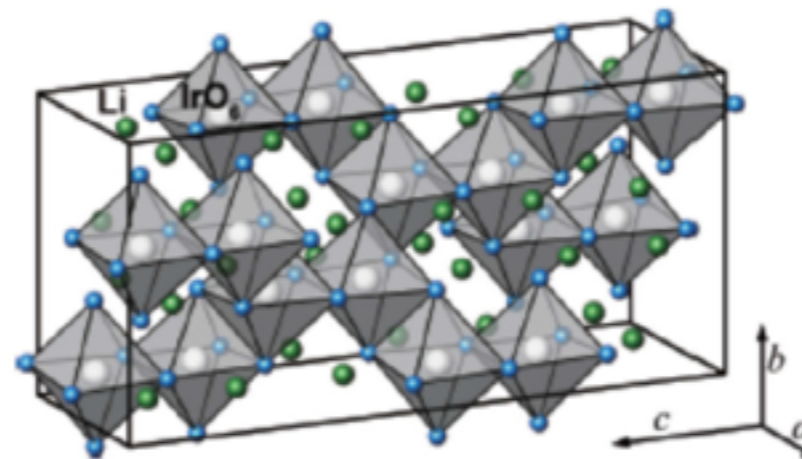


Magnetic order in hyperhoneycomb magnet β -Li₂IrO₃ and its evolution in magnetic field



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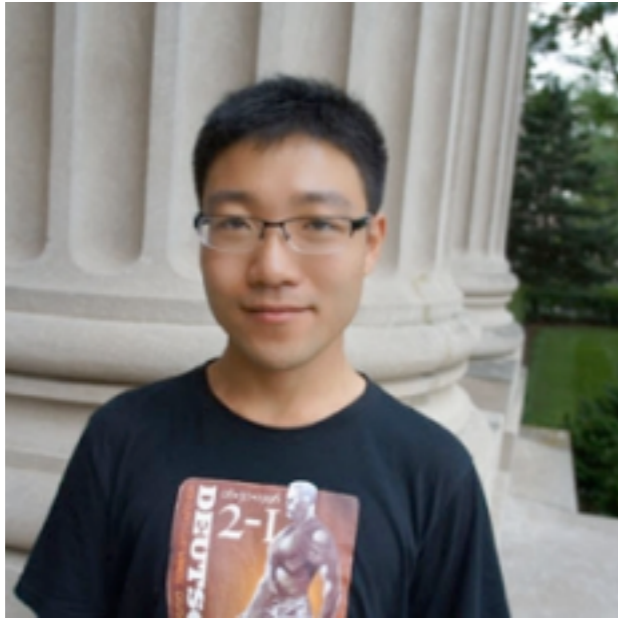
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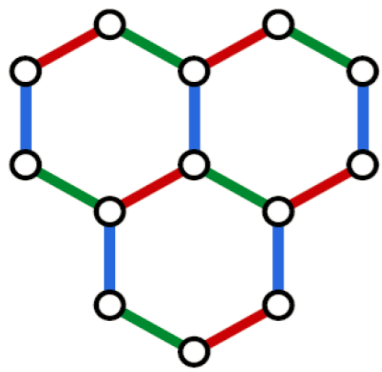
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Everything started with *the model* ...

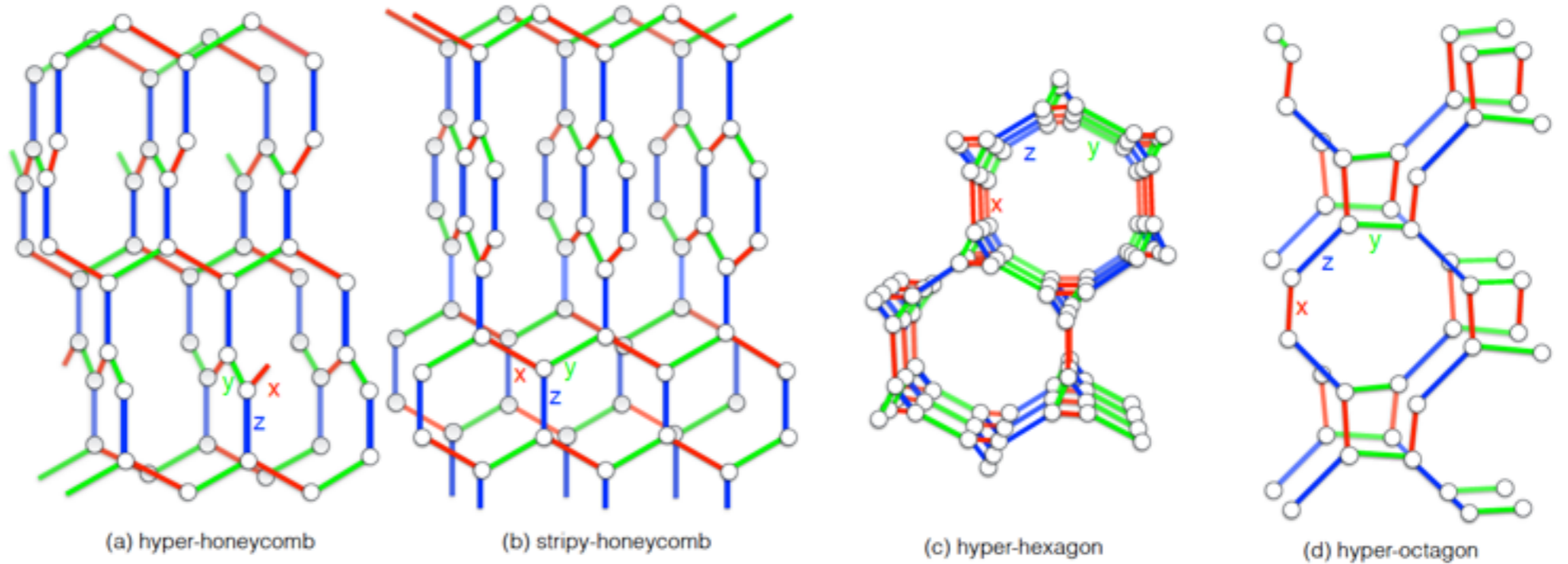
A. Kitaev, Annals of Physics **321**, 2 (2006)



$$H = - \sum_{x\text{-bonds}} J_x \sigma_j^x \sigma_k^x - \sum_{y\text{-bonds}} J_y \sigma_j^y \sigma_k^y - \sum_{z\text{-bonds}} J_z \sigma_j^z \sigma_k^z$$



$\sigma^x \sigma^x$ — red
 $\sigma^y \sigma^y$ — green
 $\sigma^z \sigma^z$ — blue



Exactly solvable

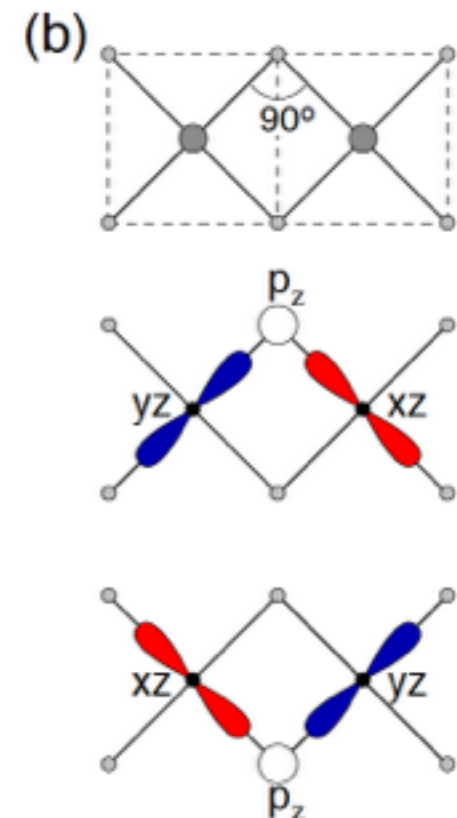
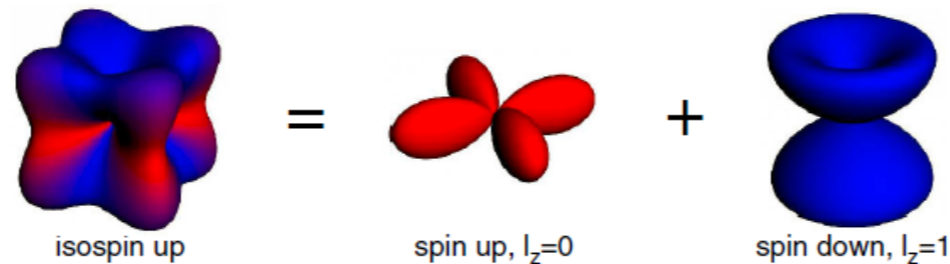
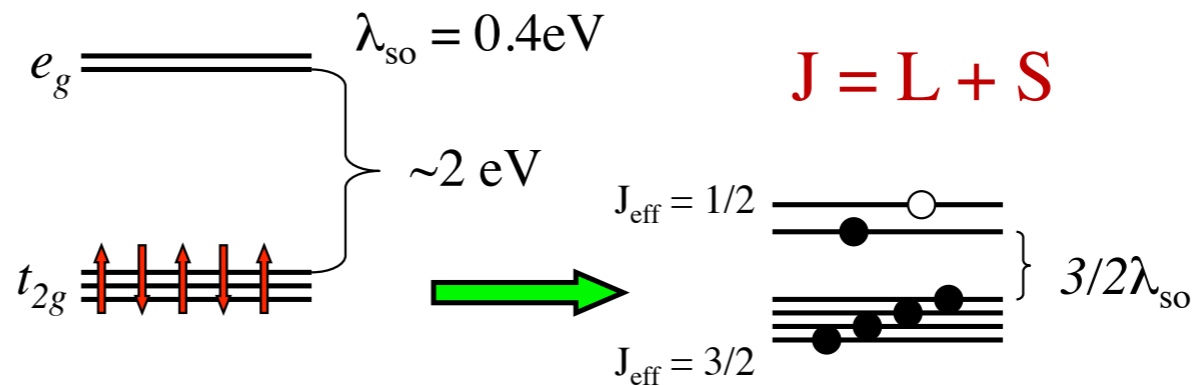
Spin liquid ground state

The Kitaev model appeared to be realizable ...

G. Jackeli and G. Khaliullin,
PRL 102, 017205 (2009)



Ir⁴⁺ - 5d⁵
Rh⁴⁺ - 4d⁵
Ru³⁺ - 4d⁵



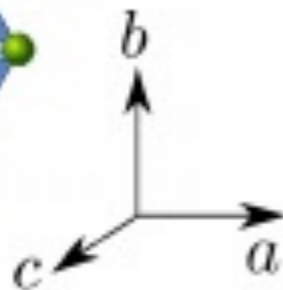
Effective low-energy Hamiltonian for $J_{\text{eff}} = 1/2$ "spins":

$$H = H_K + (\text{other terms})$$

Experimental realizations in 2D

Na_2IrO_3
 $\alpha\text{-Li}_2\text{IrO}_3$

● O
● Ir
● Na

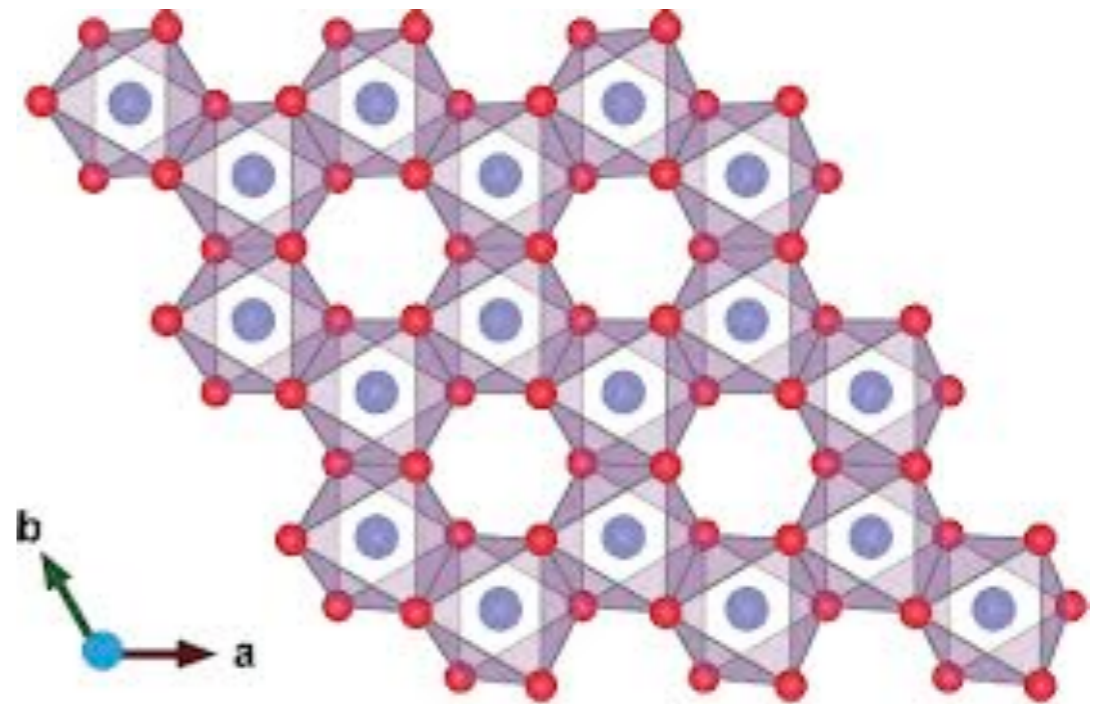


Y.Singh, P. Gegenwart,
PRL 2010, 2011

● H
● Li
● Ir
● O

$\text{H}_3\text{LiIr}_2\text{O}_6$

$\alpha\text{-RuCl}_3$

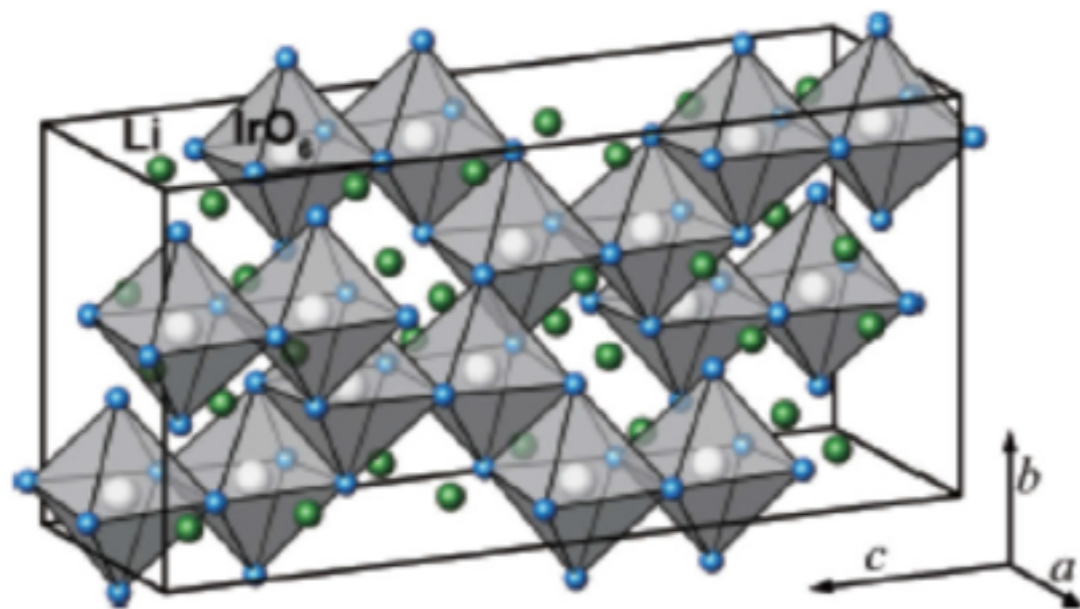


K. Plumb et al, Phys. Rev. B (2014)
A. Banerjee et al, Nature Materials (2016)

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Experimental realizations in 3D

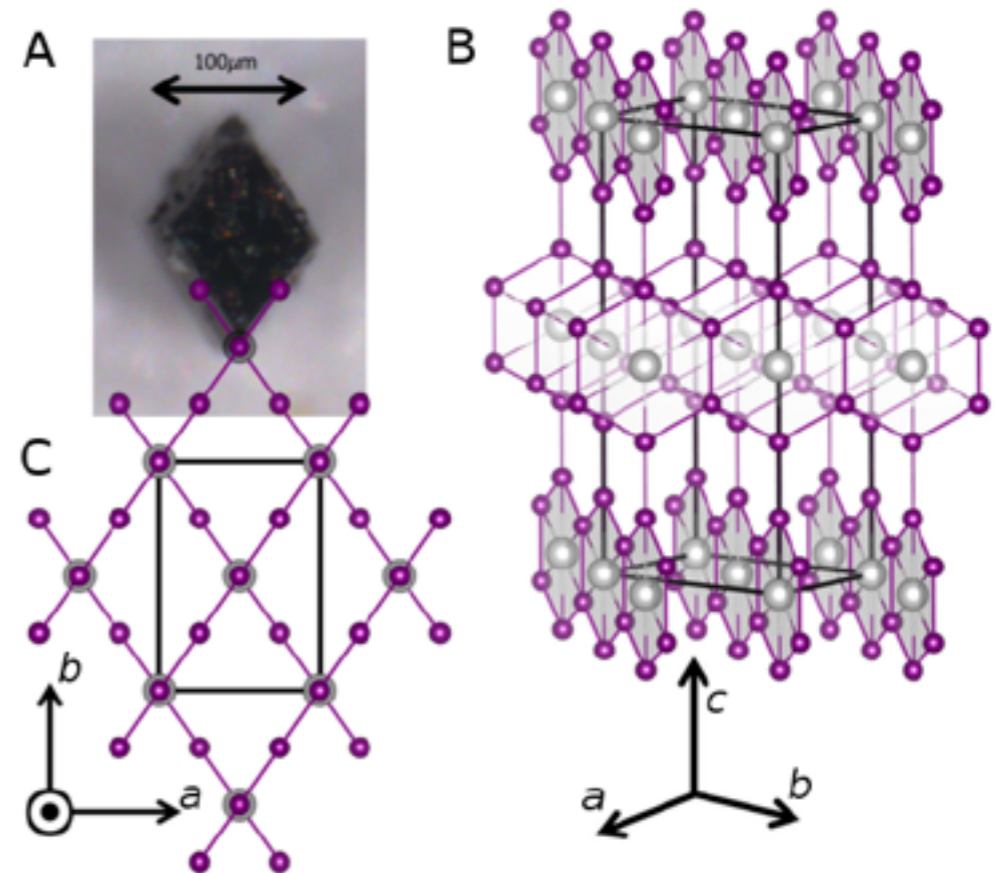
β -Li₂IrO₃



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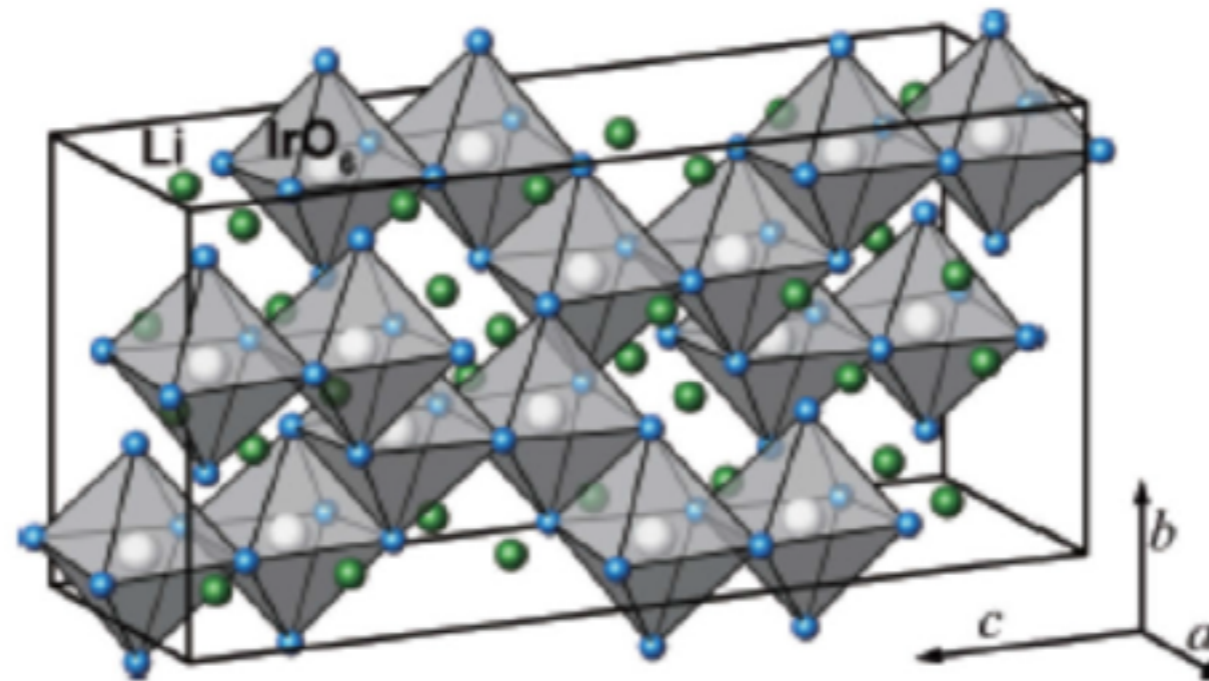
γ -Li₂IrO₃



Modic et al, Nature Comm. (2014)

A. Biffin et al, PRL (2014)

Complex magnetism in β - Li_2IrO_3 in applied magnetic field

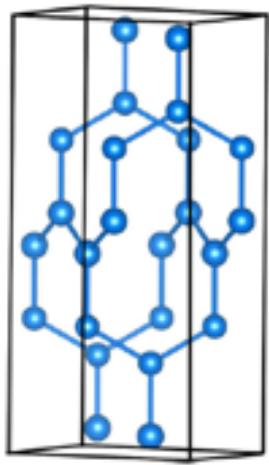


Experiment:

- A. Biffin et al, PRB (2014)
- T. Takayama et al, PRL (2015)
- A. Ruiz et al, Nat.Com. (2017)
- L.S.I. Veiga et al, PRB (2017)
- M. Majumder et al, PRL (2018), PRM (2019), arXiv:1910.03251
- A. Ruiz et al, arXiv:1909.06355

Theory:

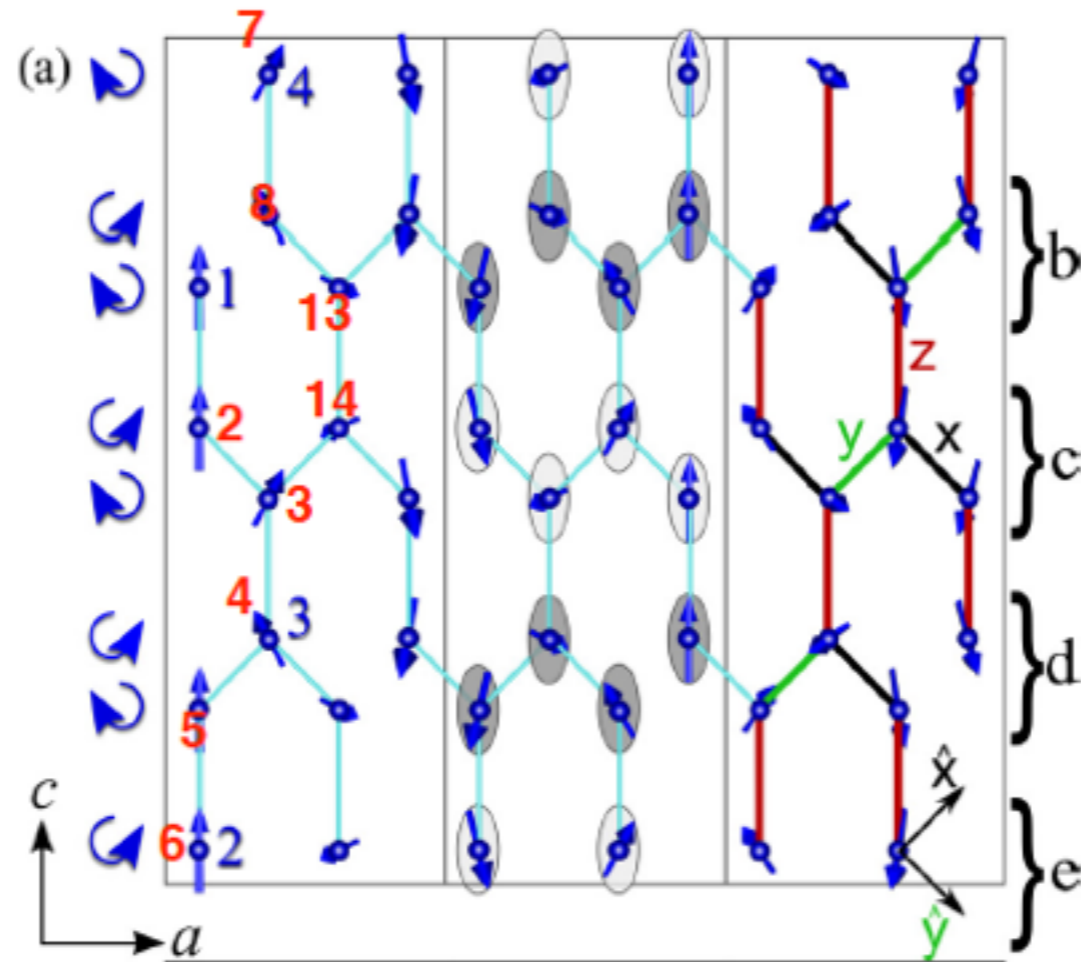
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- I. Rousochatzakis and N.P., PRB (2018)
- W. Krüger, M. Vojta, L. Janssen, arxiv:1907.05423
- M. Lee, I. Rousochatzakis and N.P., arxiv:1910.13925



Experimental facts: zero field

$T_N=37$ K: incommensurate (IC) counter-rotating spiral

β -Li₂IrO₃



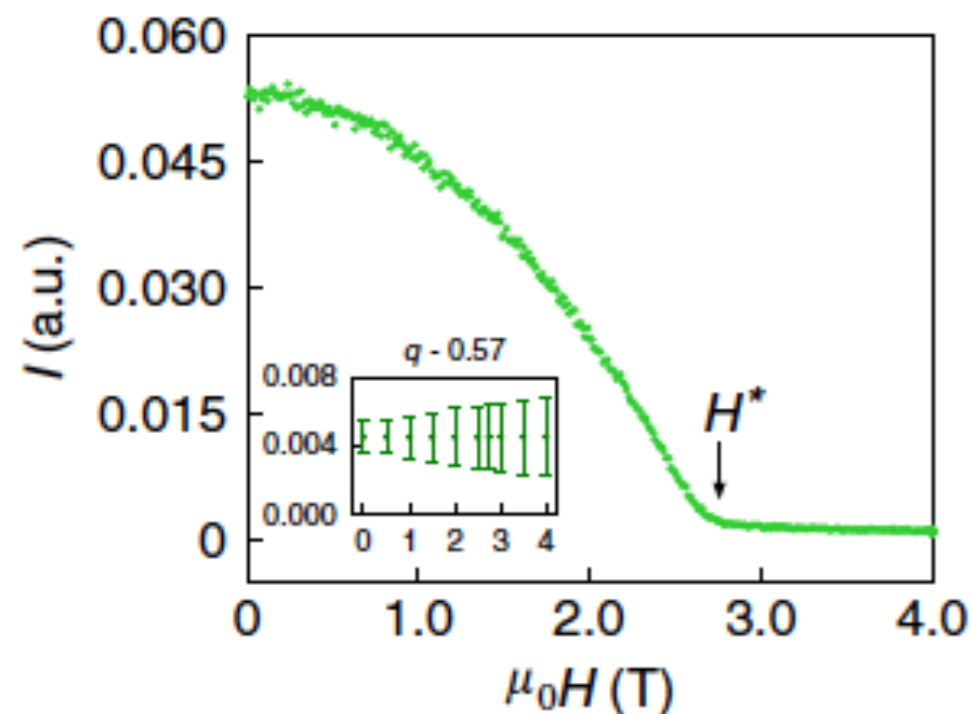
$$Q=(0.57,0,0)$$

Irreducible representation: $\mathbf{M}_{(0.57,0,0)} = (iM_a A, iM_b C, M_c F)$

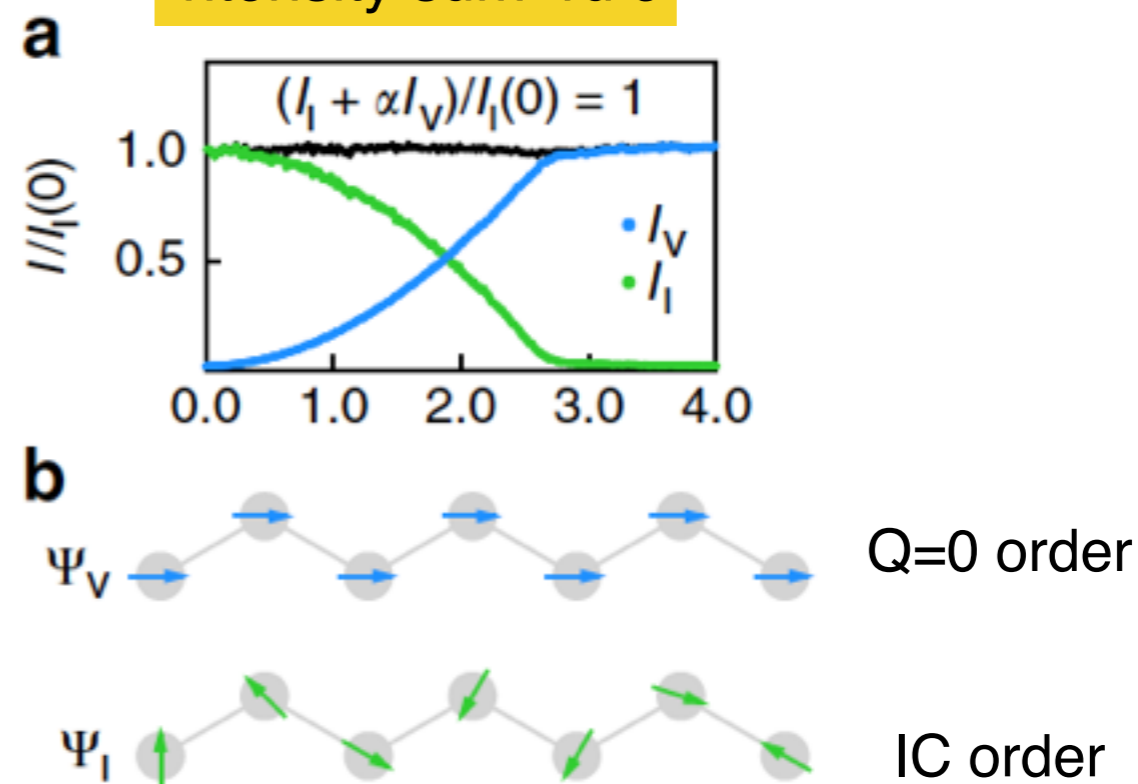
$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Experimental facts: magnetic field along **b**

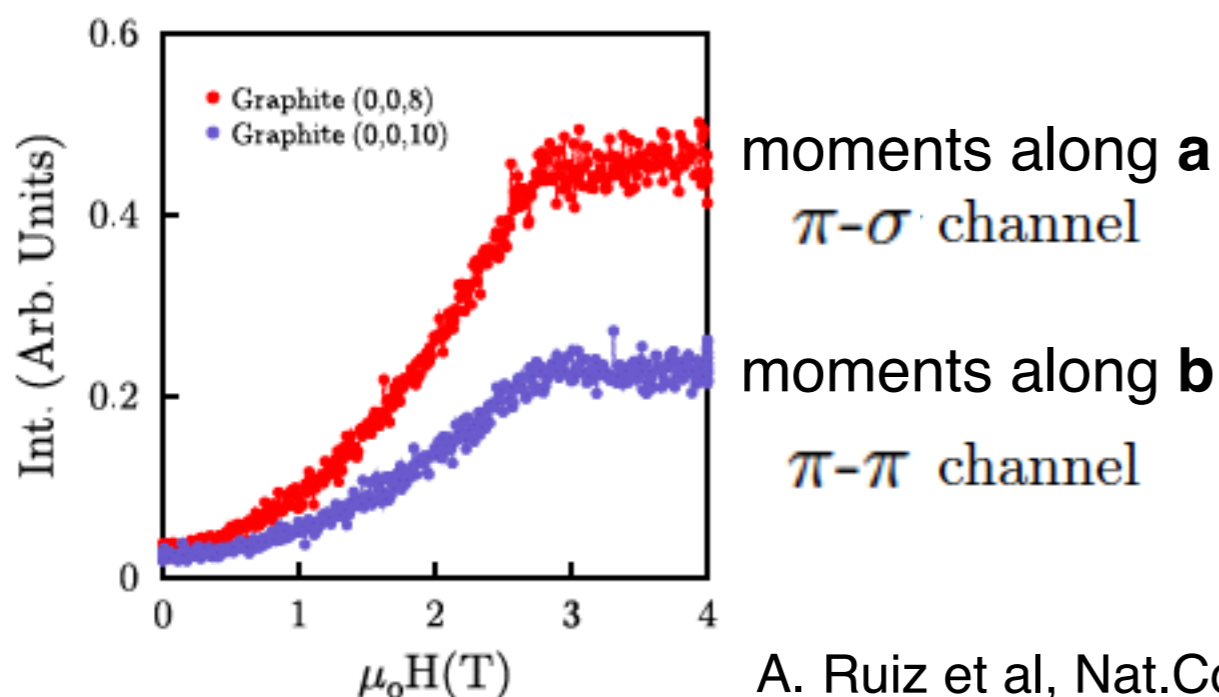
Fate of the IC order (very fragile)



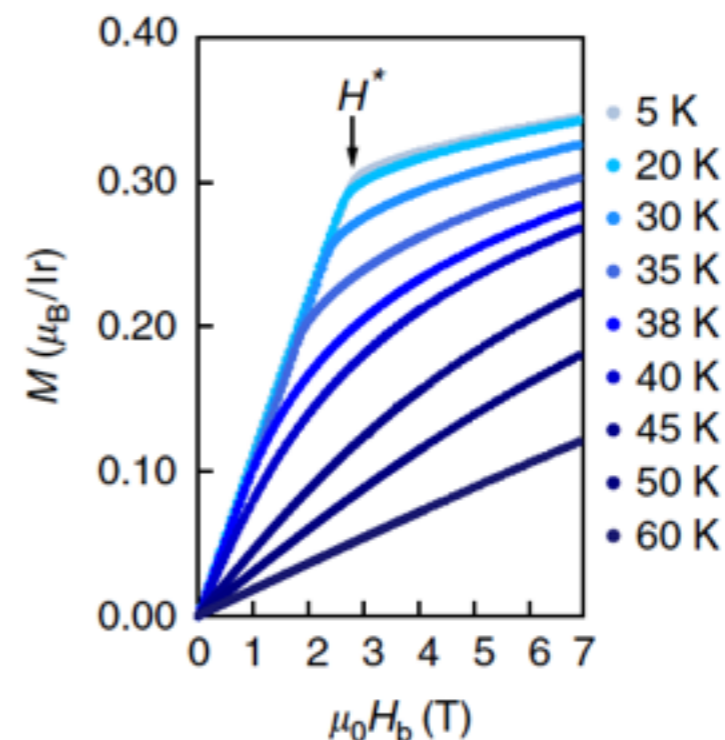
Intensity sum rule



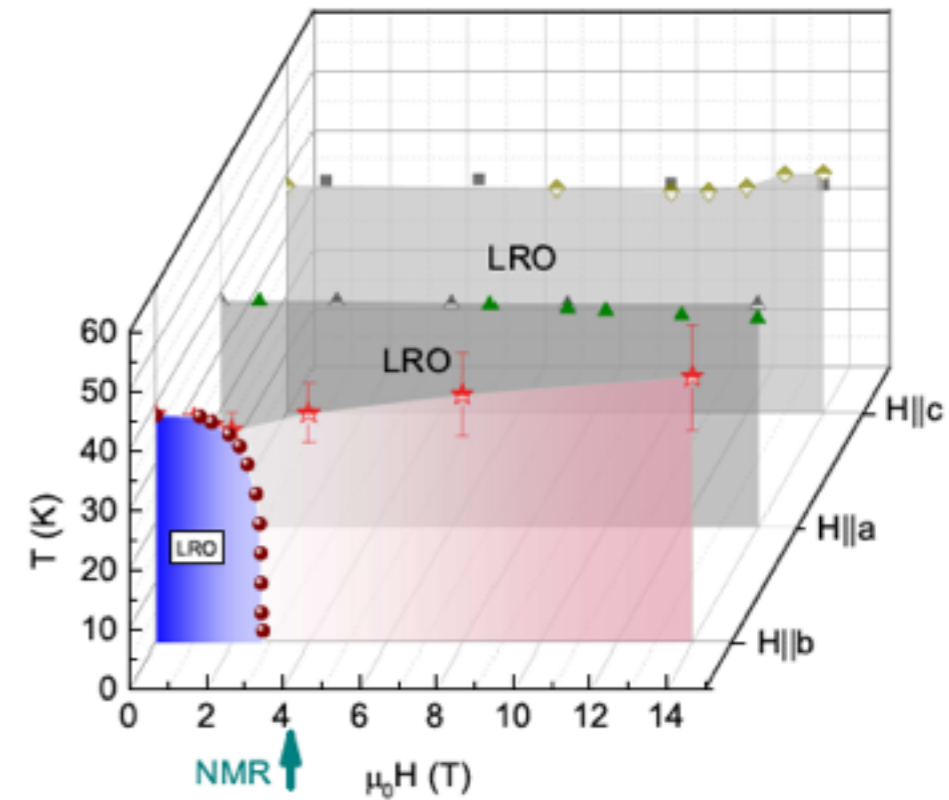
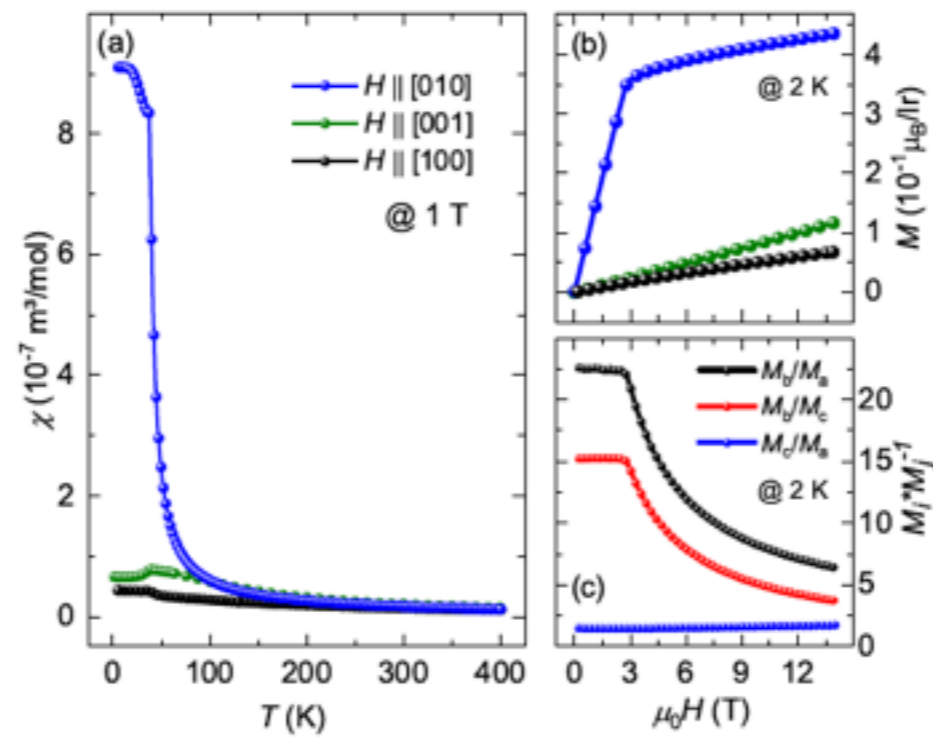
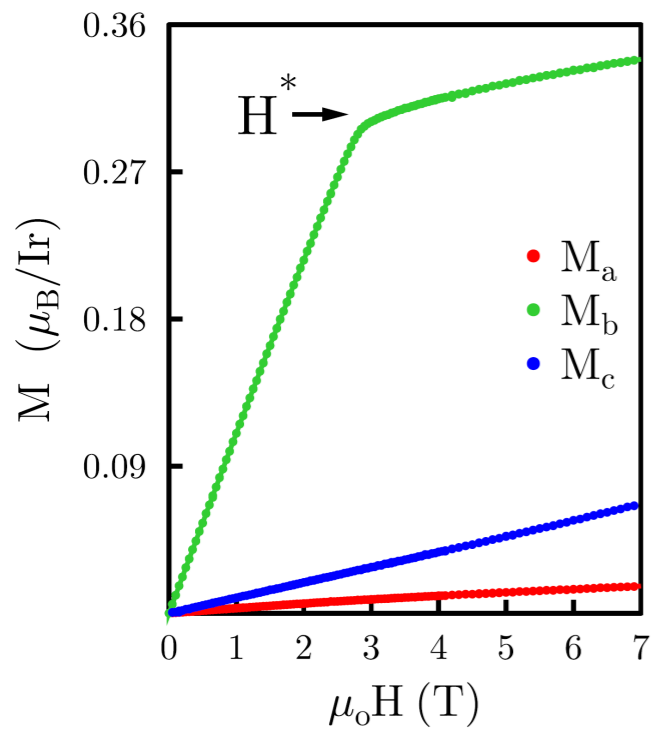
The system develops a significant uniform 'zigzag' component along **a**



