

# Search for conducting stripes in lightly hole doped YBCO

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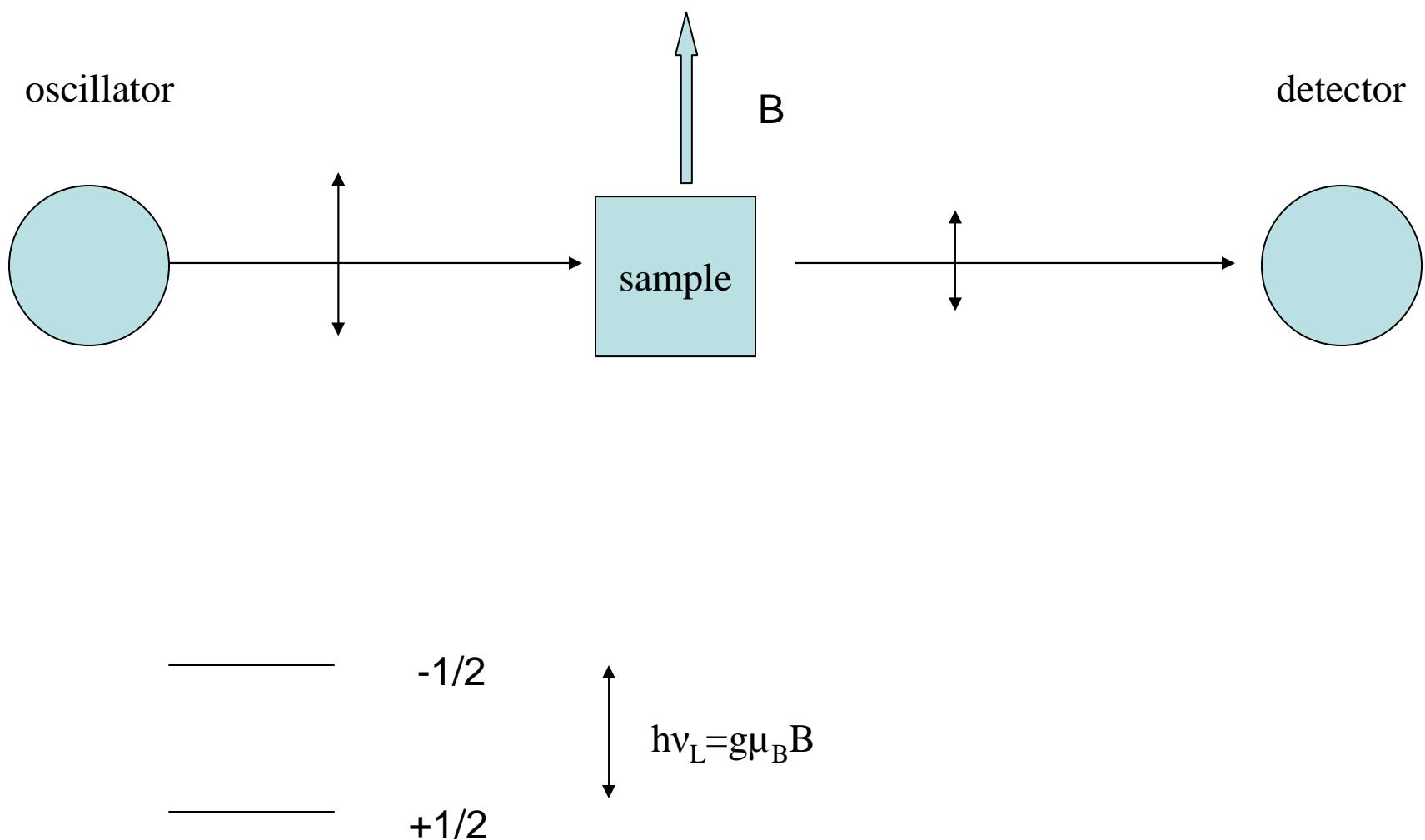
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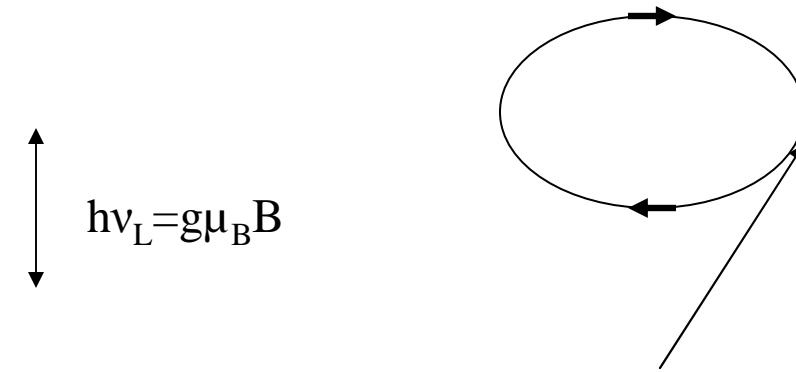
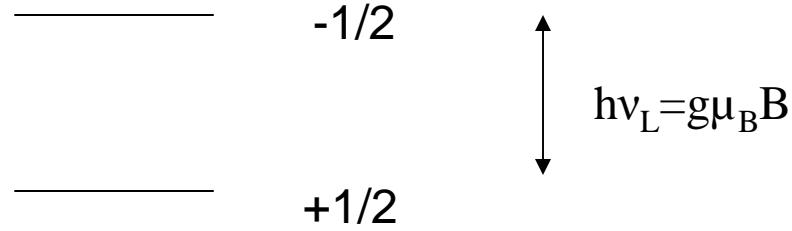
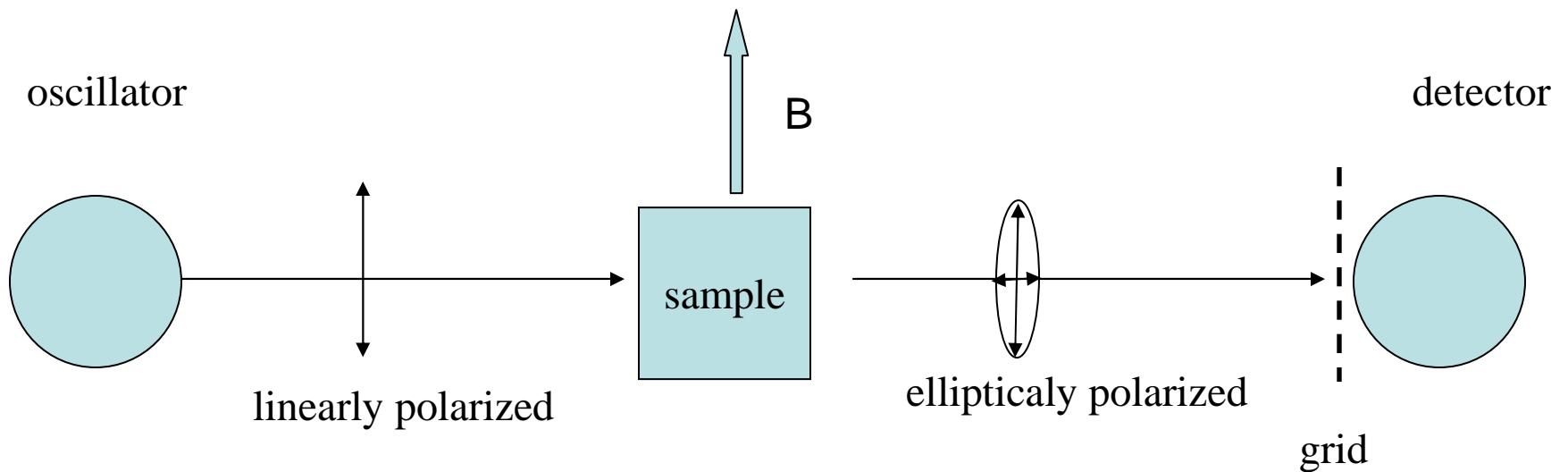
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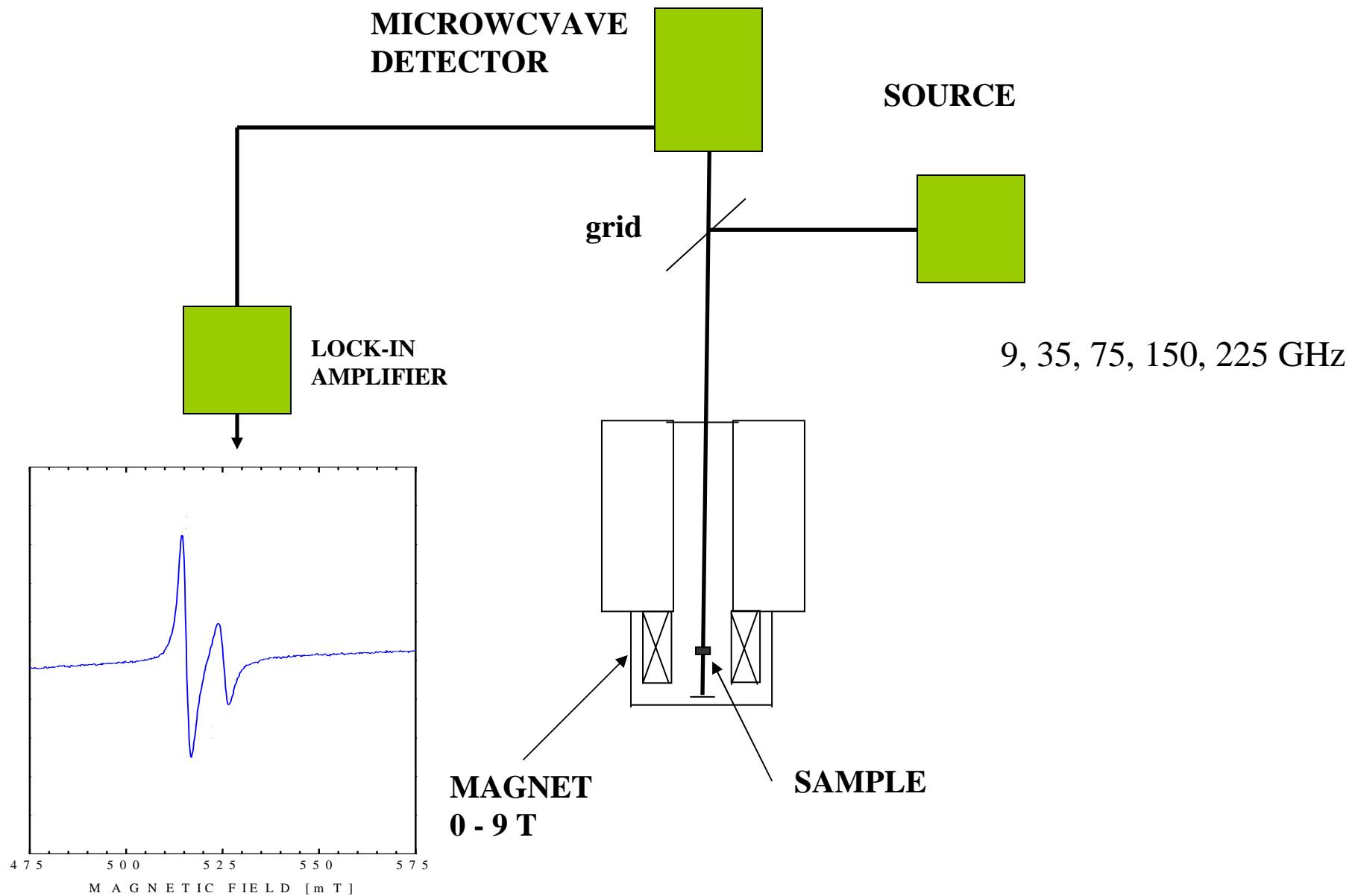
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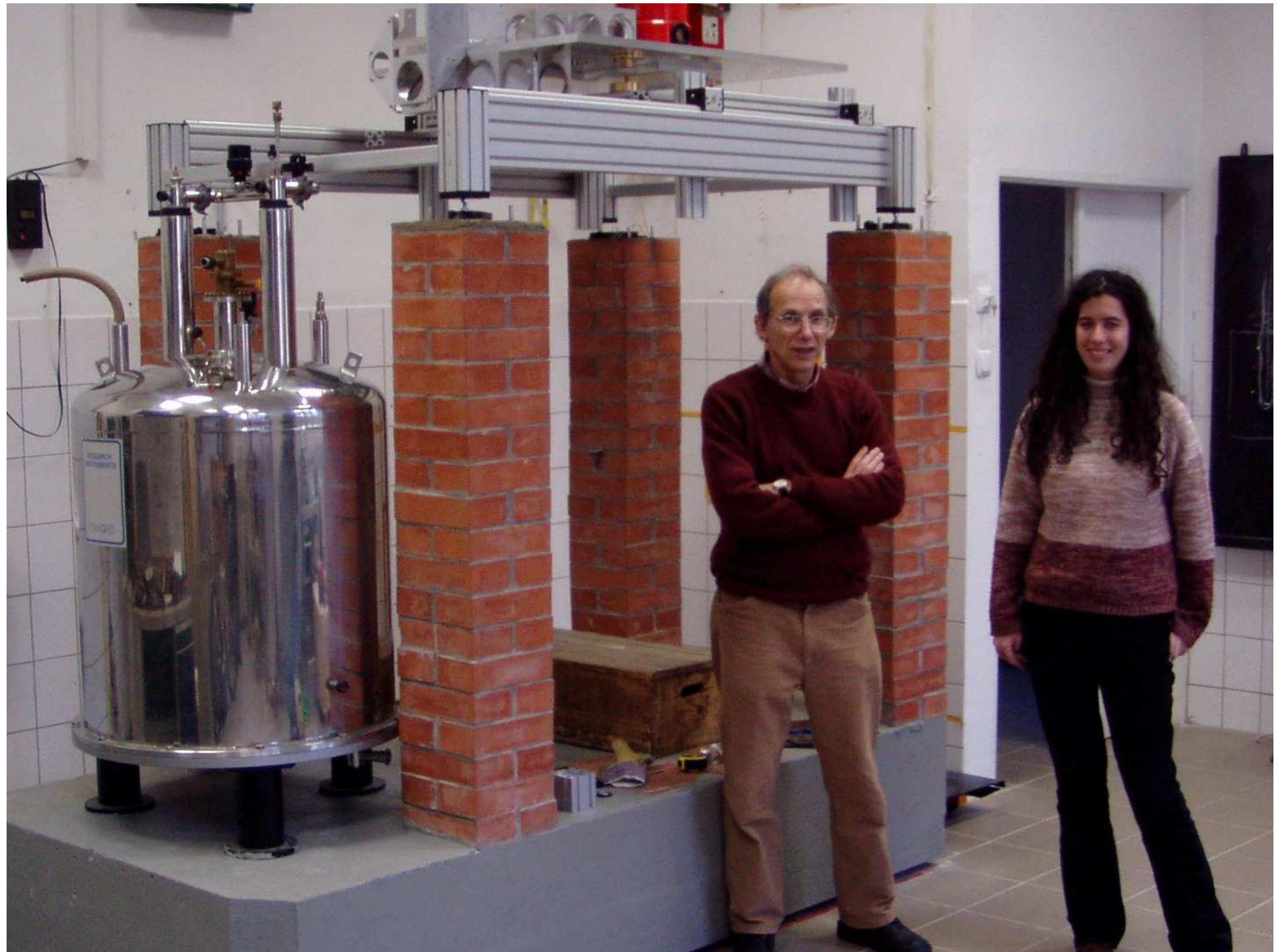


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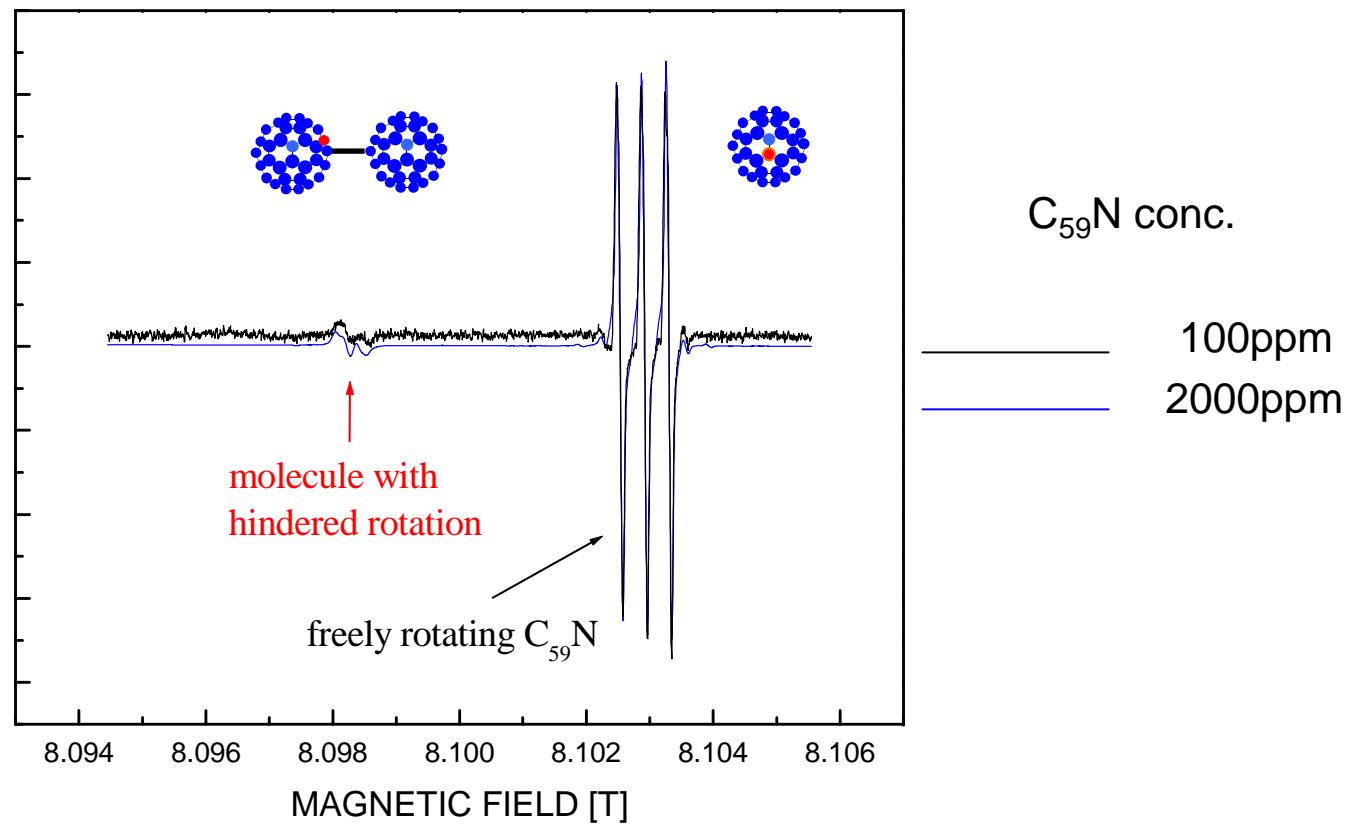
High frequency ESR:

- high resolution
- magnetic field dependence

- high resolution

ESR in  
 $C_{59}N$  doped solid  $C_{60}$

$C_{59}N:C_{60}$  ESR 225 GHz, 276 K f13s (blue) and f17s(black)



