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SPRING COLLEGE IN CONDENSED MATTER
ON
'PHYSICS OF LOW-DIMENSIONAL SEMICONDUCTOR STRUCTURES'
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QUASI 1 DIMENSIONAL CHARGE DENSITY WAVE SYSTEMS

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These are preliminary lecture notes, intended only for distribution to participants.

Quasi 1D materials:

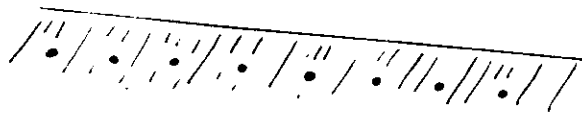
here: crystals with chainlike structure

1D electronic structure: overlap between chains: nil

(1D atomic displacement also exists), 1D magnets (J-P. Bock)

Interest of it: unstable against periodic distortions,
collective excitations
fluctuations

Ground state: charge density waves
spin density waves
superconductor



uniform chain

$$\mathcal{H} = \text{electron(kinetic)} + \text{phonon} + \text{electron-phonon} + \text{electron-electron}$$

$$\epsilon_k^0 \quad \omega_q^0 \quad g$$

- structural properties
materials

- dynamics

Perturbation theory

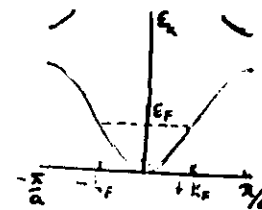
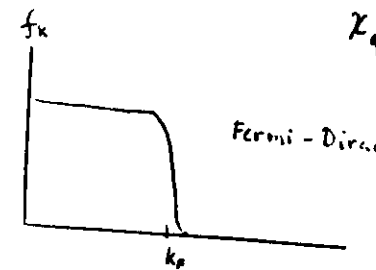
mean field: electron and phonon spectra

displacement: $u = u_q \cos qx$

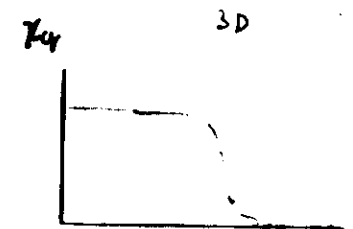
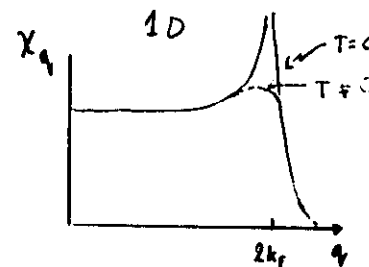
electronic potential: $V = g u = V_q \cos qx$

charge density $\delta \rho = \chi_q e^2 V$

$$\chi_q = \sum_k \frac{f_k - f_{k+q}}{\epsilon_k - \epsilon_{k+q}}$$

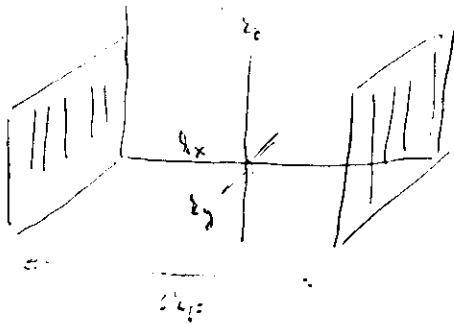


$q = 2k_F$ gives large perturbation
especially in 1D

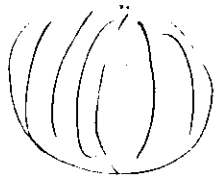


Lindhard function

1D



3D



Formation of CDW's

high temp.:

$$g = \text{const}$$

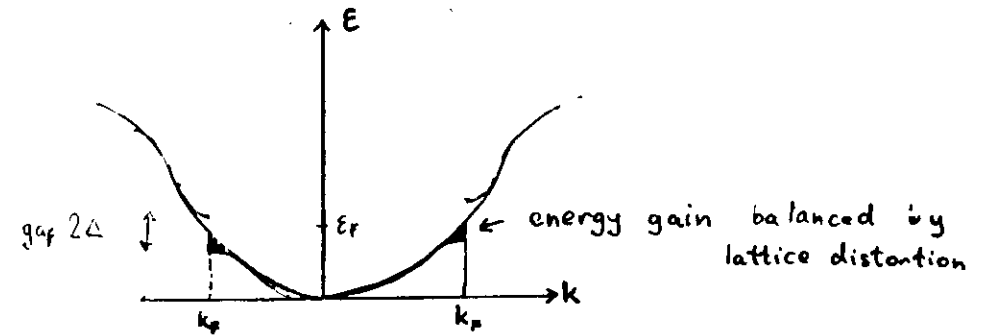
lattice uniform

low temp.:

$$\text{CDW: } g = g_0 + g_1 \cos(2k_F x + \varphi)$$

lattice distortion:

$$\text{PLD: } a = a_0 + u_{2k_F} \cos(2k_F x + \varphi)$$



$E \ll E_F$ (d typically $\sim 10^{-2} E_F$)

$$\Delta = 2D e^{-1/\Lambda}$$

$$\Lambda = g^2 \frac{N(E_F)}{\omega_{2k_F}^2 / m}$$

$$g_1 = \Delta g_0 / \Lambda v_F k_F$$

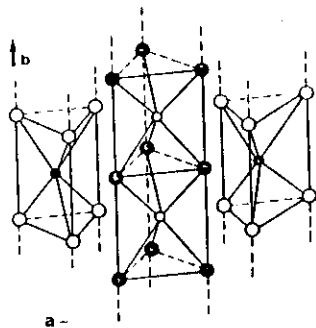
$$u_{2k_F} = 2\Delta / g$$

at $T = 0$ $\sum_k (E_k - E_k^0) > \text{elastic energy at some } u_q$

$T > 0$ in mean field $\Delta = \Delta(T)$

ω : undetermined (at the moment)

Ni₃Sn



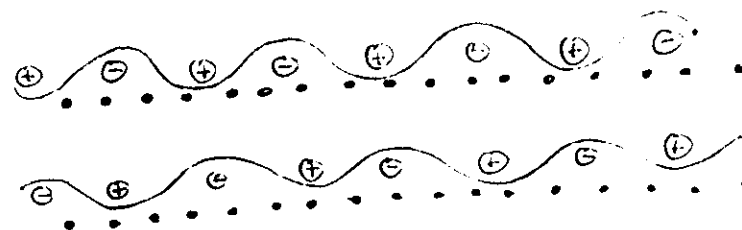
Real materials:

3D ordering of CDW at finite T

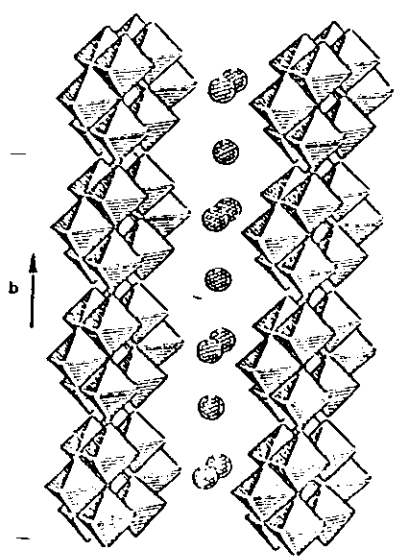
coupling $\begin{cases} \text{Coulomb} \\ \text{overlap} \end{cases}$

$$q = (q_x, q_y, q_z)$$

$$q_x \approx 2k_F \quad \text{Coulomb: } q_y, q_z = \pi/c$$



K₂MoO₆
"blue bronze"



Many atoms in unit cell:

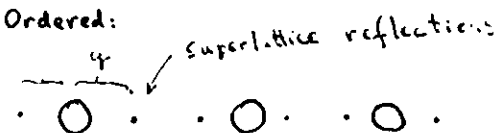
$$a_i^{(e)} = a_{i0}^{(e)} + \underline{U}_1^{(e)} \cos(q a_i^{(e)}) + \underline{U}_2^{(e)} \sin(q a_i^{(e)})$$

simple $U \cos(q a_i)$ is only approximation!

determination of CDW structure:

X-ray or neutron diffraction:

Ordered:

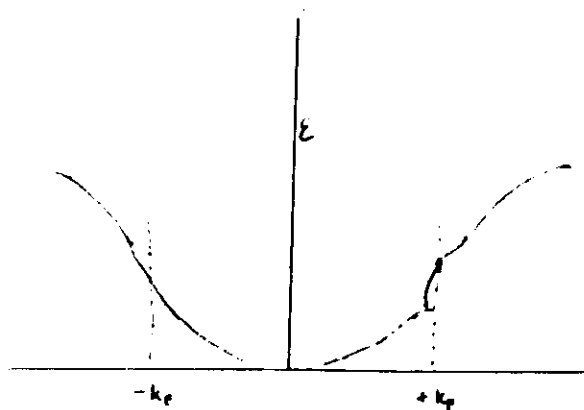


Bragg peaks of uniform structure

Temperature dependence of Δ

1D order only at $T=0$

3D coupling $\rightarrow$ finite T_p



$$W_{\text{electronic}} = \sum_k (E_k - E_k^0) f_k(T) \quad \text{balanced by elastic energy}$$

