



# Calculation of spin waves on magnetic structures using SpinW

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# Linear spin wave theory

1. Hamiltonian of the system:

$$H = \sum_{ij} J_{ij} \cdot \vec{S}_i \vec{S}_j$$

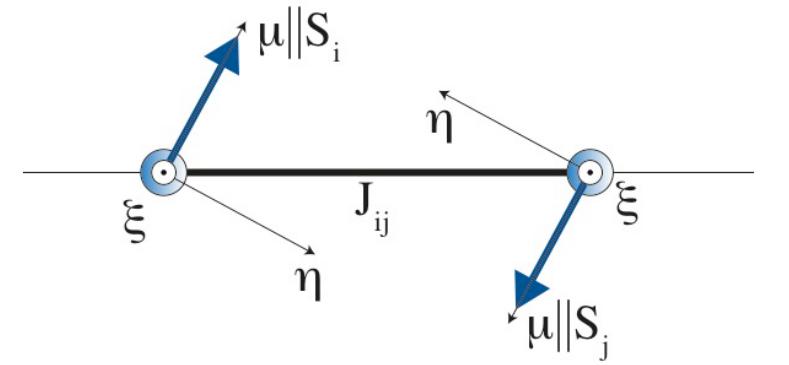
where  $S_i$  – spin vector operators,  $J_{ij}$  – 3x3 matrices describing pair coupling between spins.

2. Holstein-Primakoff transformation:

$$\begin{aligned} S_i^+ (r_i) &= \sqrt{2S} a_i = \sqrt{2S} b_i^+ \\ S_i^- (r_i) &= \sqrt{2S} a_i^+ = \sqrt{2S} b_i \end{aligned}$$

local spin coordinate system:  $(\xi, \eta, \mu)$

$$\begin{aligned} S_i^\xi &= \frac{1}{2}(S_i^+ + S_i^-) \\ S_i^\eta &= \frac{1}{2i}(S_i^+ - S_i^-) \\ S_i^\mu &= S_i - a_i^+ a_i = -S_i + b_i^+ b_i \end{aligned}$$



3. After Fourier transformation we obtain bosonic Hamiltonian:

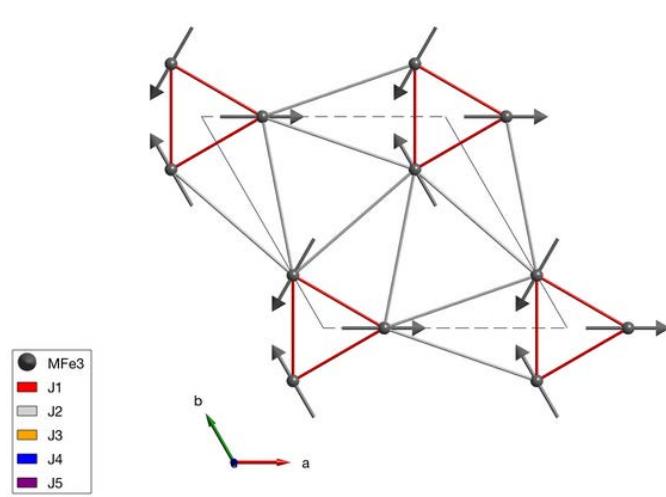
$$H = \sum_q \sum_{ij} A_{ij}(q)(a_{q,i}^+ a_{q,j} + b_{q,i}^+ b_{q,j}) + \sum_{ij} [B_{ij}(q)a_{q,i}b_{q,j} + h.c.]$$

where  $A_{ij}, B_{ij}$  – matrices, including the exchange parameters, spins and other parameters.

