

# *Angle resolved photoemission spectroscopy in high temperature superconductors*

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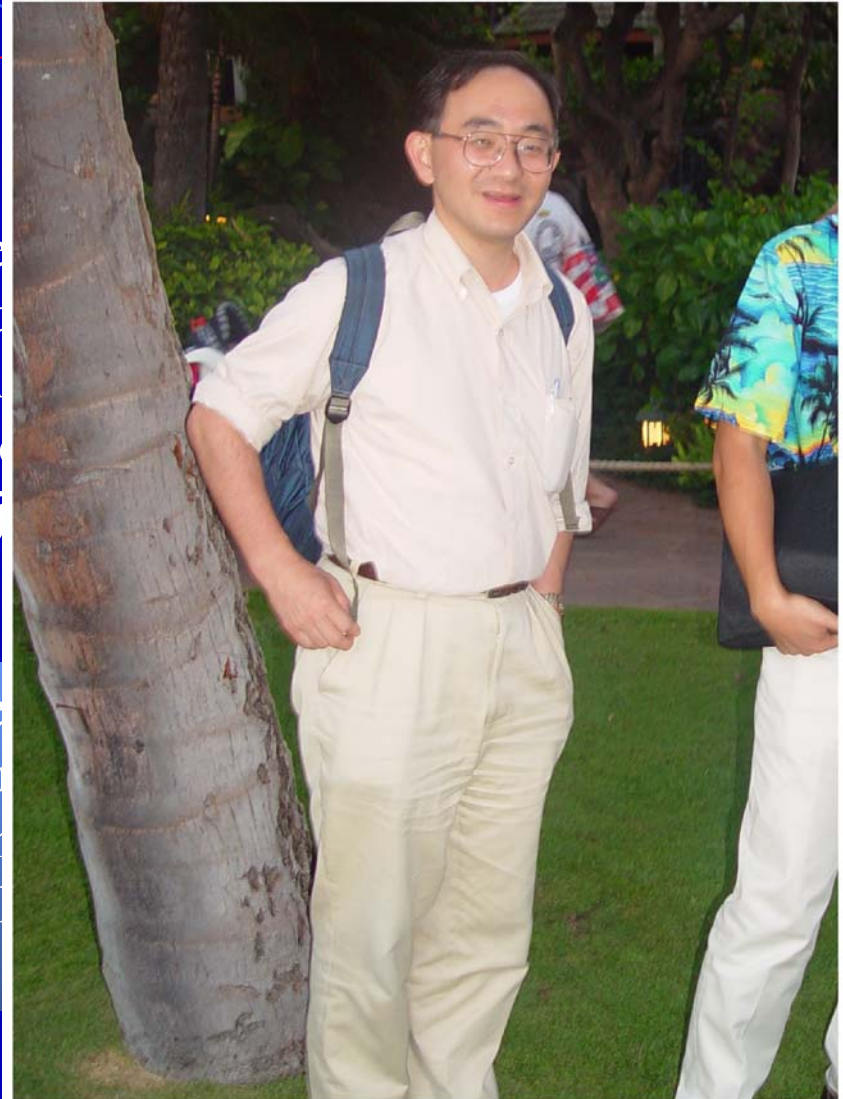
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We present numeric results for ground state model coupled to optical phonons. The system Monte Carlo is employed where the Feynman function in imaginary time are summed up over variables, while magnetic variables are subject

At electron-phonon coupling constants re undergoes self-trapping crossover to strong demonstrate features observed in experimental spectra has momentum dependence which t-J model.



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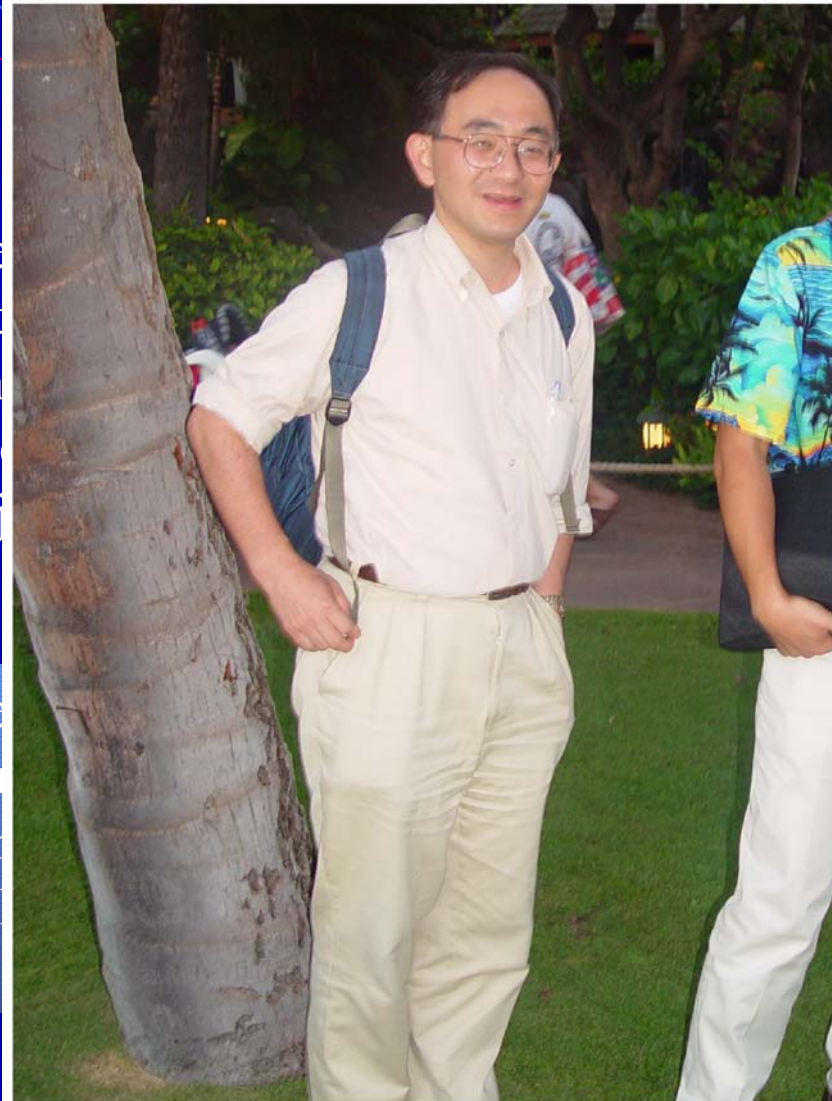


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## INTRODUCTION

1. *Problems of quasiparticle line shape in theory of ARPES. How to introduce electron phonon interaction (EPI) into models of high temperature superconductors.*

## STRONG COUPLING REGIME OF EPI - UNIVERSALITY

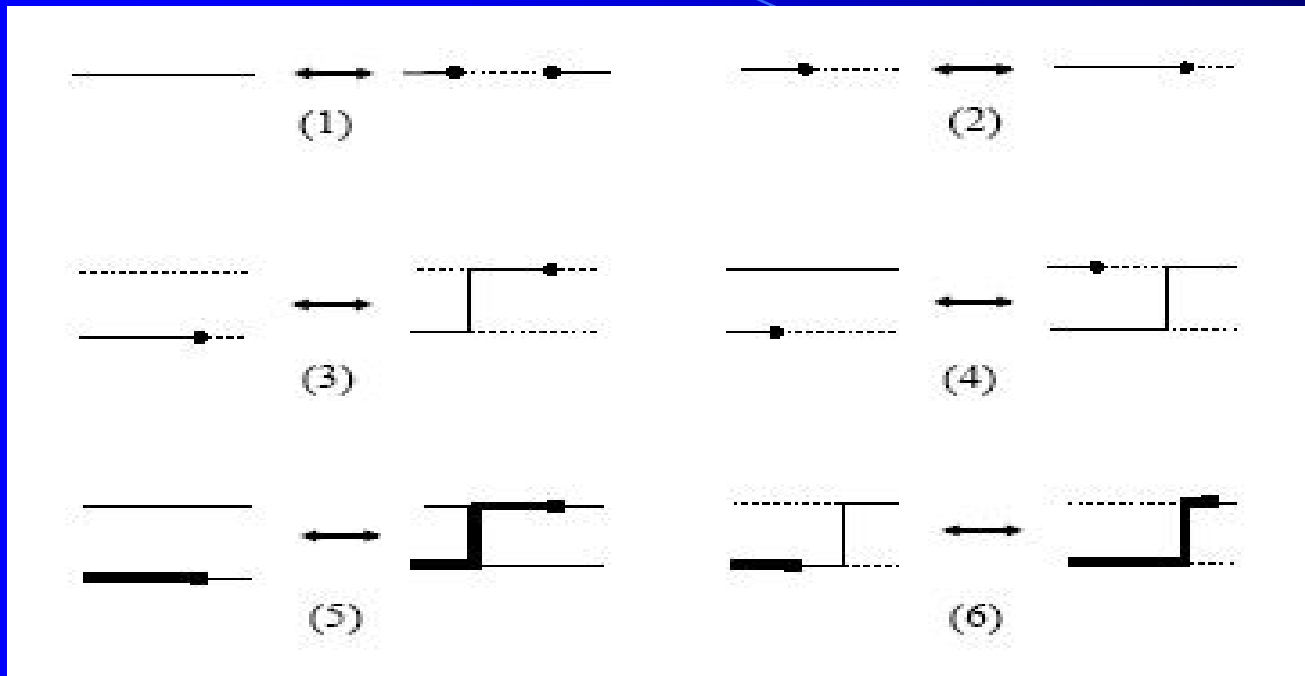
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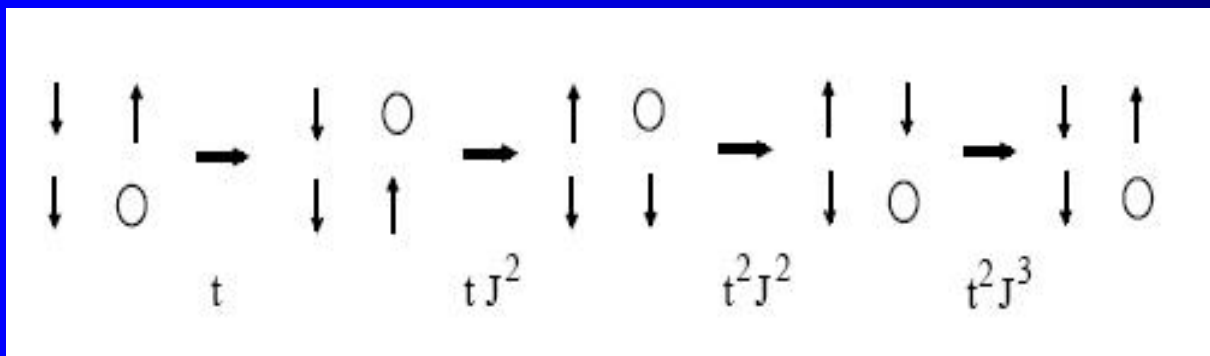
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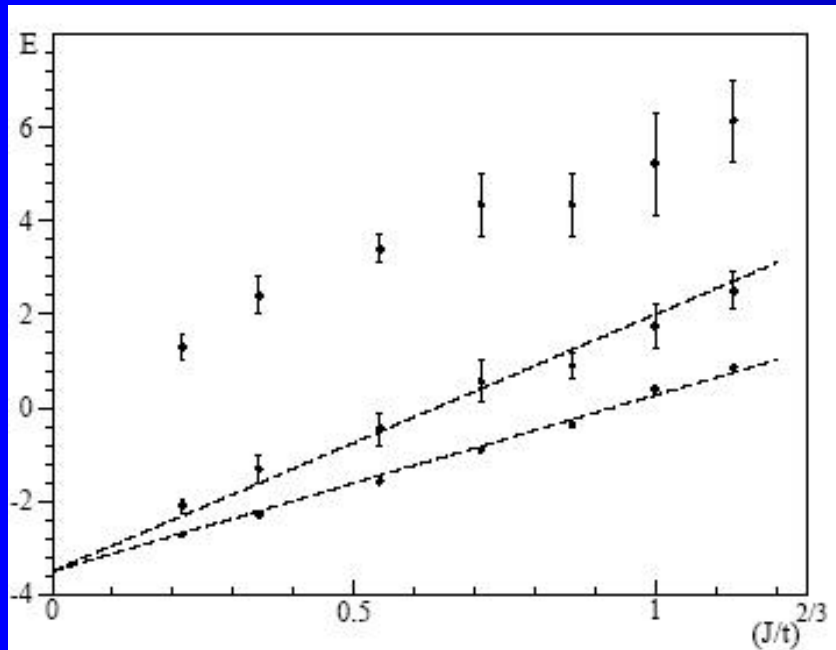


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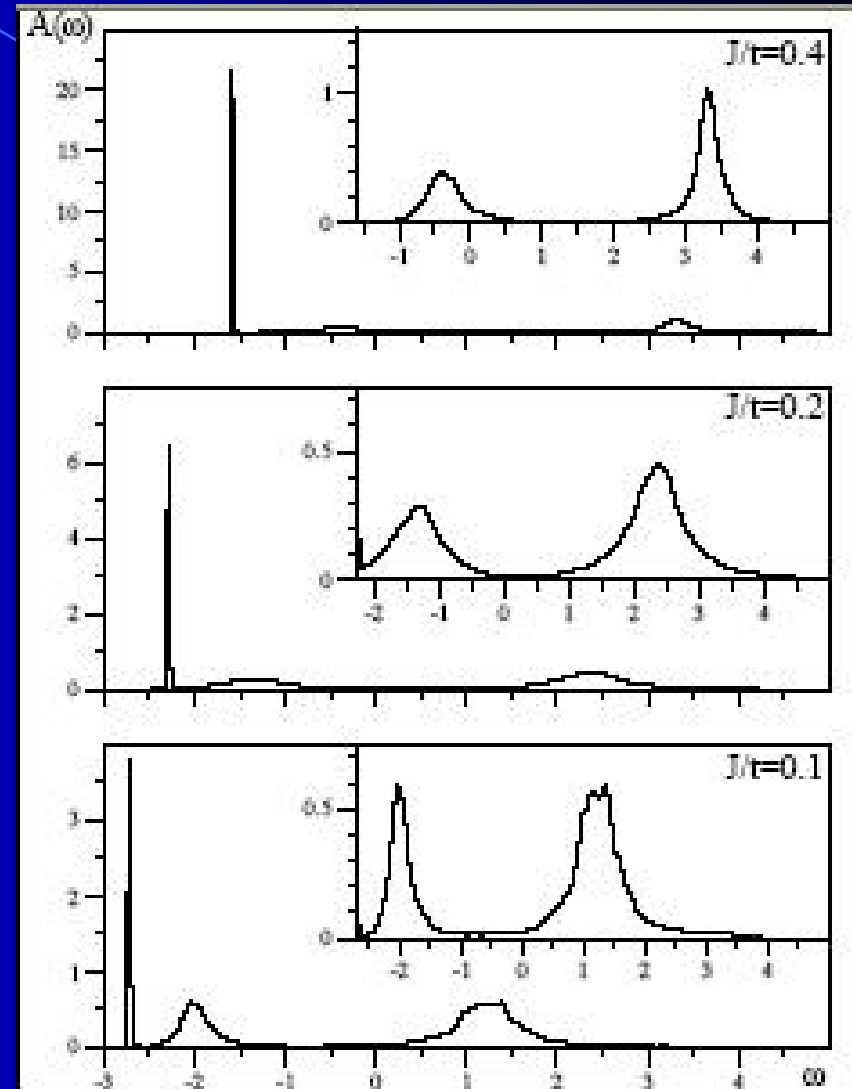


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# Single hole in the $t$ - $J$ model



$$E = a + b J^{2/3}$$



# Problems of theoretical description of ARPES spectra in $Sr_2CuO_2Cl_2$ and $Ca_{2-x}Na_xCuO_2Cl_2$

Theoretical results for undoped insulators:

1. Lehman spectral function at all momenta has a **sharp** quasiparticle peak
2. Sharp quasiparticle peak has dispersion with the bandwidth of the order of exchange constant  $J$ .

Experimental results:

1. ARPES data at all momenta demonstrate a very **broad** quasiparticle peak in the low energy part with incoherent continuum at high energies.
2. The dispersion of broad quasiparticle peak coincides with prediction of extended  $t$ - $J$  model ( $t$ - $t'$ - $t''$ - $J$  model).

**Complete success of theory in explanation of dispersion and  
Complete failure of theory in explanation of linewidth.**

*Main problem is the LINE SHAPE*



## Spin-wave approximation in momentum representation for single hole in $t$ - $t'$ - $t''$ - $J$ model interacting with phonons

Hole with dispersion  $\varepsilon(k)$  in magnon and phonon bathes

$$H^{(0)}_{tt't''-J} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \varepsilon(\mathbf{k}) h_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} h_{\mathbf{k}} + \sum_{\mathbf{k}} v(\mathbf{k}) \alpha_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \alpha_{\mathbf{k}} + \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \omega_{\text{ph}} b_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} b_{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\text{Scattering on magnons: } H_{h-m} = N^{-1} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}} M_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}} [ h_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} h_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}} \alpha_{\mathbf{q}} + \text{h.c.} ]$$

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$$\text{Dimensionless EPI constants: } \lambda = 2g$$
$$\lambda = \gamma^2 / 4t\omega_{\text{ph}}$$
$$g = \gamma^2 / 8t\omega_{\text{ph}}$$

ARPES experiment measures the Lehman spectral function

$$L_{\mathbf{k}}(\omega) = \sum_{\mathbf{f}} \delta[\omega - E_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{k})] \langle \mathbf{f} | h_{\mathbf{k}}^+ | \text{vac} \rangle$$

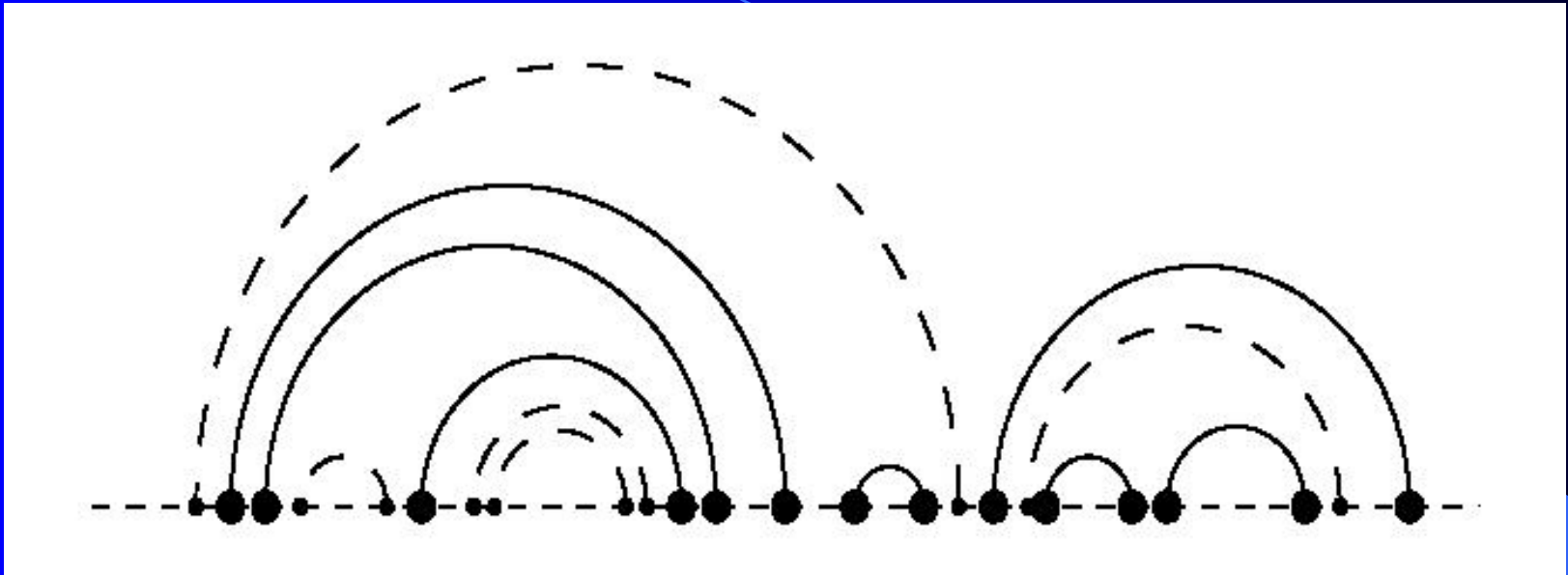
One needs to calculate hole Green function

$$G(\mathbf{k}, \tau) = \langle \text{vac} | h_{\mathbf{k}}(\tau) h_{\mathbf{k}}^+(0) | \text{vac} \rangle$$

and obtain Lehman function  $L_{\mathbf{k}}(\omega)$   
by analytic continuation to real frequencies

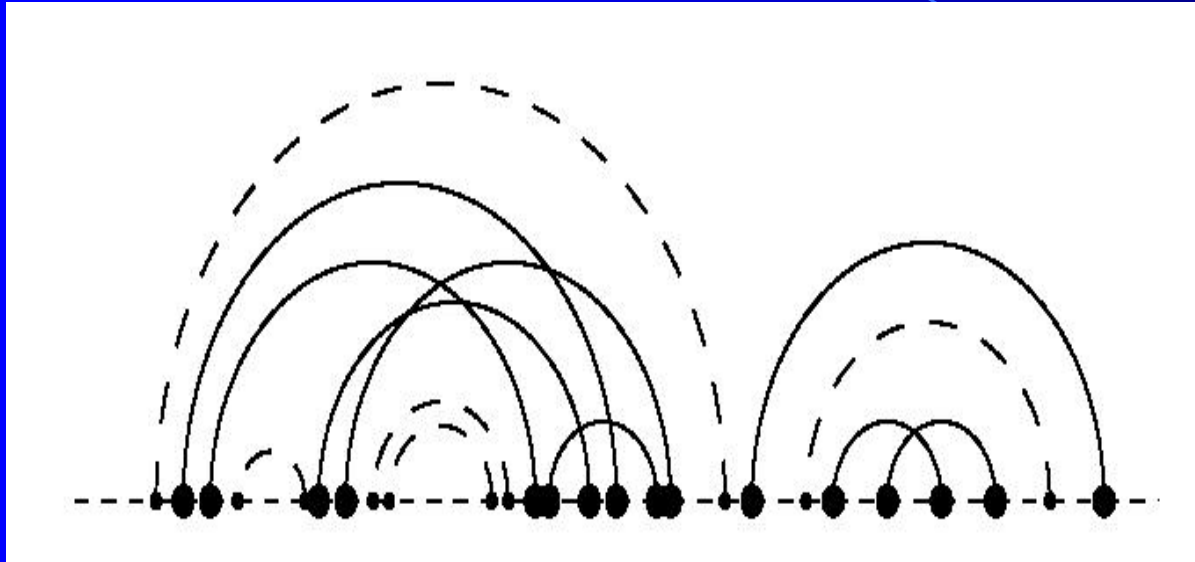
$$L_{\mathbf{k}}(\omega) = -\pi \text{Im} G(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$$

# Phonon-phonon and magnon-magnon NCA (SCBA)



Most important limitation of SCBA is phonon-phonon non-crossing approximation. Magnon-magnon non-crossing approximation is not important since the interaction with magnons is weak: spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  can not flip more than one time in magnon cloud around the hole. On the other hand, phonon-phonon vertex corrections are crucial.

# Feynman expansion which is sufficient for problem of one hole in t-J model coupled to phonons.



1. Intercrossing of phonon propagators is taken into account.

2. Magnon-magnon vertex corrections are neglected because coupling of the hole to magnons is weak.

This expansion can be summed by numerically exact Diagrammatic Monte Carlo method where all Feynman graphs are generated by Monte Carlo and summed up without systematic errors.

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# Demonstration of the importance of phonon-phonon vertex corrections

## Ordinary 2D Holstein model

Near neighbour hopping of hole

$$H_{t-J}^{(0)} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} h_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} h_{\mathbf{k}}; \quad \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} = 2t \sum_{i=x,y} \cos(k_i)$$

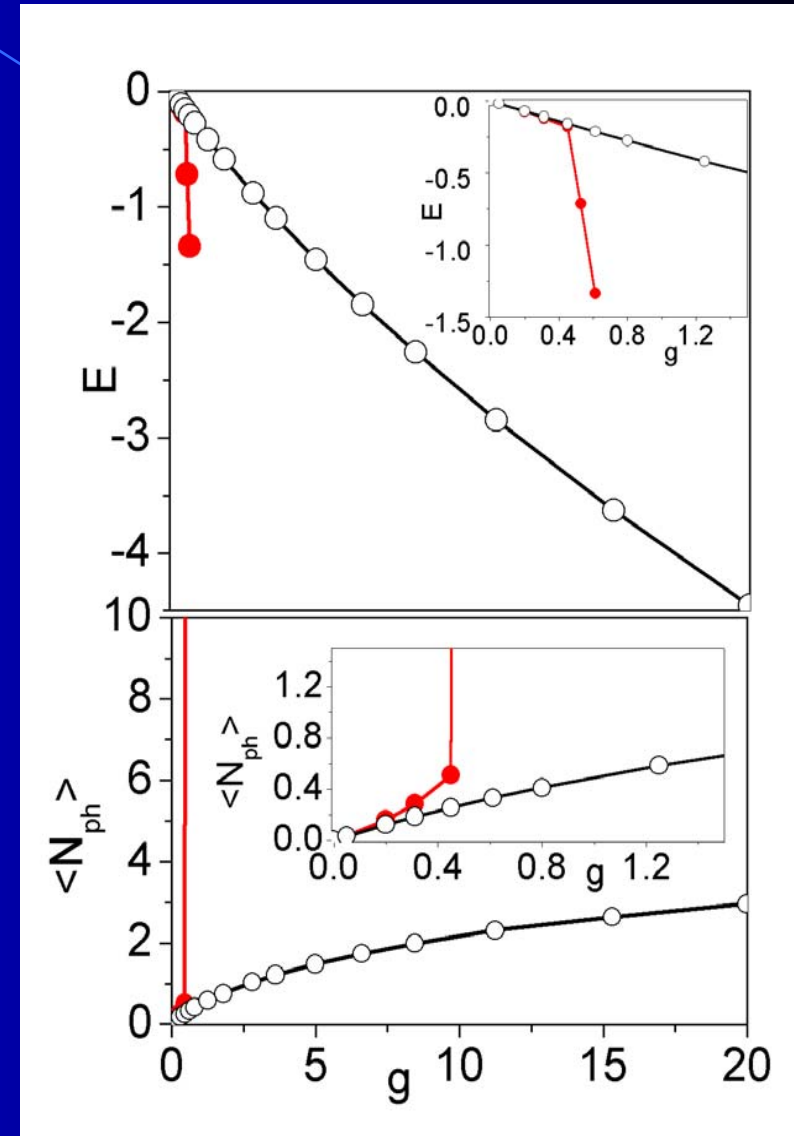
Scattering of the hole by phonons

$$H_{e-ph} = \Omega \sum_{\mathbf{k}} b_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} b_{\mathbf{k}} + N^{-1} \gamma \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}} [h_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} h_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}} b_{\mathbf{q}} + \text{h.c.}]$$

For polaron problem DMC method is able to sum up Feynman graphs exactly:

