

Magnetic-Field and High-Pressure Studies of the Shastry-Sutherland Model Compounds

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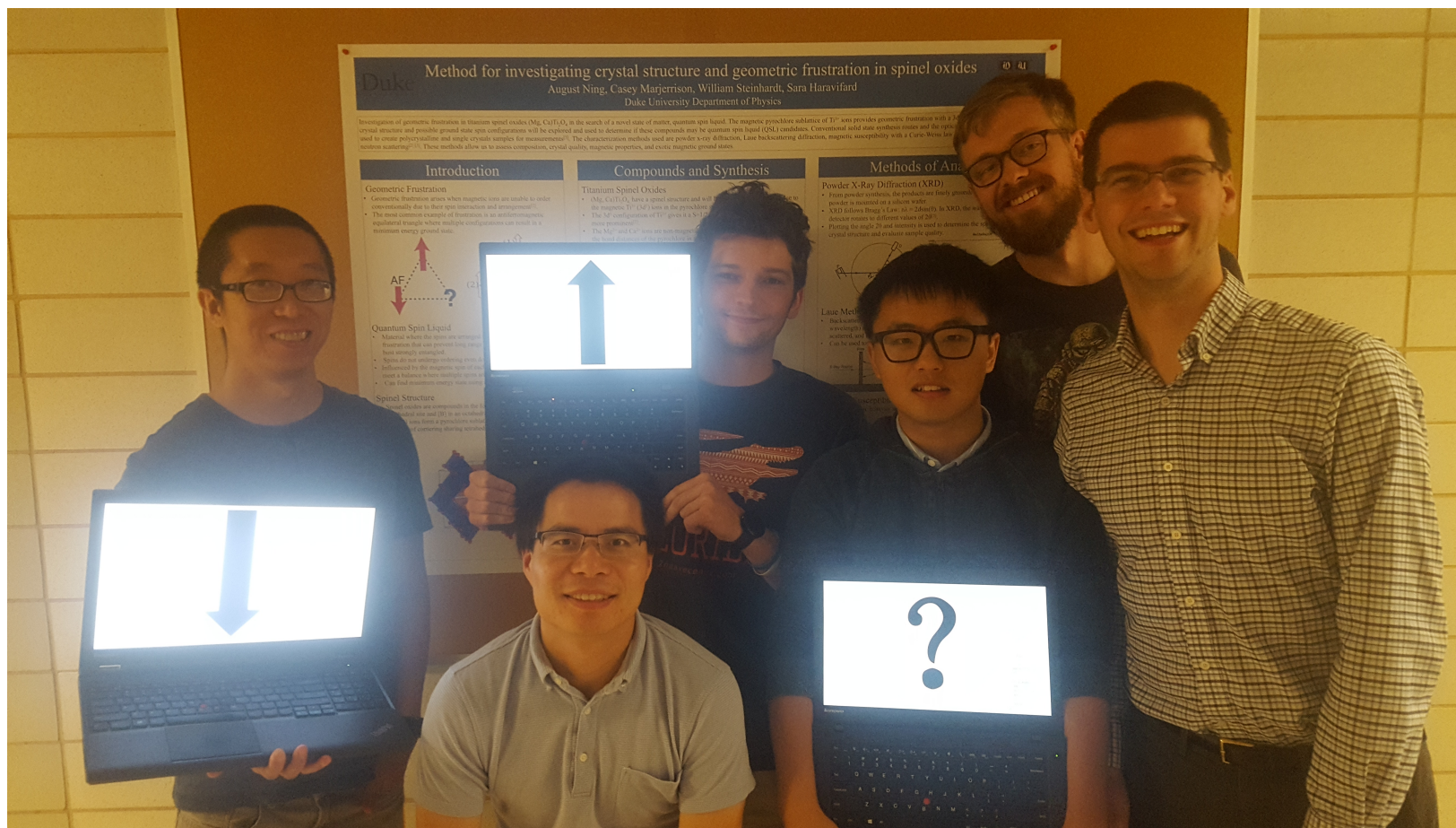
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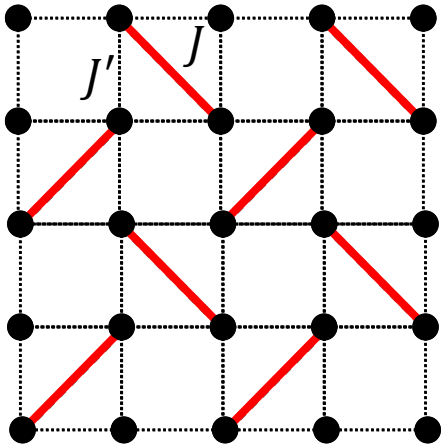
Shastry-Sutherland Model

$$\mathcal{H}_{ss} = J \sum \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j + J' \sum \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j$$

J, J' are Antiferromagnetic

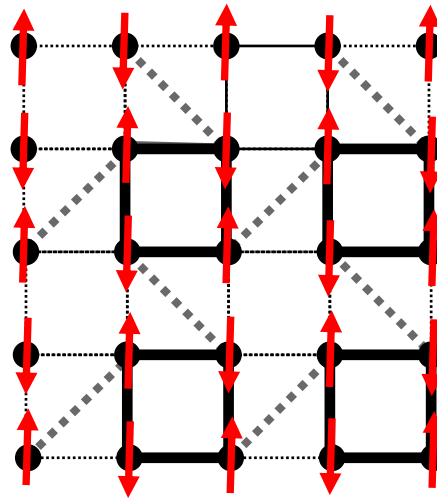
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Isolated Singlet Dimer



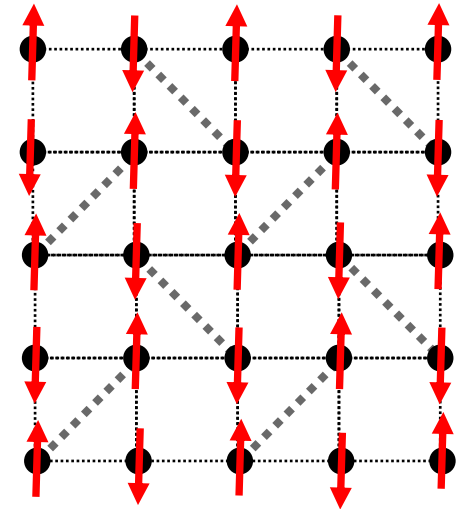
Case I \rightarrow Case II

Plaquette State

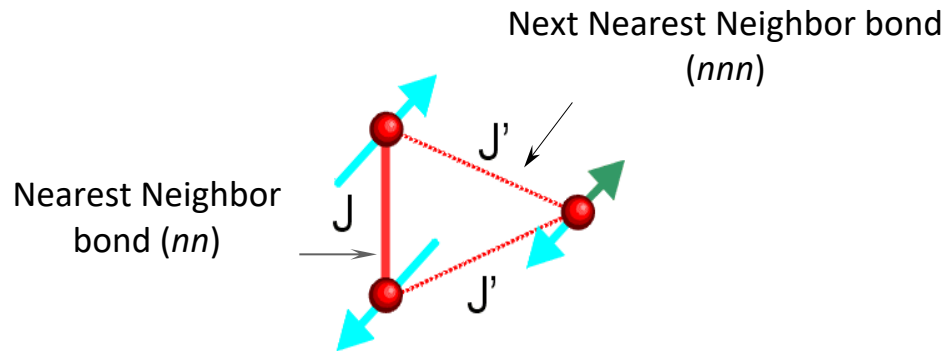


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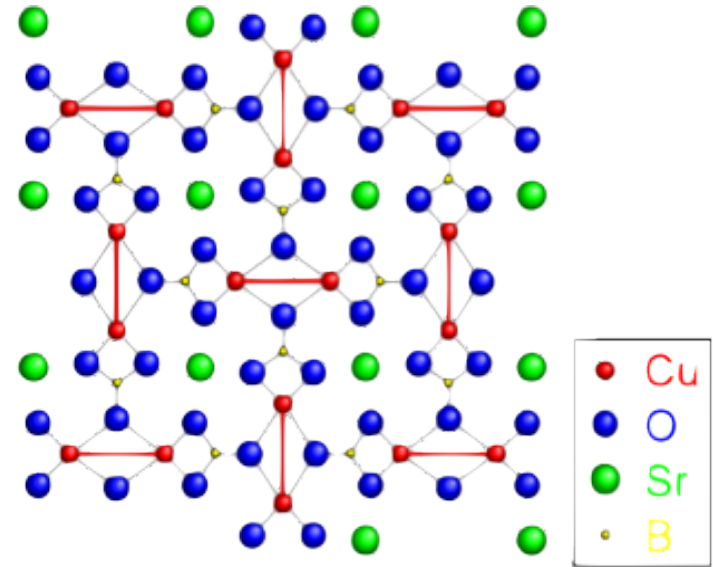
Ordered Neel AF



SrCu₂(BO₃)₂: Realization of Shastry-Sutherland Model

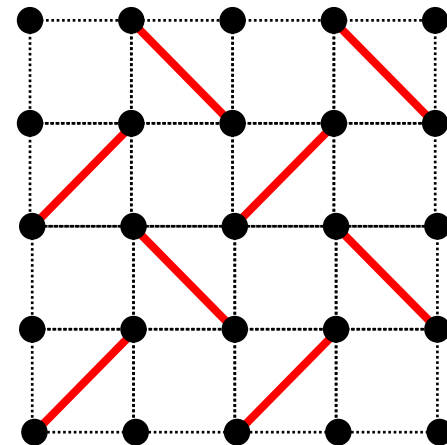


$$\mathcal{H}_{ss} = J \sum_{nn} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j + J' \sum_{nnn} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j$$

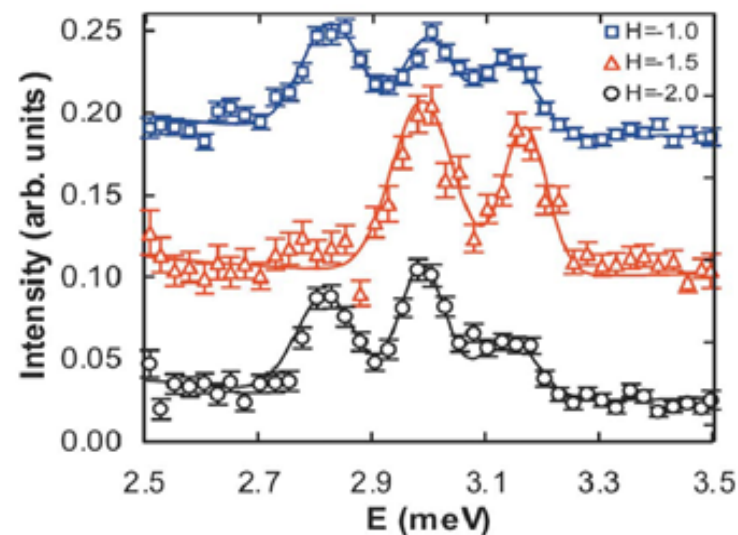
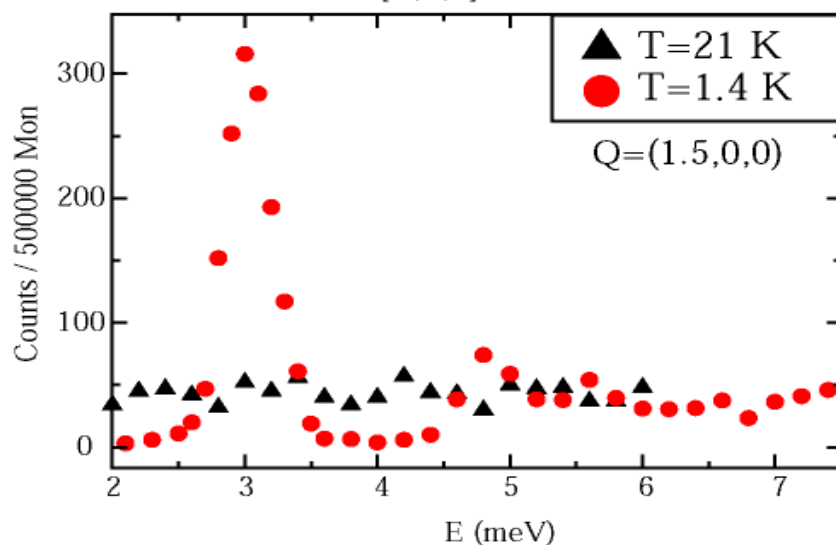
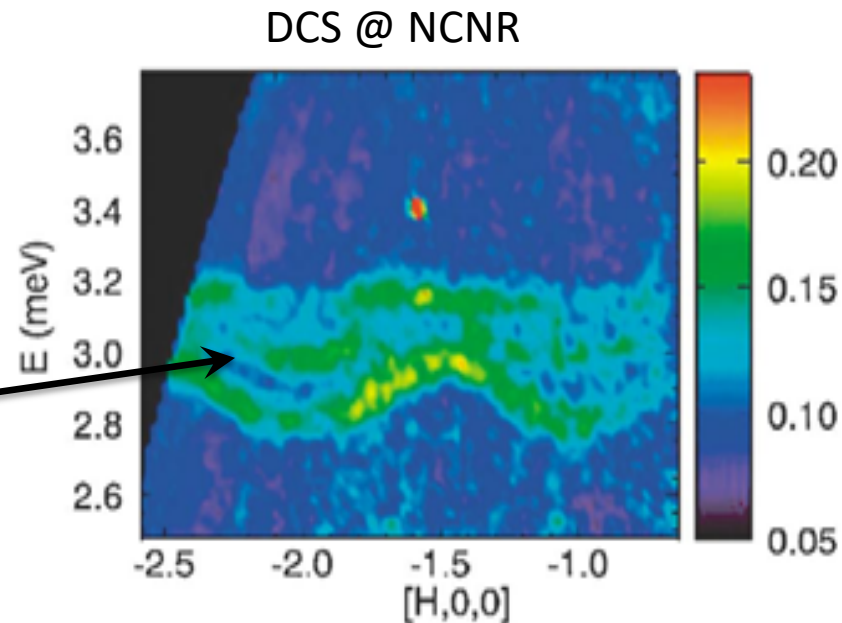
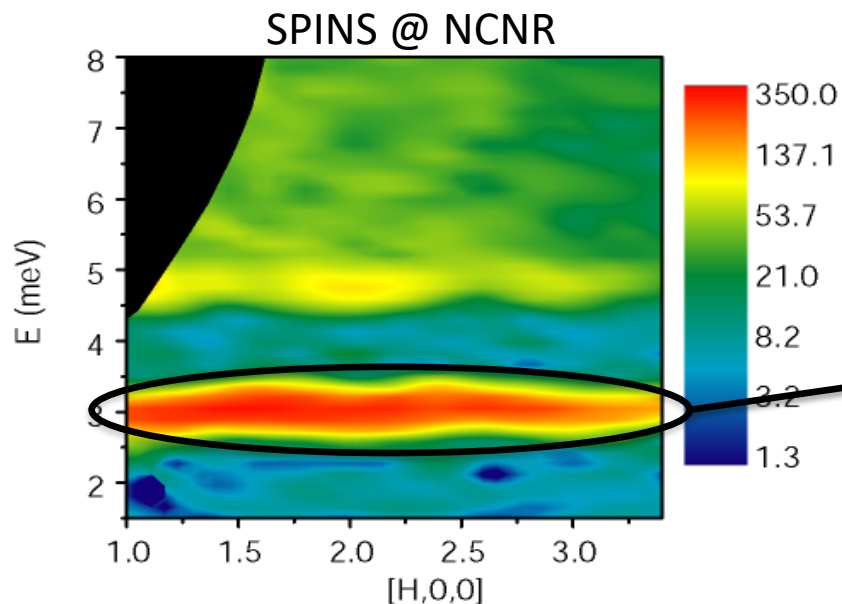