4. Spin wave energies:

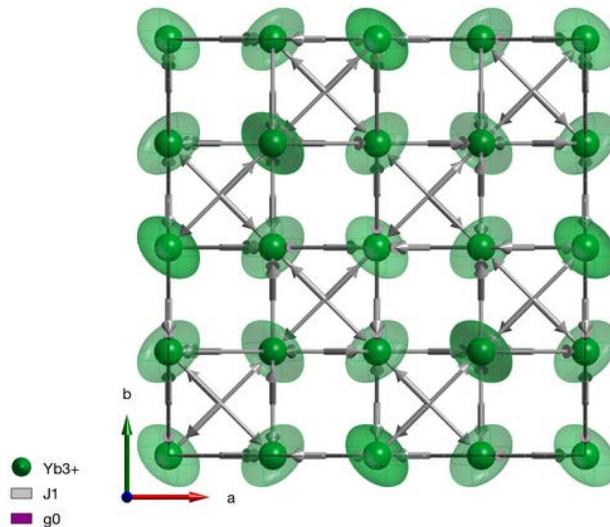
$$\omega^2(q) = (A + B)(A - B)$$

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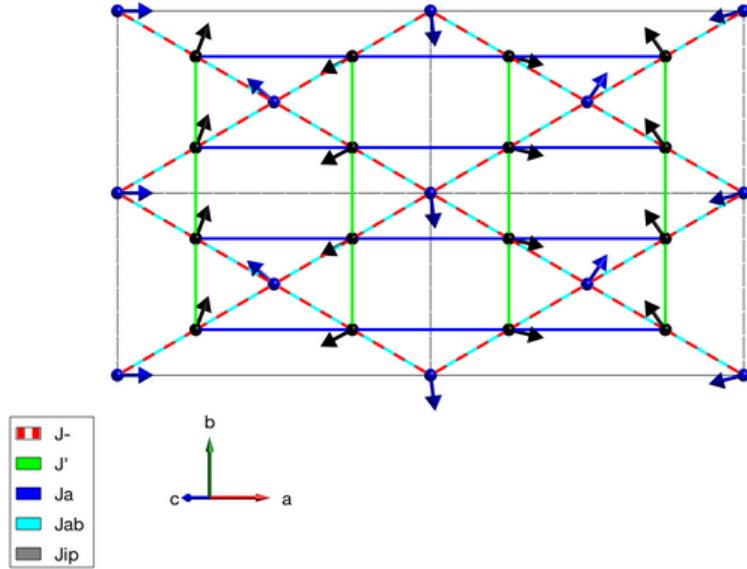


Model of  $\text{Ba}_3\text{NbFe}_3\text{Si}_2\text{O}_{14}$  chiral compound. The magnetic ordering wave vector is  $\mathbf{k}=(0,0, 1/7)$ , the spins are lying in the ab-plane.

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The magnetic bonds of the “spin ice” compounds  $\text{Yb}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ .  
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Distorted kagome lattice in  $\text{KCu}_3\text{As}_2\text{O}_7$ .  
G. J. Nilsen, Y. Okamoto, H. Ishikawa, V. Simonet, C. V. Colin, A. Cano, L. C. Chapon, T. Hansen, H. Mutka, and Z. Hiroi, Phys. Rev. B 89, 140412(R) (2014).

# The spin Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{ij} J_{ij} \cdot \vec{S}_i \vec{S}_j + \sum_i A_i \vec{S}_i \vec{S}_i + \mu_B B \sum_i g_i \vec{S}_i$$

**Heisenberg exchange:**

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} J_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & J_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & J_z \end{bmatrix}$$

**Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya exchange:**

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & D_z & -D_y \\ -D_z & 0 & D_x \\ D_y & -D_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Spin operator:**

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} S_x \\ S_y \\ S_z \end{bmatrix}$$

**g-tensor:**

$$g = \begin{bmatrix} g_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & g_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & g_z \end{bmatrix}$$

**Easy-plane anisotropy:**

$$A_{easy-plane} = \begin{bmatrix} -A_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -A_x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**External field:**

$$B_{mag} = \begin{bmatrix} B_x \\ B_y \\ B_z \end{bmatrix}$$

# Spin Wave Matlab library

<https://wwwllb.cea.fr/logicielsllb/SpinWave/SW>

by Sylvain Petit, Laboratoire Léon Brillouin

Matlab

<https://www.psi.ch/spinw>

by Sándor Tóth, Paul Scherrer Institut

**SpinW** is a Matlab library that can plot and numerically simulate magnetic structures and excitations of given spin Hamiltonian using classical Monte Carlo simulation and linear spin wave theory.

## Crystal and Magnetic structures:

- definition of crystal lattice with arbitrary unit cell, using space group or symmetry operators
- definition of non-magnetic atoms and magnetic atoms with arbitrary moment size

## Simulation of magnetic structures:

- simulation of magnetic excitations in general commensurate and incommensurate magnetic structures using linear spin-wave theory
- calculation of spin wave dispersion, spin-spin correlation functions

## Magnetic interactions:

- definition of 1D, 2D and 3D magnetic structures
- representation of incommensurate structures using rotating coordinate system or complex basis vectors

## Fitting spin wave spectra:

- possible to fit any parameter in the Hamiltonian

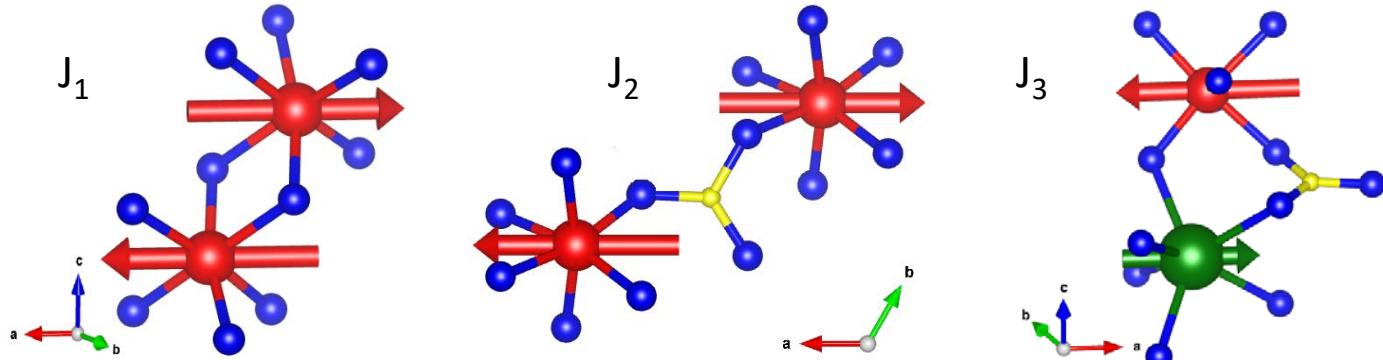
Linear spin wave theory for single-Q incommensurate magnetic structures  
S. Toth and B. Lake J. Phys.: Condens. Matter 27, 166002 (2015).