# Outline

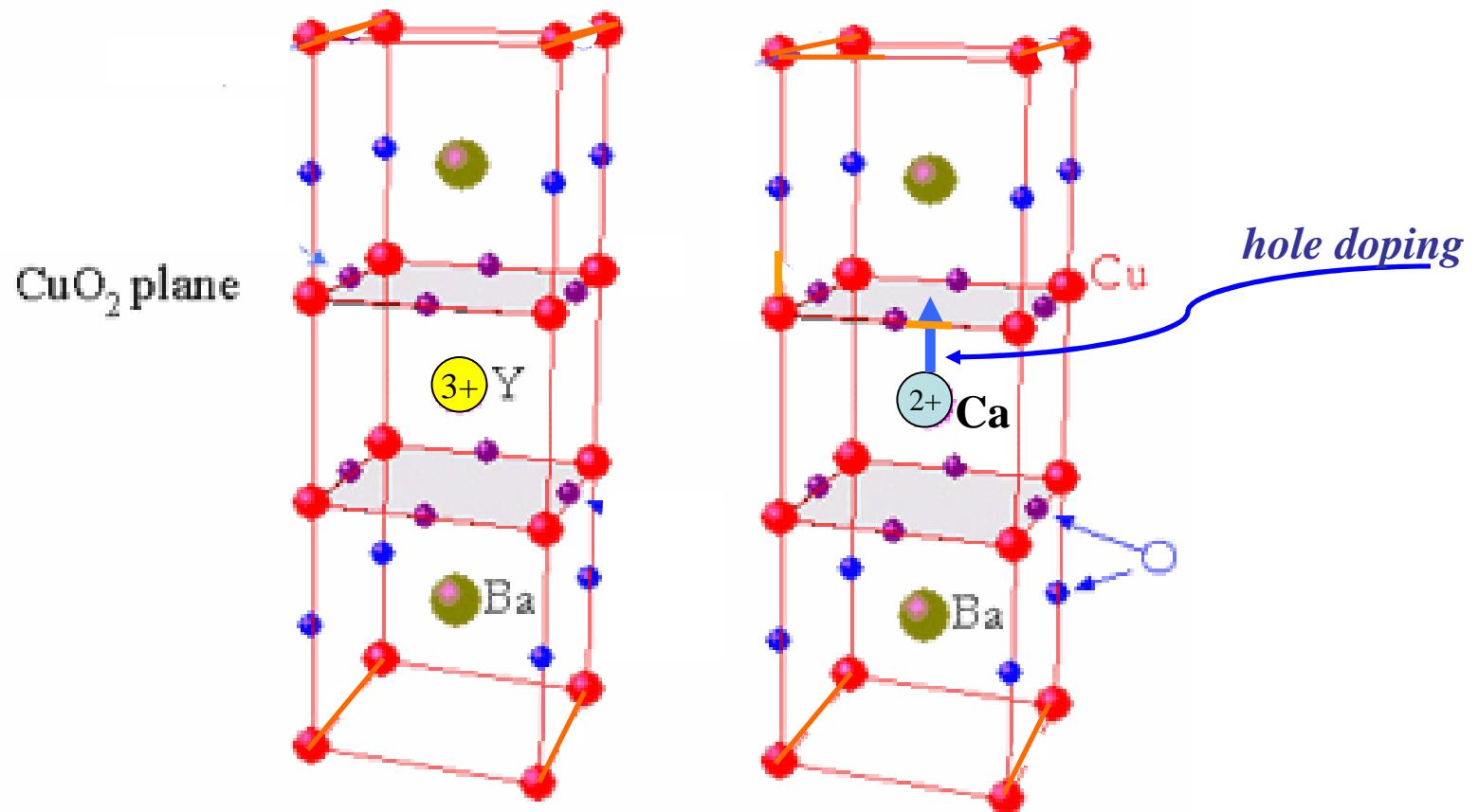
cuprate phase diagram

Gd<sup>3+</sup> ESR probe

antiferromagnetic domains

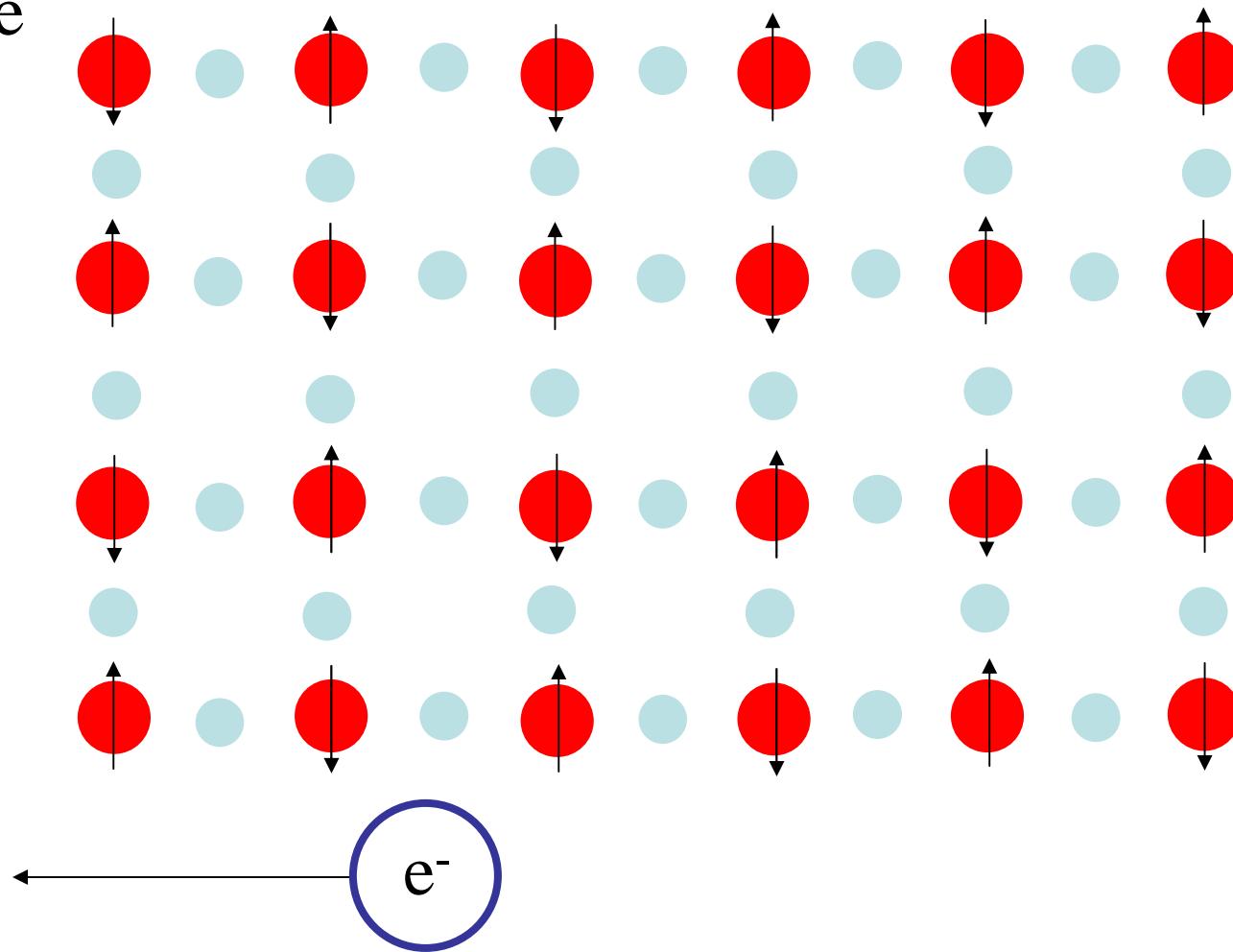
search for conducting stripes

## Structure of $\text{Ca}_x\text{Y}_{1-x}\text{Ba}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_6$

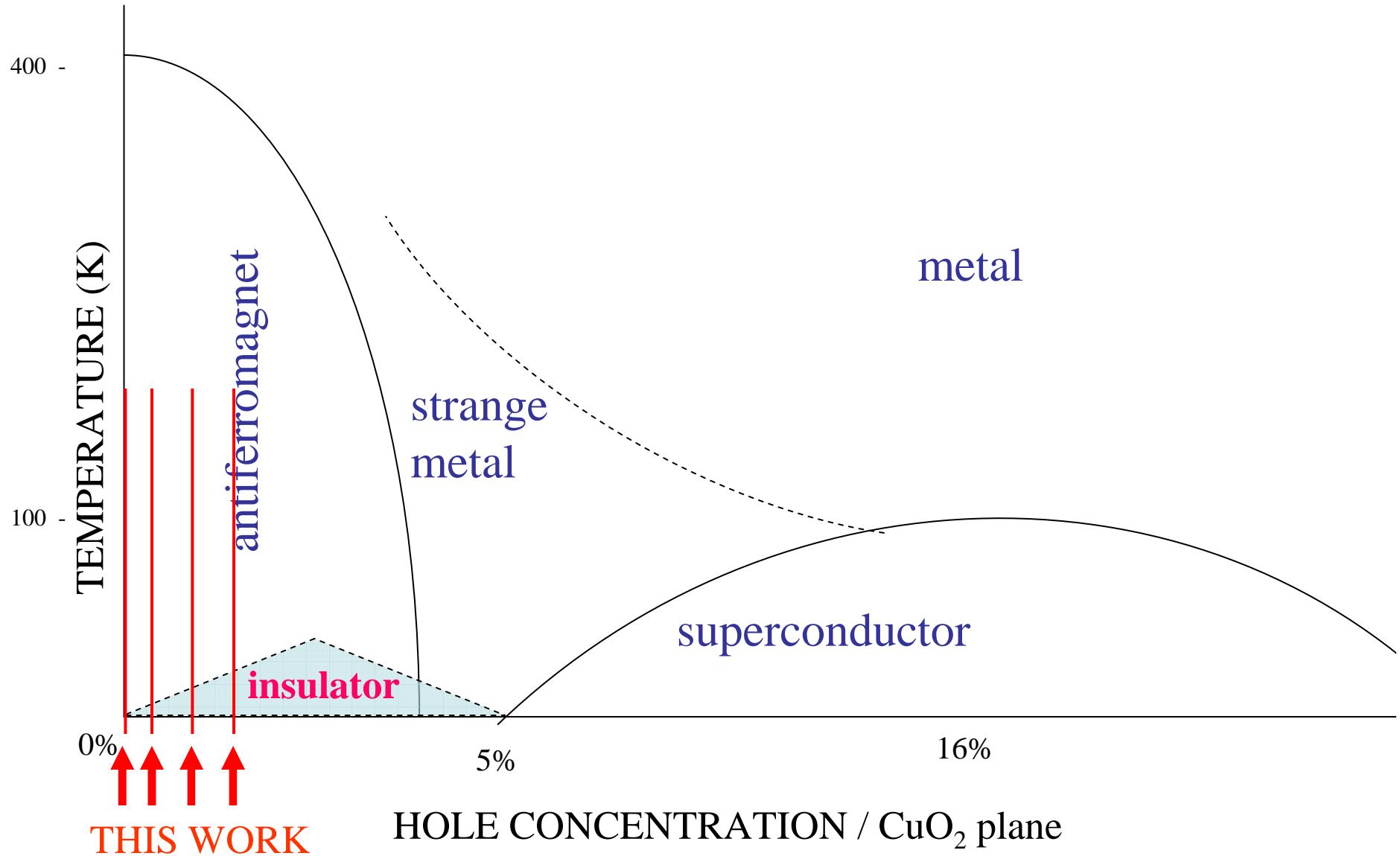


# YBCO undoped

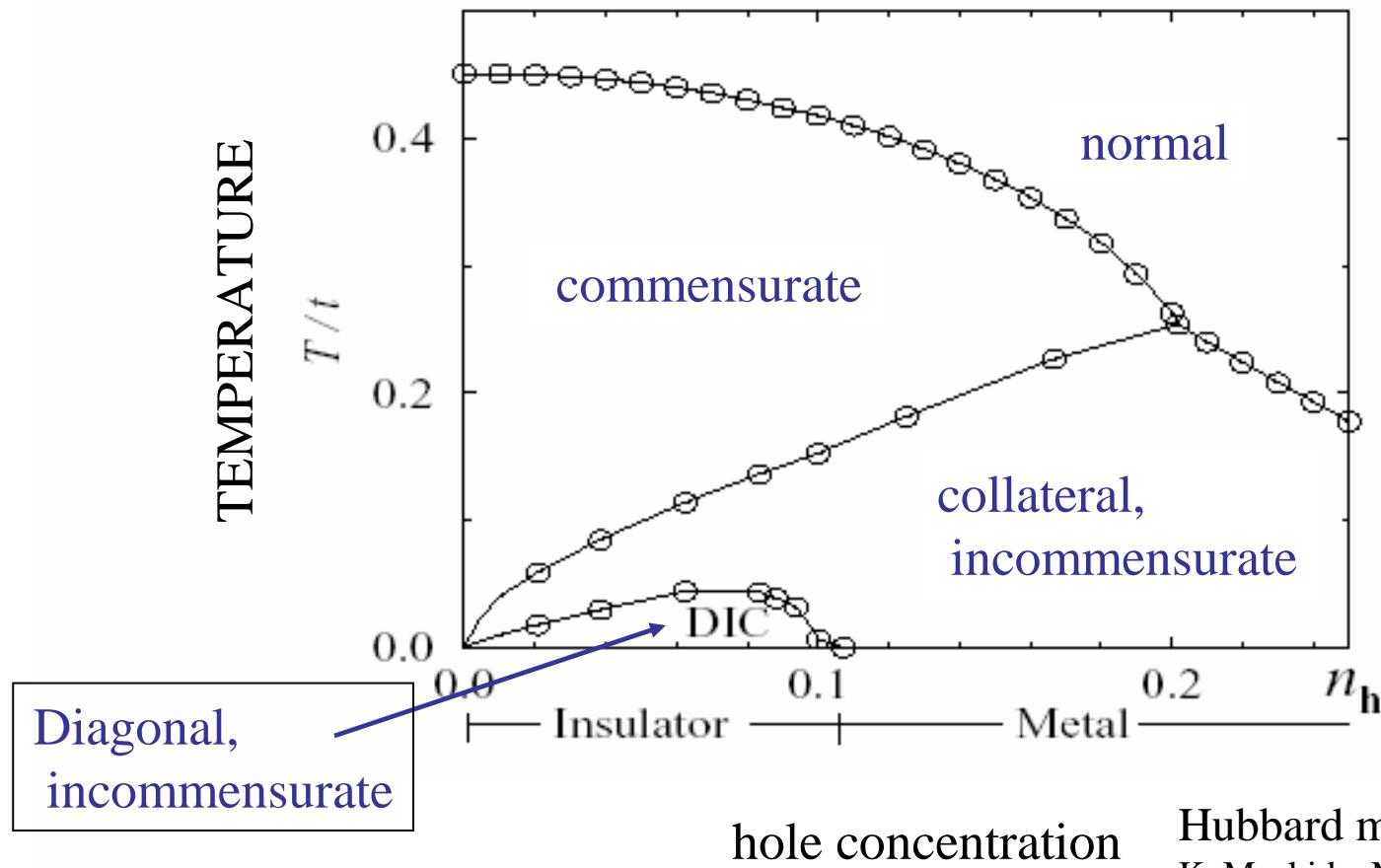
CuO<sub>2</sub> plane



# Phase diagram of cuprates



# Charge- spin phase separation



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## STRIPES

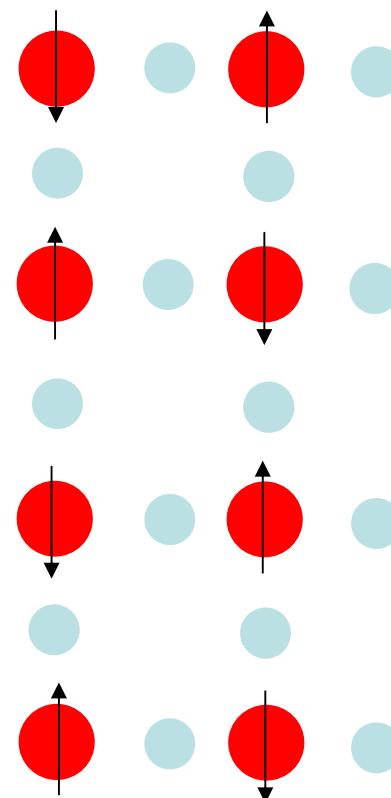
Predictions: J. Zaanen, O. Gunnarsson, 1989

H.J. Schultz 1990

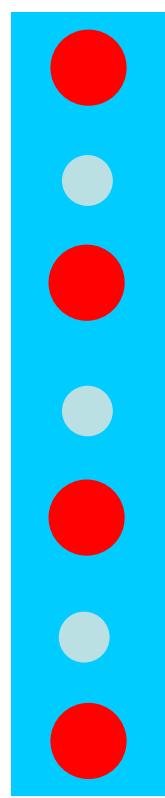
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First experiment: J. Tranquada, 1995

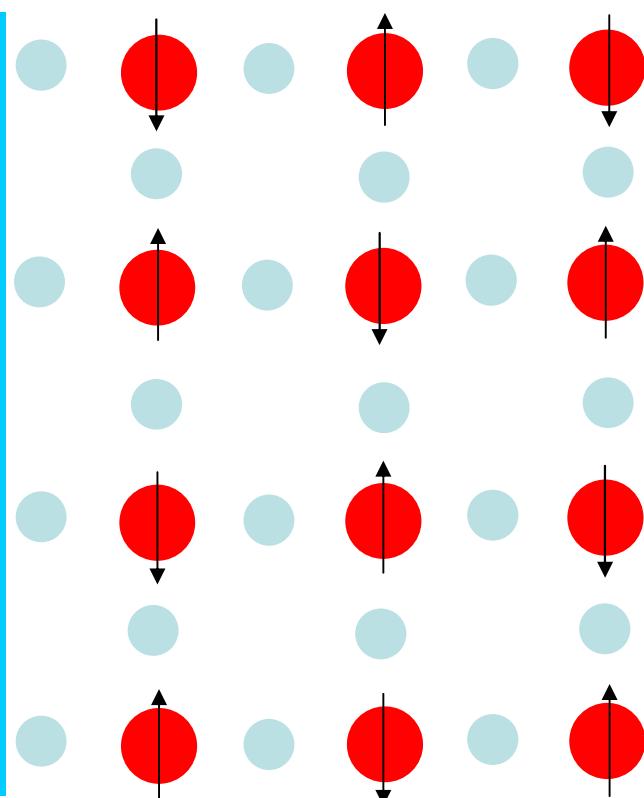
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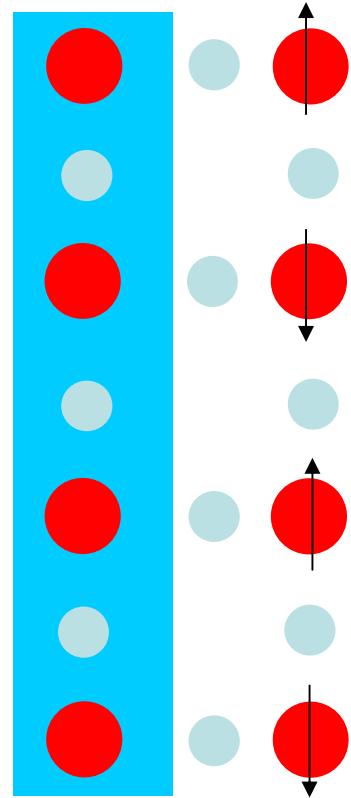
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rich



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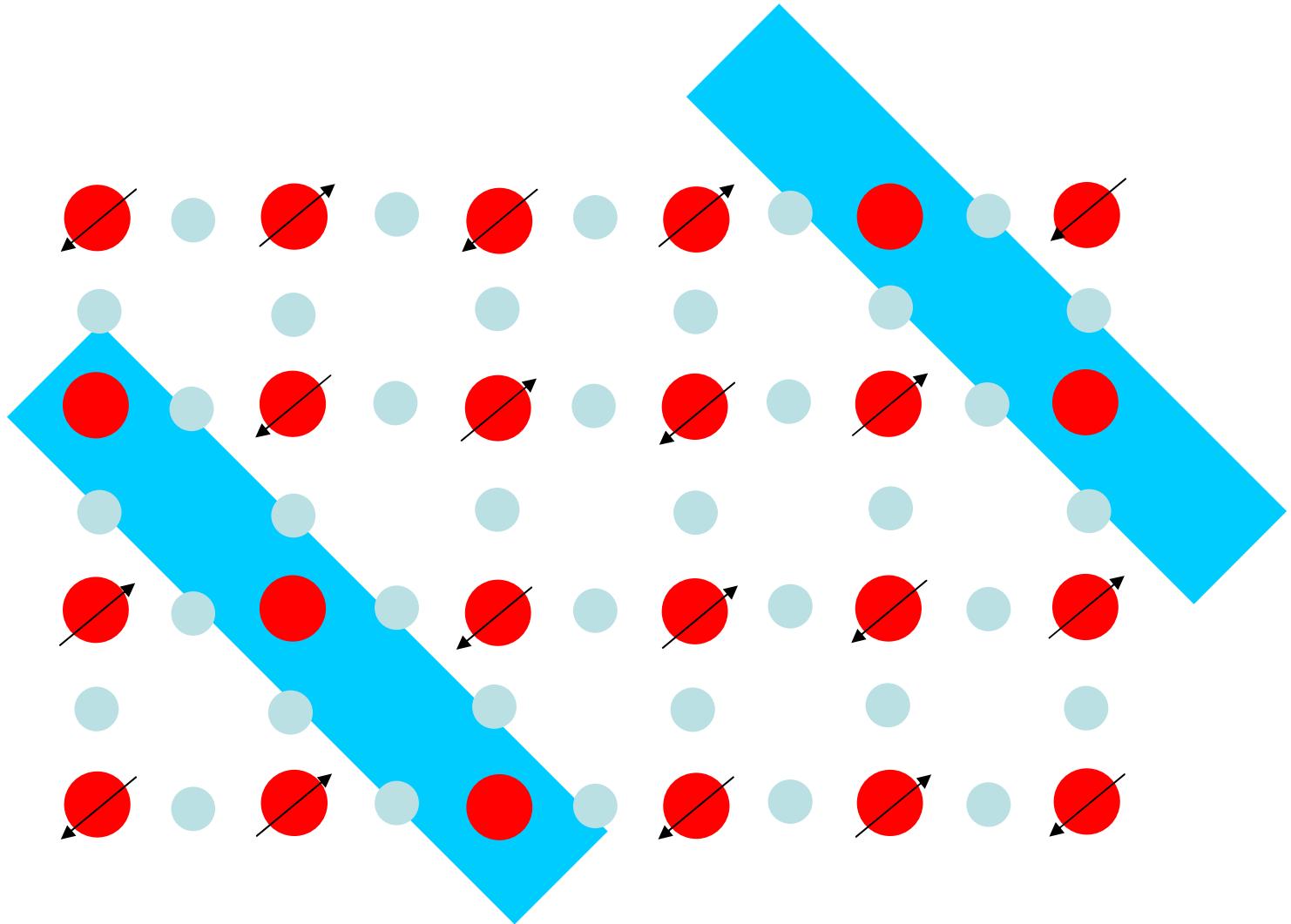


charge  
rich



$\pi$   
domain wall

collinear incommensurate spin and charge modulation



diagonal incommensurate modulation

# Neutron diffraction

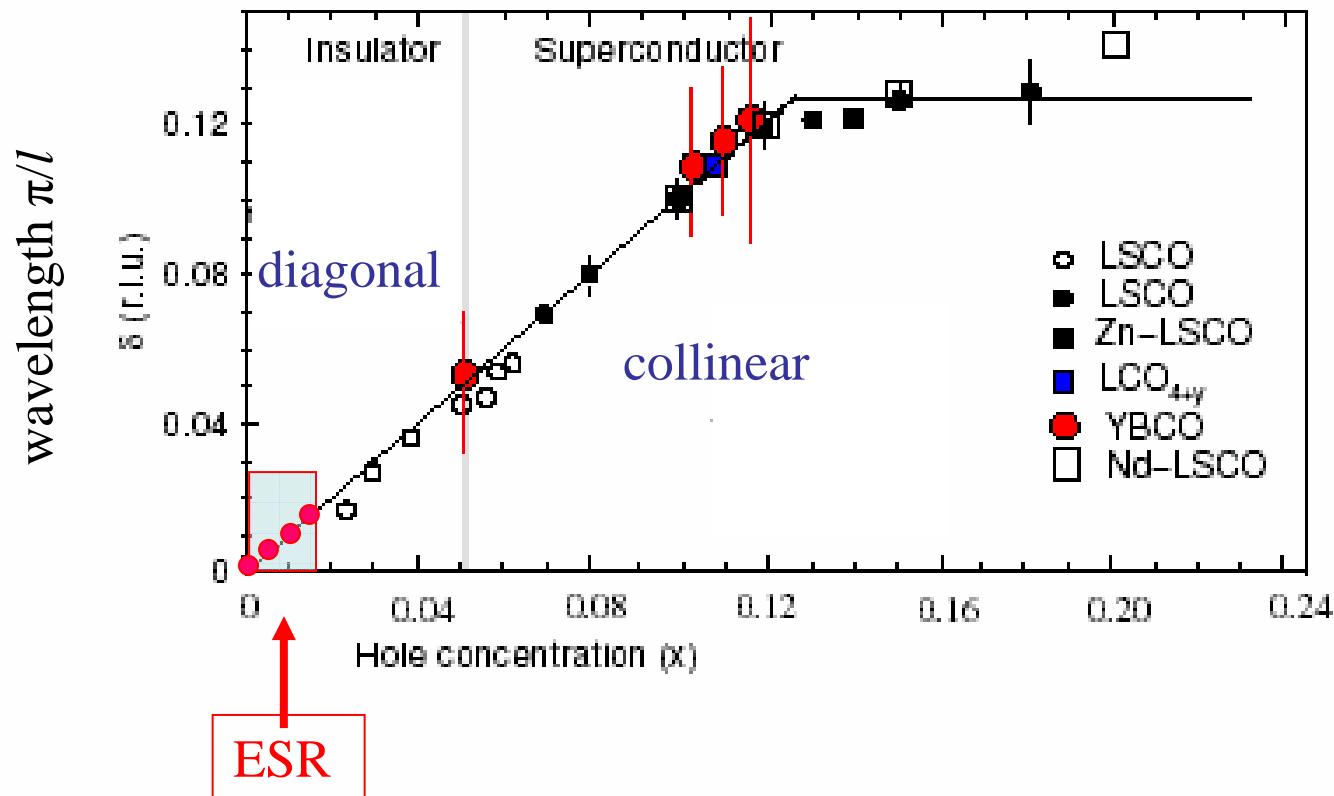
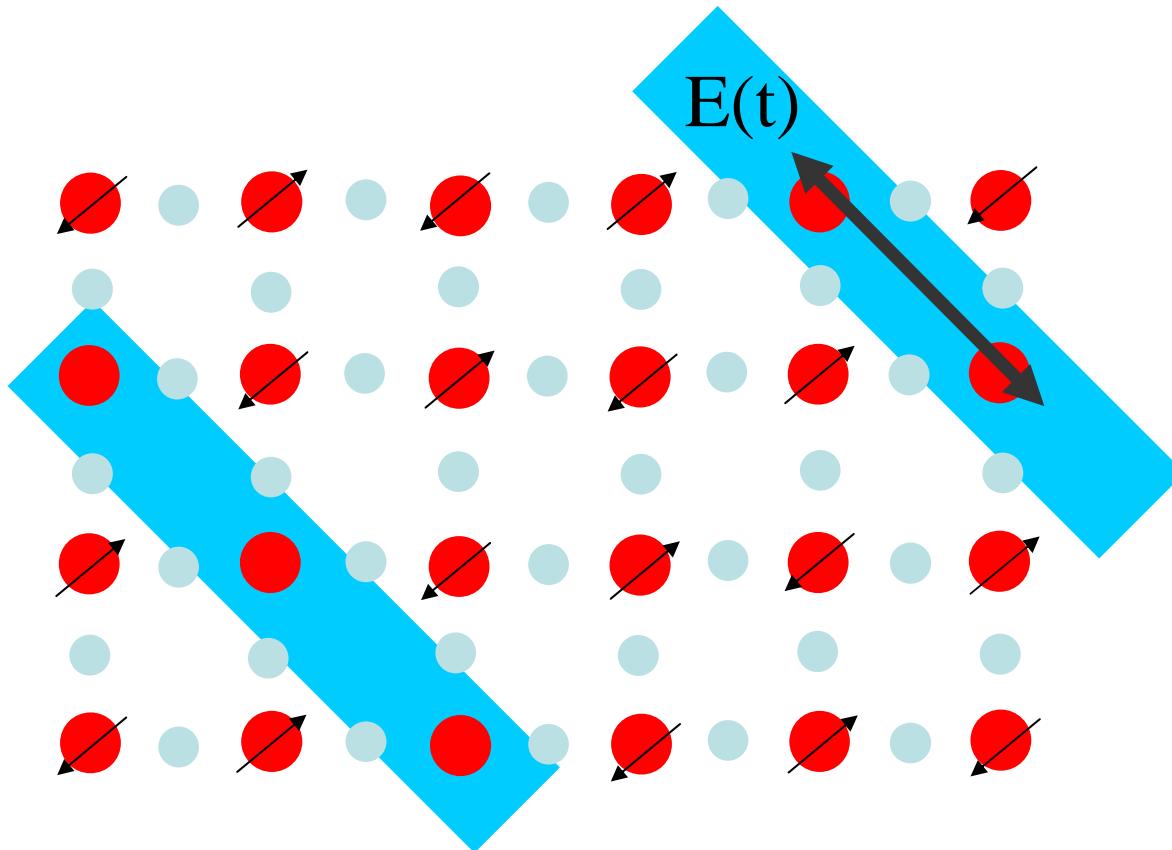


Figure 1.4. Summary of data concerning incommensurability  $\delta = \pi/\ell$  as a function of doping concentration  $x$ . Data were obtained from neutron-scattering measurements by several groups:

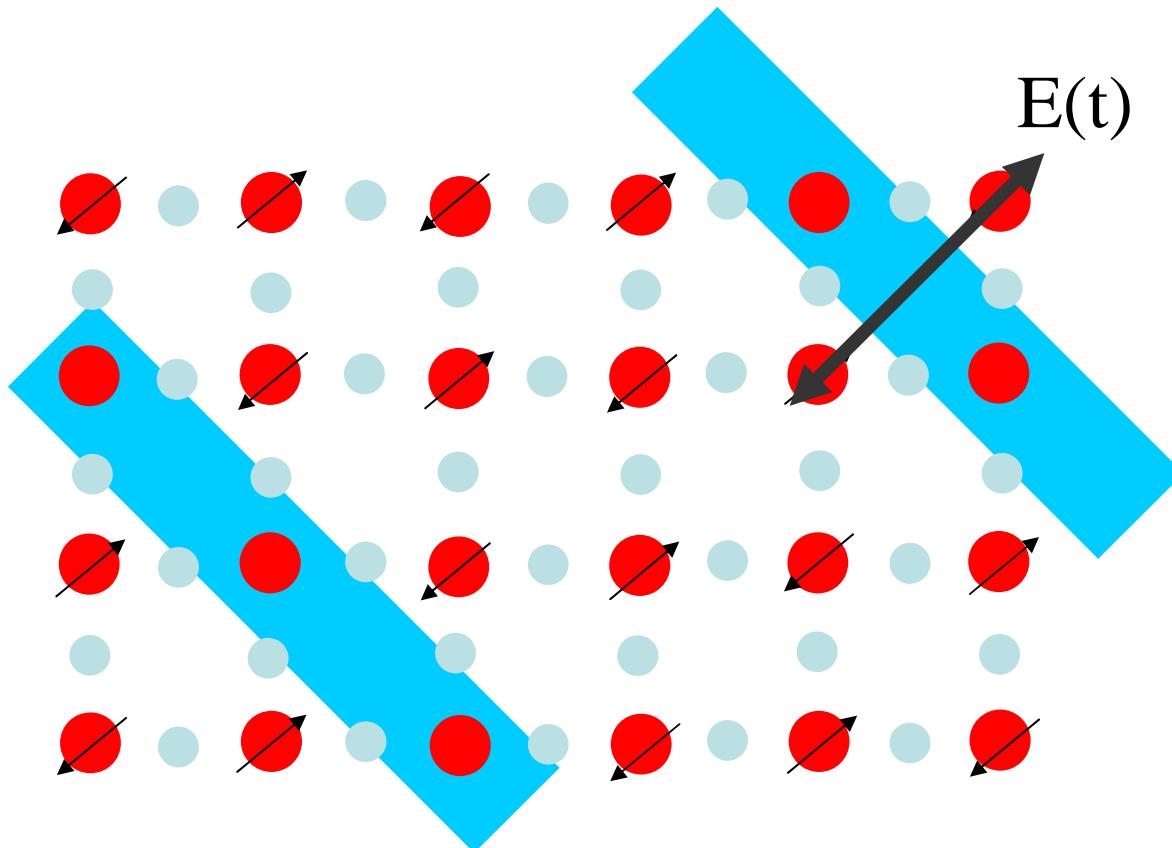
## Search for anisotropic conductivity of stripes

