

Fulde-Ferrell-Larkin-Ovchinnikov State in Heavy Fermion CeCoIn₅

$$\Delta(\mathbf{r}) = \Delta_0 e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$

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Introduction

FFLO state : Unconventional state(SC) predicted by Fulde, Ferrell, Ovchinnikov, and Larkin in 1964

Cooper pair with finite center-of-mass momentum q in high field H

Pairing in FFLO state

$$(k\uparrow, -k+q\downarrow) \quad k'\uparrow$$
$$q = \frac{2\mu_B H}{\hbar v_F}$$
$$\Delta(\mathbf{r}) = \Delta_0 e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$

- More realistic state than BCS state under a certain condition
- Order parameters of the two degenerate states
 $\Delta(\mathbf{r}) = \Delta_0 e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}}$:FF state
 $\Delta(\mathbf{r}) = \Delta_0 e^{-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}}$
→ linear combination
 $\Delta(\mathbf{r}) = 2\Delta_0 \cos(\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r})$: LO state

Pairing in BCS state

$$(k\uparrow, -k\downarrow) \quad k'\uparrow$$
$$\Delta(\mathbf{r}) = \Delta_0$$

Order parameter : constant

Order parameter : oscillatory

$\Delta(\mathbf{r}) = 0$
LO state:
Planar nodes
perpendicular to
wave vector q

The condition in which the FFLO state realizes

- orbital limit > Pauli limit
- clean limit
- 2-dimensional Fermi surface

Introduction

Orbital limit and Pauli limit in type II superconductor

• orbital limit

Linearized GL eq. $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m^*} [\nabla - \frac{ie^*}{\hbar} A]^2 \Psi(r) + \alpha \Psi(r) + \beta \Psi^3(r) = 0$ (near the transition point)

$$\rightarrow H_{c2}^{\text{orb}}(T) = \frac{\phi_0}{2\pi\xi^2(T)} : \text{Condensed state is destroyed by vortices.}$$

• Pauli limit

$$E_c = \frac{1}{2} N(0) \Delta^2 : \text{condensation energy}$$

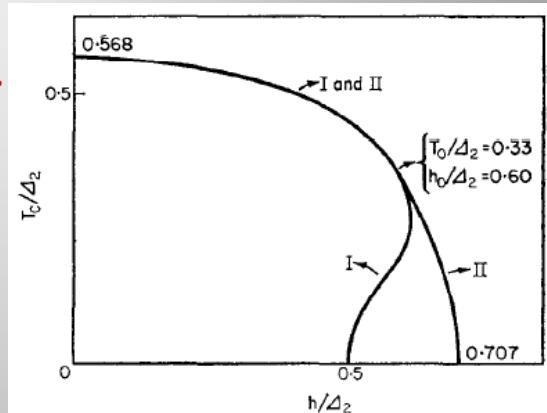
$$E_p = \frac{1}{2} \chi_n H^2 : \text{Zeeman energy} \quad (\chi_n = \frac{1}{2} (g\mu_B)^2 N(0))$$

$$E_c = E_p \rightarrow H_{c2}^P = \frac{\sqrt{2}\Delta}{g\mu_B} : \text{Condensed state is destroyed by Pauli paramagnetic effect.}$$

Phase transition can be first order below a certain temperature.

※ Maki parameter

$$\alpha = \frac{\sqrt{2}H_{c2}^{\text{orb}}}{H_{c2}^P} \propto \frac{\Delta}{\epsilon_F} \quad (<< 1 \text{ conventional superconductor})$$



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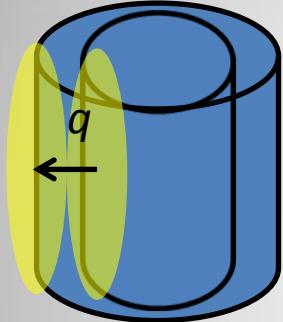
Clean limit

Nonmagnetic impurity is very harmful to the FFLO state.

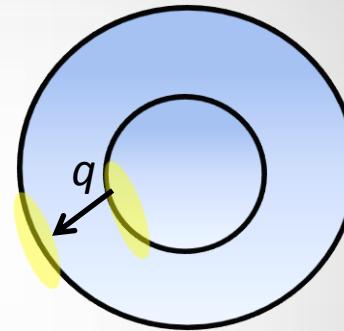
2-dimenstional Fermi surface

Fermi surfaces split by Zeeman effect should be fit by translation.

→2-D more favorable than 3-D



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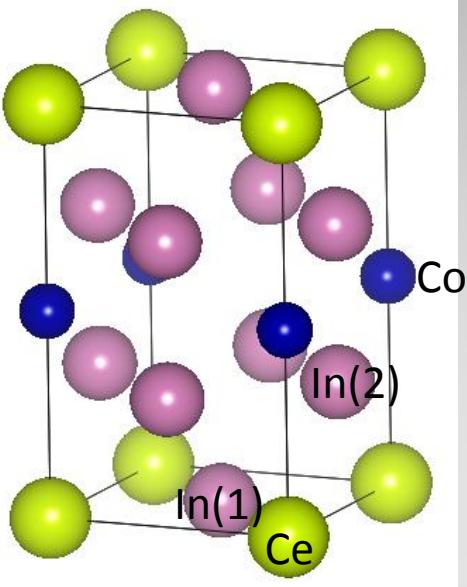


3-dimentional Fermi surface

Candidate systems for the FFLO state which meet the upper conditions

- organic SC
- cold atoms
- astrophysics
- nuclear physics

Heavy fermion CeCoIn₅

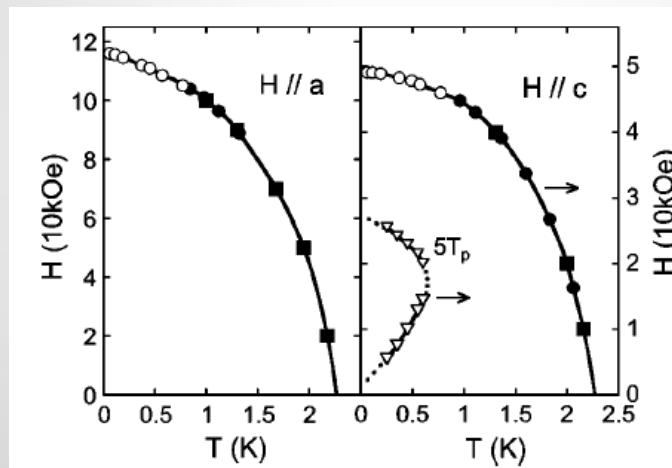


CeCoIn₅

Tetragonal structure $T_c = 2.3$ K

$\gamma \sim 1000$ mJ/K²mol ($\sim 1\text{-}10$ for normal metal)

- first order phase transition at H_{c2} → indicating Pauli limit
- CeIn₃-CoIn₂ layered-structure → 2-dimensional

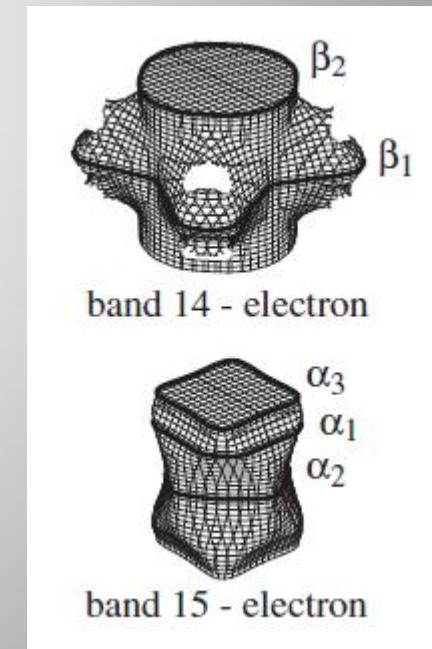


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✓ Maki parameter : $\alpha = 4.6(H // a), 5.0(H // c)$

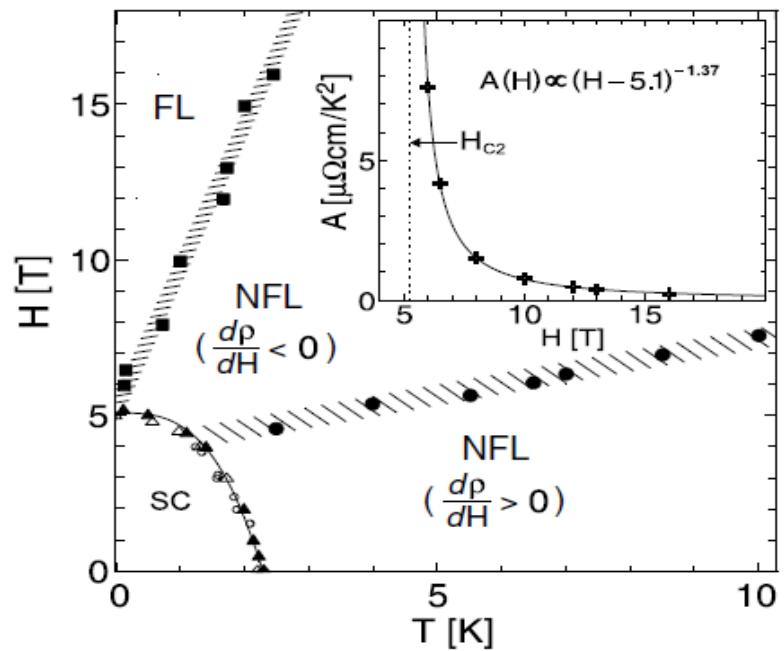
✓ mean free path : $l \sim 3000$ nm (~ 10 nm for free electron)

