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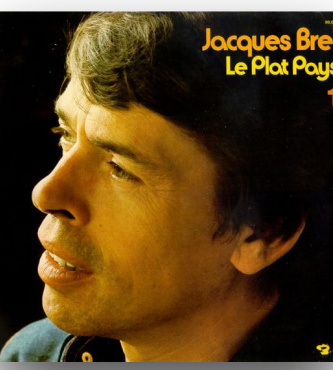
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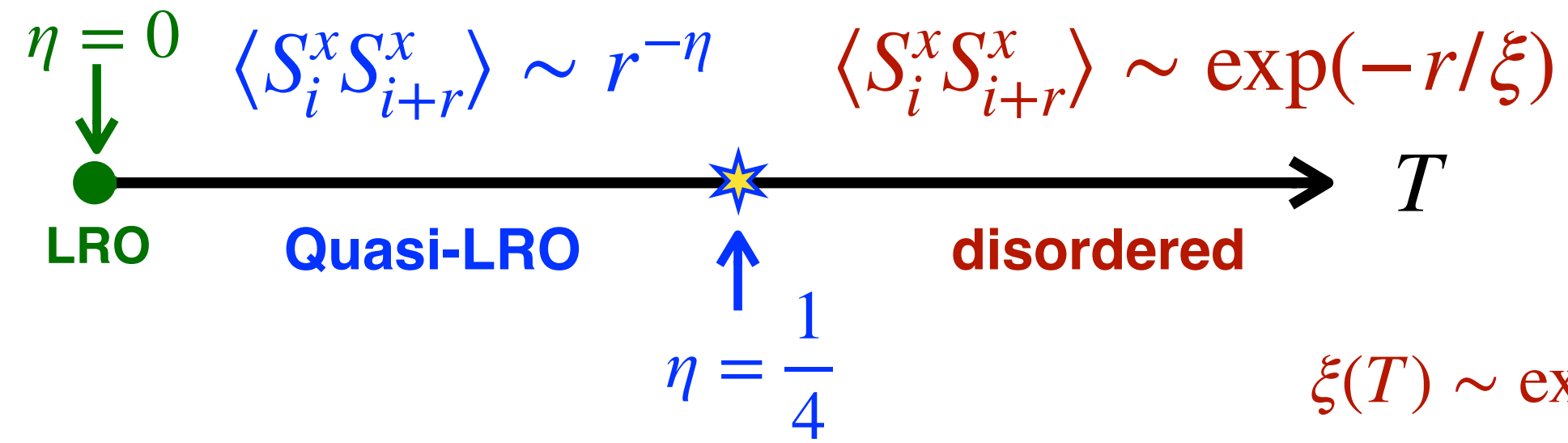


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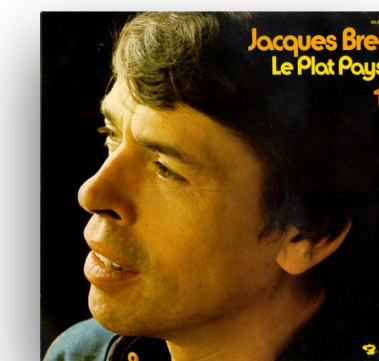


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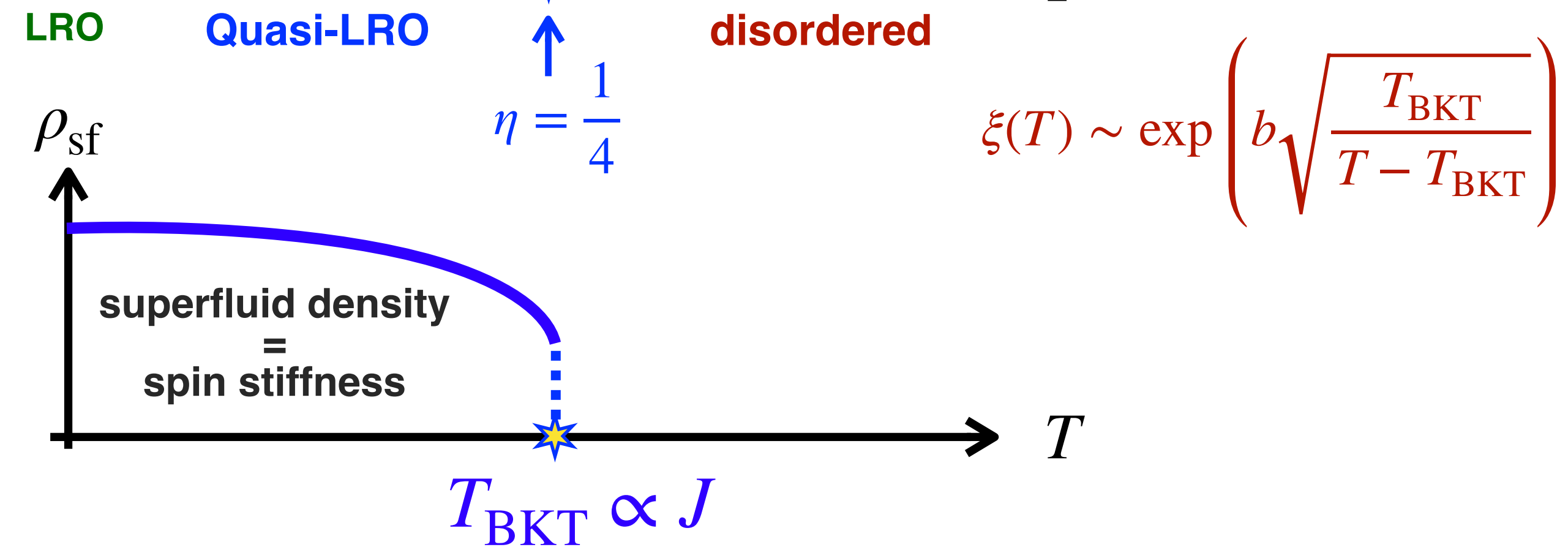
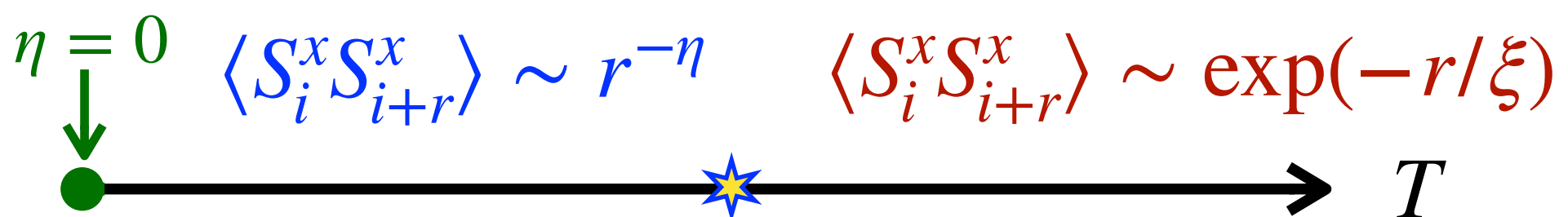


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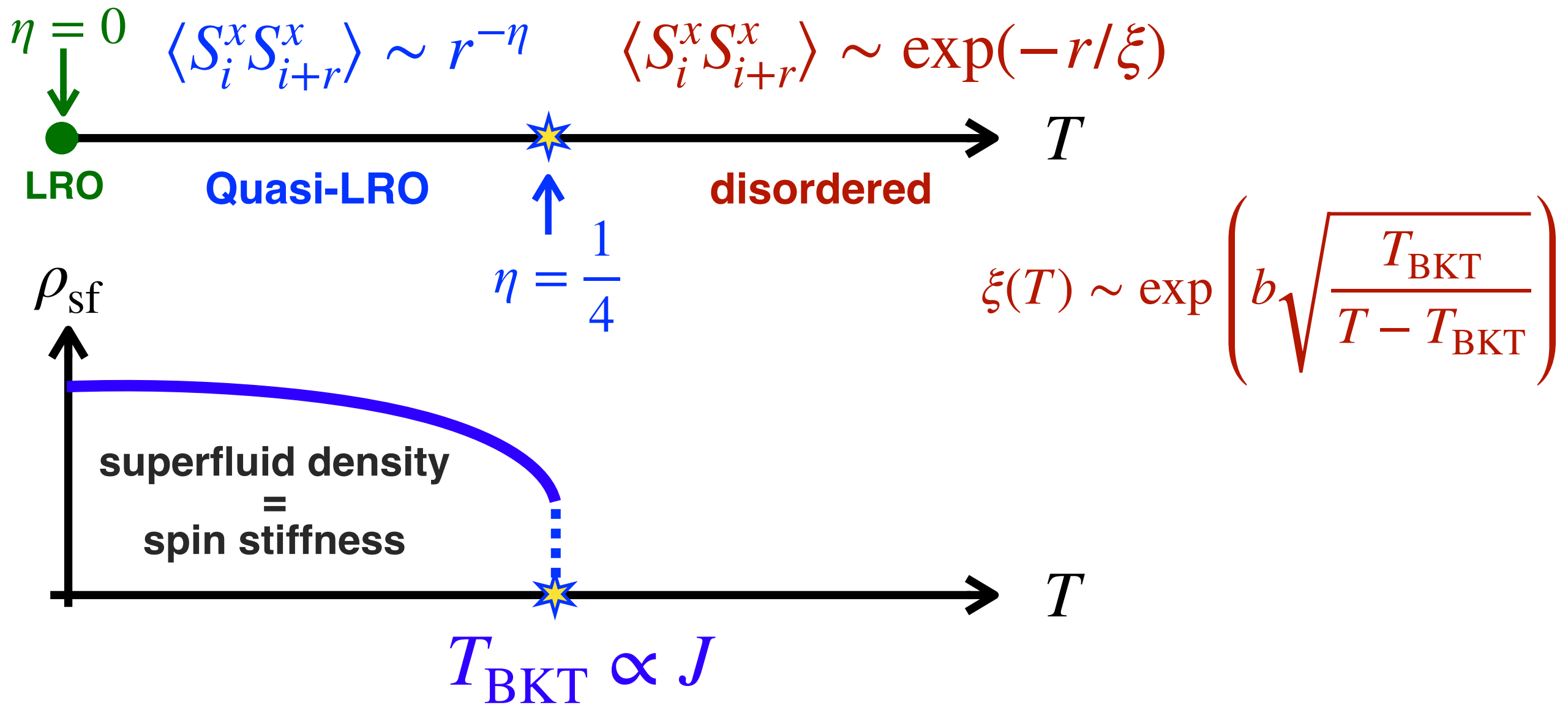
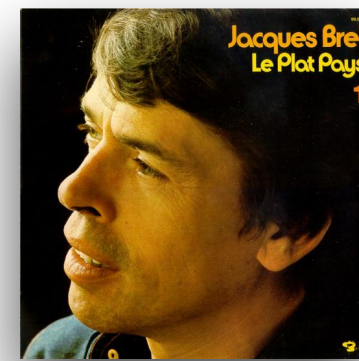


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BKT Physics may be relevant in many situations

Layered spin systems

Magnetization and universal sub-critical behaviour in two-dimensional XY magnets

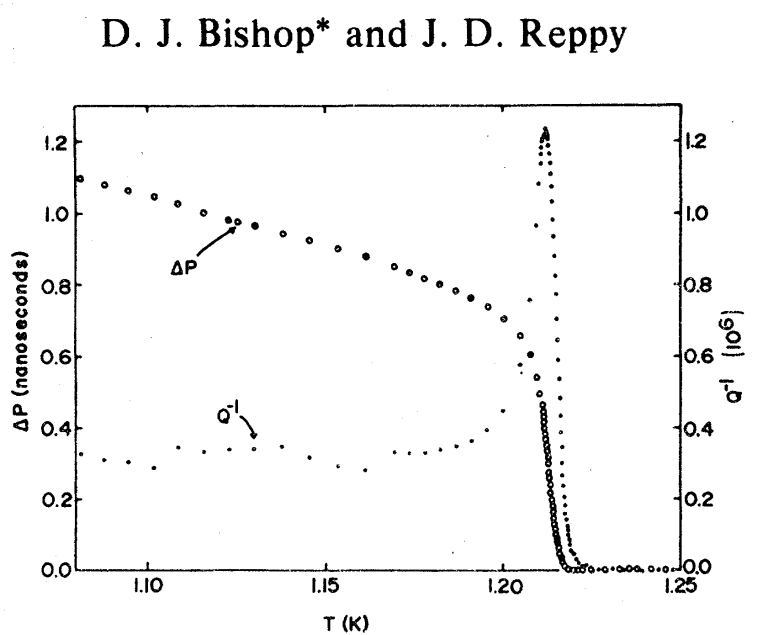
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Signatures for Berezinskii-Kosterlitz-Thouless critical behavior in the planar antiferromagnet $\text{BaNi}_2\text{V}_2\text{O}_8$

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Superfluid helium films

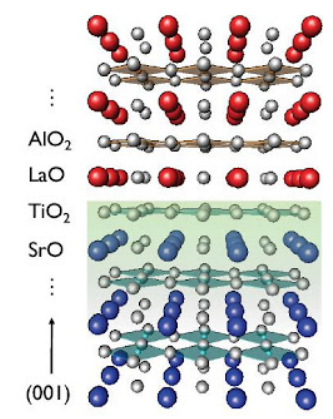
Study of the superfluid transition in two-dimensional ^4He films



Superconductors

Superconducting Interfaces Between Insulating Oxides

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Cold atoms

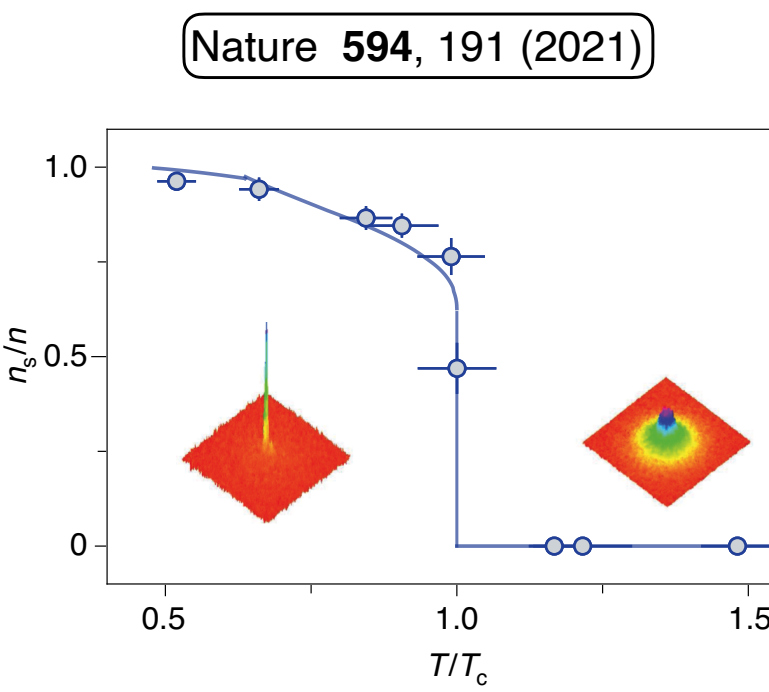
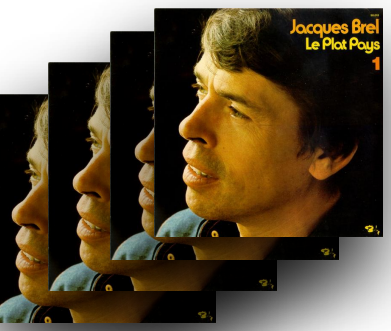
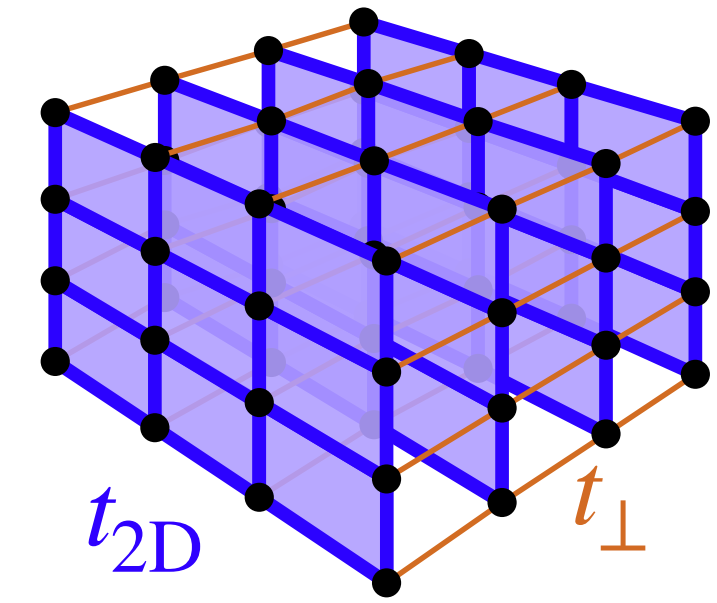


Fig. 1 | Universal jump in superfluid density.

Quasi-2D: significance of energy scales

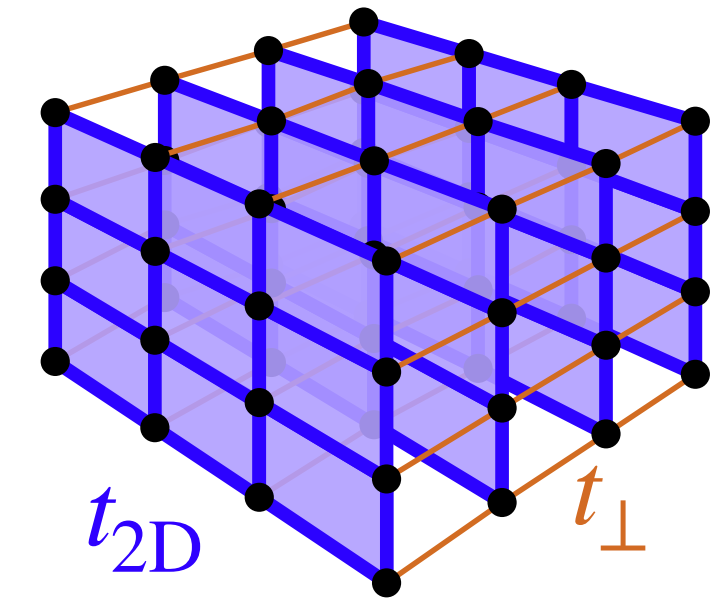


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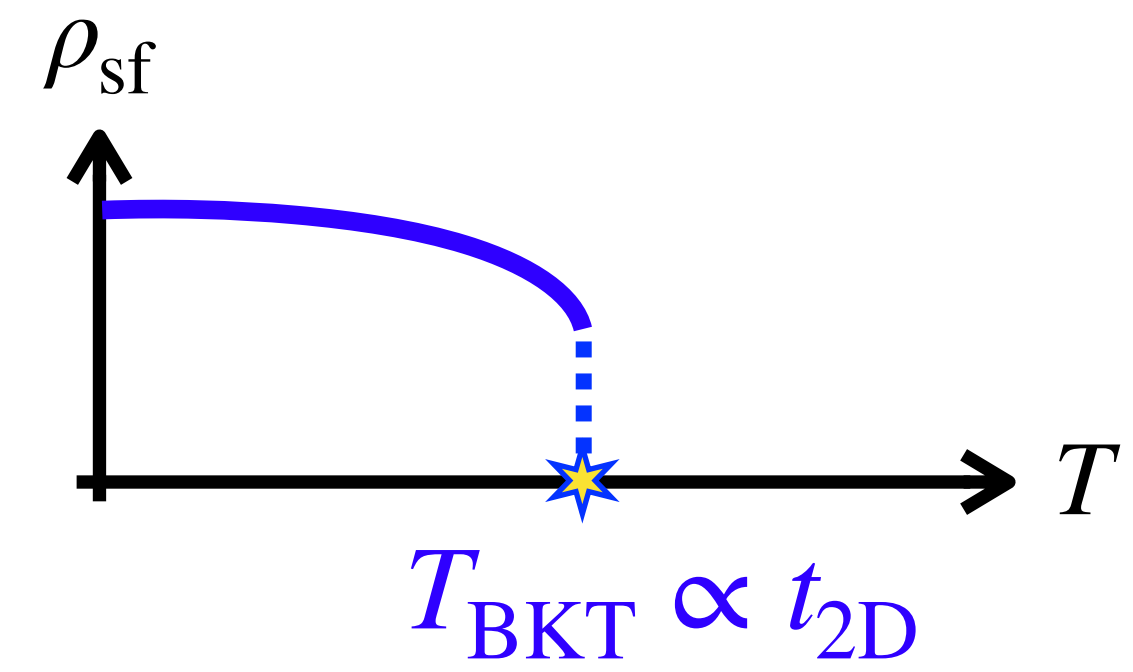


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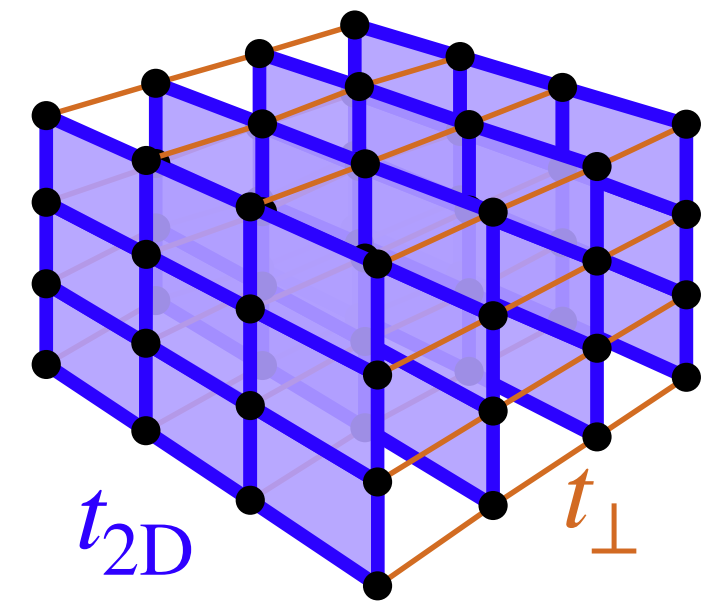


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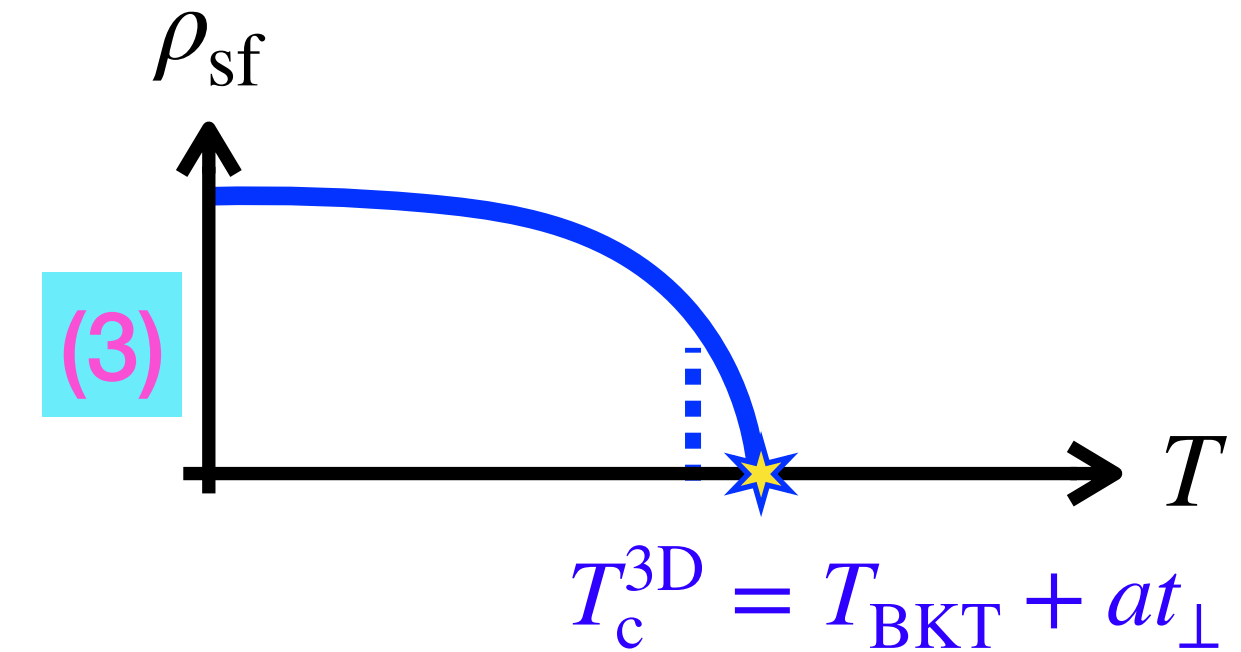
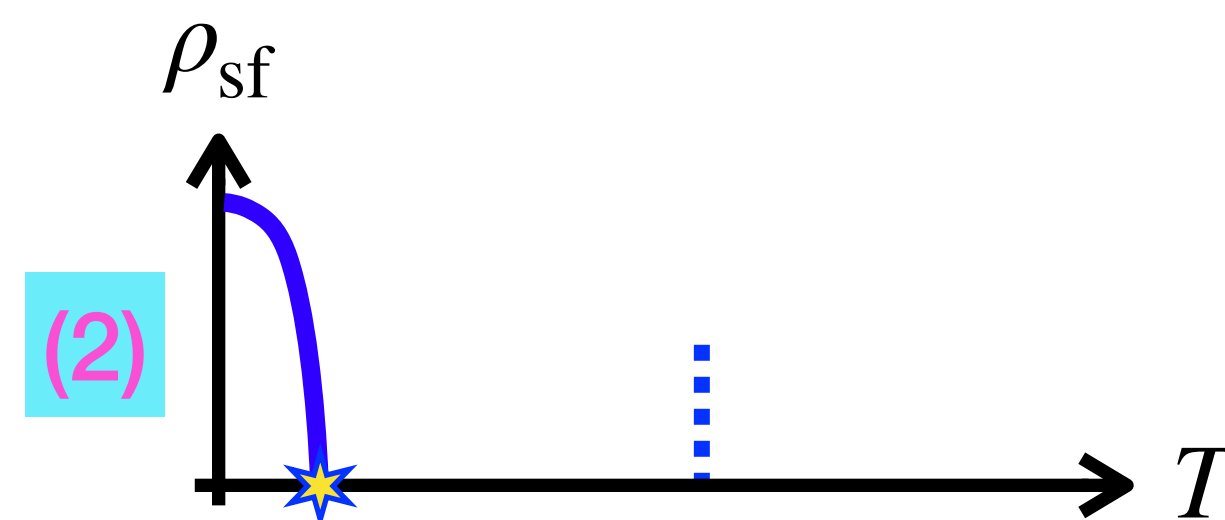
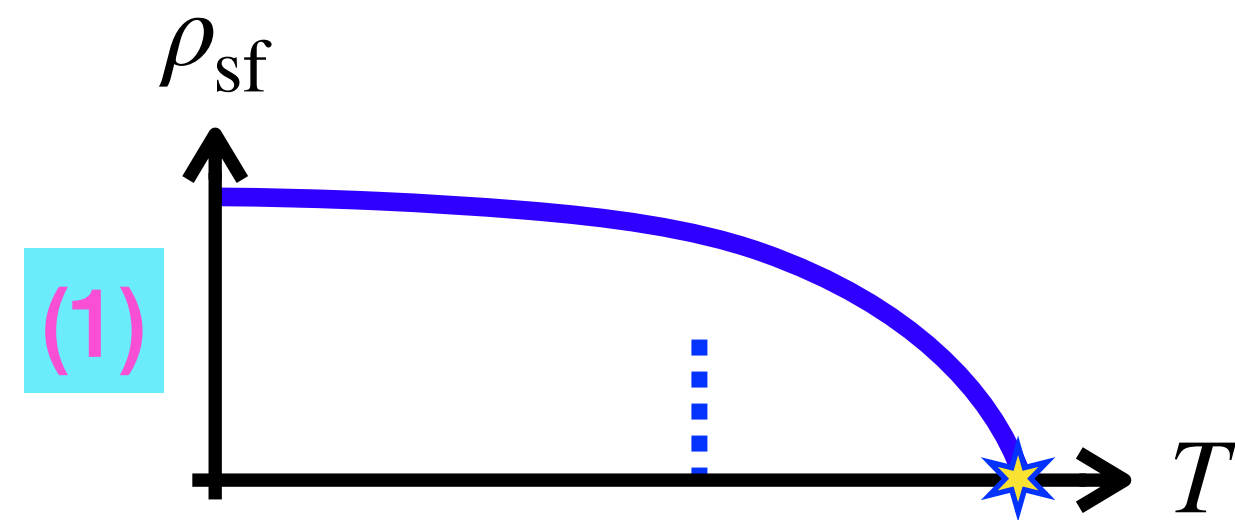
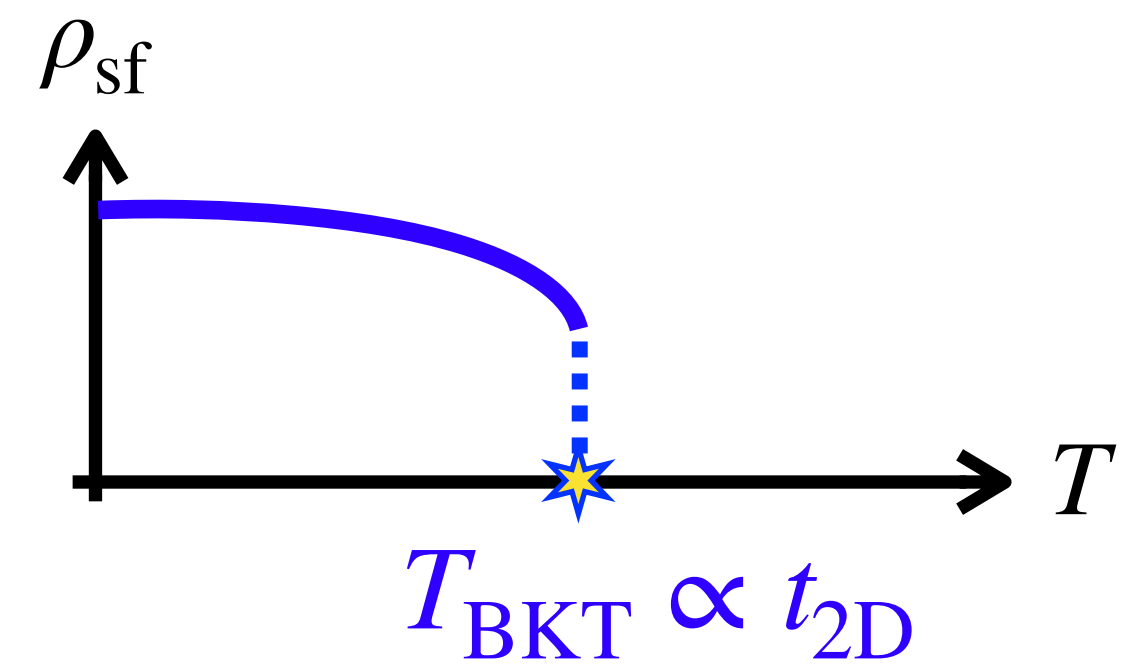


