

# Synchrotron X-ray Studies of Magnetic Order

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# X-ray Studies of Magnetic Order: OVERVIEW

- Resonance: Element-specific Investigation
- LS Separation
- Small Focus
- High Q-resolution
- No Killer Element

Complementary to Neutron Scattering

- Magnetic Circular Dichroism in Ferromagnetic Matter
- Magnetic Diffraction in Magnetic Matter
  - ✓ Spectroscopy: Wave Function
  - ✓ Polarization Analysis: LS Separation
  - ✓ Circular Polarization: Spin Chirality
- Superlattice Modulation in Frustrated Magnet
- Nonreciprocal Directional Dichroism & Scattering:  
Magnetism at Non-centrosymmetric Sites

PEEM, Magnetic Compton, Auger, Moessbauer, ...

# 1<sup>st</sup> Topic

## Magnetic Structure and 5d Orbital State in $\text{Sr}_2\text{IrO}_4$

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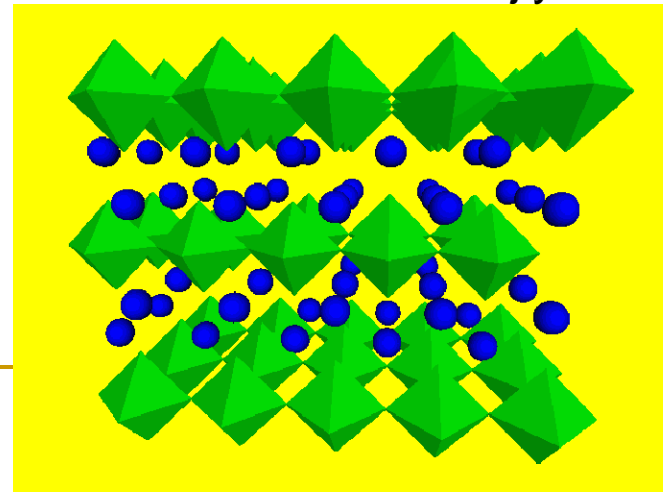
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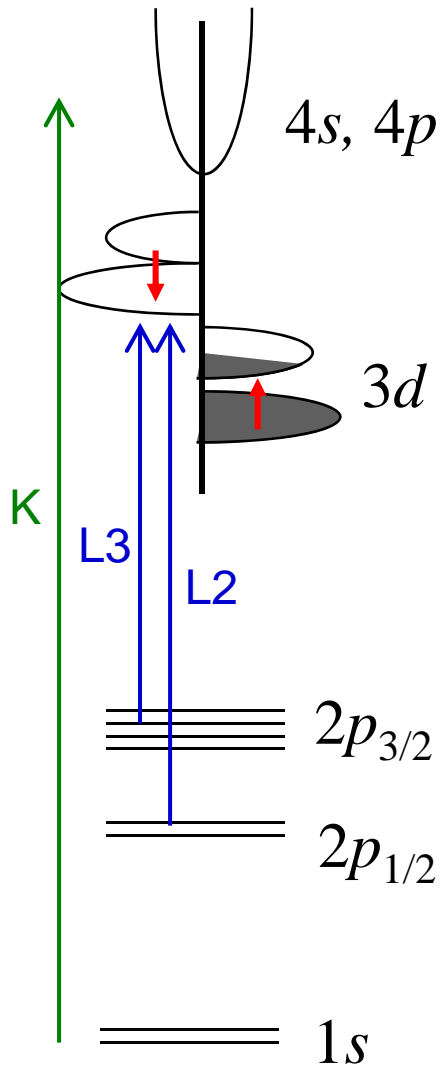
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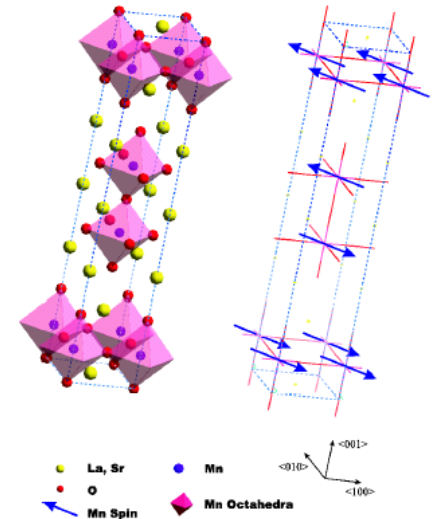
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# Resonant Magnetic X-ray Scattering



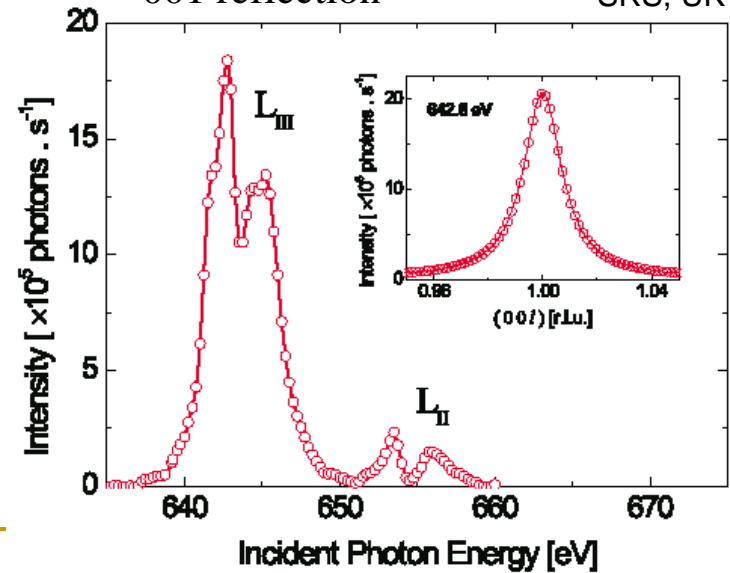
L-edge resonant x-ray scattering would provide useful information on magnetic  $d$  electrons.



