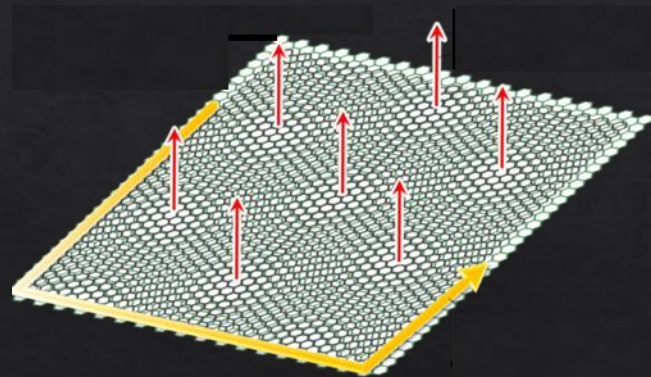


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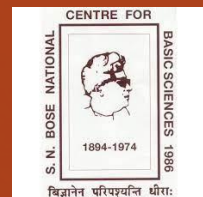
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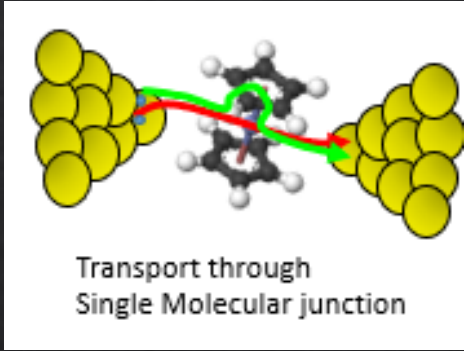
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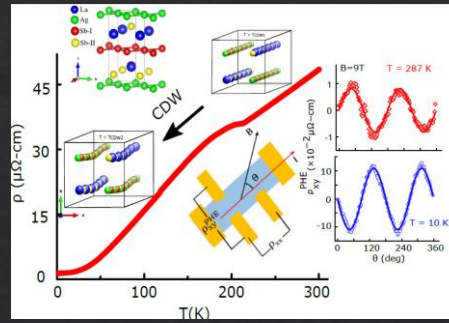
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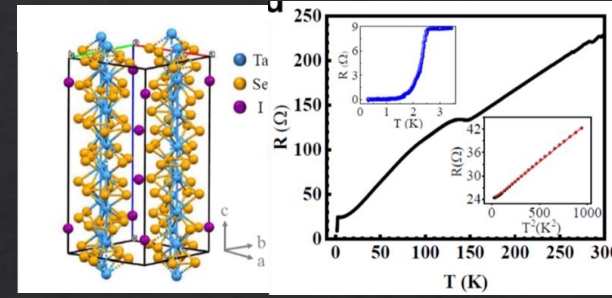
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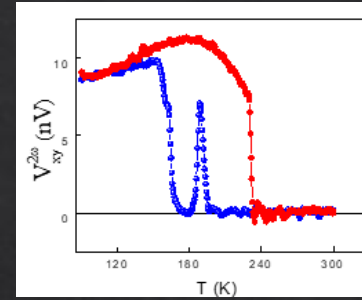
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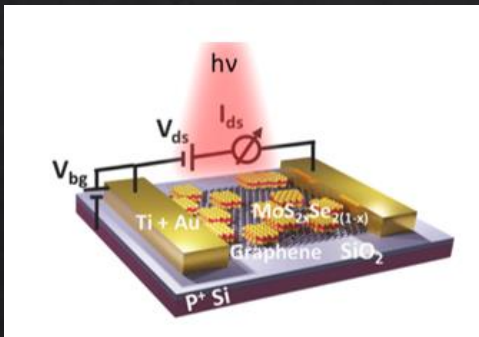
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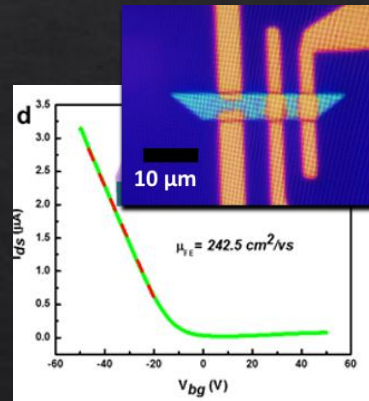


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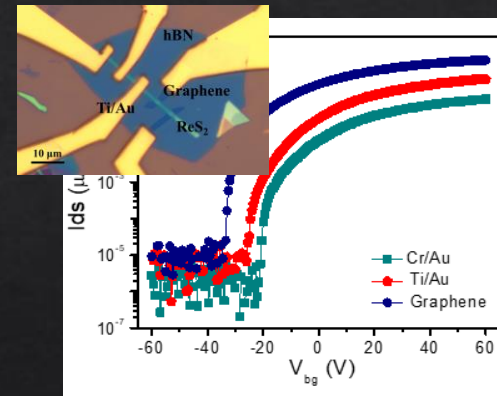


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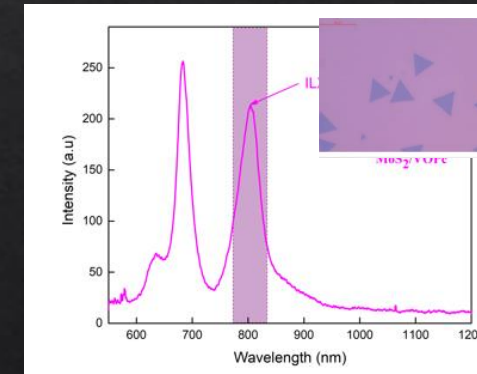
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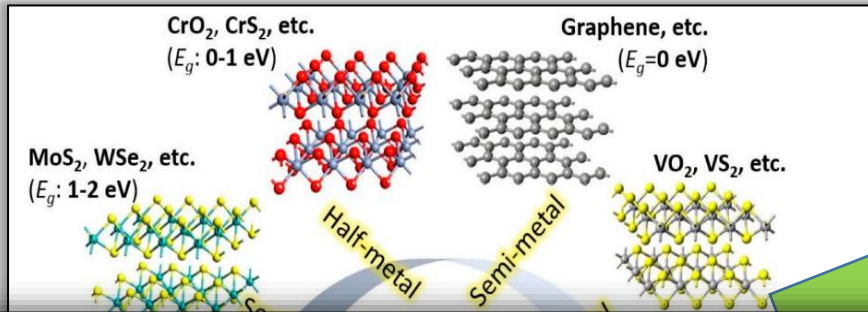
# Plan

- Unusual magnetism and transport in  $\text{Fe}_4\text{GeTe}_2$
- ESR measurement in  $\text{Fe}_4\text{GeTe}_2$



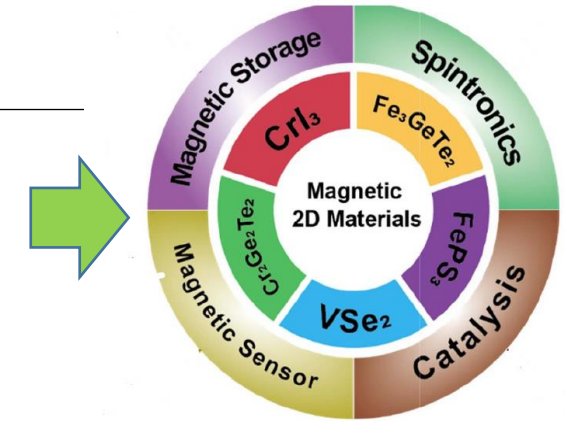
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# 2D Ferromagnet



Missing member  
till 2016

2D Magnets



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## Layer-dependent ferromagnetism in a van der Waals crystal down to the monolayer limit

Bevin Huang<sup>1\*</sup>, Genevieve Clark<sup>2\*</sup>, Efrén Navarro-Moratalla<sup>3\*</sup>, Dahlia R. Klein<sup>3</sup>, Ran Cheng<sup>4</sup>, Kyle L. Seyler<sup>1</sup>, Ding Zhong<sup>1</sup>, Emma Schmidgall<sup>1</sup>, Michael A. McGuire<sup>5</sup>, David H. Cobden<sup>1</sup>, Wang Yao<sup>6</sup>, Di Xiao<sup>4</sup>, Pablo Jarillo-Herrero<sup>3</sup> & Xiaodong Xu<sup>1,2</sup>

Since the discovery of graphene<sup>1</sup>, the family of two-dimensional materials has grown, displaying a broad range of electronic properties. Recent additions include semiconductors with spin-valley coupling<sup>2</sup>, Ising superconductors<sup>3-5</sup> that can be tuned into a quantum metal<sup>6</sup>, possible Mott insulators with tunable charge-density waves<sup>7</sup> and topological semimetals with low carrier density<sup>8,9</sup>

A variety of layered magnetic compounds have recently been investigated to determine whether their magnetic properties can be retained down to monolayer thickness<sup>12-14,26</sup>. Recent Raman studies suggest ferromagnetic ordering in few-layer Cr<sub>2</sub>Ge<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>6</sub> and antiferromagnetic ordering in monolayer FePS<sub>3</sub><sup>27,28</sup>. However, no evidence yet exists for ferromagnetism persisting down to the monolayer limit. One promising

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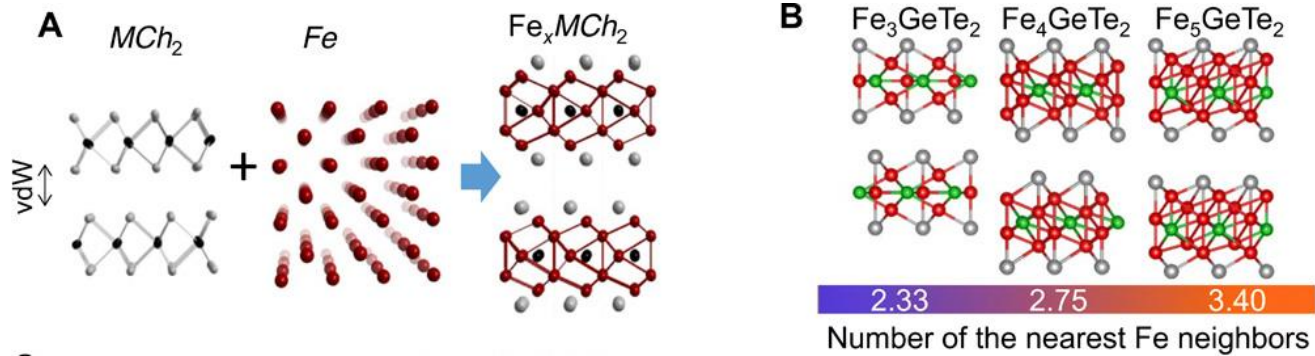
## Discovery of intrinsic ferromagnetism in two-dimensional van der Waals crystals

Cheng Gong<sup>1\*</sup>, Lin Li<sup>2\*</sup>, Zhenglu Li<sup>3,4\*</sup>, Huiwen Ji<sup>5</sup>, Alex Stern<sup>2</sup>, Yang Xia<sup>1</sup>, Ting Cao<sup>3,4</sup>, Wei Bao<sup>1</sup>, Chenzhe Wang<sup>1</sup>, Yuan Wang<sup>1,4</sup>, Z. Q. Qiu<sup>3</sup>, R. J. Cava<sup>5</sup>, Steven G. Louie<sup>3,4</sup>, Jing Xia<sup>2</sup> & Xiang Zhang<sup>1,4</sup>

In this case, the magnetic anisotropy of the system, stabilized the long range magnetic order down to monolayer and suppresses the effect of thermal fluctuations<sup>#</sup>.

<sup>#</sup>M. Bander and D. L. Mills, *Phys. Rev. B* **38**, 12015–12018 (1988).

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## Ferromagnetism of ultrathin films

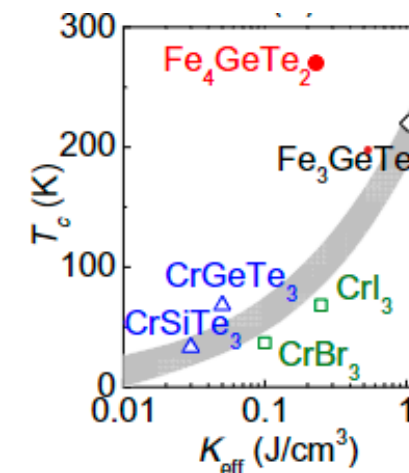
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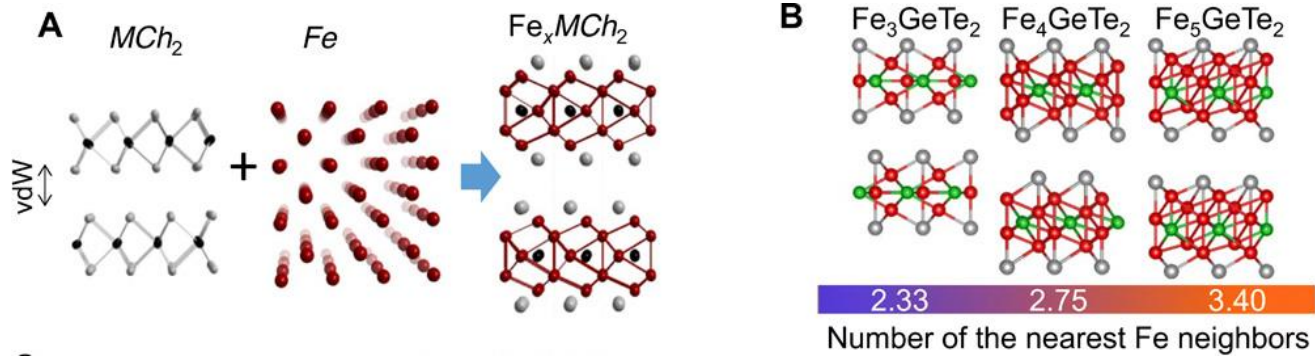
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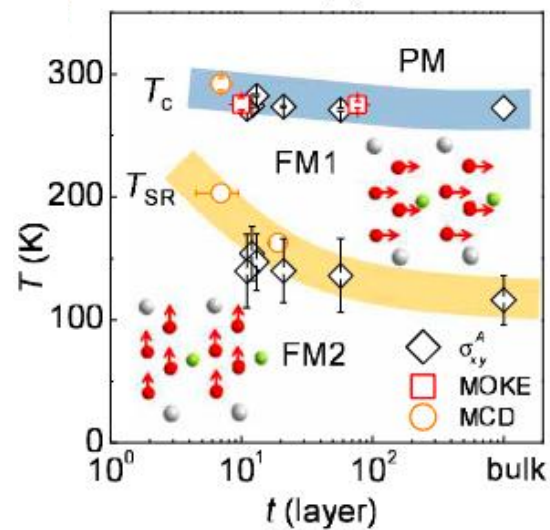
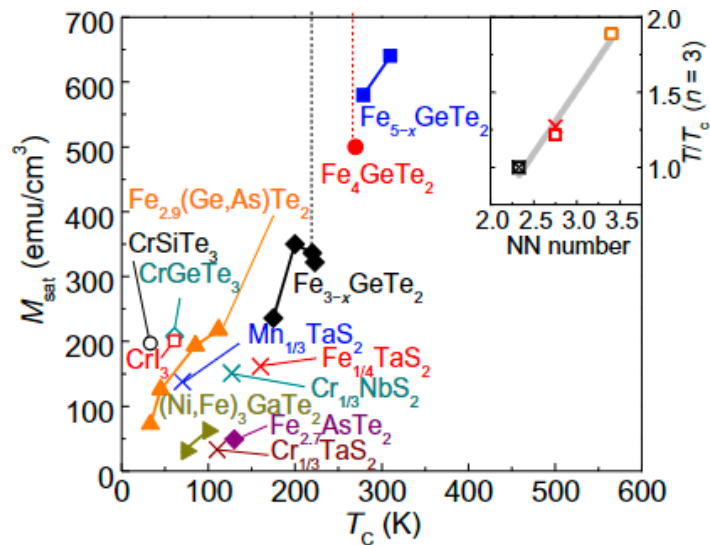


