

# Fermi surface instabilities in $\text{YbRh}_2\text{Si}_2$ at high field

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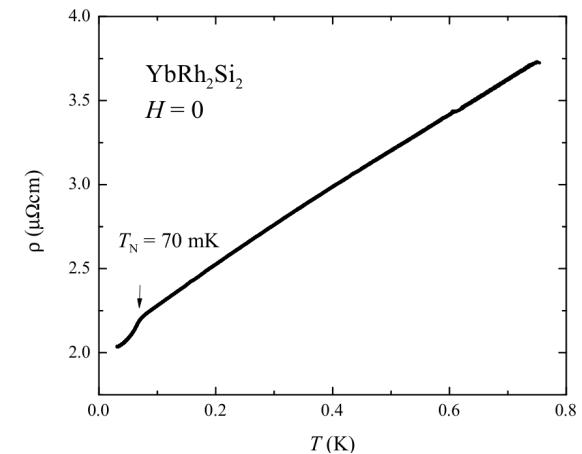
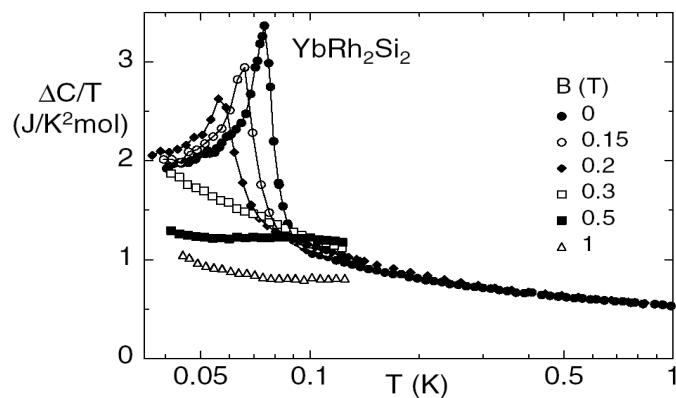
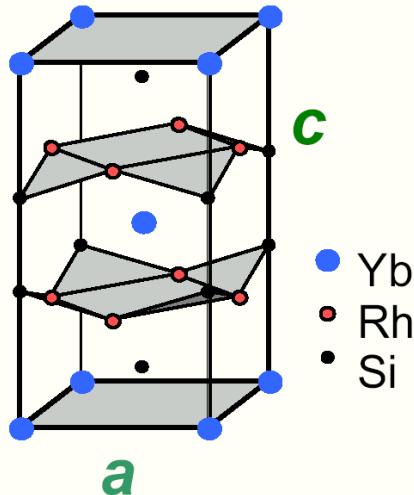


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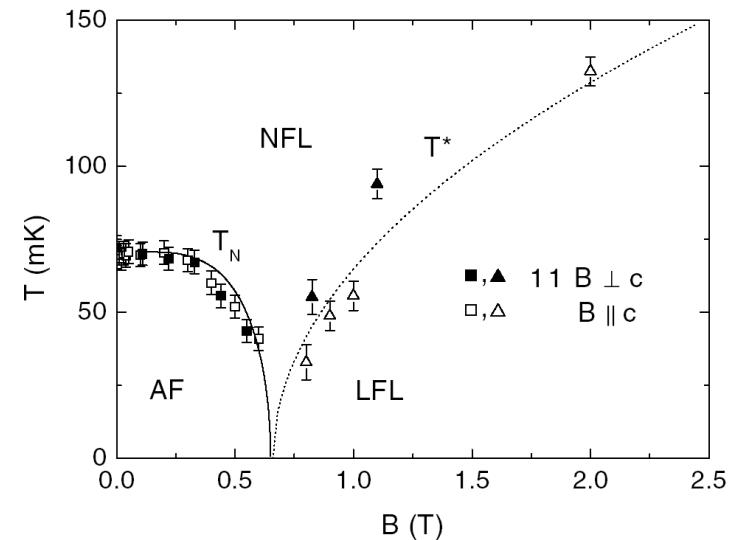


- Introduction
- Some experimental details
- Magnetoresistance of  $\text{YbRh}_2\text{Si}_2$
- Thermoelectric power through  $H_0$
- Quantum oscillation experiments
- Comparison to band structure calculations

# Unconventional metallic state in $\text{YbRh}_2\text{Si}_2$



- Yb based heavy fermion system with very low magnetic order
  - $T_K = 25$  K,  $T_N \sim 70$  mK
  - $\Delta_{CF} = 200, 290, 500$  K
  - $m \sim 0.02 \mu_B$ , but magnetic structure not known
- field induced QCP,  $H_c = 0.066$  T,  $H // a$
- above  $H_c$ , strong FM fluctuations  
*Ishida et al, PRL 89, 107202 (2002)*  
*Gegenwart et al, PRL 94, 076402 (2005)*



*Trovarelli et al. PRL 85, 626 (2000)*  
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*Custers et al. nature 2003*

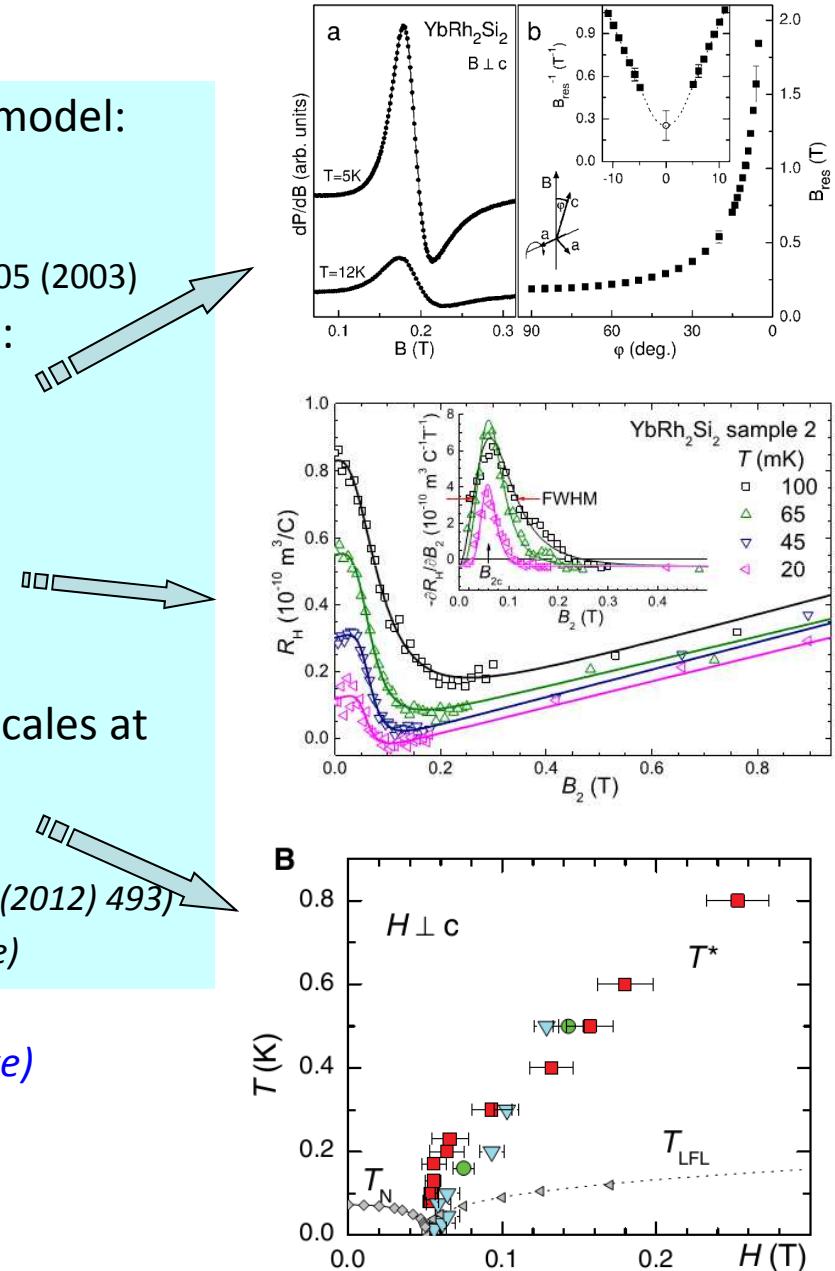
# Quantum criticality in $\text{YbRh}_2\text{Si}_2$ : localized versus itinerant

## Kondo breakdown :

- Discrepances with “standard” spin-fluctuation model:
  - *J. Custers et al, Nature 424, 524 (2003)*
  - decomposition of heavy fermions ?
  - Divergence of Grüneisen ratio R. Küchler, PRL 91, 066405 (2003)
- ESR signal of dense Kondo lattice from  $\text{Yb}^{3+}$  ion :
  - *J. Sichelschmidt et al. PRL, 91, 156401 (2003)*
  - strong anisotropic g factor (more than factor 10)
- Hall effect : small → large Fermi surface
  - *S. Paschen et al. Nature 432, 881 (2004)*
  - Friedemann et al. PNAS 107 (2010) 14547
  - Destruction of renormalized Fermi surface ?
- Thermodynamic evidence for multiple energy scales at the QCP
  - *P. Gegenwart, Science 315, 969 (2007)*
- Violation of Wiedemann-Franz (Pfau, Nature 484 (2012) 493)
  - Strongly debated recently (Sherbrooke, Tokyo, Grenoble)

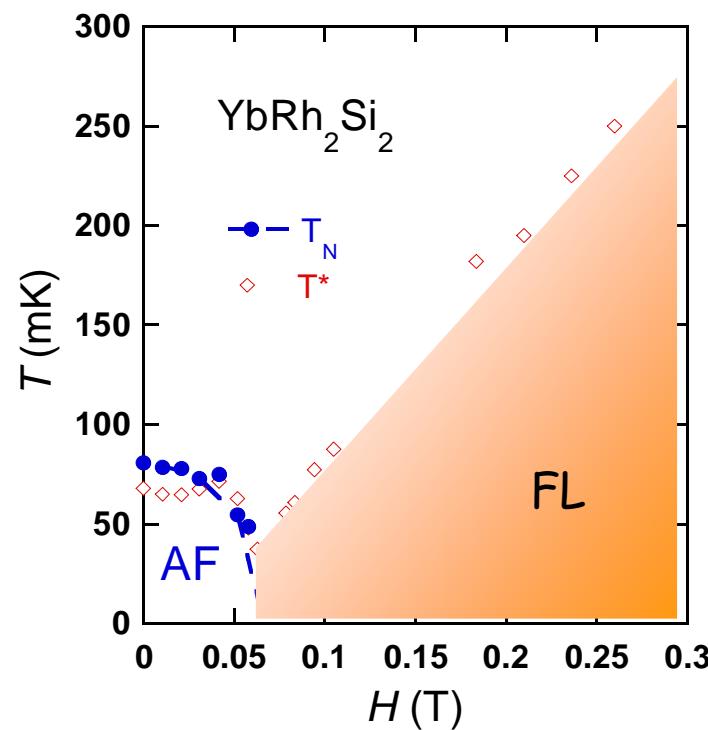
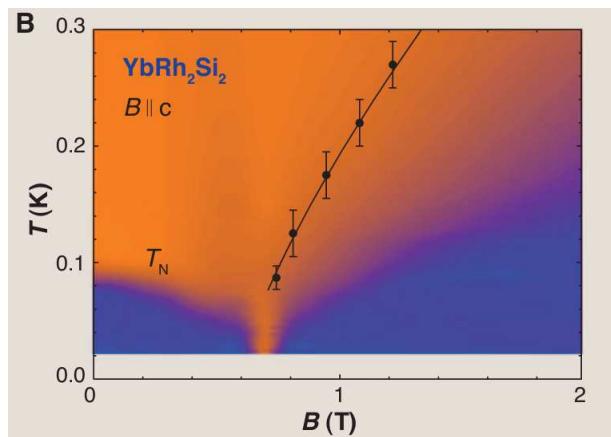
- role of valence fluctuations (Watanabe, Miyake)  
 ➤ Zeeman driven Lifshitz transition ?