$(La,Sr)_3Mn_2O_7$  ( $x=0.475$ )

001 reflection

SRS, UK



# Hard x-ray is a powerful tool for 5d system

	$E_{2p}$ [eV]	$\lambda$ [Å]	$E_{3d}$	$\lambda$ [Å]
3d TM	450~900	14~28	-	-
4d TM	2.2k~3.4k	3.6~5.6	-	-
Lanthanides	5.7k~8.9k	1.3~2.2	450~1500	8~28
5d TM	9.6k~11.9k	1.0~1.3	-	-
Actinides	15.9k~	0.8~	3.2k~3.6k	3.4~3.8

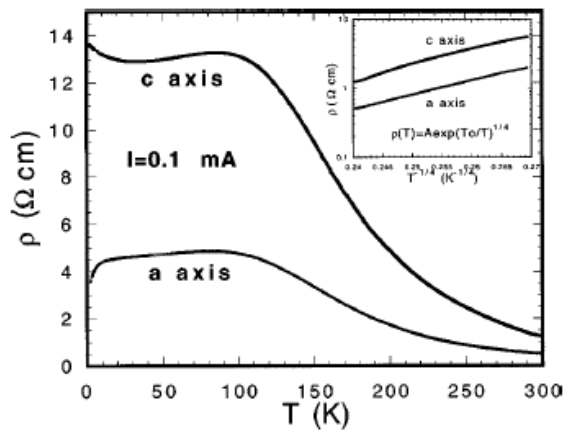
Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu
Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag
(Ln)	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au

Strong LS  
Strong Ligand Field  
Wide Band

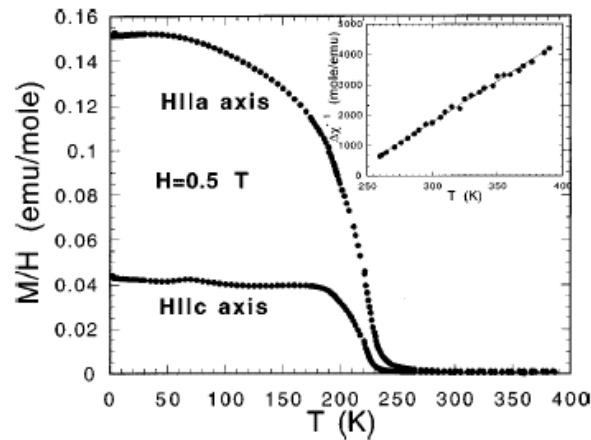
# Sr<sub>2</sub>IrO<sub>4</sub>

Distorted K<sub>2</sub>NiF<sub>4</sub>-type Structure (*I*4<sub>1</sub>/*acd*)  $\sqrt{2}a \times \sqrt{2}a \times 2c$

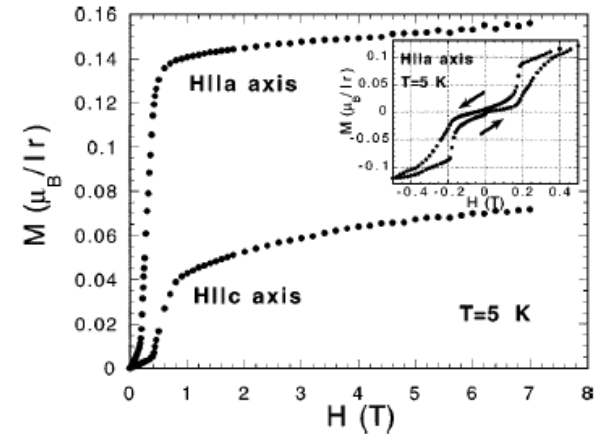
Ir<sup>4+</sup>: 5d<sup>5</sup> Low-Spin



