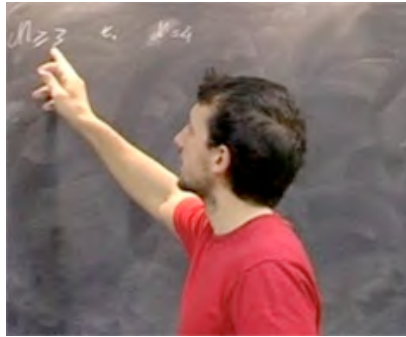


Optical properties of viscous electron liquids

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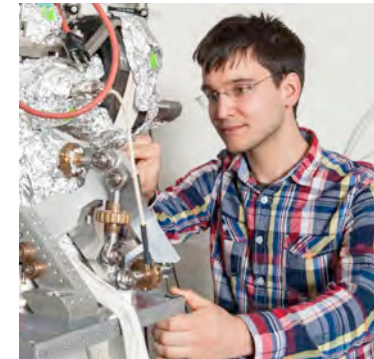
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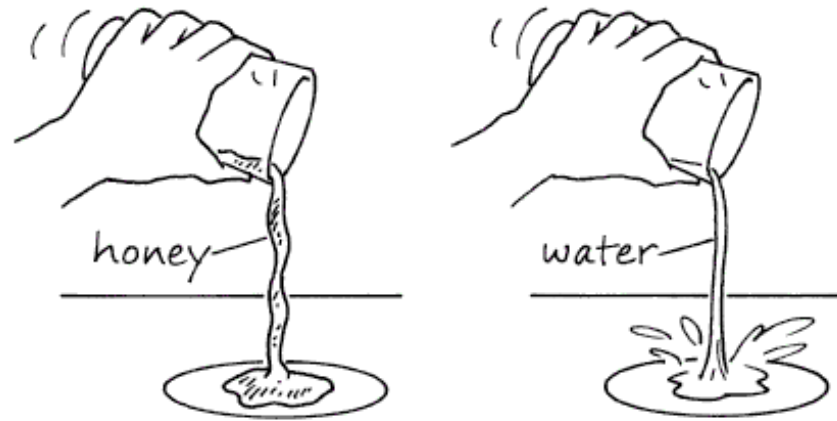
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Viscosity: a reminder



Navier-Stokes of incompressible ($\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$) fluids :

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{v} \right) = -\vec{\nabla} p + \eta \nabla^2 \vec{v} + \vec{f}$$

Acceleration

Convection

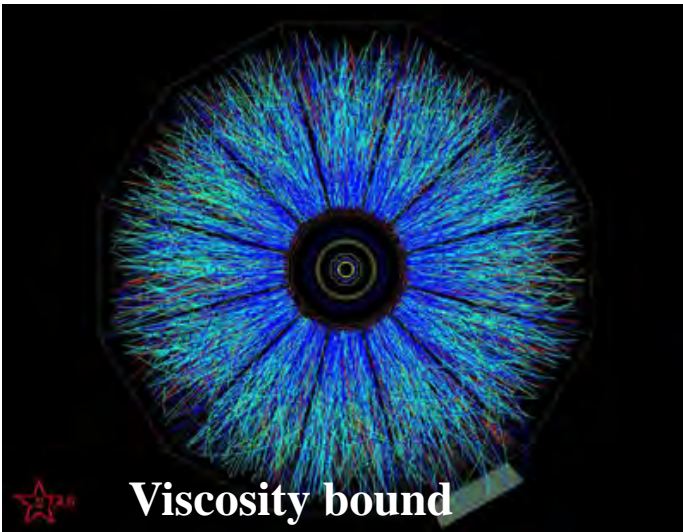
Pressure
gradient

Viscosity

Body forces

Viscosity: Areas of interest

Quark gluon plasma

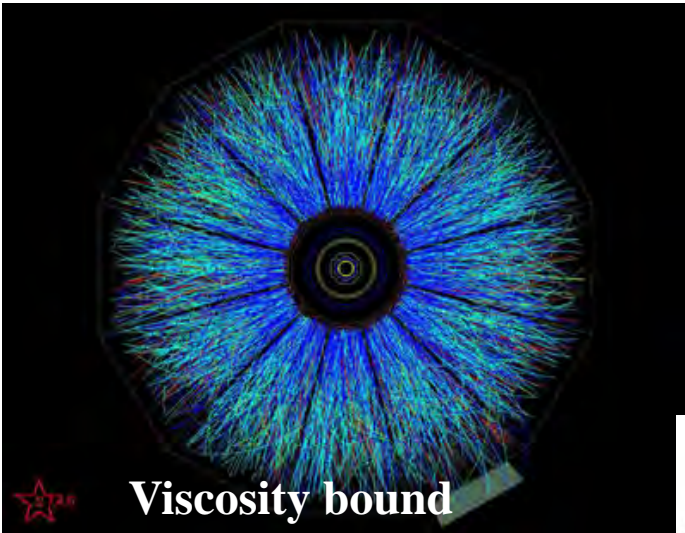


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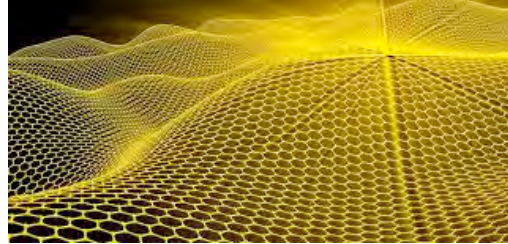


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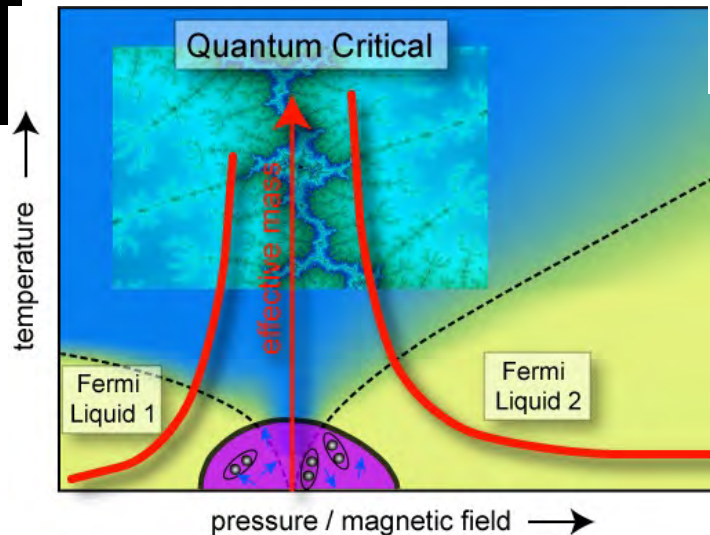
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Graphene: A Nearly Perfect Fluid,



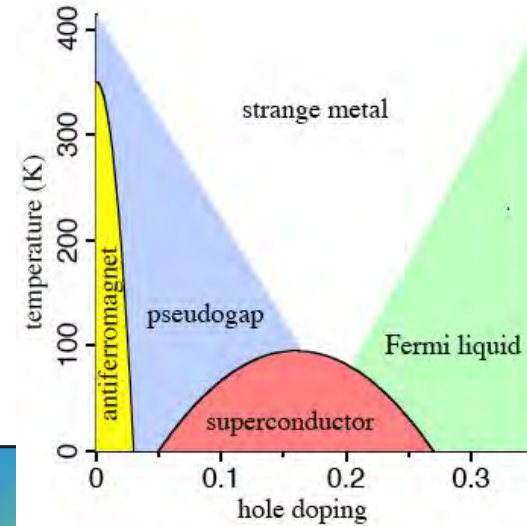
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Heavy fermions



J. Moreno and P. Coleman, Phys. Rev. B 53, R2995 (1996).

High T_c cuprates



J. Zaanen, Nature 430, 512 (2004).

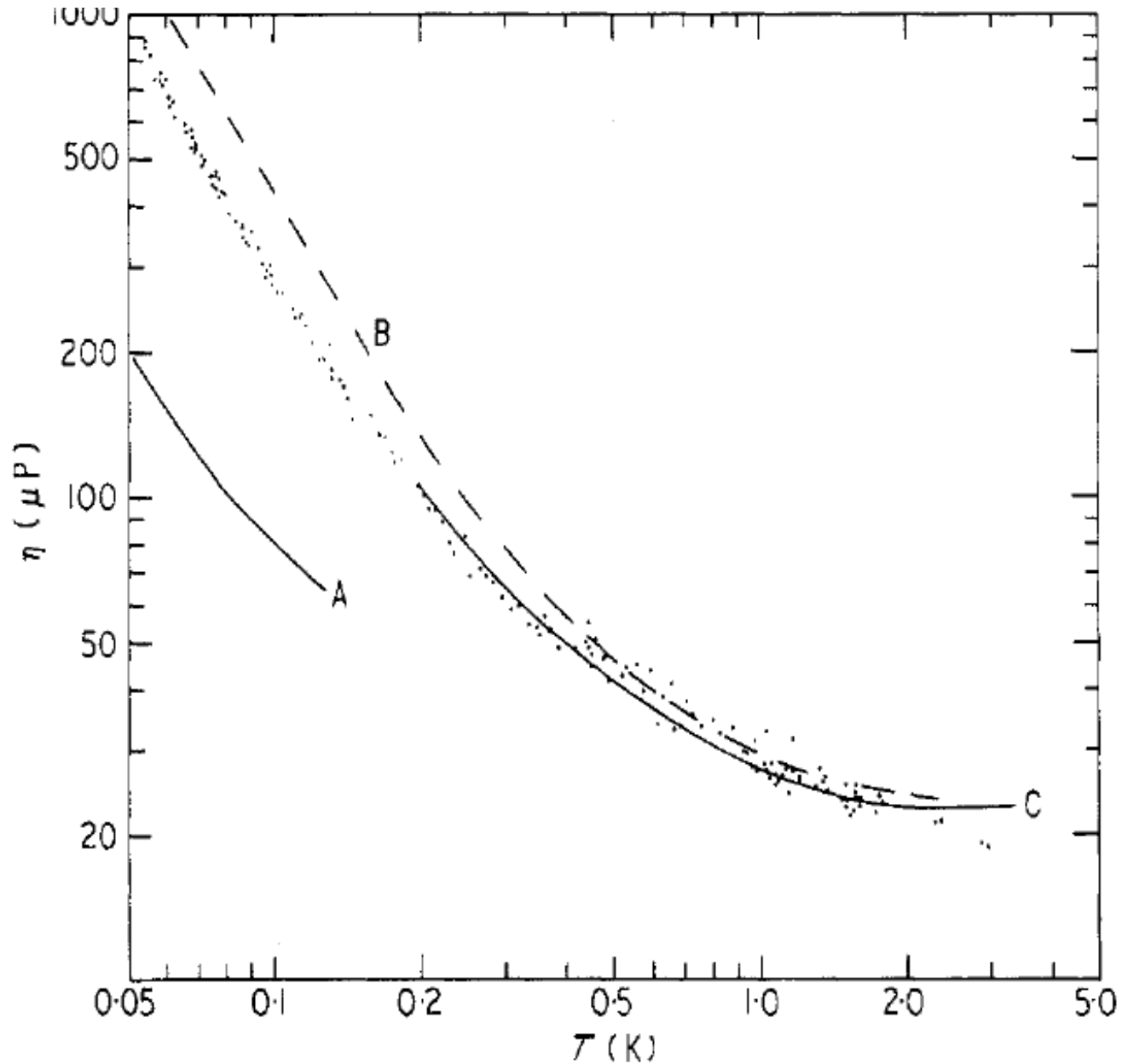
Viscosity: Areas of interest

But first: Liquid ^3He



A.A. Abrikosov and I.M. Khalatnikov,
Zh. Eksperim. Teor. Fiz. 33, 110 (1957)

Viscosity of ^3He



Black, Hall & Thompson, J Phys C 4, 129 (1971)

Propagation of sound in a neutral viscous liquid

$$\text{Navier-Stokes} \Rightarrow \left[-i\omega + \frac{\eta}{\rho} q^2 \right] \mathbf{v} = 0$$

1 mode for each frequency

$$q^2 = -i \frac{\rho}{\eta} \omega$$

Behaviour at finite frequency

Response to flow patterns that have existed in the past

Memory function:
$$\int_{-\infty}^t M_{\eta}(t'-t) \Delta v(t', r) dt'$$

Frequency domain:
$$\eta(\omega) \Delta v(r)$$

Generalized viscosity:
$$\eta(\omega)$$

Reasonable approximation:
$$M_{\eta}(t) \tilde{\tau} = \eta(0) e^{-t/\tilde{\tau}}$$

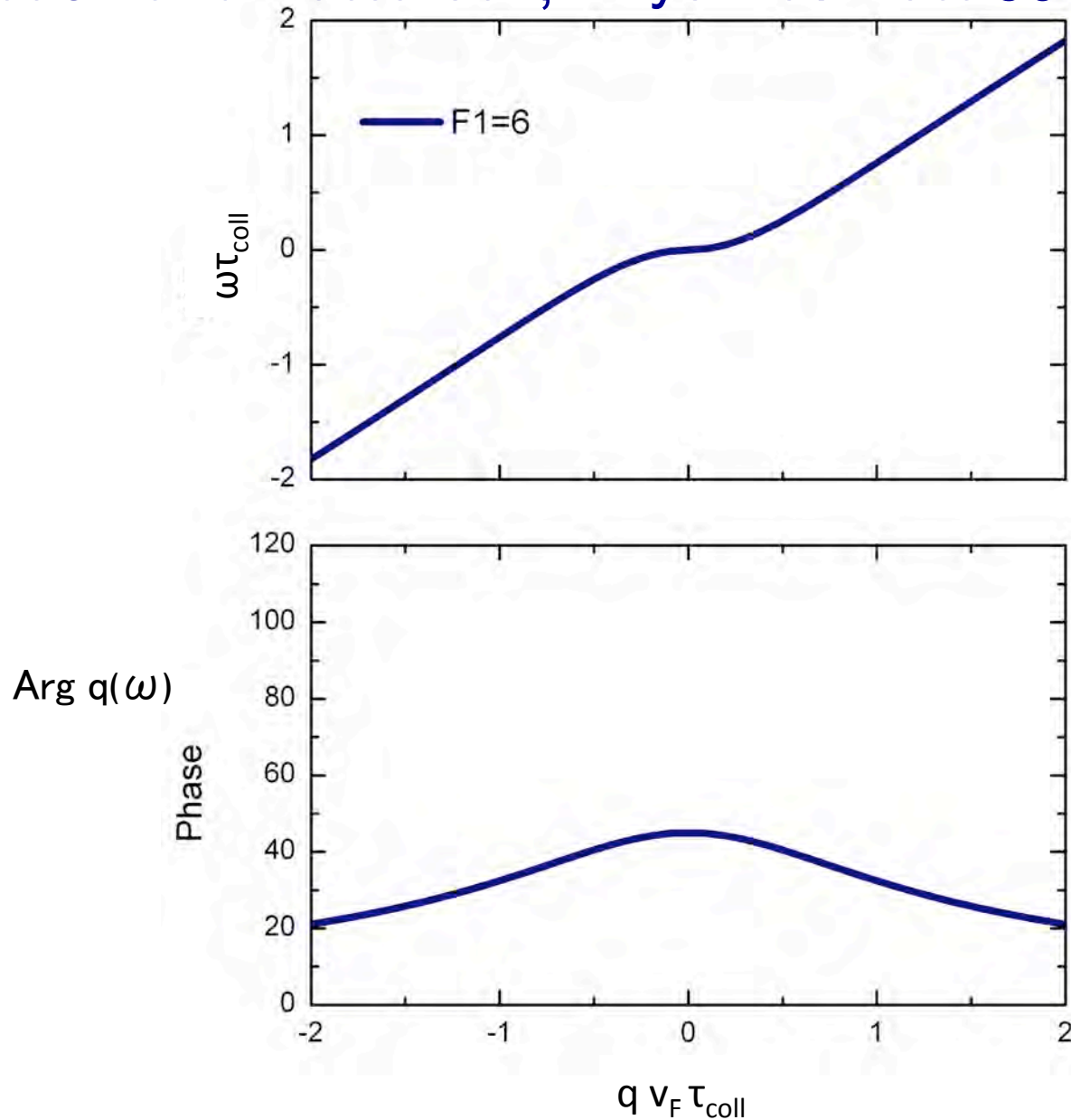
So that:
$$\eta(\omega) = \frac{\eta(0)}{1 - i\omega\tilde{\tau}}$$

Viscosity According to Fermi Liquid theory

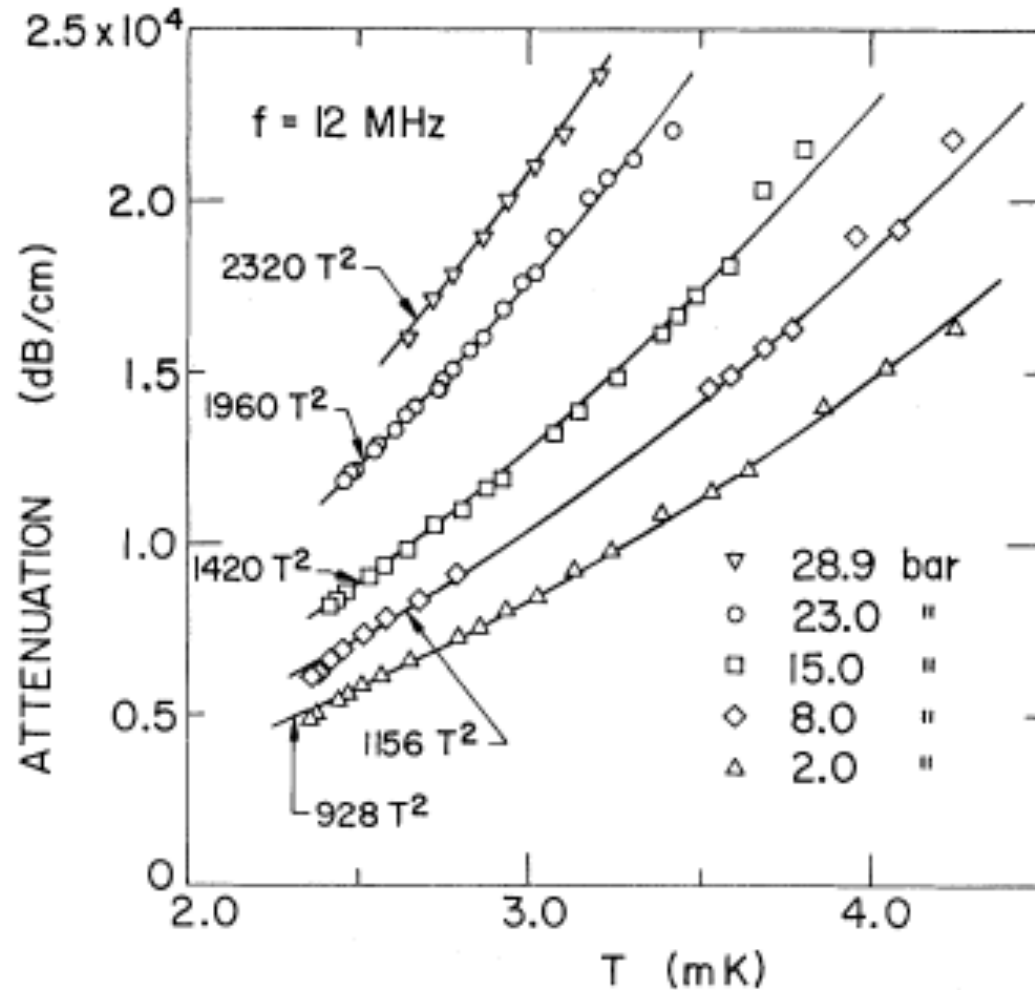
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \eta &\cong \frac{\rho v_F^2 \tau_{coll} (1 + F_1 / 3) / 5}{1 - i\omega \tau_{coll} 7\sqrt{F_1} / 32} \\ \tau_{coll} &= \frac{8\hbar (1 + F_1 / 3) T_F}{7\pi^3 F_1^2 (k_B T)^2} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{High T: } \eta \cong \frac{a}{T^2} \text{ (hydrodynamic)} \\ \text{Large } \omega: \eta \cong i \frac{b}{\omega} + cT^2 \text{ (collisionless)} \end{array} \right.$$

One of the Peculiar Consequences:
Transverse Sound !