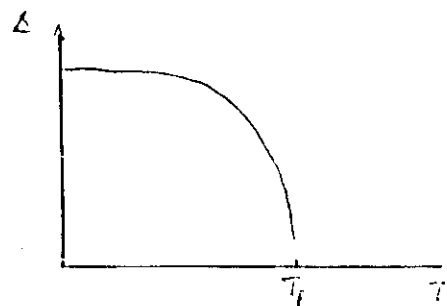
"Peierls transition"

second order phase transition

order parameter: $\Delta e^{i\varphi}$

$$\text{CDW: } g_{\pm} \cos(2k_F x + \varphi)$$

$$\text{PLD: } u_{\pm} \cos(2k_F x + \varphi)$$



$$k_B T_p \propto \Delta(0)$$

$$\alpha \sim 1$$

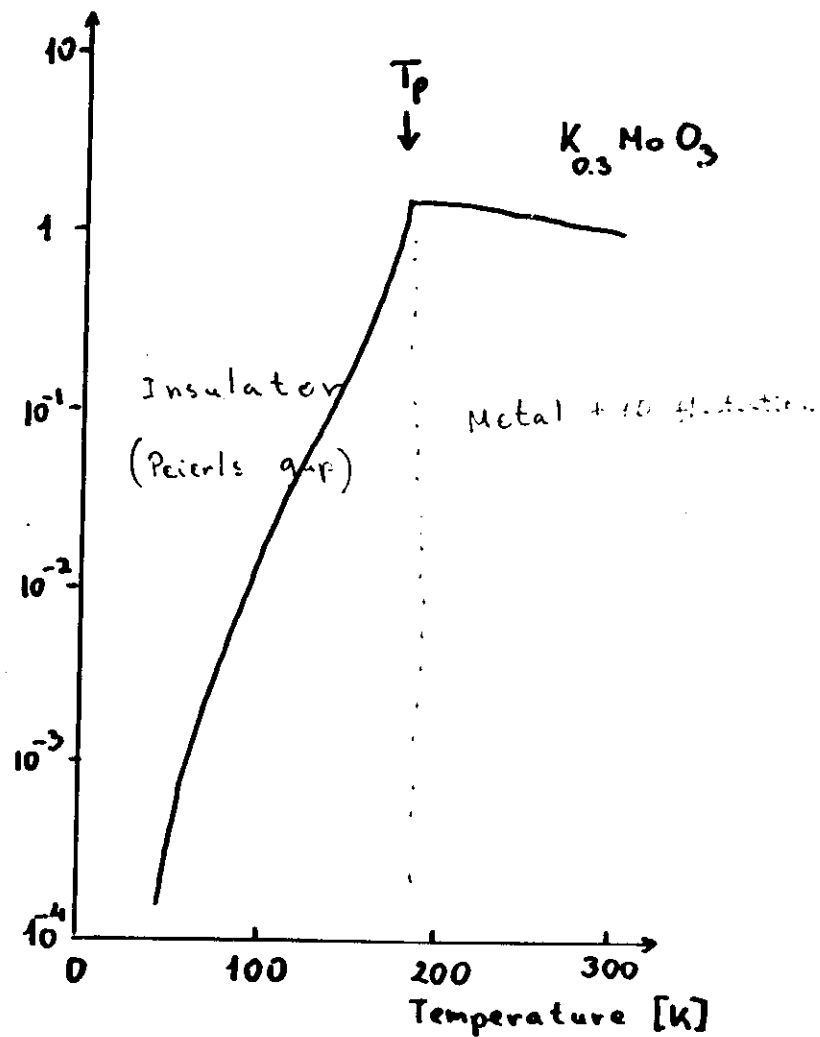
$$g_{\pm}, u_{\pm} \sim \Delta(T)$$

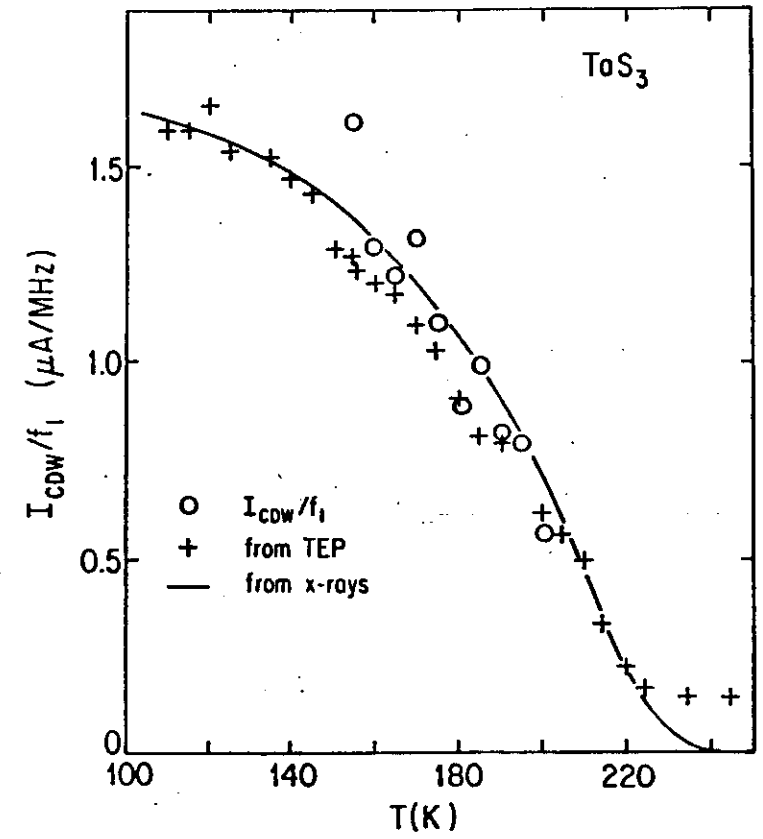
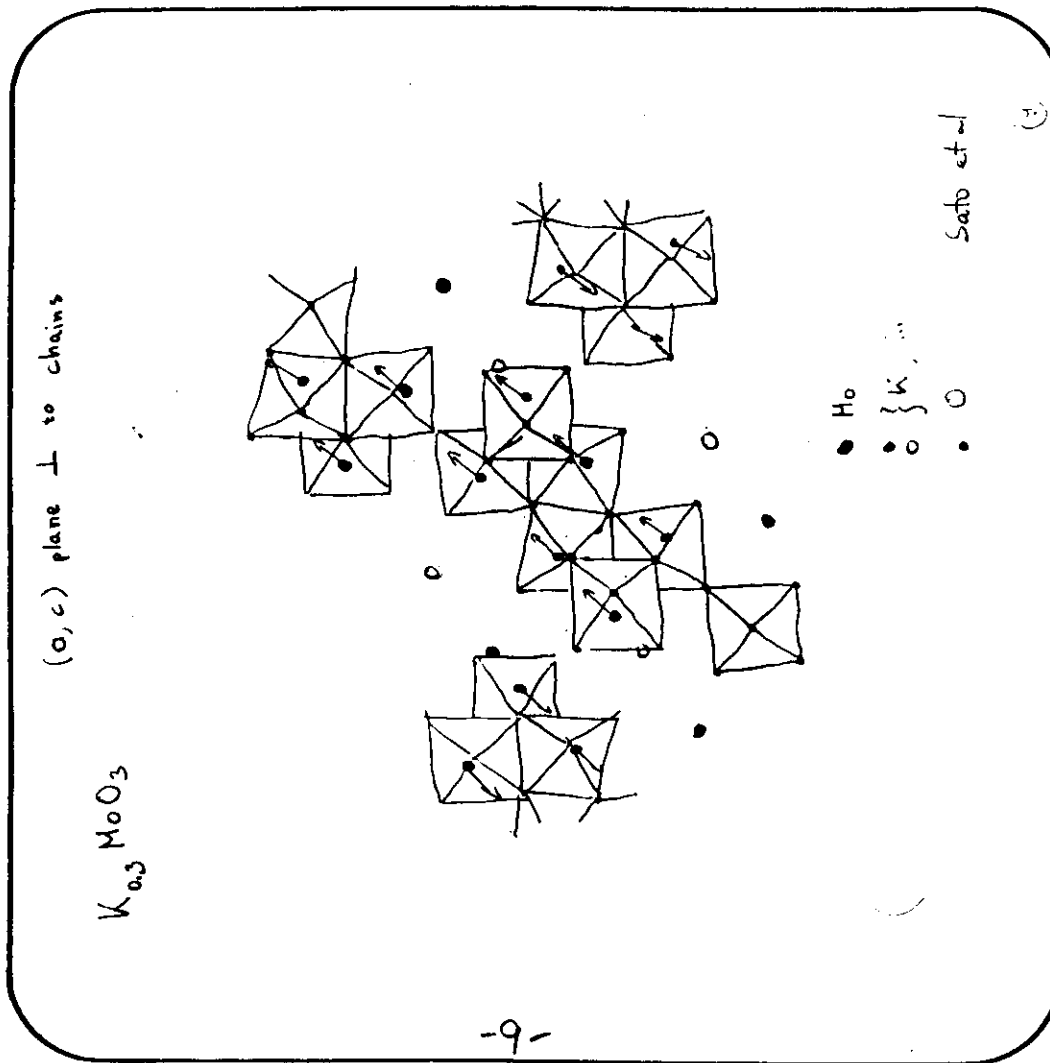
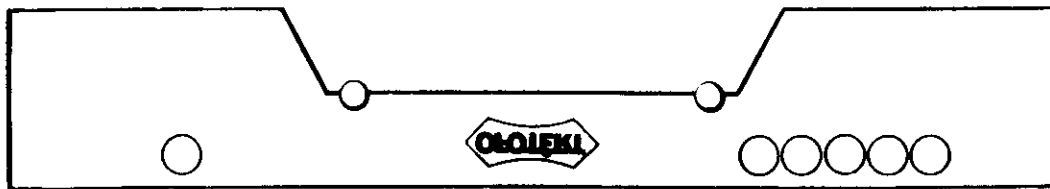
X-ray intensity

NMR

conductivity
TEP

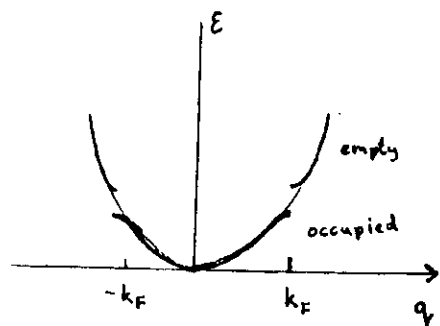
relative conductivity at low electric fields





