

# New magnetic structures in novel and conventional Manganites

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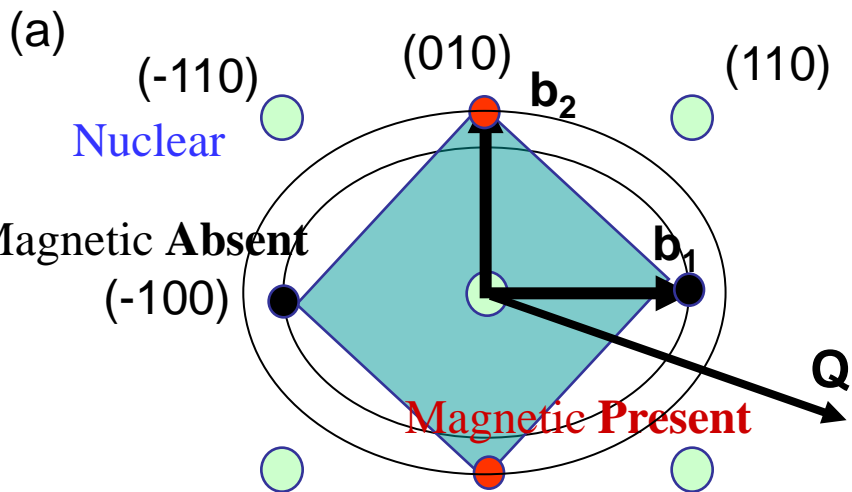
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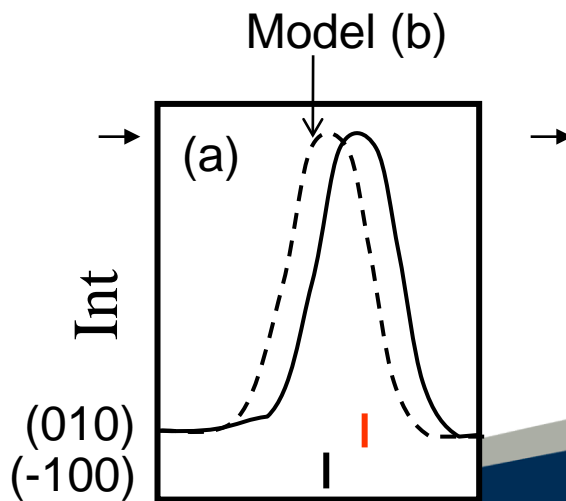
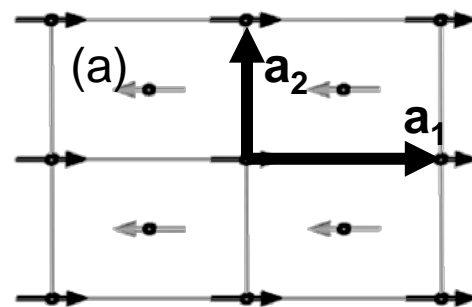
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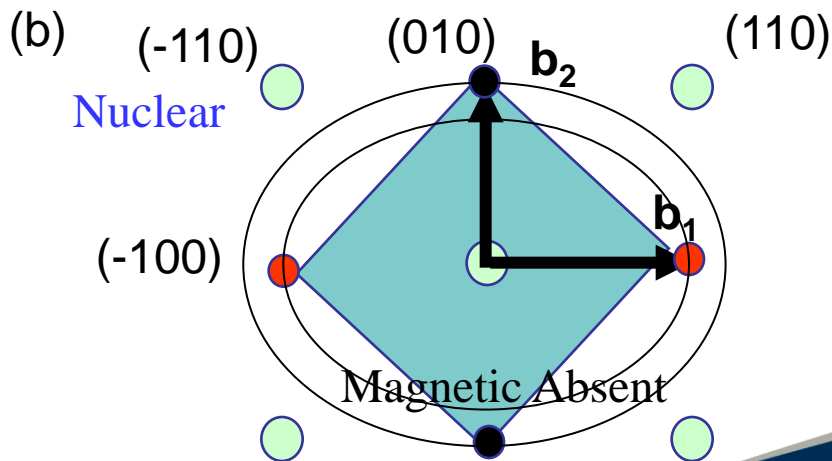
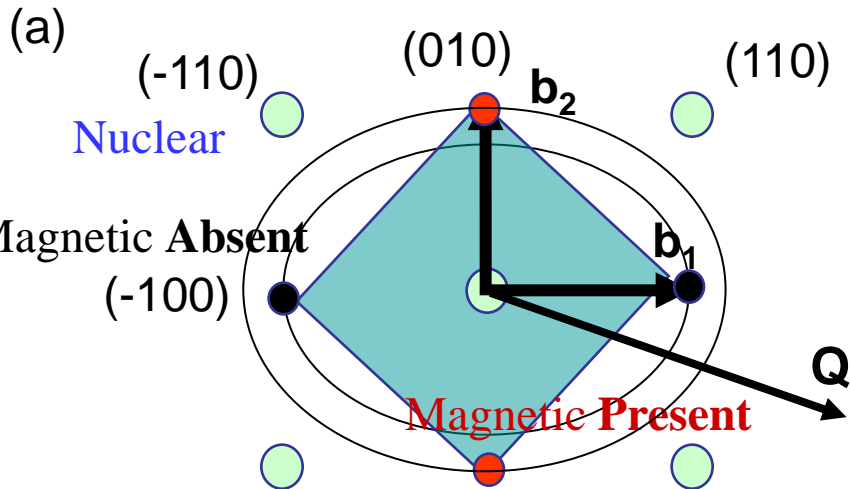
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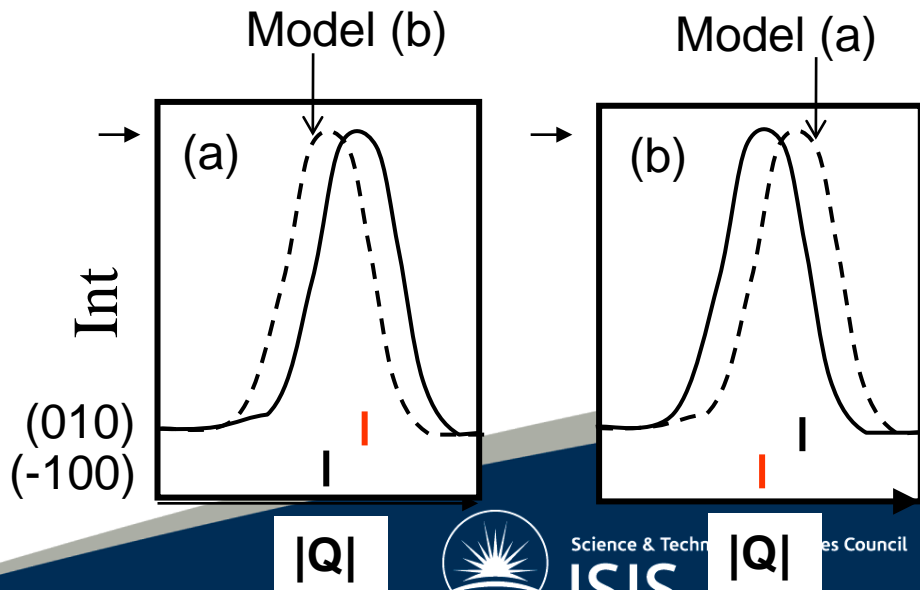
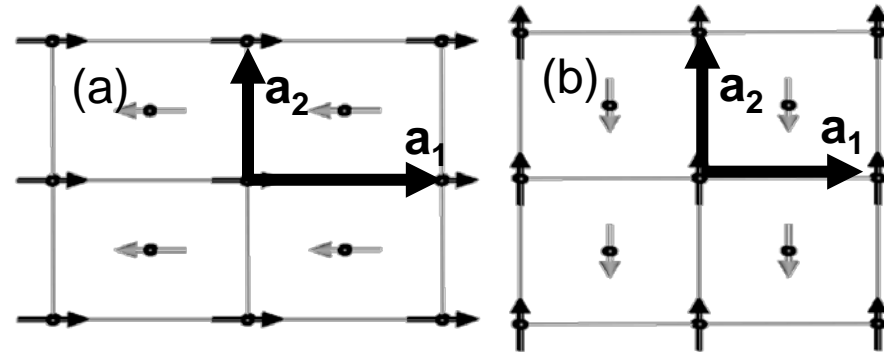
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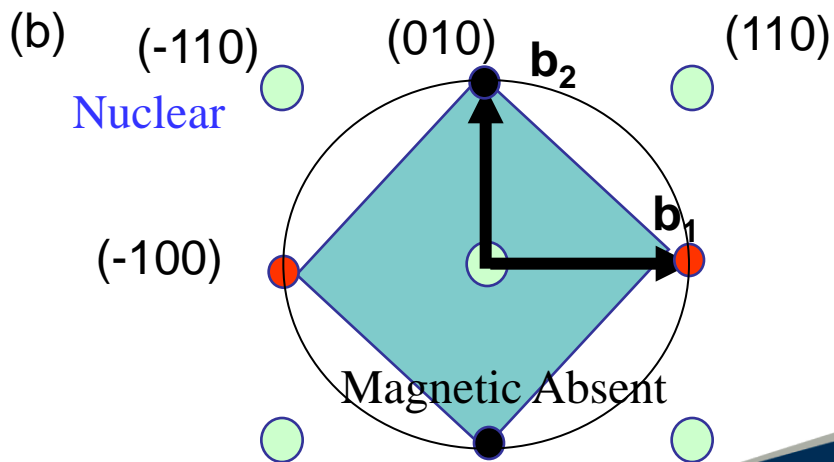
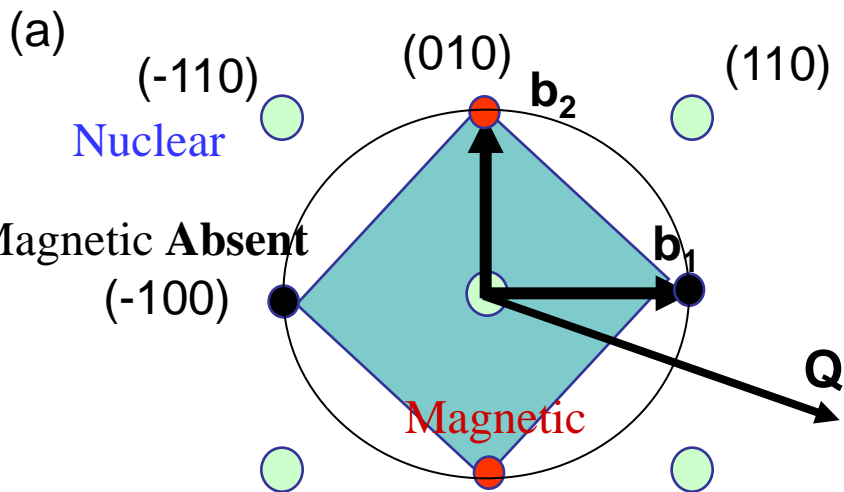