- D.C. conductivity (Y. Ando et al)
- IR response (Lucarelli et al, Dumm et al)
- Raman scattering (R. Hackl et al)

# anisotropic conductivity

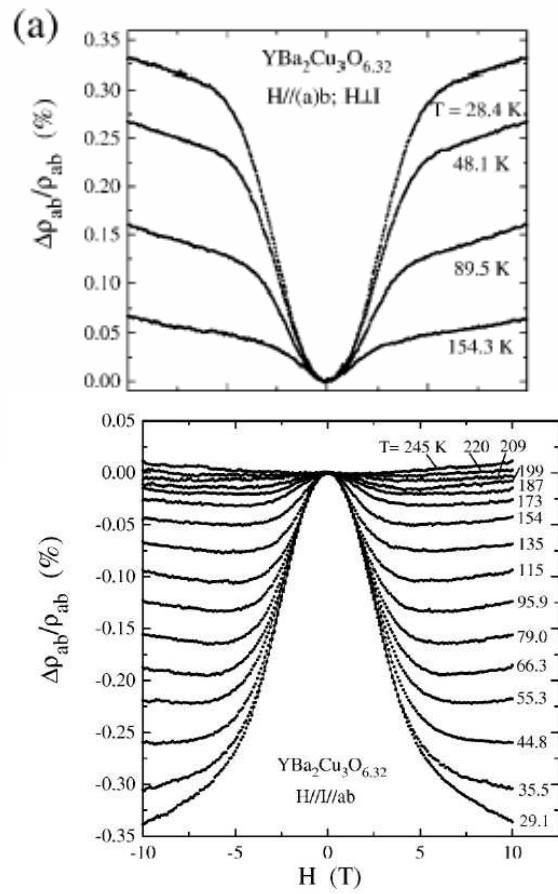


# anisotropic conductivity



## D.C. resistance in magnetic field

Magneto resistance



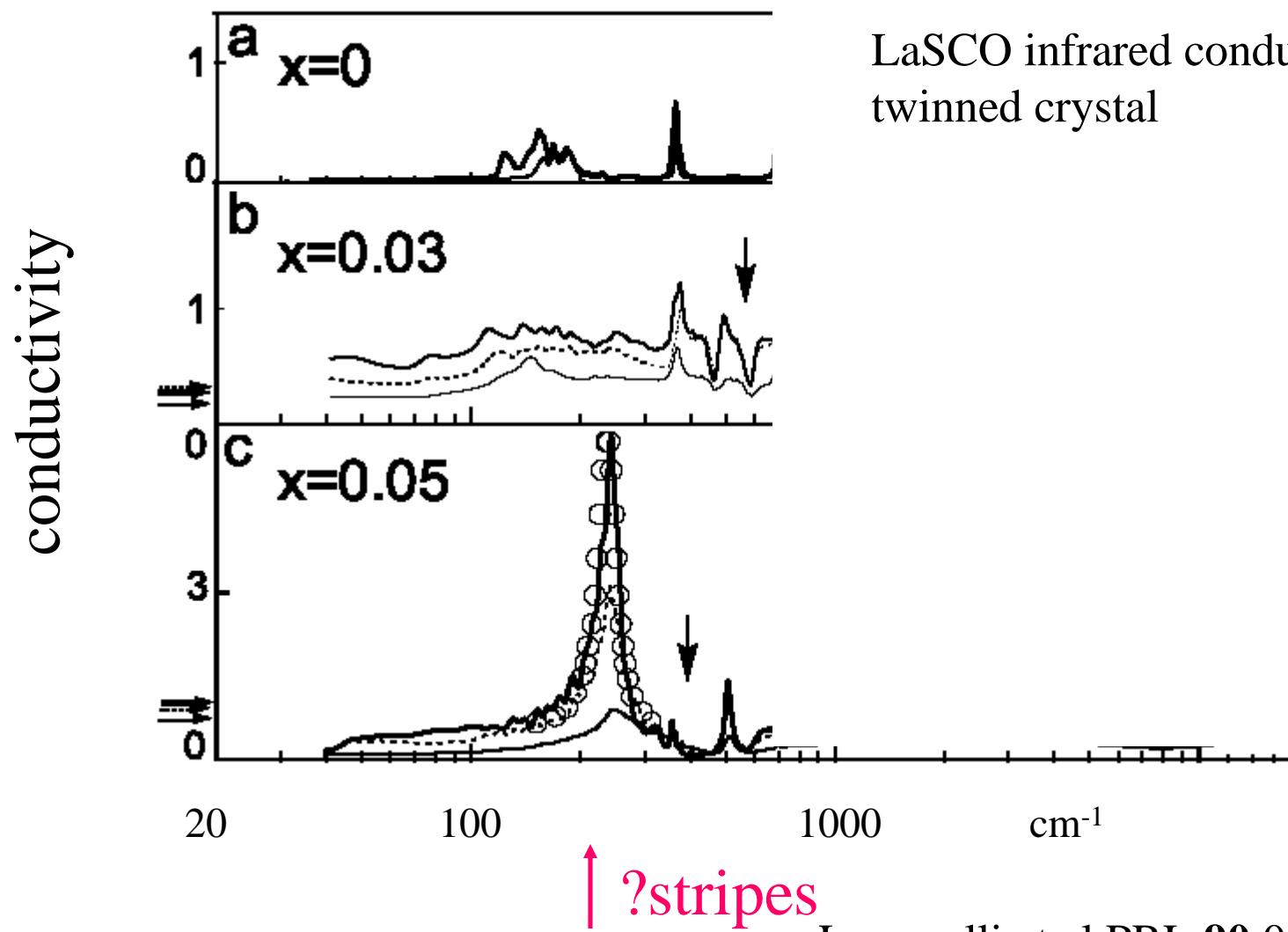
**H  $\perp$  I**

**H // I**

magnetostriiction ?

Y. Ando, A. N. Lavrov, and K. Segawa, Phys. Rev. Lett. **83**, 2813 (1999).

# Infrared conductivity



LaSCO infrared conductivity  
twinned crystal

Lucarrelli et al PRL **90** 037002 (2003)

# Raman scattering

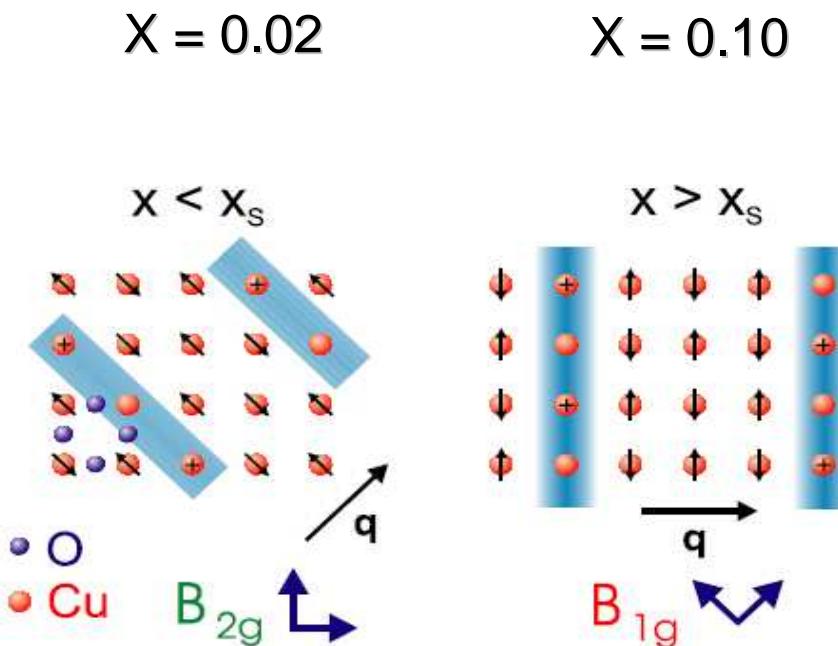


Fig. 1. Sketch of spin-charge-ordered states in the copper–oxygen plane

The response can only be observed if both incoming and outgoing photons have a finite projection on the direction of the stripes or perpendicular to them.

# Raman scattering, $\text{Ca}_x \text{Y}_{1-x} \text{Ba}_2 \text{Cu}_3 \text{O}_6$

2 and 3% Ca  
Response in  $B_{2g}$ :  
diagonal

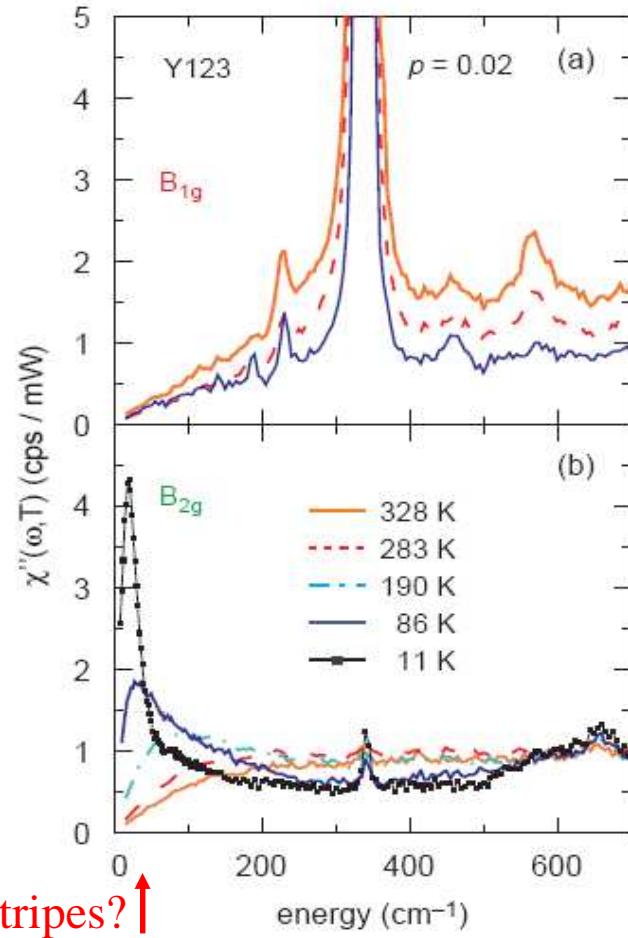


Fig. 7. Raman response  $X''_{\mu(w,T)}$  of  $(\text{Y}_{1.97}\text{Ca}_{0.03})\text{Ba}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{6.05}$  in  $B_{1g}$  (a) and  $B_{2g}$  (b) symmetry. The doping level is close to  $p=0.02$ .

Interactions:

Zeeman + exchange + "crystal field"

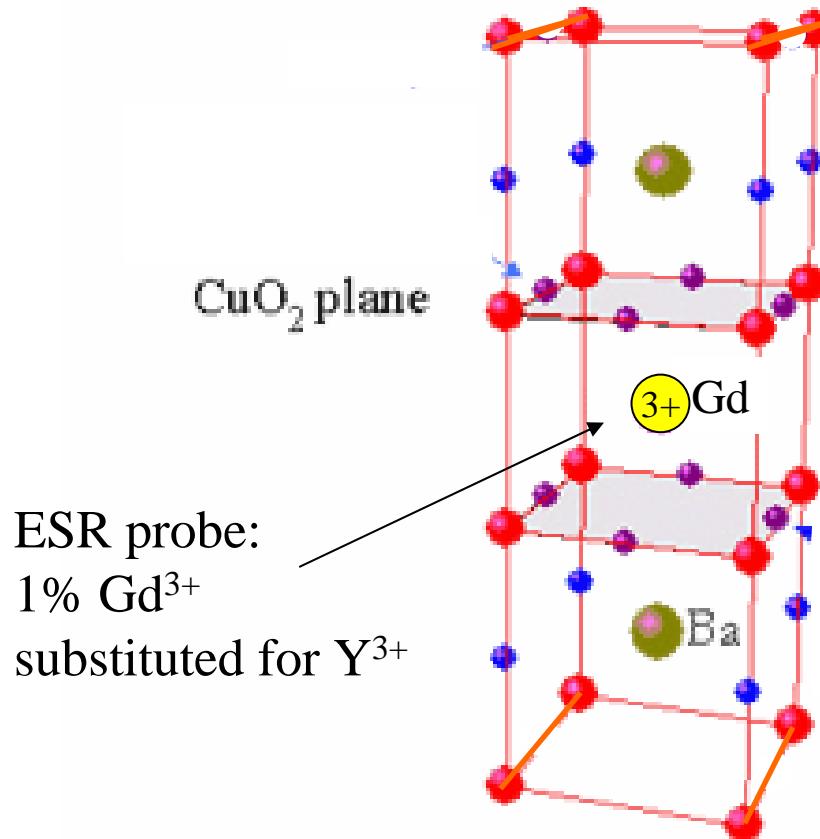
Gd<sup>3+</sup> ESR measures:

spin susceptibility (ESR Knight shift)

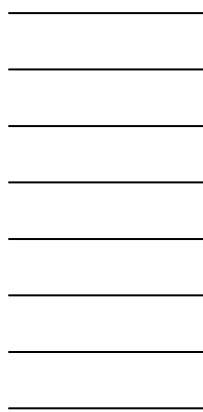
and

lattice distortion or charge redistribution  
( J=7/2 fine structure)

in CuO<sub>2</sub> planes



$\text{Gd}^{3+}$  Zeeman  
splitting

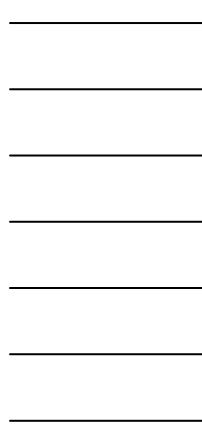


free ion

$S = 7/2$

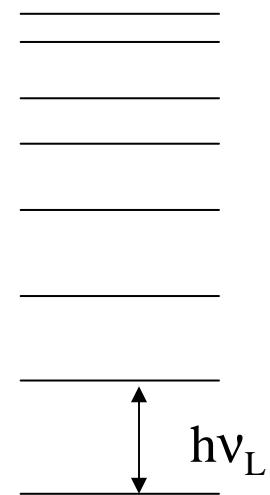
+ second order exchange

ESR Knight  
shift  
spin susceptibility



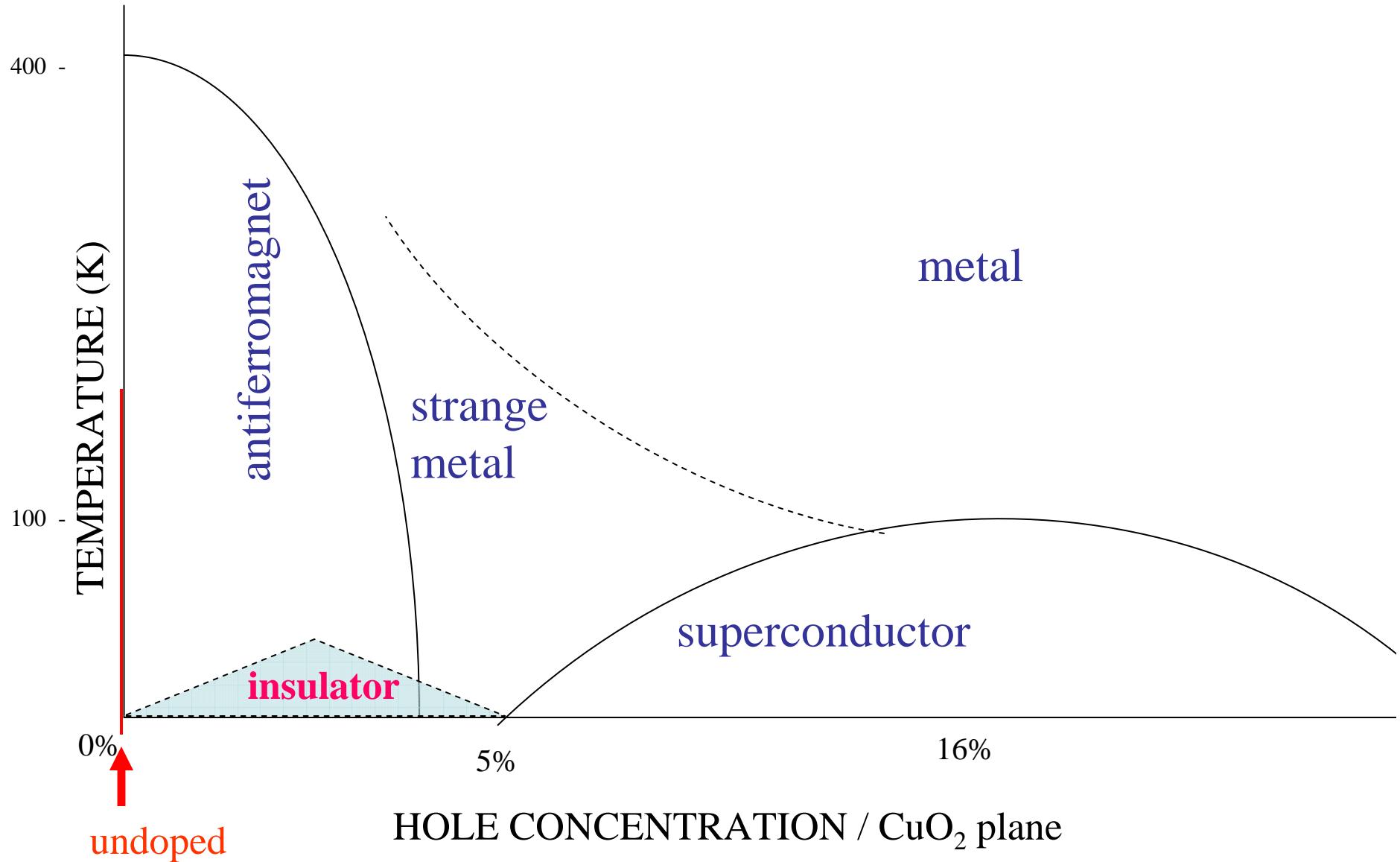
$\text{Gd}^{3+}$ -  $\text{CuO}_2$  exchange

fine  
structure  
charge redistribution



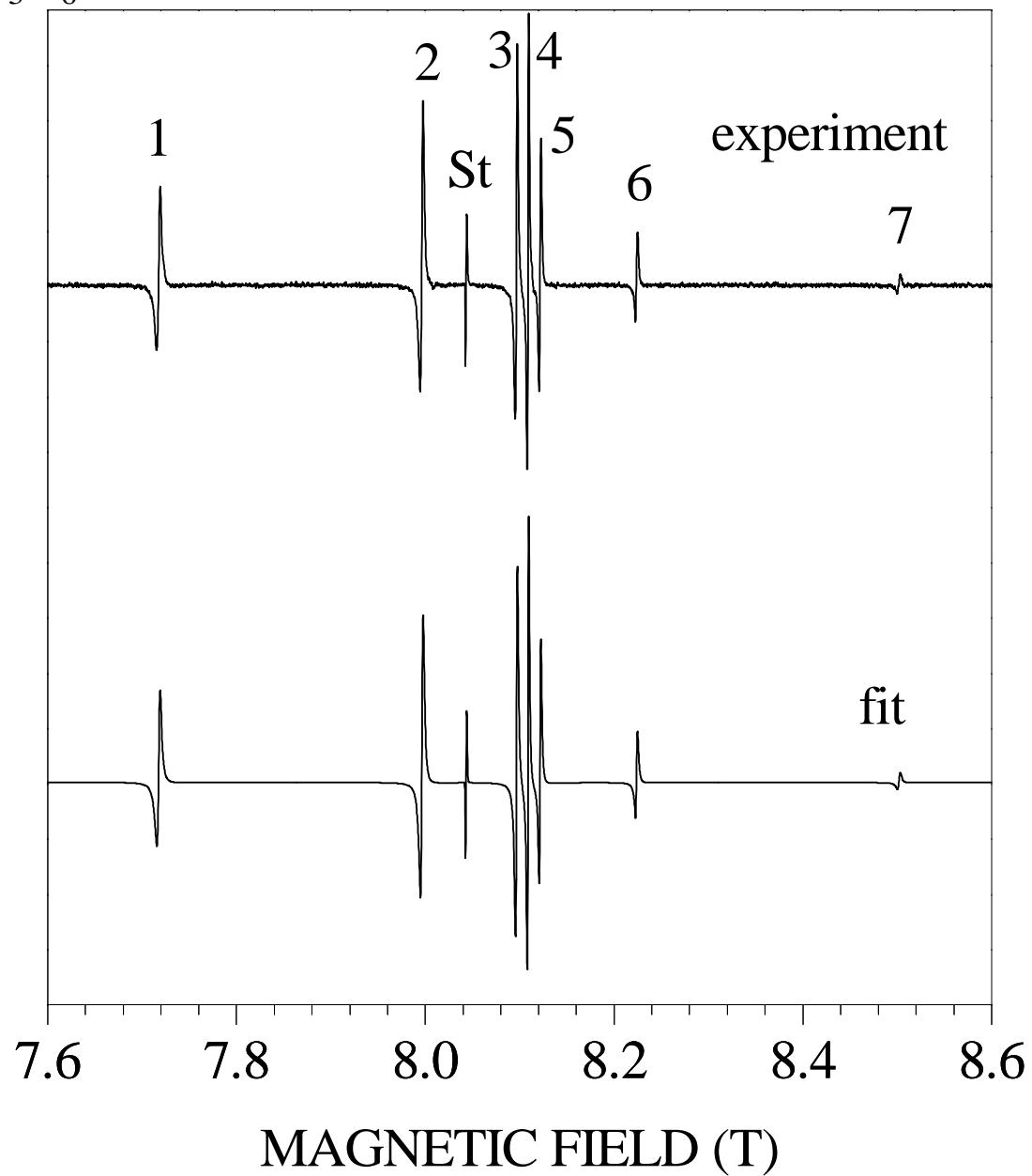
"crystal field"