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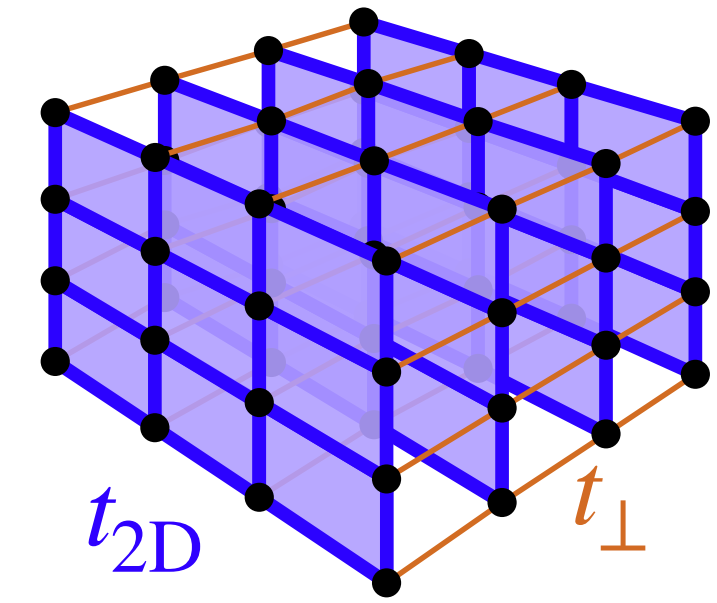


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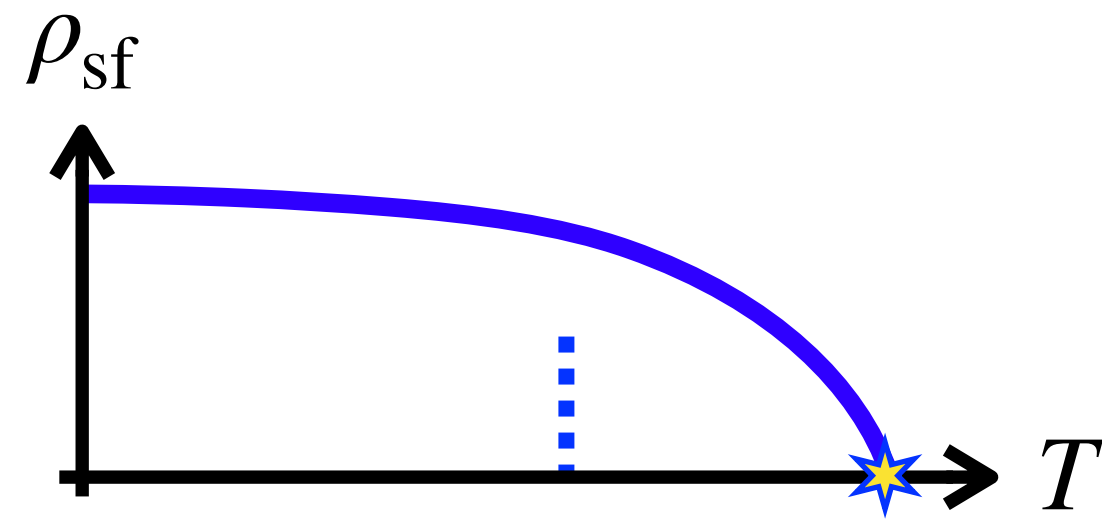
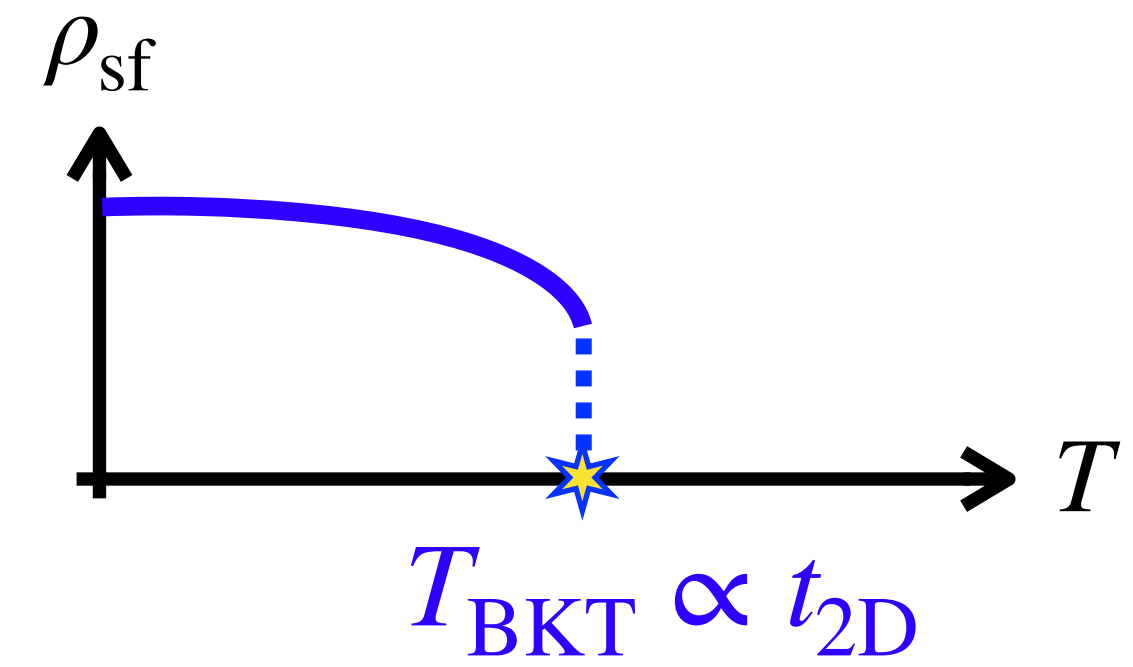


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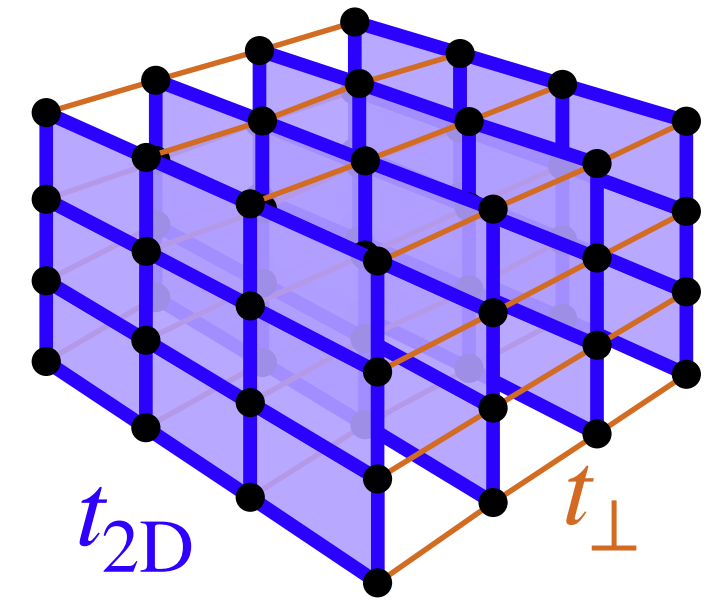
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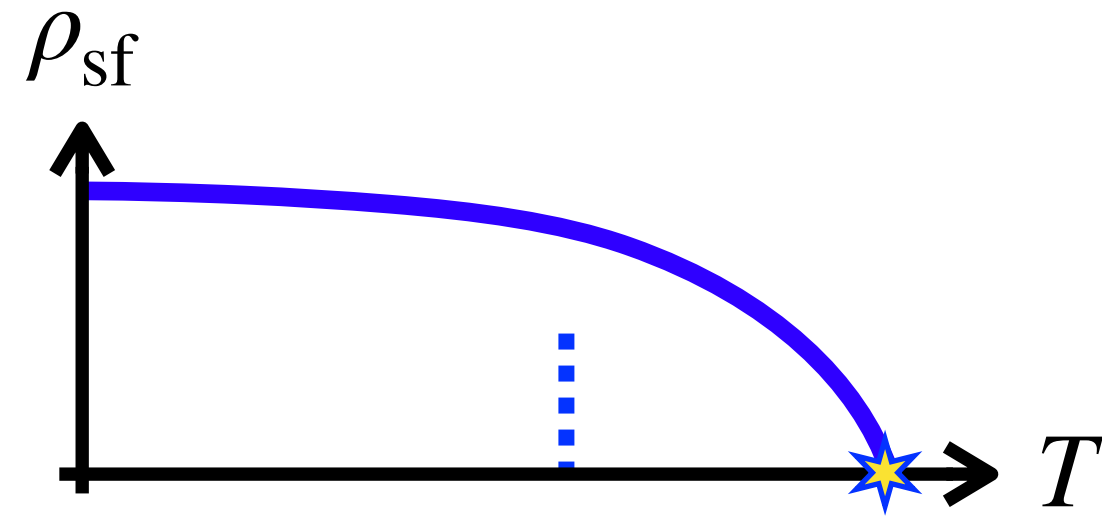
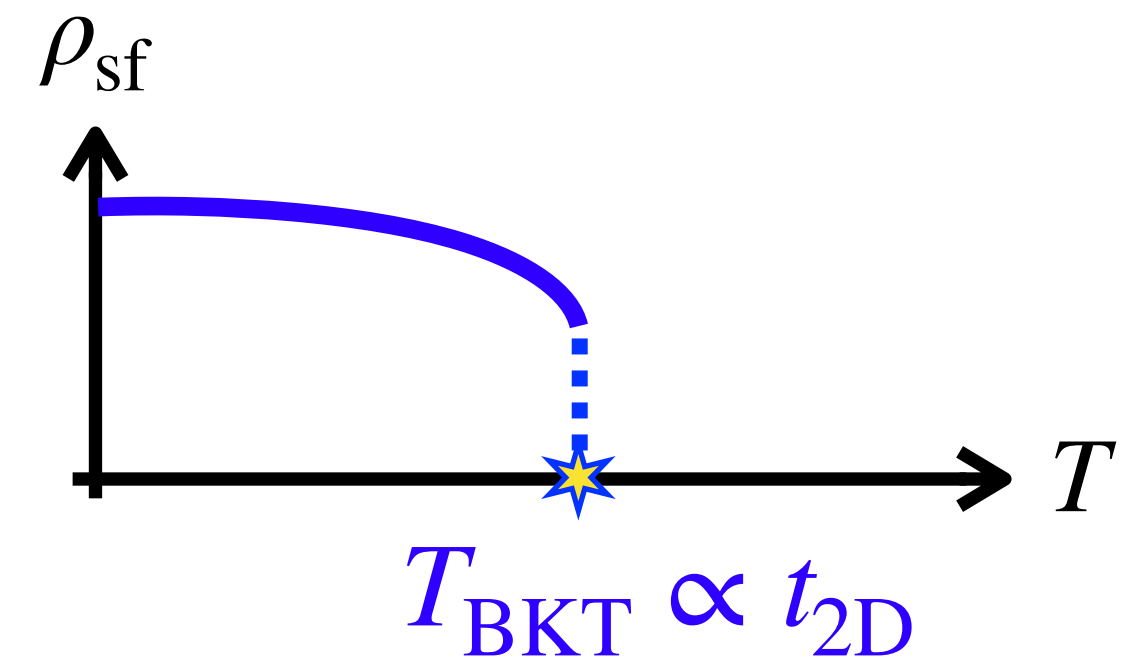
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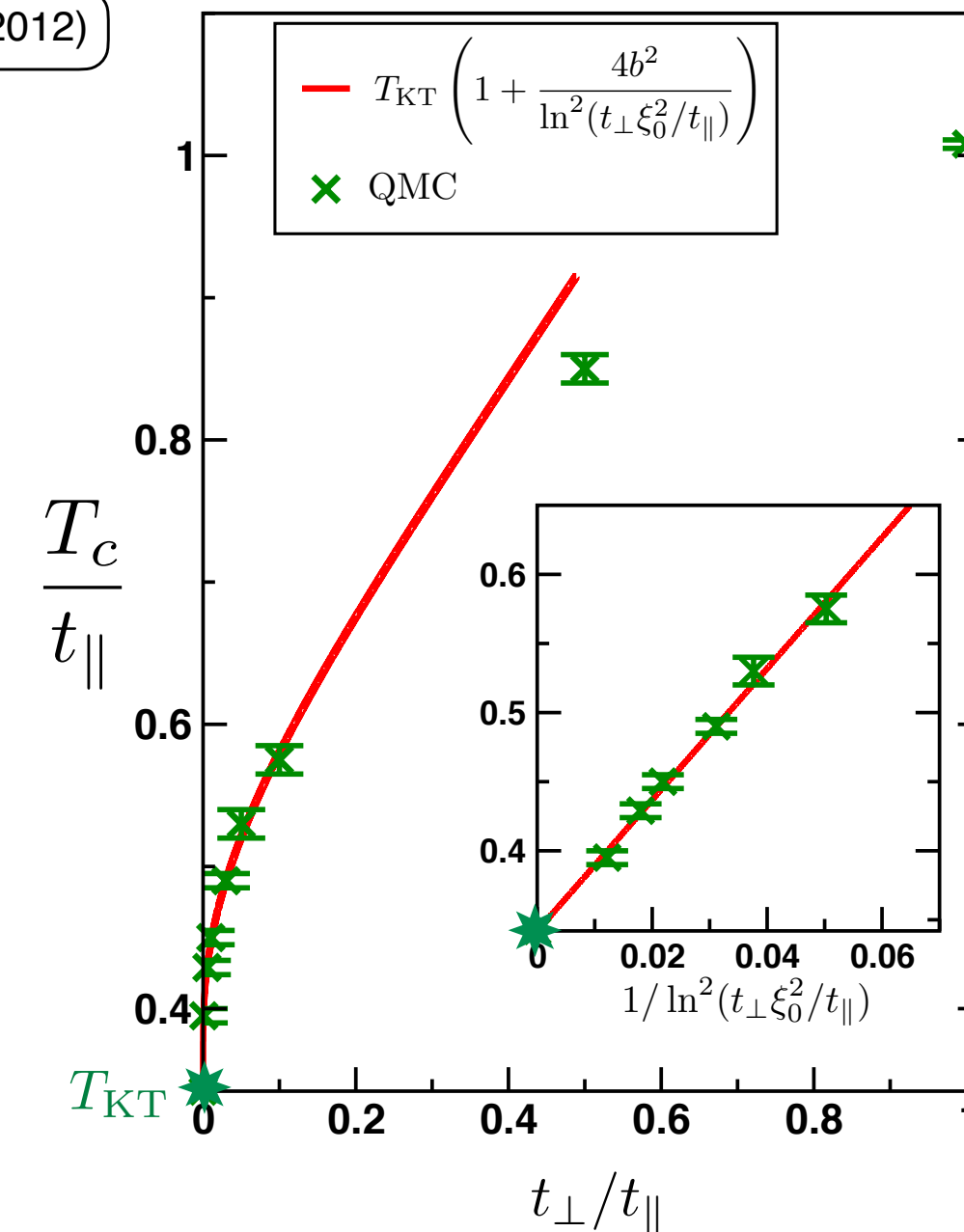
▶ Mean-Field argument

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3D effects when $\xi_{2D}^2(T) \times t_{\perp} \sim t_{2D}$

Quantum Monte Carlo simulations of the 2D XY model

NL Europhysics Letters 99, 66001 (2012)



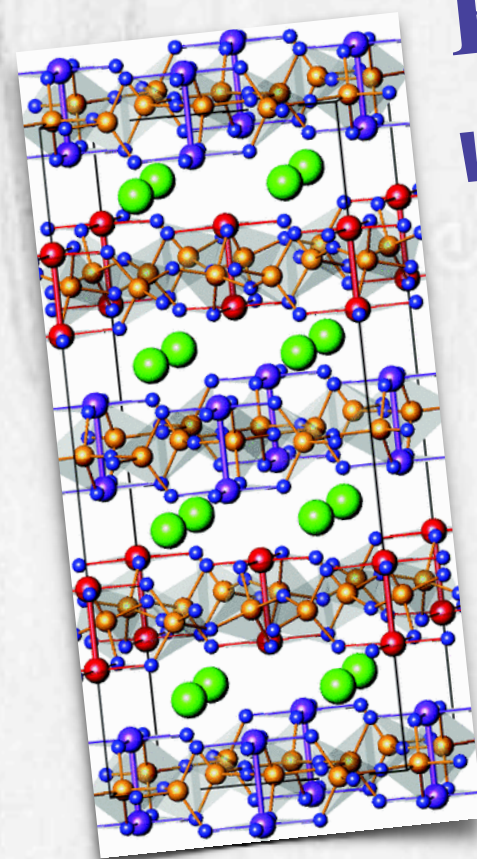
Strong T_c enhancement by very weak t_{\perp}

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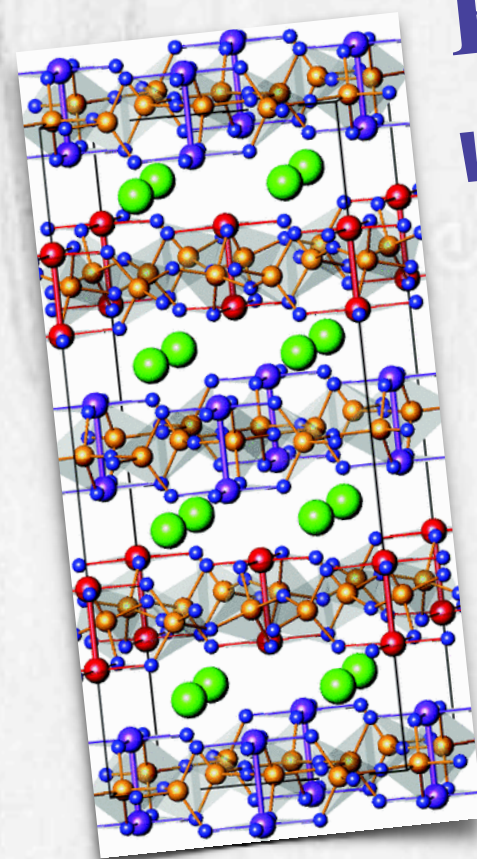
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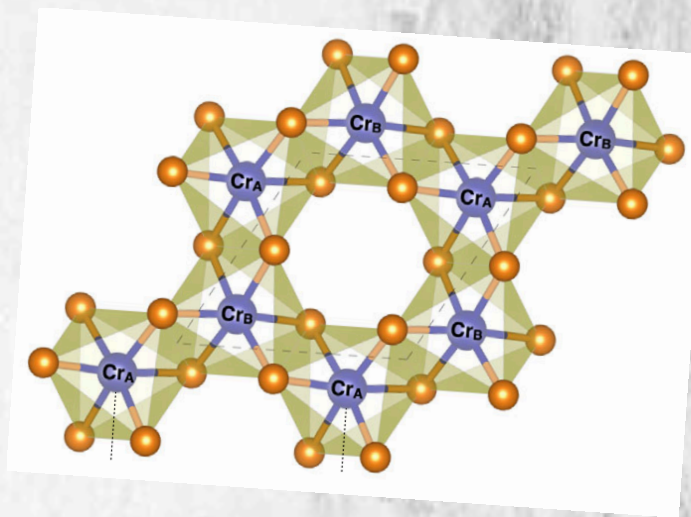


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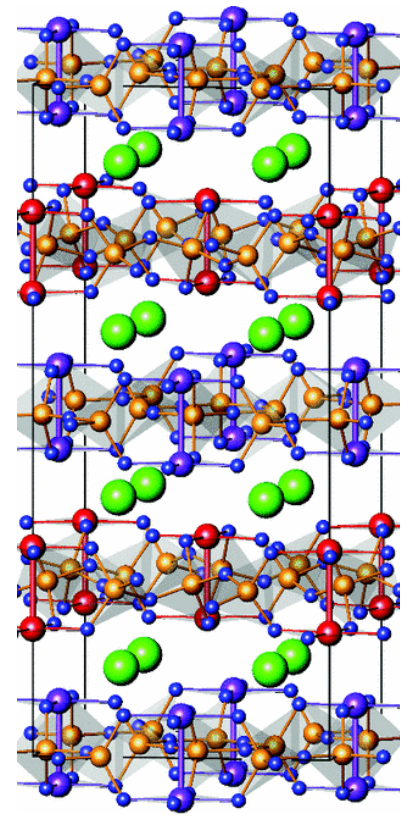


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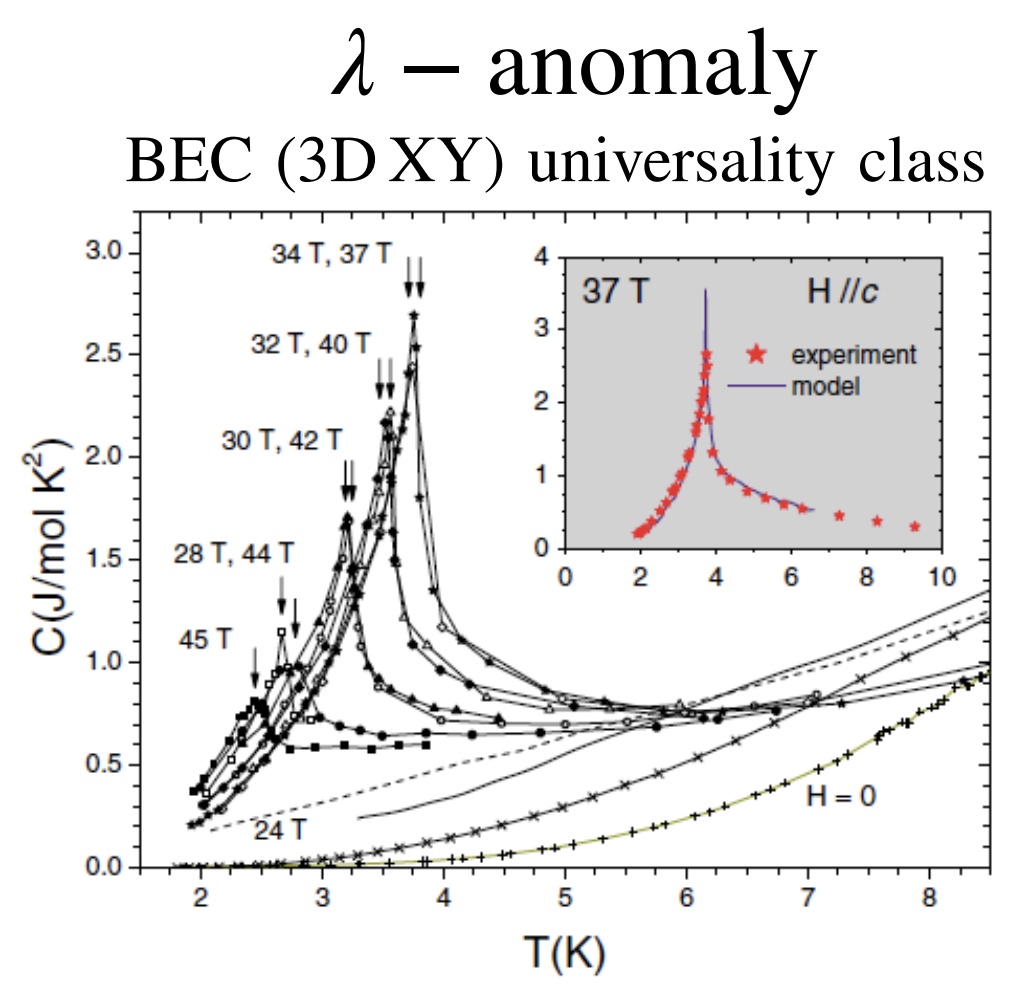
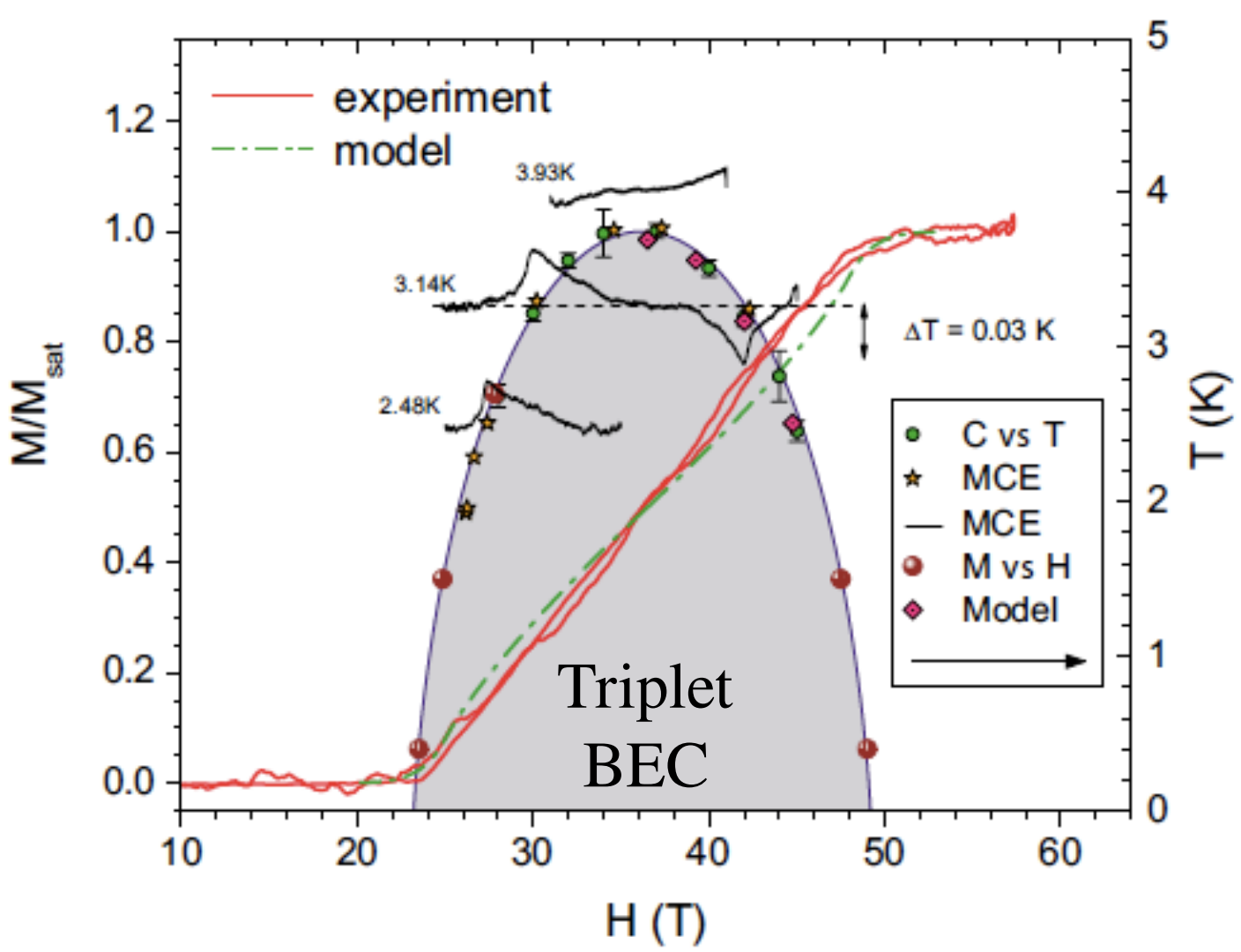


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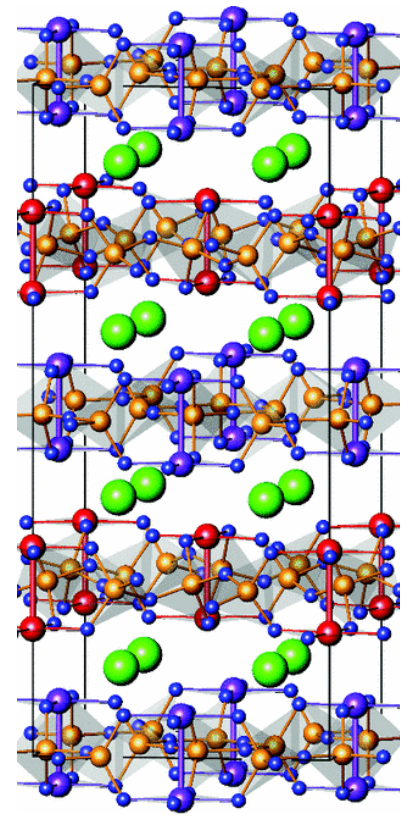


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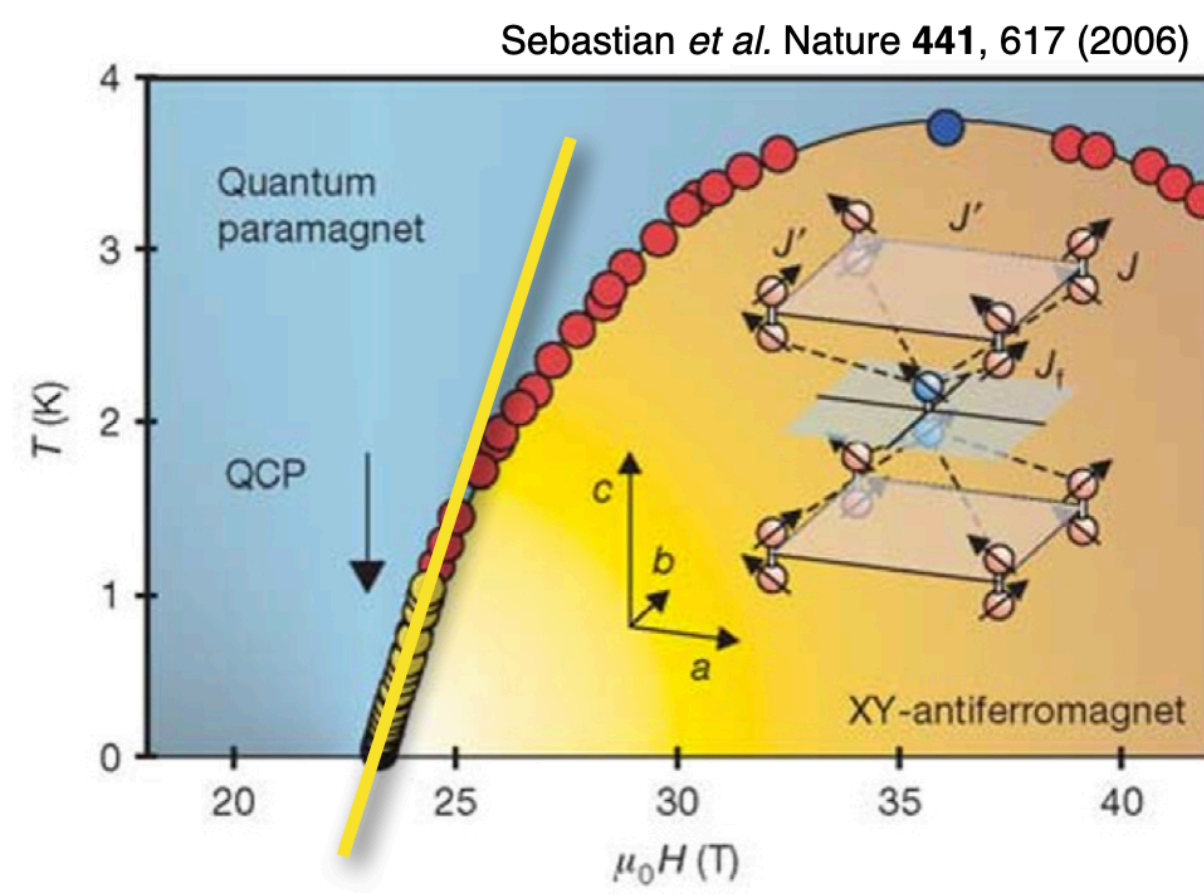
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Frustration induced dimensional reduction

