

CDW and superconductivity:  
 $T_c$  “domes” by irradiation induced disorder



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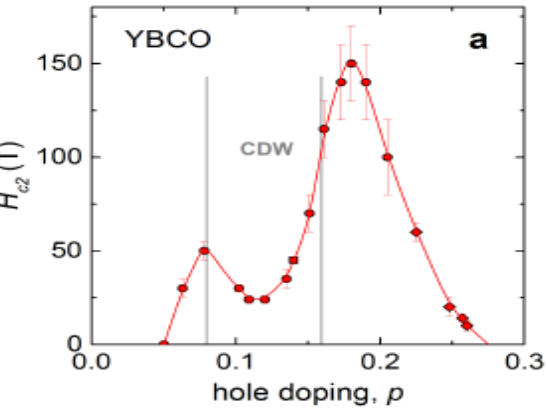
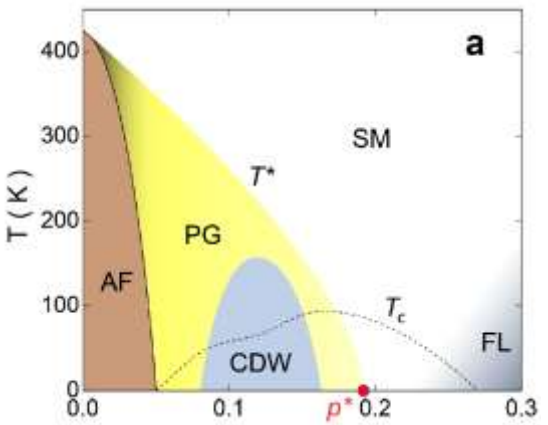


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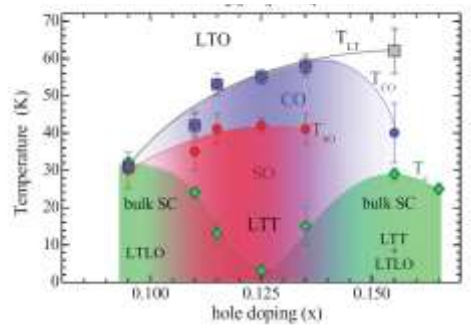
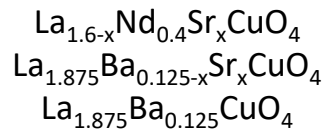
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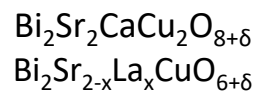
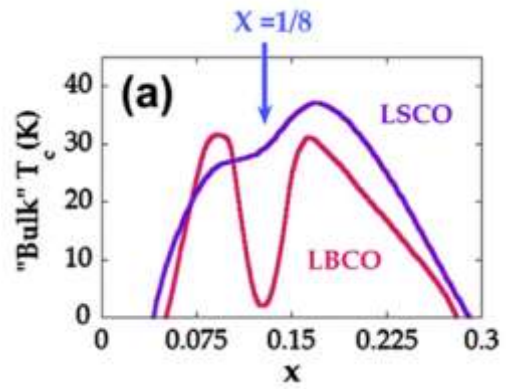
# Ubiquitous CDW in $T_c$ dome of cuprates high temperature superconductors



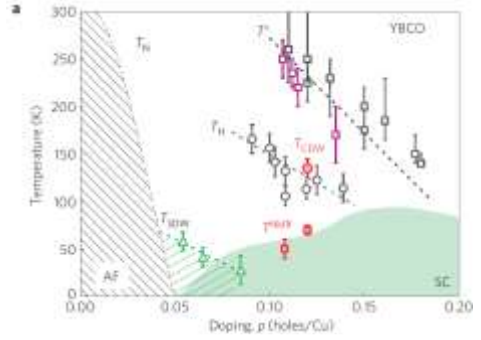
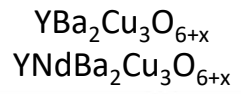
Cuprates, heavy fermions, dichalcogenides, organic...



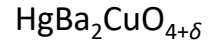
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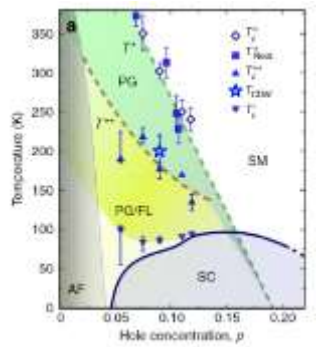
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Also electron-doped:  $\text{Nd}_{2-x}\text{Ce}_x\text{CuO}_4$   
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What is the role of the CDW in cuprates ?

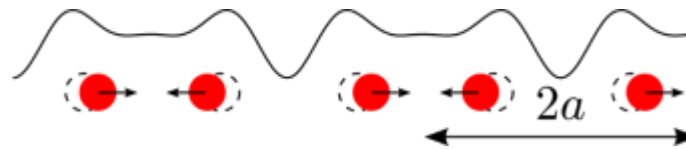
# Charge Density Wave (CDW)

Metal : “Bloch states”

density of conduction electron (at  $E_F$ )



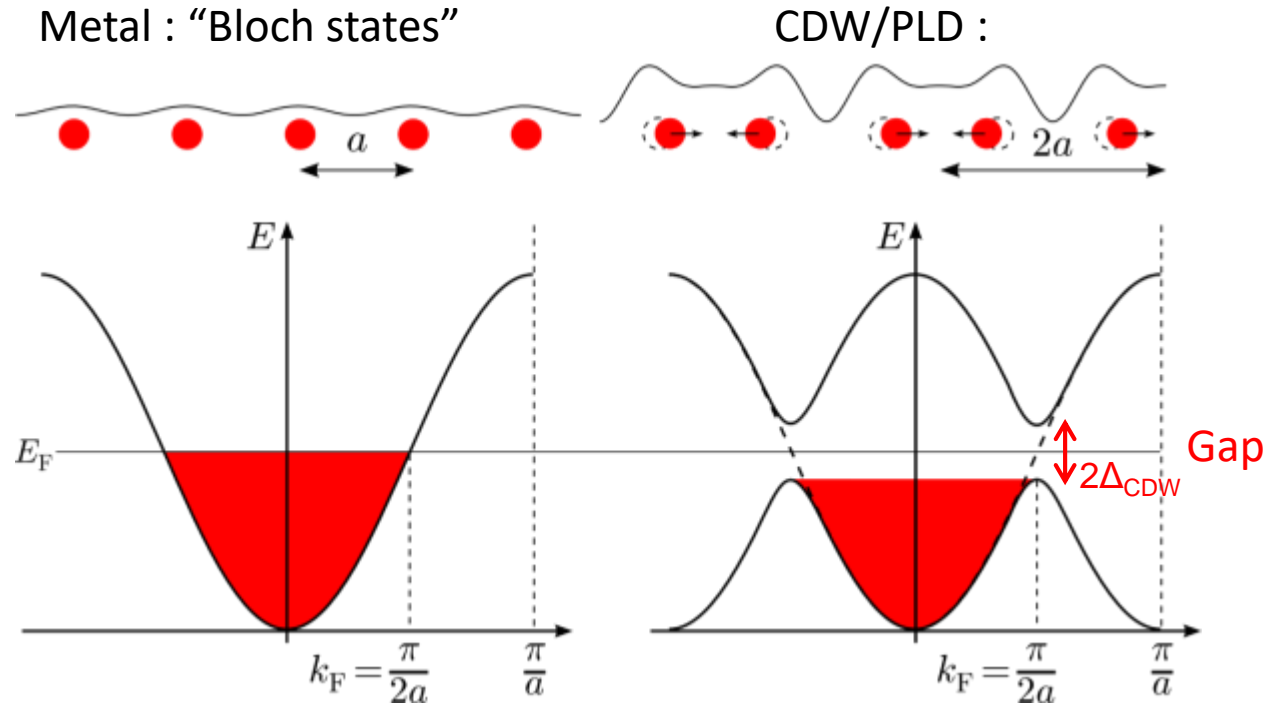
CDW/PLD :



