

Magnetyt, modelowy materiał o unikalnych właściwościach

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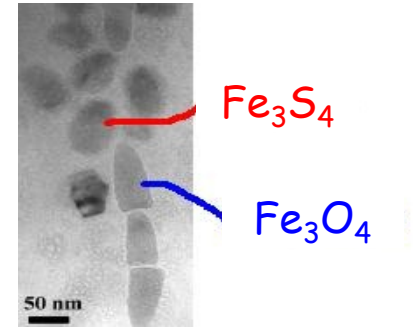
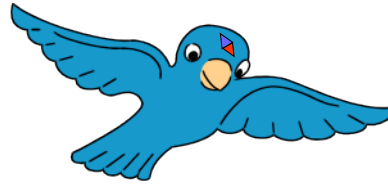
- Verwey transition at $T_V=124\text{K}$ - main experimental facts, structure, Verwey model, magnetite of I and II order, how to make good single crystal
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- ❑ Axis Switching affects macroscopic size (magnetostriction studies)...
... and is external pressure dependent
- ❑ AS can also be observed microscopically (NMR studies)

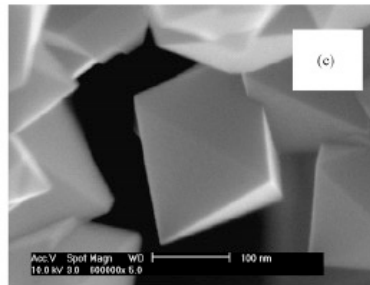
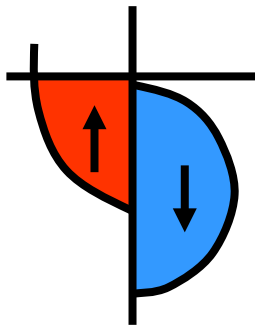
3. ...and is intimately linked to fast electronic processes shown in the recent Nature Materials paper

Magnetite is present in our life

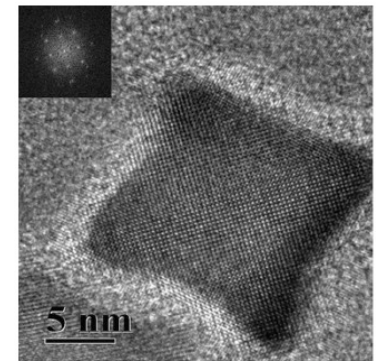


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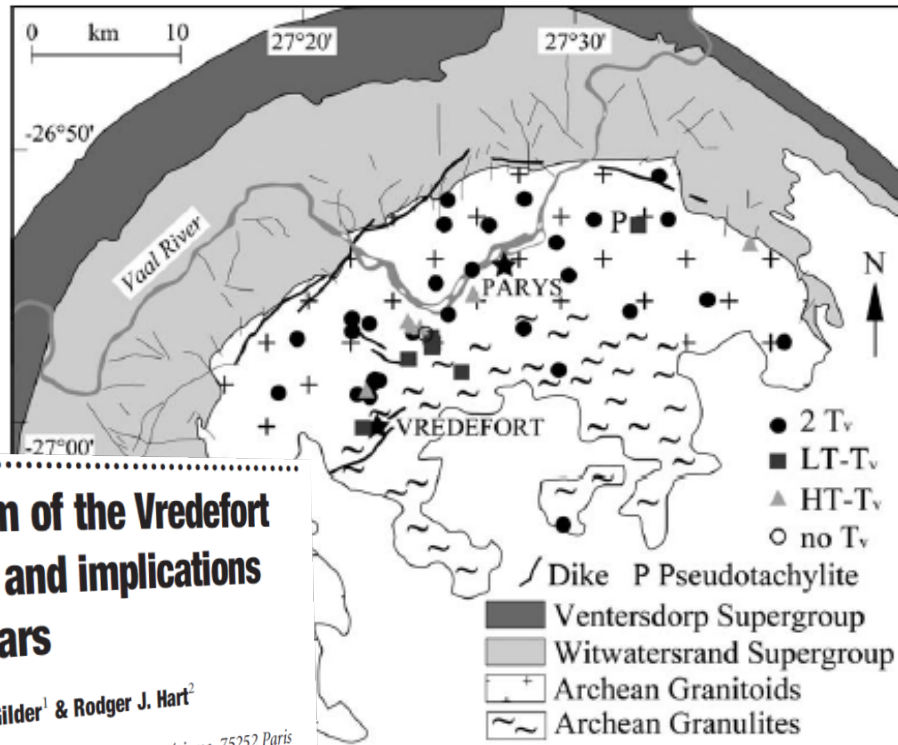


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Palaeomagnetism of the Vredefort meteorite crater and implications for craters on Mars

Laurent Carporzen¹, Stuart A. Gilder¹ & Rodger J. Hart²

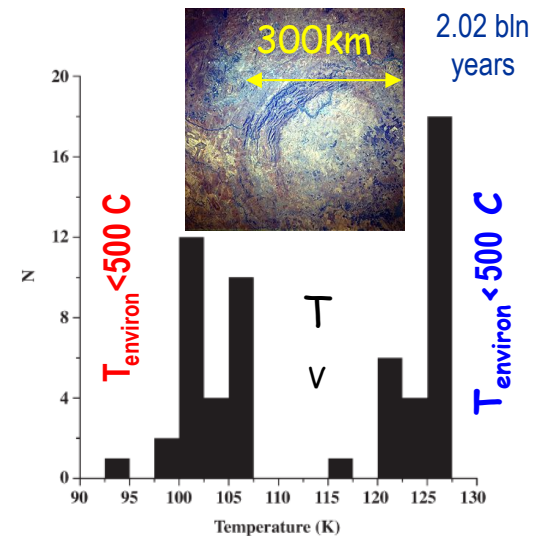
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Magnetic surveys of the martian surface have revealed significantly lower magnetic field intensities over the gigantic impact craters Hellas and Argyre than over surrounding regions¹. The reduced fields are commonly attributed to pressure demagnetization caused by shock waves generated during meteorite impact^{2,3}, in the absence of a significant ambient magnetic

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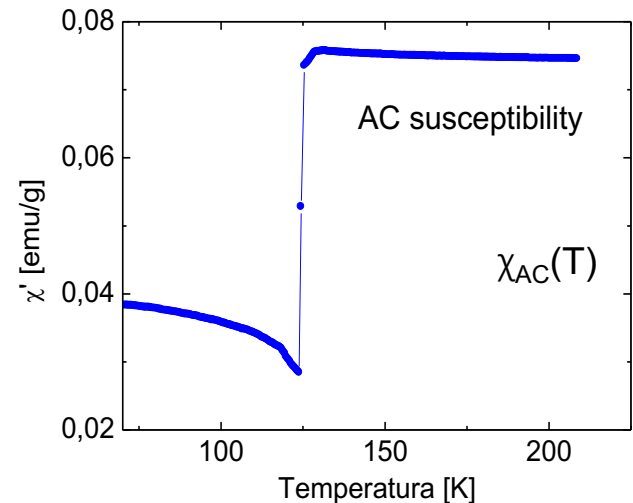
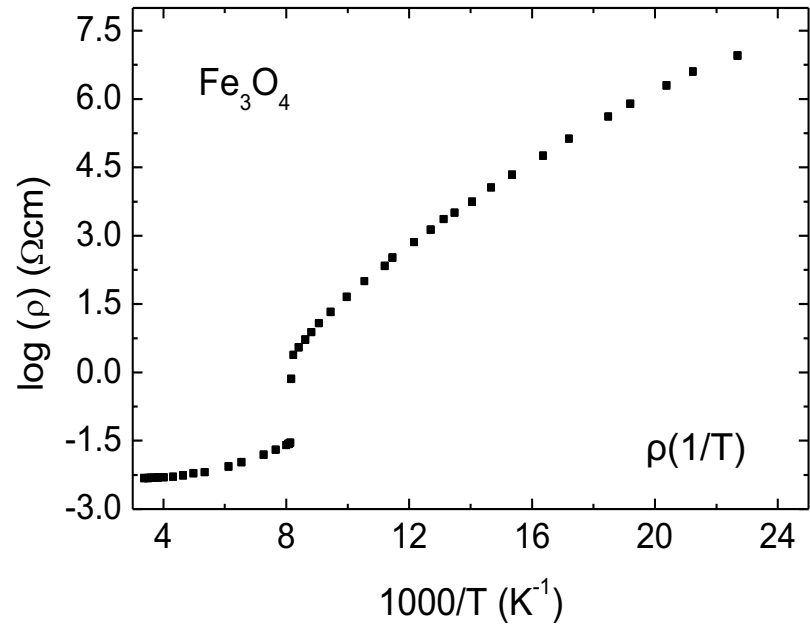
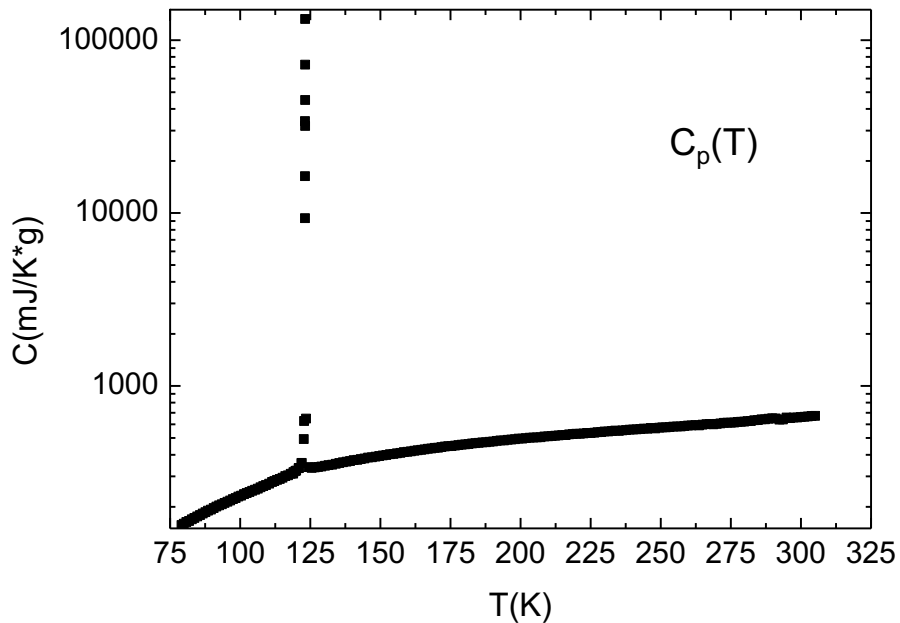
Vredefort impact crater



L. Carporzen, Stuart Gilder, Earth and Plan. Sci. Let. 251 (2006) 305

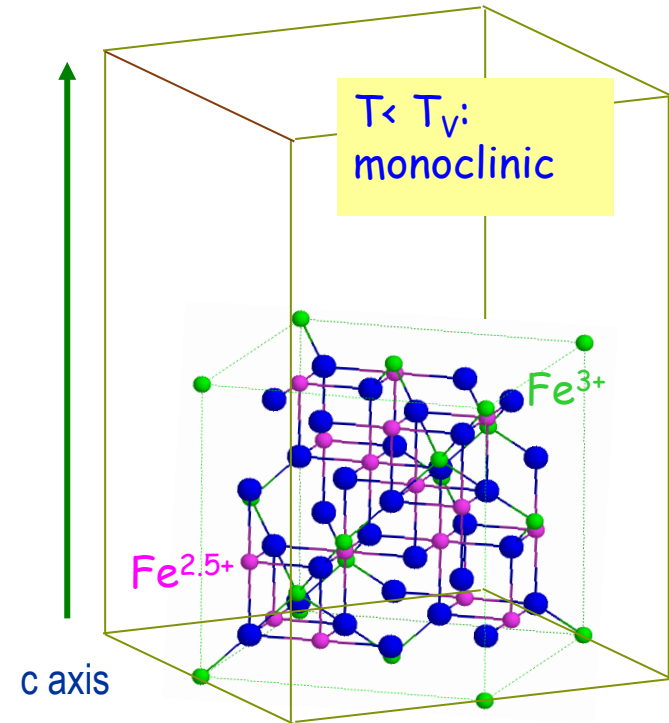
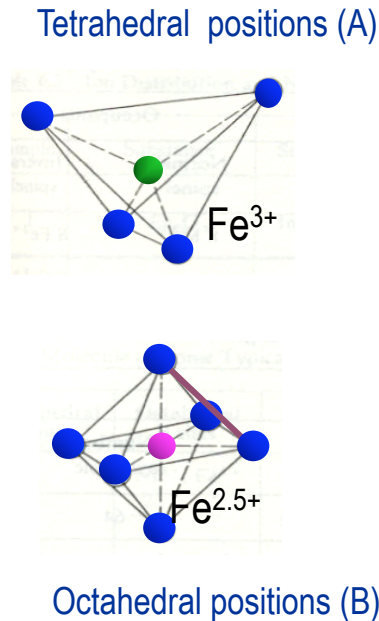
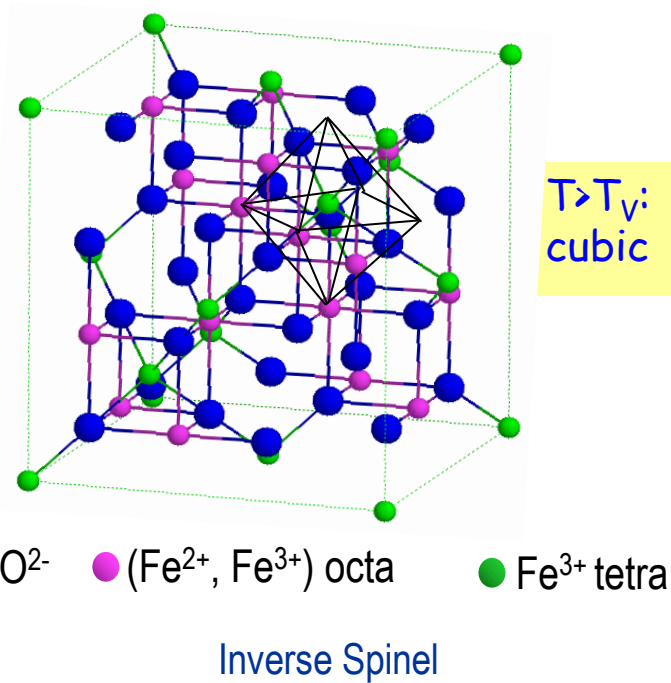
Verwey transition at $T_V=124\text{K}$: main experimental facts

