

Topological and Multipolar Magnets and Spintronics

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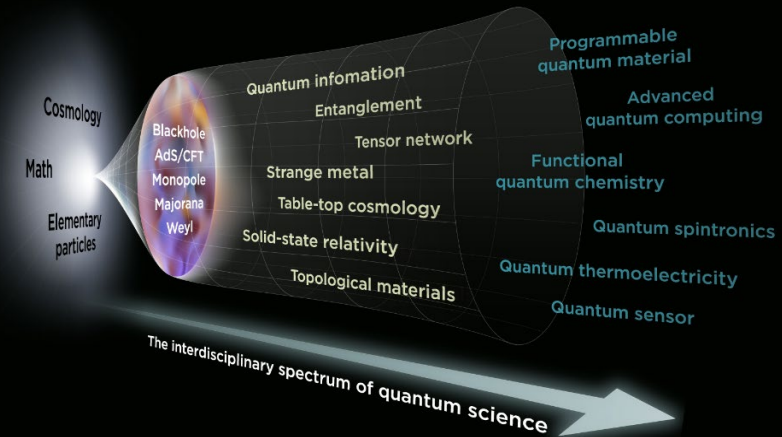
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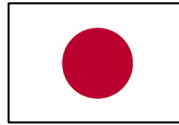
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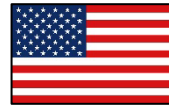
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Activities of Young Researchers

International Conferences, workshop

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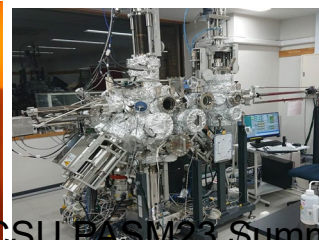
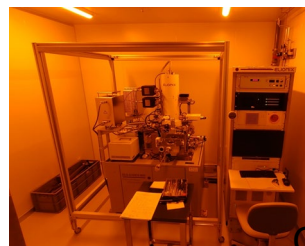


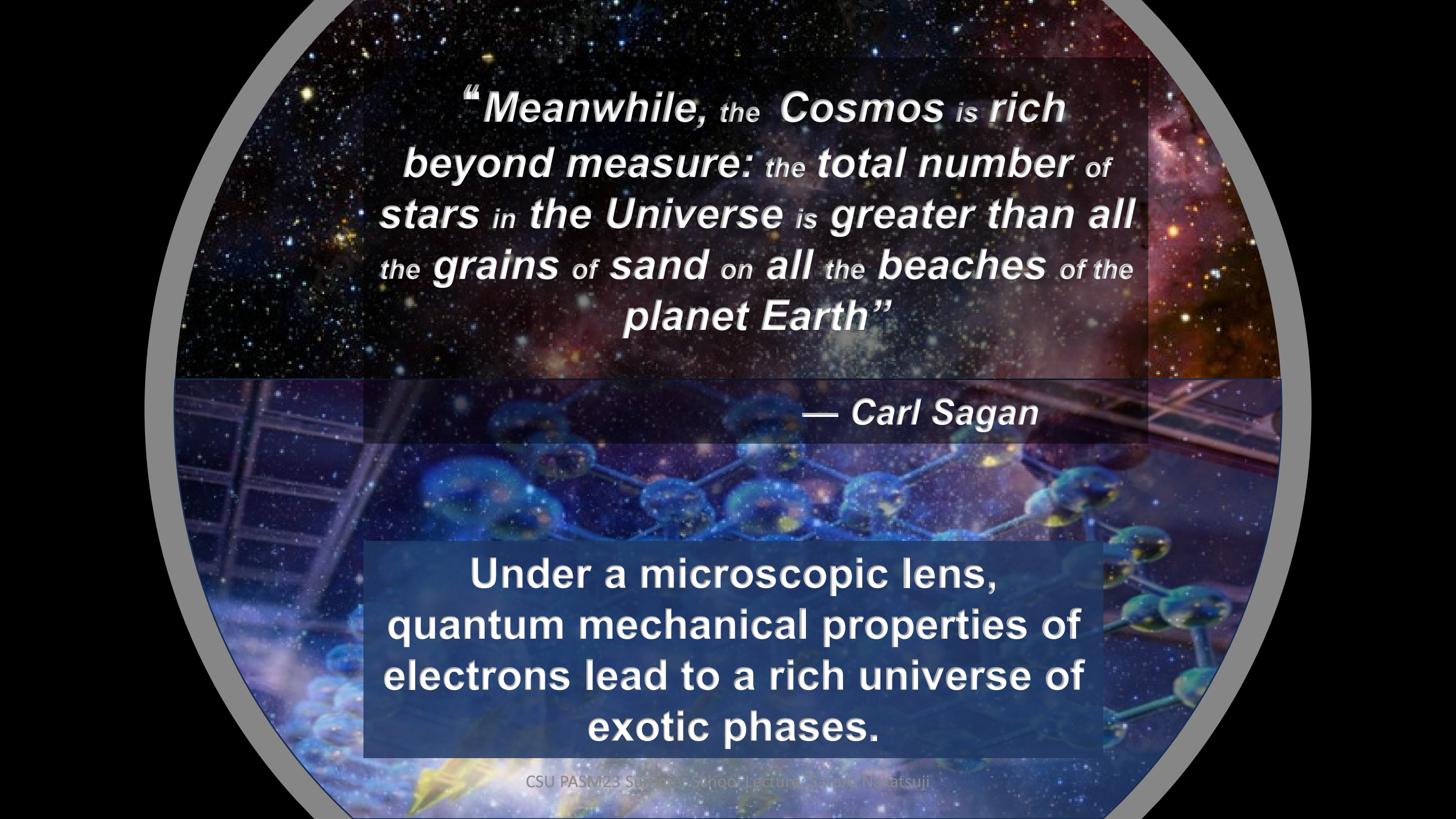
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Thin film & device fabrication :
Sputter, MBE, Photo litho, EB-litho, ...

Measurement:
XRD, Prober, Dilution ref., PPMS, MPMS, ...



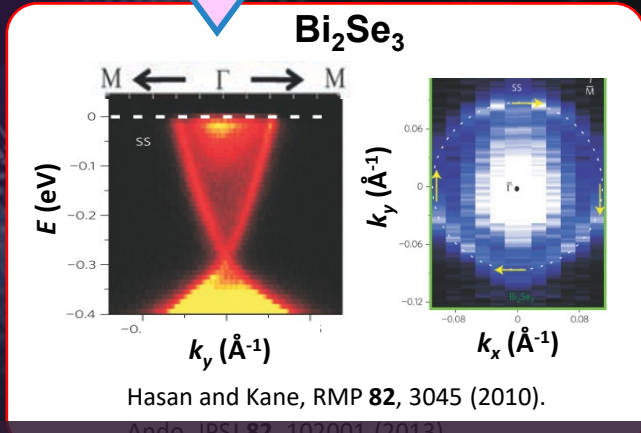
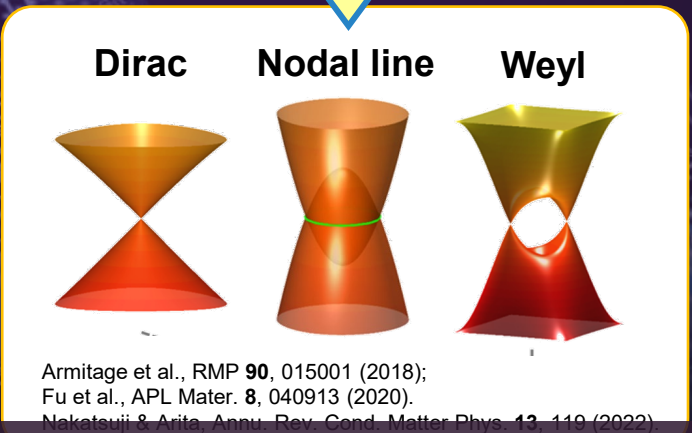
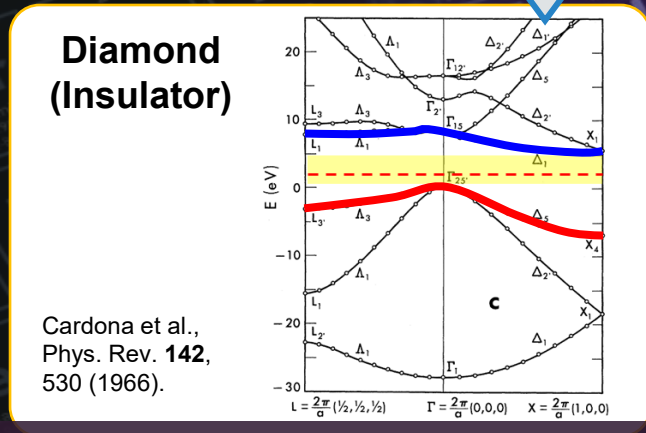
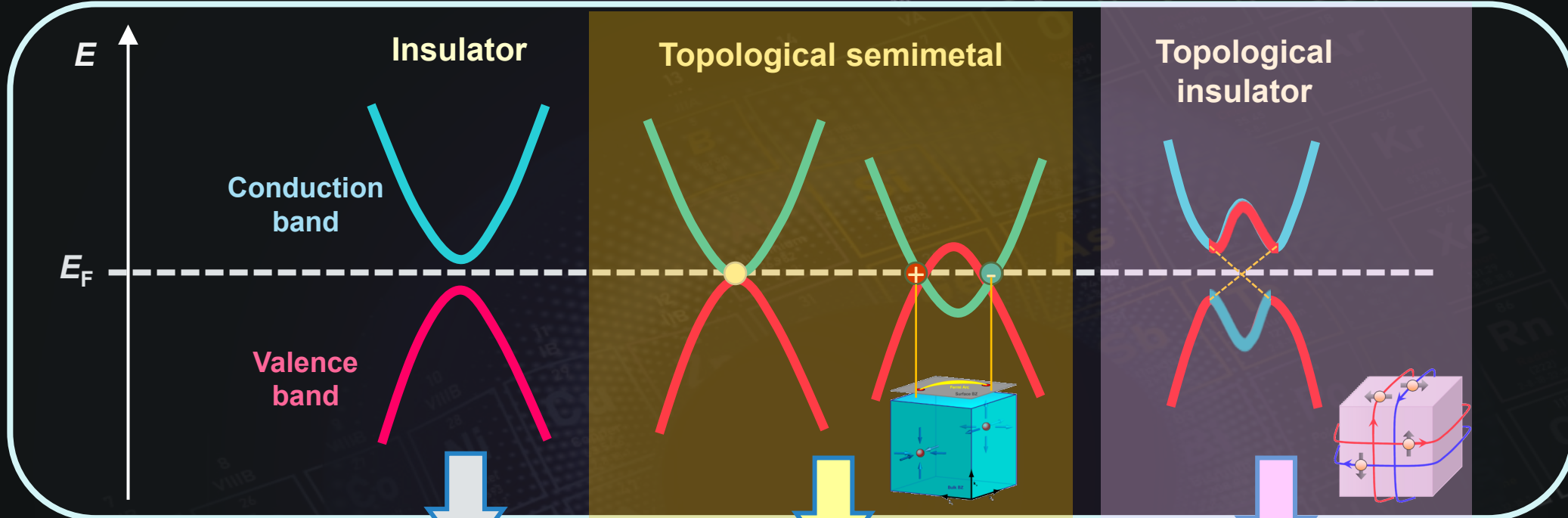


**“Meanwhile, the Cosmos is rich
beyond measure: the total number of
stars in the Universe is greater than all
the grains of sand on all the beaches of the
planet Earth”**

