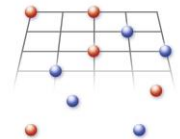
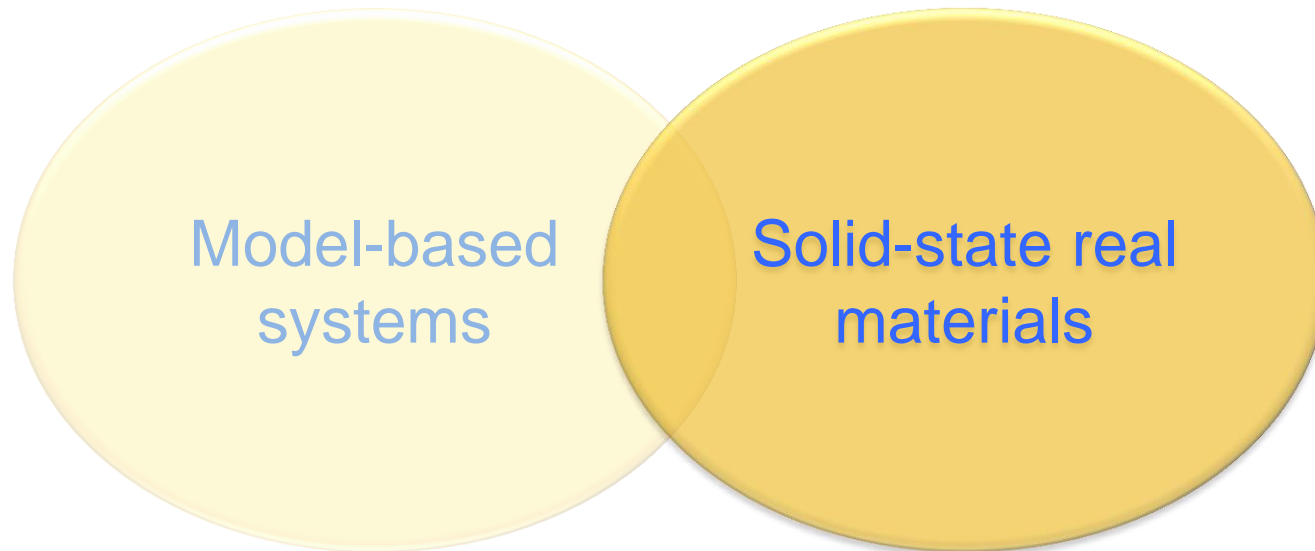
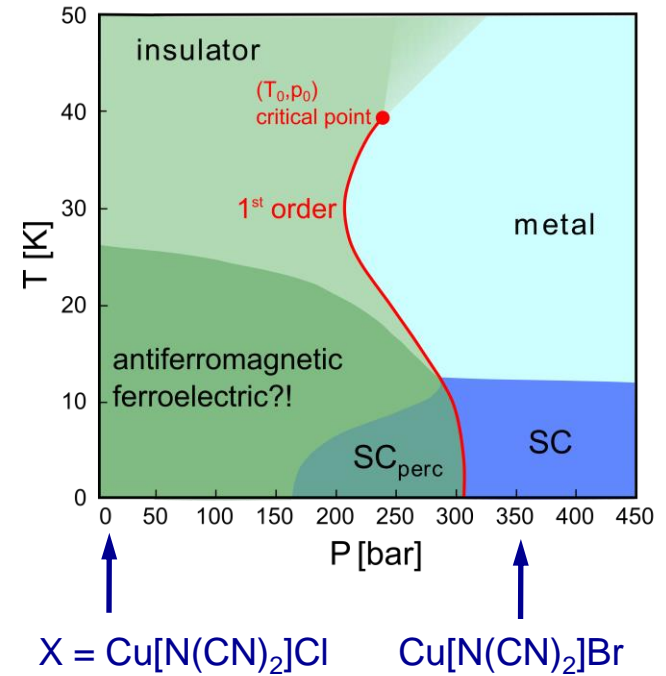
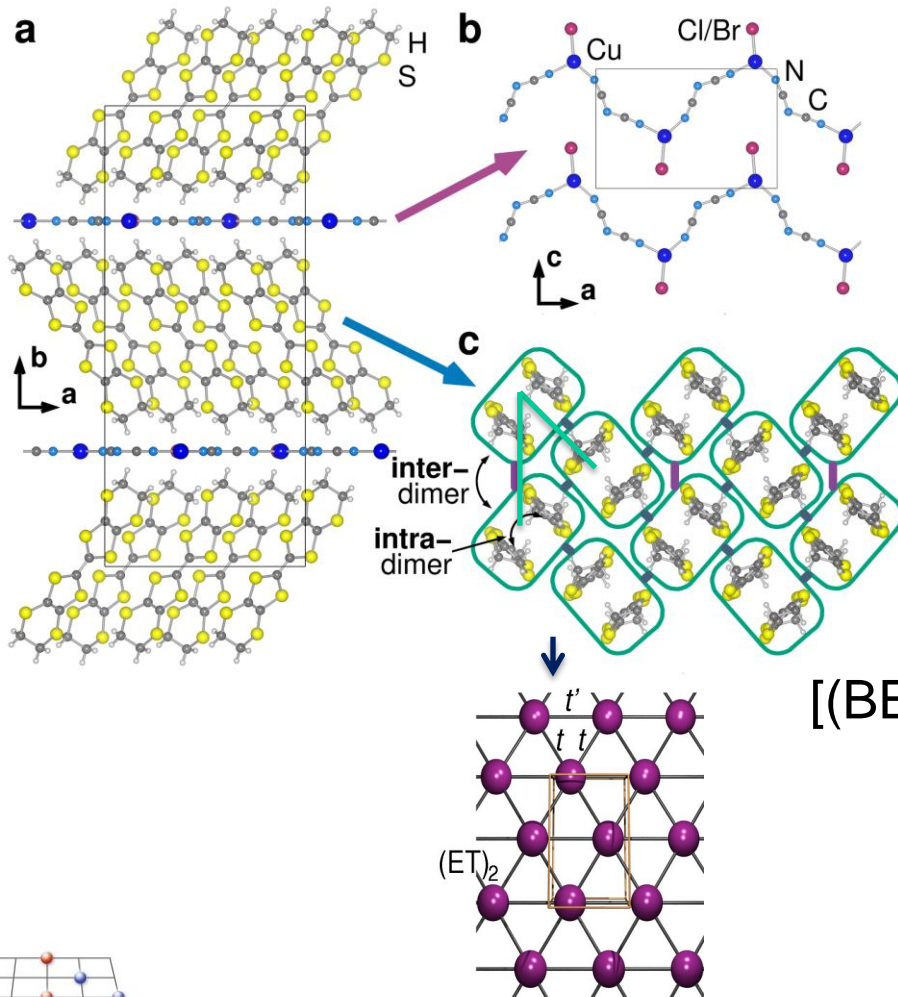