Charge Density Wave (CDW) = static, real space, oscillation of e- density at  $E_F$

Periodic Lattice Distorsion (PLD) = static oscillation of the crystal lattice

# Charge Density Wave gap : $\Delta_{\text{CDW}}$



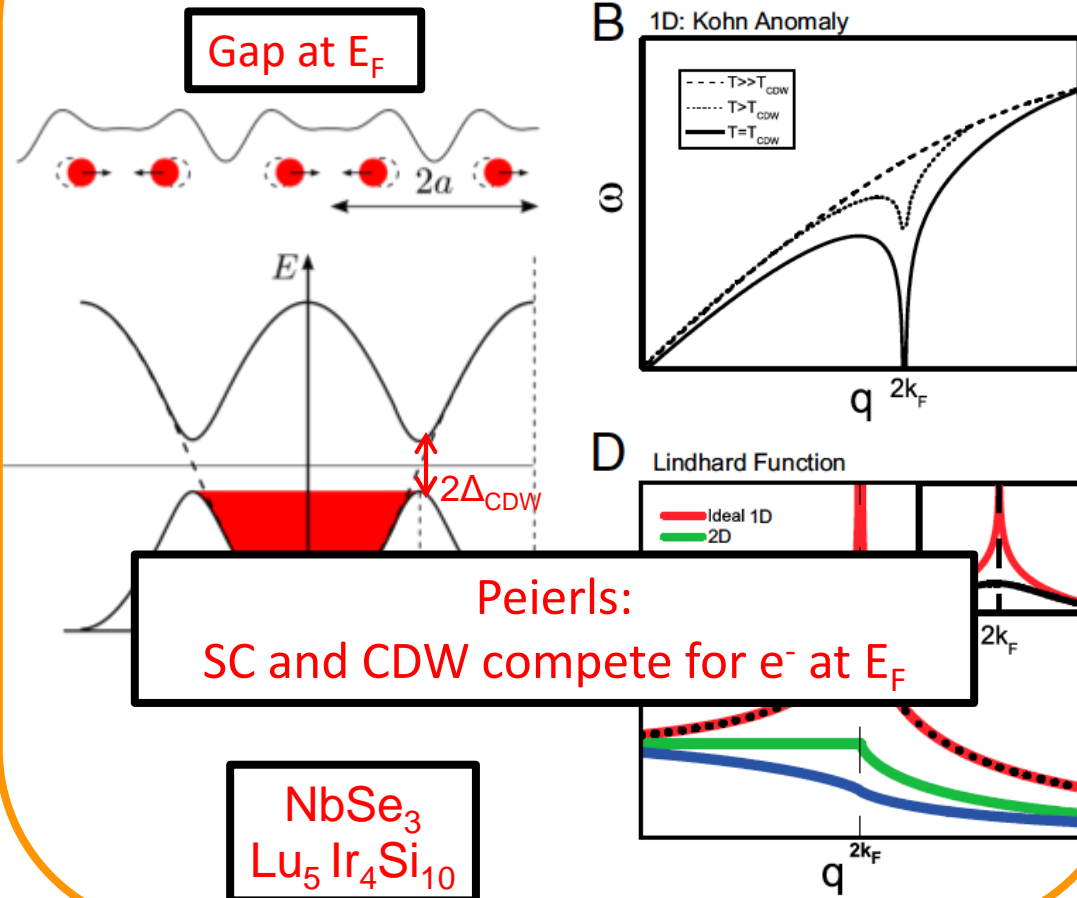
CDW gap at the Fermi level

"textbook" picture:  
SC and CDW simply compete for the same electrons at  $E_F$

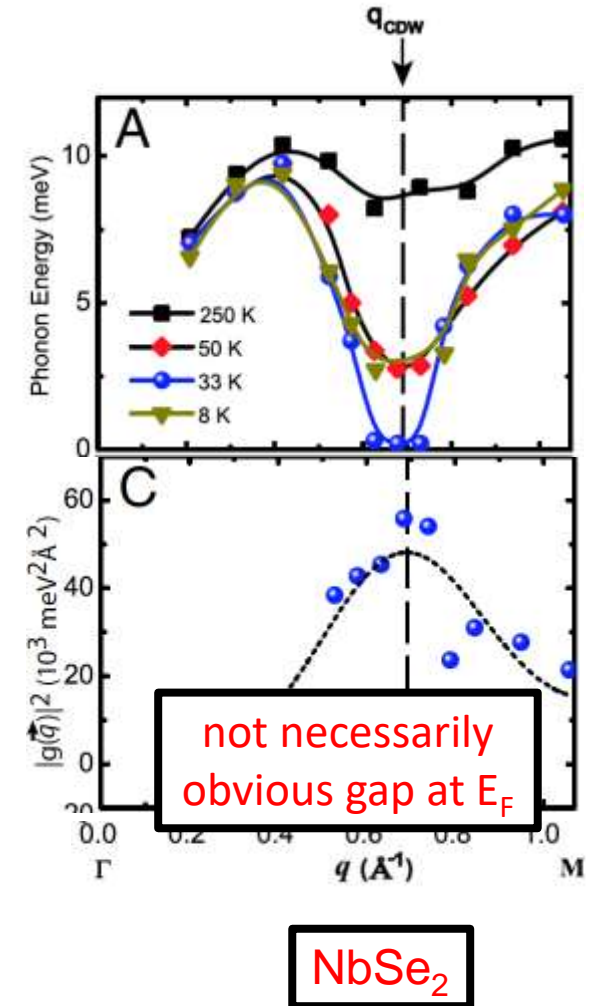
# Three « types » of CDW

Xuetao Zhu et al. PNAS 112 (8) 2367-2371 (2015)

## Type 1: Fermi surface nesting



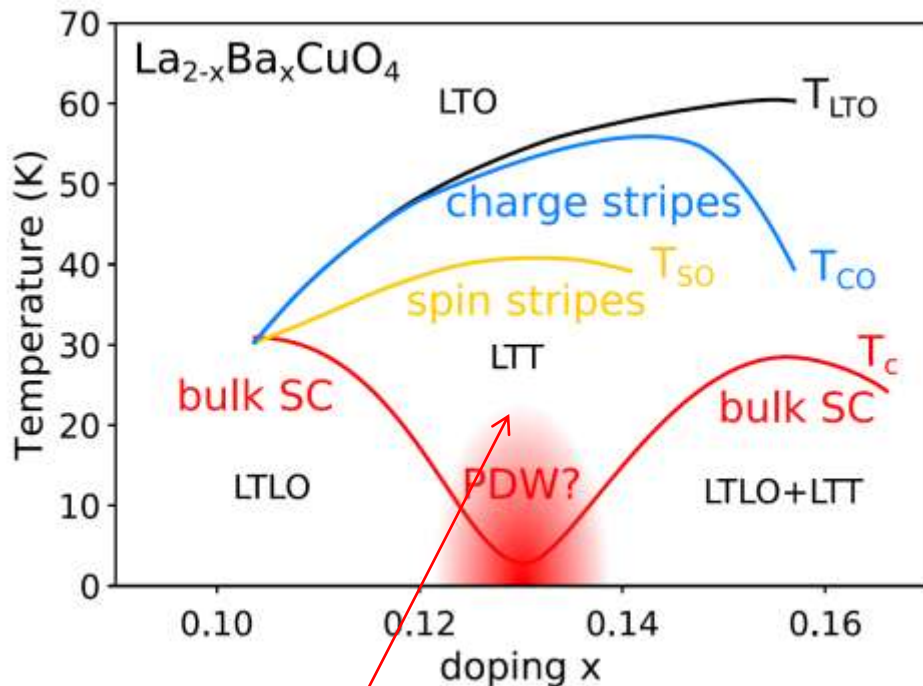
## Type 2: max in electron-phonon coupling



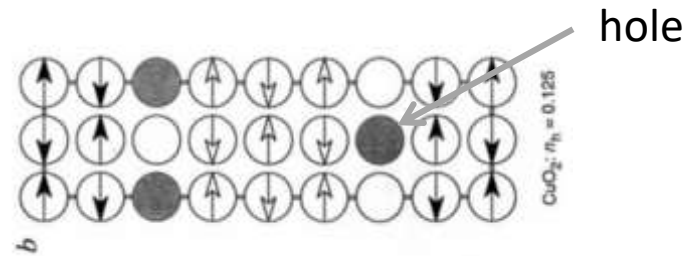
## Type 3: CDW in cuprates?