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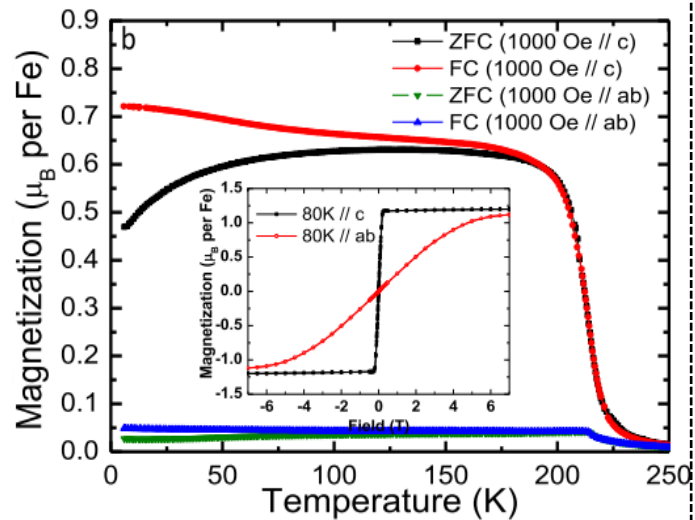
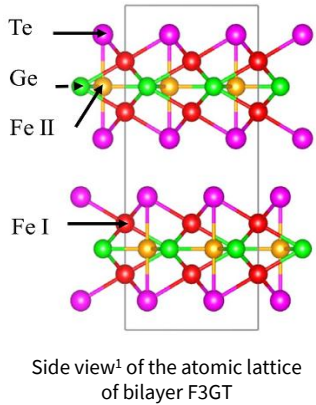
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Fe-rich vdW ferromagnets are promising spin-source materials.

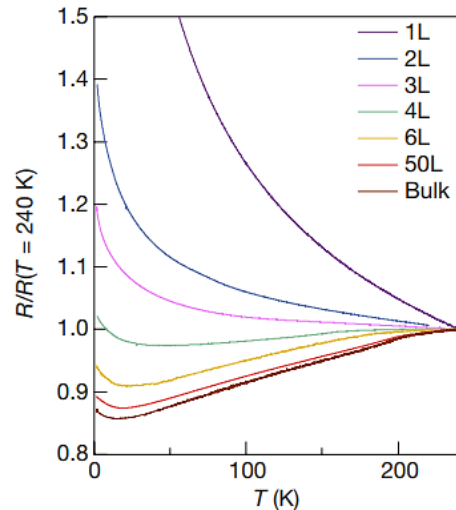
- High  $T_C$ , High  $M_{SAT}$ , Metallic-easier for spin injection.
- Less anisotropy.

# Fe<sub>n</sub>GeTe<sub>2</sub> family (n = 3, 4, 5)

Fe<sub>3</sub>GeTe<sub>2</sub> (2018)



- Hexagonal structure (P6<sub>3</sub>/mmc space group) with **T<sub>c</sub> ~ 210 K** (bulk F3GT)<sup>1,2</sup>
- **Easy-axis FM** with a large perpendicular magnetic anisotropy down to monolayer<sup>2</sup>.
- Co-existence<sup>2</sup> of AFM+FM (152-214K)
- Thickness dependent<sup>3</sup> T<sub>c</sub> (130K for monolayer (0.8 nm))

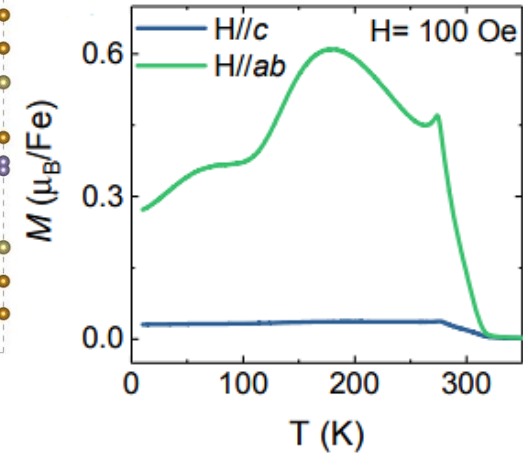
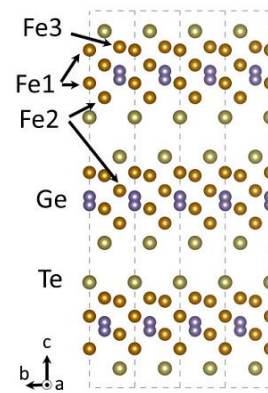


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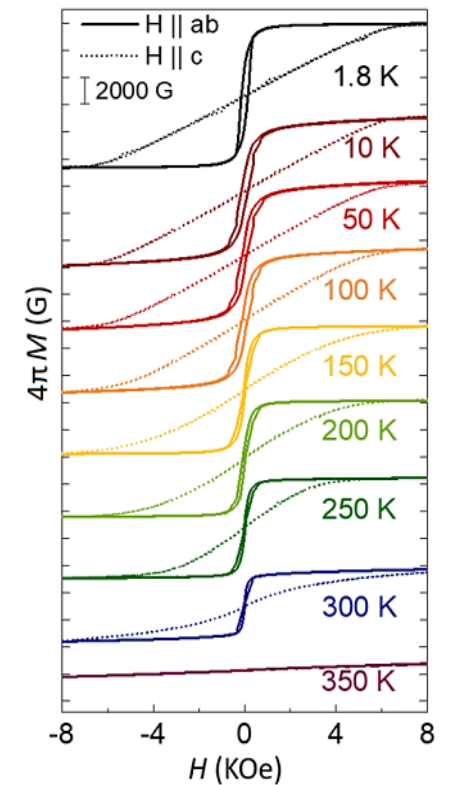
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Fe<sub>5</sub>GeTe<sub>2</sub> (2019)



- Rhombohedral structure (space group R3m) with **T<sub>c</sub> ~ 310 K** (bulk F5GT)<sup>4</sup>
- **Easy-plane FM** with in-plane magnetic anisotropy<sup>4</sup> in bulk.
- Complex ferromagnetic to ferrimagnetic transition at 275 K, and then to glassy clusters state<sup>5</sup> below 110 K (in bulk).
- Switch of magnetic anisotropy from in-plane to out-of-plane for bilayer F5GT, frozen spin-glass-like behavior for monolayer F5GT<sup>6</sup>.



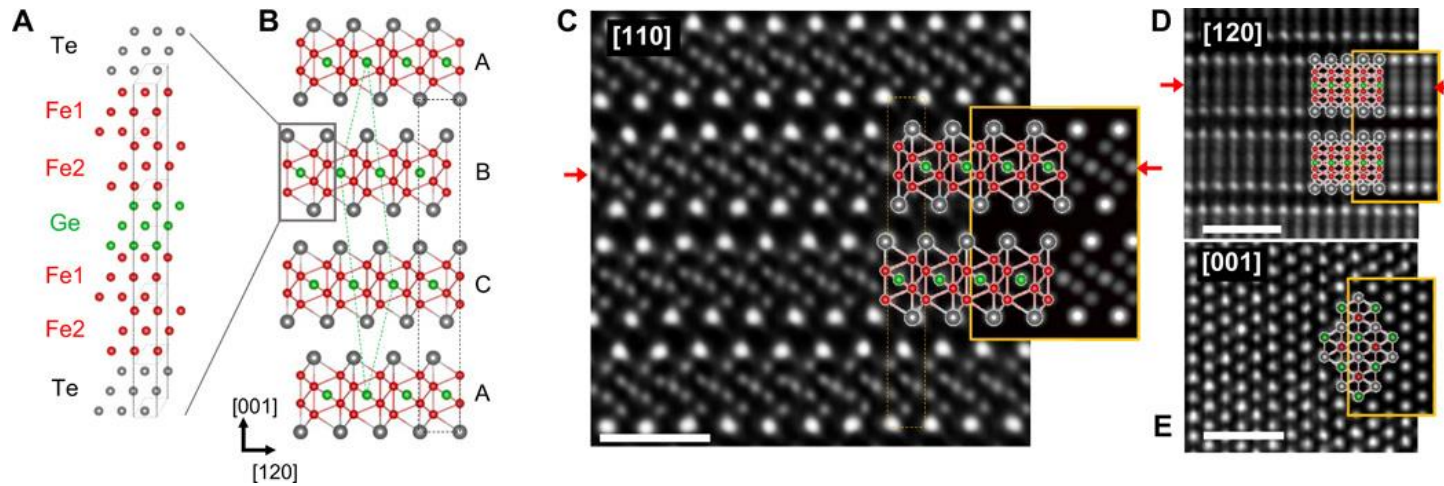
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# Crystal Structure, Magnetization of $\text{Fe}_4\text{GeTe}_2$



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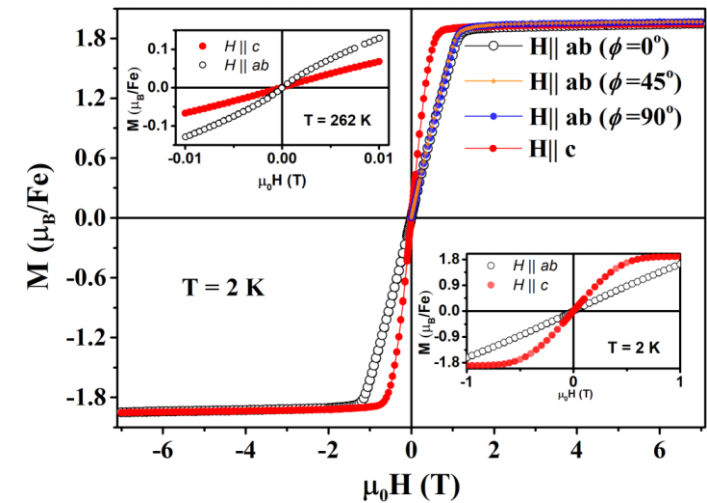
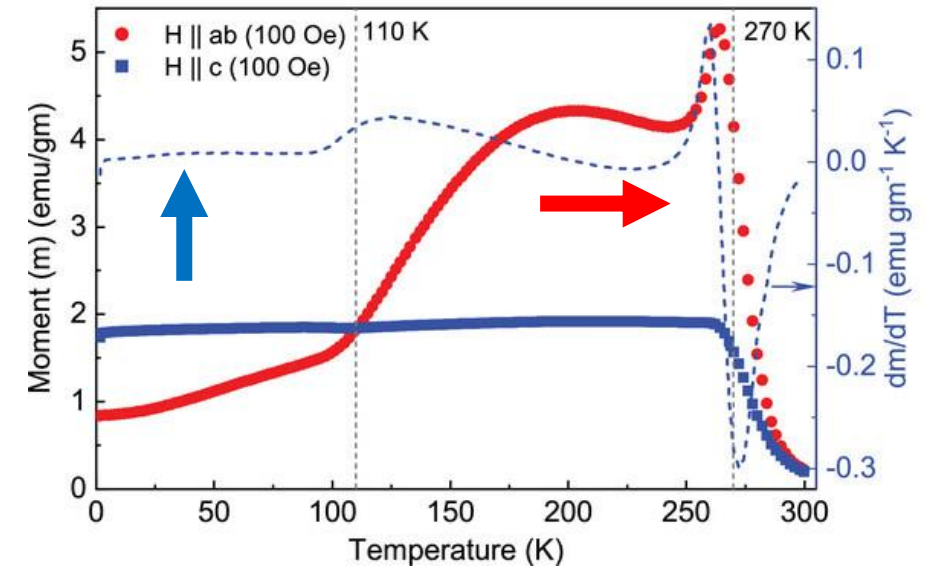
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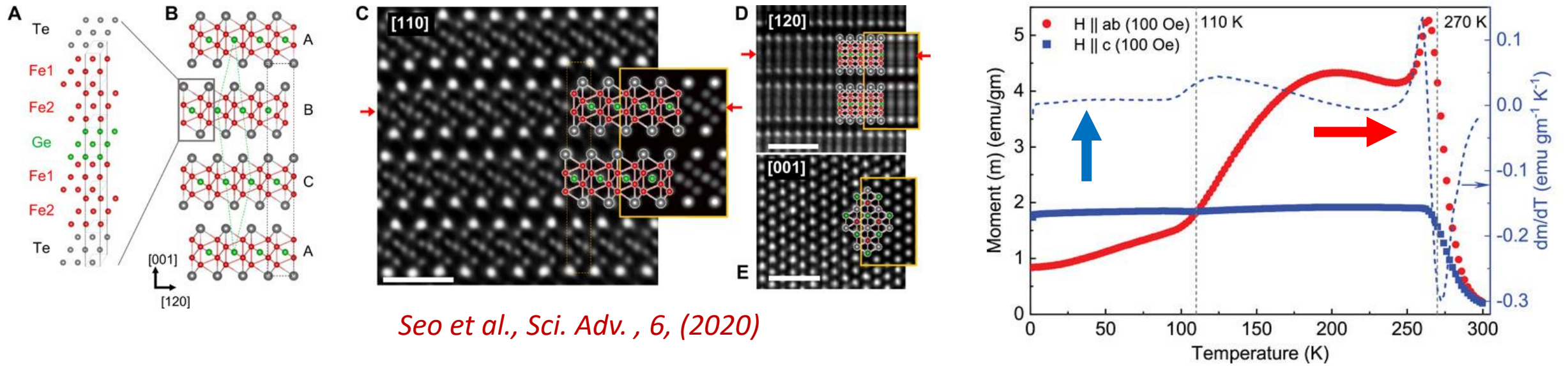
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Competition between  
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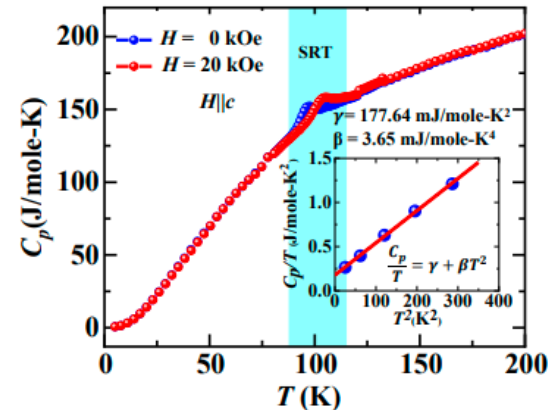
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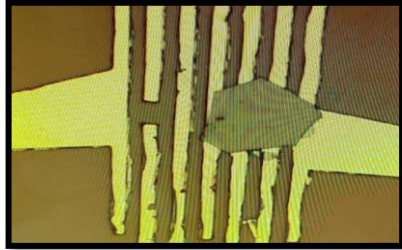
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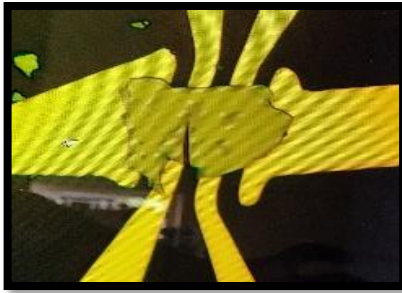
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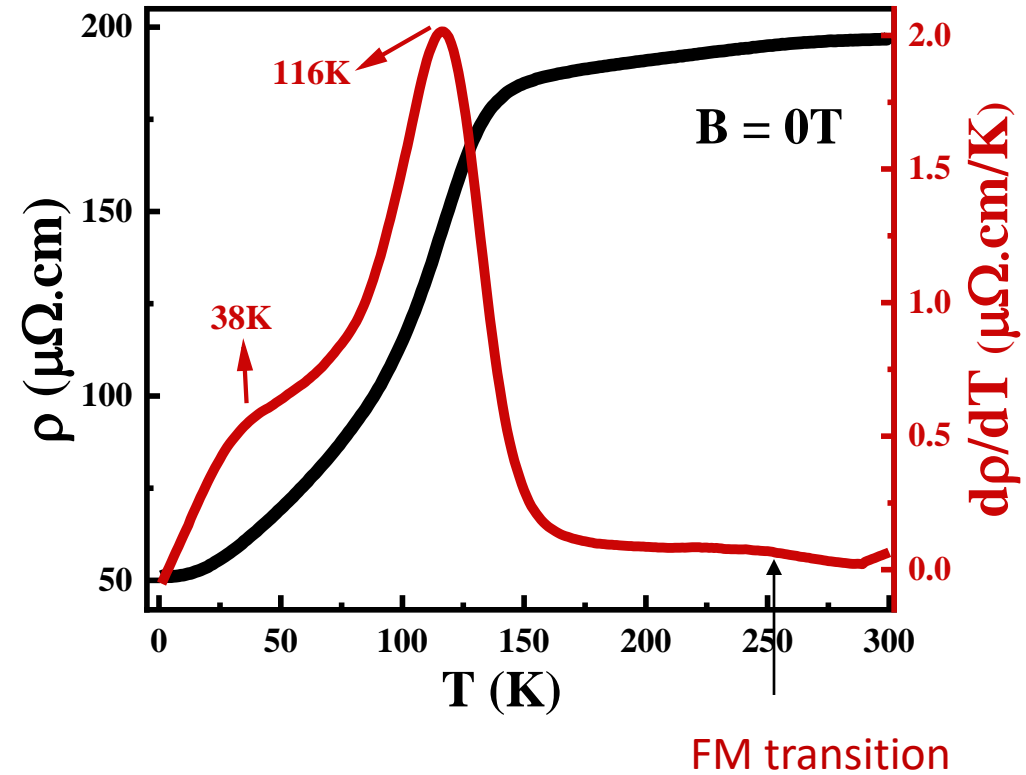
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Device 1 (16 nm)