Magnetization vs. magnetic field

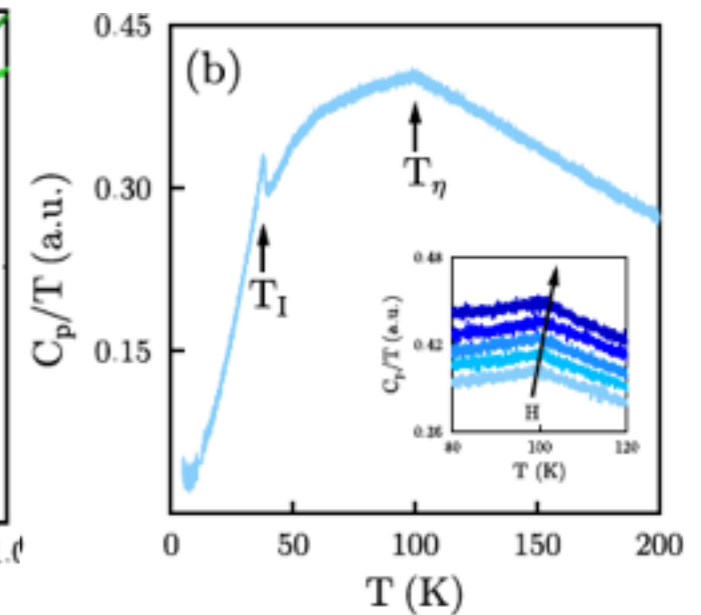
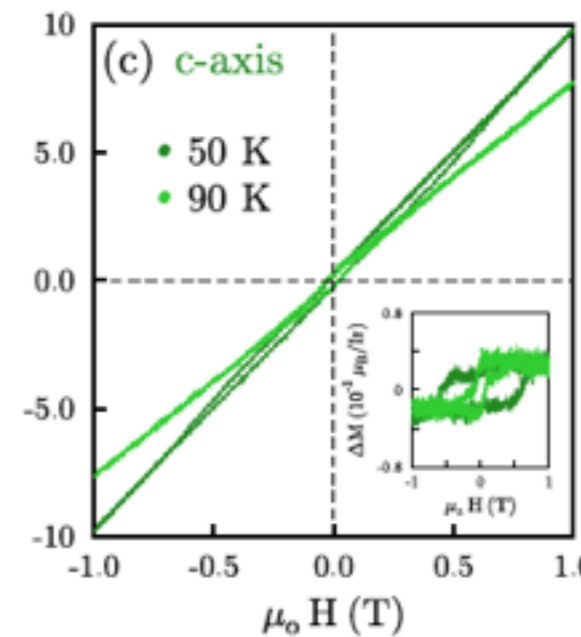
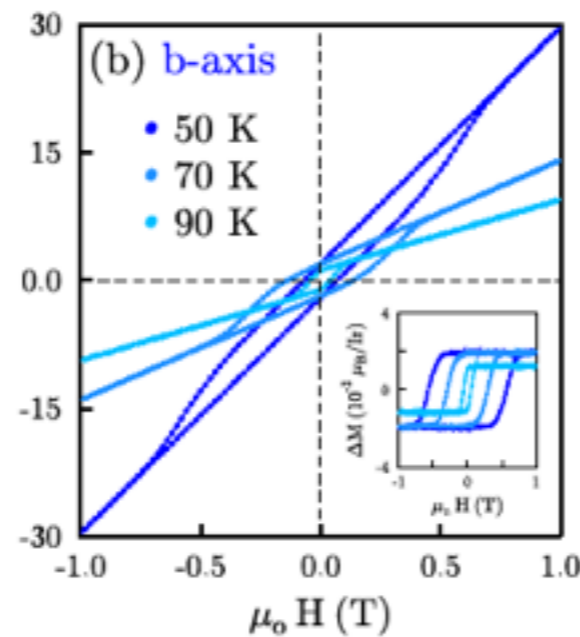
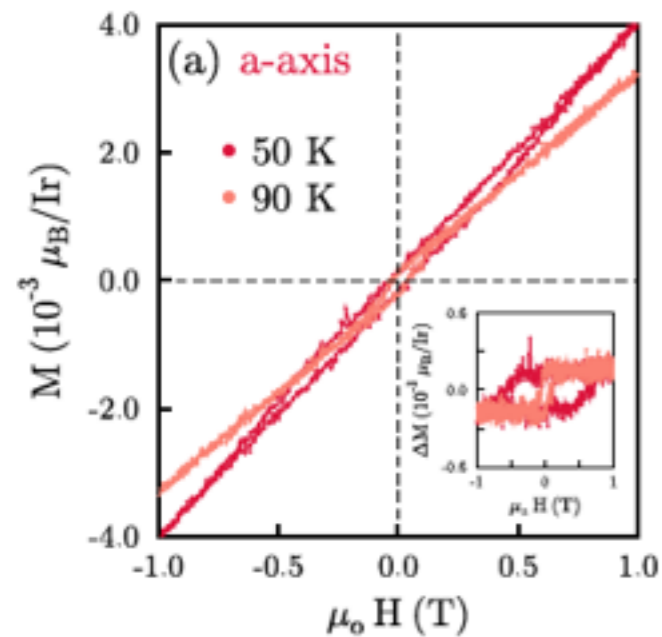


Experimental facts: magnetic field along a, b and c



M. Majumder, et al PRM 2019

A. Ruiz et al, Nat.Com. 2017

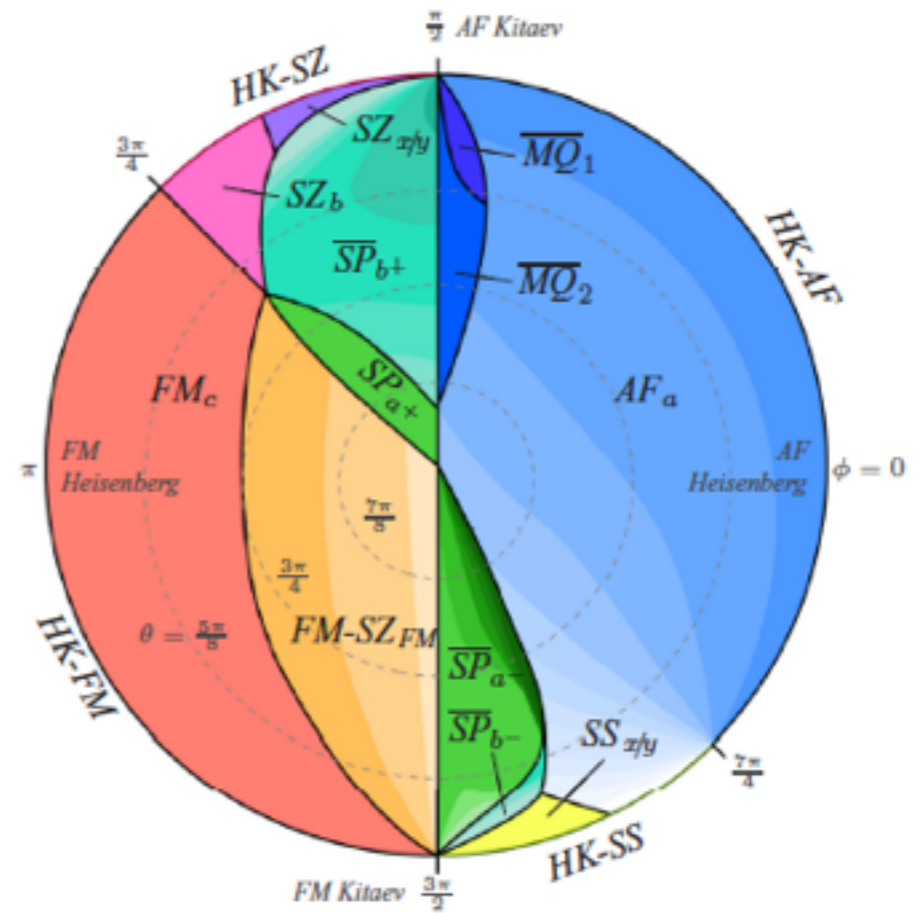
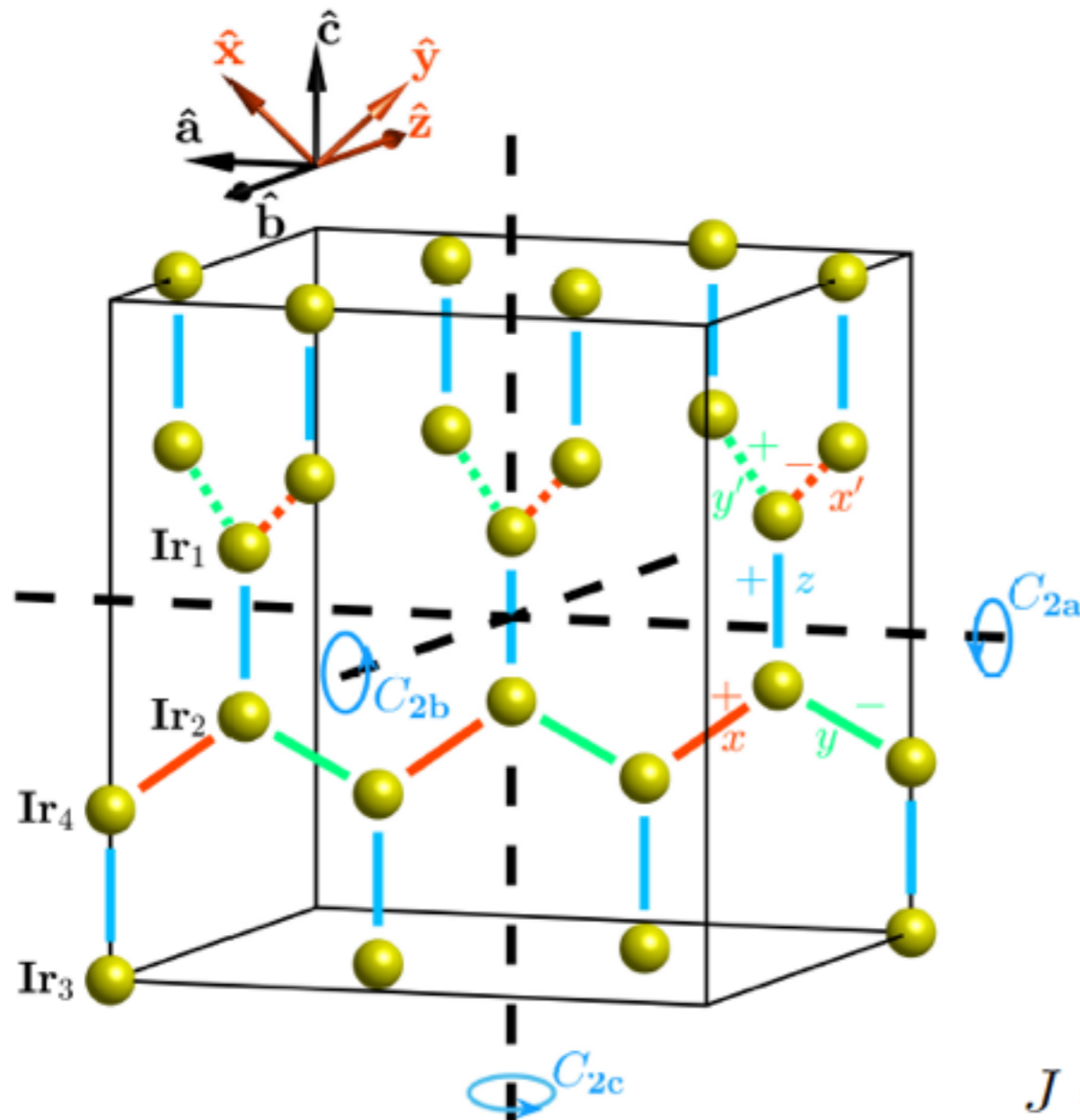


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J-K-Γ model

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle \in t} \mathcal{H}_{ij}^t$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{ij}^t = J \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + K S_i^{\alpha_t} S_j^{\alpha_t} + \sigma_t \Gamma (S_i^{\beta_t} S_j^{\gamma_t} + S_i^{\gamma_t} S_j^{\beta_t})$$



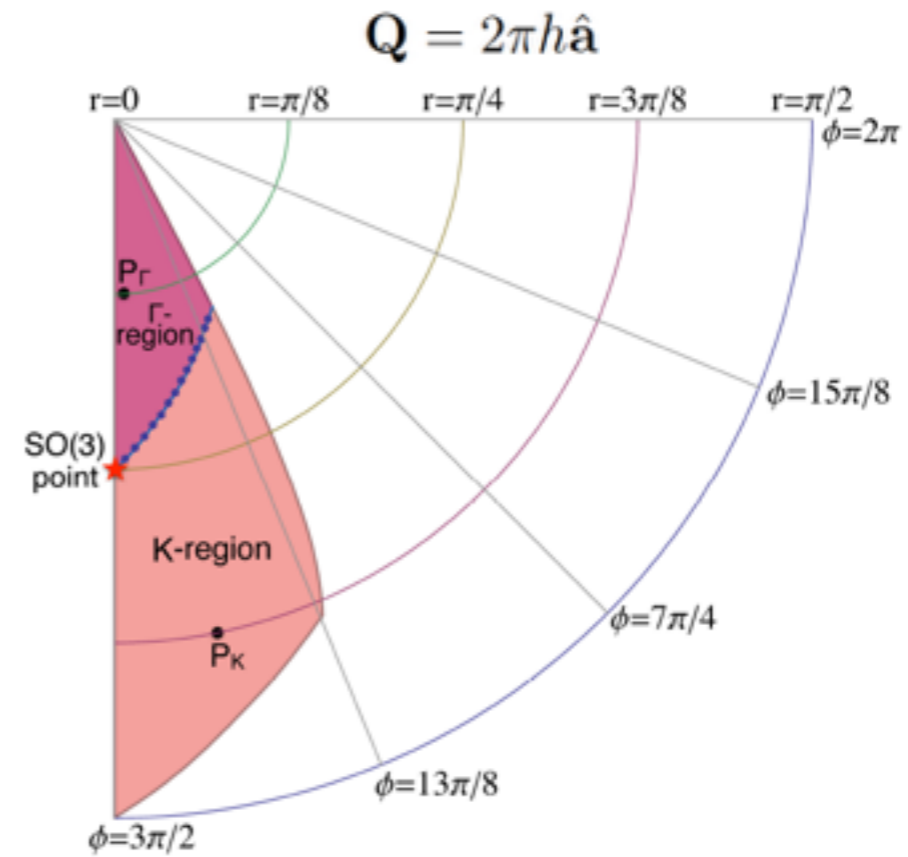
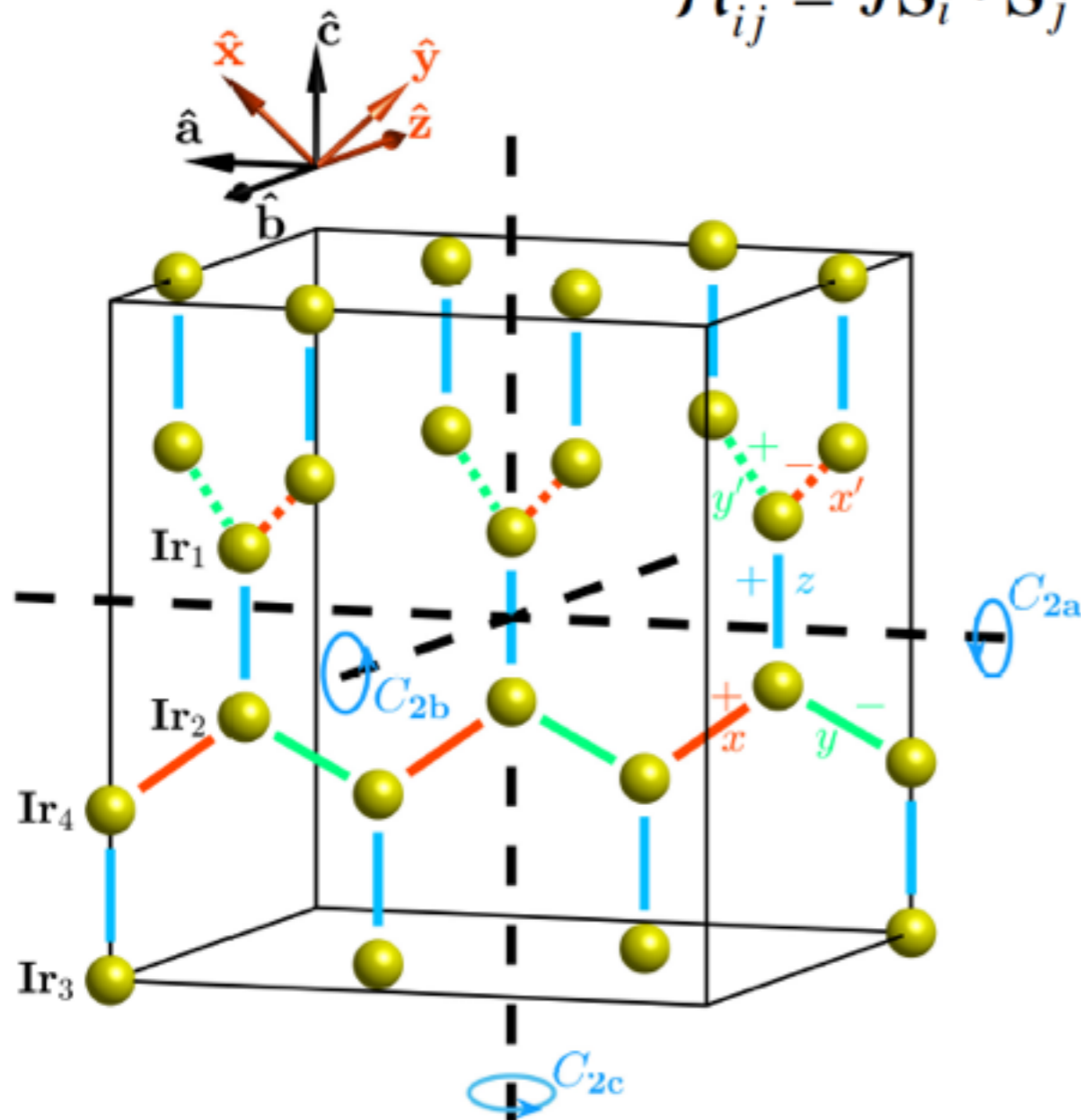
$$J = \sin r \cos \phi, \quad K = \sin r \sin \phi, \quad \Gamma = \text{sgn}(\Gamma) \cos r$$

$$\hat{x} = (\hat{a} + \hat{c})/\sqrt{2}, \quad \hat{y} = (\hat{c} - \hat{a})/\sqrt{2}, \quad \hat{z} = -\hat{b}$$

J-K-Γ model

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle \in t} \mathcal{H}_{ij}^t$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{ij}^t = JS_i \cdot S_j + KS_i^{\alpha_t} S_j^{\alpha_t} + \sigma_t \Gamma (S_i^{\beta_t} S_j^{\gamma_t} + S_i^{\gamma_t} S_j^{\beta_t})$$

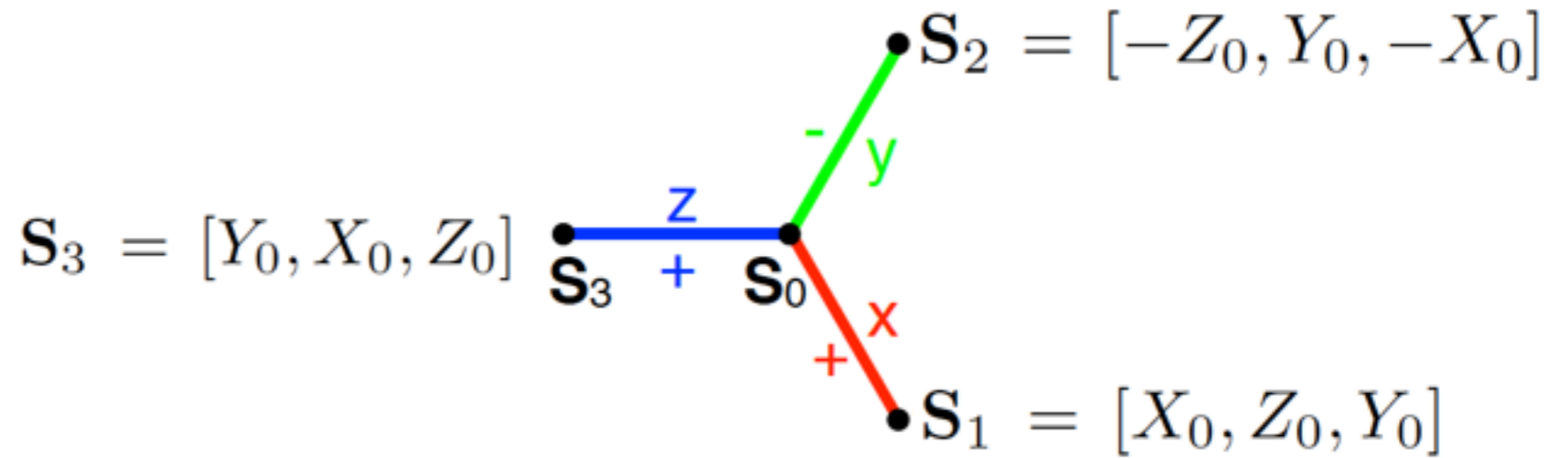
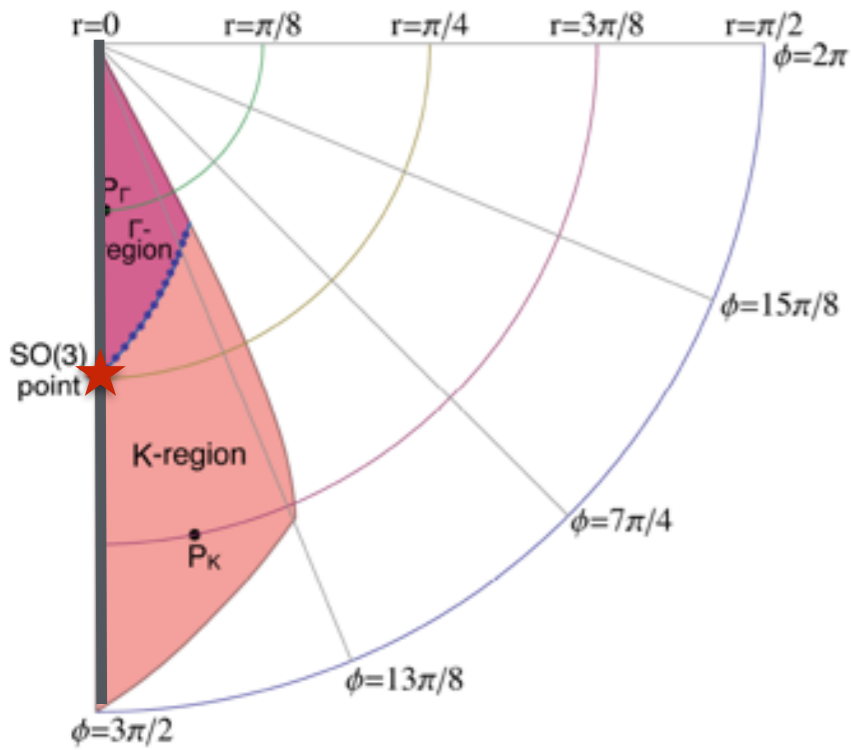


$$K < 0, \Gamma < 0, J > 0$$

$$\hat{x} = (\hat{a} + \hat{c})/\sqrt{2}, \quad \hat{y} = (\hat{c} - \hat{a})/\sqrt{2}, \quad \hat{z} = -\hat{b}$$

