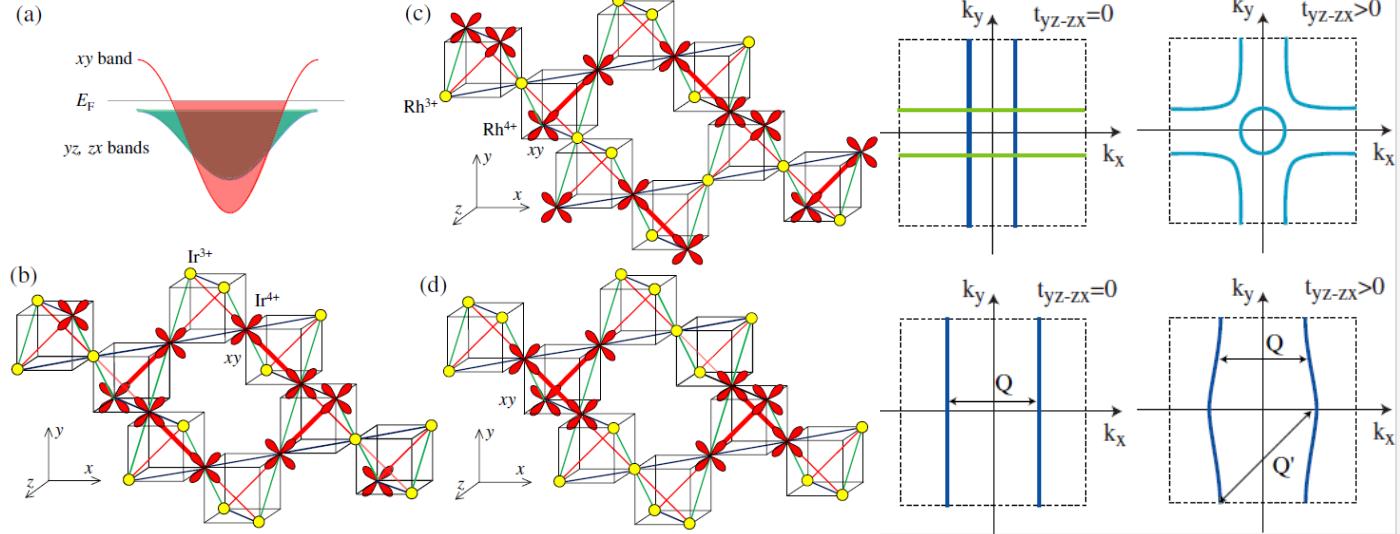
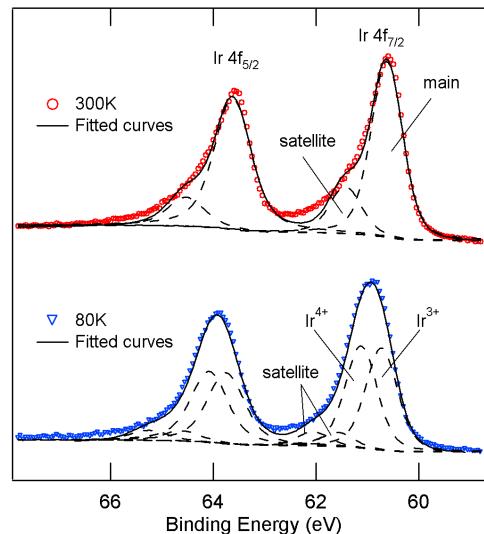


Orbitally Induced Peierls Mechanism for Charge-Orbital Orderings in Transition-Metal Compounds



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VO₂PO₄ XAS + HAXPES

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Ba₃CuSb₂O₉ HAXPES + Tr-REXS

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Electron-phonon interaction

Periodic potential $V(\vec{r}_i) = \sum_j v(\vec{r}_i - \vec{R}_j^0)$

Lattice vibration $\vec{R}_j = \vec{R}_j^0 + \vec{Q}_j$ \vec{Q}_j : displacement of the j -th ion

$$V(\vec{r}_i) = \sum_j v(\vec{r}_i - \vec{R}_j) = \sum_j \left[v(\vec{r}_i - \vec{R}_j^0) - \vec{Q}_j \cdot \nabla v(\vec{r})|_{\vec{r}=\vec{r}_i-\vec{R}_j^0} + \cdots \right]$$

The displacement of the j -th ion can be expressed by phonons.

$$\sum_j \vec{Q}_j e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_j^0} = \sqrt{N} \vec{Q}_{\vec{q}} = \sqrt{N} Q_{\vec{q}} \vec{e}_{\vec{q}} = \sqrt{\frac{N\hbar}{2m\omega_{\vec{q}}}} (a_{\vec{q}} + a_{-\vec{q}}^+) \vec{e}_{\vec{q}}$$

$$a_{\vec{q}} = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega_{\vec{q}}}{2\hbar}} (q_{\vec{q}} + \frac{i}{m\omega_{\vec{q}}} p_{-\vec{q}}) \quad a_{\vec{q}}^+ = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega_{\vec{q}}}{2\hbar}} (q_{-\vec{q}} - \frac{i}{m\omega_{\vec{q}}} p_{\vec{q}})$$

$$Q_{\vec{q}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_j Q_j e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_j^0}$$

Electron-phonon interaction

$$V(\vec{r}_i) = \sum_j v(\vec{r}_i - \vec{R}_j) = \sum_j \left[v(\vec{r}_i - \vec{R}_j^0) + \underbrace{\vec{Q}_j \cdot \nabla v(\vec{r})}_{\text{periodic potential}}|_{\vec{r}=\vec{r}_i-\vec{R}_j^0} + \dots \right]$$

j -th ion: $\vec{R}_j = \vec{R}_j^0 + \vec{Q}_j$ periodic potential displacement of the j -th ion

$$\nabla v(\vec{r})|_{\vec{r}=\vec{r}_i-\vec{R}_j^0} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_j^0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\vec{q}} i\vec{q} v_{\vec{q}} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}_i} = \frac{1}{N\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\vec{k},\vec{q}} i\vec{q} v_{\vec{q}} \langle \vec{r}_i | c_{\vec{k}+\vec{q},\sigma}^+ c_{\vec{k}\sigma} | \vec{r}_i \rangle$$

$$- \sum_j \vec{Q}_j e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_j^0} \cdot \nabla v(\vec{r})|_{\vec{r}=\vec{r}_i-\vec{R}_j^0} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_j^0} = - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\vec{k},\vec{q}} i \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega_{\vec{q}}}} \vec{q} \cdot \vec{e}_{\vec{q}} v_{\vec{q}} \langle \vec{r}_i | c_{\vec{k}+\vec{q},\sigma}^+ c_{\vec{k}\sigma} (a_{\vec{q}} + a_{-\vec{q}}^+) | \vec{r}_i \rangle$$

$v_q = (1/\epsilon_\infty - 1/\epsilon_0) 4\pi e^2/q^2$: screened Coulomb interaction

$\omega_q = \omega_0$: optical phonon

longitudinal $\vec{q} \cdot \vec{e}_{\vec{q}} = |q|$, transverse $\vec{q} \cdot \vec{e}_{\vec{q}} = 0$

Electron-phonon interaction term

$$H_{ep} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k,q} \frac{M}{|q|} c_{\vec{k}+q,\sigma}^+ c_{\vec{k}\sigma} (a_q + a_{-q}^+) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k,q} V_q c_{\vec{k}+q,\sigma}^+ c_{\vec{k}\sigma} (a_q + a_{-q}^+)$$

Peierls transition and superstructure

Peierls transition (2D/3D material with 1D Fermi surface)

Charge density wave is formed by the electron-phonon interaction.

Mean-field approximation

$$H_{ep} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k,q} V_q c_{k+q,\sigma}^+ c_{k,\sigma} \langle a_q + a_{-q}^+ \rangle$$

analogous to $e \times E$ Jahn-Teller effect
electron-lattice
interaction elastic energy

One dimensional Fermi surface:
perfect nesting with $Q = 2k_F$

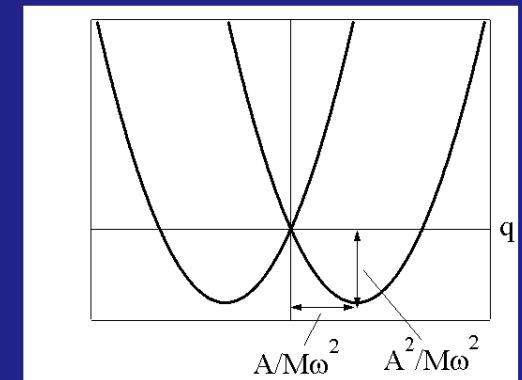
$$H = -Aq \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} M\omega^2 q^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle a_Q + a_{-Q}^+ \rangle = q_Q \neq 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{superstructure}$$

Mean-field Hamiltonian

$$H_e + H_{ep} = \sum_k \varepsilon_k c_{k,\sigma}^+ c_{k,\sigma} + \sum_k V_Q c_{k+Q,\sigma}^+ c_{k,\sigma} \langle a_Q + a_{-Q}^+ \rangle$$

$$\rho_{Q,\uparrow} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_k \langle c_{k+Q,\uparrow}^+ c_{k,\uparrow} \rangle \neq 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{charge density wave}$$



Peierls transition and metal-insulator transition

$(E - \varepsilon_k)(E - \varepsilon_{k+Q}) + (V_Q q_Q)^2 = 0$ has two solutions $E = E_k^+, E_k^-$

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{Q,\uparrow} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_k \langle c_{k+Q,\uparrow}^+ c_{k,\uparrow} \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_k \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_n \frac{V_Q q_Q}{(i\omega_n - \varepsilon_k)(i\omega_n - \varepsilon_{k+Q}) - (V_Q q_Q)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_k \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_n \frac{V_Q q_Q}{(i\omega_n - E_k^+)(i\omega_n - E_k^-)} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_k \frac{V_Q q_Q}{E_k^+ - E_k^-} \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_n \left(\frac{1}{i\omega_n - E_k^+} - \frac{1}{i\omega_n - E_k^-} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{v} \sum_k V_Q q_Q \frac{n(E_k^+) - n(E_k^-)}{E_k^+ - E_k^-}\end{aligned}$$

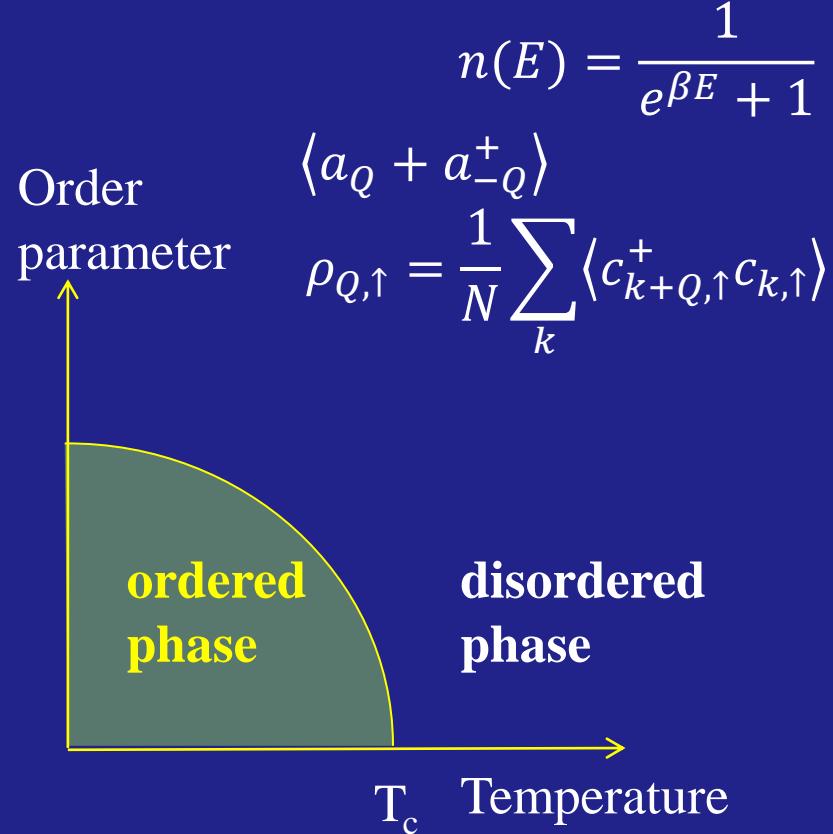
$$\omega_0 q_Q + 4V_Q \rho_{Q,\uparrow} = 0$$

Gap equation

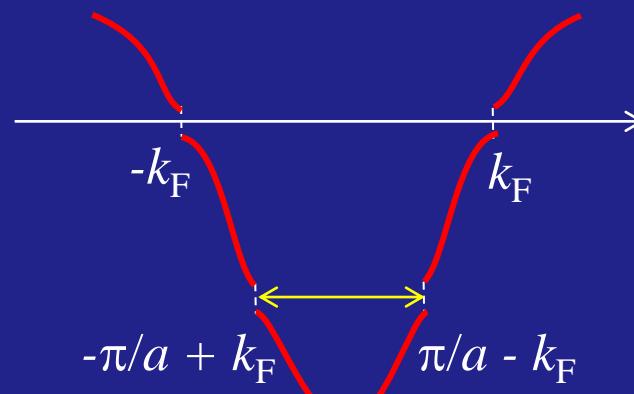
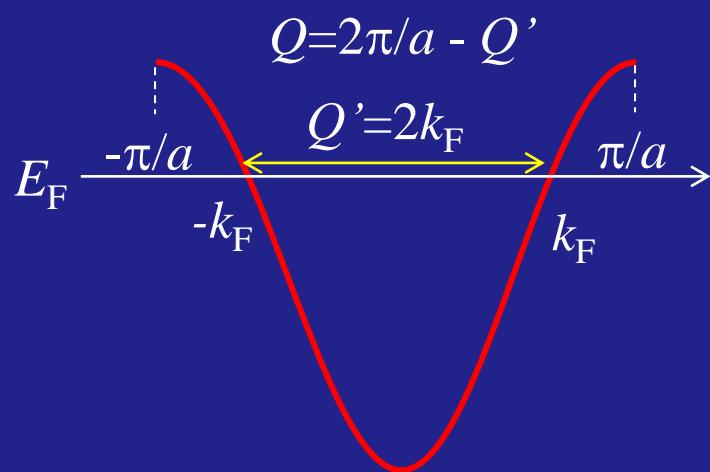
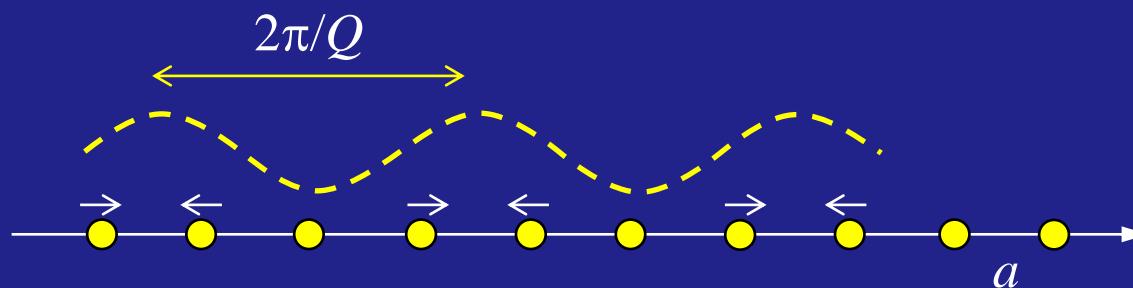
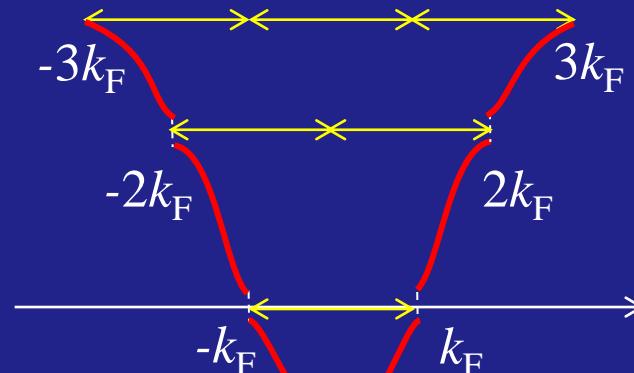
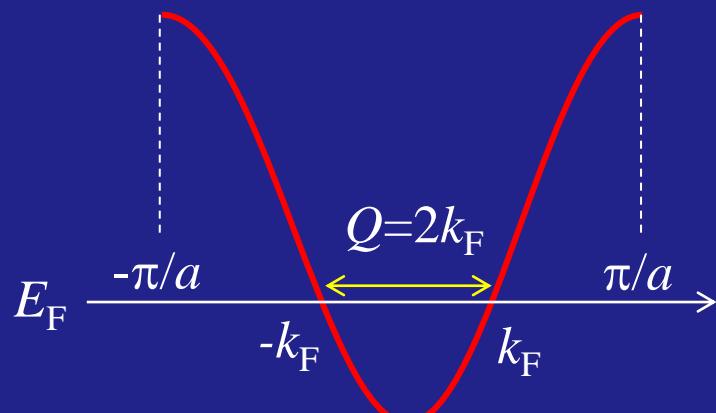
$$1 = -\frac{4V_Q^2}{\omega_0} \frac{1}{N} \sum_k \frac{n(E_k^+) - n(E_k^-)}{E_k^+ - E_k^-}$$

$$1 = \frac{4V_Q^2}{\omega_0} \int d\varepsilon g(\varepsilon) \frac{\tanh(\frac{\beta\sqrt{\varepsilon^2 + \Delta^2}}{2})}{2\sqrt{\varepsilon^2 + \Delta^2}}$$

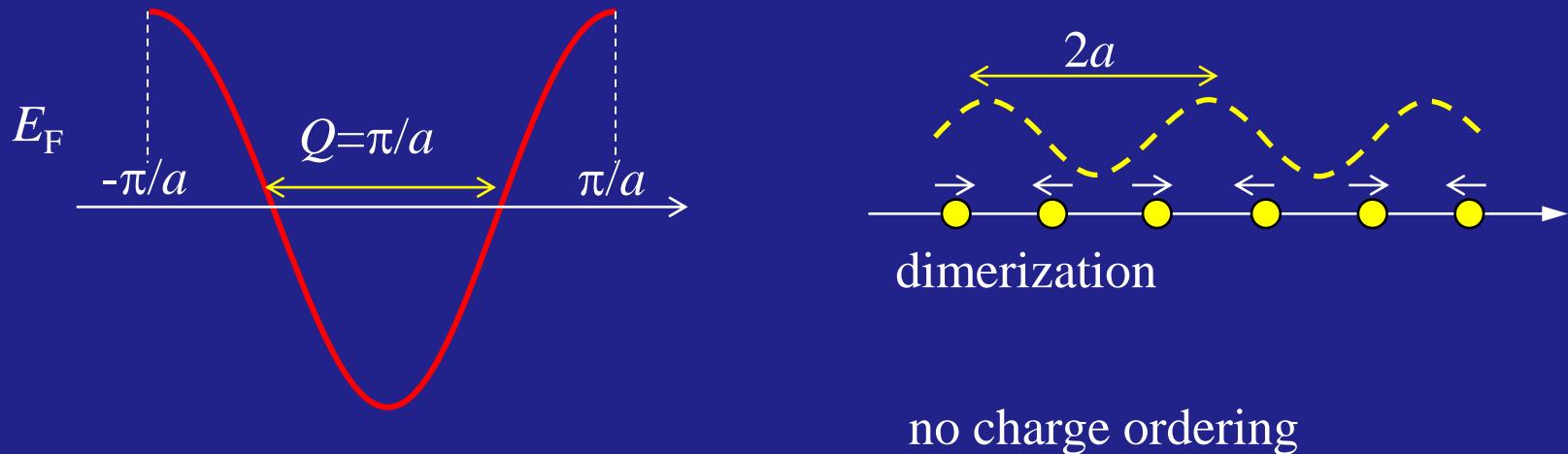
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density of states



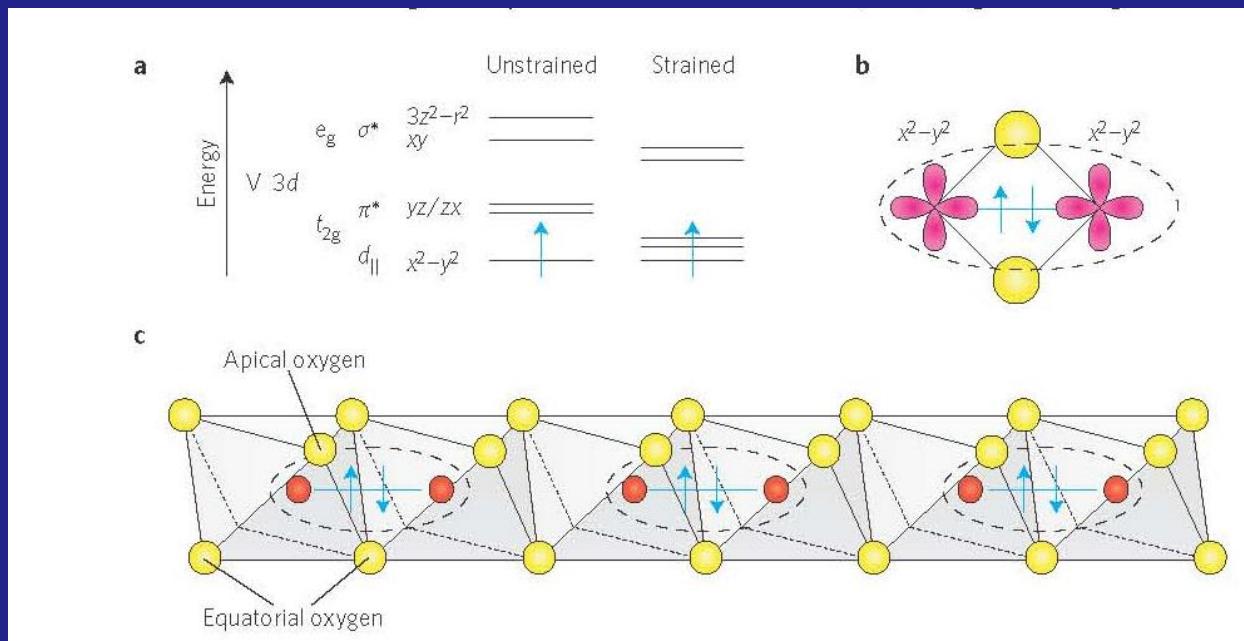
Fermi surface nesting and Peierls transition



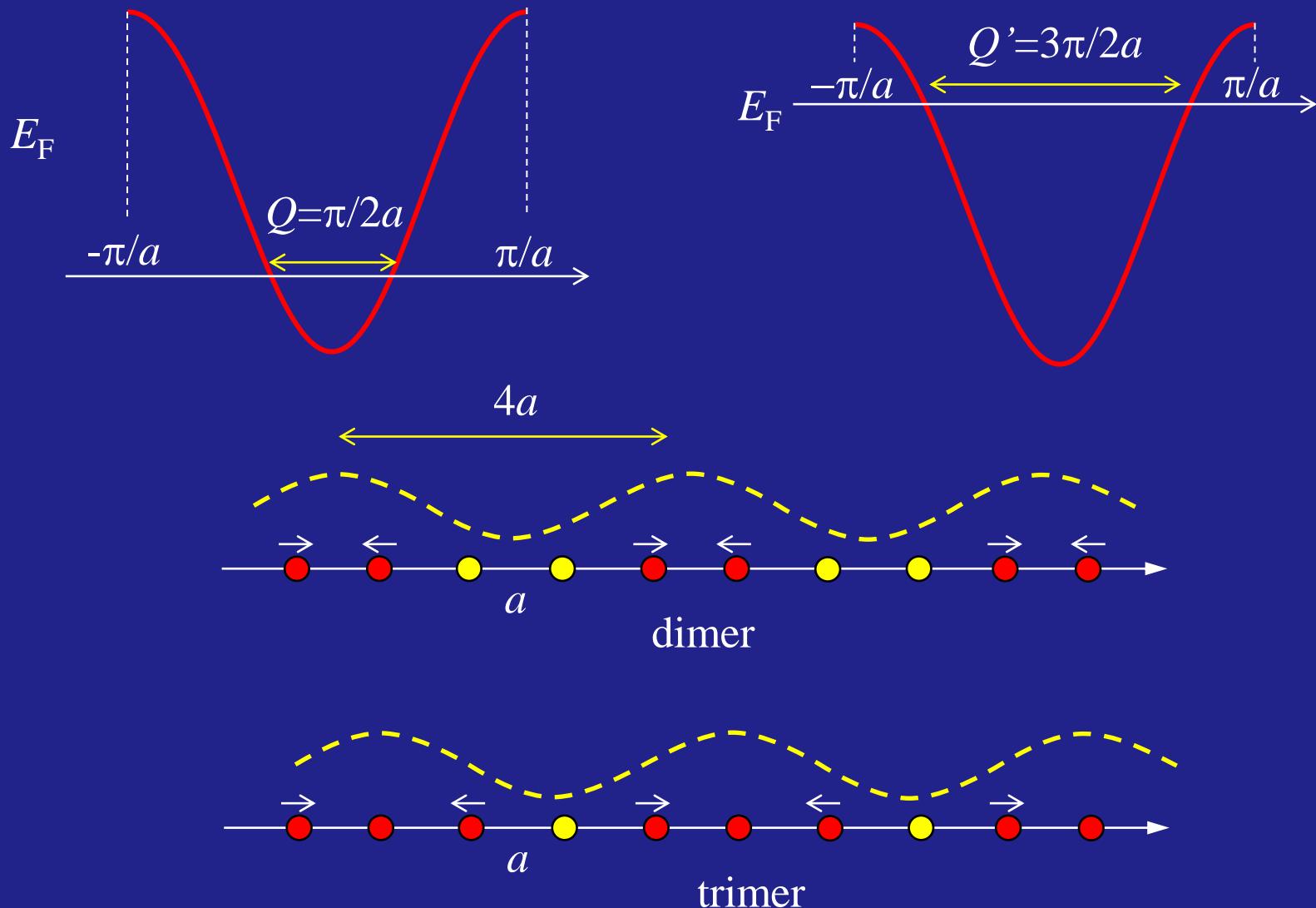
Half-filled band



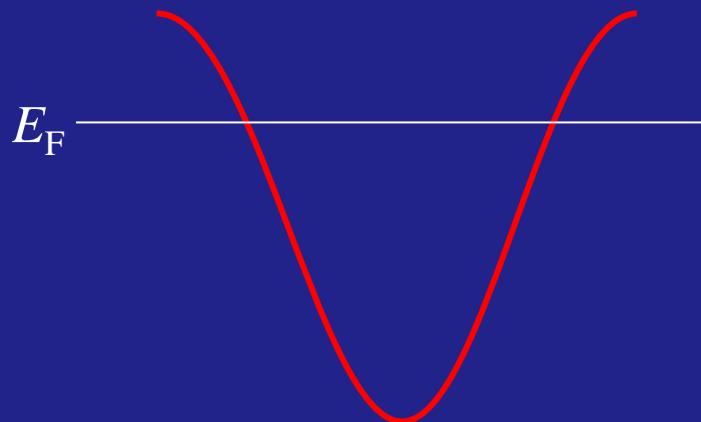
no charge ordering



Quarter filled band

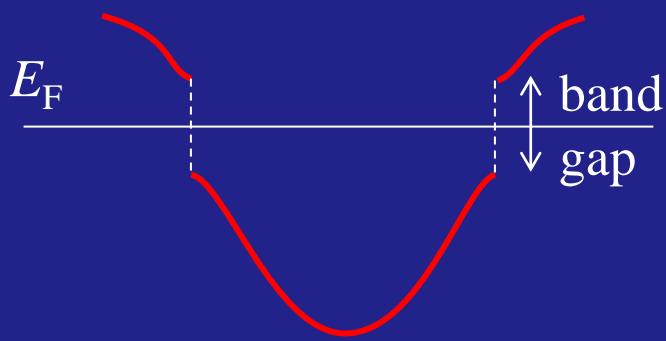


Strong electron-phonon interaction

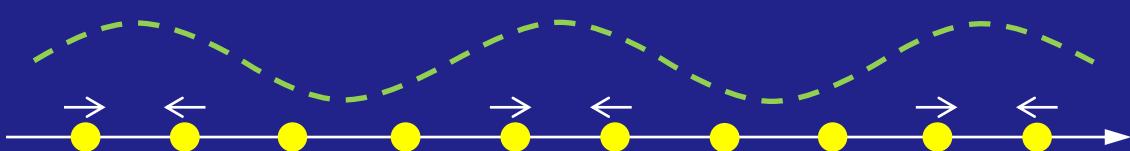


$$\frac{4V_Q^2}{\omega_0} \sim E_G$$

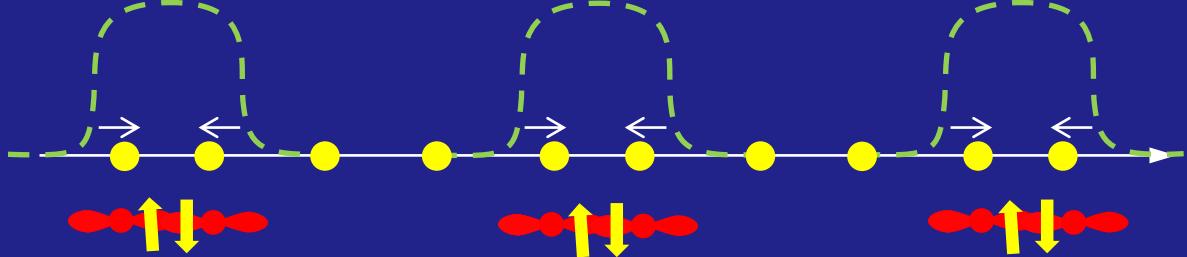
strong coupling



charge density wave



charge order



dimer
(singlet bond)

interaction gap
 $\frac{4V_Q^2}{\omega_0} \gg E_G$
weak coupling

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Transition-metal oxides with edge-sharing octahedra

Rutile(1D)

VO_2 : V^{4+} d^1 $T_{\text{MI}}=340 \text{ K}$ M-NMI

Hollandite(1D)

$\text{K}_2\text{V}_8\text{O}_{16}$: $\text{V}^{4+},\text{V}^{3+}$ d^1,d^2 $T_{\text{MI}}=210 \text{ K}$ M-NMI

$\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_8\text{O}_{16}$: $\text{Cr}^{4+},\text{Cr}^{3+}$ d^2,d^3 $T_{\text{MI}}=95 \text{ K}$ FM-FMI

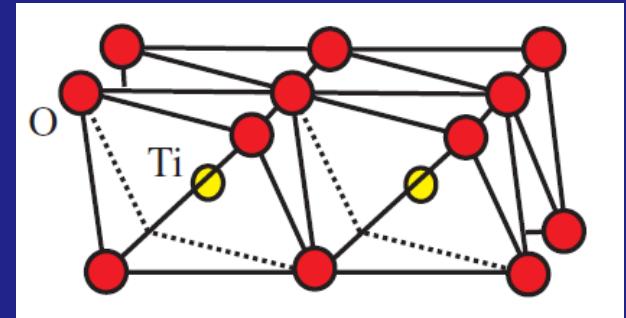
triangular lattice (2D)

NaTiO_2 Ti^{3+} d^1 $T_{\text{NM}} = 260 \text{ K}$ I-NMI

LiVO_2 V^{3+} d^2 $T_{\text{NM}} = 500 \text{ K}$ I-NMI

$\text{BaV}_{10}\text{O}_{15}$ $\text{V}^{3+},\text{V}^{2+}$ d^2,d^3 $T_{\text{MI}}=130 \text{ K}$ M-AFI

Na_xCoO_2 $\text{Co}^{4+},\text{Co}^{3+}$ d^5,d^6



honeycomb lattice (2D)

Li_2RuO_3 Ru^{4+} d^4 $T_{\text{MI}} = 540 \text{ K}$ M-NMI

Na_2IrO_3 Ir^{4+} d^5

Spinel (3D)

MgTi_2O_4 Ti^{3+} d^1 $T_{\text{MI}} = 260 \text{ K}$ M-NMI

ZnV_2O_4 V^{3+} d^2

AlV_2O_4 $\text{V}^{3+},\text{V}^{2+}$ d^2,d^3

LiRh_2O_4 $\text{Rh}^{4+},\text{Rh}^{3+}$ d^5,d^6 $T_{\text{MI}}=170 \text{ K}$ M-NMI

M: (paramagnetic) metal

AFM: antiferromagnetic metal

NMI: nonmagnetic insulator

AFI: antiferromagnetic ins.

Transition-metal chalcogenides/pnictides

q-1D

$(\text{TaSe}_4)_2\text{I}$	Ta ⁵⁺ , Ta ⁴⁺	d ⁰ , d ¹	$T_{\text{MI}}=260 \text{ K}$	M-NMI
BaVS ₃	V ⁴⁺	d ¹	$T_{\text{MI}}=74 \text{ K}, T_{\text{N}}=35 \text{ K}$	
BaFe ₂ S ₃	Fe ²⁺	d ⁶	$T_{\text{S}}=200 \text{ K}, T_{\text{N}}=120 \text{ K}$	
Ta ₂ NiSe ₅	Ni ⁰⁺ , Ta ⁵⁺	d ¹⁰ , d ⁰	$T_{\text{S}}=328 \text{ K}$	NMI-NMI

q-2D

TiSe ₂	Ti ⁴⁺	d ⁰	$T_{\text{S}}=200 \text{ K}$	M-M
VSe ₂	V ⁴⁺	d ¹	$T_{\text{S}}=110 \text{ K}$	M-M
TaS ₂	Ta ⁴⁺	d ¹	$T_{\text{S}}=200-350 \text{ K}$	M-M
LiVS ₂	V ³⁺	d ²	$T_{\text{MI}}=305 \text{ K}$	M-NMI
CrSe ₂	Cr ⁴⁺	d ²	$T_{\text{MI}}=165-180 \text{ K}$	M-AFI
IrTe ₂	Ir ⁴⁺	d ⁵	$T_{\text{S}}=180-280 \text{ K}$	M-M
FeSe	Fe ²⁺	d ⁶	$T_{\text{S}}=90 \text{ K}$	M-M
BaFe ₂ As ₂	Fe ²⁺	d ⁶	$T_{\text{S}}=T_{\text{N}}=143 \text{ K}$	M-AFM
BaNi ₂ As ₂	Ni ²⁺	d ⁸	$T_{\text{S}}=130 \text{ K}$	M-M

3D

RuP	Ru ³⁺	d ⁵	$T_{\text{MI}}=270 \text{ K}$	M-NMI
CuIr ₂ S ₄	Ir ⁴⁺ , Ir ³⁺	d ⁵ , d ⁶	$T_{\text{MI}}=226 \text{ K}$	M-NMI
NiS	Ni ²⁺	d ⁸	$T_{\text{S}}=T_{\text{N}}=200 \text{ K}$	M-AFM

M: (paramagnetic) metal
AFM: antiferromagnetic metal
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Many unsolved mysteries!