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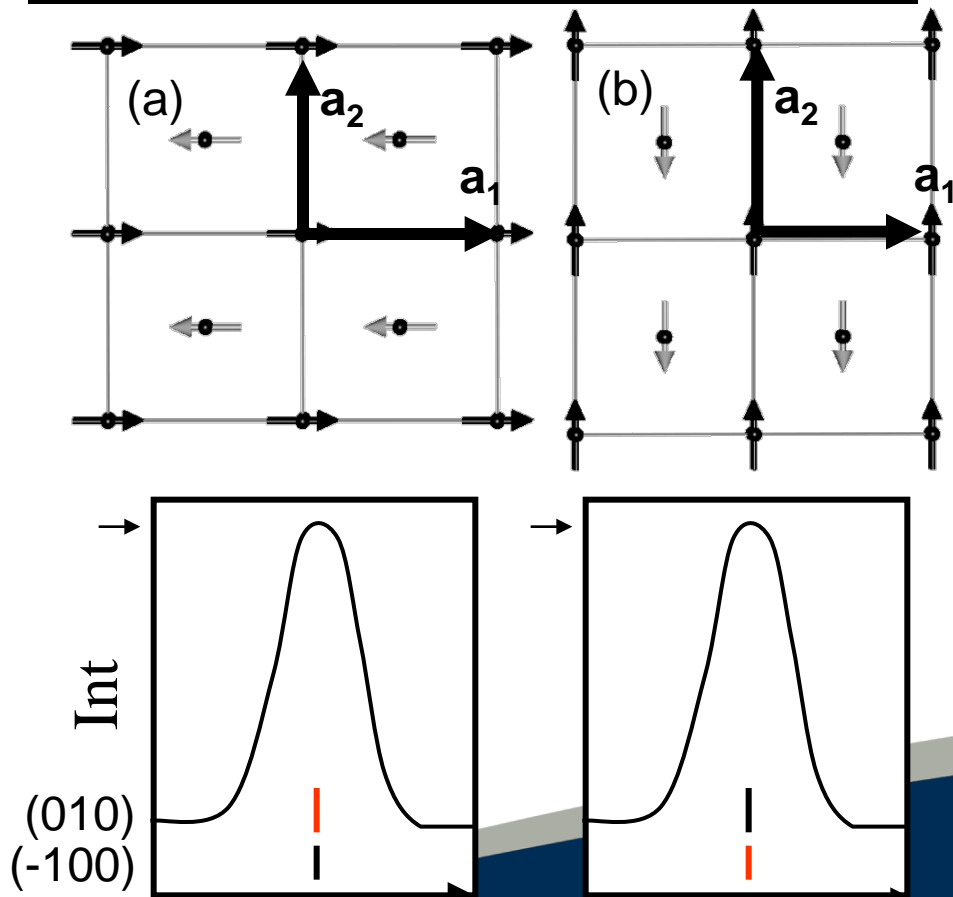
Magnetic structure determination from Powder diffraction:

High symmetry lattices => accidental Peak overlap => **MODEL DEGENERACY**

## Reciprocal space



## AF order on a CUBIC lattice



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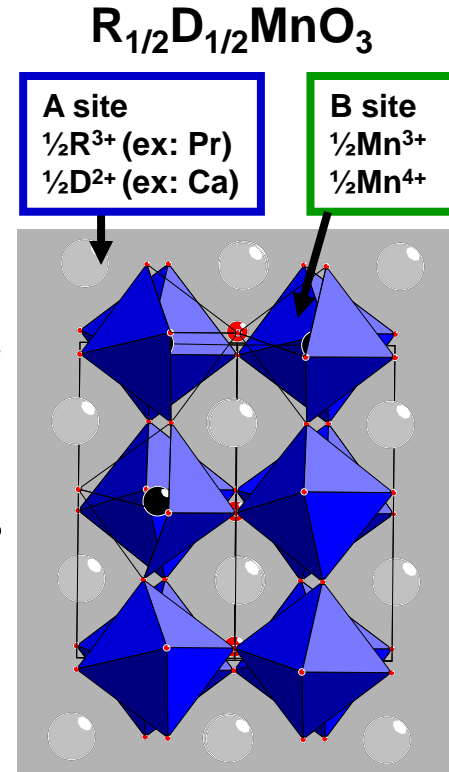
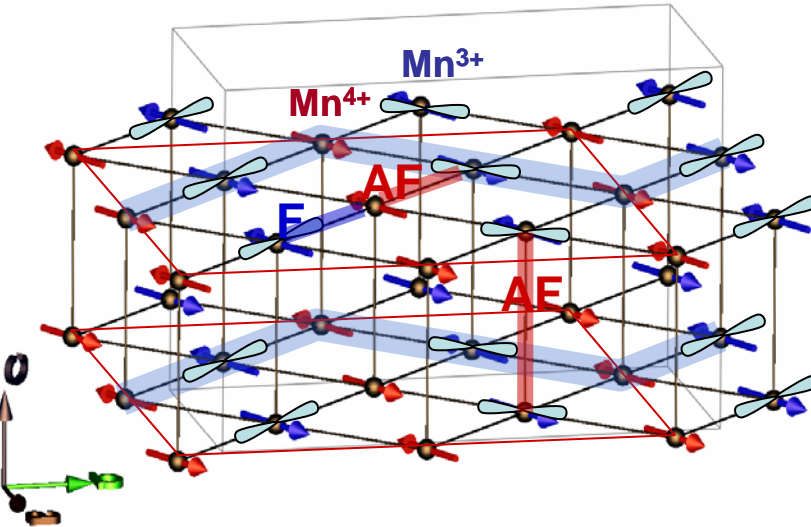
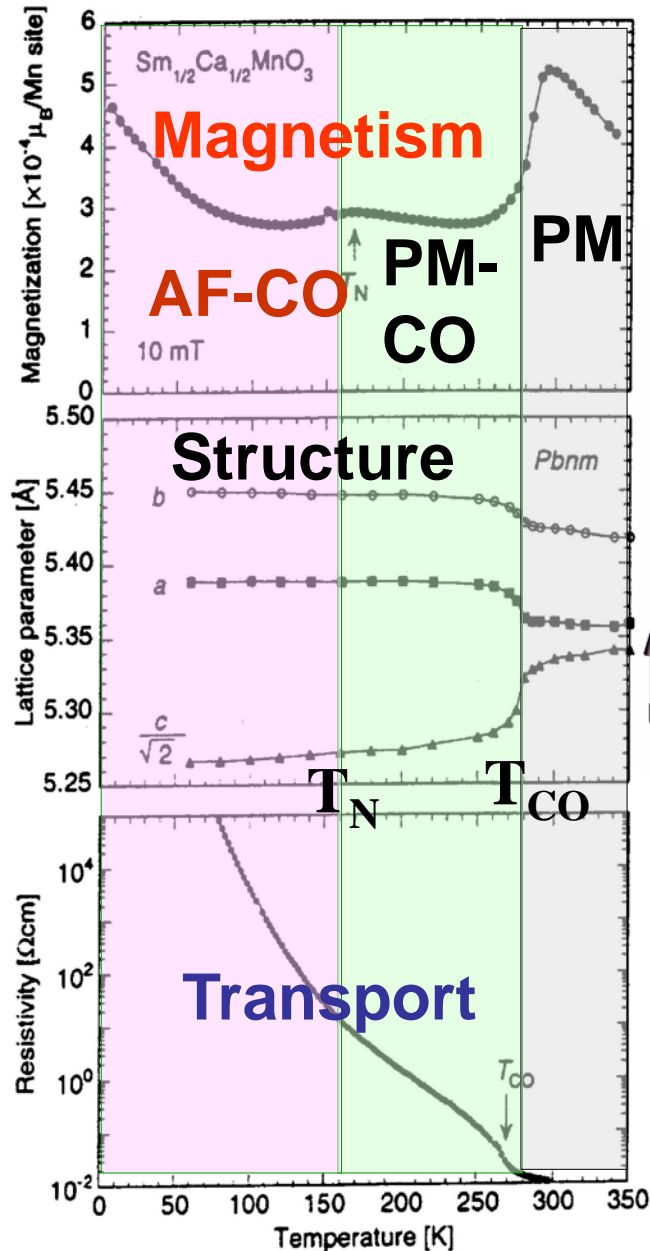


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Pseudo-cubic manganites:  
The MODEL DEGENERACY  
Can be pathological!.....



$X=1/2$  : the CE-type  
magnetic structure

*Pbnm*

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# SX- Powder Neutron diffraction studies questioning...

