

# Raman study of spin excitations in hexagonal *R*MnO<sub>3</sub>

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#### Education

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### **Probing methods**





Low energy excitation = h(v-v')



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### Raman Spectroscopy



#### Jobin Yvon T64000 spectrometer

### Raman Effect vs Fluorescence

Raman spectroscopy  $hv \rightarrow hv'$ ; excitation = h(v-v')Fluorescence spectroscopy  $hv \rightarrow hv'$ ; excitation = hv'





### Raman spectroscopy can probe :

- Vibrational states
- Rotational states
- Electronic states
- Charge ordering (Superconducting gap,  $2\Delta$ )
- Spin ordering (spin waves)

A magnon is a <u>quasiparticle</u>, a <u>collective excitation</u> of the <u>electrons spin</u> structure in a <u>crystal lattice</u>. In the equivalent wave picture of quantum mechanics, a magnon can be viewed as a quantized <u>spin wave</u>. Magnons carry a fixed amount of <u>energy</u> and <u>lattice momentum</u>, and are spin-1, indicating they obey boson behavior. - From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia -



1-D Analogy

2-D Analogy

### Quantum Memories

- Superconducting Nano devices
- Nuclear spin decoherence time



Require strong light-matter interaction

- Atomic states natural candidates
- Solid state systems = scalability, integration into existing technology Pr<sup>3+</sup>:Y<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>5</sub> crystal : solid-state spin-wave optical quantum memory -Mustafa Gündoğan et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 230501 (2015)

#### Precession of Magnetic Moments – Spin Wave



### Magneto-Mechanical Resonator

Adopted from the Talk of Cho, Sung Un, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Seoul National University (July 4, 2017)

### Spin Wave

a reliable channel of the light-matter interaction:

excitation/detection (write/read) in the Quantum Memories

### 0. Brief history of Raman studies of spin excitations in hexagonal *R*MnO<sub>3</sub> system

#### Spin excitations in hexagonal $RMnO_3$ (R = rare earths)

+ First found in hexagonal HoMnO<sub>3</sub> thin films, using 647 nm excitation source.
 Raman scattering studies of the magnetic ordering in hexagonal HoMnO<sub>3</sub> thin films, Nguyen Thi Minh Hien,
 Xiang-Bai Chen, Luc Huy Hoang, D, Lee, S.-Y. Jang, T. W. Noh, and <u>In-Sang Yang</u>, Journal of Raman
 Spectroscopy 41, 983-988 (2010)

+ The spin excitations were resonant in very narrow range of excitation energy. Resonant A(1) phonon and four-magnon Raman scattering in hexagonal HoMnO<sub>3</sub> thin film, Xiang-Bai Chen, Nguyen Thi Minh Hien, D Lee, S-Y Jang, T W Noh, and <u>In-Sang Yang</u>, New Journal of Physics 12, 073046 (2010)

+ The spin excitations were found in other  $RMnO_3$  (R= rare earths).

Raman scattering studies of hexagonal rare-earth  $RMnO_3$  (R = Tb, Dy, Ho, Er) thin films, Nguyen Thi Minh Hien, Su-Young Oh, Xiang-Bai Chen, D. Lee, S.-Y. Jang, T. W. Noh, and <u>In-Sang Yang</u>, Journal of Raman Spectroscopy 42, 1774-1779 (2011)

+ We could get the spin-exchange interaction integral J values from Raman!
 Spin exchange interactions in hexagonal manganites RMnO<sub>3</sub> (R = Tb, Dy, Ho, Er) epitaxial thin films, Xiang-Bai
 Chen, Nguyen Thi Minh Hien, D. Lee, S.-Y. Jang, T. W. Noh, and <u>In-Sang Yang</u>, App.Phys.Lett. 99, 052506 (2011)

#### Magnons in hexagonal $RMnO_3$ (R = rare earths)

+ Spin excitations in Mn<sup>+3</sup> sublattices of hexagonal *R*MnO<sub>3</sub> can be selectively excited!
-> Raman study is much more useful in studying the magnetic transitions due to changes in Mn-spin interactions than magnetization measurements.
"Study of spin-ordering and spin-reorientation transitions in hexagonal manganites through Raman spectroscopy", Xiang-Bai Chen, Nguyen Thi Minh Hien, Kiok Han, Ji-Yeon Nam, Nguyen Thi Huyen, Seong-Il Shin, Xueyun Wang, S. W. Cheong, D. Lee, T. W. Noh, N. H. Sung, B. K. Cho, and In-Sang Yang, Scientific Reports 5, 13366 (2015).