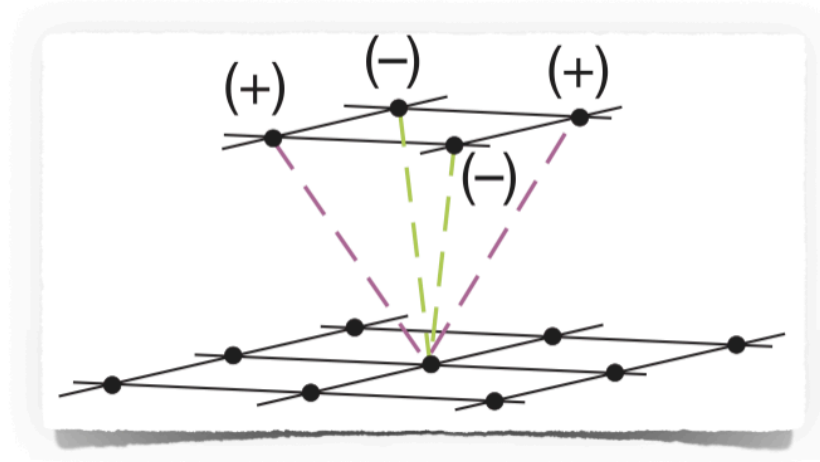
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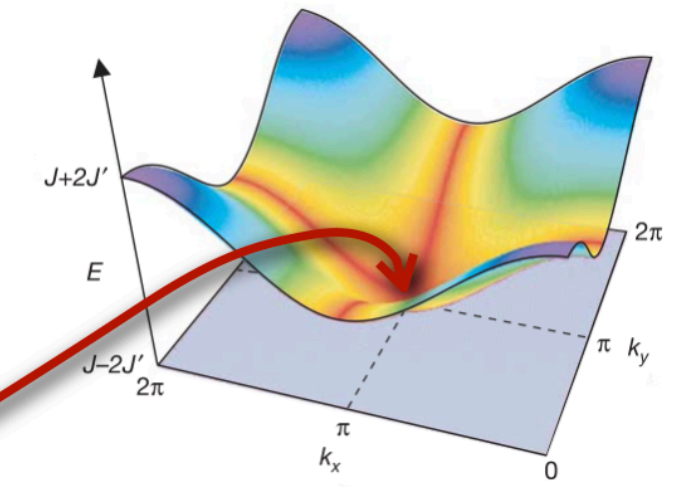
$\phi = 2/D$ (shift exponent for BEC)



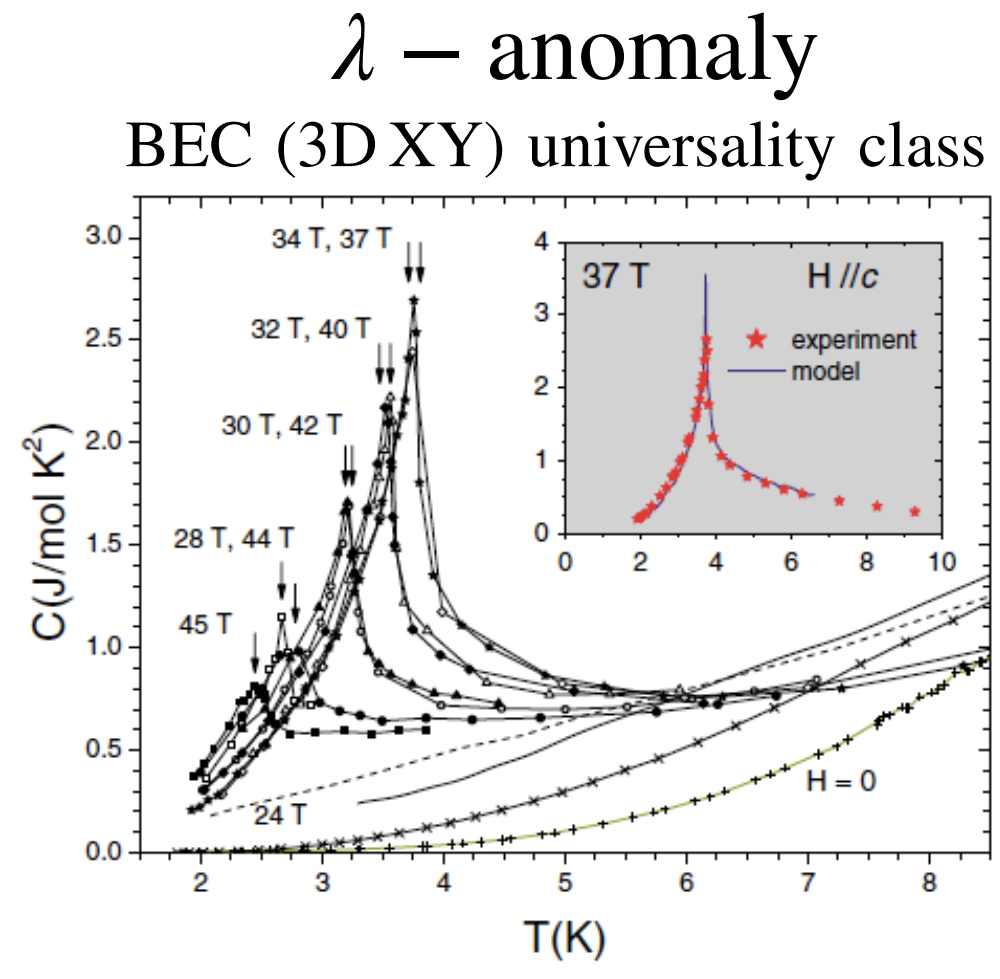
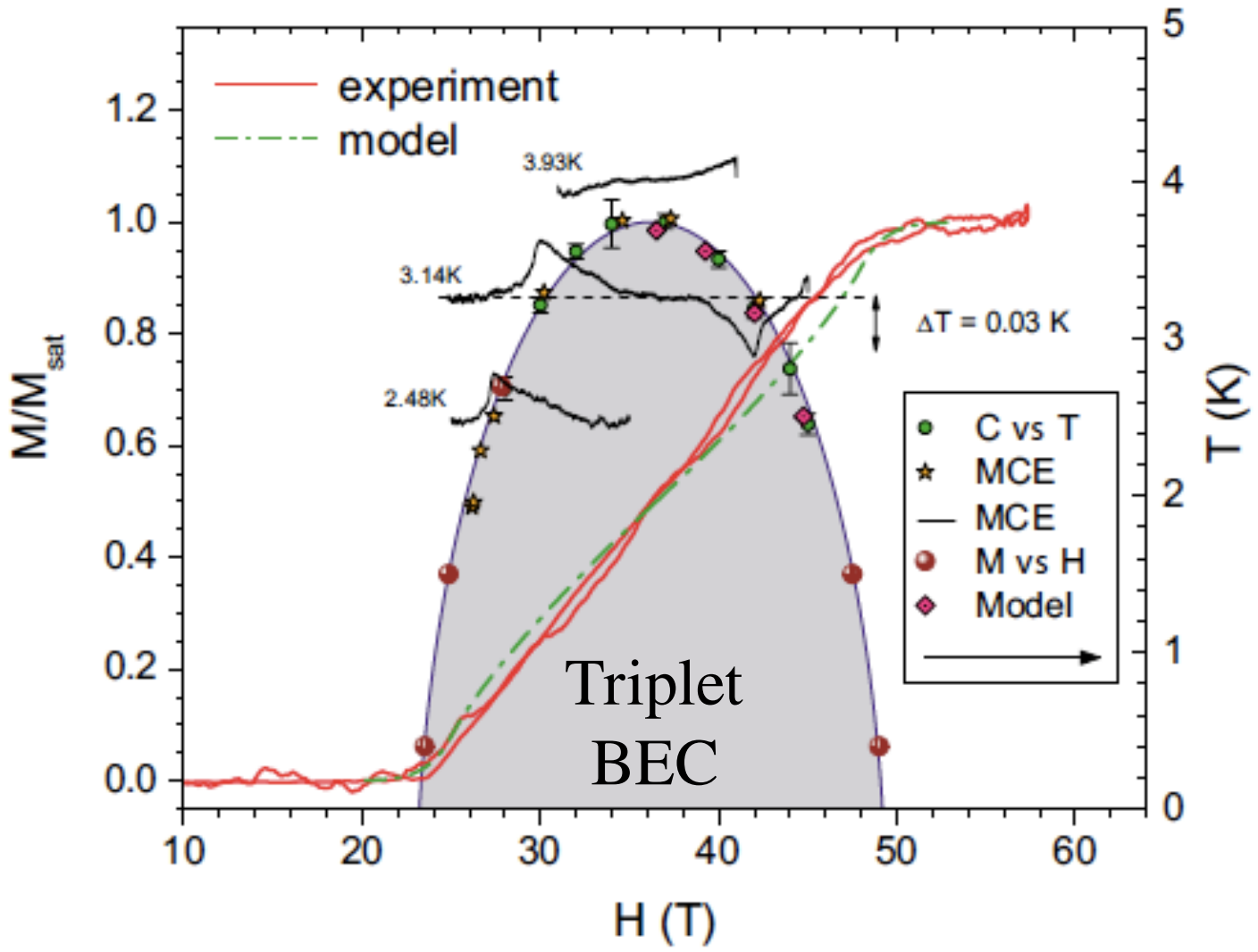
Triplet dispersion

$$E(\vec{k}) = J_{\parallel} (\cos k_x + \cos k_y) + 2J_{\perp} \left[\cos\left(\frac{k_x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{k_y}{2}\right) \right] \cos k_z$$

Interlayer hopping vanishes at the BEC point $(k_x, k_y) = (\pi, \pi)$



Interlayer frustration prevents Bose-condensed triplets to 3D disperse
⇒ Dimensional reduction

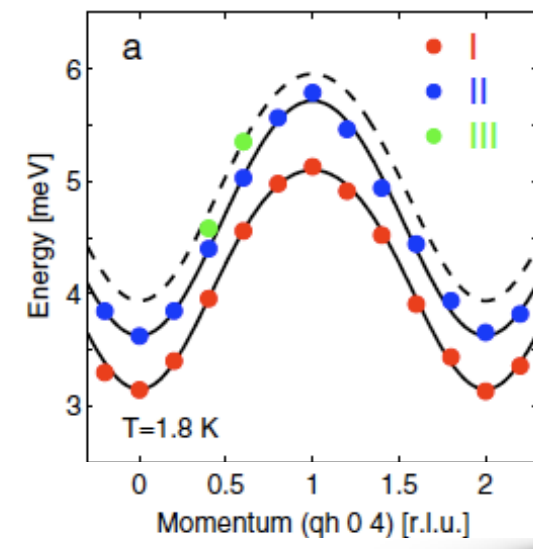


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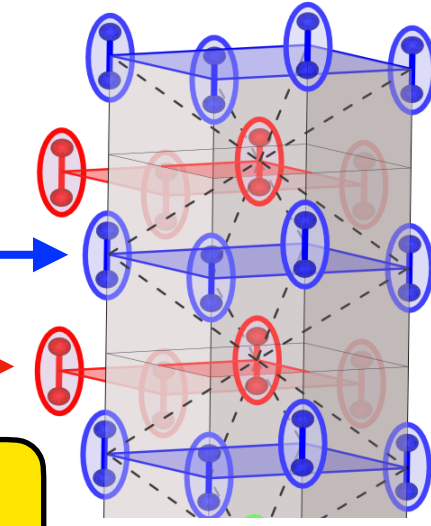


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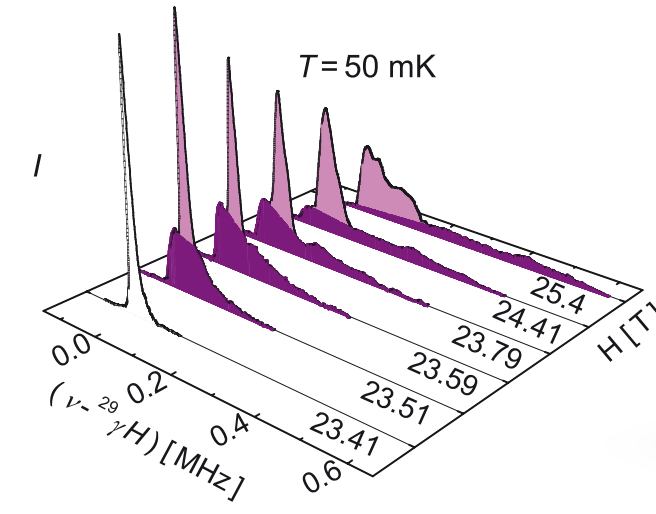
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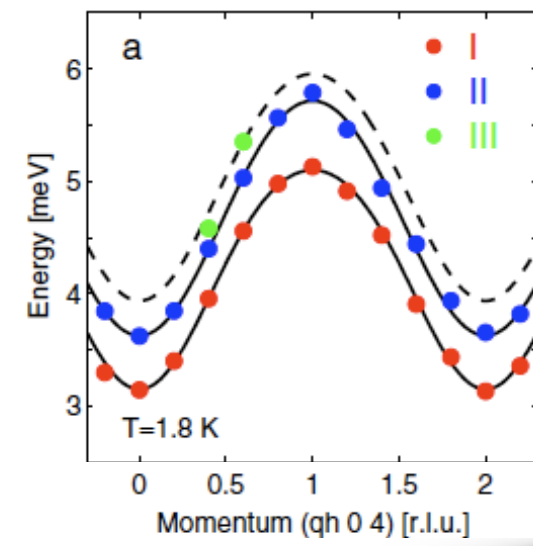
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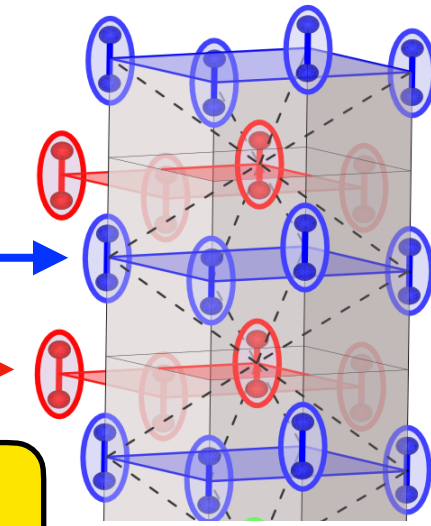


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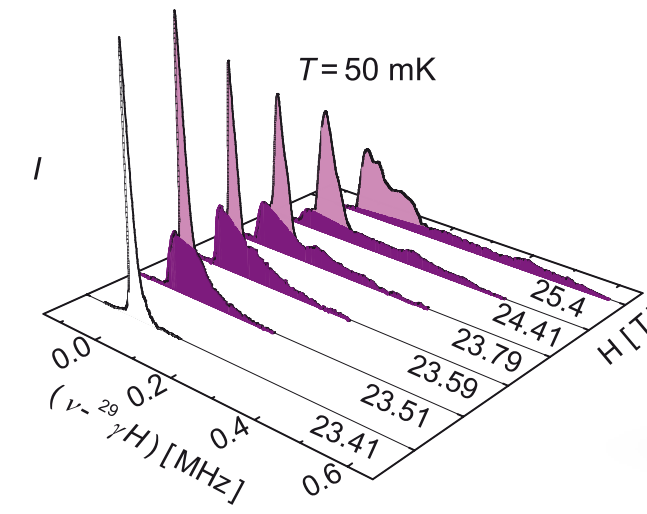
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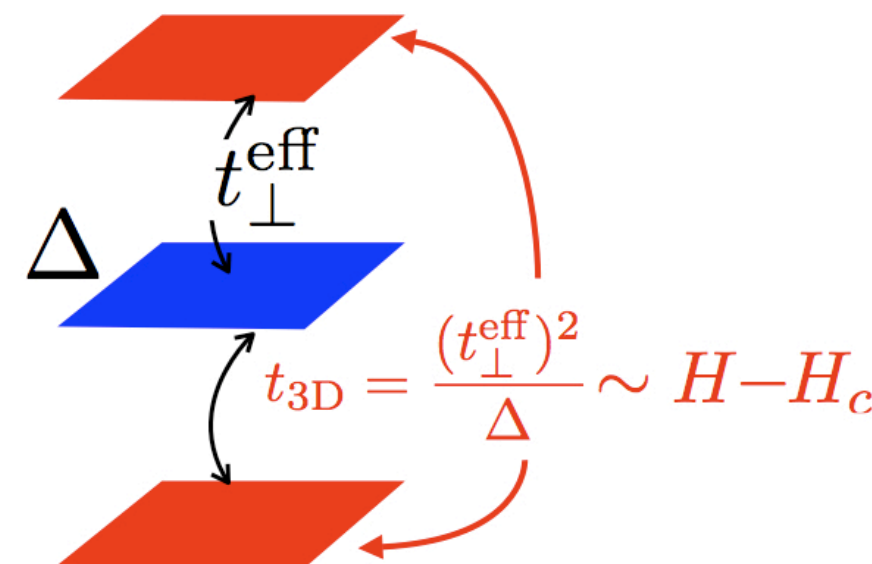
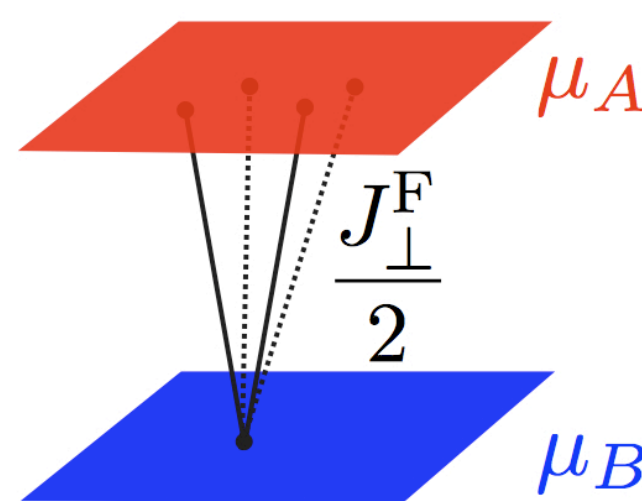
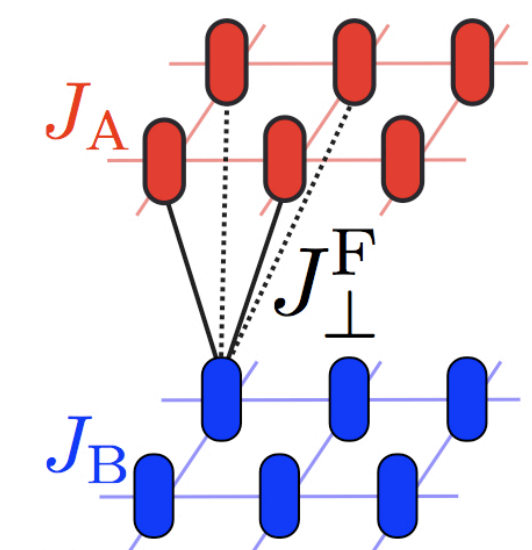
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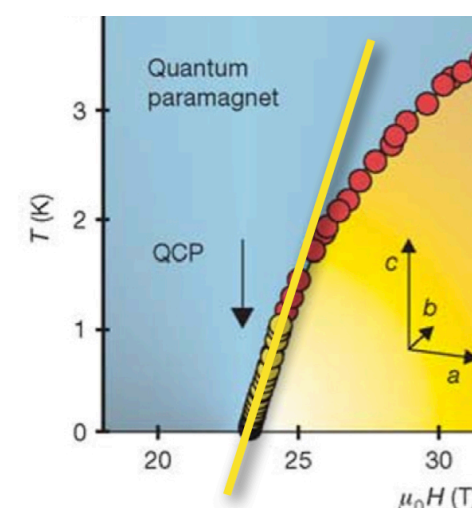
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Consequences for the critical temperature

$$T_{\text{BEC}} \approx \frac{\hbar^2}{2k_B(m_x m_y m_z)^{1/3}} \left[\kappa (H - H_c)^{2/3} \right]$$

$$\frac{\hbar^2}{2(m_x m_y m_z)^{1/3}} = J_{\parallel}^{2/3} t_{3D}^{1/3} \Rightarrow T_{\text{BEC}} \sim (H - H_c)^{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3}}$$



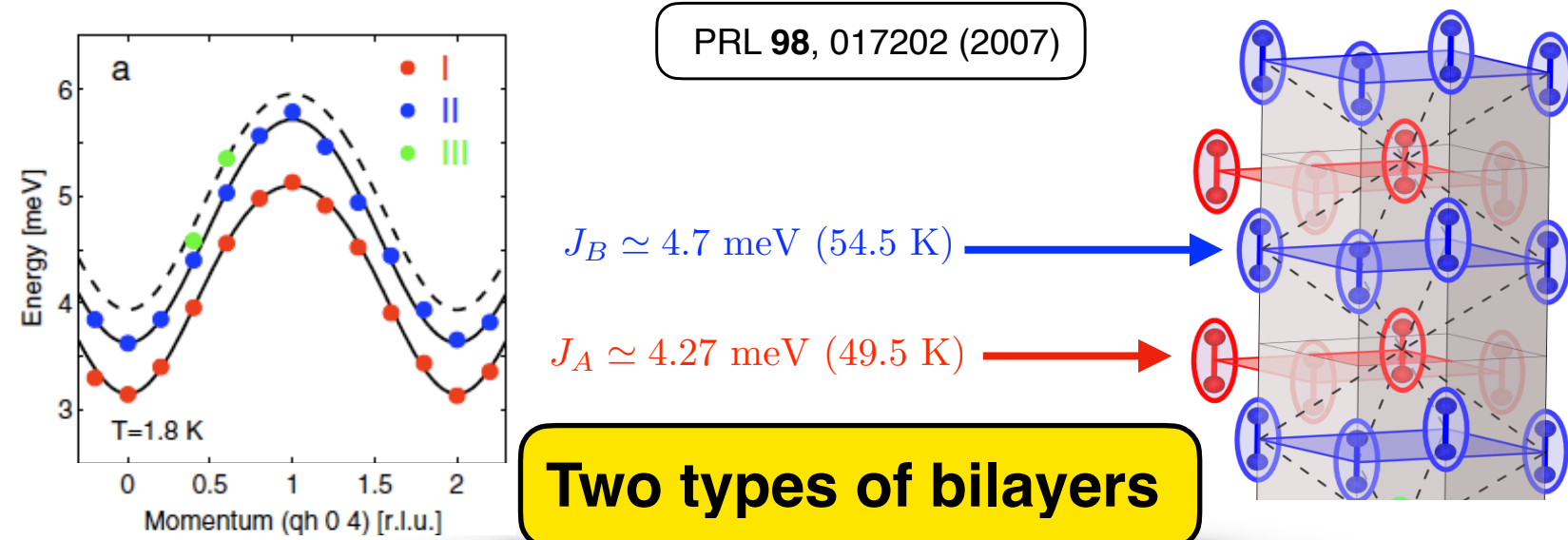
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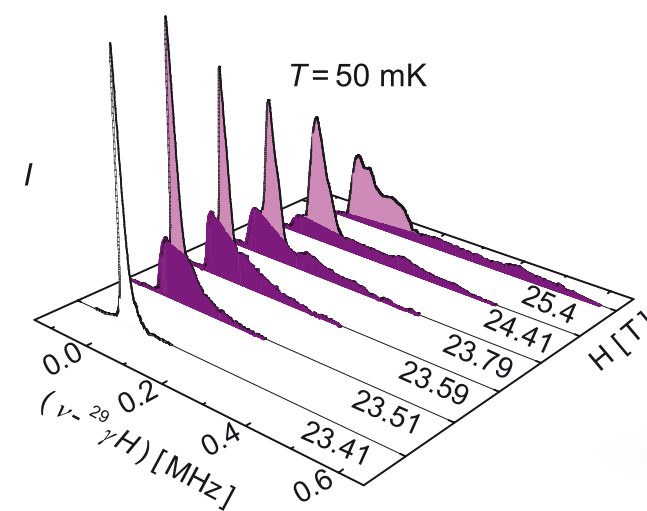
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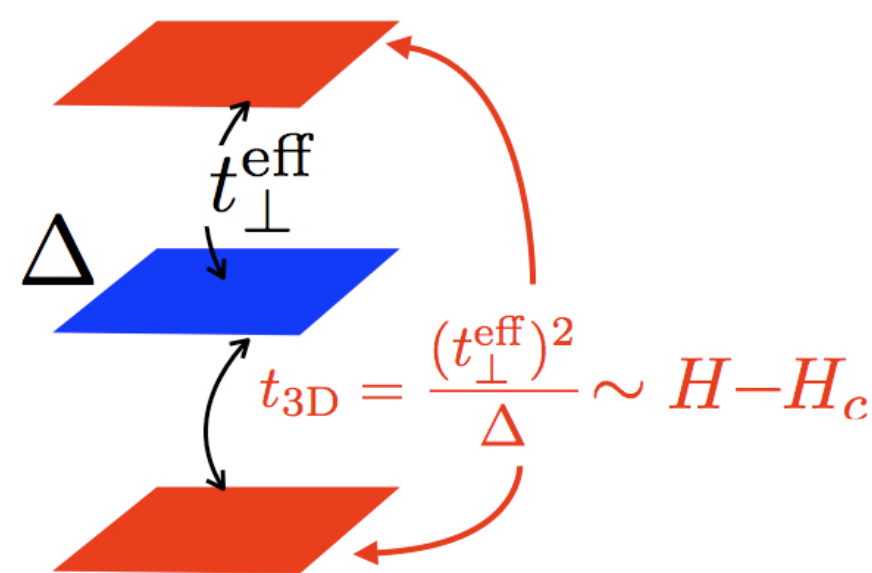
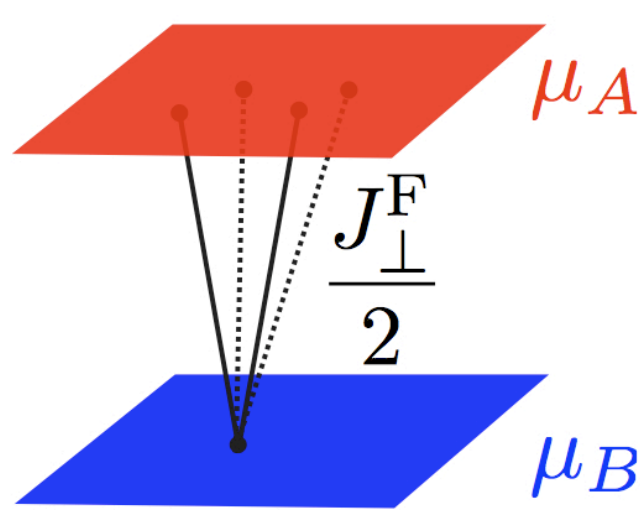
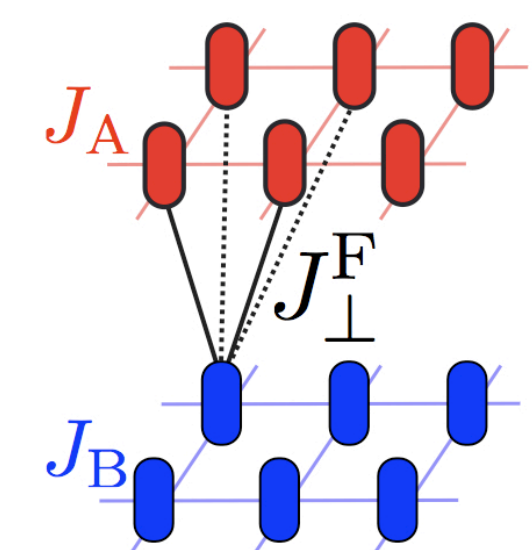
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Season Four

[2009 - 2011]

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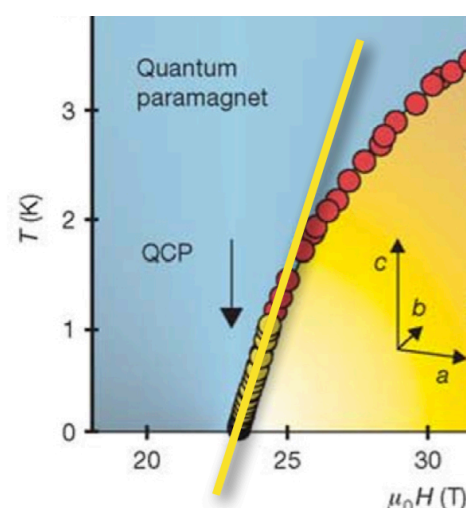
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Consequences for the critical temperature

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NMR strikes back The fall of frustration?

