

# Magneto-elasticity in Fragile Magnets

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- Multiferroic  $\text{Ni}_3\text{V}_2\text{O}_8$
- Spin-Peierls transition  $\text{ZnCr}_2\text{O}_4$

## II. Modulated Kondo screening in $\text{CeCoGe}_3$

## III. Frustration and its relief in $\text{V}_2\text{O}_3$



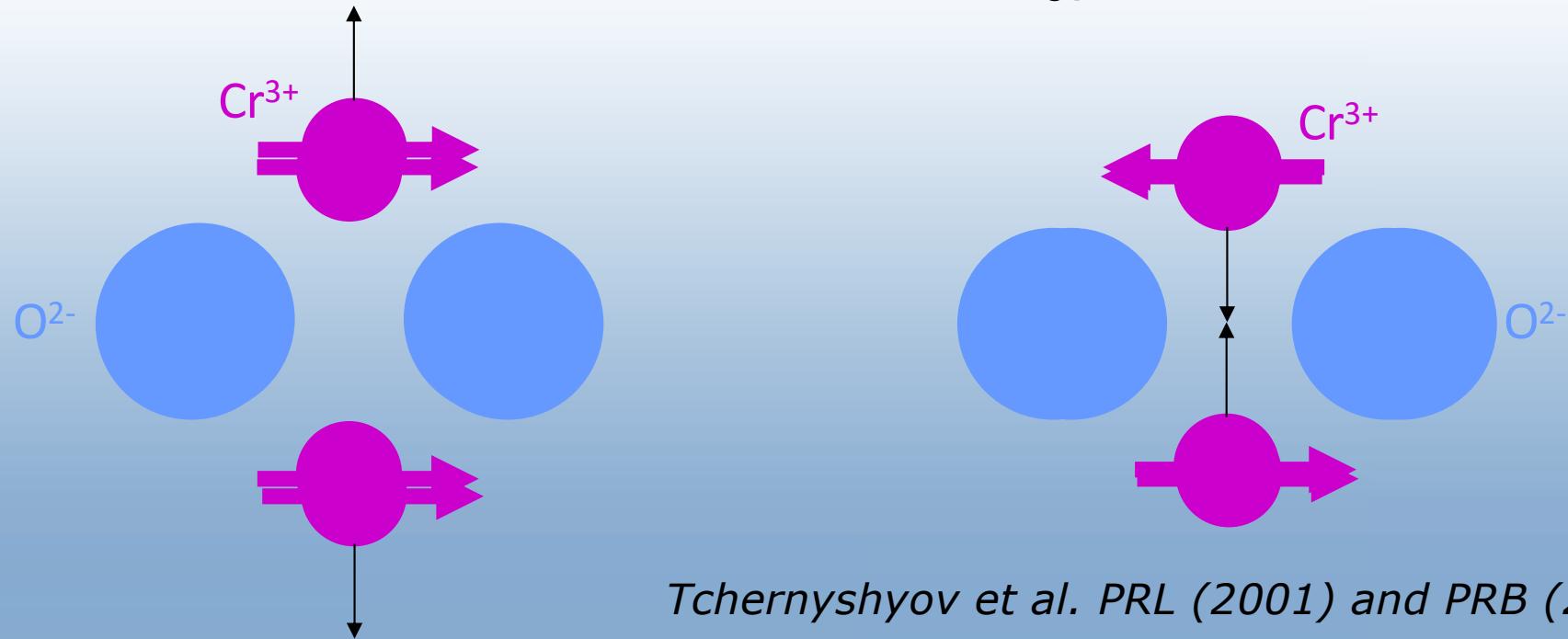
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# Magneto-striction

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{ij} J_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \quad \text{Exchange constants are not actually constant}$$

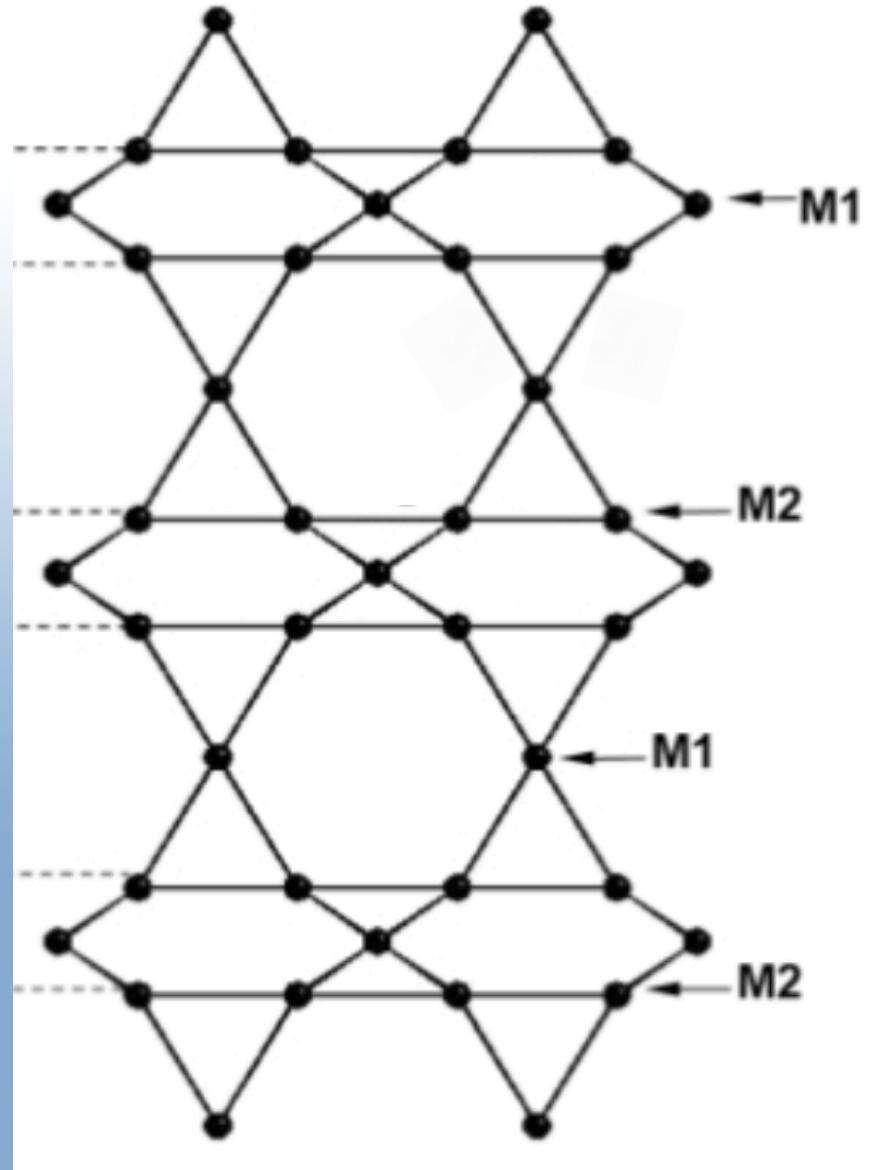
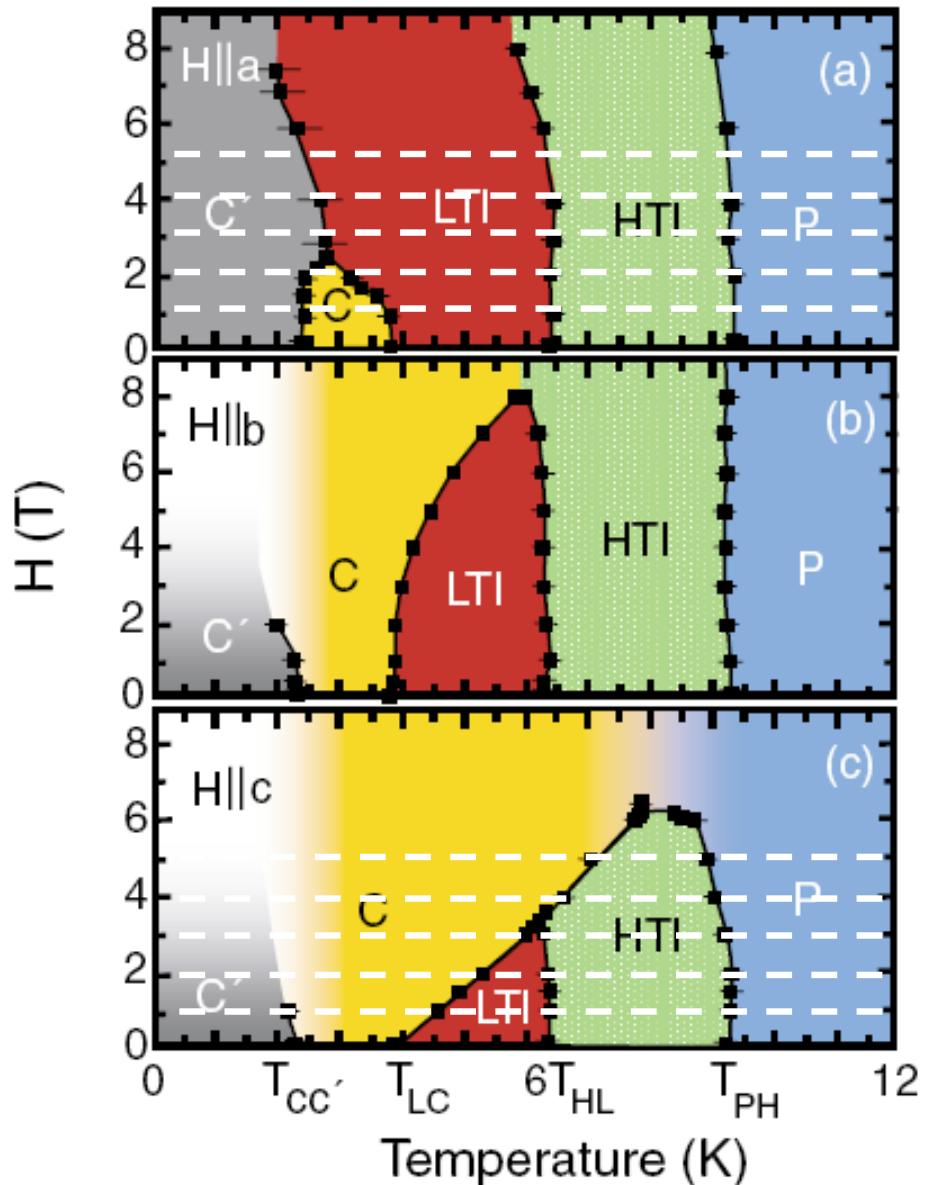
$$\mathbf{F}_{12} = -\nabla(J_{12}\langle\mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_2\rangle) = -\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{12} \frac{\partial J_{12}}{\partial r} \langle\mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_2\rangle$$



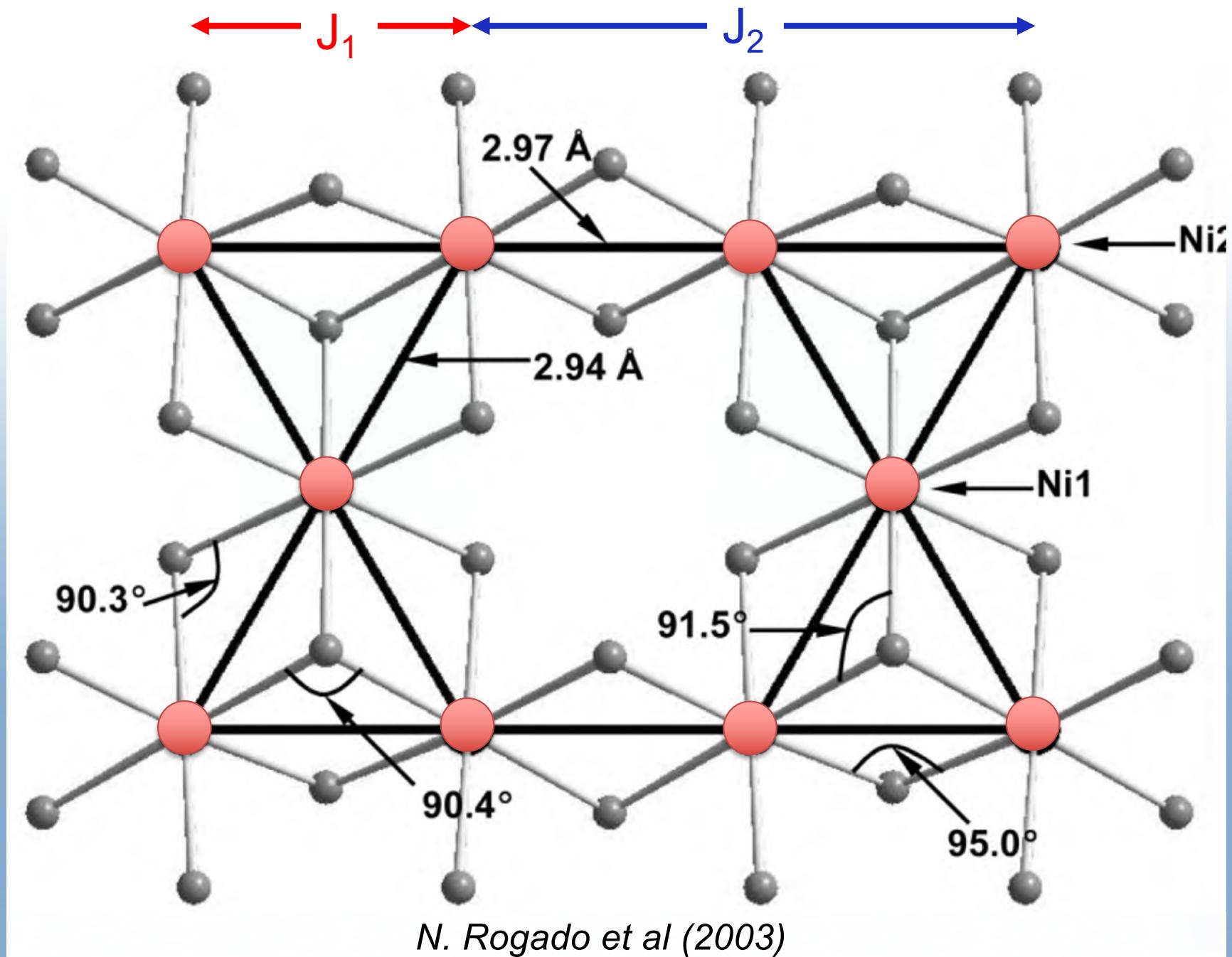
Qualitative impacts when there are competing interactions:

- Lattice responds to magnetic symmetry breaking
- Lattice distortion can enable magnetic order by relieving frustration

# Multiferroic kagome staircase $\text{Ni}_3\text{V}_2\text{O}_8$



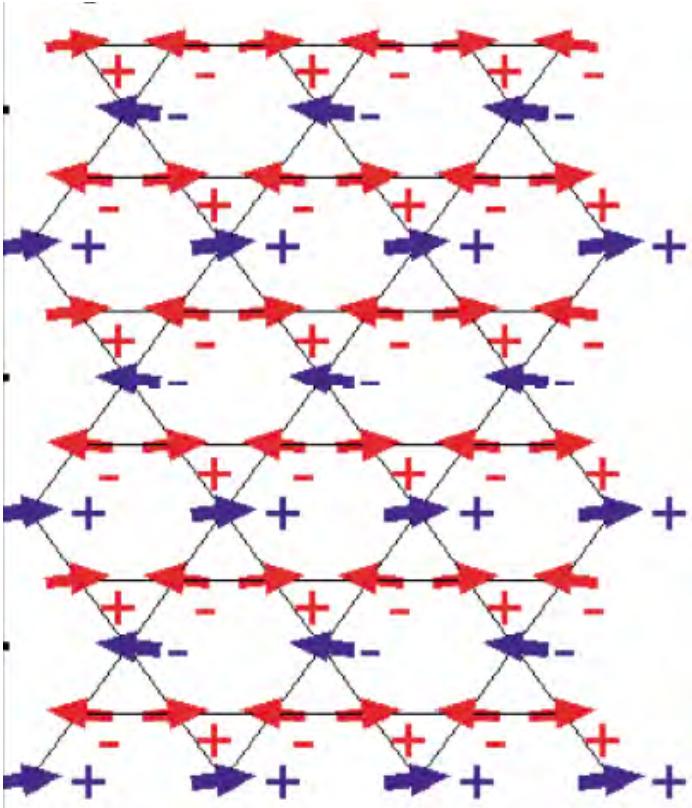
# Competing Exchange Interactions



# Modulated magnetic phases

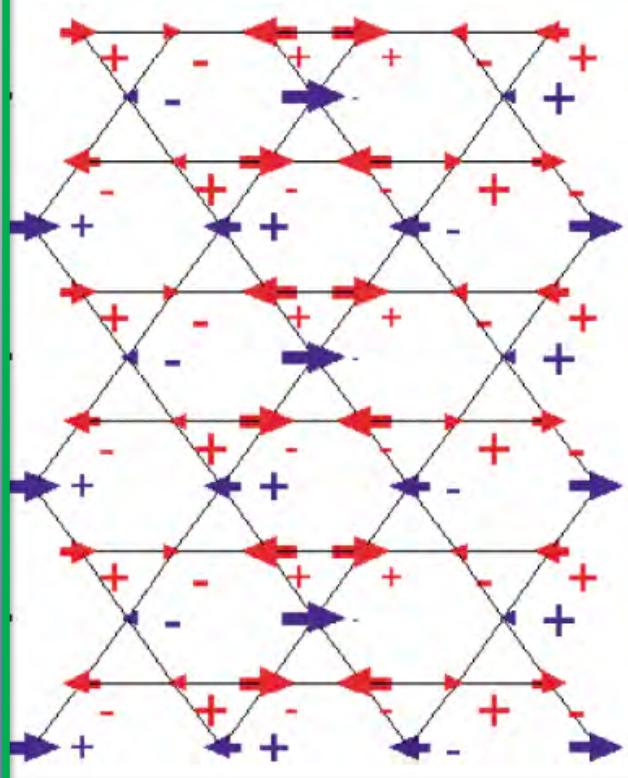
## Ferroelectric

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Canted FM



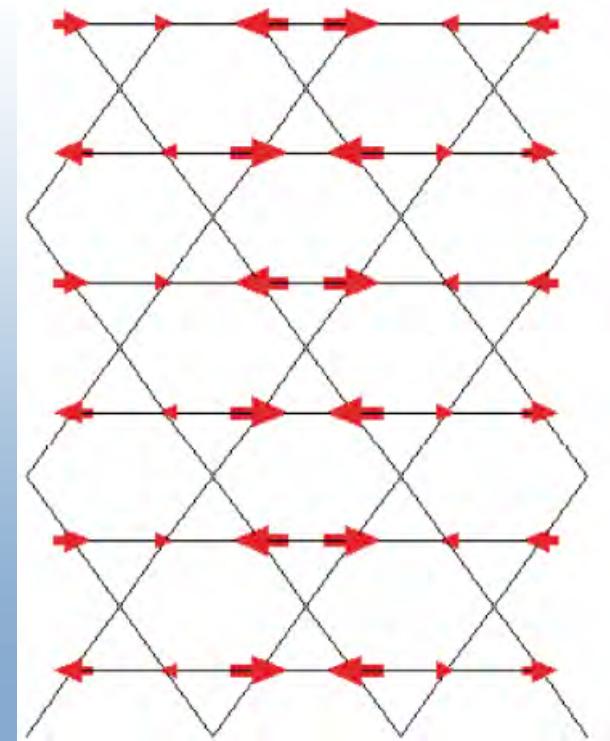
$2.2 \text{ K} < T < 4 \text{ K}$

Incommensurate  
Cycloidal



$4 \text{ K} < T < 6.5 \text{ K}$

Incommensurate  
amplitude modulated



$6.5 \text{ K} < T < 9.2 \text{ K}$

# Lattice responds to magnetic symmetry breaking

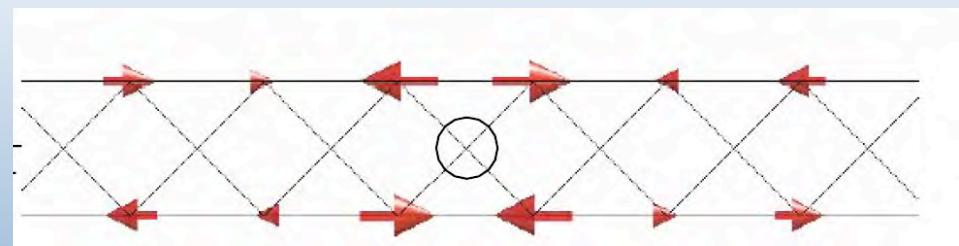
Tri-linear interaction:

$$V = \sum_{nm\gamma} c_{nm\gamma} \sigma_n(\mathbf{q}) \sigma_m(-\mathbf{q}) P_\gamma$$

IRREP	1	$2_X$	$\tilde{m}_y$	$\tilde{m}_z$
$\Gamma_1$	1	1	1	1
$\Gamma_2$	1	1	-1	-1
$\Gamma_3$	1	-1	1	-1
$\Gamma_4$	1	-1	-1	1

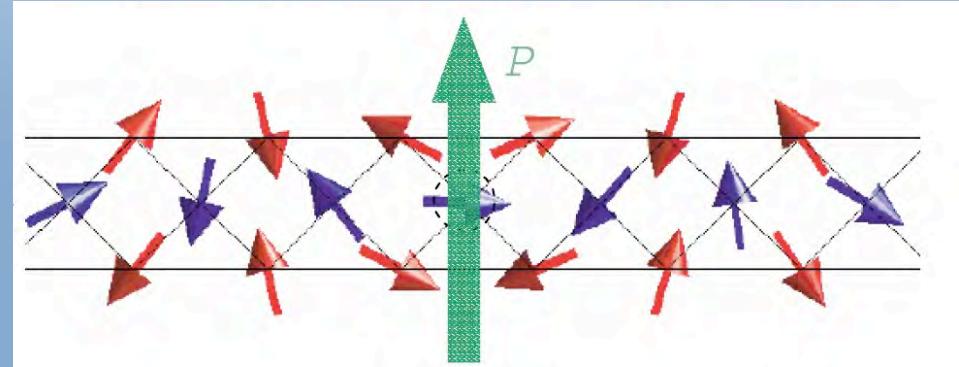
Amplitude modulated ( $\Gamma_4$ )

$$V_{HTI} = \sum_\gamma c_{44\gamma} |\sigma_4(\mathbf{q})|^2 P_\gamma \equiv 0$$



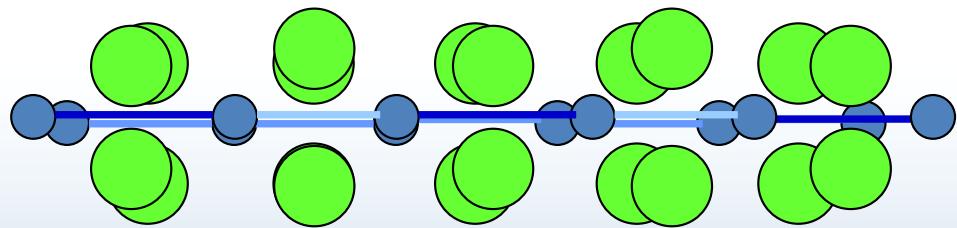
Cycloid state ( $\Gamma_4 + \Gamma_1$ )

$$V_{LTI} = c_{14y} (\sigma_1(\mathbf{q}) \sigma_4(-\mathbf{q}) + \sigma_4(\mathbf{q}) \sigma_1(-\mathbf{q})) P_y$$

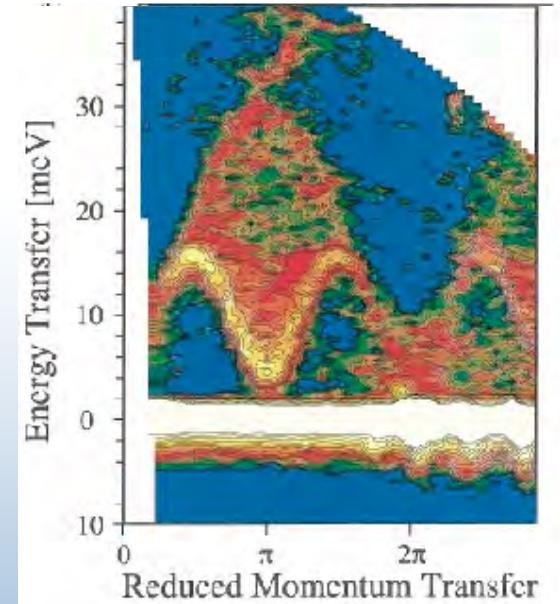


# Relieving frustration

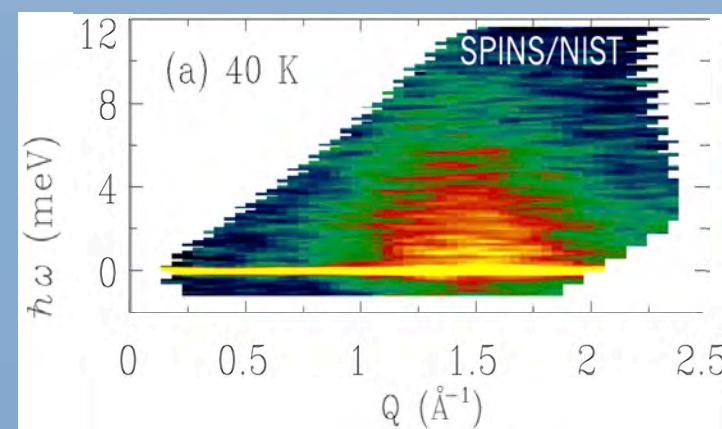
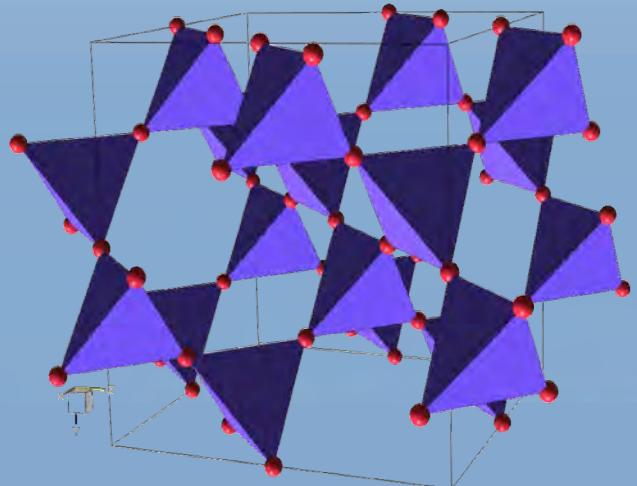
- ❖ Spin-Peierls transition for AFM spin-1/2 chain



$$H = -\sum_l (JS \sum_{2l} \cdot S_l S_{l+1} S_{l+1}^T S_{2l} \cdot S_{2l-1})$$

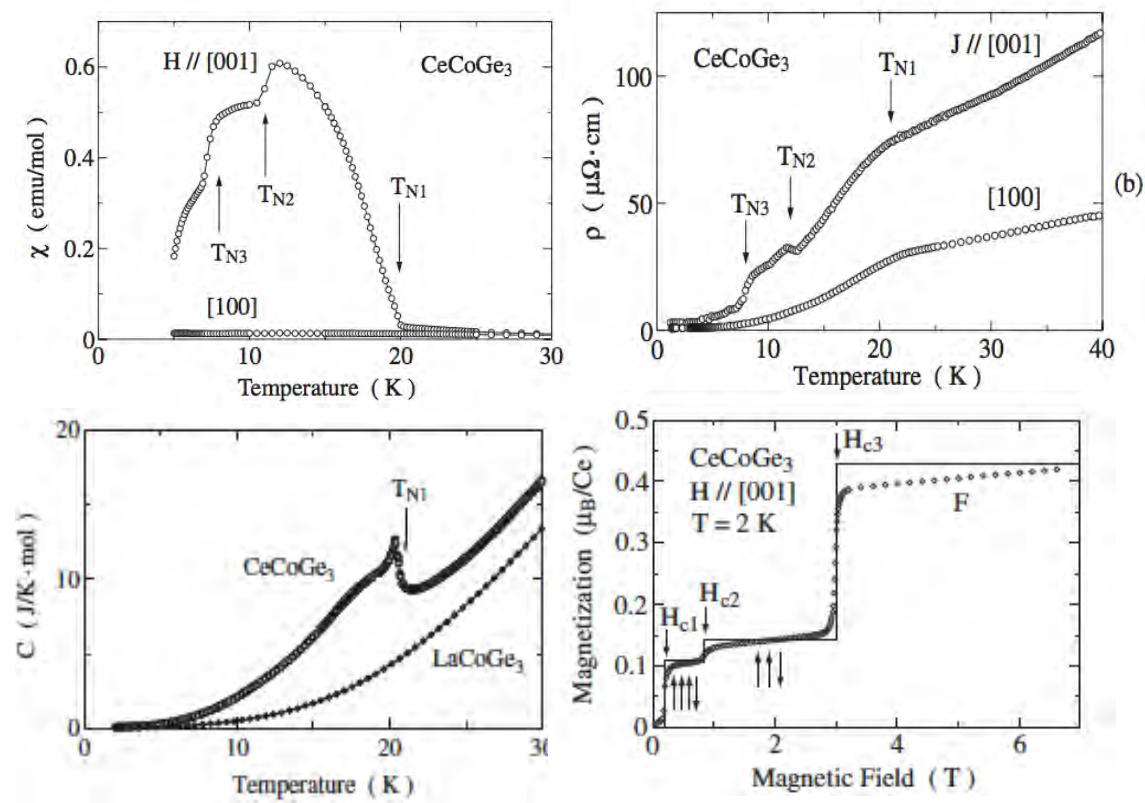
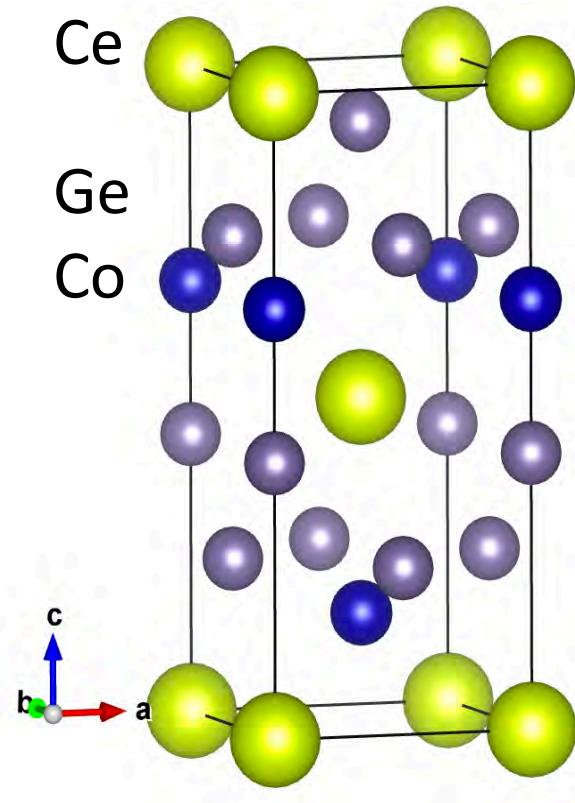


- ❖ Spin-Peierls-like transition in pyrochlore Antiferromagnets ( $\text{ZnCr}_2\text{O}_4$ )



# Kondo lattice $\text{CeCoGe}_3$

Arumugam Thamizhavel, et. al. JPS (2005)



- Non-centro-symmetric tetragonal
- Three thermal phase transitions  $T_{N1} = 21\text{K}$ ,  $T_{N2} = 12\text{K}$ ,  $T_{N3} = 8\text{K}$
- $[001]$  easy axis
- Strong coupling of magnetism to transport
- Meta-magnetic transitions

# Collaborators: CeCoGe<sub>3</sub>



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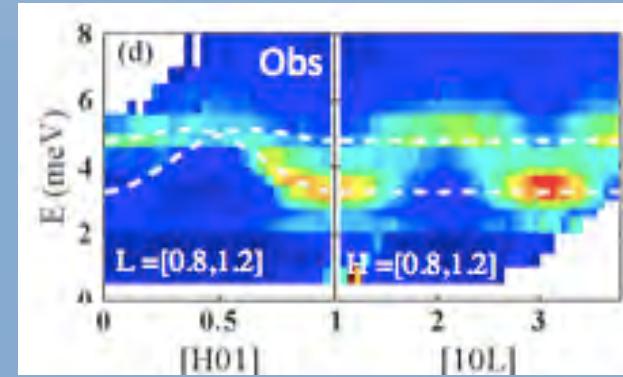
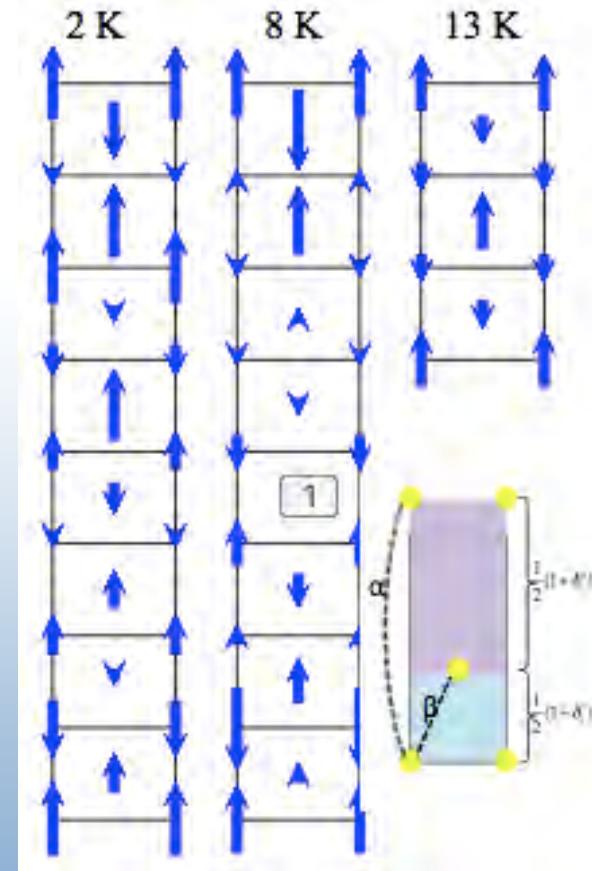
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# CeCoGe3: Summary

- Ising-like spin-orbital degree of freedom
- Complex sequence of commensurate square-wave structures that extend to eight unit cells
- Intricate spin-lattice order
- Magnons confined within basal plane bi-layers
- Hypothesis: intertwined electronic screening and modulated magnetism