- (a) The whole sequence
- (b) In non-crossing approximation

$t=1, \Omega=0.1$   
Dimensionless constant  
 $g = \gamma^2 / (8t\Omega)$

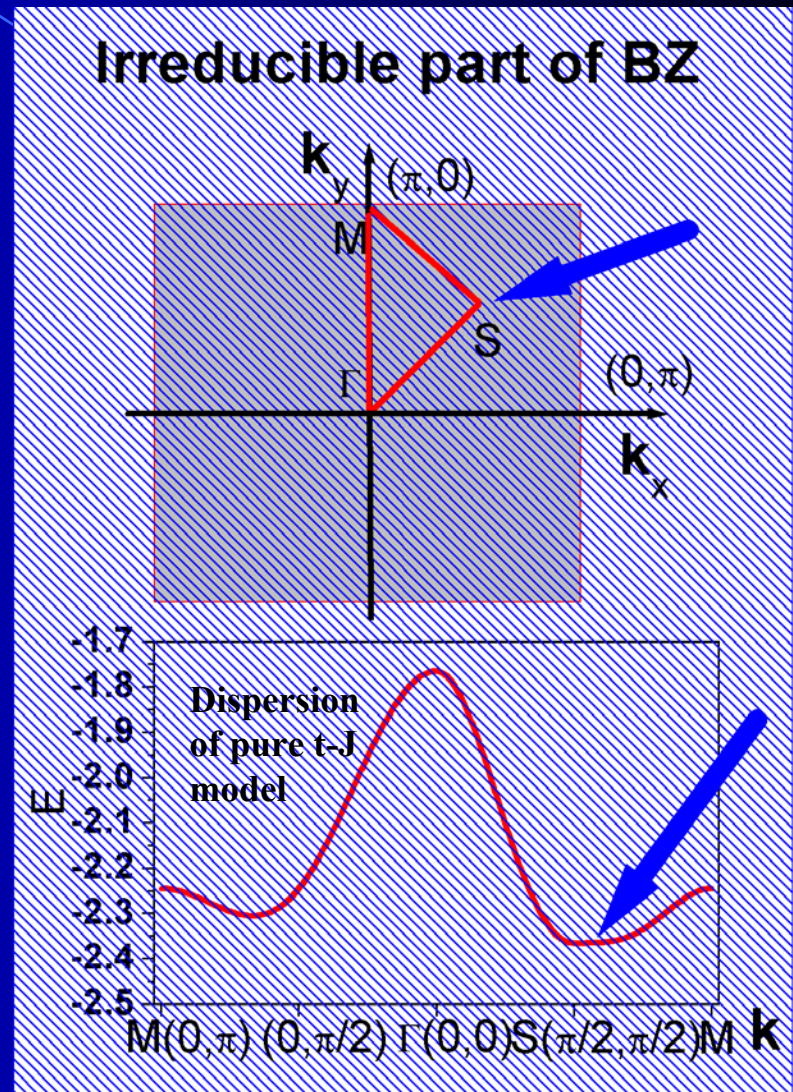
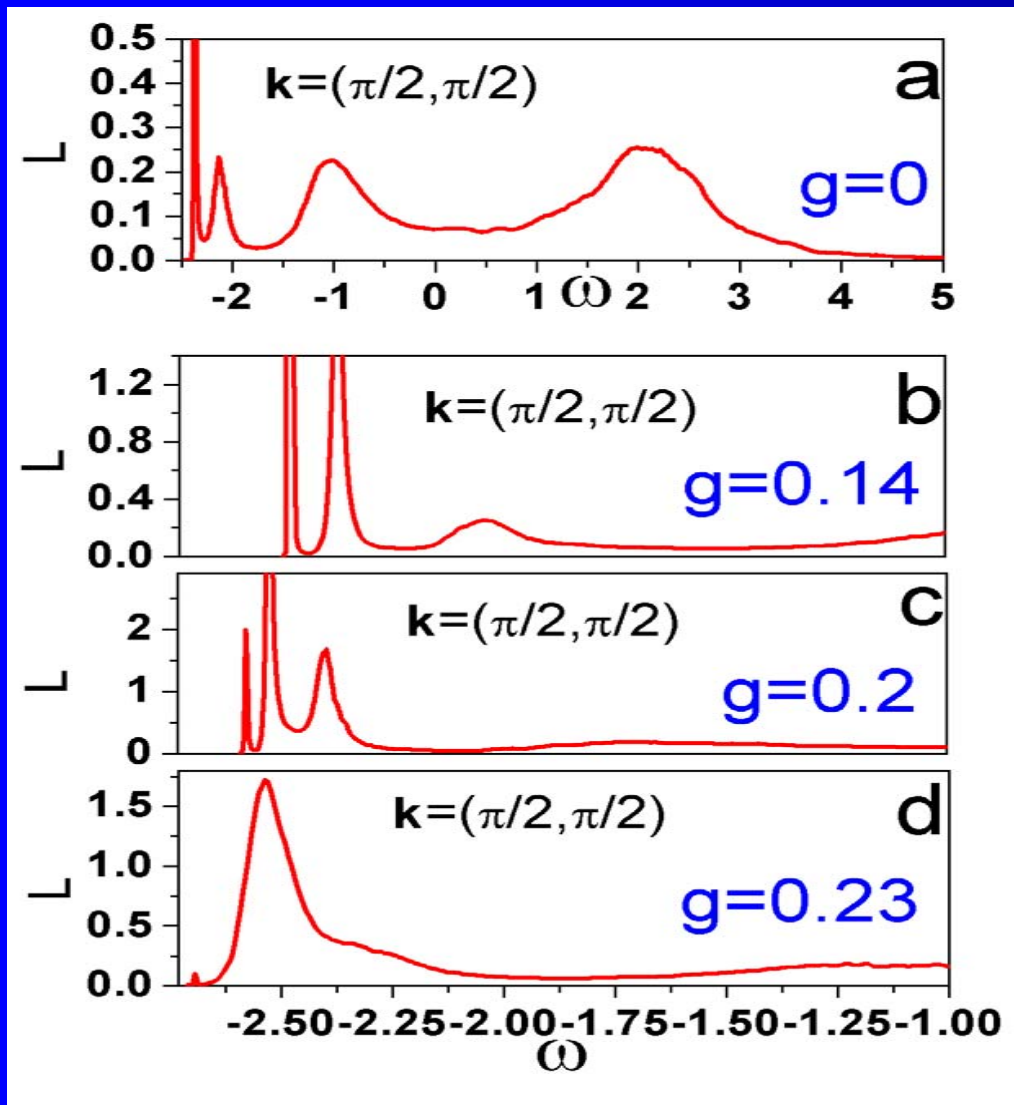


Transition into strong coupling regime:

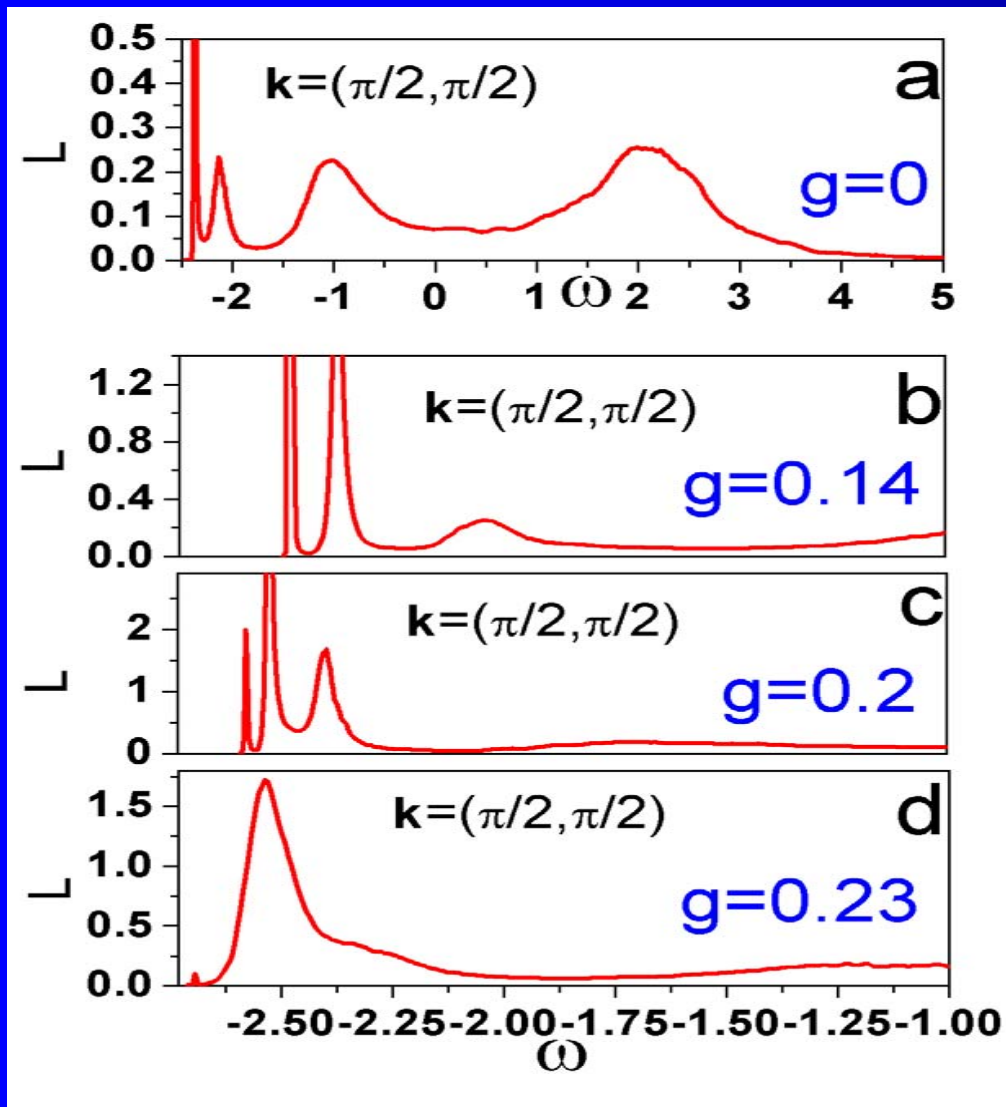
(a) Occurs at  $g=0.5$  in exact summation

(b) Newer occurs in NCA ( $g < 60$ )

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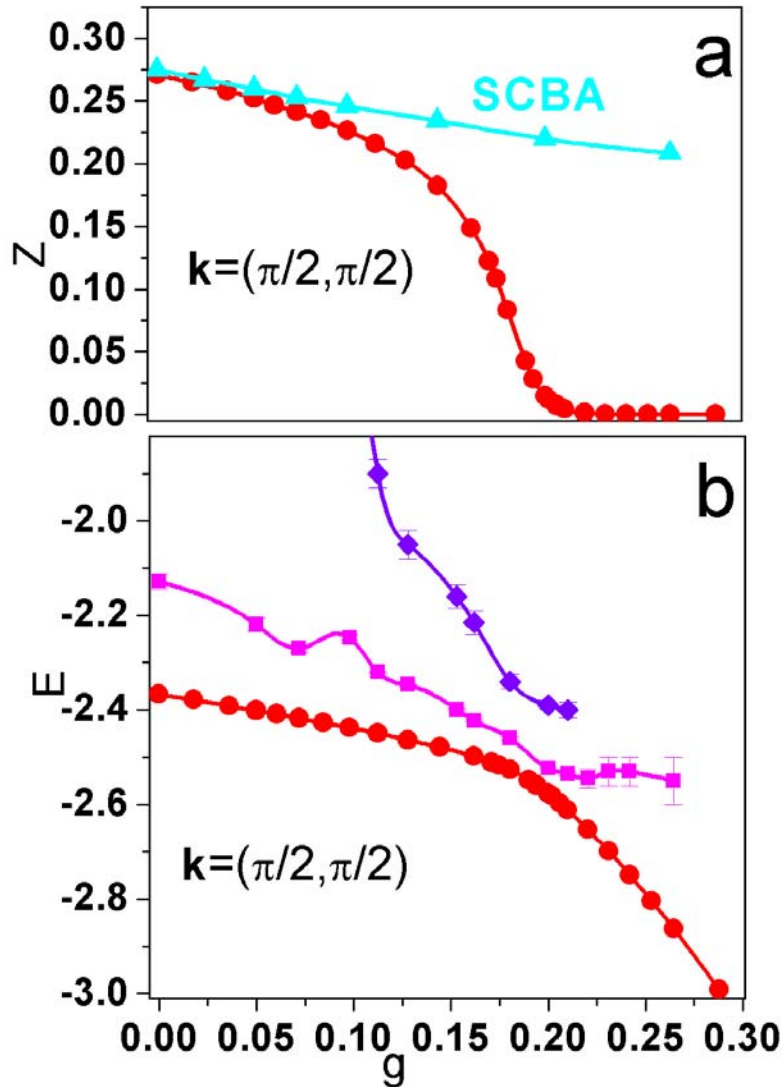
There are three low energy peaks at  $g=0$

These three peaks are observed up to  $g=0.21$

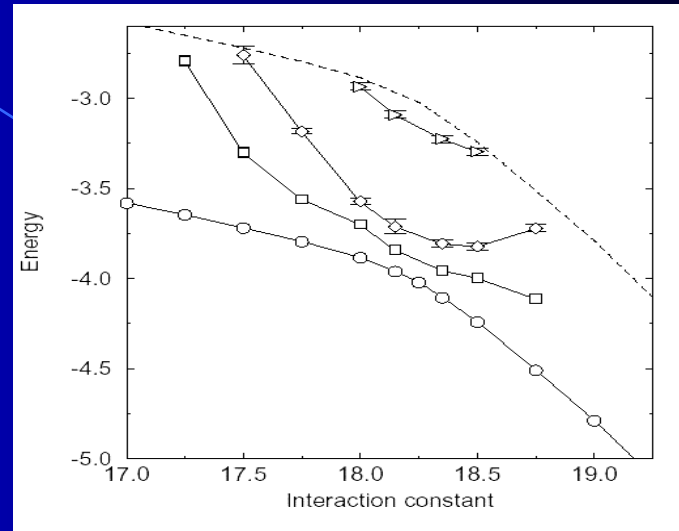
At larger couplings there is one broad peak with large weight and low energy peak with small weight

# Dependence of peaks on interaction constants

## t-J model



## Rashba-Pekar exciton



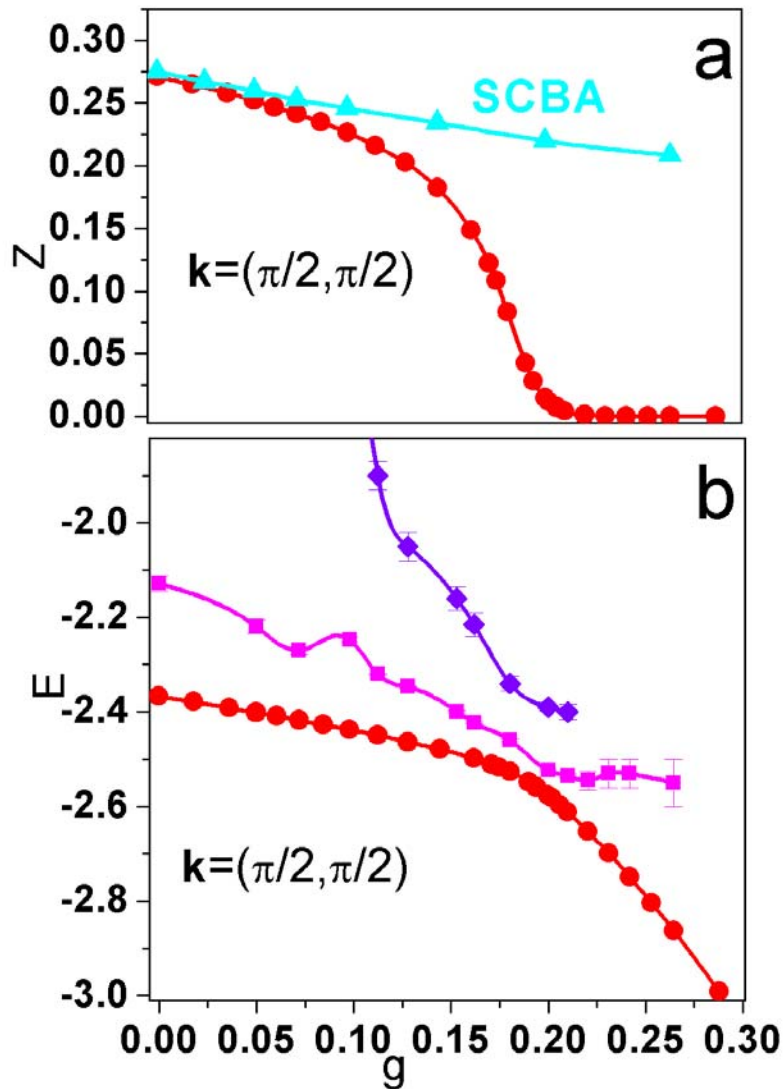
Self-trapping of Rashba-Pekar exciton.  
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Dependence of the peak energies and ground state Z-factor on g resembles picture inherent in self-trapping phenomenon: the states cross and hybridize at  $g=0.2$  and Z-factor of ground state rapidly decreases.

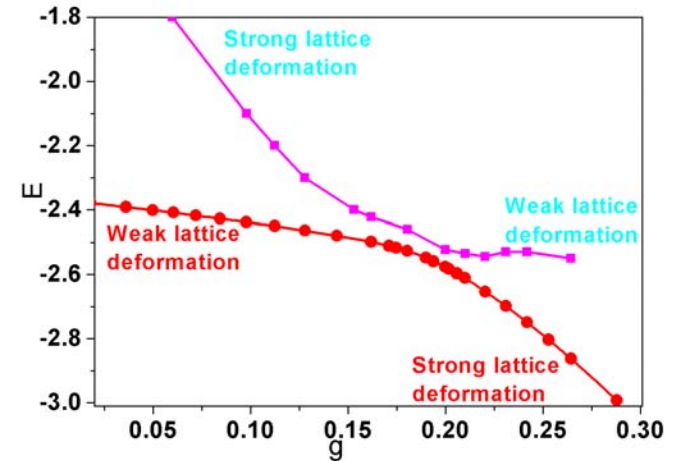


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## General features of the self-trapping

**Small  $g$ :** Ground state is weakly coupled while excited state is strongly coupled to lattice.

**Critical  $g$ :** Crossing and hybridization occurs

**Large  $g$ :** States exchange.

Lowest state is trapped while excited state is weakly coupled to lattice

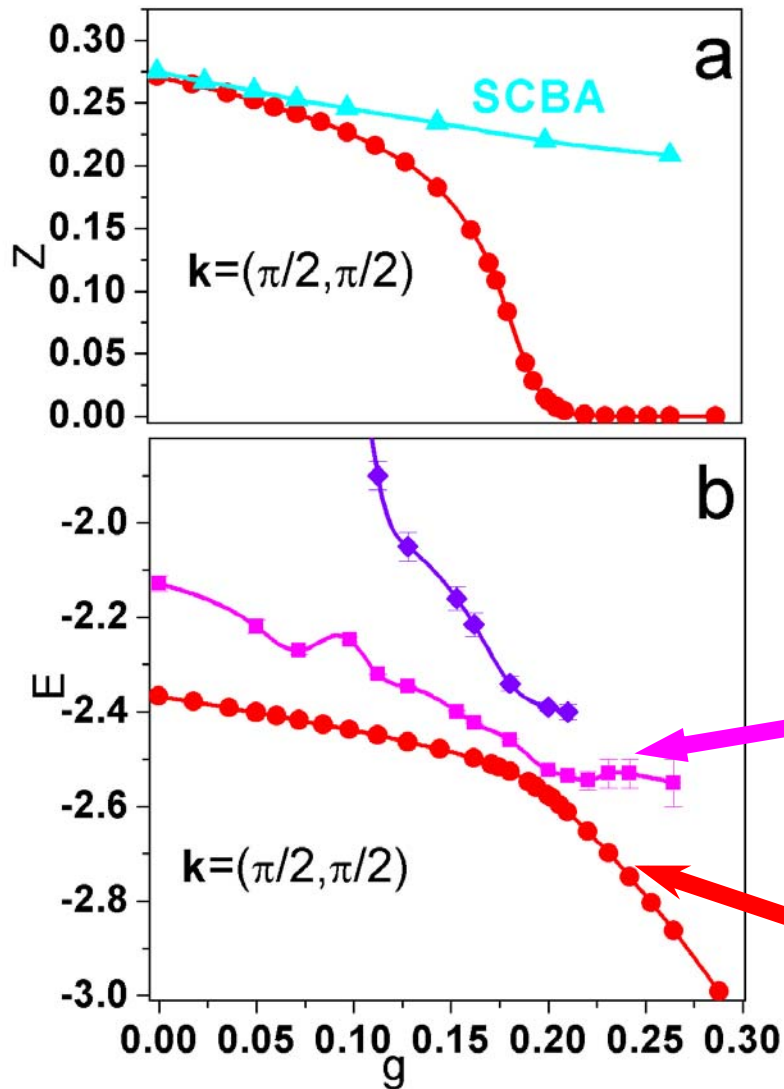
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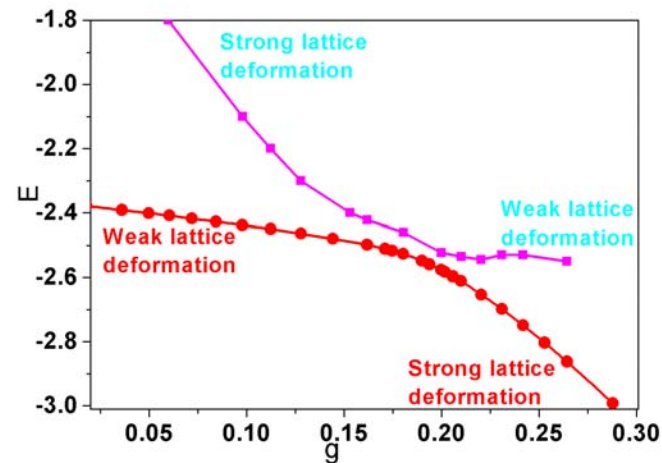


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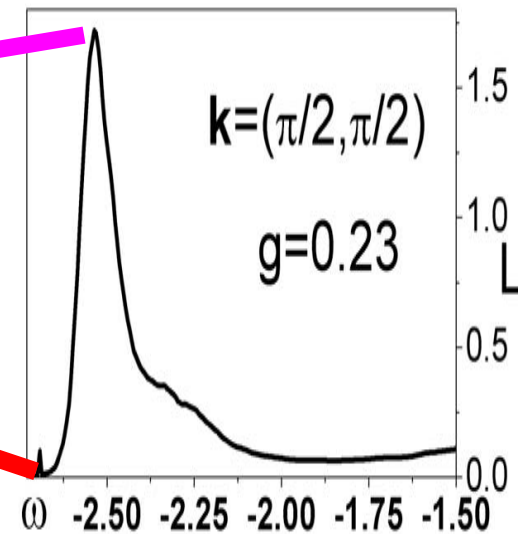


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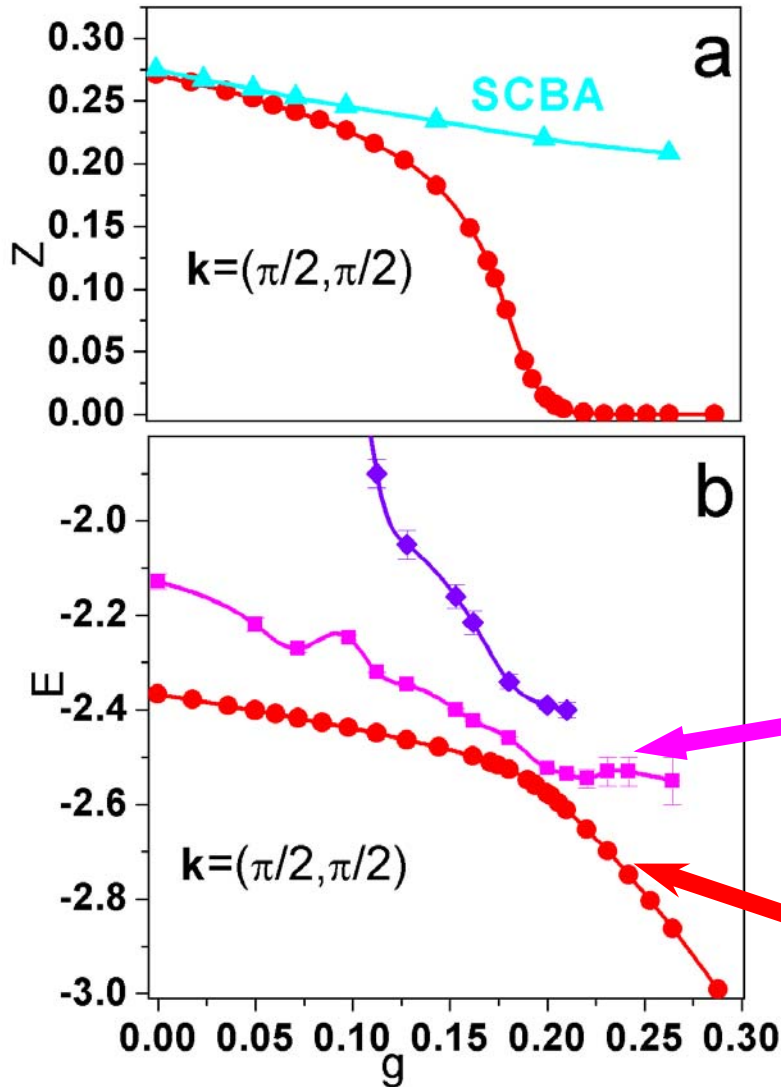
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Strong lattice deformation



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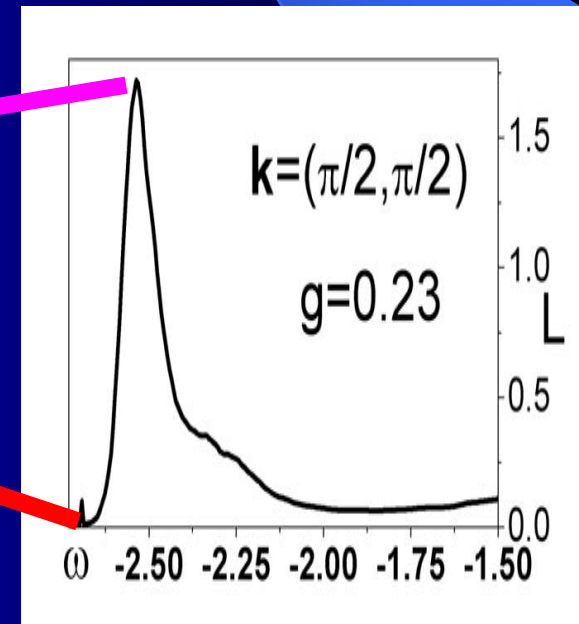
## Guess for strong coupling regime:

“Invisible” ground state is momentum independent since it is a small polaron.

Broad peak has strong momentum dependence since this state is weakly coupled to lattice.

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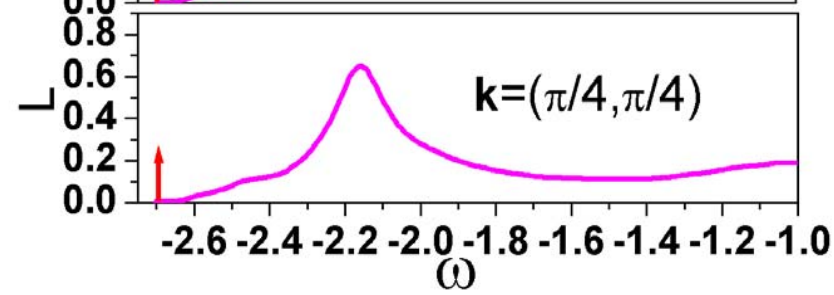
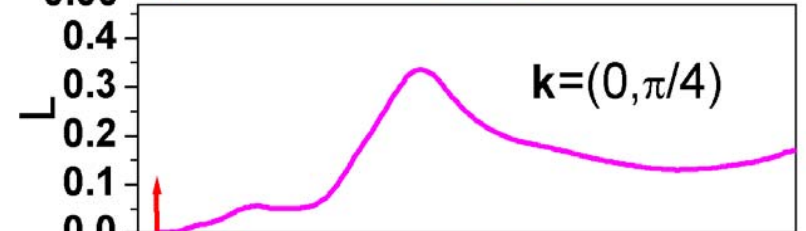
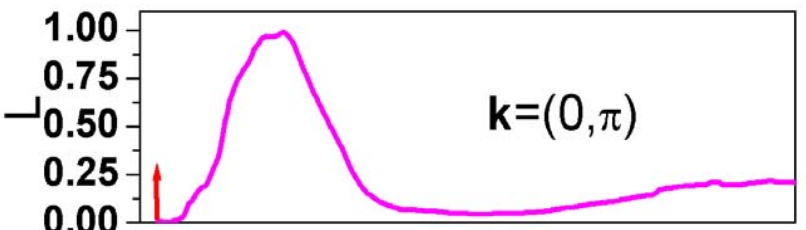
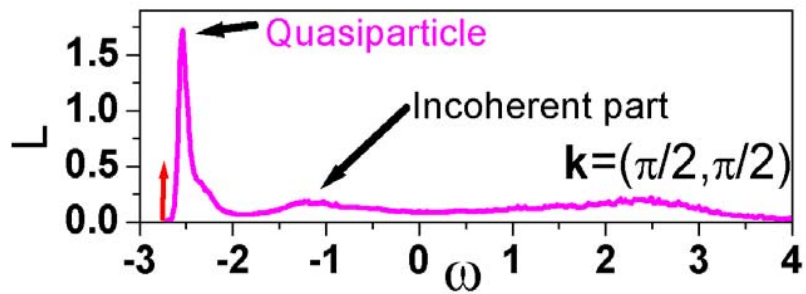
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# Dispersion of the broad peak in strong coupling regime

$g=0.23$

Guess is confirmed!!!!

