

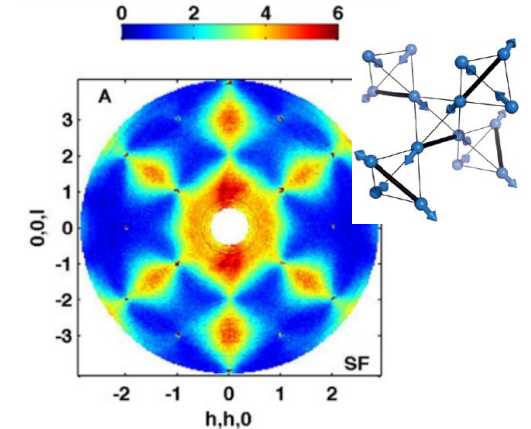
Neutron polarization analysis on multi-detector instruments/ XYZ linear polarization analysis

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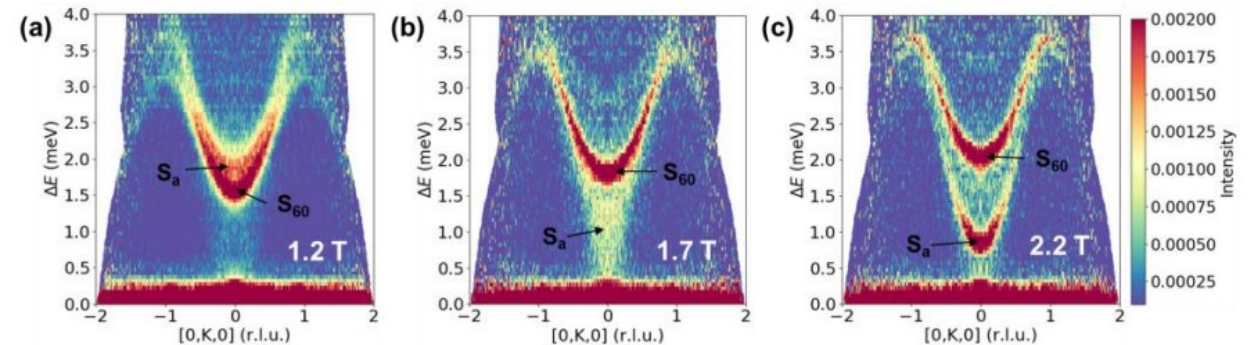


When is wide-angle polarization analysis capability important?

- ❑ magnetic diffuse scattering - large simultaneous Q-coverage (separates magnetic from nuclear scattering)
- ❑ enables polarized INS measurements of a broad range of Q- ω space (separation of magnons and phonons)
- ❑ probes the continuum of fractionalized excitations (broad and isotropic in spin space)
- ❑ study interacting quasiparticles & quantum renormalization of interactions

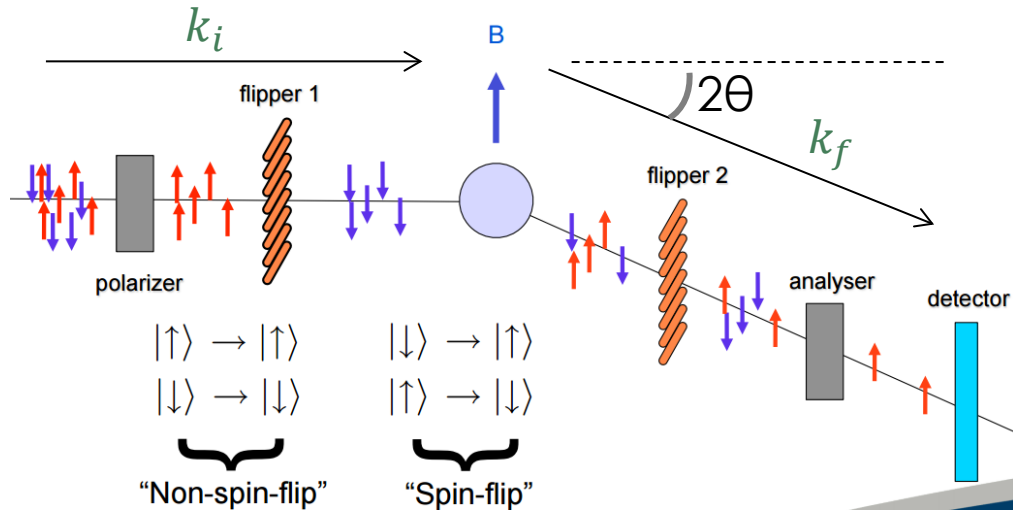


pinch points from spin-ice state in $\text{Ho}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$
Fennell et al, Science, 326, 415 (2009)



field-induced continua in a Kitaev candidate Co^{2+} honeycomb layered oxide (Yuan Li et al.)

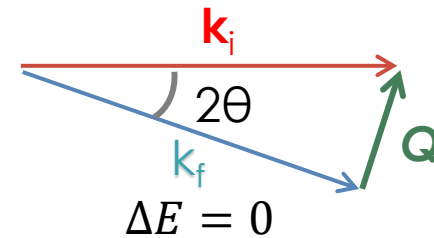
Linear polarization analysis



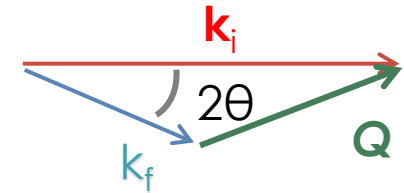
$$Q = \vec{k}_i - \vec{k}_f \text{ wavevector transfer}$$

$$\Delta E = E_i - E_f = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (k_i^2 - k_f^2) \text{ energy transfer}$$

Elastic scattering
 ($|k_i| = |k_f| = 2\pi/\lambda$).



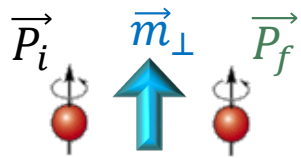
Inelastic scattering
 ($|k_i| \neq |k_f|$)



□ For single detector there is a well-defined Q direction

□ One can easily align $P // Q$ or $P \perp Q$ / to take advantage of $\mathbf{M}_{\perp}(\mathbf{Q}) = \hat{\mathbf{Q}} \times \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{Q}) \times \hat{\mathbf{Q}}$

Non Spin Flip (NSF)

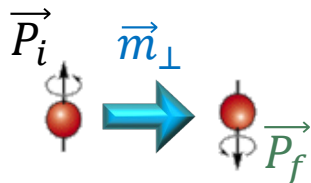


$P \parallel Q$

NSF: $I_{xx} = N^*N + \frac{1}{3} I_{SI}$

SF: $I_{\bar{x}x} = M_{\perp} M_{\perp}^* \pm i P (\vec{M}_{\perp} \times \vec{M}_{\perp}^*) + \frac{2}{3} I_{SI}$

Spin Flip (SF)



$P \perp Q$

NSF: $I_{zz} = N^*N + M_{\perp z} M_{\perp z}^* \pm P (N M_{\perp z}^* + N^* M_{\perp z}) + \frac{1}{3} I_{SI}$

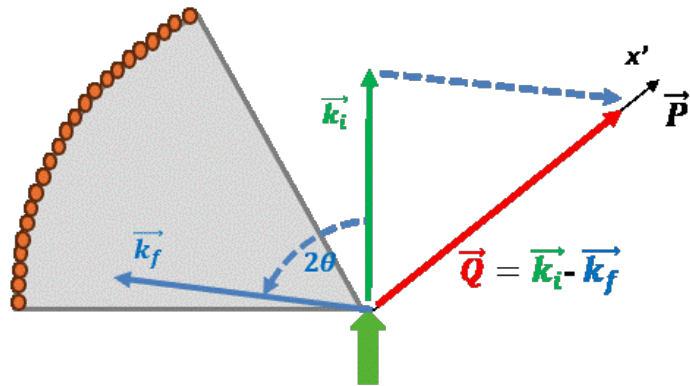
SF: $I_{\bar{z}z} = M_{\perp y} M_{\perp y}^* + \frac{2}{3} I_{SI}$



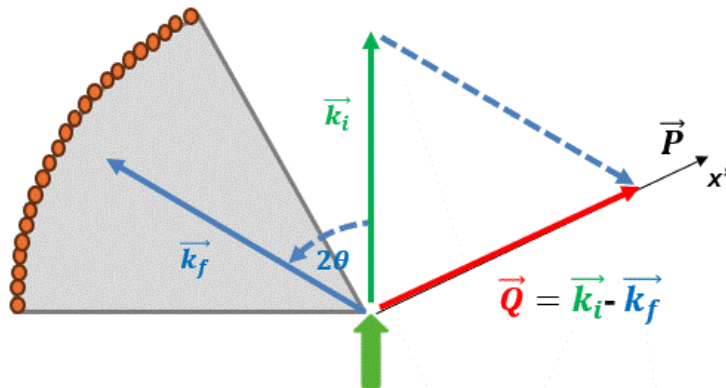
Linear polarization analysis in wide-angle detectors

