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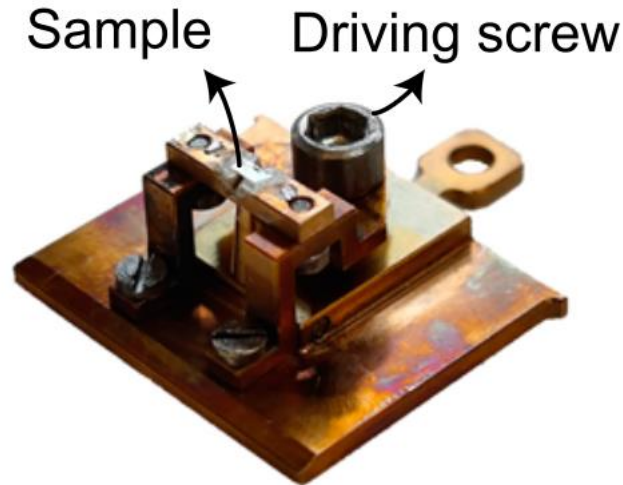
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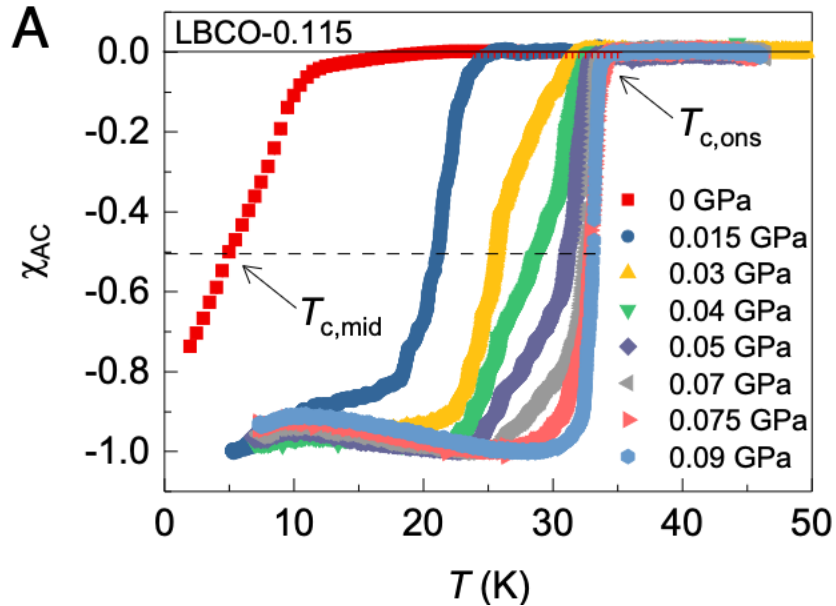
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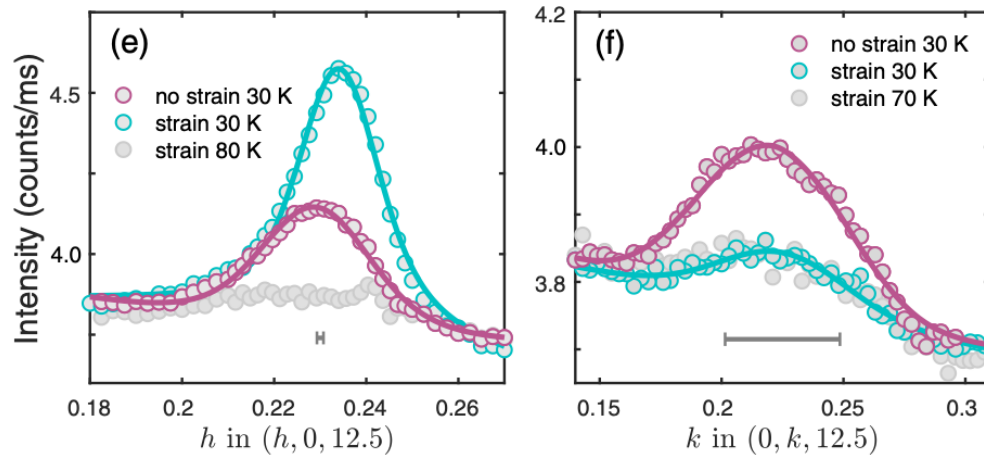
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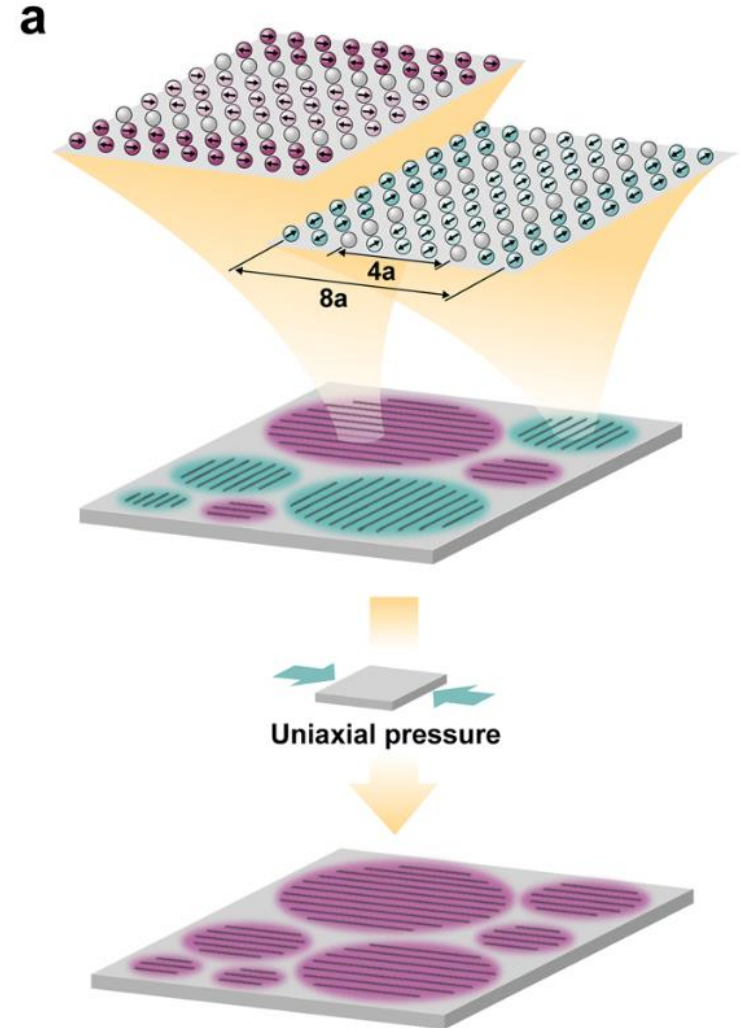
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Detwining of stripe order

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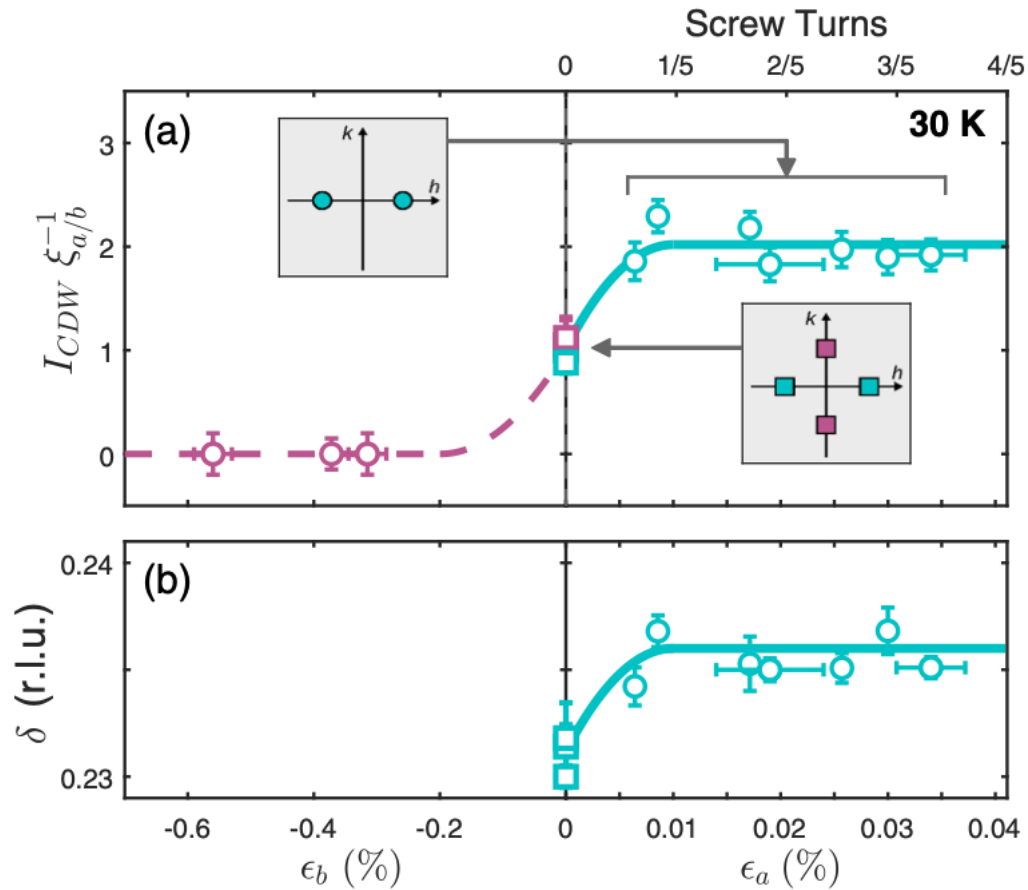


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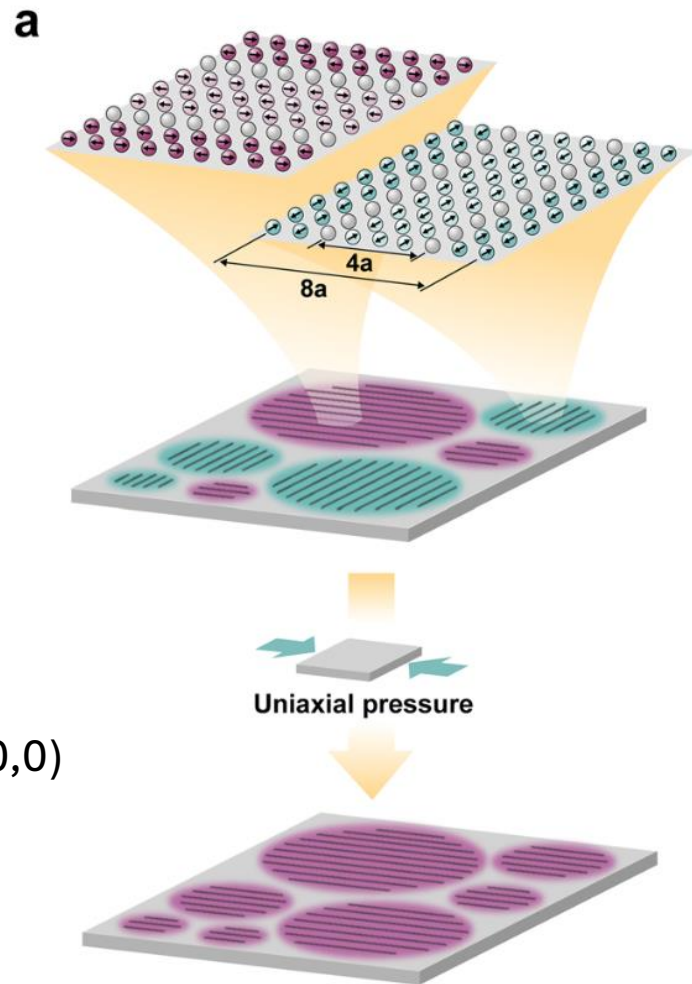
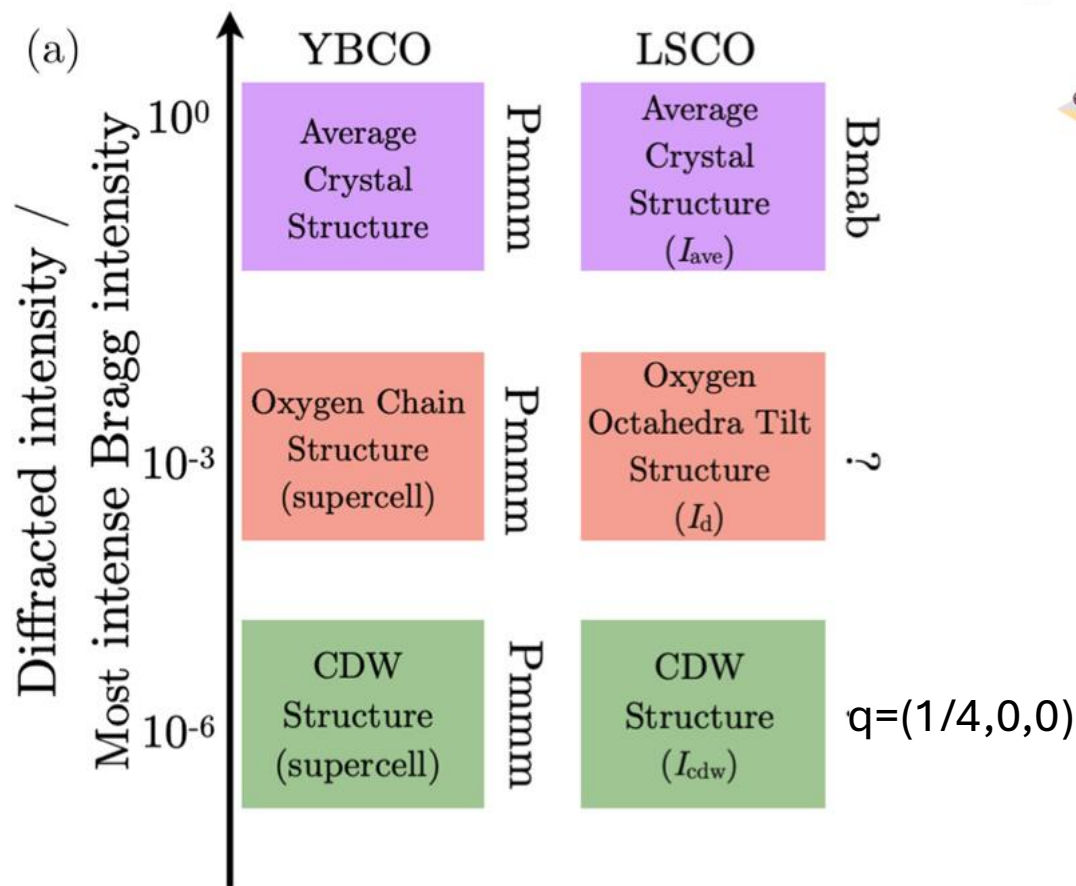
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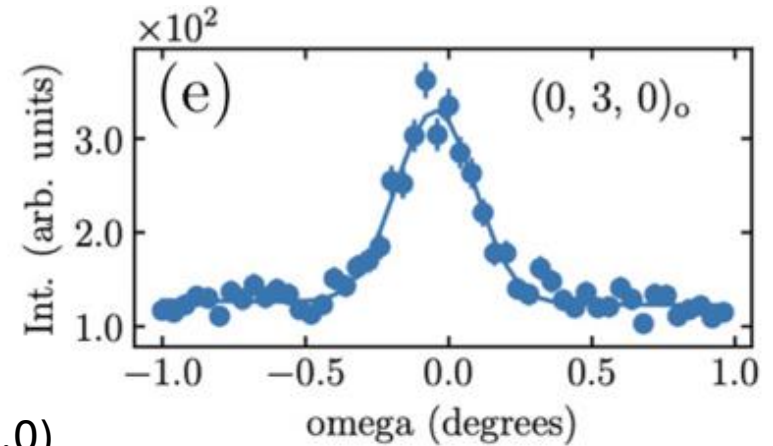
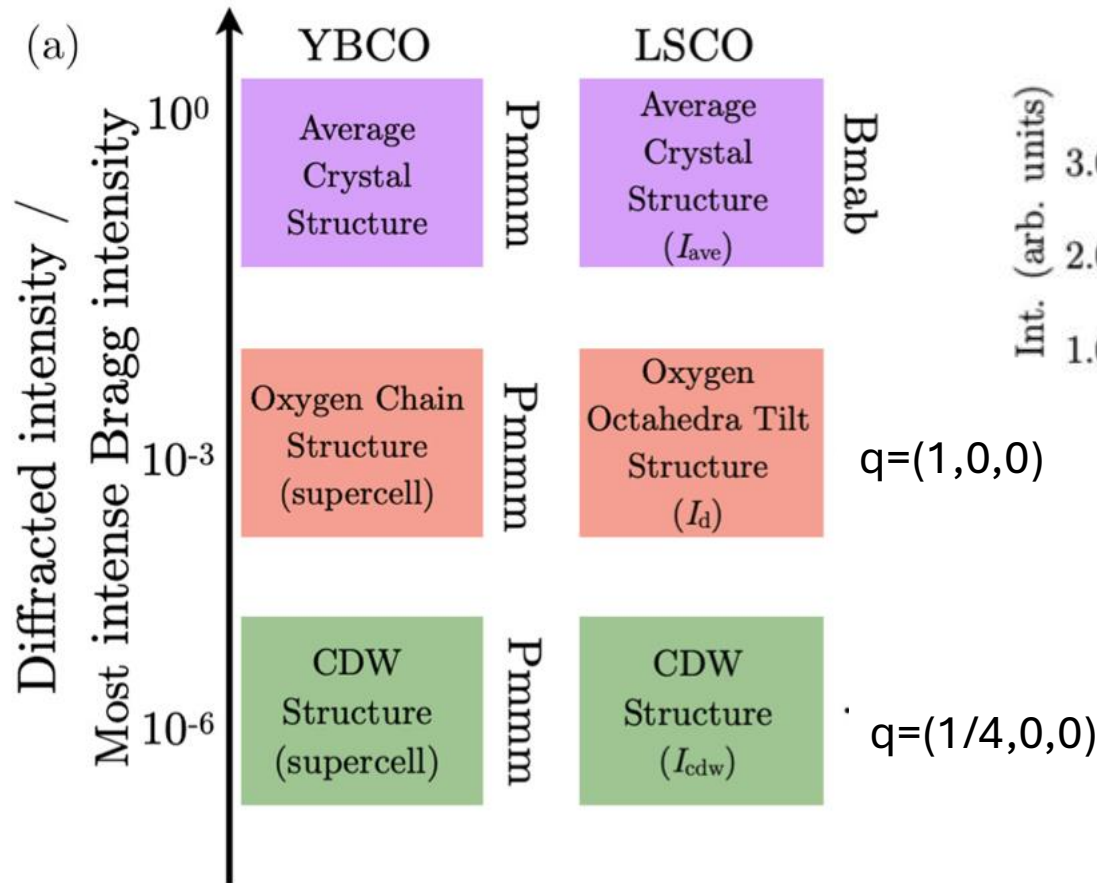