Hackl, Vojta PRL 106 (2011) 137002

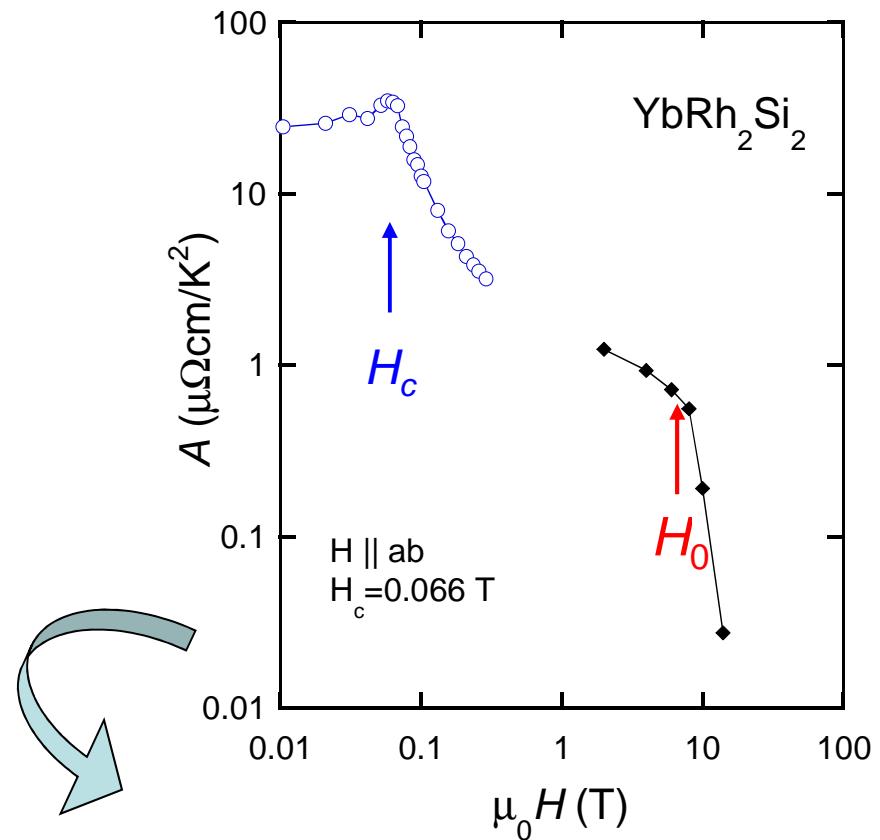


# $^{174}\text{YbRh}_2\text{Si}_2$ : ( $H - T$ ) phase diagram ( $H \parallel a$ )

Custers nature 2003



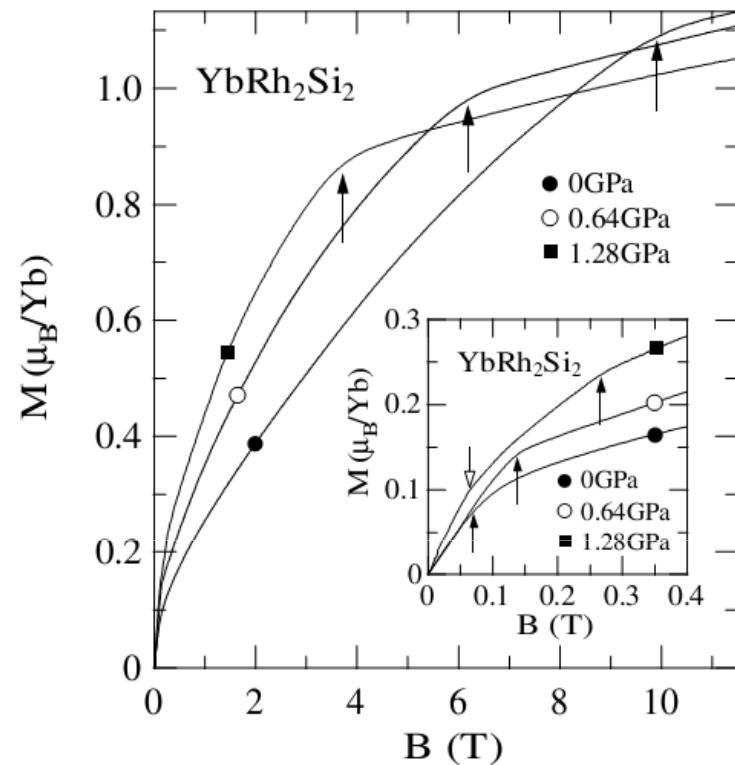
GK et al. JPSJ 2006



2 characteristic fields !

$H_c = 0.066$  T : suppression of AF order  
 $H_0 = 9.5$  T : suppression of heavy mass

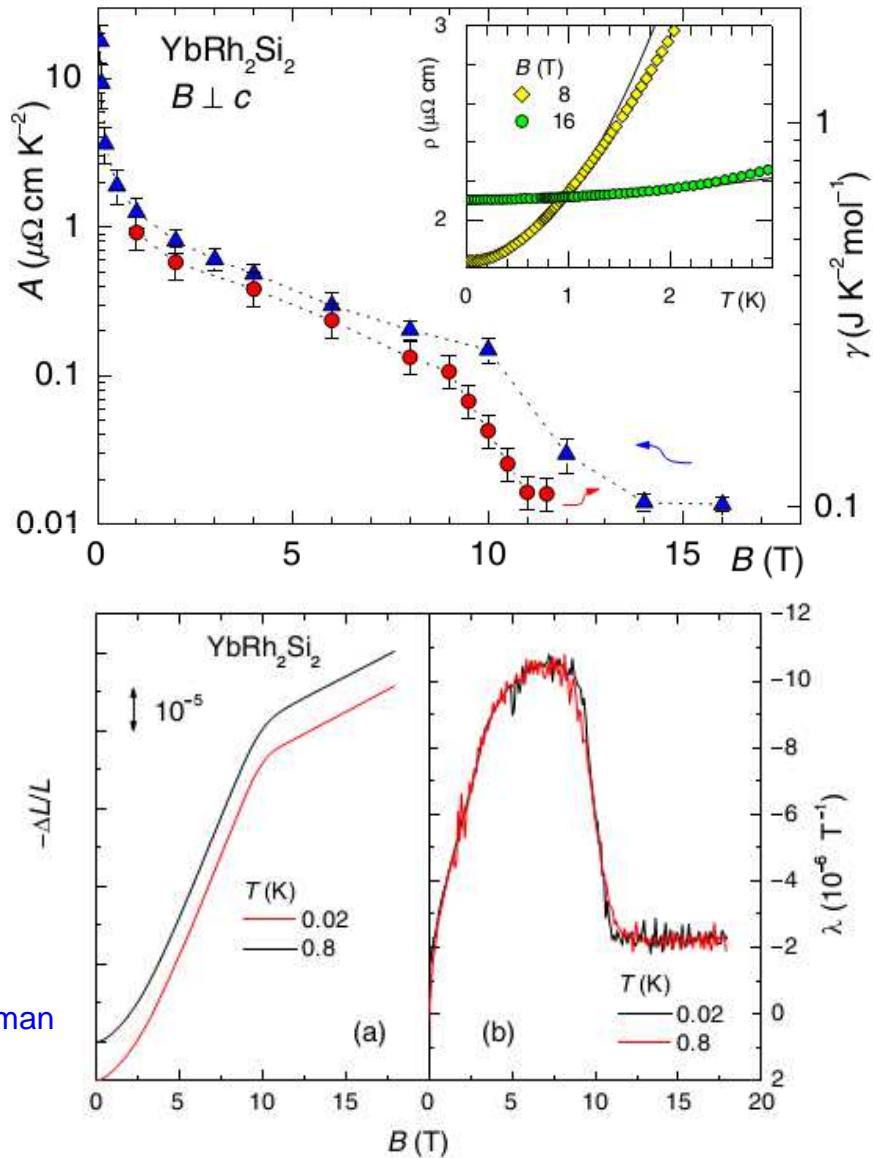
# High field properties : $T_K \sim T_{\text{zeeman}}$



Tokiwa PRL 2005

Interpretation 2006:

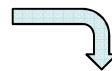
- no signature of metamagnetism
- destruction of the Kondo effect,  $T_K \sim T_{\text{Zeeman}}$
- possible localization of  $f$  electron



Gegenwart NJP 2006

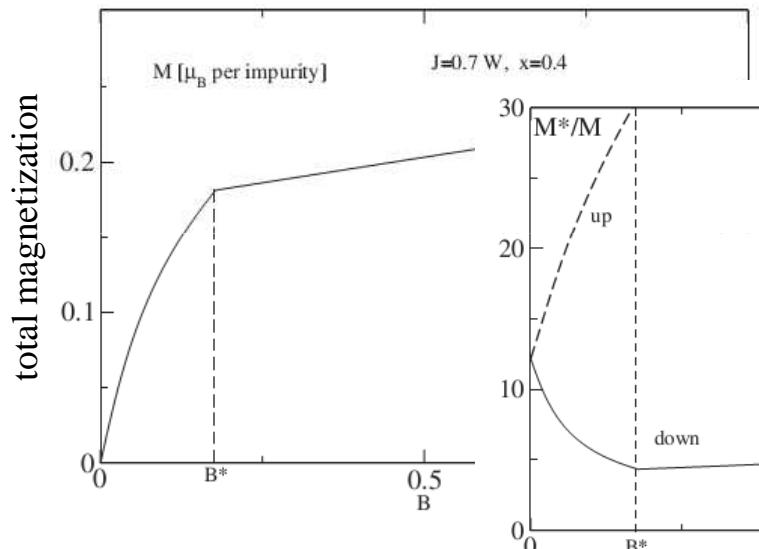
# Lifshitz-type transition through $H_0$

Kusminskiy et al. PRB 77 (2008) 094419:  
 static mean field theory, Kondo lattice coherence of same order than Zeeman splitting , one band model, parameter exchange J, band filling x



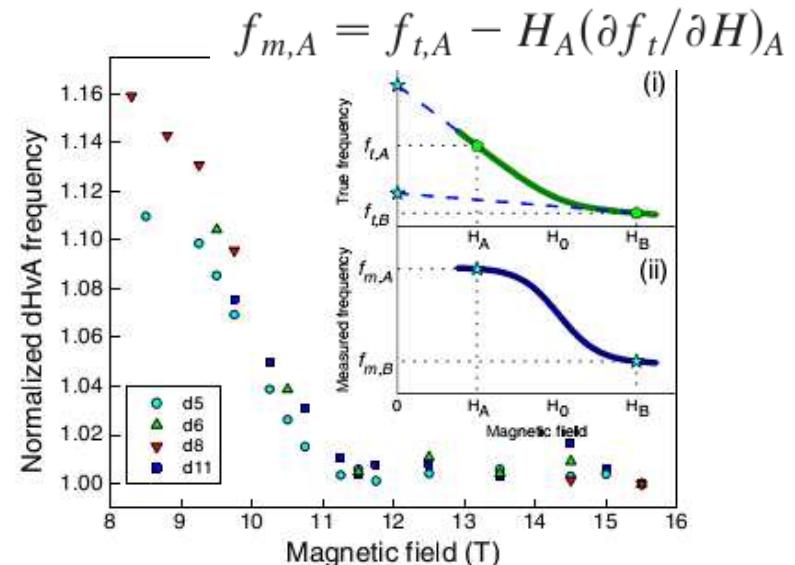
## Spin-split FS undergoes a Lifshitz transition:

- spin split branch drops below the chemical potential at  $B^*$
- Fermi surface of heavy quasi-particles vanished at  $B^*$ , leaving only moderately heavy particle above  $B^*$
- no localization of f electron, but continuous evolution of the Fermi surface.