- direction of \mathbf{Q} with respect to \mathbf{P} varies significantly as a function of the detector position and energy transfer

the same energy but different detector positions:



the same detector but different energies:

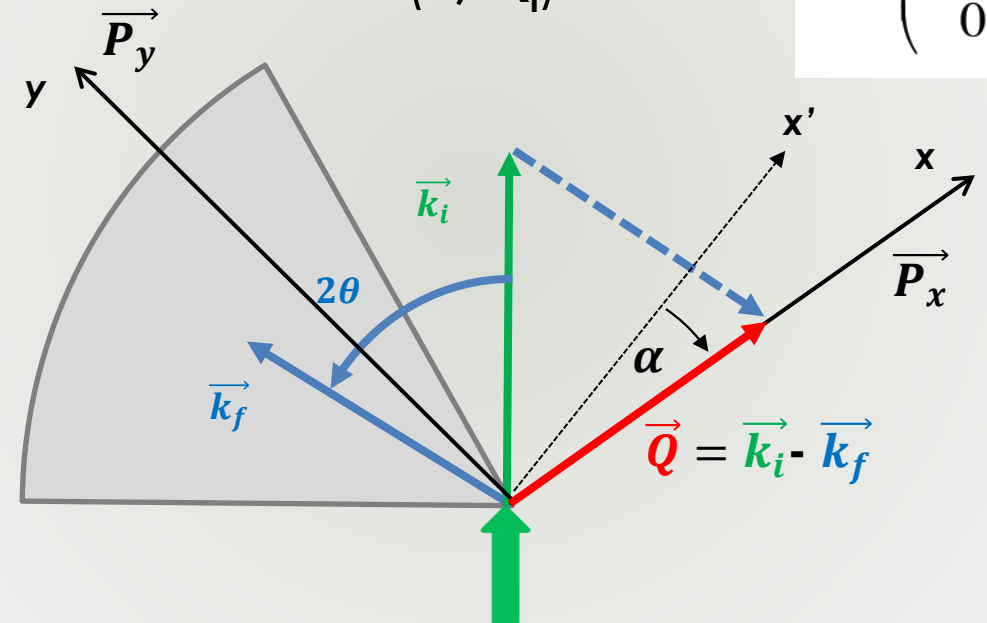


$\mathbf{P} \parallel \mathbf{Q}$, $\mathbf{P} \perp \mathbf{Q}$ for what detector and what energy transfer?

--> set XYZ coordinate system defined by a fixed polarization direction.

$$\hat{\mathbf{Q}} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha \\ \sin \alpha \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha = \angle (\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}_i)$$



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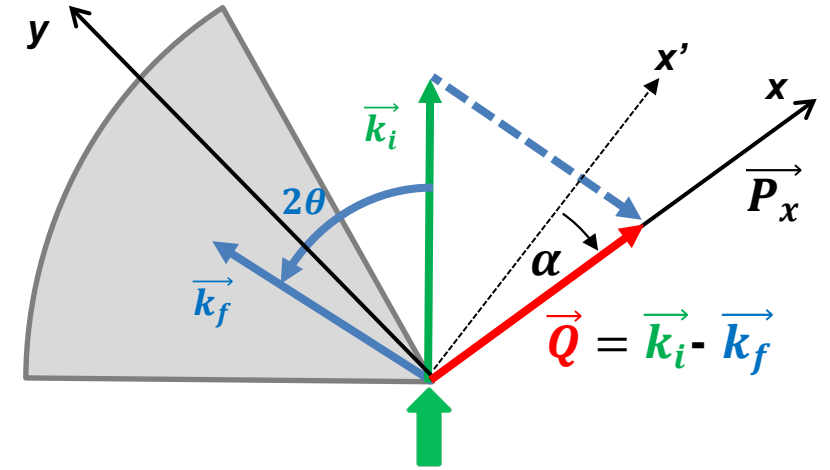
Schärpf and Capellmann, *Phys. Stat. Sol.* 135 (1993)

The XYZ-Difference Method with Polarized Neutrons and the Separation of Coherent, Spin Incoherent, and Magnetic Scattering Cross Sections in a Multidetector

“6-pt method” (3 orthogonal fields XYZ- SF/NSF)

$$\begin{array}{l}
 X \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_X^{NSF} = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \alpha \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{mag} + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{SI} + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{nuc+II} \\
 \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_X^{SF} = \frac{1}{2} (\cos^2 \alpha + 1) \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{mag} + \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{SI}
 \end{array} \right. \\
 Y \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_Y^{NSF} = \frac{1}{2} \cos^2 \alpha \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{mag} + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{SI} + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{nuc+II} \\
 \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_Y^{SF} = \frac{1}{2} (\sin^2 \alpha + 1) \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{mag} + \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{SI}
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 Z \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_Z^{NSF} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{mag} + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{SI} + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{nuc+II} \\
 \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_Z^{SF} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{mag} + \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{SI}
 \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$

$$\hat{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha \\ \sin \alpha \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



! Only applicable to Isotropic magnetic scattering (diffuse / powder scattering)

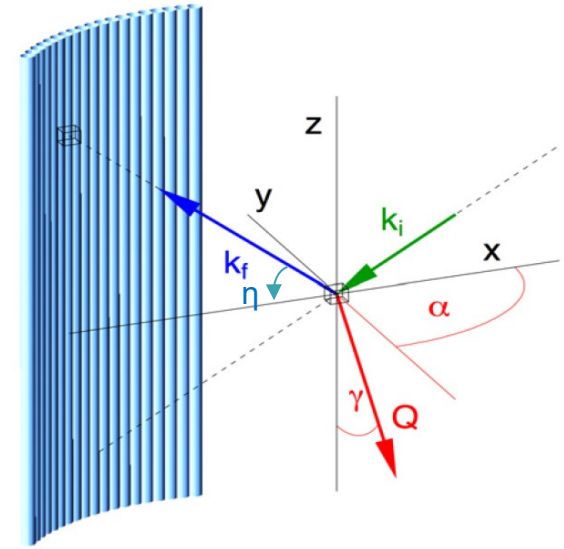
$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{mag} &= 2 \left[\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{SF}^X + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{SF}^Y - 2 \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{SF}^Z \right] \\
 \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{nuc+II} &= \frac{1}{6} \left[2 \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{TNSF} - \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{TSF} \right] \\
 \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{SI} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{TSF} - \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{mag}
 \end{aligned}$$



Linear polarization analysis in wide-angle detectors

- Generalization of the classical XYZ-polarization analysis technique to out-of-plane and inelastic scattering

G. Ehlers, R. Stewart, A. R. Wildes, P. P. Deen, K. H. Andersen, *Rev. Sci. Instr.* 84, 093901 (2013)



$$\tilde{Q} = [\cos \alpha \sin \gamma, \sin \alpha \sin \gamma, \cos \gamma].$$

Isotropic magnetic scattering:

$$\frac{M}{2} \cdot (1 - 3 \cos^2 \gamma) = \frac{\partial \sigma^{(x)}}{\partial \Omega_{\downarrow}} + \frac{\partial \sigma^{(y)}}{\partial \Omega_{\downarrow}} - 2 \cdot \frac{\partial \sigma^{(z)}}{\partial \Omega_{\downarrow}}$$

$$6 \cdot N = 2 \cdot \left(\frac{\partial \sigma^{(x)}}{\partial \Omega_{\uparrow}} + \frac{\partial \sigma^{(y)}}{\partial \Omega_{\uparrow}} + \frac{\partial \sigma^{(z)}}{\partial \Omega_{\uparrow}} \right) - \left(\frac{\partial \sigma^{(x)}}{\partial \Omega_{\downarrow}} + \frac{\partial \sigma^{(y)}}{\partial \Omega_{\downarrow}} + \frac{\partial \sigma^{(z)}}{\partial \Omega_{\downarrow}} \right)$$

$$N + I + M = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial \sigma^{(x)}}{\partial \Omega_{\downarrow}} + \frac{\partial \sigma^{(x)}}{\partial \Omega_{\uparrow}} + \frac{\partial \sigma^{(y)}}{\partial \Omega_{\downarrow}} + \frac{\partial \sigma^{(y)}}{\partial \Omega_{\uparrow}} + \frac{\partial \sigma^{(z)}}{\partial \Omega_{\downarrow}} + \frac{\partial \sigma^{(z)}}{\partial \Omega_{\uparrow}} \right)$$

The mixture of M and I (Nuclear Spin Incoh.) depends on γ angle

$$\frac{\partial \sigma^{(x)}}{\partial \Omega_{\downarrow}} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot I + \frac{1}{2} \cdot M \cdot (1 + \sin^2 \gamma \cdot \cos^2 \alpha),$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma^{(x)}}{\partial \Omega_{\uparrow}} = N + \frac{1}{3} \cdot I + \frac{1}{2} \cdot M \cdot (1 - \sin^2 \gamma \cdot \cos^2 \alpha),$$