# Modeling

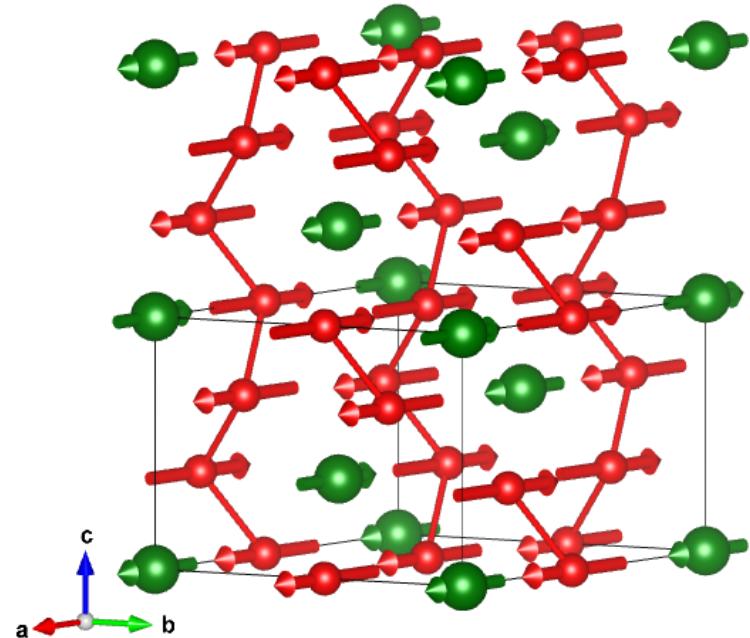
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## 1. Exchange paths and type of interaction

For example:



Interaction	Distance ( $\text{\AA}$ )	Value (meV)
$J_1$ Fe-Fe, intra-chain	3.185	0.71
$J_3$ Fe-Nd, nearest neighbors	3.788	0.04
$J_2$ Fe-Fe, inter-chain, nearest neighbors and other interactions...	4.409	0.17



Magnetic structure of  $\text{NdFe}_3(\text{BO}_3)_4$ , atoms of Nd are displayed in green, Fe - red. Space group R32,  $T_N=30\text{K}$ ,  $k=[0\ 0\ 3/2]$ .

I.V. Golosovsky, A.K. Ovsyanikov, D.N. Aristov, P.G. Matveeva, A.A. Mukhin, M. Boehm, L-P. Regnault, L.N. Bezmaternykh J. Magn. Magn. Mater. vol. 451, Pages 443-449 (2018)

# Modeling

## 2. Literature or other methods

**Absorption spectroscopy** - energy levels, values of exchange parameters.

For example: transition between the exchange split levels of the Nd<sup>3+</sup> Kramers doublet at 1.08 meV.

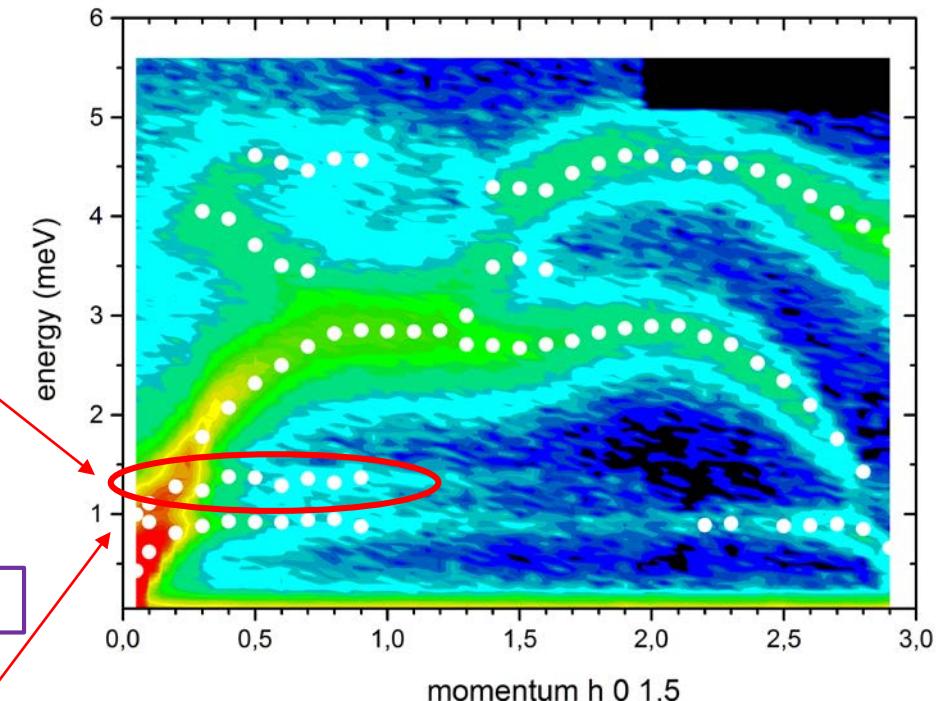
	J1 Fe-Fe, meV	J2 Fe-Fe, meV	J3 Fe-R, meV	
Absorption spectroscopy	0.54	0.16	0.04	-
Neutron spectroscopy	0.71	0.17	0.04	and other interactions...