— Carl Sagan

**Under a microscopic lens,
quantum mechanical properties of
electrons lead to a rich universe of
exotic phases.**

Topological Electronic Structure



Experimentally established in non/weakly-interacting electron systems



Spin

Charge

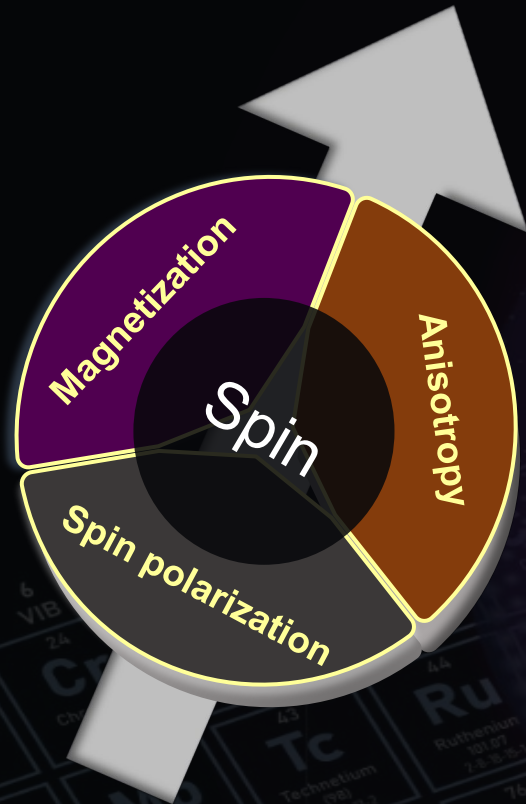
Large Coulomb repulsion and narrow bandwidth give rise to **strong electronic correlations**

In correlated matters, the **complex interplay between multiple degrees of freedom** brings about a rich universe of quantum phases.

Orbital

Phonon

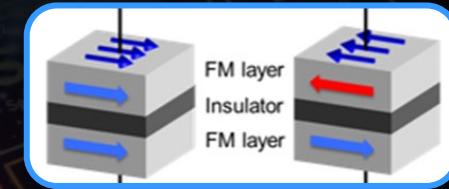
Traditional platforms: Spin-driven phenomena



Quantum phenomena

- Superconductivity
- Strange metal and Quantum criticality
- Quantum liquids
- Kondo effect
- Metal-insulator transition
- ...

Functionalities & Applications

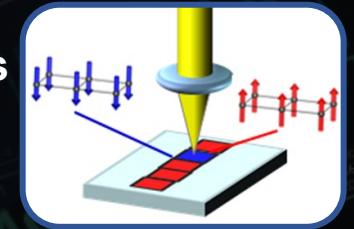


Ferromagnet-based nonvolatile memory

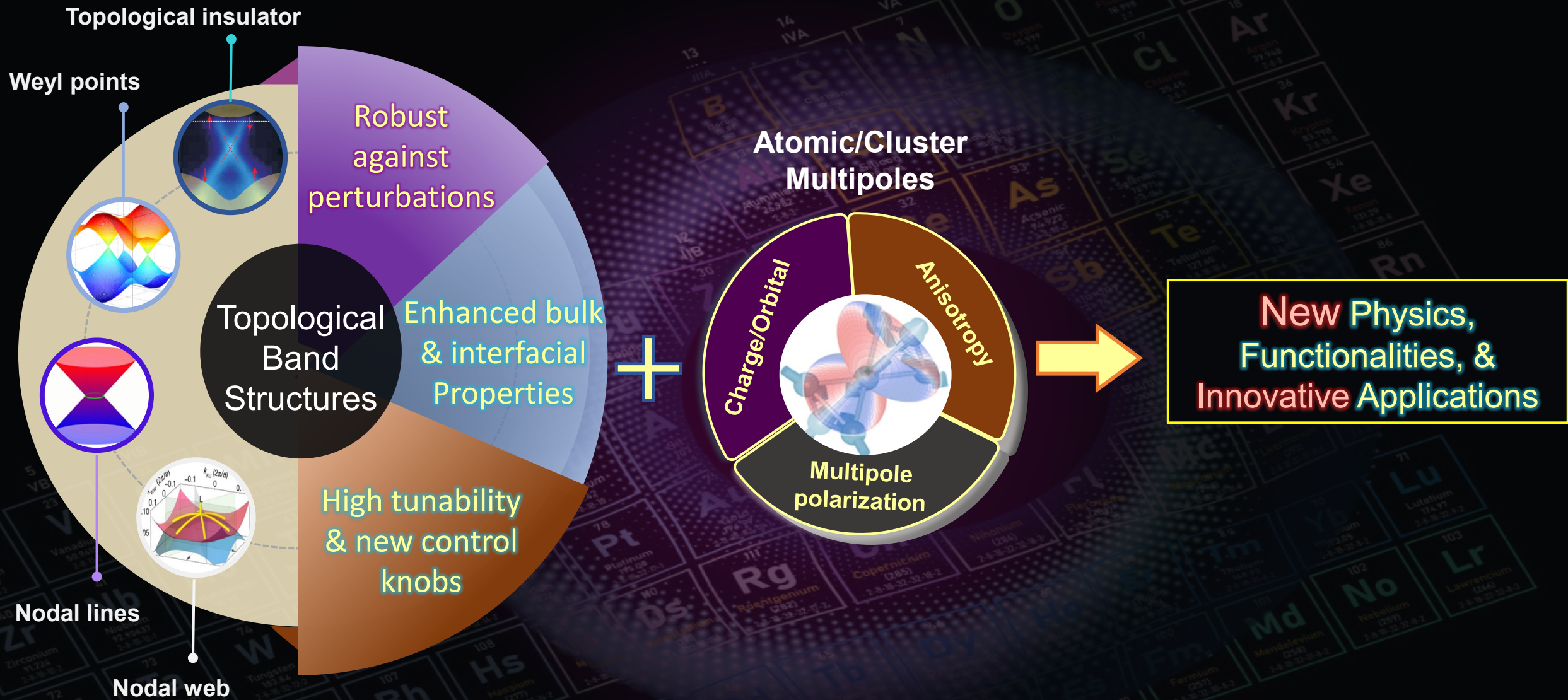


Quantum computing

Magneto-optics



New platforms: blending topology with multipole physics



Plan

- Multipole Physics on Correlated Electron Systems
- Topological States in Magnetic Systems
- Physics of Antiferromagnetic Weyl Semimetals
- Physics of Multipolar Kondo Lattice Systems

Multipolar Expansion in electromagnetism

Maxwell equations:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 4\pi \rho_e(\mathbf{r}) \quad (\text{Gauss' law for electricity})$$

Electric charge density

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla\phi$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi = -4\pi \rho_e(\mathbf{r})$$

Scalar potential field

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad (\text{Gauss' law for magnetism})$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} = 4\pi \rho_m(\mathbf{r})$$

Magnetic charge density $\rho_m(\mathbf{r}) = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r})$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \quad (\text{Faraday's law})$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{c} \left(4\pi \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right) \quad (\text{Ampere's law})$$

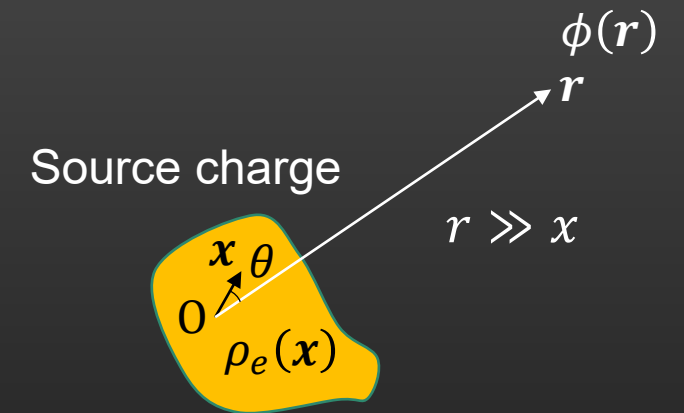
$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} = -\frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r})$$

Vector potential field

Multipolar Expansion in electromagnetism

For regions outside an arbitrary source distribution, the scalar potential $\phi(\mathbf{r})$ and the vector potential $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r})$ admits a **multipolar expansion**:



$$\phi(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \frac{1}{r^{l+1}} Z_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \mathbf{Q}_{lm} \rightarrow \text{Electric multipolar moments}$$

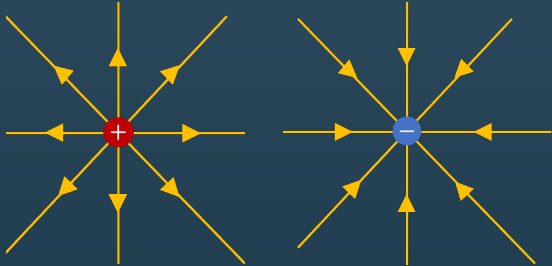
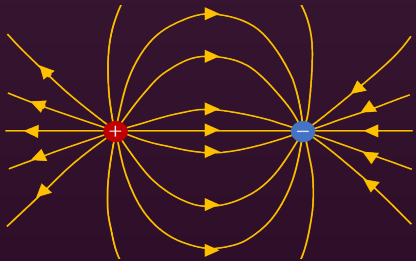
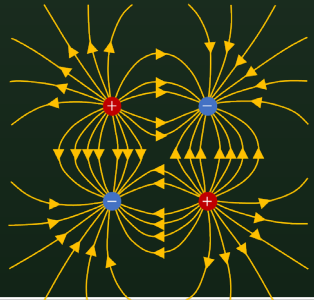
Normalized spherical harmonics: $Z_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \equiv \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2l+1}} Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \frac{1}{r^{l+1}} \frac{\mathbf{L} Z_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})}{il} \mathbf{M}_{lm} \rightarrow \text{Magnetic multipolar moments}$$

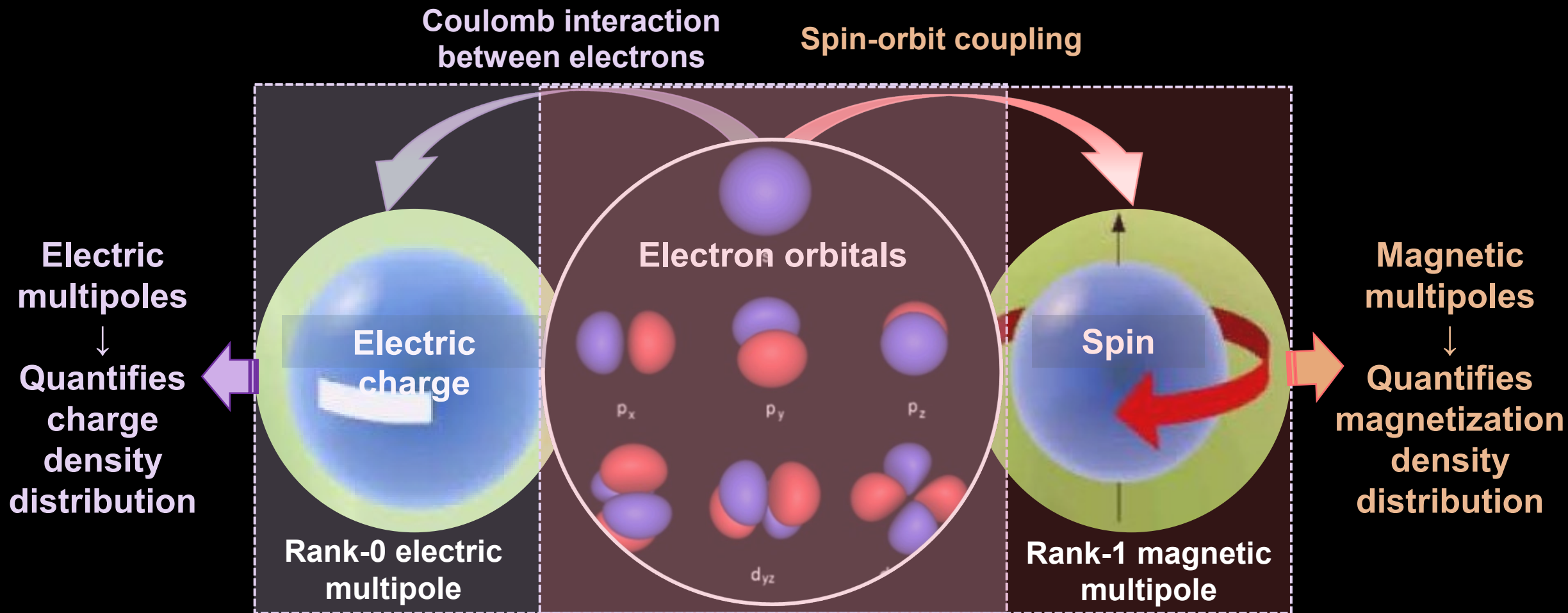
$$Q_{lm} \equiv \int d\mathbf{r} r^l Z_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})^* \rho_e(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \text{Source charge density distribution}$$

$$M_{lm} \equiv \int d\mathbf{r} r^l Z_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})^* \rho_m(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \text{Source magnetization density distribution}$$