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Validity of the CE- type structure?  
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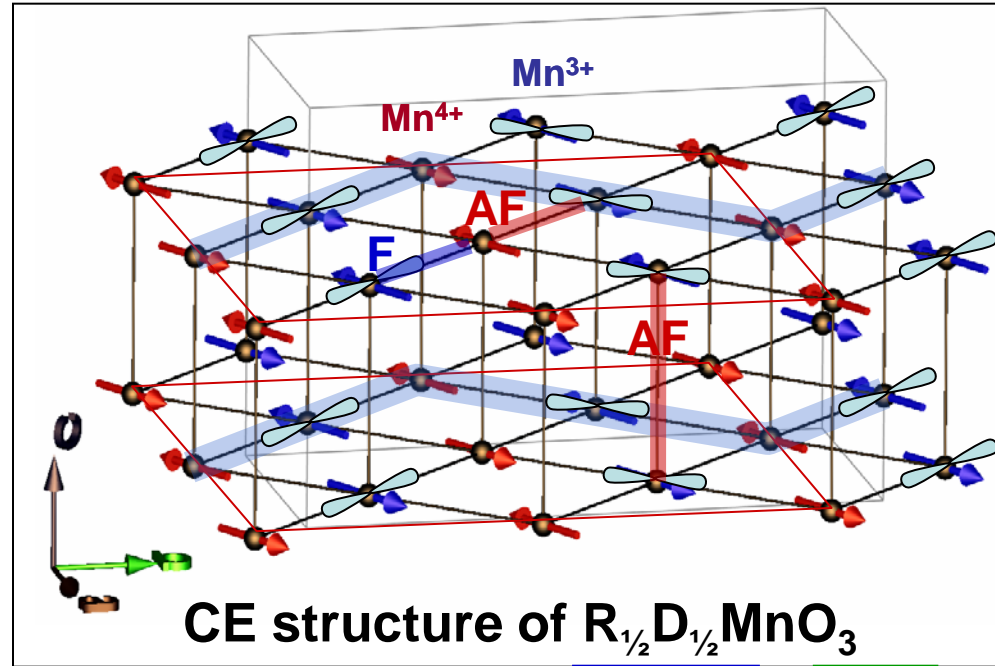
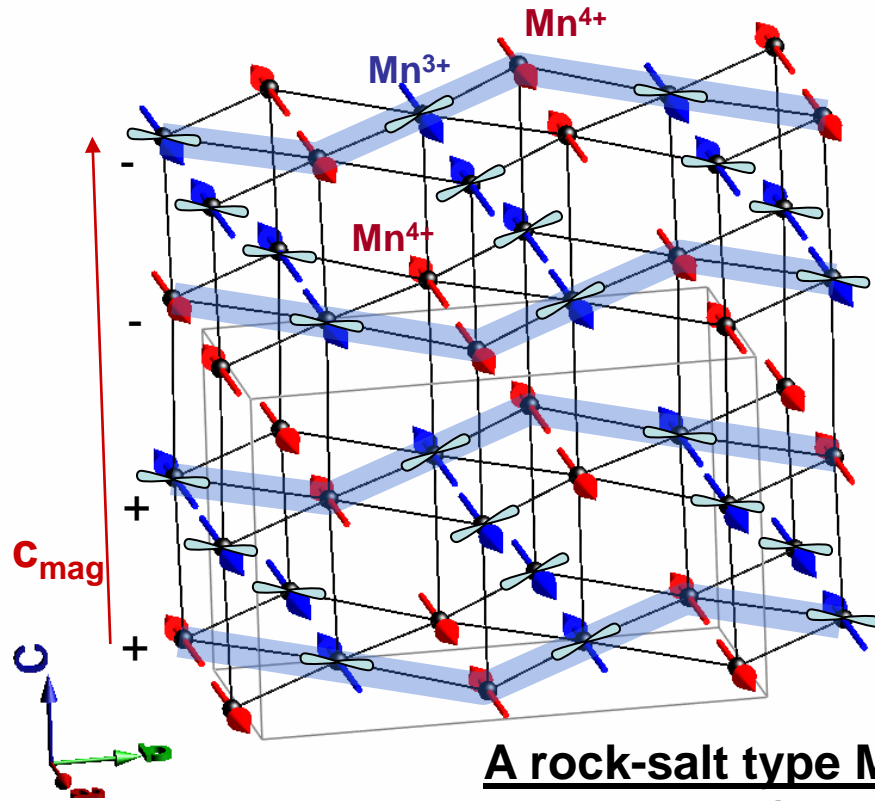
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# YBaMn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>



CE structure of  $R_{1/2}D_{1/2}MnO_3$

A rock-salt type Mn<sup>3+</sup>/Mn<sup>4+</sup> charge order  
“polymorph” (structure from NPD):

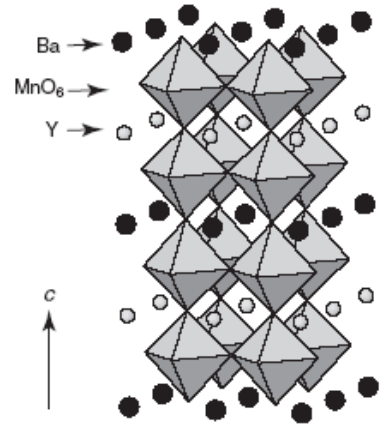
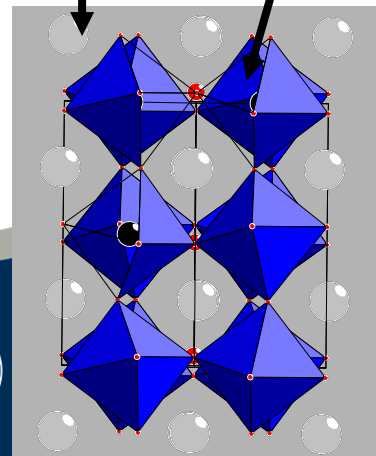
A. J. Williams and J. P. Attfield,  
 Phys. Rev. B **66**, 220405 (2002)

A variant of the CE-type structure  
(Magnetic structure from NPD) :

T. Arima, et al.

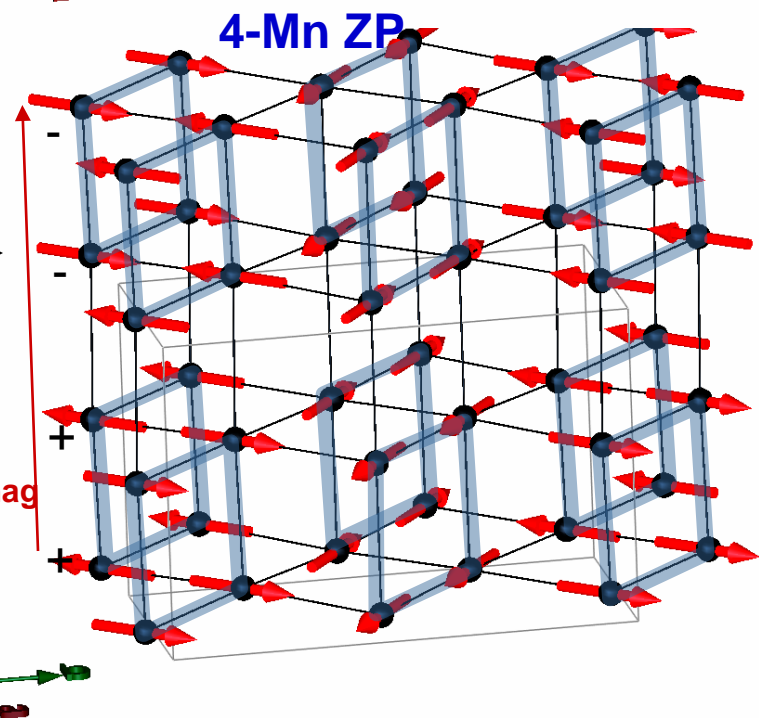
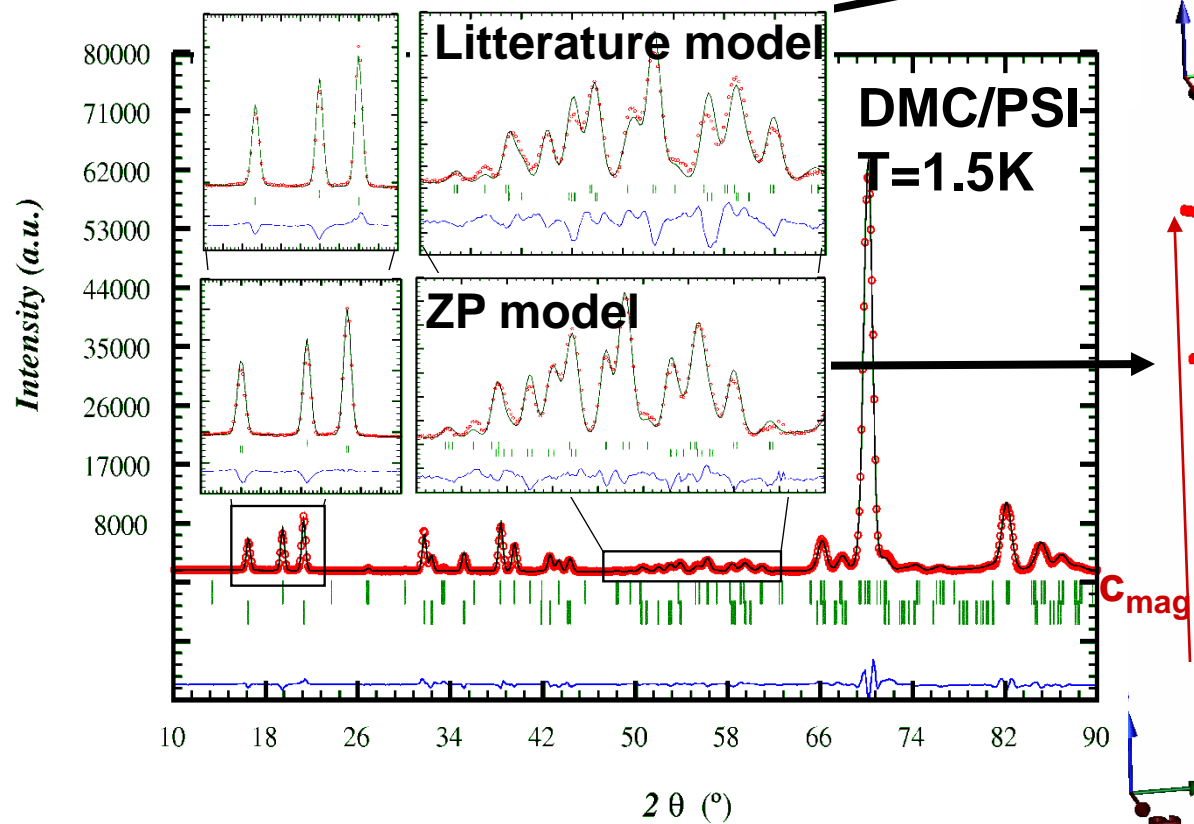
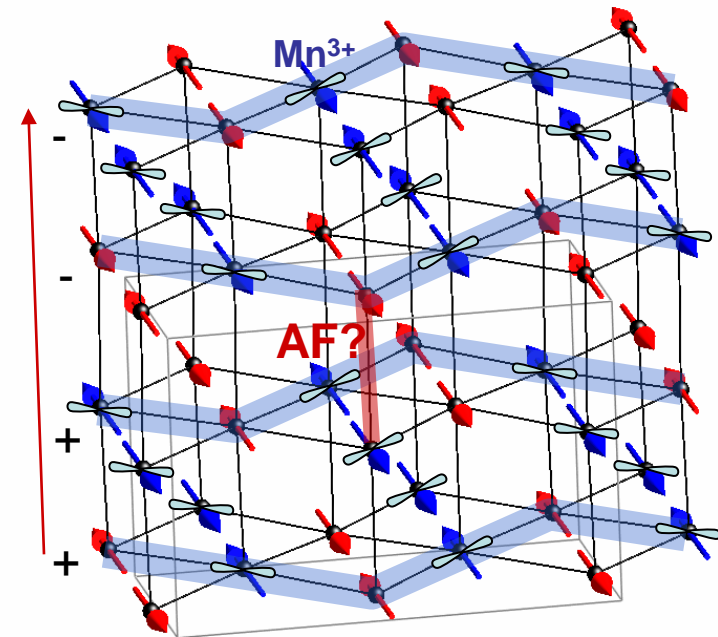
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A site	B site
$\frac{1}{2}R^{3+}$ (ex: Pr)	$\frac{1}{2}Mn^{3+}$
$\frac{1}{2}D^{2+}$ (ex: Ca)	$\frac{1}{2}Mn^{4+}$



