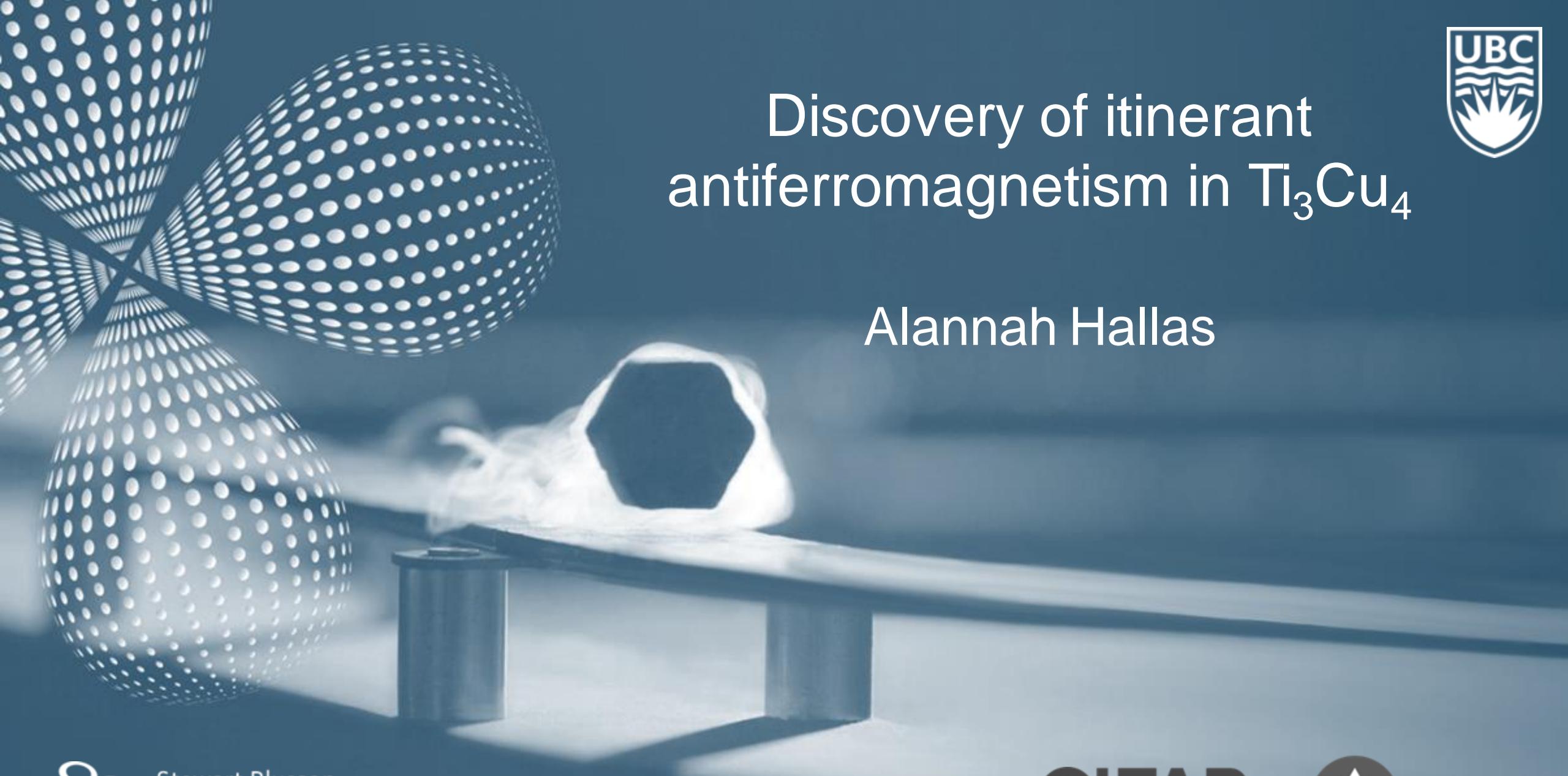


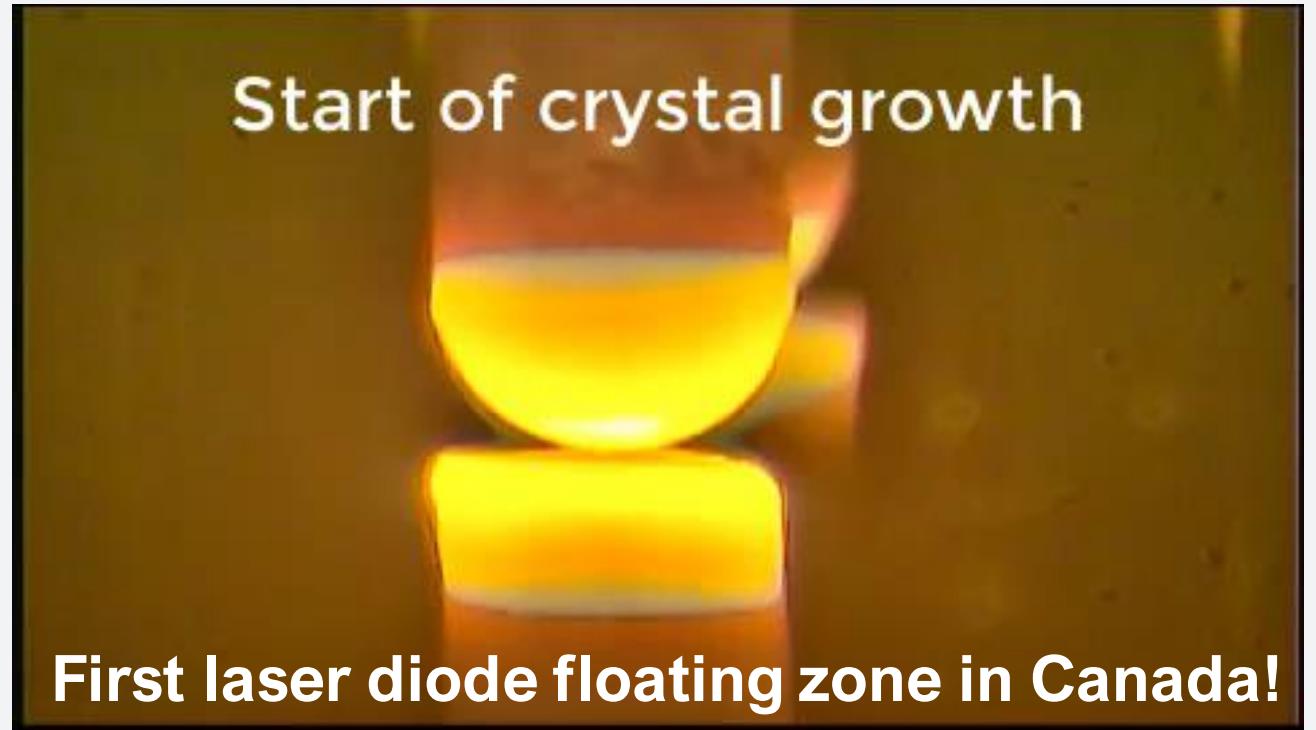
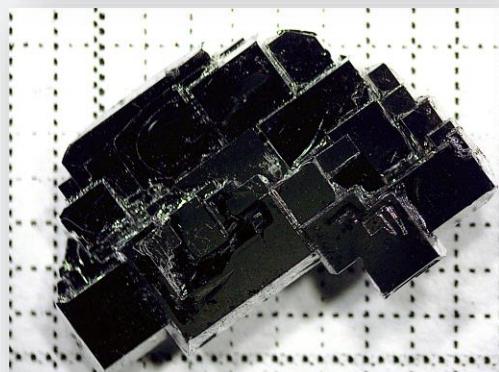
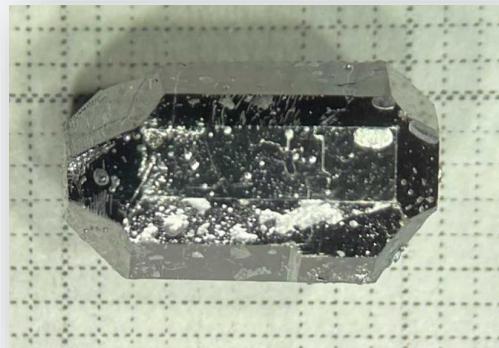
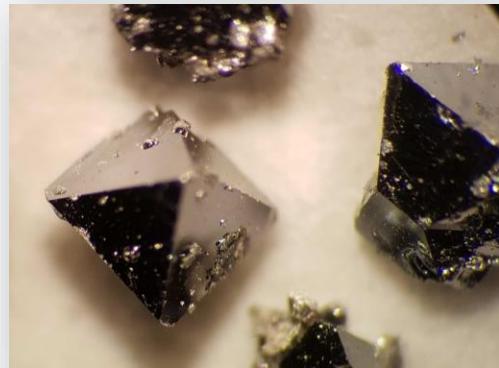


# Discovery of itinerant antiferromagnetism in $\text{Ti}_3\text{Cu}_4$

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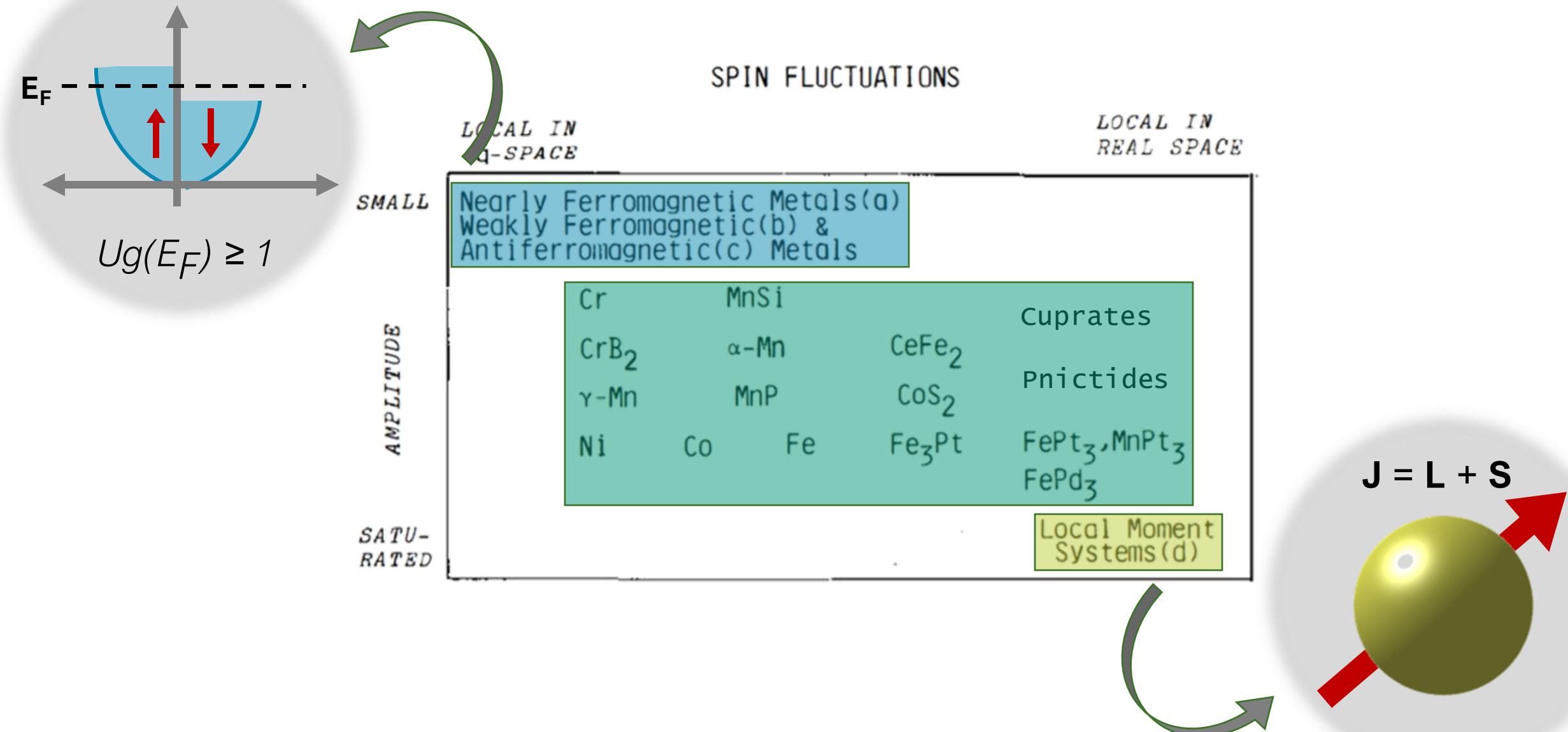