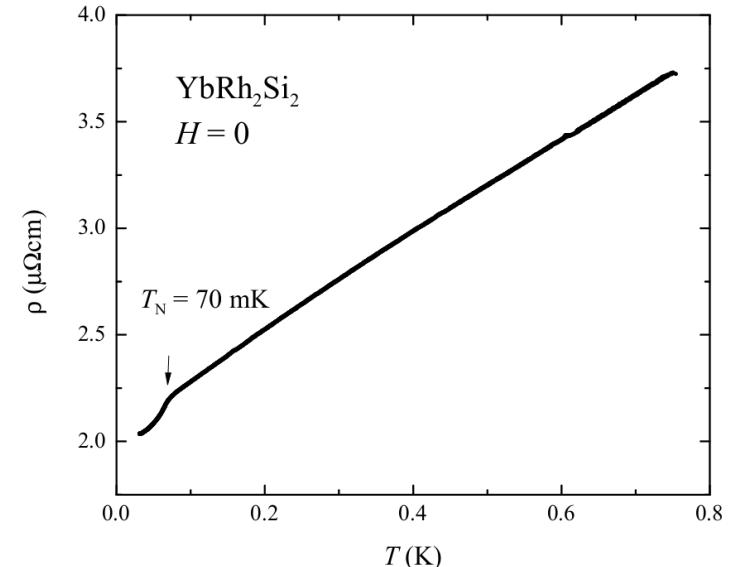
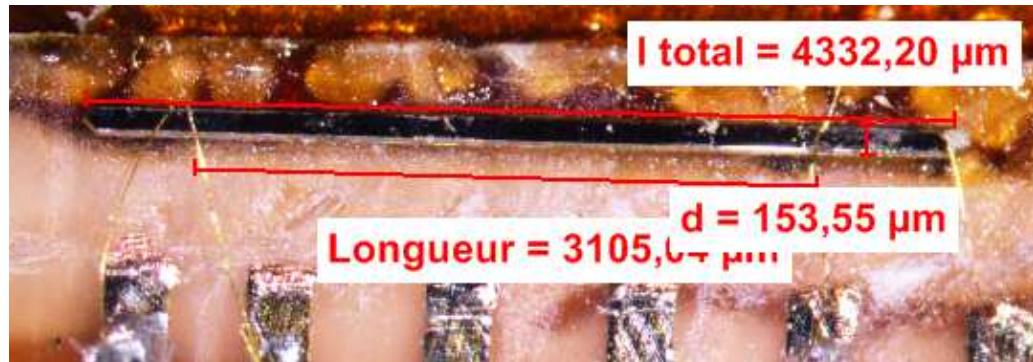
**dHvA :**  
 Toronto University

Rourke et al. PRL 2008  
 Sutton et al. PSS 2010



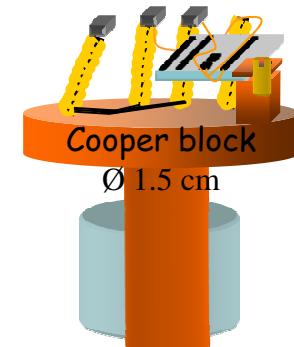
## Experimental details

In flux grown single crystal  
 RRR ~ 65 , not the highest but .....



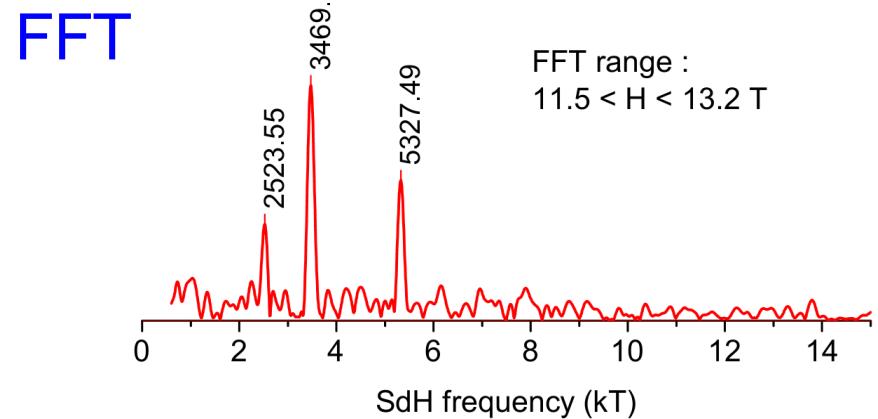
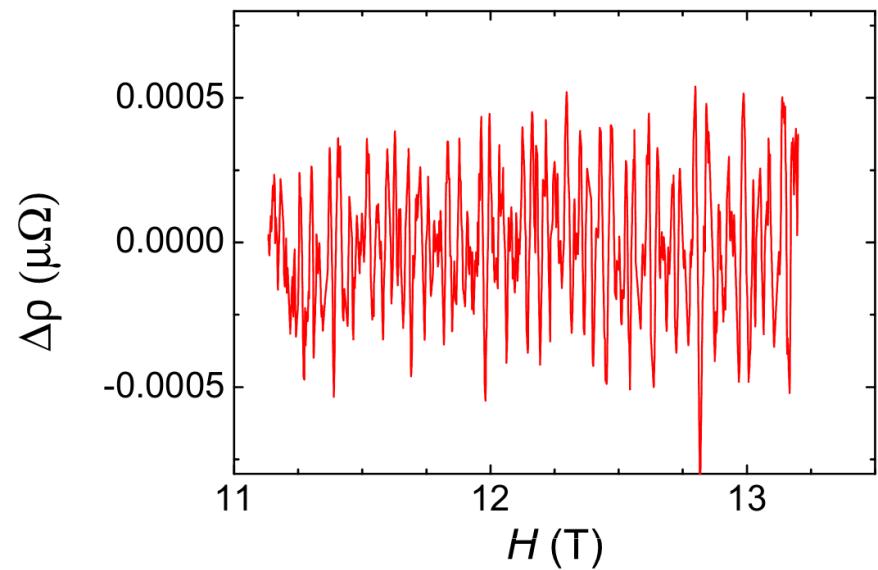
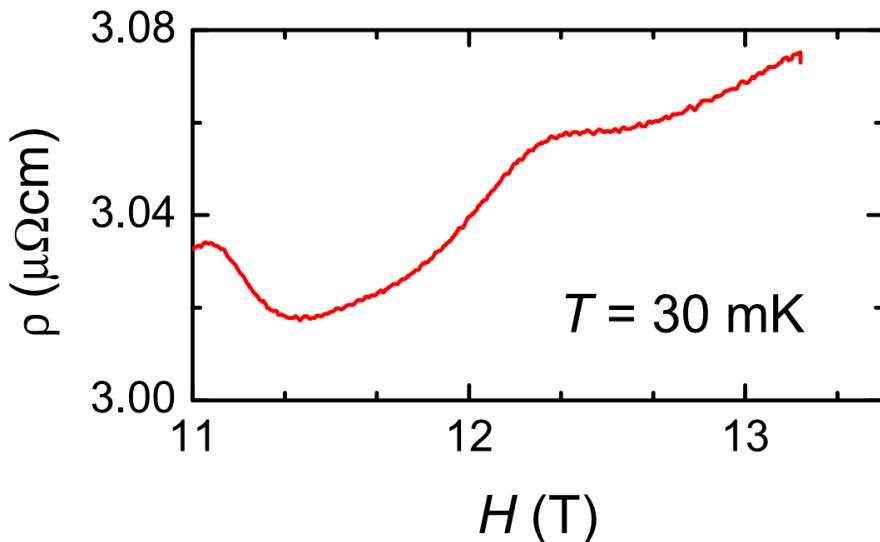
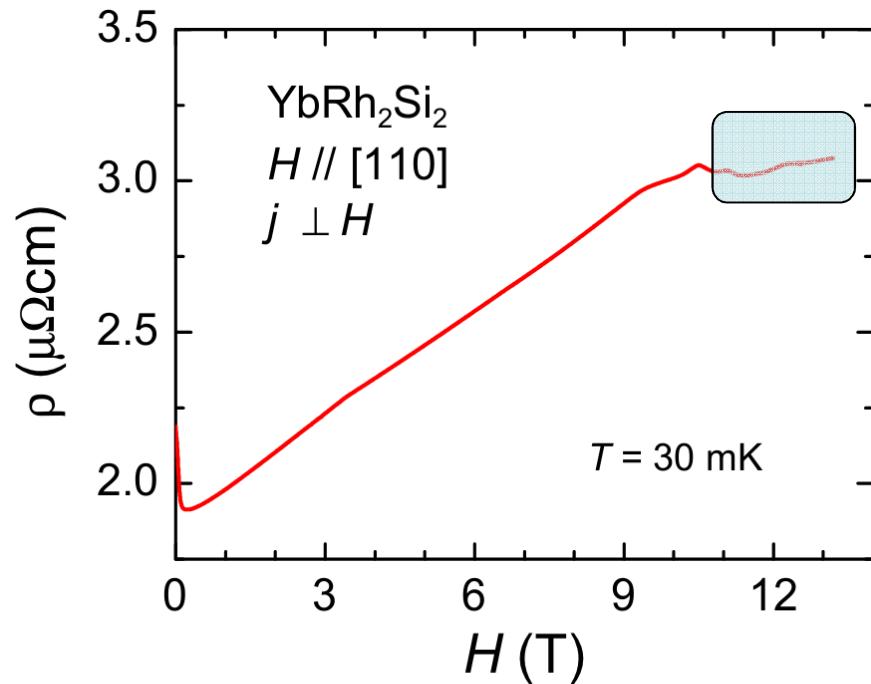
resistivity : 30 mK, 13.5 T  
 thermoelectric power : 150 mK, 16 T  
 dHvA : 15 mK top loading dilution, 15 T

$$F = \frac{1}{\Delta \left[ \frac{1}{B} \right]} = \frac{\hbar}{2\pi e} S_F \quad \text{and} \quad S_F = \left| \vec{k}_F \right|^2$$



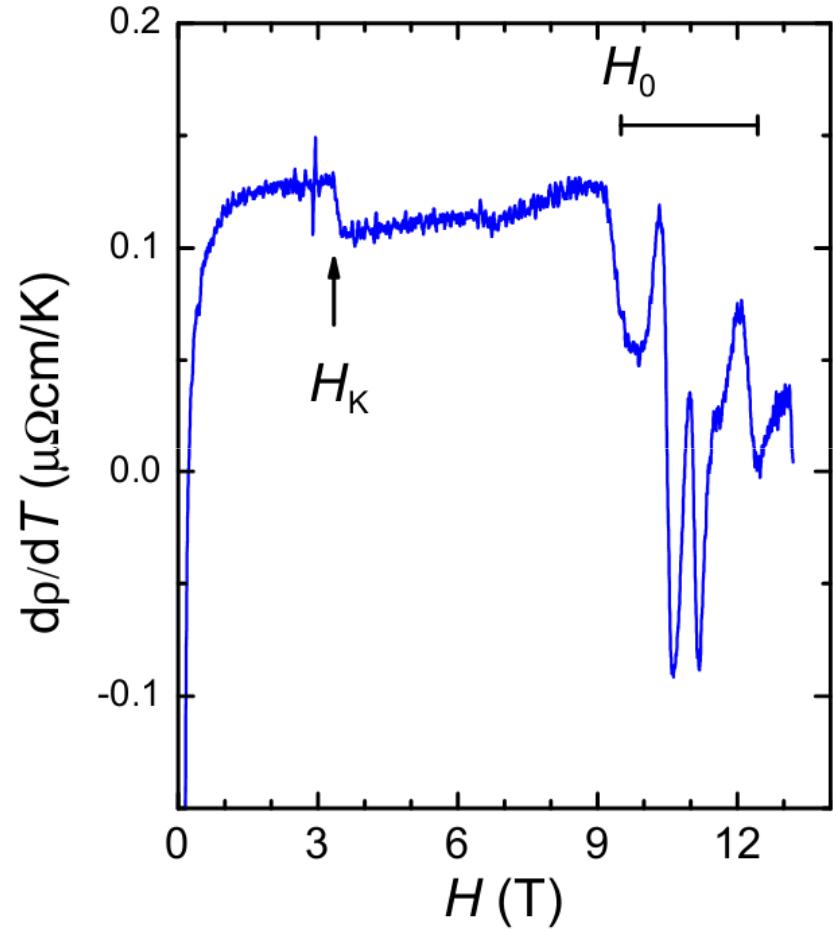
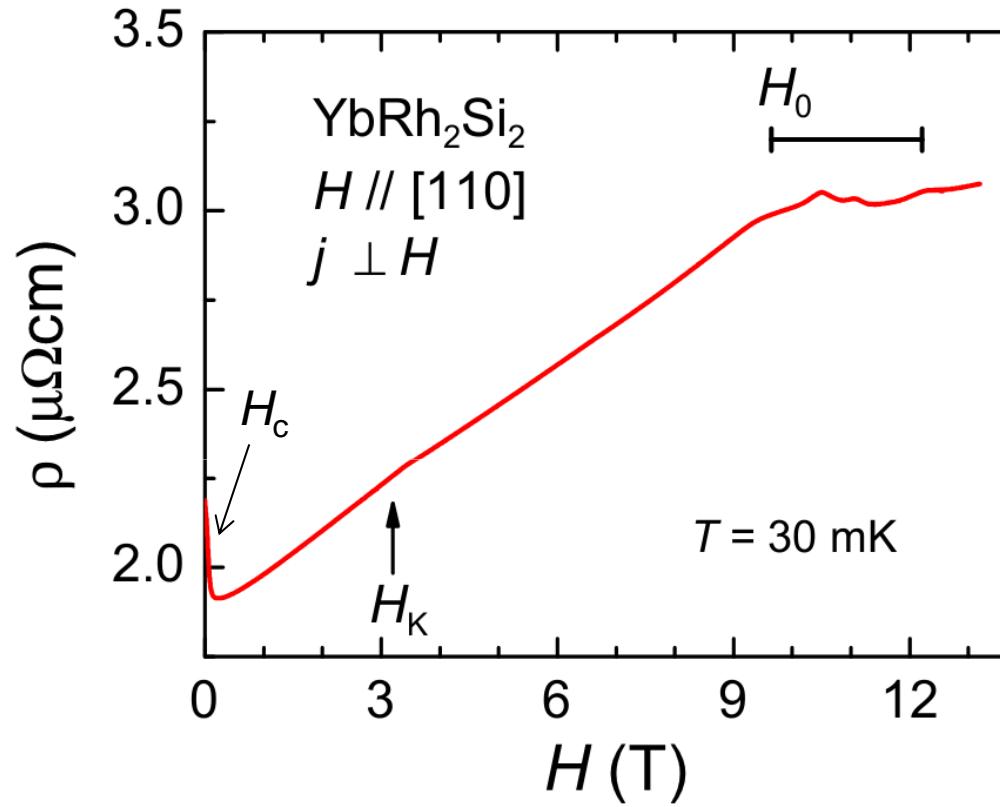
$$S = \frac{-E_x}{\nabla_x T}$$