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FIG. 11

Interaction with lattice

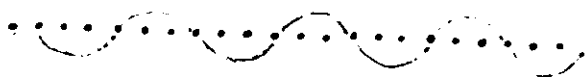


Instability of a quasi 1d metal. $T \ll T_P$

electron density:

$$\rho = \rho_0 + \rho_1 \cos(2k_F x + \varphi)$$

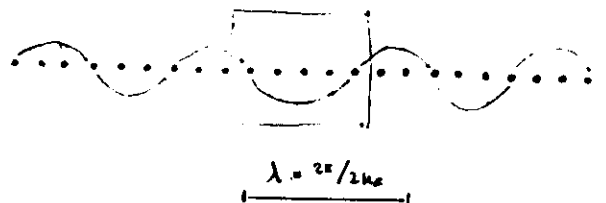
lattice potential periodicity: $a = 2\pi/a$



commensurate

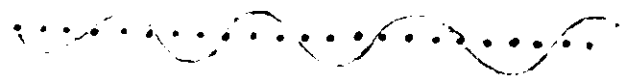
$$k_F = \frac{n}{m} \frac{\pi}{a}$$

n, m small integer



nearly commensurate

$$k_F \approx \frac{n}{m} \frac{\pi}{a}$$

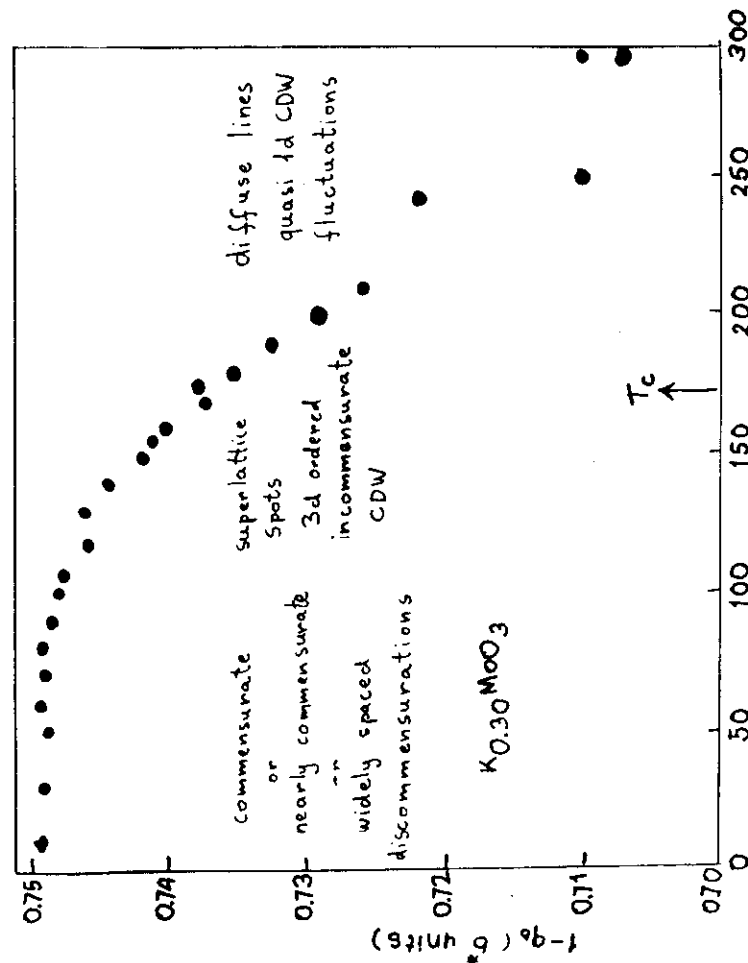
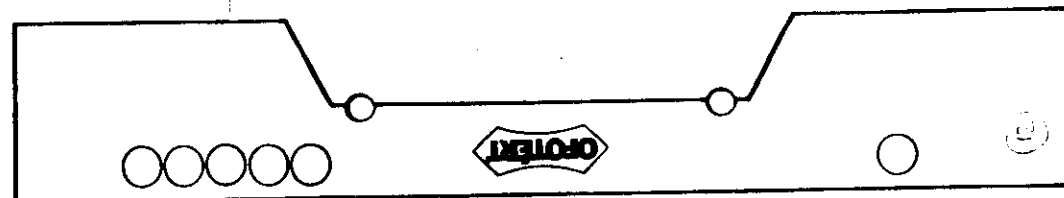


incommensurate CDW

$$k_F \neq \frac{n}{m} \frac{\pi}{a}$$

depinned CDW : coupled oscillations of atoms and translation of electrons :

$$j_{CDW} = \rho_0 v ; v = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{dt}$$



Pouget et al (1984)

$K_{0.5}MoO_3$ at low temperatures:

thought commensurate by

R. M. Fleming and L. F. Schneemeyer (1984)
Bell Lab. X-ray

incommensurate by

M. Sato, H. Fujishita and S. Hoshino (1983)
neutron scattering $q_0 = 0.748$

J. Pouget et al. (1984)

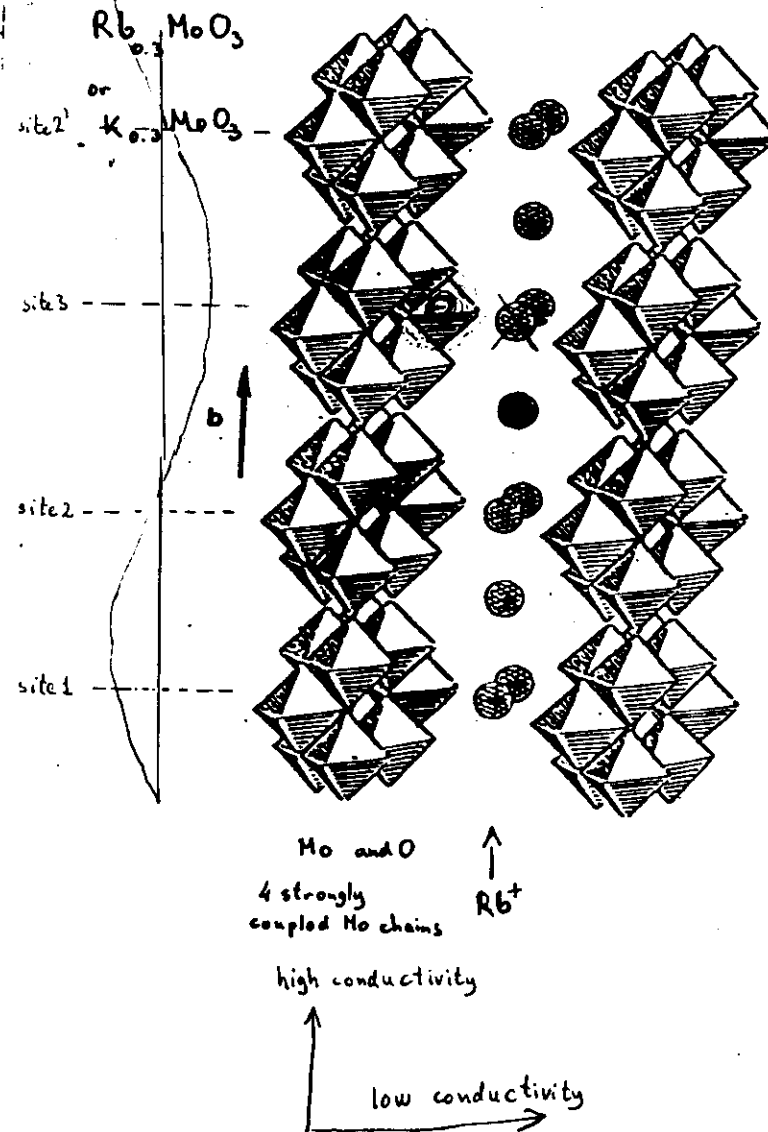
Orsay X-ray

C. Berthier et al. (1985-6)

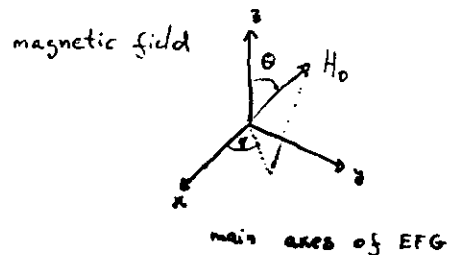
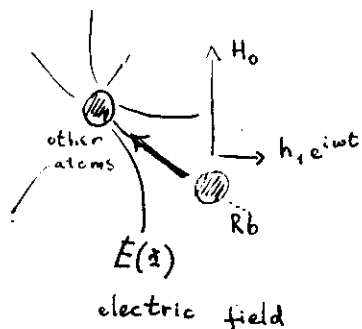
Grenoble NMR

incommensurate and commensurate regions:

A. Jánossy, G. L. Dunifer, S. Payson (1987)
Wayne State U. ESR



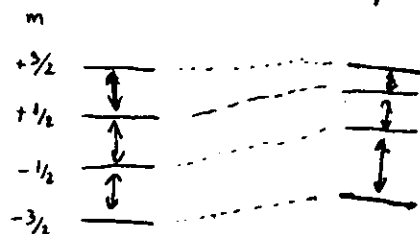
Nuclear magnetic resonance



$$g\mu_N \leq H$$

$$e^2 q Q [3S_z^2 - S(S+1) + \eta(\frac{1}{2} - S_z^2)]$$

Zeeman interaction + quadrupole

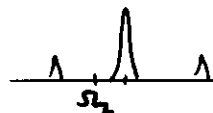
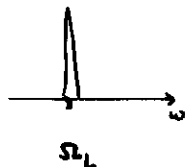


$g\mu_N$ nuclear magnetic moment

$$q = \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial z^2} \quad \text{EFG}$$

η asymmetry par.