Multipolar Expansion in electromagnetism

Rank	Multipole	Expression for	Illustration
$l = 0$	Electric monopole	$\phi_{l=0}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$	
$l = 1$	Electric Dipole	$\phi_{l=1}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{p}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}$	
$l = 2$	Electric quadrupole	$\phi_{l=2}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{3Q}{8\pi\epsilon_0 r^3}$	

Atomic multipoles in a material



Multipoles characterize the localized charge and magnetization density distribution at an atomic site

Symmetry properties of atomic multipoles

Under inversion (spatial parity) transformation:

$$Q_{lm} \rightarrow (-1)^l Q_{lm}$$
$$M_{lm} \rightarrow (-1)^{l+1} M_{lm}$$

The electric charge density $\rho_e(\hat{\mathbf{r}})$ is **time-reversal-even** and **parity-even**, such that

$$\rho_e(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) = \rho_e(-\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \text{ in the presence of inversion symmetry}$$

And

$$\rho_e(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=-m}^m (2l+1) \frac{Q_{lm}}{e\langle r^l \rangle} Z_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})$$

Electric multipoles are **time-reversal even**, and only **even-rank** electric multipoles are non-zero with inversion symmetry.

The magnetization density $\rho_m(\hat{\mathbf{r}})$ is **time-reversal-odd** and **parity-odd**, such that

$$\rho_m(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) = -\rho_m(-\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \text{ in the presence of inversion symmetry}$$

And

$$\rho_m(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=-m}^m (2l+1) \frac{M_{lm}}{\mu_B \langle r^{l-1} \rangle} Z_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})$$

Magnetic multipoles are time reversal odd, and only **odd-rank** magnetic multipoles are non-zero with inversion symmetry.

Symmetry properties of atomic multipoles?

Under inversion (spatial parity) transformation:

$$Q_{lm} \rightarrow (-1)^l Q_{lm}$$
$$M_{lm} \rightarrow (-1)^{l+1} M_{lm}$$

With an inversion-symmetric crystalline electric field (CEF), the local electron wavefunction has definite parity

→ Even-rank and odd-rank multipoles are electric and magnetic multipolar moments, respectively.


Only **even-rank** electric multipoles are non-zero

Only **odd-rank** magnetic multipoles are non-zero

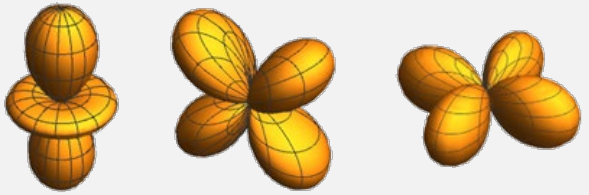
Symmetry properties of atomic multipoles?

$$\rho_e(\hat{\mathbf{r}}), \phi(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) =$$

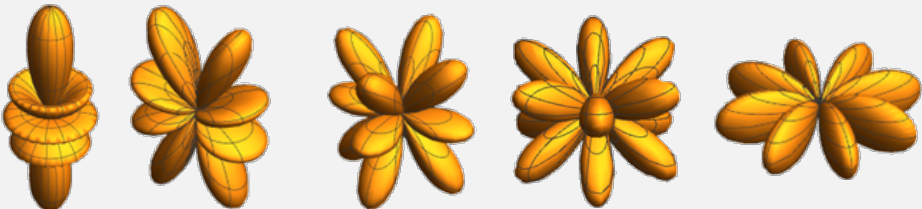
**Electrical
d.o.f**



$l = 0$ (monopole)



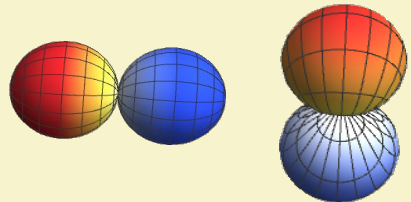
$l = 2$ (quadrupole)



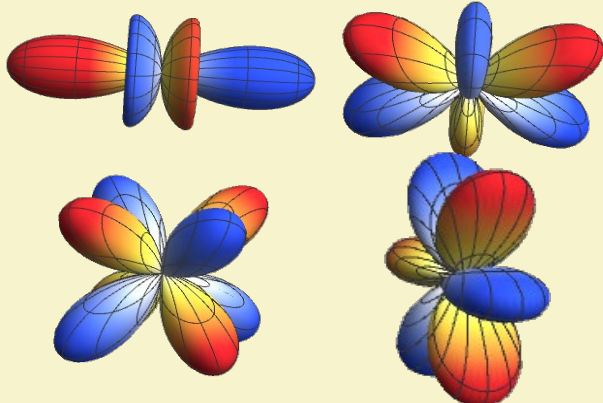
$l = 4$
(Hexadecapole) + ...

$$\rho_m(\hat{\mathbf{r}}), \mathbf{A}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) =$$

**Magnetic
d.o.f**



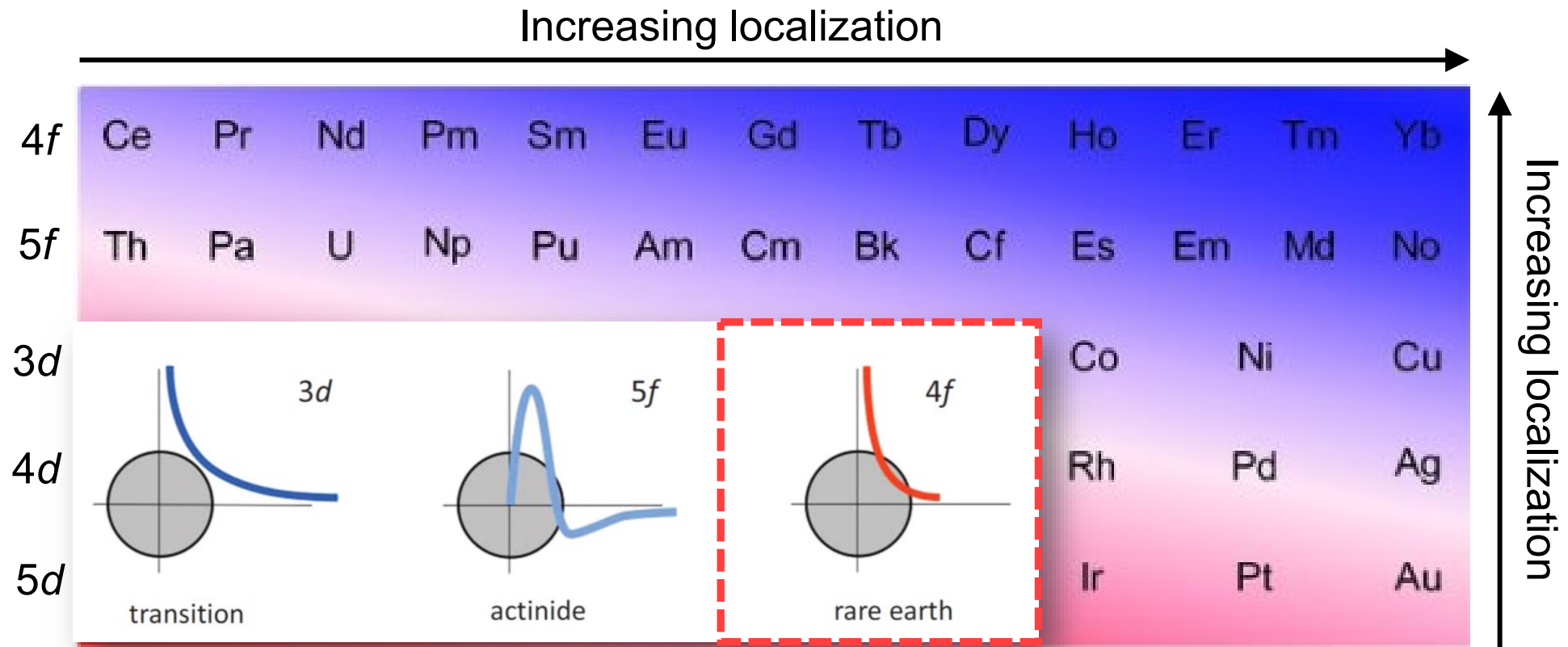
$l = 1$ (dipole/spin)



$l = 3$ (octupole)

+ ...

Platforms to explore atomic multipoles?



Large electron-electron interaction (Coulomb repulsion $U \sim 1\text{eV}$)

Large spin-orbit coupling ($\lambda_{SO} \sim Z^4$)

Highly localized electronic wavefunction at the atomic sites

Effects of crystalline electric field (CEF)

Crystalline Electric Field (CEF):

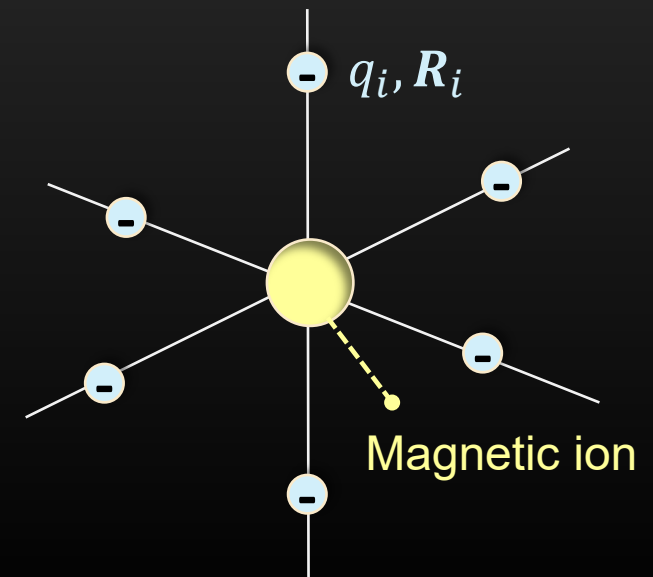
Modifies the energy levels of the electronic orbitals according to the **local symmetry** of the ion's environment in a crystal.