Without Fermi surface nesting

The phase transitions are always driven by Fermi surface instability?

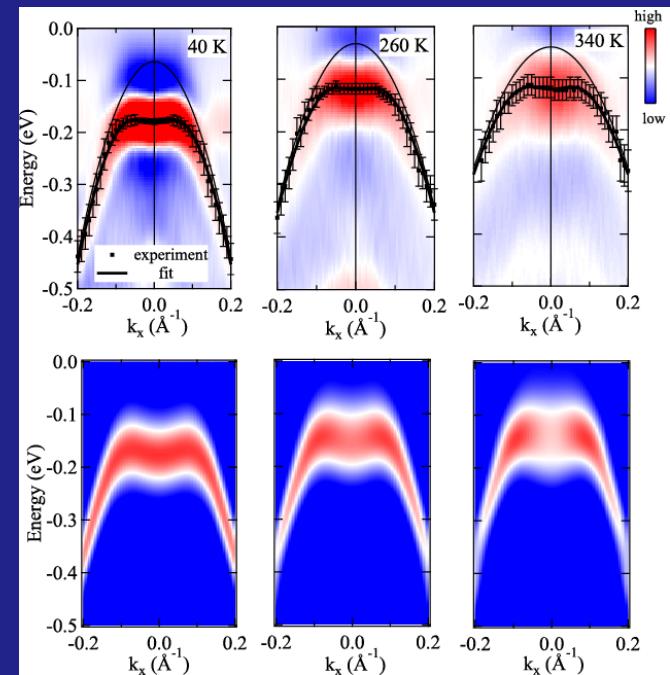
Fermi surface nesting → Peierls transition

No Fermi surface nesting → ??

(1) Mott/Wigner localization + spin/orbital

(2) Excitonic instability →

(3) Orbital instability + Peierls



Ta_2NiSe_5 transition around 328 K

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Case study : spinel-type CuIr₂S₄

$\text{Ir}^{3+} : \text{Ir}^{4+} = 1:1$

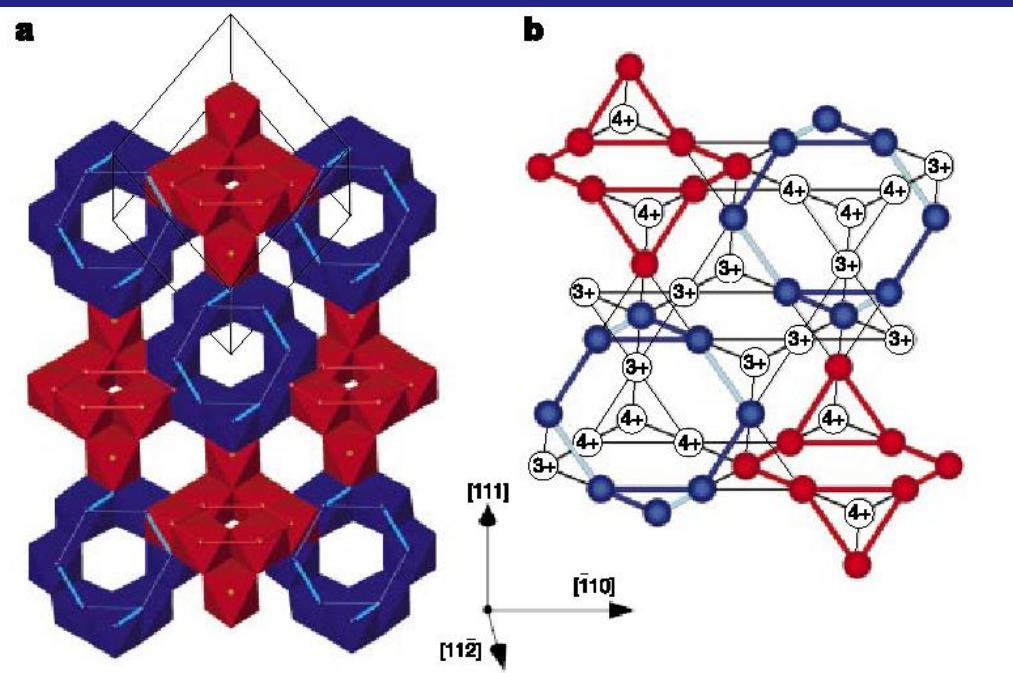
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Charge frustration
on a pyrochlore lattice ?

1st order metal-insulator transition
at 226 K with tetragonal distortion
(c > a)

P. G. Radaelli *et al.*, Nature 416, 155 (2002).

triclinic distortion with octamer charge ordering



Ir^{4+} octamers
(four dimers)

● Ir^{4+}
● Ir^{3+}

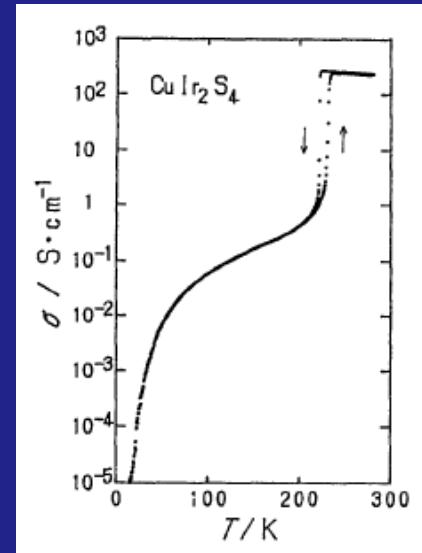
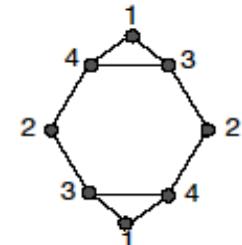


Table 1 Ir–Ir bond lengths of CuIr₂S₄ at 50 K

Dimerized rings (Ir^{4+})

1:3	3.464(7)
1:4	3.012(5)
2:3	2.956(5)
2:4	3.582(7)
3:4	3.490(8)

$\text{Ir}^{4+} t_{2g}^5$



Non-dimerized rings (Ir^{3+})

1:3	3.478(7)
1:4	3.493(5)
2:3	3.602(5)
2:4	3.487(7)
3:4	3.470(9)

Ir⁴⁺-Ir³⁺ bonds across rings (Ir⁴⁺:Ir³⁺)

1:1	3.551(7)	2:4	3.605(7)
1:1	3.437(7)	3:1	3.658(5)
1:3	3.540(7)	3:2	3.458(8)
1:4	3.554(7)	3:3	3.458(7)
2:2	3.507(6)	4:1	3.486(7)
2:2	3.483(6)	4:2	3.581(5)
2:3	3.432(7)	4:4	3.554(8)

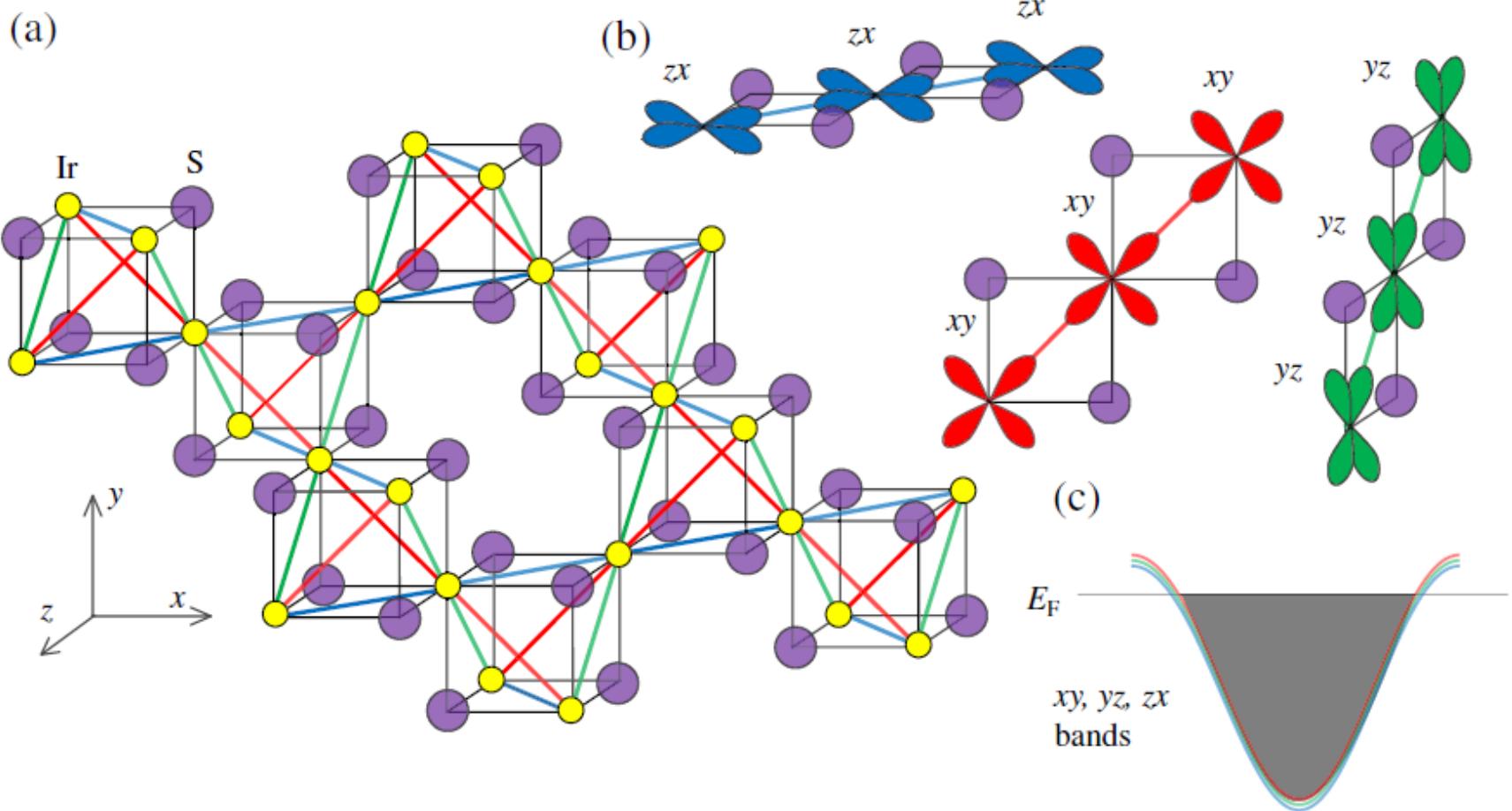
Data determined from Rietveld refinements of X-ray and neutron powder diffraction data. All bond lengths are given in Å.

1D t_{2g} bands in the pyrochlore lattice?

Ir 5d t_{2g} orbitals:
triply degenerate
 xy , zx , and yz

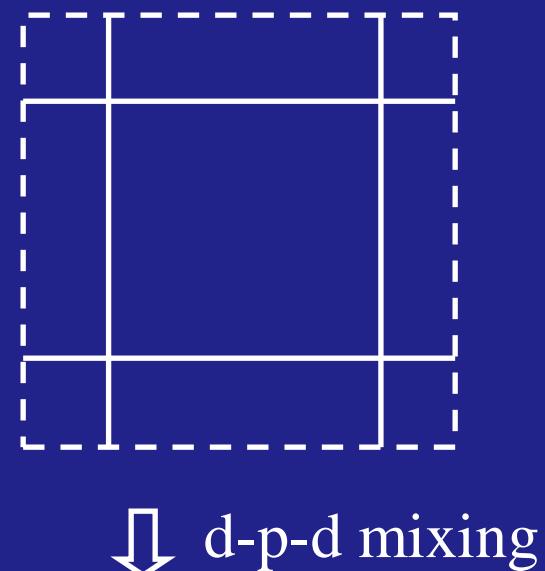
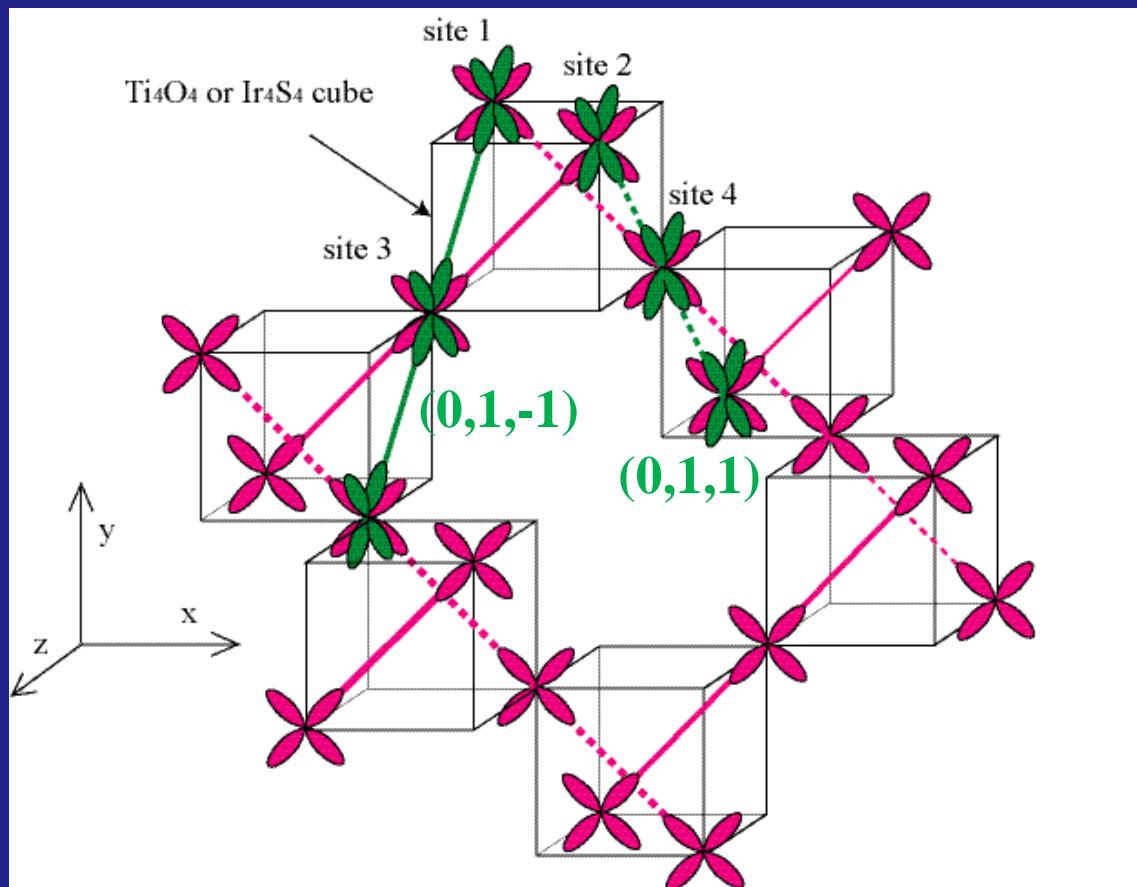
d-d transfer

xy : 1D band along (1,1,0) and (1,-1,0)
 zx : 1D band along (1,0,1) and (1,0,-1)
 yz : 1D band along (0,1,1) and (0,1,-1)

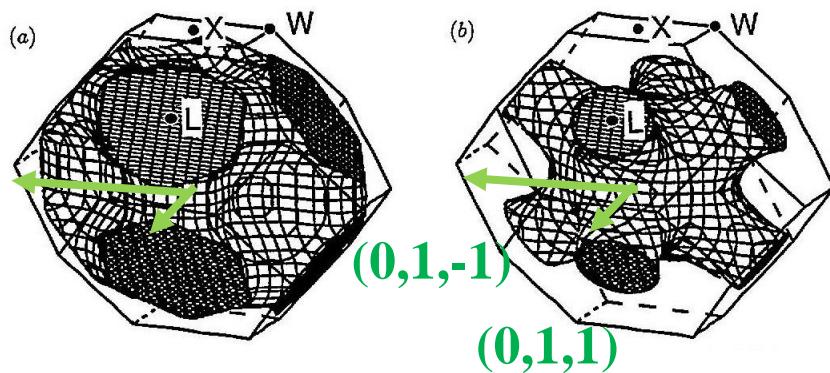


d-d transfer *versus* d-p-d transfer

d-p-d transfer provides hybridization between the xy and yz and zx bands.



3D Fermi surface of CuIr₂S₄

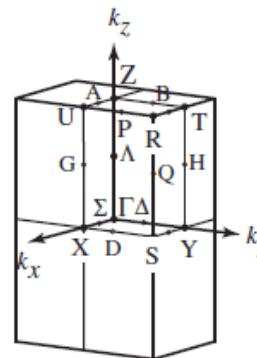
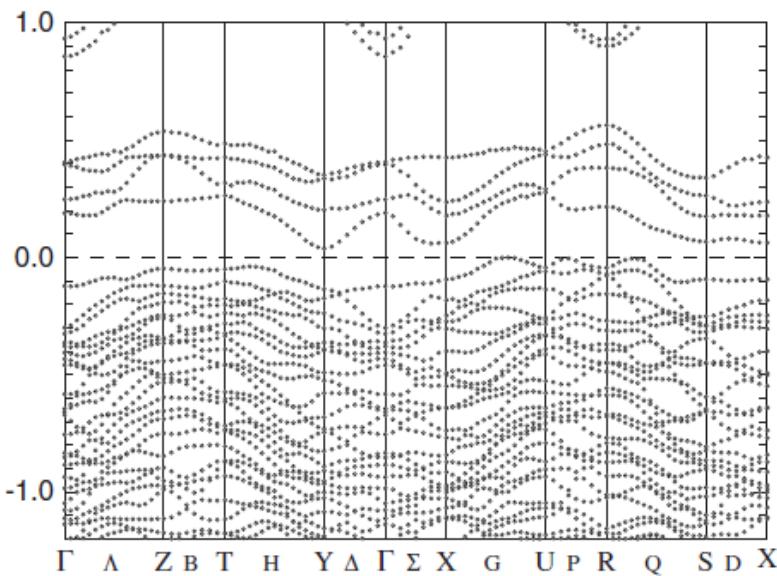


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high temperature cubic phase:
Ir 5d t_{2g} and S 3p orbitals
form the 3D Fermi surfaces.

No FS nesting

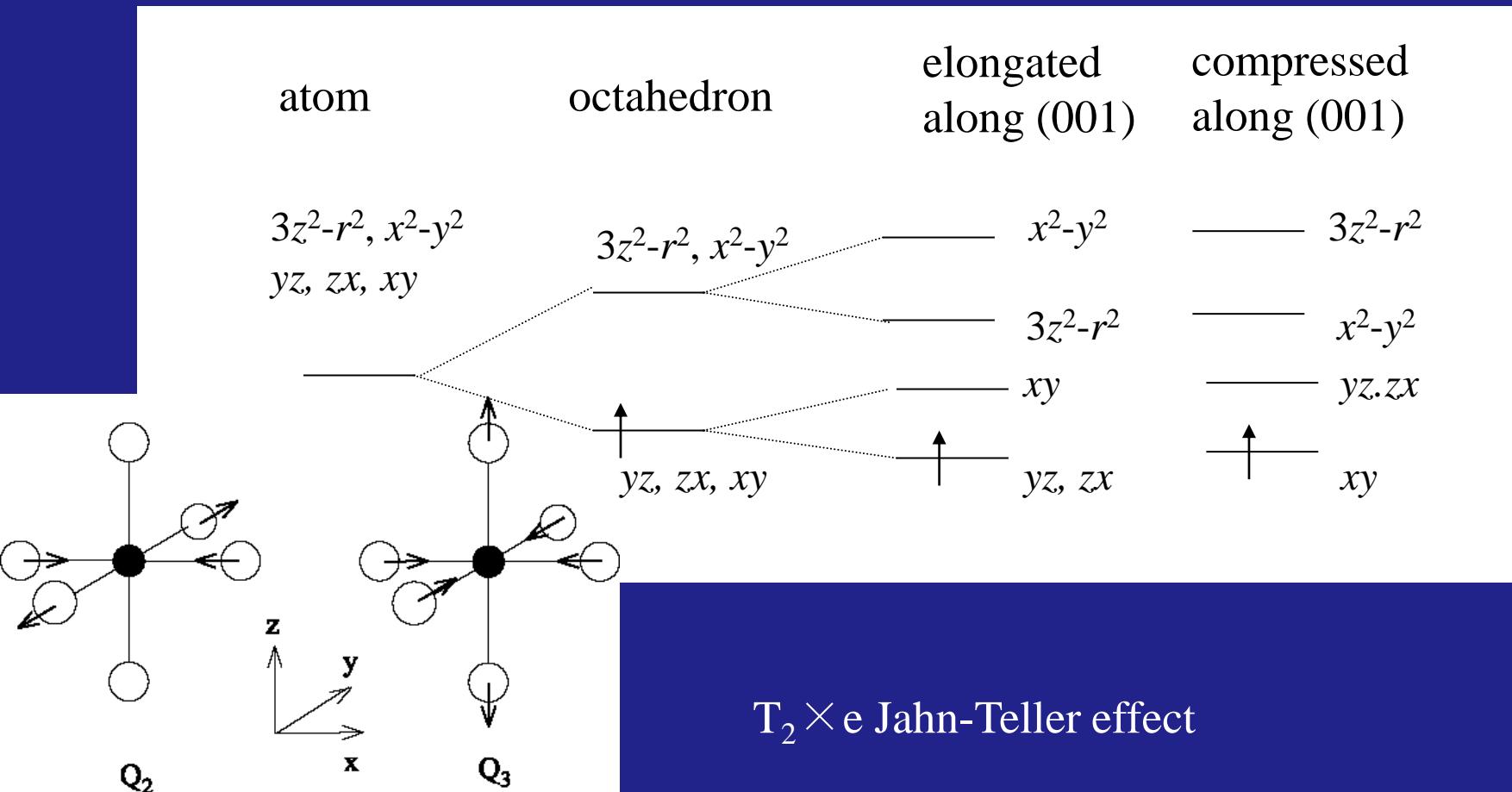
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low temperature triclinic phase:
LDA calculation predicts
indirect small band gap
of ~ 0.03 eV.
Strong electron-lattice coupling
The magnitude of band gap
is underestimated.
Experiment: ~ 0.2 eV

Jahn-Teller effect in t_{2g}^1 configuration

d^1 configuration (t_{2g} system)



$$H = -Aq \sin \theta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{3}/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\sqrt{3}/2 \end{pmatrix} - Aq \cos \theta \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} M \omega^2 q^2$$

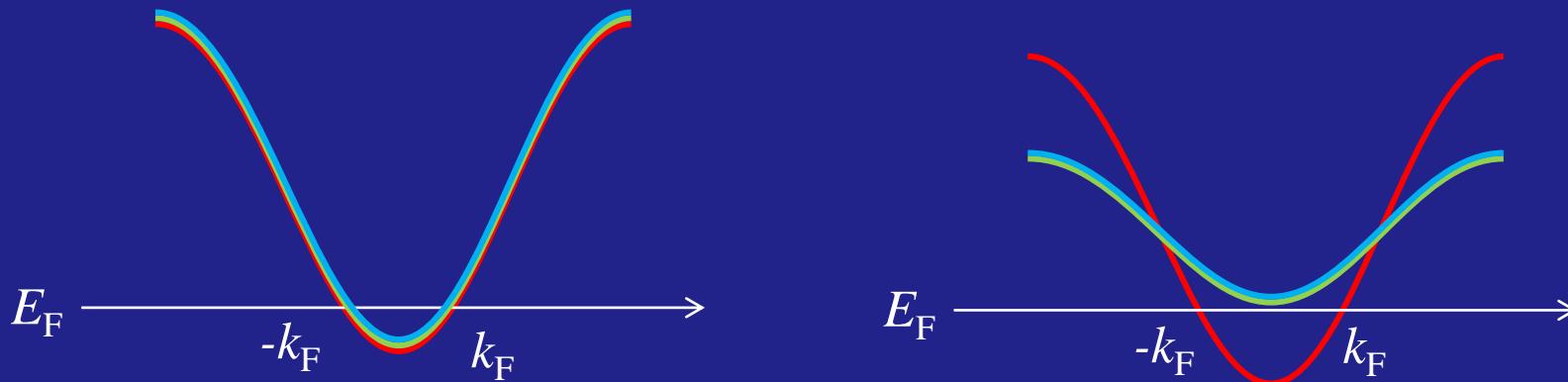
Band Jahn-Teller effect

band Jahn-Teller effect: Jahn-Teller distortion due to itinerant electrons

In a cubic lattice,
the xy , yz , zx orbitals can form triply degenerate bands.

Under **tetragonal elongation** along the z-axis,
the xy band becomes wider than the yz , zx bands.

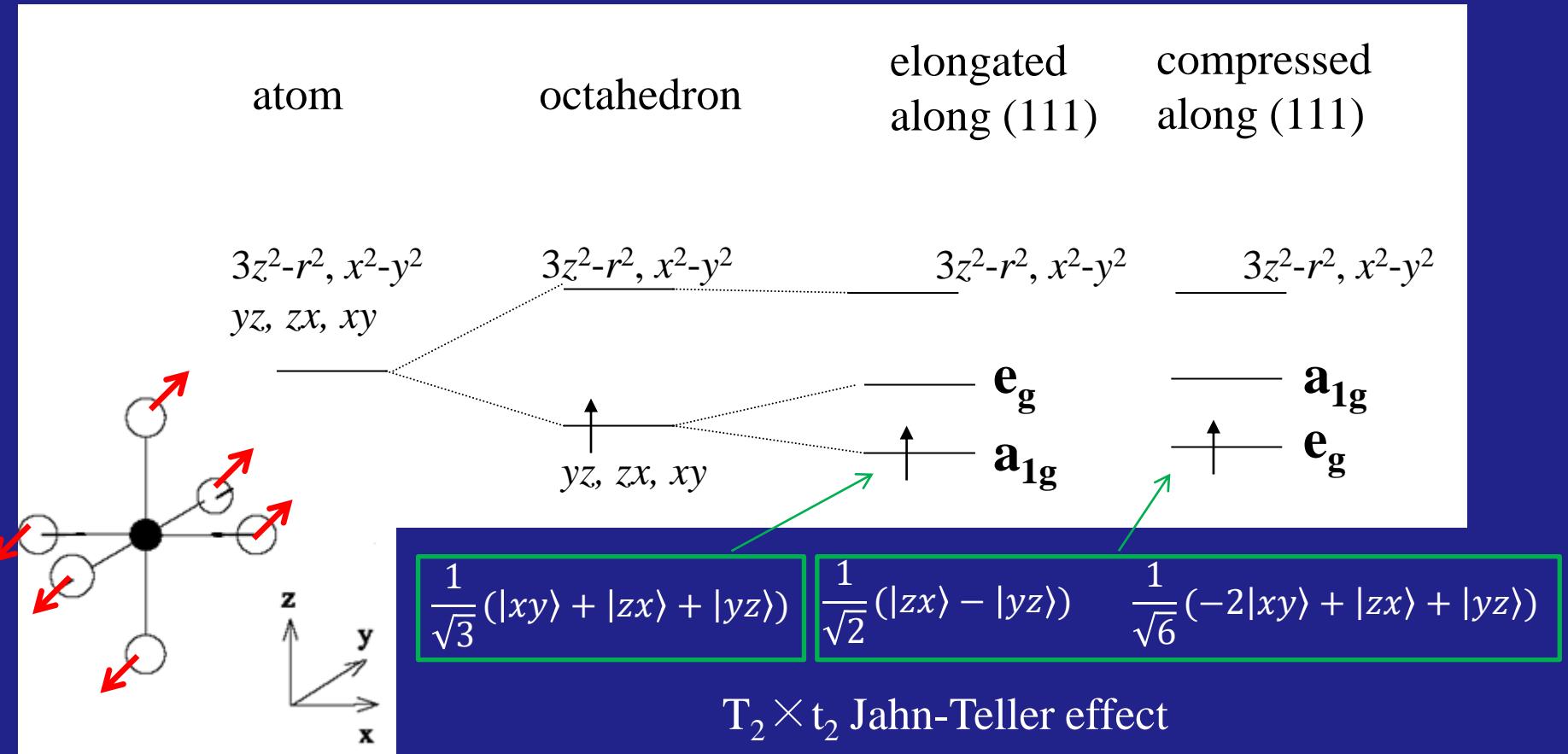
→ The yz , zx bands can be fully (un)occupied in order to gain kinetic energy.



In contrast to the localized electron case, it is not so easy to overcome the elastic energy loss by the band Jahn-Teller effect alone.

Jahn-Teller effect in t_{2g}^1 configuration

d^1 configuration (t_{2g} system)



$$H = -Aq_x \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} - Aq_y \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - Aq_z \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2}M\omega^2 q^2$$

Band Jahn-Teller effect

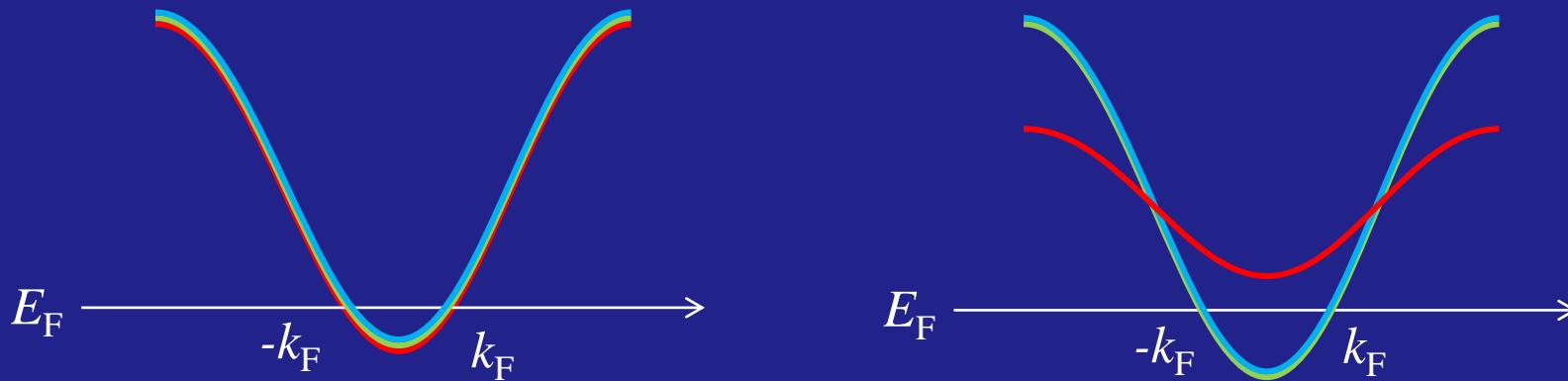
band Jahn-Teller effect: Jahn-Teller distortion due to itinerant electrons

In a cubic lattice,
the xy , yz , zx orbitals can form triply degenerate bands.

Under trigonal elongation along the 111-axis,

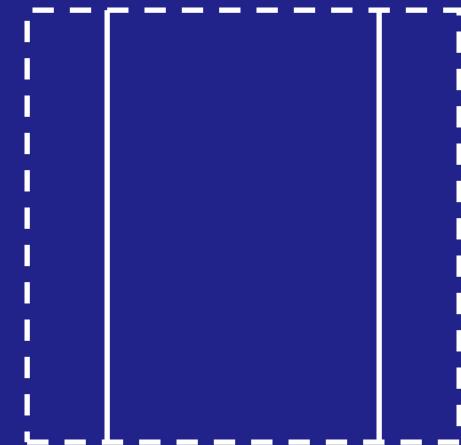
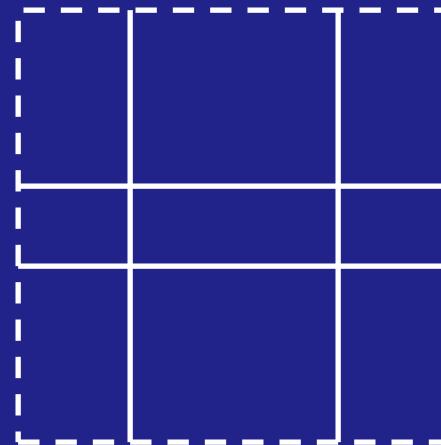
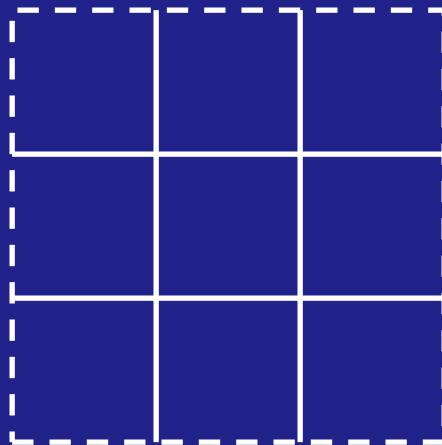
the e_g bands become wider than the a_{1g} band.

→ The a_{1g} band can be fully (un)occupied in order to gain kinetic energy.



In contrast to the localized electron case, it is not so easy to overcome the elastic energy loss by the band Jahn-Teller effect alone.