- $a - b$ plane topologically equivalent to Shastry-Sutherland lattice
- $x \equiv \frac{J'}{J} \sim 0.63$
- Weak inter-plane coupling
- Isolated singlet dimer ground state

→ Use pressure to change bond distances
vary x , tune ground state

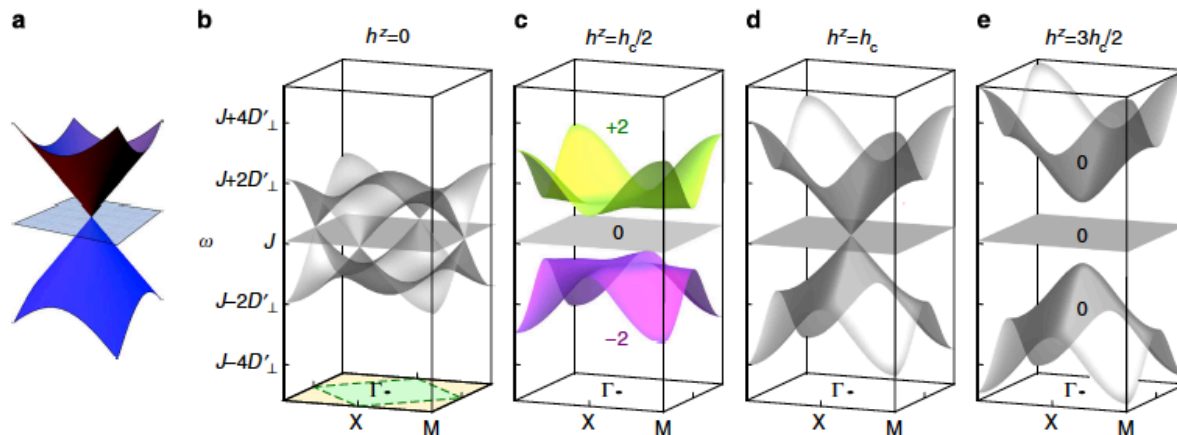


High Resolution Inelastic Neutron Scattering Results

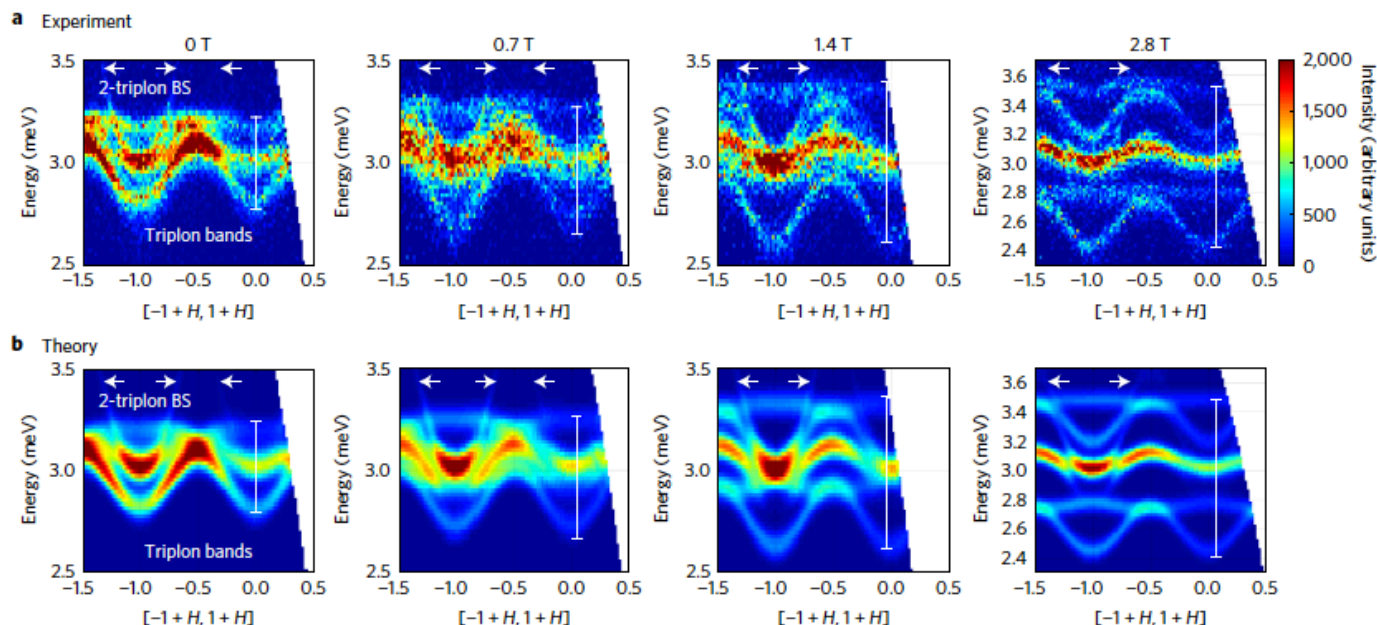


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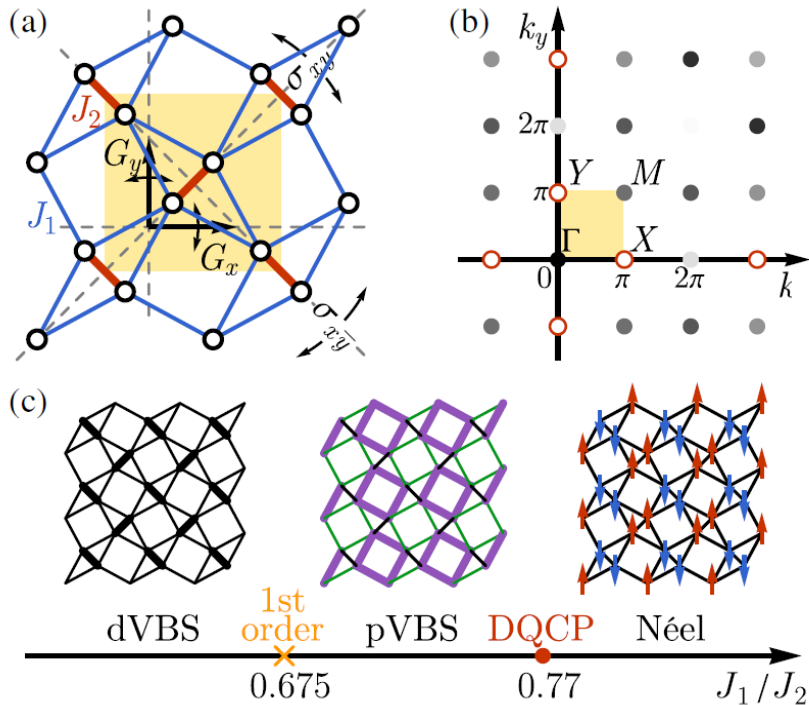


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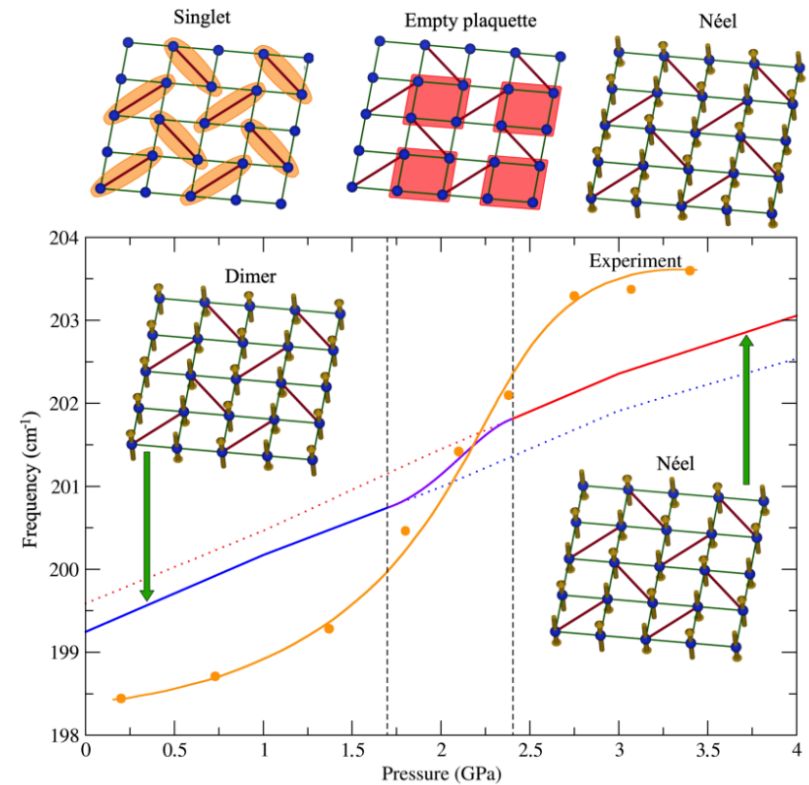