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{CEF}} = \sum_i q_i \phi(\mathbf{R}_i) \xrightarrow{\text{Stevens' operator } O_{lm}} \mathcal{H}_{\text{CEF}} = \sum_{l,m} B_{lm} O_{lm}$$

Scalar potential at the ligand position \mathbf{R}_i
created by the magnetic ion

Example: Local cubic symmetry (T_d and O_h)

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{CEF}} = B_{40}(O_{40} + 5O_{44}) + B_{60}(O_{60} - 21O_{64})$$

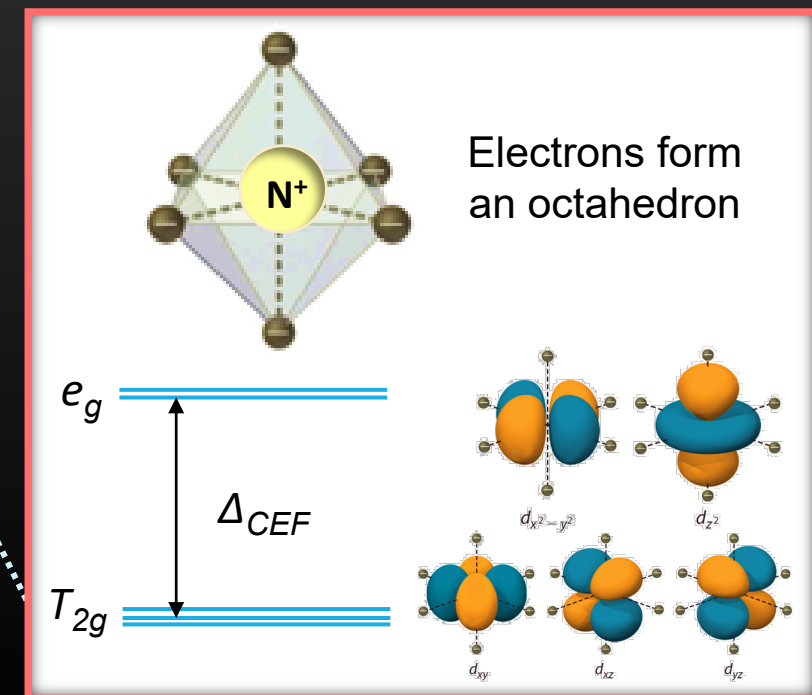
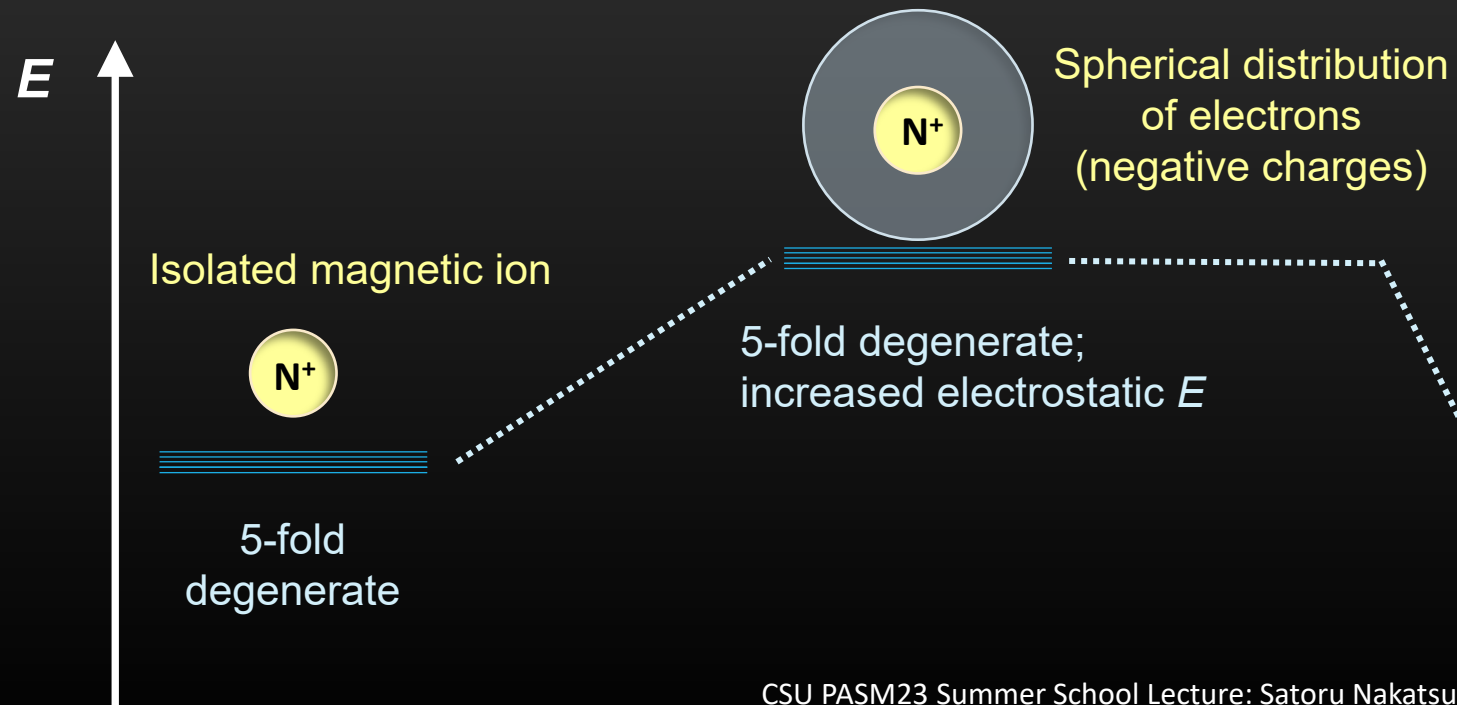


Effects of crystalline electric field (CEF)

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Example: *d*-orbital splitting due to CEF



Example: Ce^{3+} in a cubic CEF

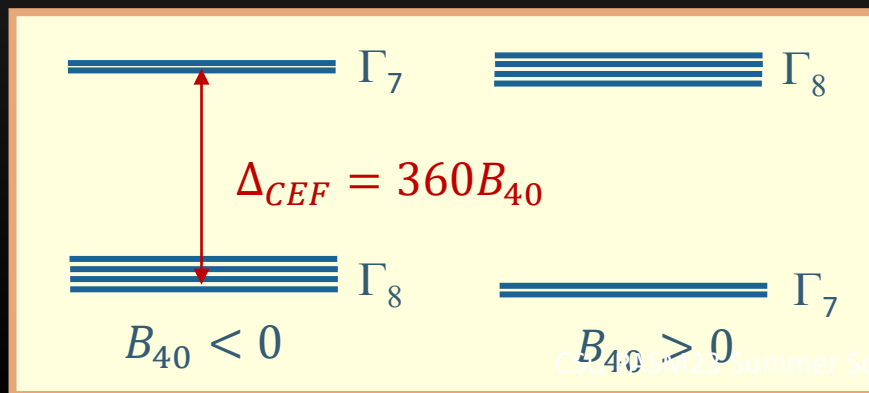
Ce^{3+} ($4f^1$): $L = 3$, $S = 1/2$, $J = 5/2$

The CEF Hamiltonian in the basis set for $J = 5/2$:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{CEF}} = B_{40} \begin{pmatrix} 60 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 60\sqrt{5} & 0 \\ 0 & -180 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 60\sqrt{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 120 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 120 & 0 & 0 \\ 60\sqrt{5} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -180 & 0 \\ 0 & 60\sqrt{5} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 60 \end{pmatrix}$$



Solve the eigenvalue problem

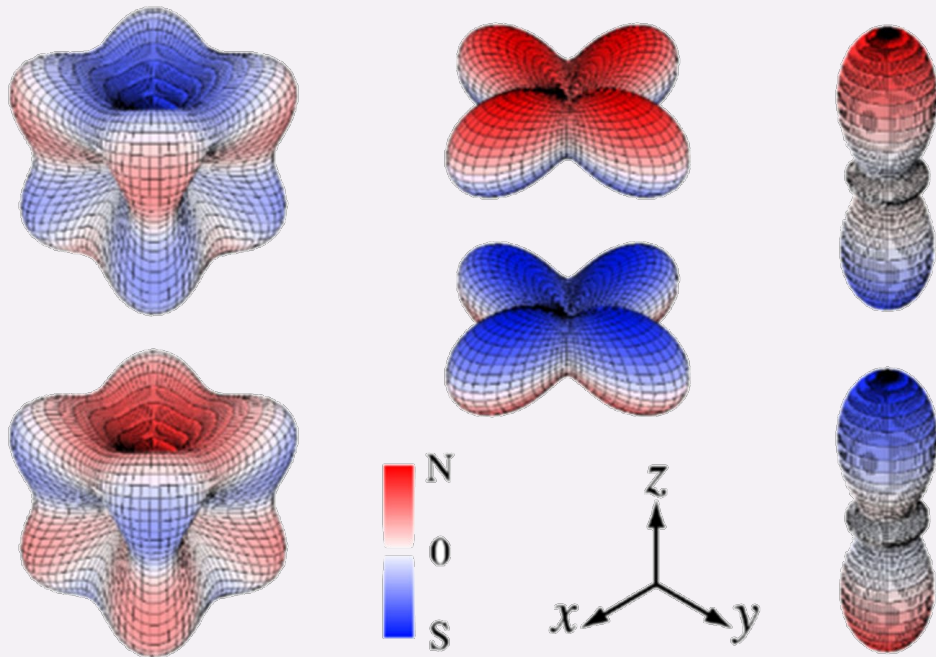


$$|\Gamma_7^\pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \left| \pm \frac{5}{2} \right\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{5}{6}} \left| \mp \frac{3}{2} \right\rangle$$

$$|\Gamma_8^\pm, a\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{5}{6}} \left| \pm \frac{5}{2} \right\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \left| \mp \frac{3}{2} \right\rangle \quad |\Gamma_8^\pm, b\rangle = \left| \pm \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

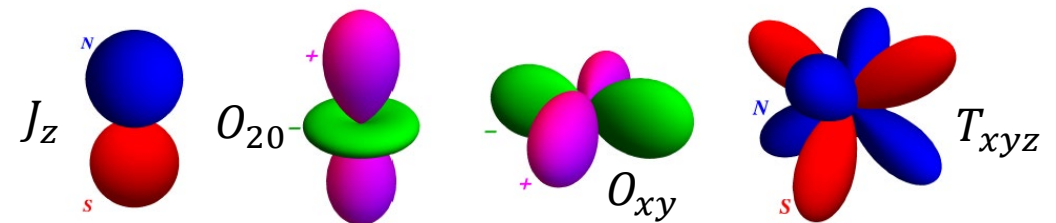
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Charge and magnetization density distribution for $|\Gamma_7^\pm\rangle, |\Gamma_8^\pm, a\rangle, |\Gamma_8^\pm, b\rangle$



