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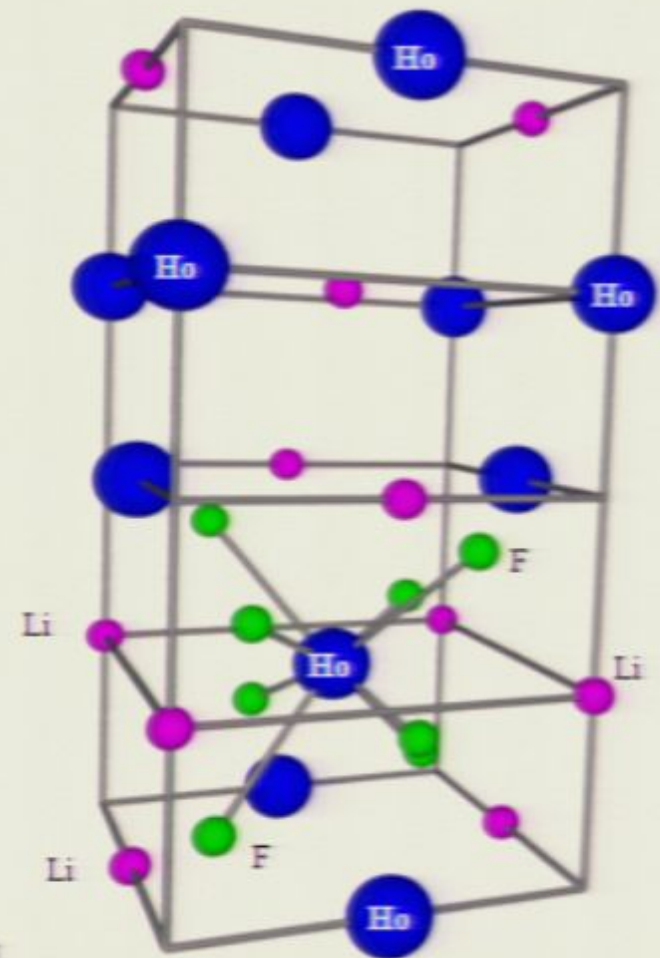
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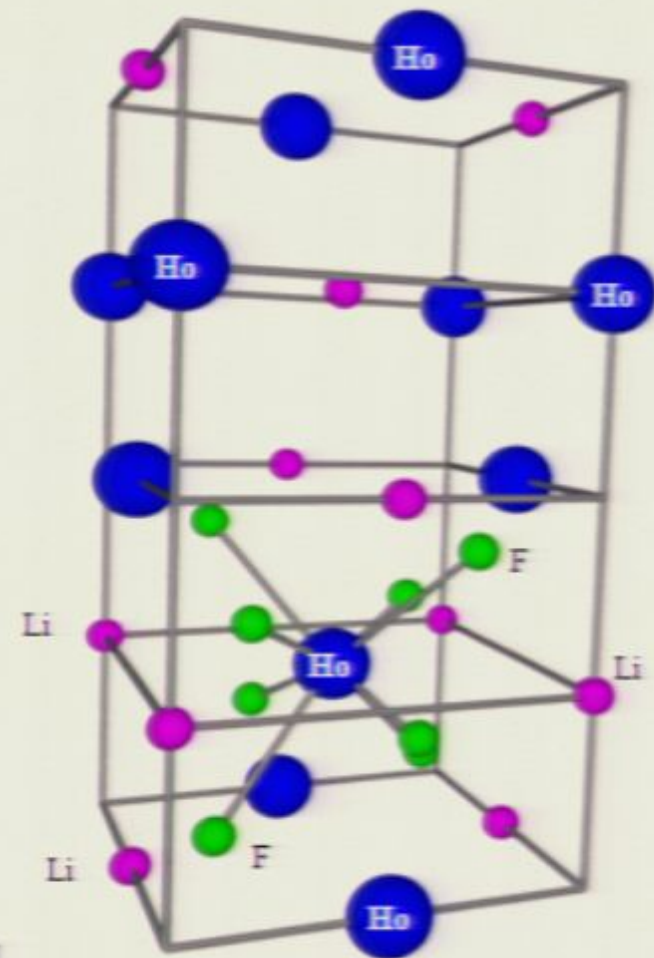
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$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{Dipolar}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \mu_B^2 g_J^2 \sum_{ij} \left[\frac{\mathbf{J}_i \cdot \mathbf{J}_j}{r_{ij}^3} - \frac{3(\mathbf{J}_i \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij})(\mathbf{J}_j \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij})}{r_{ij}^5} \right]$$

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Phase Diagram of $\text{LiHo}_x\text{Y}_{1-x}\text{F}_4$

Reich *et al* PRB (1990) (general overview, initial phase diagram)

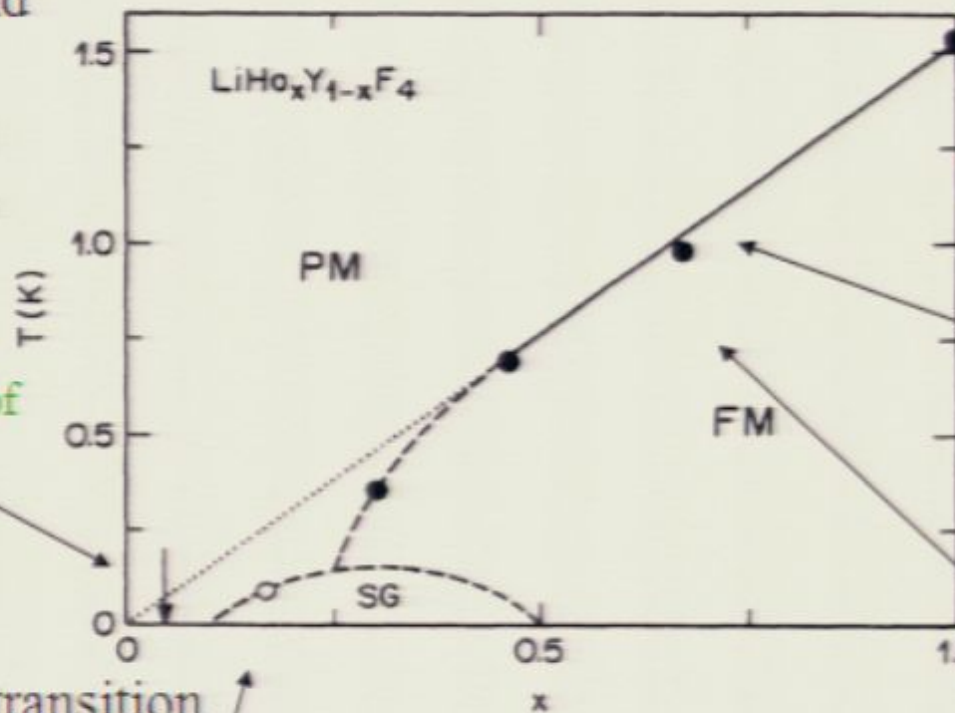
At $x=4.5\%$ unusual “anti-glass”, spin liquid state was observed.

Ghosh *et al* Science (2002)

Coherent Spin Oscillations (hole burning)

Ghosh *et al* Nature (2003)

Entangled Quantum State of Magnetic Dipoles



Pure material orders ferromagnetically

Mennenga *et al* JMMM (1984)

Lowering x lowers transition temperature (xT_C at first)

Reich *et al* PRB (1990)

Silevitch *et al* Nature (2007)
Transverse field provides continuously tunable random field

At $x=16\%$ Spin glass transition observed Reich *et al* PRB (1990)

Wu *et al* PRL 1991

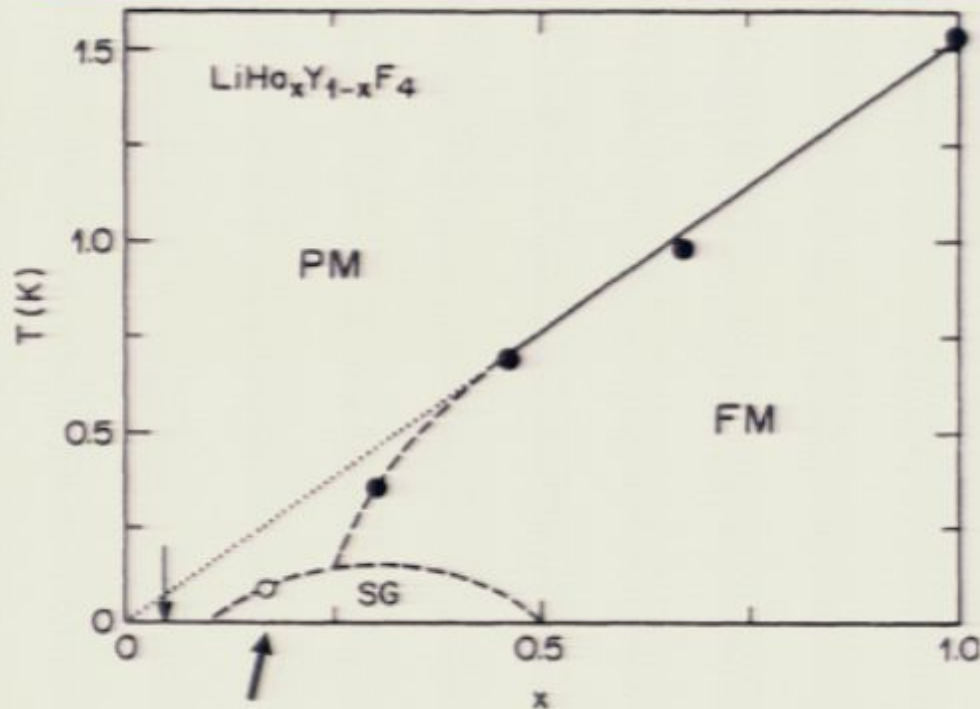
(transverse field $T_{\text{glass}} = 0$)

Wu *et al* PRL 1993

(transverse field classical to quantum glass transition)

Ancona-Torres *et al* PRL (2008).
Transverse field, quantum and classical glass transitions

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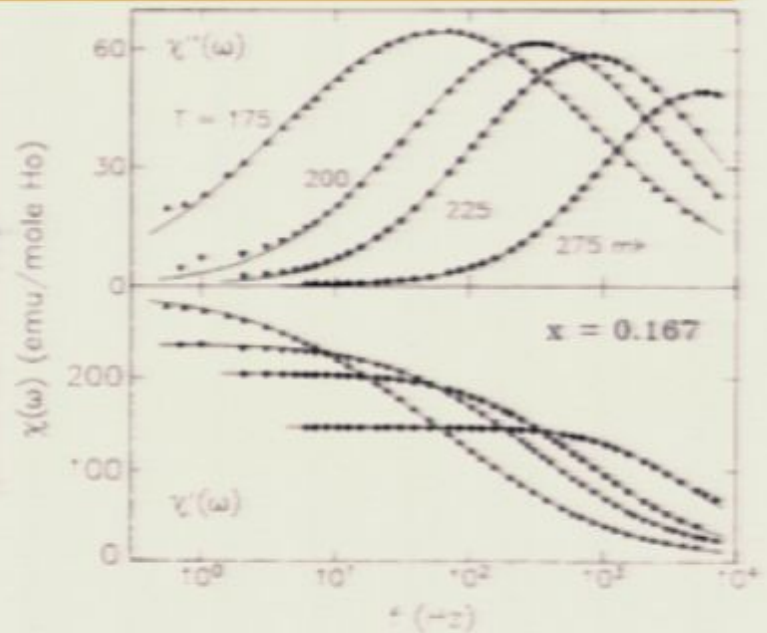
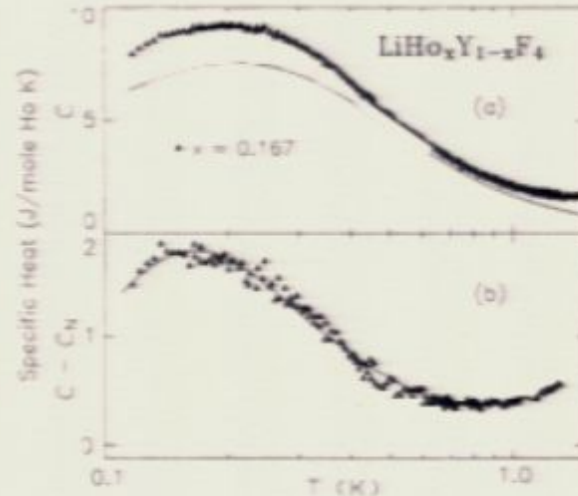
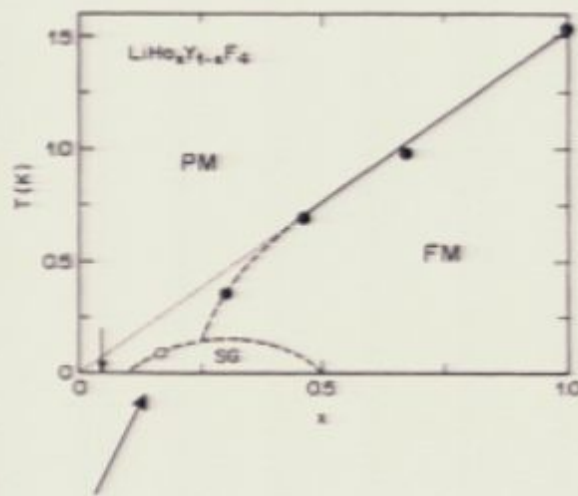
At $x = 16\%$ debate on whether spin glass state really exists.

Reich et al PRB (1990), Wu et al PRL 1991, Wu et al PRL (1993)	Yes ... Spin Glass
Snider and Yu PRB (2005) (Theory)	No No Finite temperature Spin Glass
Jonsson et al PRL (2007)	No ... No Finite temperature Spin Glass
Ancona-Torres et al PRL (2008)	Yes ... Spin Glass
Schechter and Stamp PRB (2008) (Theory)	Yes ... Spin Glass
Tam and Gingras arxiv: 0810.085 (2008) (Theory)	Yes ... Spin Glass

With a debate existing over $x = 16\%$ being a spin glass, the state of the lower concentrations maybe even more controversial.

Spin Glass Phase at $x = 0.16$

Reich *et al* PRB (1990)



At $x=16\%$ spin glass transition observed

- Broadening of χ'' as temperature decreases is consistent with approaching glass transition.
- Specific heat characteristics consistent with what is expected above glass transition

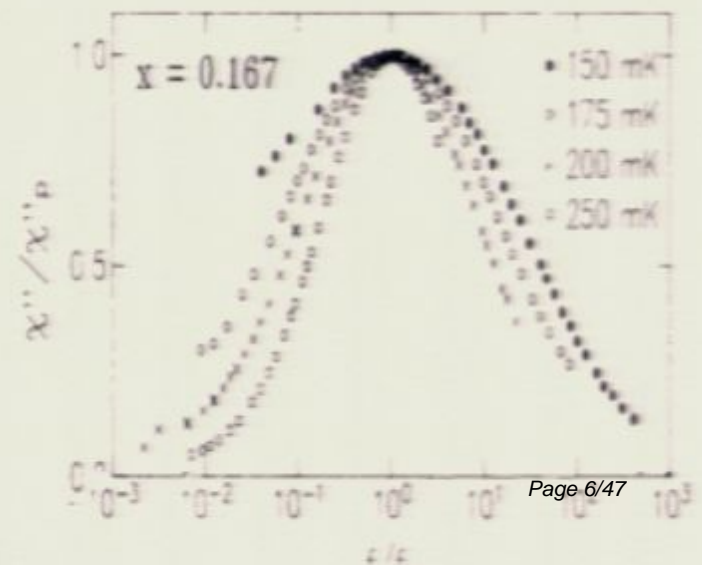
Scaling analyses determines:

$$\tau_{avg}(T) = \tau_0 \left(\frac{T}{T_g} - 1 \right)^{-z\nu}$$

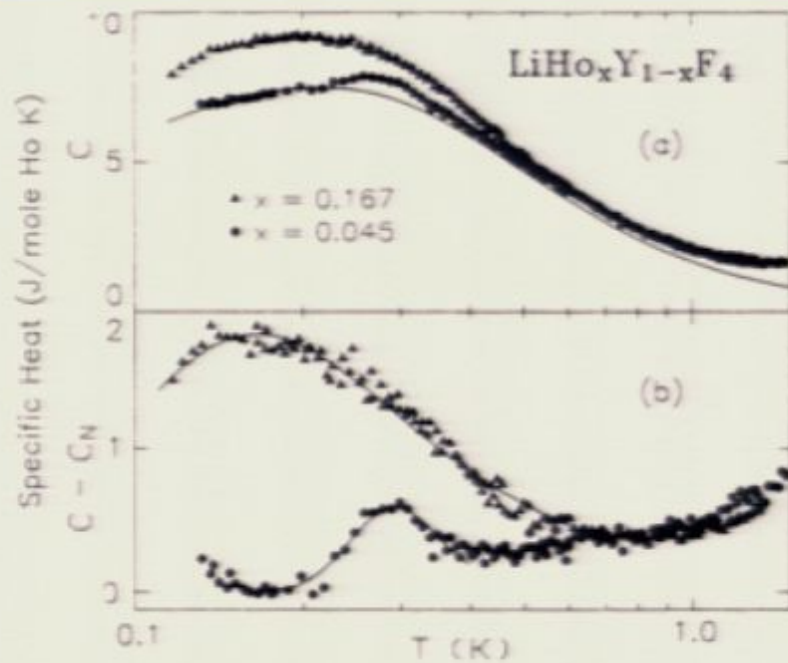
$$T_g = 100 \text{ mK} \pm 10 \text{ mK}$$

$$z\nu = 7.0 \pm 1.0$$

$$\tau = 2.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s} \pm 1.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}$$

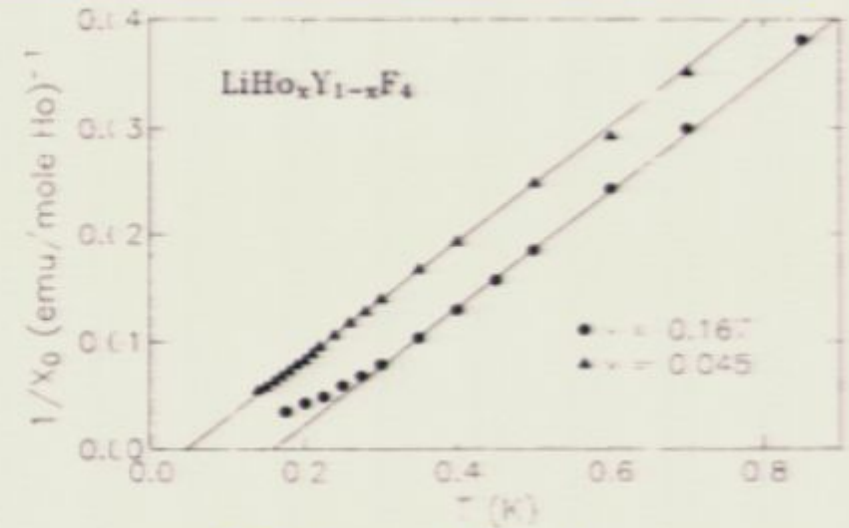


The "Anti-Glass" Phase at $x = 0.045$ Reich *et al* PRB (1990)

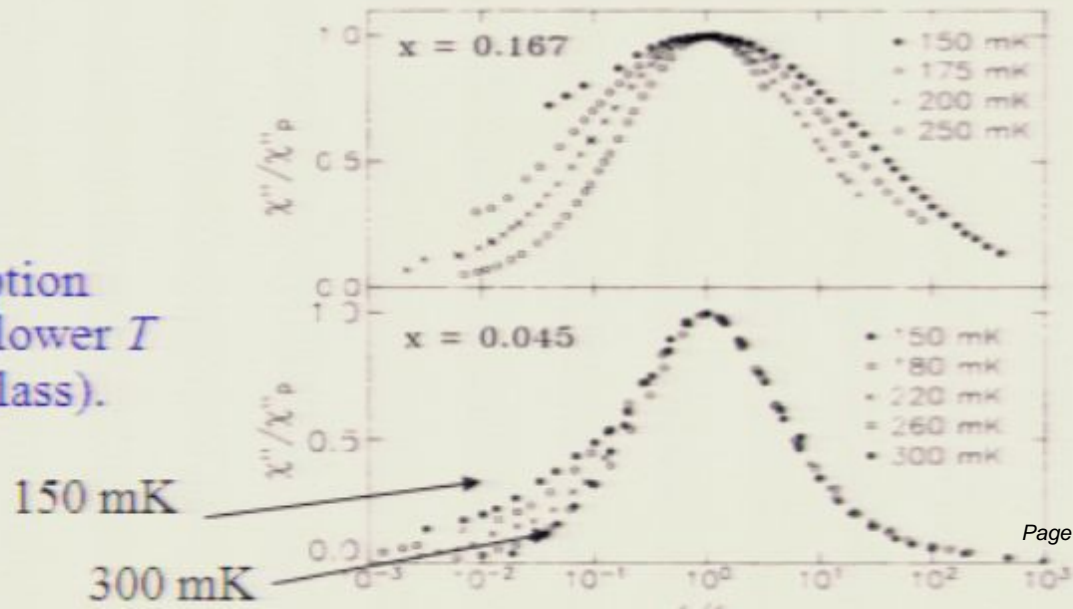


Unusually sharp features in the specific heat.