# Magnetoresistance $H \parallel [110]$



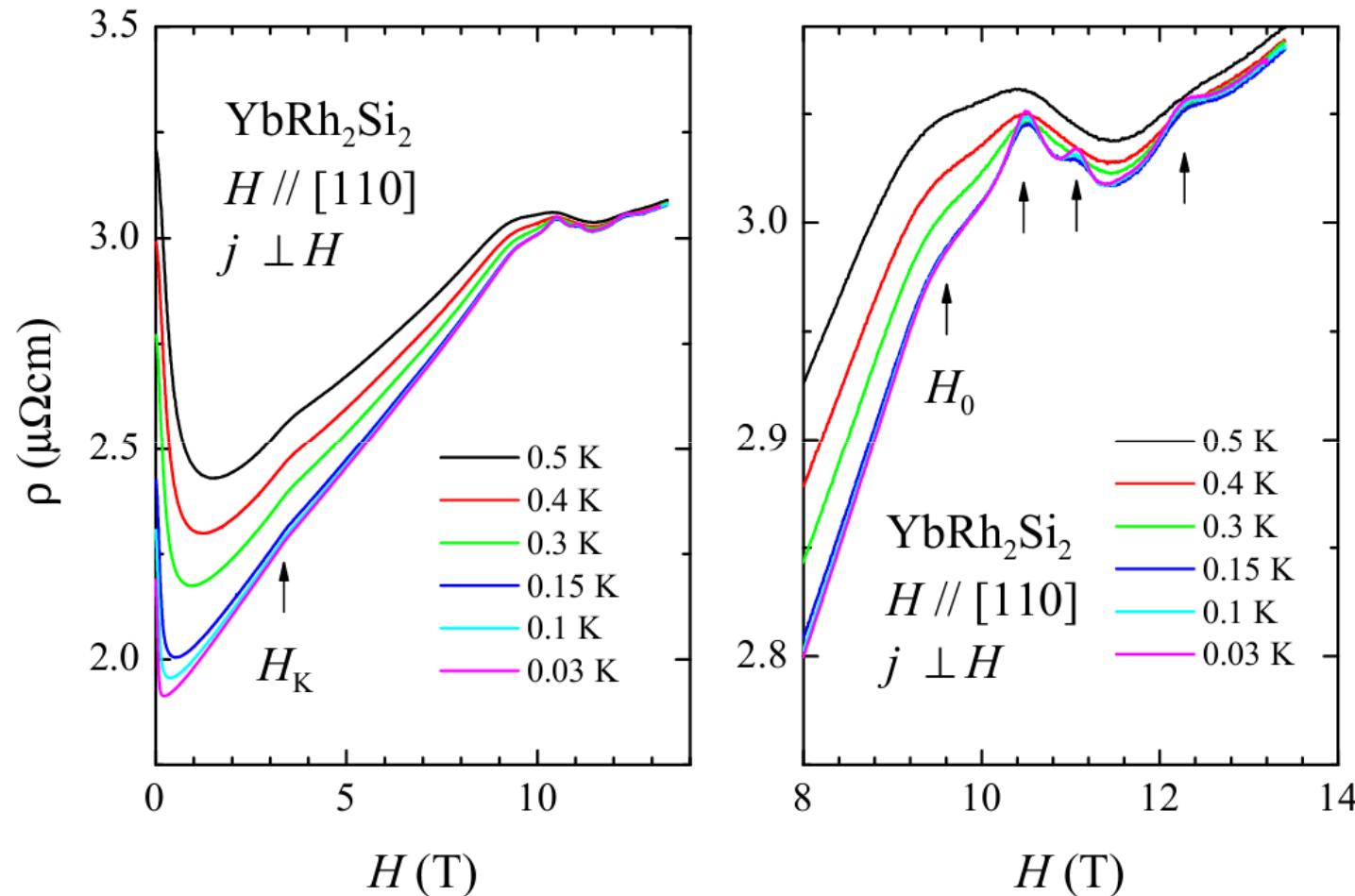
first observation of SdH in YbRh<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>

## Magnetoresistance $H // [110]$



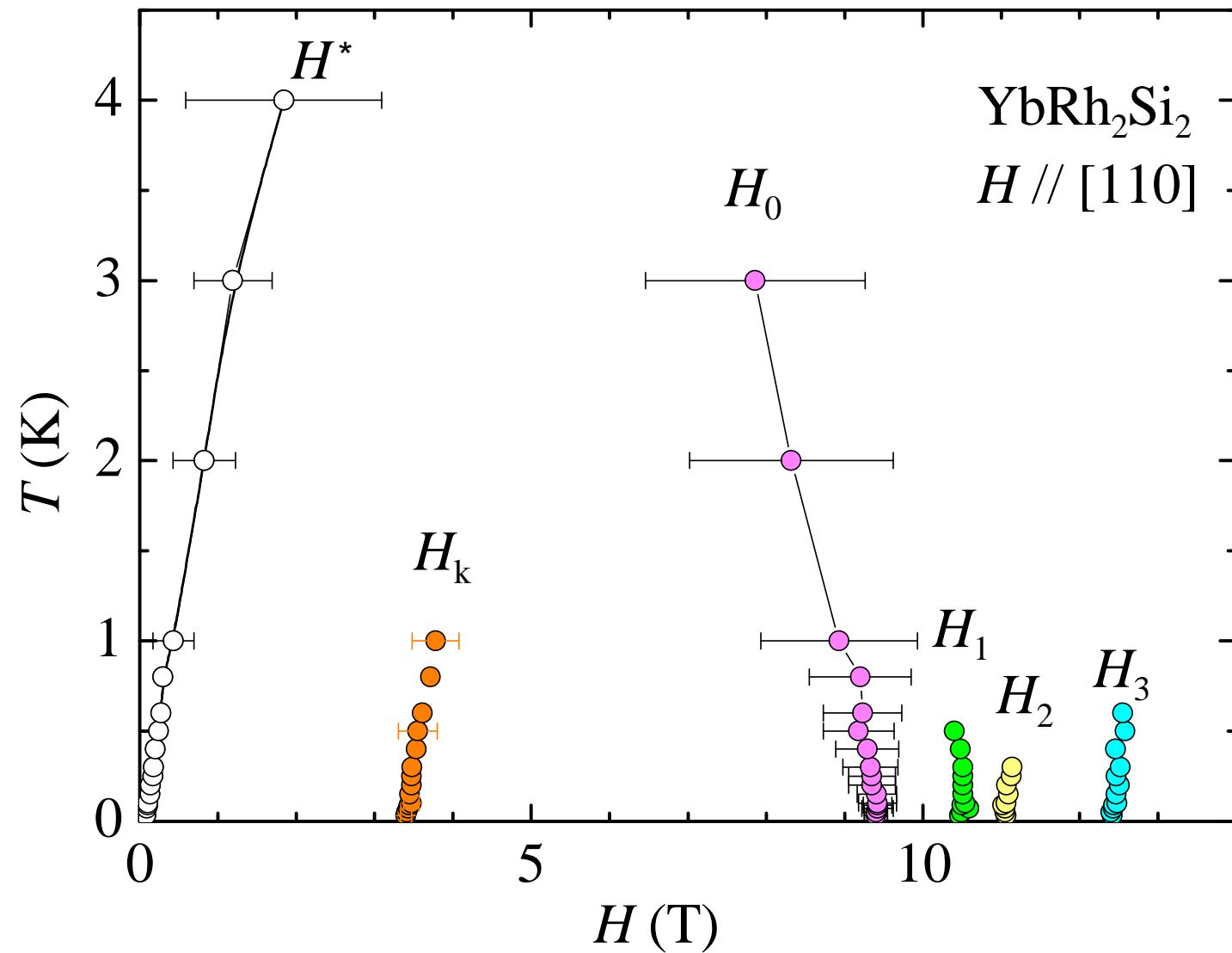
- kink at 3.4 T
- cascade of transitions above  $H_0 \sim 9.5 \text{ T}$

## Temperature dependence of $\rho(H)$



Anomalies smeared out with increasing temperature !

# Magnetic Phase Diagram from Magnetoresistance



# Thermoelectric power

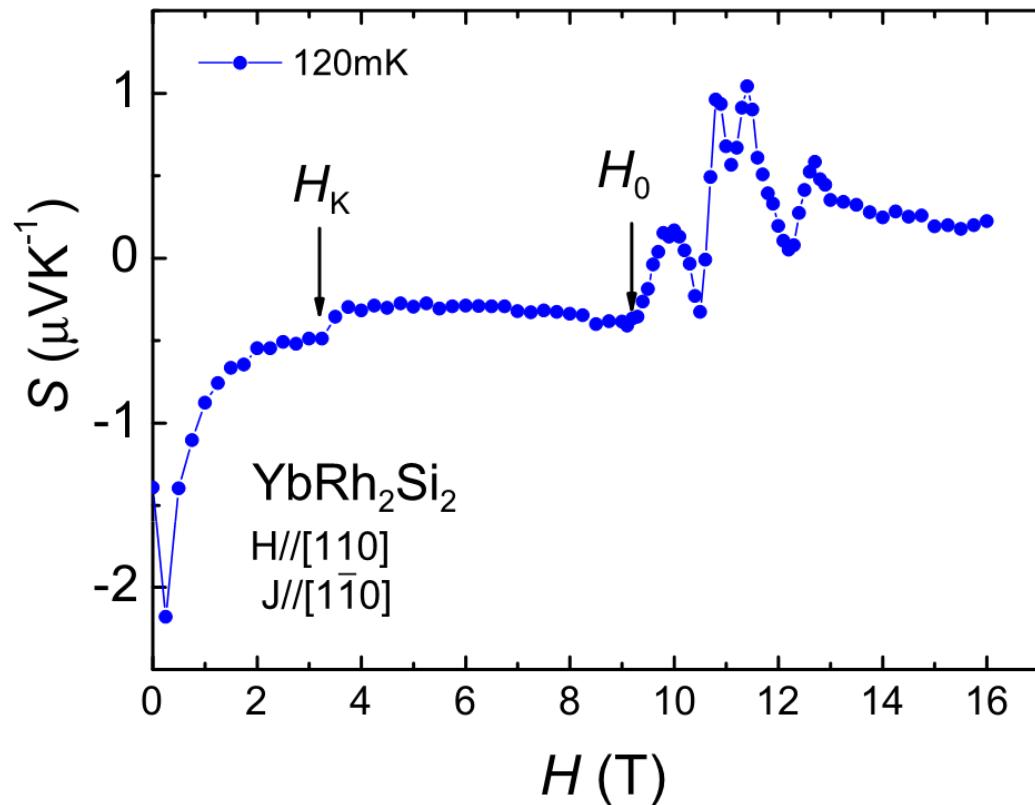
## Mott formula

$$S = -\frac{\pi^2 k_B^2 T}{3e} \left( \frac{\partial \ln \sigma(\epsilon)}{\partial \epsilon} \right)_{\epsilon=\epsilon_F}$$

$$S = -\frac{\pi^2 k_B^2 T}{3e} \left( \frac{\partial \ln \tau(\epsilon)}{\partial \epsilon} + \frac{\partial \ln N(\epsilon)}{\partial \epsilon} \right)$$