Device 2 (95 nm)

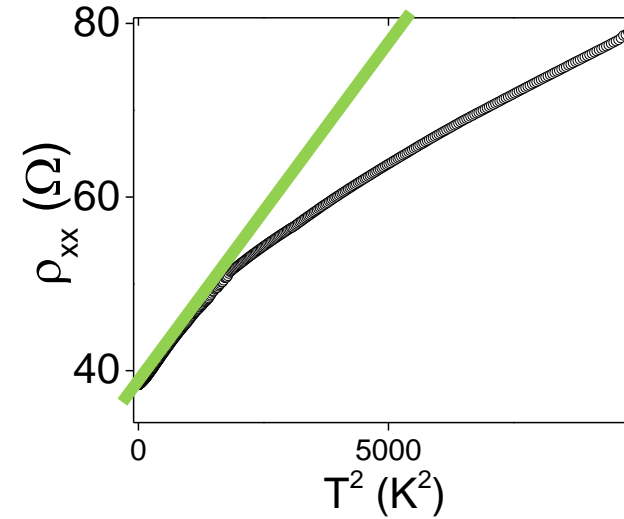
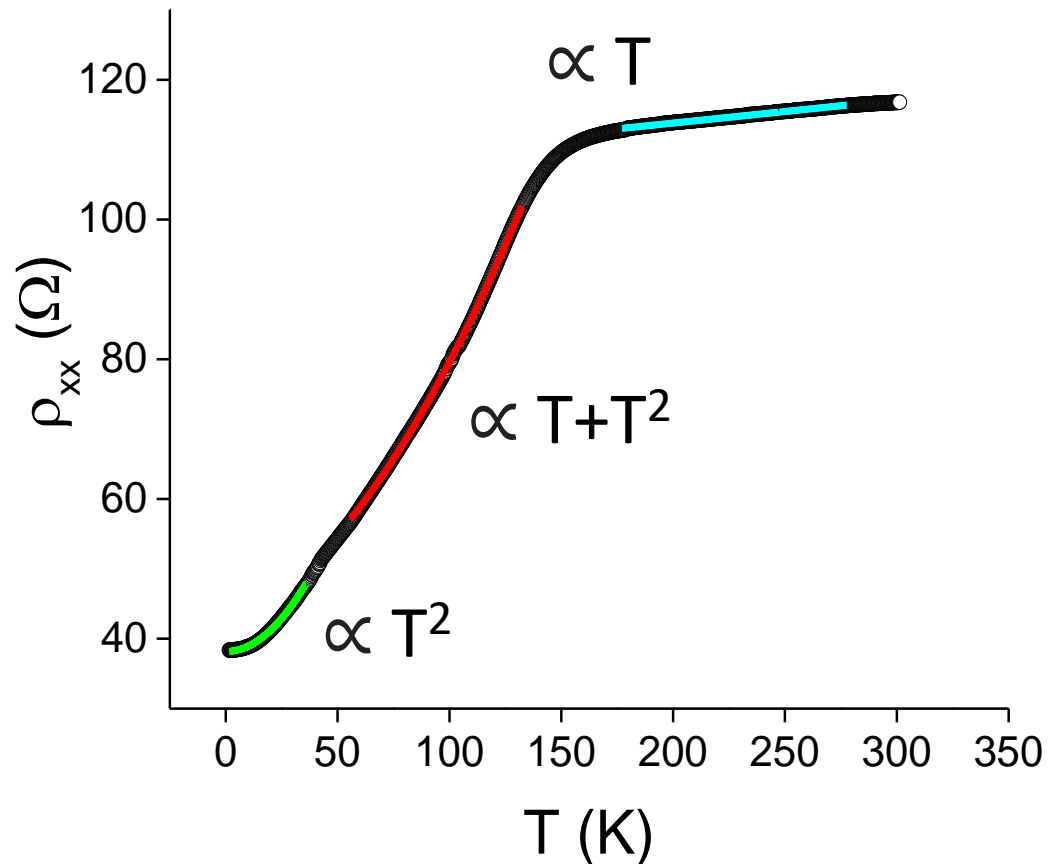


**Dramatic effect near spin reorientation transition**

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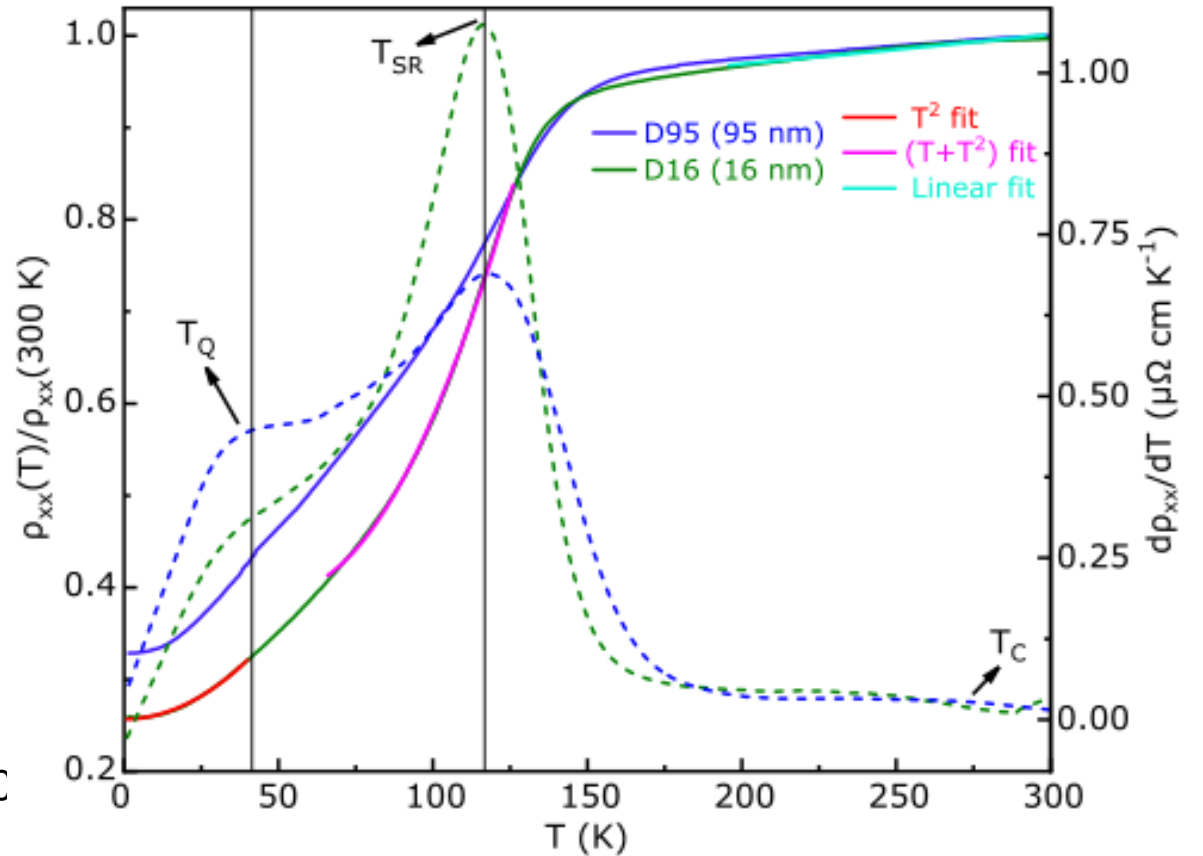
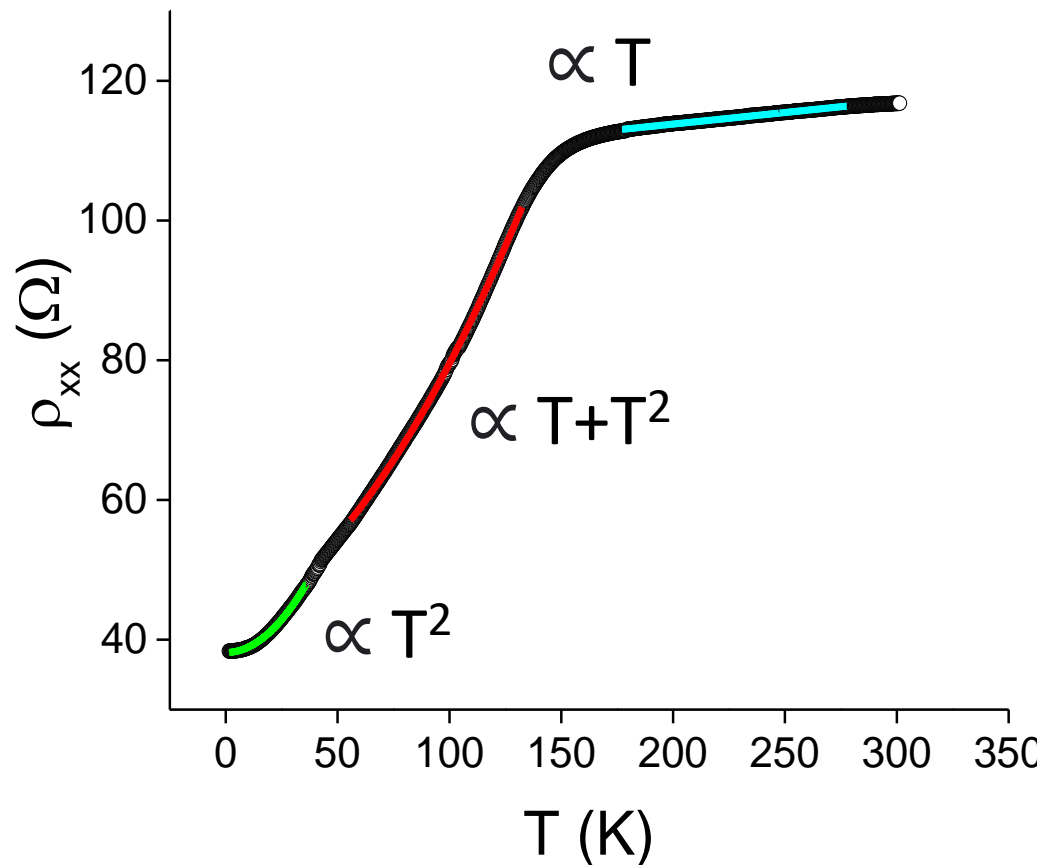
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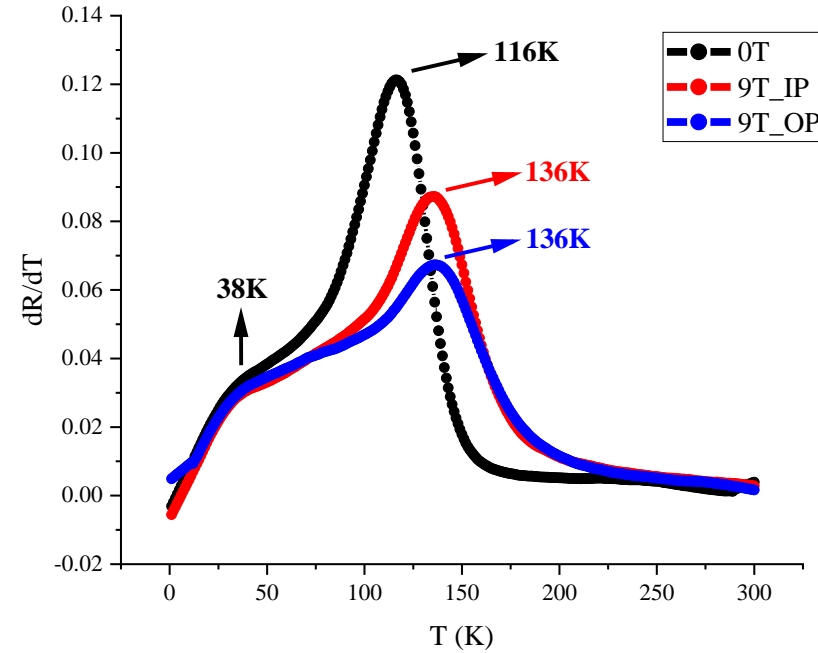
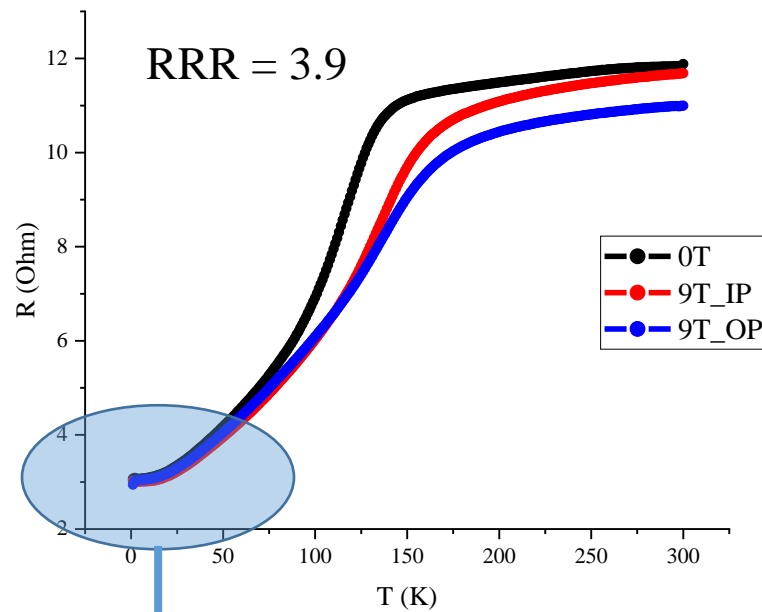
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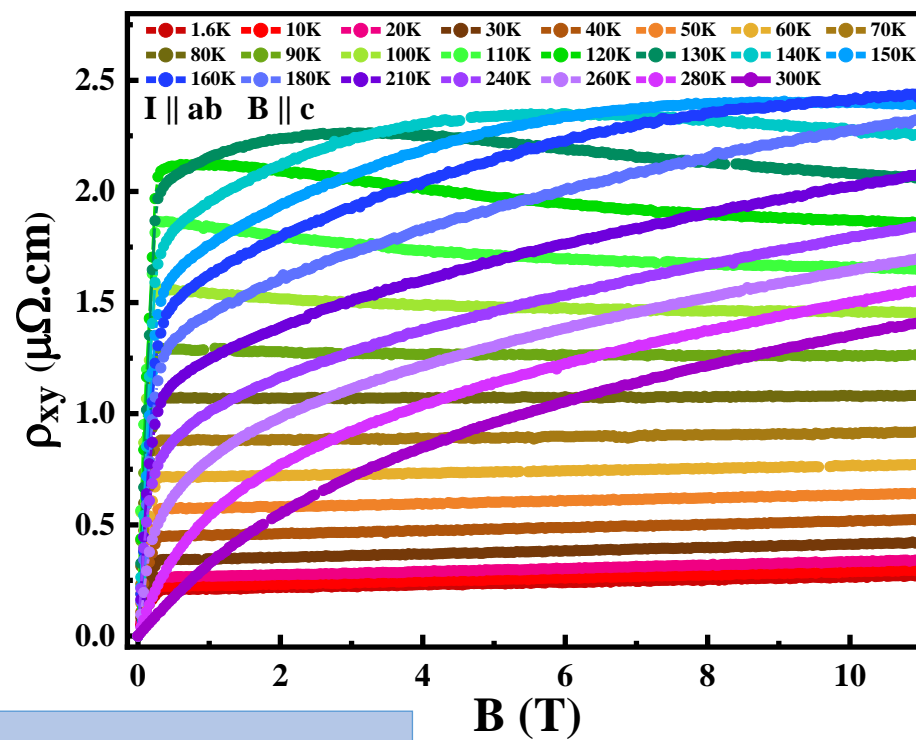
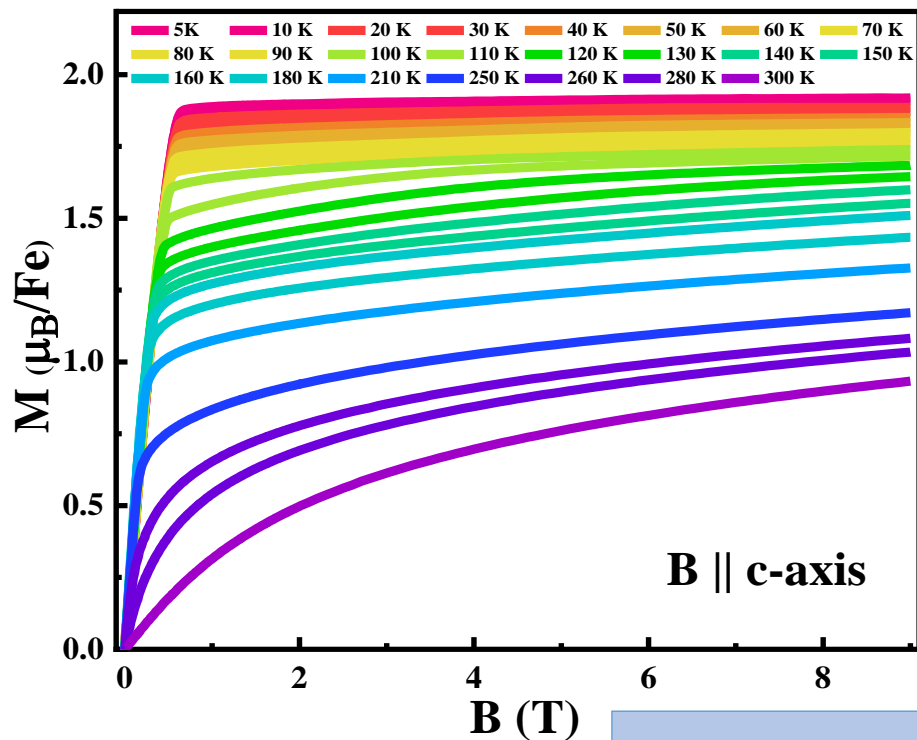


