

Now for some examples



Example I) Er₂Ti₂O₇ introduction

- Pyrochlore with frustrated AFM interactions
 - Er^{3+} (⁴I_{15/2}), XY anisotropy
 - θ_{CW}=-22K
 - 1 ordering transition
 - Second order
 - T=1.173K
 - Néel order
 - *k*=000
 - Extensive quantum fluctuations stabilise particular ground state



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$Er_2Ti_2O_7$: Powder diffraction k=000



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- Simulations show Ψ_2 to be weakly stabilised by thermal fluctuations
- Ψ_2/Ψ_3 ratio changes as function of T ?
- Powder diffraction cannot tell !

Spherical Neutron Polarimetry-Access transverse components of the polarisation

- CRYOPAD
 - CRYOgenic
 - Polarisation
 - Analysis
 - Device
- Zero magnetic field chamber
- Neutron spin vector
 - 1. Defined
 - 2. Rotated by the sample magnetism
 - 3. Project out components





Er₂Ti₂O₇- Spherical Neutron Polarimetry

Analysis based on Blume- Maleev equations

$$\vec{P}_{f}\sigma = (\vec{P}_{i}NN^{*}) + (-i(\vec{M}_{\perp}^{*}\times\vec{M}_{\perp})) + (-\vec{P}_{i}(\vec{M}_{\perp}\cdot\vec{M}_{\perp}^{*}) + (\vec{M}_{\perp}(\vec{P}_{i}\cdot\vec{M}_{\perp}^{*}) + \vec{M}_{\perp}^{*}(\vec{P}_{i}\cdot\vec{M}_{\perp})) + (N\vec{M}_{\perp}^{*} + N^{*}\vec{M}_{\perp} - i(N\vec{M}_{\perp}^{*} - N^{*}\vec{M}_{\perp})\times\vec{P}_{i})$$

$$\sigma = (NN^*) + (i\vec{P}_i \cdot (\vec{M}_{\perp}^* \times \vec{M}_{\perp})) + (\vec{M}_{\perp} \cdot \vec{M}_{\perp}^*) + (\vec{P}_i \cdot (\vec{M}_{\perp}N^* + \vec{M}_{\perp}^*N))$$



Er₂Ti₂O₇- Spherical Neutron Polarimetry

$$\mathscr{P} = \begin{pmatrix} (N^{2} - M_{\perp}^{2})/I_{x} & J_{nz}/I_{x} & J_{ny}/I_{x} \\ -J_{nz}/I_{y} & (N^{2} - M_{\perp}^{2} + R_{yy})/I_{y} & R_{yz}/I_{y} \\ -J_{ny}/I_{z} & R_{zy}/I_{z} & (N^{2} - M_{\perp}^{2} + R_{zz})/I_{z} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{P}'' = \begin{pmatrix} -J_{yz}/I \\ R_{ny}/I \\ R_{nz}/I \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{c} I_{x} = M_{\perp}^{2} + N^{2} + P_{x}J_{yz} \\ I_{y} = M_{\perp}^{2} + N^{2} + P_{y}R_{ny} \\ I_{z} = M_{\perp}^{2} + N^{2} + P_{z}R_{nz} \\ I = M_{\perp}^{2} + N^{2} + P_{x}J_{yz} + P_{y}R_{ny} + P_{z}R_{nz} \\ I = M_{\perp}^{2} + N^{2} + P_{x}J_{yz} + P_{y}R_{ny} + P_{z}R_{nz} \\ N^{2} = N(\mathbf{k})N^{*}(\mathbf{k}) \\ R_{ij} = 2\Re(M_{\perp i}(\mathbf{k})M_{\perp j}^{*}(\mathbf{k})) \\ J_{ij} = 2\Im(M_{\perp i}(\mathbf{k})M_{\perp j}^{*}(\mathbf{k})) \\ J_{ni} = 2\Im(N(\mathbf{k})M_{\perp i}^{*}(\mathbf{k})) \\ J_{ni} = 2\Im(N(\mathbf{k})M_{\perp i}^{*}(\mathbf{k})) \\ J_{ni} = 2\Im(N(\mathbf{k})M_{\perp i}^{*}(\mathbf{k})) \\ \end{array}$$

Note that when written in this simplified way \mathscr{P} isn't strictly a tensor because the denominators may depend on the input polarisation direction

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Er₂Ti₂O₇ - Spherical Neutron Polarimetry