✓ 2-dimentional Fermi surface →

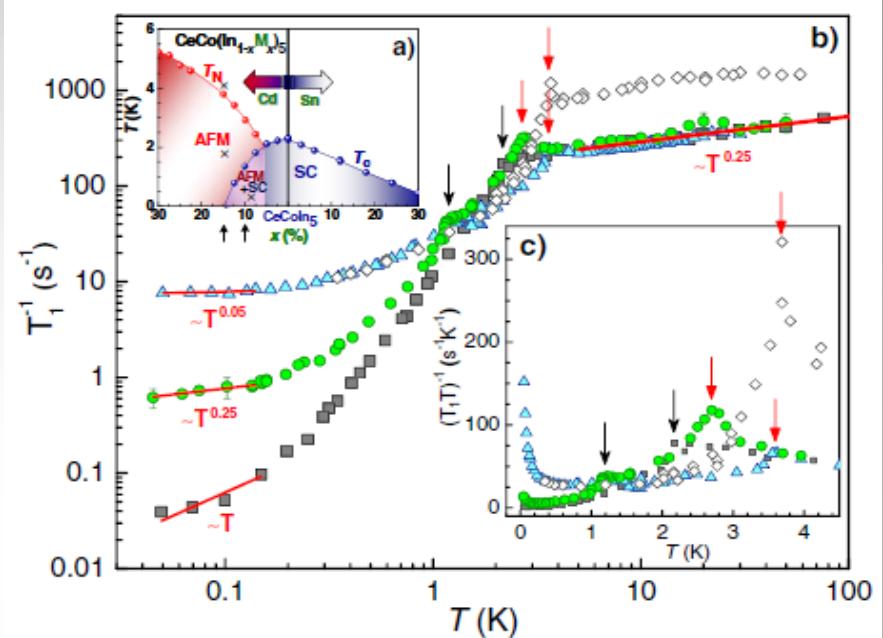


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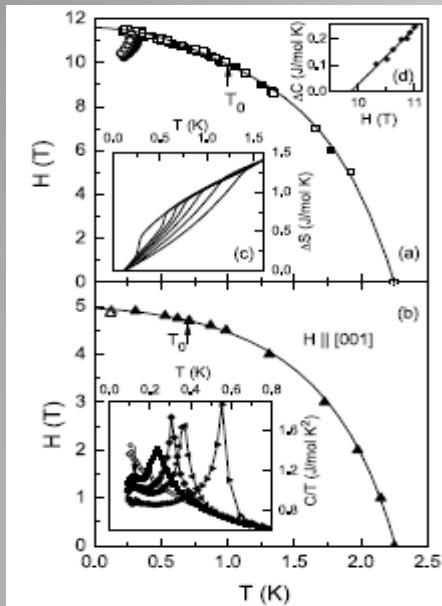
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- AFM induced by Cd dope(hole)

- $\rho - \rho_0 \propto T$: Non-FL
- Divergence of A value near the $H_{c2}(T = 0)$
- Quantum critical point near the $H_{c2}(T = 0)$

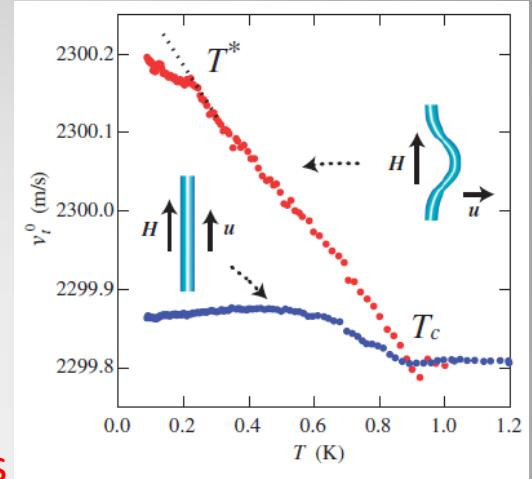


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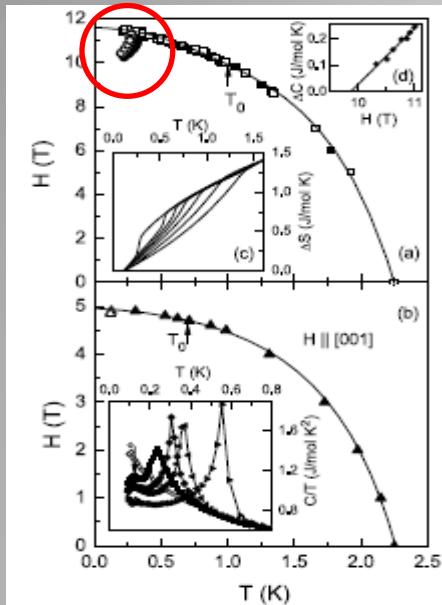
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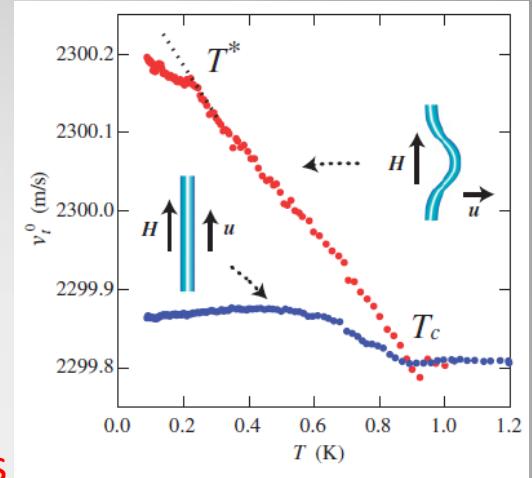
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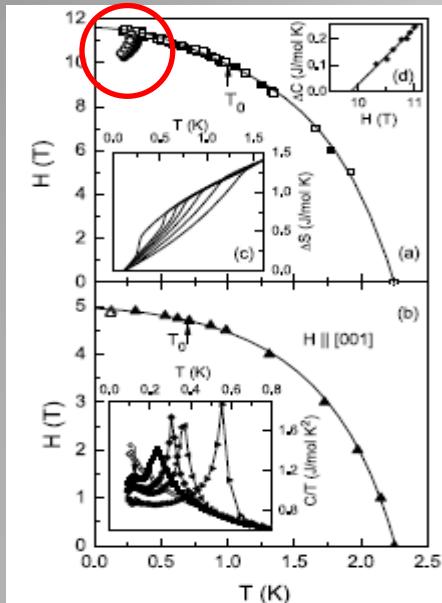
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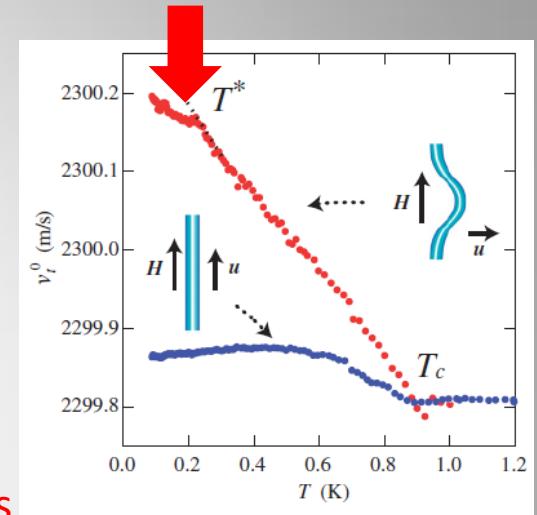
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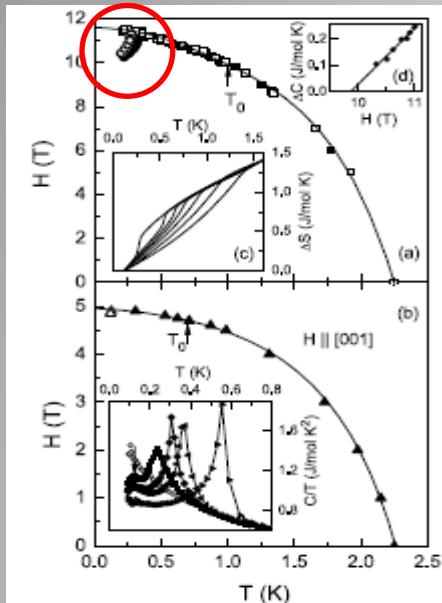
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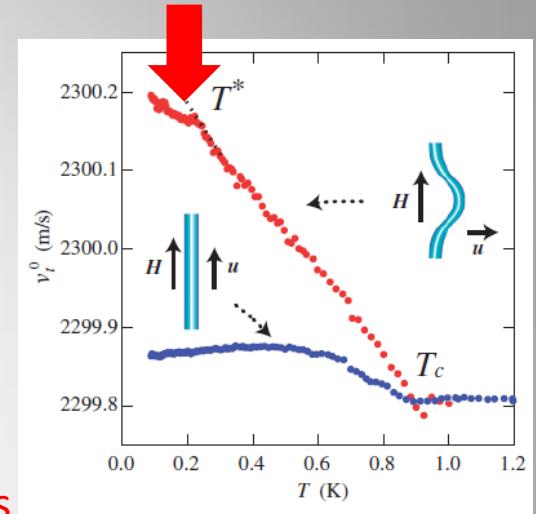
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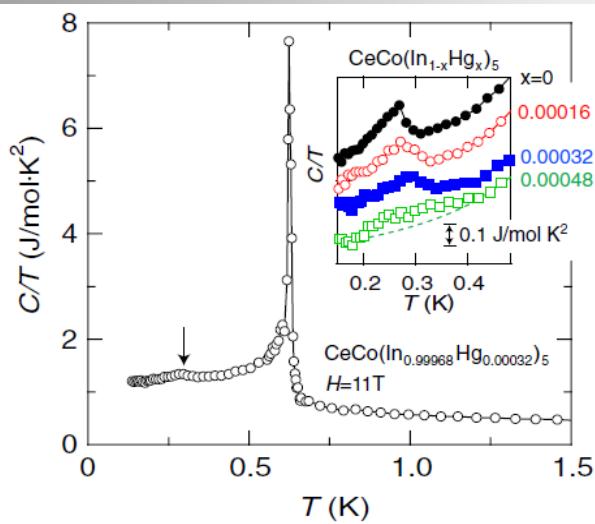
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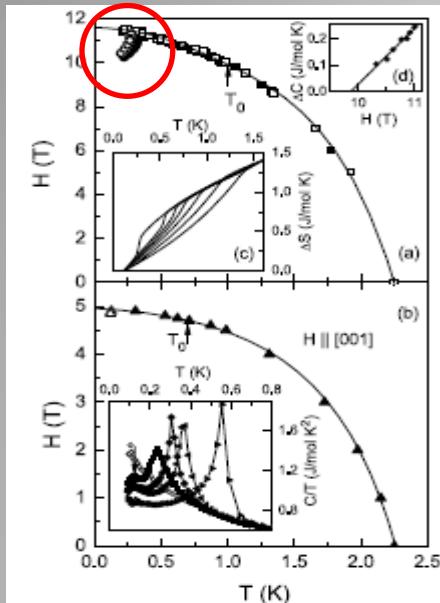
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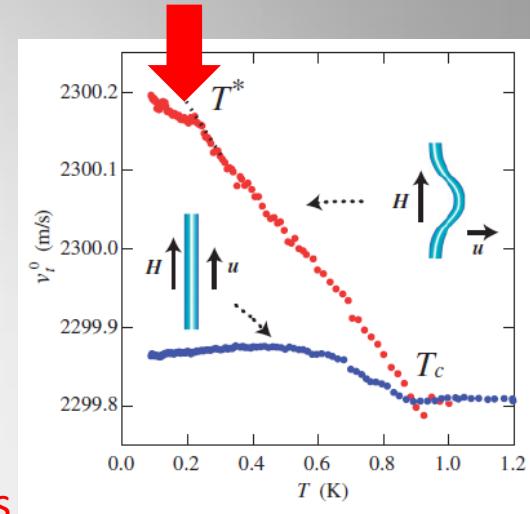
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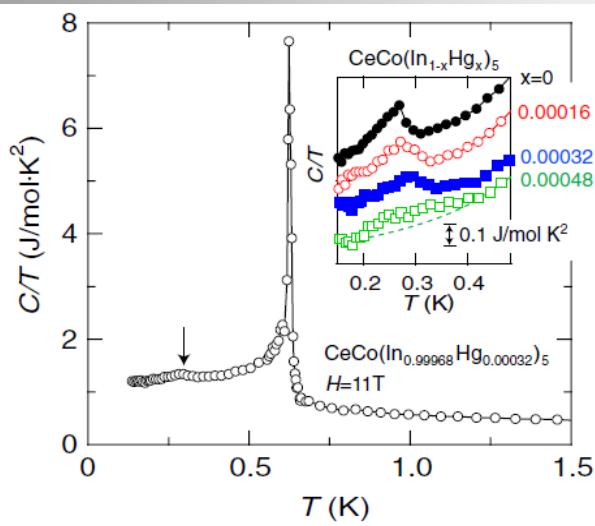
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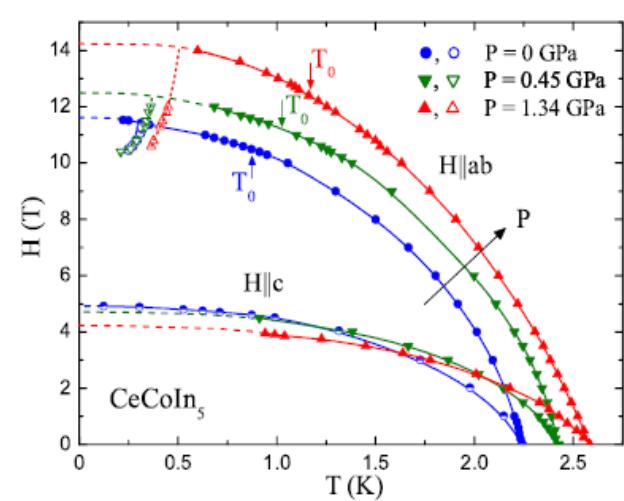
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- stability against suppression of AFM fluctuation by pressure
→irrelevant to AFM