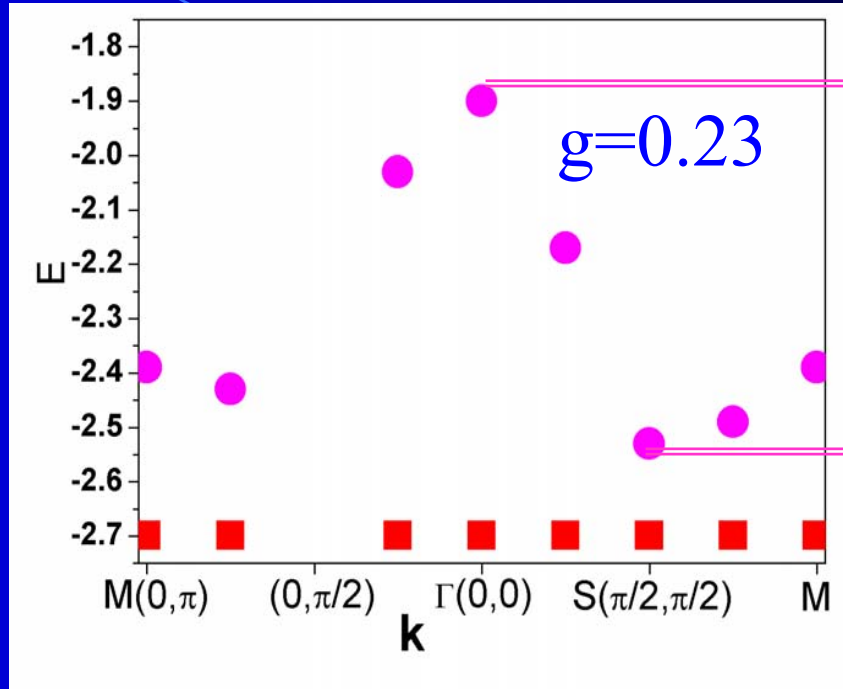
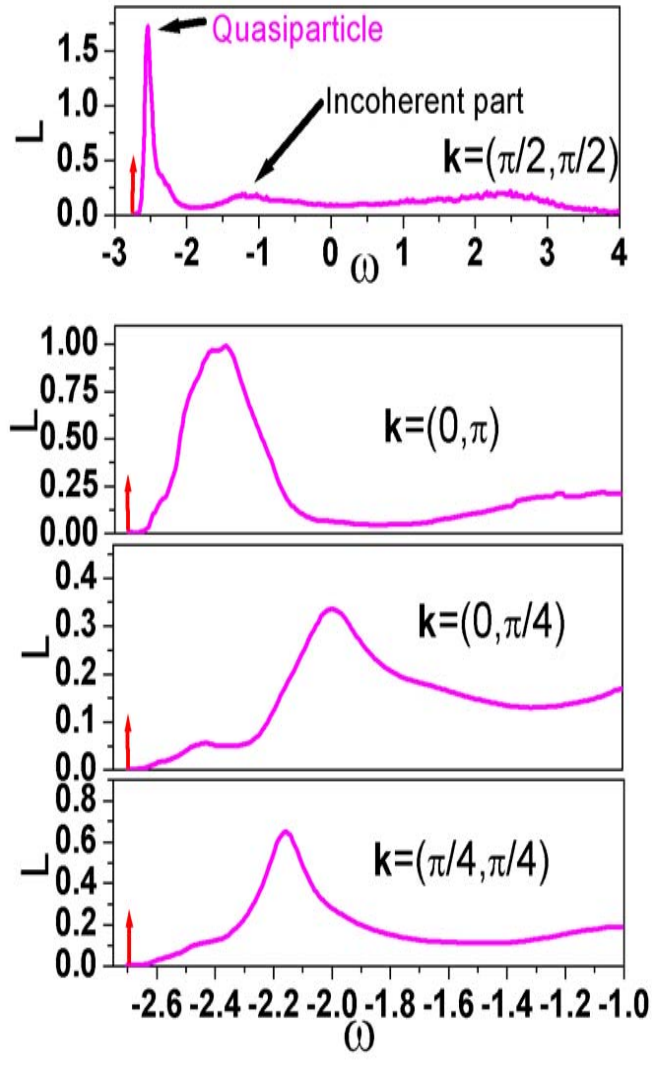


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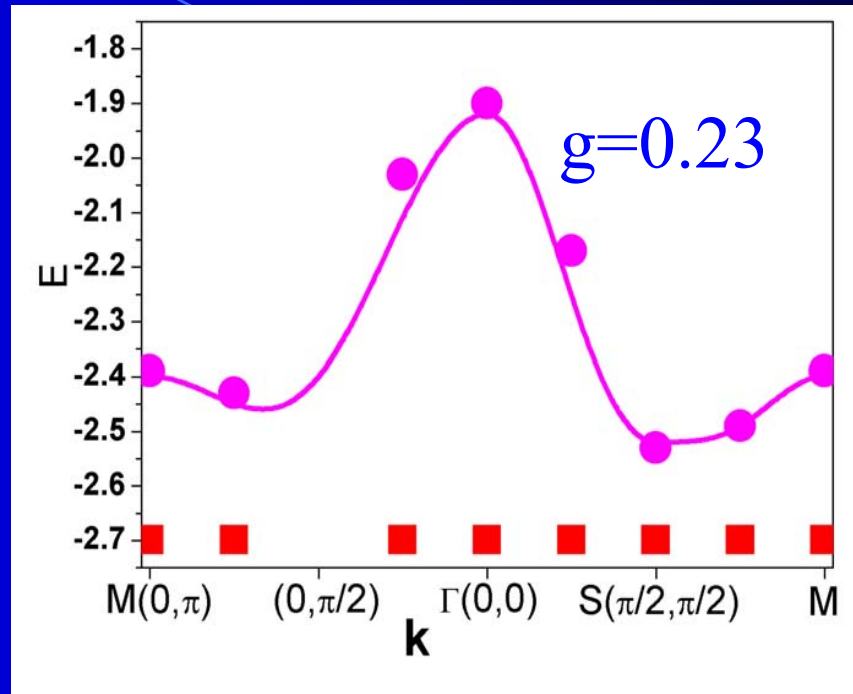
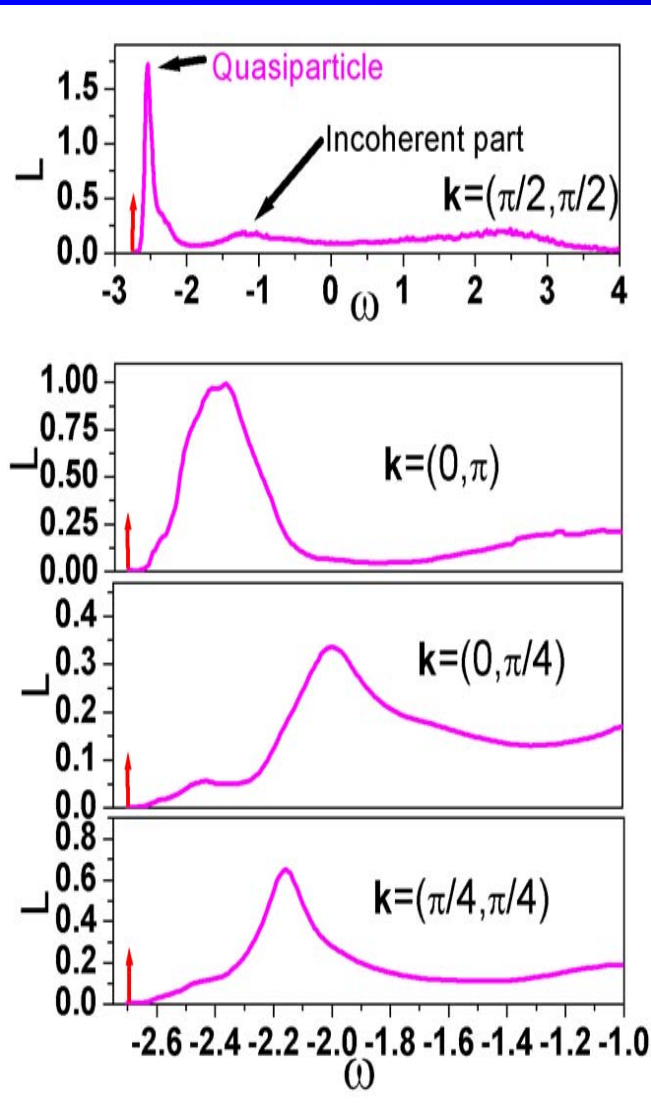
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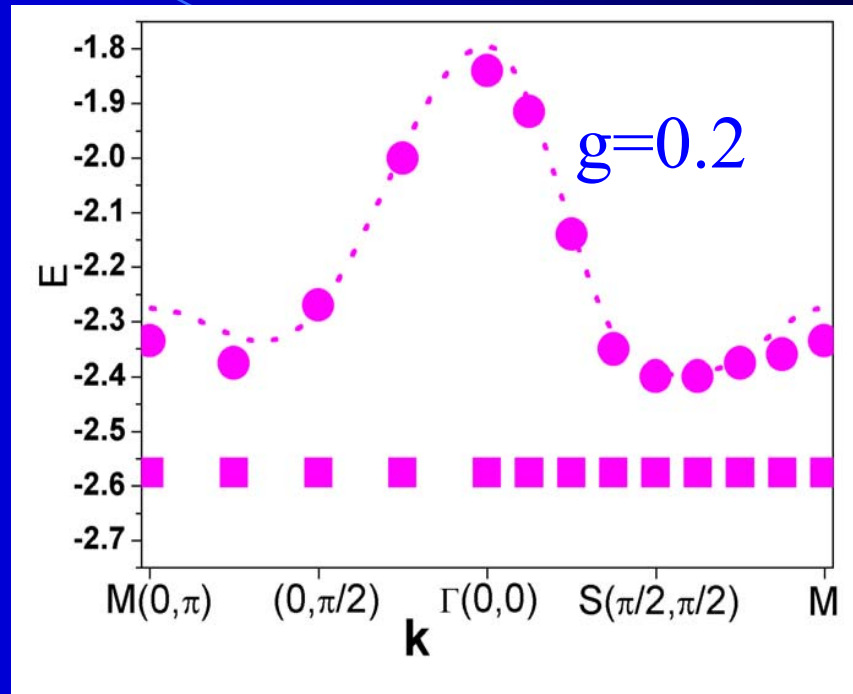
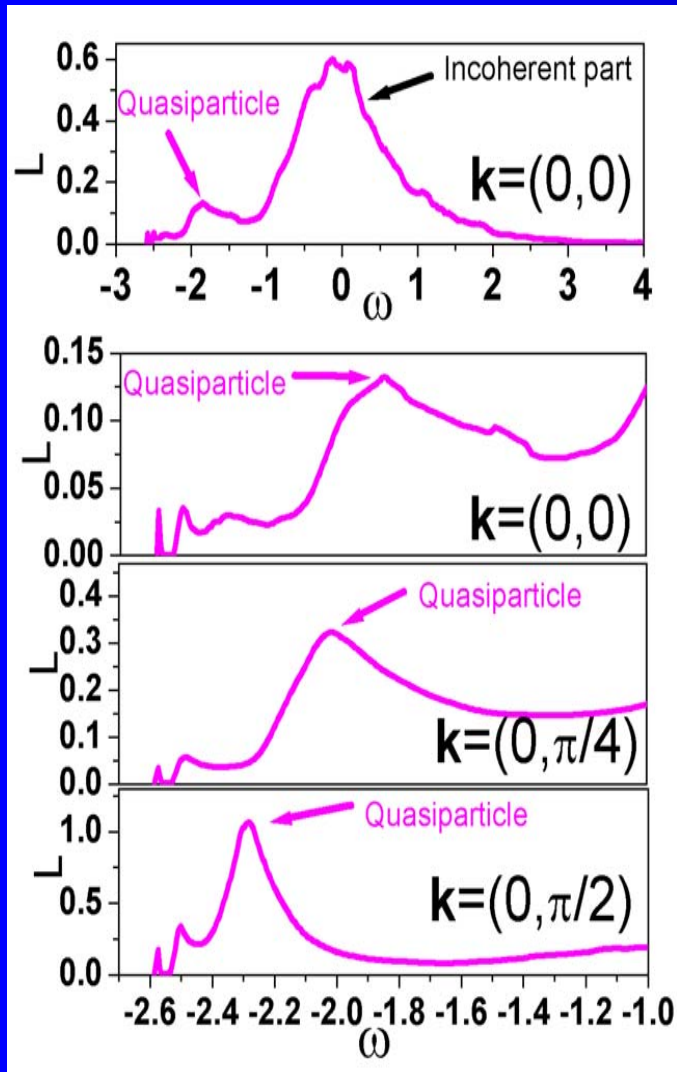
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Great surprise: the dispersion of broad peak is exactly the same as that of pure  $t$ - $J$  model.

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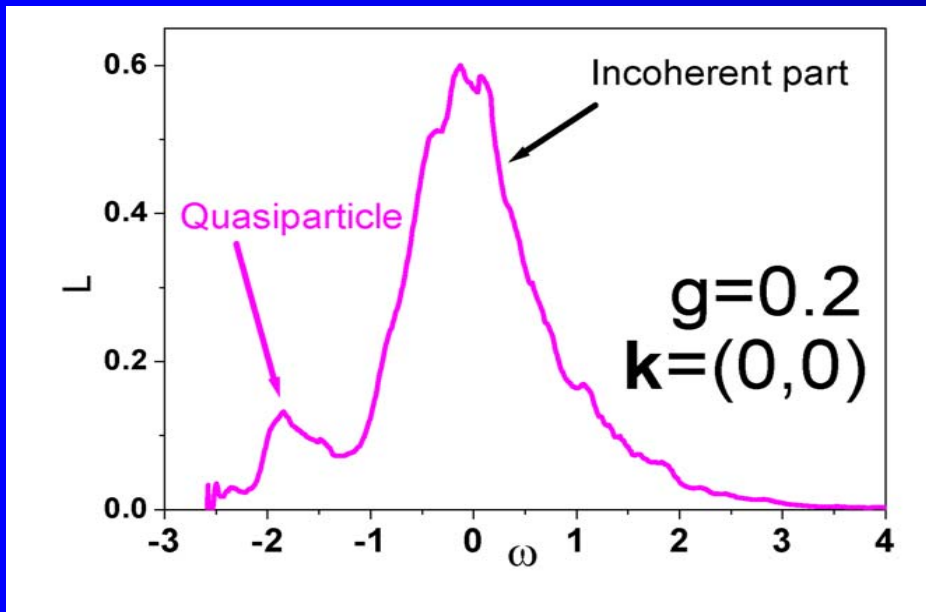
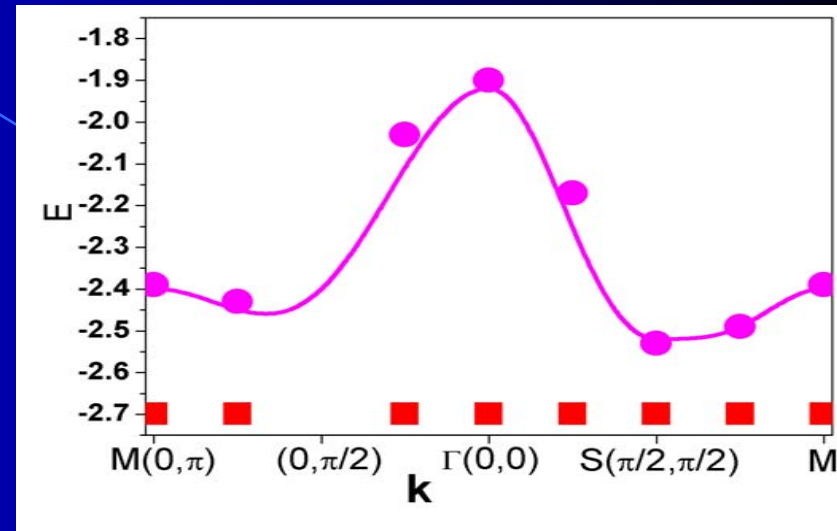
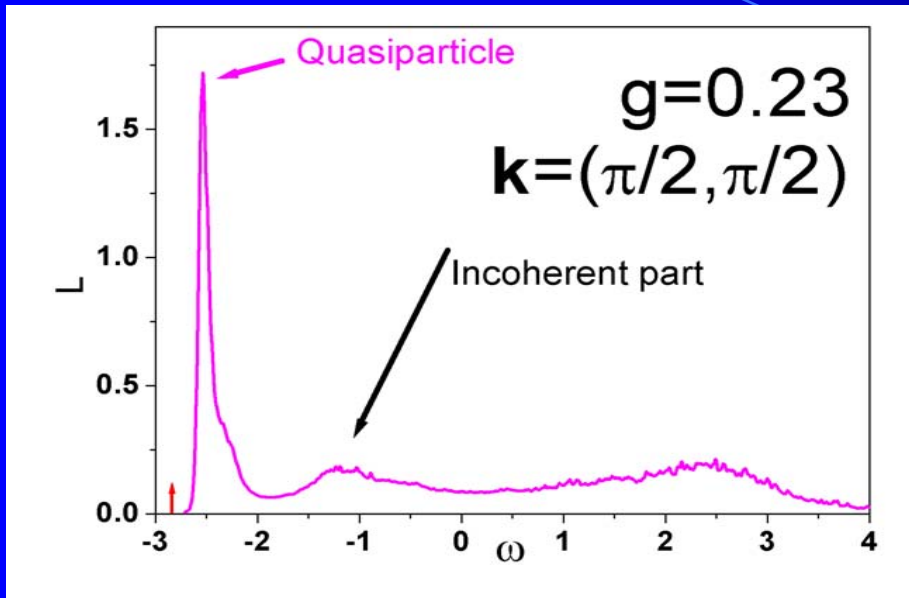
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**Similar dispersion of broad peak in strong coupling regime and that of pure t-J model is the general feature of strong coupling regime**



# Theoretical predictions are consistent with experiment



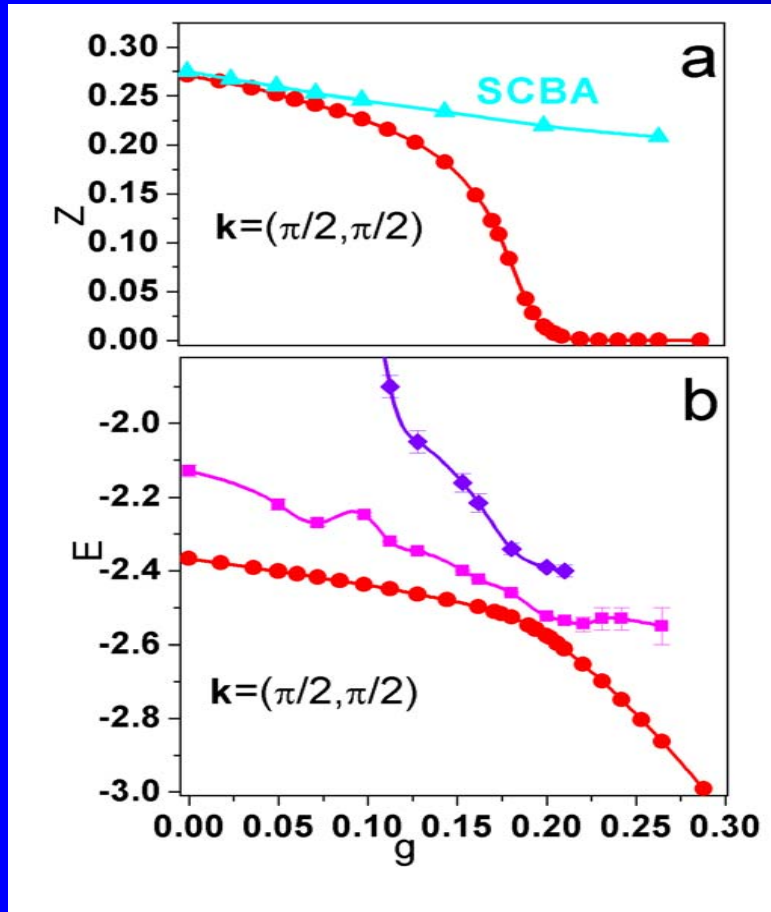
1. Broad quasiparticle has dispersion like in pure t-J model.

2. Weights of broad peaks are the same as in pure t-J model.

3. Nondispersive peak of ground state has small weight and can not be seen in ARPES.

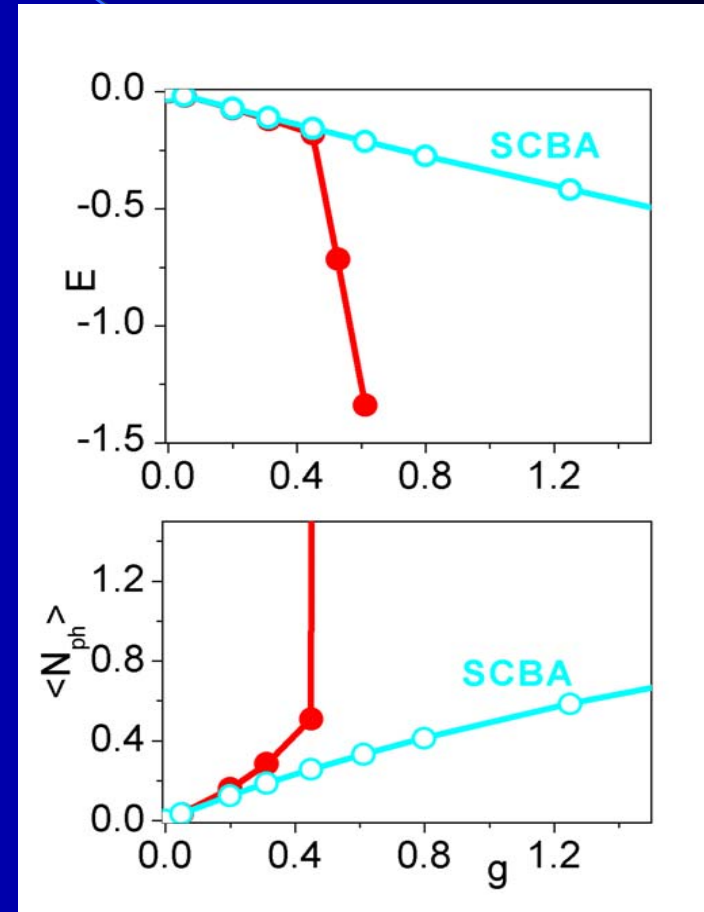
Interaction with spins enhances e-ph coupling: polaron in t-J model undergoes crossover to strong coupling regime at smaller couplings than free polaron with the same parameters.

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Critical coupling:  $g=0.2$

## Free polaron



Critical coupling:  $g=0.5$

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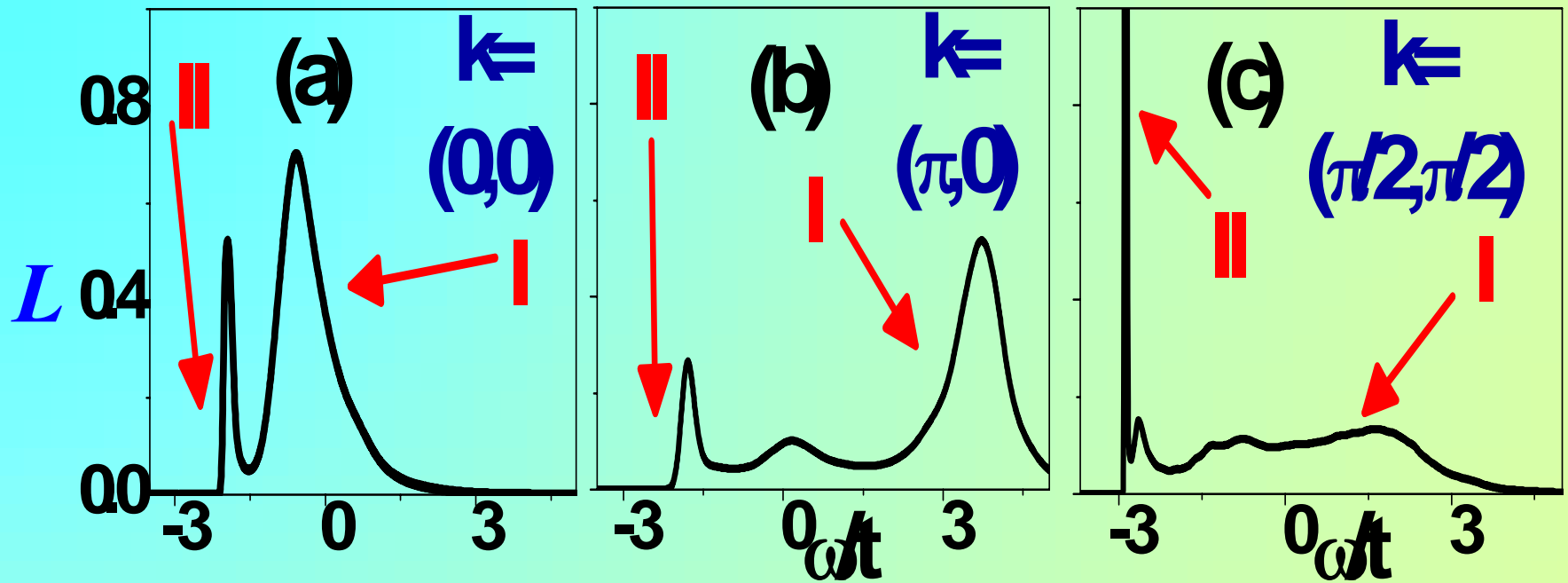
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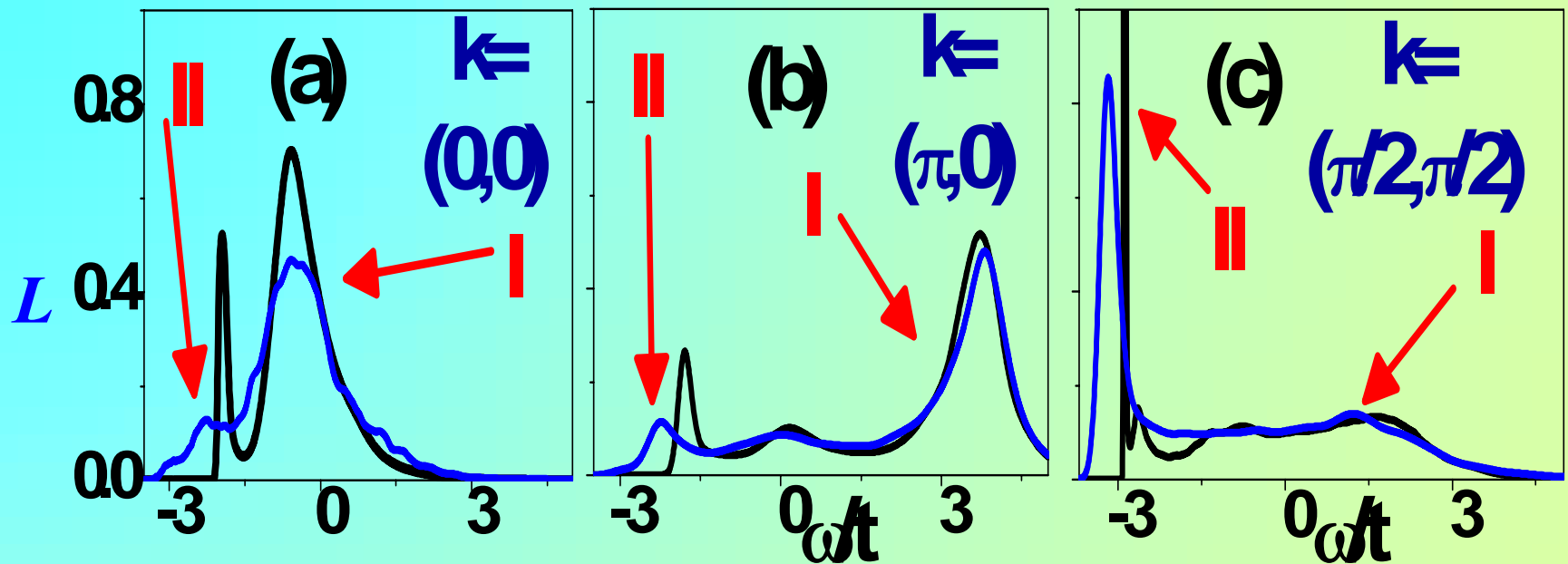
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*Lehman function of  $tt't''$ - $J$  model  
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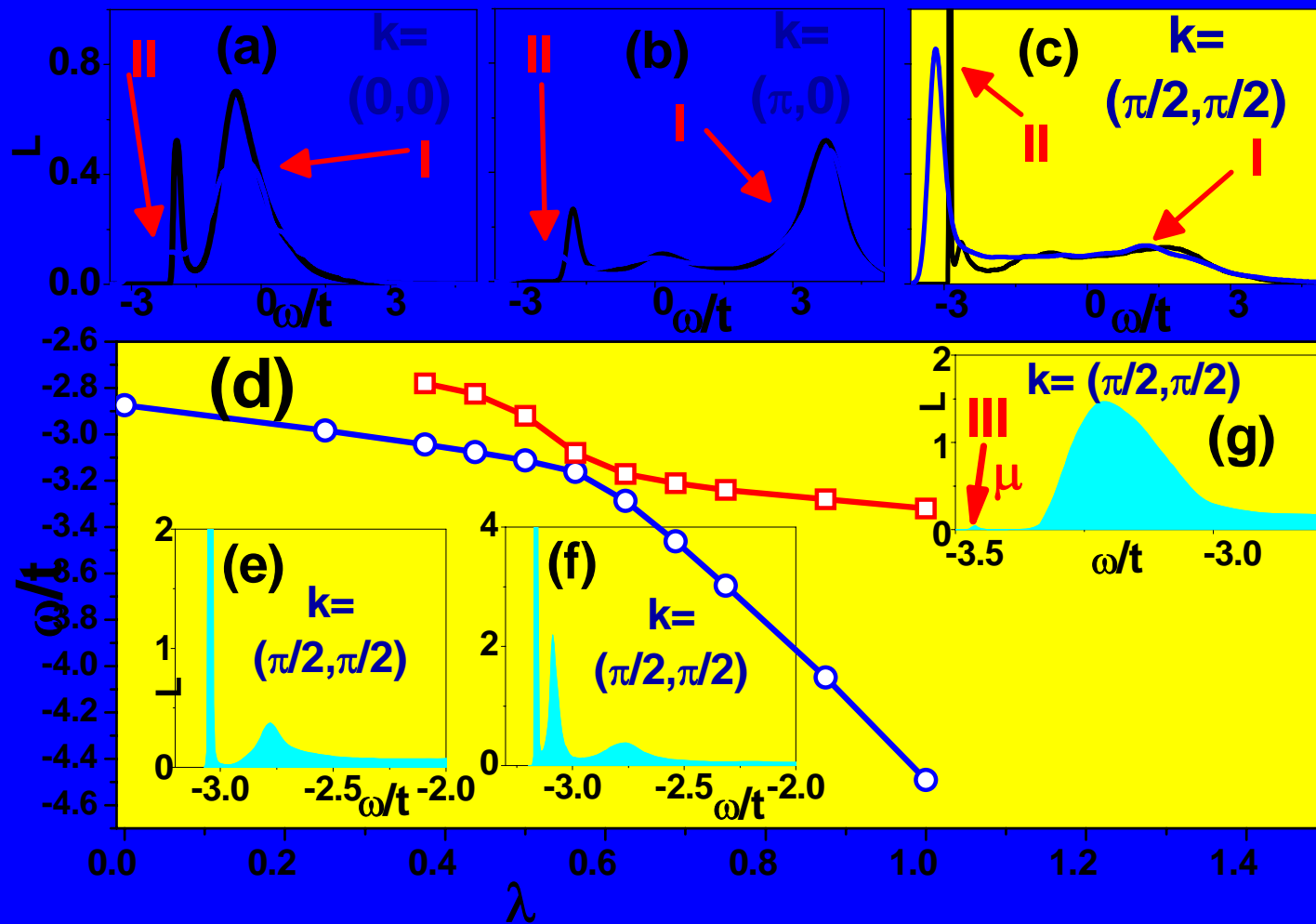