Q nuclear quadrupole moment



$$V_Q^2 / \Omega_L \cdot f(\theta, \varphi, \eta)$$

Electric field gradient tensor $\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial z^2} \sim q_{ij}$ but only 2 independent parameters: q_{zz}, η

NMR lineshape

Static CDW



$\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}$ ^{85}Rb spin transition, axial EFG, second order pert.

$$\Omega_L = \Omega_L^0 + V_Q^2 / \Omega_L^0 f(\theta)$$

$$V_Q \sim q_{zz} Q \quad q_{zz} = \partial^2 E / \partial z^2$$

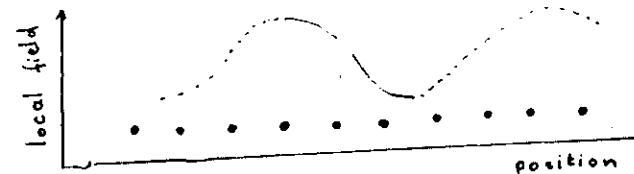
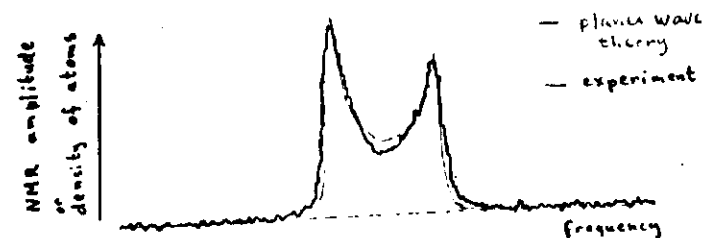
Change due to CDW: $q_{zz}^{(+)}, q_{zz}^{(0)} = \Delta q_{zz}(\tau)$

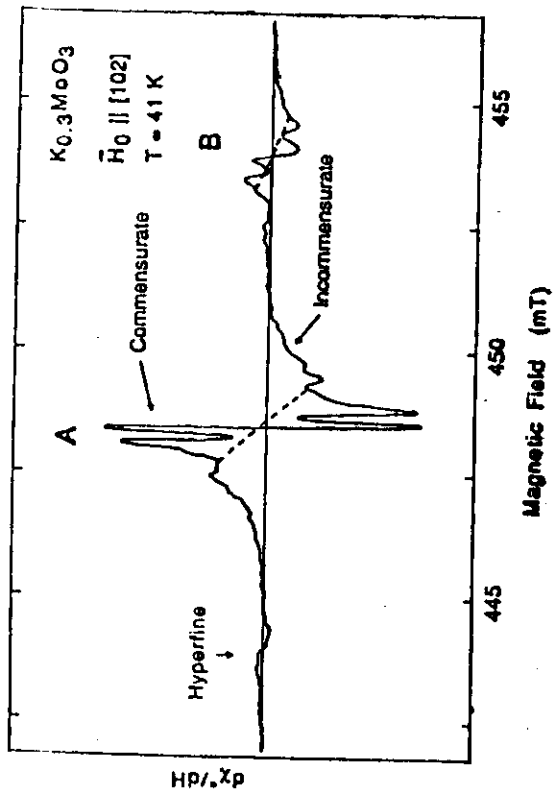
$$\Delta \Omega_L \sim \Delta V_Q^2 \sim \Delta q_{zz}$$

local field approx:

$$\Delta q_{zz} = A_1 n(\tau) \cos(2k_F \tau) + A_2 n^2(\tau) \cos^2(2k_F \tau) +$$

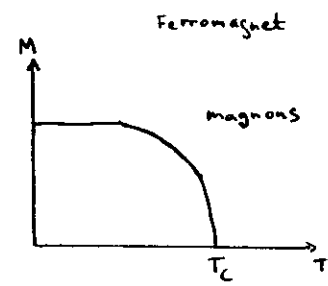
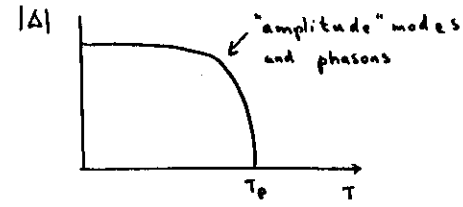
incommensurate k_F





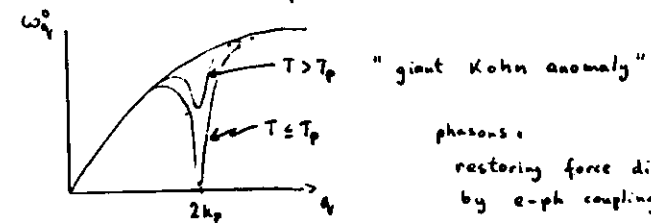
A. JÁNOSY, G.L. DUNIFER
 J.S. PAYSON, 1982

Excitations of the CDW



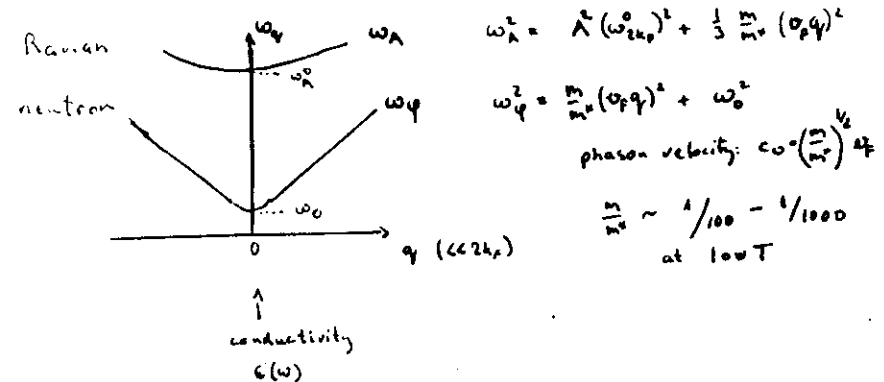
At finite T at low T
 $\Delta(x, t)$ $\Delta_0 + \delta\Delta(x, t)$
 $\varphi(x, t)$ $\varphi_0 + \delta\varphi(x, t)$

↑
pinned mode

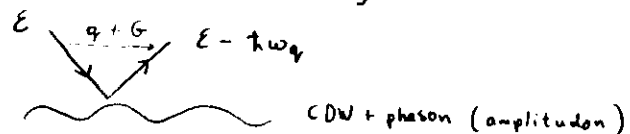


phasons:
 restoring force diminished
 by e-ph coupling
 $T = 0$ order complete
 $T > 0$ thermal fluctuations

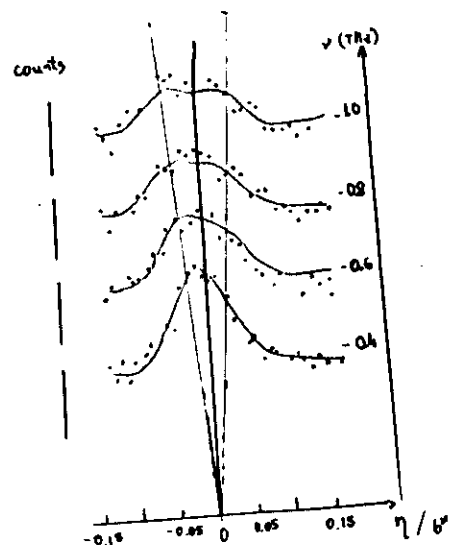
excitation spectrum



inelastic neutron scattering



$T = 17.5 \text{ K}$ ($T_p = 8 \text{ K}$)



$$\vec{Q} = (5, 0.73 + \eta, 2.5)$$

$$V_{\text{phason}} = 3 \cdot 10^5 \text{ cm}^2$$

Escribe-Filippini, Pasquet,
Hannion, Sato
Synthetic Metals 13 931 (1988)

Frequency dependent conductivity



$$\frac{d^2 \varphi}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{\tau} \frac{d\varphi}{dt} + \omega_0^2 \varphi = \frac{2k_F e E}{m^*}$$

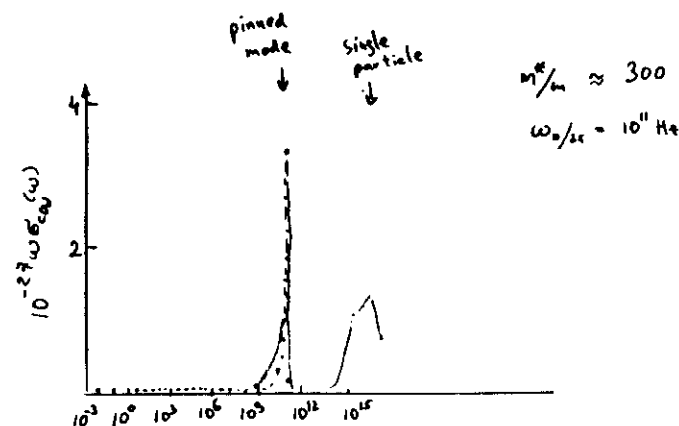
M. Rice and Strömer

$$\sigma(\omega) = \frac{n_c e^2}{i\omega m^*} \frac{\omega}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega/\tau}$$

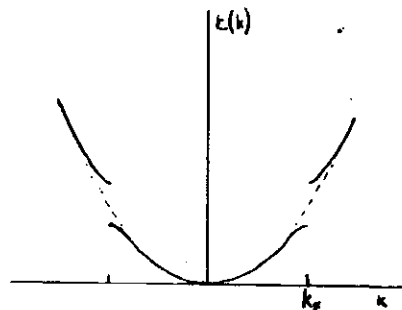
$$\omega = 0 \quad \text{Re} \sigma = 0$$

$$\epsilon = \text{Im} \sigma(0) / \omega = 1 + \frac{4\pi n_c e^2}{m^* \omega_0^2} + \frac{4\pi n_c e^2 \tau^2}{m \Delta^2}$$

↑ single particle



G. Michelly, T.W. Kim, G. Grüner
(1985)



$$\varphi = \varphi_0 + \varphi_1 \cos(2k_F r + \varphi)$$



commensurate
energy depends on φ

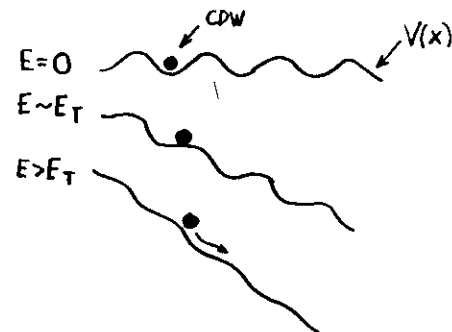


incommensurate
energy independent of φ

CDW slides: electrons move
ions oscillate

2 electrons / λ

Classical model



Gruber, Zawadowski
Chaikin (1984)

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{\tau} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\omega_0^2}{Q} G = \frac{eE}{M_F}$$

M_F : effective mass

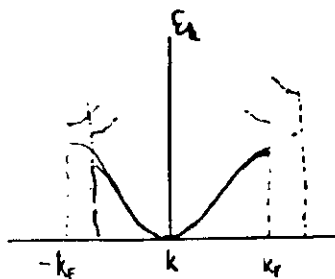
$\tau = M_F / \eta$ damping constant

G = periodic potential. Sinusoidal
or quadratic



need qualitative picture for
electric field dependent conductivity
frequency dependent conductivity
current oscillations

(1984)

