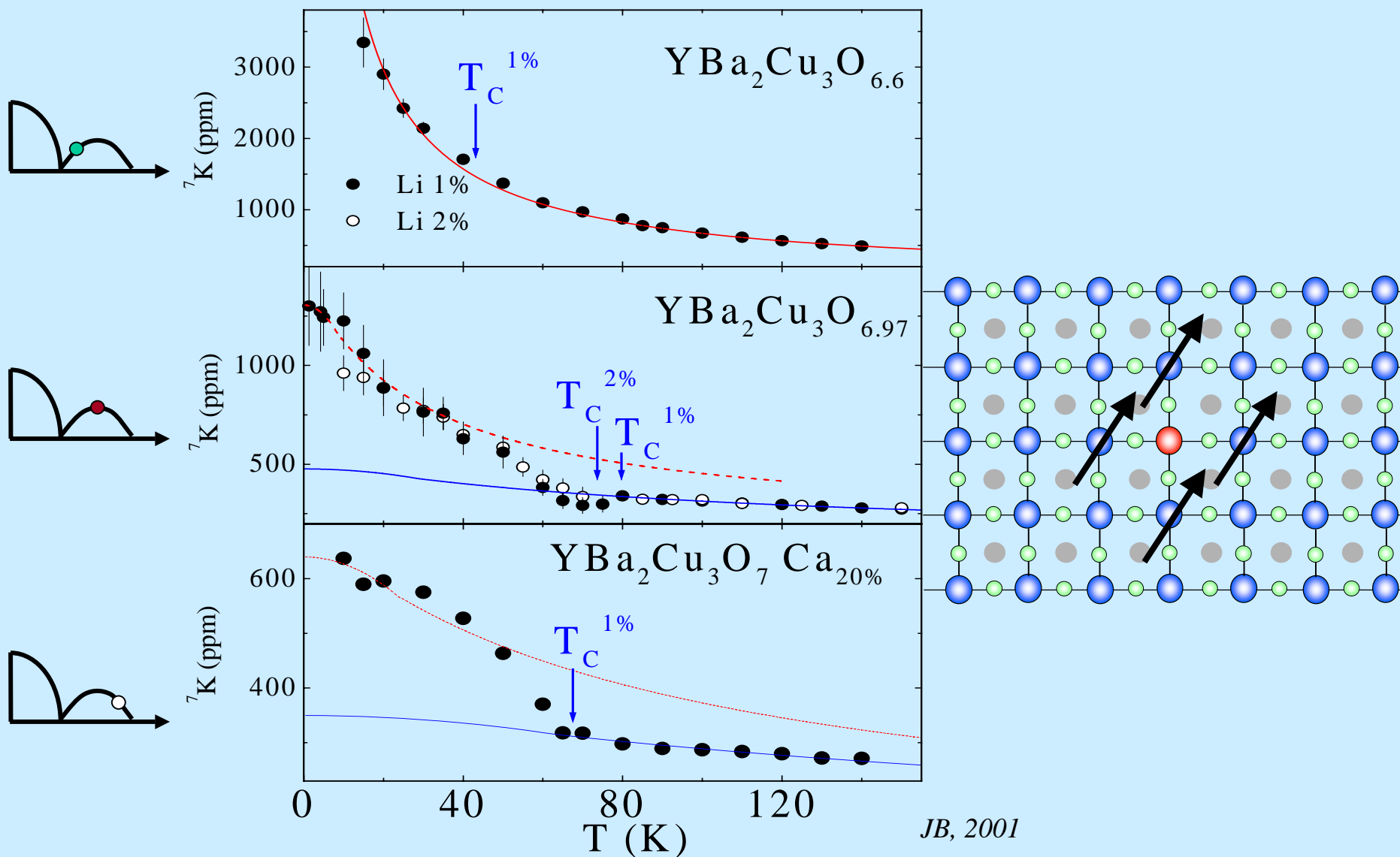


Effect on magnetic response $\chi''(Q_{AF}, \omega)$



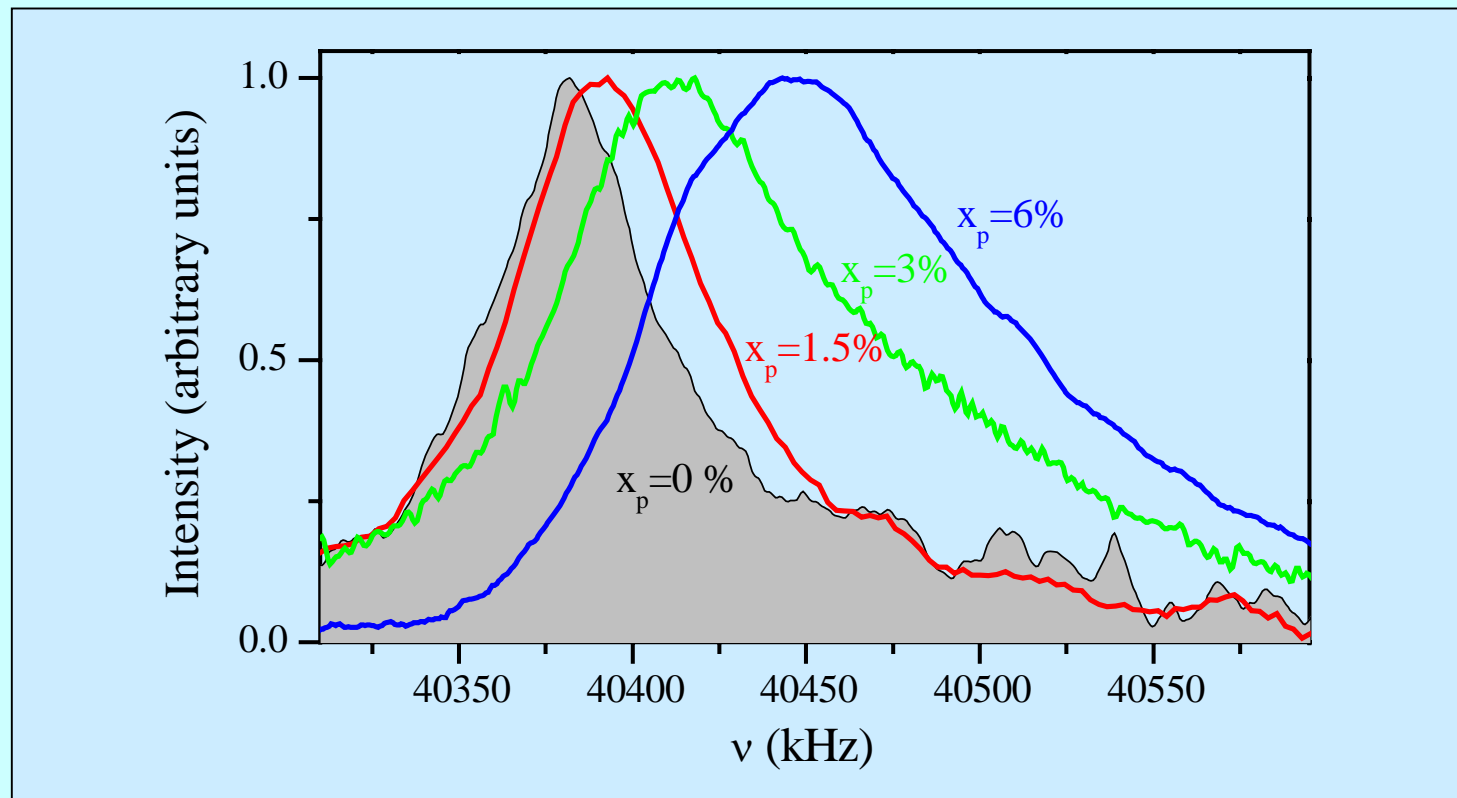
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Magnetic effect on 1st near neighbor Cu of non magnetic Li