Transverse sound in neutral viscous Fermi liquid (Roach and Ketterson, Phys Rev Lett 36 (1976))



Observation of Transverse Zero Sound in Normal ^3He



Viscosity and attenuation: $\text{Im } q \cong \sqrt{\frac{\omega\rho}{2\eta}}$, the experiments confirm that $\lim_{T \rightarrow 0} \eta(T) \rightarrow \infty$

Propagation of coupled transverse sound and EM field in viscous charged liquids

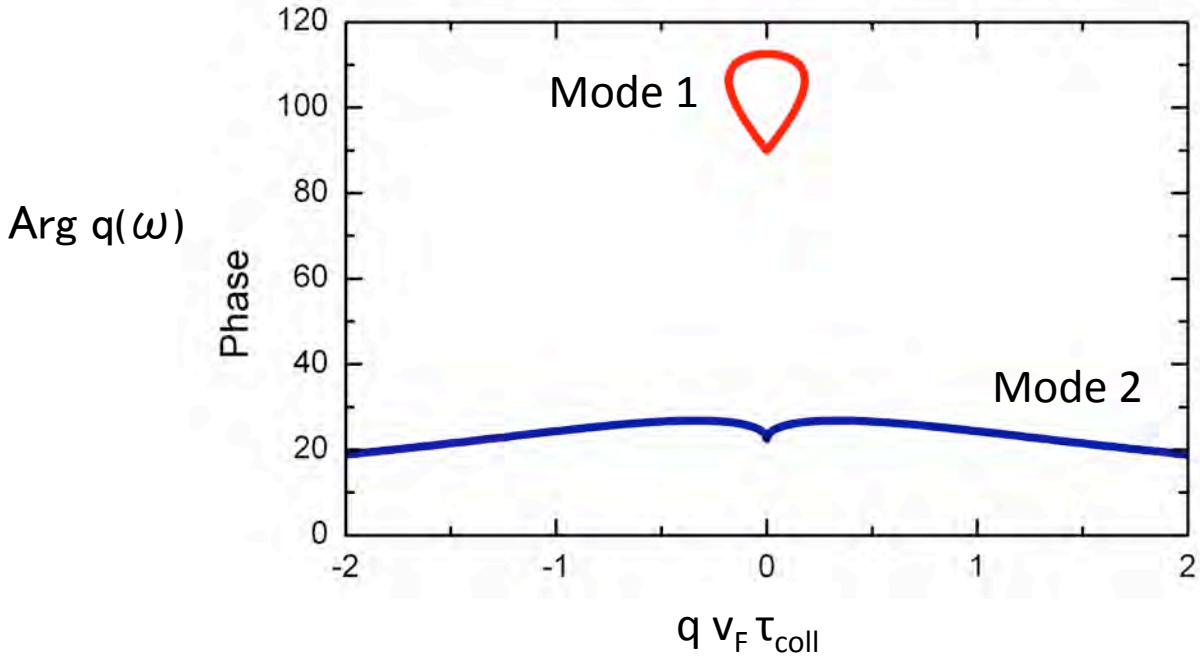
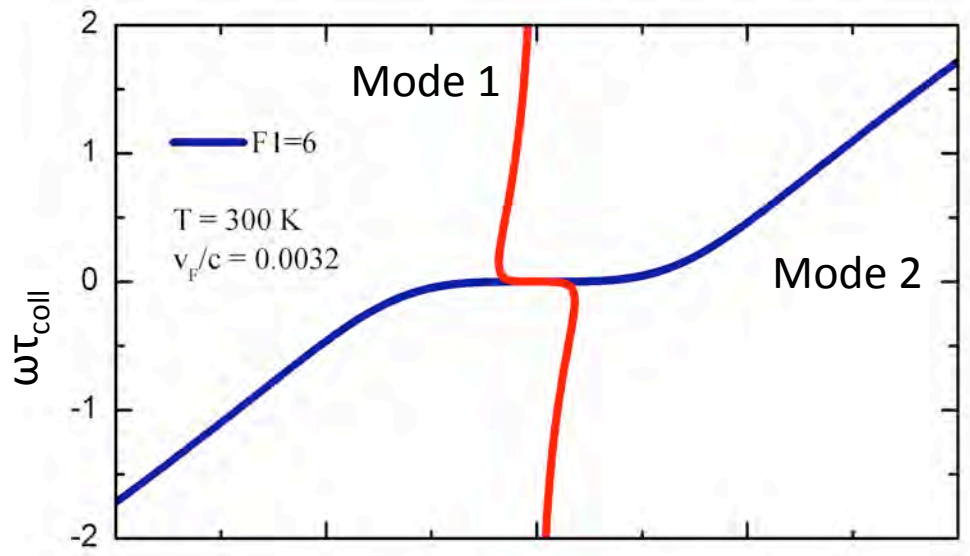
$$\text{Maxwell equations} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \left[-c^2 \partial_z^2 + \partial_t^2 \right] A = 4\pi J$$

$$\text{Navier-Stokes+damping} \Rightarrow \left[\partial_t - \frac{\eta}{\rho} \partial_z^2 + \frac{1}{\tau_K} \right] J = -\frac{(ne)^2}{\rho} \partial_t A$$

Combine the two equations gives 2 modes for each frequency

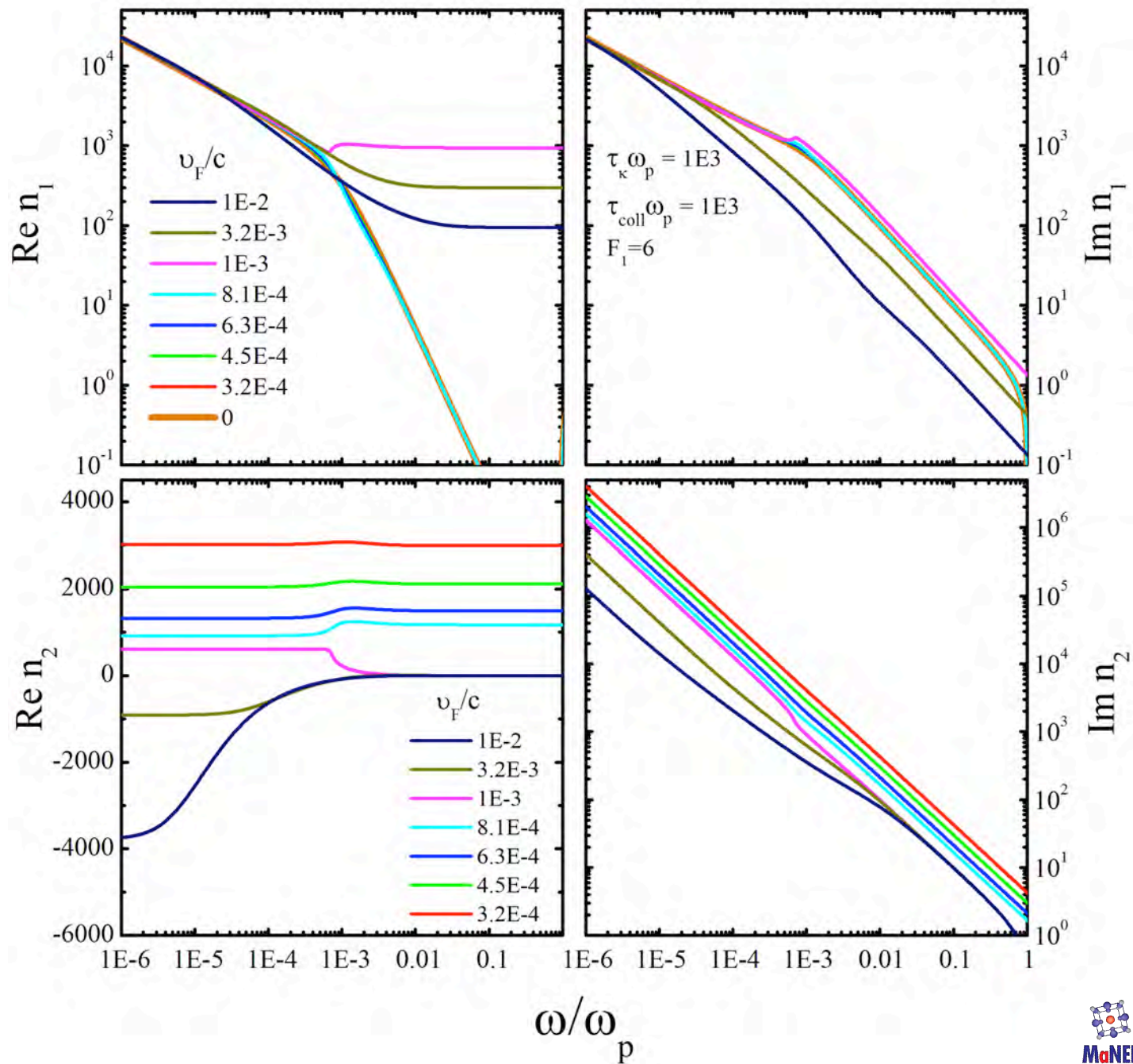
$$2 \frac{q^2 c^2}{\omega^2} = 1 - \frac{1 - i\rho c^2 \omega \tau_K}{\omega^2 \eta \tau_K} \pm \sqrt{\left[1 + \frac{1 - i\rho c^2 \omega \tau_K}{\omega^2 \eta \tau_K} \right]^2 + \frac{i4\rho c^2 \omega_p^2}{\omega^3 \eta}}$$

Transverse sound in a charged Fermi liquid @ 300 Kelvin



Two solutions for the index of refraction \rightarrow Two “modes” for each frequency

$$n_j = \frac{q_j c}{\omega}$$

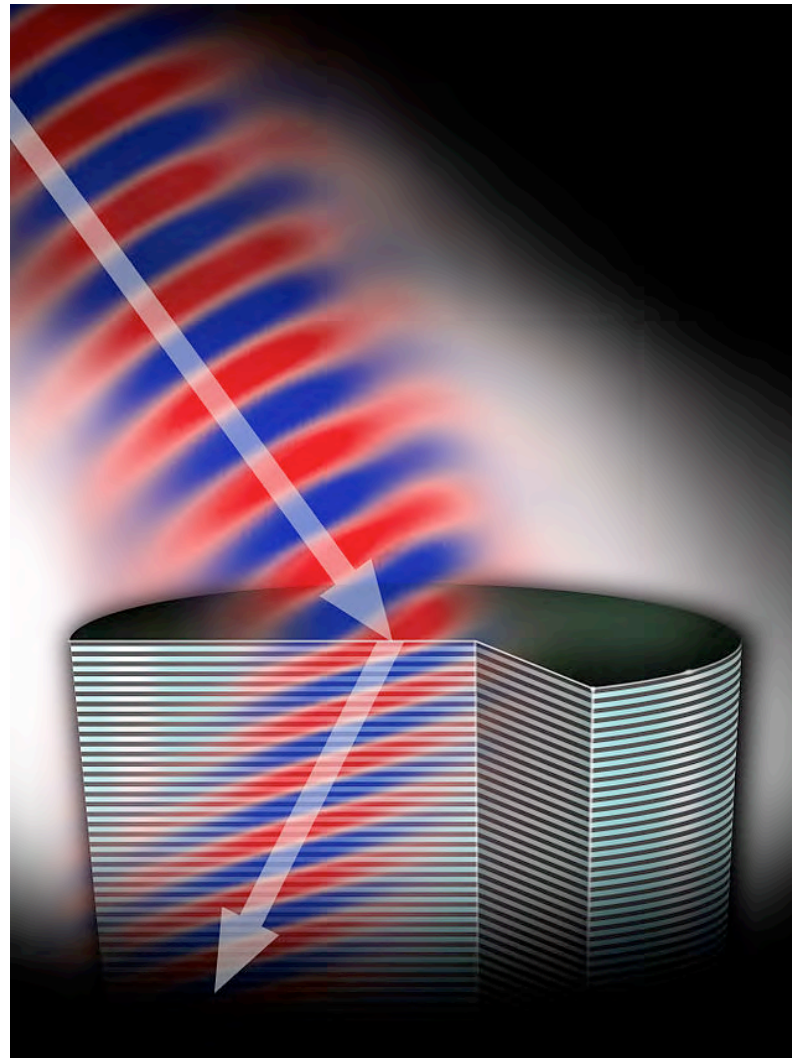


Negative Index of Refraction in the Quark Gluon Plasma

A. Amariti, D. Forcella, A. Mariotti and G. Policastro, JHEP 1104, 036 (2011).

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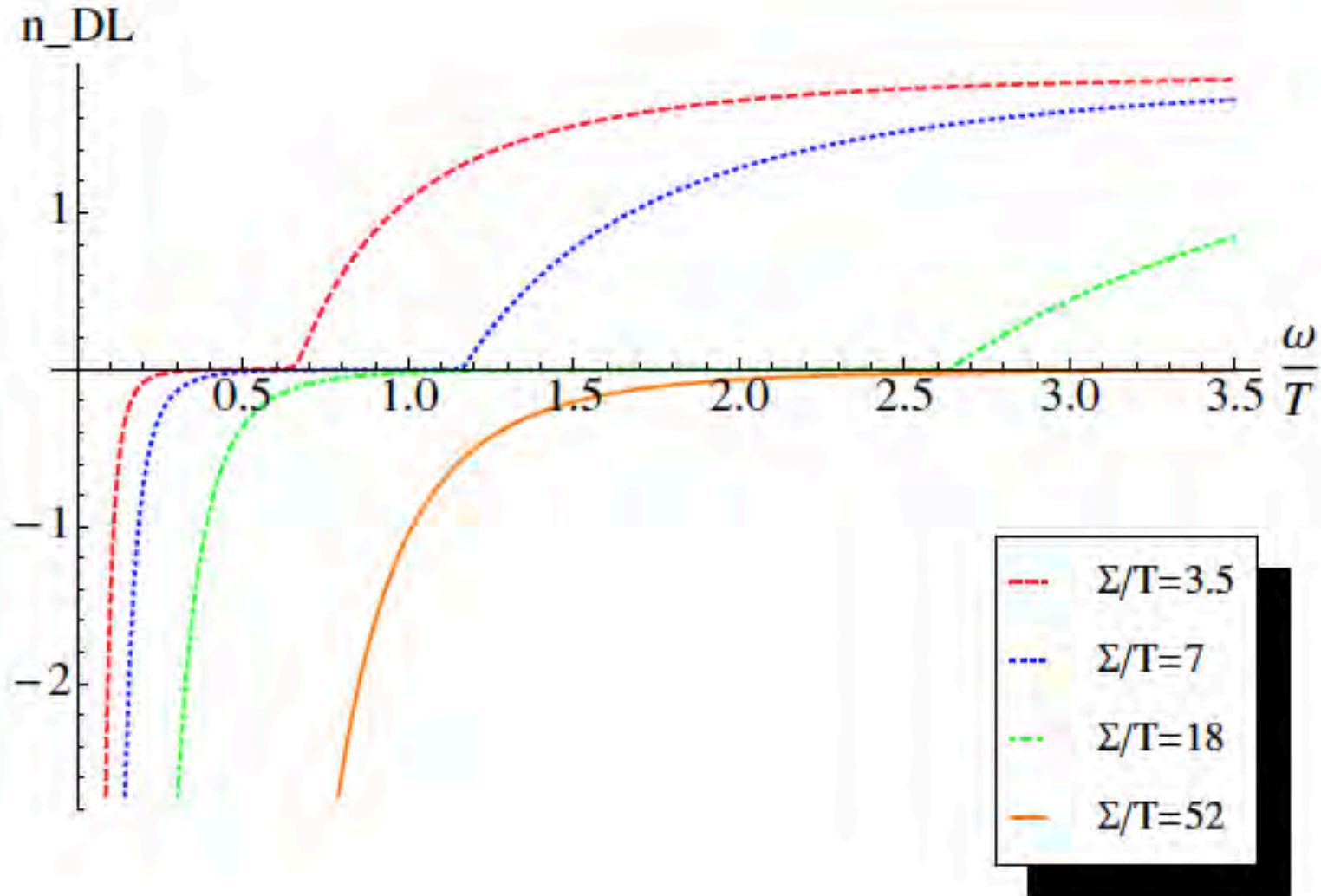
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Holographic Optics and Negative Refractive Index

