

aftermagnon

what can happen to a magnon?

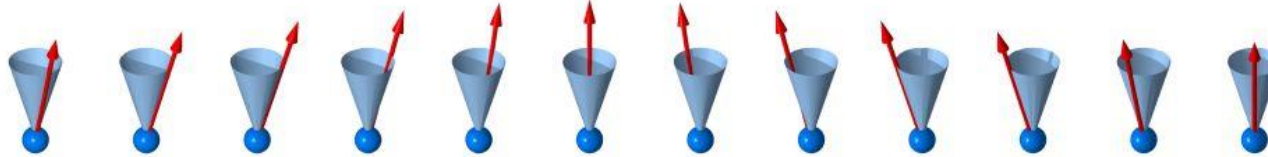
- I. [subjective] overview of m-m interactions
- II. novella on disorder
- III. common message



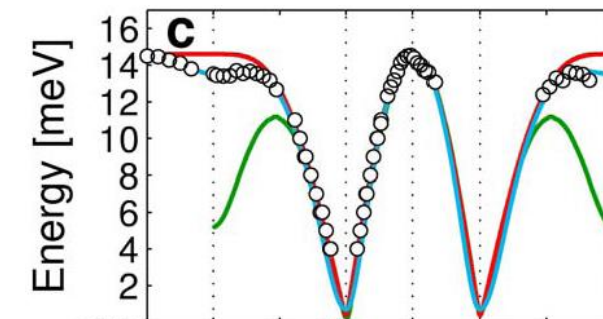
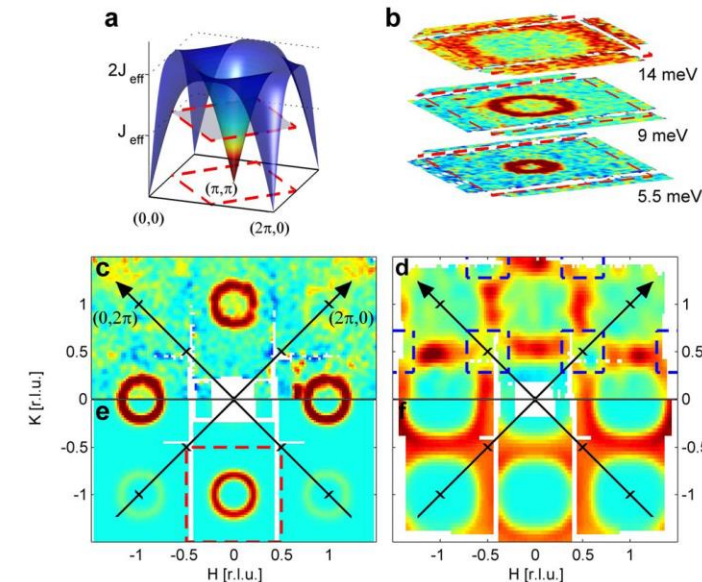


what IS magnon?

standard lore ...



- spin waves, 1930, *Felix Bloch*
 - quantized theory: *Holstein-Primakoff, Anderson-Kubo, Dyson, ...*
 - 1957, experiment, INS: *Brockhouse, ...*
- sharp peaks = quasiparticles = quanta of spin waves
well defined elementary excitations in $D > 1$



nuances ...

Zur Theorie des Ferromagnetismus.

Von **W. Heisenberg** in Leipzig.

- Heisenberg, 1928, (where is the H-model??)
- Bloch, 1930
- **metals, no classical waves**
- no word "Spinwellen"
- Bethe, 1931, B-ansatz, $\Rightarrow$ first time word "Spinwellen" for Bloch's solution
- HP, Anderson, Kubo, Dyson, never used "magnon"; where is Neel, LL?
- **1D**: Jordan-Wigner, 1928, fermions, Bethe, 1931 (is it a fermionic description)?
- 1941: first magnon is a fermion (*)

Zur Theorie des Ferromagnetismus.

Von **F. Bloch**, zurzeit in Utrecht.

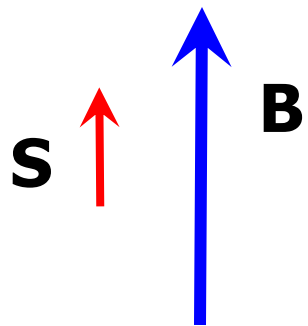
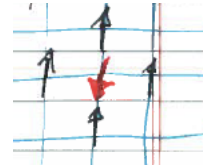
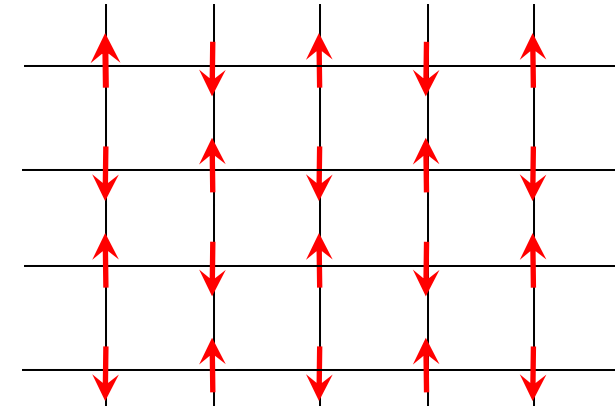


fermion or boson?

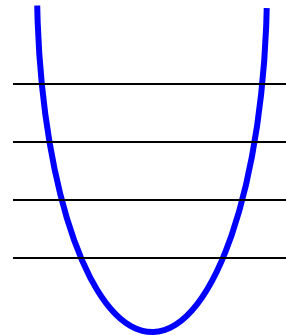
magnons $\approx$ bosons, why natural?

$$[S_{\vec{r}}^{\alpha}, S_{\vec{r}'}^{\beta}] = 0 \quad \underline{\underline{\vec{r} \neq \vec{r}'}}$$

- spin operators commute on different sites!
- **order!** $\Rightarrow$ effective (Weiss) field for each spin
local raising (lowering) operators $\Rightarrow$ bosons
- **ordered state** $\Rightarrow$ **classical** wave $\Rightarrow$ quantization is **bosonic**



$$\mathcal{H} = -\mu_B \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{S}$$



$$S^z = S - b^\dagger b,$$
$$S^+ \approx b, \quad S^- \approx b^\dagger$$



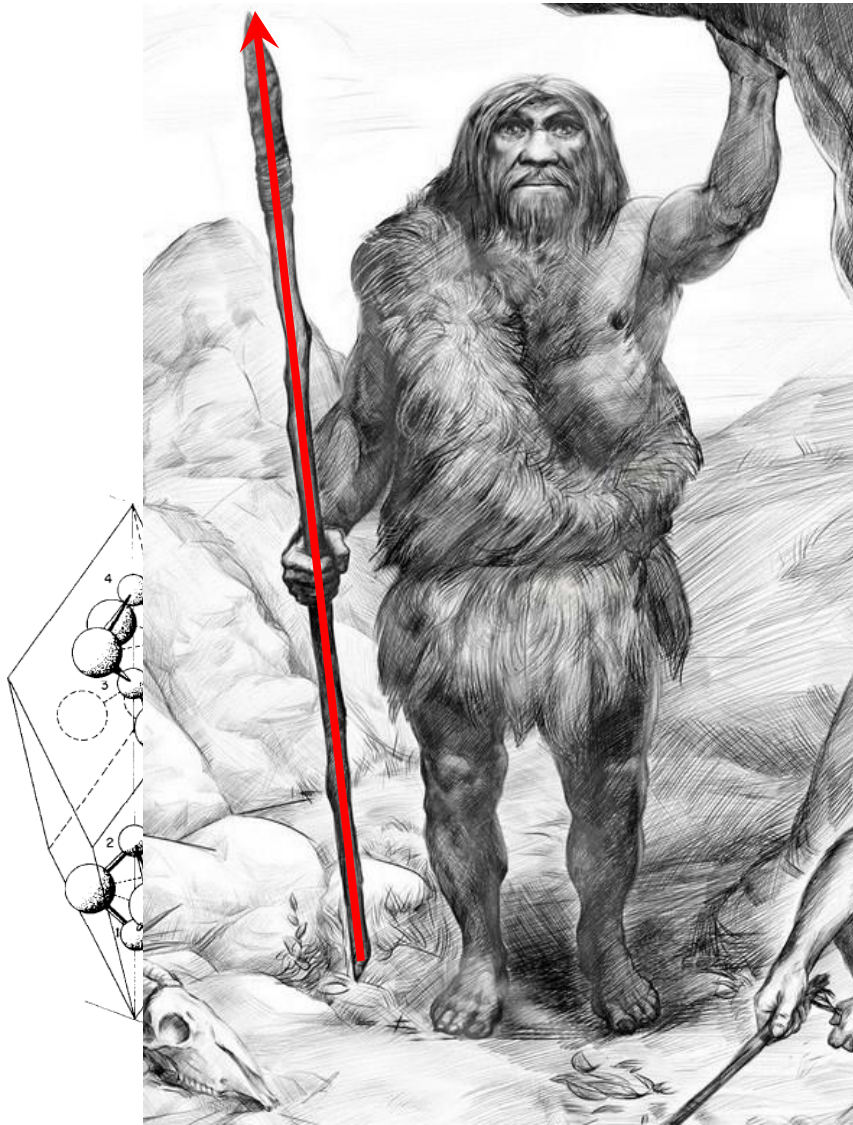
I. bosonic path

The Virgin, two Apostles and Offering of a church to a saint
Burgundy, late 12th century

