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Revisiting the antiferromagnetic structure of Tb<sub>14</sub>Ag<sub>51</sub>: the importance of distinguishing alternative symmetries for a multidimensional order parameter

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# Initial motivation to study Tb14Ag51 in 1990...

Hexagonal P6/m space group



Tb3

In actinides U<sub>14</sub>Au<sub>51</sub> the f–electrons which carry the magnetism can participate in the Fermi surface

complex electronic properties like heavy-fermion behaviour, superconductivity and antiferromagnetism (AFM).

?

In which extent AFM ordering is different in Tb<sub>14</sub>Ag<sub>51</sub> and in particular to investigate whether there may be also magnetic order on all rare–earth sites?

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# Interesting features of geometrically frustrated Tb14Ag51

- Textbook-like example of VERY complex magnetic structure: 27 parameters, 15 if M=const.
  - spontaneous electric polarization induced
     by a noncollinear AFM ordering
    - Vortex spin configuration allows exotic multipoles (important for spintronics):
- ferroic time-reversal-odd polar-tensor quantities, like ferromagnetic toroidicity (r x M)
- ferroaxial moment with time-reversal even and space inversion even (r x Q)



New experiments at SINQ/DMC&HRPT 2003-2004

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#### Antiferromagnetic three-sublattice Tb ordering in Tb<sub>14</sub>Ag<sub>51</sub>

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Bulk magnetic, x-ray, and neutron-diffraction measurements were performed on polycrystalline  $Tb_{14}Ag_{51}$  in the temperature range from 1.5 K to room temperature. Its chemical Gd<sub>14</sub>Ag<sub>51</sub>-type structure corresponding to space group P6/m has been refined at 300 and at 30 K. Combined with group-theoretical symmetry analysis, we show that the magnetic structure of this intermetallic compound is of a different  $\mathbf{k} = (1/3, 1/3, 0)$  type with three magnetic Tb sublattices ordering simultaneously below  $T_N = 27.5(5)$  K according to the combined irreducible representations  $\tau_4$  and  $\tau_6$ .

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

Intermetallic uranium and rare-earth  $A_{14}B_{51}$  compounds with Gd<sub>14</sub>Ag<sub>51</sub> structure<sup>1</sup> have interesting physical properties such as coexistence of antiferromagnetic order and heavyfermion behavior in  $Ce_{14}X_{51}$  (X=Au,Ag,Cu),<sup>2</sup> and in  $U_{14}Au_{51}$ .<sup>3–5</sup> This is related to the fact that there are three crystallographically distinct A sites in this structure.

Moreover, its particular hexagonal symmetry, due to quasitriangular arrangement of magnetic ions, gives rise to considenablaggammeteiç2frustration202in, Macomagneticalin, terastion Distingui Institute autosyndoptand at 30 K. Unfortunately, in contrast to (2 1 11 1 2 1 2 2 2)

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diffraction data and performed a careful analysis of both the chemical and magnetic structures of Tb<sub>14</sub>Ag<sub>51</sub>. In particular we shall prove that in  $Tb_{14}Ag_{51}$  the magnetic ordering is of a different type in the important class of intermetallic  $A_{14}B_{51}$ compounds with remarkable variation of physical properties. In contrast to the heavy fermion system  $U_{14}Au_{51}$ ,<sup>4</sup> in  $Tb_{14}Ag_{51}$  all three A sublattices are shown to order magnetically below  $T_N = 27.5(5)$  K.

We also measured zero-field  $\mu$ SR spectra of the powder sample of Tb<sub>14</sub>Ag<sub>51</sub> at the GPS spectrometer of Paul Scherrer

## magnetic susceptibility and I(T)

k-vector: k<sub>K</sub>=[1/3, 1/3, 0]





FIG. 5. Temperature dependences of the integrated magnetic neutron intensities of characteristic magnetic Bragg peaks of  $Tb_{14}Ag_{51}$ . The smooth curves are a guide to the eyes.

# **2k magnetic structure was missed using RA** Antiferromagnetic (à la cycloidal spiral) three sub-lattice ordering in

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P6/m → Pm' (lowest monoclinic symmetry) PHYSICAL REVIEW B 72, 134413 (2005) k-vector:  $k_{K}$ =[1/3, 1/3, 0]



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# Energy Bands of Crystals and Types of irreps.