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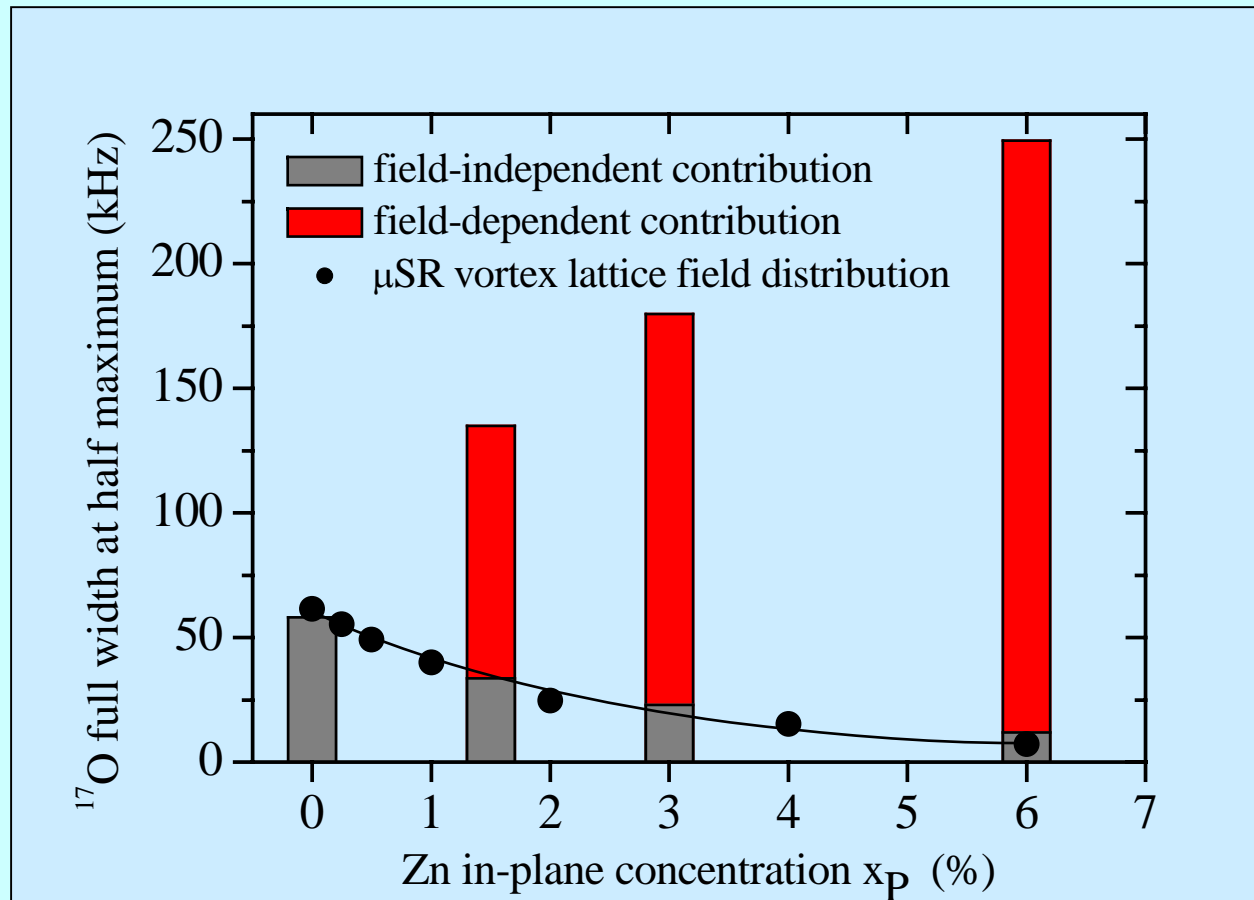
Induced polarization by non Magnetic Zn or magnetic Ni



