

Surface Andreev Bound States and Surface Majorana States on the Superfluid ^3He B Phase



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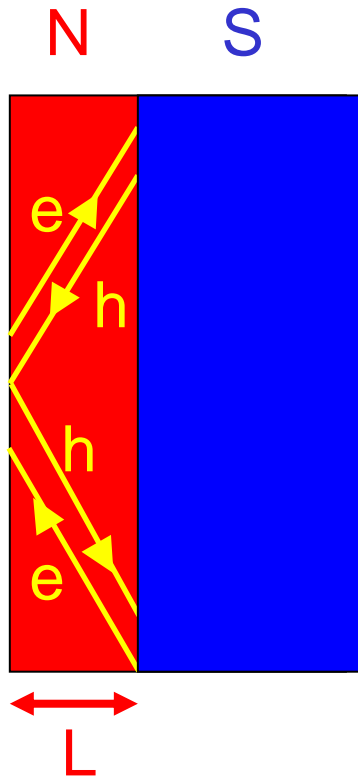
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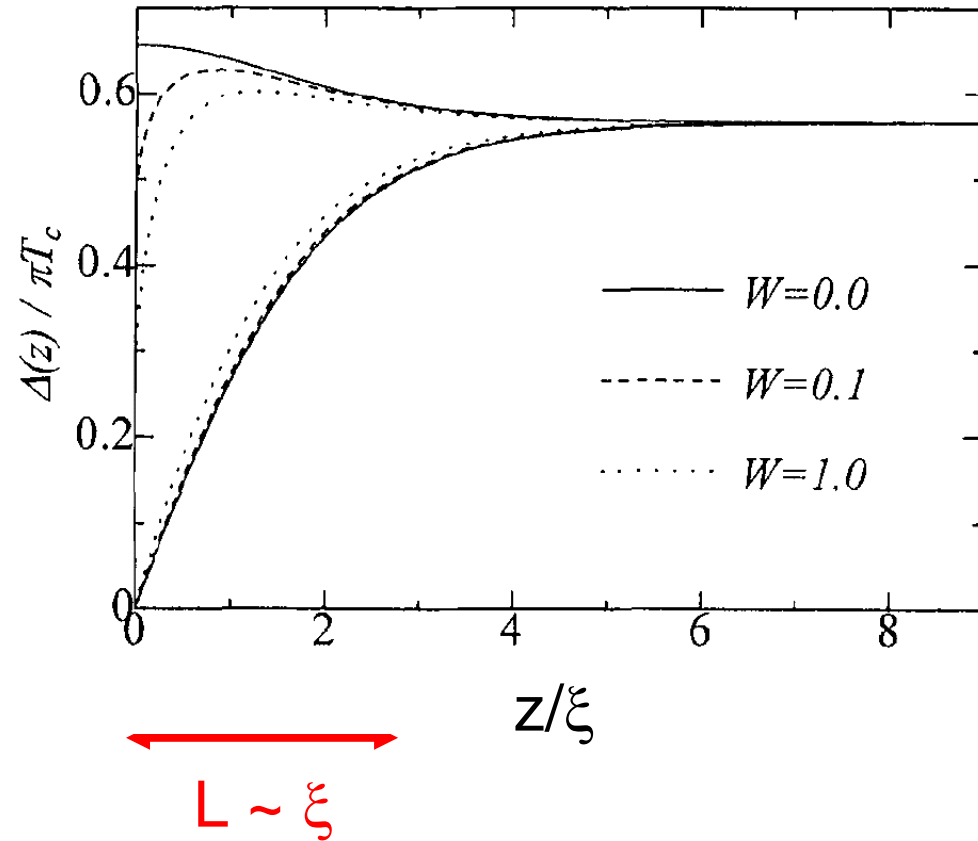
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Andreev Bound States (ABS)

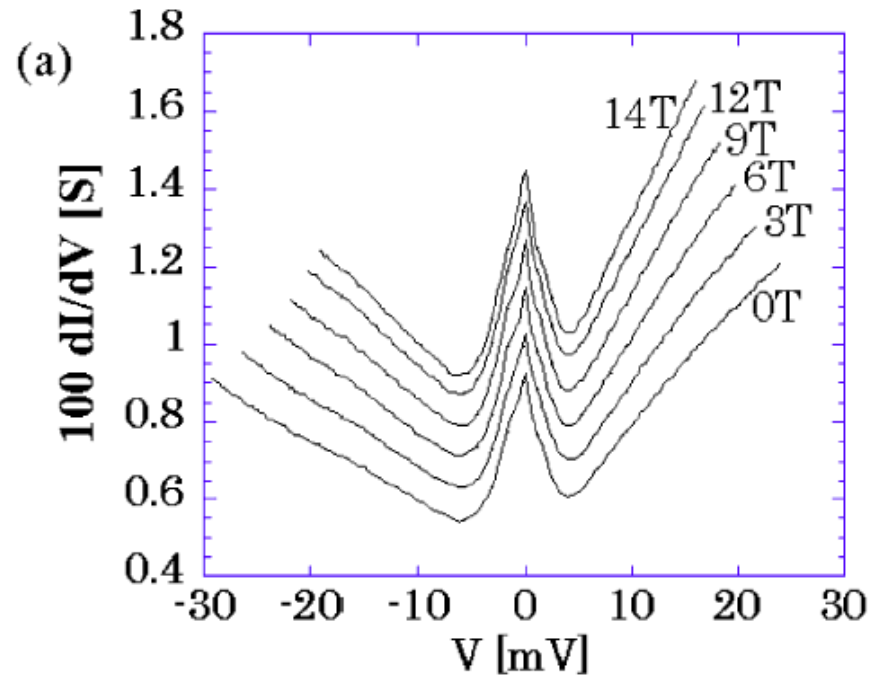


Resonant states
in normal metal.



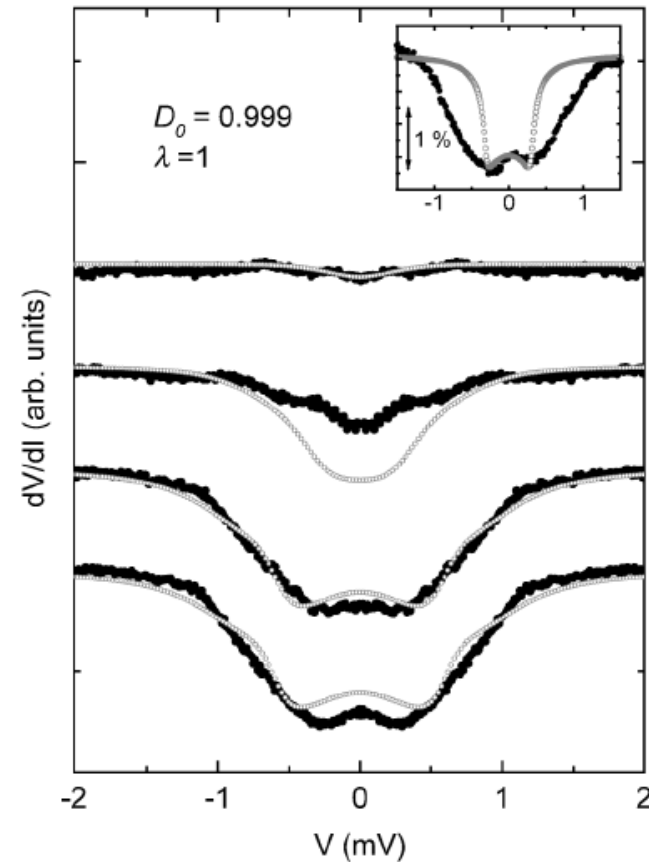
SABS are intrinsic to surface of
anisotropic BCS states.

Zero bias conductance peak in unconventional superconductors



tunneling of YBCO junction

Kashiwaya *et al.*
PRB **70**, 094501
(2004)

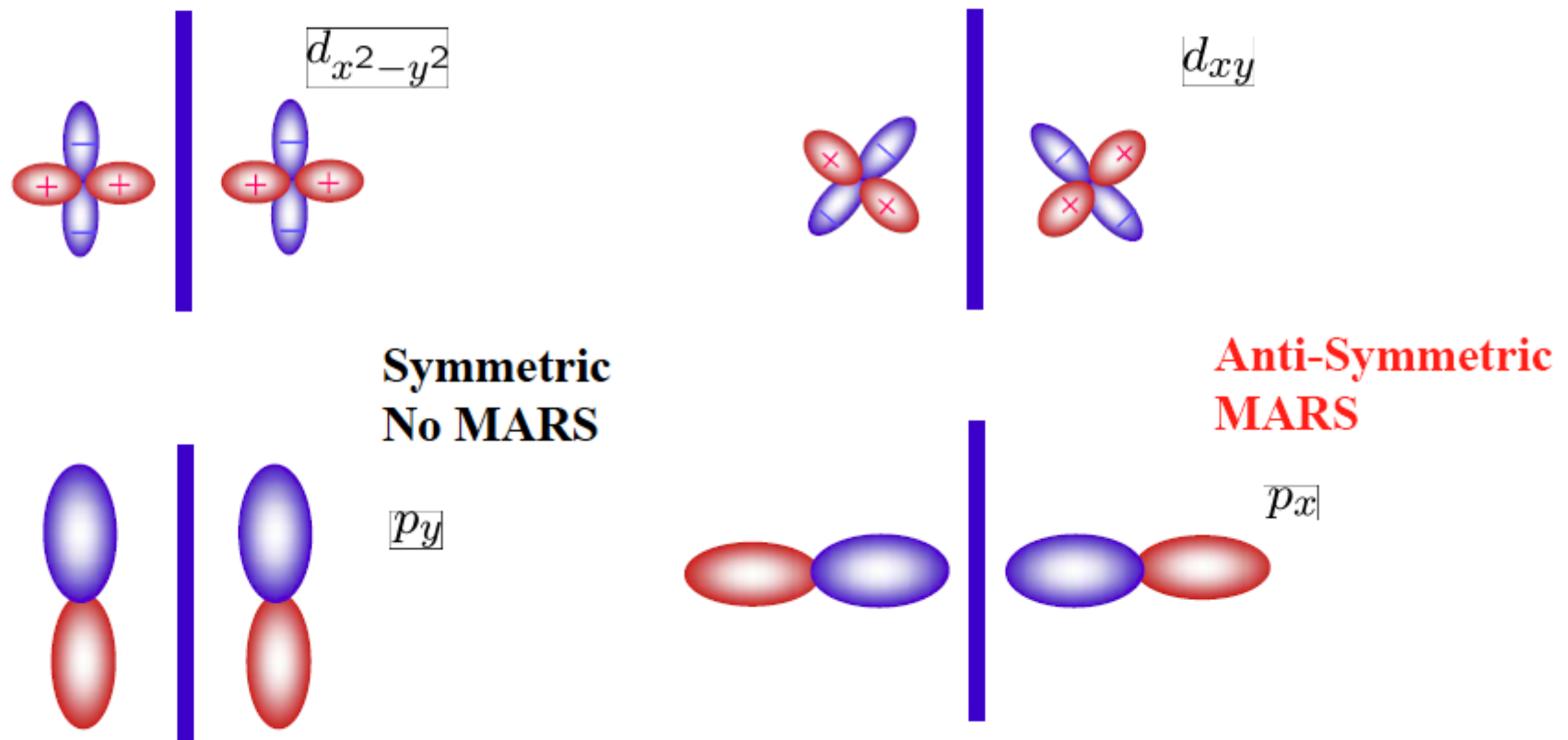


Sr_2RuO_4

Laube *et al.*
PRL **84**,
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(2000)