Symmetry problem

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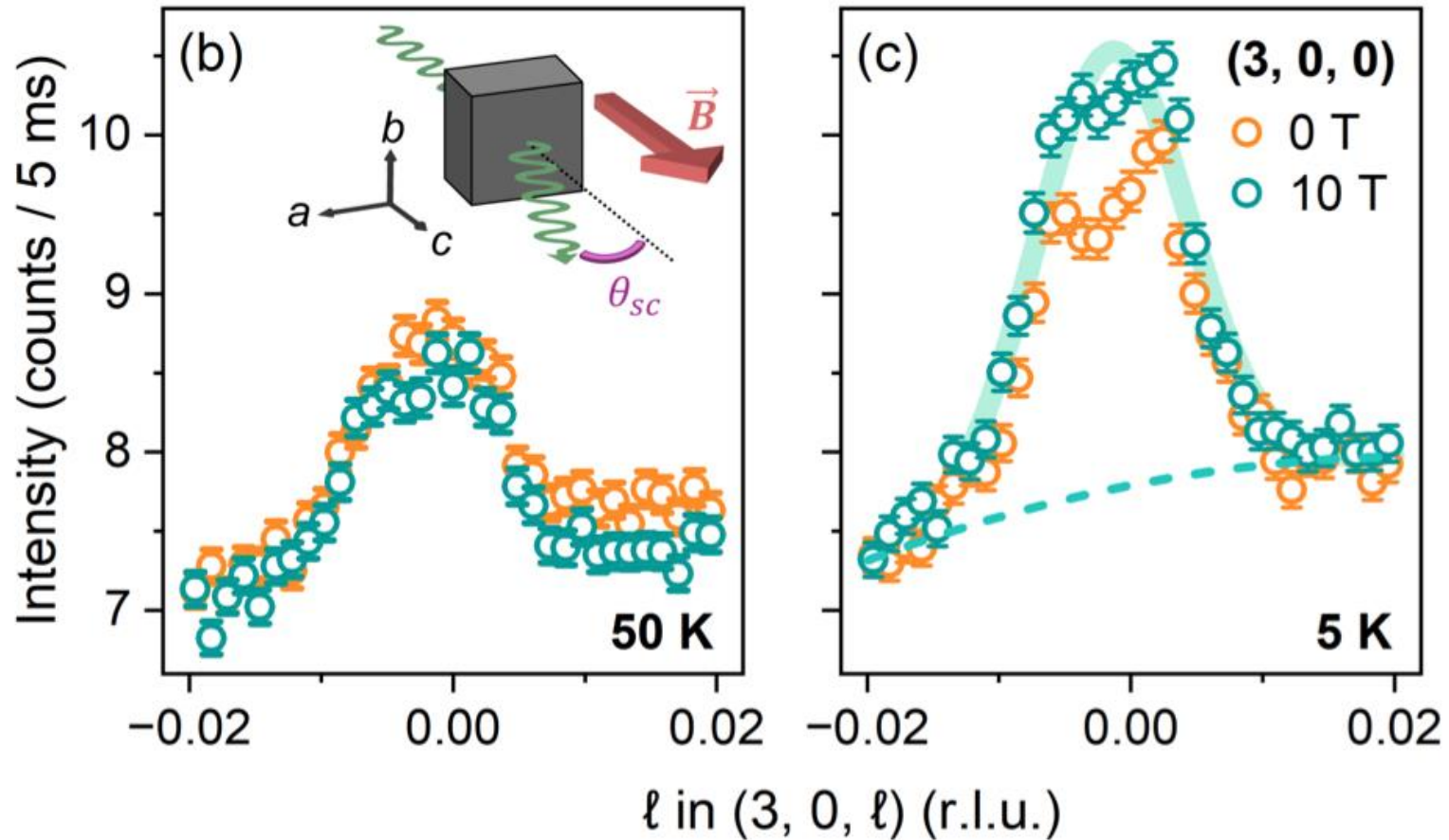


Solution: Monoclinic phase



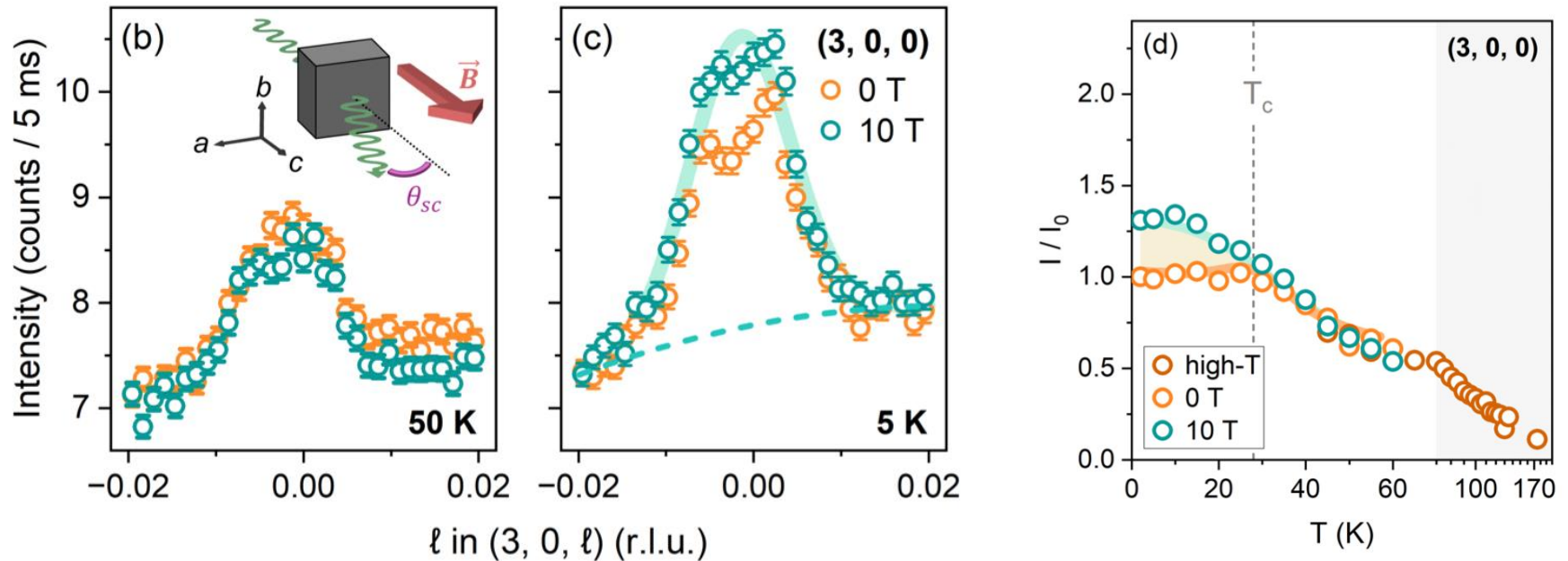
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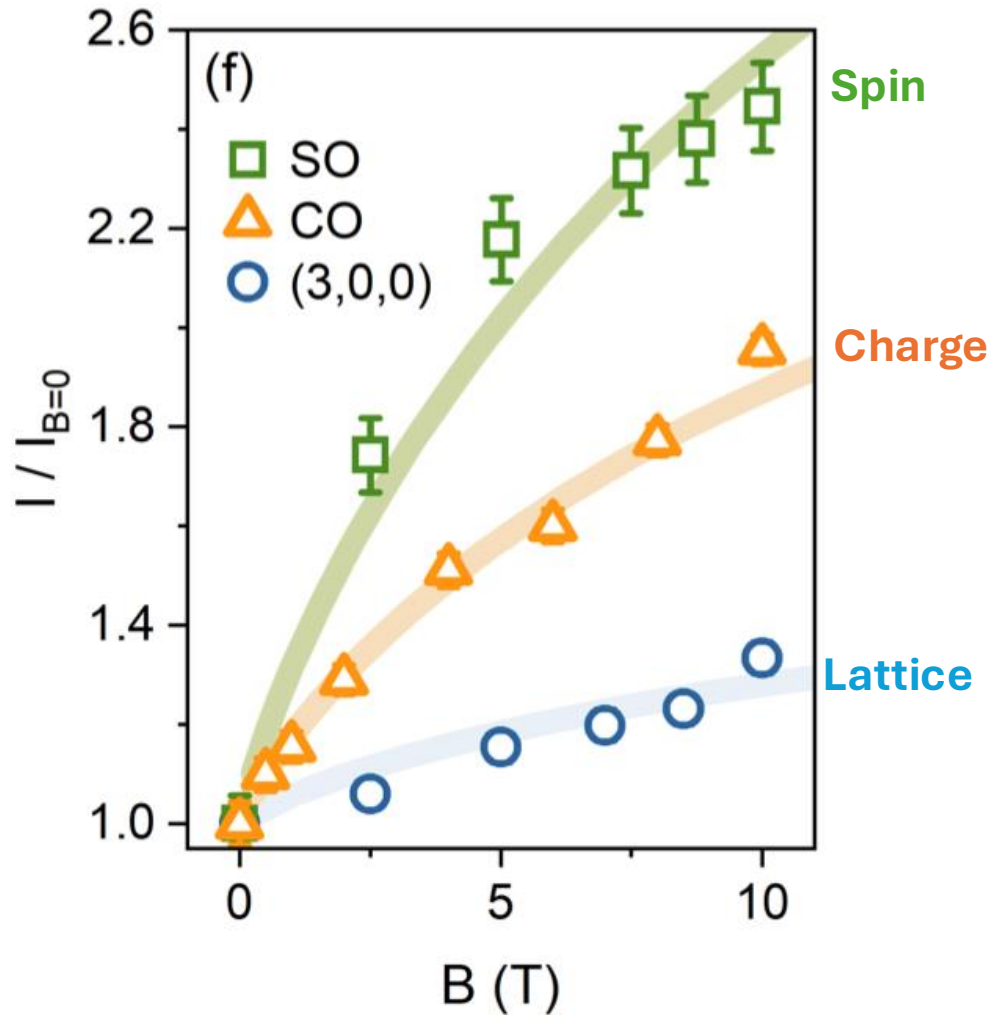
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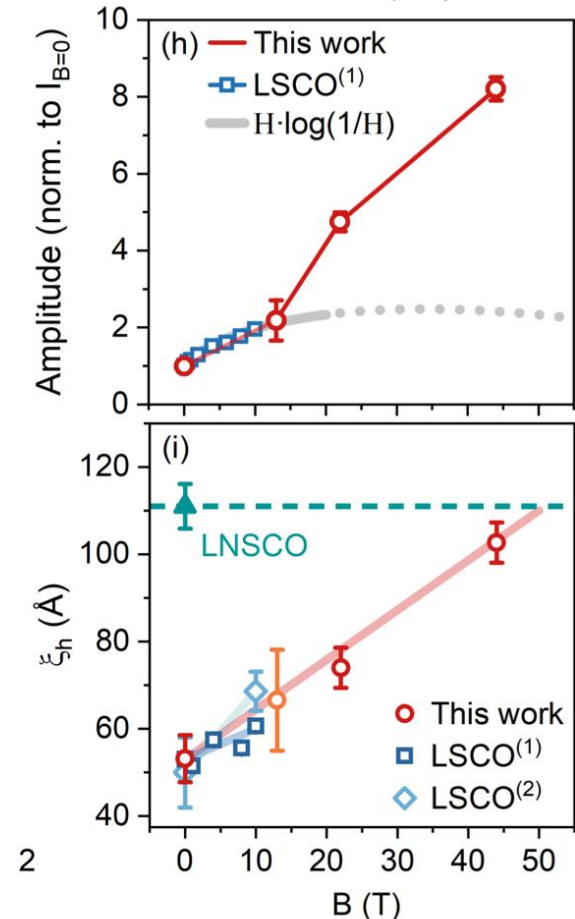
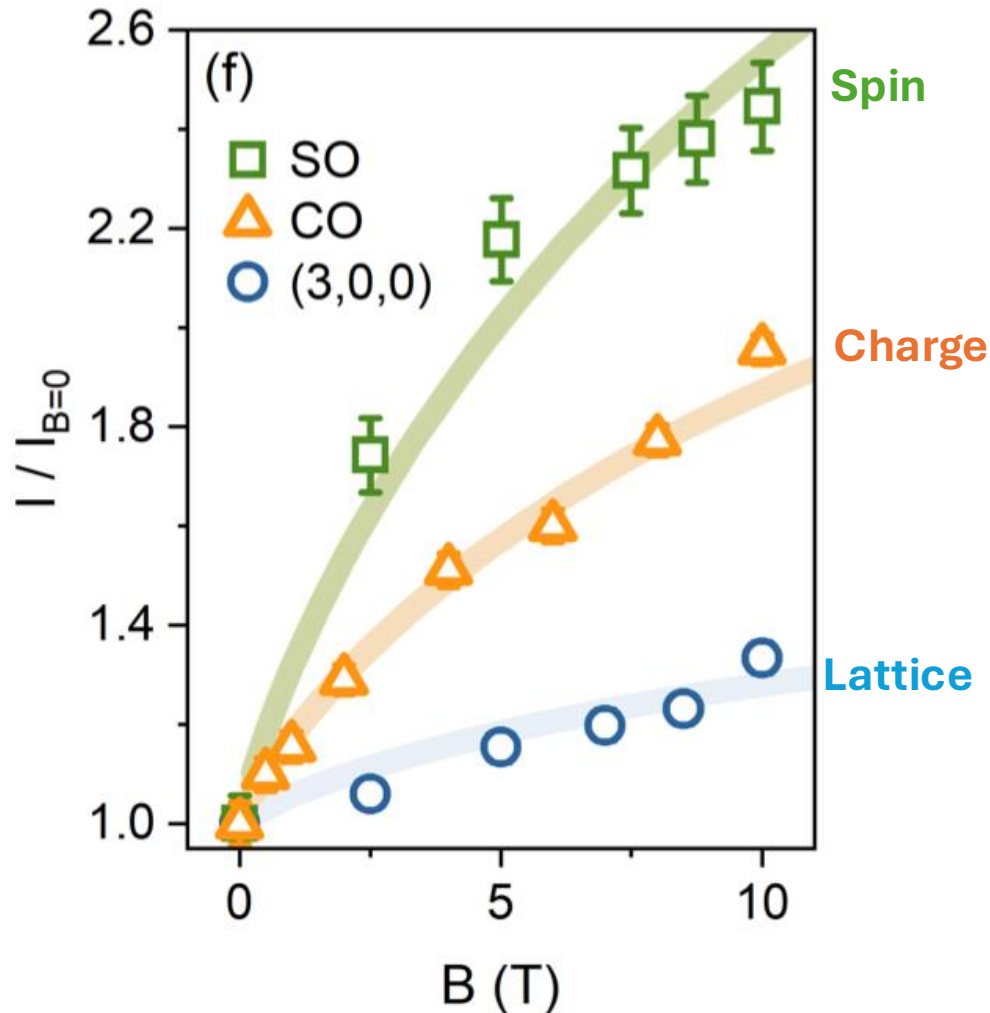
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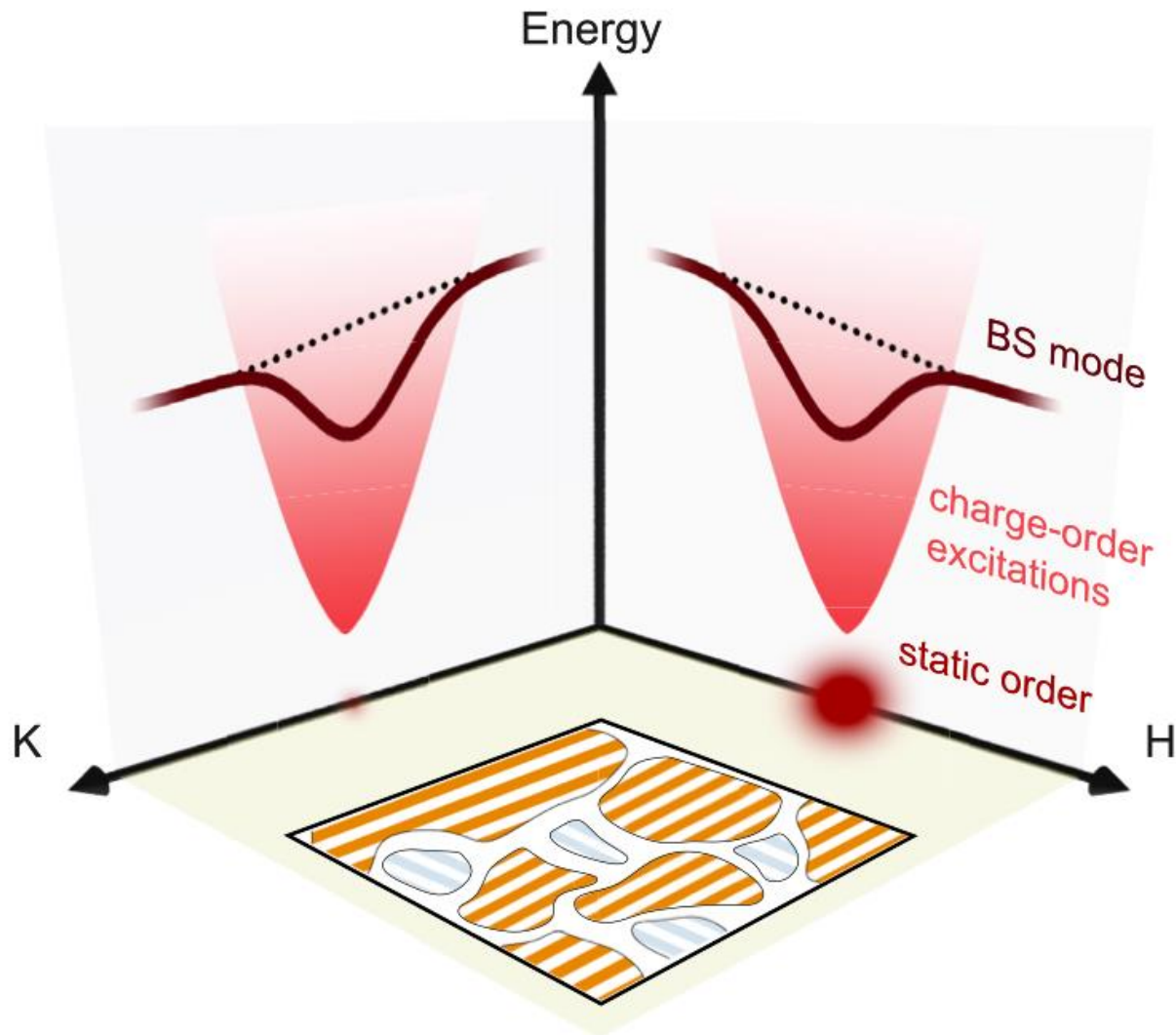
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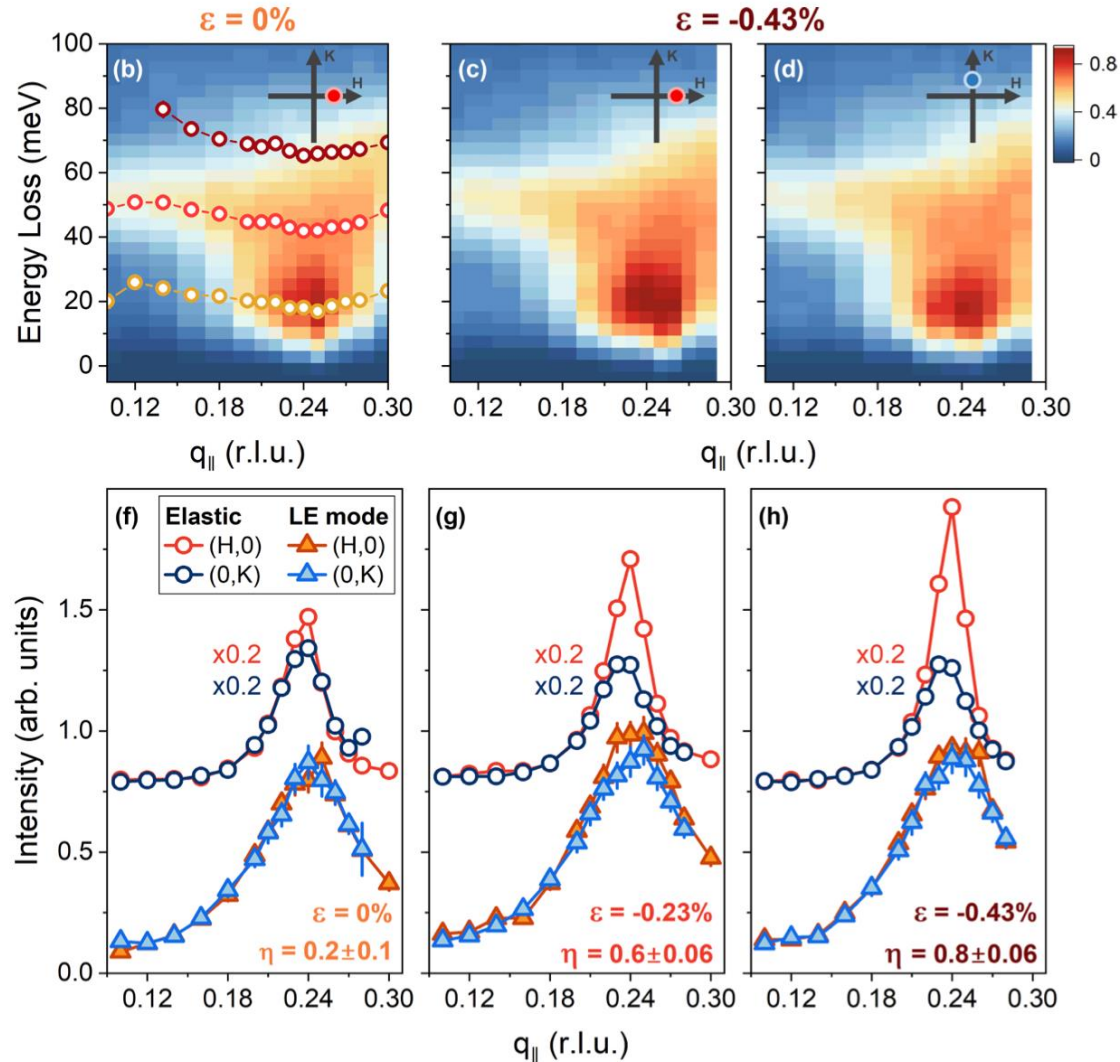
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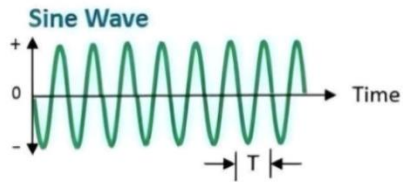
Charge excitations: Remain C_4