# Phase diagram of cuprates



ESR in Gd:  $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_6$

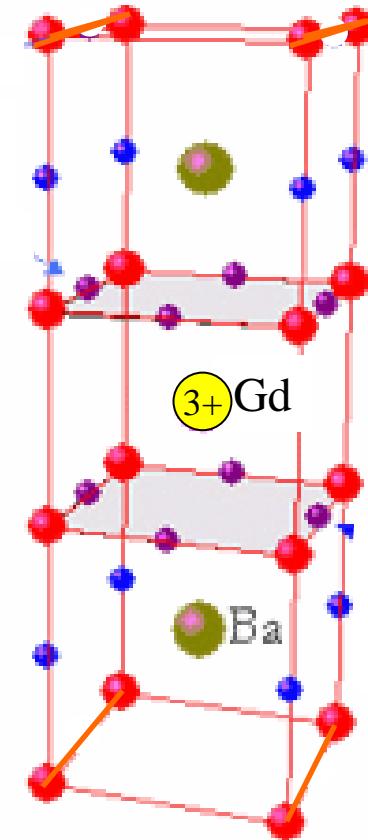
$B//c$ , 225 GHz

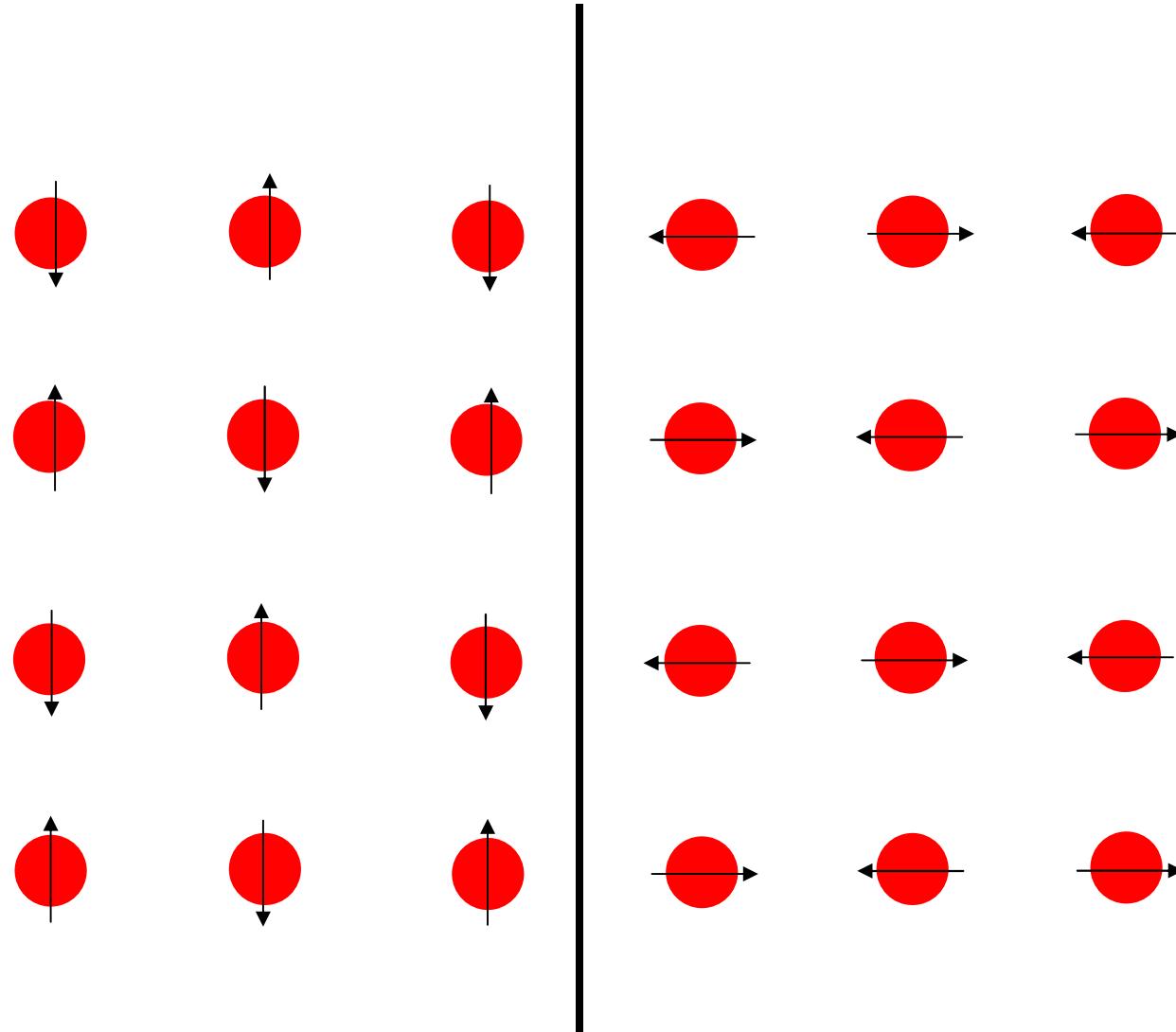


- Antiferromagnetic domains
- Orientation of spins

*tetragonal structure*

$\text{CuO}_2$  plane





$90^0$  wall

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domain wall

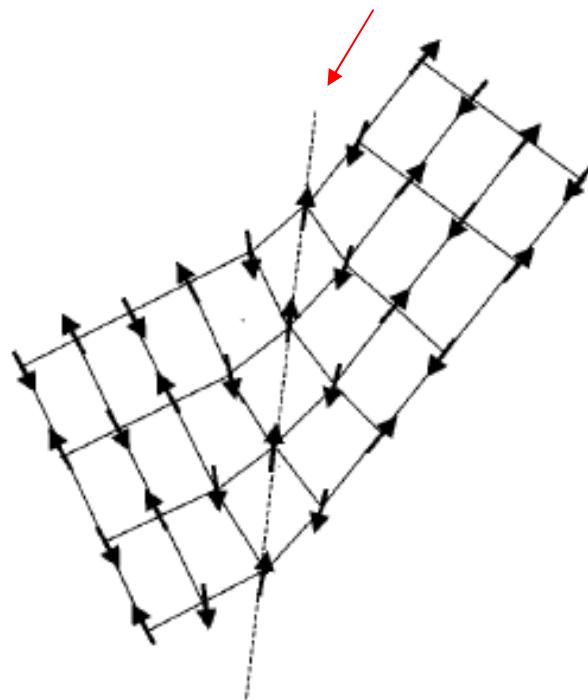
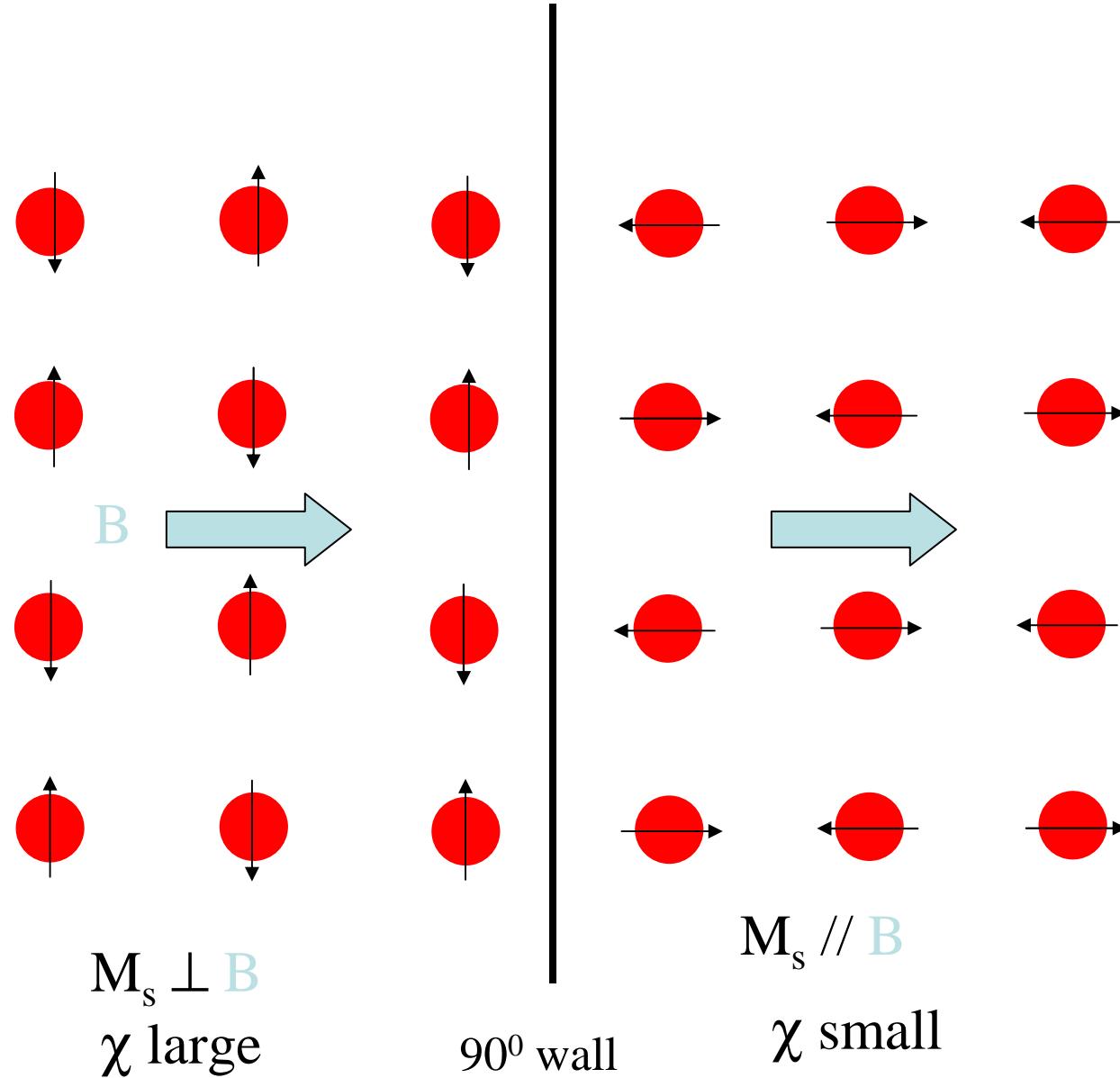


FIG. 1. Twin boundary with spin polarizations (arrows) exhibiting an AF domain wall. The dashed line is in a (110) plane and is

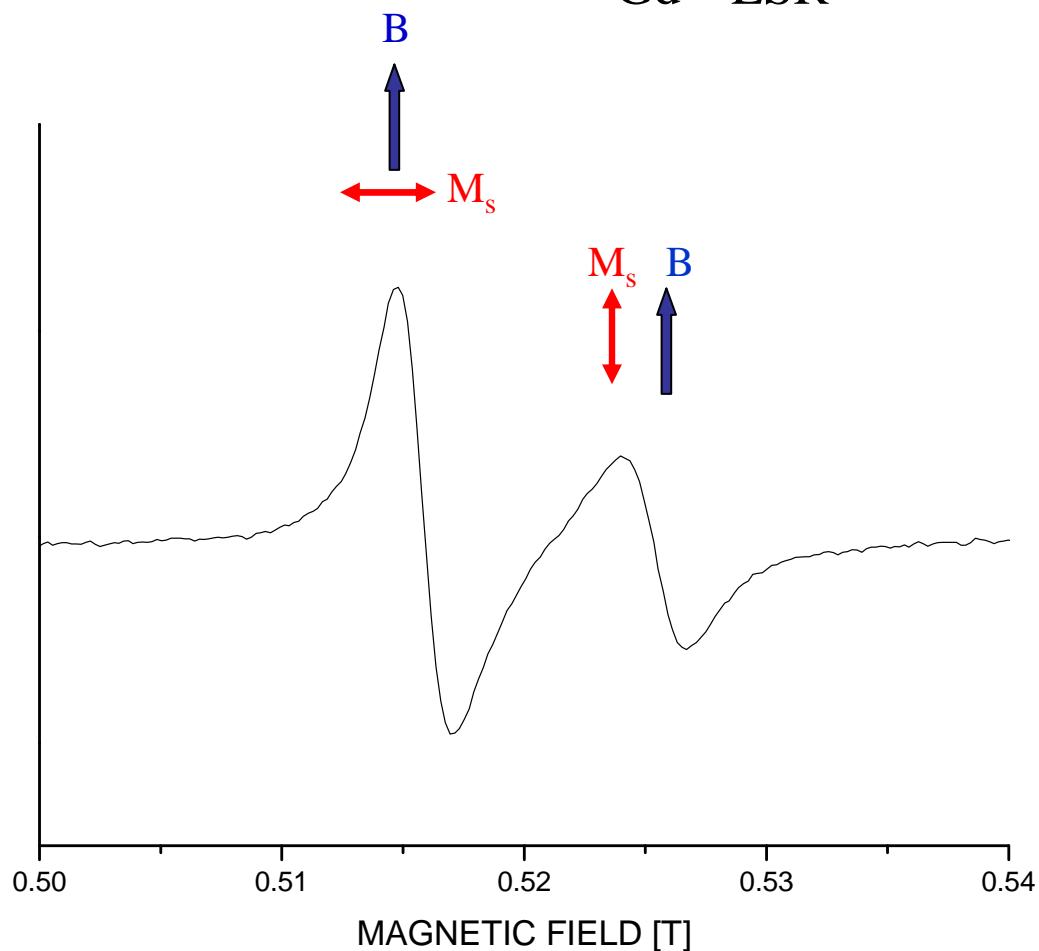
magneto-striction can stabilize collateral spin structure



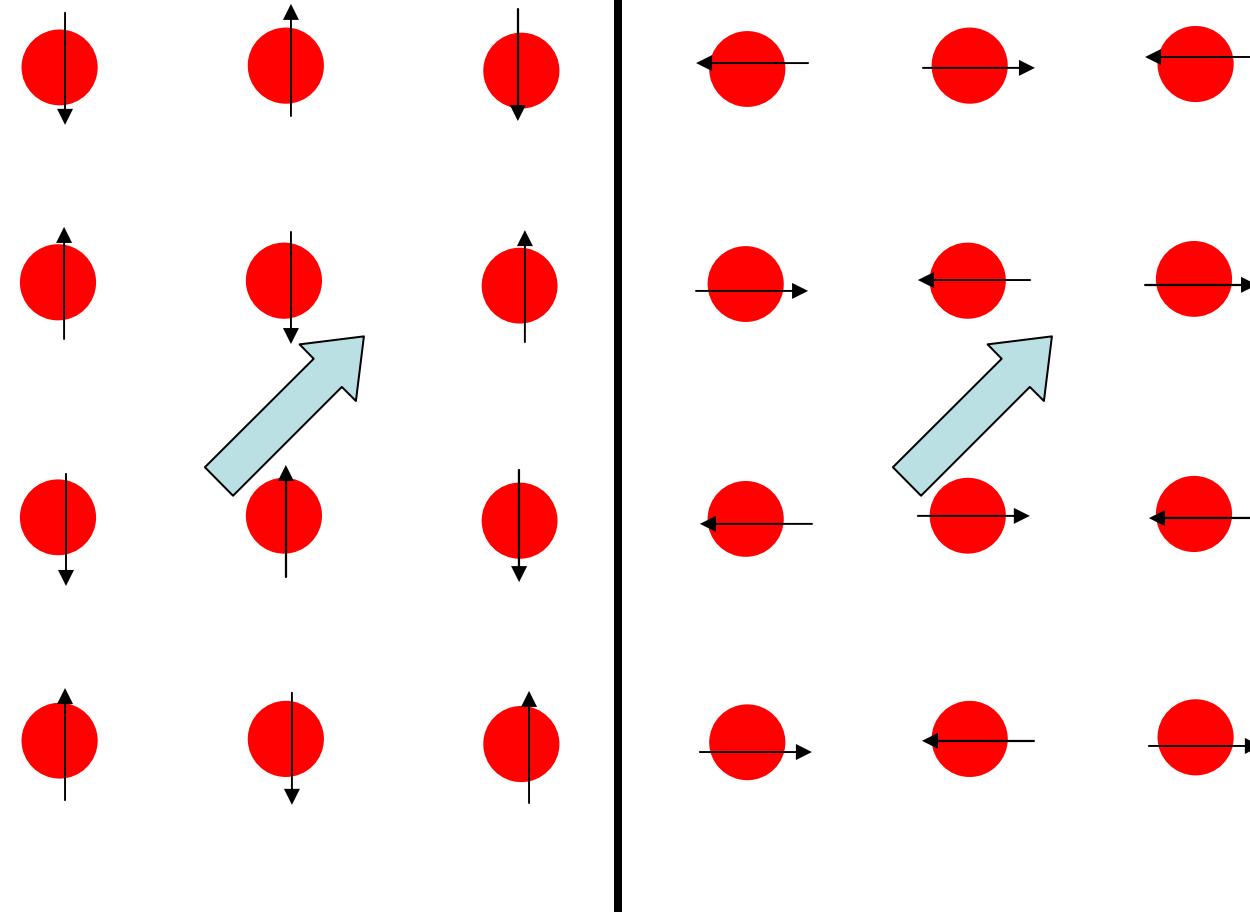
$B$ : magnetic field

undoped

antiferromagnetic domains in  $\text{YBaCu}_3\text{O}_6$   
 $\text{Gd}^{3+}$  ESR

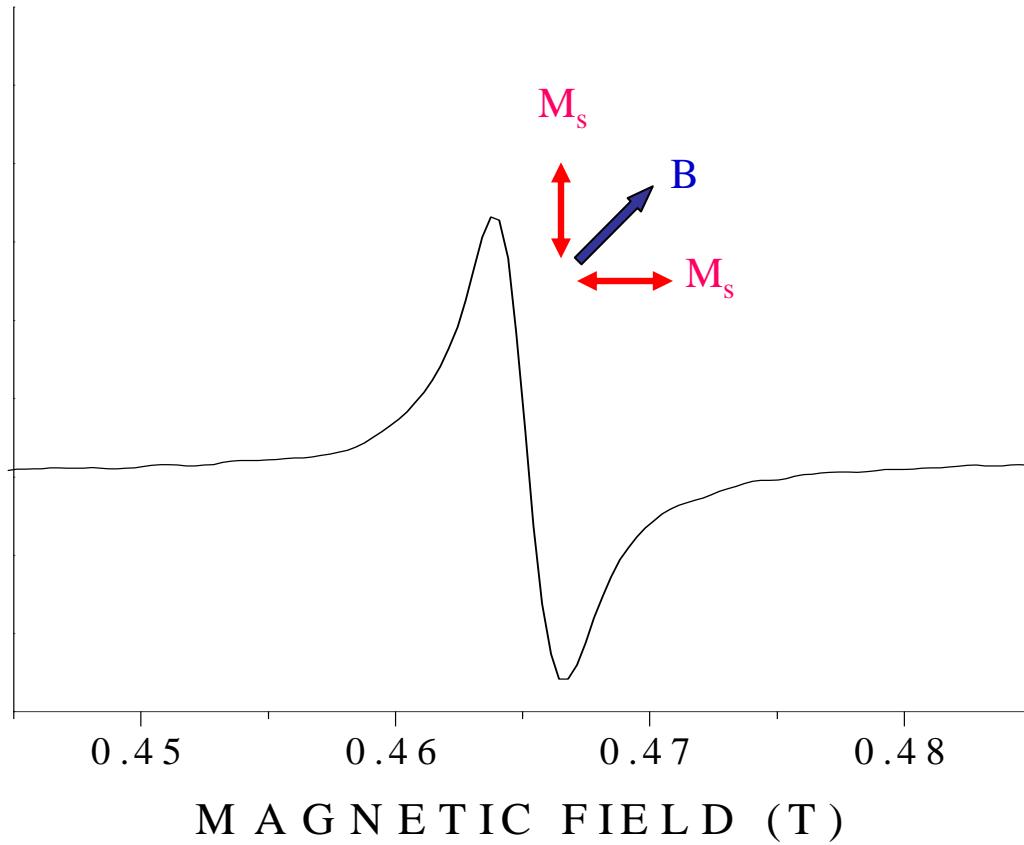


undoped

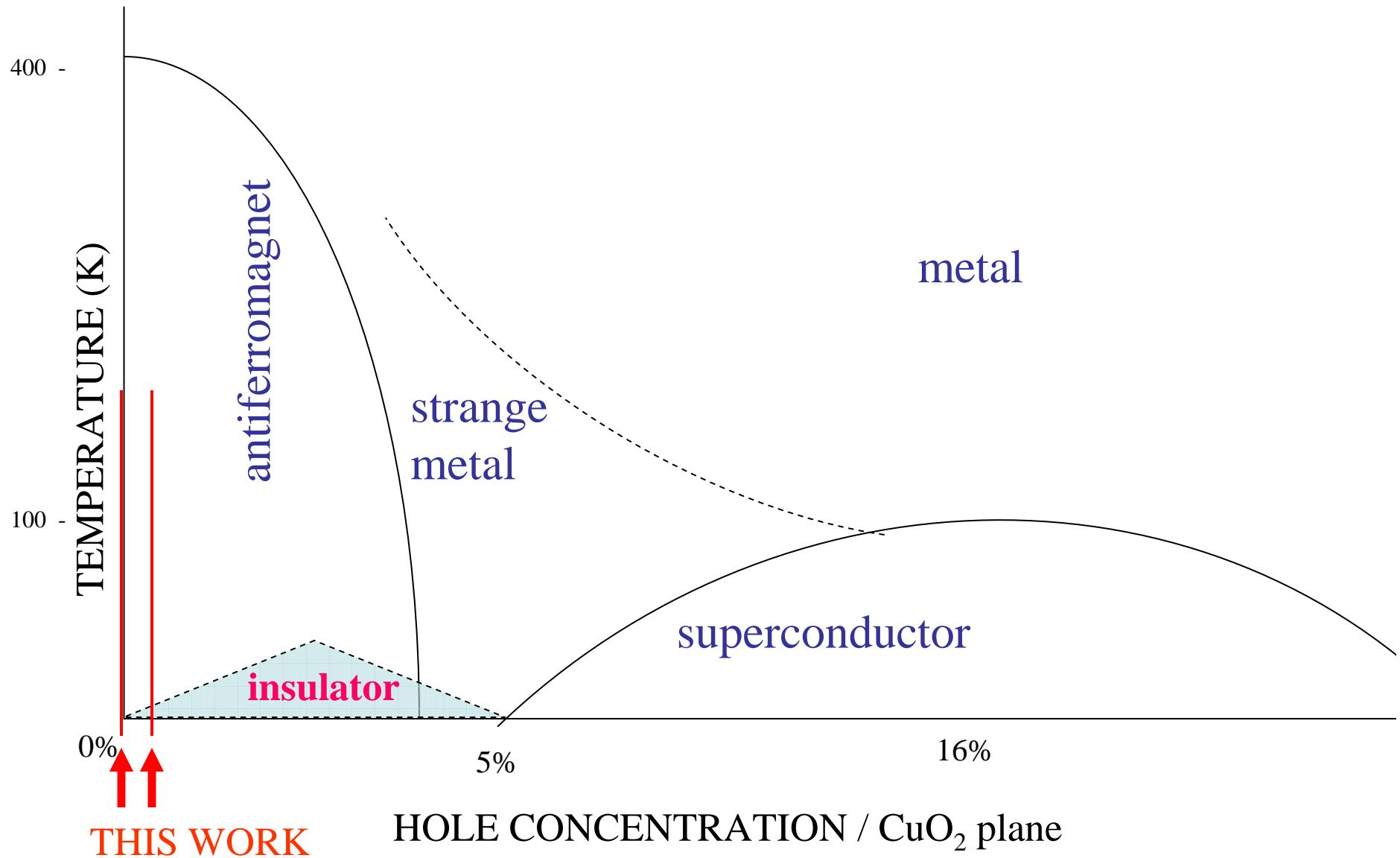


B: magnetic field

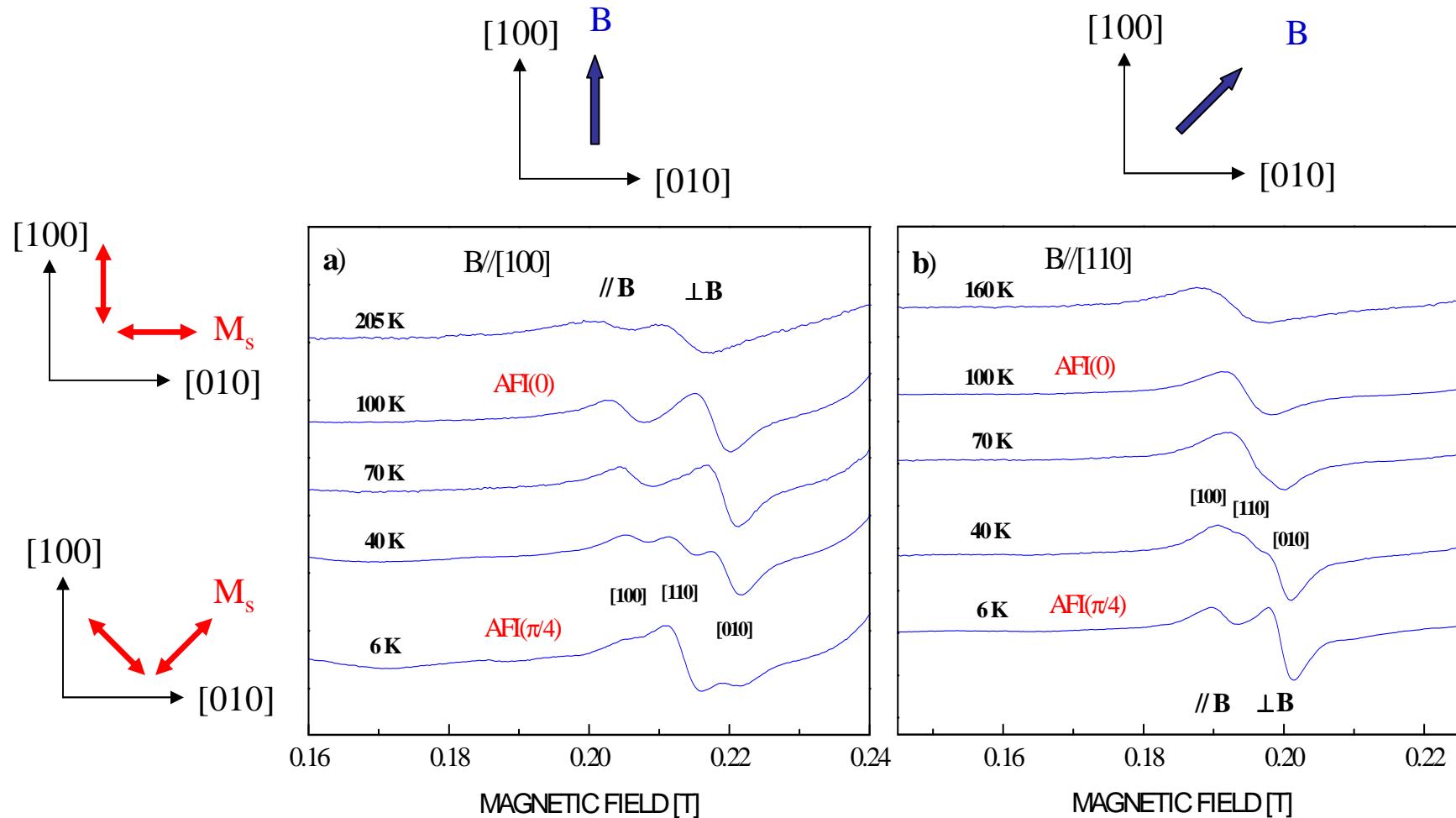
undoped



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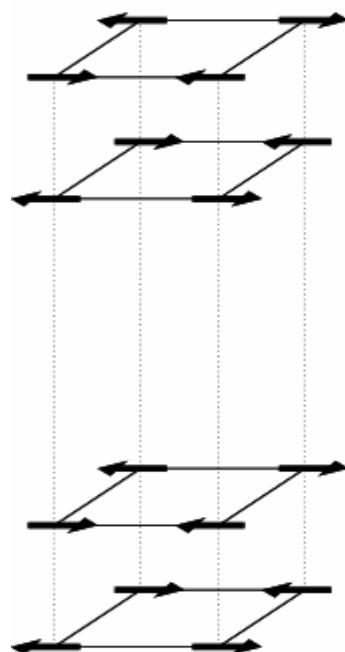