The special line $\phi = 3\pi/2$

$$J = 0$$

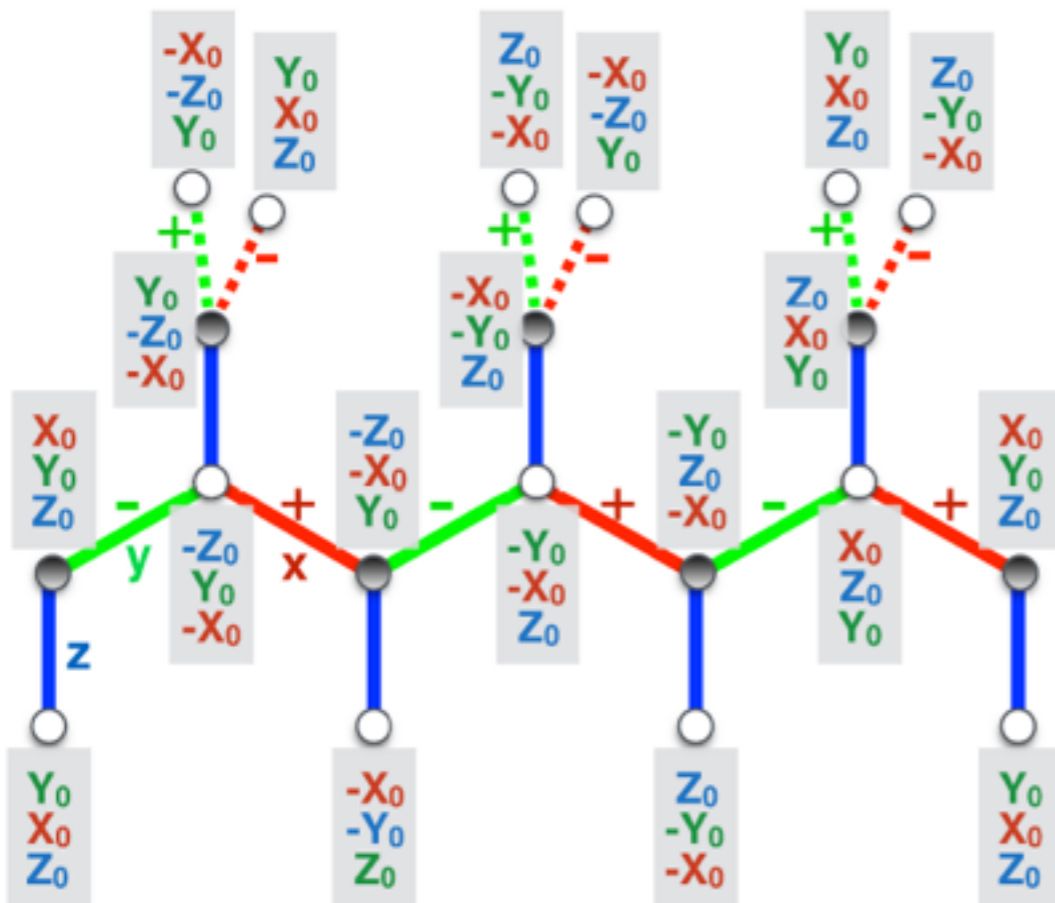


$$\Gamma(S_0^y S_1^z + S_0^z S_1^y) + K S_0^x S_1^x$$

$$E/N = \frac{1}{2}(K + 2\Gamma)S^2$$

coincides with min of energy from LT

Classical degeneracy associated with the direction of the initial central spin S_0



Hidden SO(3) symmetry point

$$K = \Gamma$$

each separate chain



Finite J:

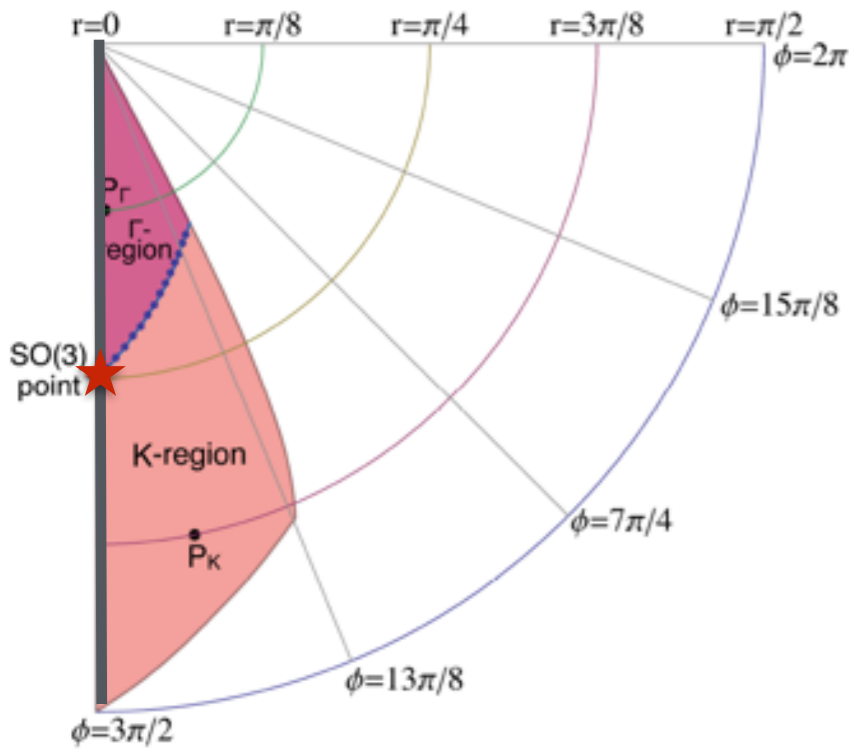
$$E_J \propto J(X_0 - Y_0 - Z_0)^2 + \text{constant}$$

site index j	S_j^x	S_j^y	S_j^z
1	$S_1^{x'}$	$S_1^{y'}$	$S_1^{z'}$
2	$S_2^{z'}$	$-S_2^{y'}$	$S_2^{x'}$
3	$-S_3^{z'}$	$-S_3^{x'}$	$S_3^{y'}$
4	$S_4^{y'}$	$S_4^{x'}$	$-S_4^{z'}$
5	$-S_5^{y'}$	$S_5^{z'}$	$-S_5^{x'}$
6	$-S_6^{x'}$	$-S_6^{z'}$	$-S_6^{y'}$

$$K(S_1^{y'} S_2^{y'} - S_1^{x'} S_2^{z'} - S_1^{z'} S_2^{x'}) \rightarrow -K \mathbf{S}'_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}'_2$$

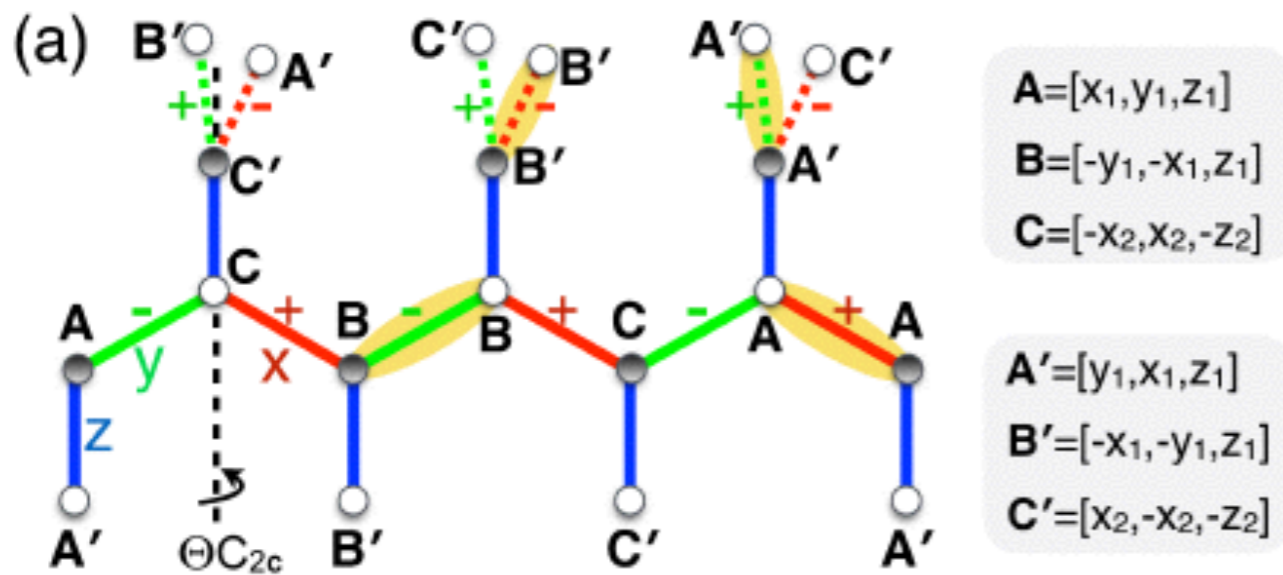
dual

$$\longrightarrow \boxed{K' = \Gamma' = 0} \quad \boxed{J' = -K}$$



Main idea: IC order can be understood as a long-wavelength twisting of a nearby commensurate order. In this case: $\mathbf{Q}=(2/3,0,0)$

K-dominant state



Static structure factor components

$Q=2/3$: $M_a(A)$, $M_b(C)$ and $M_c(F)$

Γ_4 IRR

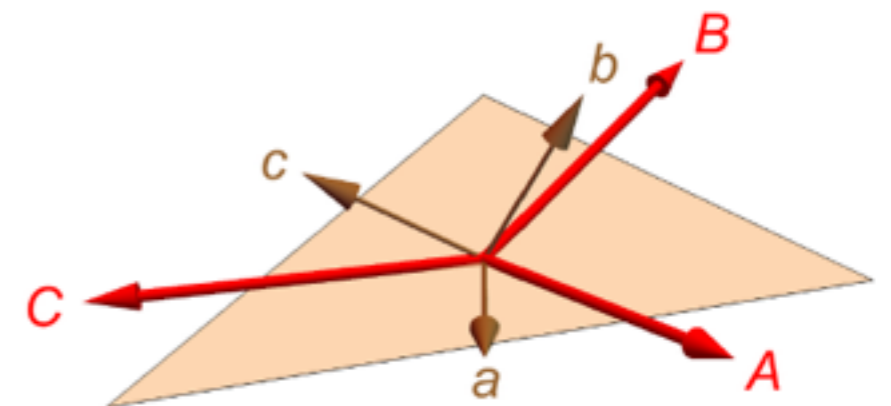
$Q=0$: $M'_a(G)$ and $M'_b(F)$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad F = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Six sublattices (A,B,C) and (A',B',C') forming almost ideal 120°-order

$Q=0$ canting due $M'_a(G)$ and $M'_b(F)$

The counter-rotating along xy- and x'y'chains:
lower spins ABCABC... upper spins ACBACB



The behavior of $\beta\text{-Li}_2\text{IrO}_3$ under magnetic field along any crystallographic direction can be described in a unified manner.

$$\mathcal{H}_{ij}^t = J\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + K S_i^{\alpha t} S_j^{\alpha t} + \sigma_t \Gamma (S_i^{\beta t} S_j^{\gamma t} + S_i^{\gamma t} S_j^{\beta t})$$

$$\mathcal{H}^Z = -\mu_B \mathbf{H} \cdot \sum_i \mathbf{g}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_i .$$

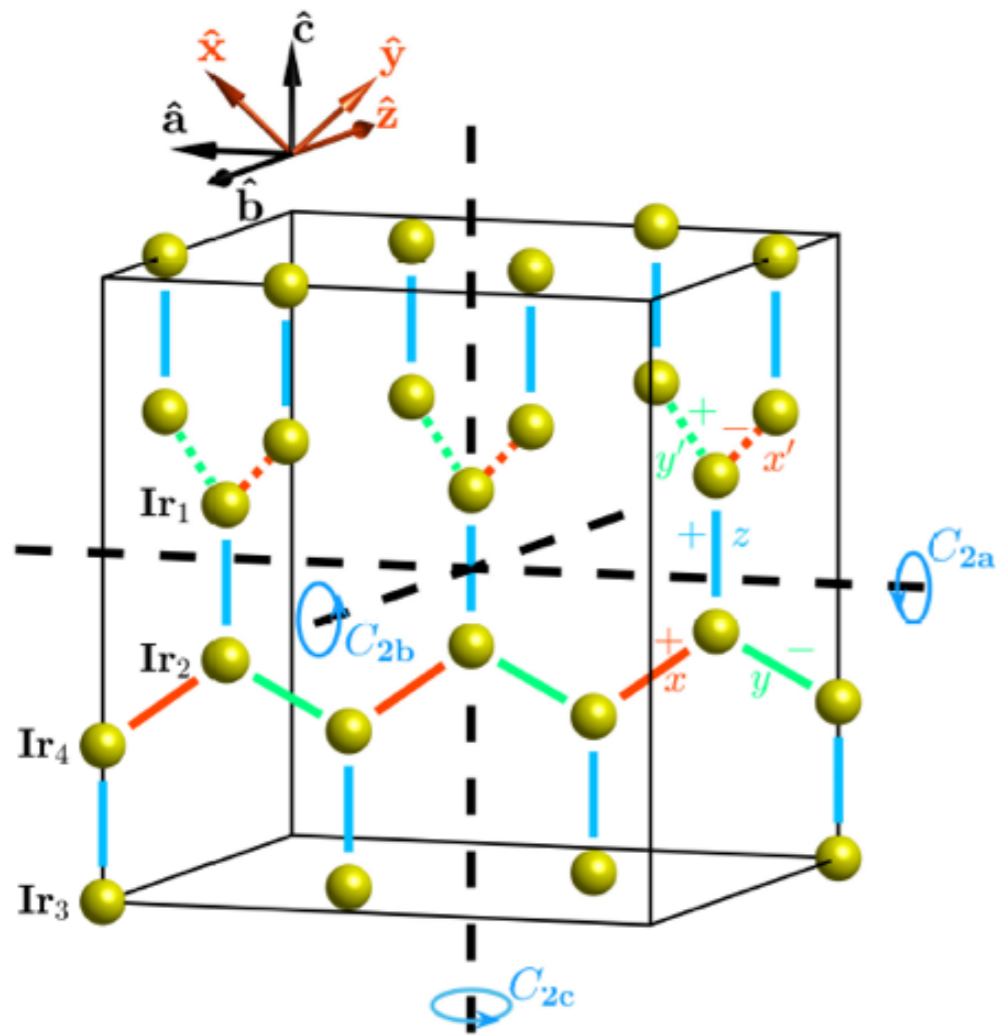
$$\mathbf{g}_i = \mathbf{g}_{\text{diag}} + p_i \mathbf{g}_{\text{off-diag}} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} g_{aa} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & g_{bb} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & g_{cc} \end{pmatrix} + p_i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & g_{ab} & 0 \\ g_{ab} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g_{aa} = g_{bb} = g_{cc} = 2$$

$$g_{ab} = 0.1$$

Symmetries

field direction	$H \parallel a$					$H \parallel b$					$H \parallel c$				
	\mathcal{T}	I	C_{2a}	ΘC_{2b}	ΘC_{2c}	\mathcal{T}	I	ΘC_{2a}	C_{2b}	ΘC_{2c}	\mathcal{T}	I	ΘC_{2a}	ΘC_{2b}	C_{2c}
state at $0 \leq H < H^*$	×	✓	×	×	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	×	×
state at $H^* < H < H^{**}$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×
state at $H > H^{**}$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



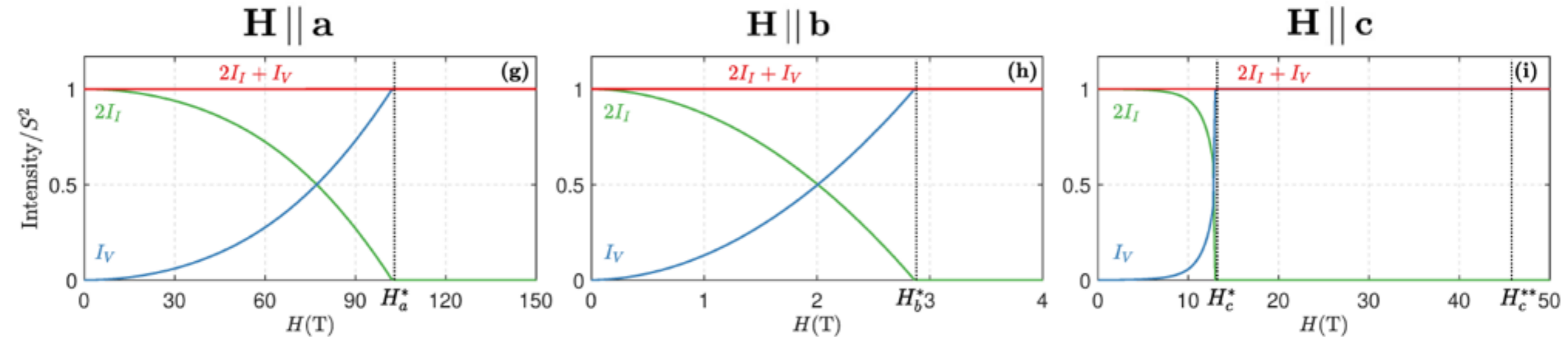
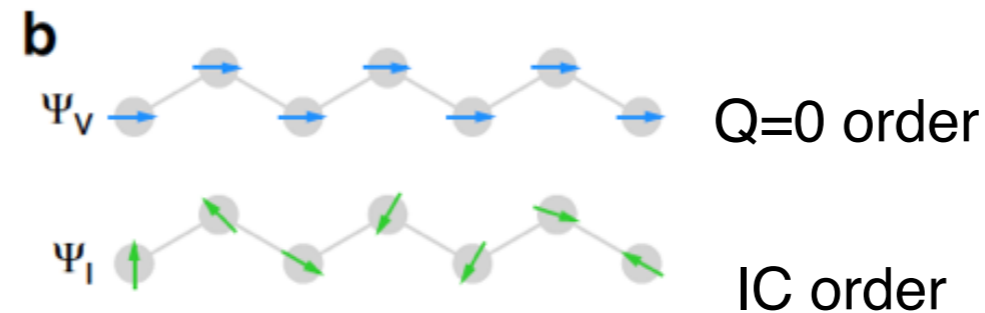
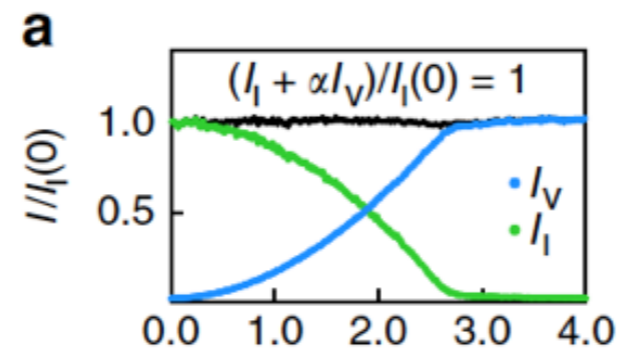
C_{2c} maps x -bonds to y -bonds
 $[S_x, S_y, S_z] \rightarrow [S_y, S_x, -S_z]$

C_{2a} maps x -bonds to y' -bonds and y -bonds to x'
 $[S_x, S_y, S_z] \rightarrow [-S_y, -S_x, -S_z]$

C_{2b} maps x -bonds to x' -bonds and y -bonds to y'
 $[S_x, S_y, S_z] \rightarrow [-S_x, -S_y, S_z]$