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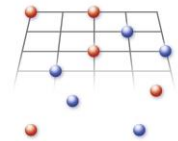


Mott transition



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- Mott transition :
metal - insulator



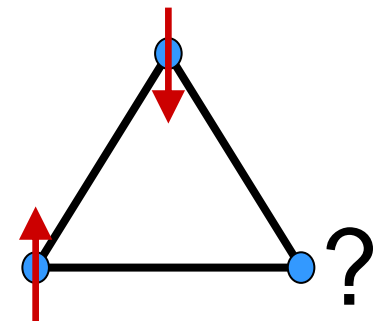
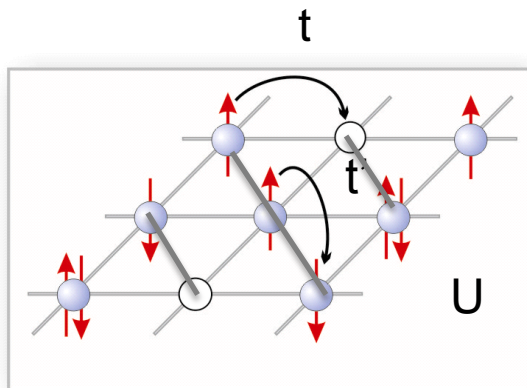
Mott transition: correlated phases

correlated phases:

- Mott insulator & criticality at T_0
- spin liquid / anomalous magnetic states
- multiferroics
- superconductivity
- novel phases

effects of:

- pressure t/U
(control)
- temperature
(control)
- interaction with lattice
(electron-phonon)
- frustration
- disorder



Mott transition and anomalous states nearby

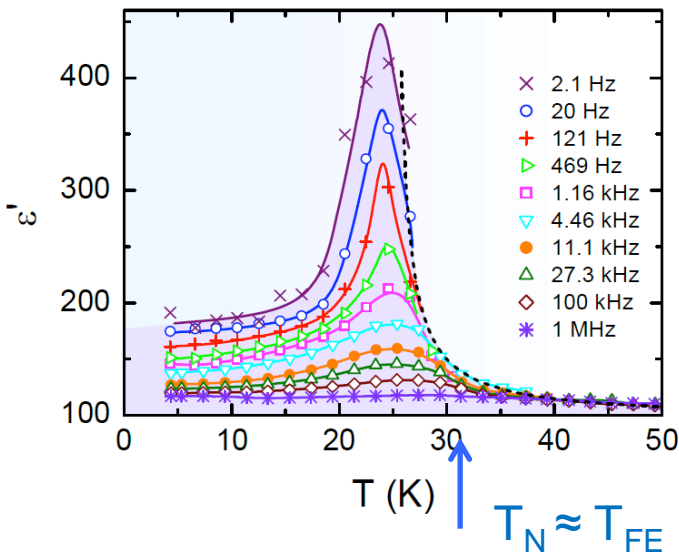
Multiferroicity – electric-dipole-driven magnetism

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P. Lunkenheimer,
U Augsburg

κ -(ET)₂Cu[N(CN)₂]Cl – first multiferroic charge-transfer salt !