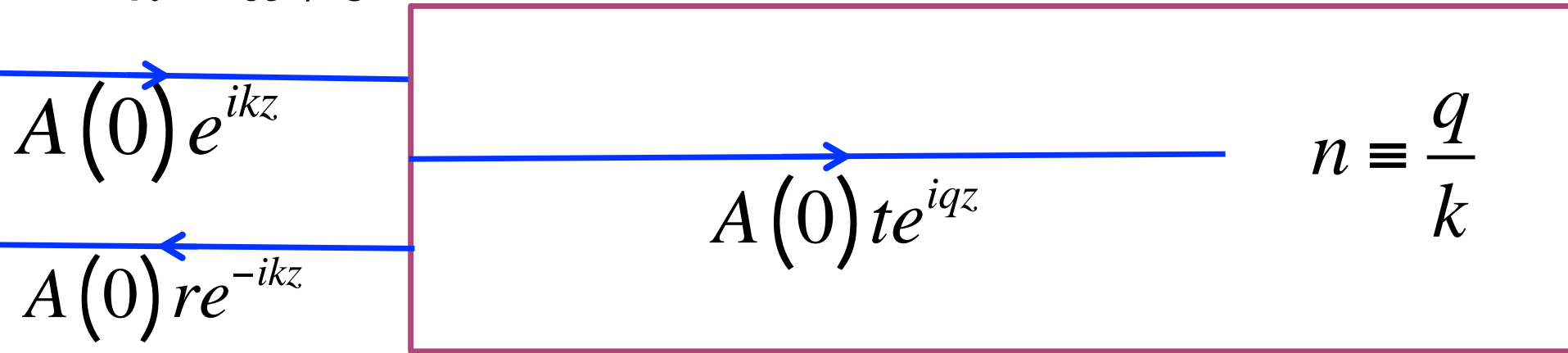
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Reflection and transmission of EM waves at the boundary from vacuum to a non-viscous charged fluid

$$k = \omega / c$$

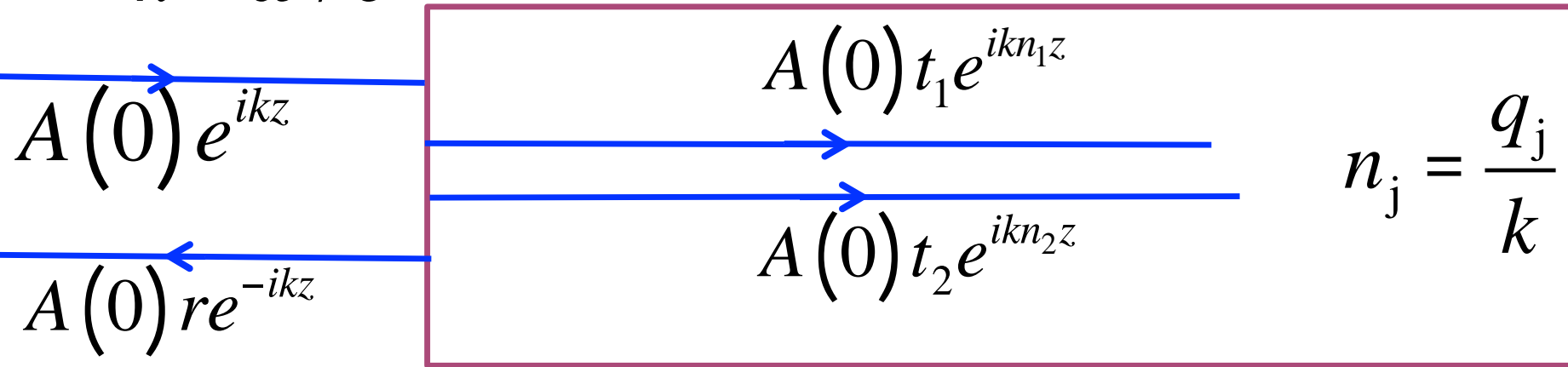


Constituant relations at the interface:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{(1 From Maxwell)} \quad A(0 + \delta) - A(0 - \delta) = 0 \Rightarrow 1 + r - t = 0 \\ \text{(2 From Maxwell)} \quad \partial_z A(0 + \delta) - \partial_z A(0 - \delta) = 0 \Rightarrow k - kr - qt = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ t = \frac{2k}{q+k} = \frac{2}{1+n} \right.$$

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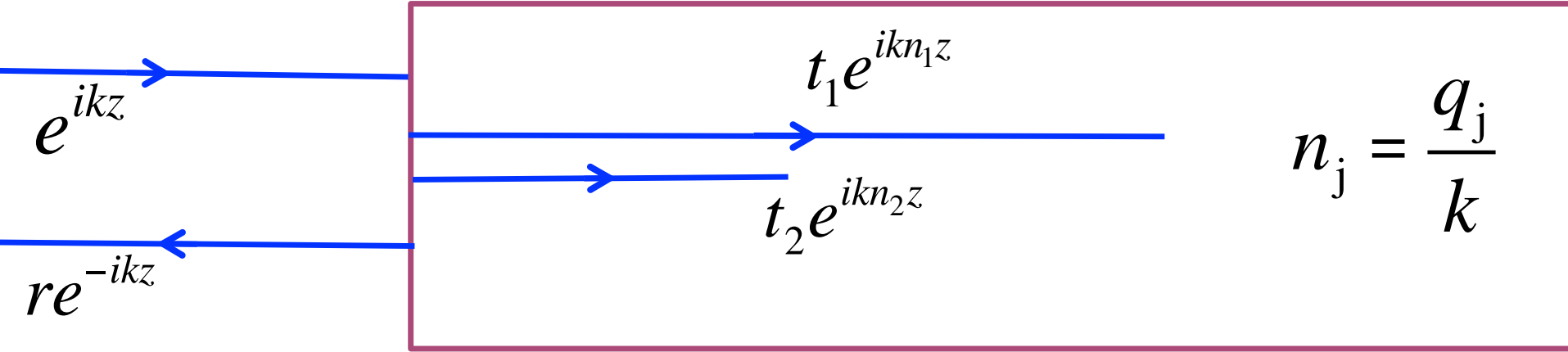
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$\lambda \equiv$ "slip length"

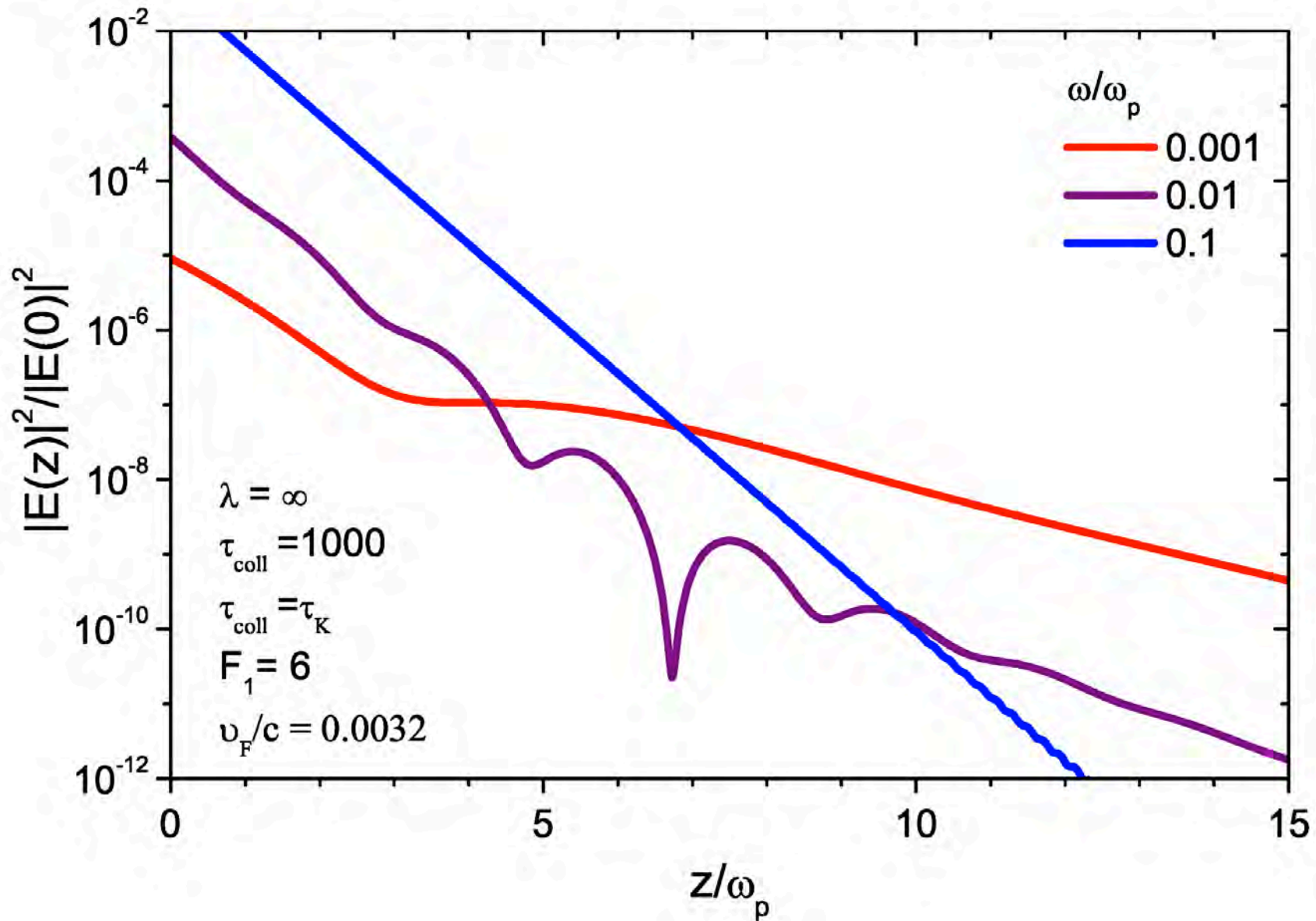
Reflection and transmission of EM waves at the boundary from vacuum to a viscous charged fluid

$$k = \omega / c$$



$$\left| A(\omega) / A(0) \right|^2 = \left| t_1 e^{ikn_1 z} + t_2 e^{ikn_2 z} \right|^2 = \left| t_1 e^{ikn_1 z} \right|^2 + \left| t_2 e^{ikn_2 z} \right|^2 + 2 \operatorname{Re} \left(t_1 t_2 e^{i\omega(n_1+n_2)z/c} \right)$$

Interference between the two modes inside the material: The Anomalous Skin Effect Beats !



Some Viscosity Numbers

Fermi Liquid theory

Quantum Critical

$$\frac{\eta(0)}{\rho c^2 \tau_{coll}} \cong \frac{v_F^2}{c^2}$$

Materials :

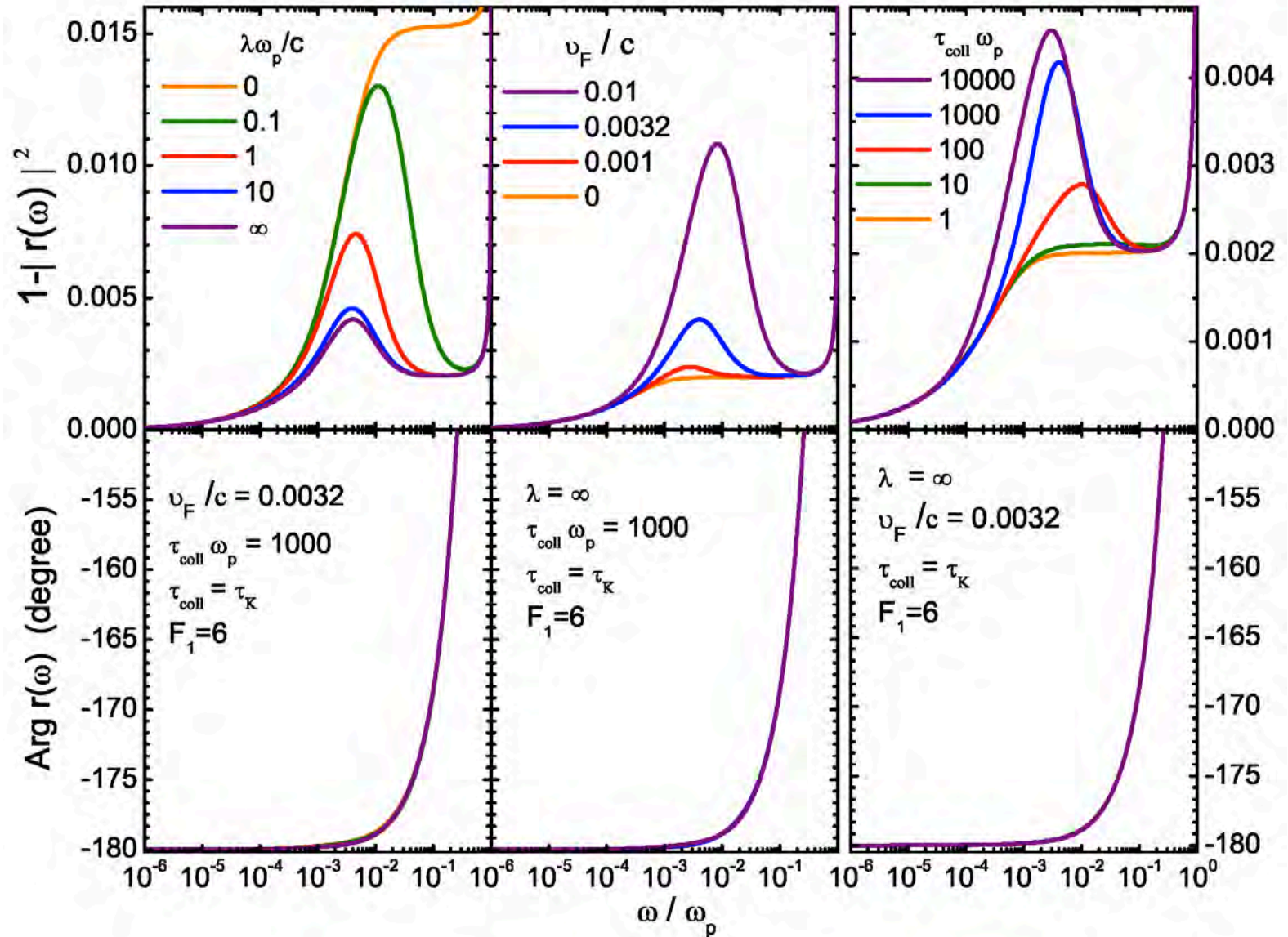
$$v_F^2 / c^2 \approx 5 \cdot 10^{-5} \quad (\text{Al, C})$$

$$v_F^2 / c^2 \approx 3 \cdot 10^{-12} \quad ({}^3\text{He})$$

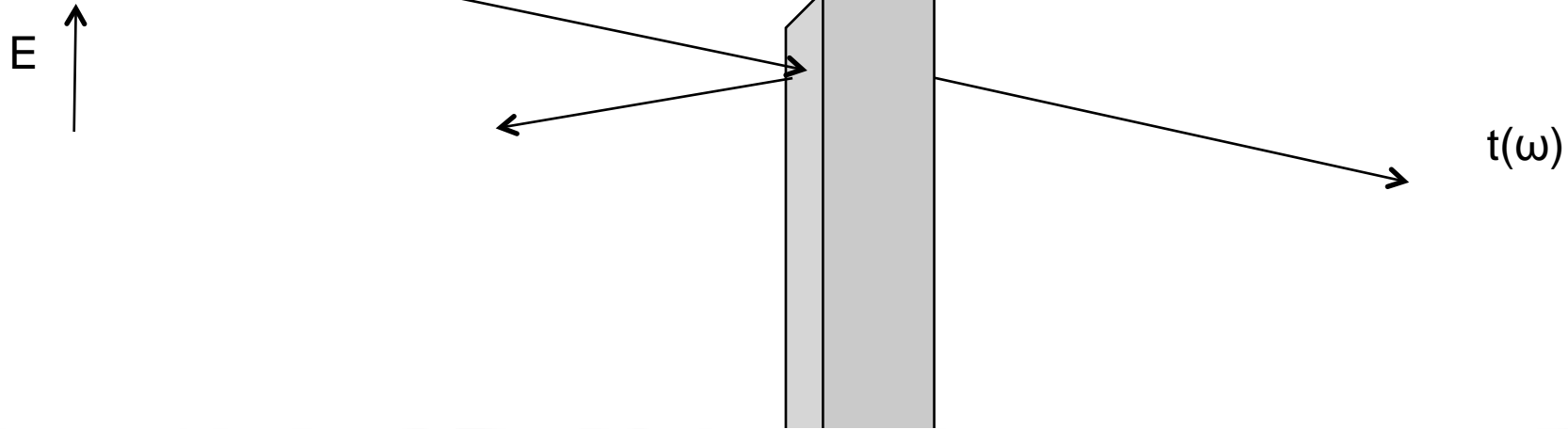
$$\frac{\eta(0)}{\rho c^2 \tau_{coll}} \cong \left(\frac{\lambda_e}{2l_0} \right)^2 \left(\frac{s}{nk_B} \right)^2$$

$$\frac{\eta(0)}{\rho c^2 \tau_{coll}} \leq 10^{-12}$$

Reflection and transmission of EM waves at the boundary from vacuum to a viscous charged fluid



