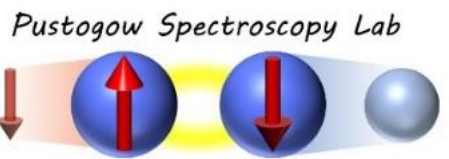
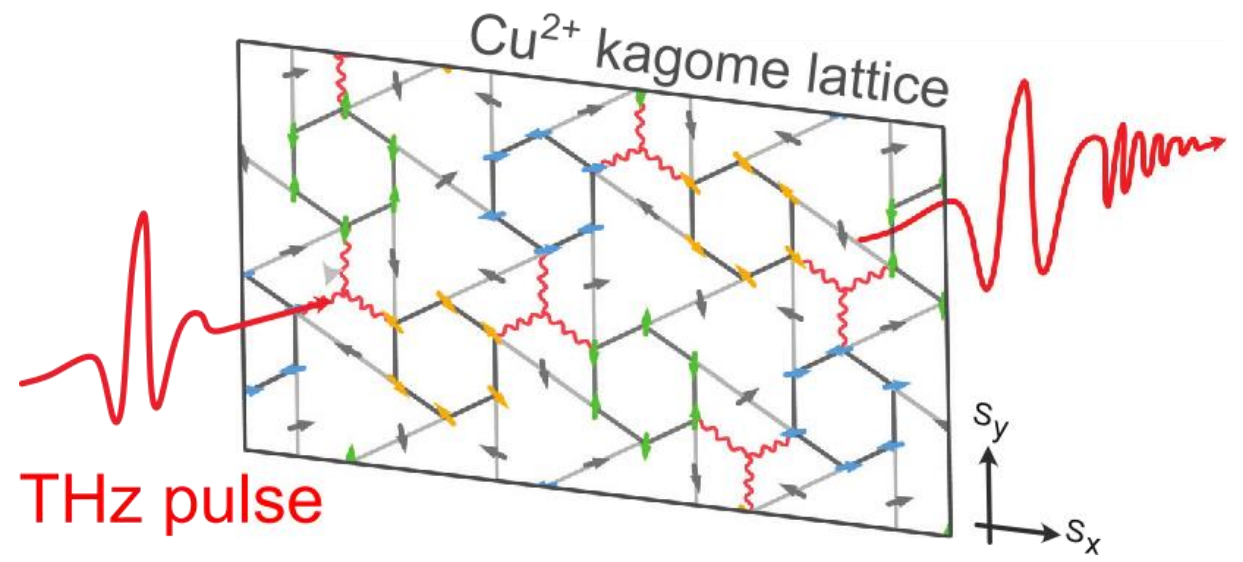


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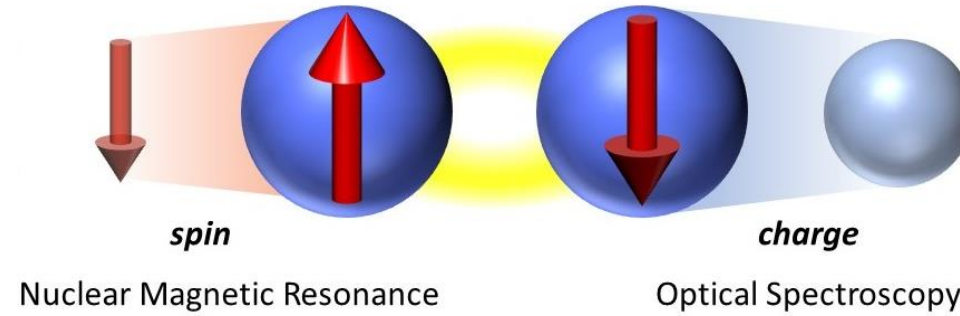


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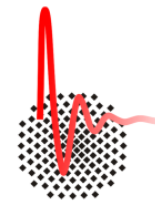
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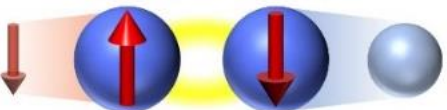
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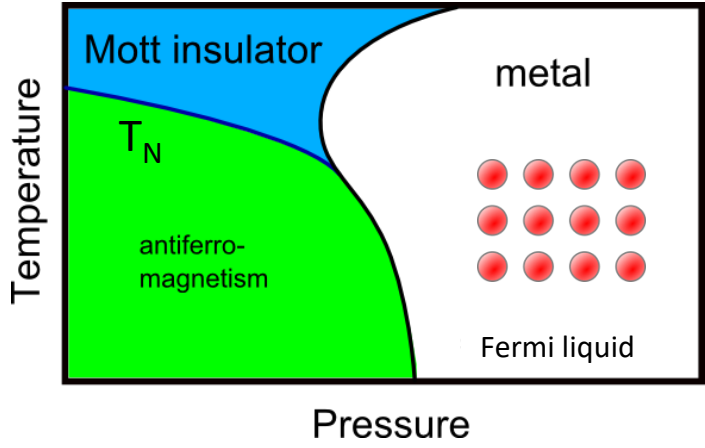
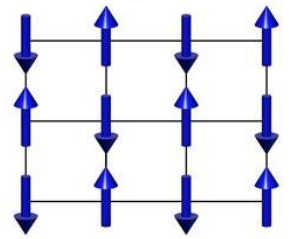
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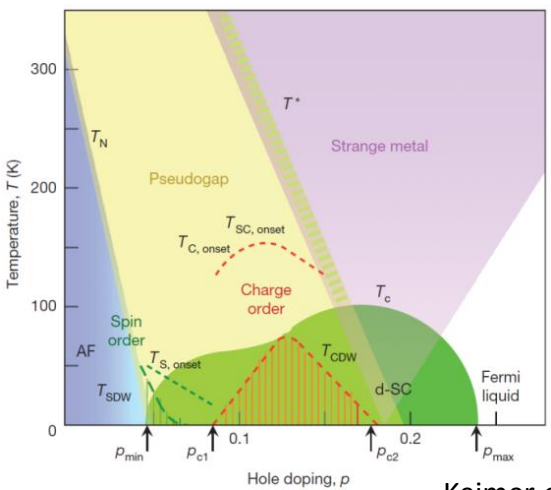
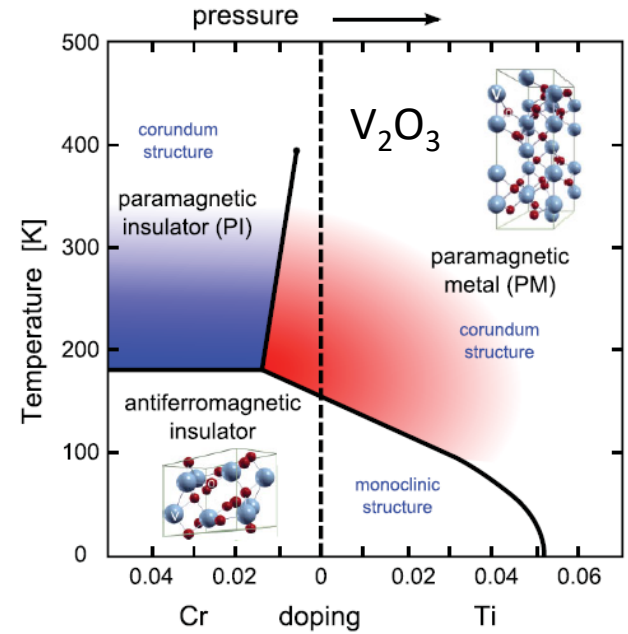
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# Magnetism in Mott insulators



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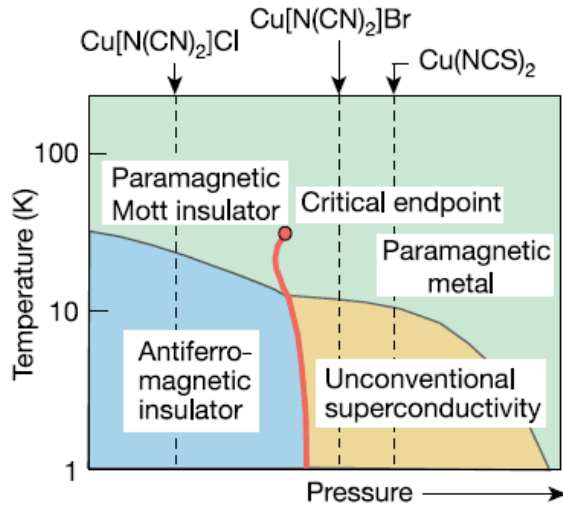
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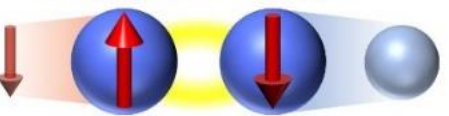
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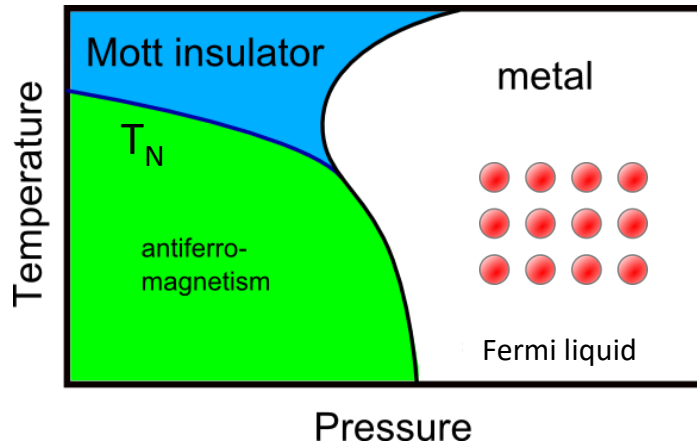


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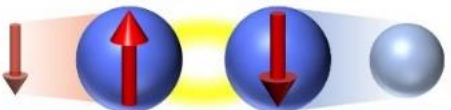
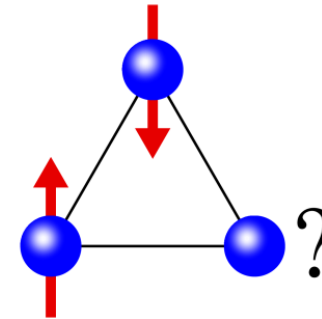
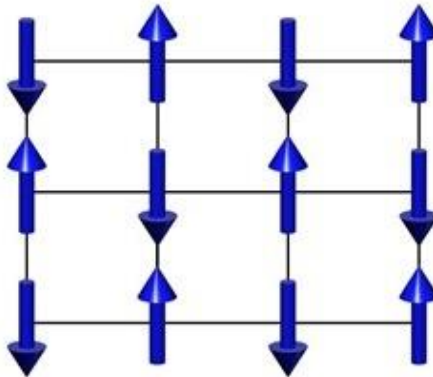
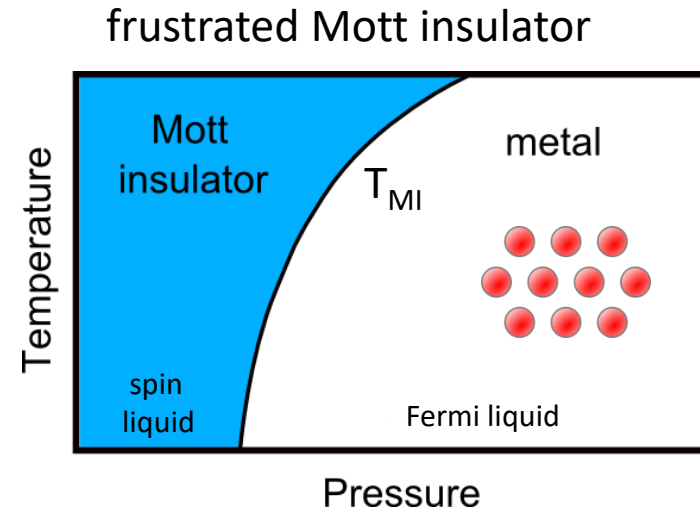
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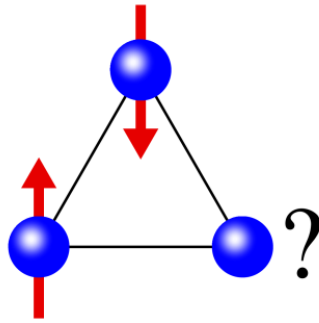
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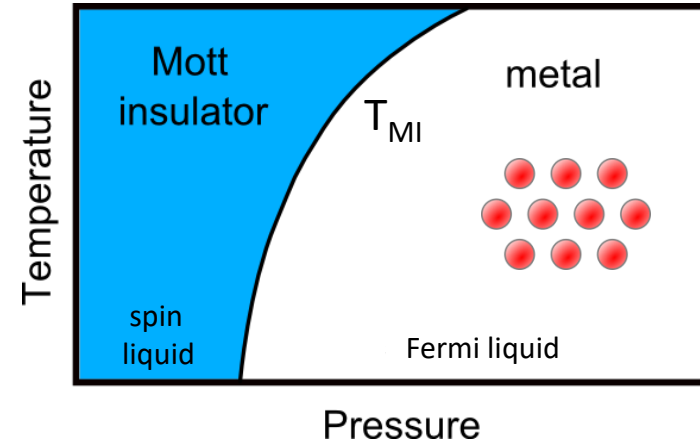
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# Geometrical Frustration