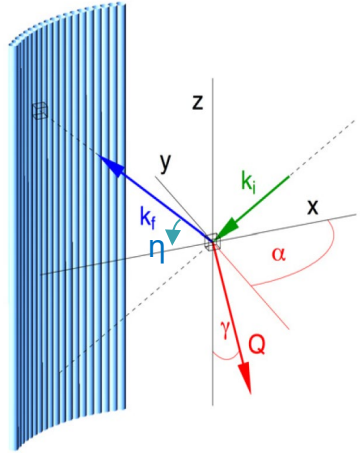
$$\frac{\partial \sigma^{(y)}}{\partial \Omega_{\downarrow}} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot I + \frac{1}{2} \cdot M \cdot (1 + \sin^2 \gamma \cdot \cos^2(\alpha - \pi/2)),$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma^{(y)}}{\partial \Omega_{\uparrow}} = N + \frac{1}{3} \cdot I + \frac{1}{2} \cdot M \cdot (1 - \sin^2 \gamma \cdot \cos^2(\alpha - \pi/2)),$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma^{(z)}}{\partial \Omega_{\downarrow}} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot I + \frac{1}{2} \cdot M \cdot (1 + \cos^2 \gamma),$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma^{(z)}}{\partial \Omega_{\uparrow}} = N + \frac{1}{3} \cdot I + \frac{1}{2} \cdot M \cdot (1 - \cos^2 \gamma),$$

Linear polarization analysis in wide-angle detectors



- The correction for the out-of-plane γ angle requires additional measurements with \mathbf{P} parallel to the $x + y$ and $x - y$ directions

Ehlers et al. Rev. Sci. Instr. 84, 093901 (2013)

“10-pt method”



$$\frac{\partial \sigma^{(x+y)}}{\partial \Omega_{\downarrow}} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot I + \frac{1}{2} \cdot M \cdot (1 + \sin^2 \gamma \cdot \cos^2(\alpha - \pi/4)),$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma^{(x+y)}}{\partial \Omega_{\uparrow}} = N + \frac{1}{3} \cdot I + \frac{1}{2} \cdot M \cdot (1 - \sin^2 \gamma \cdot \cos^2(\alpha - \pi/4)),$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma^{(x-y)}}{\partial \Omega_{\downarrow}} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot I + \frac{1}{2} \cdot M \cdot (1 + \sin^2 \gamma \cdot \cos^2(\alpha + \pi/4)),$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma^{(x-y)}}{\partial \Omega_{\uparrow}} = N + \frac{1}{3} \cdot I + \frac{1}{2} \cdot M \cdot (1 - \sin^2 \gamma \cdot \cos^2(\alpha + \pi/4)),$$

Isotropic magnetic scattering:

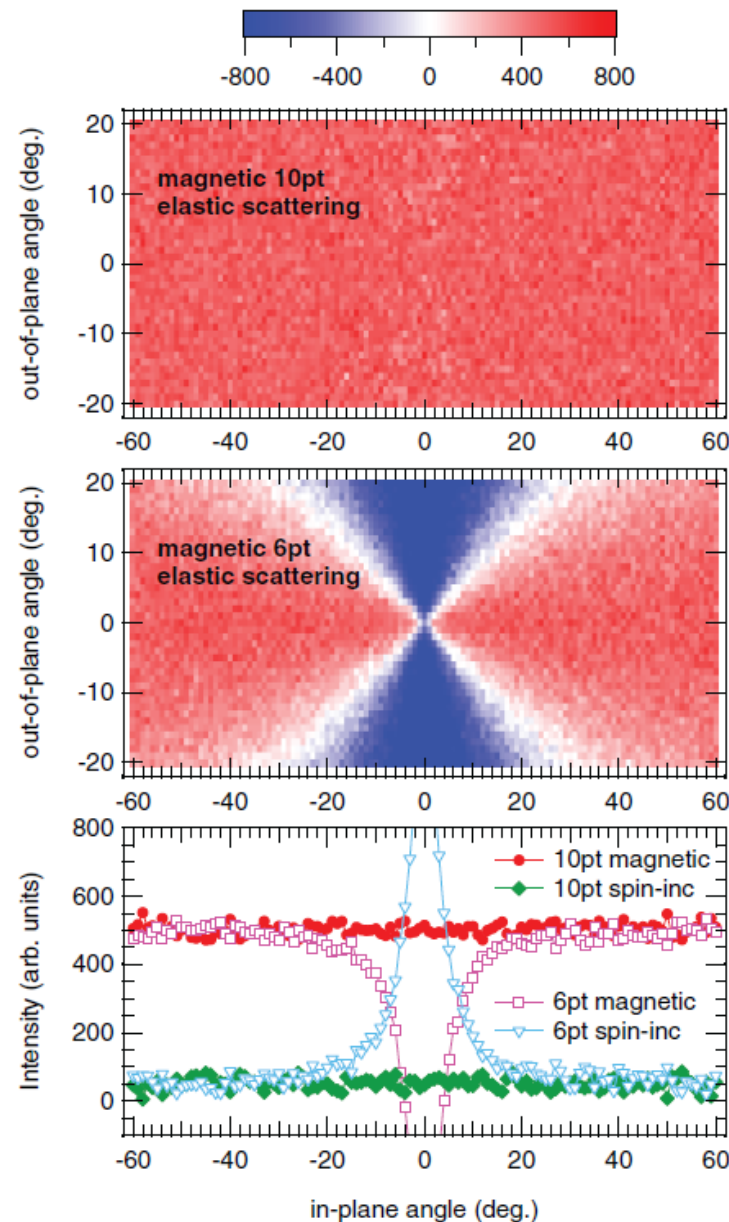
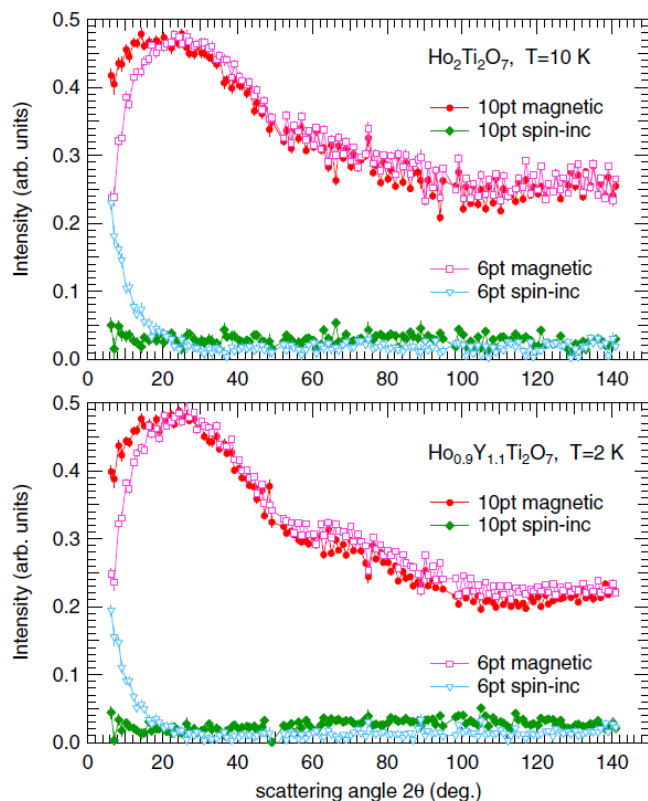
$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot M \cdot \sin^2 \gamma = \pm \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial \sigma^{(x)}}{\partial \Omega_{\downarrow}} - \frac{\partial \sigma^{(y)}}{\partial \Omega_{\downarrow}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \sigma^{(x+y)}}{\partial \Omega_{\downarrow}} - \frac{\partial \sigma^{(x-y)}}{\partial \Omega_{\downarrow}} \right)^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{M}{2} \cdot (1 - 3 \cos^2 \gamma) = \frac{\partial \sigma^{(x)}}{\partial \Omega_{\downarrow}} + \frac{\partial \sigma^{(y)}}{\partial \Omega_{\downarrow}} - 2 \cdot \frac{\partial \sigma^{(z)}}{\partial \Omega_{\downarrow}}$$

Linear polarization analysis in wide-angle detectors

Ehlers et al. *Rev. Sci. Instr.* 84, 093901 (2013)

Separating diffuse magnetic scattering from the nuclear spin incoherent scattering for $\text{He}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ powder, D7 (ILL) data, $\gamma \pm 5$ deg



Simulation for:
 $M(Q) = \text{const.}$
 $I(Q) = \text{const.}$
 $M : I = 10 : 1$