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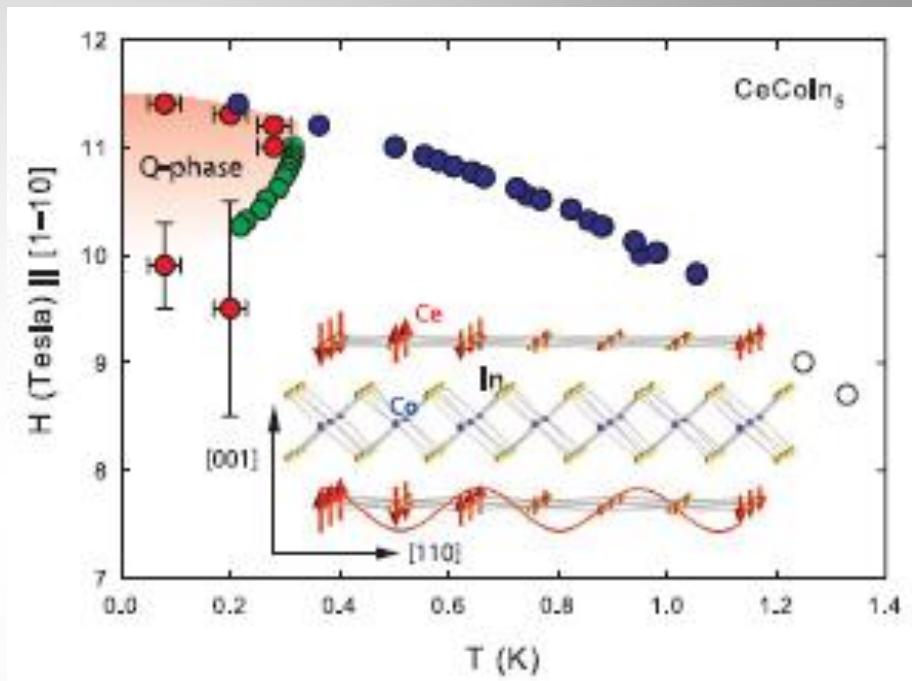
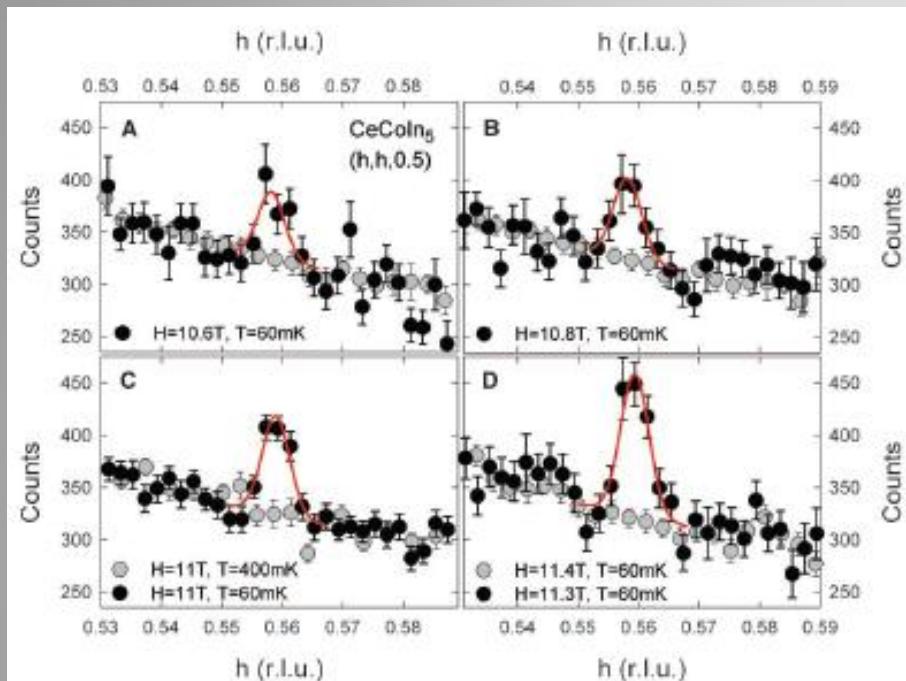