Semiconducting



Magnetic Order  
below 230K

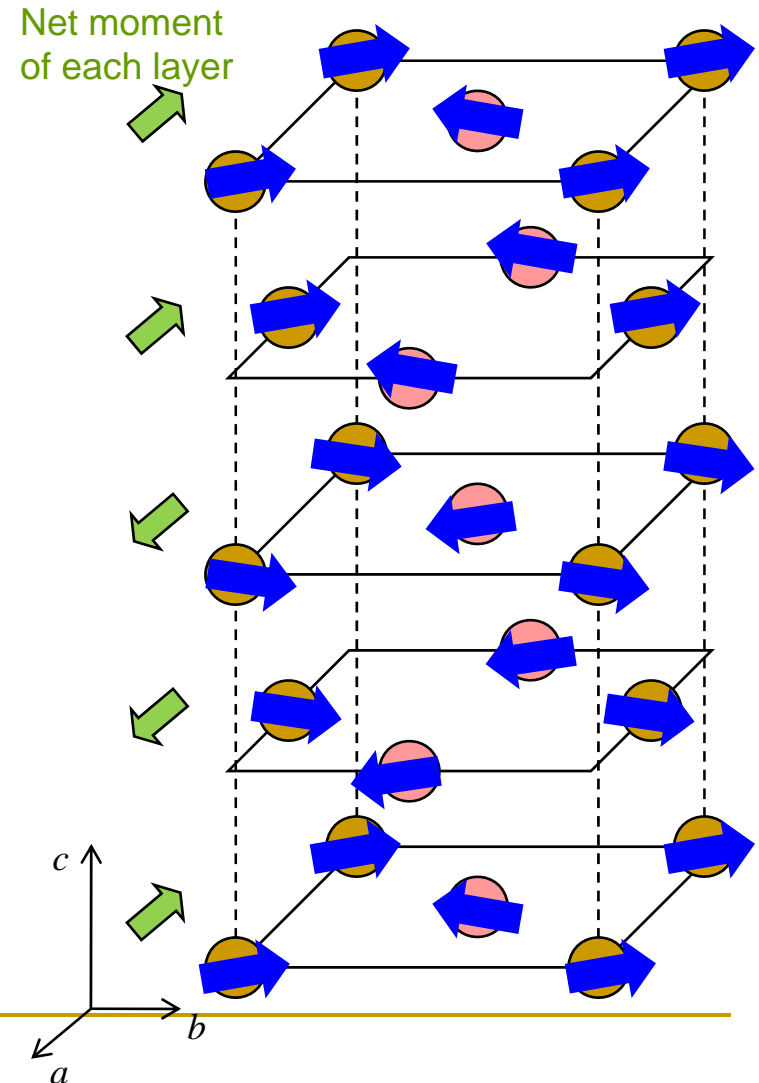
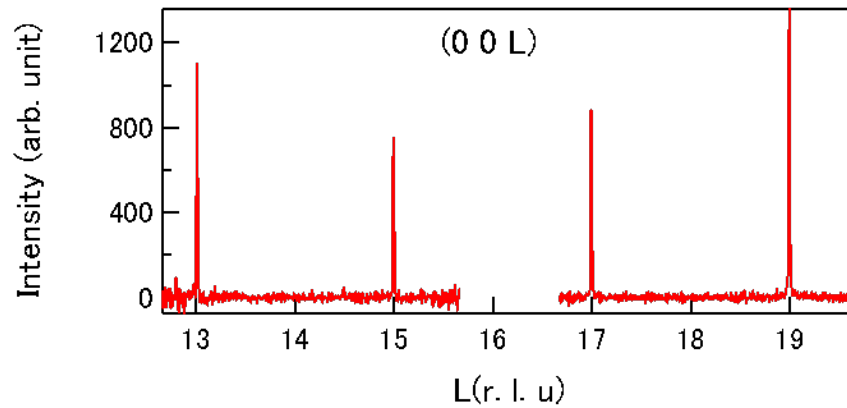
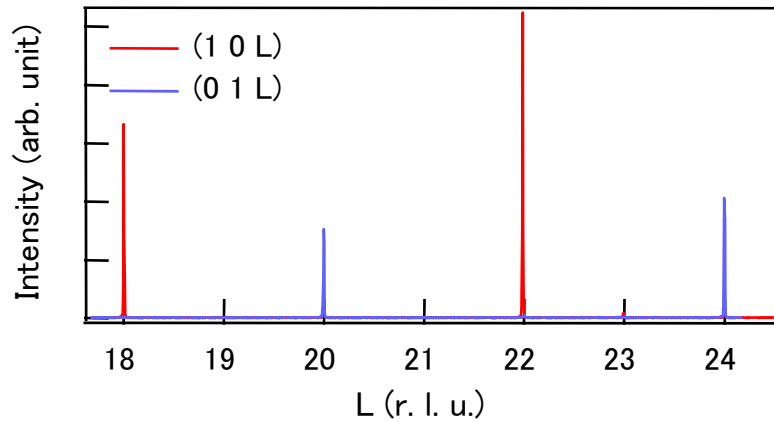
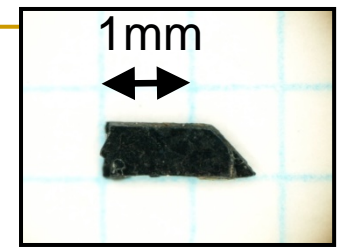


Meta-magnetism  
( $\sim 0.15 \mu_B$ /Ir)

G. Cao *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. B* **57**, R11039 (1998)

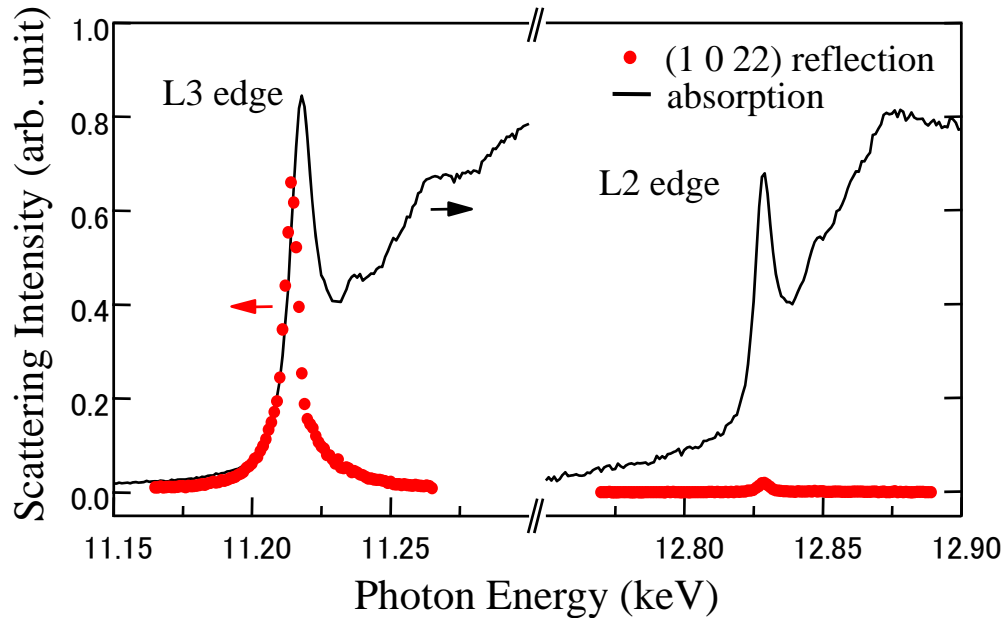
No Neutron Data

# Resonant Magnetic Diffraction: Determination of Magnetic Structure

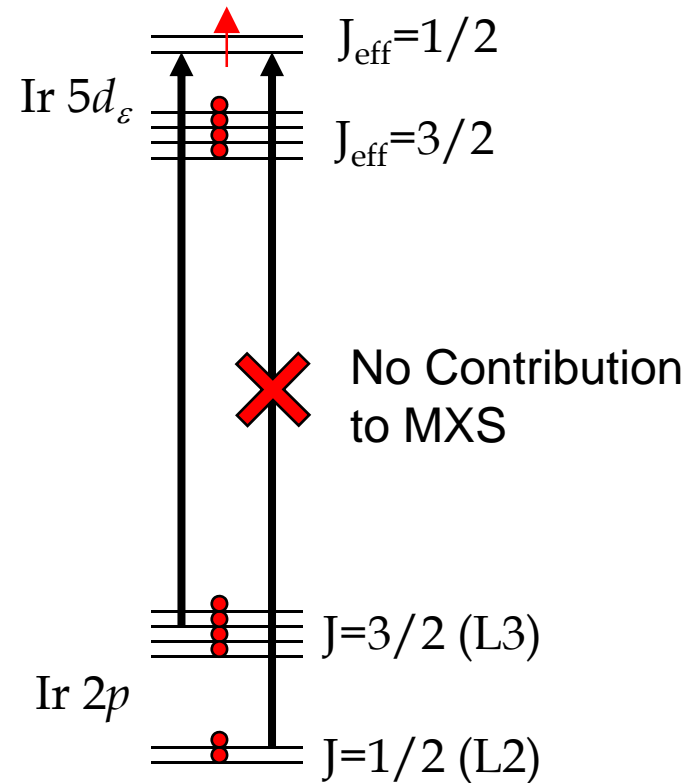


# Resonant Spectrum: Wave Function

$$\mathbf{J}_{\text{eff}} \equiv -\mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$$