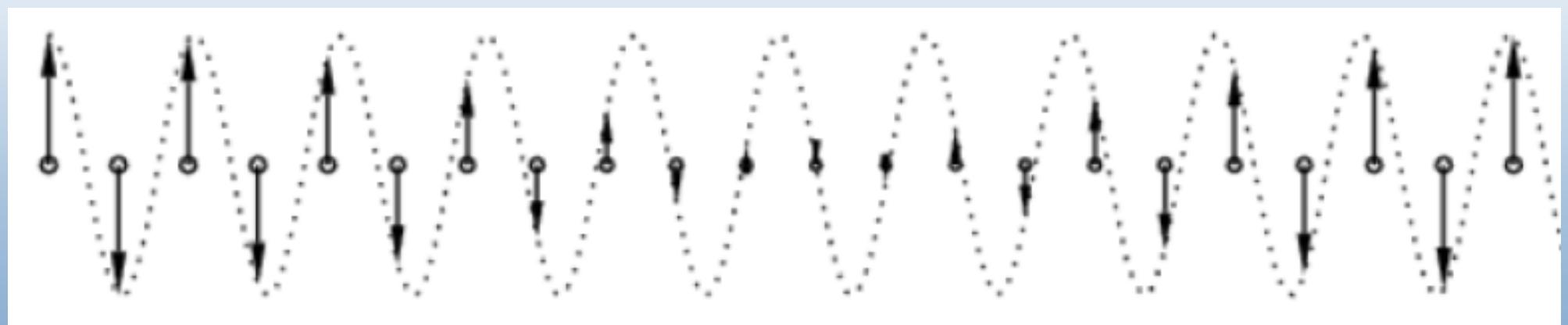


# Is a modulated Neel-Kondo phase possible?

Neel-like

Strong Kondo screening

Neel-like

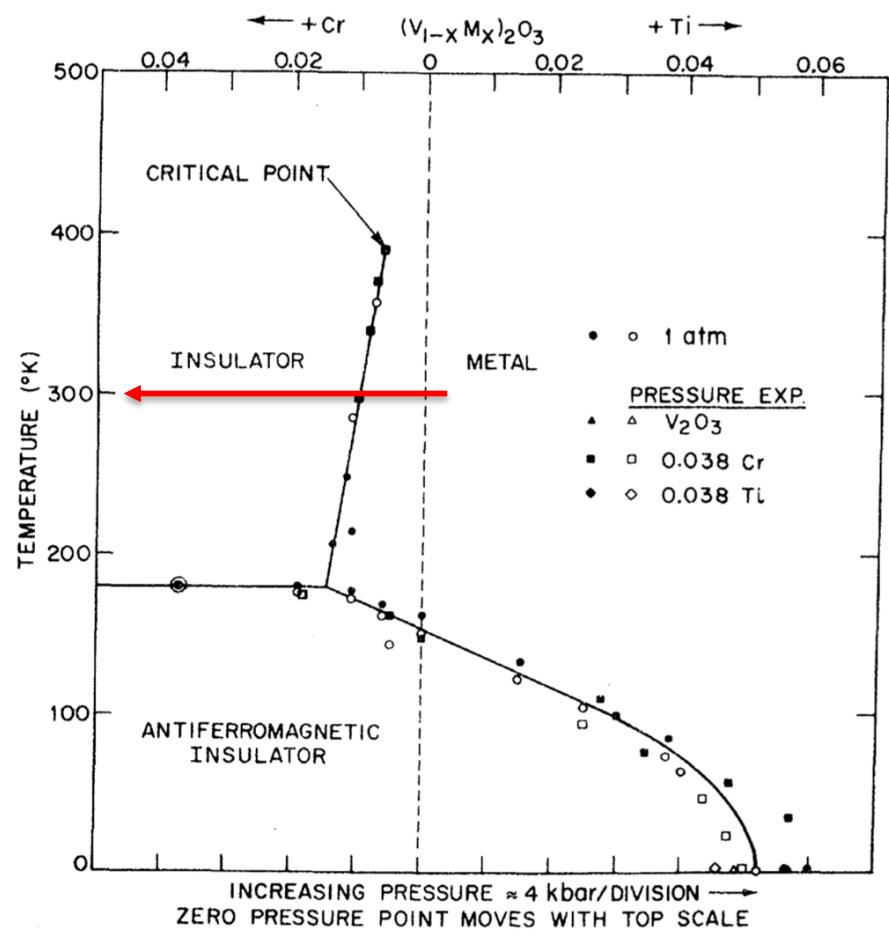
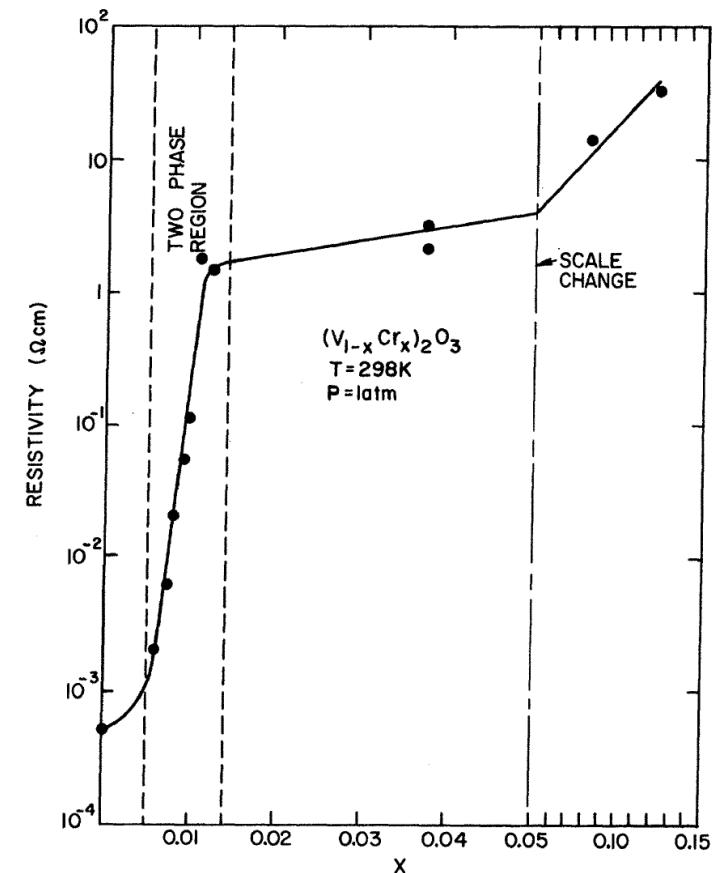


MOTT TRANSITION IN Cr-DOPED V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

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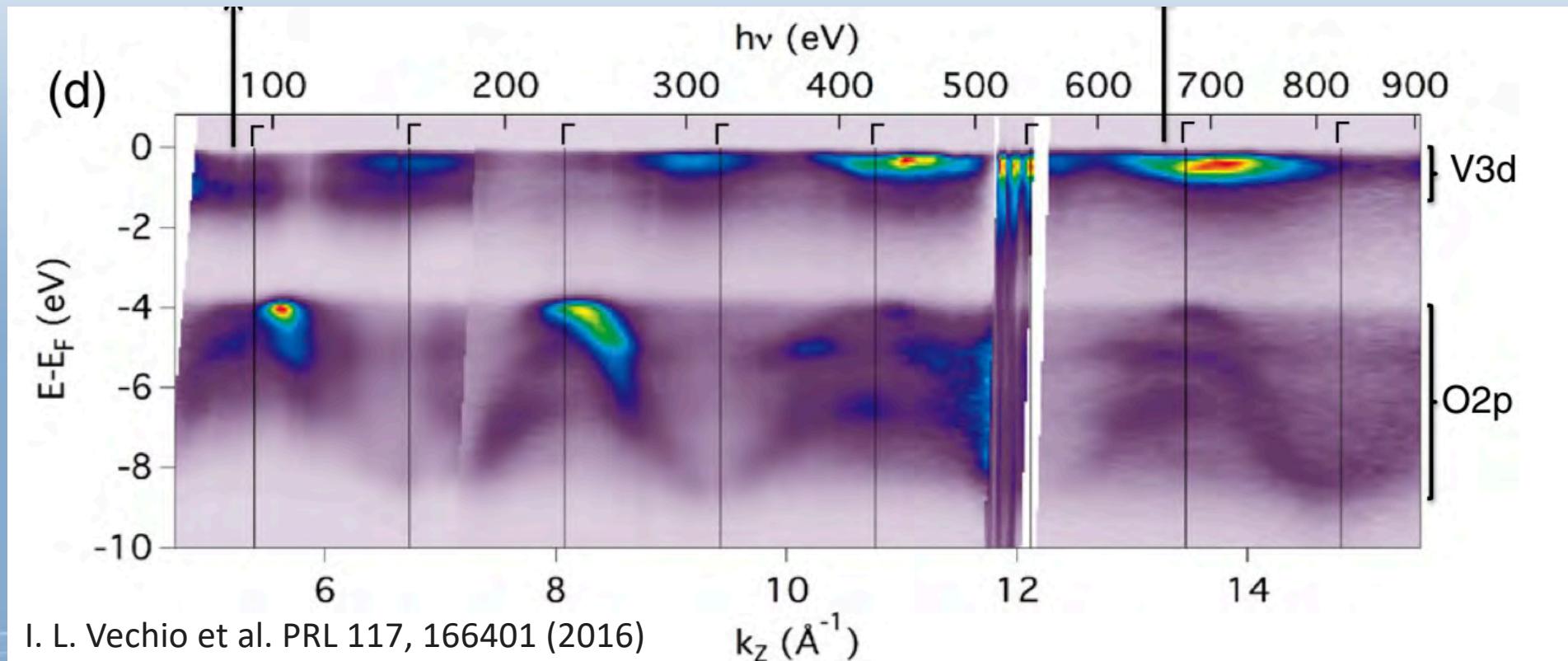
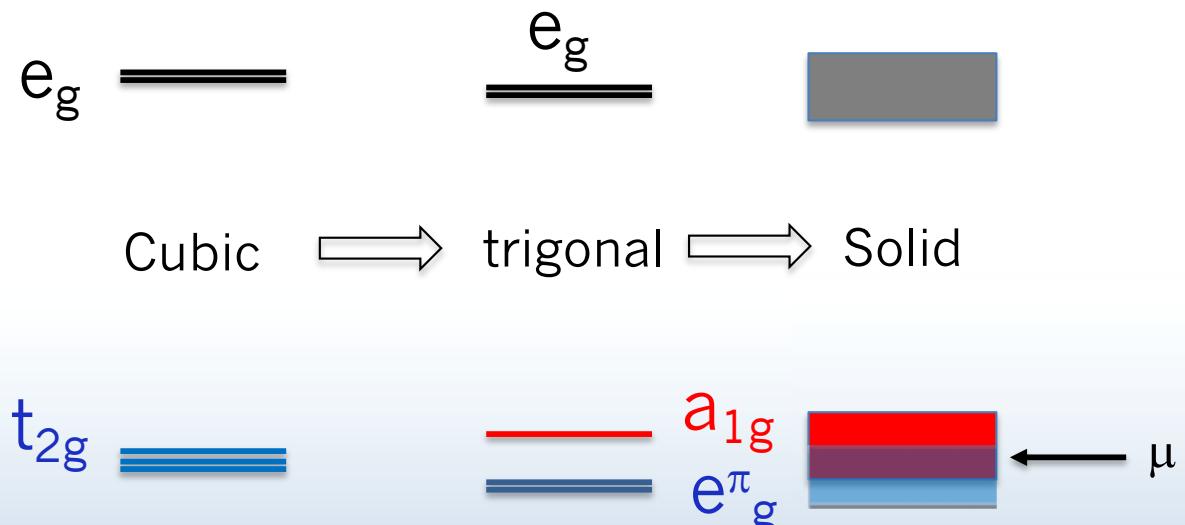
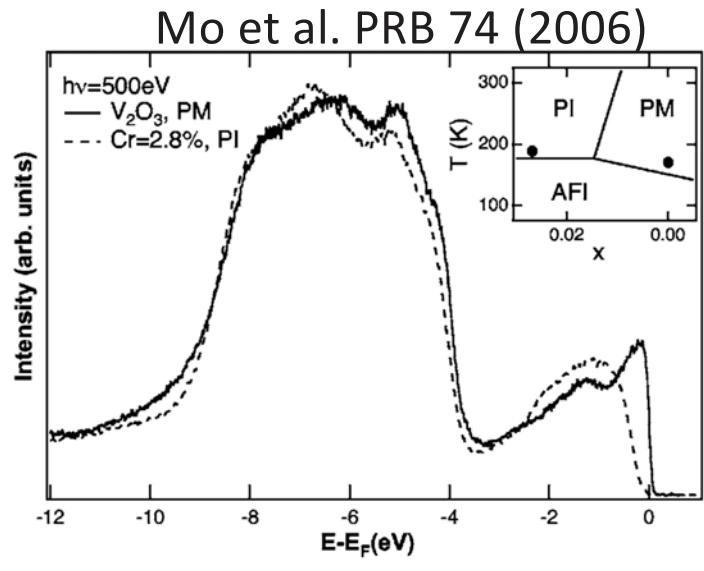
More chromium

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$$H = -t \sum_{\langle \vec{r}, \vec{r}' \rangle} (c_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\vec{r}) c_{\sigma}(\vec{r}') + h.c.) + U \sum_{\vec{r}} n_{\uparrow}(\vec{r}) n_{\downarrow}(\vec{r})$$

$\sigma = \uparrow, \downarrow$

# Photoemission: Mott insulator



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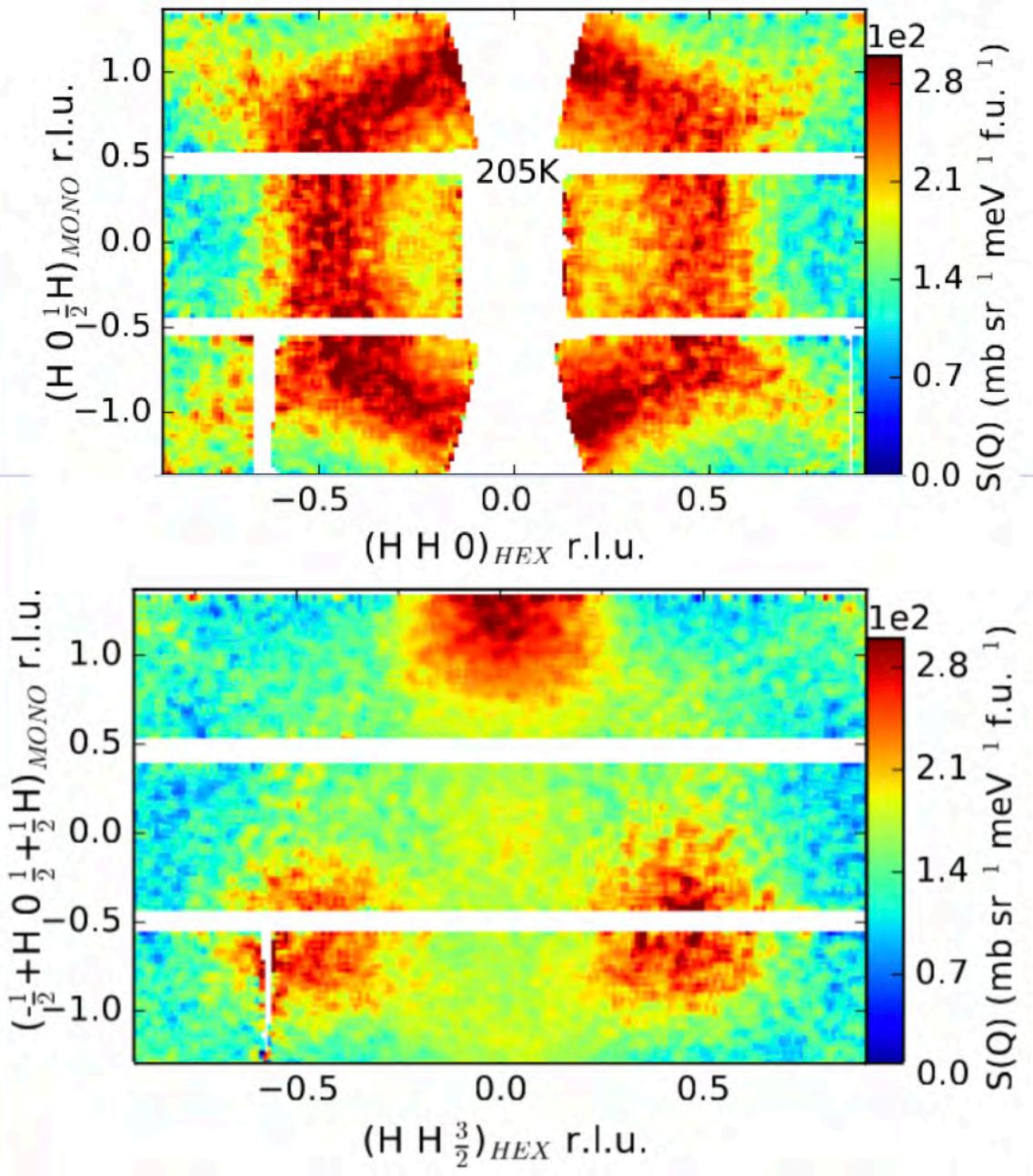
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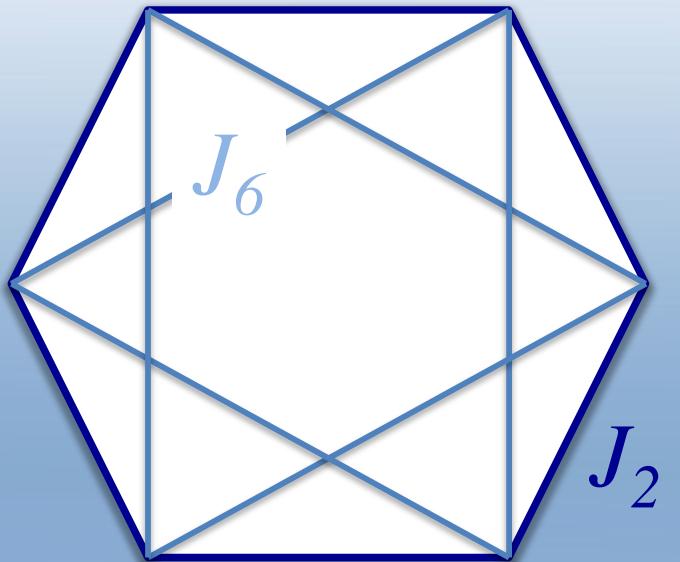
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# Ultra Short range correlations in PI



distance (Å)	$J_j$	DFT (meV)
2.71072	$J_1$	-0.3(6)
2.87799	$J_2$	8.5(3)
3.46255	$J_3$	0.6(3)
3.68774	$J_4$	0.0(2)
4.29734	$J_5$	-1.2(7)
4.94240	$J_6$	1.7(2)