frustrated Mott insulator

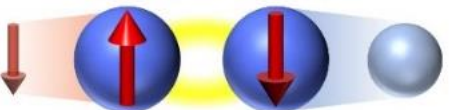


## frustration in real life



## geometrical frustration in solids

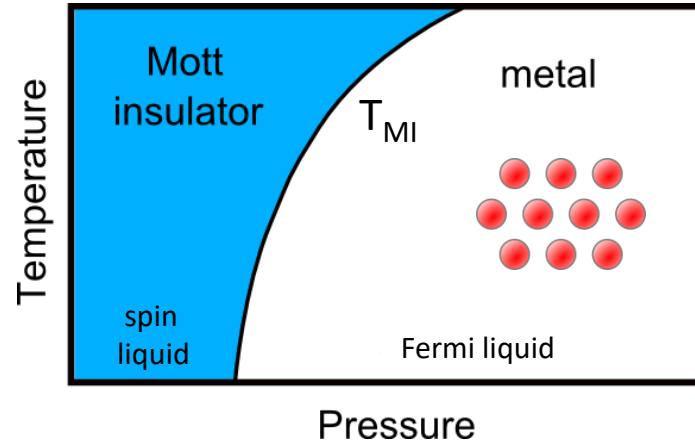
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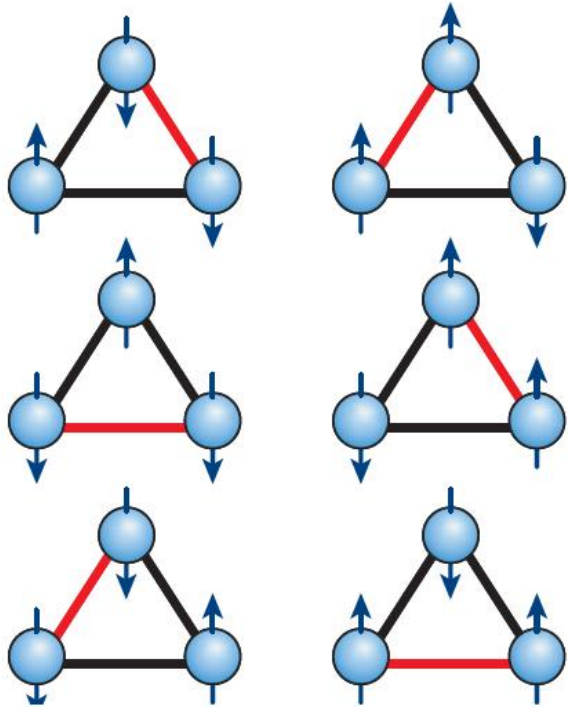


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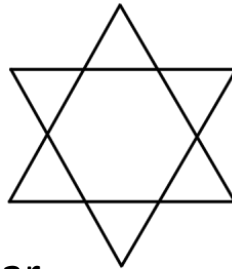


suppression of long-range order

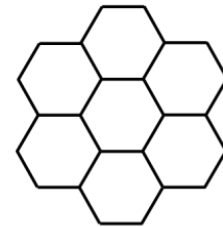
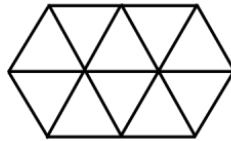


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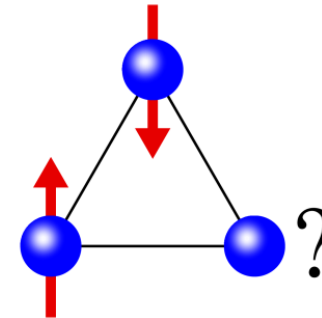
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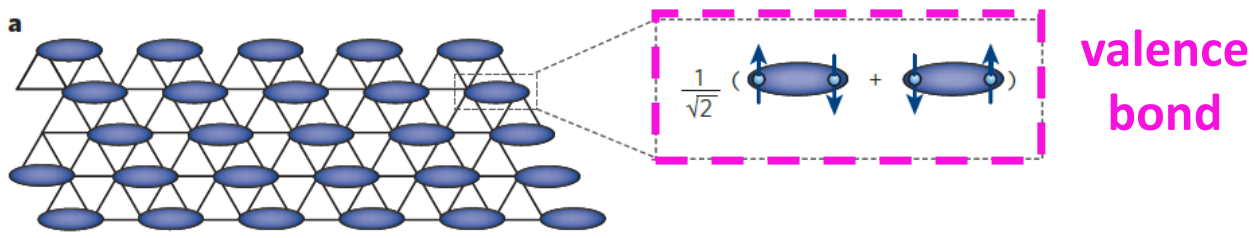
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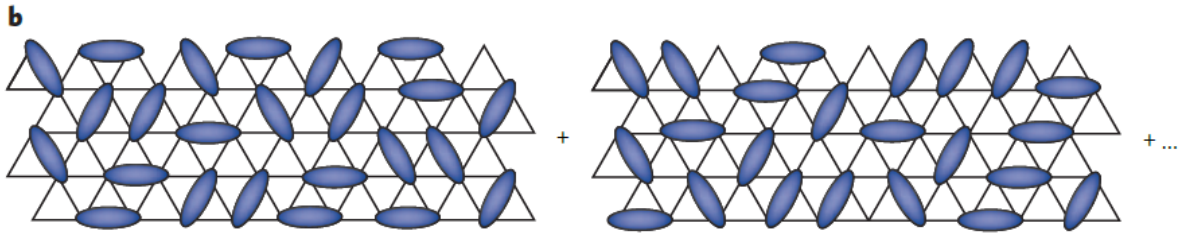


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(e.g. Spin-Peierls in 1D)



**Resonating Valence Bond (RVB) State**

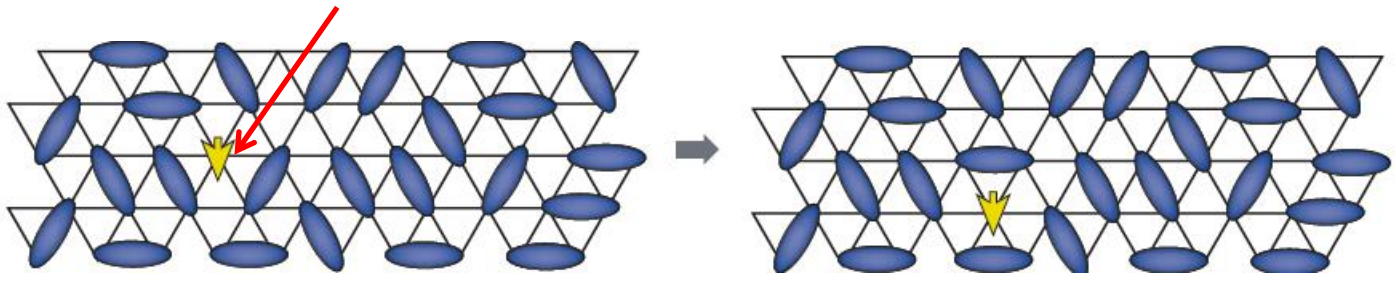


notion of a  
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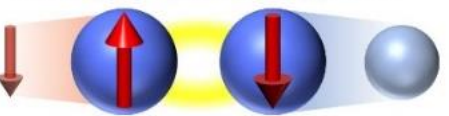
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**spinon:** neutral  $S = \frac{1}{2}$  excitation



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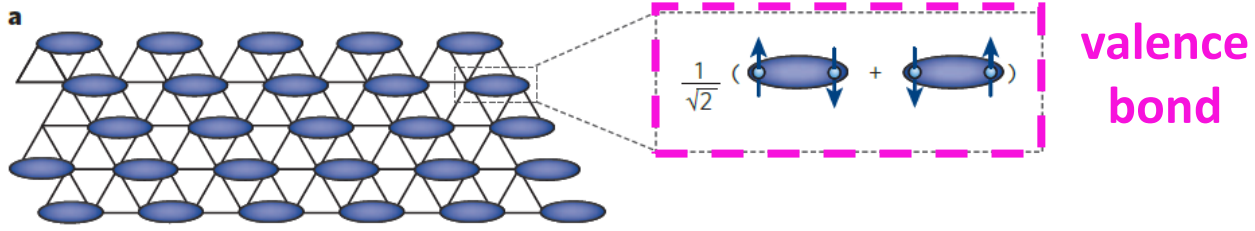


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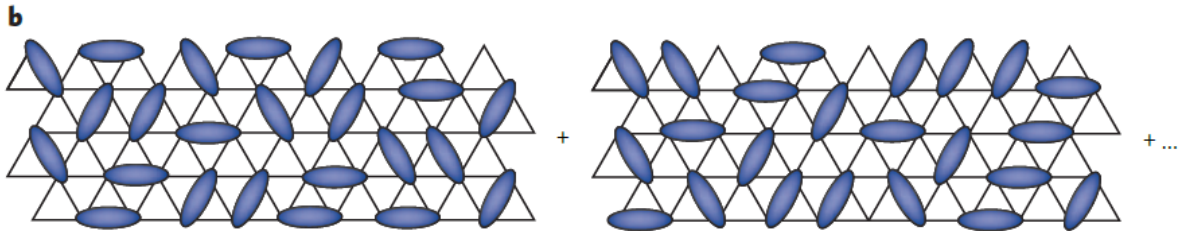
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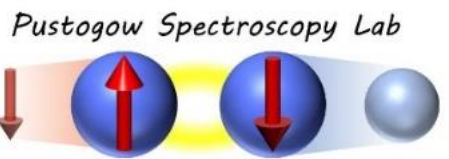
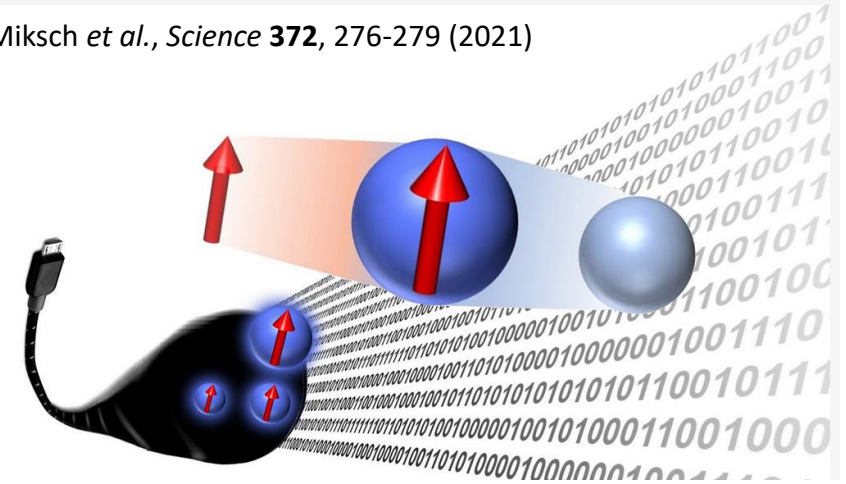
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**interesting for quantum information**

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**New measurements call spin liquids into question**  
 Is it possible to transmit information through a material in the form of electron spins? New measurements show: not in the way that scientists had been working on for decades.