# Stripe order in the $\text{CuO}_2$ planes of $\text{La}_{2-x}\text{Ba}_x\text{CuO}_4$ $x=0.125$ (1/8 doping)

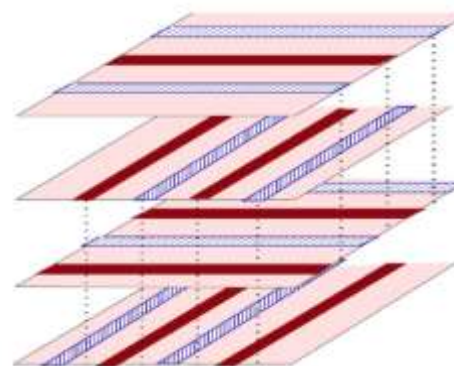
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Dynamical layer decoupling ?  
 2D superconductivity ?  
 BKT transition ?



Stripes = spatial correlations between spins and holes  
 PDW = **intertwined** spin, charge and SC orders ?



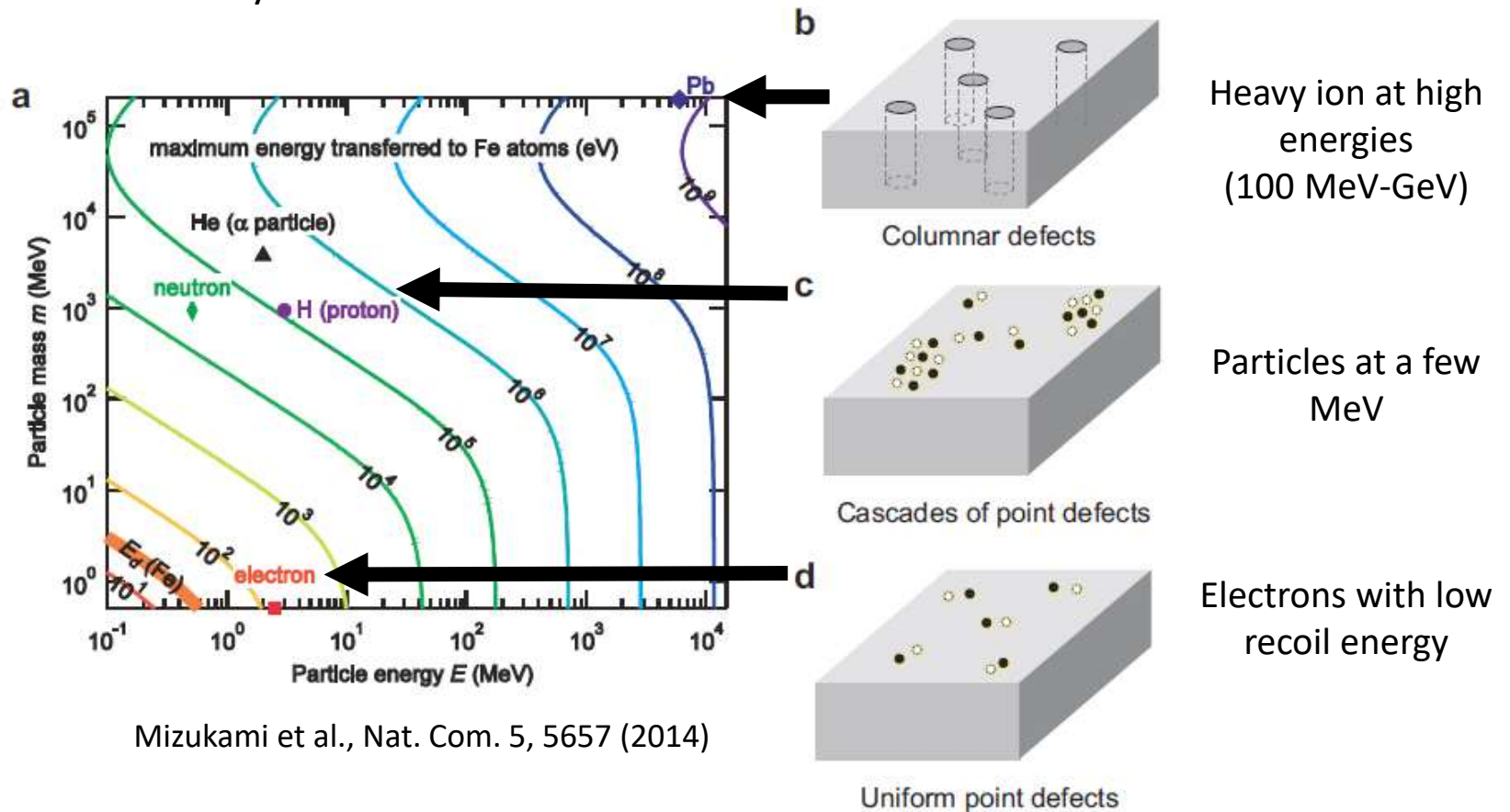
Alternating  
 3D structure

Stripe order

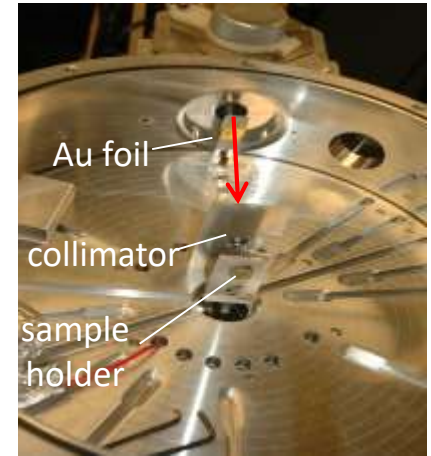
# Tuning parameter: shaping the defects structure using irradiations to suppress CDW

Irradiation offer independent control of:

- Defects geometry
- Defects density



# Van der Graaf 6MV Tandem Accelerator at Western Michigan University (Prof. A. Kayani)



**E.g. : proton-irradiation induced defects in YBCO crystals:**

- **point defects (Cu, O)**
- **small clusters with anisotropic strain fields, 2-4 nm**
- **cascade defects (amorphous regions), 2-5 nm**

M. A. Kirk, Y. Yan, *Micron* **30**, 507 (1999)

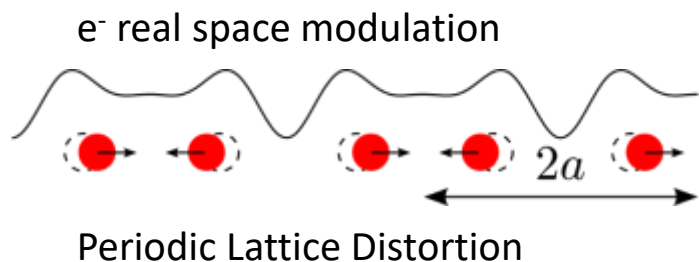


# Tuning parameter: irradiation induced disorder

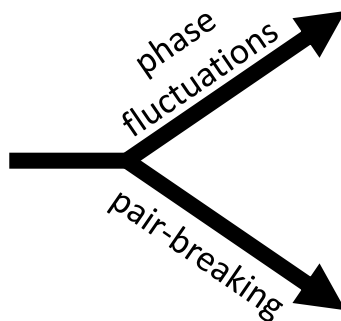
## Distinct effects on CDW and SC

Mutka H., Ph.D. thesis  
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### ➤ CDW