Convers Herring

AUGUST 15, 1937





Wigner in 1963

C. Herring PhD thesis: "On Energy Coincidences in the Theory of Brillouin Zones" (1937) under supervision of Eugene Wigner

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#### Accidental Degeneracy in the Energy Bands of Crystals

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E. Wigner: The degeneracies, such as touching or crossing the branches, are connected with the properties of the irreps of the spatial symmetry group of the Hamiltonian. Three types of irreps – real & two complex.

if H is real:  $\mathsf{E}(\psi) = \mathsf{E}(\psi^*)$ 

 $\psi \rightarrow \psi^*$ is to be interpreted as same state> Alice  $x,y,z \rightarrow Bob x,y,z$ 



## Herring criterium is routinely used in crystallography for analysis of magnetic and crystal structures

### Herring criterium for classification of irreducible representations (irreps) of the space groups

$$\eta = \frac{l_{k}}{n (G^{0})} \sum_{\substack{h \\ h \mathbf{k} \, \infty \, -\mathbf{k} \\ g = \{h | \tau_{h}\}}} \chi^{\kappa \nu}(g^{2}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } d^{\kappa \nu} \text{ is real, } real, \text{ type 1} \\ 0, & \text{if } d^{\kappa \nu} \text{ is complex and} \\ d^{\kappa \nu} \not \rightarrow (d^{\kappa \nu})^{*}, & \text{ complex, type 3} \\ --1, & \text{if } d^{\kappa \nu} \text{ is complex} \\ \text{ and } d^{\kappa \nu} \not \sim (d^{\kappa \nu})^{*}. & \text{ pseudoreal, type 2} \end{cases}$$

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**Type3**: Making use of the condition that quantities of physics must be real, the basis  $\psi^{kv}$  of the representation  $d^{kv}$  must be joined with the basis  $(\psi^{kv})^*$  of the representation  $(d^{kv})^*$  Such a reducible representation  $d^{kv} \oplus (d^{kv})^*$  is termed irreducible in terms of physics.

### representation approach to the magnetic structure in Tb14Ag51



Space group G: 175 P6/m C6h–1 Propagation vector K–point of BZ, k=[1/3,1/3,0] irreps of the of the little group of propagation vector Gk

	η=1	η=1	η=0	η=0	η=0	η=0
Seitz Symbol 🛈	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>3</sub>	К4	К5	K <sub>6</sub>
{3 <sup>+</sup> <sub>001</sub> I0,0,0}	1	1	e <sup>i2π/3</sup>	e <sup>i2π/3</sup>	e <sup>-i2π/3</sup>	е <sup>-i2π/3</sup>
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{m <sub>001</sub> I0,0,0}	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1

{<del>6</del>-<sub>001</sub>|0,0,0}

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{m <sub>001</sub> 10,0,0}	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1
{ē̄⁻ <sub>001</sub> I0,0,0}						
				comp η=0 (	lex conjugated type=3)	l c.c

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### For complex irrep ( $\eta$ =0) we mix basis functions on the same arm

Hexagonal P6/m space group С 4.4 5.5 4.9 Tb3 4 4.2 6 4.0 Tb1 3.5 з 5.2 5.3 5.2 56 Tb<sub>2</sub> 4 b а

P6/m (175) **k**=[½1/30]

only irrep K4 for Tb1  $\mathbf{m}1 = (mx, my, mz) = C1 \cdot (1, exp(i\pi/3), 0)$ 

in hex–coordinates is an ideal constant moment  $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{M}}(\boldsymbol{\mathsf{r}})$  cycloid

 $\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}) = \operatorname{Re} \left[ \mathbf{m} 1 \cdot \exp(i2\pi(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})) \right]$ (Mx, My, Mz) = C1 \cdot (cos(k \cdot r), cos(k \cdot r + \pi/3), 0)

Tb1	6k
Tb2	6 <i>j</i>
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full irrep irrep K4K6



we have to mix two basis functions:  $\mathbf{m}1 = (mx, my, mz) = C1 \cdot (1, exp(+i\pi/3), 0)$  $\mathbf{m}2 = (mx, my, mz) = C2 \cdot (1, exp(-i\pi/3), 0)$ 

BUT...

we do not know how?

One does not need to know technicalities to determine the magnetic structures and one can use advanced software tools as a black box.

