

Theory of absorption in the Shastry-Sutherland material $\text{SrCu}_2(\text{BO}_3)_2$

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1. Introduction
2. Frustrated magnetism $\text{SrCu}_2(\text{BO}_3)_2$
3. Dynamical magnetoelectric effects in $\text{SrCu}_2(\text{BO}_3)_2$
4. Conclusion

Magnetolectric(ME) effects

conventional materials

P can be tuned by electric field E

M can be tuned by magnetic field H

multiferroics

coexistence of multi (anti)ferroic orders

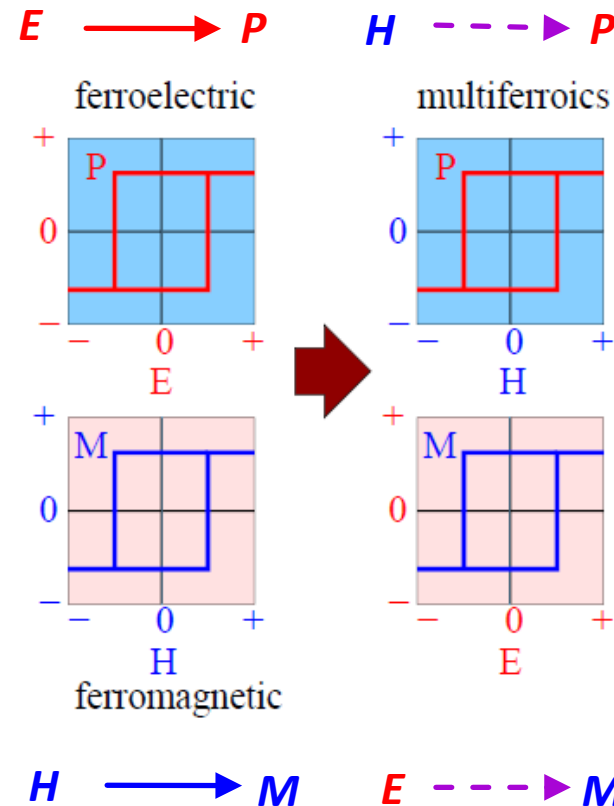
magnetolectric multiferroics

coexistence of P and M

P can be tuned by magnetic field H

M can be tuned by electric field E

ferroelectricity P , ferromagnetism M



E \rightarrow P
 H \rightarrow M
 cross correlation

coupling between P and M
 e.g. spin current mechanism

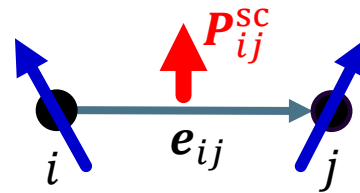
$$P_{ij}^{SC} = d e_{ij} \times (\mathbf{S}_i \times \mathbf{S}_j)$$

Electric polarization due to spin current mechanism

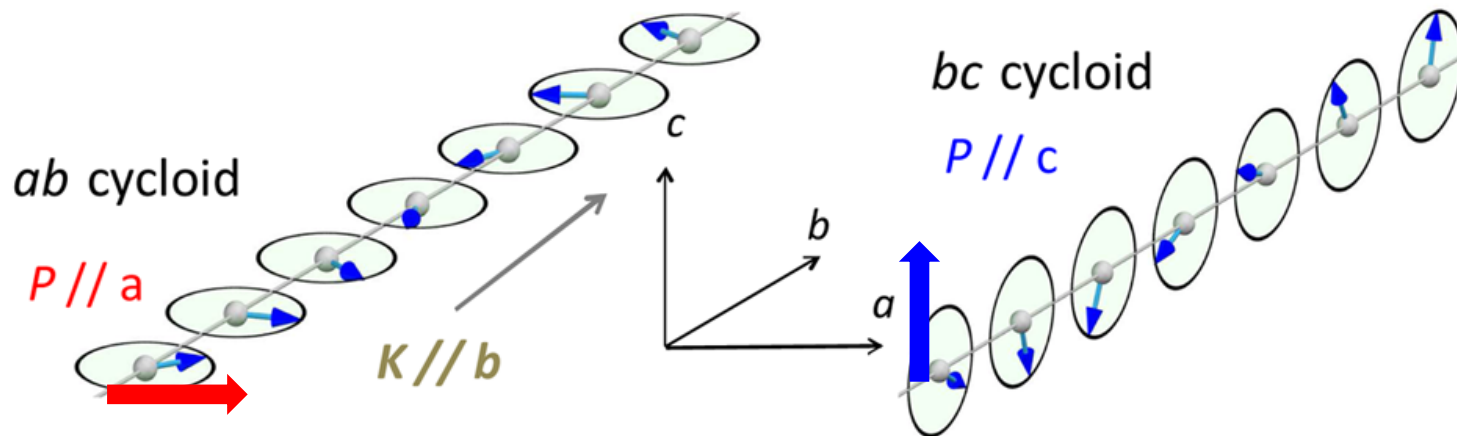
Electric polarization due to spin-current (inverse DM interaction) mechanism

$$\mathbf{P}_{ij}^{\text{SC}} = d\mathbf{e}_{ij} \times (\mathbf{S}_i \times \mathbf{S}_j)$$

coupling between \mathbf{P} and spin-pair



H. Katsura *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **95** 057205 (2005),
 M. Mostovoy, Phys. Rev. Lett. **96** 067601 (2006)
 I.A. Sergienko and E. Dagotto, Phys. Rev. Lett. **96** 067601 (2006)



cycloidal plane flops by $H // c$
 (ab -cycloid \rightarrow bc -cycloid)

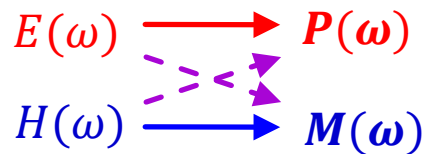


electric polarization flop
 ($P // a \rightarrow P // c$)

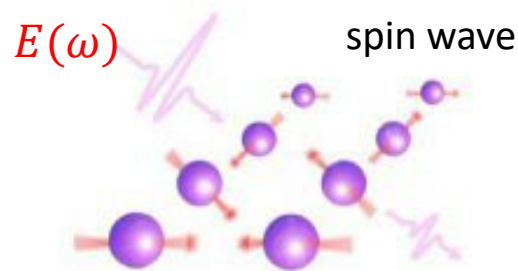
Dynamical magnetoelectric effects

dynamical ME effect:
cross correlation by time-dependent fields

$M(\omega)$ is induced by electric field $E(\omega)$
 $P(\omega)$ is induced by magnetic field $H(\omega)$



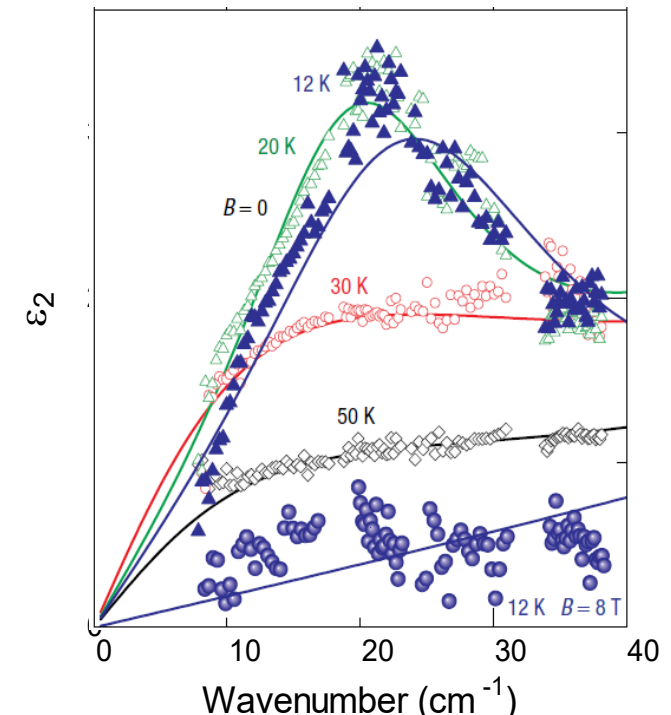
electromagnon
electro-active magnon
(mostly in GHz~THz region)



N. Kida *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B **78**, 104414 (2008)

exploring other cases of the electro-active magnetic excitation

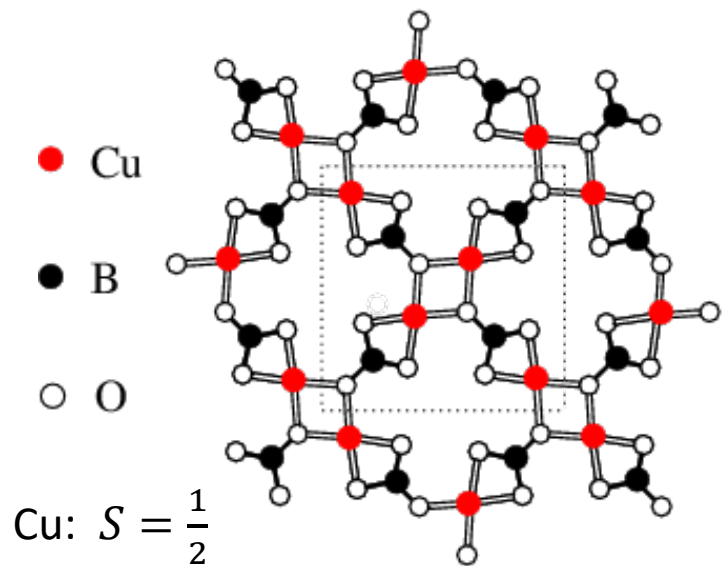
electromagnon in $RMnO_3$



A. Pimenov *et al.*, Nat. Phys. **2**, 97 (2006)

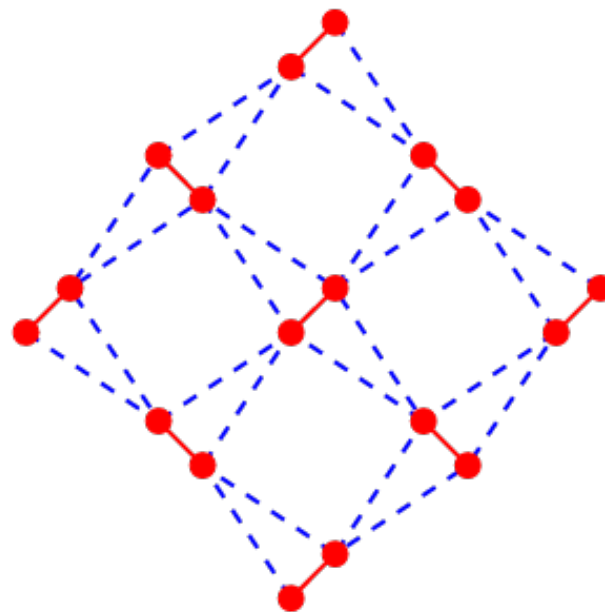
spin gap system $\text{SrCu}_2(\text{BO}_3)_2$