Transmission through a film



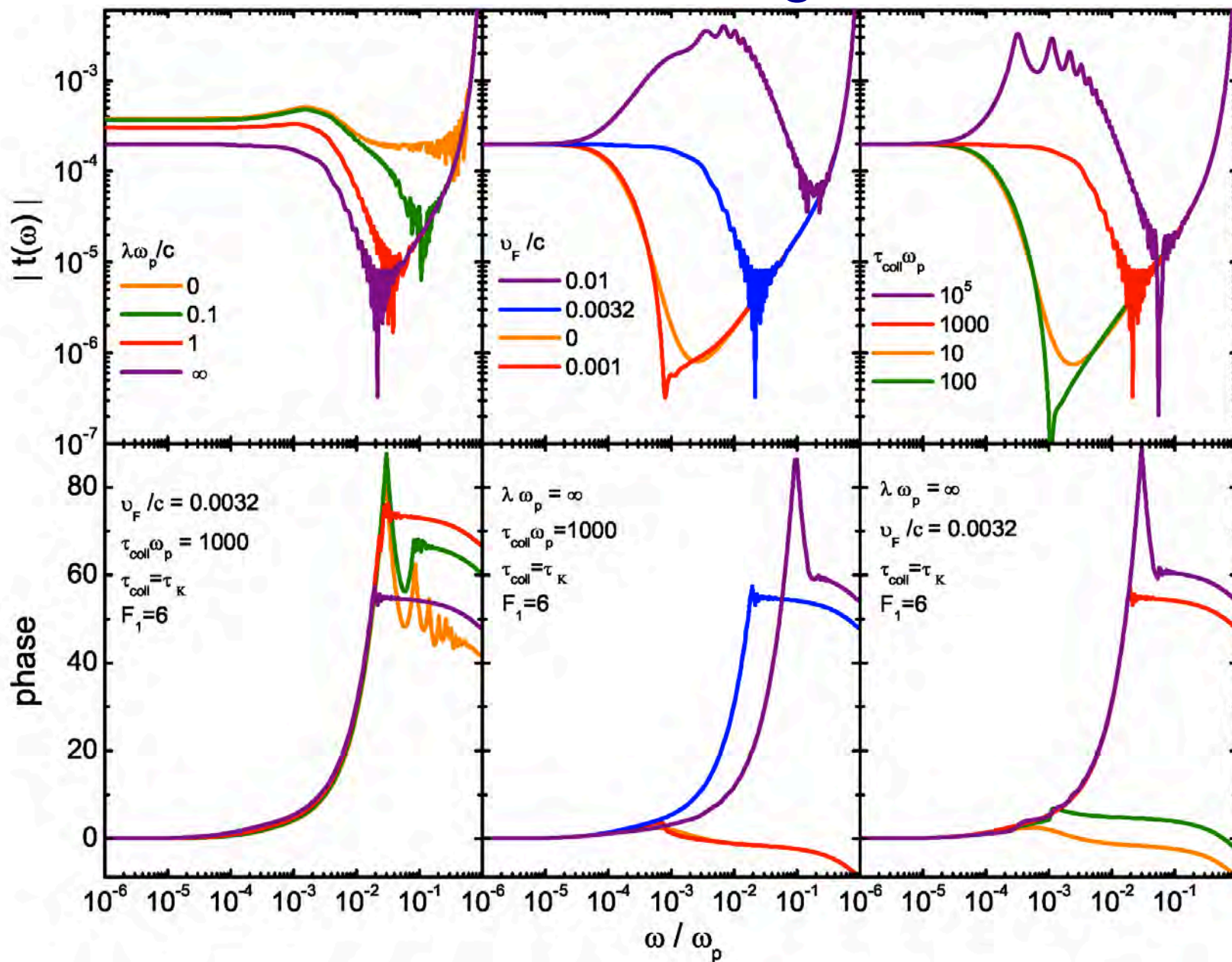
$$E(z)/E(0)$$

$$= e^{ikz} + r e^{-ikz} \quad (z < 0)$$

$$= t_1 e^{in_1 kz} + \theta_1 e^{-in_1 kz} + t_2 e^{in_2 kz} + \theta_2 e^{-in_2 kz} \quad (0 < z < d)$$

$$= t e^{ikz} \quad (z > d)$$


Transmission through a film



Surface Impedance

The electromagnetic response of a metal, whether normal or superconducting, is described by a complex surface impedance:

$$Z_s = \frac{|E_{\parallel}|}{\int_0^{\infty} J(x) dx} = \frac{E_{\parallel}}{H_{\parallel}} = R_s + iX_s$$

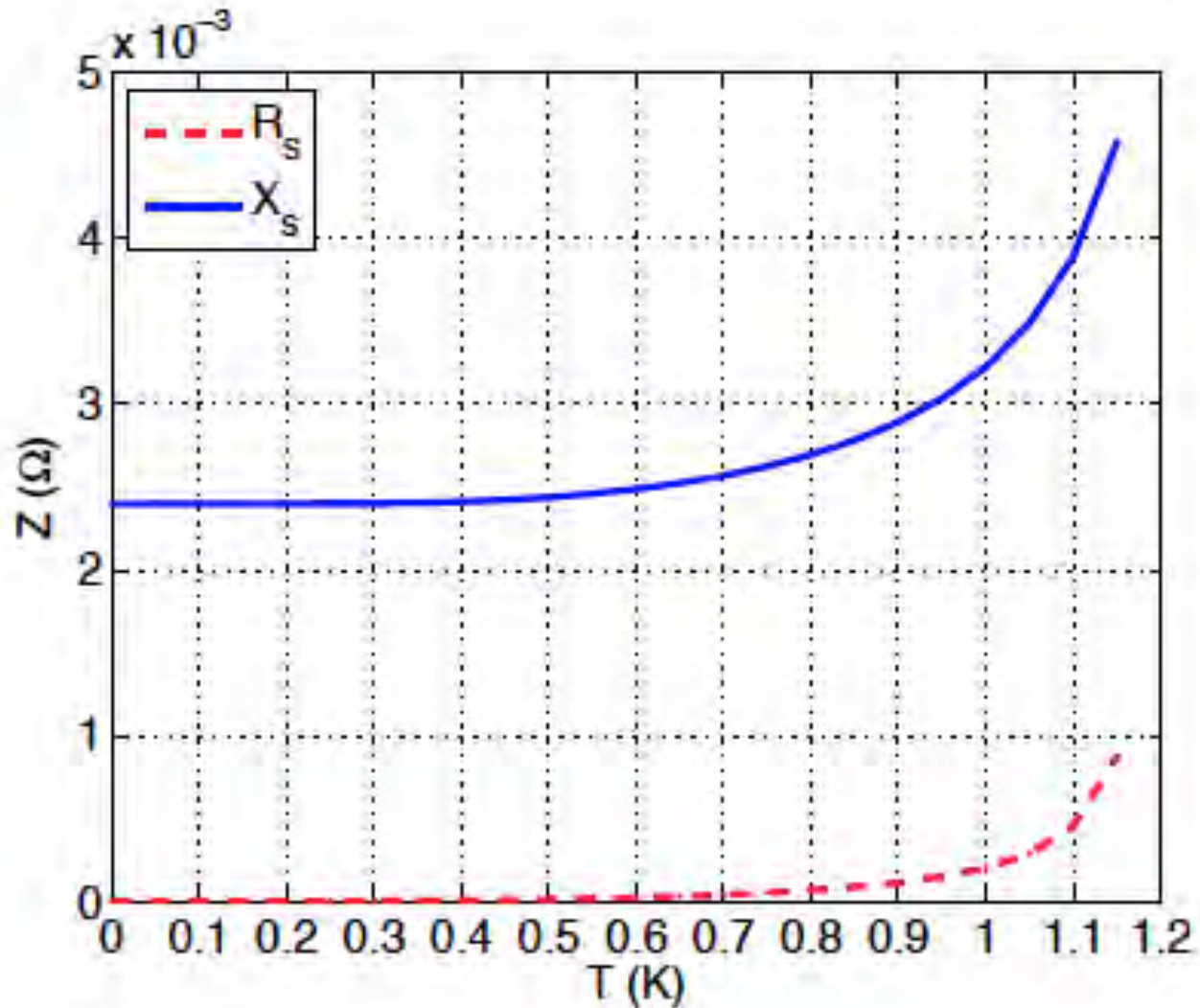


For a good conductor and $\omega < 10^{16}$ Hz $\frac{\partial D}{\partial t} \approx 0 \rightarrow \nabla \times H = J$

The impedance of vacuum is:

$$Z_0 = \left(\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0} \right)^{1/2} \approx 377 \Omega$$

Surface resistance R_s and surface reactance X_s of aluminum as a function of temperature.



The Physics of Superconducting Microwave Resonators.

Thesis by Jiansong Gao, Caltech (2008)

The theory of the anomalous skin effect in metals

G. E. H. Reuter and E. H. Sondheimer,
Proc. R. Soc. A 195, 336 (1948)



Franz Sondheimer

Under the combined action of the applied electromagnetic field and the collisions of the electrons with the lattice a steady state is set up, and the distribution function in the steady state is determined by the Boltzmann equation (Wilson 1936, pp. 124, 158)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} - \frac{2\pi e}{h} \left(\mathcal{E} + \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{H} \right) \cdot \text{grad}_{\mathbf{k}} f + \mathbf{v} \cdot \text{grad}_{\mathbf{r}} f = -\frac{f - f_0}{\tau}, \quad (4)$$

2.23. The current density $J(z)$ can now be calculated at once by means of the formula

$$J(z) = -2e \left(\frac{m}{h} \right)^3 \iiint v_x f dv_x dv_y dv_z.$$

$$Z = \frac{|E_{\parallel}|}{\int_0^{\infty} J(x) dx}$$

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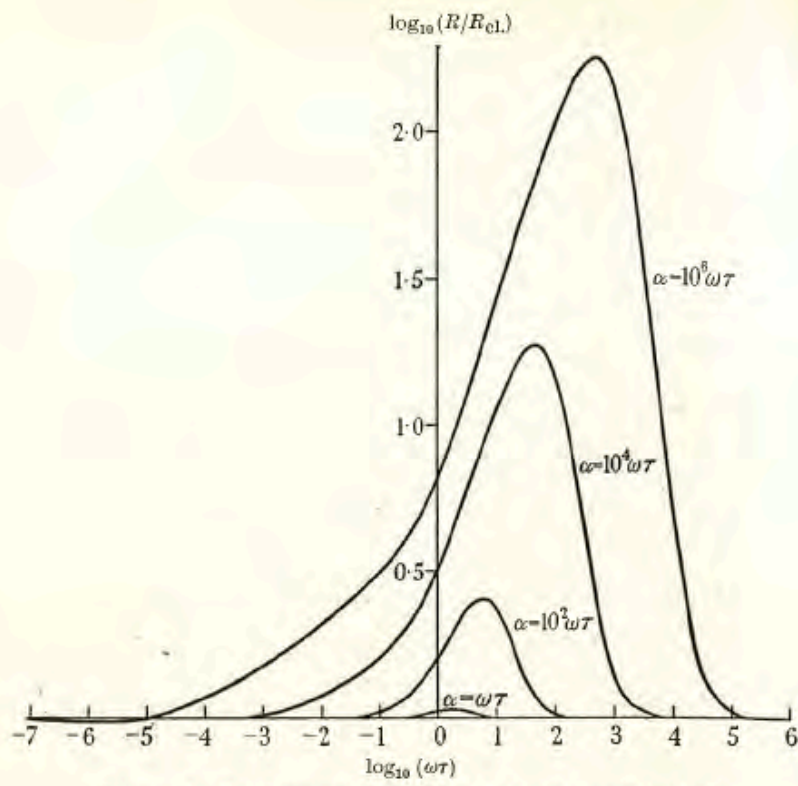


FIGURE 2. The frequency variation of the surface resistivity.

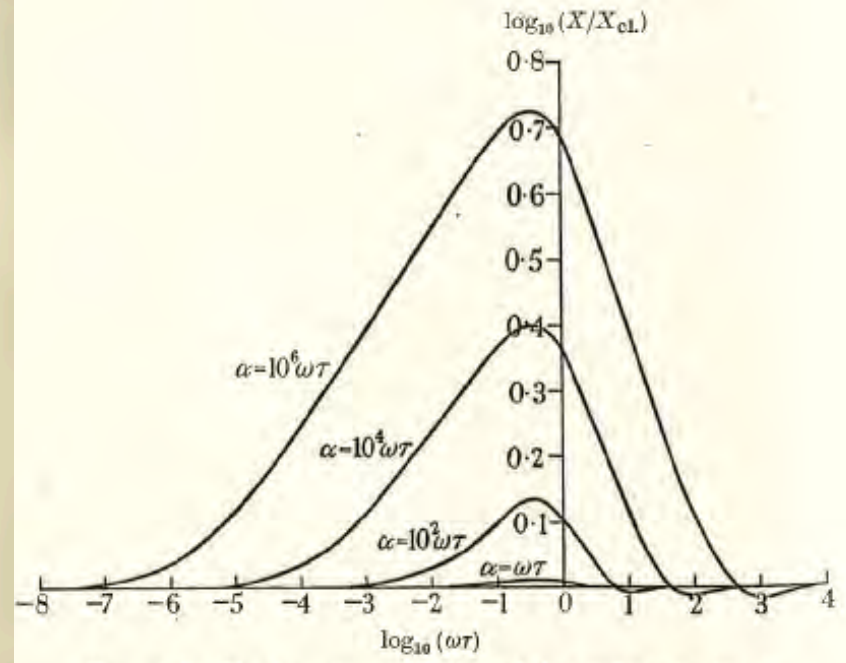
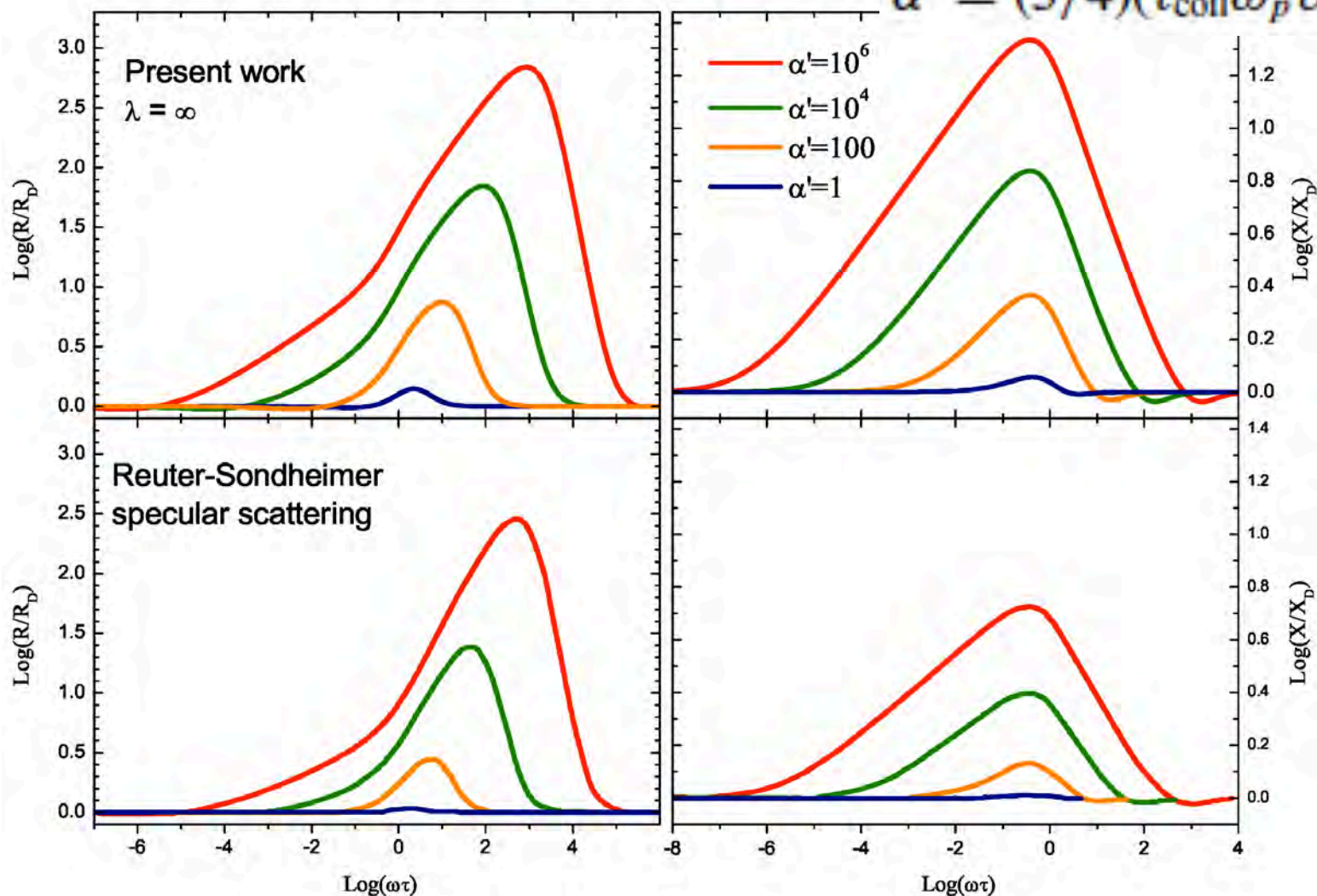


FIGURE 3. The frequency variation of the surface reactance.

