

## ***ECMP Career Paths:***

### ***Superconductivity in Strong Spin-Orbit Materials***

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## Non-Centrosymmetric Topological Superconductivity

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### Project Summary

Topological insulators (TIs) are a newly discovered class of materials with strong potential for impact in both fundamental science and future technologies. Differing from conventional insulators by the presence of a metallic, topologically-protected surface state that is completely spin-polarized, these materials offer a new avenue for technologies based on the manipulation of electron spin (rather than charge) in solids, as well as potential for other advances in high-mobility devices, spintronics and fault-tolerant quantum computation. Coupling these protected states with the perfect conductivity found in a superconductor has the potential to not only help elucidate new physics, but also to establish the groundwork for new ways to exploit the potential of technologies that combine the unique features of each state of matter. This proposal presents a research program focused on the synthesis, characterization and optimization of topological superconductors to help elucidate the scientific and technological potential of these materials, as well as provide new routes to realizing exotic phenomena such as Majorana fermion physics. Our plan is to establish a materials synthesis and measurement program to produce and characterize new topological superconductor compounds, exploring the junction between TI, superconducting and magnetic ground states and the potential for stabilization of new cooperative phenomena utilizing both symmetry (topological protection) and thermodynamics (superconducting energy gap). Experiments will also be sought to realize systems with appropriate geometries to observe Majorana fermions, but without the need for proximity effect junctions. Focus will be placed on the exploration of several sub-families of Heusler compounds with the ABC ternary structure. Preliminary work has realized a new family of rare earth-based non-centrosymmetric superconductors with strong spin-orbit coupling, robust thermodynamic superconducting states and the intrinsic ability to tune long range magnetic order by the choice/combination of rare earth species or admixture.

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## Topological RPdBi half-Heusler semimetals: A new family of noncentrosymmetric magnetic superconductors

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We report superconductivity and magnetism in a new family of topological semimetals, the ternary half-Heusler compound RPdBi (*R*: rare earth). In this series, tuning of the rare earth *f*-electron component allows for simultaneous control of both lattice density via lanthanide contraction and the strength of magnetic interaction via de Gennes scaling, allowing for a unique tuning of the normal-state band inversion strength, superconducting pairing, and magnetically ordered ground states. Antiferromagnetism with ordering vector  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  occurs below a Néel temperature that scales with de Gennes factor  $dG$ , whereas a superconducting transition is simultaneously suppressed with increasing  $dG$ . With superconductivity appearing in a system with noncentrosymmetric crystallographic symmetry, the possibility of spin-triplet Cooper pairing with nontrivial topology analogous to that predicted for the normal-state electronic structure provides a unique and rich opportunity to realize both predicted and new exotic excitations in topological materials.

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CONDENSED MATTER PHYSICS

## Beyond triplet: Unconventional superconductivity in a spin-3/2 topological semimetal

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In all known fermionic superfluids, Cooper pairs are composed of spin-1/2 quasi-particles that pair to form either spin-singlet or spin-triplet bound states. The “spin” of a Bloch electron, however, is fixed by the symmetries of the crystal and the atomic orbitals from which it is derived and, in some cases, can behave as if it were a spin-3/2 particle. The superconducting state of such a system allows pairing beyond spin-triplet, with higher spin quasi-particles combining to form quintet or septet pairs. We report evidence of unconventional superconductivity emerging from a spin-3/2 quasi-particle electronic structure in the half-Heusler semimetal YPtBi, a low-carrier density noncentrosymmetric cubic material with a high symmetry that preserves the *p*-like  $j = 3/2$  manifold in the Bi-based  $\Gamma_8$  band in the presence of strong spin-orbit coupling. With a striking linear temperature dependence of the London penetration depth, the existence of line nodes in the superconducting order parameter  $\Delta$  is directly explained by a mixed-parity Cooper pairing model with high total angular momentum, consistent with a high-spin fermionic superfluid state. We propose a  $\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{p}$  model of the  $j = 3/2$  fermions to explain how a dominant  $J = 3$  septet pairing state is the simplest solution that naturally produces nodes in the mixed even-odd parity gap. Together with the underlying topologically nontrivial band structure, the unconventional pairing in this system represents a truly novel form of superfluidity that has strong potential for leading the development of a new series of topological superconductors.

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#### ABSTRACT

We theoretically consider the superconductivity of the topological half-Heusler semimetals YPtBi and LuPtBi. We show that the superconducting gap is anisotropic and has nodes. The Cooper pairs have a spin-3/2 character. Purely odd-parity states are favored over even-parity states. In materials with topologically protected surface states, the  $d$ -wave states in the bulk are suppressed. In materials with surface line nodes, the  $s$ -wave states are suppressed. Our analysis shows that the half-Heuslers are promising candidates for topological superconductors.

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### Unconventional superconductivity in a topological semimetal

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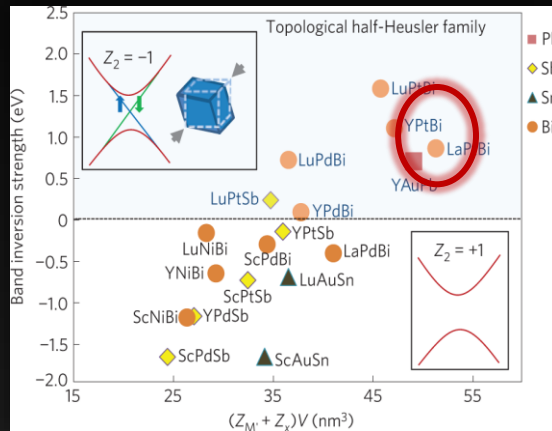
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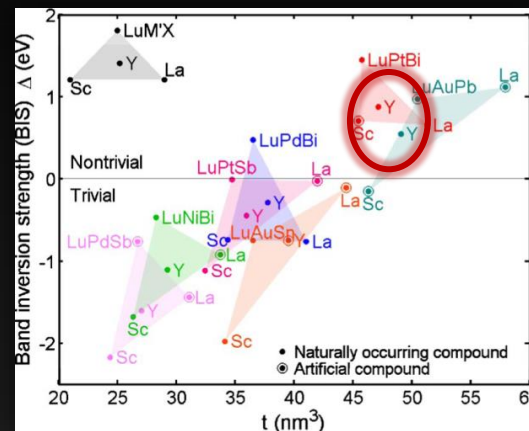
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## Band Inversion in *half-Heusler compounds*

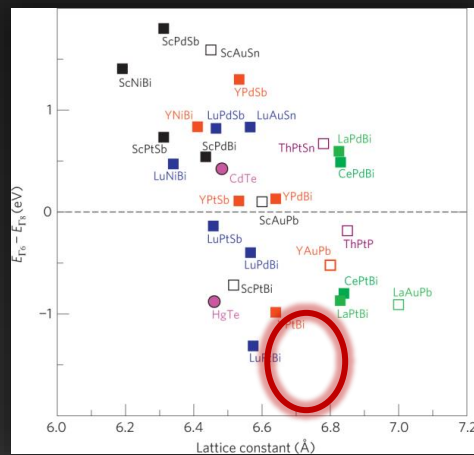
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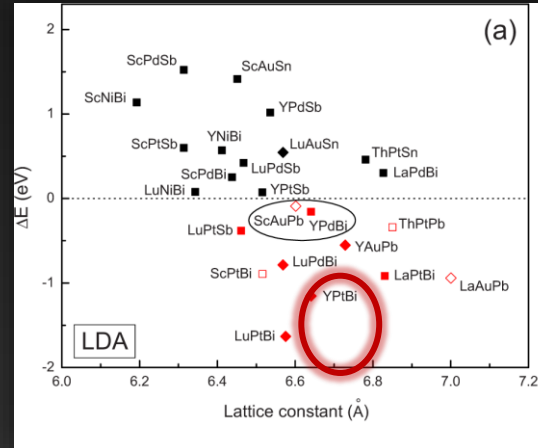
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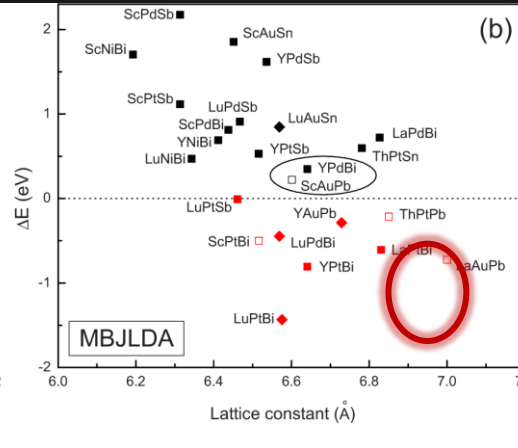
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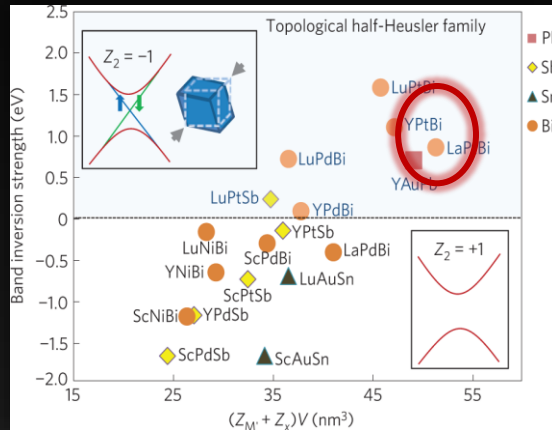




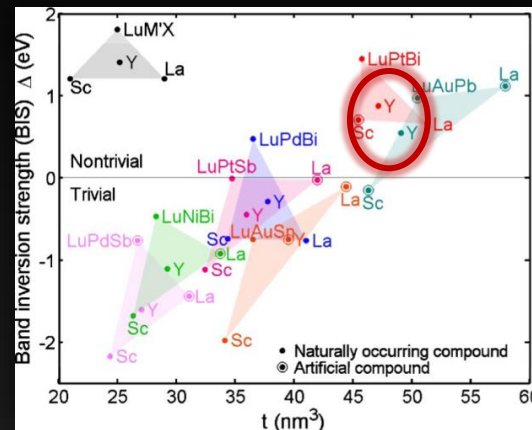
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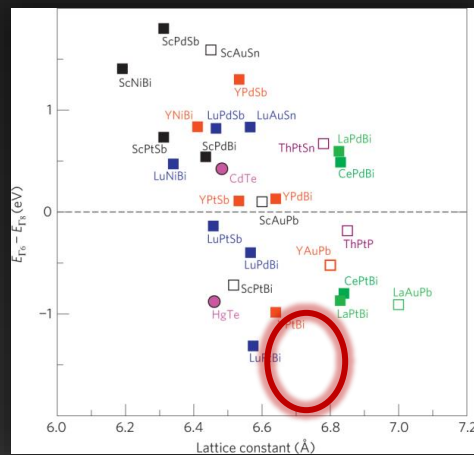
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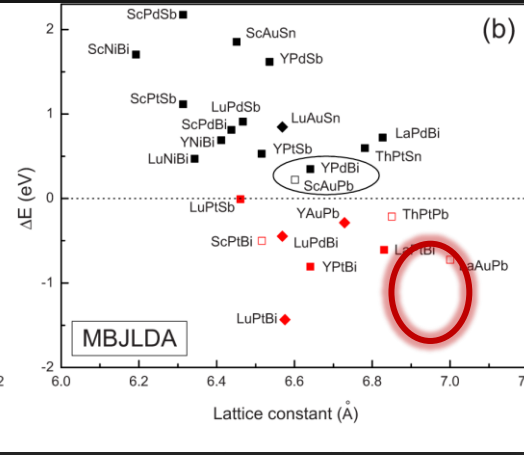
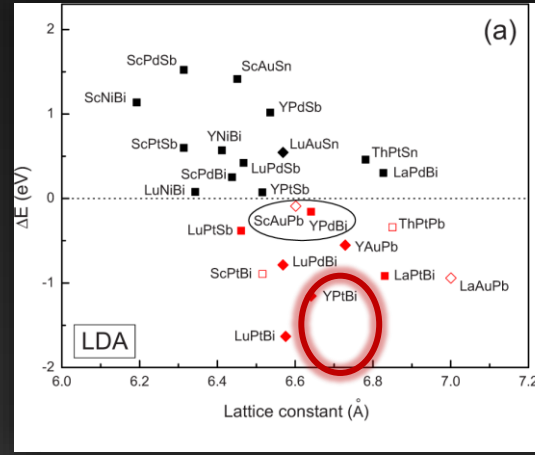
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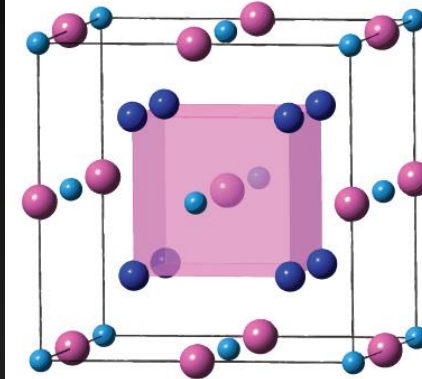