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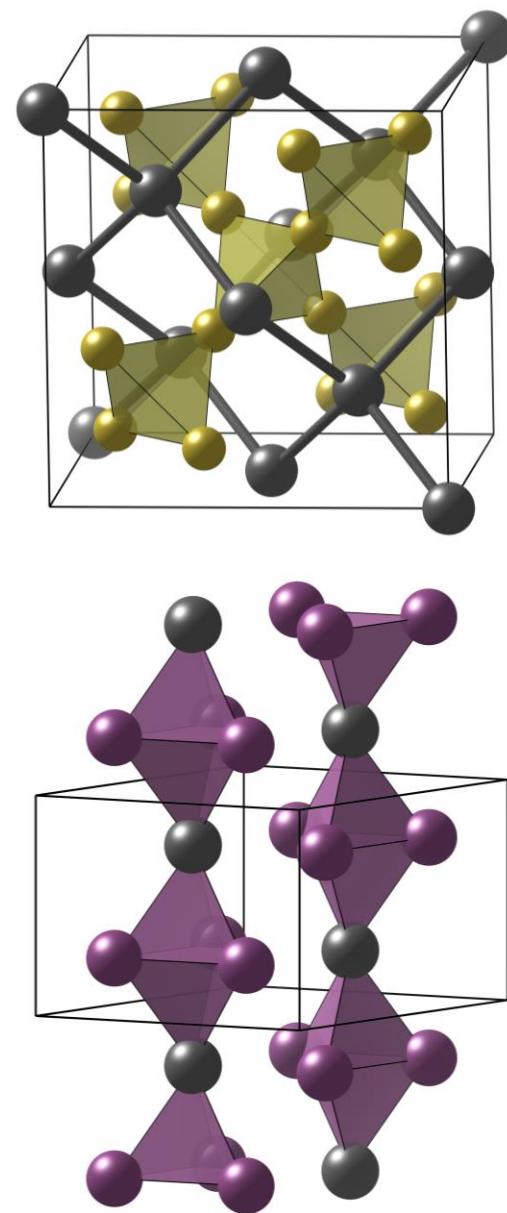
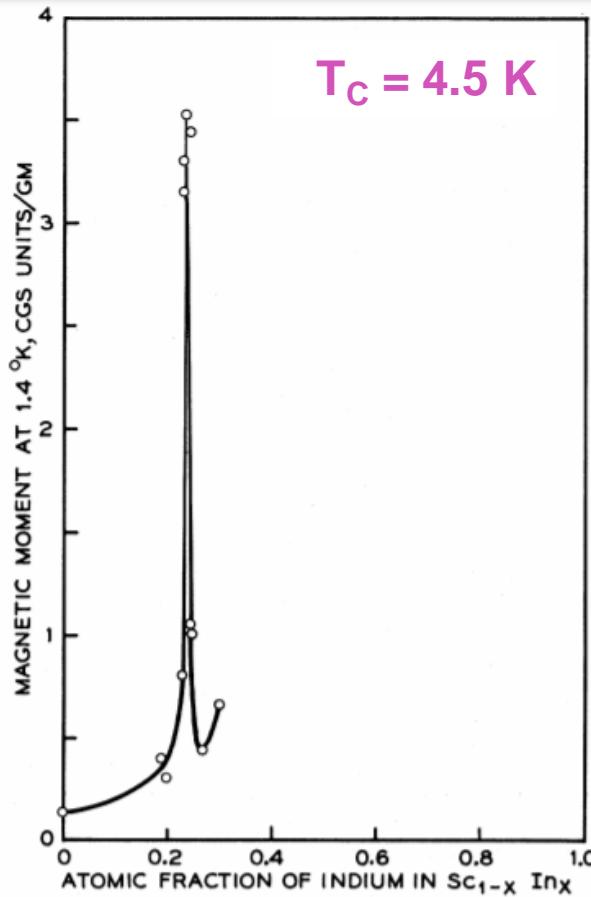


# The Magnetic Spectrum – from Local to Itinerant

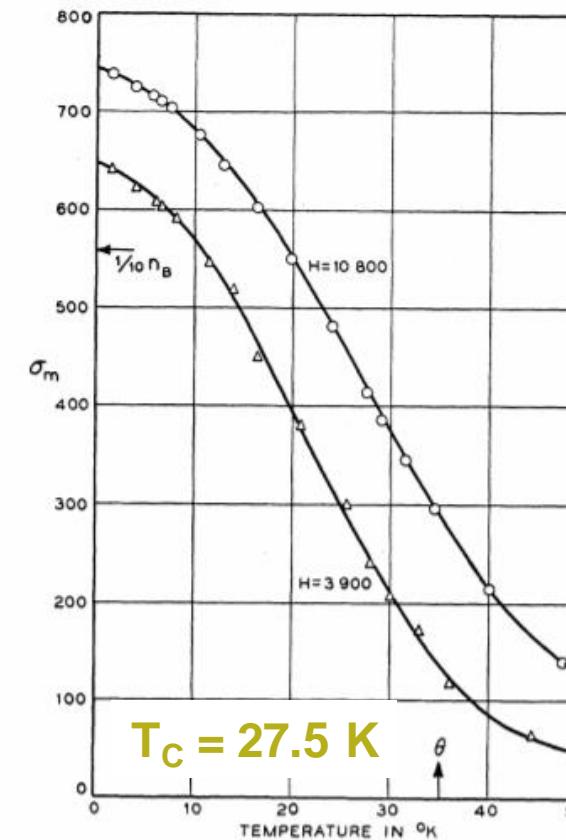


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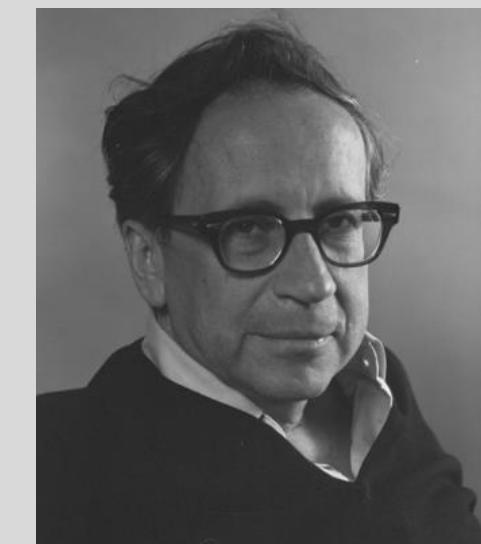
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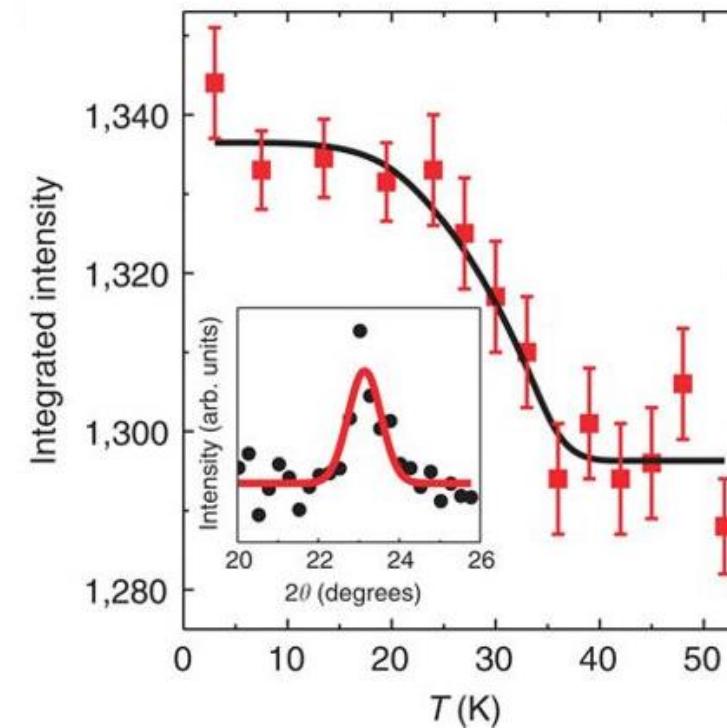
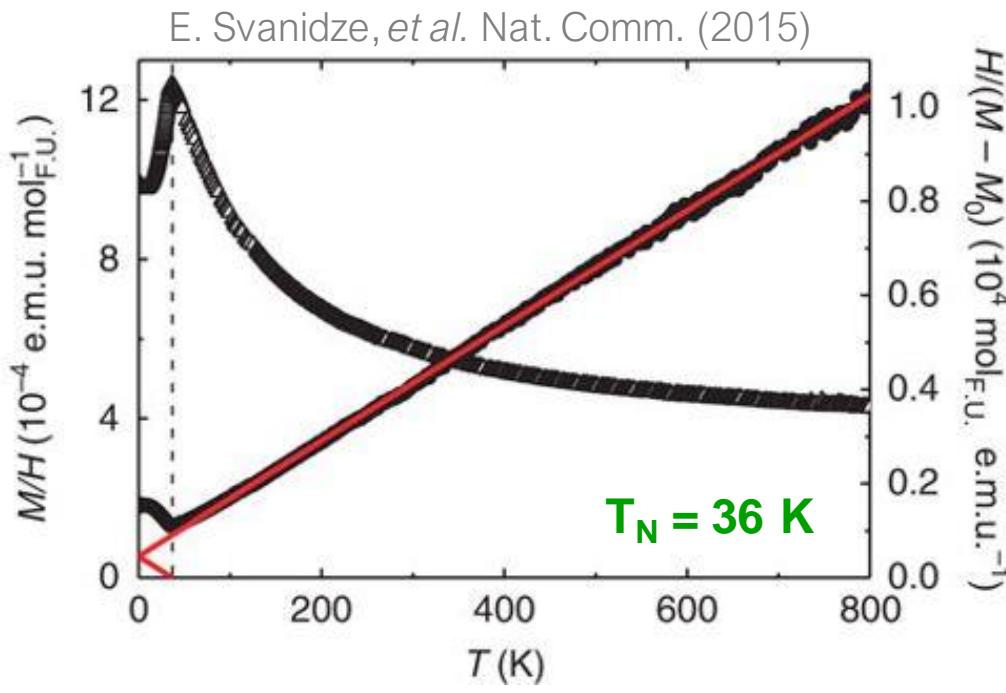
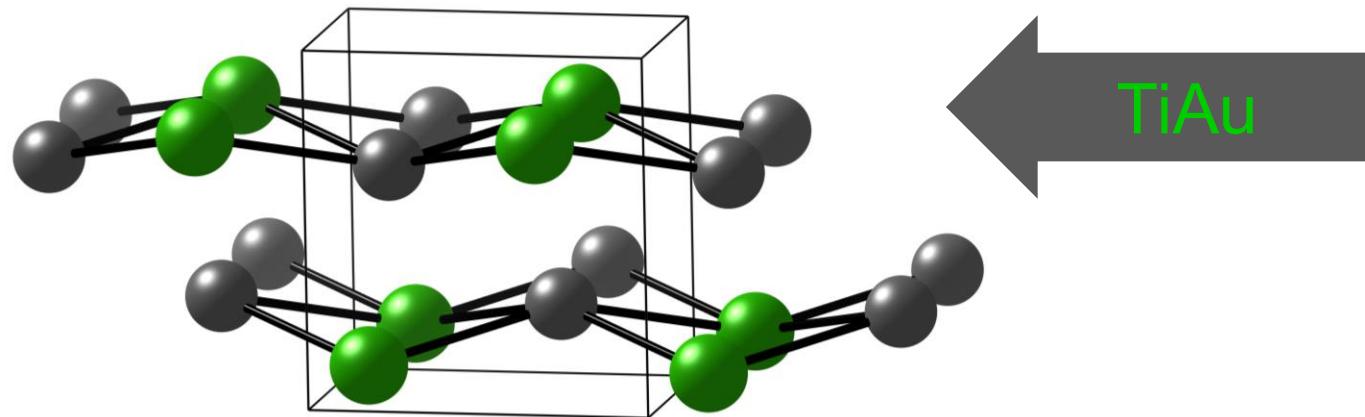