Absorption Intensity (arb. unit)



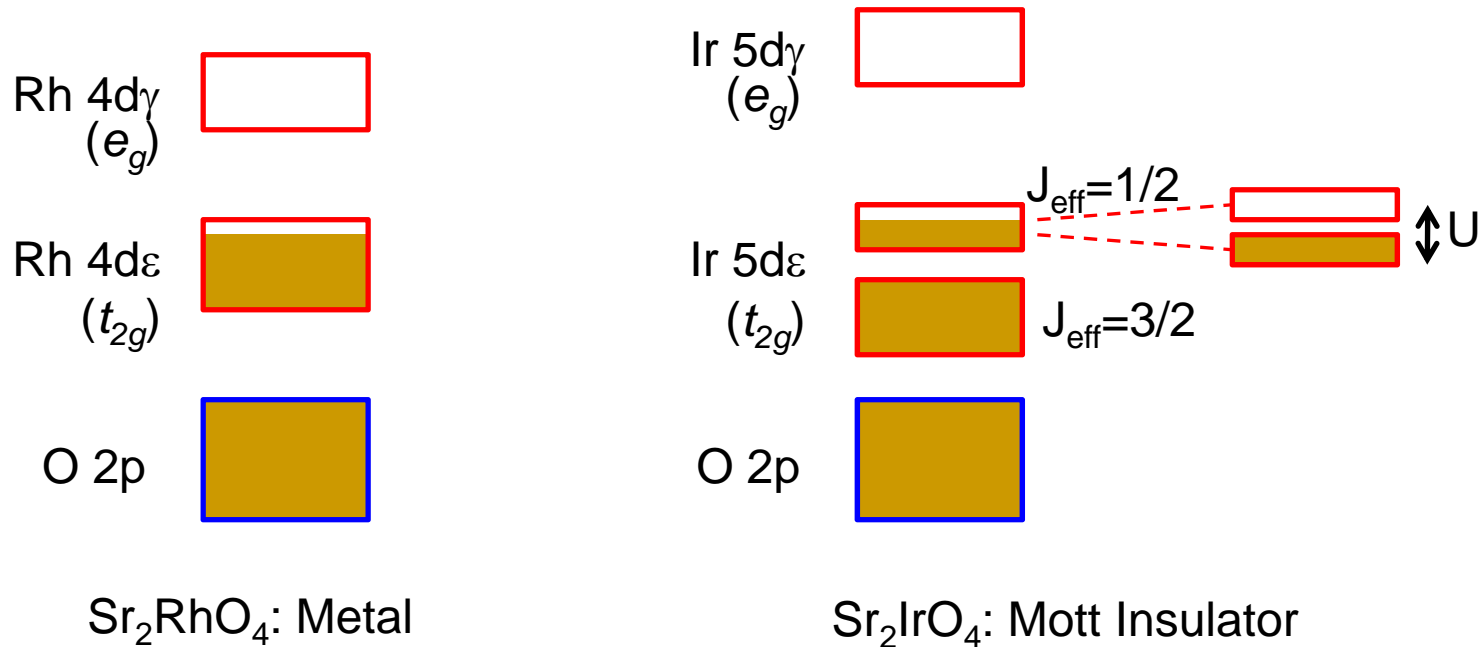
Spin-Orbital Coupled State!

Also see B. J. Kim *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **101**, 076402 (2008).