Two-dimensional spin gap system $\text{SrCu}_2(\text{BO}_3)_2$

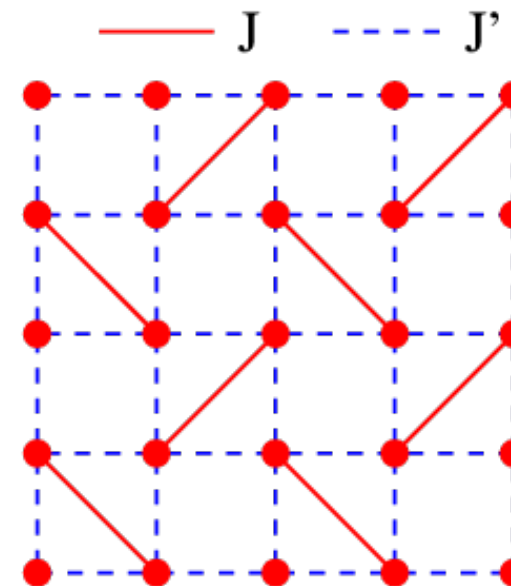


Cu(BO₃) plane

spin singlet ground state
 spin gap $\Delta \sim 35\text{K}$, 730 GHz
 magnetization plateaux



orthogonal dimer model

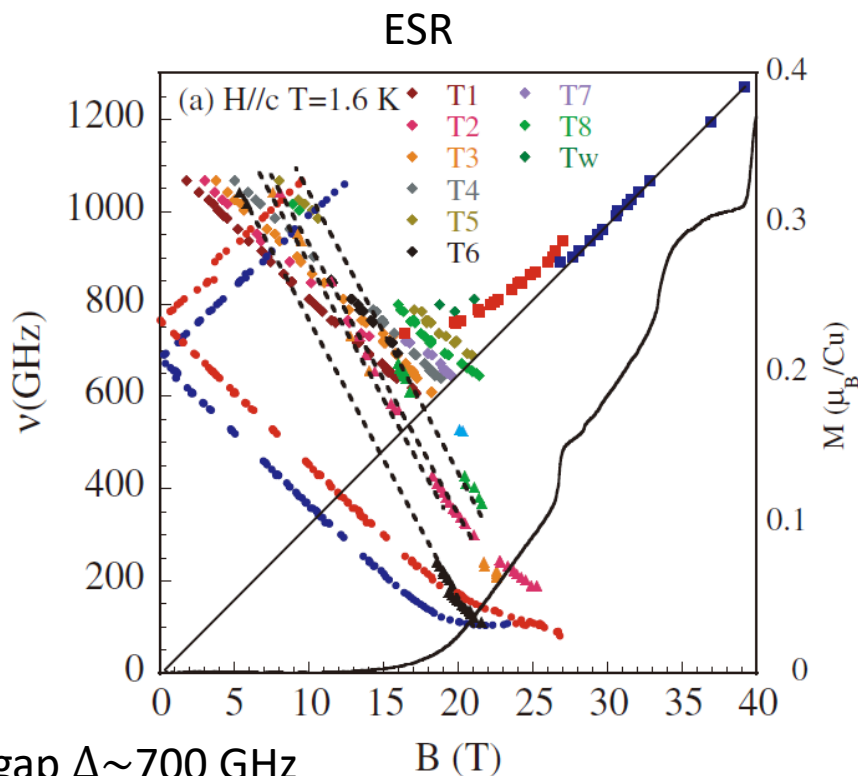


Shastry-Sutherland model

exact dimer singlet states

B.S. Shastry and B. Sutherland, *Physica B* **108** 1069 (1981)
 H. Kageyama *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **82** 3168 (1999)
 S. Miyahara and K. Ueda, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **82** 3701 (1999)

Magnetic features of $\text{SrCu}_2(\text{BO}_3)_2$



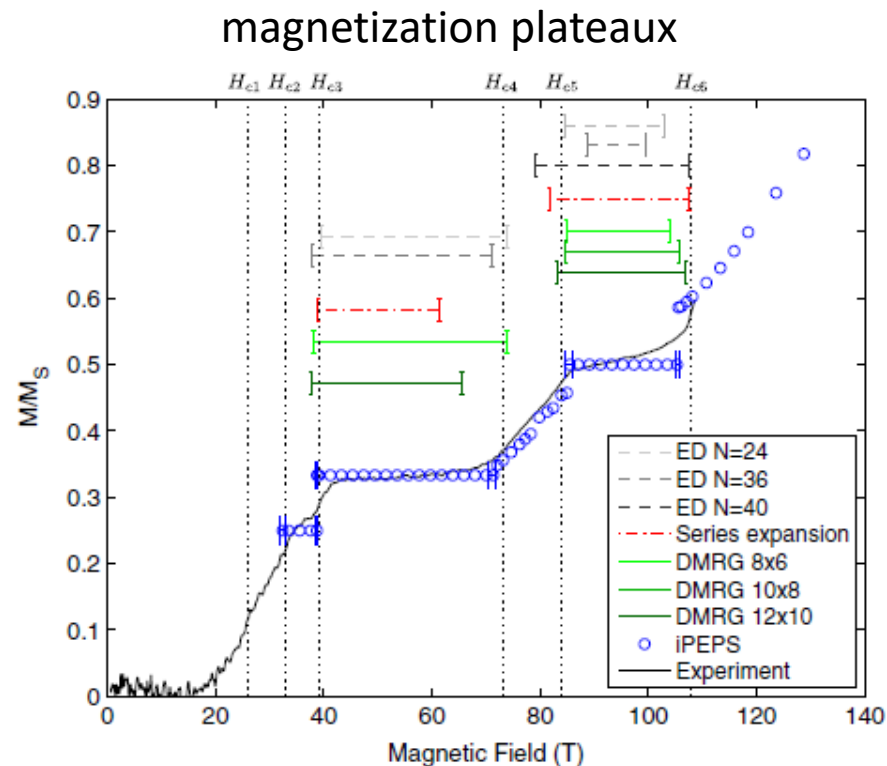
spin gap $\Delta \sim 700$ GHz

splitting of the triplet excitation due to DM interactions

H. Nojiri *et al*, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. **68** 2906 (1999), *ibid.* **72** 3243 (2003)

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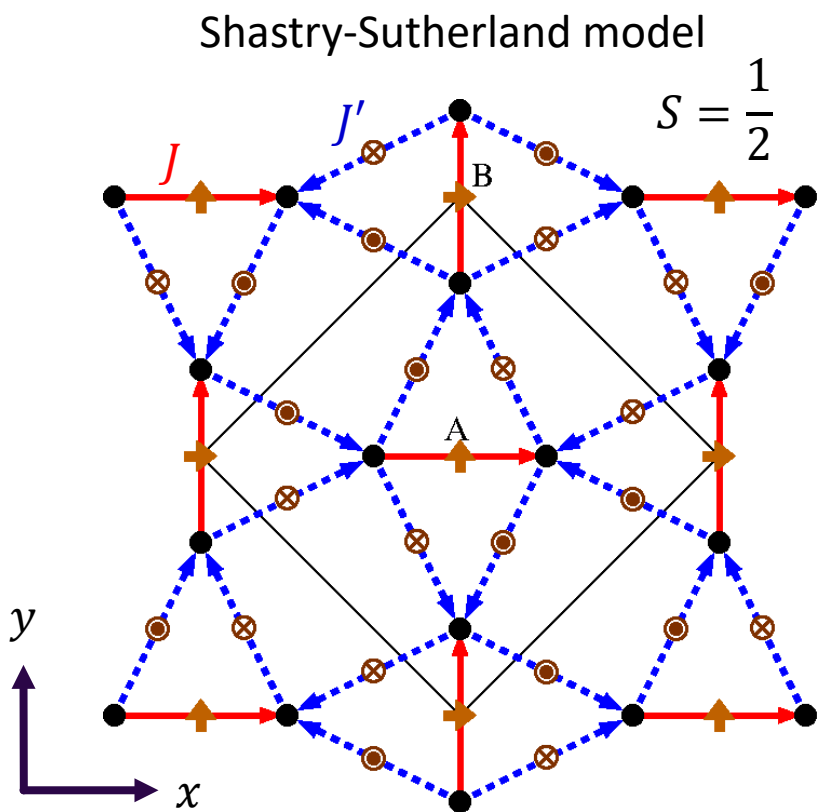
O. Cepas *et al*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **87** 167205 (2001)



magnetization plateaux at $1/4$, $1/3$, $1/2$

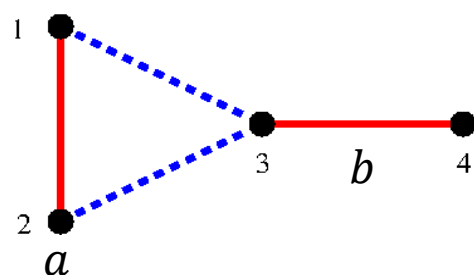
Y.H. Matsuda *et al*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **111** 137204 (2013)