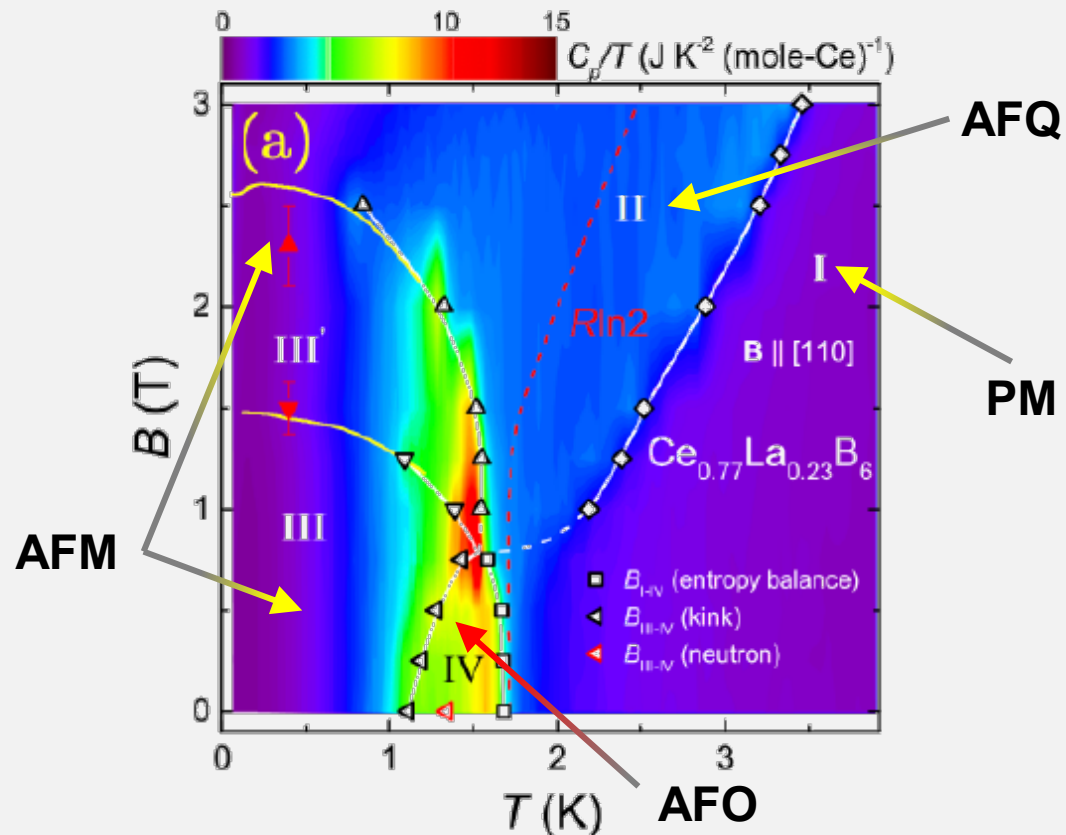
Representative multipoles of Γ_8 quartet

O_h multipole ^a (degeneracy)	rank p	Stevens notation $J_\alpha, (\alpha = x, y, z)$	
$\Gamma_4^- (3)$	1 (d)	J_x J_y J_z	→ Dipole
$\Gamma_3^+ (2)$	2 (q)	$O_2^0 = \frac{1}{2}(2J_z^2 - J_x^2 - J_y^2)$ $O_2^2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(J_x^2 - J_y^2)$	→ Quadrupole
$\Gamma_5^+ (3)$	2 (q)	$O_{yz} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(J_y J_z + J_z J_y)$ $O_{zx} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(J_z J_x + J_x J_z)$ $O_{xy} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(J_x J_y + J_y J_x)$	
$\Gamma_2^- (1)$	3 (o)	$T_{xyz} = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{6} J_x J_y J_z$	

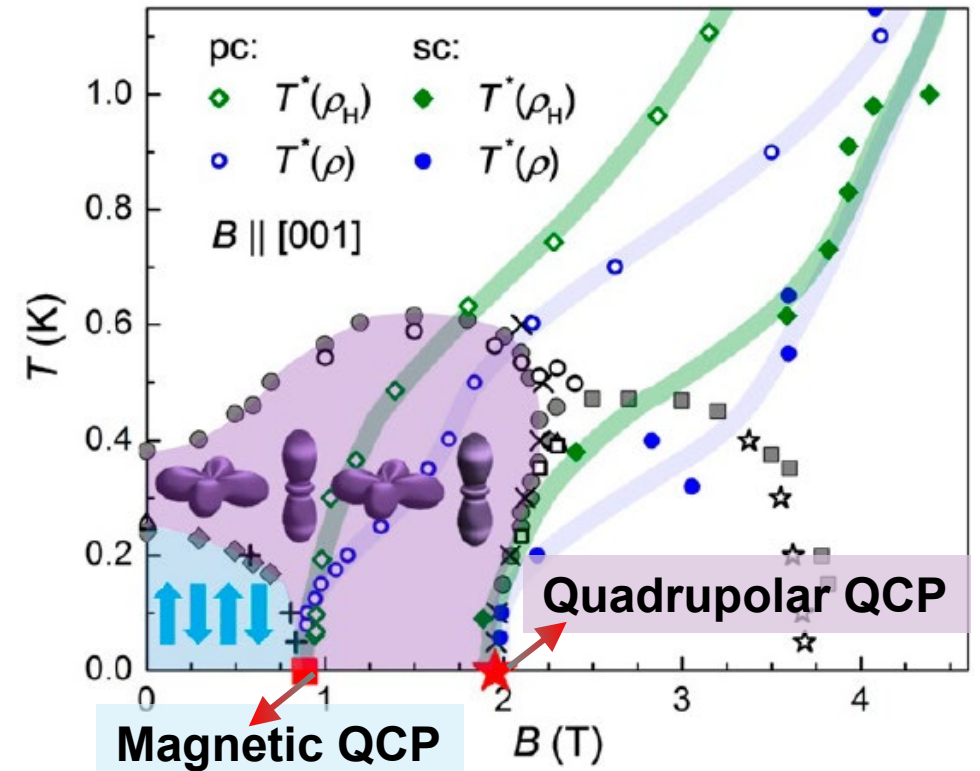


Multipolar phenomena in Ce^{3+} -based systems

La-doped CeB_6 : B - T phase diagram featuring dipolar, quadrupolar, and octupolar orders

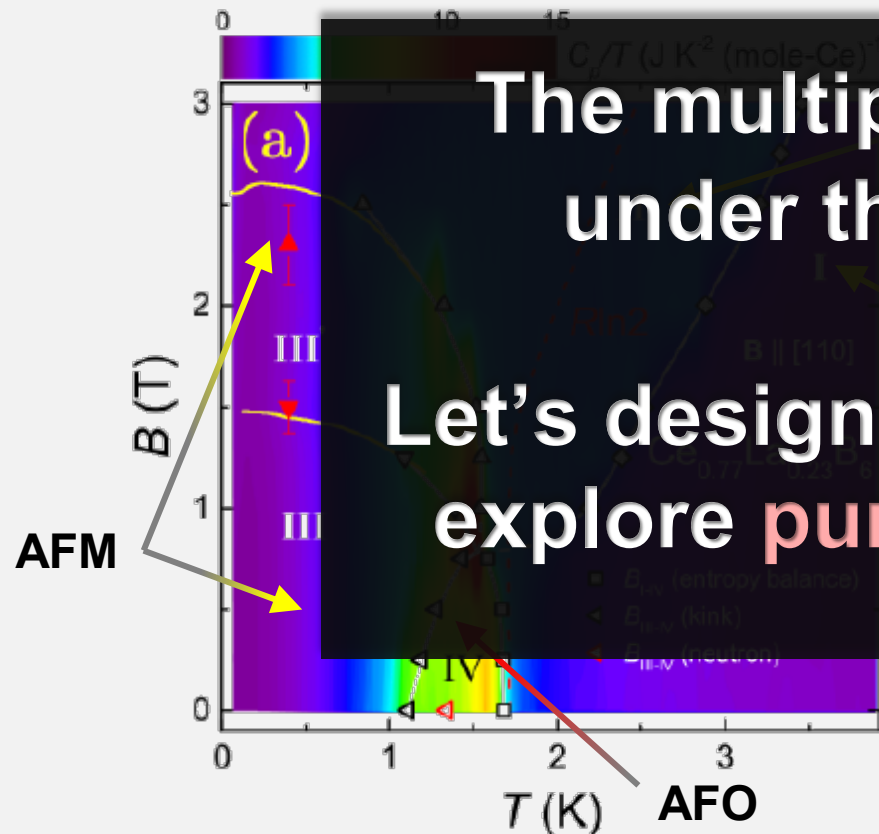


$\text{Ce}_3\text{Pd}_{20}\text{Si}_6$: Two electron localization transitions driven by dipolar and quadrupolar d.o.f



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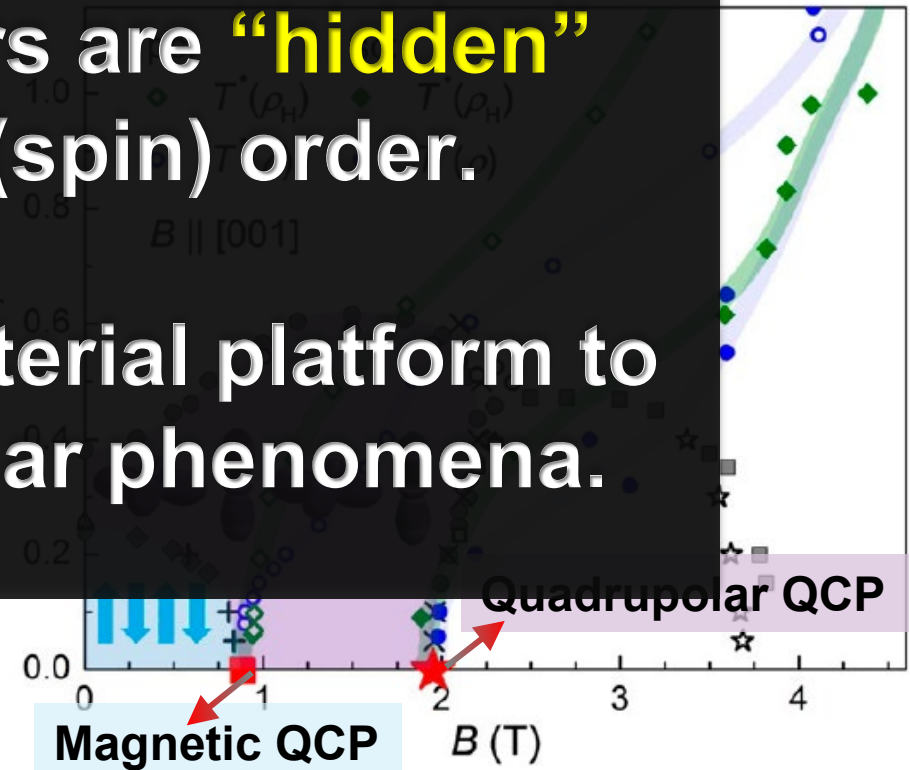
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The multipolar orders are **“hidden”** under the dipolar (spin) order.

Let's design a new material platform to explore **pure** multipolar phenomena.