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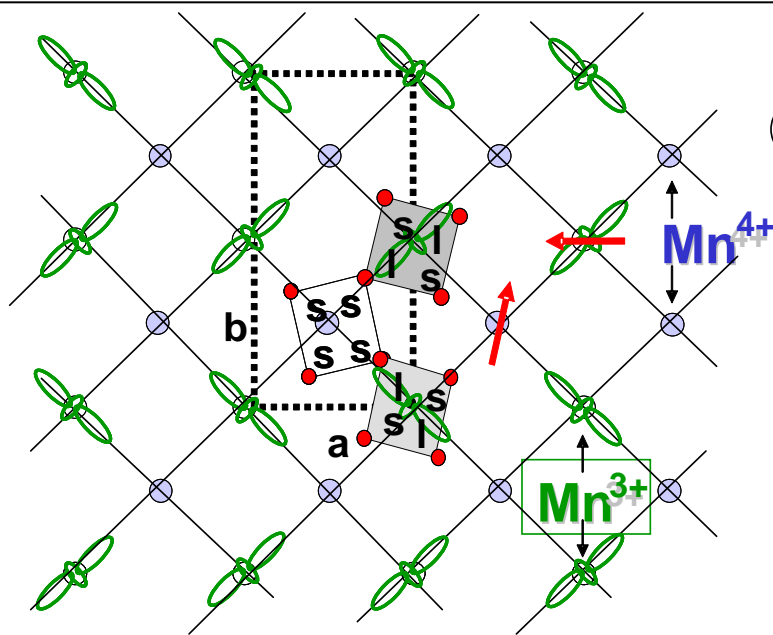
- Resolution limited magnetic Bragg peaks
- This time, a **better solution can be obtained using structure solution methods** (simulated annealing)
- Evidences “Zener Polarons“ of 4-Mn atoms



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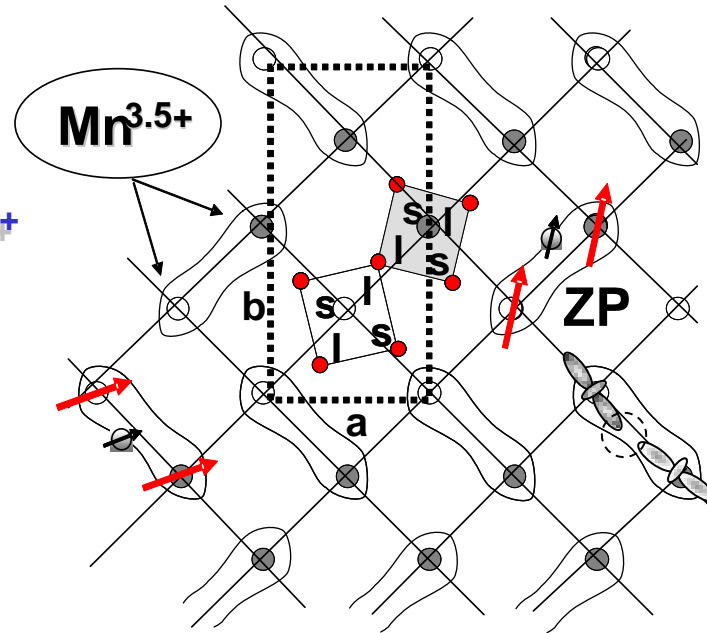
Neutron Diffraction study of the Pr<sub>0.60</sub>Ca<sub>0.40</sub>MnO<sub>3</sub> charge ordered superstructure from twinned single crystal :

A. Daoud-Aladine, et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, vol. 89 pp. 097205 (2002)



**Ionic ordering**

**site centered CO**



**Zener polaron ordering**

**bond centered CO**

- Van der Brink, Nature Mat 2004 (doubly degenerate DE model)
- Zheng, PRB 2003 (Hartree Fock)
- de Graaf, PRB 2004 (Large cluster Quantum chemical calculations)

**oxygen hole ordering**

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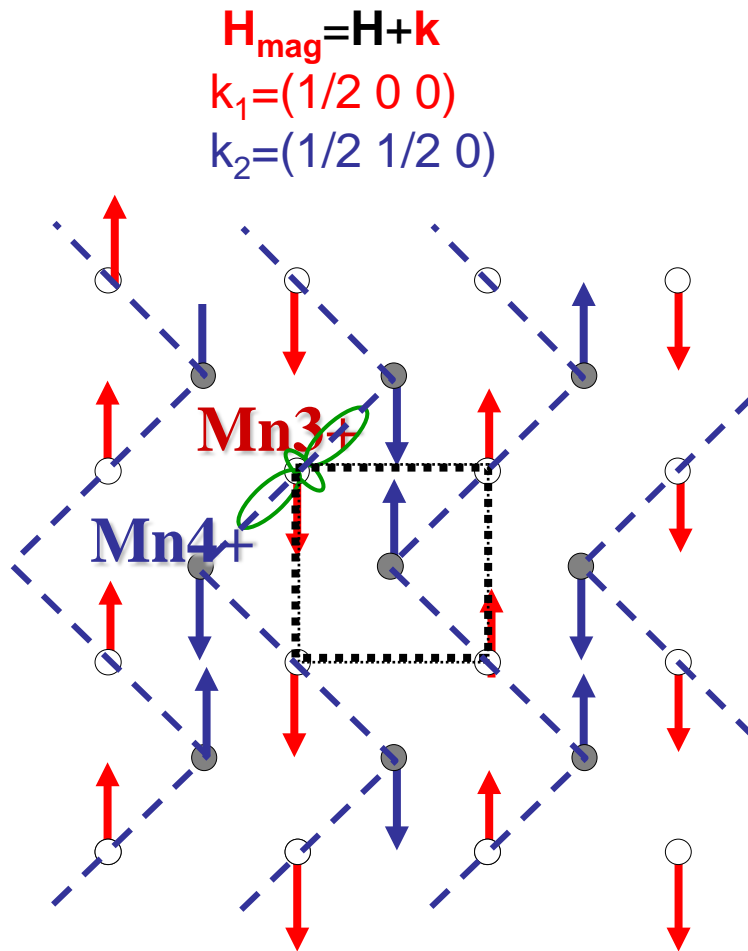
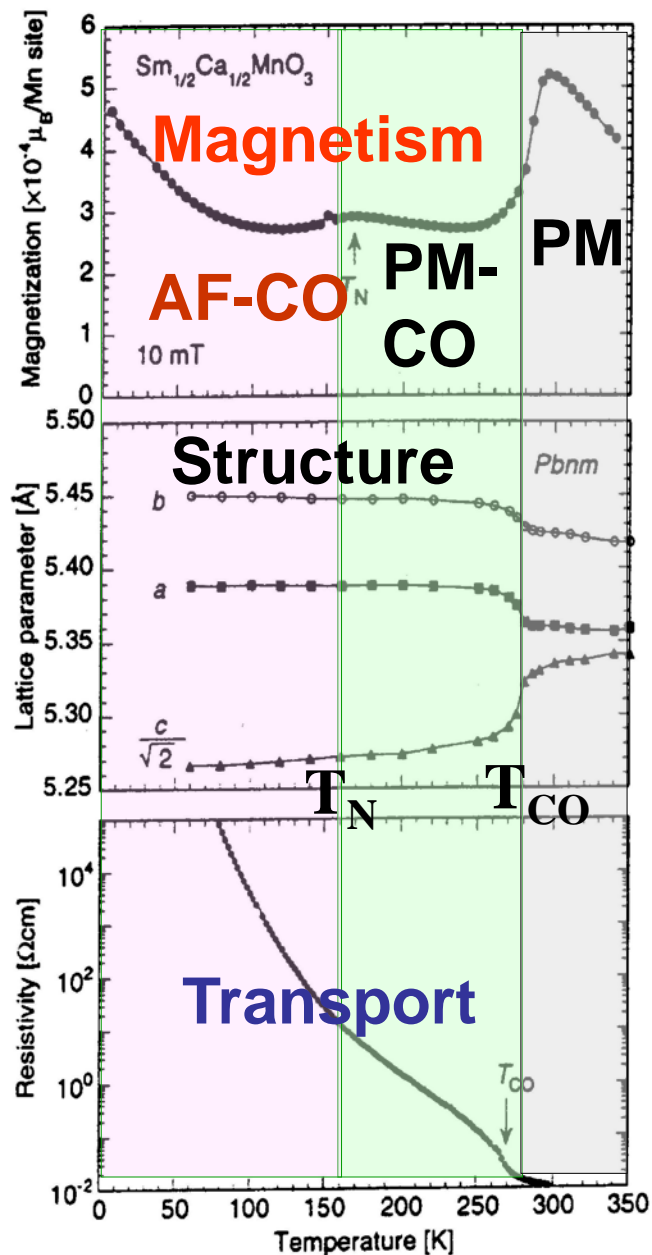
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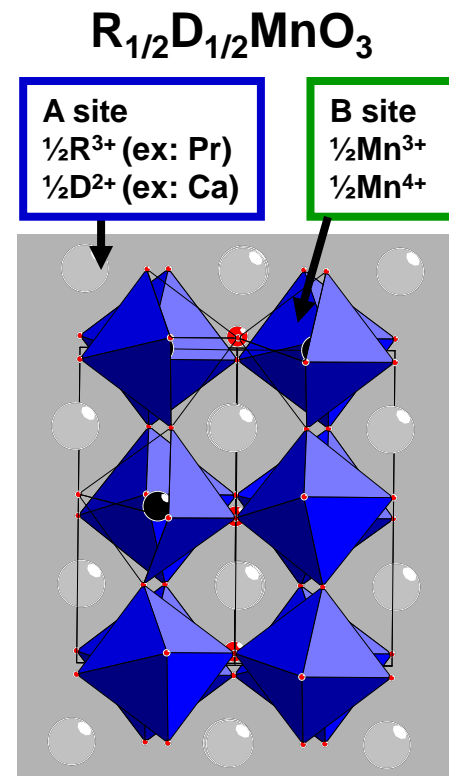
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**X=1/2 : the CE-type magnetic structure**