Christ in Majesty. Among them is the king Boson (with the letters "BOS" above him) who entrusts the establishment he founded to saint Stephen

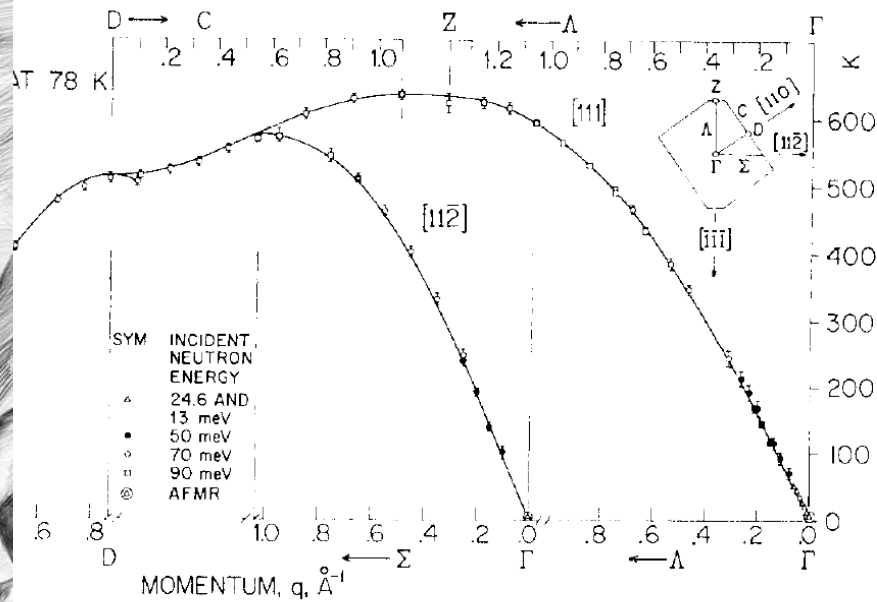
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magnons in Cr_2O_3 = CrO-magnons ...



- where they there all the time?
- indeed, must have existed for long time
- are like humans, $\Rightarrow$ first you care how they look
- then $\Rightarrow$ how they interact (with others)

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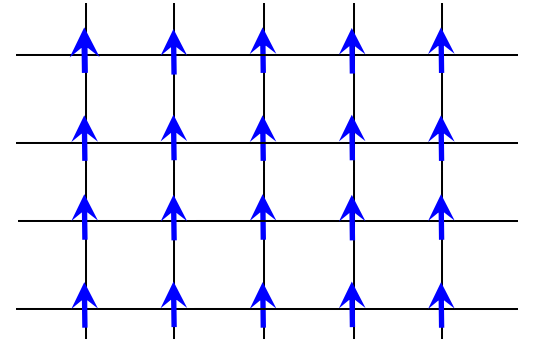
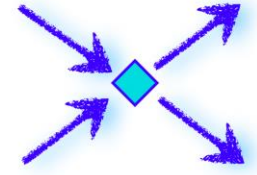


Energy dispersion relation $E(\mathbf{q})$ in several directions as obtained

how do “bosons” interact?, I

- normal Bose gas $\Rightarrow$ density-density
 - # of bosons preserved

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_0 = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} b_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} b_{\mathbf{k}} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_i} V_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2; \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4}^{(1)} b_{\mathbf{k}_1}^{\dagger} b_{\mathbf{k}_2}^{\dagger} b_{\mathbf{k}_3} b_{\mathbf{k}_4}$$

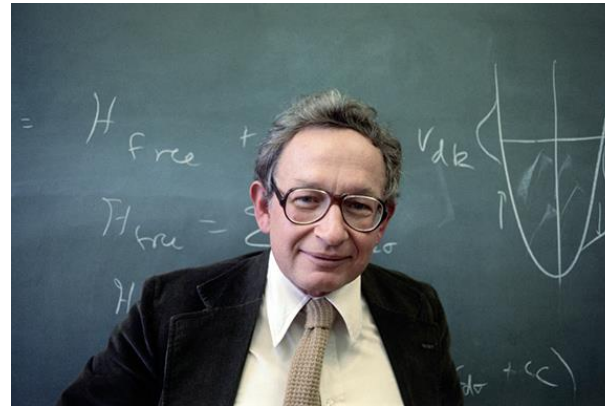


- exactly that for **Heisenberg** ferromagnet
 - GS and excitations are e-states of S_{tot}^z
 - **GS** $S_{\text{tot}}^z |GS\rangle = SN |GS\rangle$
 - magnon $\Rightarrow \Delta S^z = -1$
 - magnon # preserved

- is simplest = general
and complicated = special?
- or, simplest = restrictive
and complicated = general?

more is different

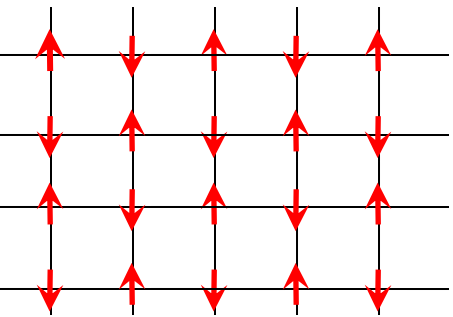
PWA



how do bosons interact? in an AF, II

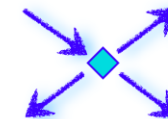
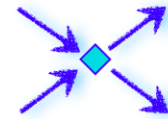
- in an antiferromagnet (**define** AF!)
 - GS is the superposition of states with different S_{tot} [PWA'82]
 - no definite spin for a magnon!
 - magnon # **not** preserved: $a \Rightarrow ub + vb^\dagger$
- true for **collinear Heisenberg** or **XXZ** models
- only $2 \Rightarrow 2, 1 \Rightarrow 3, 0 \Rightarrow 4$, parity or U(1)
- seems similar to BEC problem, **but it is not!**
- here $\Rightarrow \langle a \rangle \sim S^+ = 0$, **no canting**, but $\langle aa \rangle \neq 0$

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_0 = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} b_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_i} V_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2; \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4}^{(1)} b_{\mathbf{k}_1}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}_2}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}_3} b_{\mathbf{k}_4} + \dots$$



$$+ \frac{1}{3!} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_i} V_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2; \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4}^{(2)} b_{\mathbf{k}_1}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}_2}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}_3}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}_4} + \text{H.c.}$$

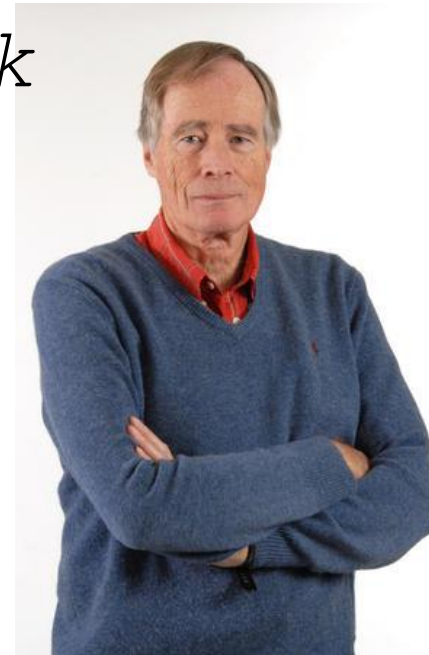
$$+ \frac{1}{4!} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_i} V_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2; \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4}^{(3)} b_{\mathbf{k}_1}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}_2}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}_3}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}_4}^\dagger + \text{H.c.}$$



- interactions I and II (FM and AFM) $\Rightarrow$ universal and **leading**
- dipole-dipole, DM, field-induced canting? $\Rightarrow$ small corrections
- **different from other bosons! BEC, phonons, etc.**

is less also different?