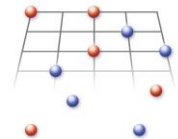
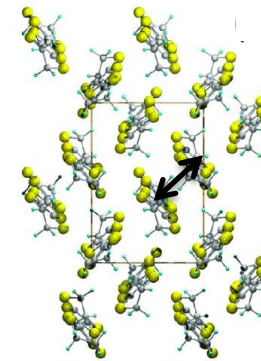


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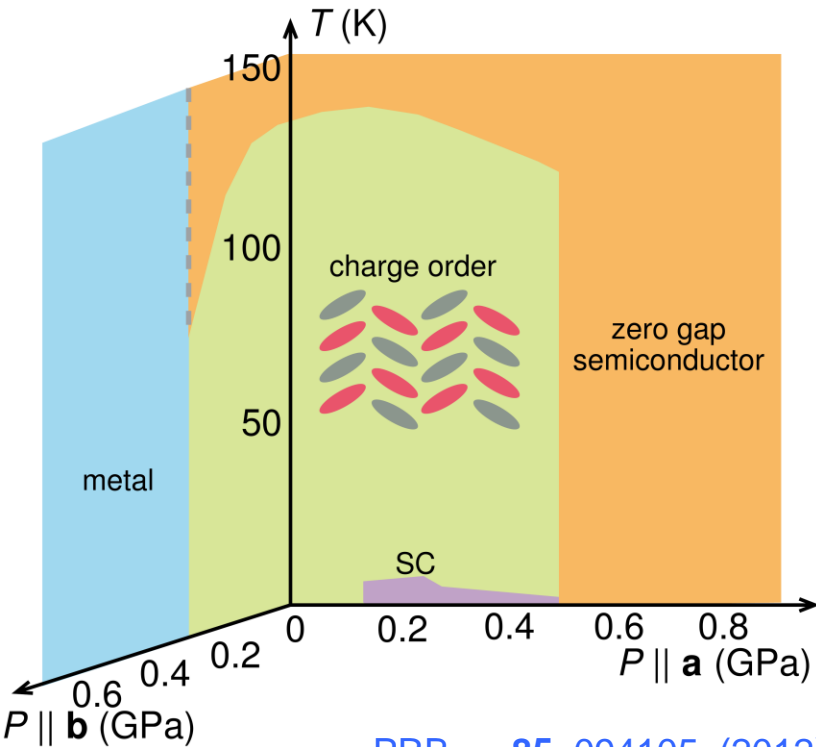
Next:

- investigate order-parameter coupling
- dielectrics under pressure, fluctuation spectroscopy
- ab initio density functional theory simulations. Dielectric response
- spin-charge-lattice coupling → phonon anomalies ?



Mott transition and anomalous states nearby

α - (ET)₂I₃ under strain: From charge-ordered insulator to correlated Dirac metal



PRB **85**, 094105 (2012)

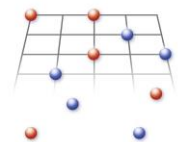
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signatures of ferroelectric order

arXiv:1407.0339

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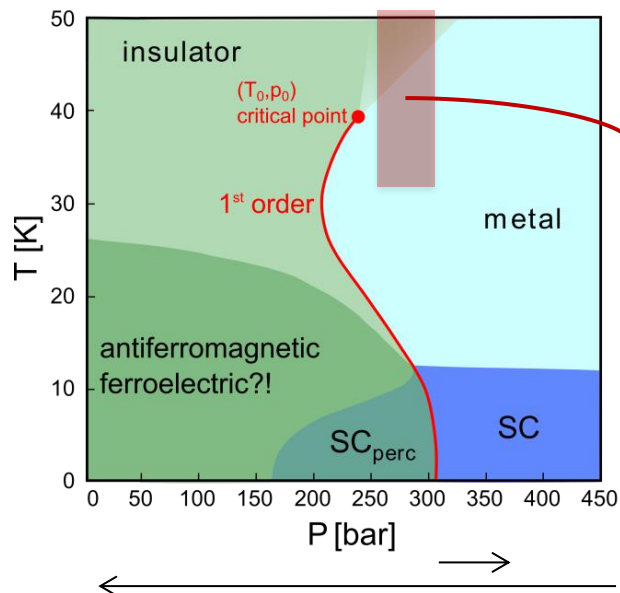
- monitor the phase transitions under pressure/strain
- dielectrics under pressure, fluctuation spectroscopy
- ab initio DFT calculations at finite pressure/
van der Waals corrections / dielectric function
- extended Hubbard model (correlations)