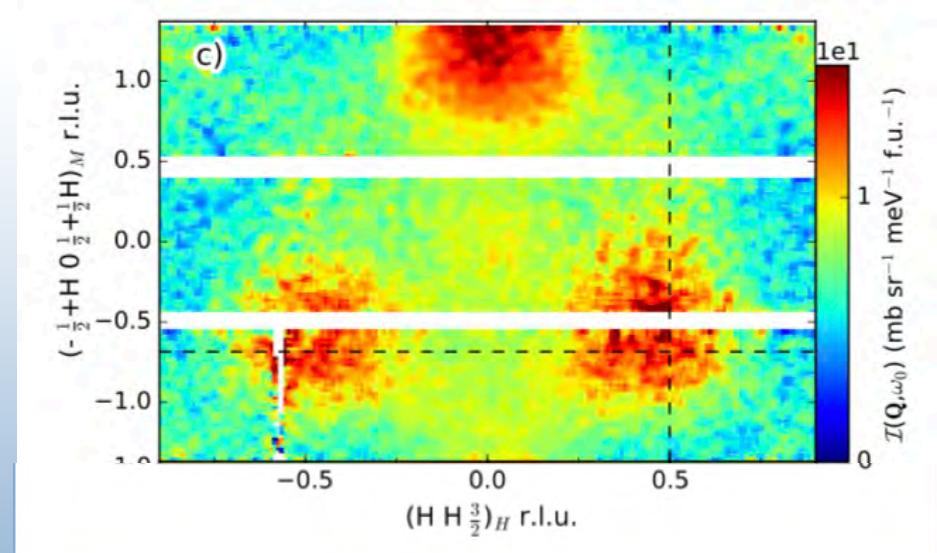
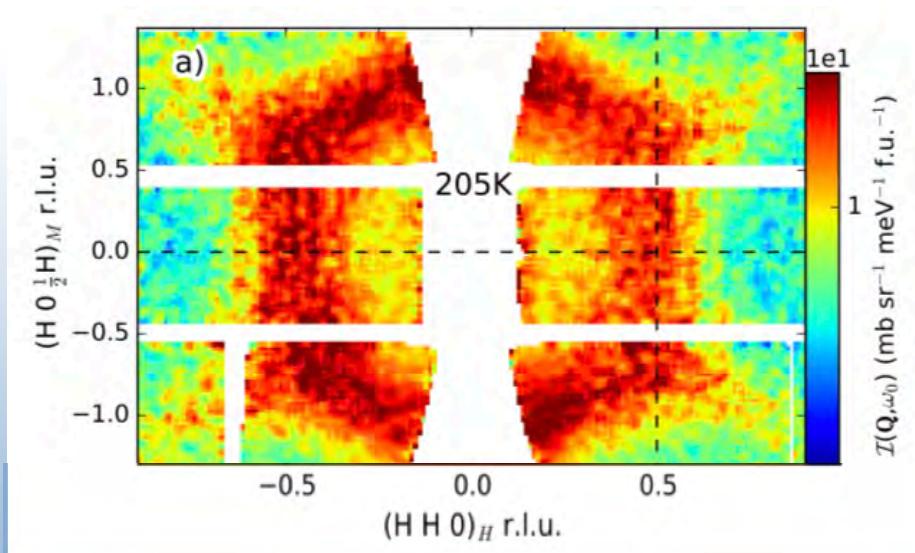


$J_6/J_2=0.2$  is in the frustrated regime where neither interaction dominates

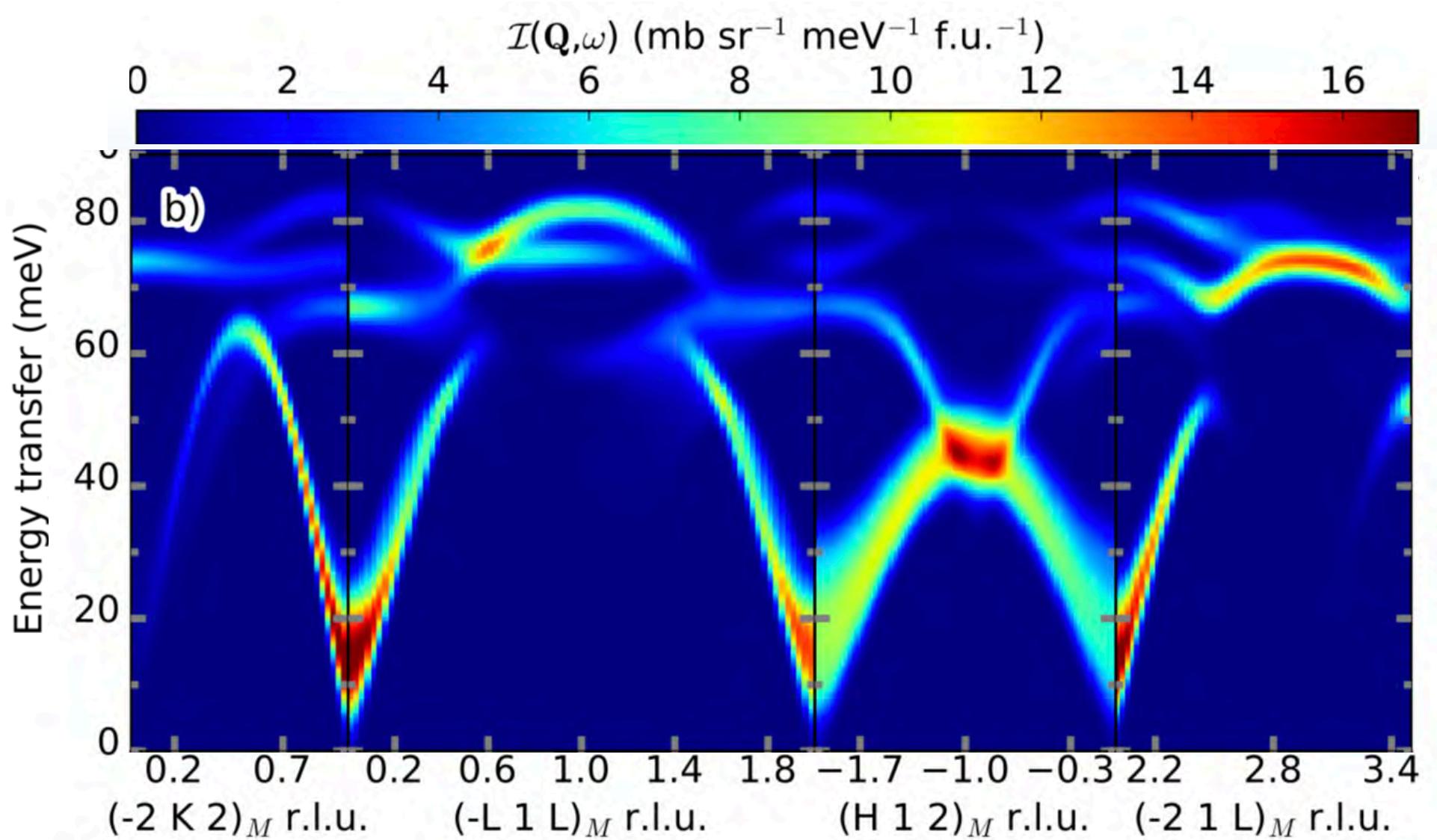
# Self consistent Gaussian Approximation

$$\beta E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} (\beta \sum_n J_n A_{ij}^{(n)} + \lambda \delta_{ij}) s_i s_j.$$

Include **all** DFT determined Exchange interactions (3D)

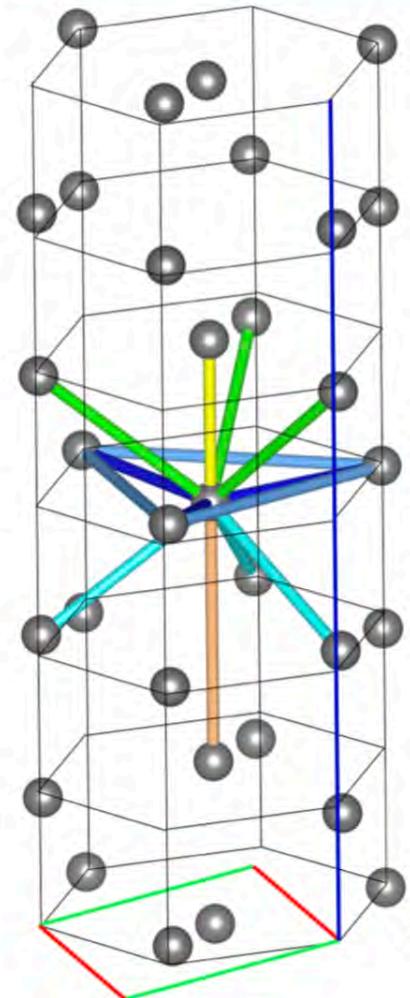


# Development of Coherent Magnon

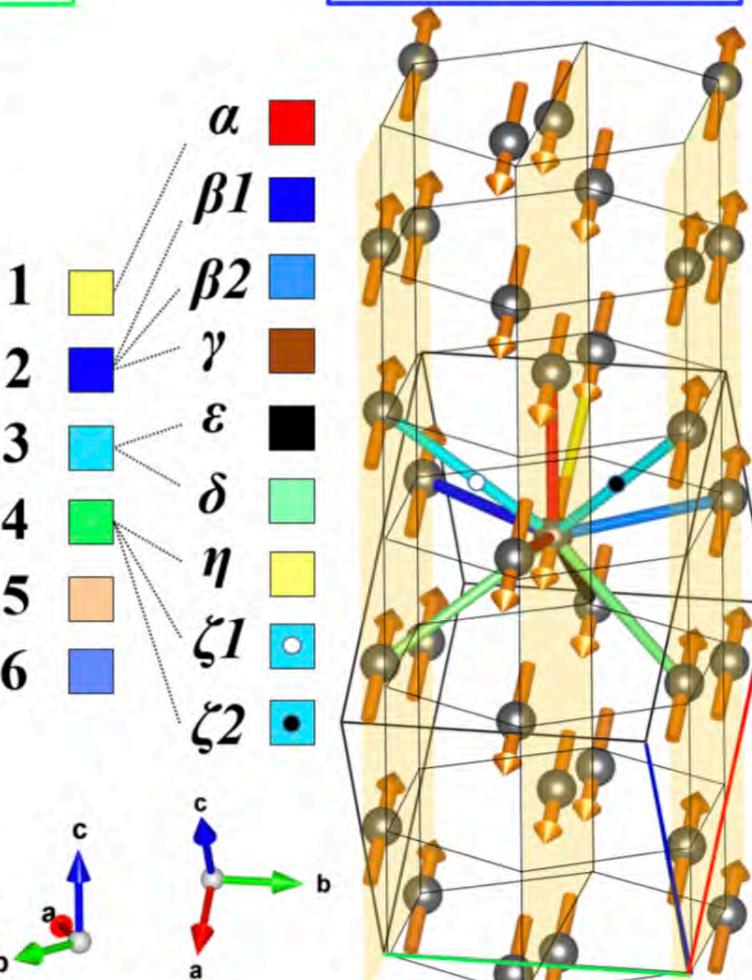


# AFI: Frustration relieved!

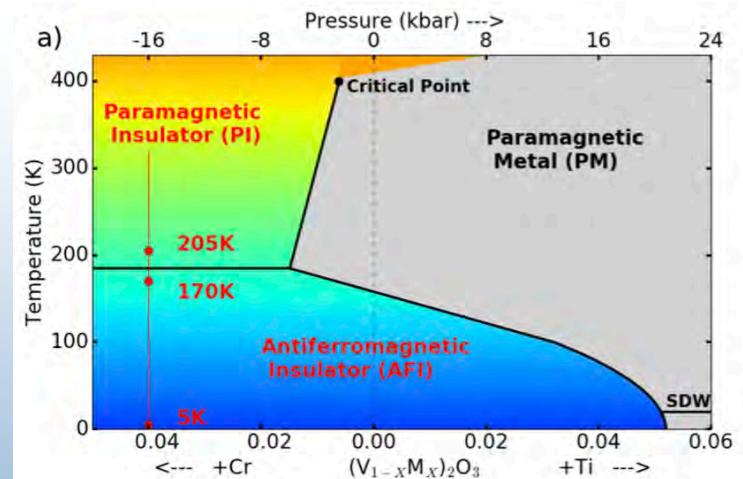
b) Rhombohedral (PI)



c) Monoclinic (AFI)

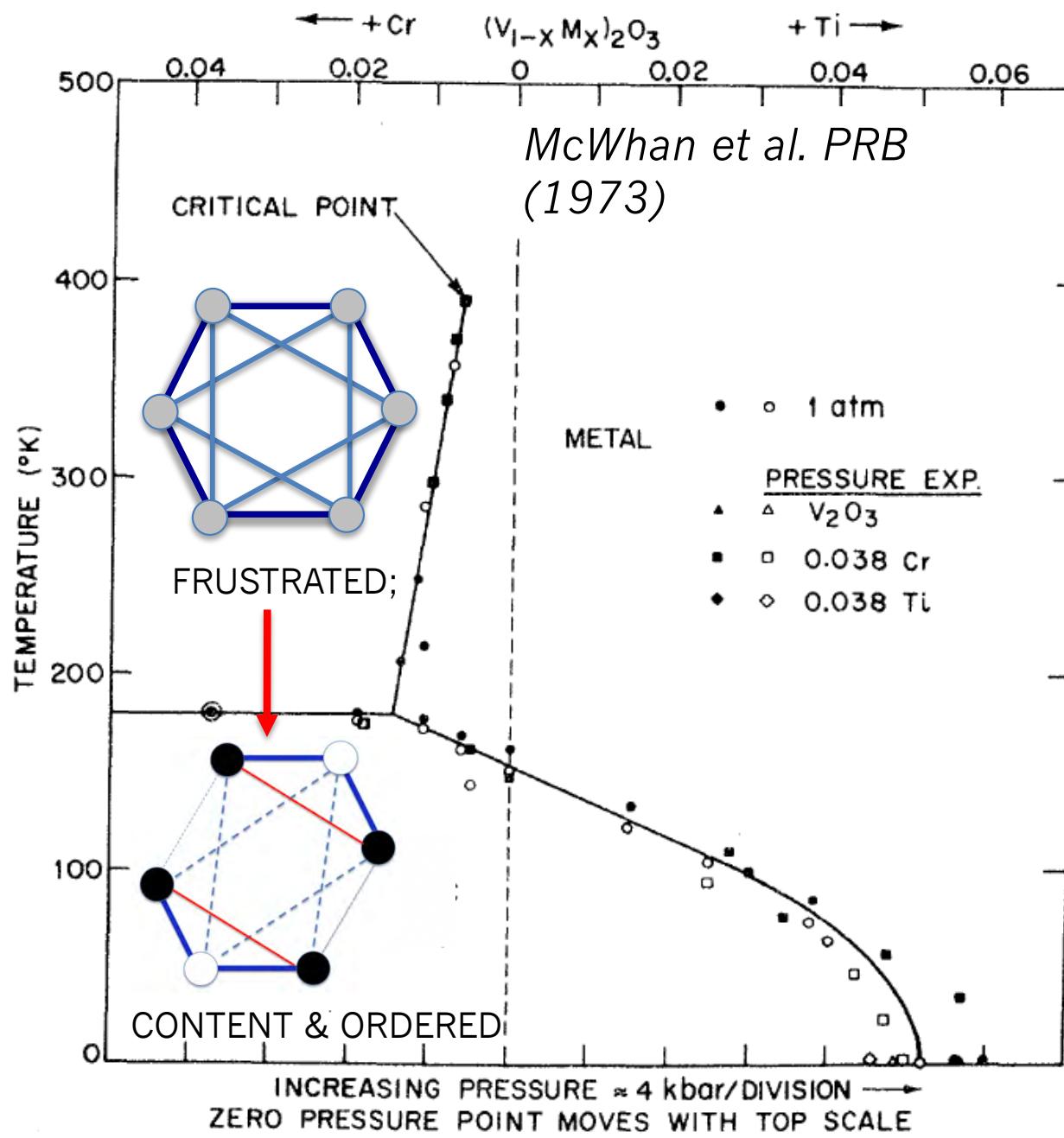


Leiner, Valenti, Jeschke et al.