# Resistivity: Temperature dependence



**Pure electron-electron interaction, does not change with magnetic field,  
Behaves like metal**

# Hall effect

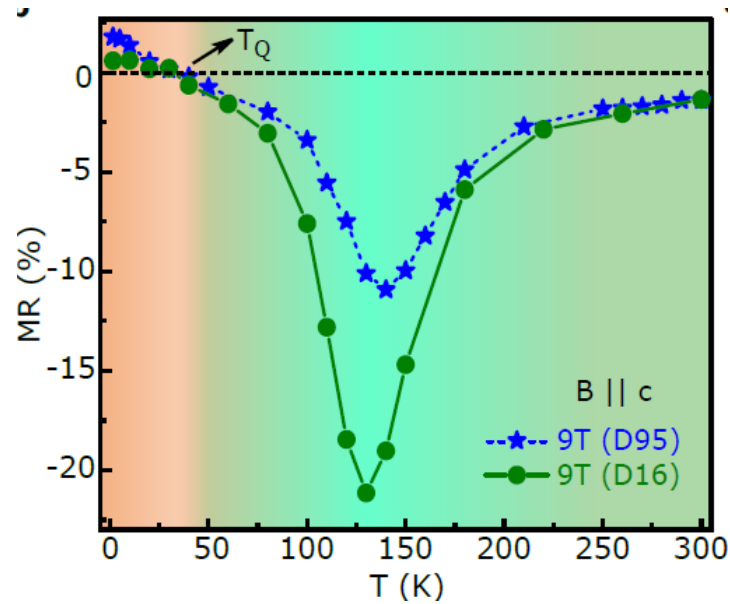
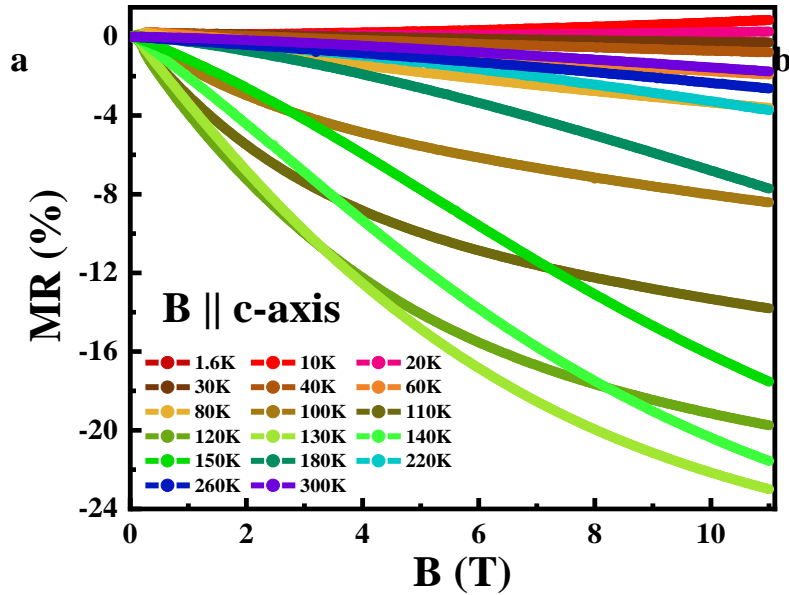


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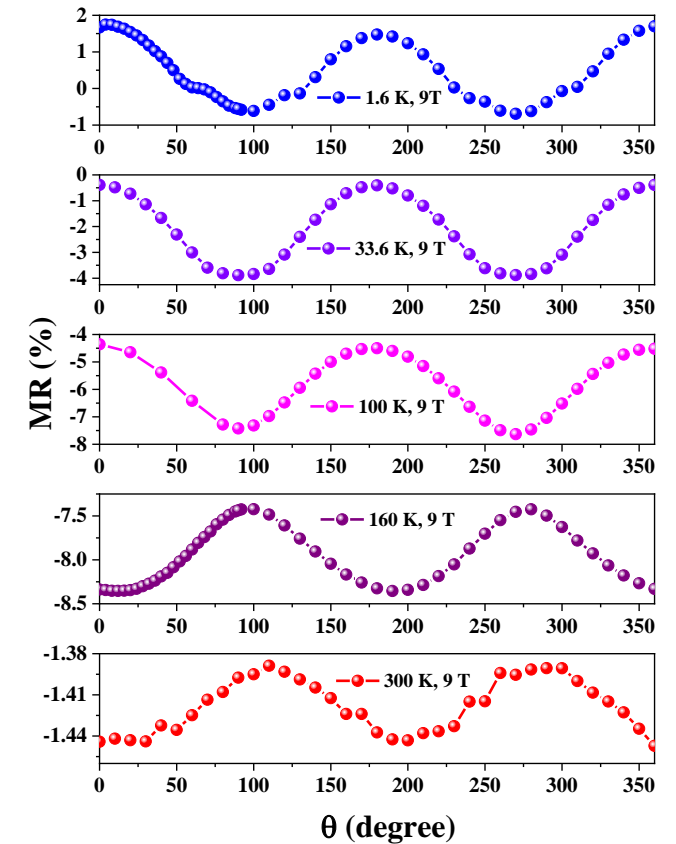
$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{xy}^{\text{Hall}} &= \rho_{xy}^{\text{NH}} + \rho_{xy}^{\text{AHE}} \\ &= \mathbf{R}_0 \mathbf{B} + \mu_0 \mathbf{R}_s \mathbf{M} \\ \rho_{xy}^{\text{Hall}} / \mathbf{B} &= \mathbf{R}_0 + \mu_0 (\mathbf{R}_s (\mathbf{M} / \mathbf{B})) \\ \mathbf{Y} &= \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{mX} \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $\mathbf{R}_0$  and  $\mathbf{R}_s$  are the ordinary & Anomalous Hall coefficient respectively

# Magnetoresistance

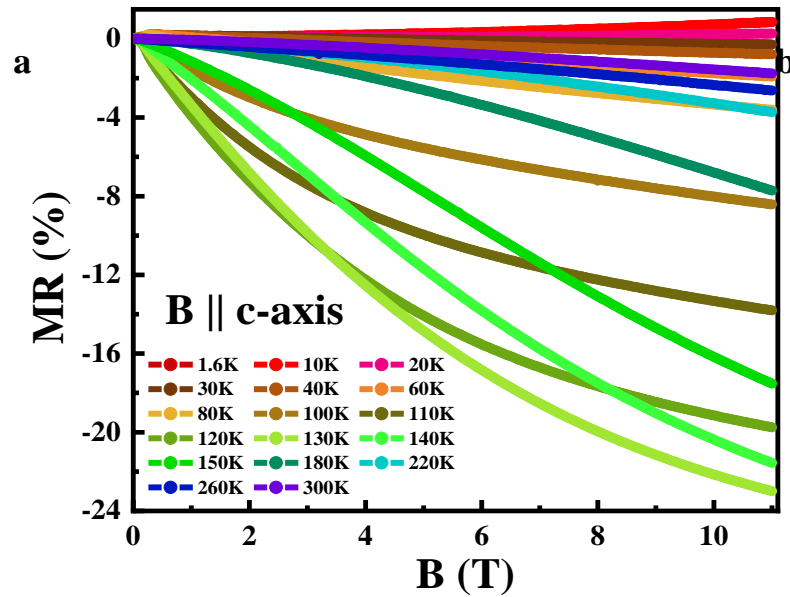


**Positive MR:** orbital contribution  
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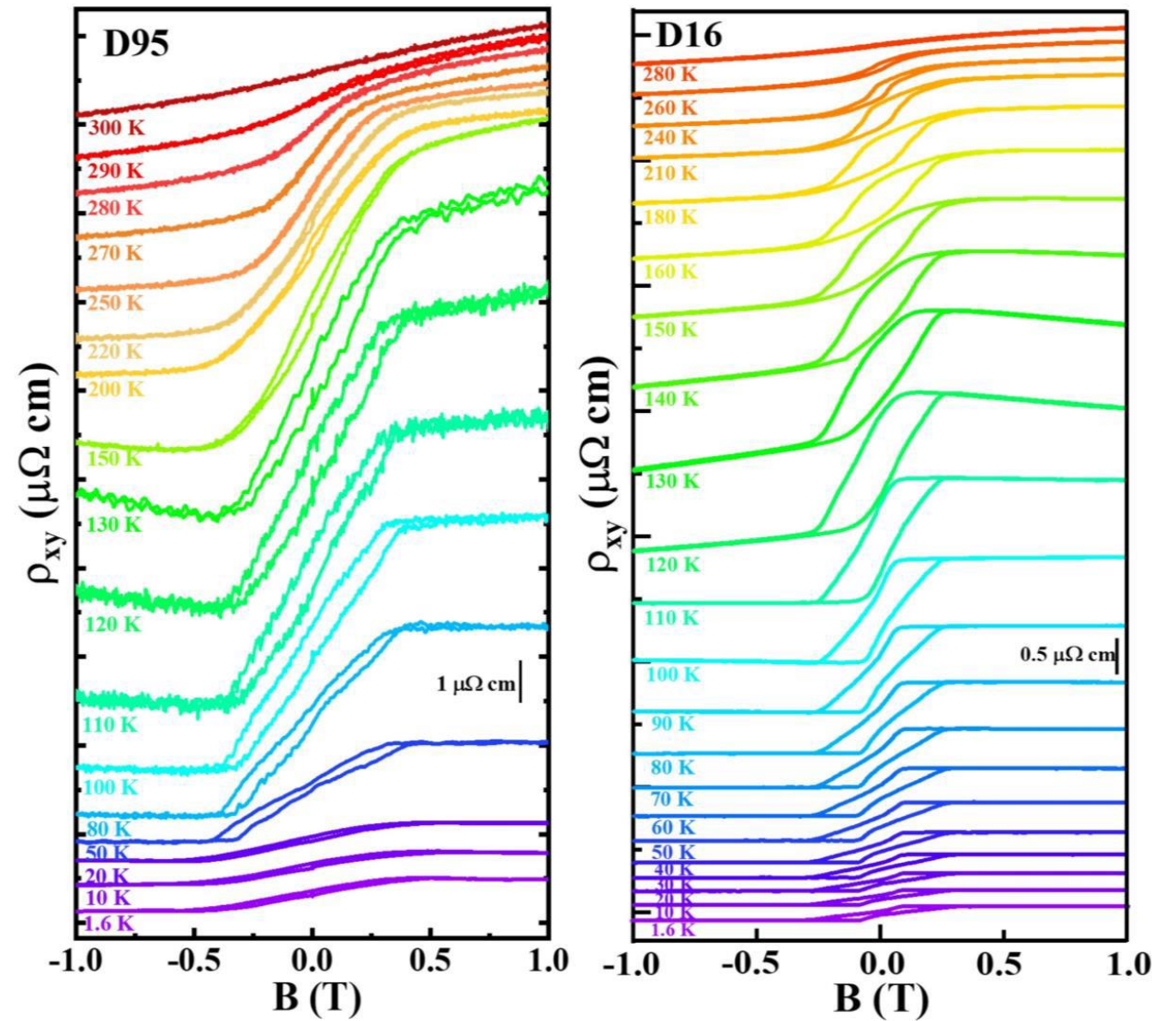