Mott transition & criticality

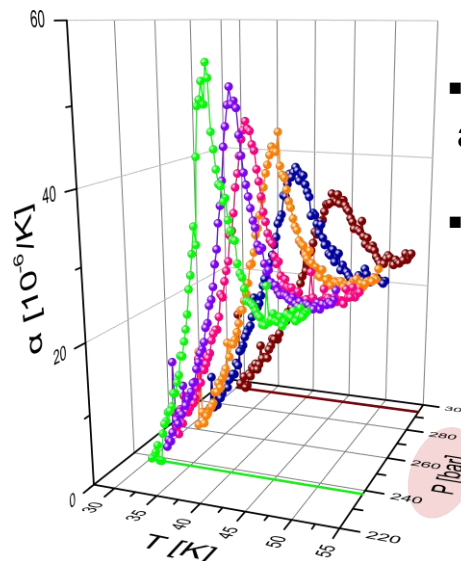
First thermodynamic measurement on Mott criticality using a novel technique: Thermal expansion under gas pressure

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$$\alpha = \frac{1}{l} \frac{\partial l}{\partial T}$$

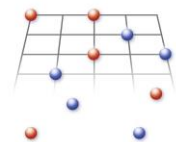
Rev. Sci. Instrum. **83**, 085111 (2012)



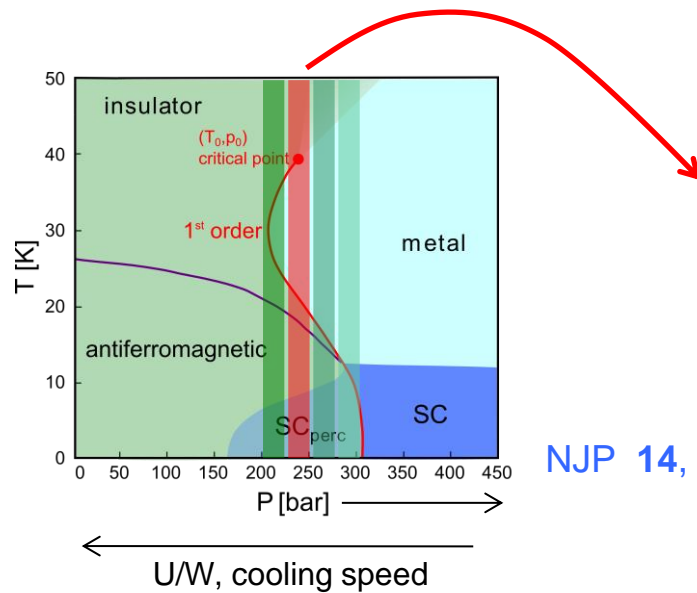
- large lattice effects around the Mott transition
- highly pressure sensitive!

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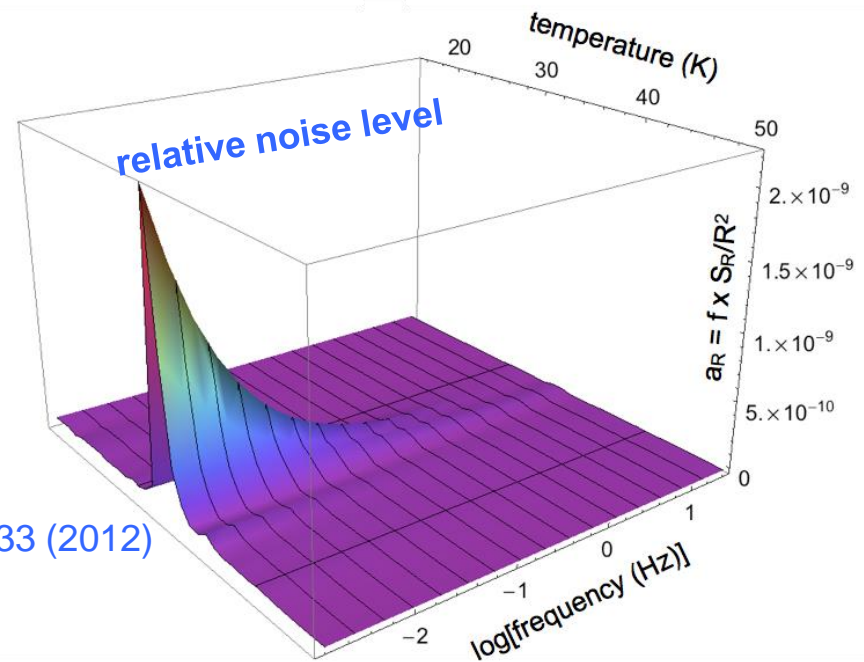
- solve controversy on universality class
2D Ising \leftrightarrow unconventional Mott criticality
- investigate electron-phonon effects