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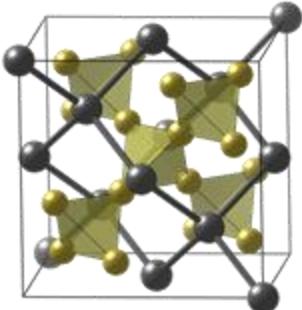
Discovered by  
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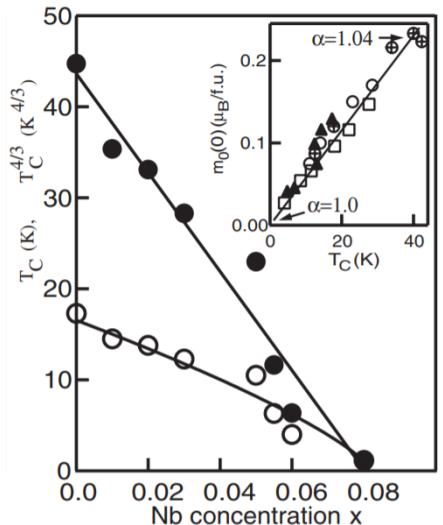


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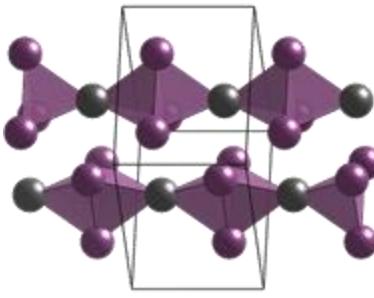


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- Mean field ferromagnet
- Small single crystals
- Nb-doping induced QCP

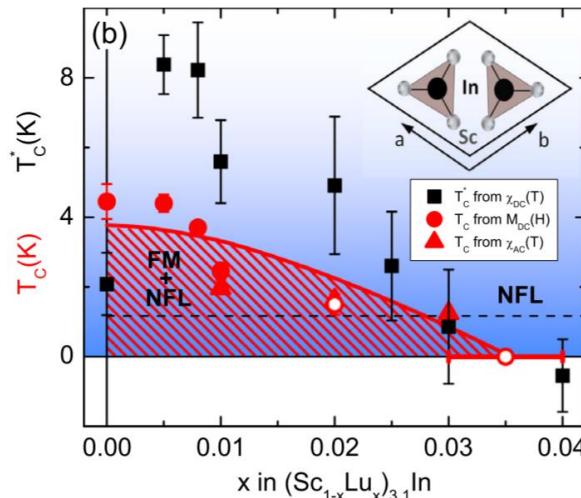


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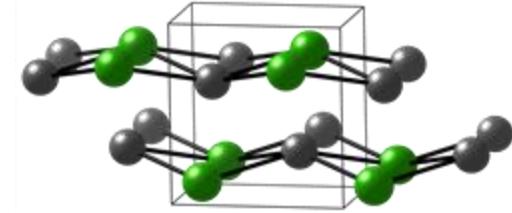


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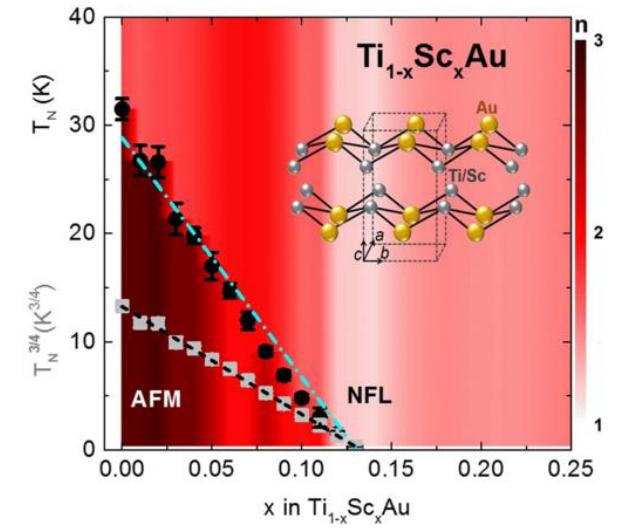