# + Spin excitations tell us about the spin-structural phase transition in hexagonal *R*MnO<sub>3</sub>.

"Correlation between magnon and magnetic symmetries of hexagonal RMnO<sub>3</sub> (R = Er, Ho, Lu), Thi Minh Hien Nguyen, Thi Huyen Nguyen, Xiang-Bai Chen, Yeonju Park, Young Mee Jung, D. Lee, T.W. Noh, Sang-Wook Cheong, and In-Sang Yang, Journal of Molecular Structure 1124, 103-109 (2016).

+ We suggested the spin flip mechanism in hexagonal LuMnO<sub>3</sub> single crystal.

"Spin wave and spin flip in hexagonal LuMnO<sub>3</sub> single crystal", Xiang-Bai Chen, Peng-Cheng Guo, Nguyen Thi Huyen, Seung Kim, <u>In-Sang Yang</u>, Xueyun Wang, Sang-Wook Cheong, Appl. Phys. Lett. **110**, 122405 (2017).

#### + Dr. Hien investigated two-magnons in other AIAO material ( $Cd_2Os_2O_7$ )

"Two-Magnon Scattering in 5d All-In-All-Out Pyrochlore Magnet Cd<sub>2</sub>Os<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>", Nguyen Thi Minh Hien, Luke J. Sandilands, C.H. Sohn, C. H. Kim, Aleksander L Wysocki, <u>In-Sang Yang</u>, S. J. Moon, Jae-Hyeon Ko, Z. Hiroi, J. Yamaura, and Tae Won Noh, Nature Communications 8, 251 (2017).

### -> The spin excitations are very important, useful quantity !

### I. Review of RMnO<sub>3</sub>: why hexagonal RMnO<sub>3</sub>?





 $T_N$ 

 $T_{FE}$ 

T<sub>AFE</sub>

	Ferroelectric T <sub>FE</sub> (K)	$P_r (\mu C/cm^2)$	Anti-FM T <sub>N</sub> (K)	netic		'ic	
Ortho $- RMnO_3$ ( $R = Dy, Tb, Gd$ )	~ 24	~ 0.2	~ 40	lectric romagi	electric agnetic	roelecti agnetic	ectric agnetic
$Hexa - RMnO_3$ $(R = Ho, Y,)$	> 900	~ 5.6	~ 100	Ferroe Antifei	Ferro Param	Antifer Param	Parael Param

#### **I. Review of RMnO<sub>3</sub> :** *Structure & Raman active modes*



#### **II. Samples and Experiments:** Raman experiments

**Hexagonal HoMnO<sub>3</sub> and ErMnO<sub>3</sub> thin films**: were grown on Pt (111)// Al2O3 (0001) substrates by laser ablation method. All the thin films were grown epitaxially with their c axis perpendicular to the film surface

**Hexagonal LuMnO<sub>3</sub> single crystal** was grown using the traveling floating zone method. Platelet single crystal sample was cleaved perpendicular to the *c* axis.



#### **Raman experiments**

- + Objective lenses: ×50 ultra long working distance (ULWD)
- + Focus length: 8mm.



A closed-cycle helium cryostat was used to vary the sample temperatures from 13 to 300K.

# **1.** The magnetic ordering in hexagonal HoMnO<sub>3</sub> thin film

 Raman scattering studies of the magnetic ordering in hexagonal HoMnO<sub>3</sub> thin films, Nguyen Thi Minh Hien, Xiang-Bai Chen, Luc Huy Hoang, D, Lee, S.-Y. Jang, T. W. Noh, and In-Sang Yang, Journal of Raman Spectroscopy 41, 983-988 (2010)

2. Resonant A(1) phonon and four-magnon Raman scattering in hexagonal HoMnO<sub>3</sub> thin film, Xiang-Bai Chen, Nguyen Thi Minh Hien, D Lee, S-Y Jang, T W Noh, and In-Sang Yang, New Journal of Physics 12, 073046 (2010).