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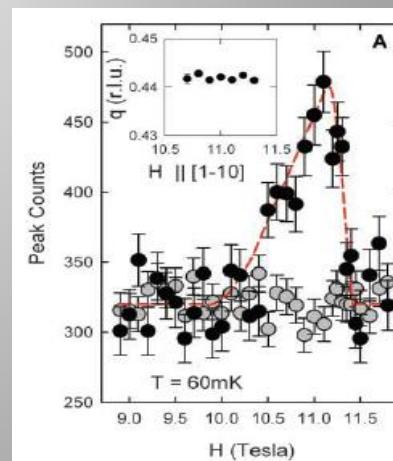
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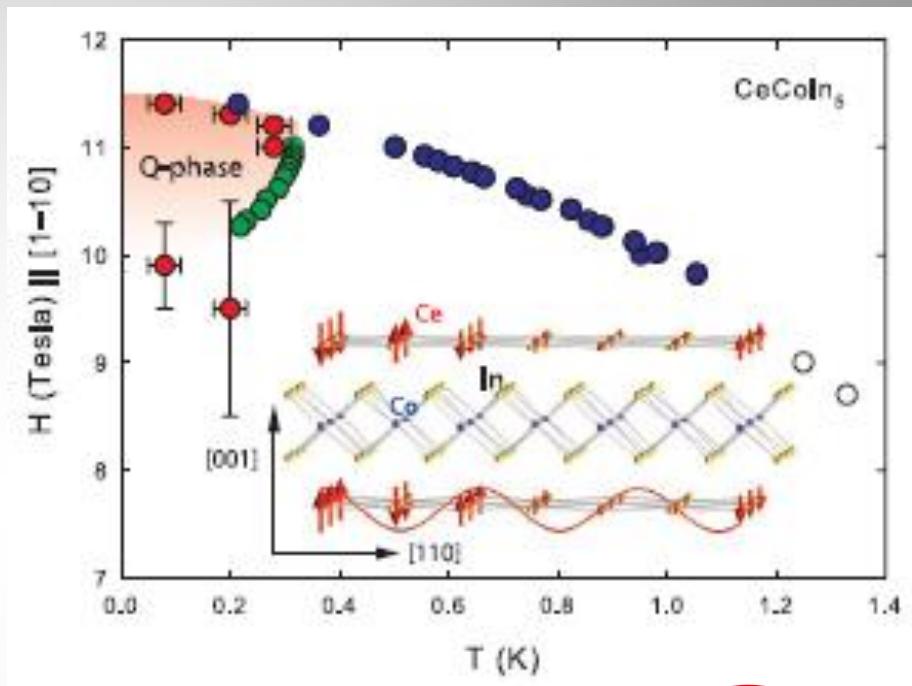
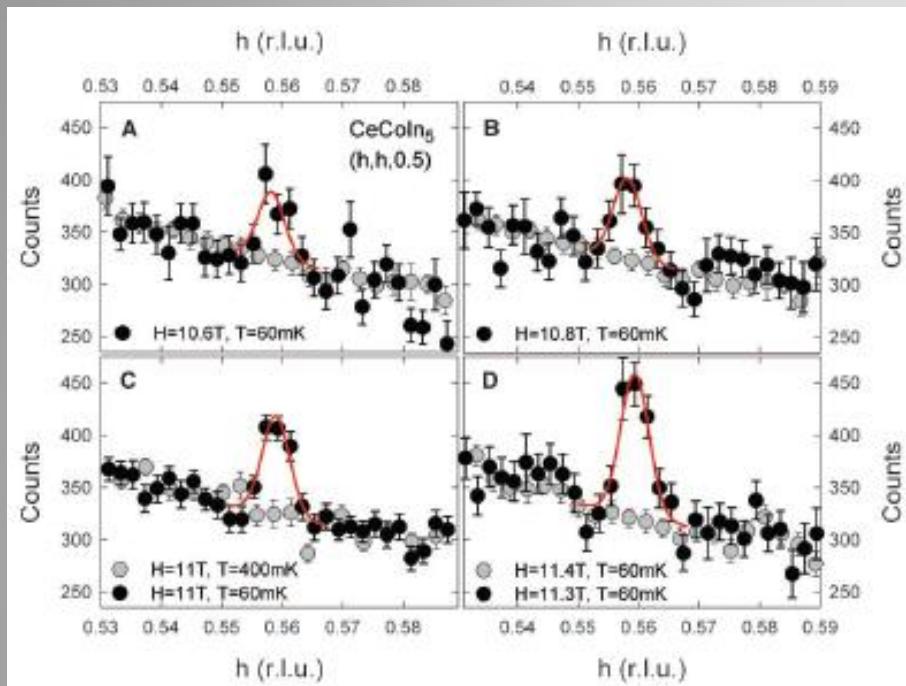
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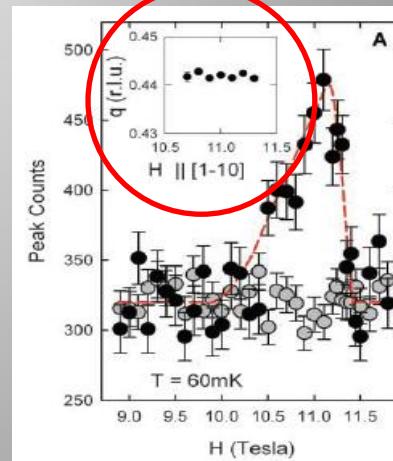
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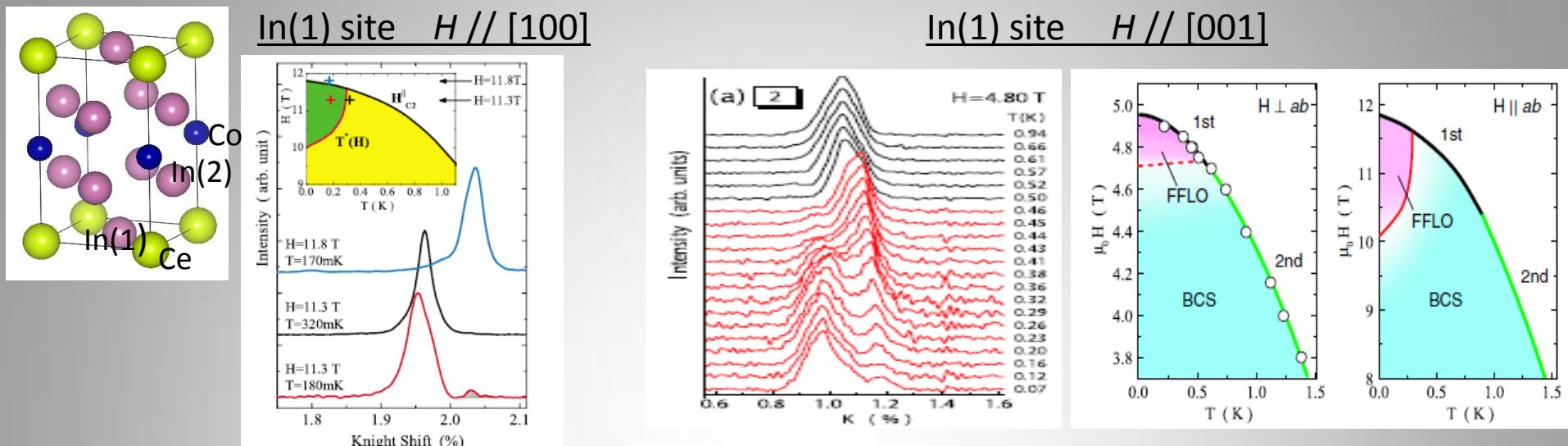