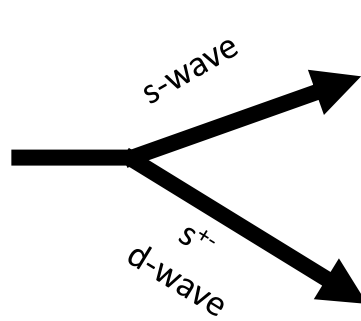
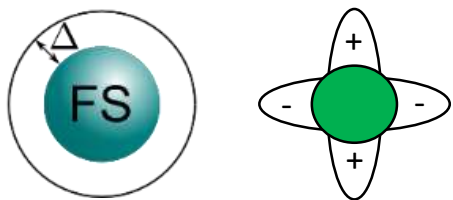
Irradiation



- frustration of modulation
- formation of CDW domains

### ➤ Superconductivity

- real space: uniform Cooper pairs density  
 ↳ no phase fluctuations
- momentum-space: k-dependent gap



Anderson's theorem  
 Non magnetic: no effect (isotropization)  
 Magnetic: pair-breaking

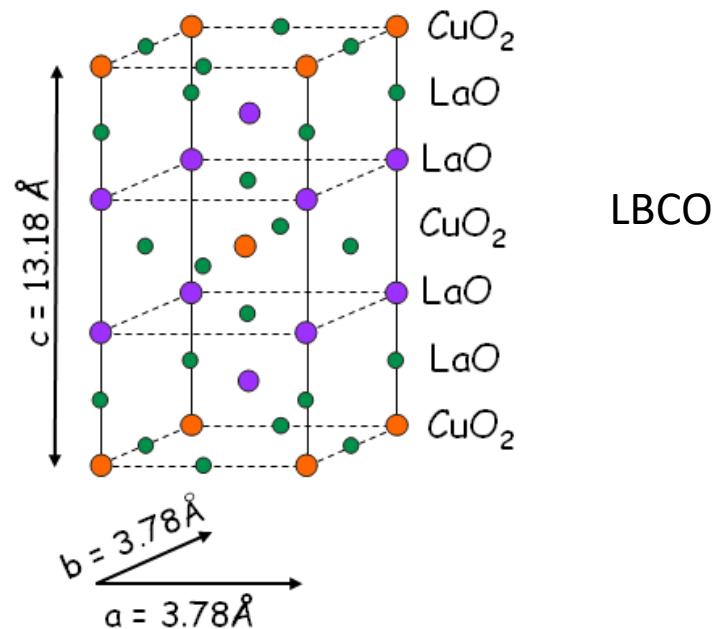
detrimental (pair-breaking)

[ ? Real space modulated SC ?  
 Pair-Density Wave, FFLO ]

.....▶ detrimental (some analogy to CDW)

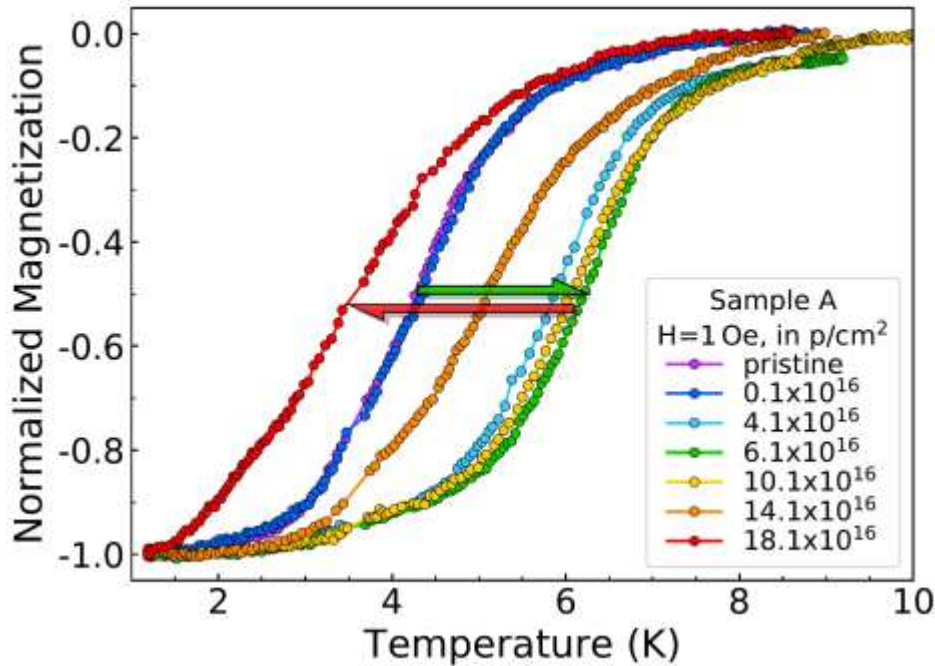
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- Type-2 CDW: marginal competition and synergy in  $\text{NbSe}_2$



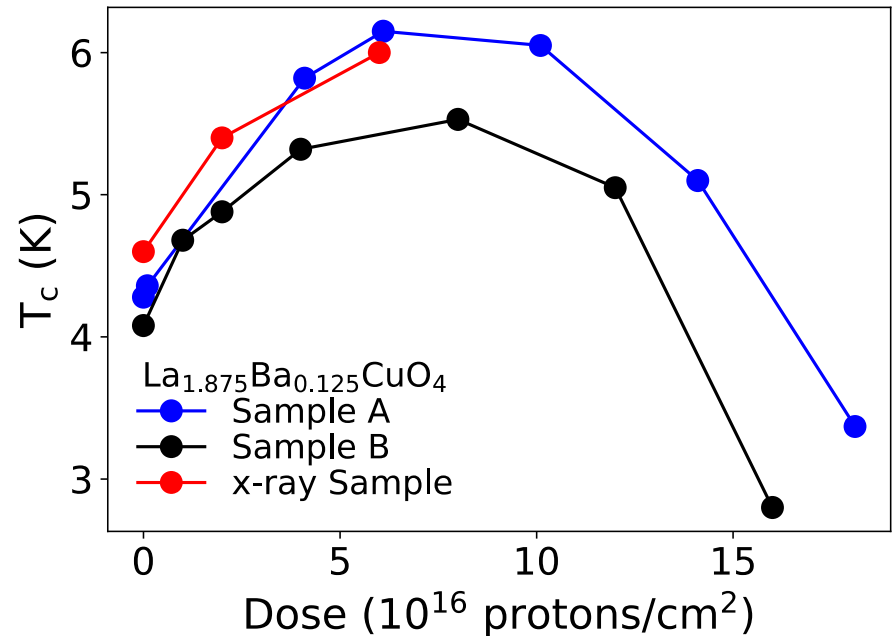
# Superconductivity $T_c$ increase after proton irradiation in $\text{La}_{1.875}\text{Ba}_{0.125}\text{CuO}_4$

Meissner effect in 5 MeV proton irradiated crystal



No transition broadening until  $T_c$  starts to decrease

Samples: G.D. Gu & J. Tranquada, BNL

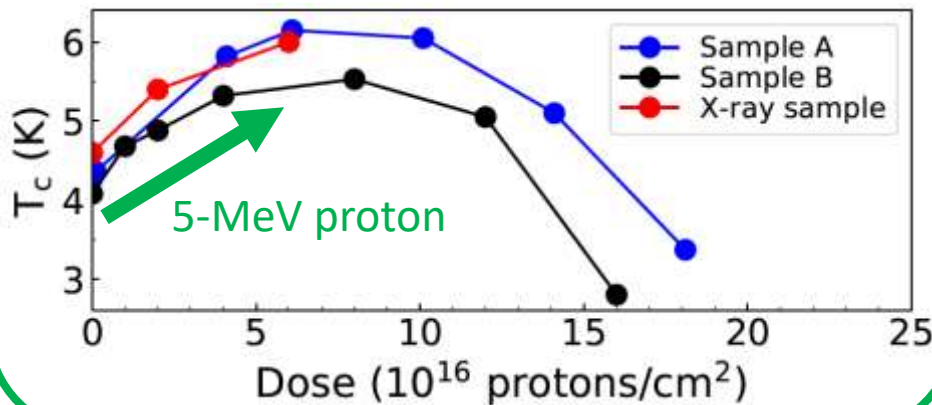


50% increase of  $T_c$  with irradiation in a d-wave superconductor !