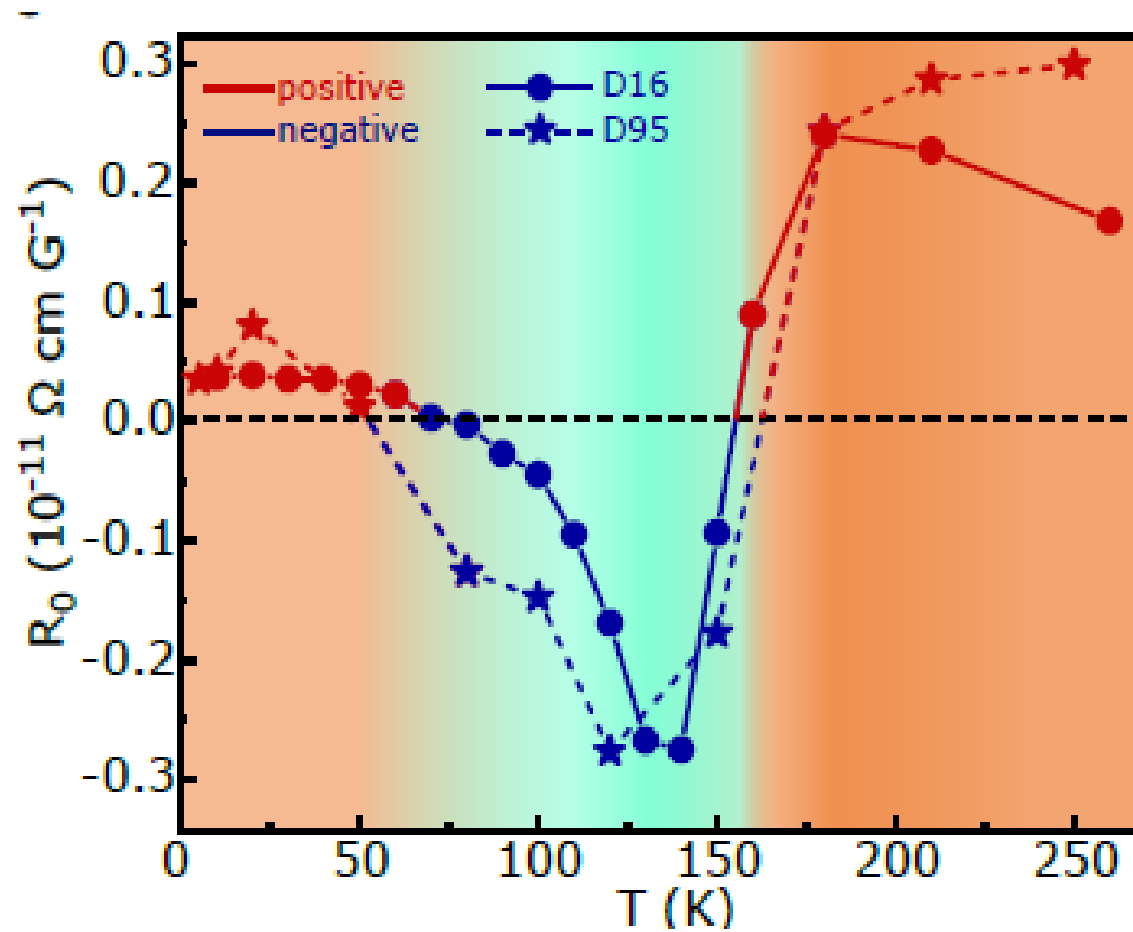
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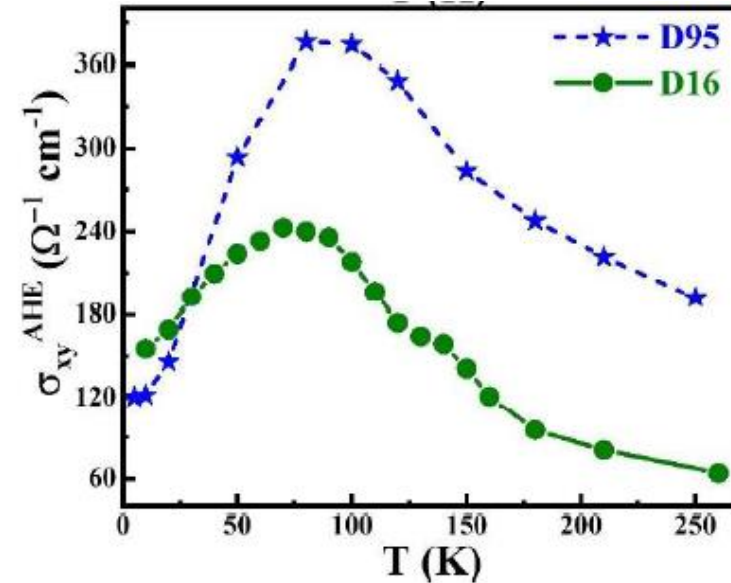
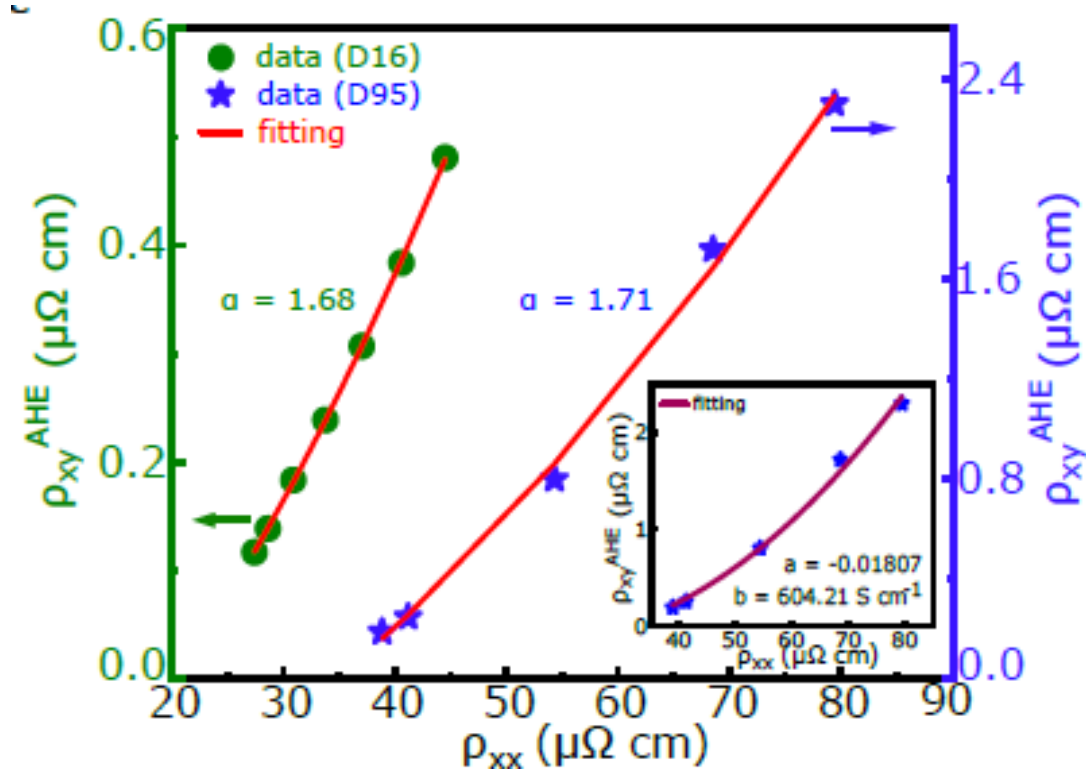


# Ordinary Hall Effect: Temperature dependence



Fermi surface reconstruction near SRT

# Scaling behaviour and AHC plot



# Origin: interplay between magnetism and topology

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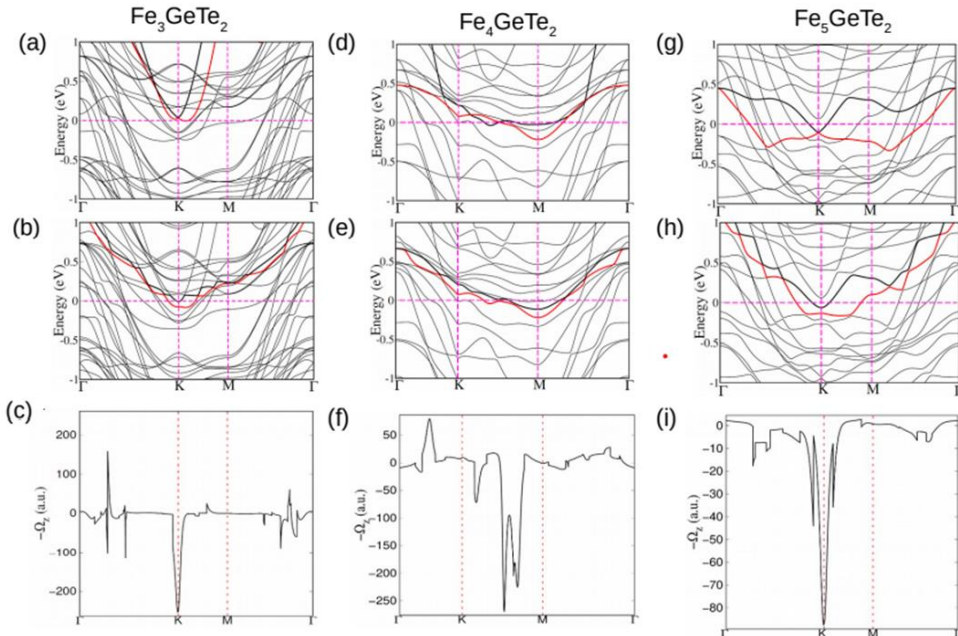
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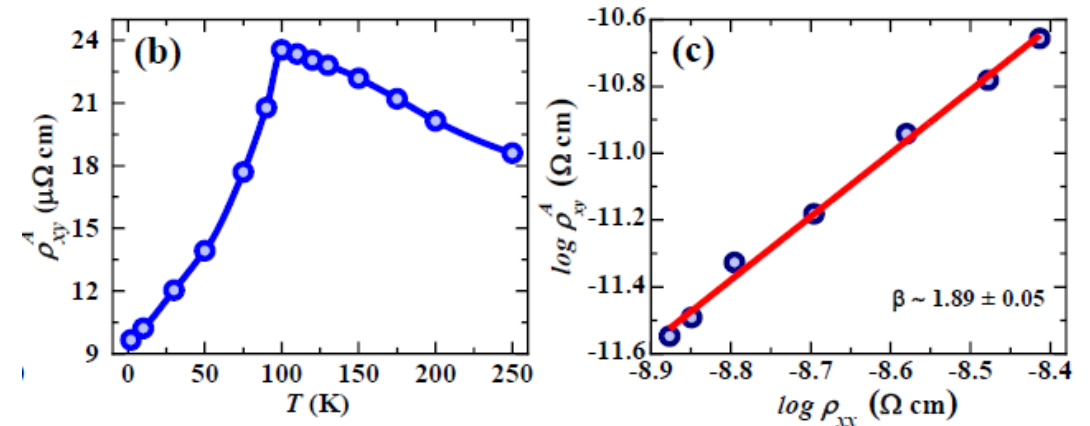
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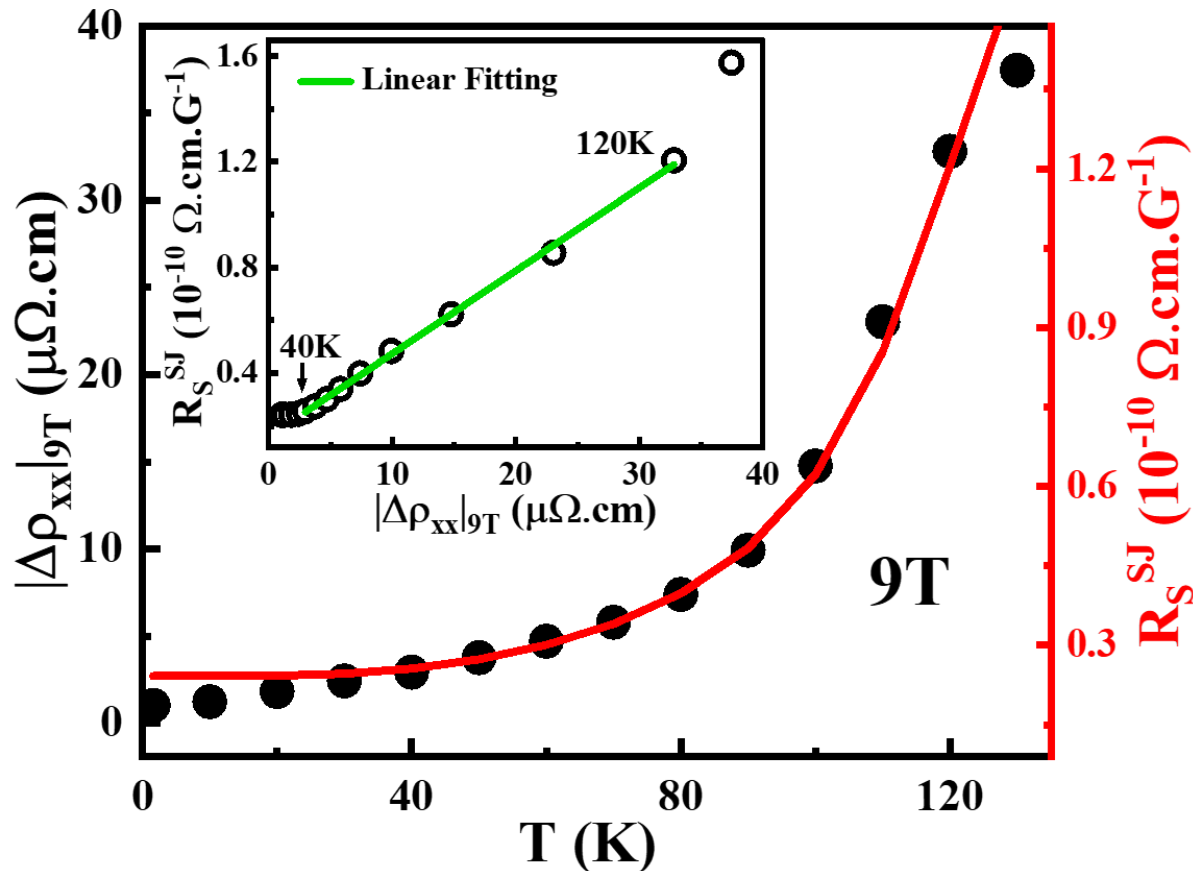
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# Origin: interplay between magnetism and topology



$$\rho_{xy}^{AHE} = a(\rho_{xx0} + \rho_{xxT}) + b\rho_{xx}^2$$

$$= (\alpha_0\rho_{xx0} + \alpha_1\rho_{xxT}) + \beta_0\rho_{xx0}^2 + \gamma\rho_{xx0}\rho_{xxT} + \beta_1\rho_{xxT}^2$$