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4-spin plaquette singlet



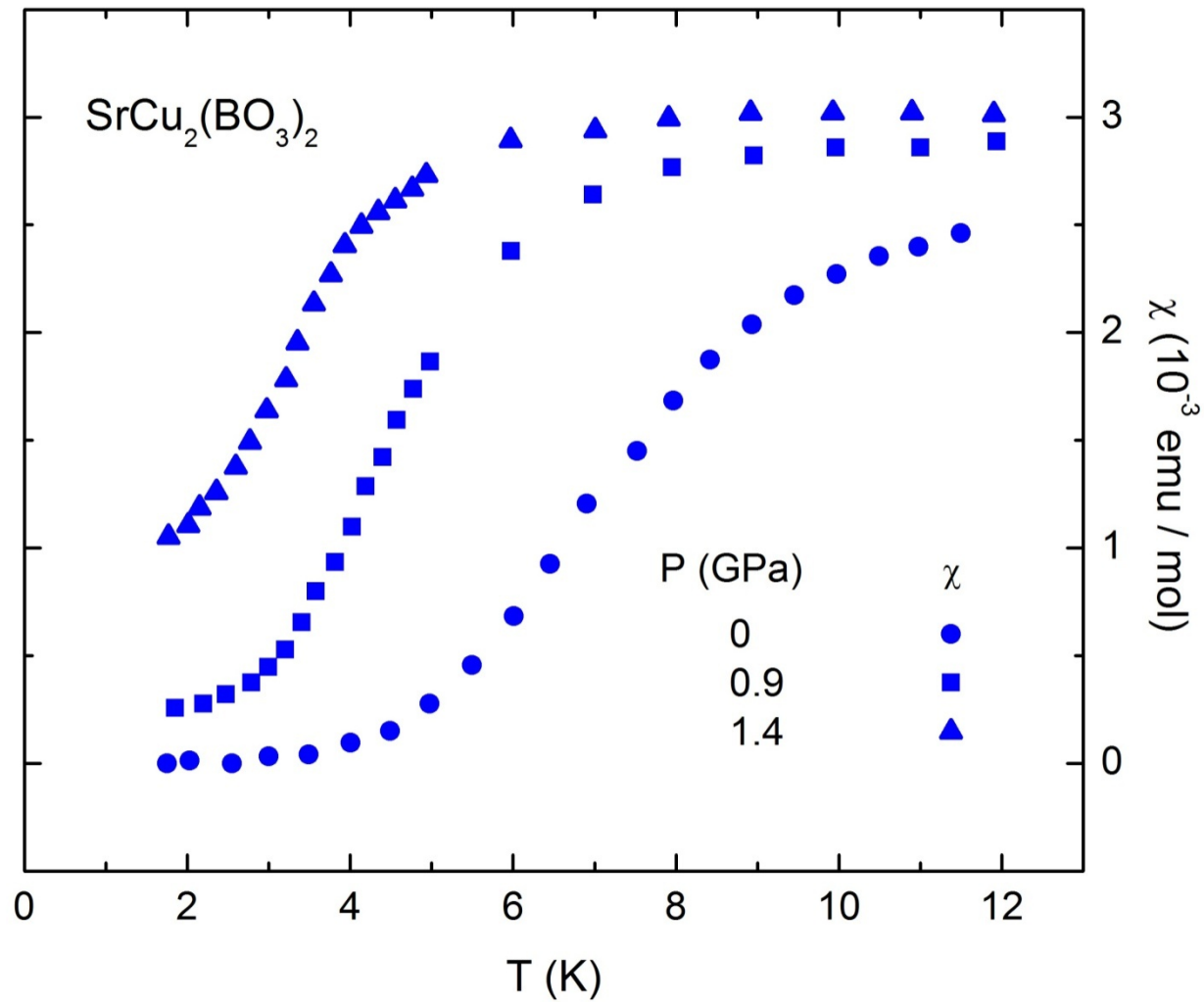
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- Nature of the 4-spin plaquette singlet?
- Deconfined quantum critical point

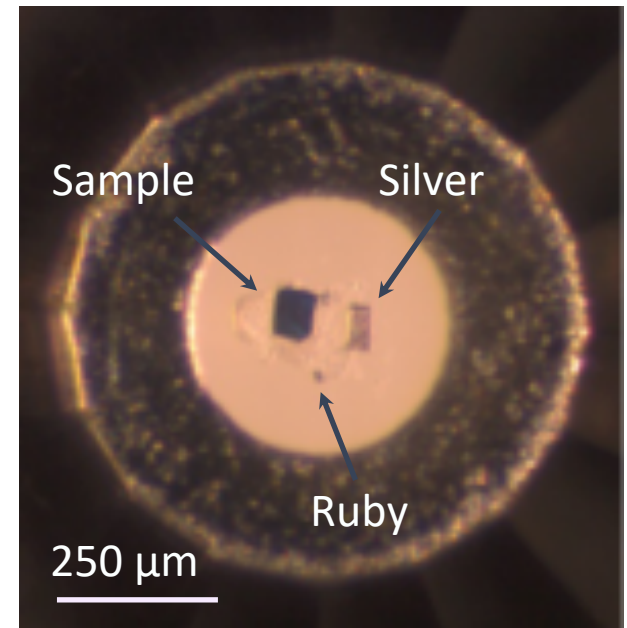
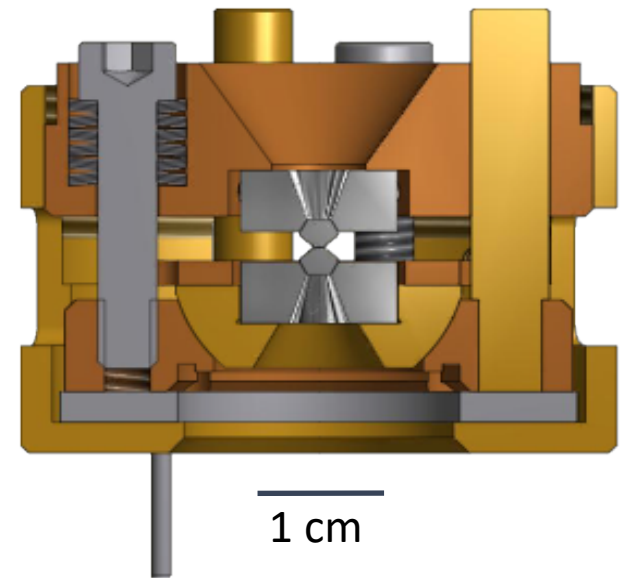
Pressure Tuning of Energy Gap in $\text{SrCu}_2(\text{BO}_3)_2$



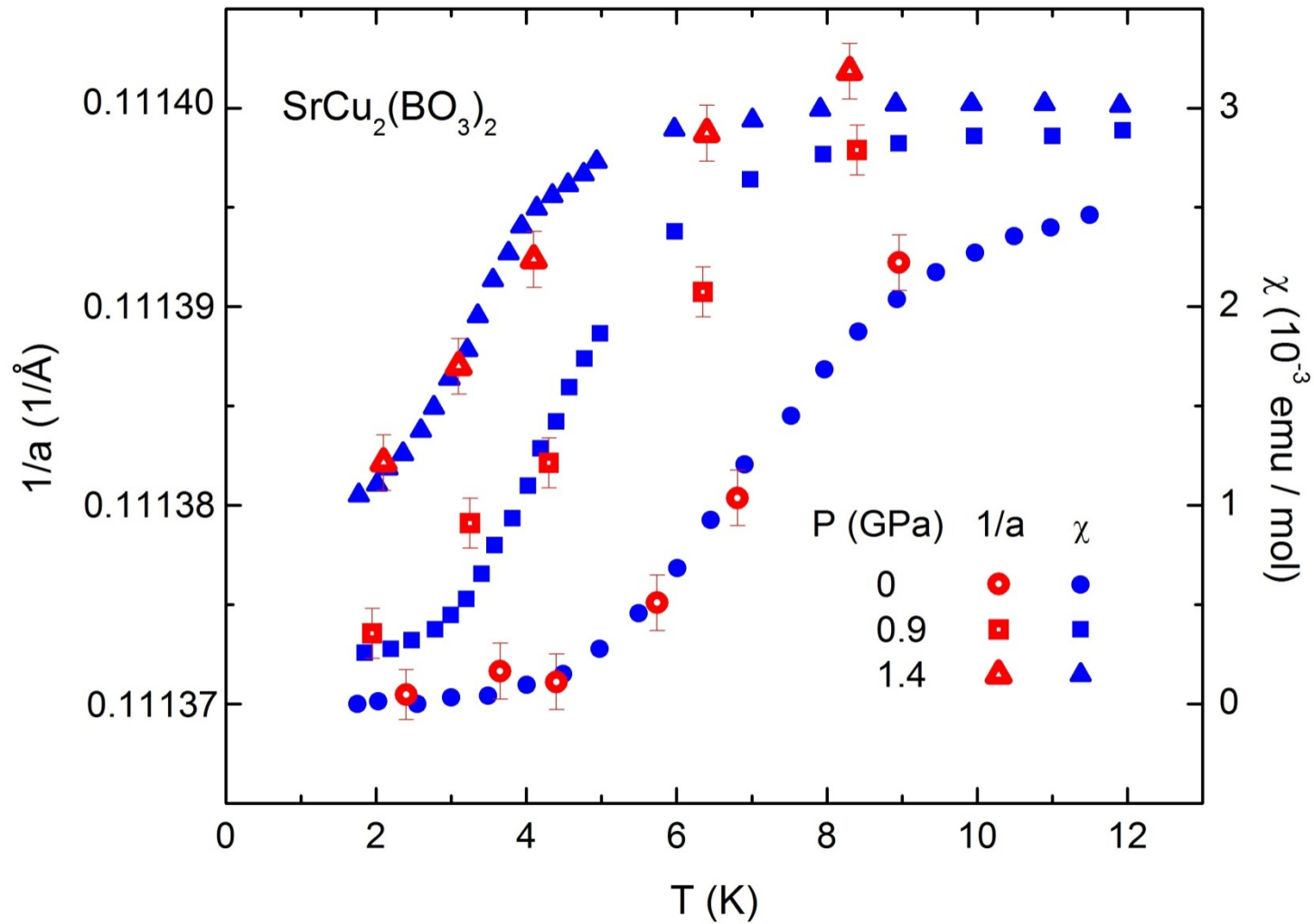
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Pressure Tuning in Diamond Anvil Cell

- ❖ Vary coupling ratio by applying hydrostatic pressure to compress sample
- ❖ Experimental range ~ 0.3 -25 GPa: Diamond anvil cell
 - Single-crystal sample confined between faces of two diamonds, metallic gasket
 - Methanol/Ethanol pressure medium for hydrostaticity
 - Ruby and silver manometers
 - In situ pressure tuning via helium gas membrane
- ❖ X-ray measurements: Transmission geometry, synchrotron source



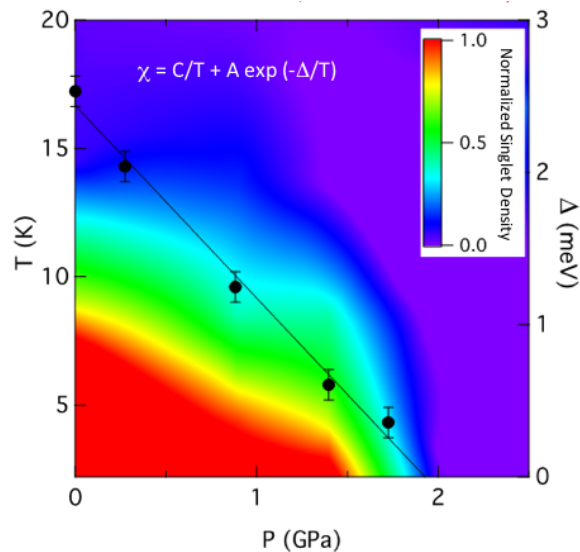
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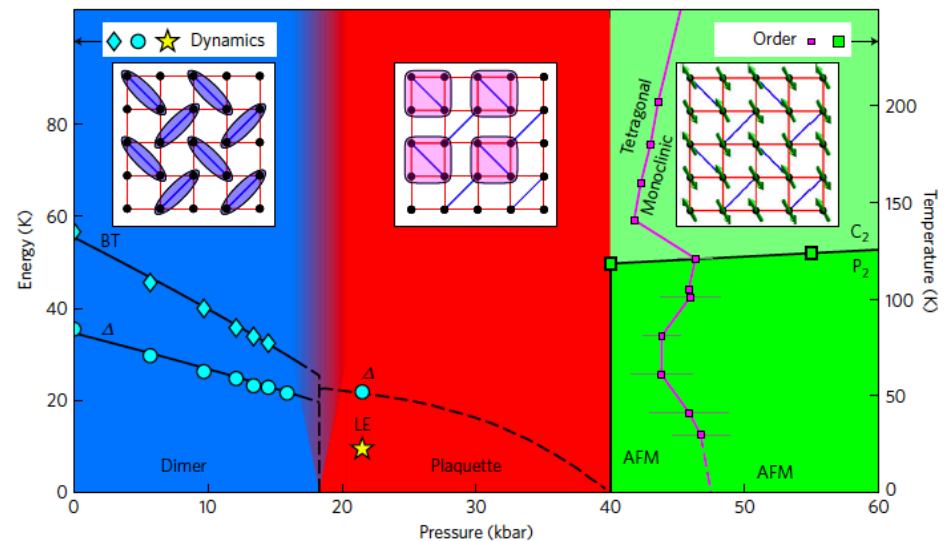
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Mapping the Phase Diagram > Pressure