# Possible Impact of Strong LS Coupling in 5d system

## Difference in Band Structure from 4d System



Possibly Good Arena for Spintronics or Magneto-optics

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Topic

# Phase Transition & Spin-Lattice Coupling in Multiferroic $\text{RMnO}_3$

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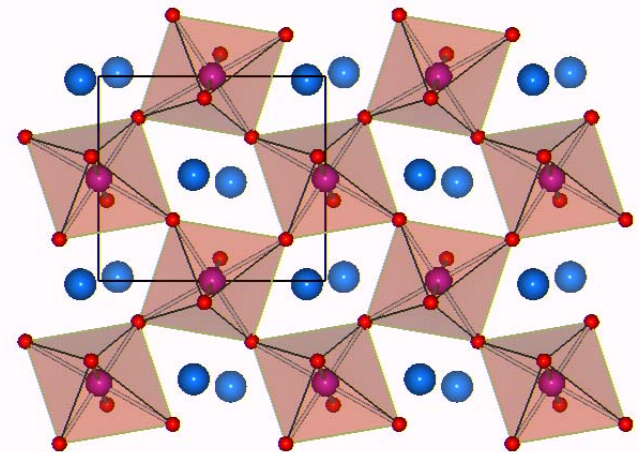
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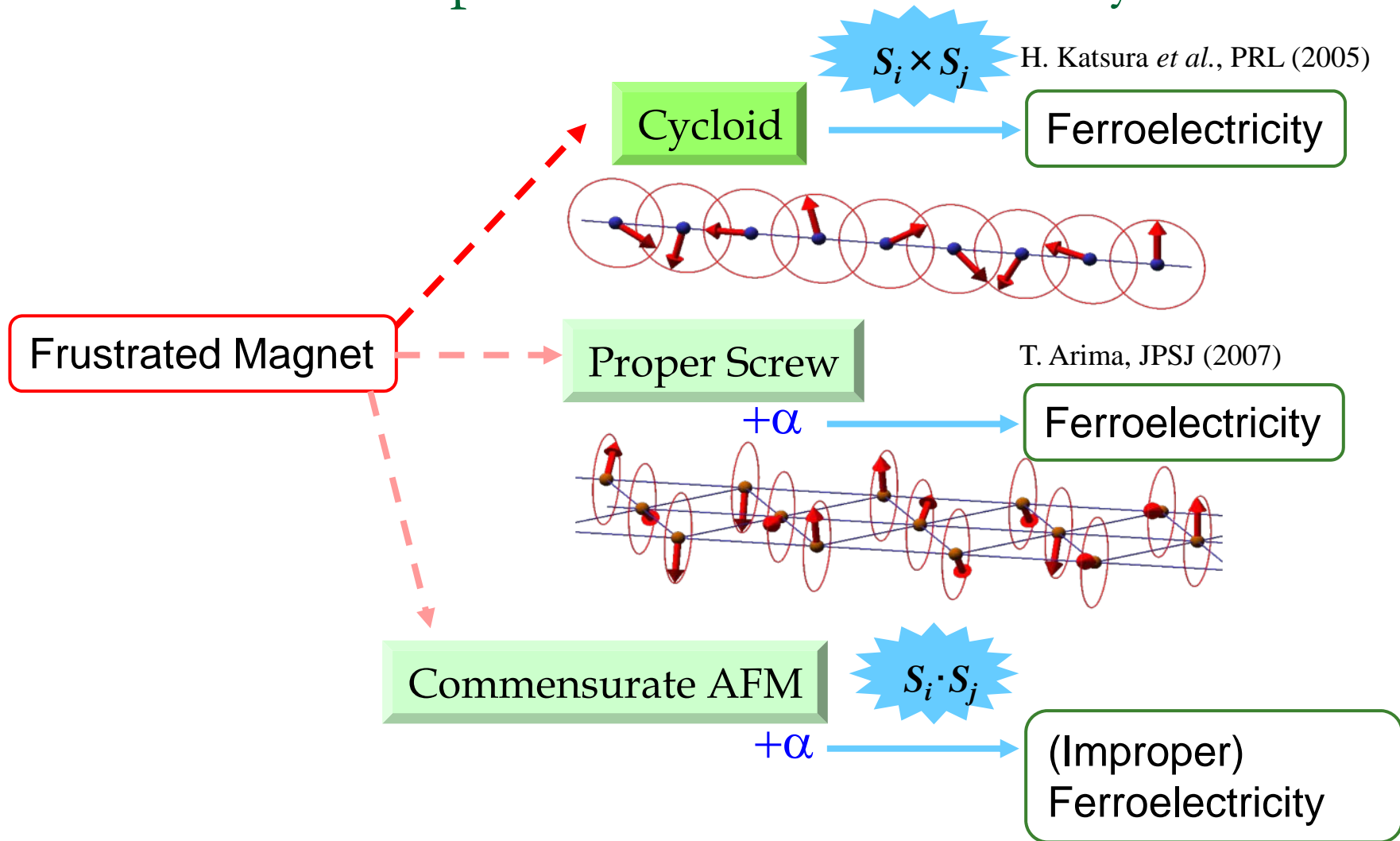
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# Mechanisms of Spin-driven Ferroelectricity



Such an (anti)ferromagnetic ferroelectric is often classified into 'Multiferroic'.

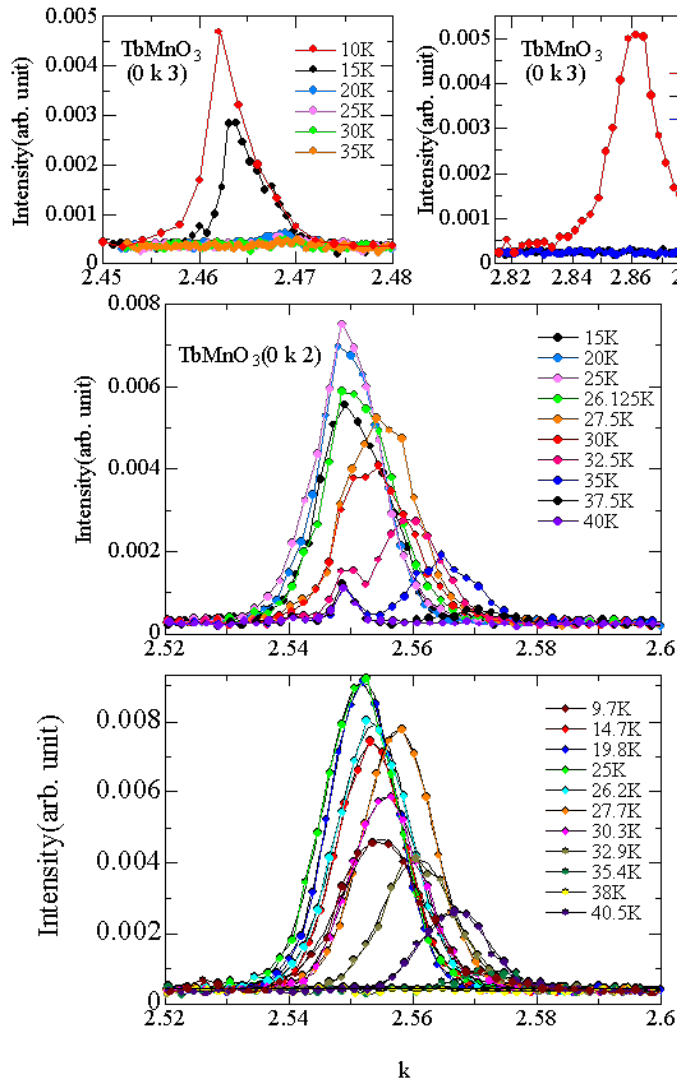
# Role of Diffraction Studies in Multiferroics

Giant magnetoelectric effect in a frustrated system is nothing but a transition between nearly-degenerate different magnetic phases, some of which accompany ferroelectricity.