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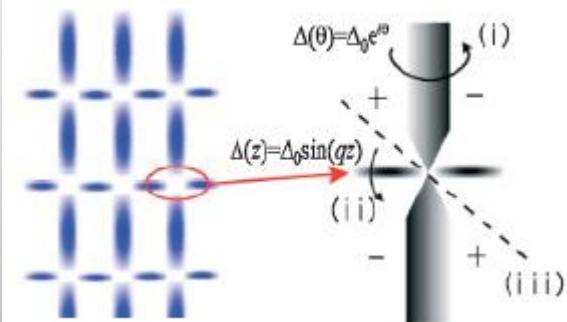
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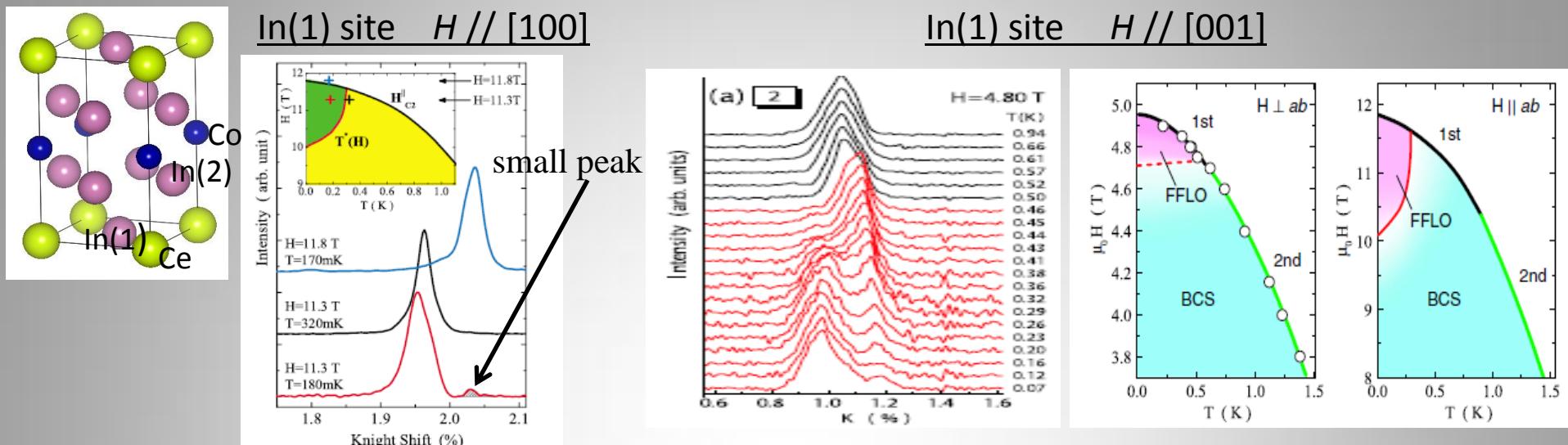
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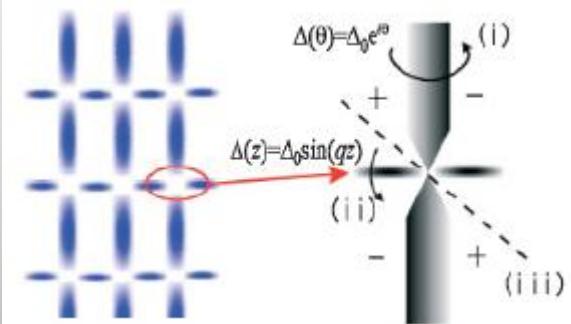
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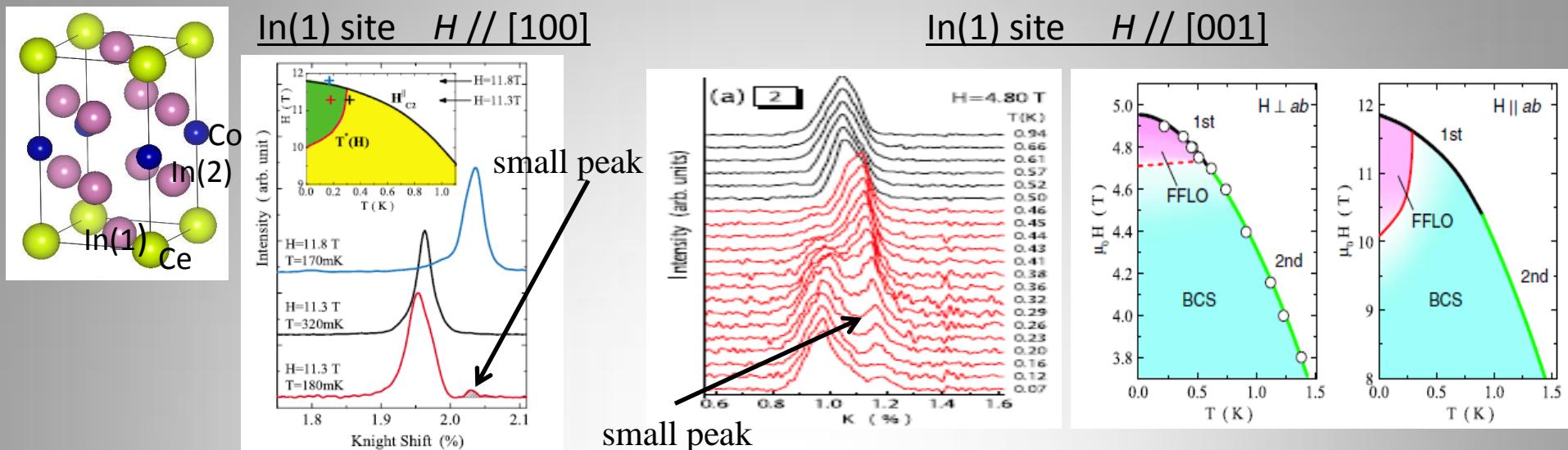
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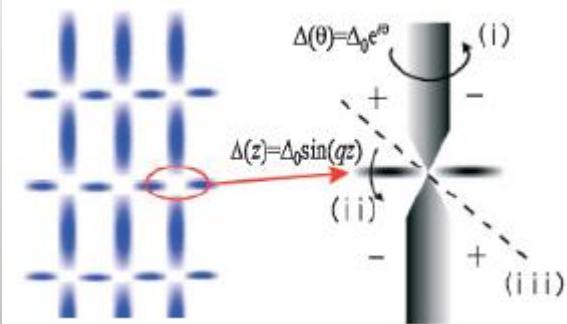
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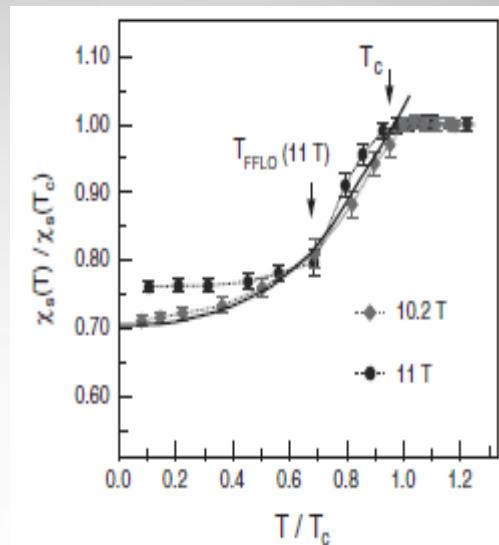
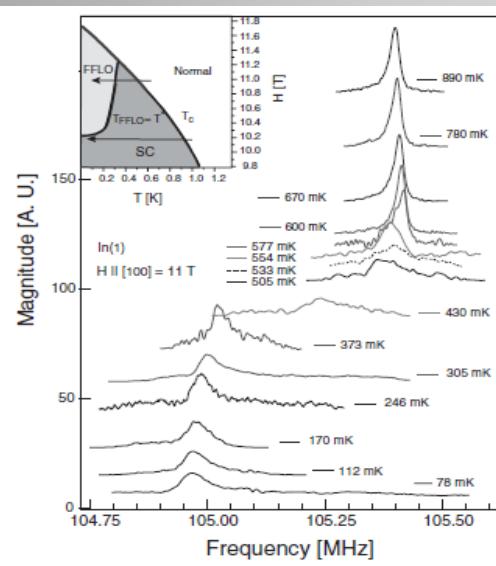
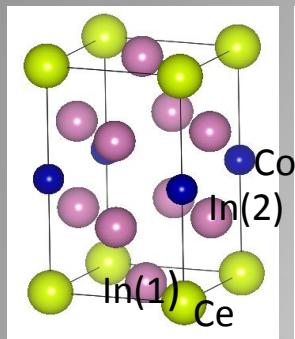
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In HFLT region

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▪ χ enhanced

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←DOS at E_F in FFLO

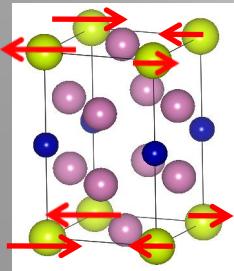
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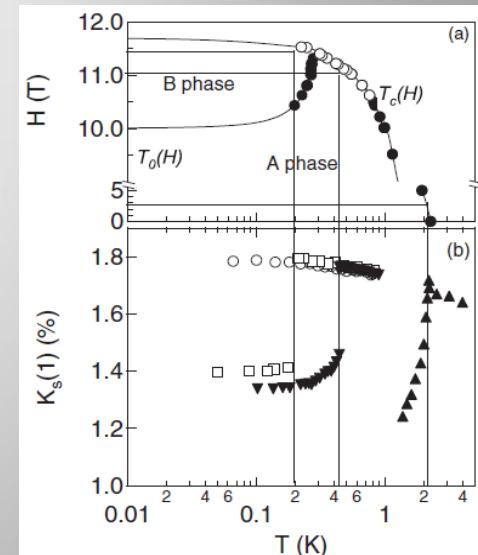
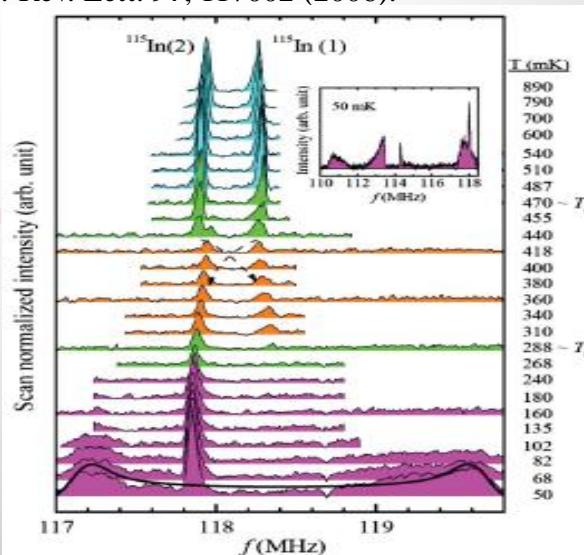
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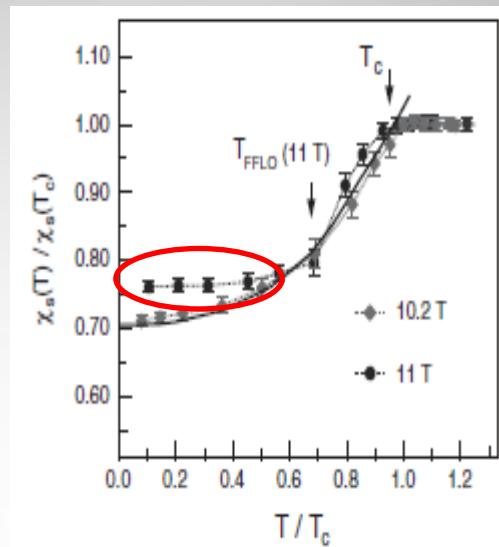
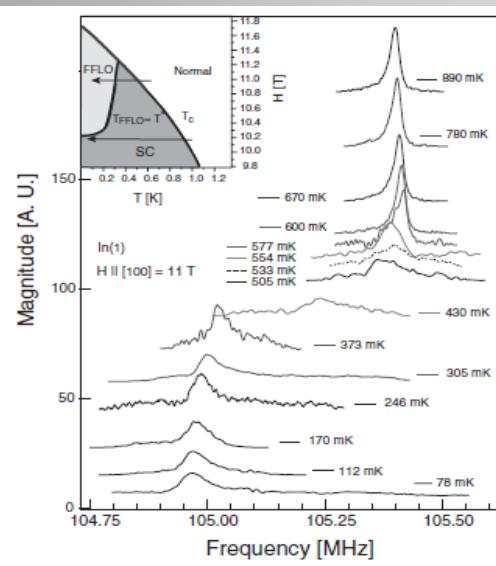
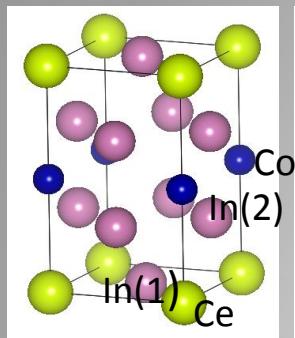
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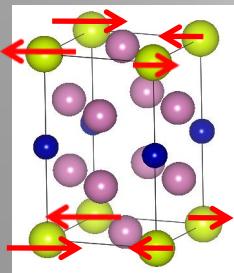
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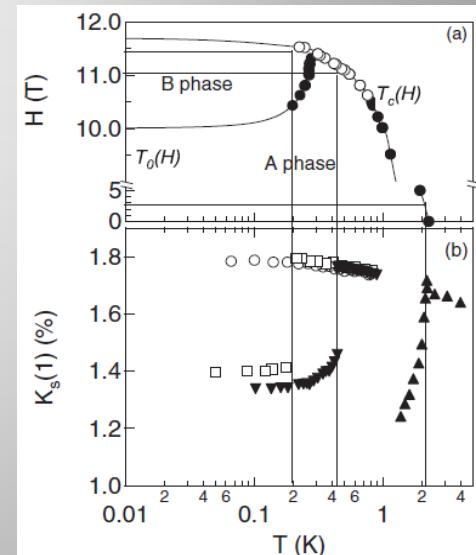
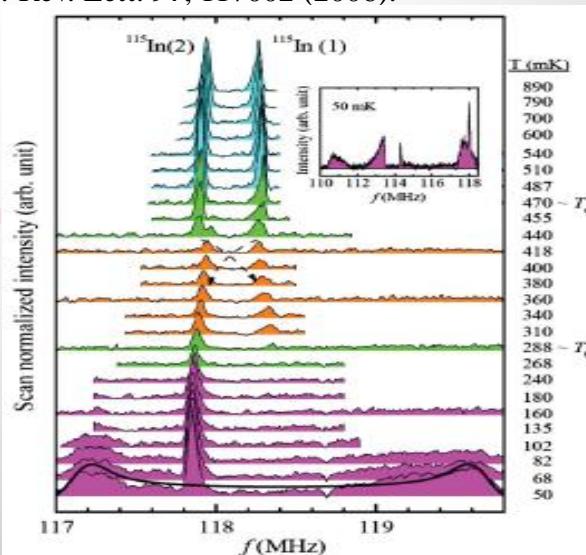
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Magnetic Structure