Abrupt changes in many physical characteristics

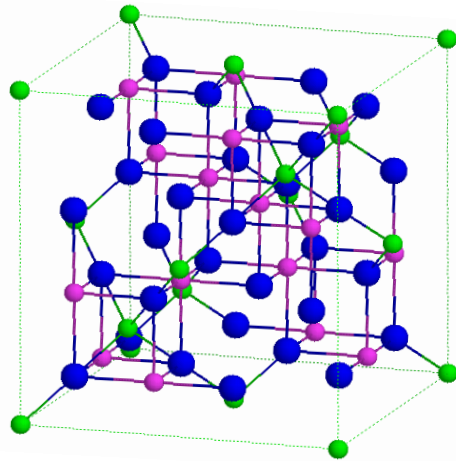


Verwey transition at $T_V=124\text{K}$: main experimental facts

Crystallographic Structure



Verwey model : order-disorder transition

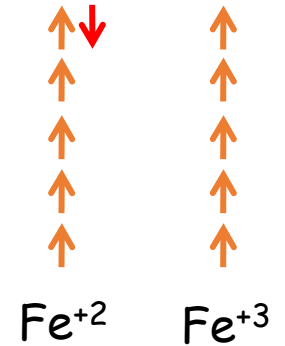
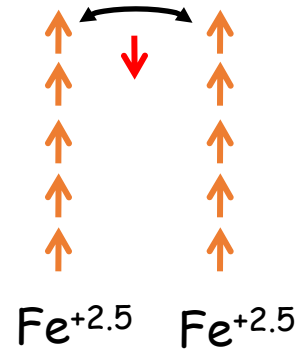
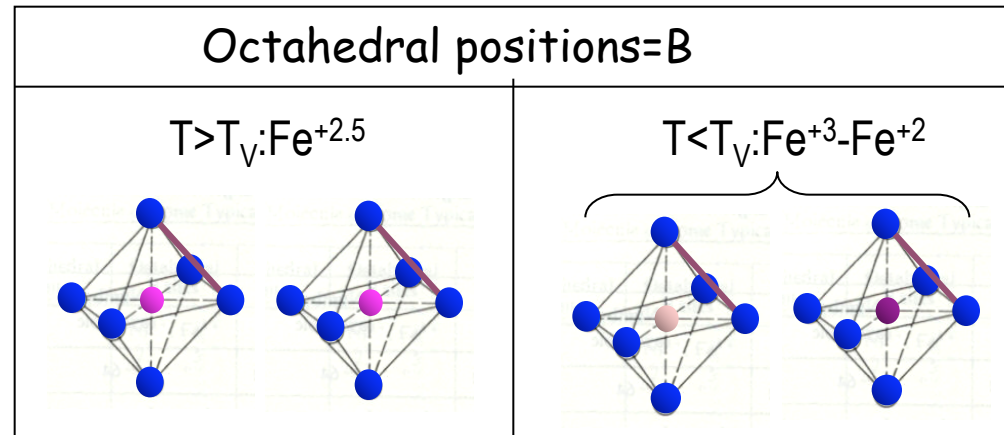


● O^{2-} ● (Fe^{2+}, Fe^{3+}) octa ● Fe^{3+} tetra

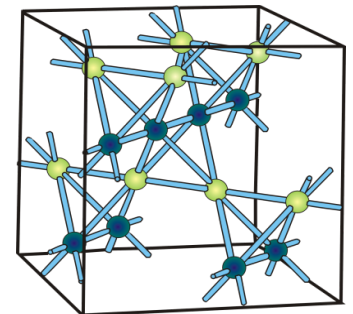
Verwey Model :

- electron repulsion on octahedral positions
- high-T electron disorder ($Fe^{+2.5}$) turns to long range order $Fe^{+3}-Fe^{+2}$

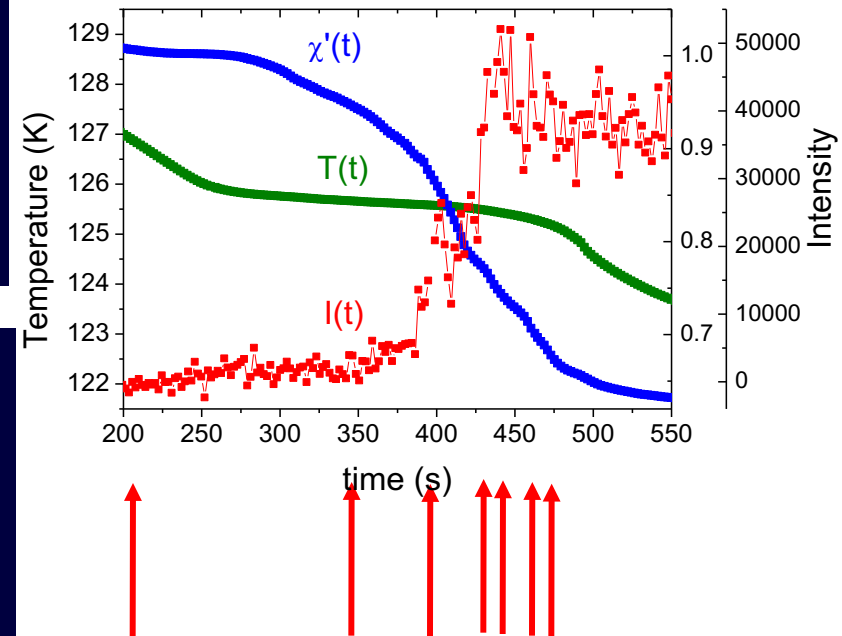
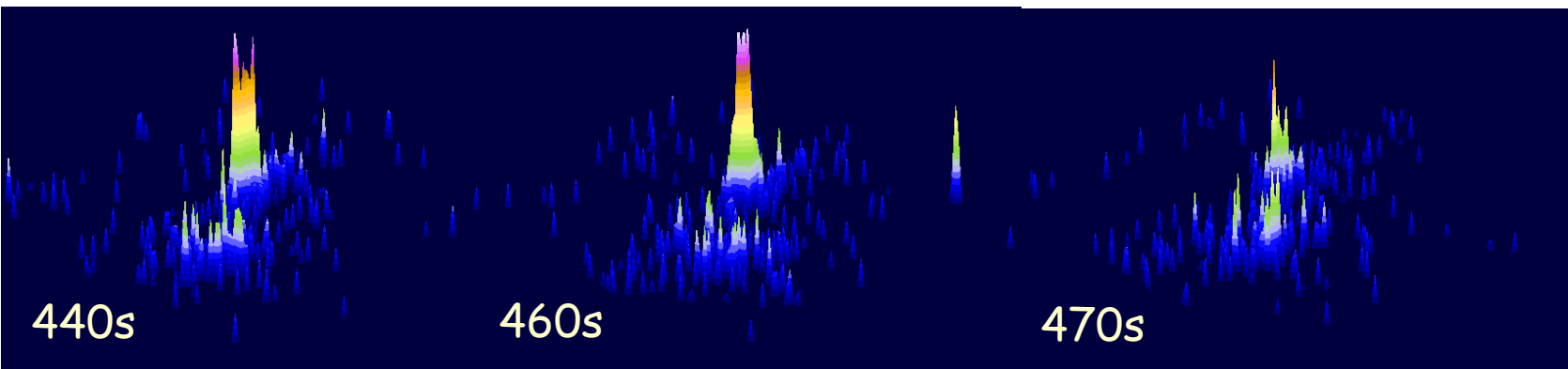
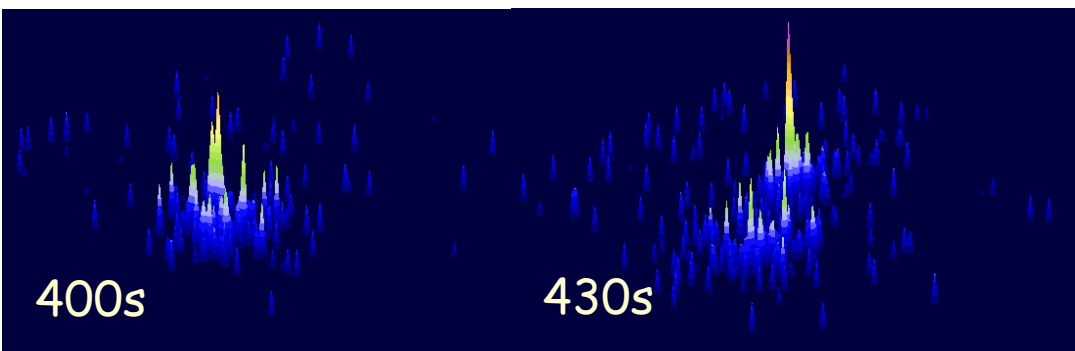
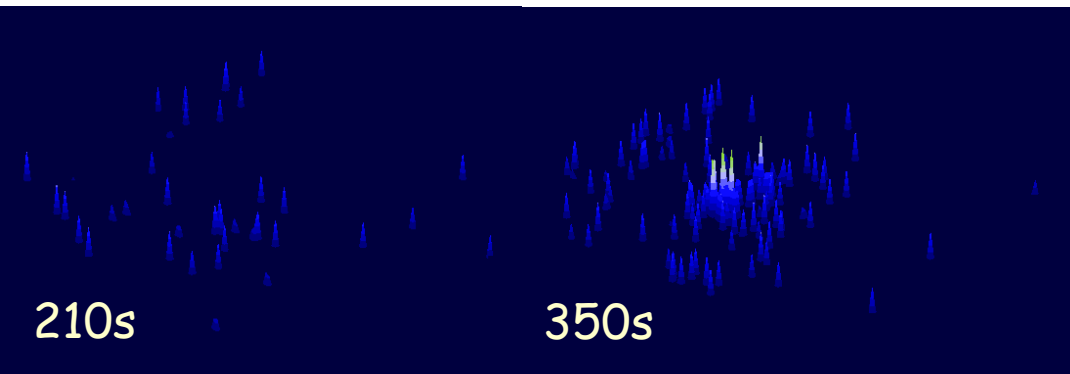
However: $\Delta q = 0.2$, orbital order, different charge ordering



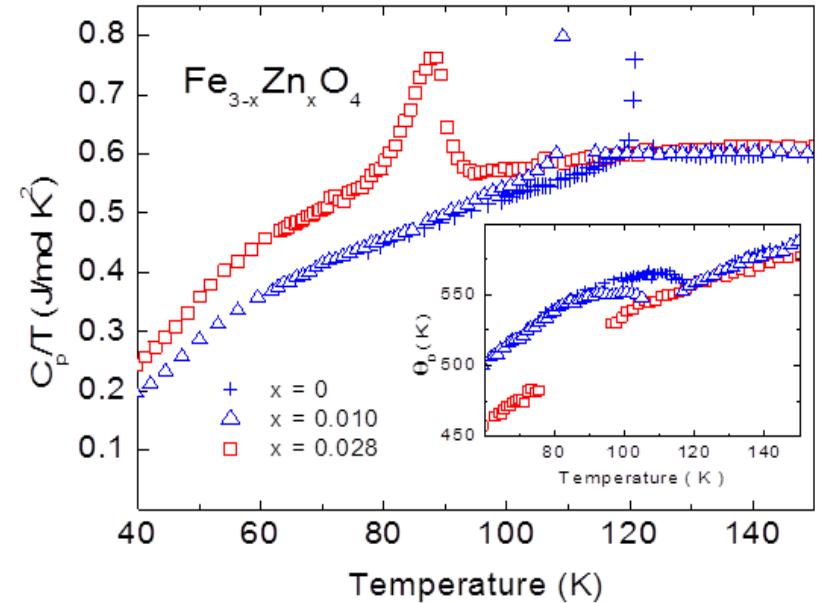
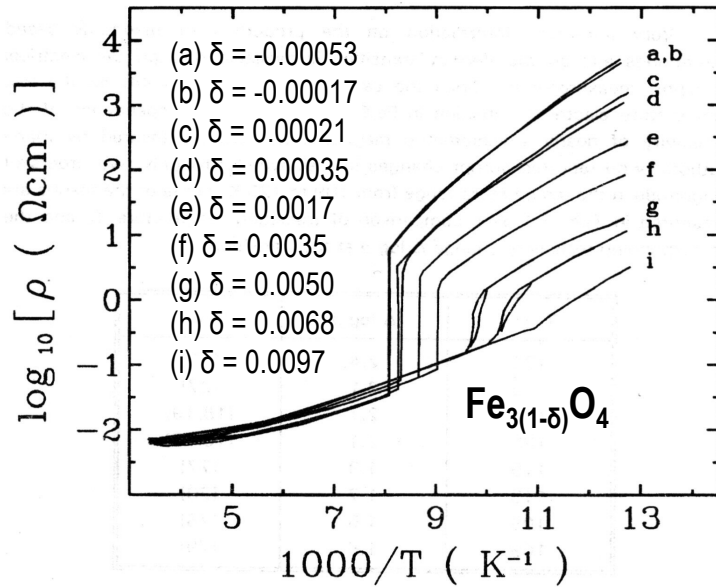
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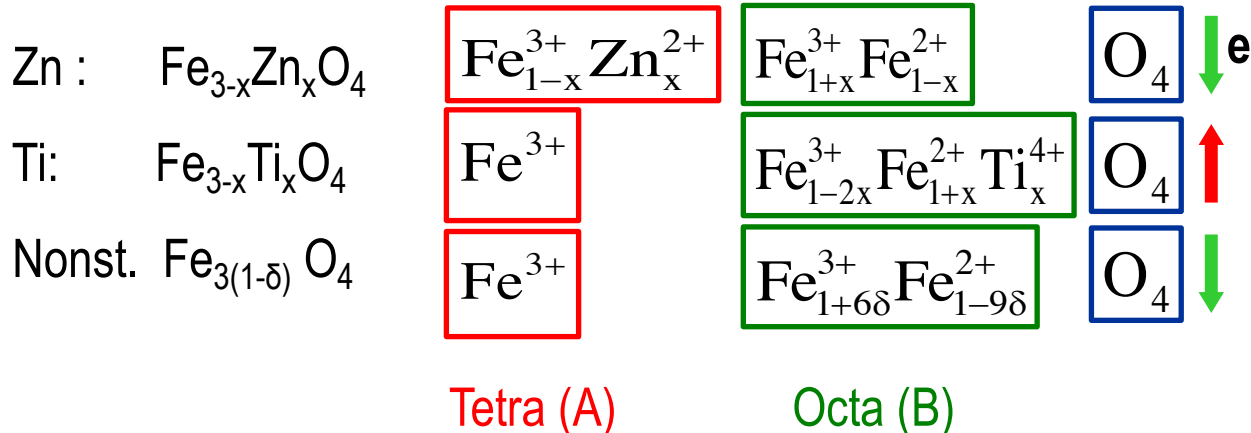
Verwey transition „in statu nascendi”: peak (1 1½ 2)