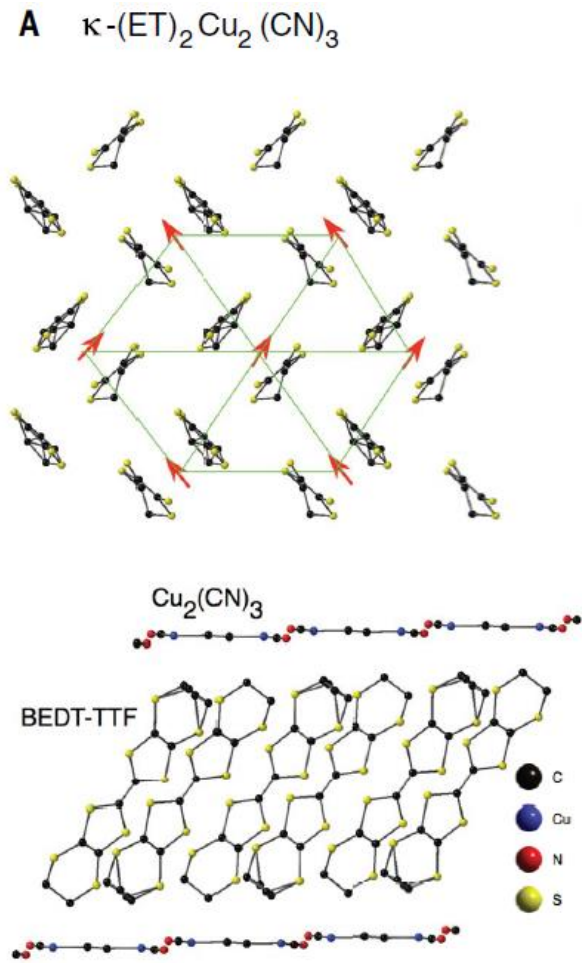
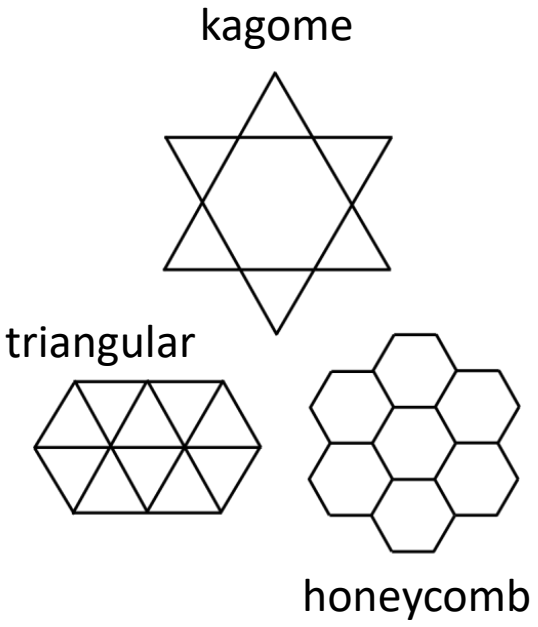
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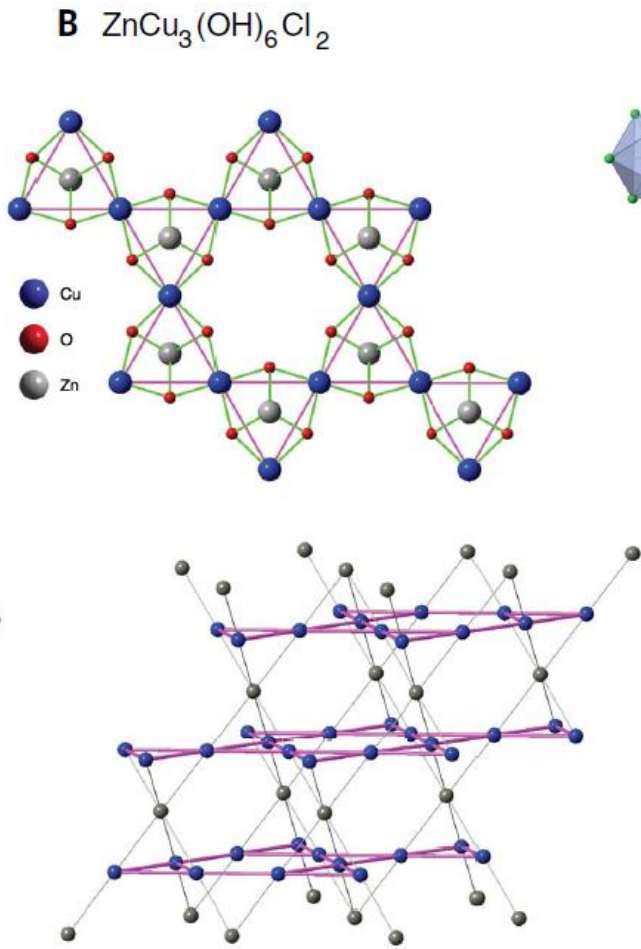


# Spin Liquid Candidates

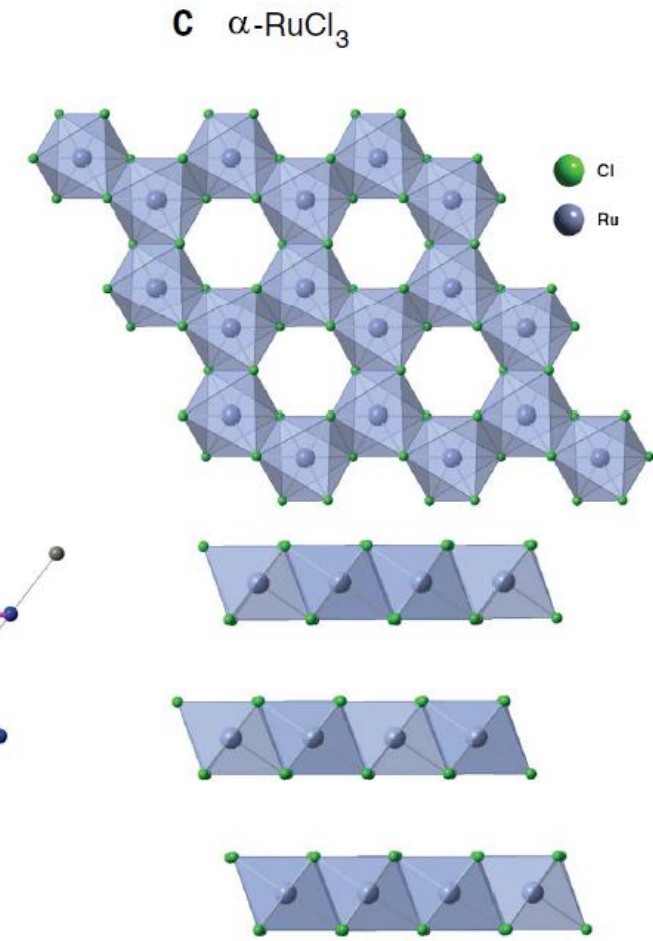
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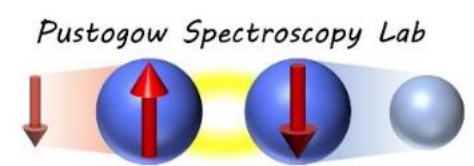
## Herbertsmithite



## van der Waals materials



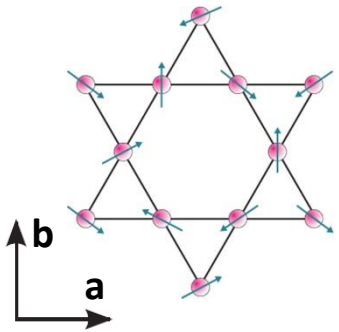
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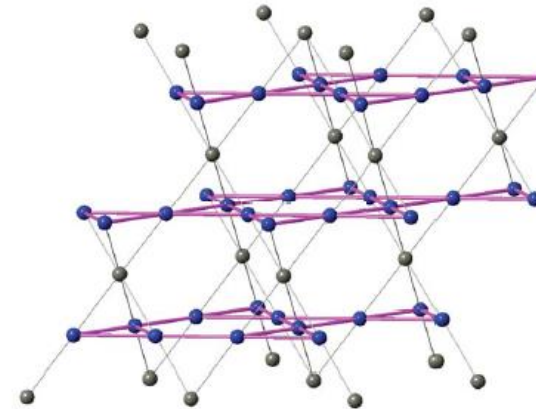
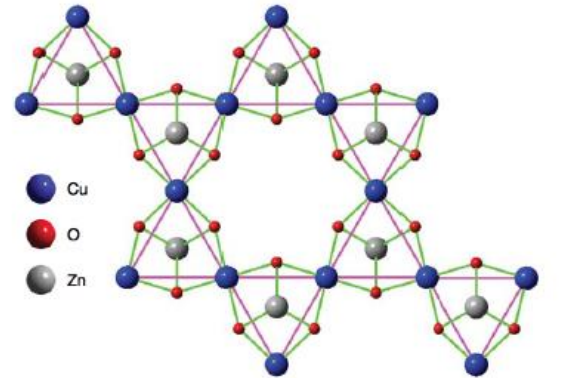
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## Herbertsmithite

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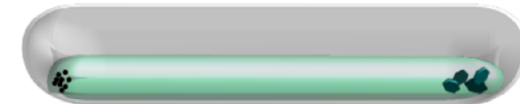


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hydrothermal synthesis

$\Delta T$



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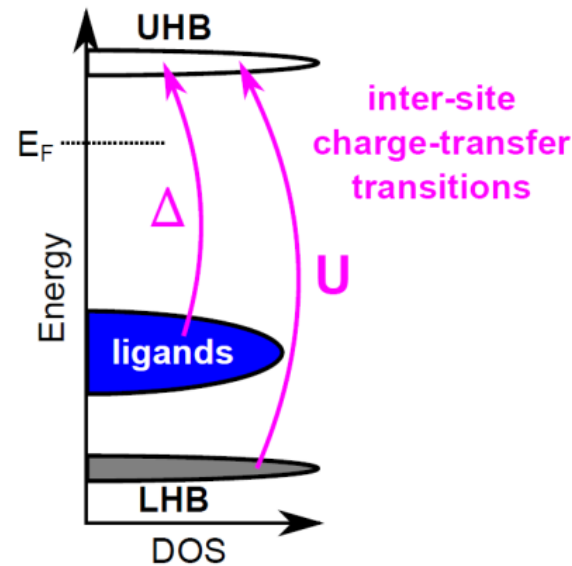
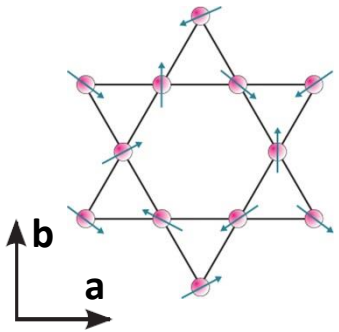
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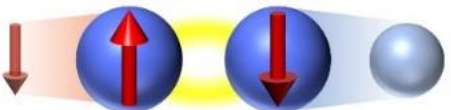
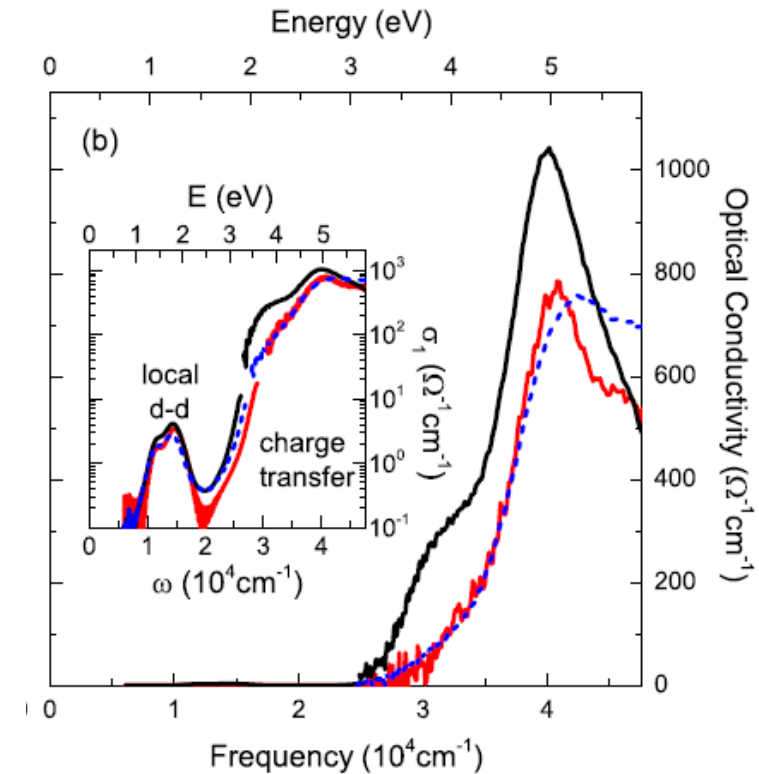
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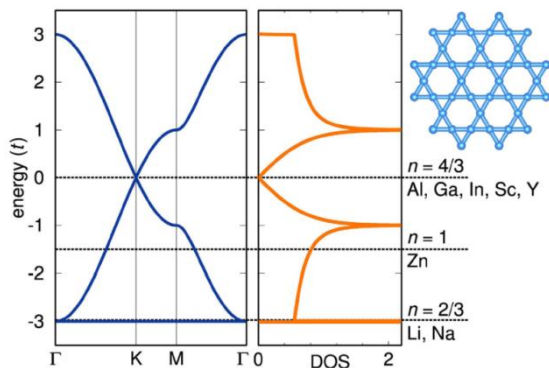