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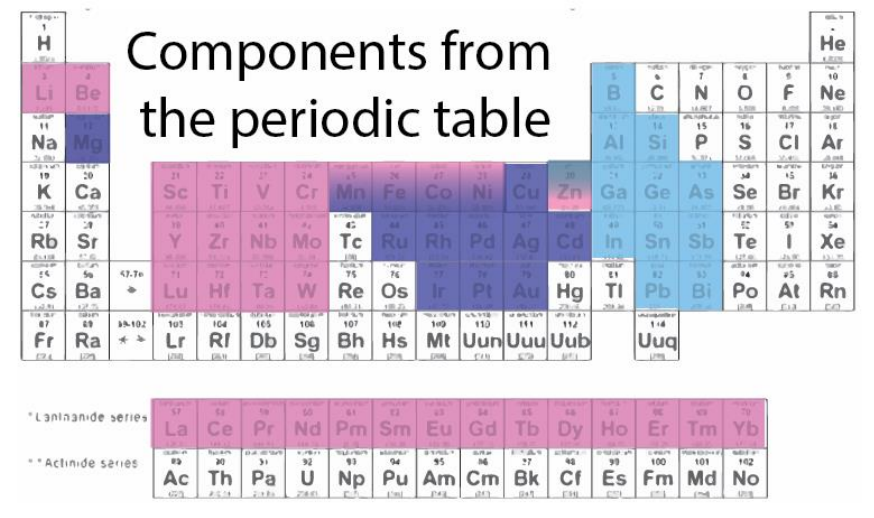
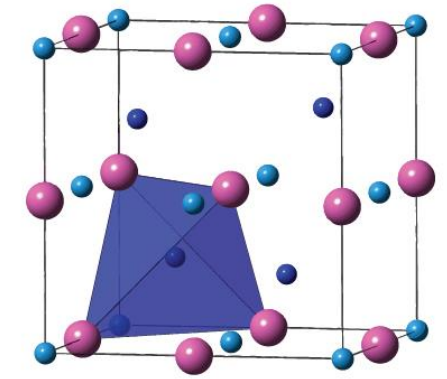


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Heusler,  $X_2YZ$   
cubic  $Fm-3m$



Half-Heusler,  $XYZ$   
cubic  $F-43m$

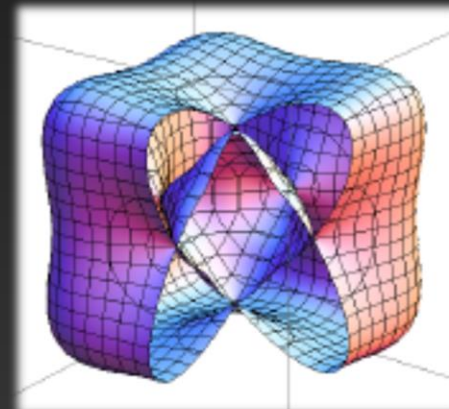
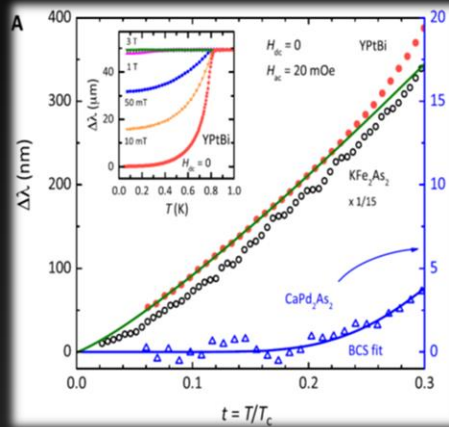


~1,250 known intermetallics.



# superconductivity in YPtBi

→ first high-spin superfluid



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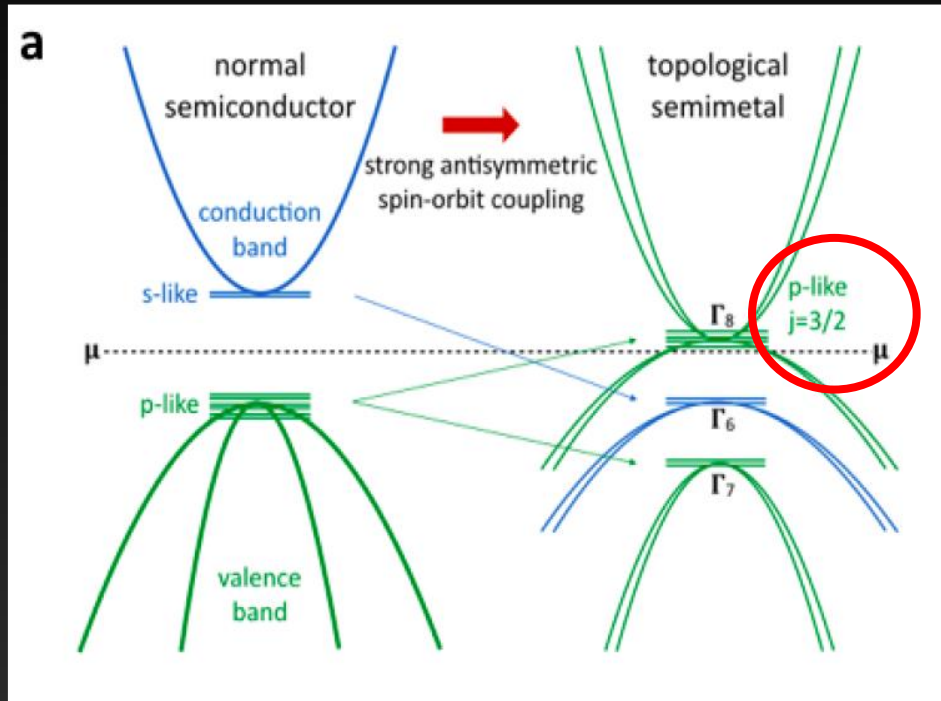
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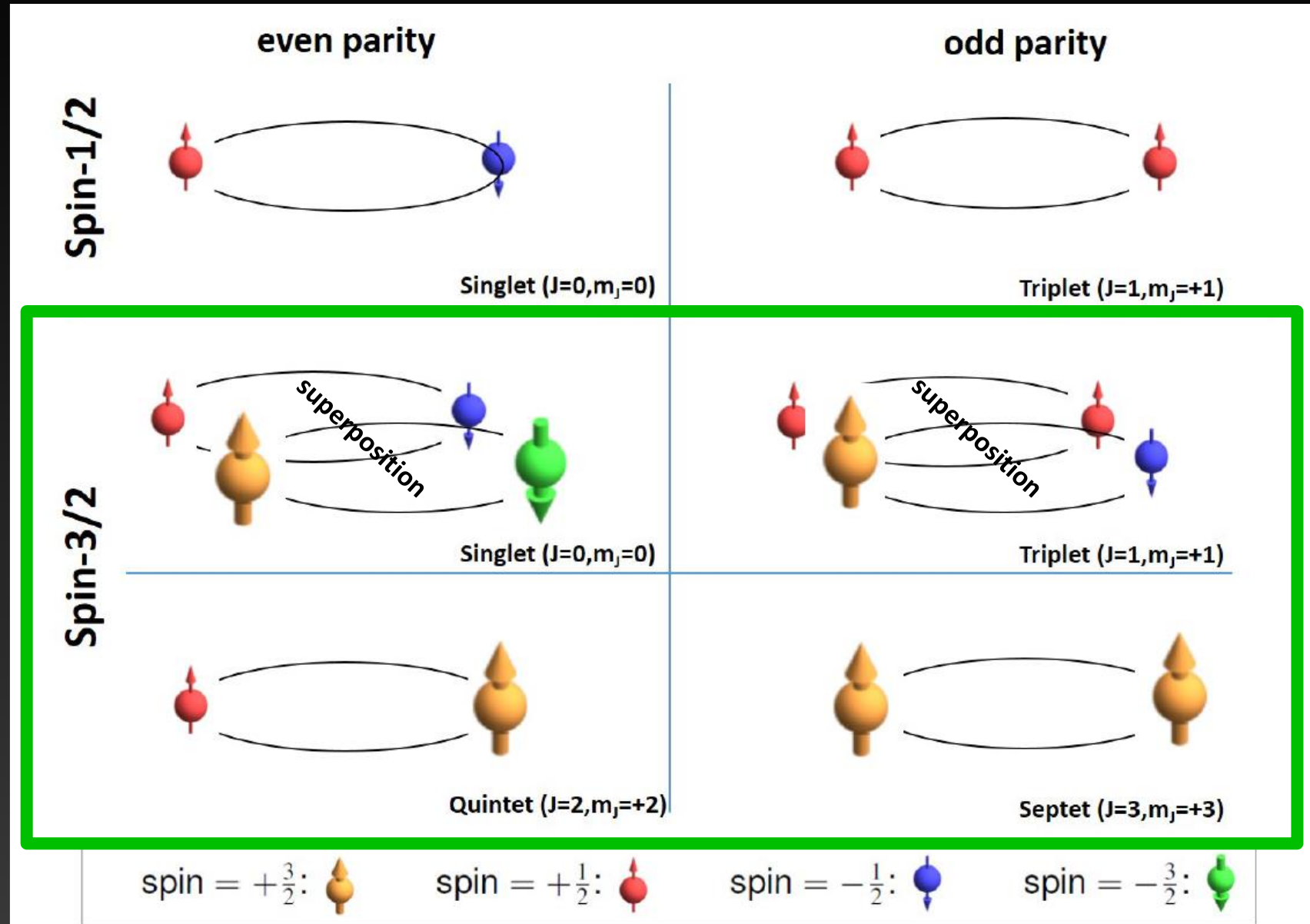


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## spin-3/2 pairing



- p-like states with  $j=3/2$  remain degenerate



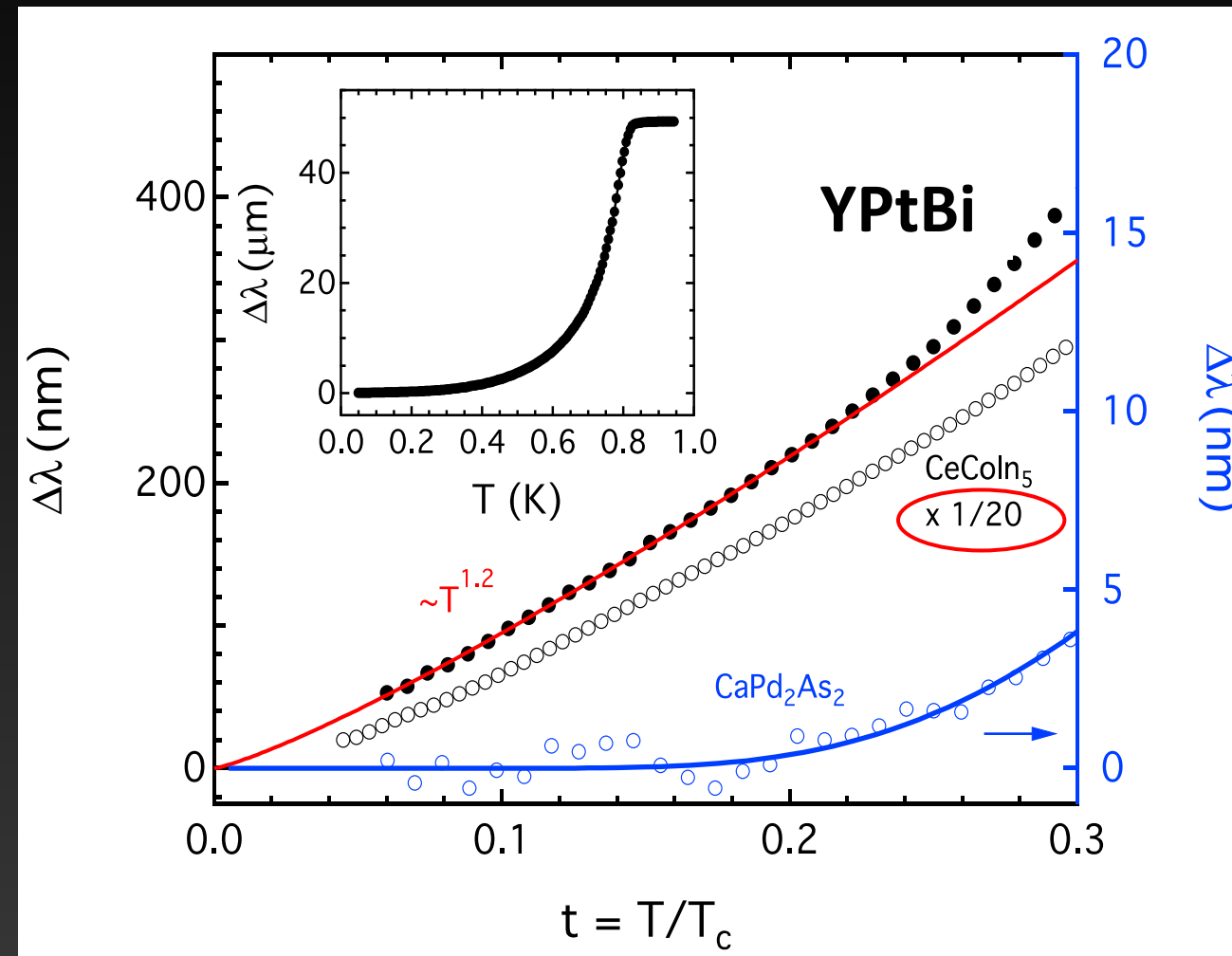
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## TDR Penetration Depth

