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Probing magnetism  
in multiferroic heterostructures  
with synchrotron light



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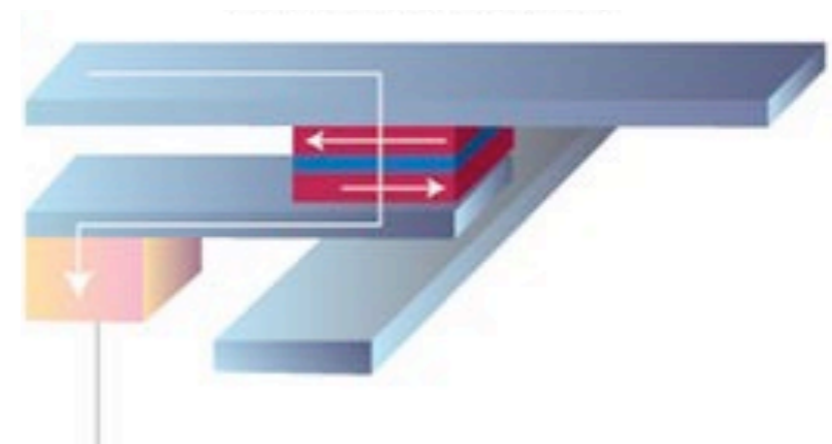
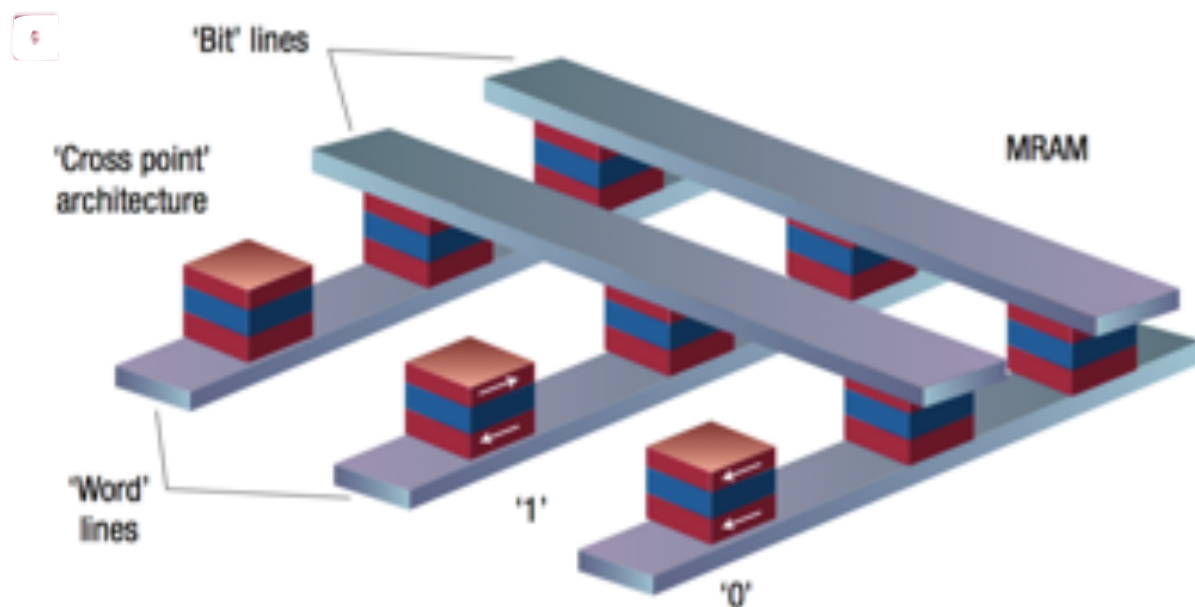
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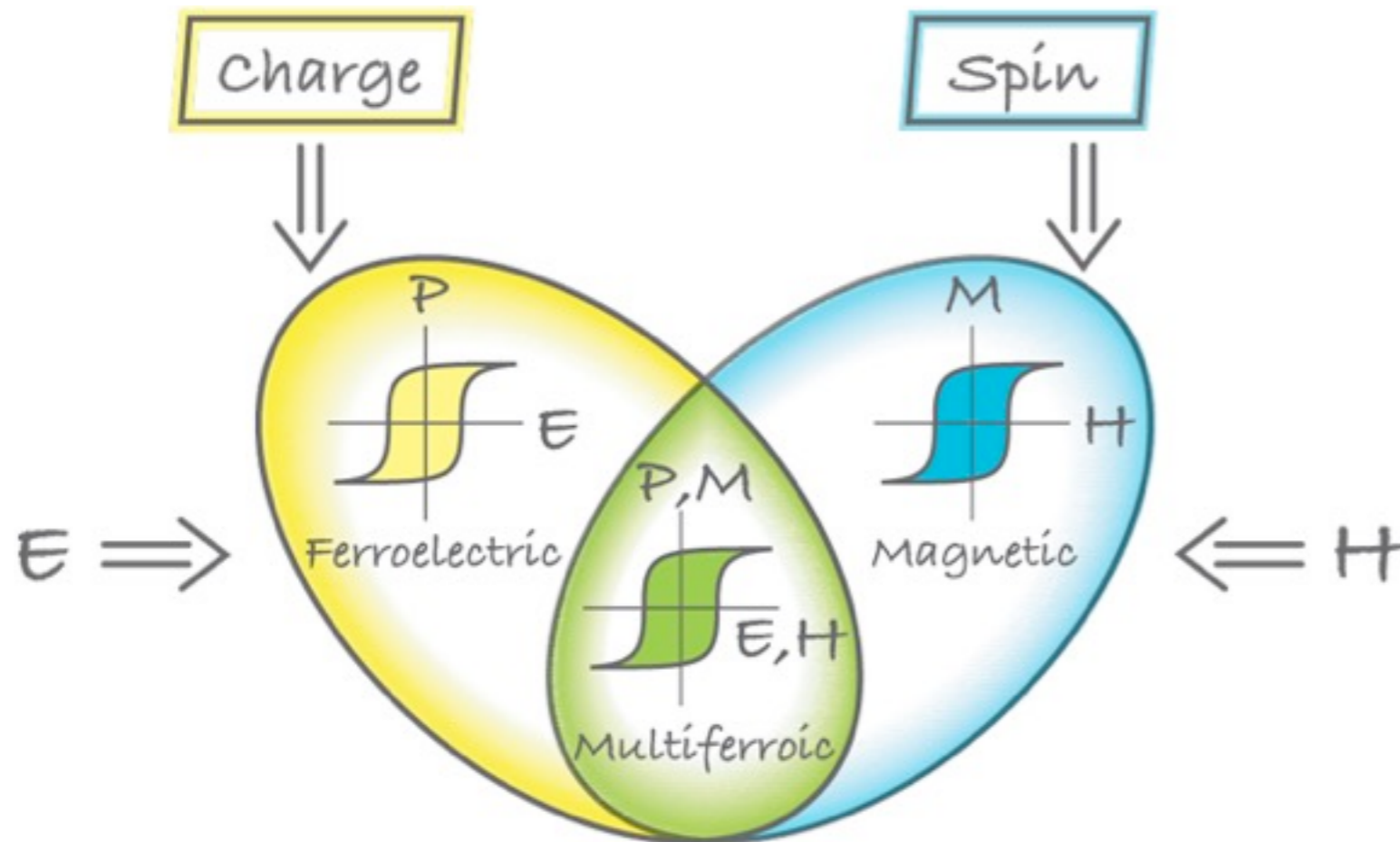
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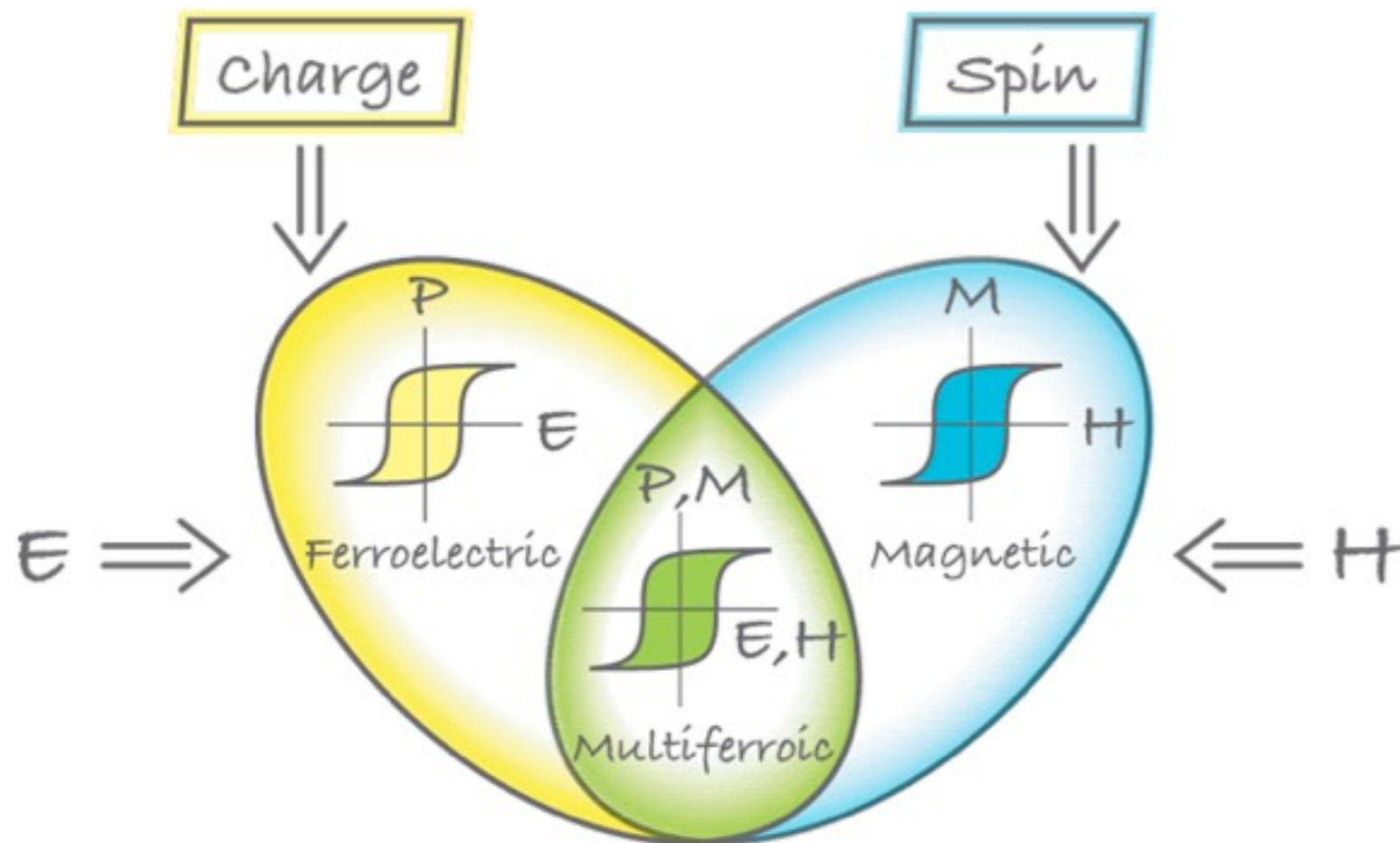
- read/write “heads”
- Spin-Transfer Torque
- electric fields
- no heat, no dissipation
- easier to control
- new functionalities

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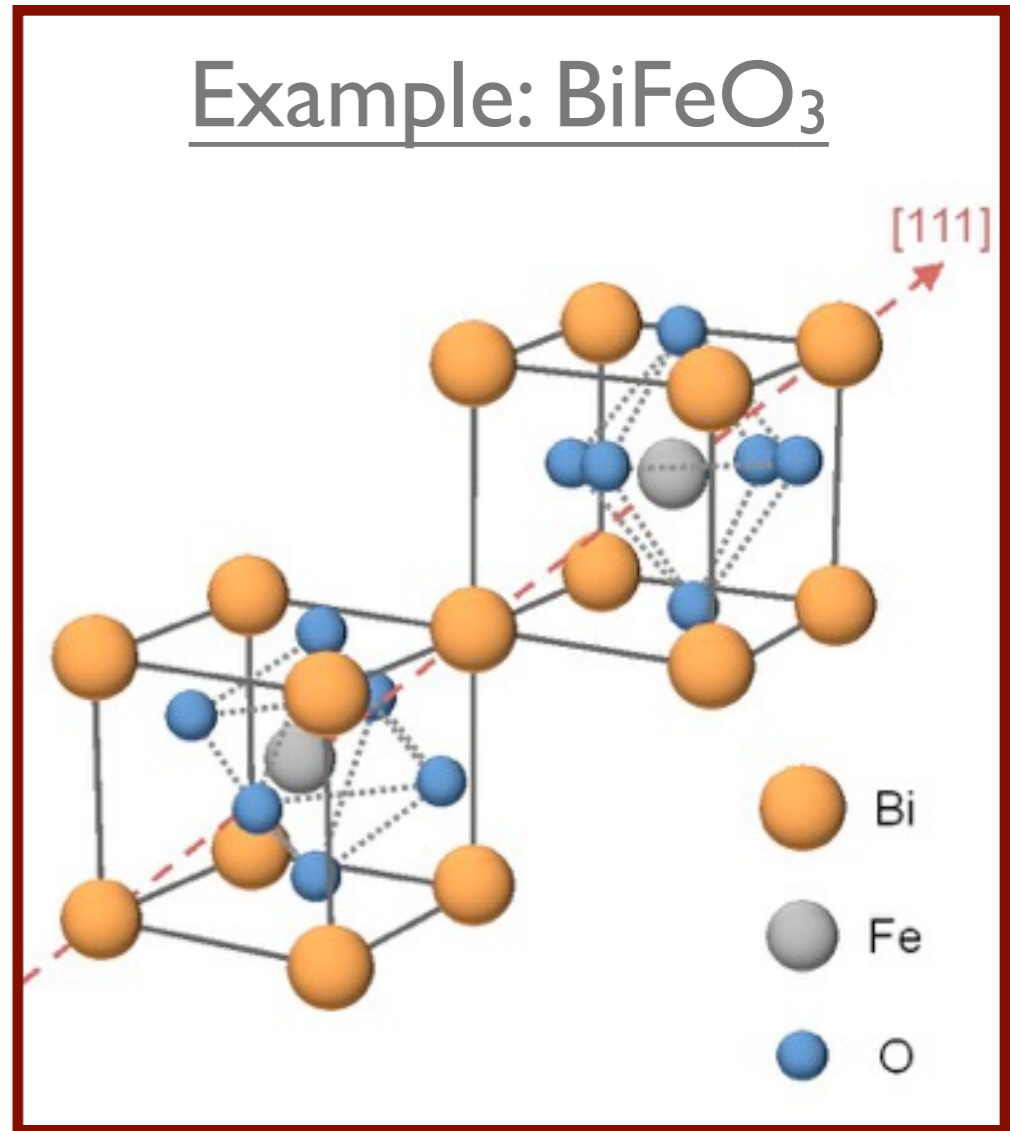


