

**Supplementary Information for: Magnetic excitations in stripe-ordered
La_{1.875}Ba_{0.125}CuO₄ studied using resonant inelastic x-ray scattering**

Below we provide a figure depicting the experimental geometry reproduced from Ref. 1.

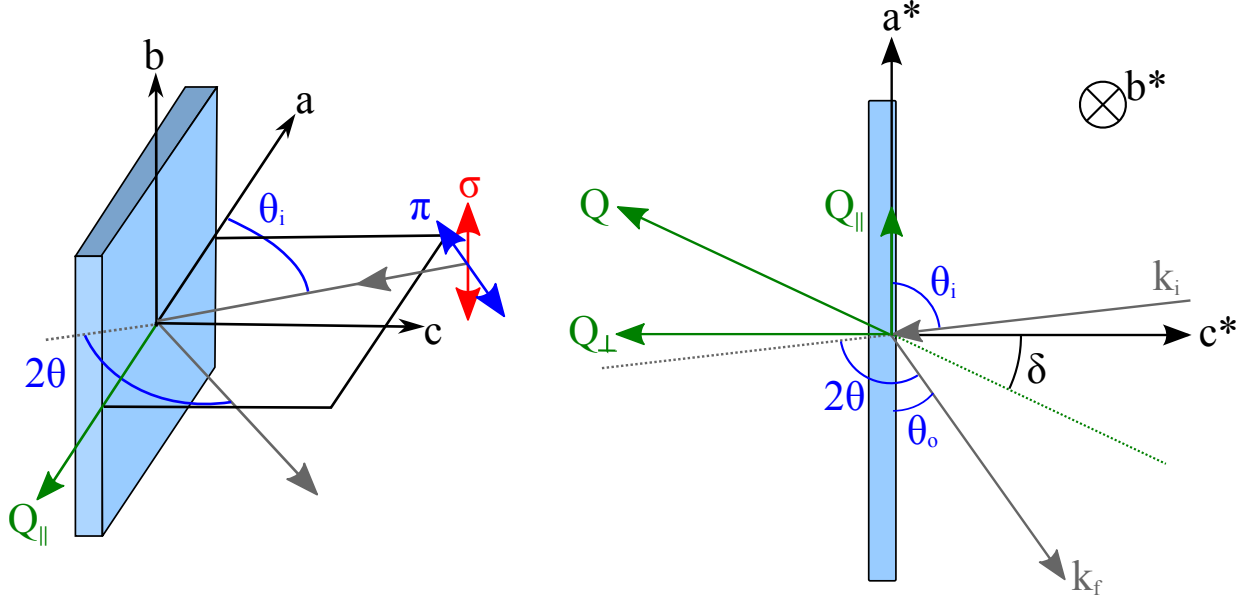


FIG. 1. A diagram of the scattering geometry used in the experiment showing the definitions of the sample angles, the scattering angles and the scattering vectors. On the left is a 3D representation, and on the right we show the a^* - c^* plane. The symbols a , b and c (a^* , b^* and c^*) are the direct (reciprocal) lattice vectors in the tetragonal unit cell with $a = b = 3.78 \text{ \AA}$ and $c = 13.28 \text{ \AA}$. \mathbf{k}_i and \mathbf{k}_f are the initial and final x-ray scattering vectors. The scattering angle between \mathbf{k}_i and \mathbf{k}_f is $2\theta = 130^\circ$. During the experiment, the sample is rotated around the vertical axis which varies θ_i the angle between the sample surface and θ_o the angle between the sample surface and \mathbf{k}_f . The total momentum transfer, $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{k}_f - \mathbf{k}_i$, is resolved into Q_{\parallel} , parallel to a^* , and Q_{\perp} , parallel to c^* .

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