Magnetite of „first and second order“

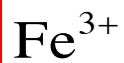
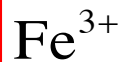
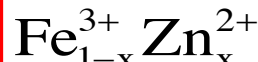
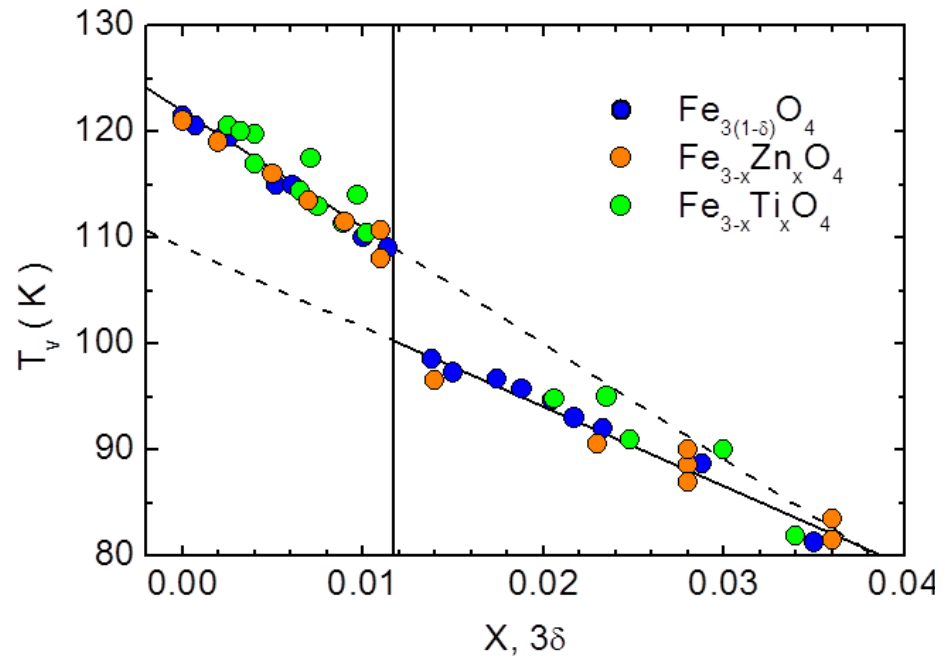
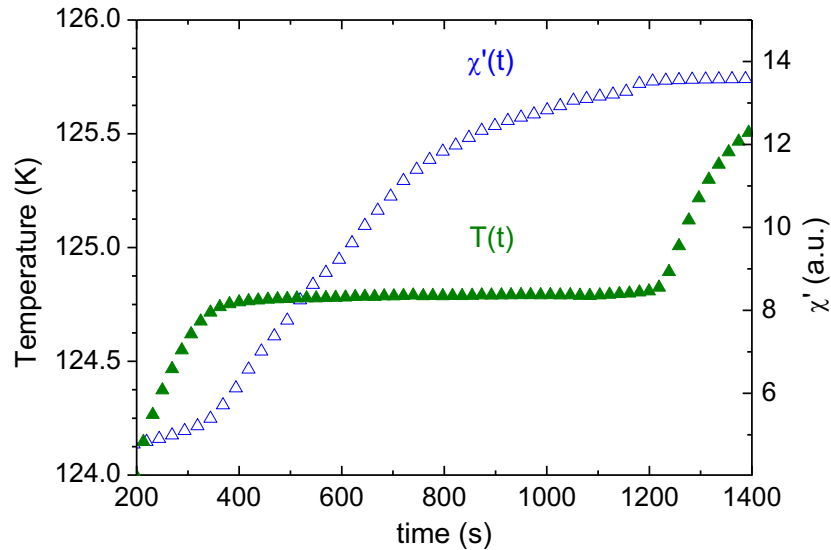


R. Aragón et. al. J. Magn. Magn. Mat. 54-57, 1335(1986)

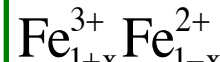


The still open question: why the increasing vacancy (and dopant) concentration change the transition order

Magnetite of „first and second order“



Tetra (A)



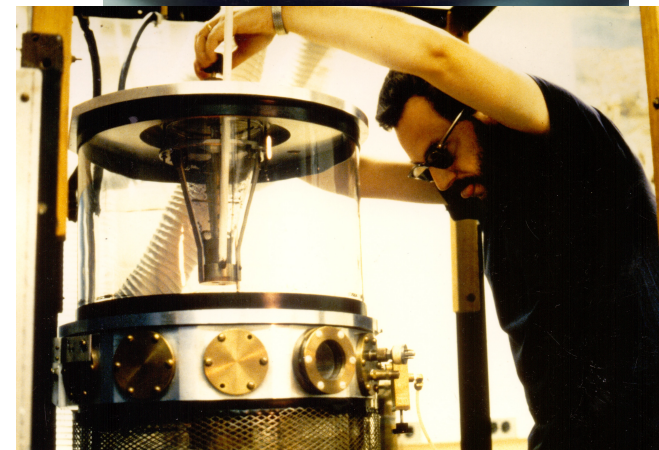
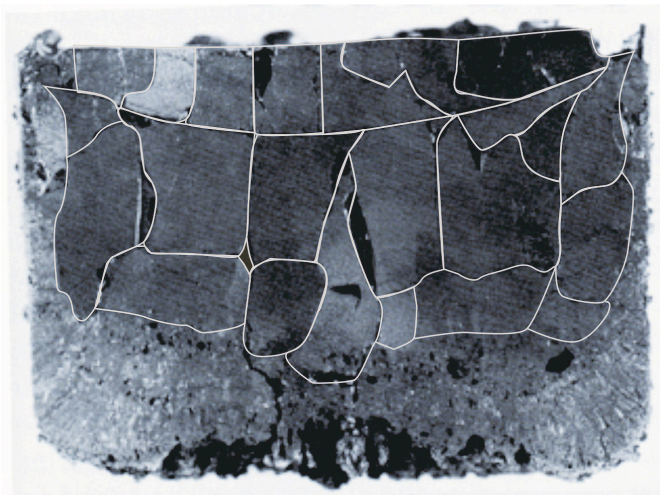
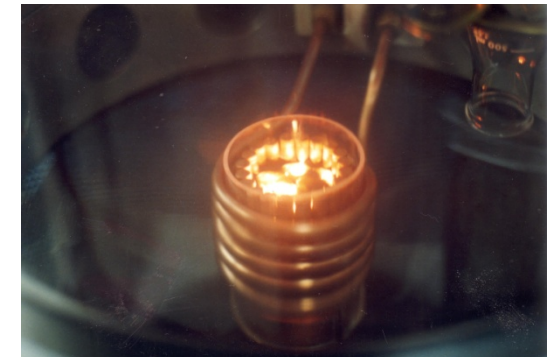
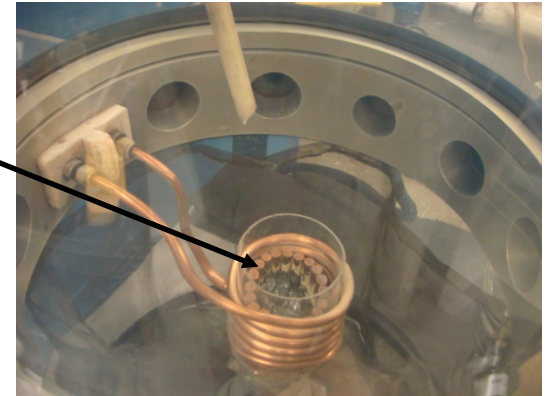
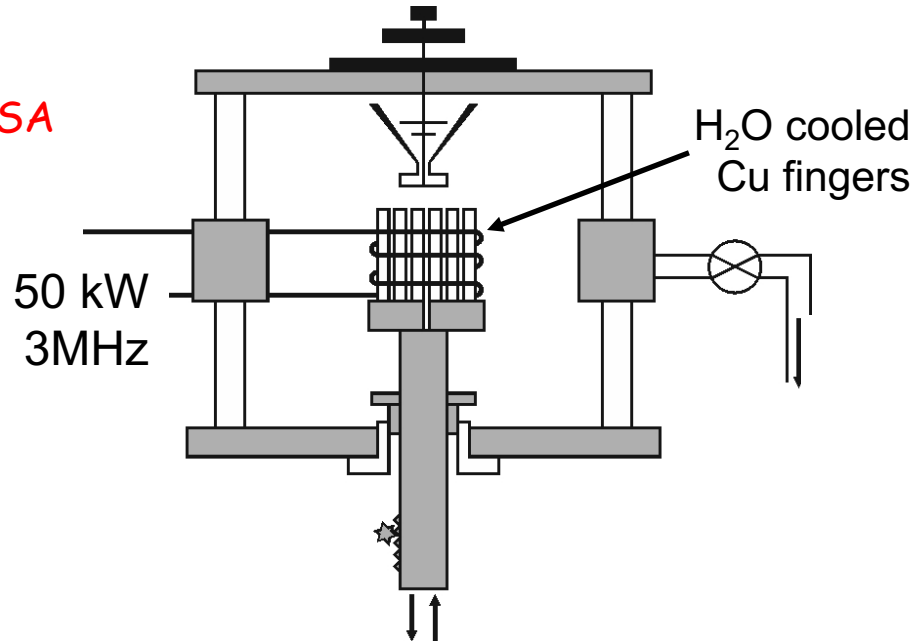
Octa (B)



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Magnetite single crystals grown in skull melter

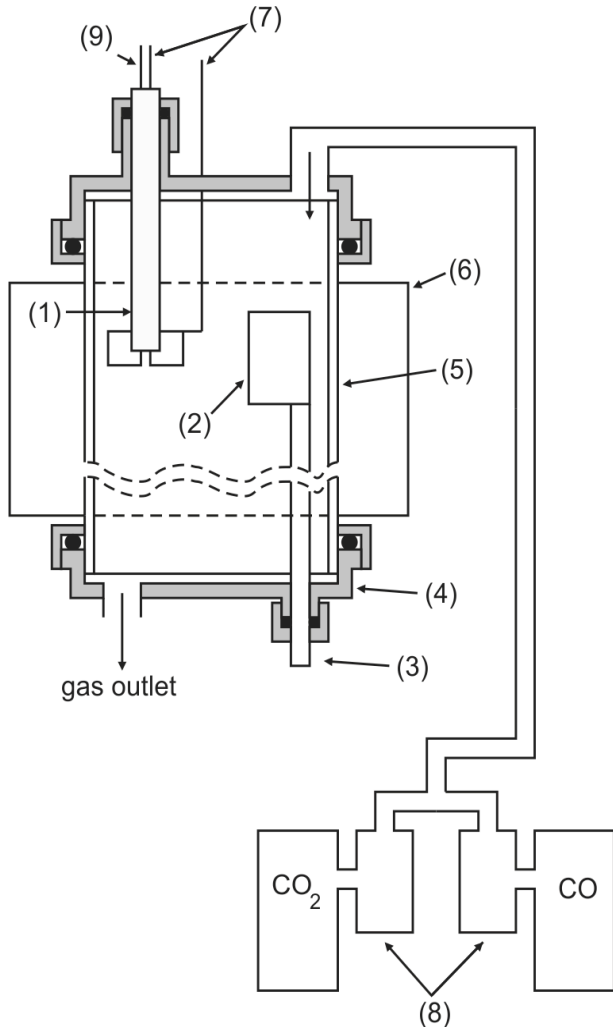
PURDUE, USA



Magnetite single crystals annealing

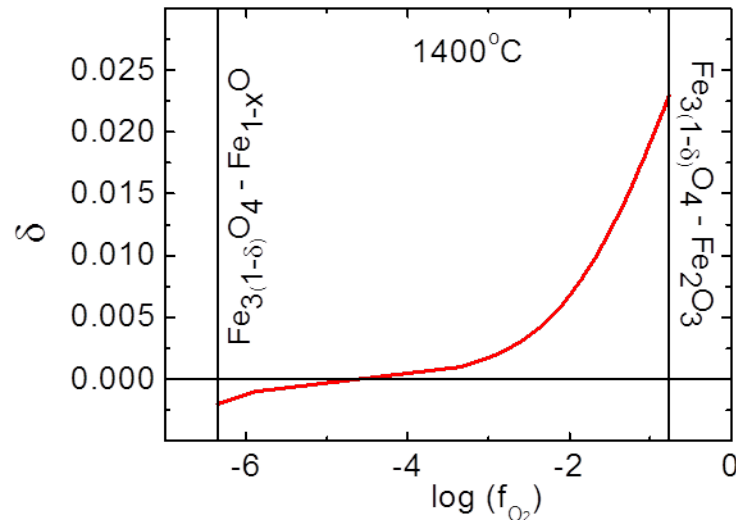
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Annealing in the controlled oxygen atmosphere