Exact ground state and spin gap of the Shastry-Sutherland model



$$\hat{H} = J \sum_{\text{n.n.}} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + J' \sum_{\text{n.n.n.}} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$

ground state



$$h'_{ab} = J' \mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_3 + J' \mathbf{S}_2 \cdot \mathbf{S}_4 = J' (\mathbf{S}_1 + \mathbf{S}_2) \cdot \mathbf{S}_3$$

$$h'_{ab} |s\rangle_a |s\rangle_b = 0 \quad |s\rangle_\alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle_\alpha - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle_\alpha)$$

product of dimer singlet states

$$|\text{GS}\rangle = \prod_{\alpha} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle_{\alpha} - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle_{\alpha}) \quad \text{exact ground state when } \frac{J'}{J} < 0.675$$

B.S. Shastry and B. Sutherland, Physica B **108** 1069 (1981)

A. Koga and N. Kawakami, PRL **84** 4461 (2000), F. Corboz and F. Mila, PRB **87** 115144 (2013)

spin gap

one of the dimer singlet \rightarrow triplet

$$|t_1\rangle_{\alpha} = |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle_{\alpha} |t_0\rangle_{\alpha} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle_{\alpha} + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle_{\alpha}) \quad |t_{-1}\rangle_{\alpha} = |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle_{\alpha}$$

3rd order of perturbation $\frac{\Delta}{J} = 1 - \left(\frac{J'}{J}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{J'}{J}\right)^3$

$|T\rangle$

spin gap

$|S\rangle$

B

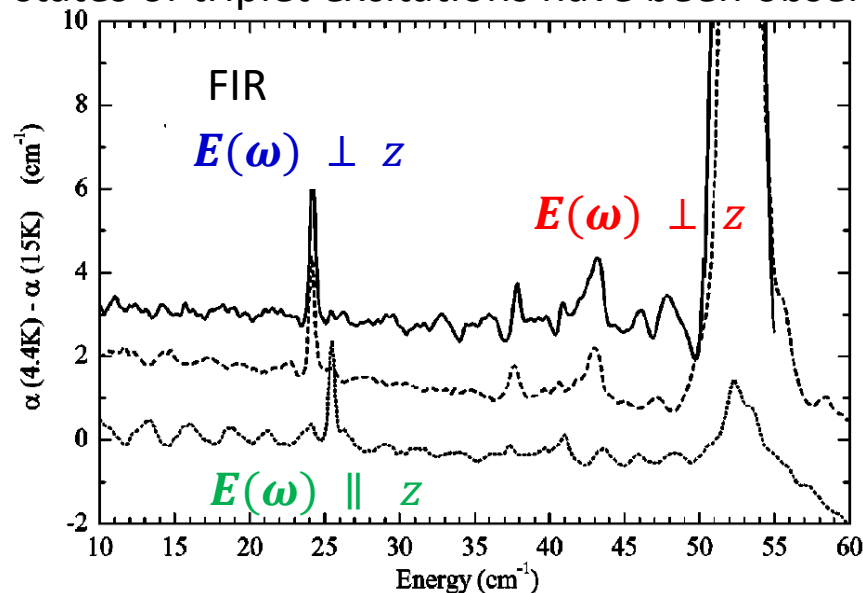
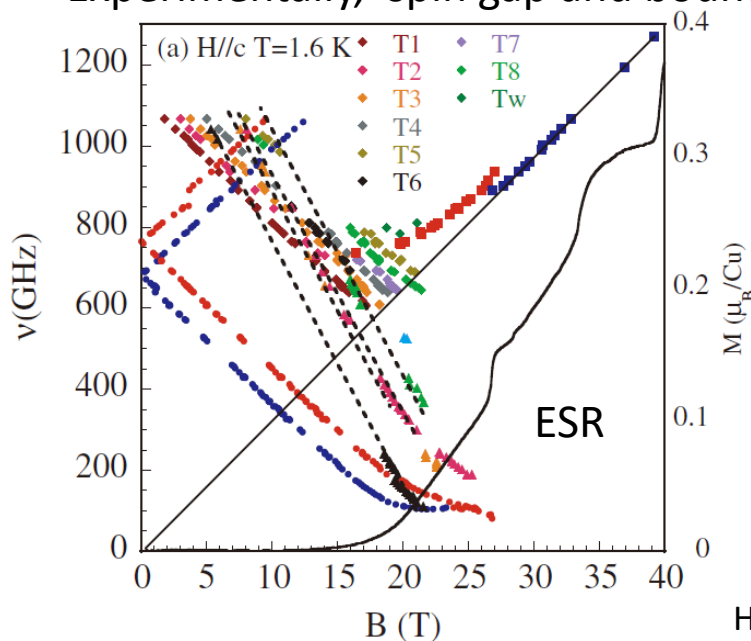
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spin gap excitation

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electro-active magnetic excitations

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25.7 cm^{-1} $E(\omega) \parallel z$

bound states of two triplets

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Purpose : clarify the origin of the spin excitation (selection rule of absorption)

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spin current mechanism

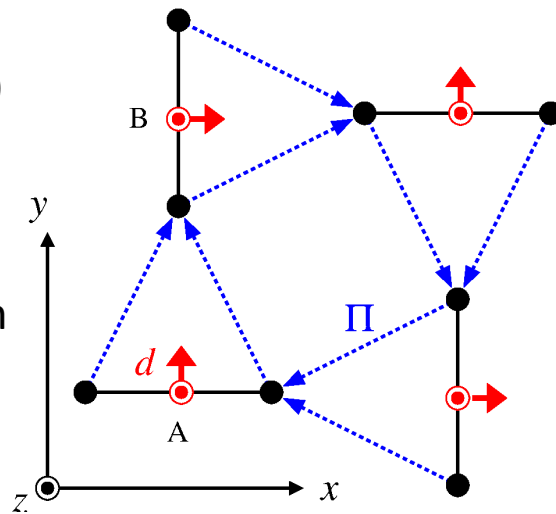
$$\hat{P}^{AS} = \sum_{\text{n.n.}} d \mathbf{e}_{ij} \times (\mathbf{S}_i \times \mathbf{S}_j)$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\omega) \perp z \quad \mathbf{E}(\omega) \parallel z$$

exchange striction mechanism

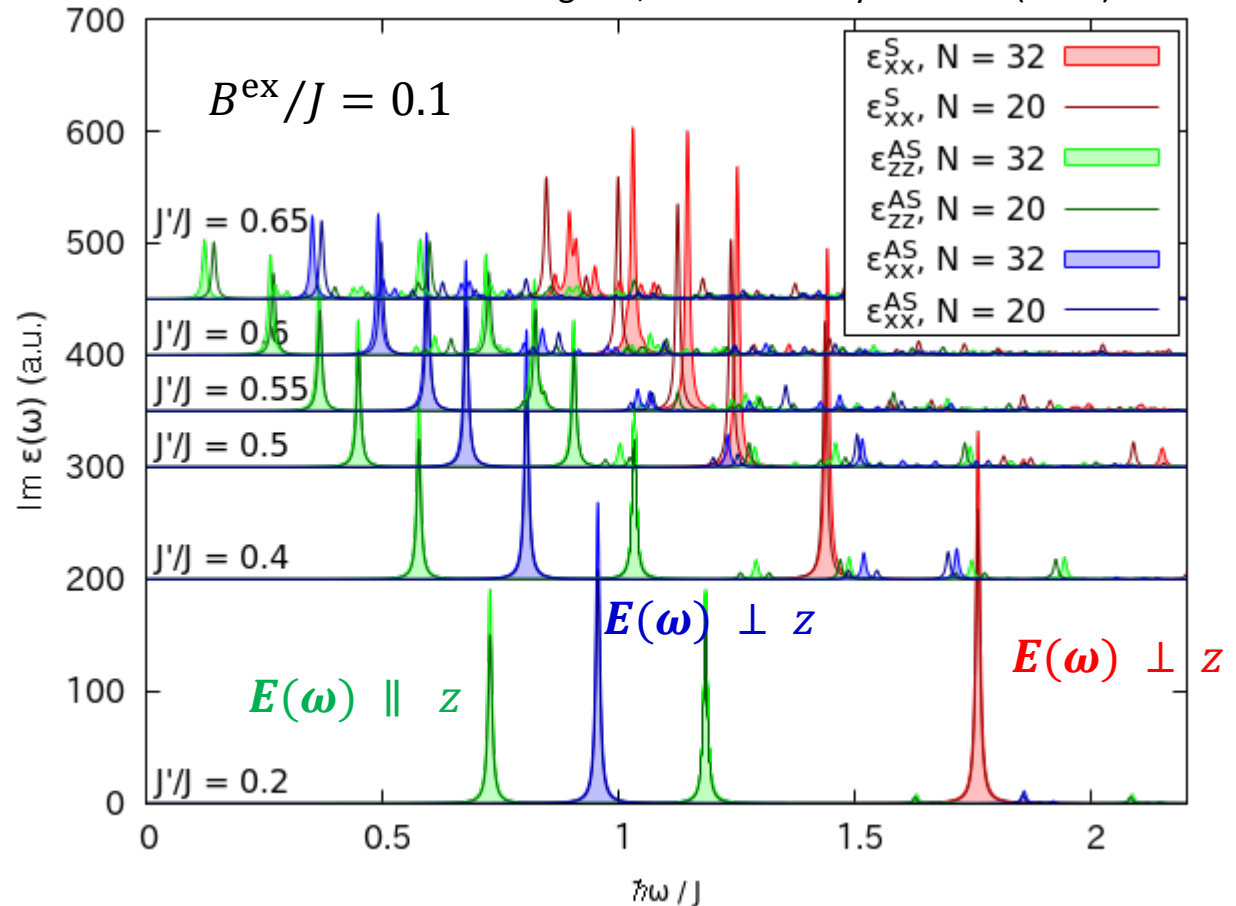
$$\hat{P}^S = \sum_{\text{n.n.n.}} \Pi \mathbf{e}_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$