# Web/computer resources to perform group theory symmetry analysis, in particular magnetic structures.

General tools for representation analysis, Shubnikov groups, 3D+n, and much more...

**Two main** web sites with a collection of software which applies group theoretical methods to the analysis of phase transitions in crystalline solids.

Harold T. Stokes, Dorian M. Hatch, and Branton J. Campbell ISODISTORT: ISOTROPY Software Suite <u>http://iso.byu.edu</u>



### **ISOTROPY Software Suite**

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Space group G: 175 P6/m C6h-1 Propagation vector K-point of BZ, k=[1/3,1/3,0]

#### Pair of conjugated **non-equivalent** irreps for little group G<sub>k</sub> IR



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# A note on the relations between irreps and magnetic symmetry

**irrep**: only mK4mK6 k=[1/3,1/3,0] as a primary mode, no  $k_0$ =[0,0,0]-contribution. It is possible to introduce 3<sup>rd</sup> harmonics  $k_0$  = 3k, but respective irreps need to be selected, which is not trivial without symmetry.

**magnetic symmetry MSG**: the modes of primary irrep k and and the secondary ones  $k_0$  are 'entangled' and add up.

TB1\_1 -0.88942 -2.72166 0.00000 Mx,My,0 TB1\_2 1.04243 4.18925 0.00000 Mx,My,0 TB1\_3 -0.15301 -1.46760 0.00000 Mx,My,0

. . .

An artificial example: if the irrep is pseudo-real (-1) the number of alternative symmetries is smaller than for complex one.



# Neutron diffraction experiments

# Old solution (2006): only k-point, but Pm'



Difference neutron powder diffraction pattern between at T = 1.5 and 30 K.

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# Old fit (only k-point irrep but arbitrary irrep mix)

Neutron powder diffraction pattern measured at T = 1.5K with wavelength 2.567 Å. Blue – magnetic contribution.



### Le Bail vs. new model



78 if only irreps without symmetry

## P-6' AFM structure of Tb14Ag51



View of the magnetic structure (a) in projection on the xy plane and (b) along the a axis corresponding to the refined model with P6' symmetry. The unit cell is indicated by a black solid line. The dotted line shows a 3a x 3b supercell of the parent space group P6/m. Tb1 atoms are in green forming the triangles and Tb3 atoms are in black at the centres of hexagons. Tb2a\_1, Tb2a\_2 and Tb2a\_3 are in red, and the remaining three atoms derived from the Tb2 site are in blue.

### Decomposition of P-6' AFM structure of Tb14Ag5 into harmonics







- The antiferromagnetic structure of Tb<sub>14</sub>Ag<sub>51</sub> was determined using both magnetic symmetry and irreducible representation arguments.
- The structure given by propagation vector k<sub>K</sub>=[1/3,1/3,0] in P6/m is hexagonal magnetic space group (MSG) P-6': maximal possible symmetry for 4D irrep mK4K6.
- P-6' constrains the possible mK4K6 ordering that can be present in the structure and implicitly introduces third harmonic secondary degrees of freedom associated with propagation vector k = 0 (with weight 34% of k<sub>K</sub>) the modulation is not sinusoidal
- 13 independent Tb magnetic moments, all having the same absolute moment value 8.48 (2) µB. 12 Tb – pure cycloid in ab-plane and one with substantial additional helical contribution.

# Thank you!

### finding unknown complex conjugated (c.c) irrep

**c.c** is NOT always literal **c.c** of d(g)

complex conjugated irrep is

 $d^{c.c}(g) = [d(g_0 g g_0^{-1})]^*$ 

where  $g_0$  is element which transforms the arm  ${f k}$  into the arm  $-{f k}$ ,

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P4/nmm (129) k1=[0<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>w]
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W3 is c.c for W1, \eta=0, type=3 g<sub>0</sub> is -1
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P3c1 (158) k1=[\frac{1}{3}\frac{1}{3}\frac{1}{2}]
                                           P6 5 (170) k1=[\frac{1}{3}\frac{1}{3}\frac{1}{2}]
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                                            c.c.
                                                                                            type=2.
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                                            H_2 is c.c. for H_3
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                                            g<sub>0</sub> is 2<sub>001</sub>
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# A note: If we use only magnetic symmetry without irreps

too many subgroups to consider and we loose the concept of single irrep active at the transition