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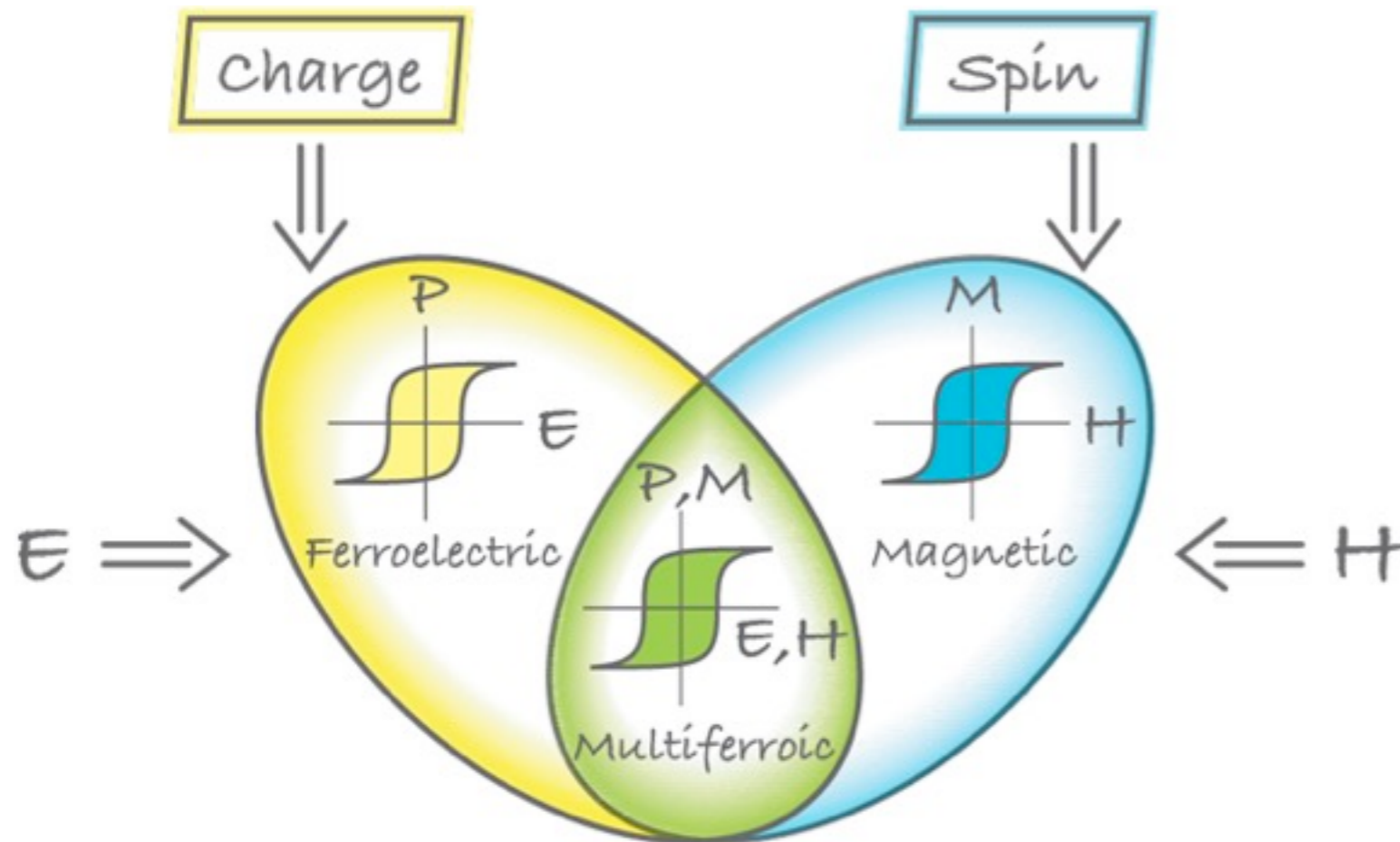
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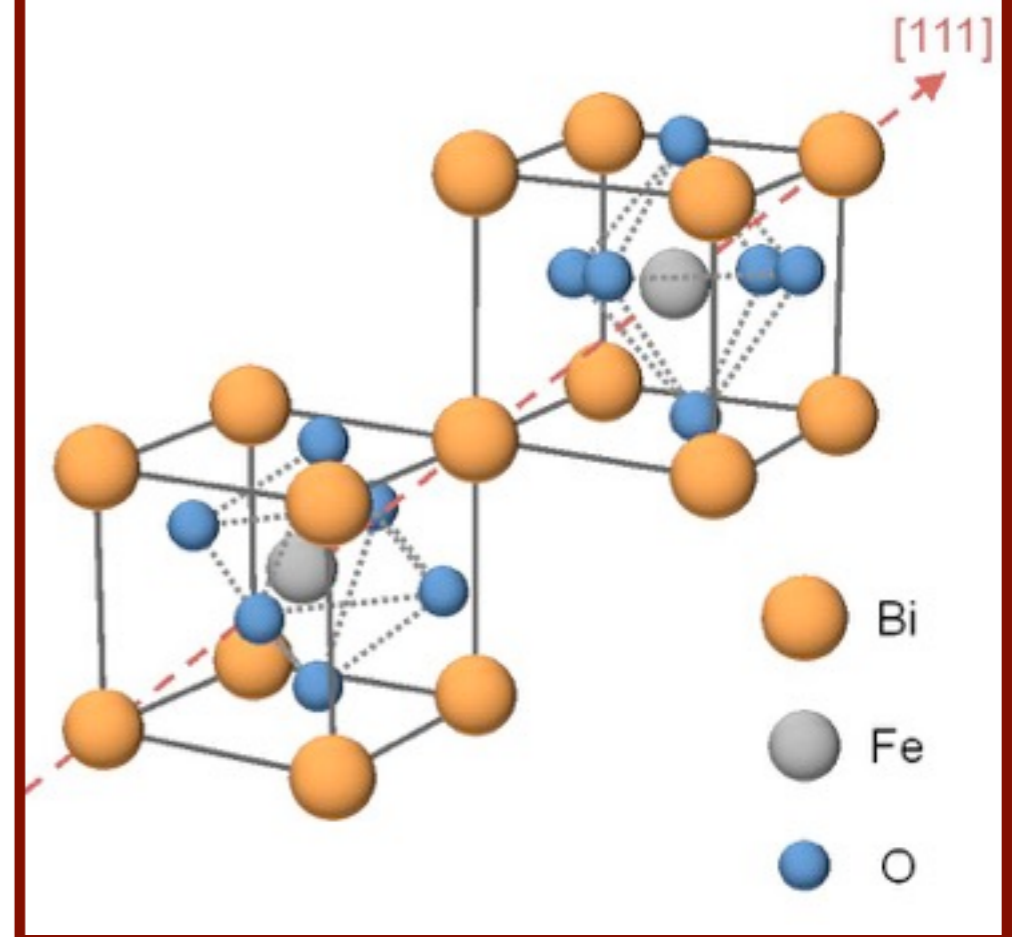


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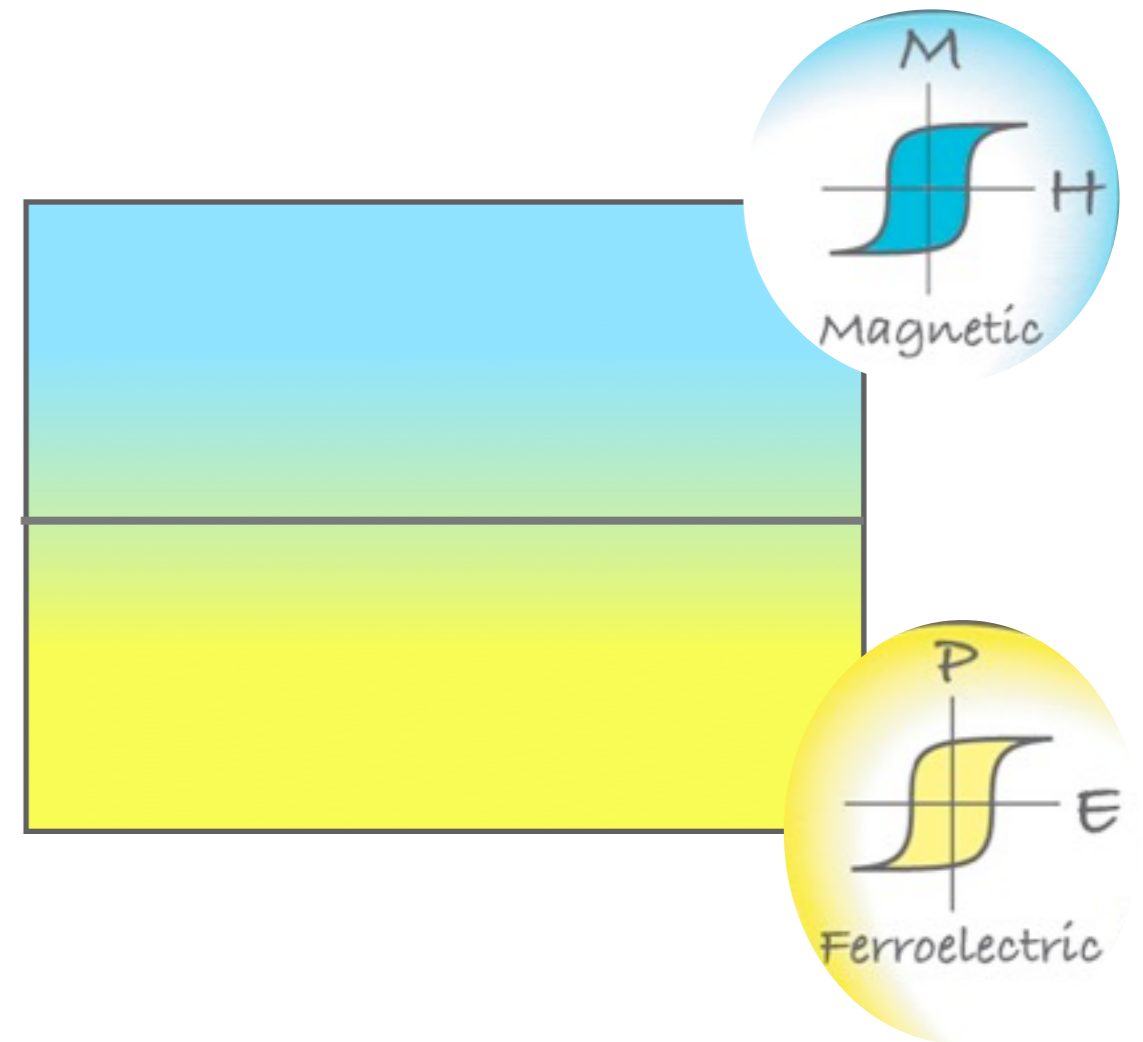
Example:  $\text{BiFeO}_3$



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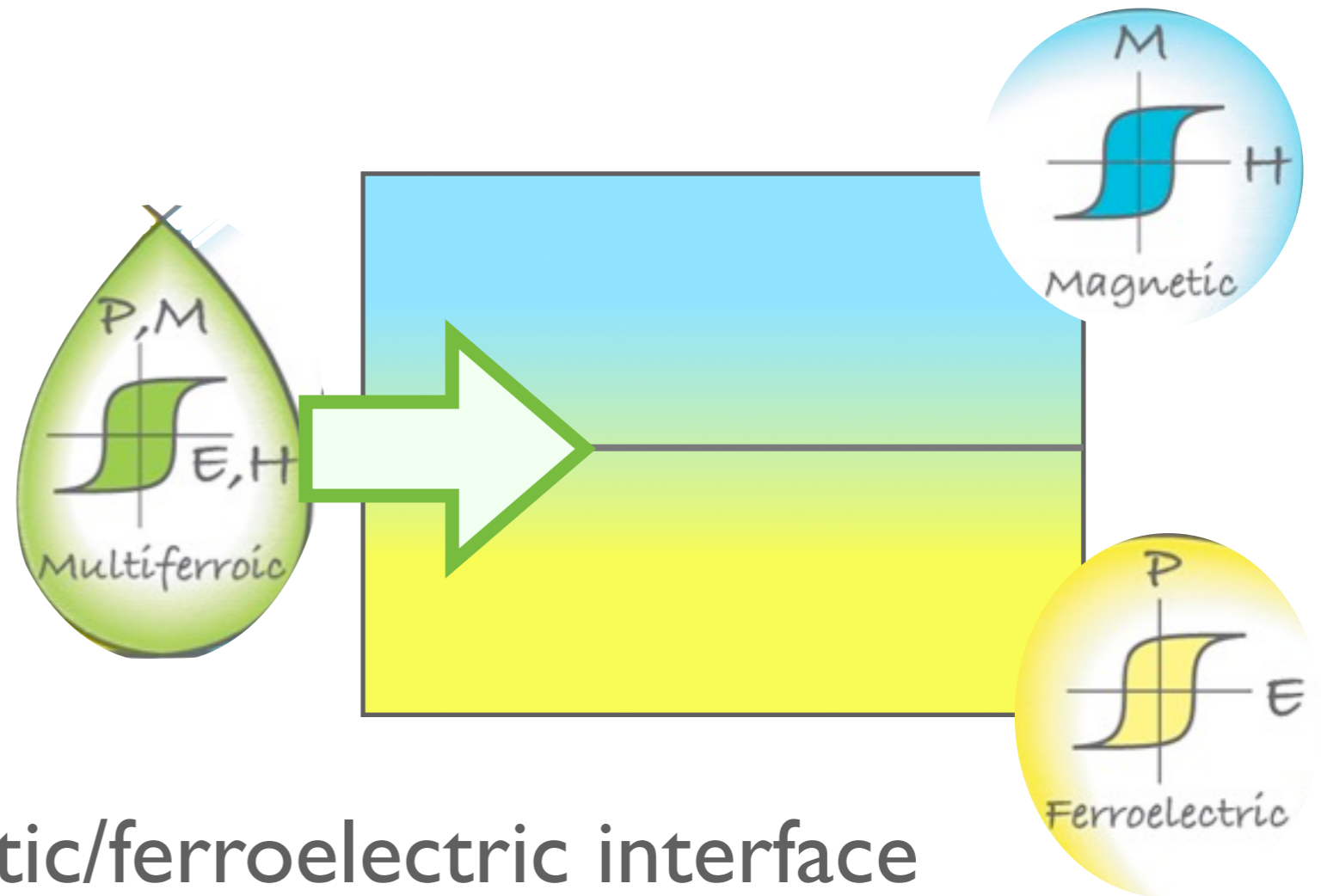
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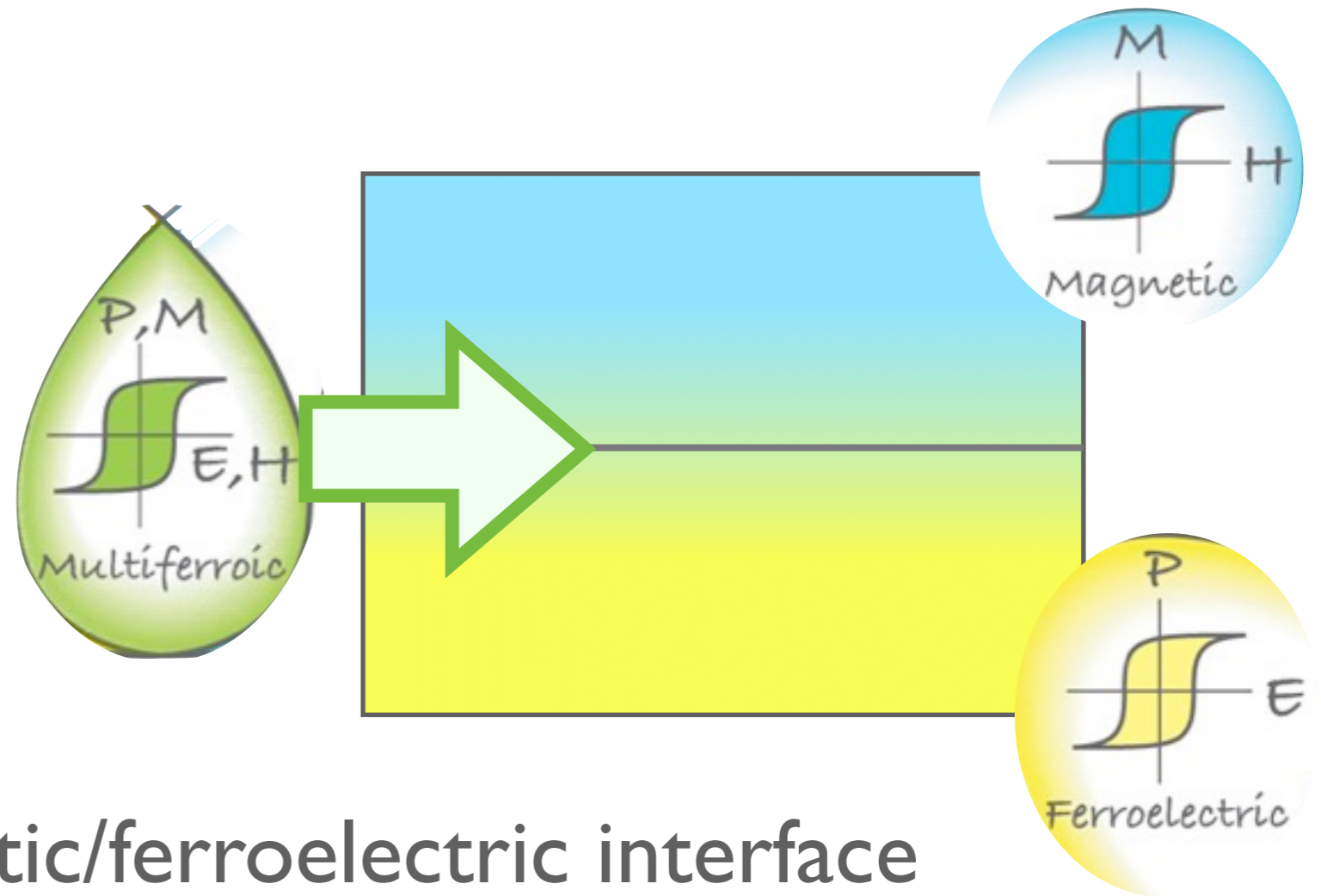