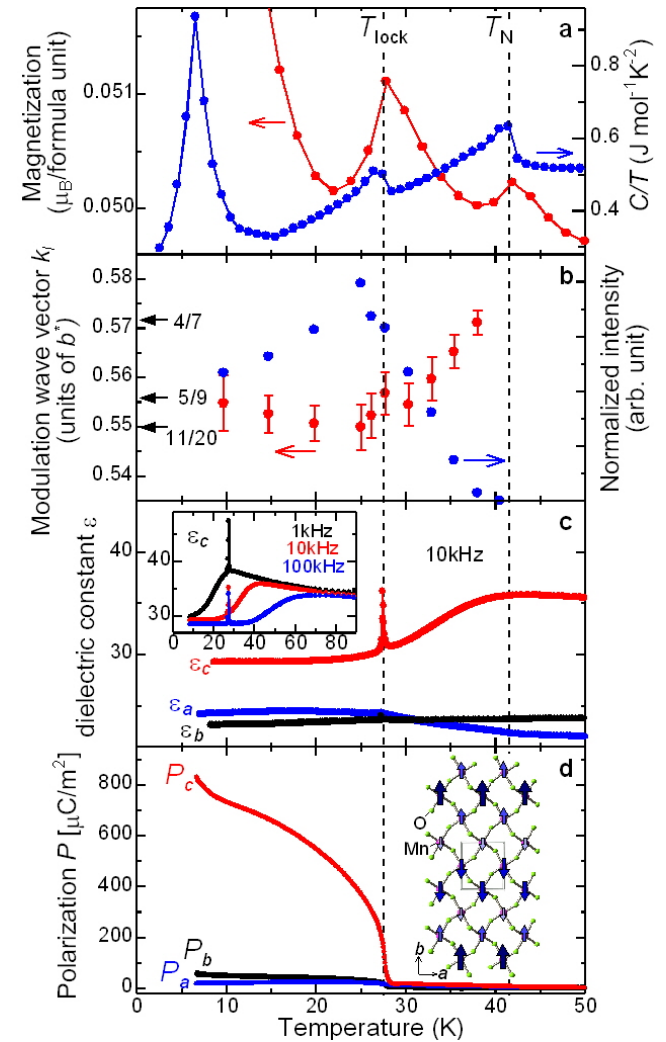
Diffraction Study

- Magnetic Structure
- Phase Transition
- Spin-Lattice Coupling

# First Synchrotron X-ray Investigation on TbMnO<sub>3</sub>



Lattice Modulation  
with  $2q_m$

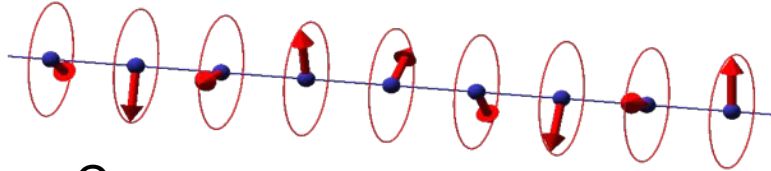


BL-4C KEK-PF in 2002

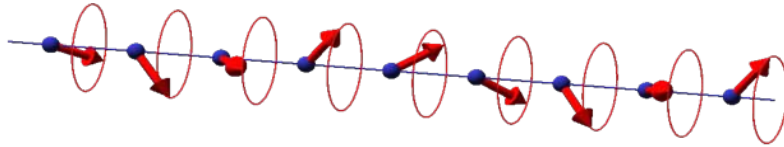
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# Lattice Modulation in Spiral Magnets