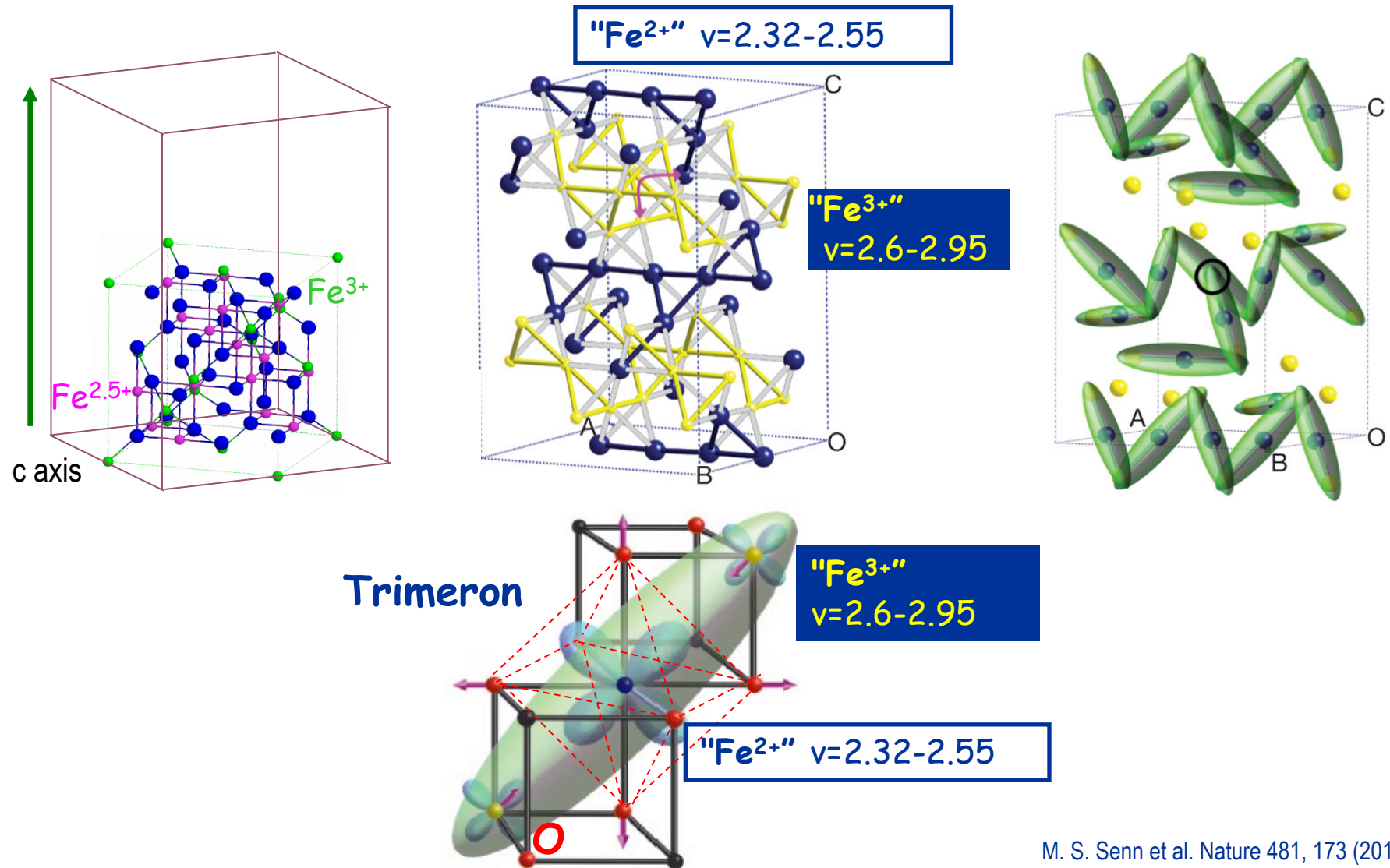
$$E = \frac{RT}{4F} \ln \frac{p_{O_2 \text{ badany}}}{p_{O_2 \text{ odniesienia}}}$$

$$\log p_{O_2} = 20.159 \frac{E(mV)}{T(K)}$$



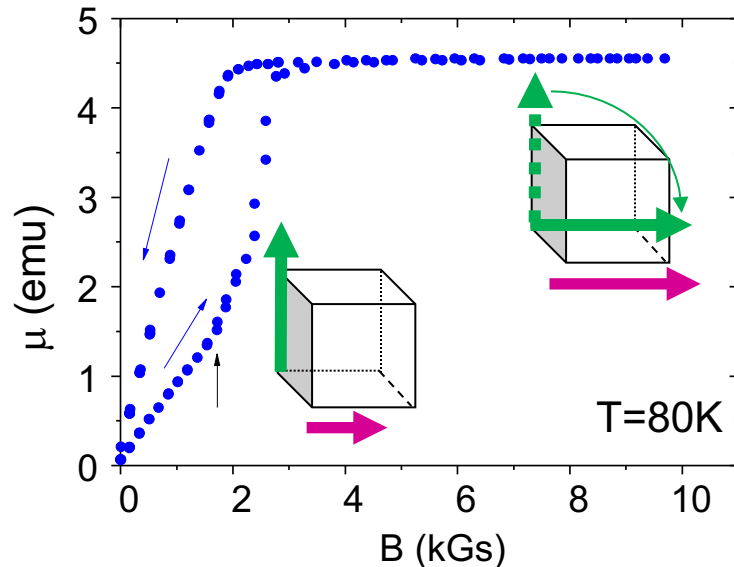
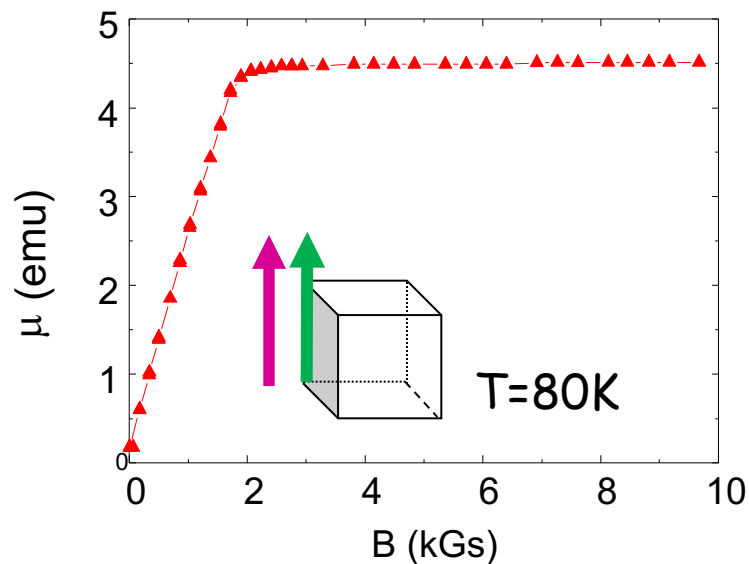
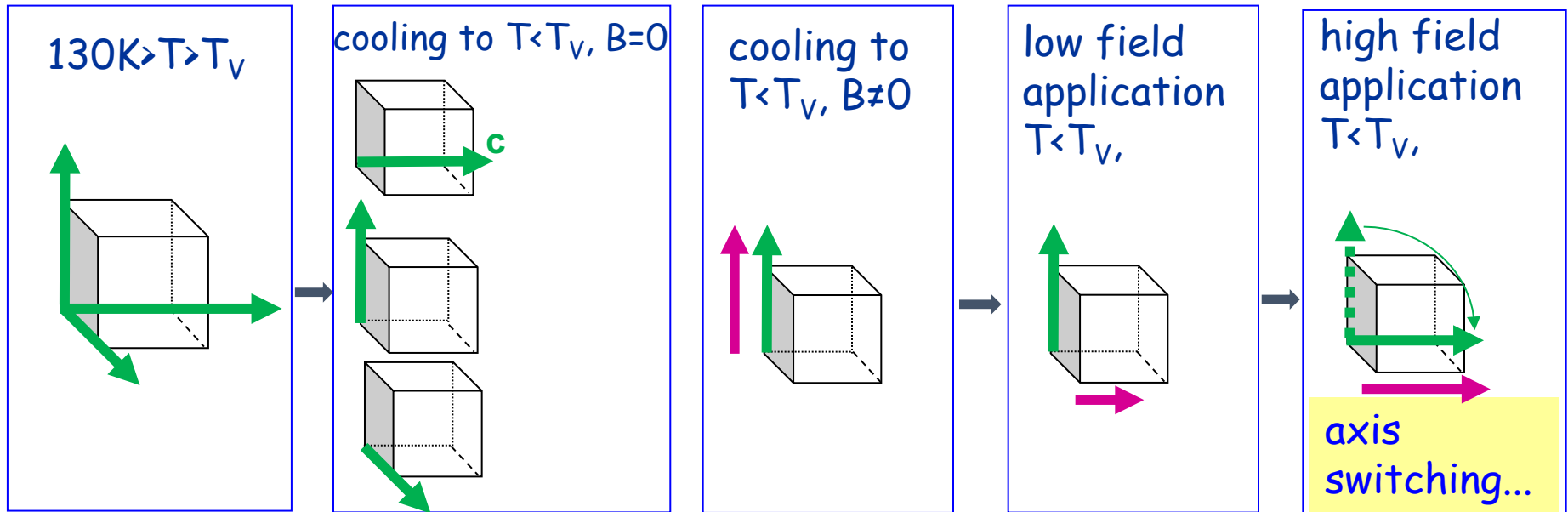
Magnetite structure at $T < T_V$, M. S. Senn et al. (Nature 2012)

24 structural domains $\Rightarrow$ Single domain material if the size $< 40\mu\text{m}$ $\Rightarrow$ 91433 Bragg reflections



Switching of magnetic easy axis

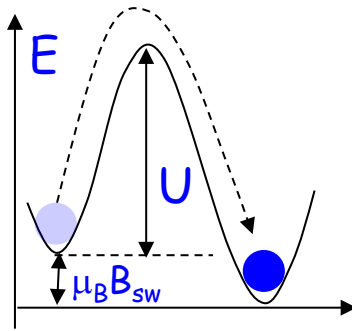
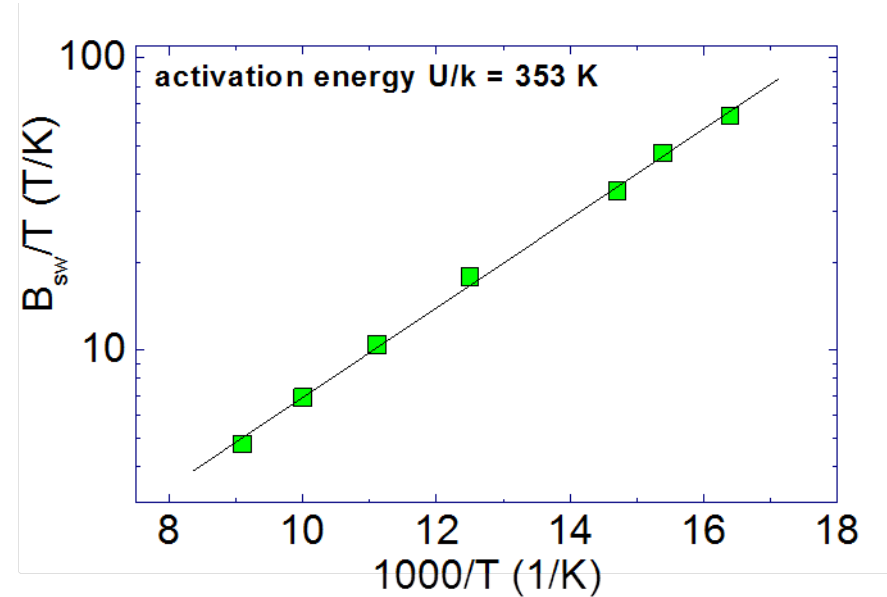
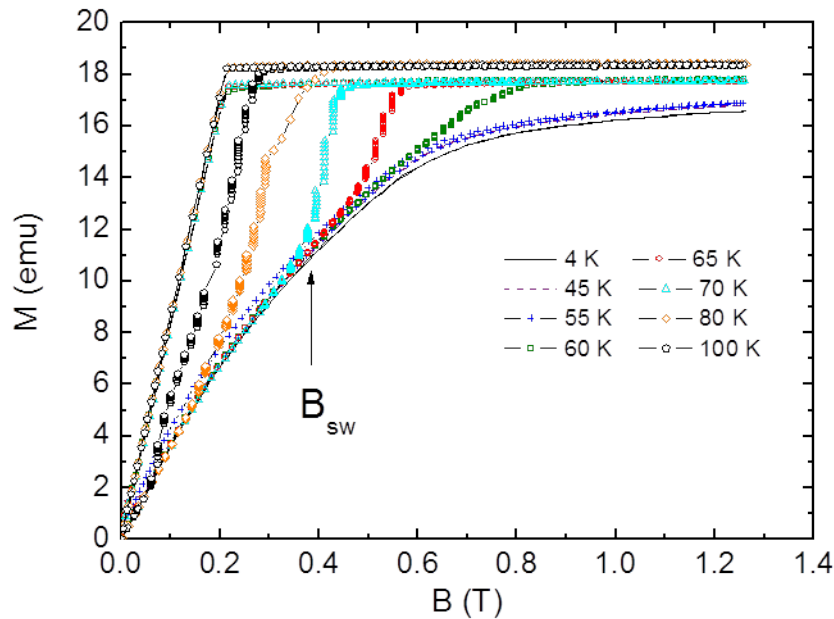
B. A. Calhoun, Phys. Rev. **94** (1954) 1577



...that can be easily seen by magnetization measurements

Easy axis switching vs. Verwey transition

G. Król, et. al., J. All. Comp., 442, (2007), 83



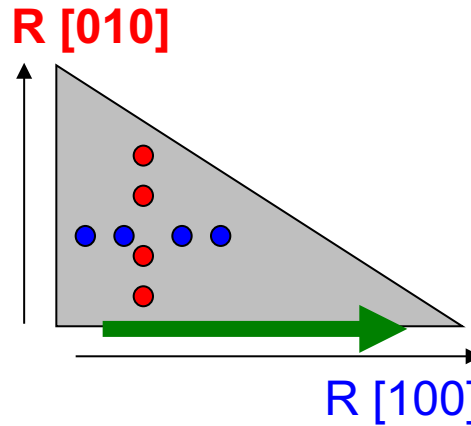
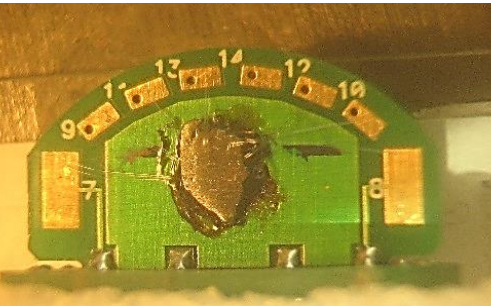
$$B_{sw} = cT \exp(U/kT)$$

B. A. Calhoun, Phys. Rev. **94**
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Axis switching is the activation process with the characteristic energy close to that of the Verwey transition

Does AS affect electrical resistance?