Narrowing of absorption spectrum $\chi''(f)$ with lower T (opposite of a spin glass).



DC Susceptibility has $1/T$ temperature dependence.



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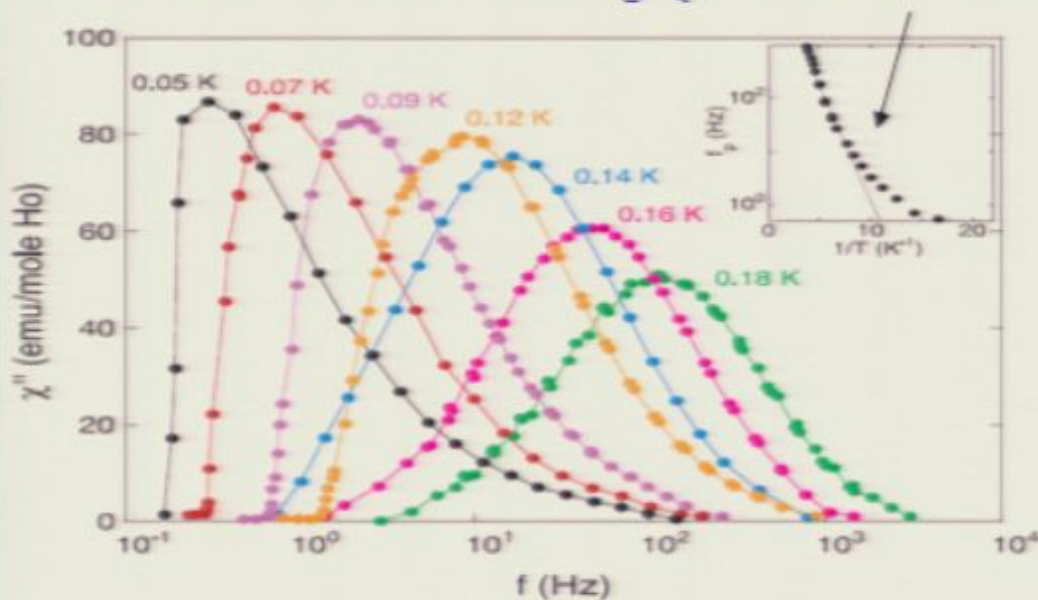
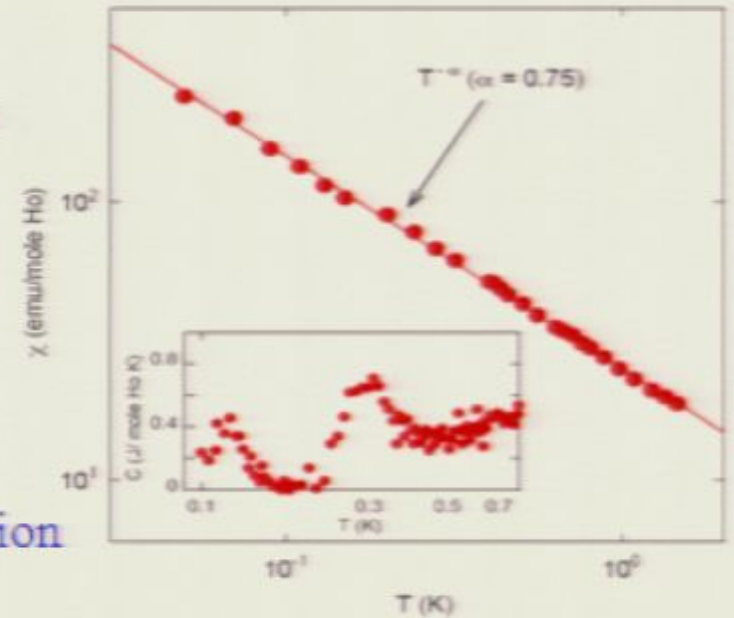
- Remeasured DC susceptibility, found $\chi \propto T^{-0.75}$ instead of $\chi \propto T^{-1}$.

- Point out how unusual it is that the specific heat has peaks while susceptibility is smooth.

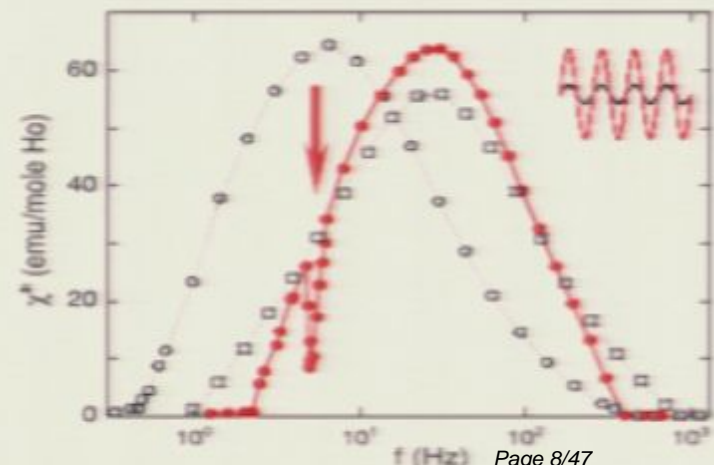
-- explain this with entanglement

- Measure χ'' to be even more asymmetric at low temperatures.

Peak frequency temperature dependence deviates from Arrhenius behaviour indicating Quantum – Classical transition

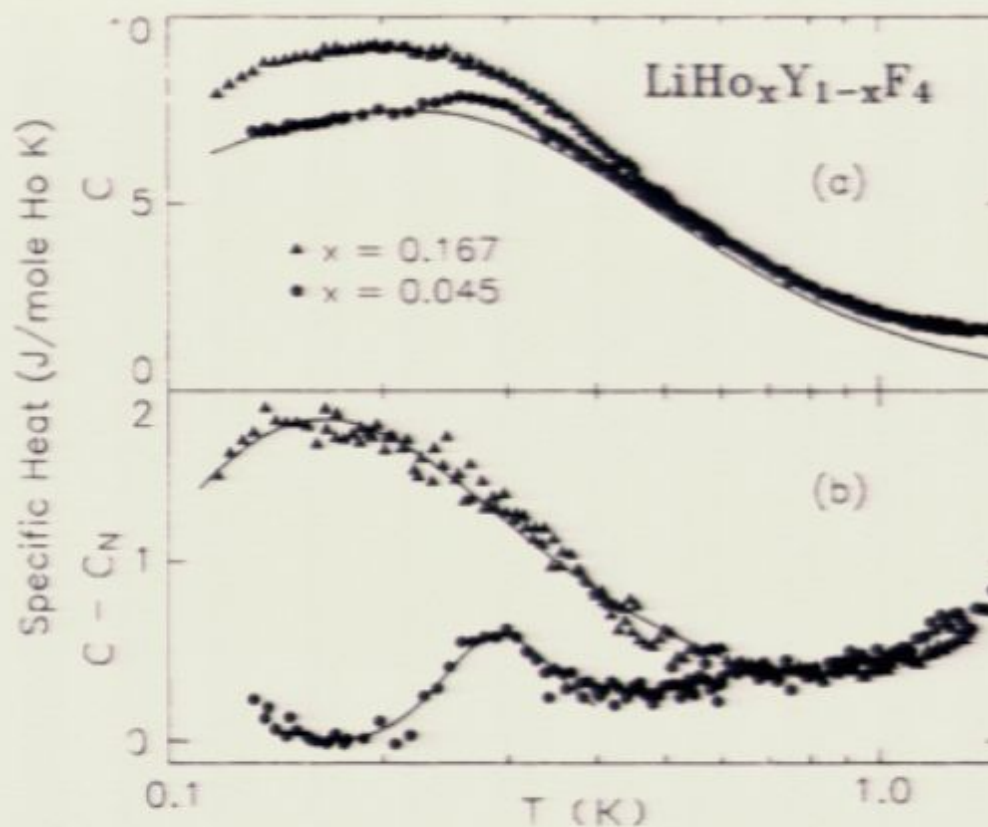
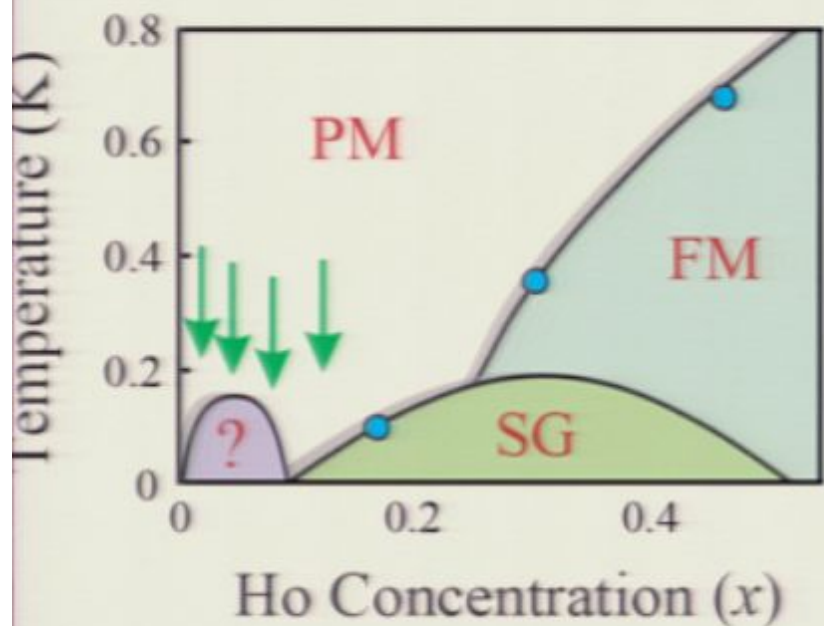


$T = 110$ mK, transverse 5 Hz ac field



Our first goal was to measure the low temperature specific heat of $\text{LiHo}_x\text{Y}_{1-x}\text{F}_4$

- More accurately
- Lower temperatures
- Different Ho concentrations



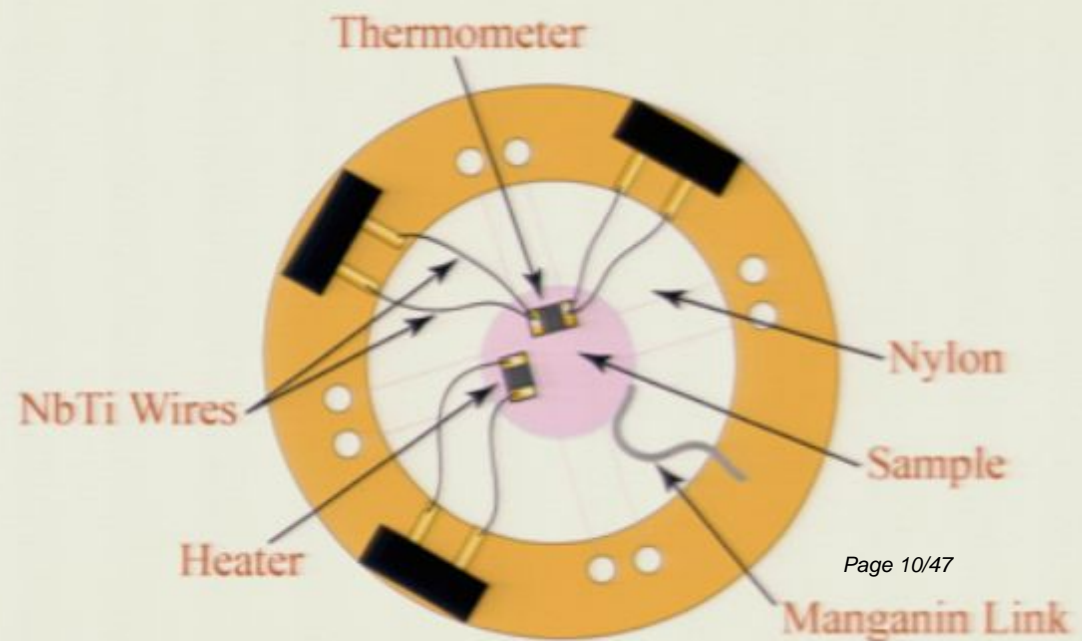
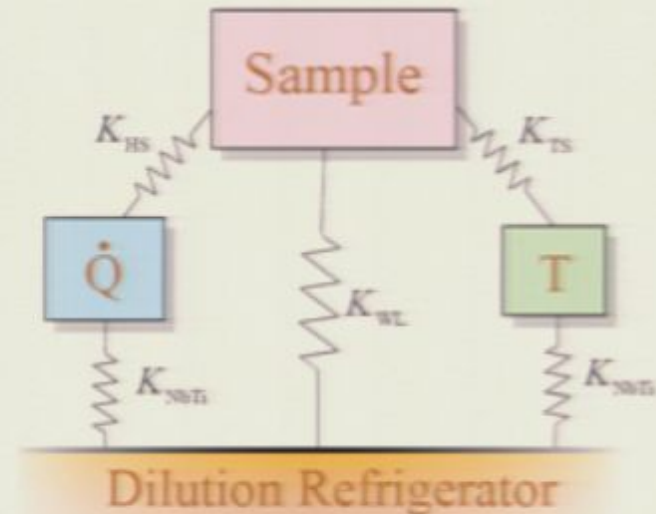
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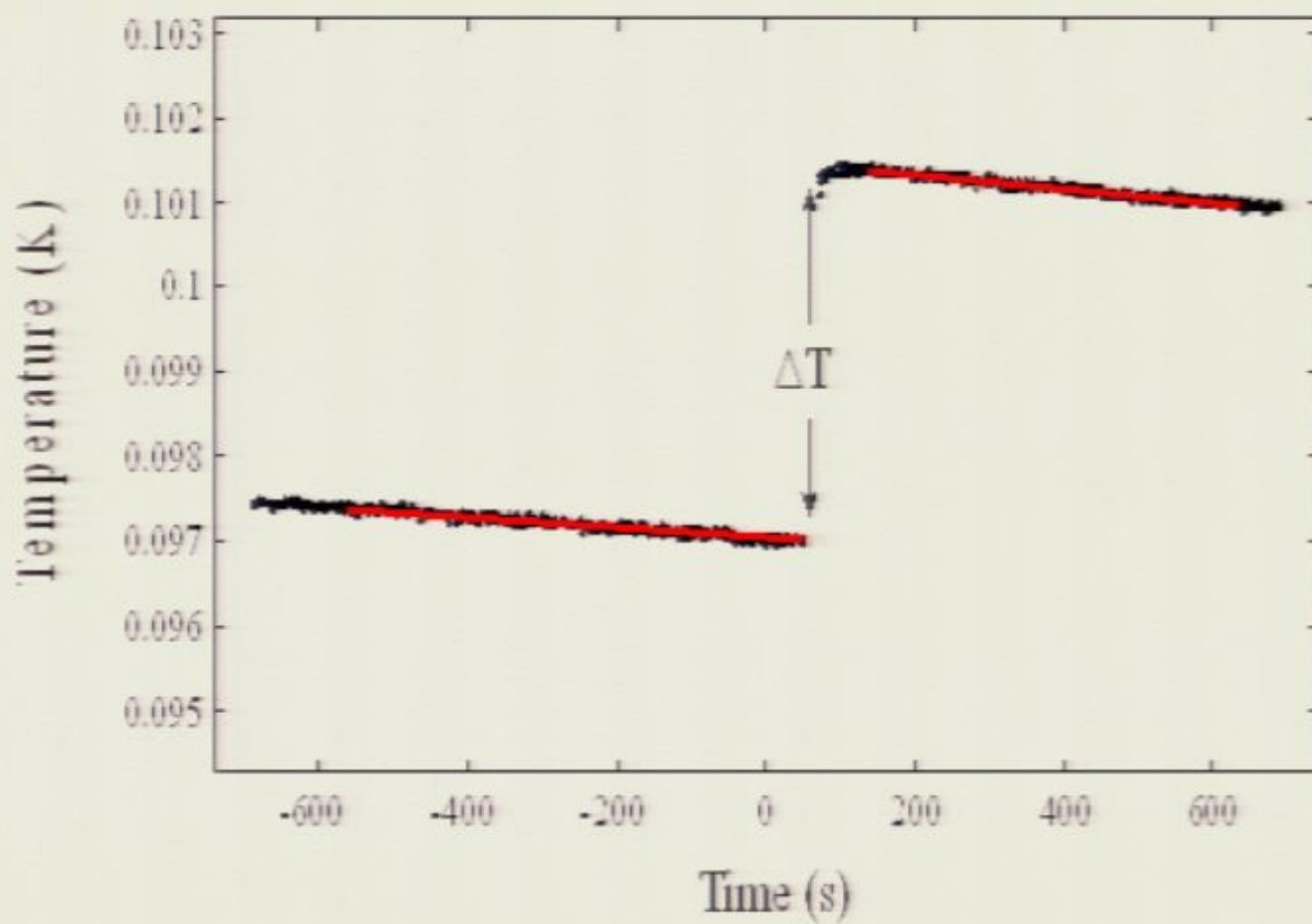
- Subtraction of Ho Nuclear term is tricky
- 16.7% Ho sample looks like spin glass
- 4.5% Ho sample looks like “anti-glass”

Heat Capacity Measurement

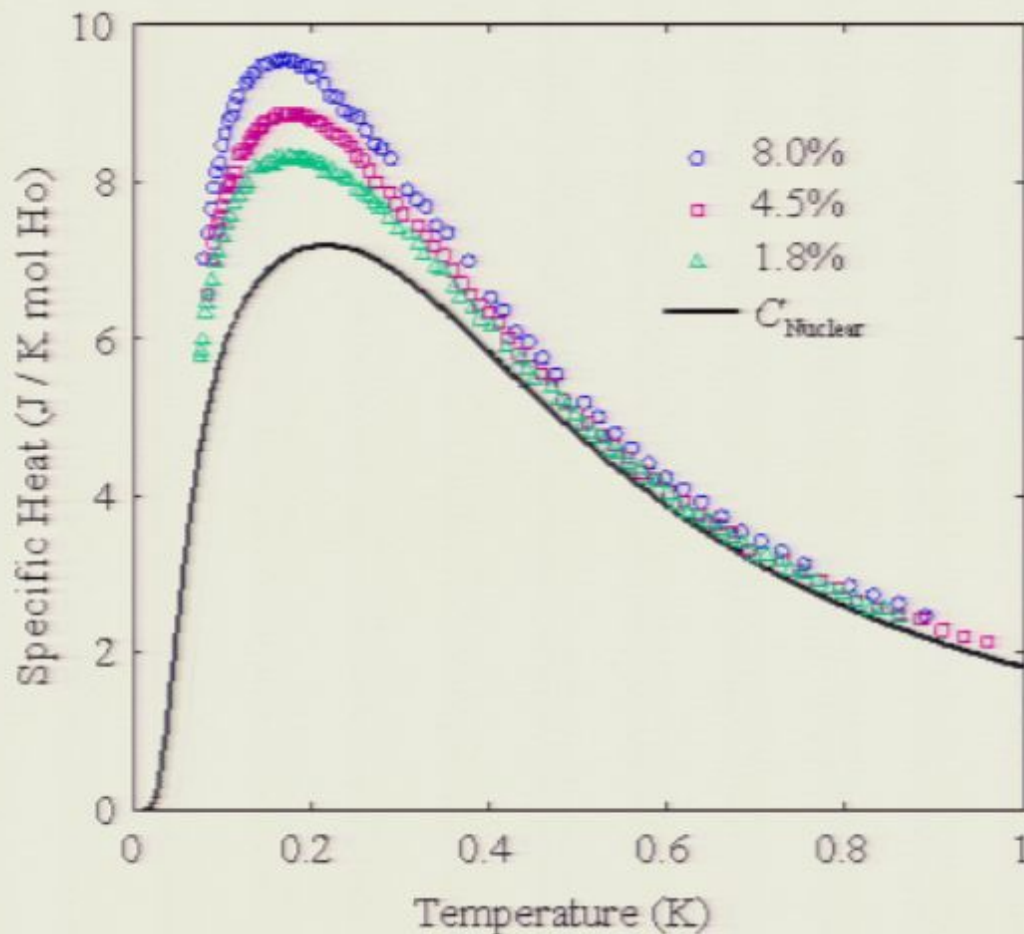
- Dilution Refrigerator with 13 mK base temperature
- Used quasi-adiabatic method – heat pulse Q is applied and ΔT is measured
- Careful attention was paid to thermal leaks, decoupling of thermometers, etc.
- Leads are 6 μm diameter, 1cm long superconducting wires (conduct very little heat).
- No substrate used (components fastened directly to sample)
- RuO_2 resistance thermometer calibrated to a GRT and CMN thermometer.