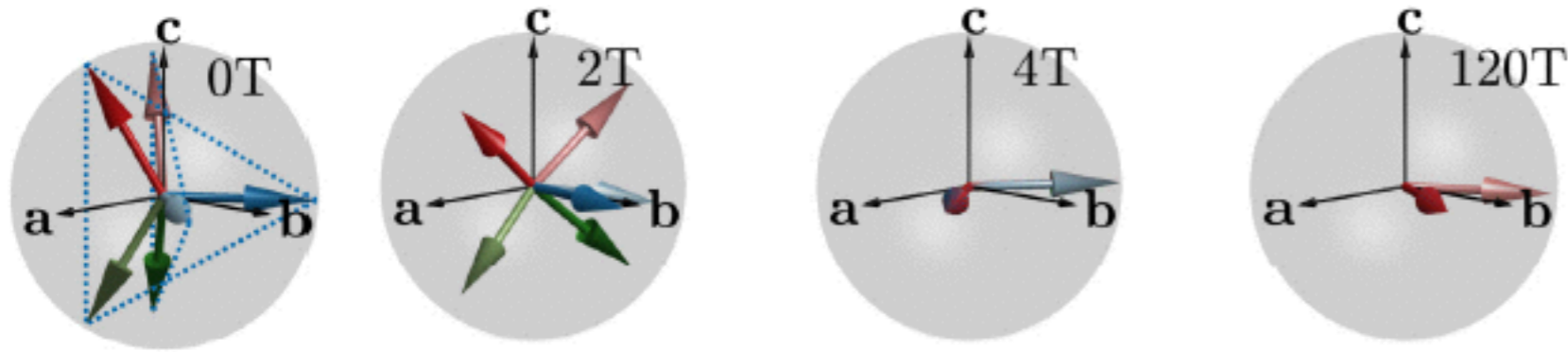
Intensity sum rule

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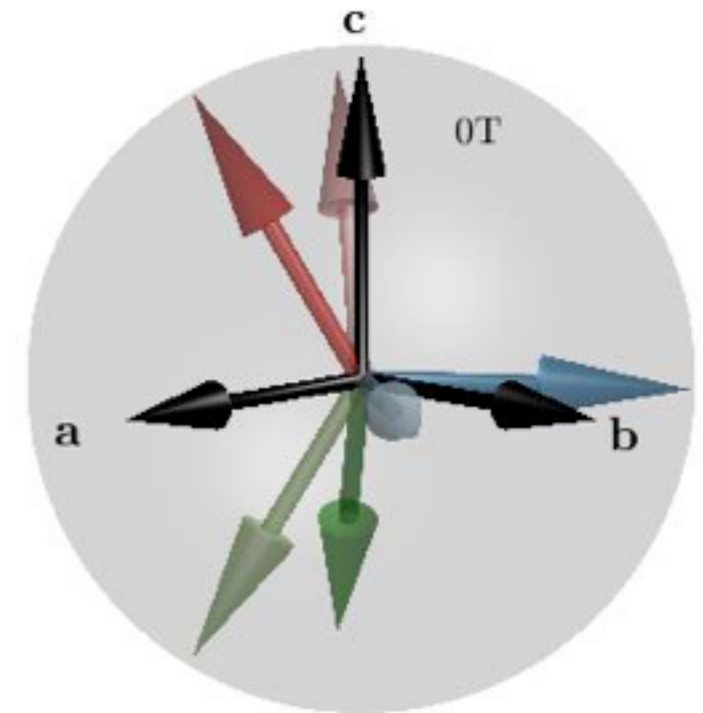
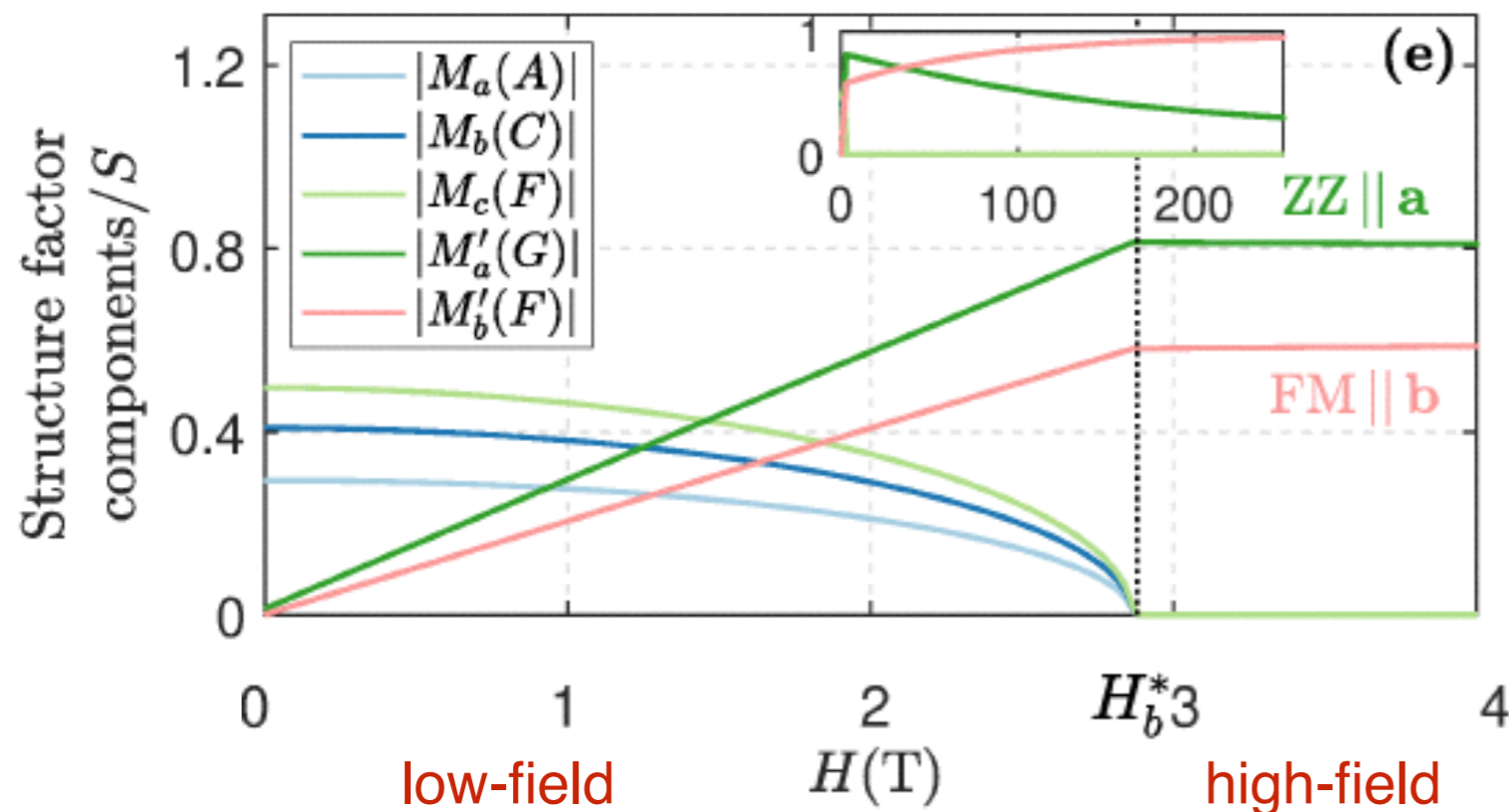


The **intensity sum rule** is fulfilled for **all field directions and strengths**.
This is a direct fingerprint of the local spin length constraints.

Magnetization process in the **b**-field

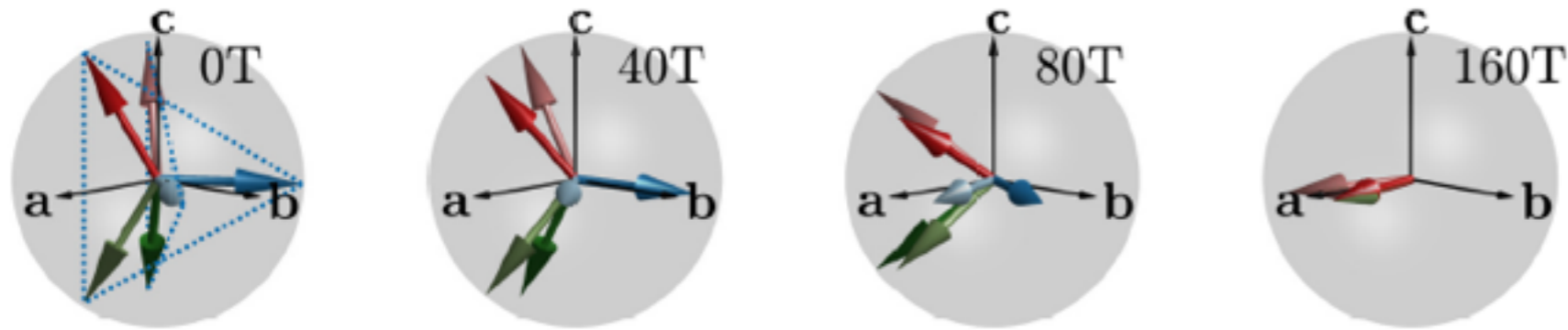


$$H_b^* \sim 2.88 \text{ T} \quad \mu_B H_b^* \simeq 0.42 \text{ J} \left(\frac{4S}{g_{bb}} \right)$$

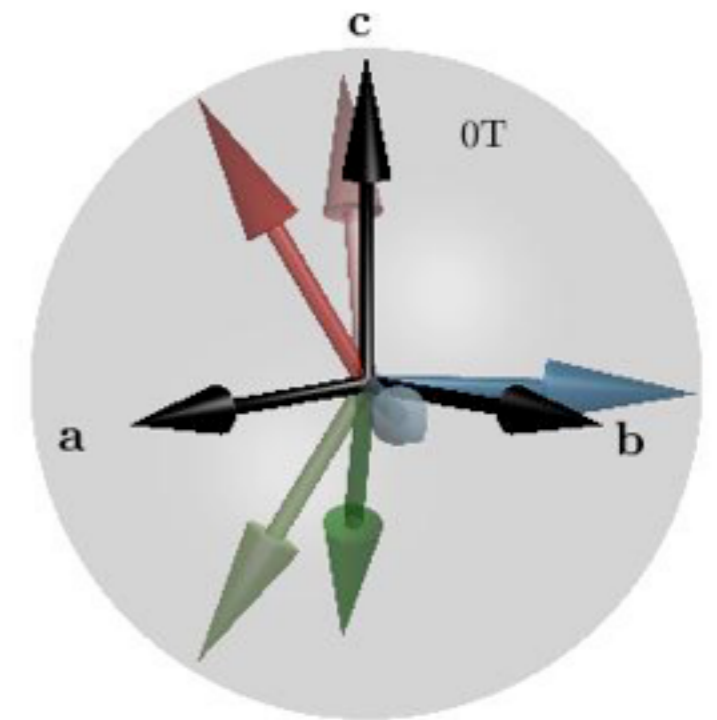
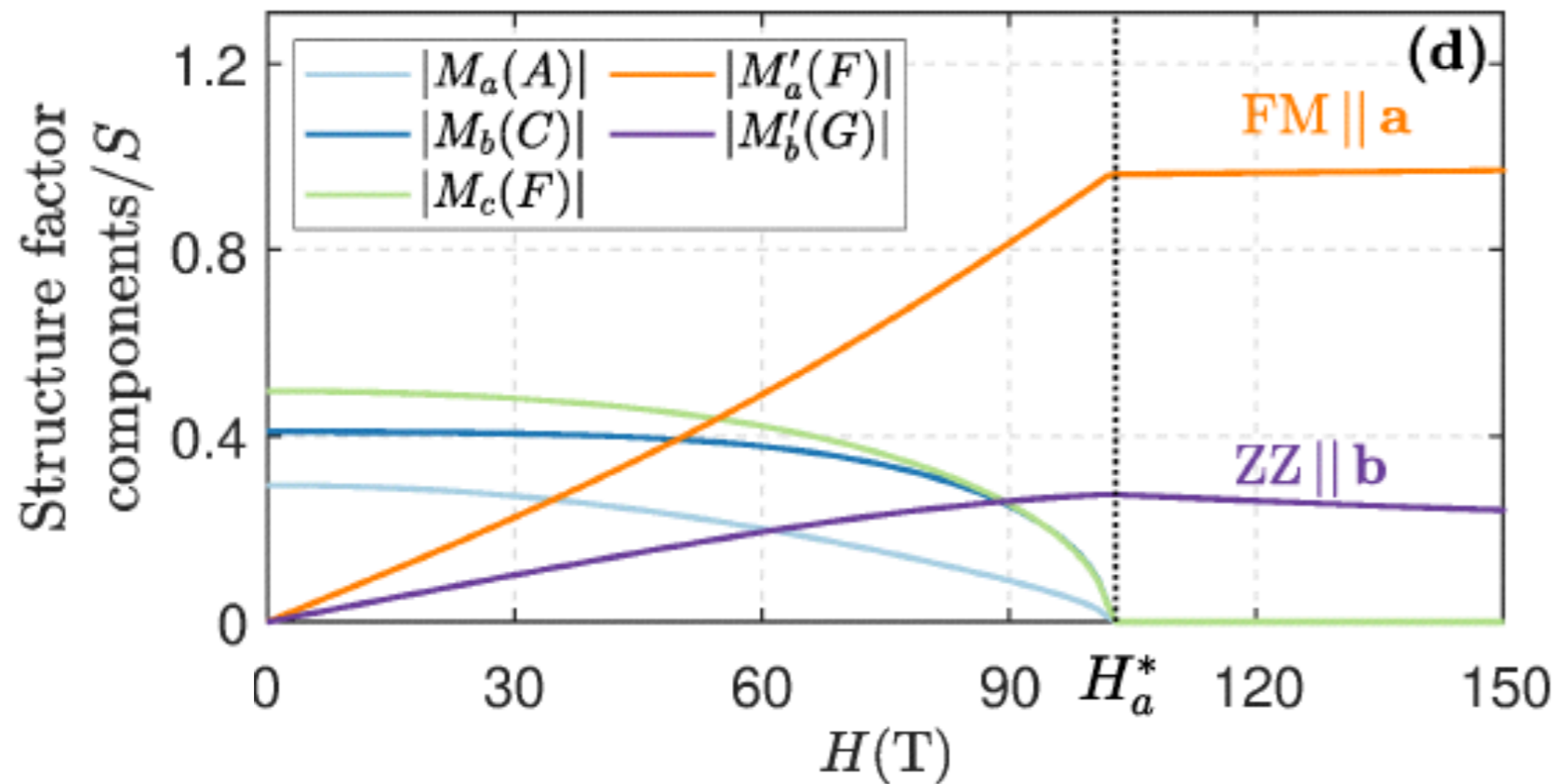


For $H > H^*$, all modulated components vanish and only uniform structure factors left. Significant zigzag component perpendicular to the field up to very high field, thus the system can not reach fully polarized state even classically. The spins lie on the ab -plane, so direction of the zigzag is fixed by the field.

Magnetization process in the a-field

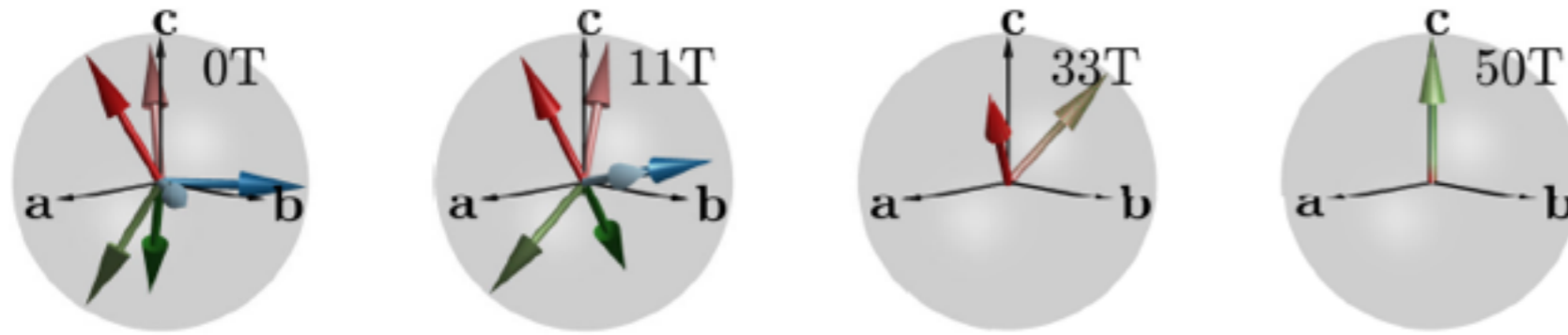


$$H_a^* \sim 102 \text{ T} \quad \mu_B H_a^* \simeq (0.54J + 0.57|\Gamma|) \frac{4S}{g_{aa}}$$



For $H > H^*$, all modulated components vanish and only uniform structure factors left. Significant zigzag component perpendicular to the field up to very high field, thus the system can not reach fully polarized state even classically. The spins lie on the ab-plane, so direction of the zigzag is fixed by the field.

Magnetization process in the c-field

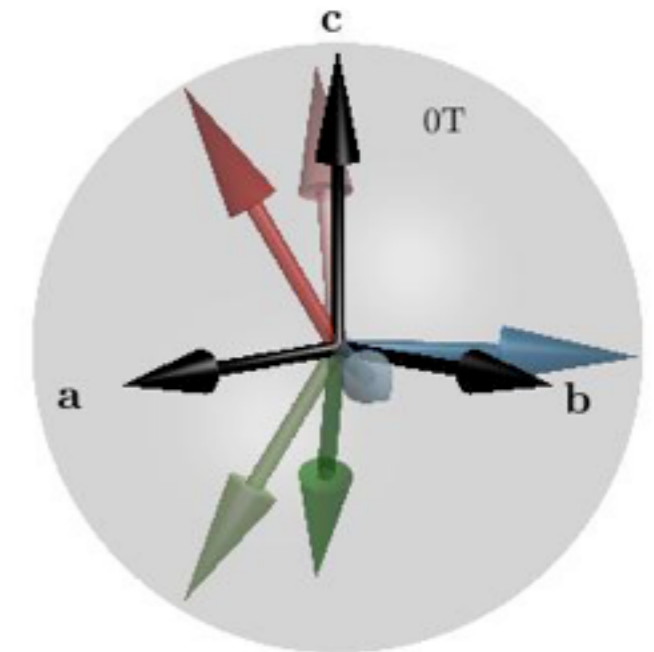
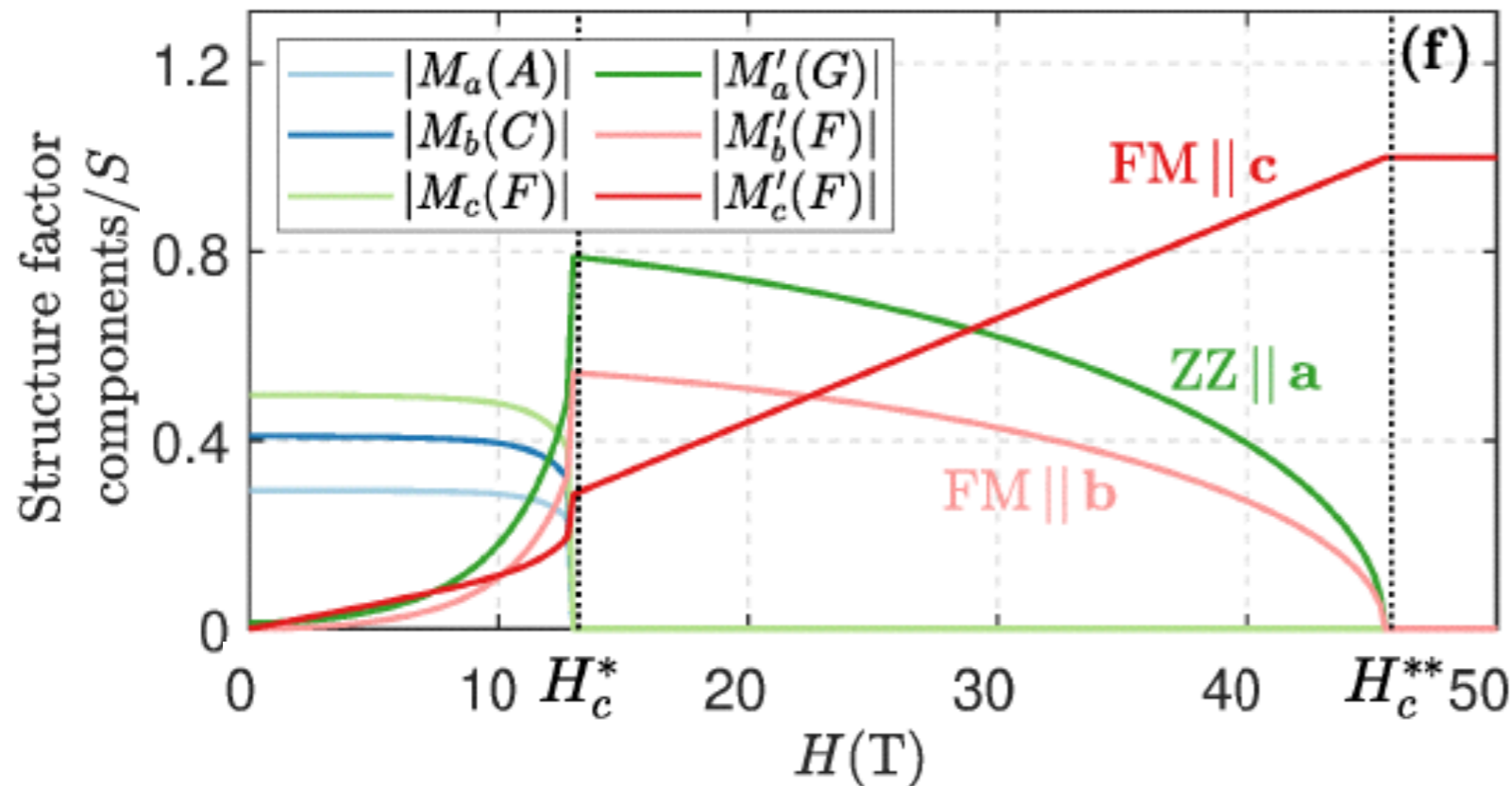


$$H_c^* \sim 13 \text{ T}$$

$$H_c^{**} \sim 45 \text{ T}$$

$$\mu_B H_c^{**} \simeq \left(\frac{4}{3} J + |\Gamma| \right) \frac{S}{g_{cc}}$$

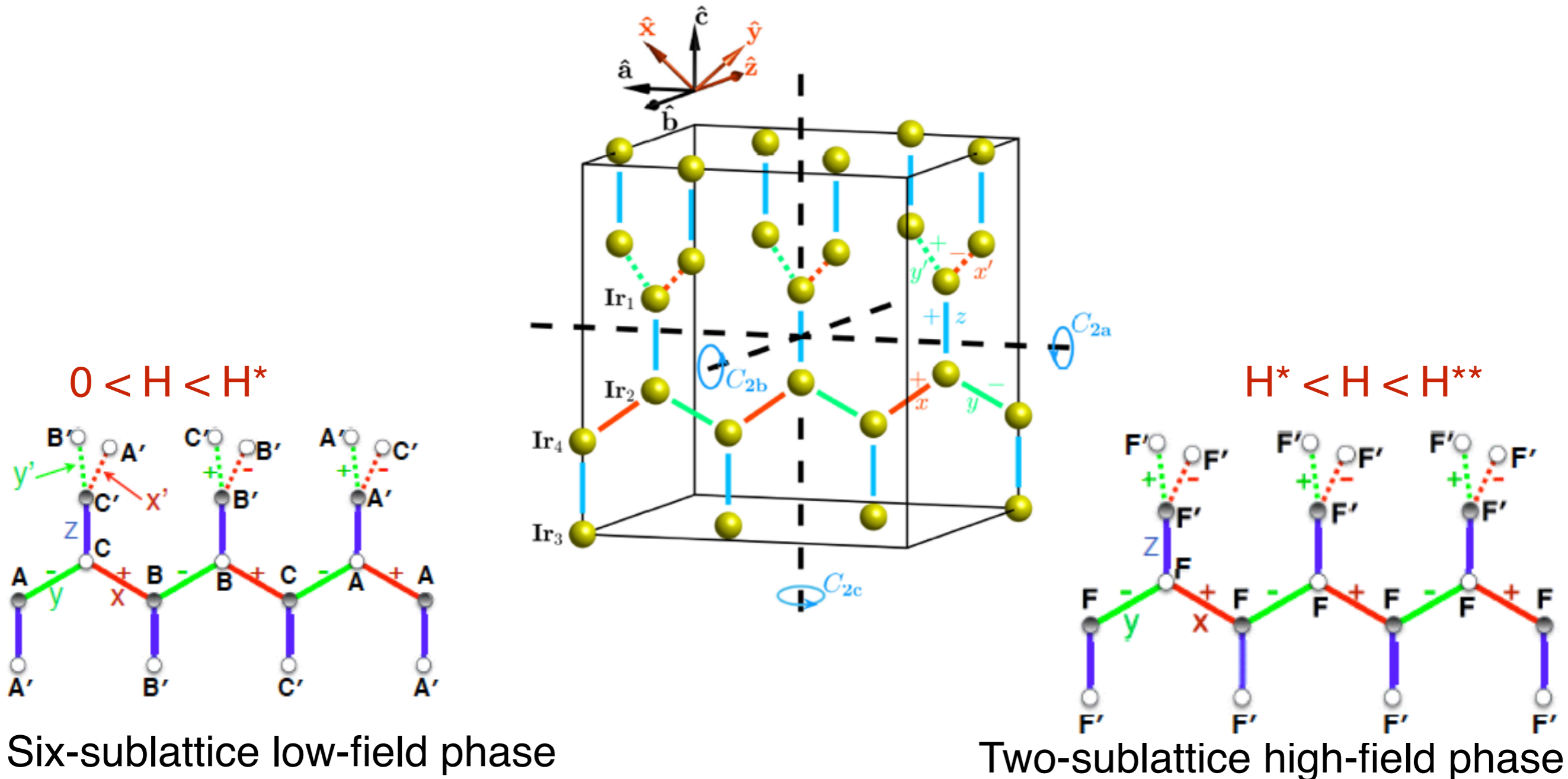
$$\mu_B H_c^* \simeq \left(0.94J + 0.04|\Gamma| \right) \frac{4S}{g_{cc}}$$



Significant zigzag and additional FM component perpendicular to the field for $H > H^*$. The spin plane changes continuously with a field. However, not all the symmetries are broken and thus there is a second transition at H^{**} . For $H > H^{**}$ the classical system is in a fully polarized state.