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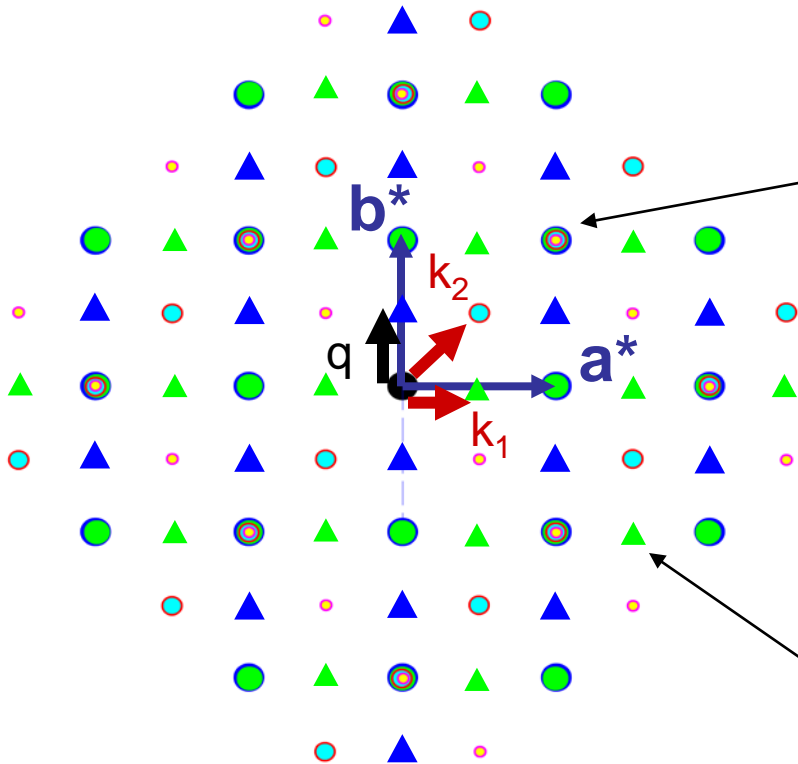
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**Twinned Crystal**  
 **$T < T_N$  (AF-CO phase)**

Possibly up to 6 domain contributions



**Circles**

- $(0\ 0\ -4)_6+$  Strong Nuc
- $(0\ 0\ -4)_5+$  Strong Nuc
- $(-2\ 2\ 0)_4+$  Strong Nuc
- $(-2\ -2\ 0)_3+$  Strong Nuc
- $(2\ 2\ 0)_2+$  Strong Nuc
- $(-2\ 2\ 0)_1$  Strong Nuc

- $(1/2\ -1/2\ 1)_6 + \text{CE-k2}$
- $(1/2\ 1/2\ 1)_5 + \text{CE-k2}$
- $(0\ -1\ 0)_4 + \text{Negligible or strong Nuc}$
- $(1\ 0\ 0)_3 + \text{Negligible or strong Nuc}$
- $(-1/2\ -1/2\ 1)_2 + \text{CE-k2}$
- $(1/2\ -1/2\ 1)_1 \text{ CE-k2}$

**Triangles**

- $(0\ -1/2\ -1)_6+$  "negligible" SurStruct
- $(1/2\ 0\ -1)_5$  intense CE-k1

- $(2\ 1/2\ 0)_2 + \text{"intense" SS}$
- $(-1/2\ 2\ 0)_1$  negligible pCE-k1

Basic structure peaks of different orthorhombic domains overlap (circles)

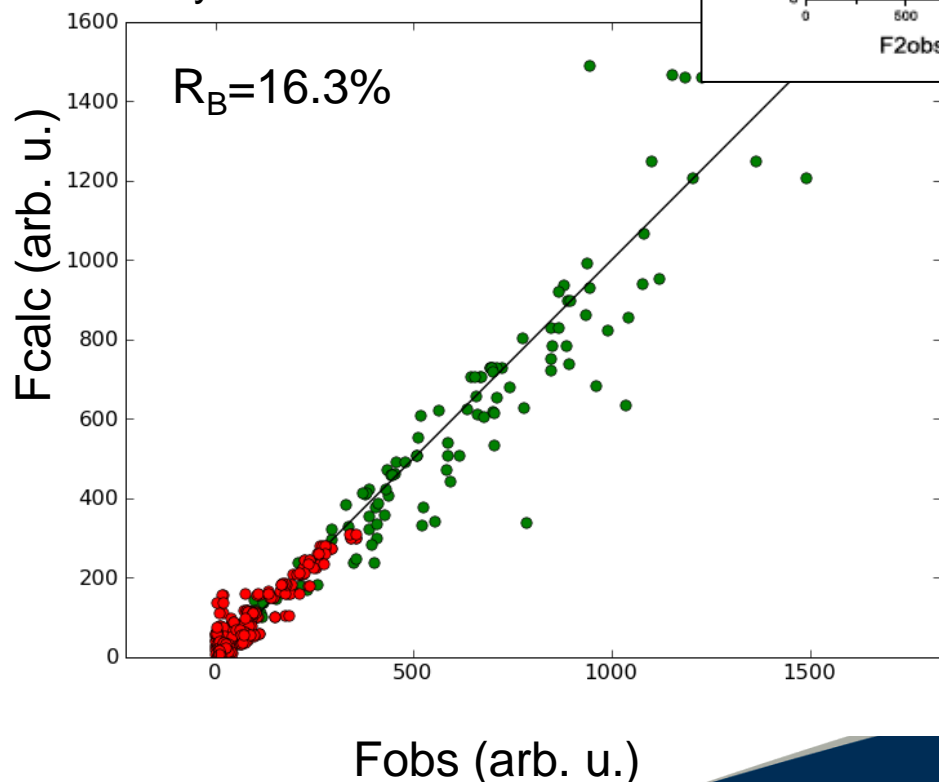
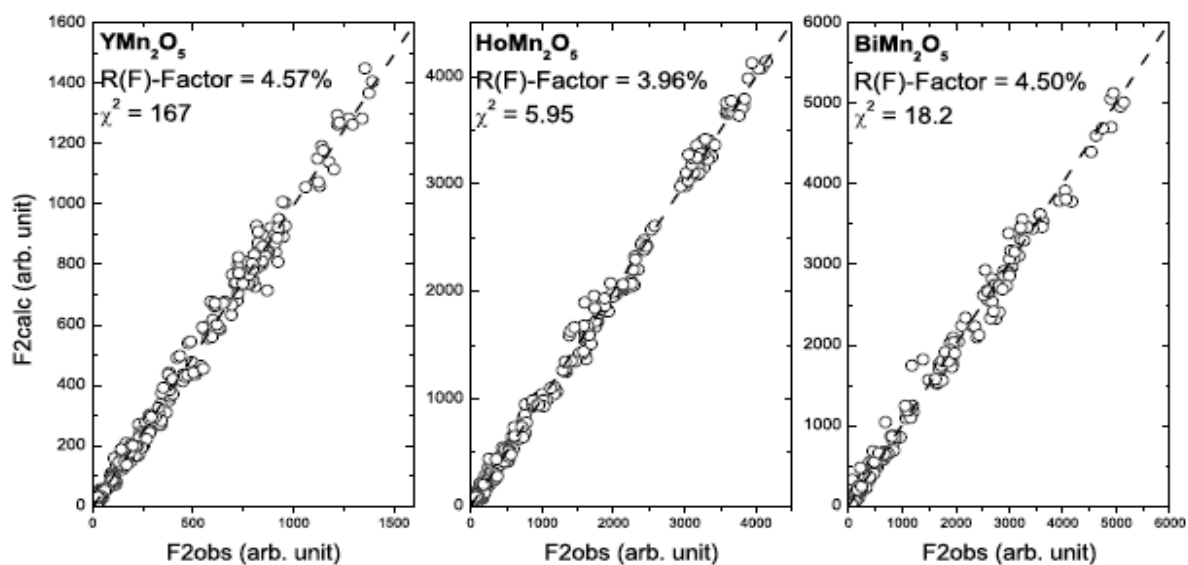
**Superlattice (triangles)**      **Magnetic peaks**

# Pr<sub>1/2</sub>Ca<sub>1/2</sub>MnO<sub>3</sub>

## Comparison with the 1-2-5 Multiferroics manganites

Vecchini, Chapon et al  
Phys. Rev. B **77**, 134434 (2008)

- Data from the *same instrument*
- similar sample size (*similar stats, a priori...*)
- But... crystals **untwinned**



