

# Electron-phonon coupling from optics

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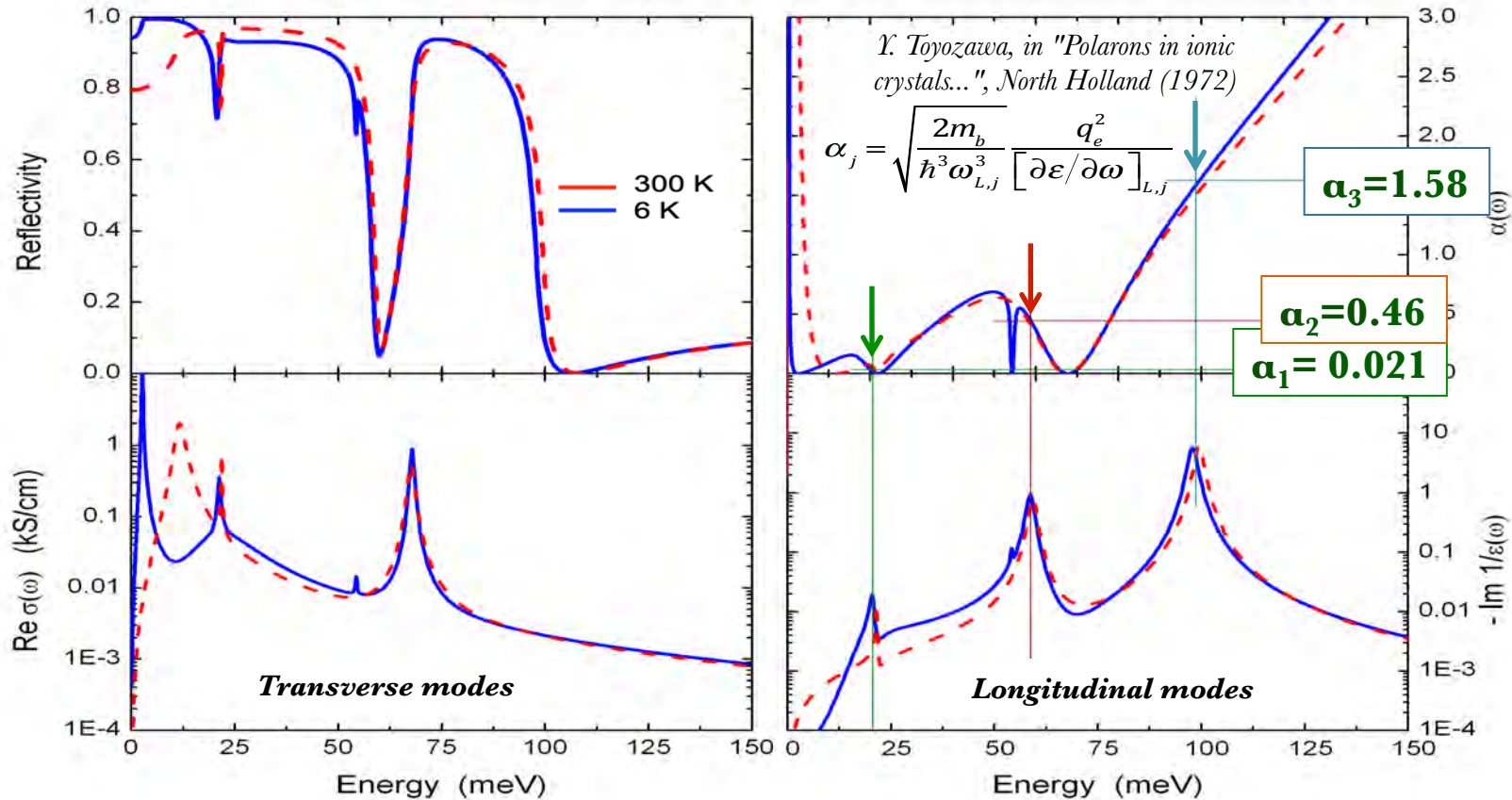
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