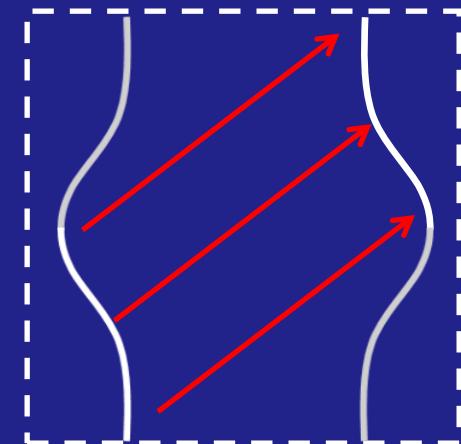
Band Jahn-Teller effect and Peierls instability



Band Jahn-Teller effect

⬇ d-p-d mixing

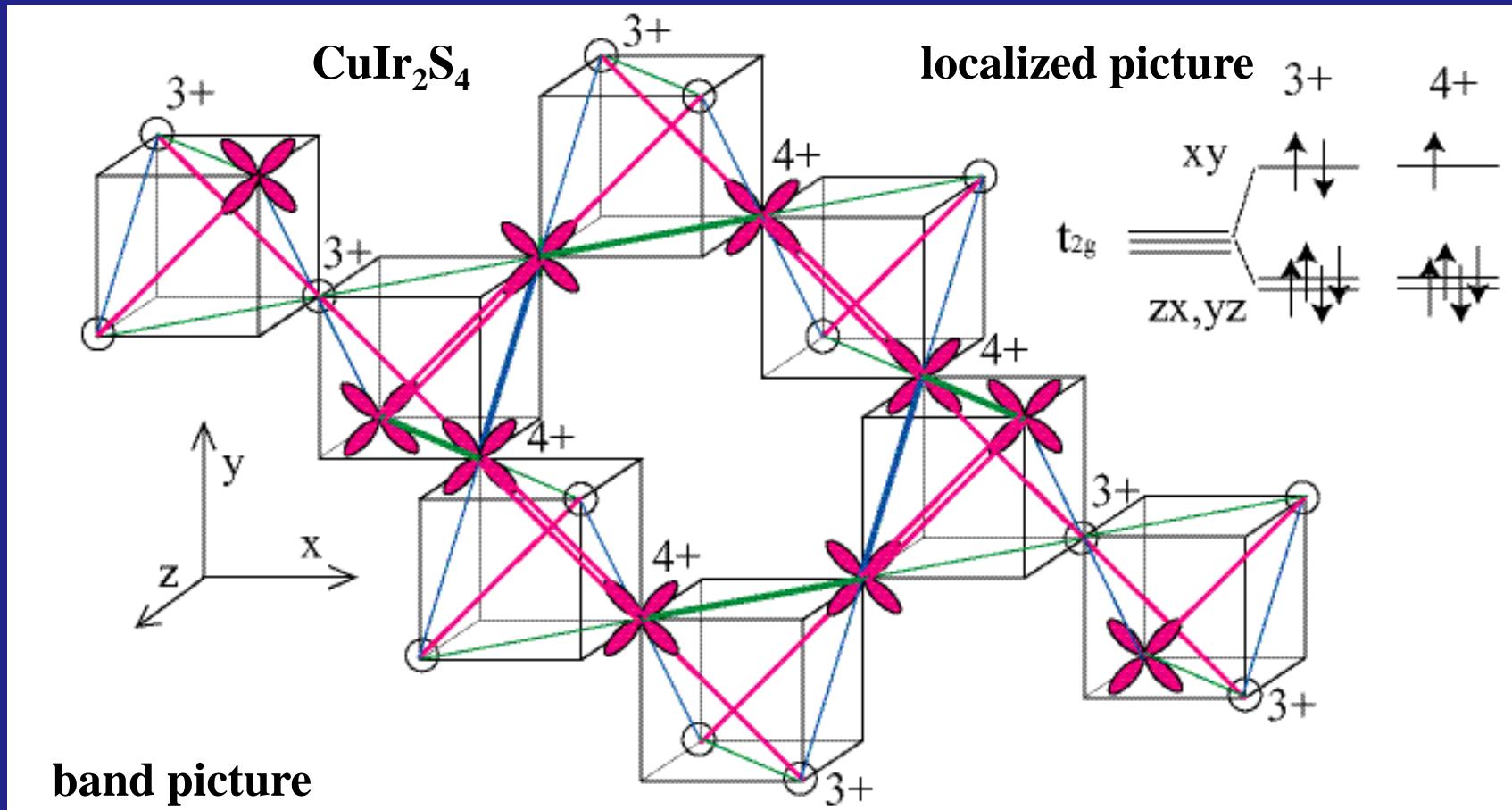
One-dimensional character is partially recovered by the band Jahn-Teller effect.



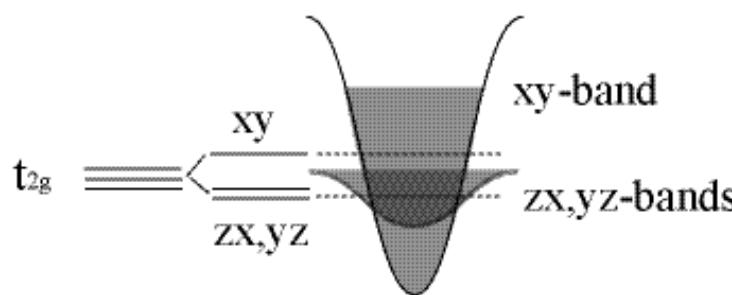
nesting wave vector Q

Orbitally induced Peierls transition (dimer)

xy holes \rightarrow 3/4 filled 1D band along $(1,1,0)$ and $(1,-1,0)$

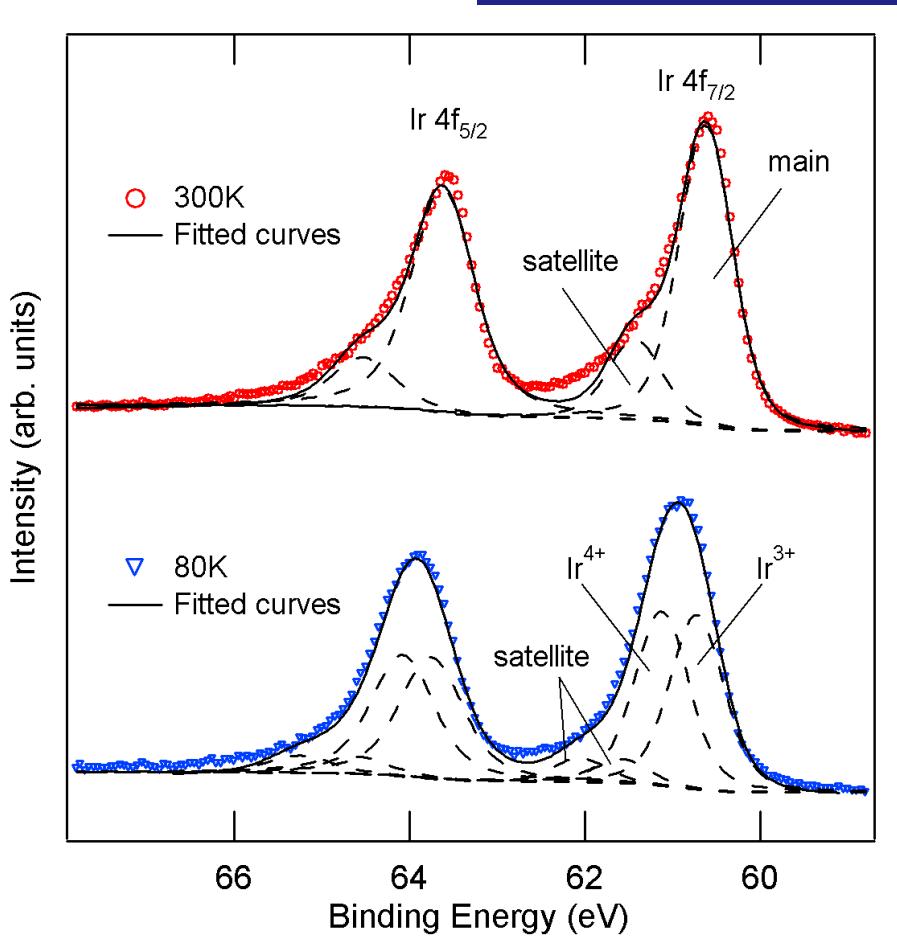


D. I. Khomskii and TM,
Phys. Rev. Lett. **94**, 156402 (2005).



Ir 5d charge order in CuIr₂S₄

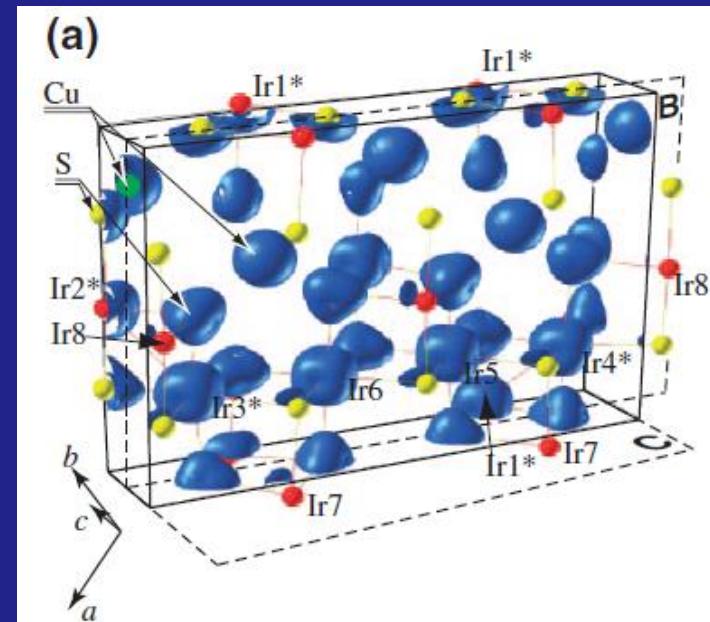
Ir 4f core level XPS



K. Takubo *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **95**, 246401 (2005).

Ir⁴⁺ and Ir³⁺ charge modulation manifests in the Ir 4f core level.

Ir 4f core level spectrum of insulating phase can be decomposed into the Ir³⁺ and Ir⁴⁺ peaks.
 $\text{Ir}^{3+} : \text{Ir}^{4+} = 1 : 1$
charge modulation predicted by LDA



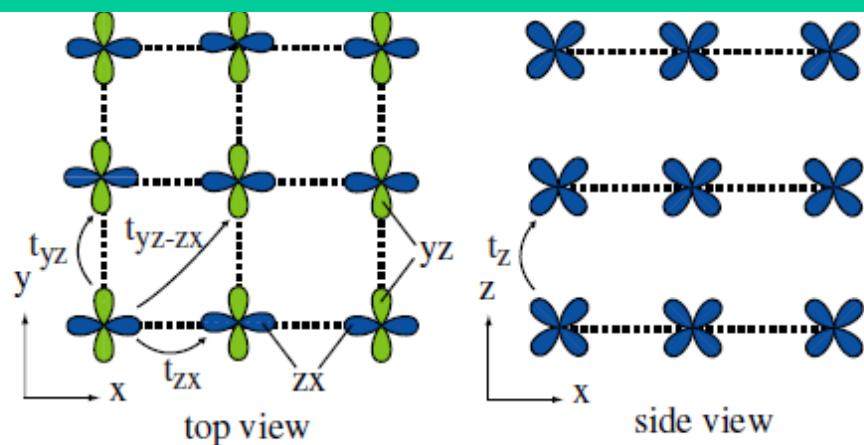
T. Sasaki *et al.*, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. **73**, 1875 (2004).

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two-band model on a square lattice

(a)



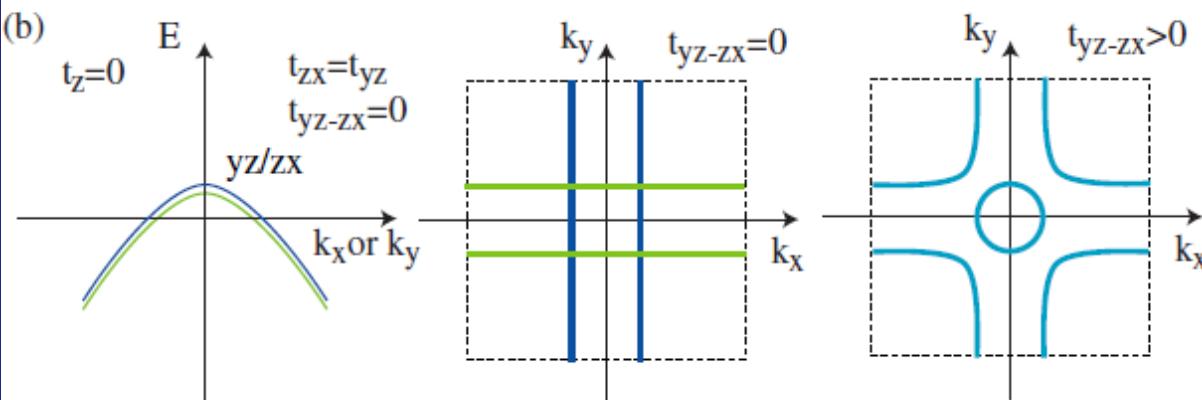
$$t_z = 0 \quad \text{purely 2D}$$

$$E_1 = 2t_{zx} \cos k_x$$

$$E_2 = 2t_{yz} \cos k_y$$

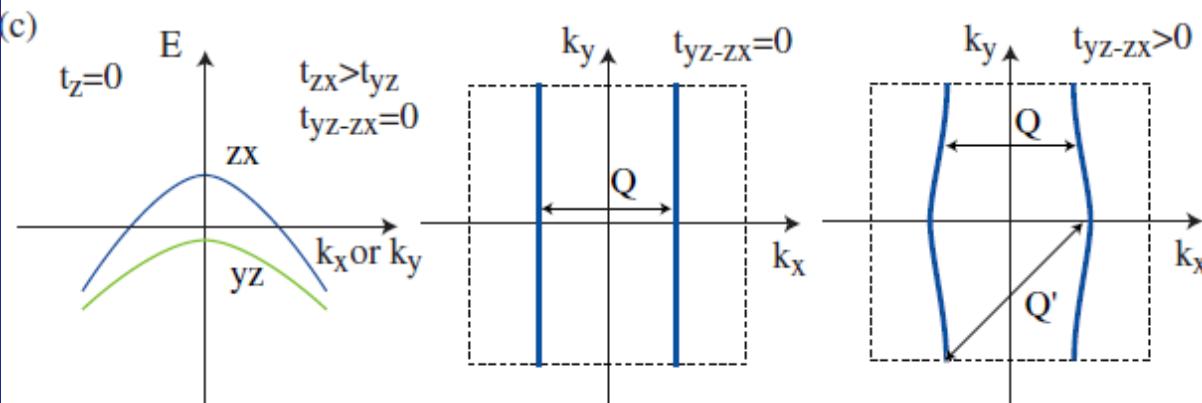
$$t_{zx} = t_{yz} > 0$$

(b)



$$E_{12} = 2t_{yz\cdot zx} \cos(k_x + k_y) - 2t_{yz\cdot zx} \cos(k_x - k_y)$$

(c)



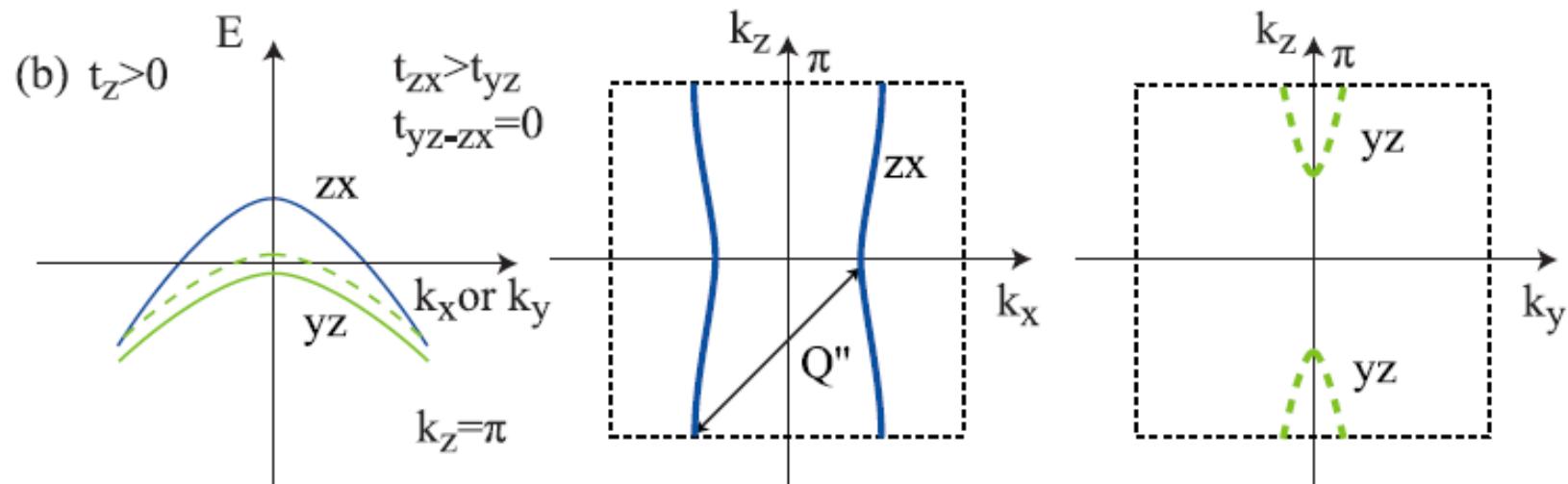
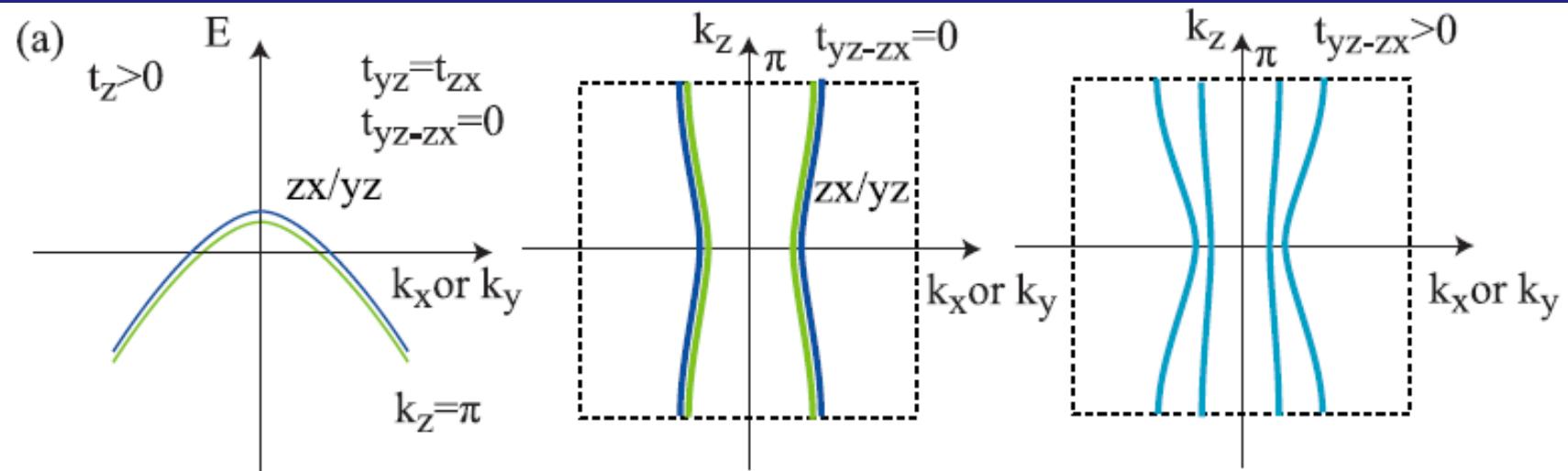
$$E_1 = \Delta + 2t_{zx} \cos k_x$$

$$E_2 = -\Delta + 2t_{yz} \cos k_y$$

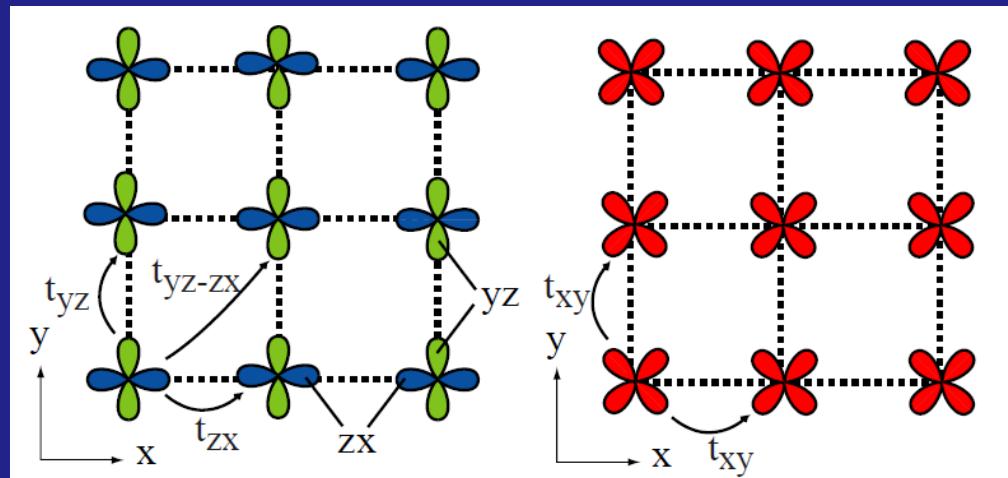
$$t_{zx} > t_{yz} > 0$$

Effect of interlayer coupling

$t_z > 0$ quasi 2D



Three-band model on a square lattice



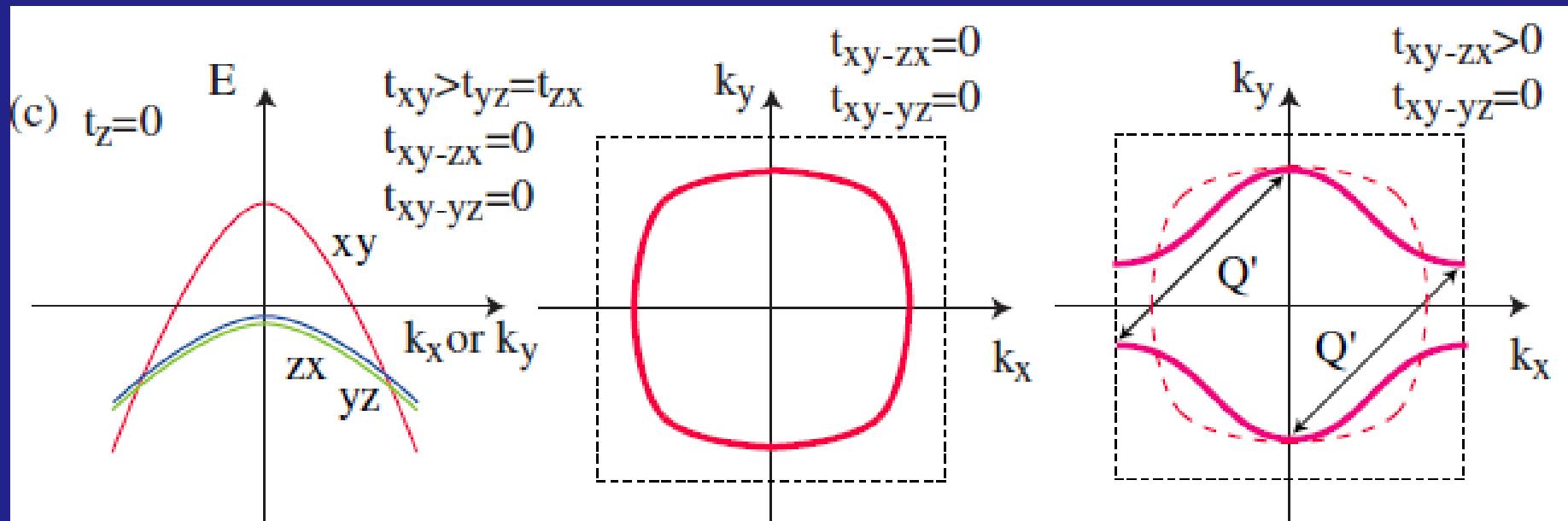
$$t_{xy} = t_{zx} = t_{yz} > 0$$

$$E_1 = 2t_{zx} \cos k_x$$

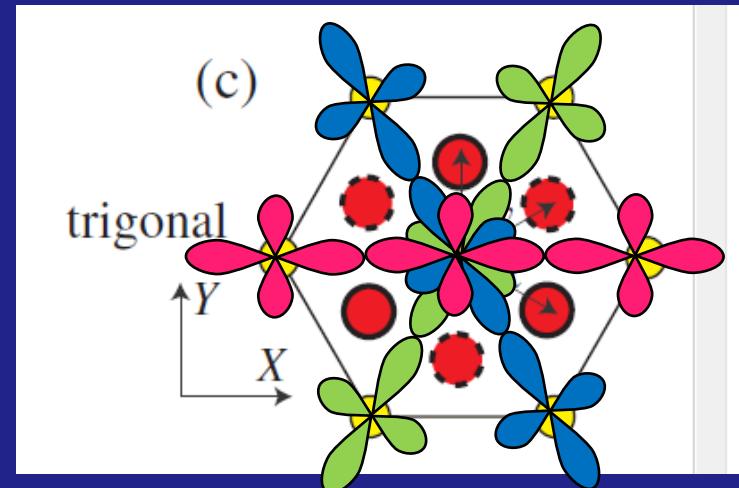
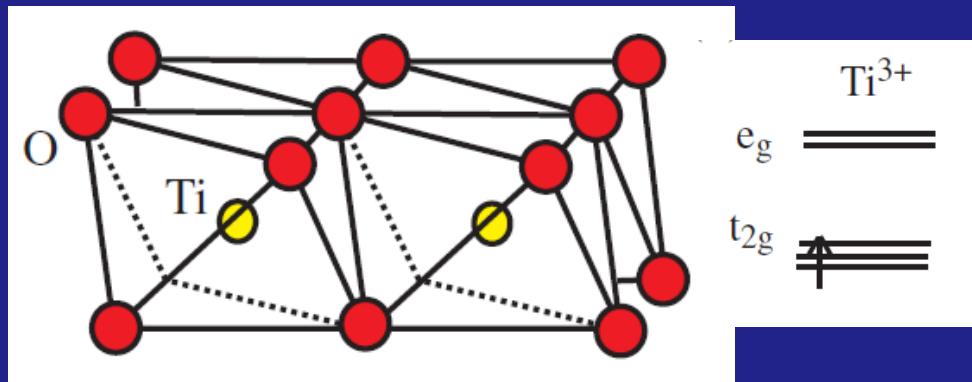
$$E_2 = 2t_{yz} \cos k_y$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_3 = & 2t_{xy} (\cos k_x + \cos k_y) \\ & + 2t_{xy \cdot xy} \cos(k_x + k_y) \\ & + 2t_{xy \cdot xy} \cos(k_x - k_y) \end{aligned}$$

$$t_{xy \cdot xy} > 0$$

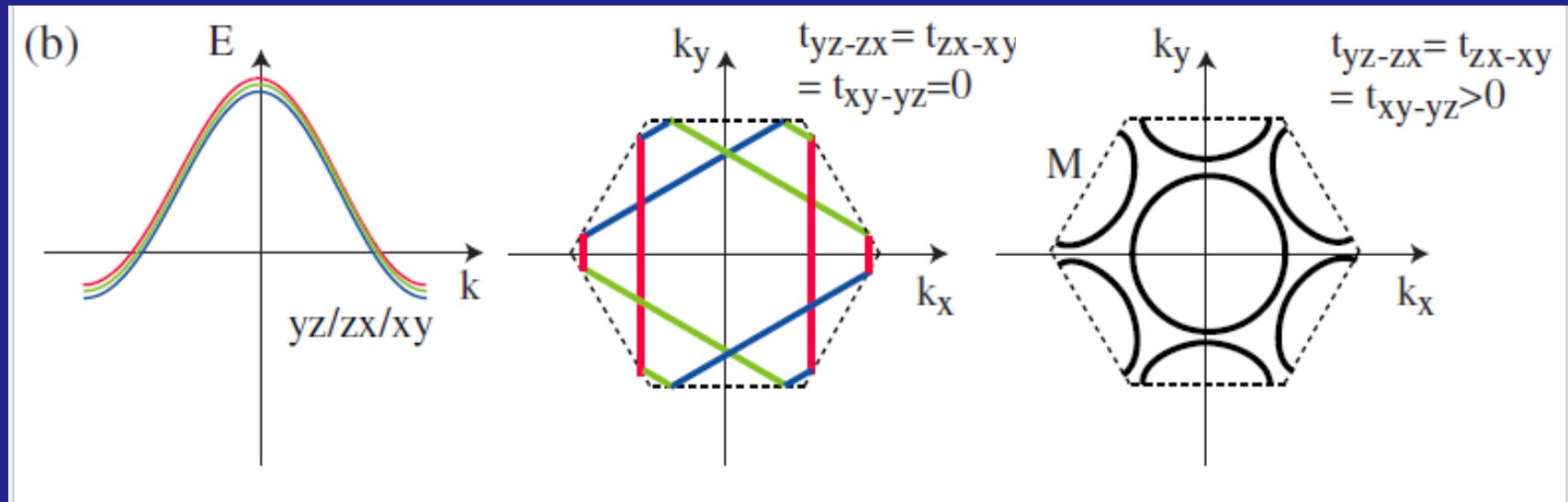


triangular lattice model

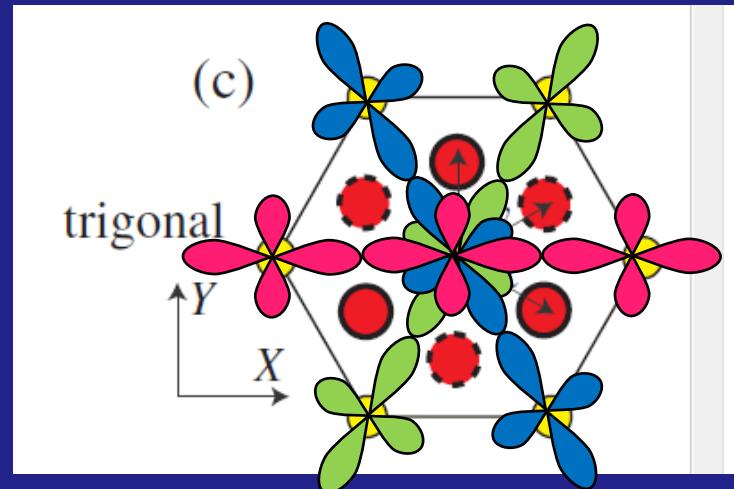
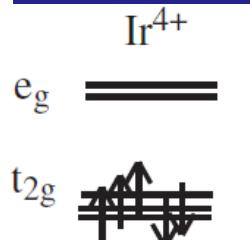
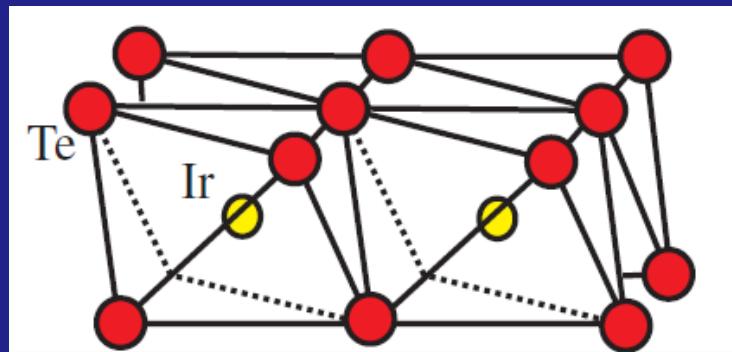


$$E_1 = 2t_{yz} \cos(k_x/2 + \sqrt{3}k_y/2)$$

$$E_2 = 2t_{zx} \cos(k_x/2 - \sqrt{3}k_y/2) \quad E_3 = 2t_{xy} \cos k_x$$

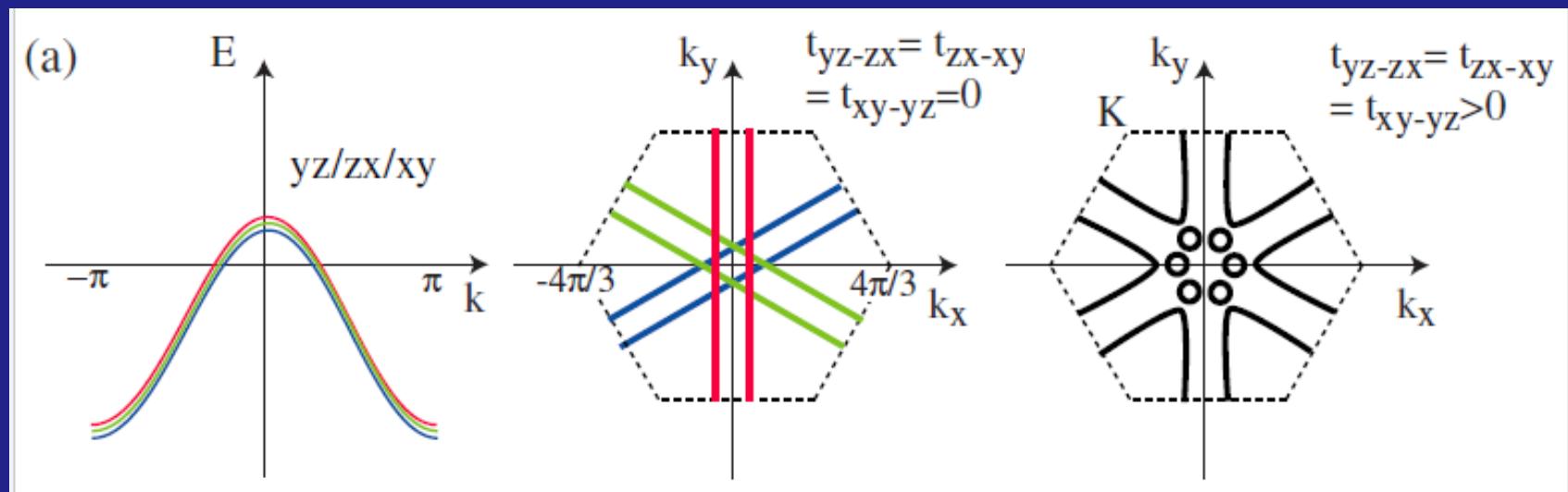


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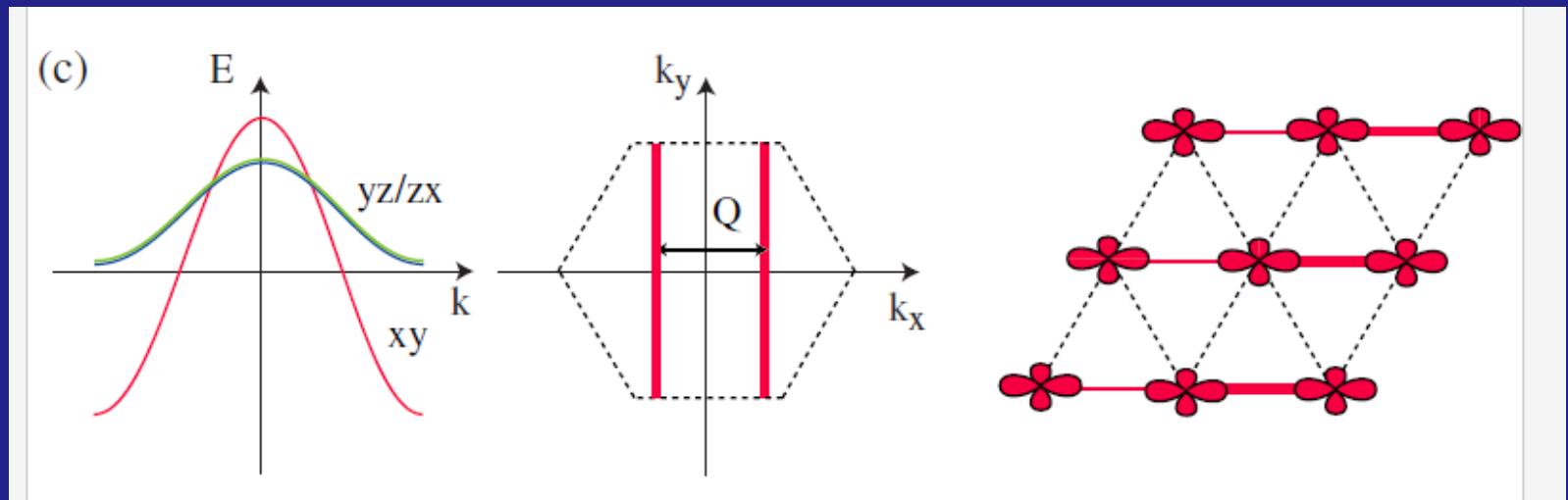
$$E_2 = 2t_{zx} \cos(k_x/2 - \sqrt{3}k_y/2) \quad E_3 = 2t_{xy} \cos k_x$$



Orbitally induced Peierls mechanism

When the triangular lattice is compressed along (1,0)
the xy band becomes wider than the yz , zx bands.