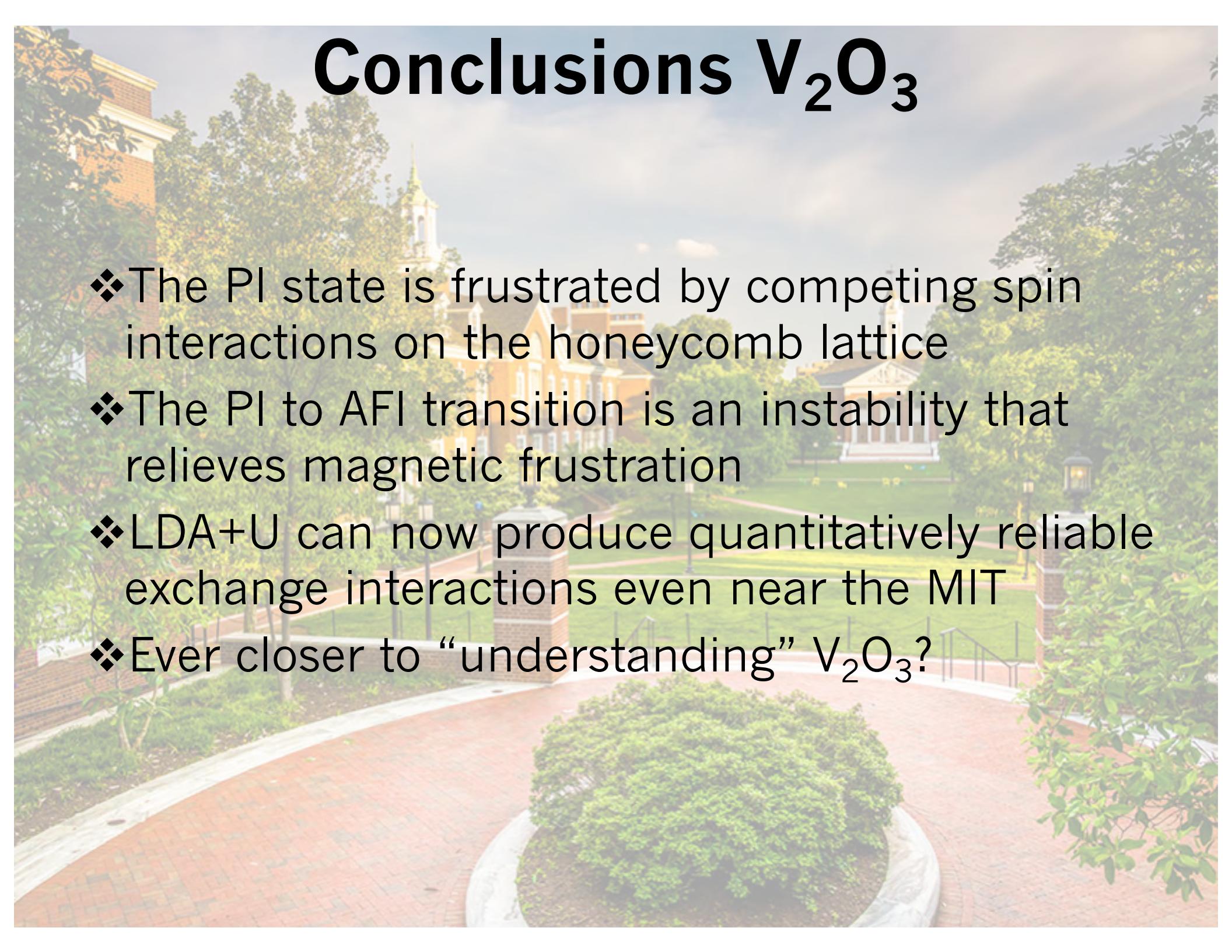


distance ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$J_i$ (meV)	DFT	Neutron	$\text{sgn}(\langle \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \rangle)$
2.75904	$J_\alpha$ (red)	-1(2)	-6.0(2)	+
2.83083	$J_{\beta 1}$ (blue)	25(2)	27.7(2)	-
2.91789	$J_{\beta 2}$ (light blue)	9(2)	7.7(2)	-
2.98538	$J_\gamma$ (brown)	3(2)	0.0(2)	+
3.43336	$J_\epsilon$ (black)	-9(3)	2.0(2)	-
3.45420	$J_\delta$ (light green)	4(2)	1.1(2)	-
3.63334	$J_\eta$ (yellow)	1(2)	-2.0(2)	+
3.70177	$J_{\zeta 1}$ (cyan)	1(1)	7.1(2)	-
3.76876	$J_{\zeta 2}$ (dark blue)	-1(1)	7.1(2)	-
4.22293	$J_\theta$ (orange)	-4(2)	0	+
4.97765	$J_\iota$ (green)	3(1)	0	-
5.00240	$J_\kappa$ (orange)	-1(1)	0	+

# Relieving frustration in $(V_{1-x}Cr_x)_2O_3$



# Conclusions $\text{V}_2\text{O}_3$

A scenic view of a university campus featuring red brick buildings, green trees, and a paved walkway. The buildings have traditional architectural details like gables and dormer windows. The foreground shows a well-maintained lawn and some shrubs.

- ❖ The PI state is frustrated by competing spin interactions on the honeycomb lattice
- ❖ The PI to AFI transition is an instability that relieves magnetic frustration
- ❖ LDA+U can now produce quantitatively reliable exchange interactions even near the MIT
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# Conclusions

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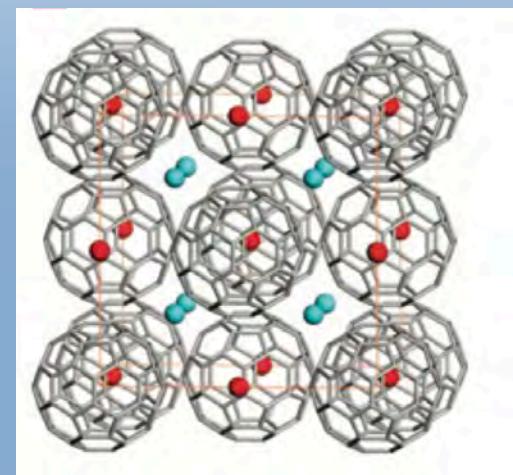
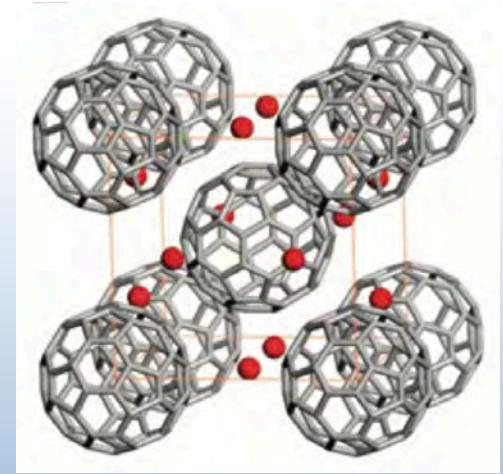
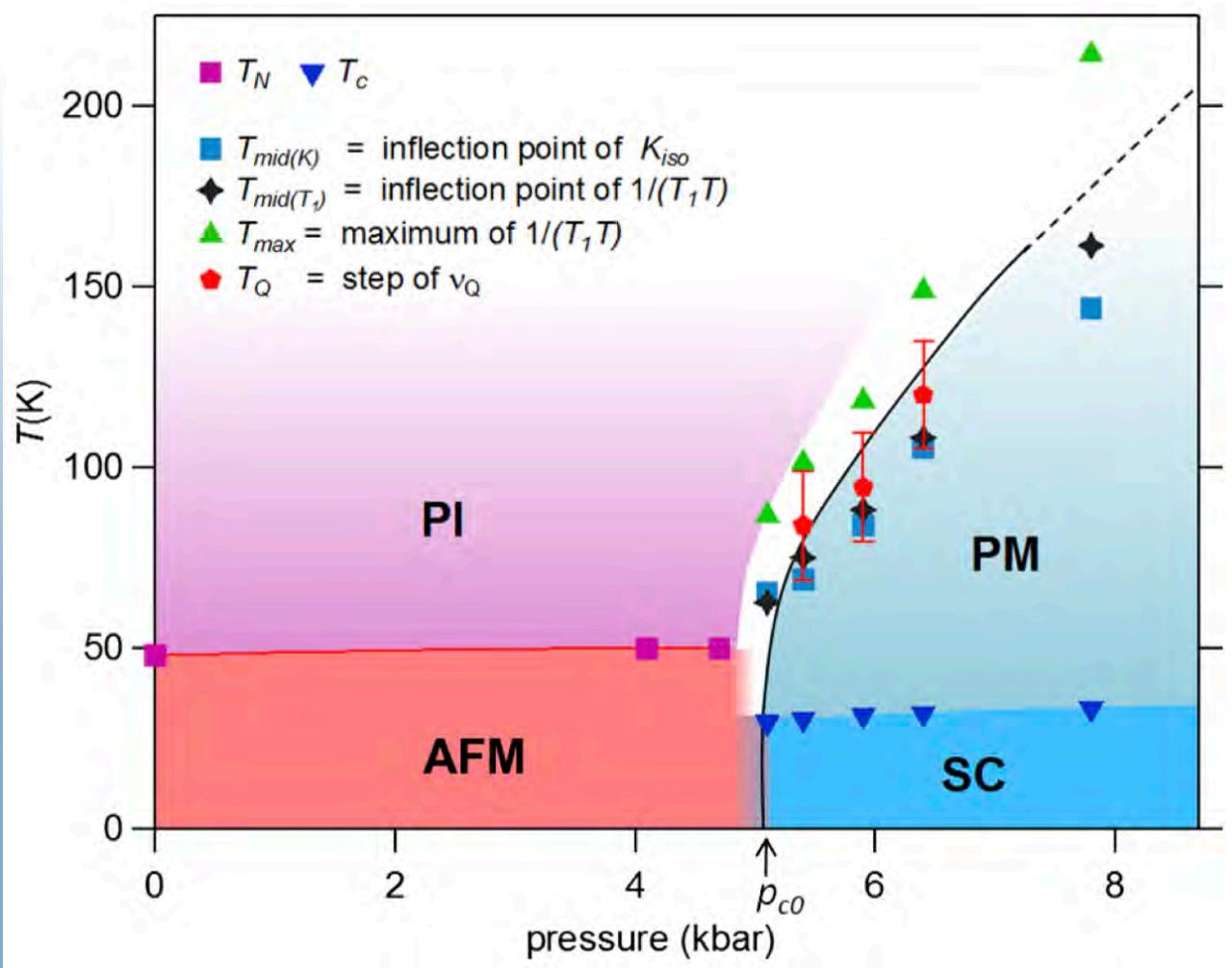
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## □ The ongoing quest for a QSL:

- Proximity to the MIT may be a good indicator
- Ideas needed to circumvent structural instabilities

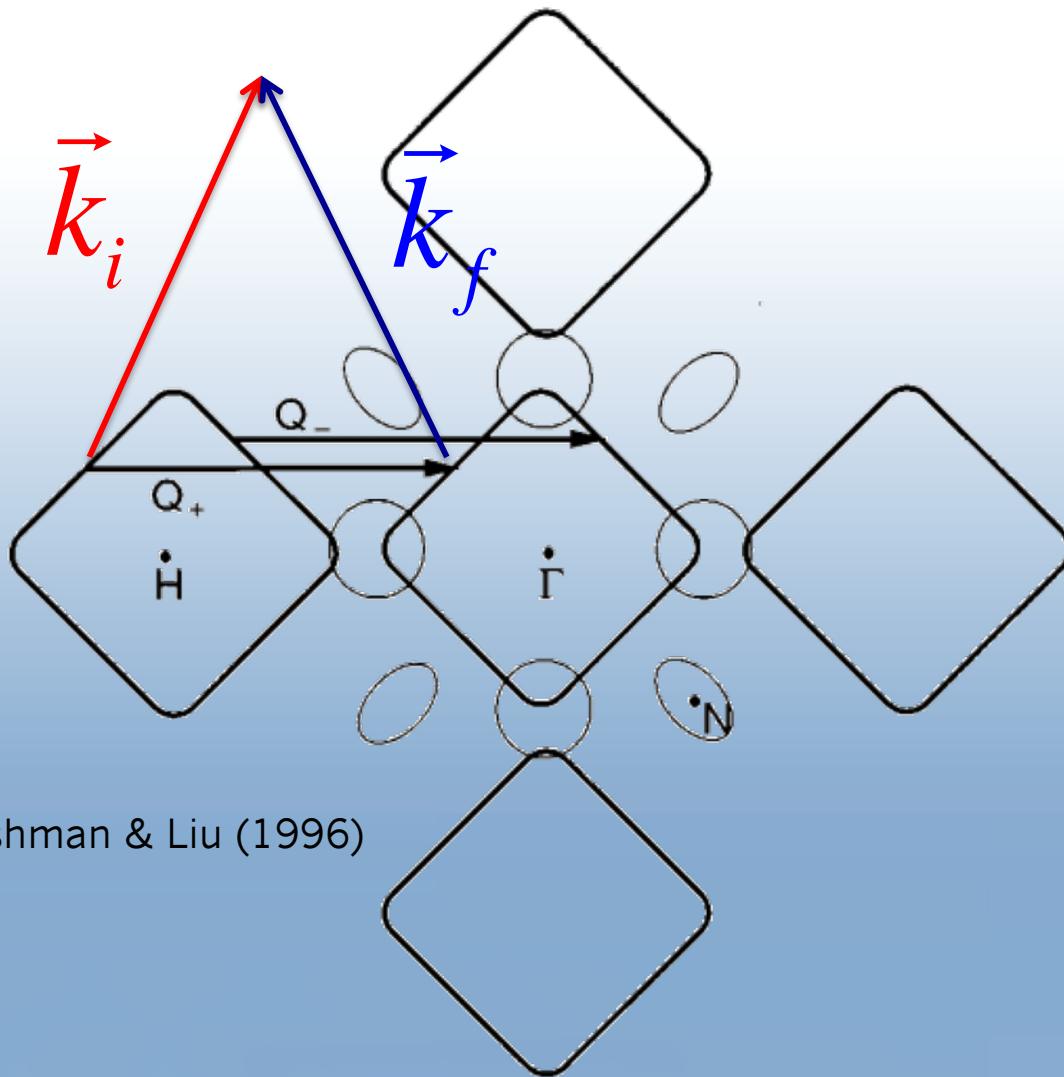
## Mott Transition in the A15 Phase of $\text{Cs}_2\text{C}_{60}$ : Absence of a Pseudogap and Charge Order

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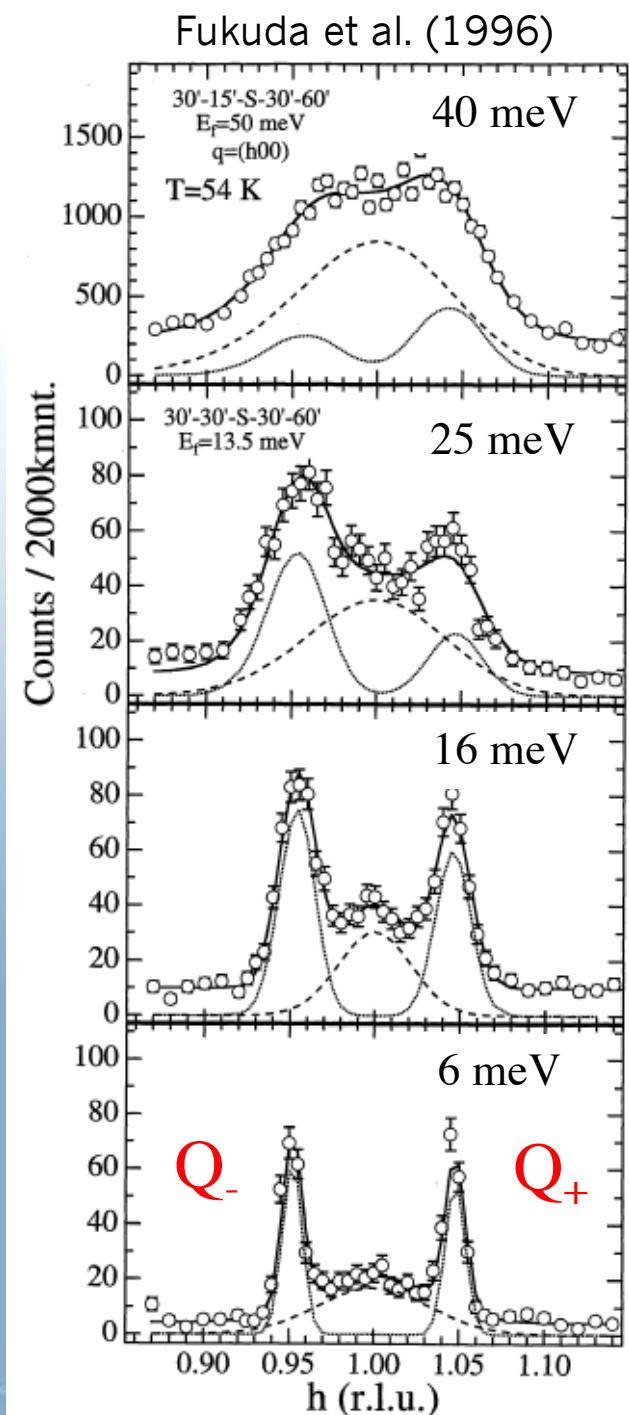
# Scattering from band electrons