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## TiAu



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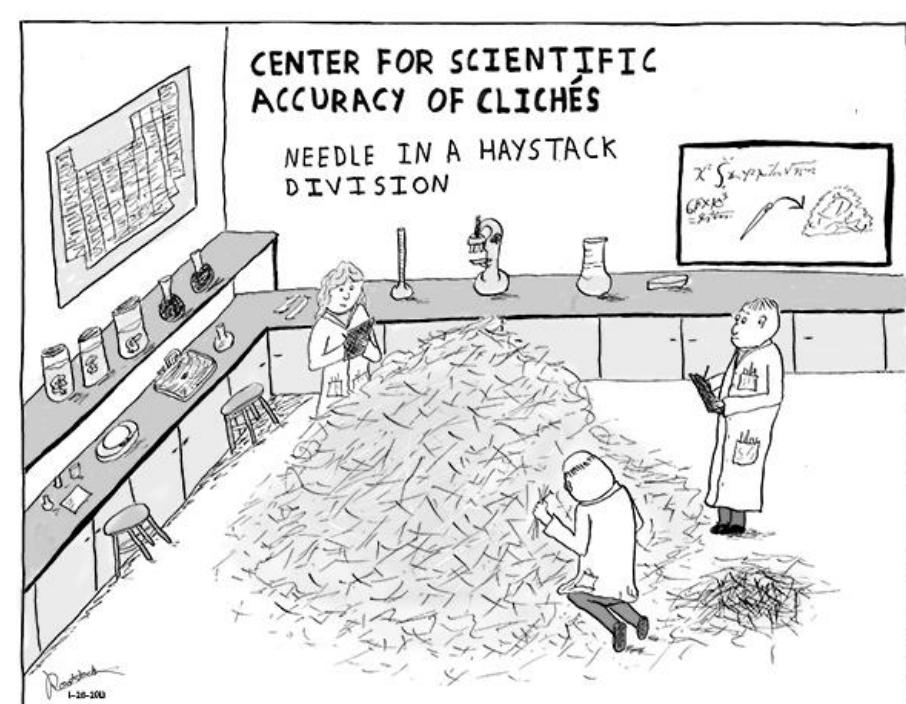
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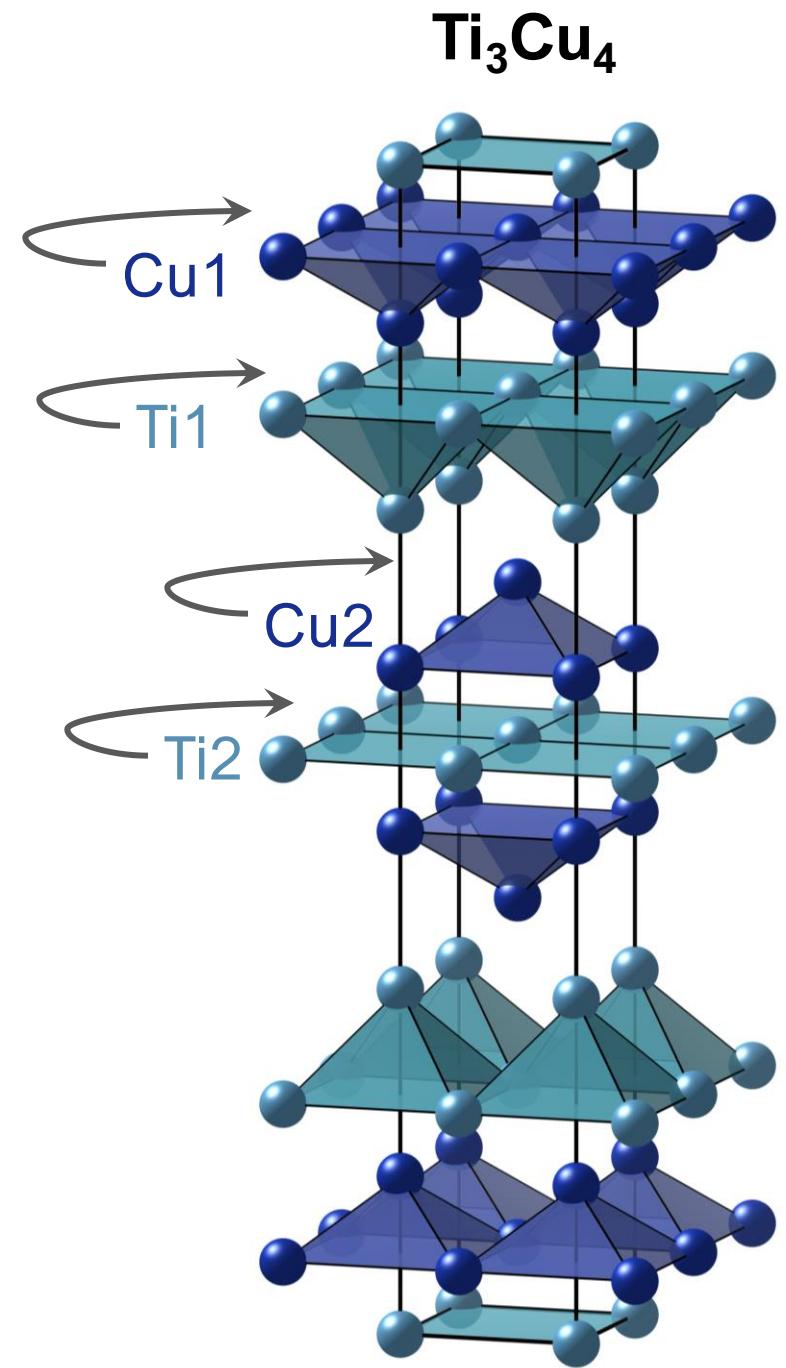
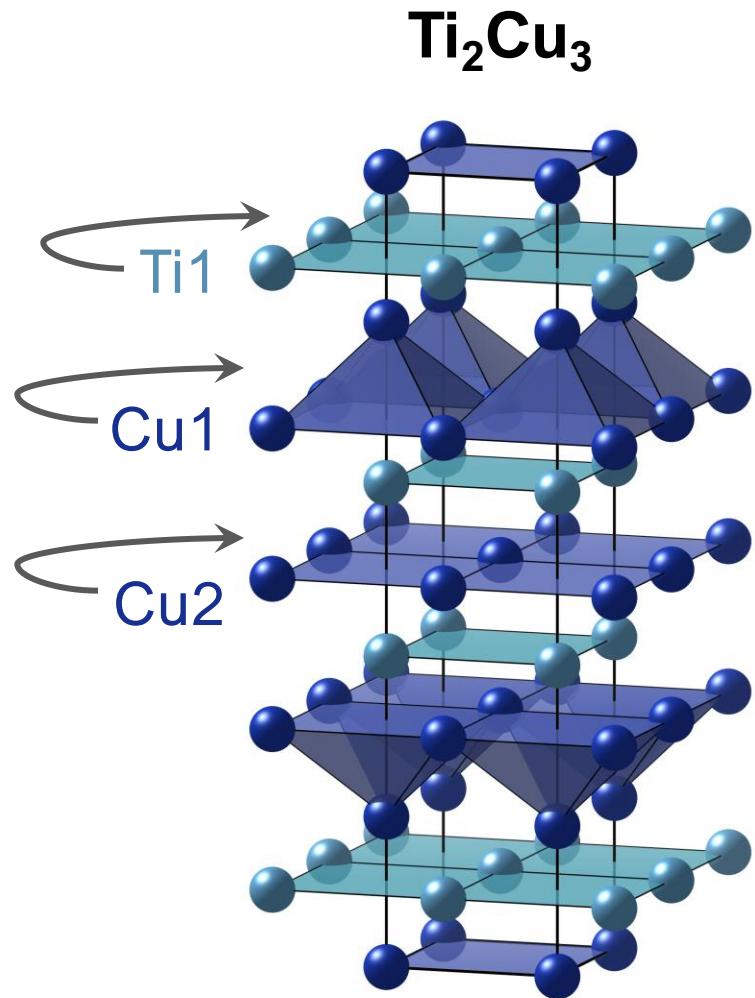
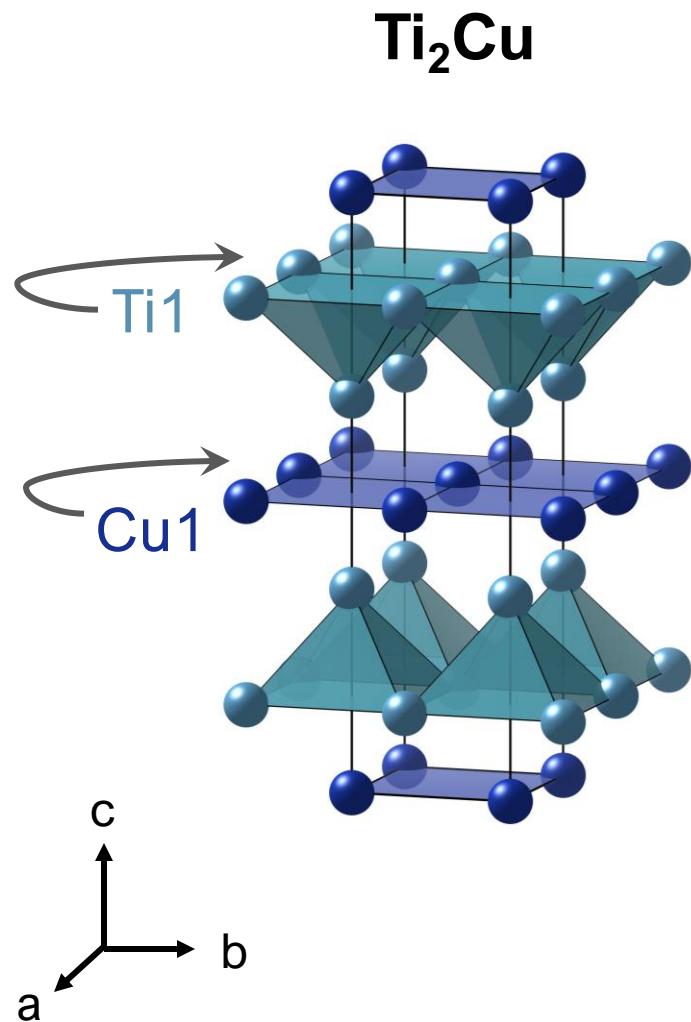
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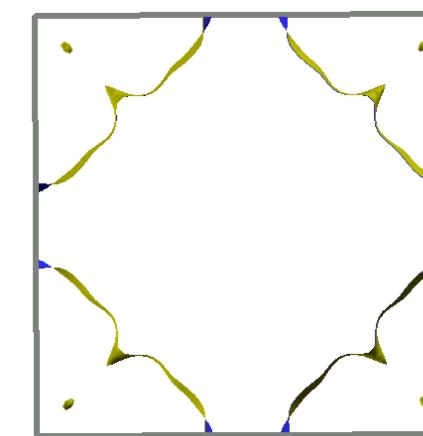
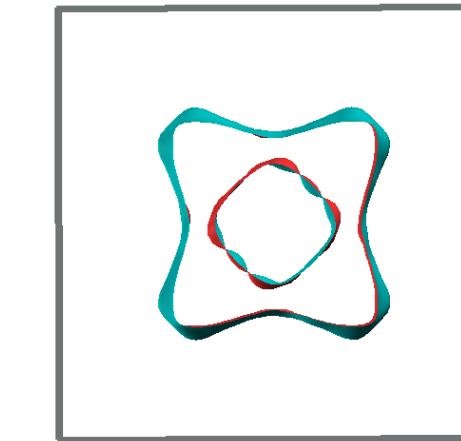
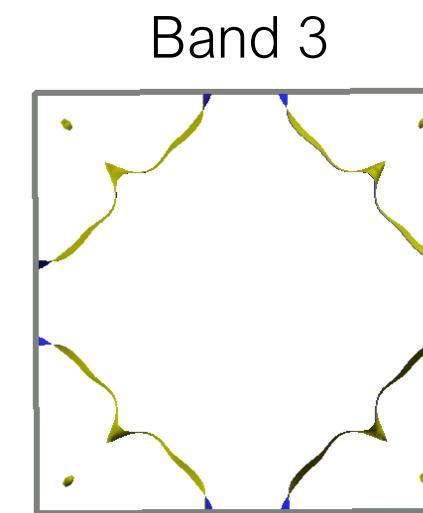
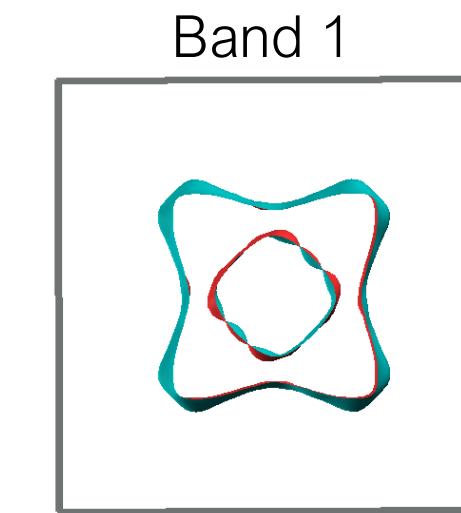
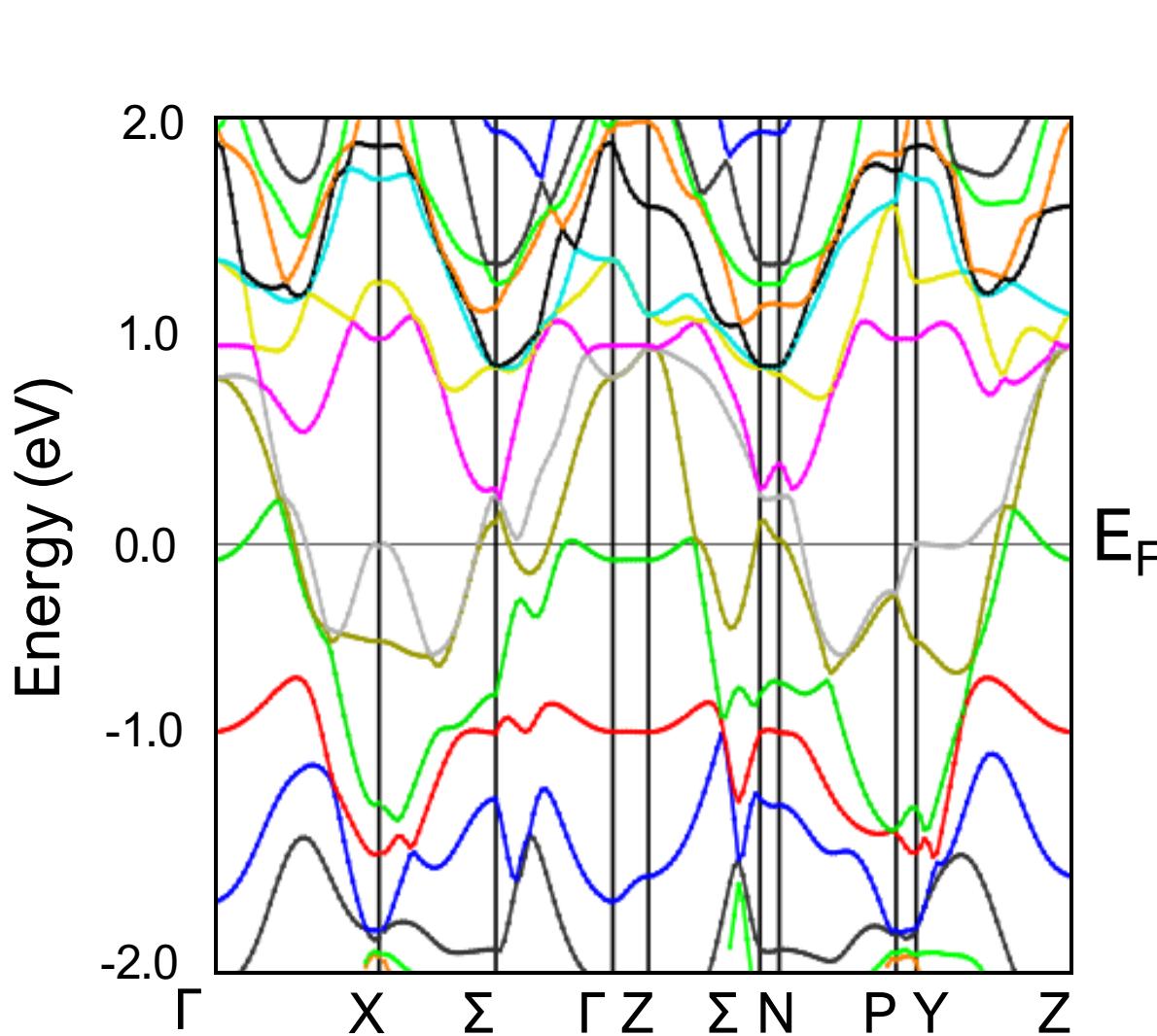
## Let's Build a Binary Intermetallic