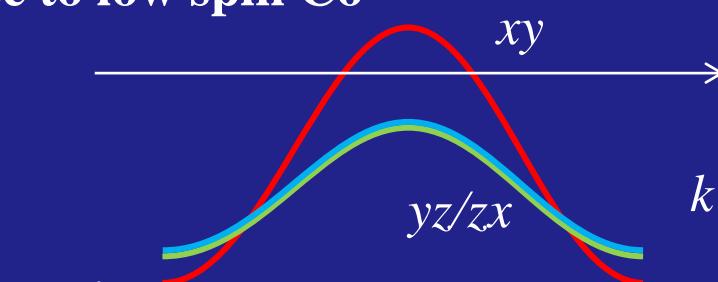
- yz , zx : fully (un)occupied
- $xy : 1/2$ filled 1D band along (1,0)**
- dimerization along (1,0)



However, such dimerization for d^1 was not observed in actual triangular lattice systems.

Na_xCoO_2

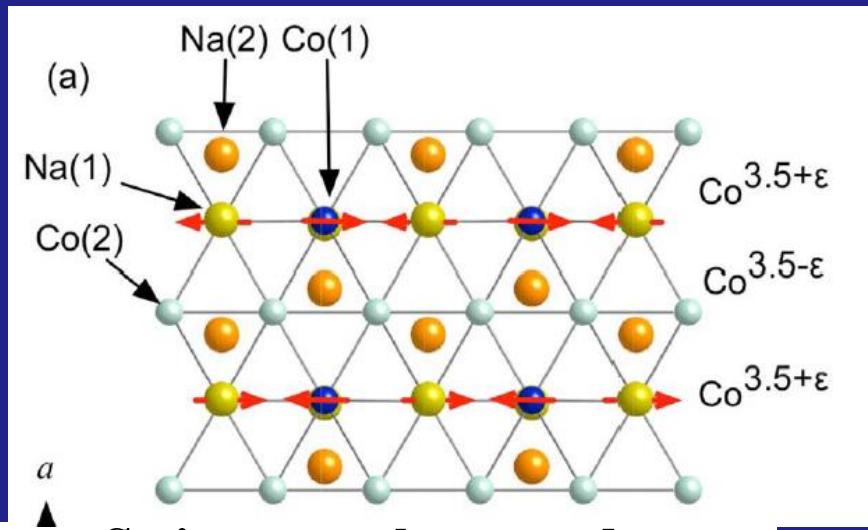
close to low spin Co^{3+}



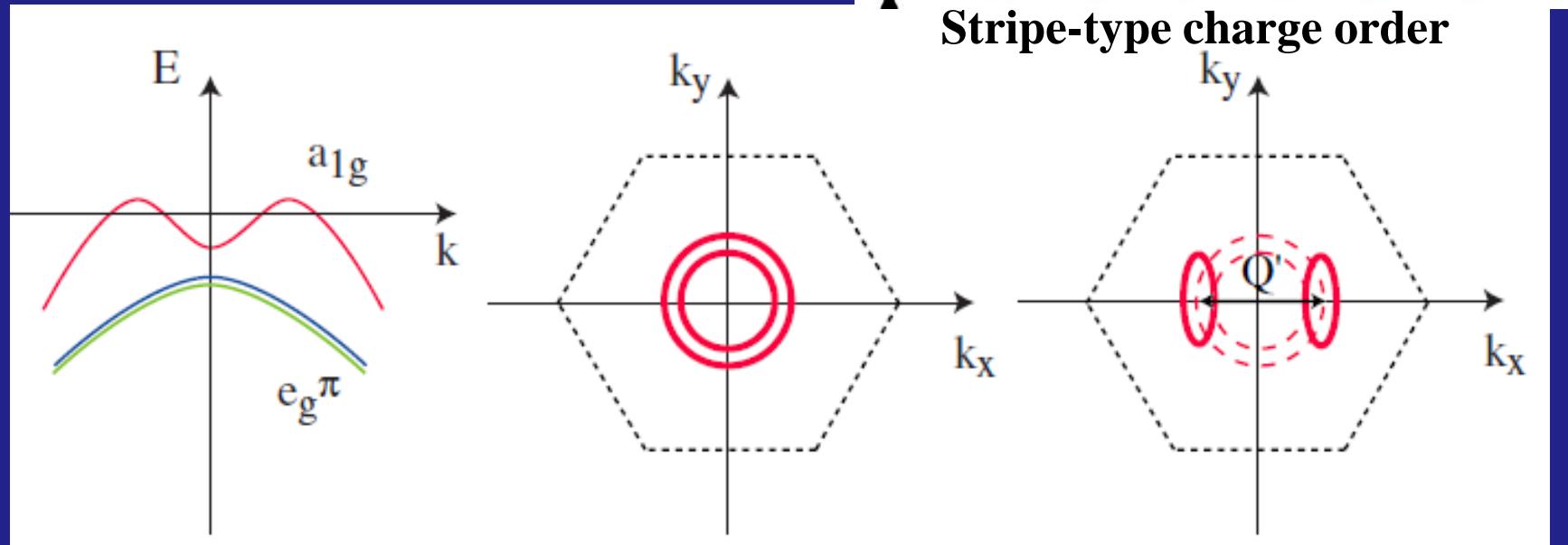
Na ion order →
Anisotropic a_{1g} - e_g^π hybridization
→ Fermi surface nesting

K. Ikedo *et al.*,
J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. 78, 063707 (2009)

D.N. Argyriou, O. Prokhnenco, K. Kiefer,
and C.J. Milne, Phys. Rev. B 76, 134506 (2007)



Stripe-type charge order



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Transition-metal oxides with edge-sharing octahedra

Rutile(1D)

VO_2 : V^{4+} d^1 $T_{\text{MI}}=340 \text{ K}$ M-NMI

Hollandite(1D)

$\text{K}_2\text{V}_8\text{O}_{16}$: $\text{V}^{4+},\text{V}^{3+}$ d^1,d^2 $T_{\text{MI}}=210 \text{ K}$ M-NMI

$\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_8\text{O}_{16}$: $\text{Cr}^{4+},\text{Cr}^{3+}$ d^2,d^3 $T_{\text{MI}}=95 \text{ K}$ FM-FMI

triangular lattice (2D)

NaTiO_2 Ti^{3+} d^1 $T_{\text{NM}} = 260 \text{ K}$ I-NMI

LiVO_2 V^{3+} d^2 $T_{\text{NM}} = 500 \text{ K}$ I-NMI

$\text{BaV}_{10}\text{O}_{15}$ $\text{V}^{3+},\text{V}^{2+}$ d^2,d^3 $T_{\text{MI}}=130 \text{ K}$ M-AFI

Na_xCoO_2 $\text{Co}^{4+},\text{Co}^{3+}$ d^5,d^6

honeycomb lattice (2D)

Li_2RuO_3 Ru^{4+} d^4 $T_{\text{MI}} = 540 \text{ K}$ M-NMI

Na_2IrO_3 Ir^{4+} d^5

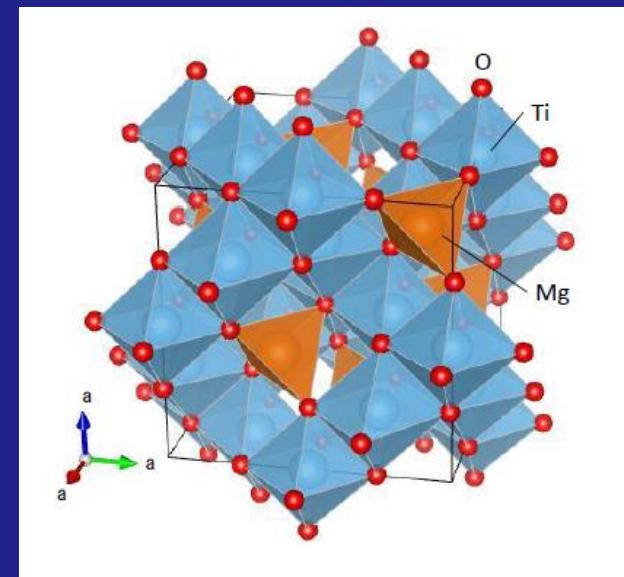
Spinel (3D)

MgTi_2O_4 Ti^{3+} d^1 $T_{\text{MI}} = 260 \text{ K}$ M-NMI

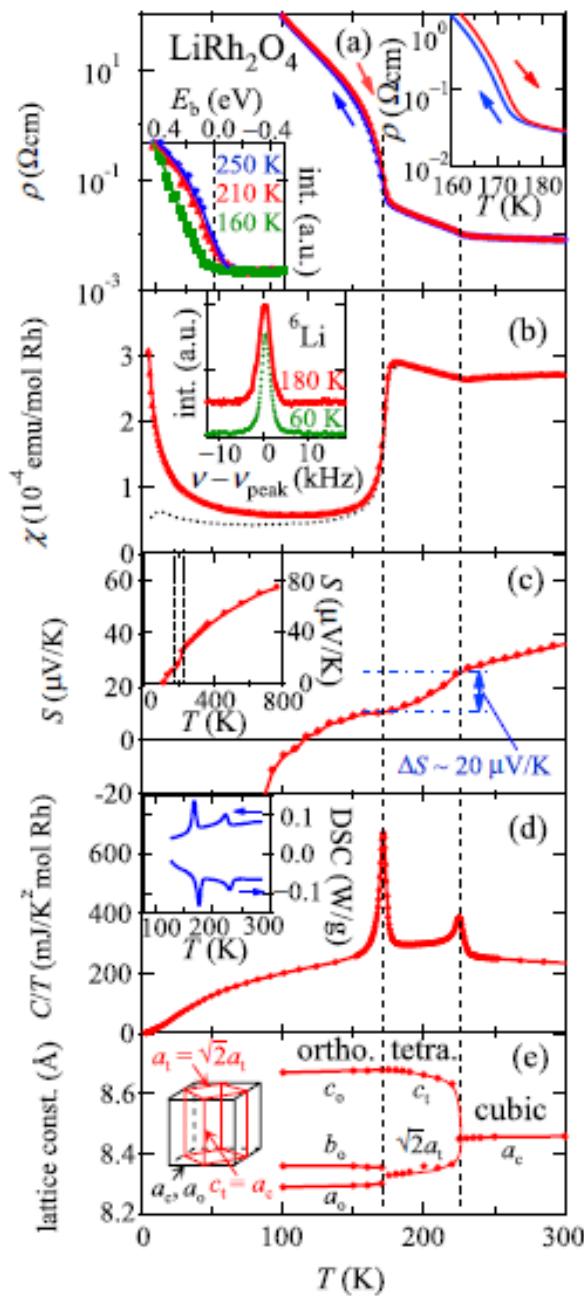
ZnV_2O_4 V^{3+} d^2

AlV_2O_4 $\text{V}^{3+},\text{V}^{2+}$ d^2,d^3

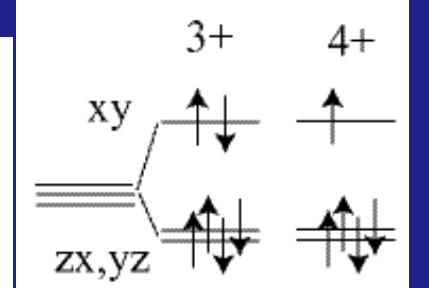
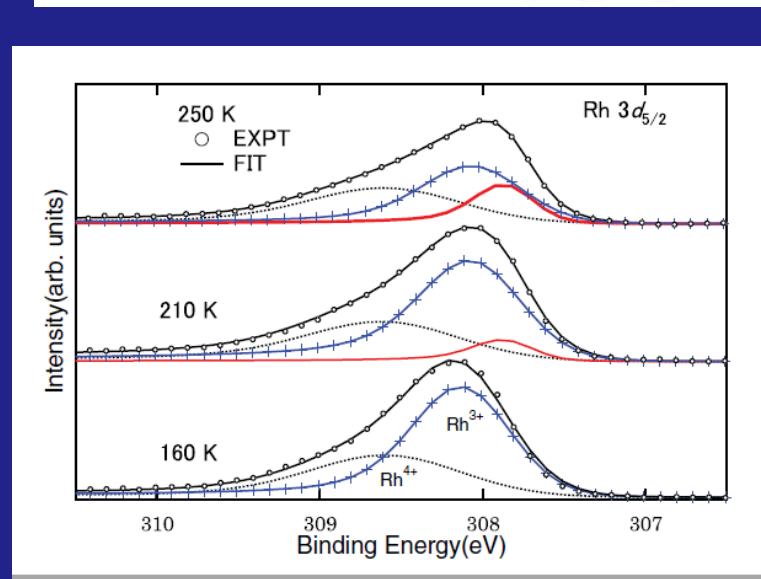
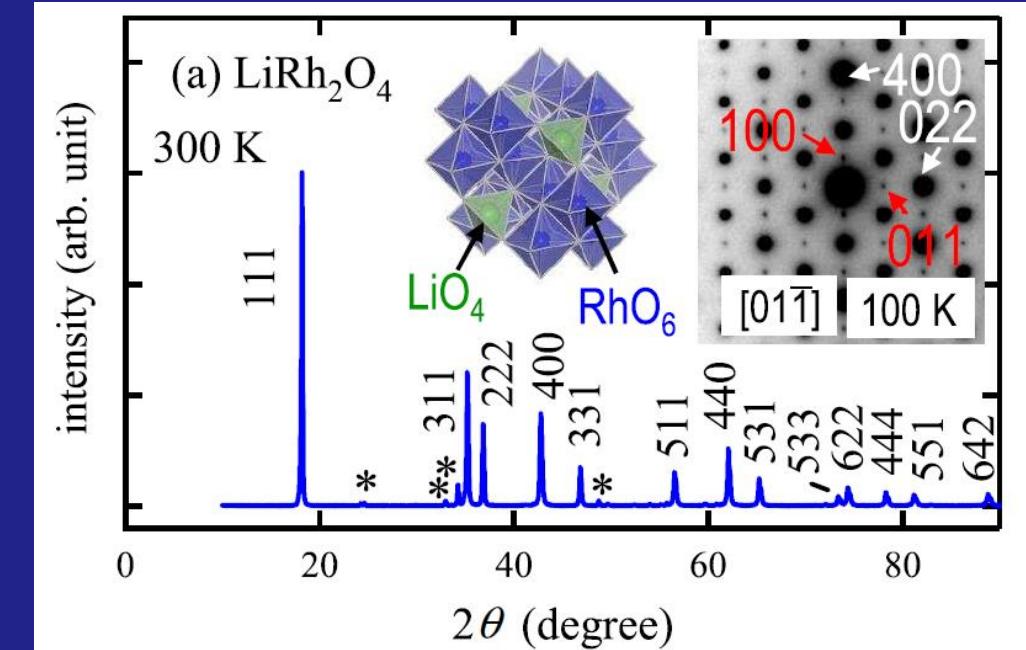
LiRh_2O_4 $\text{Rh}^{4+},\text{Rh}^{3+}$ d^5,d^6 $T_{\text{MI}}=170 \text{ K}$ M-NMI



Rh 4d charge order in LiRh_2O_4



Y. Okamoto et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **101**, 086404 (2008).



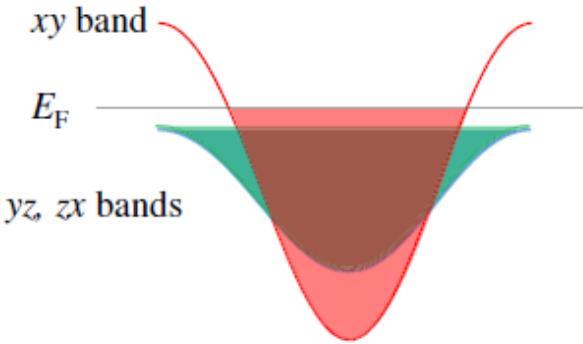
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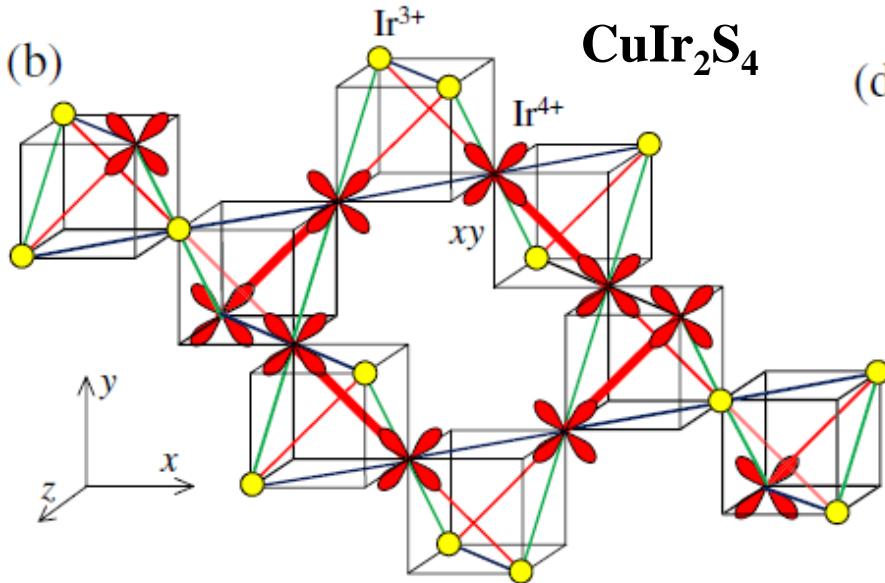
Charge ordering and Anderson's condition

repulsion between dimers

(a)

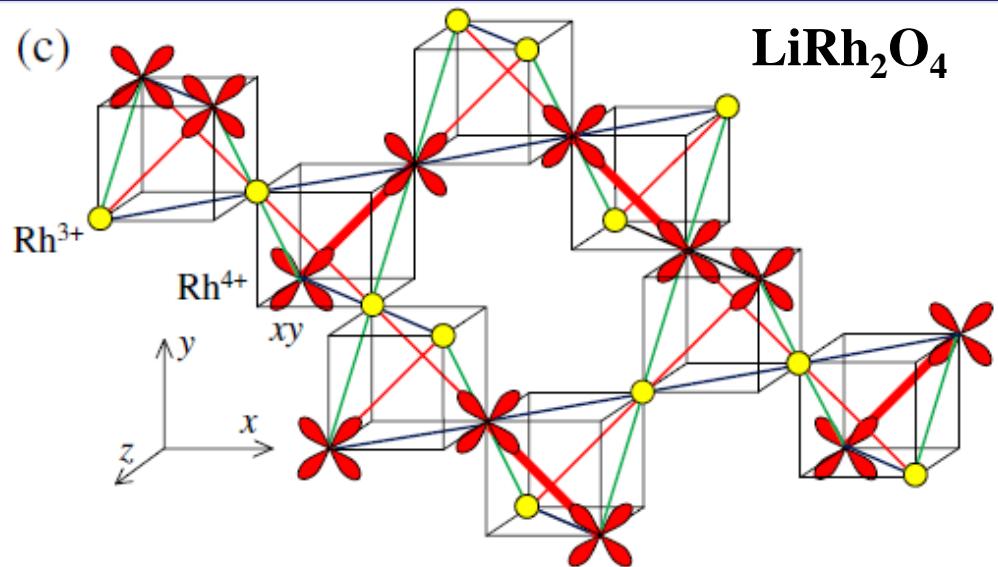


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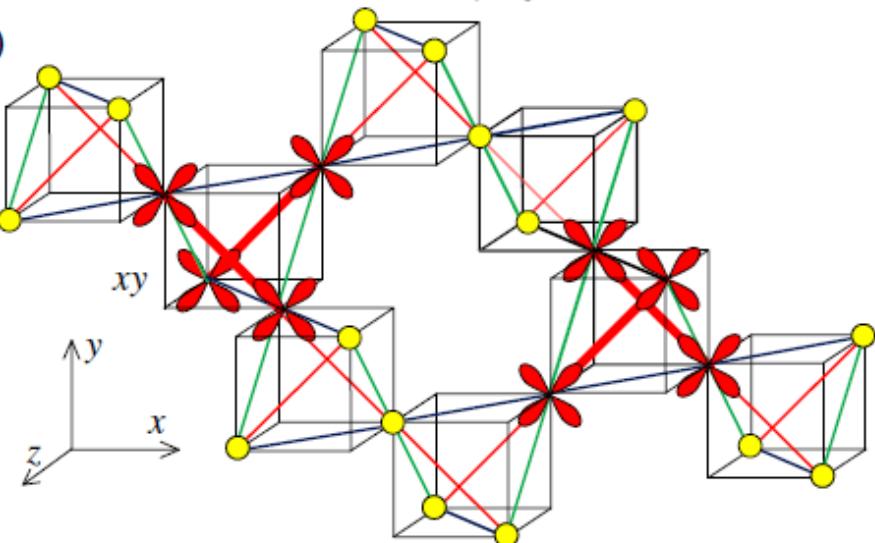


attraction between dimers

(c)

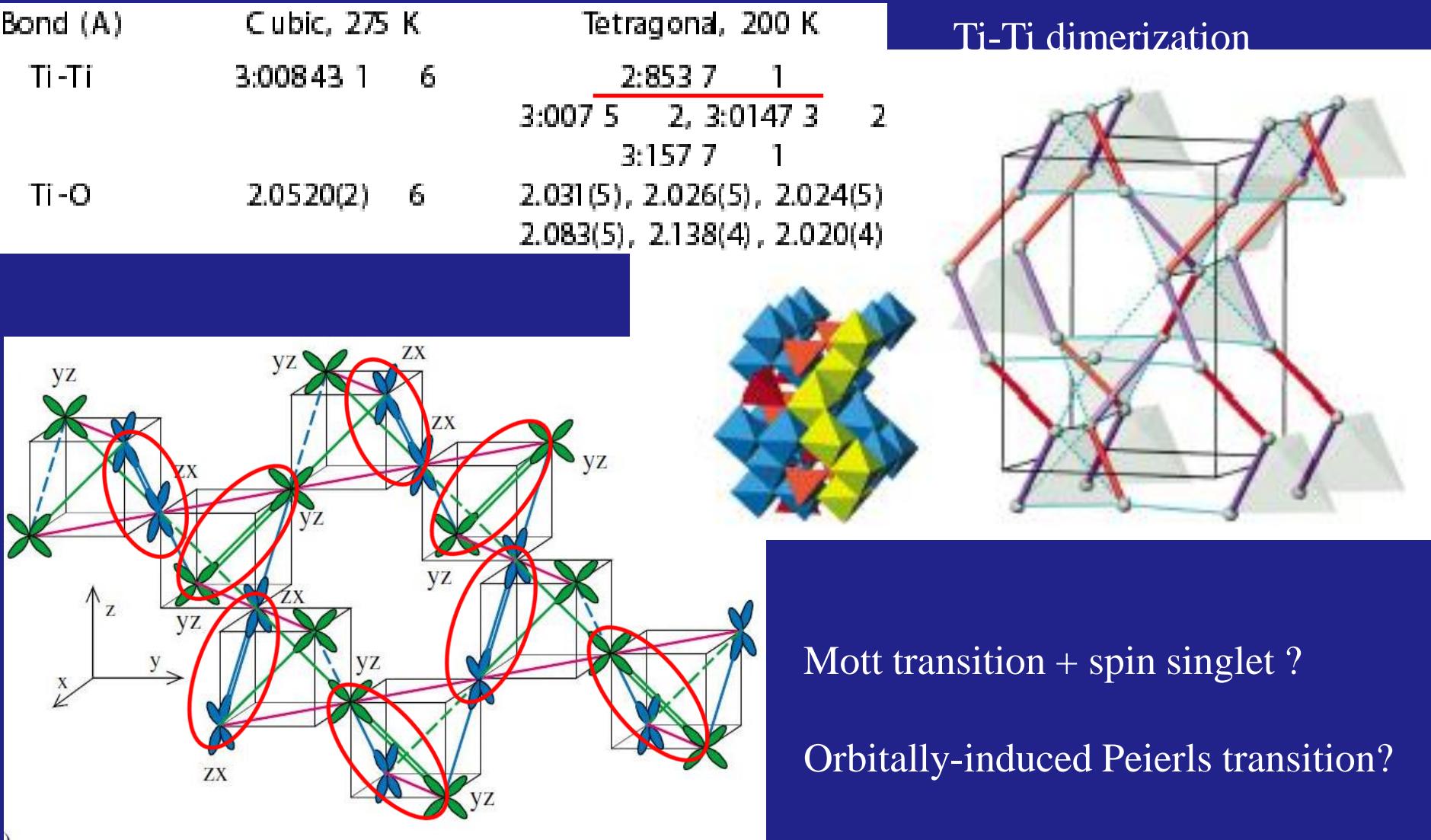


(d)



Helical dimerization in MgTi₂O₄

M.Schmidt *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **92**, 056402 (2004).



Mott transition + spin singlet ?

Orbitally-induced Peierls transition?

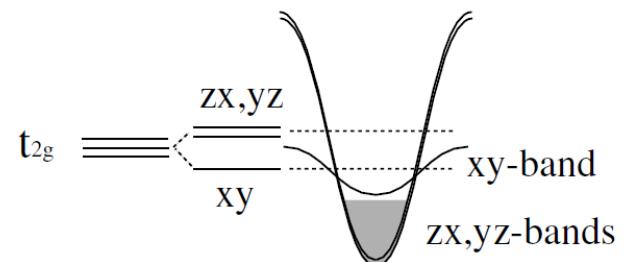
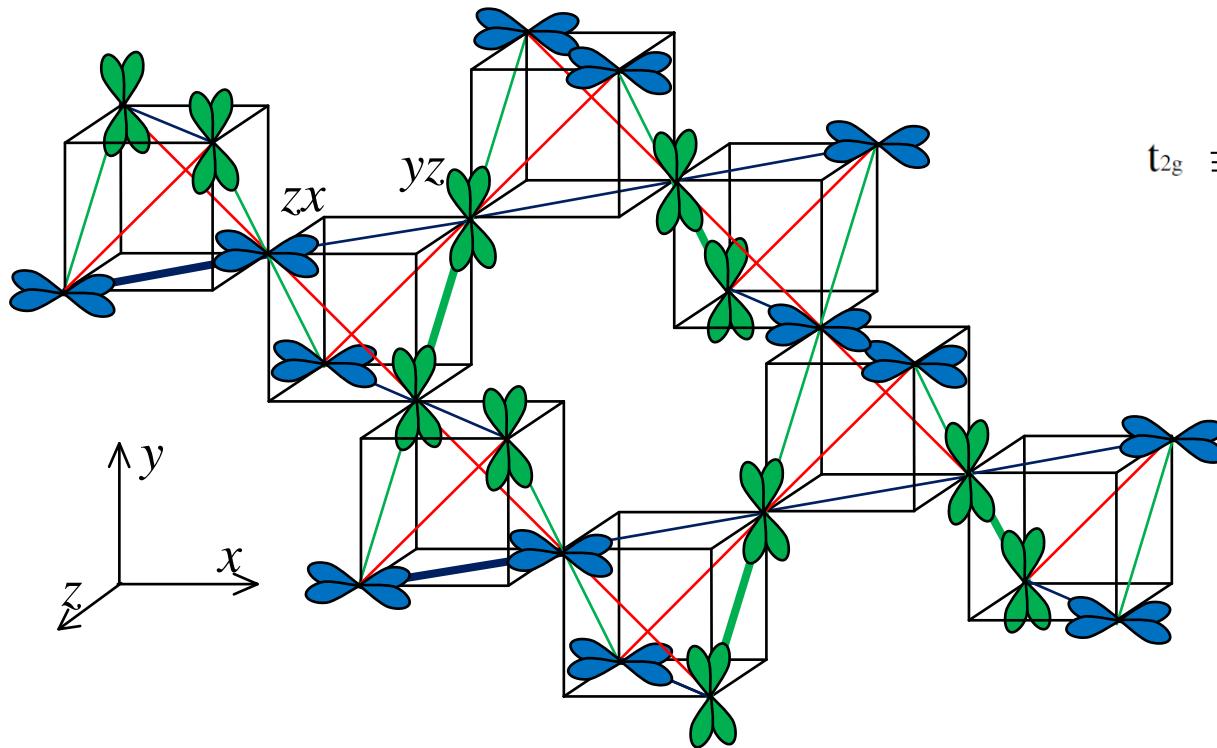
Orbitally induced Peierls transition (dimer + dimer)

MgTi_2O_4

$yz \rightarrow 1/4$ filled 1D band along $(0,1,1)$ and $(0,1,-1)$

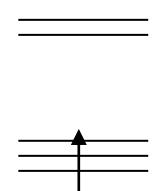
$zx \rightarrow 1/4$ filled 1D band along $(1,0,1)$ and $(1,0,-1)$

band picture



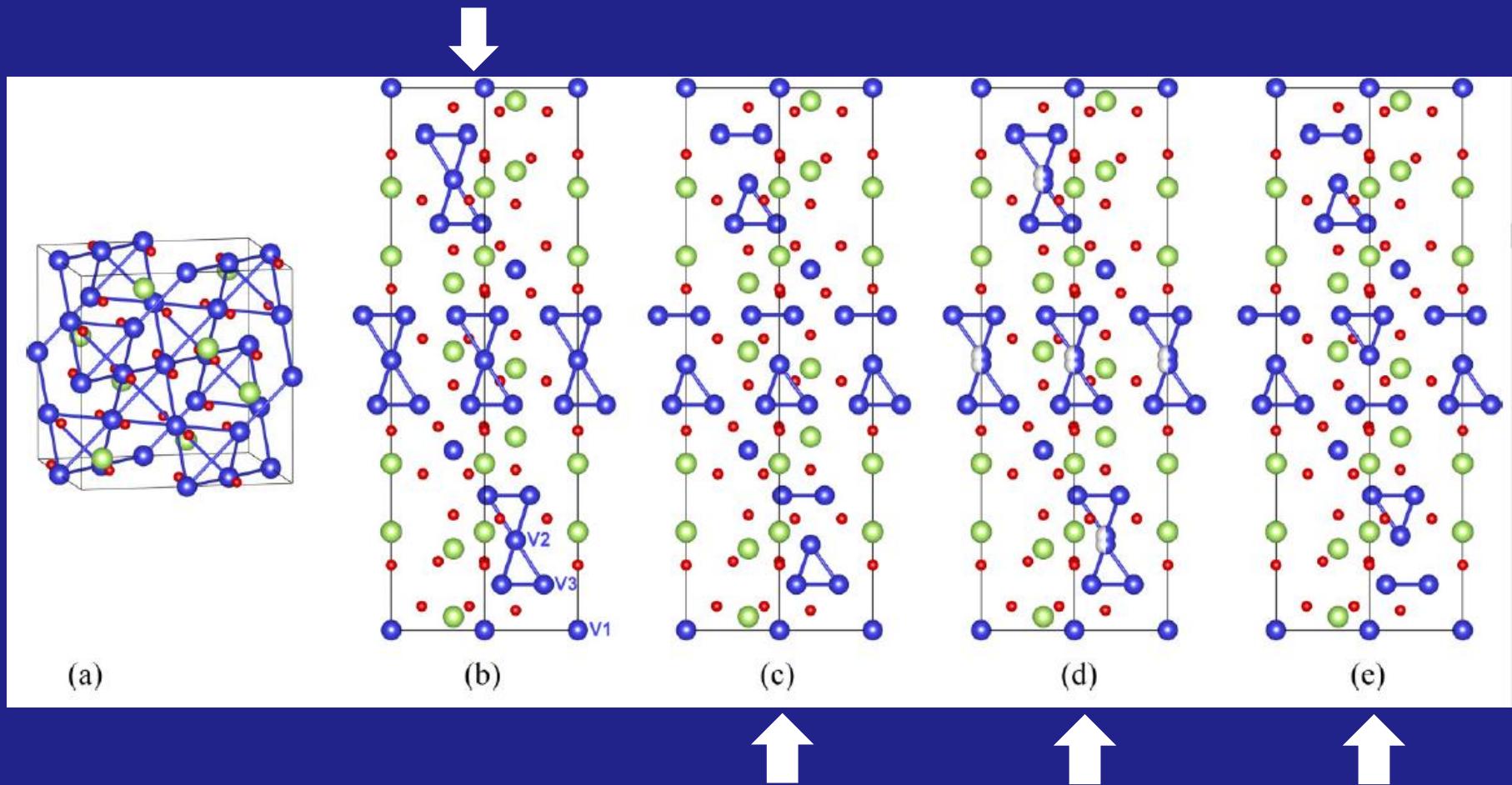
localized picture

$\text{Ti}^{3+} (\text{d}^1)$



Heptamer (tetramer + trimer) in AlV_2O_4

Heptamer : Y. Horibe *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 96, 086406 (2006).