More general equation for single crystals anisotropic scattering

W. Schweika, J. Physics: Conf. Series 211, 012026 (2010) "6-pt method" : $v = x, y, z$

NSF

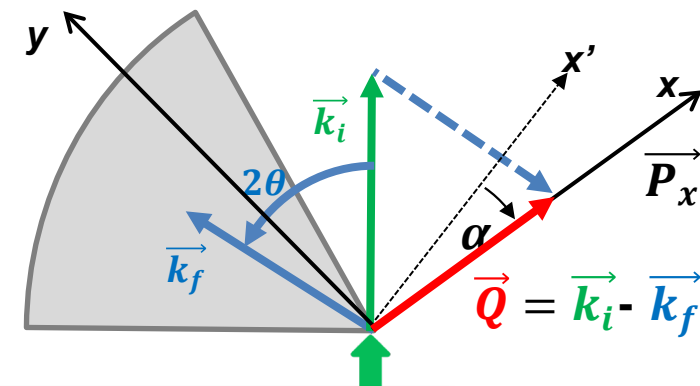
$m_{\perp} \parallel P$

$$I_{\nu\nu} = N^*N + M_{\perp\nu}M_{\perp\nu}^* + \vec{P}(NM_{\perp\nu}^* + N^*M_{\perp\nu}) + 1/3 I_{SI}$$

SF

$m_{\perp} \perp P$

$$I_{\bar{\nu}\bar{\nu}} = \vec{M}_{\perp}\vec{M}_{\perp}^* - M_{\perp\nu}M_{\perp\nu}^* - \vec{P}(\vec{M}_{\perp} \times \vec{M}_{\perp}^*) + 2/3 I_{SI}$$



$$\Sigma_{\nu}^{nsf} = \frac{1}{2}(I_{\nu\nu} + I_{\bar{\nu}\bar{\nu}}) = N^{\dagger}N + M_{\perp\nu}^{\dagger}M_{\perp\nu} + \frac{1}{3}I_{si}$$

$$\Sigma_{\nu}^{sf} = \frac{1}{2}(I_{\nu\bar{\nu}} + I_{\bar{\nu}\nu}) = \mathbf{M}_{\perp}^{\dagger}\mathbf{M}_{\perp} - M_{\perp\nu}^{\dagger}M_{\perp\nu} + \frac{2}{3}I_{si}$$

$$\Delta_{\nu}^{nsf} = \frac{1}{2}(I_{\nu\nu} - I_{\bar{\nu}\bar{\nu}}) = NM_{\perp\nu}^{\dagger} + N^{\dagger}M_{\perp\nu} = 2\Re(NM_{\perp\nu}^{\dagger})$$

$$\Delta_{\nu}^{sf} = \frac{1}{2}(I_{\nu\bar{\nu}} - I_{\bar{\nu}\nu}) = 2i(\mathbf{M}_{\perp}^{\dagger} \times \mathbf{M}_{\perp})_{\nu}$$

$$N^{\dagger}N = \frac{1}{2}(\Sigma_x^{nsf} + \Sigma_y^{nsf} - \Sigma_z^{sf}) = \frac{1}{2}(\Sigma_{x'}^{nsf} + \Sigma_{y'}^{nsf} - \Sigma_z^{sf})$$

$$I_{si} = \frac{3}{2}(\Sigma_x^{nsf} - \Sigma_y^{nsf} + \Sigma_z^{sf}) = \frac{3}{2} \frac{\Sigma_{x'}^{nsf} - \Sigma_{y'}^{nsf}}{\cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha} + \frac{3}{2}\Sigma_z^{sf}$$

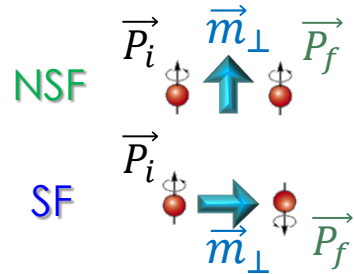
$$M_{\perp y}^{\dagger}M_{\perp y} = \Sigma_z^{sf} - \frac{2}{3}I_{si}$$

$$M_{\perp z}^{\dagger}M_{\perp z} = \Sigma_z^{nsf} - \frac{1}{3}I_{si} - N^{\dagger}N$$

➤ Note the singularity at $\alpha = \pi/4$; The polarization orientation must be chosen to avoid it.

Linear polarization analysis in wide-angle detectors

“6-pt method” : $v = x, y, z$

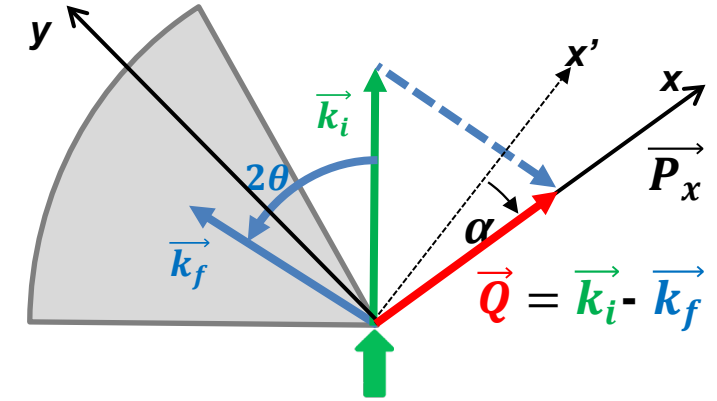


$m_{\perp} \parallel P$

$$I_{vv} = N^*N + M_{\perp v}M_{\perp v}^* + \vec{P}(NM_{\perp v}^* + N^*M_{\perp v}) + 1/3 I_{SI}$$

$m_{\perp} \perp P$

$$I_{\bar{v}v} = \vec{M}_{\perp}\vec{M}_{\perp}^* - M_{\perp v}M_{\perp v}^* - \vec{P}(\vec{M}_{\perp} \times \vec{M}_{\perp}^*) + 2/3 I_{SI}$$



No flipping of the scattered neutrons (no wide-angle flipper) → only I_{vv} and $I_{\bar{v}v}$ can be obtained

Half - Polarized Neutron Scattering

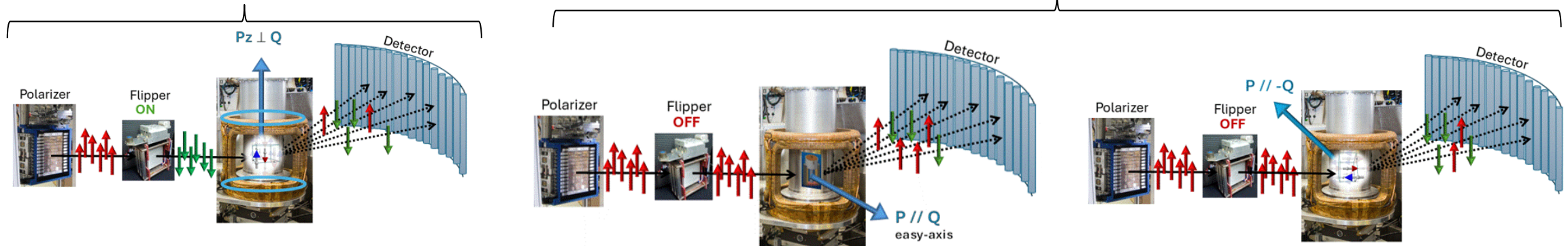
$$\begin{cases} I_{v0} = I_{vv} + I_{v\bar{v}} \\ I_{\bar{v}0} = I_{\bar{v}v} + I_{\bar{v}\bar{v}} \end{cases}$$

$\vec{P} \parallel z, y \perp Q$

$$I_{z0} - I_{\bar{z}0} = 2P(NM_{\perp z}^* + N^*M_{\perp z})$$

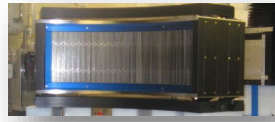
$\vec{P} \parallel x \parallel Q$

$$I_{x0} - I_{\bar{x}0} = M_{\perp z}M_{\perp y}^* - M_{\perp y}M_{\perp z}^*$$



Multi-detector instruments with polarization analysis capability

XYZ Polarization analysis



- **D7 (ILL)** – diffuse scattering
 - Cold neutrons, supermirror benders (145°)
 - t-o-f with $\sim 4\%$ $\Delta E/E_i$ resolution
- **DNS (FRM-2)** – diffuse scattering
- **HYSPEC (SNS)** – hybrid t-o-f
 - Cold neutrons, Heusler polarizer and 60° supermirror bender ($E_f < 30\text{meV}$)
 - Hybrid t-o-f with energy resolution 3-5% E_i
- **POLANO (J-PARC)** - t-o-f
 - SEOP ^3He gas spin filter and 40° bending mirror analyzer, ($E_f < 40\text{meV}$)

Z - only Polarization analysis



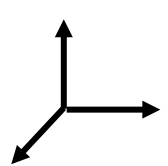
- **MACS (NIST)** – multiplex TAS
 - Cold neutrons, compact ^3He polarizer and wide-angle analyzer cell
 - Large energy resolution range
- **LET (ISIS)** – t-o-f
 - Cold neutrons,
 - V-cavity and wide-angle ^3He ,
 - Large energy resolution range and choice
- **PELICAN (ANSTO)** – t-o-f
 - supermirror polarizer and ^3He filter analyzer
 - energy resolution $\sim 2.5\%$ of E_i
- **CNCS (SNS)** – t-o-f (^3He polarizer and analyzer)



supermirror analyzer:

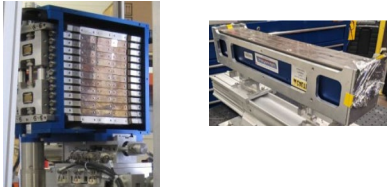
- 👍 Stable configuration
- 👍 Low-maintenance
- 👍 Easy to implement XYZ analysis
- 👎 Expensive

Multi-detector instruments with polarization analysis capability

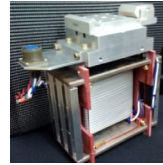


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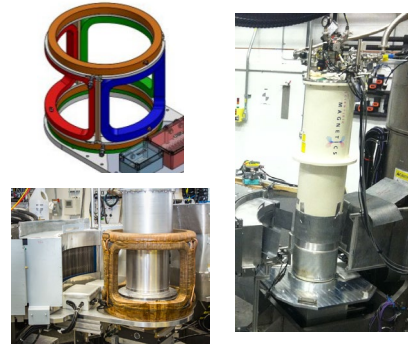
Polarizers



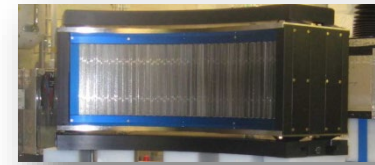
Flipper



Guide fields

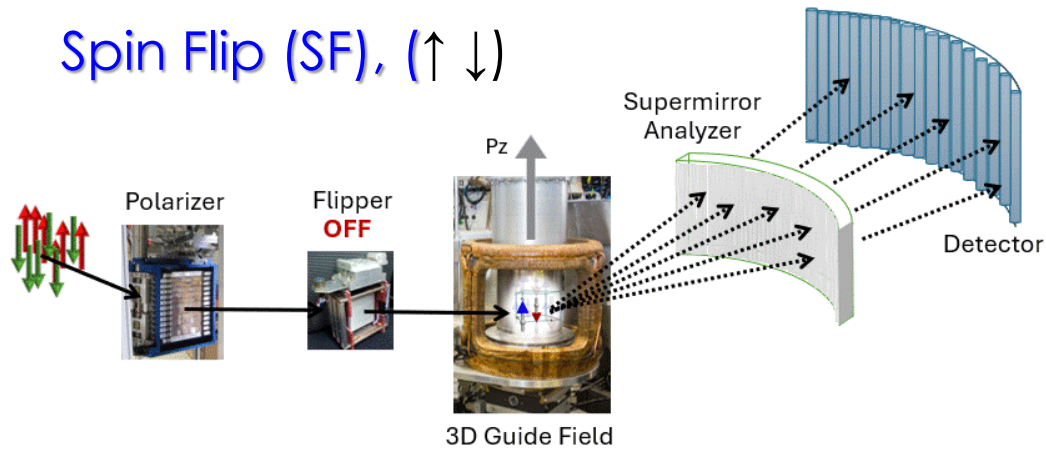


Analyzer filter

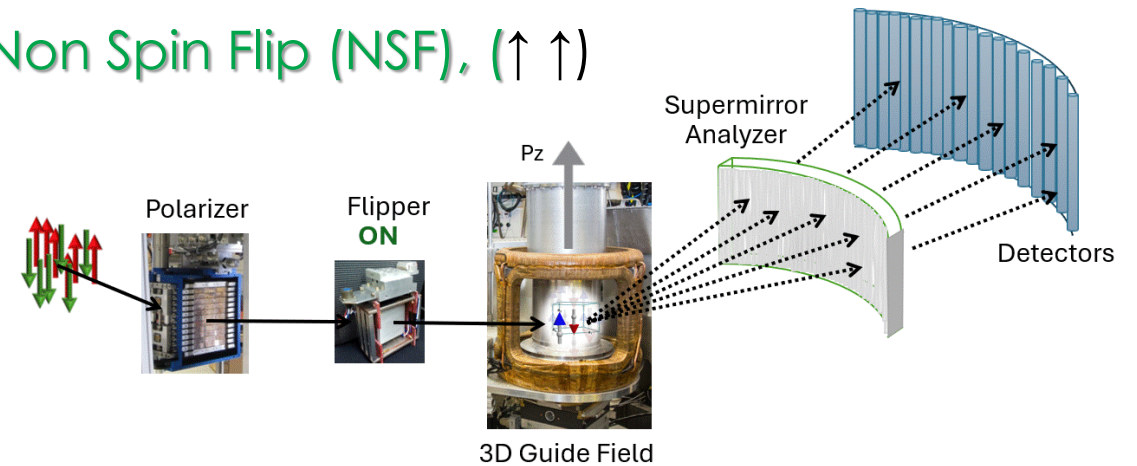


“6-pt method” (P_x, P_y, P_z - SF/NSF)

Spin Flip (SF), ($\uparrow \downarrow$)



Non Spin Flip (NSF), ($\uparrow \uparrow$)

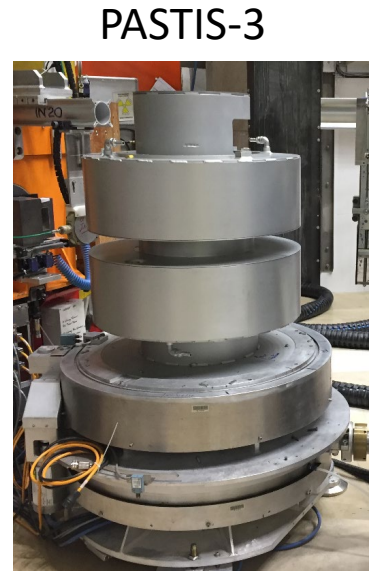
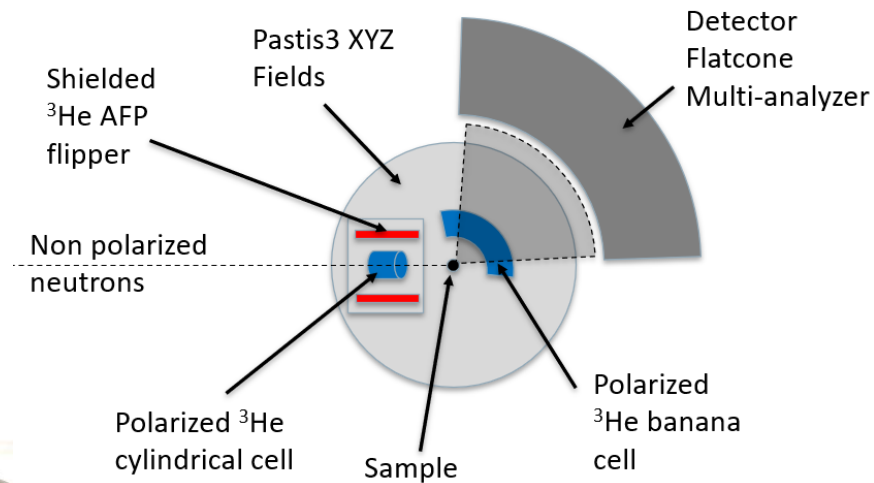


Multi-detector instruments with polarization analysis capability

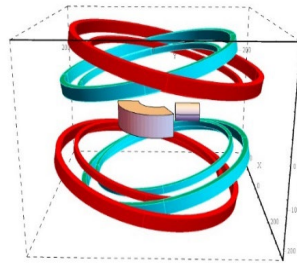
XYZ Polarization Analysis on Thermal Inelastic Spectrometers (PASTIS)

❑ PASTIS-3 for IN20 thermal triple axis at the ILL

- ❖ Include ^3He polarizer, analyzer, and ^3He AFP (Adiabatic Fast Passage) Flipper
- ❖ Free access 130° in the horizontal plane, 12° in the vertical plane
- ❖ Wavelength range starting from 1 \AA
- ❖ Field homogeneity for an overall cells relaxation time $T_1 > 100\text{h}$



Banana type analyzer cells with Si-windows



2 pairs of compensated Helmholtz coils, tilted to produce guide-field in the YZ plane