1. No unstable, radioactive, inert, or deadly elements
2. Exclude non-metals and metalloids
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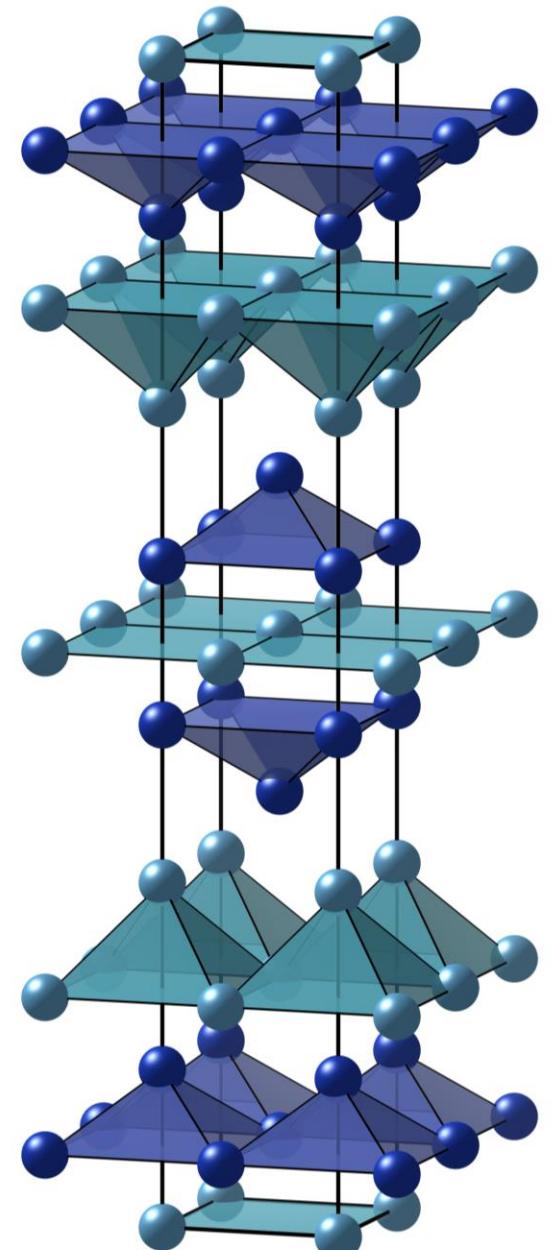
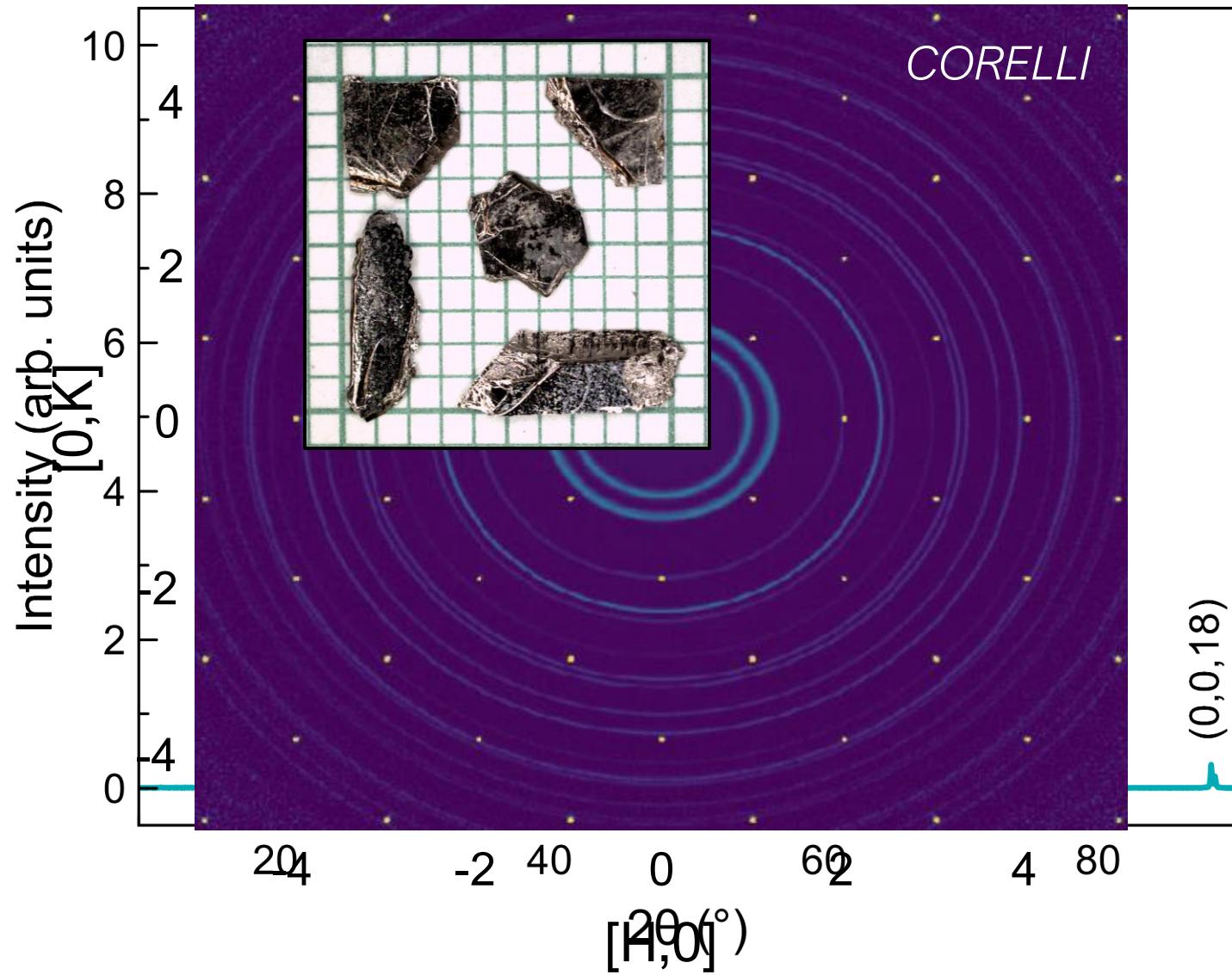
The Ti-Cu phase diagram includes three interesting layered compounds, all I4/mmm



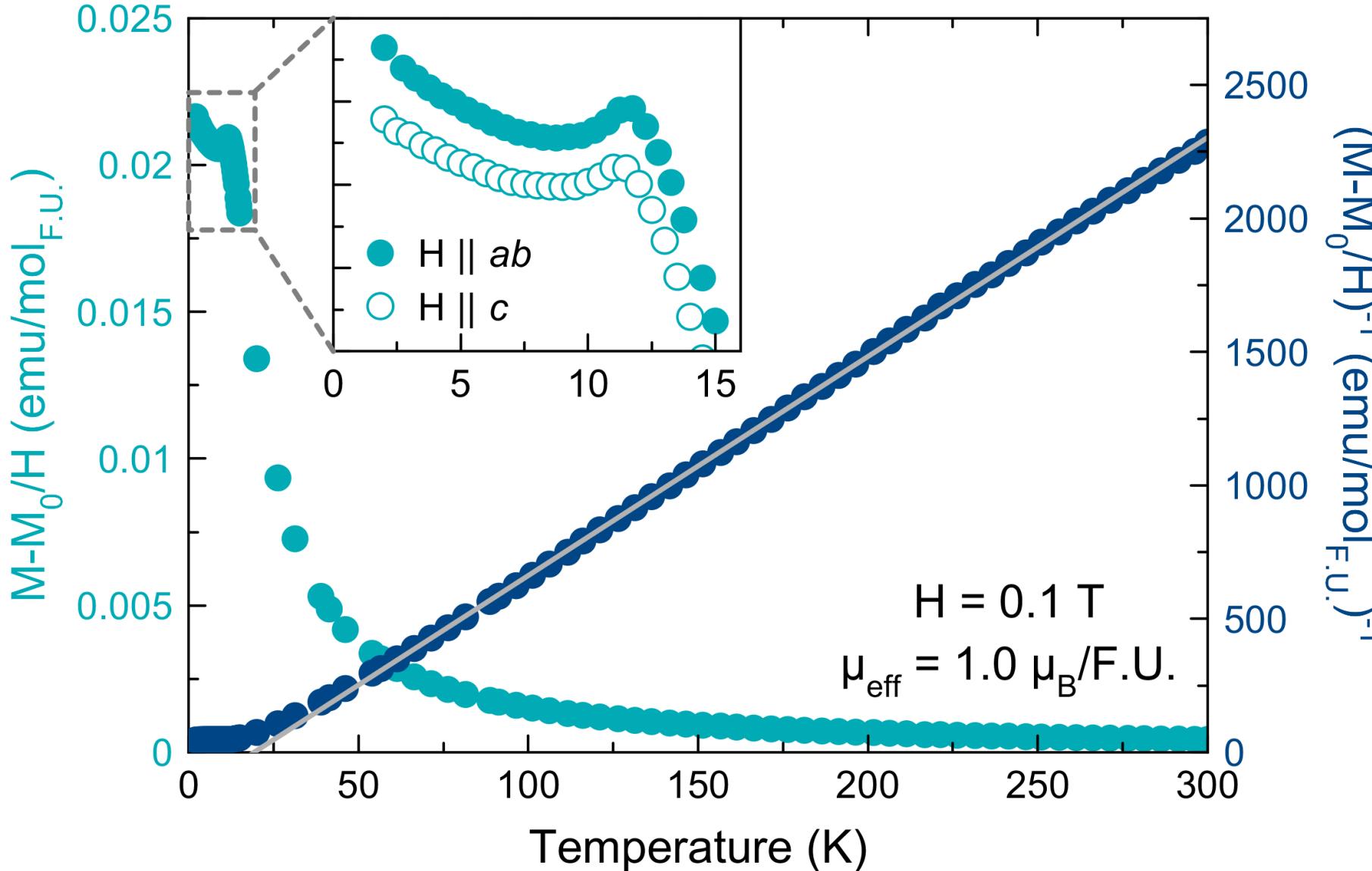
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We were able to grow large single crystals of  $\text{Ti}_3\text{Cu}_4$