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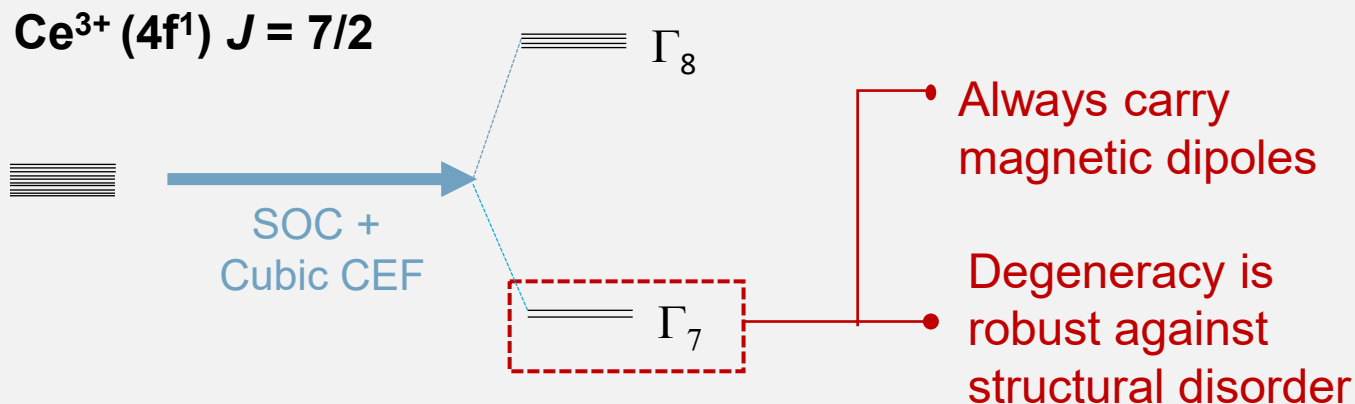


Cubic Pr^{3+} systems: Ideal platform for multipolar physics

4f Kramers doublet (e.g., Ce^{3+} , Yb^{3+})

- Odd number of f electrons
- Half-integer J
- Kramer's theory: **double degeneracy protected by time-reversal symmetry**

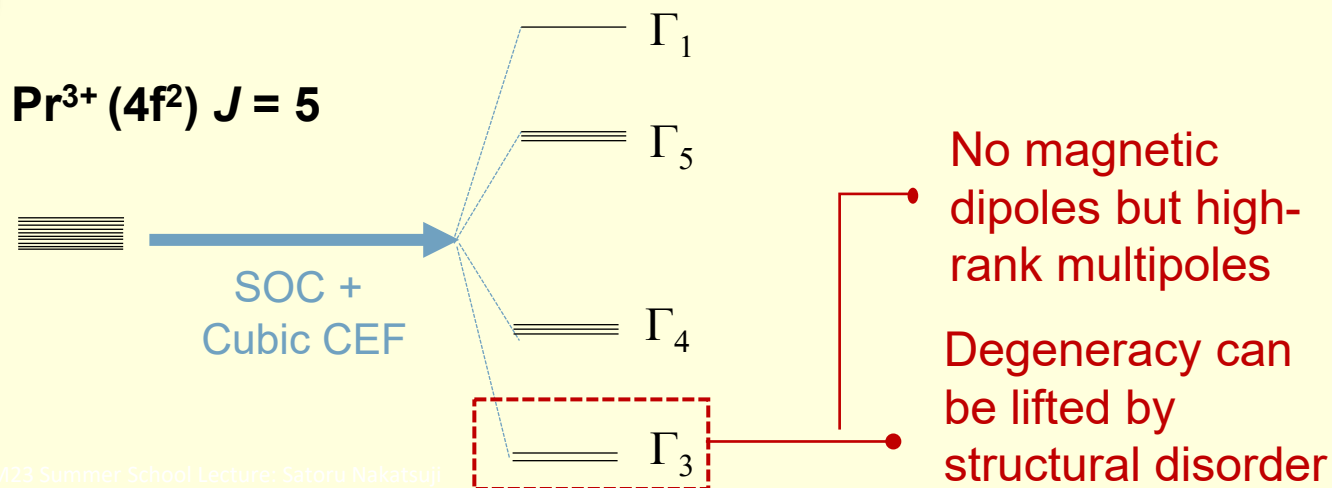
Ce^{3+} ($4f^1$) $J = 7/2$



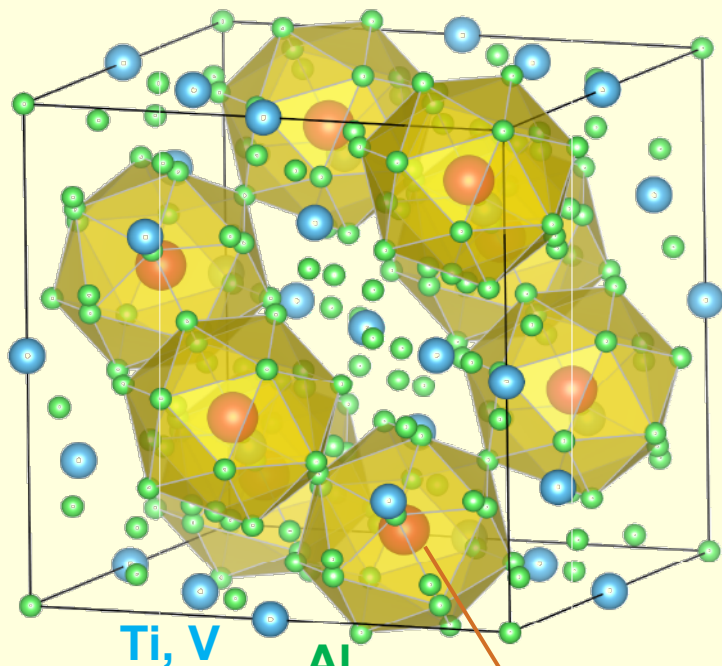
4f non-Kramers doublet (e.g., Pr^{3+})

- Even number of f electrons
- Integer J
- Double degeneracy is **not** protected by time-reversal symmetry but by **the local symmetry**

Pr^{3+} ($4f^2$) $J = 5$



Cubic Pr³⁺ systems: Ideal platform for multipolar physics



Pr (4f²)

Frank-Kasper cages of 16 Al surrounding the Pr ion
→ strong c-f hybridization

CEF scheme of Pr³⁺
in local **cubic**
environment

Pr³⁺
4f²
J=4

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CEF with a point
group symmetry T_d

PrV₂Al₂₀
(T_d)

PrTi₂Al₂₀
(T_d)

Γ₁ — ?
Γ₄ ≡ ?

Γ₁ — 156 K

Γ₅ ≡ 107 K

Γ₅ ≡ ~40 K

Γ₄ ≡ 65 K

Γ₃ ≡ 0

Γ₃ ≡ 0

$$|\Gamma_3^+\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{7}{6}} (|+4\rangle + |-4\rangle) - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{5}{3}} |0\rangle$$

$$|\Gamma_3^-\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} (|+2\rangle + |-2\rangle)$$

Well-isolated non-Kramers
doublet ground state

Active multipoles in cubic Pr^{3+} systems

Basis states of the Γ_3 non-Kramers doublet: $|\Gamma_3\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} |\Gamma_3^+\rangle \\ |\Gamma_3^-\rangle \end{pmatrix}$

$\langle \Gamma_3^\pm | J_\alpha | \Gamma_3^\pm \rangle = 0$, where $\alpha = x, y, z$ **No dipole moment!**

Finite matrix elements for

Quadrupolar moments
(time-reversal even)

$$O_{22} \equiv \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (J_x^2 - J_y^2) \quad O_{20} \equiv \frac{1}{2} (3J_z^2 - J^2)$$

Octupolar moment
(time-reversal odd)

$$T_{xyz} \equiv \frac{\sqrt{15}}{6} J_x J_y J_z$$

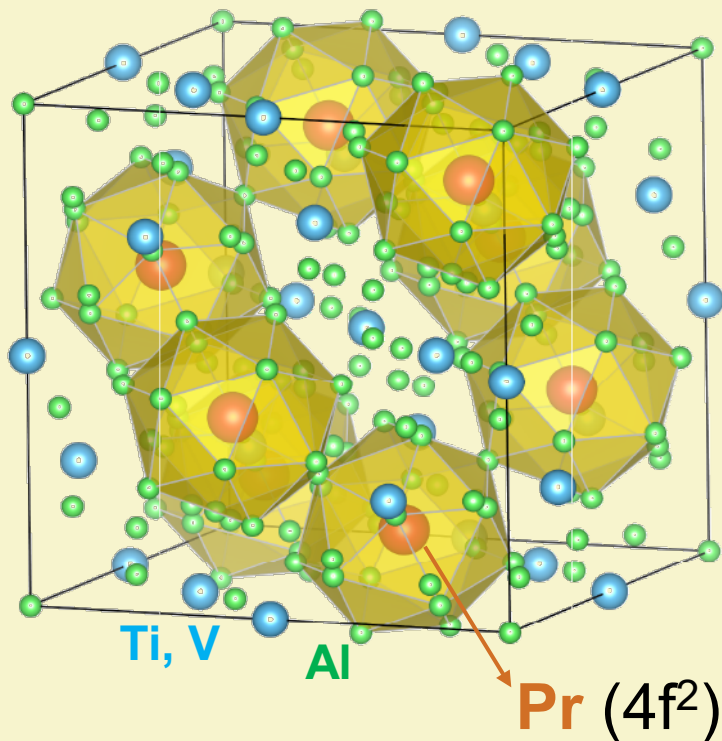
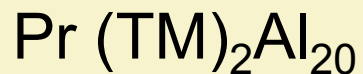
Pseudospin-1/2 basis

$$|\uparrow\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\Gamma_3^+\rangle + i|\Gamma_3^-\rangle)$$

$$|\downarrow\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (i|\Gamma_3^+\rangle + |\Gamma_3^-\rangle)$$

$$S^x = -\frac{1}{4} O_{22} \quad S^y = -\frac{1}{4} O_{20} \quad S^z = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{5}} T_{xyz}$$

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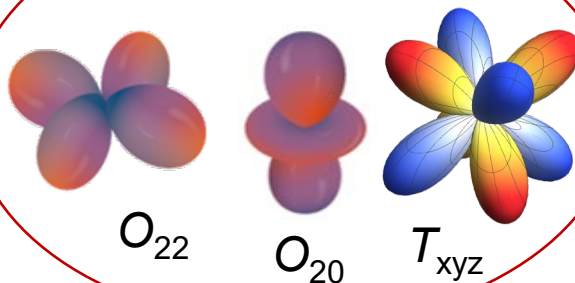
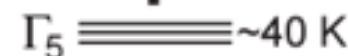
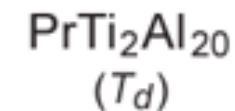
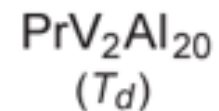
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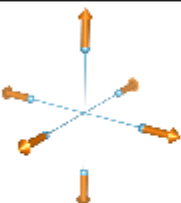
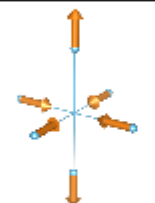
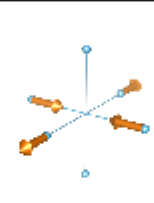
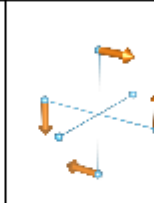
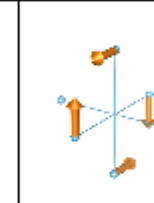
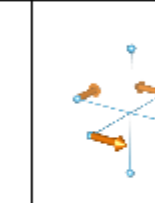

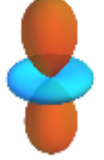






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Symmetrized Strains						
E-Quadrupole Charge Distribution						
Stevens Op.	O_B	O_2^0	O_2^2	O_{yz}	O_{zx}	O_{xy}

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Measurement of elastic modulus (e.g., ultrasound, magnetostriction)