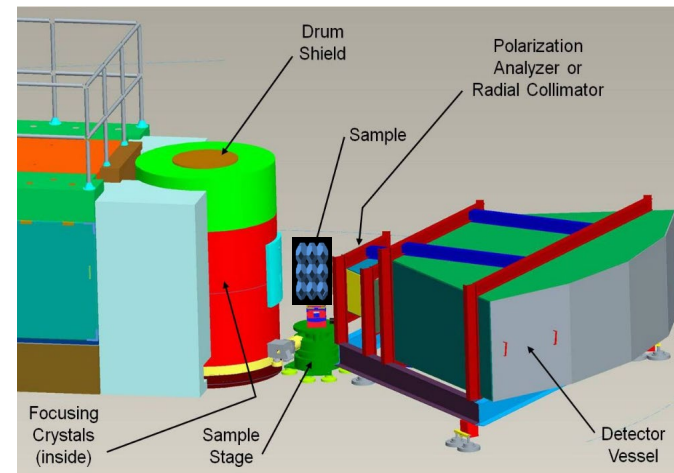
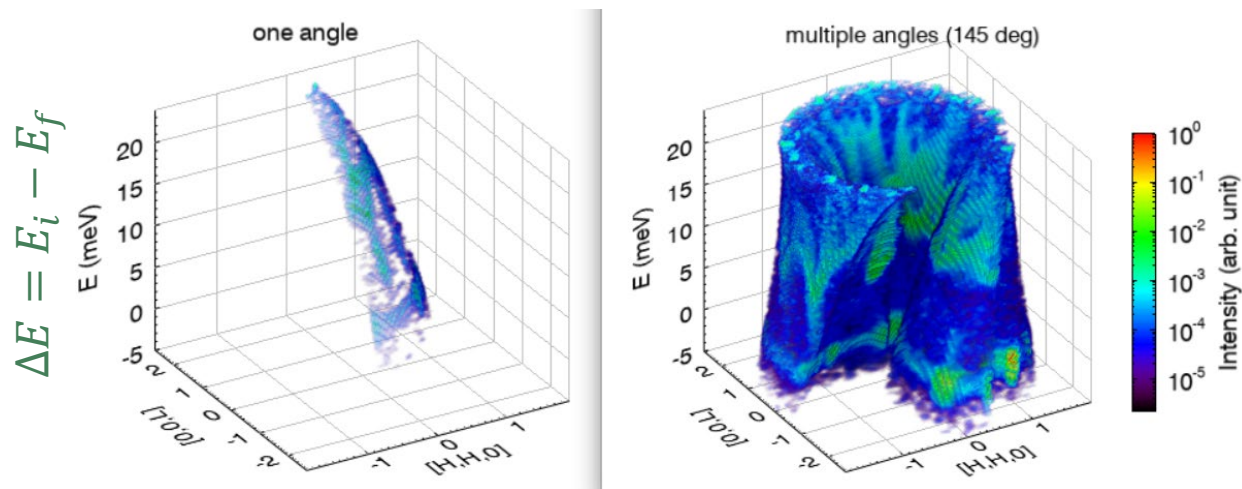
D. Jullien, A. Petoukhov, M. Enderle, N. Thiery, P. Mouveau, U.B. Hansen, P. Chevalier, & P. Courtois. *NIM A*, 1010, 165558 (2021).

❑ Prototype under development for PANTHER thermal TOF spectrometer

Typical measurements using single-crystals at HYSPEC

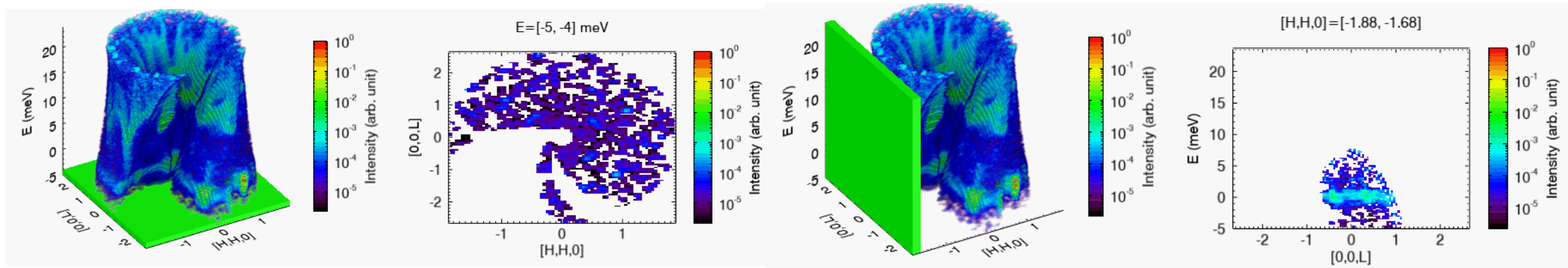
Sample pre-aligned in a specific HKL scattering plane and is rotated around vertical direction ("omega" angle)

HYSPEC detector bank :
60° (Horiz), +/- 7° (Vert)



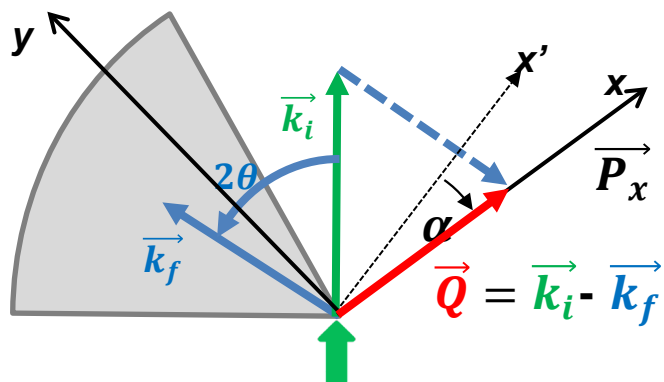
Q slices for various energy transfer $\Delta E = 1$ meV

Q-L slices for various HH positions



Linear polarization analysis using HYSPEC

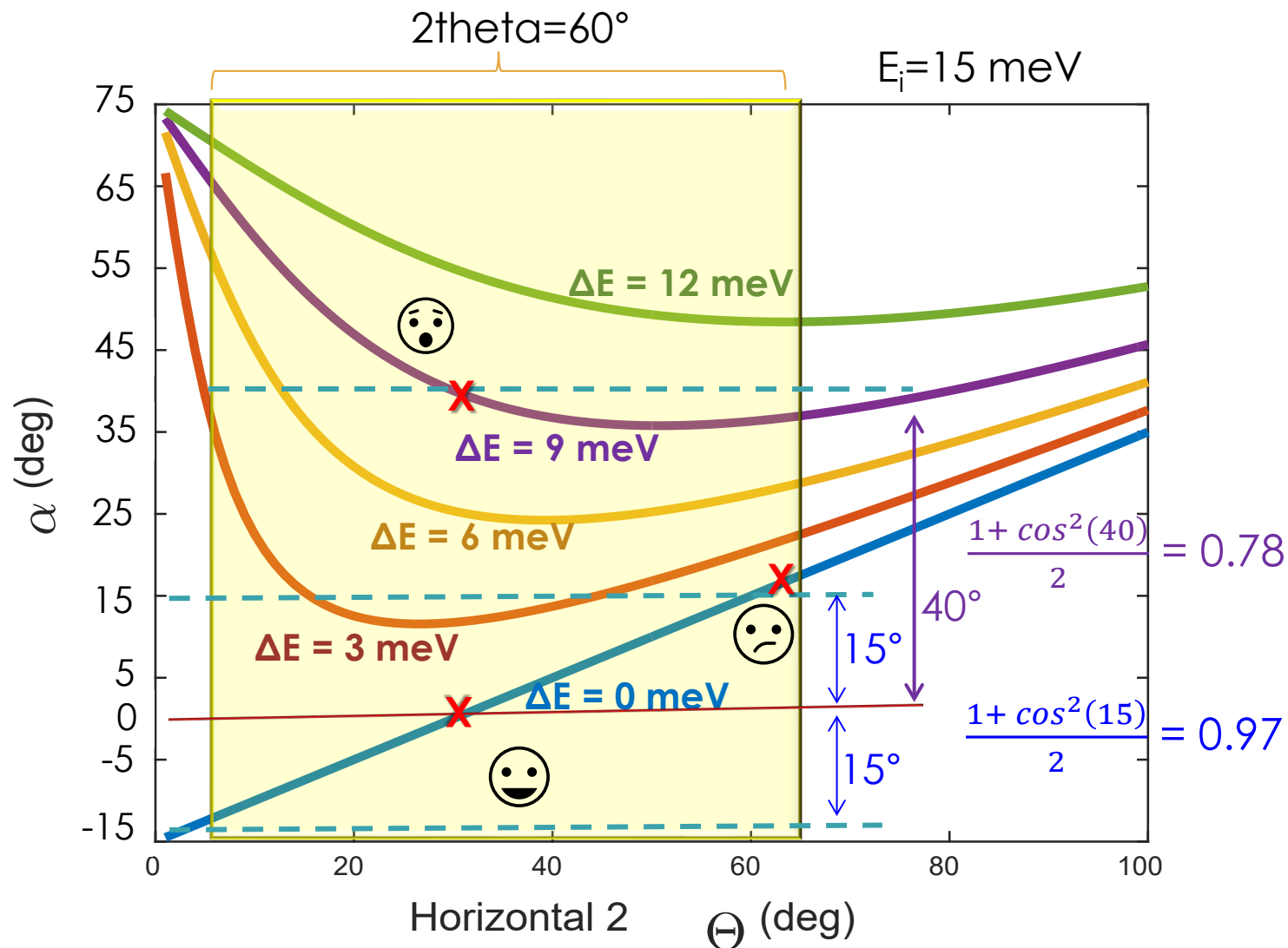
HYSPEC detector bank : 60°
(positioned to cover $2\Theta = 3^\circ - 105^\circ$)