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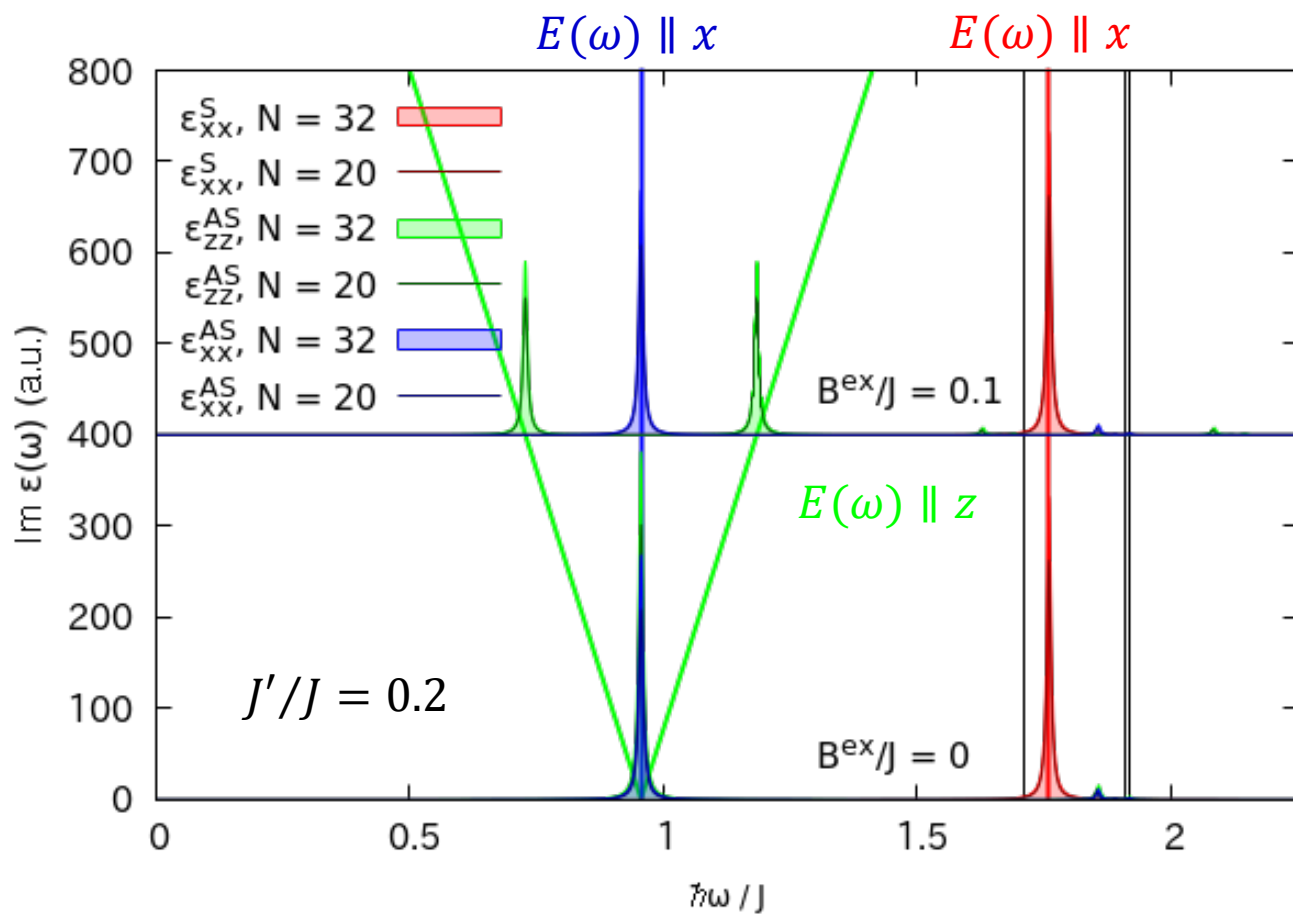


the continued fraction method by using Lanczos method

E. Dagotto, Rev. Mod. Phys. **66** 763 (1994)



Comparison with the perturbation calculation



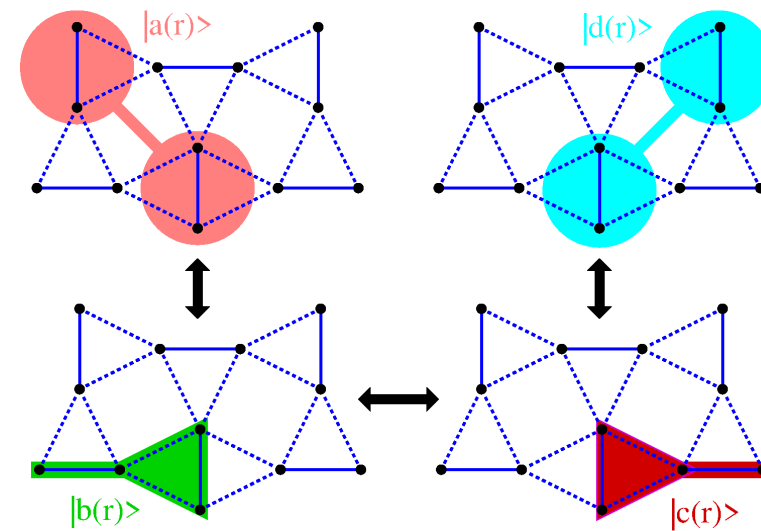
spin gap and $S^T = 0$ bound states are electro active.

3rd order of perturbation

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bound state of two triplets

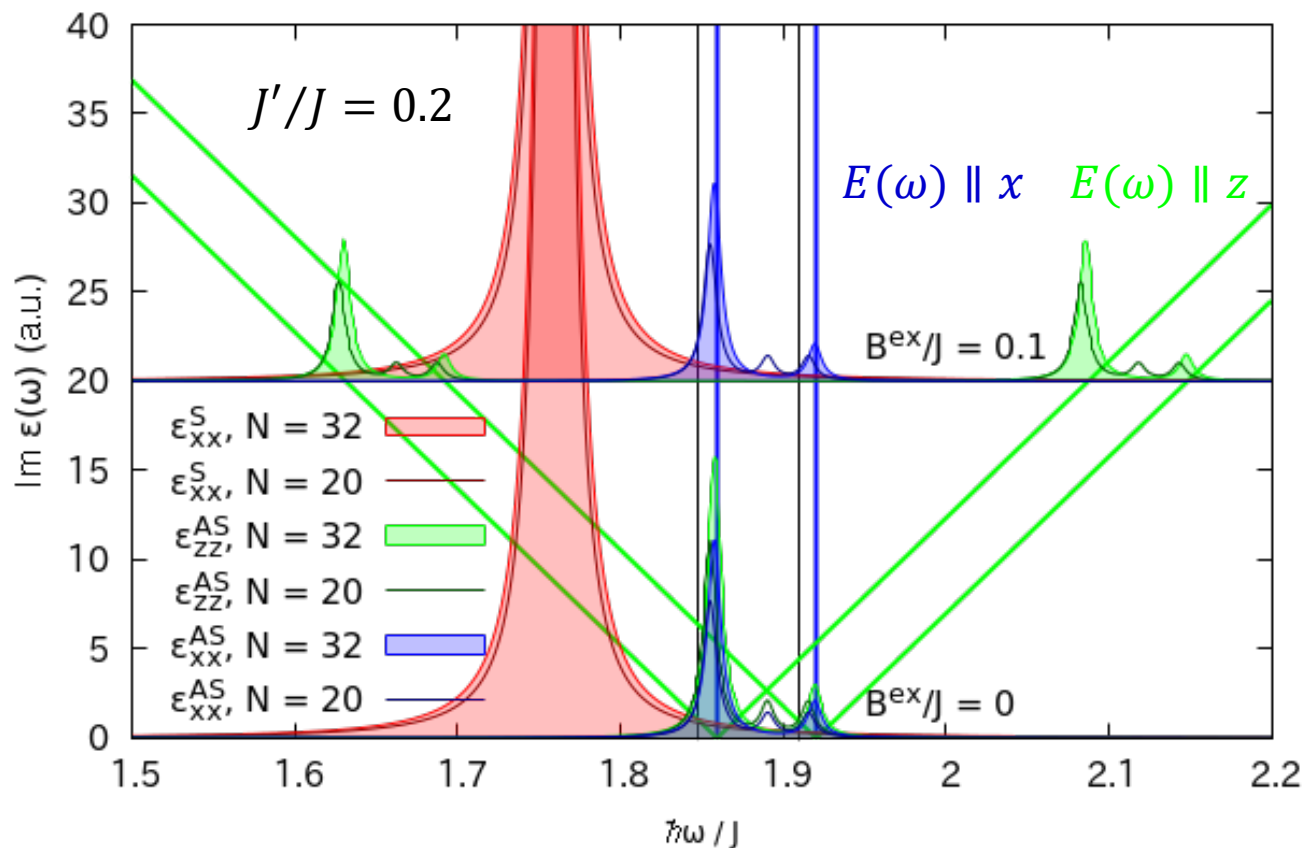


$S^T = 0$

4 states (one of them $E(\omega) \perp z$ active)