#### Raman spectra of hexagonal HoMnO<sub>3</sub> and $Pt(111)//Al_2O_3$ (0001) substrate at 13 K in different configurations.



- + 680cm<sup>-1</sup>: A<sub>1</sub> phonon
  + Broad peak 1280 cm<sup>-1</sup>:
  2<sup>nd</sup> order of A<sub>1</sub> phonon
- + Several broad peaks : ~510, ~760, ~ 955,~ 1120 and ~1410 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- cross polarization only!

### Magnon ??





#### In cross polarization scattering @ 13 K



#### Confirms:

- + Raman origin, not PL!
- + Strongly resonant at 671nm (~1.8 eV)



#### **III. Raman results:** Spin excitation peaks

#### T dependence-Raman spectra of a hexagonal $HoMnO_3$ – cross polarization configurations



- $\Rightarrow$  shows an inflection point at T=67 K ~T<sub>N</sub>
- $\Rightarrow$  Related with Magnetic Ordering

T≯: these broad peaks decrease > the phonon modes, and are disappearing above T<sub>N</sub>

T dependence of the difference spectra





The electronic conductivity of LuMnO3. Phys. Rev. Lett. **91**, 027203 (2003) • Peak at ~ 1.7 eV: on-site Mn d-d transition.

• Broad band centered at ~ 5 eV: charge transfer transition from the hybridized oxygen p levels to the Mn d levels.

• The on-site Mn d-d transition at ~ 1.7 eV shifts ~ 0.15 eV with temperature.

• The shift is mainly caused by the effects of the exchange interaction between the Mn ions.

### Resonant effect



671nm	1.85eV
647nm	1.92eV
532nm	2.33eV



Spin excitation peak (760 cm<sup>-1</sup>) resonant effect is related to Mn d-d transition.

> Xiang-Bai Chen *et al.*, *New J. Phys.*, **12**, 073046(2010). Xiang-Bai Chen *et al. Appl. Phys. Lett.* **110**, 122405 (2017).

# 2. Rare-earth *R* dependence of *R*MnO<sub>3</sub> (*R*=Tb, Dy, Ho, Er) thin films

3. Raman scattering studies of hexagonal rare-earth  $RMnO_3$  (R = Tb, Dy, Ho, Er) thin films, Nguyen Thi Minh Hien, Su-Young Oh, Xiang-Bai Chen, D. Lee, S.-Y. Jang, T. W. Noh, and In-Sang Yang, Journal of Raman Spectroscopy 42, 1774-1779 (2011).

4. Spin exchange interactions in hexagonal manganites  $RMnO_3$  (R = Tb, Dy, Ho, Er) epitaxial thin films, Xiang-Bai Chen, Nguyen Thi Minh Hien, D. Lee, S.-Y. Jang, T. W. Noh, and In-Sang Yang, App.Phys.Lett. 99, 052506 (2011).



Polarized Raman spectra of hexagonal  $RMnO_3$  (R = Tb, Dy, Ho, Er) thin films at 13 K obtained in the Z(XY)Z- configuration.

T dependent (13K – 150K) Raman spectra of hexagonal  $RMnO_3$  (R = Tb, Dy, Ho, Er) thin films obtained in the Z(XY)Z- configuration.





 $T_N$  - *R* dependence: our thin films < single crystals.

 $\Rightarrow$  the lattice constant *a* varies slower with the radius of *R* ion comparing with the single crystals

Fig 8: The R ionic radius dependence of  $T_N$  for our thin films and the single crystals



Below  $T_N$  the Mn spins order antiferromagnetically in a noncollinear 120° spin structure. (All-In-All-Out structure)

### Spin states of some transition ions

3d level electron	$3d^4$	3d <sup>5</sup>	3d <sup>6</sup>	3d <sup>7</sup>
TM ions	Mn <sup>3+</sup>	Mn <sup>2+</sup> , Fe <sup>3+</sup>	Fe <sup>2+</sup>	Co <sup>2+</sup> , Ni <sup>3+</sup>
Weak				
Crystal Field				
High Spin State	S=2	S=5/2	S=2	S=3/2
Strong				
Crystal Field				
Low Spin State	S=0	S=1/2	S=0	S=1/2