# Reorientation of $M_s$ in Ca:YBCO 0.8% Ca



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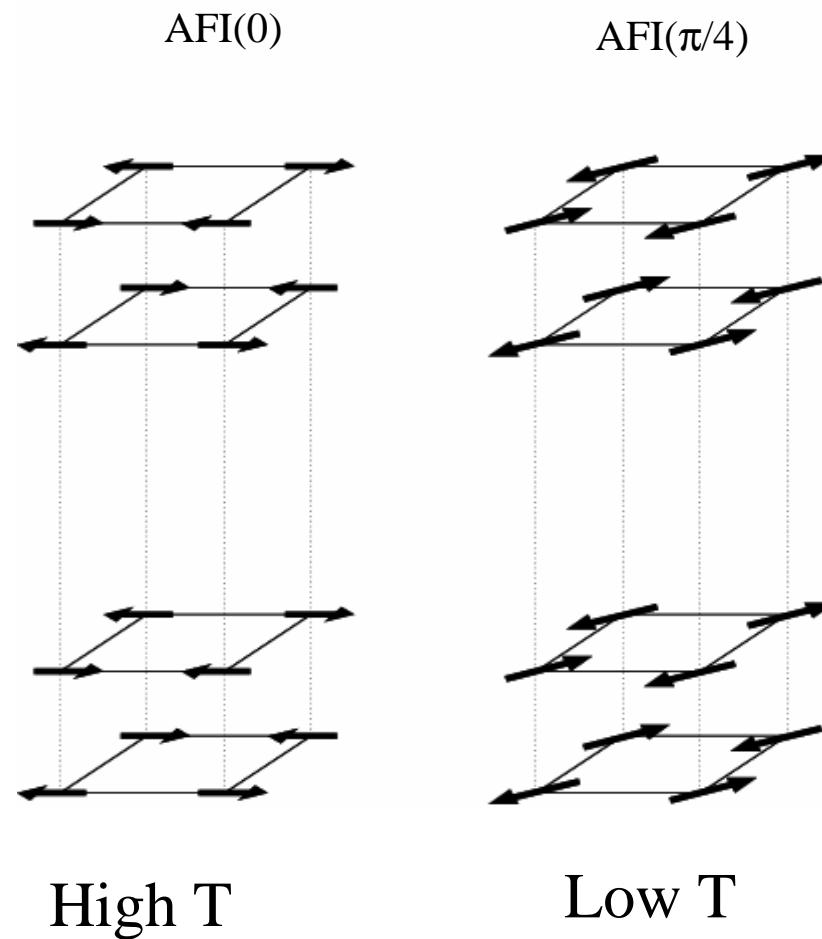
undoped



all T

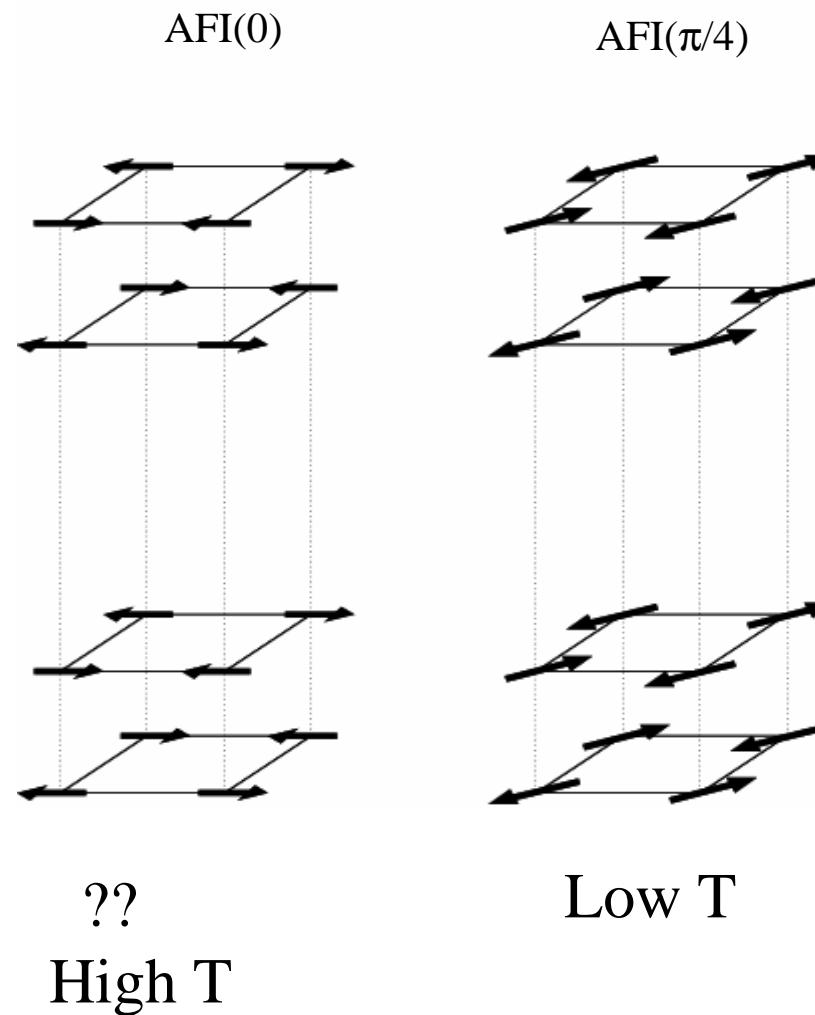
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0.8 % Ca

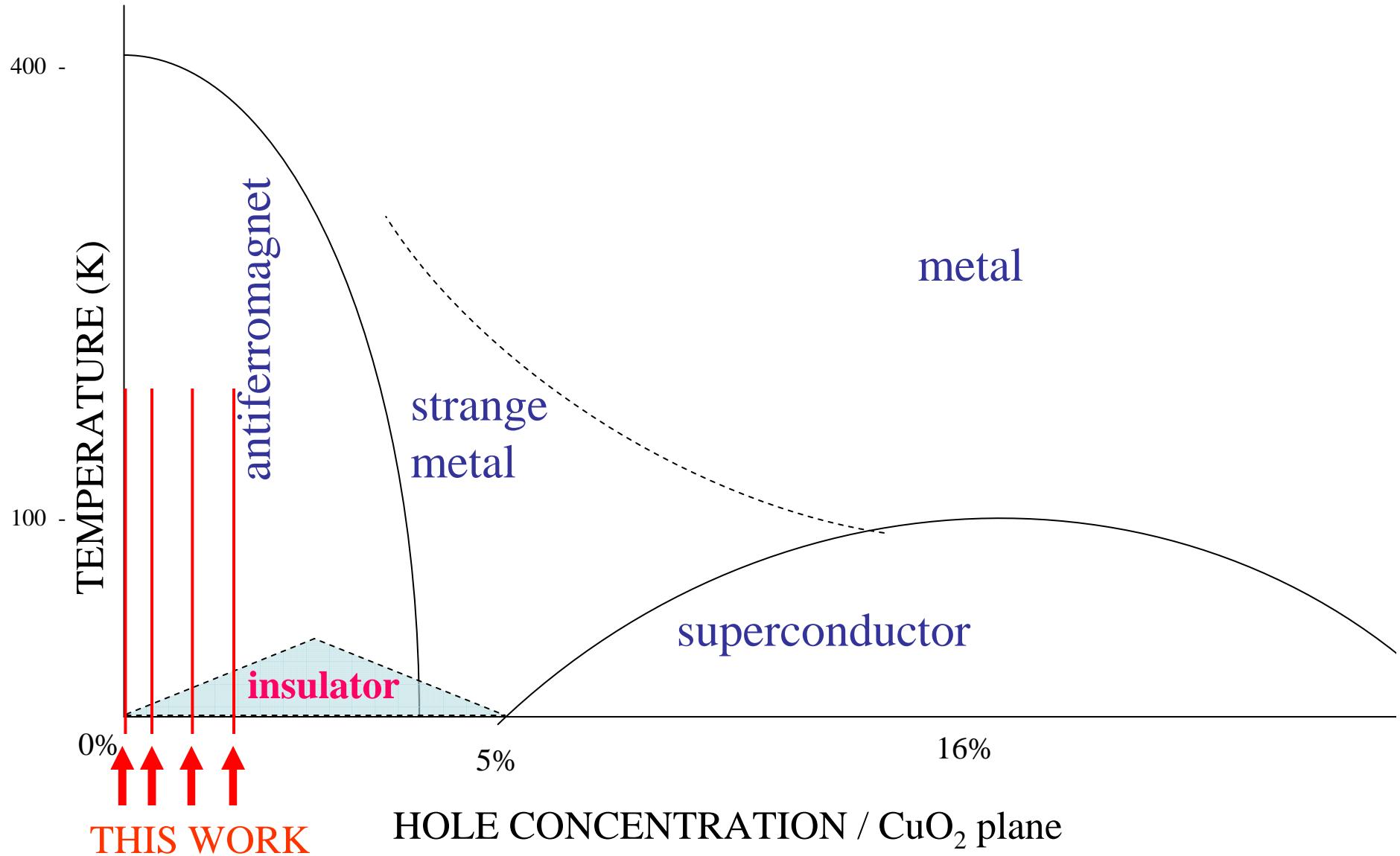


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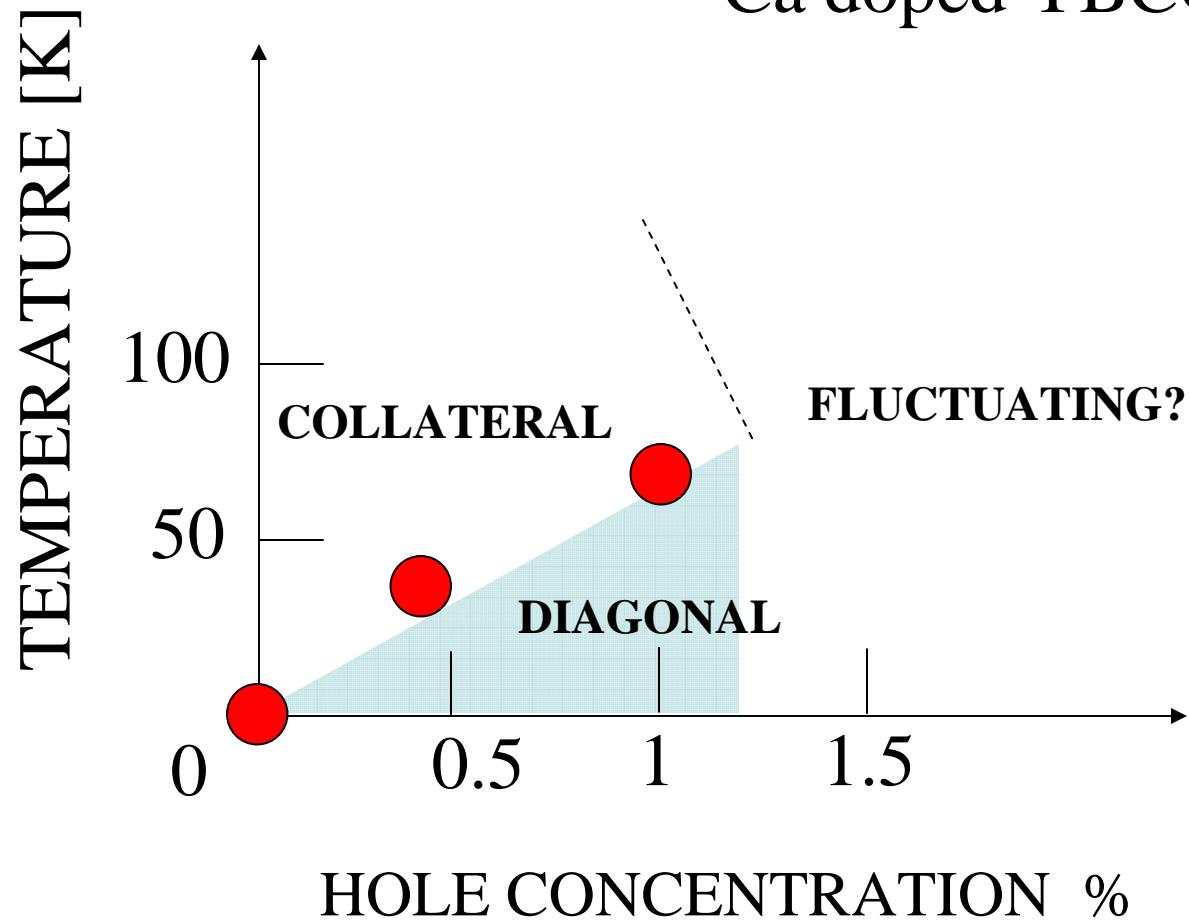
2 % Ca



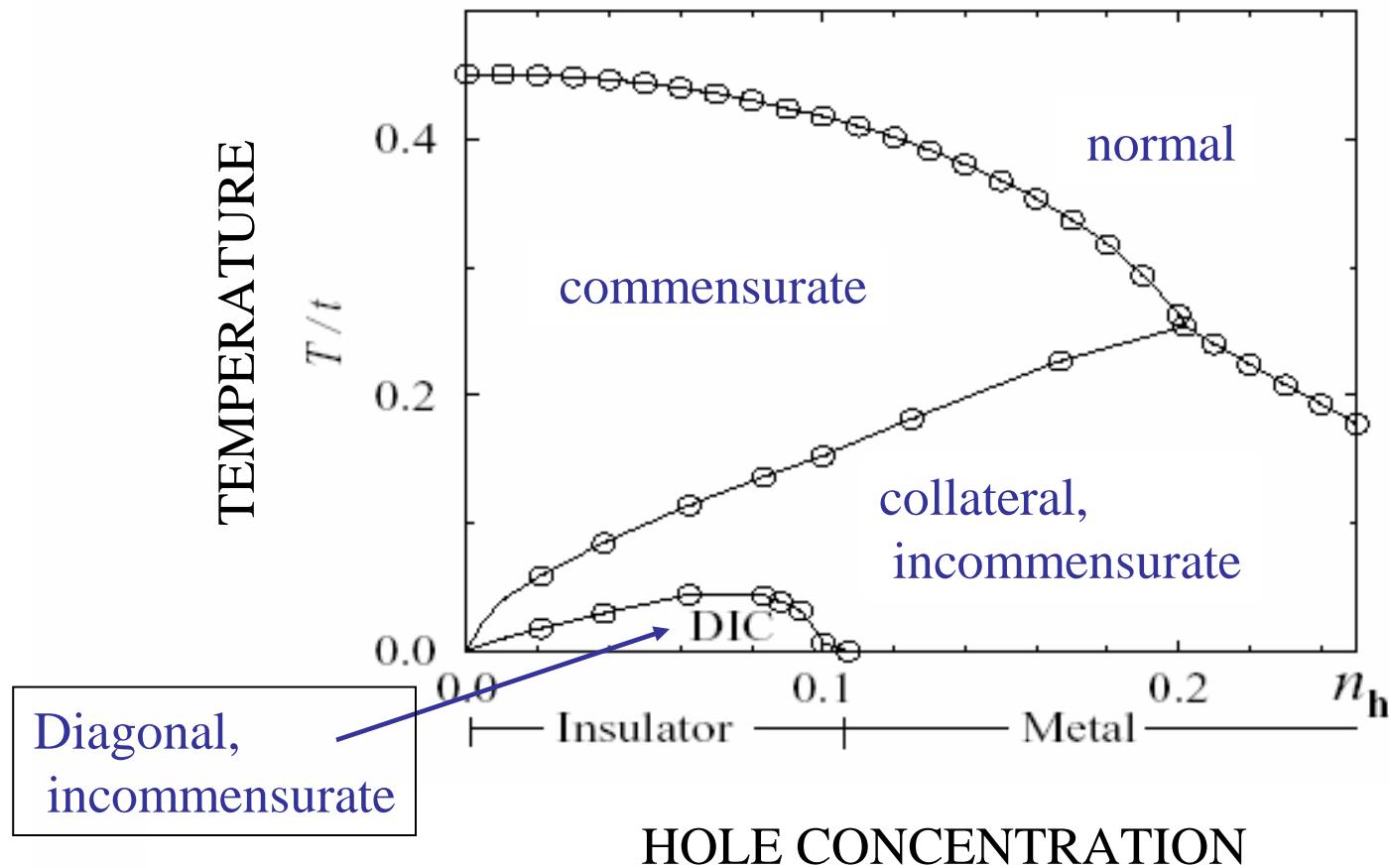
# Phase diagram of cuprates



Ca doped YBCO<sub>6.0</sub>



# Charge- spin phase separation

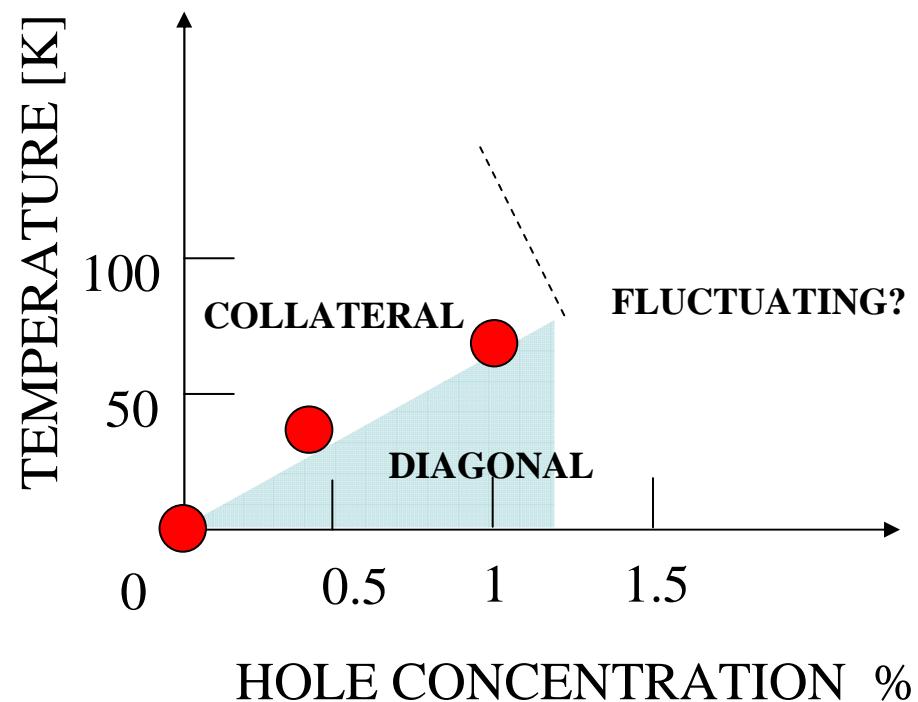


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Model:

Low T: charge modulation network  
with weakly pinned AF magnetization

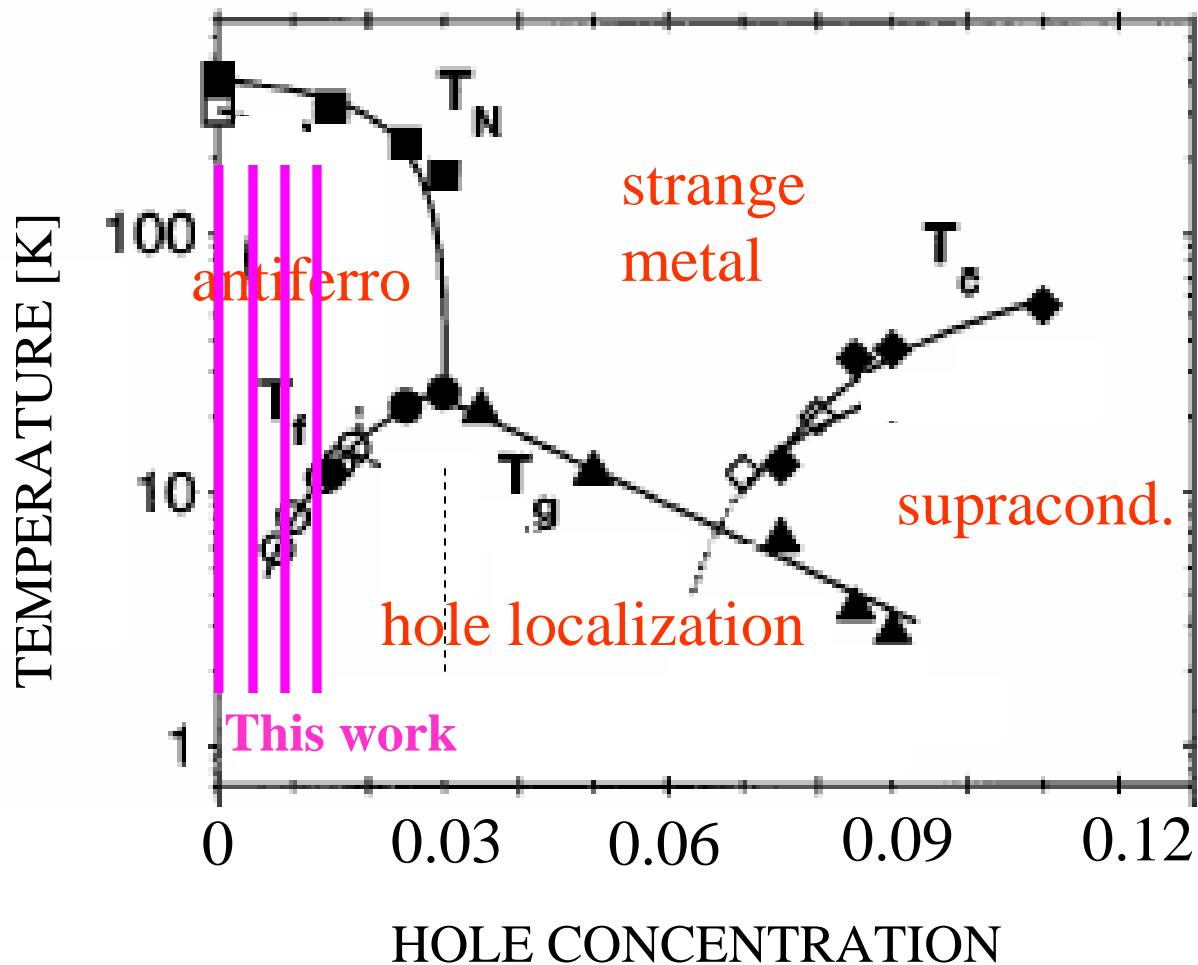
High T: no charge modulation,  
spin magnetization fluctuating  
or pinned to lattice by  
defects or magneto-striction



## Localisation of holes

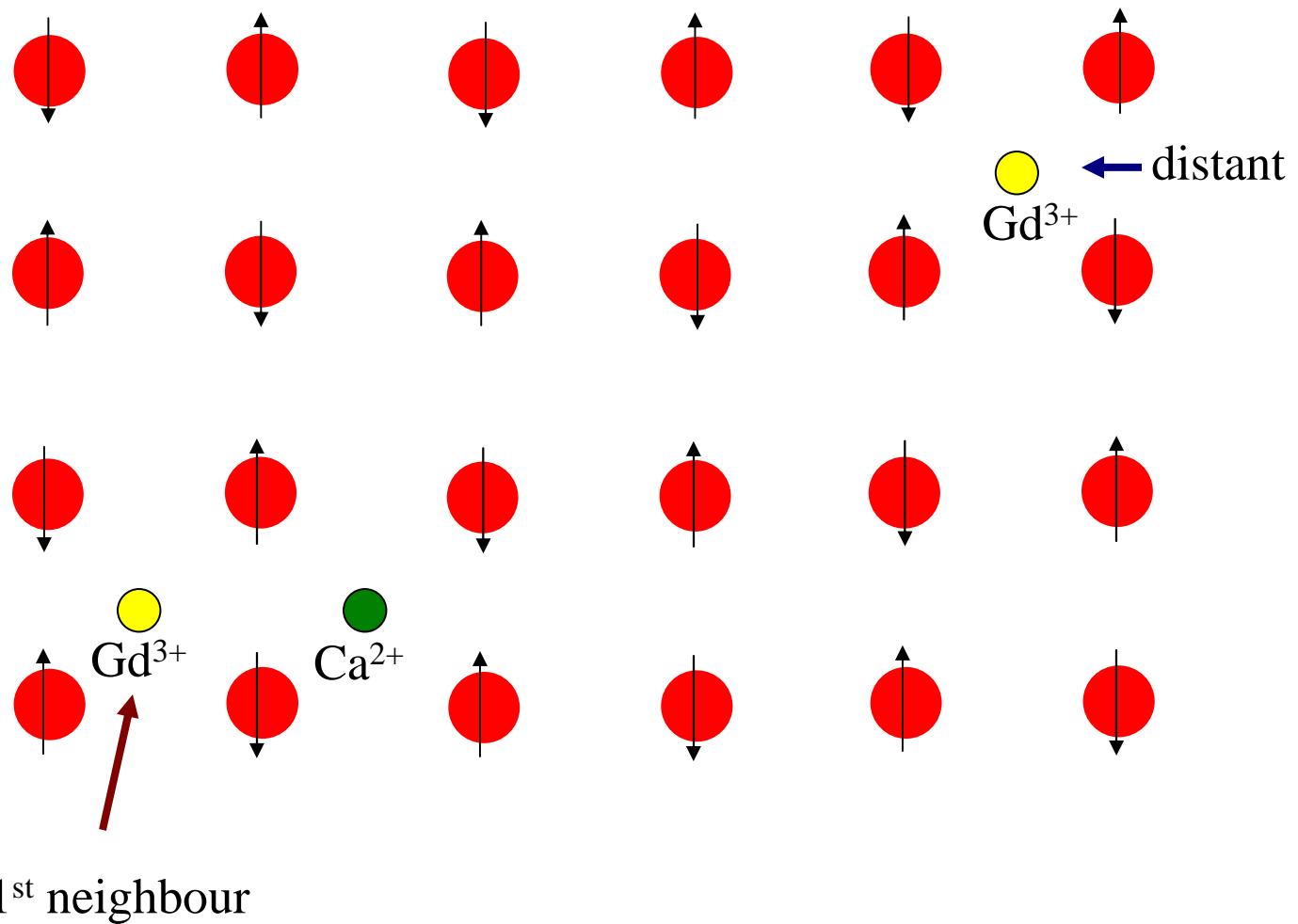
Are holes localised around  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions at low T ?