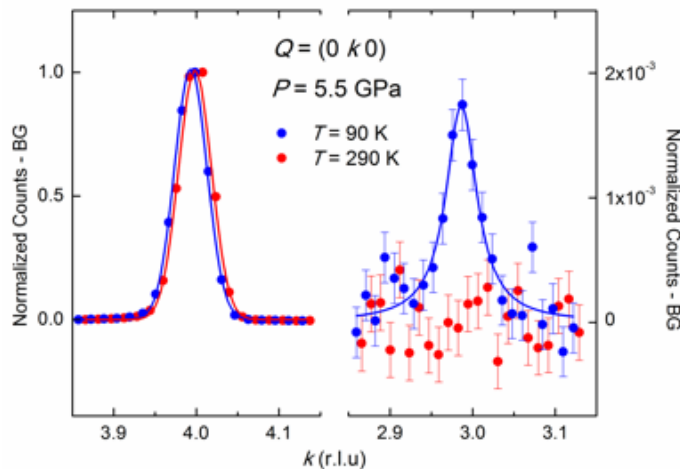


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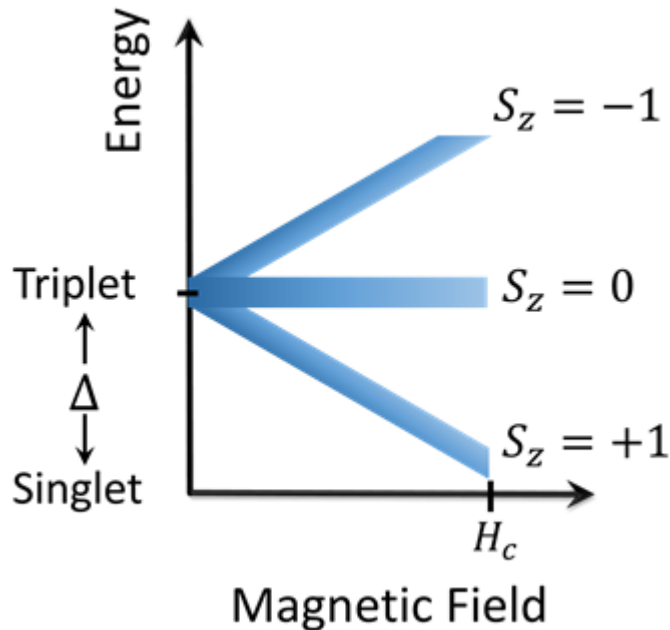
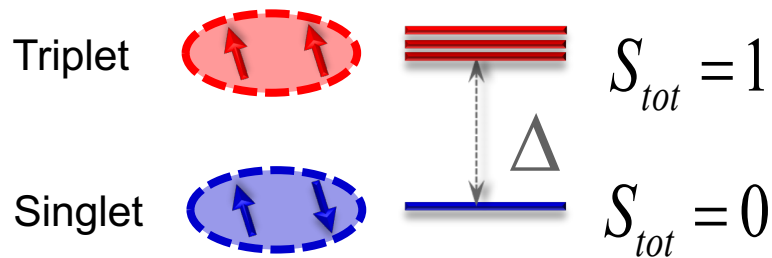
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High Magnetic Field Induced Phenomena

Analogy can be portrayed between a spin ½ dimer system in an external magnetic field and a lattice gas of hard-core bosons.



$$\mathcal{H} = J \sum_{nn} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j + J' \sum_{nnn} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j + g\mu_B H \cdot \sum_i \vec{S}_i$$

Application of a magnetic field causes the *Zeeman splitting* of the three excited triplet states → The gap ultimately closes at the critical magnetic field $H_c = \Delta/(g\mu_B)$

Accordingly magnetic field exceeding H_c is required to create a finite number of triplets per unit cell of the crystal.

In this depiction:

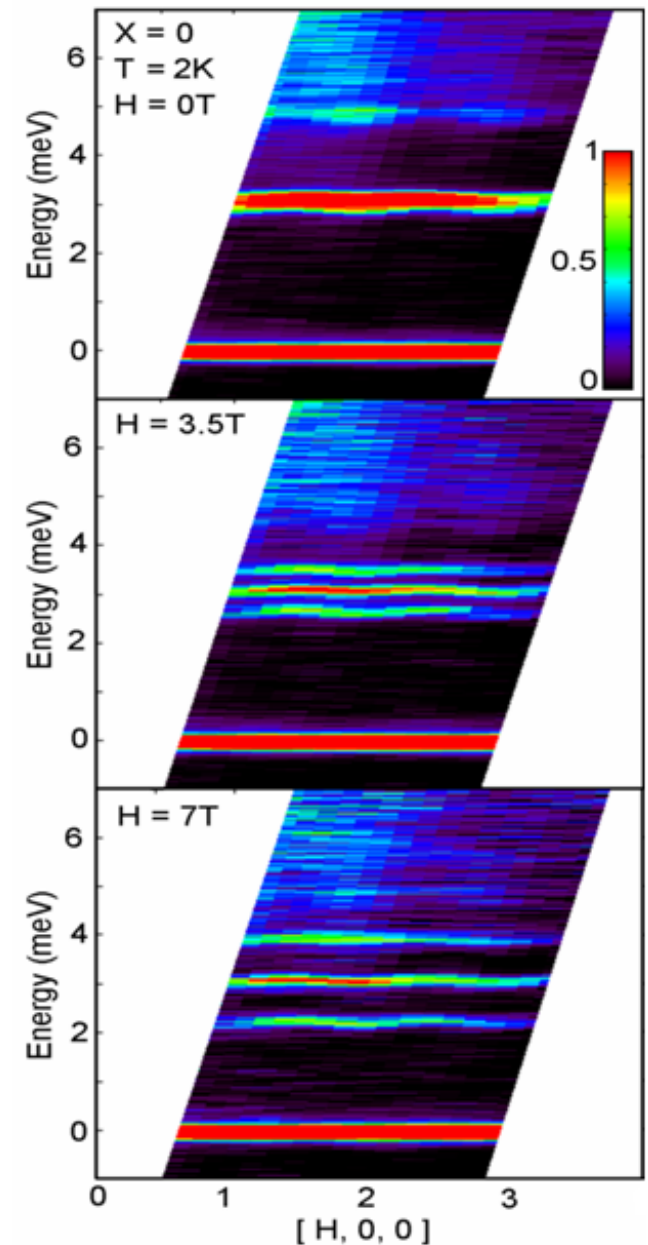
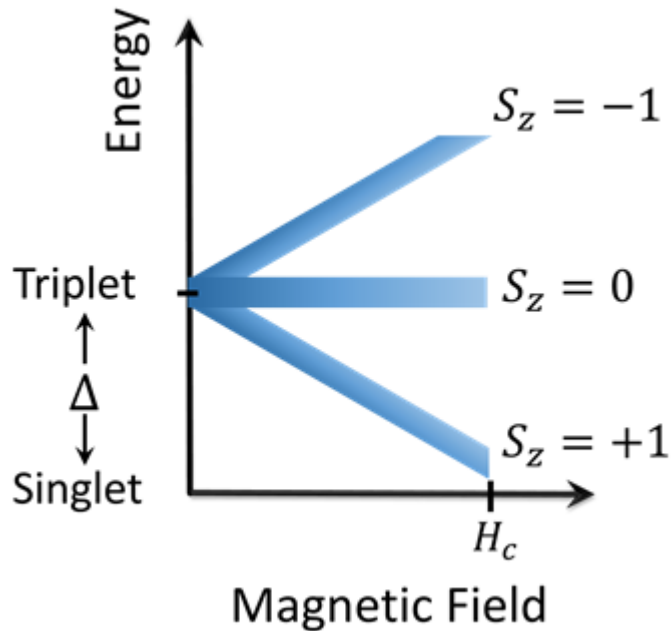
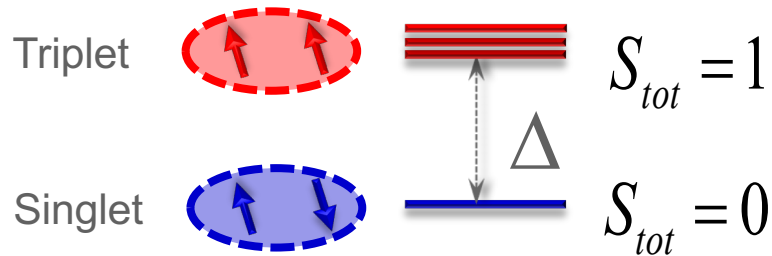
singlet ↔ *vacuum*

triplets ↔ *bosons with hard-core repulsion*

magnetic field ↔ *chemical potential*

Zeeman Splitting of Triplet States in SCBO

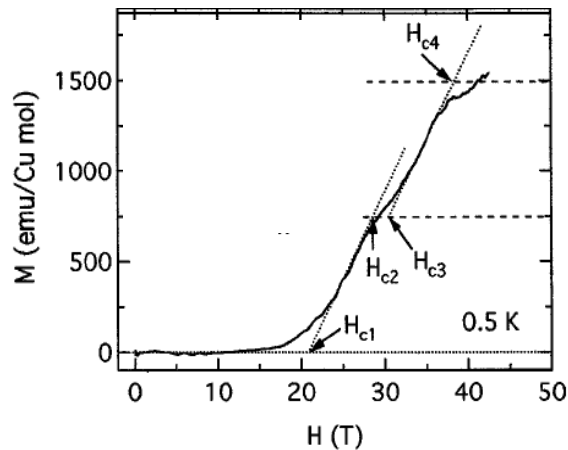
$$\mathcal{H} = J \sum_{nn} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j + J' \sum_{nnn} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j + g\mu_B H \cdot \sum_i \vec{S}_i$$



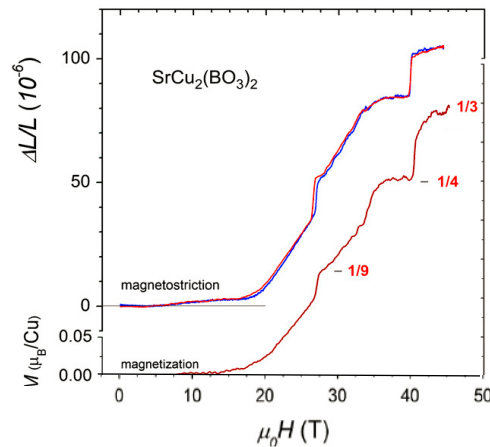
Mapping the Phase Diagram > Magnetic Field

Origin of the magnetization plateaus?

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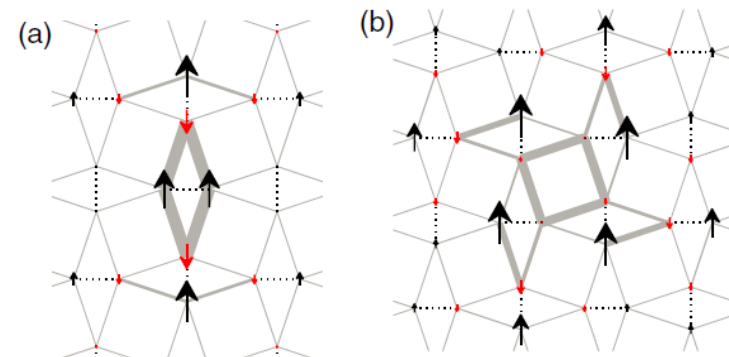


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**Bound states of triplons (pinwheels):
formation of crystals**



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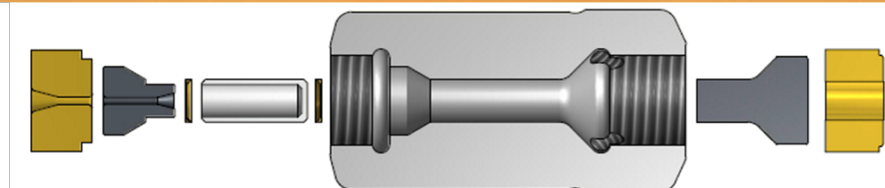
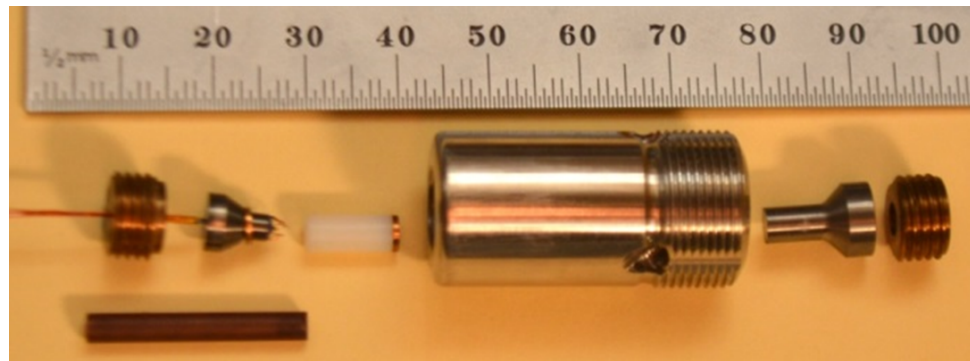
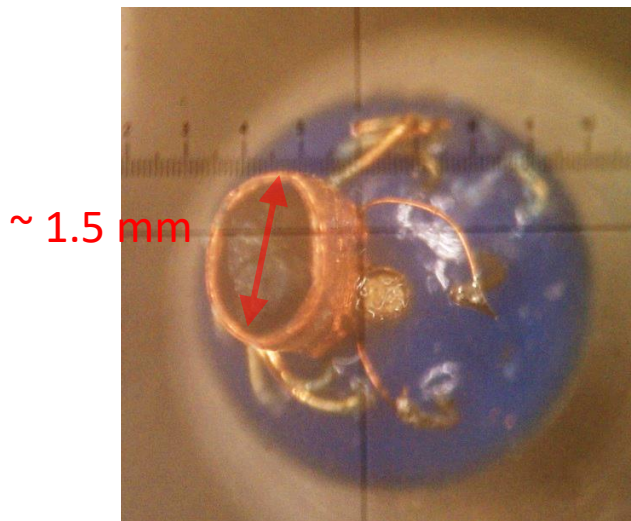
Tuning Magnetization Profiles with Pressure

SCBO and spin $\frac{1}{2}$ systems in general, intrinsic magnetic moments are weak, using large samples is crucial.

Applying hydrostatic pressures, can be achieved with the use of pressure cells which limit sample size to millimeter dimensions and smaller.