Condition of the formation of mid gap Andreev resonant state(MARS)

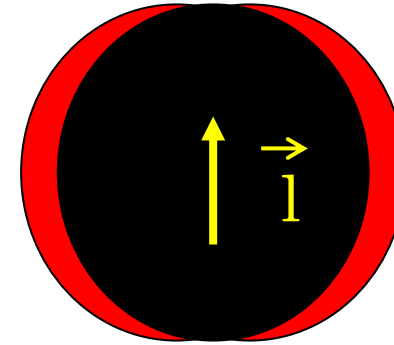
Inversion at the plane parallel to the interface



By Yukio Tanaka, superclean (2005)

superfluid phases of 3He

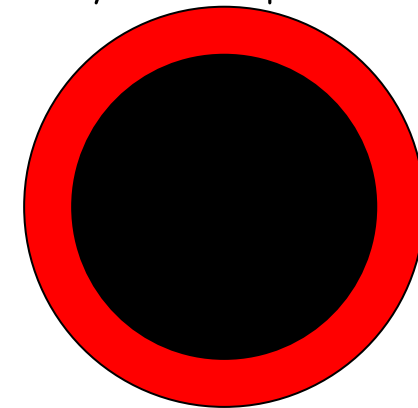
$$|\text{A phase}\rangle = \Delta_A (p_x + ip_y) \{ |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle + |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle \}$$



anisotropic gap

$$|\text{B phase}\rangle = \Delta_B \left\{ (p_x + ip_y) |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle + (p_x - ip_y) |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle + p_z |\uparrow\downarrow + \downarrow\uparrow\rangle \right\}$$

In the BW state, anti-symmetry of the order parameter is broken.

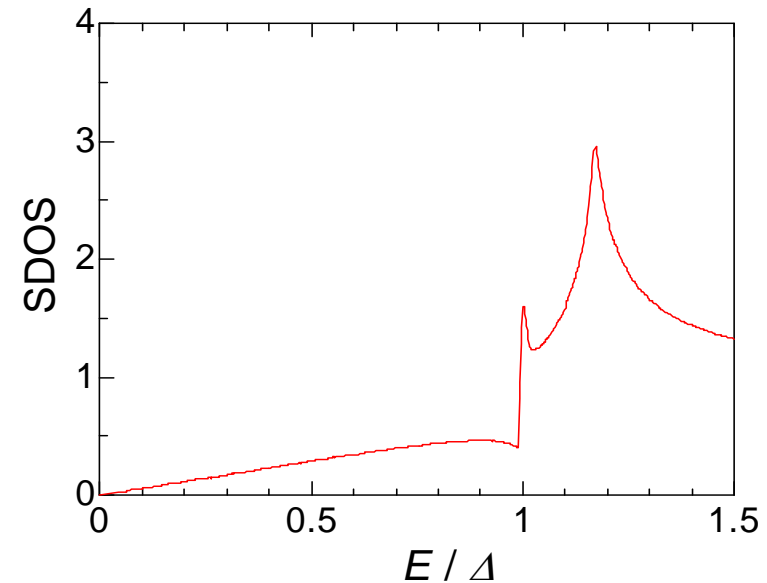


isotropic gap

Theoretically calculated SDOS in BW state on specular surface

angle resolved

angle averaged (Natato 1998)

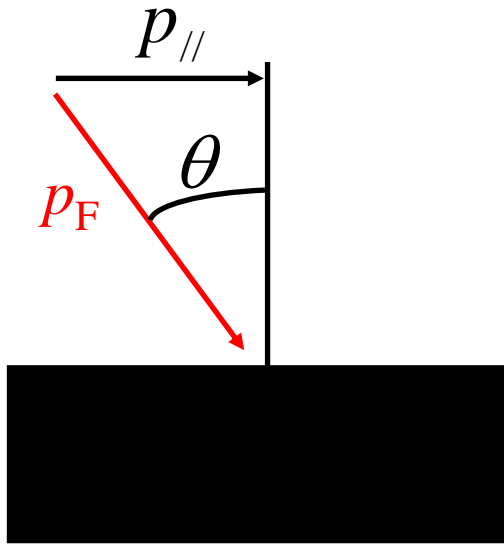


$$E = c_{//} p_{//}$$

$$N(E) \propto E$$

No sharp peak at zero energy but a broad SABS band appears within the bulk energy gap Δ .

“Dirac” cone on 3He-B



$$\theta = 0 \quad \Delta(p_z) = -\Delta(-p_z)$$



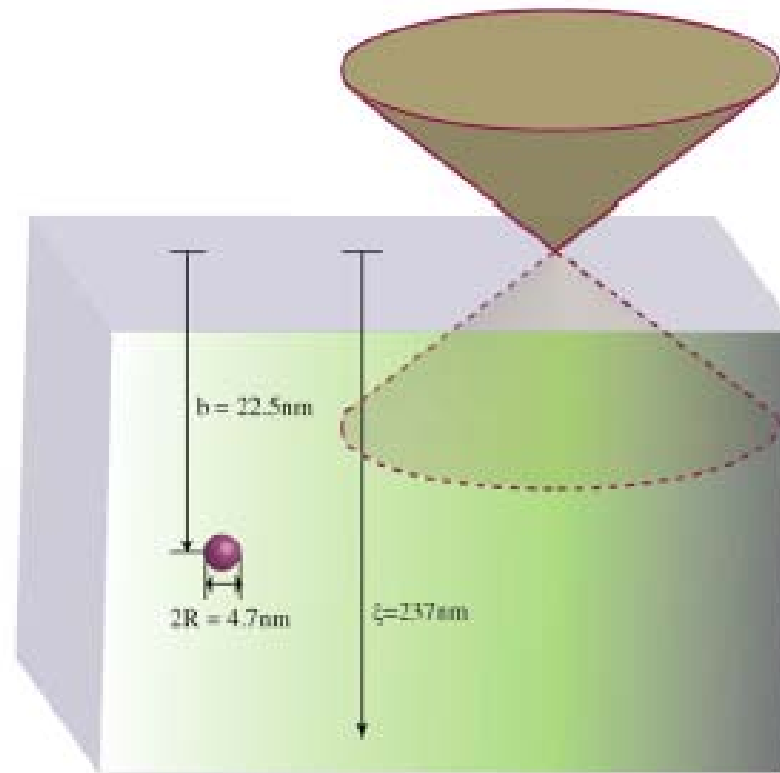
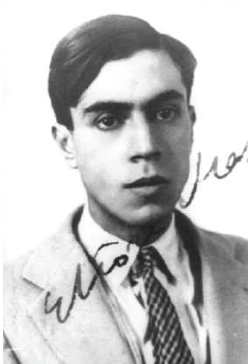
$$E = 0$$

$$E = \Delta_{||} \sin \theta = c_{||} p_{||}$$

$$d_{\mu i} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_{||} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta_{||} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta_{\perp} \end{pmatrix}$$

particle = anti-particle

SABS: Majorana Fermion



“Majorana cone”

Chun, Zhan, PRL09

Recent theories on Majorana surface state in $^3\text{He-B}$

(1) Classification of topological insulators and superconductors in three spatial dimensions
A. P. Schnyder, S. Ryu, A. Furusaki, and A. W. W. Ludwig, Phys. Rev. B 78, 195125 (2008)

(2) Topological superfluids with time reversal symmetry
R. Roy, arXiv:0803.2868v1, 19 Mar 2008

(3) Time-Reversal-Invariant Topological Superconductors and Superfluids in Two and Three Dimensions

Xiao-Liang Qi, Taylor L. Hughes, S. Raghu, and Shou-Cheng Zhang, PRL 102, 187001 (2009)

(4) Detecting the Majorana fermion surface state of $^3\text{He-B}$ through spin relaxation
S. B. Chung and S. C. Zhang, PRL 103, 235301 (2009)

(5) Fermion zero modes at the boundary of superfluid $^3\text{He-B}$
G.E. Volovik, Pis'ma ZhETF 90, 440-442 (2009)

(6) Topological invariant for superfluid $^3\text{He-B}$ and quantum phase transitions
G.E. Volovik, Pis'ma ZhETF

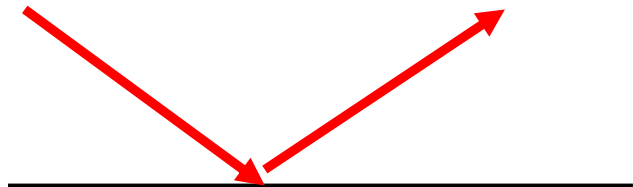
(7) Fermi Surface Topological Invariants for Time Reversal Invariant Superconductors
X. L. Qi, Taylor, L. Hughes and S. C. Zhang, arXiv:0908.3550v1, 25 Aug 2009

(8) Strong Anisotropy in Spin Susceptibility of Superfluid $^3\text{He-B}$ Film Caused by Surface Bound States