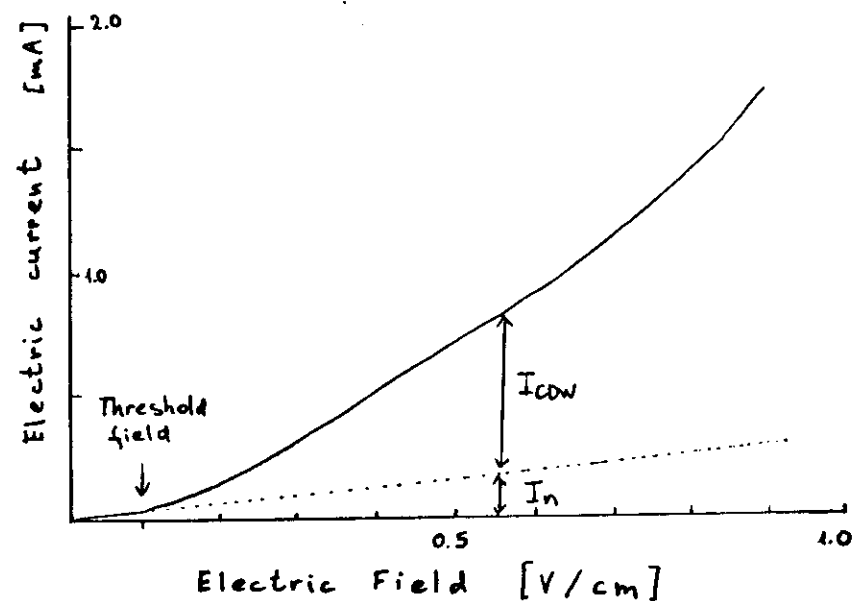


$$j_{\text{CDW}} = n_c e v_d$$

$$\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} v_d = \frac{d\phi}{dt}$$

$$\phi = \phi_0 + \phi_1 \cos(2k_F x + \phi(t)) = \phi_0 + \phi_1 \cos\left[\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(x + v_d t)\right]$$

$$v_d = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d\phi}{dt}$$



I_{CDW} : collective motion of CDW coupled to PLD

$$I_{\text{CDW}} = n_c e v(E)$$

$\uparrow$ $\uparrow$ drift velocity
 $2/\text{"chain"}$ at $T=0$

I_n : normal excitations current

$$I_n = n e v_n$$

$\uparrow$
 $\sim e^{-\epsilon/kT} \rightarrow 0$ at $T=0$

Rb_{0.3}MnO₃
43 K

Sliding CDW conductivity

Early history:

Fröhlich (1954) suggests a collective mode of the coupled electron-phonon system may lead to a special type of superconductivity

Bardeen (1973) suggests this mode may be effective in TTF-TCNQ

Monceau, Ong, Portis, Meerschaut and Rouxel (1976) find an electric field dependent conductivity in NbSe_3

Fleming, Moncton and McWhan (1978) find Peierls distortion in NbSe_3 . The distortion is independent of field

Sliding CDW conducting materials:

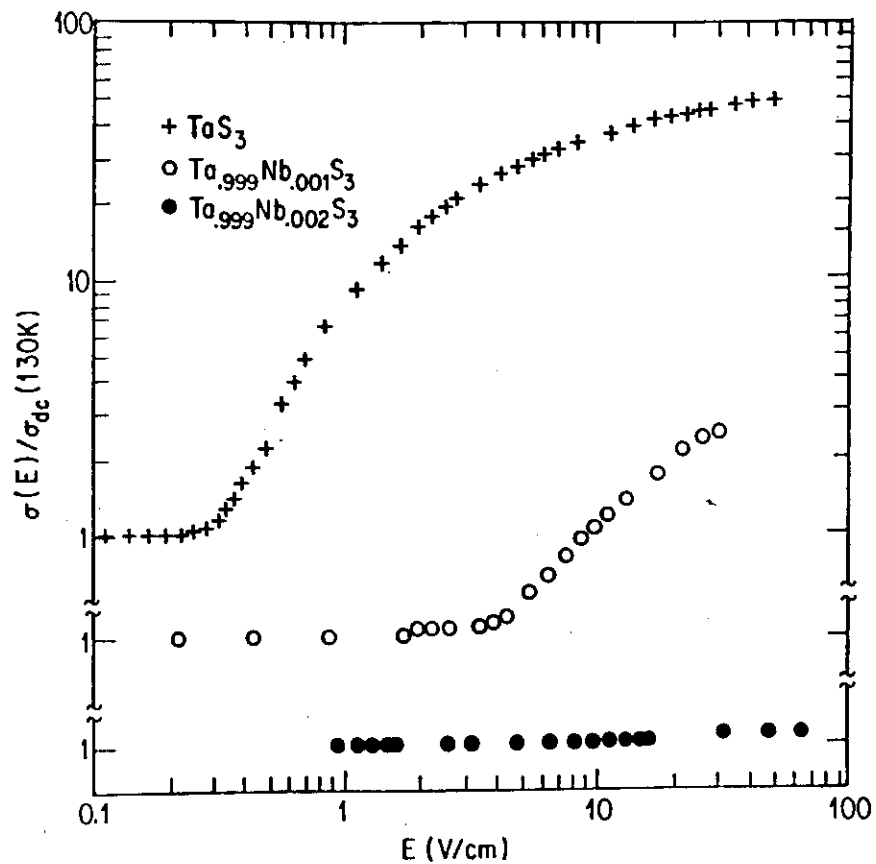
NbSe_3 metal at all temperature
(3 inequivalent chains)

NbS_3 TaS_3 orthorhombic and monoclinic $(\text{TaSe}_4)_2\text{I}$ $(\text{NbSe}_4)_{10}\text{I}_3$ $\text{K}_{0.3}\text{MoO}_3$; $\text{Rb}_{0.3}\text{MoO}_3$ TTF-TCNQ	}	Fermi surface fully destroyed in distorted phase
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Morphology: diverse

very different crystal structures but all contain chains
incommensurate superlattice

- metal insulator transition
- electric field dependent conductivity
- frequency
- "narrow band" noise
- anomalous thermo- and magnetoelectricity
- sensitivity to impurities at levels 10^{-4}
- metastable states



Methods of measuring v :

1, current - voltage characteristics

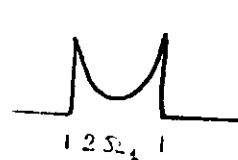
$$v = j/ne$$

2, voltage noise frequency

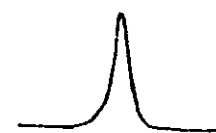


$$v = \lambda v_{noise} \quad (\text{other models: } v \approx \lambda/2 v)$$

3, NMR lineshape



$$v \ll \Omega_L \lambda$$



$$v \gg \Omega_L \lambda$$

$$v = \lambda v_{local field}$$

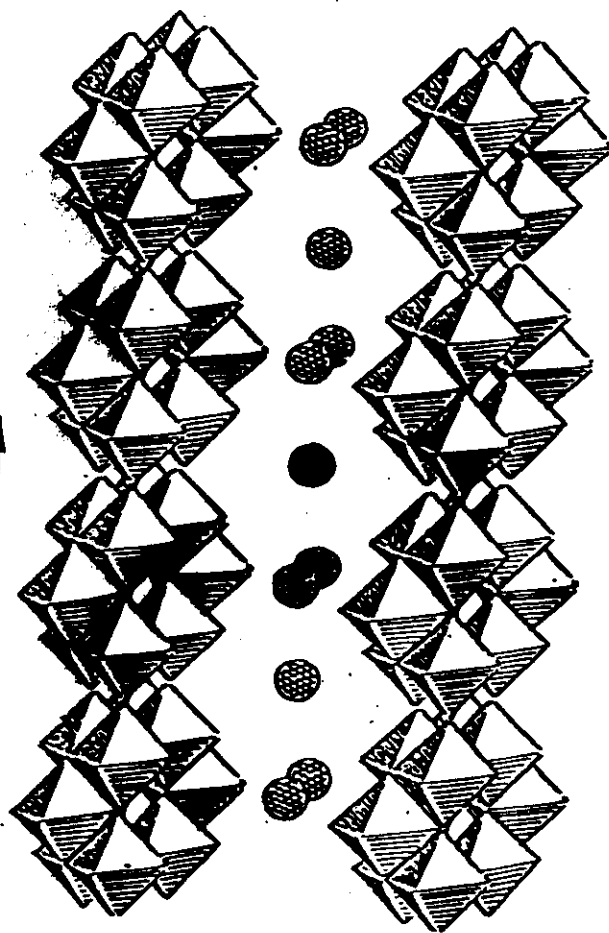
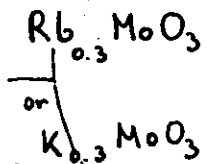
4, Doppler shift of neutron scattering

$q = 2k_F$ component of potential drifting with CDW:

$$\rho_q(\tau) = A_q \cos(q\tau_c + qvt) = A_q \cos(q(\tau_c + vt))$$

This talk:

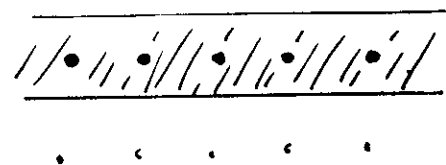
Measurements 1, 2, and 3, on same sample



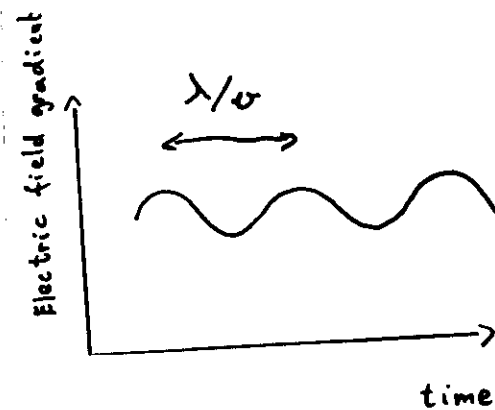
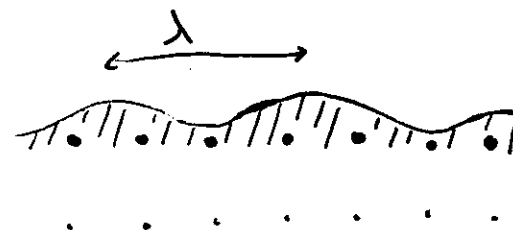
Mo and O
4 strongly
coupled Mo chains

high conductivity

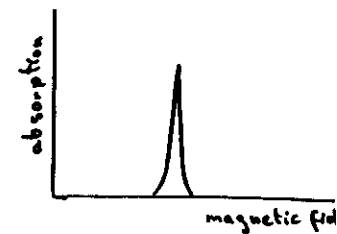
low conductivity



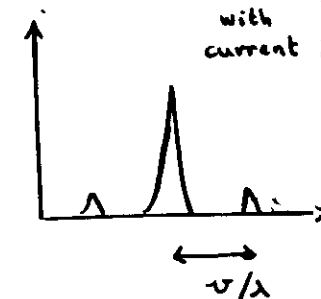
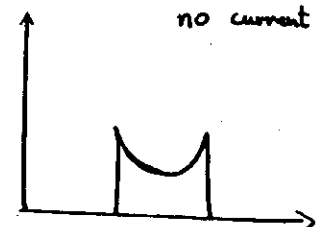
Mo-O
chain
f.l