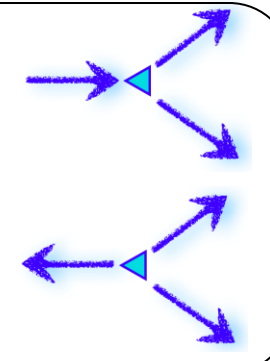
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different class of reality: more interactions

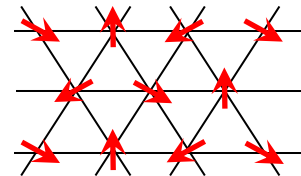
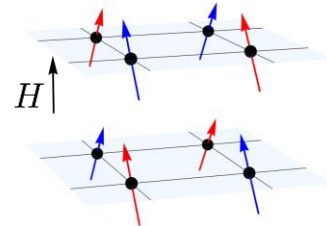
- # of bosons **not** preserved $\langle a \rangle \sim S^+ \neq 0$
- Bogolyubov substitution $b_{\mathbf{k}_1}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}_2}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}_3} b_{\mathbf{k}_4} \Rightarrow b_{\mathbf{k}_1}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}_2}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}_3} \langle b_0 \rangle$
- cubic anharmonicities** (as for phonons!)

$$\mathcal{H} = \dots + \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_i} V_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3}^{(3,1)} b_{\mathbf{k}_1}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}_2}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}_3} + \text{H.c.}$$

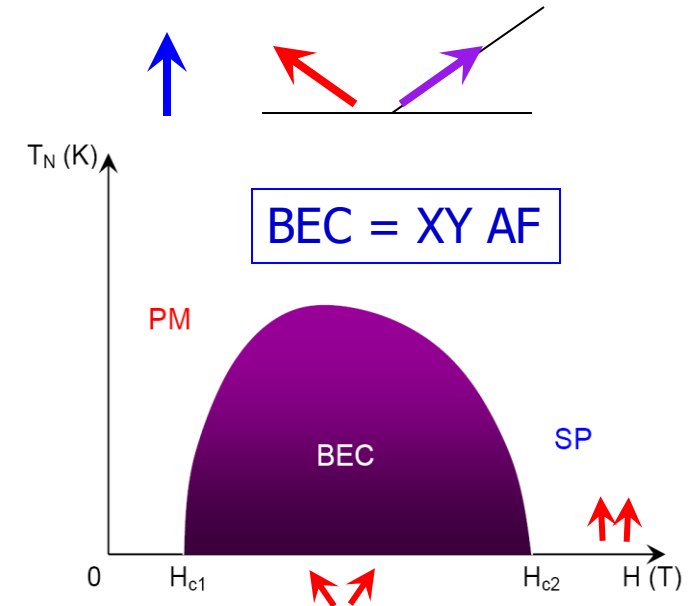
$$+ \frac{1}{3!} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_i} V_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3}^{(3,2)} b_{\mathbf{k}_1}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}_2}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}_3}^\dagger + \text{H.c.}$$


- new reality?: **non-collinear** magnets, **interactions** $\sim J$, **not small**

- AFs in a field
- spirals
- DM, dipolar, SOC!



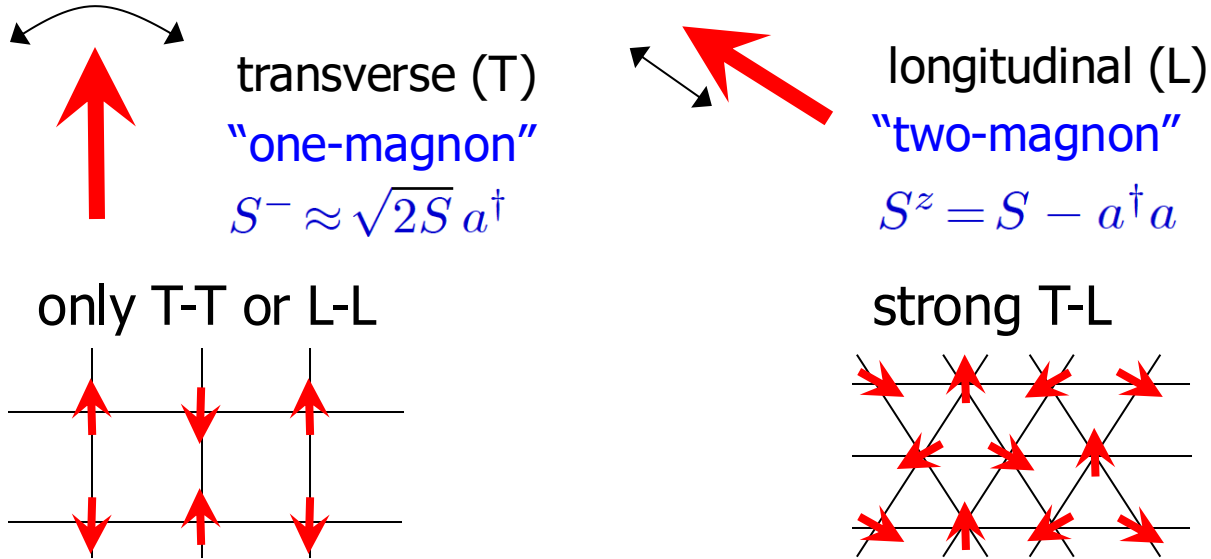
BEC AF: “transverse” magnetization



- new phenomena: 1 $\Rightarrow$ 2 decays**

“collinear” vs “non-collinear”

non-collinearity → transverse-longitudinal coupling → 3-boson terms



$U(1)$ symmetry forbids $S^z S^\pm$ terms

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Colloquium: Spontaneous magnon decays

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square +H, triangular: MZ and SC, PRL (1999); PRL (2006); PRB (2009); **RMP (2013)**; M. Mourigal, **MZ**, and **SC**, PRB (2010); W. Fuhrman, M. Mourigal, **MZ**, and **SC**, PRB (2012); PRB (2013); P. Maksimov, **MZ**, and **SC**, PRB (2016)

+phonons, triangular: J. Oh, et al., Nat. Commun. (2016)

+H, exp: Tao Hong, et al., Nat. Commun. (2017)

kagome: **SC**, PRB (2015); **MZ** and **SC**, PRB (2015)

honeycomb: P. Maksimov and **SC**, PRB (2016)

dipolar, YIG: **SC**, PRB (2012);

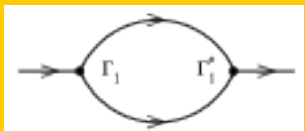
DM, FM Kagome topological: P. Maksimov & **SC**, PRL (2016)

SOC: Winter, et al., Nat. Comm. (2017); Smit et al., PRB (2020); P. Maksimov & **SC**, PRR (2020); C. Gallegos & **SC**, PRB (2024)

+exp: C. Kim, et al., Nat. Phys. (2023); T. Xie, et al., PRL (2024)

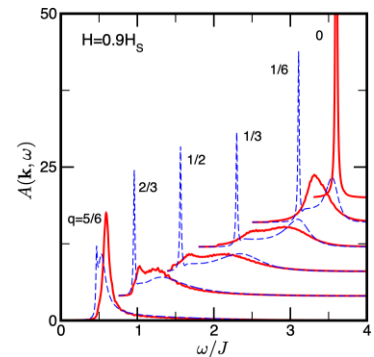
- **SOC** ⇒ **don’t need non-collinearity for T-L coupling**
- populated exchange matrix
⇒ **off-diagonal terms**

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{od}} = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(\tilde{J}_{ij}^{xz} \tilde{S}_i^x \tilde{S}_j^z + \tilde{J}_{ij}^{yz} \tilde{S}_i^y \tilde{S}_j^z \right)$$