Y. Nagato, S. Higashitani and K. Nagai, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn., 78, 123603 (2009)

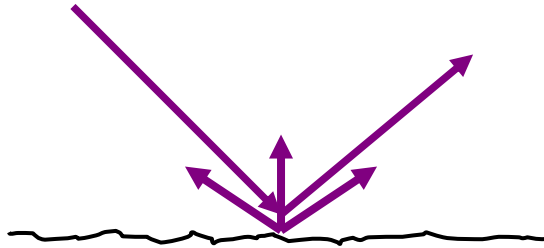
Quasiparticles scattering off a wall

Specular limit



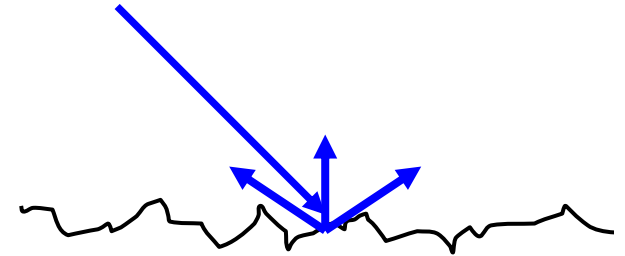
$$S = 1$$

Partially specular



$$1 > S > 0$$

Diffusive limit

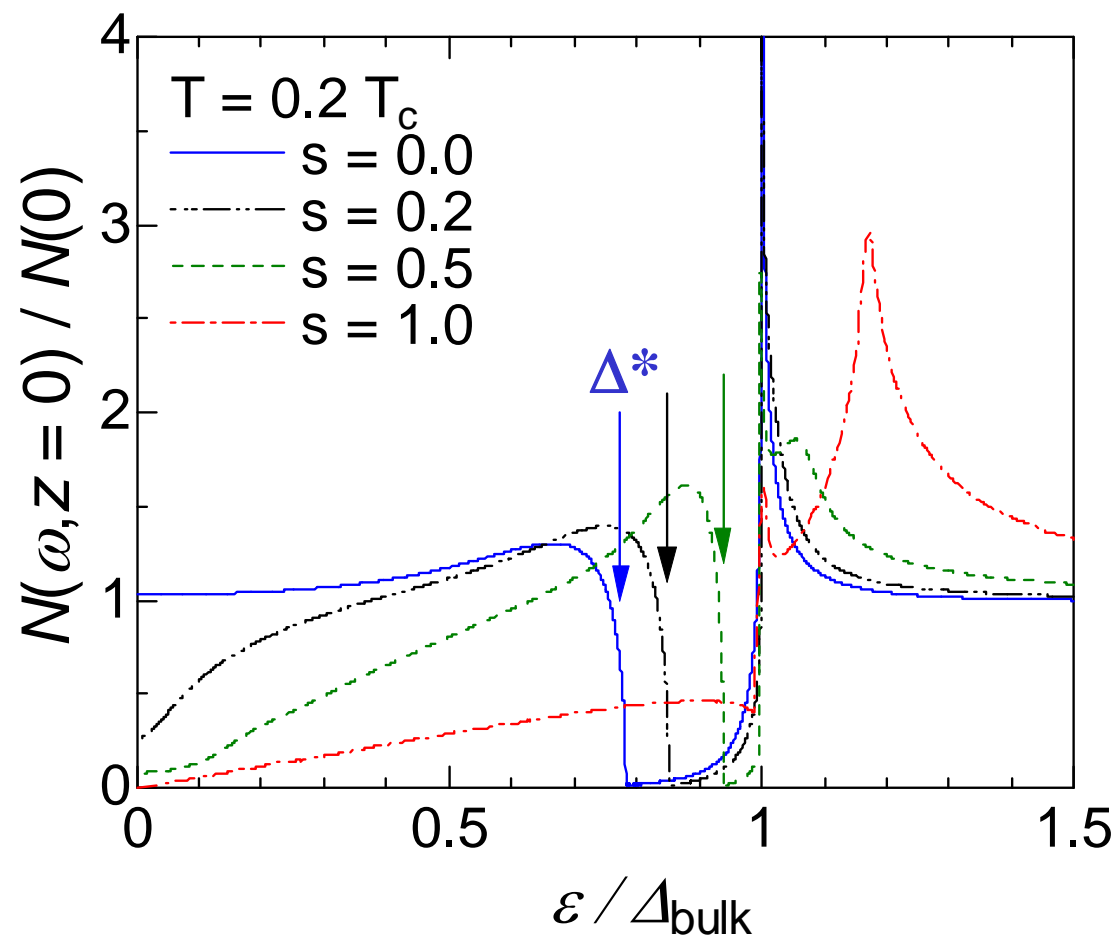


$$S = 0$$

$$S = 0.5$$

S can be controlled continuously by thin ^4He layers on a wall.

Theoretically calculated SDOS in BW state at various S



Zero energy state is **intrinsically** suppressed at $S > 0$.

Bandwidth (Δ^*) is **broader** at $S > 0$.

Flat surface bound states band at $S = 0$.

Measurements

Transverse acoustic impedance of AC-cut quartz in liquid ^3He

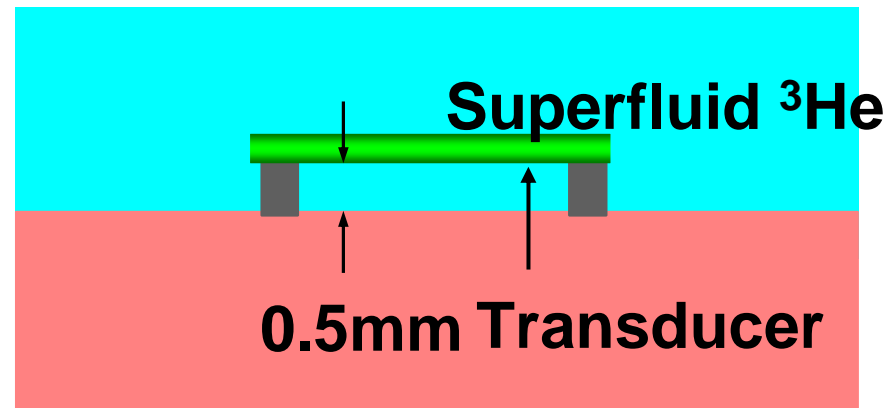
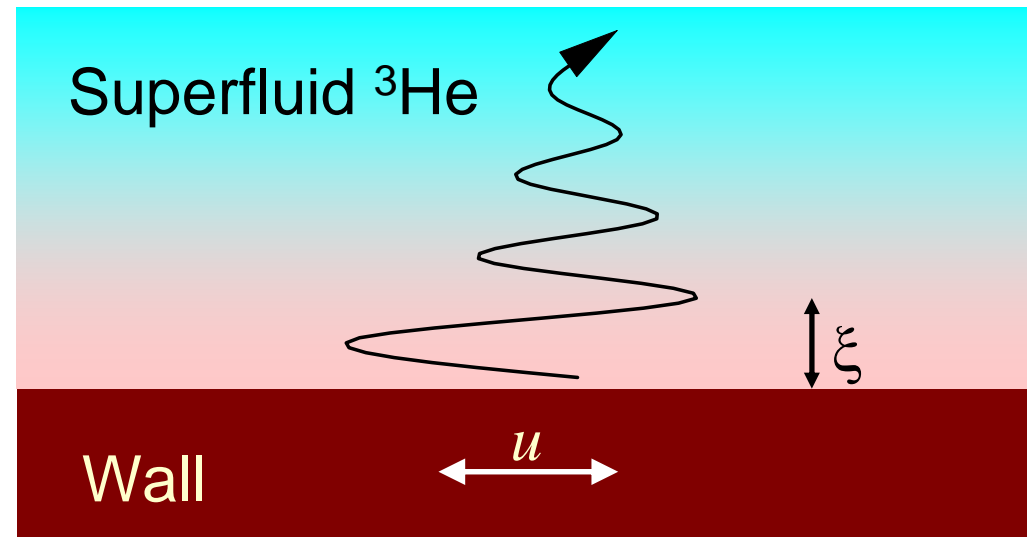
$$Z = \frac{\Pi_{xz}}{u_x} = Z' + iZ''$$

Π_{xz} Stress tensor of liquid on the wall
 u_x Oscillation velocity

$$Z' - Z'_0 = \frac{1}{4} n \pi Z_q \left(\frac{1}{Q} - \frac{1}{Q_0} \right)$$

$$Z'' - Z''_0 = \frac{1}{2} n \pi Z_q \frac{f - f_0}{f_0}$$

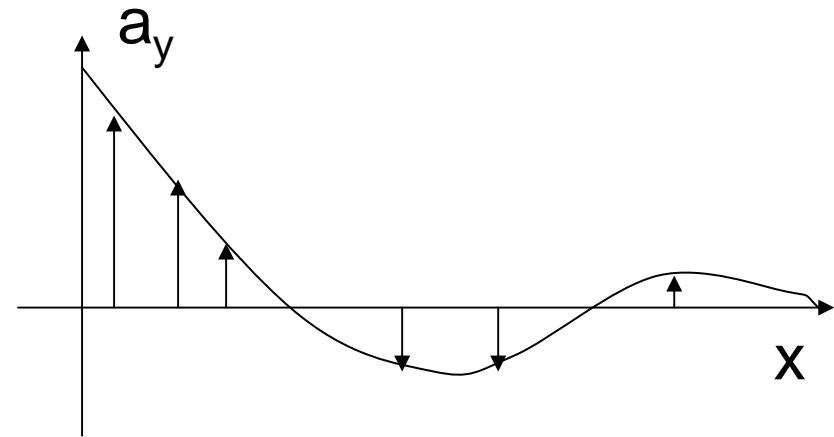
$$Z_q = \rho_q c_q$$



Hydrodynamics region $\omega\tau \ll 1$, high temperature

$$Z = \sqrt{\frac{\omega\rho\eta}{2}}(1-i)$$

Equivalent to η viscosity measurements



critically damped

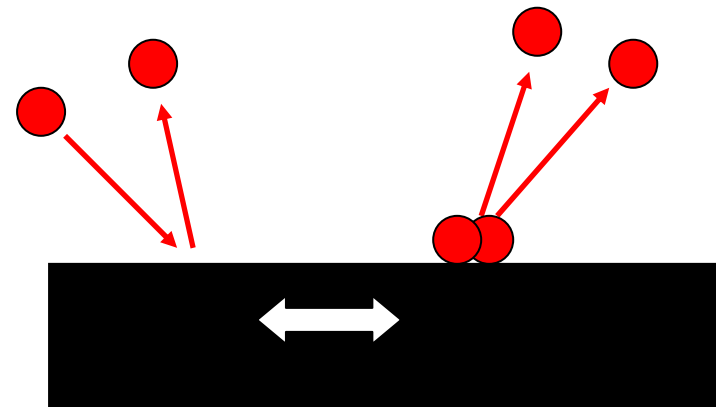
Collisionless region $\omega\tau \gg 1$, low temperature