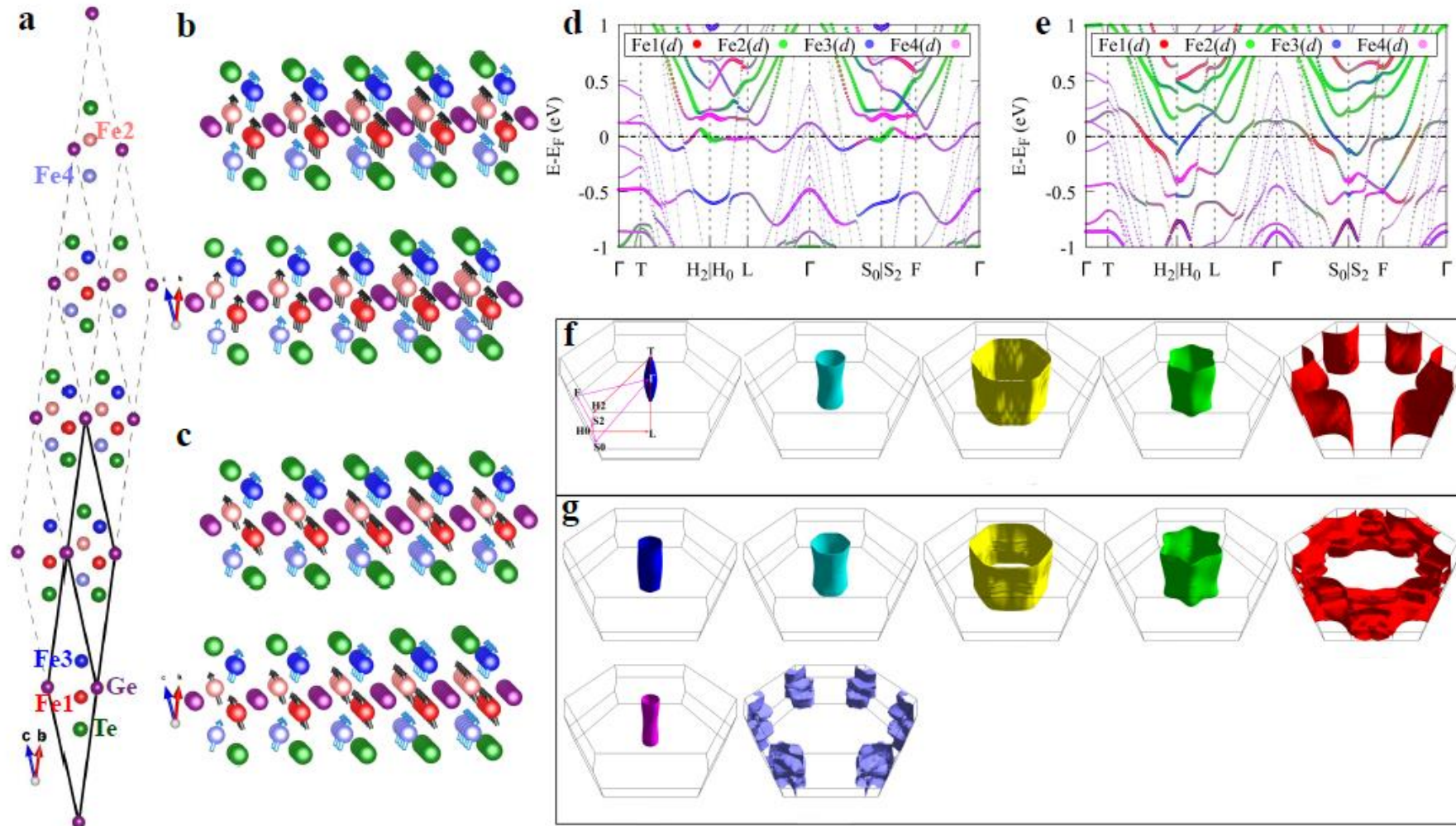
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can be affected by the electron-magnon scattering, gives rise to the T-dependence of AHC.

□ Temperature-dependent side-jump mechanism mainly originated from the spin-flip electron-magnon scattering in between 40K-120K.

Jena, R. P. et al. Journal of Physics: Condensed Matter 32, 365703 (2020)

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# Electron Spin Resonance (ESR) Study of $\text{Fe}_4\text{GeTe}_2$

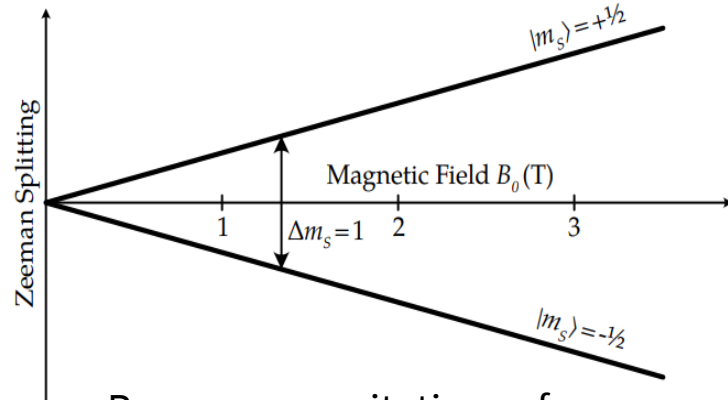


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# Electron Spin Resonance

- ESR: A spectroscopic tool, mainly focuses on the spin of the electrons.

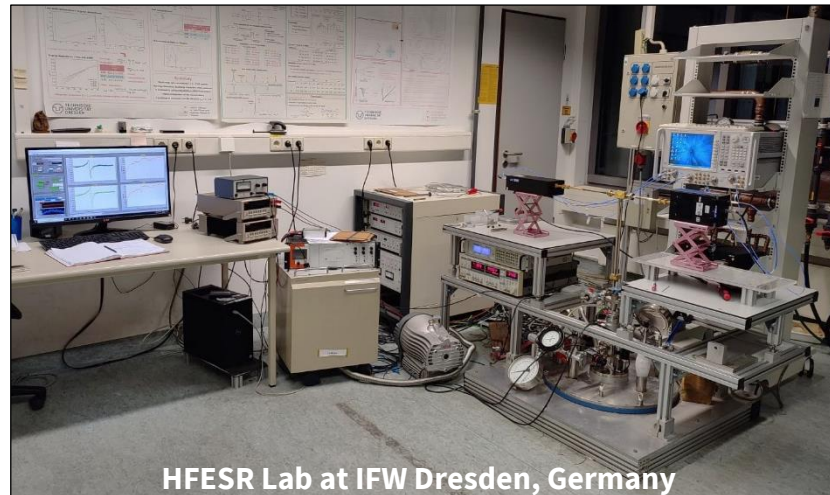
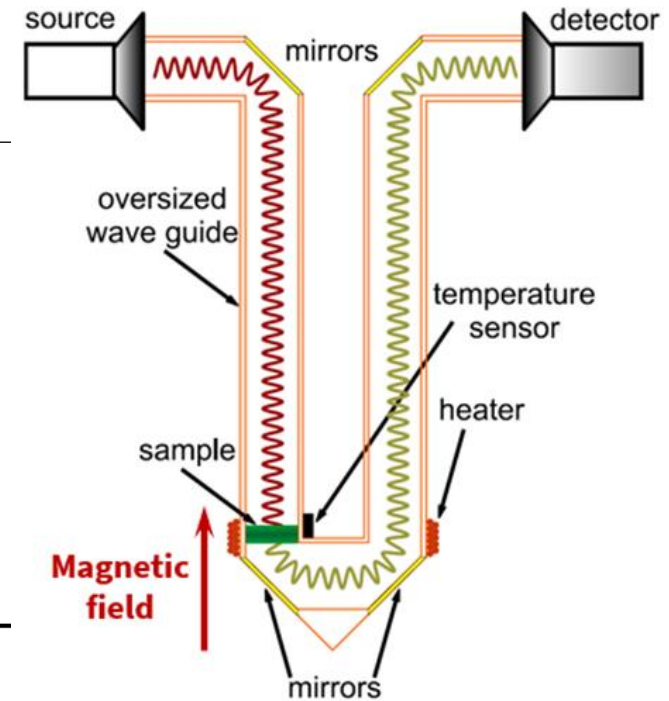
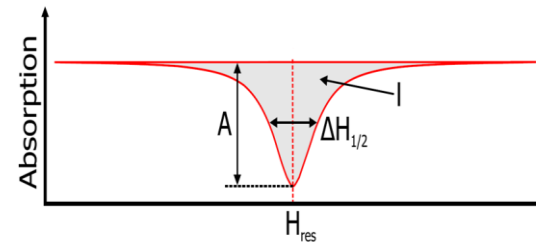
- Paramagnetic resonance condition:  $h\nu = g\mu_B B_0$



Resonance excitations of individual paramagnetic spins

- Determine g-factor
- Characterization of magnetic anisotropy, easy-axis, magnon excitation gap.
- Determination of spin-spin correlations, spin-dynamics above  $T_c$

Magnetic field is swept at a constant microwave frequency



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## Equipment at the ESR lab:

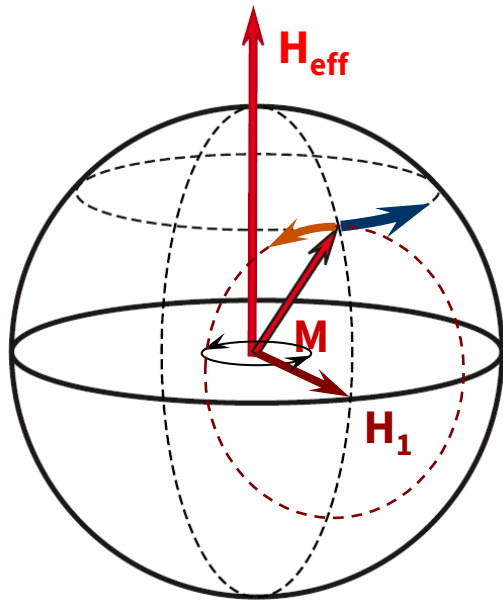
Frequency (MW) range: 10 GHz – 950 GHz (0.04 meV – 3.9 meV)

Magnetic field: up to 16 T

Temperature:  $T = 2K - 300K$



# ESR resonance field: ordered state



coordinate system  
rotating with  
**Larmor frequency**

**Landau-Lifshitz equation**

$$\frac{d\mathbf{M}}{dt} = -|\gamma|(\mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}})$$

**Isotropic ferromagnet:**

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} = \mathbf{H}_{\text{ext}}$$

$$2\pi\nu = \omega = -|\gamma|H_{\text{ext}}$$

**Larmor frequency**

**With anisotropy:**

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}} = \mathbf{H}_{\text{ext}} + \mathbf{H}_a$$

**$H_a$  is the total anisotropy field**

It causes the shift of the  
line from the position  
given by the g factor.

Analytical expressions of the spin-wave  
energies for a uniaxial ferromagnet:

(a) For easy-axis FM:

$$\mathbf{H} \parallel c: \quad h\nu = g\mu_B\mu_0(H + |H_a|)$$

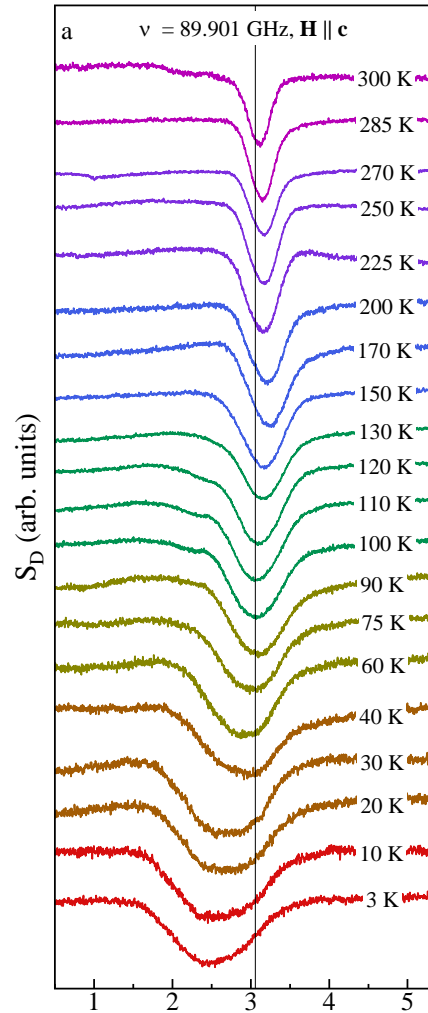
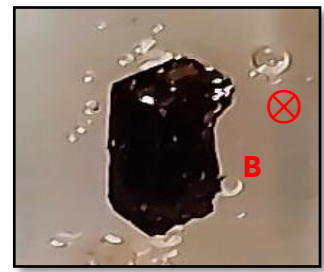
$$\mathbf{H} \parallel ab: \quad h\nu = g\mu_B\mu_0\sqrt{H(H - |H_a|)}$$

(b) For easy-plane FM:

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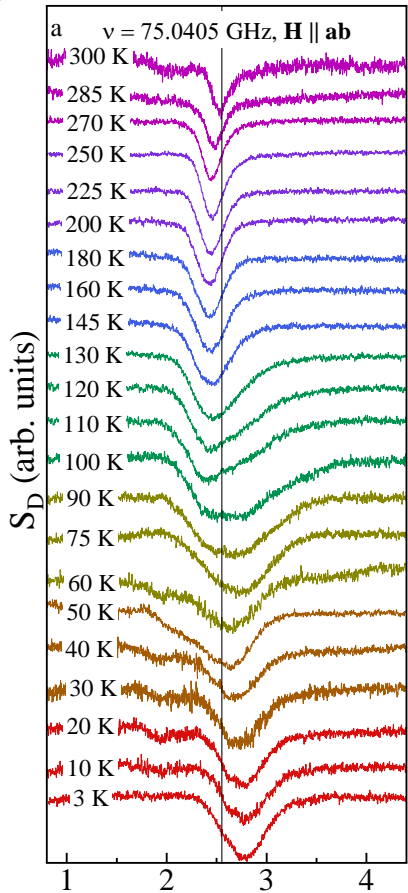
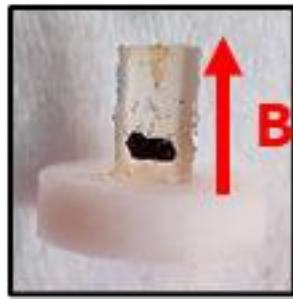
# The temperature evolution of the ESR spectra: out-of-plane



## Observations:

- In the ordered state: ESR line is shifted to the left from the expected PM line (anisotropy).
- Line is shifting towards right with increasing  $T$ .
- Crosses the PM line near  $T_{SR}$ , reaches  $\text{max}^m$  at 200K.
- Does not reach to the PM line even at  $T > T_C$ .