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NMR

$\mathbf{S} \perp \mathbf{H} \perp \mathbf{q}$ (neutron diffraction measurement) : dipolar hyperfine coupling

$\mathbf{S} // \mathbf{H} // [100]$ (NMR measurement) : isotropic hyperfine coupling

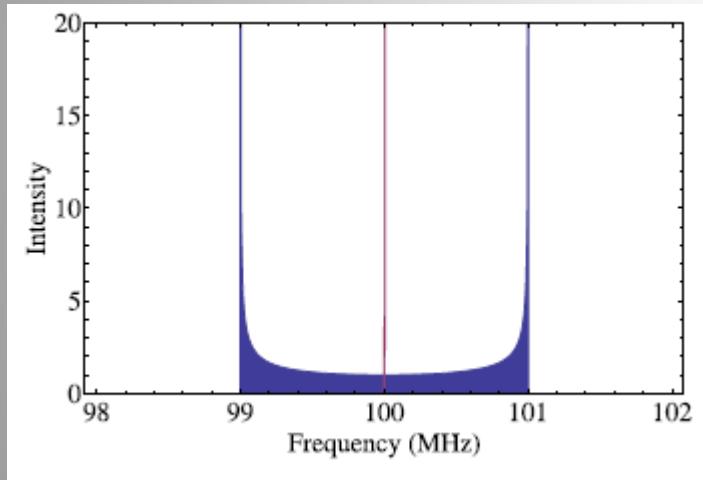
f_Q : quadrupolar interaction

γ : gyromagnetic ratio

Resonance frequency: $f = \gamma |\mathbf{H}_0 + \mathbf{H}_{hf}| + f_Q$

Electric field gradient is unaffected by the onset of SC or magnetism.

In(2a) : double broad peaks In(1),In(2b),Co : no dramatic change requirement from data

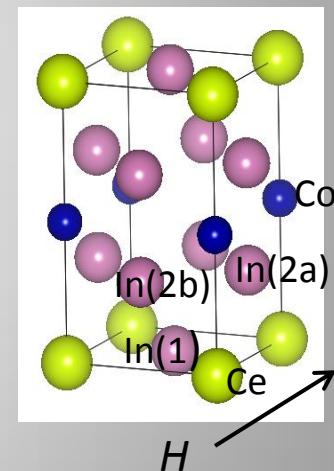


$$\mathbf{H}_{hf}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{\mathbf{B}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{r}_i)}{\gamma \hbar} \text{ at In(1)}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{hf}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{j=1}^2 \frac{\mathbf{B}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{r}_j)}{\gamma \hbar} \text{ at Co}$$

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$\mathbf{H} // \mathbf{H}_{hf}$: blue line

$\mathbf{H}_0 \perp \mathbf{H}_{hf}$: red line

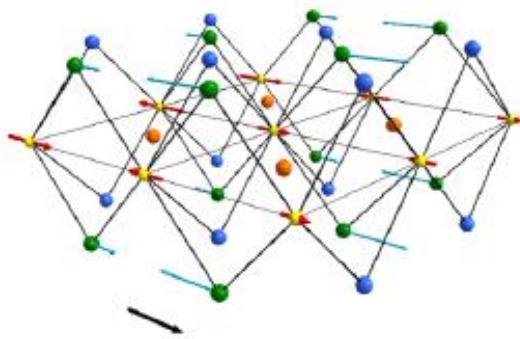
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Magnetic Structure

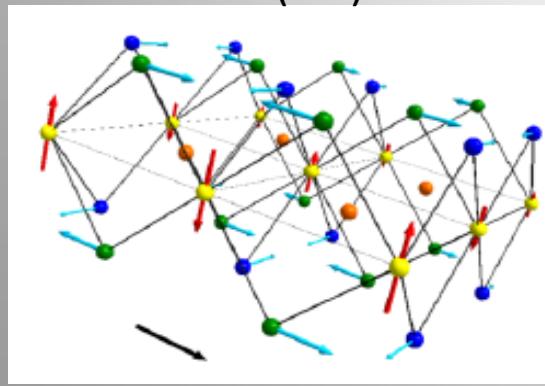
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$$\mathbf{B}_{iso} = B_{iso} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B}_{dip} = \frac{B_{dip}}{r^2} \begin{pmatrix} 2x^2 - y^2 - z^2 & 3xy & 3xz \\ 3xy & -x^2 + 2y^2 - z^2 & 3yz \\ 3xz & 3yz & -x^2 - y^2 + 2z^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Calculate \mathbf{H}_{hf} , assuming various $\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{B}_i$ under the condition of $H // [100]$



Case(1.1)



Case(2.4)

Case	\mathbf{q}	\mathbf{S}_0	\mathbf{B}	In(1)	In(2a)	In(2b)	Agreement?
(1.1)	[100]	[100]	iso	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} = 0$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [100]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} = 0$	yes (a)
(1.2)	[100]	[100]	dip	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [010]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [001]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} = 0$	no
(1.3)	[100]	[001]	iso	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} = 0$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} = 0$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [001]$	no
(1.4)	[100]	[001]	dip	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} = 0$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [100]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [010]$	yes (b)
(2.1)	[010]	[100]	iso	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} = 0$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} = 0$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [100]$	no
(2.2)	[010]	[100]	dip	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [010]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [001]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} \approx 0$	no
(2.3)	[010]	[001]	iso	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} = 0$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [001]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} = 0$	no
(2.4)	[010]	[001]	dip	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} = 0$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [100]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [010]$	yes (c)
(3.1)	[110]	[100]	iso	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [100]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [100]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [100]$	no
(3.2)	[110]	[100]	dip	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [001]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [100]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [010]$	no
(3.3)	[110]	[001]	iso	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [001]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [001]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [001]$	no
(3.4)	[110]	[001]	dip	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [010]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [100]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [010]$	yes (d)
(4.1)	[1̄10]	[100]	iso	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [100]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [100]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [100]$	no
(4.2)	[1̄10]	[100]	dip	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [001]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [100]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [010]$	no
(4.3)	[1̄10]	[001]	iso	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [001]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [001]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [001]$	no
(4.4)	[1̄10]	[001]	dip	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [010]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [100]$	$\mathbf{H}_{hf} // [010]$	yes (e)

Theory

K. Miyake, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. 77, 123703 (2008).

G.L. free energy(mode coupling)

$$F = F_0 + \frac{a_M}{2} M^2 + \frac{b_M}{4} M^4 + \frac{a_\Psi}{2} \Psi^2 + \frac{b_\Psi}{4} \Psi^4 + C\Delta M\Psi$$

M, Ψ, Δ : order parameter of SDW, π -pairing SC , d-wave SC ($a_M, b_M, a_\Psi, b_\Psi > 0$)

↔assuming that d-wave SC (not FFLO state) is necessary for SDW and π -pairing SC.

Minimize with respect to M, Ψ

$$\begin{cases} \Psi = -\frac{C\Delta}{a_\Psi} M \\ M^2 = \frac{1}{b_M} \left[\frac{(C\Delta)^2}{a_\Psi} - a_M \right] \end{cases}$$

Approximation : $\Psi^3 \ll \Psi$ (considering CeCoIn₅ is near the QCP)
 $(C\Delta)^2 > a_\Psi a_M$

→ M exists only in FFLO phase.