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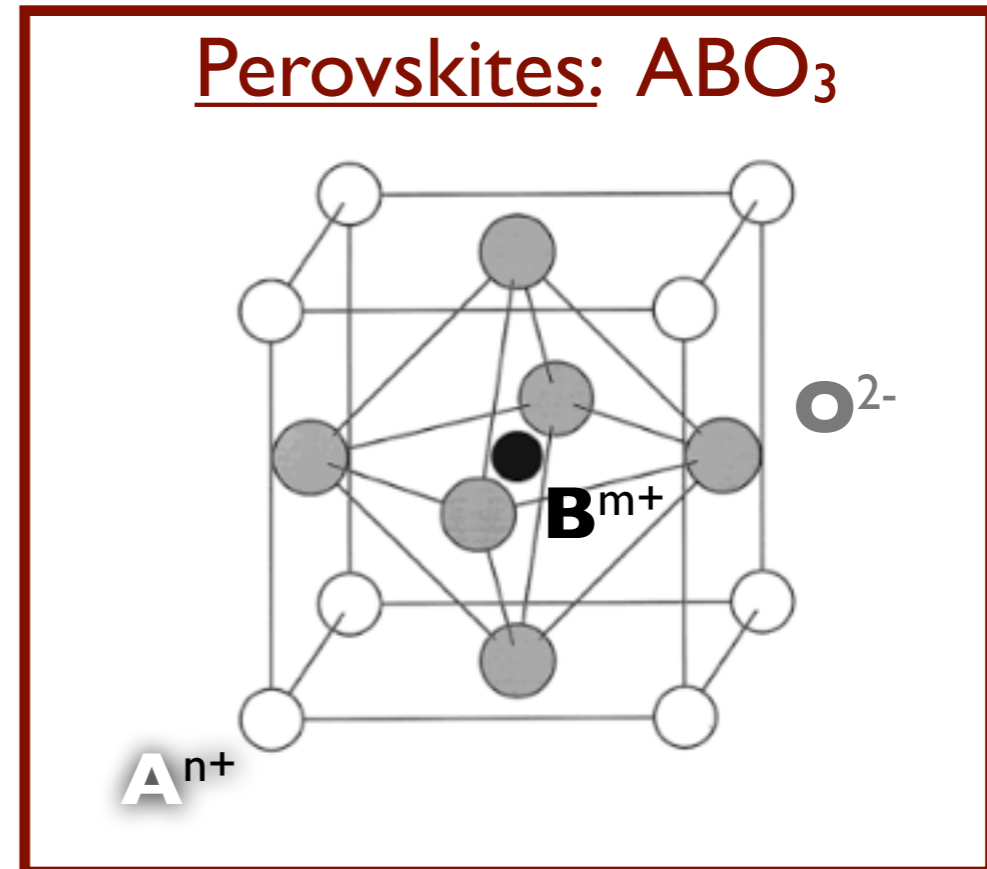
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Key goal:

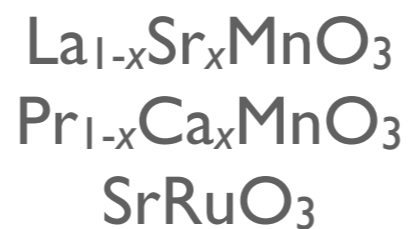
Understanding the interplay of different degrees of freedom

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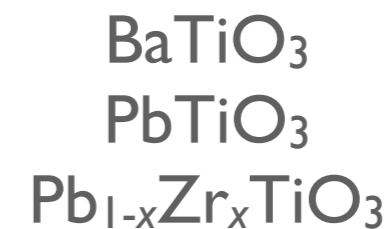


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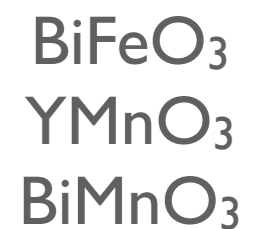
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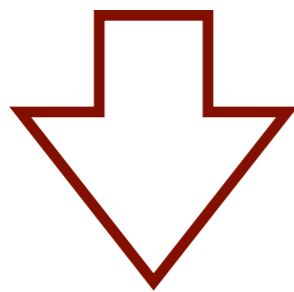
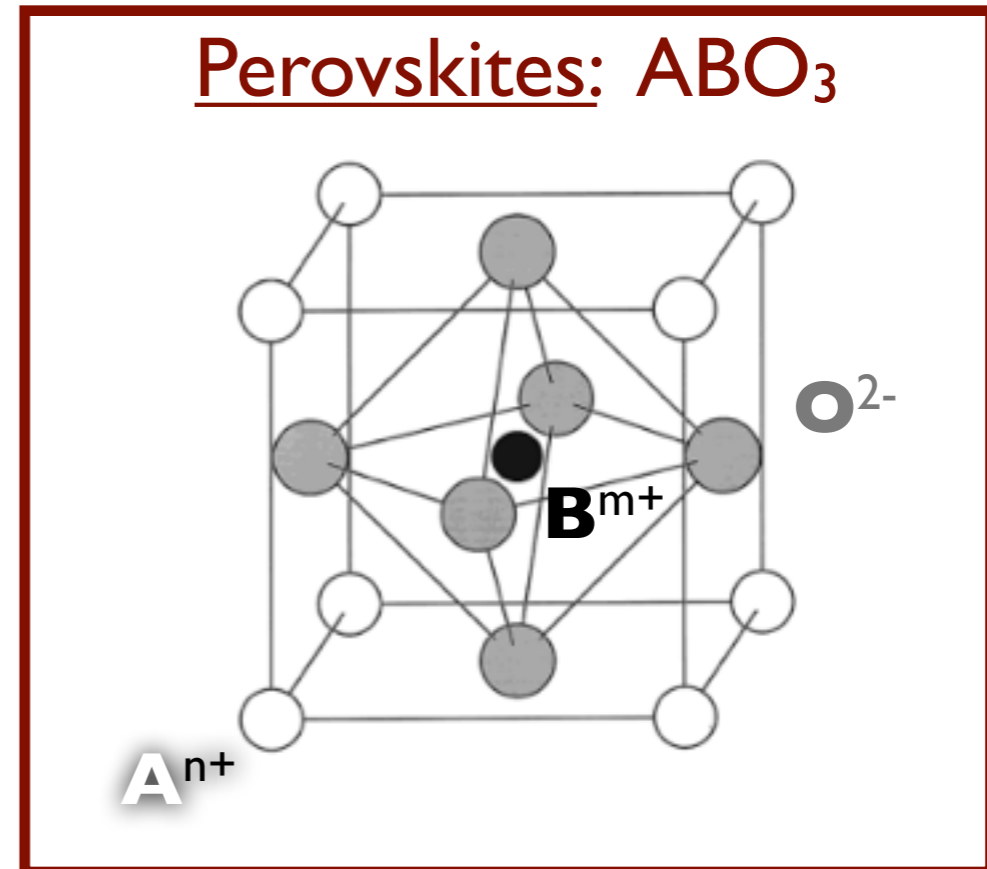
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Multiferroic effects

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 $SrRuO_3$

...

ferroelectrics:

$BaTiO_3$   
 $PbTiO_3$   
 $Pb_{1-x}Zr_xTiO_3$

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multiferroics:

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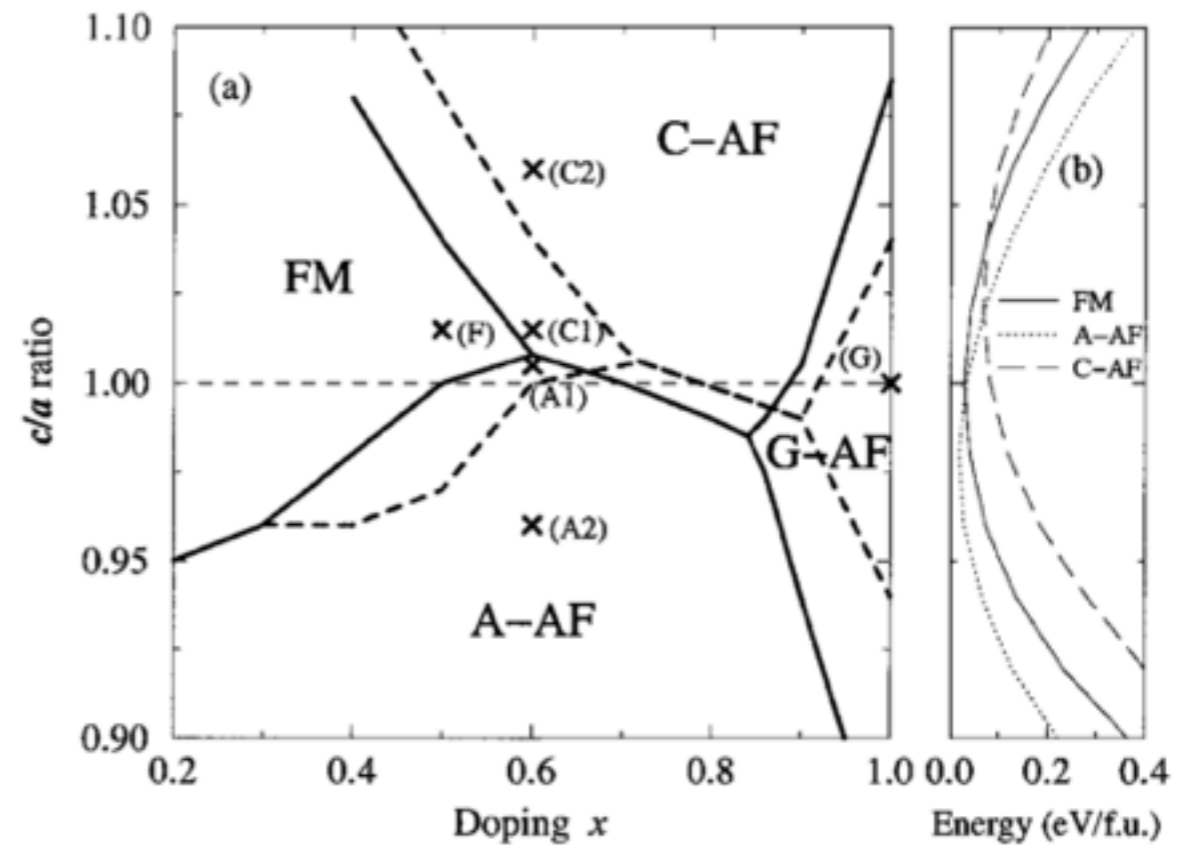
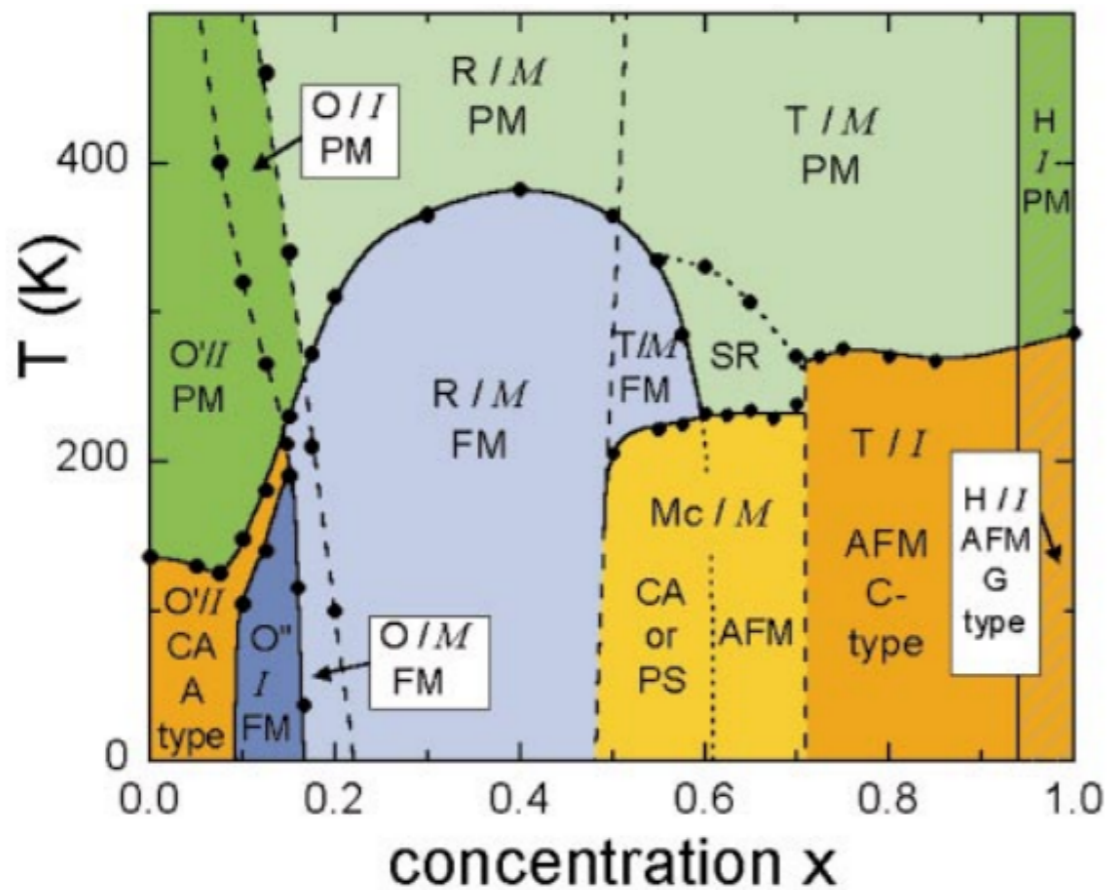


