

Polarized inelastic neutron scattering: application to unconventional superconductors



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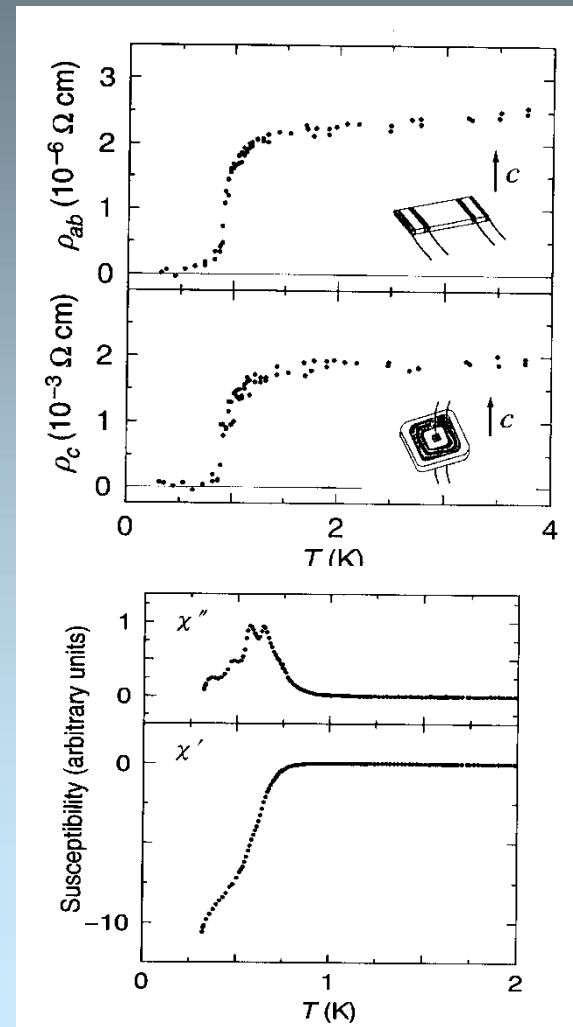
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Outline

- Fermi surface sheets and associated magnetic excitations in Sr_2RuO_4
- Quasiferromagnetic excitations in Sr_2RuO_4
- Anisotropy of magnetic order in BaFe_2As_2
- Anisotropy of spin-resonance modes in optimum Co doped BaFe_2As_2
- Conclusions

26 years of superconductivity in Sr_2RuO_4

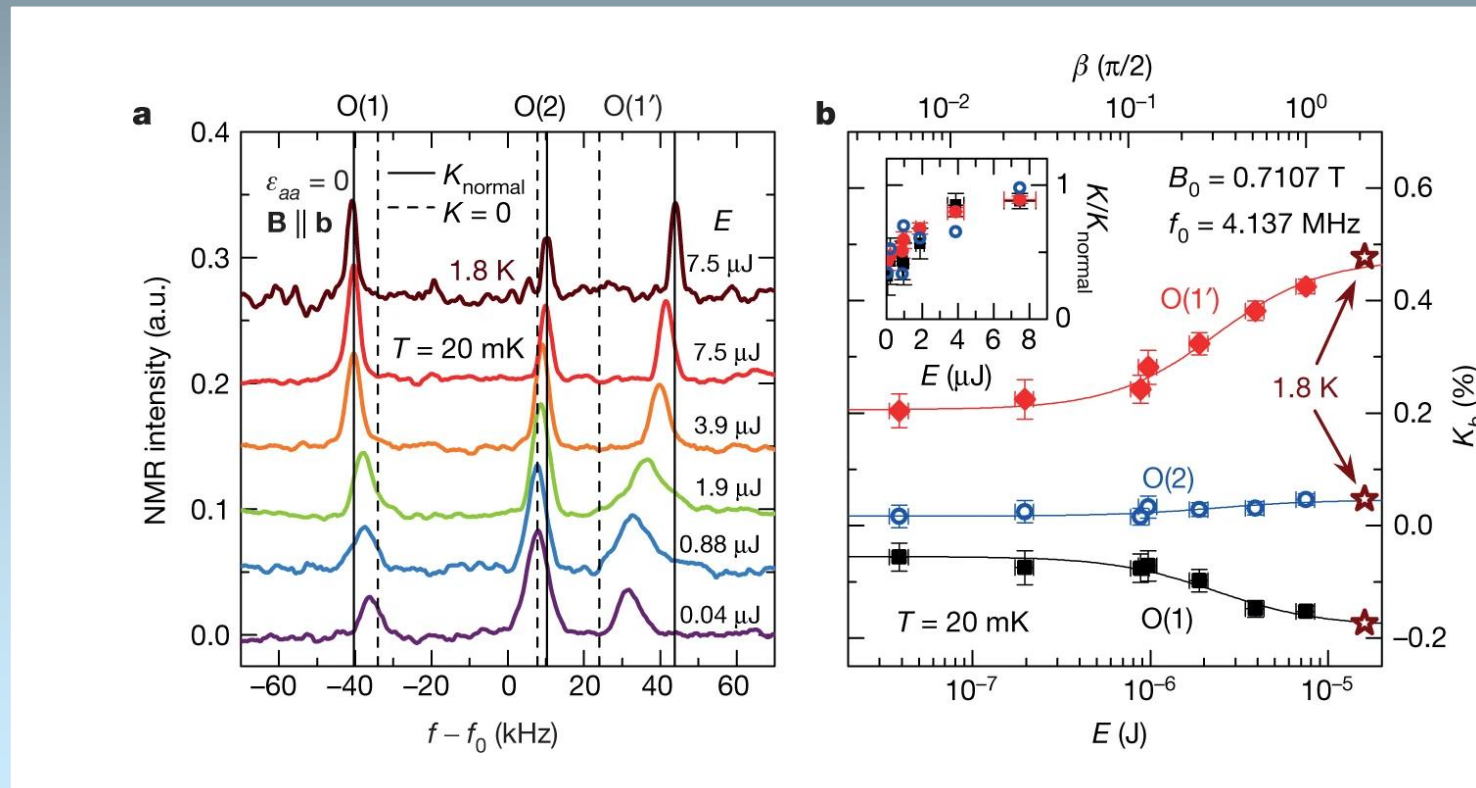


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Knight shift experiments on Sr_2RuO_4

Constraints on the superconducting order parameter in Sr_2RuO_4 from oxygen-17 nuclear magnetic resonance

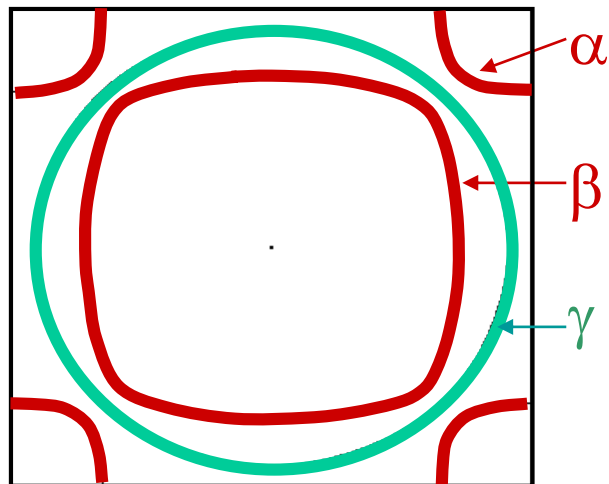
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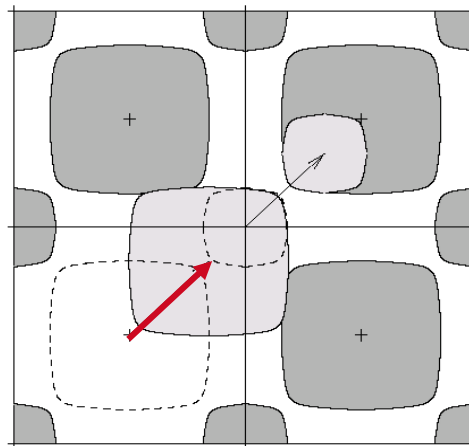
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Fermi-surface nesting