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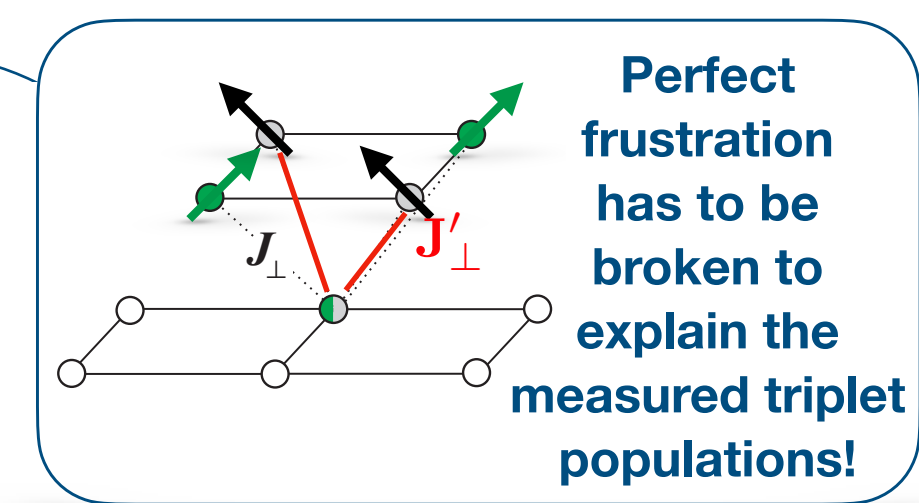
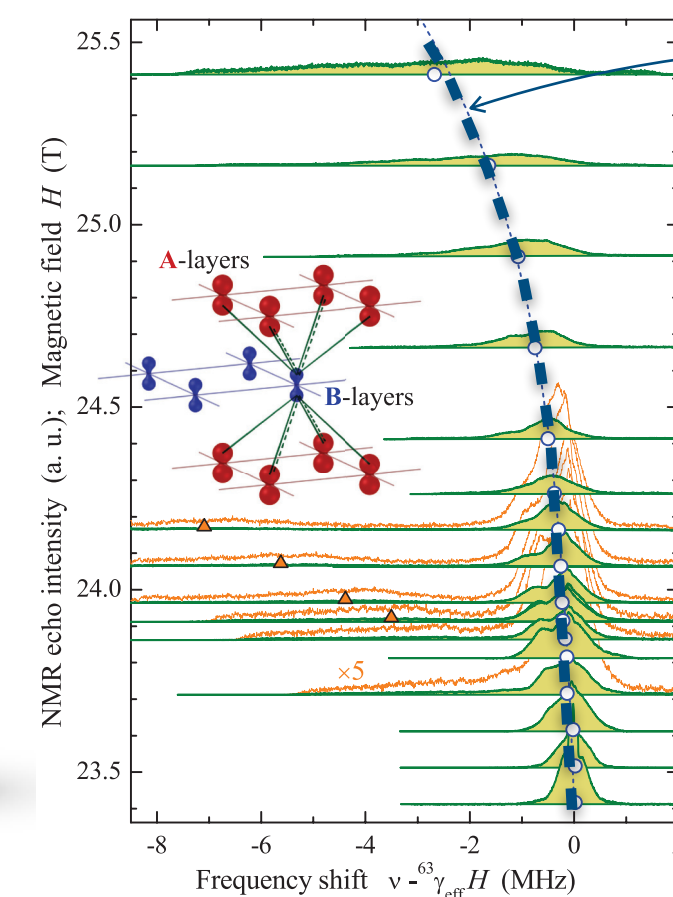
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Precise determination of B-layer population by NMR



No perfect frustration in BaCuSi₂O₆

See also DFT calculations by Mazurenko *et al*, PRL 112, 107202 (2014)

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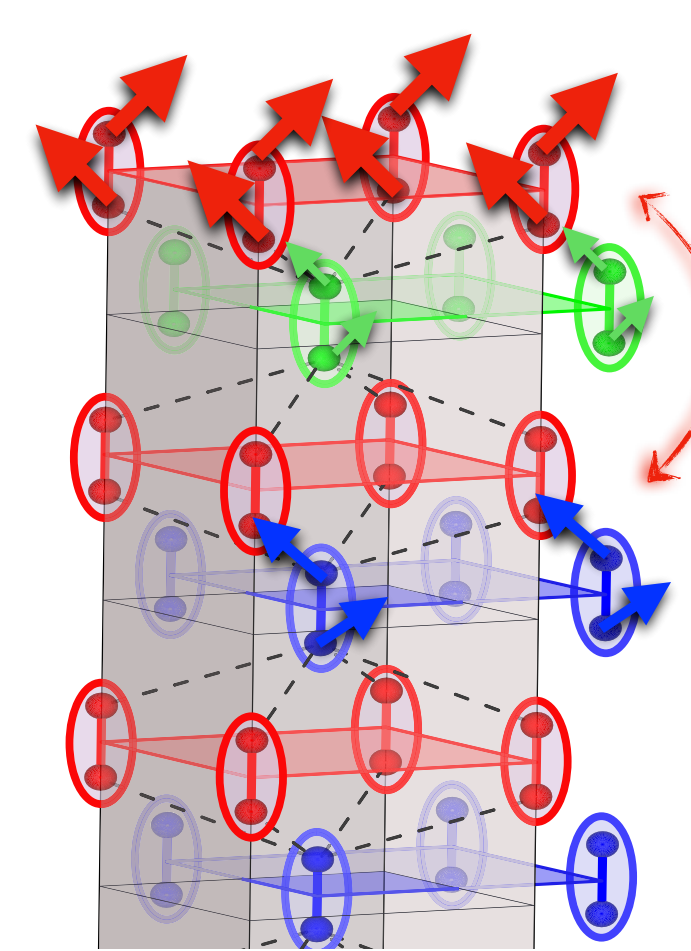
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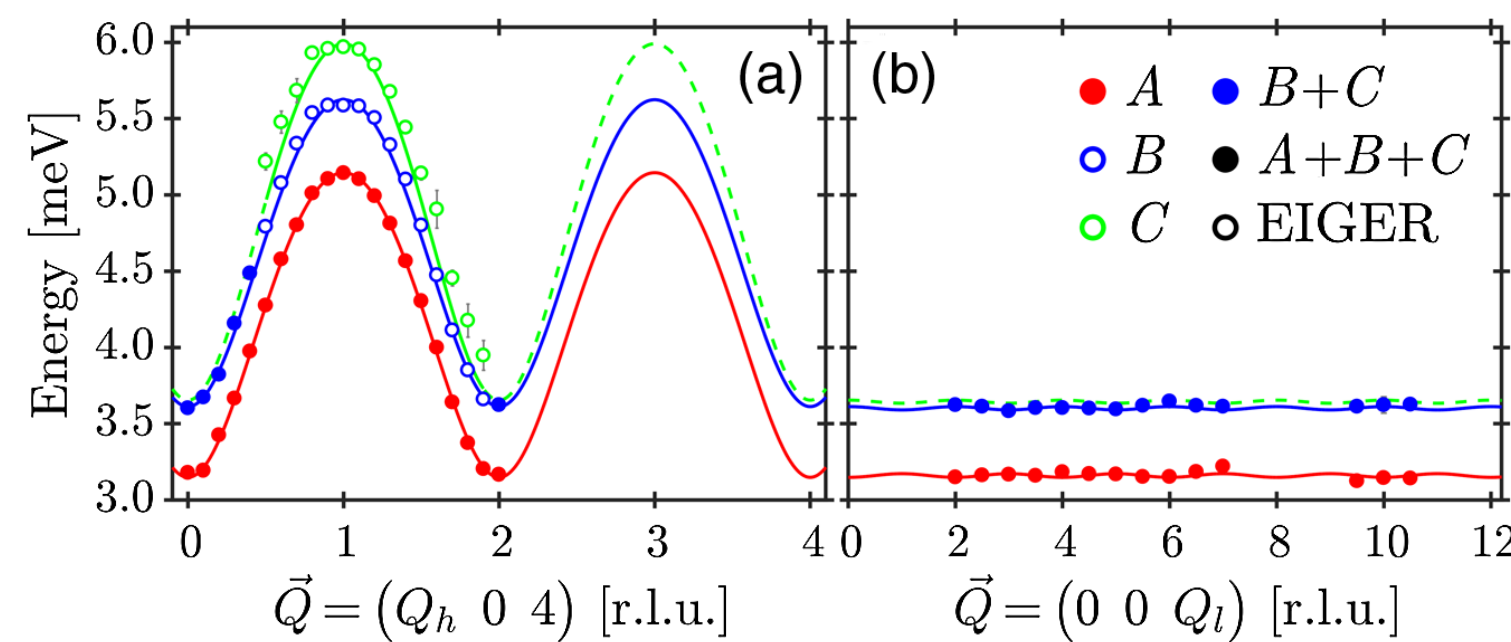
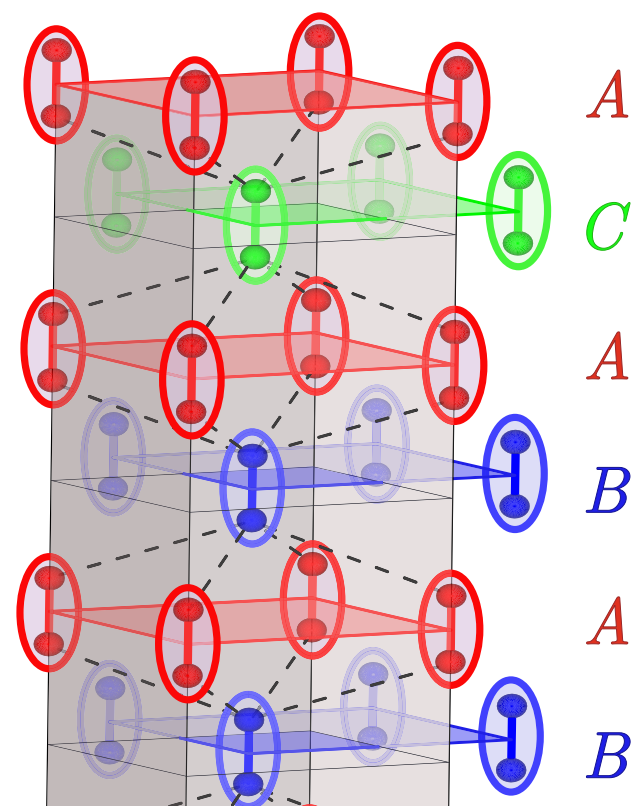
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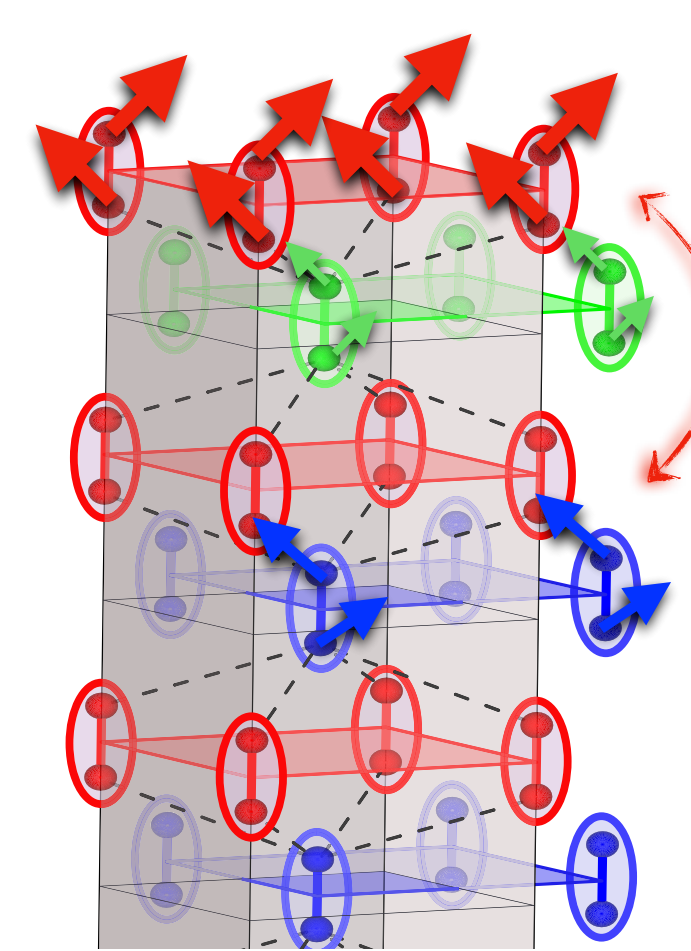
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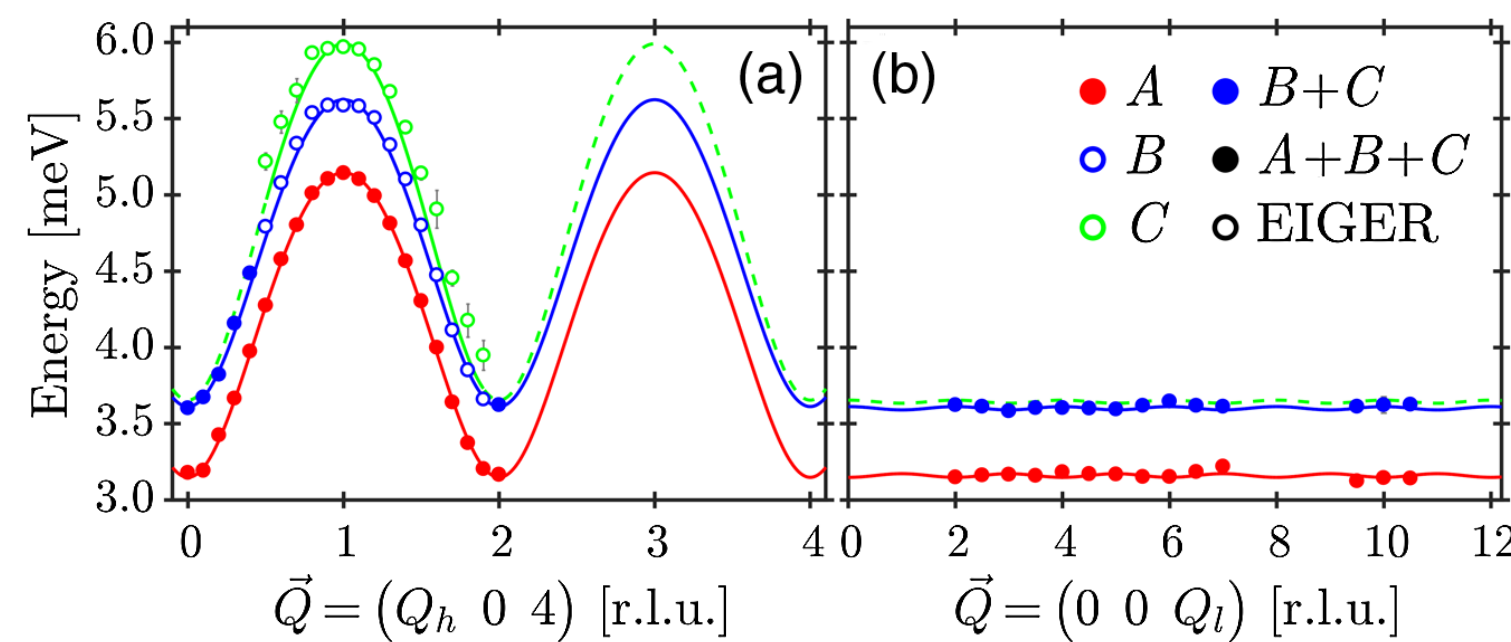
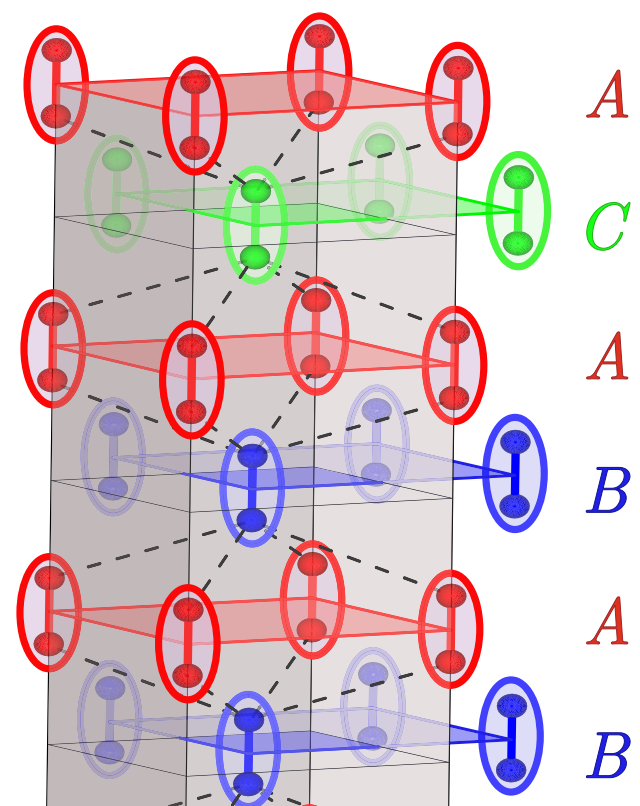
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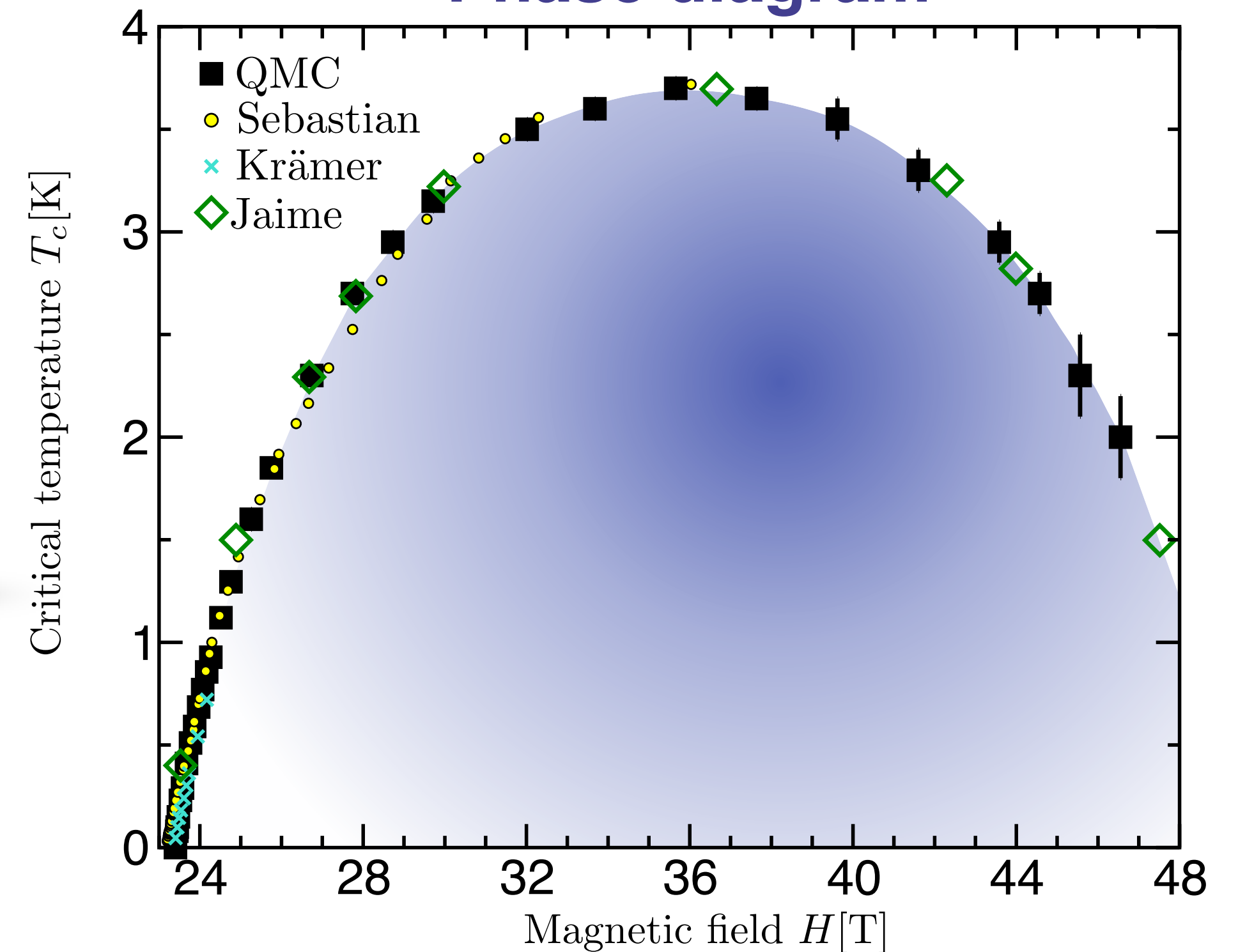
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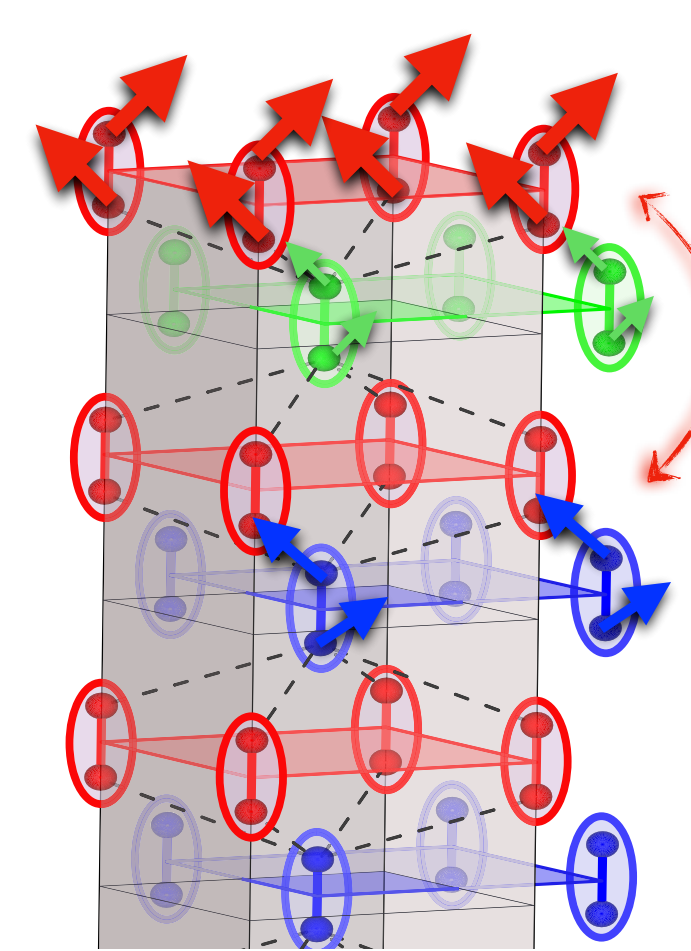


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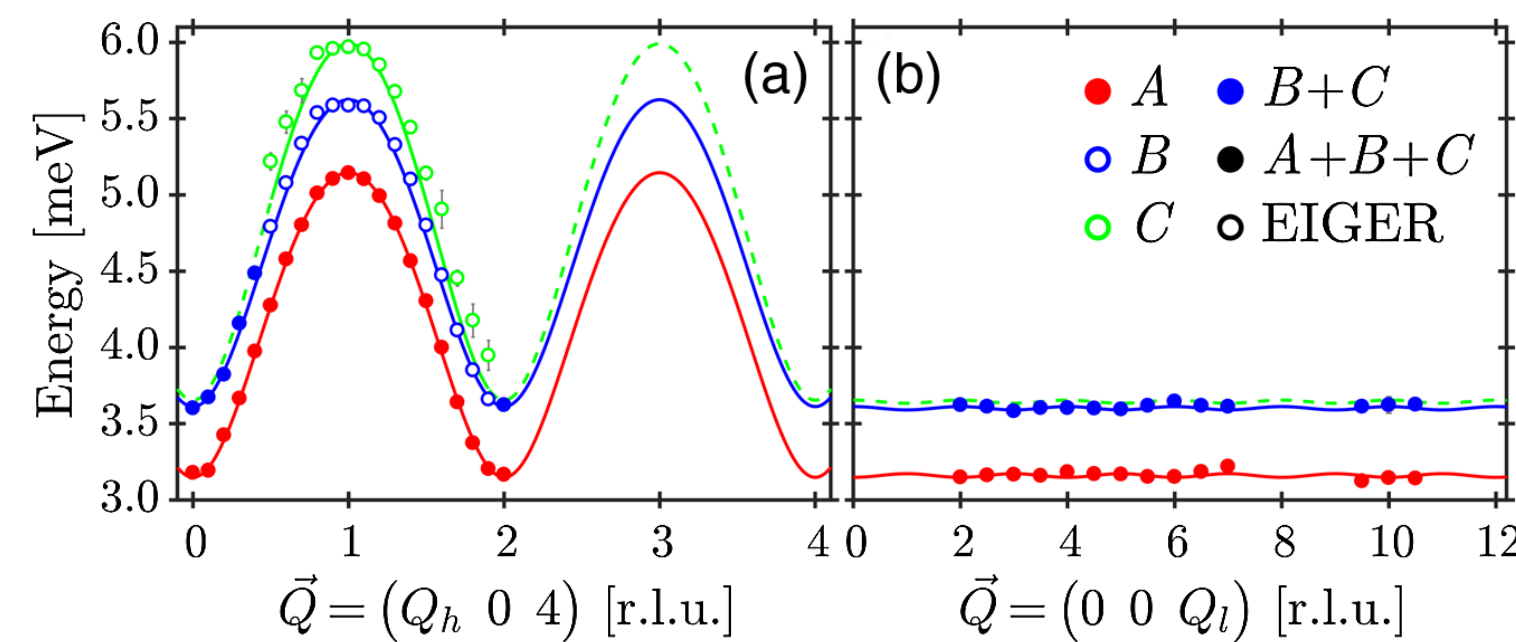
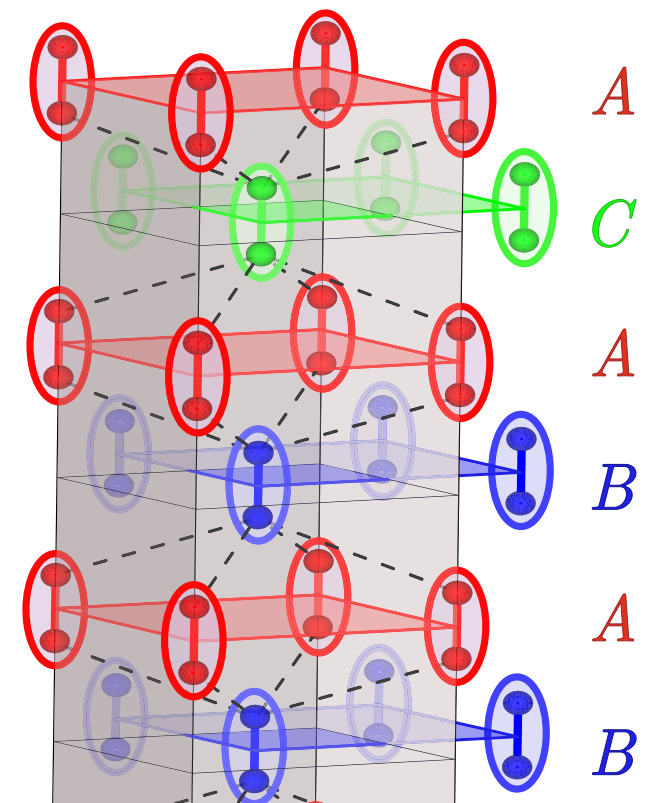
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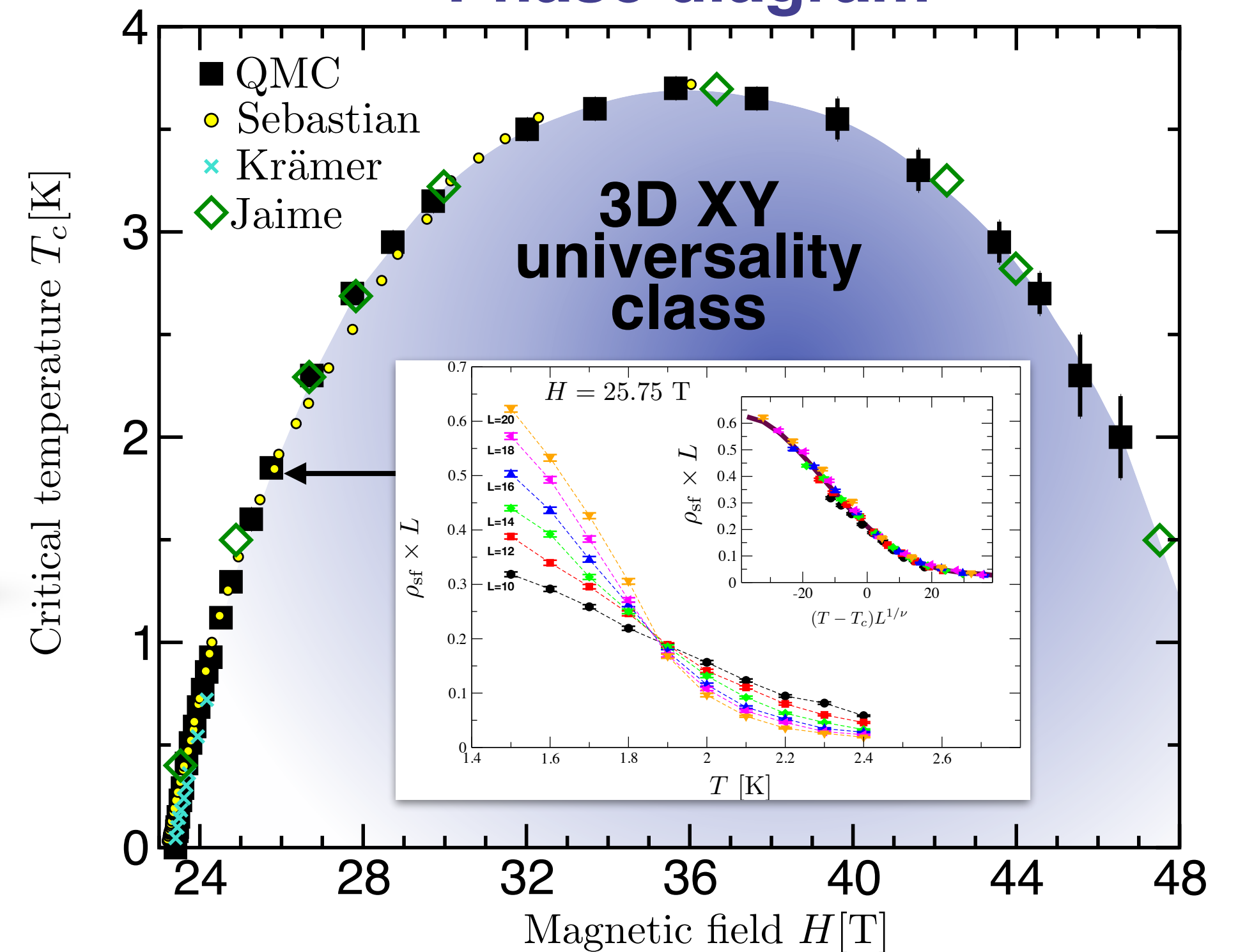
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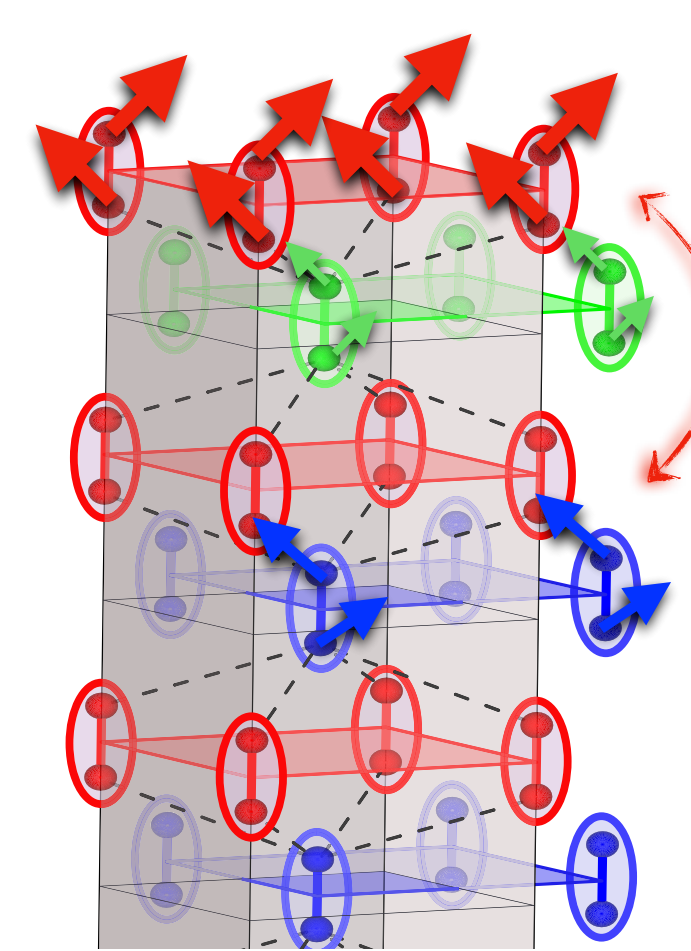