Comparison of hydrodynamical approach (present work) and Reuter-Sondheimer model of anomalous skin effect (Proc.R.Soc. A195 (1948))

$$\frac{Z}{Z_0} = \frac{1-r}{1+r} \quad ; \quad \frac{Z_0}{Z_D} = \sqrt{1 - \omega_p^2 \omega^{-1} (\omega + i\tau_K^{-1})^{-1}}$$

$$\alpha' = (3/4)(\tau_{\text{coll}} \omega_p v_F / c)^2$$



The anomalous skin effect and the reflectivity of metals

Hydronamical approach

C. W. Benthem and R. Kronig, *Physica* 20. 293 (1954)

"Kronig could arrive indirectly at an estimate of η ("internal friction") by comparing the formula for the stopping power derived by Kronig and Korringa with an expression for the same quantity obtained by Kramers"

$$\eta = \frac{3}{8} n \hbar \Rightarrow \nu = \frac{3}{8} \frac{\hbar}{m}$$



Ralph de Laer Kronig

On the possible influence of electron interaction on the reflectivity of metals

C. W. Benthum, *Appl. Sci. Research B* 1, 275 (1959)

"It seems, therefore, that the effect ... will be too small to measure"

Holography and hydrodynamics: diffusion on stretched horizons

P. Kovtun, D.T. Son and A.O. Starinets

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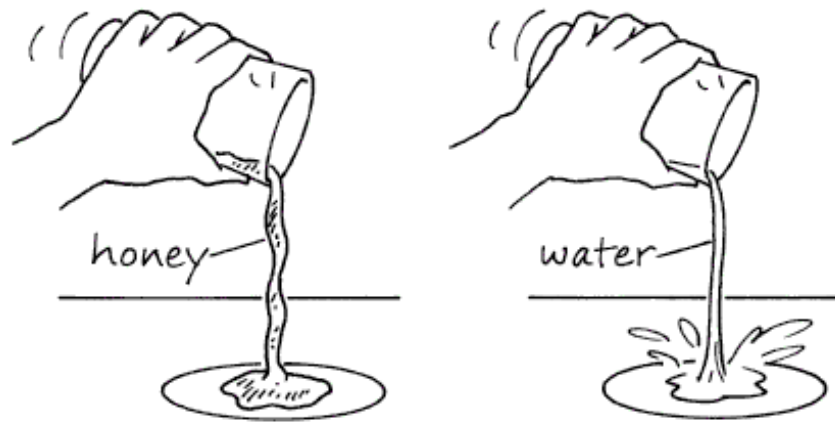
$$\eta \gg \hbar \frac{S}{k_B}$$

Coefficient of "Internal Friction"
deduced from expressions for the stopping power

R. Kronig

Physica 15 (1949) 667.

$$\eta = \frac{3}{8} \hbar n$$



What is more viscous ?

Strongly interacting

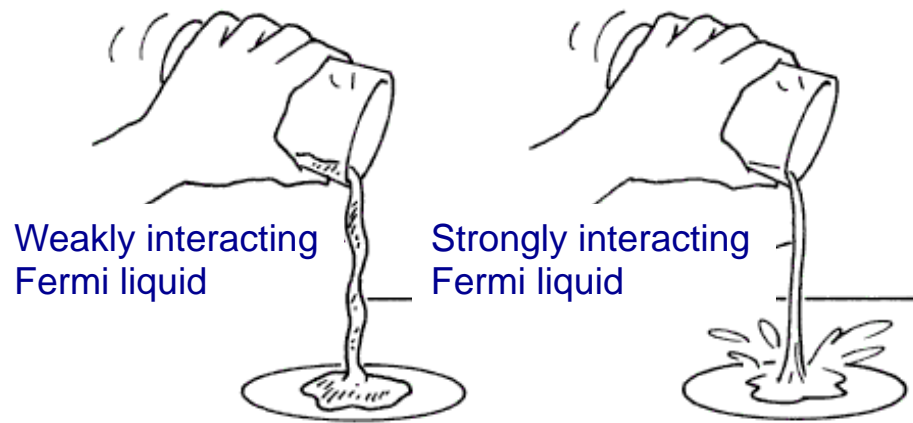
Fermi liquids

(^3He , Sr_2RuO_4 , UPt_3 ,
High T_c superconductors...)

Weakly interacting

Fermi liquids

(Aluminium, silver...)

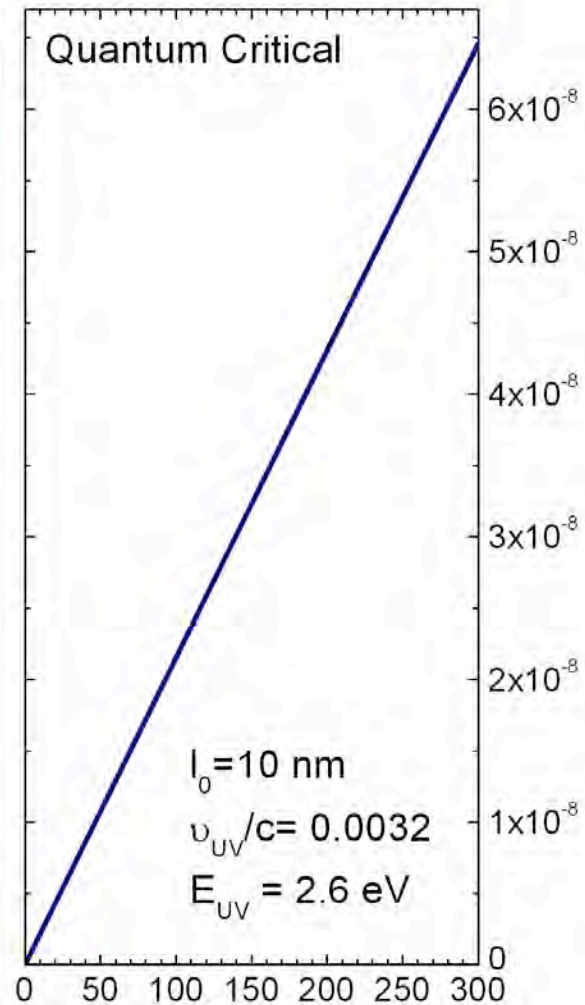
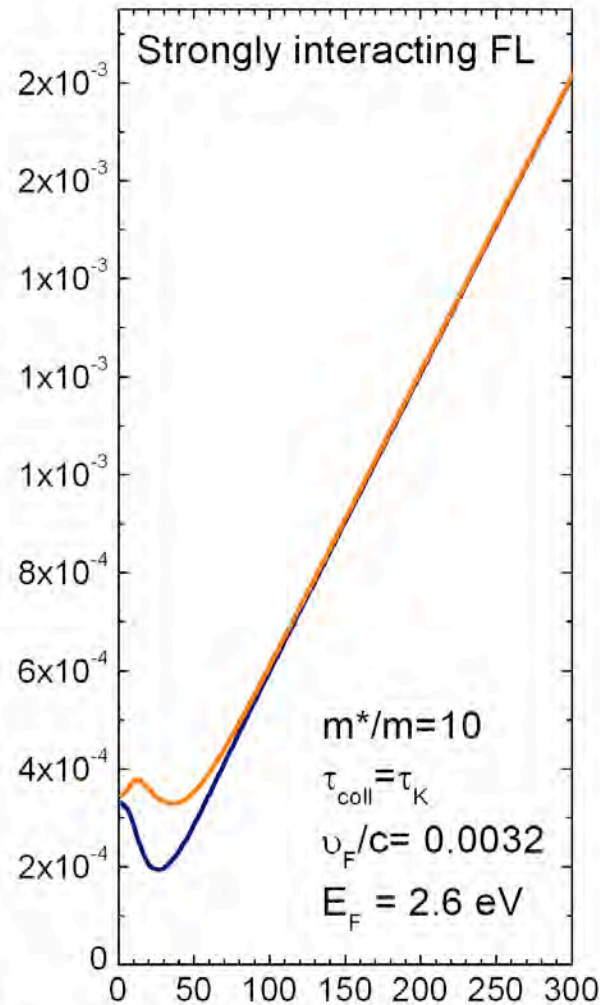
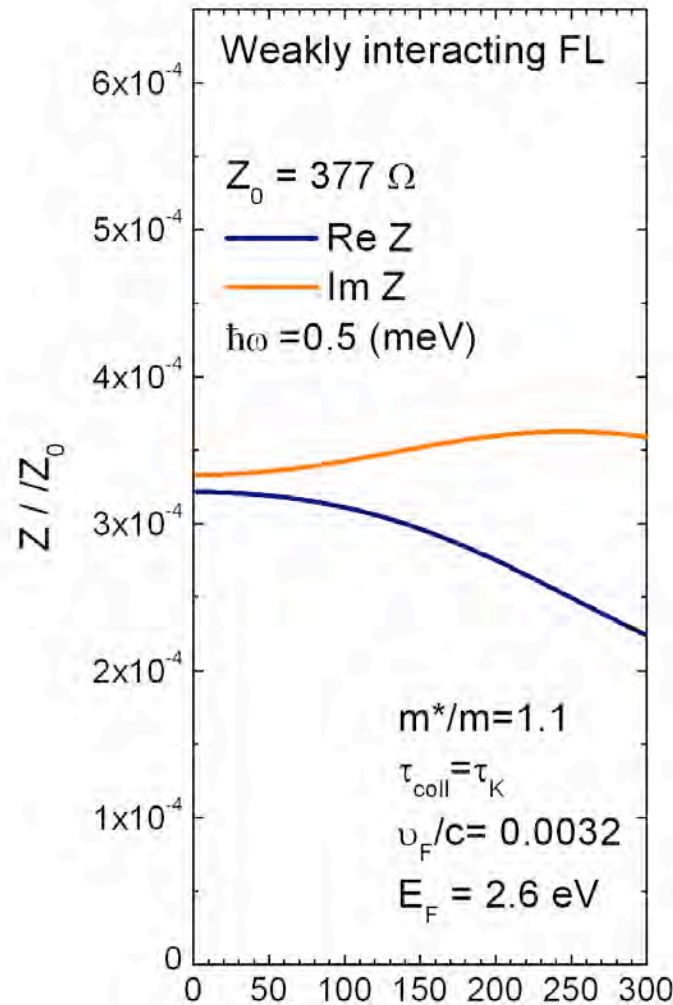


Weakly interacting

Fermions

(Aluminium, silver...)

Surface Impedance of correlated electrons



Temperature (K)

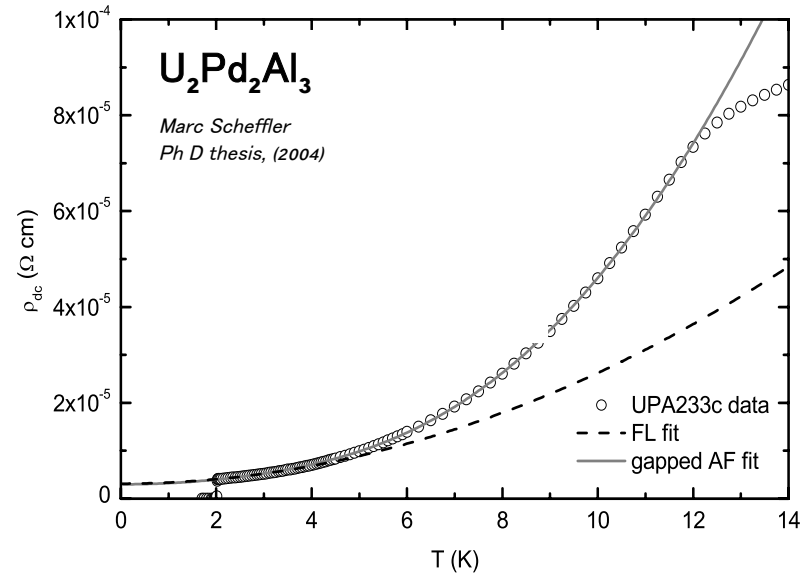
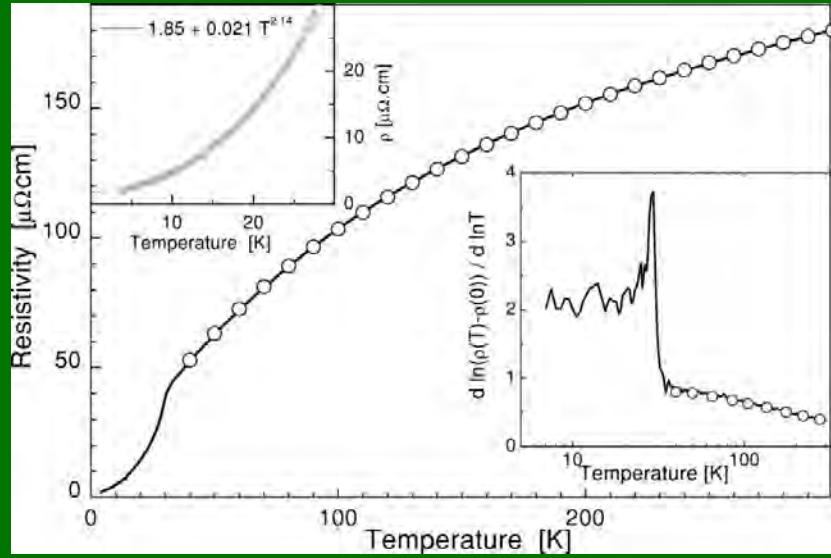
Conclusions Part I

- Viscosity : another manifestation of correlated electron behaviour
- Viscosity of a Fermi liquid grows as $1/T^2$
- Electron liquids, plasmas etc: System of viscous liquid coupled to EM-field
- Consequence 1: Absorption peak at $\omega \tau = 1$
- Consequence 2: Two modes (instead of one) inside the plasma
- Consequence 3: EM-field oscillations due to interference of the two modes
- Strongly interacting Fermi liquid \rightarrow low viscosity

Further reading: Phys. Rev. B 90, 035143 (2014)

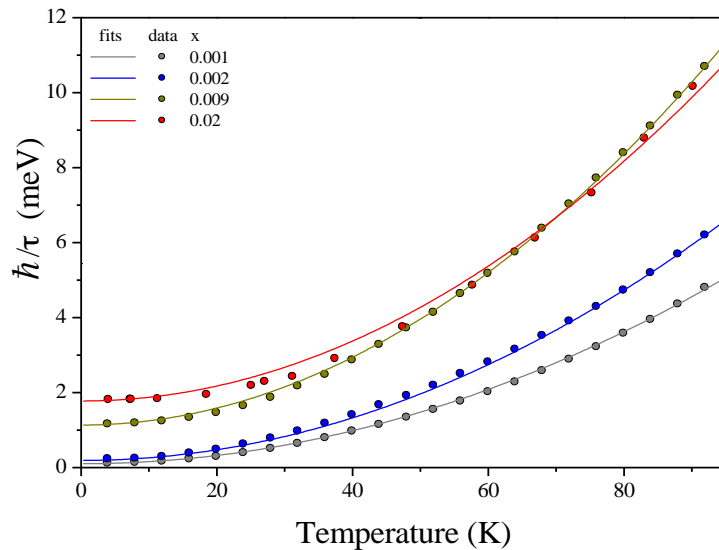
MnSi

FP Mena et al PRB 67 (2003)



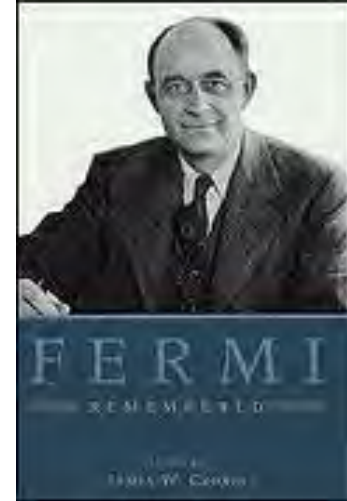
$\text{SrTi}_{1-x}\text{Nb}_x\text{O}_3$

DvdM, I. I. Mazin, J.L.M. van Mechelen
PRB 84, 205111 (2011)



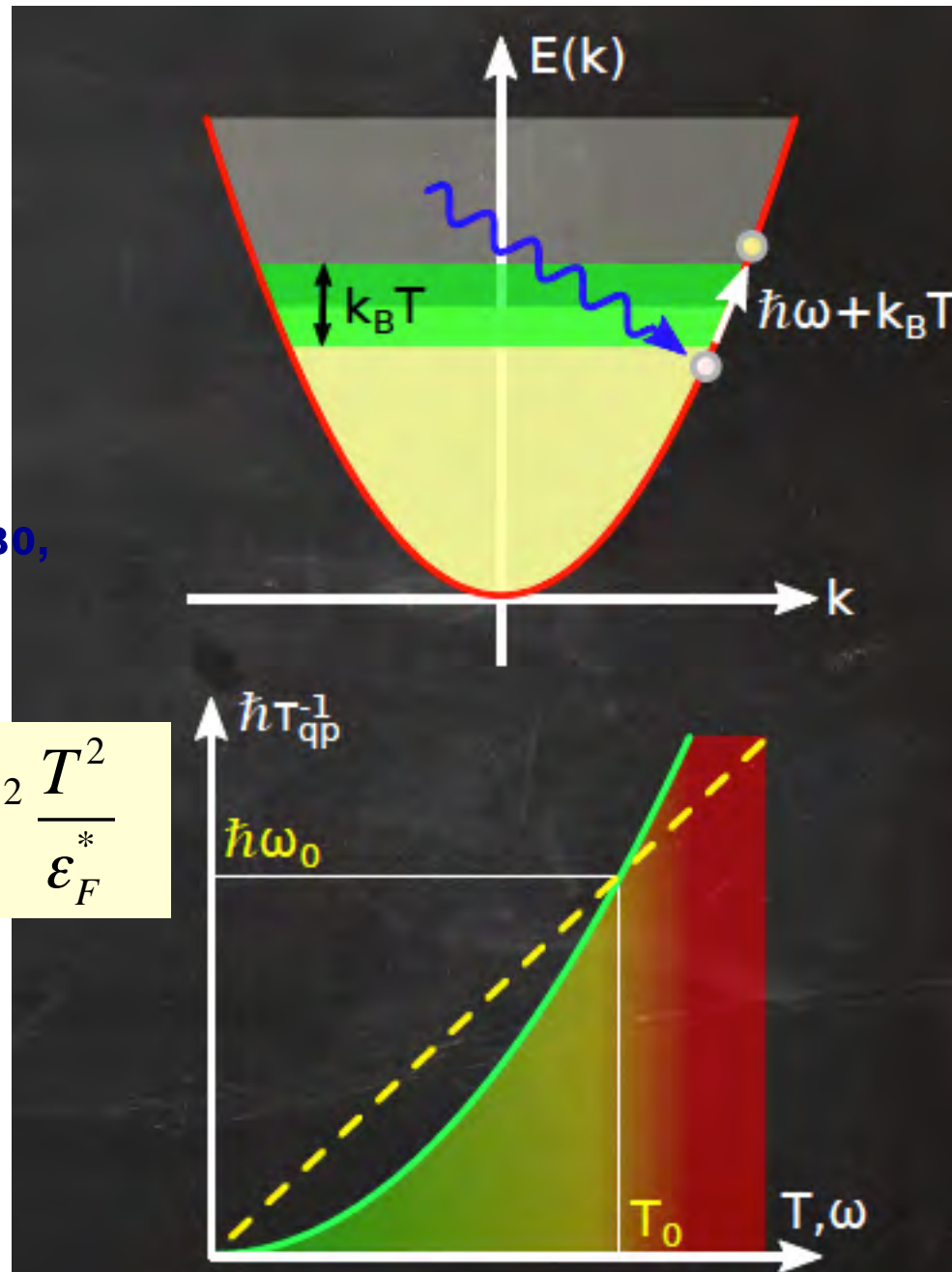


Landau-Fermi Liquids



L. Landau
 Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz. 30,
 1058 (1956)

$$\frac{1}{\tau} \approx \lambda^2 \frac{T^2}{\epsilon_F^*}$$



Optical conductivity and optical constants

Zero viscosity: Single solution of $qc / \omega \equiv n(\omega)$

Maxwell: $[q^2 c^2 - \omega^2] A(\omega) = 4\pi J(\omega)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{J(\omega)}{A(\omega)} = \frac{\omega^2}{4\pi} \left\{ [n(\omega)]^2 - 1 \right\}$$

$$\sigma(\omega) \equiv \frac{J(\omega)}{i\omega A(\omega)} = \frac{\omega}{4\pi i} \left\{ [n(\omega)]^2 - 1 \right\}$$

Zero viscosity.