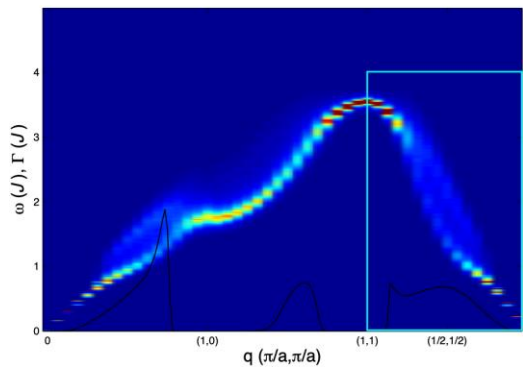


theory vs reality

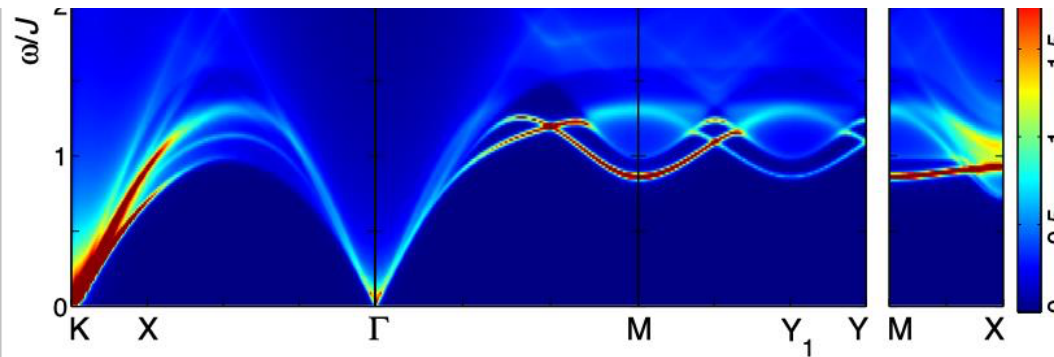
early theory, sq+H



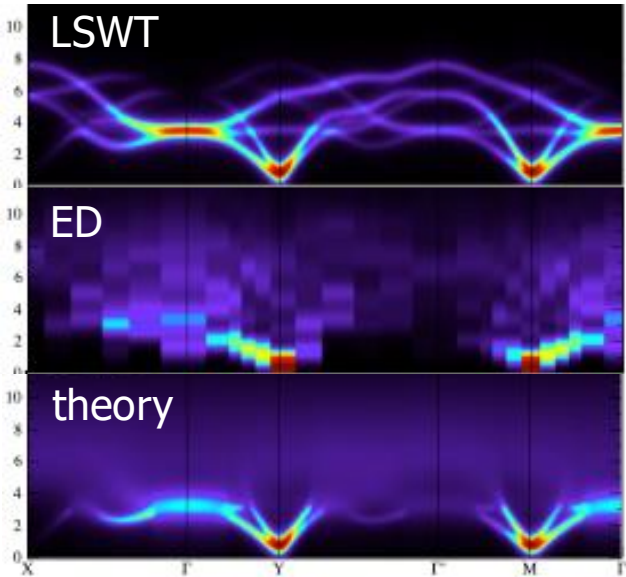
✓ QMC!



triangular ???



○ quantitative comparisons, needs detailed calculations

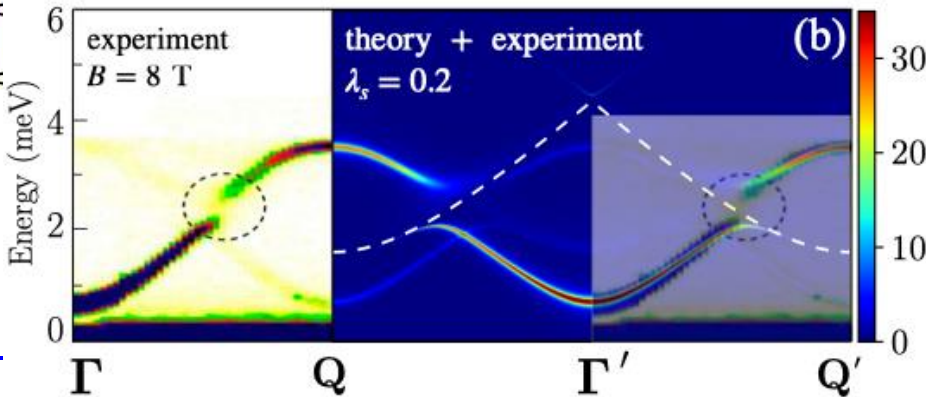


honeycomb, SOC

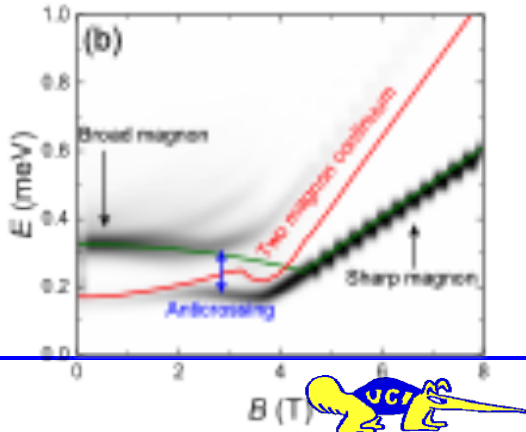
✓ ED!

✓ some exp!

1D Ising chain+ SOC



triangular J1-J2 +H



II. disorder?

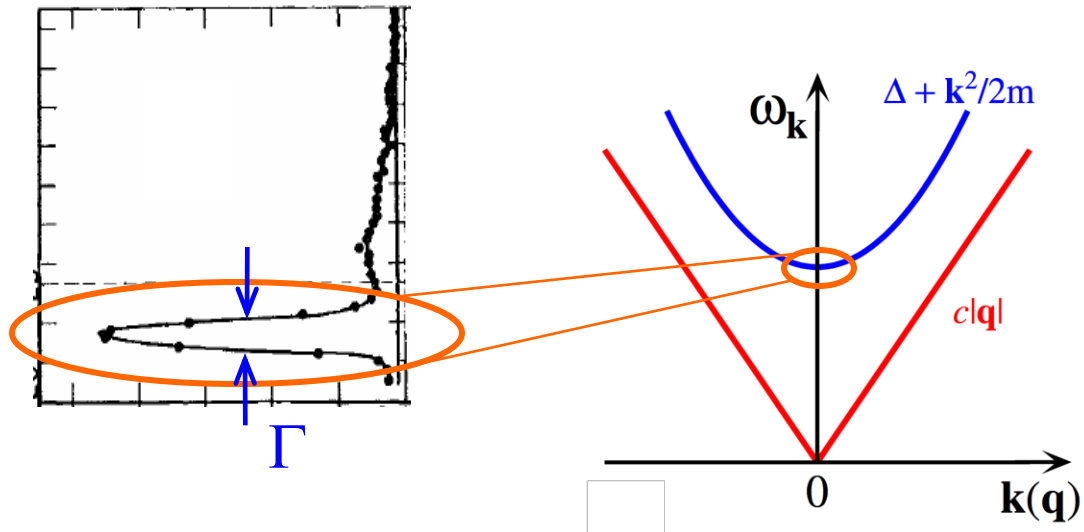
lifetime of the optical mode, history ...



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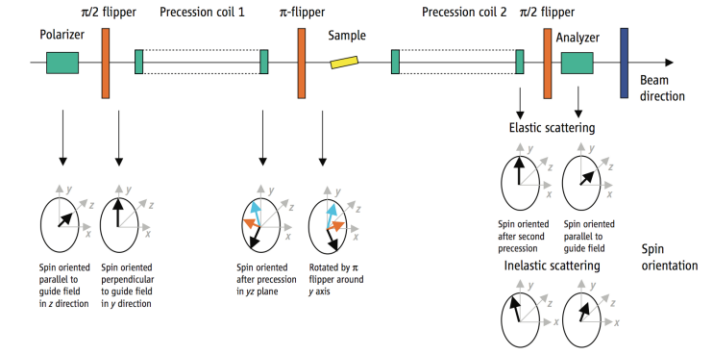
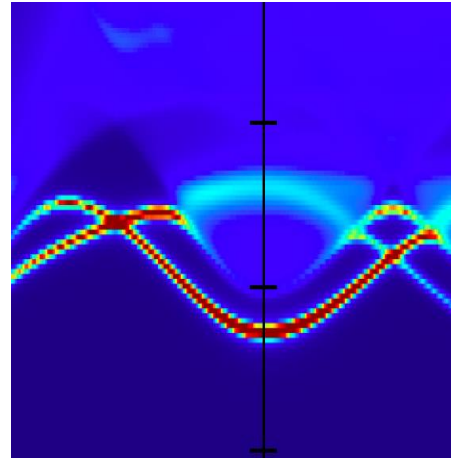
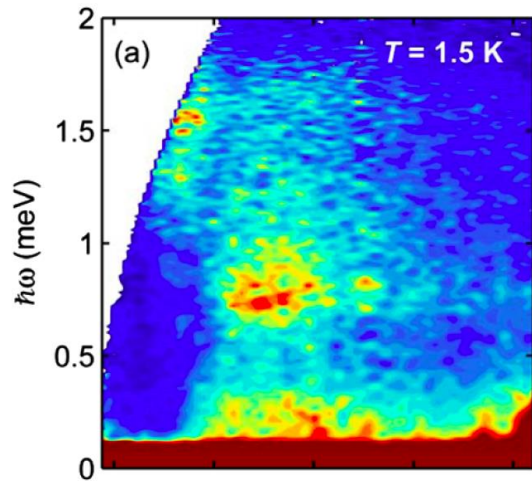