$$Z = \frac{\Pi_{xz}}{u_x} = Z' + iZ''$$

Quasiparticle scattering

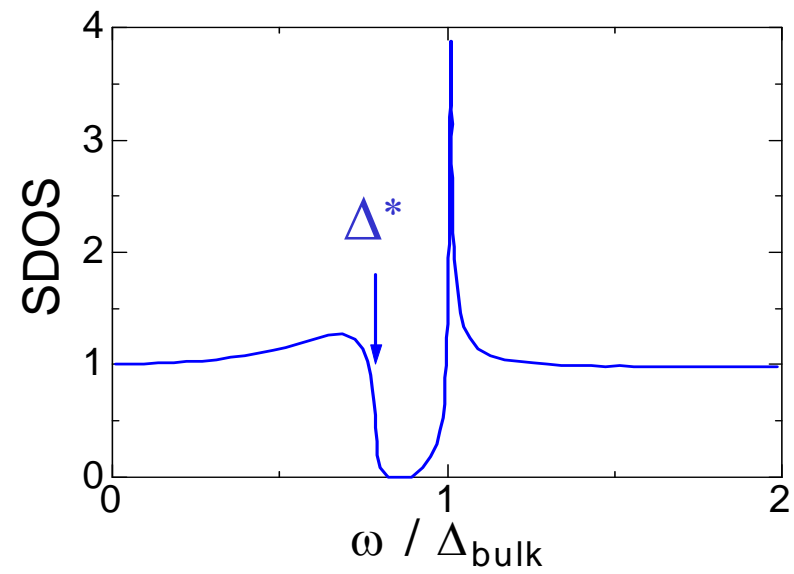
Pair breaking

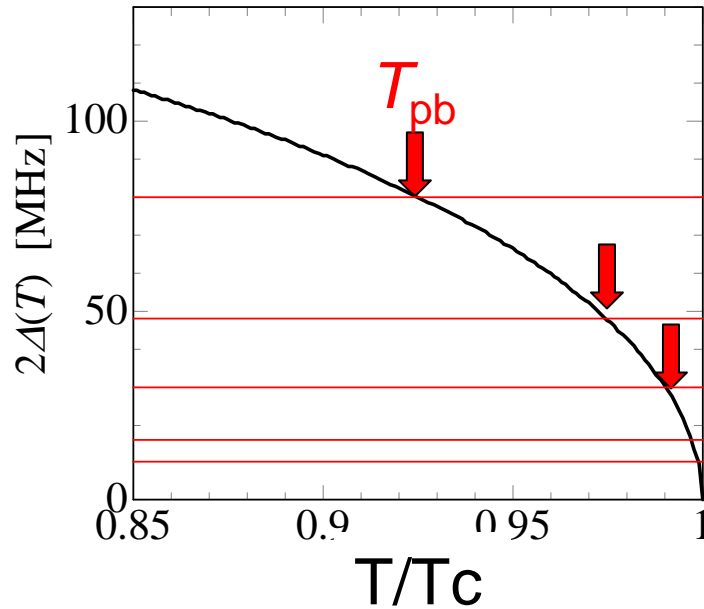
$\omega \sim \Delta$ Spectroscopy of SDOS



Diffusive limit, $S = 0$

Pure ^3He without ^4He coating

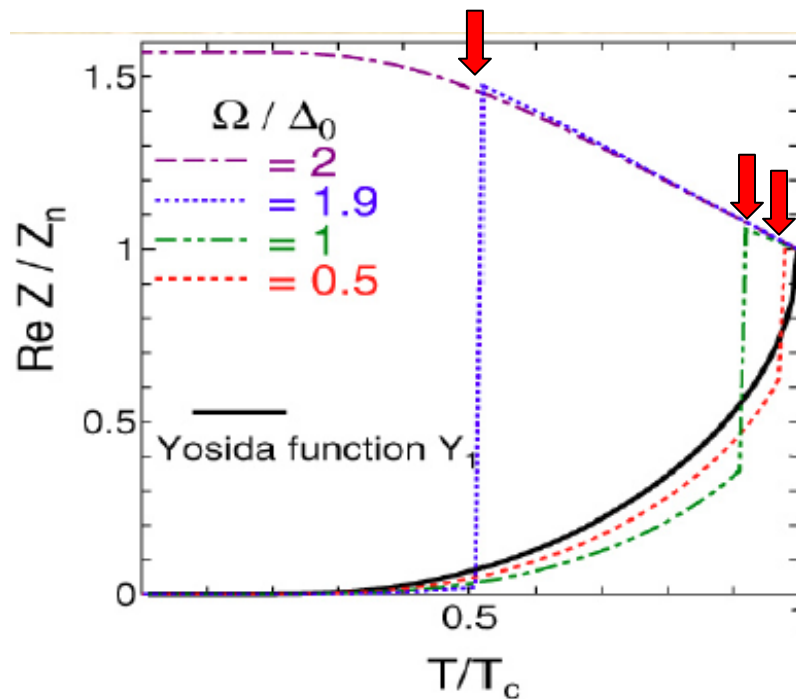




Pair breaking edge temperature T_{pb}

$$\hbar\omega \equiv 2\Delta(T_{pb})$$

In s-wave BCS superfluid (no SABS)



Drop in Z' at T_{pb}

$$T \rightarrow 0 : Z \rightarrow 0$$

Small frequency dependence

Only ρ_n responses

In B phase

No change in Z at T_c



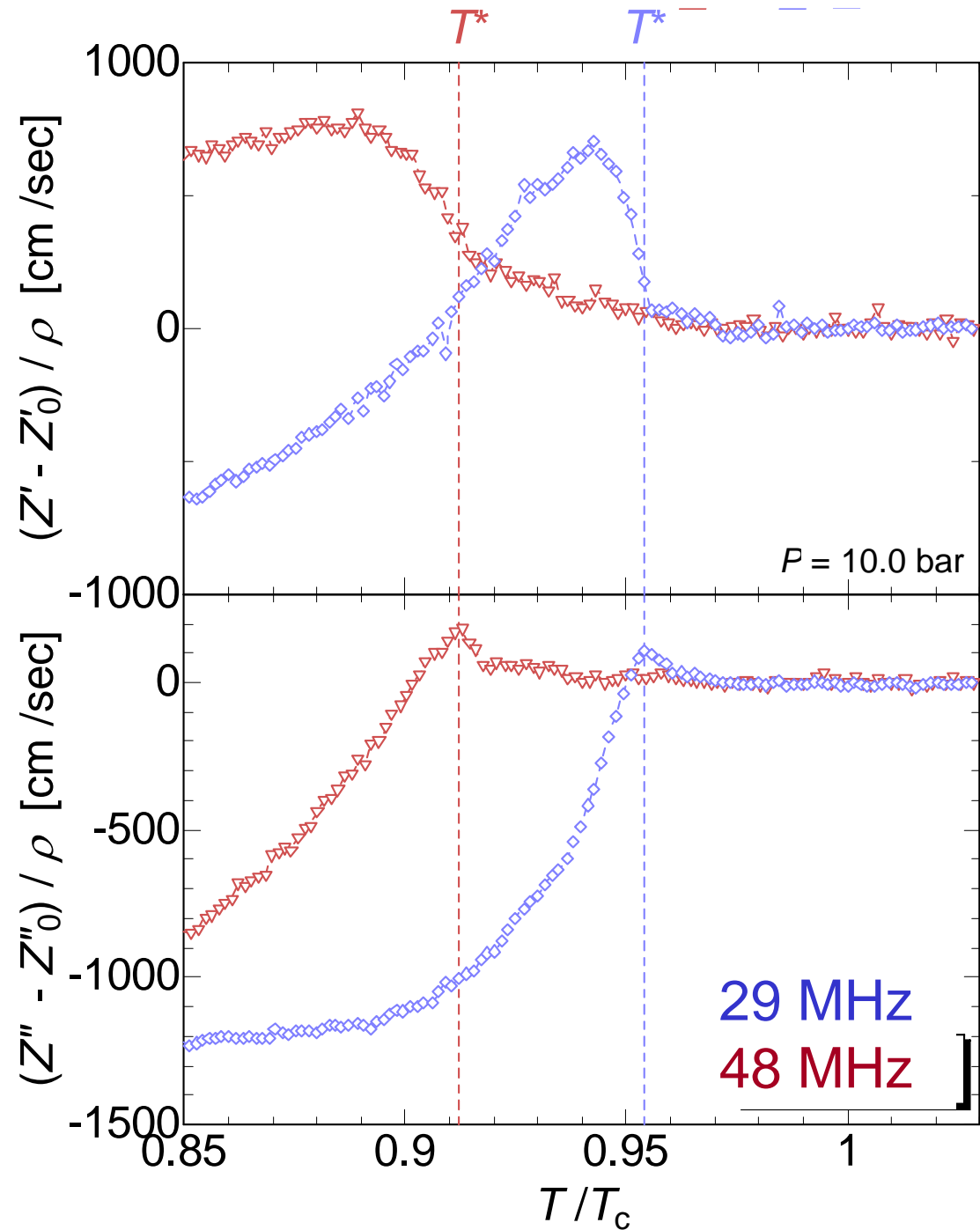
No drop in Z' at T_{pb} .