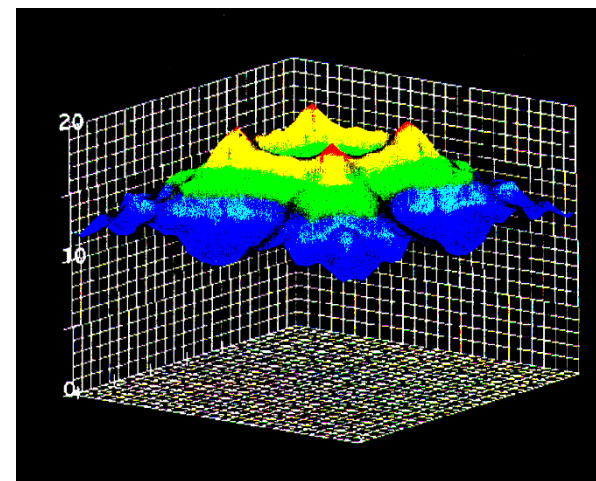
nesting : α/β -Fermi surface



dynamic susceptibility (RPA)

$$\chi_0(q, \omega) = (g\mu_B)^2 \sum_{k,i,j} \frac{M_{k;(k+q)}^{i,j} [f(\varepsilon_{k,i}) - f(\varepsilon_{(k+q),j})]}{\varepsilon_{(k+q),j} - \varepsilon_{q,i} - \hbar\omega + i0^+}$$

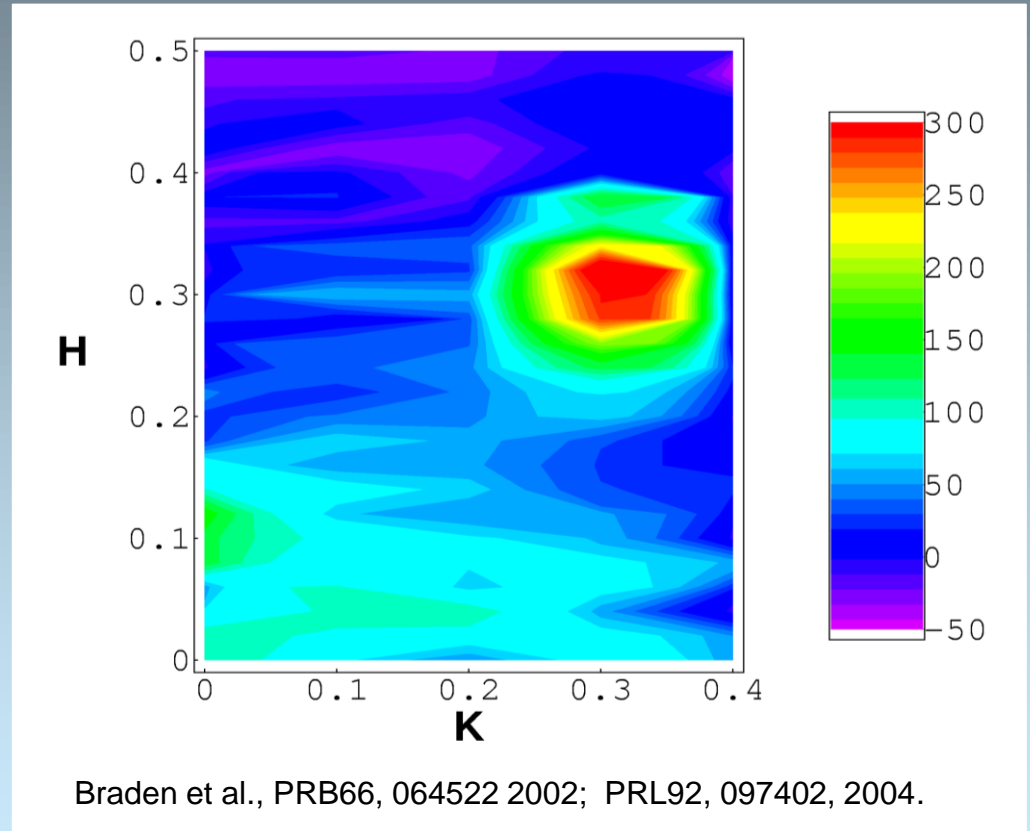
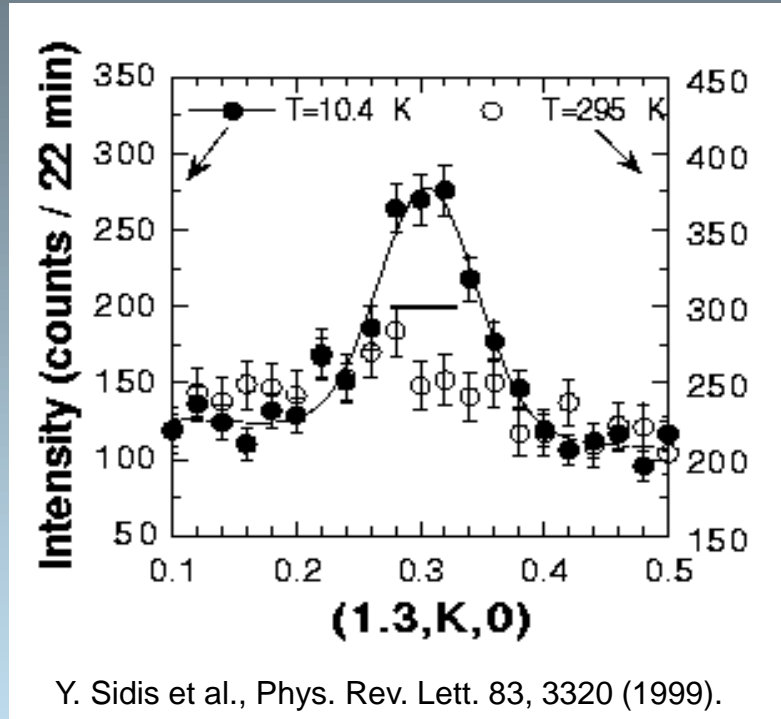
$$\chi(q) = \frac{\chi_0(q)}{1 - I(q)\chi_0(q)}$$



Mazin and Singh, PRL (1999)

inelastic neutron scattering

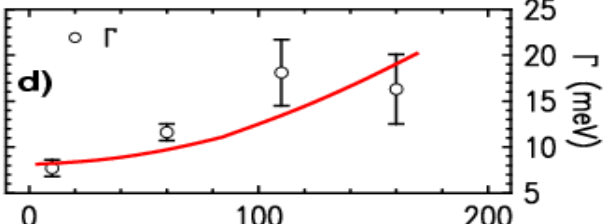
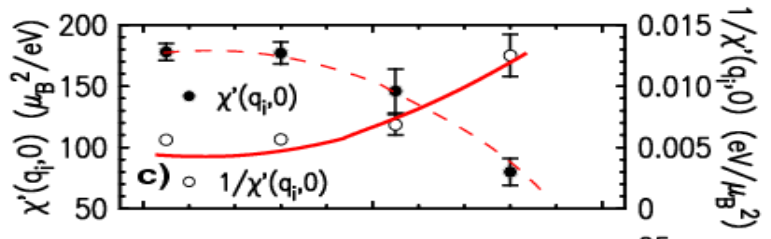
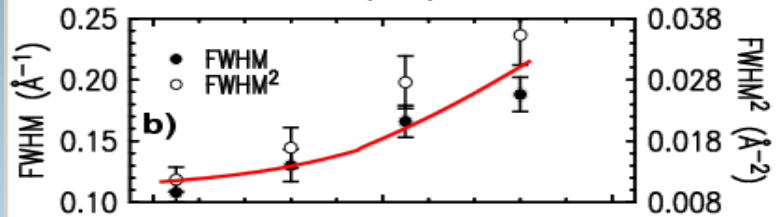
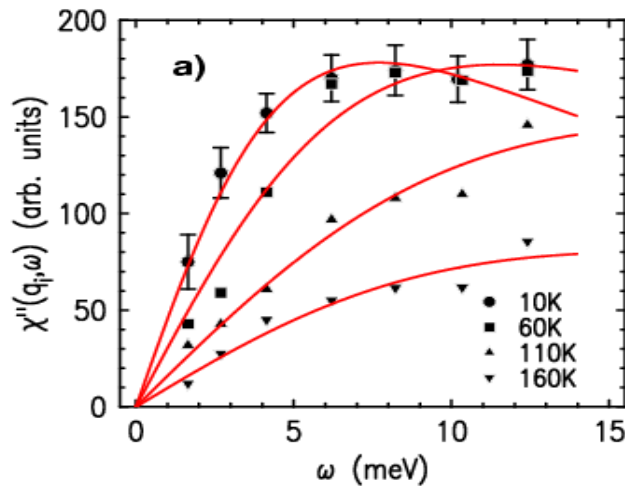
$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega d\omega} = r_0^2 \cdot \frac{2F^2(Q)}{\pi(g\mu_B)^2} \cdot \frac{\chi''(Q, \omega)}{1 - \exp(-\frac{\hbar\omega}{kt})}$$