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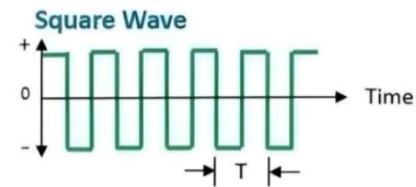
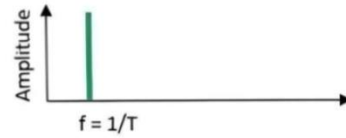


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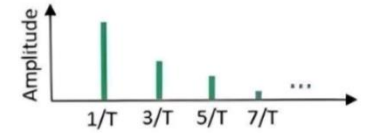
Charge density wave order versus Charge order



Charge density wave

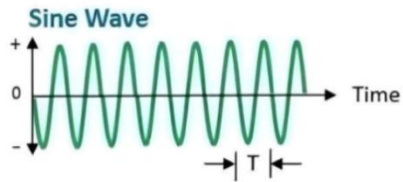


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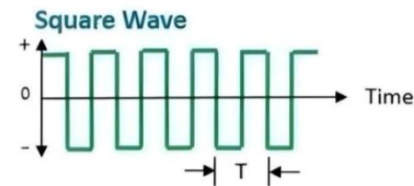
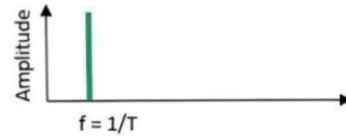


Terminology: CDW example

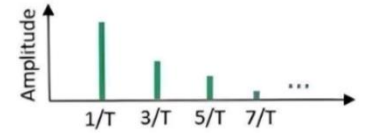
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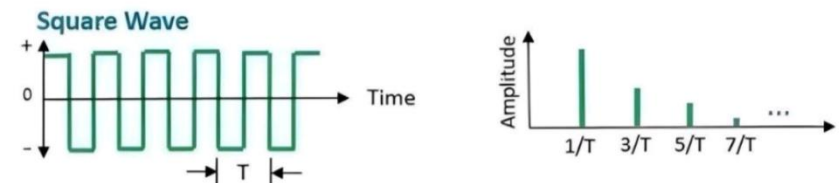


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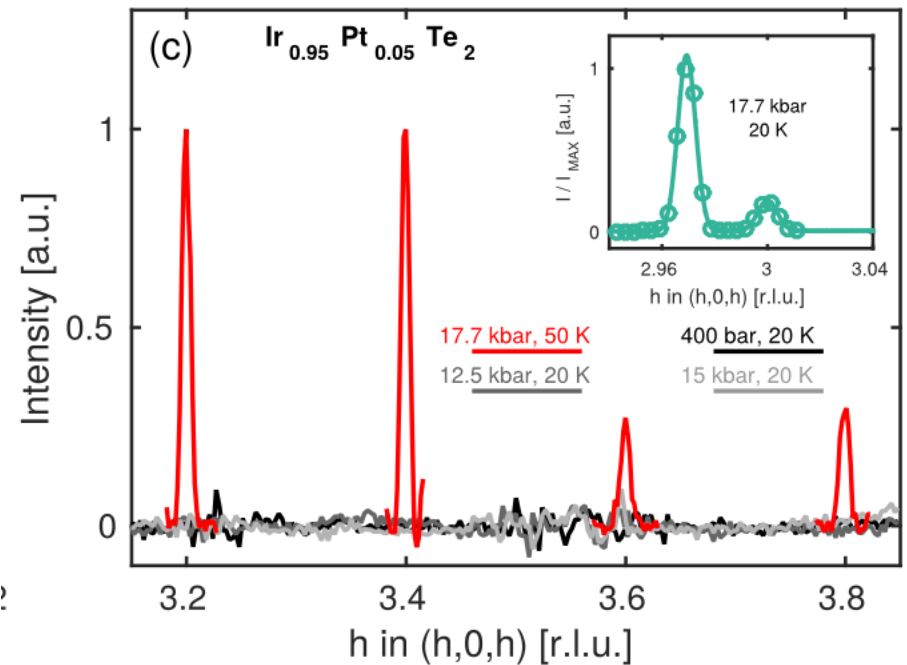
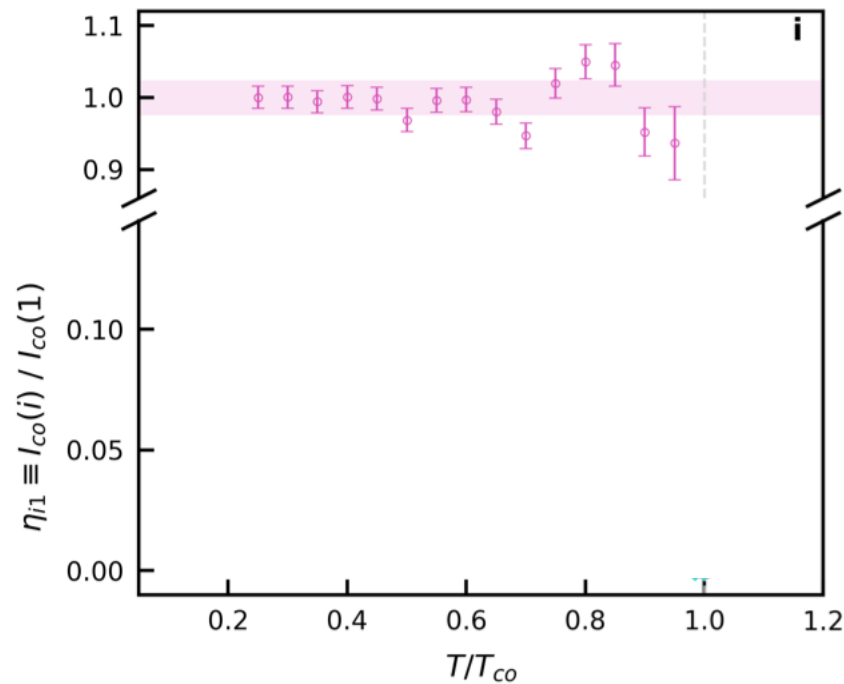
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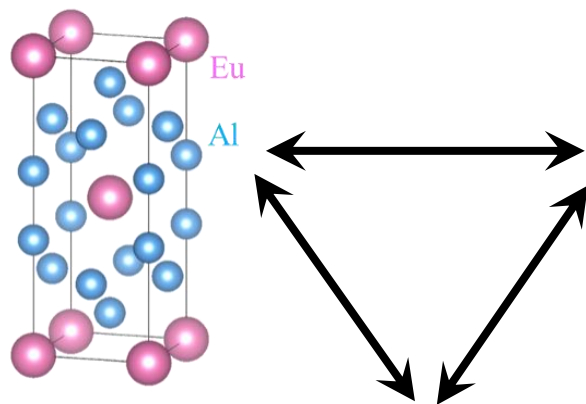