*Lehman function of  $tt't''$ -J model  
with strong EPI:  $\lambda=0.7$*



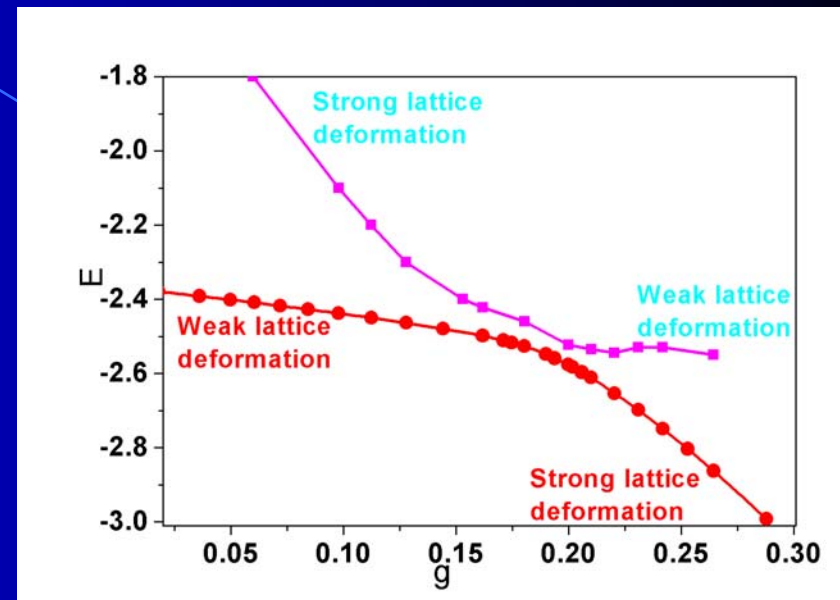
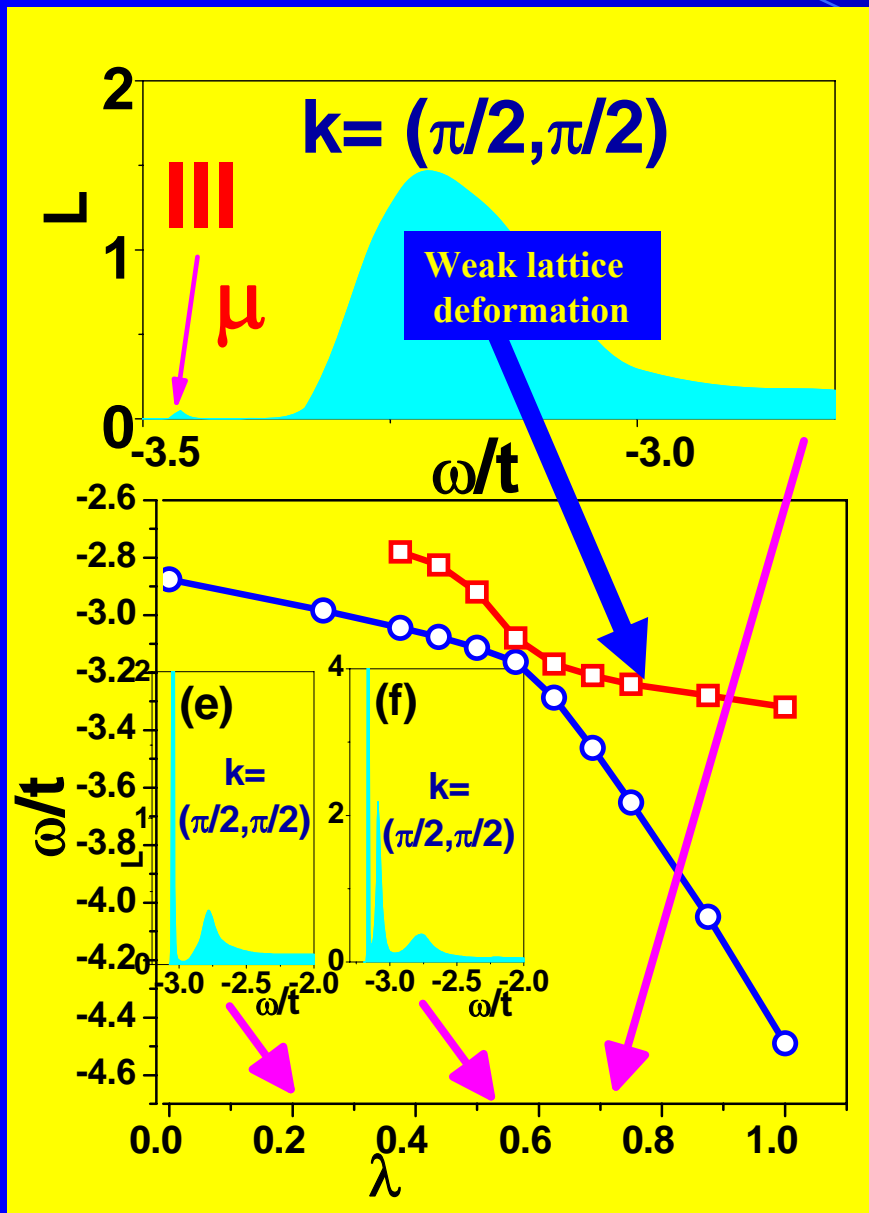
*Only low energy part, related to  $t$ -J model scale, is altered.*

# Evolution of the low energy part of the spectrum





# Self-trapping in the $tt't''-J$ model



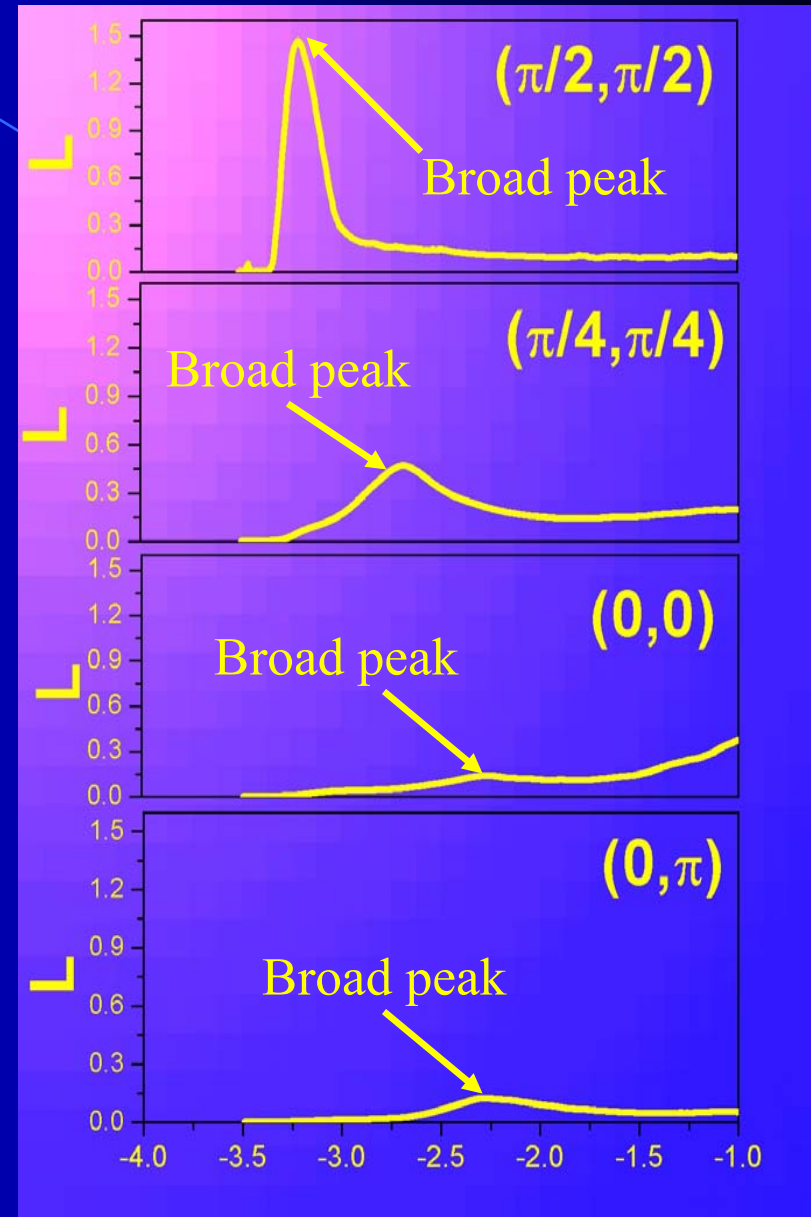
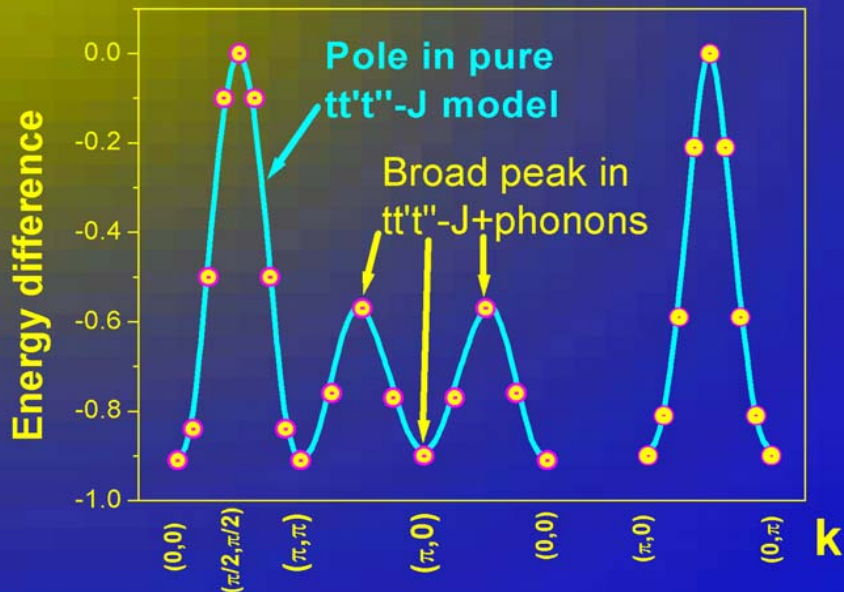
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# Hole in $tt't''$ -J model strongly interacting with phonons

Broad peak exactly reproduces dispersion of  $tt't''$ -J model (shifted by constant energy)

Hence, dispersion of broad peak reproduces experimental one



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$t=1, J=0.4, t'=-0.34, t''=0.23$

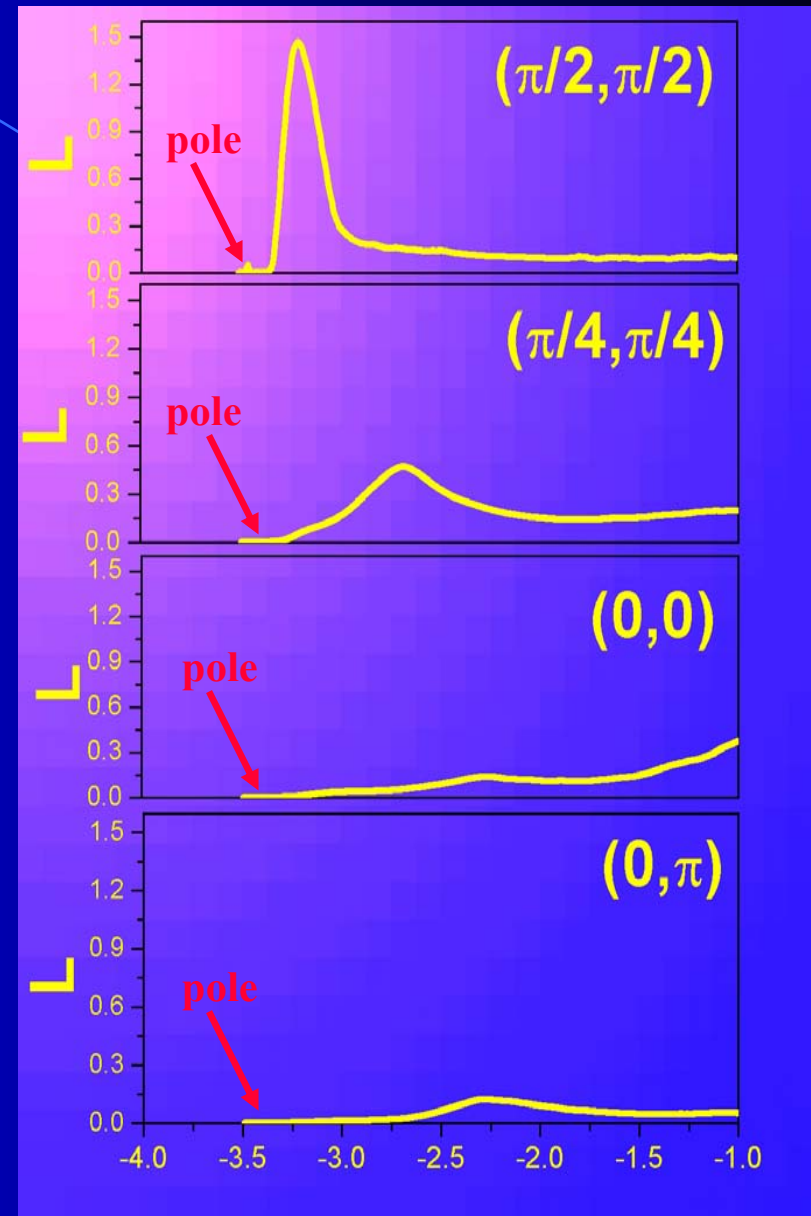
Interaction:  $\lambda=0.7$

$\Omega_{\text{ph}}=0.2$

Polaron pole with  
negligibly small  
Z-factor has no  
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Though, the chemical  
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Confirmed by K.M.Shen  
et.al., PRL (2004)

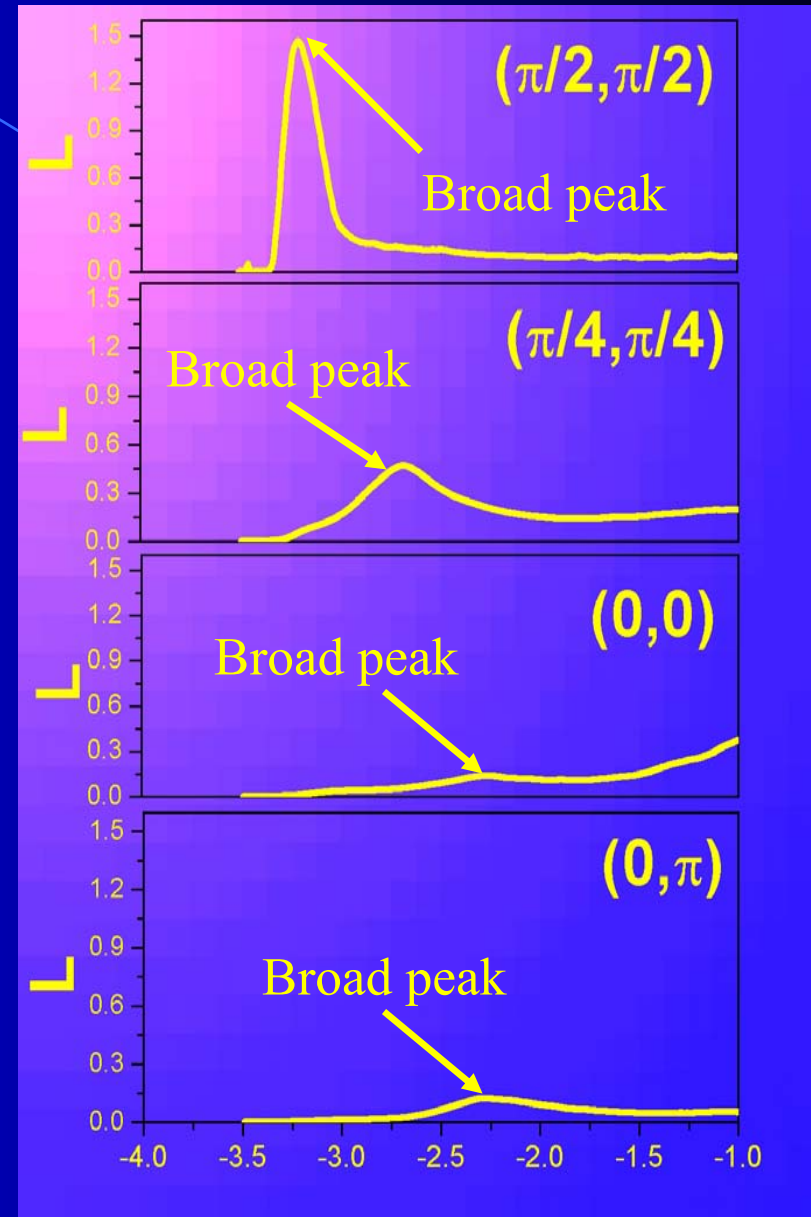
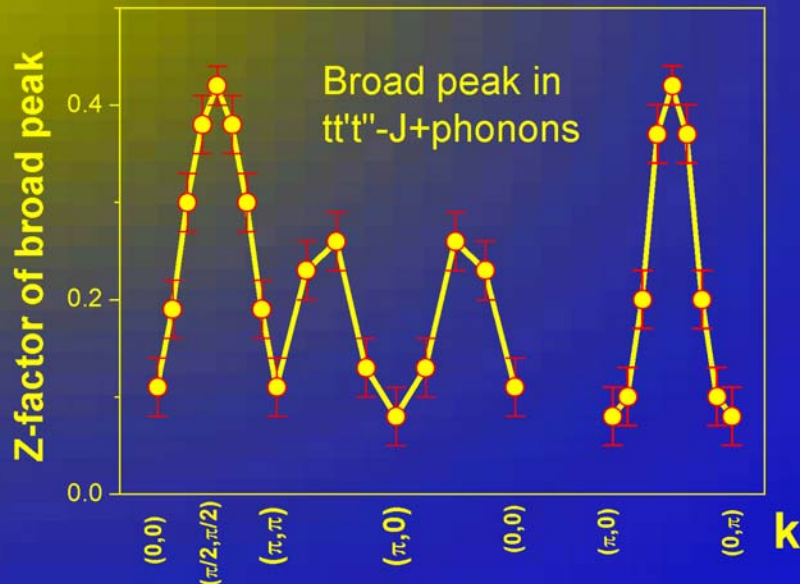


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In accordance with experimental observations (B.O.Wells et.al. PRL, Vol. 74, p. 964 (1995))



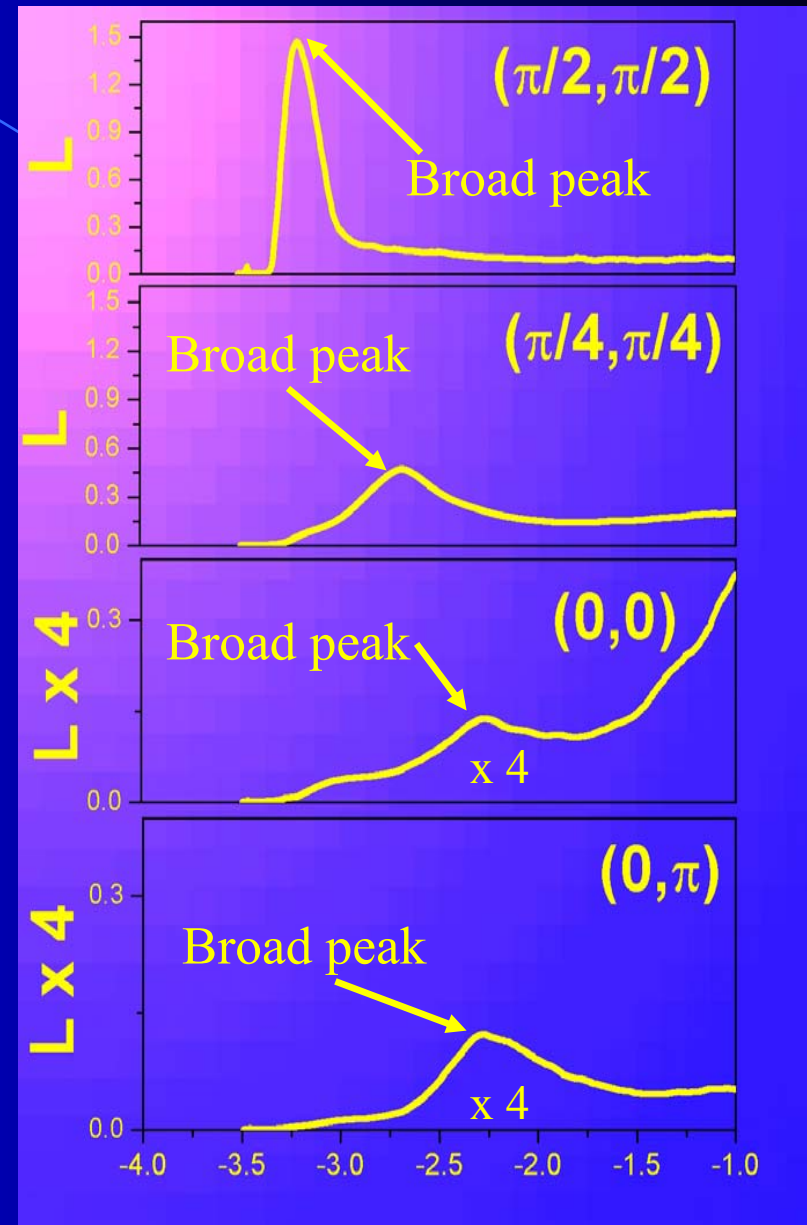
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when momentum approaches  
points  $(0,0)$  and  $(\pi,0)$



# Hole in $t't''$ -J model strongly interacting with phonons

In accordance with  
experimental  
observations (B.O.Wells et.al.  
PRL, Vol. 74, p. 964 (1995))  
 $\text{Sr}_2\text{CuO}_2\text{Cl}_2$

width  
of broad peak  
considerably  
increases  
when momentum approaches  
points  $(0,0)$  and  $(\pi,0)$

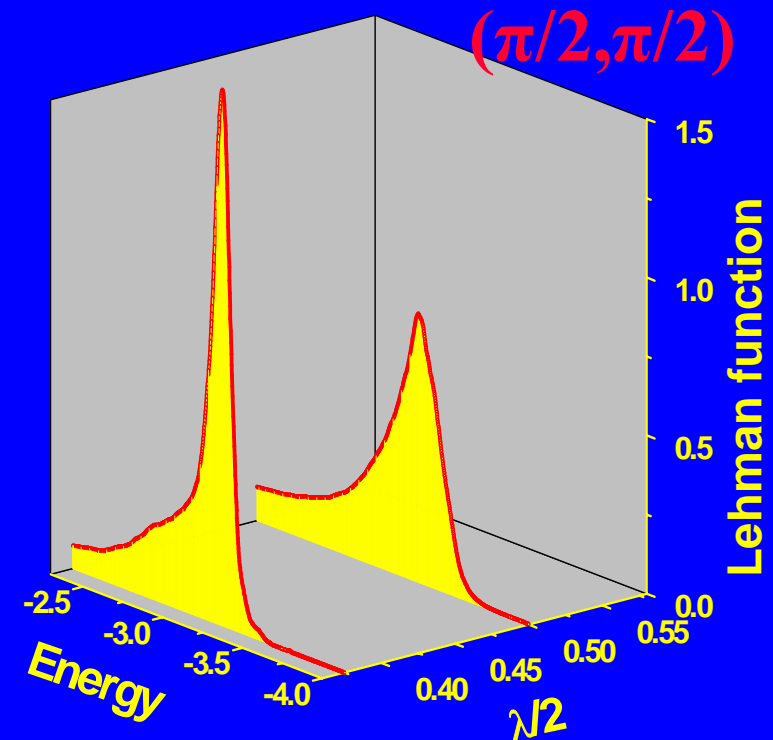


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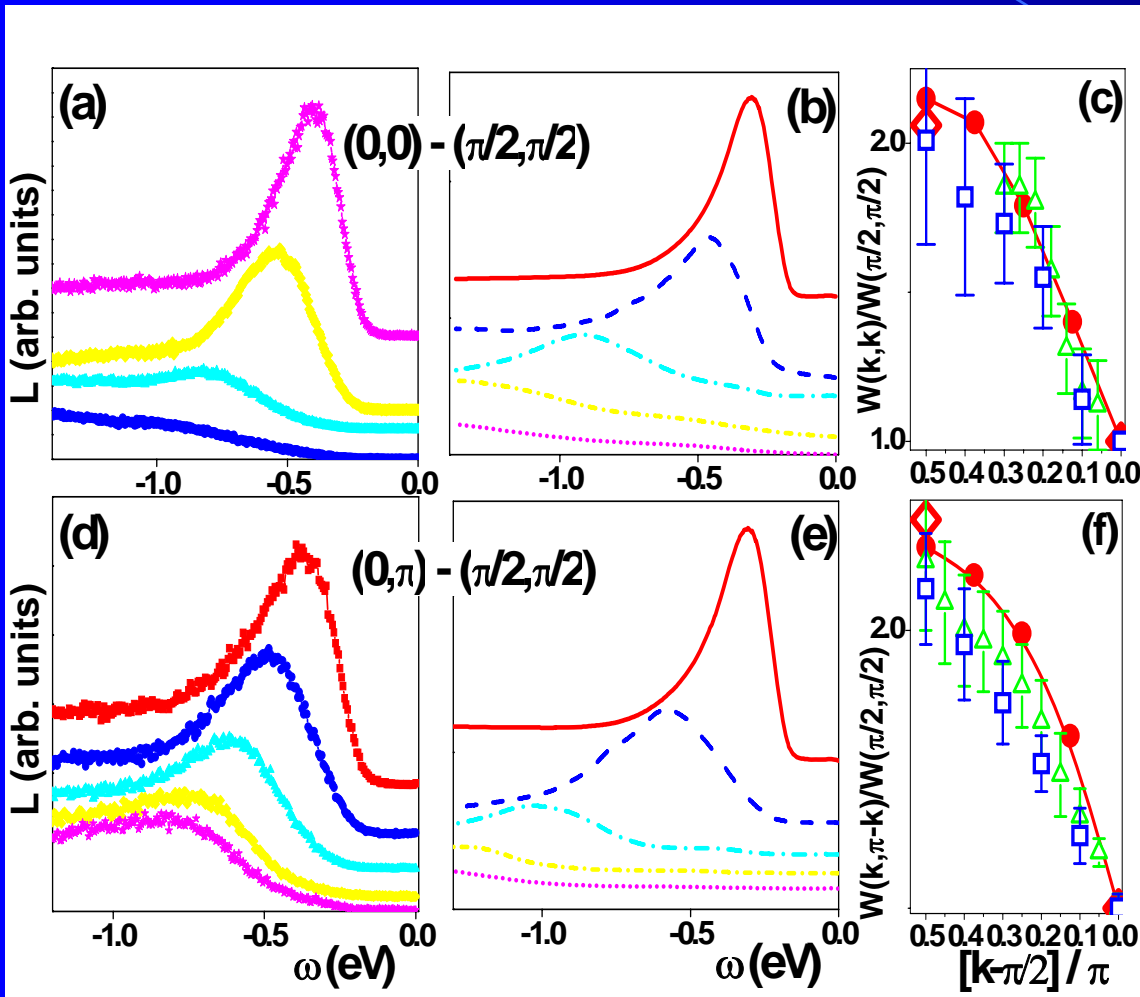
Linewidth ratio  $W(x,x)/W(\pi/2,\pi/2)$   
exactly reproduces experiment

*Linewidth at  $(\pi/2,\pi/2)$   
depends on the coupling  
constant  $g$  in theory*

*Linewidth at  $(\pi/2,\pi/2)$   
depends on the compound  
in experiment*



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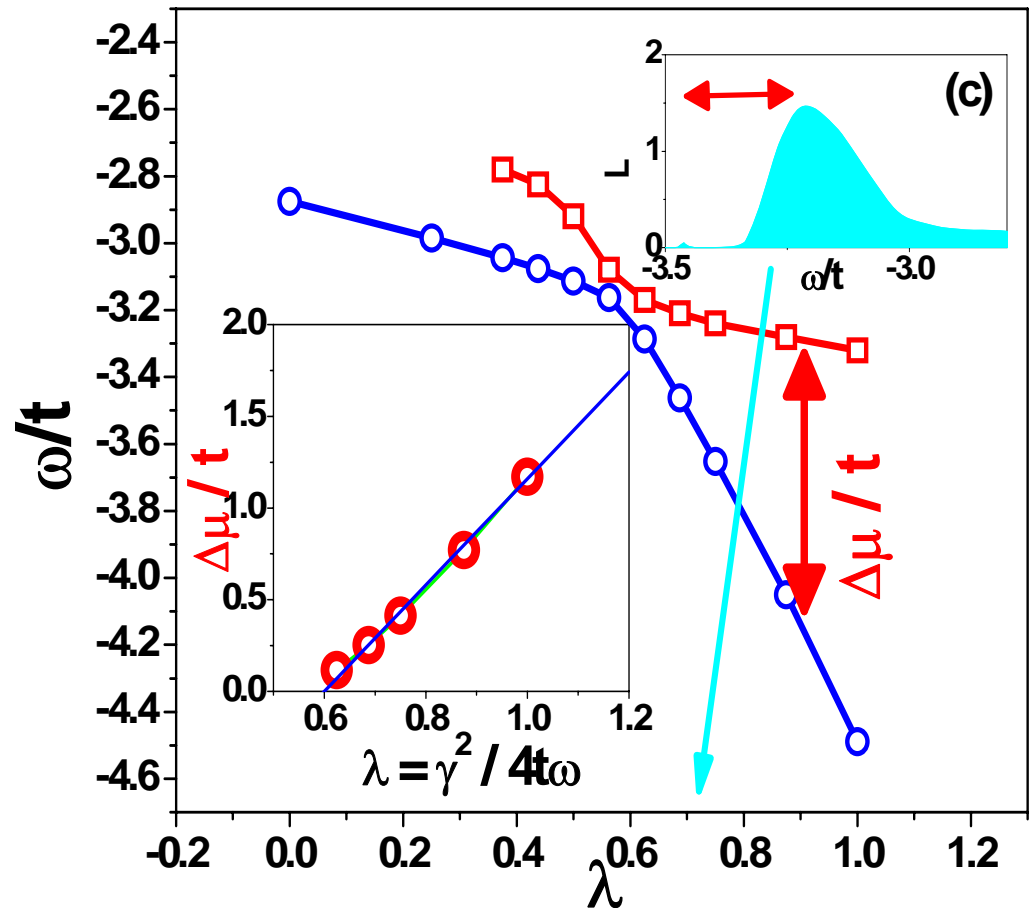