G. Król, et. al., J. All. Comp., 480, 128 (2009)



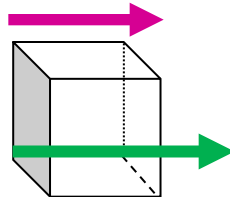
- c axis was forced by FC in 1T
- R along [100] and [010] was observed
- The axis was switched and the result on R was measured

Experiment layout

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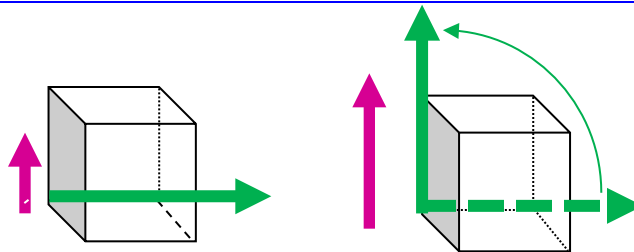
$B = -4T$ to $+4T$

$T = 99K$



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$T = 99K$

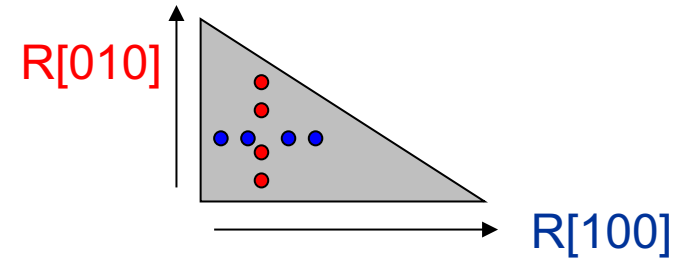
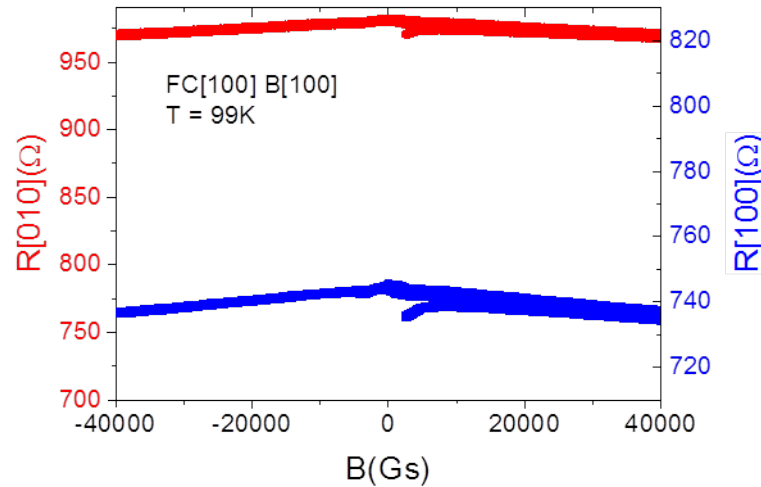
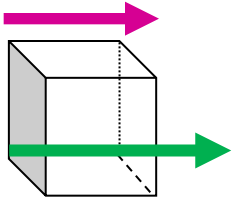


Can AS be seen in $R(B)$?

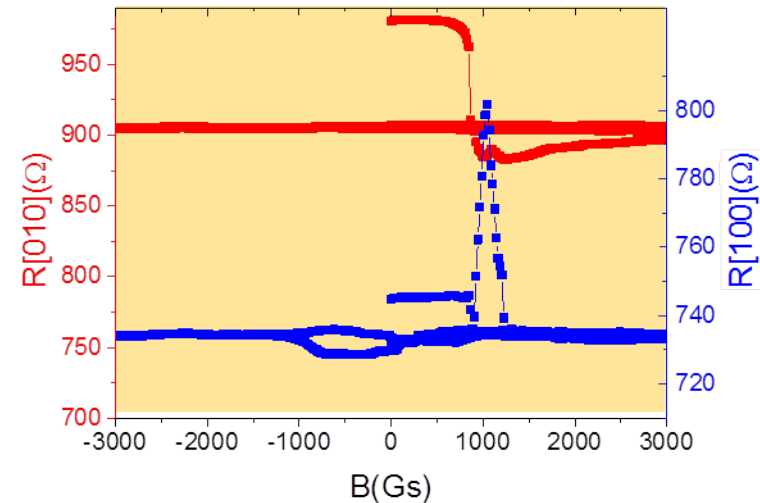
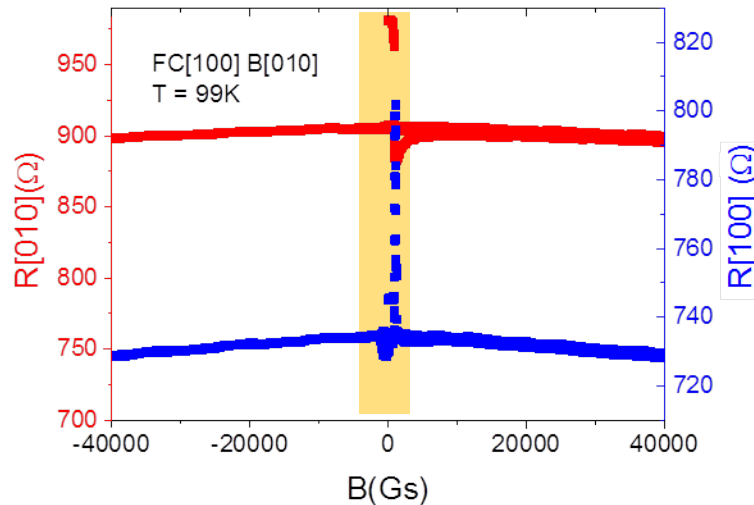
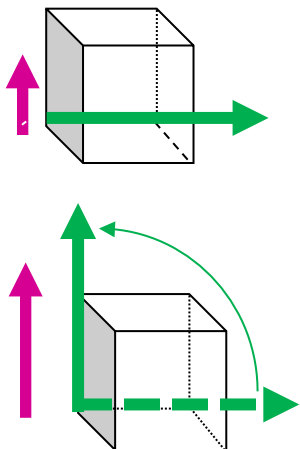
Does the resistance depend on structural disorder?

Does AS affect electrical resistance?

B[100]

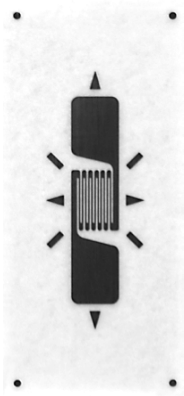


B[010]



Rapid changes of R at B_{sw}

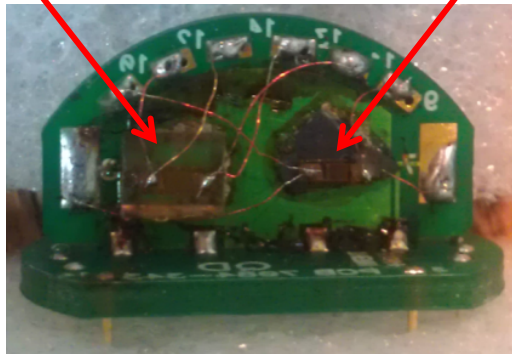
Does AS affect macroscopic size?



strain gauge...

quartz

magnetite

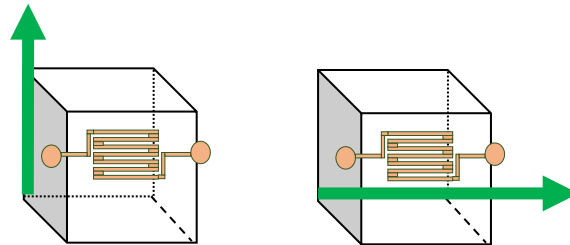


... glued to the surface

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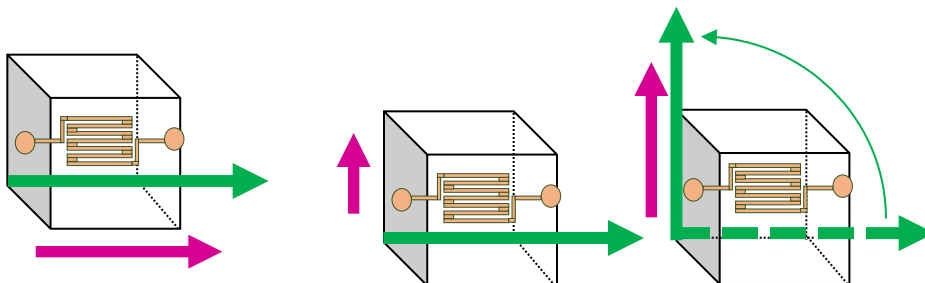
Experiment layout

1 Heating from 10K to 300K



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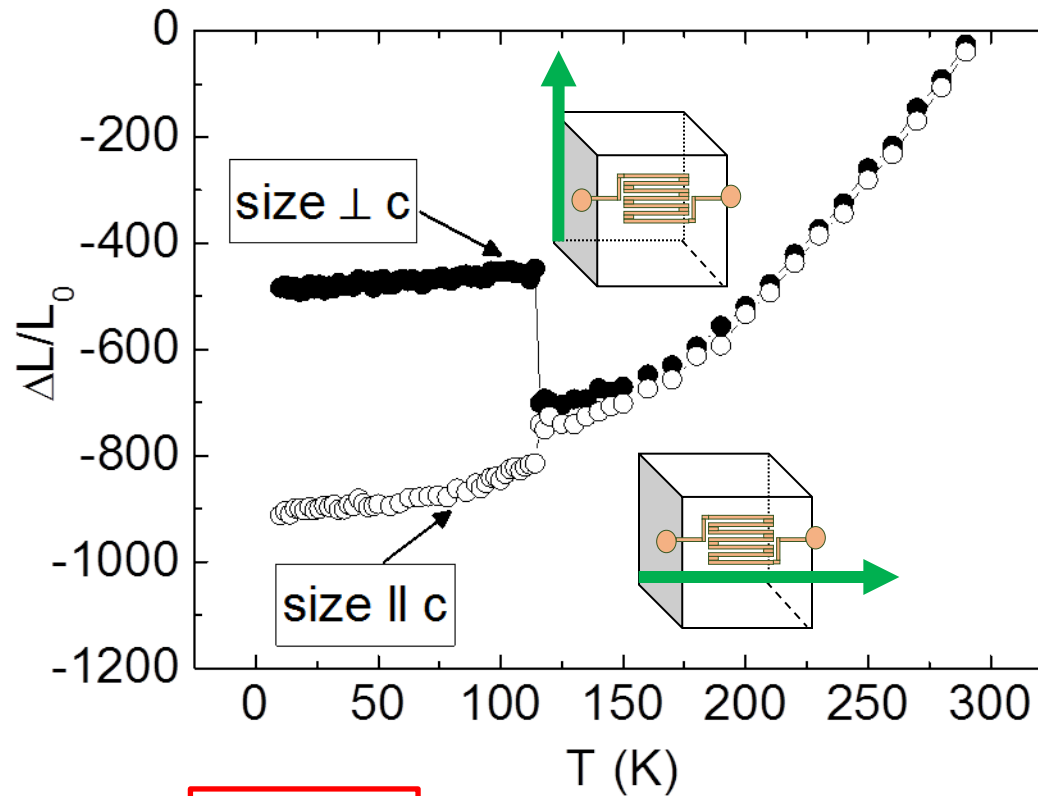
T=90K



Does AS affect the size?

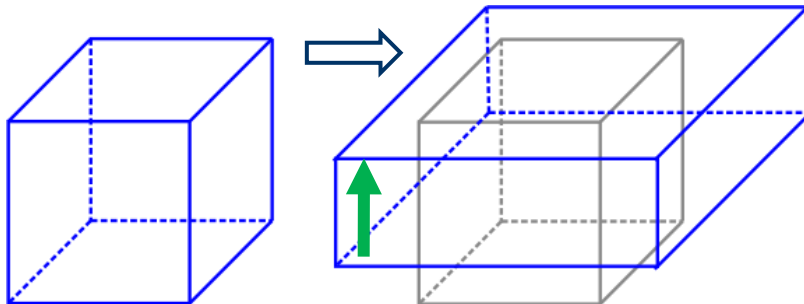
Does AS affect macroscopic size?