TEP sensitive to changes:

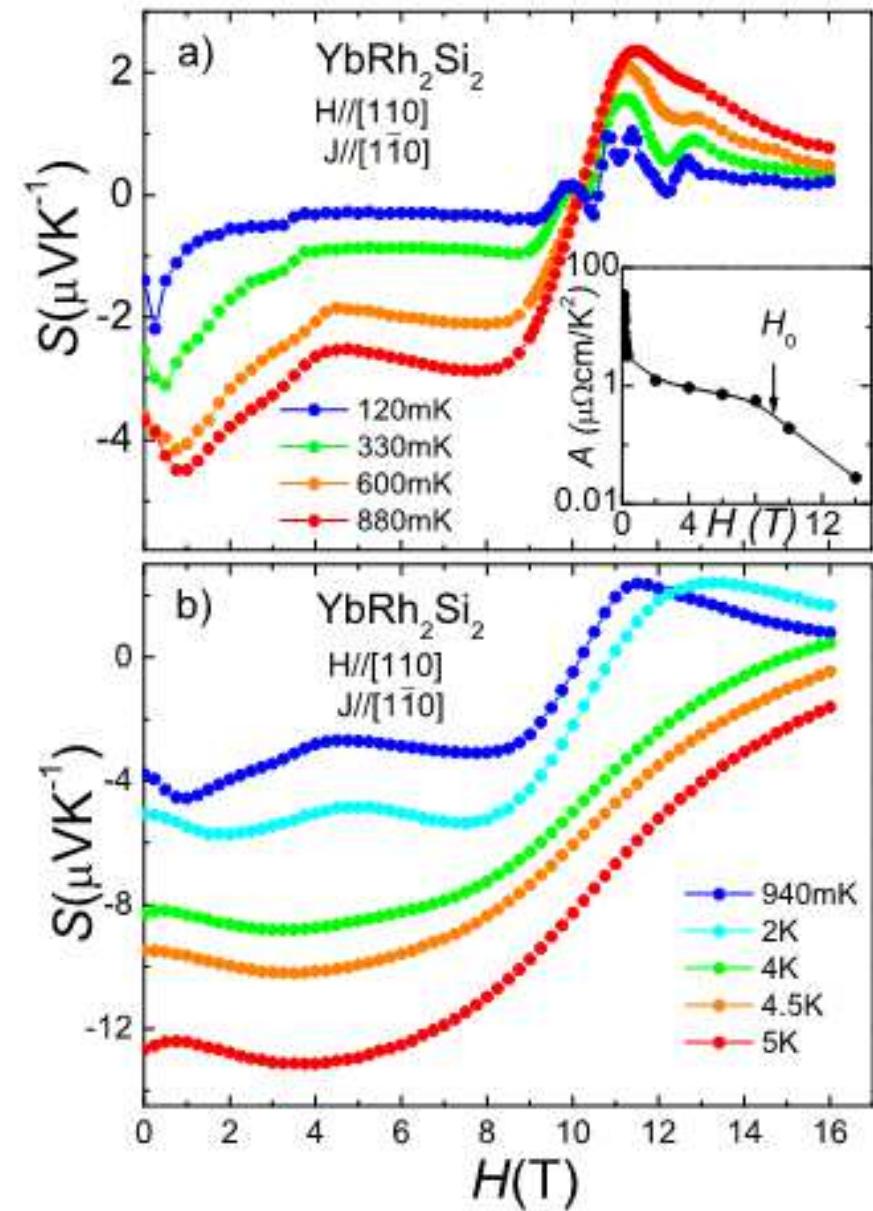
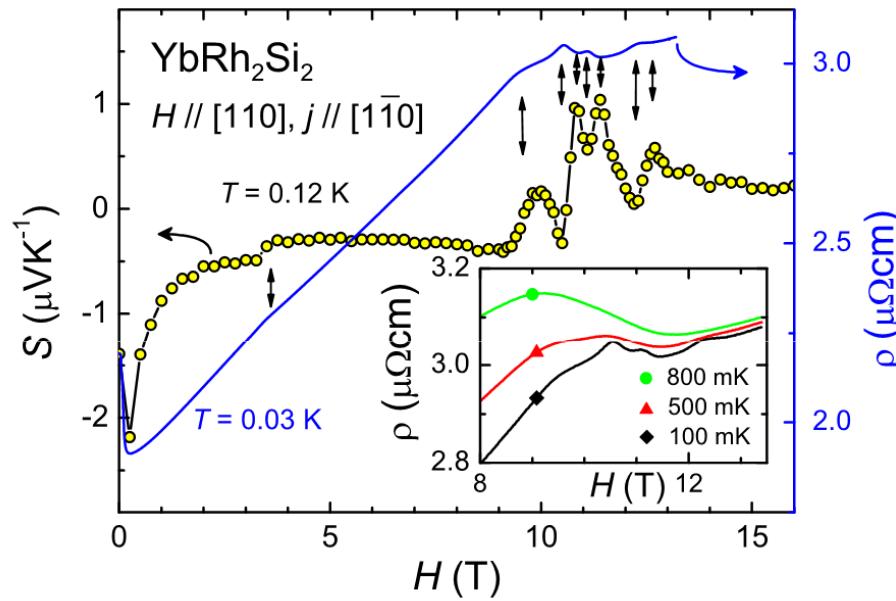
- **carrier type** (hole, electron)
- **scattering rate**
- **density of state** (measures the derivative of N)
- **Fermi surface topology**



- Successive anomalies close to  $H_0$
- Change of sign of  $S(H)$  close to  $H_0$

## TEP : thermoelectric power

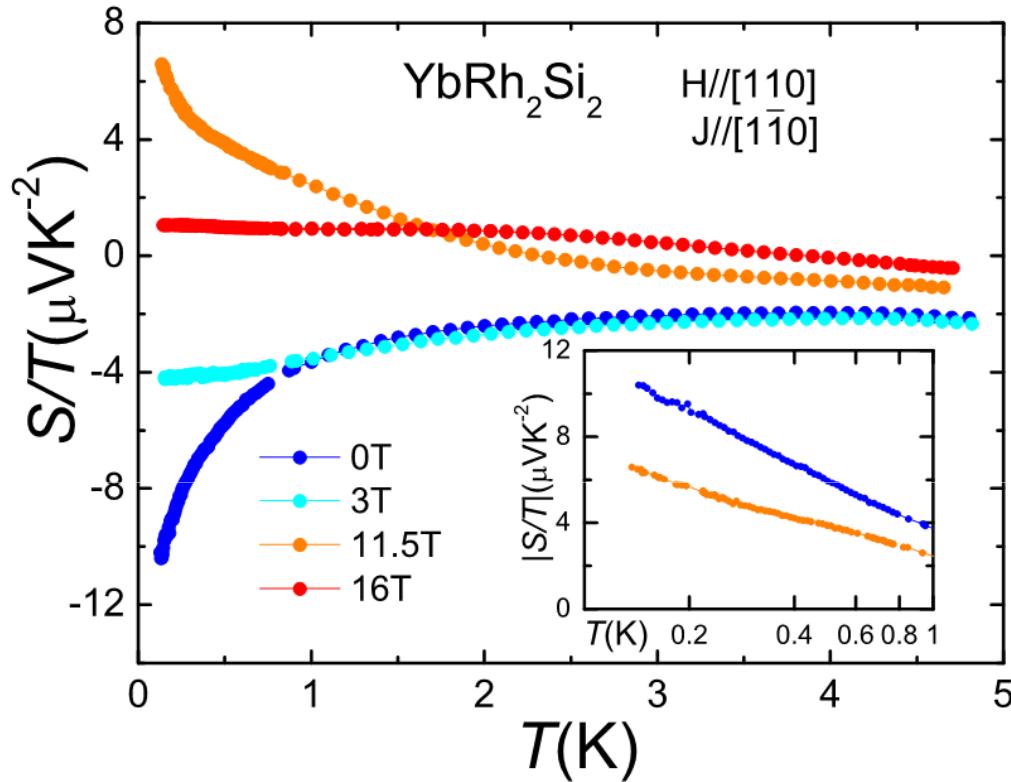
- excellent agreement with magnetoresistivity



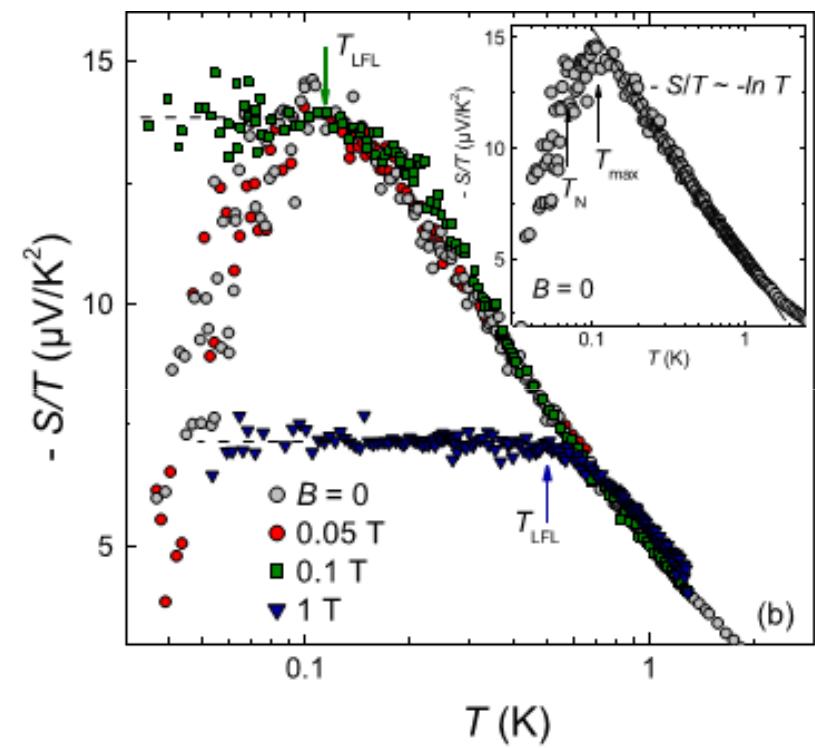
similar results:

H. Pfau et al. PRL 110, 256403 (2013)

# Temperature dependence of $S/T$



compare to low field data:



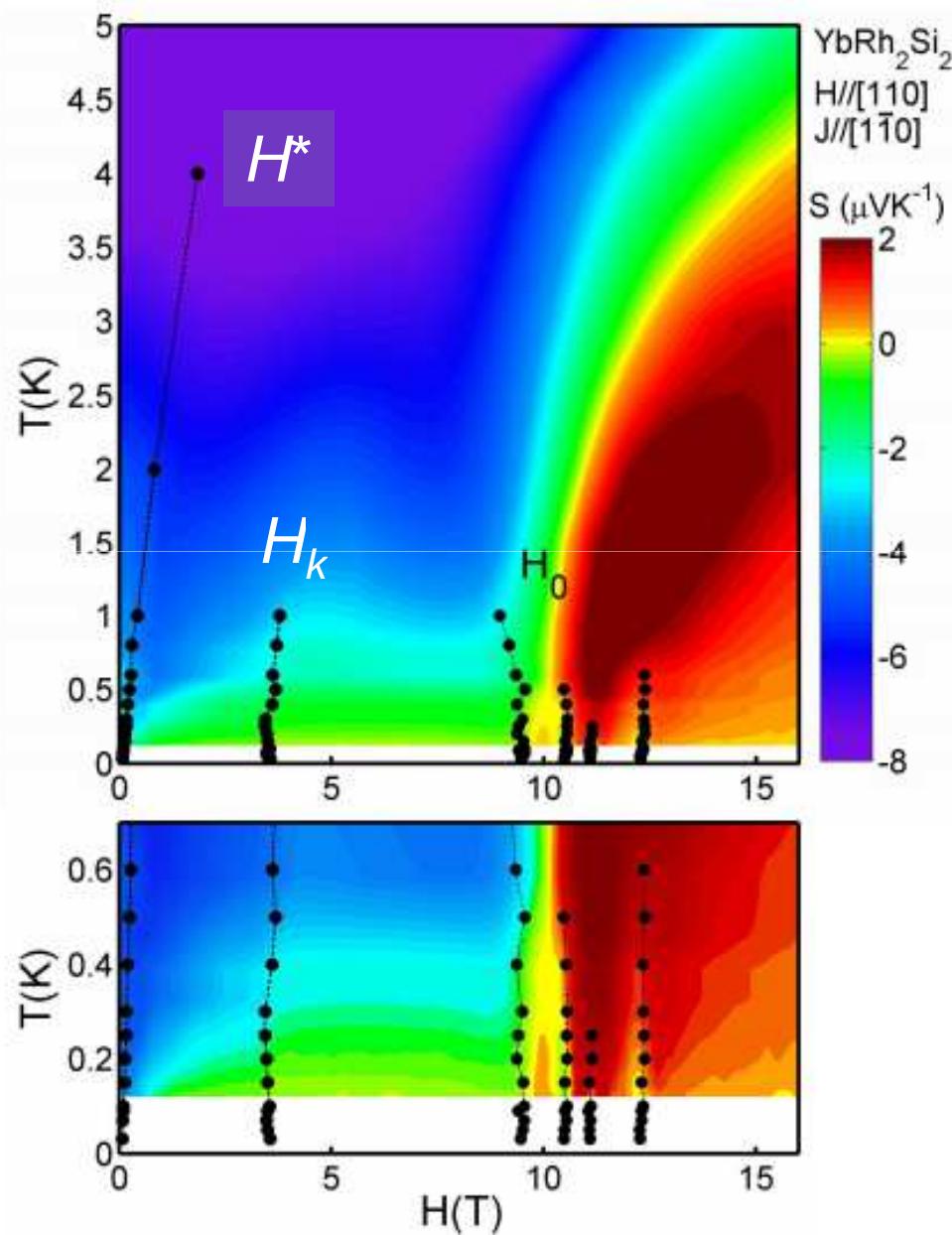
For  $120 \text{ mK} < T < 1.5 \text{ K}$ :