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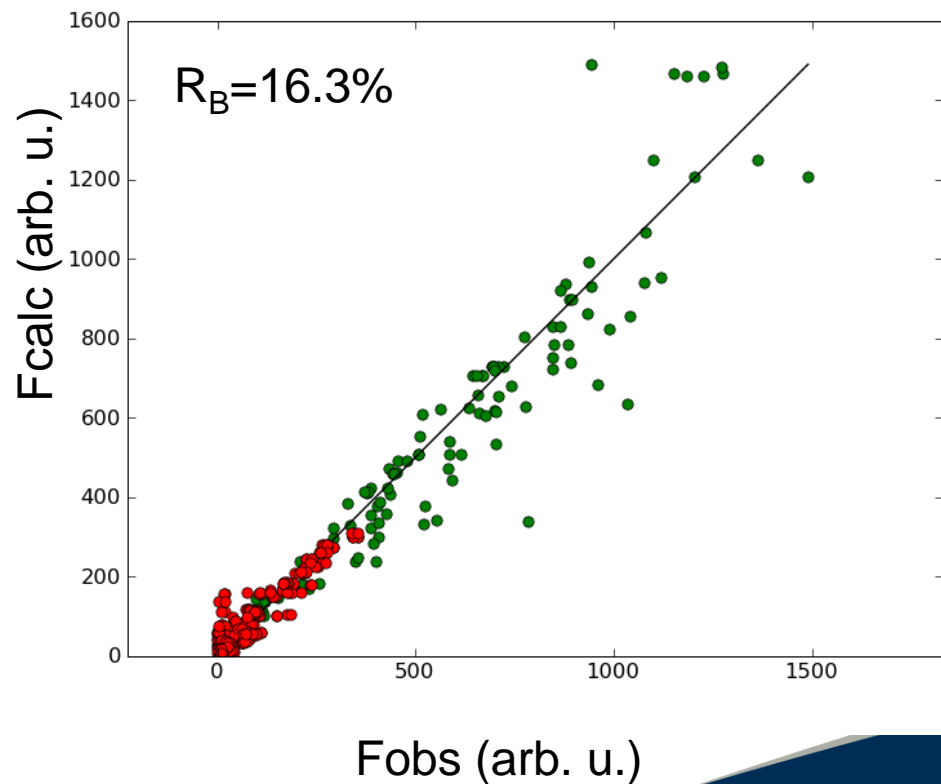
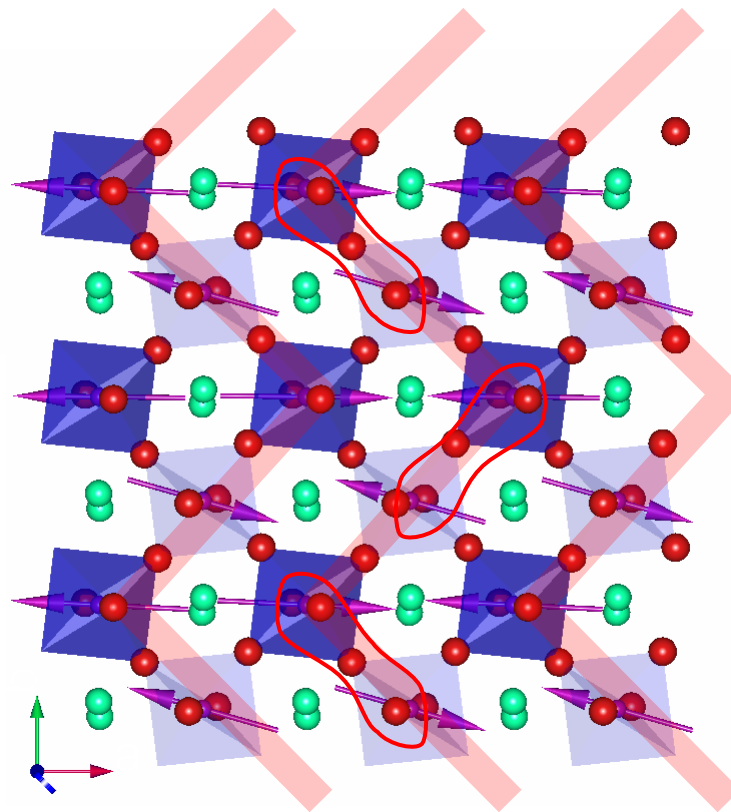


# $\text{Pr}_{1/2}\text{Ca}_{1/2}\text{MnO}_3$

**Result : Collinear CE-type structure**

=>

compatible with both **Ionic** and **ZP**  
**ordering** models...



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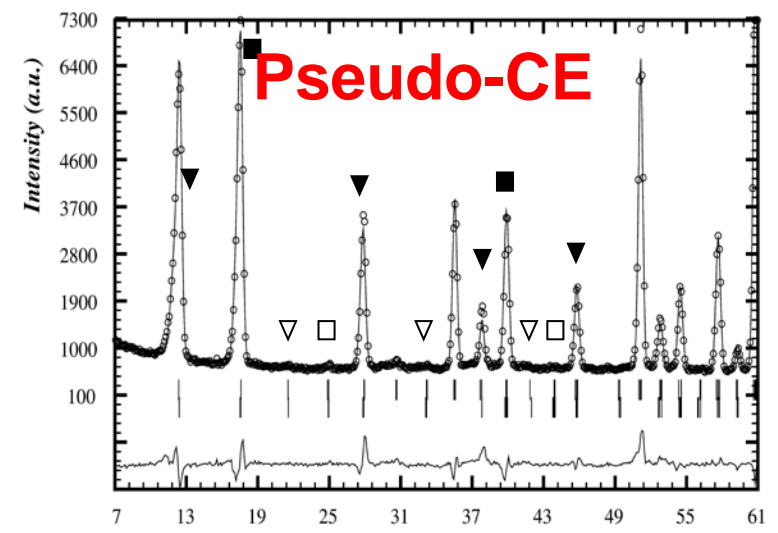
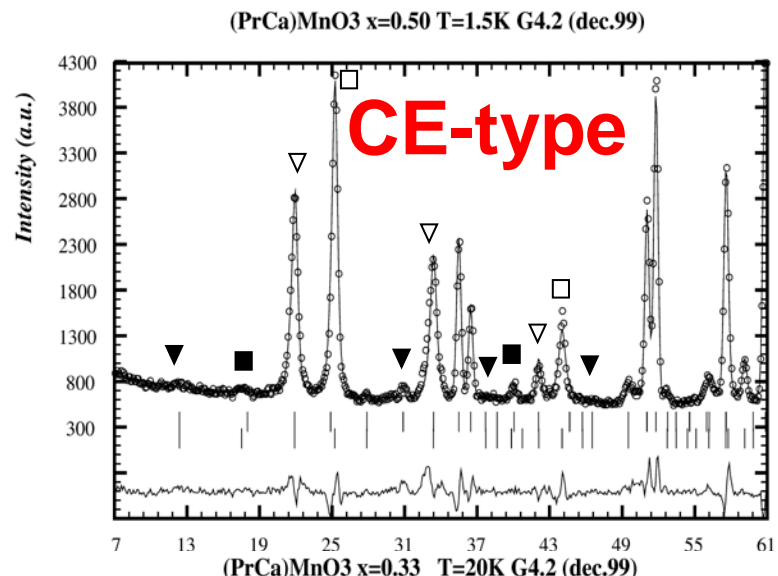
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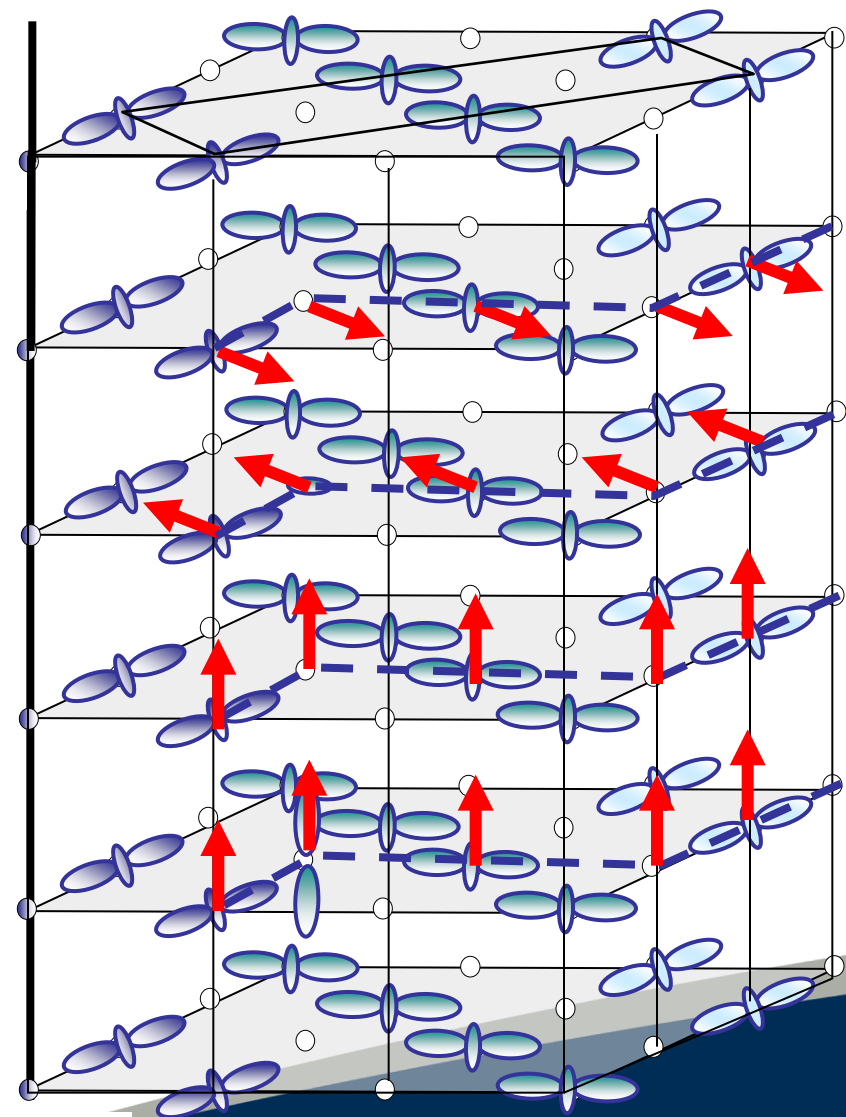


# $\text{Pr}_{1-x}\text{Ca}_x\text{MnO}_3$ ( $x < 1/2$ )



$x=0.5$

$x=0.33$



**Z. Jirak**

J.Mag. Mat. Mat **53**, 153  
(1985)

**D. E. Cox, et al**

Phys. Rev. B **57**, 3305 (1998)