see also:

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energy and temperature dependency



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$$\chi''(q_i, \omega) = \chi'(q_i, 0) \cdot \frac{\Gamma \cdot \omega}{\Gamma^2 + \omega^2}$$

- $\chi'(q_0, 0)$ and Γ and FWHM vary as function of T
- all indicate a close instability !

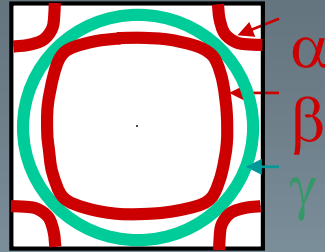
SDW order appears for 2.5% Ti doping or in $\text{Sr}_{2-x}\text{Ca}_x\text{RuO}_4$

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→ Sr_2RuO_4 is close to QCP

Active bands ? ? ?

2D bands are active
Ferromagnetic fluctuations



1D bands are active
Nesting is essential

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chiral p-wave

mediated through quasi-ferromagnetic fluctuations

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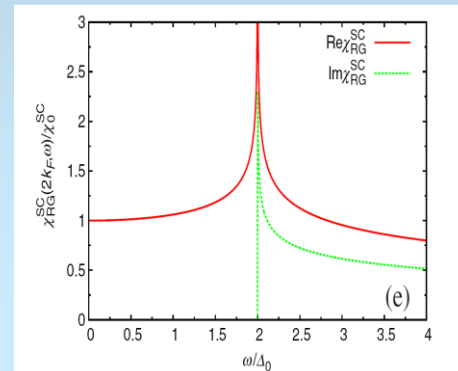
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superconductivity in Sr_2RuO_4
resembles more closely the quasi-one dimensional
organic superconductors

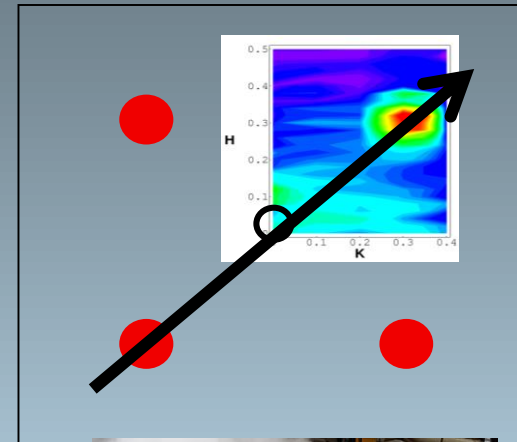
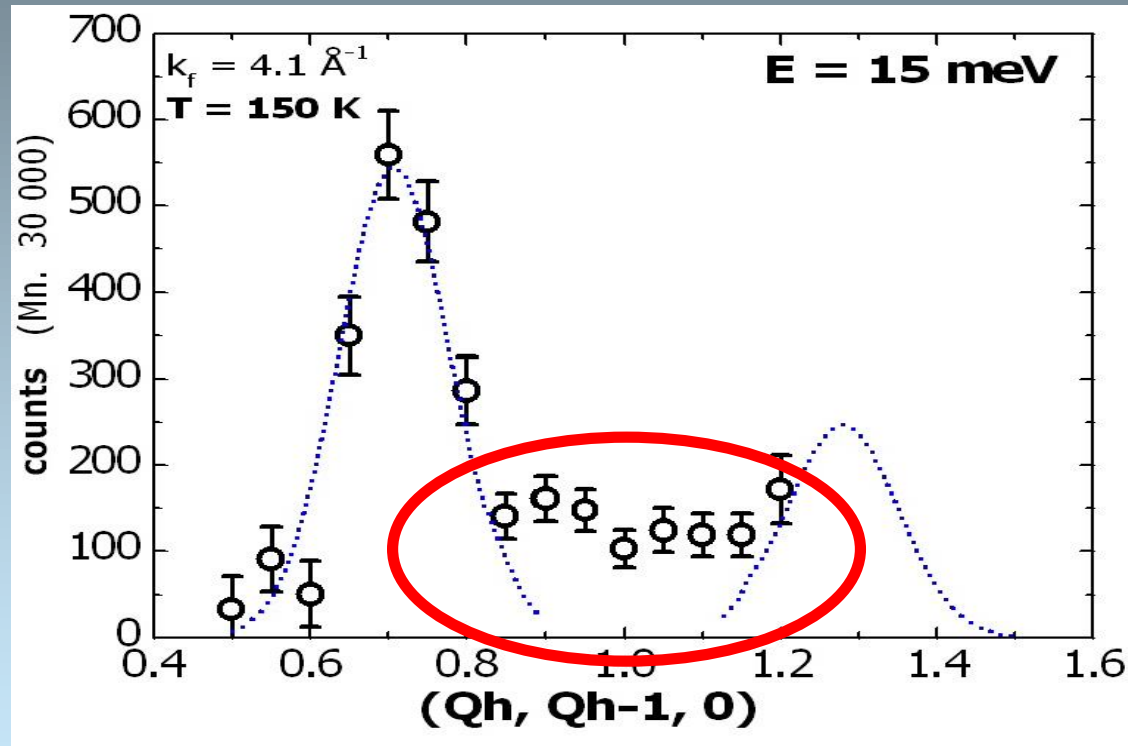
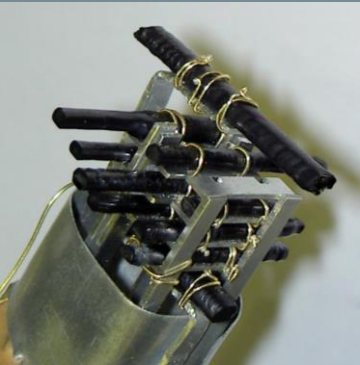
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Role of ferromagnetic fluctuations?