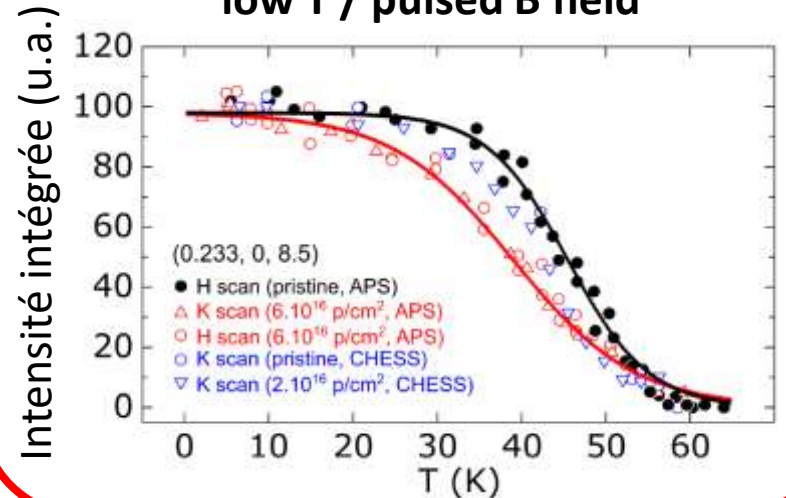
# CDW $\leftrightarrow$ SC in $\text{La}_{1.875}\text{Ba}_{0.125}\text{CuO}_4$ (1/8 doping)

Effect of disorder induced by proton irradiation

A « new » dome of  $T_c$  in cuprates superconductors



X-ray diffraction low T / pulsed B field



$T_c$

With disorder!  
(in a d-wave!)



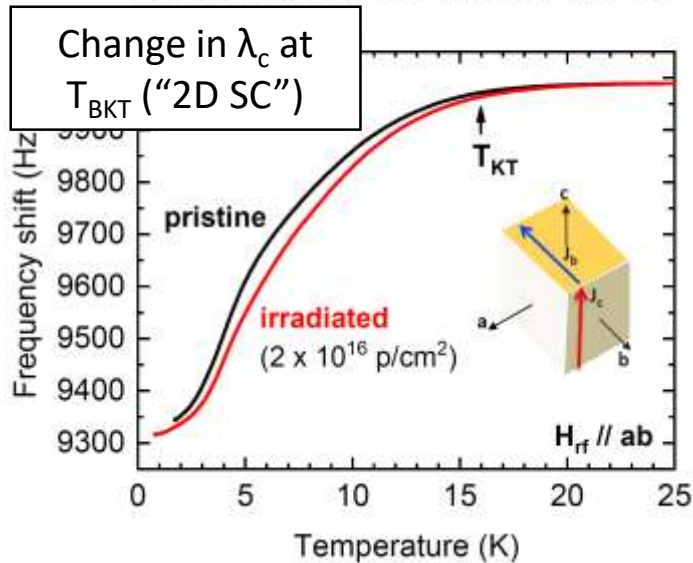
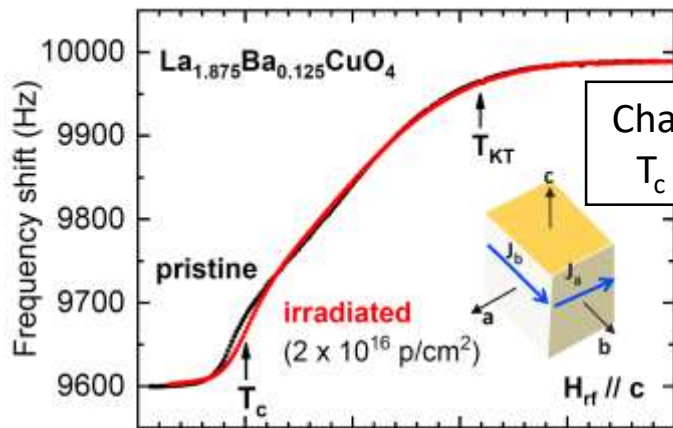
$T_{co}$

Suppression of  
CDW

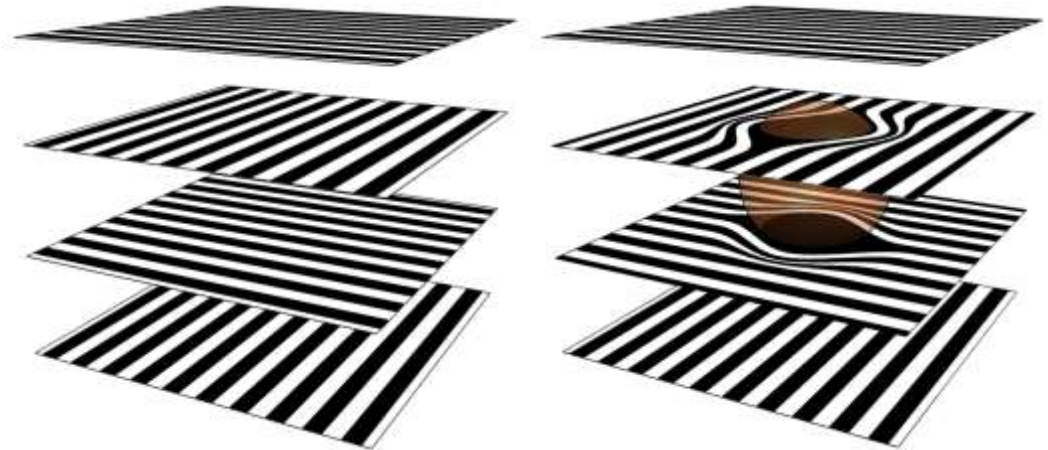


**Strong competition**  
**SC  $\leftrightarrow$  CDW**

# Some speculation: suggestion of dynamical layer decoupling from Pair-Density-Wave (PDW) in $\text{La}_{1.875}\text{Ba}_{0.125}\text{CuO}_4$



Magnetic penetration depth  
(Tunnel Diode Oscillator Measurements M. Smylie, ANL)

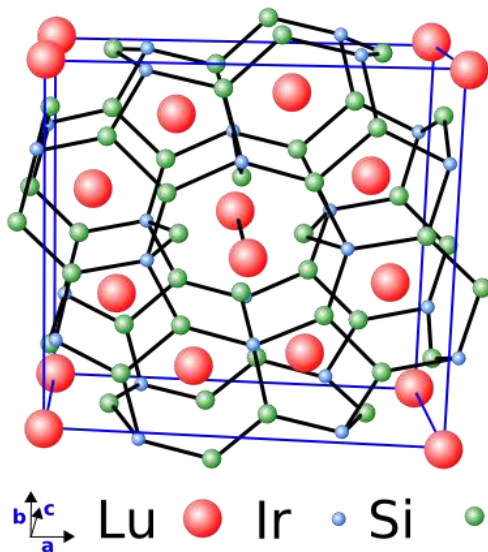


Zero Josephson coupling between layers induced by orthogonal PDW

Defects reintroduce Josephson coupling between layers ?