Strong Crystal Field Low Spin State S=0 Weak Crystal Field High Spin State S=2





#### **III. Raman results:** Spin excitation peaks



 $T < T_N$ 

 $H = J_1 \sum_{\langle i, i \rangle} (S_i \cdot S_j) + J_2 \sum_{\langle i, k \rangle} (S_i \cdot S_k)$ 

 $J_1$ : intratrimer Mn-Mn spin interaction  $J_2$ : intertrimer Mn-Mn spin interaction

The 4-spin flipping magnon

4-magnon

The 6-spin flipping magnon

6-magnon

spin flipping of 3 Mn<sup>3+</sup> ions in 1 triangle and 1 Mn<sup>3+</sup> ion in the neighboring triangle

spin flipping of 6 Mn<sup>3+</sup> ions in 2 neighboring triangle  $13J_1 + 26J_2$ : **96.2meV** ~770 cm<sup>-1</sup>

18J<sub>1</sub>+34J<sub>2</sub>: 129.2meV ~1000 cm<sup>-1</sup>



The R dependence  $J_1$  and  $J_2$  of hexagonal RMnO<sub>3</sub>.



 $J_2$  decreases systematically when the R ionic radius increases  $J_1$  is nearly independent of R ionic radius.

Raman Spectroscopy is an easier method than Neutron Scattering !

**3.** Spin excitations in Ga-doped hexagonal HoMnO<sub>3</sub> thin films

### Sample - Hexagonal HoMnO<sub>3</sub>

- Hexagonal HoMnO<sub>3</sub>
  - Space group: P6<sub>3</sub>cm
  - Layers of corner-sharing MnO<sub>5</sub> bipyramids
  - O3 and O4 : triangular base
  - O1 and O2 : apical sites



- HoMn<sub>1-x</sub>Ga<sub>x</sub>O<sub>3</sub> thin film (x=0, 0.05, 0.1 and 0.33)
- The samples were grown on Pt(111)//Al2O3 (0001) substrates by pulsed laser deposition techniques.

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## Results

- Spin excitation energy (peak position) and FWHM values are weakly affected.
- Spin excitation intensity has ~40% and 60% decrease for 5% and 10% Ga doping, respectively.



# Results



### A Mn-Mn triangular network :



# Analysis

- 1. Consider  $60 \times 60$  Mn ion lattices. (X)
- 2. Give each ion a number from 1 to 3600.
- 3. Choose 5%, 10%, and 33% random numbers.
- 4. Assume that the Ga ions enter a position corresponding to a random number.
- 5. Remove Mn ions "affected" by Ga ions.-Previous page
- 6. Count the number of remaining Mn ions. (Y)
- 7. Get the ratio Y/X.

# Analysis





# Results



### **Universal curve !**

-> Spin excitation mechanism is not influenced by the Gasubstitution.

### Substituting Ga ions affect the neighboring Mn ions only.

The spin excitations are limited in the Mn triangular network.

## Summary:

- We presented magnon scattering studies in HoMn<sub>1-x</sub>Ga<sub>x</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (x = 0, 0.05, 0.10 and 0.33) thin films.
- The spin-wave intensity has strong decrease by Ga substitution.
- We suggest a model of how Ga-ion substitution affects neighboring Mn ions.
- The effect of Ga-ion substitution is limited to the nearest Mn ions.
- The spin excitations seem to be localized in the Mn triangular network.

# 4. Raman study of magnetic phase transitions of hexagonal manganites single crystal LuMnO<sub>3</sub>

5. "Spin wave and spin flip in hexagonal LuMnO<sub>3</sub> single crystal",
Xiang-Bai Chen, Peng-Cheng Guo, Nguyen Thi Huyen, Seung Kim,
In-Sang Yang, Xueyun Wang, Sang-Wook Cheong,
Appl. Phys. Lett. **110**, 122405 (2017).

#### **III. Raman results:** Spin excitation peaks

T dependent (20K – 200K) Raman spectra of hexagonal LuMnO<sub>3</sub> single crystal in the cross configuration



#### Raman vs. magnetization experiment of hexagonal $RMnO_3$



Thin films: *R*=Tb, Dy, Ho Single crystal: *R*= Lu



**Raman**: probes the magnons in Mn<sup>3+</sup> sublattices. Measure the skin-depth of the thin film, thus, it investigate the intrinsic properties of the thin film.