Typical data for a single heat pulse



Total Specific Heat



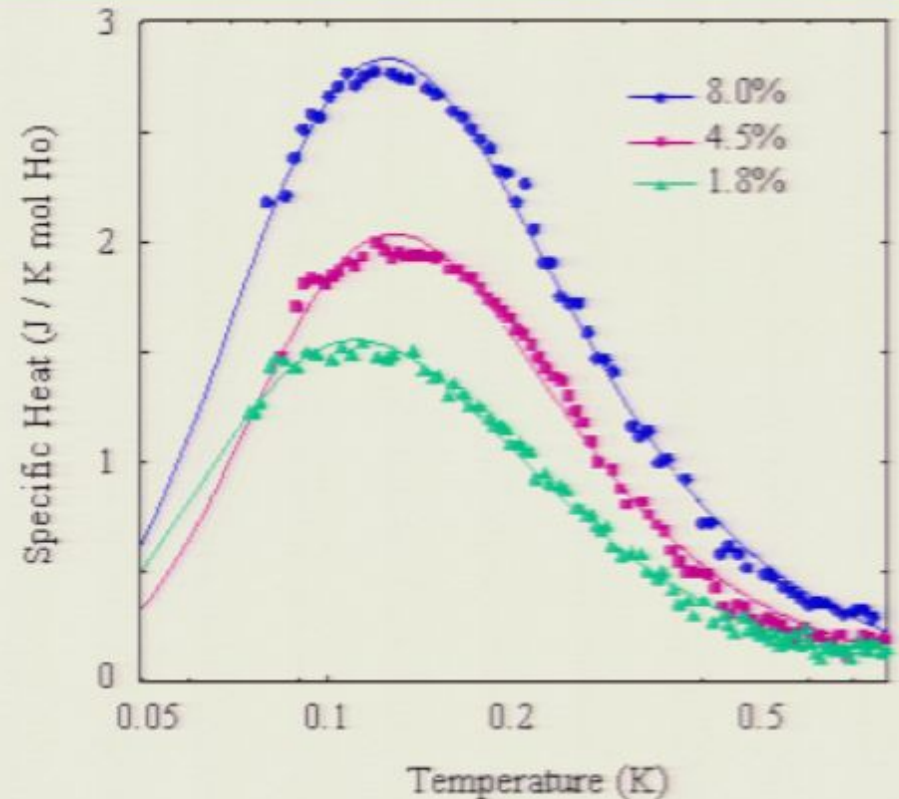
- Total specific heat is dominated by nuclear term
- Ho nuclei have $7/2$ spin, strong hyperfine interaction with tightly bound 4f electrons
- Non-interacting C_N calculated from crystal field, hyperfine interaction and nuclear quadrupole interaction.
- Very small phonon term ($\sim T^3$) present as well.

After Subtraction of Nuclear Specific Heat

- Non-interacting C_N subtracted to give electronic part ΔC
- Broad feature remains which is consistent with a spin glass for all 3 samples
- Spin glass C does not have a sharp feature at T_0
- Indicative of excitations above the transition
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$$\Delta C \propto \frac{(E_1/kT)^2 e^{-E_1/kT}}{(1 + ne^{-E_1/kT})^2}$$

- More low-temperature data required to look for linear temperature dependence



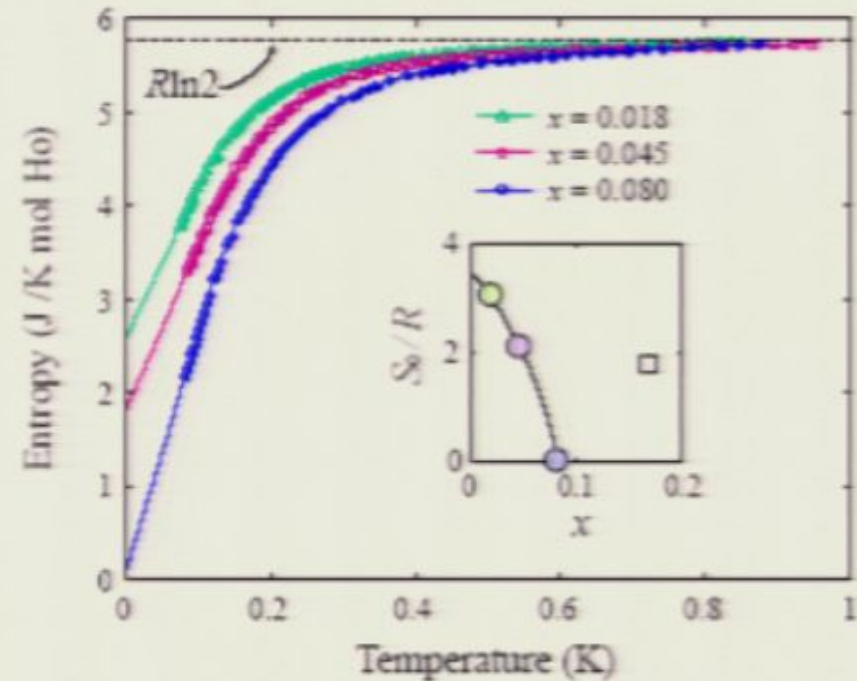
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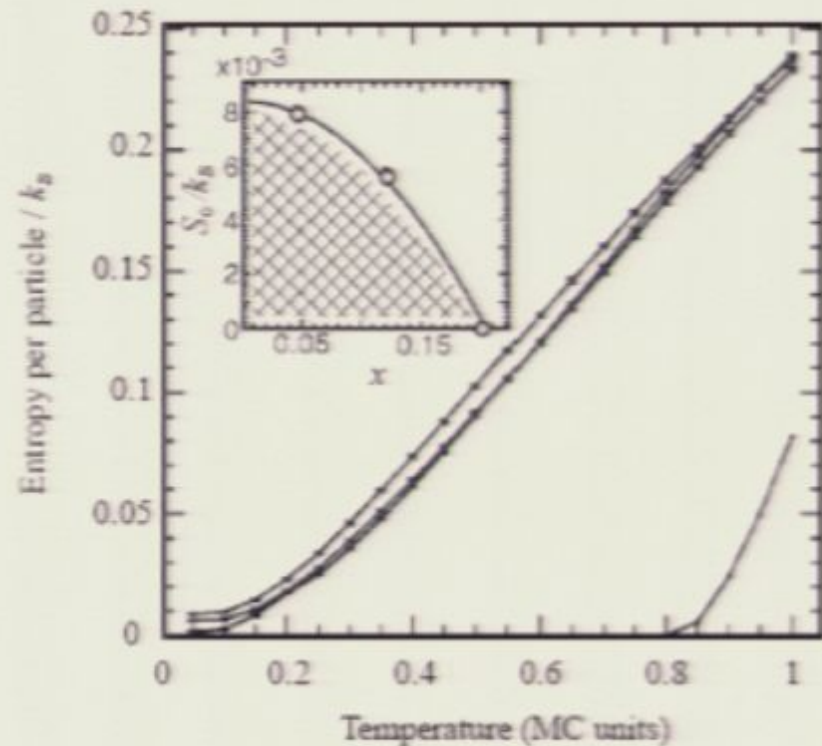
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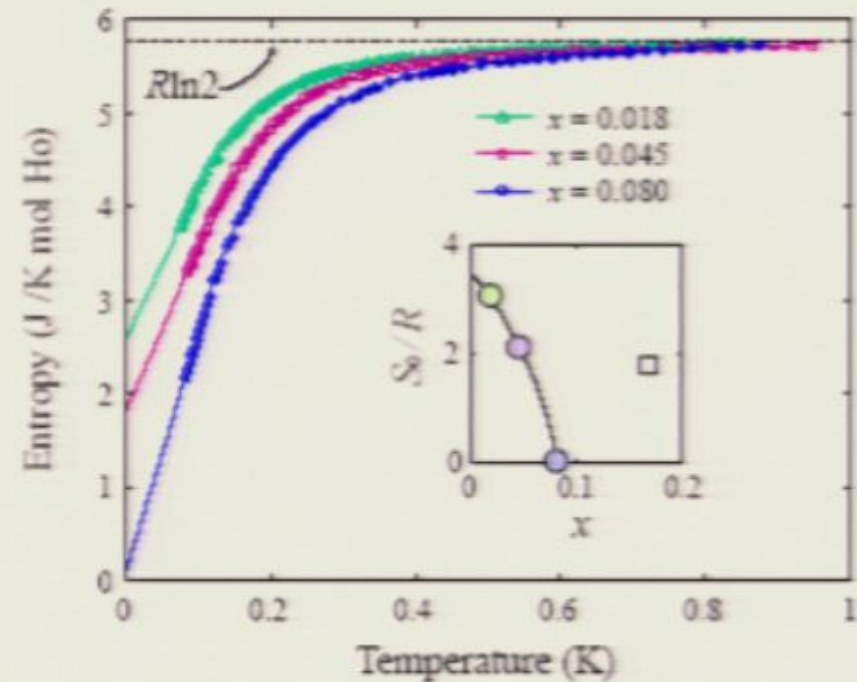


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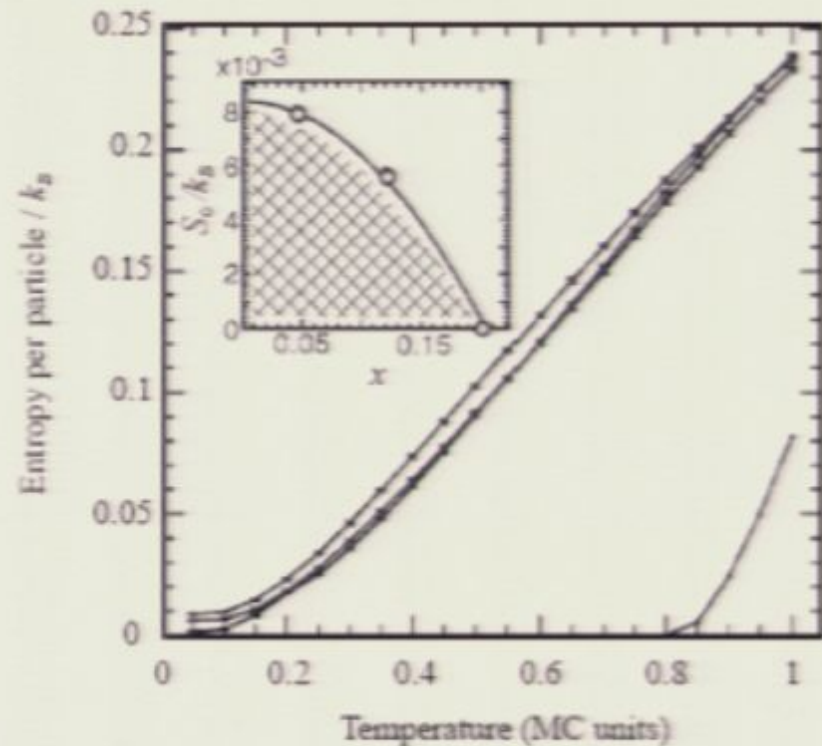
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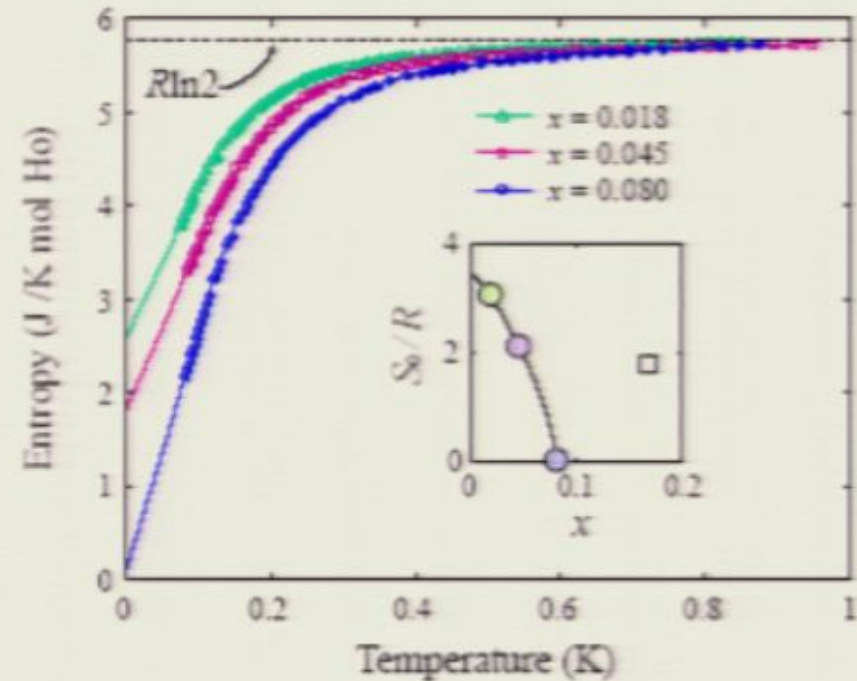


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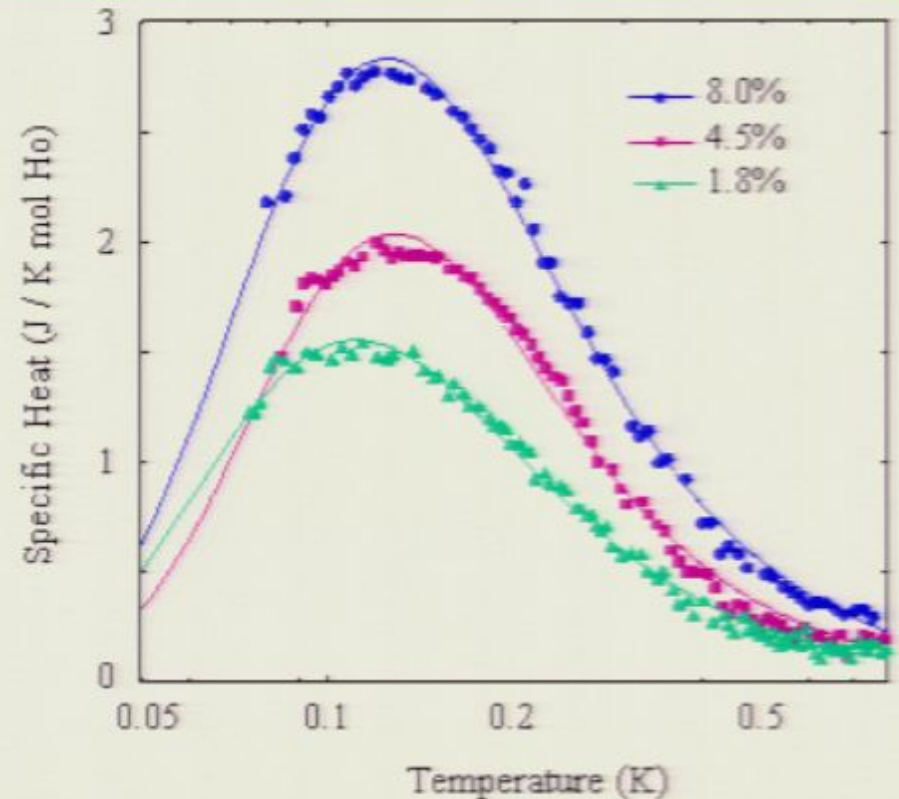


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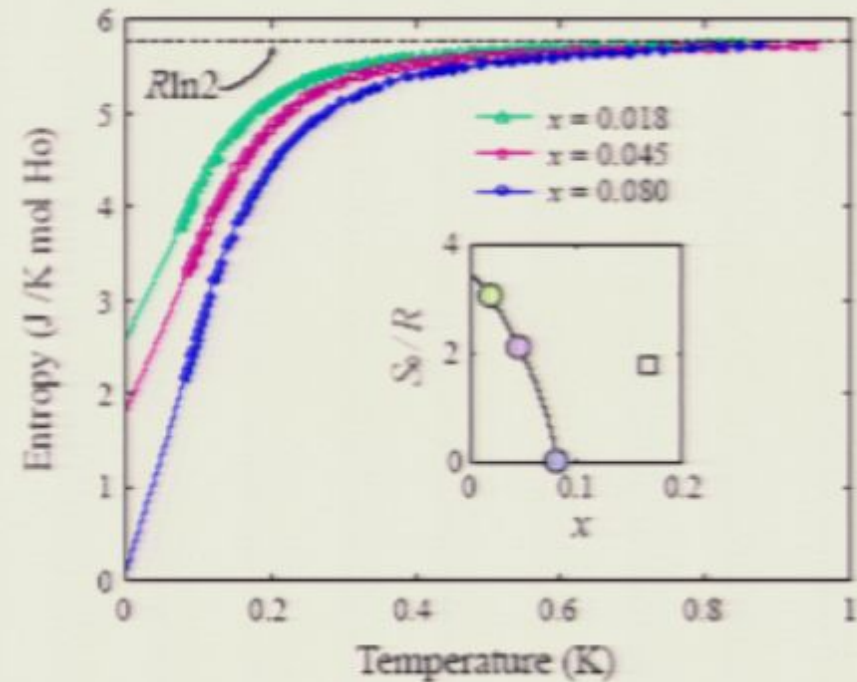
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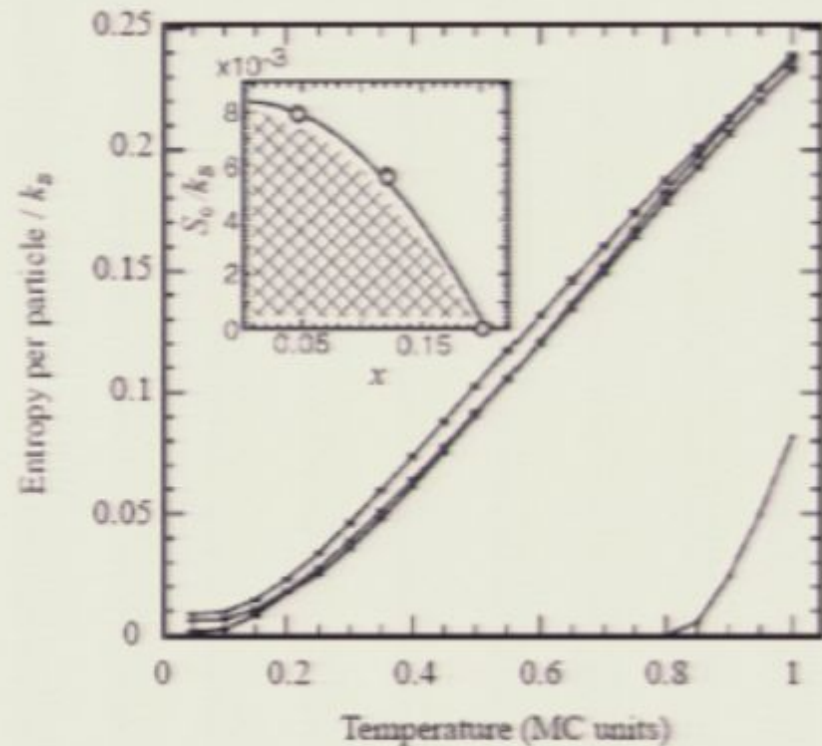
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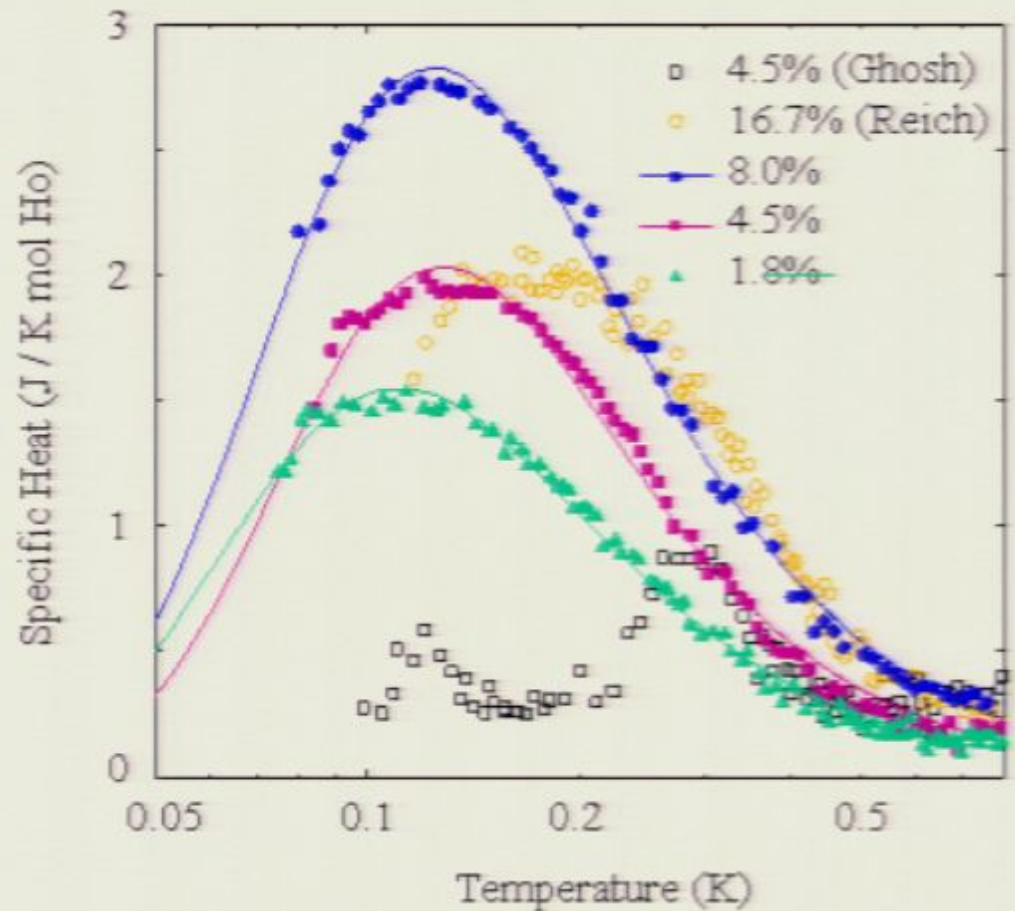
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Comparison with Previous Results

- Our results do not reproduce the unusually sharp features observed by Ghosh *et al.* in 4.5% Ho:YLF
- Thermal conductivity of 4% sample also saw no sharp features (Nikkel & Ellman [CondMat 0504269](#))
- Data is qualitatively consistent with the 16.7% sample measured by Reich *et al.*
- We account for much more of the expected entropy in the system ($R \ln 2$)
- Heat capacity does not give us a measure of the dynamics of the system so cannot say whether “anti-glass” or not.