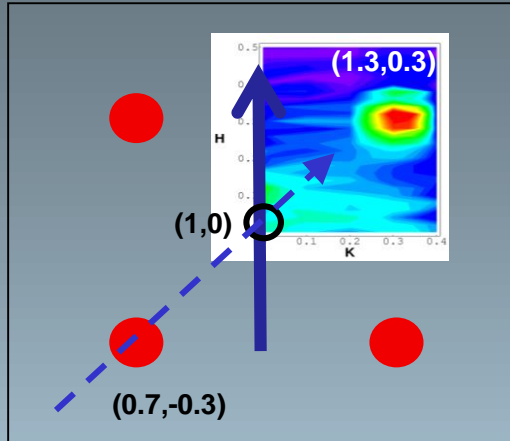


polarized neutrons (IN20 at ILL)

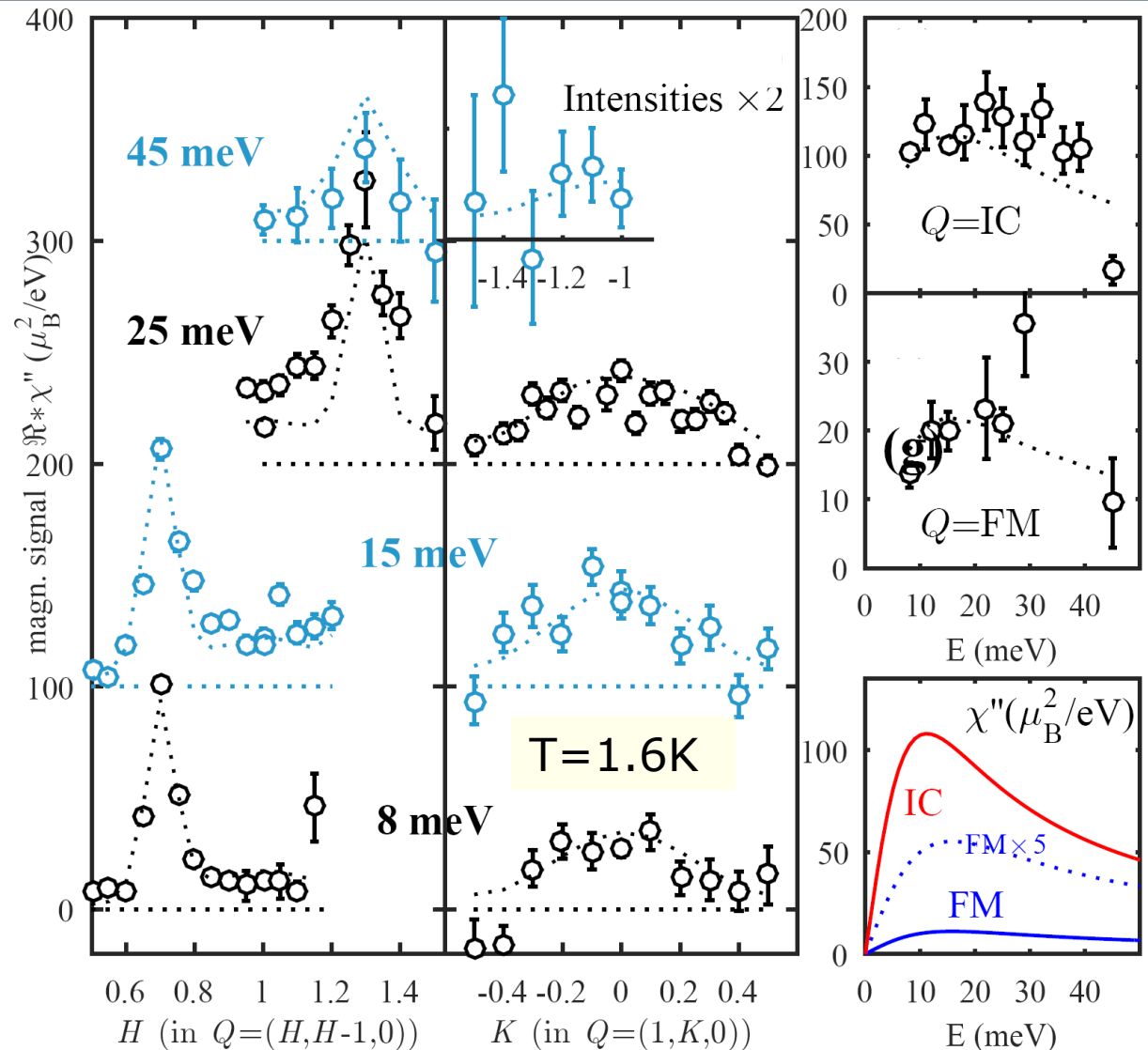
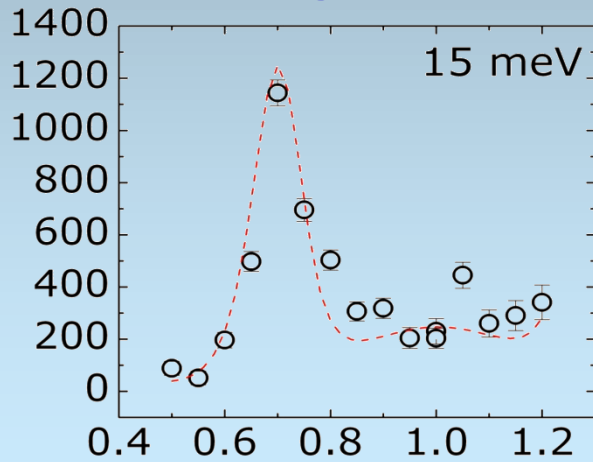


- first clear INS evidence for a – still weak – quasi-ferromagnetic contribution !

ferromagnetic fluctuations in Sr_2RuO_4

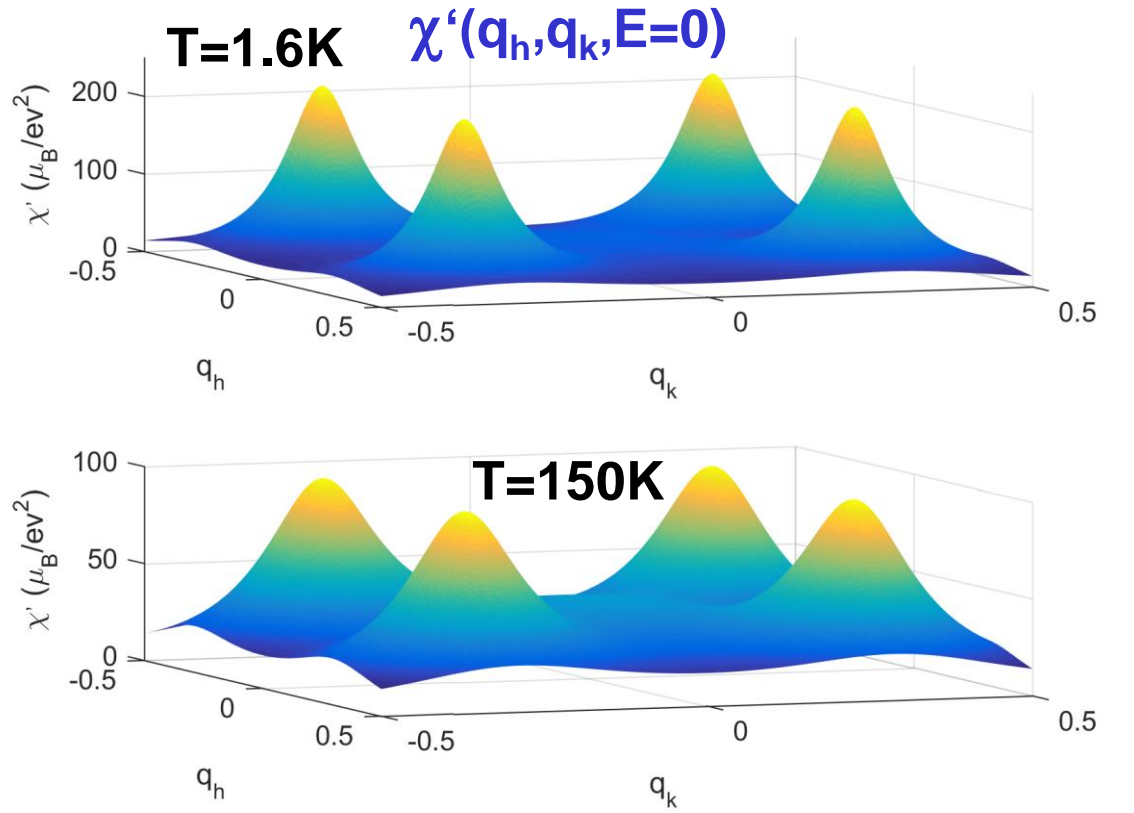


diagonal



there is a weak FM component persisting at low T

fitting all data simultaneously



total spectrum : two contributions
a) nesting signal
b) centered low-q response
→ 6 parameters

$$\chi''(q, \omega) = \chi_{fm}''(q, \omega) + \chi_{inc}''(q, \omega)$$

$$\chi_{fm,inc}''(q, \omega) = \chi_{fm,inc}'(q, 0) \cdot \frac{\Gamma_{fm,inc}(q) \cdot \omega}{\Gamma_{fm,inc}(q)^2 + \omega^2}$$

$$\Gamma_{inc}(q) = \Gamma_{inc} \left(1 + \xi^2 (q - q_{inc})^2\right) \quad \Gamma_{fm}(q) = \Gamma_{fm}$$