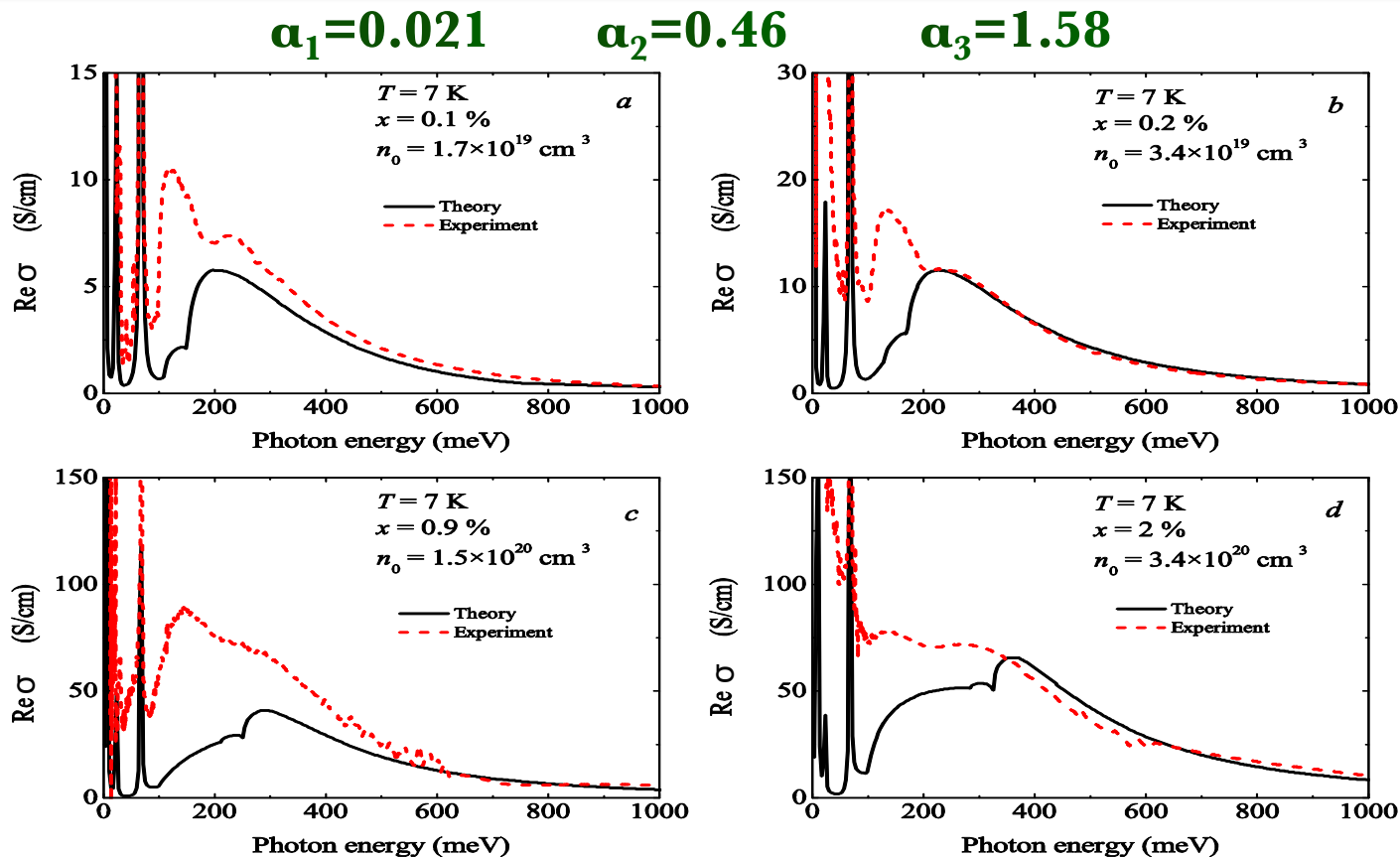
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# Coupling to longitudinal optical phonons