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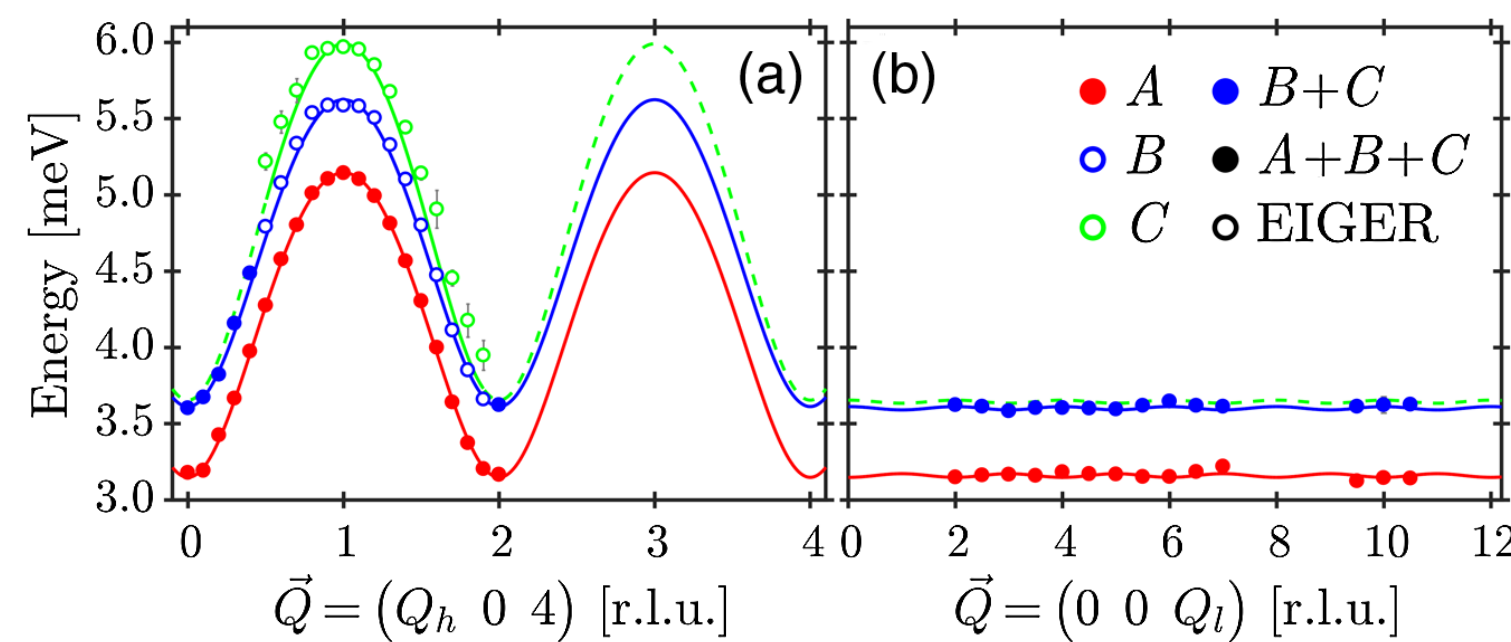
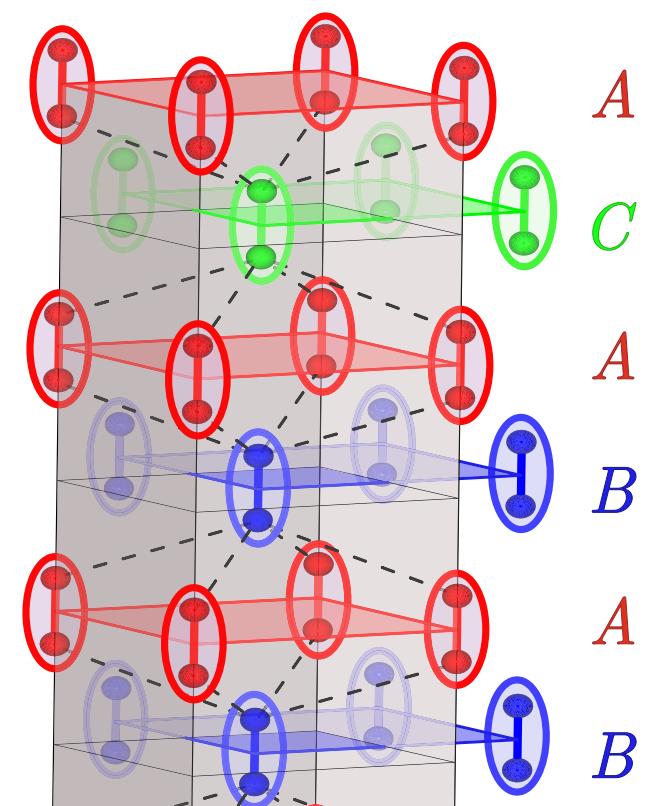
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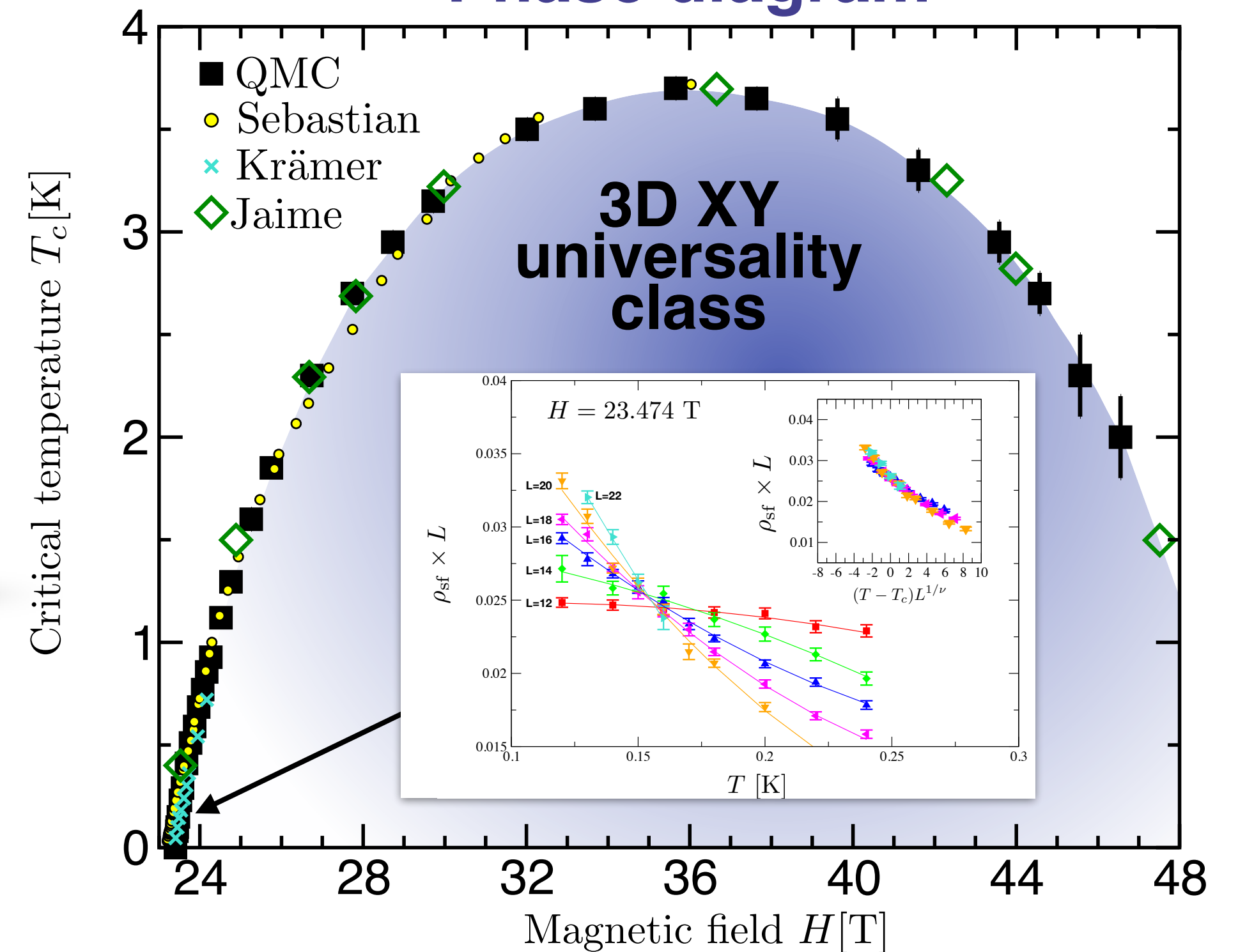
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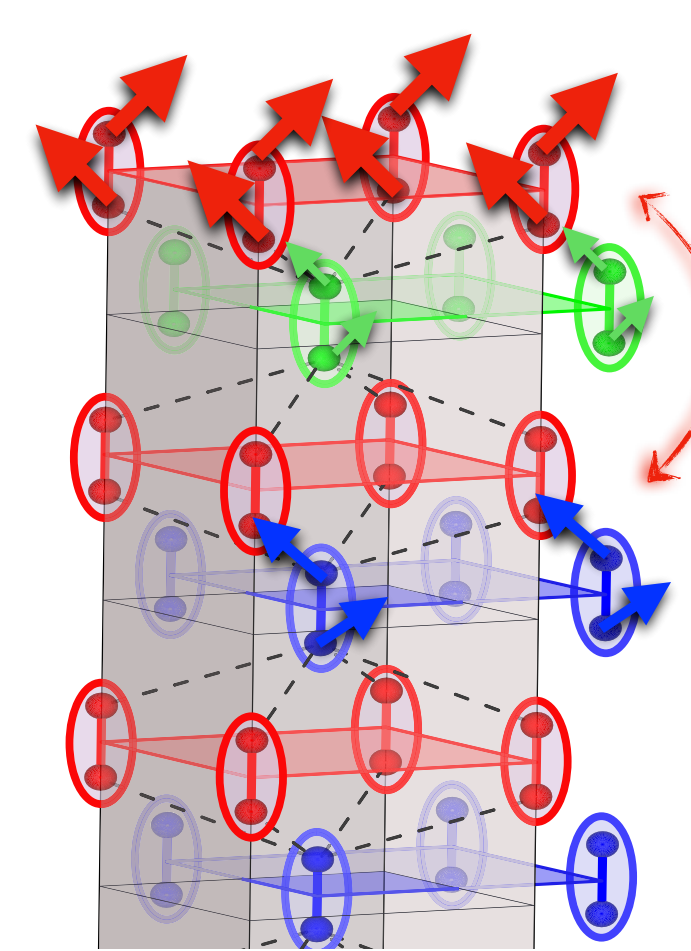