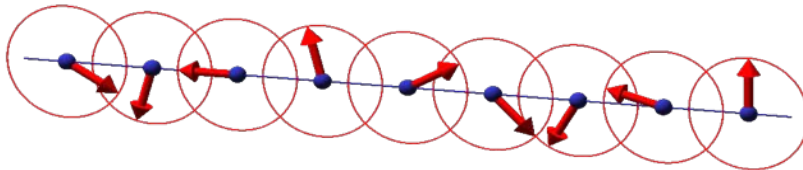
(a) Proper Screw



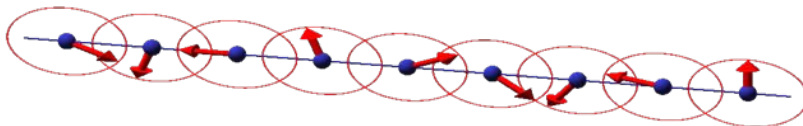
(b) Screw Cone



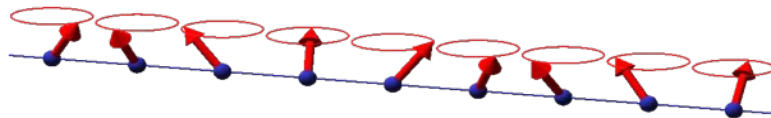
(c) Cycloid



(d) Elliptical Cycloid



(e) Cycloid Cone



$$\vec{Q}_s = 0$$

$$\vec{Q}_s = \vec{Q}_m$$

$$\vec{Q}_s = 2\vec{Q}_m$$

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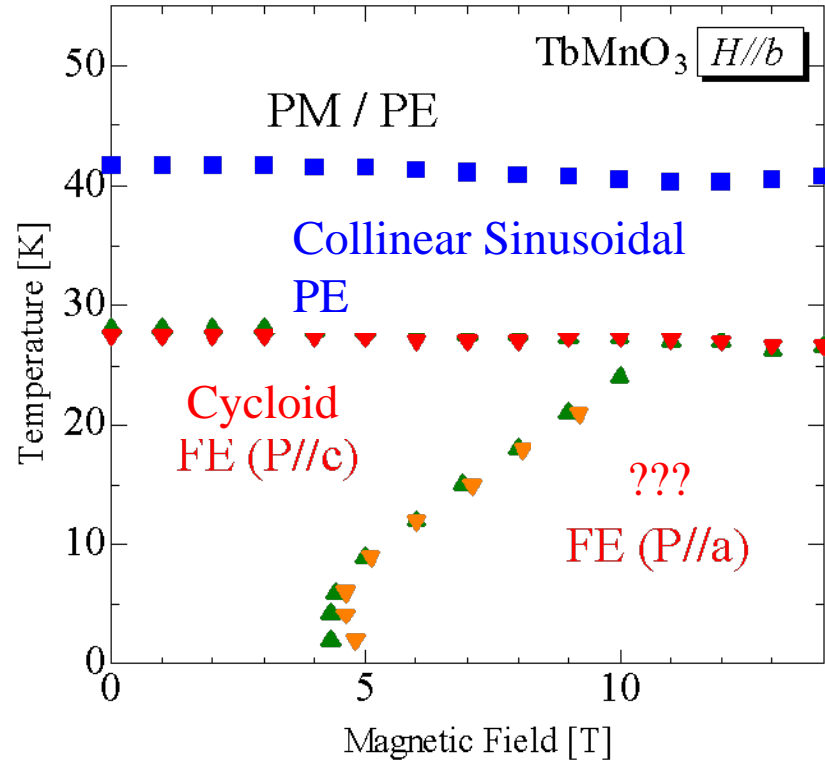
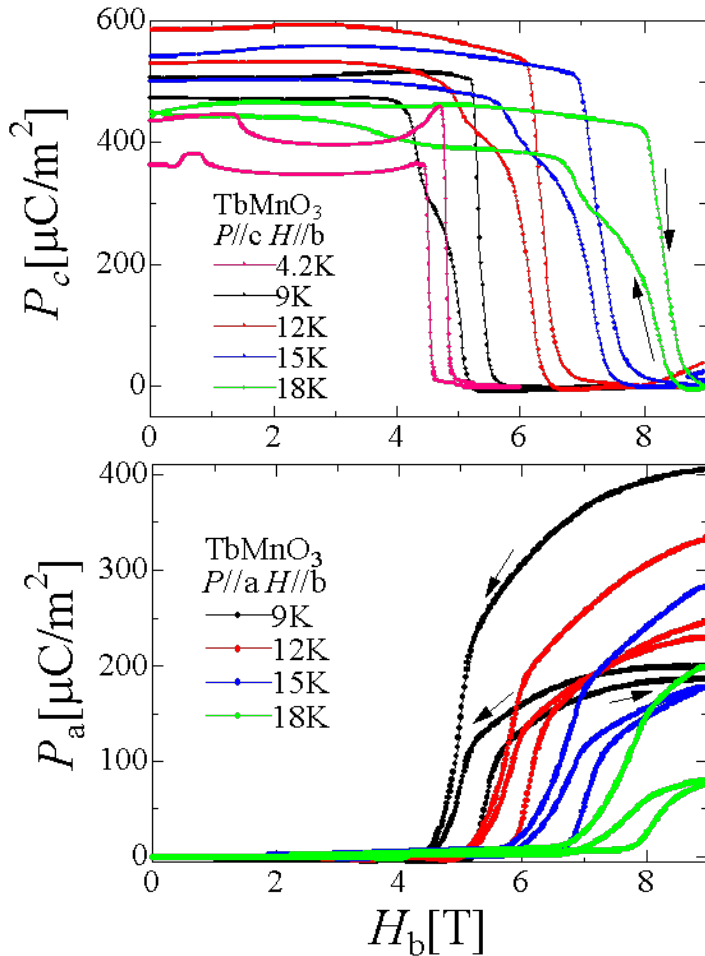
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Ferroelectricity

Superlattice

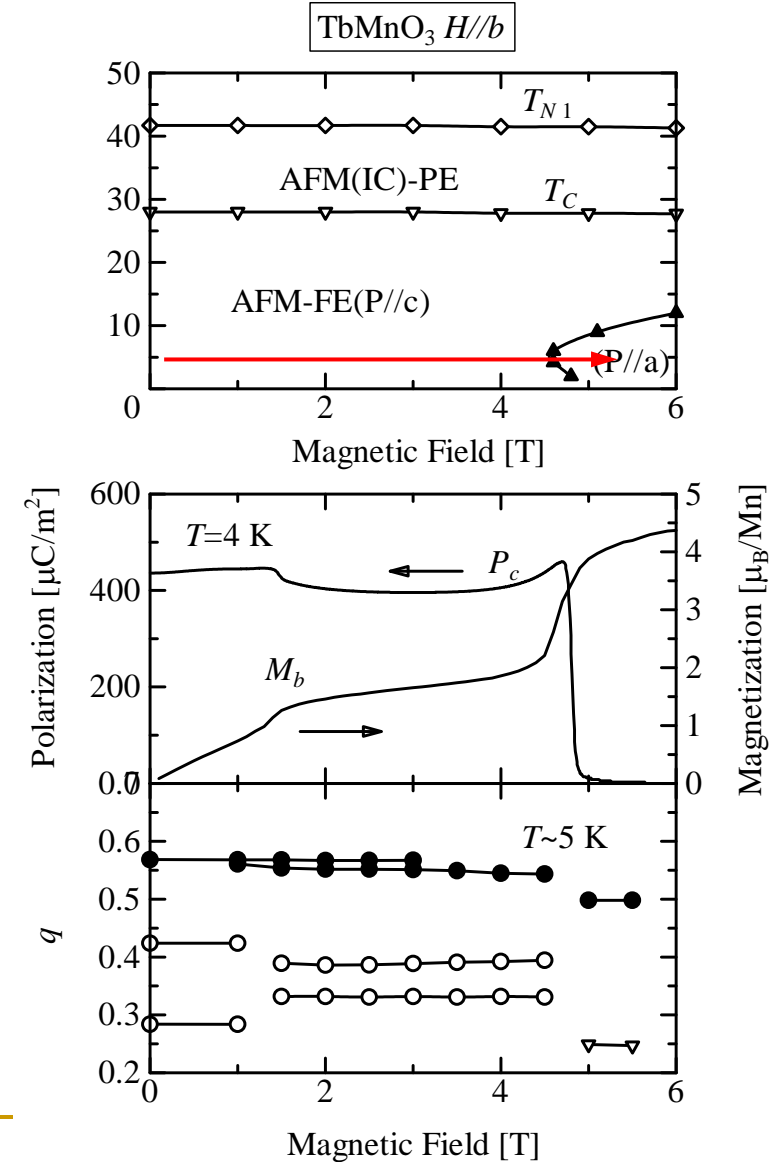
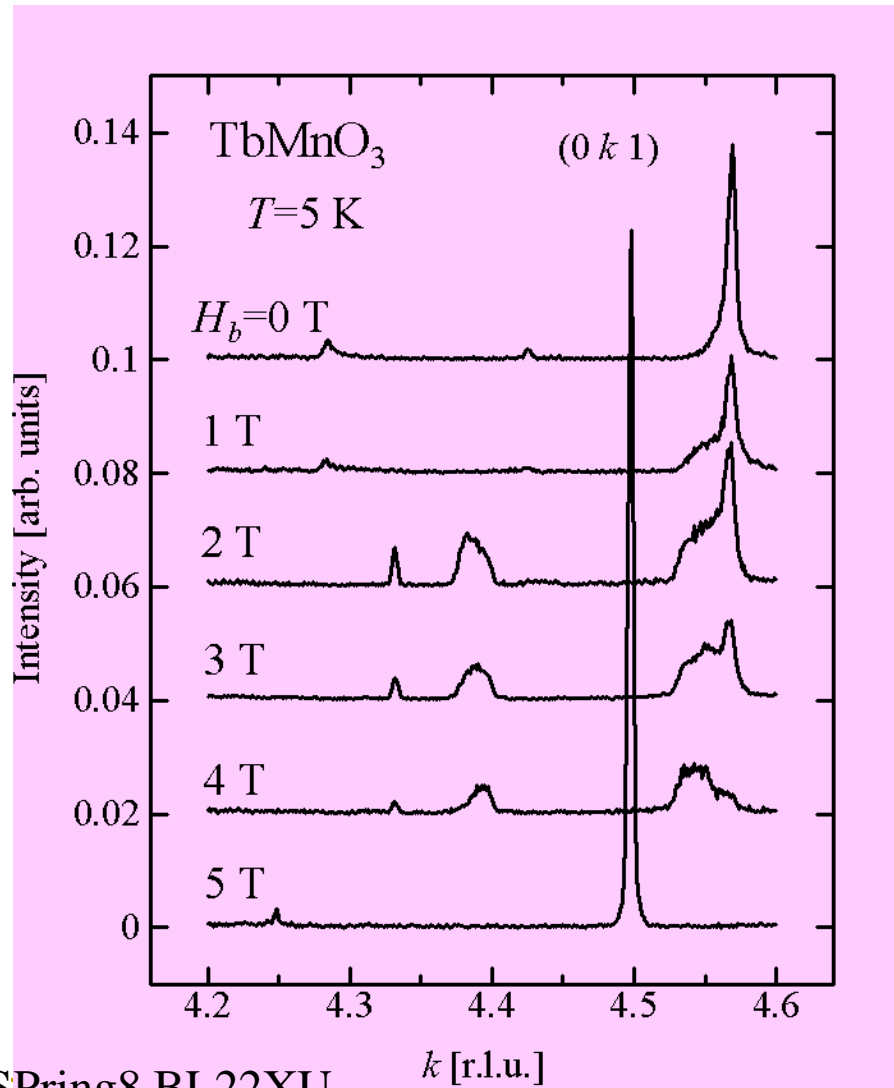
# $H$ -induced $P$ rotation (“flop”) in $\text{TbMnO}_3$