- $-\ln T$  dependence for  $H = 0$
- $-\ln T$  for  $H = 11.5 \text{ T}$  (close to  $H_0$ )

Hartmann et al, PRL 104 (2010) 096401

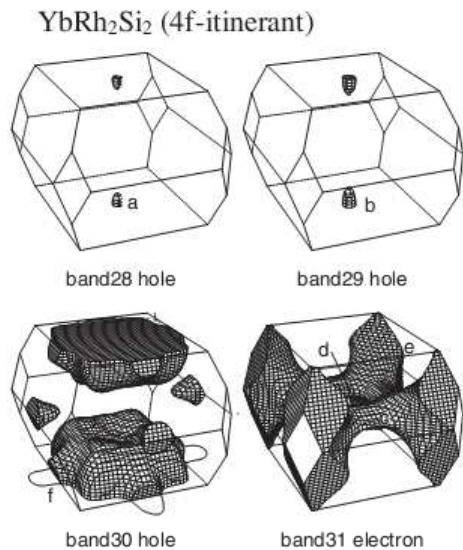
see also: Buhmann and Sigrist, arXiv 1307.8235

# Phase diagram

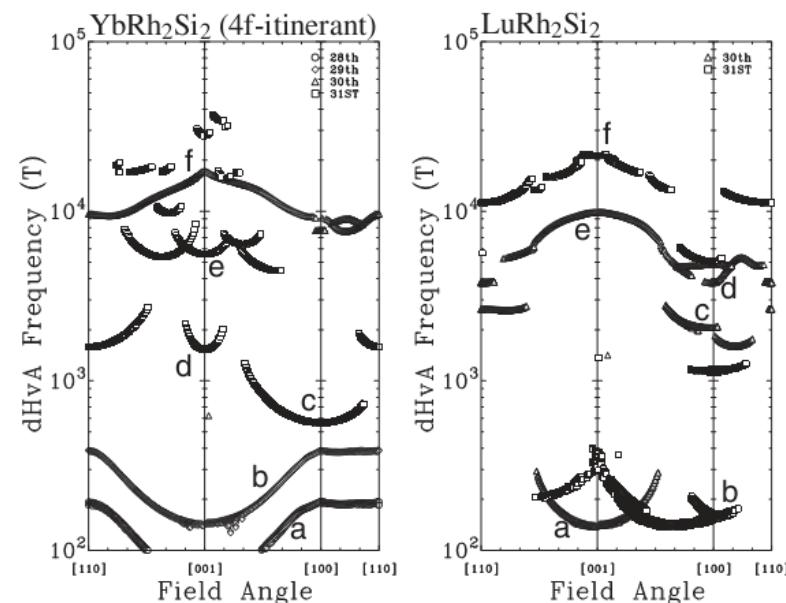
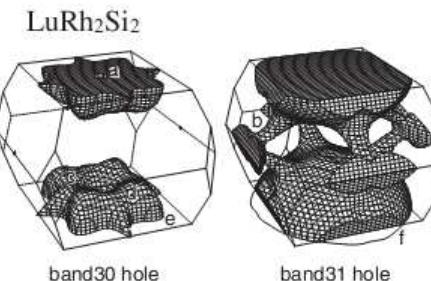


- Magnetoresistivity and thermoelectric power indicate field induced transitions.
- **Strong indications of topological transitions of the Fermi surface.**
- **Field scale of Lifshitz transitions given by  $k_B T_K \sim g \mu_B H_0$**
- TEP is an extremely sensitive probe to detect topological transitions as it is directly determined by  $d \ln N(E)/dE$

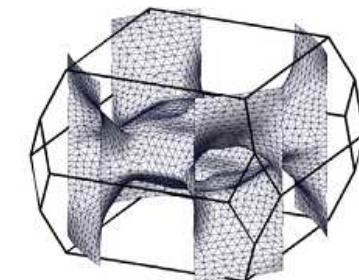
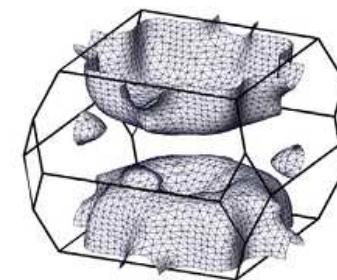
# Band structure: “small”↔“large” Fermi surface



H. Harima, 2006  
LDA



- Zwicknagl JPCM **23** (2011) 094215  
*renormalized band structure*



f character  
hole-like

- hybridized states
- electron-like
- multiple connected  
Fermi-surface

two main Fermi surfaces :

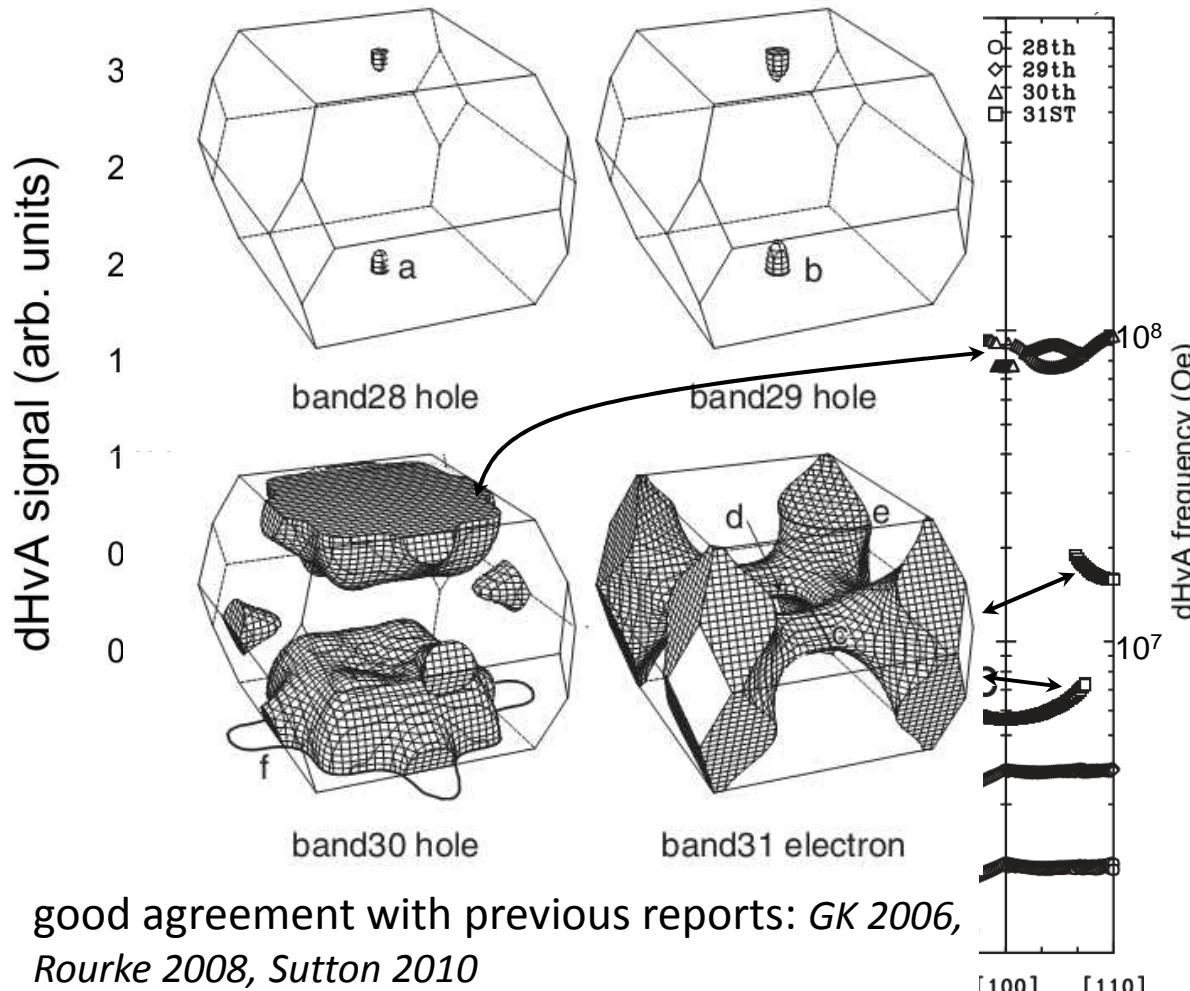
- hole like donut
- electron-like jungle-gym

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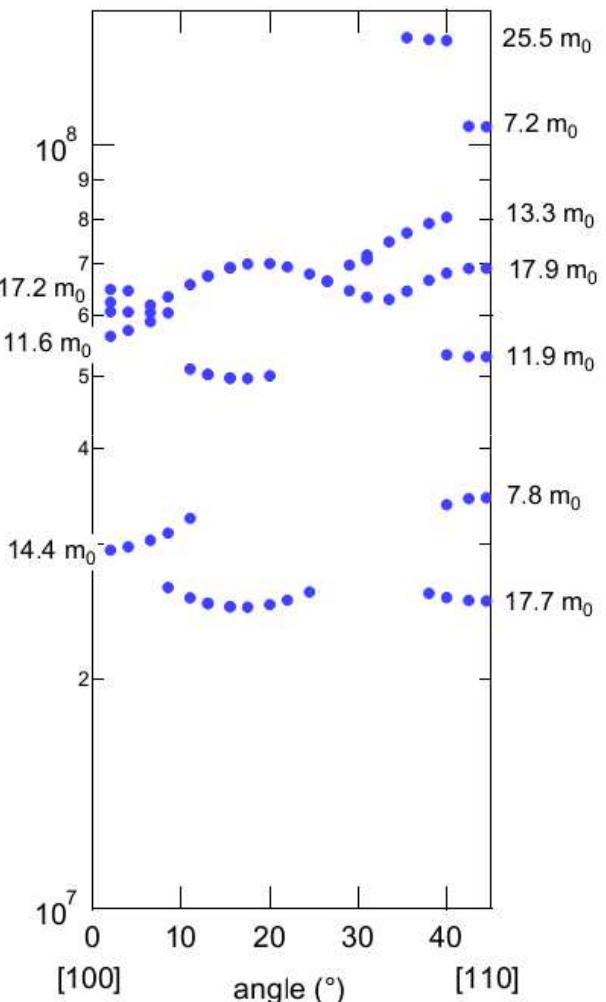
- Rourke PRL **101** (2008) 237205,
- Sutton PSS **B247** (2010) 549
- Wigger PRB **76** (2007) 035106
- Yasui PRB **87** (2013) 075131

# Angular dependence in plane

YbRh<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> (4f-itinerant)