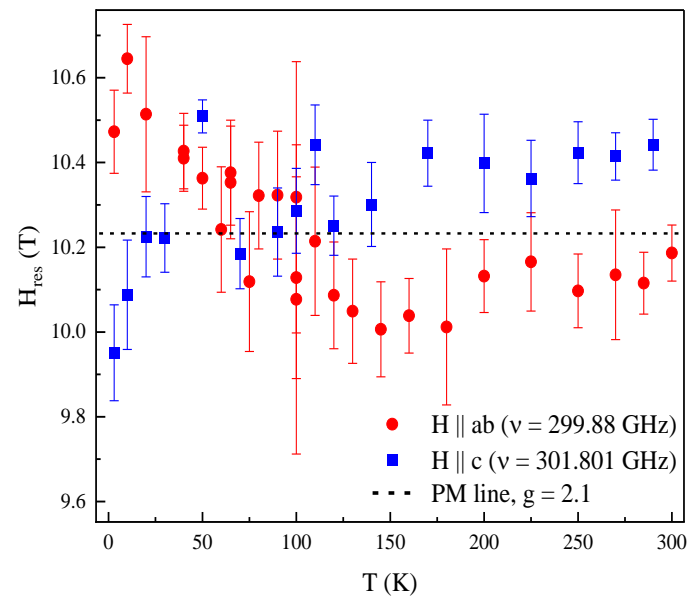
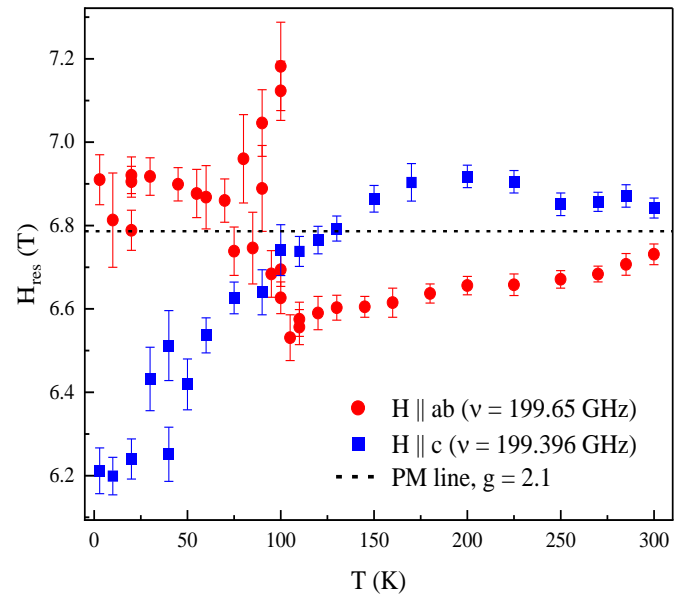
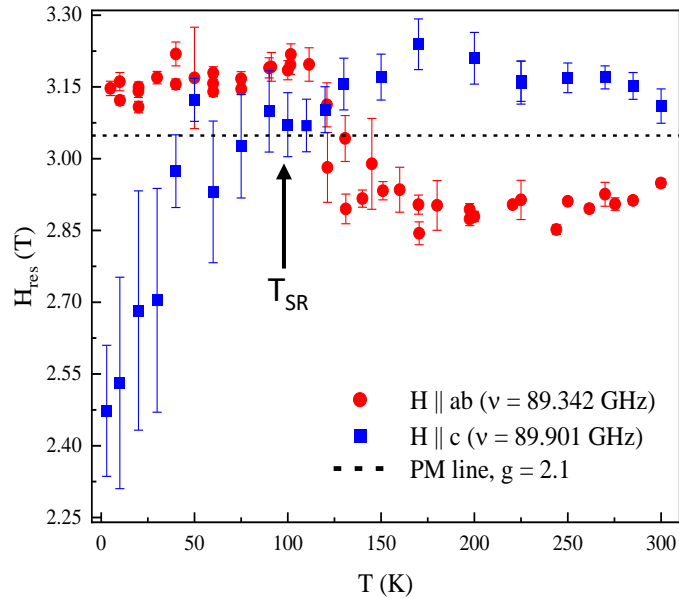
# The temperature evolution of the ESR spectra: in-plane



## Observations:

- Situation is completely opposite compared to OP
- Line shape is also changing from low T to 110K
- Does not reaches to the PM line even at  $T > T_C$

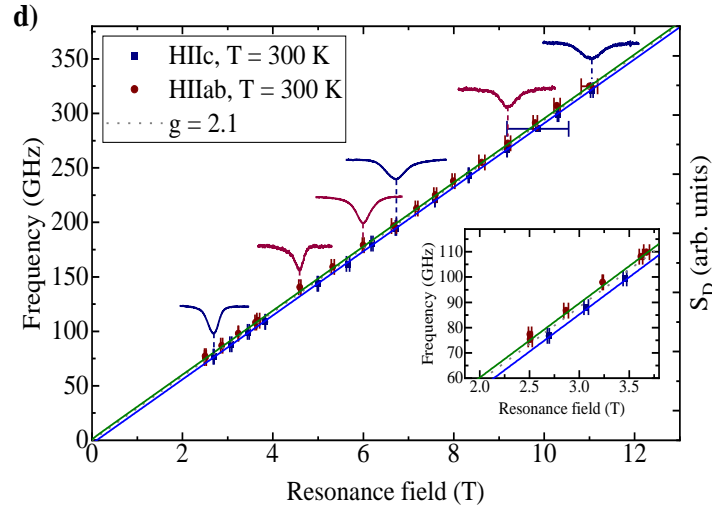
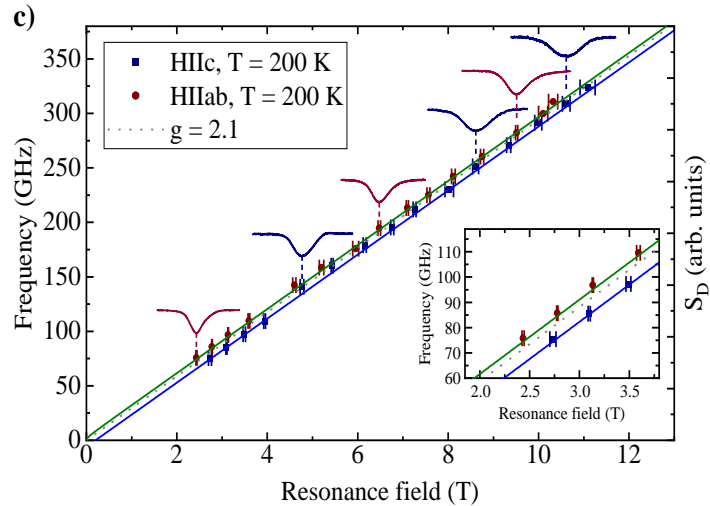
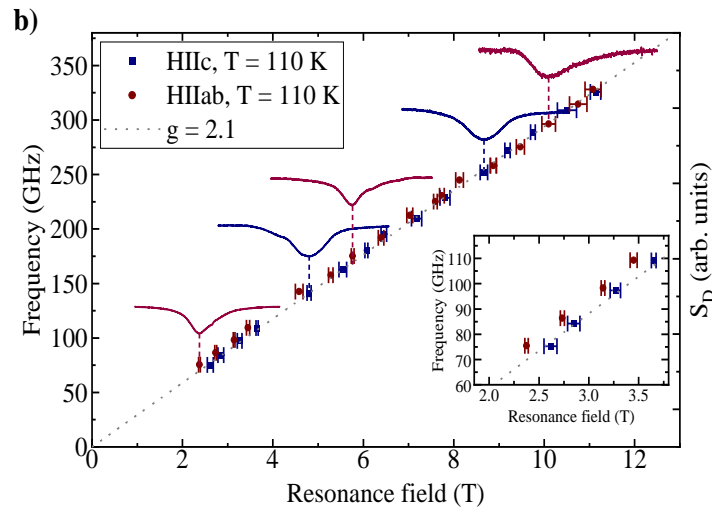
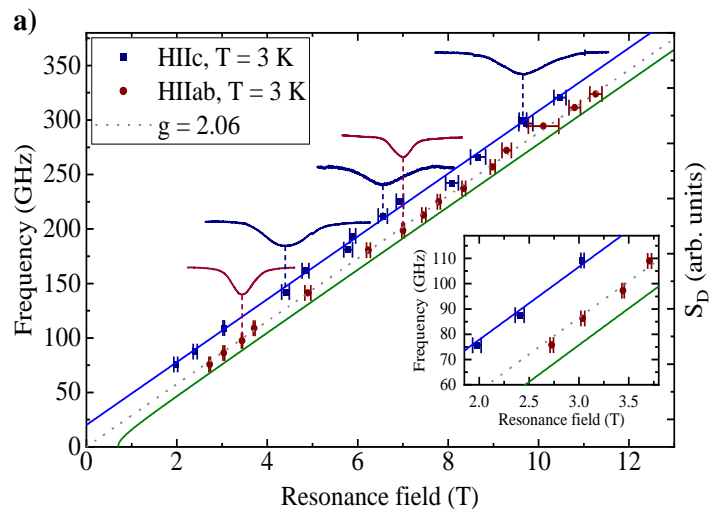
# $H_{\text{res}}$ vs. T Plot (both field orientations)



## Observations:

- ESR line/  $H_{\text{res}}$  is changing its position w.r.to the PM line, for both field orientations
- There is a change of the type of anisotropy near  $T_{\text{SR}}$
- Above  $T_{\text{C}}$ , at 300 K,  $H_{\text{res}}$  does not reach the expected PM line position.

# Frequency dependence of the resonance field



## Spin-wave energy expressions

(a) For easy-axis FM:

$$\mathbf{H} \parallel c: \quad h\nu = g\mu_B\mu_0(H + |H_a|)$$

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(b) For easy-plane FM:

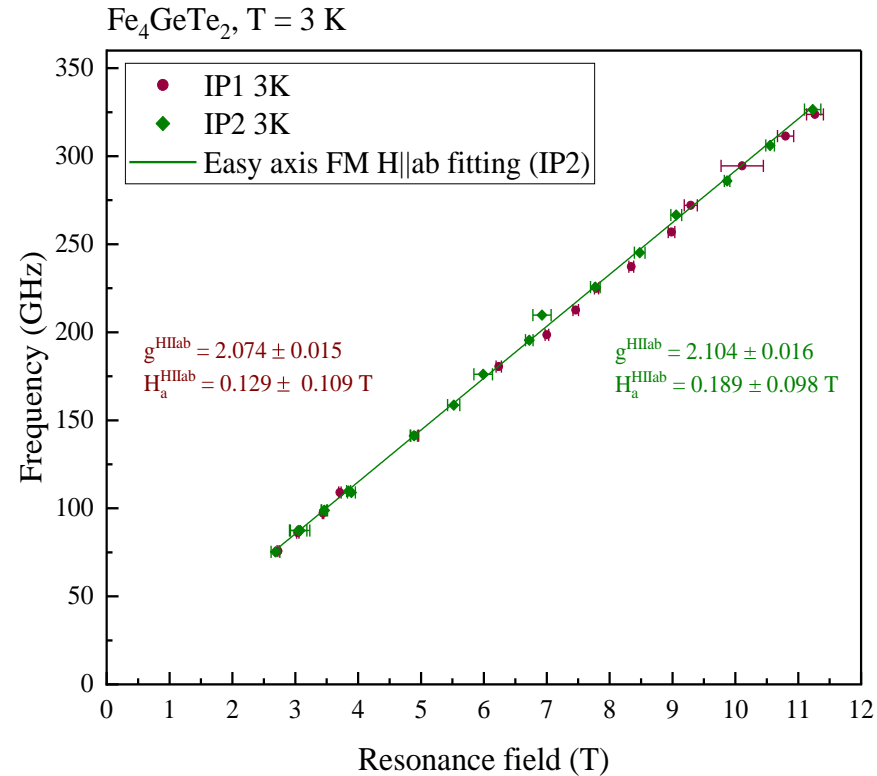
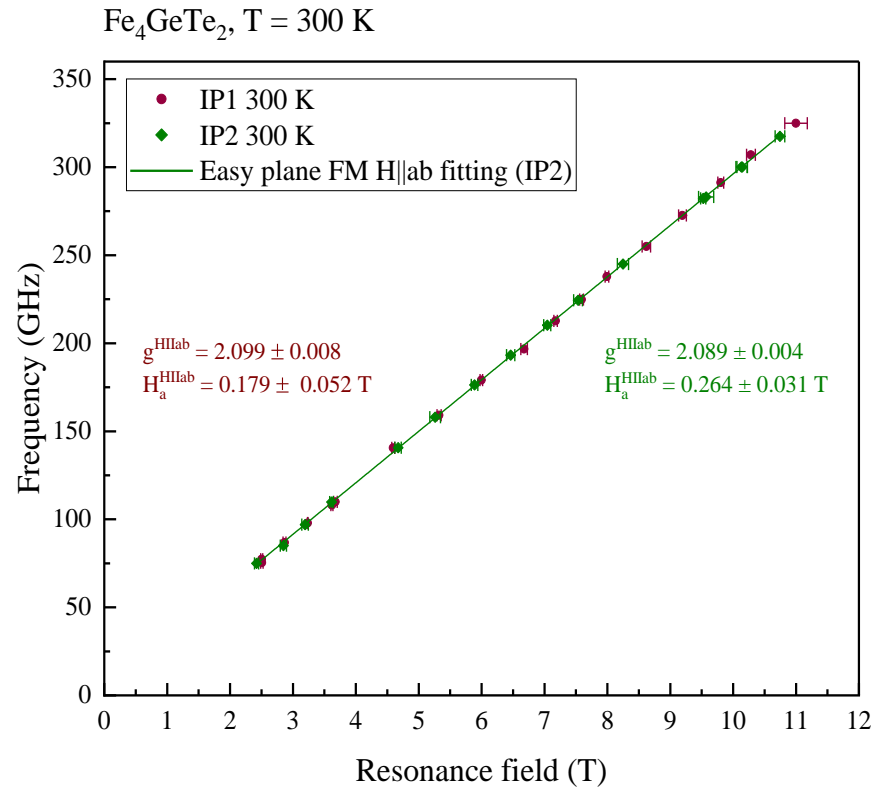
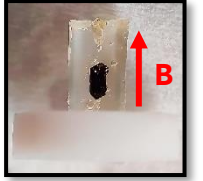
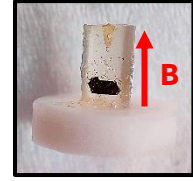
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## Observations:

- g factor is about 2.1 almost everywhere except below 70 K.
- We can fit the data by the **easy-plane FM eq<sup>n</sup>** above 110K.
- At 110K, almost isotropic behavior.
- At 3K, for H||c, well fitted by **easy-axis FM eq<sup>n</sup>**.
- for H||ab, as well, but the anisotropy is reduced, as the shift is smaller.