Optical conductivity of non-interacting charges.

Momentum relaxation time = τ_K

$$\sigma(\omega) = \frac{ne^2 / m}{1 / \tau_K - i\omega}$$

Generalization to interacting quasi-particles

$$\sigma(\omega, T) = \frac{ine^2 / m}{\hbar\omega + M(\omega)} = \frac{ne^2 / m}{1 / \tau(\omega) - i\omega m^*(\omega) / m}$$

W Götze & P Wölfle, PRB 6, 1226 (1972)

JW Allen & JC Mikkelsen, PRB 15, 2952 (1977)



Generalization to interacting quasi-particles

$$\sigma(\omega, T) = \frac{ne^2 / m}{1 / \tau(\omega) - i\omega m^*(\omega) / m}$$

Straightforward inversion of the experimental data:

$$\frac{1}{\tau(\omega)} = \operatorname{Re} \frac{ne^2 / m}{\sigma(\omega)}$$

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Fermi liquid

Single particle life time: $\tau_{sp}(\varepsilon, T) \propto \left[\varepsilon^2 + \pi^2 (k_B T)^2 \right]^{-1}$

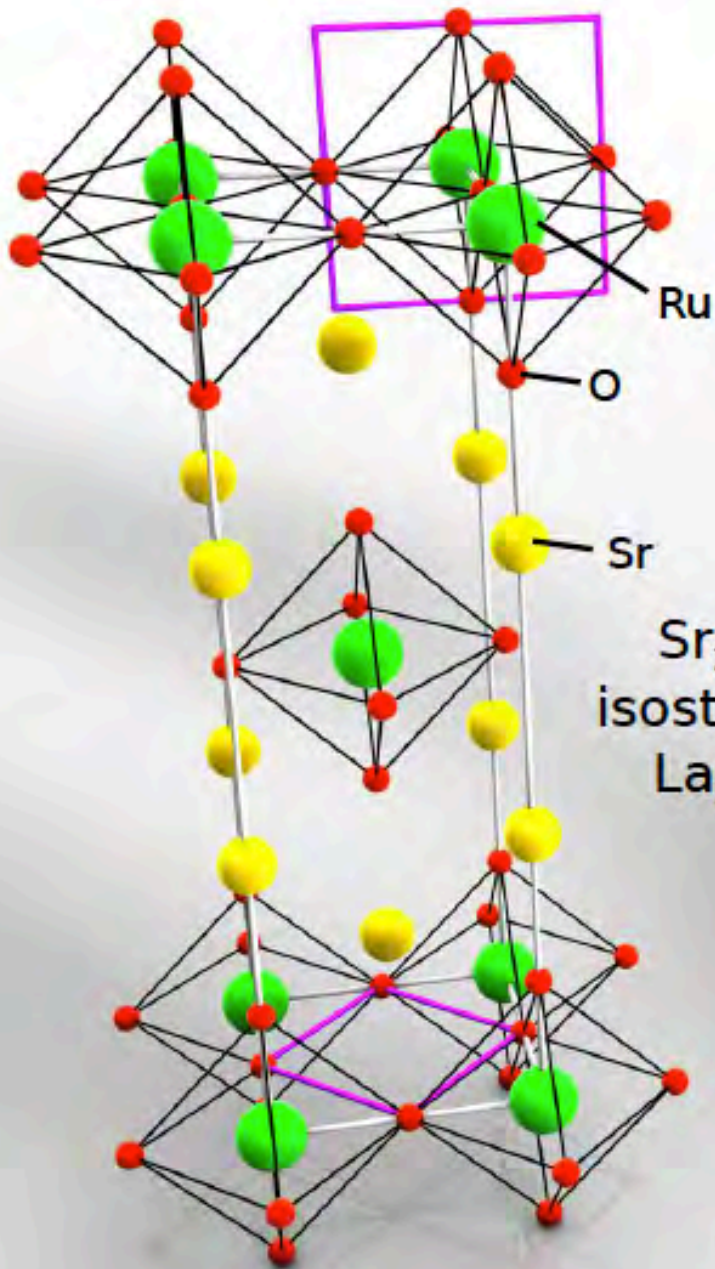
Optical relaxation rate: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 / \tau_{opt}(\omega, T) \propto (\hbar\omega)^2 + (p\pi k_B T)^2 \\ p = 2 \end{array} \right\}$

R. N. Gurzhi, Sov. Phys. JETP **35**, 673 (1959)

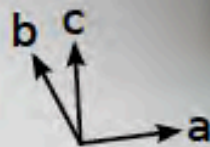
D. L. Maslov & A. V. Chubukov, PRB **86**, 155137 (2012)

C. Berthod *et al*, PRB **87**, 115109 (2013)

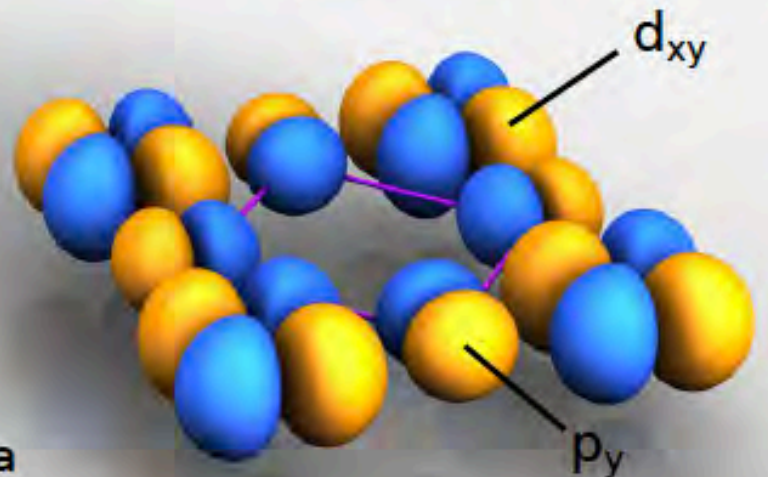
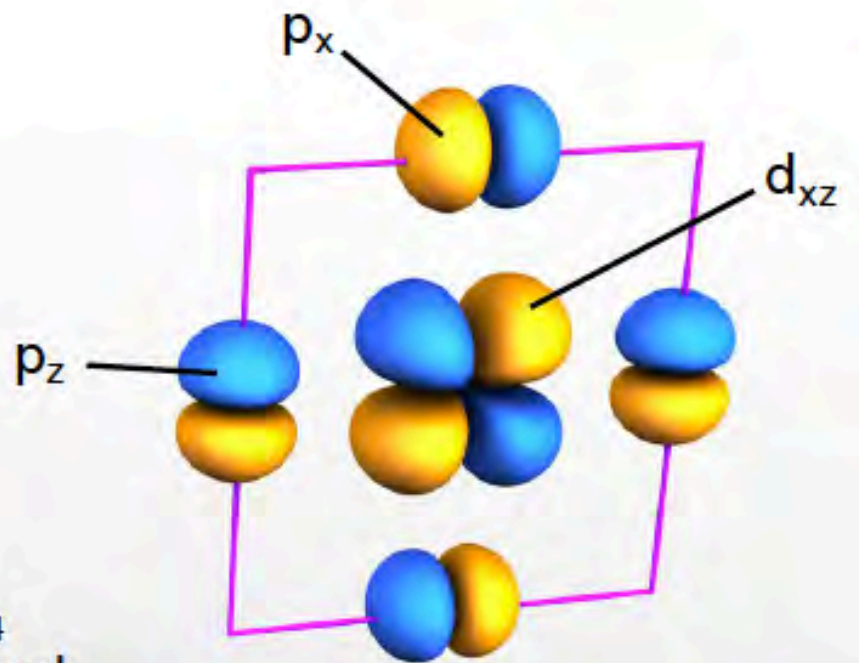




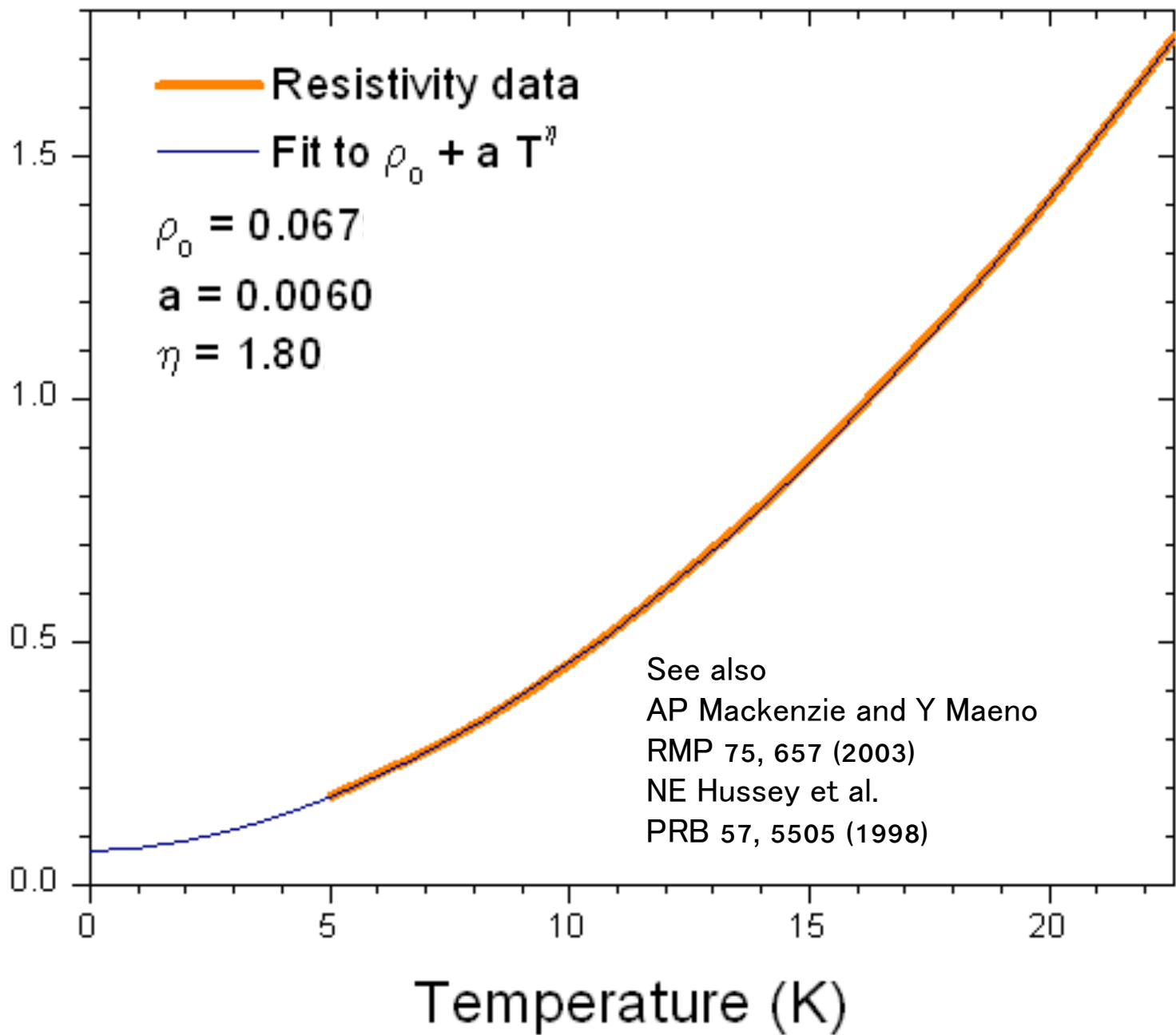
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 isostructural
 La_2CuO_4