Ordering of high-rank atomic multipoles

Probing multipole order with ultrasound

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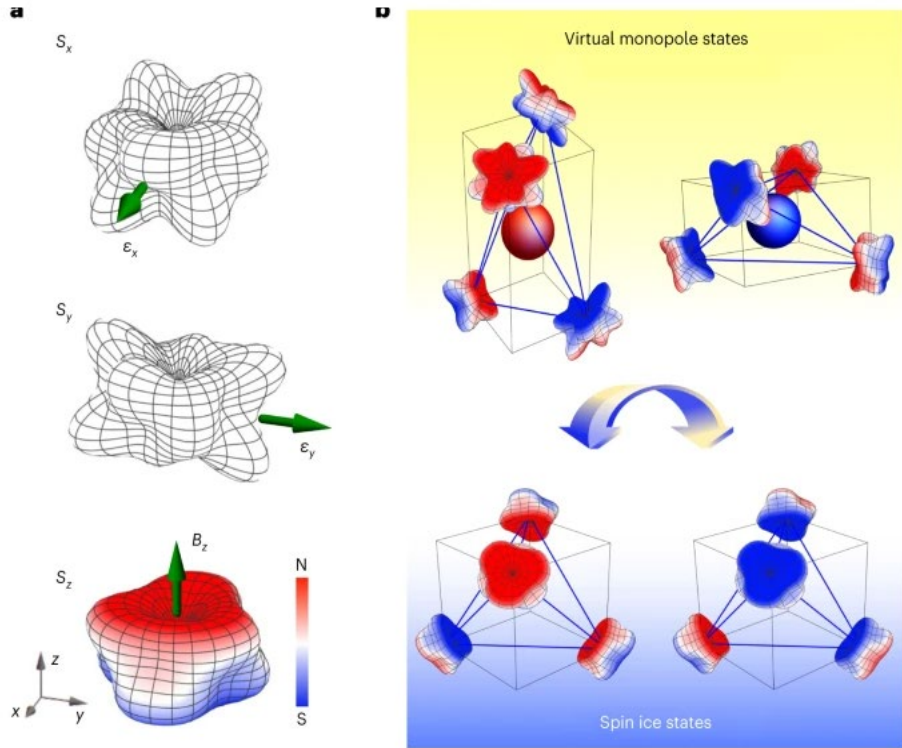
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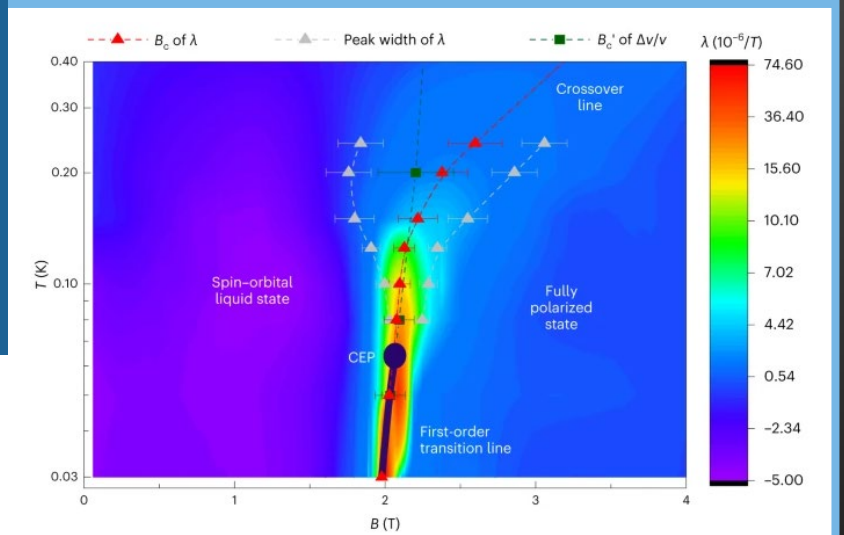
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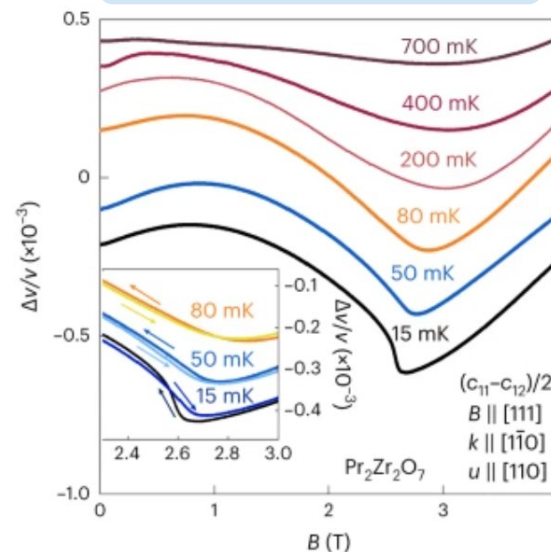


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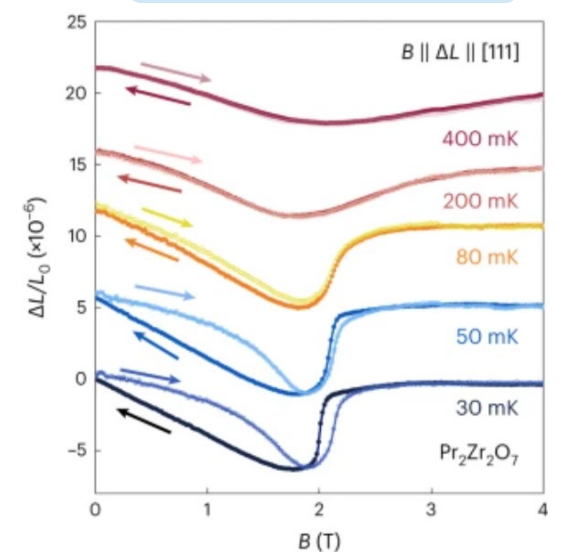
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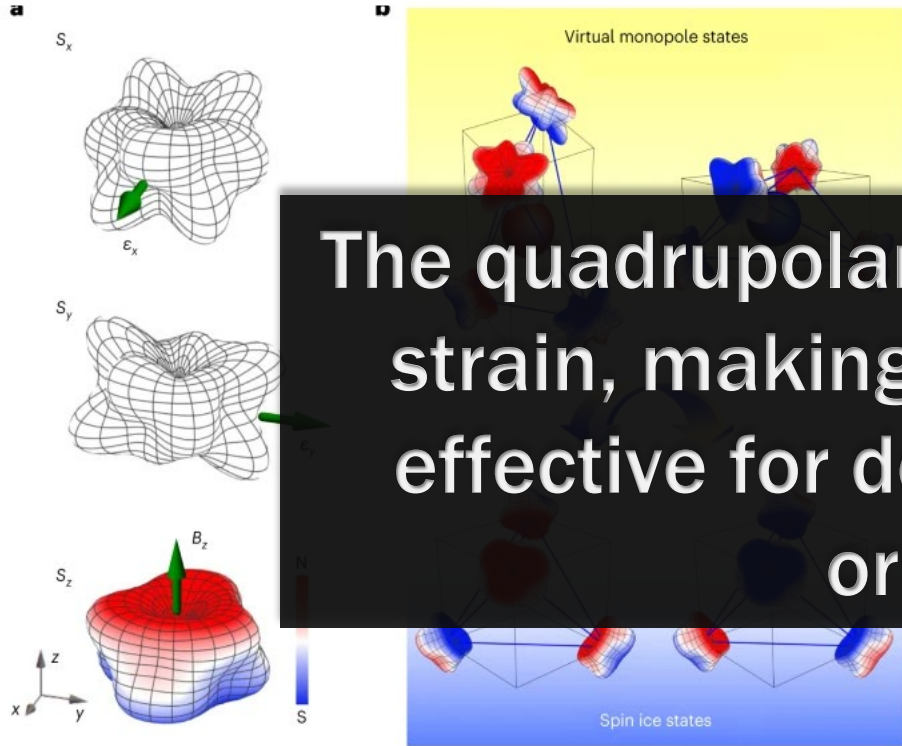
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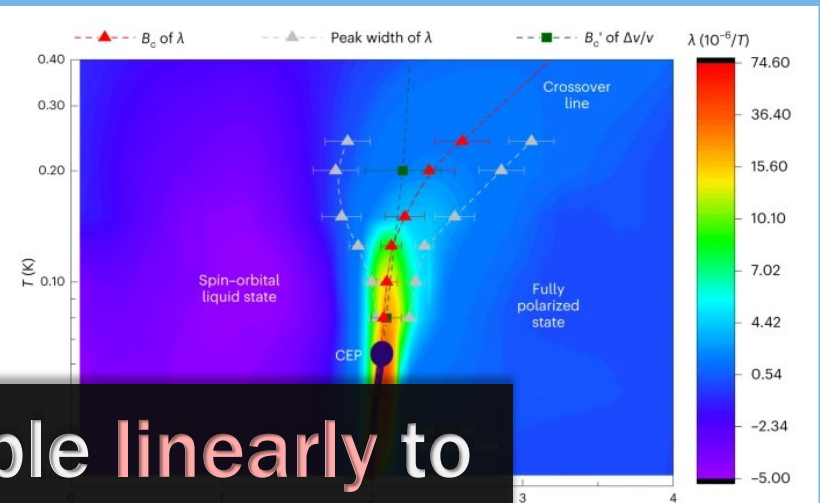
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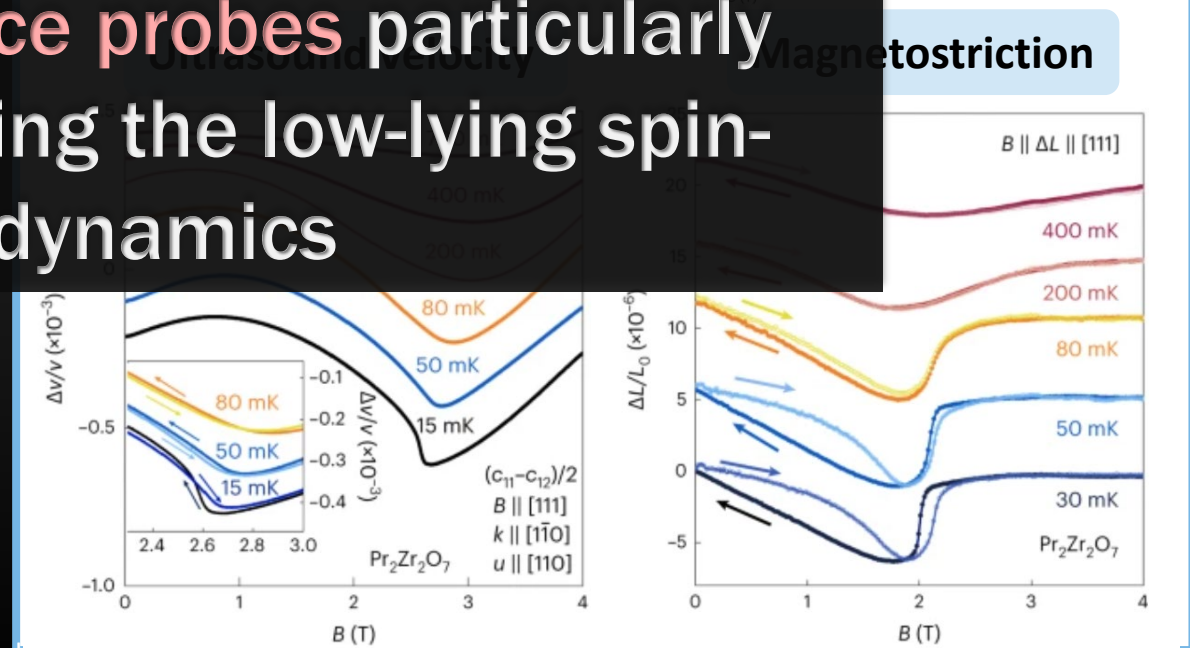