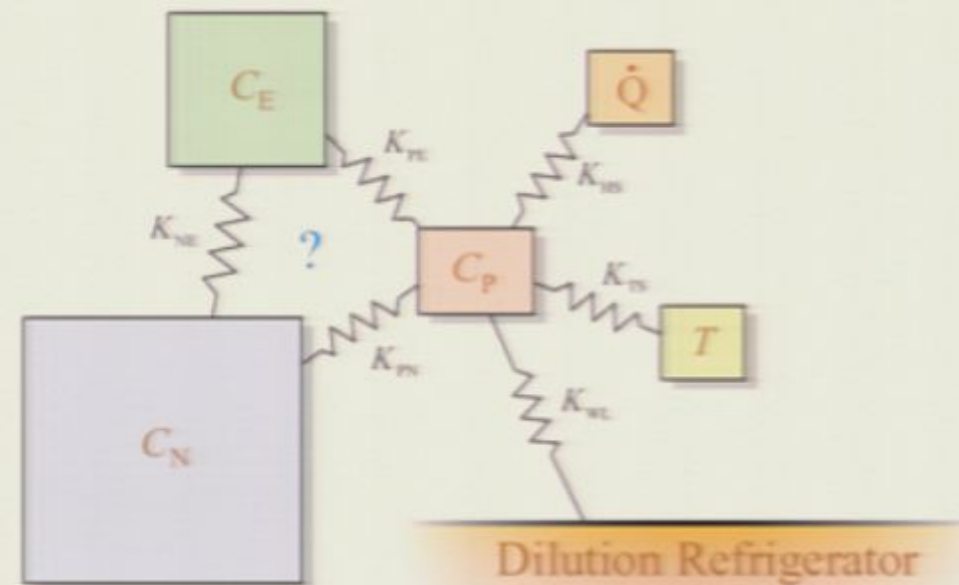
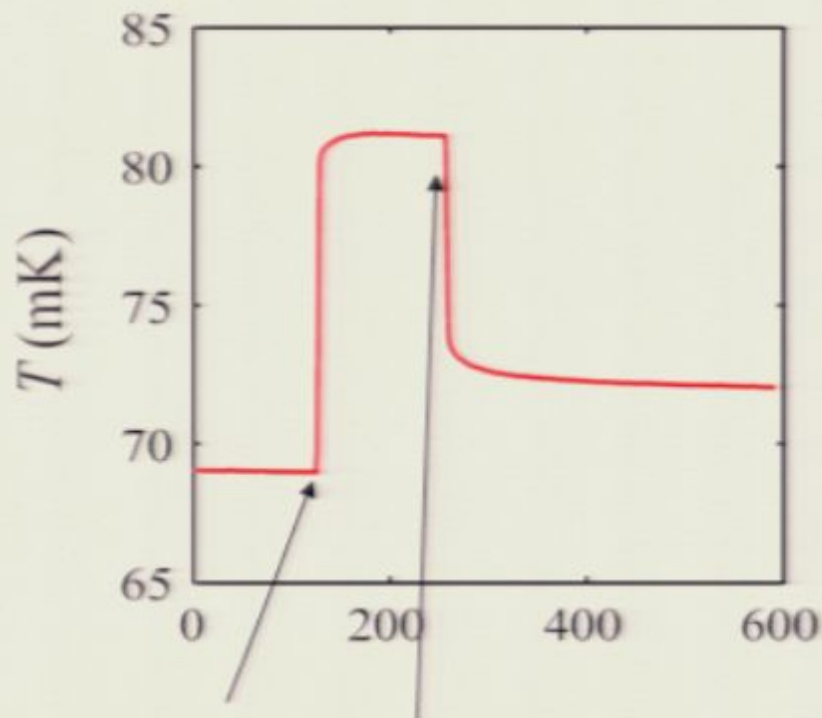


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Specific heat at temperatures below 100 mK

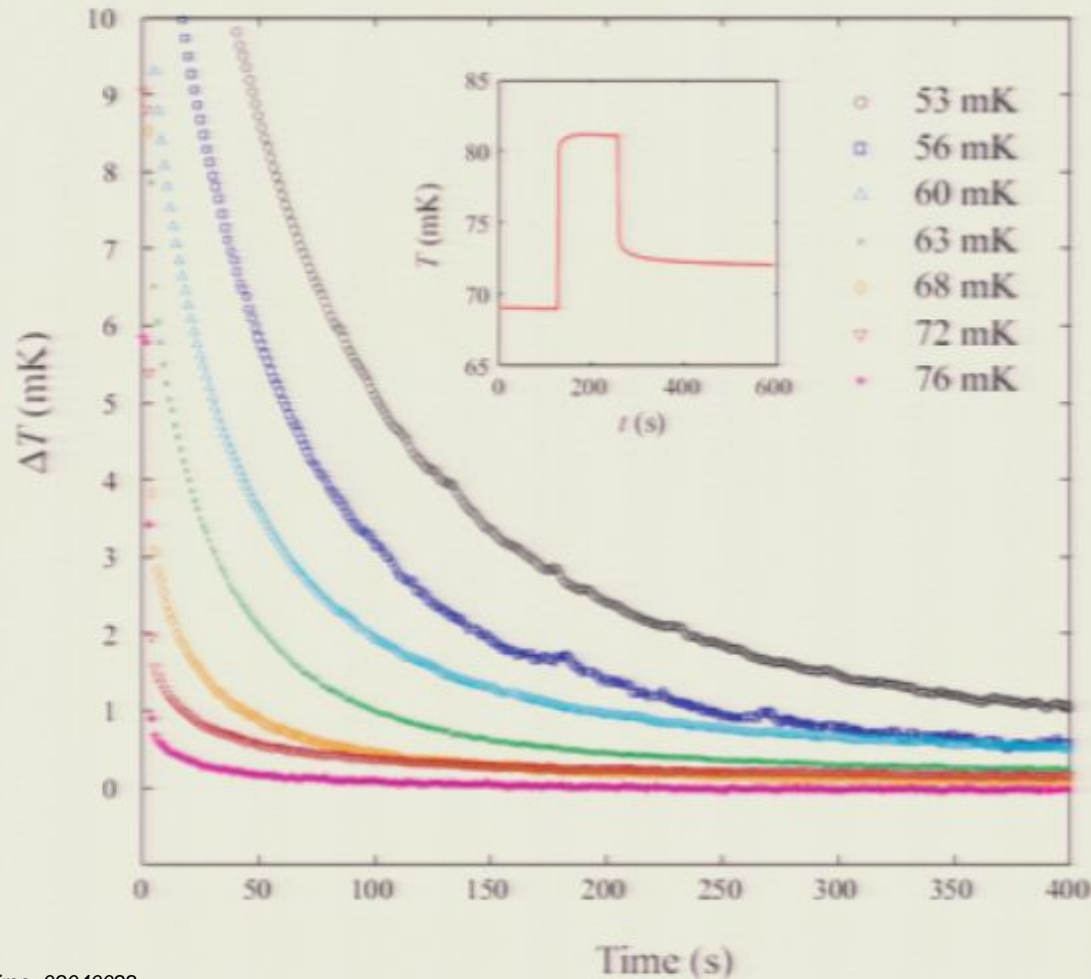
- We find a decoupling of the lattice and phonons from the main source of specific heat.
- At low temperature it is as if we were using the substrate configuration.



Heat applied

Heat turned off

Preliminary temperature dependence of the decoupling at low temperatures



1.8% Ho

The relaxation time
maybe goes as:

$$\tau = C_{\text{lattice}} / K_{\text{lattice-nuclei}}$$

Conclusions for Specific Heat Measurement

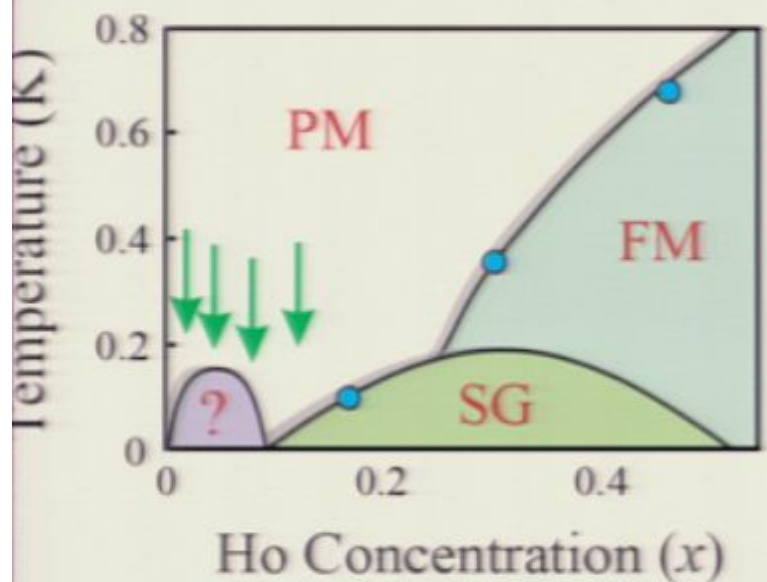
- Measured specific heat of $x = 0.018$, 0.045 and 0.080 Ho samples
- Do not reproduce sharp features in specific heat seen by Ghosh et al. in the $x=0.045$ sample.
- All have qualitative behavior of the $x = 0.0167$ sample measured by Reich *et al.*
- A residual entropy may exist for the $x=0.018$ and 0.045 concentrations, that or the temperature dependence of the low temperature specific heat is sub-linear in temperature.
- Unusual that peak in specific heat does not move to lower temperatures as concentration is reduced (problem with estimation and subtraction of the nuclear term?)
- Observe significant decoupling of the lattice specific heat from the electrons and/or nuclear components below 100 mK.
- Our specific heat work has been published:

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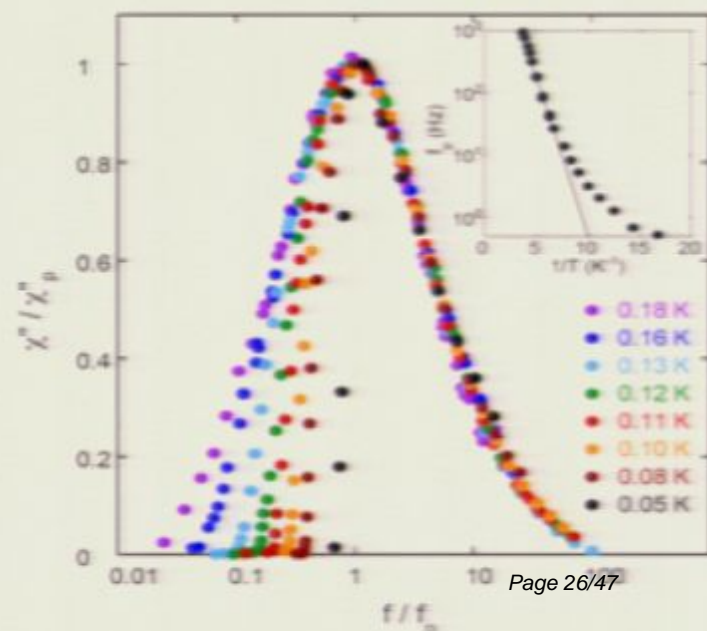
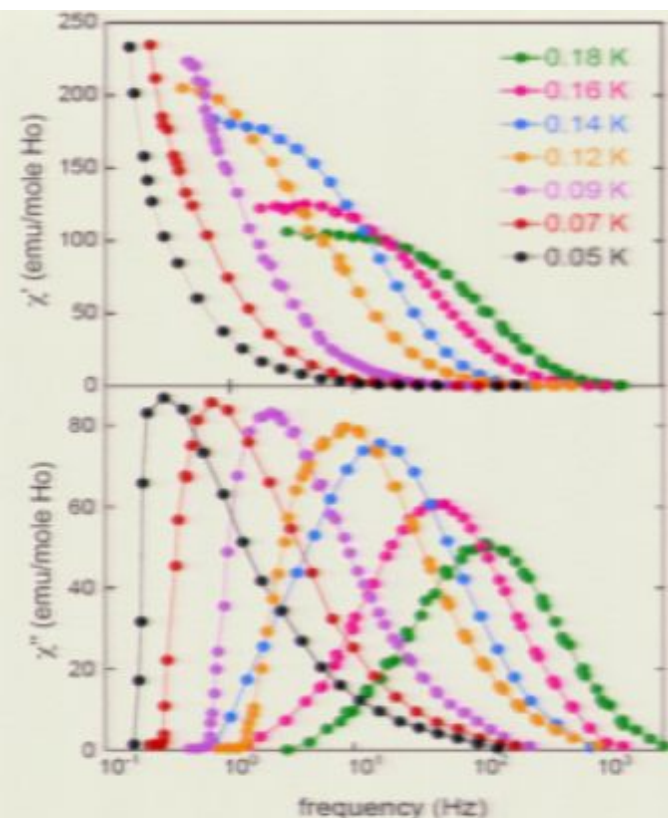
Motivation for More Susceptibility Measurements on $\text{LiHo}_x\text{Y}_{1-x}\text{F}_4$

- Use SQUID for improved performance at low frequencies.
- Confirm that $x=0.045$ sample has anti-glass characteristics. Check connection of specific heat characteristics with susceptibility characteristics for antiglass.
- Study different Ho concentrations $x = 0.018, x = 0.08$



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Arrows indicate samples that we have, purchased from TYDEX J.S. Co., St. Petersburg, Russia



Conventional Susceptometer

Advantage: Easy to put together and use.

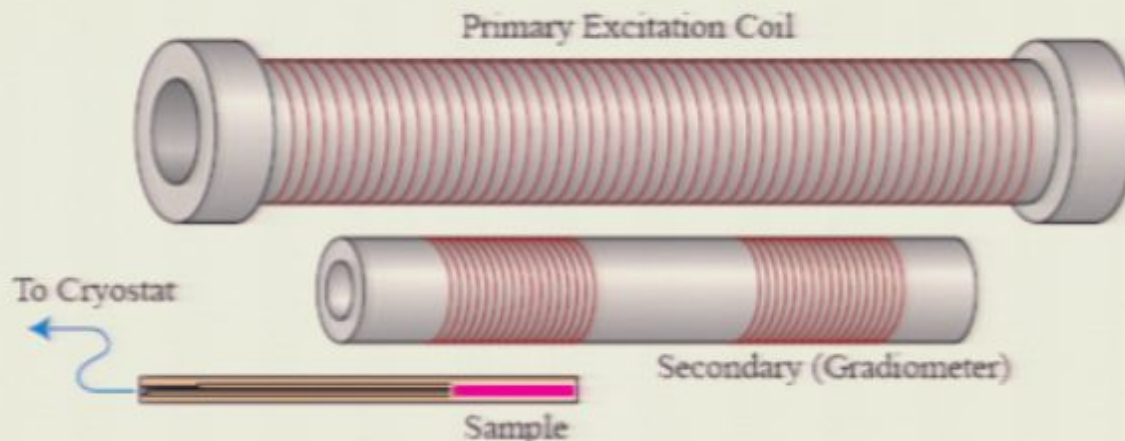
Disadvantages:

Loses sensitivity at low frequencies since signal is due to induced EMF.