Louis Pierre Regnault



$$\Gamma = AT^\alpha ??$$

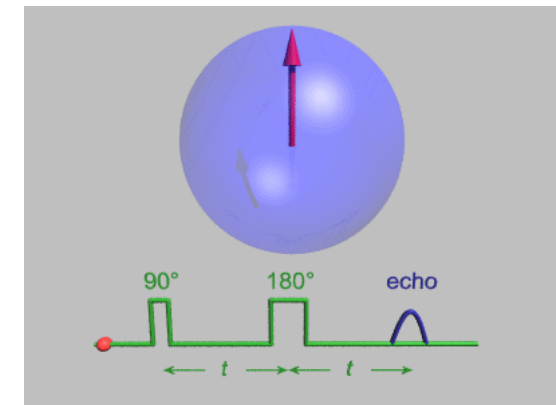
neutron-scattering spin-echo



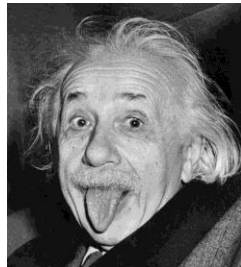
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The Neutron Spin-Echo Technique at Full Strength

Joël Mesot



magnon



spinon



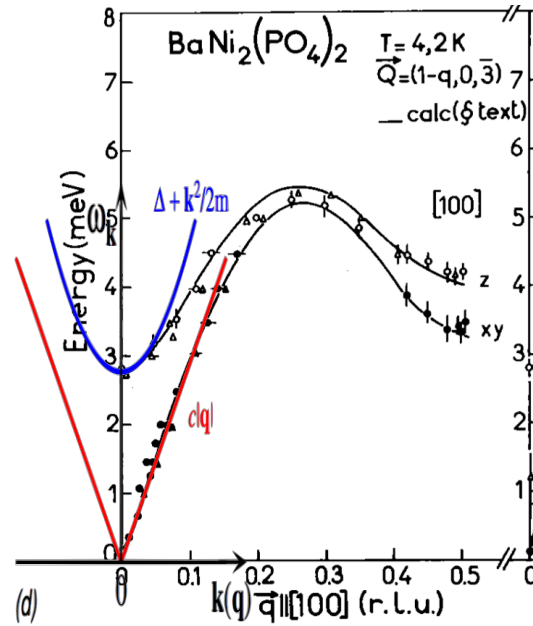
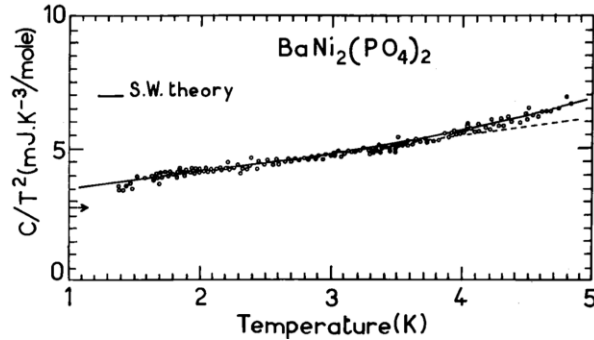
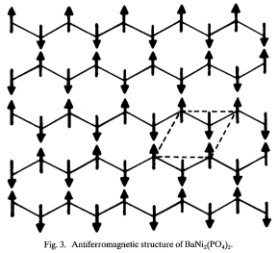
- resolution $\sim 1 \mu\text{eV}$ ($\approx 0.01\text{K}$)!



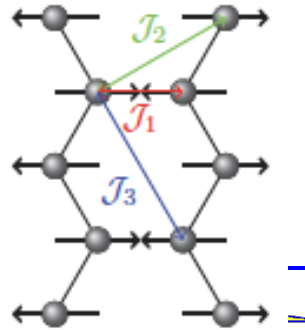
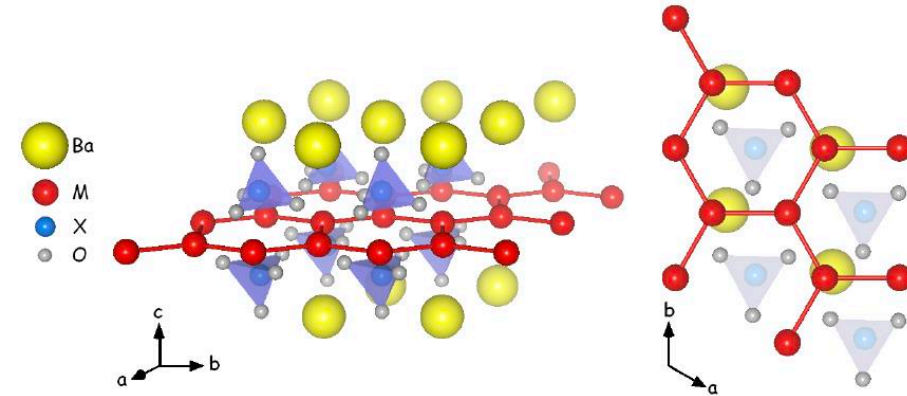
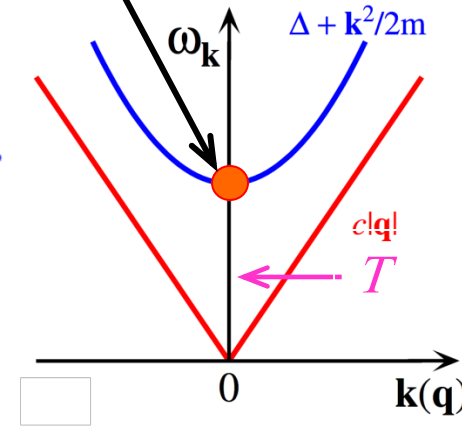
BaNi₂(PO₄)₂

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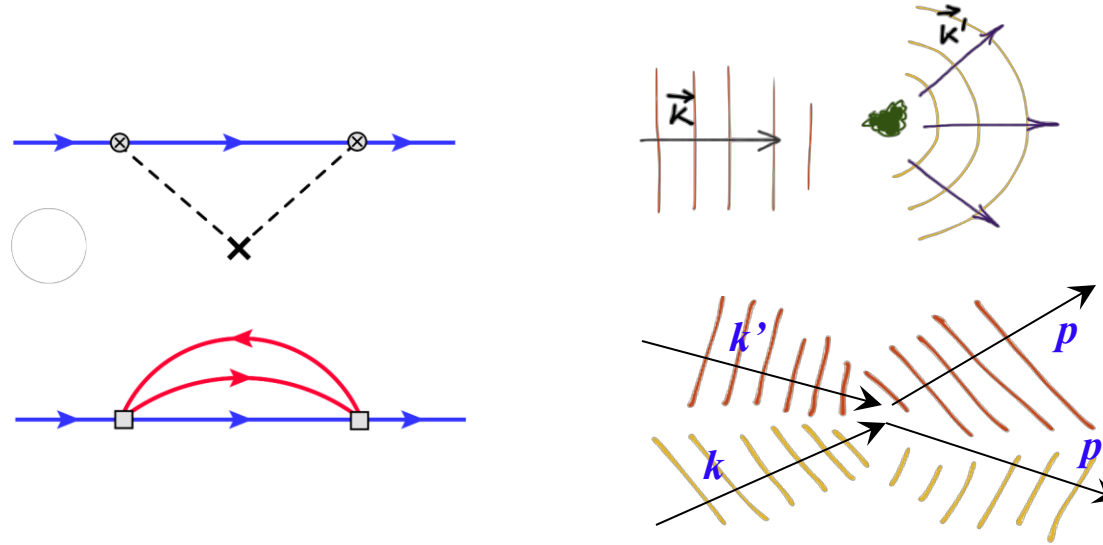
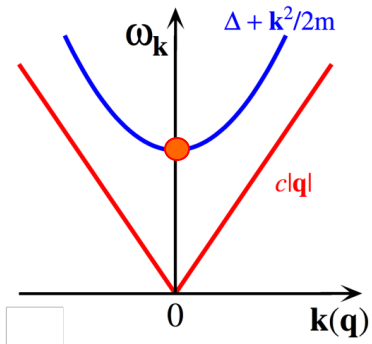
$\Gamma = ???$