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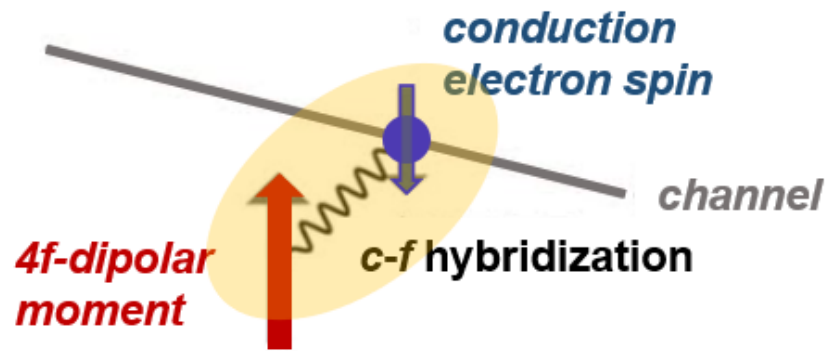
The quadrupolar moments couple **linearly** to strain, making **lattice probes** particularly effective for detecting the low-lying spin-orbital dynamics

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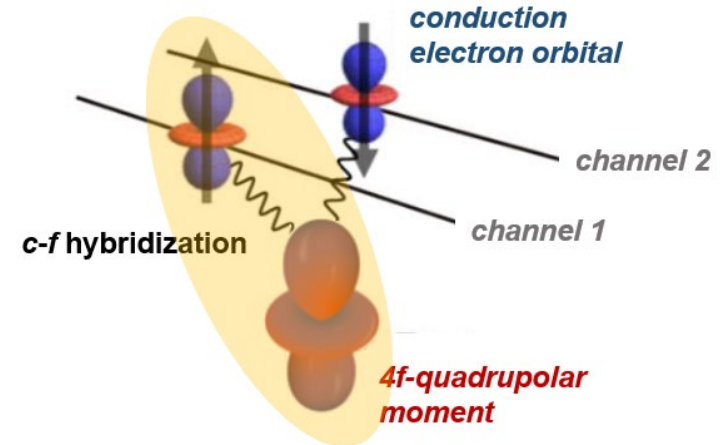
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and **exact screening**

f electrons become itinerant and enter the Fermi surface in the **heavy-fermion Fermi liquid (FL) ground state**

$$\rho \sim AT^2 \quad C/T \sim \frac{m^*}{m_0} \gamma_0$$

VS.

Quadrupolar Kondo effect



Two-channel Kondo model ($k = 2$) and **over-screening** D. L. Cox, Phys. Rev. Lett. (1987).

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electron orbital

c-f hybridization
channel 1
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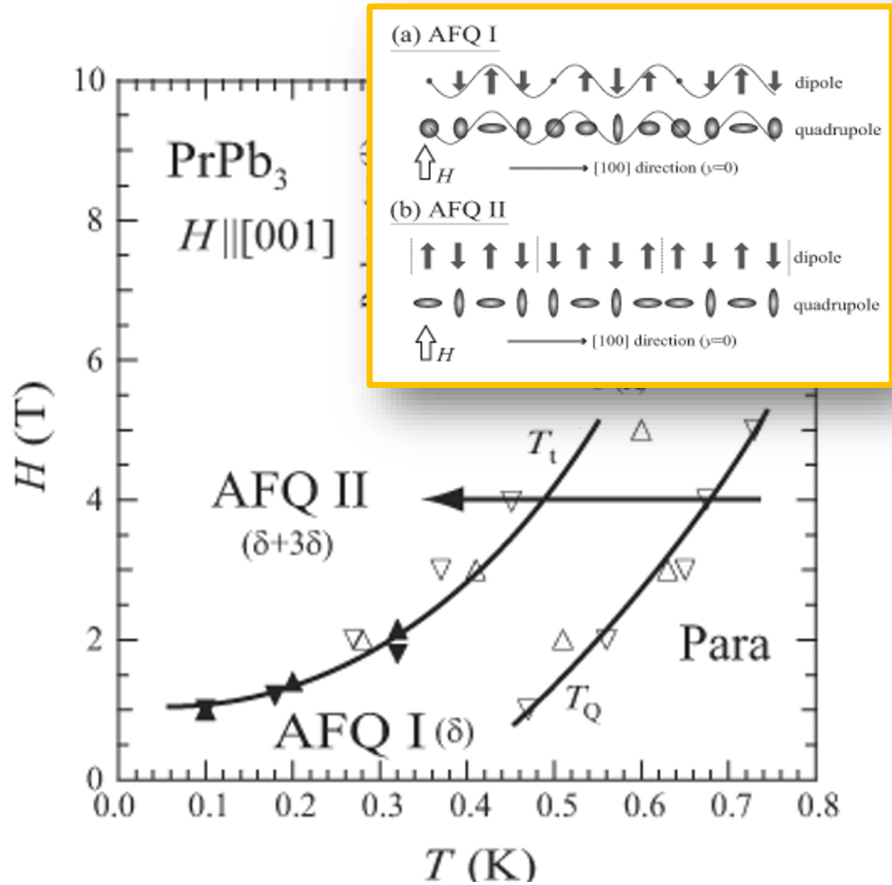
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The multipolar Kondo effect represents an alternative route to novel NFLs, distinct from quantum criticality.

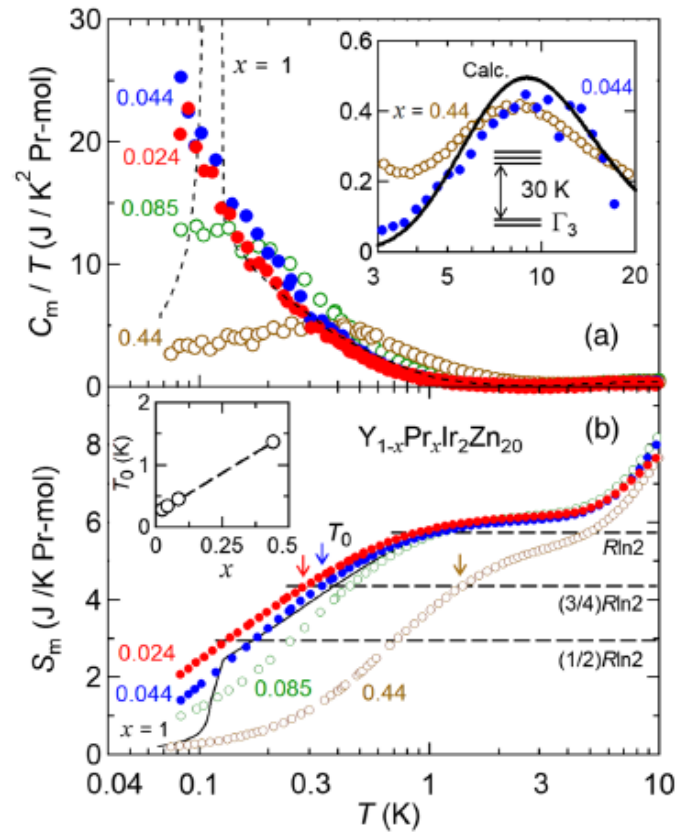
The NFL is **intrinsic** to the multipolar Kondo interaction and thus **does not** require fine-tuning of parameters.

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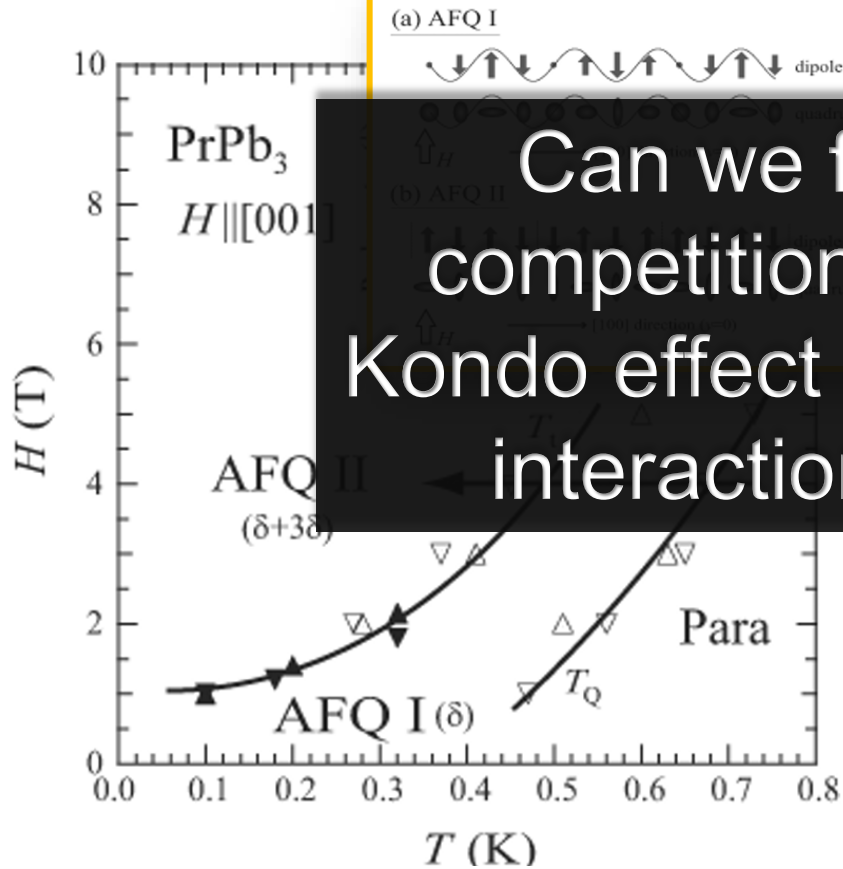
Dilute

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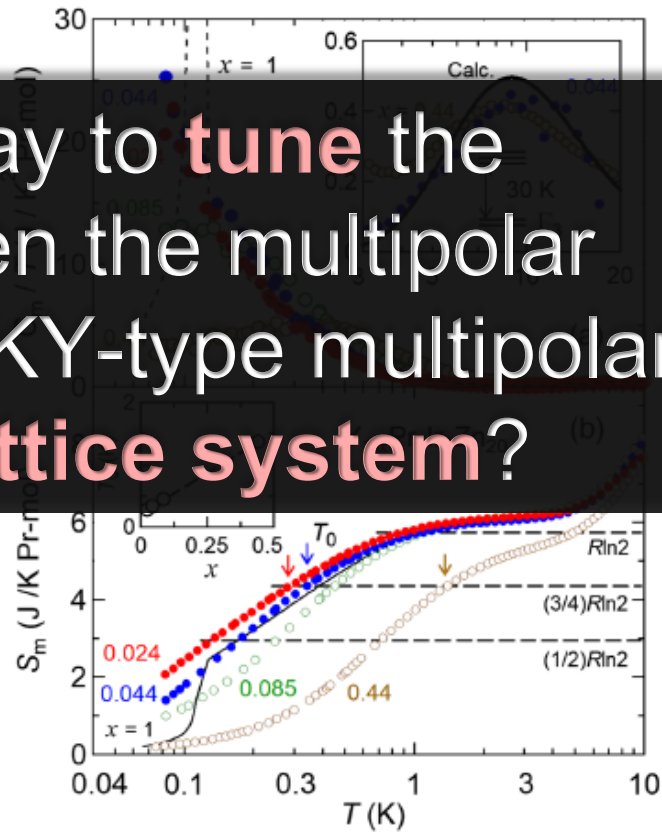
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Can we find a way to **tune** the competition between the multipolar Kondo effect and RKKY-type multipolar interaction in **a lattice system**?

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