In-plane ^{17}O NMR in YBaCuO_7 (optimal doping) with Zn at $T=10\text{K}$

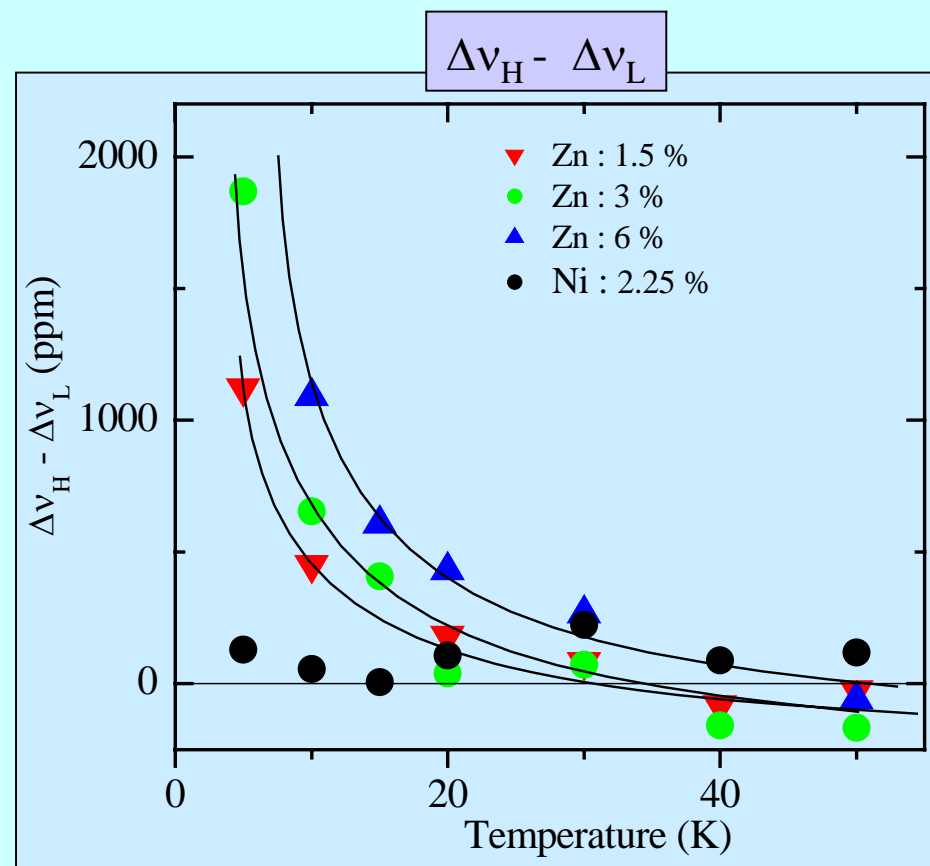
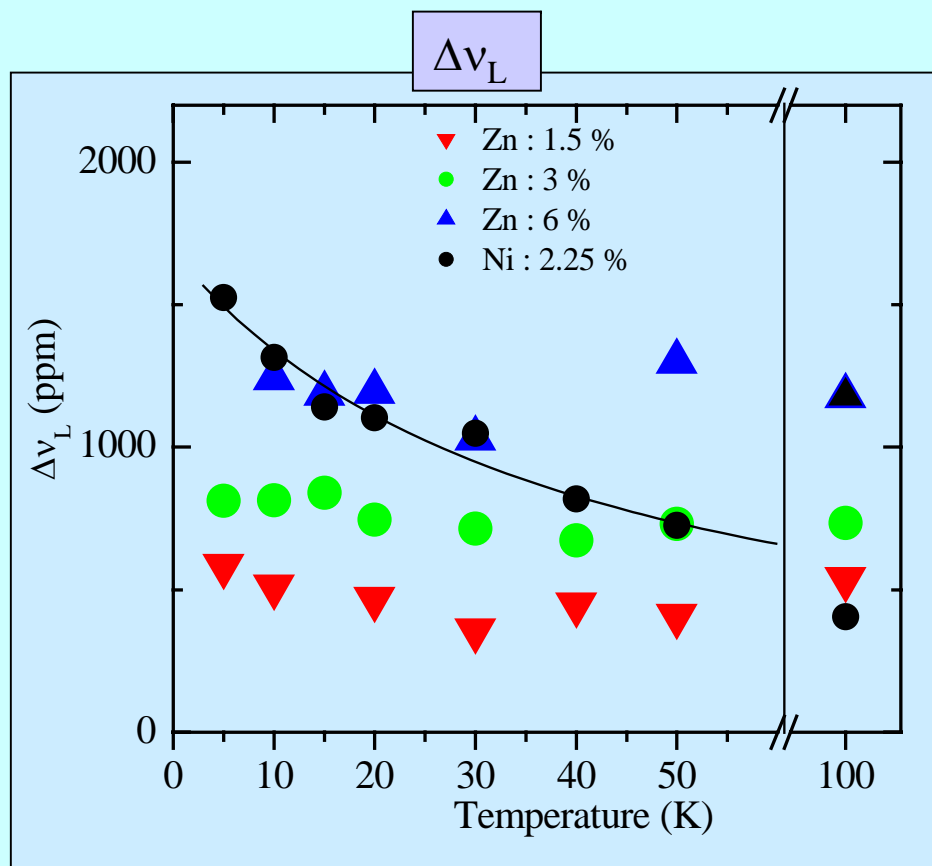