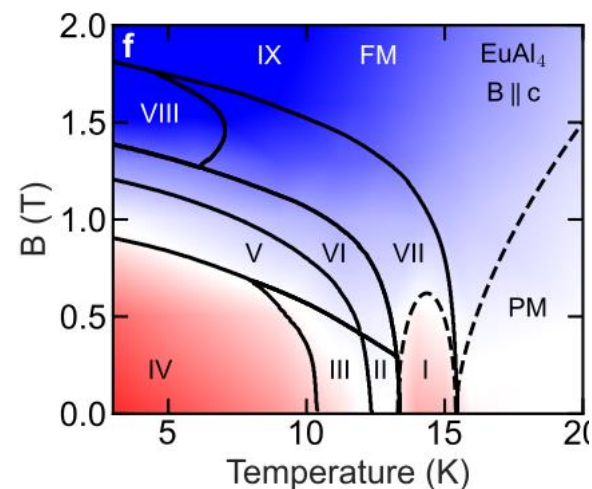
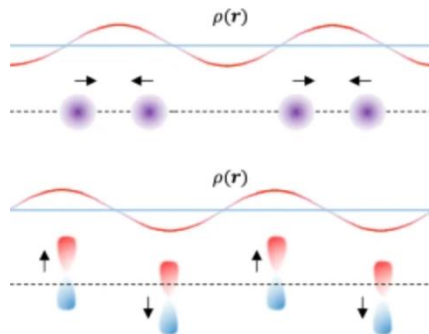
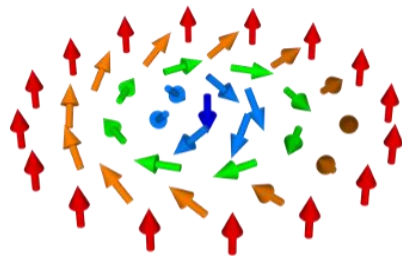
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Lattice

Charge:
 $q=(0,0,d)$, $T_{co}=130K$



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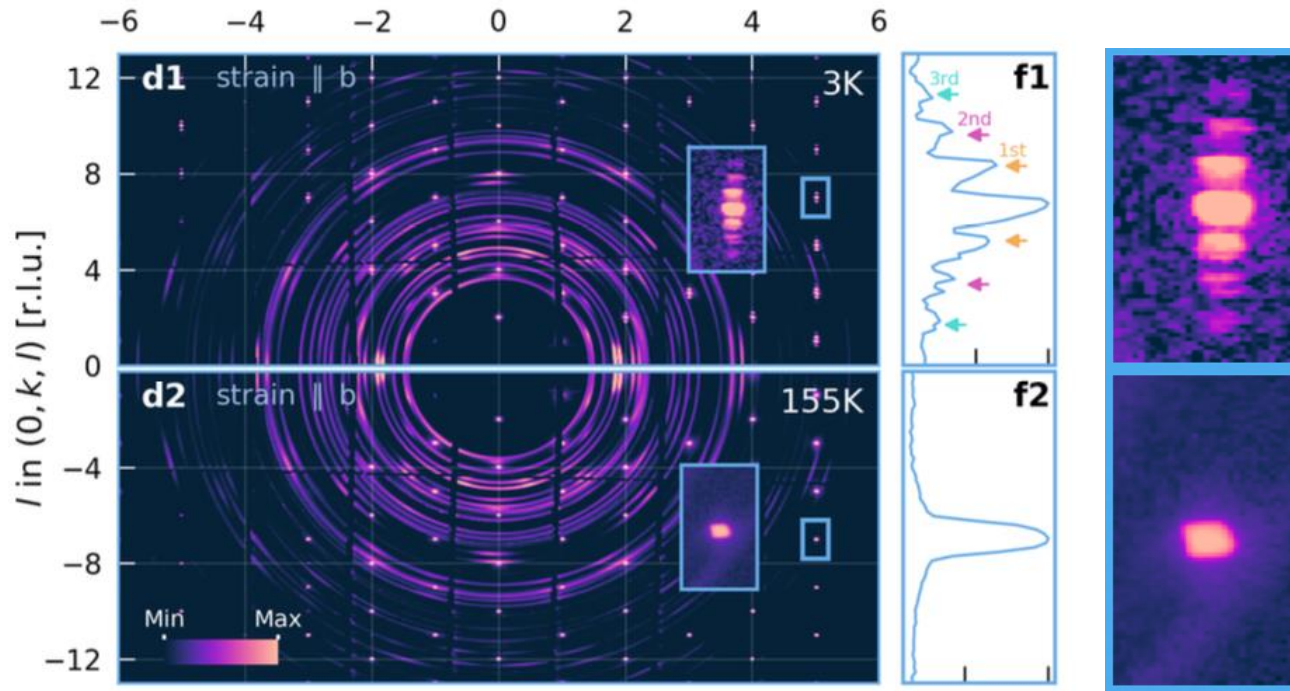
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In-plane order, $T_N=15 K$

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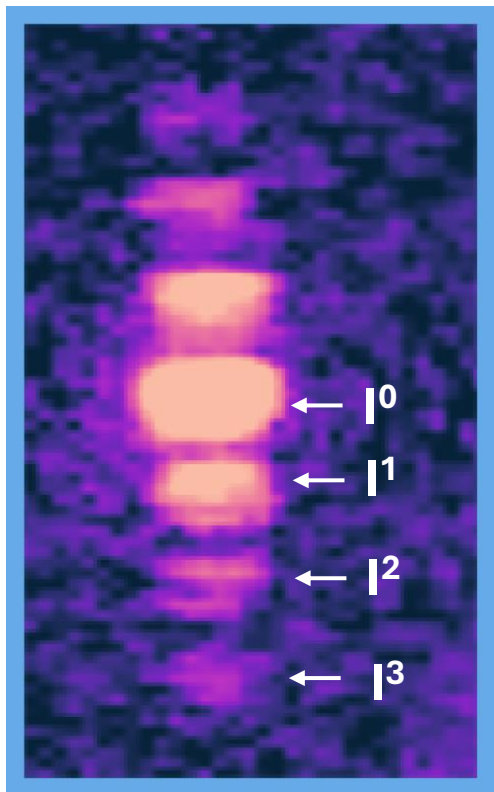
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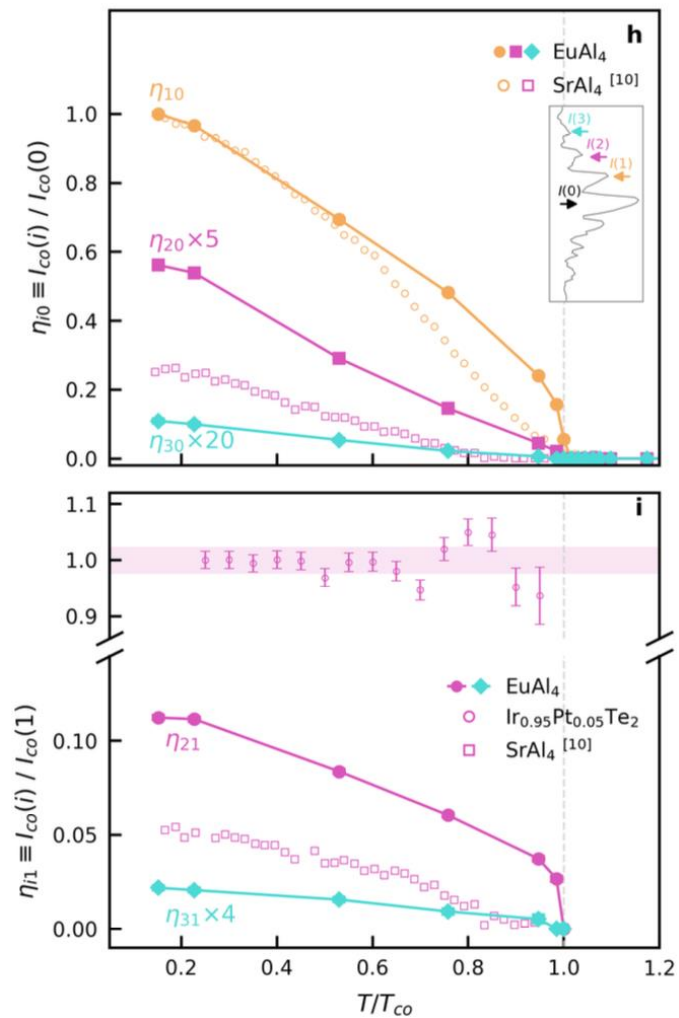
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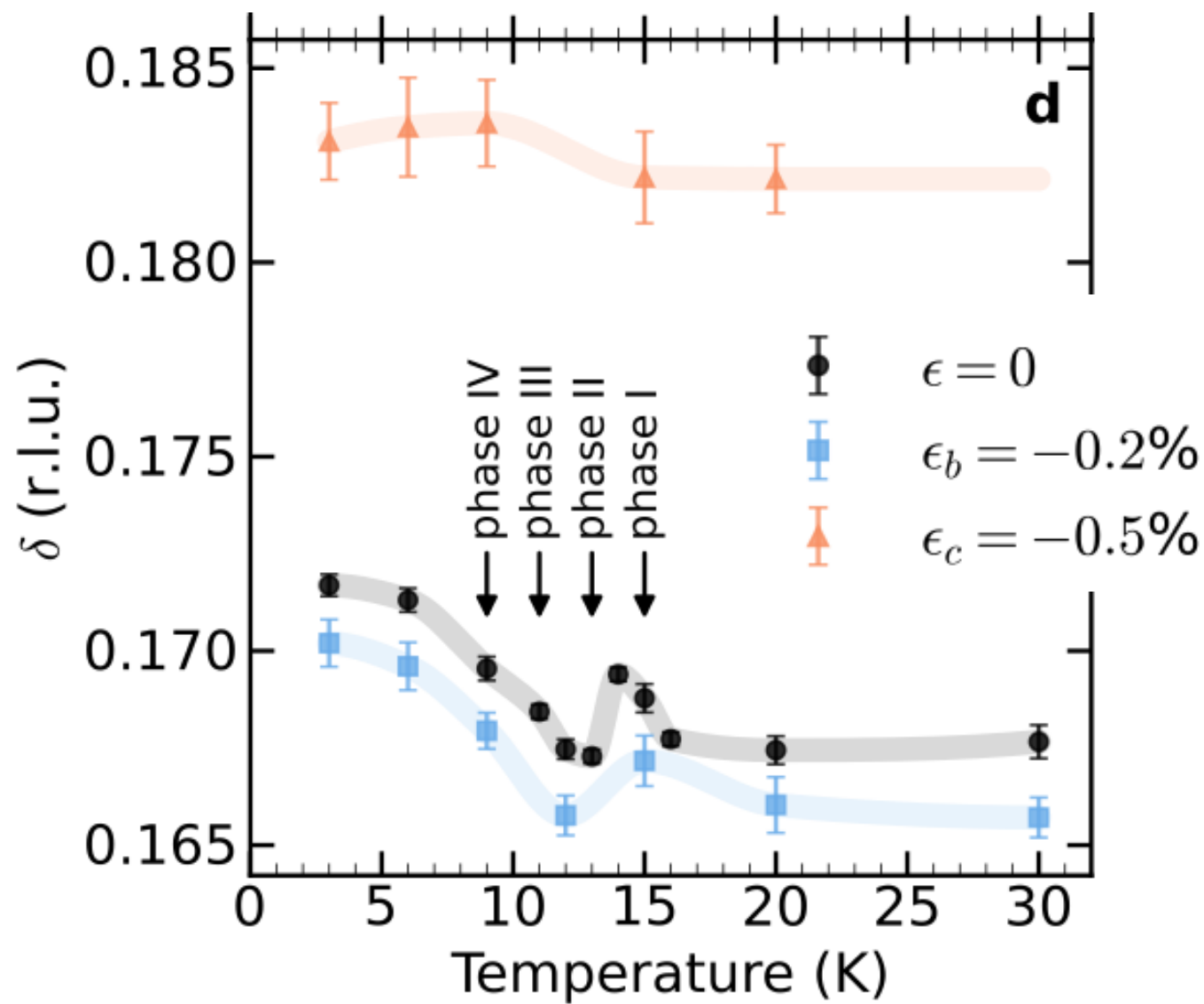
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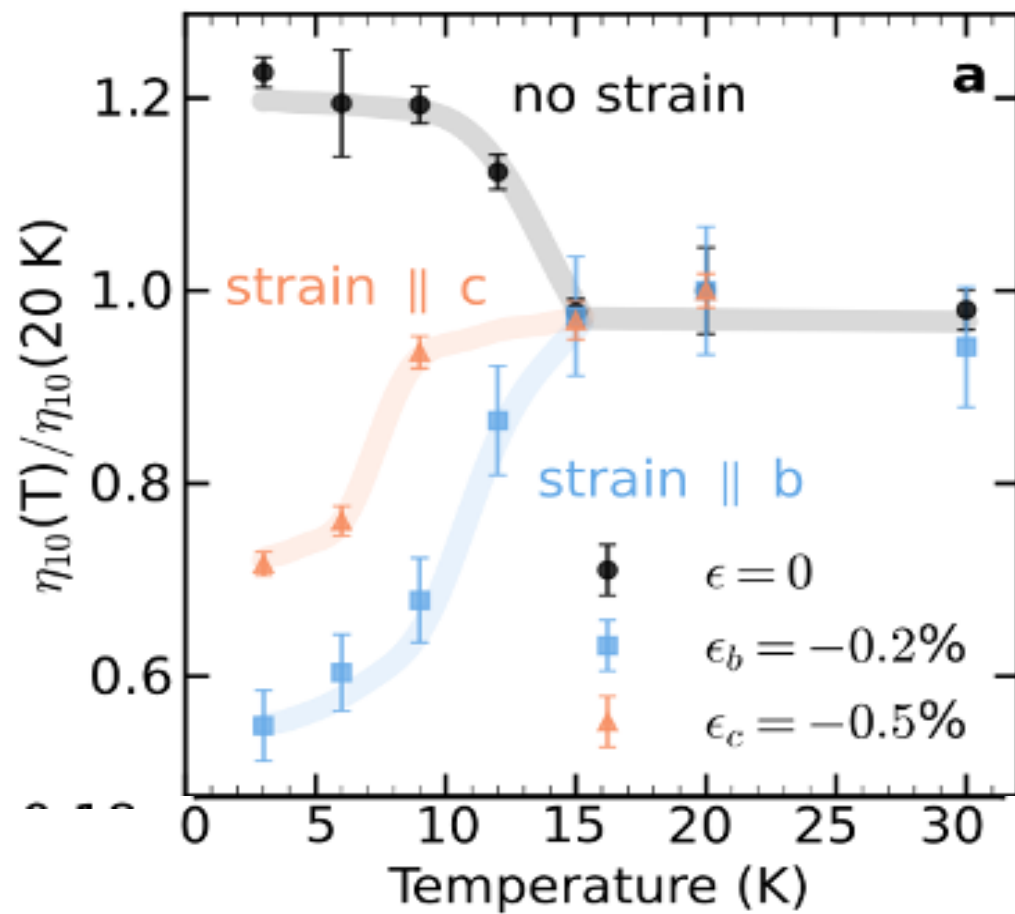
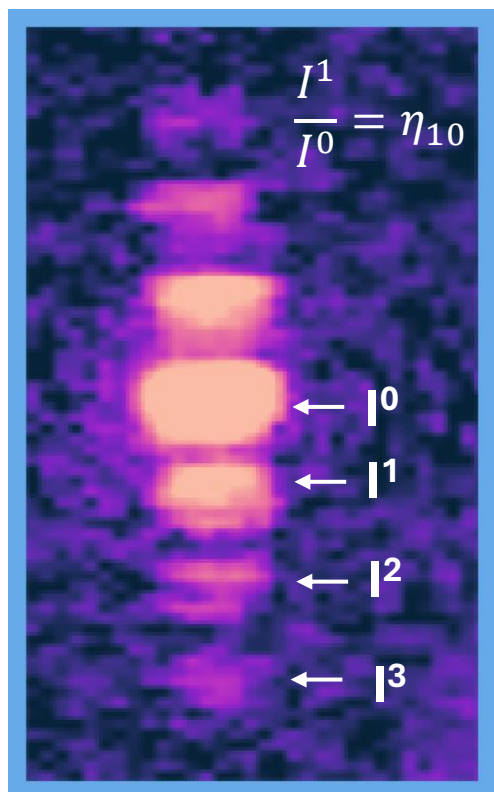
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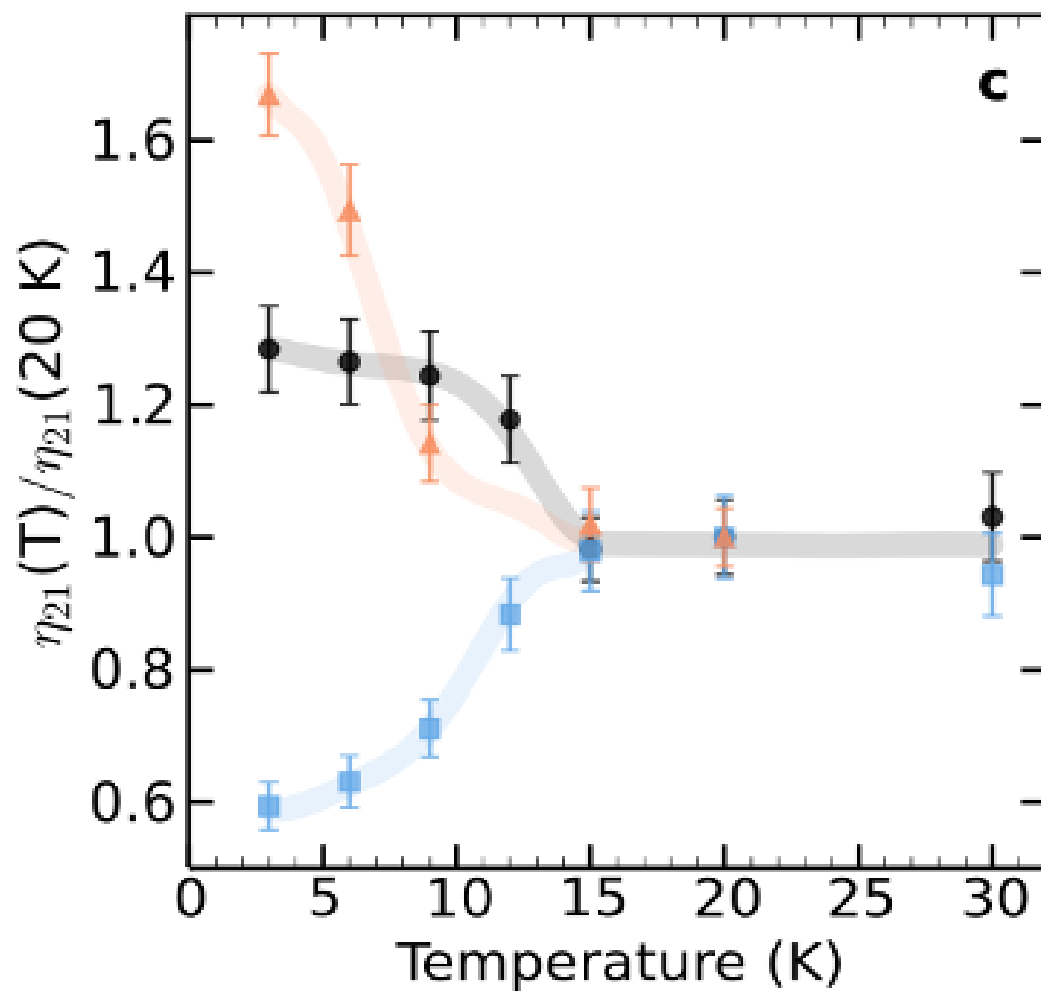
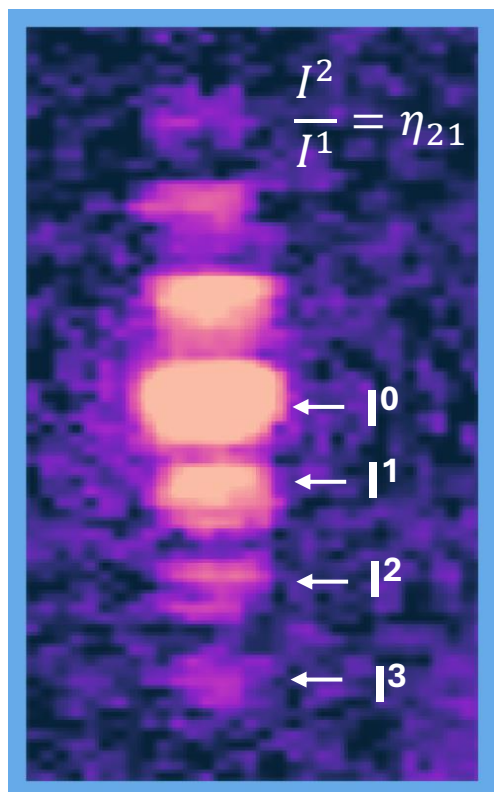
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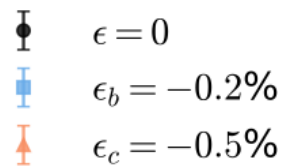
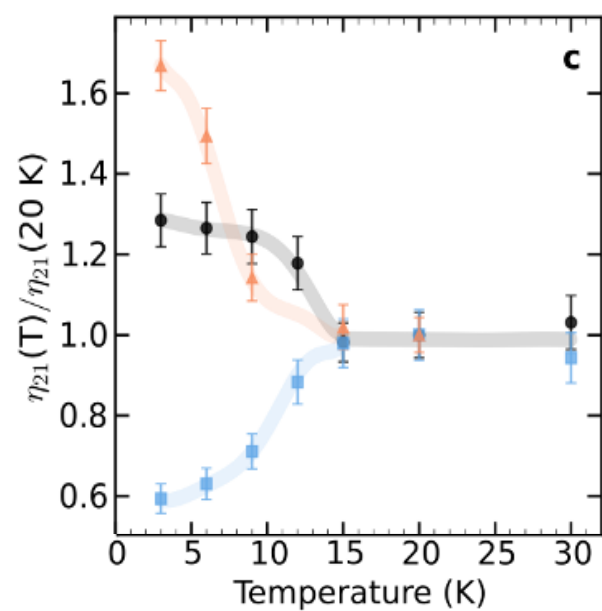
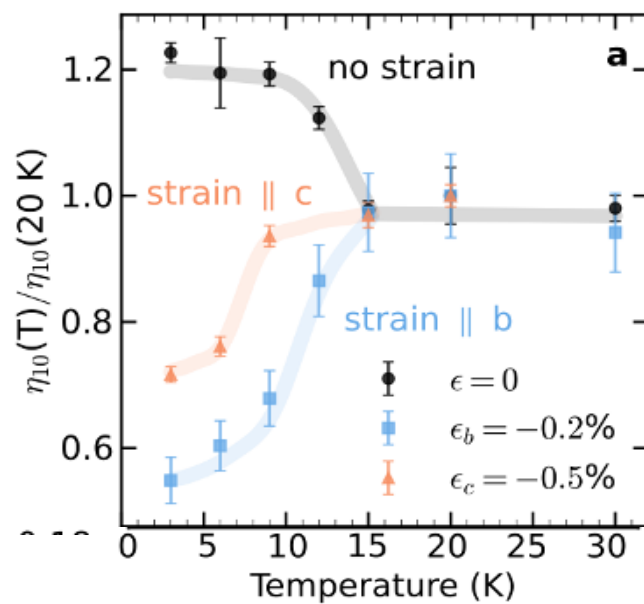
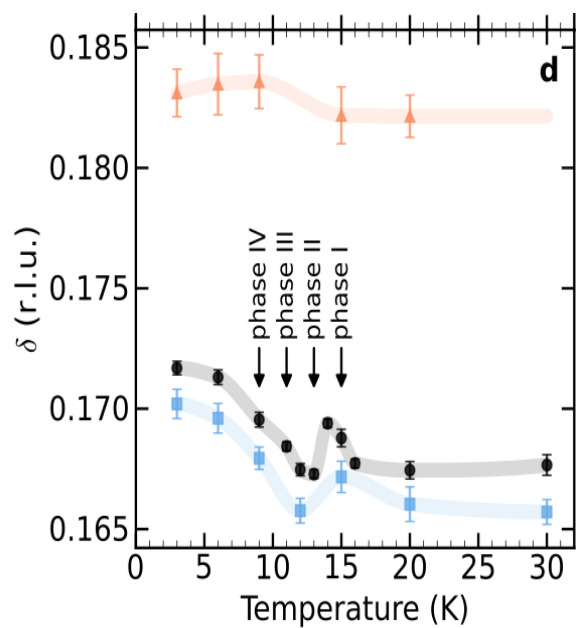
Charge Order Localization