General structure of the field-induced phases

field direction	$H \parallel a$					$H \parallel b$					$H \parallel c$				
	\mathcal{T}	I	C_{2a}	ΘC_{2b}	ΘC_{2c}	\mathcal{T}	I	ΘC_{2a}	C_{2b}	ΘC_{2c}	\mathcal{T}	I	ΘC_{2a}	ΘC_{2b}	C_{2c}
state at $0 \leq H < H^*$	×	✓	×	×	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	×	×
state at $H^* < H < H^{**}$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×
state at $H > H^{**}$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



Robustness of high-field zigzag orders

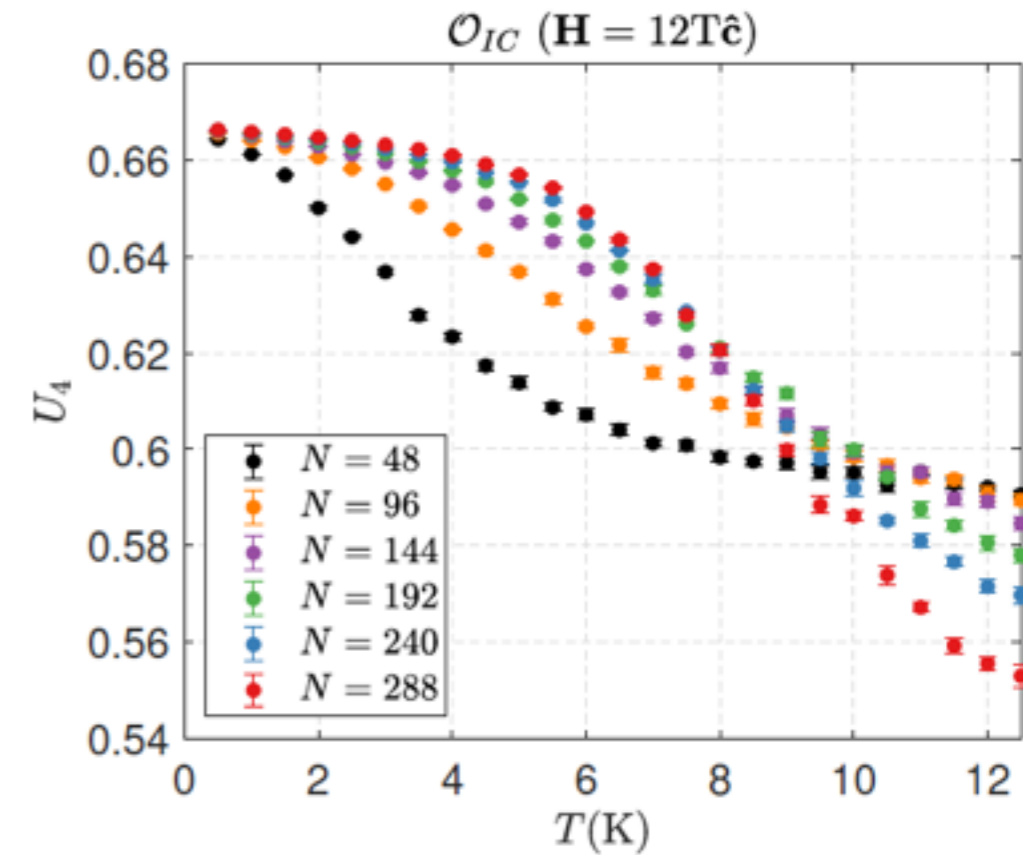
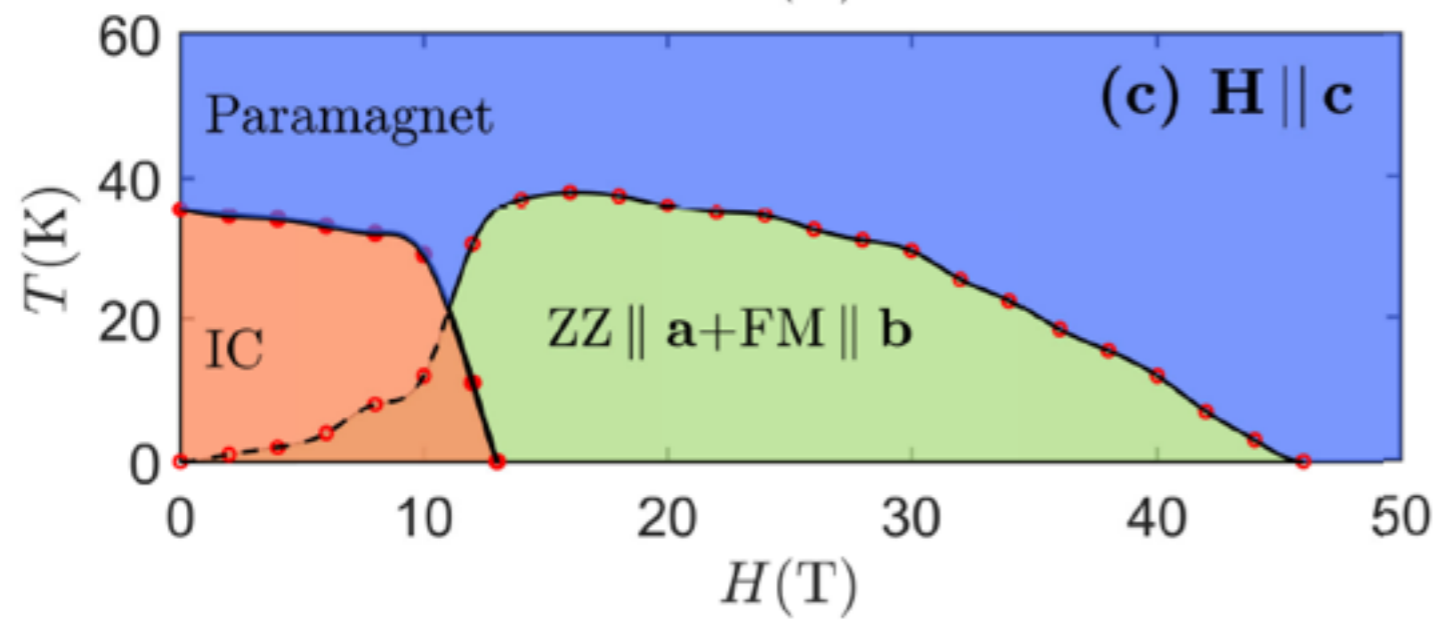
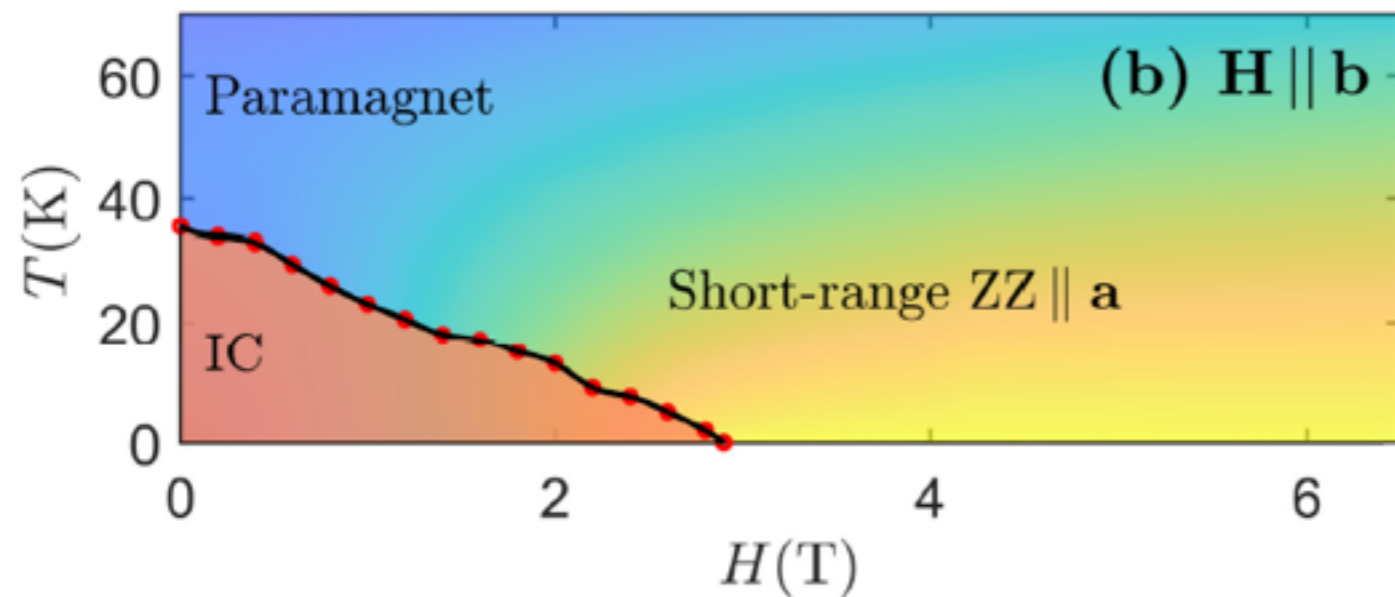
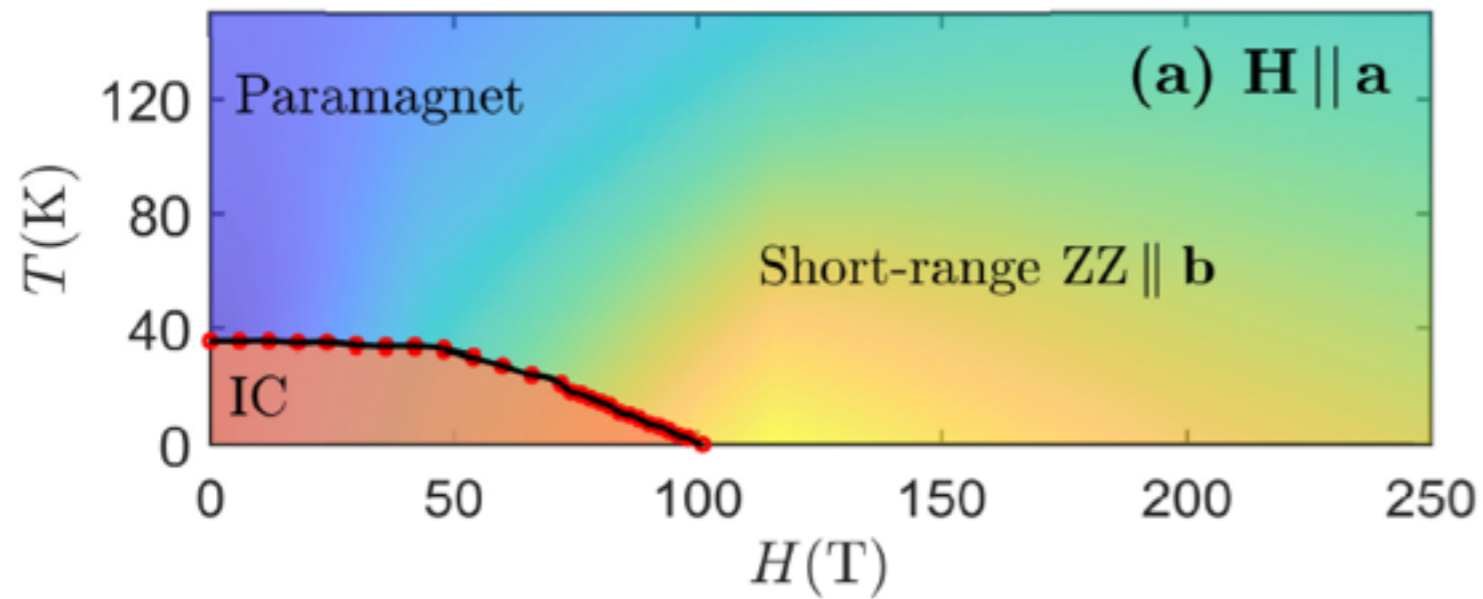
$$E_{\mathbf{a}}/N = \eta'_{aF} M'_a(F)^2 + \eta'_{bG} M'_b(G)^2 - \sqrt{2}\Gamma M'_a(F) M'_b(G) - \mu_B H (g_{aa} M'_a(F) - g_{ab} M'_b(G)).$$

$$E_{\mathbf{b}}/N = \eta'_{bF} M'_b(F)^2 + \eta'_{aG} M'_a(G)^2 - \sqrt{2}\Gamma M'_a(G) M'_b(F) - \mu_B H [g_{bb} M'_b(F) - g_{ab} M'_a(G)].$$

$$E_{\mathbf{c}}/N = \eta'_{bF} M'_b(F)^2 + \eta'_{cF} M'_c(F)^2 + \eta'_{aG} M'_a(G)^2 - \sqrt{2}\Gamma M'_a(G) M'_b(F) - g_{cc} \mu_B H M'_c(F).$$

The presence of these cross-coupling terms reveal that the qualitative reason why it is energetically favorable for the system to sustain appreciable zigzag orders up to high fields is the strong Gamma- interaction.

Phase diagram

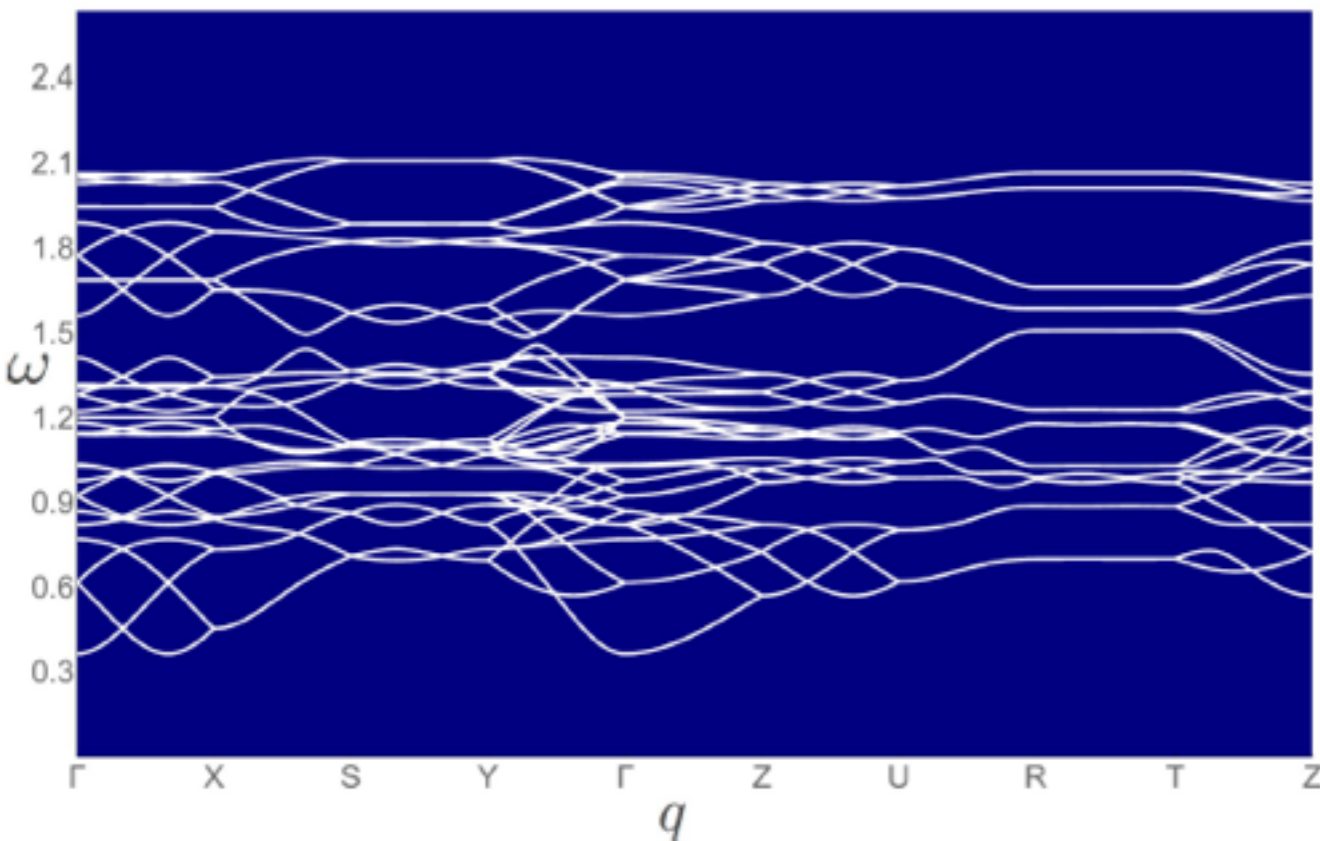


Magnetic excitations in the field

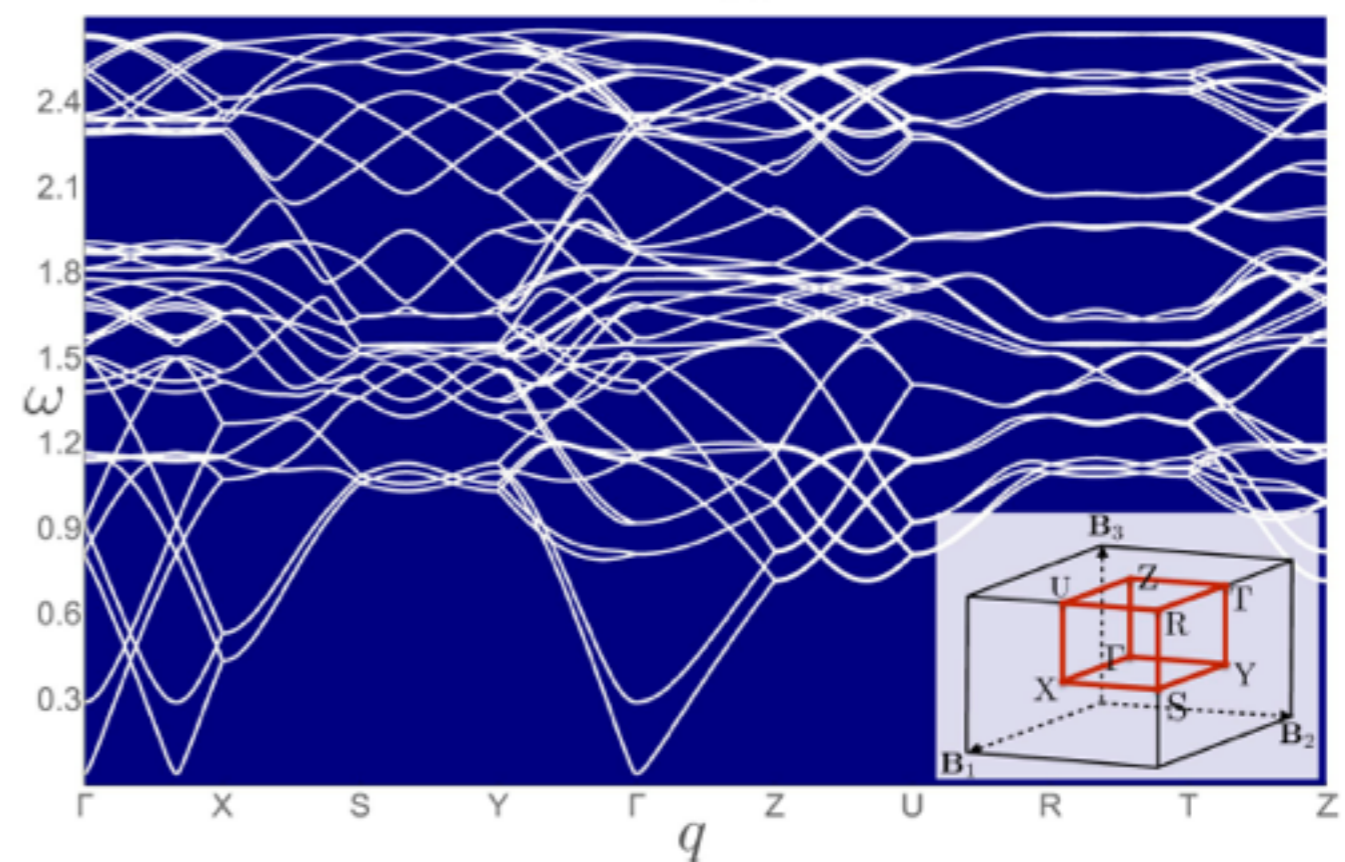
$$\mathcal{H}_2 = E_{cl}/S + \sum \mathbf{x}_q^\dagger \cdot \mathbf{H}_q \cdot \mathbf{x}_q$$

$$\mathbf{x}_q = \left(a_{q,1}, \dots, a_{q,N_m}, a_{-q,1}^\dagger, \dots, a_{-q,N_m}^\dagger \right)^T$$