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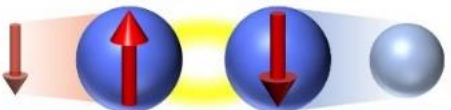


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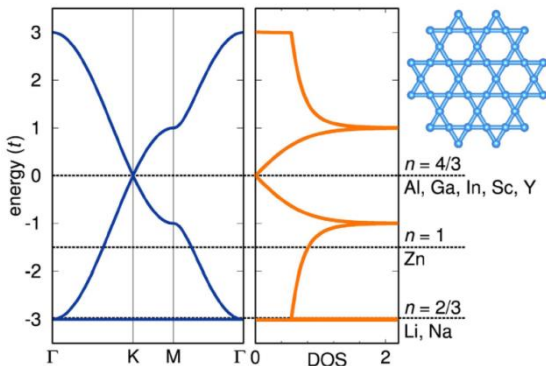




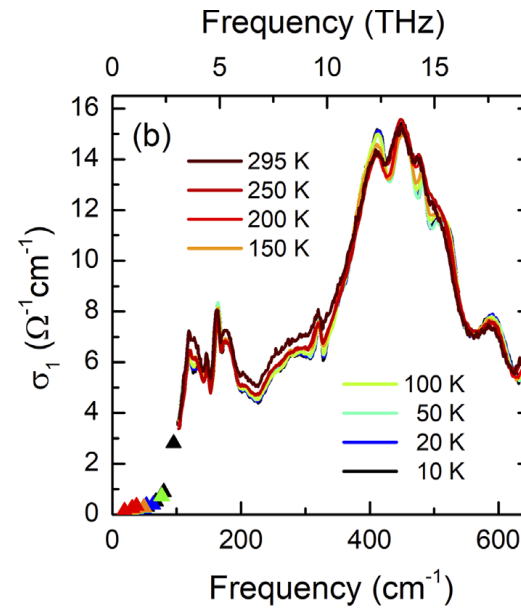
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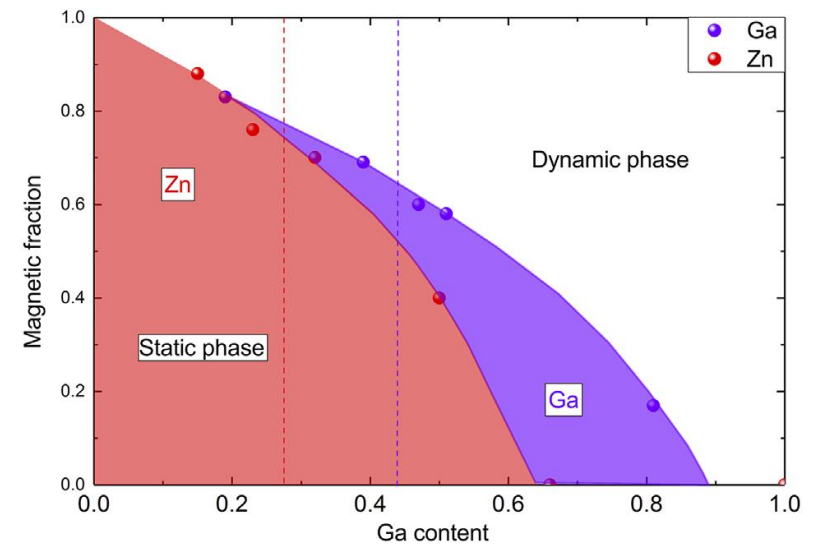


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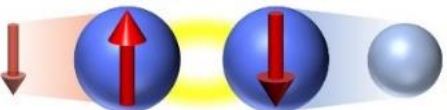


## GaCu<sub>3</sub>(OH)<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>

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- **insulating, not metallic!**
- additional charge upon  $\text{Zn}^{2+} \rightarrow \text{Ga}^{3+}$  compensated by additional  $\text{OH}^-/\text{Cl}^-$



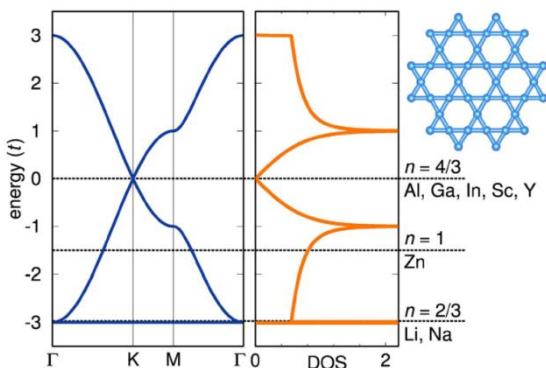
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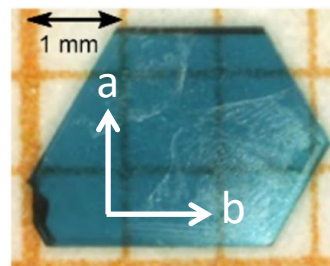
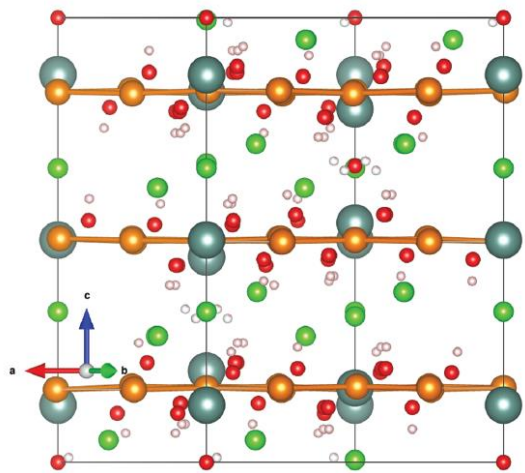
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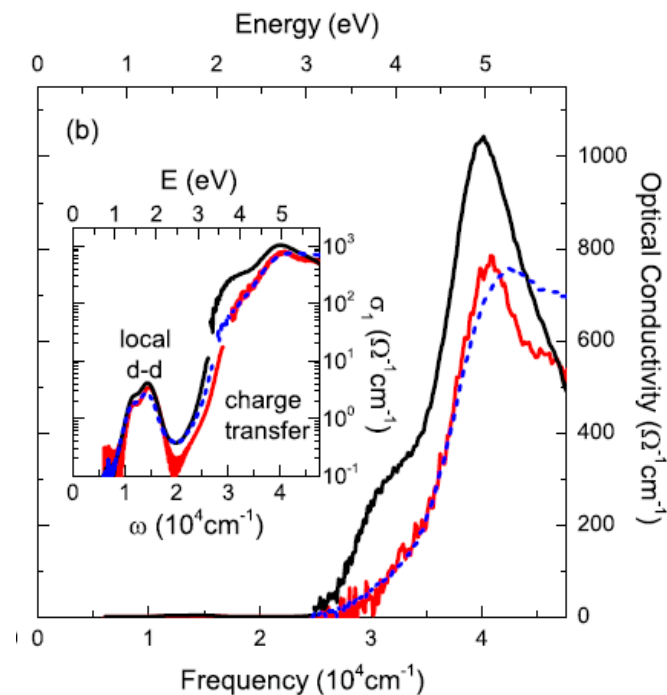
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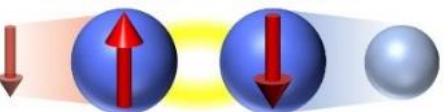
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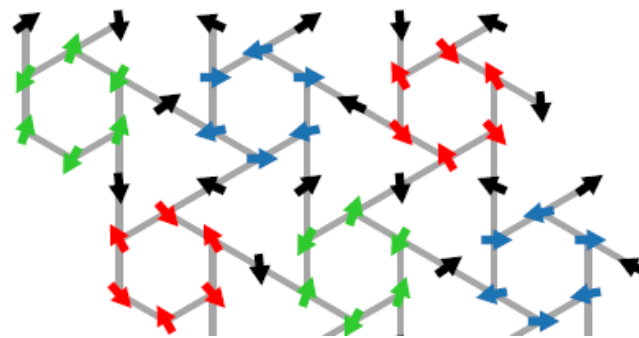
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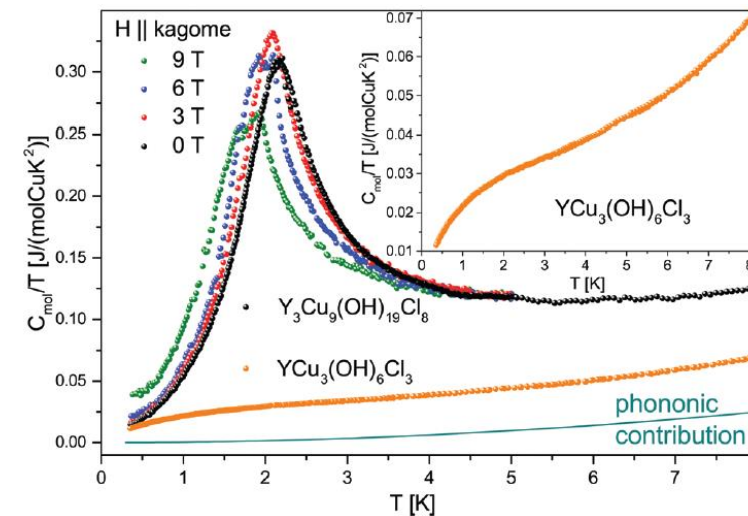
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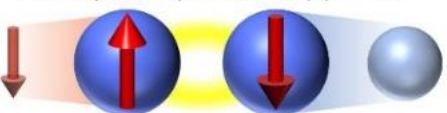
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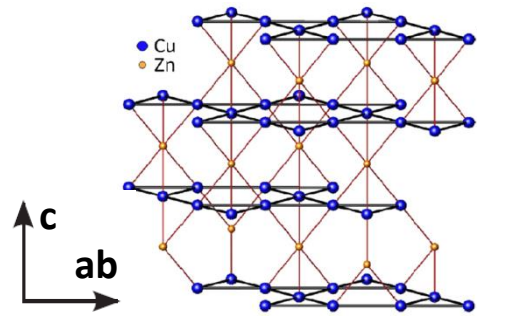
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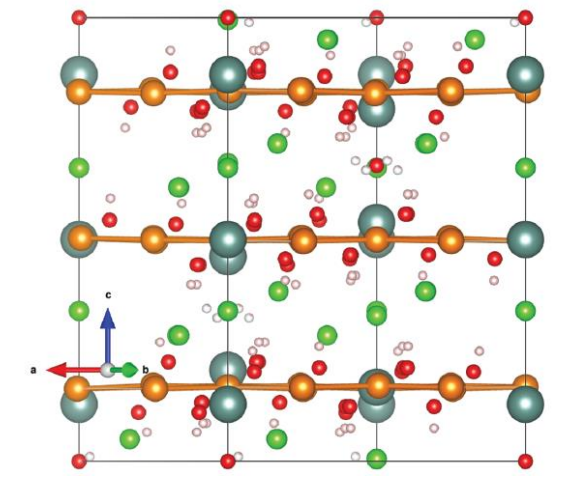
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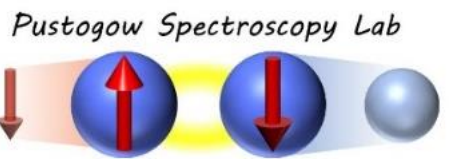
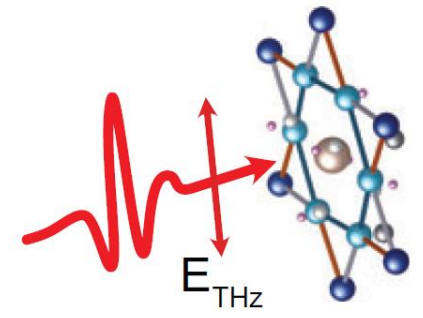
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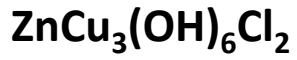
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➤ spin-phonon coupling  
 ➤ magnetic THz response