- Linear penetration depth ( $\Delta\lambda \sim T^{1.2}$ ): **line nodes**
- Similar to d-wave SCs  $\text{KFe}_2\text{As}_2$ ,  $\text{CeCoIn}_5$ ...
- Low carrier density – extremely large  $\lambda \sim 2 \mu\text{m}$ !
- Scattering rate parameter  $T^* \sim 0.07T_c$



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## Quantum oscillations of the $j = 3/2$ Fermi surface in the topological semimetal YPtBi

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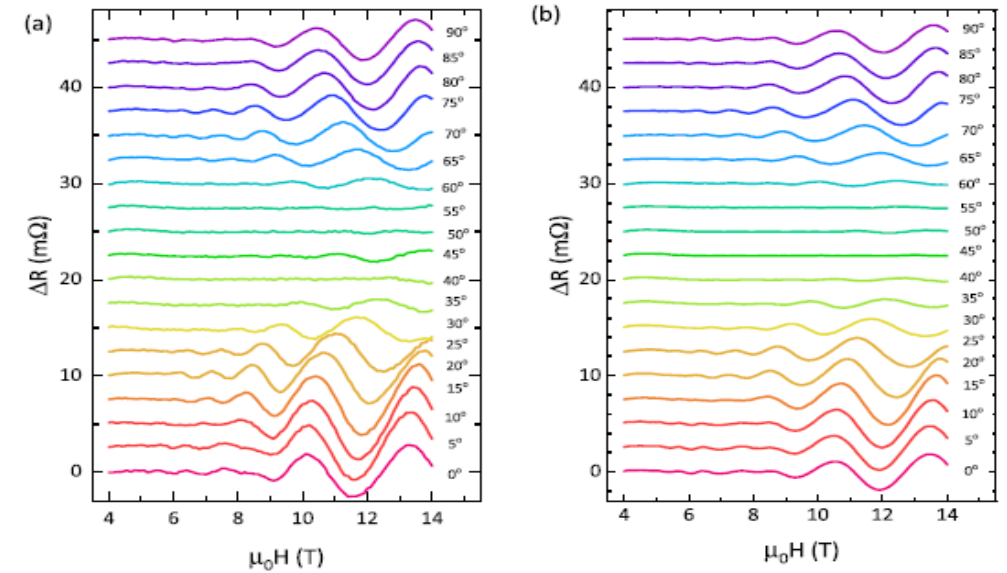
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## Symmetry-breaking normal state response and surface superconductivity in topological semimetal YPtBi

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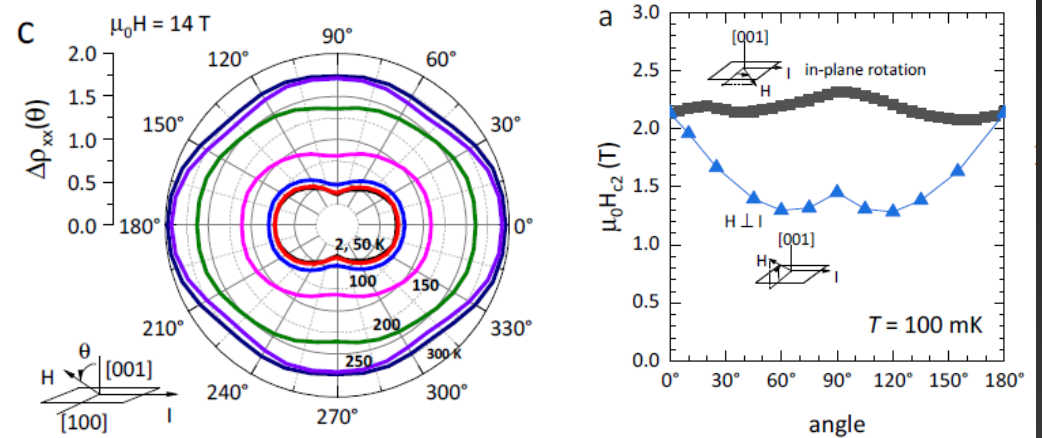
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# UTe<sub>2</sub> – an evolving story!

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## Single crystal growth of superconducting UTe<sub>2</sub> by molten salt flux method

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## First Observation of de Haas-van Alphen Effect and Fermi Surfaces in Unconventional Superconductor UTe<sub>2</sub>

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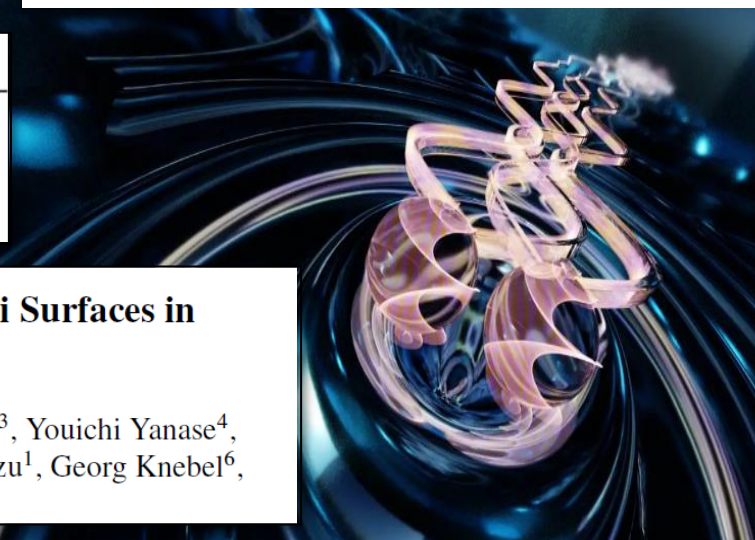
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## c-axis transport in UTe<sub>2</sub>: Evidence of three-dimensional conductivity component

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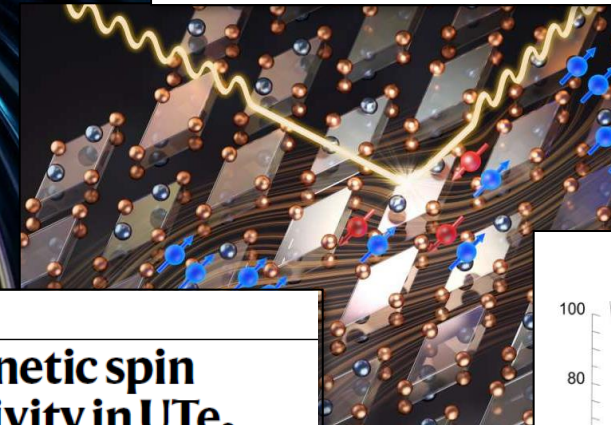


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## Resonance from antiferromagnetic spin fluctuations for superconductivity in UTe<sub>2</sub>

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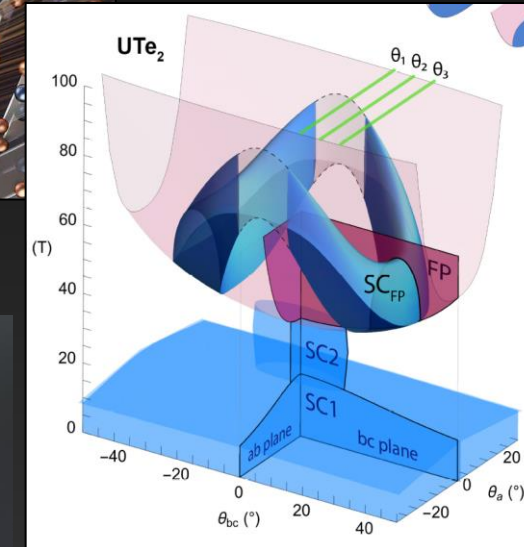
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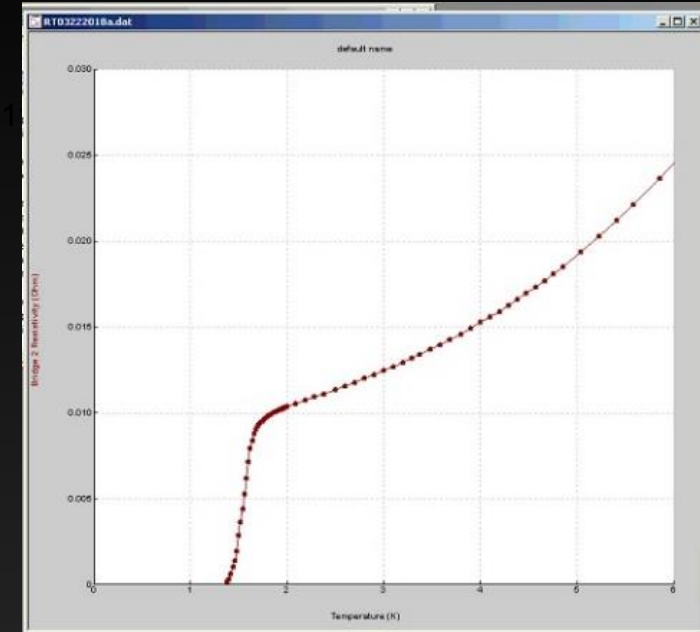
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SUPERCONDUCTIVITY