Chromium Fermi surface

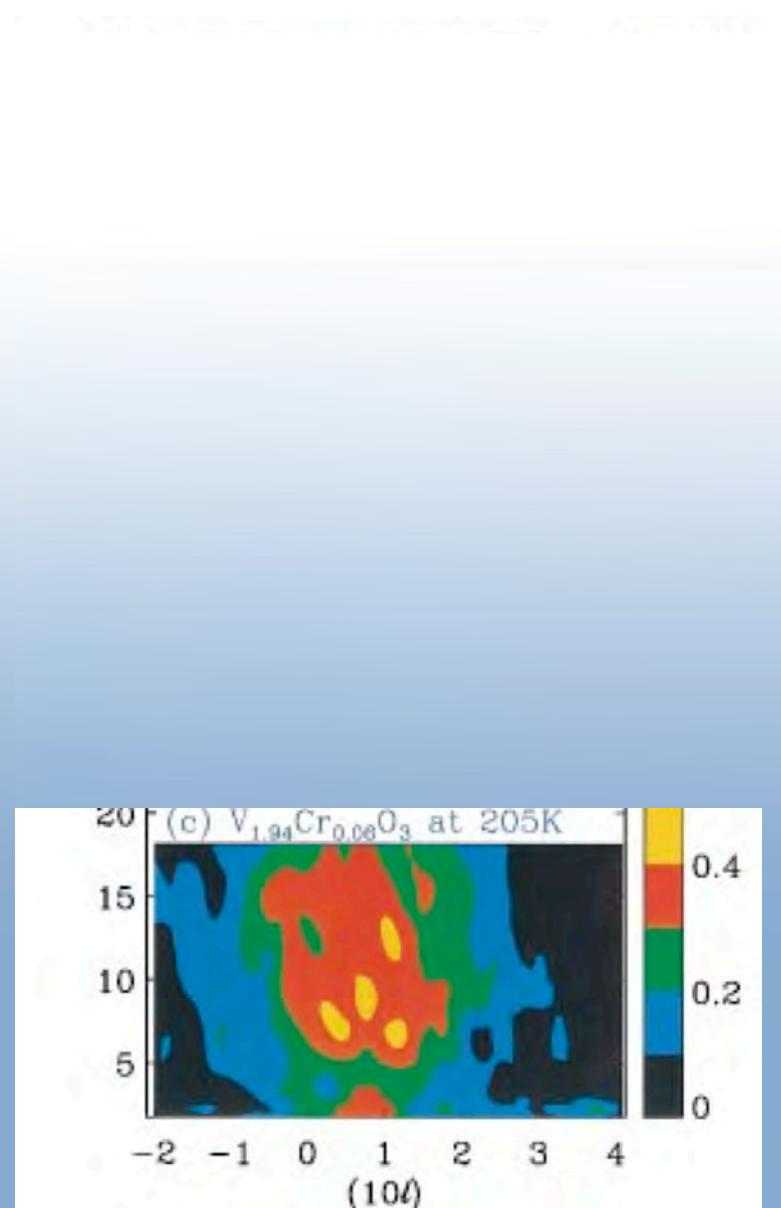
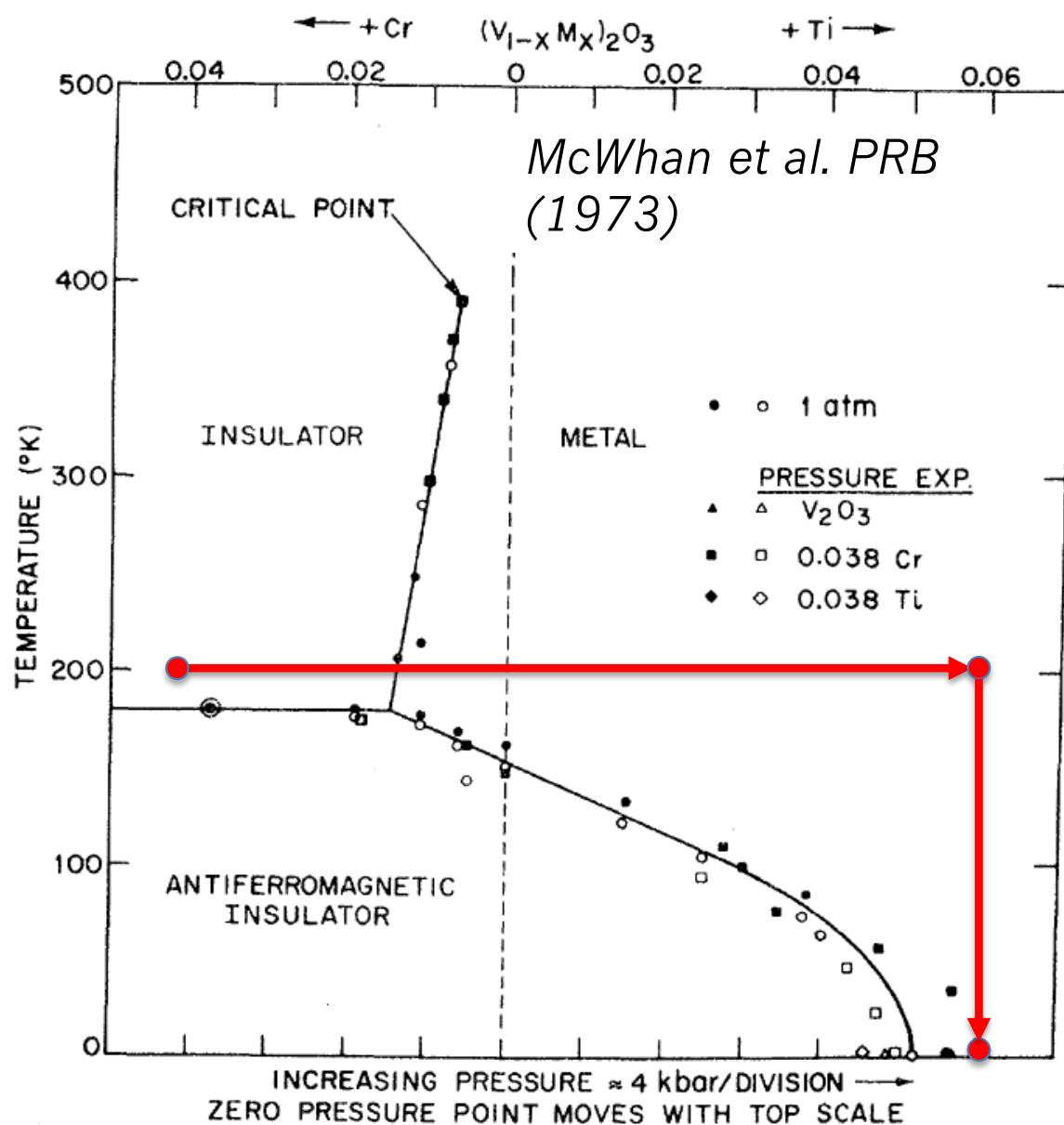


$$\mathcal{S}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{q}\omega) = \frac{1}{1-e^{-\beta\hbar\omega}} \frac{\chi''_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{q}\omega)}{(g\mu_B)^2 \pi}$$

$$\chi_0(\mathbf{q}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{f(\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}) - f(\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}})}{\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} - \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}}$$

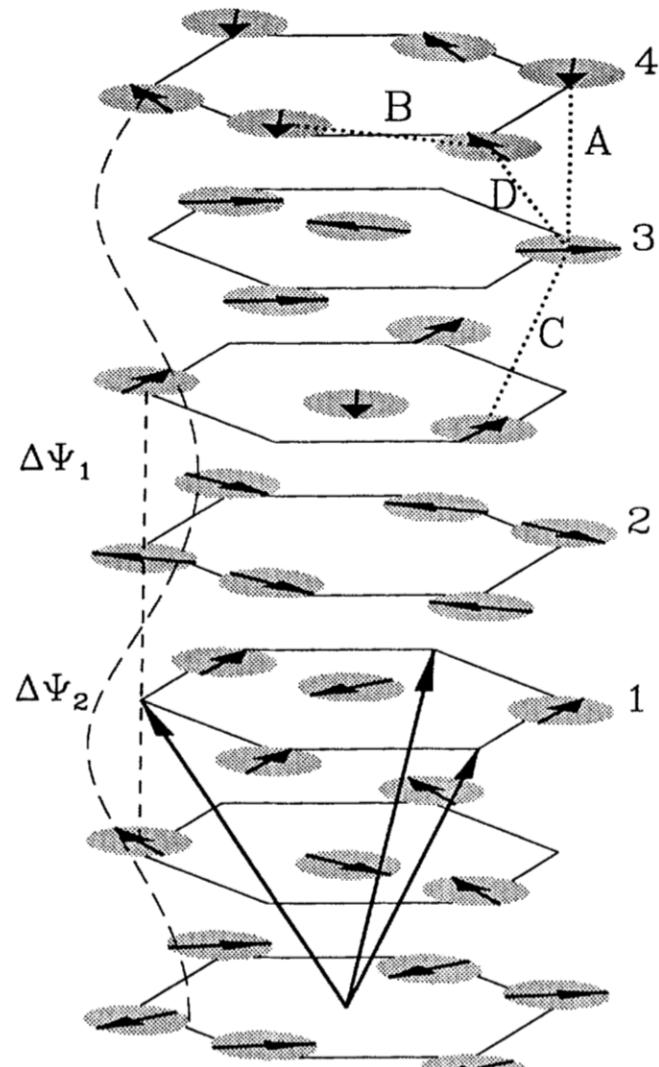
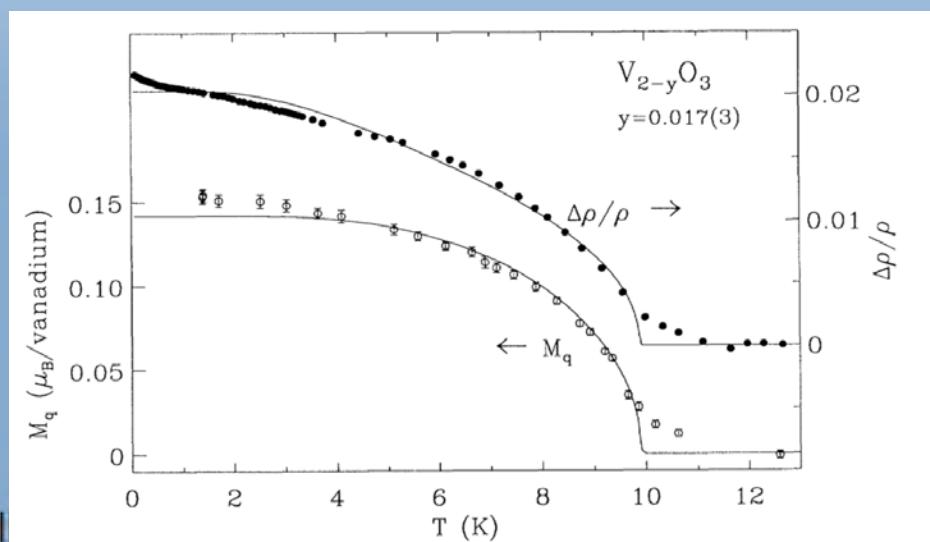
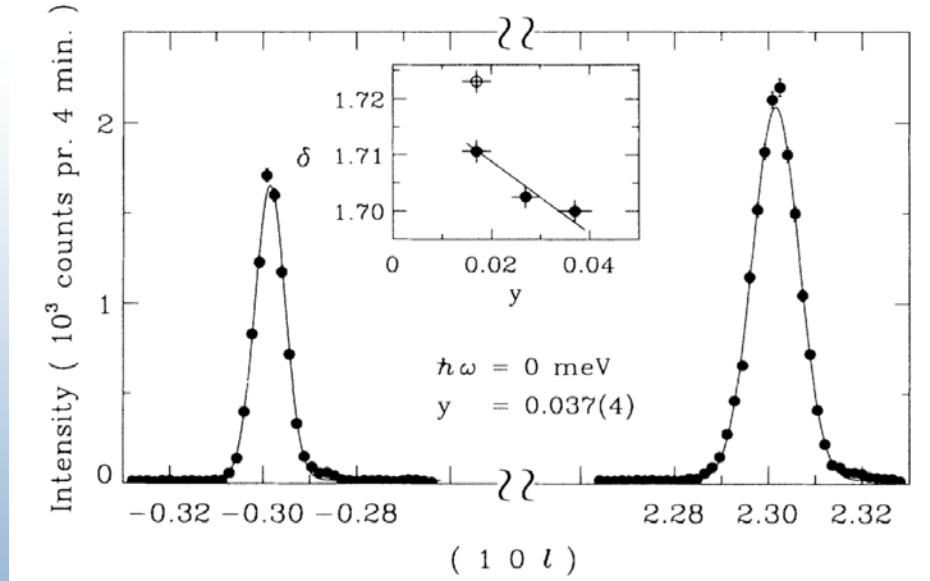


# Spin correlations in different phases of $V_2O_3$

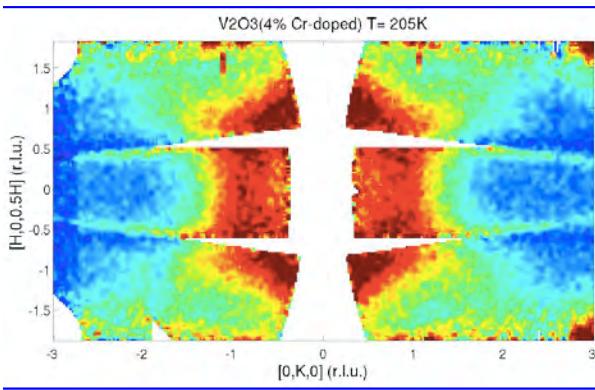


# Incommensurate Spin Density Wave in Metallic $V_{2-y}O_3$

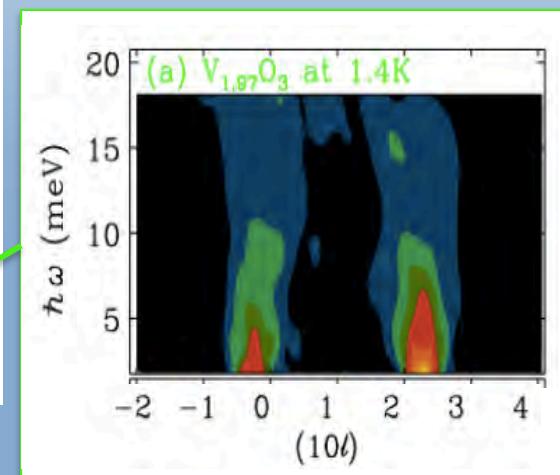
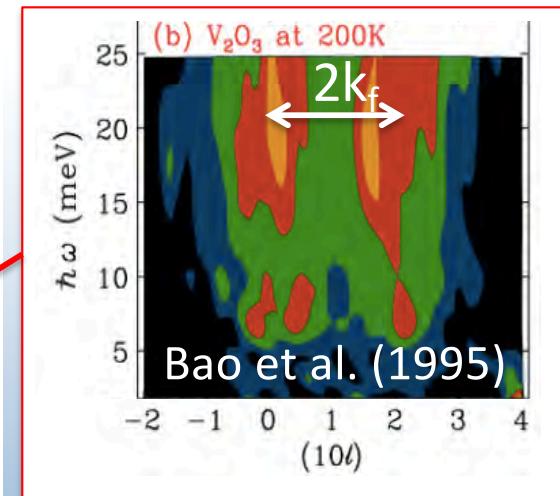
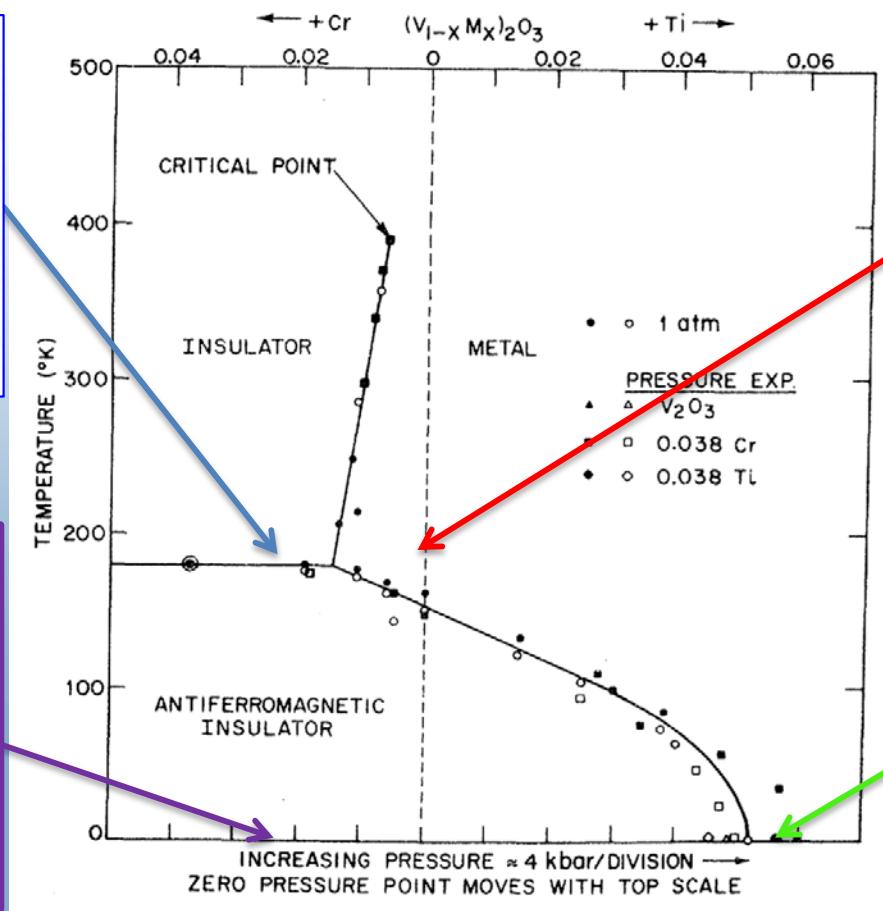
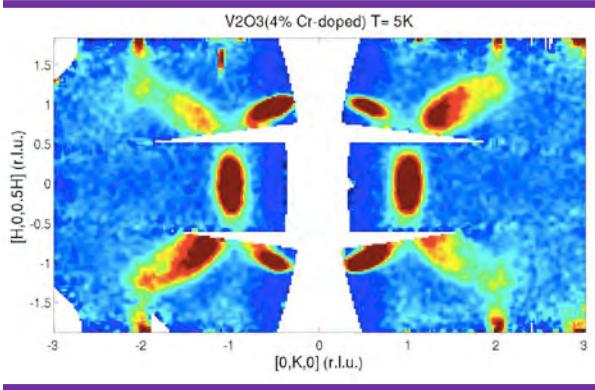
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# Spin correlations in V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>