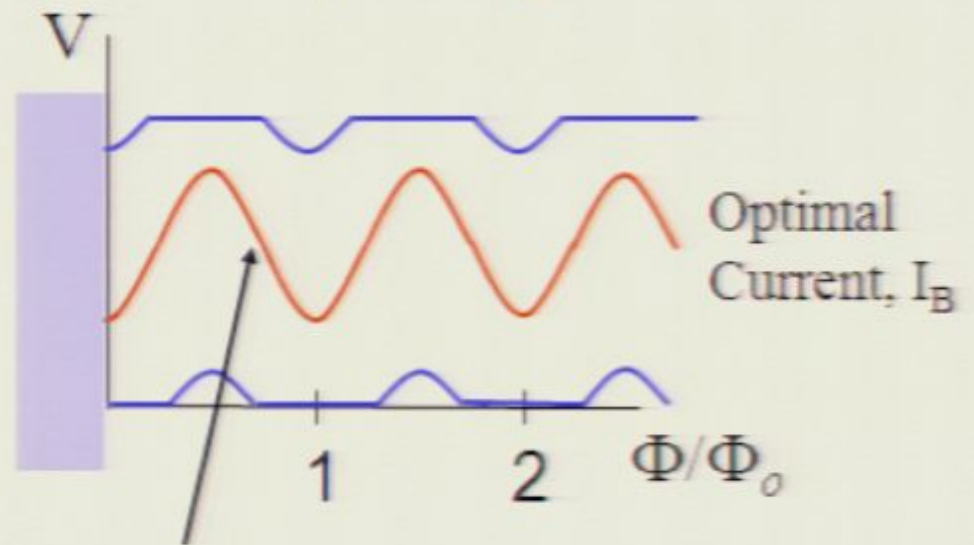
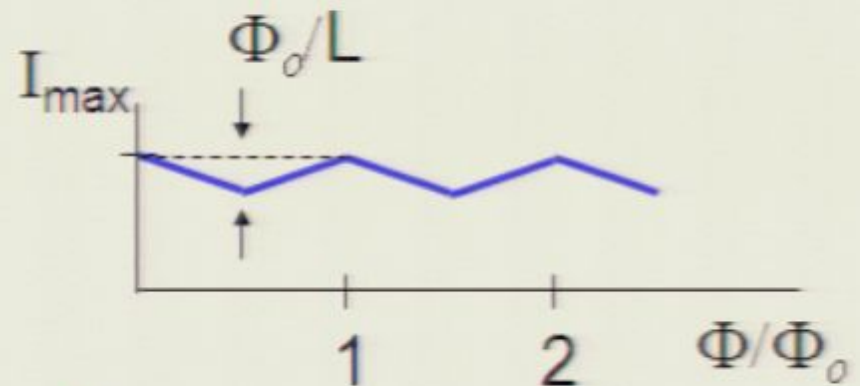
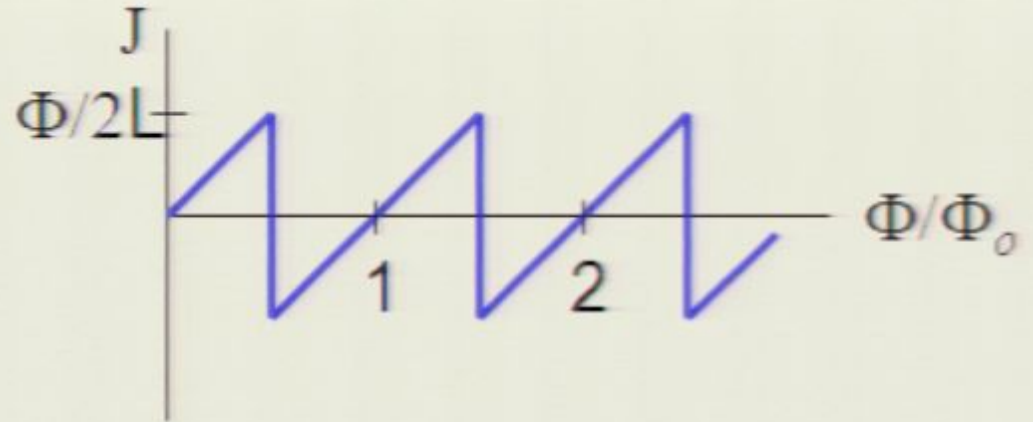
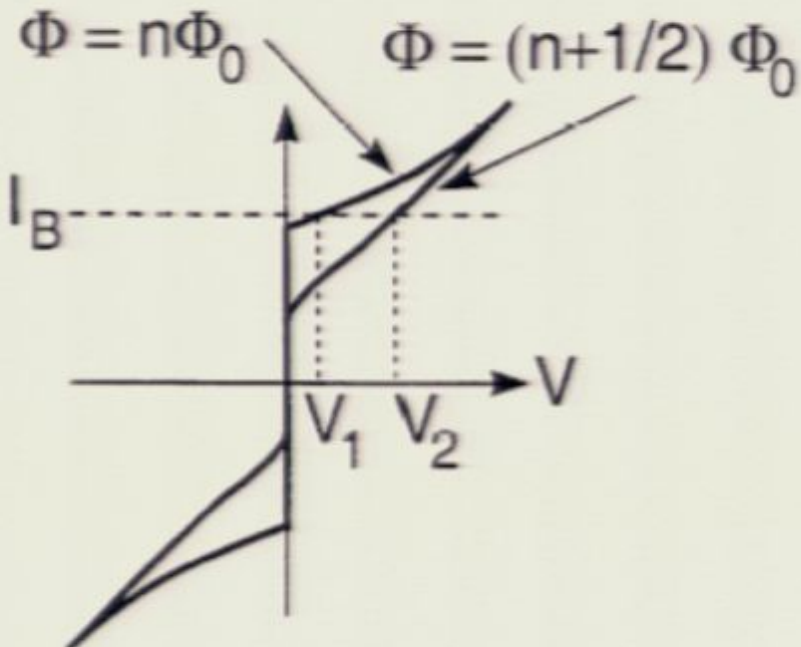
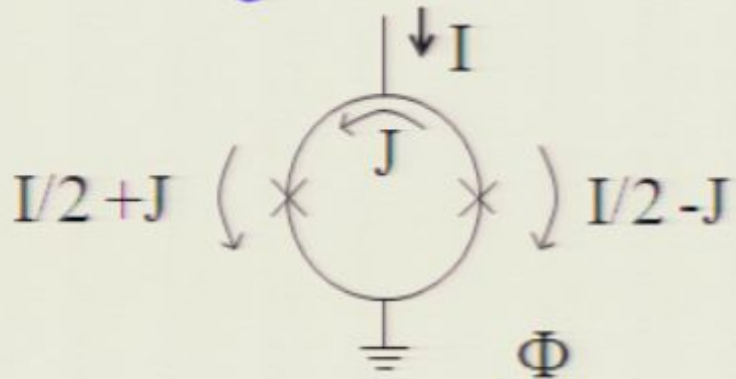
$$V_{EMF} \propto \frac{d\phi}{dt} \propto \omega$$

Too many turns reduces highest useable frequency due to intercoil resonance.

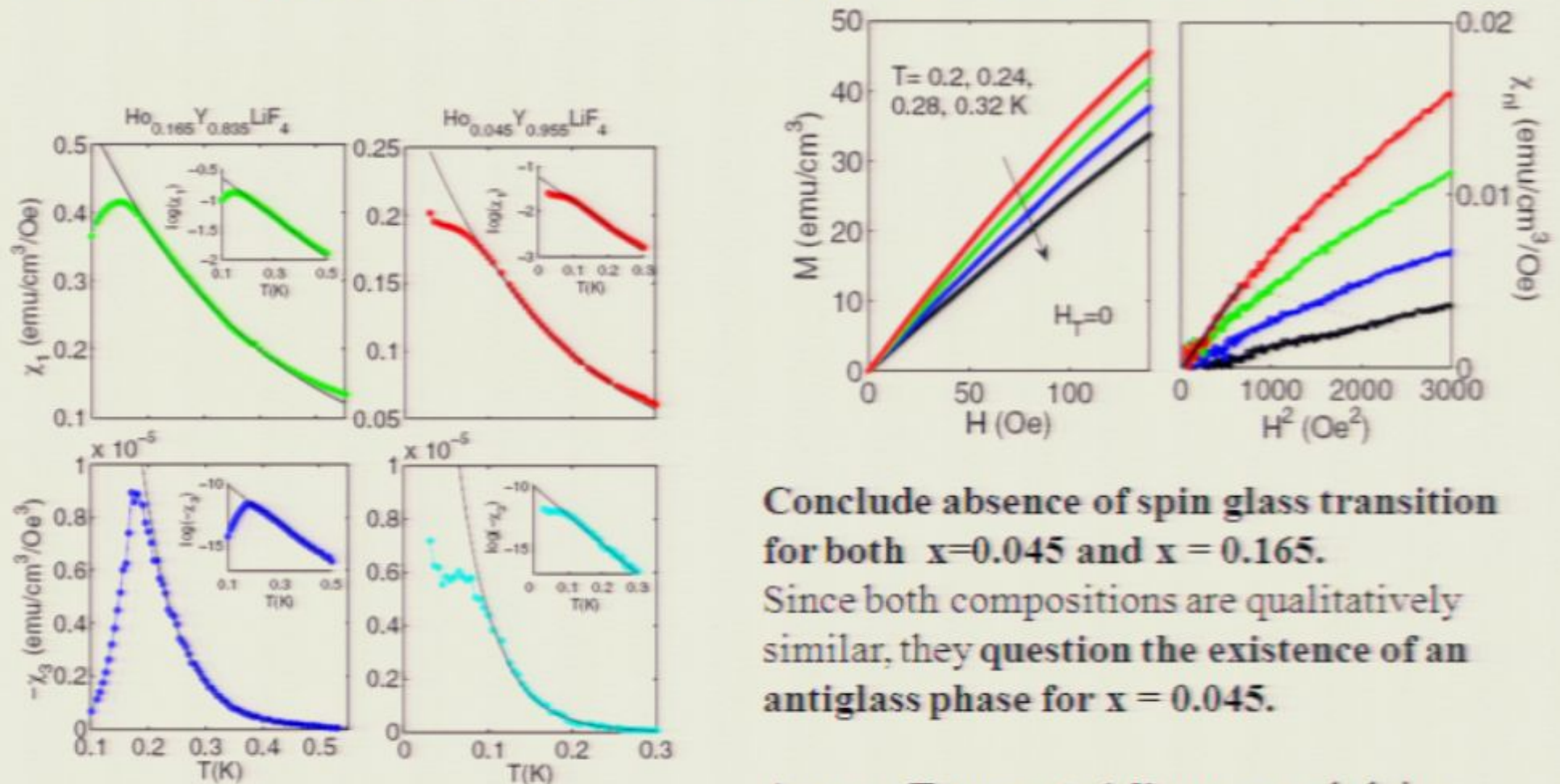
---Phase shifts and non-flat frequency response.



The DC SQUID is the most sensitive detector of magnetic flux



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Conclude absence of spin glass transition for both $x=0.045$ and $x = 0.165$.

Since both compositions are qualitatively similar, they **question the existence of an antiglass phase for $x = 0.045$.**

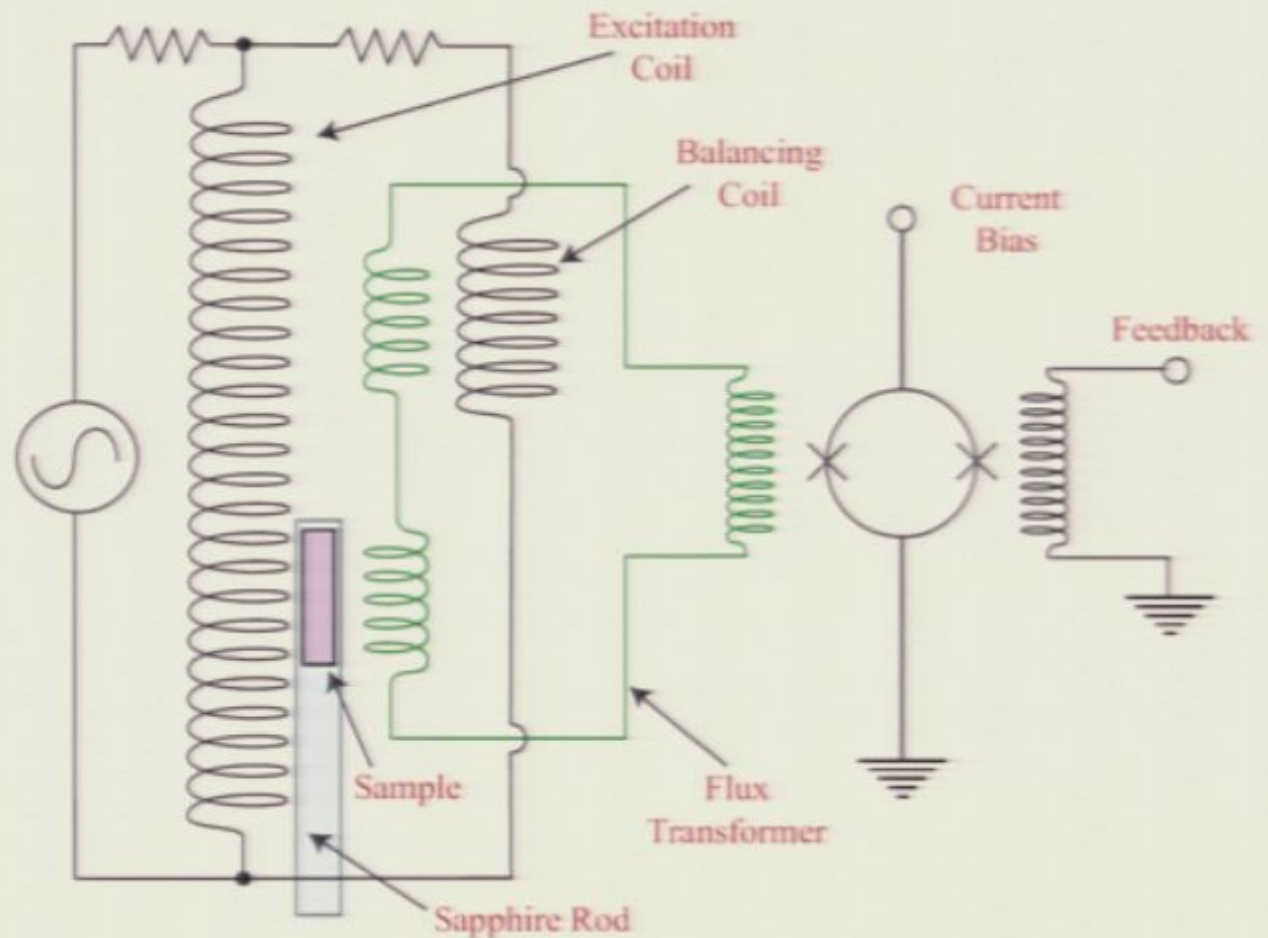
Ancona Torres *et al* disagree and claim Jonnson *et al* swept to their field to quickly at low temperatures.

FIG. 4 (color online). Main frames: Temperature dependence of the linear and nonlinear susceptibilities χ_1 and χ_3 for (left) $\text{LiHo}_{0.165}\text{Y}_{0.835}\text{F}_4$ and (right) $\text{LiHo}_{0.045}\text{Y}_{0.955}\text{F}_4$ without transverse field. The continuous lines represent $\exp(-T/T_0)$ fits (see main text), obtained from the T -linear fits of $\log(\chi_1)$ and $\log(\chi_3)$ shown in the insets of each panel.

SQUID Magnetometer Measurement

- Use a SQUID with a superconducting flux transformer to make a magnetometer.
- The current sent to the feedback coil produces an equal and opposite field to that provided by the flux transformer.
- This device directly measures flux, as opposed to induced EMF. **Flat Frequency response. No problems with phase shifts.**

SQUID Magnetometer



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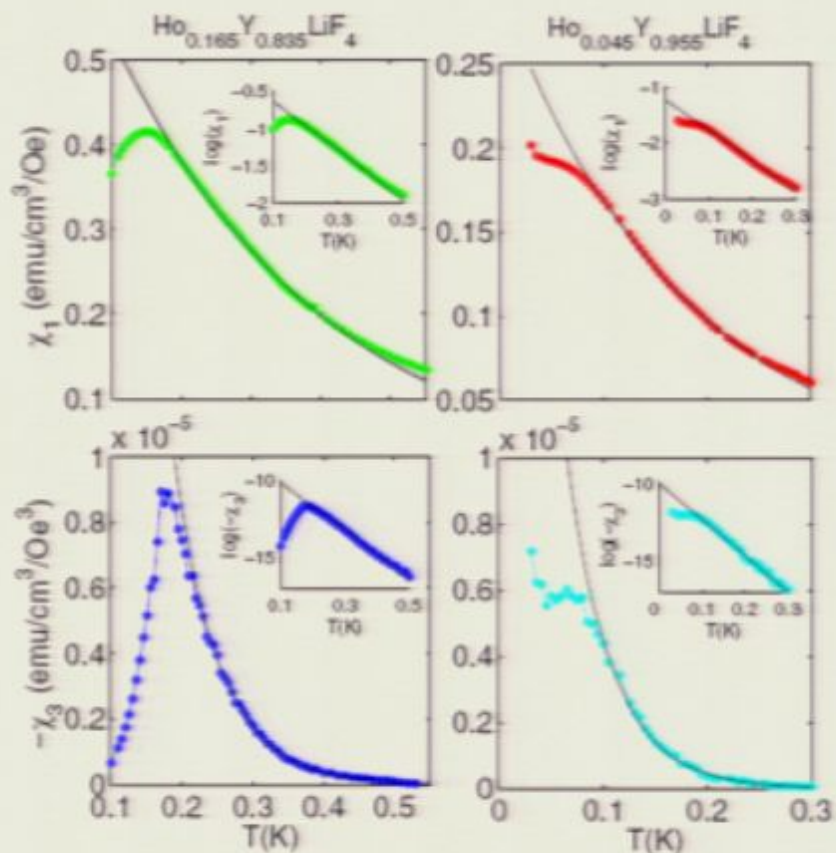
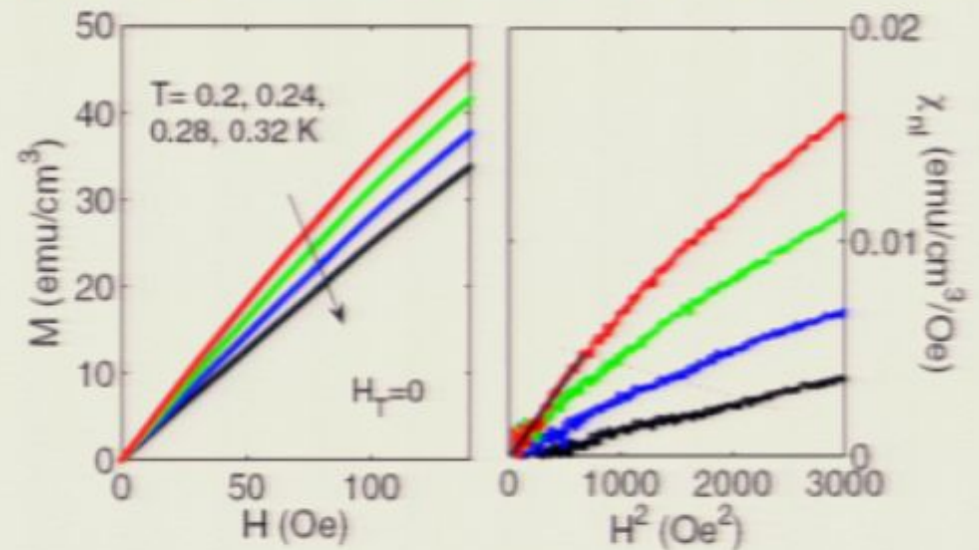


FIG. 4 (color online). Main frames: Temperature dependence of the linear and nonlinear susceptibilities χ_1 and χ_3 for (left) $\text{LiHo}_{0.165}\text{Y}_{0.835}\text{F}_4$ and (right) $\text{LiHo}_{0.045}\text{Y}_{0.955}\text{F}_4$ without transverse field. The continuous lines represent $\exp(-T/T_0)$ fits (see main text), obtained from the T -linear fits of $\log(\chi_1)$ and $\log(\chi_3)$ shown in the insets of each panel.



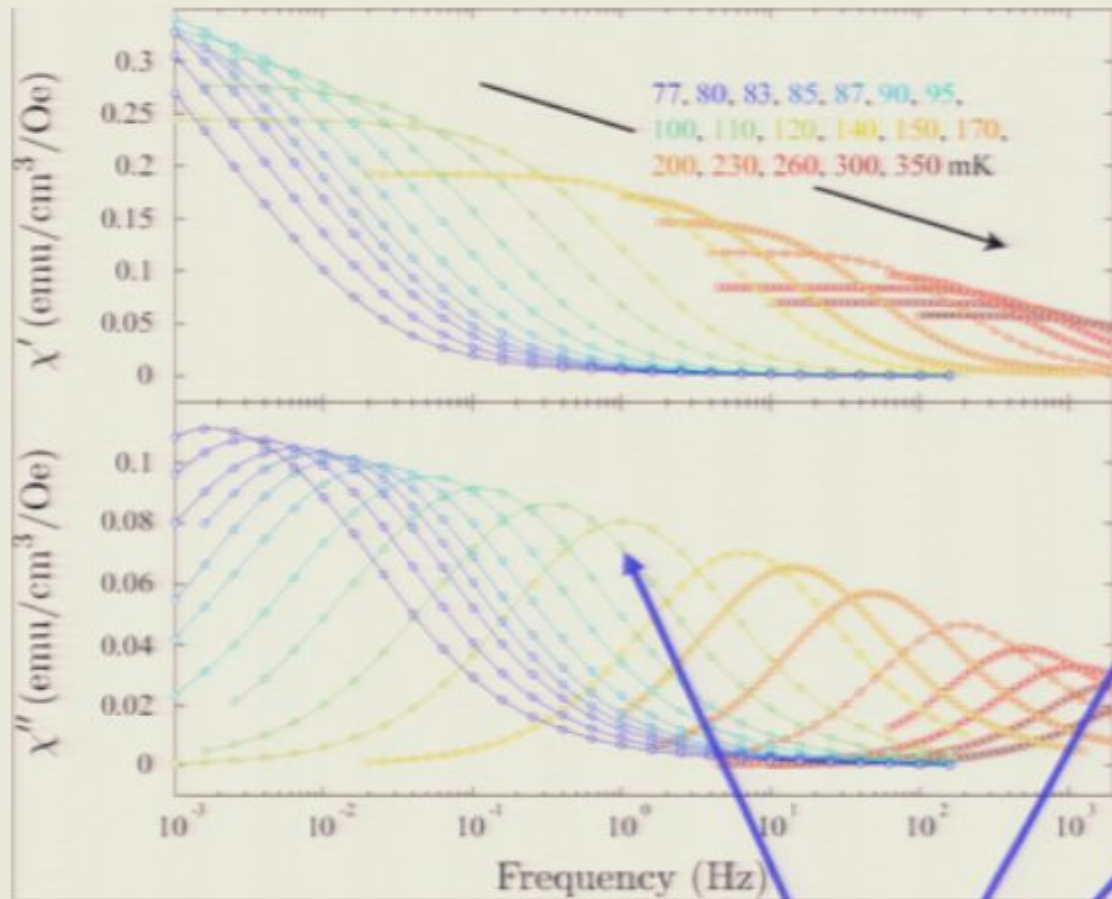
Conclude absence of spin glass transition for both $x=0.045$ and $x = 0.165$.