# Ca doped $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_6$ phase diagram



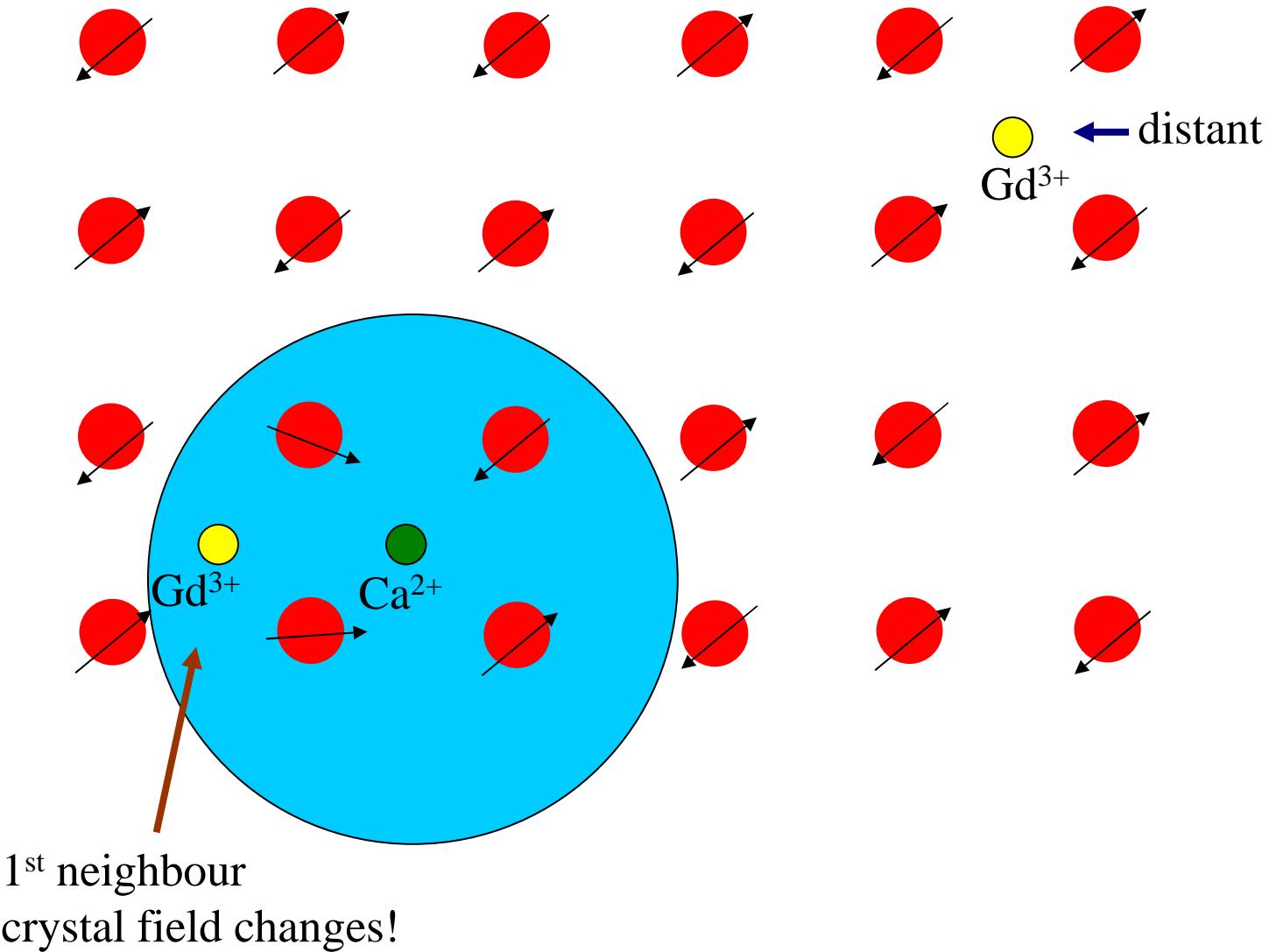
Ch. Niedermayer, C. Bernhard, T. Blasius, A. Golnik, A. Moodenbaugh, and J. I. Budnick  
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High T:  
delocalized holes



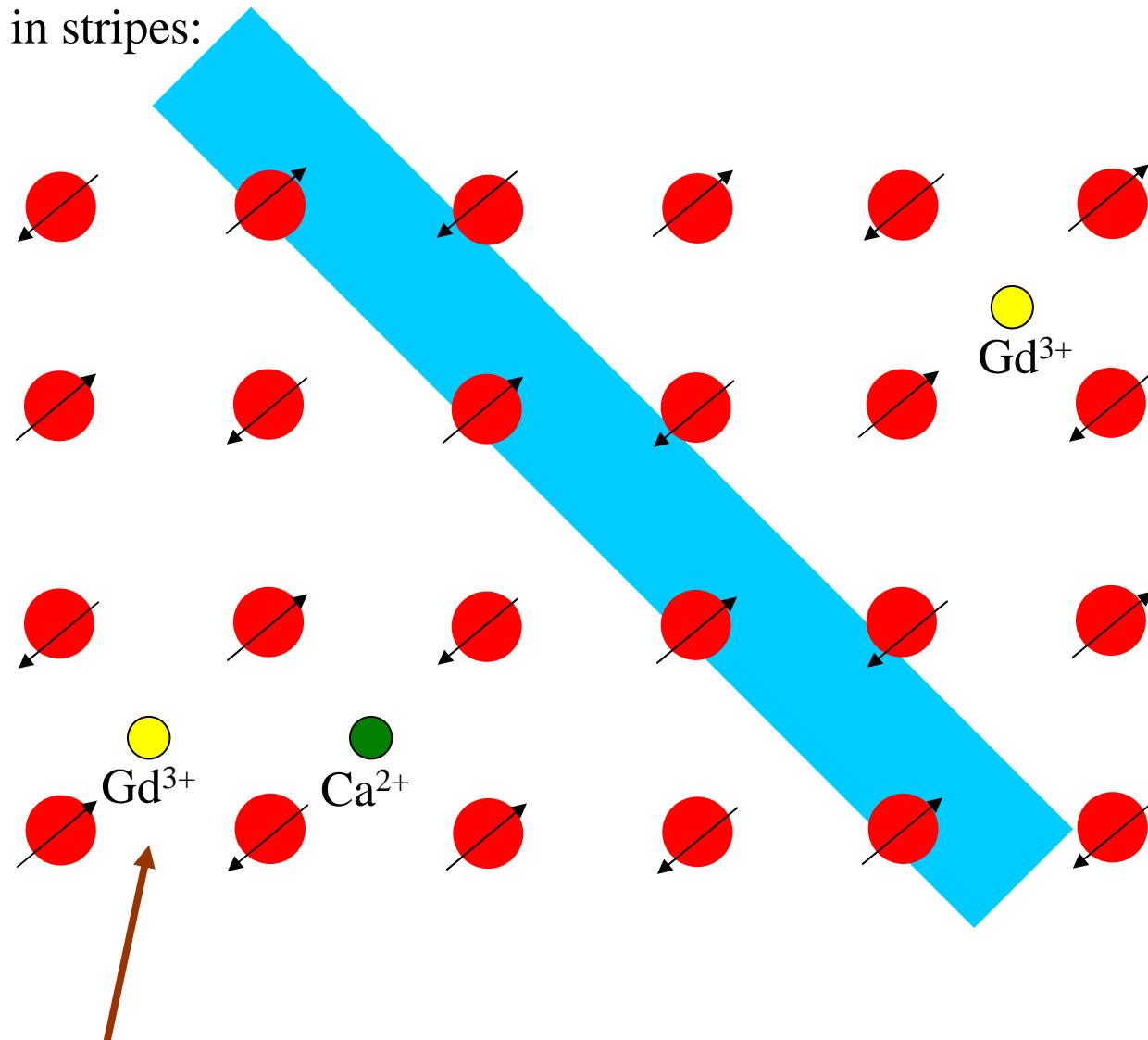
low T

if holes were localized near Ca:



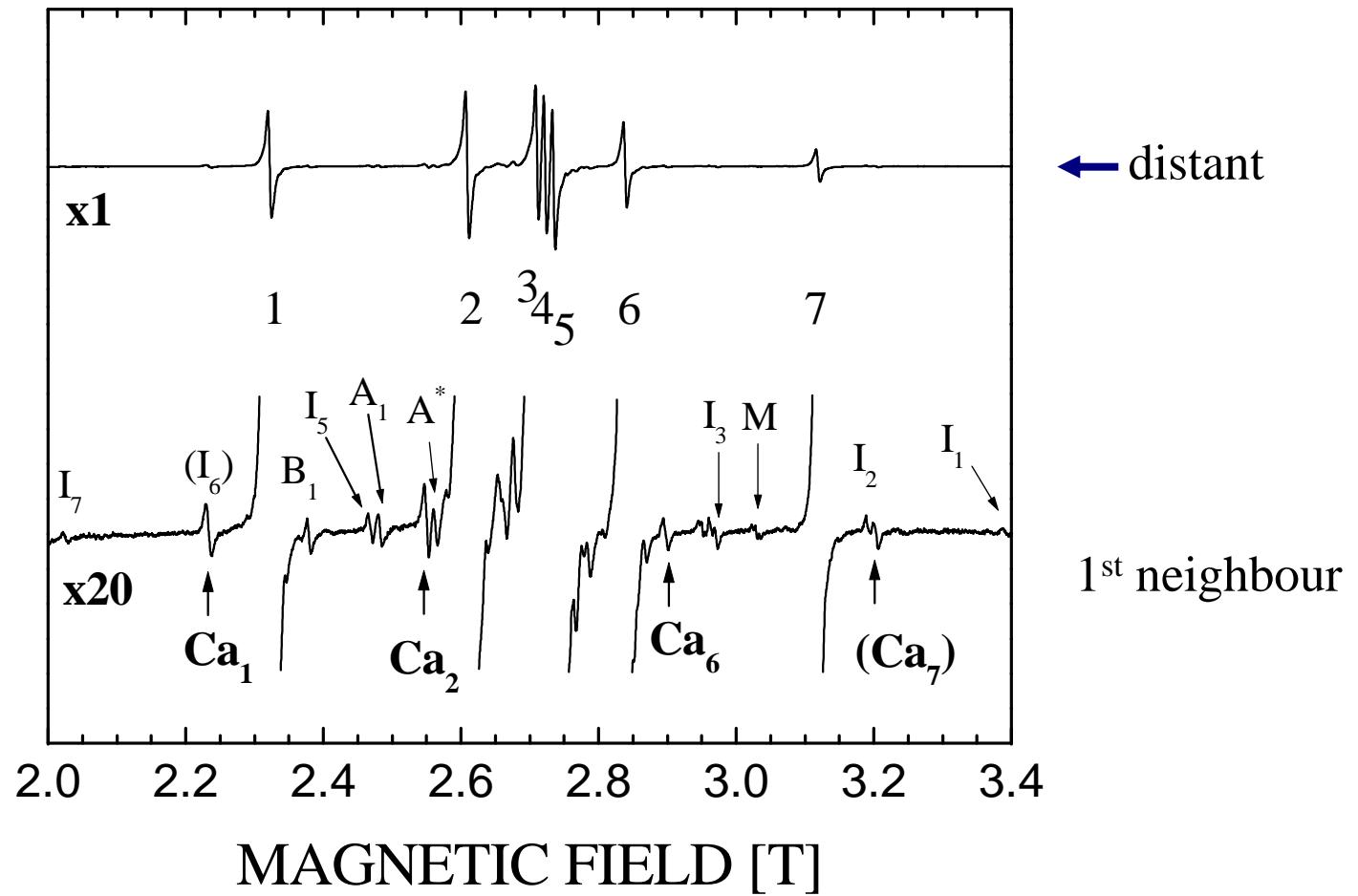
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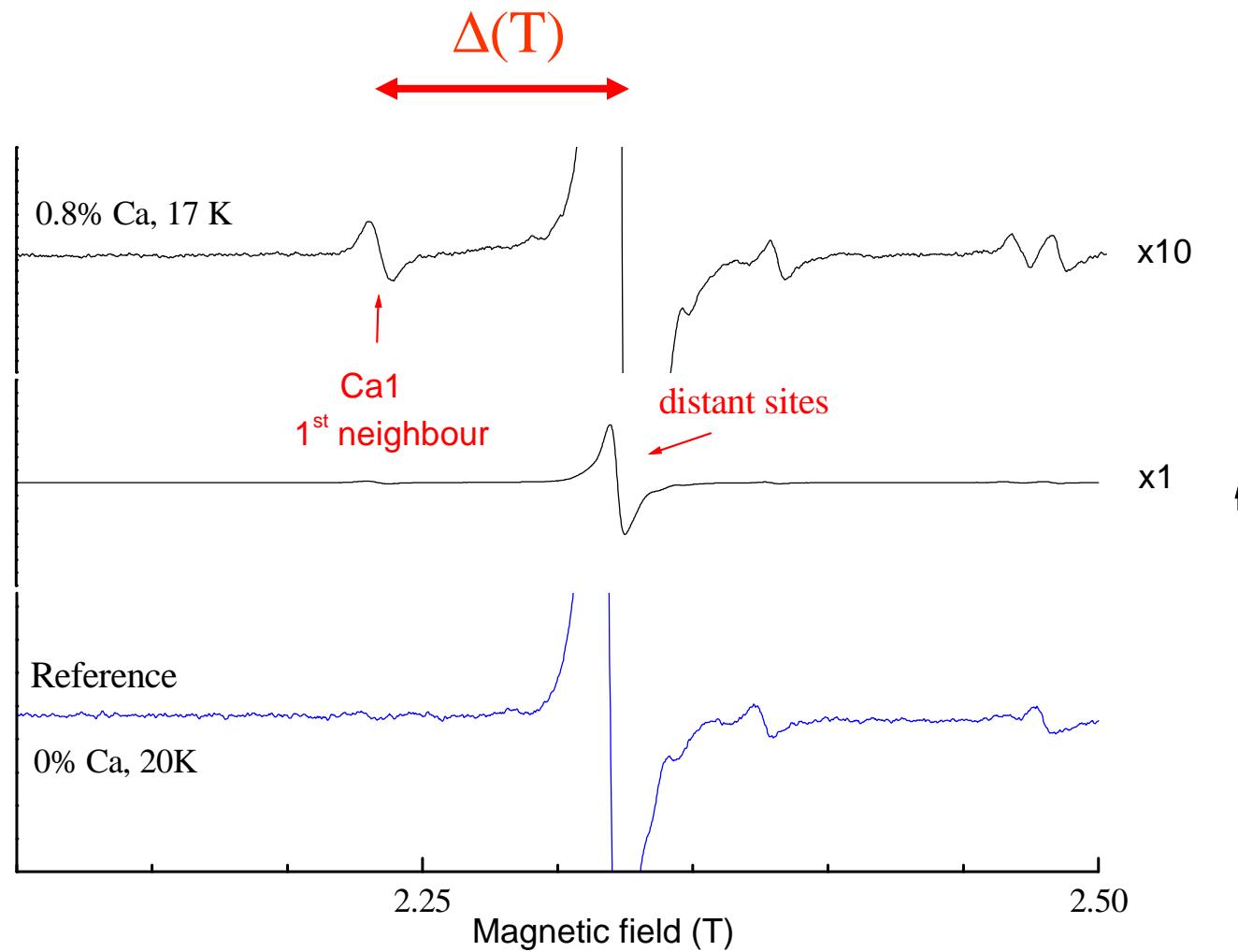
holes ordered in stripes:



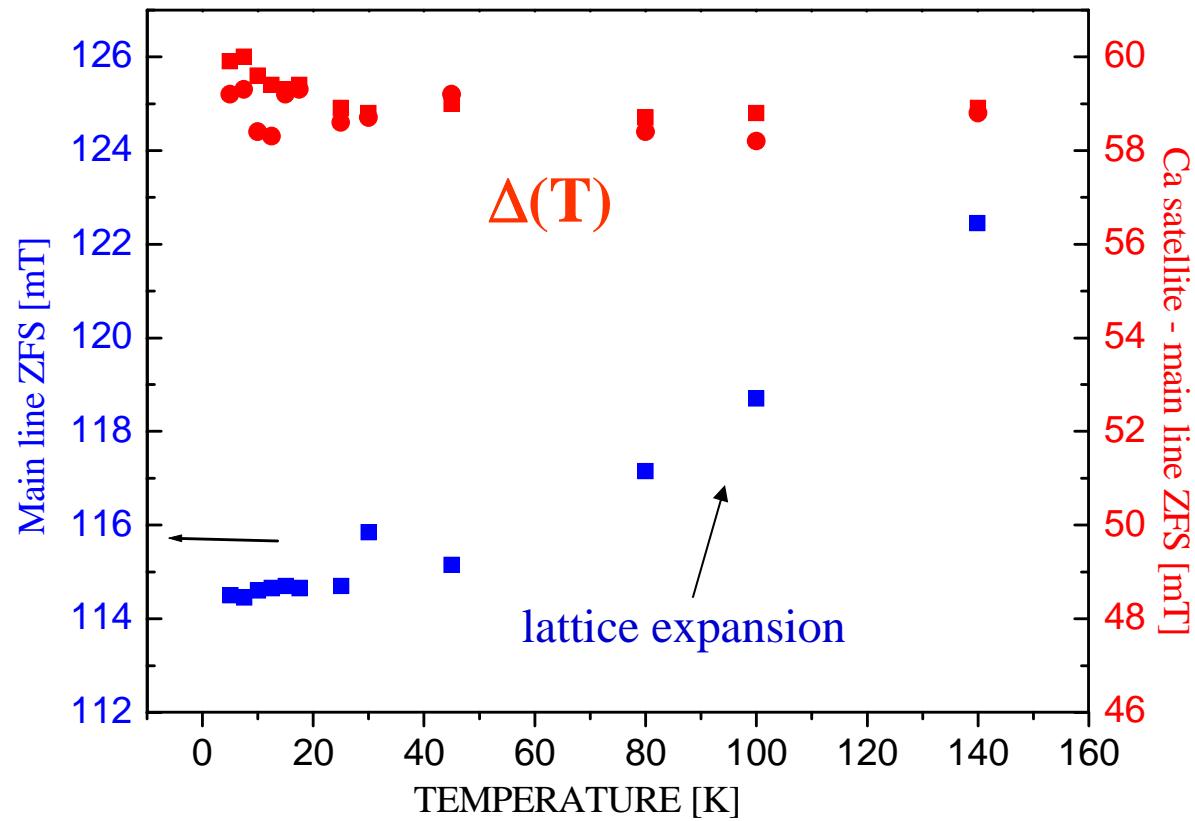
1<sup>st</sup> neighbour  
no crystal field change!

## ESR spectrum of Ca first neighbors and distant sites





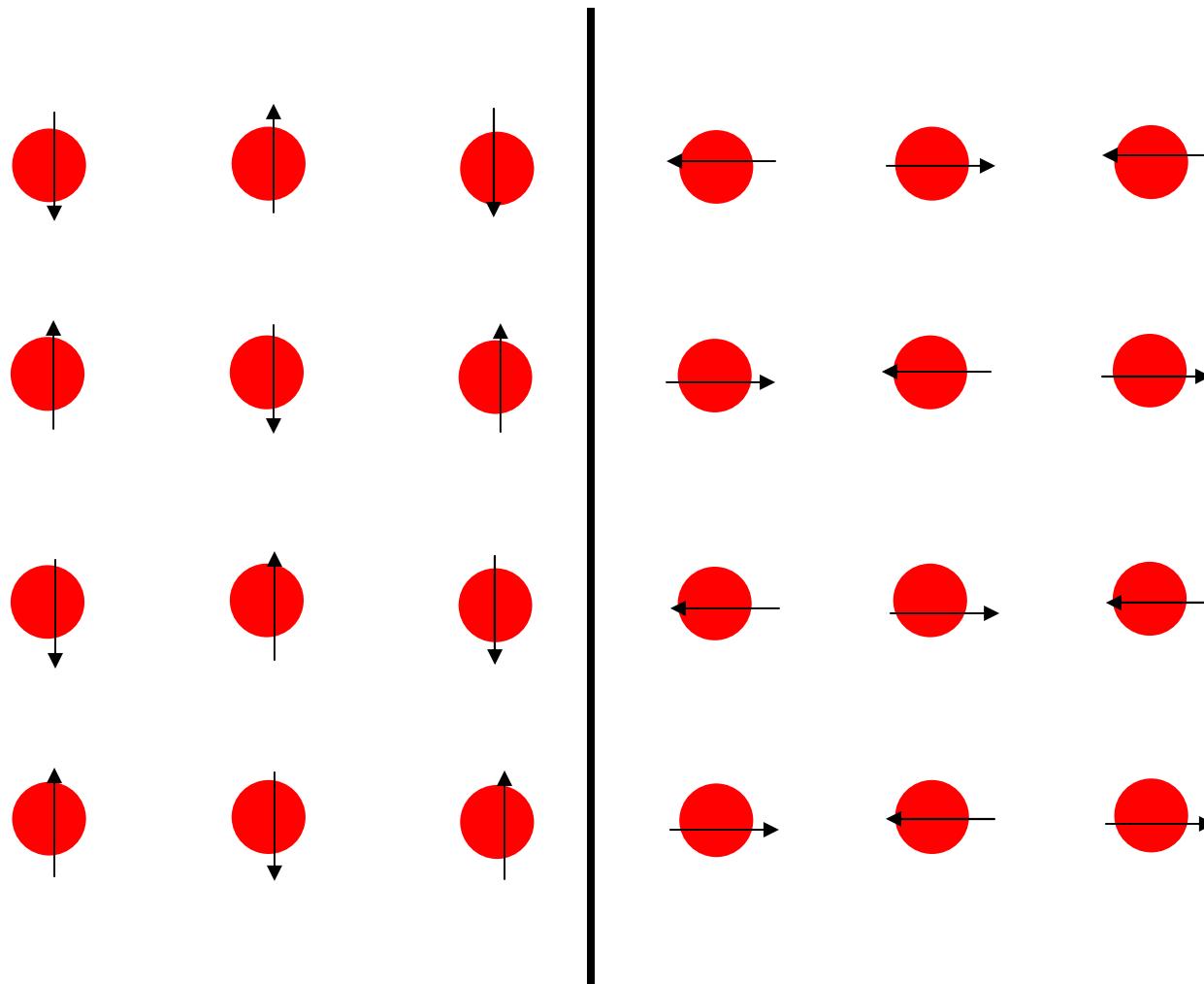
## Holes do not localize at the Ca<sup>2+</sup> sites



$-5/2\rangle \leftrightarrow |-3/2\rangle$  and  $|3/2\rangle \leftrightarrow |5/2\rangle$  75 GHz, B//c

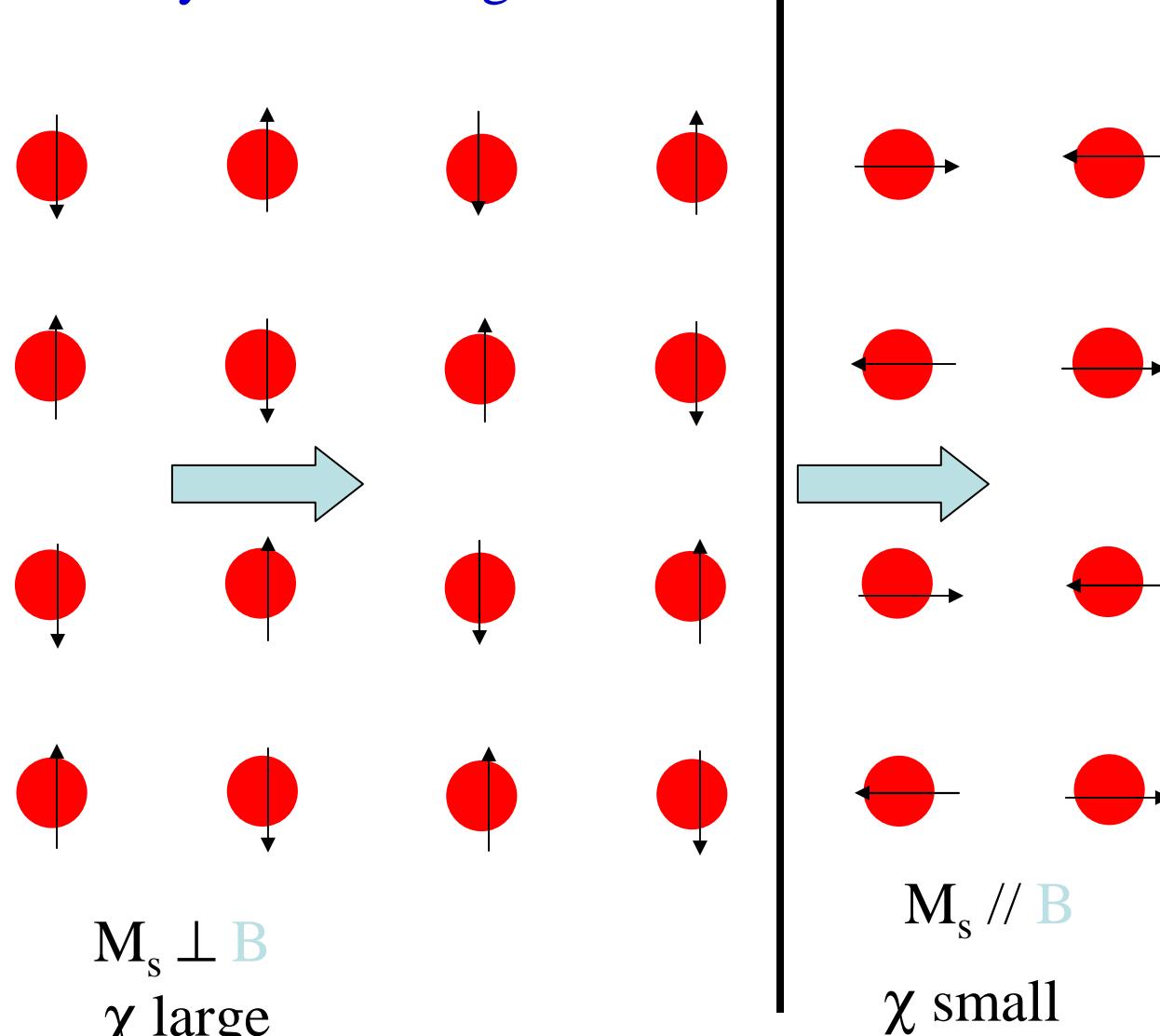
Change of domain structure with magnetic field