*The ratio*  
 $W(x,x) / W(\pi/2,\pi/2)$   
*is universal*  
*in theory*  
*for any  $g$  in*  
*strong coupling regime*  
*( $g=0.35, 0.5$ )*  
*and universal*  
*in experiment*  
*for different*  
*compounds*  
 $(\text{Sr,Ca})_2\text{CuO}_2\text{Cl}_2$

# Scaling of the distance of Franc-Condon shake off peak from polaron pole (or $\mu$ )

$$\Delta\mu/t = 2.9 (\lambda - \lambda_c)$$

$$\lambda_c = 0.58$$





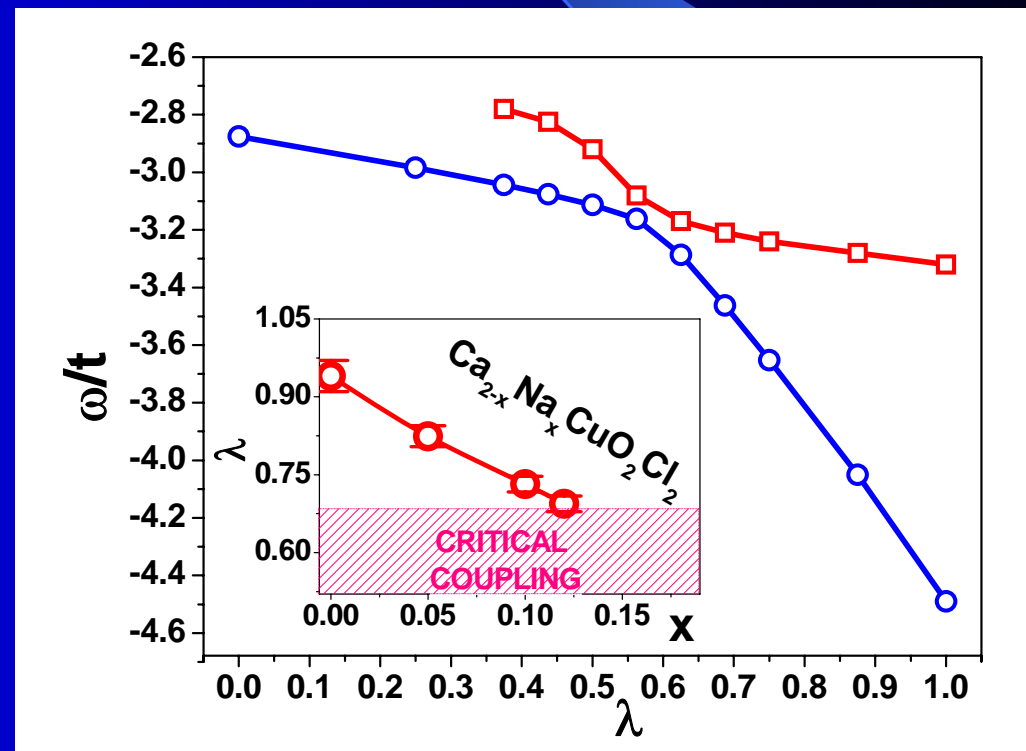
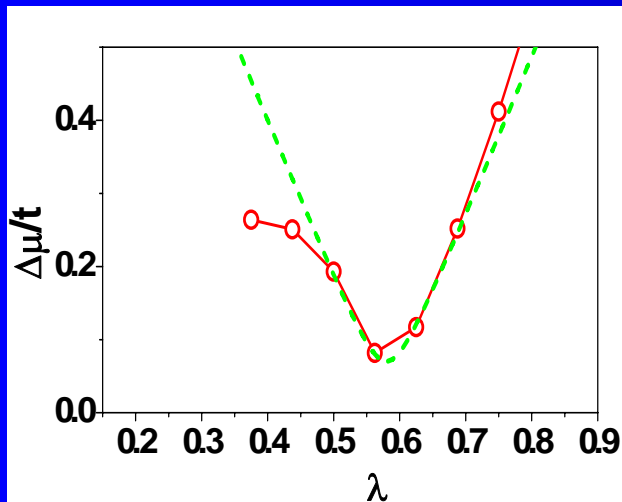
# Doping dependence of the coupling strength in $\text{Ca}_{2-x}\text{Na}_x\text{CuO}_2\text{Cl}_2$

Close to  $\lambda_c = 0.58$  energy difference can be fitted as hybridization law

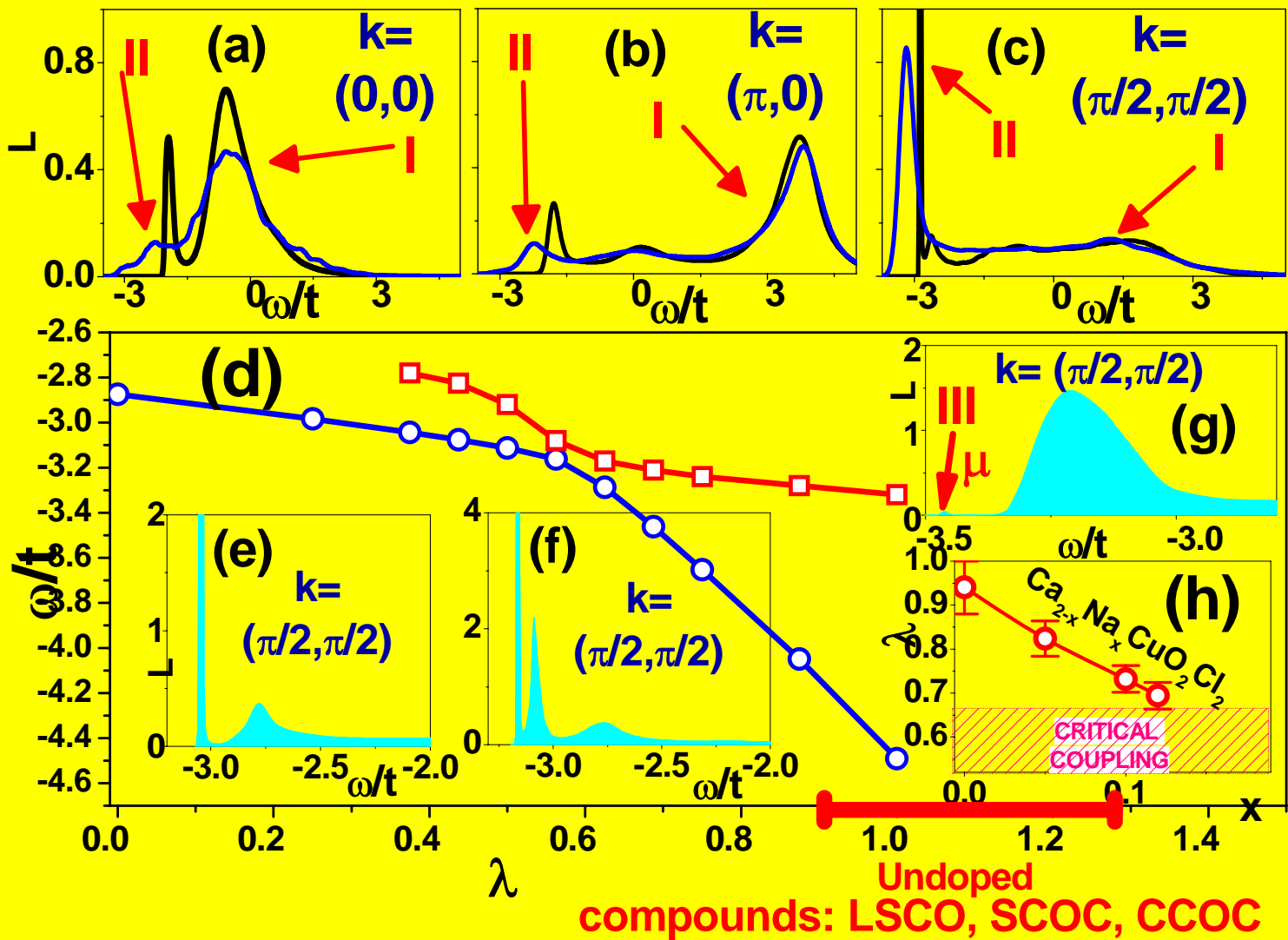
Theoretical results  
Compared with experiment  
K.M.Shen et.al PRL(2004)

$$\Delta\mu/t = [a(\lambda - \lambda_c)^2 + v^2]^{1/2}$$

For  $a=4.8$ ,  $v=0.07$



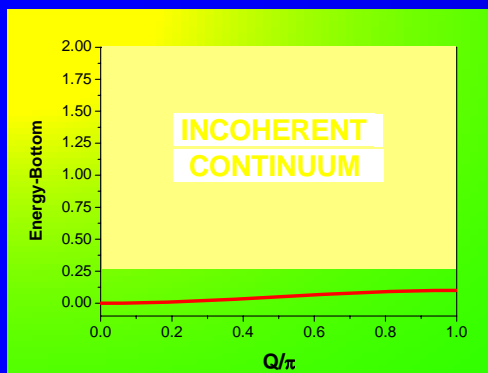
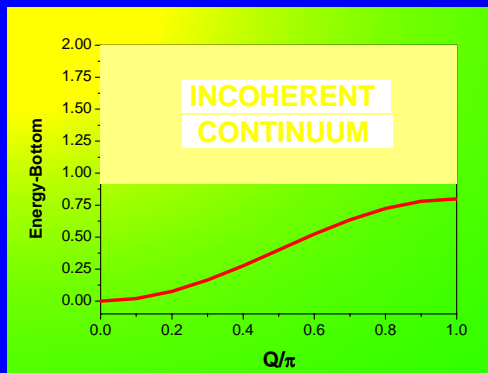
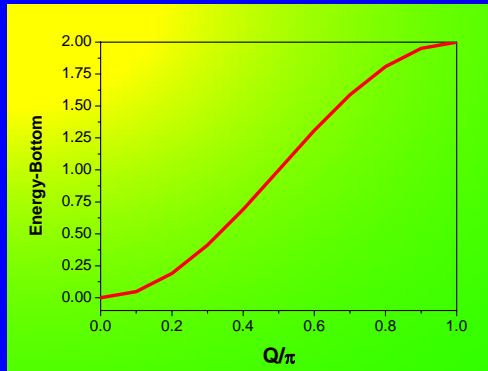
# Summary for compounds in strong-coupling regime



# *Polaron physics in $tt't''$ -J model in weak and intermediate regime*

- 1. Different pictures which we imagine when hear “a polaron formation”.*
- 2. How “polaron formation” is seen with high and low resolution in ARPES.*
- 3. What we see when phonon branch is crossed by quasiparticle with high and low resolution.*
- 4. Dependence of  $\lambda$  on the doping in LSCO*

# Traditional images of narrow polaron band formation

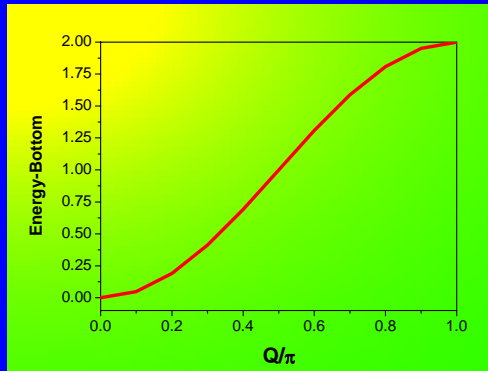


Weak  
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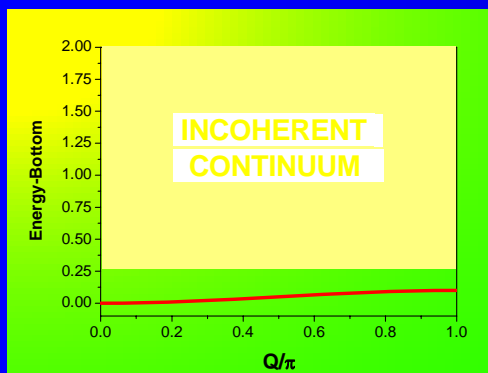
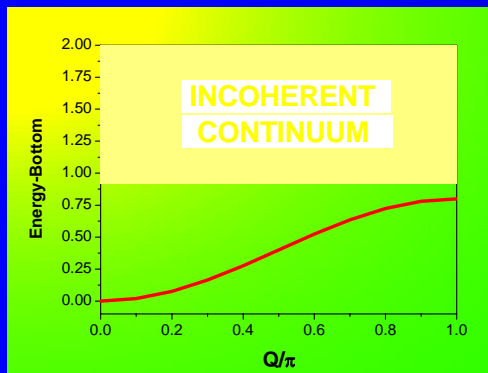


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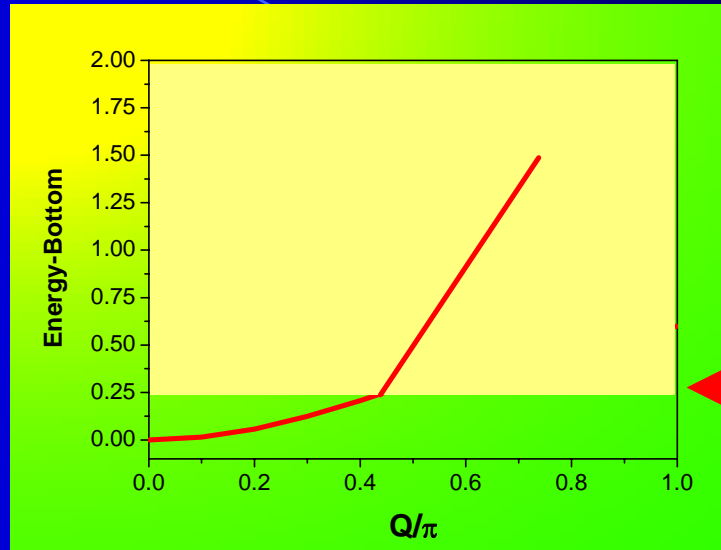
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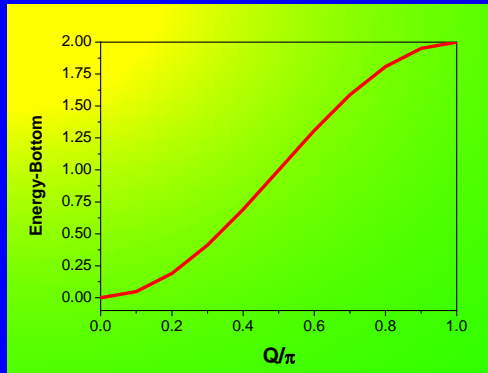


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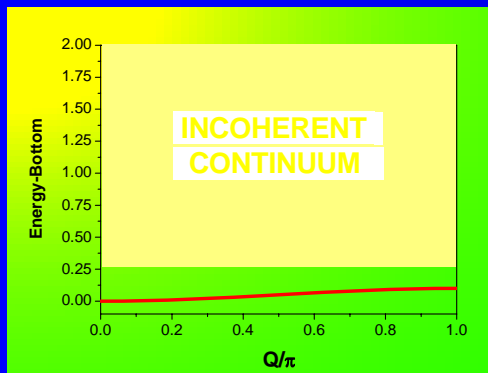
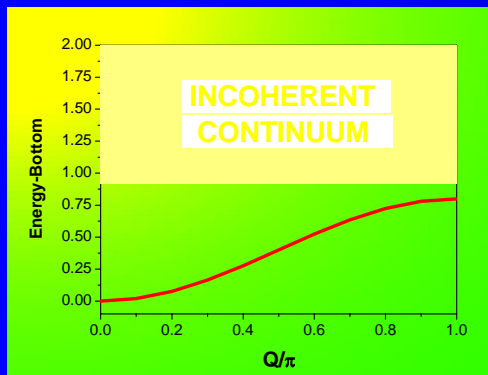


One  
pole  
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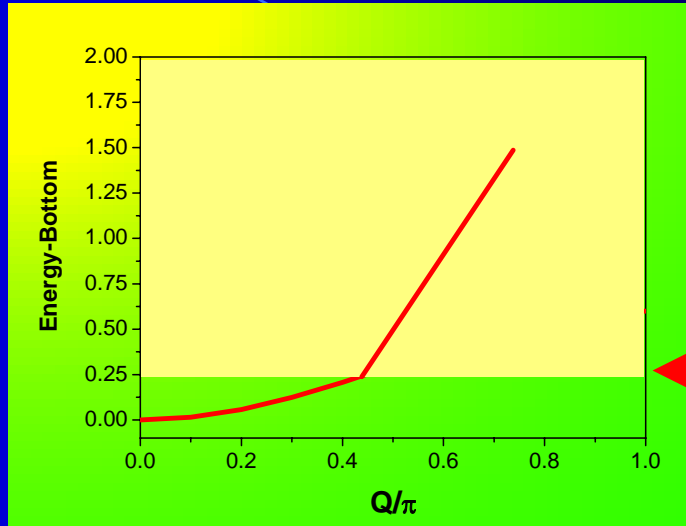
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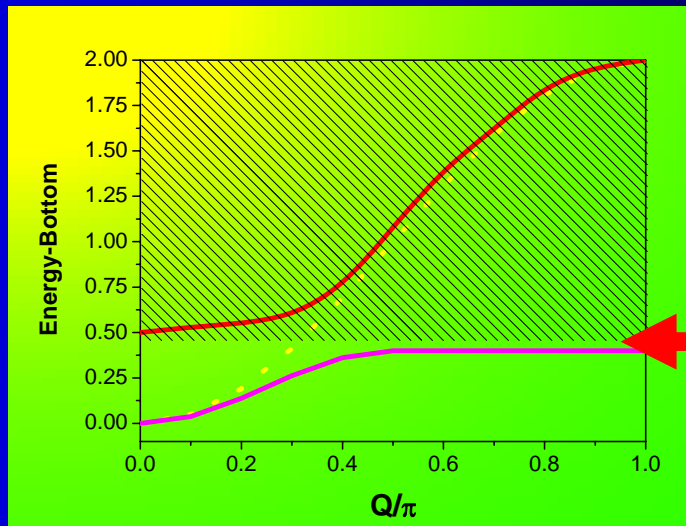
Weak coupling



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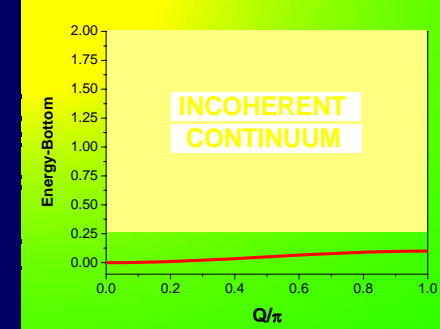
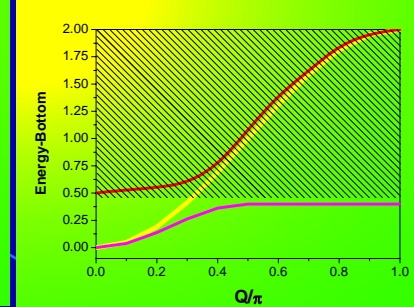
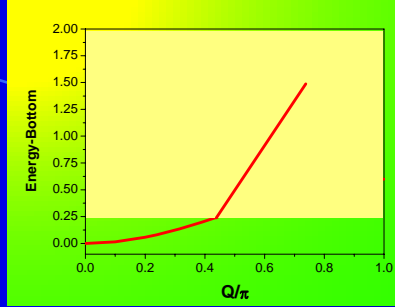


One pole approximation  
Eliashberg theory



TWO poles  
Engelsberg-Scrieffer approximation

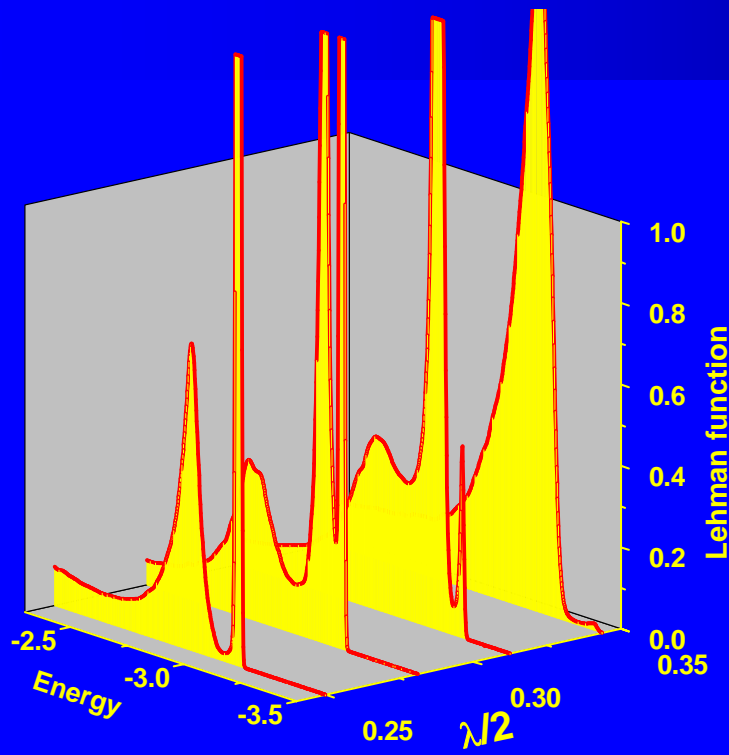
E-ph interaction  
dependence  
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the top and the  
bottom of the band



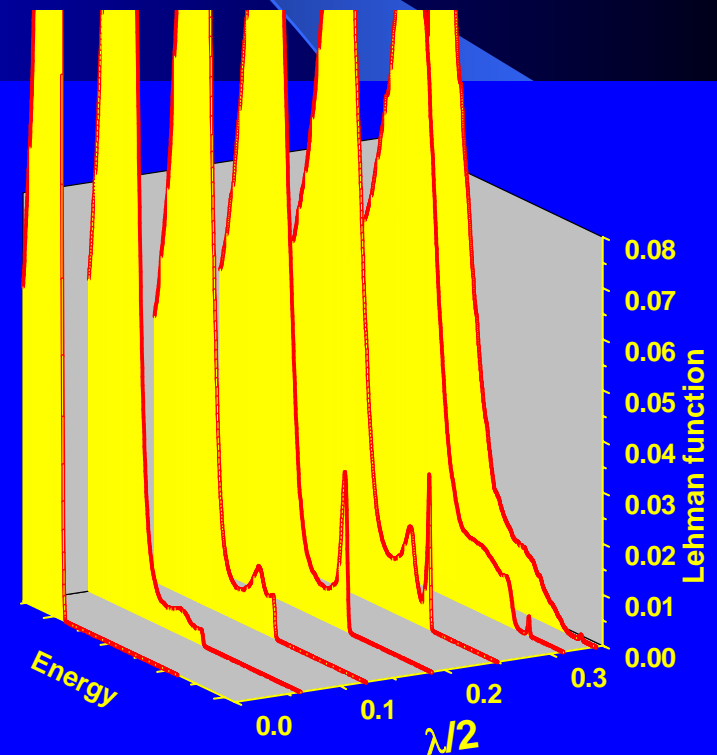
$\lambda < 0.6$

$\lambda > 0.6$

Band bottom ( $\pi/2, \pi/2$ )

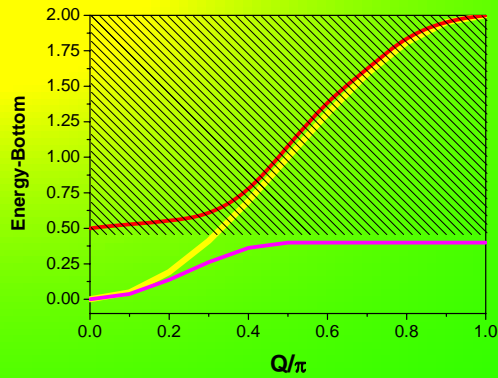


Band top ( $0, \pi$ )



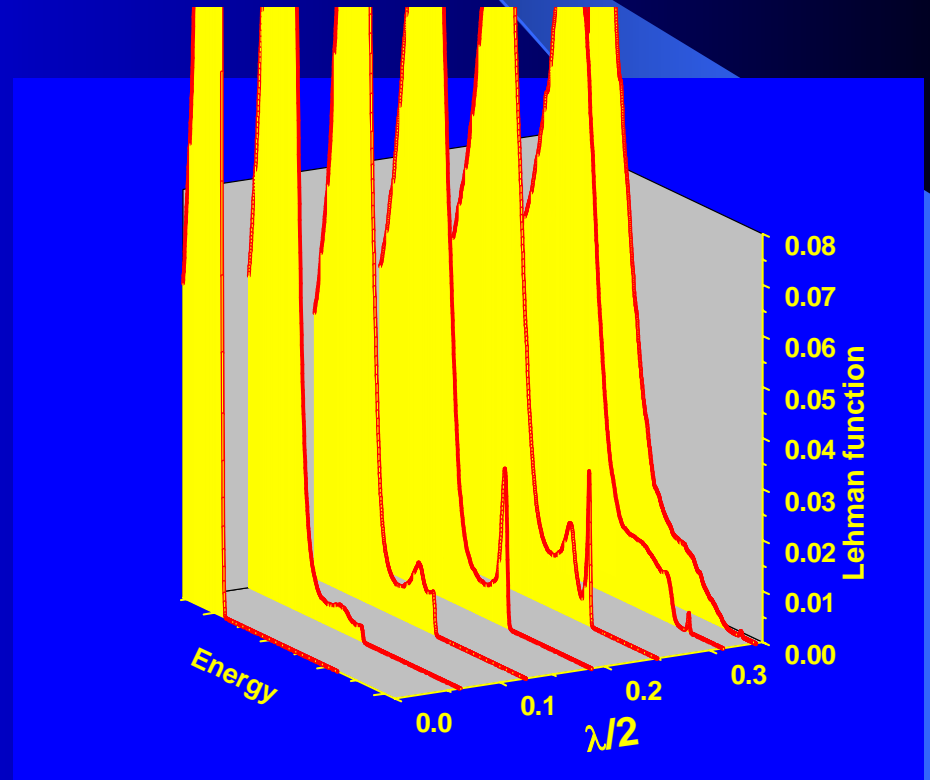
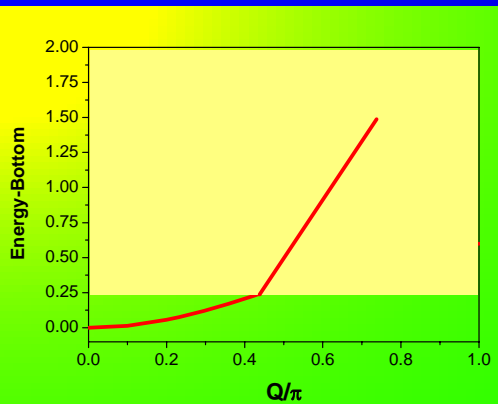
What happens  
when phonon  
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Band top ( $0, \pi$ )