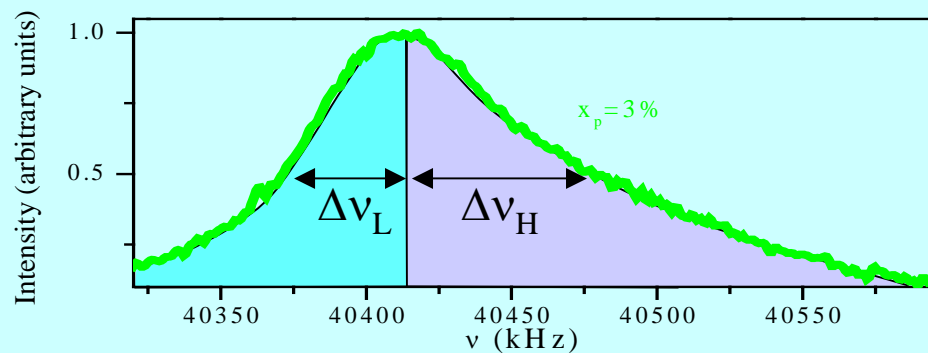
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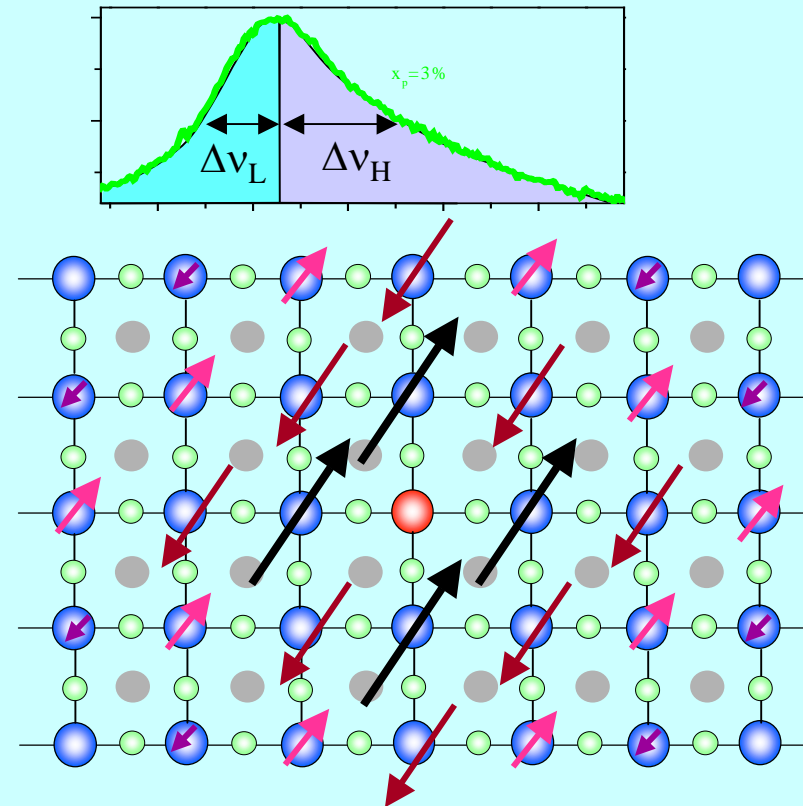
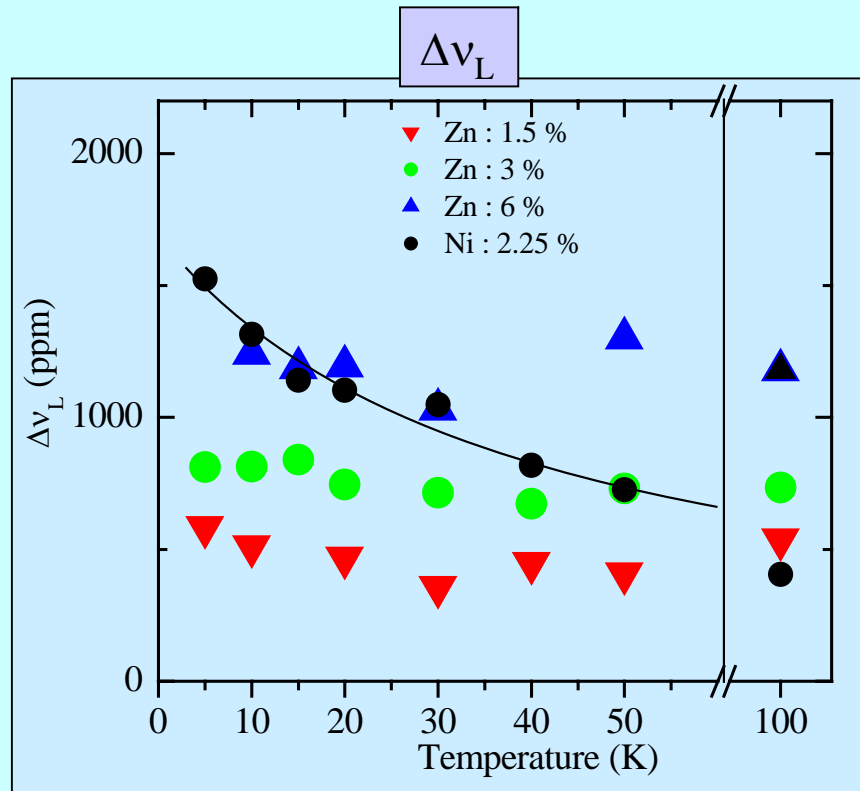