## Nearly ferromagnetic spin-triplet superconductivity

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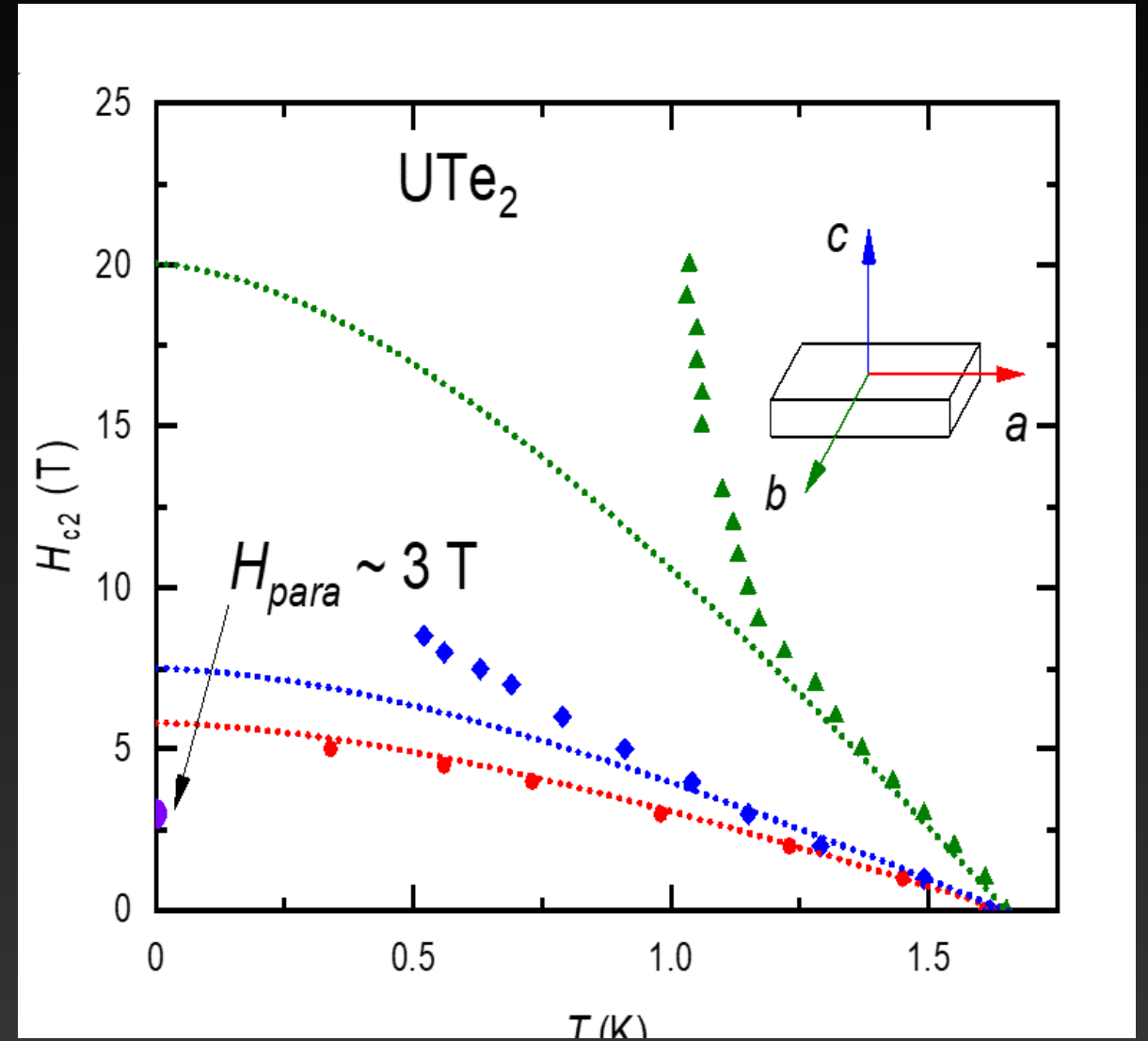
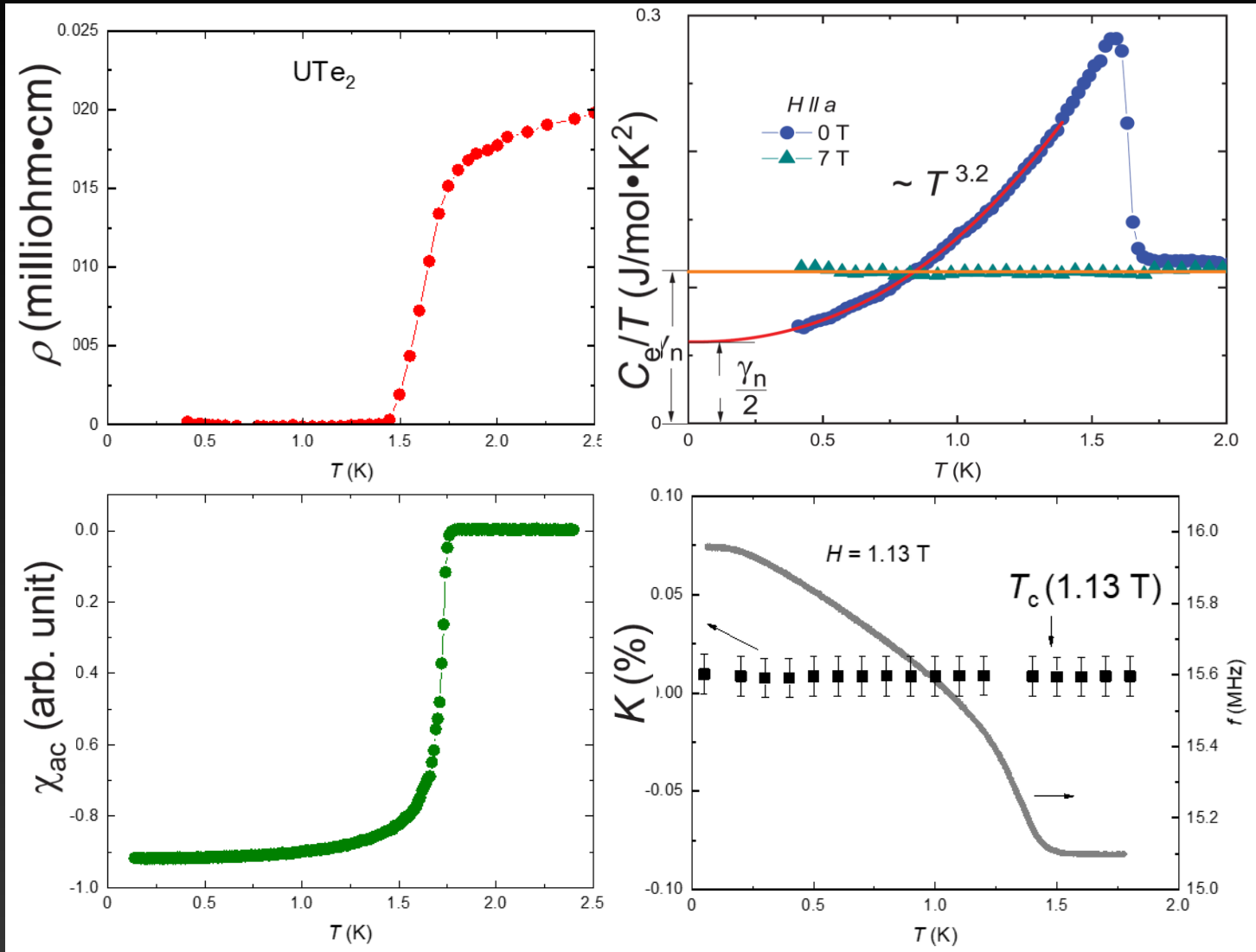
Spin-triplet superconductors potentially host topological excitations that are of interest for quantum information processing. We report the discovery of spin-triplet superconductivity in  $UTe_2$ , featuring a transition temperature of 1.6 kelvin and a very large and anisotropic upper critical field exceeding 40 teslas. This superconducting phase stability suggests that  $UTe_2$  is related to ferromagnetic superconductors such as  $UGe_2$ ,  $URhGe$ , and  $UCoGe$ . However, the lack of magnetic order and the observation of quantum critical scaling place  $UTe_2$  at the paramagnetic end of this ferromagnetic superconductor series. A large intrinsic zero-temperature reservoir of ungapped fermions indicates a highly unconventional type of superconducting pairing.



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- submission to Science Oct. 2018
- first presented Nov 8, 2018:
- news to Japan Nov 19 2018:
- posted to arXiv Nov 28, 2018:



# superconductivity in $\text{UTe}_2$



S. Ran *et al*, Science 365, 684 (2019).

- full volume SC, no NMR Knight shift

- “diverging”  $H_{c2}$  along (hard) b-axis

# Robust nodal behavior in the thermal conductivity of superconducting $\text{UTe}_2$

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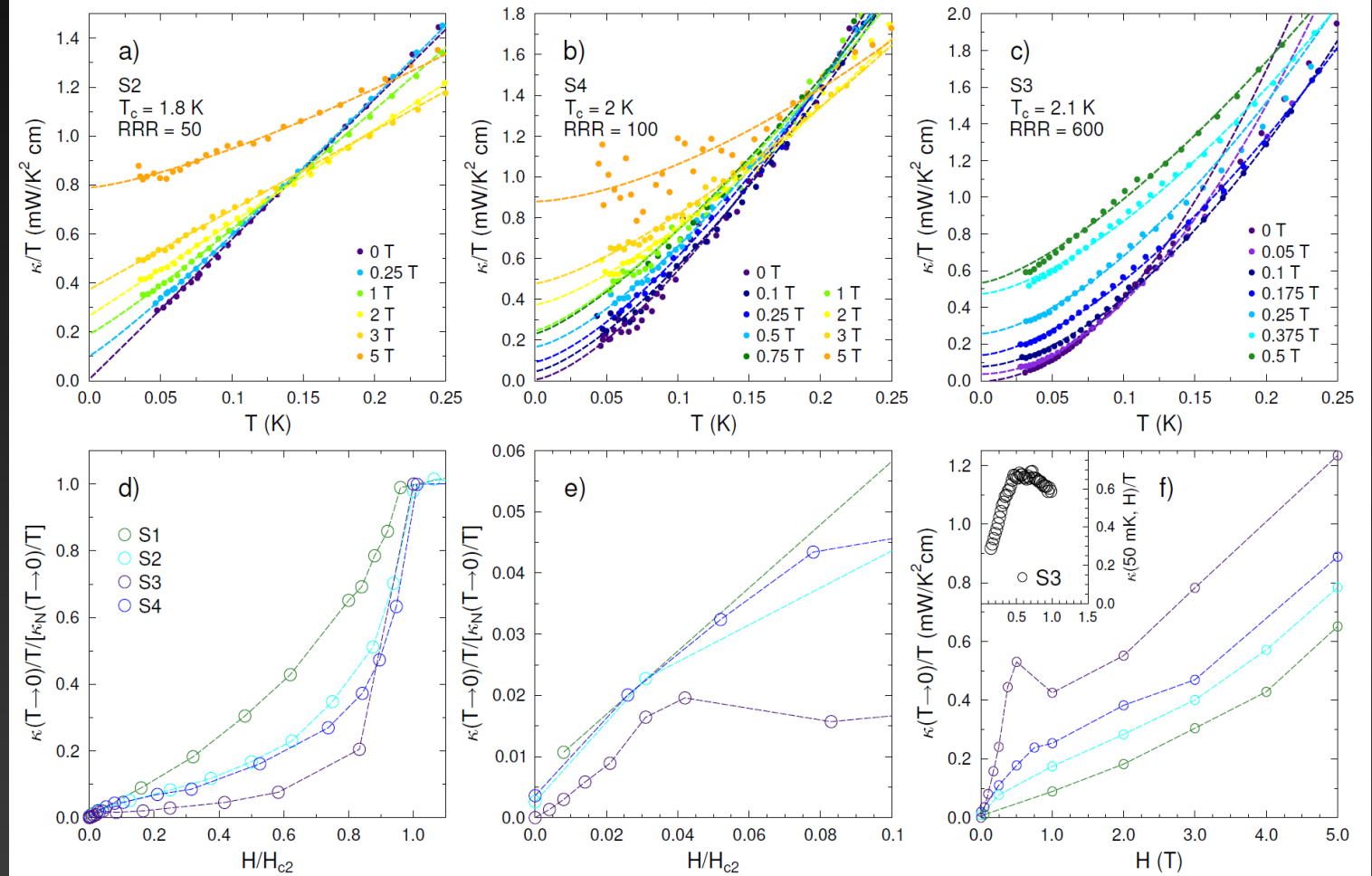
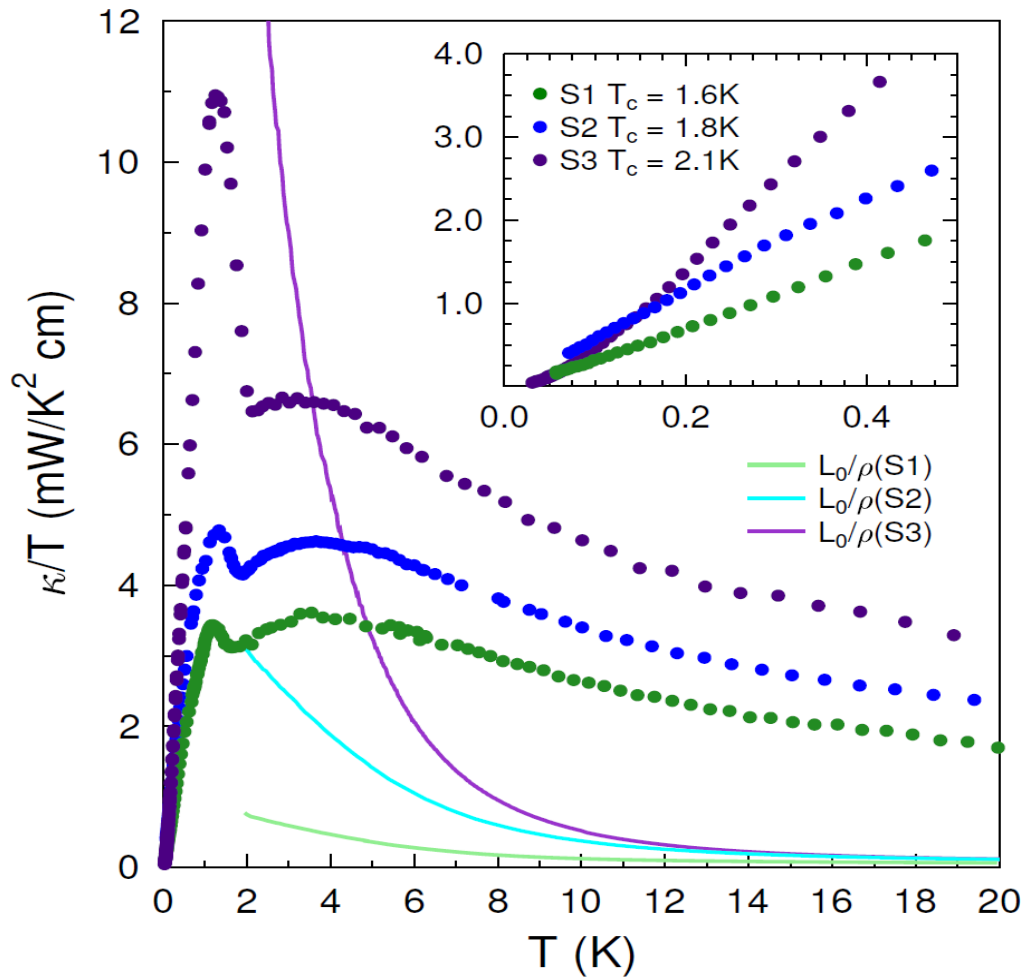
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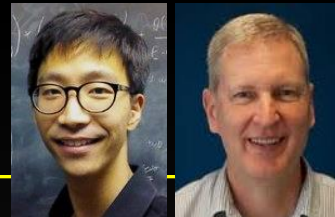
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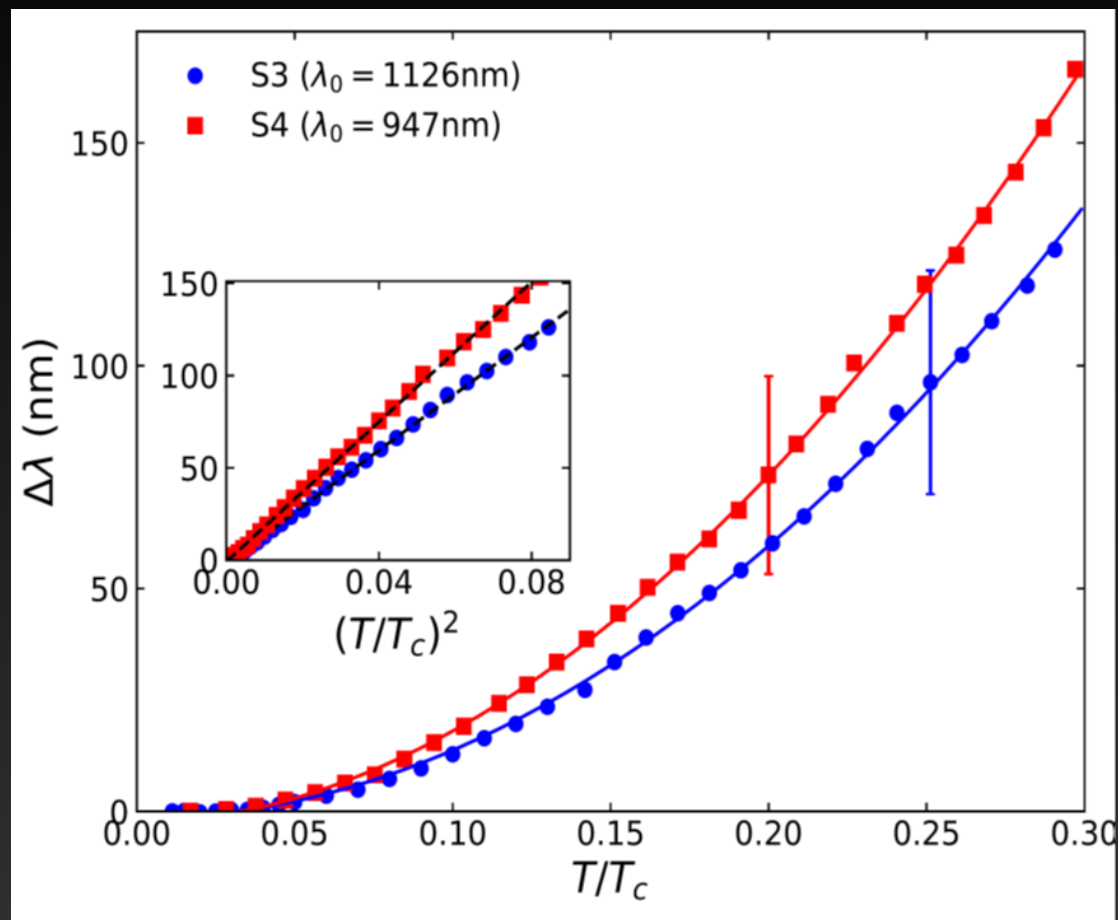