Dependence on alpha of magnetic scattering:

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_x^{SF} = \frac{1}{2}(\cos^2 \alpha + 1) \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{mag} + \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{SI}$$

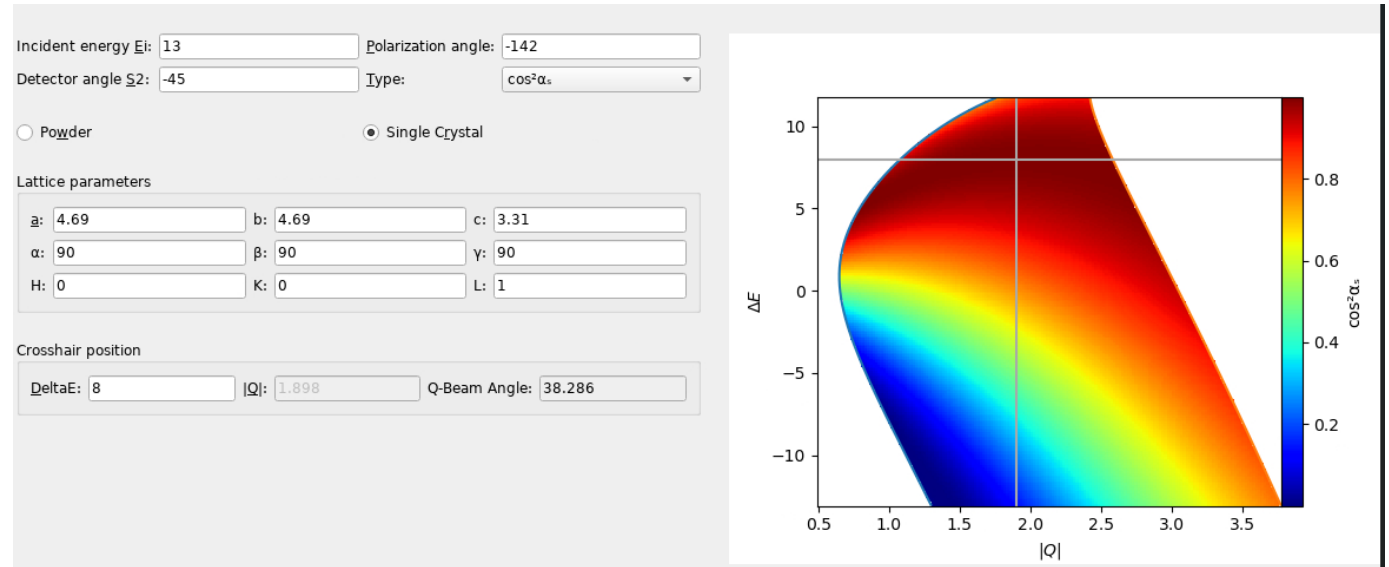
$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_y^{SF} = \frac{1}{2}(\sin^2 \alpha + 1) \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{mag} + \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{SI}$$






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Optimized $P_x // Q$: HYSPEC polarization planning tool (Andrei Savici & Kyle Ma)



Strategies at HYSPEC:

- i. measure all XYZ (typically, $P_x // Q_0$ where k_f is pointing to the middle of detector at the ΔE of interest) 
- ii. Measure only P_x (for specific Q and ΔE of interest) when the goal is simply to separate magnetic and nuclear scattering 
- iii. Measure only P_z (no “alpha” correction)
 - P_z -SF : gives only in-plane magnetic scattering 
 - P_z -NSF : out-of-plane magnetic contribution plus nuclear scattering (subtracting the high temperature data may be needed)

HYSPEC: XYZ-polarization analysis on powder

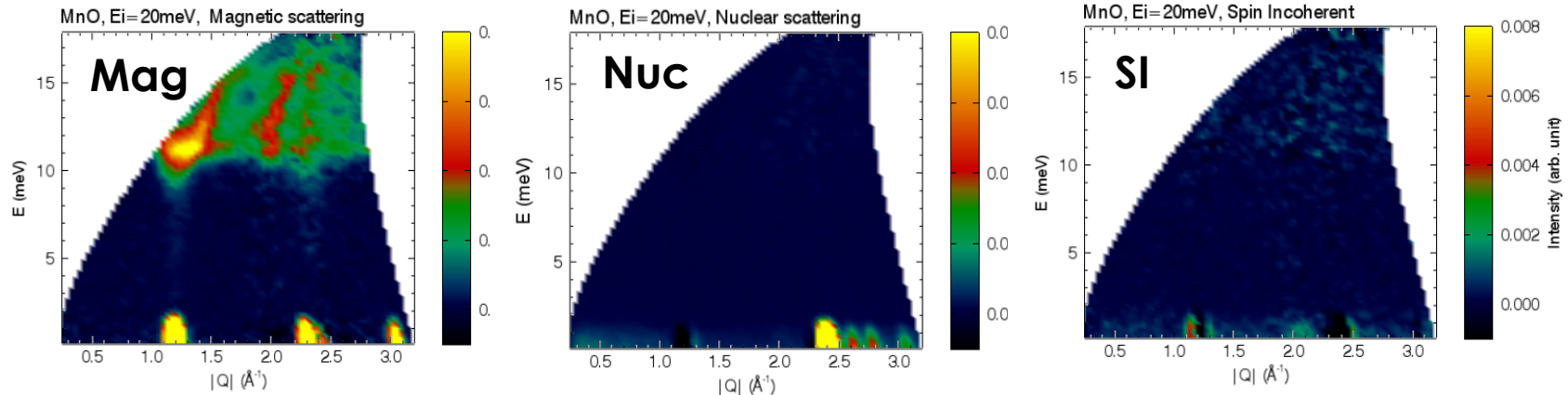
MnO powder, $T_N \sim 120\text{K}$

“6-pt method”

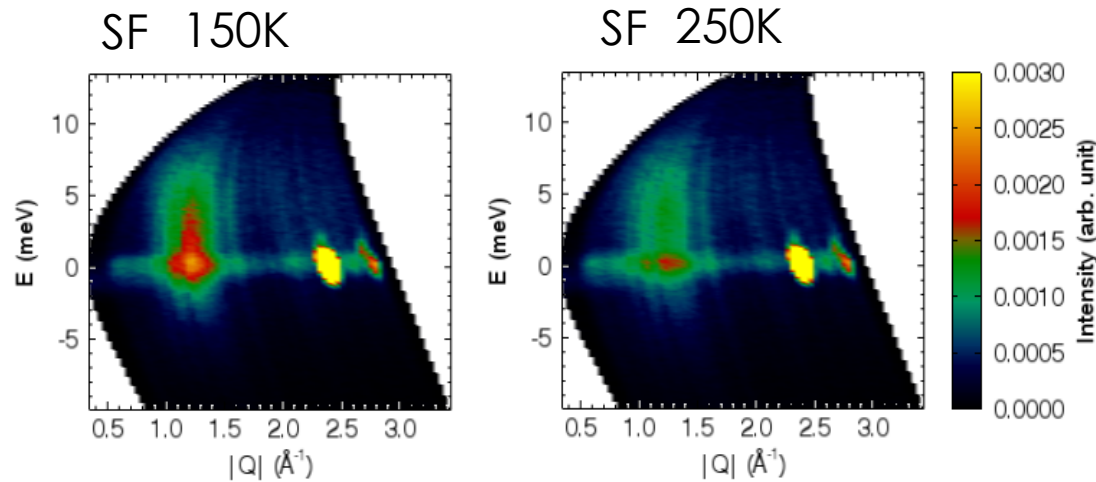
$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{mag} = 2 \left[\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{SF}^X + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{SF}^Y - 2 \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{SF}^Z \right]$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{nuc+II} = \frac{1}{6} \left[2 \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{TNSF} - \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{TSF} \right] \quad \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{SI} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{TSF} - \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{mag}$$