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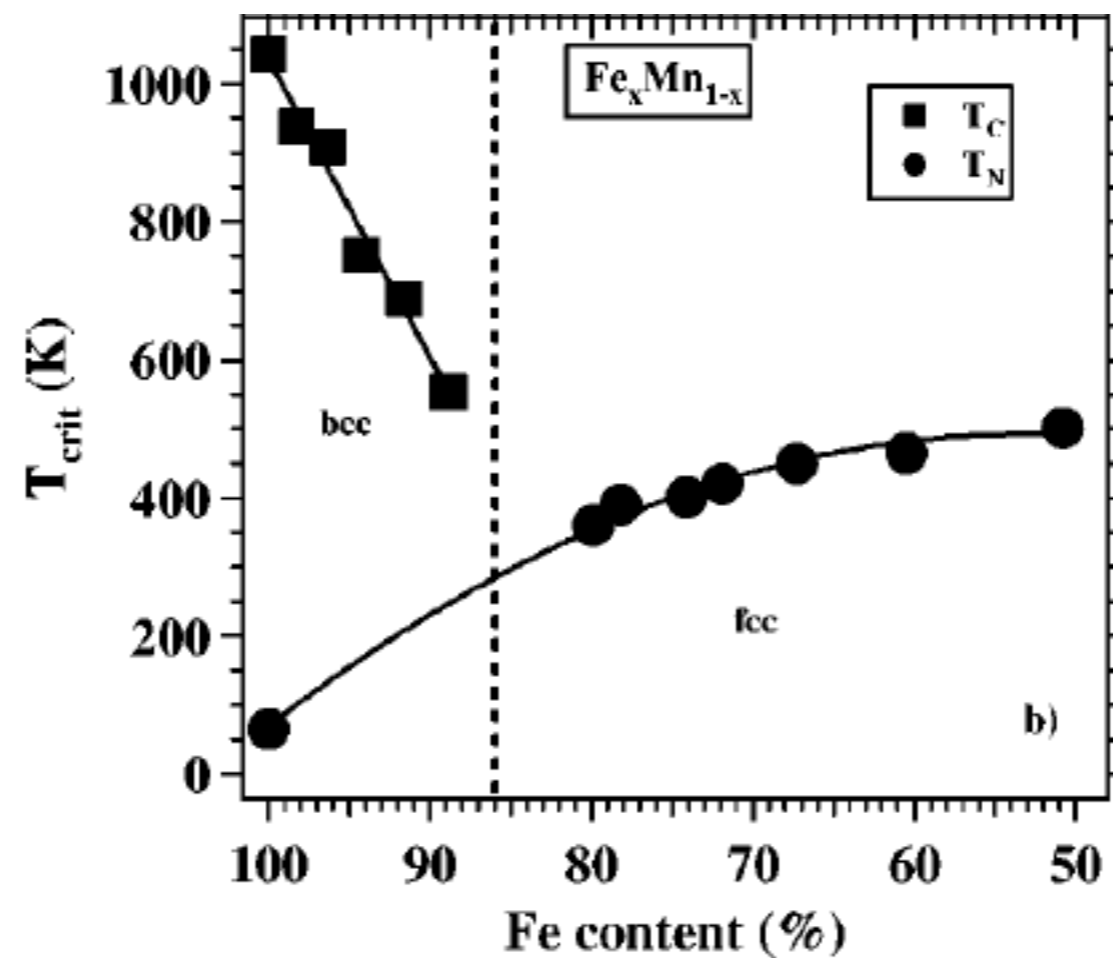
J. Hemberger *et al.*, PRB 66, 094410 (2002)