A. Britwum, et. al., Solid State Phenomena Vol. 194 (2013) pp 120-123



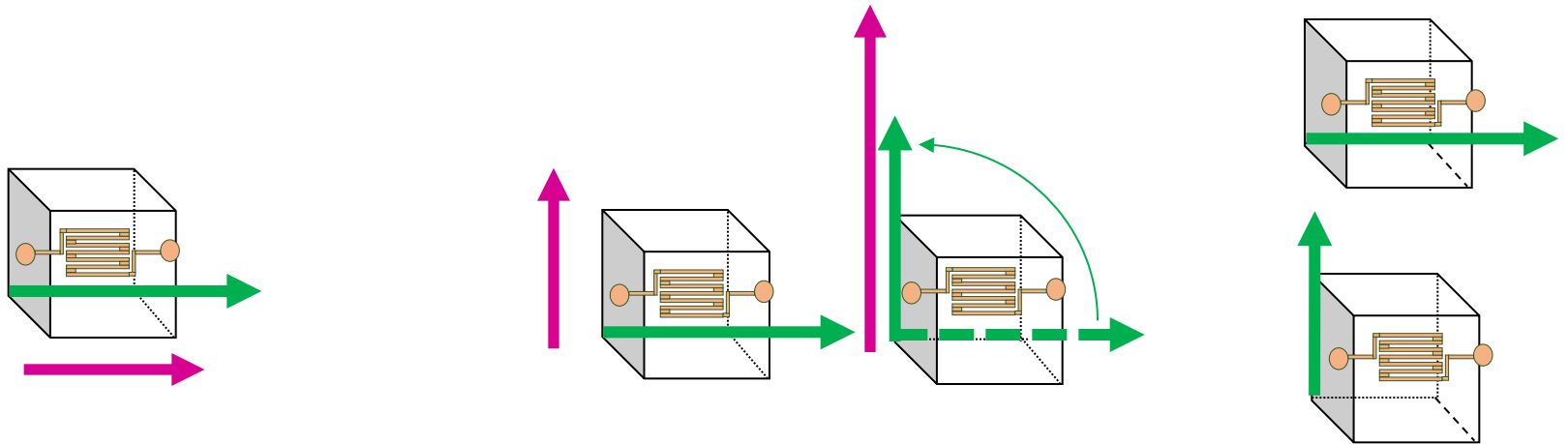
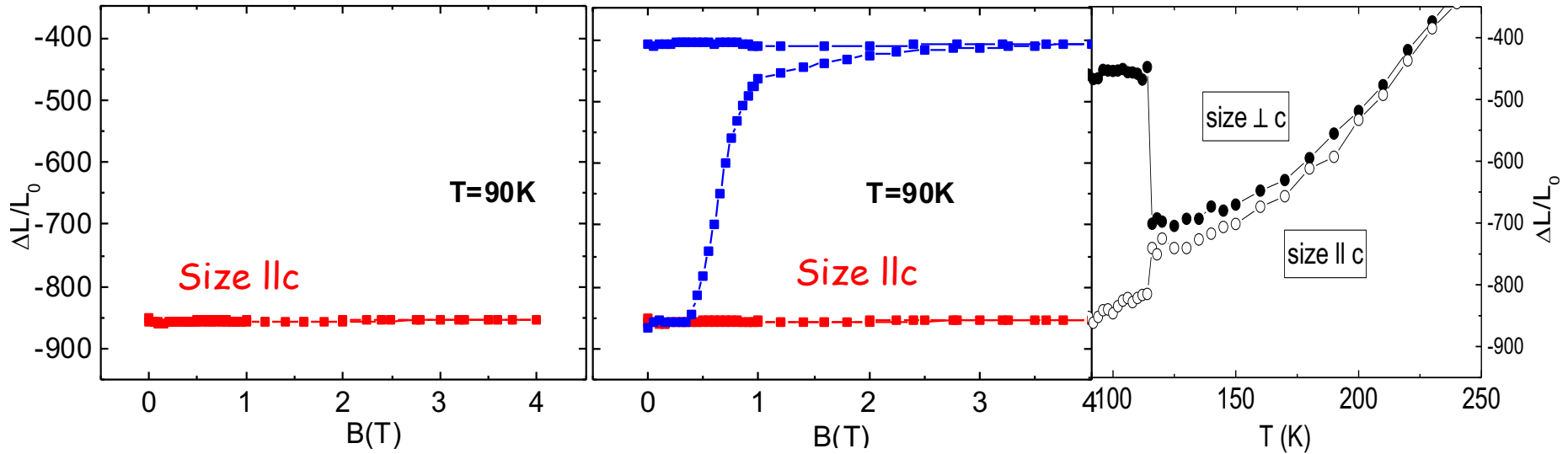
$T = 130\text{K}$

$T = 90\text{K}$



Sample shrinks along c but
expands $\perp c$

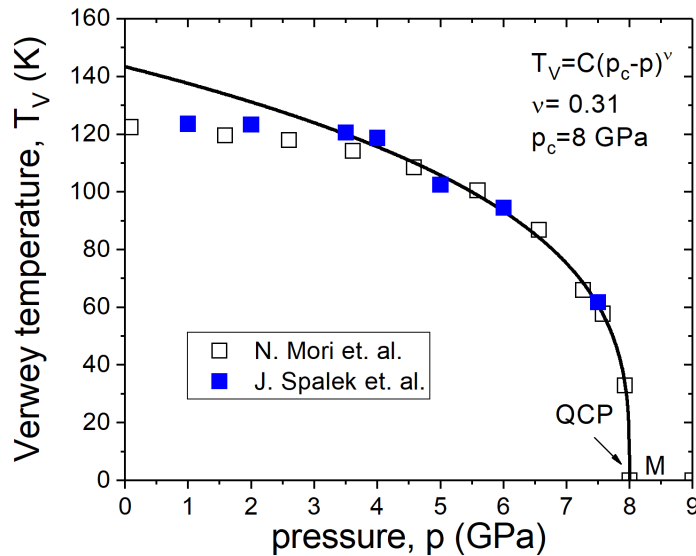
Does AS affect macroscopic size?



Macroscopic size is affected by the axis switching

Does AS depend on pressure?

J. Spalek, et. al. PRB 78, 100401R (2008)

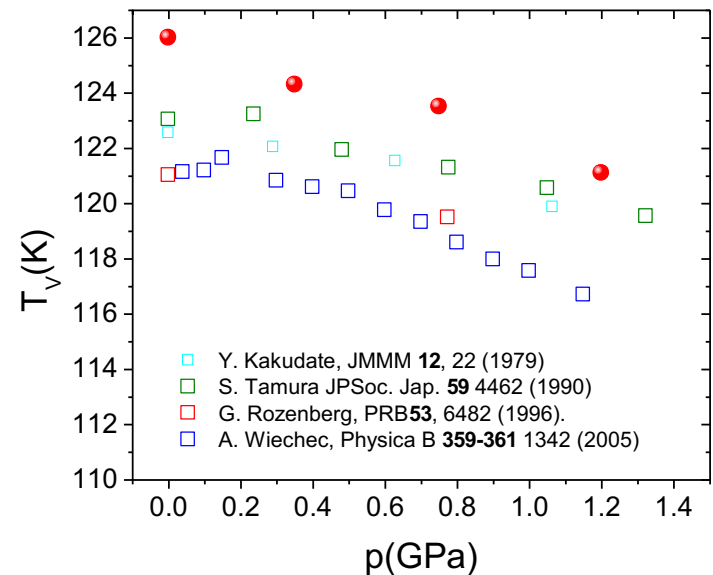
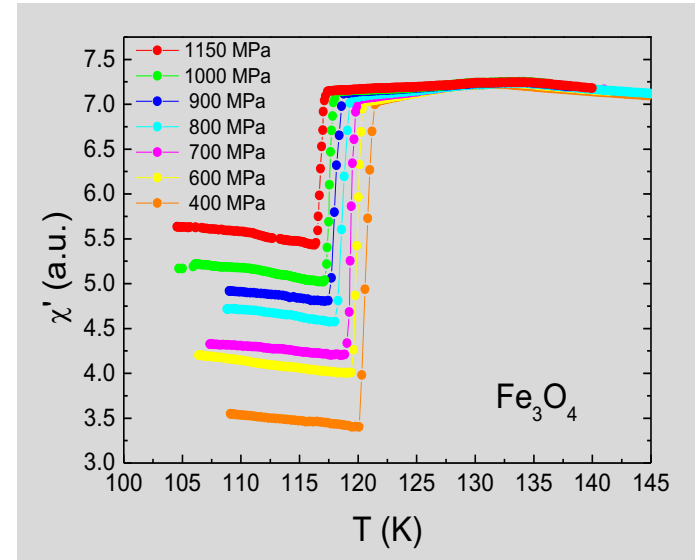


N. Mori et. al., Physica B 312–313 (2002) 686;
 S. Todo et. al., J. Appl. Phys. 89 (2001) 7347.

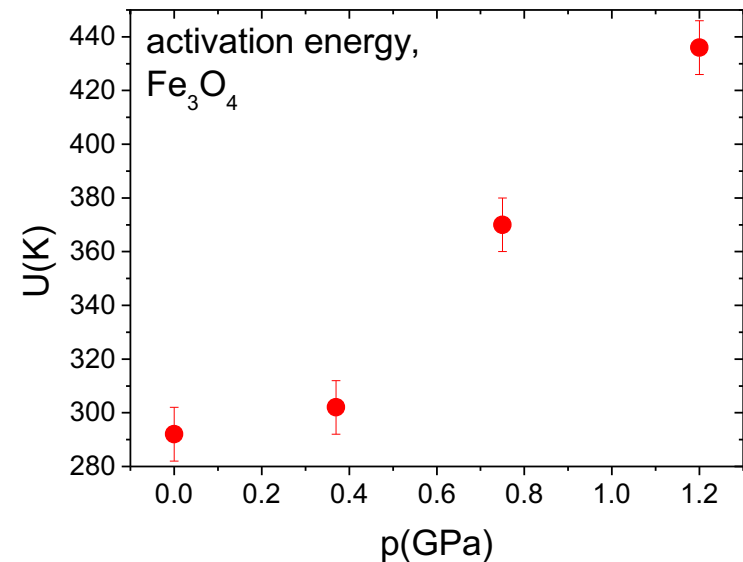
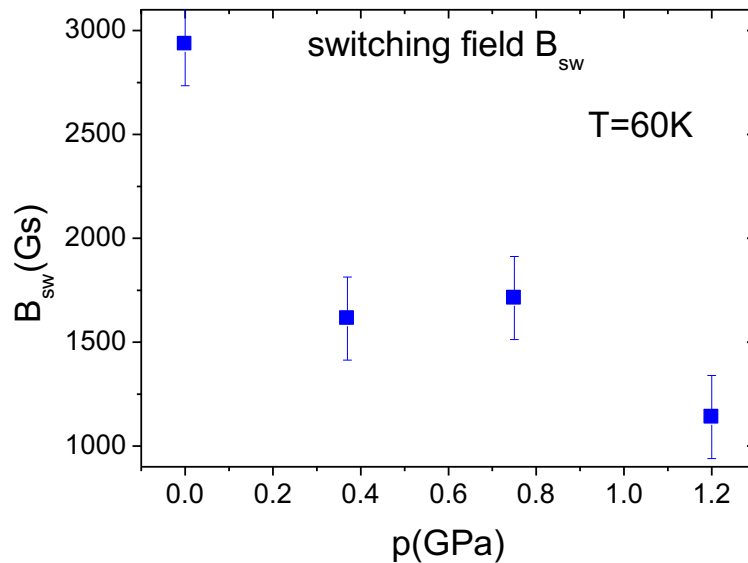
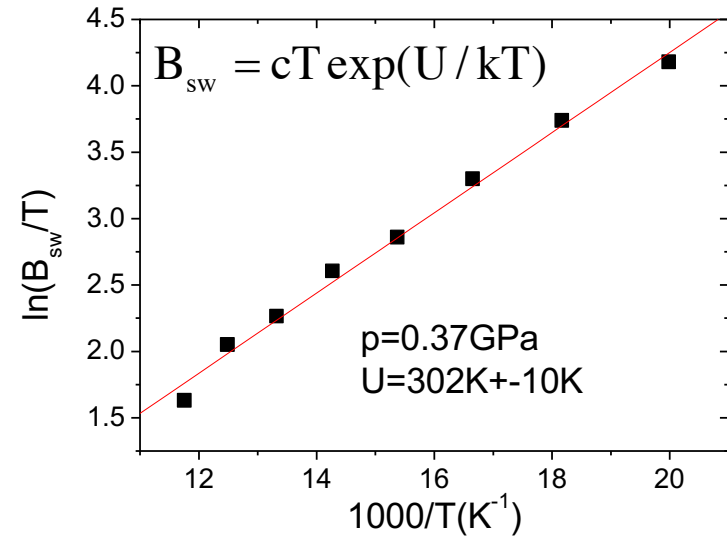
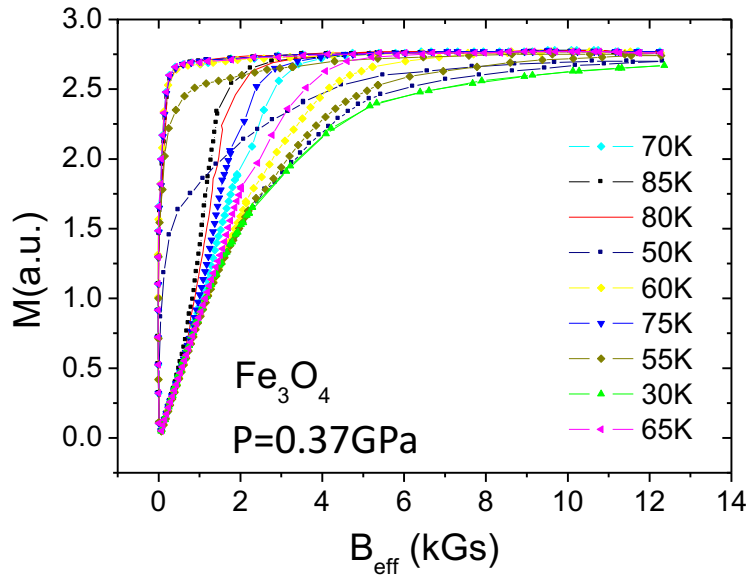
Experiment layout