Wave vector q (Estimation of q and comparison with the data)

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}_0 + \mathbf{q}$$

• Estimation : $q = \frac{2\mu_B H}{\hbar v_F} \cong 2.4 \times 10^8 \text{ m}^{-1} \frac{q}{Q_0} \cong 3.3 \times 10^{-2}$ • Data (Kenzelmann *et al.*) : $\frac{q}{Q_0} \cong 1.2 \times 10^{-2}$

$$\Delta Q = 2.1 \times 10^{-3}$$
 : comparable to the error

- the possibility of H -dependence of V_F

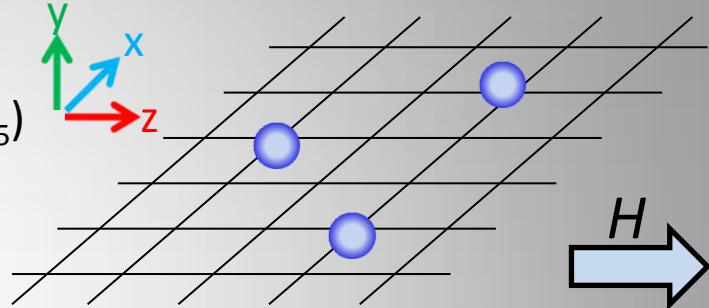
→The robustness of Q against H is understood.

Theory

Y. Yanase *et al.*, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. **78**, 114715 (2009).

$$\underline{\text{model}} \quad H = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, \sigma} c_{i,\sigma}^\dagger c_{j,\sigma} + t' \sum_{\langle\langle i,j \rangle\rangle, \sigma} c_{i,\sigma}^\dagger c_{j,\sigma} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} + V \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} n_i n_j + J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} S_i S_j - g_B H \sum_i S_i$$

- $\langle i,j \rangle (\langle\langle i,j \rangle\rangle)$: summation over nearest(next nearest) site
- assuming square lattice (for quasi-two-dimensional CeCoIn₅)
- $H \parallel z$



Approach 1 : BdG eq. (neglecting AFM fluctuation)

Approach 2 : FLEX approximation (considering AFM fluctuation)

Approach 1

Define mean field: $\langle S_i \rangle, \langle n_i \rangle, \Delta_{i,j}^{\sigma,\sigma'} = \langle c_{i\sigma} c_{j\sigma'} \rangle$

Staggered moment : $M_{\text{AF}}(i) = (-1)^{m+n} \langle S_i \rangle$

d-wave order parameter : $\Delta^d(i) = \Delta_{i,i+a}^{\uparrow\downarrow} + \Delta_{i,i-a}^{\uparrow\downarrow} - \Delta_{i,i+b}^{\uparrow\downarrow} - \Delta_{i,i-b}^{\uparrow\downarrow}$ (a, b : unit vectors along the z, x-axes)

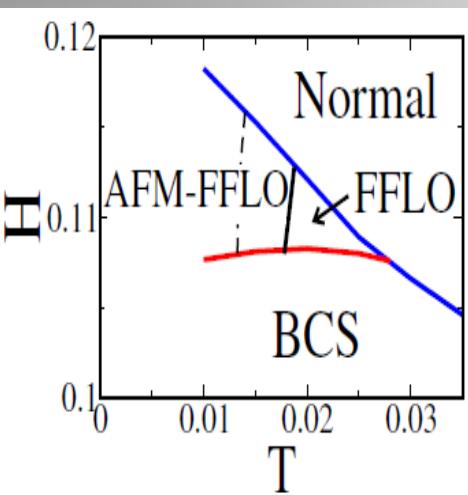
π -triplet order parameter : $d_{a,b}(i) \quad \Delta_{i,i\pm a}^{\sigma\sigma} = \pm(-1)^{m+n} \frac{1}{2} [-\sigma d_a^x(i) + i d_a^y(i)]$

$\Delta_{i,i\pm b}^{\sigma\sigma} = \pm(-1)^{m+n} \frac{1}{2} [-\sigma d_b^x(i) + i d_b^y(i)]$

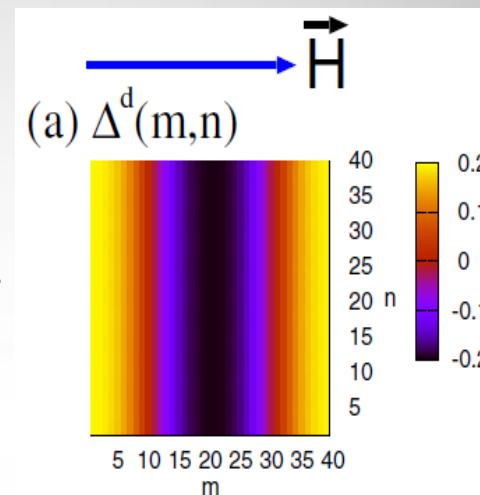
Theory

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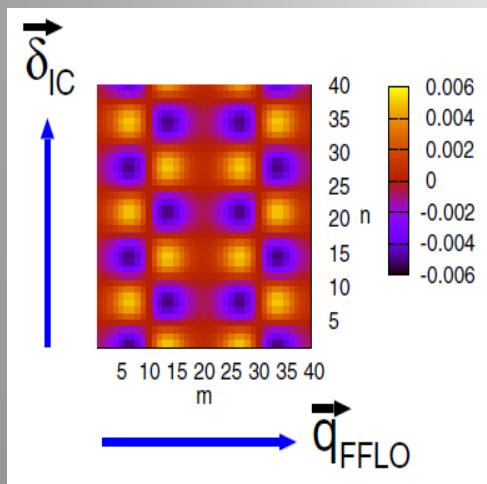
Then the thermodynamic average $\langle \dots \rangle$ (mean field Hamiltonian)
 → self-consistent eq. for $\langle S_i \rangle$, $\langle n_i \rangle$, and $\Delta_{i,\delta}^{\sigma,\sigma'}$ for each i : BdG eq.



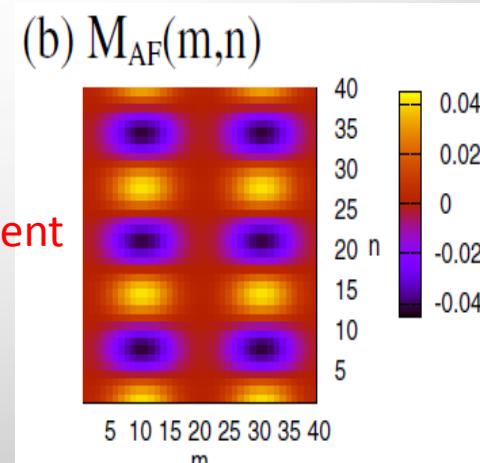
- AFM only in FFLO
- **Andreev bound state**
- Normal state to SC is first order in high field.
 $\uparrow U$ and J are required.
- $T_c(H=0) = 0.096$
- dashed line :
 π -triplet is neglected
→ important for AFM



- Modulated order parameter
- large DOS around the nodes



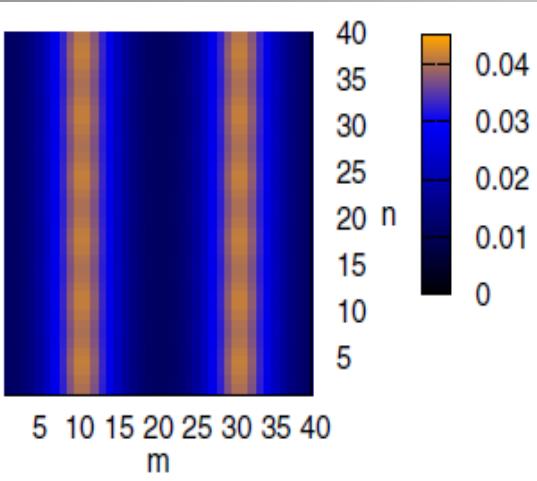
- $\delta_{IC} \perp q_{FFLO} // H$
- $|\delta_{IC}|$: independent of nodal planes
- consistent with experiment**



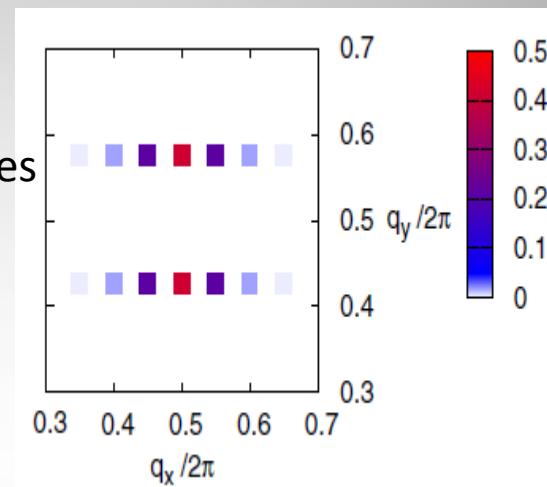
- AFM order occurs with nucleation of the planar nodes
- localized around the nodes
- $q_{FFLO} // H$ (assumption)
 $\rightarrow \delta \perp H, M \perp H$

Theory

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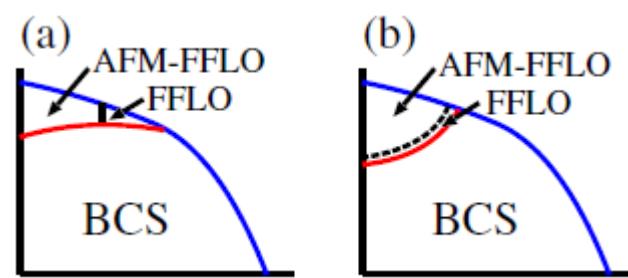


- weak modulation along the nodal lines
IC-AFM order



- Peaks at $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}_0 \pm \delta_{\text{IC}}$
- ~~Remark~~
Satellite peaks