K. Totsuka *et al*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **86** 520 (2001)

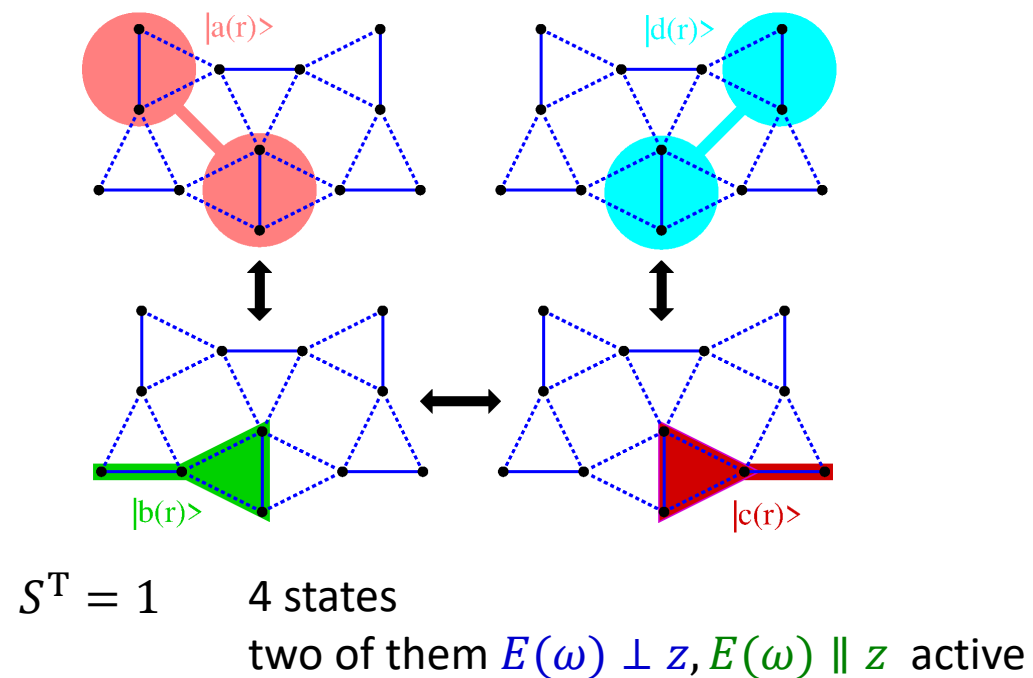
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$S^T = 1$ bound state are electro active.

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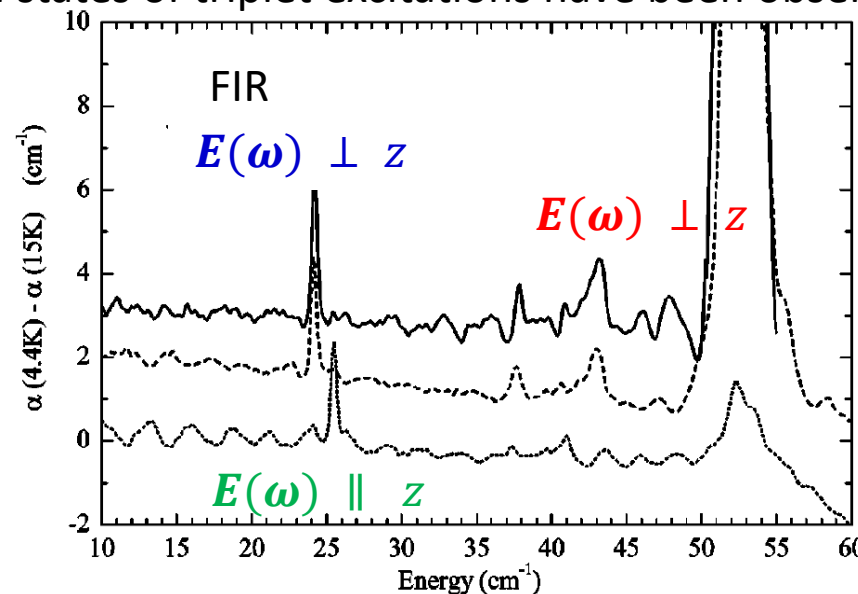
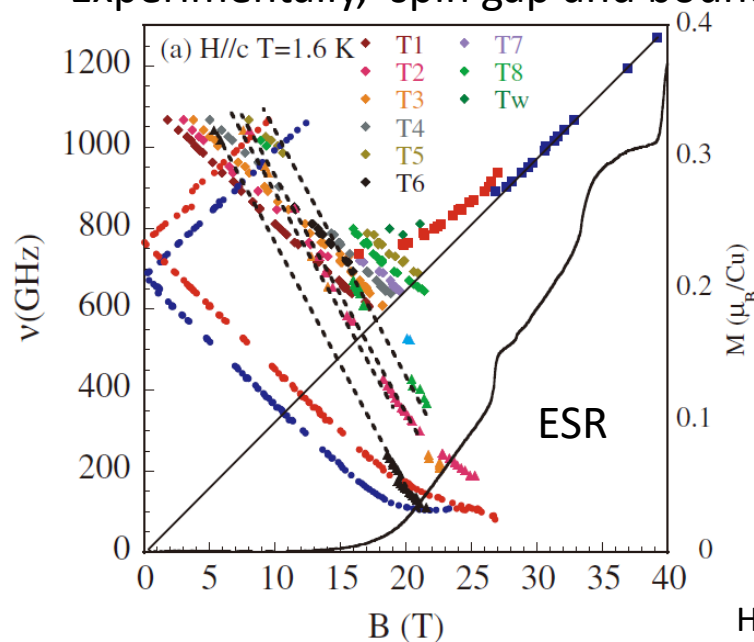
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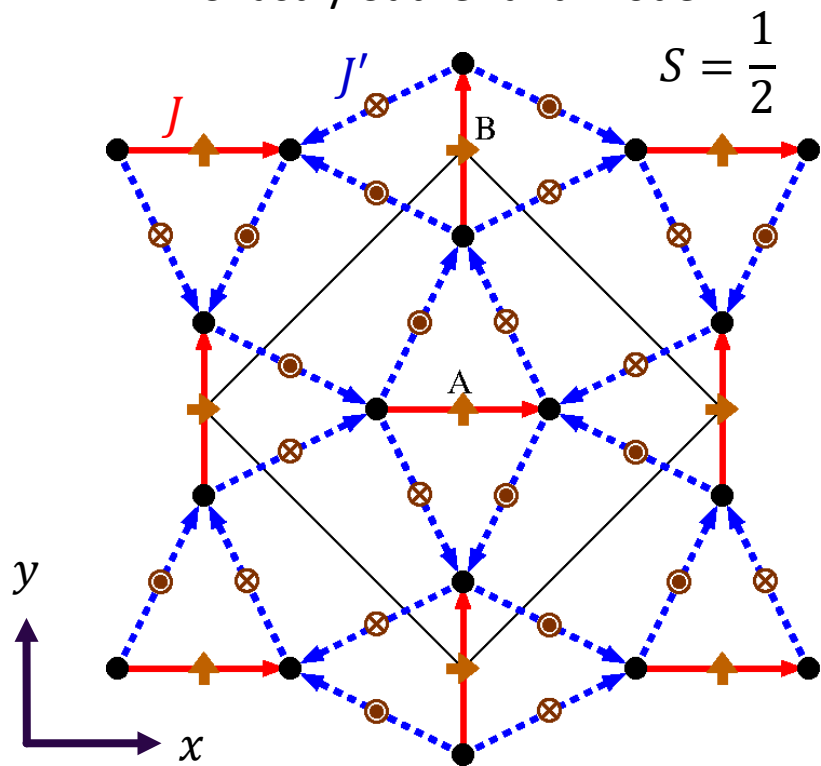
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Effects of Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interaction

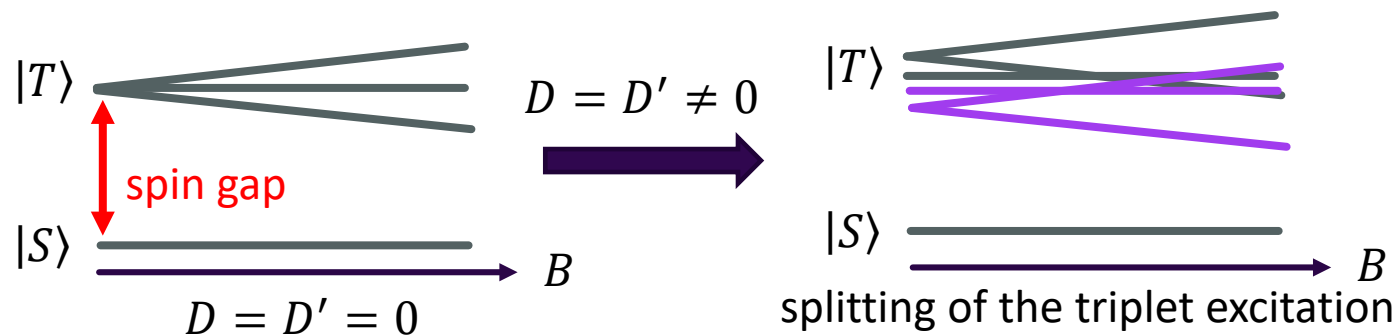
Shastry-Sutherland model



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$$\hat{H}_{\text{DM}} = \sum_{\text{n.n.}} \mathbf{D}_{ij} \cdot (\mathbf{S}_i \times \mathbf{S}_j) + \sum_{\text{n.n.n.}} \mathbf{D}'_{ij} \cdot (\mathbf{S}_i \times \mathbf{S}_j)$$

$$\mathbf{D}_{ij} = \begin{cases} (0, D, 0) & \text{A bond} \\ (D, 0, 0) & \text{B bond} \end{cases} \quad \mathbf{D}'_{ij} = (0, 0, \pm D')$$