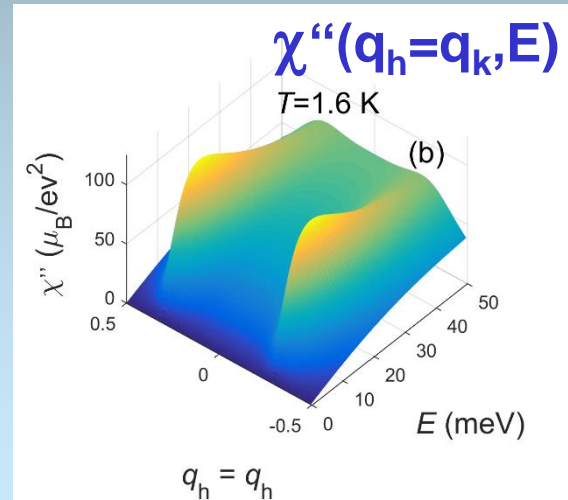
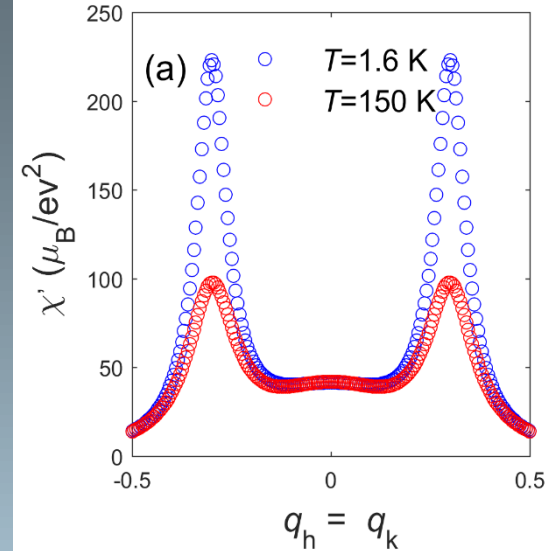
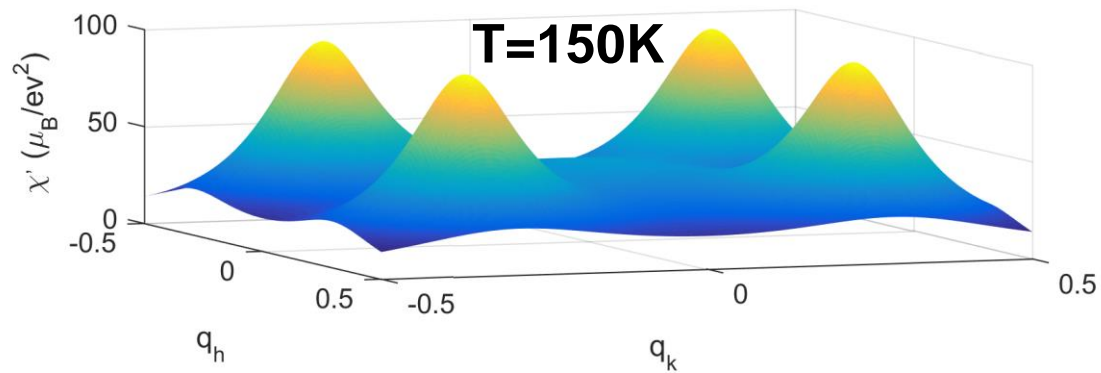
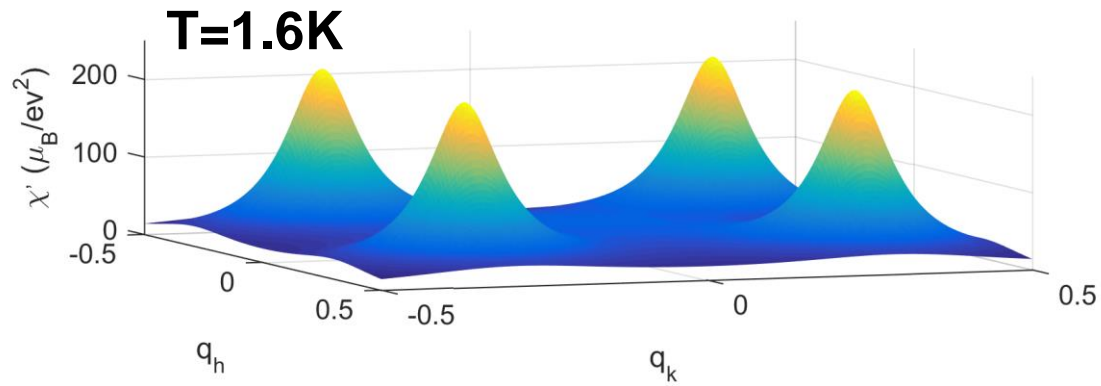
$$\chi_{inc}'(q, 0) = \frac{\chi_{inc}'}{1 + \xi^2 (q - q_{inc})^2} \quad \chi_{fm}'(q, 0) = \chi_{fm}' \cdot e^{-\left(\frac{(q - q_{fm,inc})^2}{W^2} 4 \cdot \ln(2)\right)}$$

$$\chi_{inc}' = 213 \mu_B^2 / eV \quad \Gamma_{inc} = 11.1 meV \quad \xi = 9.7 \text{ \AA}$$

$$\chi_{fm}' = 22 \mu_B^2 / eV \quad \Gamma_{fm} = 15.5 meV \quad W = 0.53 \frac{2\pi}{a}$$

$$\mu_B^2 / eV \approx 3 \cdot 10^{-5} emu / mol$$

two-component model



agrees with :