Approach 2 $\langle S_i \rangle$



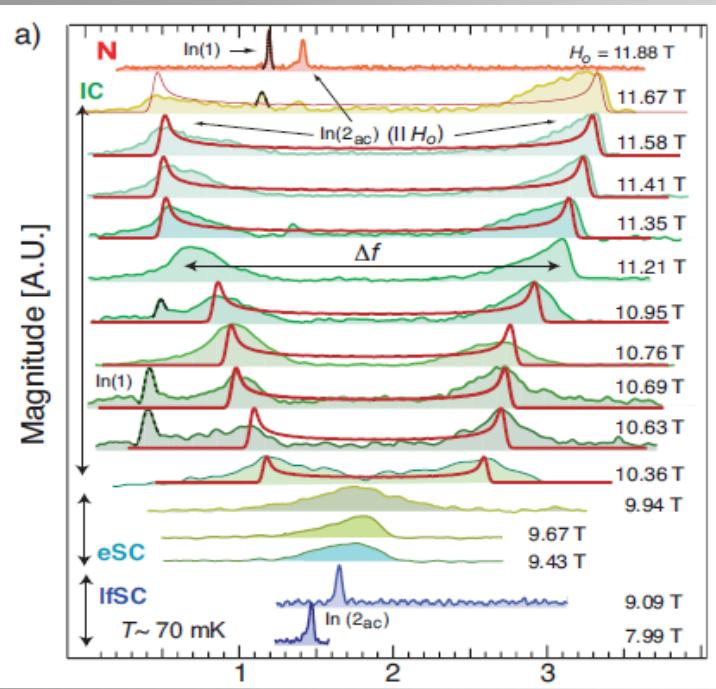
- AFM order : from three to quasi-2-dimensions near the BCS-FFLO transition line
→ enhanced spin fluctuation
- Pure FFLO state without AFM order

Findings : Inhomogeneous FFLO state → Andreev bound state → stabilized AFM
(π -triplet SC)

New phase near the AFM-FFLO state, where strong spin fluctuation exists

NMR measurement

G. Koutroulakis *et al.*, arXiv:0912.3548v1.



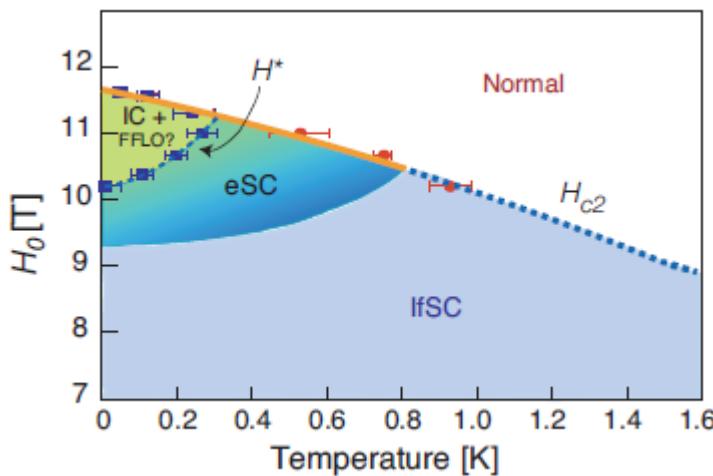
In(1),In(2_{ac}),In(2_{bc}) site $H // [100]$

- In(2_{ac}) : broadening, double peaks
- In(1),In(2_{bc}) : not broadening

$$\mu_i // \mathbf{c} \perp \mathbf{H} \quad \mu_0 = 0.15 \mu_B$$

$$\delta // \mathbf{b} \perp \mathbf{H} \quad \delta = 0.085 \quad \rightarrow \text{consistent with data}$$

Direction of δ : H -independent



• In(2ac) : weak signal, disappearance of the double peak

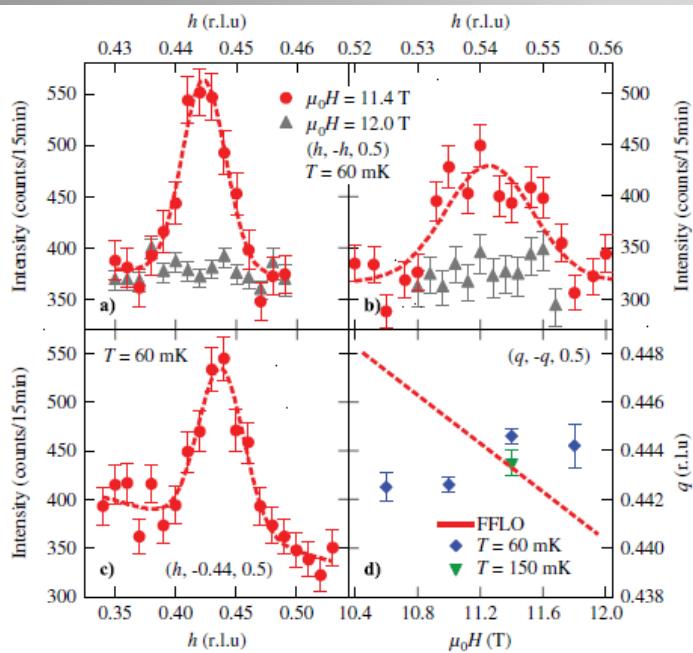
New phase under the IC+FFLO phase

Very strong AFM fluctuation

Neutron diffraction measurement

M. Kenzelmann *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **104**, 127001 (2010)

$H // [100]$ ($h, h, 0.5$)

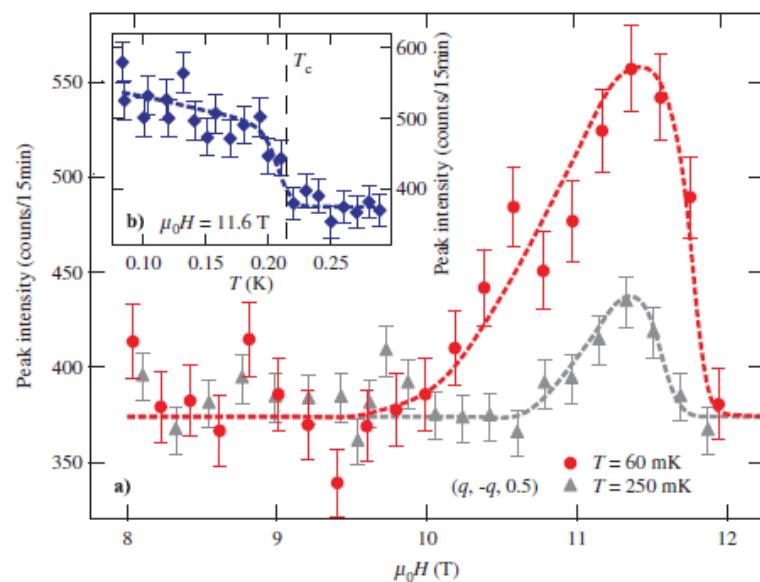


- correlation length $> 25 \text{ nm} > 10 \text{ nm}$ (vortex core scale)
- magnetic structure
 $\mathbf{Q} = (q, -q, \frac{1}{2})$ $q = 0.45$ $\mathbf{S} \perp \mathbf{H} // [100]$ $\mu_0 = 0.16\mu_B$
- $q : H$ -independent \rightarrow inconsistent with FFLO

Direction of Q : parallel to the direction of node?

$$d_{x^2-y^2}$$

[111] electron nesting \rightarrow SDW



SDW originates from local magnetism in vortex cores.

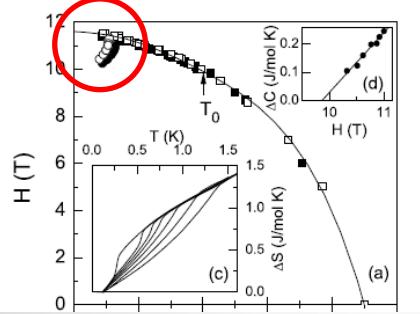
High DOS of low-energy excitation that induces magnetism
 \rightarrow Enhanced vortex magnetism

Vortexes (~ 13 - 15 nm) almost overlap in high field.
 \rightarrow long-range SDW

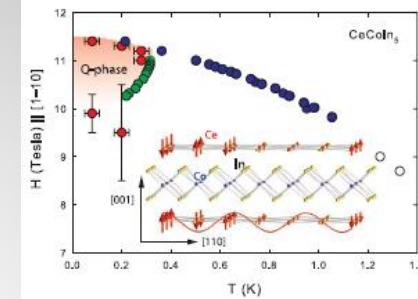
SC and SDW vanish at the same time, H_{c2} . : consistent

Summary

- New phase was found in HFLT region in CeCoIn_5 , and AFM coexists with SC in that region.

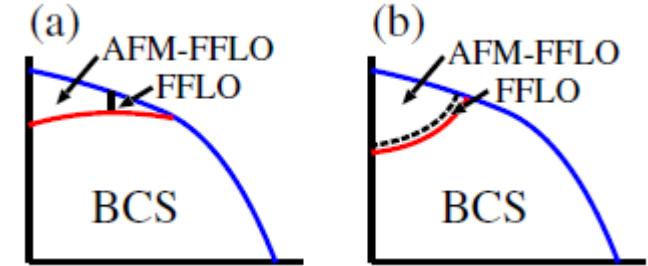


A. Bianchi *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **91**, 187004 (2003).



M. Kenzelmann *et al.*, Science **321**, 1652 (2008).

- Theories predict that FFLO state (inhomogeneous) and AFM can coexist and moreover, the phase is FFLO state-driven.



Y. Yanase *et al.*, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. **78**, 114715 (2009).

- Neutron scattering experiment indicates that the phase is magnetic-driven and the data is inconsistent with theories above.