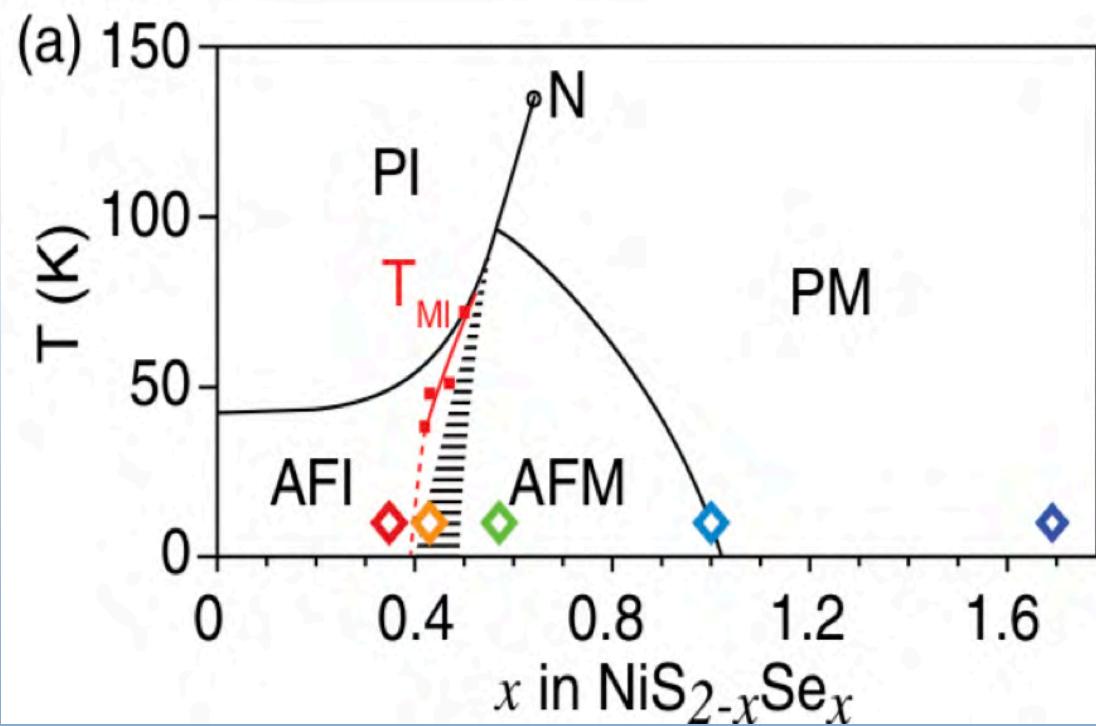
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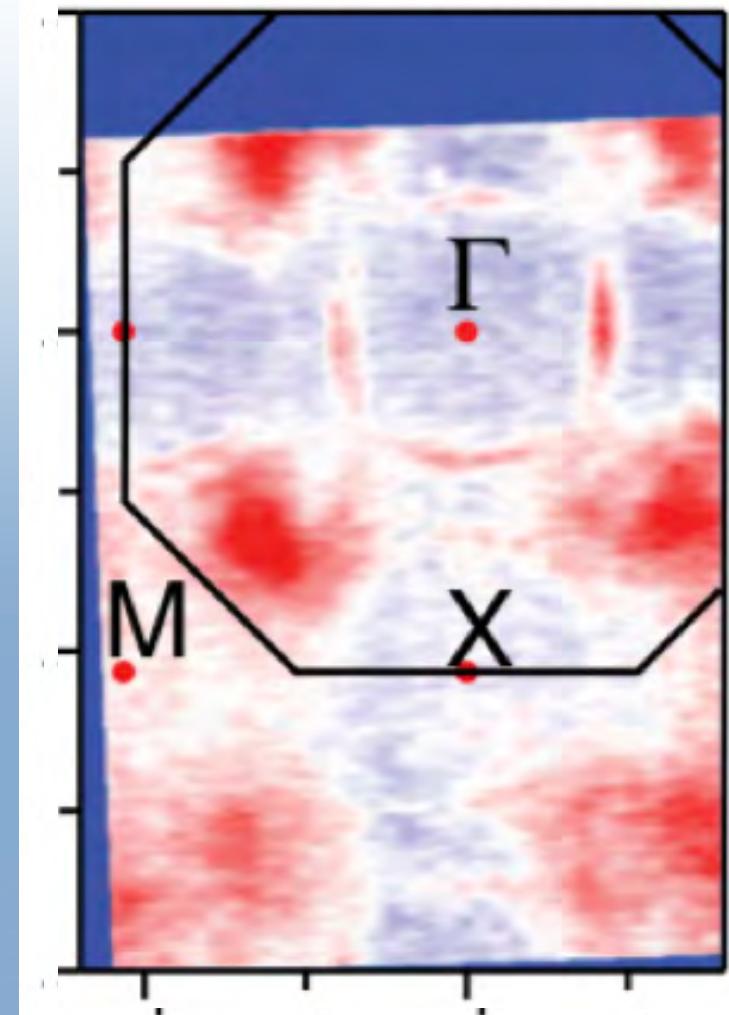
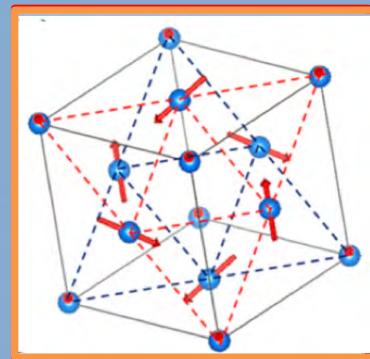
Driven by frustration, the spin-liquid like character of the PI is central to the physics of V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

## Direct Observation of the Bandwidth Control Mott Transition in the $\text{NiS}_{2-x}\text{Se}_x$ Multiband System

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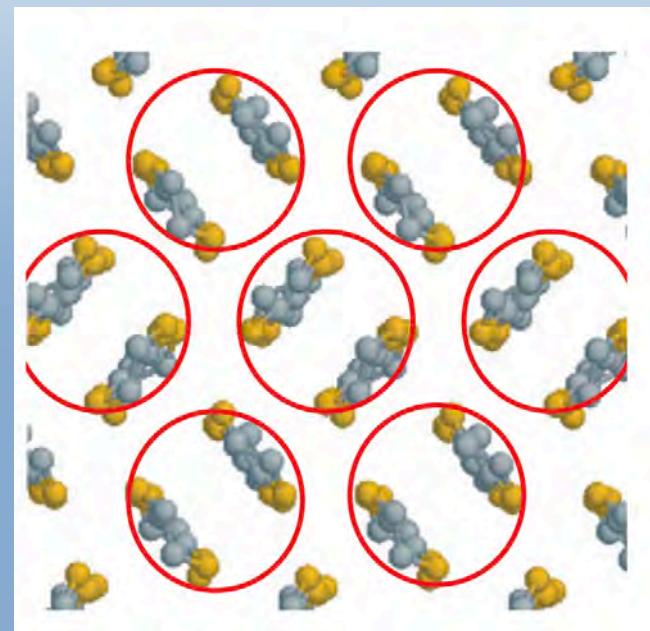
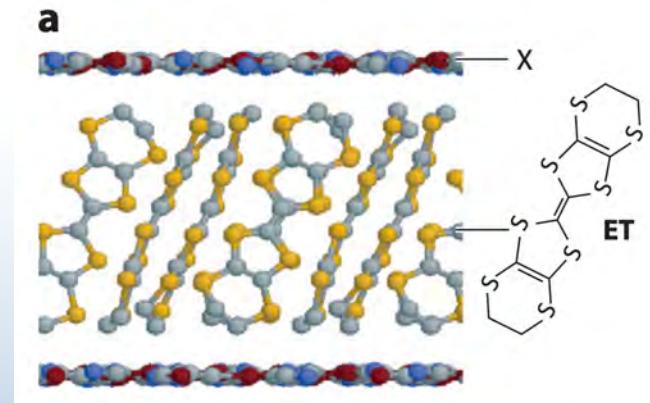
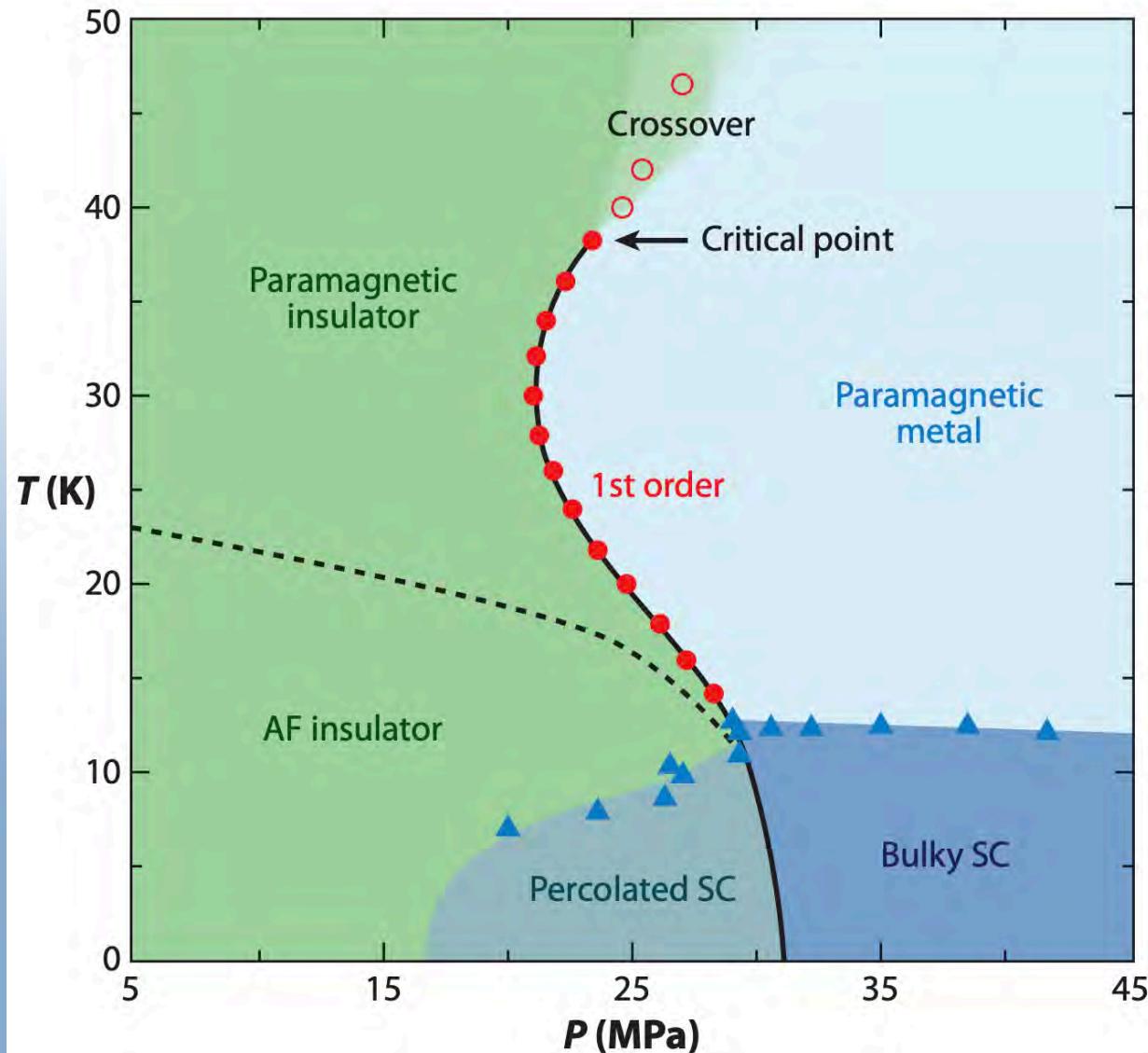


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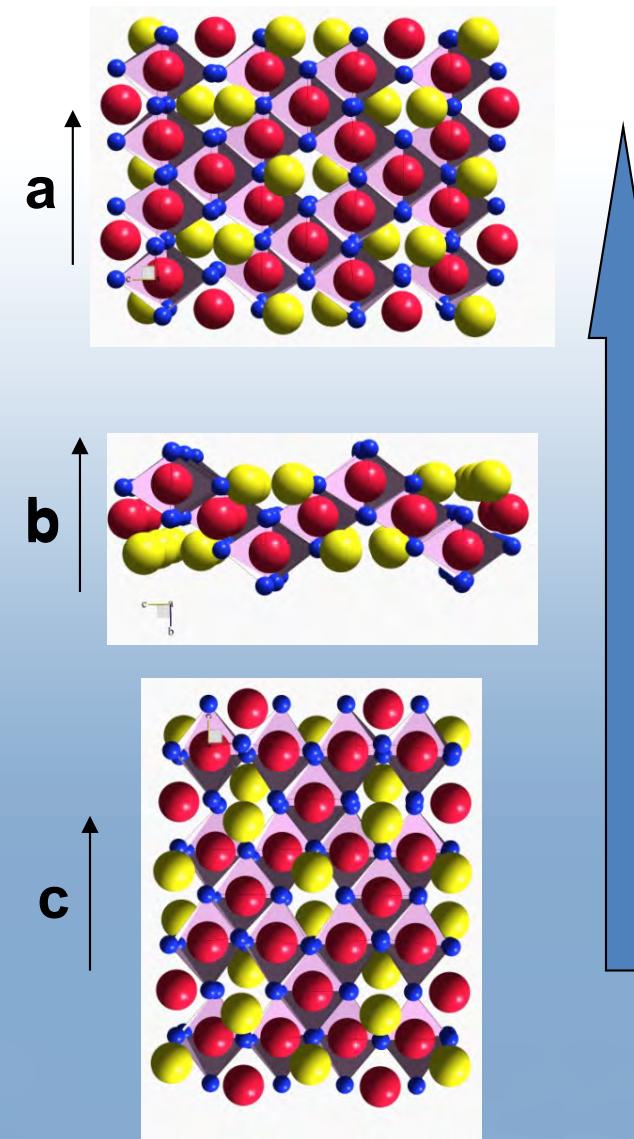
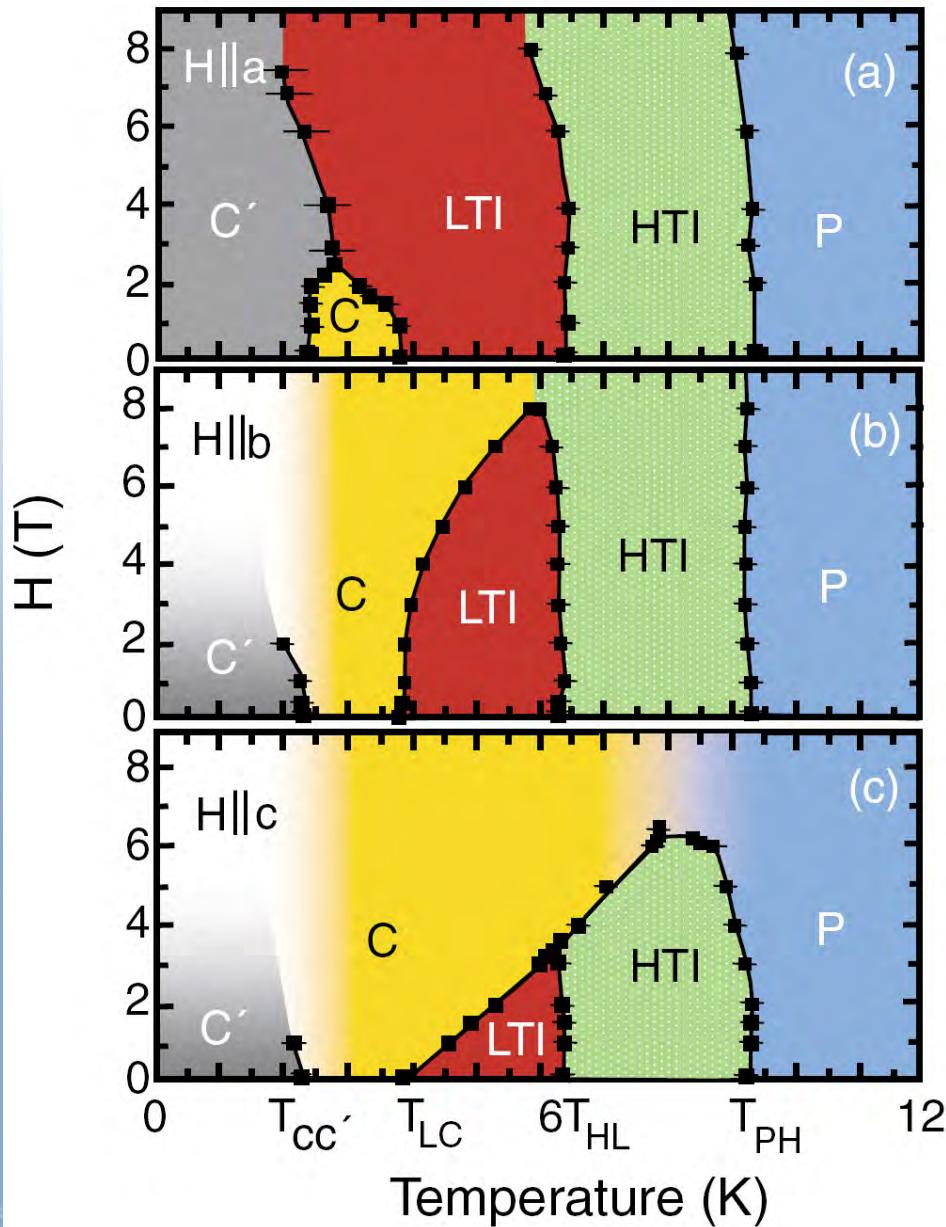


# Mott Physics in triangular organic lattices

Kazushi Kanoda et al.