$T = 5\text{ K}$, XYZ \rightarrow
 $E_i = 20\text{ meV}$,



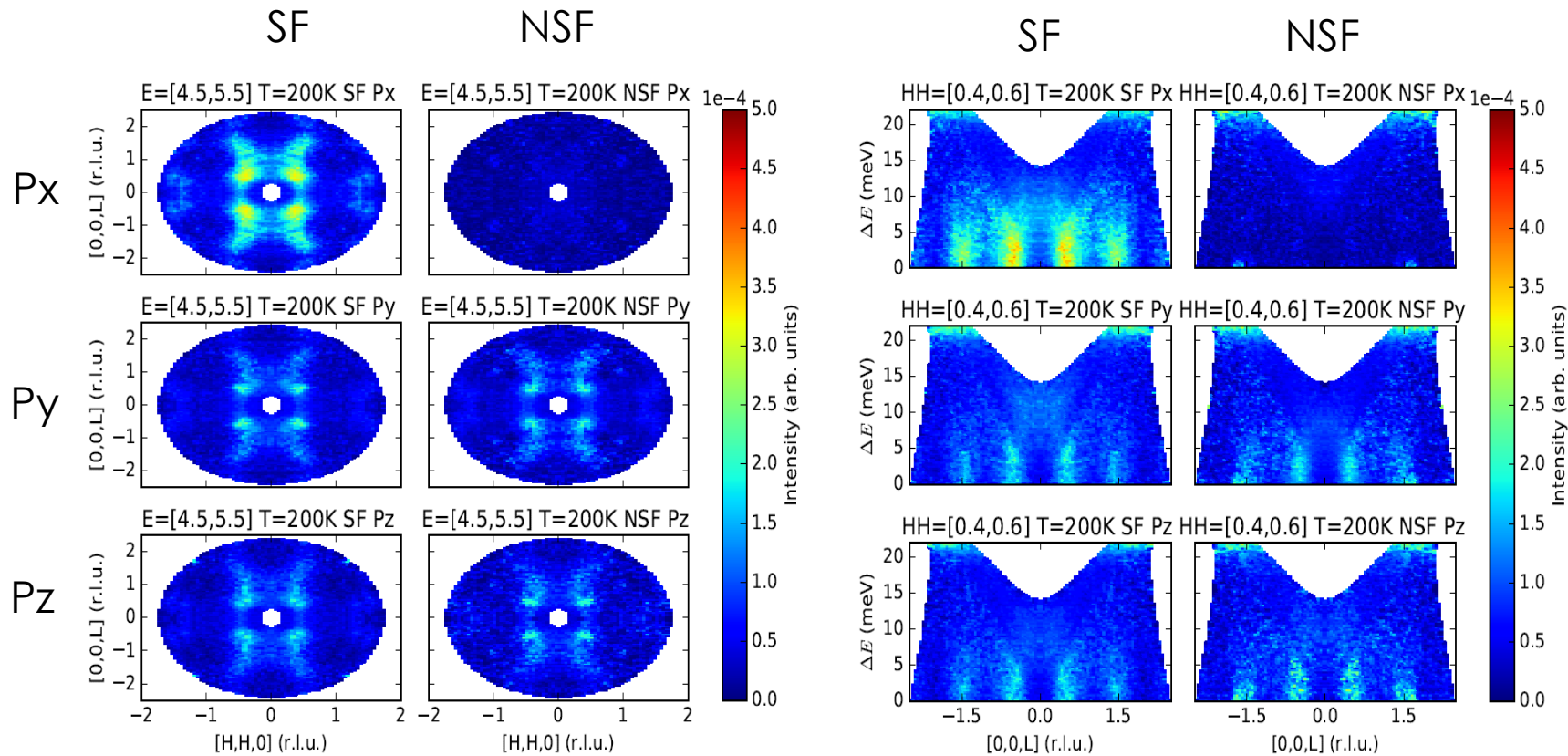
Temp depnd.
 $P_x \rightarrow$
 $E_i = 15\text{ meV}$,



HYSPEC: XYZ-polarization analysis on single-crystal

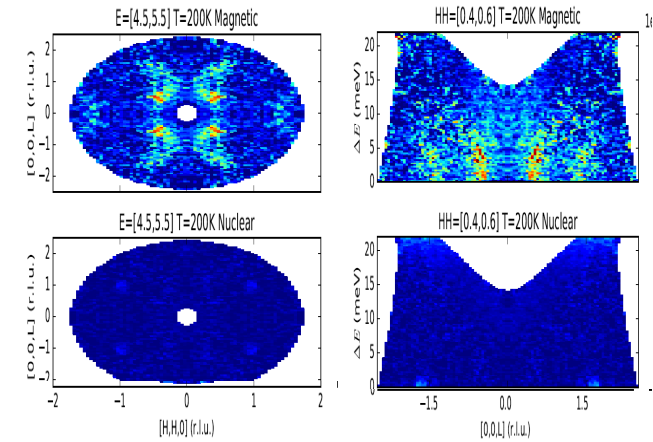
Polarized neutron scattering was used to isolate the diffuse magnetic scattering from nuclear scattering in paramagnetic state of MnO

$E_i = 25$ meV, $T = 200$ K, (HHL) plane,
XYZ measurements on a 1 cm^3 single crystal



After applying the Scharpf angle correction

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{mag} = 2 \left[\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{SF}^x + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{SF}^y - 2 \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{SF}^z \right]$$



XYZ polarization analysis

Dynamical spin correlations in $\text{Fe}_{1+y}\text{Te}_{0.55}\text{Se}_{0.45}$

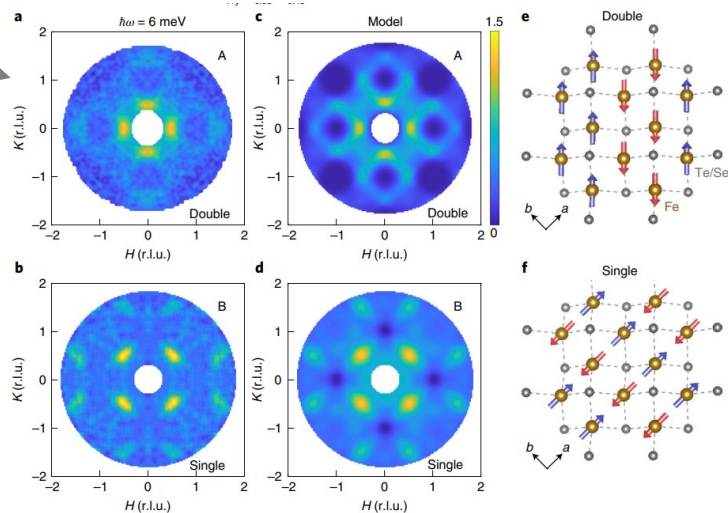
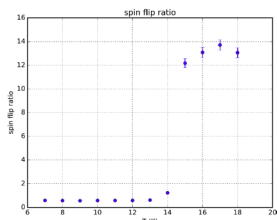
Y. Li, I. Zaliznyak et al. *Nature Materials* (2021)c

P_x (P//Q) SF/NSF polarization analysis

- two samples with different Fe content ($\Delta y \approx 0.03$): Sample A (top): NSC, and B (lower Fe content): SC below $T_c = 14.5$ K
- models associated with the double-stripe AFM order in NSC sample A and single-stripe orders in SC sample B

$5 < E < 7$ meV
($E_i = 20$ meV)

- FR : order parameter for SC transition

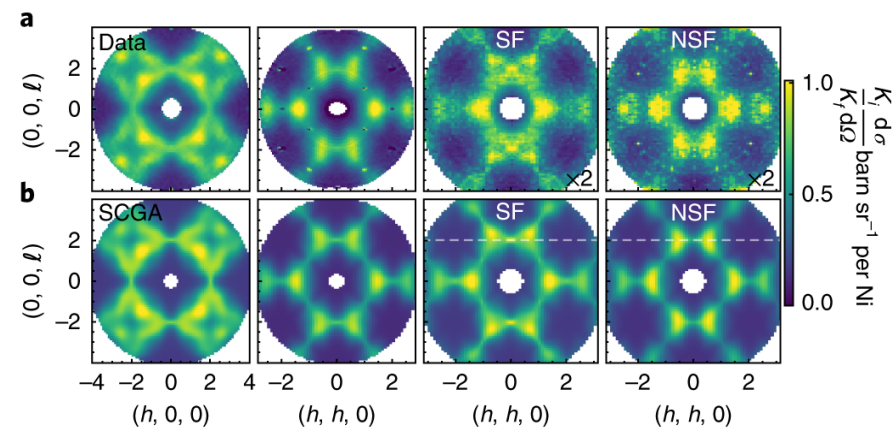
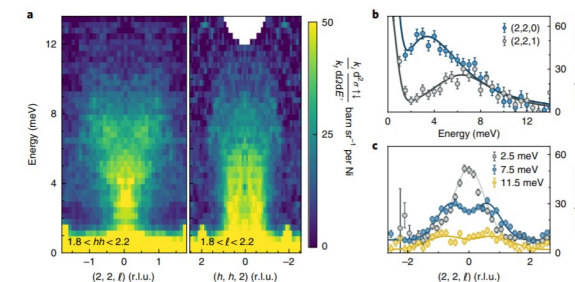


Continuum of quantum fluctuations in a 3D $S = 1$ Heisenberg magnet

K. Plumb et al. , *Nature Physics*, 15, 1, 54 (2019)

P_z SF/NSF polarization analysis

- Measured excitations in $\text{NaCaNi}_2\text{F}_7$ (pyrochlore lattice) consistent with fractionalized excitations with low-energy pinch points
- Integrated signal over $0 < E < 14$ meV ($E_i = 17$ meV)



Summary

Neutron polarization analysis implemented on modern direct geometry time-of-flight spectrometers featuring large detector arrays, provides an unprecedented range of capabilities for elastic and inelastic neutron scattering studies of novel magnetic states and excitations.

Thank you !