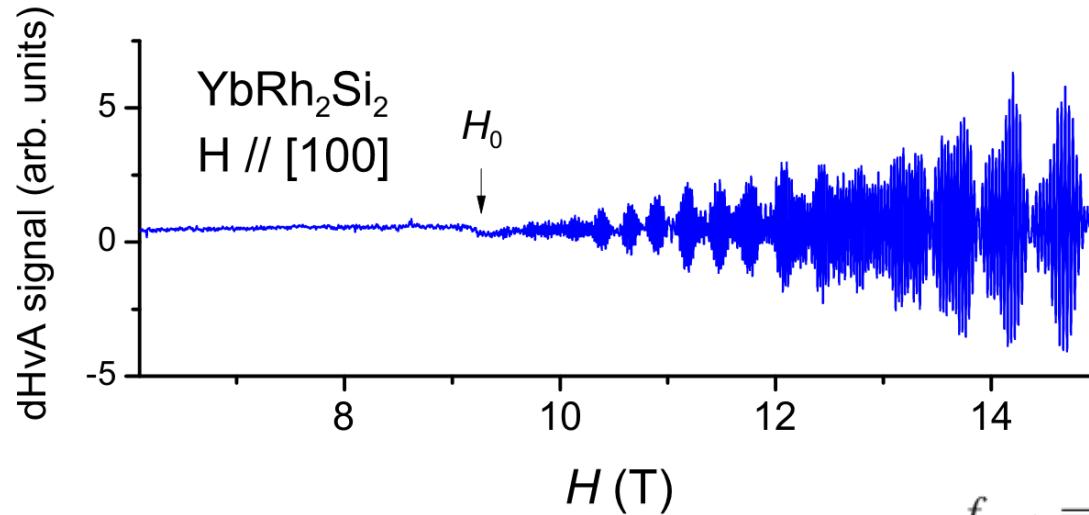


$H > H_0$



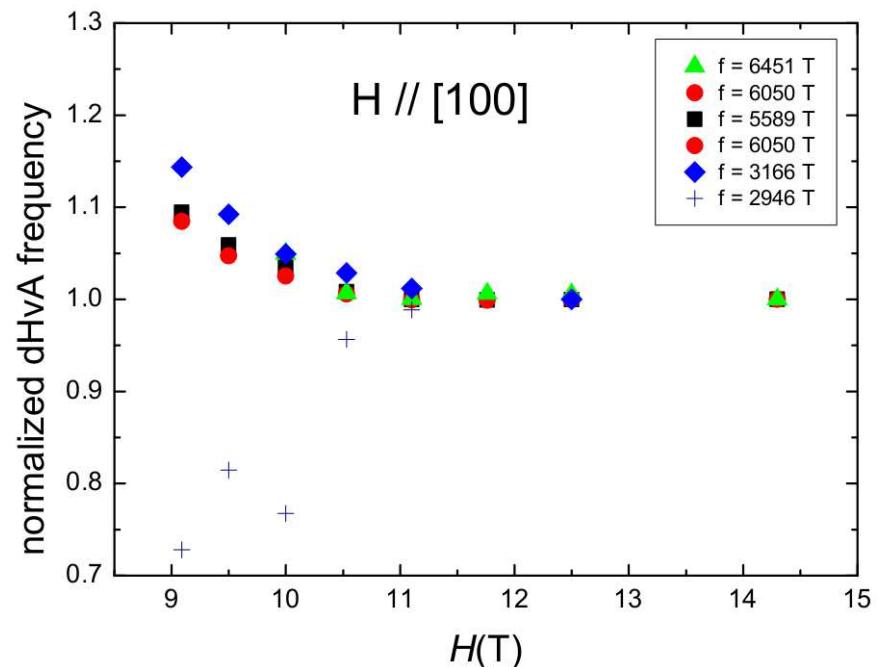
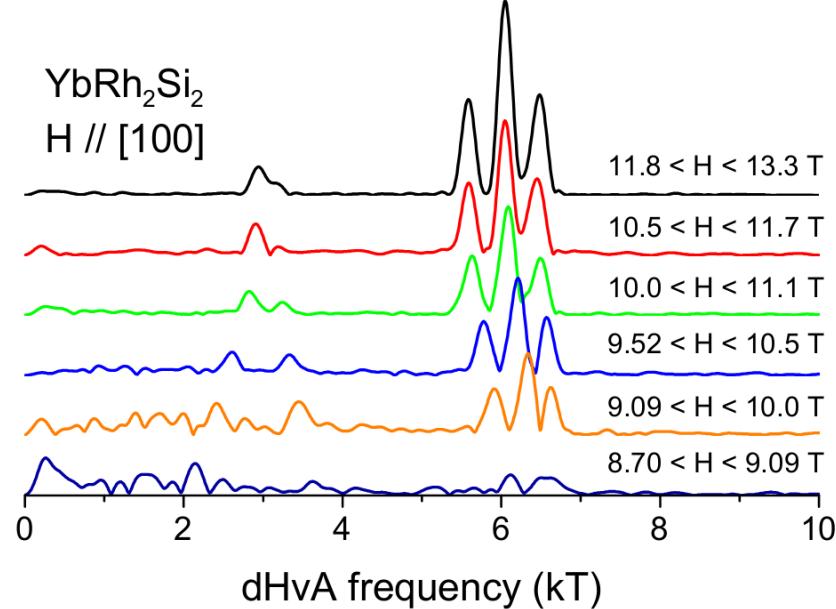
- good agreement with previous reports: *GK 2006, Rourke 2008, Sutton 2010*
- Comparison to band structure calculation 4f itinerant (Harima)
- observed large FS along [110] not reproduced