$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} J_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + D \sum_i (S^z)^2$$

- $S = 1$, 2D, planar (XY)
- honeycomb lattice $\Rightarrow$ gapped and acoustic modes

damping, theory expectations



- linewidth in a “simple” AF
- spin waves: scattering on?
 - impurities
 - themselves

- local distortions $\rightarrow \delta D, \delta J \rightarrow$ conventional impurity scattering (2D):

$$\Gamma_{\mathbf{k}}^{\text{imp}} \approx \Gamma_0 \propto n_{\text{imp}} \overline{\delta D}^2 \frac{m \omega_{\text{max}}^2}{\Delta^2}$$

- gapped on thermally excited gapless:

$$\Gamma_{\mathbf{k} \rightarrow 0}^{\text{m-m}} \approx \frac{\pi^3}{15} \frac{\tilde{g}^2}{c} \left(\frac{T}{c} \right)^5$$

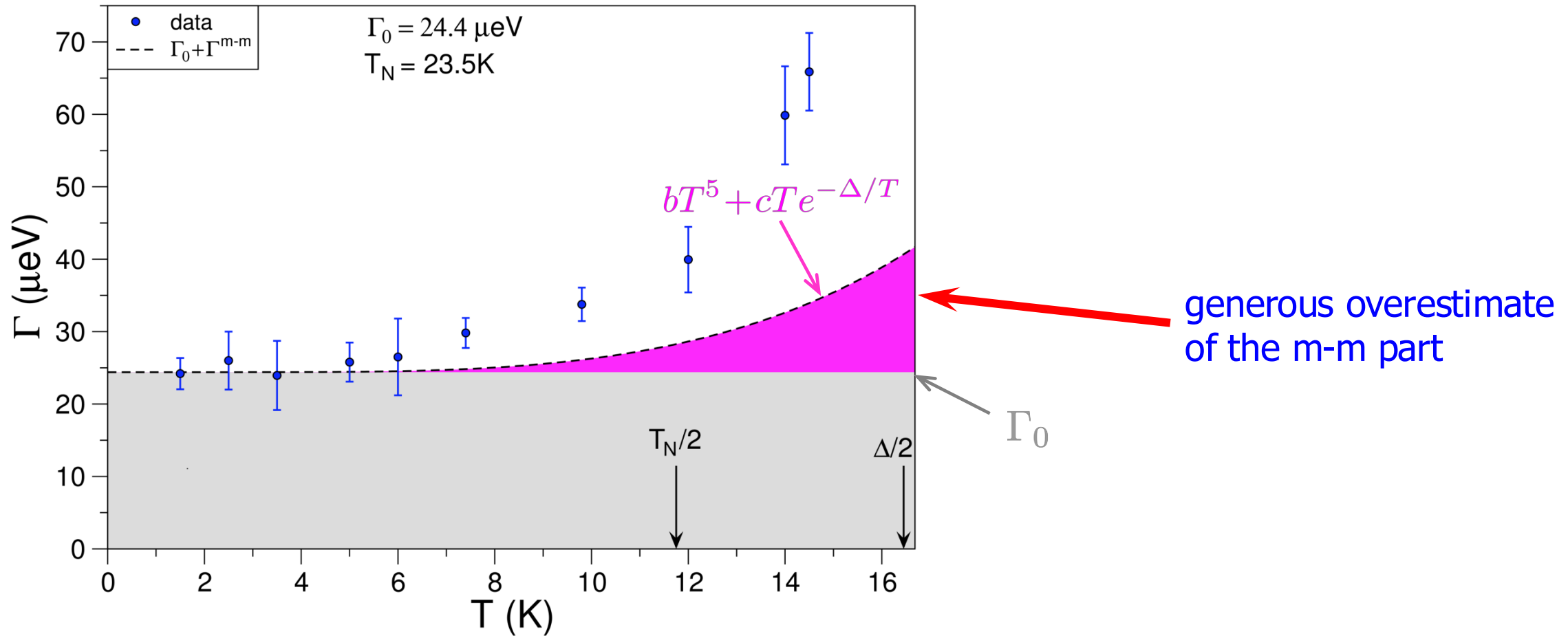
- (and on gapped):

$$\Gamma_{\mathbf{k} \rightarrow 0}^{\beta\beta \rightarrow \beta\beta} \approx \frac{g_{\beta}^2 m^2 T}{4\pi} e^{-\Delta/T}$$

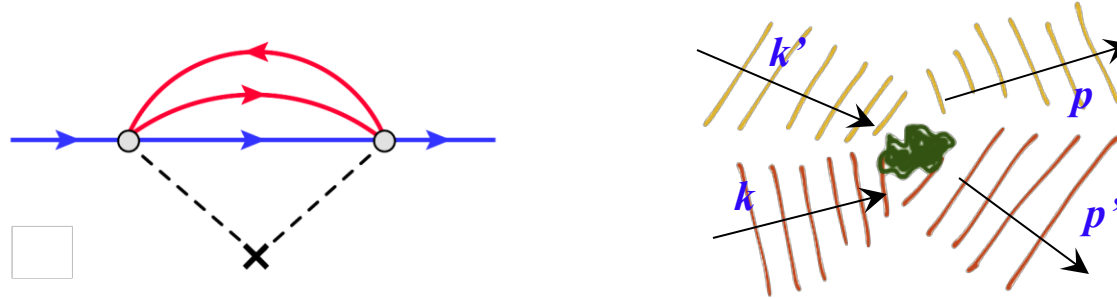
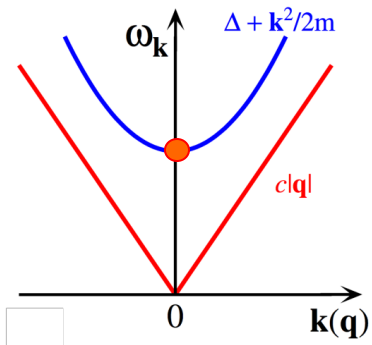
- **g's for m-m scattering** are known/derivable as all J's and D are known from the spectrum!

standard lore: $\varrho = \varrho_0^{\text{imp}} + \varrho^{ee}(T)$

$$\Gamma = \underbrace{\Gamma_0}_{\text{imp}} + \underbrace{bT^5 + cTe^{-\Delta/T}}_{\text{m-m}}$$



better theory: impurity-assisted scattering



- impurity facilitates **stronger** m-m scattering

$$V_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q};\mathbf{k}',\mathbf{q}'}^{\text{imp}} \approx \tilde{g}_{\text{imp}} / \sqrt{\tilde{q}\tilde{q}'} \quad \text{vs} \quad V_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{q};\mathbf{k}'\mathbf{q}'}^{\text{m-m}} \propto \sqrt{qq'}$$