M. N. Popova, E. P. Chukalina et al., Phys. Rev. B 75, 224435 (2007).

**Raman scattering** - energy levels, values of exchange parameters, two magnon processes.

For example: transition between the exchange split levels of the Nd<sup>3+</sup> Kramers doublet at 1.23 meV.

Two-magnon scattering around 7.3 meV.



NdFe<sub>3</sub>(BO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>. Dispersion curves, measured on TAS ThALES at temperature 15 K along direction [h 0 1.5]

D. Fausti, A. A. Nugroho, and P. H. M. van Loosdrecht, S. A. Klimin, M. N. Popova, and L. N. Bezmaternykh, Phys. Rev. B 74, 024403, (2006)

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## 2. Literature or other methods

### Quasi-optical Thz-spectroscopy - energy gaps.

For example: at  $q = 0$  have revealed several resonance modes at 1.21 meV and at 1.25 meV, which were associated with Nd-excitations, and the resonances of 0.42 meV and at zero energy, associated with excitations in Fe sublattice

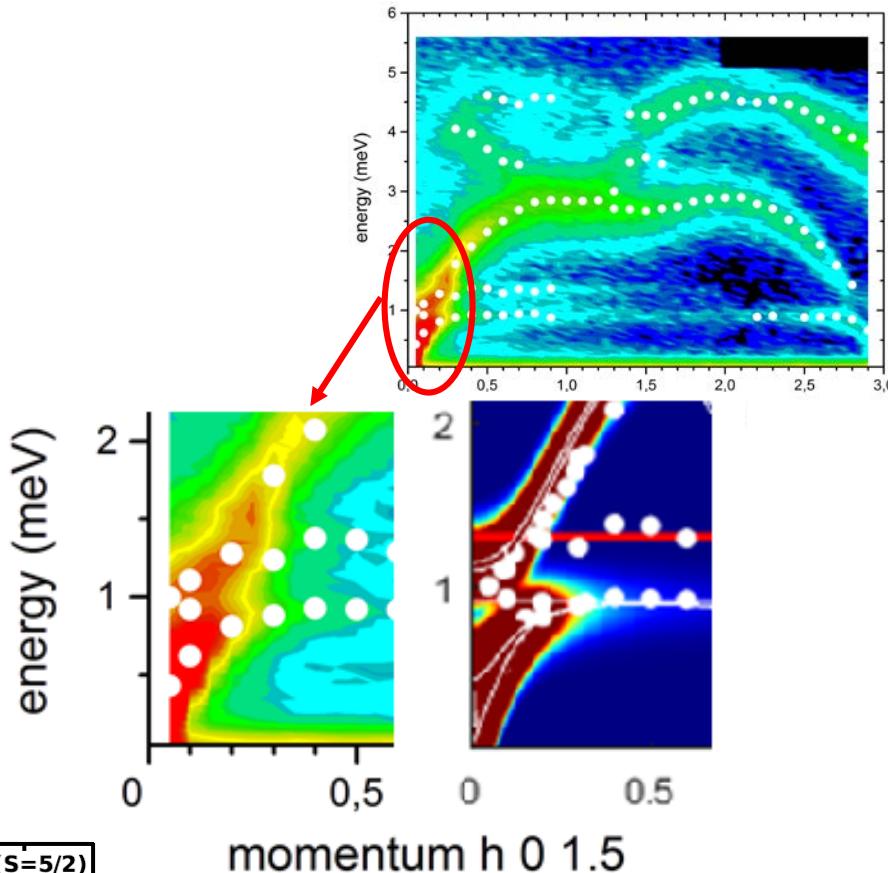
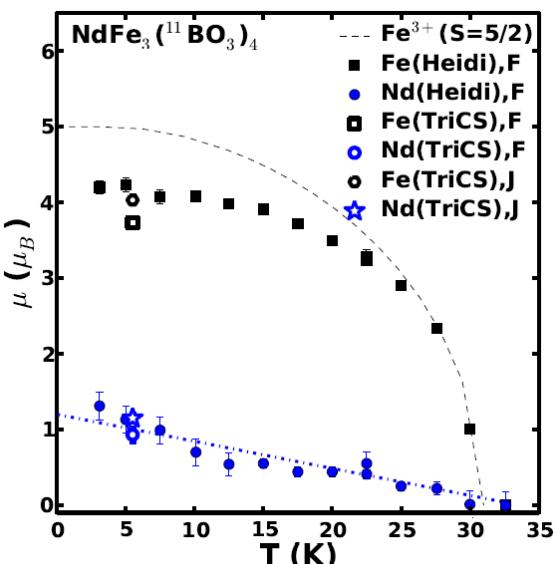
A. M. Kuzmenko, A. A. Mukhin, V. Yu. Ivanov et al., JETP Lett. 94, 294, (2011).