(a) P_K point

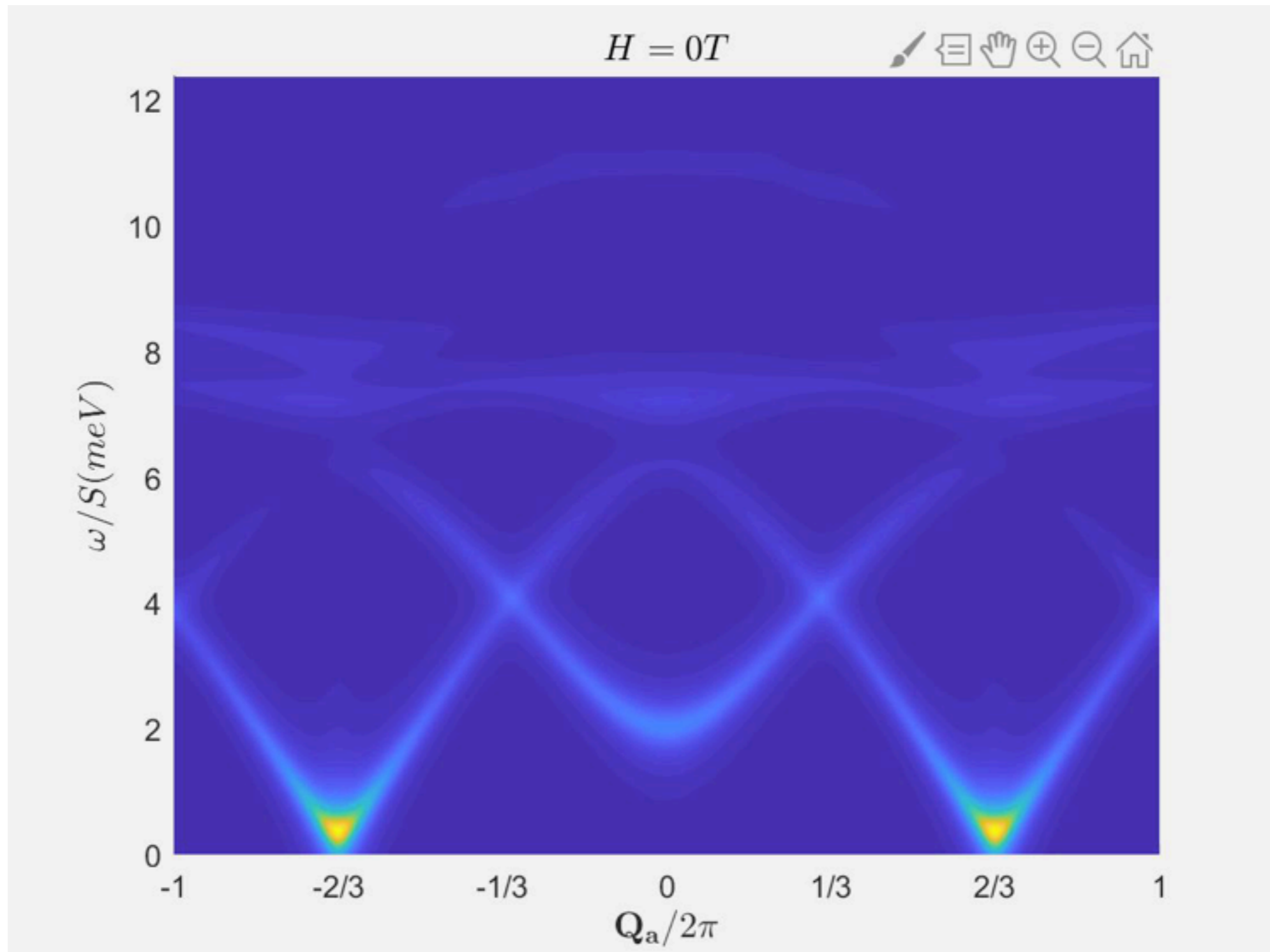


(b) P_Γ point



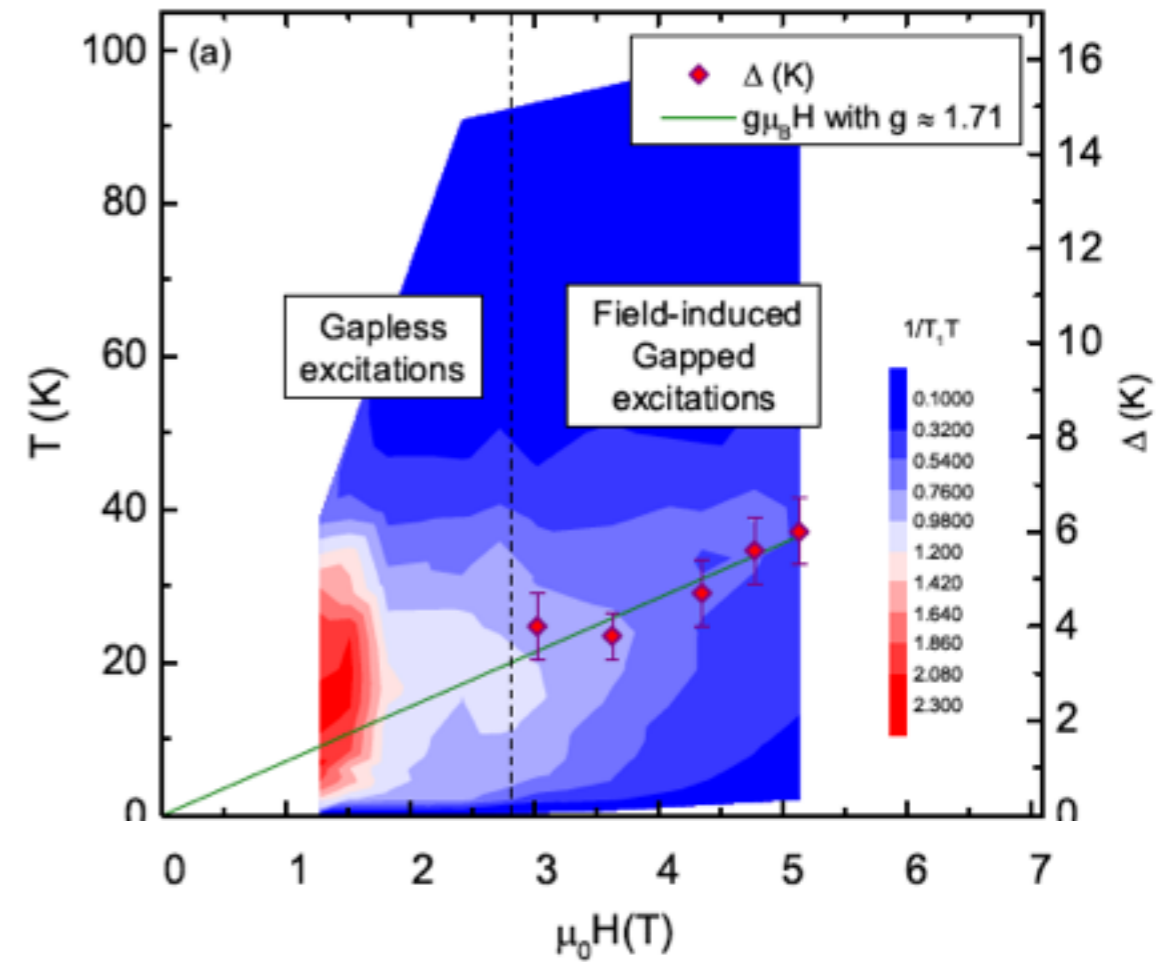
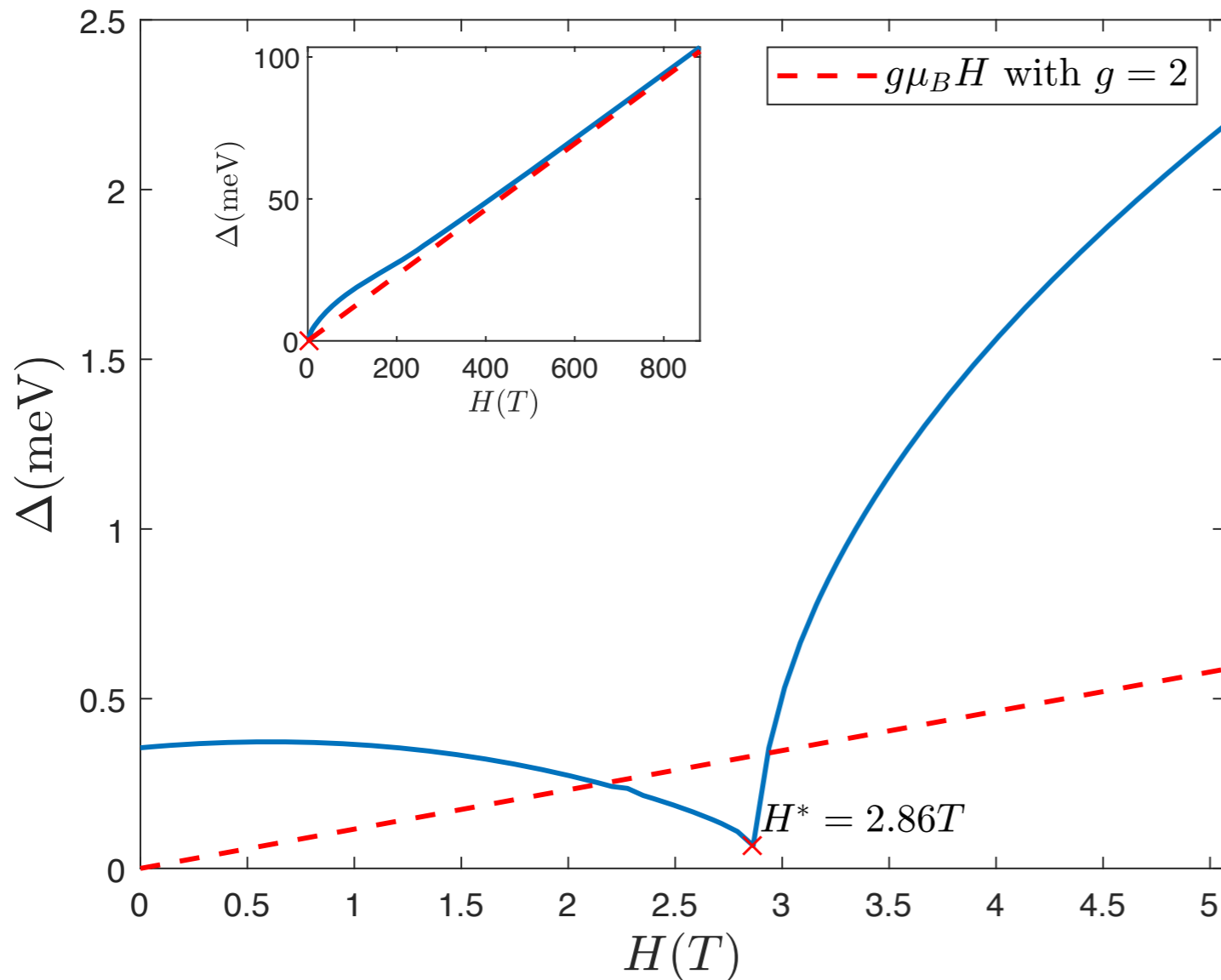
Evolution of magnetic excitations in the b-field

$$I(\mathbf{Q}, \omega) \propto \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \left(\delta_{\alpha, \beta} - \frac{Q^\alpha Q^\beta}{Q^2} \right) S^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{Q}, \omega)$$



Non-monotonic behavior of spin gap in the b-field

$H < H^*$ the gap decreases as the IC order is being suppressed by the external field;
 $H > H^*$ the gap increases and shows a roughly linear behavior indicating that the system is gradually turning into a paramagnet

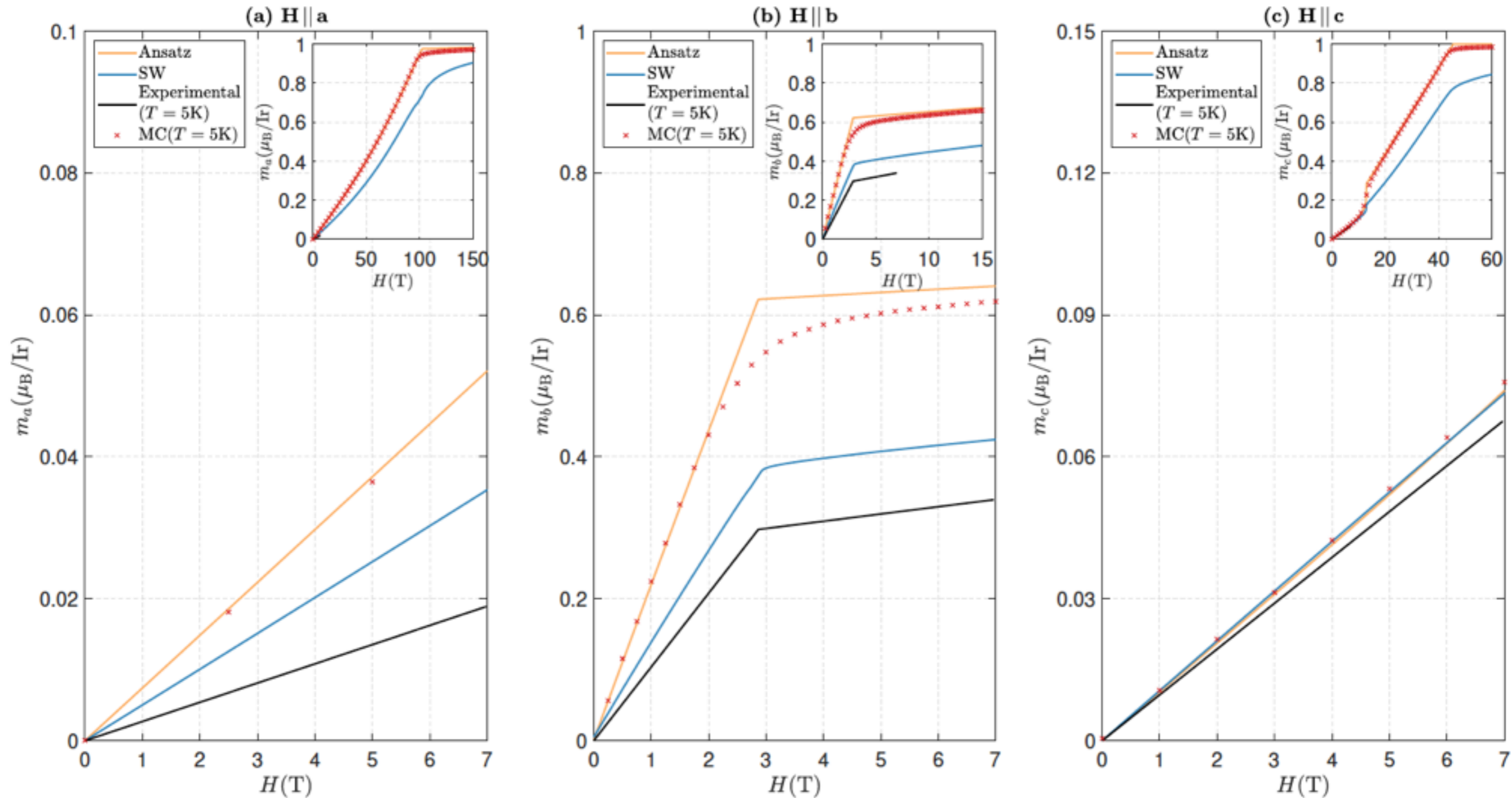


M. Majumder et al, arXiv:1910.03251

Magnetization process

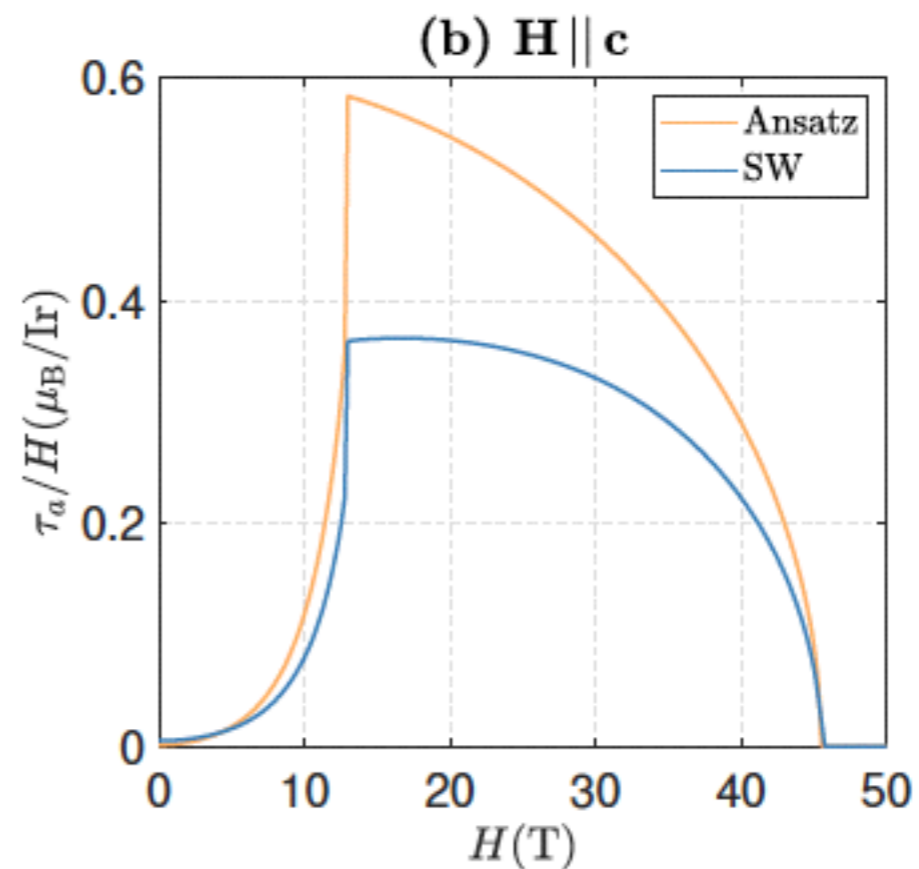
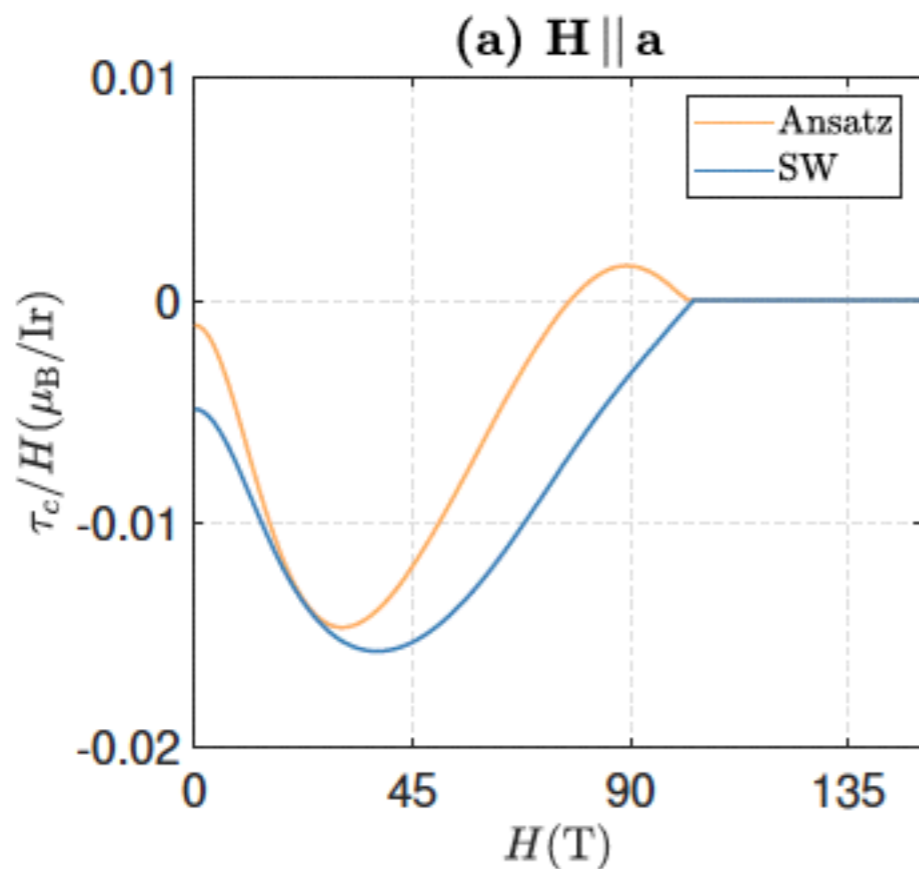
$$\mathbf{m} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}_m} \mu_B \left(\mathbf{g}^{\text{diag}} \cdot \sum_{\mu} \langle \mathbf{S}_{\mu} \rangle + \mathbf{g}^{\text{off-diag}} \cdot \sum_{\mu} p_{\mu} \langle \mathbf{S}_{\mu} \rangle \right)$$

($\mathcal{N}_m = 48$ for $H < H^*$ and $\mathcal{N}_m = 2$ for $H > H^*$)



Magnetic torque

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{cases} [g_{aa}M'_a(F) + g_{ab}M'_b(G)]\hat{\mathbf{a}} + [g_{bb}M'_b(F) + g_{ab}M'_a(G)]\hat{\mathbf{b}}, & \mathbf{H} \parallel \mathbf{a} & \mathbf{m} \perp \mathbf{H} \Rightarrow \text{finite torque} \\ [g_{bb}M'_b(F) + g_{ab}M'_a(G)]\hat{\mathbf{b}}, & \mathbf{H} \parallel \mathbf{b} & \text{zero torque} \\ g_{cc}M'_c(F)\hat{\mathbf{c}} + [g_{bb}M'_b(F) + g_{ab}M'_a(G)]\hat{\mathbf{b}}, & \mathbf{H} \parallel \mathbf{c} & \mathbf{m} \perp \mathbf{H} \Rightarrow \text{finite torque} \end{cases}$$