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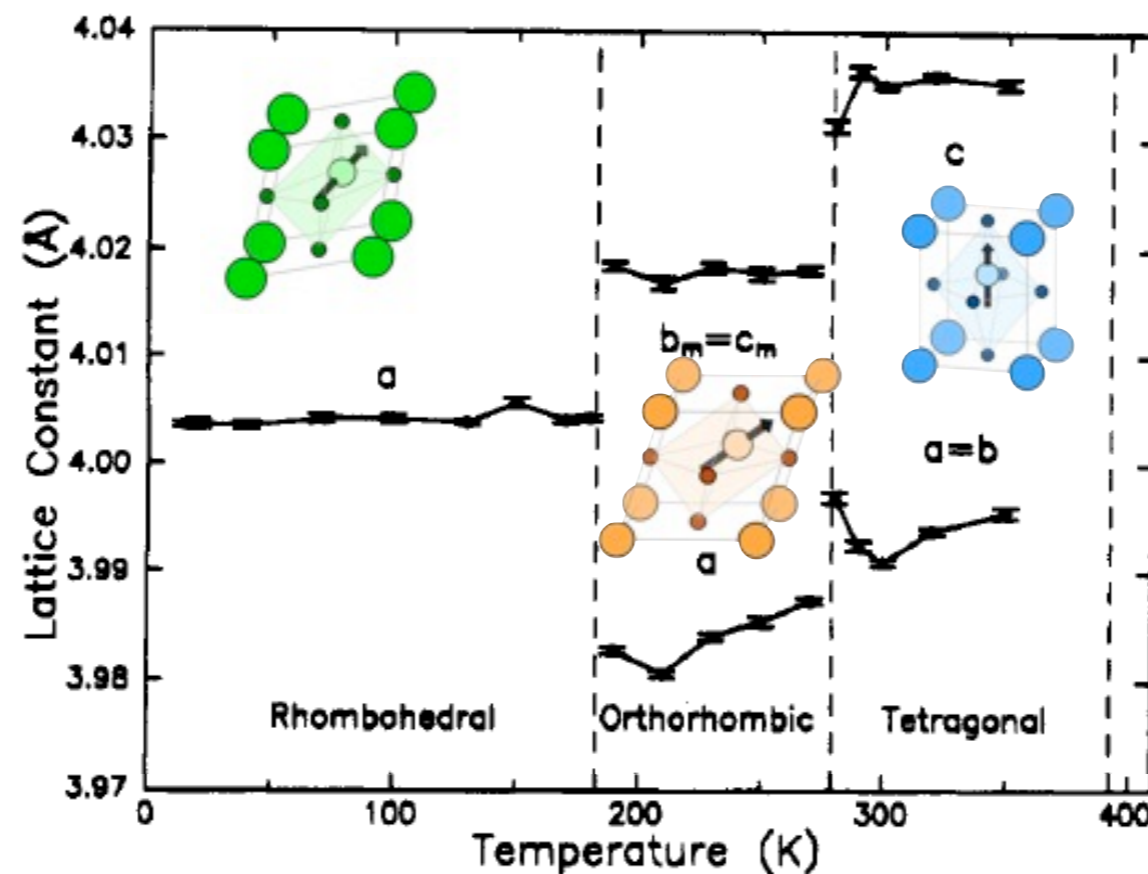
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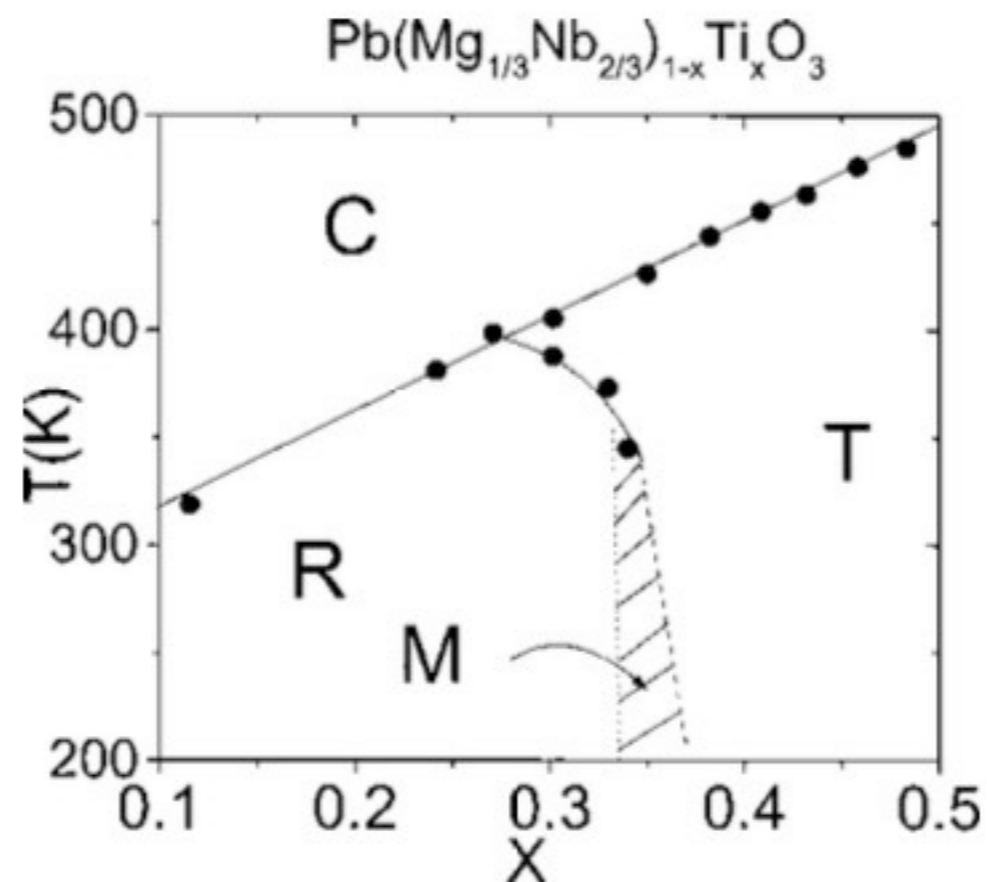
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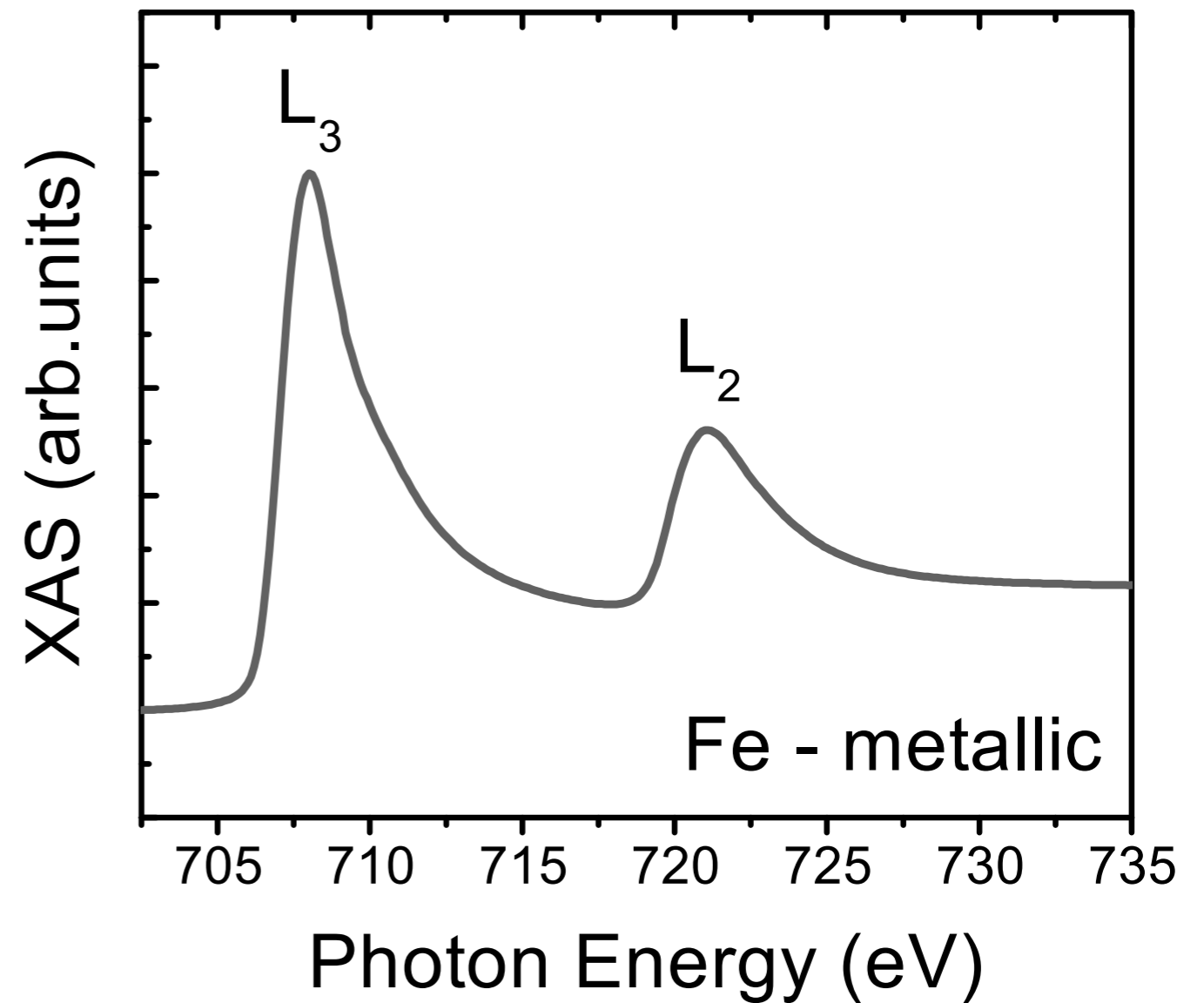
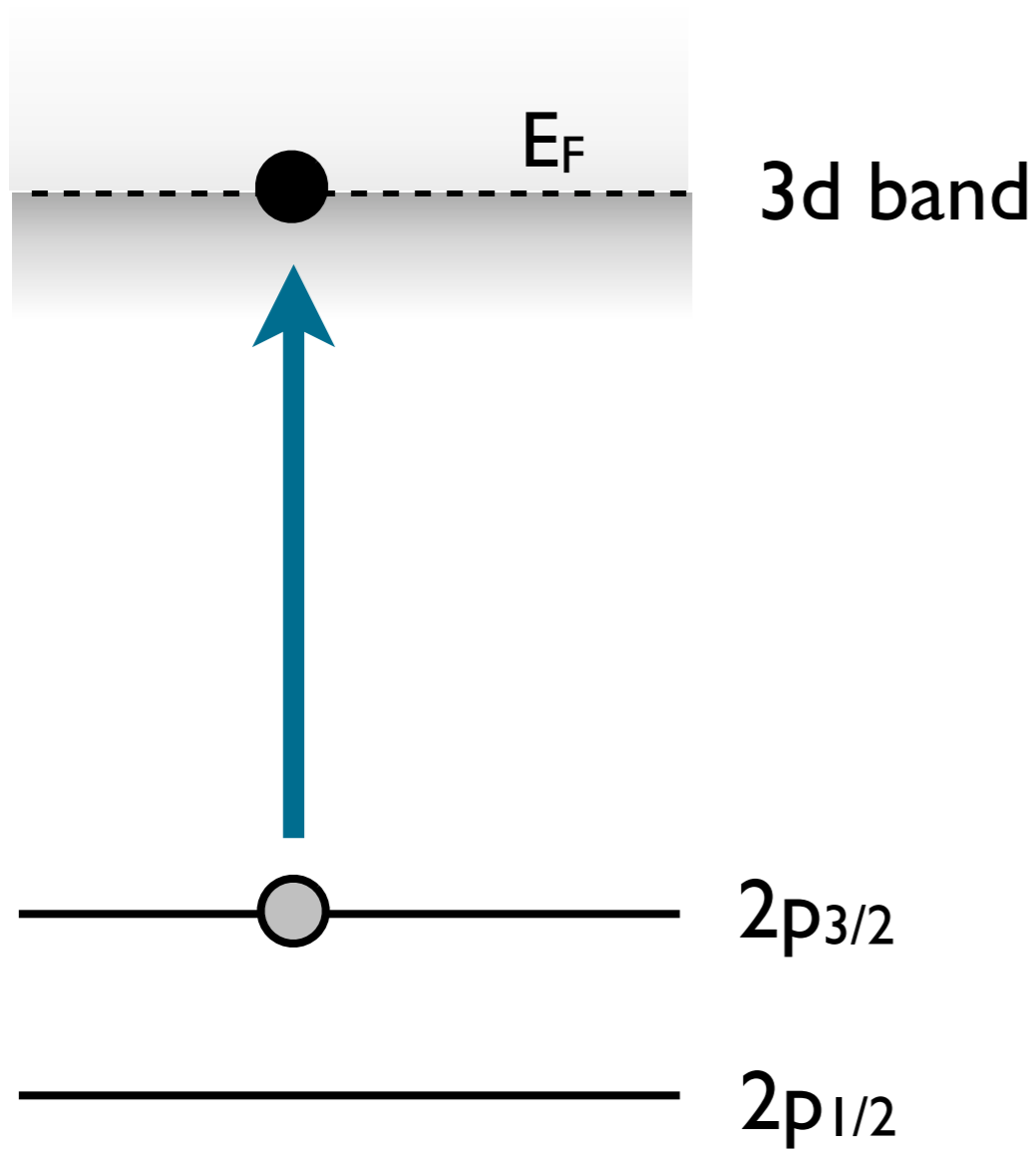
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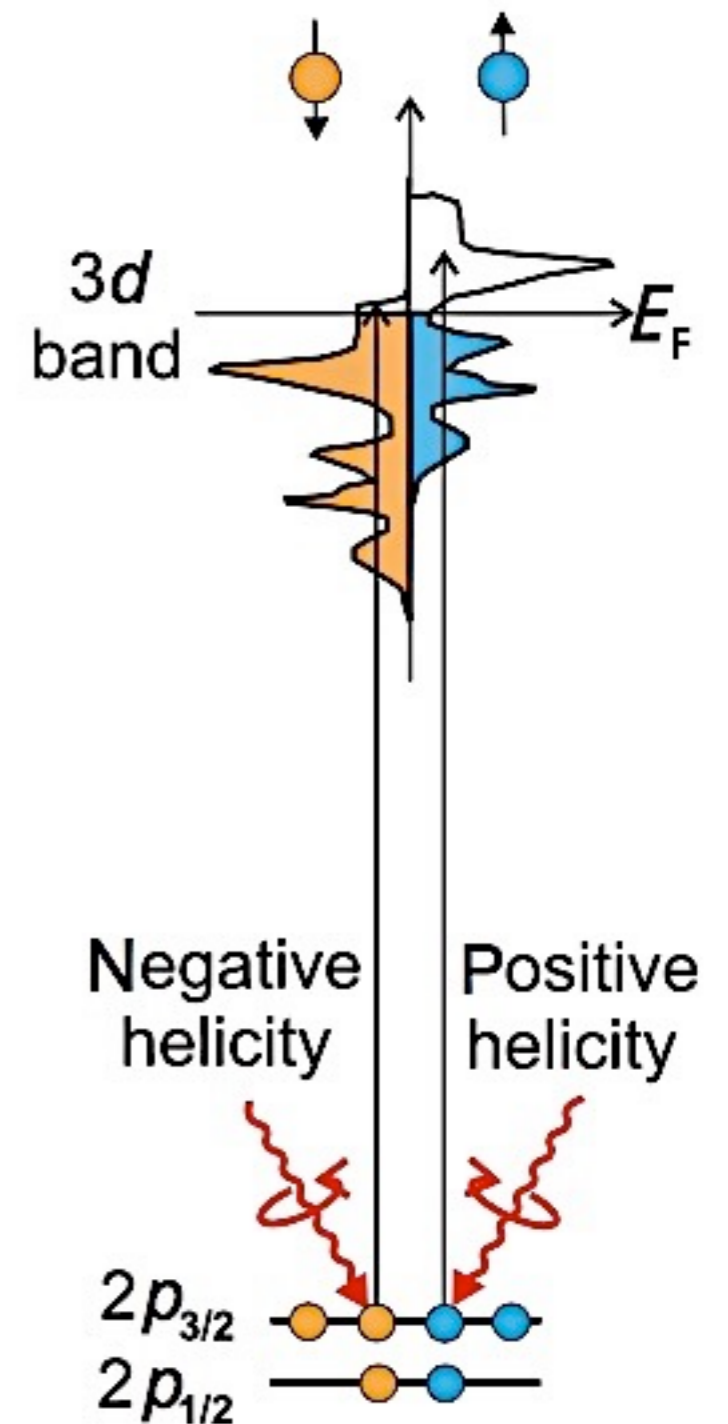
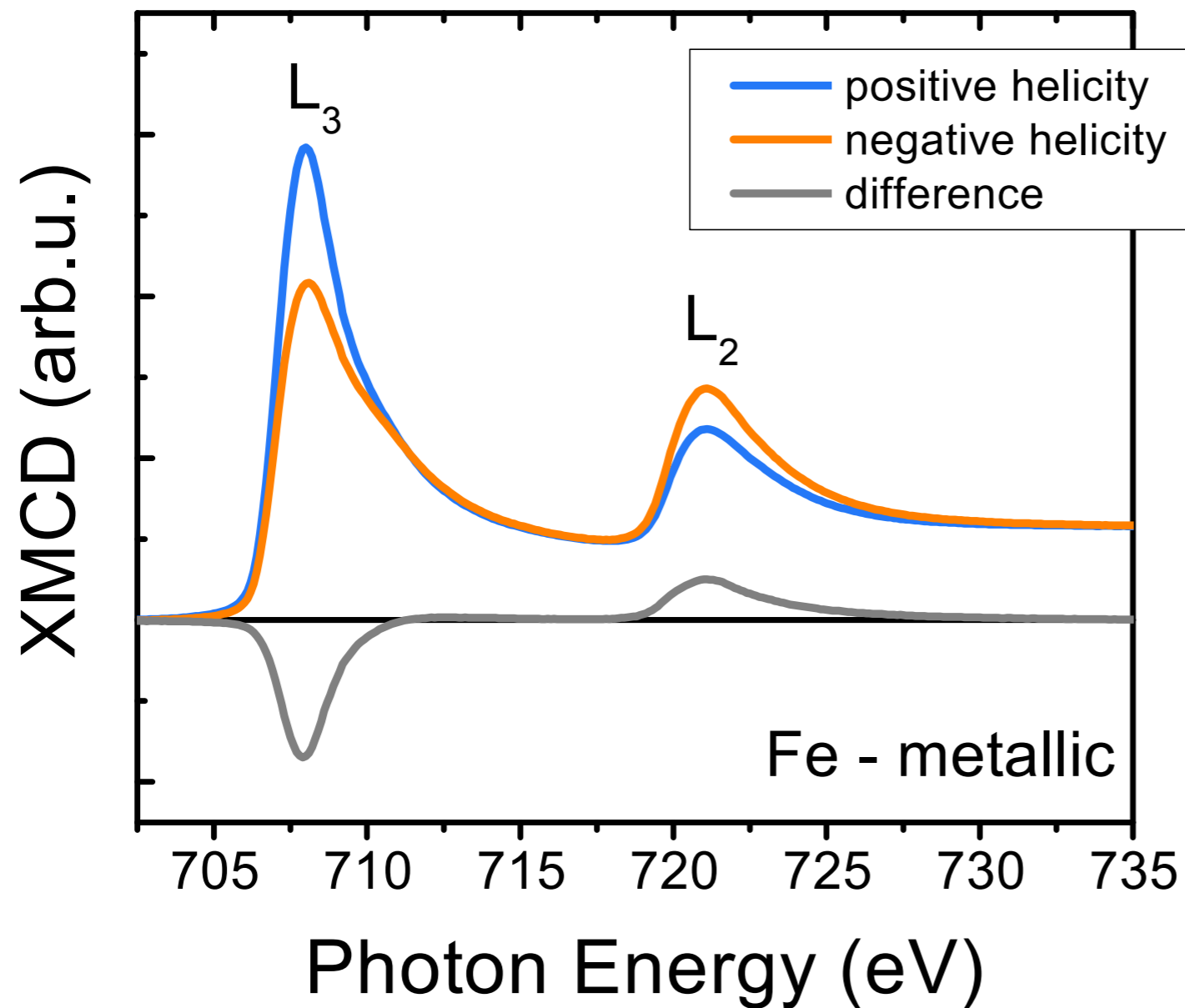
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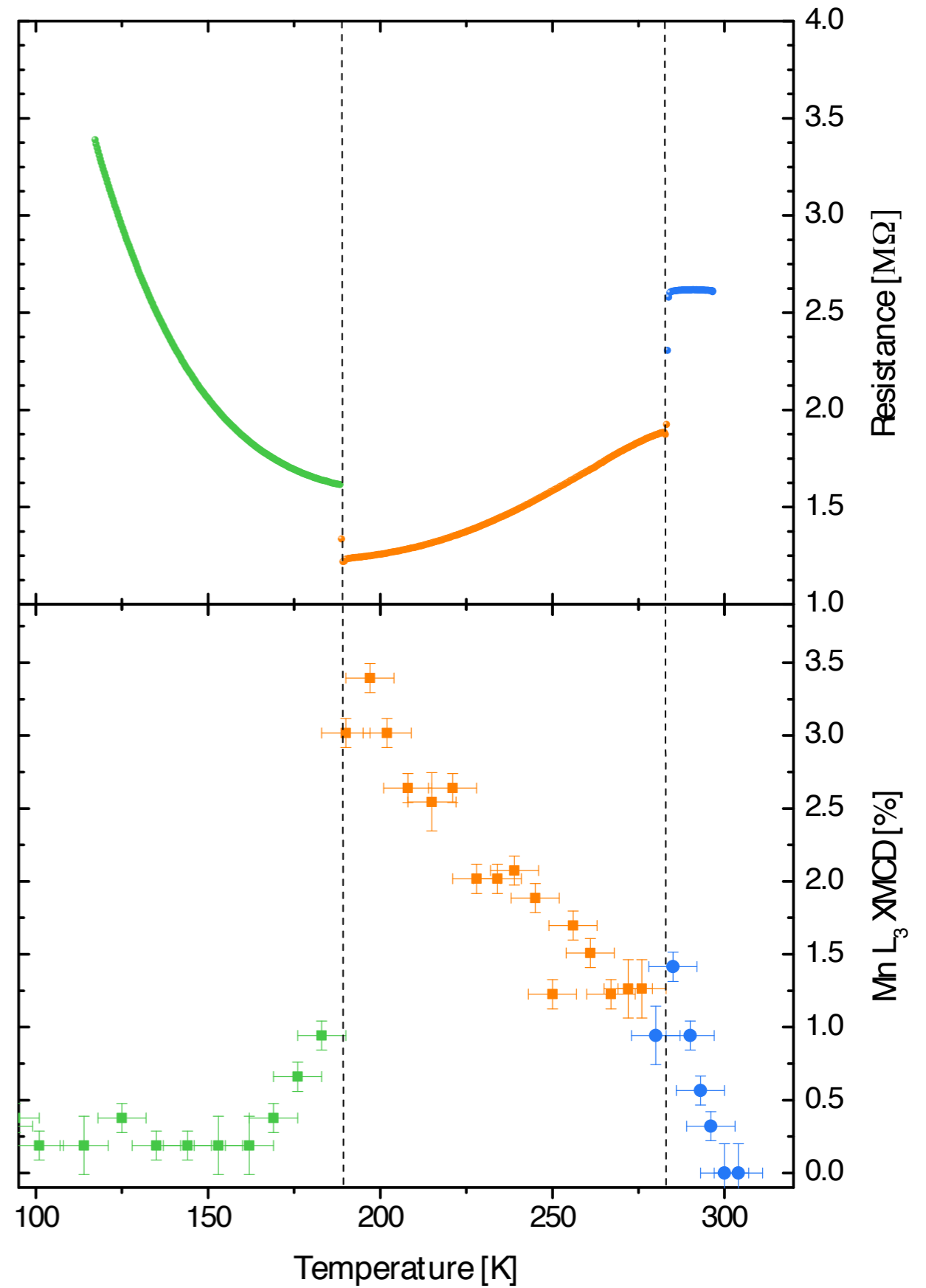
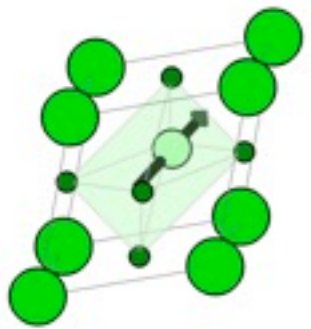
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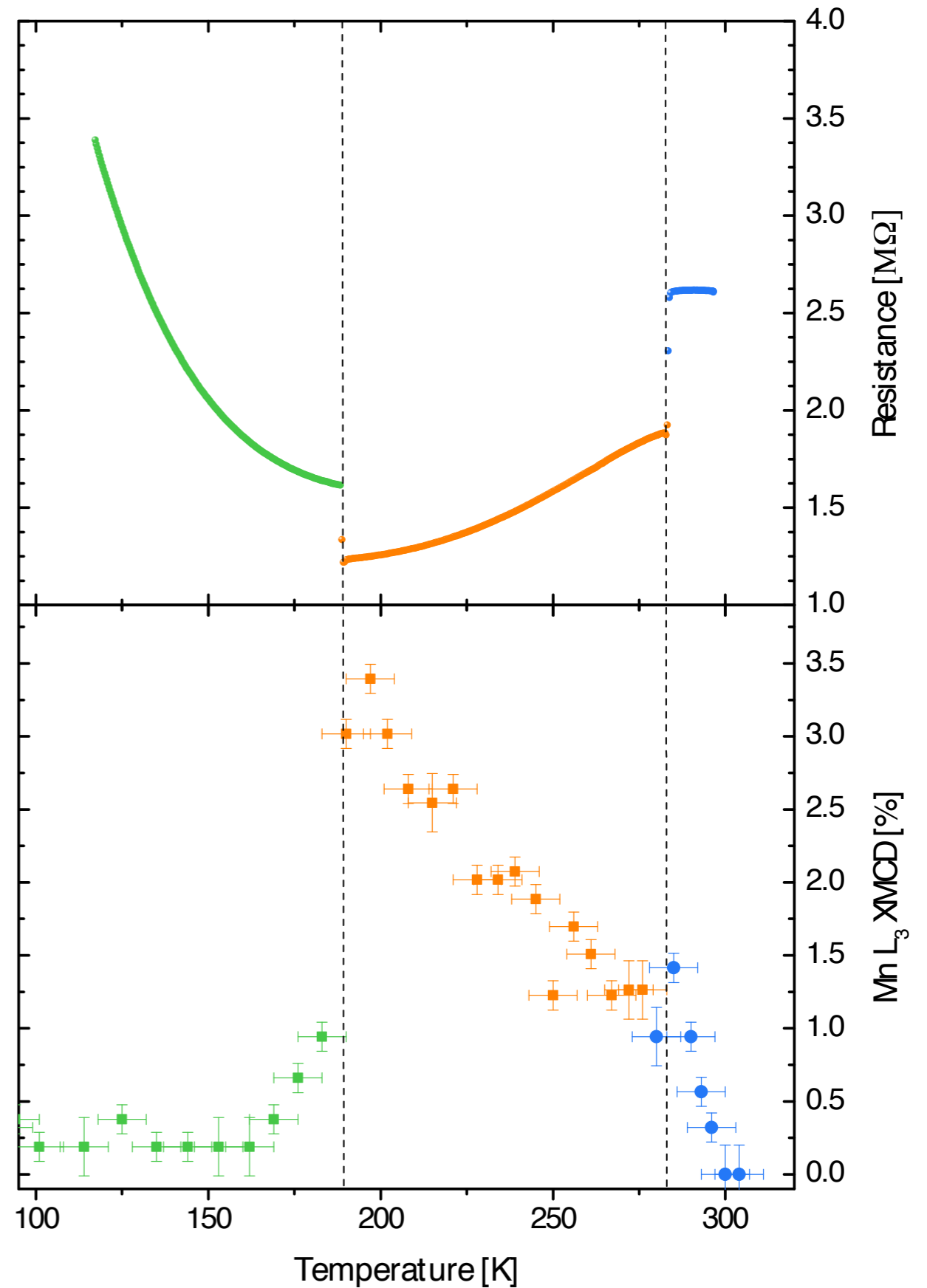
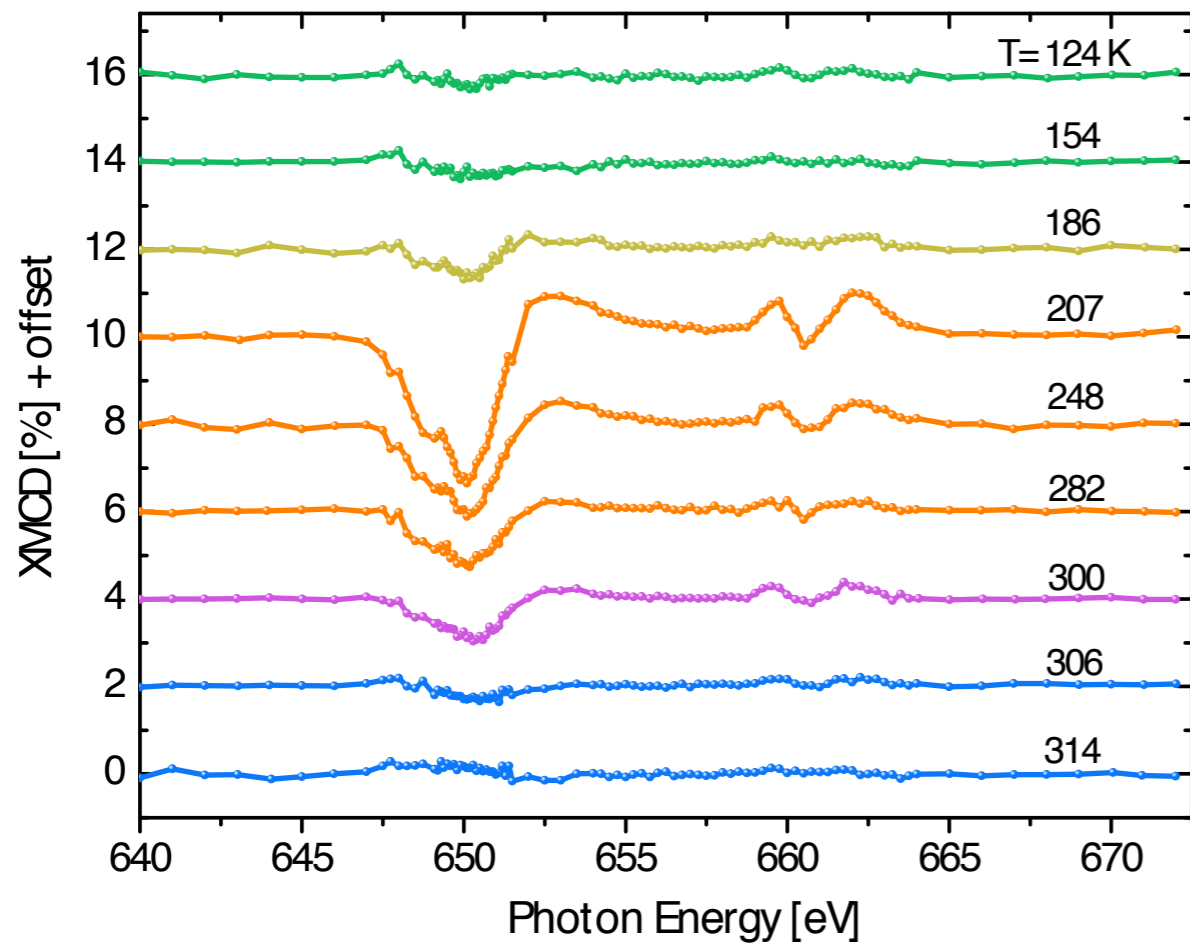
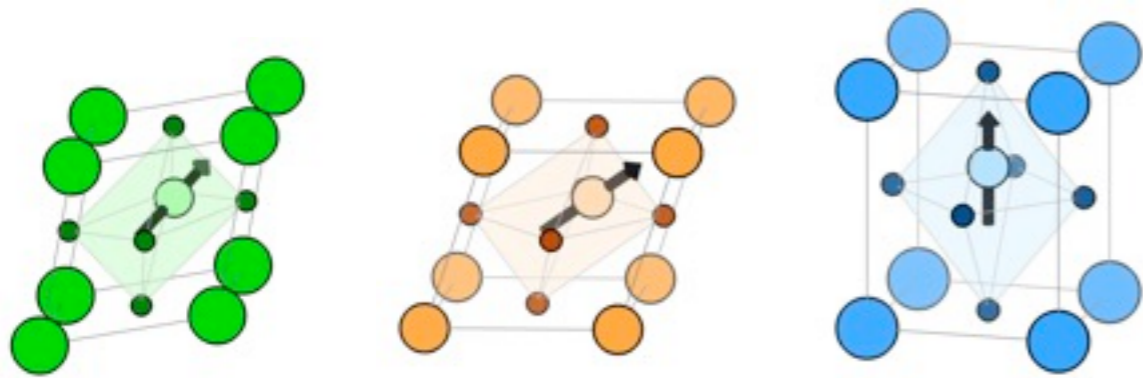
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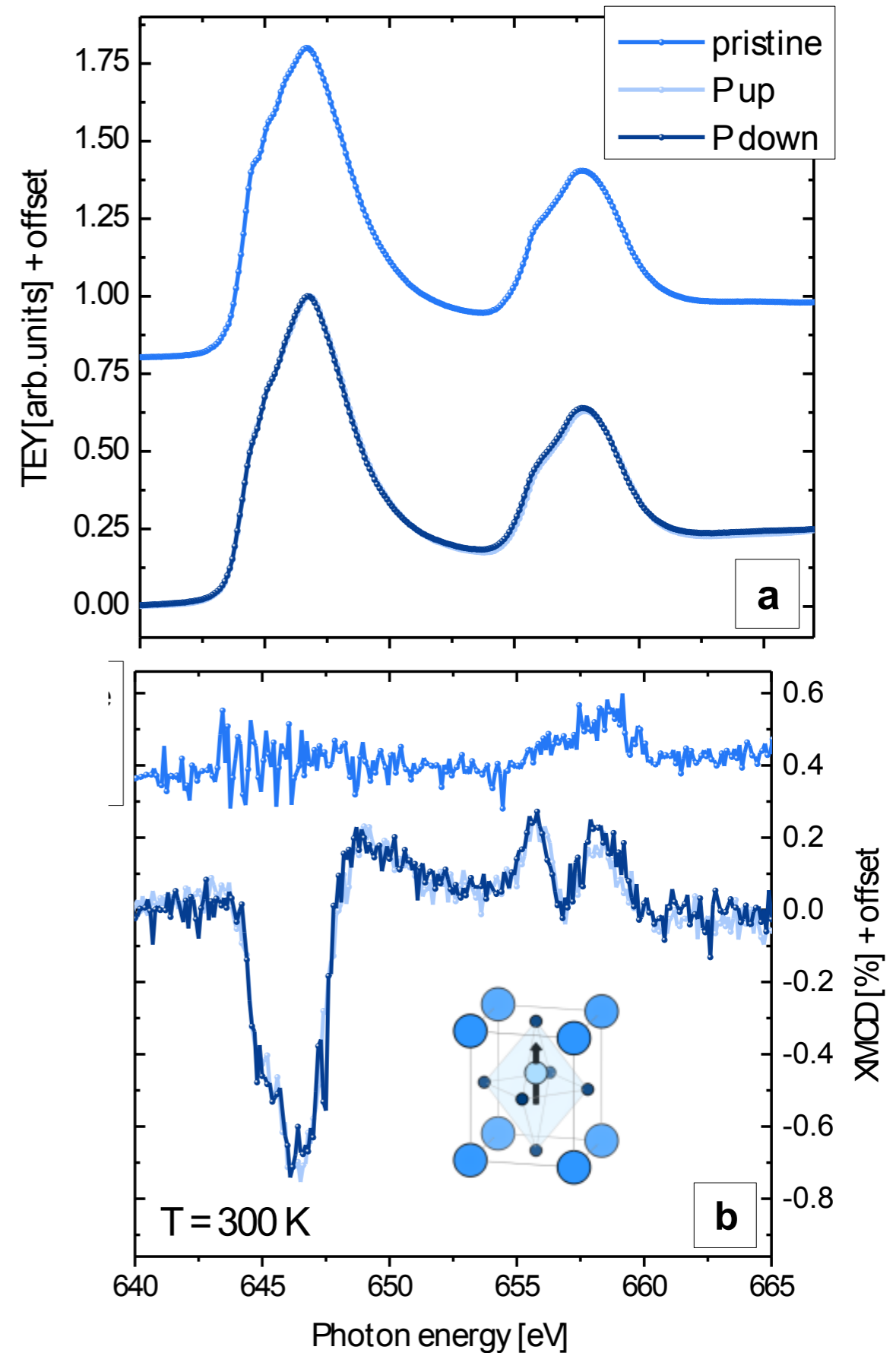