Electro active magnetic excitation in $\text{SrCu}_2(\text{BO}_3)_2$

The effects of DM interactions

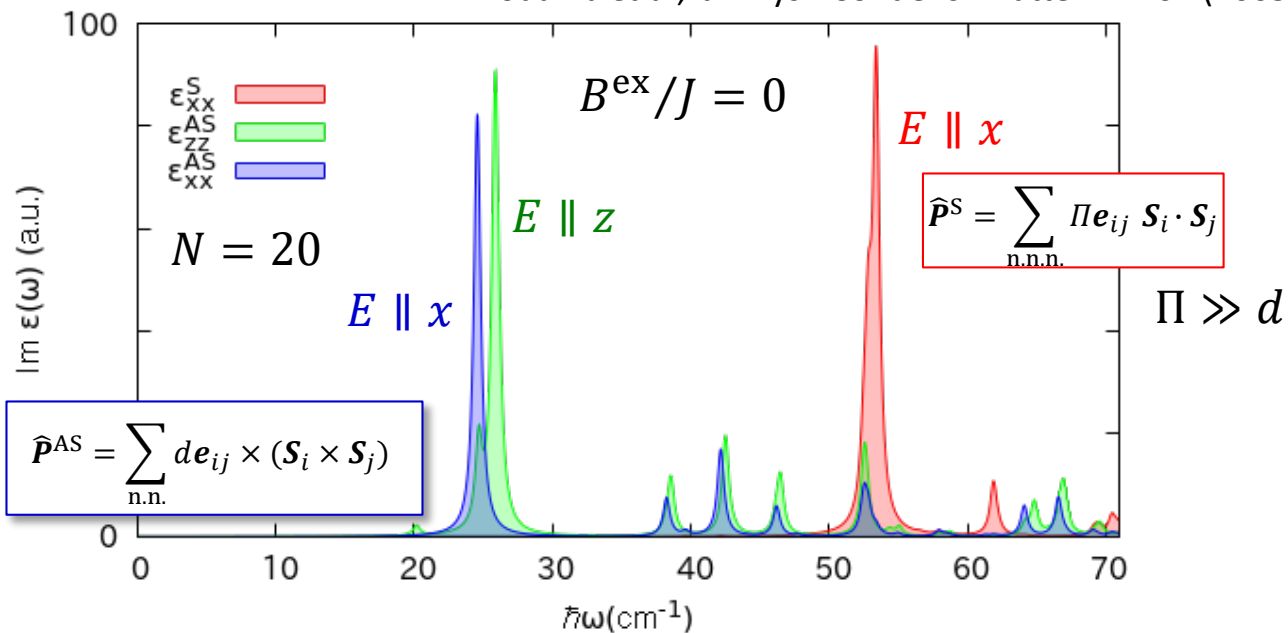
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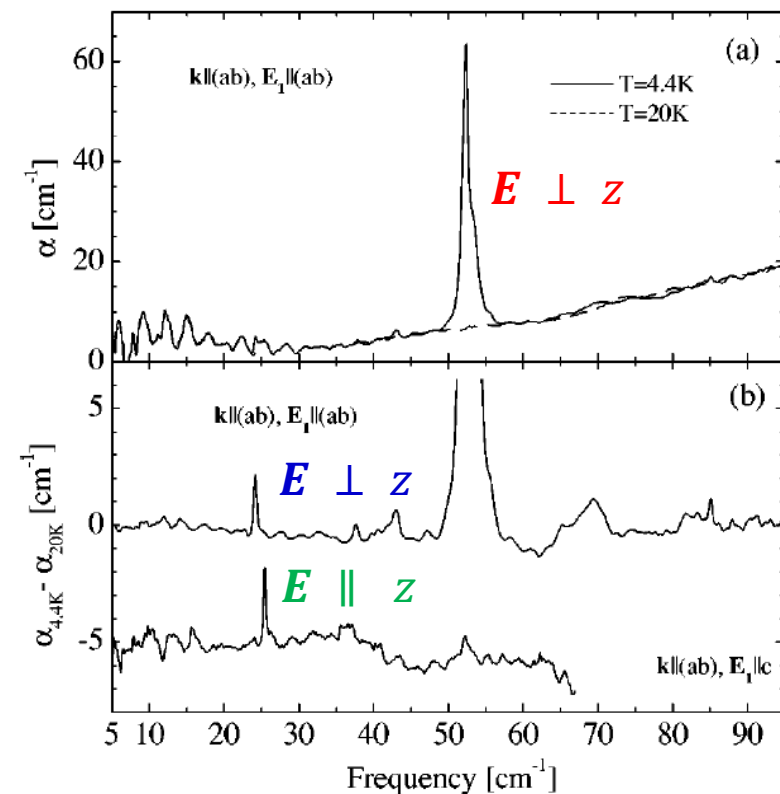
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K. Kodama *et al*, J. Phys.: Condens. Matter **17** L61 (2005)



FIR

T. Rößm *et al*, PRB **61** 14342 (2000), *ibid* **70** 14417 (2004)



The peak positions and selection rules of the main peaks are consistent with FIR experiment.

The magneto active excitations

DM interactions allow magneto active excitation

T. Sakai *et al.* J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. **69** 3521 (2000)

dynamical magnetic susceptibilities

$$\mu_{\alpha\alpha}(\omega) \propto \left\langle 0 \left| \hat{M}_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \frac{1}{\omega + E_0 + i\varepsilon - \hat{H}} \hat{M}_{\alpha} \right| 0 \right\rangle$$

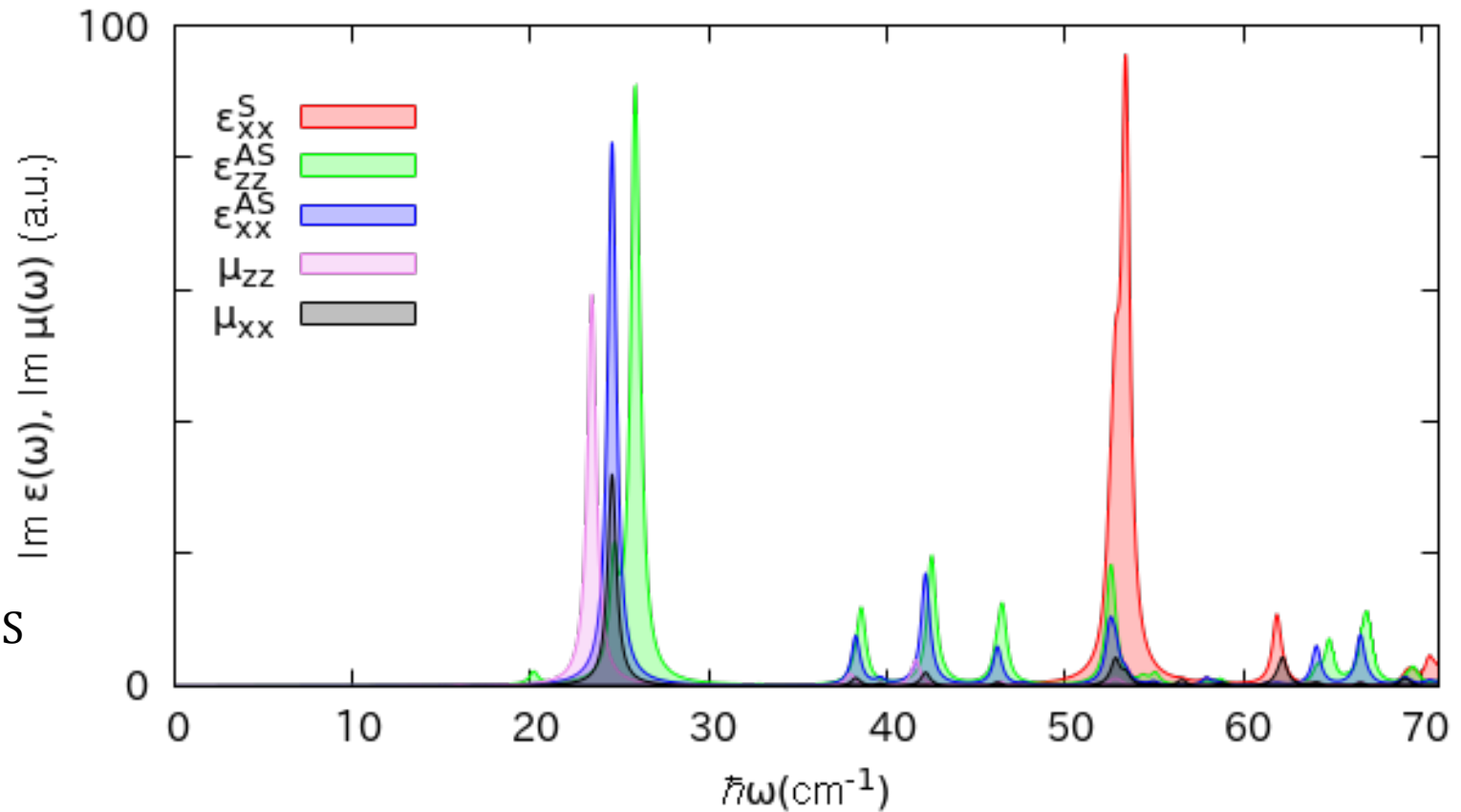
$$\hat{M} = \sum S_i \quad \alpha = x, y, z$$