High T



Low T



NMR lineshape sliding CDW

nucleus at R_j

$$\Omega_L(t) = \Omega_L^0 + \Omega_1 \cos(2kR_j + \phi(t))$$

$$\phi(t) = \Omega t = 2\pi \lambda v t \quad H(t) \sim \frac{1}{N} \sum_j e^{i \int_0^t \omega(R_j, t') dt'}$$

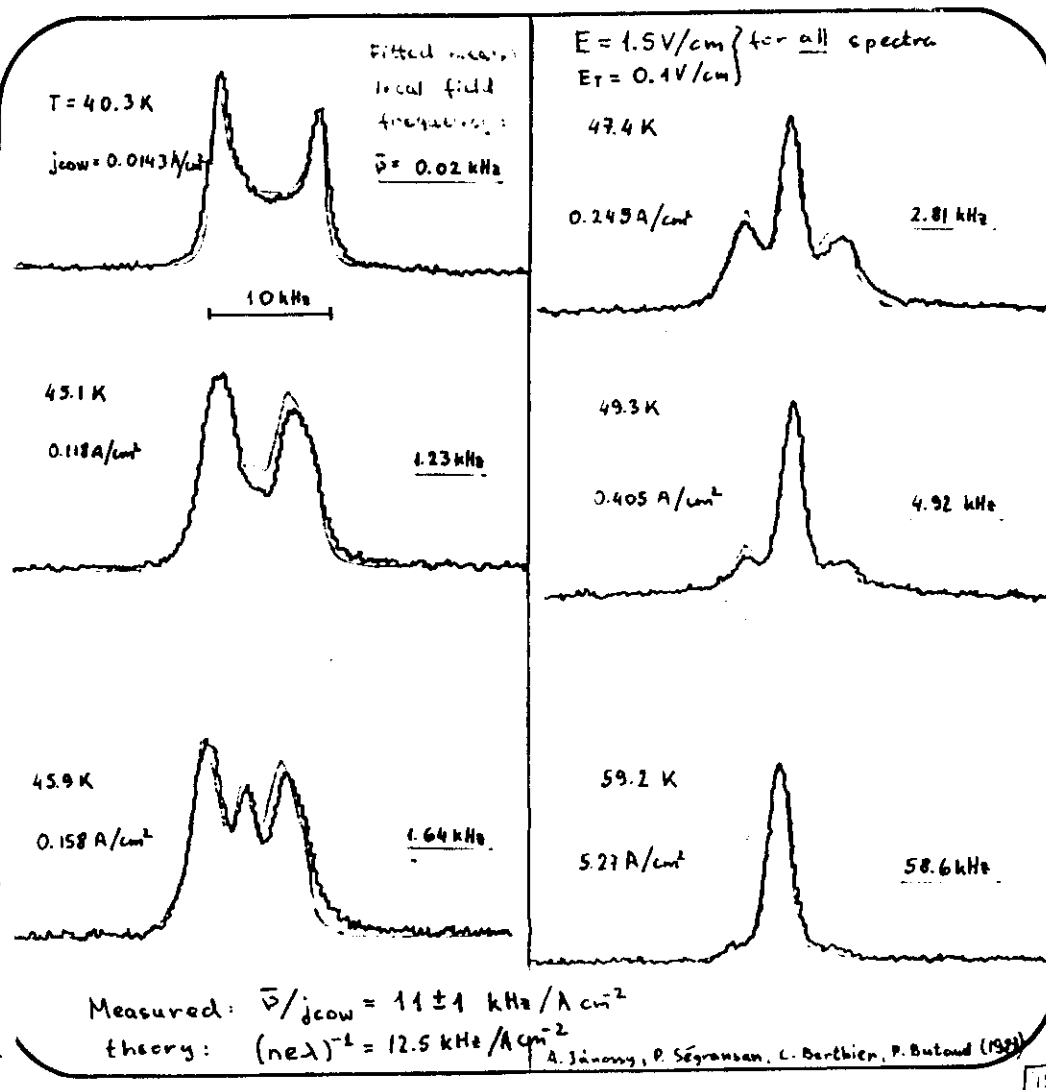
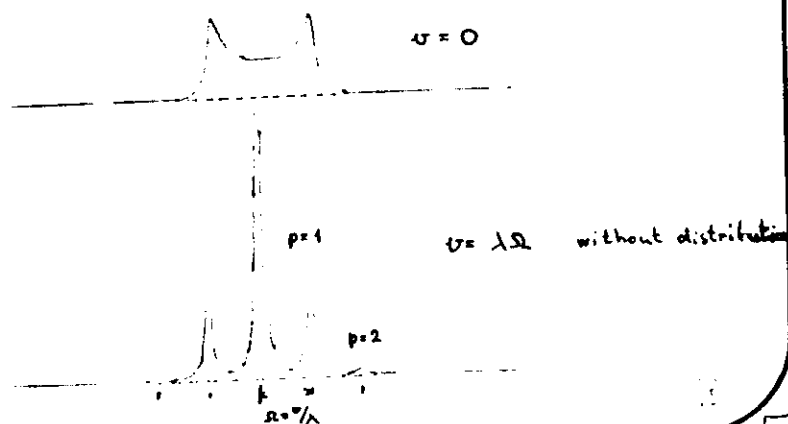
lineshape:

$$g(\omega) = \left\{ \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[J_p(\Omega_1/\Omega) \right]^2 \delta(\omega - p\Omega) \right\} * h(\omega)$$

J_p : Bessel function

$h(\omega)$: dipolar broadening, temporal incoherence

$J_0 = \text{const}$ central line independent of v for $v/\lambda \gg \Omega_1$



Effect of impurities

Pinning of the CDW

pinning frequency: $\omega_0^2 = K/m^*$

static dielectric constant: $\epsilon = 1 + \frac{4\pi n_c e^2}{K}$

threshold field: $E_T = \alpha \frac{\lambda}{2} \frac{K}{e}$

$\epsilon(T, n_i)$ $E_T(T, n_i)$ but $\epsilon E_T = \alpha 45 \text{ kV}$

single degree of freedom model too simple: $E(E)$ incorrect

Fukuyama, Lee, Rice model

only $\varphi(\tau)$ deformable, Δ not

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{n_c \hbar v_F}{4\pi} \int (\nabla \varphi)^2 d\tau + \int g_c V(\tau) \cos(2k_F \tau + \varphi(\tau))$$

$\uparrow$
 $V(\tau) = V_0 \delta(\tau - \tau_i)$ τ_i : random sites

(I) CDW deformation energy

(II) impurity-CDW interaction

Strong pinning: (II) large (impurity concentration high)

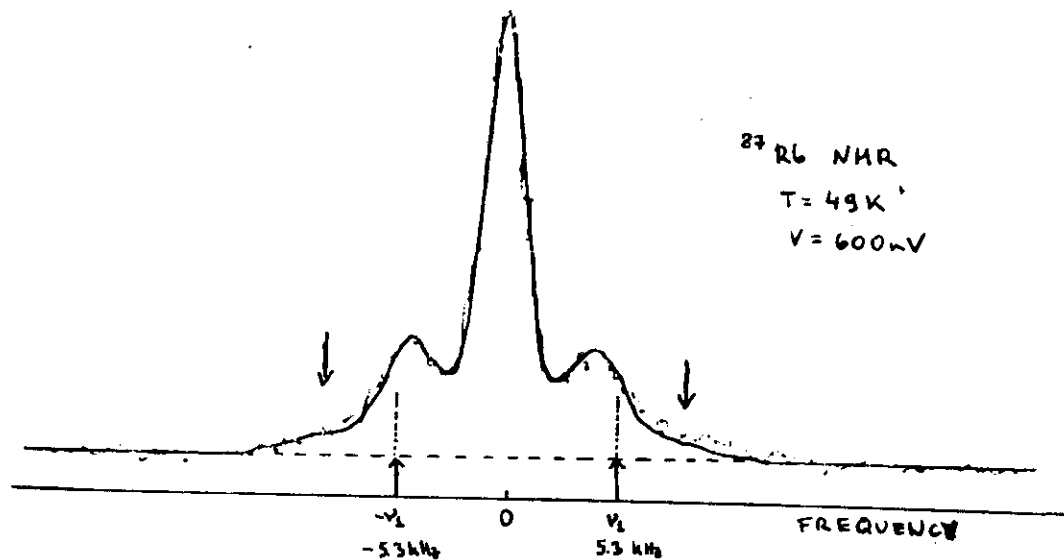
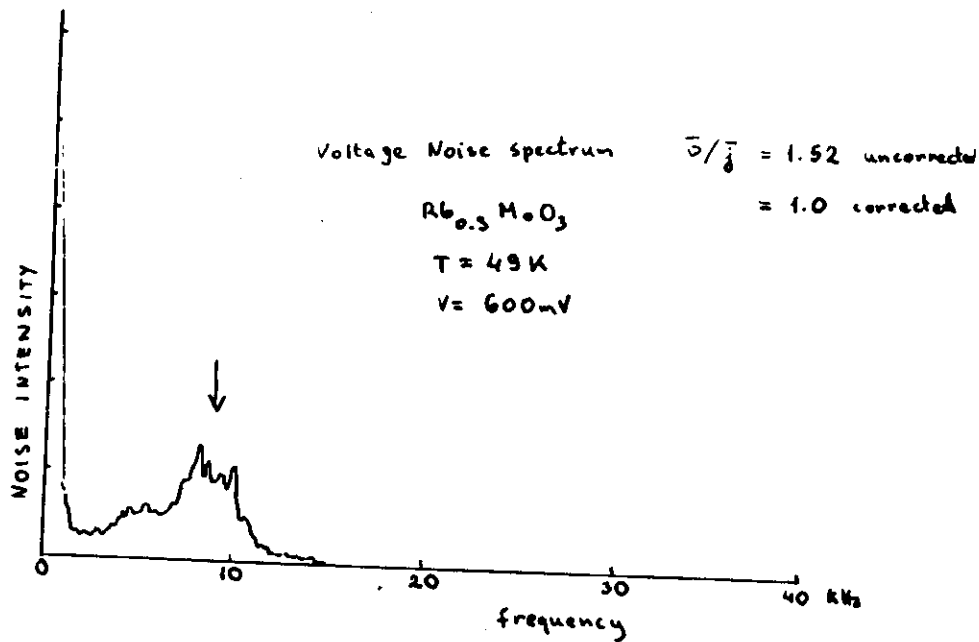
weak pinning: (I) large