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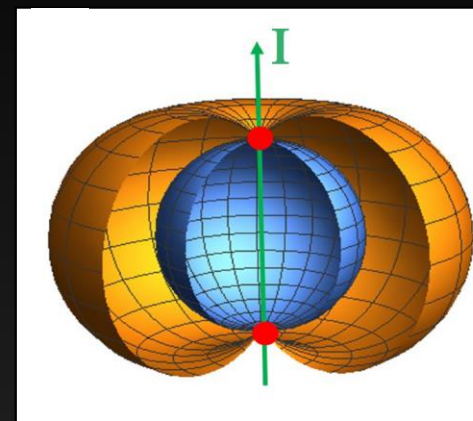
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## London penetration depth

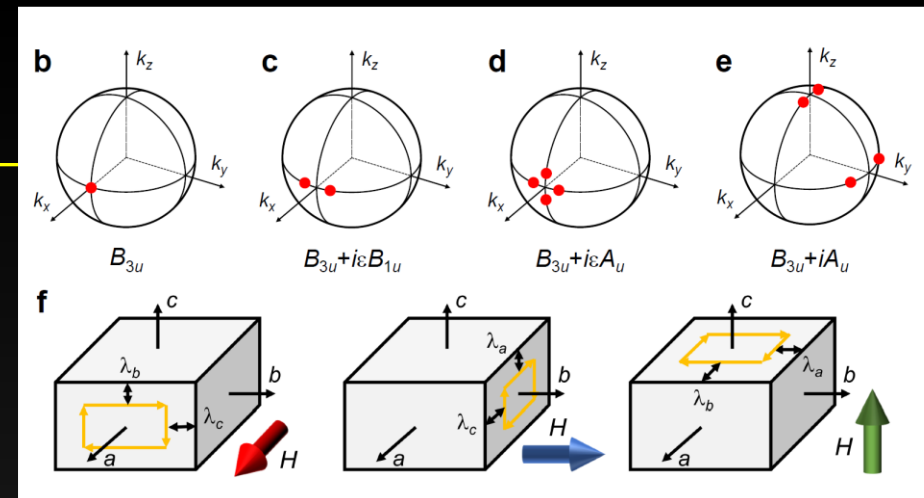


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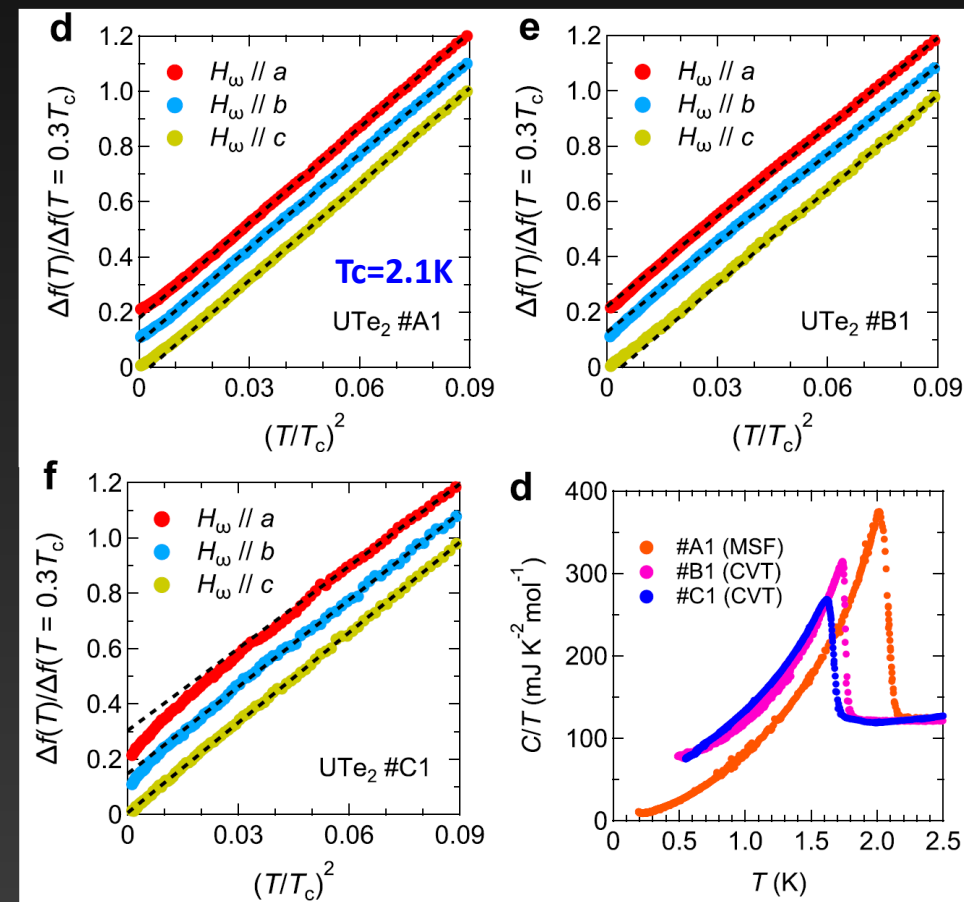


\*  $T^2$  in  $T_c > 2\text{K}$  sample also confirmed by Anlage group using microwave technique

•  $T^2$  penetration depth  $\rightarrow$  point nodes

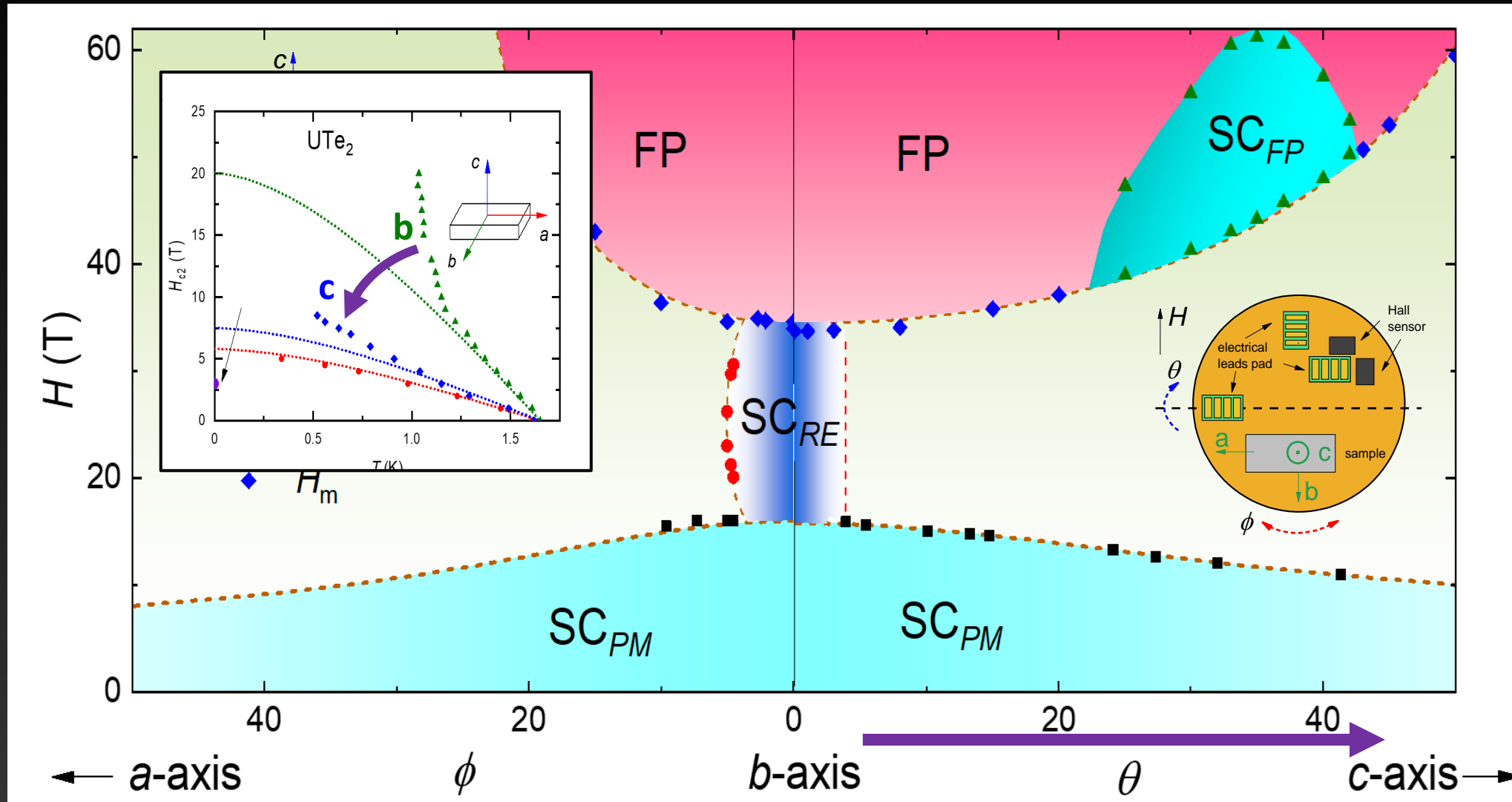


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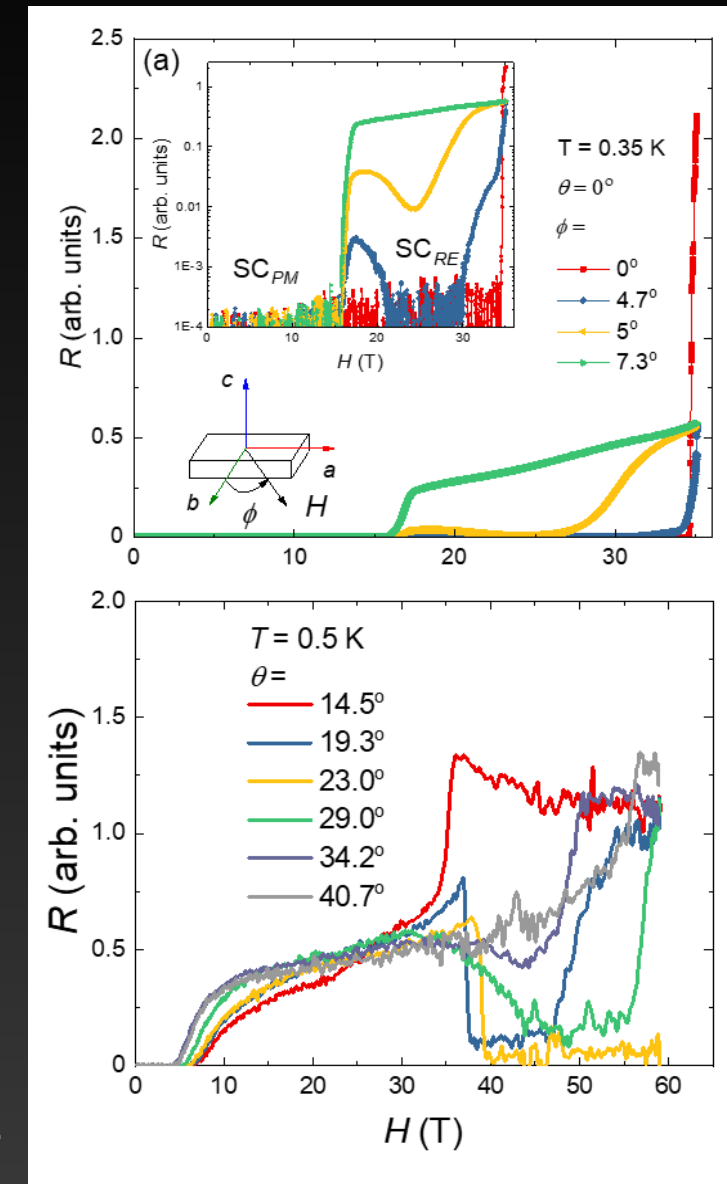