peak in Z'' and kink in Z' at T^*

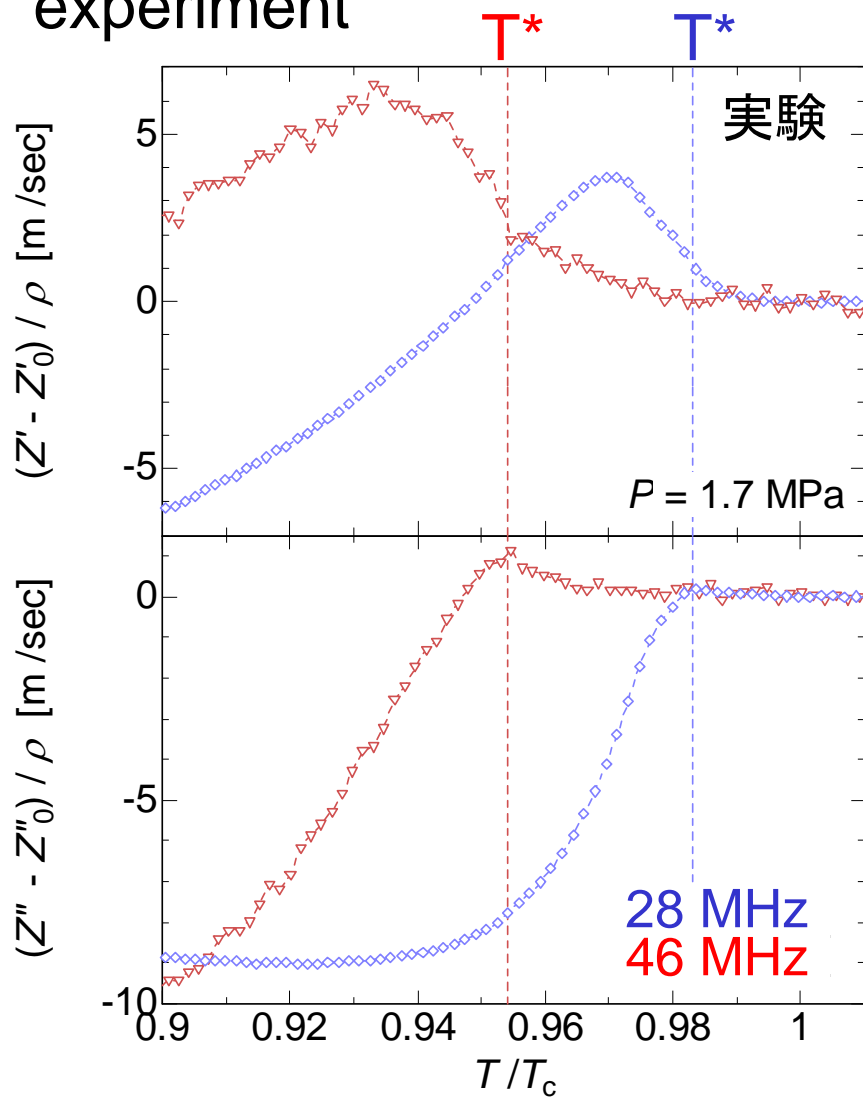
Structure appears below T_{pb} .

Low lying excitations !!