In-plane ¹⁷O NMR in YBaCuO₇ (optimal doping) with Zn at H = 7 Tesla

Induced polarization by non Magnetic Zn or magnetic Ni below T_C



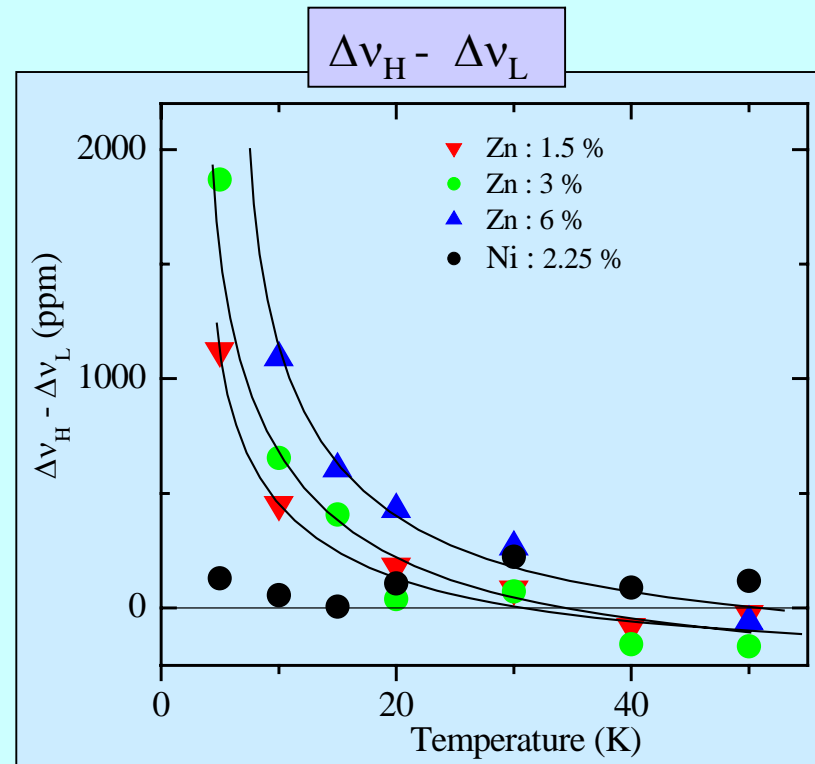
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Staggered magnetization survives below T_C for Zn and Ni

- Zn : no T-dependence – saturation of $\xi \sim 3$ cells
- Ni : Curie-Weiss T-dependence – local moment on Ni
in the Ni case at least, coexistence between superconductivity and staggered magnetism

Induced polarization by non Magnetic Zn or magnetic Ni below T_C



Ouazi et al., 2005

New low temperature asymmetry for Zn, not for Ni

- Local Space-Varying Density of States effect near E_F
- Confirmation of STM measurements, in YBaCuO bulk
- T-dependence : sharp decrease when increasing T

Some models for an impurity in the superconducting state

- BCS + unitary scattering
(Hirschfeld, Balatsky, Salkola, Flatté ...)
- RPA (Ohashi)
- t-J + d-wave superconductivity (Wang & Lee)
- Kondo (Povkolnikov, Vojta, Sachdev)

Conclusions

Normal state of cuprates :

- Pseudogap analogous to low dimension insulating spin systems : strong correlations
- Optimal doping : still some correlations
- Quantitative estimate of the polarization : strong constraint for any microscopic model

Superconducting state :

- Many features typical of an anisotropic BCS superconductivity, especially DOS effects
- Zn and Ni Induced moments very similar to normal state
- Coexistence of staggered moments and superconductivity (Ni case)