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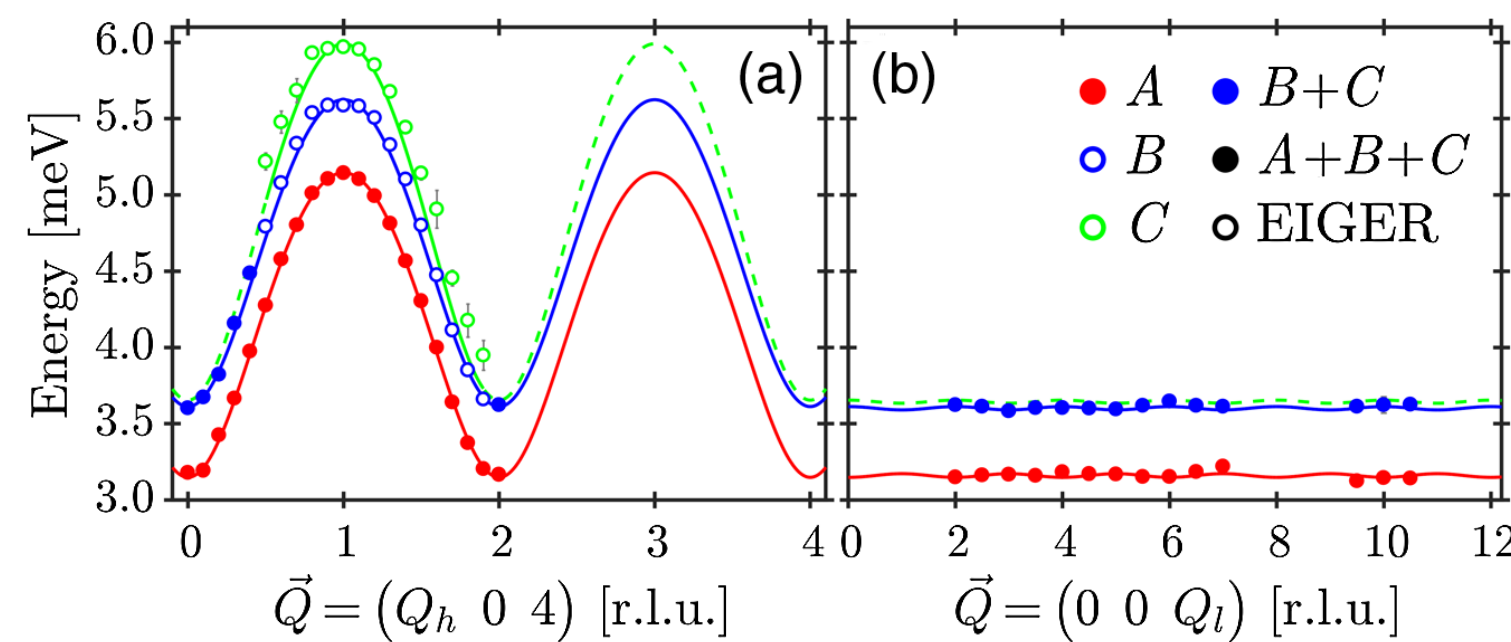
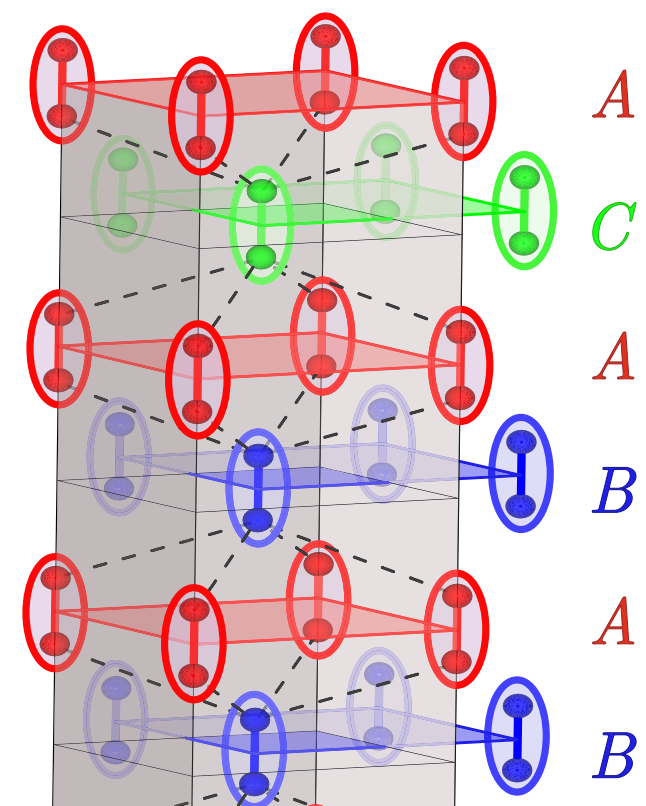
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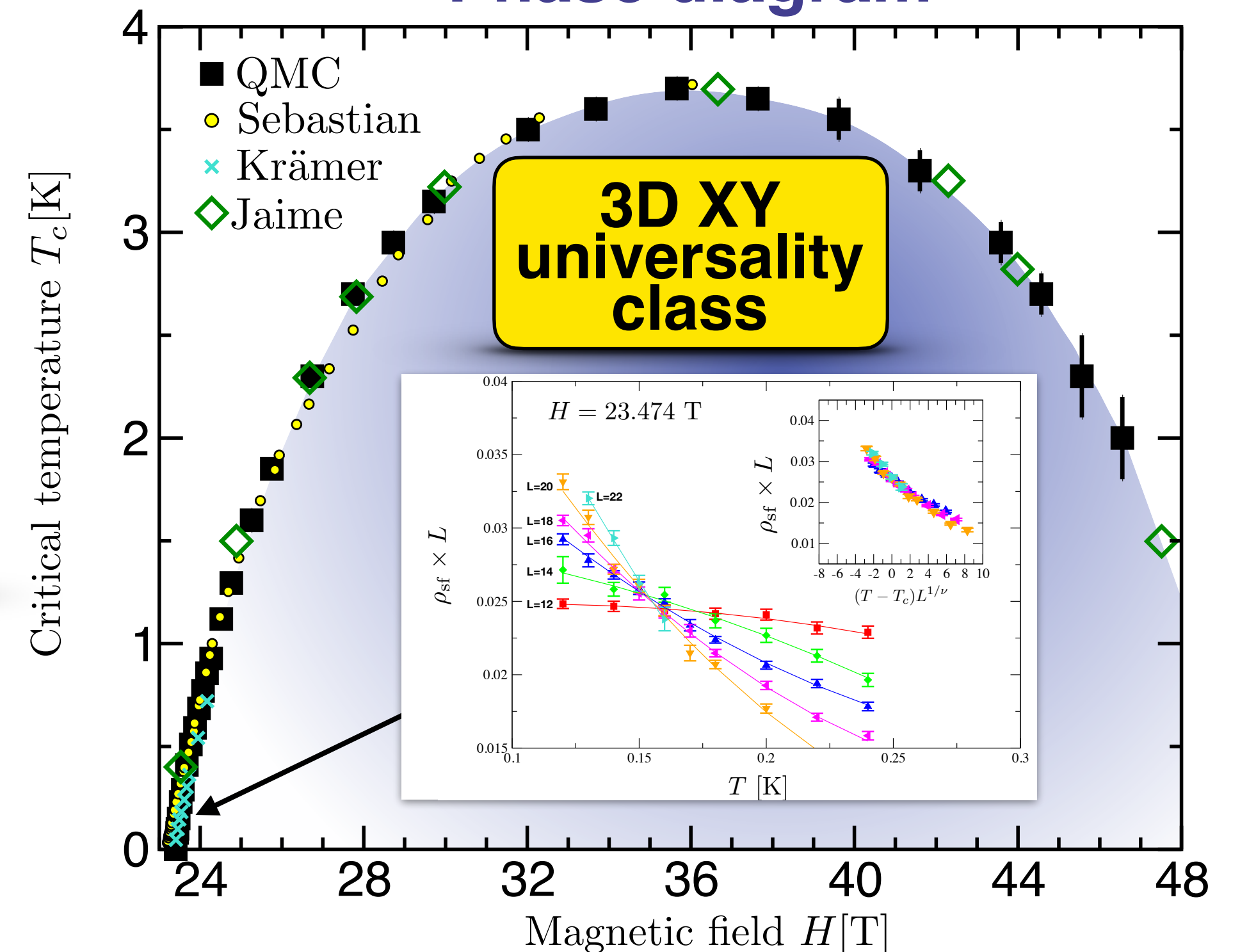
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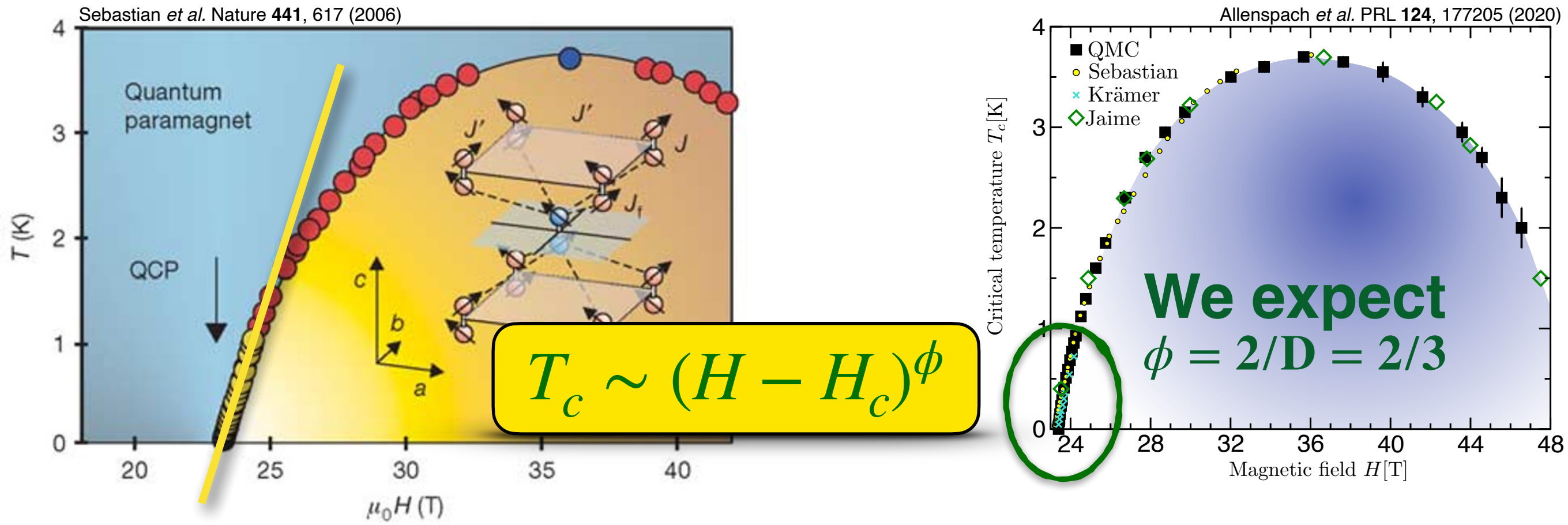
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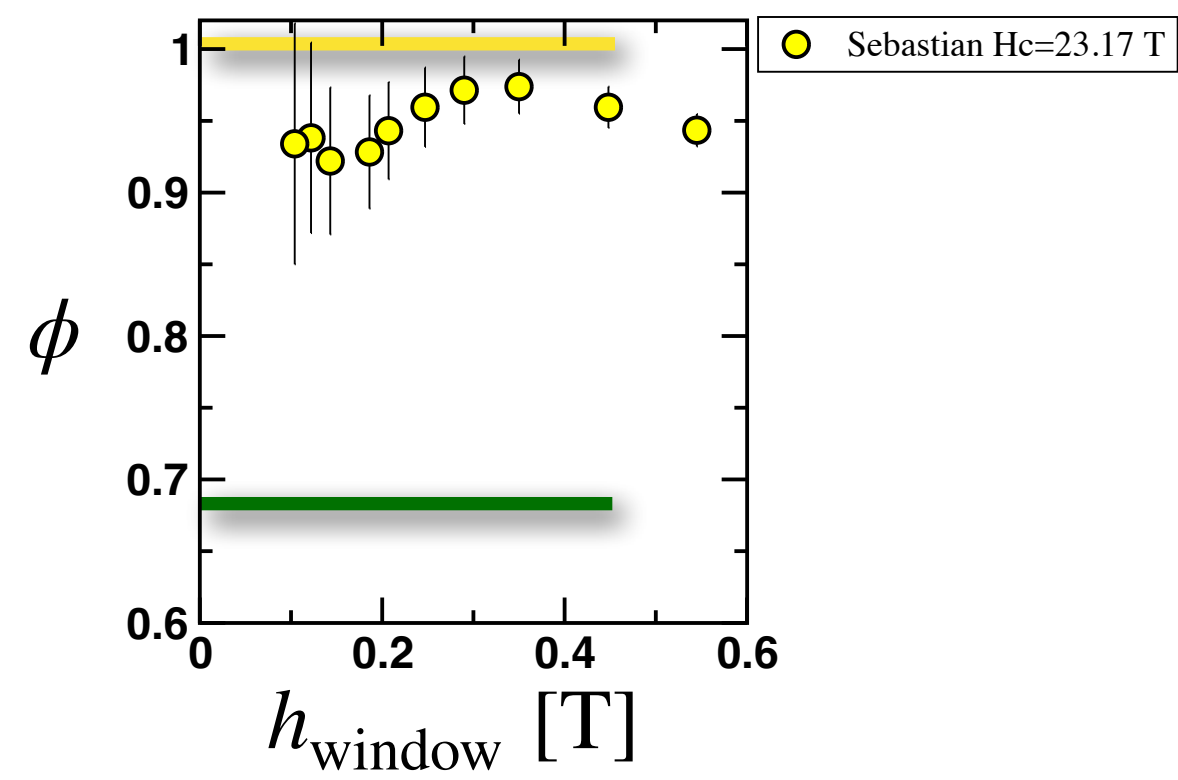
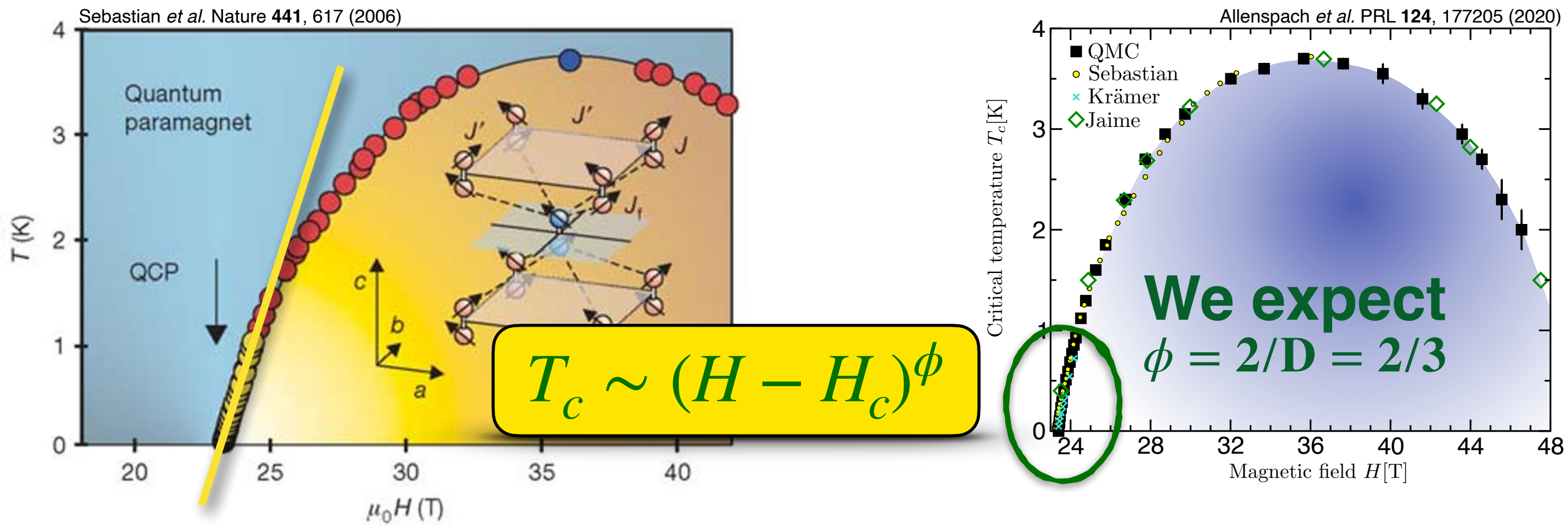
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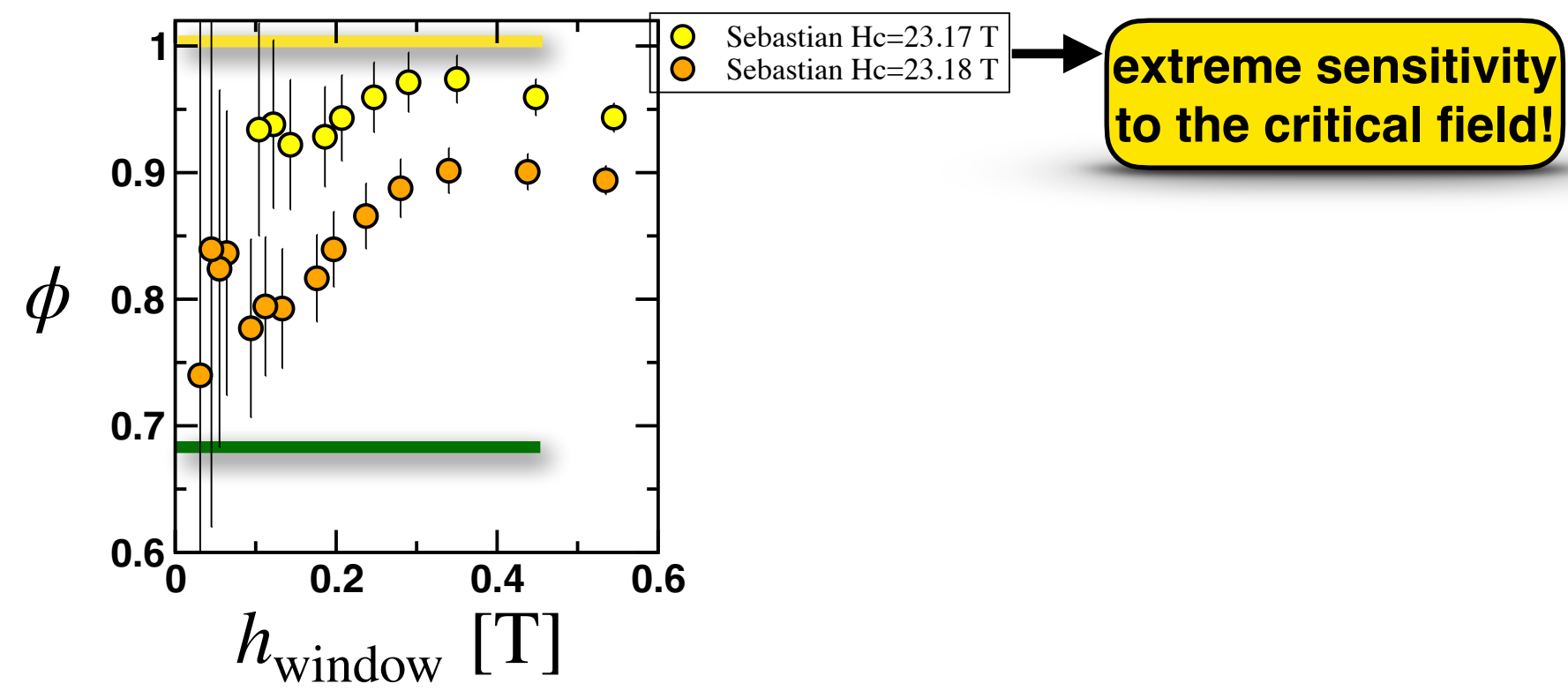
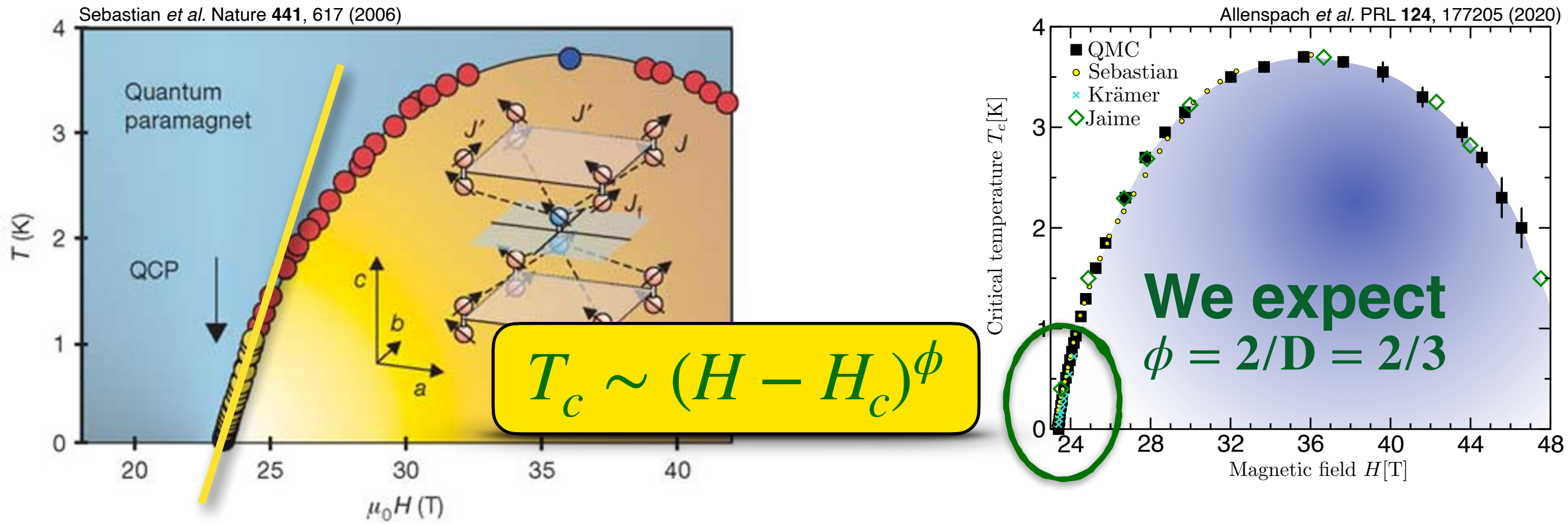
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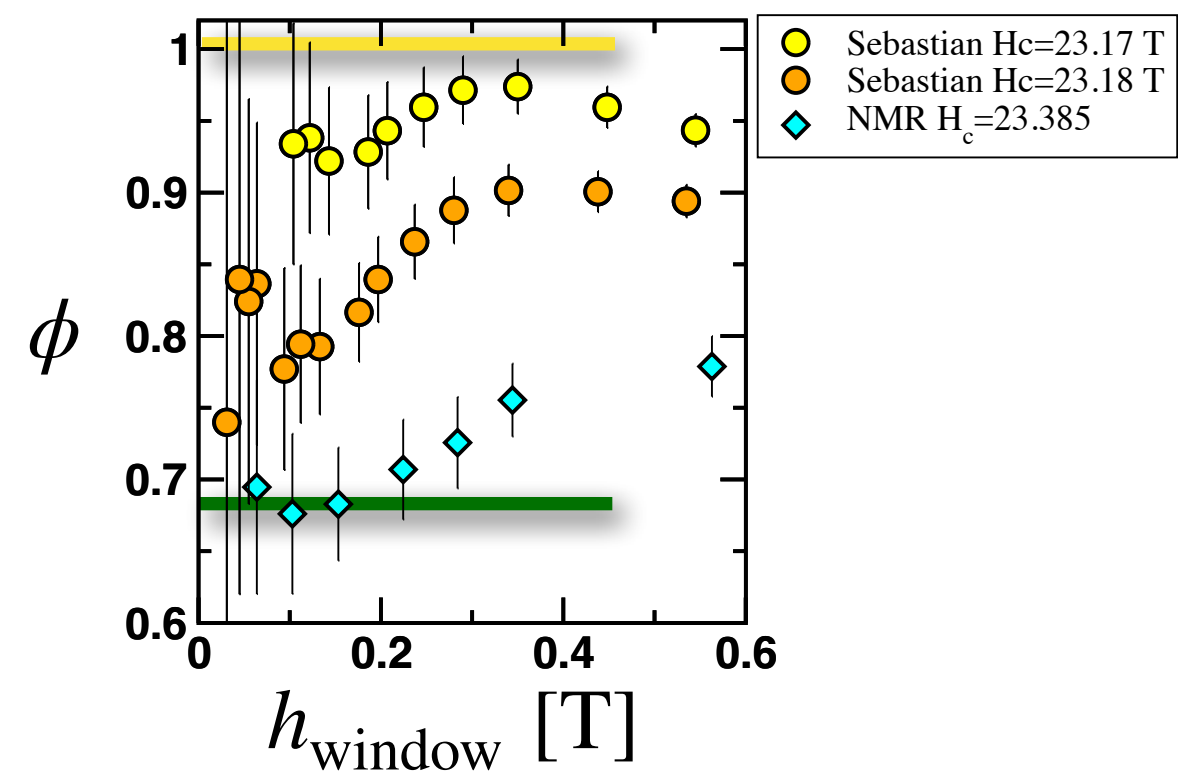
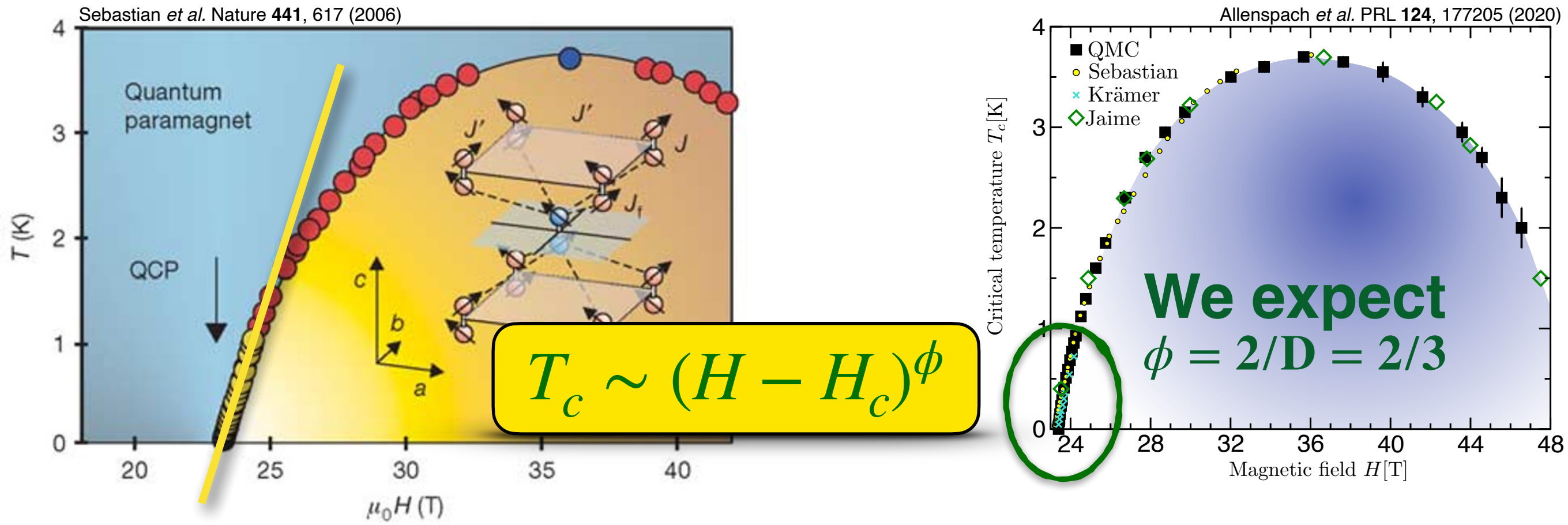
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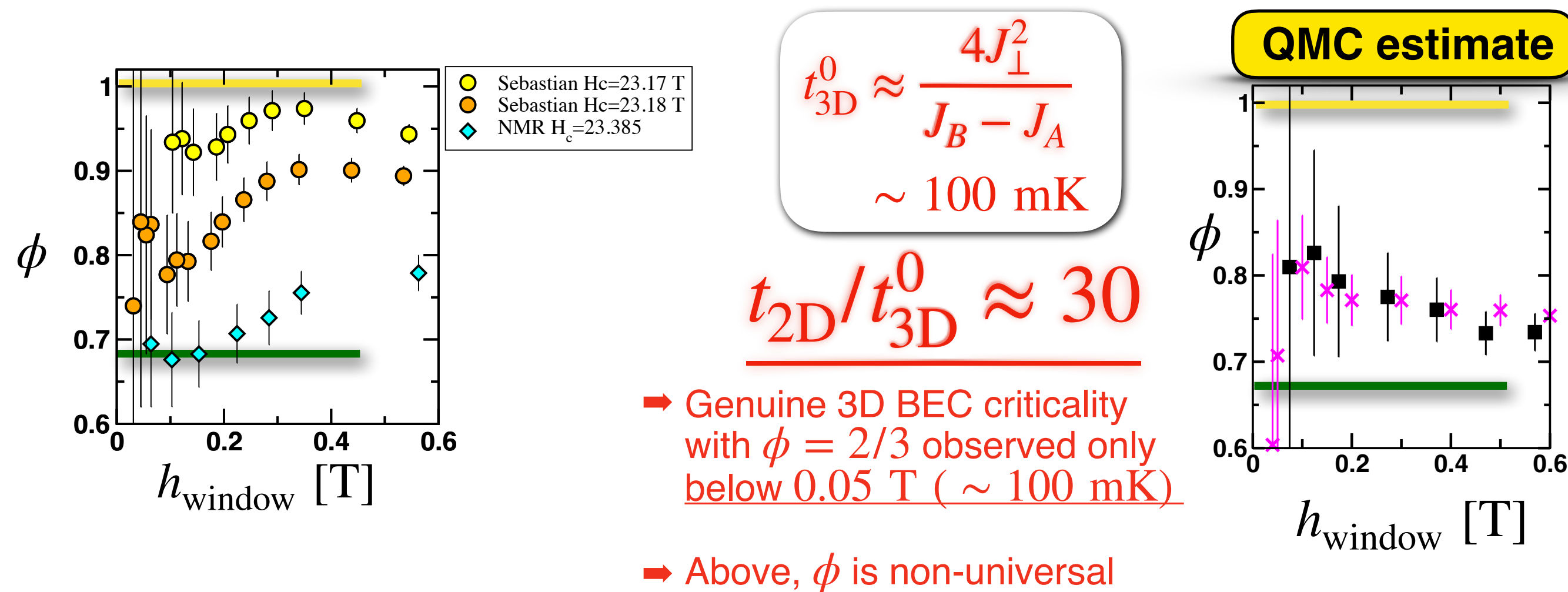
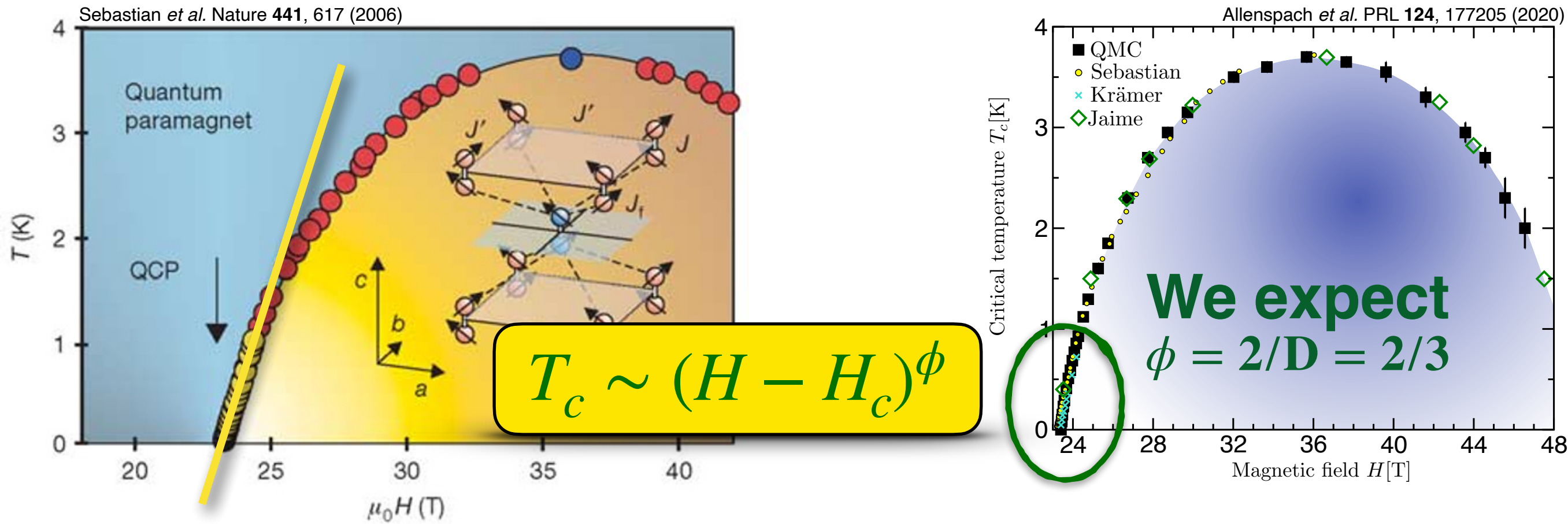
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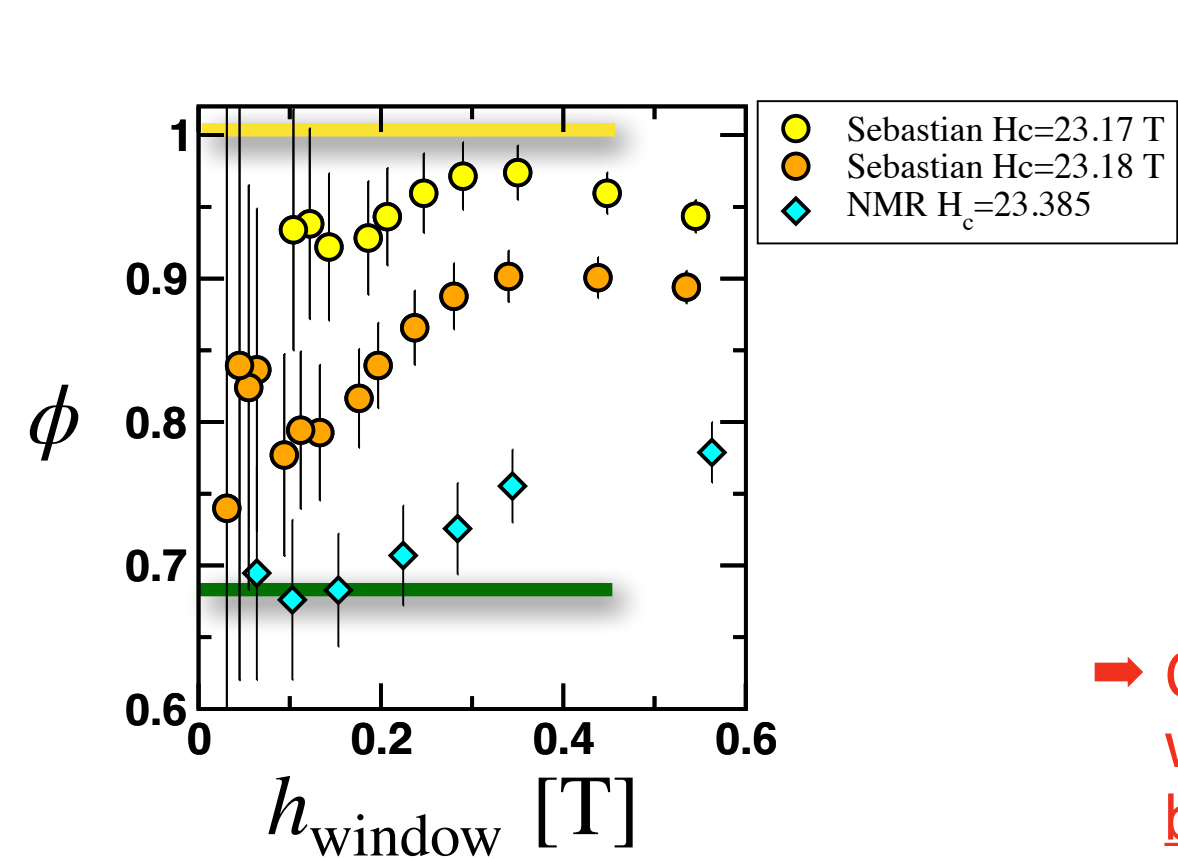
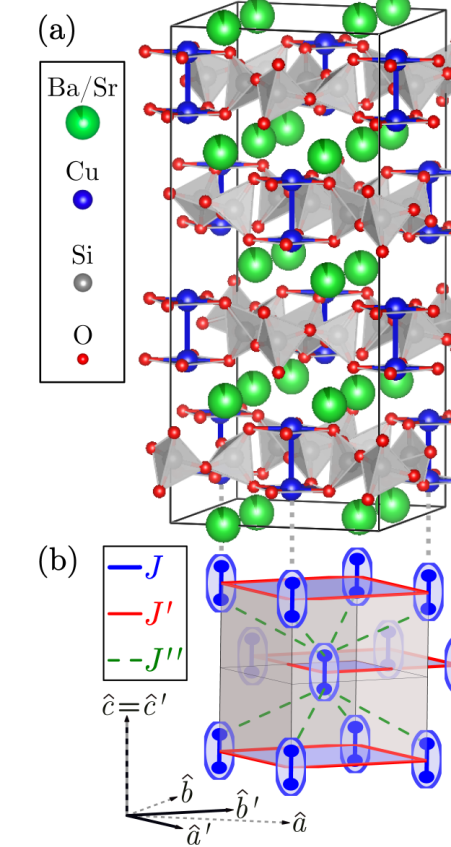
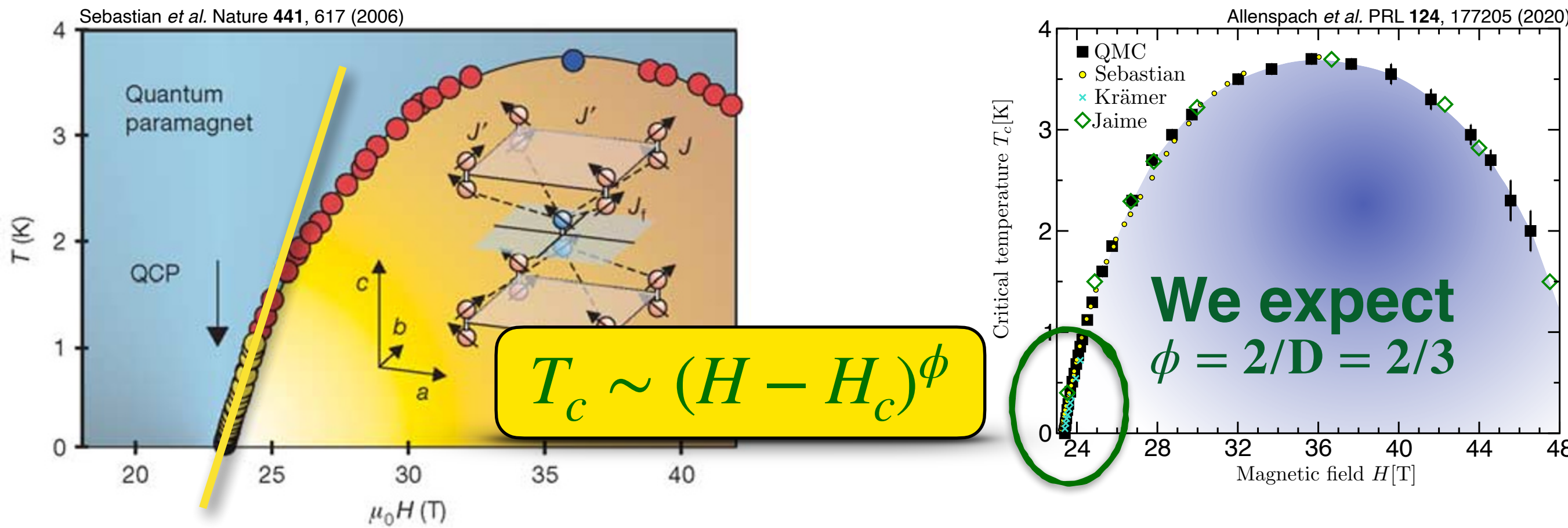


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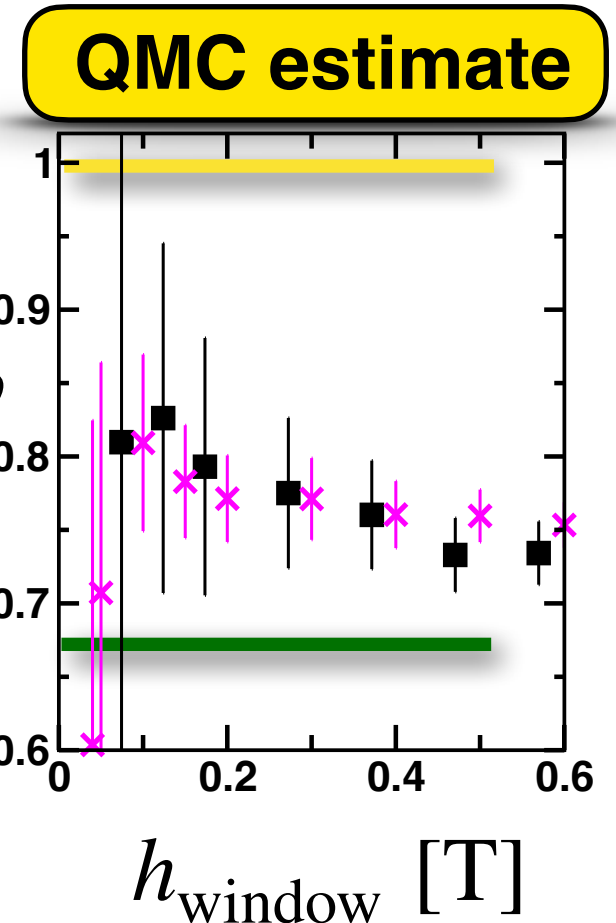