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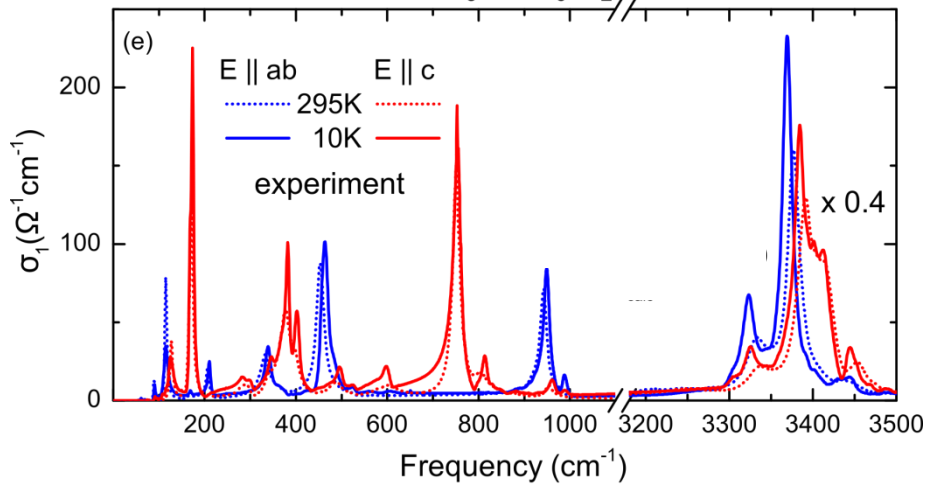
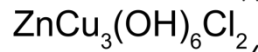
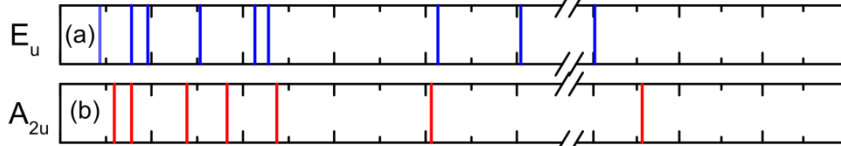


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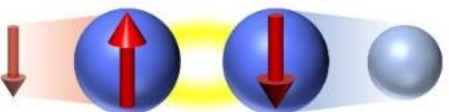
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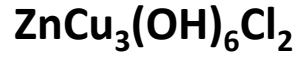
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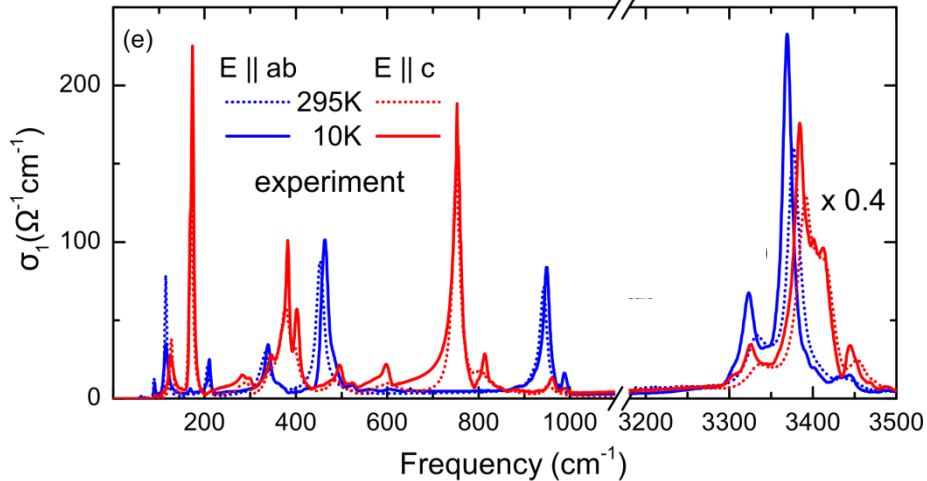
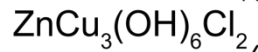
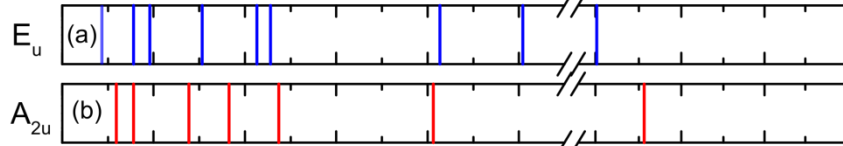


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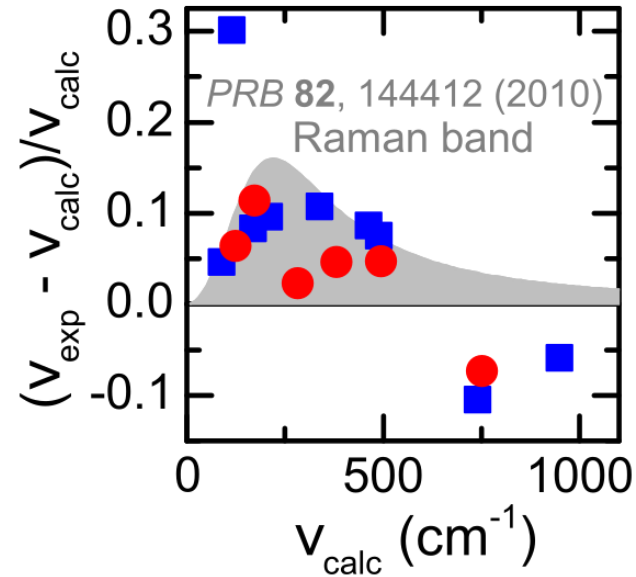
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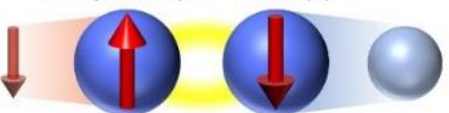
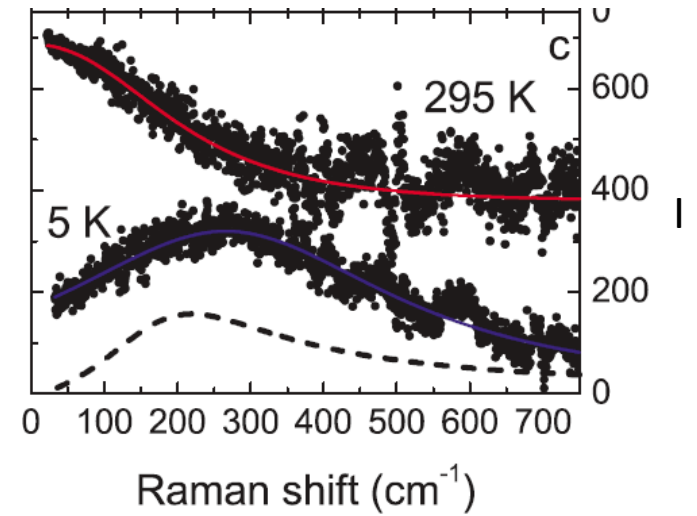


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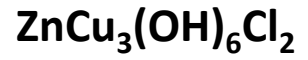
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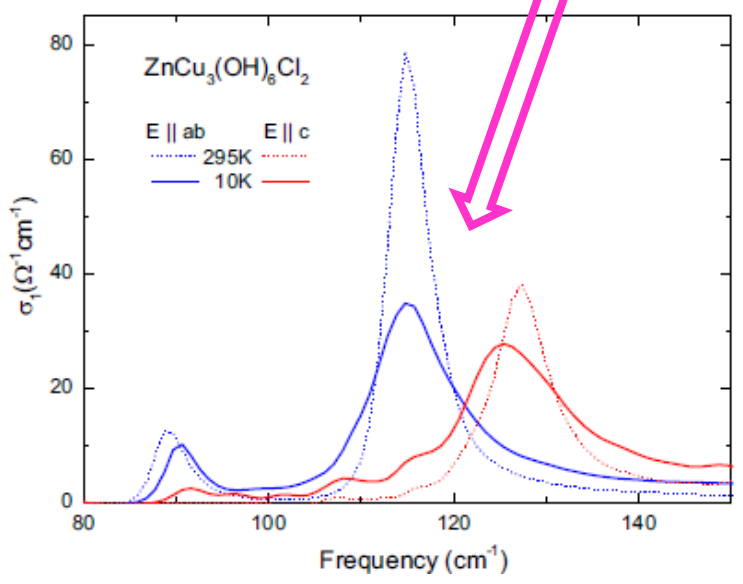


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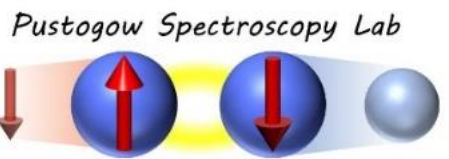
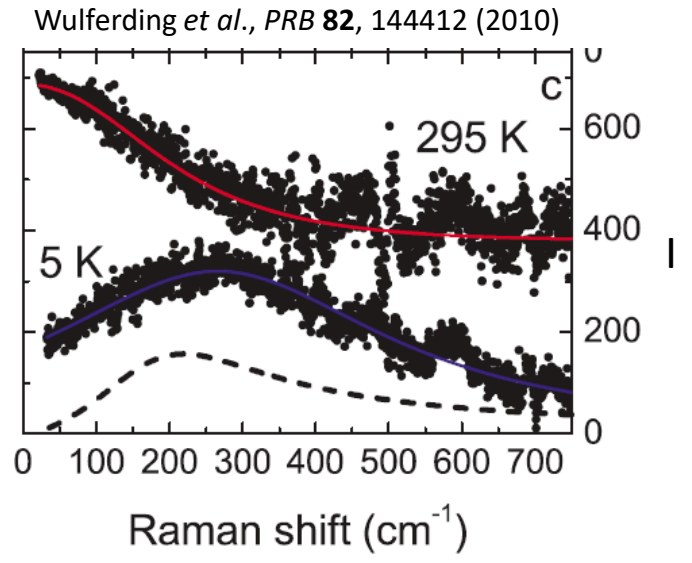
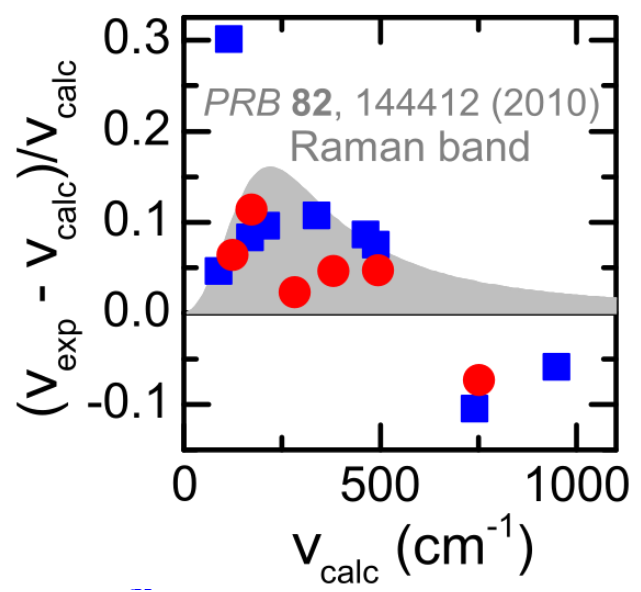
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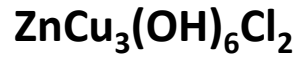