- Γ_5 with 3 + 3'
- RMC refinement
- 3 minima (+ time reversed)
- μ_{Er3+}=3.25μ_B
- $\mu_{\text{Er3+(Free ion)}}$ = 9.59 μ_{B}



$Er_2Ti_2O_7: k=000$

- Neutron powder diffraction data fit $\Gamma_5(\Psi_2,\Psi_3)$
- SNP indicates Ψ_2 with 3+3' S-domains (MPG 4'/mmm')
- NOT the dipolar ground state. Why does it happen?
 - ψ_2 is stabilised sixth order terms that create a thermal order-by-disorder selection
 - Remember that IRs are eigenfunctions of the exchange Hamiltonian

» Take care not to second guess



La₂O₂Fe₂OSe₂ - MSG and RA analysis



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- Related to the iron-based superconductors, but has magnetic order
- Want to understand drives and the competition between magnetic order and superconductivity
- Antiferromagnetic order below ~ 90 K
- Can be solved using a magnetic space group with a smaller C-centred monoclinic unit cell : C_a2/m (12.64)
- $\mathbf{k}_1 = (\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2})$ or $\mathbf{k}_2 = (0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ with respect to the crystallographic space group I4/mmm
 - In I-k structure, 2 orbits. Need : Γ_2 (m||a) on Fe1 and Γ_3 (m||a) on the Fe2 site. Collinear
 - In 2 k structure, just **\Gamma_3** from Fe2 and **think about why it is 2-k**



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 - 2 k structure, just **Г**₃ from Fe2 and **think about** why it is **2-k**
 - Not obvious. Both components have the same energy. Not possible to make 2-k structure with 2nd order terms, S₁.S₂ or S₁xS₂
 - Ising anisotropy with higher order anisotropic exchange terms



Magnetic structures- very final thoughts

- Subtle physical properties will come from a subtle electronic properties and subtle couplings. Expect a subtle magnetic structure
- The wolf in sheep clothing



An introduction to SARAh and SARAh Refine

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SARA*h*- what it does

- SARAh = \underline{S} imulated \underline{A} nnealing and \underline{R} epresentational \underline{A} nalysis
 - Perform symmetry analysis of possible magnetic structures using Representational (and Corepresentational Theory)
 - Information for analysing data and understanding phase transitions
 - Clip-on front-end to facilitate reverse Monte Carlo refinement of structures in GSAS using basis vectors and mixing coefficients
 - Symmetry-free simulated annealing is not normally enough
 - Clip-on front-end for FullProf using basis vectors and mixing coefficients



SARAh-Why it does what it does

- History (back in the 90s...)
 - Magnetic structures are largely misunderstood
 - K-vector often unknown
- Few people knew how to do representational theory.
 - Only a handful of examples in the literature
- Irreducible representation sources-
 - Books
 - Karep
 - Kovalev (little understood)
- Basis functions
 - calculated by hand
 - CS
 - Mody
 - » Generally there was much confusion!



SARAh- Why it does what it does

- Refining a magnetic structure from NPD
 - GSAS uses Red/Black symmetry (restricted, difficult, leads to confusion- 'magnetic unit cell'), <u>used only by the few</u>...
 - FullProf had many different ways of defining structures
 - e.g. rotation matrices, separate definition for helices
 - Complicated, so users built libraries of pcrs



 $\vec{m}_{j} = \sum C_{\nu}^{\vec{k}} \, \vec{\psi}_{i,\nu}^{\vec{k}} \, e^{-2\pi i \vec{k} \cdot \vec{t}_{ij}}$

 $\nu.\vec{k}$

SARAh-Why it does what it does

- Make the refinement more physical :
 - Use a symmetry framework

- » Create link between magnetic structures and the underlying physics
- Enable researchers to refine directly in terms of symmetry output
 - Use mixing coefficients as refinement variables
 - Use basis vectors and k-vectors to define symmetry relationships

» Create a general refinement system

- Do not reinvent the wheel (i.e. let users use GSAS, FullProf)

» SARAh as a suite of programs

- Symmetry calculations
- Refinement assistant
- *Help* unspecialised users as much as possible
- k -search with FullProf

» Generate better understanding, better analyses



GSAS implementation

- External front end, reverse Monte-Carlo refinement
 - GSAS magnetic symmetry definitions are limited (!), no k vector
 - External control of moment orientations
 - External use of a k-vector (need to put in a PI magnetic cell)
- Not command line, simplest user choices. Buttons, scroll bars, etc