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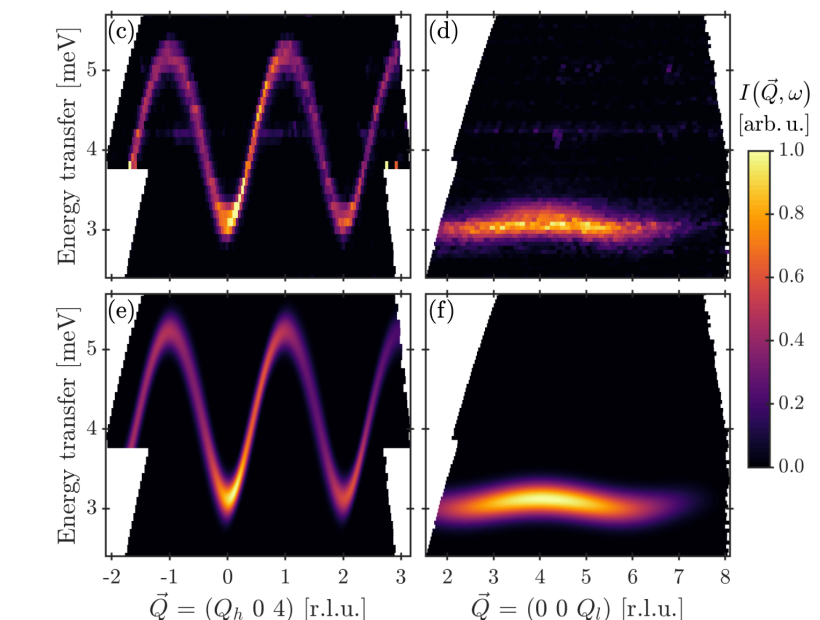
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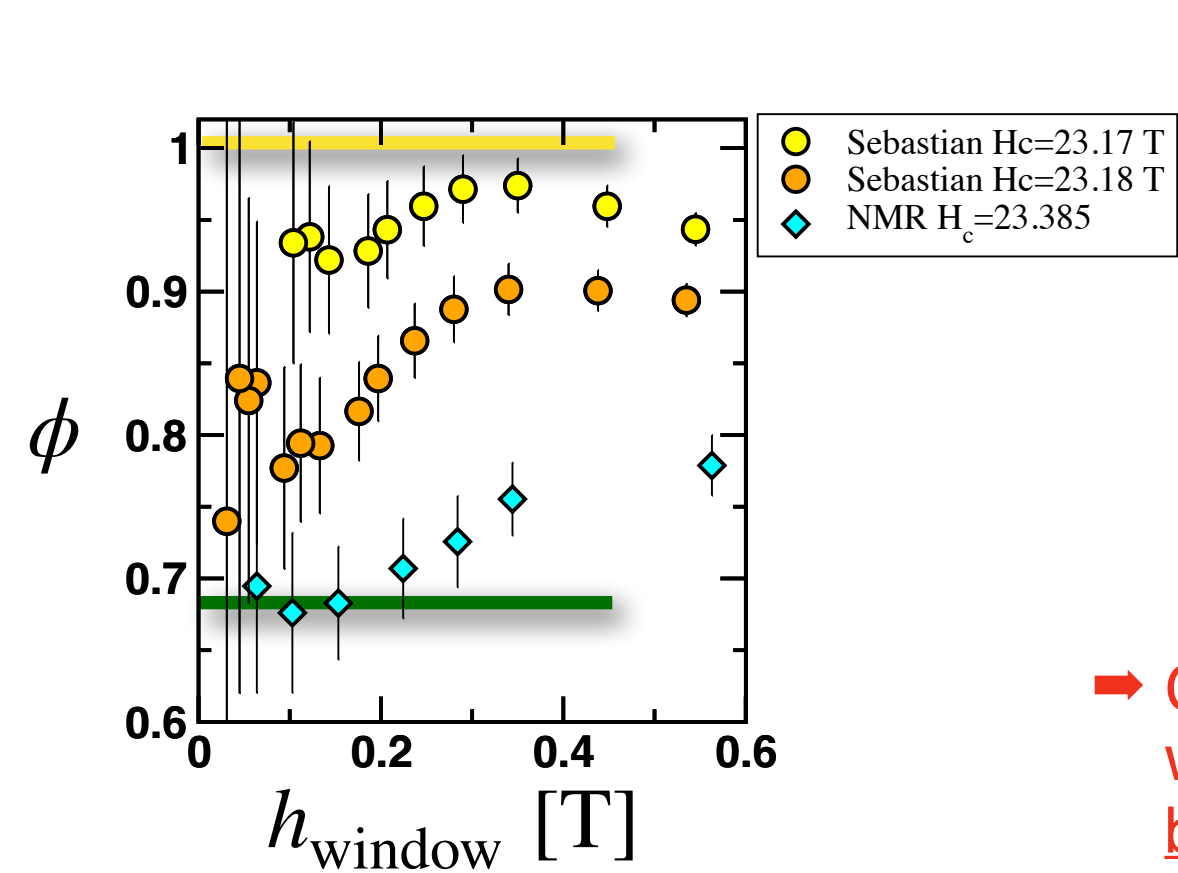
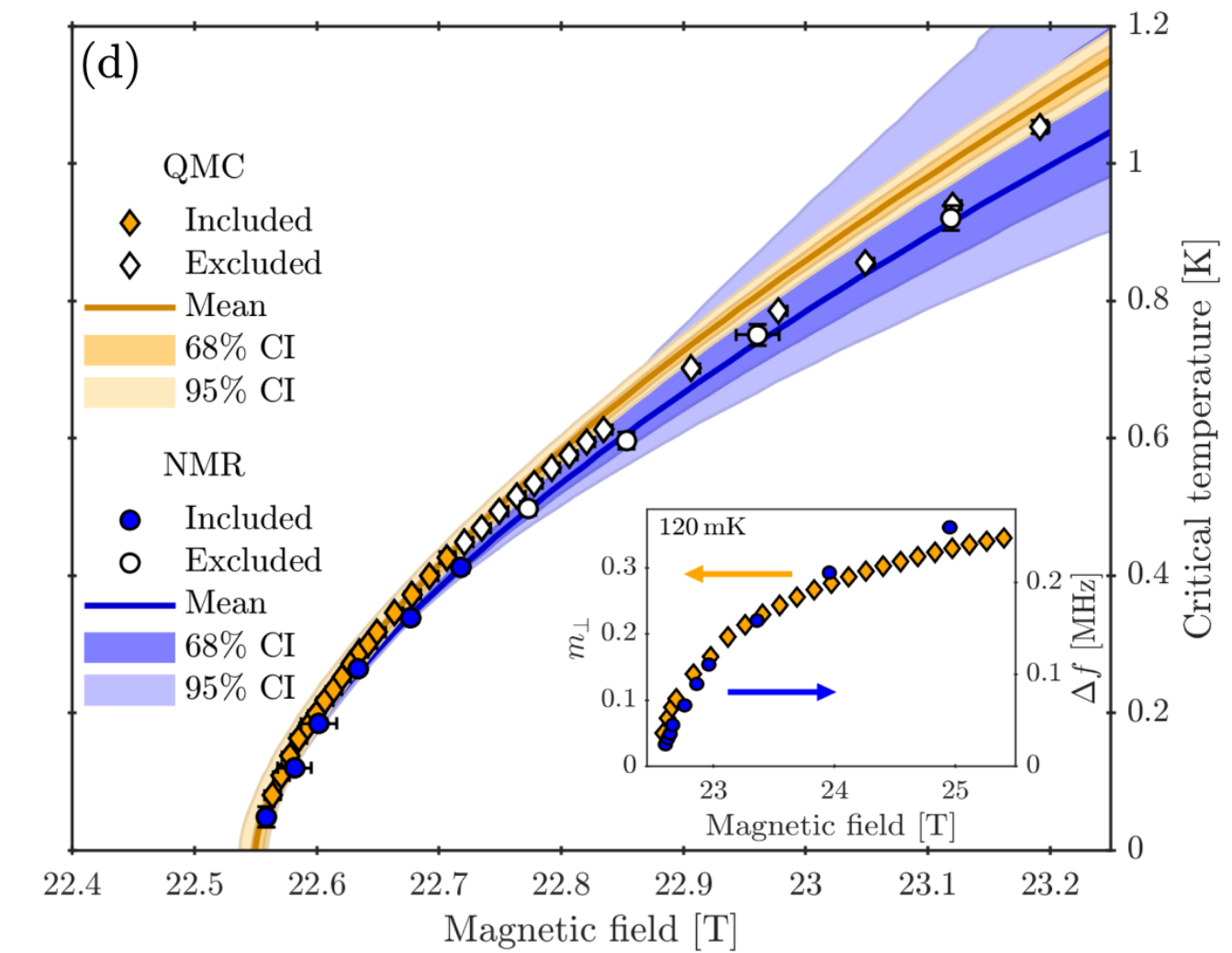
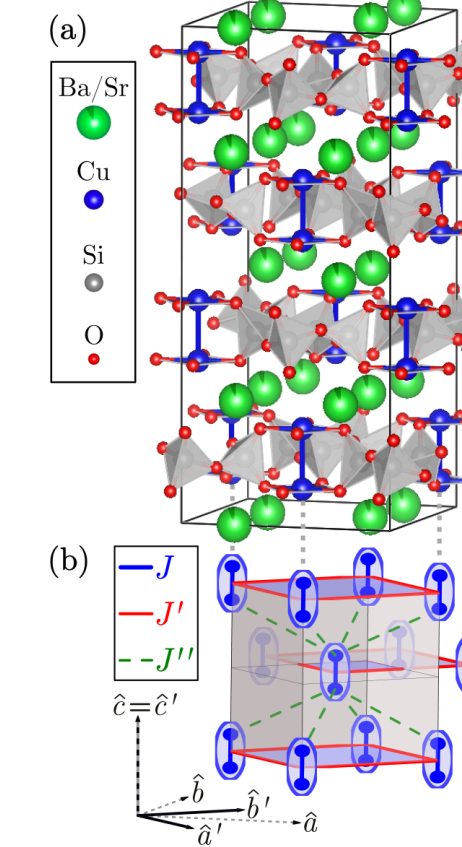
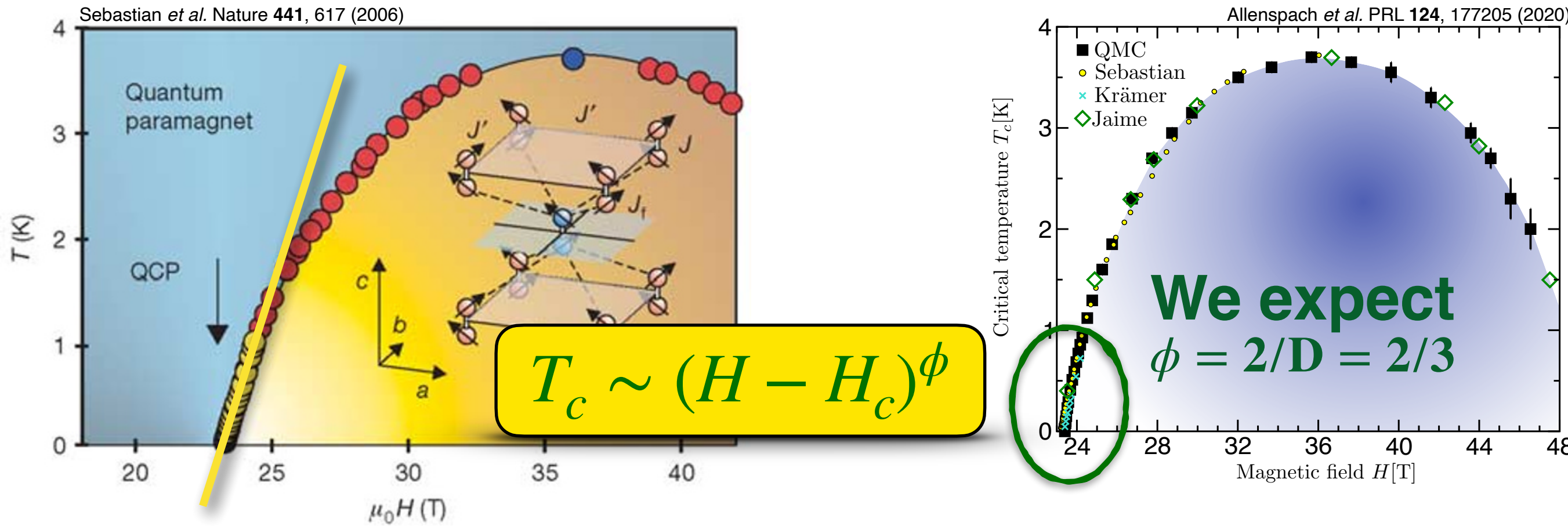
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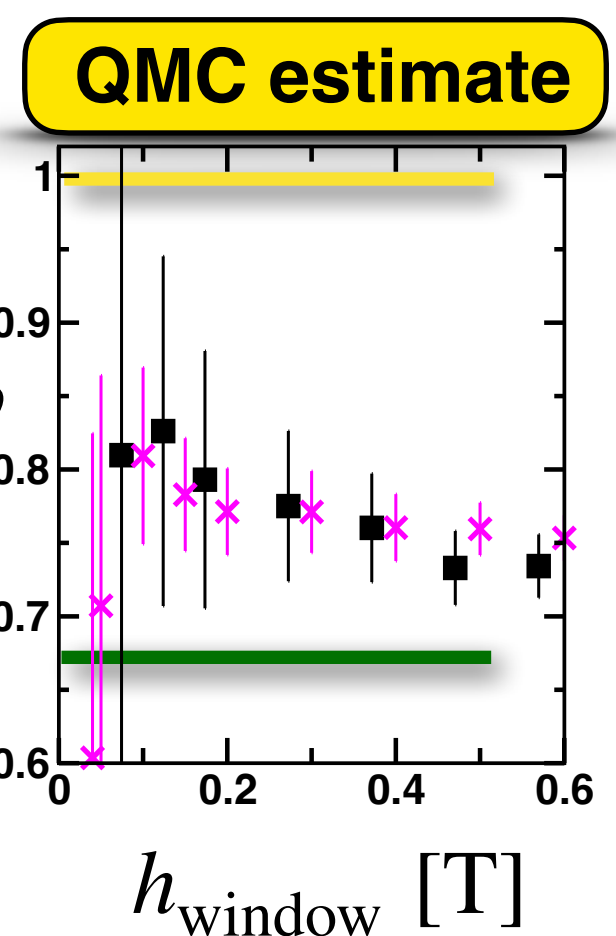


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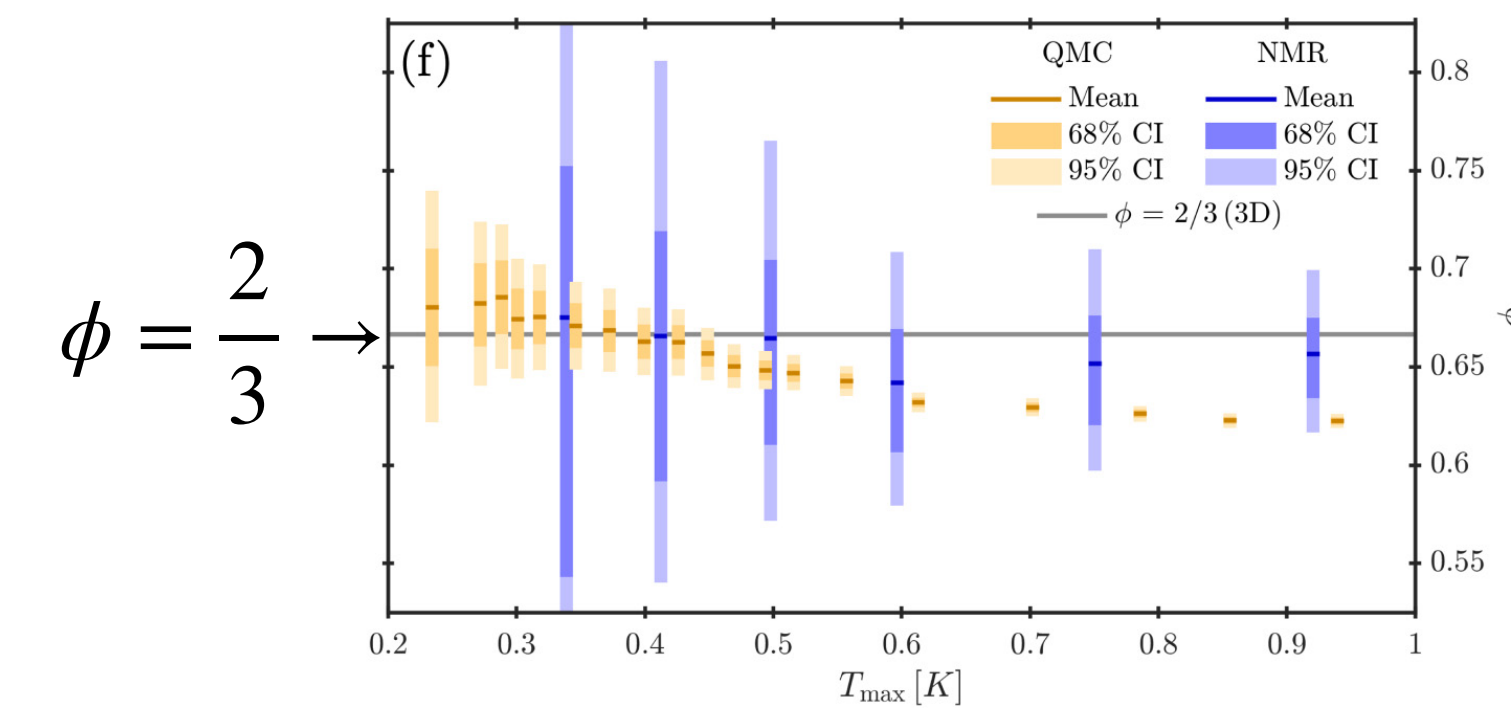
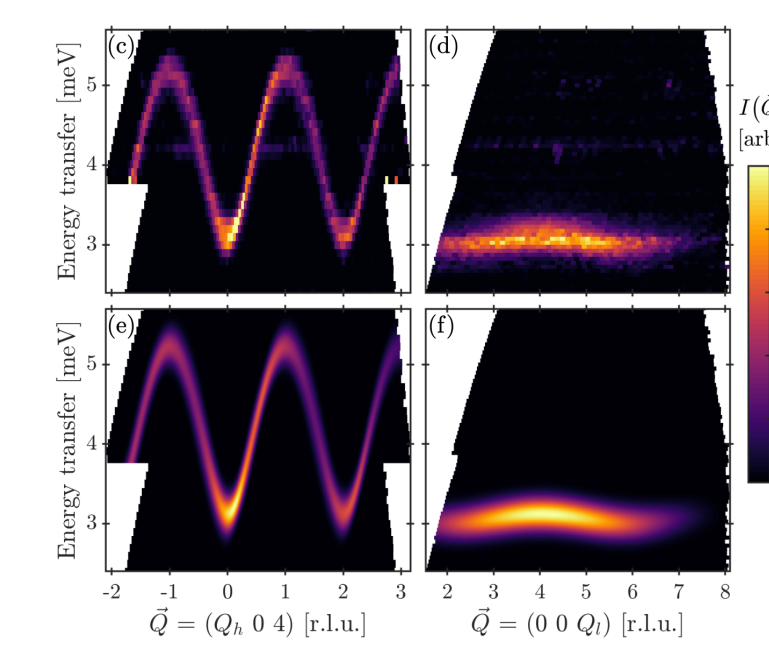
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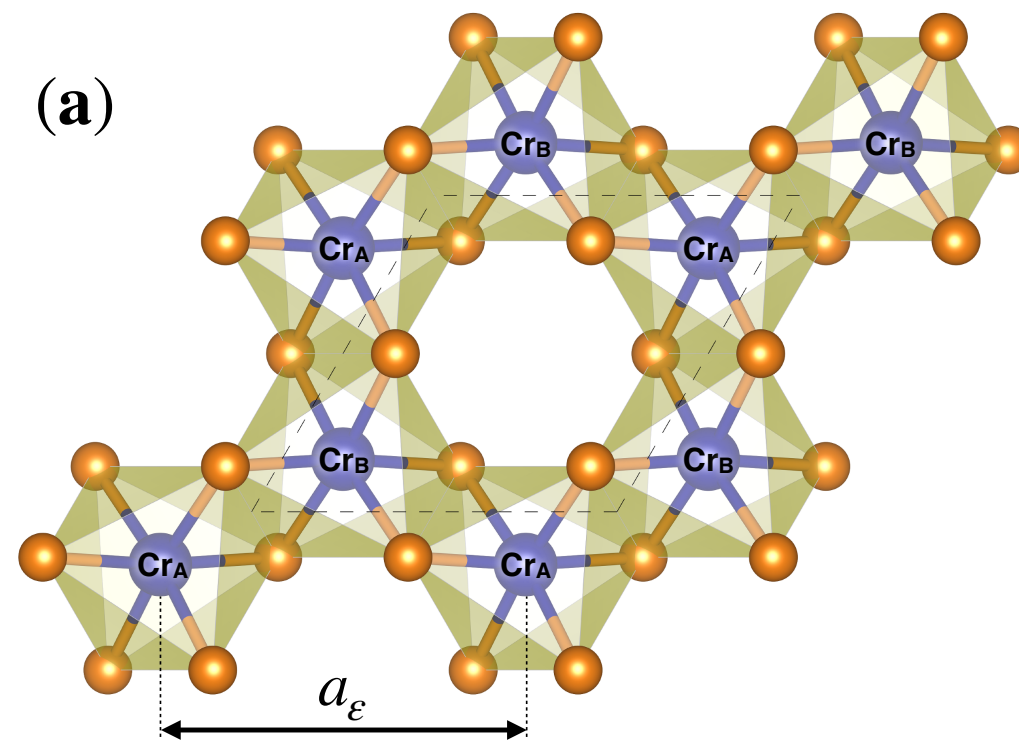
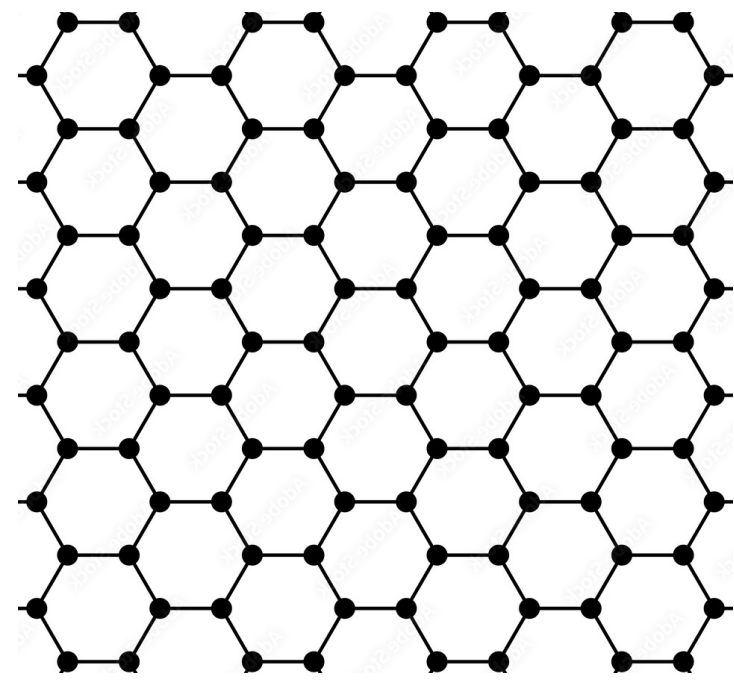
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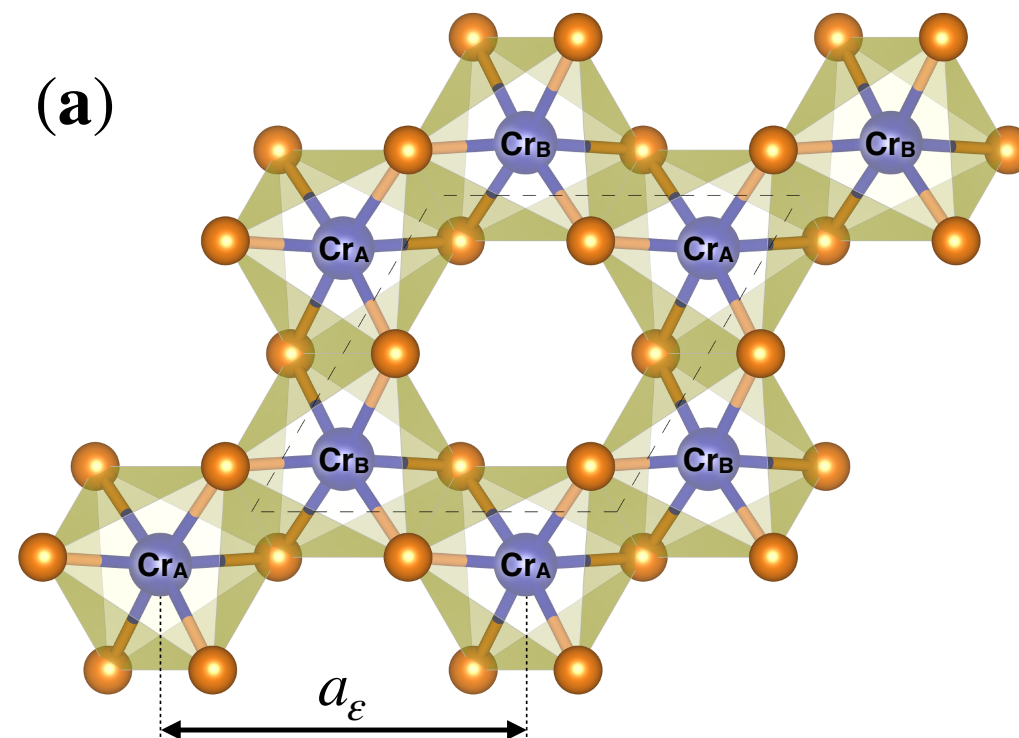
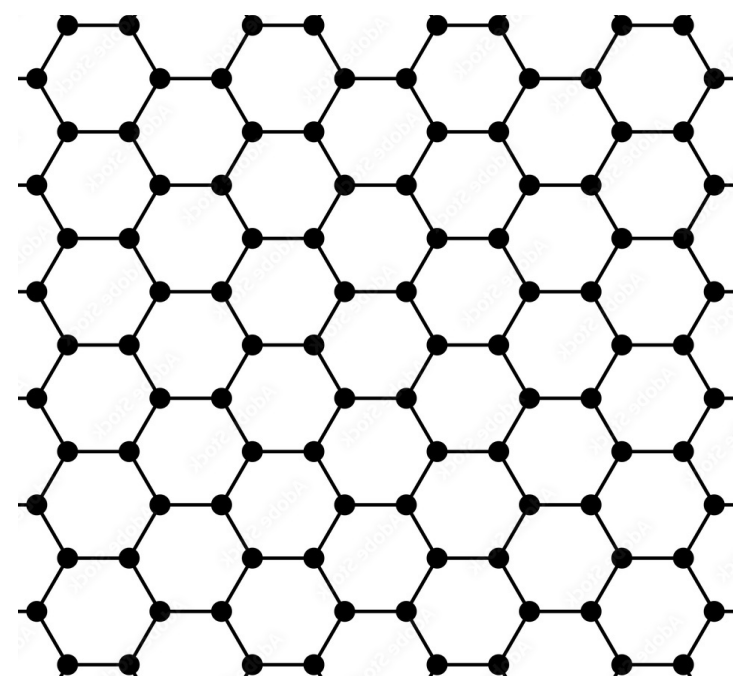
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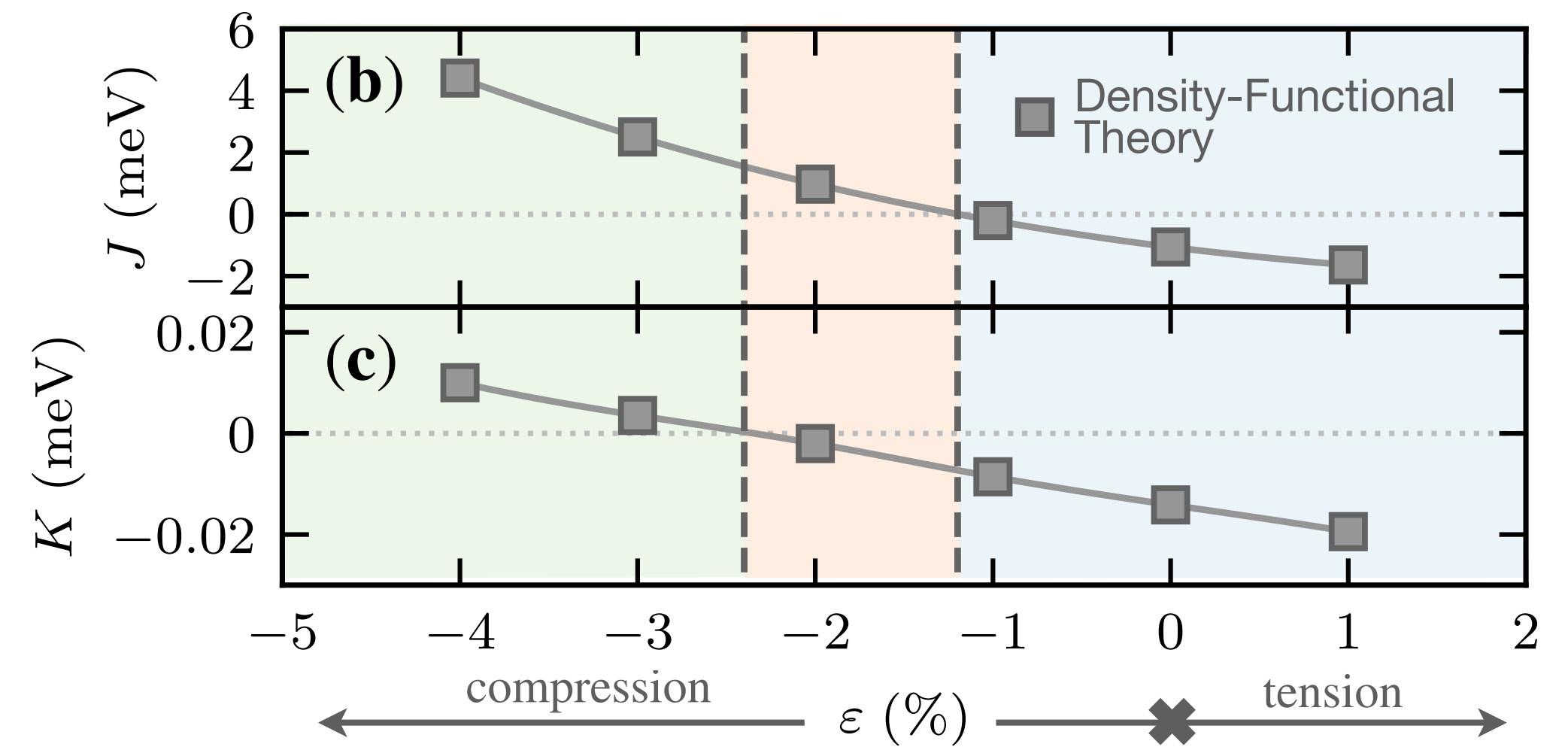
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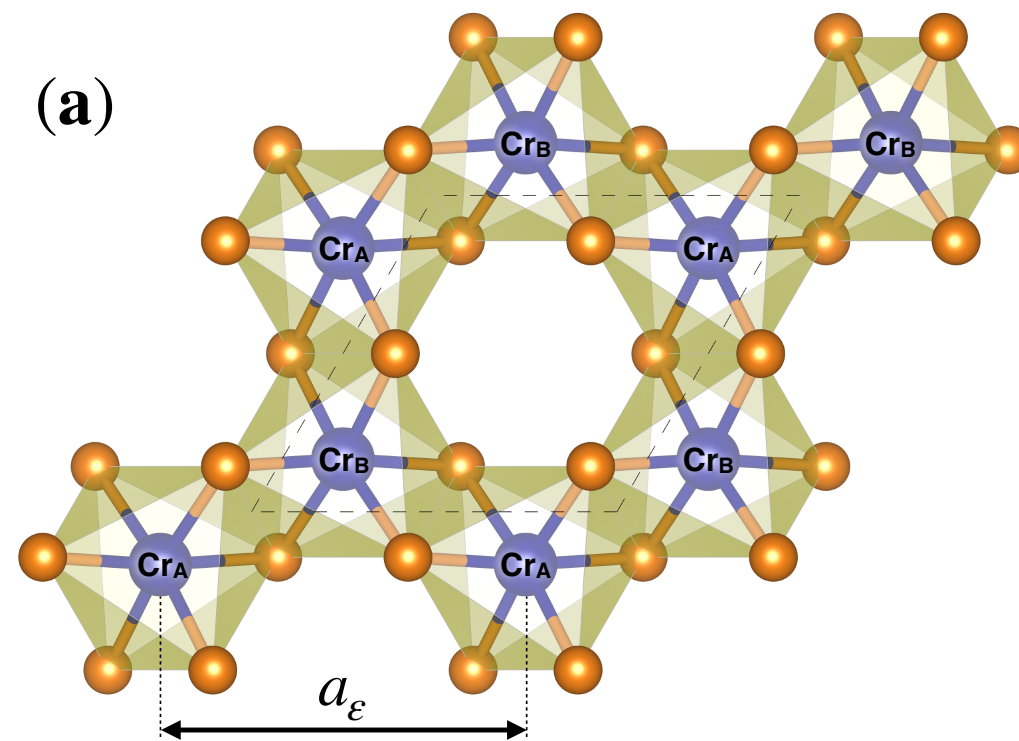
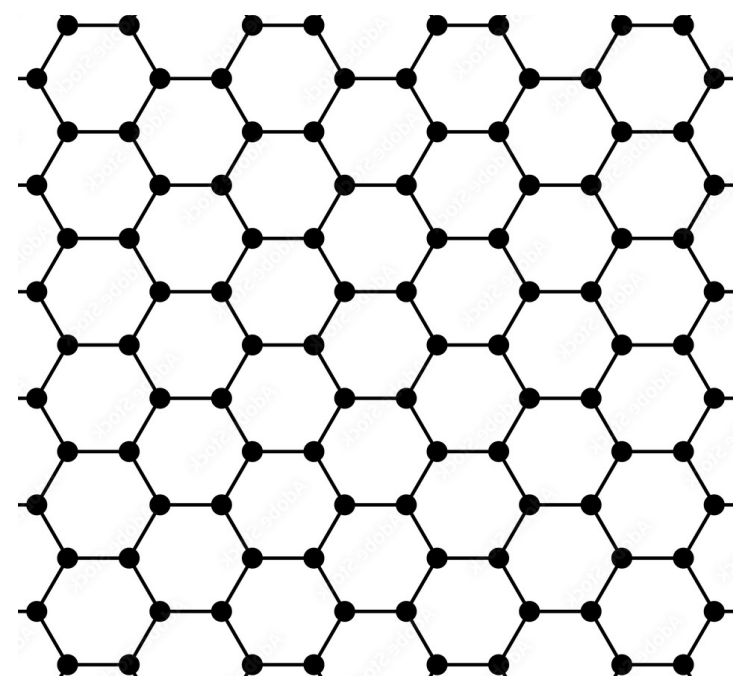
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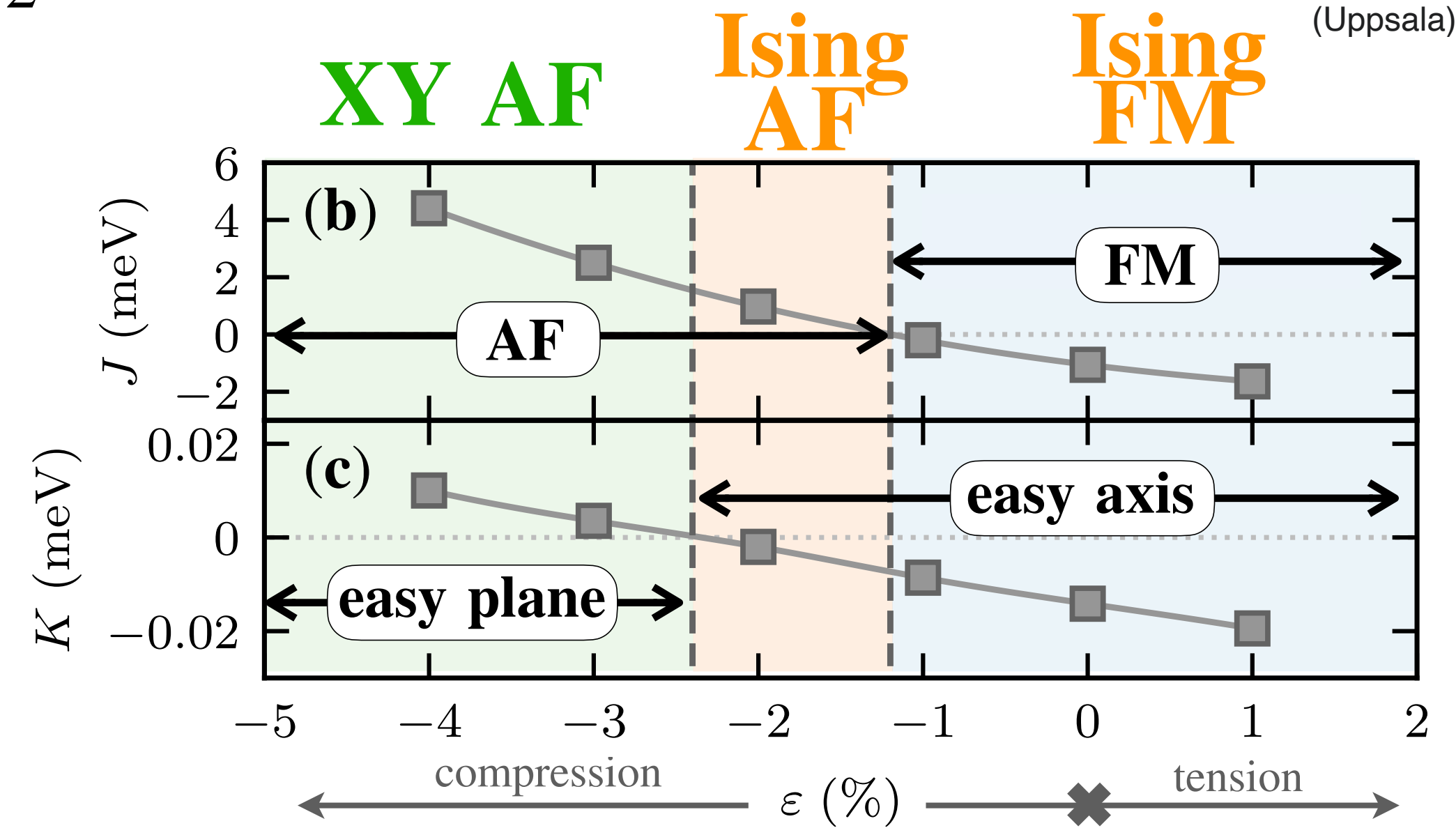
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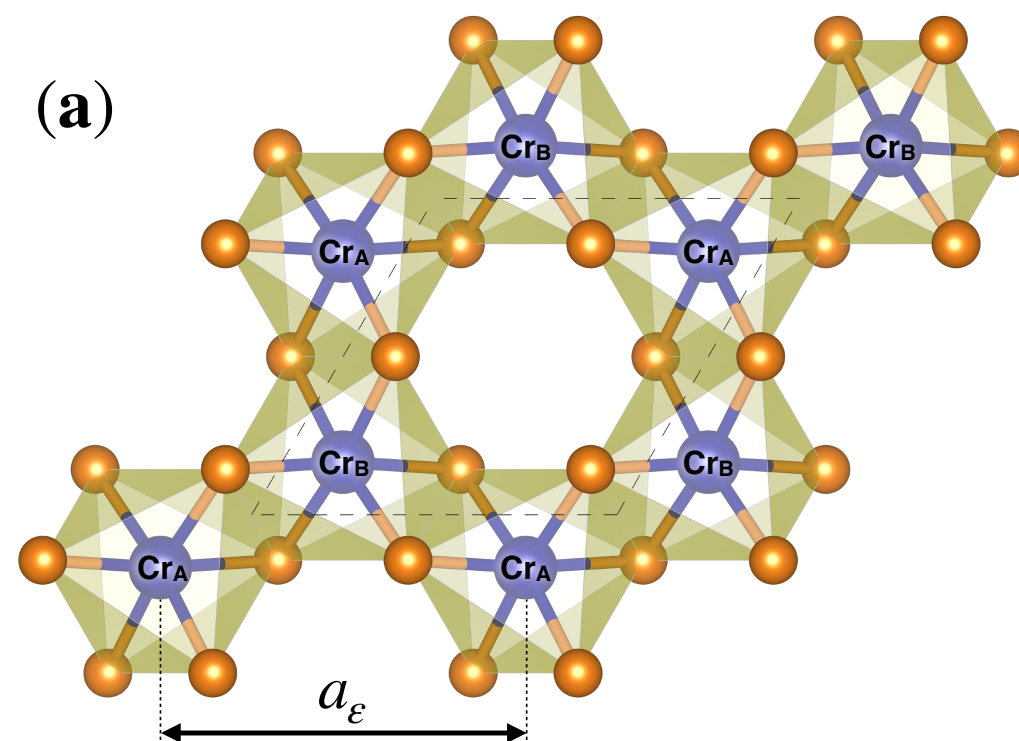
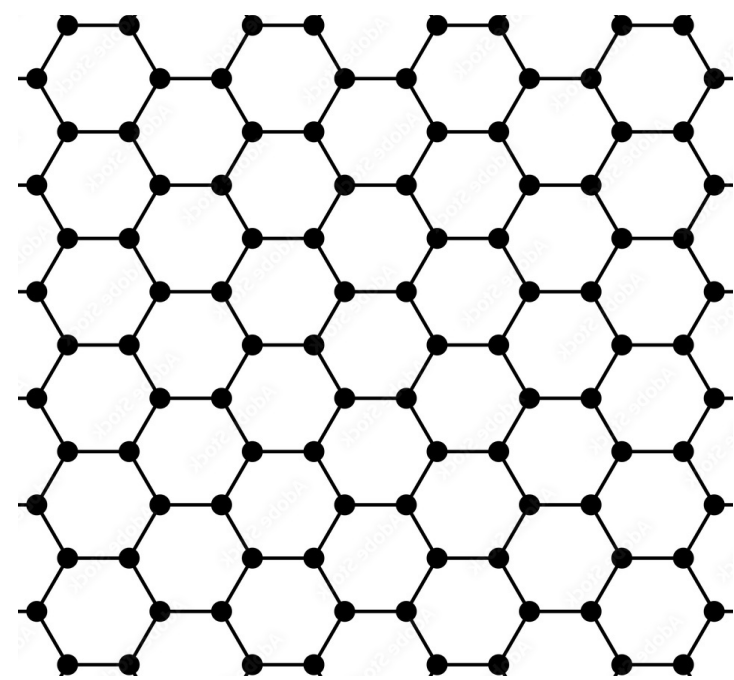
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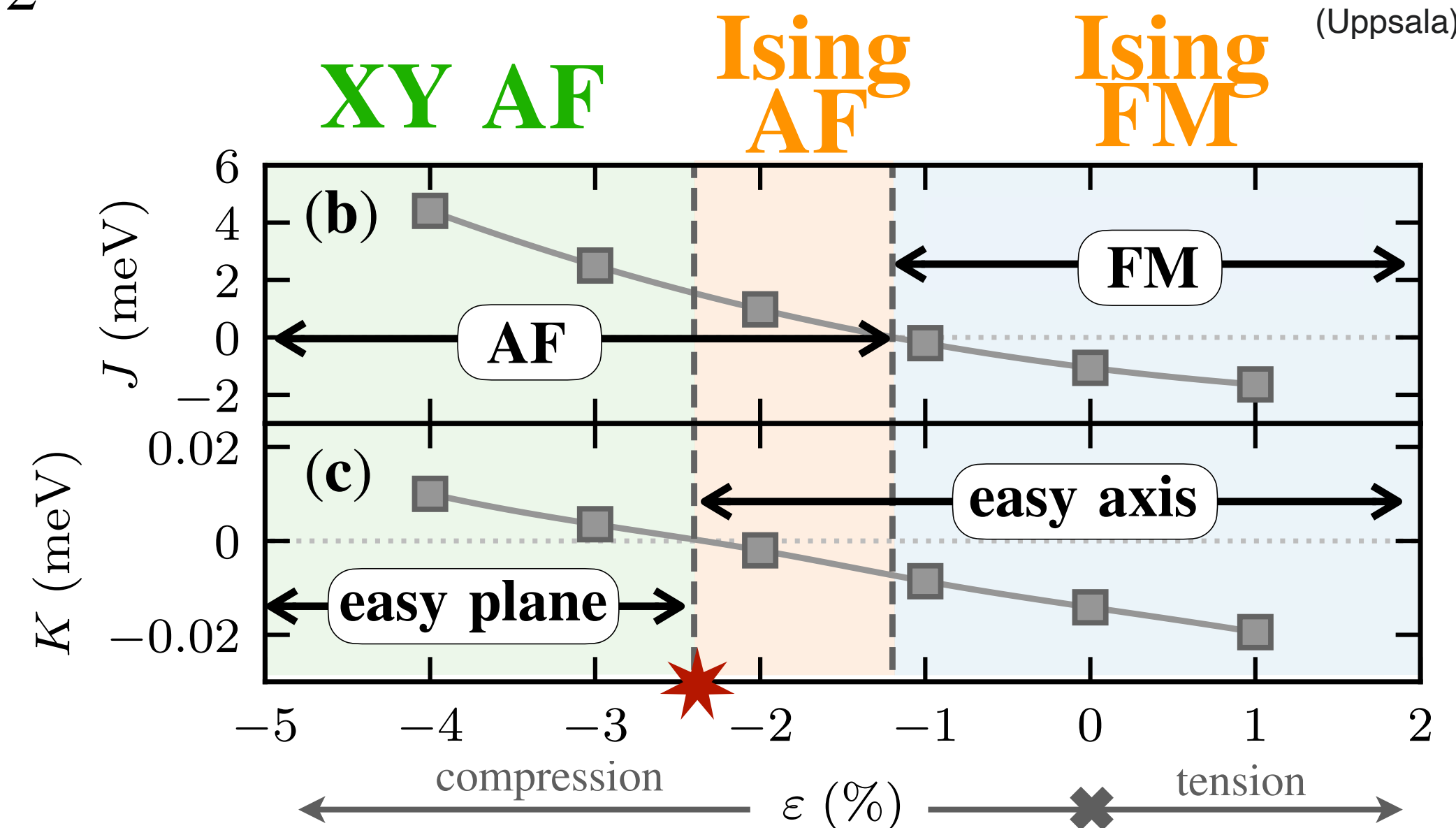
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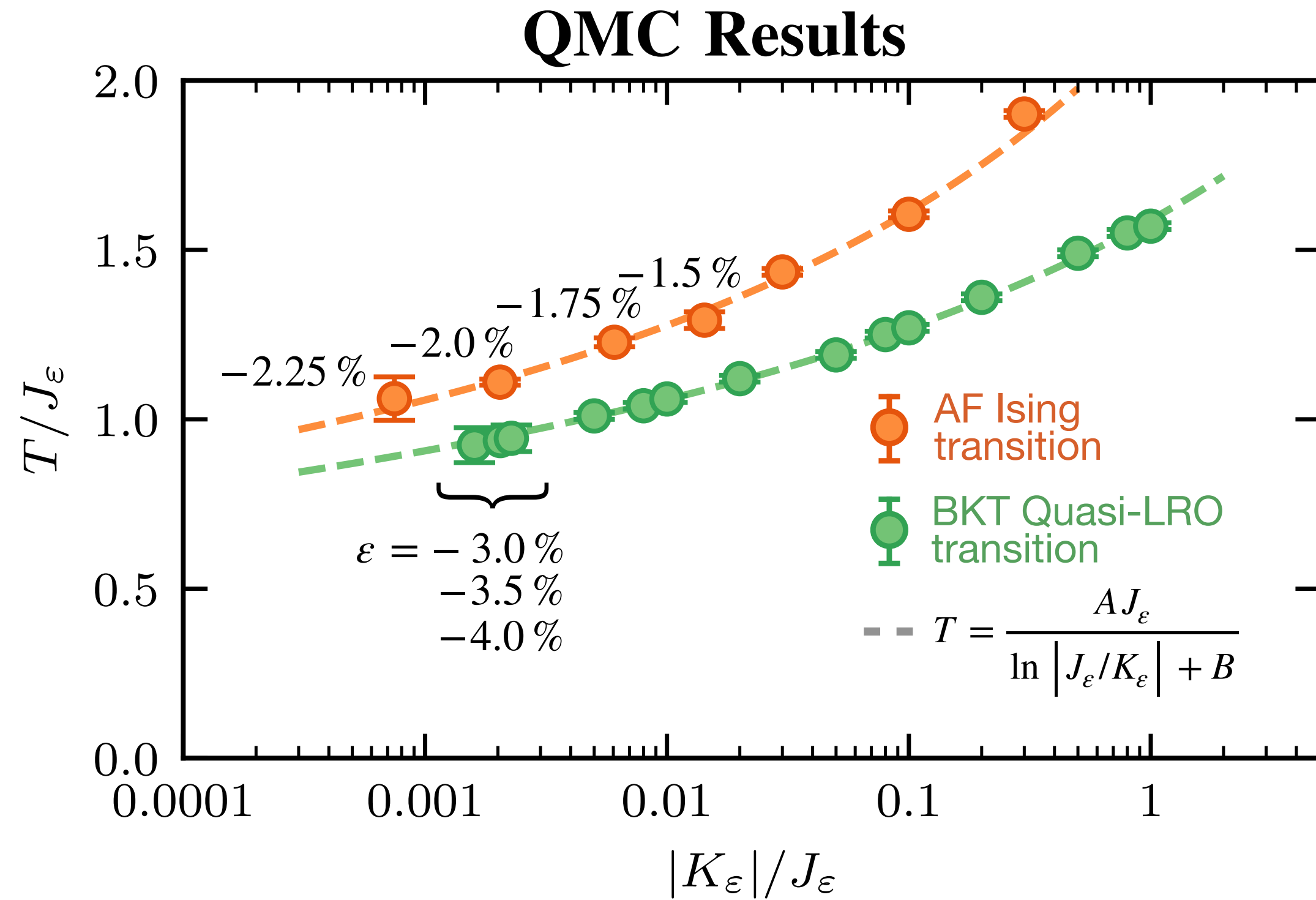
- Can we reach “large” BKT and Ising critical temperatures ?