- Magnetization on VSM
- $p = 0 - 1.2 \text{ GPa}$

A. Wiecheć, et. al., Physica B 359-361, 1342 (2005)



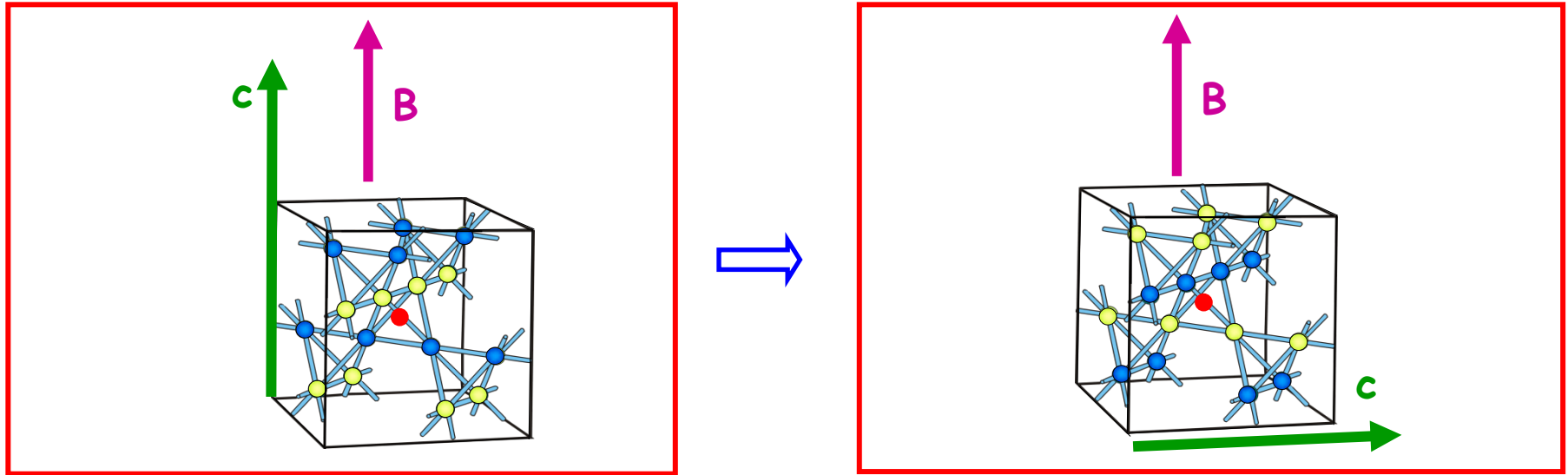
Does AS depend on pressure?



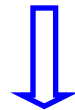
B_{sw} gets lower with p

Activation energy increases with p

Can easy axis switching be observed by microscopic techniques?

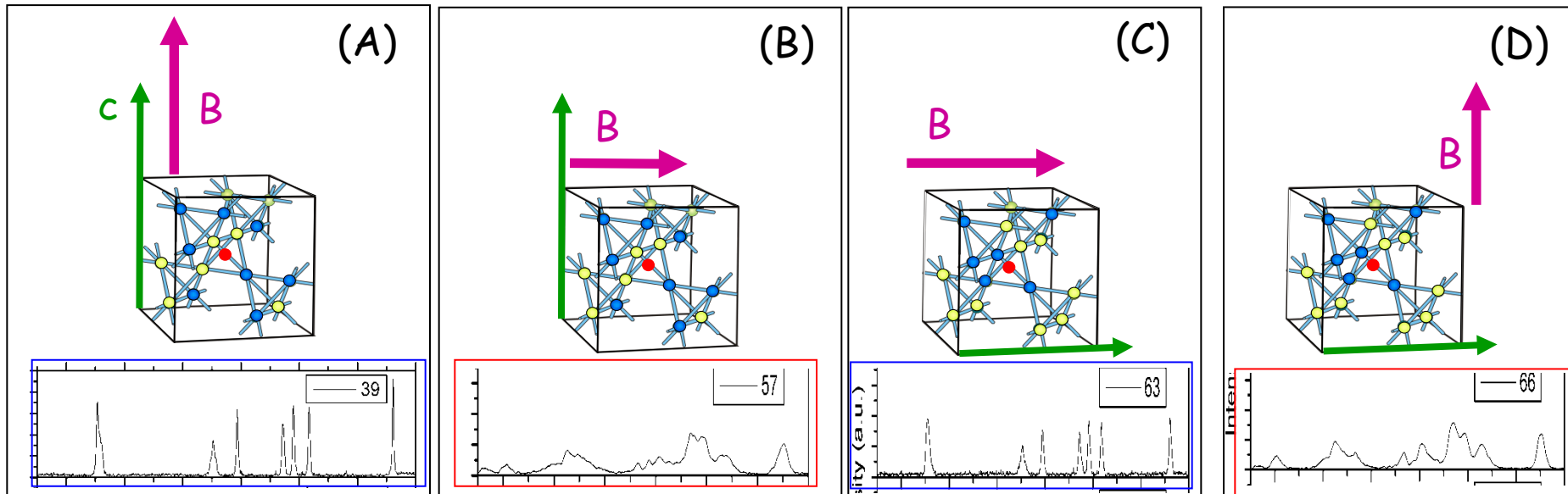


We would like to check if the change of charge order caused by axis switching can be observed by microscopic techniques

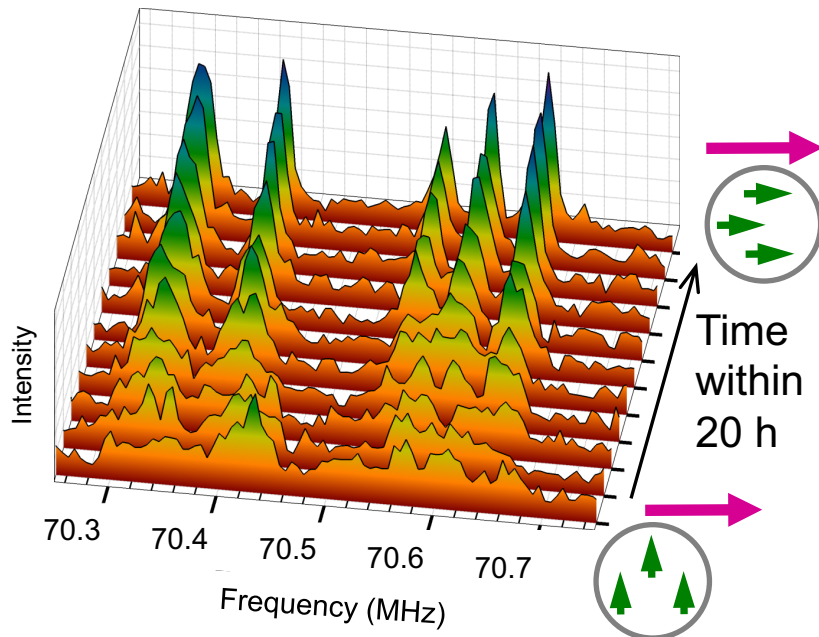


- ❑ We want to see the changes in the signal prior and after AS.
- ❑ We also would like to observe what iron positions have changed to cause AS.

Can easy axis switching be observed by microscopic techniques?



V. Chlan, et.al., Journal of Applied Physics **108**, 083914 (2010)



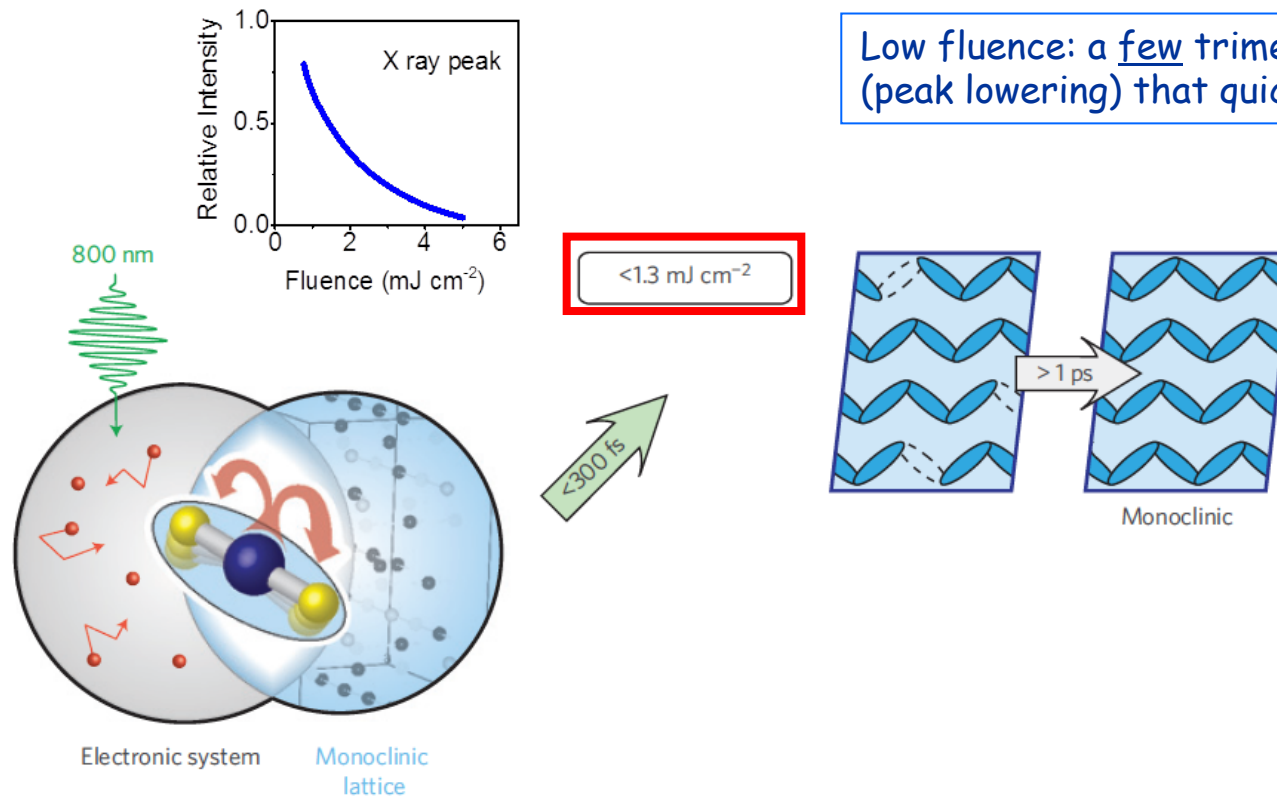
AS is clearly observed

Charge arrangement changes
(A and C are identical)

Temporal observation of the
process may say what octahedral
Fe positions have changed