# $\text{Ti}_3\text{Cu}_4$ orders antiferromagnetically at $T_N = 11 \text{ K}$



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$\text{ZrZn}_2$ :

$T_C = 27.5 \text{ K}$

$\mu_{\text{eff}} = 1.8 \mu_B$

$\text{Sc}_{3.1}\text{In}$ :

$T_C = 4.5 \text{ K}$

$\mu_{\text{eff}} = 1.3 \mu_B$

Antiferromagnets:

$\text{TiAu}$ :

$T_N = 36 \text{ K}$

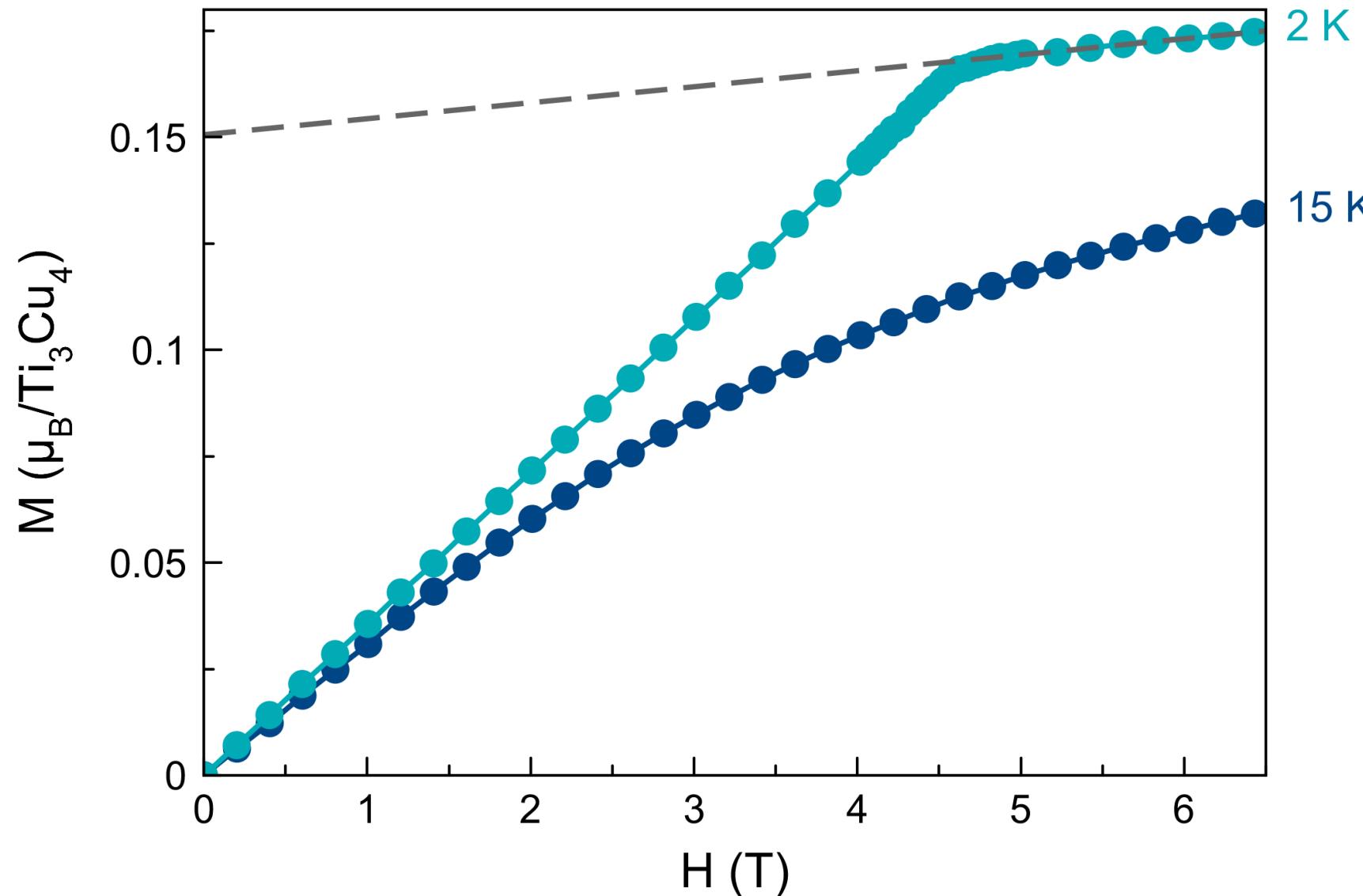
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$\text{Ti}_3\text{Cu}_4$  has a saturated magnetic moment of  $0.15 \mu_{\text{B}}$



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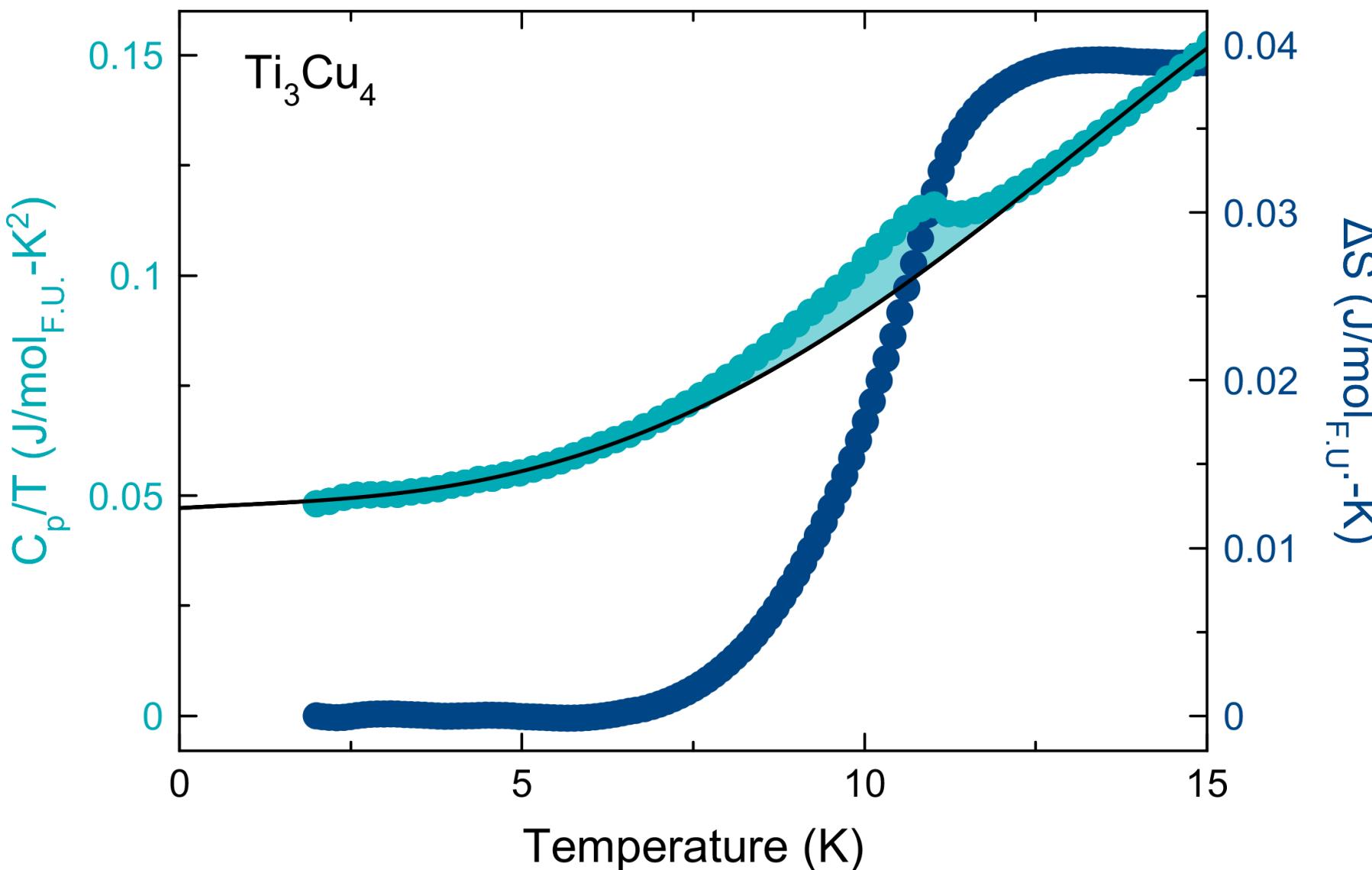
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The entropy release in  $\text{Ti}_3\text{Cu}_4$  at  $T_N = 11 \text{ K}$  is very small



Ferromagnets:

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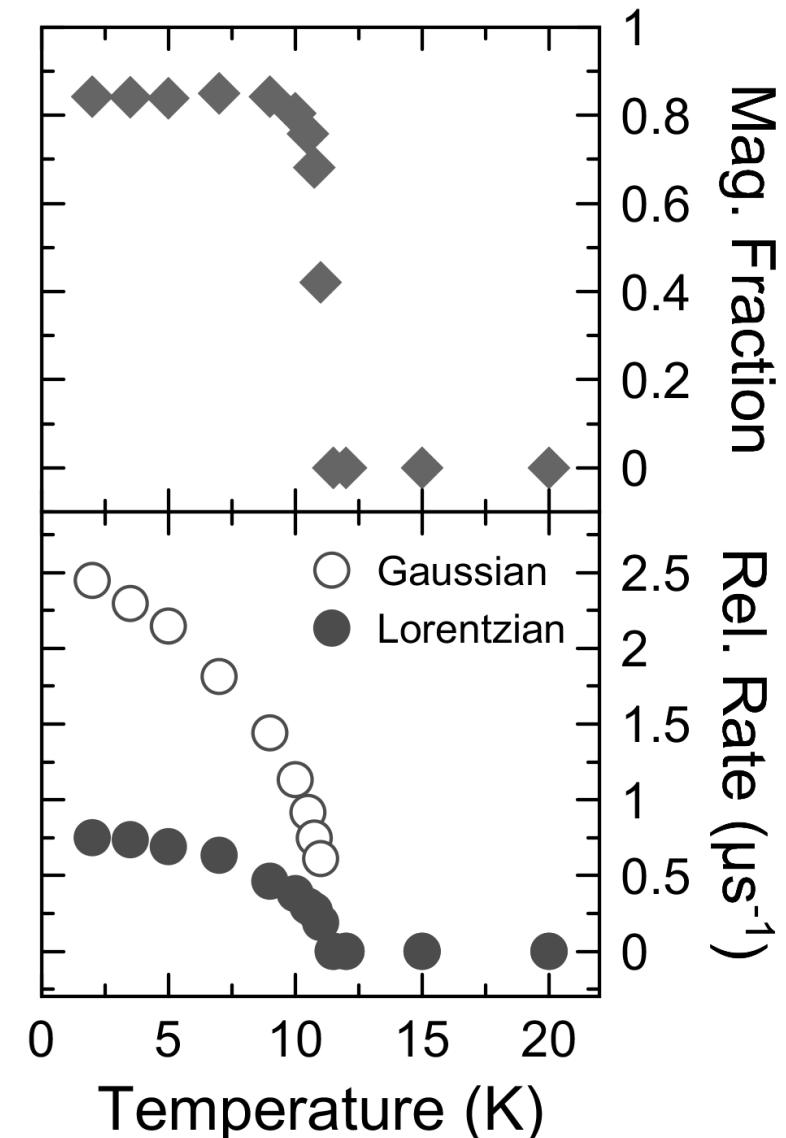
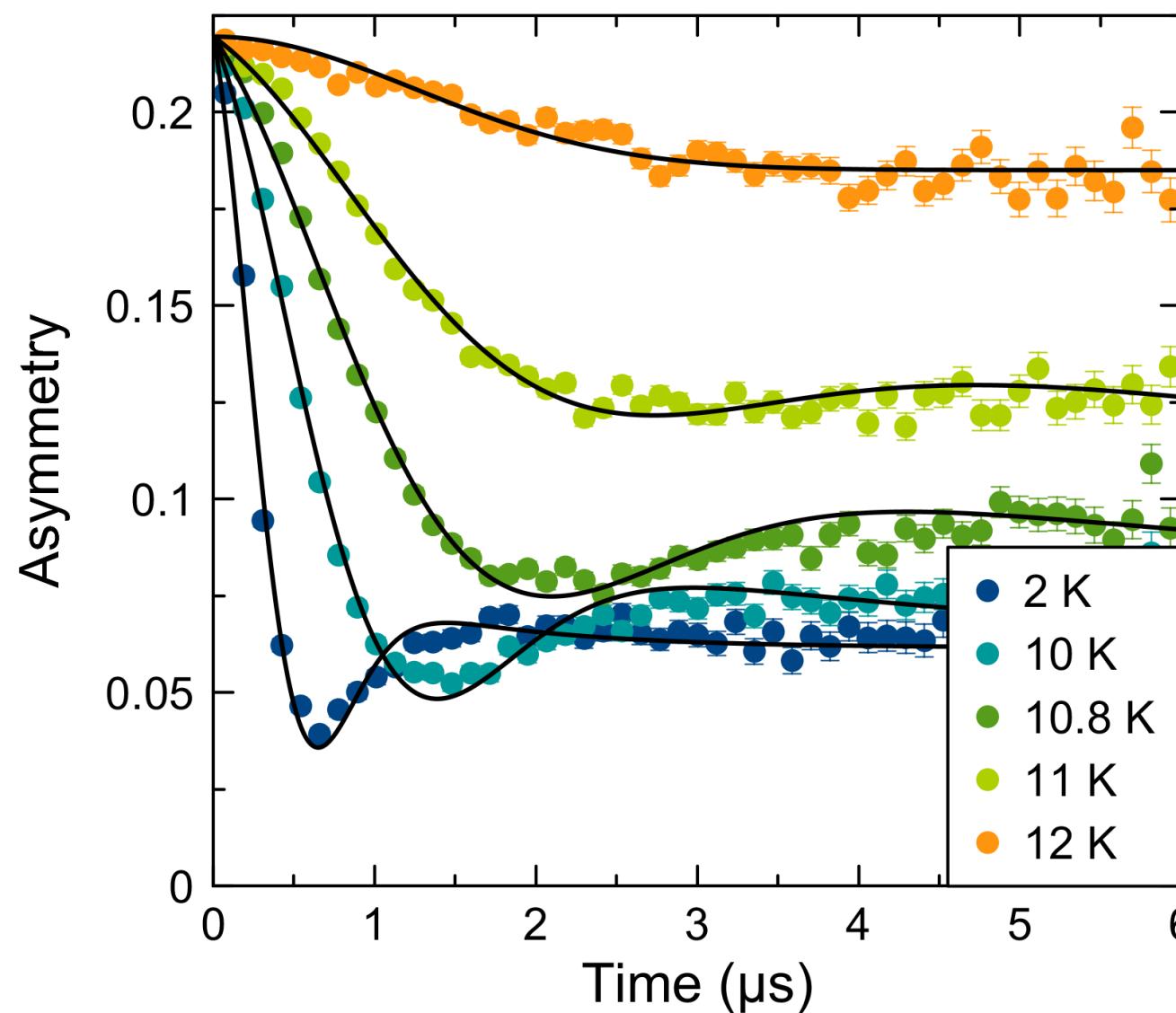
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$\text{Ti}_3\text{Cu}_4$ :

$\Delta S = 0.7\% R\ln 2$

# Muon spin relaxation confirms that the magnetic order in $Ti_3Cu_4$ is bulk



**Summary:**  $Ti_3Cu_4$  is the second known purely itinerant antiferromagnet and the first such compound in single crystal form.

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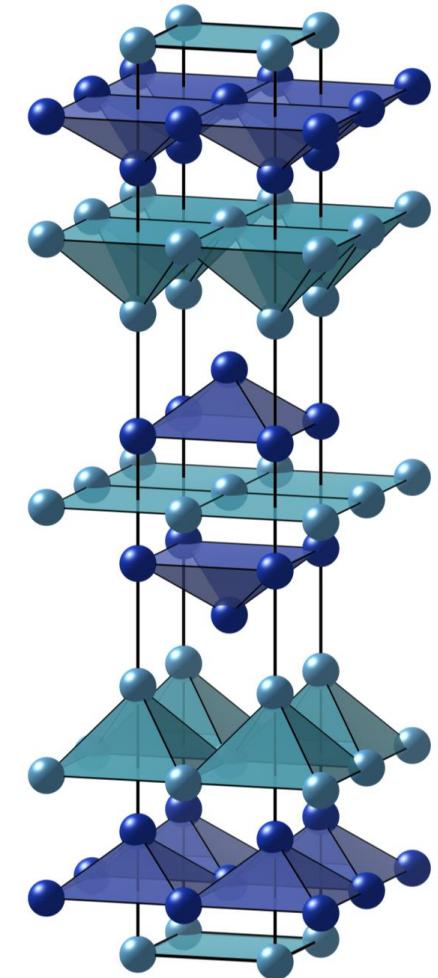
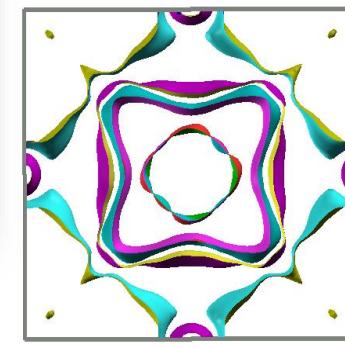
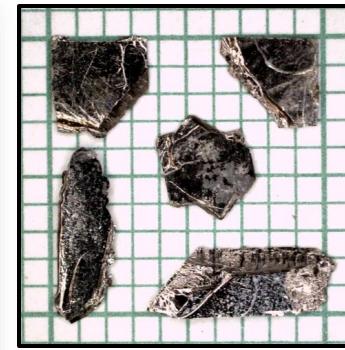
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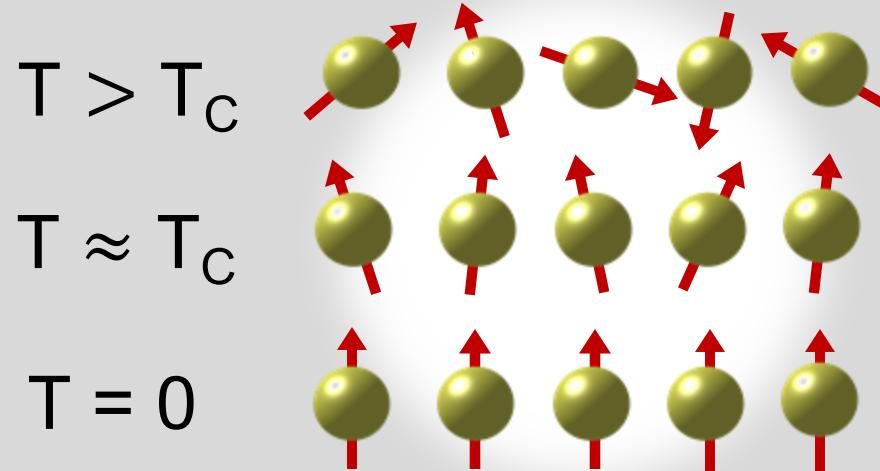
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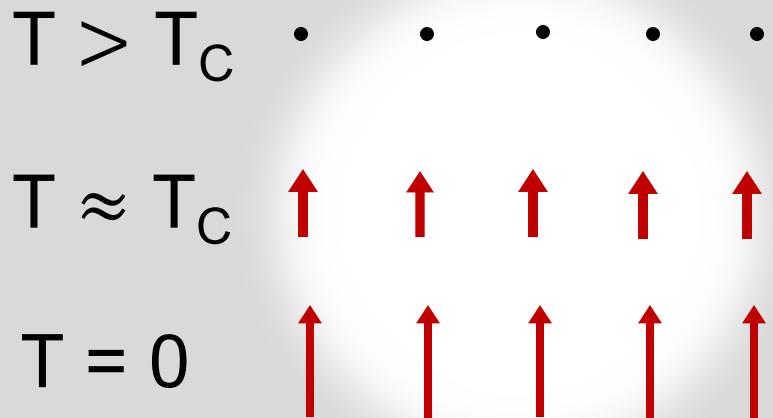
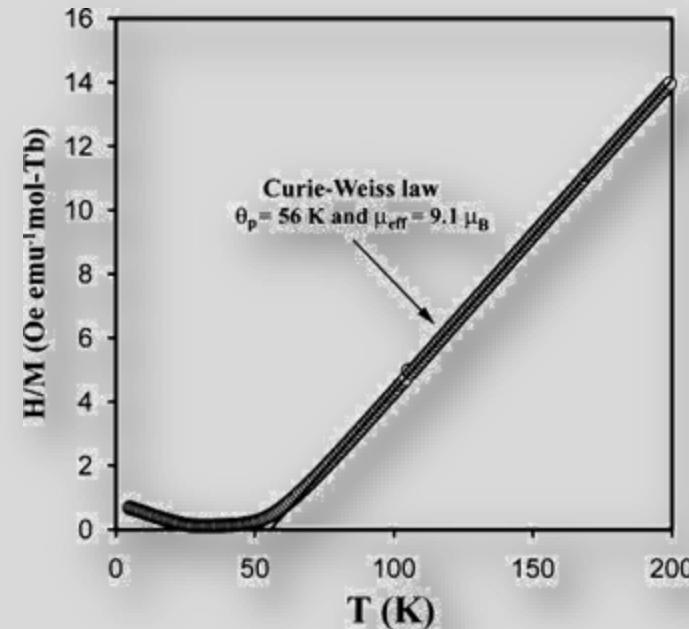