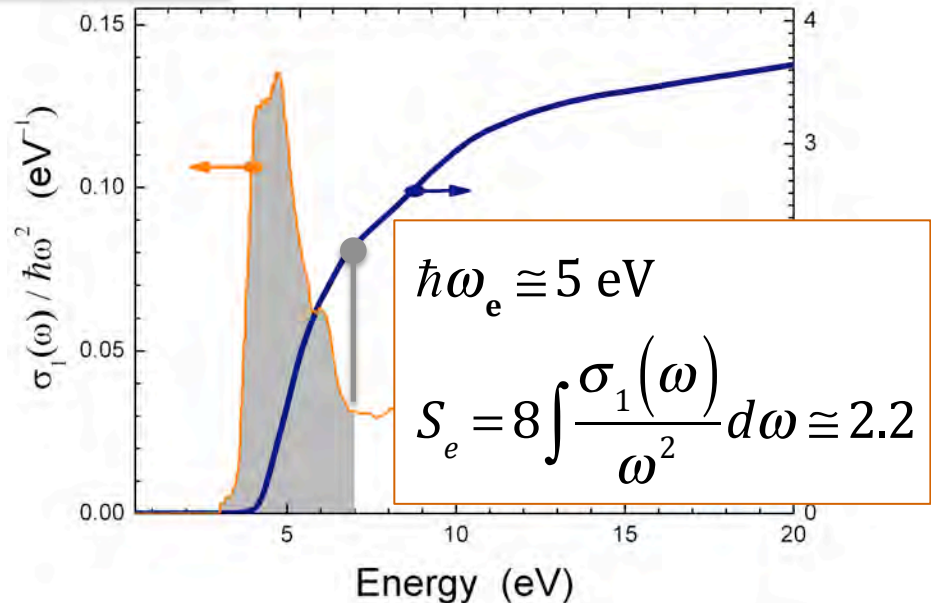
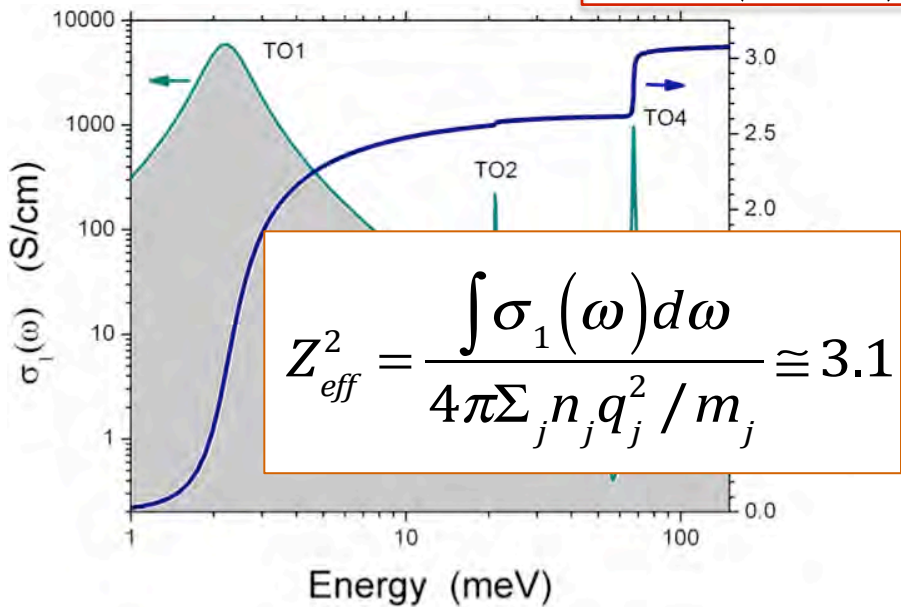


# Coupling to longitudinal optical phonons



# Coupling to transverse optical phonons: “charged[1]” phonons

$$\hat{H} = \hbar\omega_n \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} - g(\hat{a}^\dagger + \hat{a})(\hat{d}^\dagger \hat{p} + \hat{p}^\dagger \hat{d}) + \hbar\omega_e (\hat{d}^\dagger \hat{d} - \hat{p}^\dagger \hat{p}) / 2$$