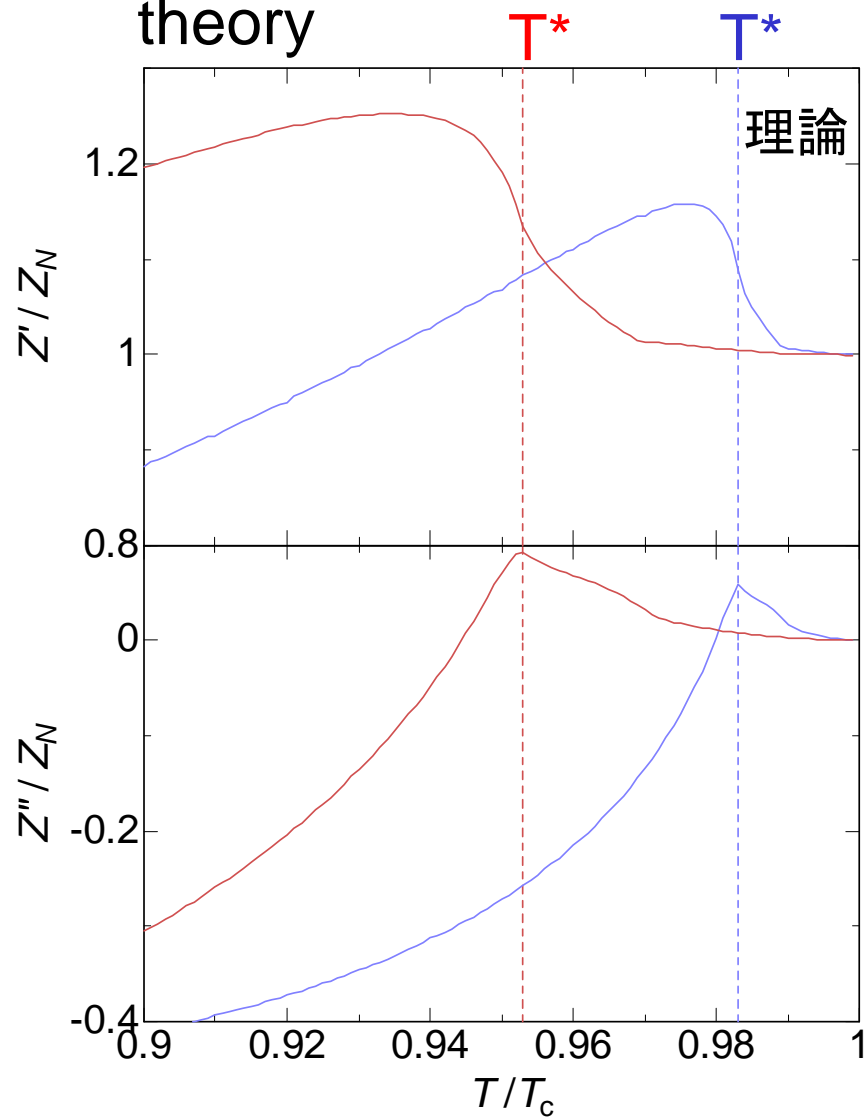


Z(T) at S = 0

experiment

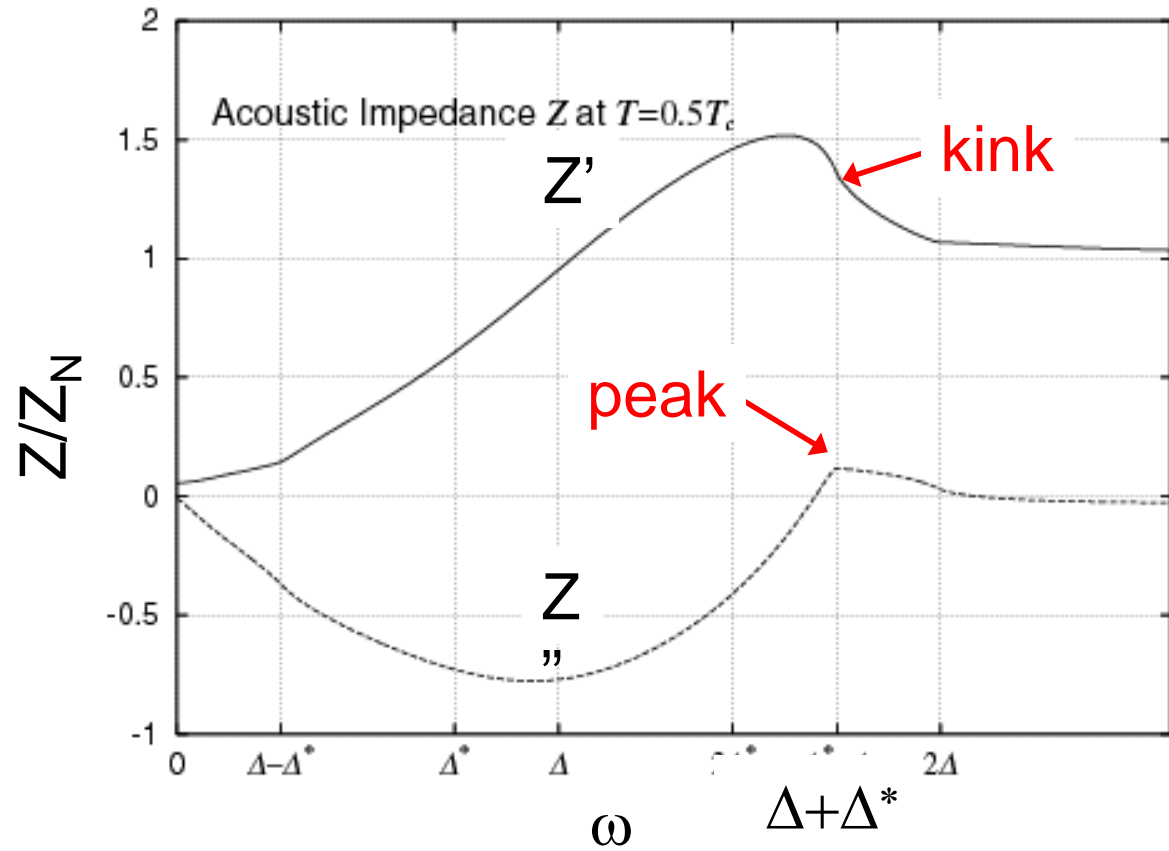


theory



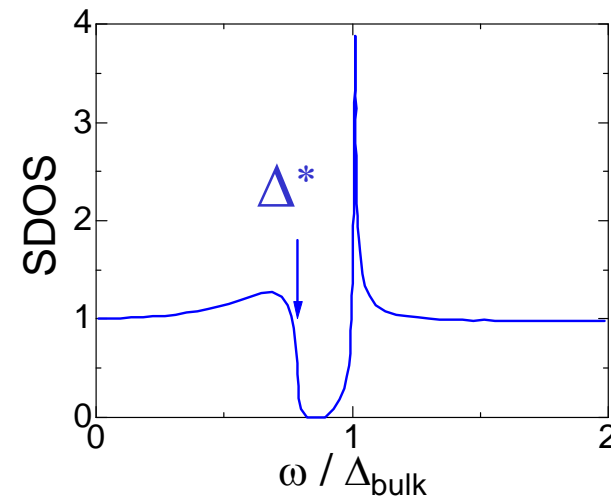
$Z(\omega)$ theory with SABS

Kink and peak
are anomaly
when $\hbar\omega = \Delta + \Delta^*$



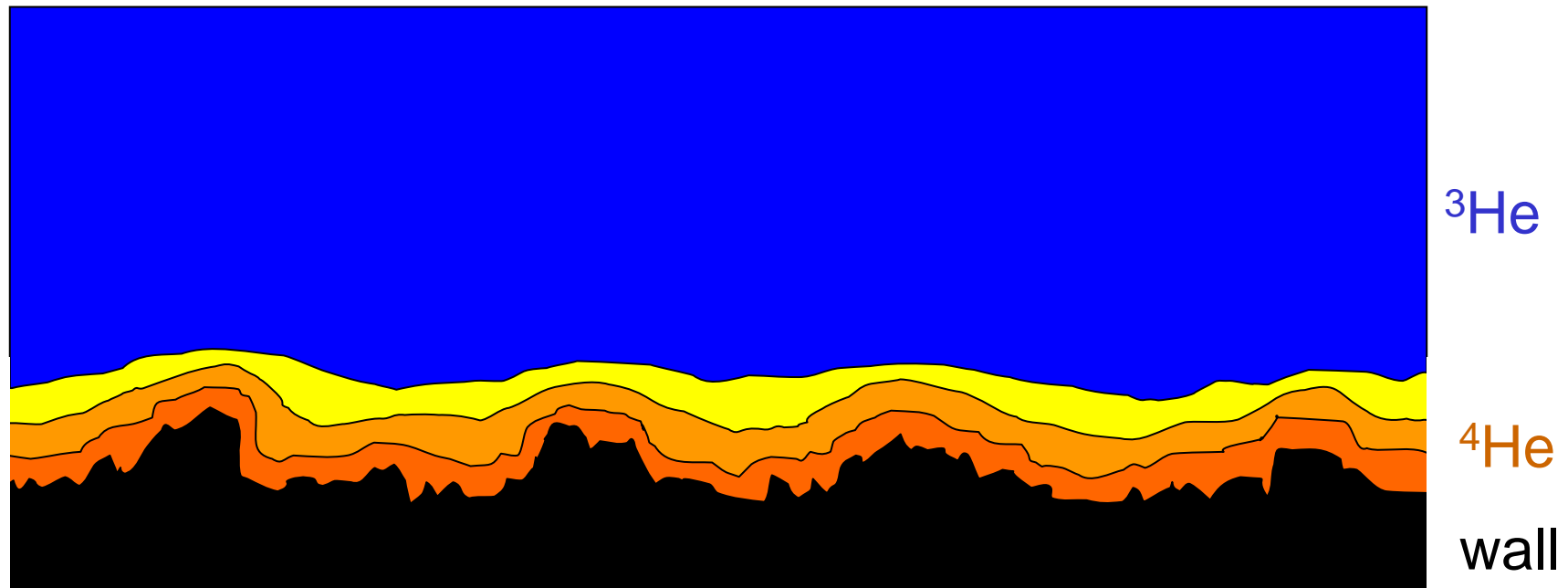
First experimental confirmation
of the sub-gap structure.

Aoki *et al.* PRL (2005)