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High-magnetic-field experiments on cuprate superconductors

Content of Talk

Charge localization & chiral magnetism in EuAl_4 : [arXiv:2607.07544](#)

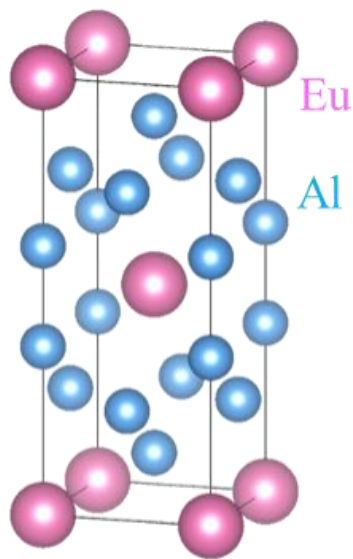
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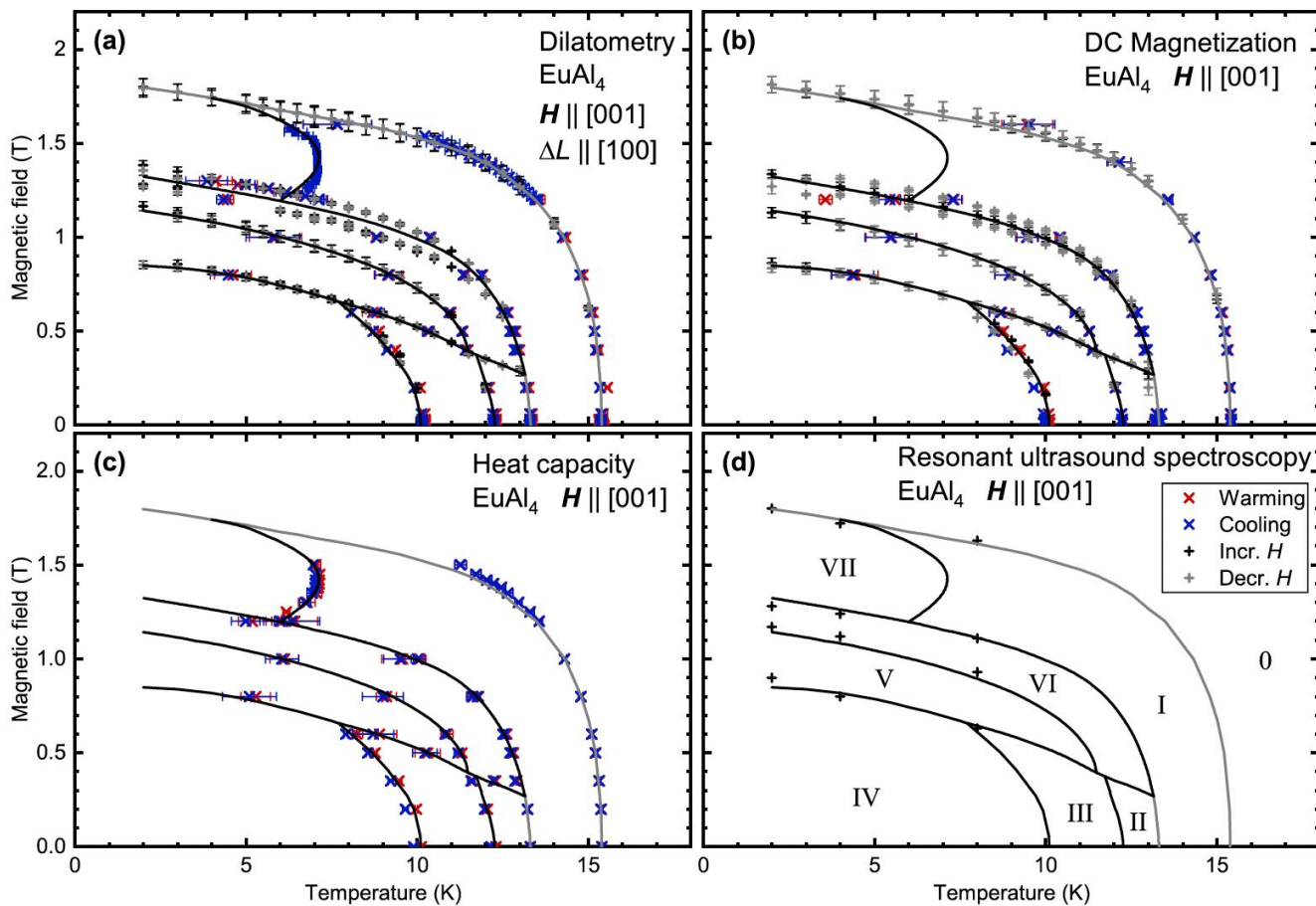
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EuAl_4 : rich magnetic phases

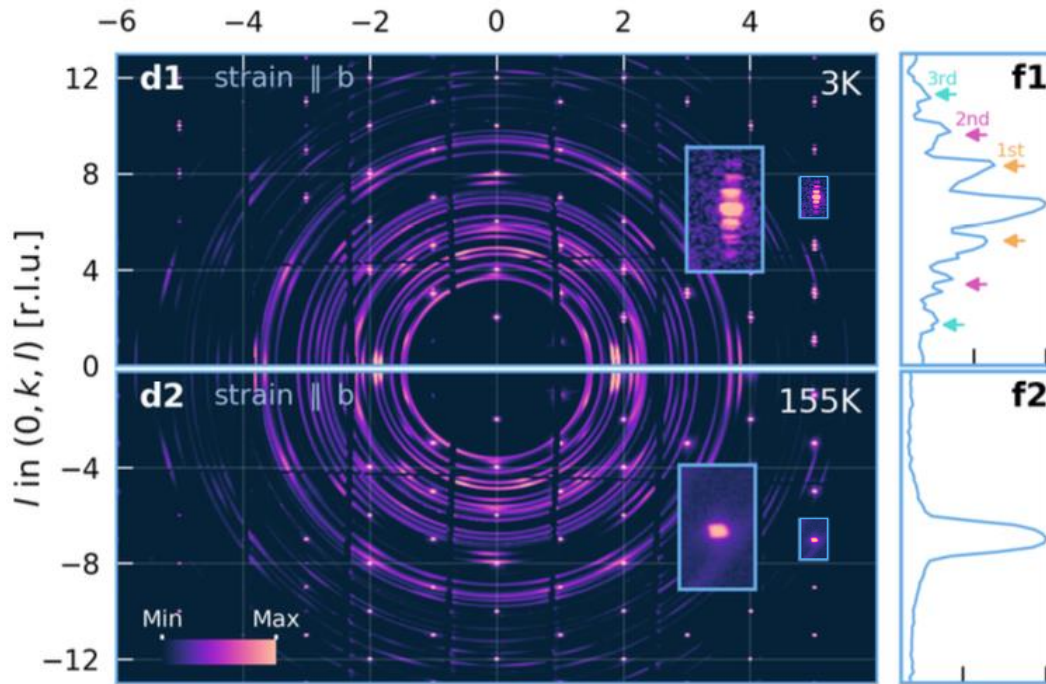
Magnetic phase diagram



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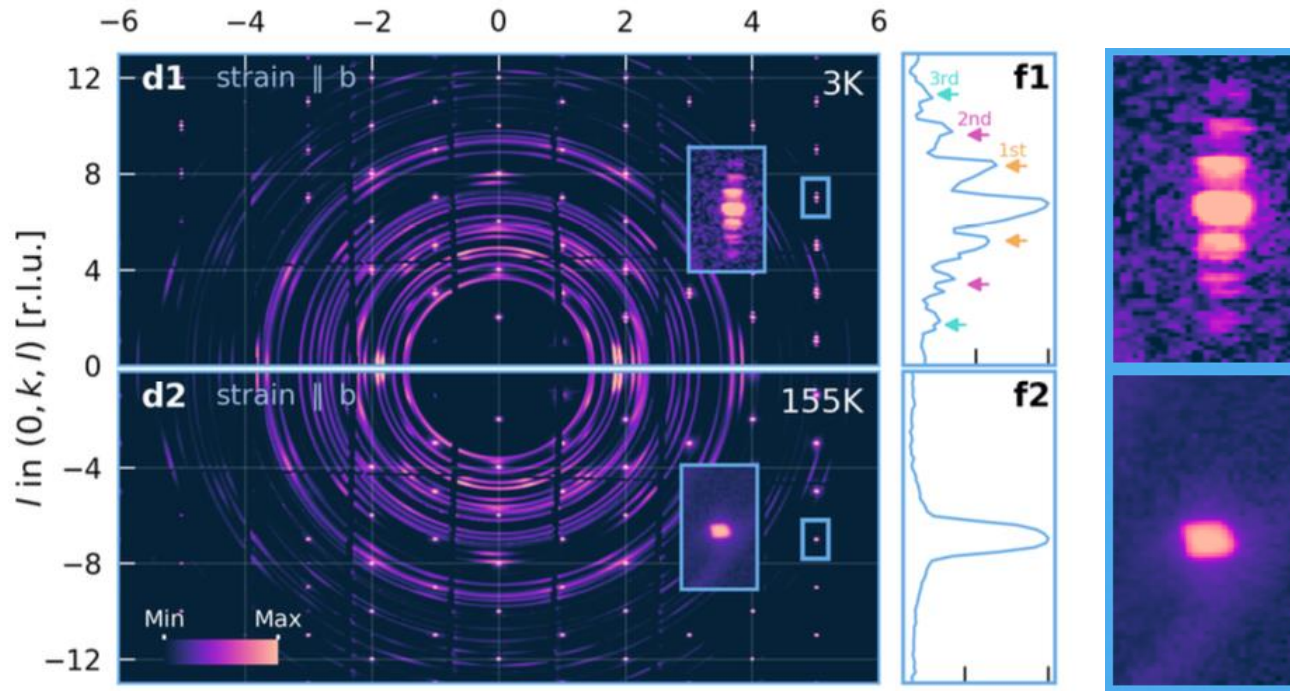