Mott transition & criticality



NJP 14, 023033 (2012)



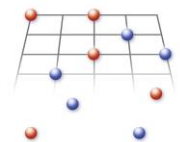
- critical slowing down of the order parameter (i.e. doublon density) fluctuations
- onset of non-Gaussian noise at the critical point

Next:

- investigate possible correlated fluctuations
- criticality as a function of magnetic field
- influence of disorder
- coupling to lattice

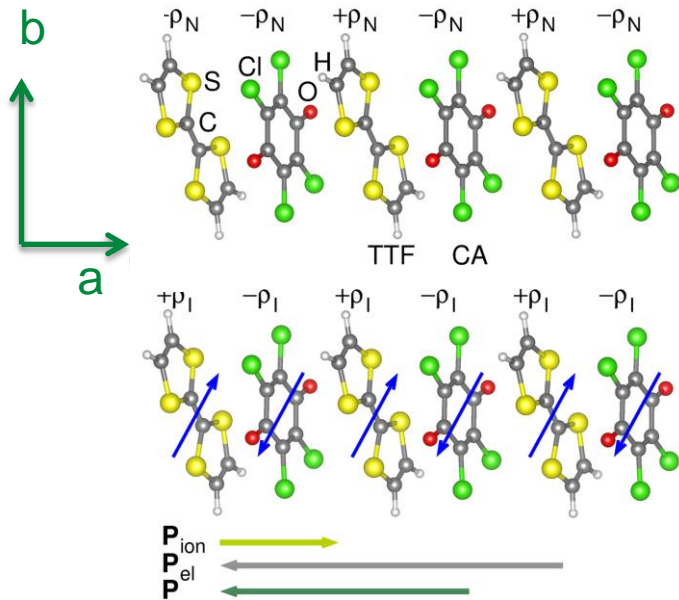
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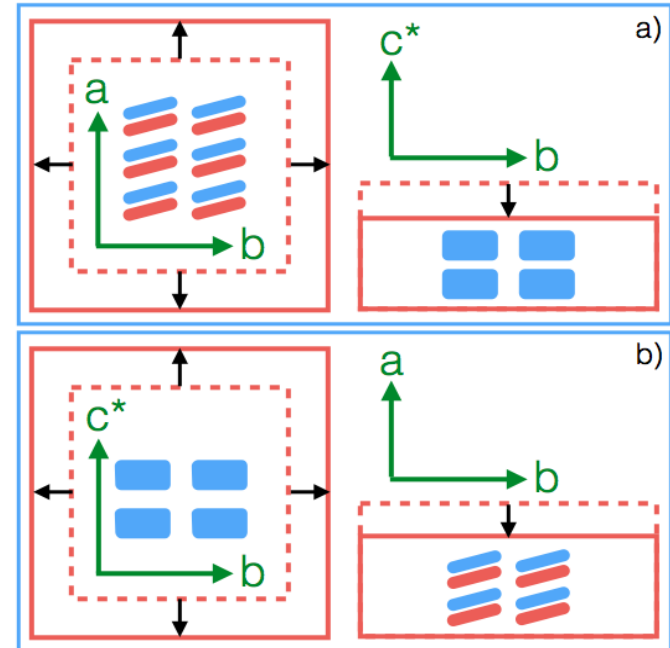


Neutral-ionic transition

Electronically induced ferroelectricity in TTF-CA (tetrathiafulvalene-p-chloranil)



strain effects
on neutral-ionic
transition
and ferroelectricity



candidate for controlling polarization in the picosecond domain

Preliminary work on new CT

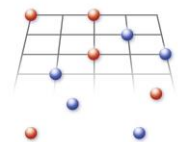
JACS **134**, 4694 (2012)

Mater. Res. Expr. **1**, 046303 (2014)

Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. **17**, 4118 (2015)

Next:

- simulation uniaxial and biaxial strain effects by *ab initio* DFT
- calculation of spontaneous polarization: $P^{ion} + P^{el}$ (Berry phase approach)
- dielectric state of thin layers