dynamical electric susceptibility

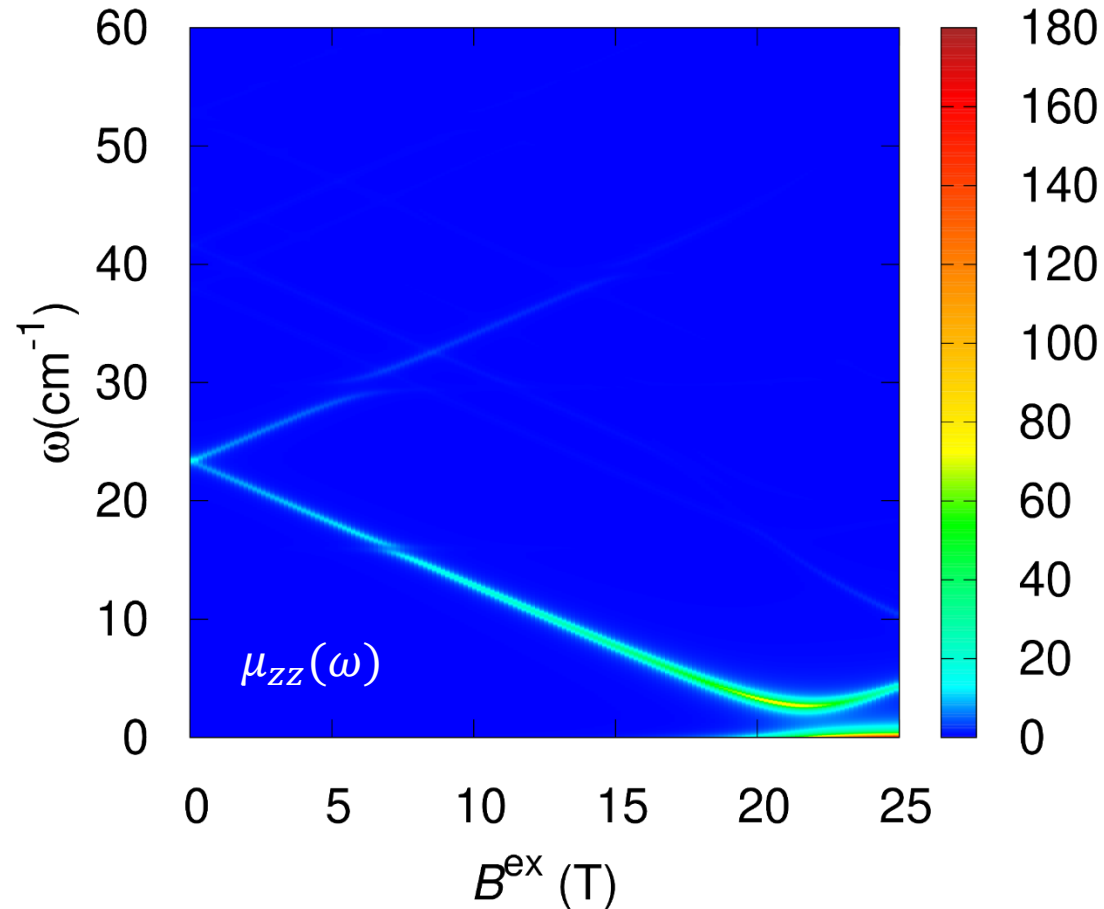
$$\varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{\beta}(\omega) \propto \left\langle 0 \left| \hat{P}_{\alpha}^{\beta\dagger} \frac{1}{\omega + E_0 + i\varepsilon - \hat{H}} \hat{P}_{\alpha}^{\beta} \right| 0 \right\rangle$$

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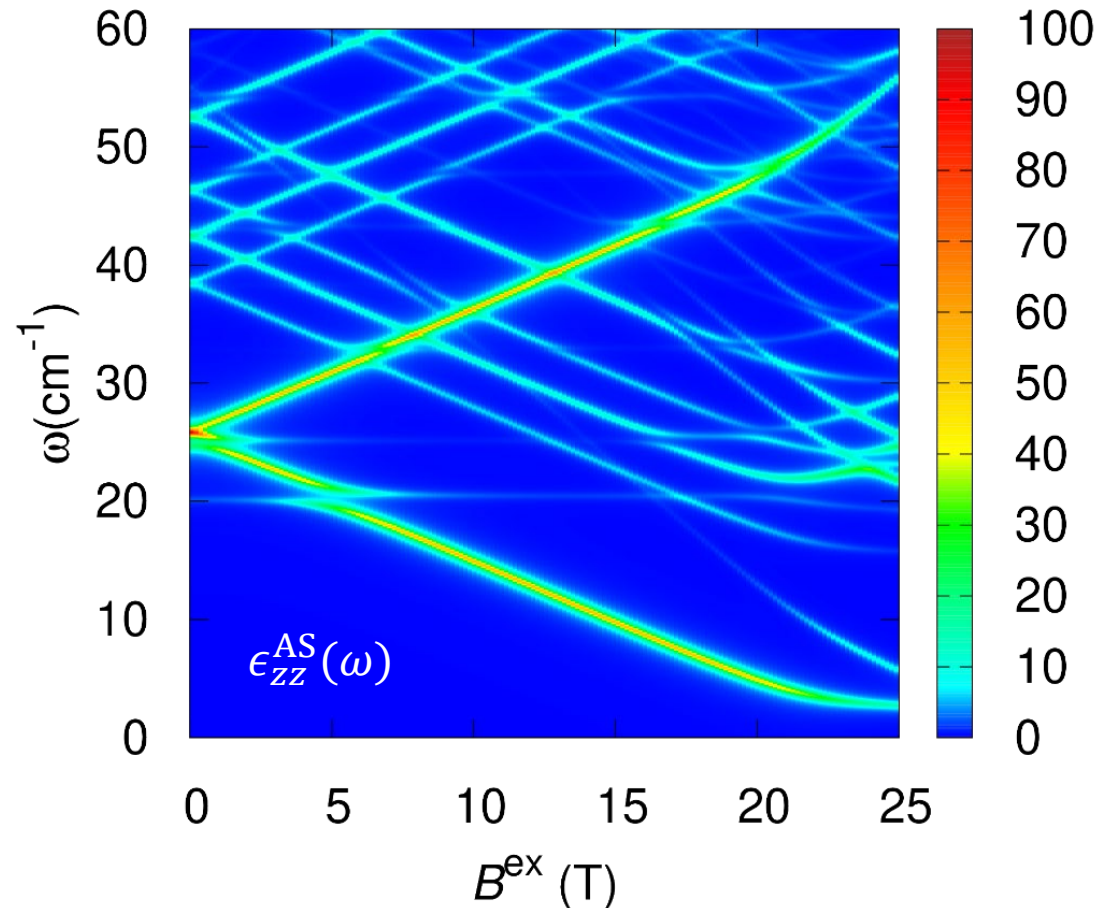
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Magnetic field dependence $B^{\text{ex}} \parallel z$

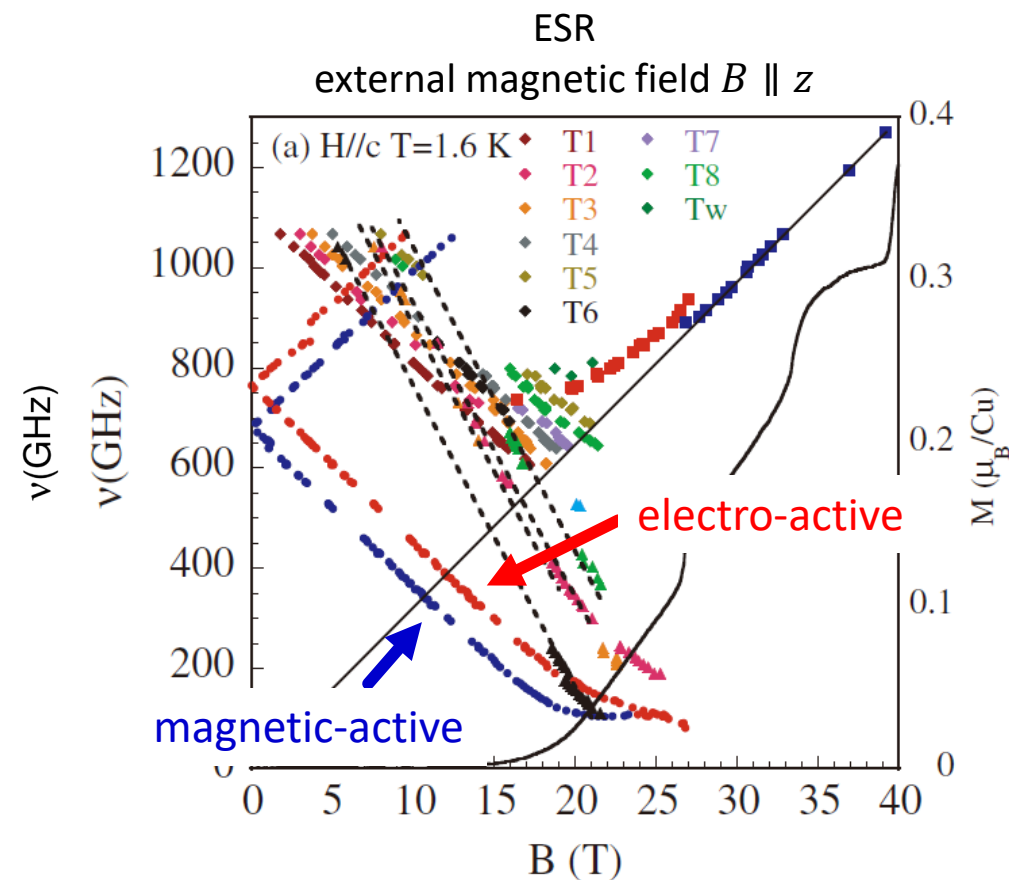
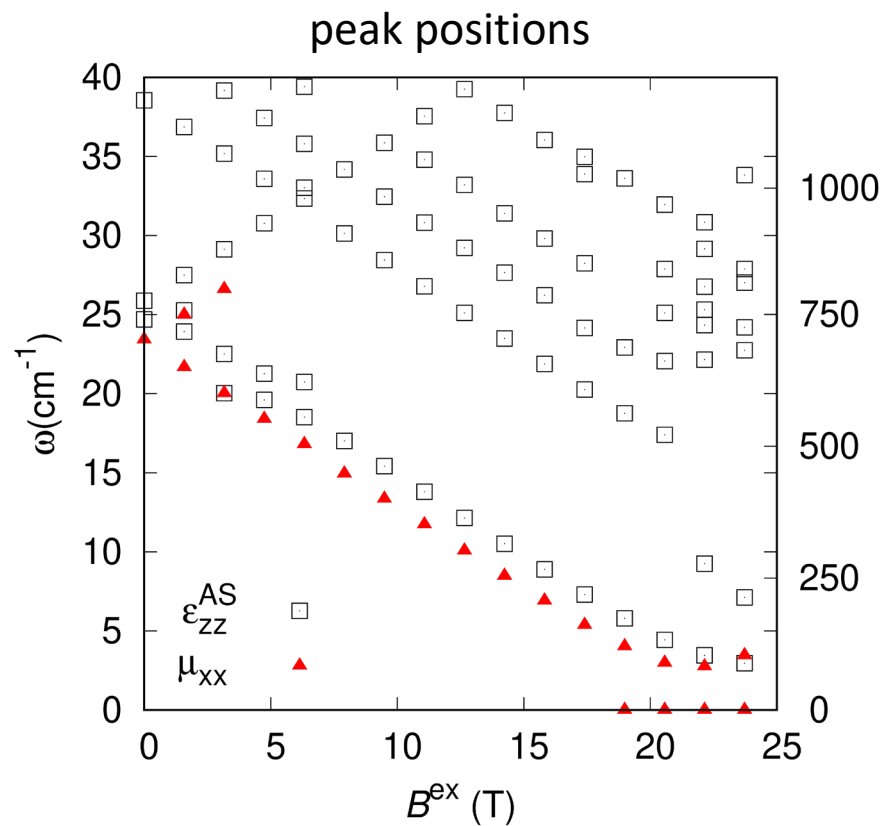
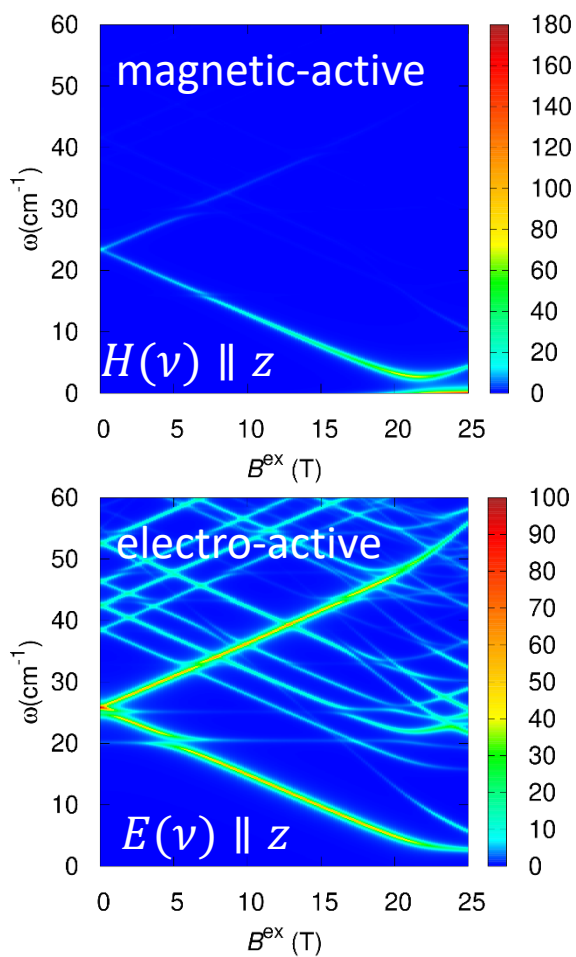