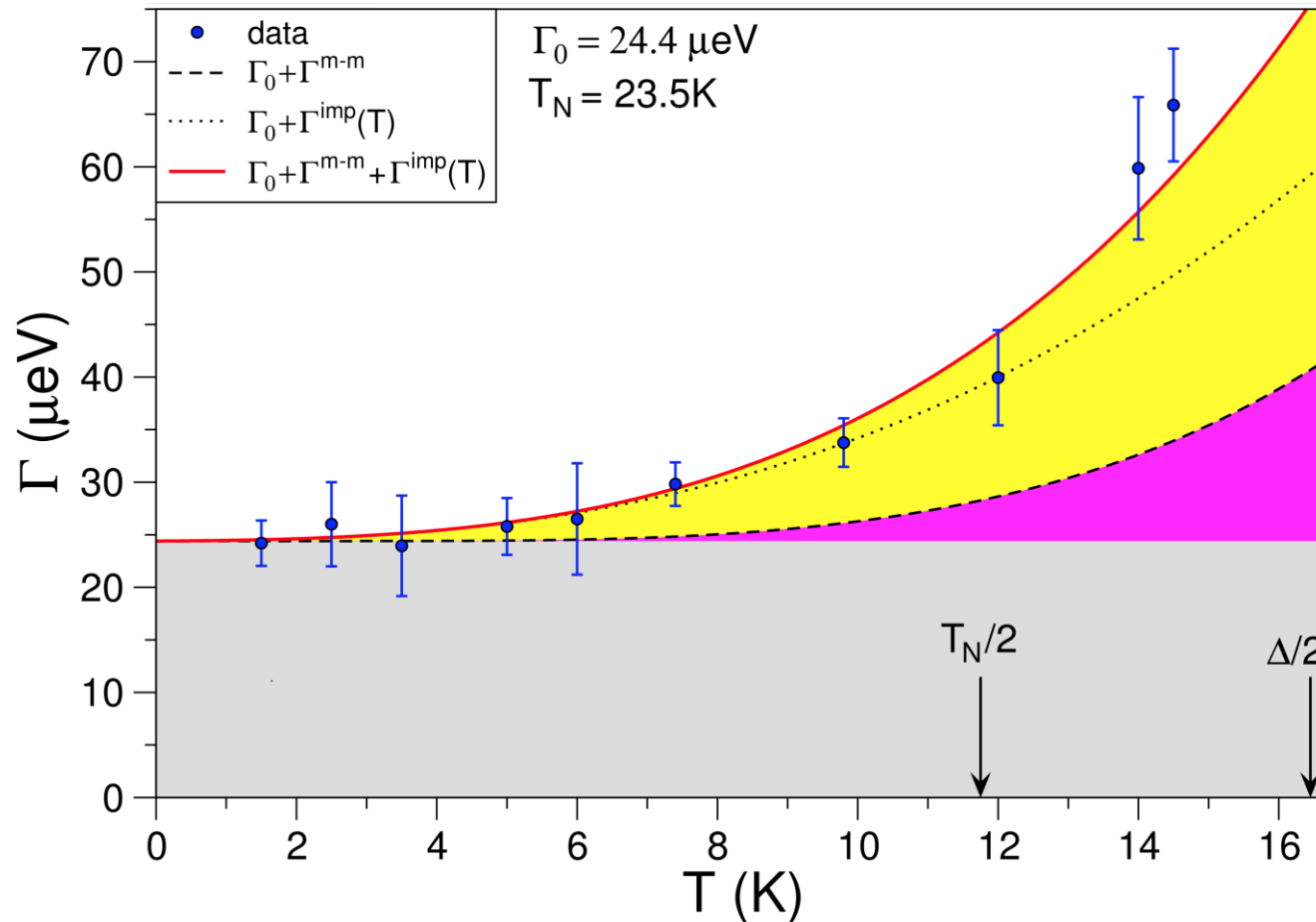
- **lower power** of T in Γ

$$\Gamma_{\mathbf{k} \rightarrow 0}^{\text{imp},T} \approx \tilde{A} \left(\frac{T}{c} \right)^2 \left[\left(\ln \frac{T}{\omega_0} \right)^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right] \quad \tilde{A} \sim n_{\text{imp}} \overline{\delta D}^2 m$$

- reasons for “stronger” potential:
 - “regular” m-m interactions are singular but cancel out
 - impurities violate that cancellation
 - “weak Kondo”, optical spin-flip “sits” at impurity, scatters acoustic mode stronger ...

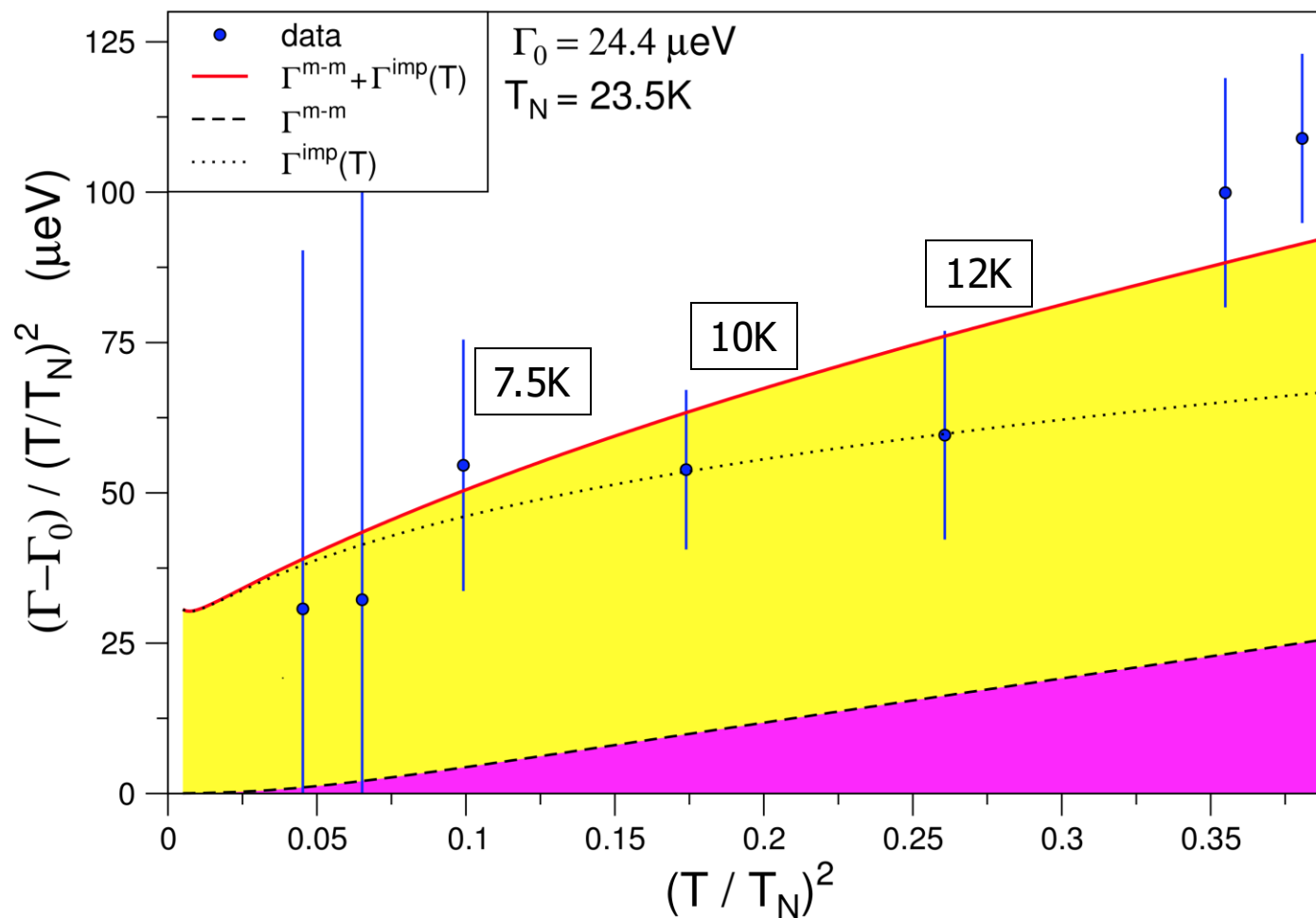
beyond the standard model ...

$$\Gamma = \underbrace{\Gamma_0}_{\text{imp}} + \underbrace{aT^2 \left[\left(\ln \frac{T}{\omega_0} \right)^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right]}_{\text{imp. finite-}T} + \underbrace{bT^5 + cTe^{-\Delta/T}}_{\text{m-m}}$$



“usual” m-m mechanism
is totally **subleading**!

better picture ...



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cross-checks, predictions

$T=0$ and $T>0$ impurity terms must be related ($\Gamma_0 \sim \tilde{A} \sim n_{\text{imp}} \overline{\delta D}^2 m$)

✓ true, in our fit: $\Gamma_0 \approx \tilde{A} \approx 25 \mu\text{eV}$

does disorder strength make sense?