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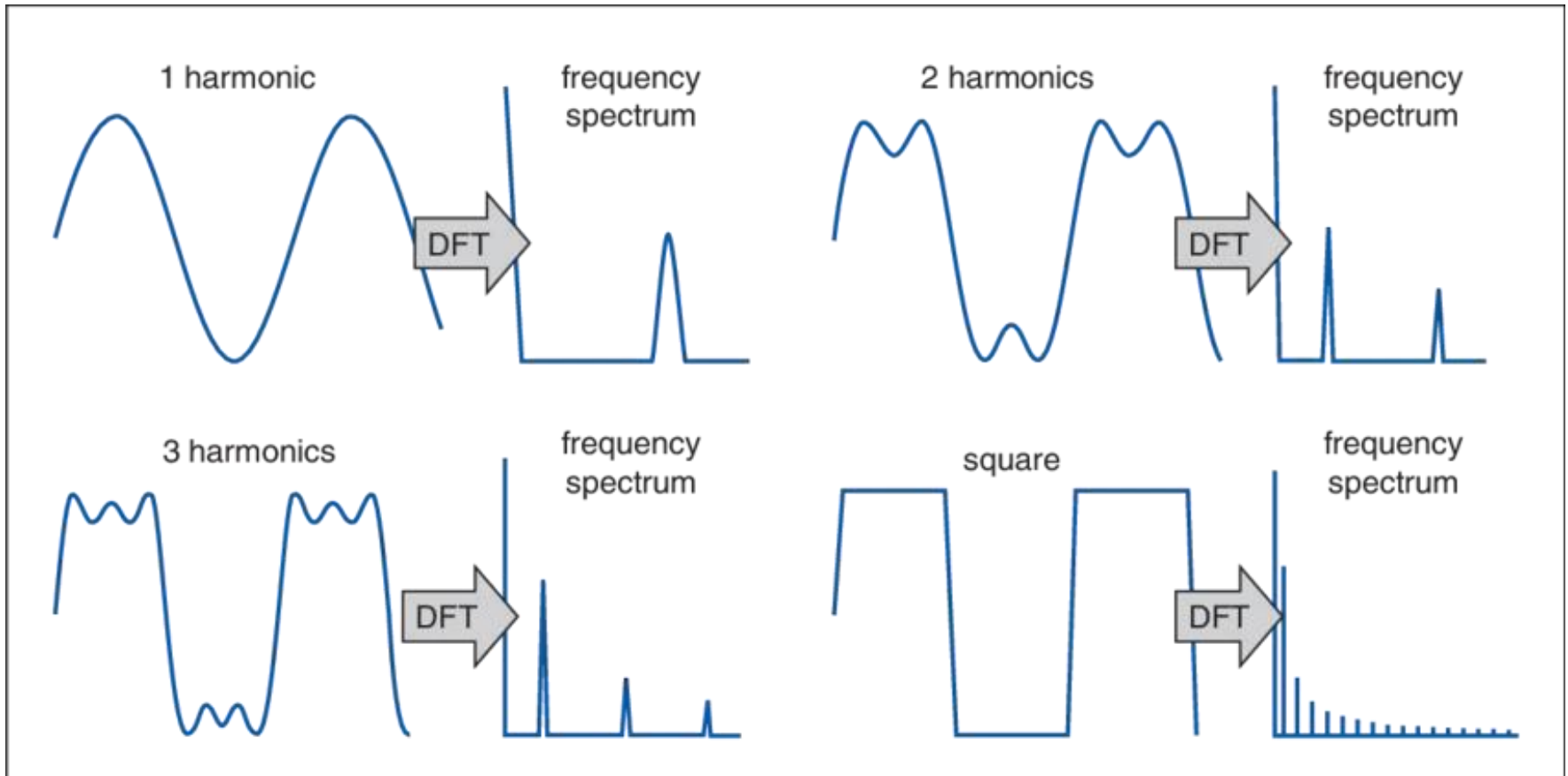
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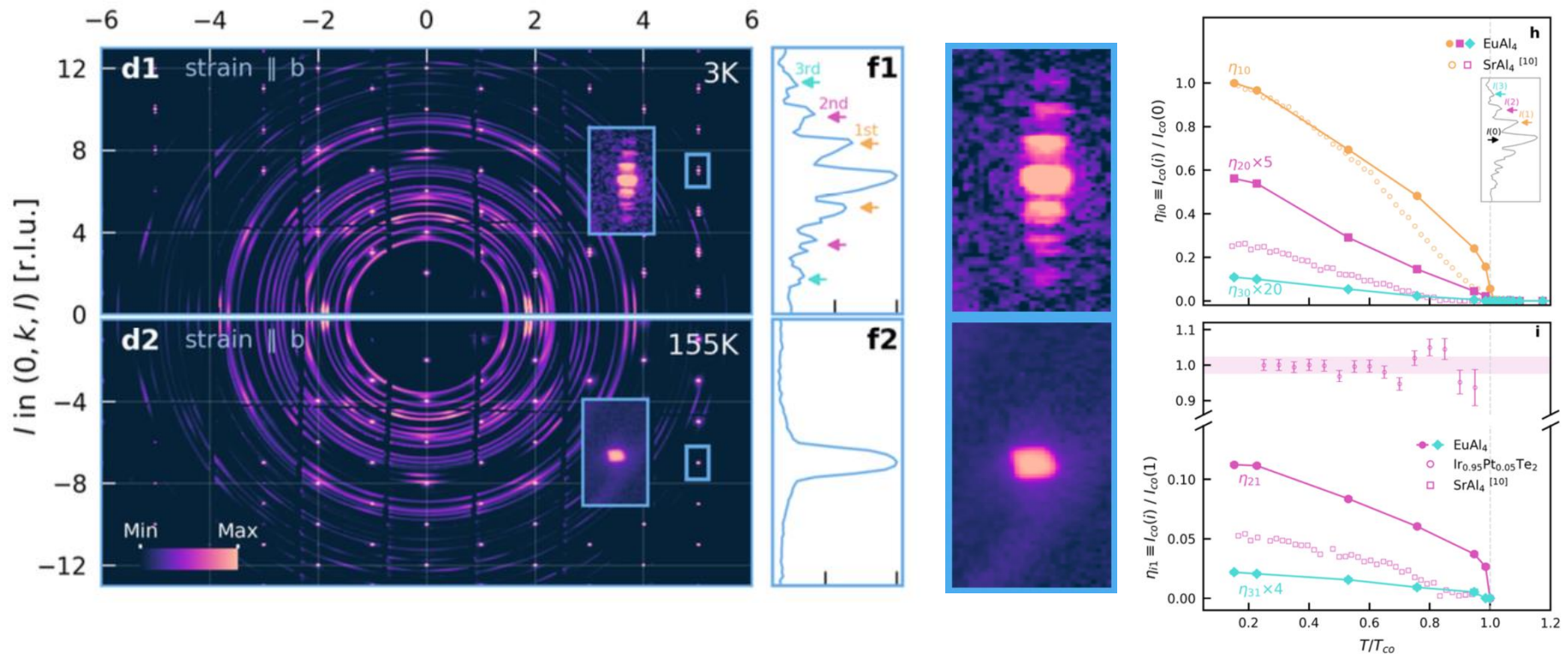


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Charge localitation explained

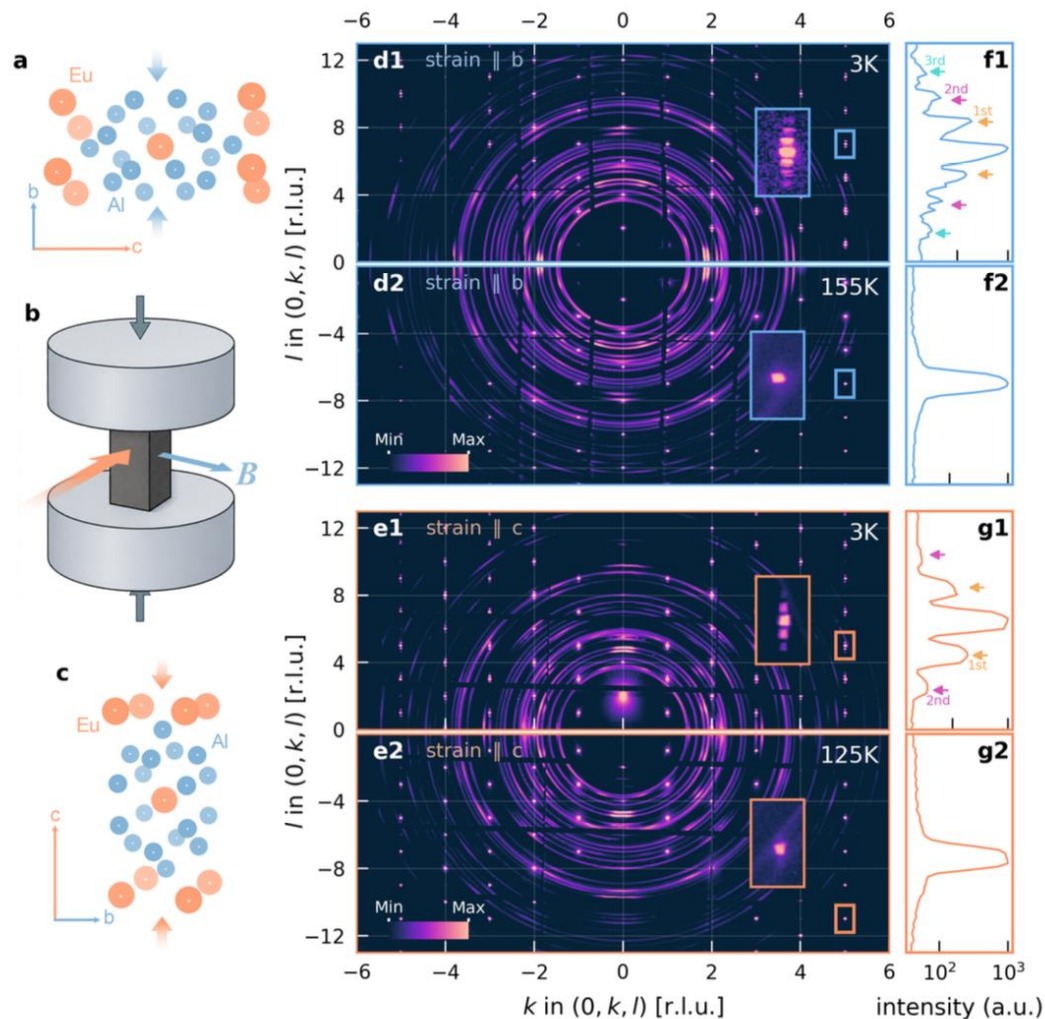


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How charge localization evolve under pressure and magnetic field?

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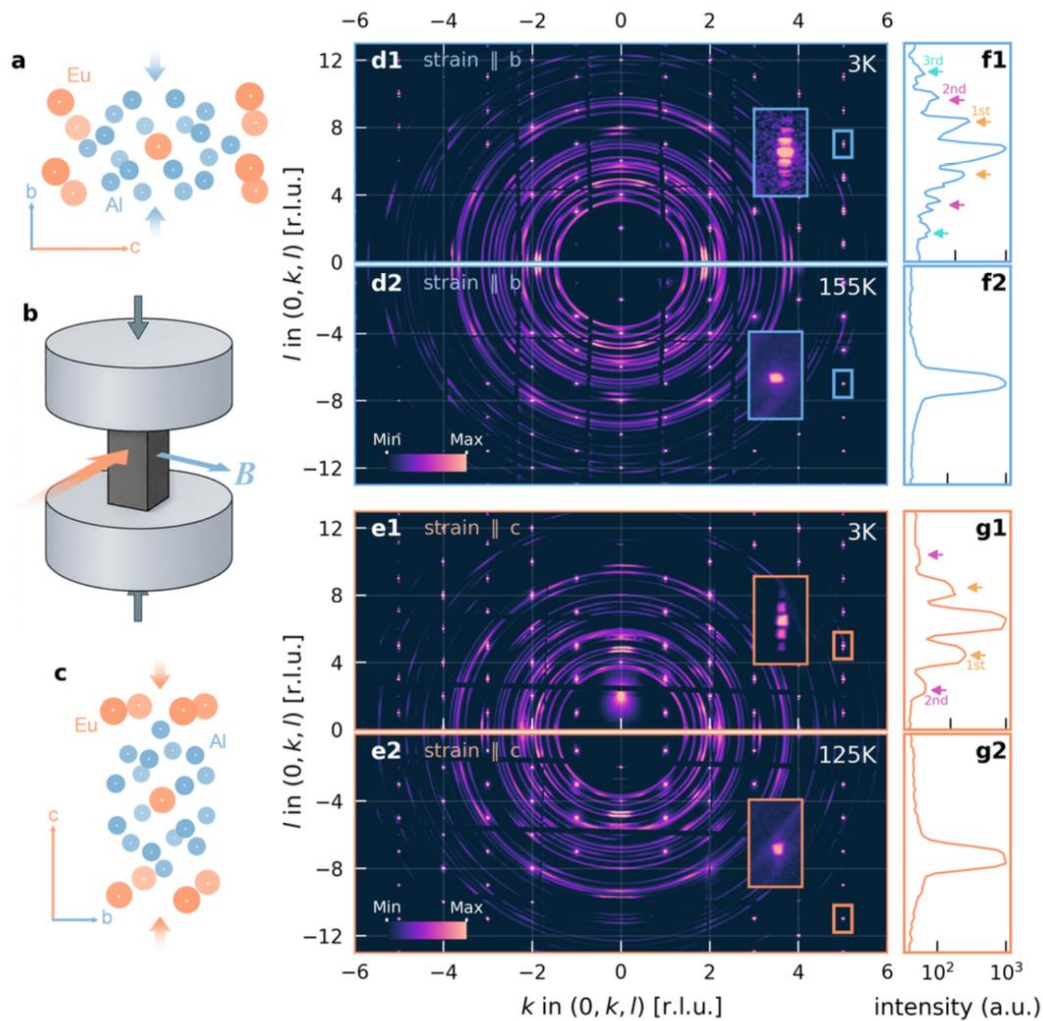
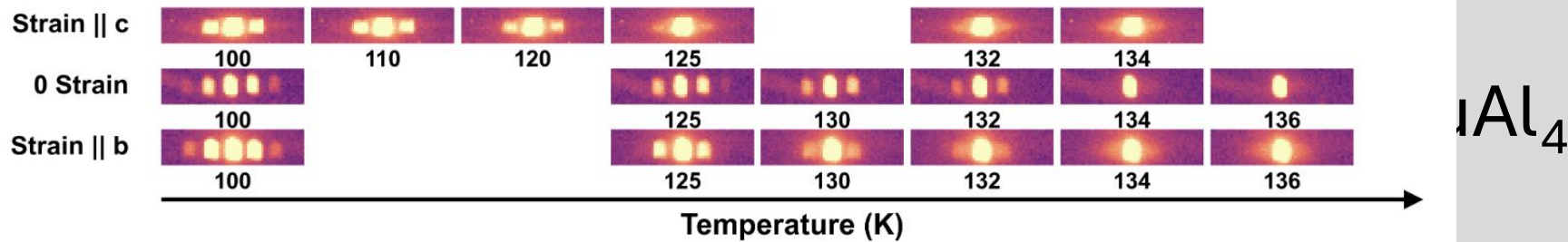
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Localization