# combined fit of both nuclear and magnetic phase

46e2p\_P6p\_combined\_Illustration of the combined fit Chi2: 42.7660 at TarOK Marcan 140000-Ē at T~2K. Magnetic contribution 120000 is shown by blue line 100000-DMC, 2.567A P6p\_combined\_rel\_xyz\_1.prf P6p.85mbined\_rel\_xyz2\_1.sub 16000. 14000. HRPT, 1.886A P-6' and P6/m 2theta (deg)

The combined fit with the crystal structure in the space group P6/m converged well, with the atomic positions (19 parameters in total) within less than 1.5 standard deviations from their values in the paramagnetic phase at 30 K for all parameters except four, i.e. 2.3 for x-AG1, 1.9 for y-AG2, 2.0 for y-AG3 and 1.6 for y-AG4. We find these deviations insignificant.

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#### Visualization of ferroaxial domains in an orderdisorder type ferroaxial crystal

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#### Abstract

Ferroaxial materials that exhibit spontaneous ordering of a rotational structural distortion with an axial vector symmetry have gained growing interest, motivated by recent extensive studies on ferroic materials. As in conventional ferroics (e.g., ferroelectrics and ferromagnetics), domain states will be present in the ferroaxial materials. However, the observation of ferroaxial domains is non-trivial due to the nature of the order parameter, which is invariant under both time-reversal and space-inversion operations. Here we propose that NiTiO<sub>3</sub> is an order-disorder type ferroaxial material, and spatially resolve its ferroaxial domains by using linear electrogyration effect: optical rotation in proportion to an applied electric field. To detect small signals of electrogyration (order of  $10^{-5} \text{ deg V}^{-1}$ ), we adopt a recently developed difference image-sensing technique. Furthermore, the ferroaxial domains are confirmed on nano-scale spatial resolution with a combined use of scanning transmission electron microscopy and convergent-beam electron diffraction. Our success of the domain visualization will promote the study of ferroaxial materials as a new ferroic state of matter. The order parameter characterizing ferroaxial materials is a rotational electric-dipole Irrangement<sup>1</sup> and represented by a ferroaxial moment (or ferro-rotation moment) **A** defined Is  $\mathbf{A} \propto \sum_{i} \mathbf{r}_{i} \times \mathbf{p}_{i}$ , where  $\mathbf{r}_{i}$  denotes a position vector of electric dipole  $\mathbf{p}_{i}$  from the ymmetrical center of a structural unit<sup>2,3</sup>. For example, **A** is generated by head-to-tail Irrangements of electric dipoles as illustrated in Fig. <u>1a</u>. The **A** is an axial vector invariant Inder both time-reversal and spatial-inversion operations though other symmetries such as a nirror parallel to **A** is broken. The ferroaxial order is closely related to various phenomena ncluding magnetoelectric couplings in multiferroics<sup>4,5,6</sup> and polar vortices in Ianostructured materials<sup>2,7</sup>. Such an order is sometimes called ferro-rotational order<sup>3,8</sup>, and hese terms are often used to describe the existence of rotational distortions inducing finite **A** vith or without a phase transition<sup>4,5,6</sup>.



**a** Ferroaxial moment defined as  $\mathbf{A} \propto \sum_{i} \mathbf{r}_{i} \times \mathbf{p}_{i}$ , which characterizes ferroaxial materials. Here  $\mathbf{r}_{i}$  denotes a position vector of electric dipole **p** from the symmetrical center of a structural unit. The

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electro-optic\_effect

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Optical\_rotation

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spin\_pumping

https://encyclopedia.pub/entry/36944

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spintronics

### Electric Ferro-Axial Moment as Nanometric Rotator and Source of Longitudinal Spin Current

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An electric ferro-axial moment, which is characterized by a nonzero expectation value of a time-reversaleven axial vector, exhibits distinct spatial-inversion and time-reversal properties from conventional ferroelectric, ferromagnetic, and ferro-magnetoelectric orders. Nevertheless, physical properties characteristic of the electric ferro-axial moment have been obscure owing to the absence of its conjugate electromagnetic fields. We theoretically investigate consequences of the presence of the ferro-axial moment on the basis of the symmetry and microscopic model analyses. We show that atomic-scale electric toroidal multipoles are the heart of the ferro-axial moment, which act as a nanometric rotator against external stimuli. Furthermore, we propose an intrinsic generation of a spin current parallel to an applied electric field in both metals and insulators. Our results not only provide a deep microscopic understanding of the role of the ferro-axial moment but also stimulate a new development for functional materials with use of the electric toroidal moment.