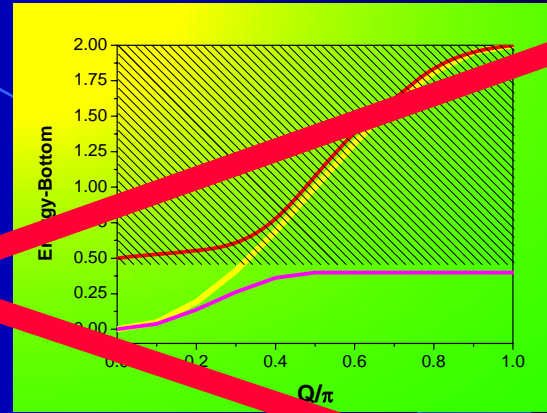
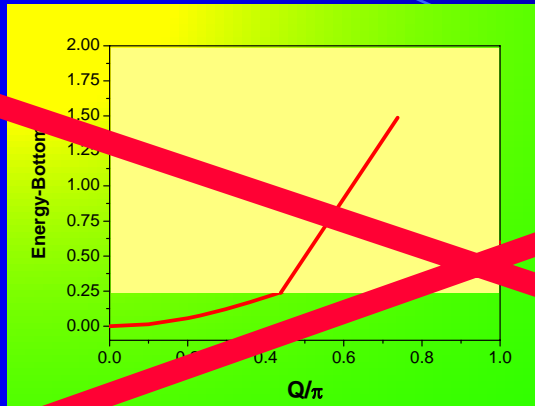
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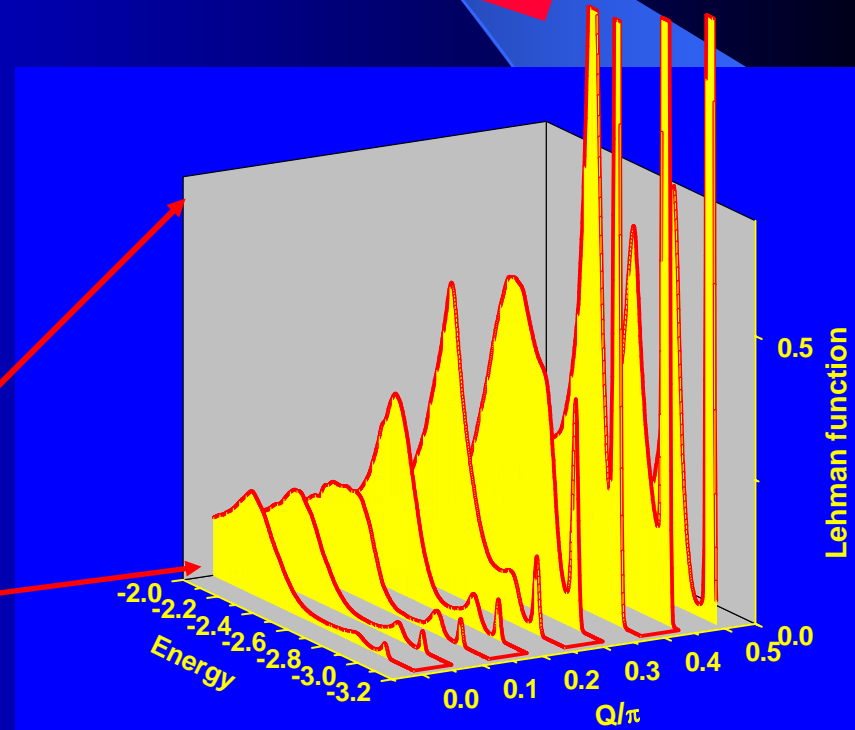
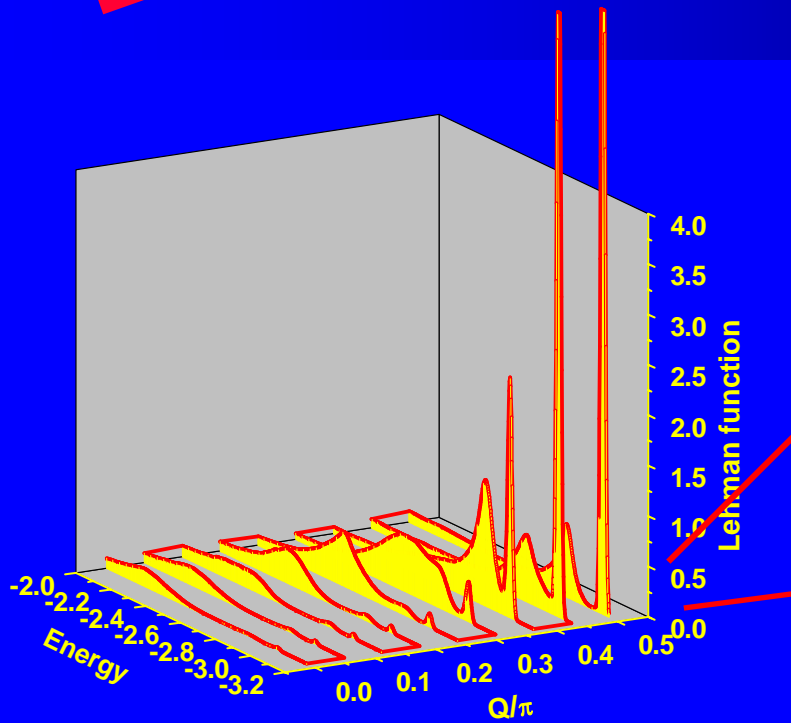




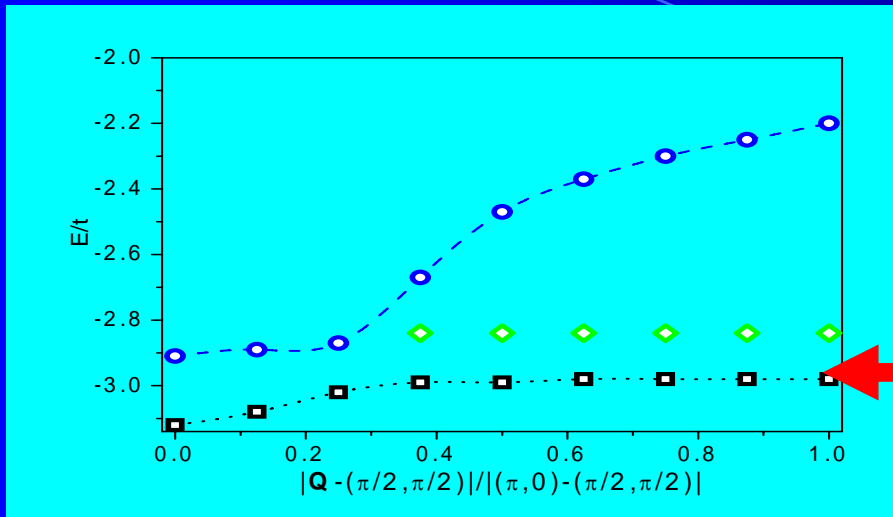
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*Both  
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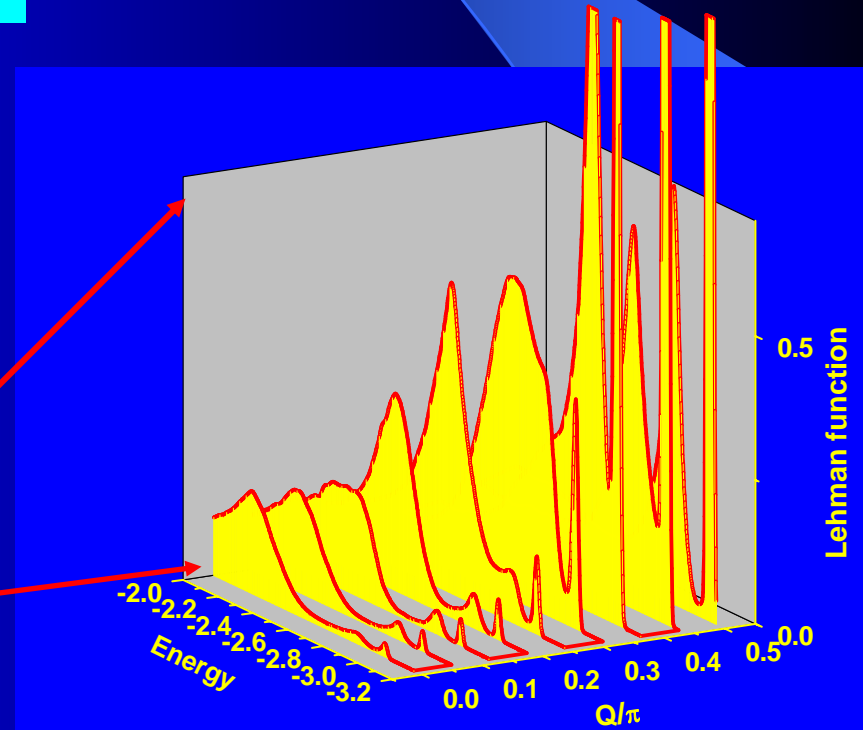
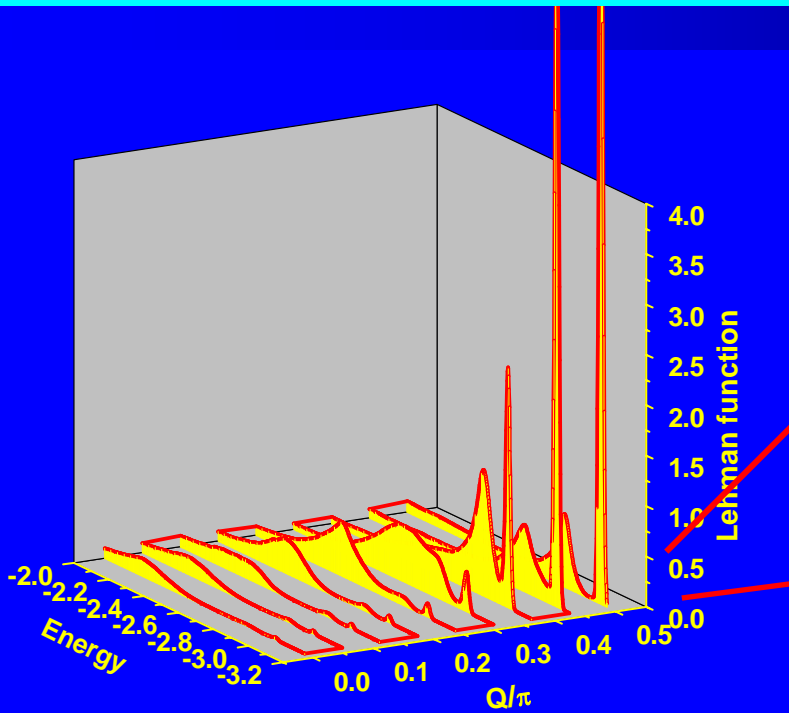


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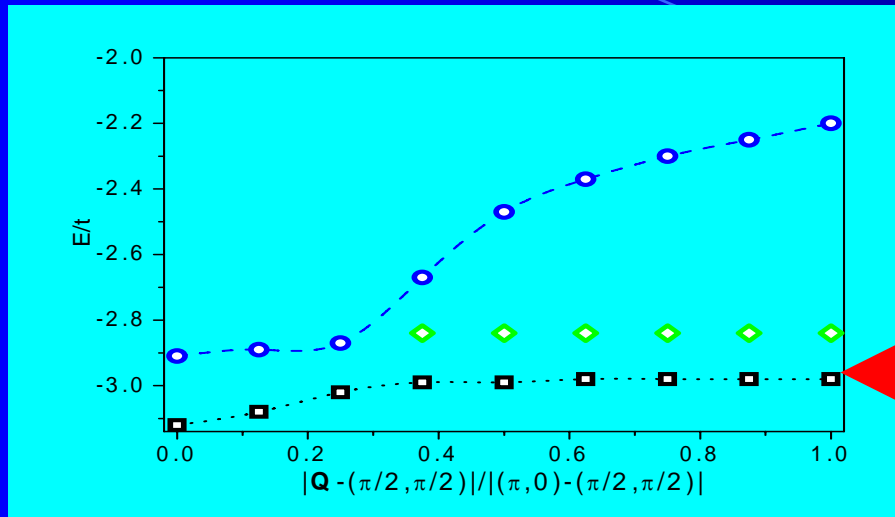


*Picture is more reach with high resolution*

*PH*

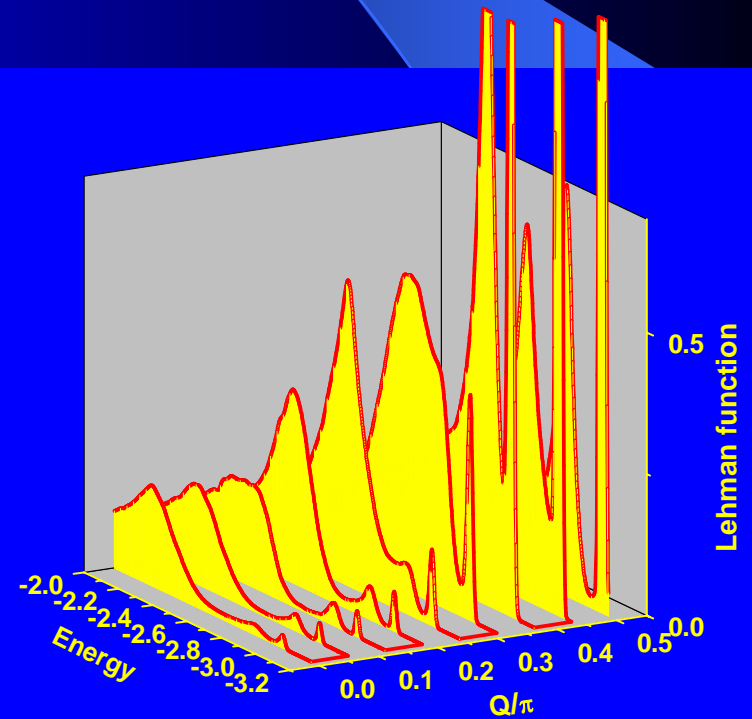
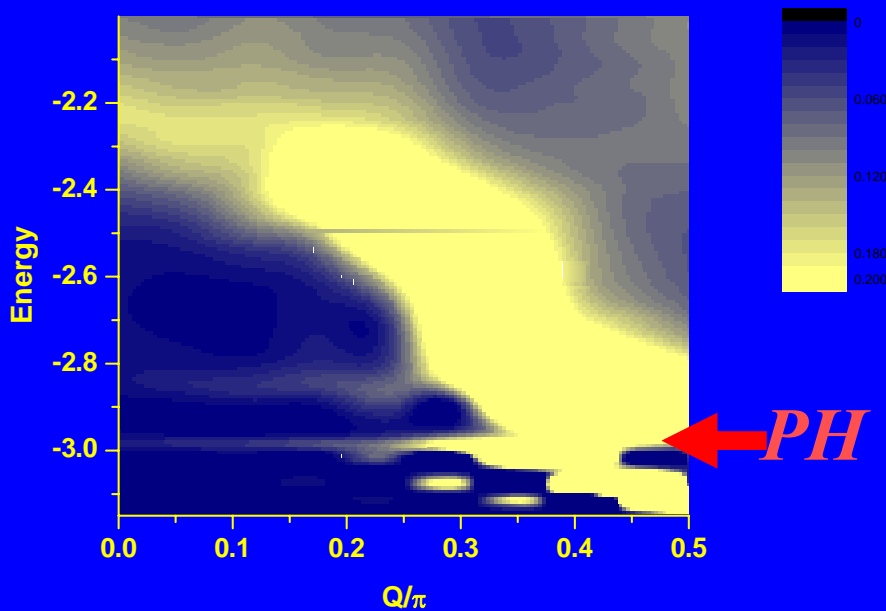


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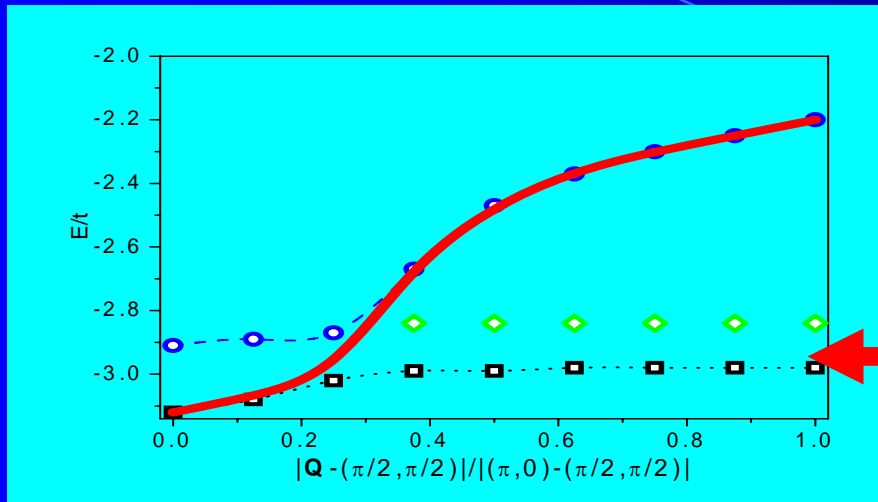


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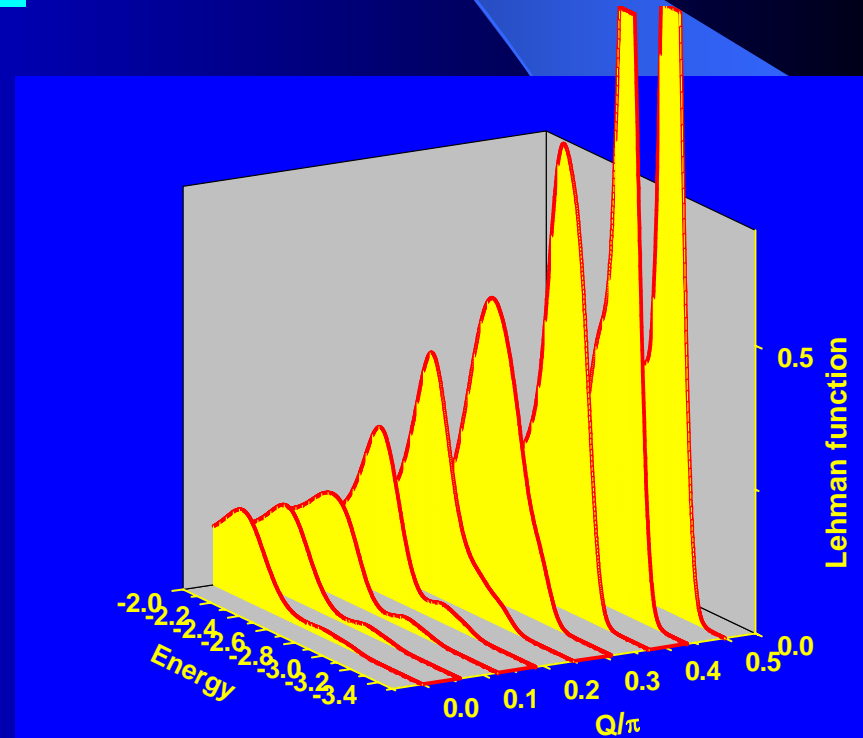
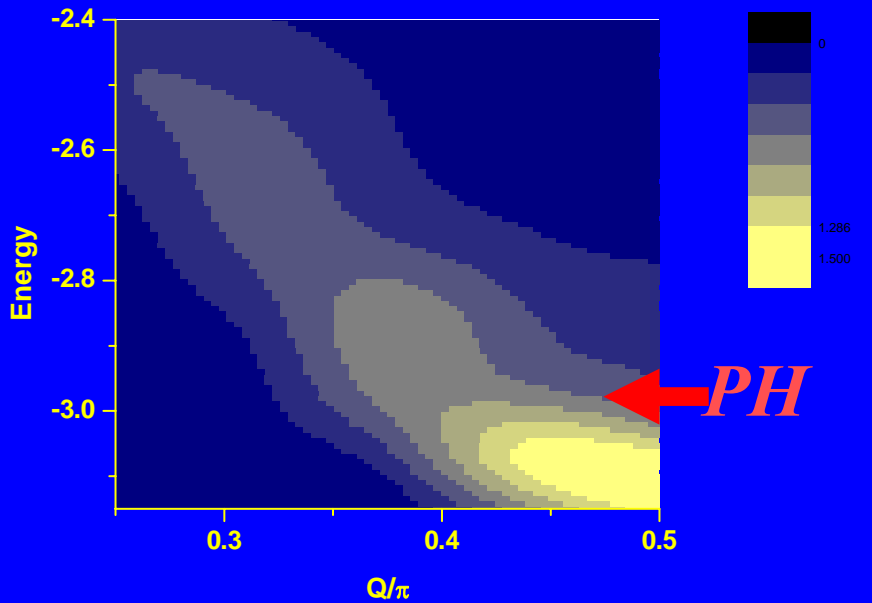
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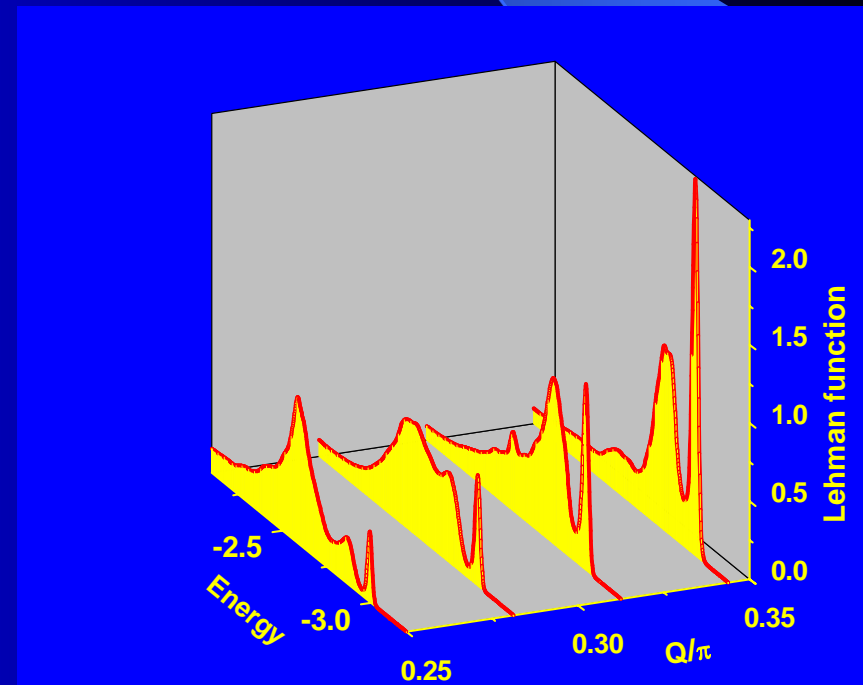
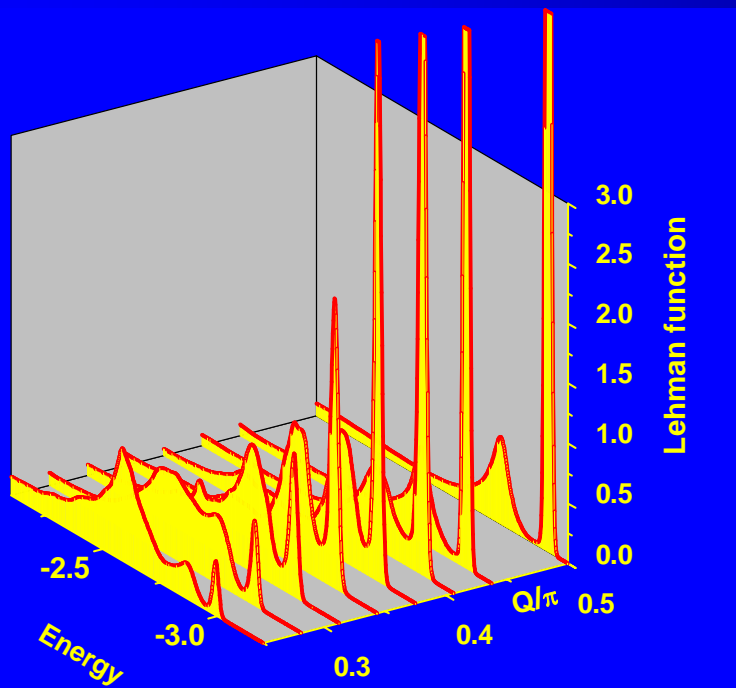


*Picture recovers  
simple "Eliashberg"  
form  
with low resolution*



*Spectra:  $(0, 0) \text{ --- } (\pi/2, \pi/2)$  at  $\lambda=0.5$*

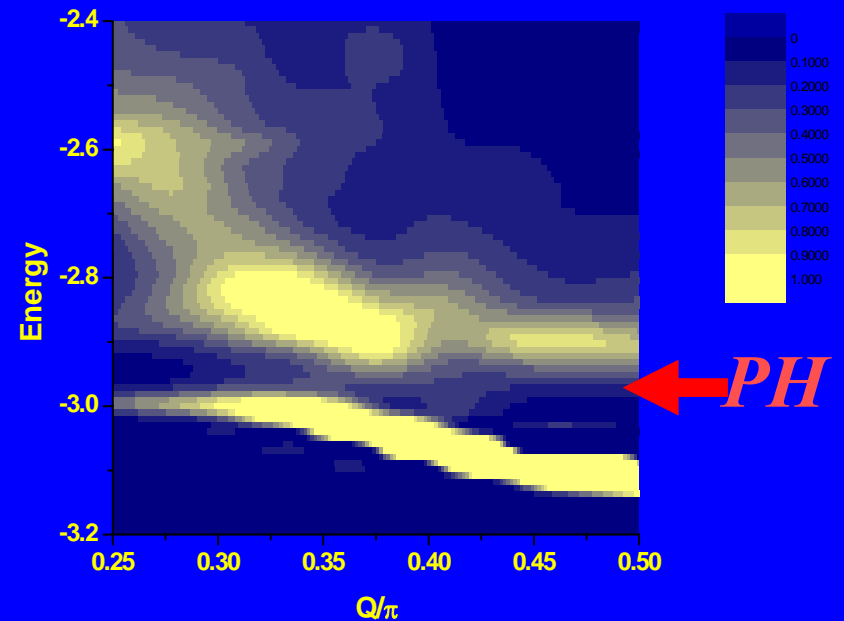
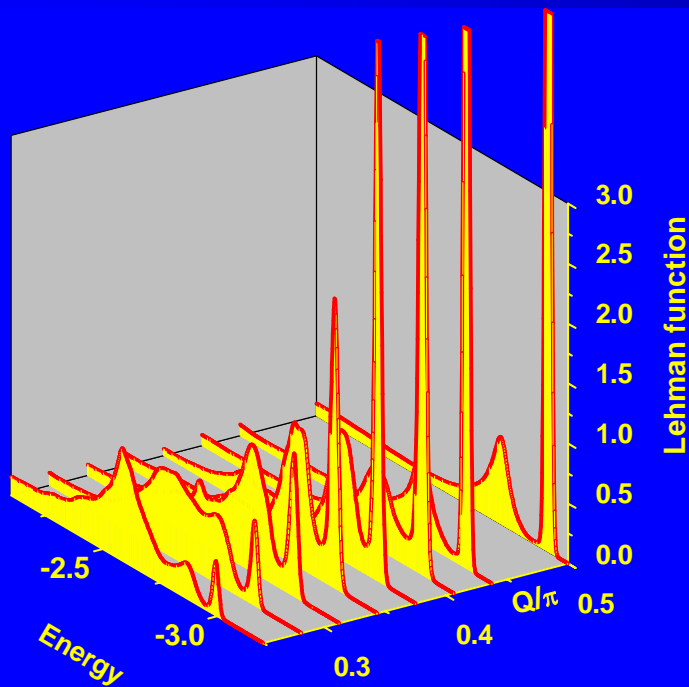
*Picture reminds redistribution of weights  
between several resonances at phonon  
mode crossing  
with high resolution*



*Spectra:  $(0, 0) \rightarrow (\pi/2, \pi/2)$  at  $\lambda=0.5$*

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between several resonances  
with high resolution*