✓ estimate: $n_{\text{imp}} (\overline{\delta D}/D)^2 \approx \Gamma_0/\omega_{\text{max}} \approx 10^{-2}$

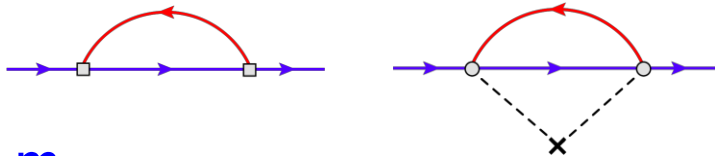
translates into a (very reasonable) statement that in $\text{BaNi}_2(\text{PO}_4)_2$, strong modulation of magnetic couplings of order 1 is spread over 1 in 100 unit cells

predictions:

★ 3D: $\Gamma_{3D}^{\text{imp}} \propto n_{\text{imp}} T^{9/2}$

★ AFs with non-collinear order $\rightarrow$ 3-magnon coupling

new diagrams:



no change in m-m

lower power of T in impurity-induced:

$$\Gamma_{\mathbf{k} \rightarrow 0}^{\text{imp}, T} \approx \tilde{A}_3 \left(\frac{T}{c} \right) \ln \frac{T}{\omega_0} \quad \tilde{A}_3 \propto n_{\text{imp}} |\delta g_3|^2$$

quo vadis?

- is simplest = general and complicated = special?
- or, simplest = restrictive and complicated = general?
- lower-order anharmonicities = more general, new effects, **1** $\Rightarrow$ **2** **vs** **1** $\Rightarrow$ **3**
- after many years, the technology is able to test theoretical ideas of HKHH in reality:
 $\Rightarrow$ general case: low- T lifetime is completely dominated by simple disorder
- *"The great tragedy of Science — the slaying of a beautiful hypothesis by an ugly fact."*
Thomas Huxley



conclusions

- ☑ **the world (CM version) is not ideal:**
 - ⇒ symmetries are lowered ⇒ different phenomena
 - ⇒ disorder breaks some locally
- ☑ **there is still universality**
- ☑ **theorists: embrace reality!**



CM="physics of dirt"
["Schmutzphysik"]
Wolfgang Pauli



better picture ...

$$V_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q};\mathbf{k}',\mathbf{q}'}^{\text{m-m}} = -2J u_{\mathbf{k}'} u_{\mathbf{q}'} u_{\mathbf{q}} u_{\mathbf{k}} \left([\text{I}] + d[\text{II}] \right)$$

where terms in the bracket are

$$\begin{aligned} [\text{I}] = & (\gamma_{\mathbf{k}} + \gamma_{\mathbf{q}})(x_{\mathbf{k}'} + x_{\mathbf{q}})(1 + x_{\mathbf{k}} x_{\mathbf{q}}) \\ & + (\gamma_{\mathbf{k}'} + \gamma_{\mathbf{q}'})(x_{\mathbf{k}} + x_{\mathbf{q}})(1 + x_{\mathbf{k}'} x_{\mathbf{q}'}) \\ & + \gamma_{\mathbf{k}}(x_{\mathbf{k}} + x_{\mathbf{q}} x_{\mathbf{k}'} x_{\mathbf{q}'}) + \gamma_{\mathbf{q}}(x_{\mathbf{q}} + x_{\mathbf{k}} x_{\mathbf{k}'} x_{\mathbf{q}'}) \\ & + \gamma_{\mathbf{k}'}(x_{\mathbf{k}'} + x_{\mathbf{q}} x_{\mathbf{k}} x_{\mathbf{q}'}) + \gamma_{\mathbf{q}'}(x_{\mathbf{q}'} + x_{\mathbf{k}} x_{\mathbf{k}'} x_{\mathbf{q}}) \quad (31) \\ & + 2 \left((\gamma_{\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{q}'} + \gamma_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}'}) (1 + x_{\mathbf{k}} x_{\mathbf{q}} x_{\mathbf{k}'} x_{\mathbf{q}'}) \right. \\ & + \gamma_{\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{q}'}(x_{\mathbf{k}} x_{\mathbf{k}'} + x_{\mathbf{q}} x_{\mathbf{q}'}) + \gamma_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}'}(x_{\mathbf{k}} x_{\mathbf{q}'} + x_{\mathbf{q}} x_{\mathbf{k}'}) \\ & \left. + \gamma_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}(x_{\mathbf{k}} + x_{\mathbf{q}})(x_{\mathbf{k}'} + x_{\mathbf{q}'}) \right), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} [\text{II}] = & 4 \left(1 + x_{\mathbf{k}} x_{\mathbf{q}} x_{\mathbf{k}'} x_{\mathbf{q}'} + (x_{\mathbf{k}} + x_{\mathbf{q}})(x_{\mathbf{k}'} + x_{\mathbf{q}'}) \right) \\ & - 3 \left(x_{\mathbf{k}} + x_{\mathbf{q}} + x_{\mathbf{k}'} + x_{\mathbf{q}'} \right. \quad (32) \\ & \left. + x_{\mathbf{k}'} x_{\mathbf{q}'}(x_{\mathbf{k}} + x_{\mathbf{q}}) + x_{\mathbf{k}} x_{\mathbf{q}}(x_{\mathbf{k}'} + x_{\mathbf{q}'}) \right), \end{aligned}$$

$$V_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q};\mathbf{k}',\mathbf{q}'}^{\text{imp}} = \delta D u_{\mathbf{k}'} u_{\mathbf{q}'} u_{\mathbf{q}} u_{\mathbf{k}} [\text{II}] / 2$$

$$V_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q};\mathbf{k}',\mathbf{q}'}^{\text{m-m}} \approx \tilde{g} \sqrt{\tilde{q} \tilde{q}'}$$

$$\tilde{g} = -4J \sqrt{2d} \left(\frac{2+d}{2\sqrt{1+d}} \right)$$

$$V_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q};\mathbf{k}',\mathbf{q}'}^{\text{imp}} = \tilde{g}_{\text{imp}} / \sqrt{\tilde{q} \tilde{q}'}$$



Who Named the -ON's?**Charles T. Walker¹** and **Glen A. Slack²**

the ON's

TABLE I. The history of -ON's.

Particle	Author of concept	Author of name
Boson	Particle whose quantum state is symmetric does not obey Pauli principle, Dirac, Heisenberg, 1926.	Dirac, 1947
Electron	Unit of electricity, Stoney, 1874. Electron as subatomic particle, Thomson, 1897. Electron as carrier of electricity in metals, Drude, 1900. Quantum treatment of electron in solids, Pauli, 1927 and Bloch, 1928.	Stoney, 1891
Exciton	Excitation waves which travel through a crystal, Frenkel, 1931.	Frenkel, 1936
Fermion	Particle whose quantum state is antisymmetric obeys Pauli principle. Dirac, 1926.	Dirac, 1947
Magnon	Spin waves, Bloch, 1930. Spin-deviation operators, Holstein and Primakoff, 1940.	Landau, 19?? (Mentioned by Pomeranchuk in 1941.)
Neutron	Neutral particle with mass of proton, Rutherford, 1920.	Rutherford, 1920 or 1921 (Mentioned by Glasston in 1921.)
Phonon	Quantum of elastic waves, Tamm, 1930.	Frenkel, 1932
Photon	Quantum of electromagnetic radiation, Einstein, 1905.	Lewis, 1926
Plasmon	Quantization of plasma oscillations, Bohm and Pines, 1951.	Pines, 1956
Polariton	Quantum mechanical treatment of coupled electromagnetic and lattice fields, Fano, 1956.	Hopfield, 1958
Polaron	Localized electron from electron-lattice interaction, Landau, 1933.	Pekar, 1946
Proton	Hydrogen atoms are the elemental constituent of matter, Prout, 1815.	Rutherford, 1920
Roton	Elementary excitation of the vortex spectrum in liquid helium, Landau, 1941.	Tamm, 19?? (Mentioned by Landau in 1941.)

Now just as for light and electrons it is possible to associate the acoustical waves with certain particles which we shall call "phonons" and to replace the study of the heat oscillations forming these waves by the study of the motion of the corresponding "phonons".*

The footnote is rather amusing:

*It is not in the least intended to convey hereby the impression that such phonons have real existence. On the contrary, the possibility of their introduction rather serves to discredit the belief in the real existence of photons.



word magnon ... visionary, or misguided?

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the magnons. The experimental facts available suggest that the magnons are submitted to the Fermi statistics; namely, when $T \ll \theta_k$ the susceptibility tends to a constant limit, which is of the order of const/θ_k (*) [for $T > \theta_k$, $\chi = \text{const}/(T + \theta_k)$]. Evidently we have here to deal with the Pauli paramagnetism which can be directly obtained from the Fermi distribution. Therefore, we shall assume the Fermi statistics for the magnons*. Due to the Fermi

* A. Perrier a. H. Kamerlingh Onnes, Leiden Comm., No. 139 (1914).

☑ solid oxygen! ⇒

the lattice. Such magnetic excitations will be called in the following «magnons» (this name was suggested by L. Landau).