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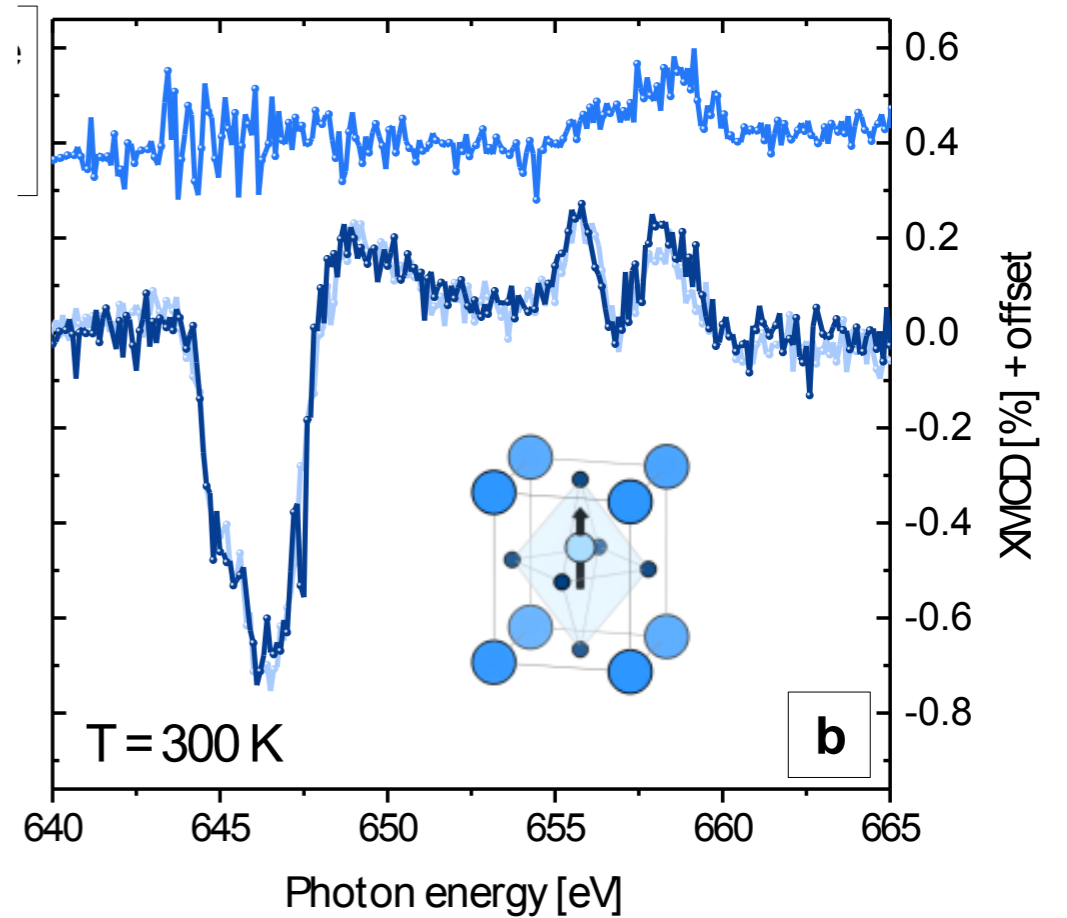
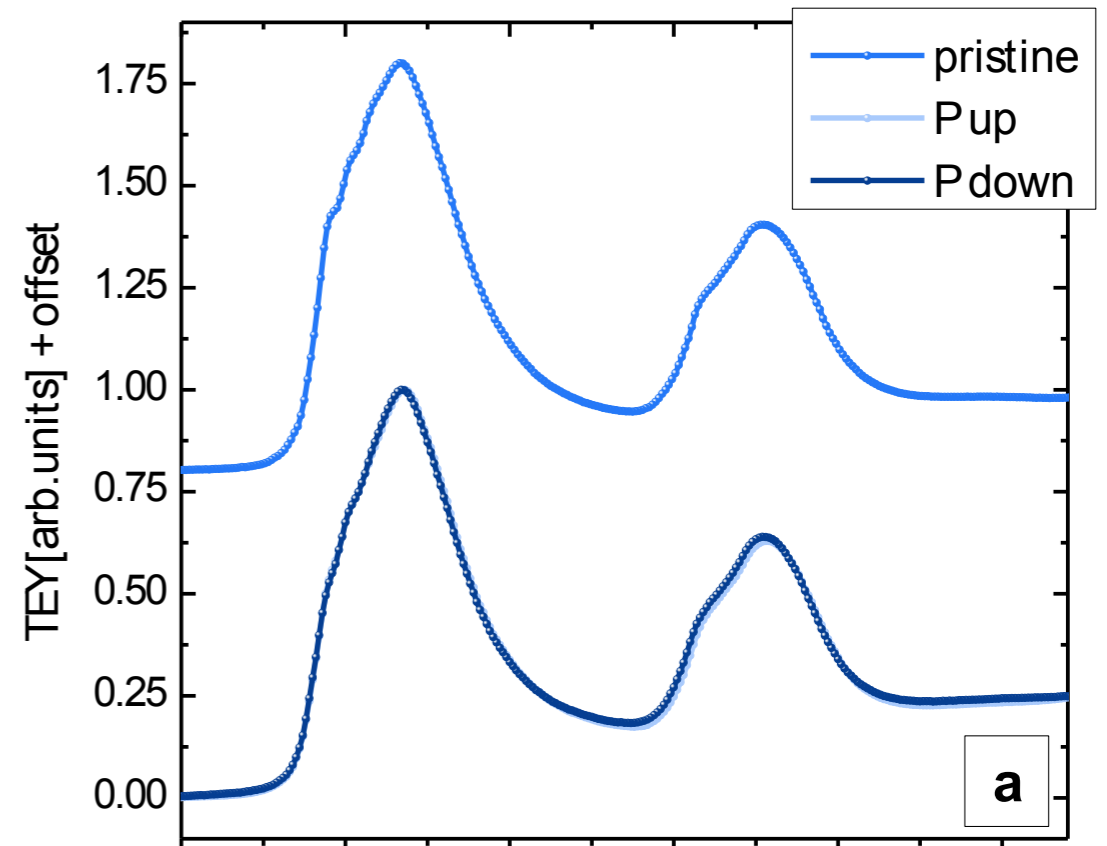
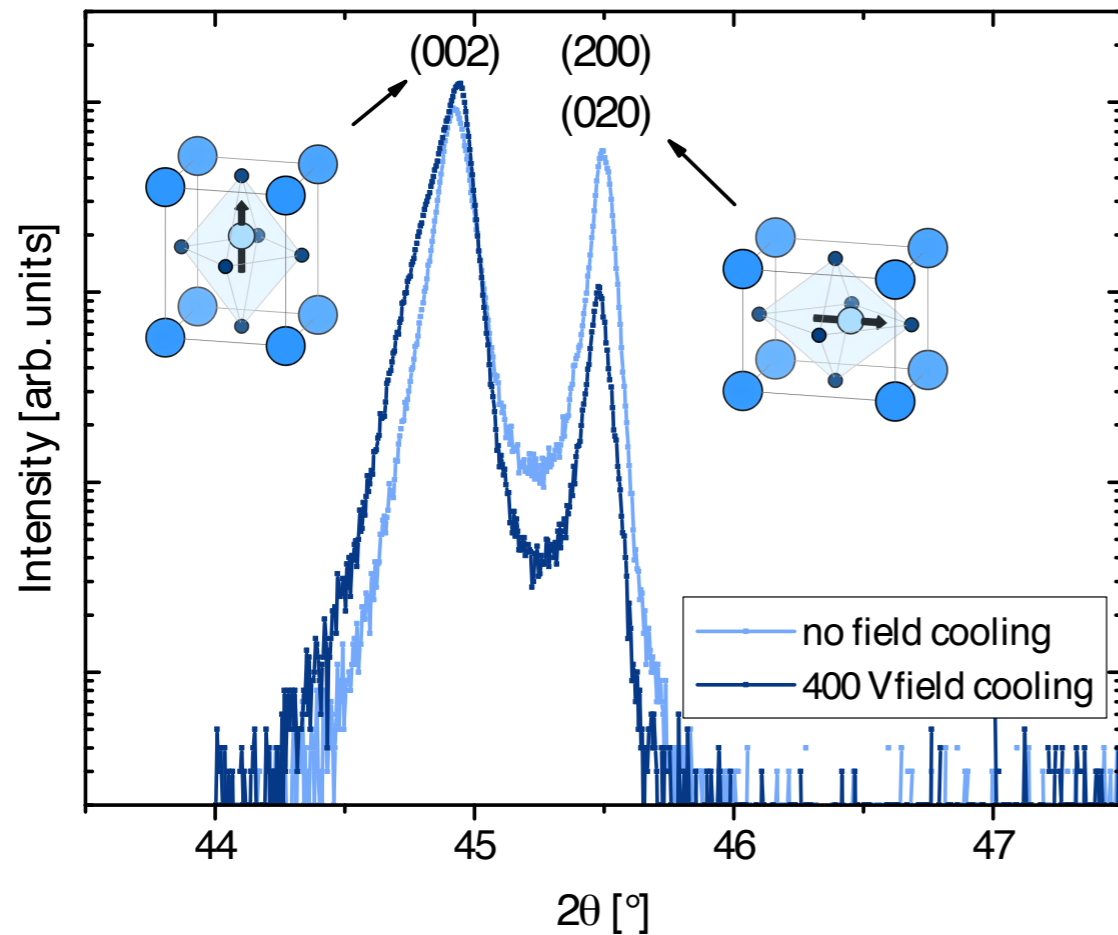


