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The extracted phase boundary, notably between pseudogap region and the strange metal region is not linear. Extrapolating this phase boundary to the doping axis would indicate a critical doping close to the optimal value, but higher values can be obtained by extrapolating segments of the phase boundary on the underdoped side.

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We have not observed any electrochemical character to date on any sample or measurement, but as we have mentioned earlier, going to the highest doping values in general degrades the sample near the contacts. We have added the following sentence in the manuscript and added the figure below and remarks above in Supplementary note 3.

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We have modified the text as follows:

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Limitations of Figure 4:

We have added the following text:

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