*Special thanks to George Sawatzky*



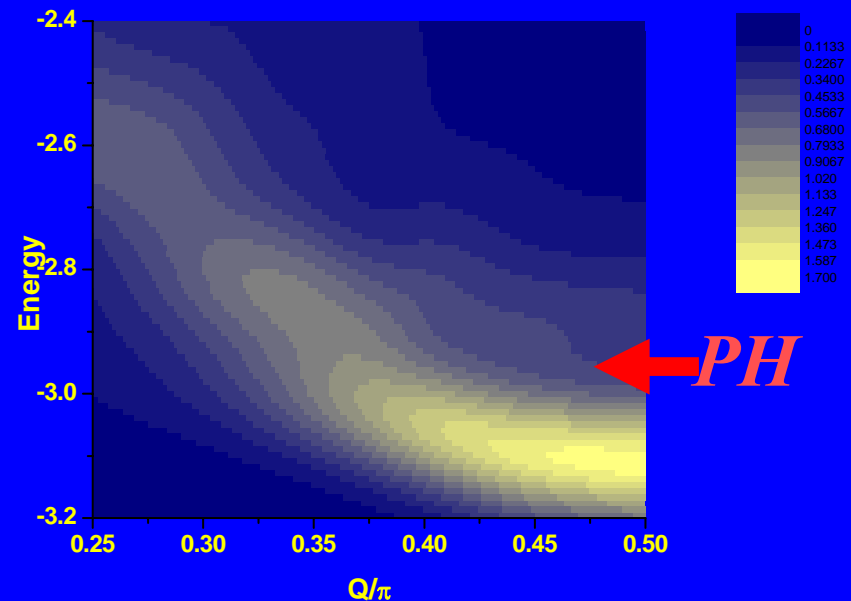
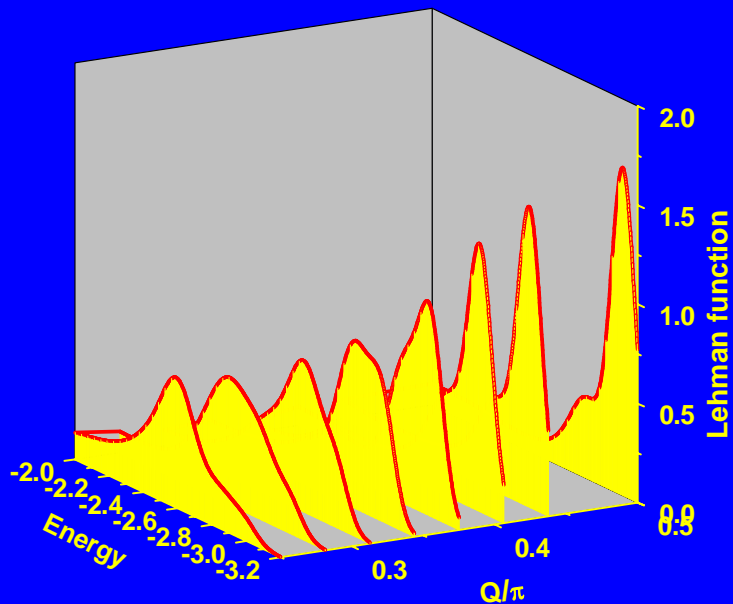
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*Tends back to  
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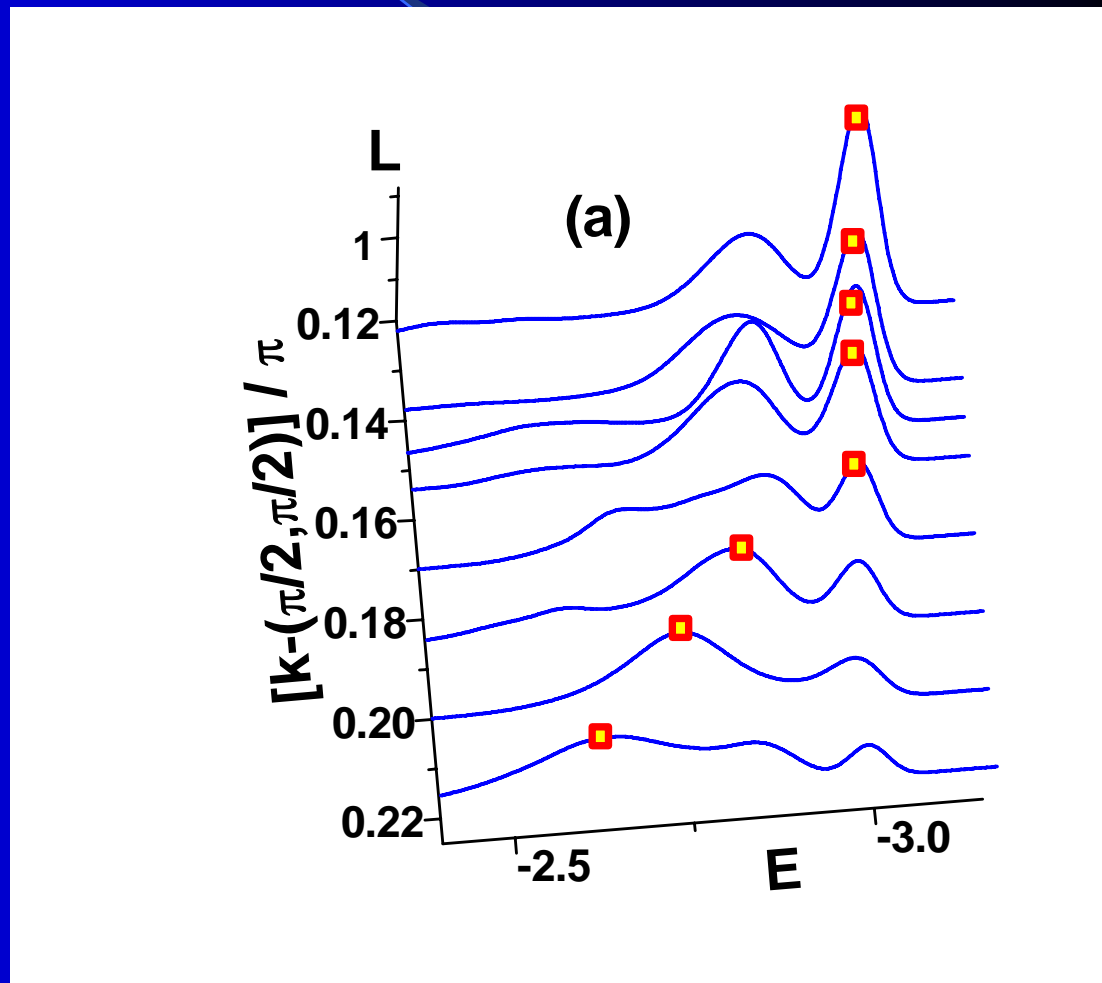
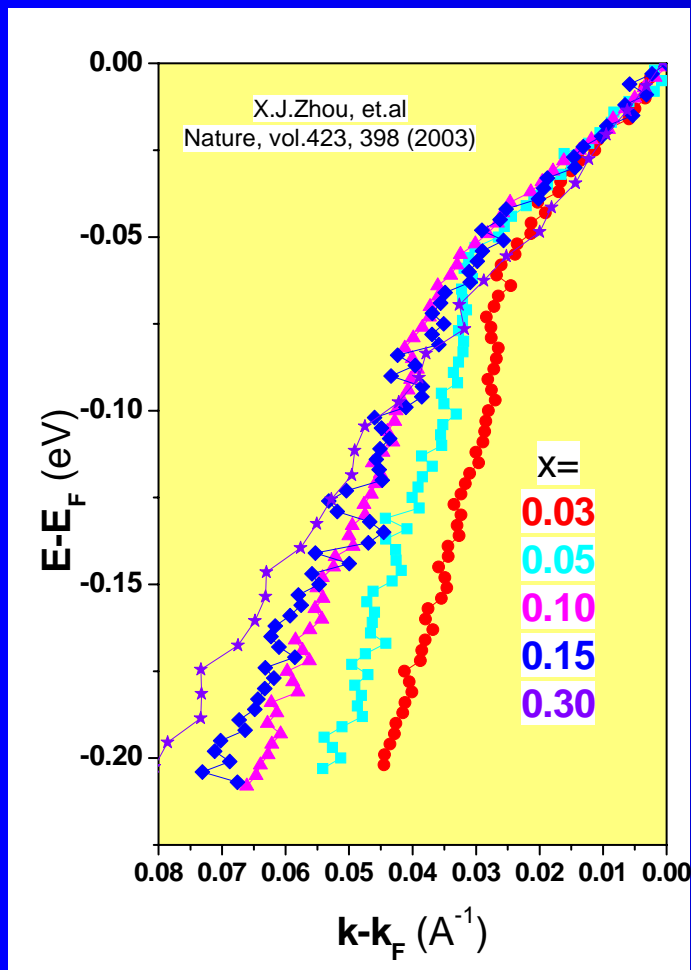
*Either samples will be improved*

*OR(?????)*

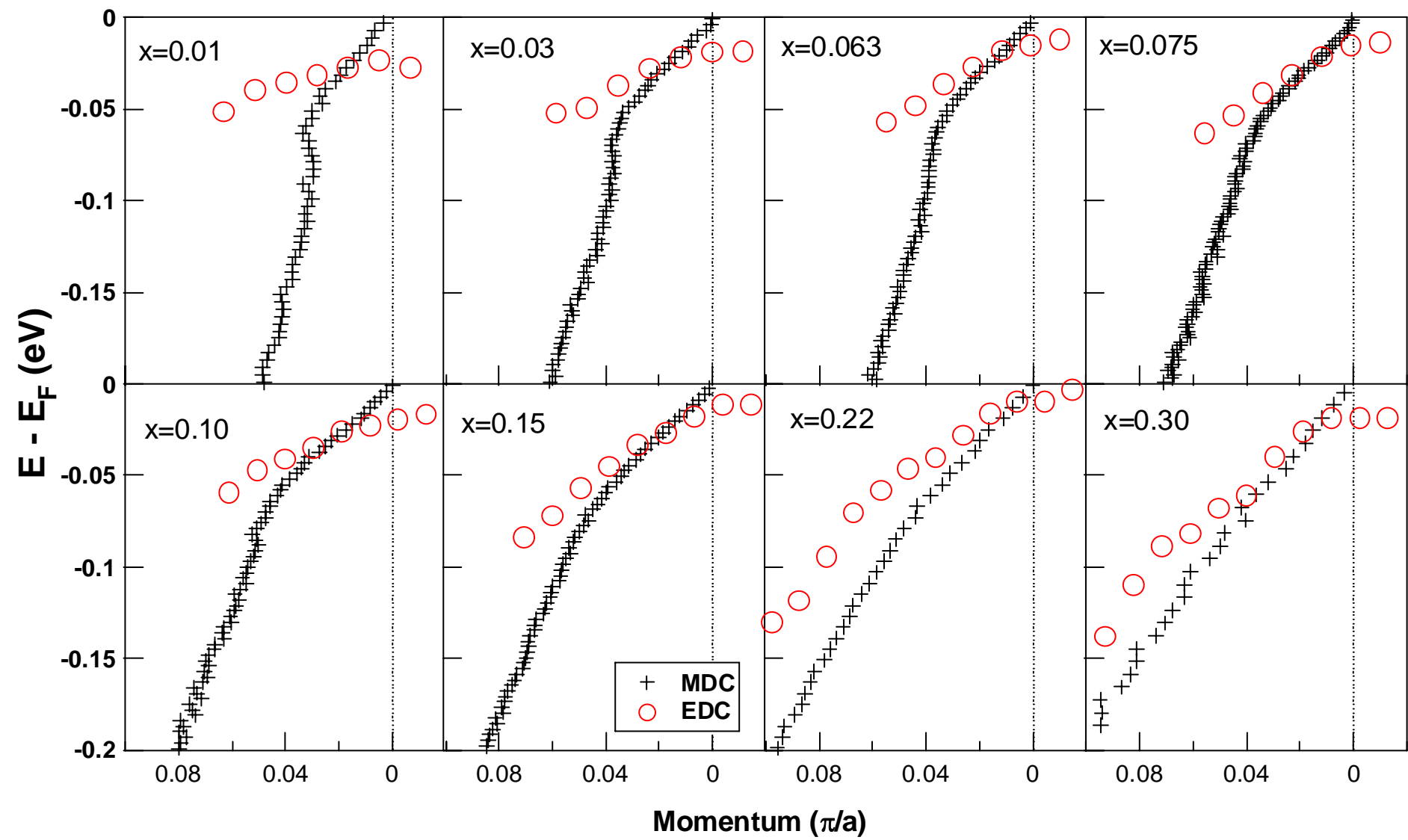
*Theory will be spoiled by impurities*



*Kink exists in theoretical data and reproduces even the shape of the experimental dispersion*







# MDC and EDC dispersions

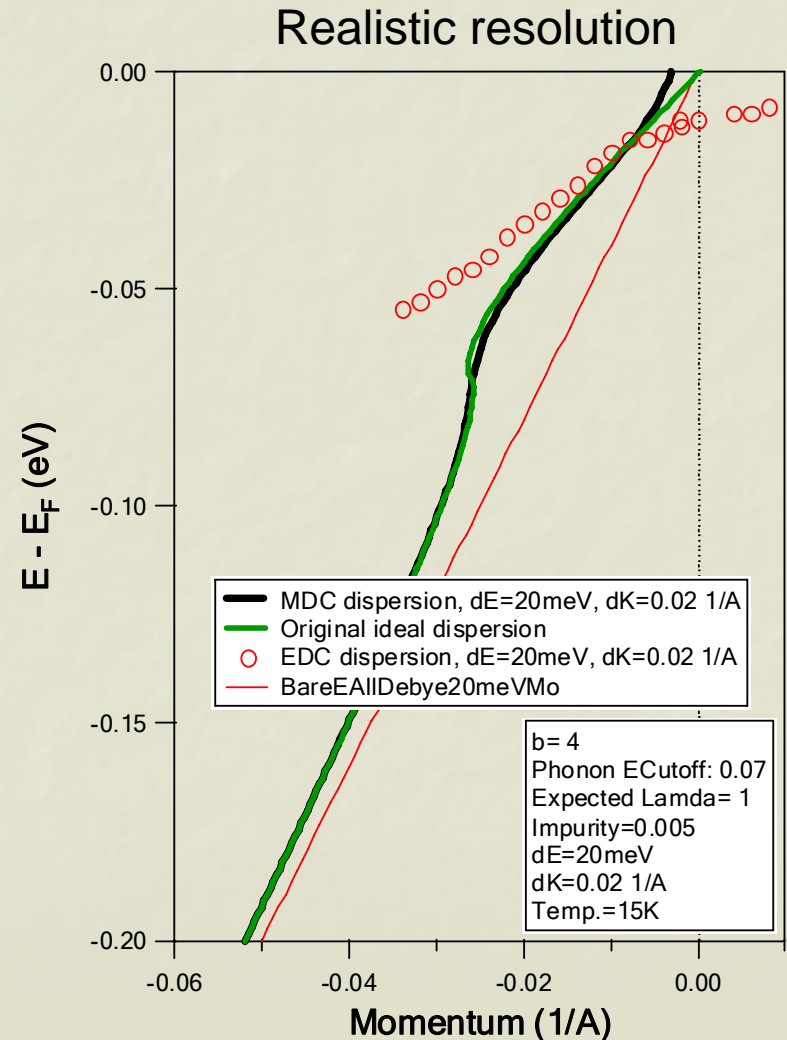
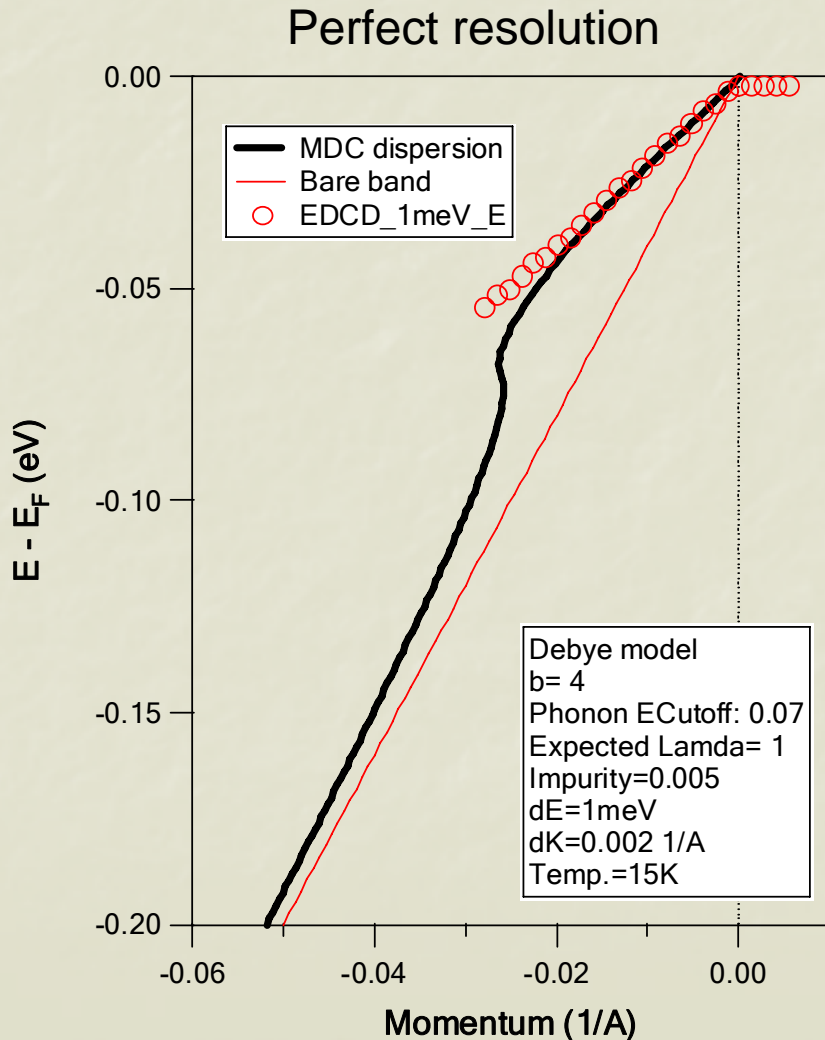
- (1). In the traditional el-ph coupling, from simulations, under perfect energy and momentum resolution, EDC and MDC dispersions are identical;
- (2). EDC dispersion is more sensitive to energy and momentum resolution. Our simulations find that under realistic energy and momentum resolution as we used, the MDC dispersion is more robust than EDC dispersion;
- (3). EDC dispersion is also sensitive to disorder. As can be seen from  $x=0.03$  data: EDC dispersion varies a lot between two samples, while the MDC dispersions are nearly the same;
- (4). EDC dispersion is also affected by Fermi cutoff and “background”.

**Therefore, for traditional el-ph coupling, MDC dispersion is more robust and better representative of the intrinsic dispersion.**

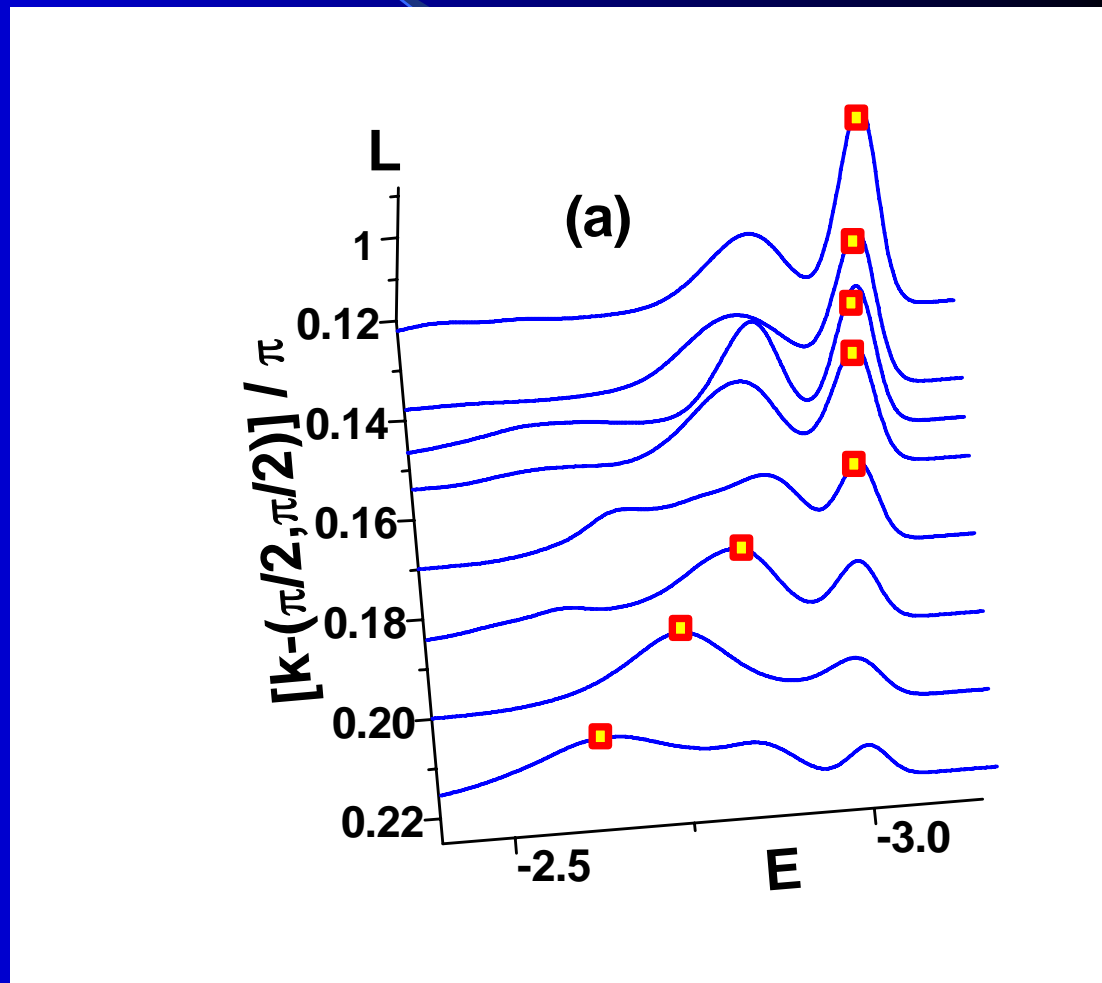
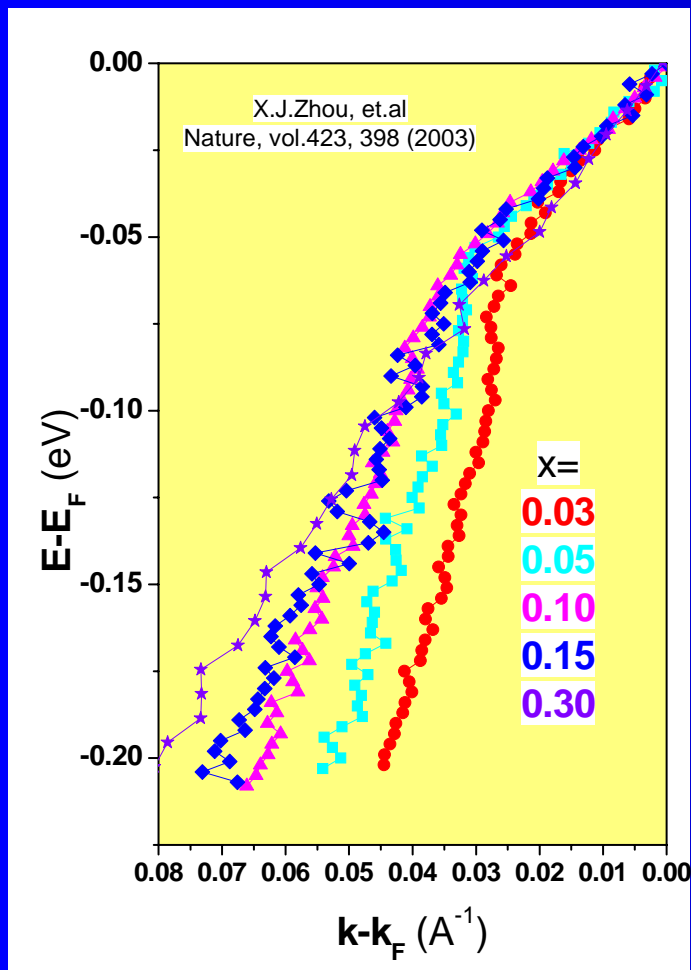
- (5). But, in polaron picture as we discussed in the present paper, since there is no simulation done, we can not tell which one is better between MDC and EDC dispersions.
- (6) From Fig. 4, the overall trend is that low-energy EDC and MDC velocities get closer with increasing doping. This effect may be beyond energy and momentum resolution effect.
- (7). The justification of using EDC dispersion in the present paper is that calculation gives EDC dispersion.

# MDC and EDC dispersions: Why are they different? Which one is reliable?

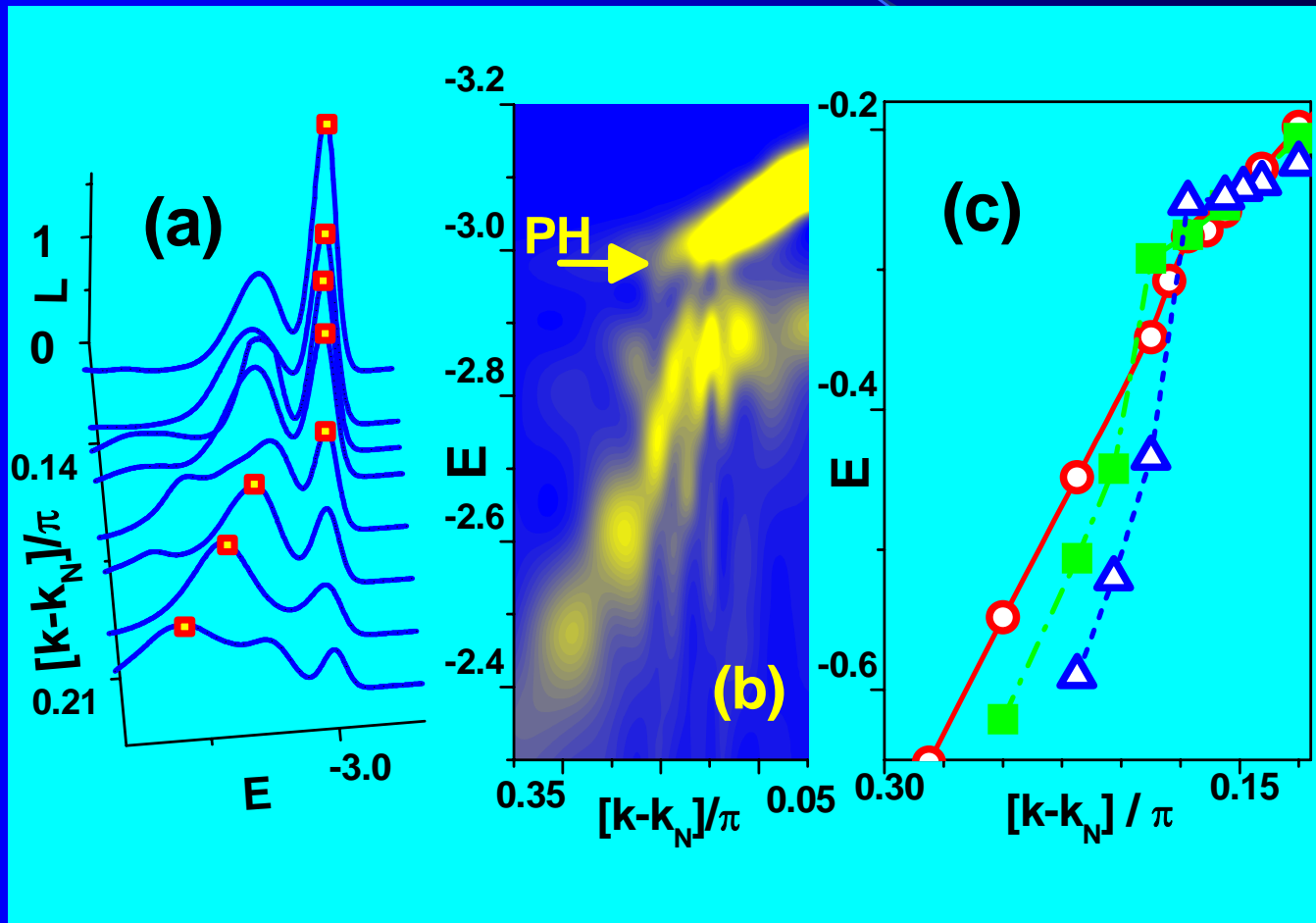
2D Debye model, Cutoff=70 meV, lambda=1



*Kink exists in theoretical data and reproduces even the shape of the experimental dispersion*

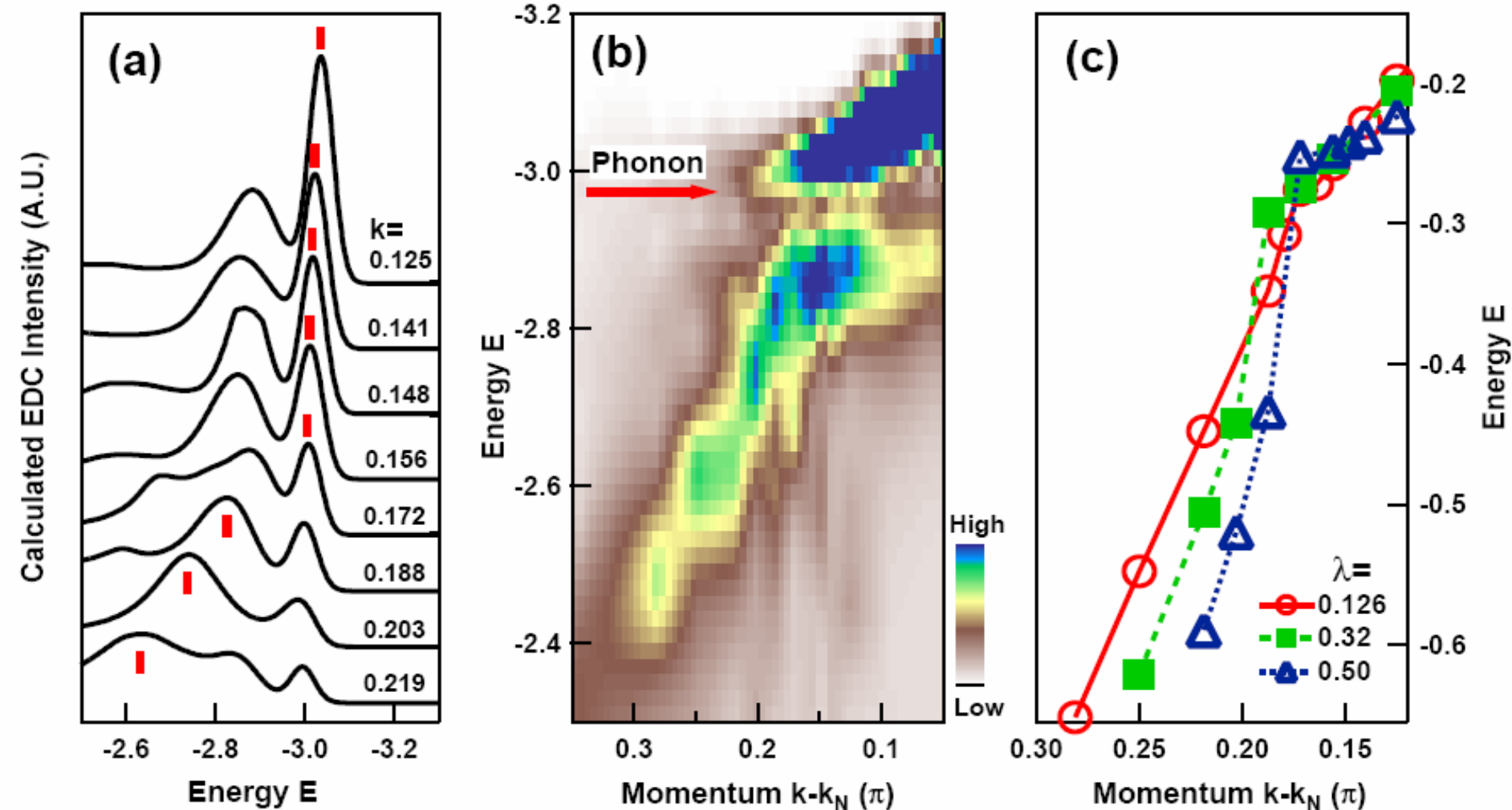


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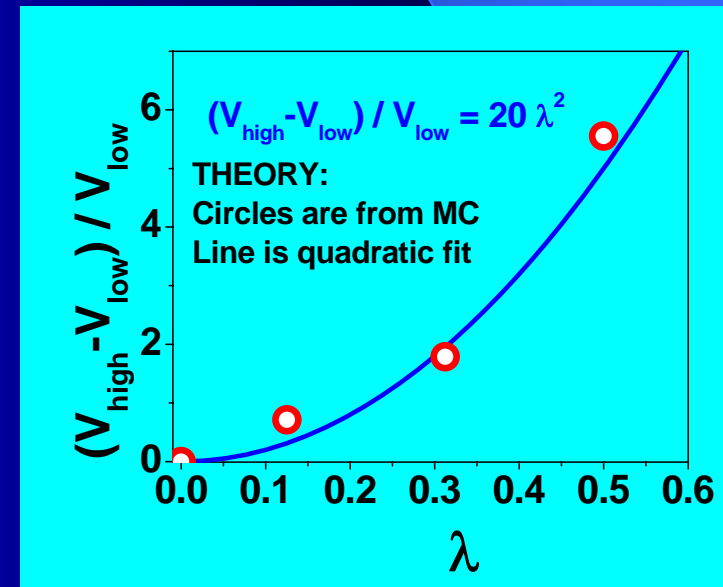
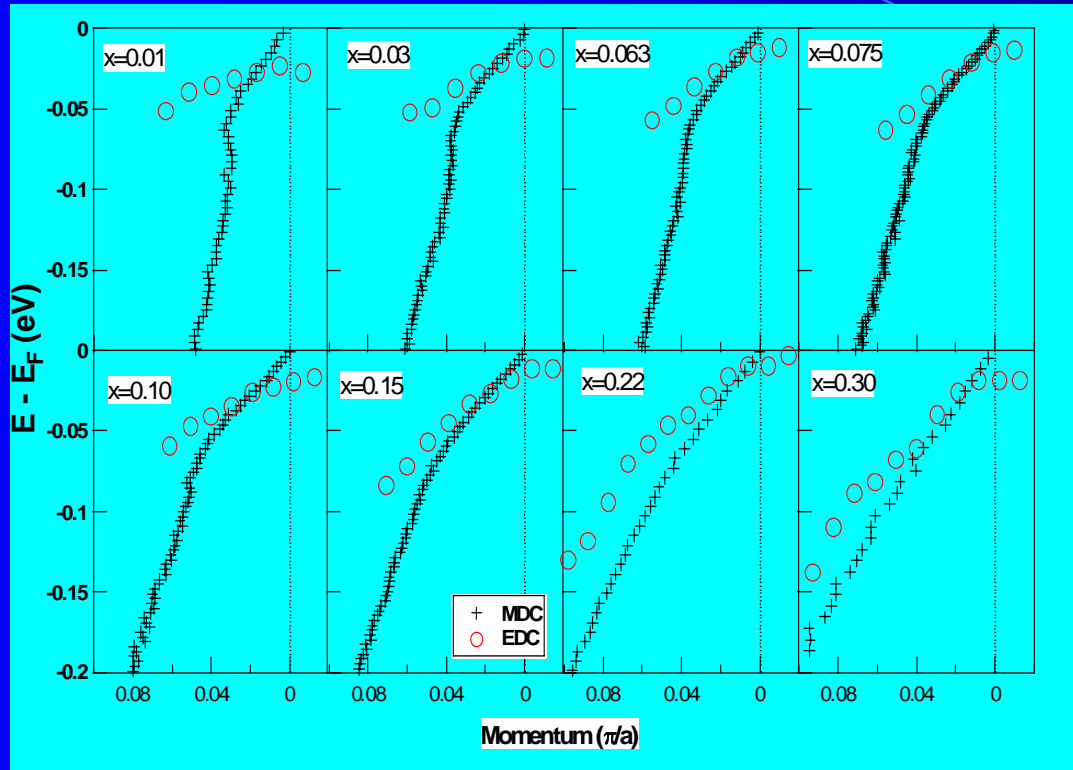