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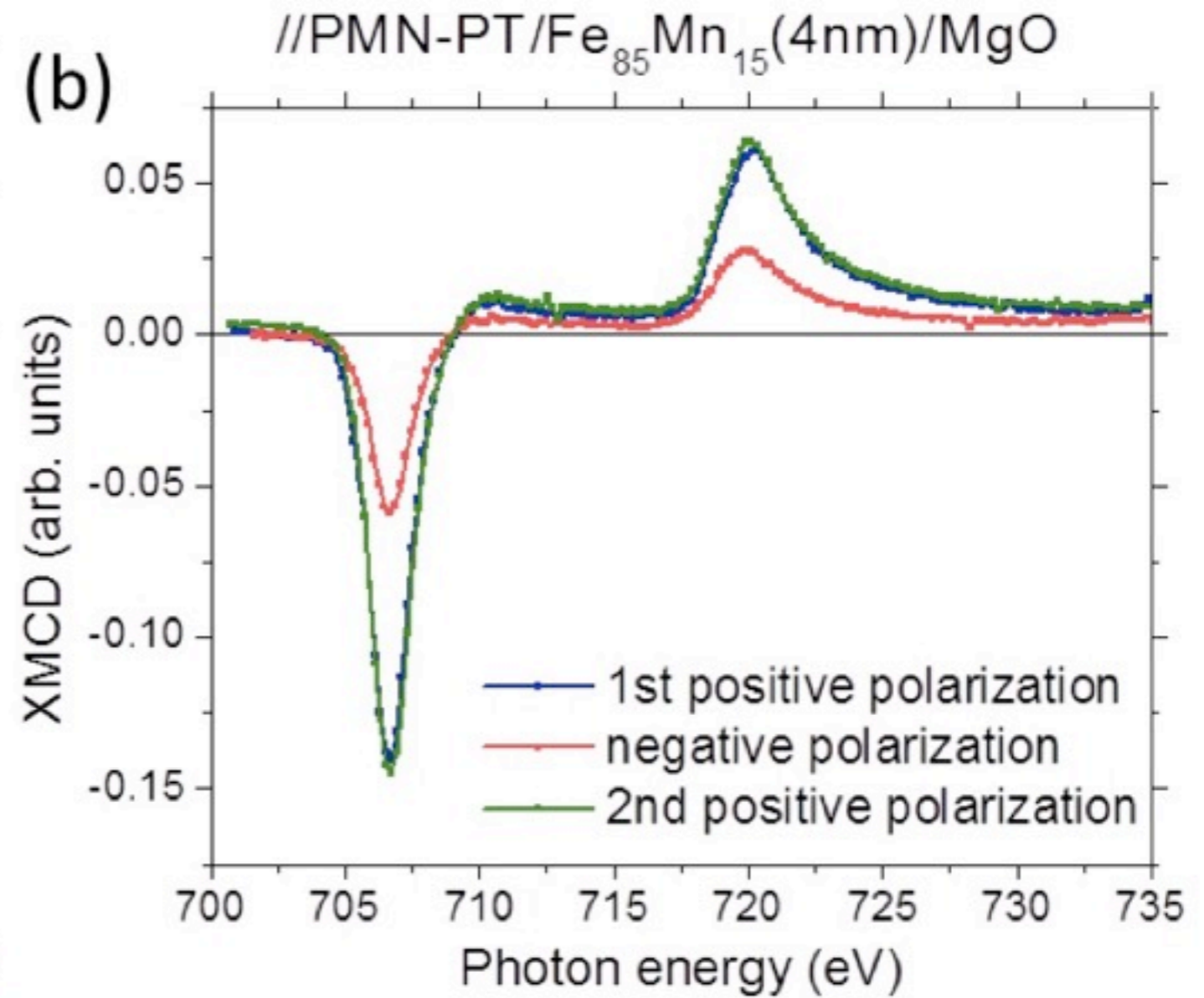
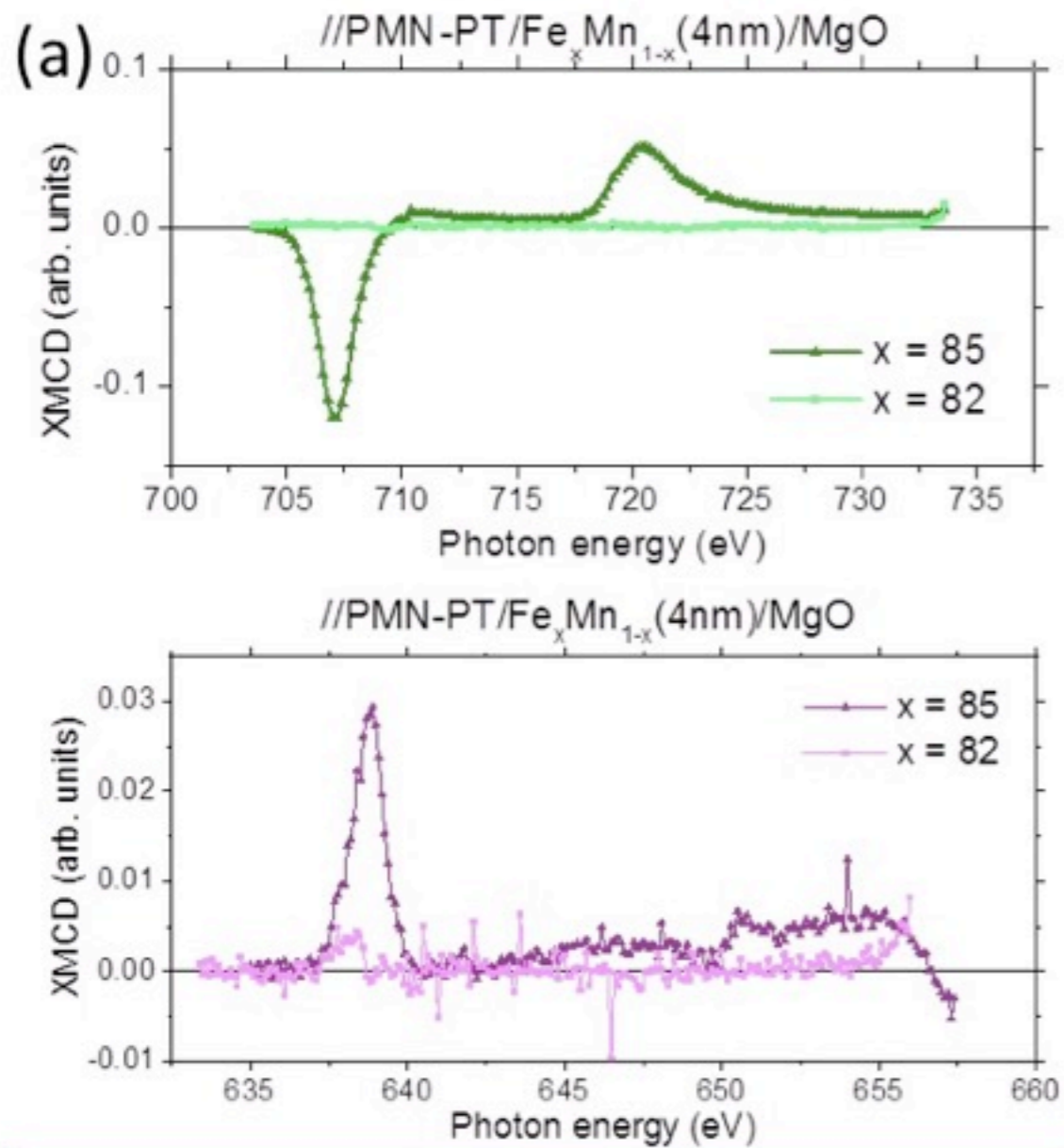
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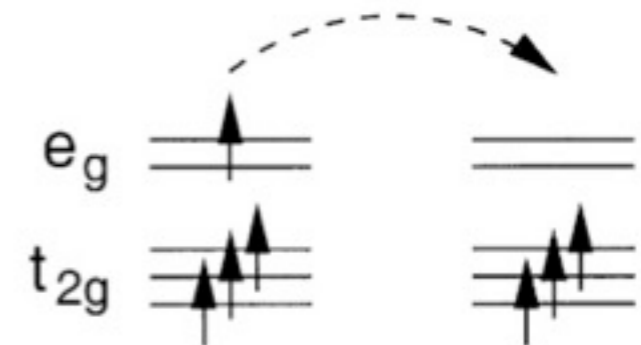
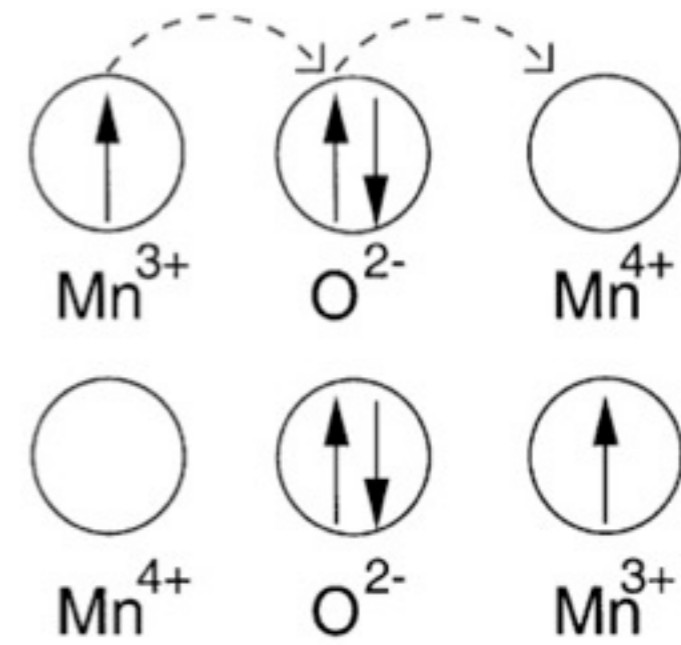
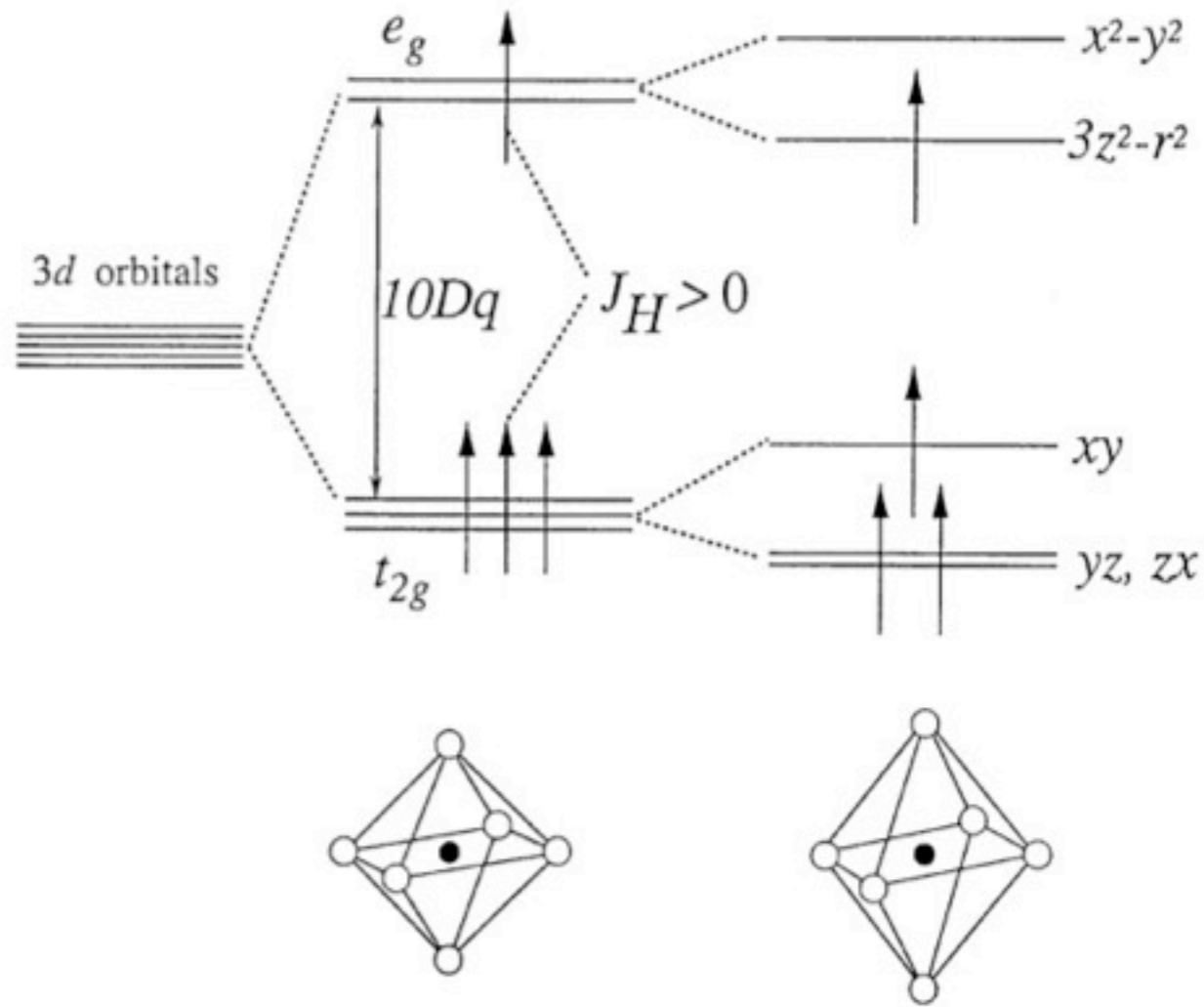