# UTe<sub>2</sub> in high magnetic fields



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- Re-entrant superconductivity above 40 T

# superconductivity in $UTe_2$

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## Multicomponent superconducting order parameter in $UTe_2$

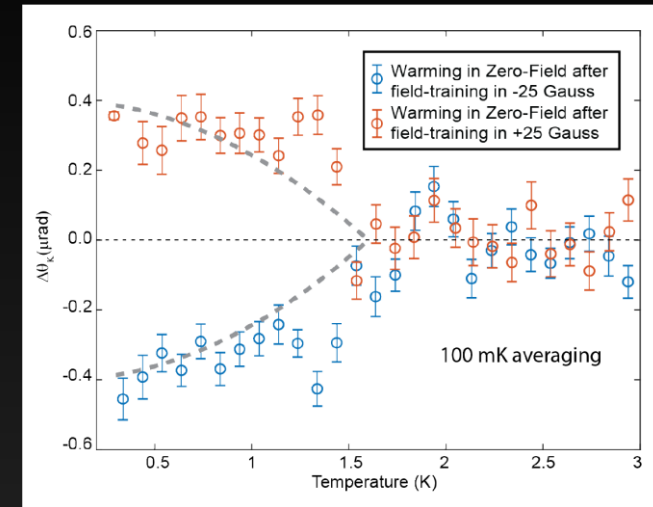
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Irrep	$E$	$C_{2z}$	$C_{2y}$	$C_{2x}$	linear	quadratic $[\psi(\mathbf{k})]$	$\vec{d}(\mathbf{k})$	nodes
$A_{1g}$	1	1	1	1	-	$k_x^2, k_y^2, k_z^2$	-	-
$B_{1g}$	1	1	-1	-1	$H_z$	$k_x k_y$	-	line
$B_{2g}$	1	-1	1	-1	$H_y$	$k_x k_z$	-	line
$B_{3g}$	1	-1	-1	1	$H_x$	$k_y k_z$	-	line
$A_u$	1	1	1	1	-	-	$\hat{x}k_x, \hat{y}k_y, \hat{z}k_z$	-
$B_{1u}$	1	1	-1	-1	$k_z$	-	$\hat{x}k_y, \hat{y}k_x, \hat{z}k_x k_y k_z$	point
$B_{2u}$	1	-1	1	-1	$k_y$	-	$\hat{x}k_z, \hat{y}k_x k_y k_z, \hat{z}k_x$	point
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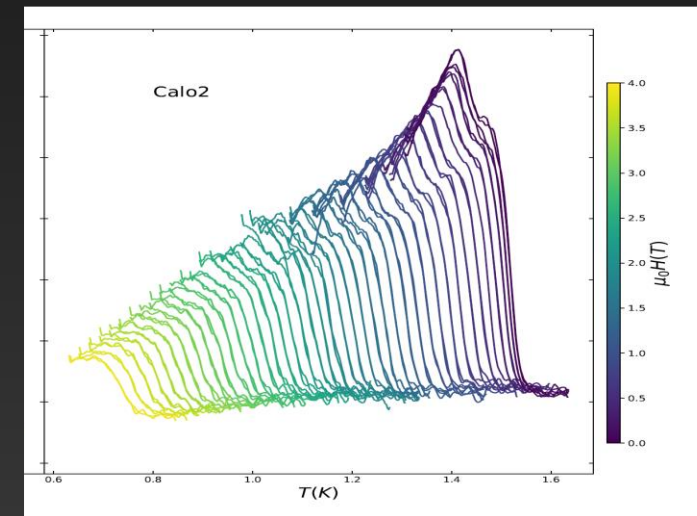
- TRS breaking can be trained by c-axis field, suggesting only **four possible two-component combinations**
- Spin-triplet narrows to first two
- Field dependence of specific heat consistent with #1 and #2

- **Weyl nodes expected** for either state
- 4+ Weyl nodes on  $k_x=0$  or  $k_y=0$  planes
- Consistent with point node gap structure measured experimentally

- 1 -  $\psi_1 \in B_{3u}$  and  $\psi_2 \in B_{2u}$
- 2 -  $\psi_1 \in B_{1u}$  and  $\psi_2 \in A_u$
- 3 -  $\psi_1 \in B_{3g}$  and  $\psi_2 \in B_{2g}$
- 4 -  $\psi_1 \in B_{1g}$  and  $\psi_2 \in A_g$



Finite Kerr effect: TRSB at  $T_c$



Split transition: two-component OP

Hayes et al, Science 373, 797 (2021)

# high pressure + high field

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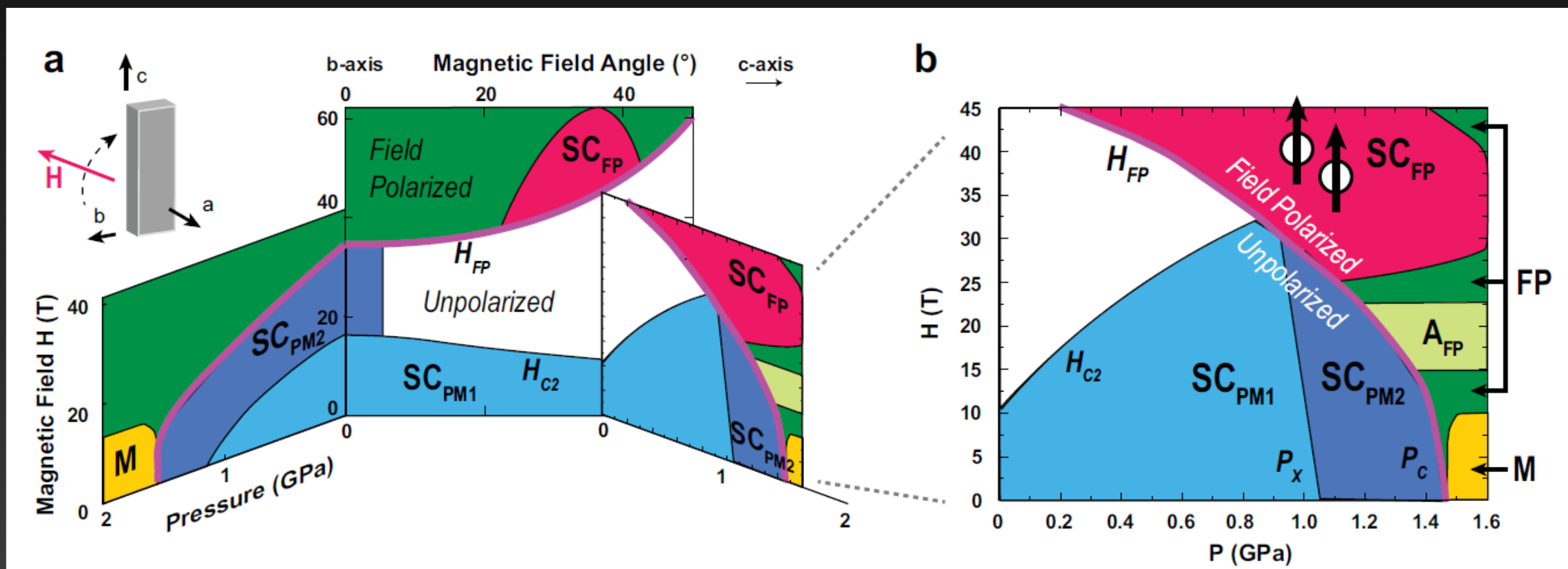
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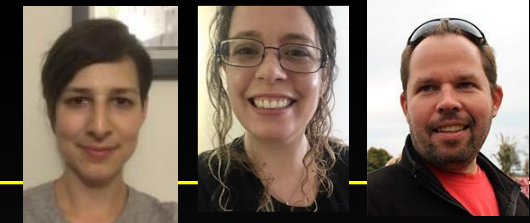
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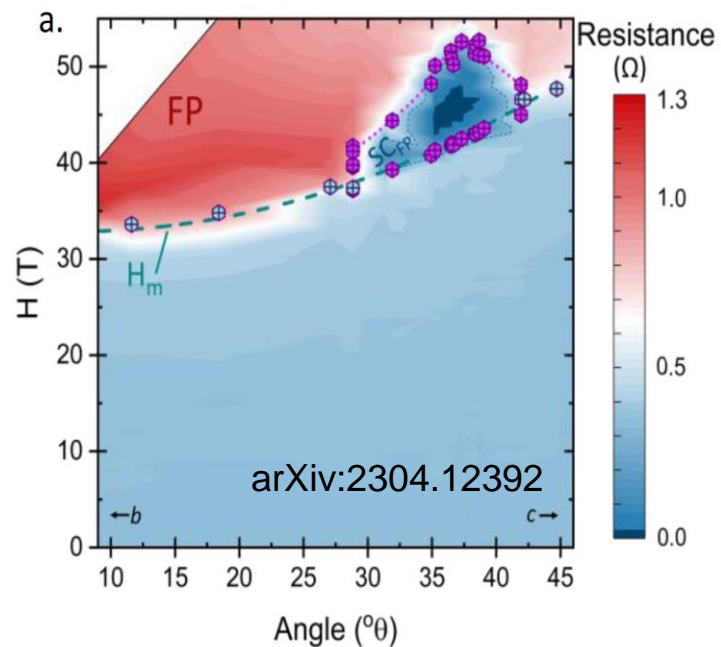


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## Lazarus SC phase – more than meets the eye!!