# Quantum oscillation experiments $H // [100]$ through $H_0$

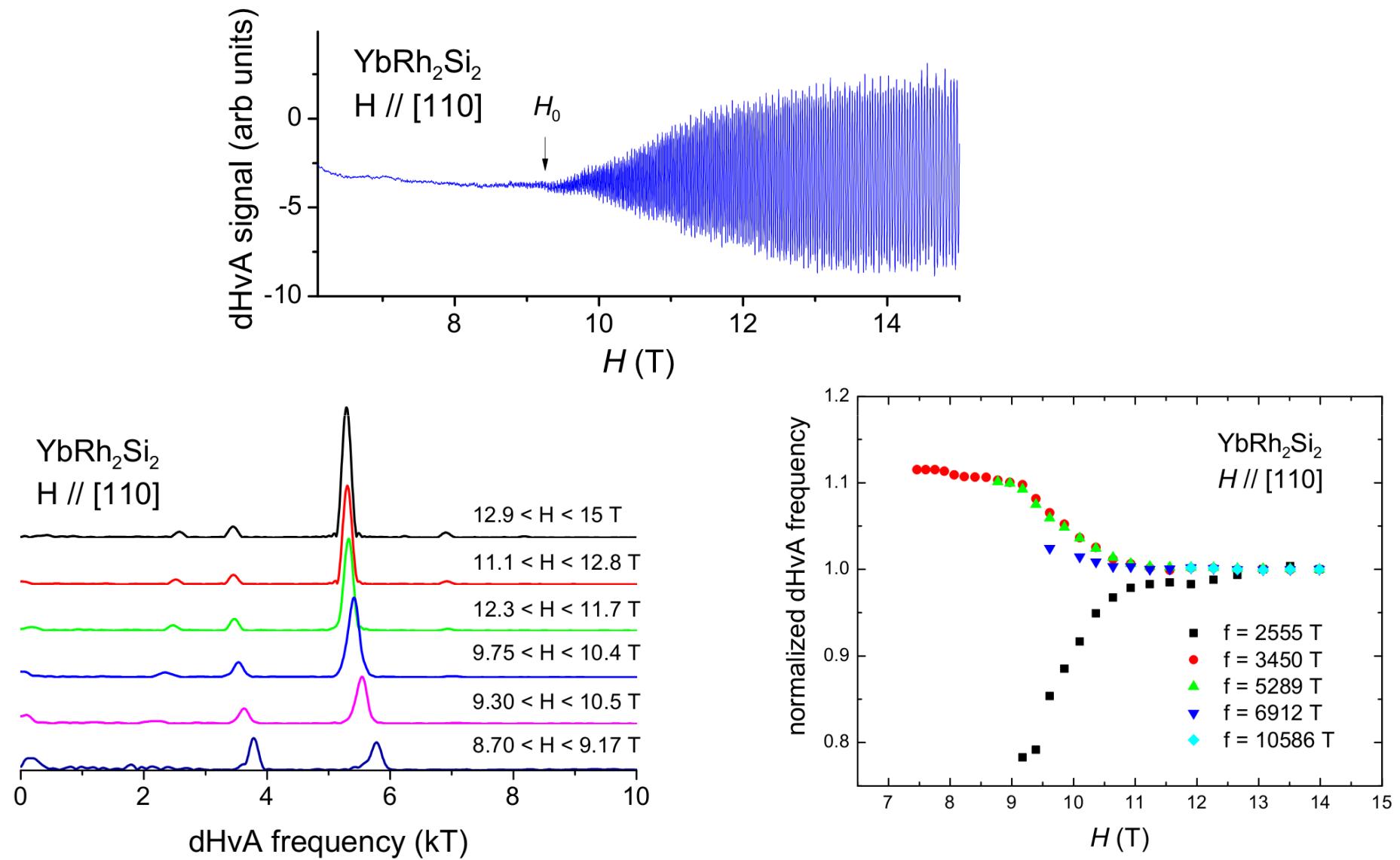


$$f_{m,A} = f_{t,A} - H_A(\partial f_t / \partial H)_A$$

**Field dependence of oscillations :**



# Quantum oscillation experiments $H // [110]$ through $H_0$

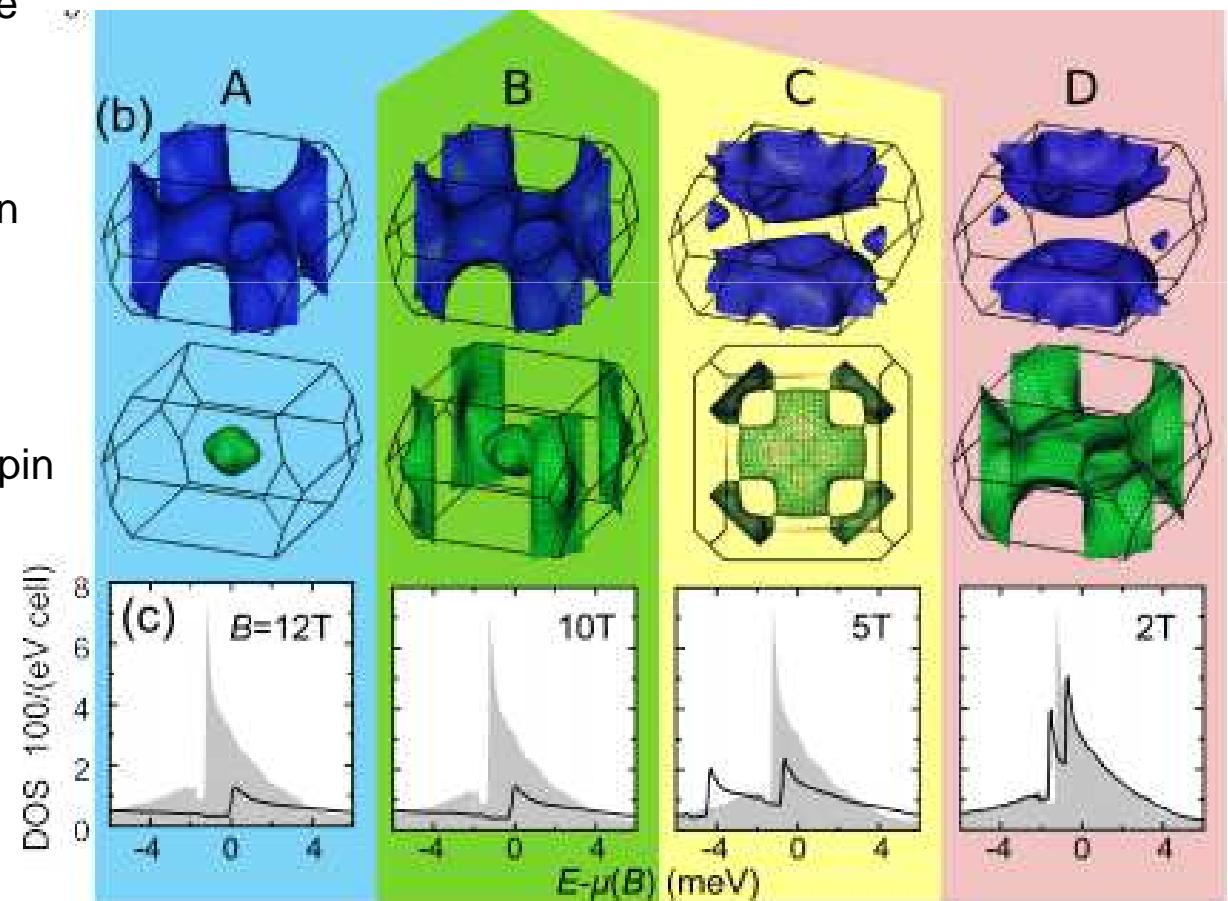


gradual field dependence of dHvA frequencies in (a,b) plane through  $H_0$

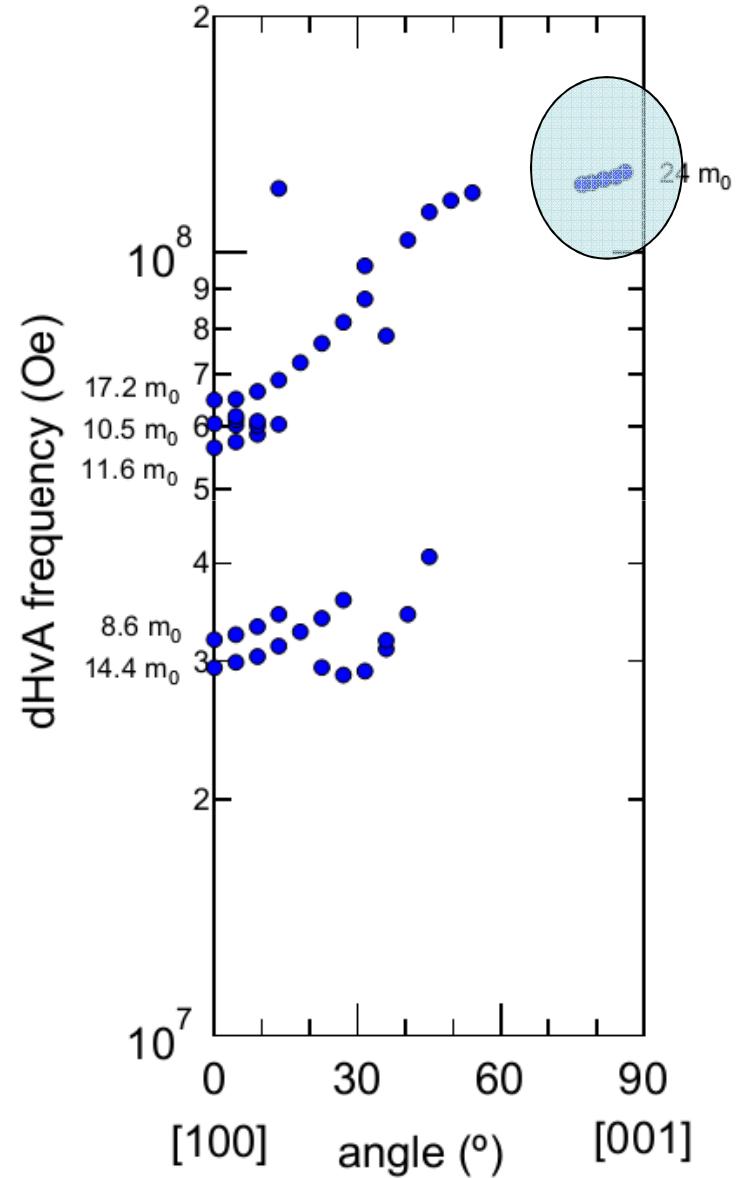
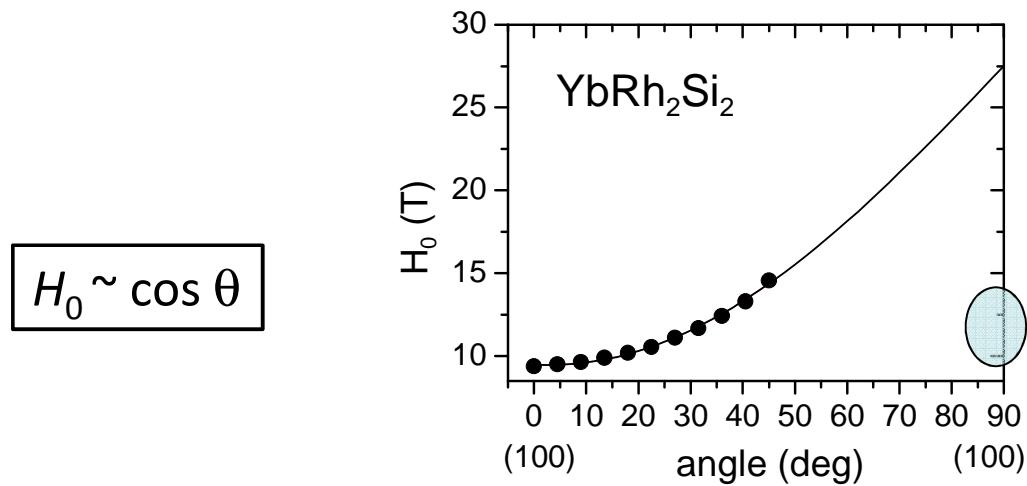
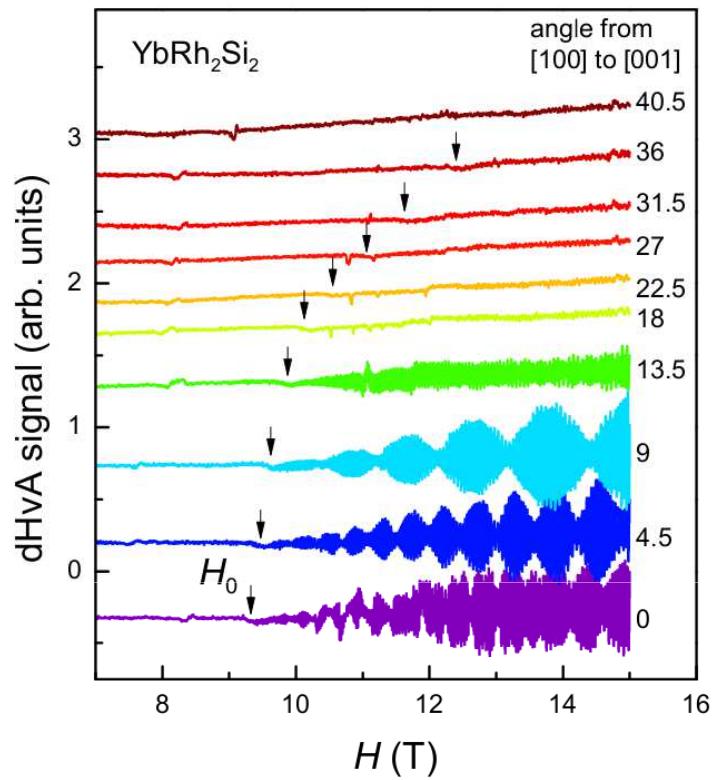
# Renormalized band structure calculation

G. Zwicknagl  
in Pfau et al. PRL 110, 256403 (2013)

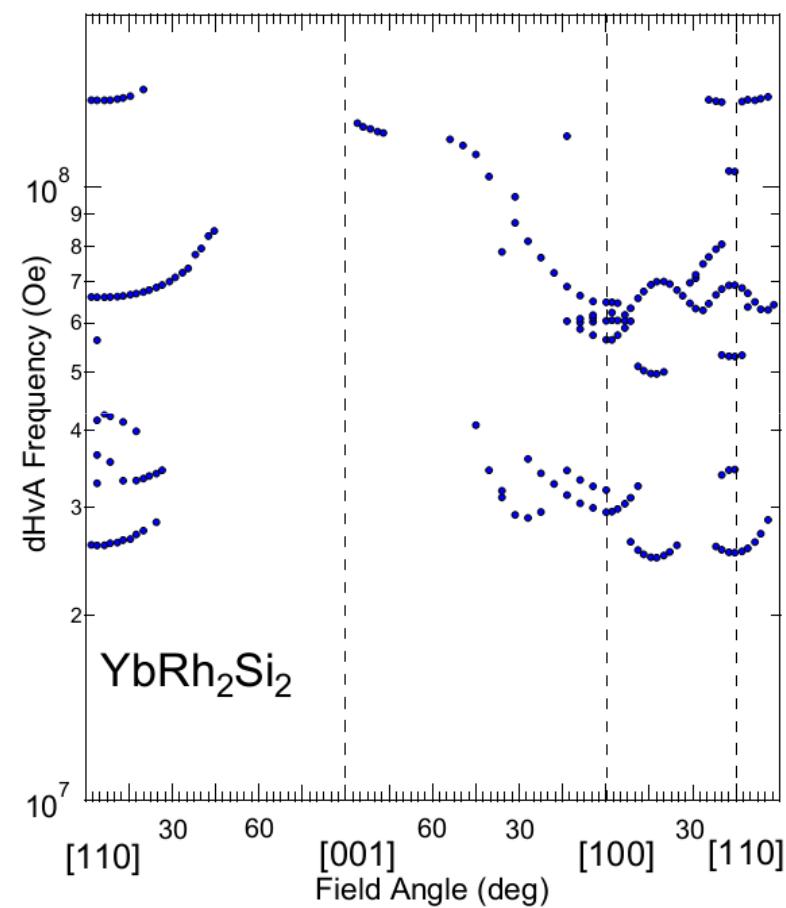
- Anisotropic hybridization of the  $4f$  states with the conduction bands, caused by the highly anisotropic crystalline electric field ground state, leads to van Hove–type singularities in the quasiparticle DOS.
- Lifshitz transition of minority spin band



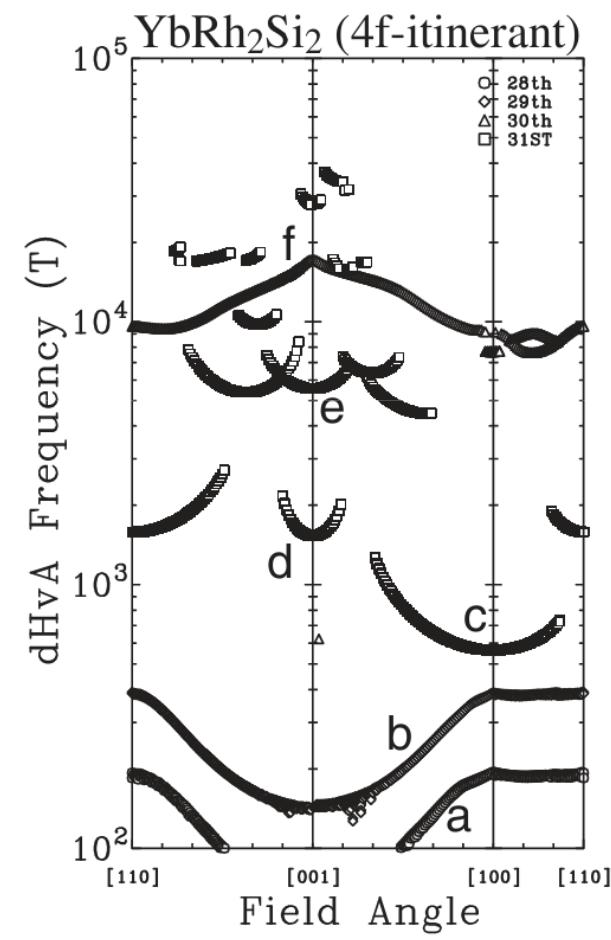
# Angular dependence dHvA [100] to [001]



Experiment ( $H > H_0$ )



LDA bandstructure calculation (Harima)



about 75 % of the heavy mass is still missing !

## summary

- topological changes of the Fermi surface as function of magnetic field observed in TEP and resistivity
- observed orbits from the “donut” hole and “jungle-gym” electron Fermi surfaces
- continuous change of dHvA frequencies through  $H_0$
- Lifshitz-transition of spin-splitted bands :“hole” Fermi surface decreases, electron Fermi surface increase through  $H_0$
- up to now Fermi surface determination only in the polarized state,  $H \parallel [001]$  incomplete
- determination of Fermi surface in “heavy fermion” state below  $H_0$  still missing



The End

of correlated electrons in Inac ?