Finally, we discuss an intriguing feature of the spin cur- rent under the nonzero ferro-axial moment. Figure 4(a) z(s) represents n<sub>e</sub> dependence of  $\sigma_{xx}$  at V = 0.7 for  $\theta = \pi/3$ 

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FIG. 1. Classification of the spin Hall effects. We choose the charge current along the *x* direction and illustrate (a) conventional SHE with spin current along *y* and spin polarization along z ( $\sigma_{yx}^z$ ), (b) collinear SHE with spin current and spin polarization along z ( $\sigma_{zx}^z$ ), and (c) a longitudinal spin Hall effect with spin current along *x* and spin polarization along z ( $\sigma_{xx}^z$ ).



The Faraday effect or Faraday rotation, sometimes referred to as the magneto-optic Faraday effect (MOFE),<sup>[1]</sup> is a physical magneto-optical phenomenon. The Faraday effect causes a polarization rotation which is proportional to the projection of the magnetic field along the direction of the light propagation. Formally, it is a special case of gyroelectromagnetism obtained when the dielectric permittivity tensor is diagonal.<sup>[2]</sup> This effect occurs in most optically transparent dielectric materials (including liquids) under the influence of magnetic fields.

and the electrogyration rotation is then compensated. This peculiarity also follows from simple mathematical relations: We have  $\rho - H$  for the Faraday rotation, while the proportion

V  $\rho \sim E \cdot k$  holds true for electrogyration. Thus, the electrogyration

guishing alternative symmetries...

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(	0 -1 1 -1 0 0	0 0 1	° )	{3 <sup>+</sup> <sub>001</sub> 10,0,0}	$\begin{pmatrix} e^{i2\pi/3} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i2\pi/3} \end{pmatrix}$	$e^{i2\overline{u}/3} \frac{\sqrt{3+1}}{2} + = -2$
(	-1 1 -1 0 0 0	0 0 1	° )	{3 <sup>-</sup> 001 <sup>10</sup> ,0,0}	$\begin{pmatrix} e^{-12\pi/3} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-12\pi/3} \end{pmatrix}$	$e^{i2\pi/3} \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2}$
(	-1 0 0 -1 0 0	0 0 1	° )	{2 <sub>001</sub> I0,0,0}	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	F2 7
(	0 1 -1 1 0 0	0 0 1	° )	{6 <sup>-</sup> 00110,0,0}	$\left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & e^{-i\pi/3} \\ e^{-i\pi/3} & 0 \end{array}\right)$	$\frac{(i\sqrt{3}-1)}{2} + = -2$ $\eta = 0$
(	1 -1 1 0 0 0	0 0 1	° )	{6 <sup>+</sup> <sub>001</sub> 10,0,0}	$ \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & e^{i\pi/3} \\ e^{i\pi/3} & 0 \end{array}\right) $	$\frac{(i\sqrt{3}+1)^2}{2} \qquad \qquad$
(	-1 0 0 -1 0 0	0 0 -1	° )	{110,0,0}	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	(+2)
(	0 1 -1 1 0 0	0 0 -1	° )	{3+ <sub>001</sub> 10,0,0}	$\left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & e^{i2\pi/3} \\ e^{i2\pi/3} & 0 \end{array}\right)$	$\frac{(i\sqrt{3}-1)}{2}$ + = (-2)
(	1 -1 1 0 0 0	0 0 -1	°)	{3` <sub>001</sub> 10,0,0}	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^{-i2\pi/3} \\ e^{-i2\pi/3} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\frac{(i\sqrt{3}+1)}{2}$
(	1 0 0 1 0 0	0 0 -1	$\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0\\0\\0\\0\end{smallmatrix}\right)$	{m <sub>001</sub> 10,0,0}	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	-1 (+2)
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(	-1 1 -1 0 0 0	0 0 -1	° )	{6 <sup>+</sup> 001 <sup>10,0,0</sup> }	$ \left(\begin{array}{cc} e^{i\pi/3} & 0\\ 0 & e^{i\pi/3} \end{array}\right) $	$e^{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}$ $\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2}$