## 3. Average value of the spin moment

For example:  $\langle S_{Fe} \rangle \approx 2.0$  evaluated from the elastic neutron diffraction data at  $T=15K$

$$m_{Fe} = g_s \mu_\beta \langle S_{Fe} \rangle$$

where  $m_{Fe}$  – magnetic moment of Fe;  $g_s = 2$  – g-factor;  $\mu_\beta$  - Bohr magneton.



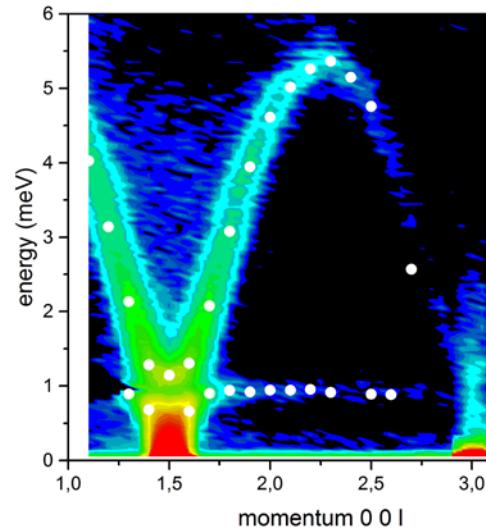
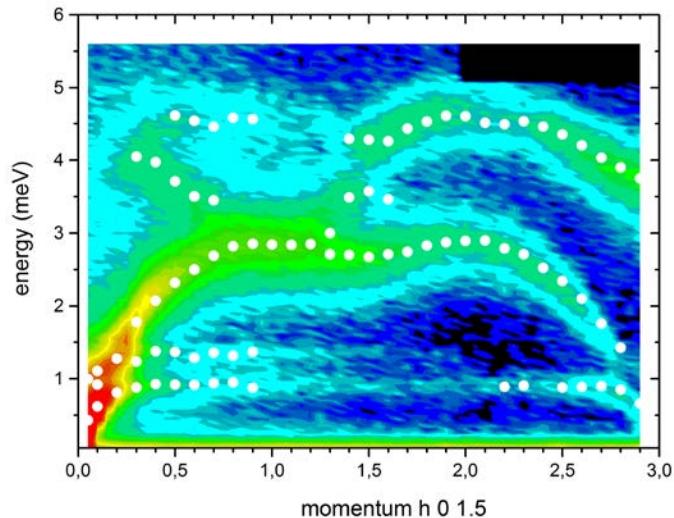
M. Janoschek, P. Fischer, J. Schefer, B. Roessli, V. Pomjakushin, M. Meven, V. Petricek, G. Petrakovskii, and L. Bezmaternikh, Phys. Rev. B 81, 094429 (2010).

# Simulation

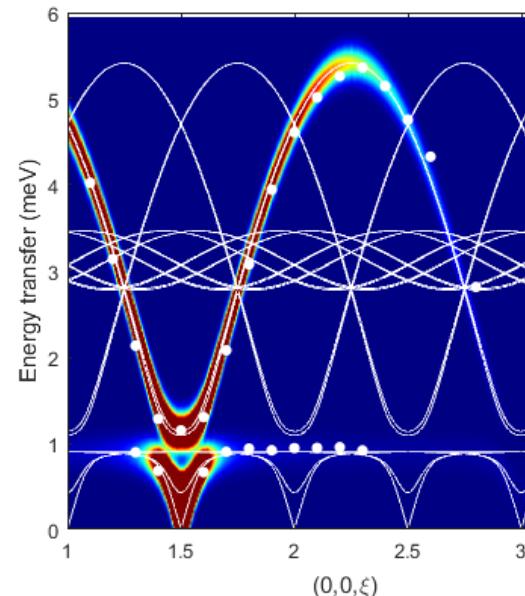
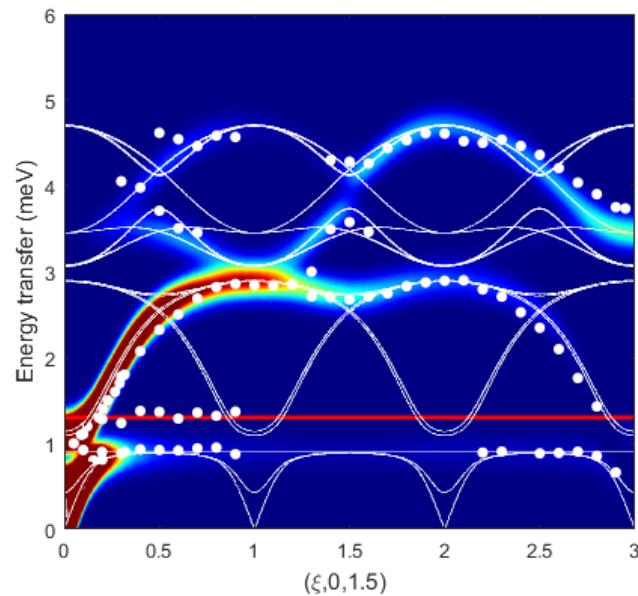
The screenshot shows the MATLAB R2015b interface with the Editor tab selected. The code editor displays a script named `NdFe3_spec2018.m`. The script contains the following code:

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1 - FeNdChain = spinw;
2 - load('matlab_nd_001')
3 - load('matlab_nd_h002')
4 - FeNdChain.fileid(0)
5 - FeNdChain.genlattice('lat_const',[9.594 9.594 7.603],'angled',[90 90 120],'sym','R 3 2')
6 - FeNdChain.addatom('r',[0.55 0. 0.],'S',2.0,'label','MFe3','color','blue')
7 - FeNdChain.addatom('r',[0 0 0],'S',0.25,'label','MNd3','color','green')
8 -
9 - FeNdChain.gencoupling
10 - FeNdChain.addmatrix('label','J1_{Fe-Fe}','value',0.71,'color','olive') %Fe-Fe intra-chain AF 3.185 A
11 - FeNdChain.addmatrix('label','J3_{Nd-Fe}','value',diag([0.045 0.045 0.045]),'color','black') %Fe-Nd
12 - FeNdChain.addmatrix('label','J2_{Fe-Fe}','value',0.17,'color','magenta') %Fe-Fe inter-chain AF 4.409 A
13 - FeNdChain.addmatrix('label','J4_{Fe-Fe}','value',0.16,'color','brown') %Fe-Fe in-plane FM 4.870 A
14 - FeNdChain.addmatrix('label','J5_{Nd-Fe}','value',-diag([0.06 0.06 0.06]),'color','brown') %Fe-Nd, in-plane,
15 -
16 - FeNdChain.addmatrix('value',2,'label','g2')
17 -
18 - FeNdChain.addcoupling('mat','J1_{Fe-Fe}','bond',1) %Fe-Fe intra-chain AF 3.185 A
19 - FeNdChain.addcoupling('mat','J3_{Nd-Fe}','bond',2) %Fe-Nd AF 3.788 A