Tetramer + trimer : A. J. Browne, S. A. J. Kimber, and J. P. Attfield,
Phys. Rev. Mater. **1**, 052003(R) (2017).

Orbitally induced Peierls transition (tetramer + trimer)

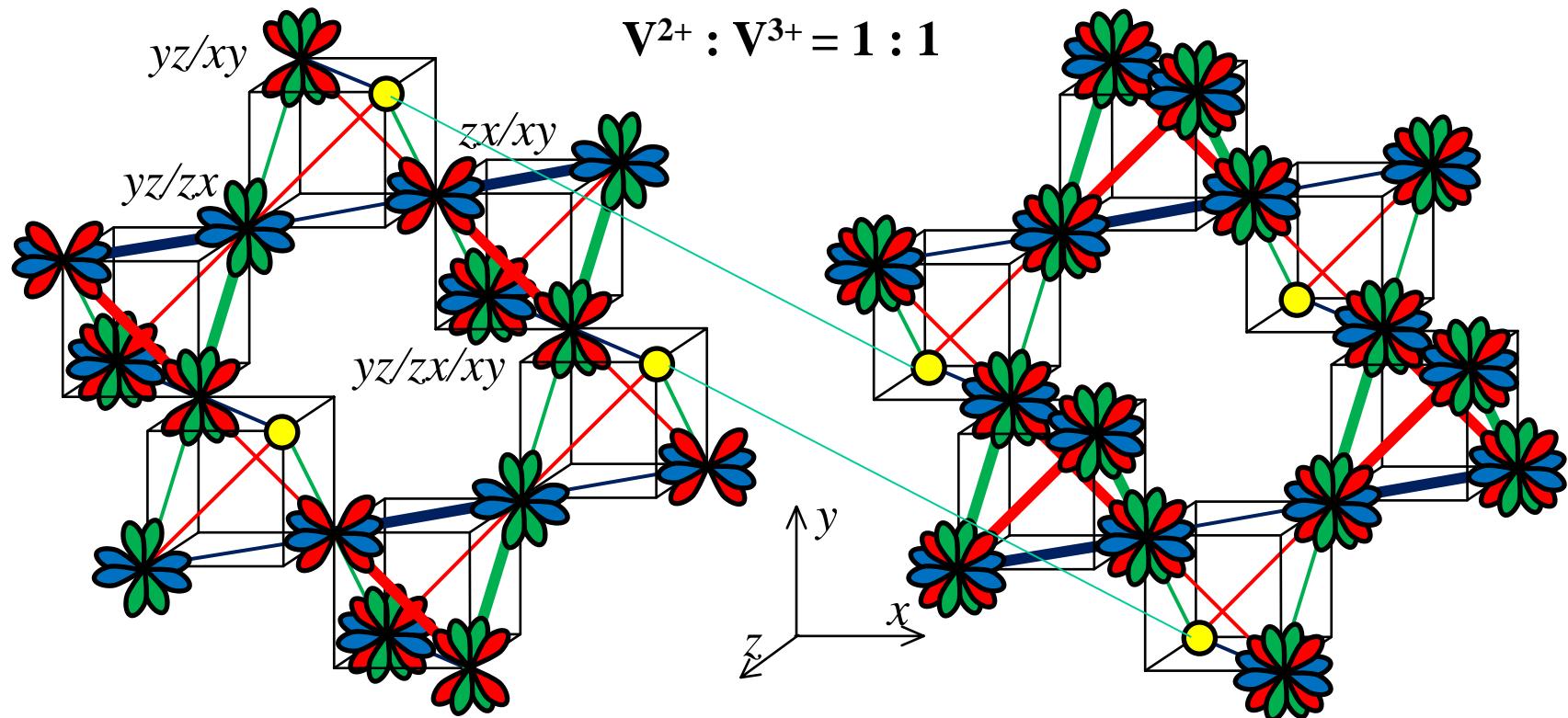
AlV_2O_4

kagome layer $(1, -1, 0)$ $(0, 1, -1)$ $(1, 0, -1)$

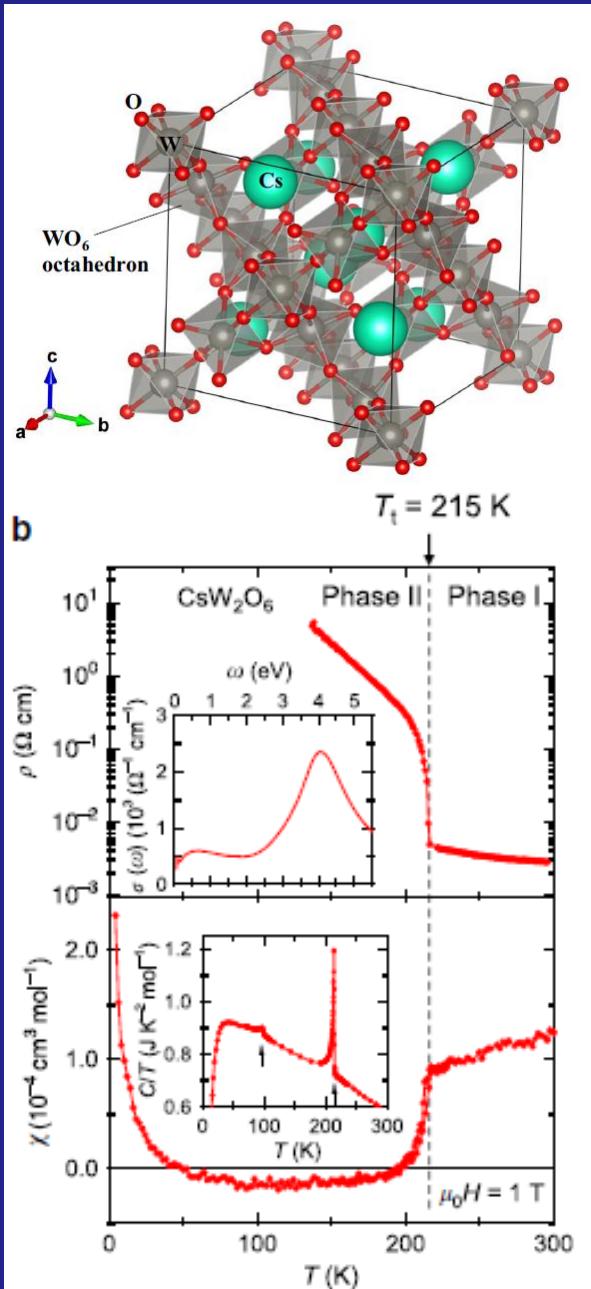
yz : $1/4$ filled band along $(0, 1, 1)$
 $1/2$ filled band along $(0, 1, -1)$

xy : $1/4$ filled band along $(1, 1, 0)$
 $1/2$ filled band along $(1, -1, 0)$

zx : $1/4$ filled band along $(1, 0, 1)$
 $1/2$ filled band along $(1, 0, -1)$

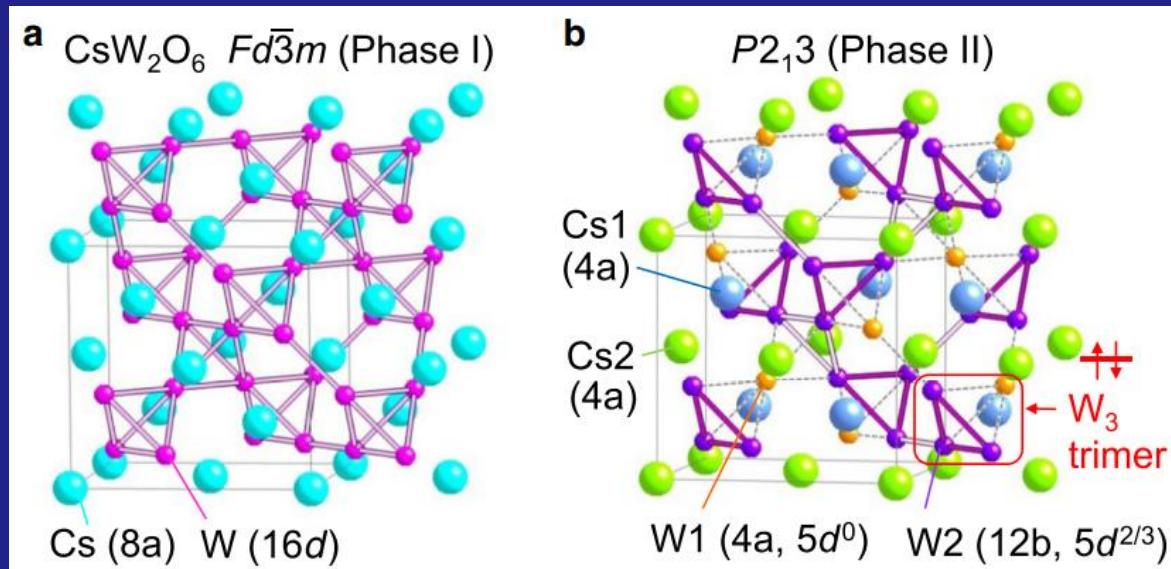
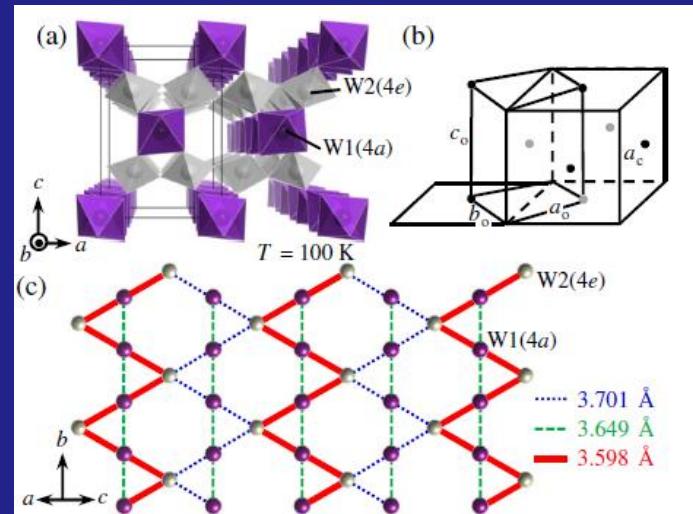


β -pyrochlore CsW_2O_6



corner-sharing WO₆
metal-insulator transition
at 215 K

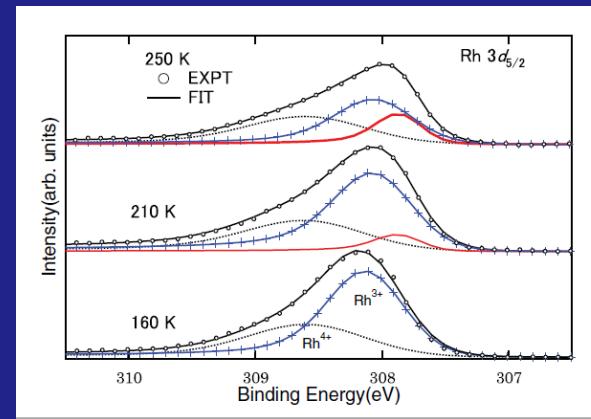
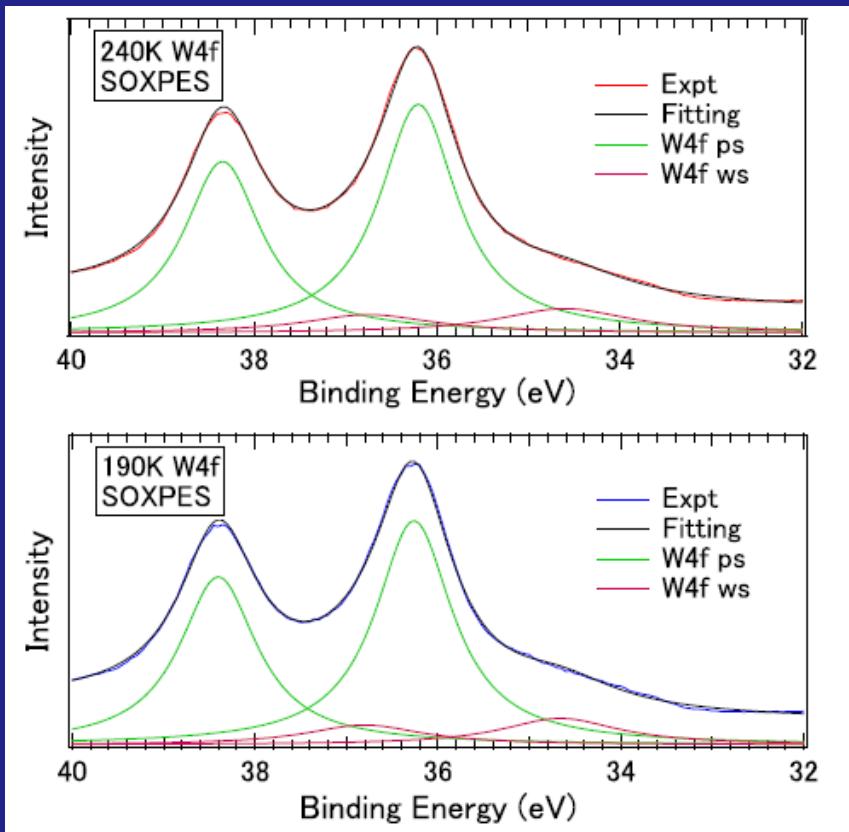
D. Hirai *et al.*,
Phys. Rev. Lett. 110,
166402 (2013)



W trimers are formed below 215 K.
Y. Okamoto *et al.*, Nat. Commun. 11, 3144 (2020).

β -pyrochlore CsW_2O_6

Why the behavior of β -pyrochlore CsW_2O_6 (0.5 t_{2g} electron per W) is different from those of spinel CuIr_2S_4 and LiRh_2O_4 (0.5 t_{2g} hole per Ir/Rh) ?
→ corner sharing versus edge sharing



$\text{Rh}^{3+} : \text{Rh}^{4+} = 1 : 1$
Y. Nakatsu et al., Phys. Rev. B **83**, 115120 (2011).

$\text{W}^{5+} : \text{W}^{6+}$ is expected to be 1 : 1 inconsistent with the XPS result

W 5d electrons are highly itinerant.
→ well- and poorly-screened peaks
R. Nakamura et al., Phys. Rev. B **106**, 195104 (2022).

Theory

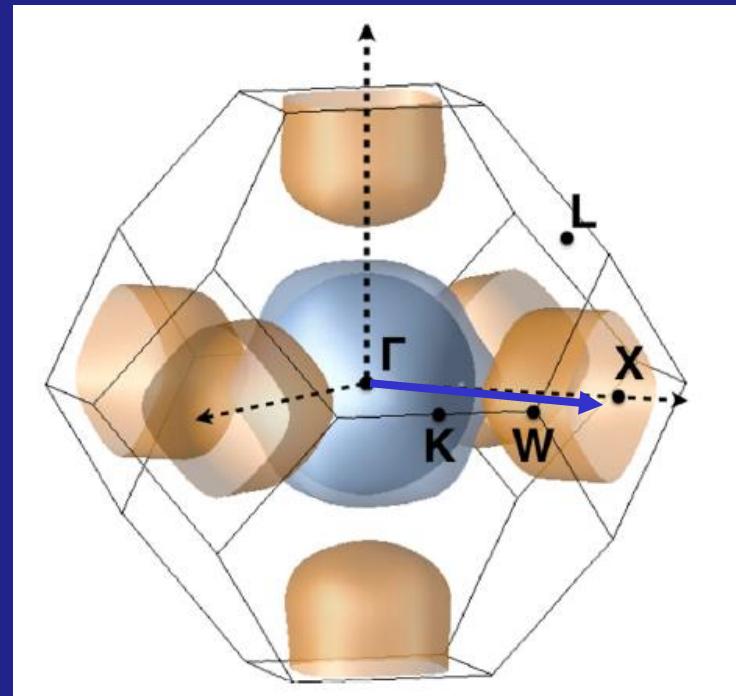
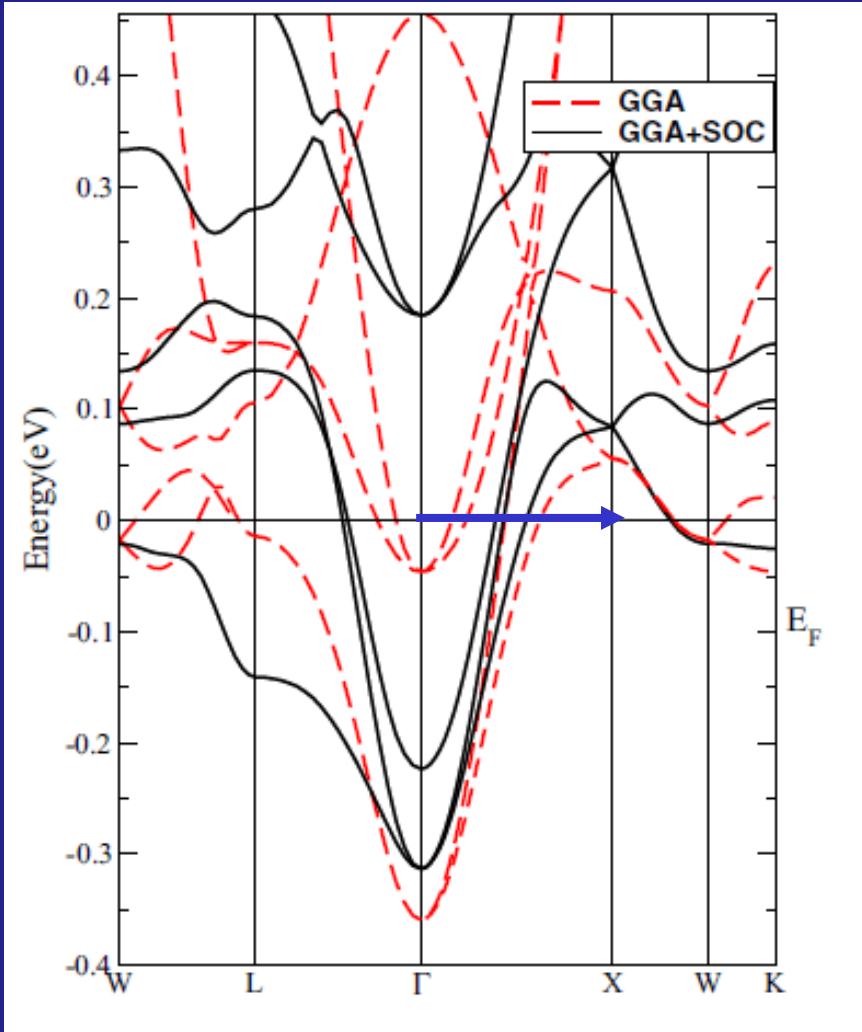
Peierls mechanism: S. V. Streltsov et al., Phys. Rev. B, 94, 241101(R) (2016)

Flat band+spin-orbit interaction: H. Nakai and C. Hotta, Nat. Commun. **13**, 579 (2022)

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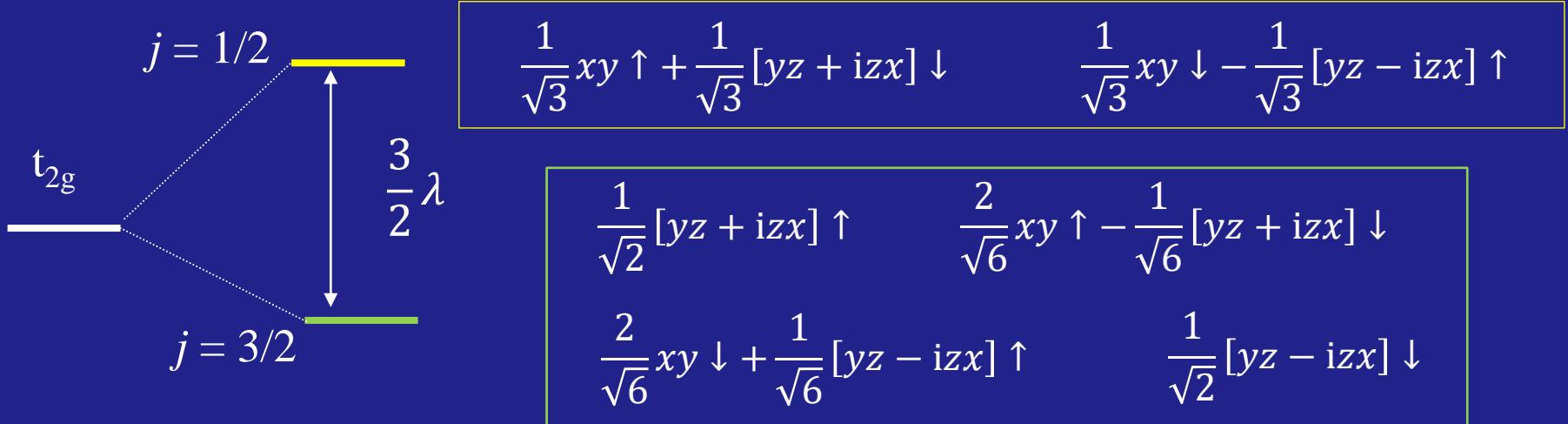
Effect of spin-orbit interaction in t_{2g}^1 configuration

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$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[\Psi_{321}(r, \theta, \phi) + \Psi_{32-1}(r, \theta, \phi)] = \frac{2r^2}{81\sqrt{2\pi}a_0^{\frac{7}{2}}} e^{-\frac{r}{3a_0}} \sin \theta \cos \theta \cos \phi \quad zx \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{ll} yz + izx & m=1 \\ yz - izx & m=-1 \end{array}$$

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$$H_{SO,\uparrow\uparrow} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i\lambda/2 \\ 0 & i\lambda/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad H_{SO,\downarrow\downarrow} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i\lambda/2 & \lambda/2 \\ i\lambda/2 & 0 & 0 \\ -\lambda/2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

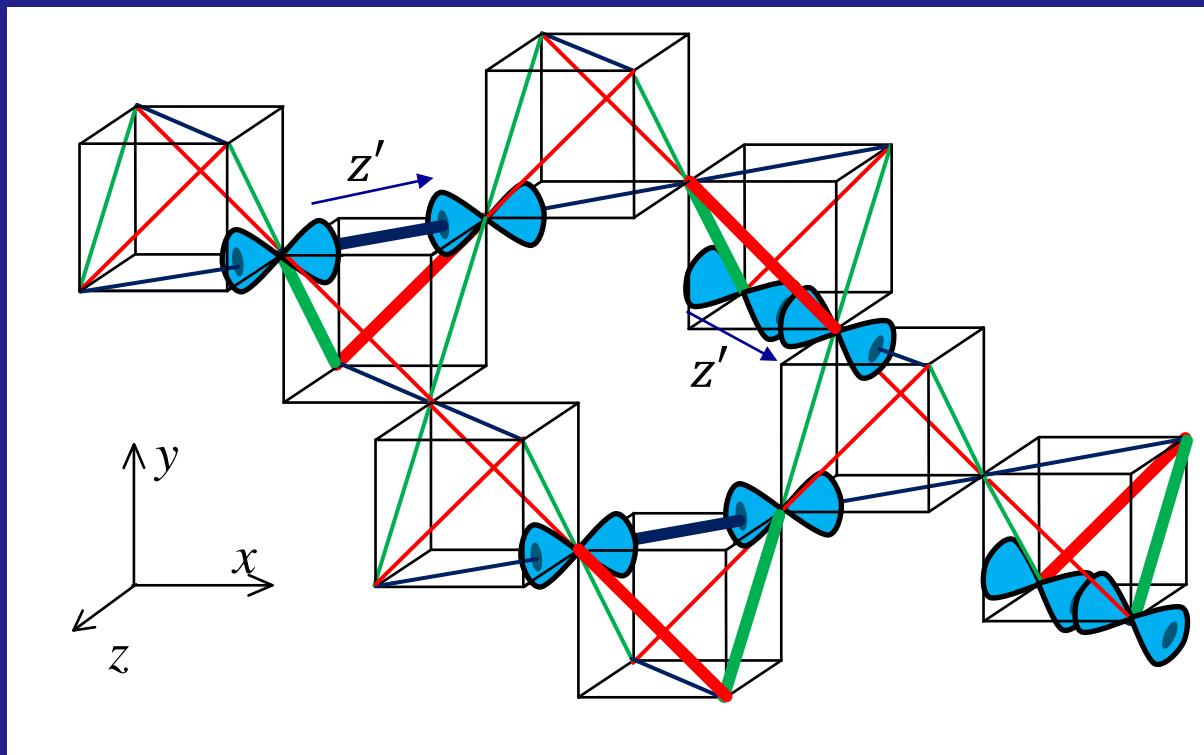
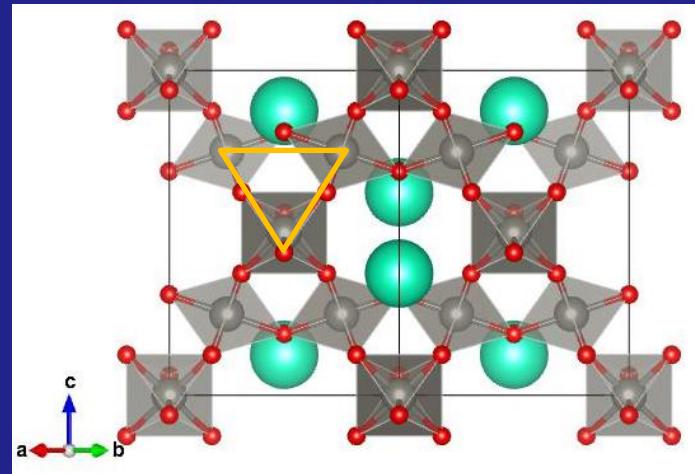


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triangle of **corner sharing** WO_6 octahedra
spin-orbit interaction becomes more important

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[y'z' + iz'x'] \uparrow \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[y'z' - iz'x'] \downarrow$$

Assuming straight W-O-W bond,
1/4 filled band along (1,0,1) and (1,0,-1)



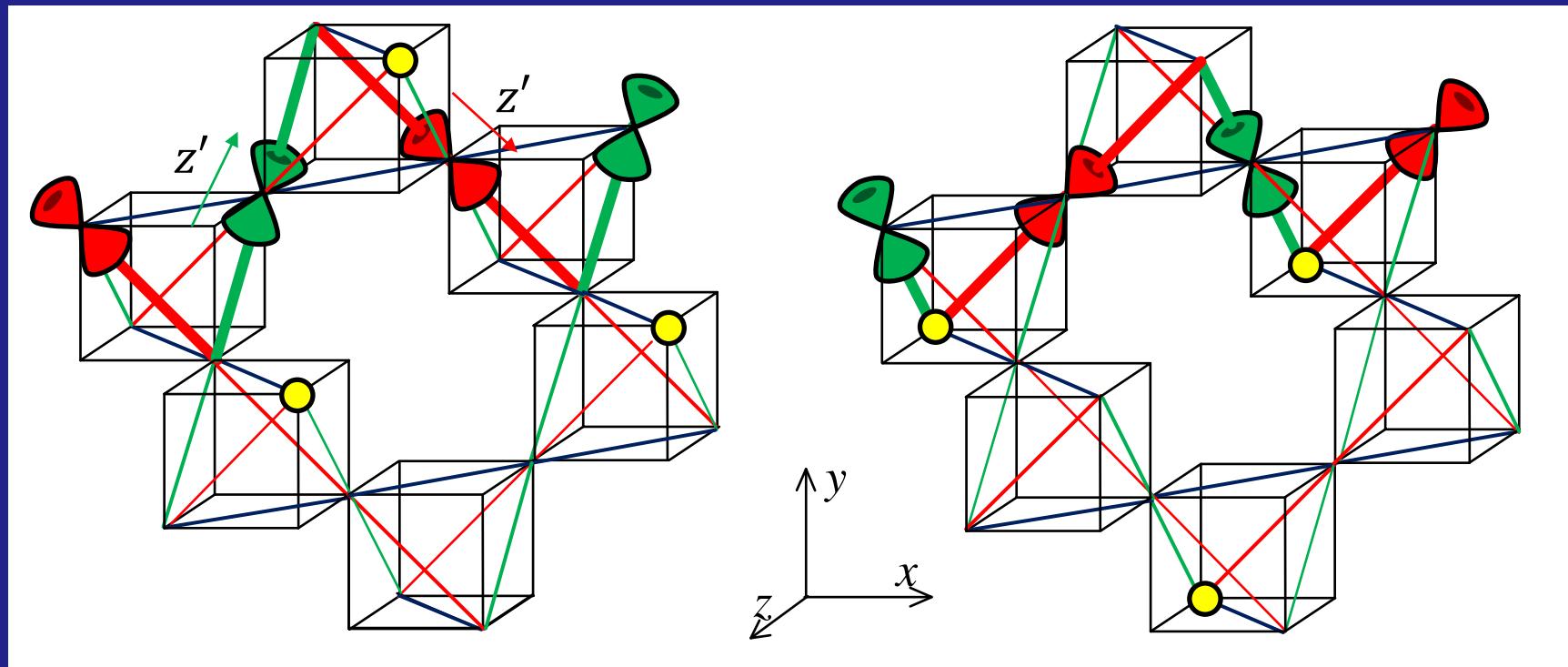
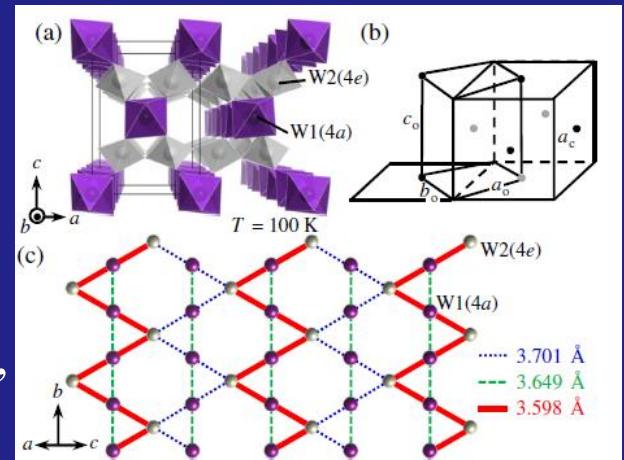
β -pyrochlore CsW_2O_6

zig-zag structure

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[y'z' + iz'x'] \uparrow \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[y'z' - iz'x'] \downarrow$$