Since both compositions are qualitatively similar, they **question the existence of an antiglass phase for $x = 0.045$.**

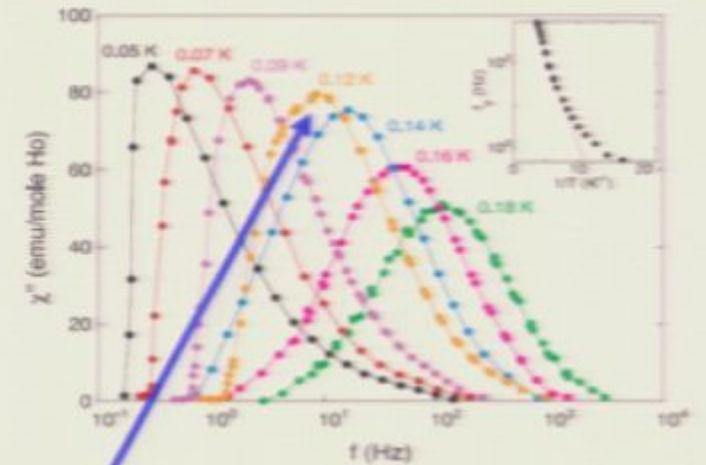
Ancona Torres *et al* disagree and claim Jonnson *et al* swept to their field to quickly at low temperatures.

ac Susceptibility for Various Temperatures, $x = 0.045$

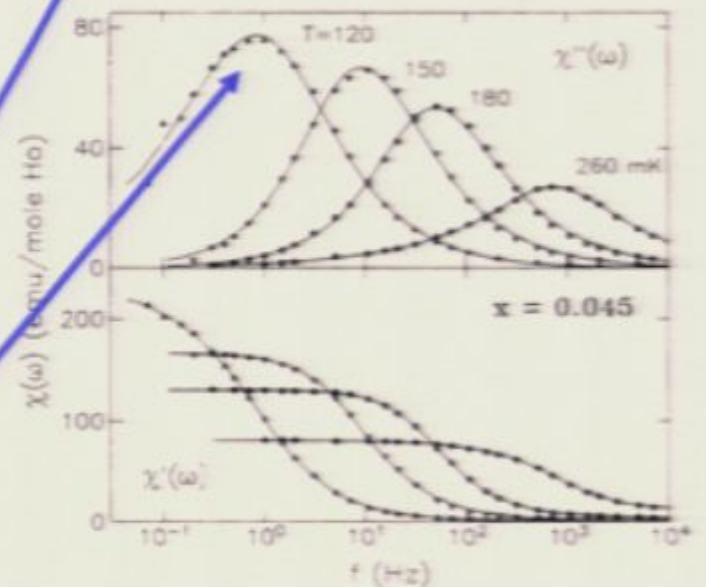
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T = 120 mK



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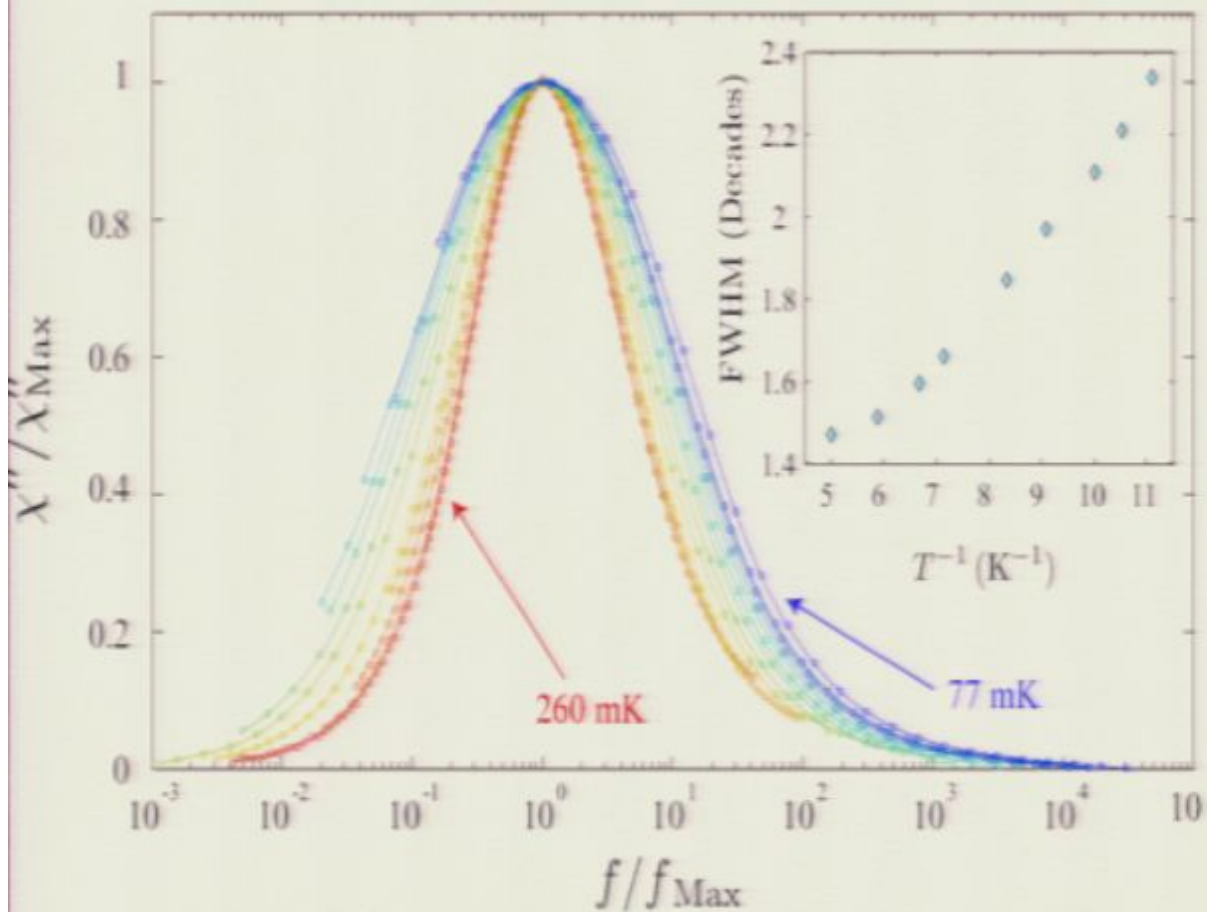


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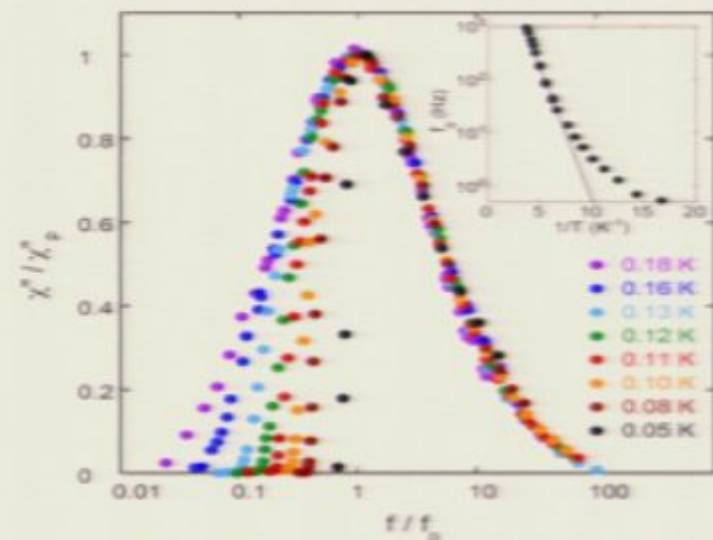
Our data shows slower response than Ghosh *et al* for a given temperature. Agrees better with Reich *et al.*

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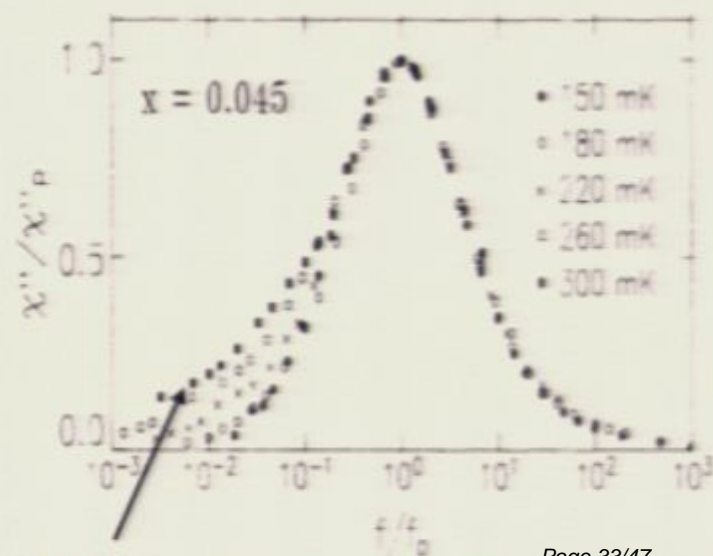
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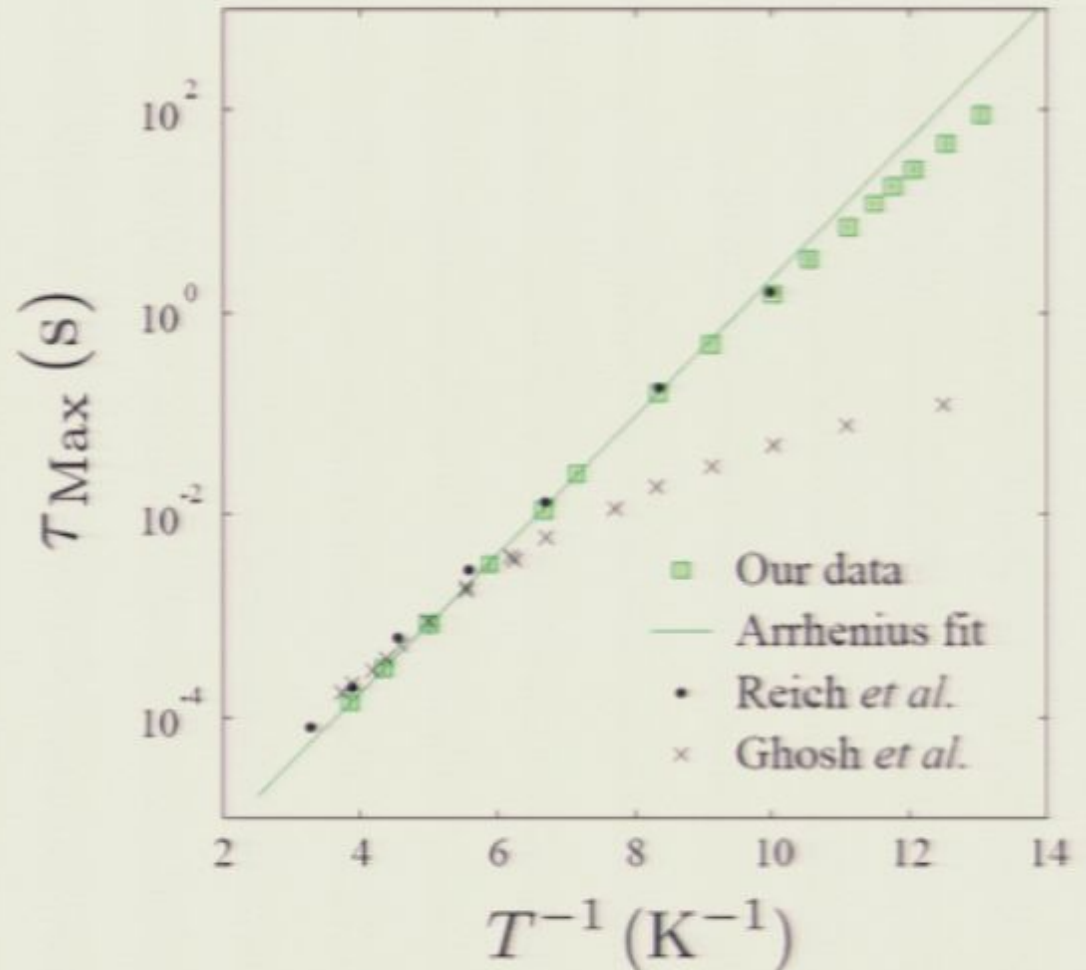
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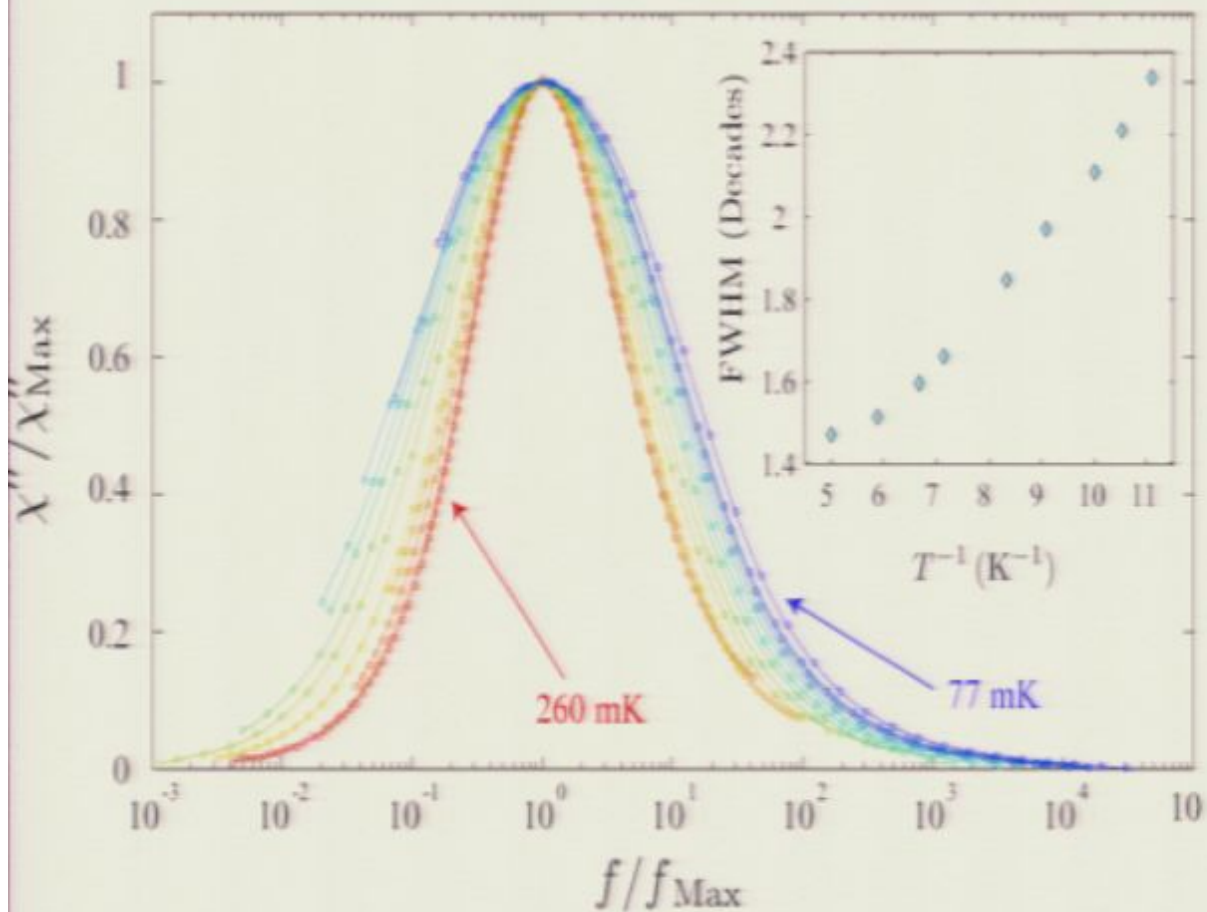