GSAS typical setup

- SARAh controls all aspects of symmetry and the moment orientations, the rest is normal GSAS
- P1 phase in GSAS (avoid red/ black, allow complex symmetries). Full magnetic cell
- Lock down non-magnetic variables
- Set GSAS for 2-3 LS cycles (i.e. converge), normal user control
- SARAh edits .exp file to insert all atom positions
- User selects symmetry type (representation, basis vectors)
- SARAh matches atoms being refined, replaces moments, launches GENLES
- RMC/Simulated Annealing refinement



Fullprof implementation

- External front end to prepare and edit the pcr file, write fst file
- Not command line, simplest user choices. Buttons, scroll bars, etc
- Unique k-search engine
- Main technical difficulties are with:
 - Complex basis vectors but real or imaginary mixing coefficients...



Fullprof setup

- SARAh generates magnetic phase
- User selects symmetry type (representation, basis vectors)
- SARAh generates the description of the magnetic structure (each moment is generated one time only)
- User can selectively edit the magnetic phase with basis vectors of choice
- User refines with FullProf normally
- SARAh reads in *.pcr and generates *.fst for visualisation
- Direct space RMC k-search



SARAh- under the hood

Mathematics

- VB implementation of KAREP (E.R. Hovestreydt, M.I. Aroyo and H. Wondratschek, J. Appl. Cryst. 25, 544, 1992)
- Kovalev's tables (O.V. Kovalev, "Representations of the Crystallographic Space Groups" Edition 2, Gordon and Breach Science Publishers, Switzerland, 1993)
 - Conversion of all settings to IT standard, not Kovalev's
 - Verified IRs, transparent usage (as possible)



Indexing complex magnetic ordering with SARAh



- Combine direct and reciprocal space
 - Aim to be physically meaningful
 - Put moments at atomic positions
 - RMC/least squares refine the moment orientations (20 cycles, no symmetry constraint other than the k-vector)
 - Explore randomly the points, lines and planes of symmetry

| | Gives | only a | *few* | possible | k-vectors |
|--|-------|--------|-------|----------|-----------|
|--|-------|--------|-------|----------|-----------|

| - | Point [16] | Point [17] | Coordinates | Point [16] | Point [17] | Coordinates |
|---|--------------------|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------|--|
| | \mathbf{k}_1 | A | u, v, 0 | $\mathbf{k}_8 h_5$ | Δ | 0, 0, u |
| | $\mathbf{k}_2 h_5$ | B | $u, v, \frac{1}{2}$ | \mathbf{k}_9 | Λ | u, u, u |
| | \mathbf{k}_3 | C | u, u, \tilde{v} | $k_{10}h_{5}$ | X | $0, 0, \frac{1}{2}$ |
| | \mathbf{k}_4 | Σ | u, u, 0 | k_{11} | M | $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \overline{0}$ |
| | $\mathbf{k}_5 h_5$ | S | $u, u, \frac{1}{2}$ | k_{12} | Г | 0, 0, 0 |
| | $\mathbf{k}_6 h_9$ | Z | $\frac{1}{2}, 0, \tilde{u}$ | k_{13} | R | $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ |
| | \mathbf{k}_7 | T | $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, u$ | | | 2.2.2 |



Example: GGG, complex magnetic ordering



- Highly frustrated lattice with the garnet structure
- 24 magnetic Gd ions per unit cell, divided into two interpenetrating sublattices
- Difference neutron powder diffraction profiles for in an applied field of (a) 3.3 T,
 (b) 1.6 T and (c) 1.0 T at T = 80 mK
- Peaks cannot be indexed on commensurate magnetic cell
- Neutron powder diffraction data
 - Conventional wisdom: take the positions of the observed reflections, compare with positions predicted by trial-and-error/random search
 - Too many possibilities, not a prayer...



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SARAh -

• Let's start with 3 questions ...



Examples

• Calculations and refinements

- AgFe (GSAS, FP)

• Calculations to think a bit about BVs

– NiO, R-3m, k = 0 0 1.5, Ni @ 0 0 0

- Then some audience examples
 - SG189, k = 0.355 0 0, Mn@0.5967 0 0.5



SARAh - SARAh Refine Refinement Exploration $\Psi = \sum_{i} C_{i} \phi_{i}$ $\vec{m} - \sum_{i} C_{i} \vec{\psi}_{i}$ Refine from here Many alternate solutions explored \hat{H} **I**+ **Î**+ *I* (\hat{H})

It starts with 3 questions...