susceptibility ☺

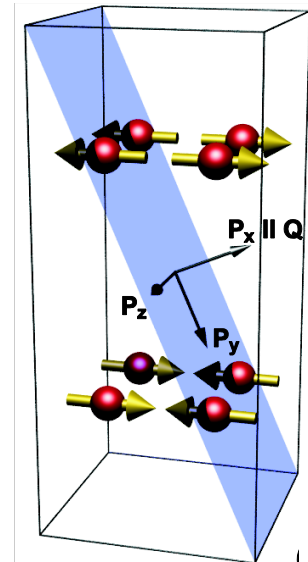
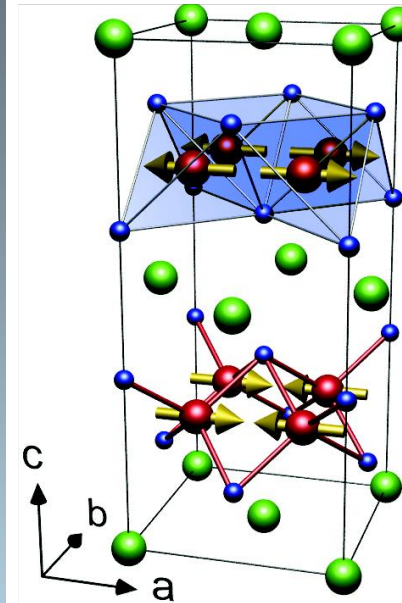
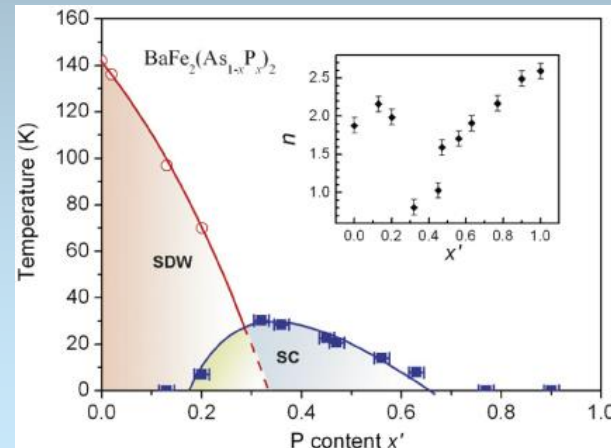
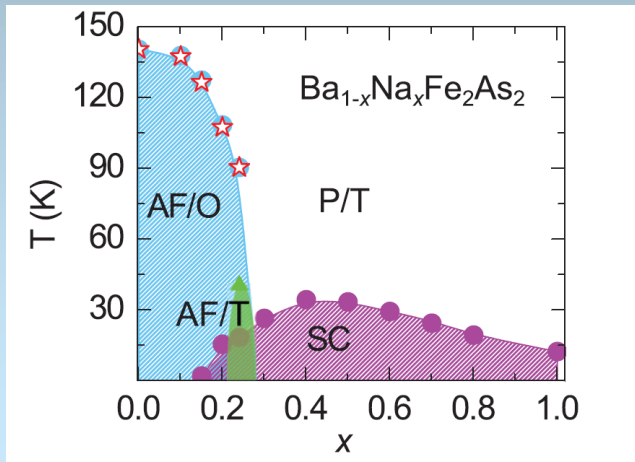
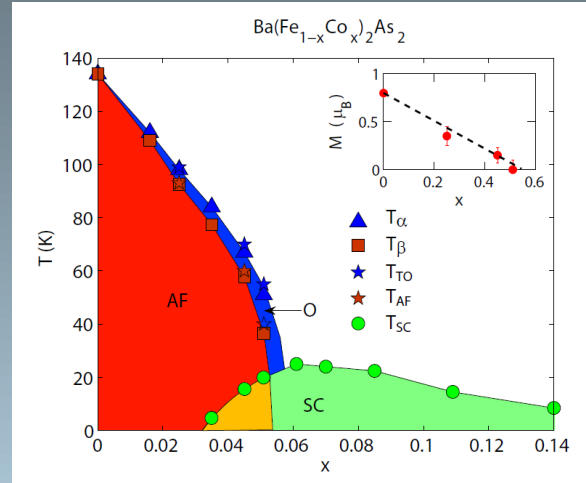
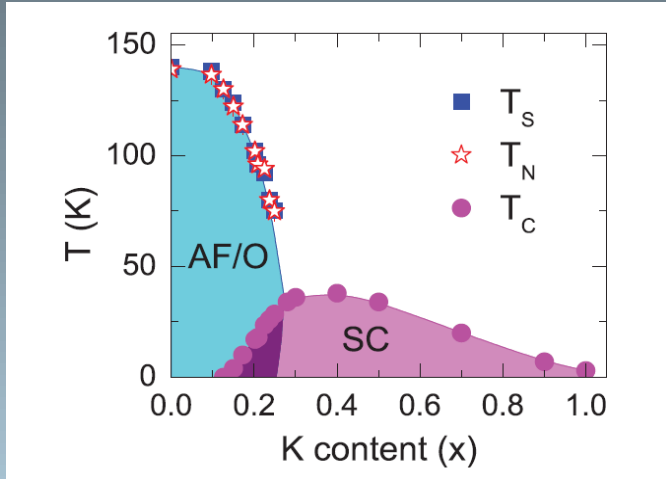
NMR-data ☺

specific heat-coefficient ☺

- FM contribution is sharper than expected
- Triplet pairing cannot be explained

phase diagrams of FeAs superconductors

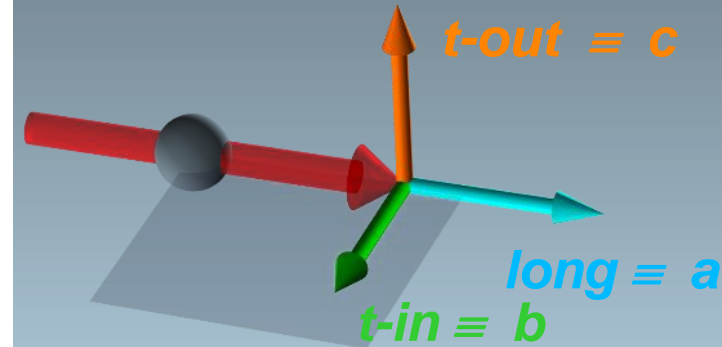
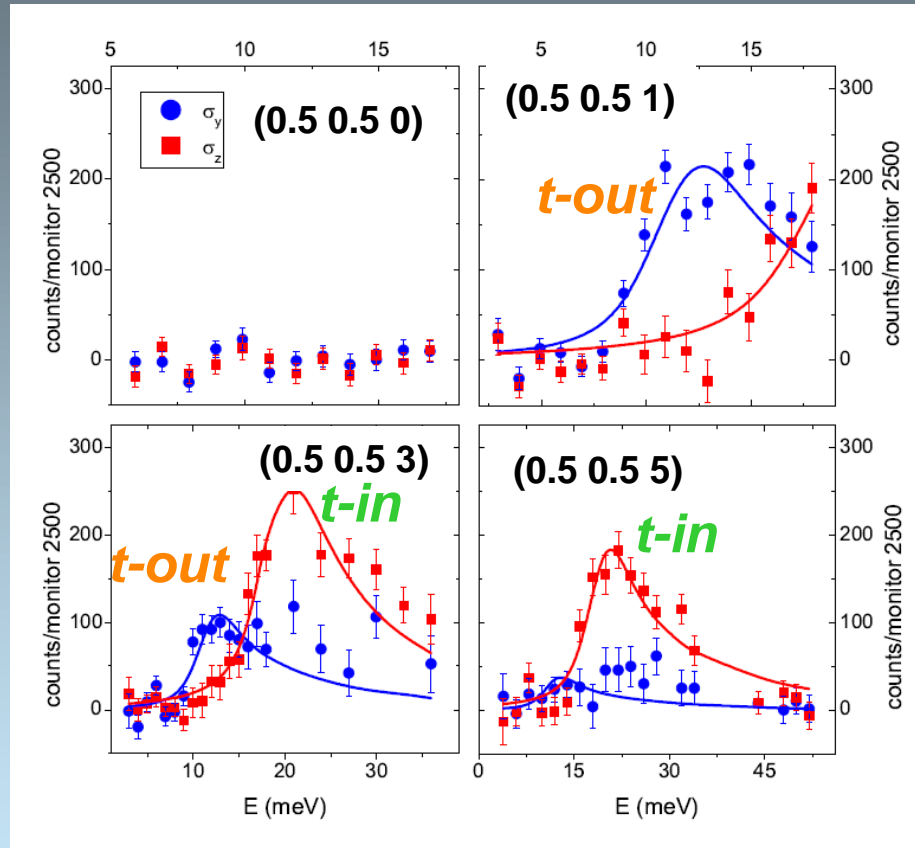
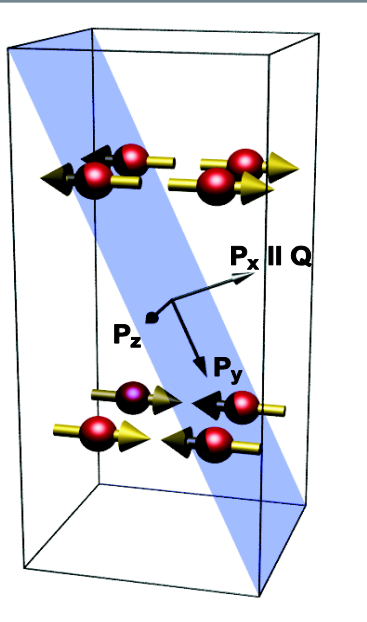
superconductivity appears close to a SDW phase either by doping or by pressure