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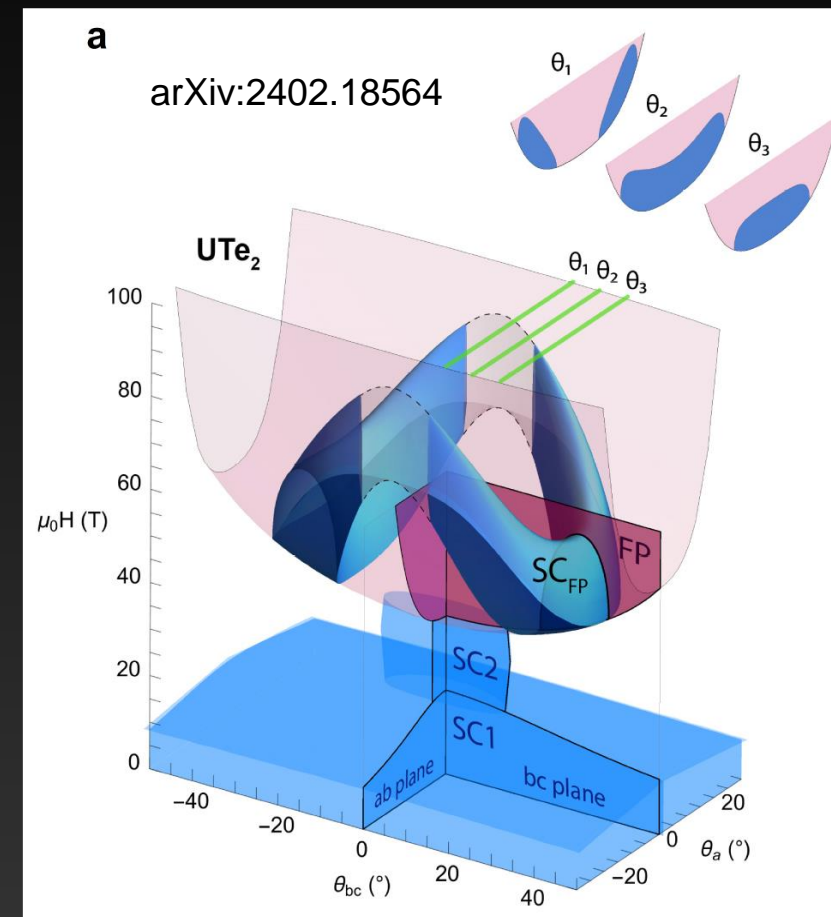
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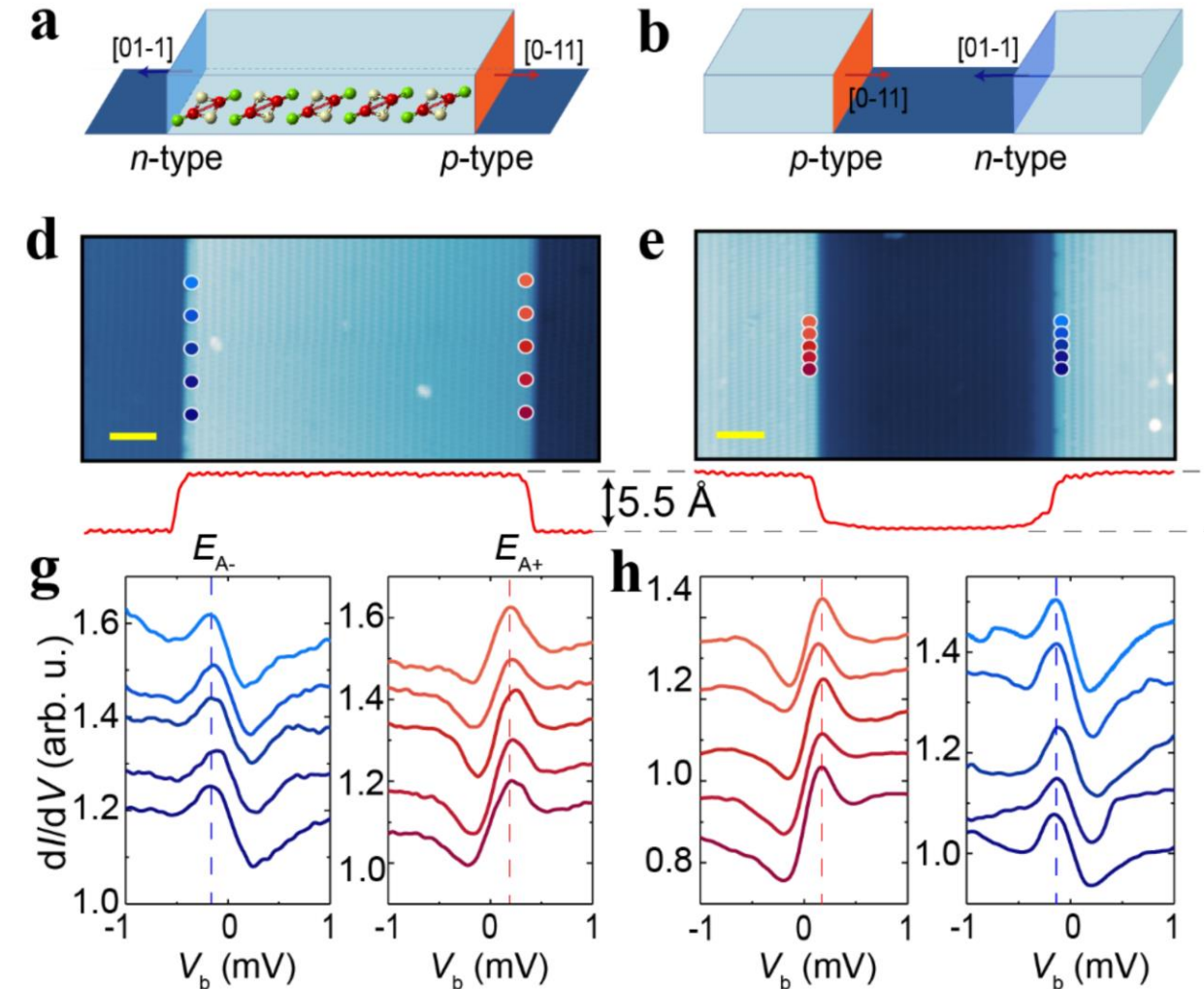
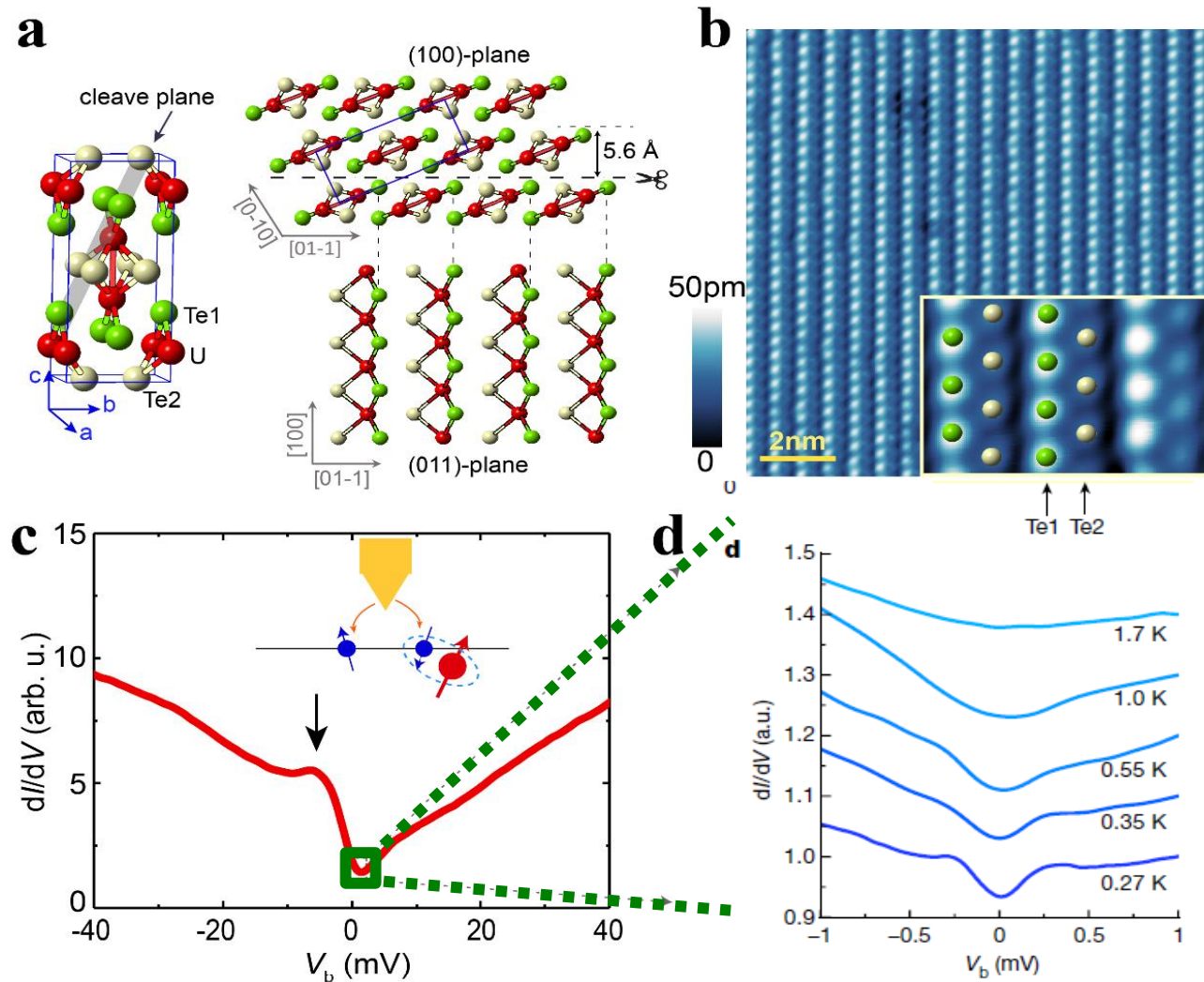
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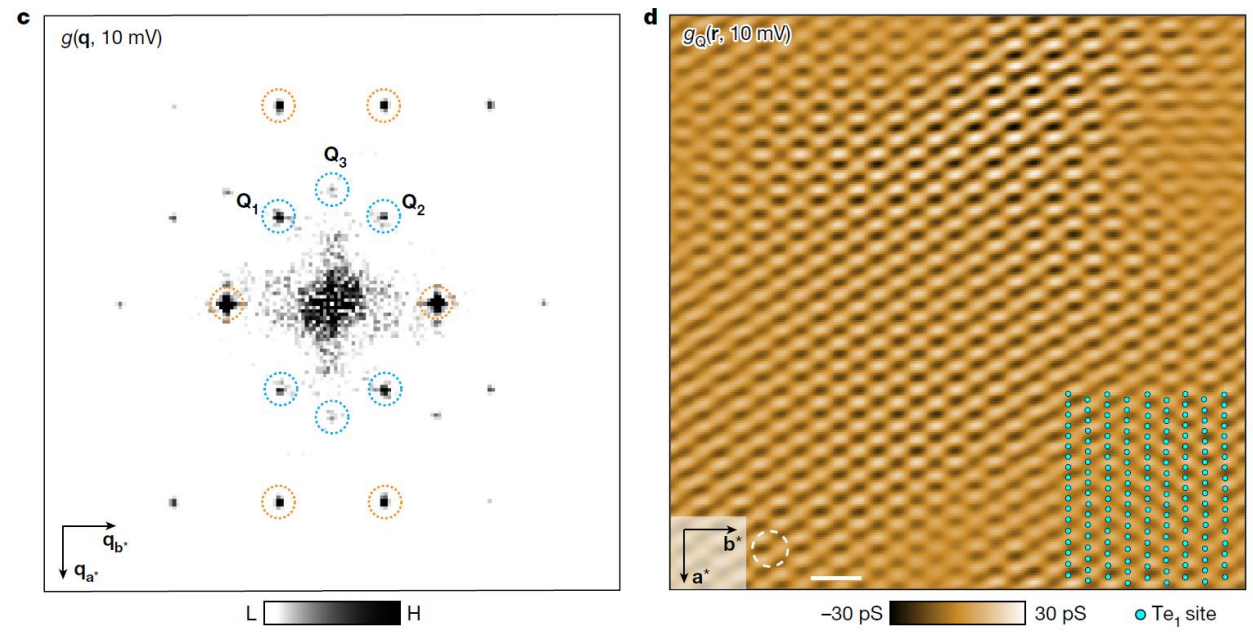
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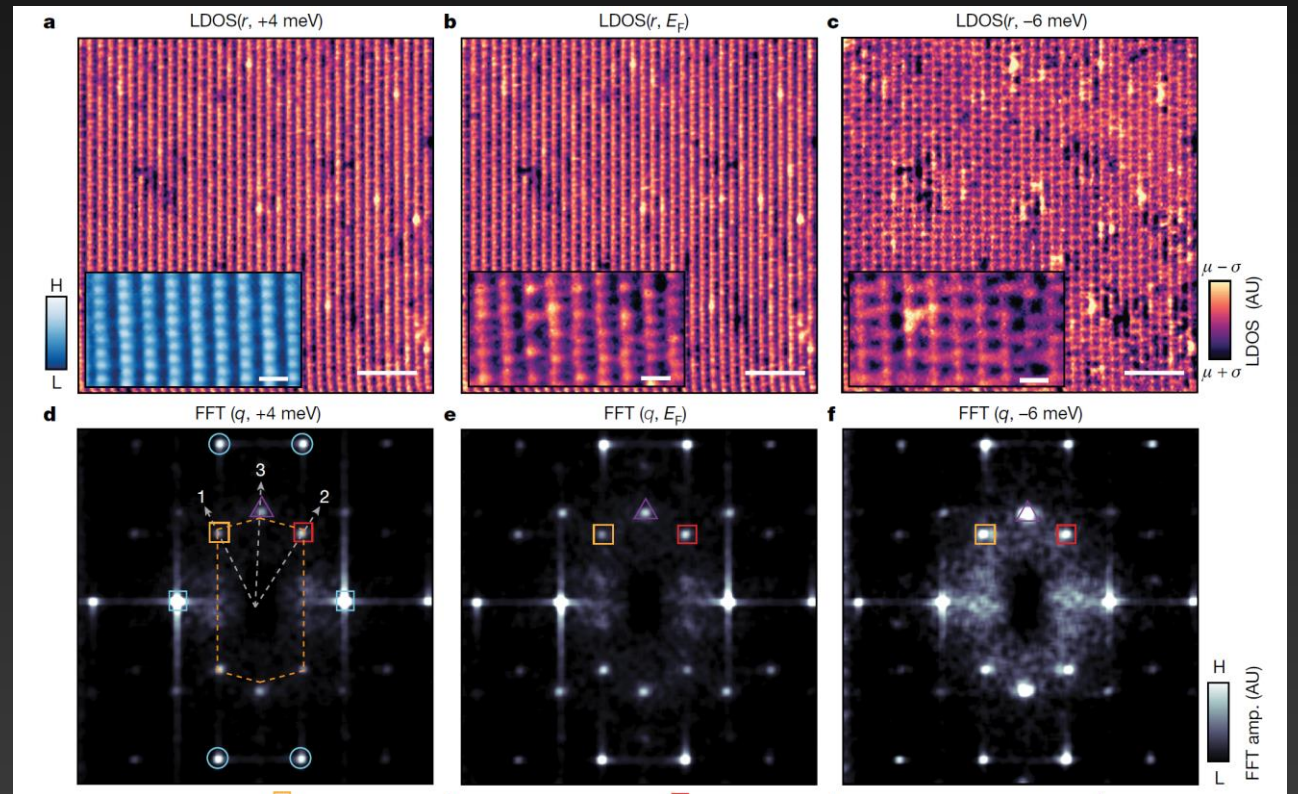
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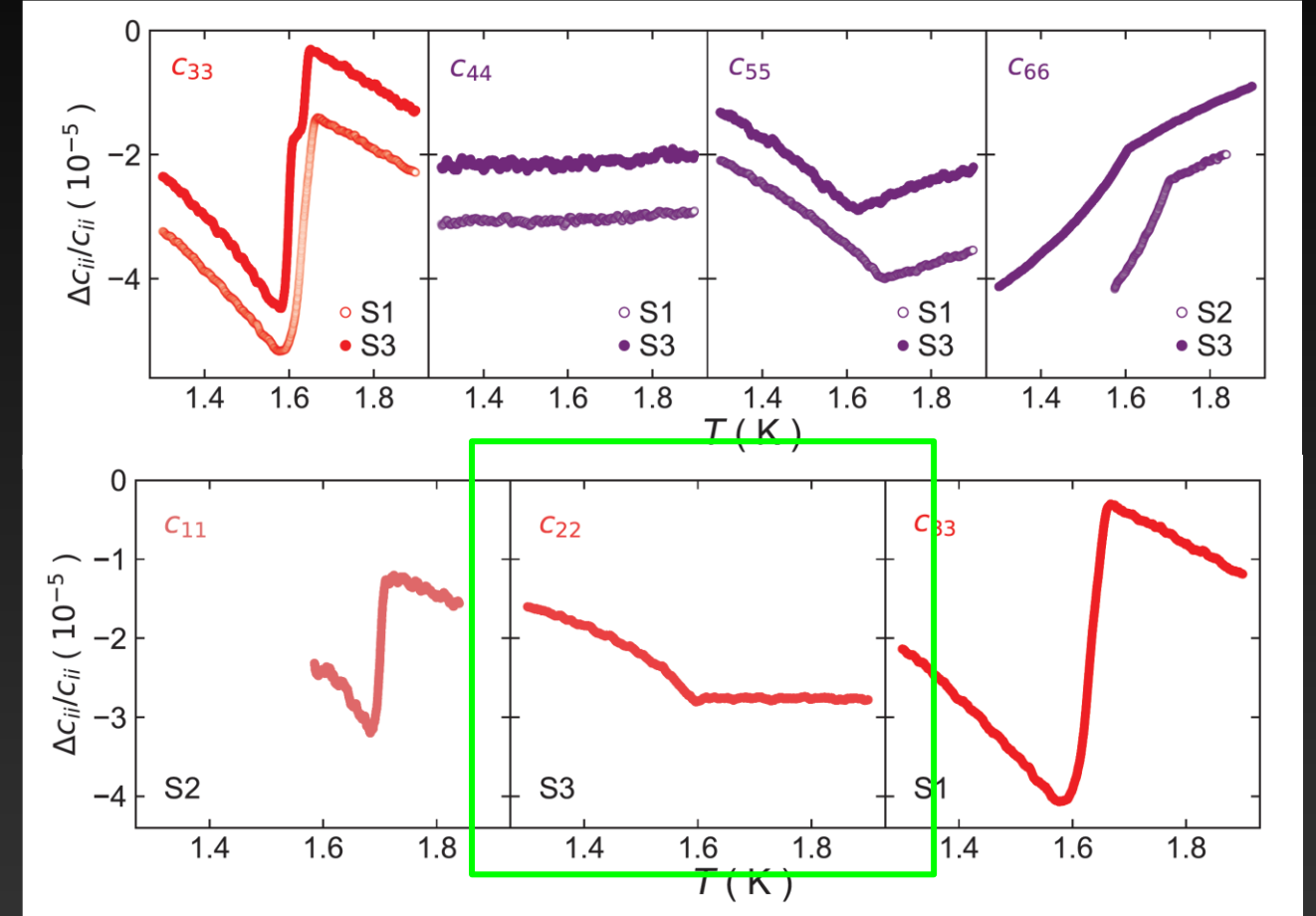
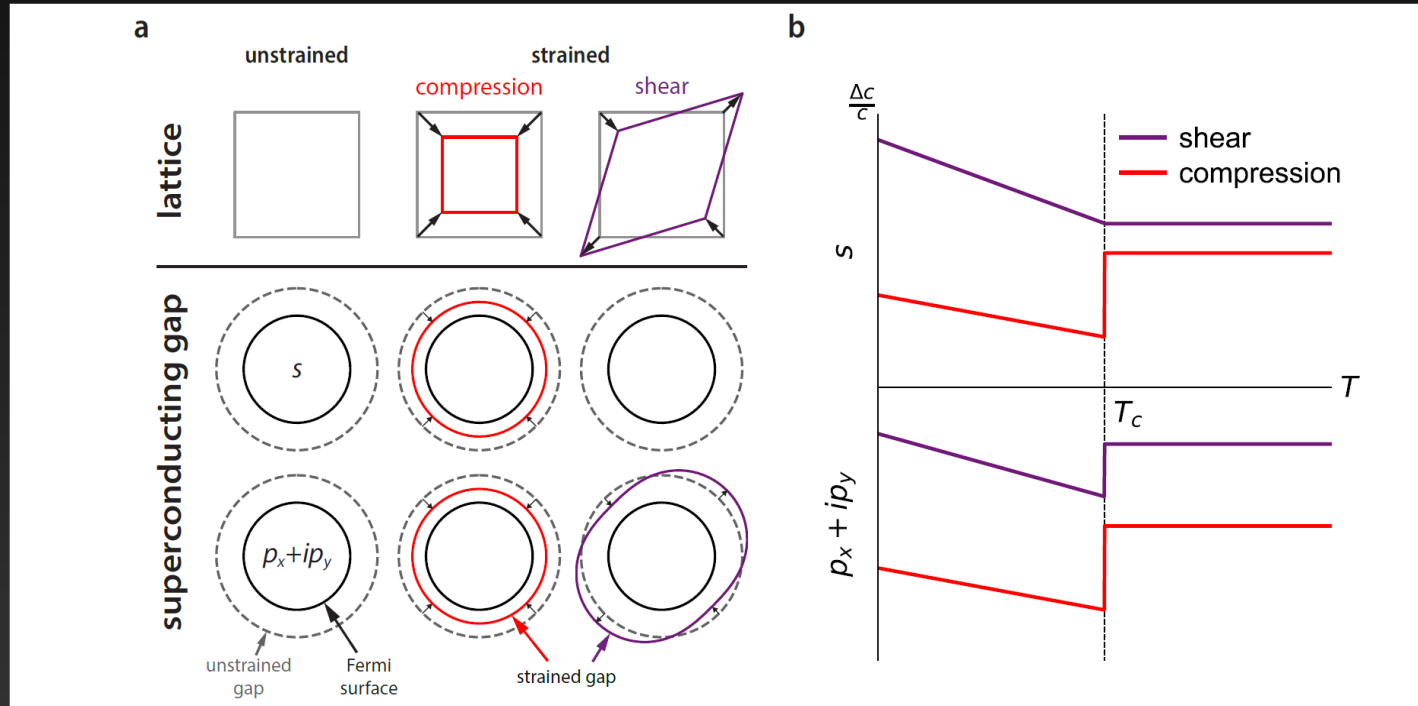
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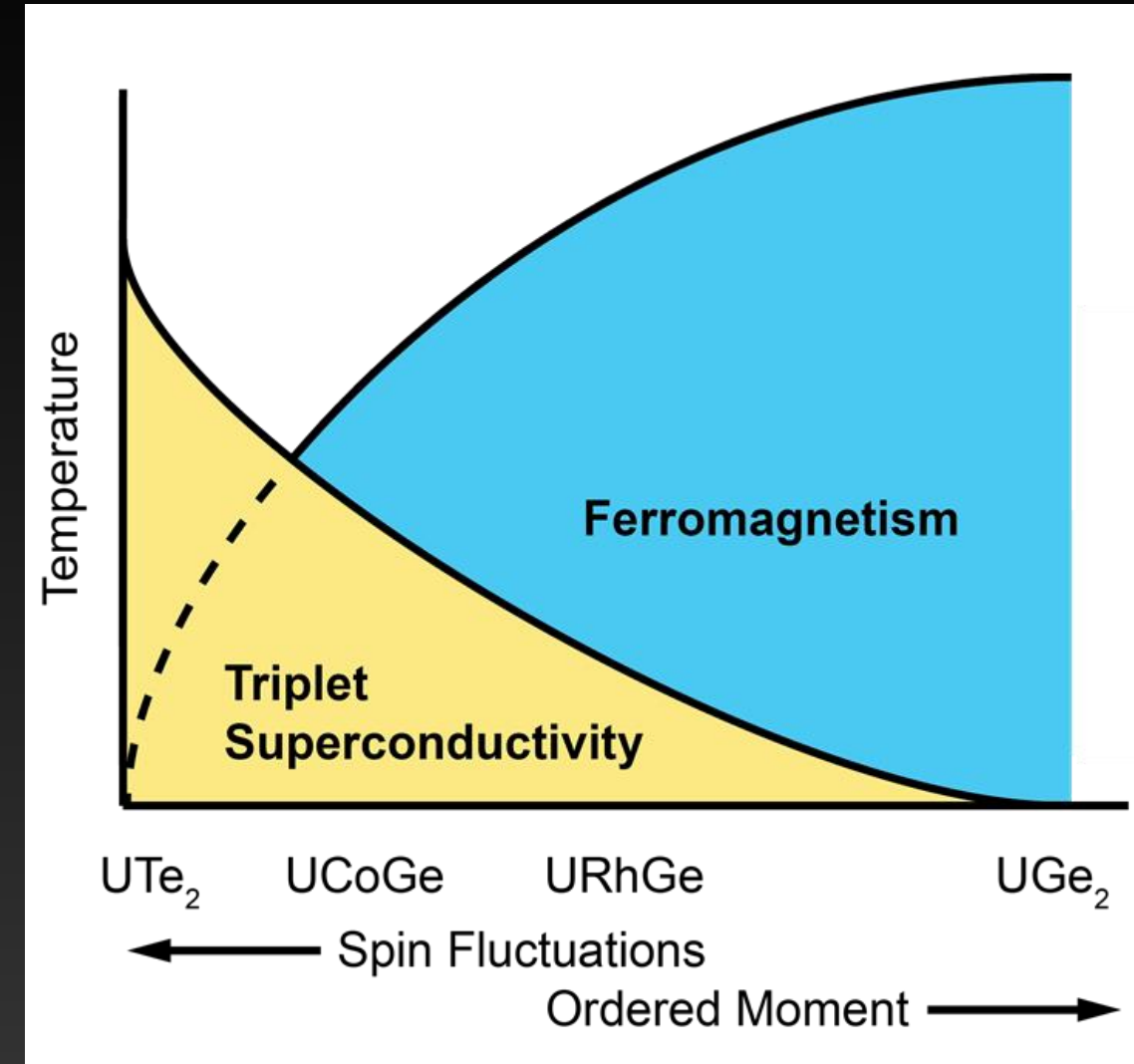
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## *UTe<sub>2</sub> – exotic spin-triplet superconductor*