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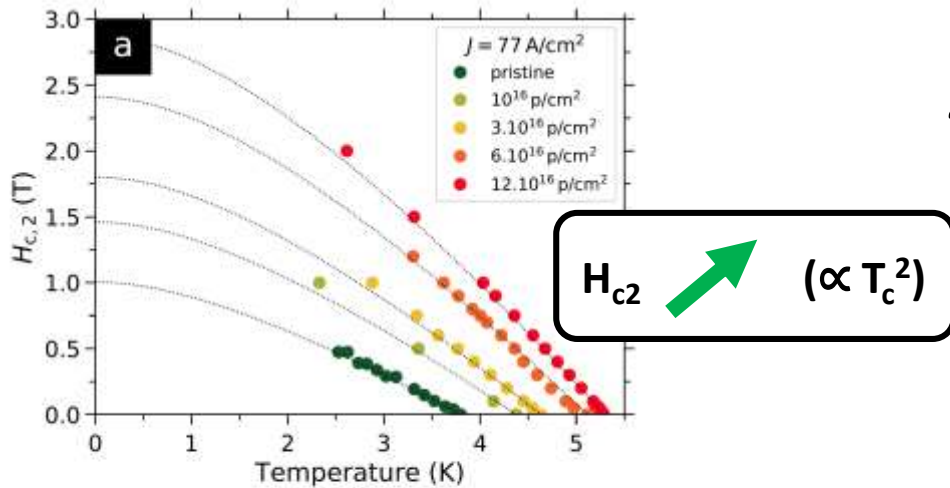
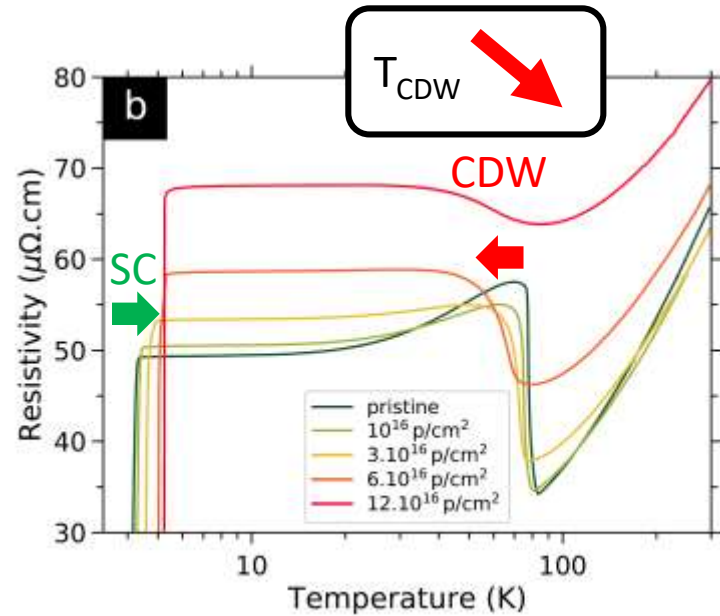
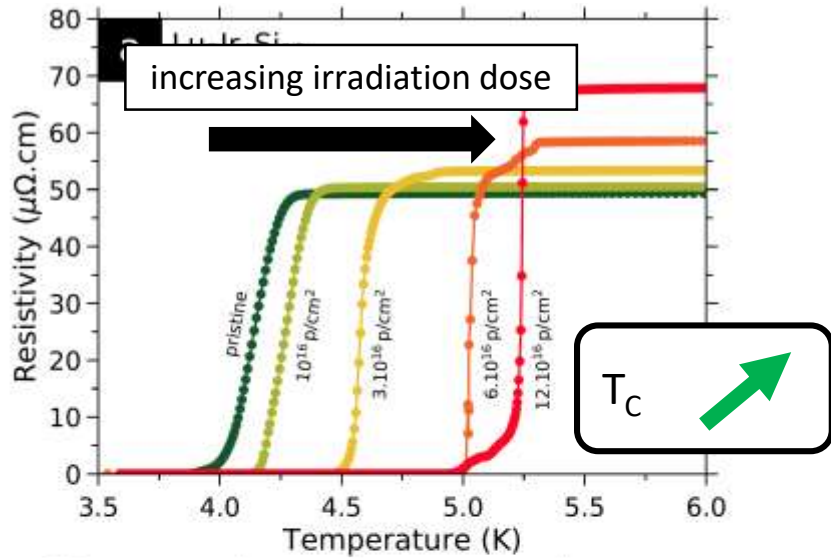
1D CDW along Lu chains (c-axis)

$$T_{\text{CDW}} = 77 \text{ K}$$

$$T_{\text{SC}} = 4.0 \text{ K}$$

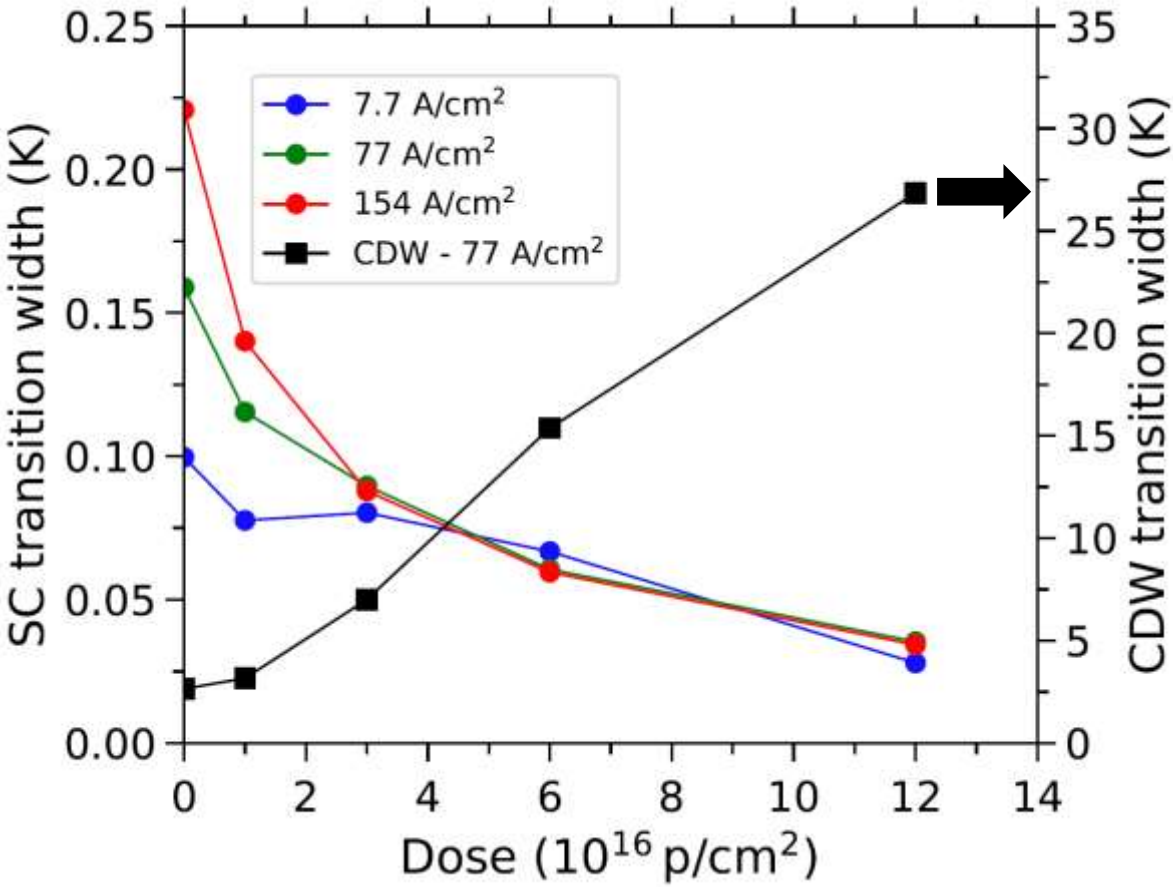
# Type-1 CDW (quasi-1D, Peierls) with s-wave SC: $\text{Lu}_5\text{Ir}_4\text{Si}_{10}$

## Proton irradiation study



“Standard” CDW  $\leftrightarrow$  SC competition for  $e^-$  at  $E_F$

# Lu<sub>5</sub>Ir<sub>4</sub>Si<sub>10</sub>: SC vs CDW transition width



CDW transition width with irradiation  
 (real-space phase fluctuations i.e. CDW broken into domains)