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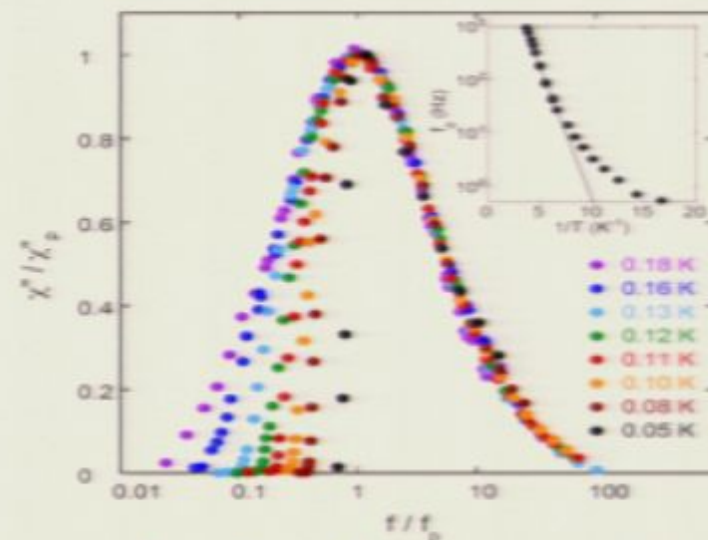
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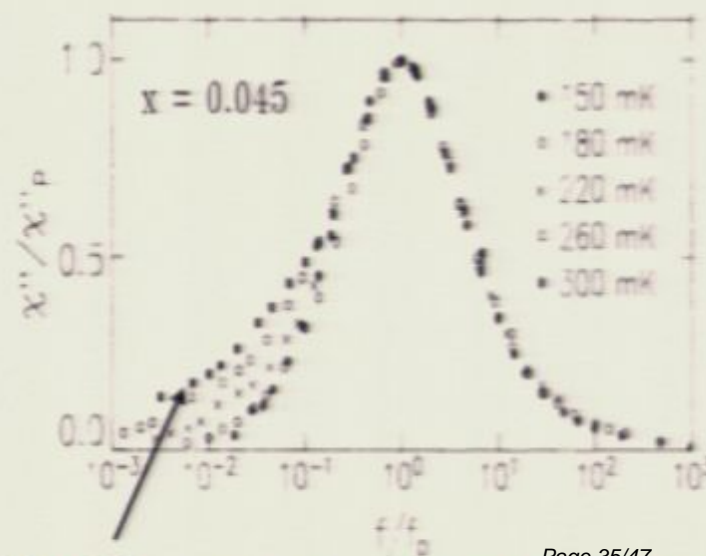
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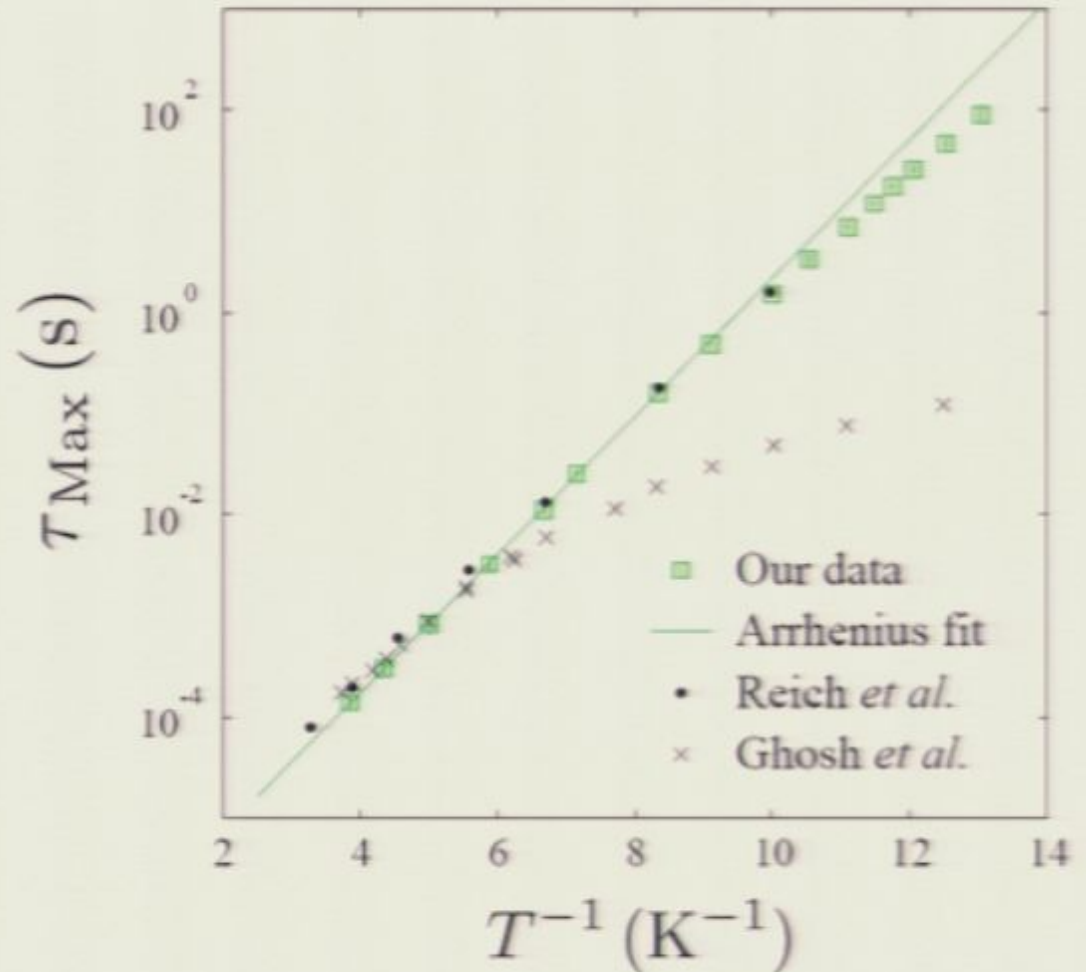
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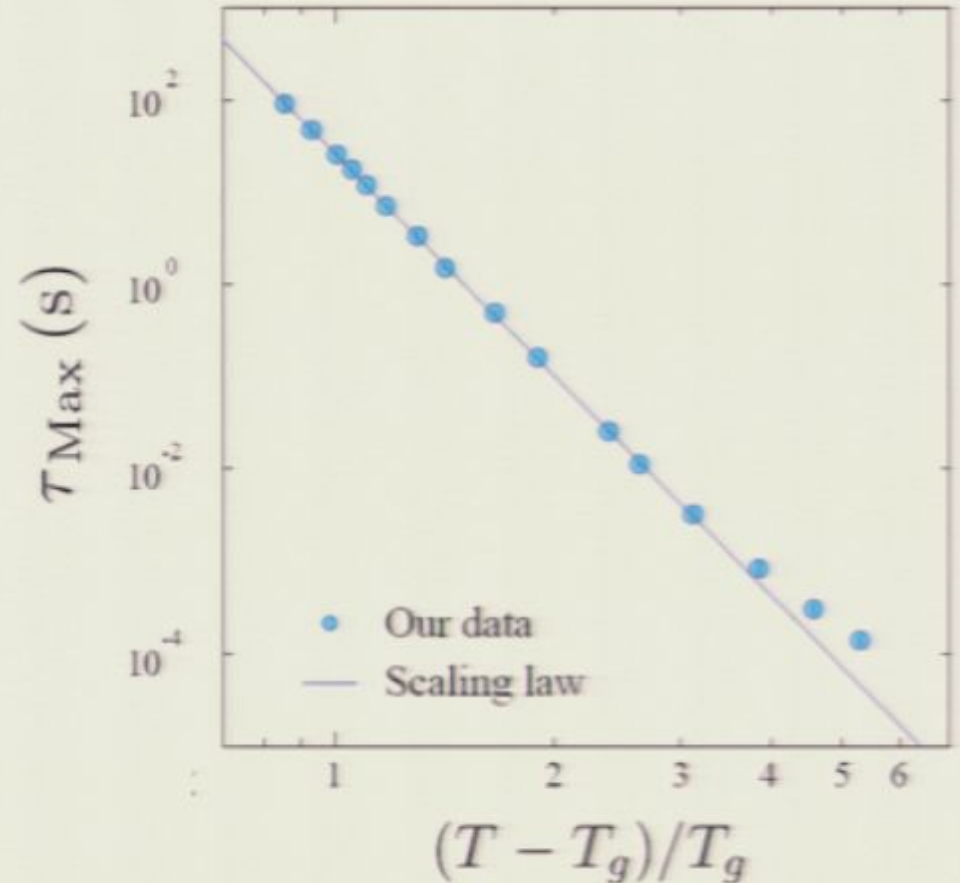
Dynamical Scaling Law for Spin Glass

$$\tau_{Max}(T) = \tau_o \left(T / T_g - 1 \right)^{-z\nu}$$

$$T_g = 43 \pm 2 \text{ mK}$$

$$z\nu = 7.8 \pm 0.2$$

$$\tau_o = 16 \pm 7 \text{ s}$$



Dynamic scaling analysis points to the $x = 0.045$ system being a spin glass with a transition temperature of 43 mK and an intrinsic time constant of 16 seconds.

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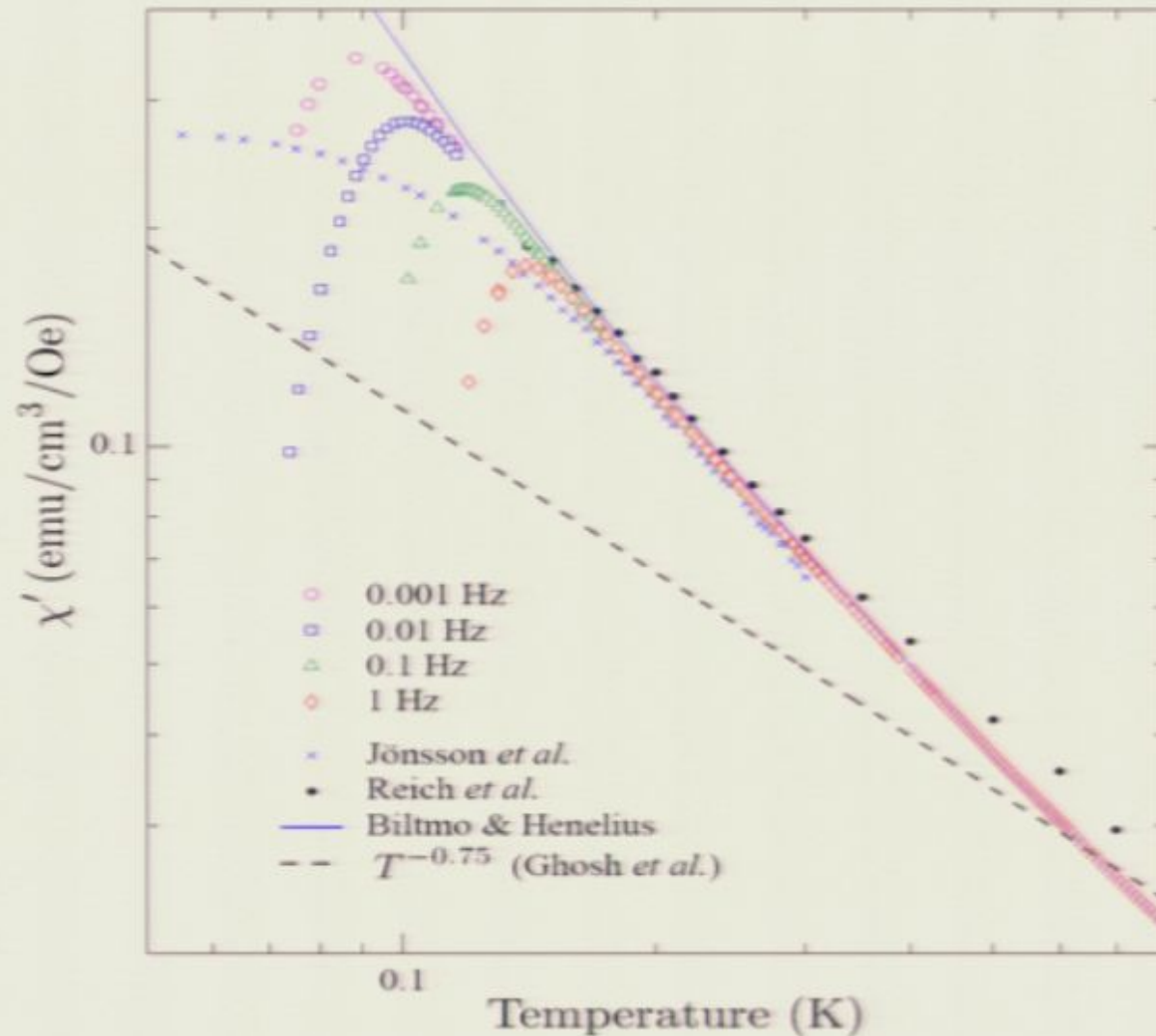
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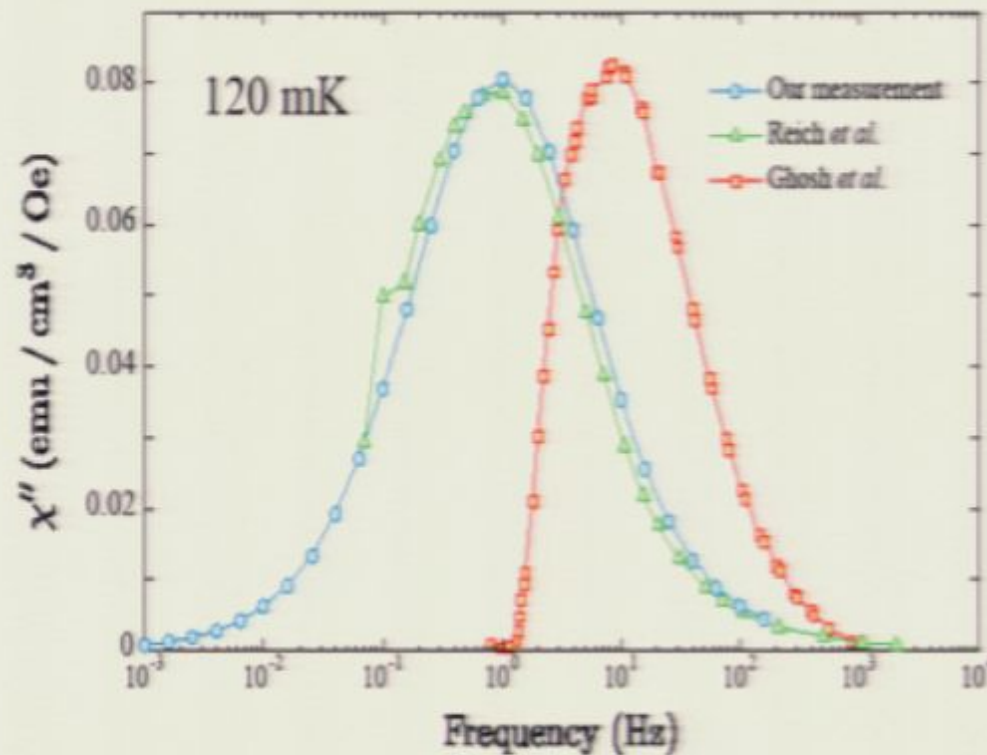
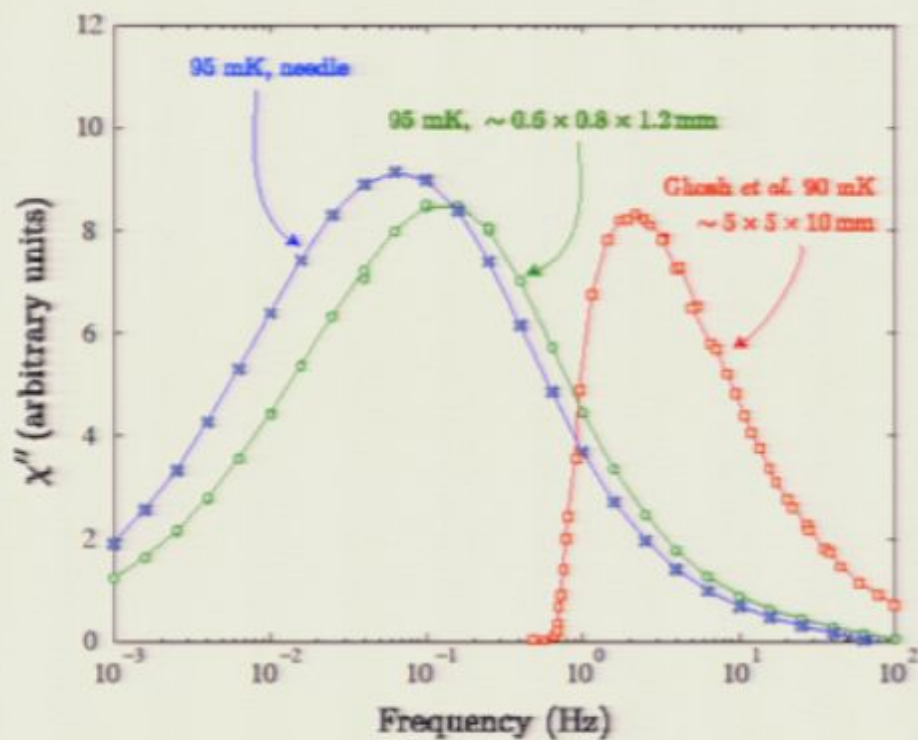
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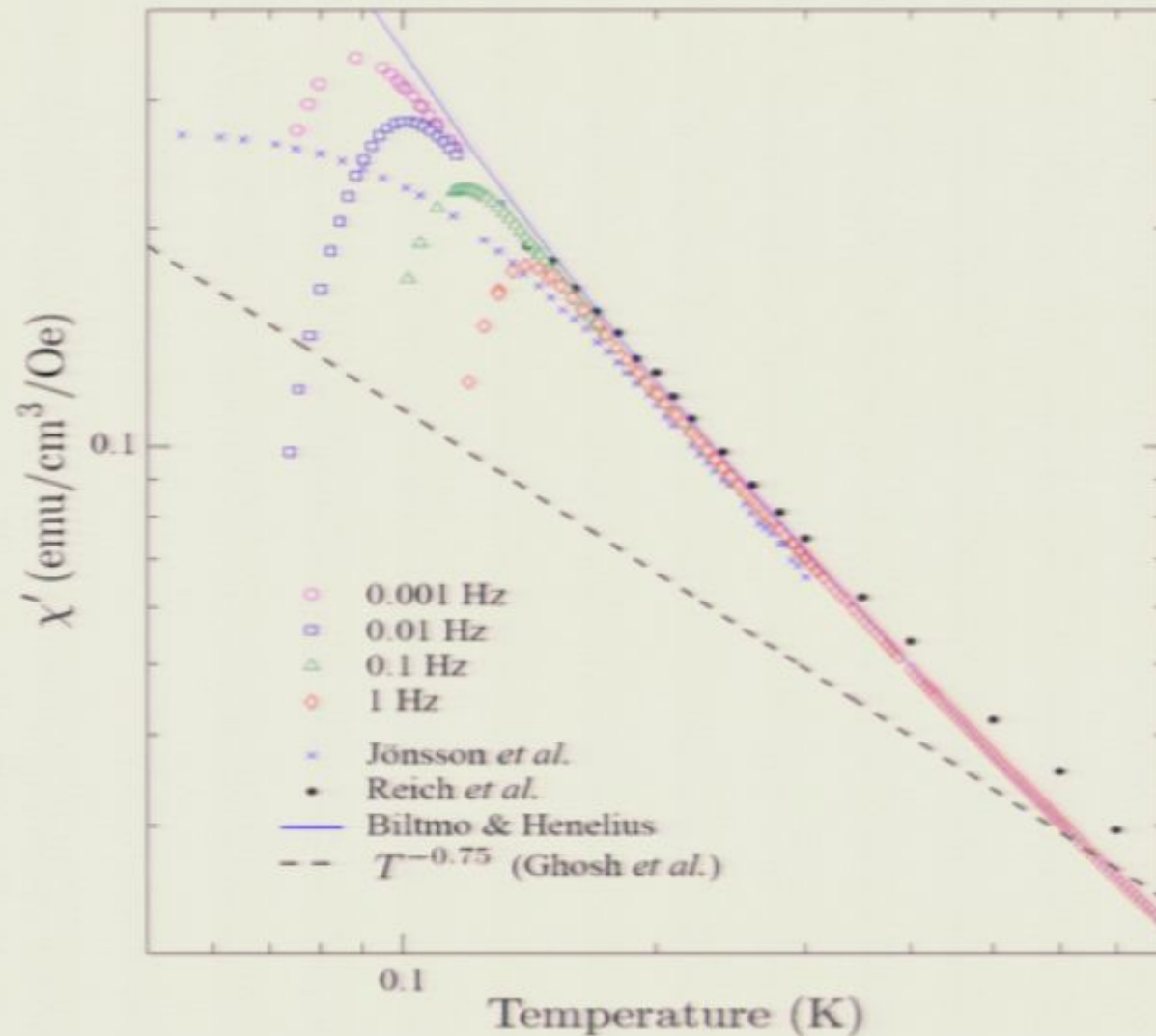
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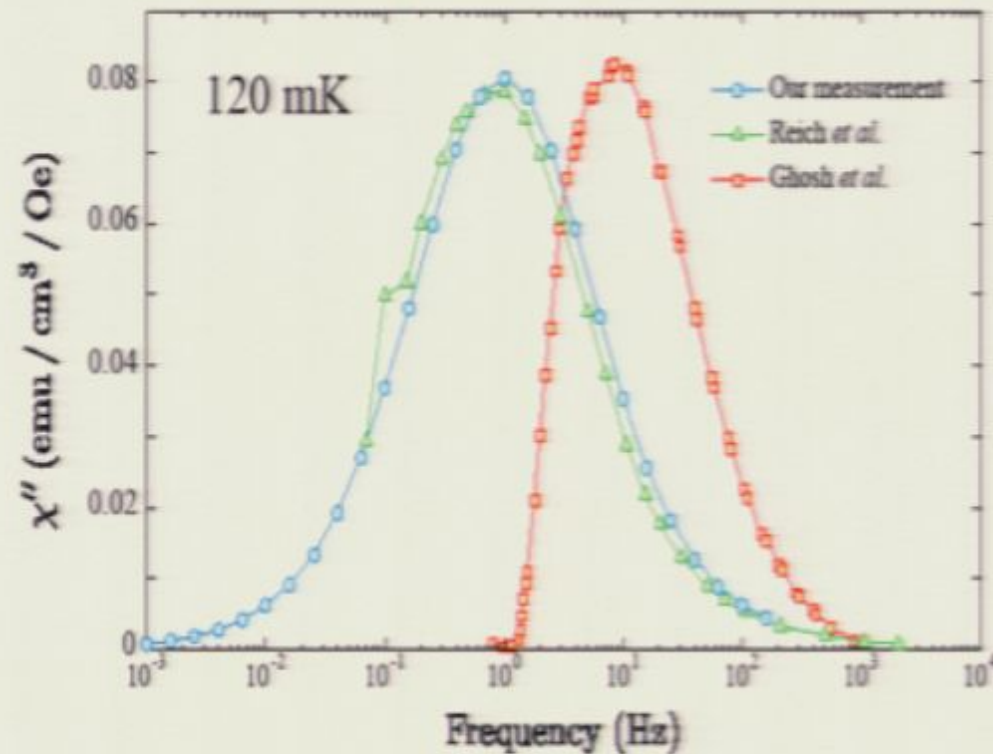
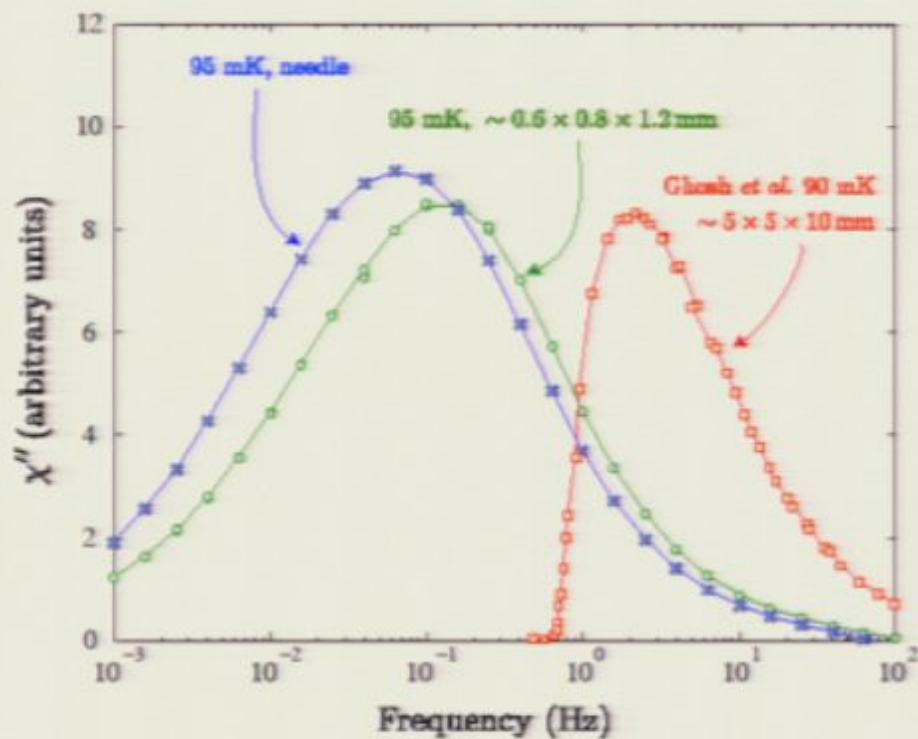


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Conclusions for ac Susceptibility Measurement

- Measured ac susceptibility of $x = 0.045$ sample. No exotic anti-glass behavior seen.
- Measured $\chi'_{DC} \propto T^{-1}$ in agreement with Jonsson *et al* and Reich *et al*, disagreement with Ghosh *et al*.
- The broadening of the absorption spectrum as temperature is lowered is consistent with behavior of a spin glass.
- The temperature dependence of χ'' follows a near Arrhenius behavior indicating that the system is either a spin glass or superparamagnet.
- Dynamic scaling analysis points to a spin glass transition temperature of $43 \text{ mK} \pm 2 \text{ mK}$.
- This is close to prediction made by simulations of Tam and Gingras which predict a spin glass transition for $x = 0.065$ to occur at a temperature of 43 mK and 95 mK for $x = 0.125$. (arXiv:0810.0854).