Quantum magnetism

Spin-phonon interaction and quantum criticality

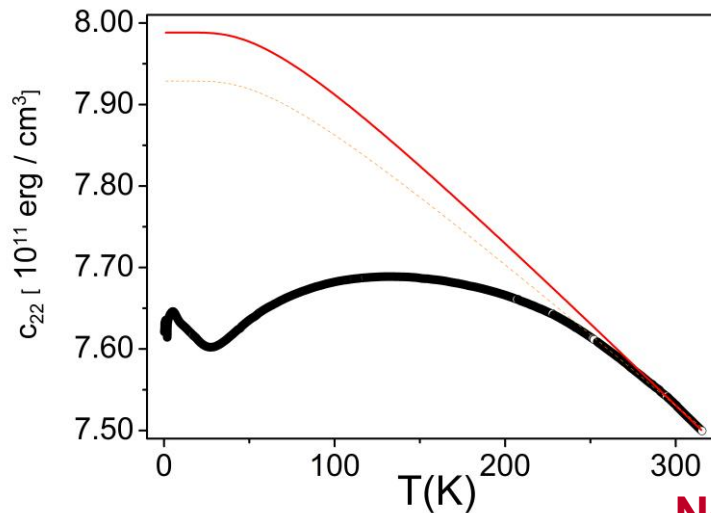
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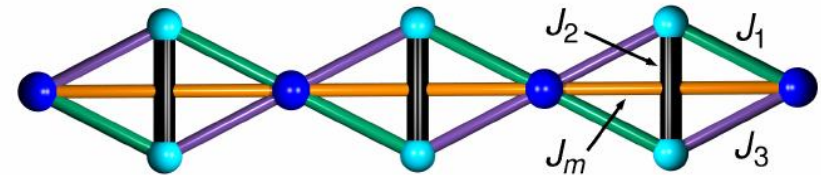
1D system

azurite: distorted diamond chain;

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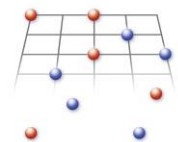


- exceptionally large magnetoelastic coupling constant: large $\partial J_2 / \partial \epsilon_b$

- perturbation theory-based calculations

⇒ origin of the huge magneto-elastic coupling

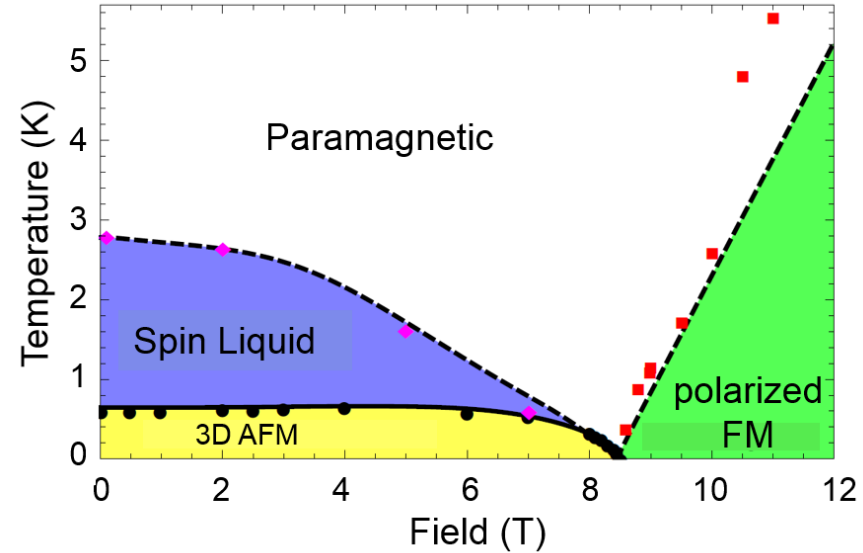
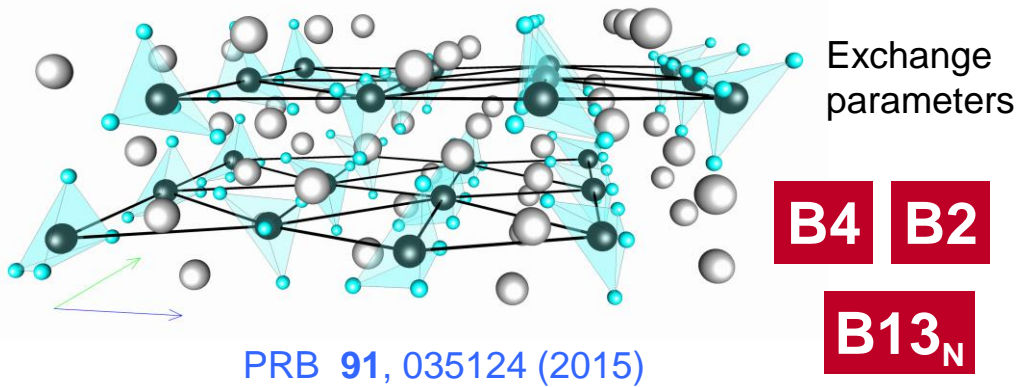
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Quantum magnetism/ spin liquid phases