**Magnetization**: Strong paramagnetic contribution from the f-electron of the rare-earths dominate the magnetization data.

Substrate also measured at the same time.

Magnon Raman spectra selectively probes magnons in the Mn<sup>+3</sup> sublattices. -> Effective to study the magnetic phase transitions due to Mn-spin ordering.

### 5. Two-Dimensional Correlation Analysis and Principal Component Analysis

6. Correlation between magnon and magnetic symmetries of hexagonal  $RMnO_3$  (R = Er, Ho, Lu), Thi Minh Hien Nguyen, Thi Huyen Nguyen, Xiang-Bai Chen, Yeonju Park, Young Mee Jung, D. Lee, T.W. Noh, Sang-Wook Cheong, and In-Sang Yang, Journal of Molecular Structure 1124, 103-109 (2016).

### II. 2D COS & PCA



600

700

800 Wavenumber (cm )

900

1000

### PRETREATMENT OF DATA

Normalize the reference peak at ~680cm<sup>-1</sup> to 1000cts Noise reduction: Savitzky- Golay smoothing method (13) points)

### **PCA**

The PCA was performed using the PLS Toolbox ver. 7.3 (Eigenvector Research, Inc.) for Matlab (The MathWorks Inc.)

### 2D COS

The 2D correlation spectra were obtained in Matlab R2013b

### IV. Support from 2D COS & PCA: ErMnO<sub>3</sub>



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PC3: too noisy

From PC1 & PC2: Difficult to realize the broad band of  $HoMnO_3$  at ~760cm<sup>-1</sup> consists of 1 or 2 overlap peaks

### IV. Support from 2D COS & PCA: LuMnO<sub>3</sub>



Asynchronous spectra is too noise, only realize 2 peaks at 812 & 821cm<sup>-1</sup>



### IV. Support from 2D COS & PCA: LuMnO<sub>3</sub>



From PC1 and PC2: observed 6 peaks overlap in the broad magnon peak.



### **Overlap peaks vs Single peak**



#### DISCUSSION



### Symmetry of the hexagonal manganites RMnO<sub>3</sub>

The symmetry of LuMnO<sub>3</sub> and HoMnO<sub>3</sub> are more complicated than that of  $\rm ErMnO_3$ 

Should be correlated with the number of overload peaks in the broad magnon peak?

### **RMnO<sub>3</sub>** : *Magnetic structure*



$$I < T_{c}:$$
ferroelectric
$$J$$
Symmetry:
$$P6_{3}cm$$

$$T < T_{N}:$$
antiferromagnetic
$$J$$

$$gcm \qquad \beta_{1} (\phi = 0^{\circ}): \qquad P6_{3}cm$$

$$\chi_{xxy} \qquad \chi_{xyz} = \chi_{xzy} = -\chi_{yxz} = -\chi_{yzx}$$

$$gcm \qquad \beta_{2} (\phi = 90^{\circ}): \qquad P6_{3}cm$$

$$\chi_{yyx} \qquad \chi_{zxx} = \chi_{zyy}, \chi_{xxz} = \chi_{xzx} = \chi_{yyz} = \chi_{yzy}, \chi_{zzz}$$

$$P6_{3} \qquad \beta_{\phi} (0^{\circ} < \phi < 90^{\circ}): \qquad P6_{3}$$

$$\chi(\beta_{1}) \oplus \chi(\beta_{2})$$

# Summary:

- 2DCOS and PCA are performed on the temperaturedependent Raman spectra of hexagonal RMnO<sub>3</sub> (R=Ho, Er) thin films and LuMnO<sub>3</sub> single crystal.
- The difference in the magnon scattering of hexagonal RMnO<sub>3</sub> (R=Lu, Ho, Er) is correlated with the different magnetic symmetries of these materials.

# Conclusion

- Spin excitations near 0.1 eV are found in hexagonal RMnO<sub>3</sub> by Raman spectroscopy.
- ◆ They are strongly resonant with 1.8 eV, near the Mn d-d transition.

• They correlate with the magnetic ordering of  $Mn^{3+}$  ions (T<sub>N</sub>).



A scenario of spin-flip assisted by Mn d-d transition

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