“half-filled” zig-zag

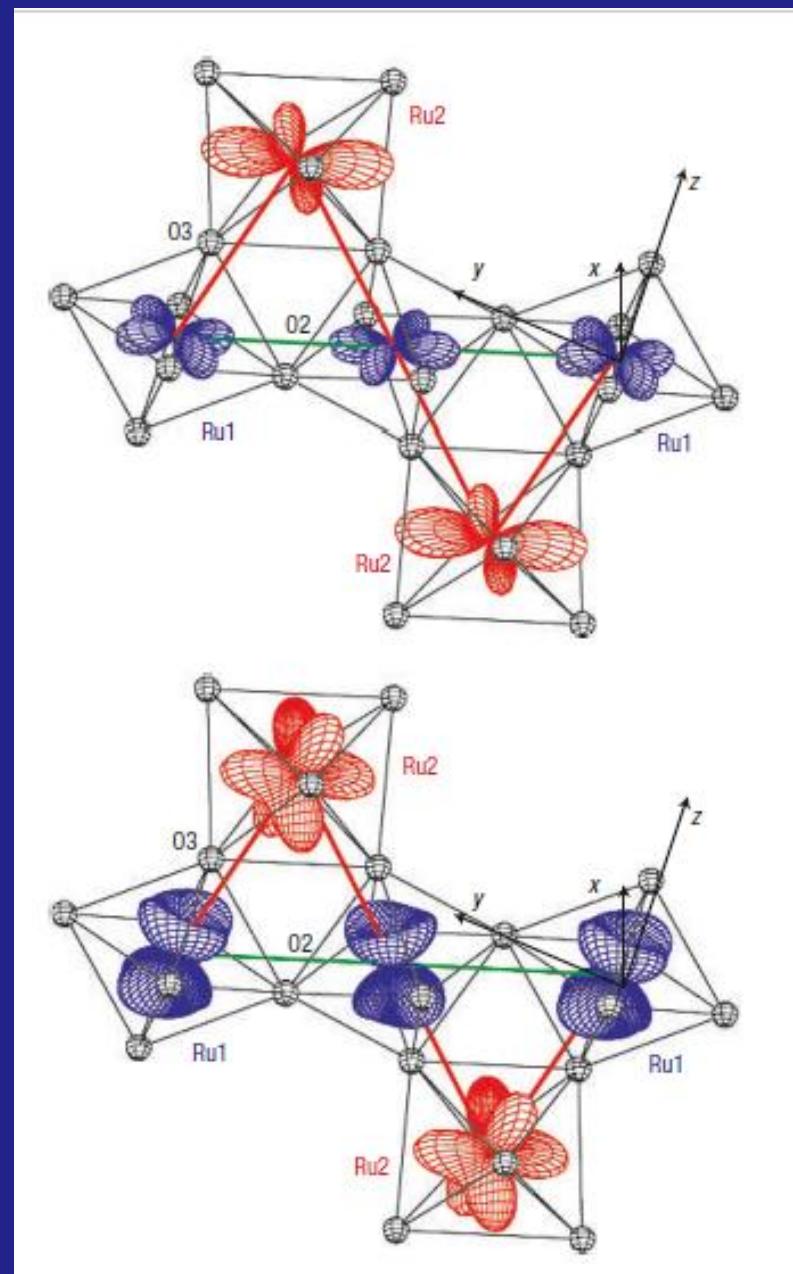
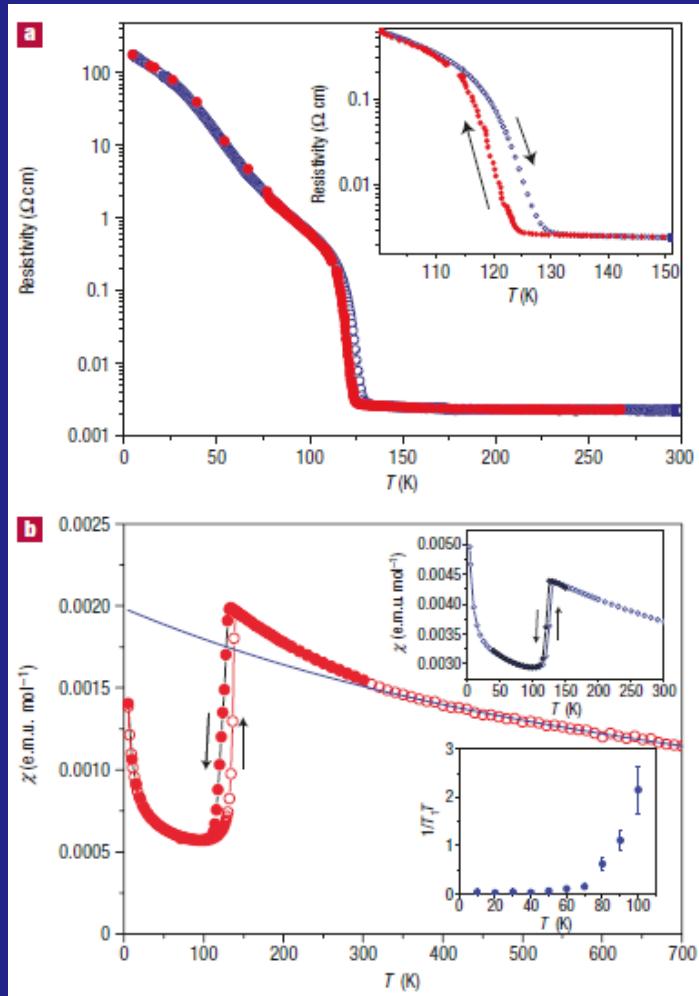
D. Hirai *et al.*,
Phys. Rev. Lett. 110,
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α -pyrochlore $Tl_2Ru_2O_7$

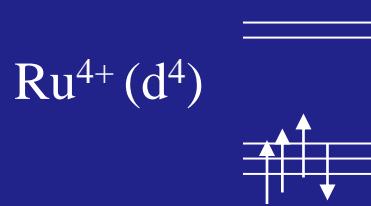
zig-zag structure for Ru^{4+} ($S=1$)

S. Lee, J.-G. Park, D. I. Khomskii *et al.*,
Nat. Mater. 5, 471 (2006)



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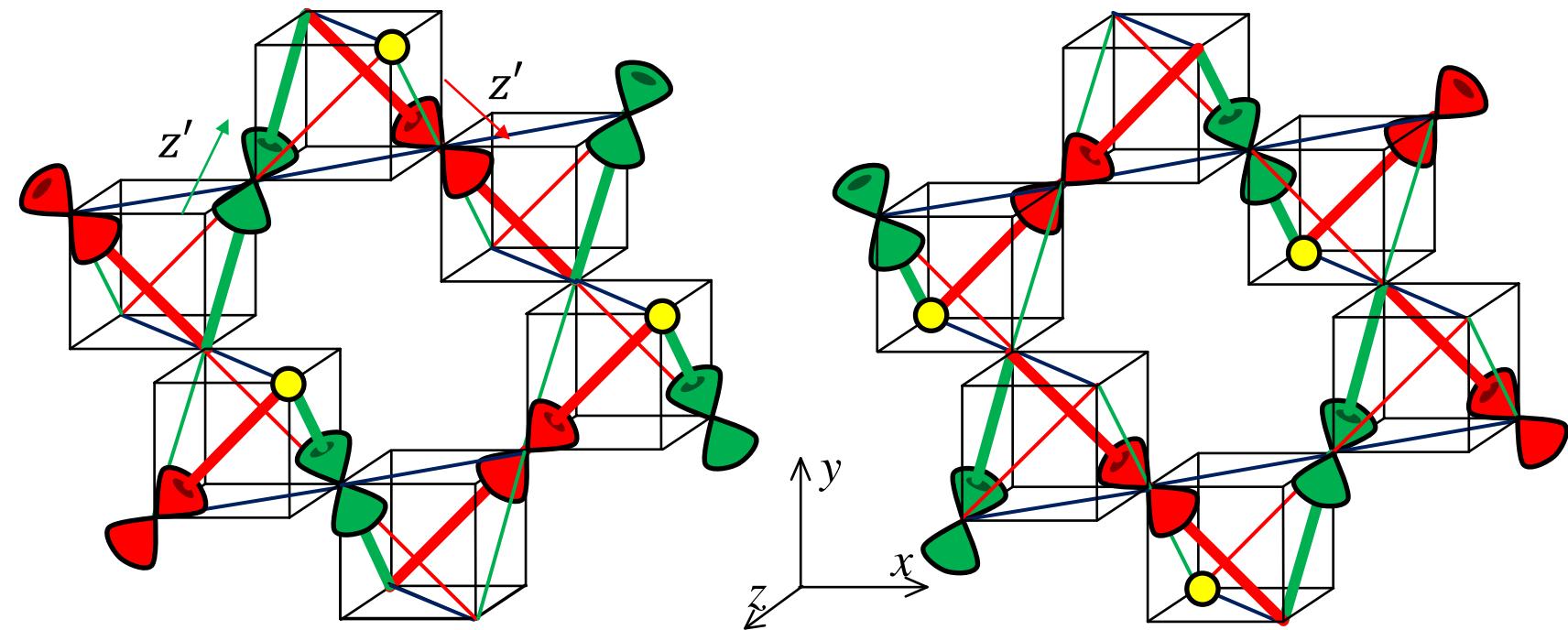
two holes per Ru



$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [y'z' + iz'x'] \uparrow$$
$$x'y' \uparrow$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [y'z' - iz'x'] \downarrow$$
$$x'y' \downarrow$$

“filled” zig-zag



Outline

1. Electron-phonon interaction and Peierls transition
(not in the text, for undergraduate)
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3. Toy models on square/triangular lattice (sections 2.2 and 2.3)
4. Application to Spinel and Pyrochlore materials (sections 3.1 and 3.2)
5. Application to triangular/honeycomb/kagome lattice systems (3.3/3.4/3.5)
6. Summary

Transition-metal oxides with edge-sharing octahedra

Rutile(1D)

VO_2 : V^{4+} d^1 $T_{\text{MI}}=340 \text{ K}$ M-NMI

Hollandite(1D)

$\text{K}_2\text{V}_8\text{O}_{16}$: $\text{V}^{4+}, \text{V}^{3+}$ d^1, d^2 $T_{\text{MI}}=210 \text{ K}$ M-NMI

$\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_8\text{O}_{16}$: $\text{Cr}^{4+}, \text{Cr}^{3+}$ d^2, d^3 $T_{\text{MI}}=95 \text{ K}$ FM-FMI

triangular lattice (2D)

NaTiO_2 Ti^{3+} d^1 $T_{\text{NM}}=260 \text{ K}$ I-NMI

LiVO_2 V^{3+} d^2 $T_{\text{NM}}=500 \text{ K}$ I-NMI

$\text{BaV}_{10}\text{O}_{15}$ $\text{V}^{3+}, \text{V}^{2+}$ d^2, d^3 $T_{\text{MI}}=130 \text{ K}$ M-AFI

Na_xCoO_2 $\text{Co}^{4+}, \text{Co}^{3+}$ d^5, d^6

honeycomb lattice (2D)

Li_2RuO_3 Ru^{4+} d^4 $T_{\text{MI}}=540 \text{ K}$ M-NMI

Na_2IrO_3 Ir^{4+} d^5

Spinel (3D)

MgTi_2O_4 Ti^{3+} d^1 $T_{\text{MI}}=260 \text{ K}$ M-NMI

ZnV_2O_4 V^{3+} d^2

AlV_2O_4 $\text{V}^{3+}, \text{V}^{2+}$ d^2, d^3

LiRh_2O_4 $\text{Rh}^{4+}, \text{Rh}^{3+}$ d^5, d^6 $T_{\text{MI}}=170 \text{ K}$ M-NMI

Transition-metal chalcogenides/pnictides

q-1D

$(\text{TaSe}_4)_2\text{I}$	$\text{Ta}^{5+}, \text{Ta}^{4+}$	d^0, d^1	$T_{MI}=260 \text{ K}$	M-NMI
BaVS_3	V^{4+}	d^1	$T_{MI}=74 \text{ K}, T_N=35 \text{ K}$	
BaFe_2S_3	Fe^{2+}	d^6	$T_S=200 \text{ K}, T_N=120 \text{ K}$	
Ta_2NiSe_5	$\text{Ni}^{0+}, \text{Ta}^{5+}$	d^{10}, d^0	$T_S=328 \text{ K}$	NMI-NMI

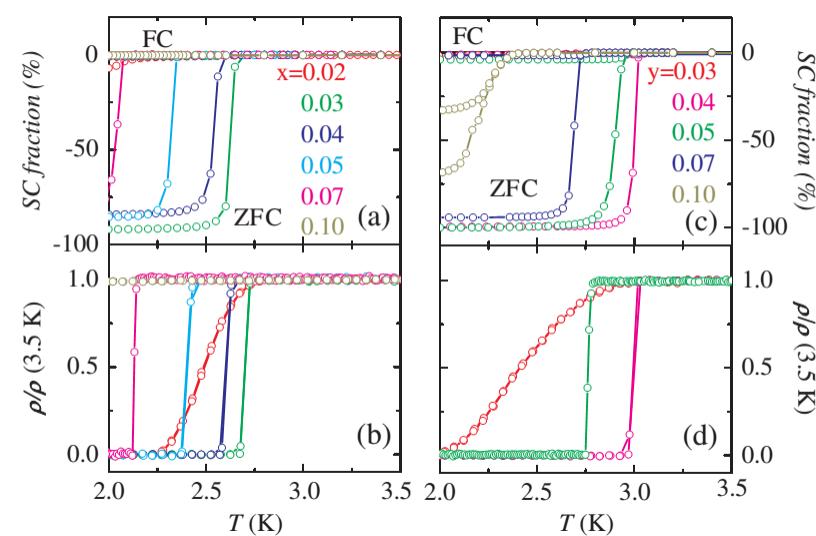
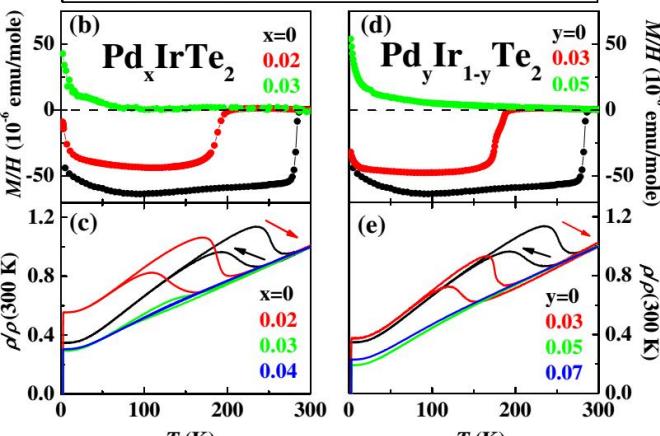
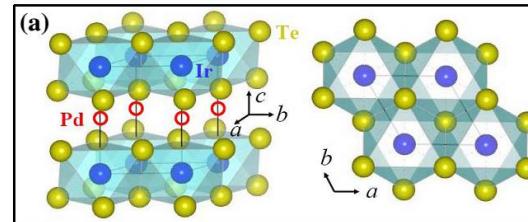
q-2D

TiSe_2	Ti^{4+}	d^0	$T_S=200 \text{ K}$	M-M
VSe_2	V^{4+}	d^1	$T_S=110 \text{ K}$	M-M
TaS_2	Ta^{4+}	d^1	$T_S=200-350 \text{ K}$	M-M
LiVS_2	V^{3+}	d^2	$T_{MI}=305 \text{ K}$	M-NMI
CrSe_2	Cr^{4+}	d^2	$T_{MI}=165-180 \text{ K}$	M-AFI
IrTe_2	Ir^{4+}	d^5	$T_S=180-280 \text{ K}$	M-M
FeSe	Fe^{2+}	d^6	$T_S=90 \text{ K}$	M-M
BaFe_2As_2	Fe^{2+}	d^6	$T_S=T_N=143 \text{ K}$	M-AFM
BaNi_2As_2	Ni^{2+}	d^8	$T_S=130 \text{ K}$	M-M

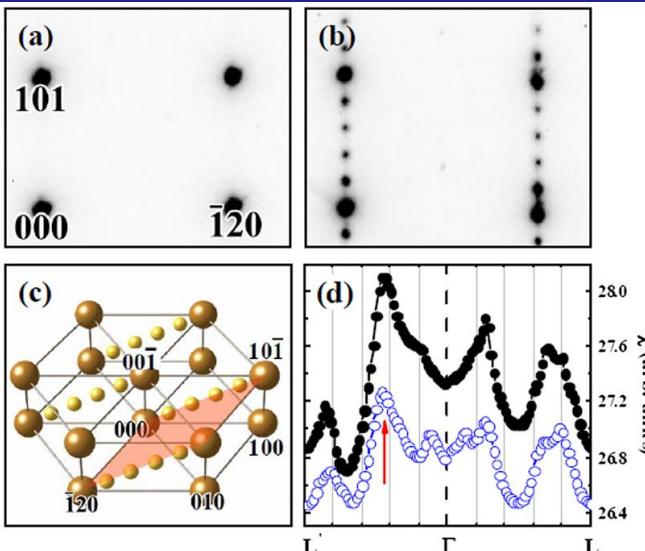
3D

RuP	Ru^{3+}	d^5	$T_{MI}=270 \text{ K}$	M-NMI
CuIr_2S_4	$\text{Ir}^{4+}, \text{Ir}^{3+}$	d^5, d^6	$T_{MI}=226 \text{ K}$	M-NMI
NiS	Ni^{2+}	d^8	$T_S=T_N=200 \text{ K}$	M-AFM

Structural transition and superconductivity of IrTe₂



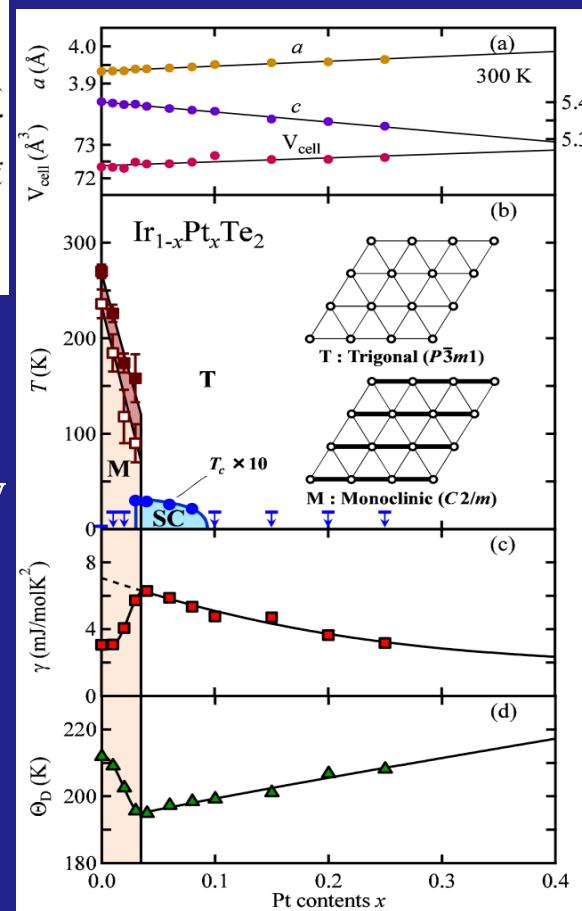
Structural transition at 280 K



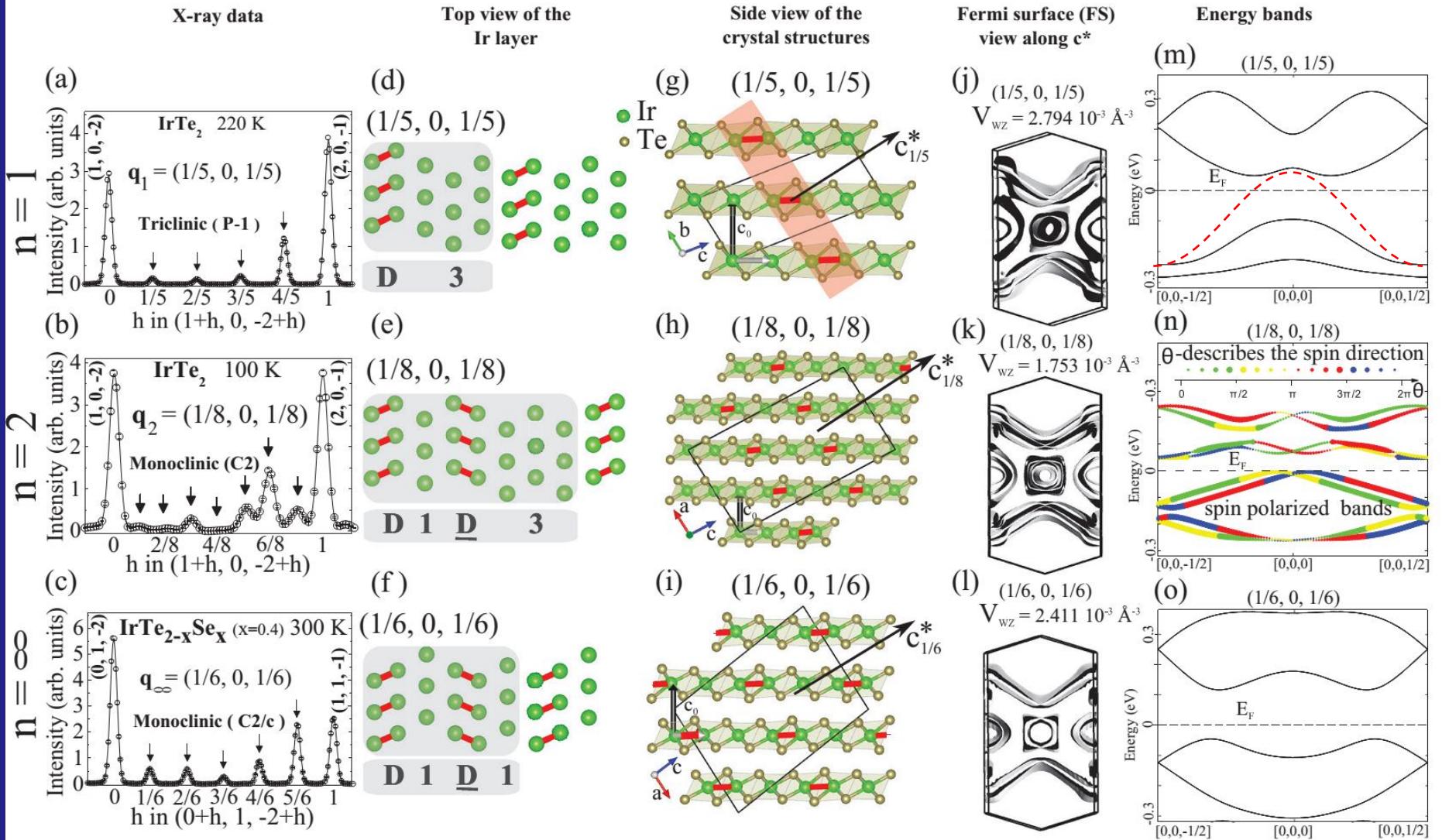
Pt doping induces superconductivity
S. Pyon *et al.*,
J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. **81**,
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Charge density wave and superconductivity

J. J. Yang *et al.*,
Phys. Rev. Lett. **108**,
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Charge stripe phase at the low temperature phase



G. L. Pascut *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **112**, 86402 (2014); Phys. Rev. B **90**, 195122 (2014).
 T. Toriyama *et al.*, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. **83**, 033701 (2014).

Small but finite charge modulation in IrTe₂

Ir 4f XPS close to Ir³⁺

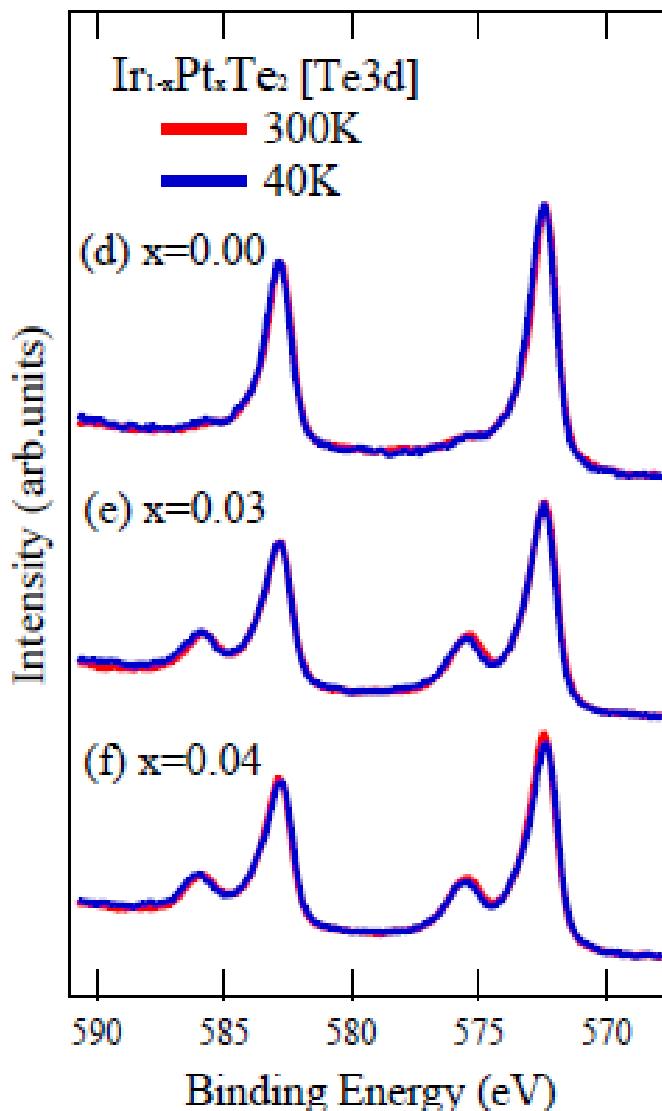
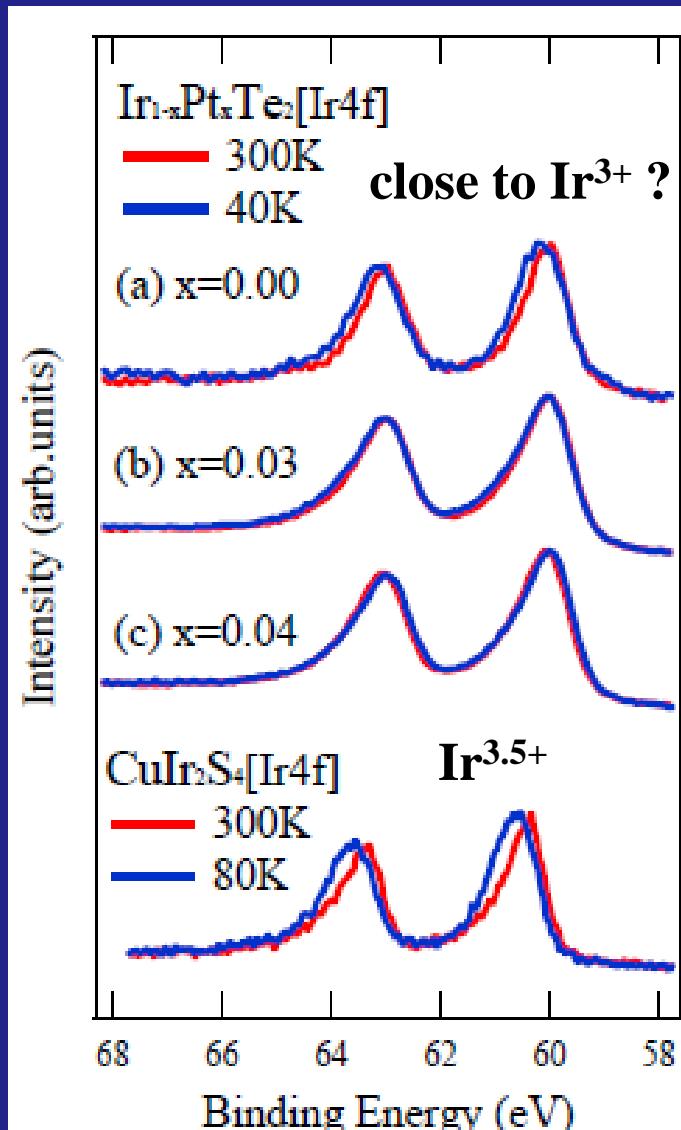
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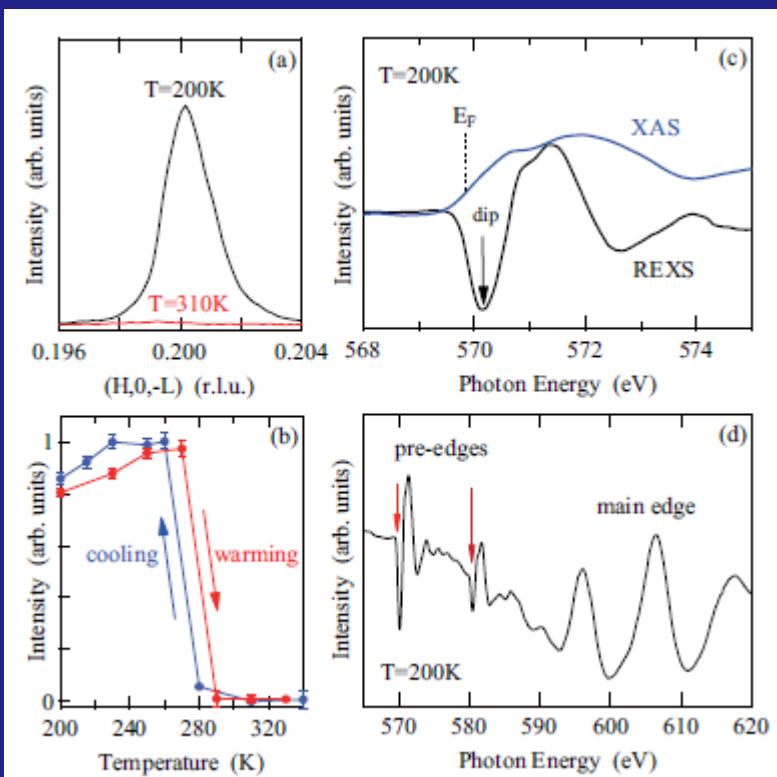
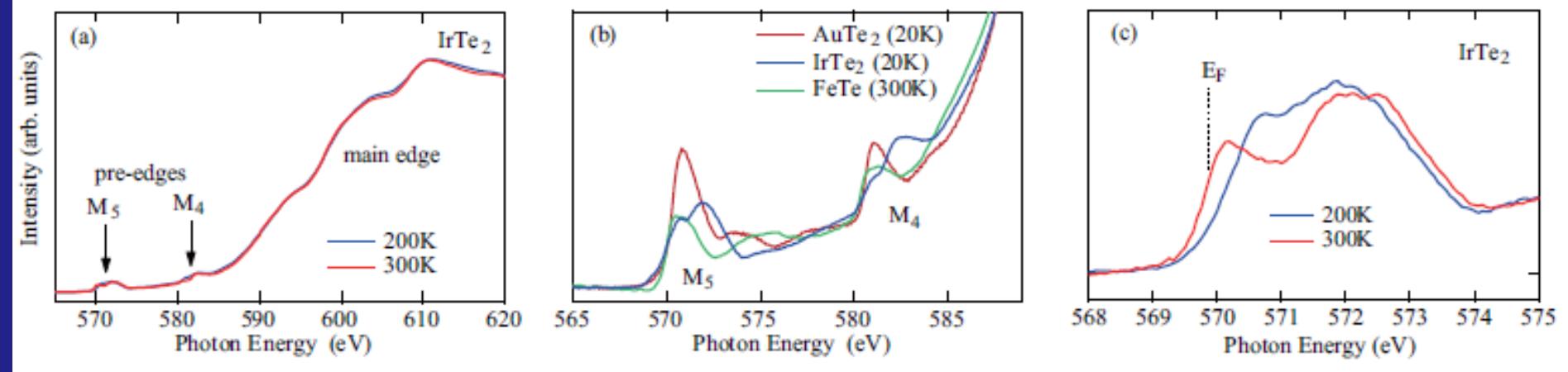
Importance of
Te 5p hole
and
p-d hybridization
similar to CaFeO₃?

However,
no change
in Te 3d XPS

Te 3d XAS should
be done to detect
Te 5p holes!