2D systems

Cs_2CuCl_4 : triangular antiferromagnet



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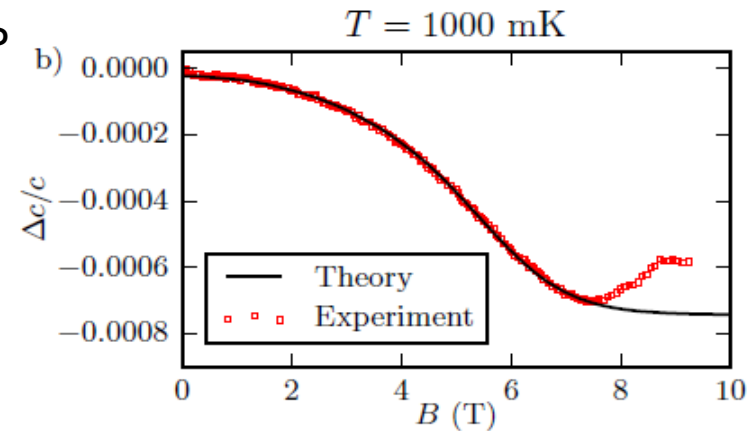
Next:

- correlation functions for dilute Bose gas near QCP hard-core boson + fRG
- coupling hard core bosons \leftrightarrow lattice
- ultrasound near QCP

- non equilibrium

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Quantum magnetism/ Kagome

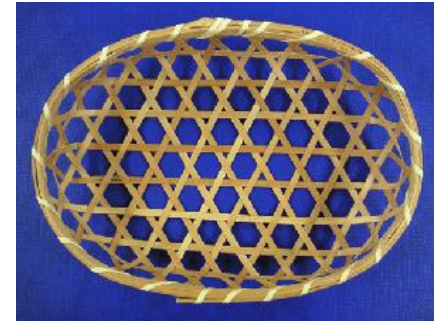
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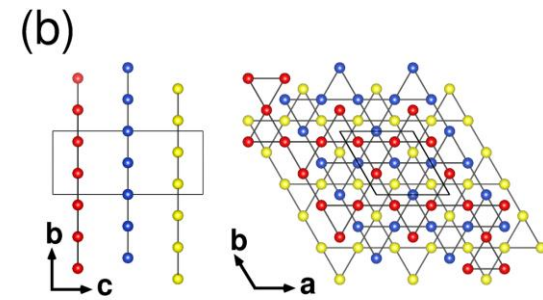
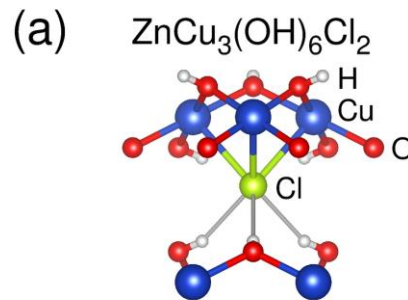
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Exotic phases in frustrated Kagome systems:

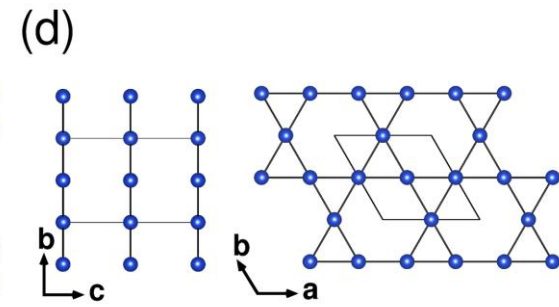
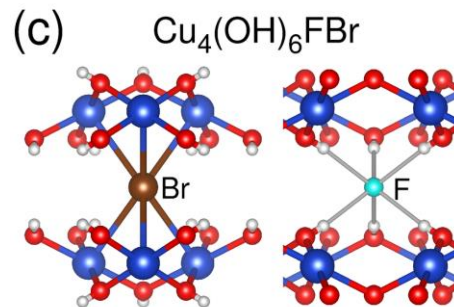
Kagome lattices of spin $\frac{1}{2}$ Cu



Herbertsmithite



Barlowite



- filling effects ?
- Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interaction?
- correlation effects?
- lattice effects?

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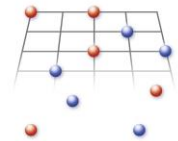
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Theoretical Modelling

State-of-art and further development:

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Ab initio density functional theory, projective Wannier functions, finite pressure structure prediction, genetic algorithm, molecular dynamics
Many-body methods: DMFT, VMC, exact diagonalization

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Quantum Monte Carlo simulations, coupled spin cluster approach, investigation of tunable frustrated systems, cross-dimensional transitions

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Dynamical mean field theory for inhomogeneous systems, projection operator approach

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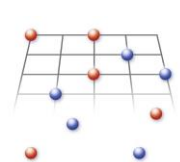
Further extend of **DMRG** to 2D systems

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Functional **RG** method

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Ab initio Quantum Monte Carlo, perturbation theory for spin systems



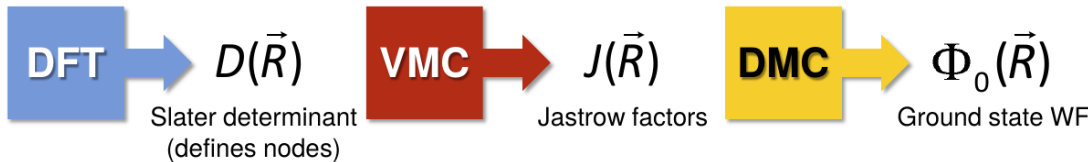
K. Foyevtsova / R. Valenti, Uni Frankfurt