20 - FeNdChain.addcoupling('mat','J5_{Nd-Fe}','bond',3) %Fe-Nd, in-plane, FM 4.312 A
21 - FeNdChain.addcoupling('mat','J2_{Fe-Fe}','bond',4) %Fe-Fe inter-chain AF 4.409 A
22 - FeNdChain.addcoupling('mat','J4_{Fe-Fe}','bond',5) %Fe-Fe in-plane FM 4.870 A
23 -
24 - FeNdChain.genmagstr('mode','helical','n',[0 0 1],'S',[1 0 0],'k',[0 0 1.5],'next',[1 1 2])
25 - %plot(FeNdChain,'range',[1 1 2])
26 - X=[0,5];
27 - Y=[1.3,1.3];
28 - spec = FeNdChain.spinwave(([0.0 0 1.5] [3.0 0 1.5] 500),'hermit',false,'formfact',true,'gtensor',false);
29 - spec = sw_egrid(spec,'component','Sxx+Syy+Szz','imagChk',false,'T',12.5);
30 - figure
31 - scatter(Experimenth015(:,1),Experimenth015(:,2),220,'w','.')
32 - sw_plotspec(spec,'mode','color','axLim',[0 20],'dE',0.3,'legend',false)
33 - sw_plotspec(spec,'mode','disp','axLim',[0 6],'colormap',[255 255 255],'colorbar',false,'legend',false)
34 - axis([0 3 0 6])
35 - line(X,Y,'Color', 'r','LineWidth', 2)
36 - colormap(jet)
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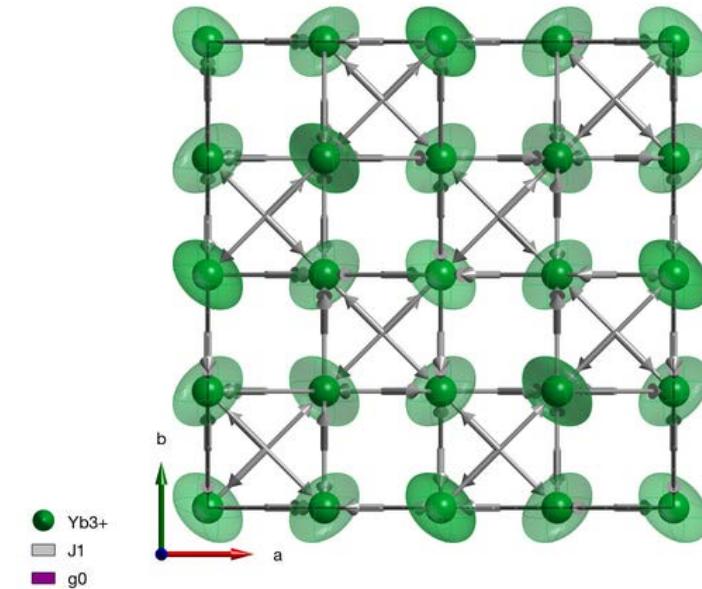
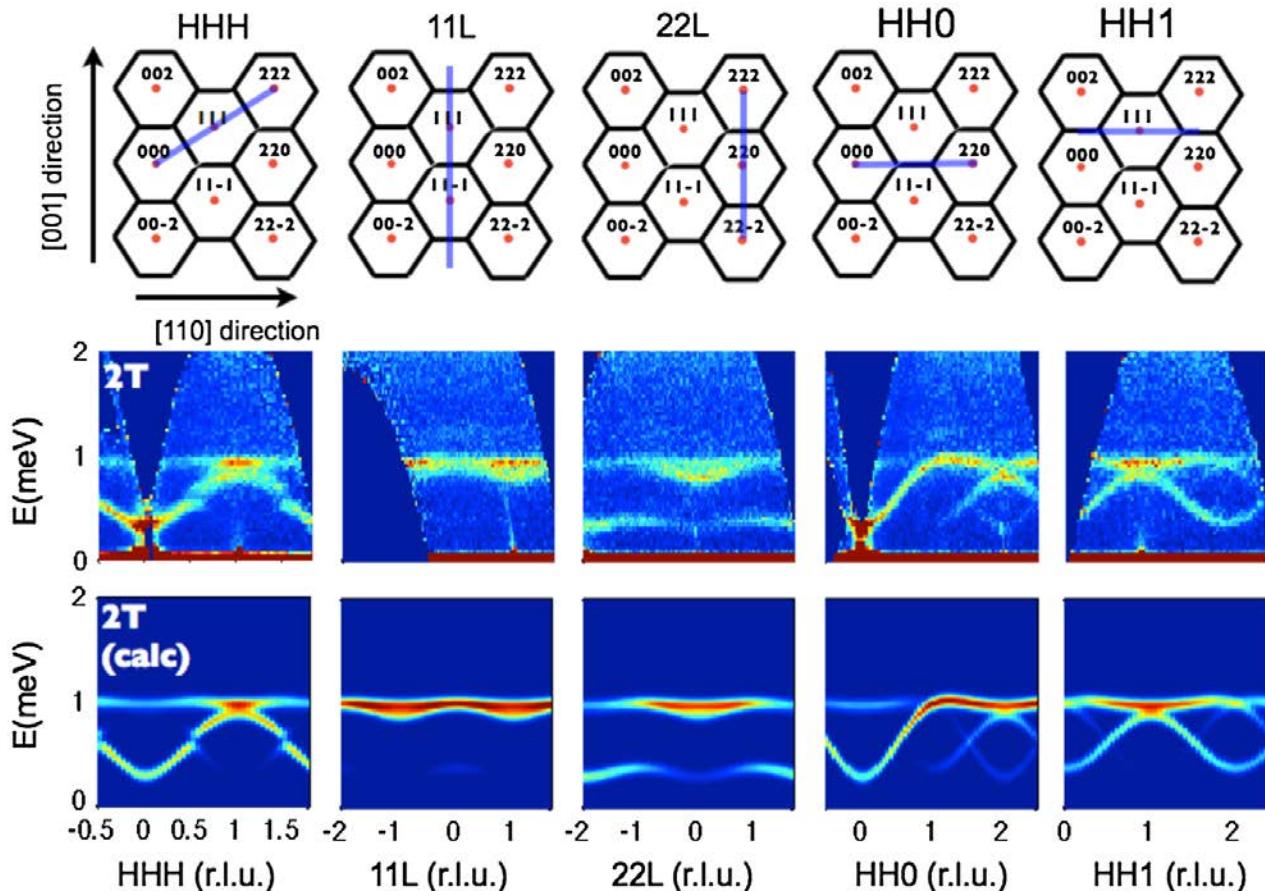
Experimental maps of spin wave dispersion along  $[h \ 0 \ 1.5]$  and along  $[0 \ 0 \ l]$ .  
White spots correspond to the positions of the inelastic peaks.