- **Nearly ferromagnetic superconductor**
  - Paramagnetic U sublattice, Kondo interactions
- **High-field re-entrant pairing**
  - Field-polarized phase above 35 T
  - Re-entrant SC near b-axis
- **Point node gap structure**
  - New experiments point to single-component OP
  - T<sup>2</sup> penetration depth?
- **Topological superconductivity**
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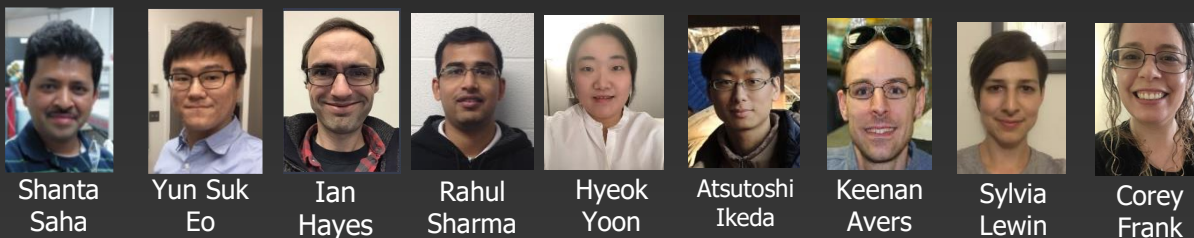


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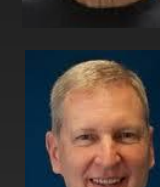
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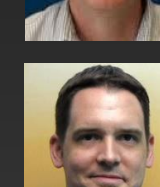
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