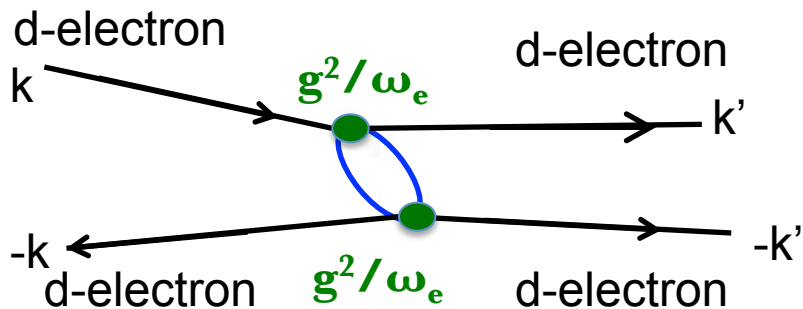
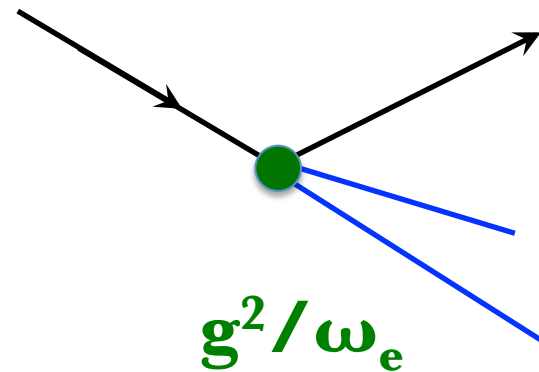
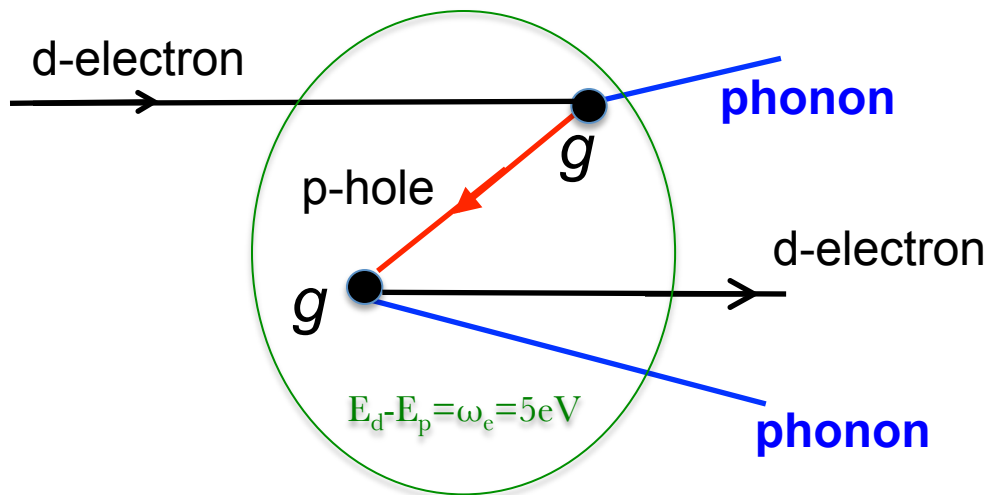
coupled oscillators

$$g = \hbar(Z_{eff}^2 - 1) \sqrt{\frac{8\pi n_{pe} e^2 \omega_e}{m_n \omega_n}} \cong 0.57 \text{ eV}$$

*DvdM, F. Barantani, W. Rischau, PRR 1, 013003 (2019)*

[1] M. J. Rice, Lipari, Strässler, PRL 39, 1359 (1977)