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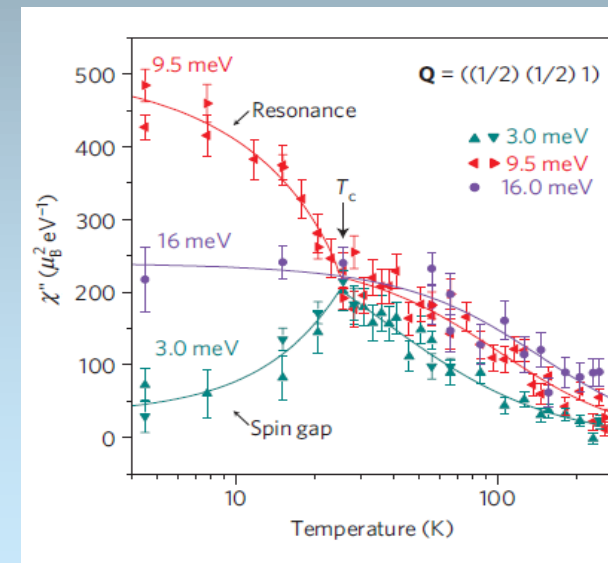
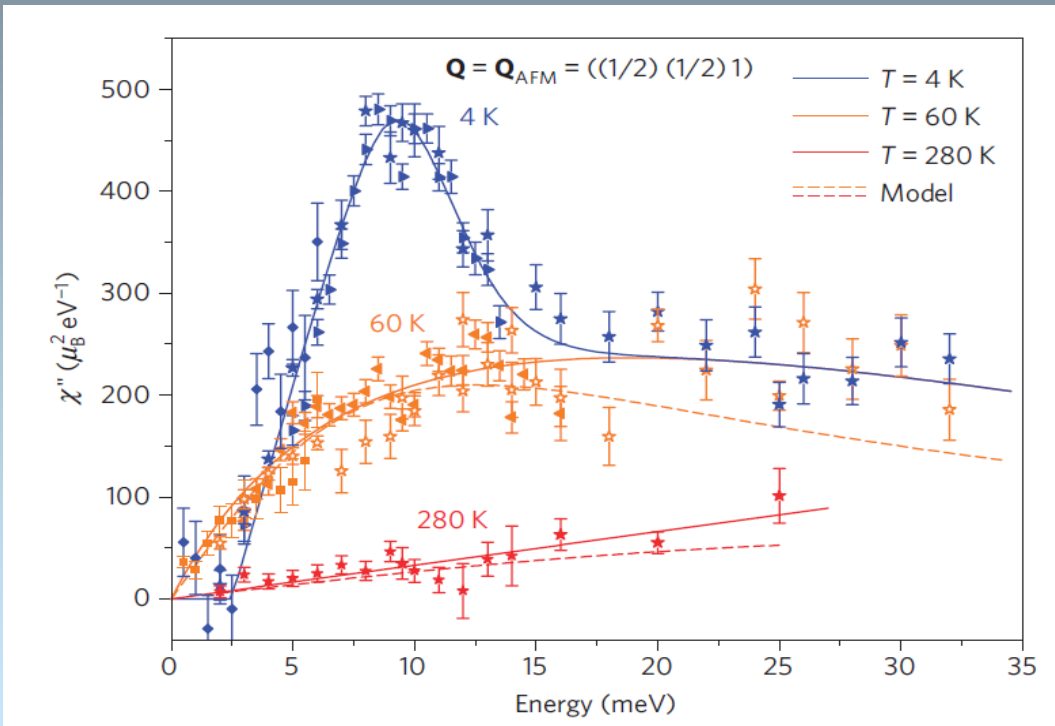
Magnetic anisotropy in BaFe_2As_2



Static moment parallel $a \rightarrow$ SFz senses the out-of-plane modes
 SFy senses the transversal in-plane modes

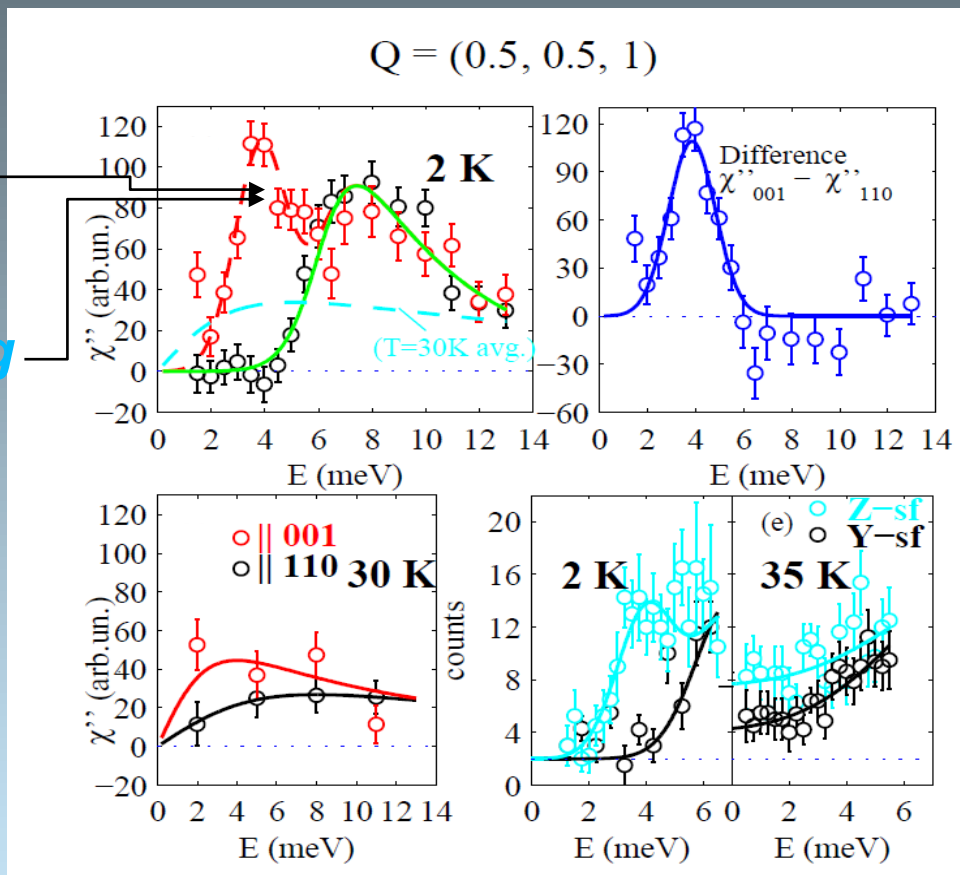
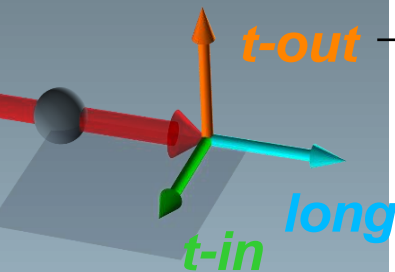
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Resonance mode in $\text{Ba}(\text{Fe}_{0.94}\text{Co}_{0.06})_2\text{As}_2$