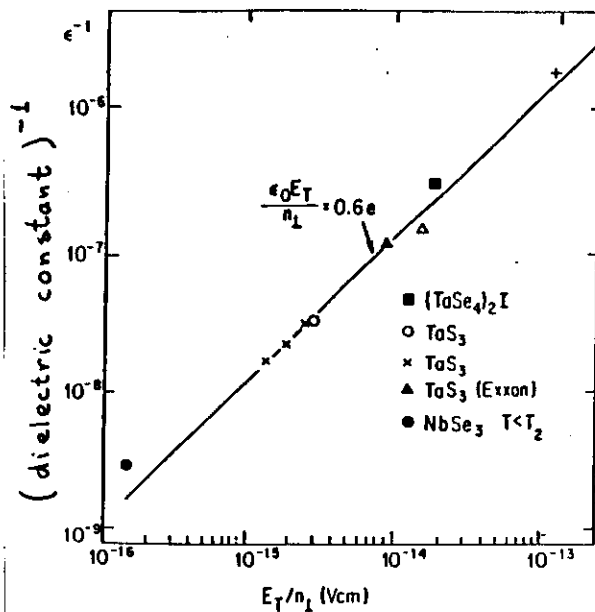
phase coherence $\langle \varphi(\tau) \varphi(0) \rangle \sim e^{-\tau/L_0}$

L_0 : Lee Rice domain

$E_T \sim n_i$ Strong pinning

$E_T \sim n_i^2$ weak pinning





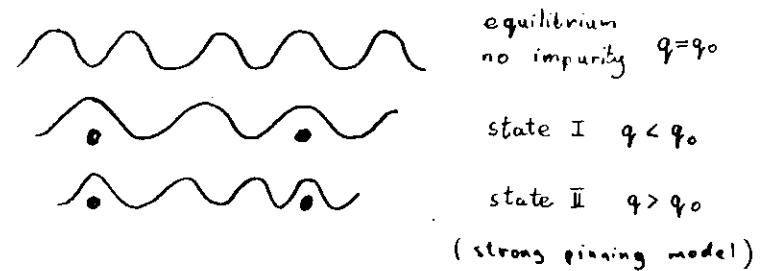
Threshold electric field for nonlinear conduction

Rigid CDW model: $\epsilon_0 E_T = \alpha \frac{2e}{q}$

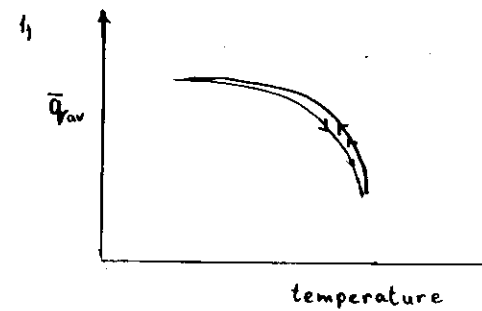
UCLA (1983)

Metastable states

deformable CDW allows for states with nearly equal pinning energy

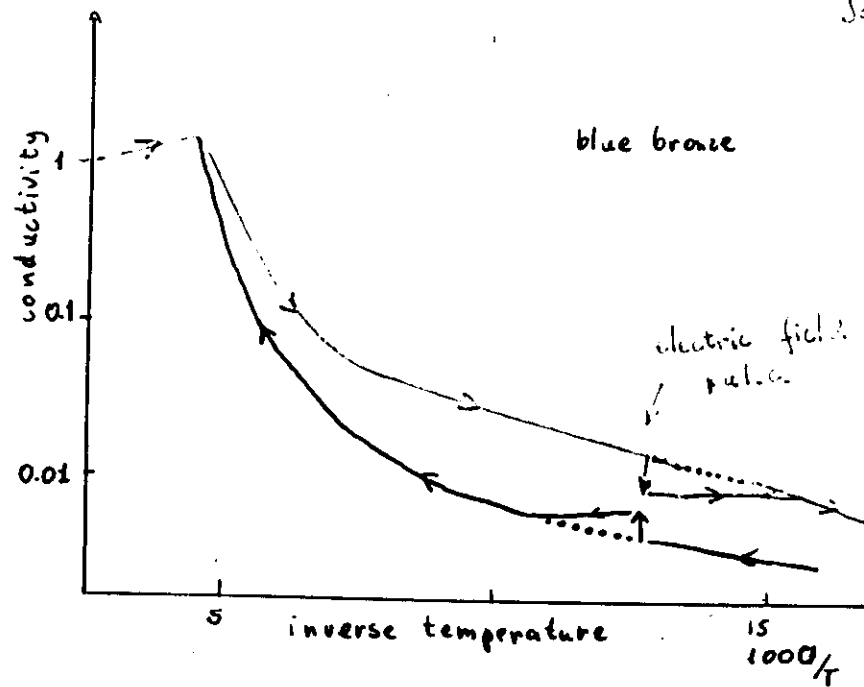


Types: 1, thermally induced
2, electric field induced



idea not proven

Krisz
János
(1985)

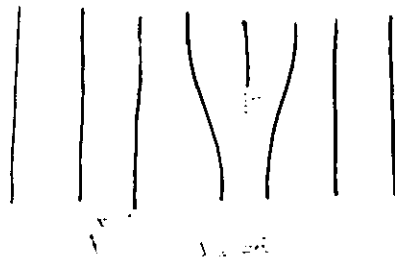


thermal equilibrium?

models: $\lambda = 2k_F(T)$

impurities

$\Delta(r)$: topological defects of CDW:

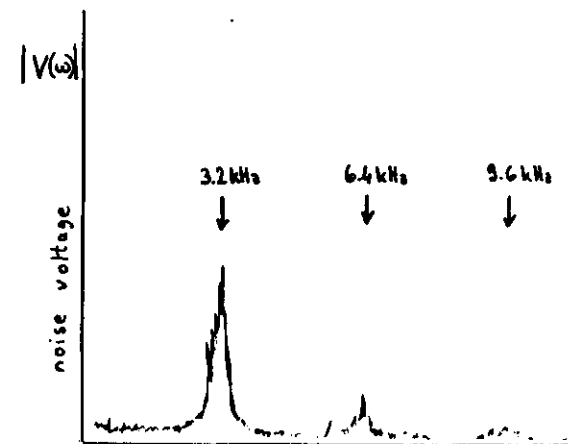
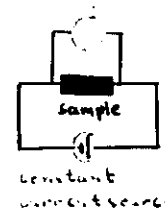


vertical lines
1000/T

Narrow band voltage noise

Flusberg and Guinea 1979

oscilloscope or
spectral analyzer

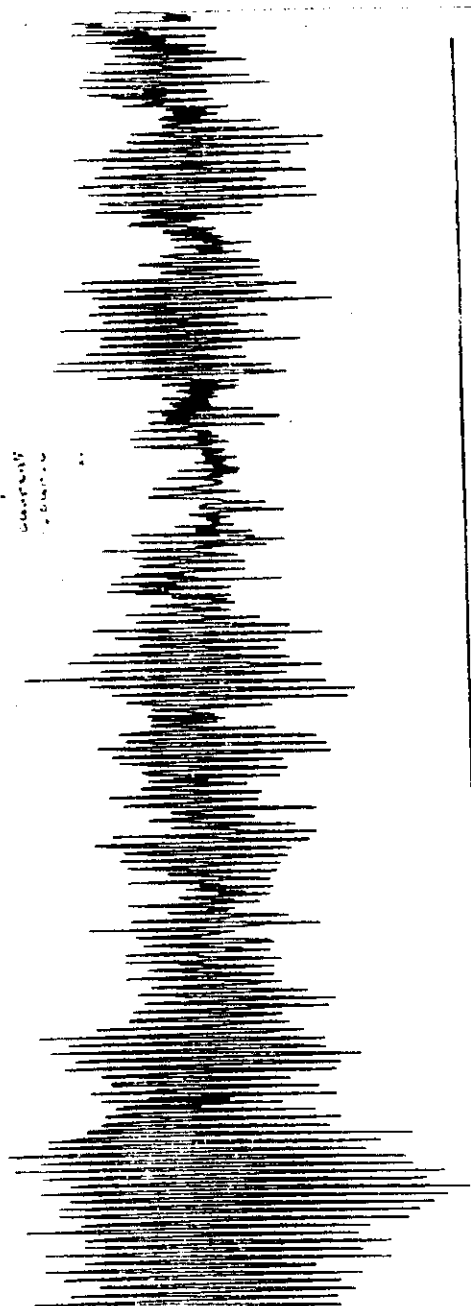
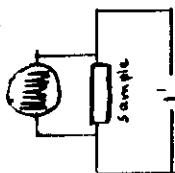


$K_{0.5} Mo O_3$
 $T = 77 K$
"single domain"

Krisz and János (1986)