# Coupling to transverse optical phonons



$$\lambda_{2ph} = \frac{g^4}{\tilde{\omega}_n \omega_e^2} D^* (\epsilon_F)$$

# Electron pairing mediated by TO bi-phonons



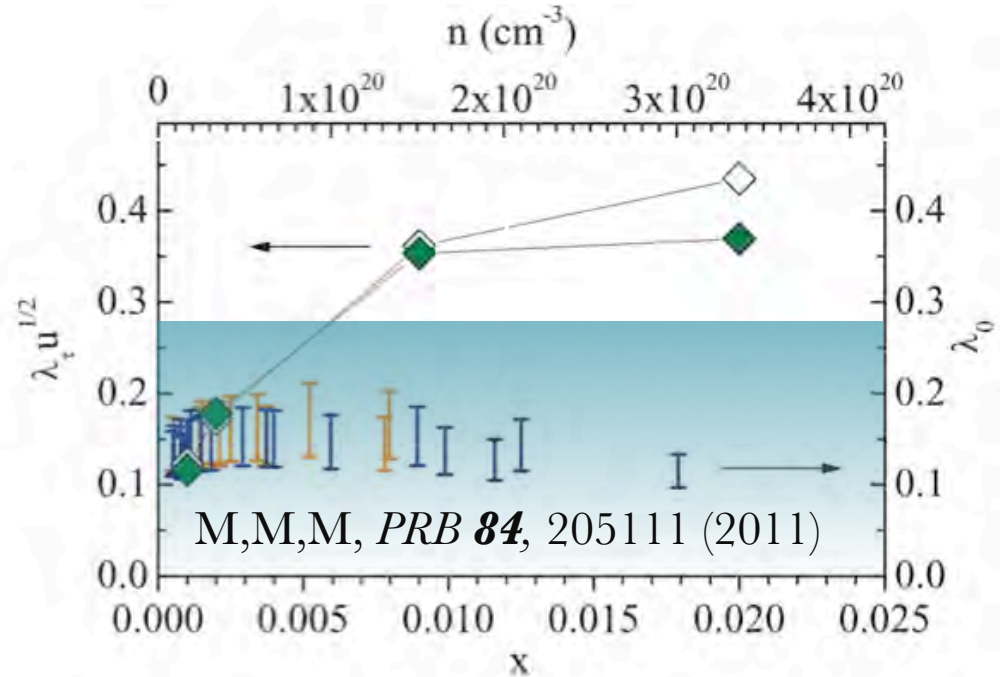
$$\lambda_{2ph} = \frac{g^4}{\tilde{\omega}_n \omega_e^2} D^*(\epsilon_F)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} g \approx 0.57 \text{ eV} \\ \omega_e \approx 5 \text{ eV} \\ \tilde{\omega}_n \approx 12 \text{ meV} \\ D^*(\epsilon_F) \leq 0.8 \text{ eV}^{-1} \end{array} \right\} \lambda_{2ph} \leq 0.28$$