## Magnetic fields turn crystal into single domain



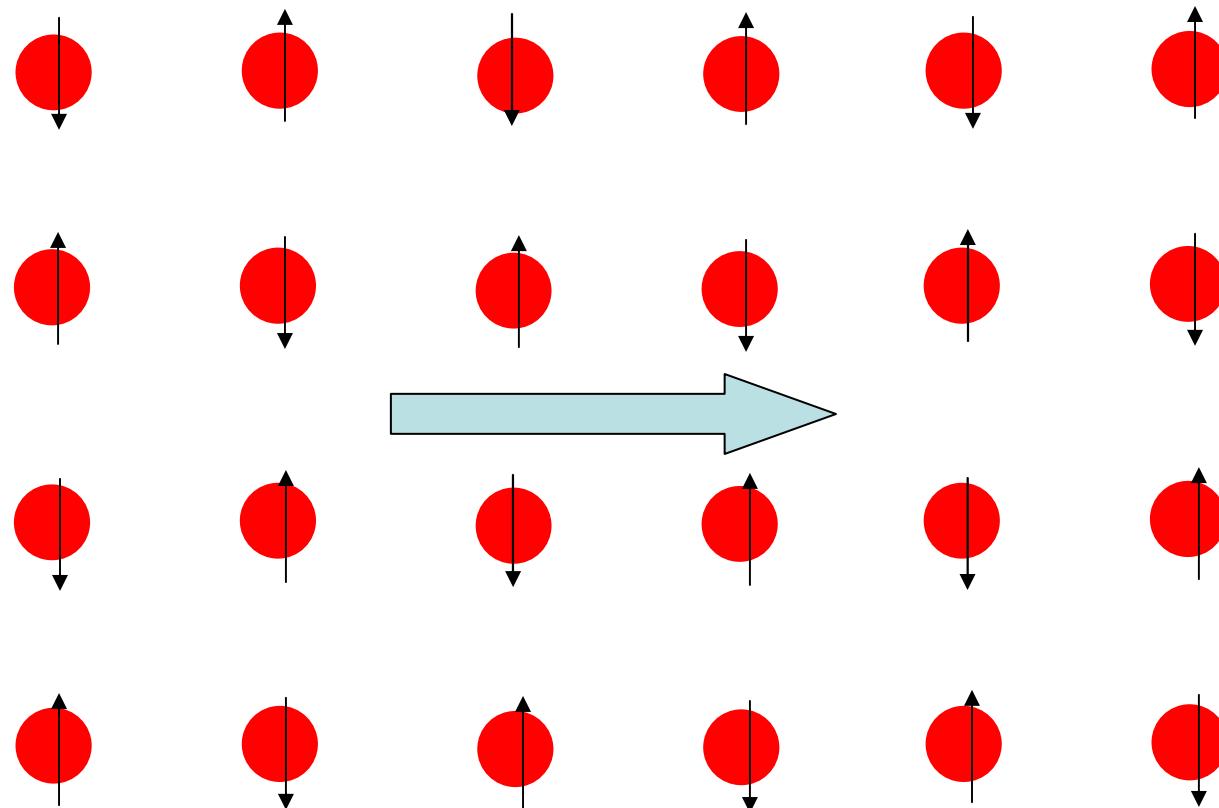
zero magnetic field

# Magnetic fields turn crystal into single domain



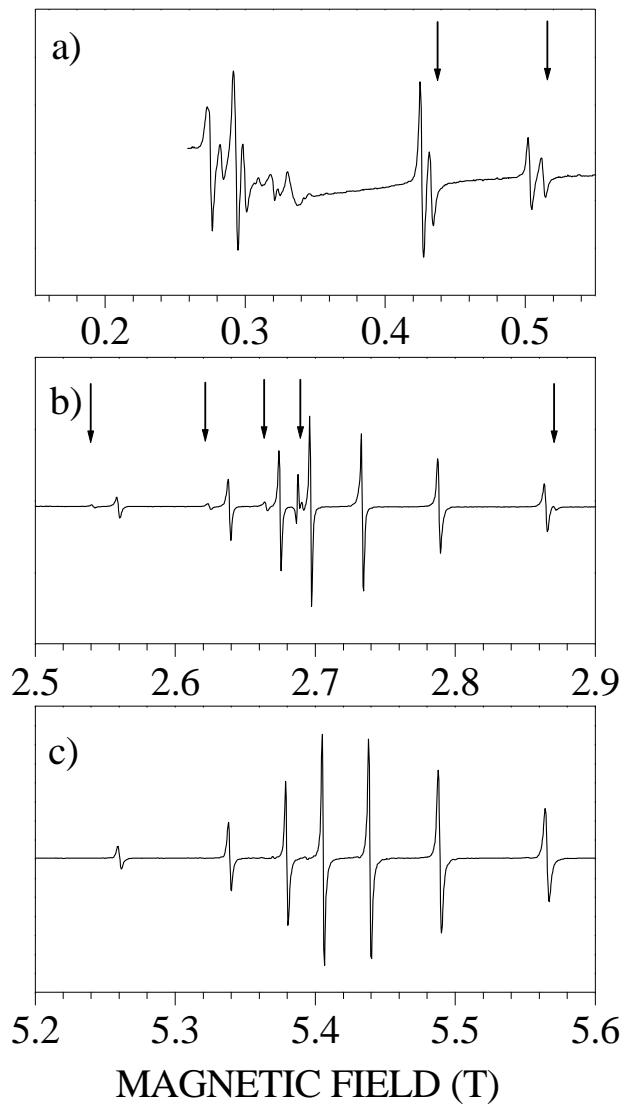
intermediate magnetic field

## Magnetic fields turn crystal into single domain



$$\begin{aligned} M_s &\perp B \\ \chi &\text{ large} \end{aligned}$$

large magnetic field: magnetically single domain



0.2 – 0.5 T (9 GHz)

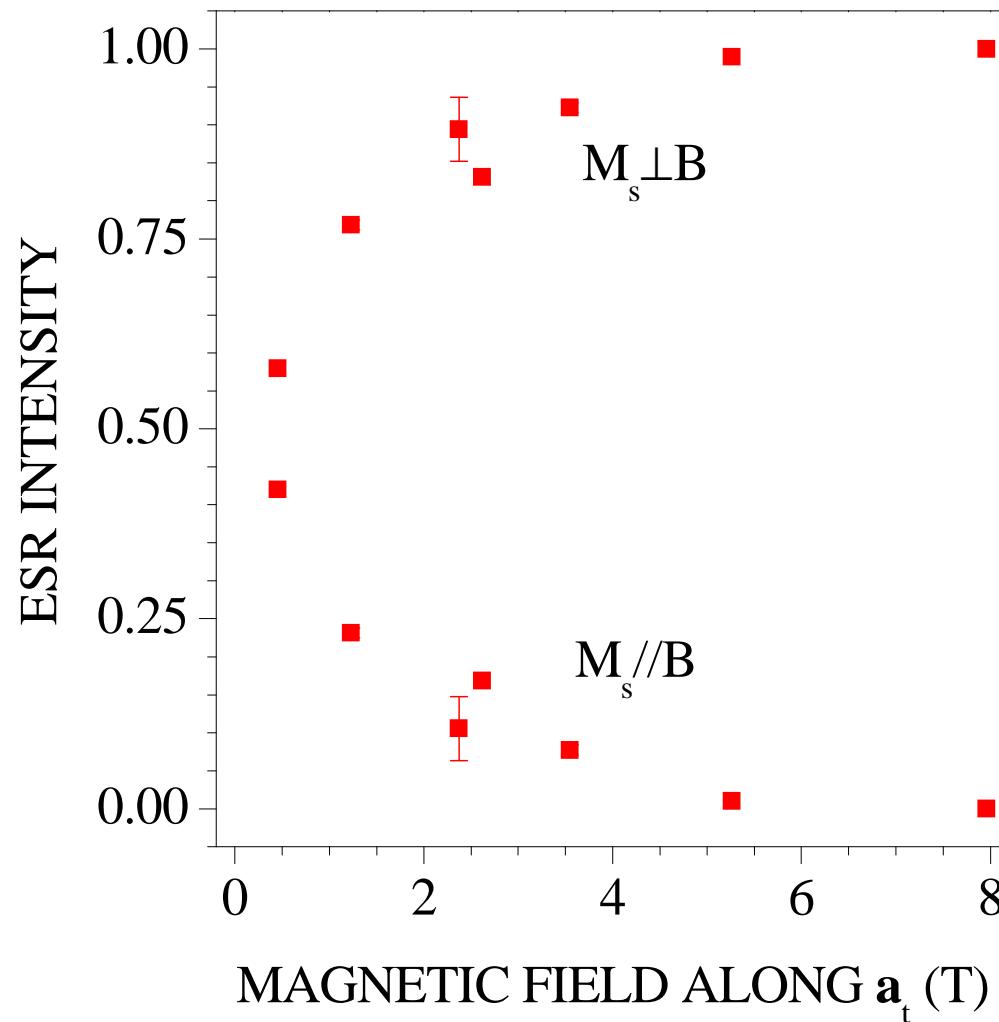


2.7 T (75 GHz)

5.4 T (150 GHz)

Magnetic fields turn crystal into single domain

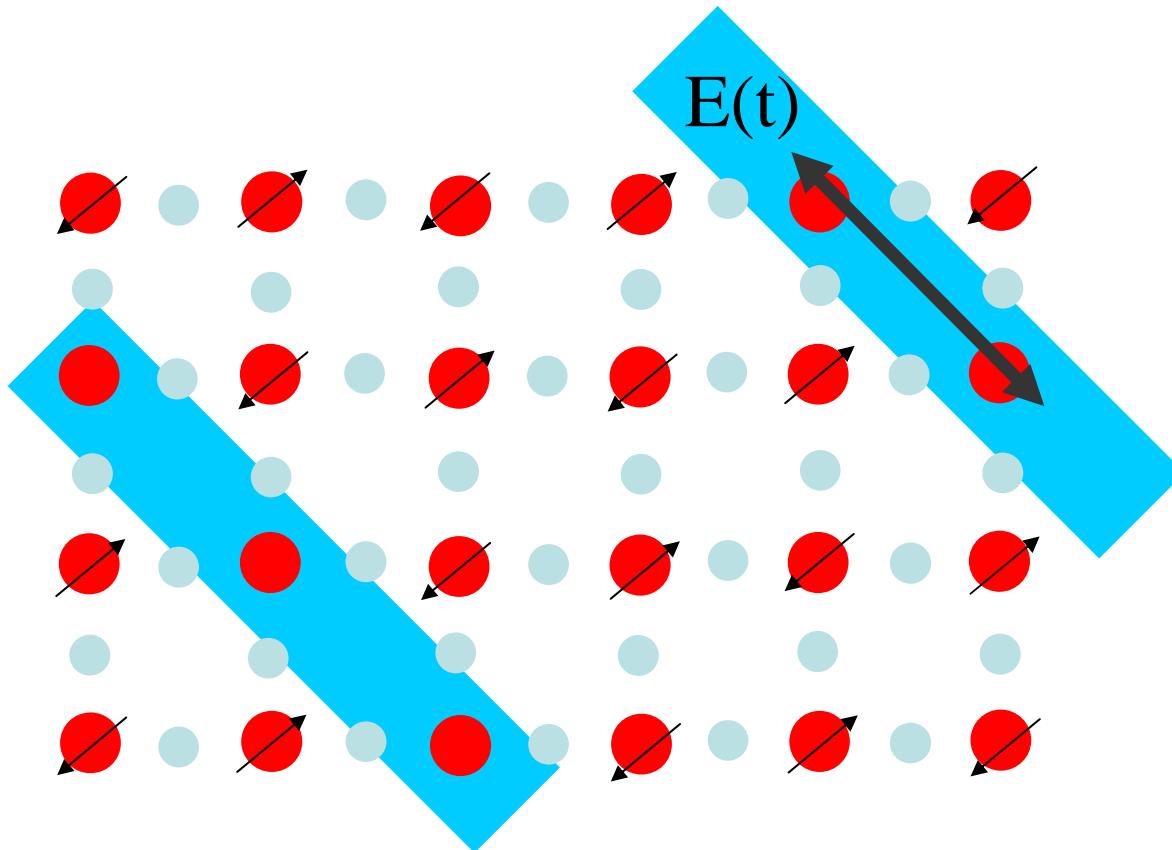
Experiment: undoped



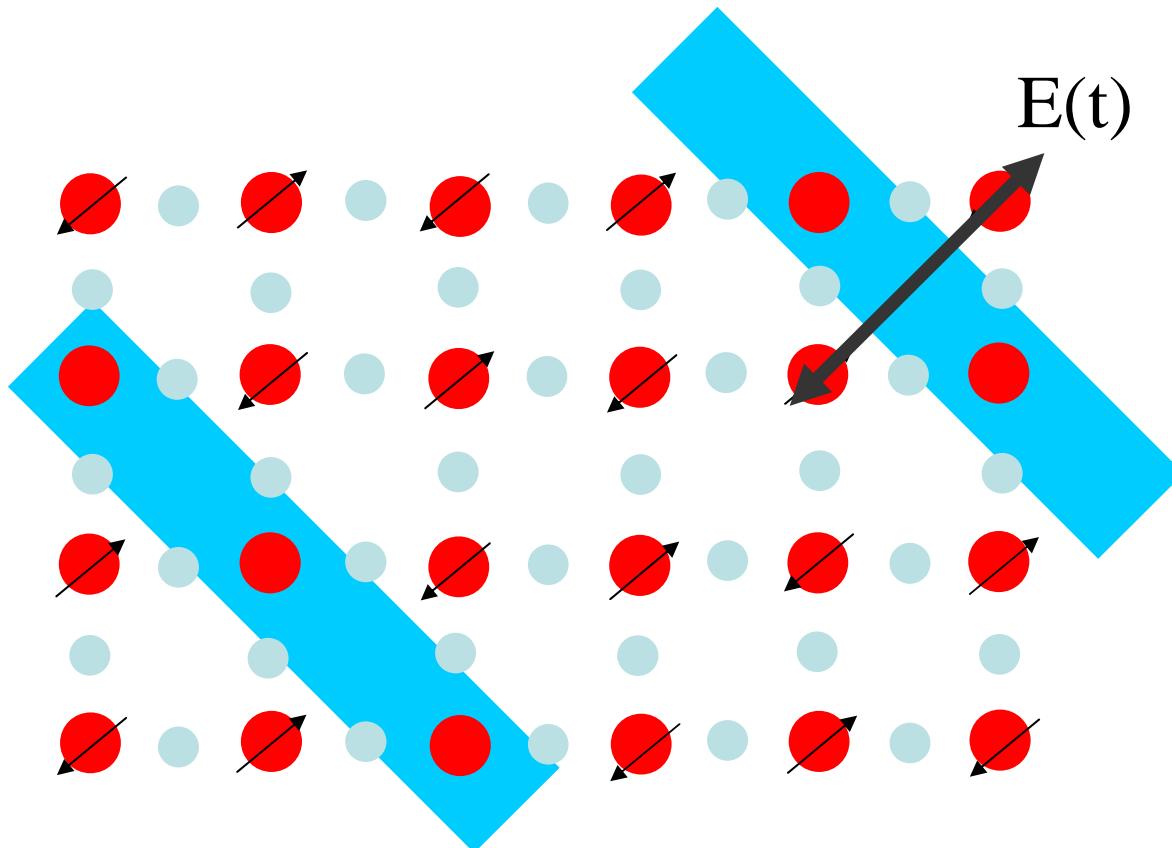
2% Ca YBCO in 8 T field:

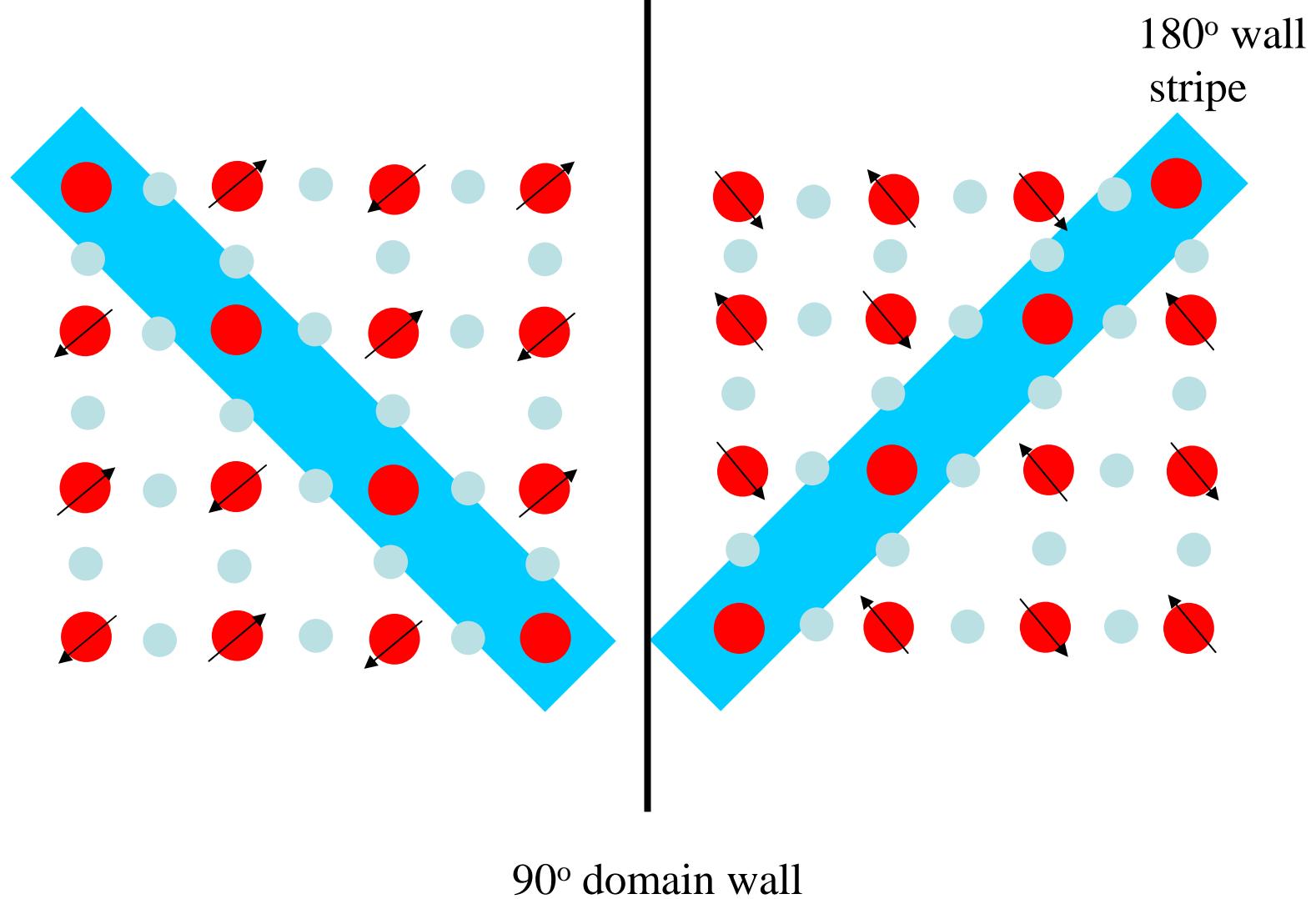
magnetically single domain  
for all orientations

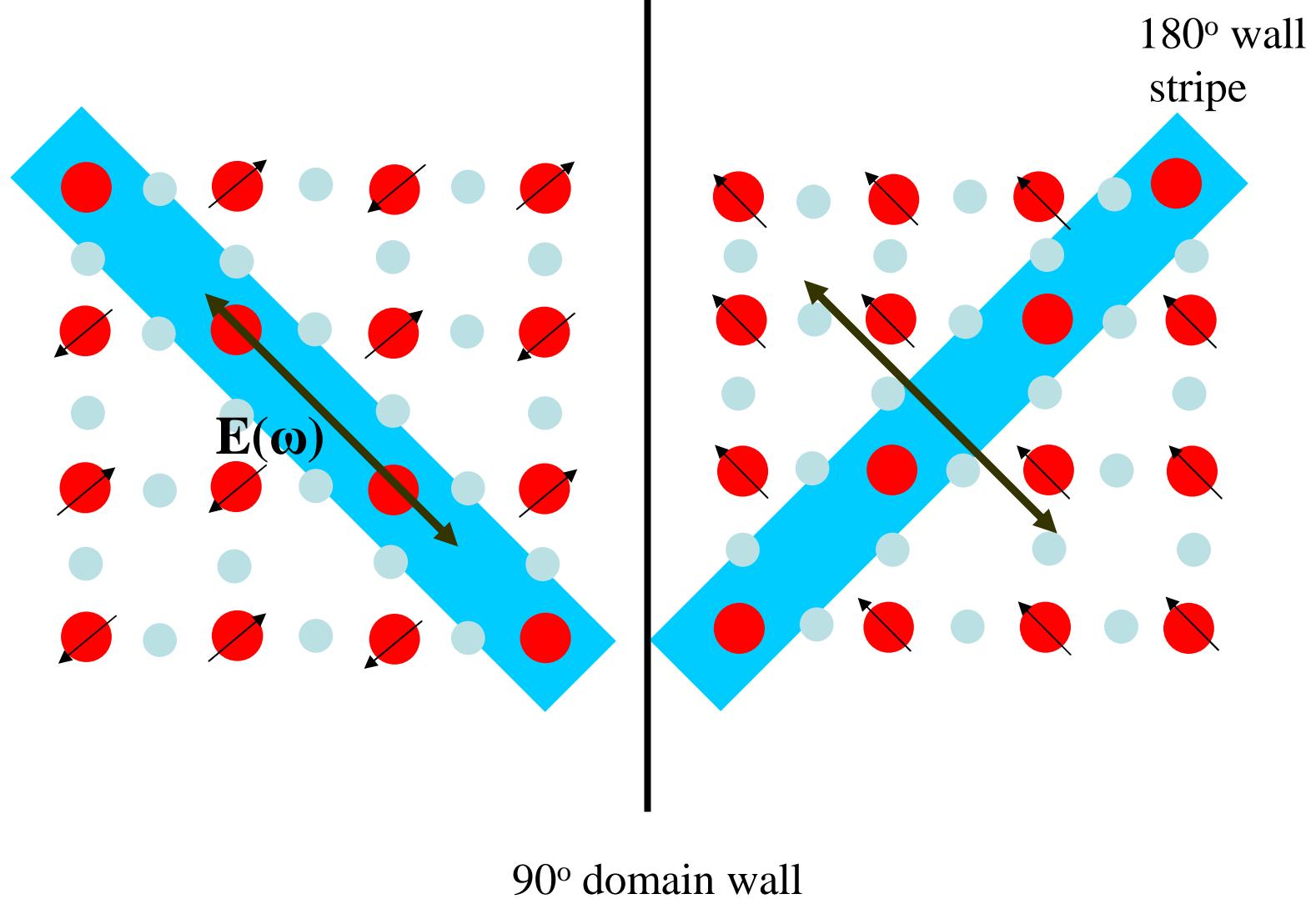
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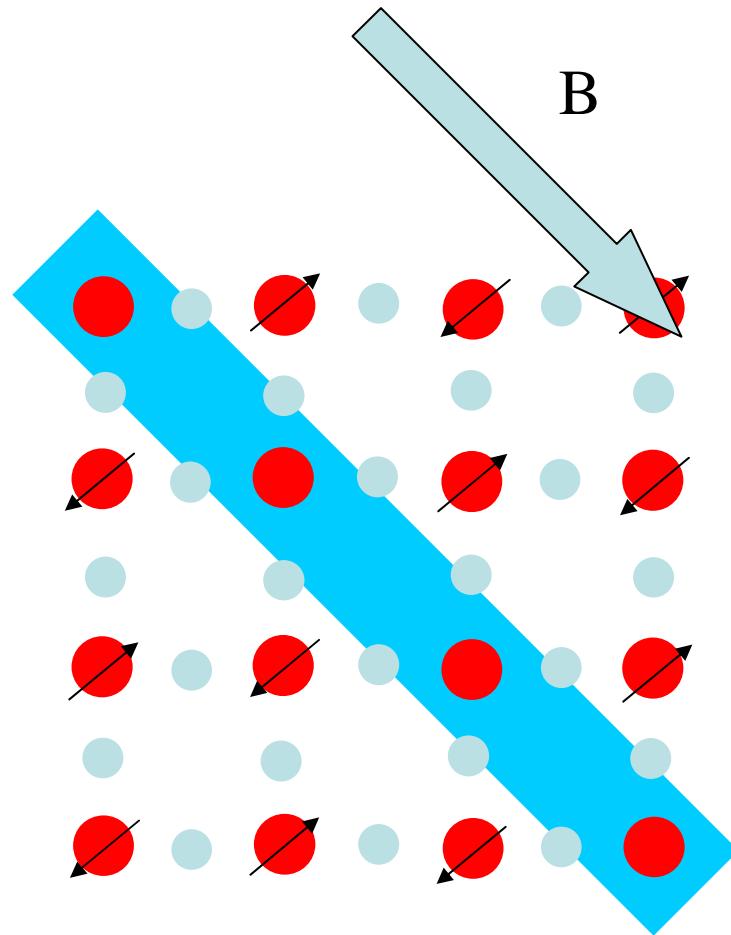


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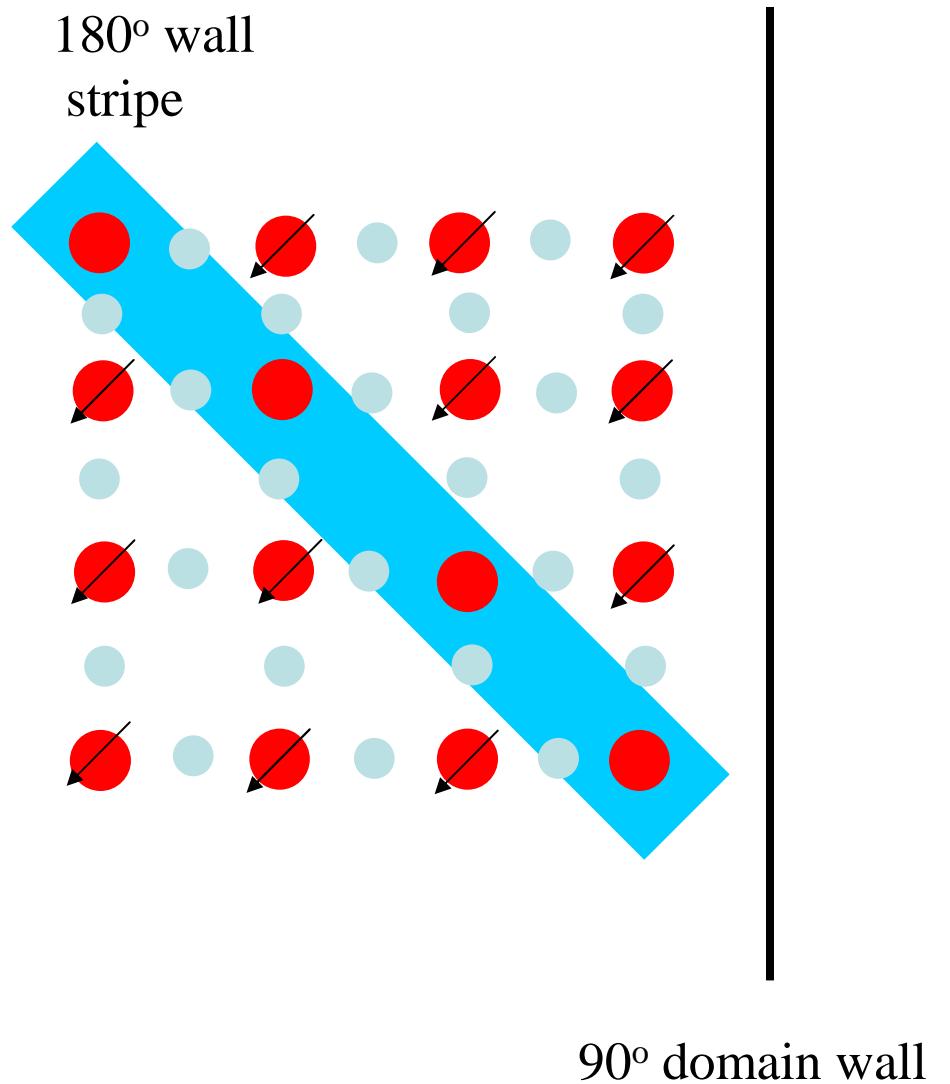