Voltage oscillation in K_0MgF_2

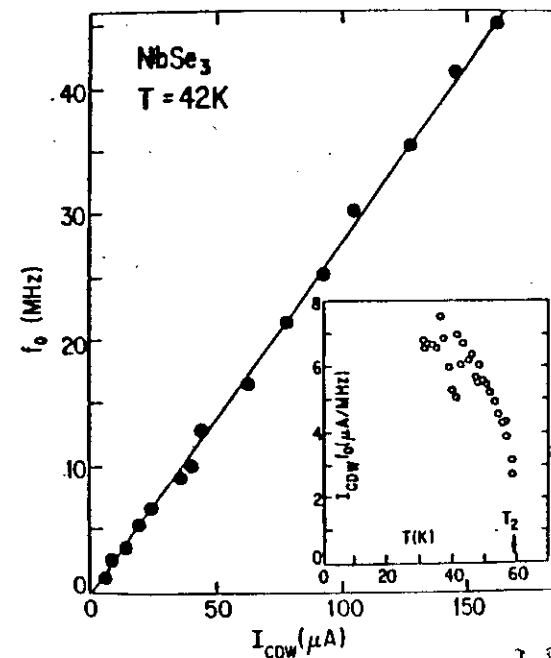
oscilloscope



Time

G. Kriza, A. Jelinek, S. Feller

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T = 0

$$I = n_0 e v$$

$$f_0 = v/\lambda$$

$$n_0 = \frac{2}{\omega c \lambda}$$

$$I/f_0 = \frac{2e}{\omega c}$$

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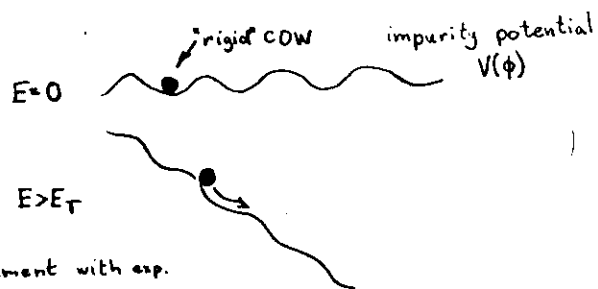
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Origin of narrow band noise

- a) periodic motion of CDW over finite number of impurities

Gruber, Zawadowski, Chalkin
Mencas, Richard, Romet



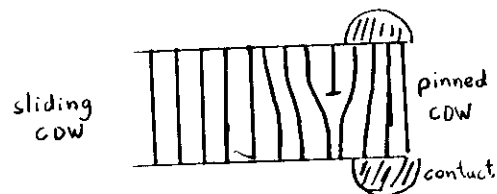
$$I = nev$$

$$f = v/\lambda$$

$$I/f = ne\lambda \quad \text{in agreement with exp.}$$

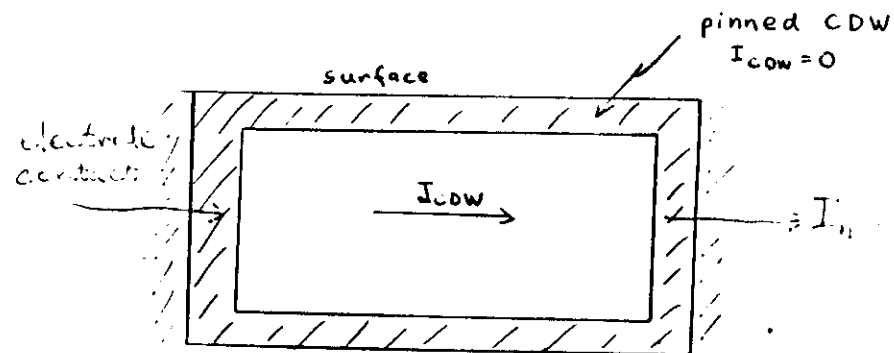
- b) periodic instability at boundary between sliding and pinned CDW regions

Ong, Verma, Maki
Gorkov



$$I/f = ne\lambda \quad \text{like for single impurity}$$

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Boundary problem:

- 1) transversely moving vortices

Ong, Verma, Maki (1984)
Gorkov

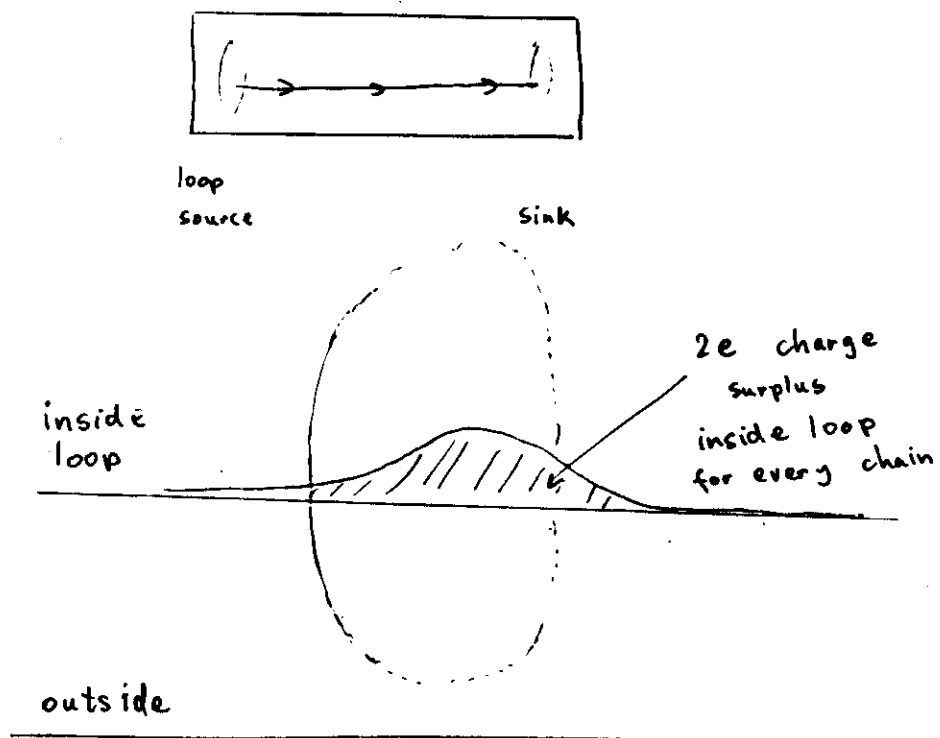
- 2) longitudinally moving vortices

Lee and Rice (1987)

Models for voltage noise

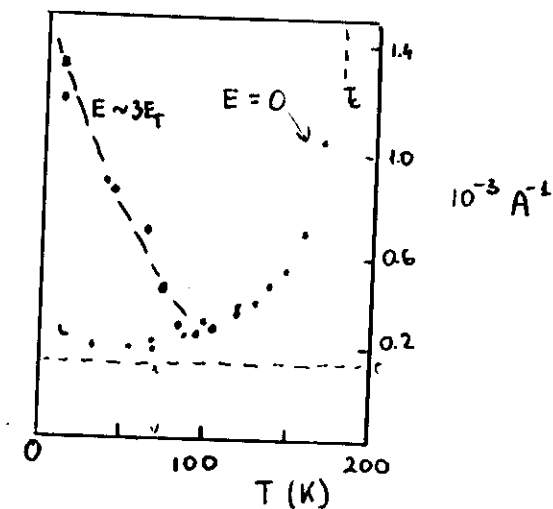
2.2. Loops moving along crystal

Lee and Rice (1974)



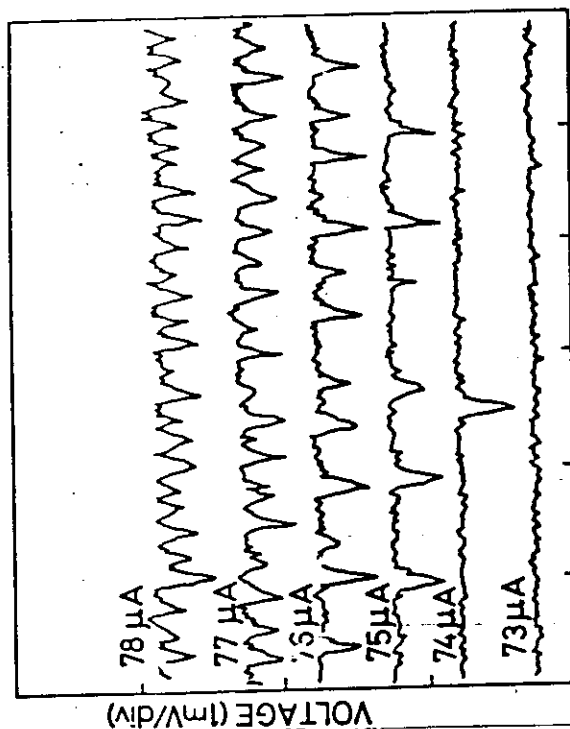
longitudinal coherence length instrumentally limited
 $\sim 1000 \text{ \AA}$ resolution in blue bronze

transverse coherence length:



Fleming, Dunn
 Schneemayer
 (1985)

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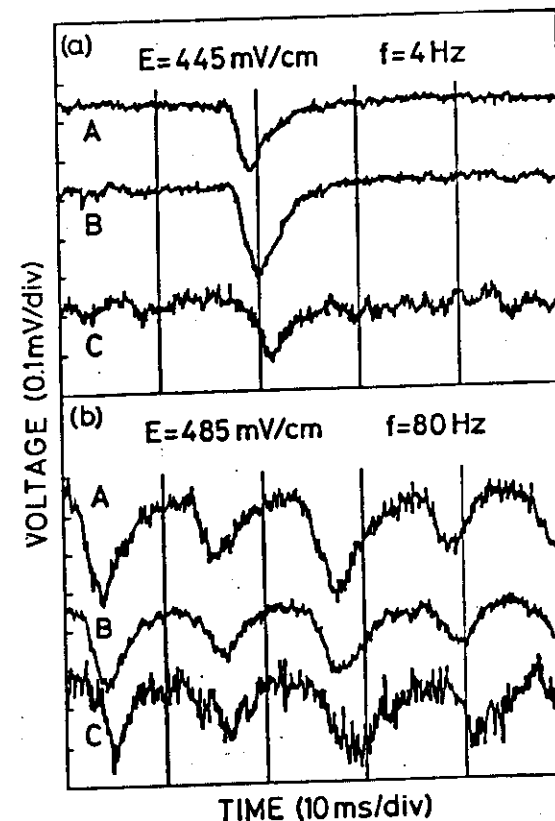
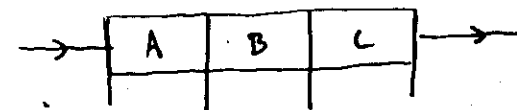
TIME (50ms/div)

similar pulses:

Will and Higgs (WSe_2)
 Og, Kalen, Eckert (TaS_2)
 Dumas, Schlentker, } (Mo_3)
 Marcus, Buder } (MoO_3)

Csiba T., Jánosy, A., K. Gy., 1989.

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charge: positive but
 may be negative under
 other conditions
 velocity $\sim 1\text{m/s}$
 if homogeneous

$\text{Rb}_{0.3}\text{MoO}_3$
 T. Csiba
 G. Krisz
 A. Jánosy

sample: RBL

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