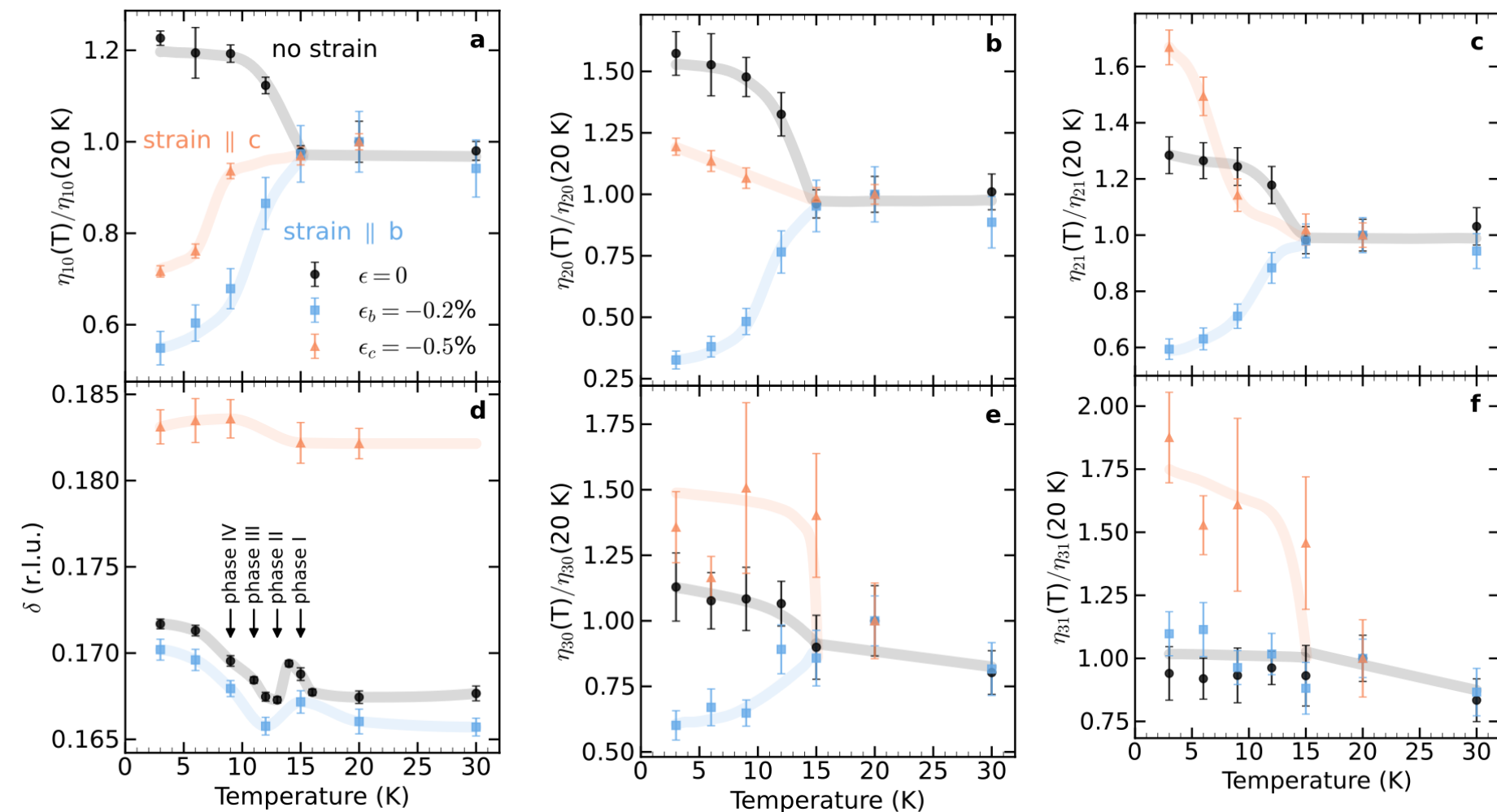
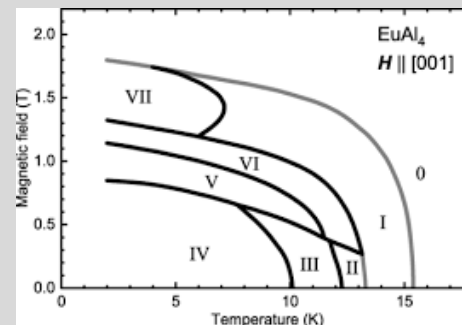
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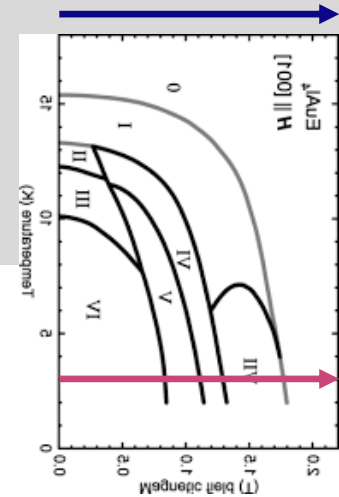
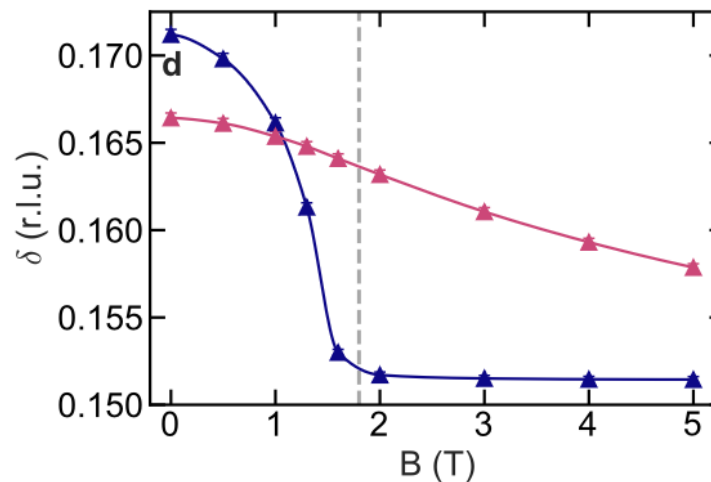
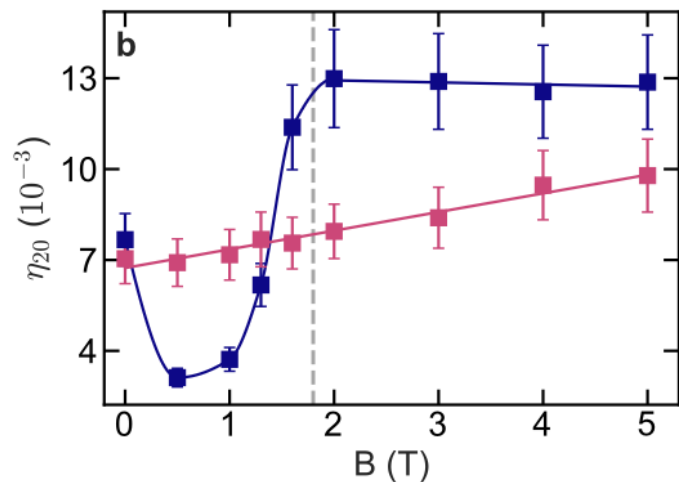
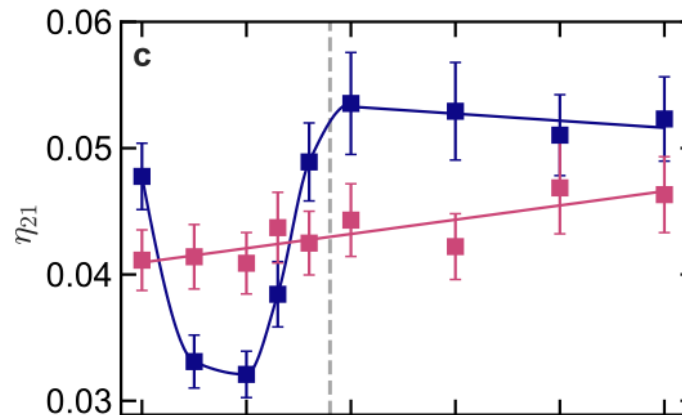
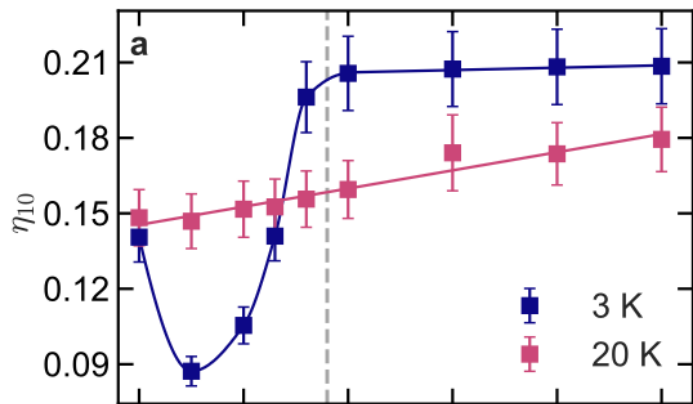
T_{co} suppressed under strain

Charge localization and magnetism

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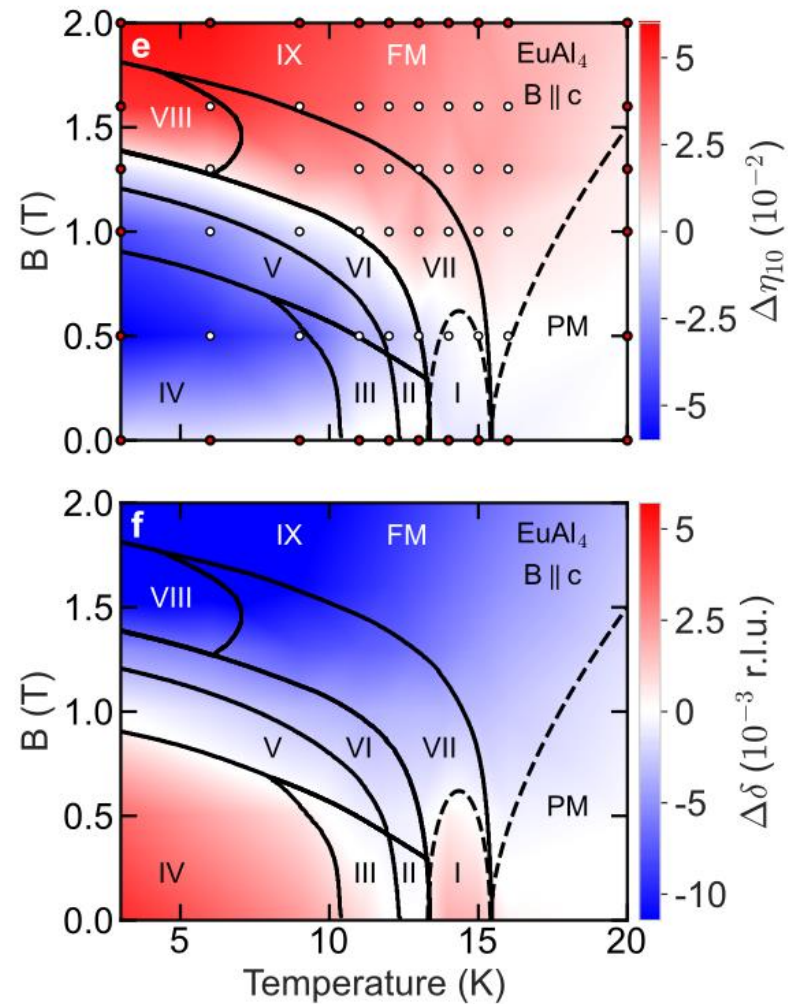


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- Significant spin-charge order coupling
- Highly tunable
- Future neutron scattering study