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# “Double-exchange” in manganites

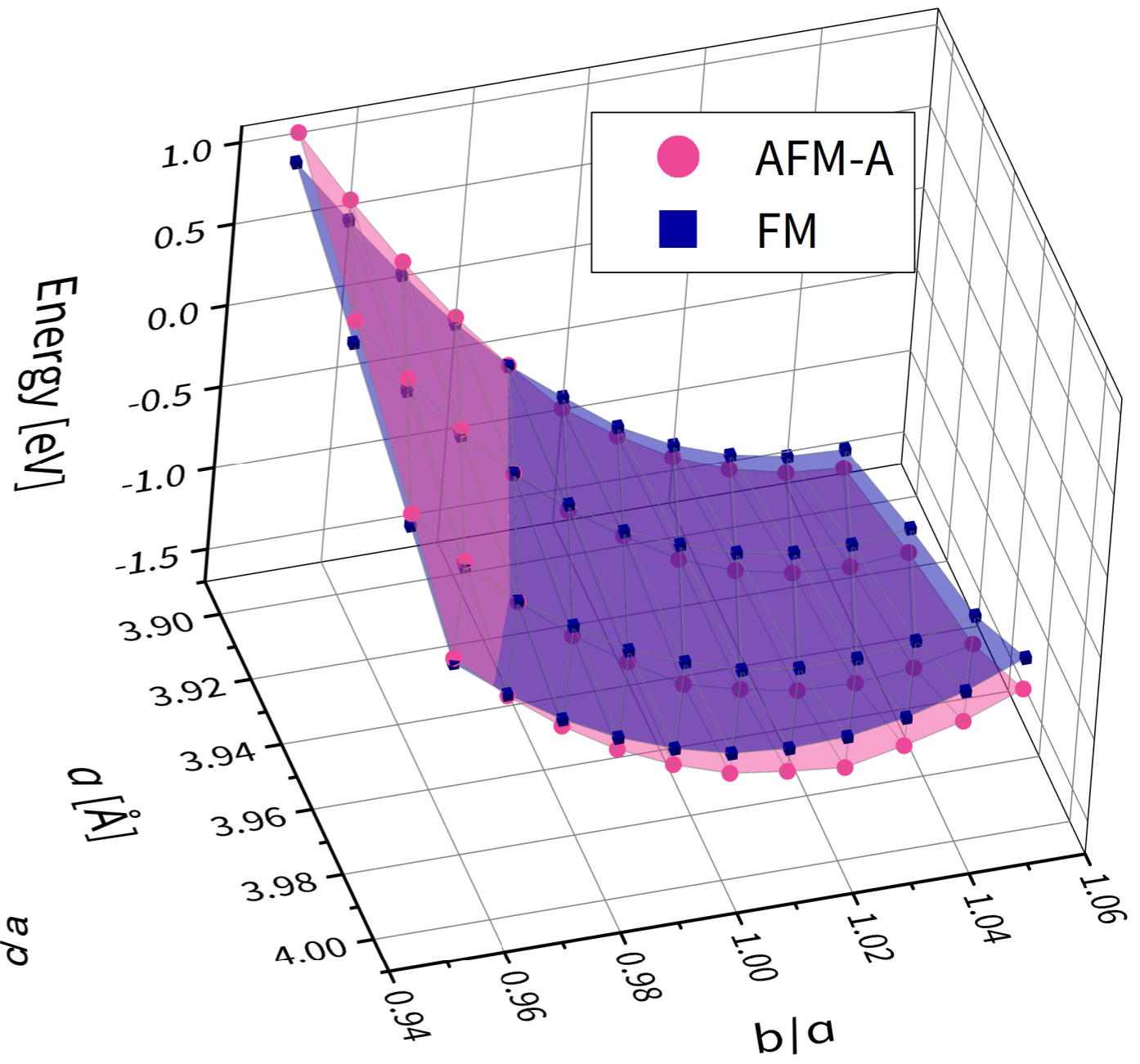
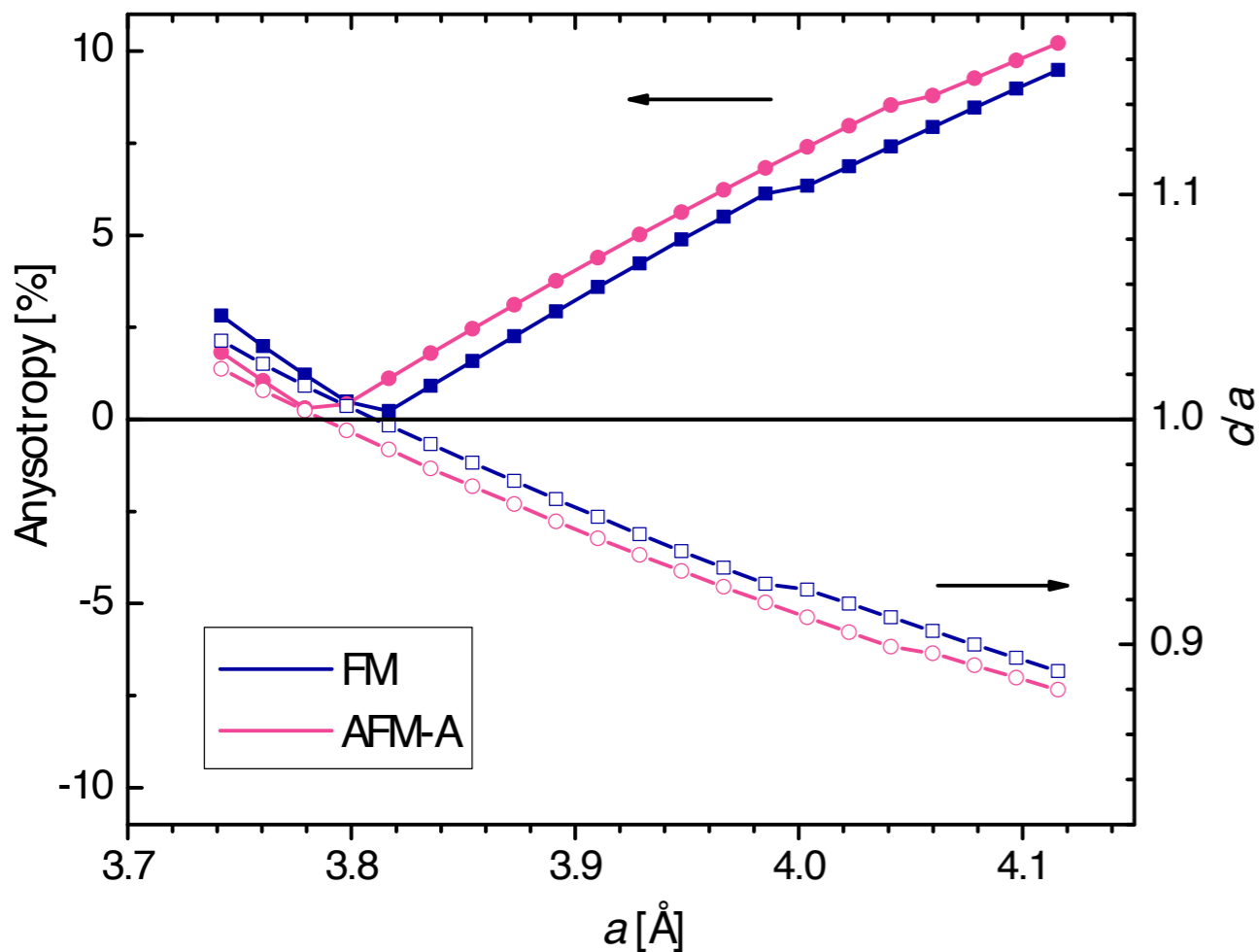


*E. Dagotto et al. / Physics Reports 344 (2001) 1–153*



# Simulations

Tight competition between strain along the three axis



FM prefers lower strain and isotropic unit cell