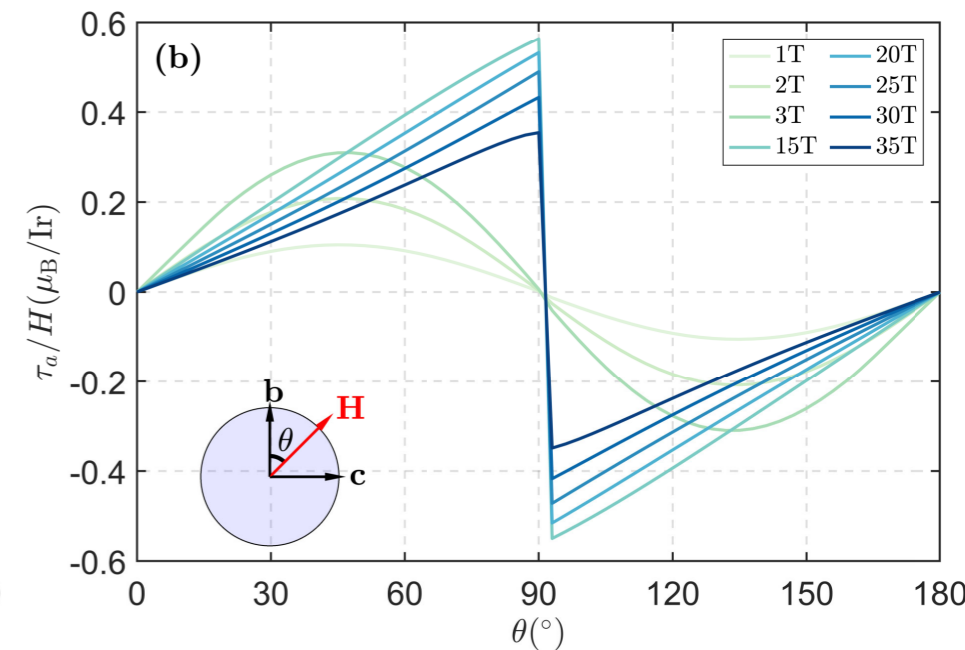
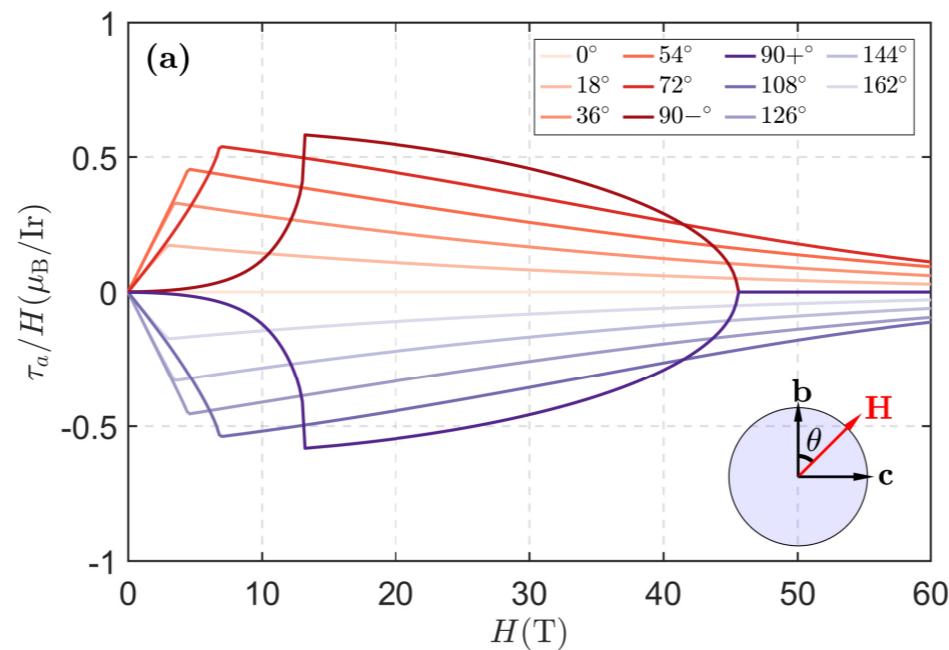


The torque for $\mathbf{H} \parallel \mathbf{a}$ is about 40 times weaker than the torque for $\mathbf{H} \parallel \mathbf{c}$: $\tau_c \ll \tau_a$

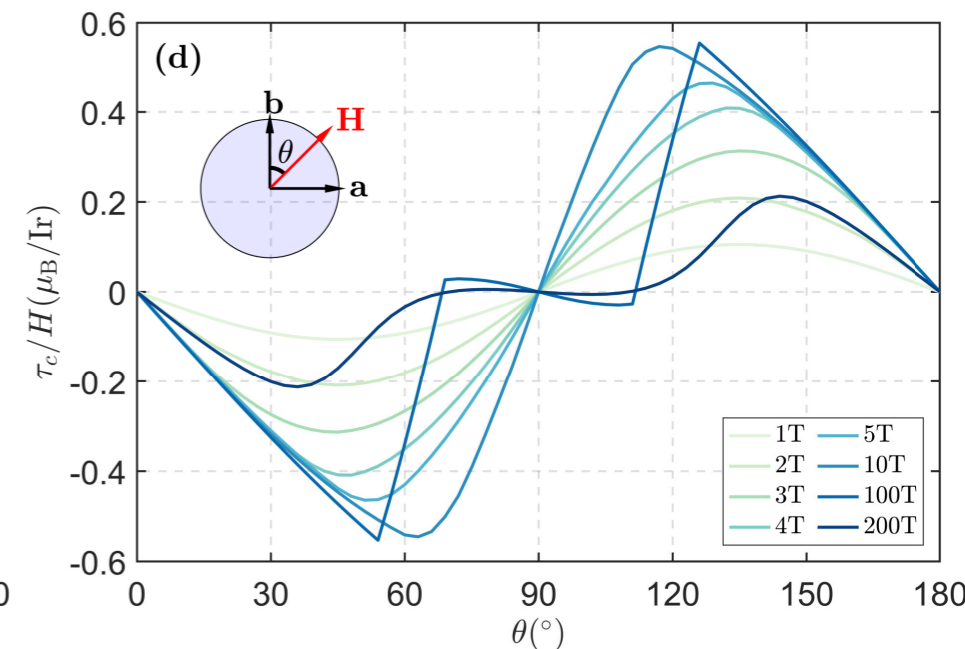
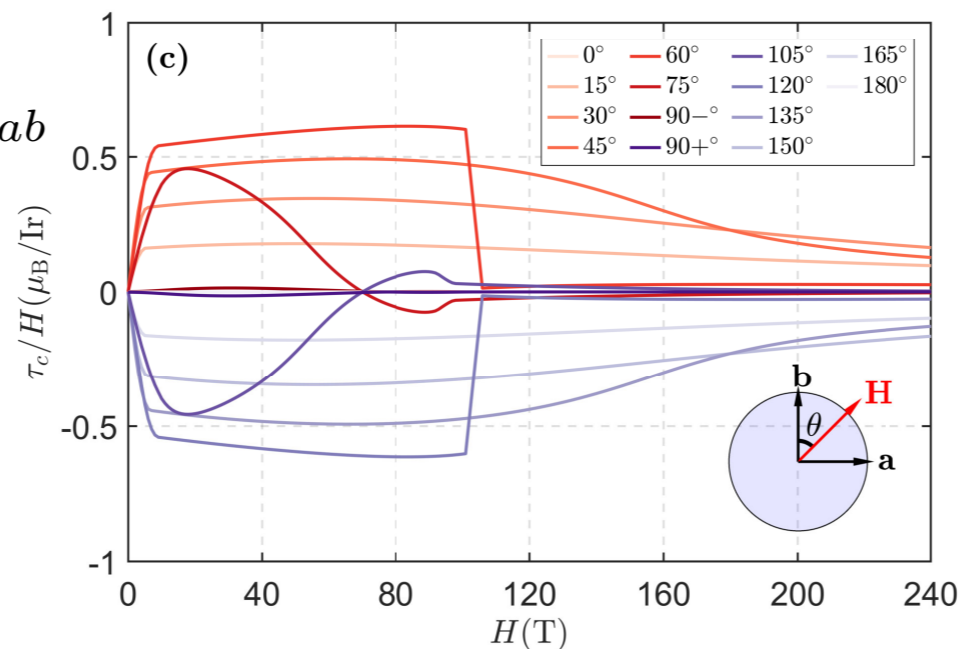
Both torques show a non-monotonic behavior as a function of the field. The kink in τ_a is due to the first-order transition. The sign of τ_a is chosen spontaneously.

Angular dependence of the torque

$$\tau_a/H = -m_c \cos \theta_{bc} + m_b \sin \theta_{bc}$$

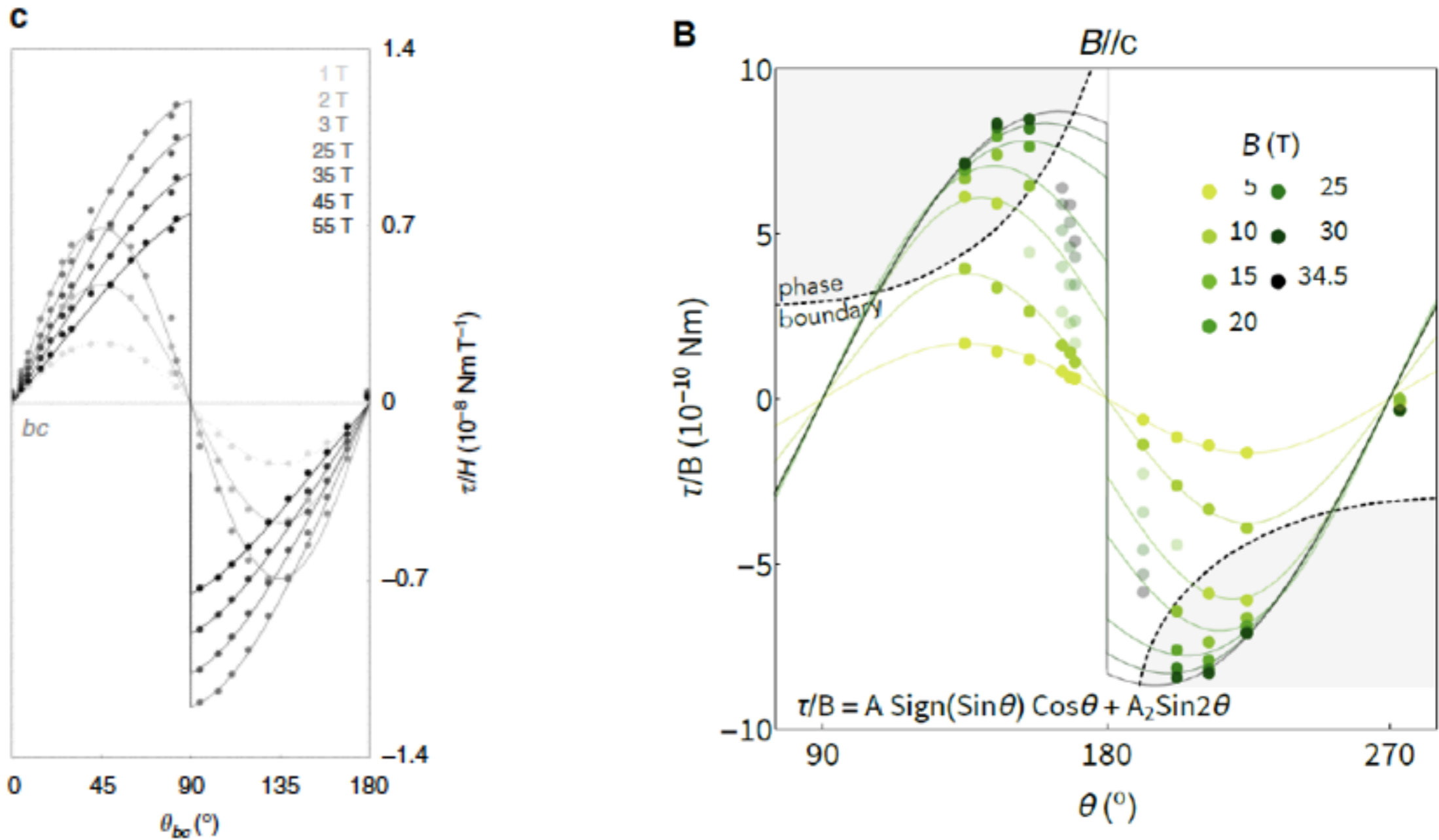


$$\tau_c/H = m_a \cos \theta_{ab} - m_b \sin \theta_{ab}$$



At low fields, the magnetic response is linear and the dependence of the torque is quadratic with field and proportional to $\sin 2\theta$. Sawtooth shape of the torques for larger fields and angles, comes from the interplay of interaction anisotropy and g-anisotropy.

Similar angular dependence of the torque was observed in RuCl_3 and $\gamma\text{-Li}_2\text{IrO}_3$



K. Modic et al, Nature Communications 8, 108 (2017)

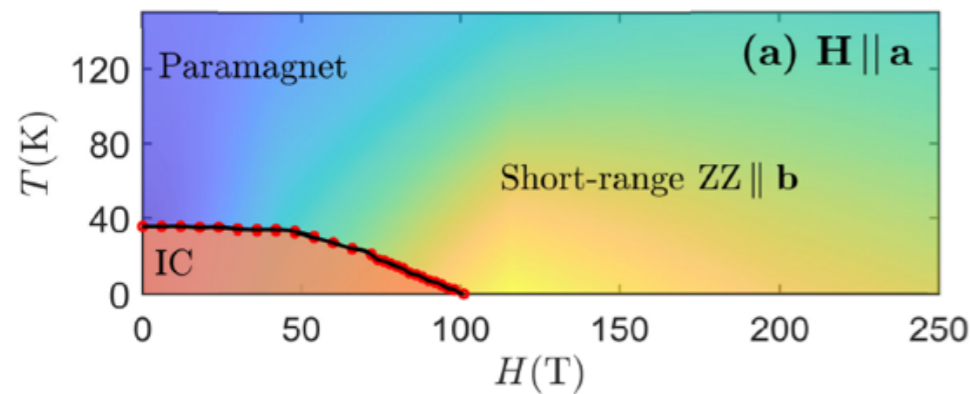
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PRL 122, 197202 (2019)

Conclusions

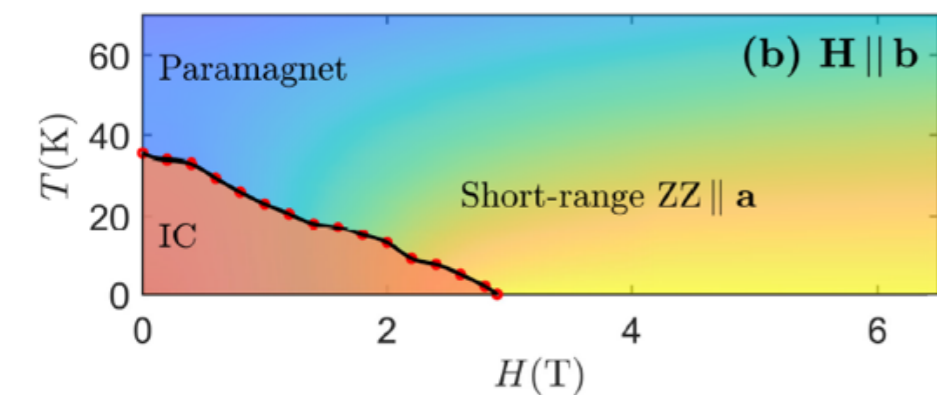
zero field:

The period-3 order for dominant K and small J interactions shares the same physics at short distances and the same excitation spectrum with the experimentally observed IC order above some small energy cutoff.

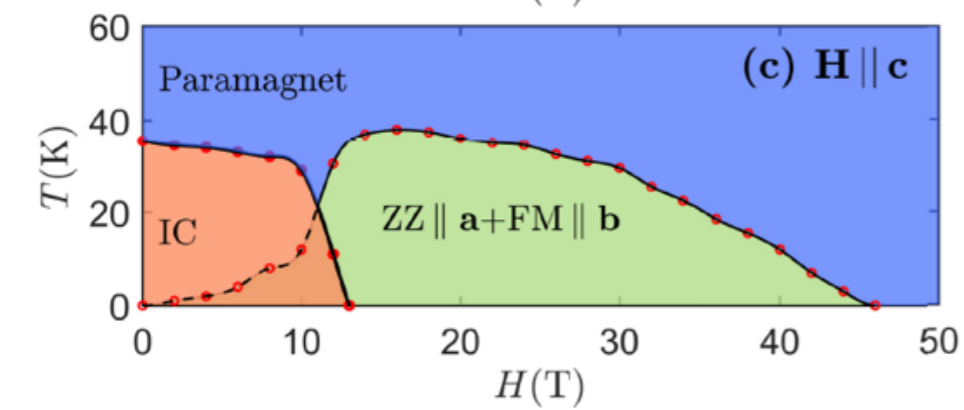
finite field: Field evolution of the magnetic ground state differs significantly for field along three crystallographic axes due to different symmetry-breaking schemes.



$$\mu_B H_a^* \simeq \left(0.54J + 0.57|\Gamma|\right) \frac{4S}{g_{aa}}$$



$$\mu_B H_b^* \simeq 0.42J \left(\frac{4S}{g_{bb}} \right)$$



$$\mu_B H_c^* \simeq \left(0.94J + 0.04|\Gamma|\right) \frac{4S}{g_{cc}}$$

$$\mu_B H_c^{**} \simeq \left(\frac{4}{3}J + |\Gamma|\right) \frac{S}{g_{cc}}$$

Thank you

Ansatz

H//a : 10 parameters+ 4 constraints

$$\mathbf{A} = S[x_1, y_1, z_1]$$

$$\mathbf{A}' = S[y_2, x_2, z_2]$$

$$\mathbf{B} = S[-y_1, -x_1, z_1]$$

$$\mathbf{B}' = S[-x_2, -y_2, z_2]$$

$$\mathbf{C} = S[-x_3, x_3, -z_3]$$

$$\mathbf{C}' = S[x_4, -x_4, -z_4]$$

$$x_1^2 + y_1^2 + z_1^2 = 1$$

$$x_2^2 + y_2^2 + z_2^2 = 1$$

$$2x_3^2 + z_3^2 = 1$$

$$2x_4^2 + z_4^2 = 1$$

$$E/N = S^2 \left\{ K[x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 2x_3y_1 + 2x_4y_2 + 2z_1z_2 + z_3z_4] \right.$$

$$+ 2\Gamma[x_1x_2 + x_3x_4 + y_1y_2 + x_1z_3 + x_3z_1 + x_2z_4 + x_4z_2 + y_1z_1 + y_2z_2]$$

$$+ J[2 - 2x_1x_3 - 2x_2x_4 - 2x_3x_4 + 2x_1y_2 + 2x_2y_1 + 2x_3y_1 + 2x_4y_2 + 2z_1z_2 - 2z_1z_3 - 2z_2z_4 + z_3z_4] \left. \right\} / 6$$

$$- \mu_B HS[g^{ab}(-2z_1 + 2z_2 + z_3 - z_4) + \sqrt{2}g^{aa}(x_1 - x_2 - x_3 + x_4 - y_1 + y_2)] / 6.$$

H//b : 5 parameters+ 2 constraints (same as **H = 0**)

$$\mathbf{A} = S[x_1, y_1, z_1]$$

$$\mathbf{A}' = S[y_1, x_1, z_1]$$

$$\mathbf{B} = S[-y_1, -x_1, z_1]$$

$$\mathbf{B}' = S[-x_1, -y_1, z_1]$$

$$\mathbf{C} = S[-x_2, x_2, -z_2]$$

$$\mathbf{C}' = S[x_2, -x_2, -z_2]$$

$$x_1^2 + y_1^2 + z_1^2 = 1$$

$$2x_2^2 + z_2^2 = 1$$

$$E/N = S^2 \left\{ K[3 - 2(y_1 - x_2)^2] \right.$$

$$+ 2\Gamma[1 - z_1^2 + x_2^2 + 2(y_1 + x_2)z_1 + 2x_1z_2]$$

$$+ J[1 + 2(z_1 - z_2)^2 - 4x_1x_2 + 4(x_1 + x_2)y_1] \left. \right\} / 6$$

$$- \mu_B HS[\sqrt{2}g^{ab}(x_1 - x_2 - y_1) + g^{bb}(-2z_1 + z_2)] / 3$$

H//c : 9 parameters+ 3 constraints

$$\mathbf{A} = S[x_1, y_1, z_1]$$

$$\mathbf{A}' = S[y_1, x_1, z_1]$$

$$\mathbf{B} = S[-y_2, -x_2, z_2]$$

$$\mathbf{B}' = S[-x_2, -y_2, z_2]$$

$$\mathbf{C} = S[-y_3, x_3, -z_3]$$

$$\mathbf{C}' = S[x_3, -y_3, -z_3]$$

$$x_1^2 + y_1^2 + z_1^2 = 1$$

$$x_2^2 + y_2^2 + z_2^2 = 1$$

$$x_3^2 + y_3^2 + z_3^2 = 1$$

$$E/N = S^2 \left\{ K[x_1^2 + x_2^2 + z_1^2 + z_2^2 + z_3^2 + 2x_3y_1 + 2y_2y_3] \right.$$

$$+ \Gamma[x_1^2 + 2x_1z_3 + x_2^2 + 2x_2z_3 + x_3^2 + 2x_3z_2 + y_1^2 + 2y_1z_1 + y_2^2 + 2y_2z_2 + y_3^2 + 2y_3z_1]$$

$$+ J[(x_1 + y_1)^2 + (x_2 + y_2)^2 - 2x_1y_3 - 2x_2x_3 + 2x_3y_1 + 2y_2y_3 + 2z_1^2 - 2z_1z_3 + 2z_2^2 - 2z_2z_3 + z_3^2 - 2x_3y_3] \left. \right\} / 6$$

$$- \sqrt{2}\mu_B HSg^{cc}(x_1 - x_2 + x_3 + y_1 - y_2 - y_3) / 6,$$

Spin gap in the b-field