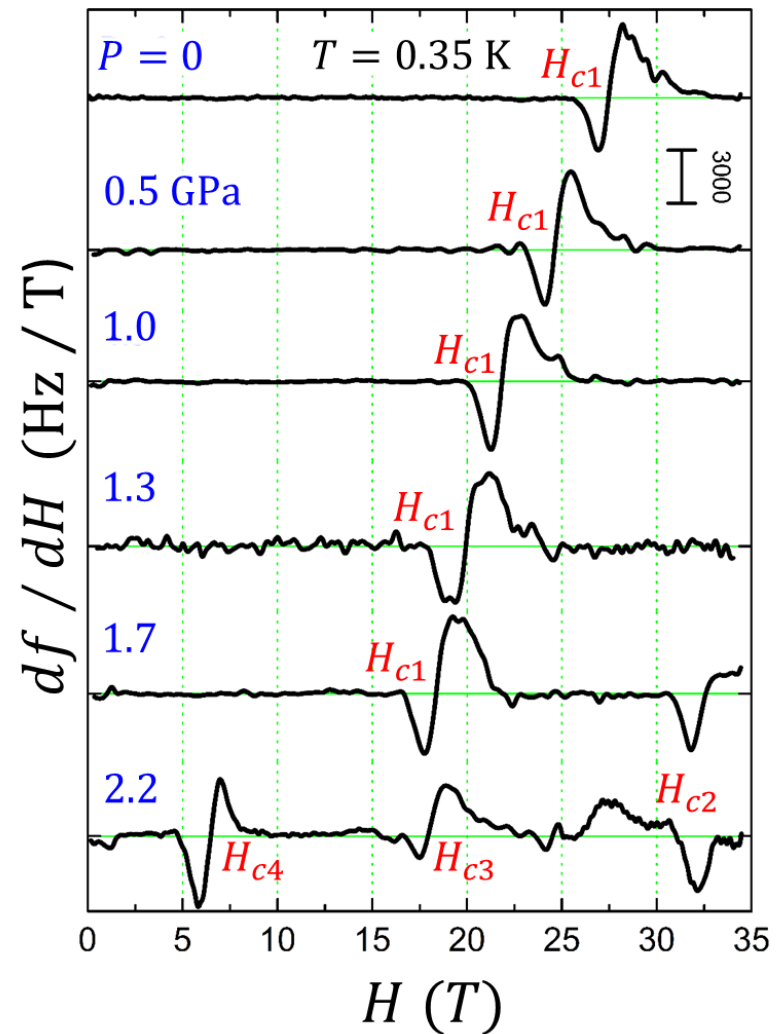
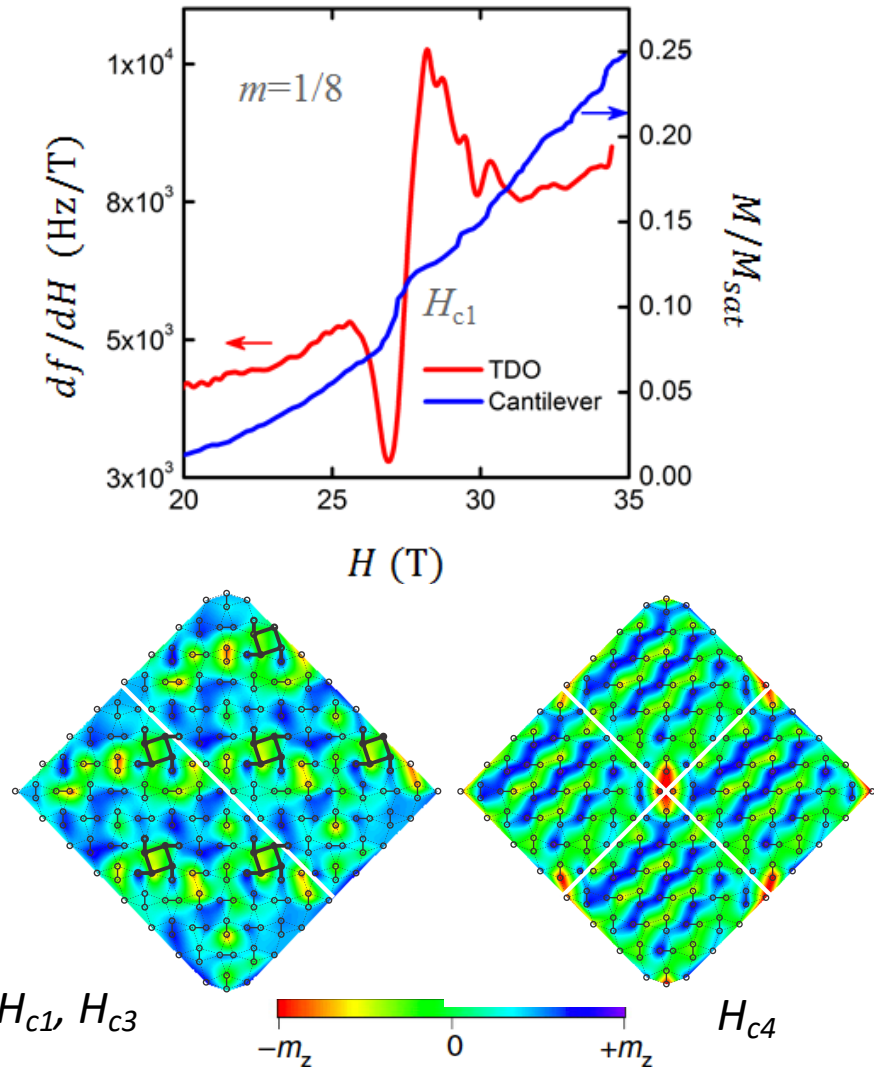
Alternatively, **Tunnel Diode Oscillators (TDO)** represent a new approach to this challenge. A TDO circuit is constructed of a self-resonating LC tank biased by a tunnel diode. Sample is located in a coil which acts as the inductor in the LC tank circuit

→ $\frac{\Delta f}{f} \propto \frac{dM}{dH}$ enabling us to precisely measure changes in the magnetic moment on the order of 10^{-12} emu



Mapping the Phase Diagram > Pressure & Magnetic Field

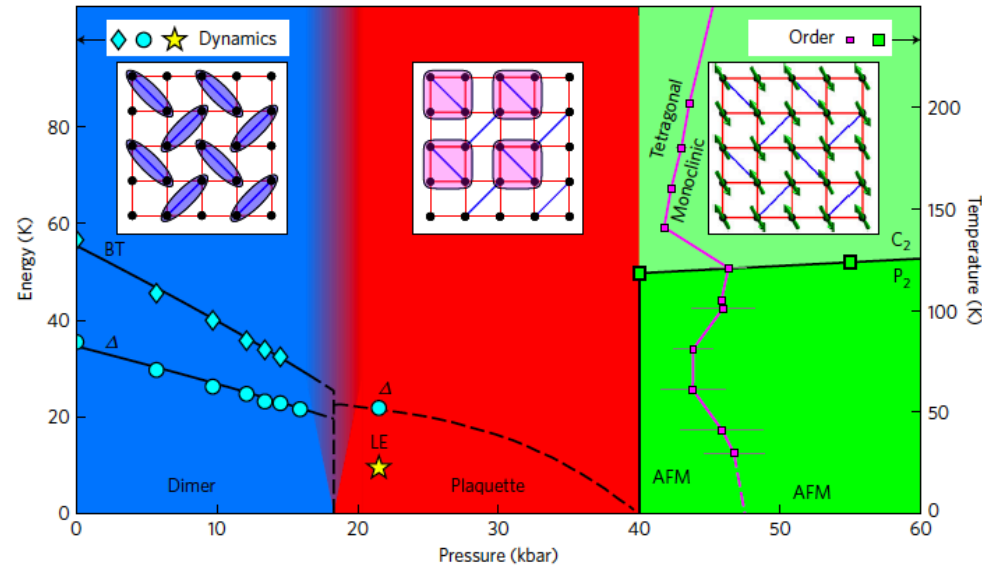
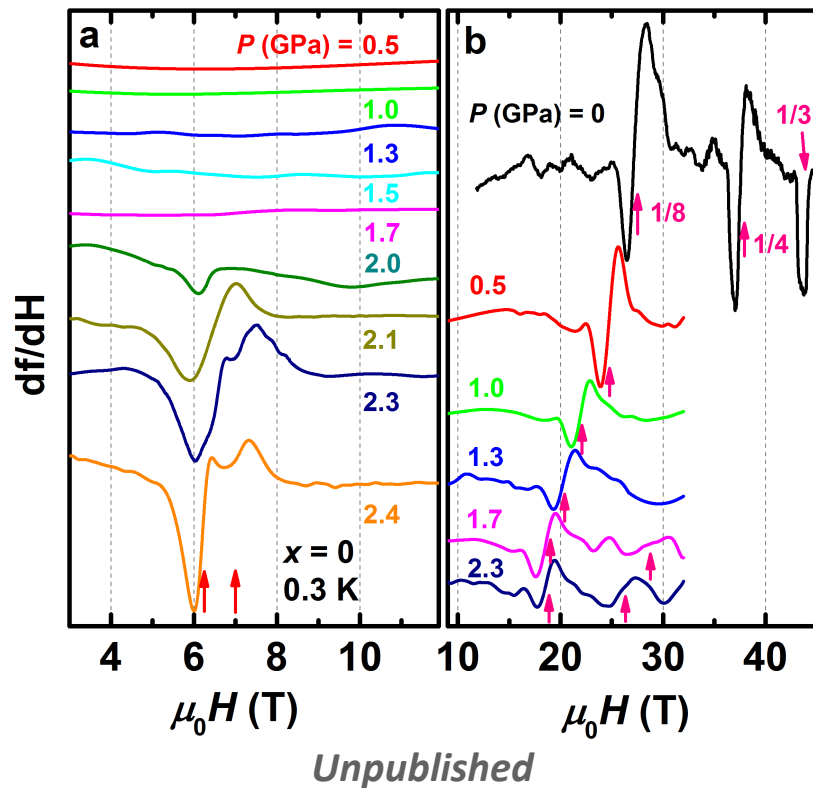
$$\Delta f/f \propto dM/dH$$



Computed at fixed magnetization S_z on lattices with different aspect ratios and open boundary conditions, keeping up to 3000 DMRG states.

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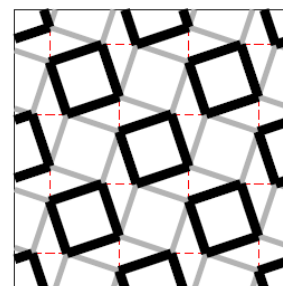
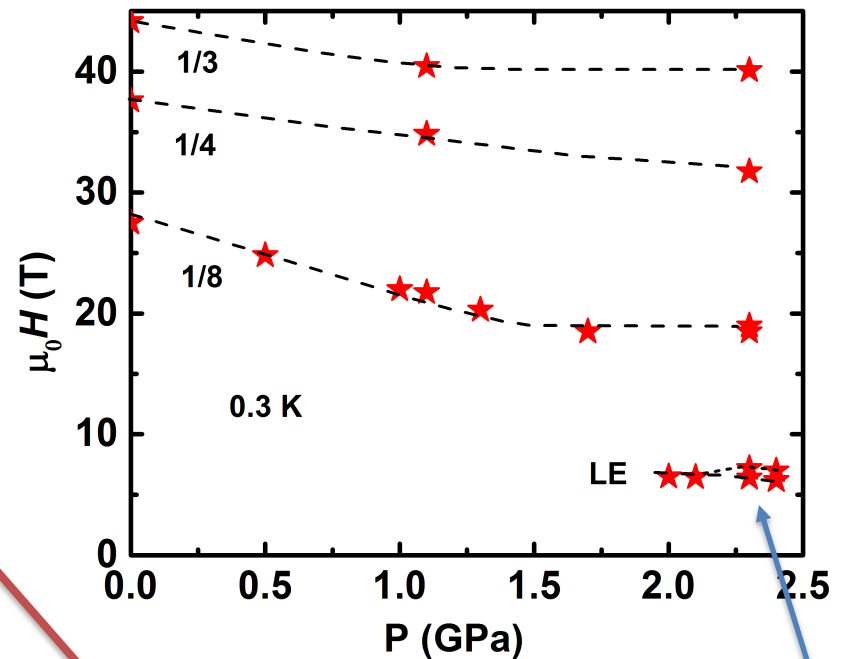
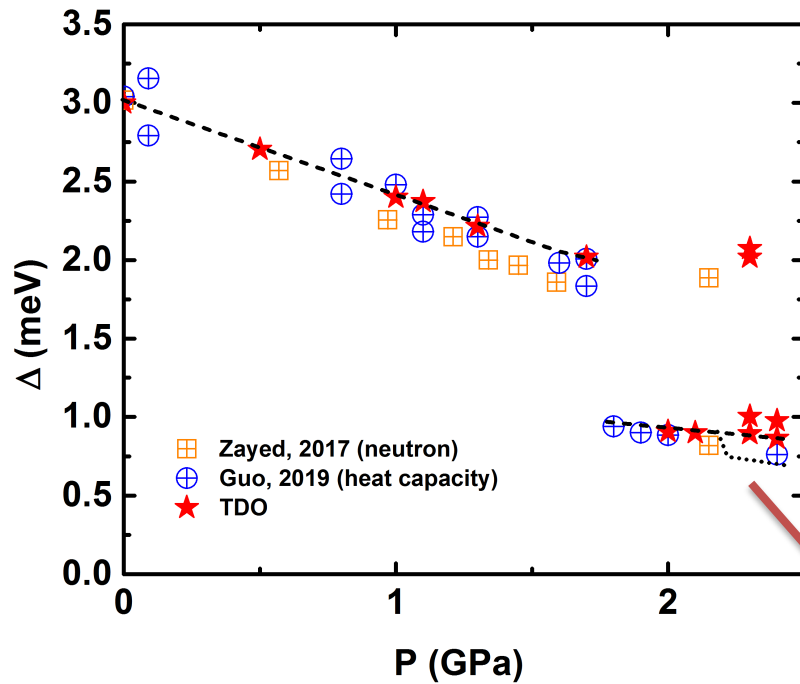
Energy Excitations in Plaquette State



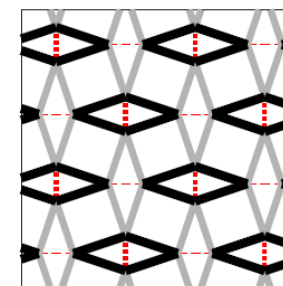
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- Above 2.0 GPa, anomaly observed at ~ 7 T, corresponding to LE mode in neutron scattering data reported by Zayed *et al.* 2017.
- Above 2.2 GPa, LE mode splits
- While field of $1/8$ plateau seems to saturate above 1.7 GPa, the field of $1/4$ plateau seems to continue to decrease with pressure.