Te 3d XAS and REXS of IrTe₂



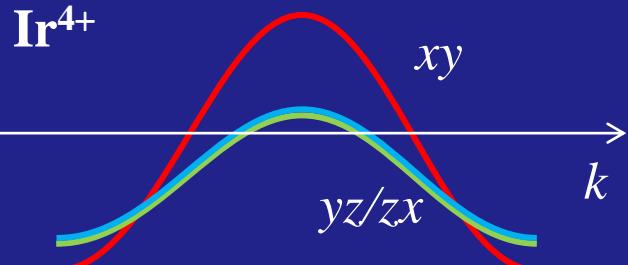
**Te 3d → Te 5p transition
Te 5p hole**

Te 5p band changes across the transition

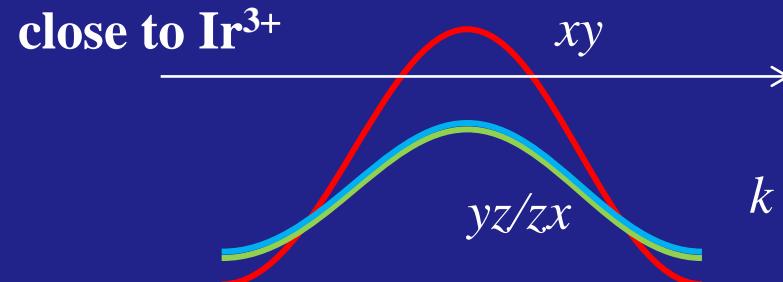
**Resonant x-ray scattering at Te 3d
 $Q=(1/5, 0, -1/5)$
stripe of Te 5p hole**

K. Takubo *et al.*,
Phys. Rev. B **90**, 081104(R) (2014).

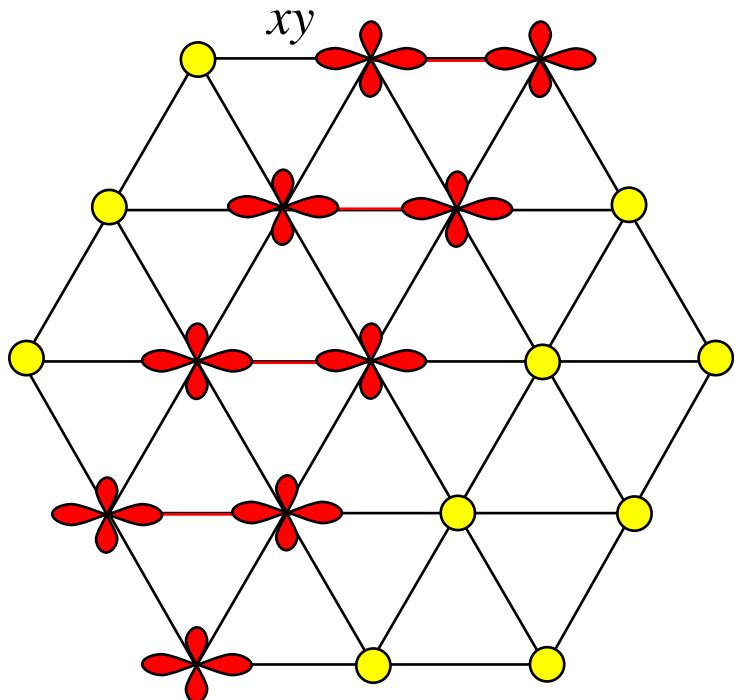
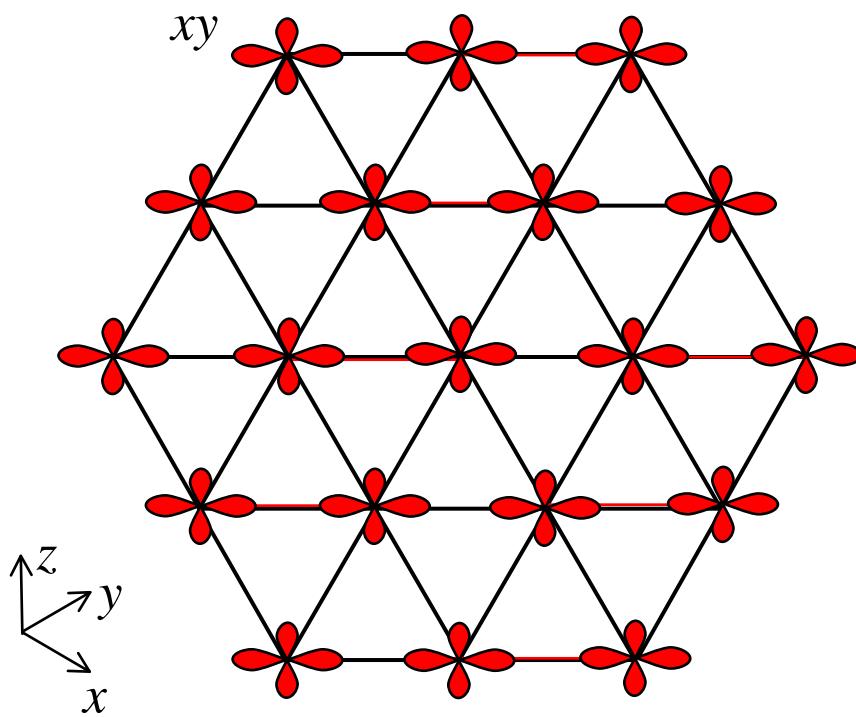
Charge-transfer from Te to Ir



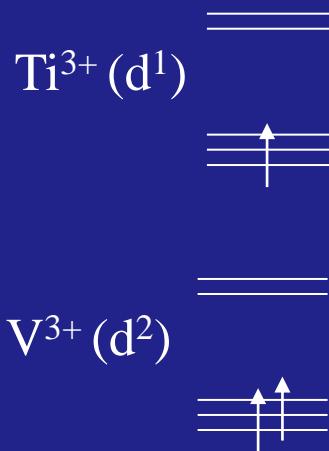
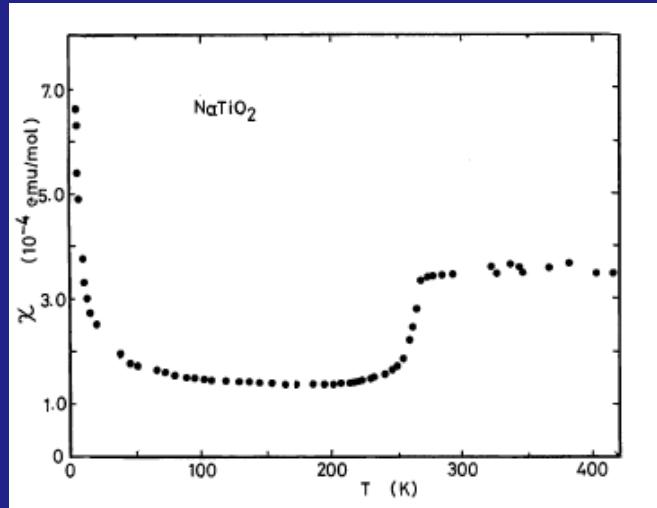
1/2 filled band is difficult



1/5 or 1/6 or 1/8 filled band



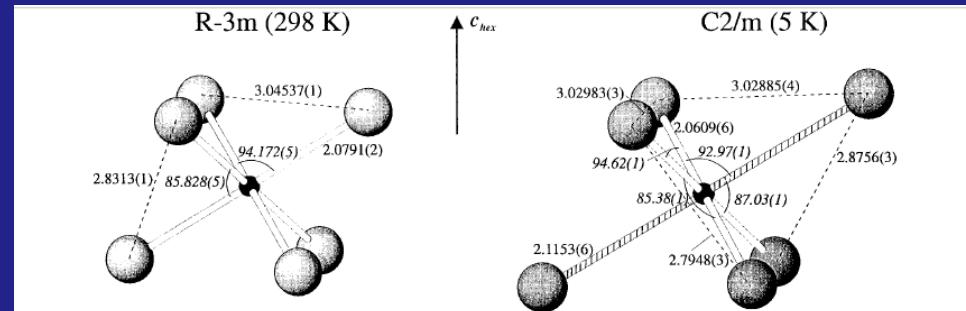
Spin singlet in NaTiO_2 and NaVO_2



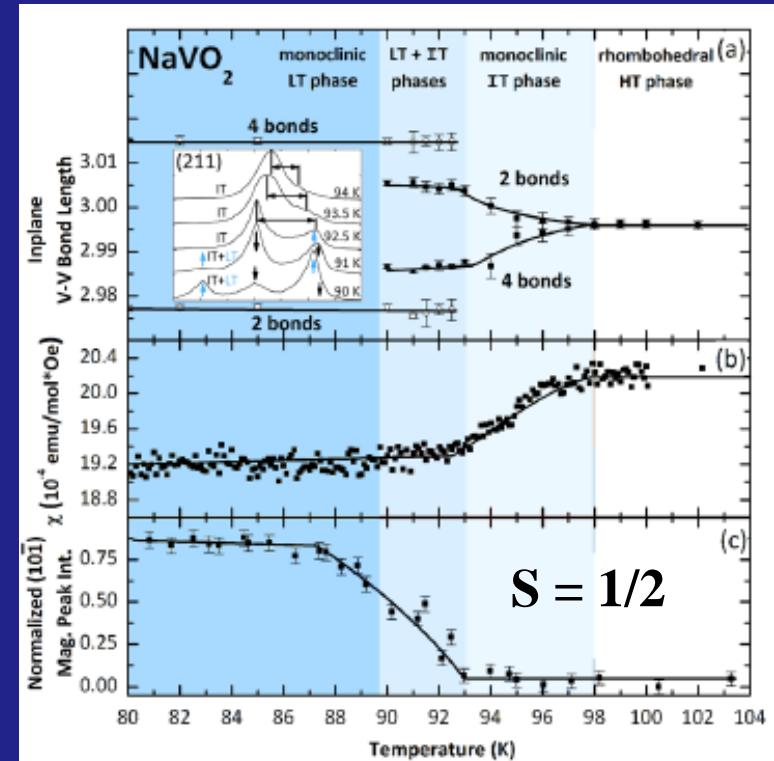
K. Takeda, K. Miyake, K. Takeda, K. Hirakawa,
J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. **61**, 2156 (1992).

nonmagnetic insulator < 260 K

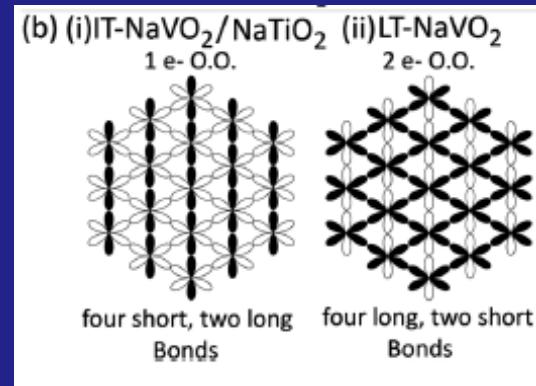
S. J. Clarke, A. J. Fowkes, A. Harrison, R. M. Ibberson,
and M. J. Rosseinsky, Chem. Mater. **10**, 372 (1998).



Jahn-Teller rather than dimerization



T. M. McQueen *et al.*,
Phys. Rev. Lett. **101**, 166402 (2008)

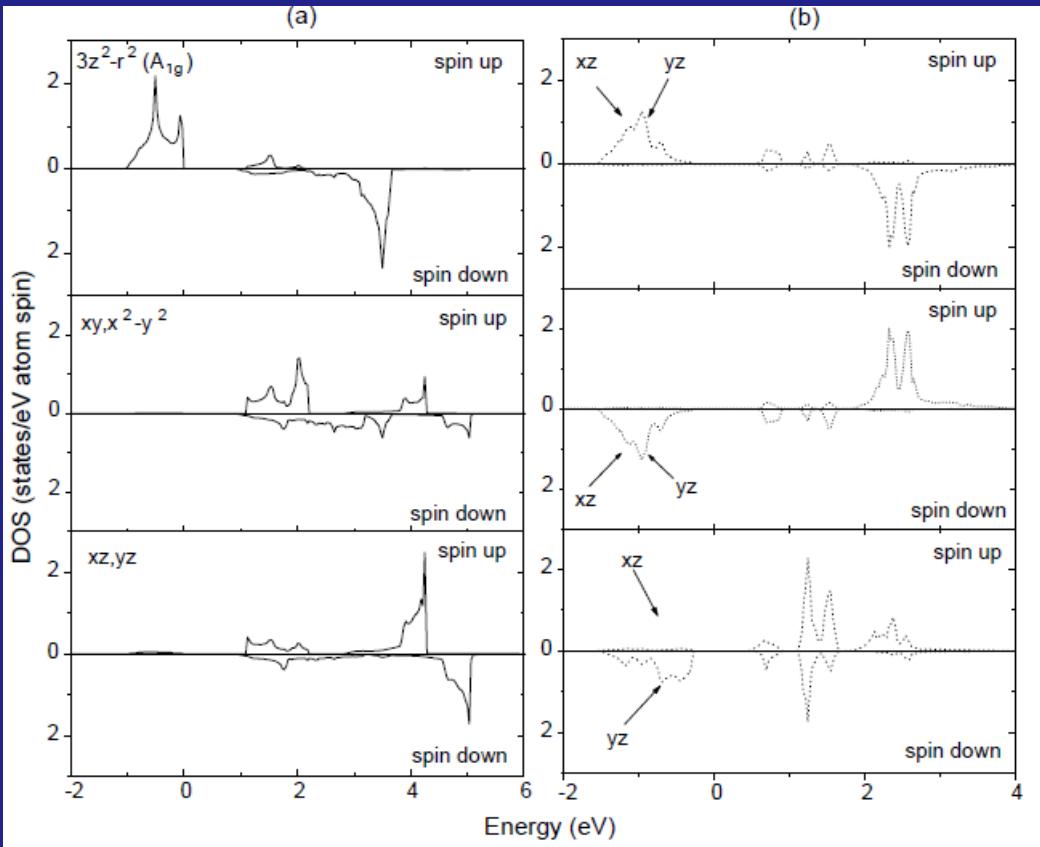


**partial
singlet bond**

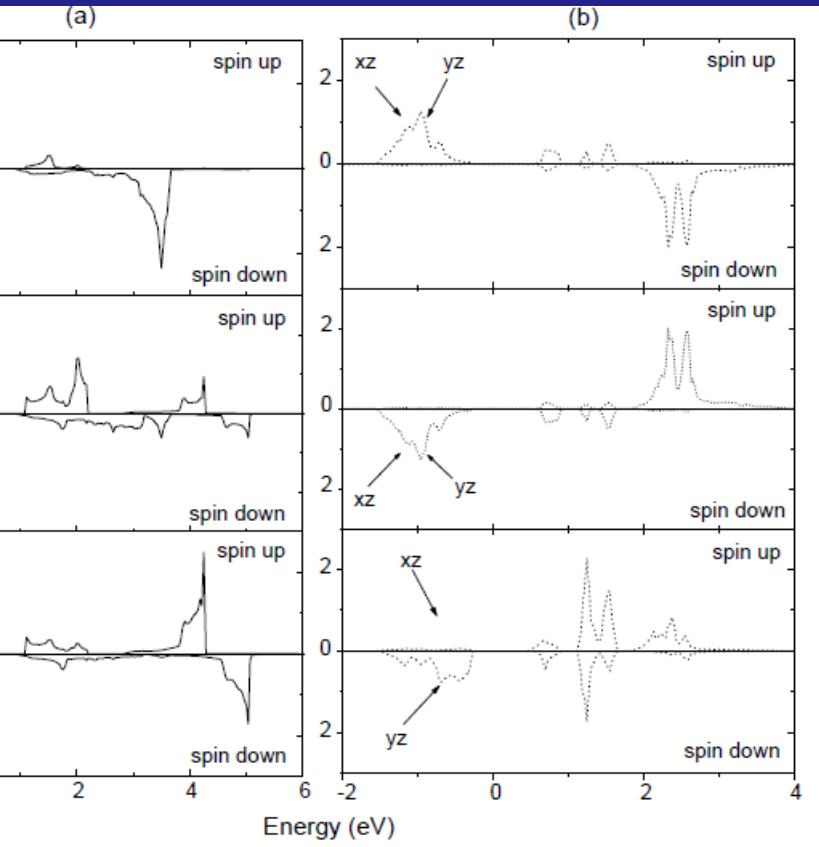
Dimerization in NaTiO₂ and NaVO₂(triangular lattice)

It is difficult to describe the singlet bond by LDA(GGA)+ U .

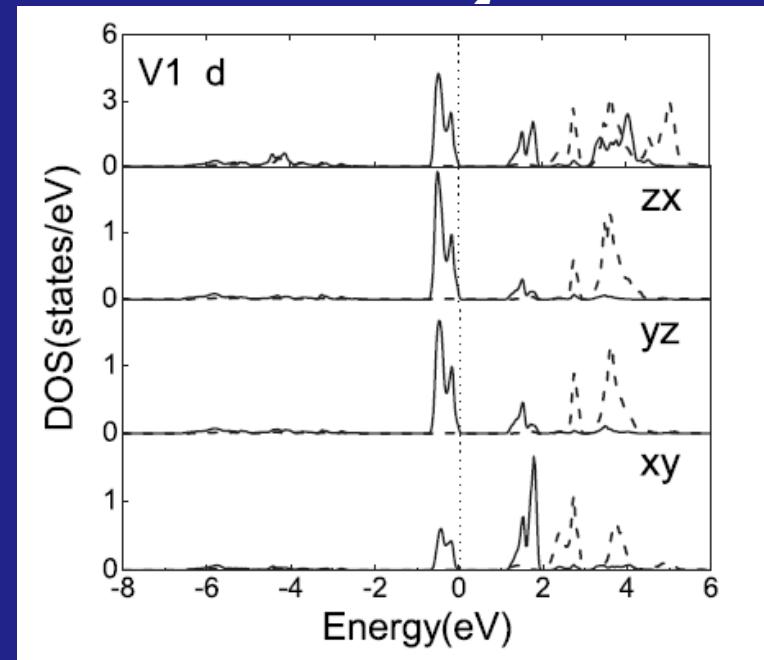
NaTiO₂



LiVO₂



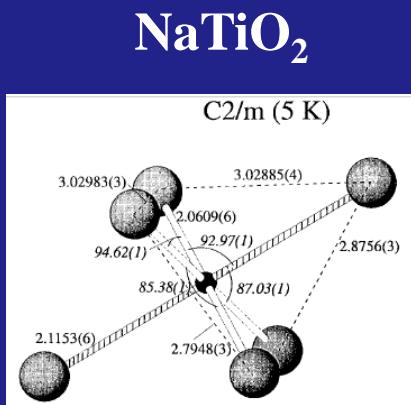
NaVO₂



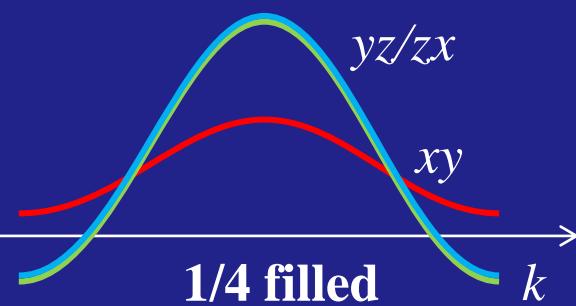
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H. Q. Lin, Phys. Rev. B 80, 045103 (2009).

S. Yu. Ezhov, V. I. Anisimov, H. F. Pen, D. I. Khomskii,
G. A. Sawatzky, Europhys. Lett. 44, 491 (1998).

Possible orbital order in NaTiO₂



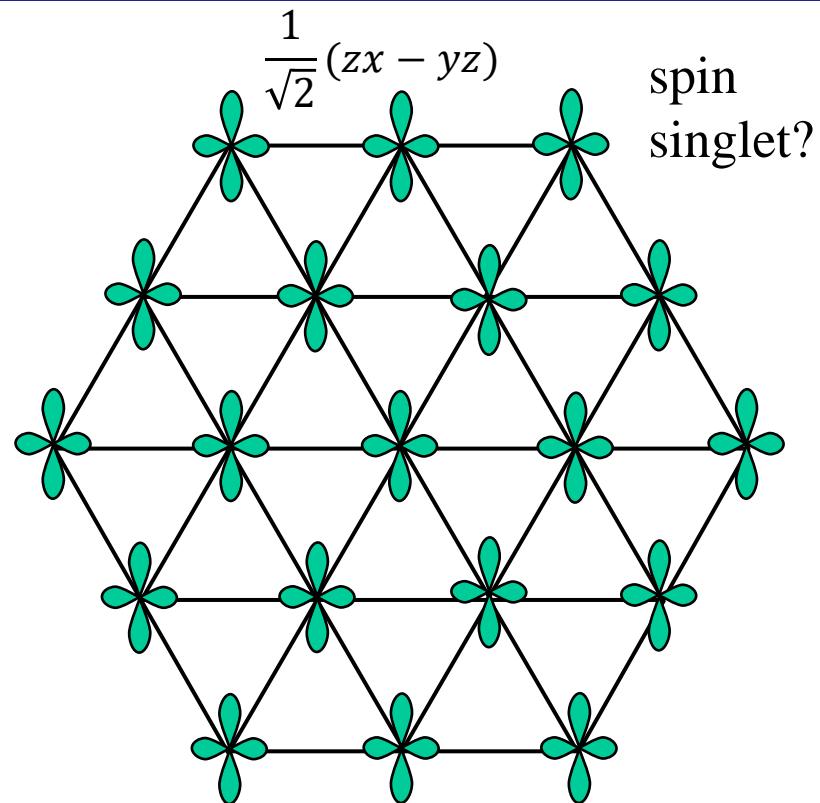
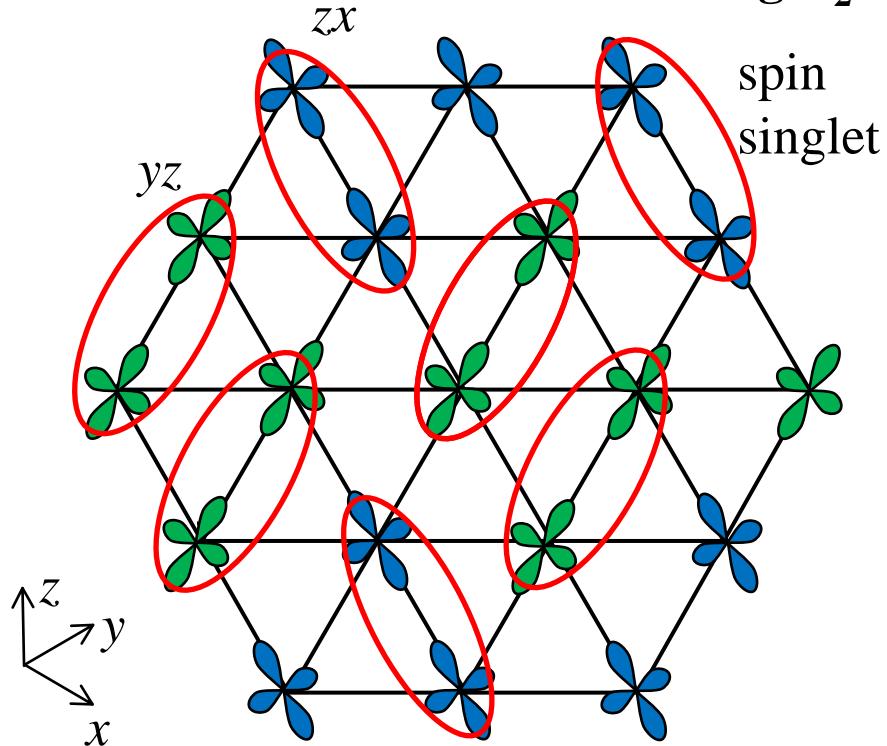
band picture



localized picture

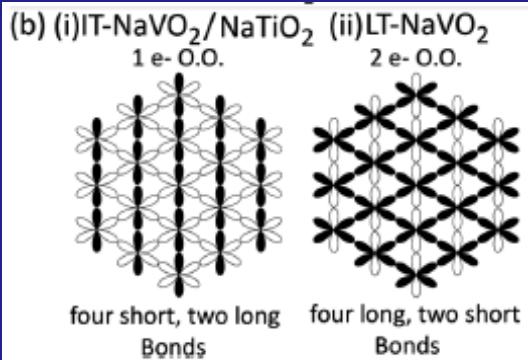
$$\begin{aligned} & \text{---} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(-2|xy\rangle + |zx\rangle + |yz\rangle) \\ & \text{---} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|xy\rangle + |zx\rangle + |yz\rangle) \\ & \text{---} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|zx\rangle - |yz\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

similar to MgTi₂O₄

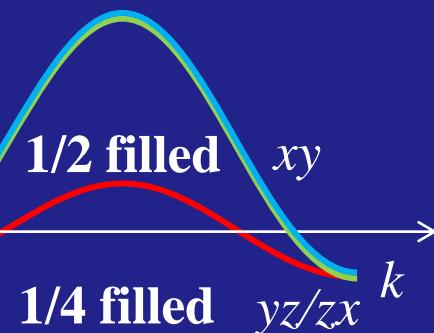


Possible orbital order in NaVO₂

NaVO₂



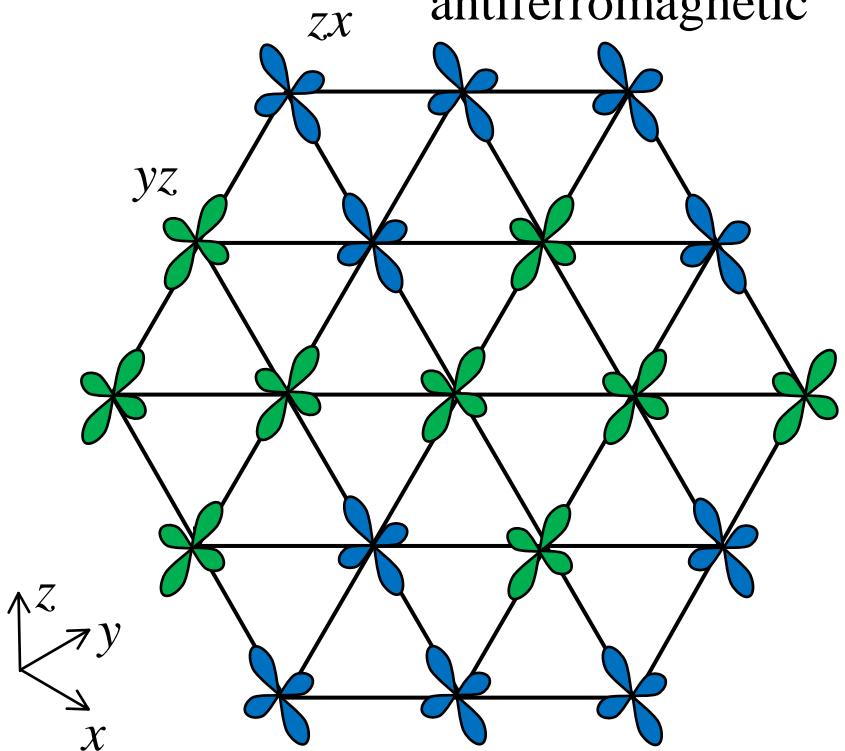
band picture



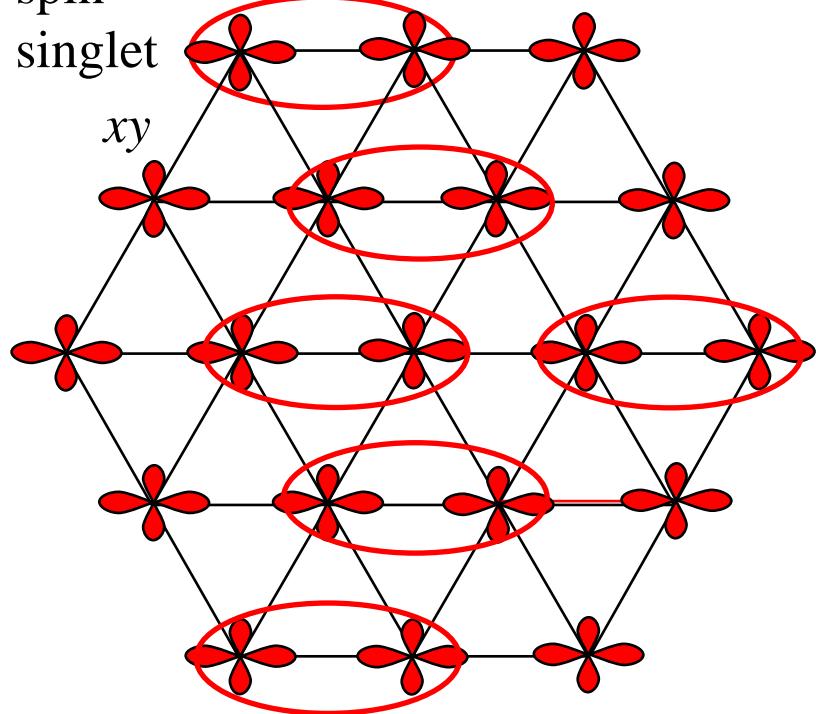
localized picture

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|zx\rangle - |yz\rangle) \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(-2|xy\rangle + |zx\rangle + |yz\rangle) \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|xy\rangle + |zx\rangle + |yz\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

antiferromagnetic

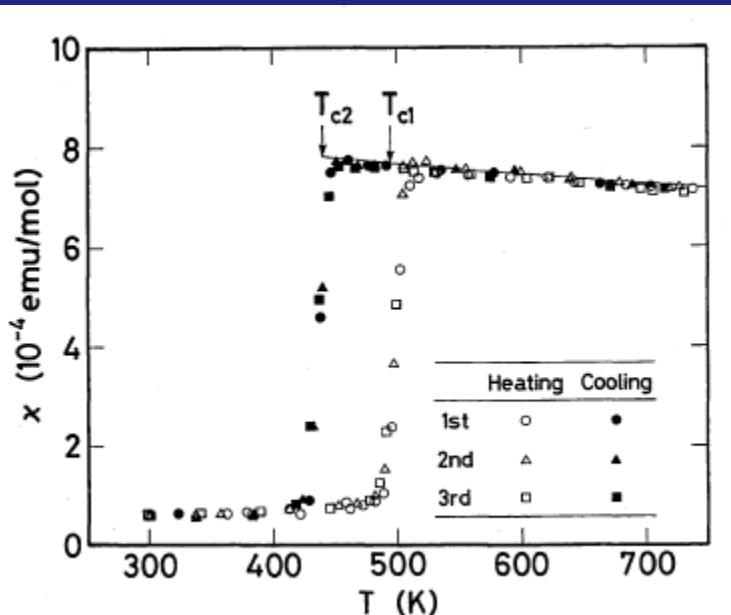


spin singlet



Trimerization in LiVO₂

M. Onoda, T. Naka, and H. Nagasawa,
J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. **60**, 2550 (1991).

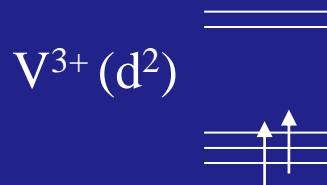


nonmagnetic insulator < 450 K

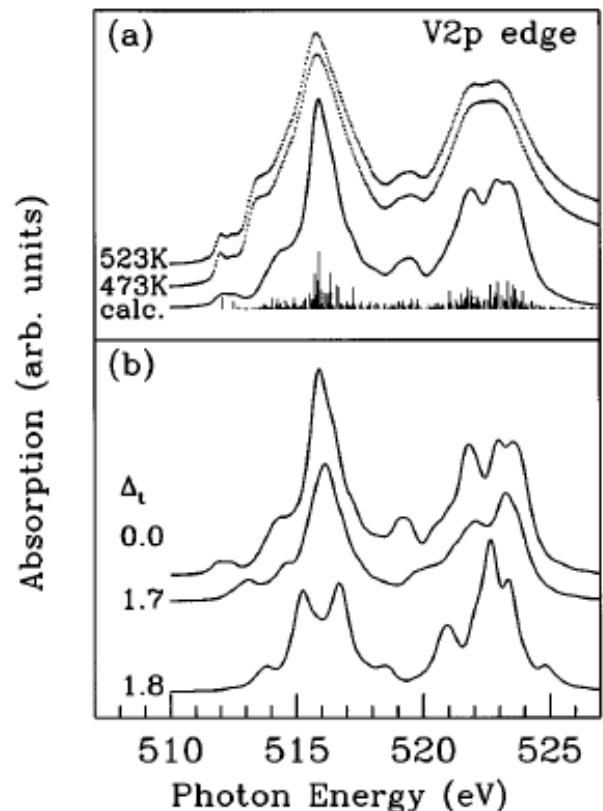
V trimerization

H. F. Pen *et al.*,
Phys. Rev. Lett. **78**, 1323 (1997).

$\text{V}^{3+}(\text{d}^2)$ - $\text{V}^{3+}(\text{d}^2)$ trimerization is
inconsistent with the Hund coupling?



V 2p XAS
H. F. Pen *et al.*,
Phys. Rev. B **55**,
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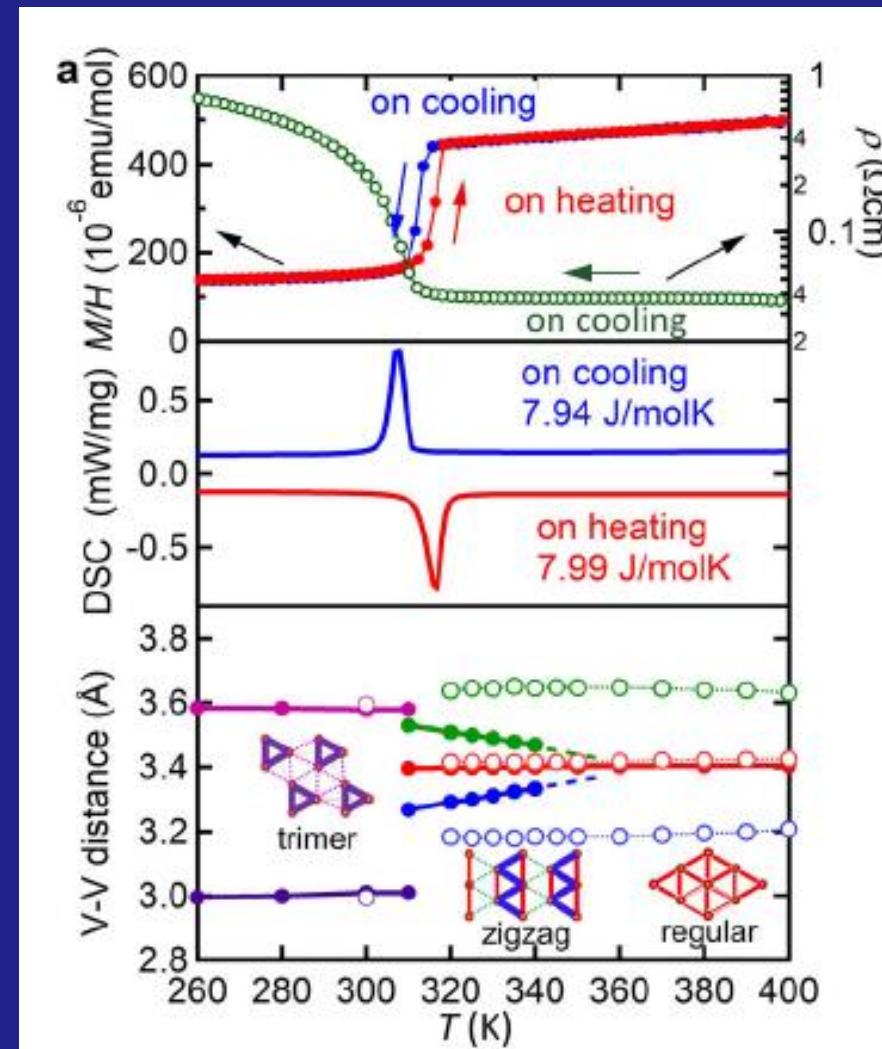
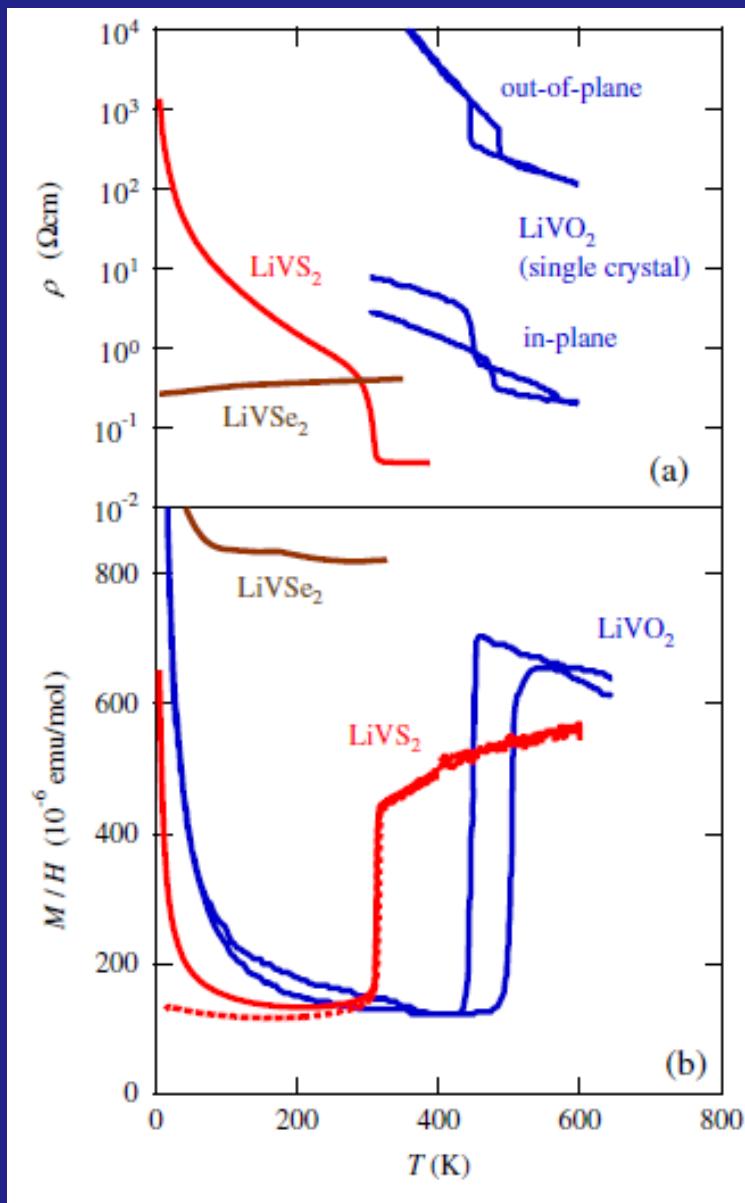
Multiplet structure
→ Hund coupling!