*Energy and wave vector are counted from Fermi energy!*

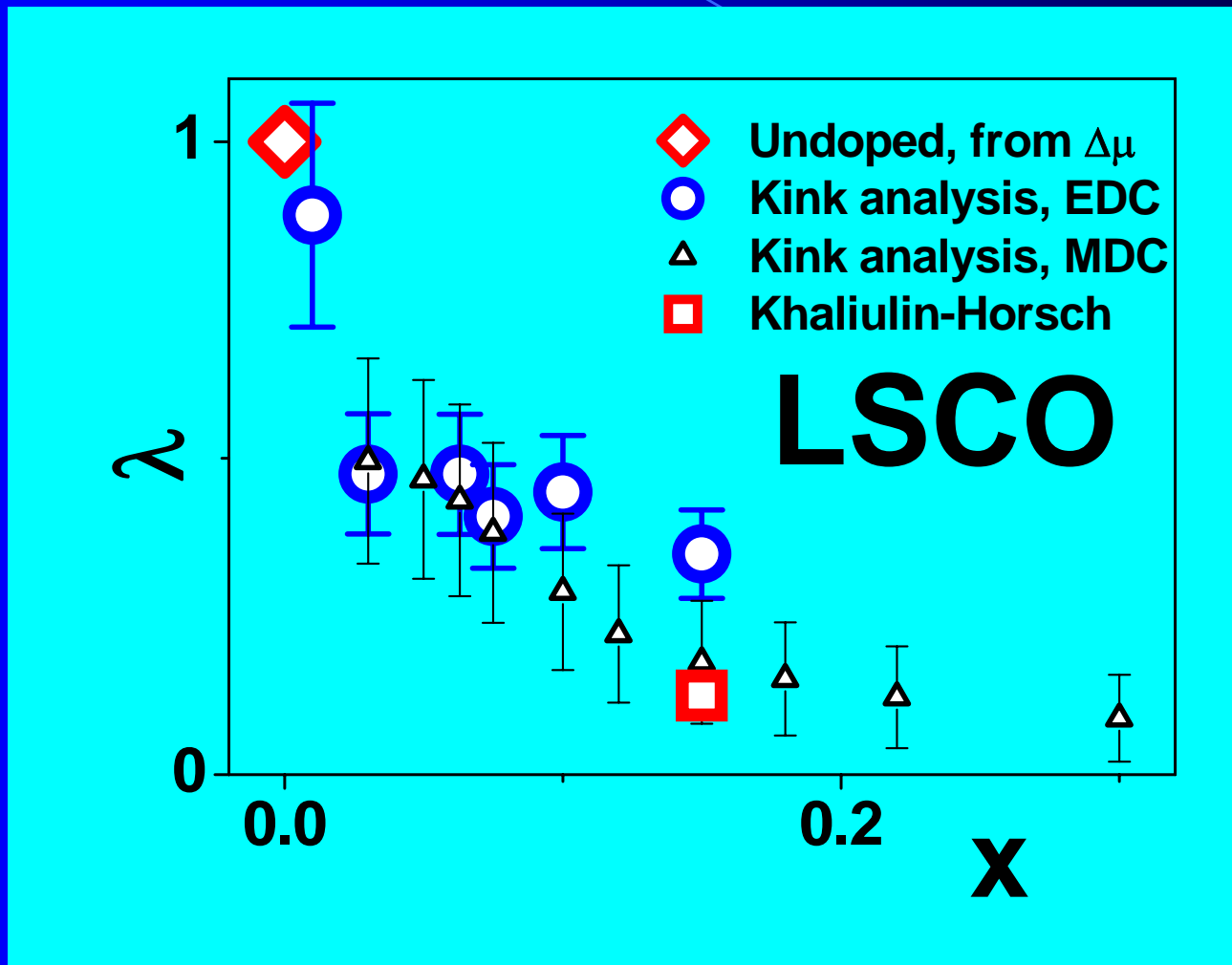
# Theoretical data: theory or experiment?



# EDC and MDC Dispersion of LSCO

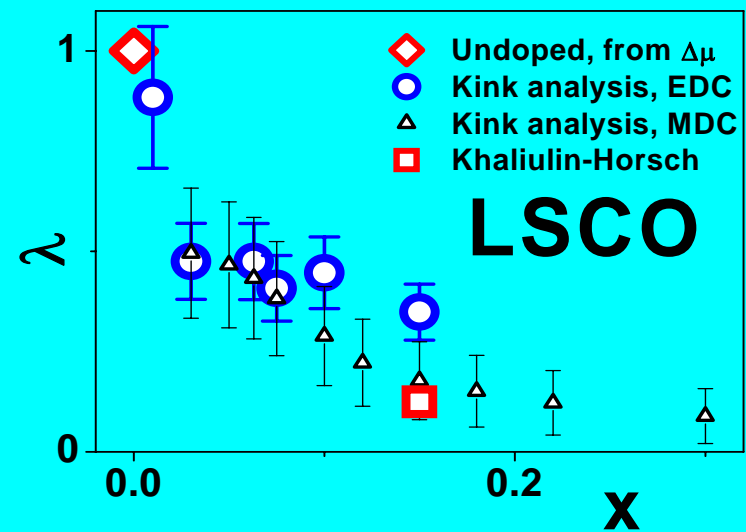
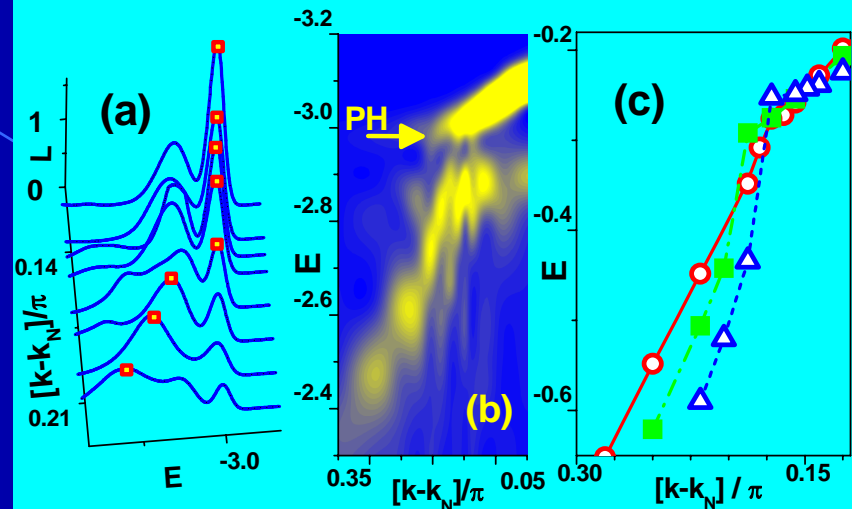
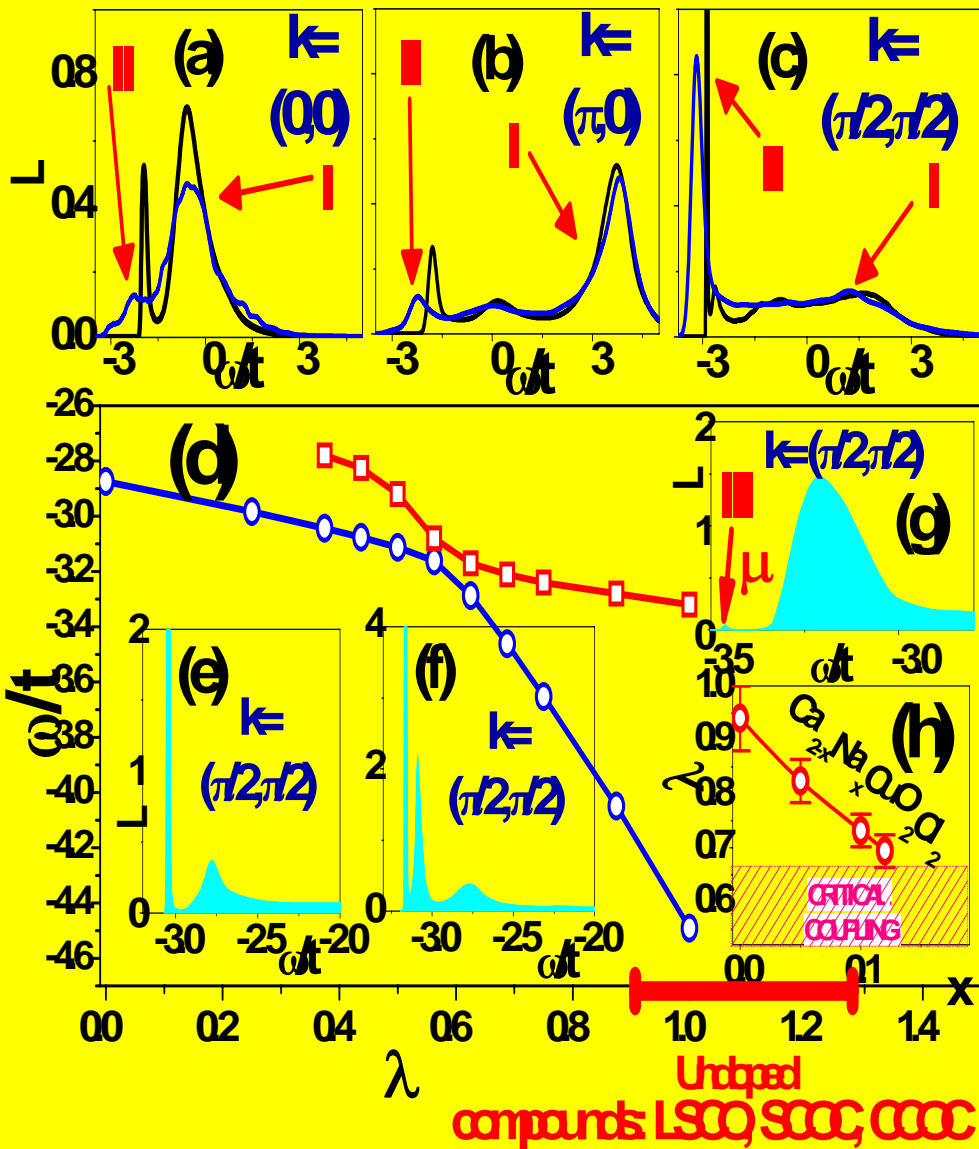


# Dopping dependence of $\lambda$ in LSCO





# Summary

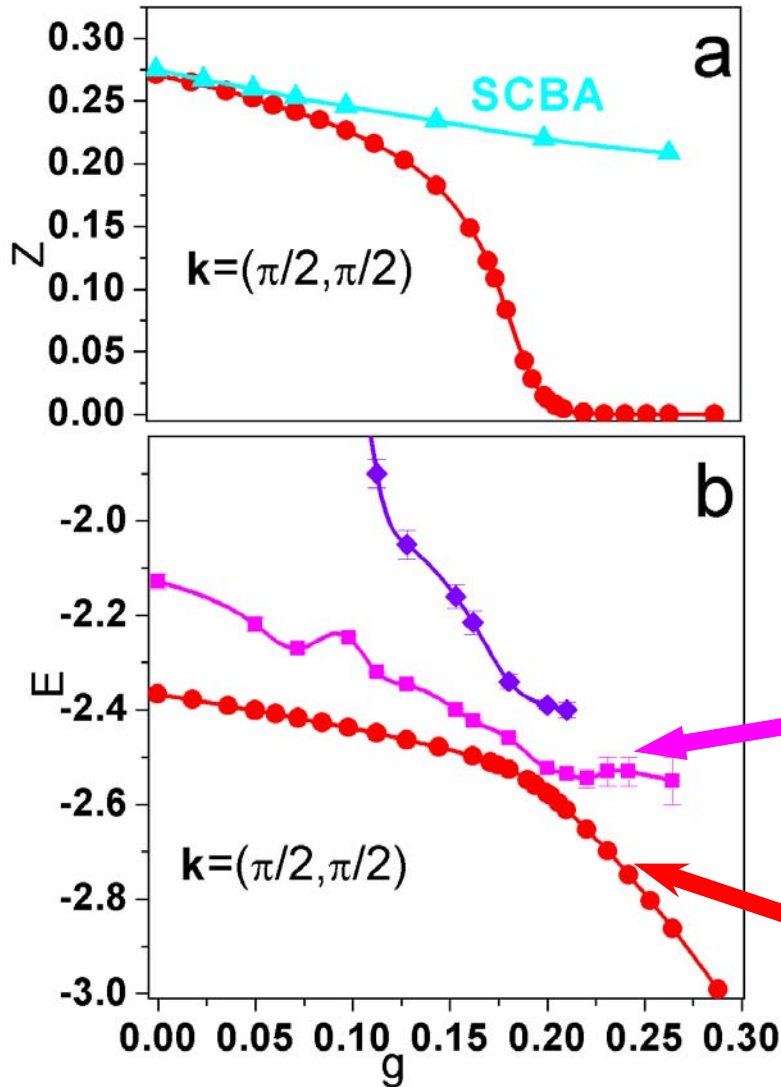


## CONCLUSIONS

1. In the strong coupling regime dispersionless polaron peak is invisible in ARPES but broad shake off peak traces the bare band dispersion
2. Relative width has universal behavior in the strong coupling regime
3. Compound  $\text{Sr}_2\text{CuO}_2\text{Cl}_2$  is in the strong coupling regime with  $\lambda=1.2$  which is considerably higher than critical coupling  $\lambda_c=0.58$
4. Compound  $\text{Ca}_{2-x}\text{Na}_x\text{CuO}_2\text{Cl}_2$  is in the strong coupling regime with  $\lambda=1.0$ . Coupling constant decreases with doping.
5. Experimentally observed kink is reproduced in intermediate and weak coupling regime. It's value helps to determine  $\lambda$  for  $\text{La}_{2-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{CuO}_4$  which decreases with doping.

# Isotope effect

t-J model

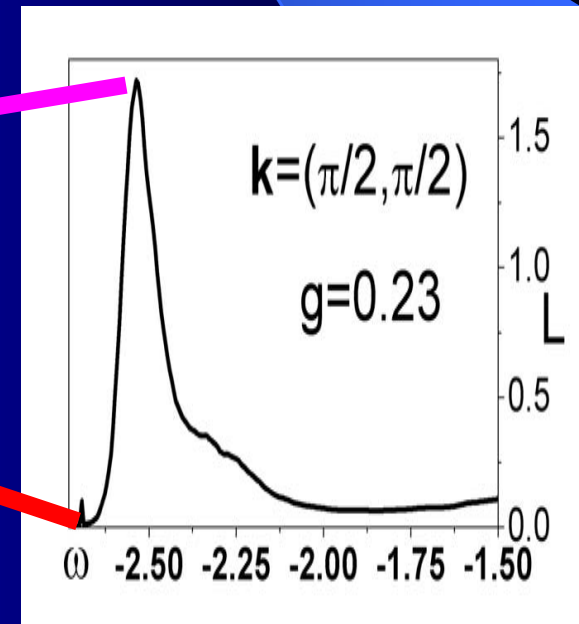


We expect unusual isotope effect in the strong coupling regime.

1. Independent Einstein oscillator model gives qualitative explanation of the isotope effect.
2. The actual magnitude of the isotope effect is one order of magnitude larger due to closeness to self-trapping point.

Weak lattice deformation

Strong lattice deformation



# Isotope effect in the independent oscillators model

$$H_{\text{int}} = \sigma / (\omega^{(\text{ph})} m)^{1/2} \dots$$

$$\kappa = \left( \frac{m_0}{m_{\text{isotope}}} \right)^{1/2} \omega_0^{(\text{ph})}$$

$\sigma$  : does not depend on isotope

$\kappa$  : measure of the mass substitution

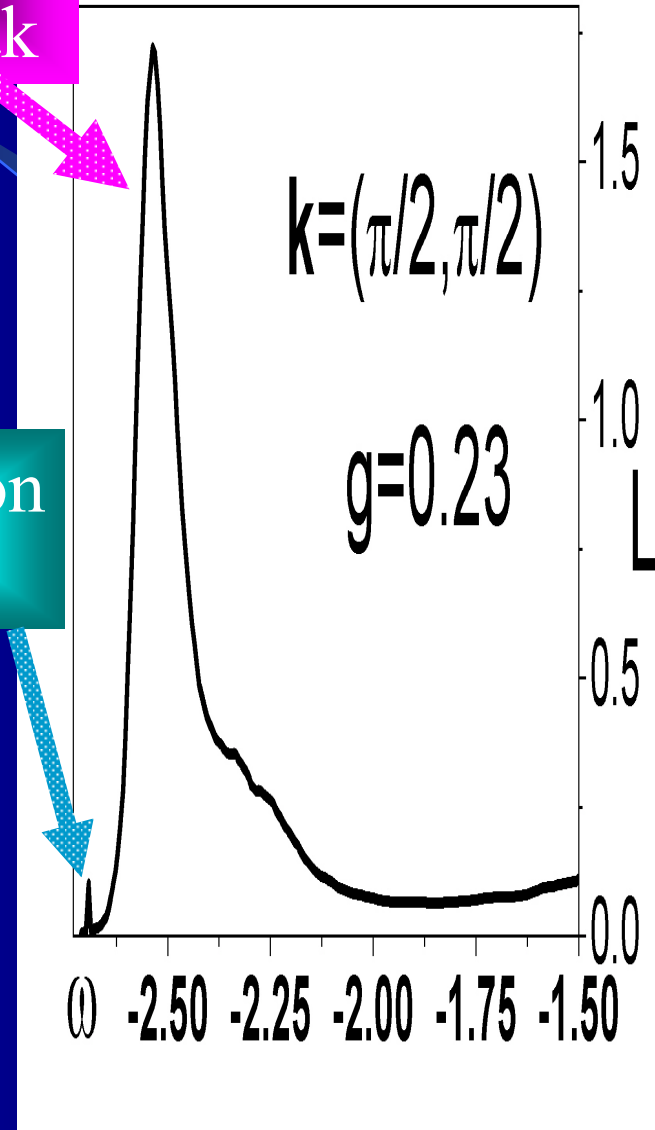
Energy of polaron pole does not depend on isotope:  $E_0 = -\sigma^2$

Z-factor strongly depends on Isotope:

$$Z = \exp \left\{ -\frac{\sigma^2}{[\omega_0^{(\text{ph})} \kappa]} \right\}$$

Broad peak

Polaron pole

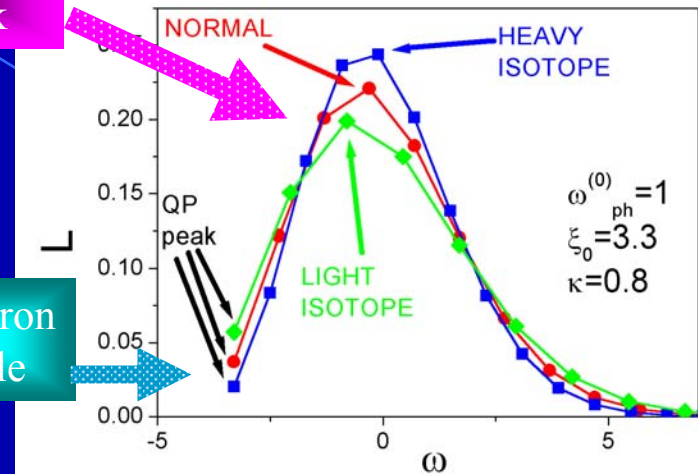


# Isotope effect in the independent oscillators model

In the intermediate coupling regime broad peak is more narrow and shifts to higher energies for heavier isotope

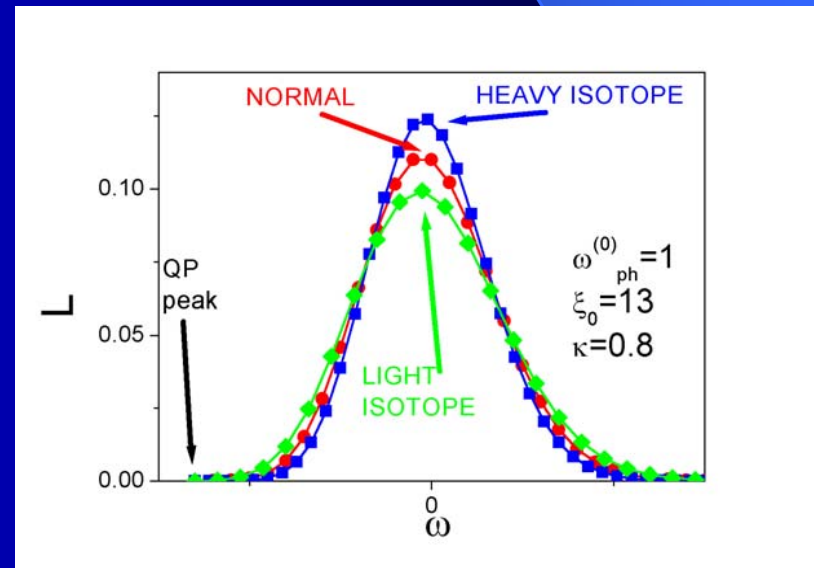
Broad peak

Polaron pole



Note, that very large  $\kappa = 0.8$  mass change is required to see significant shift [Experimental:  $\kappa_{exp} = 0.94$ ]

In the strong coupling regime broad peak is more narrow for heavier isotope



# Isotope effect in the t-J model

Vicinity of the self-trapping point

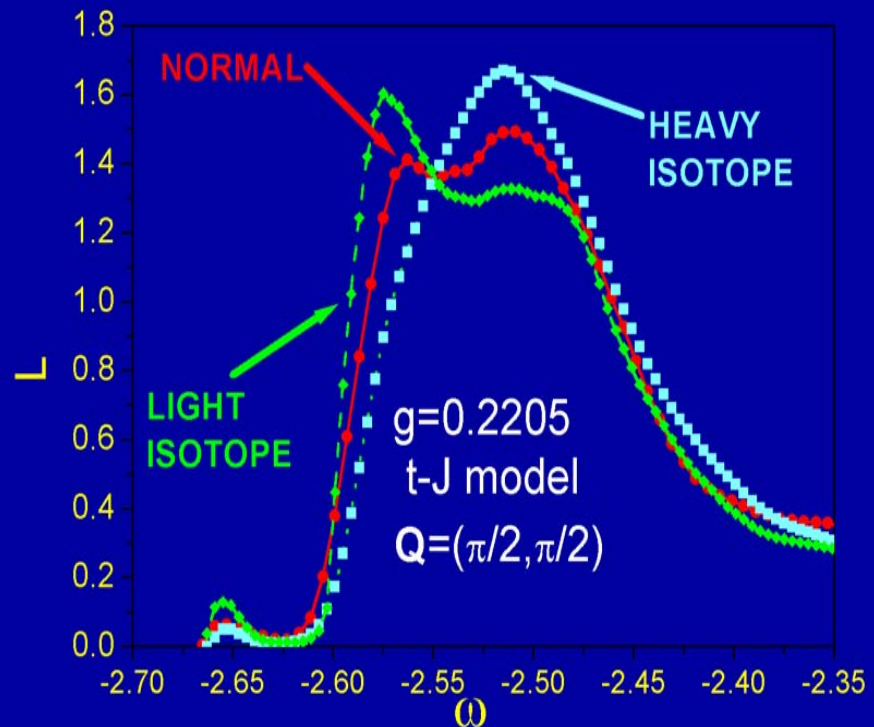
$$\kappa_{\text{exp}} = 0.94$$

In the vicinity of the self-trapping point system is very sensitive to isotope substitution.

Even very small

$$\kappa_{\text{exp}} = 0.94$$

gives significant effect



# Isotope effect in the t-J model

Strong coupling regime

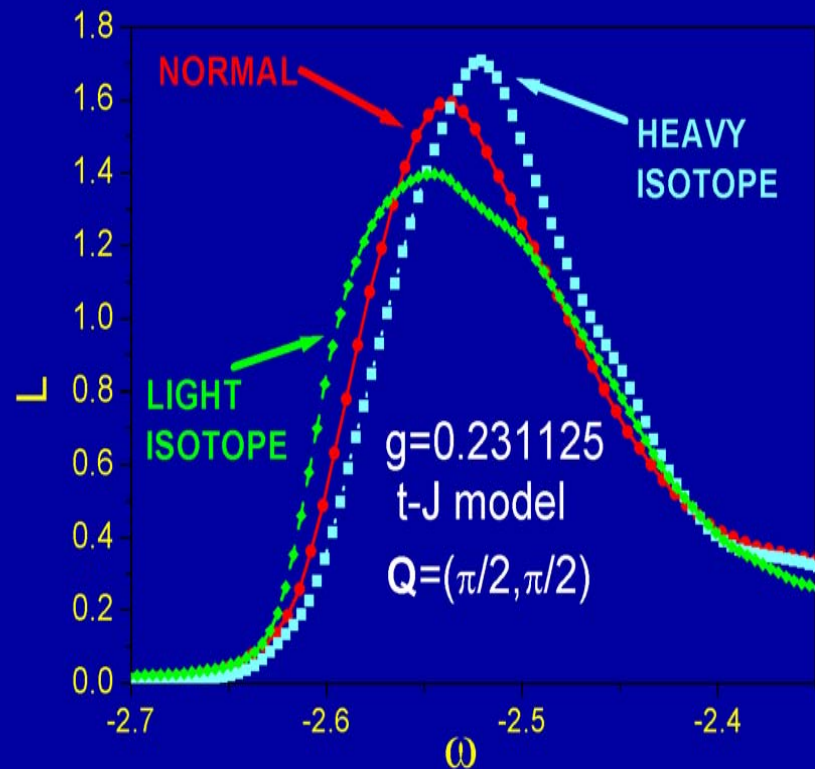
$$K_{\text{exp}} = 0.94$$

In the strong coupling regime (Z-factor is almost zero) system is still very sensitive to isotope substitution.

Even very small

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gives significant effect



1. Independent Einstein oscillator model gives qualitative explanation of the isotope effect.
2. The actual magnitude of the isotope effect is one order of magnitude larger due to closeness to self-trapping point.

1. Closeness to the self-trapping point increases sensitivity of the system to the isotope substitution

2. The t-J model is in the strong coupling regime while still far away from independent Einstein oscillator model regime