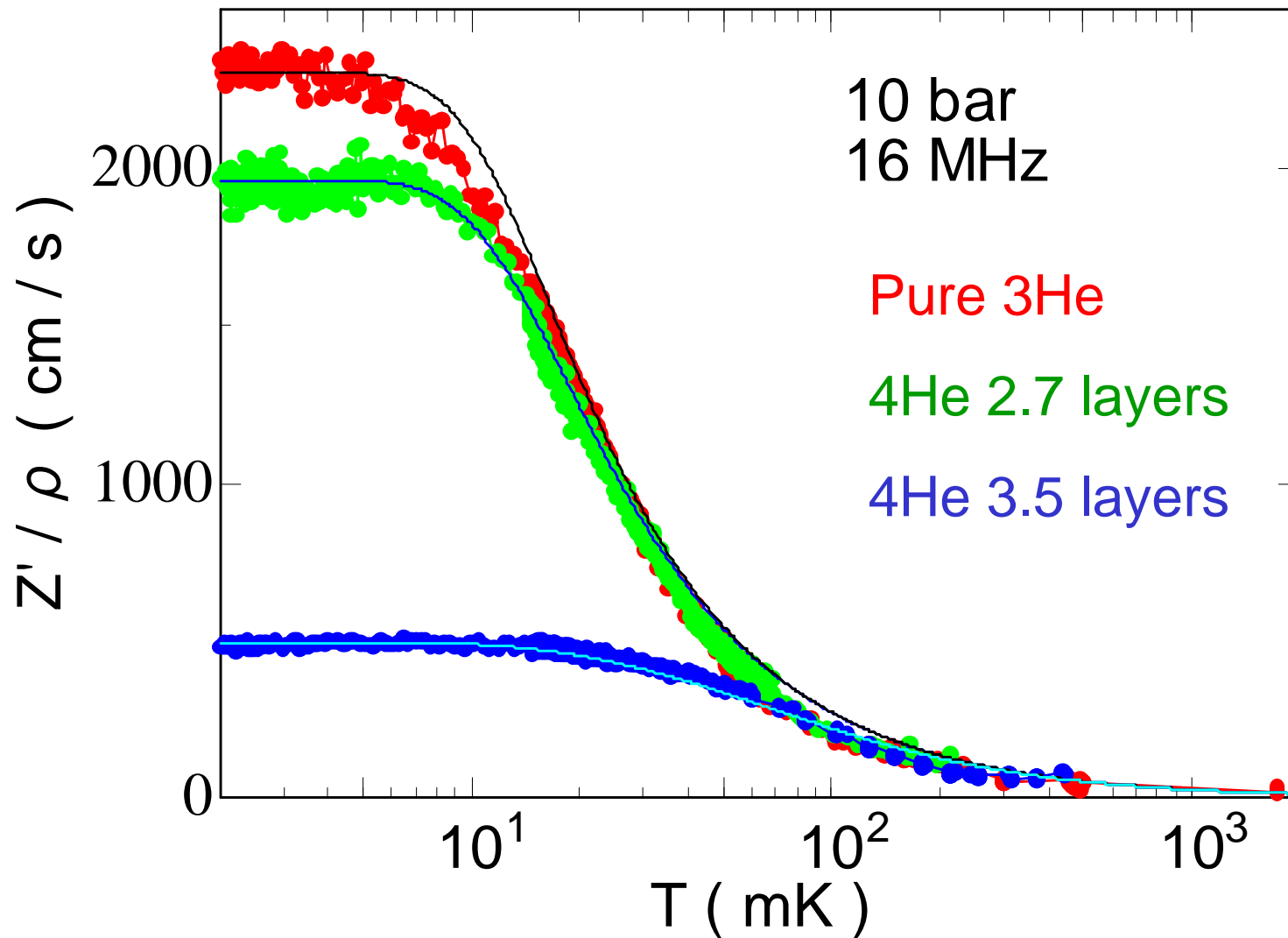
Partially specular wall; $0 < S < 1$

Coat a wall with ^4He layers



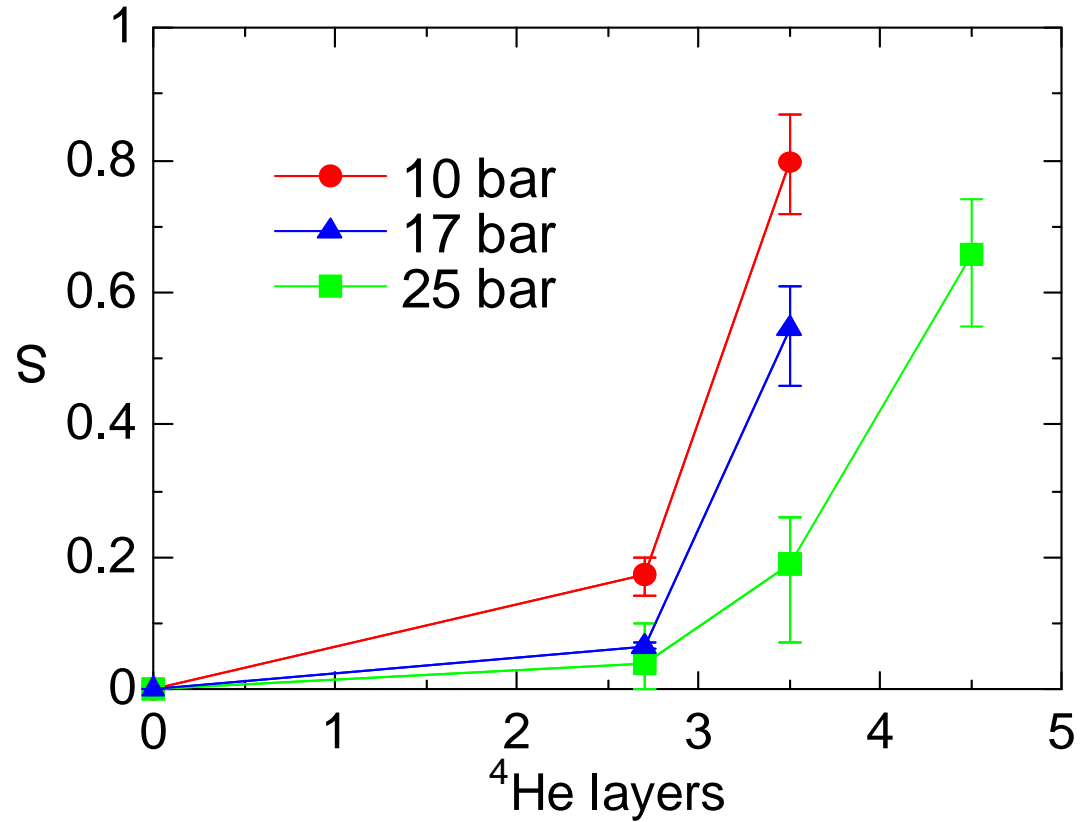
Cartoon

Evaluate S from Z in normal fluid



fitting at 16 MHz and 17 bar

S vs ^4He layers and P



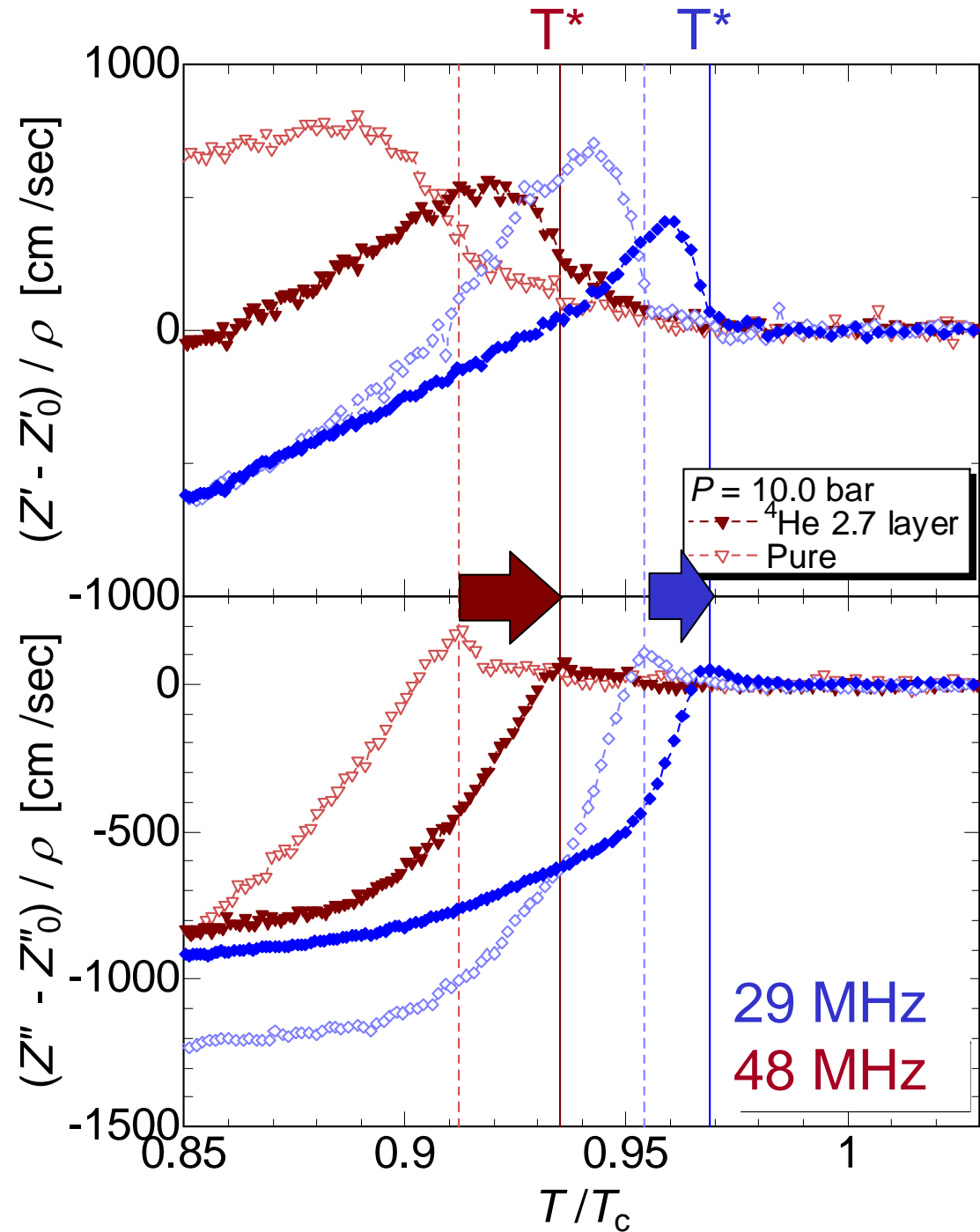
S is larger for thicker ^4He .
is smaller at higher P.

Z(T) in B phase

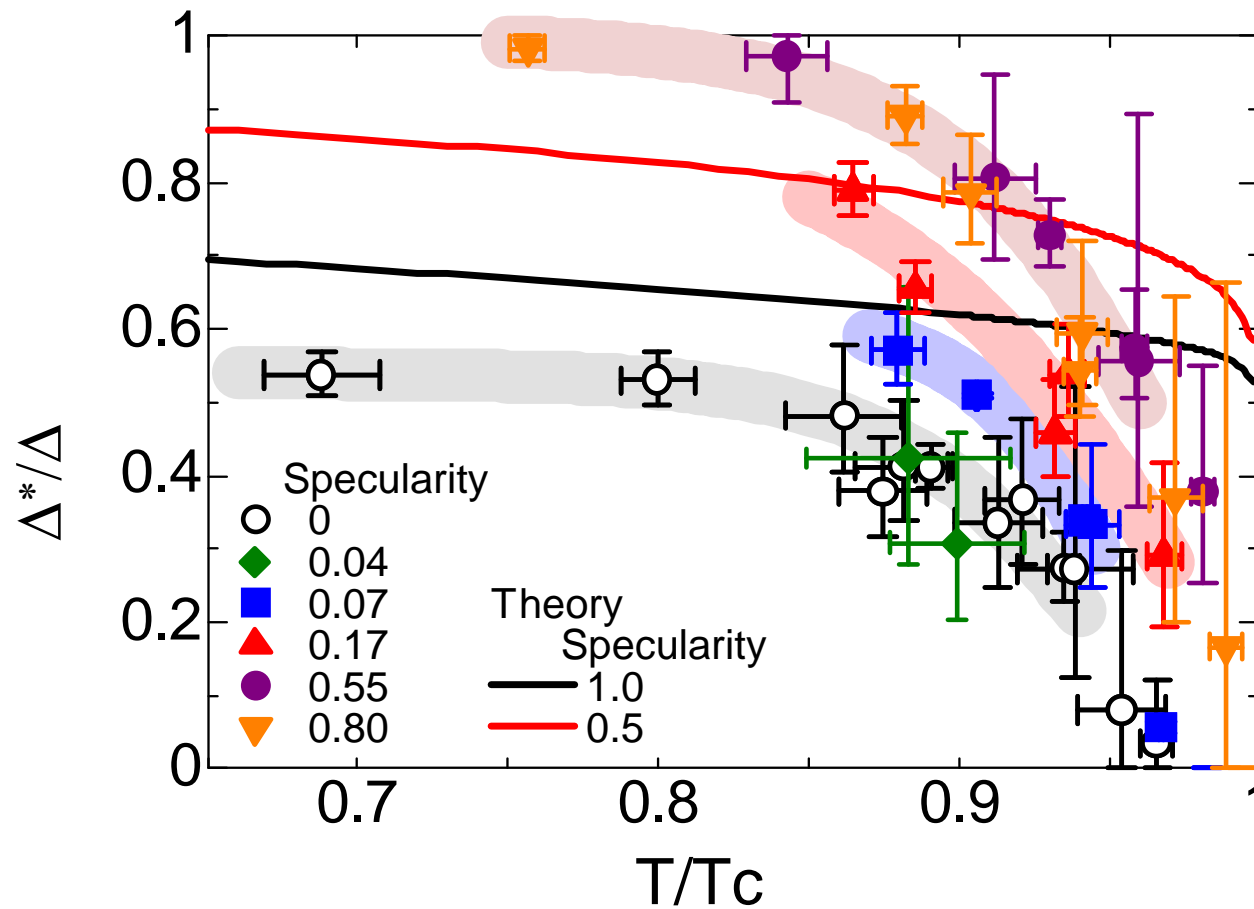
S = 0.17、
2.7 layers ⁴He, 10bar

Compared to S = 0,
T* shifts to higher.
Smaller temperature
dependence Z(T).

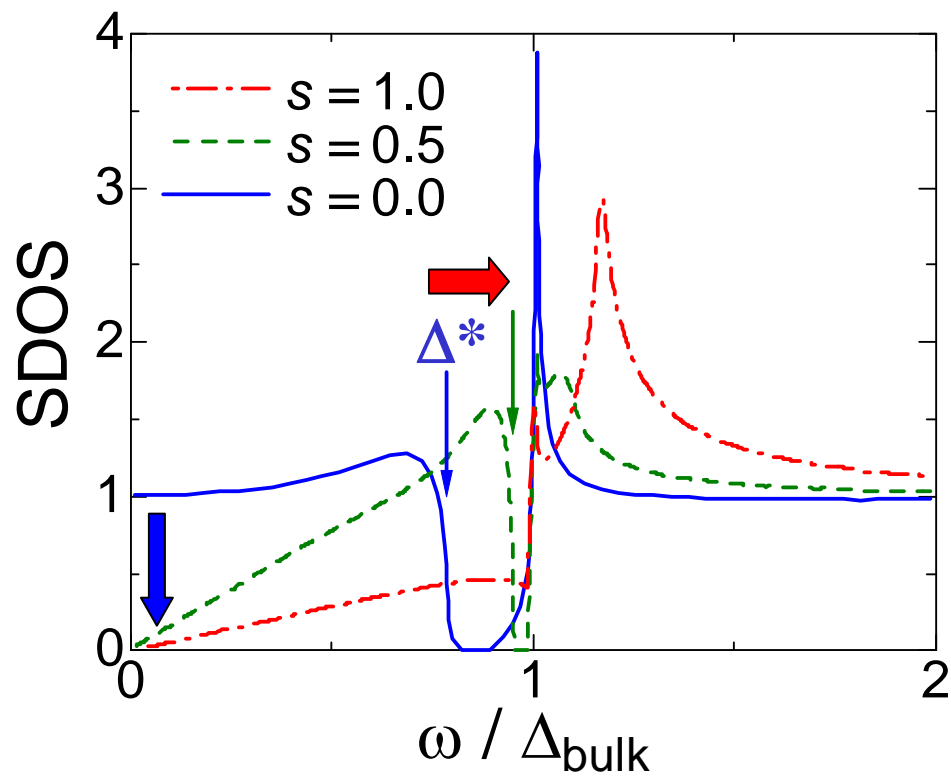
$$\Delta^* = \hbar\omega - \Delta(T^*)$$



S dependence of $\Delta^*(T)/\Delta(T)$



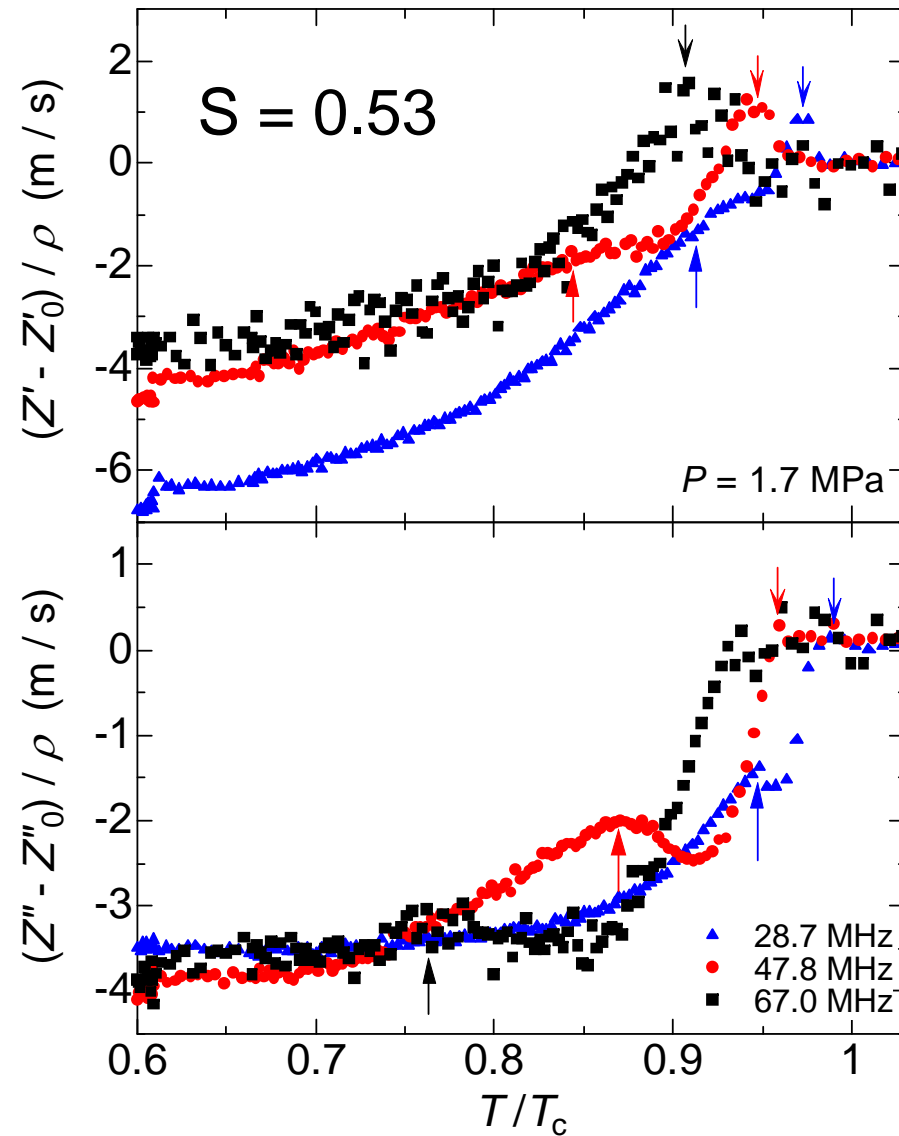
Saitoh, et al. PRB(R) 2006
Wada, et al. PRB 2008