Trimerization in LiVS₂ (triangular lattice)

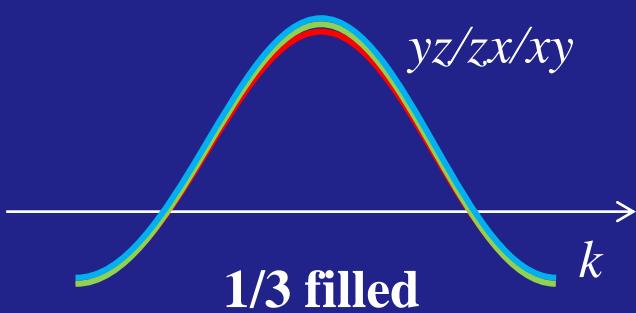
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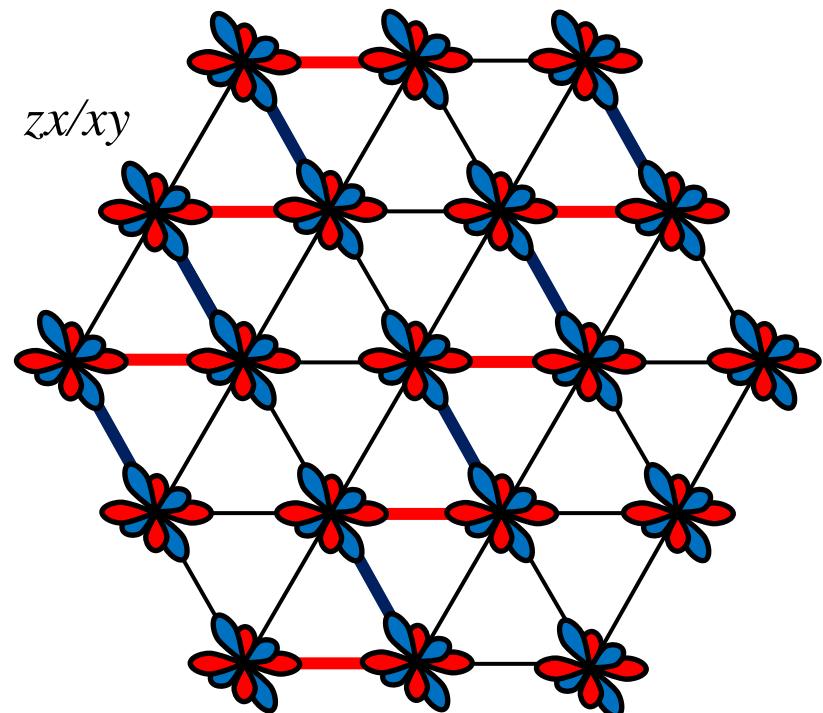
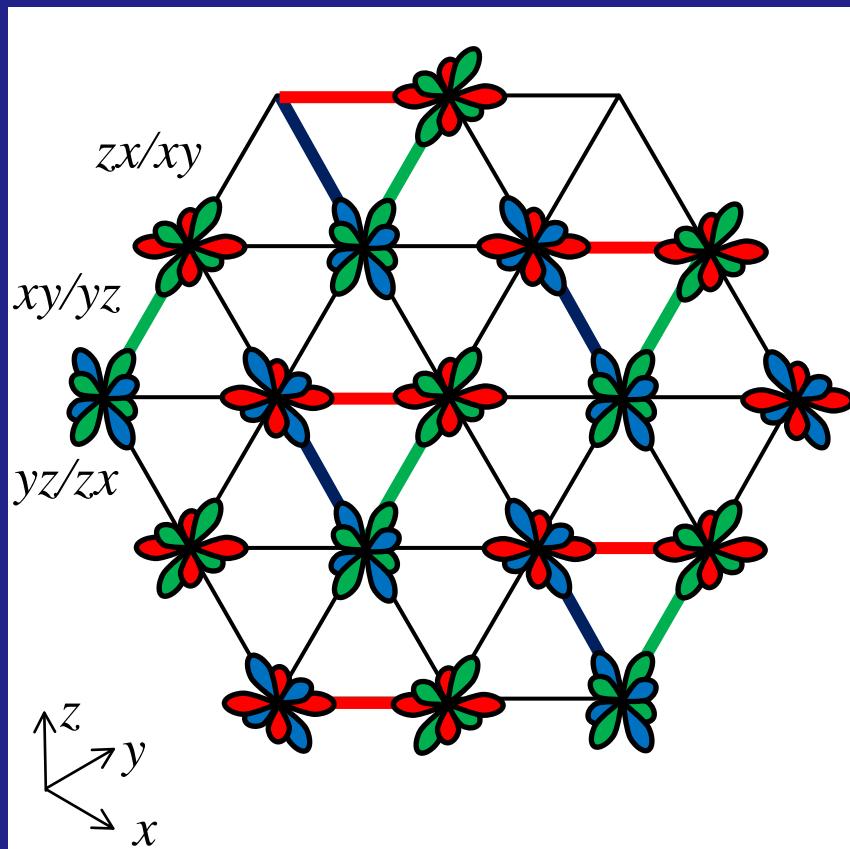
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Orbitally induced Peierls description of trimerization

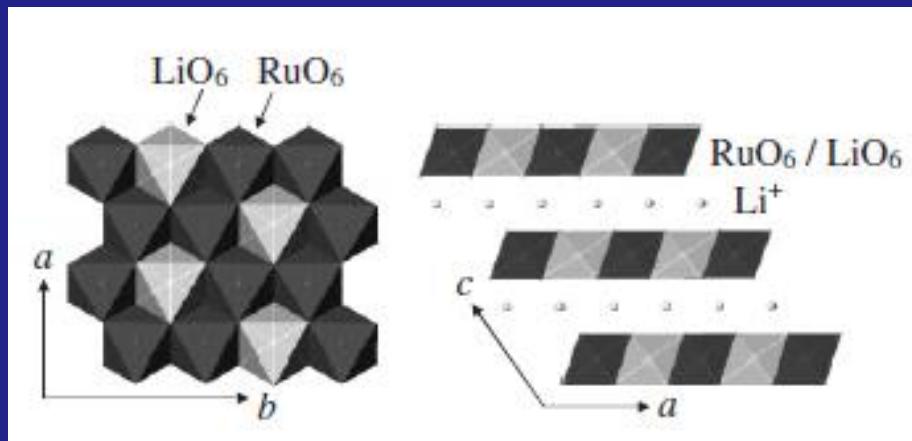


$yz \rightarrow 1/3$ filled 1D band along $(1/2, \sqrt{3}/2)$
 $zx \rightarrow 1/3$ filled 1D band along $(1/2, -\sqrt{3}/2)$
 $xy \rightarrow 1/3$ filled 1D band along $(1, 0)$

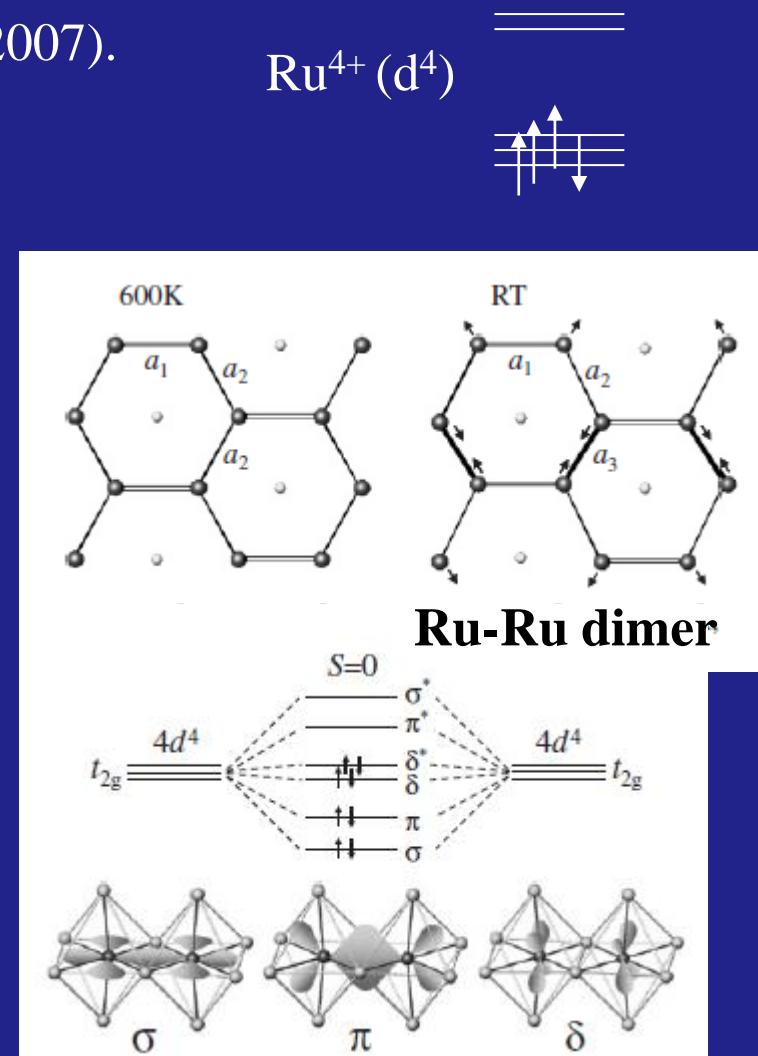
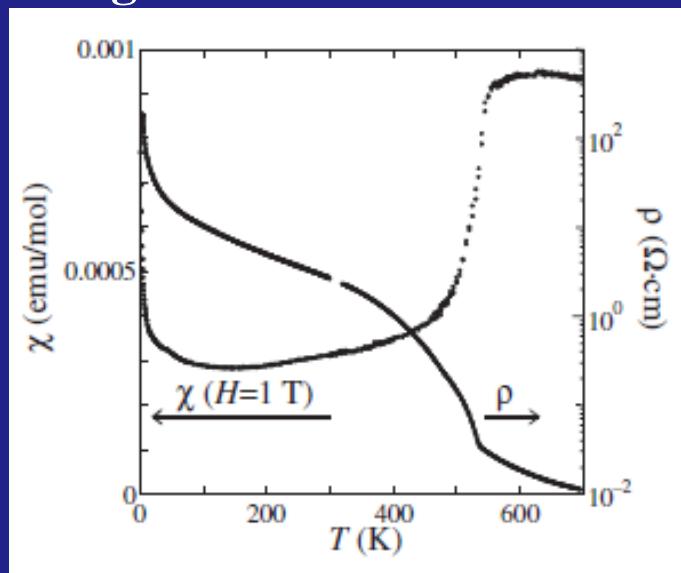


Li_2RuO_3 (Honeycomb lattice)

Y. Miura *et al.*, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. **76**, 033705 (2007).



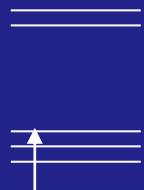
nonmagnetic insulator $< 540 \text{ K}$



S.V. Streltsov and D.I. Khomskii,
PNAS. 113, 10491 (2016)

Orbitally induced dimerization

MgVO₃



RuCl₃

(under
pressure)



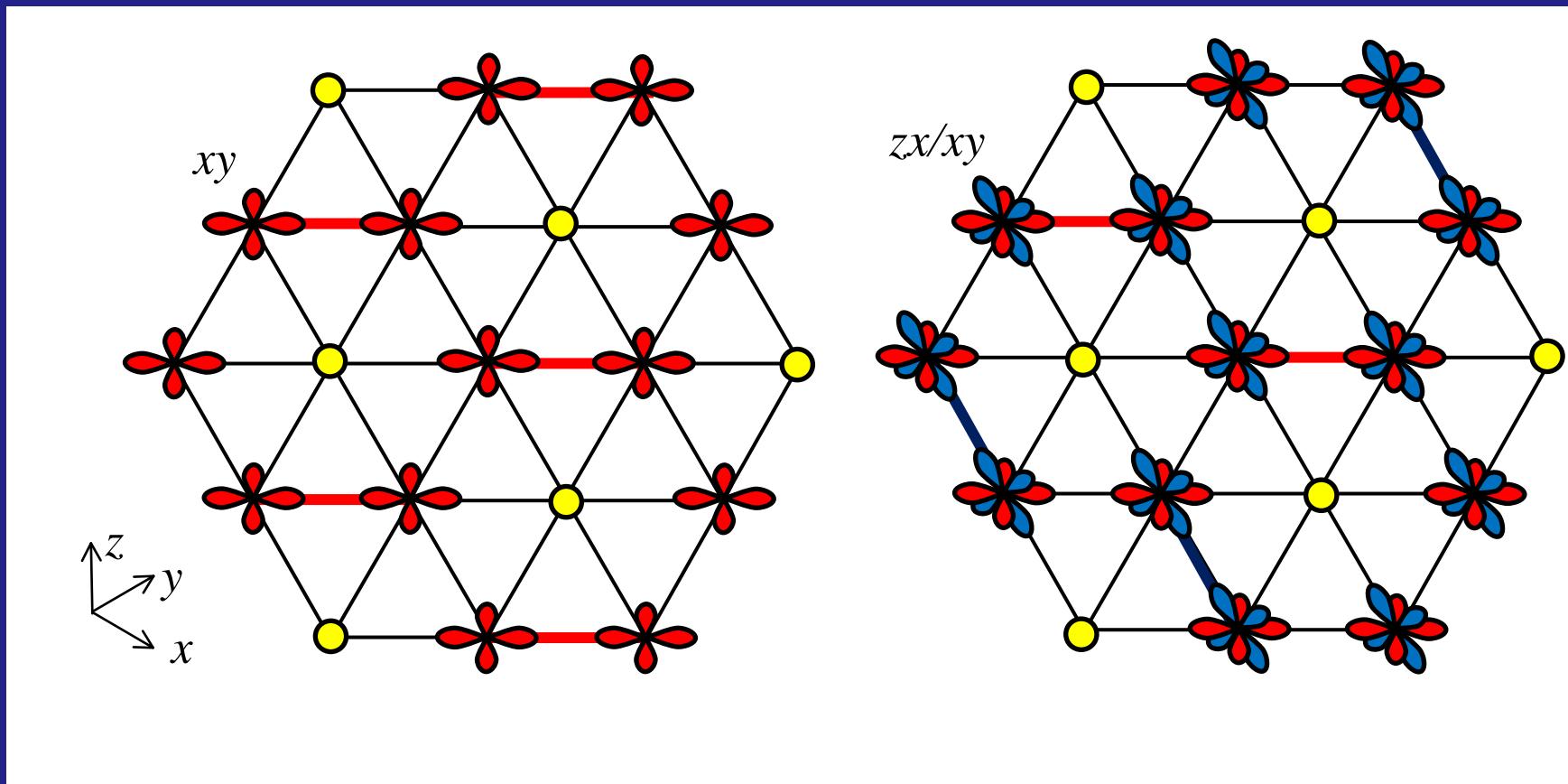
Li₂RuO₃



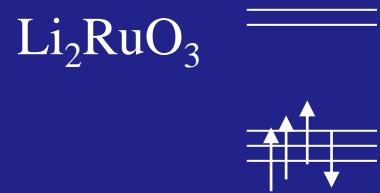
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J. Am. Chem. Soc. 144, 1082 (2022).

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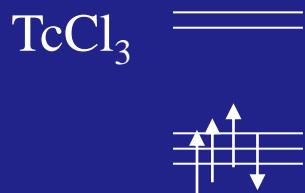
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Orbitally induced trimerization

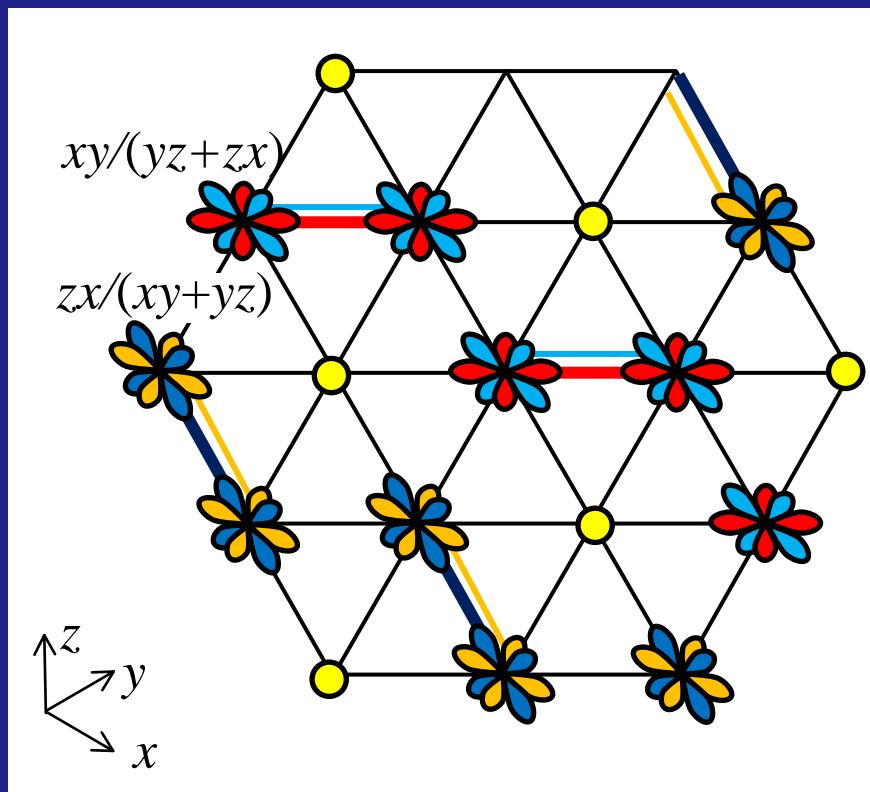


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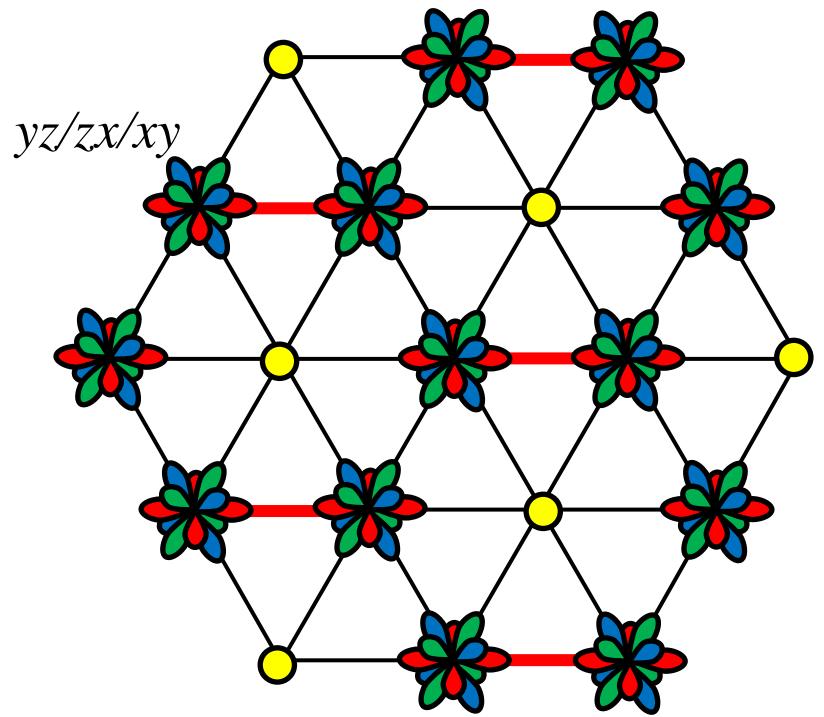


H. Schäfer *et al.*,
Z. Anorg. Allgem. Chem. **353**, 281 (1967).

double bond

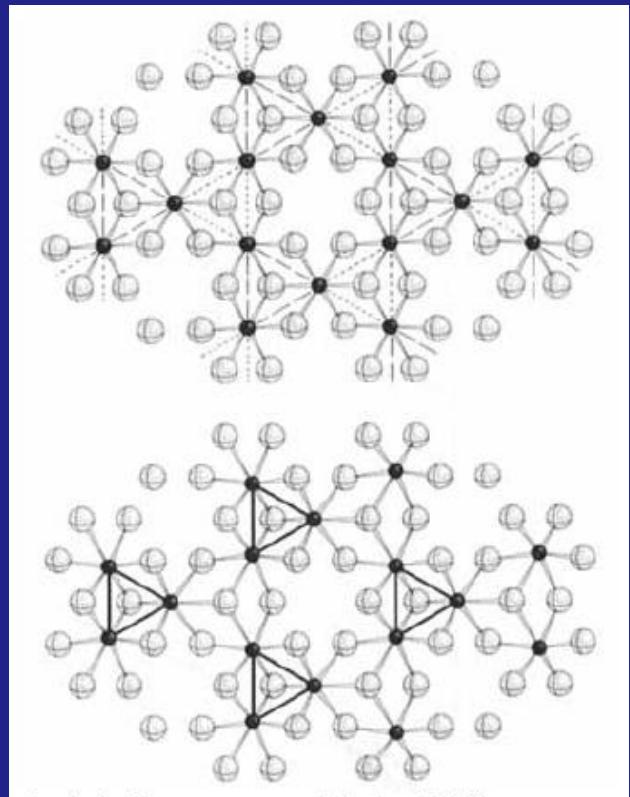
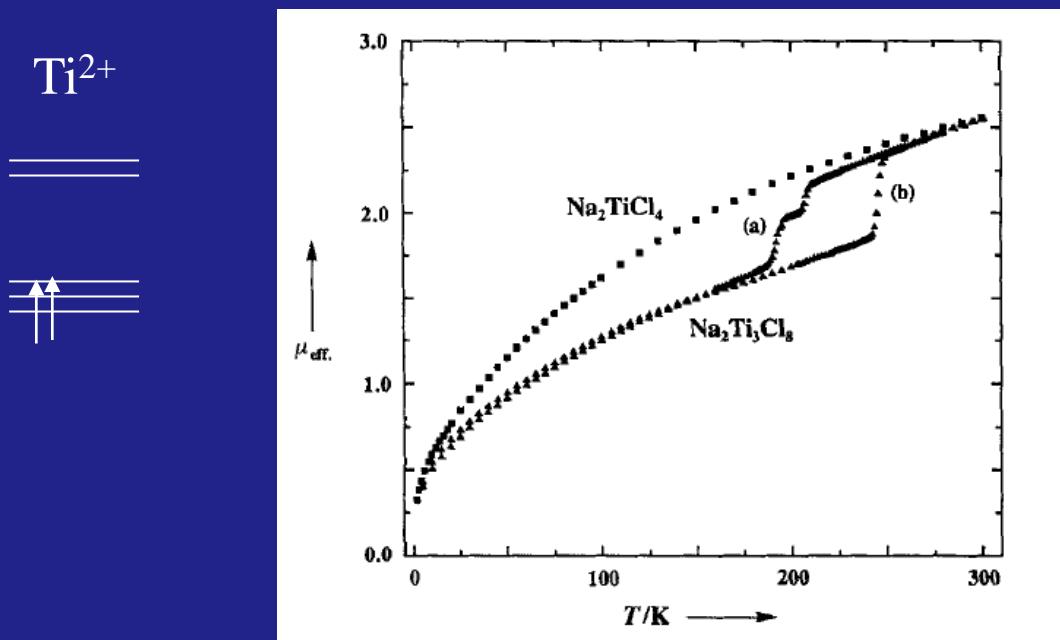


triple bond



$\text{Na}_2\text{Ti}_3\text{Cl}_8$ (kagome lattice)

D.J. Hinz, G. Meyer, T. Dedecke, and W. Urland,
Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Engl. 34, 71 (1995).



Spin-lattice coupling theory

A. Paul, C.M. Chung, T. Birol, and H.J. Changlani,
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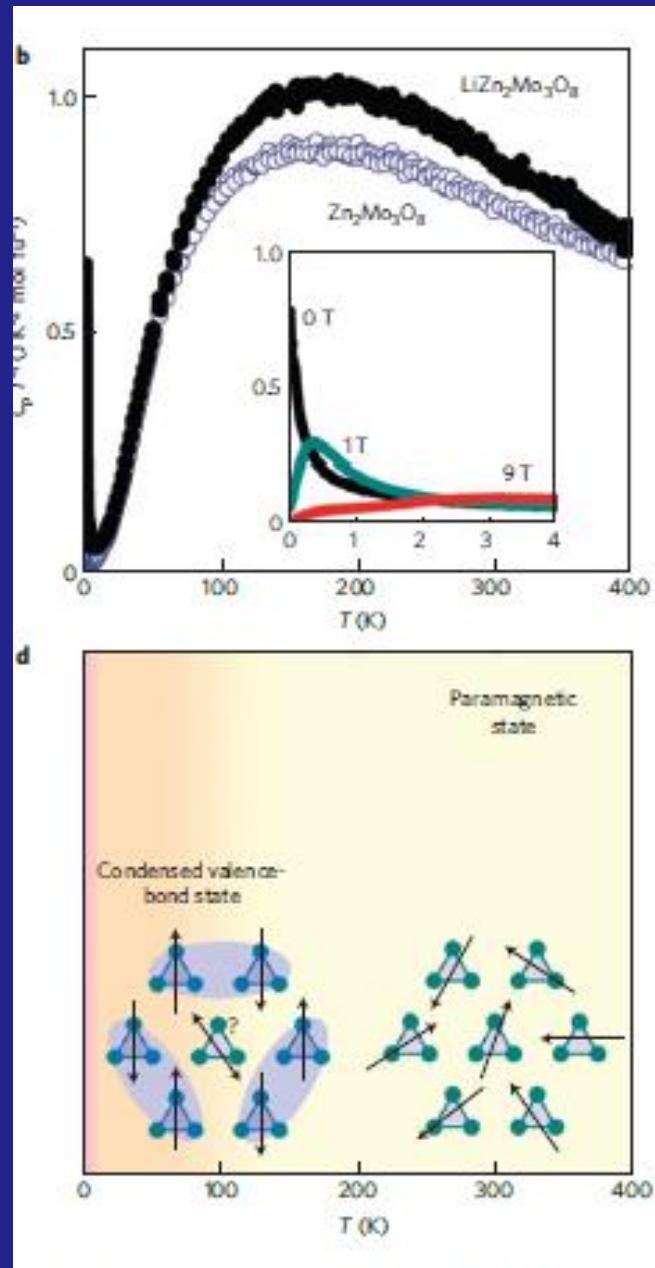
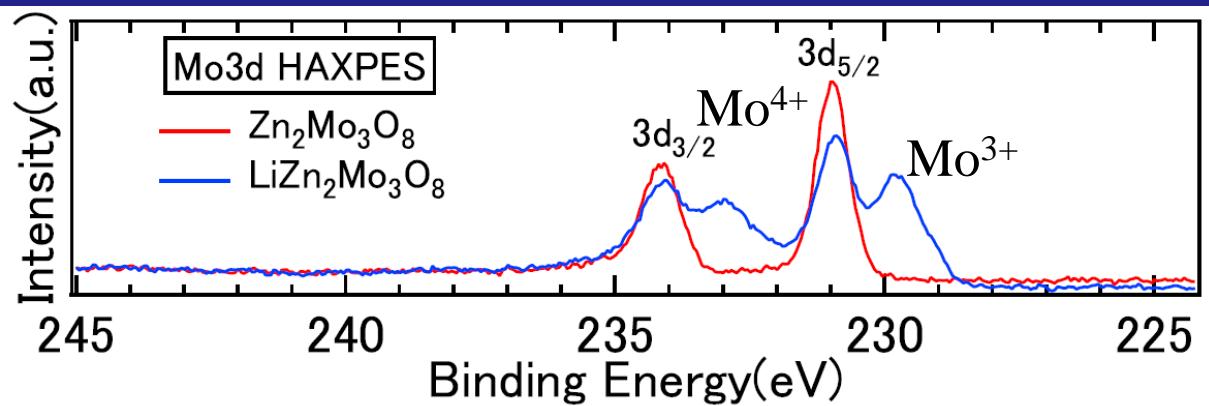
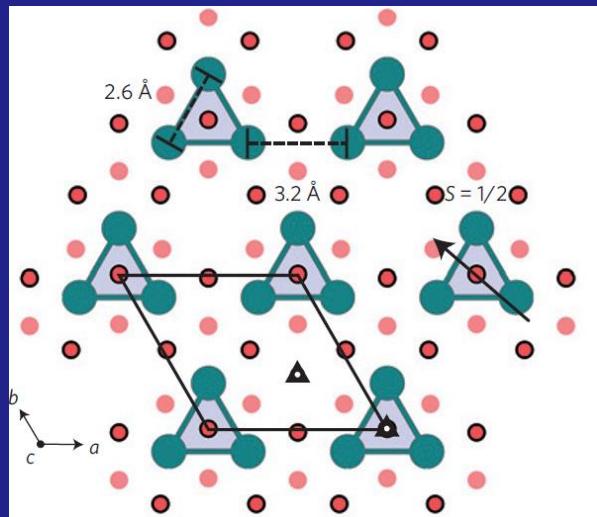
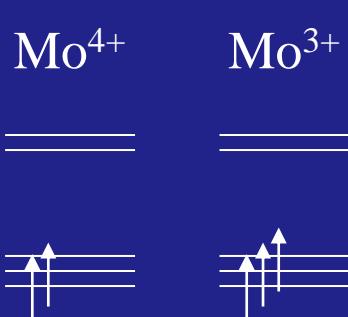
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Orbital induced trimerization

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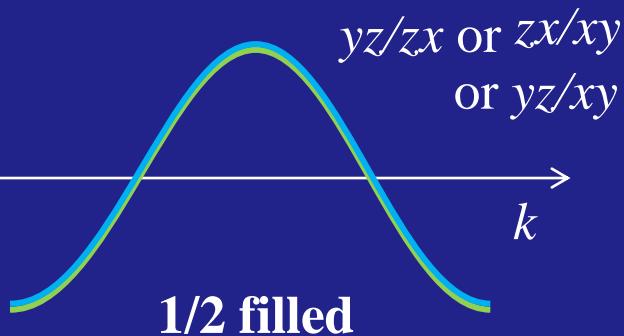
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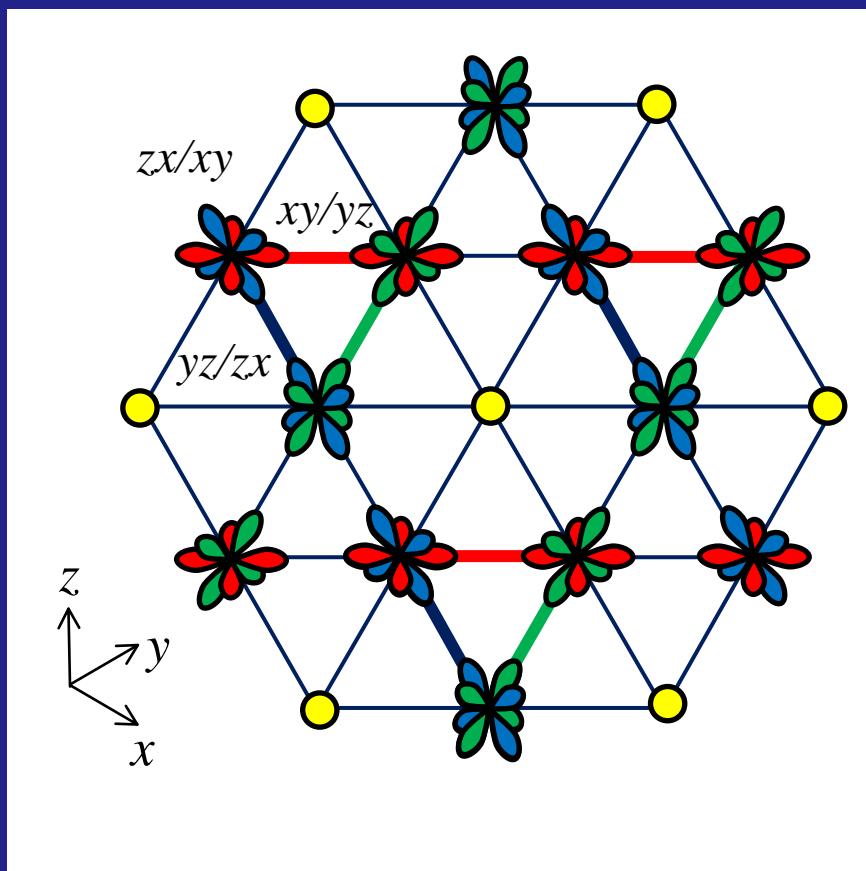


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Orbitally induced trimerization



$yz \rightarrow 1/2$ filled 1D band along $(1/2, \sqrt{3}/2)$
 $zx \rightarrow 1/2$ filled 1D band along $(1/2, -\sqrt{3}/2)$
 $xy \rightarrow 1/2$ filled 1D band along $(1, 0)$



Summary

Orbitally induced Peierls transition for t_{2g} electron system:
Band Jahn-Teller effect (or local orbital order)
Peierls transition (or local singlet bond formation)

pyrochlore lattice: CuIr_2S_4 , LiRh_2O_4 , AlV_2O_4 , MgTi_2O_4

triangular lattice: IrTe_2 , LiVS_2 , LiVO_2 , NaTiO_2

honeycomb lattice: MgVO_3 , Li_2RuO_3 , TcCl_3 , MoCl_3

kagome lattice: $\text{Na}_2\text{Ti}_3\text{Cl}_8$, $\text{Zn}_2\text{Mo}_3\text{O}_8$

orbital restrictive case: charge order follows orbital order only LiRh_2O_4 ?

orbital selective: orbital order is selected to optimize charge order

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Future prospect: **Thank you very much for your attention!**

Construction/Destruction of the multimers magnetic and/or optical control

Order/Disorder of the multimers bipolaron/tripolaron, pseudogap

Charge fluctuation in the multimer $\text{Ti}^{3+}\text{-}\text{Ti}^{4+}$, $\text{Mo}^{3+}\text{-}\text{Mo}^{4+}\text{-}\text{Mo}^{3+}$, multiferroics