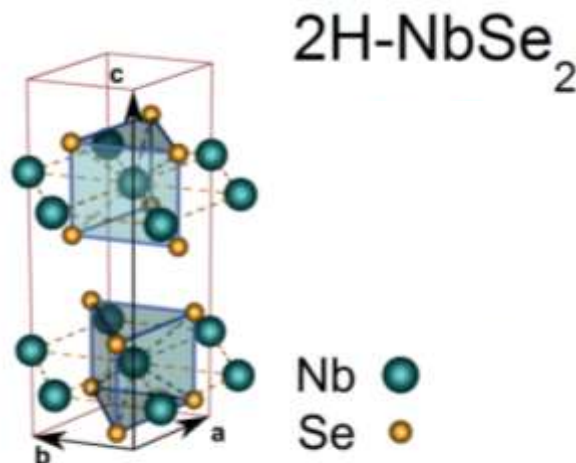
SC transition width with irradiation  
 (real-space homogenization)

See poster by **Pierre Rodière**



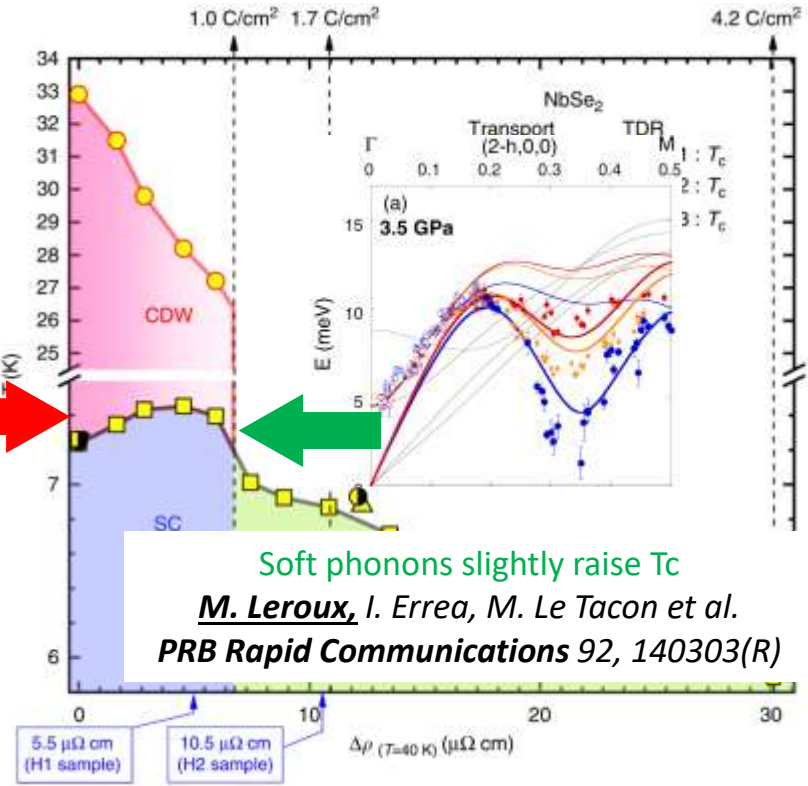
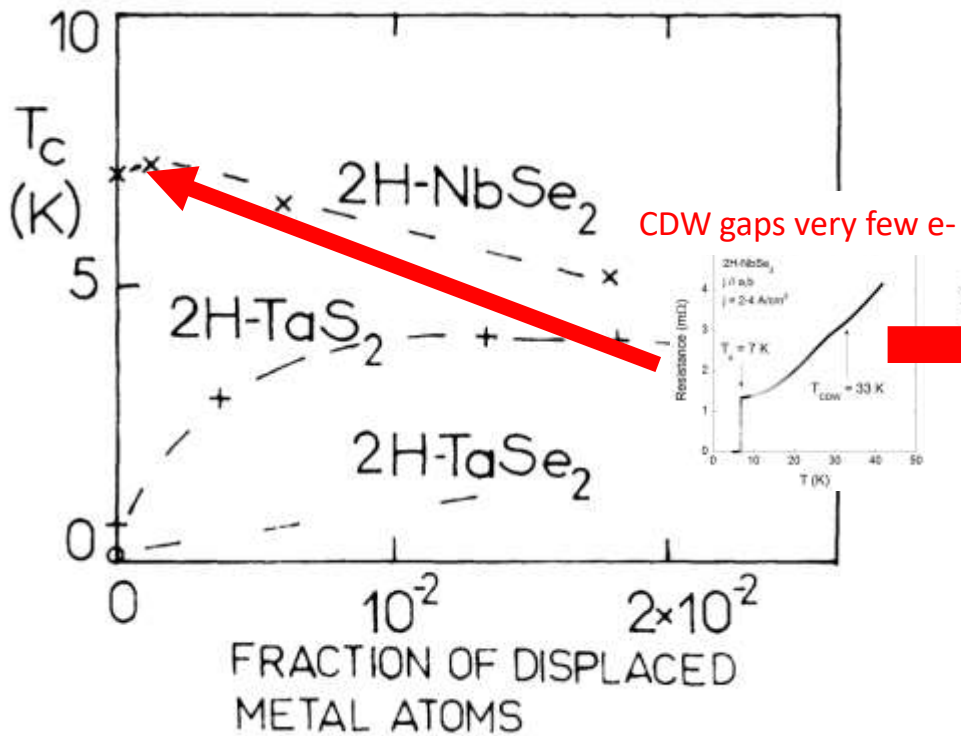
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# Type-2 CDW with SC: 2H-NbSe<sub>2</sub>