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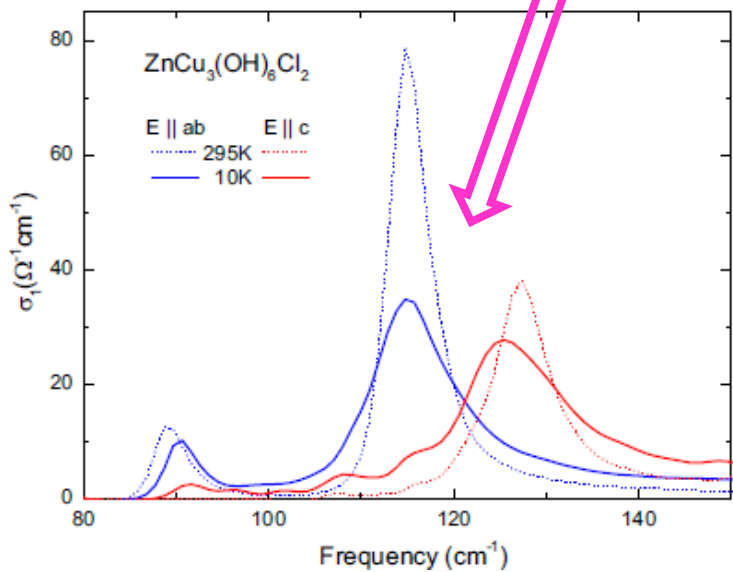


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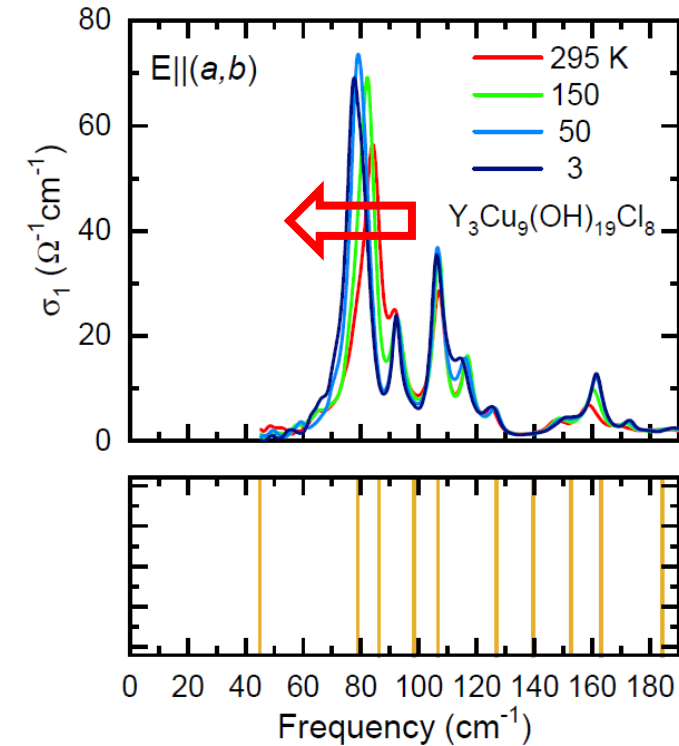


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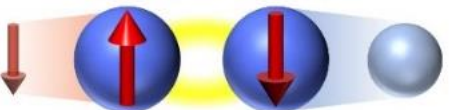


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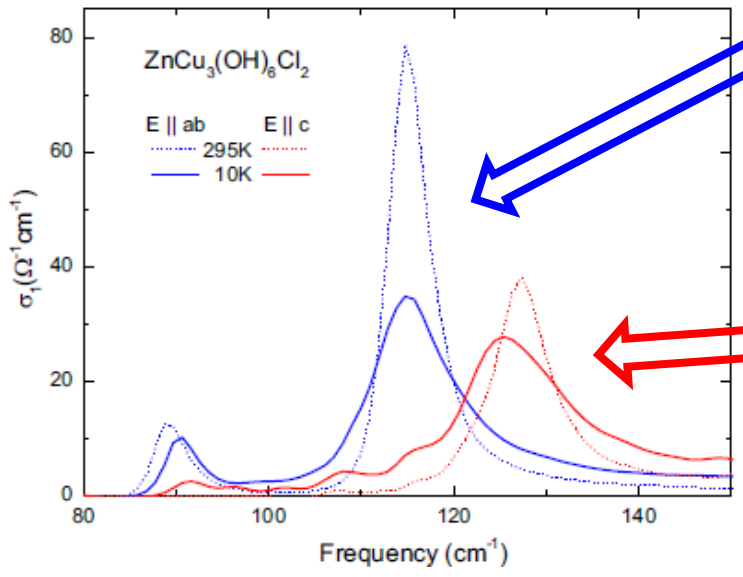




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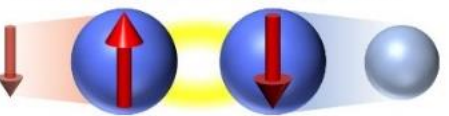
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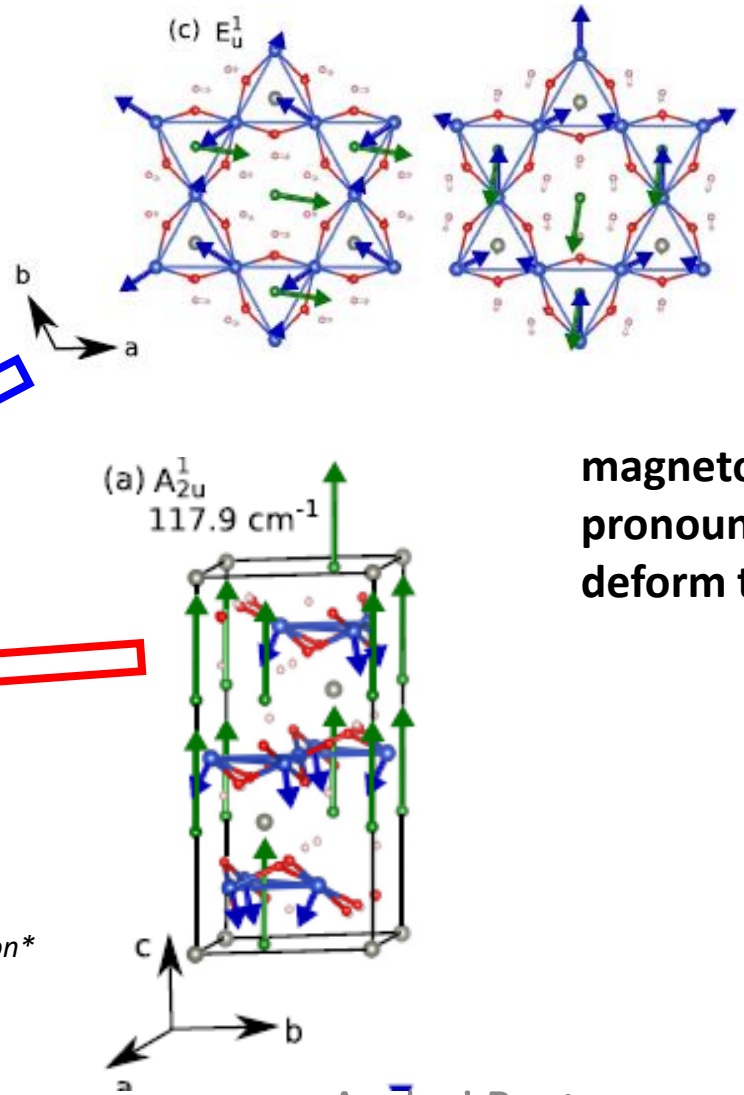


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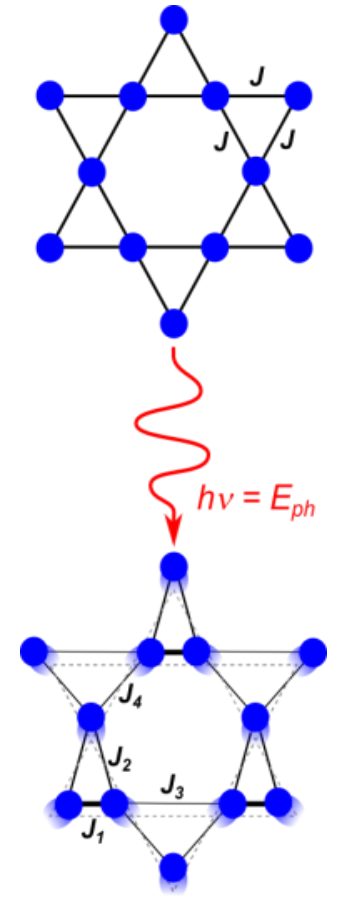
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magnetoelastic coupling most pronounced for modes that deform the Cu<sup>2+</sup> kagome layer

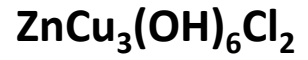
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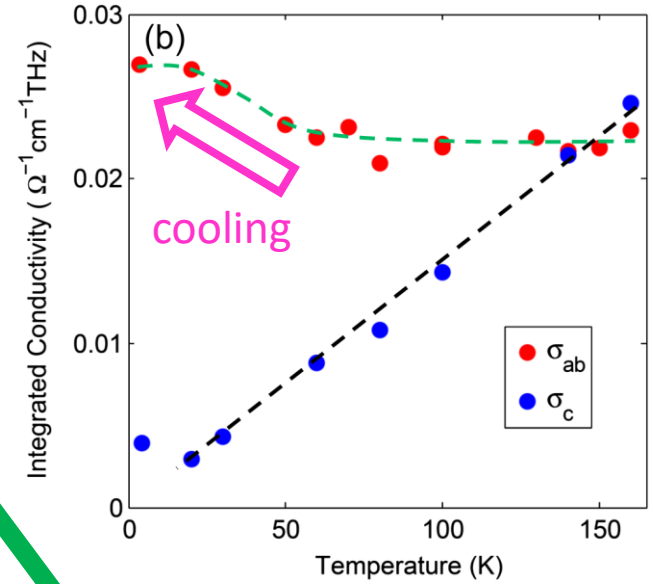
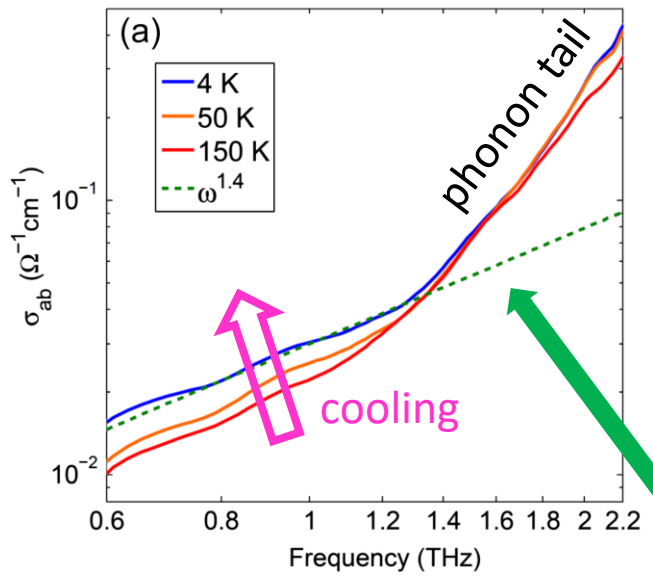
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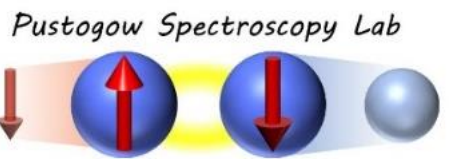


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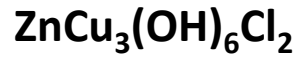


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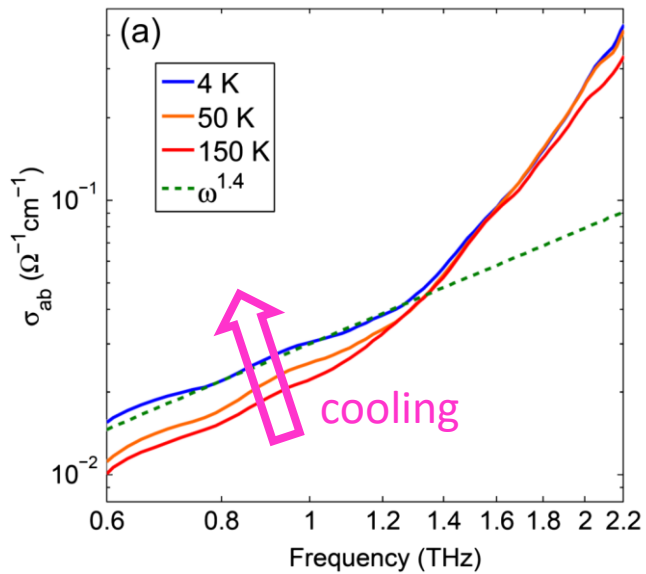
power law  $\sigma_1 \propto \omega^{1.4}$   
does not fit theory