Calculation of spin wave dispersion along  $[h \ 0 \ 1.5]$  and along  $[0 \ 0 \ l]$ .  
White lines – the calculated dispersion curves.

# Example - “spin ice” - $\text{Yb}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ .

$$H = \sum_{ij} J_{ij} \cdot \vec{S}_i \vec{S}_j + \mu_B B \sum_i g_i \vec{S}_i$$



Magnetic structure of  $\text{Yb}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ .

g-tensor to be  $g_{xy}=4.32$ ,  $g_z=1.8$

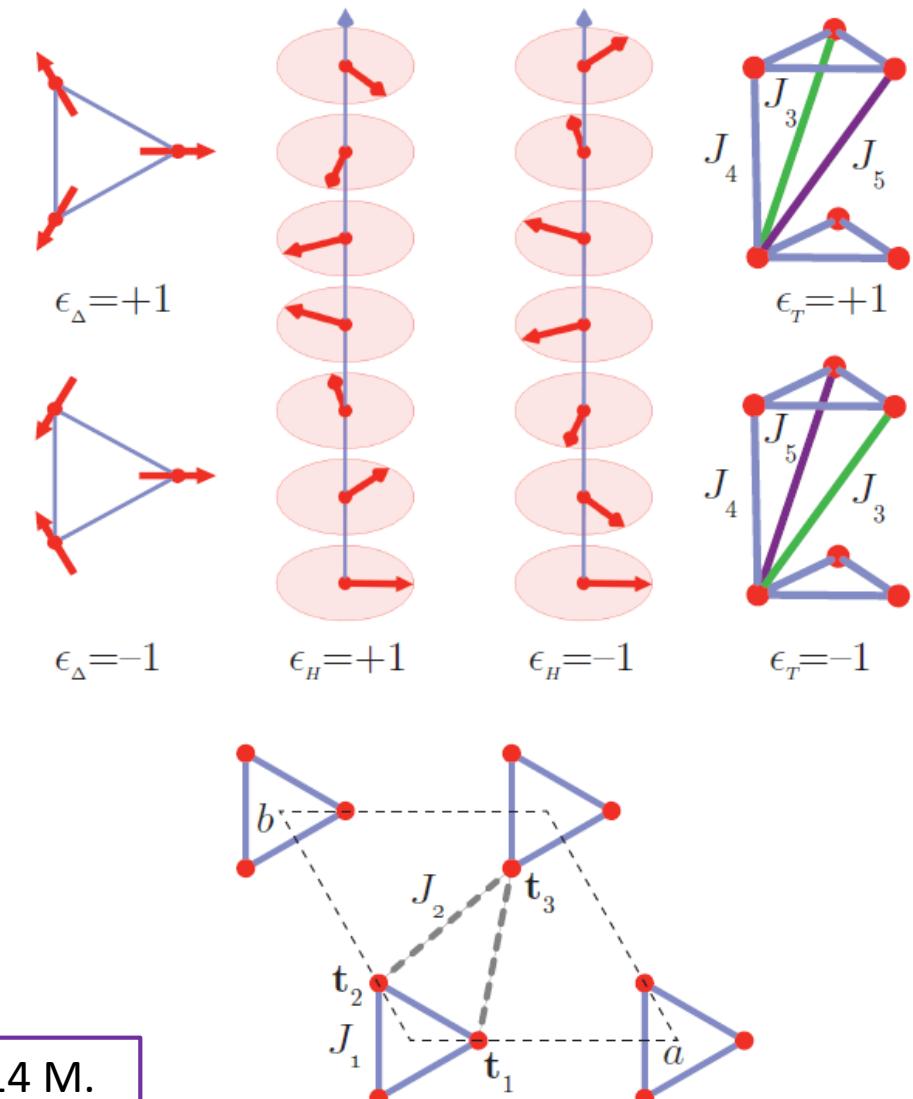
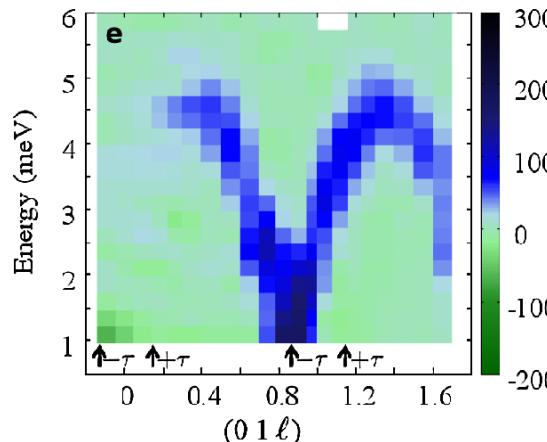
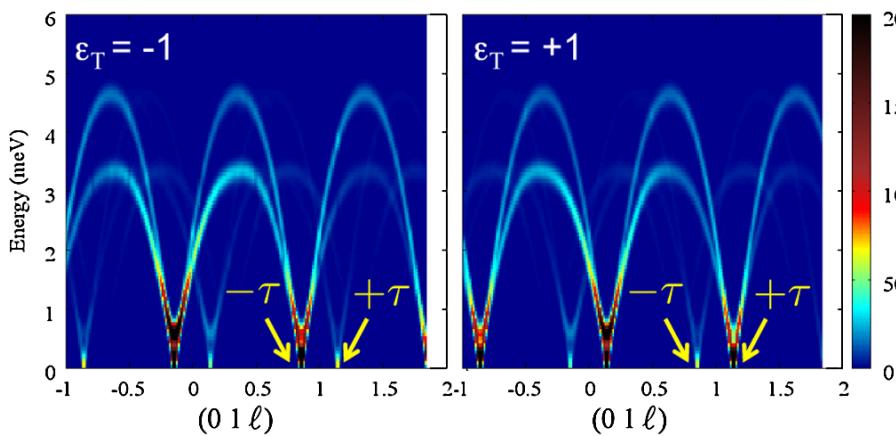
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# Example - $\text{Ba}_3\text{NbFe}_3\text{Si}_2\text{O}_{14}$ chiral compound

Space group P321.

The Néel temperature  $T_N=27$  K with spins lying in the (a-b) plane and with the same 120 configuration on each trimer. This arrangement is helically modulated along the c axis with the period  $1/\tau=7$ .

Coupled chiral property:  $\epsilon_T = \epsilon_\Delta \cdot \epsilon_H$



Parity-Broken Chiral Spin Dynamics in  $\text{Ba}_3\text{NbFe}_3\text{Si}_2\text{O}_{14}$  M.  
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# Thank you for attention