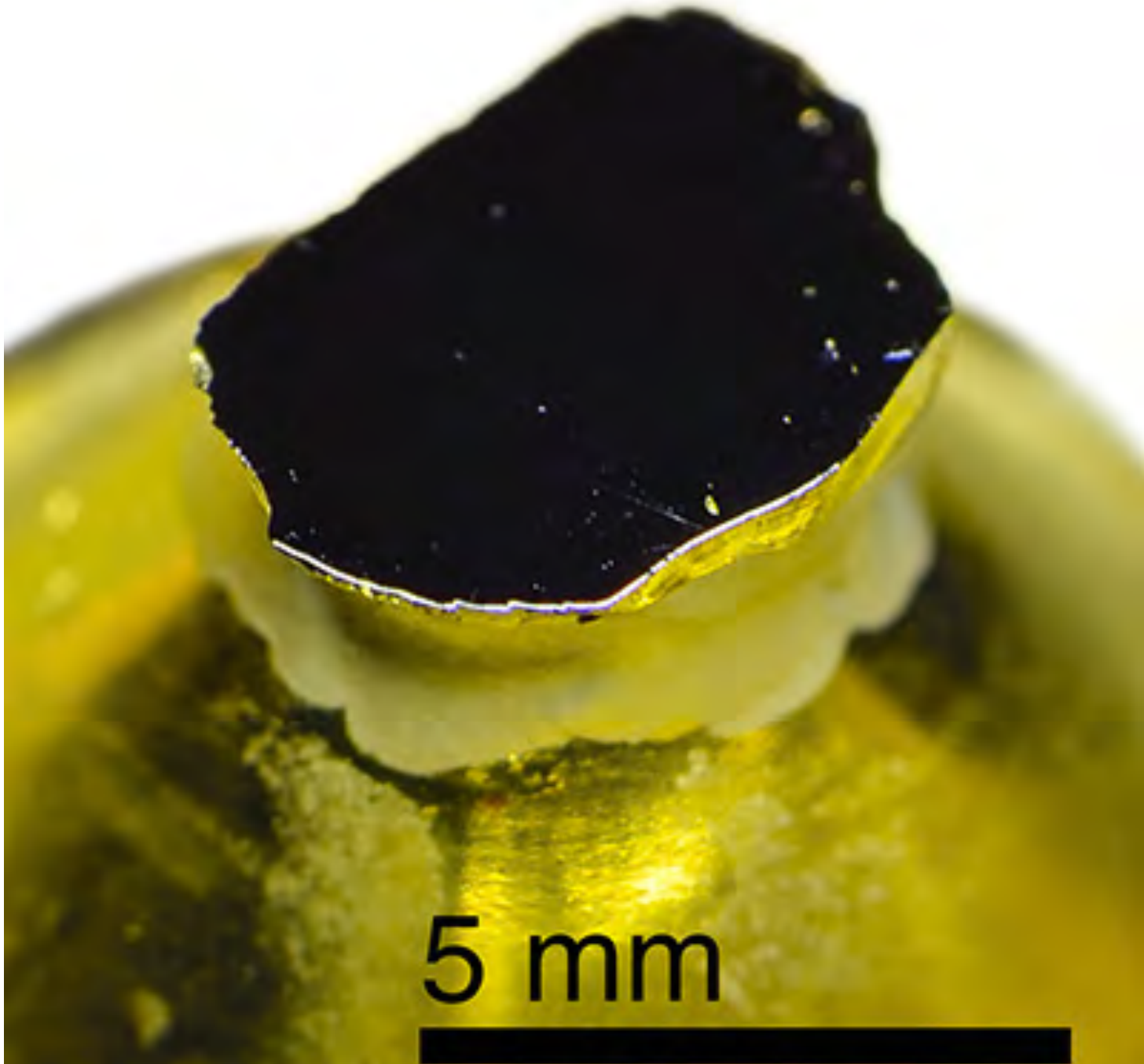


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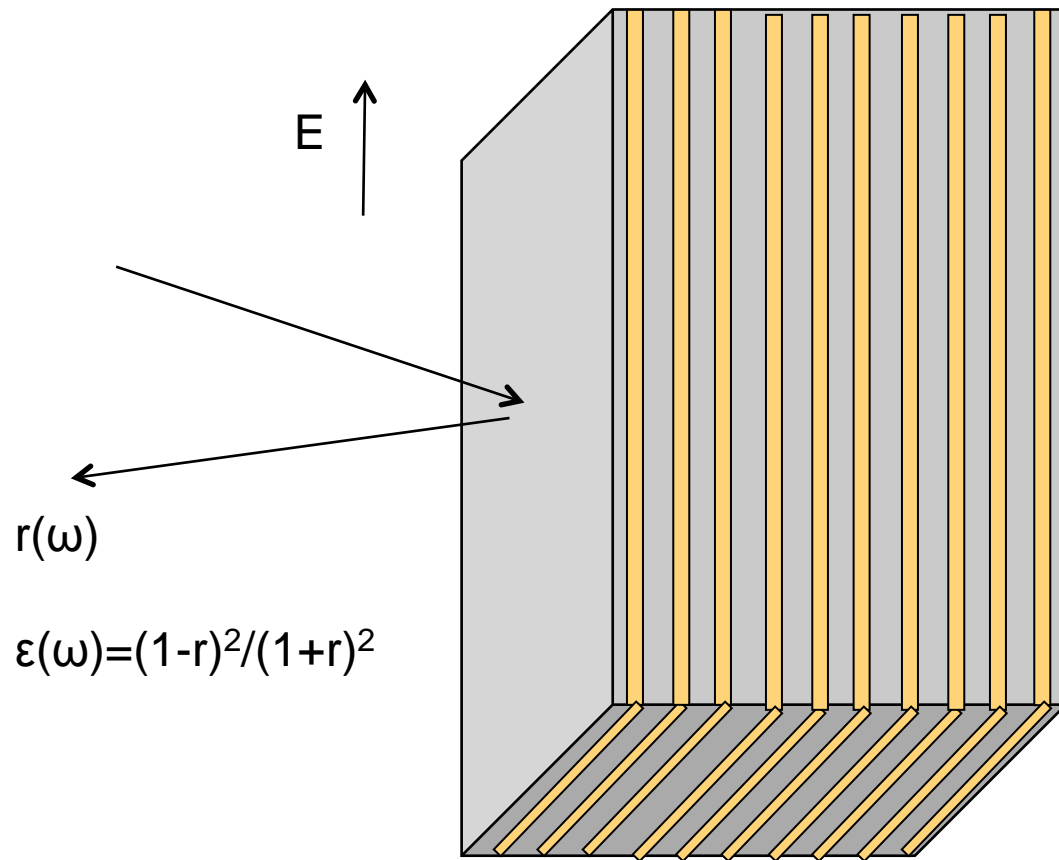
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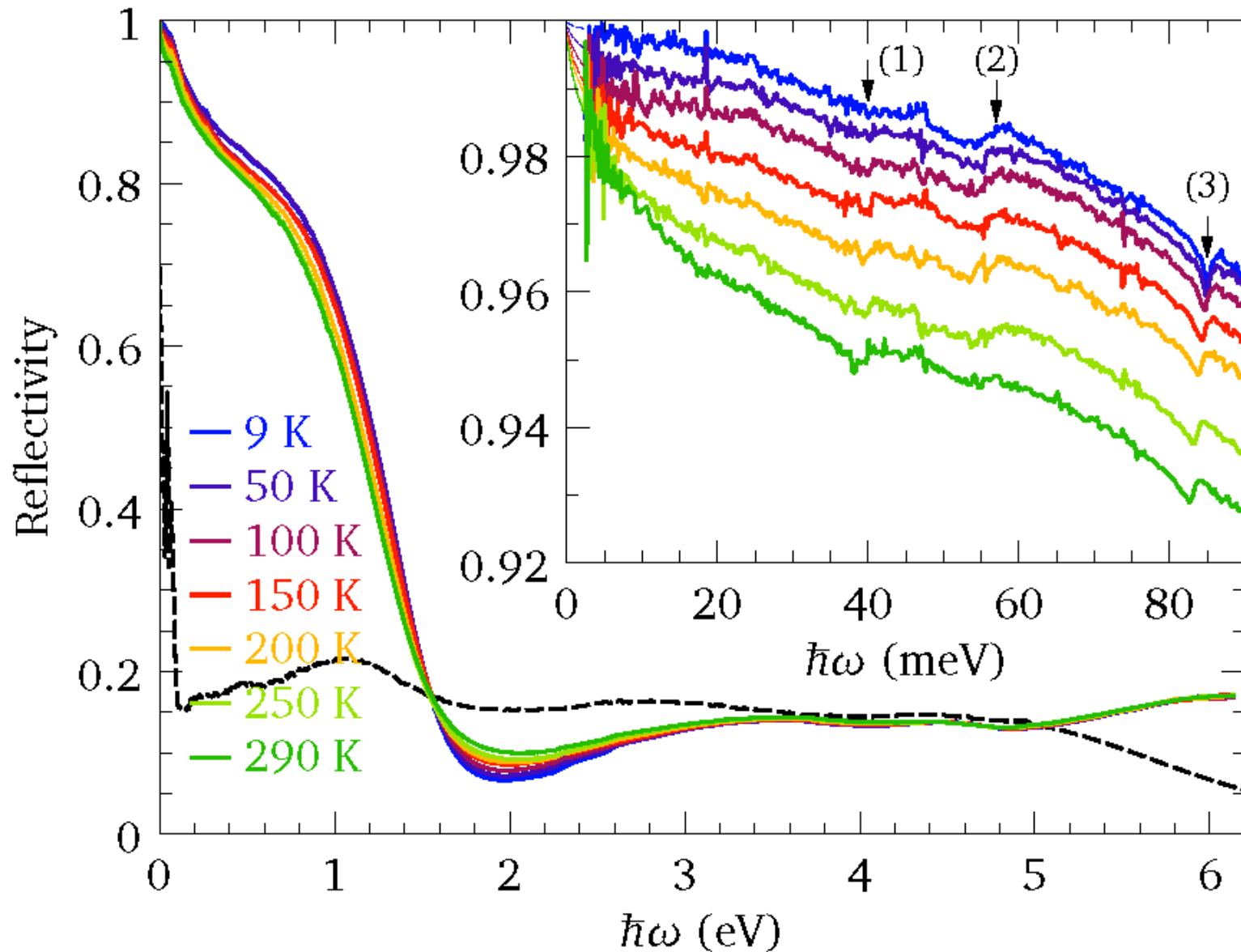


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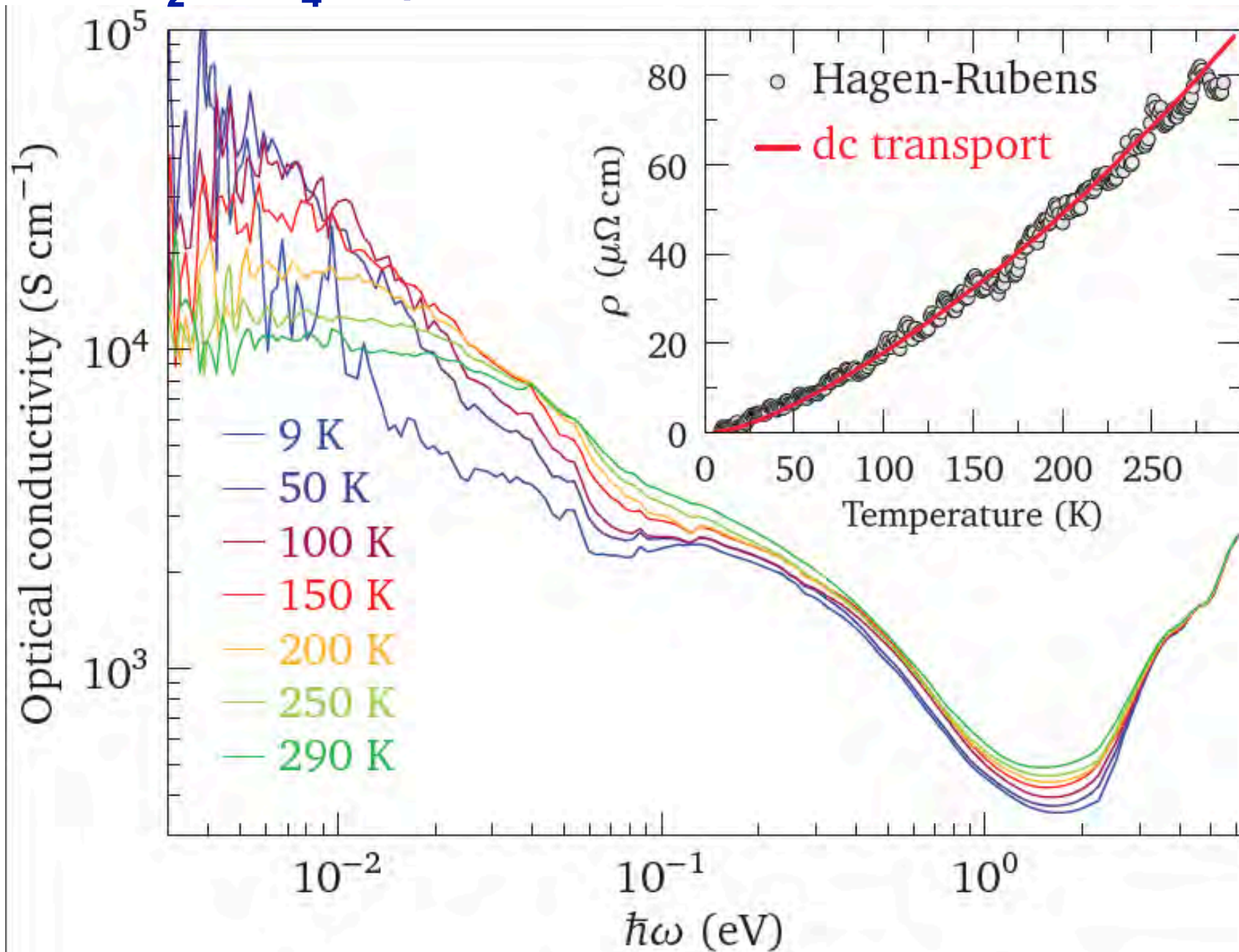
Measuring Reflectance of Sr_2RuO_4



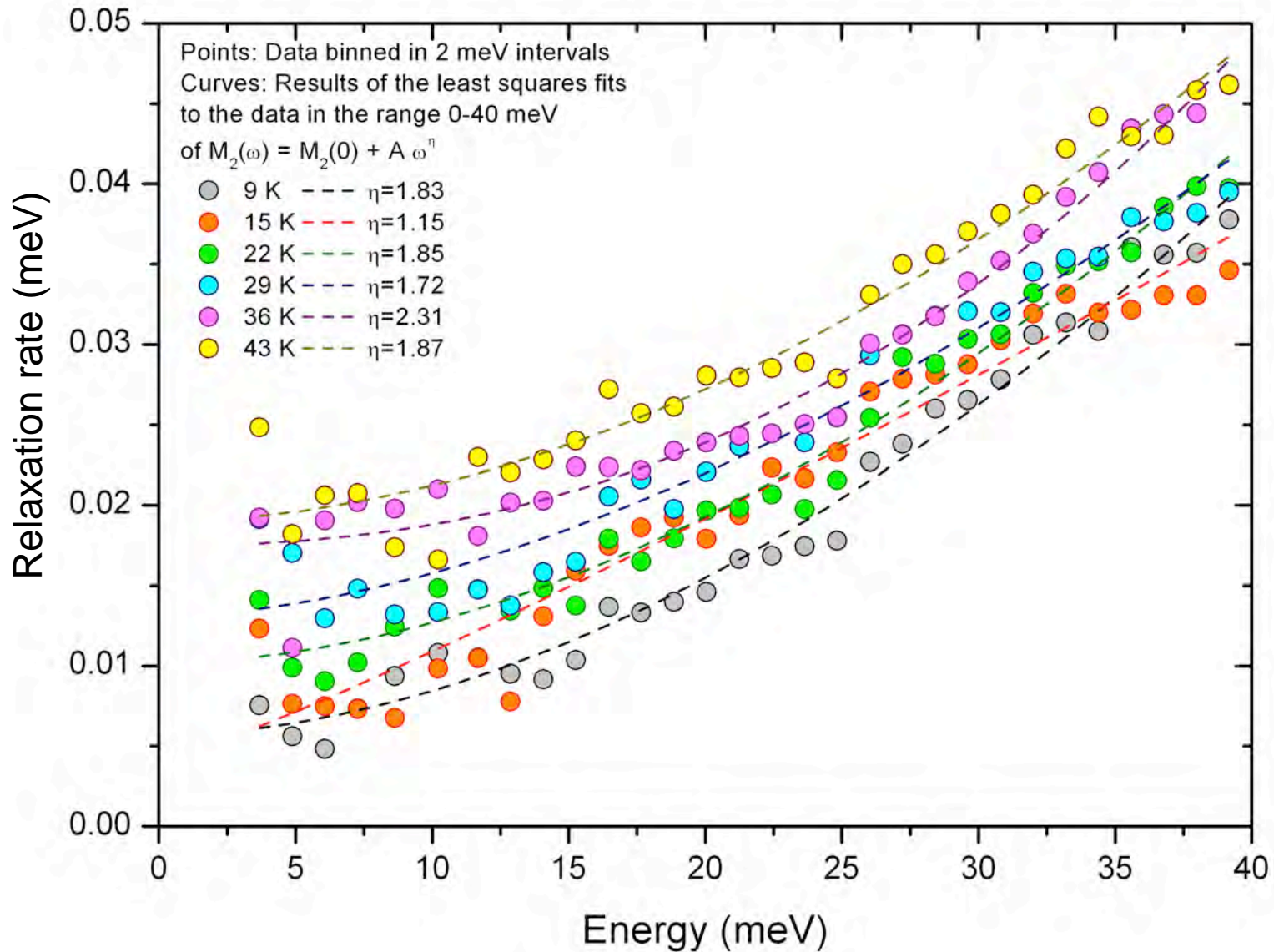
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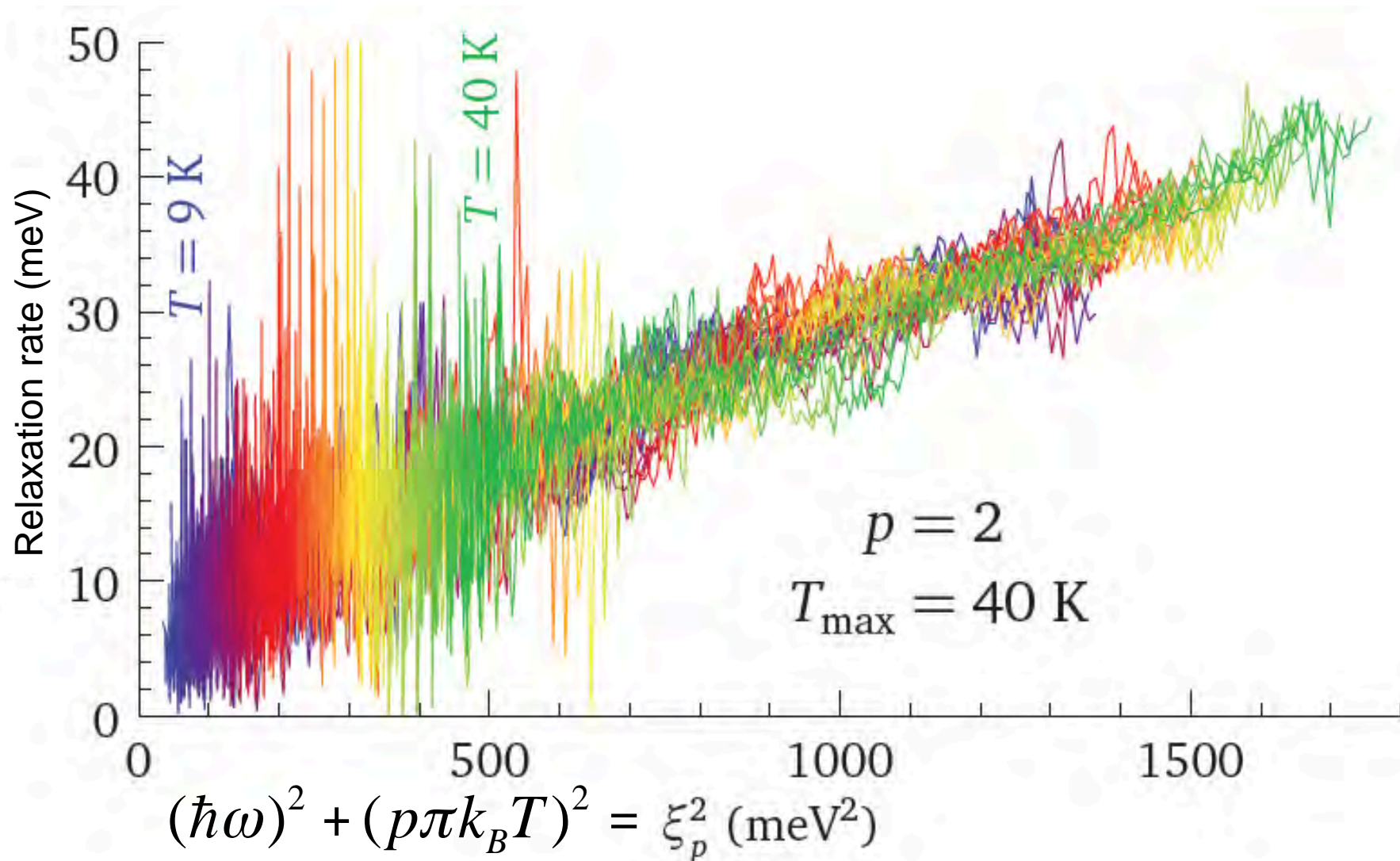
Sr_2RuO_4 : Optical conductivity