singlet-triplet excitation allowed due **DM interaction**



singlet-triplet excitation induced by **electric components of light**
bound states of two triplets induced by **electric components of light**

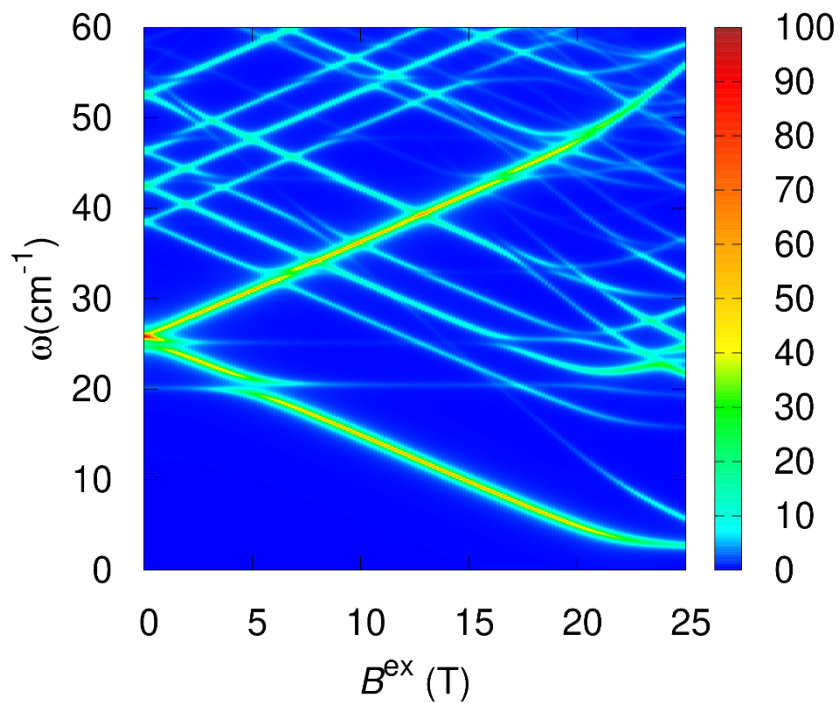
Comparison with ESR



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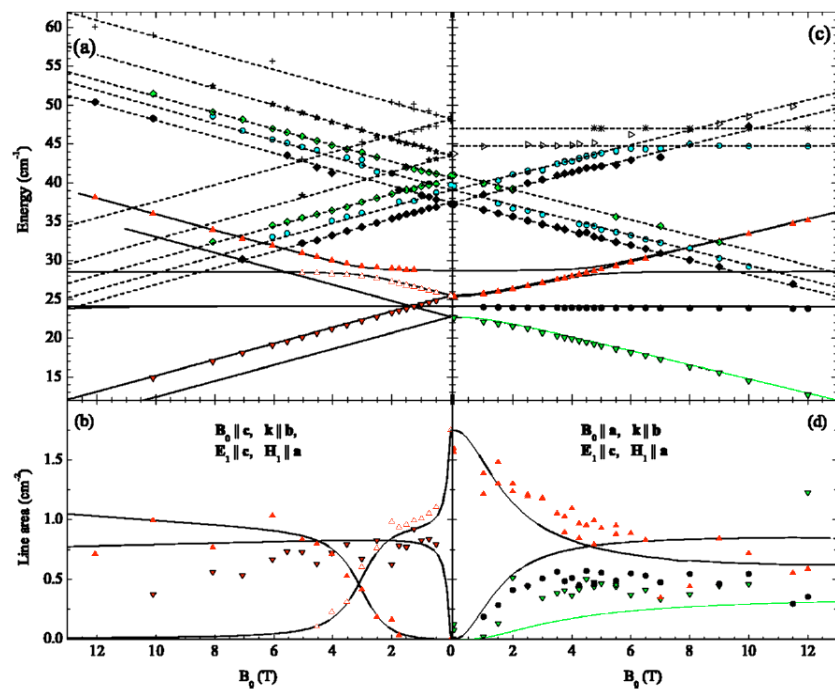
Comparison with FIR

$\epsilon_{ZZ}^{AS}(\omega)$



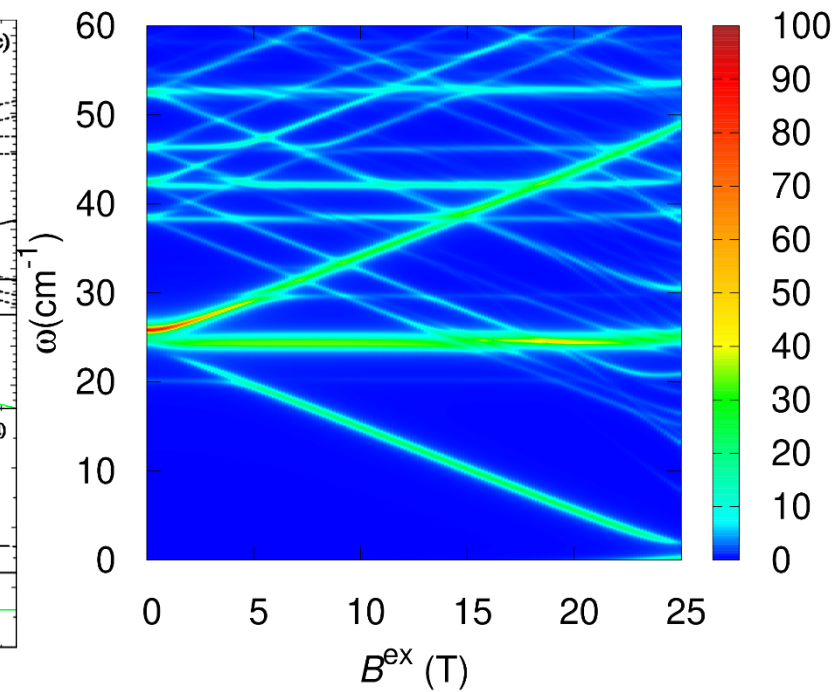
$B^{\text{ex}} \parallel z$

linearly polarized light



T. Rõõm *et al*, PRB **70** 14417 (2004)

$\epsilon_{ZZ}^{AS}(\omega)$



$B^{\text{ex}} \parallel x$

Conclusion

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- The spin-electron coupling and DM interactions allow an absorption in $\text{SrCu}_2(\text{BO}_3)_2$.
- The selection rule is consistent with experimental observation
- Magnetic excitations are allowed by the spin-electron coupling even in Heisenberg model.

c.f. TlCuCl_3 : S. Kimura *et al.* J. Magn. Magn. Mater. **310** 1218 (2007), KCuCl_3 : S. Kimura *et al.* Appl. Magn Reson. **46** 1035 (2015)

The clarification of magnetic excitation processes induced by $E(\omega)$ can play an important role in the investigation of magnetic excitation in non-magnetic ground states.

Open issues

- The selection rule in the plaquette singlet state
pressure induced phase transition in $\text{SrCu}_2(\text{BO}_3)_2$ T. Sakurai *et al.*, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. **87** 033701 (2018)
- The proposal of the novel magnetic excitations and magnetoelectric effects in spin systems