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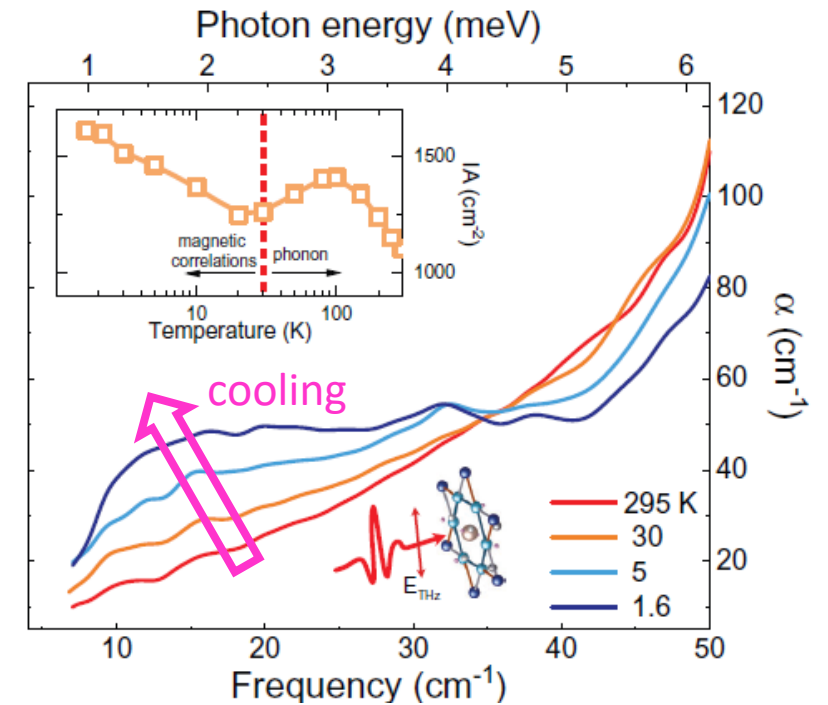
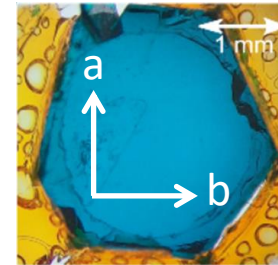
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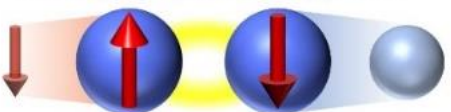
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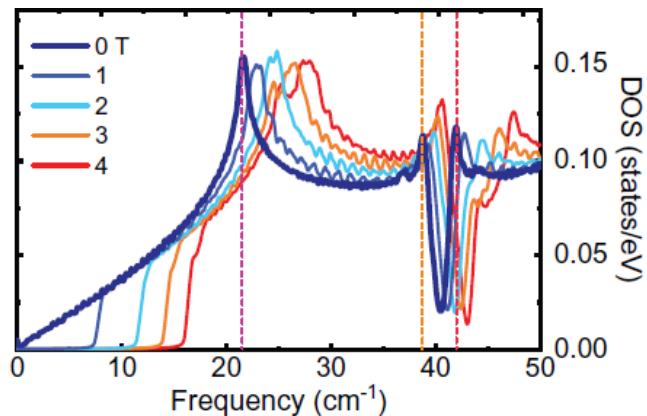




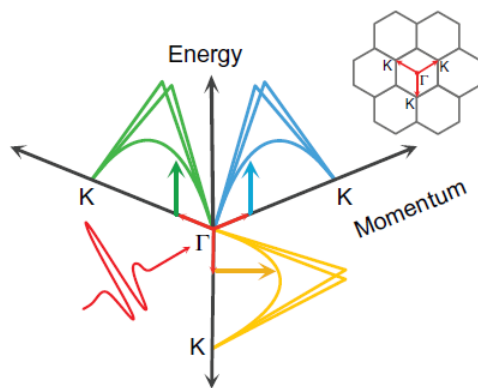
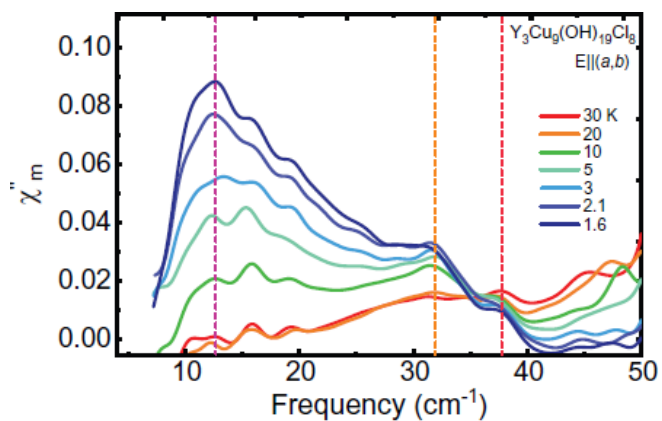


# THz Magnetometry

## linear spin-wave theory



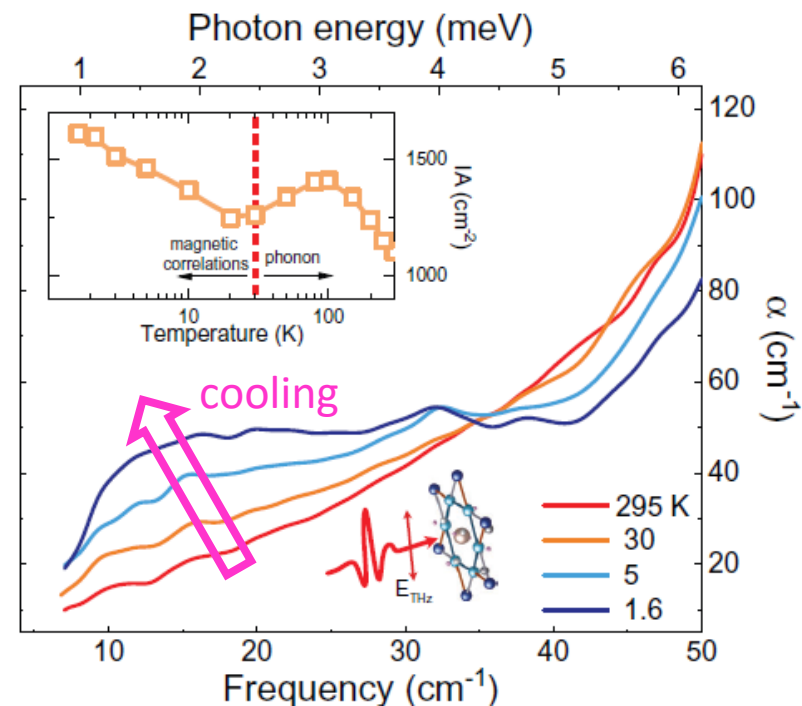
## experiment



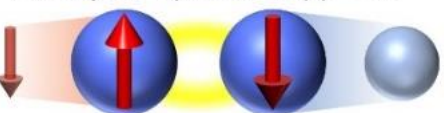
- extract dynamic susceptibility from  $\alpha$
- assume  $\epsilon = const$  below  $T = 80$  K



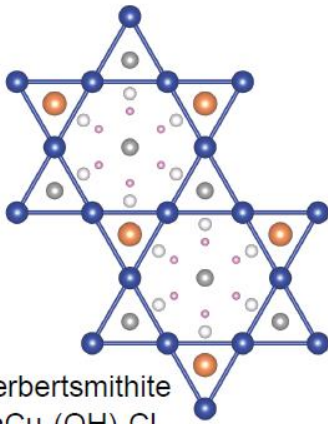
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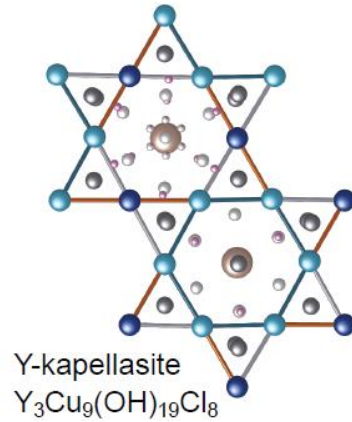
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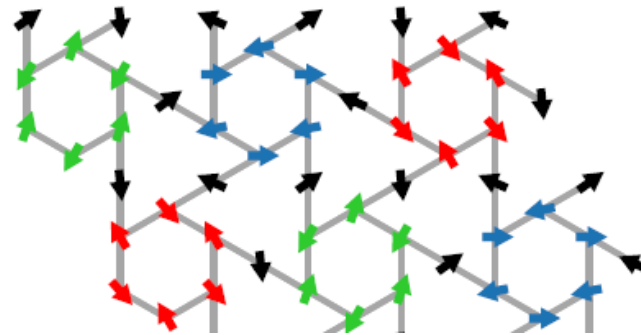