Δ -P Phase Diagram



(b)



(c)

0.046
-0.211
-0.376

0.149
0.035
-0.267
-0.350

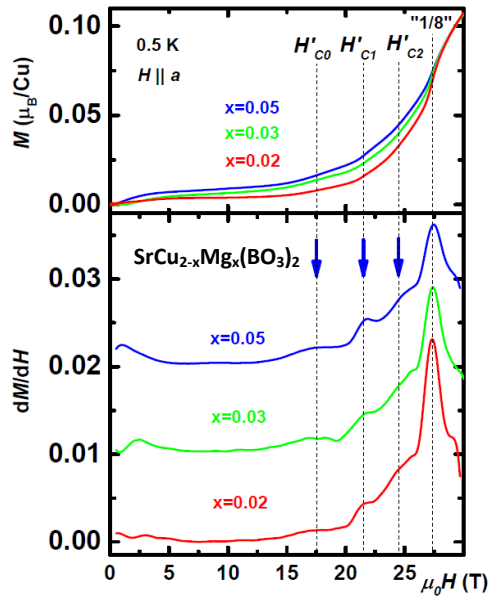
2.2 GPa
splitting

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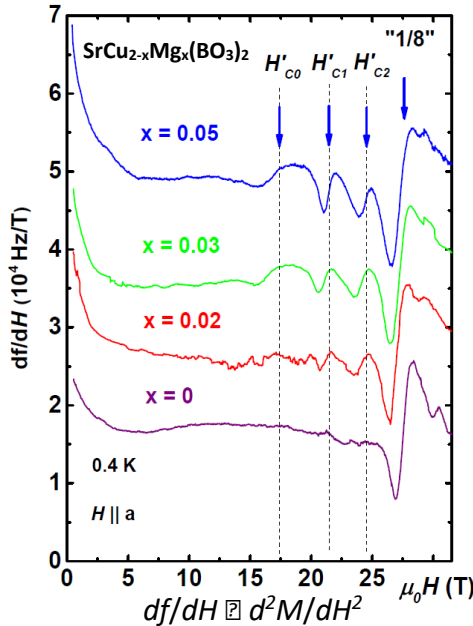
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SrCu_{2-x}Mg_x(BO₃)₂: anomalies below 1/8 plateau

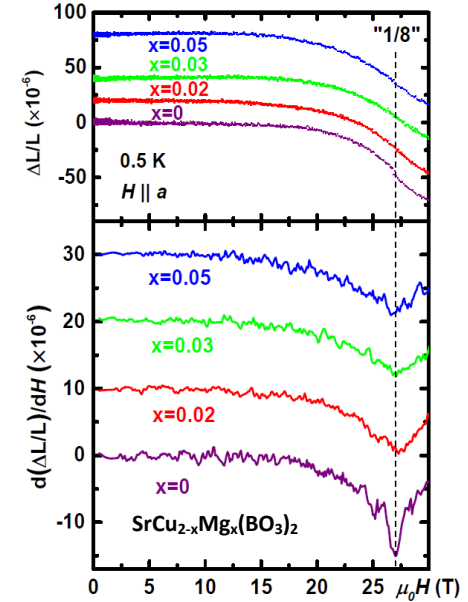
Magnetization measurement



Tunnel diode oscillator (TDO)



Magnetostriction



- Emergent magnetic states at $H'_{c0} \sim 17.5$ T, $H'_{c1} \sim 21.5$ T and $H'_{c2} \sim 24.5$ T
- Absence in magnetostriction: **weak lattice coupling**
- **Superstructure of triplets** with unit cell larger than that for 1/8? **Not likely**

TDO technique:

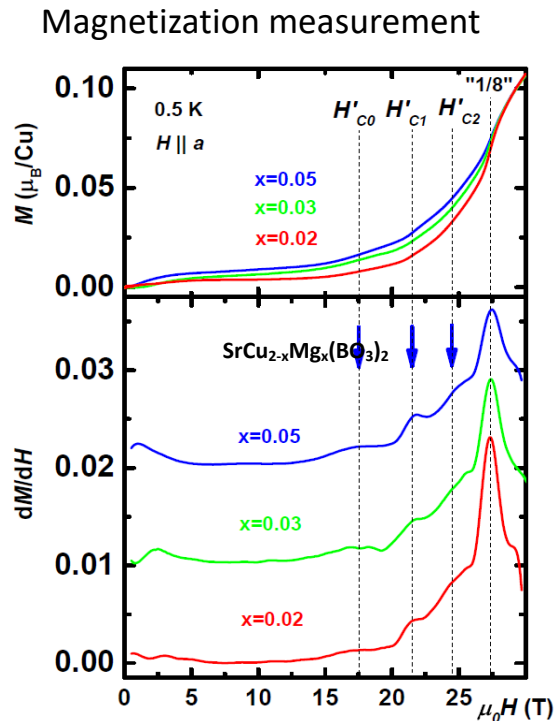
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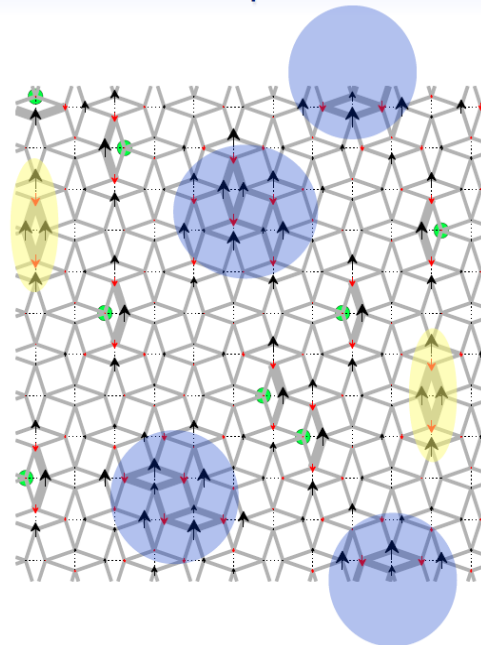
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Infinite projected entangled-pair state (iPEPS): special configuration of impurities



12x12 with 8 impurities and $S_z=4+8$



● impurity site
(inducing $S_z=1/2$ in the neighborhood)

● bound state ($S_z=2$)

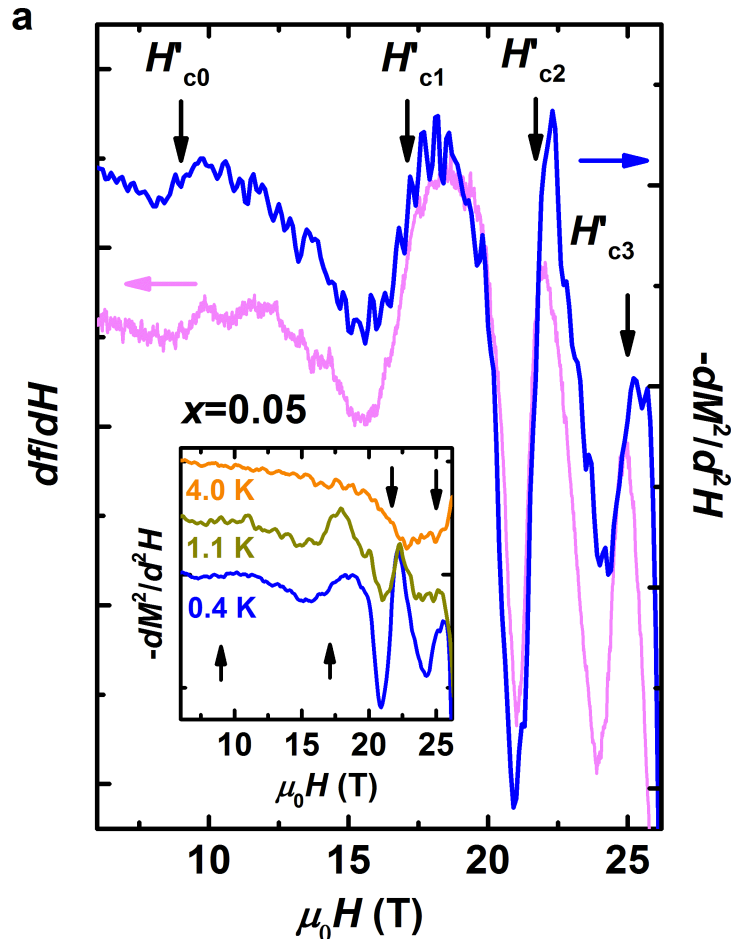
● triplet ($S_z=1$)

$SrCu_{2-x}Mg_x(BO_3)_2$
 $x=0.056$

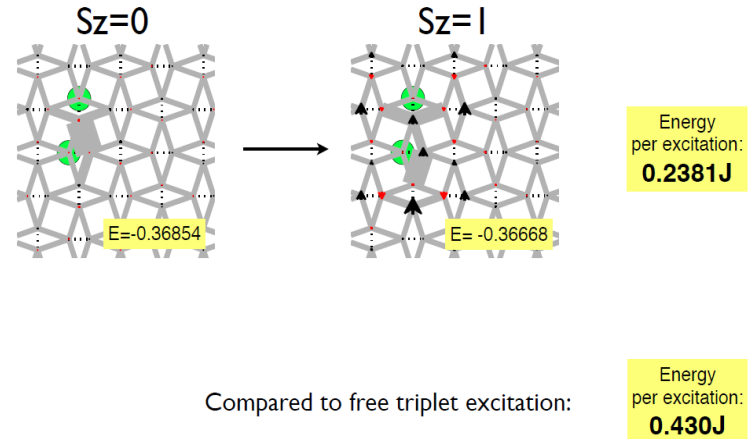
Better answer: Triplet, Bound states of triplets

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Special Configuration of impurities



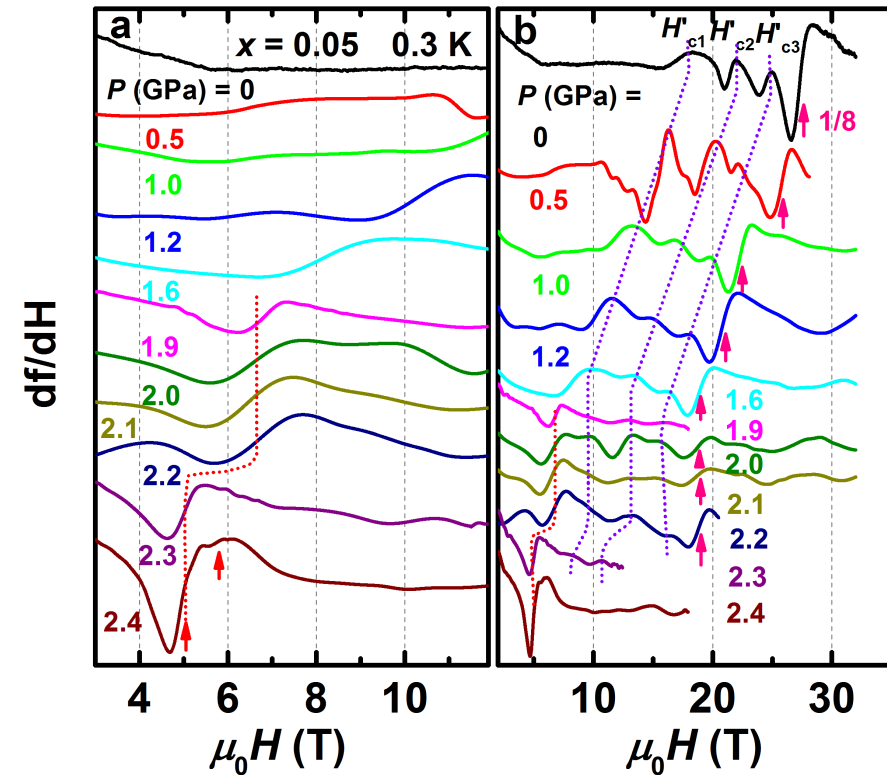
Special 2-impurity configurations (8x8 unit cell, D=6)