★ $K = 0$ Heisenberg AF (ordered only at $T = 0$) $\xi(T) = \xi_0 \exp\left(\frac{2\pi J\rho_s}{T}\right)$ (Chakravarty, Halperin, Nelson, PRL 60, 1057 (1988))

▶ Small $K > 0$ XY AF: Start to see easy-plane correlations when $KS^2\xi^2(T^*) \approx J \Rightarrow T_{\text{BKT}} = \frac{4\pi J\rho_s}{\ln(J/K) + B}$

▶ Small $K < 0$ Ising AF: easy-axis correlations $\Rightarrow T_c = \frac{4\pi J\rho_s}{\ln(J/|K|) + B}$

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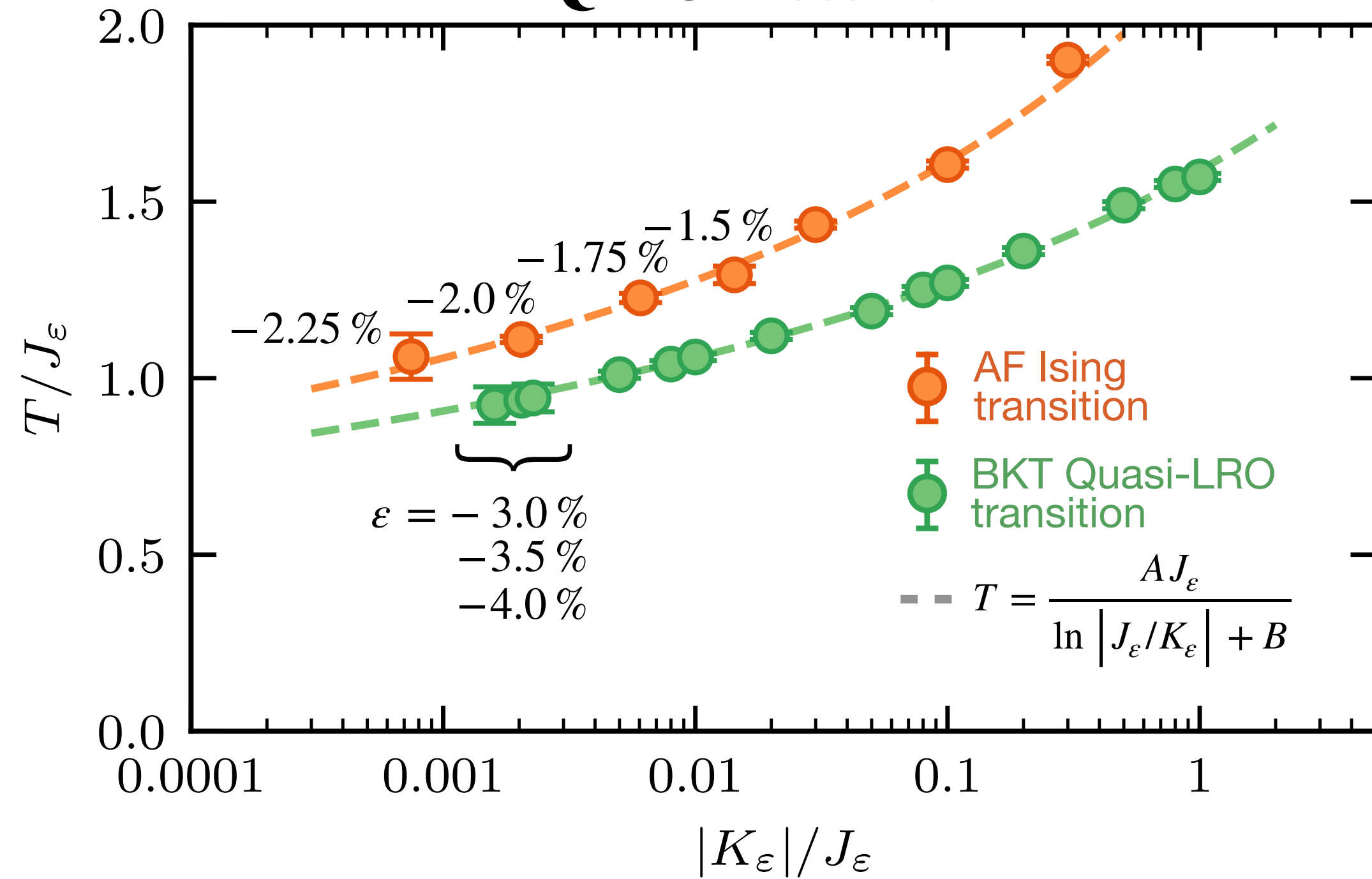
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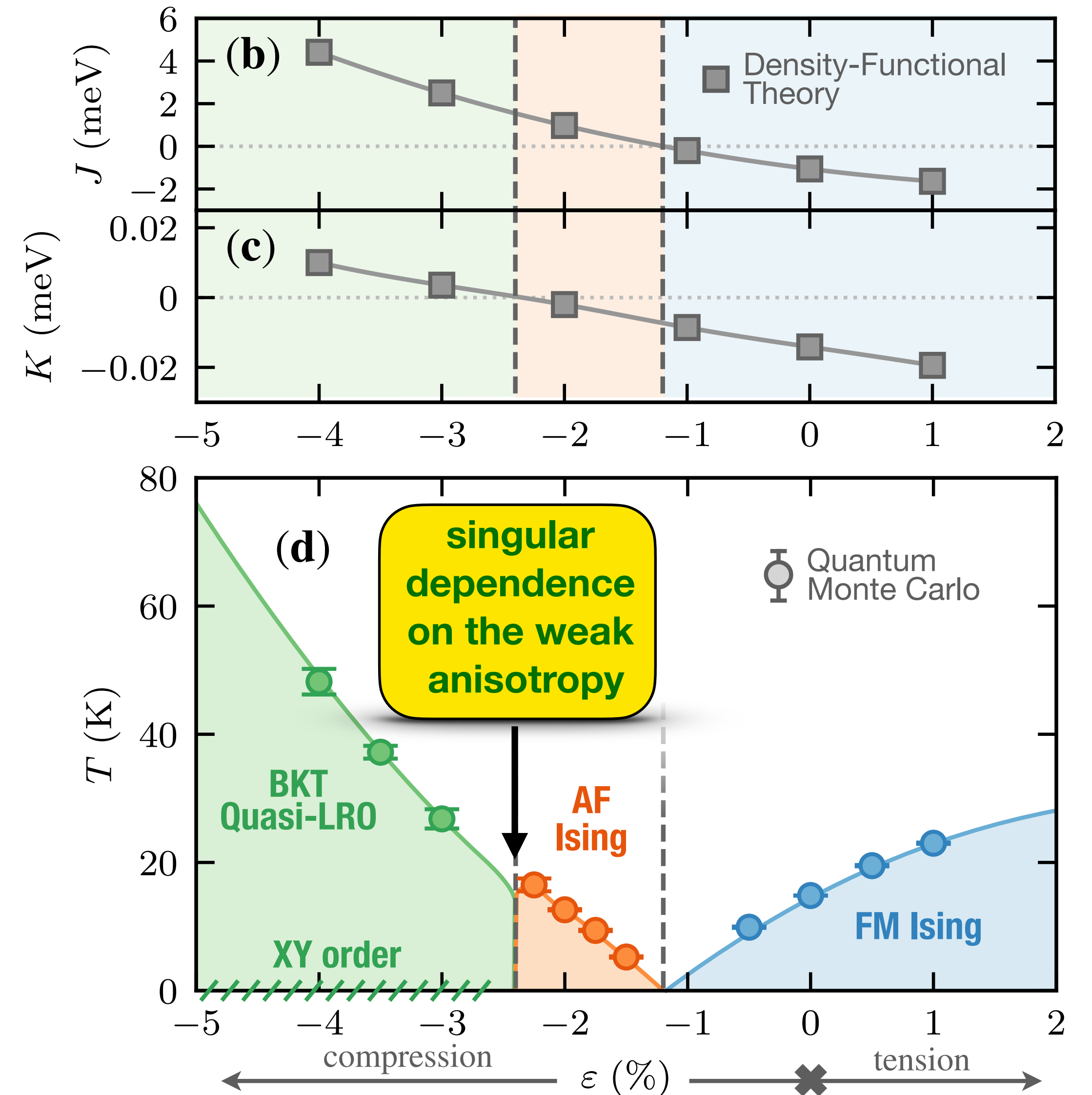
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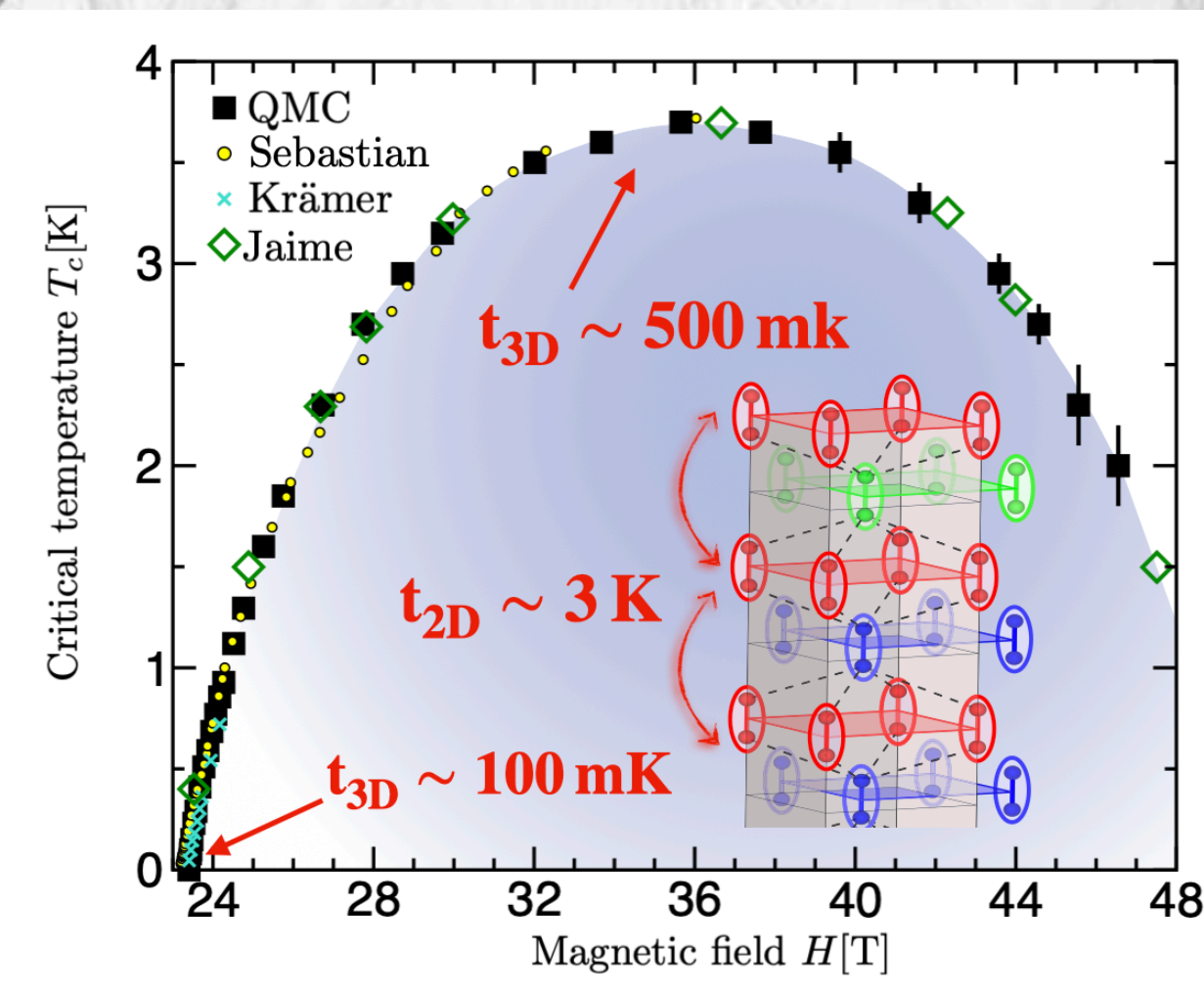
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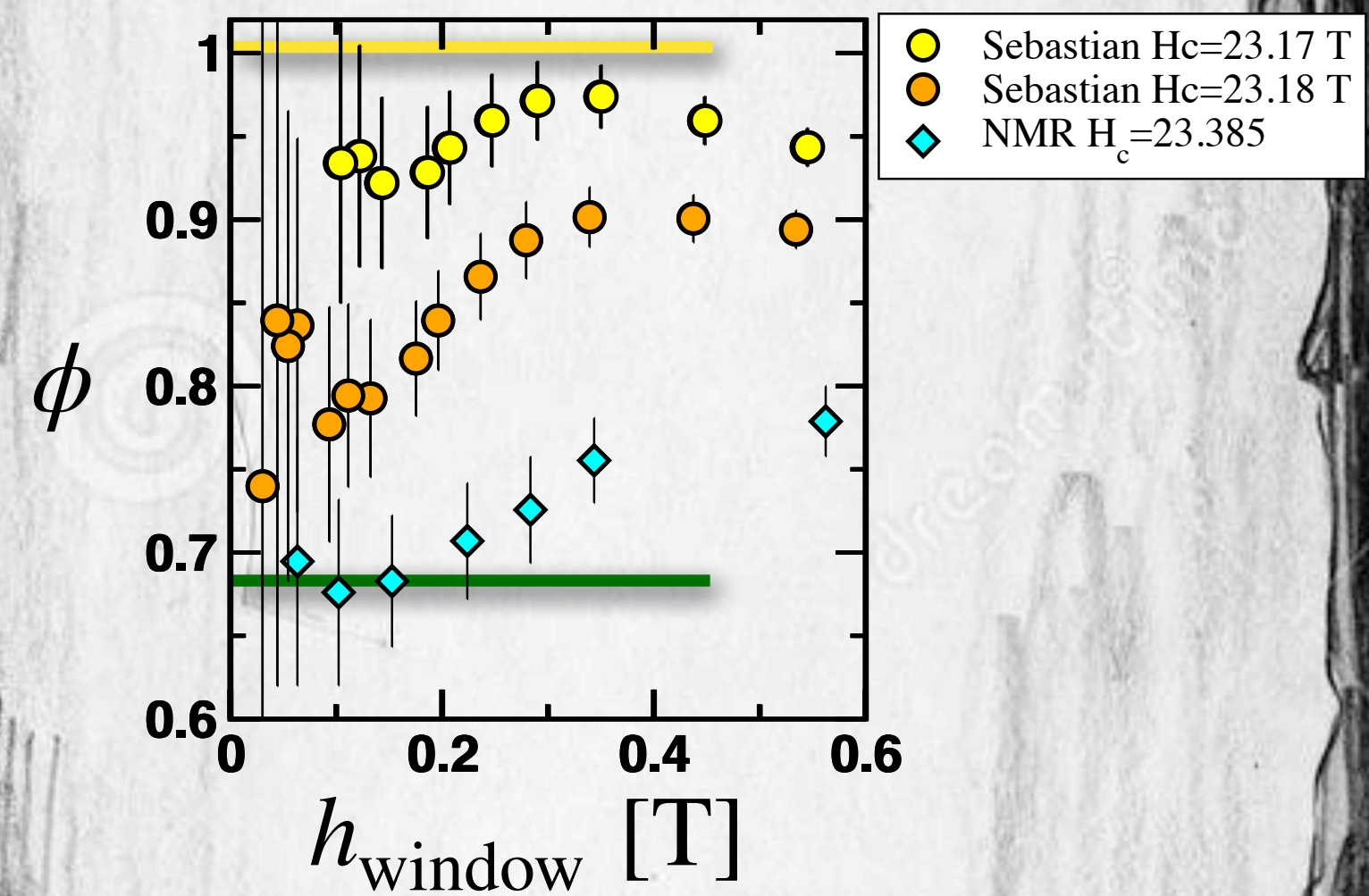
Conclusions

Tiny anisotropies (real space or spin space) can have dramatic effects on critical temperatures

$$T_c^{3D} = T_{\text{BKT}} \left(1 + \frac{a}{\ln^2(t_{3D}/t_{2D}) + c} \right)$$



Critical exponents are very sensitive numbers



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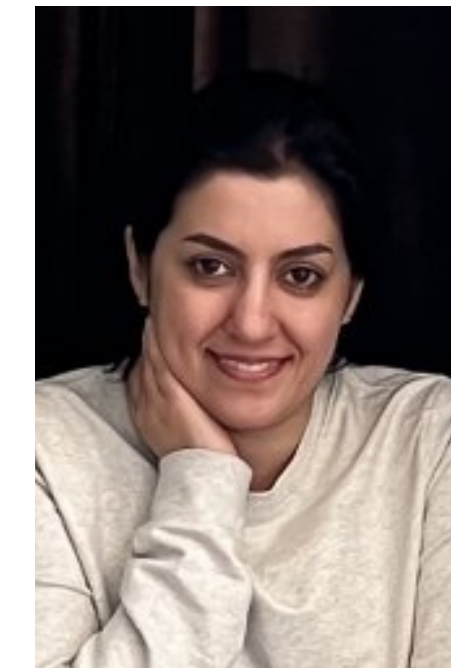
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