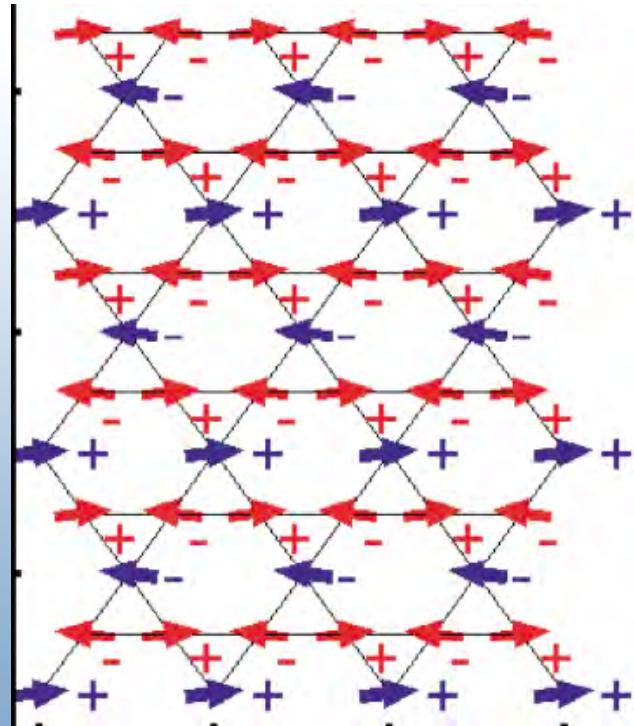


# Phases of a kagome staircase



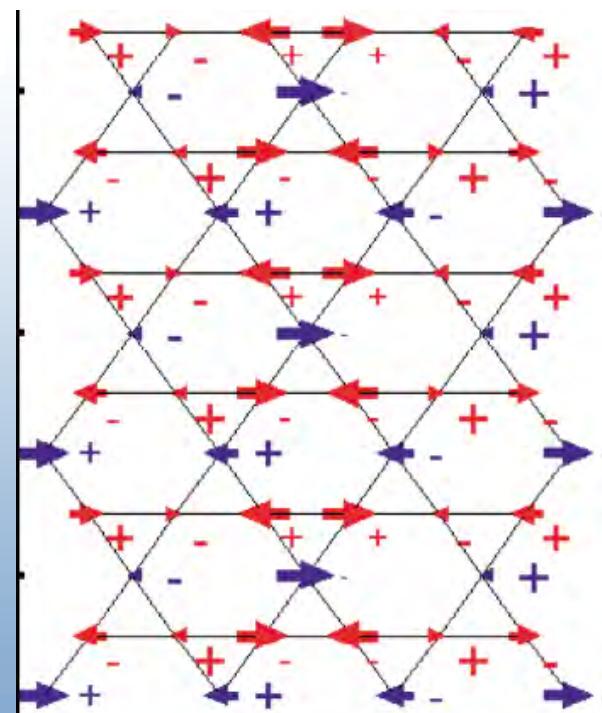
# Modulated magnetic phases

$2.2 \text{ K} < T < 4 \text{ K}$



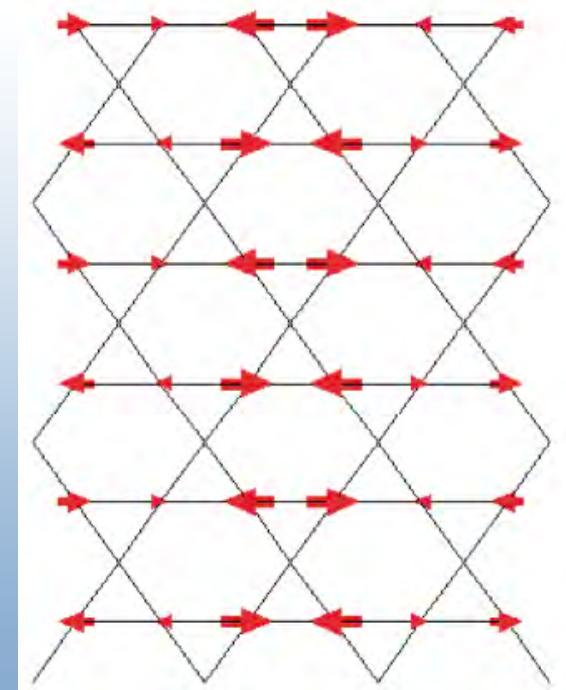
Commensurate  
Canted FM

$4 \text{ K} < T < 6.5 \text{ K}$



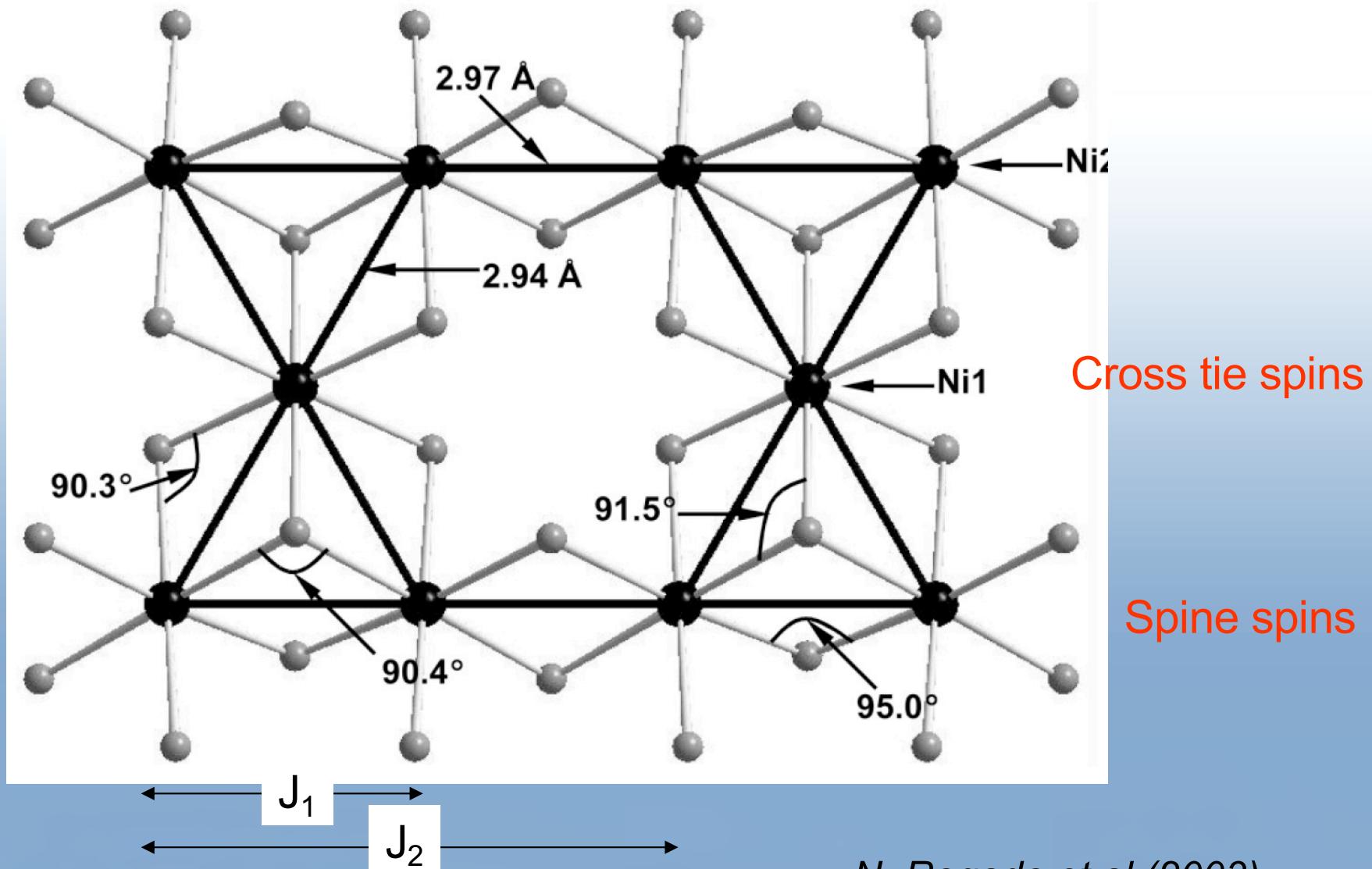
Incommensurate  
Cycloidal

$6.5 \text{ K} < T < 9.2 \text{ K}$



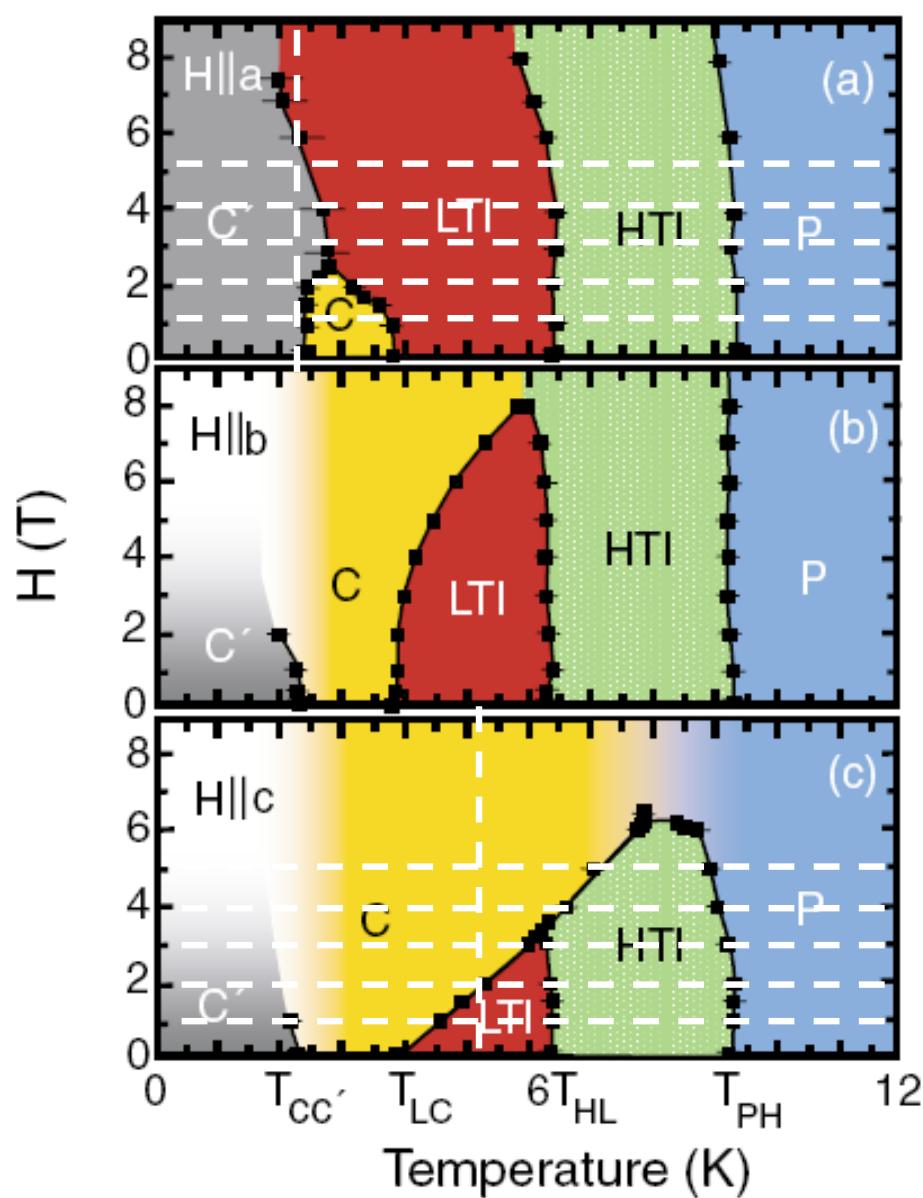
Incommensurate  
amplitude modulated

# Exchange Interactions

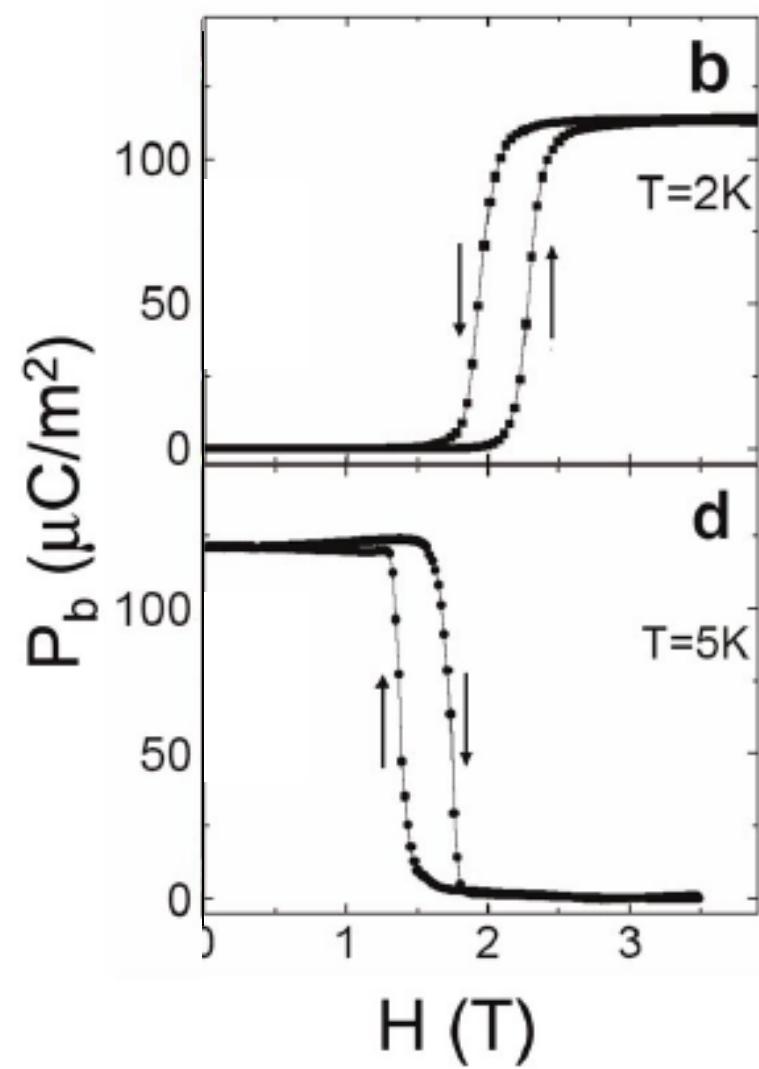


*N. Rogado et al (2003)*

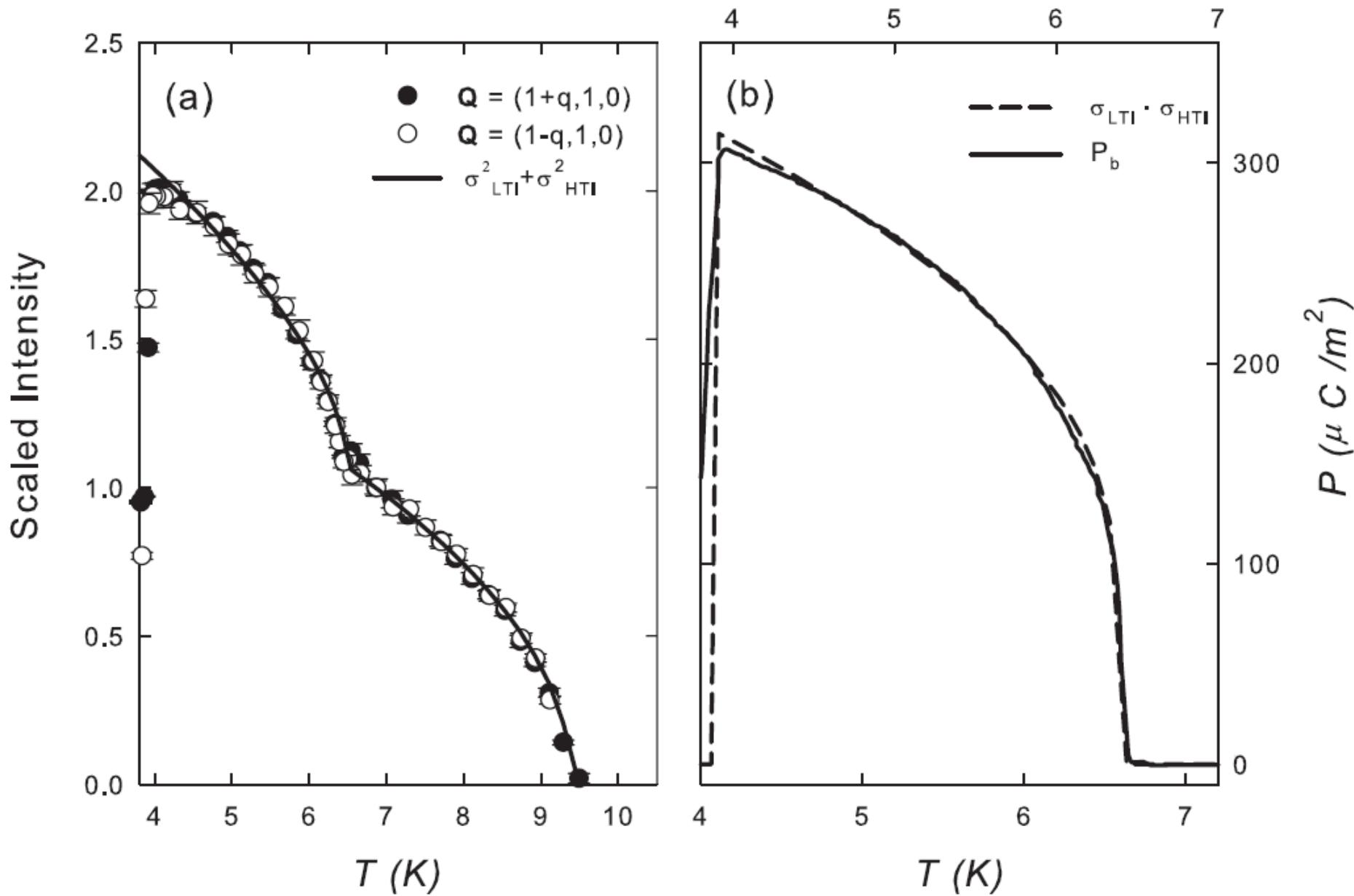
# Frustrated Magnetism & Ferroelectricity



Lawes *et al* (2005)



# Tri-linear coupling in $\text{Ni}_3\text{V}_2\text{O}_8$



# Landau Theory of Magneto-Electricity

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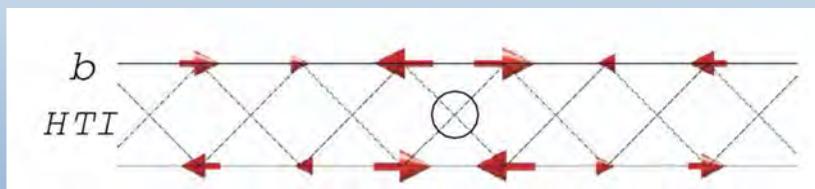
General case:

$$V = \sum_{nm\gamma} c_{nm\gamma} \sigma_n(\mathbf{q}) \sigma_m(-\mathbf{q}) P_\gamma$$

IRREP	1	$2_X$	$\tilde{m}_y$	$\tilde{m}_z$
$\Gamma_1$	1	1	1	1
$\Gamma_2$	1	1	-1	-1
$\Gamma_3$	1	-1	1	-1
$\Gamma_4$	1	-1	-1	1

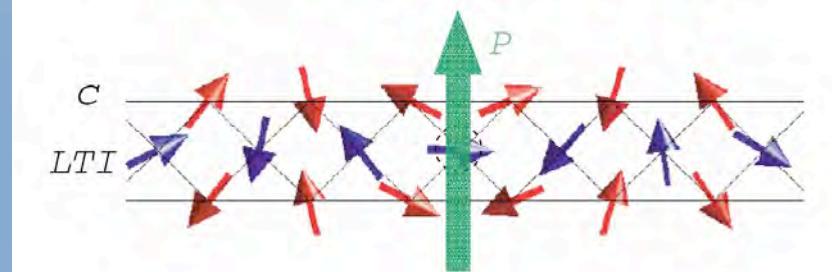
Amplitude modulated ( $\Gamma_4$ )

$$V_{HTI} = \sum_\gamma c_{44\gamma} |\sigma_4(\mathbf{q})|^2 P_\gamma \equiv 0$$



Cycloid state ( $\Gamma_4 + \Gamma_1$ )

$$V_{LTI} = c_{14y} (\sigma_1(\mathbf{q}) \sigma_4(-\mathbf{q}) + \sigma_4(\mathbf{q}) \sigma_1(-\mathbf{q})) P_y$$



# Chirality hysteresis in FE state