Better answer: **Bound states of impurities**

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TDO x=0.05 @ Different Pressures

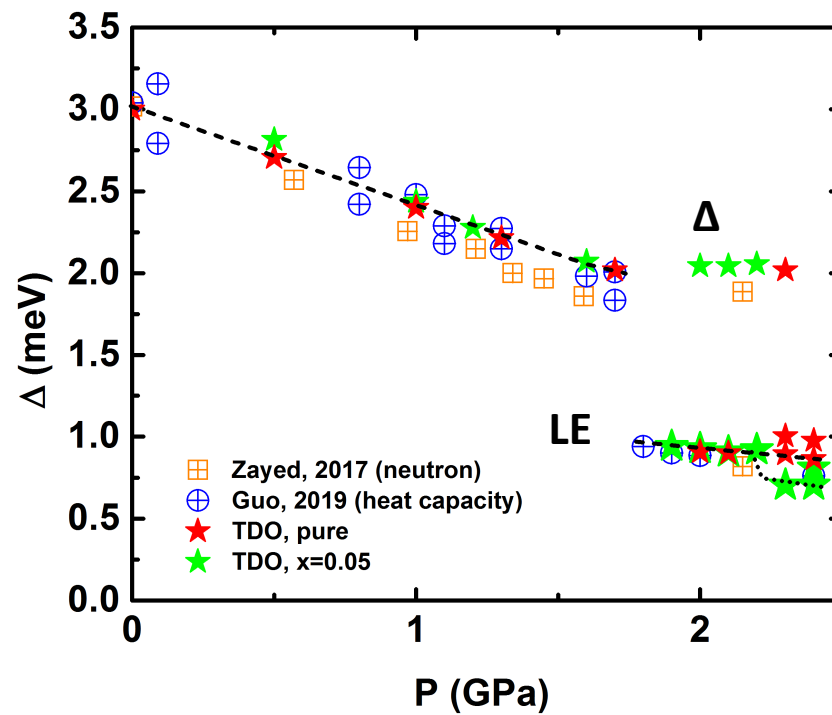
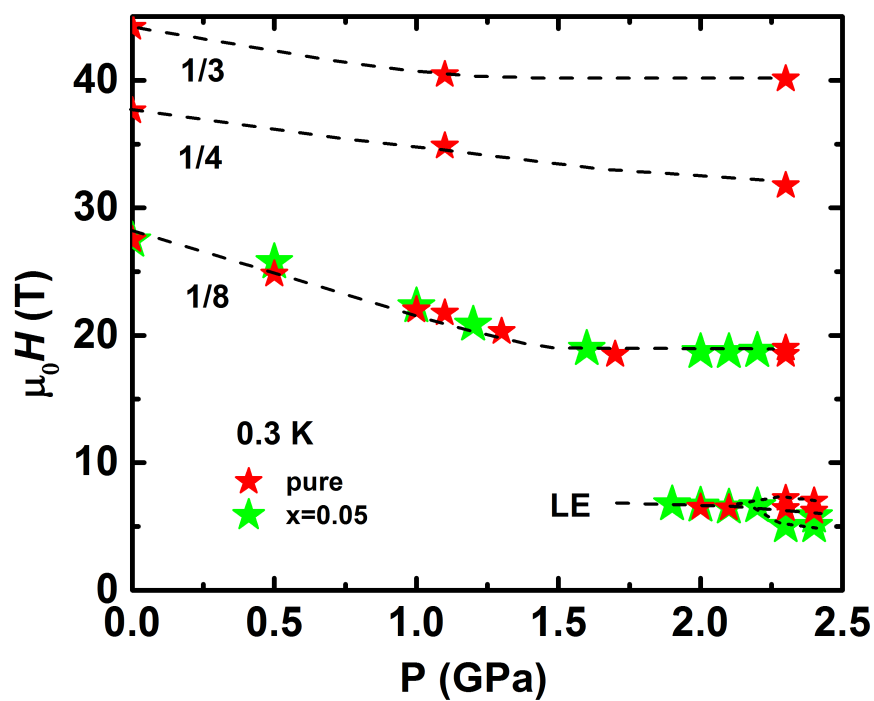


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x=0.05 SCBO:

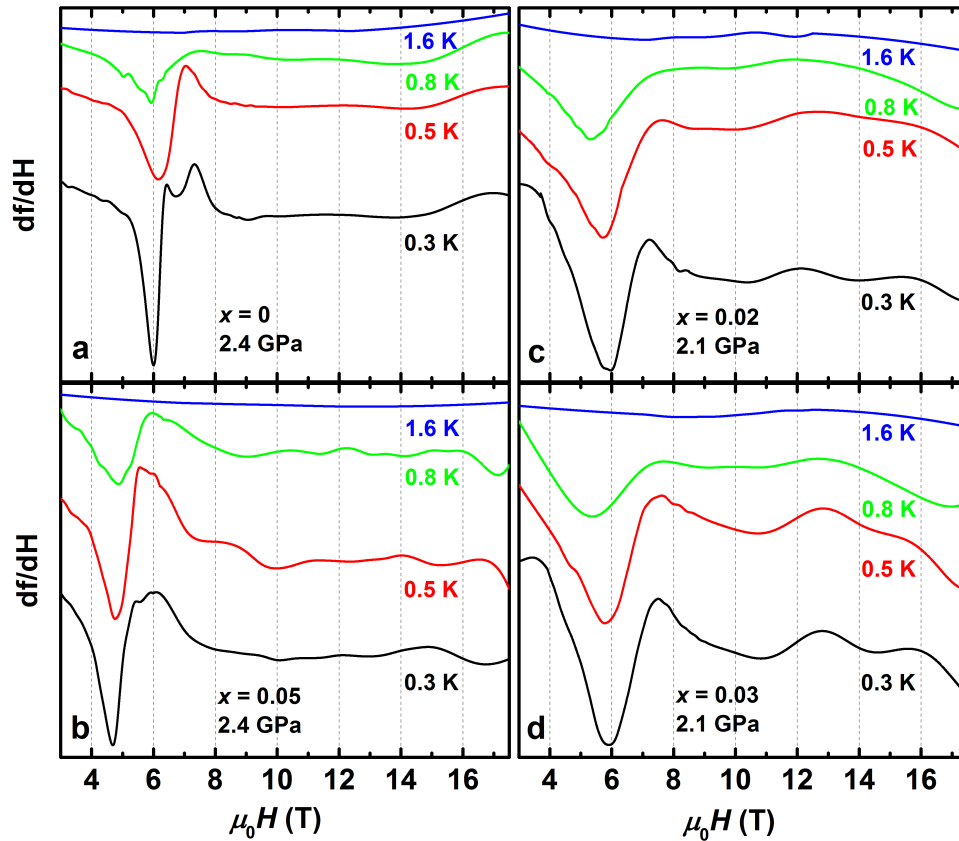
- (1) 1/8 Plateaus vs pressure, see pink arrows.
 - (2) H'_{c1} , H'_{c2} , and H'_{c3} tracked as a function of pressure, all the way into the plaquette phase.
- Above 1.9 GPa, anomaly observed at ~ 7 T, corresponding to LE mode in Zayed, 2017.
 - Above 2.2 GPa, LE mode splits, as in the pure case.
 - Above 2.2 GPa, unlike the pure case, LE mode suddenly softens.

Δ -P Phase Diagram x=0 & x=0.5



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TDO all doping @ Different Temperature



For all dopings:

(1) **The splitting of LE mode can only be seen below 0.5 K.**

(2) LE mode anomaly disappears above 0.8 K.

(3) H'_{c1} , H'_{c2} , and H'_{c3} at high P can also be seen in $x=0.02$ and $x=0.03$ samples.

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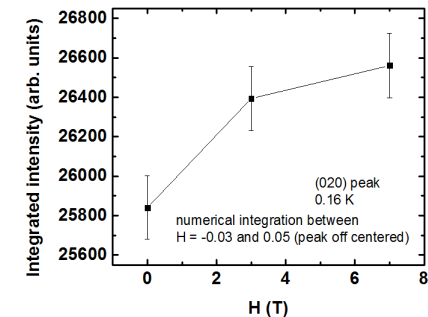
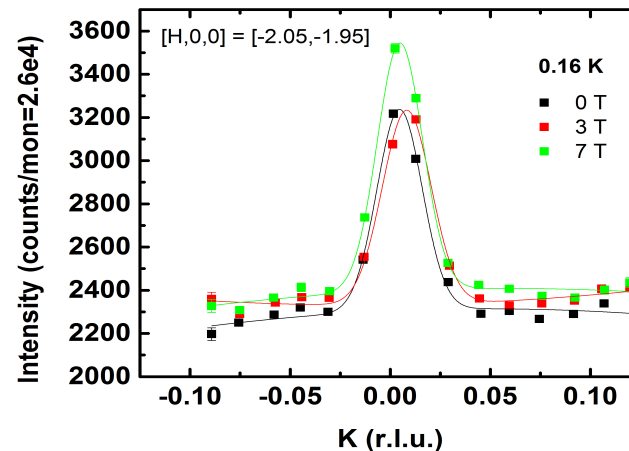
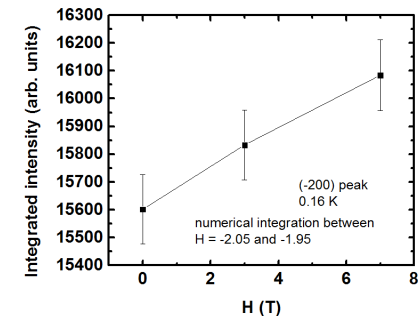
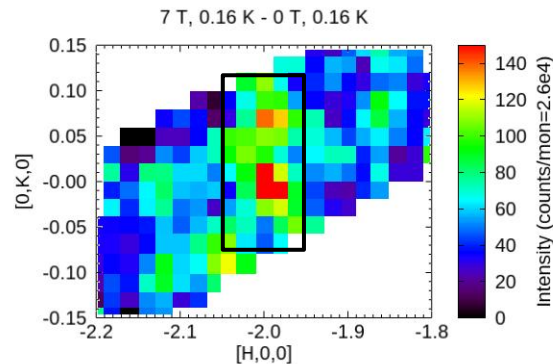
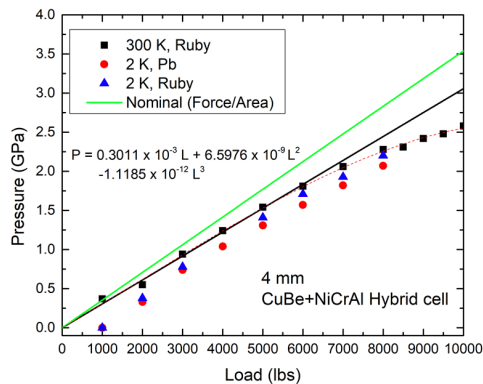
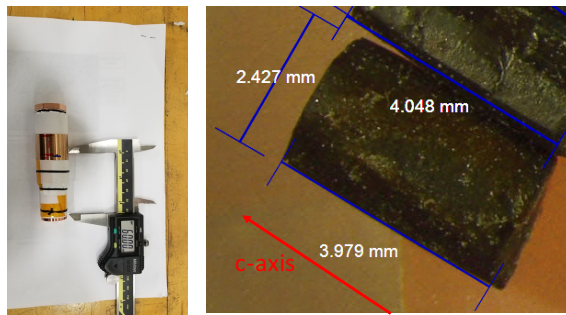
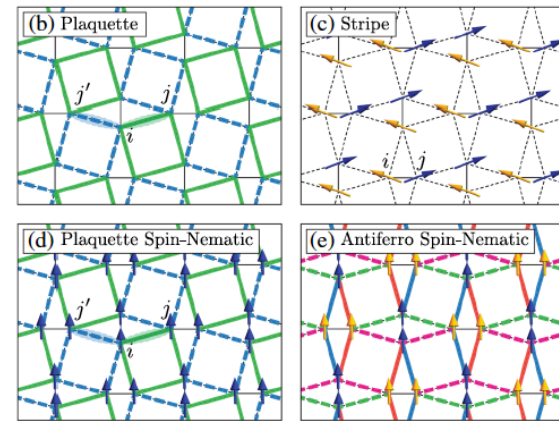
Field- & Pressure-Induced Emergent Phases > Nature of Plaquette State