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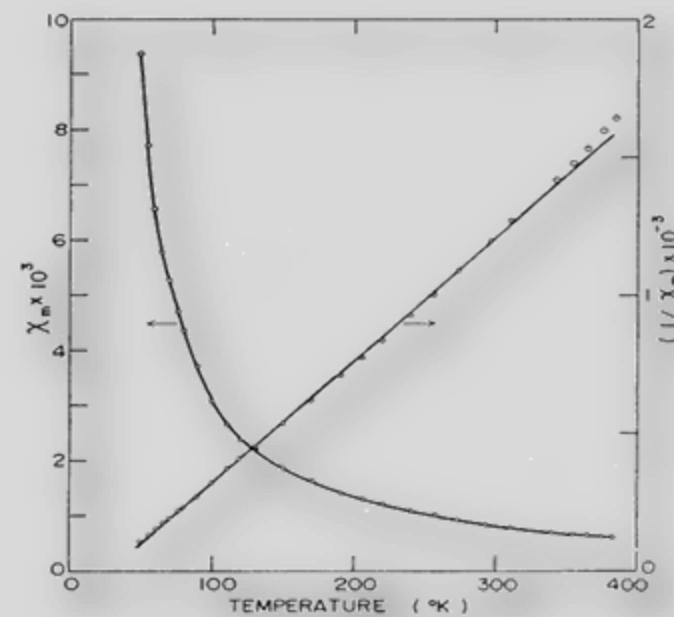
## The Local Limit

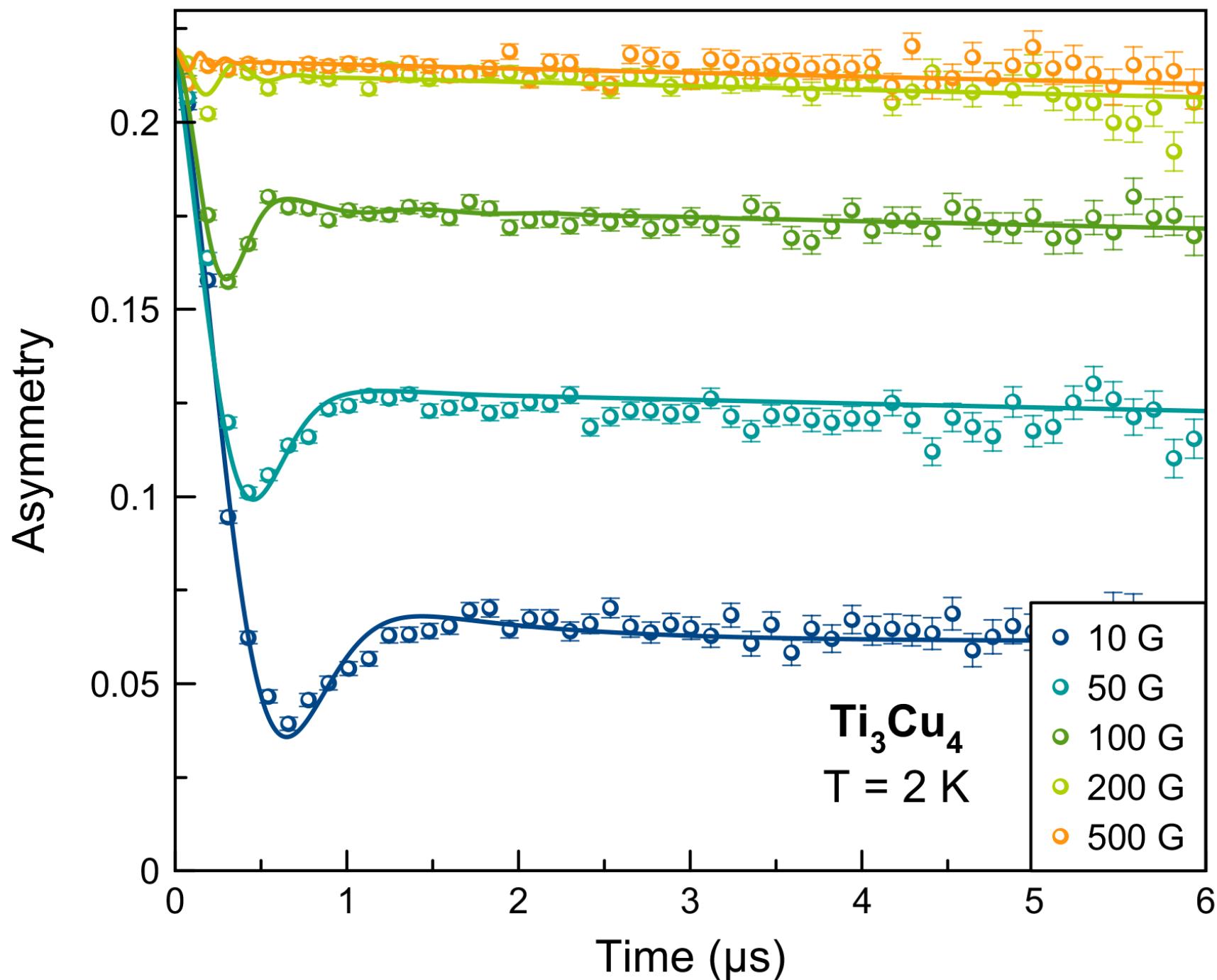


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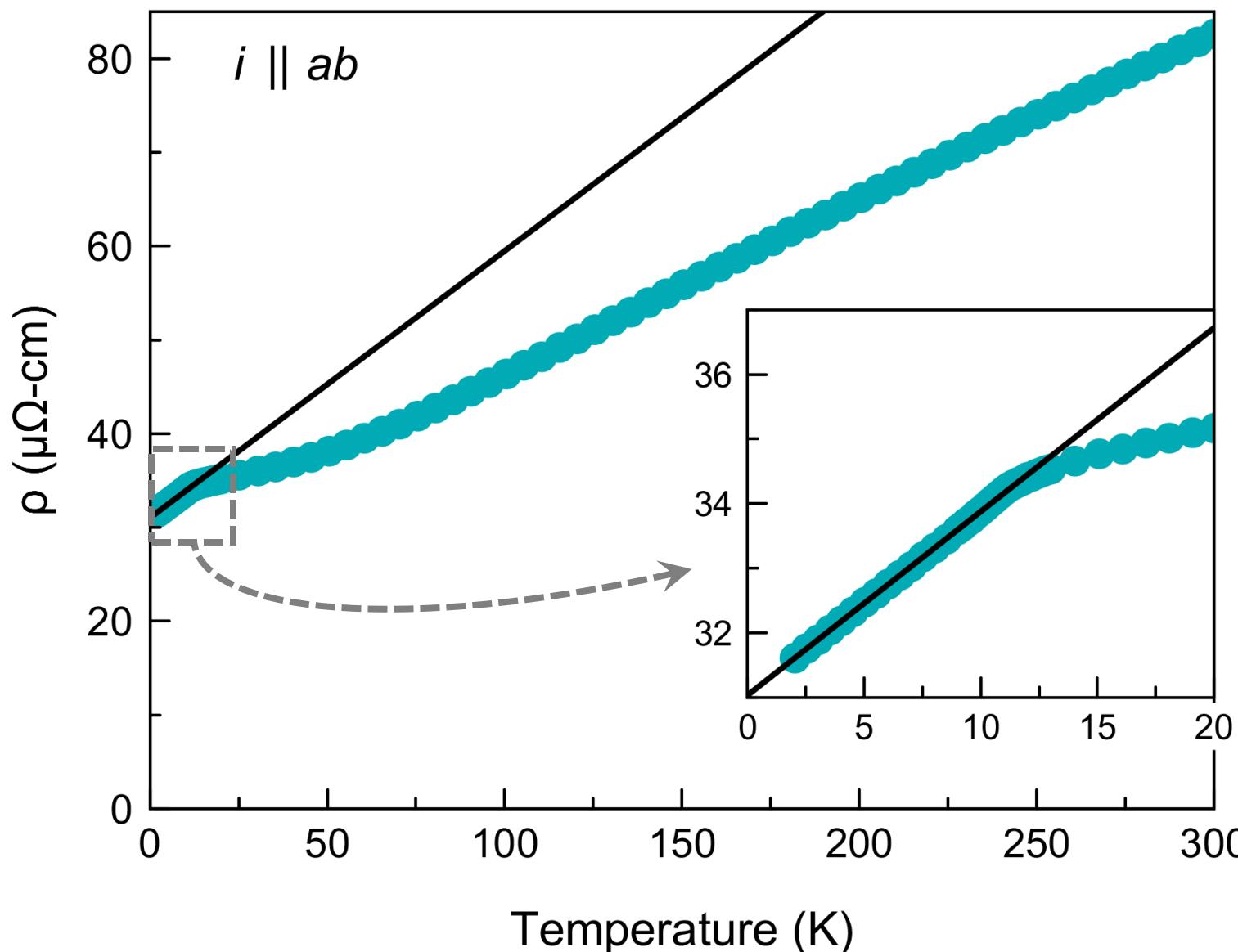


SCR theory of spin fluctuations gives  $\chi \propto 1/T$  for temperatures above  $T_c/T_N$





# $\text{Ti}_3\text{Cu}_4$ has $T$ -linear resistivity below $T_N = 11 \text{ K}$



Ferromagnets:

$\text{ZrZn}_2$ :

$$\rho(T) \propto T^{5/3}$$

$\text{Sc}_{3.1}\text{In}$ :

$$\rho(T) \propto T$$

Antiferromagnets:

$\text{TiAu}$ :

$$\rho(T) \propto T^3$$

$\text{Ti}_3\text{Cu}_4$ :

$$\rho(T) \propto T$$