# In-plane anisotropy



**Observations:** No in-plane anisotropy within the error bar.

# Summary: Temperature dependent anisotropy!

Total anisotropy field

$$H_a = H_U + H_D$$

**Magneto-crystalline anisotropy**

(SOC, dipole-dipole int.  
- Intrinsic property, due to the crystal structure)

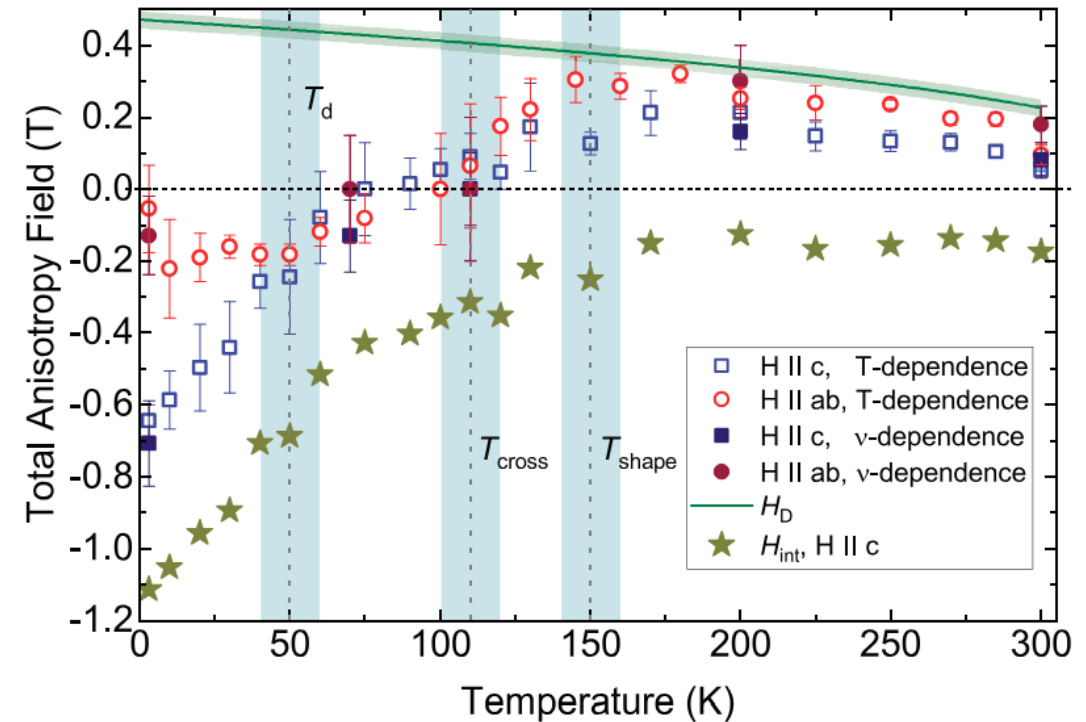
**Shape anisotropy**

(Demagnetizing Field,  $H_d$ )  
Stray field, self demagnetization. (Due to the sample shape)

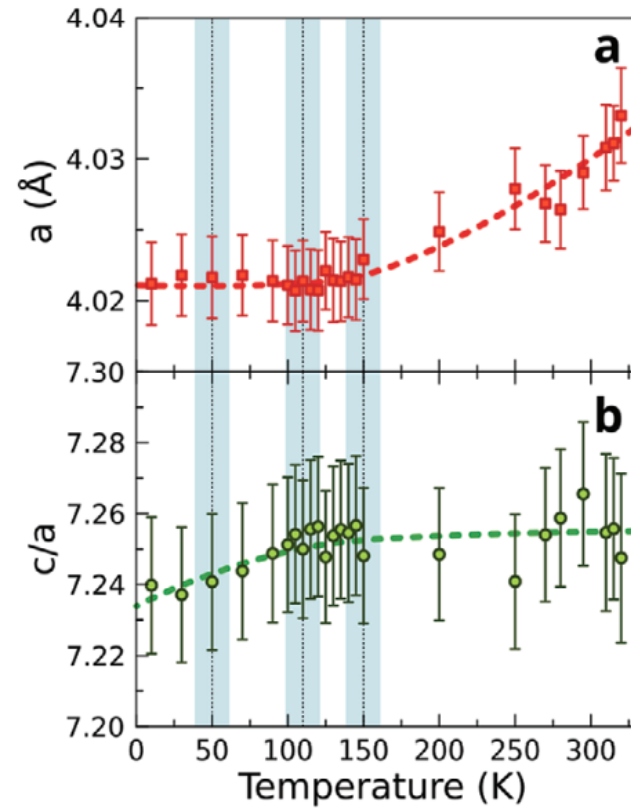
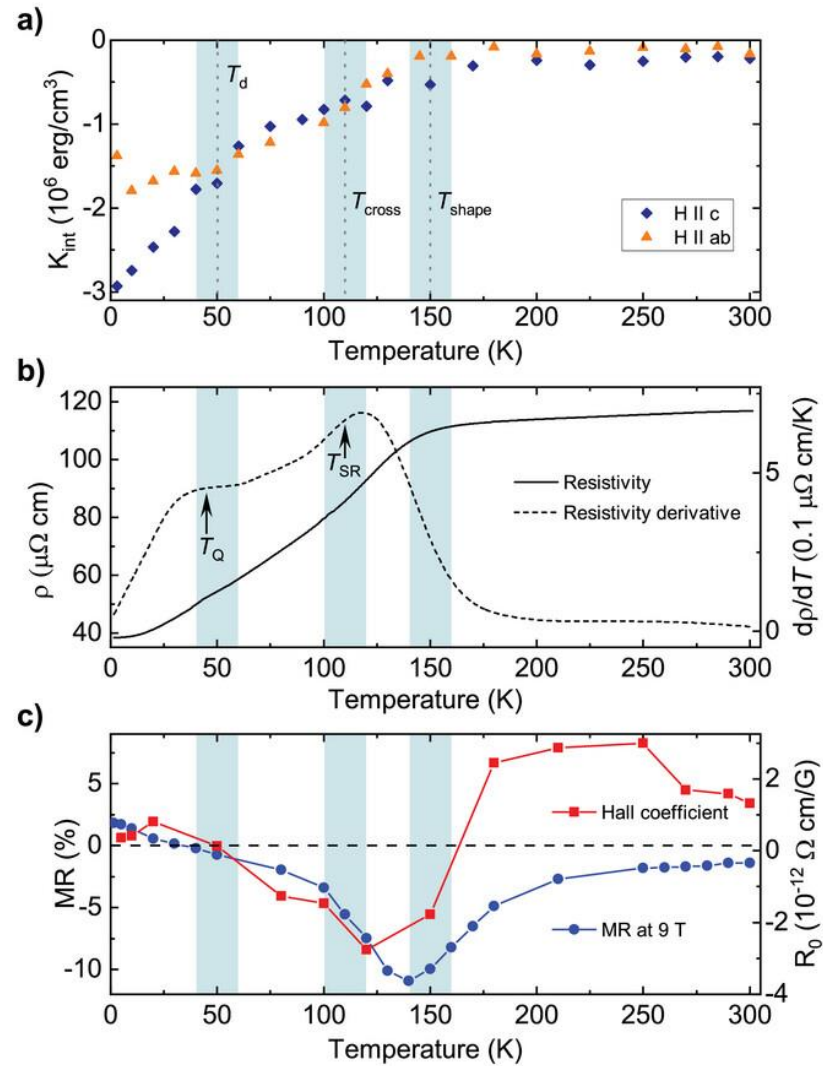
❖ Shape anisotropy extracted from  $M_s$ -T plot  
( $H_D = 4\pi M_s$ ) (Considering 2D limit,  $H_D$  maximum)

## Observations

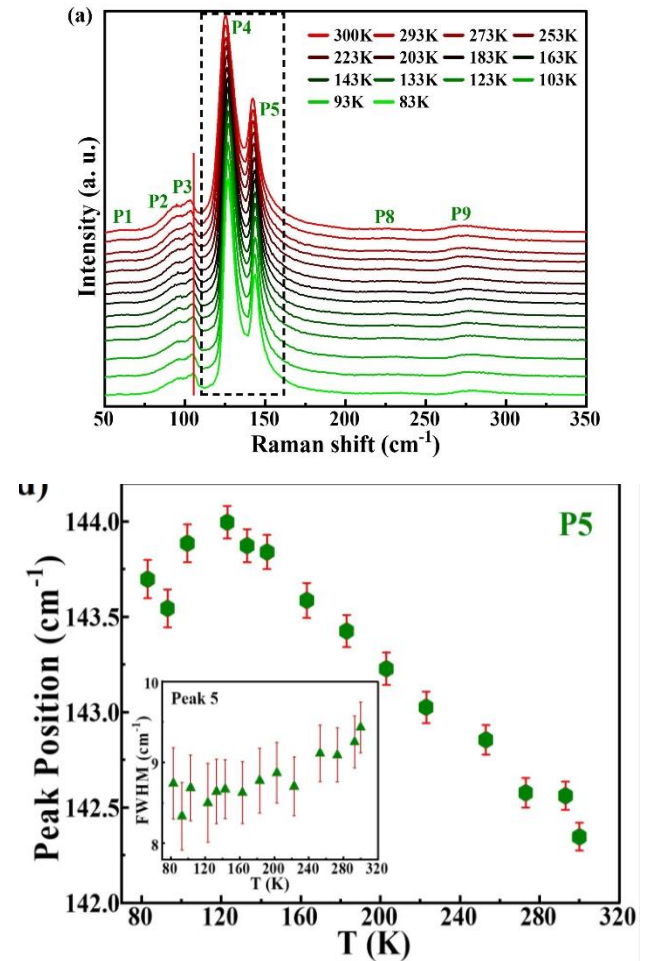
- Main contribution above 150 K is due to the **shape anisotropy**.  
(Standard easy-plane FM above 150K,  $H_a$  is positive)
- $H_a \sim 0$  near  $T_{SR}$
- Below  $T_{SR}$ , easy-axis type of anisotropy,  $H_a$  is negative.
- Below 50K,  $H_a$  is dependent on the field orientations (contradicts standard SW equations).



# Summary: Temperature dependent anisotropy!



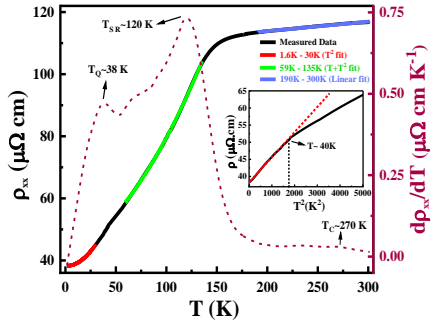
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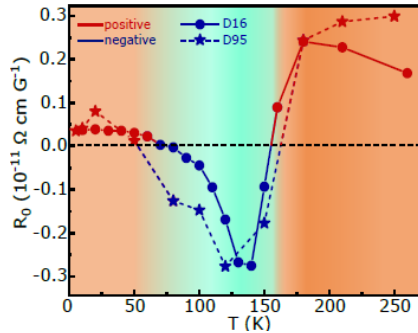
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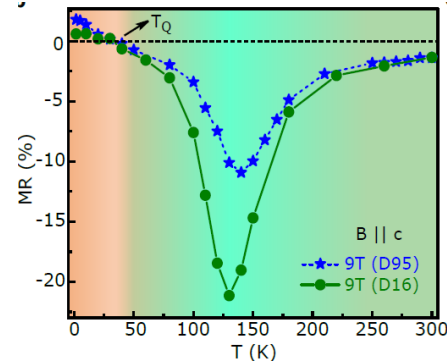
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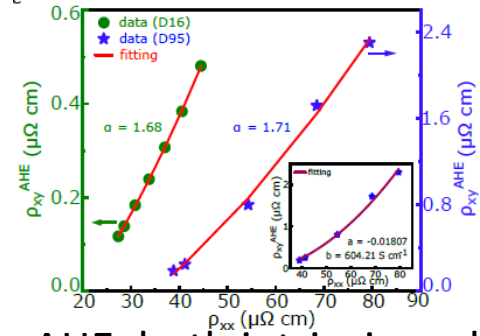
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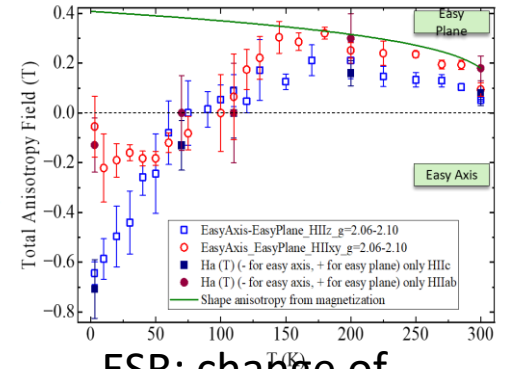
Ordinary Hall: Fermi surface reconstruction



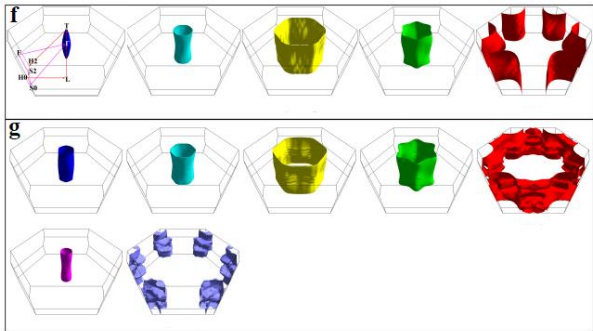
Magnetoresistance



AHE: both intrinsic and extrinsic origin



ESR: change of competing anisotropy



DFT: collinear and non-collinear phases

- Unusual transport features due to spin reorientation
- Low temperature phases below 40K

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Thank you