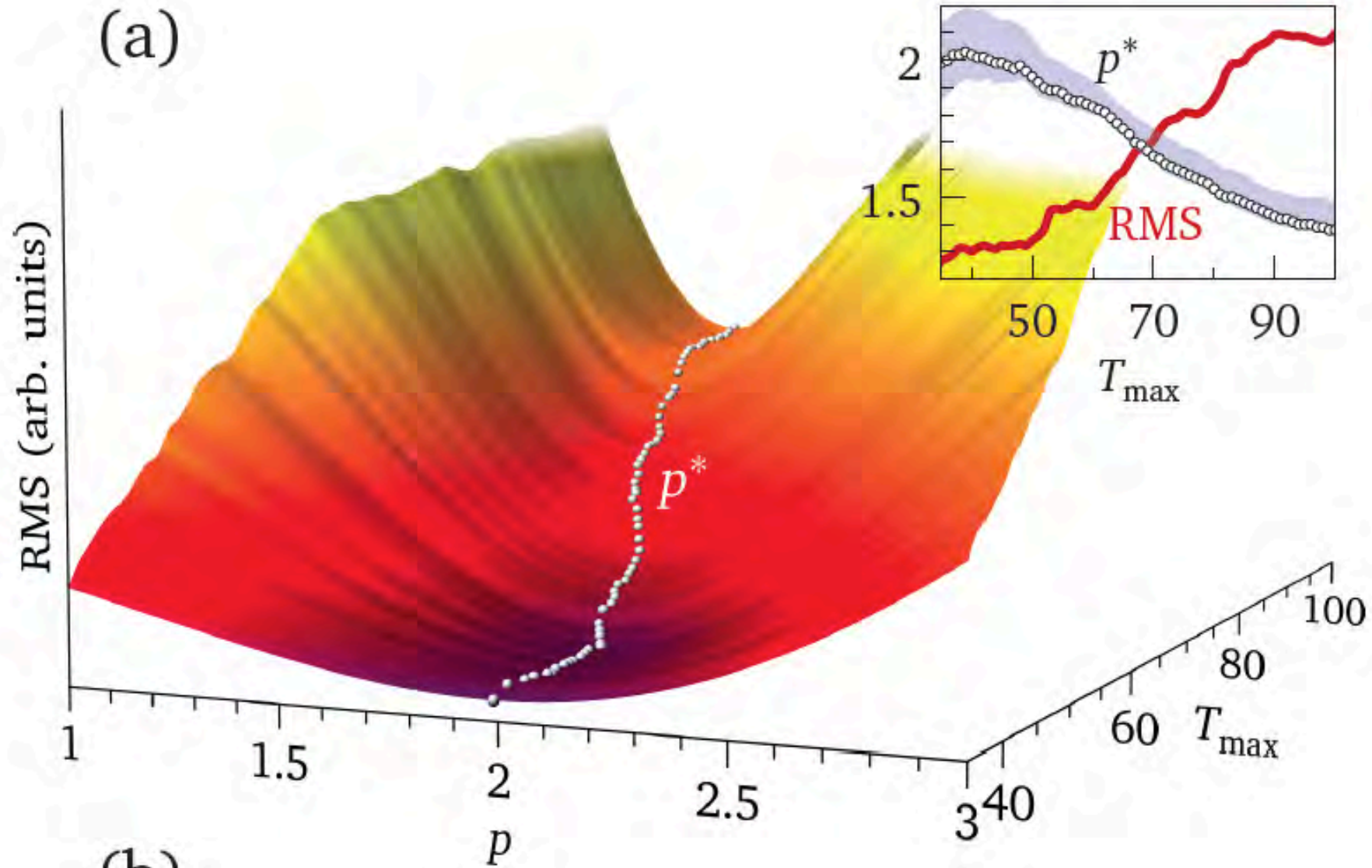
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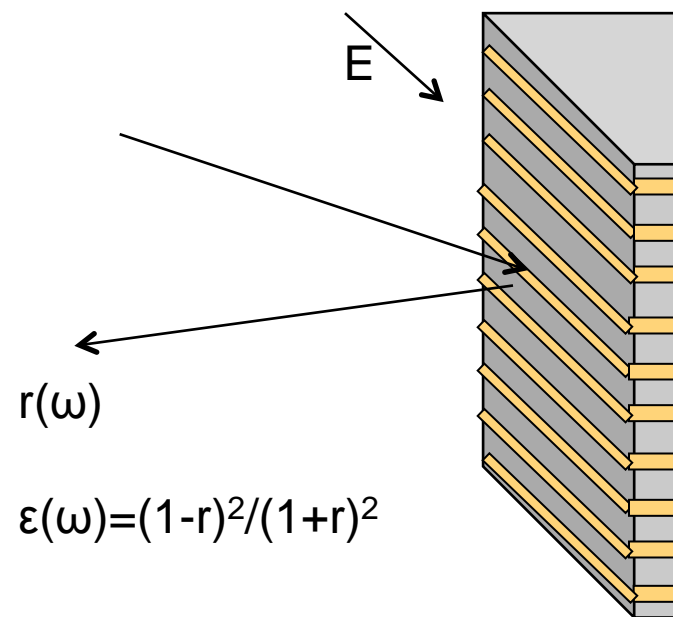
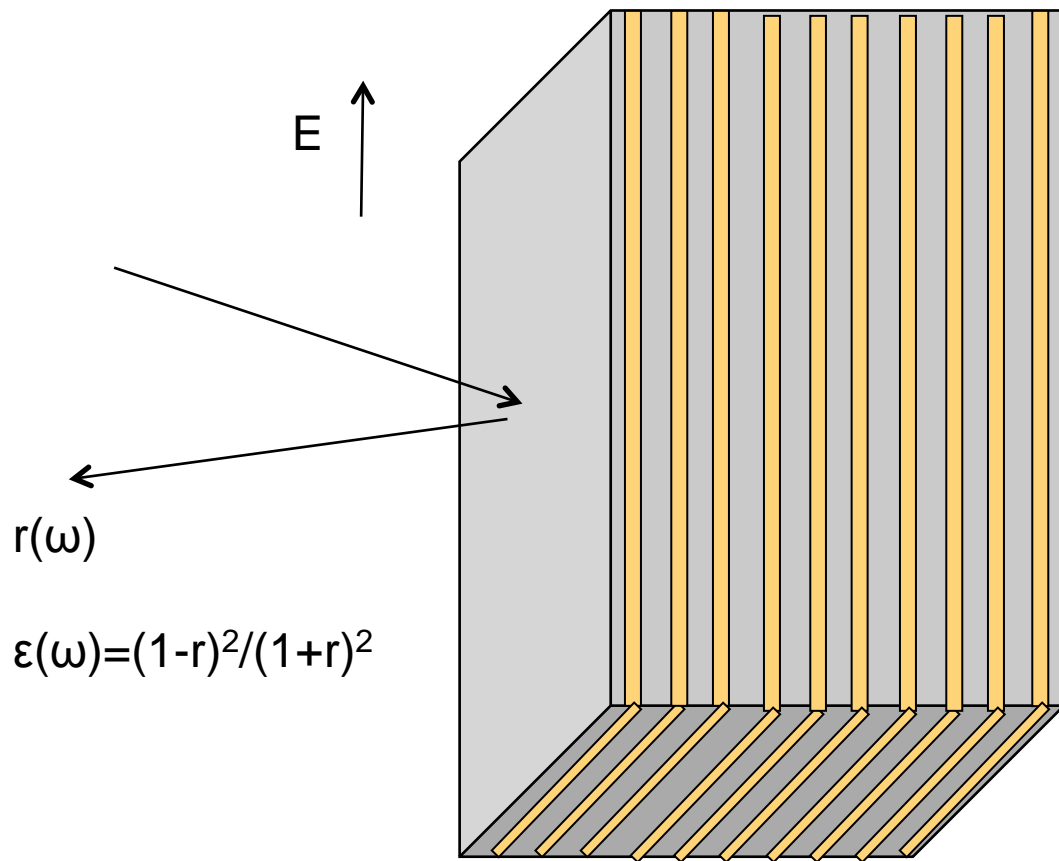
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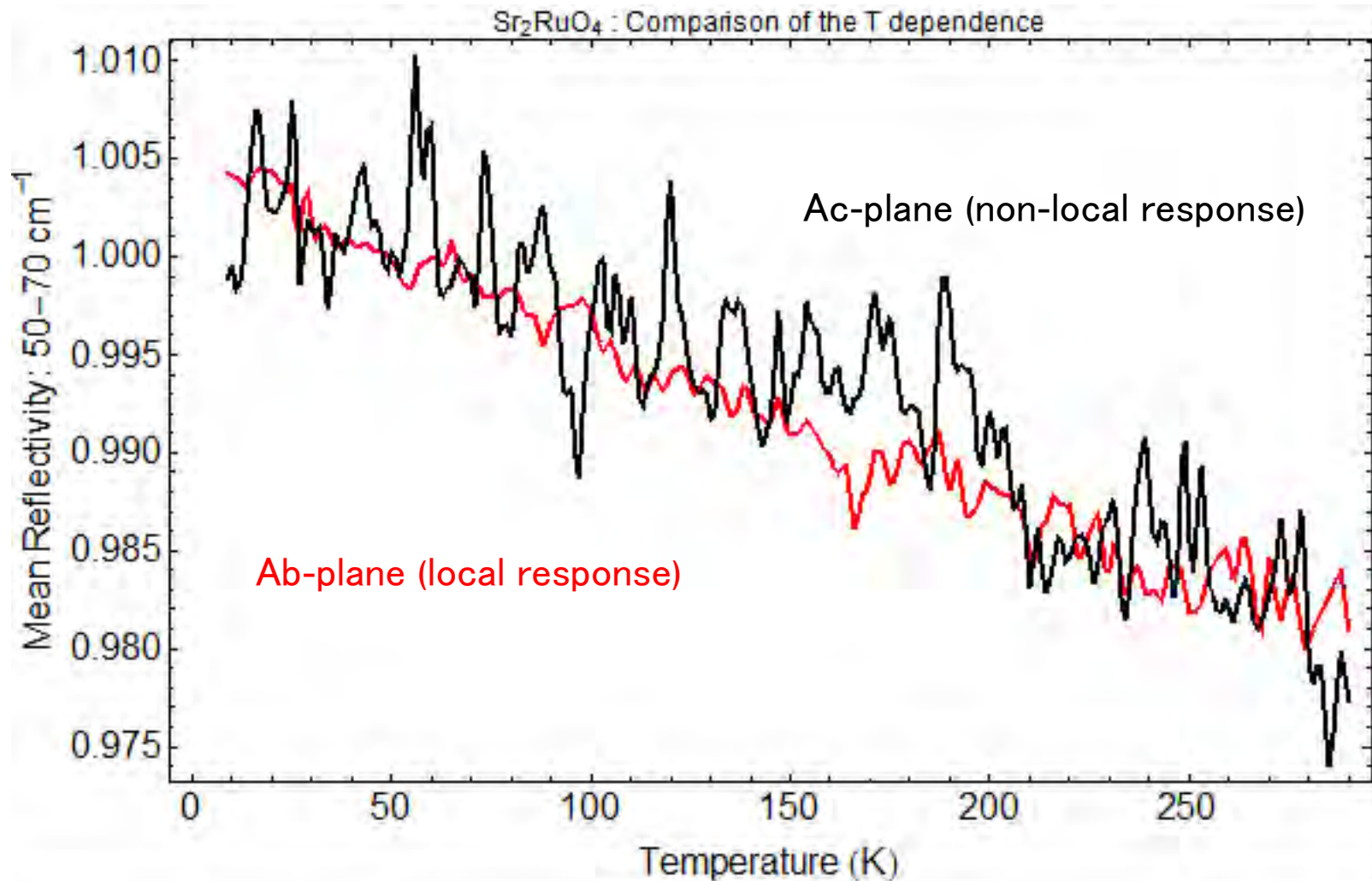
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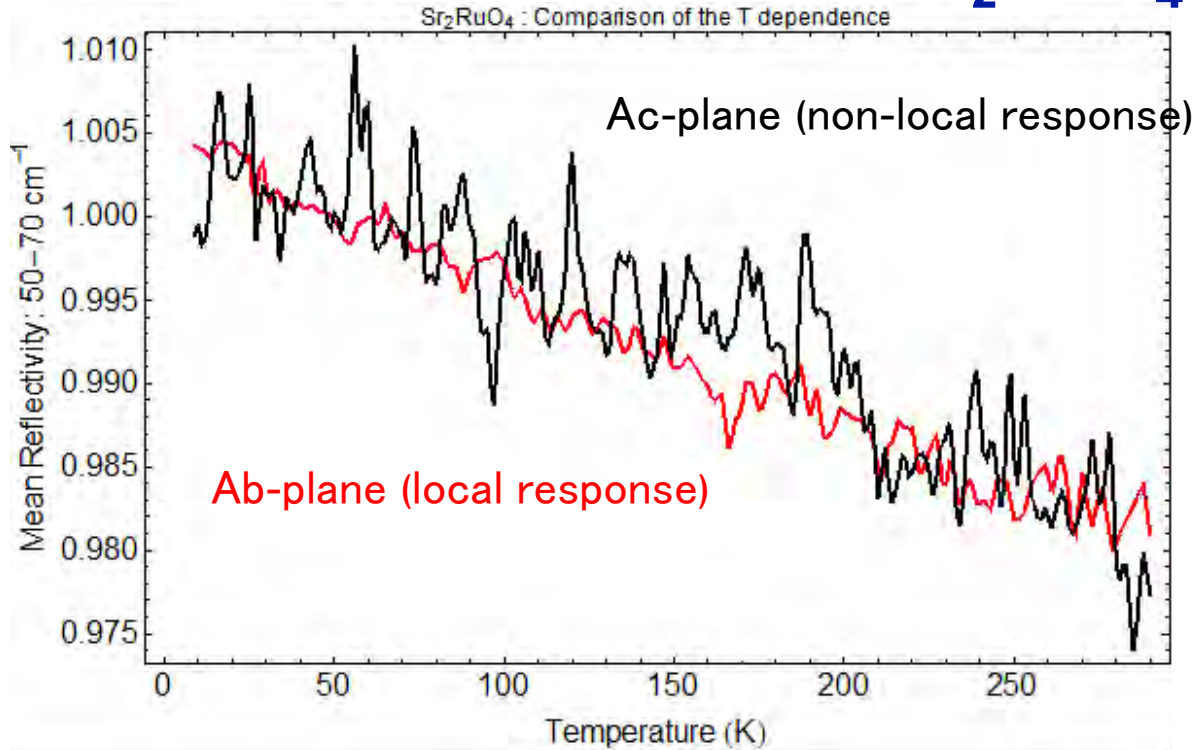
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The overlap of both signals with and without viscosity implies an upper limit for η / τ

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\eta}{\tau} < 10^{-7} \rho c^2$$

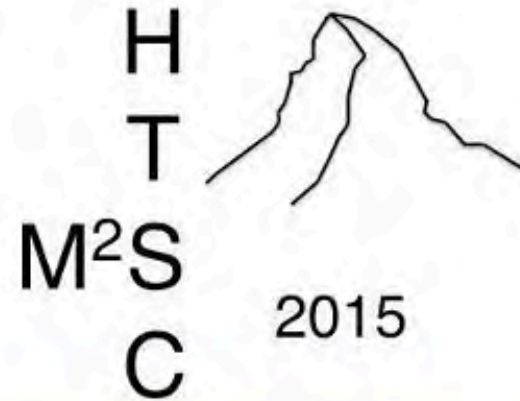
Conclusions Part II

- Sr_2RuO_4 : A strongly interacting Fermi liquid
- Lifetime grows as $1/T^2$ and as $1/\omega^2$
- Universal scaling of the optical momentum relaxation rate: $1/\tau = A\{ (\hbar\omega)^2 + (2\pi k_B T)^2 \}$

Further reading: Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 087404 (2014)

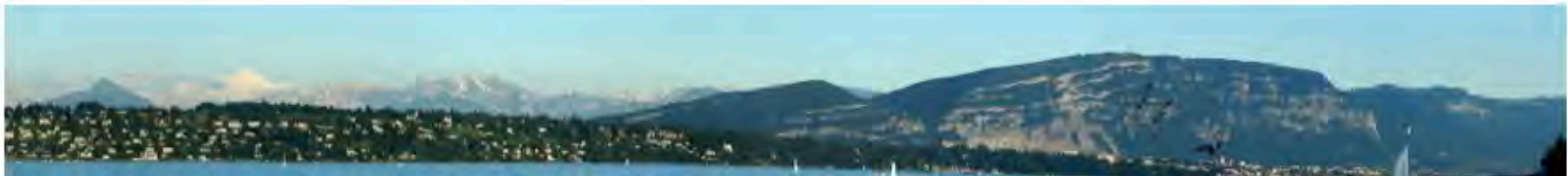
- Viscosity parameter $\eta / \tau < 10^{-7} \rho c^2$

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$$\left. \begin{array}{l}
 \mathbf{H} \neq \mathbf{B}; \mathbf{D} \neq \mathbf{E} \\
 \text{magnetic permeability: } \mathbf{H} = \mu^{-1}(\omega) \mathbf{B} \\
 \text{dielectric permittivity: } \mathbf{D} = \varepsilon(\omega) \mathbf{E}
 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow q^2 = \varepsilon(\omega) \mu(\omega) \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}$$

Gauge transformation

$$\left. \begin{array}{l}
 \tilde{\mathbf{H}} = \mathbf{H} + \partial \mathbf{N} / \partial t \\
 \Rightarrow \tilde{\mu}^{-1}(\omega) = \mu^{-1}(\omega) - i\omega \mathbf{N} / \mathbf{B} \\
 \tilde{\mathbf{D}} = \mathbf{D} + c \nabla \times \mathbf{N} \\
 \Rightarrow \tilde{\varepsilon}(\omega) = \varepsilon(\omega) + ic \mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{N} / \mathbf{E} \\
 \text{Take: } \mathbf{N} \equiv \frac{i}{\omega} (1 - \mu^{-1}(\omega)) \mathbf{B}
 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \tilde{\mathbf{H}} = \mathbf{B} \\
 \Rightarrow \tilde{\mu} = 1 \\
 \tilde{\mathbf{D}} = \mathbf{D} + (1 - \mu^{-1}(\omega)) \frac{q^2 c^2}{\omega^2} \mathbf{E} \\
 \Rightarrow \tilde{\varepsilon}(q, \omega) = \varepsilon(\omega) + (1 - \mu^{-1}(\omega)) \frac{q^2 c^2}{\omega^2}
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