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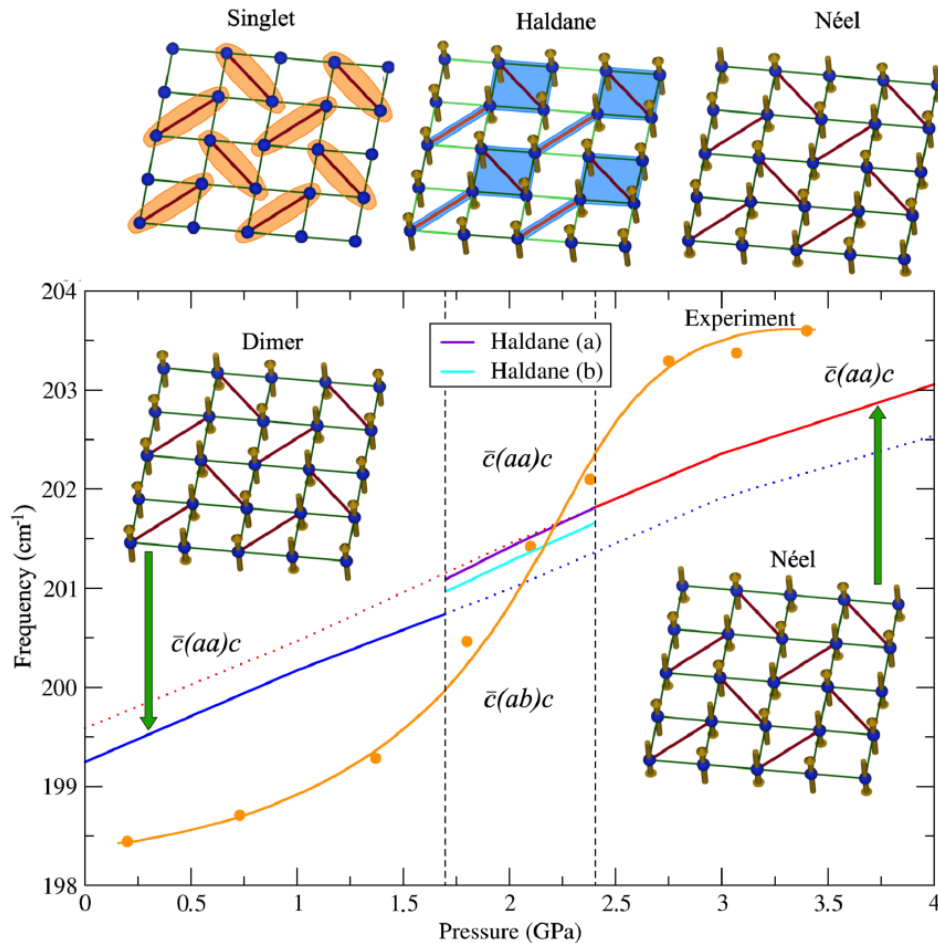
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Pressure Evolution of Shastry-Sutherland Model



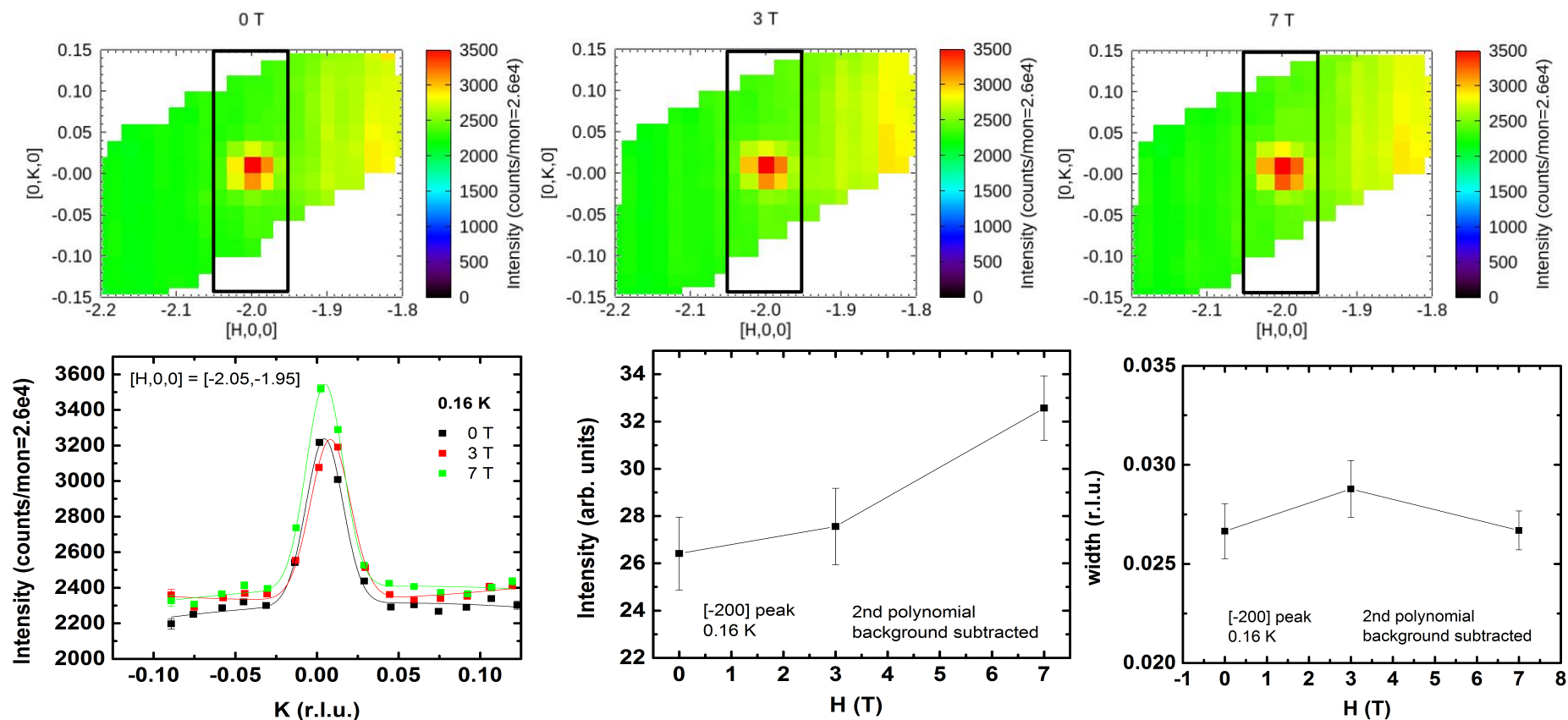
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pantograph mode frequencies & DFT+U Calculations

Half of the nearest-neighbor dimers have antiparallel spins and the remaining half have parallel spins.

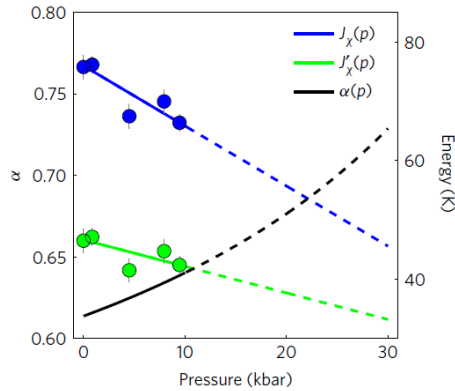
The choice of magnetic phase modifies the crystal structure.

(-200) Bragg peak @ 0.16 K; 2.35 GPa



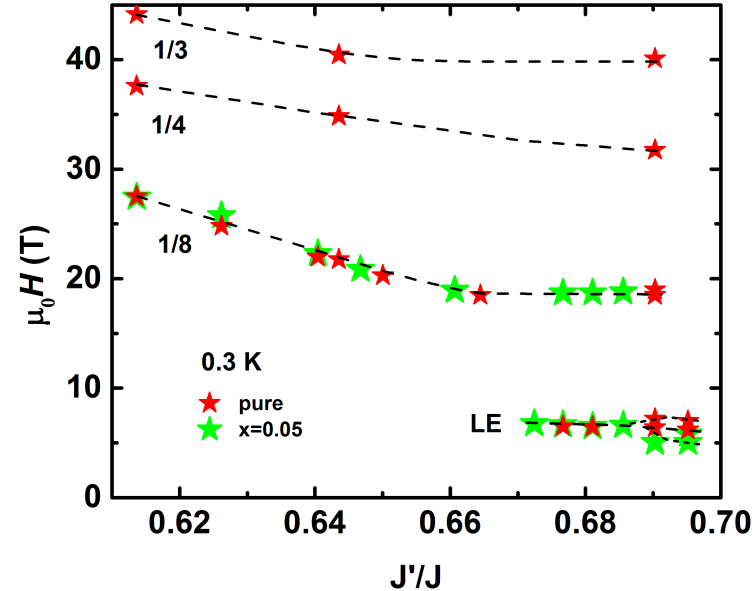
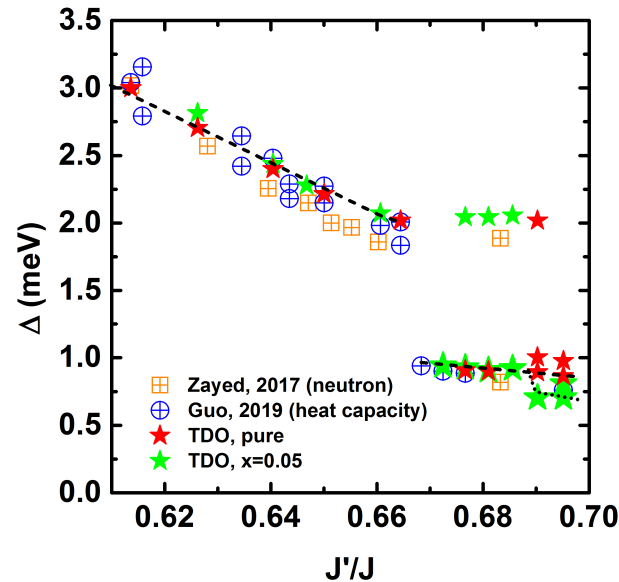
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Pressure -> J'/J



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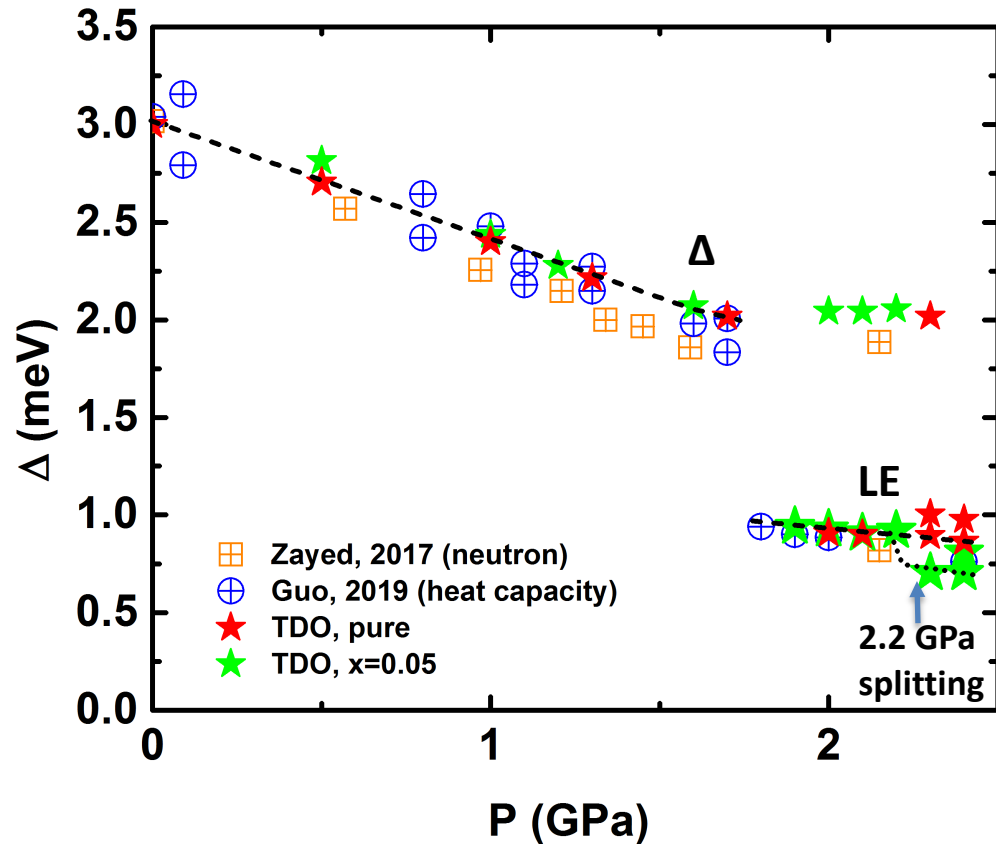
Pressure to J'/J relation from Zayed et al 2017 is used. Phase diagram in page 6 and 7 is replotted with J'/J .



Pressure (GPa)	J' (K)	J (K)	J'/J
0	46.5	75.7	0.614
1	42.2	65.7	0.640
2	37.8	55.6	0.677
2.4	36.0	51.7	0.695

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Questions



- (1) What happens at $P > \sim 2.2$ GPa? Additional symmetry breaking? Interlayer coupling? DM interaction?
- (2) Why there is coexistence of H'_{c1} , H'_{c2} , and H'_{c3} and LE mode at high P? Spatial separation of different phases, or there are plaquette versions of H'_{c1} , H'_{c2} , and H'_{c3} ?
- (3) What is the nature of the plateaus in the plaquette phase? Plaquette two-tripon?

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Conclusion

- ❖ **Frustrated Magnets are effective candidates in exploring emergent quantum phenomena and topological states of matter.**
- ❖ **Tuning parameters such as pressure, magnetic field, chemical doping can be used to induce QPTs and map phase diagrams.**
- ❖ **Technical advancements – specially in sample environment - play key role.**