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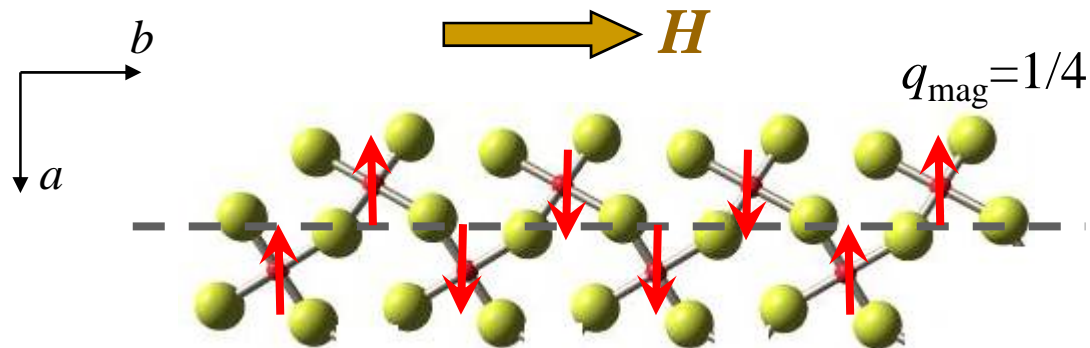
What sort of magnetic phase appears in the  $P \parallel a$  phase?

# Incommensurate-Commensurate Transition upon $P$ -Flop

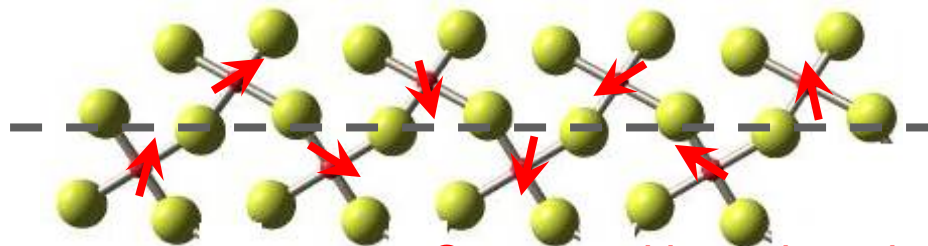




# Two Models of Magnetic Structure in $P \parallel a$ Phase



Commensurate AFM  
with  $Q=1/4$



Cycloid with moments in  
the  $ab$  plane

Supported by spin-polarized neutron diffraction

Y. Yamasaki *et al.*, PRL **101**, 097204 (2008)

Detection of spin chirality is crucial.

1. Spin-polarized Neutron
2. Circularly-polarized X-ray

## Summary

- Magnetic structures below and above Neel temperature as well as the L/S ratio and wave function of Ir ion in  $\text{Sr}_2\text{IrO}_4$  have been determined by x-ray magnetic scattering.
- Magnetic wave vector and spin-lattice coupling in multiferroics have been investigated through superlattice reflections.
- Spin chirality can be investigated by circularly polarized x-ray.

In regard to resonant magnetic scattering,

- Resonant magnetic scattering for 4d systems with photons of 2.2~3.5 keV would provide much useful information.

*Thank you for your Attention!!*