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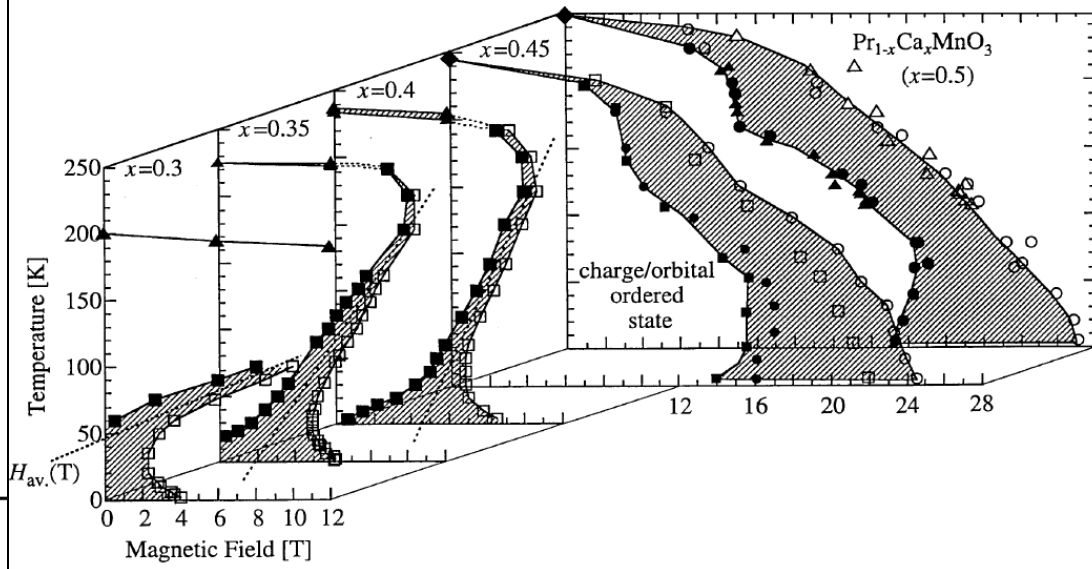
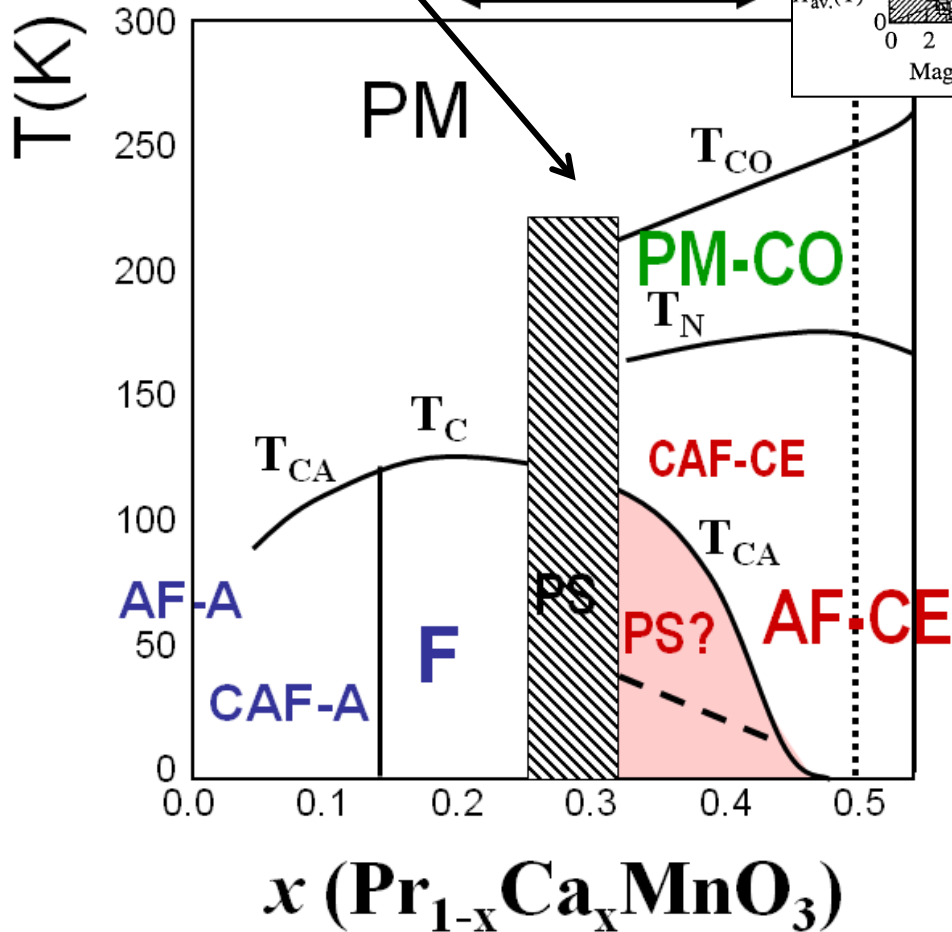
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**LT-CMR**



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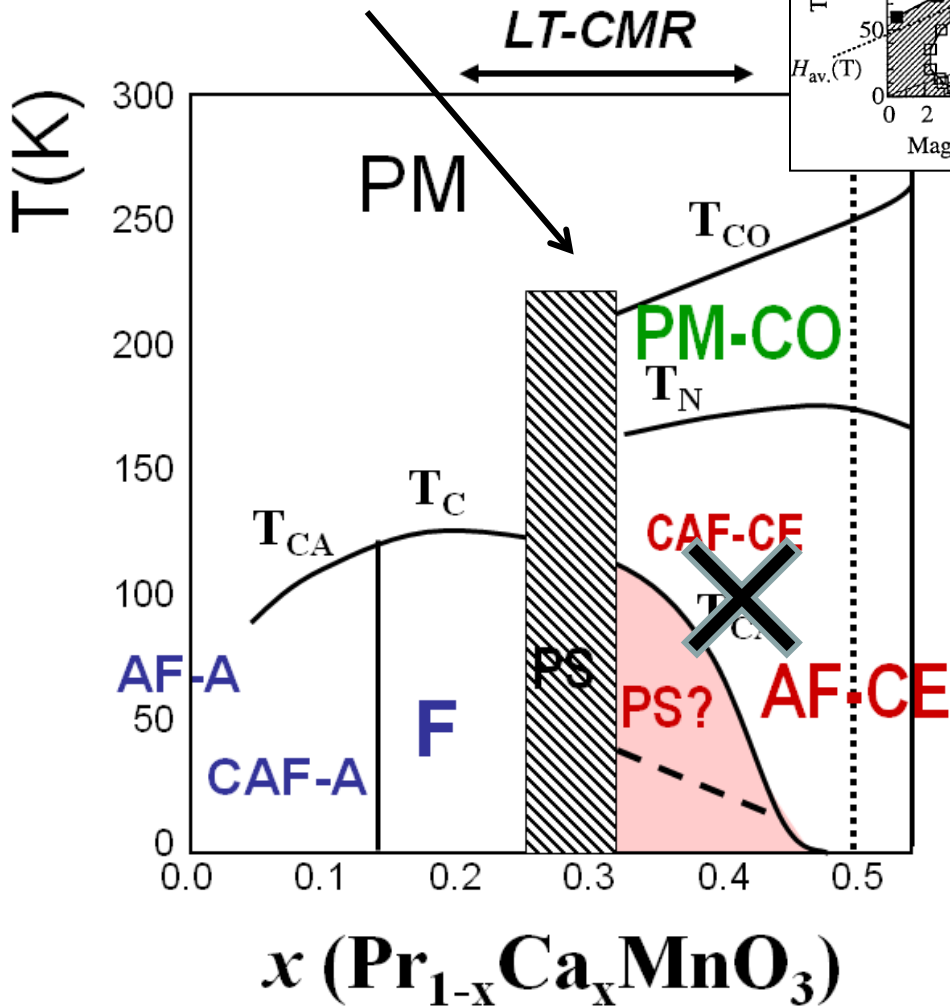
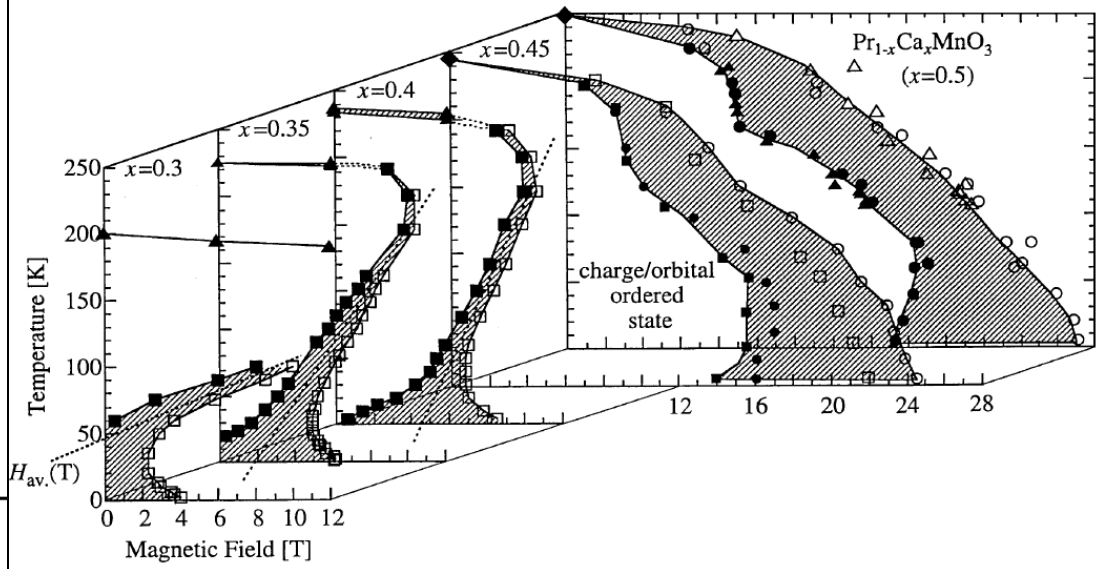
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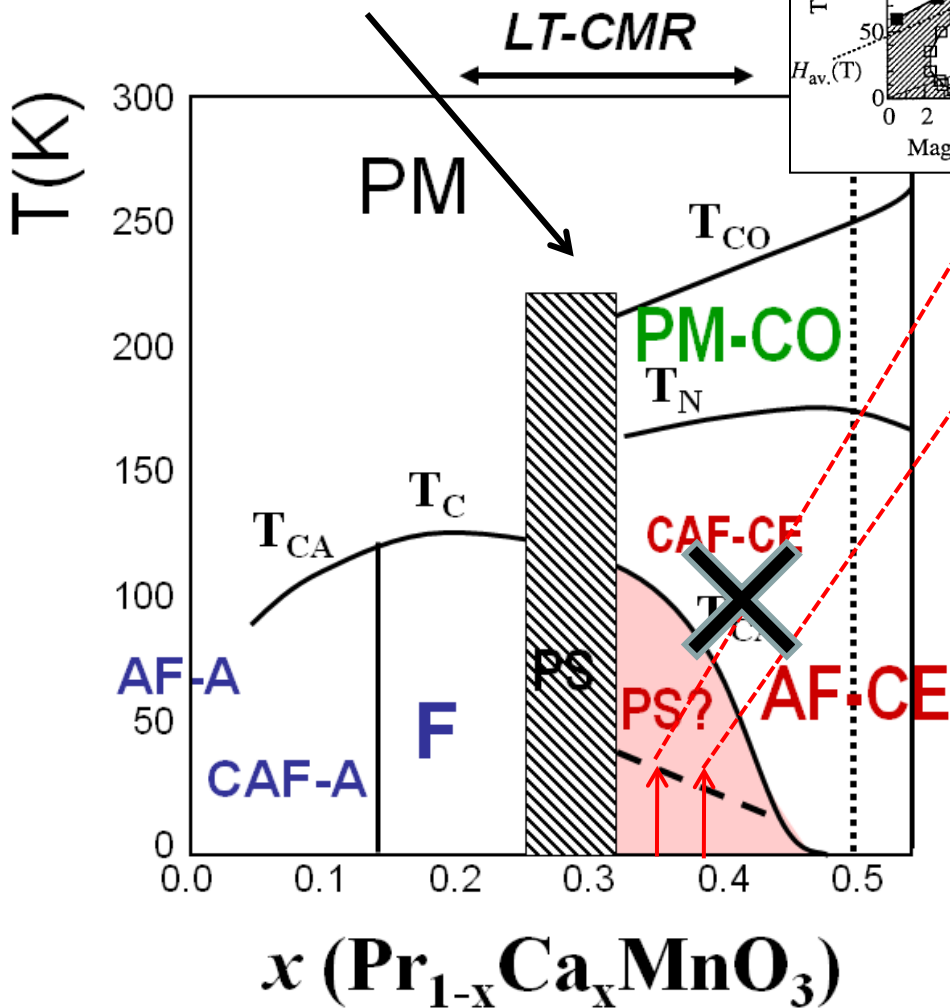
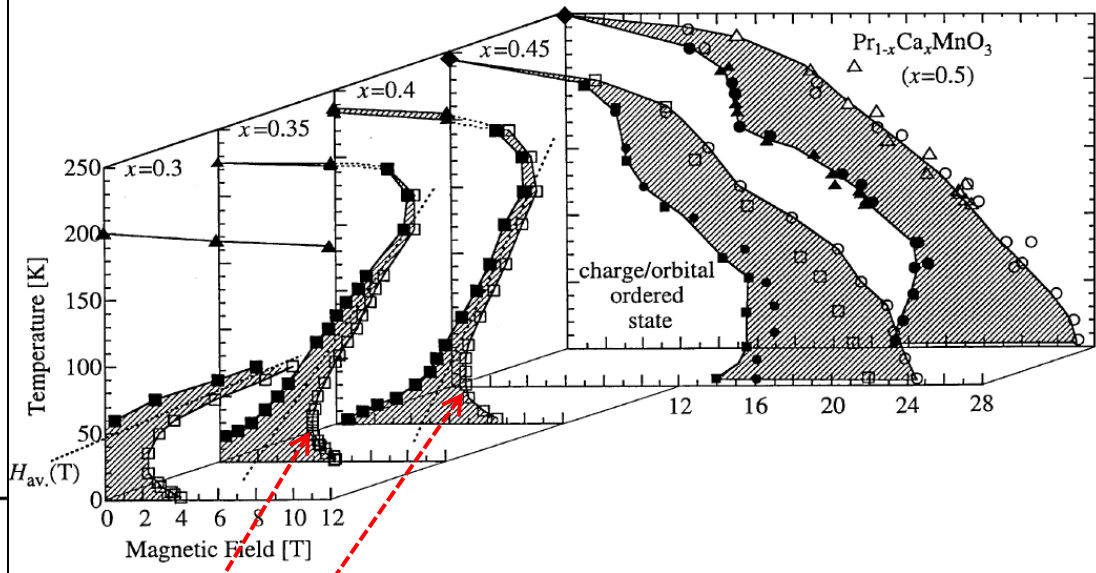
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We evidence a LT magnetic transition