**ab initio approach
alternative to DFT**

PRX 4, 031003 (2014)

collaboration with
F. Reboredo, E. Dagotto

Example: Ca₂CuO₃

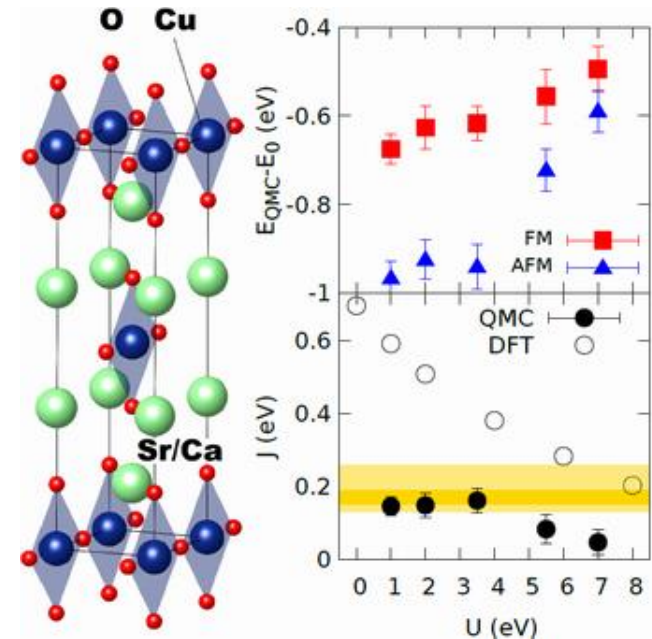


Ceperley, Alder PRL **45**, 566 (1980)

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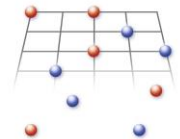
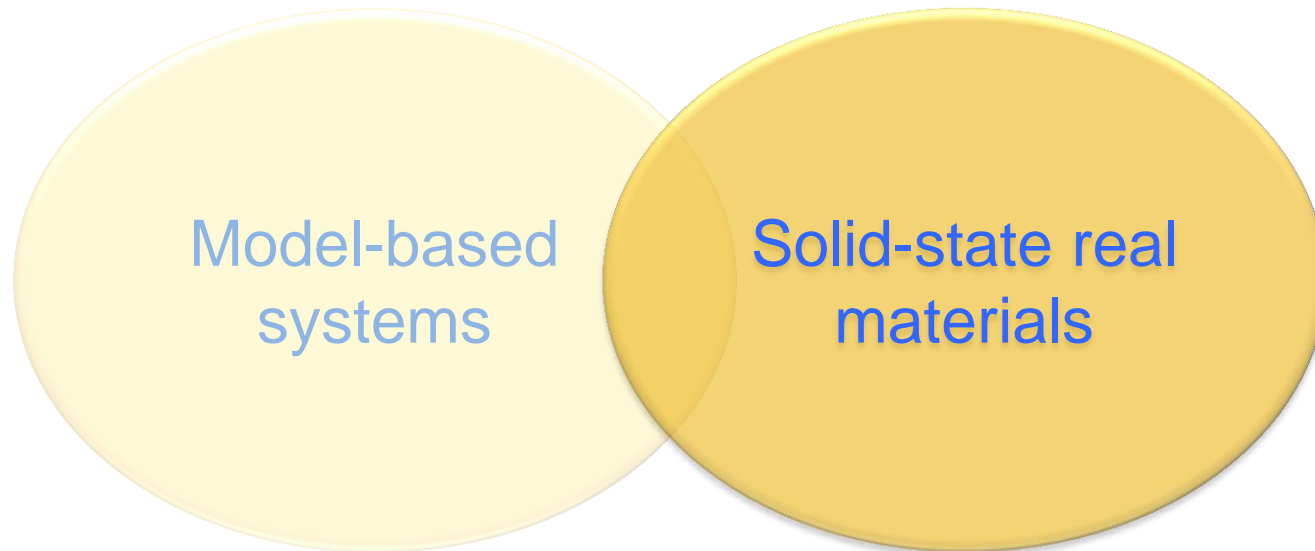
Next:

- benchmark the method
- spin superexchange couplings
- Cs₂CuCl_{4-x}Br_x, azurite,
- organic molecules



- Accurate *ab initio* treatment of many-body interactions
- High fidelity
- **Free from adjustable parameters**

Cooperative Phenomena



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A7, A9, A12

A10, B5, B8, B13_N

Materials Design - Synthesis & Modelling

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Excitations & Interactions