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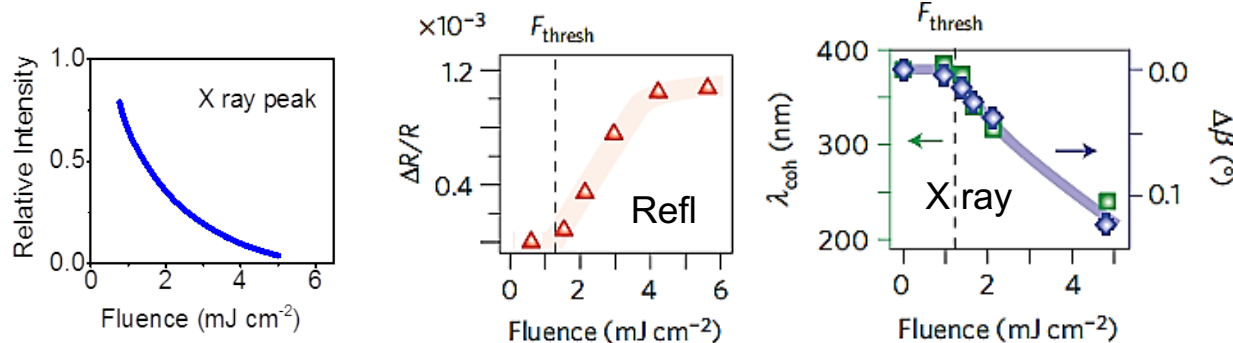
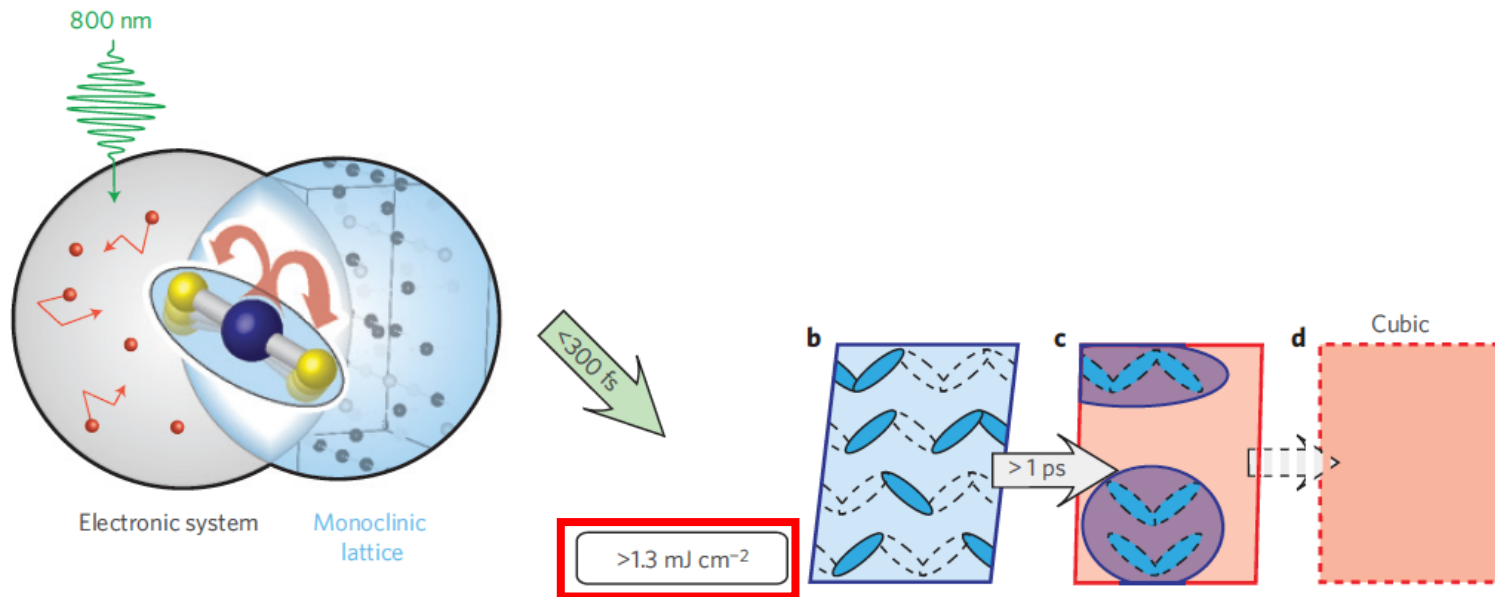
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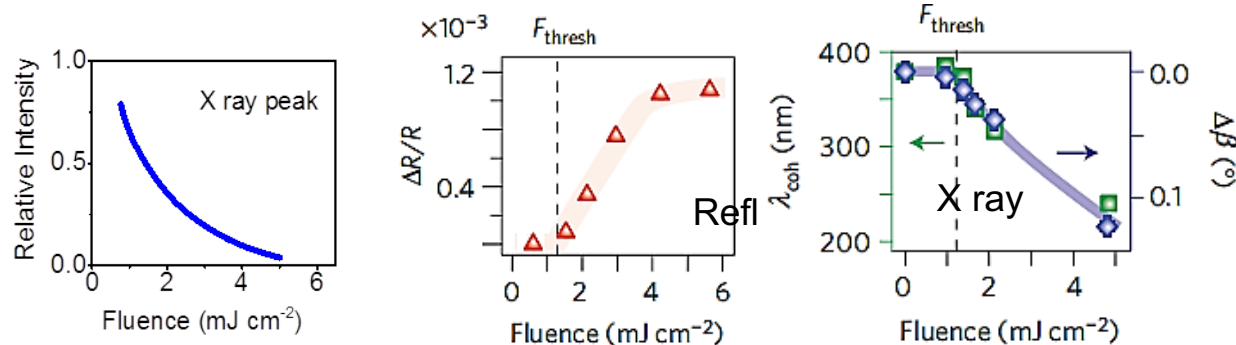
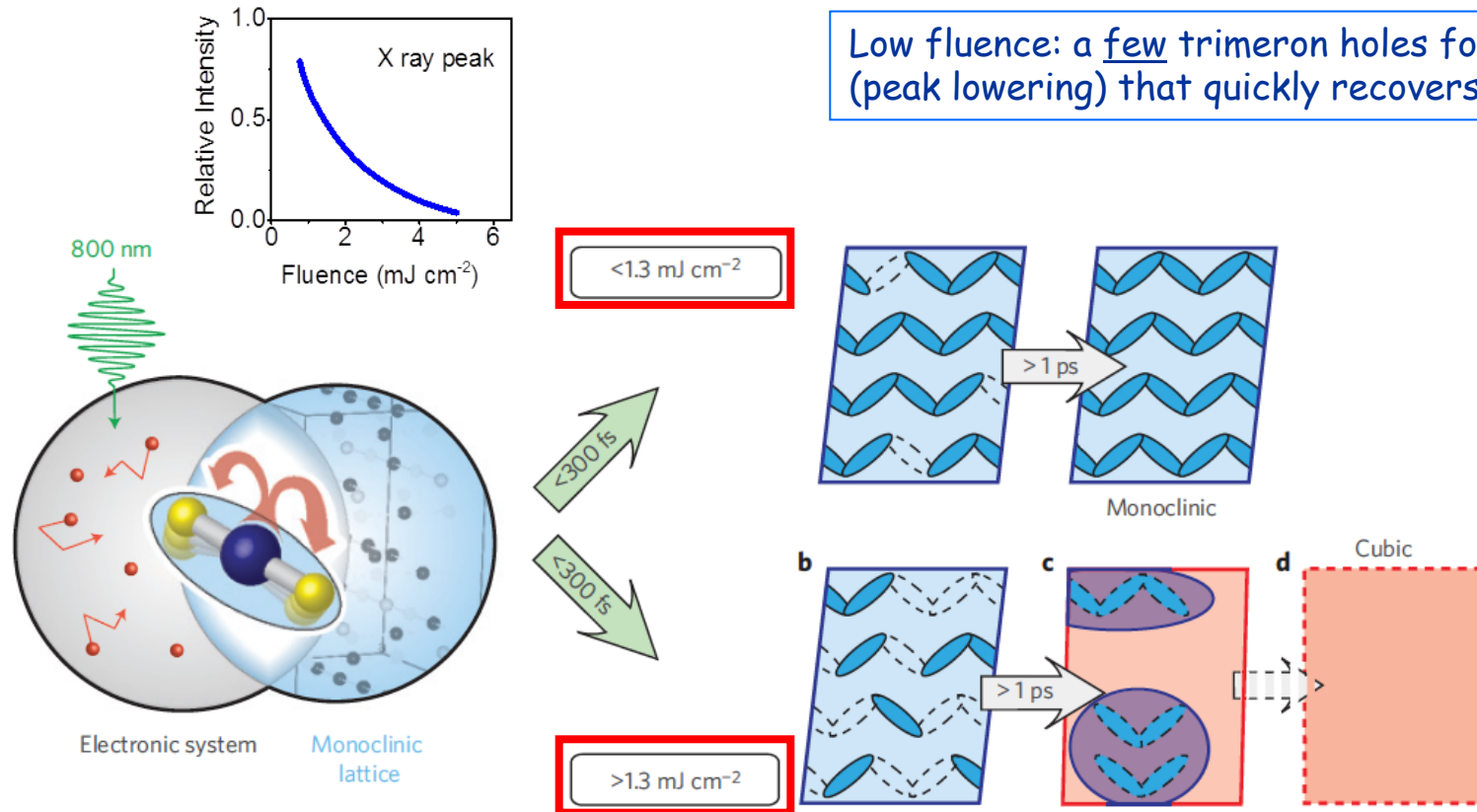
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Low fluence: a few trimeron holes formation (peak lowering) that quickly recovers

strong optical pumping below T_V



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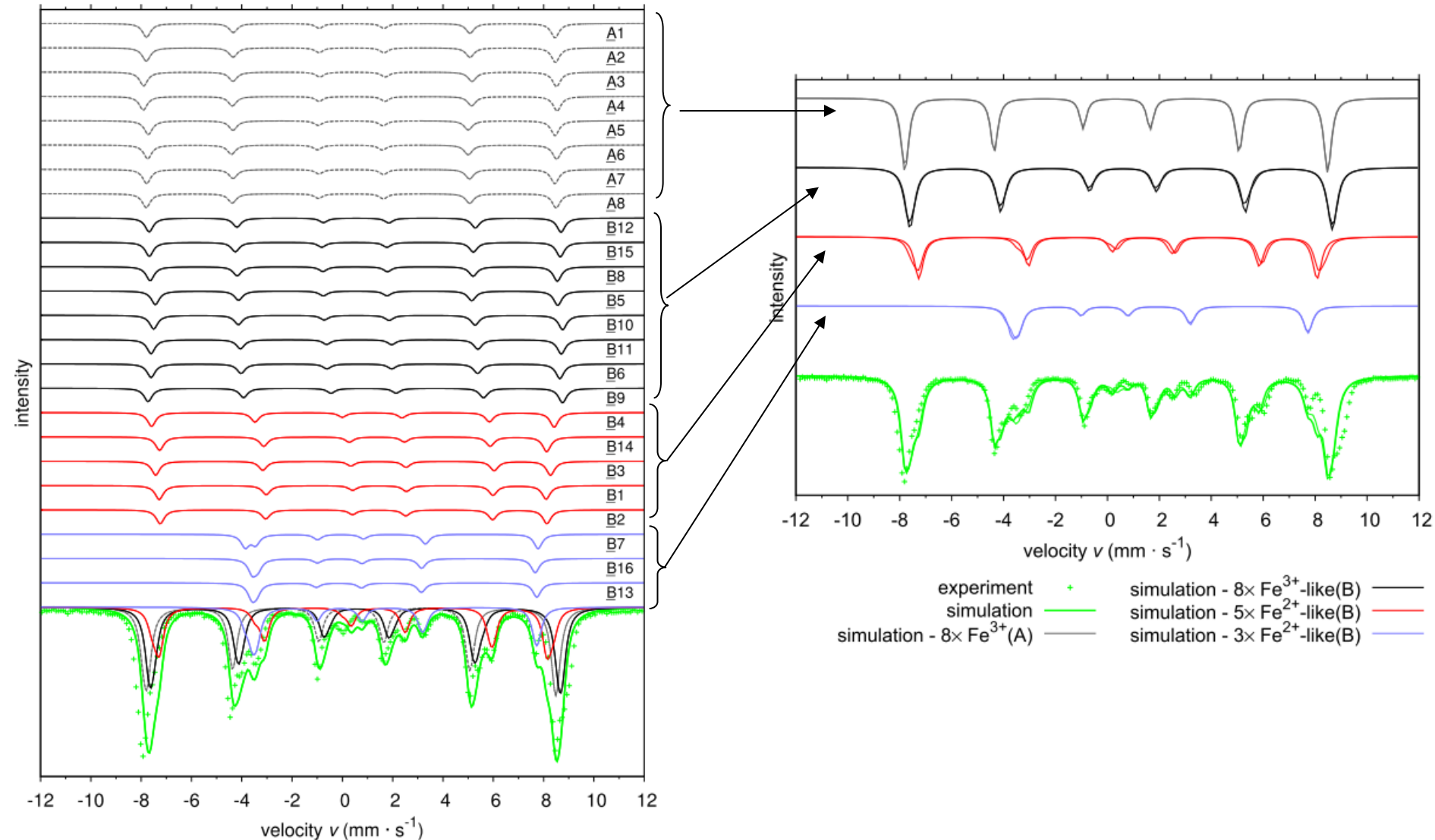
CONCLUSIONS

- ❑ Easy (magnetic and crystallographic) axis switching is closely linked to the electronic processes active also in the Verwey transition
- ❑ AS is visible in all phenomena that are affected by the Verwey transition (resistance, size, magnetization)
- ❑ Not only magnetic axis changes, but "ionic" arrangement is altered in AS; the NMR line pattern changes
- ❑ AS is the tunneling (activation process) between stable trimeron arrangements. Trimeron state can be "melted" into the high T state by the energy burst. These are complementary ways for electronic low T order rearrangement.

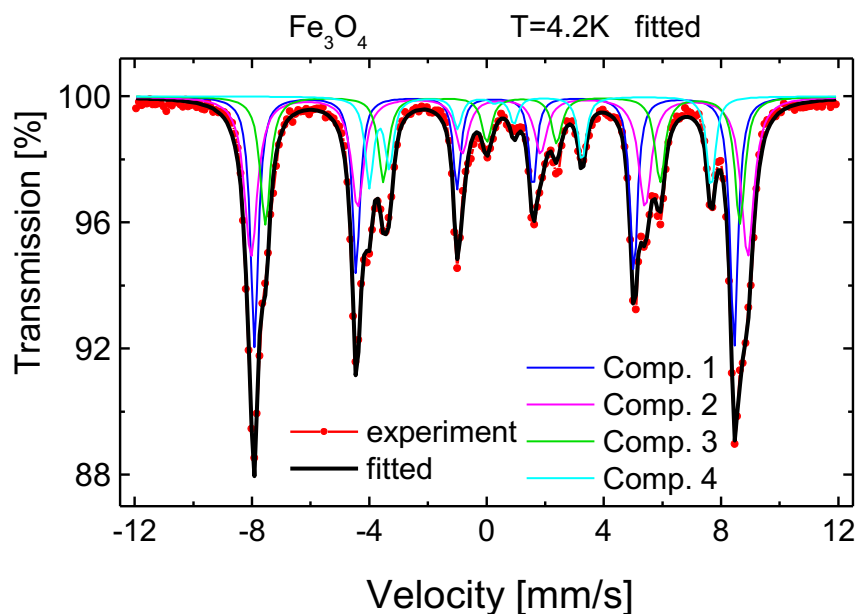
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Mössbauer spectra calculated by DFT analysis



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Comp.	Site	IS [mm/s] relative to Fe in 300K		B [T]		Vzz [10^{21} Vm^{-2}]		
		suggested	measured	suggested	measured	suggested	measured	
1	8	0.35	0.387	50.6	50.68	1.8	-0.46	A Fe ³⁺
2	8	0.56	0.581	50.5	52.47	2	-1.40	B Fe ³⁺ +like
3	5	0.91	0.985	47.6.	49.65	12.8	9.42	B Fe ²⁺ +like
4	3	0.96	1.014	35.4	35.74	13.7	12.12	B: Fe ²⁺ +like

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