At a temperature ~25K

matching the inflexion

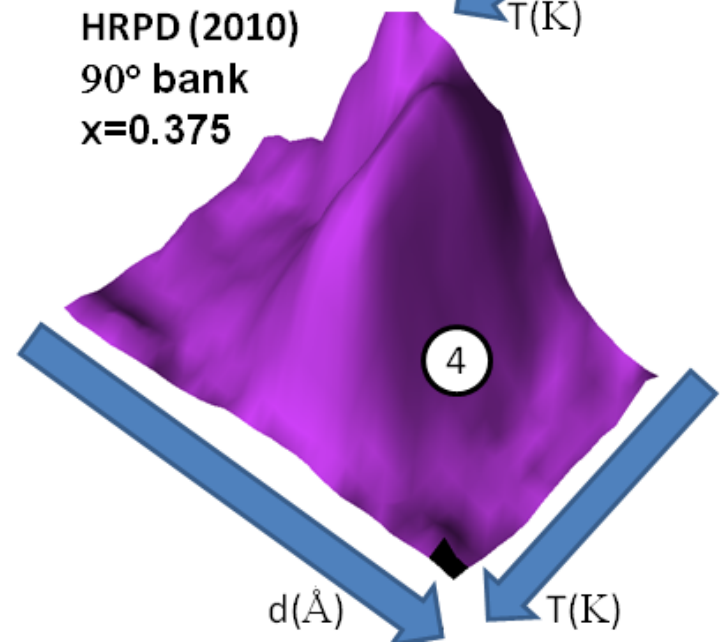
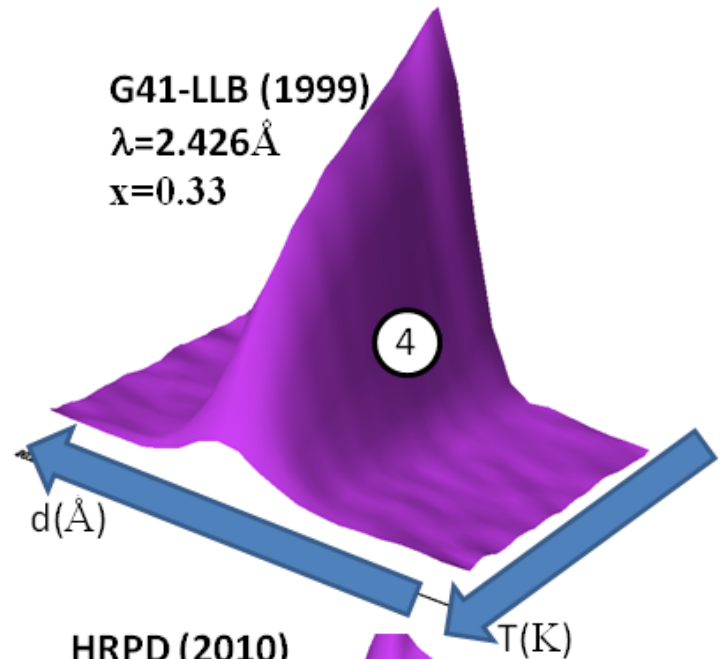
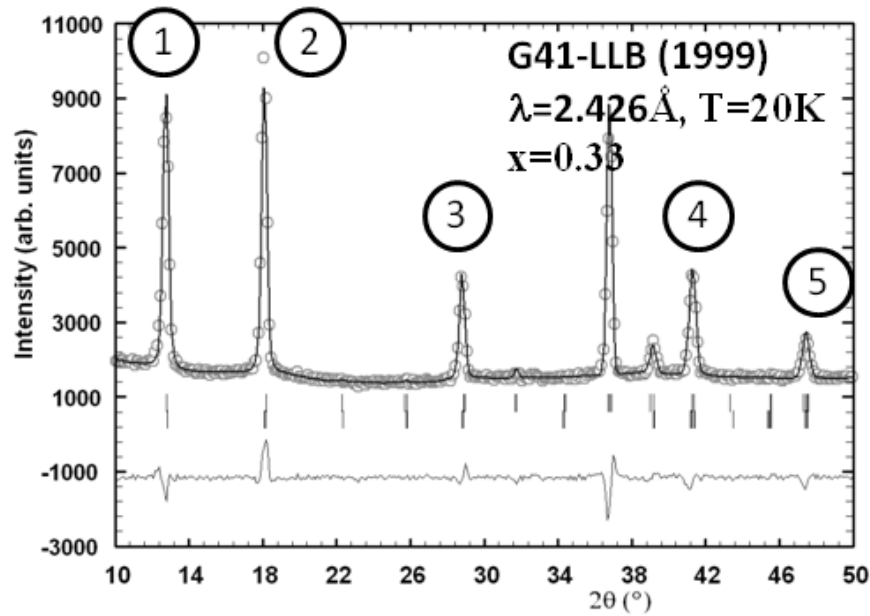
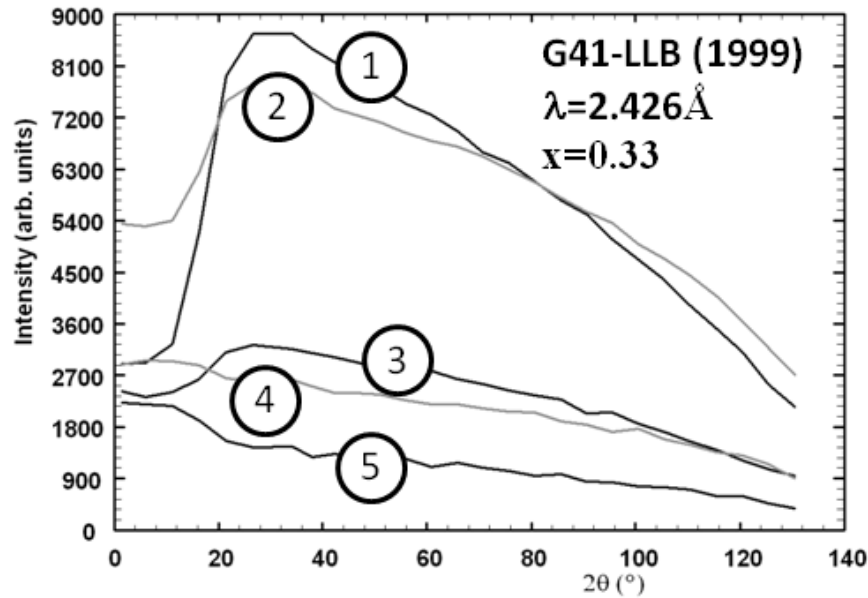
point of the **Magnetic field induced Insulator to Metal transition line**



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# Conclusions

- Technique : **Medium resolution NPD** enough to determine the magnetic structure  
(a very RARE case, helped by the low cell symmetry of  $\text{YBaMn}_2\text{O}_6$ !!!)
- Interpretation: This essentially **discards** the **originally proposed** “CE-type ionic Charge ordering variants” BUT **corroborates** “Zener Polarons ordering” scenarios
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- Technique : Using **much higher resolution** on TOF instruments...
- $\text{Pr}_{0.625}\text{Ca}_{0.375}\text{MnO}_3$  appears to be markedly different to  $\text{Pr}_{0.7}\text{Ca}_{0.3}\text{MnO}_3$
- It is **SINGLE-PHASE** and show no macroscopic F-component
- It shows instead an (almost) unreported AF spin re-orientation below  $T_{N2}=25\text{K}$
- The phenomenon seems **intimately related to the LT- CMR properties**