## $\lambda$ from experimental data

$\lambda_\theta$  : from  $T_c$

$\lambda_\tau$  : from  $T^2$  resistivity coefficient



# Pairing in doped STO mediated by soft ferro-electric phonons

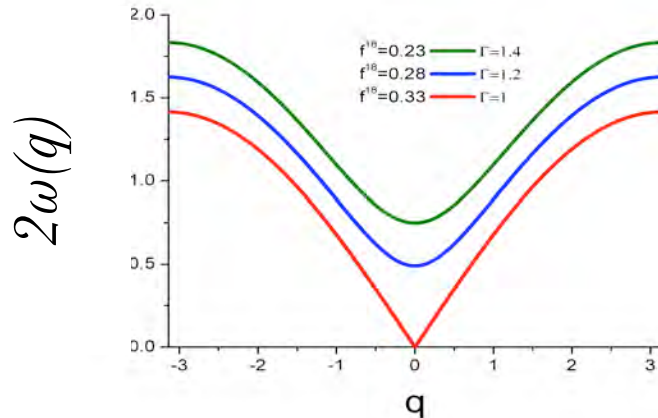


$$\text{2-phonon pairing: } \{k; -k\} \rightarrow \{k-q-q'; -k+q+q'\}$$

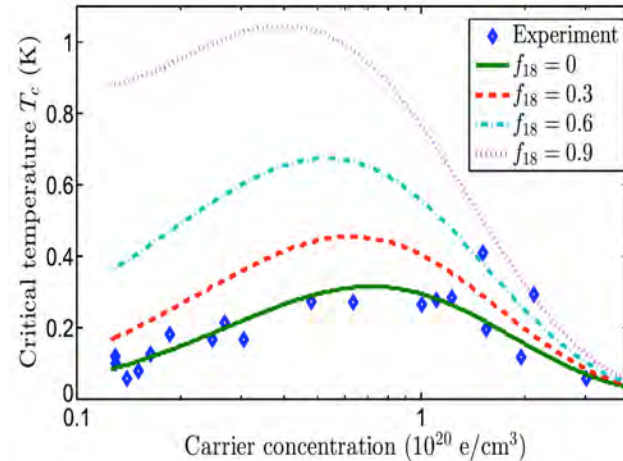
$k$  and  $k-q-q'$  are in a narrow shell around  $k_F$   
Low doping then implies:  $|q+q'| \ll \pi$

$$\Rightarrow |\omega(q) - \omega(q')| \ll \omega(\pi)$$

The phonons are the same ones as in *JM Edge et al, PRL 115, 247002 (2015)*.  
Instead of  $\omega(q)$ :  $\{\omega(q); \omega(-q)\}$  pairs.



$\Rightarrow$



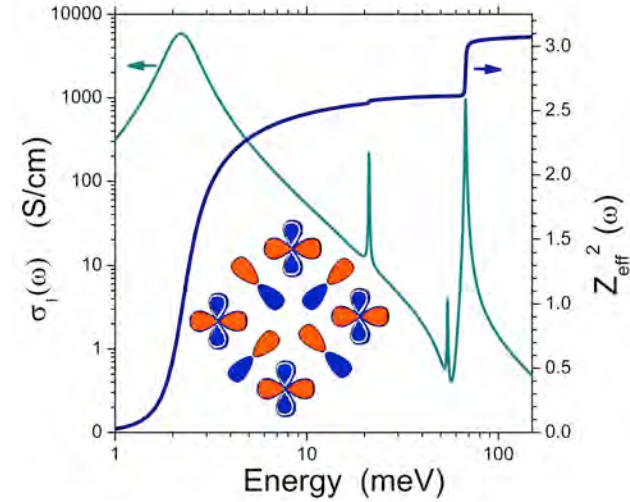
# Conclusions



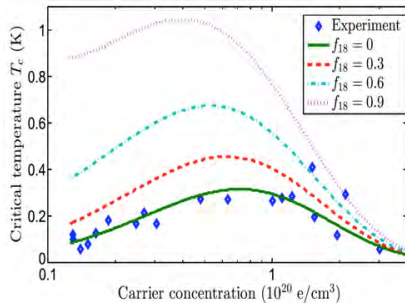
-Pairing is mediated by 2 transverse optical phonons with  $q' = -q - k + k'$  and  $\omega(q') \approx \omega(q)$

-The coupling constant can be calculated from the charged phonon effect in undoped  $\text{SrTiO}_3$ .

-Since the charged phonon effect is extremely strong in  $\text{SrTiO}_3$ , the  $e$ - $2ph$  coupling constant is big enough to mediate the pairing. Back to Ngai, PRL 32 (1974).



-The charged phonon effect is even stronger in  $\text{KTaO}_3$ :  $Z_{\text{eff}}^2 = 3.5$  (data in JAP 111,104101 (2012))



$T_c(^{18}\text{O}, n)$  phase diagram of Edge et al, PRL 115, 247002 (2015): All that is required is to replace  $\omega(q)$  with  $2\omega(q)$

**This does not qualitatively change Edge et al's prediction**