Broadening at larger S

Suppression of SDOS at zero-energy at larger S

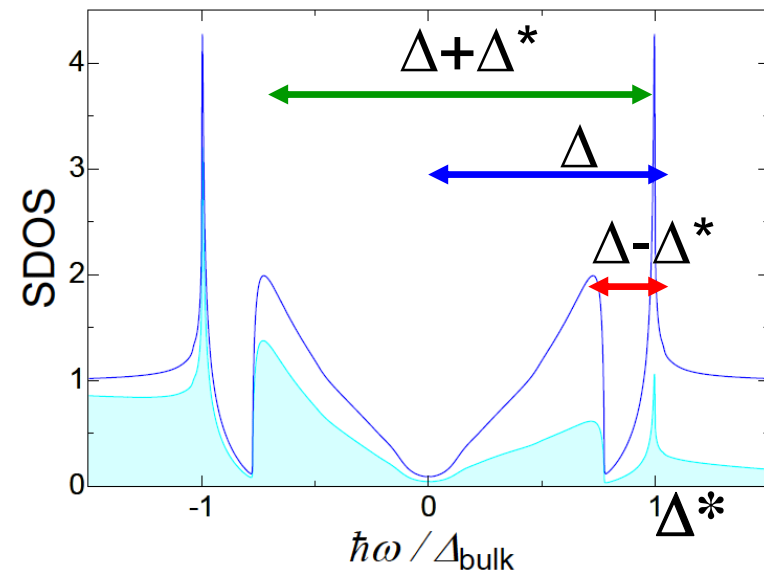
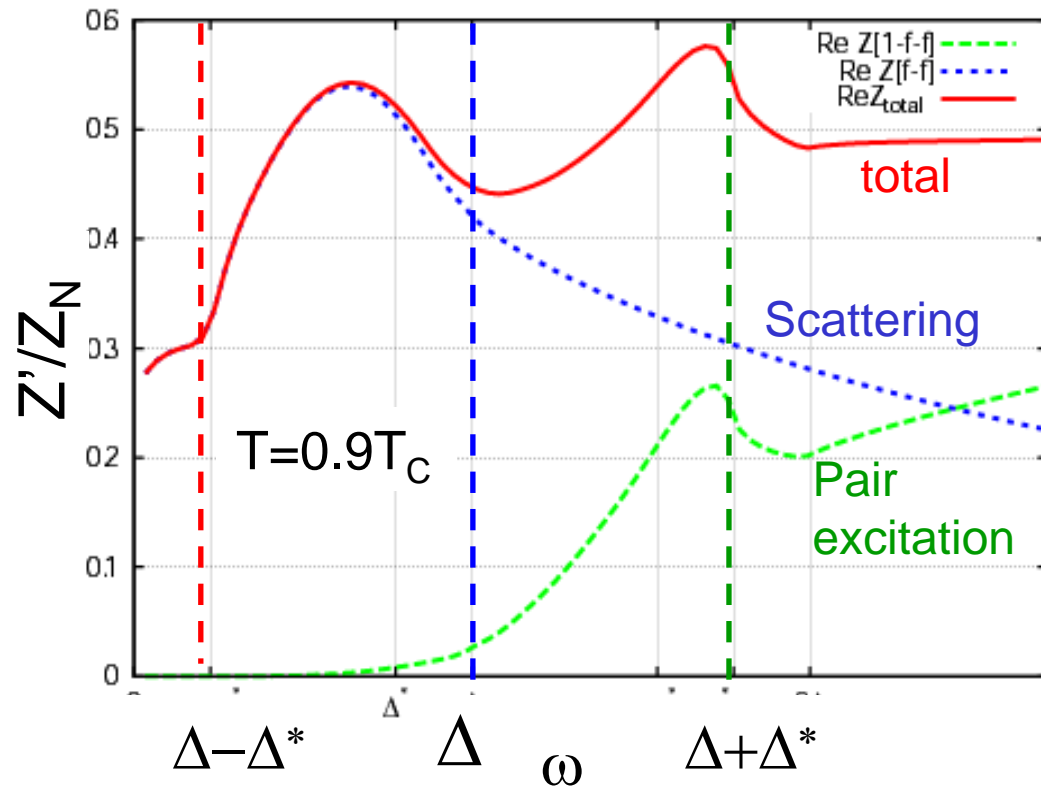
New low temperature peak at $S > 0$.



Scaled energy dependence of $Z(\omega/\Delta)$ at various S

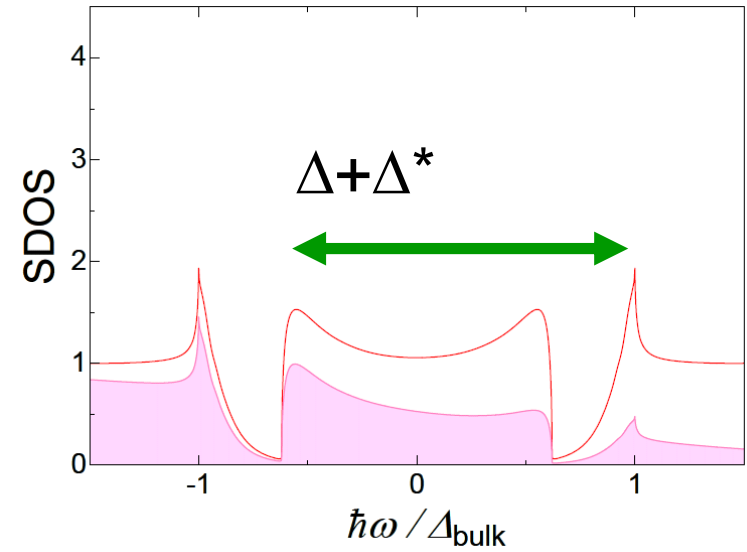
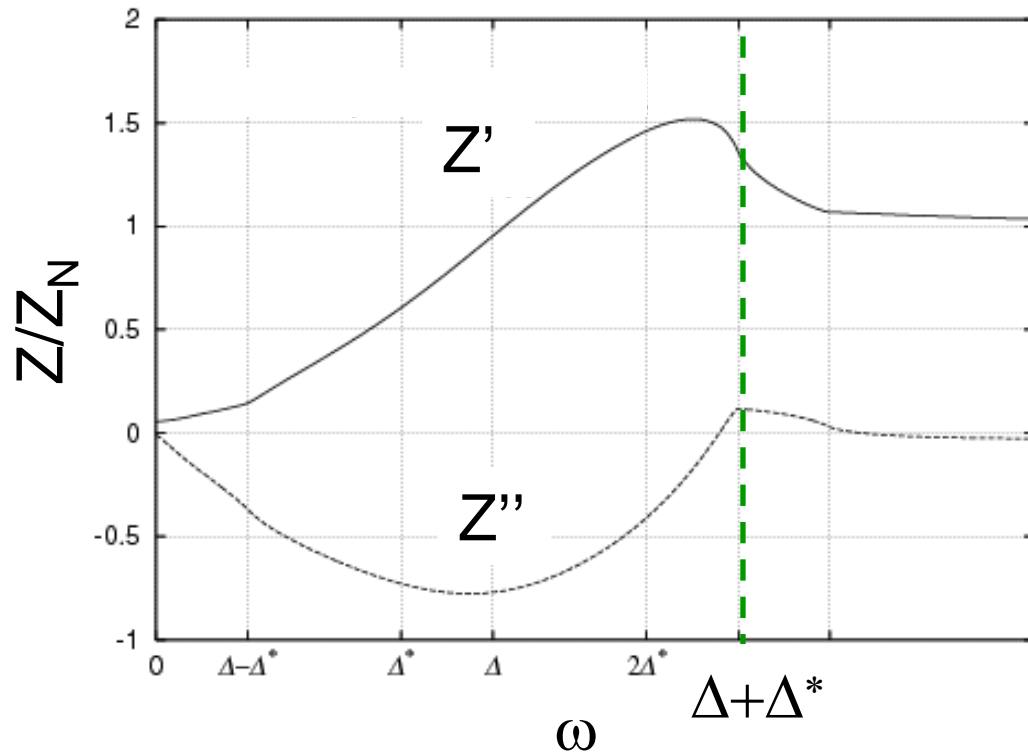
Low energy peak grows when $S > 0$ due to the formation of the Majorana cone.

$Z(\omega)$ theory by Nagato et al. for $S = 0.5$



Two peaks in $Z(\omega)$ due to the formation of Majorana cone.

$Z(\omega)$ theory for $S = 0$



Flat below Δ^*
Single peak in
 $Z(T)$

Summary

Surface Andreev bound states in $^3\text{He-B}$ are detected by $Z(T, \omega)$ measurement.

Specularity S is controlled by ^4He layers.

On a partially specular wall

Bandwidth of bound states Δ^* becomes broader.

Growth of the low temperature peak in $Z(T)$ as increasing S is due to the formation of the Majorana cone.

Our observation is an experimental indication of the Majorana cone on $^3\text{He-B}$.