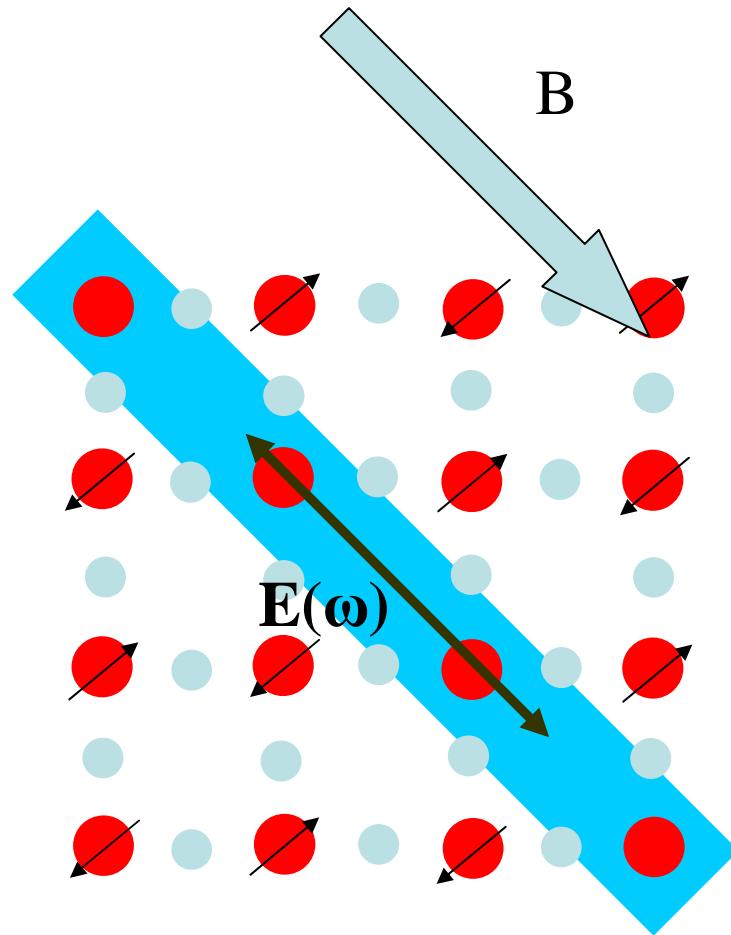




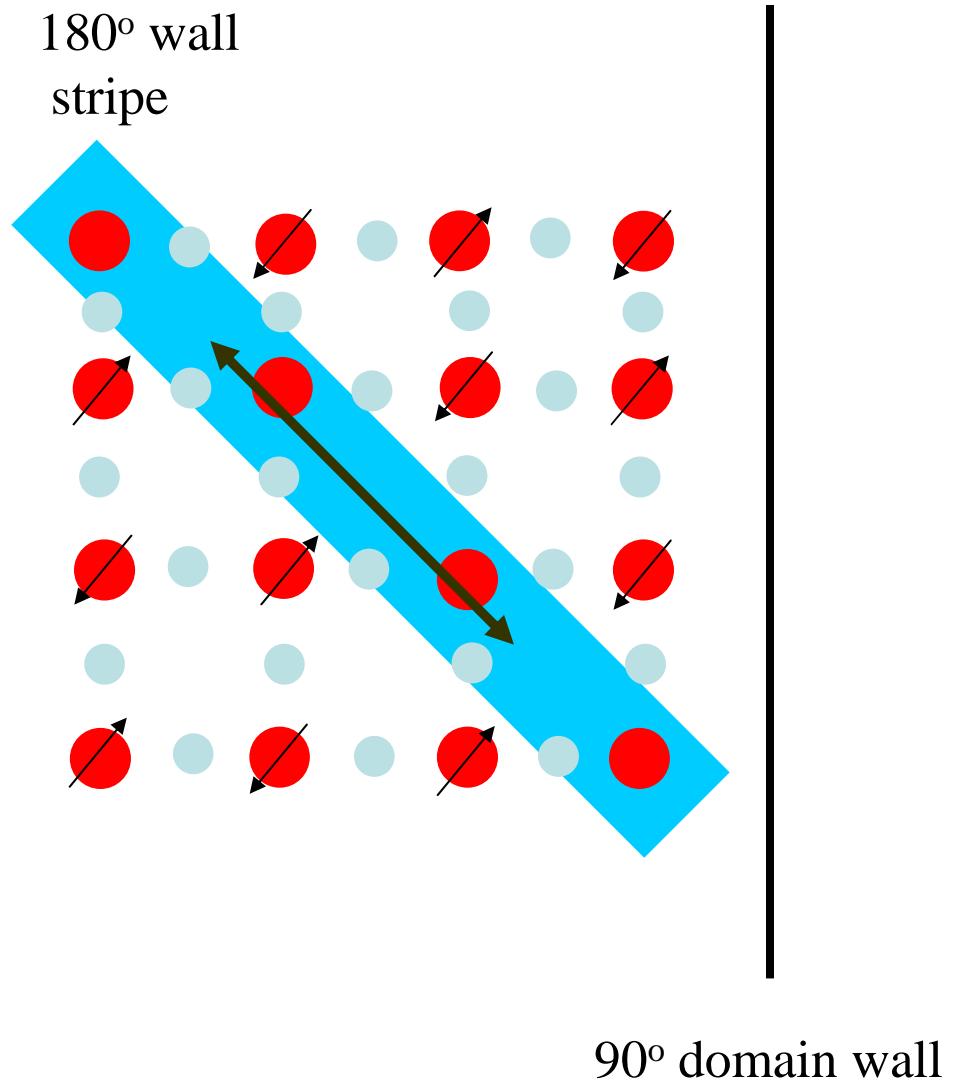


$180^\circ$  wall  
stripe

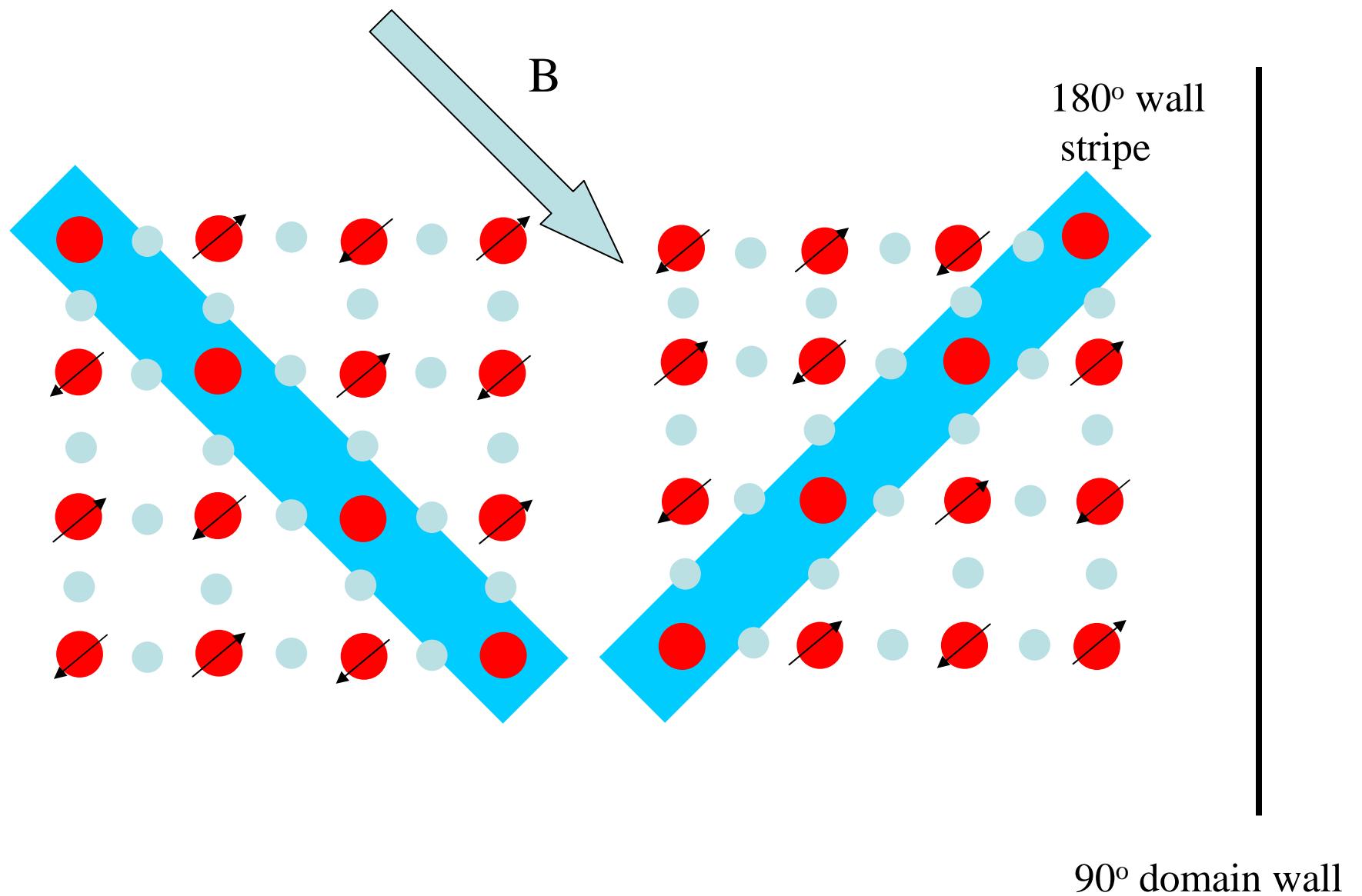




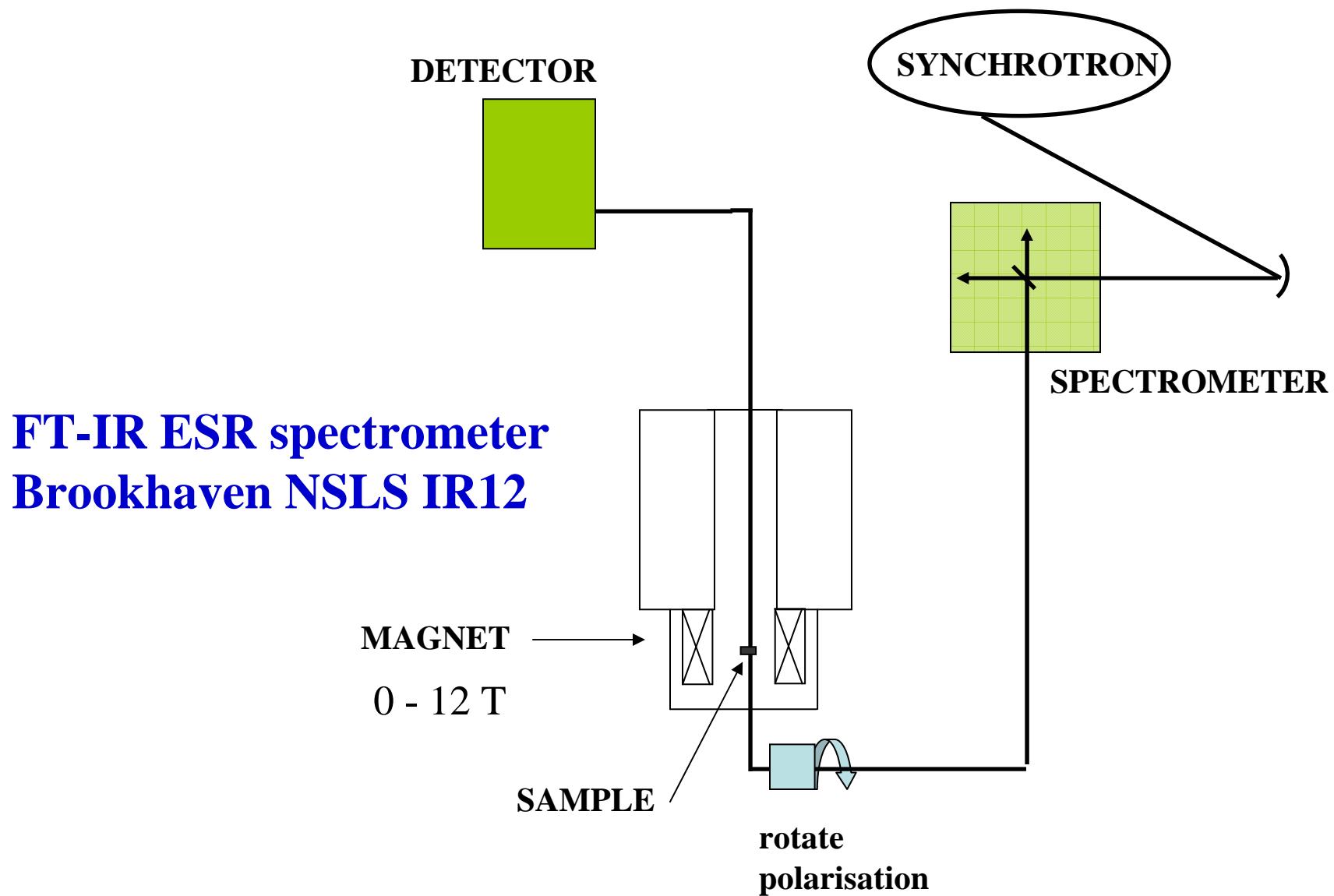
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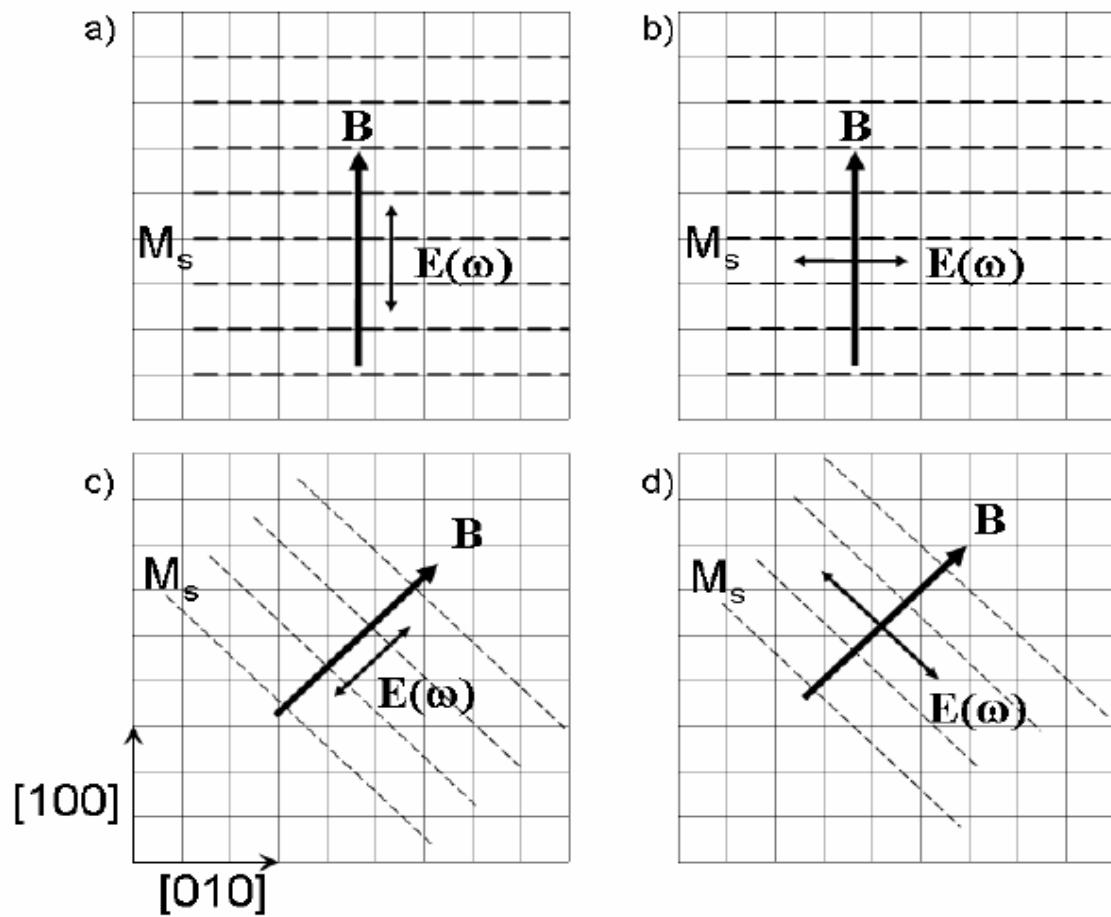


$90^\circ$  domain wall



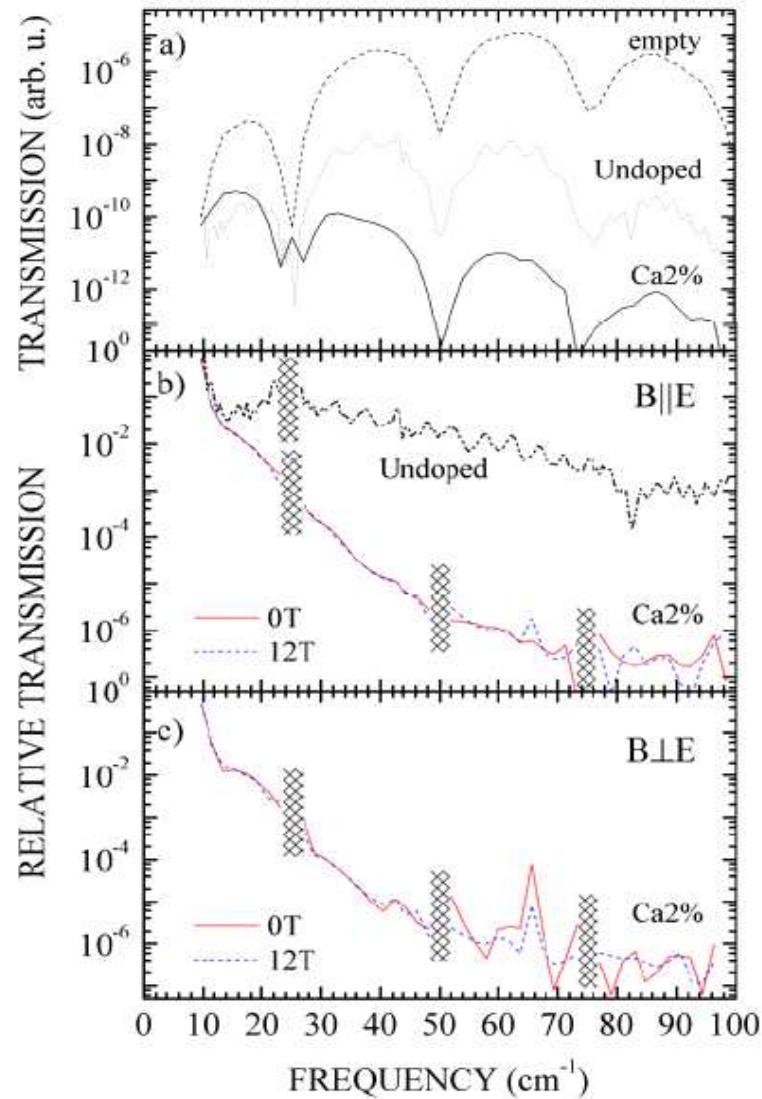
## IR transmission in magnetic field





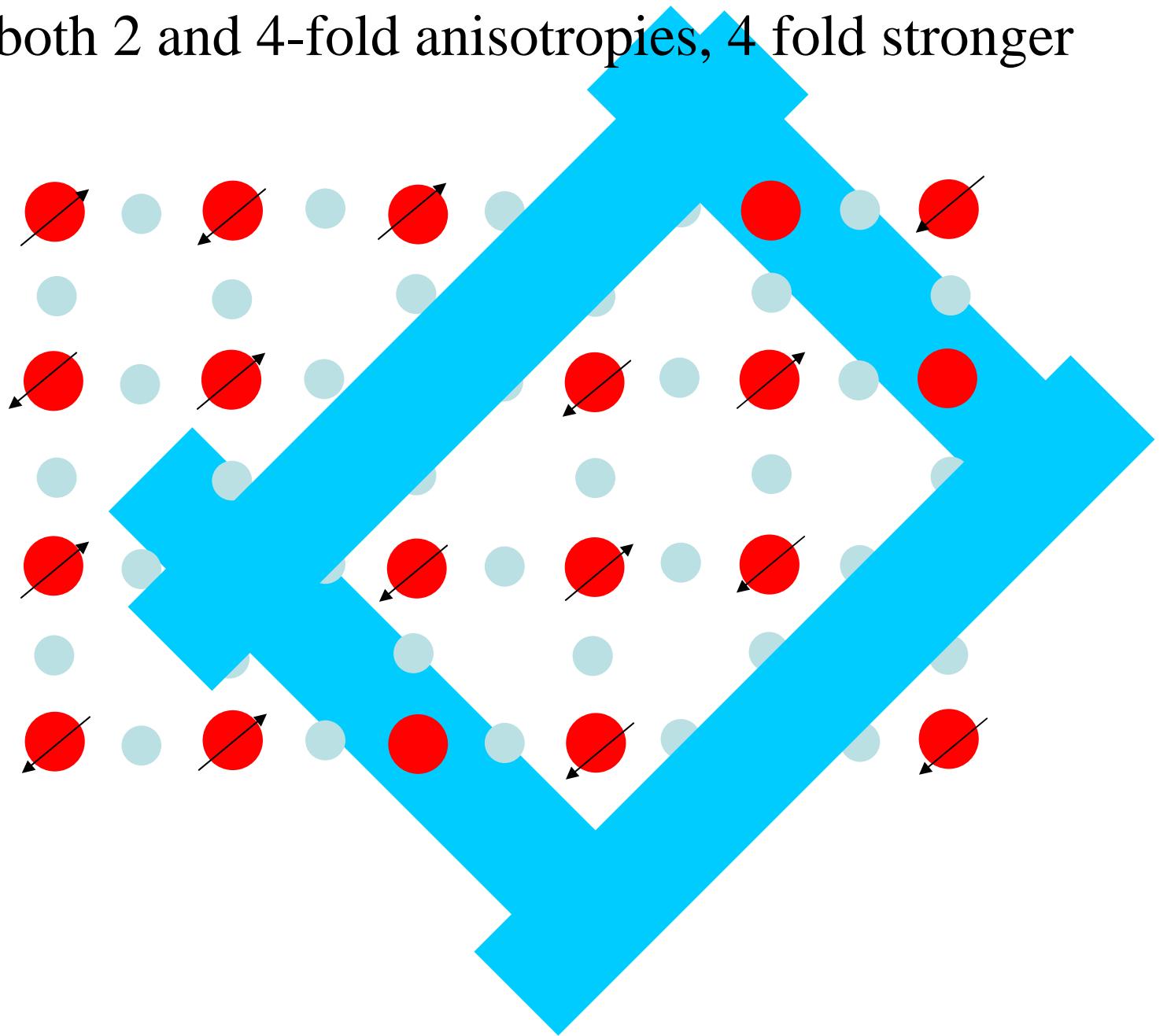
**Figure 9. Geometrical arrangements of the infrared (IR) transmission experiments.**

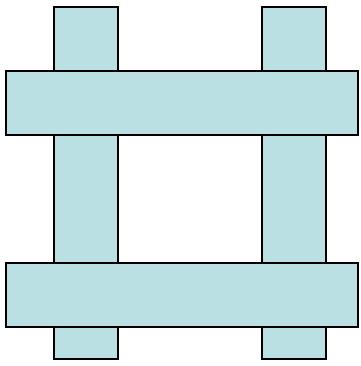
## IR transmission in magnetic field



**Figure 10. IR transmission through the Ca2% single crystal.**

experiment: both 2 and 4-fold anisotropies, 4 fold stronger





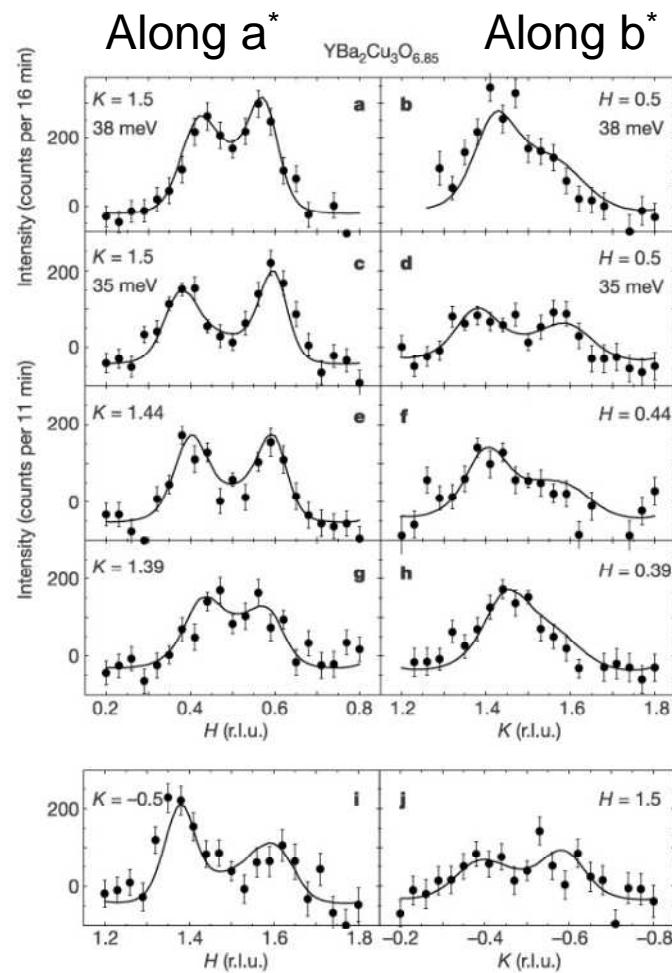
$\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{6.85}$

$\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{6.6}$

untwinned  
T=10K

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## Conclusions:

In lightly hole doped Ca:YBCO  
at low temperatures:

- Holes are not localized around Ca
- AF magnetization is diagonal => stripes diagonal
- AF domain structure is static

AF magnetization is weakly pinned to stripes

No anisotropy in  $\sigma(\omega)$  below  $\sim 70 \text{ cm}^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  No sign of conducting stripes

Charged "stripes" are strongly pinned to lattice