- ideal kagome
- no magnetic order

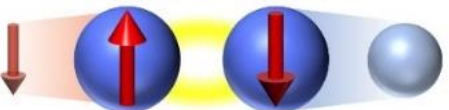


- distorted kagome
- $T_N = 2.2 \text{ K}$

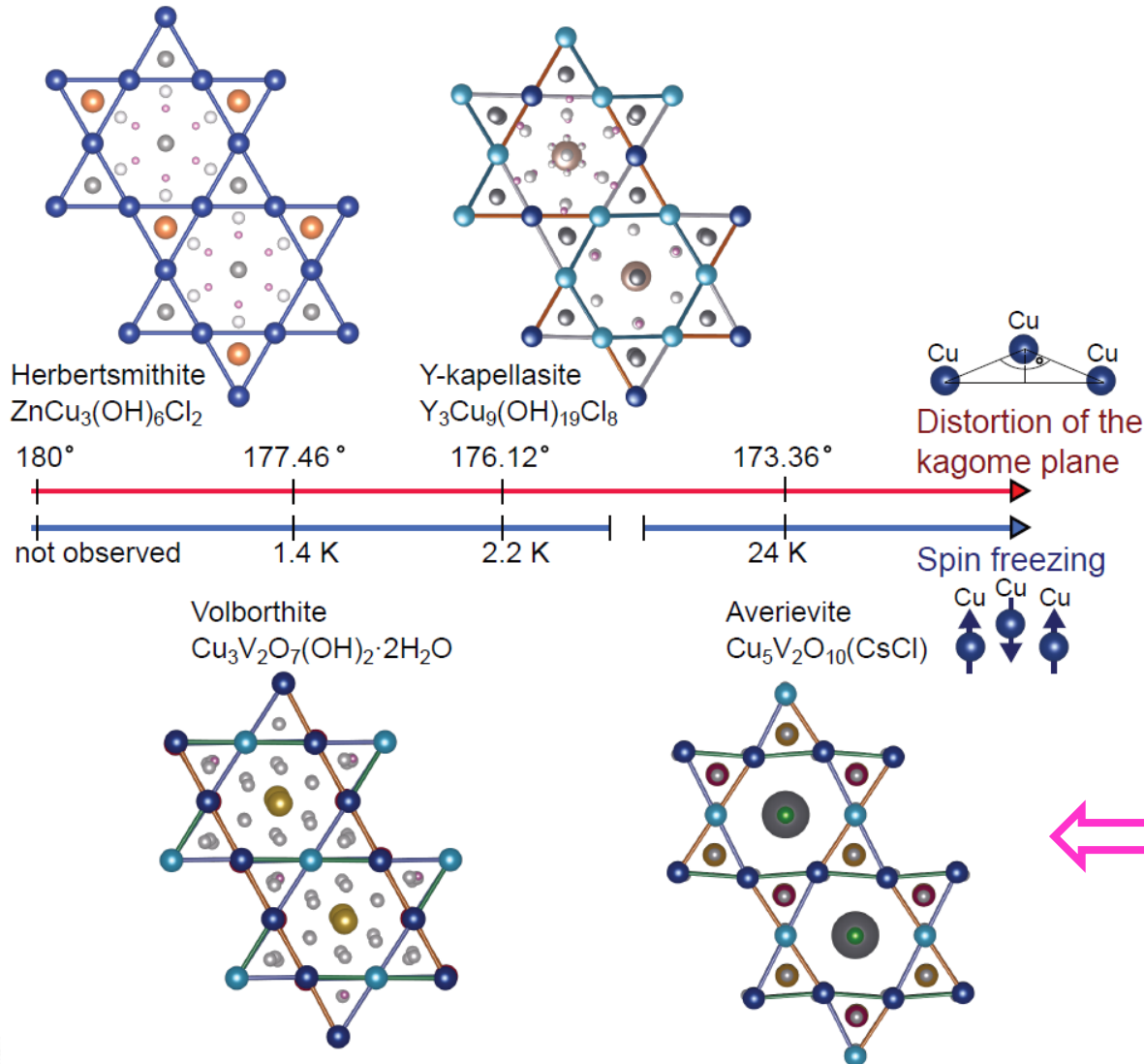
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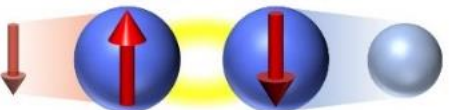
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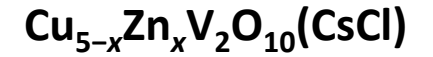
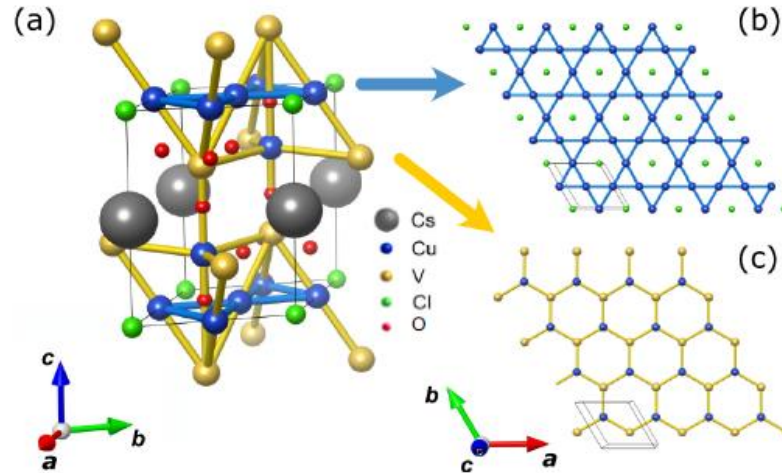
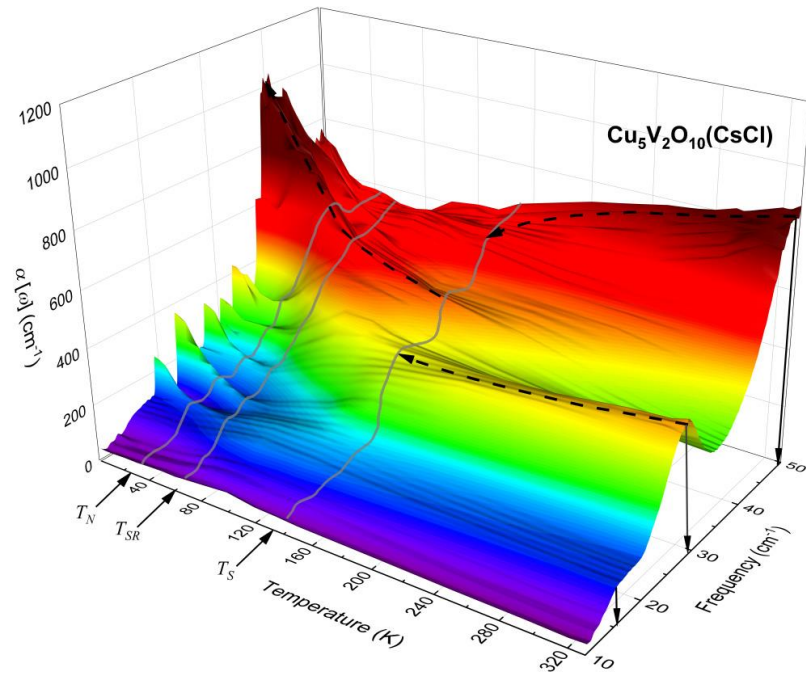
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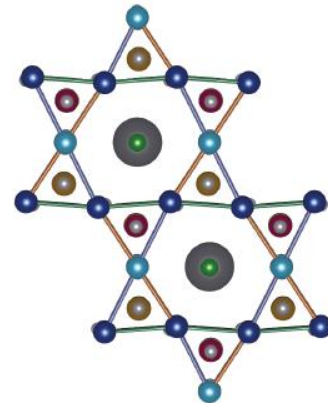
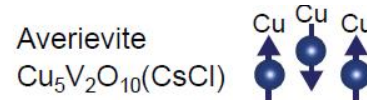


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Strong magnetic resonances!

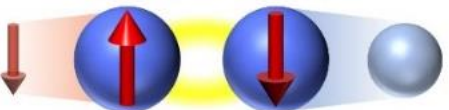


- replace Cu in honeycomb layers
- decouple kagome layers
- no magnetic order for  $x = 1$



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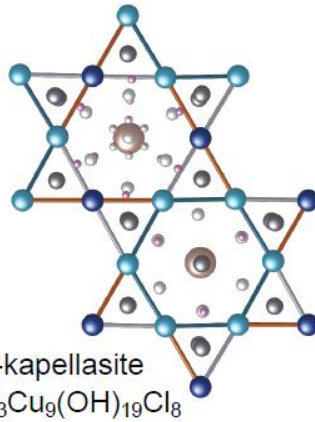
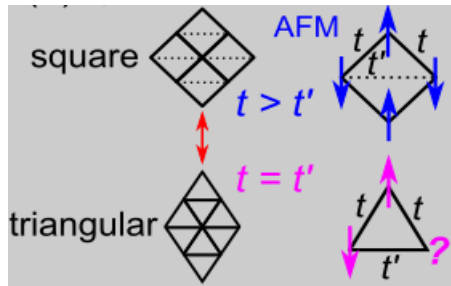
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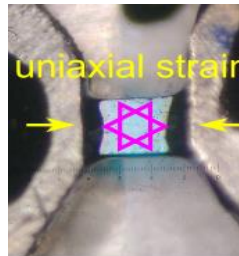
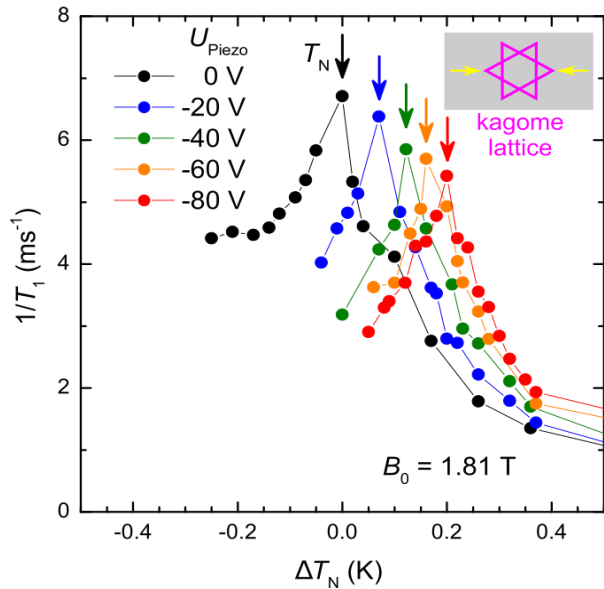


# Unfrustrating the Kagome Layer

## tuning magnetic frustration by strain



- magnetic order stabilized upon increased kagome-plane distortion



Controlling frustrated magnetism on the kagome lattice by uniaxial-strain tuning

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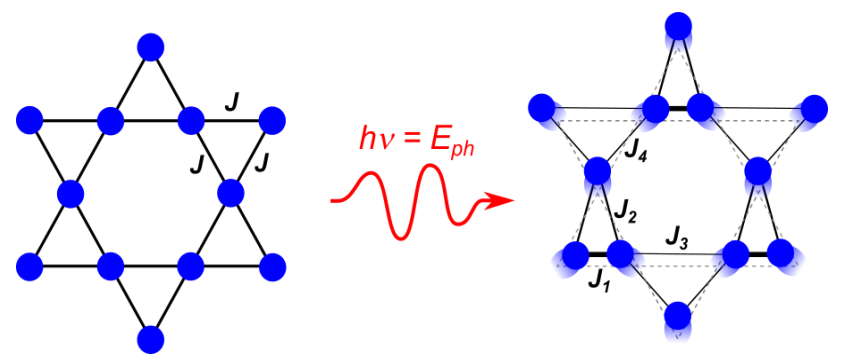
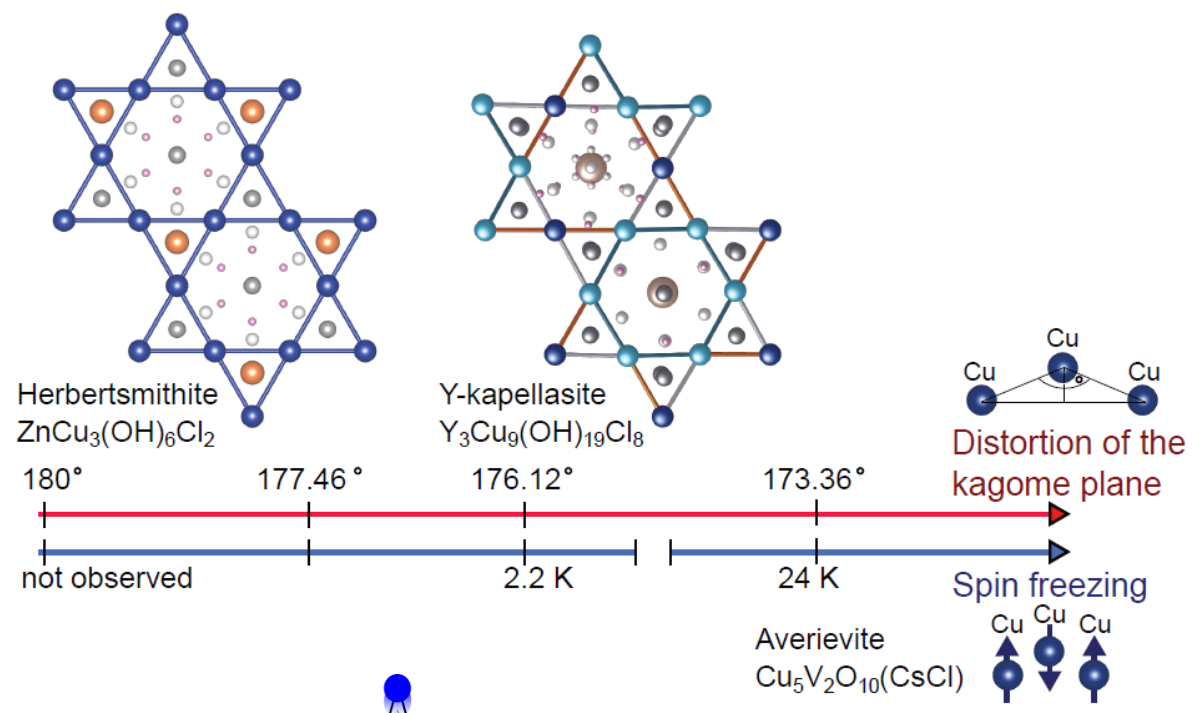
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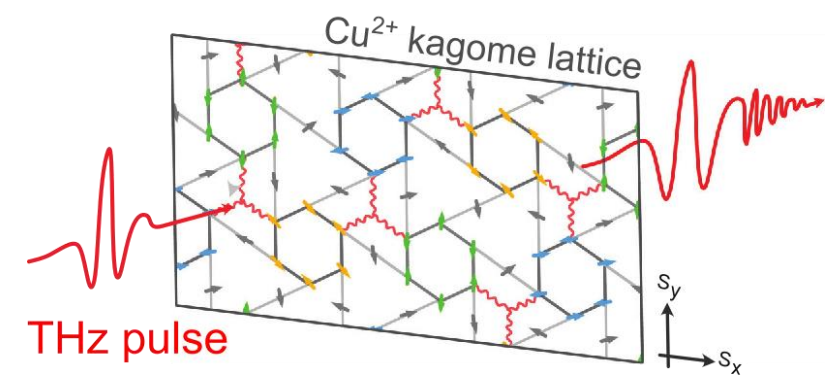


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