Our work has been published:

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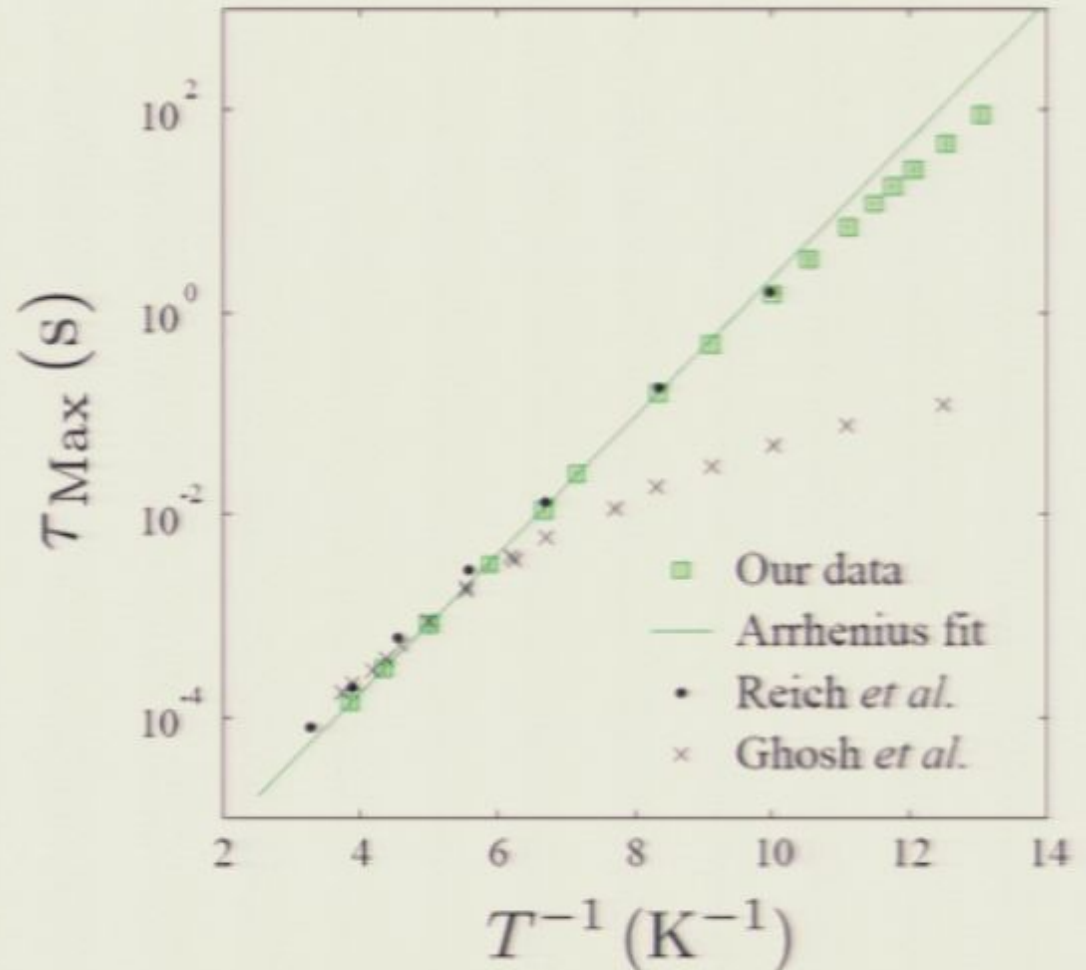
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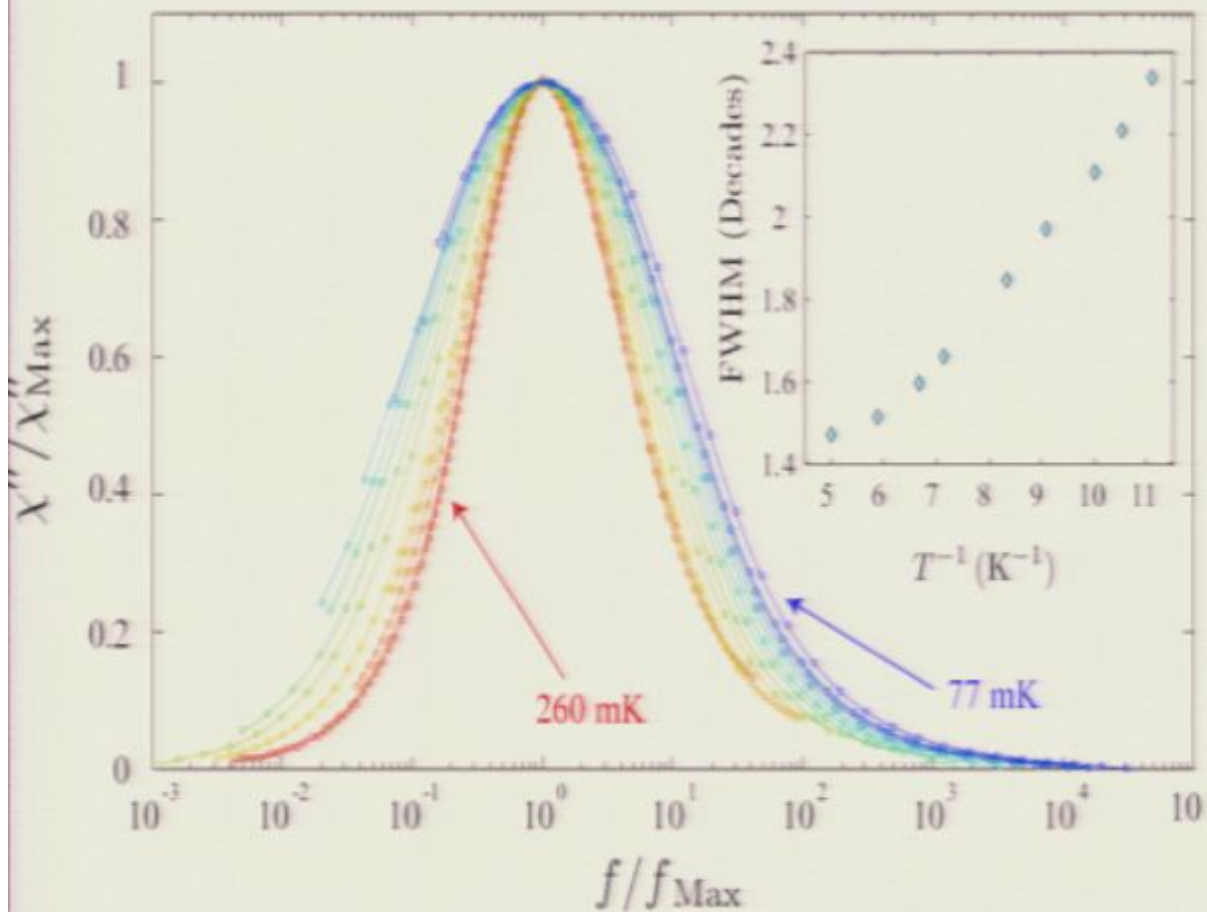


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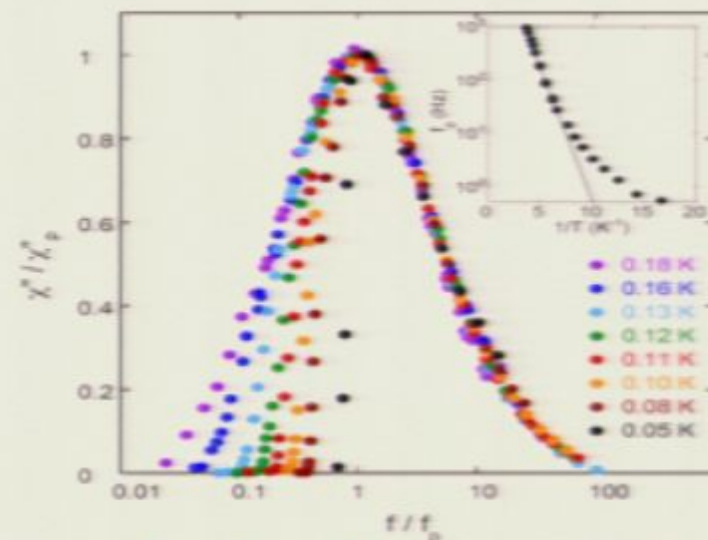
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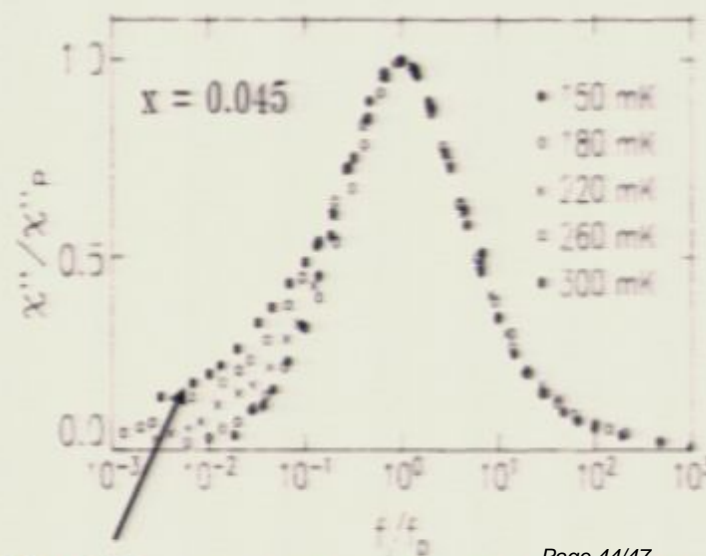
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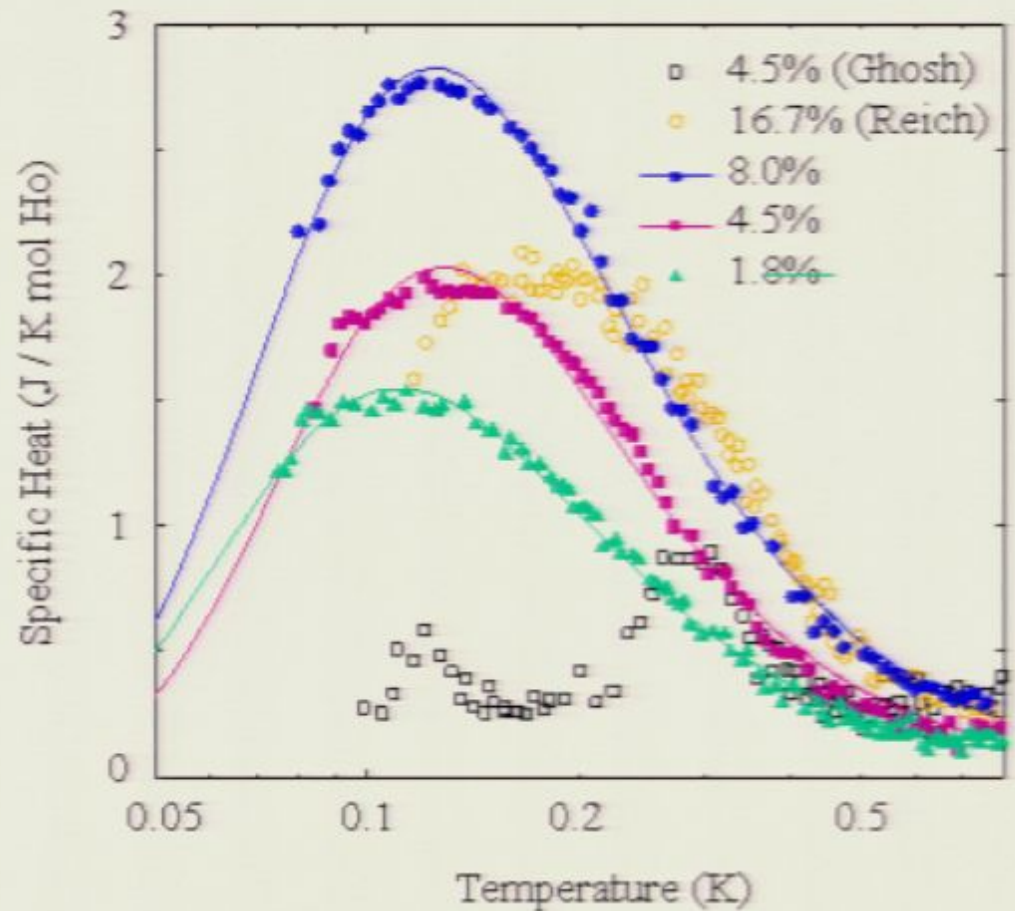


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Comparison with Previous Results

- Our results do not reproduce the unusually sharp features observed by Ghosh *et al.* in 4.5% Ho:YLF
- Thermal conductivity of 4% sample also saw no sharp features (Nikkel & Ellman [CondMat 0504269](#))
- Data is qualitatively consistent with the 16.7% sample measured by Reich *et al.*
- We account for much more of the expected entropy in the system ($R \ln 2$)
- Heat capacity does not give us a measure of the dynamics of the system so cannot say whether “anti-glass” or not.



Reich *et al.* PRB 42, 4631 (1990)

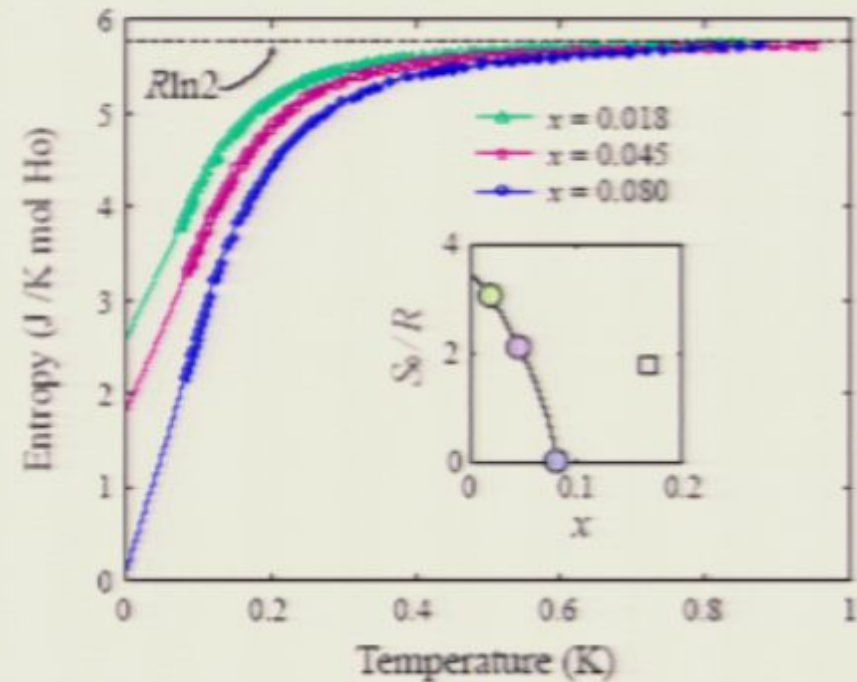
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Residual Entropy?

- Entropy can be determined with numerical integral

$$S(T) = \int_0^T dT \frac{\Delta C(T)}{T}$$

- Total entropy should be $R \ln 2$
- Possibility of residual entropy S_0
- Integral done here with linear extrapolation to $T = 0$
- S_0 is increasing with decreasing x

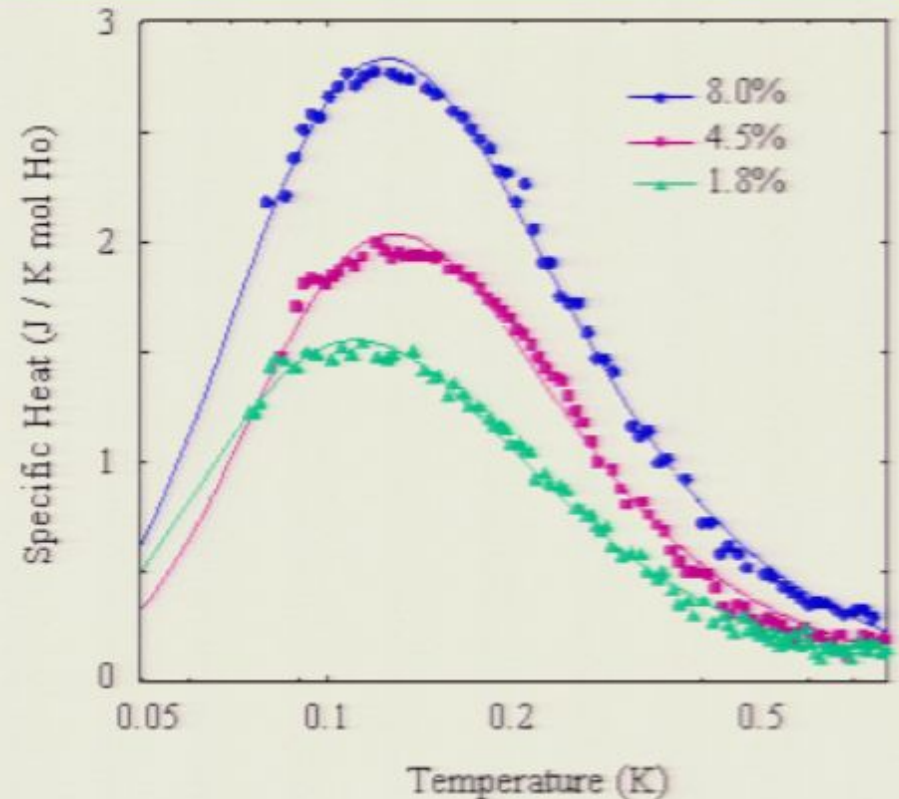


After Subtraction of Nuclear Specific Heat

- Non-interacting C_N subtracted to give electronic part ΔC
- Broad feature remains which is consistent with a spin glass for all 3 samples
- Spin glass C does not have a sharp feature at T_0
- Indicative of excitations above the transition
- Simplest model: 1 excited energy level with degeneracy n w.r.t. ground state (fits)

$$\Delta C \propto \frac{(E_1/kT)^2 e^{-E_1/kT}}{(1 + ne^{-E_1/kT})^2}$$

- More low-temperature data required to look for linear temperature dependence



Parameter	1.8% sample	4.5% sample	8.0% sample	16.7% sample [1]
C_0 (J/K mol Ho)	4.06	3.45	7.31	2.85
E_1/k_B (K)	0.26	0.32	0.29	0.46
n	0.85	1.43	0.86	1.89
T_{peak} (K)	0.11	0.13	0.12	0.17
FWHM/ T_{peak}	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.5
S_0/R	0.31	0.21	0.00	0.18