## electron irradiation studies

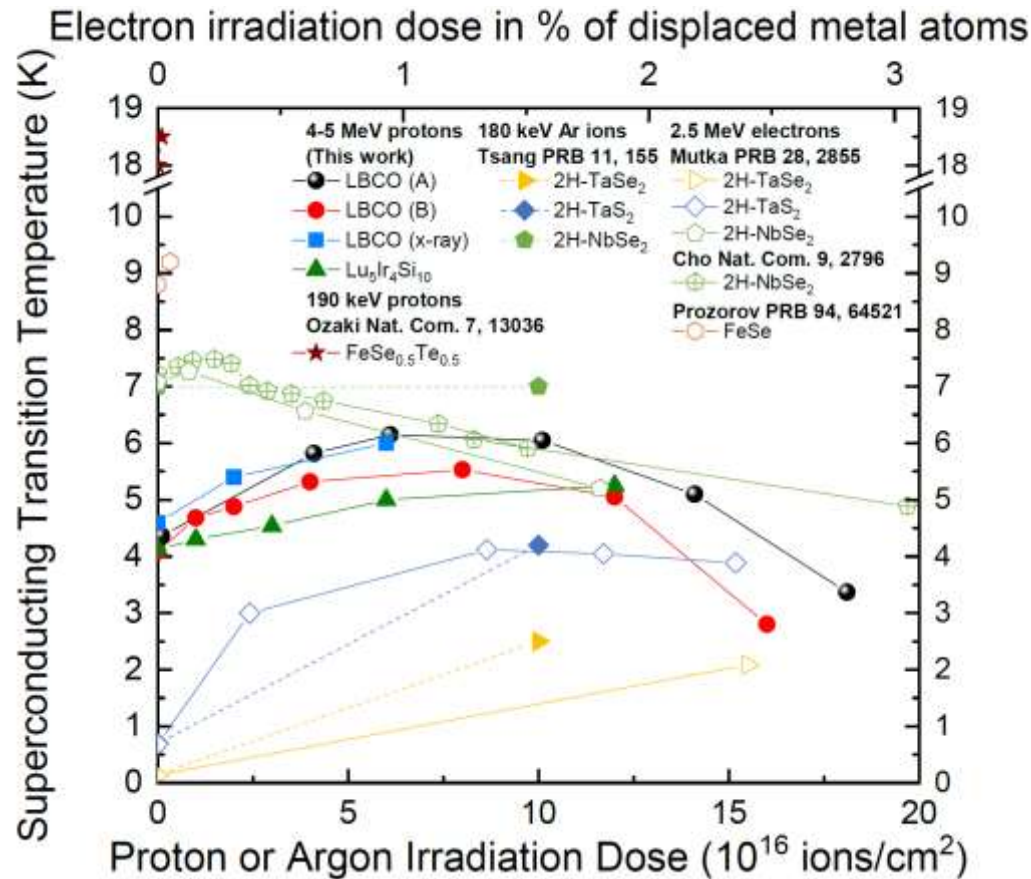


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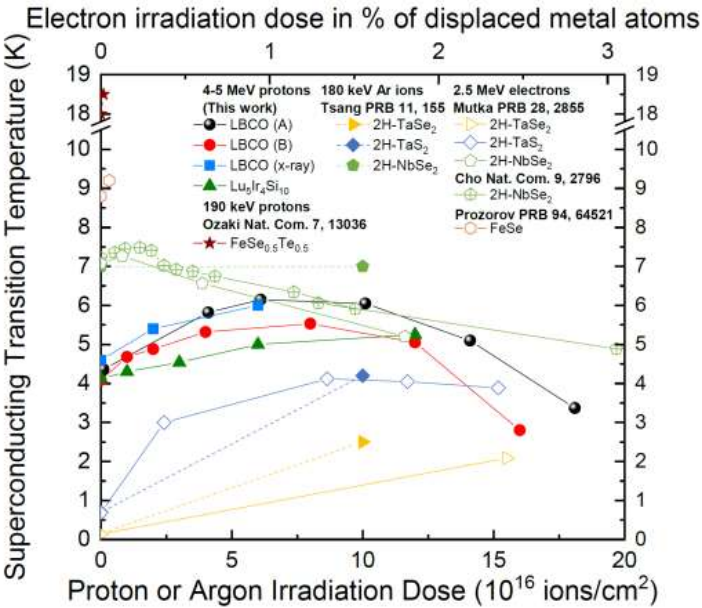
SC – CDW marginal competition/synergy

# Dome of $T_c$ with irradiation: the complete literature

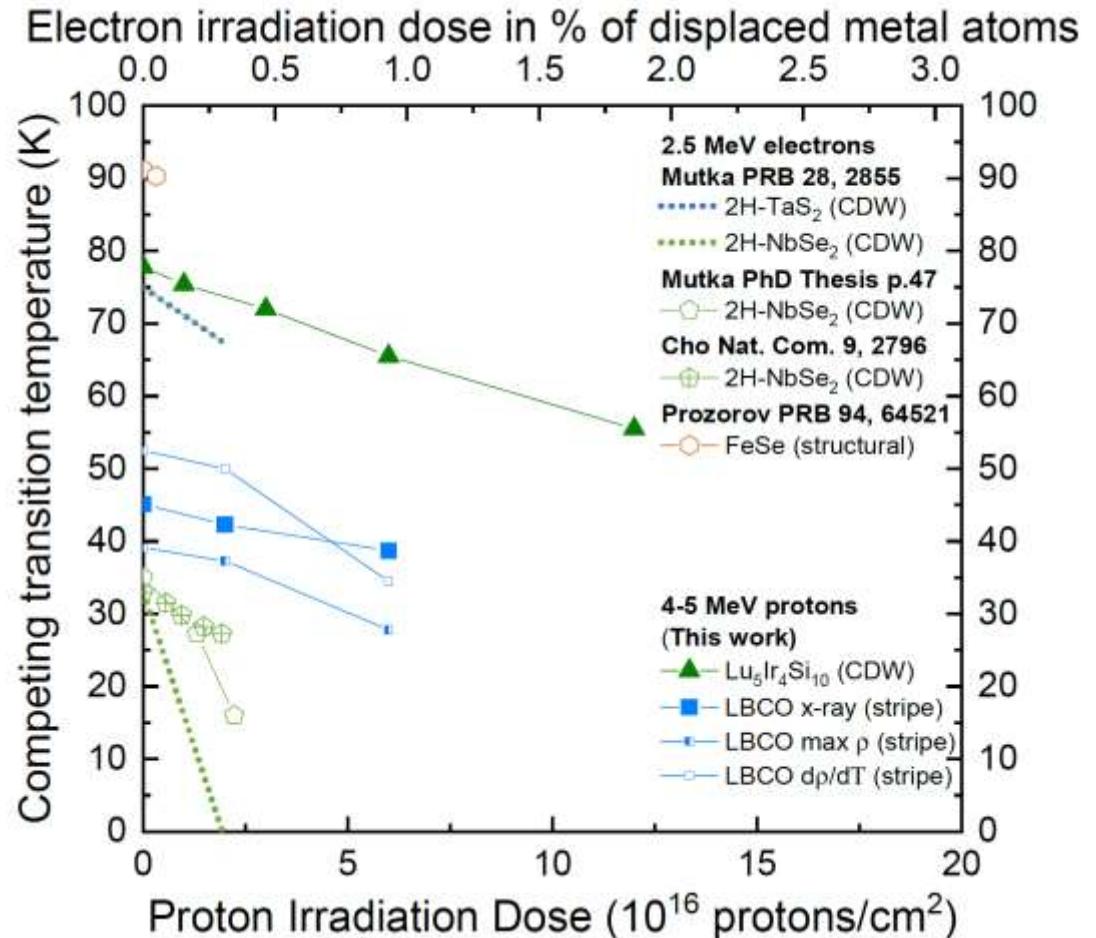


untapped potential of irradiations to study SC vs spatially modulated order

# Dome from competition with real-space modulated orders



## Suppression of CDW by disorder



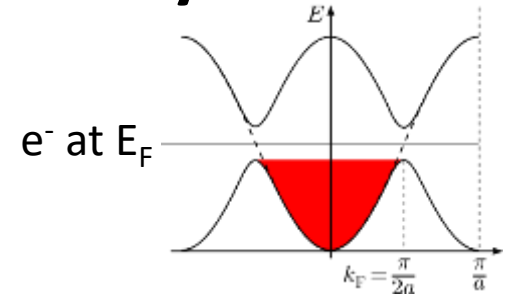
# Charge Density Wave $\leftrightarrow$ Superconductivity

- Type-1: 1D, nesting, Peierls

- **Competition** ( $\text{Lu}_5\text{Ir}_4\text{Si}_{10}$ )

Leroux et al., PRB 102, 094519 (2020)

Leroux et al. *J Supercond Nov Magn* 26, 1669–1672 (2013)



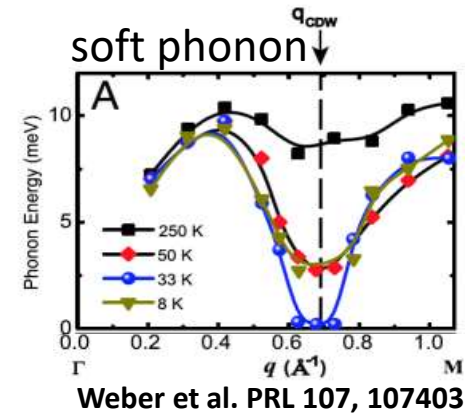
- Type-2: 2D, e-ph coupling

- **competition** and **synergy** ( $\text{NbSe}_2$ )

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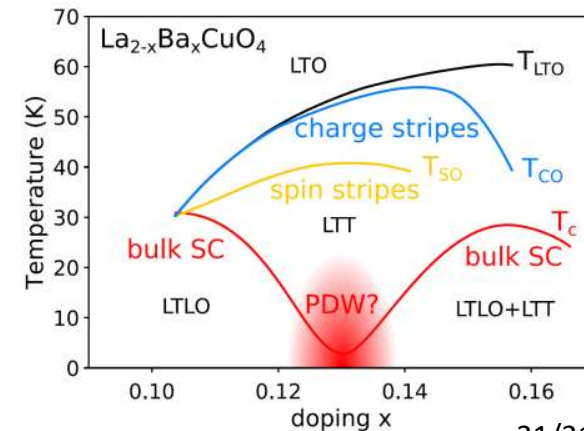


- Type-3: ODC, stripes, PDW ? (YBCO, LBCO)

- **Competing phenomenon ?**
- **Or crucial intertwining ?**

Irradiation as an external tuning parameter: strongly suppress real-space modulated orders (CDW,  $Q \neq 0$ )

Leroux et al., PNAS, 2019, 116 (22) 10691-10697



What happens to the Hall effect ?

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