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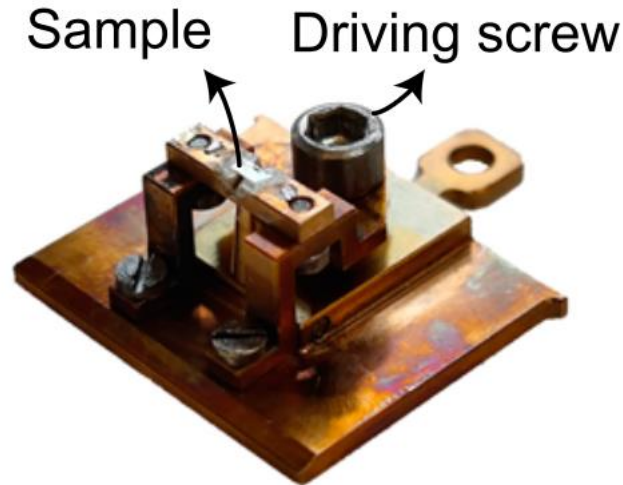
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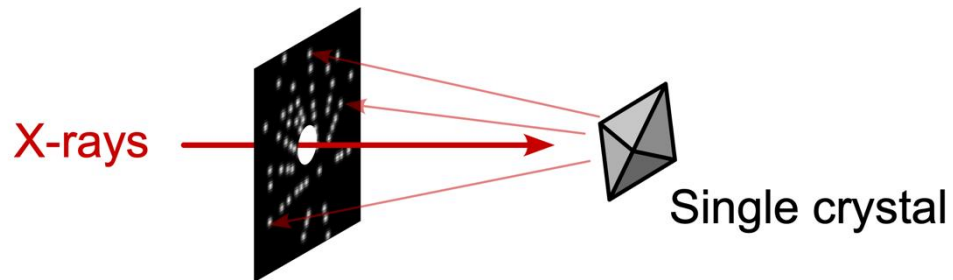
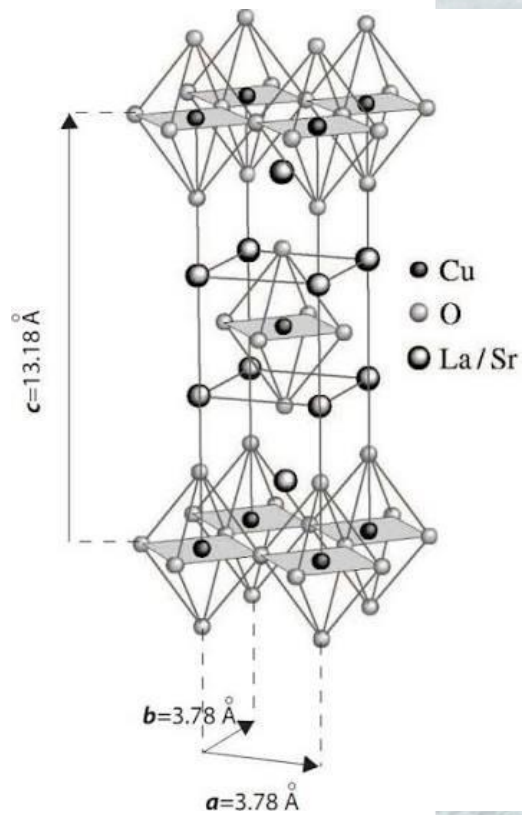
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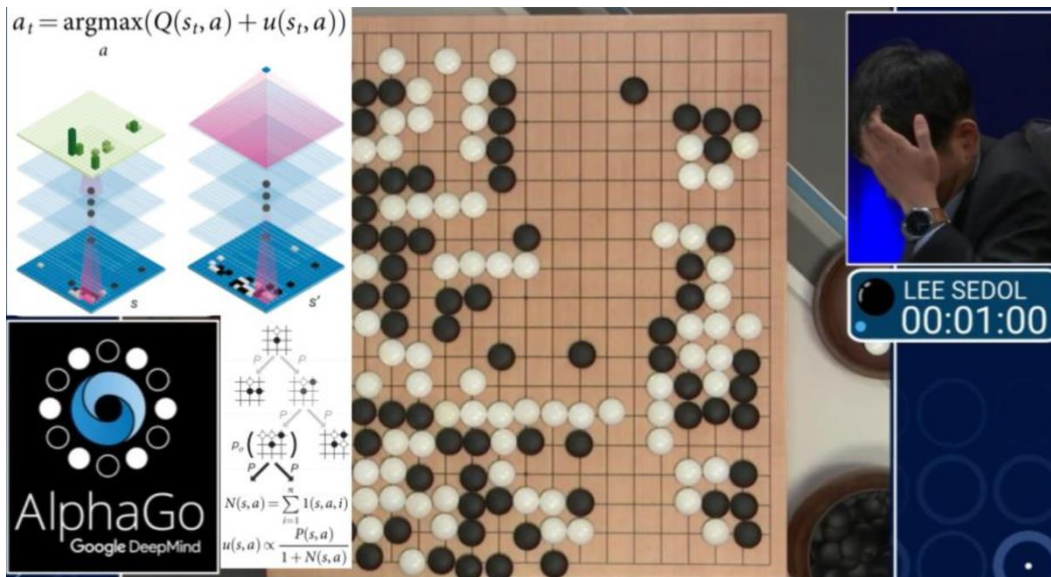
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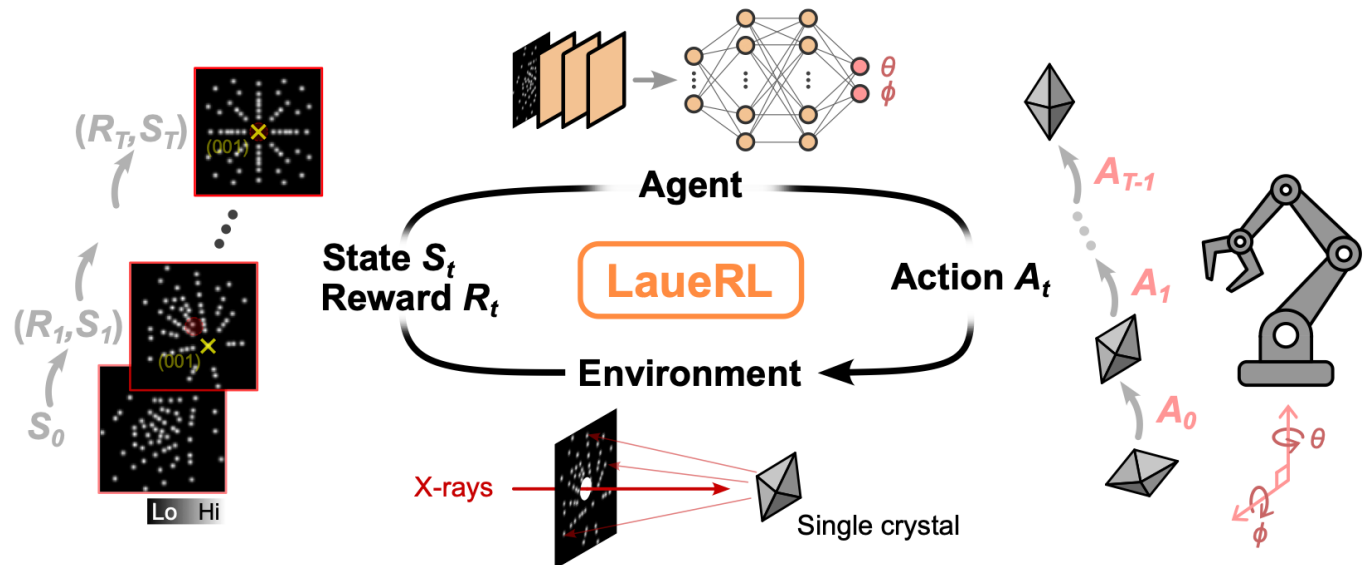
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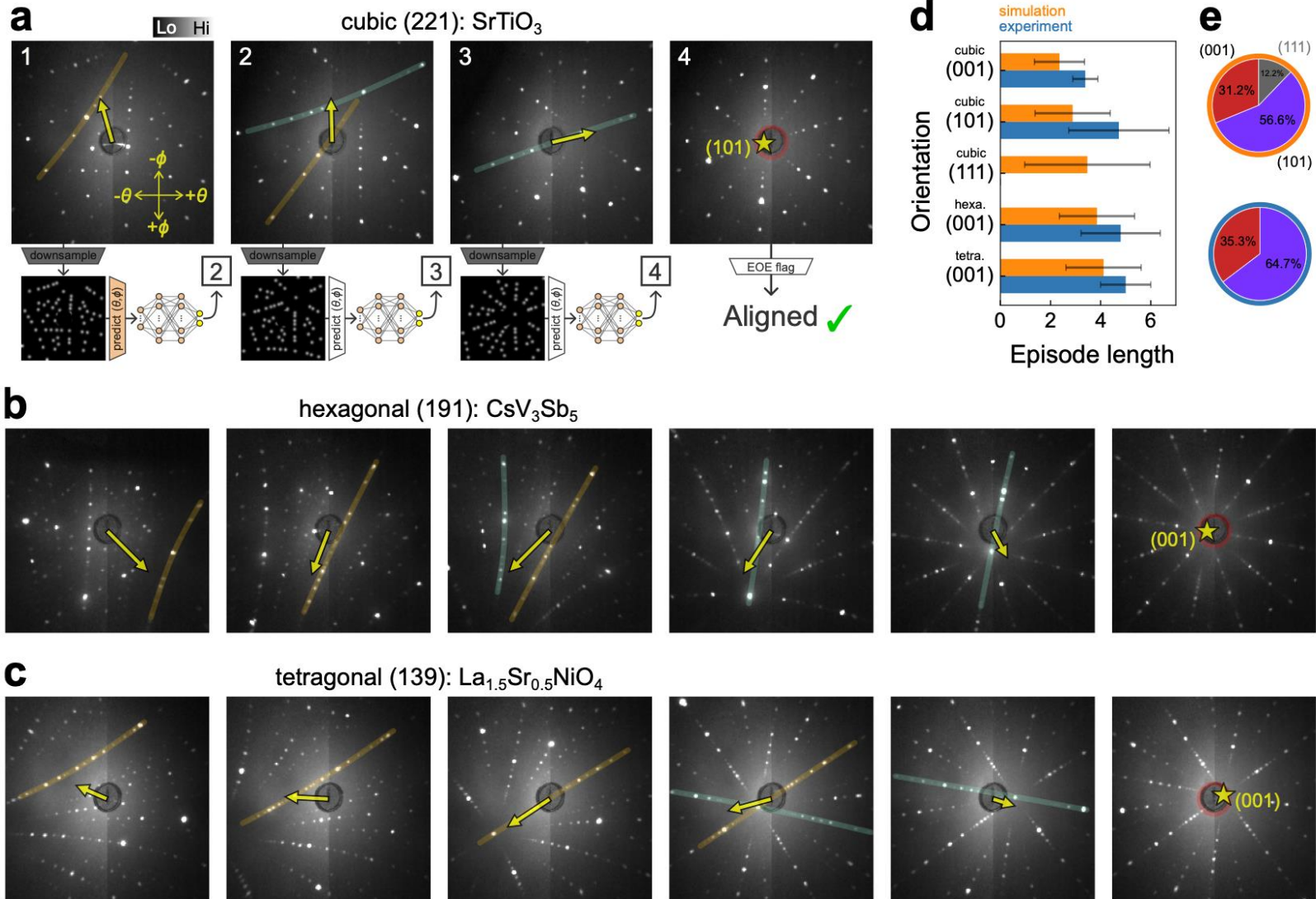
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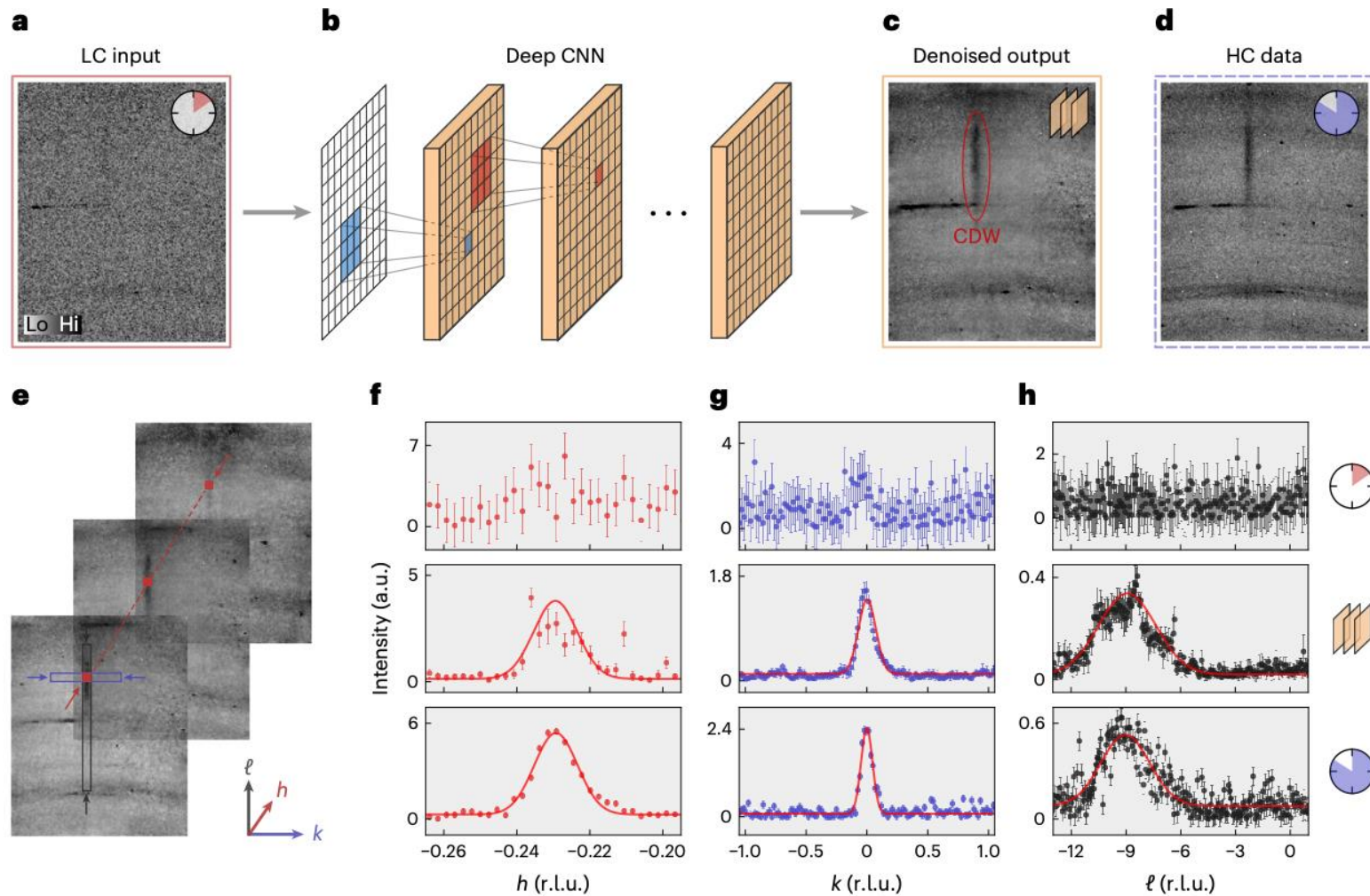


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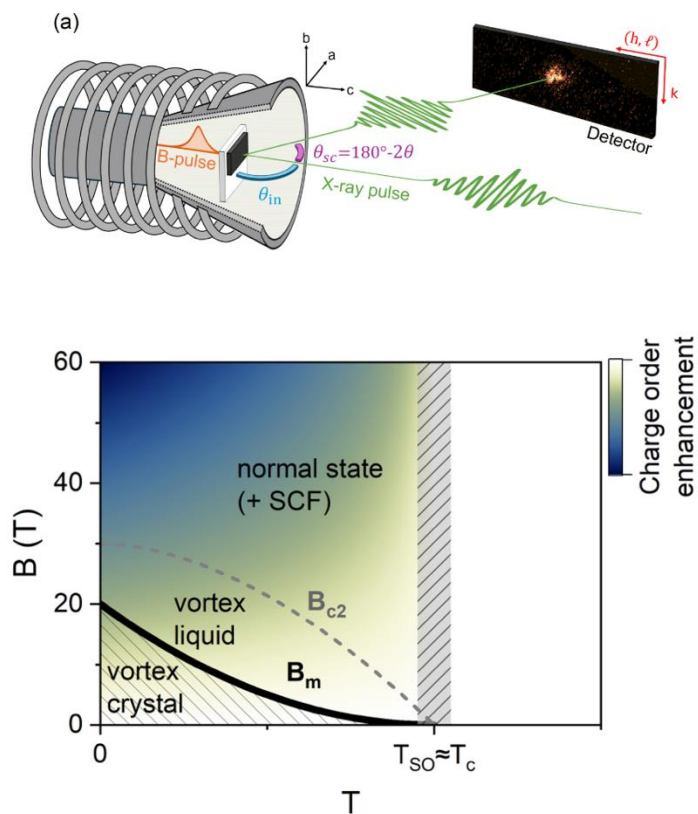
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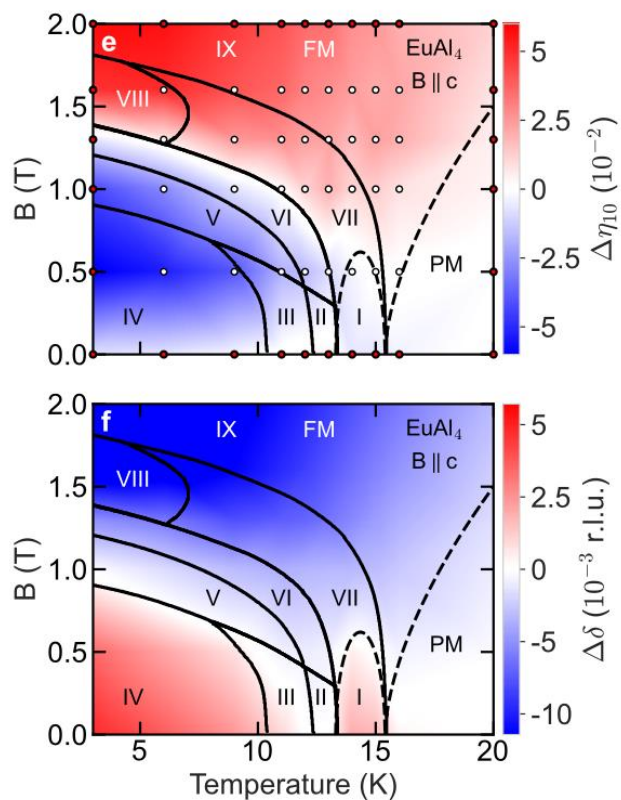
Noise filtering: X-ray diffraction



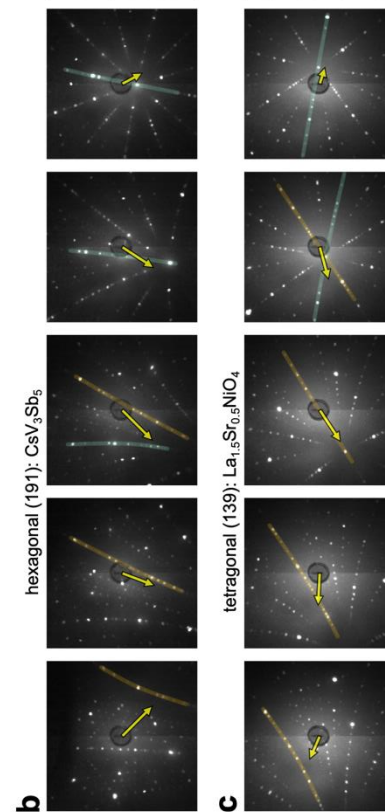
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