Co-doped BaFe_2As_2

$x=0.06$ opt. doped $T_c=24$ K

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Ni-doped BaFe_2As_2

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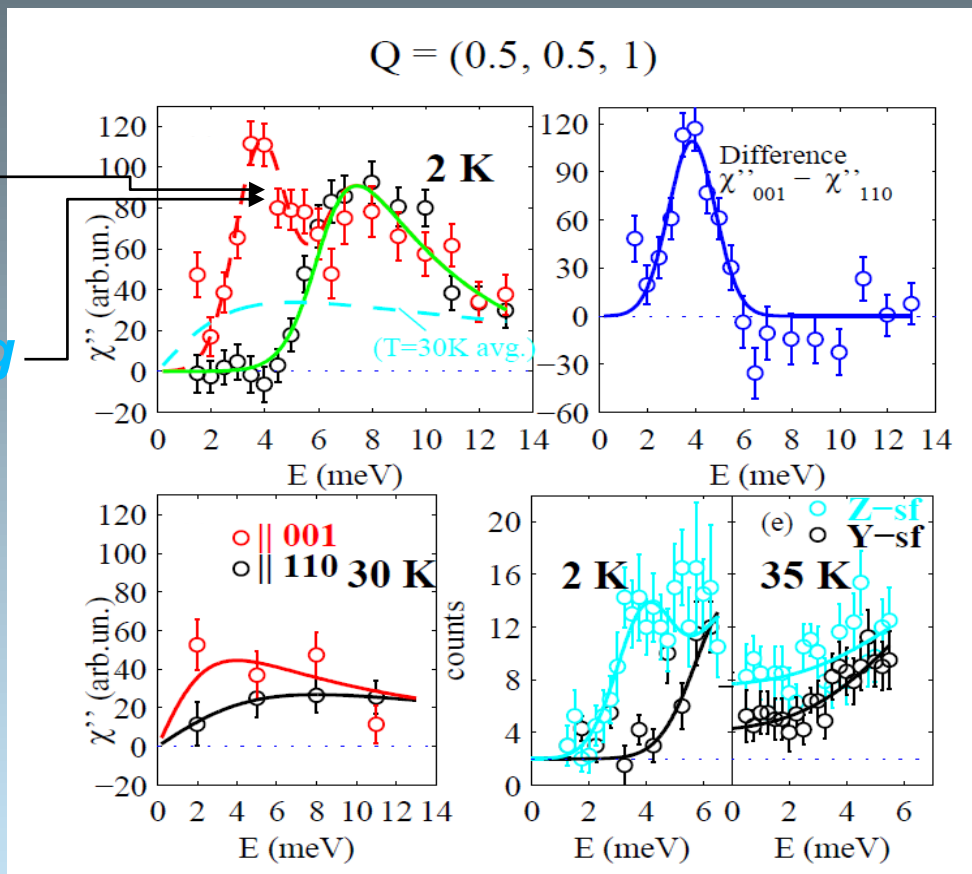
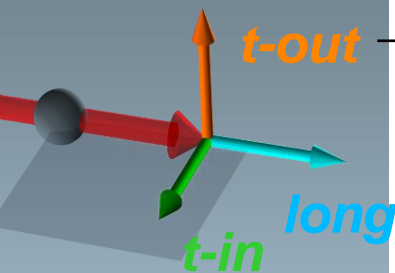
Na-doped BaFe_2As_2 $x=0.39$ $T_c=29$ K

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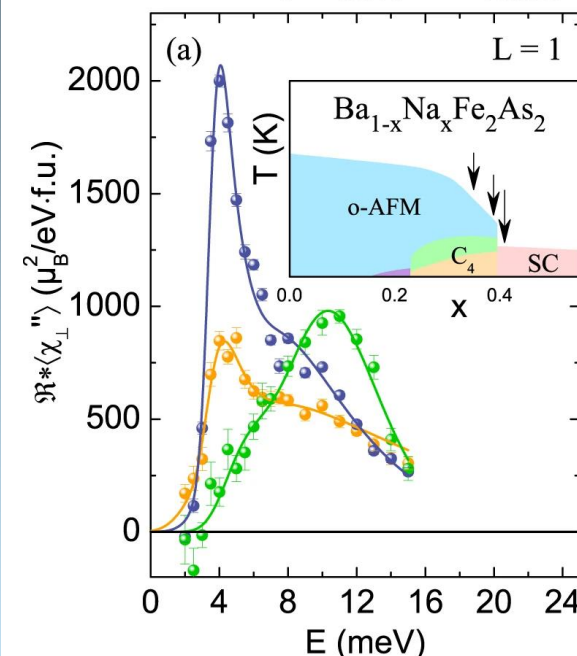
Resonance mode in $\text{Ba}(\text{Fe}_{0.94}\text{Co}_{0.06})_2\text{As}_2$



$\text{Ba}_{0.61}\text{Na}_{0.39}\text{Fe}_2\text{As}_2$

$T_c = 29\text{ K}$

$T = 3.5\text{ K}$ • Na35



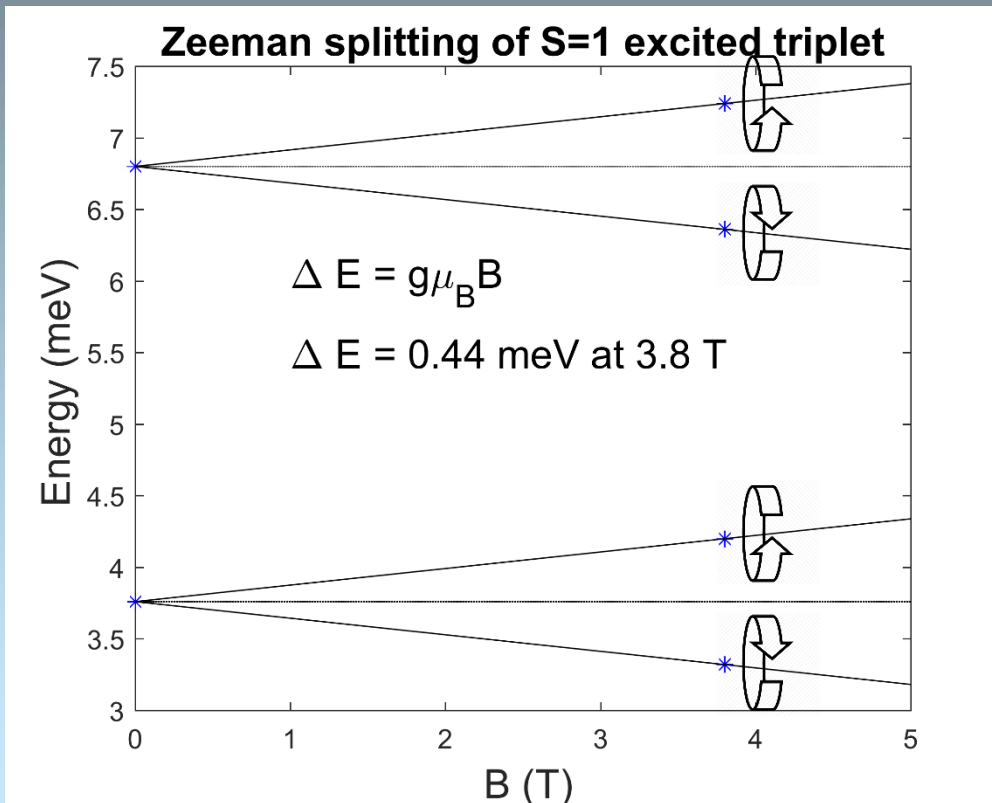
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Chirality in $\text{Ba}(\text{Fe}_{0.94}\text{Co}_{0.06})_2\text{As}_2$

What is the character of the two SRM's? Singlet – triplet exciton ?



horizontal cryomagnet @ ILL
compatible with neutron polarization analysis

Conclusions

polarized inelastic neutron scattering can

- quantitatively detect broad quasiferromagnetic fluctuations in Sr_2RuO_4
- reveal magnetic anisotropy in AFM BaFe_2As_2
- show split and anisotropic spin-excitation modes in FeAs-based superconductors

Thanks for the attention!

There is an urgent need for more powerfull instrumentation!