

The power of typicality applied to magnetic molecules and low-dimensional quantum spin systems

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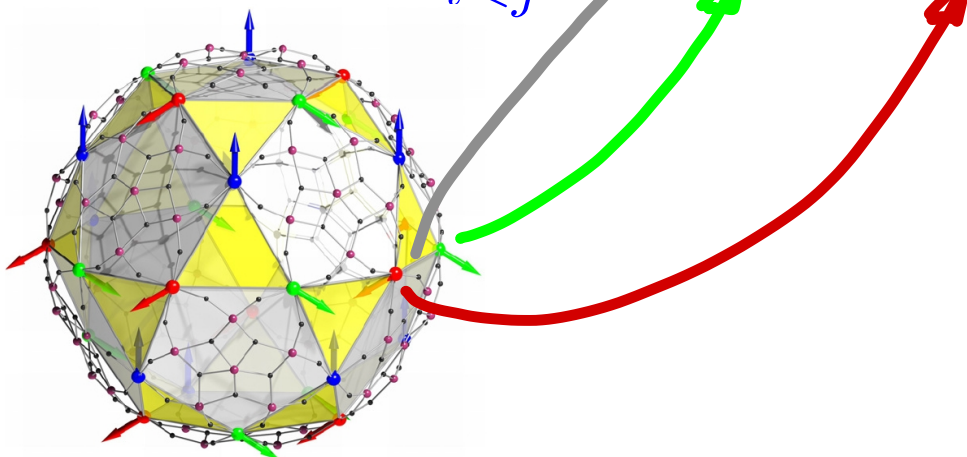
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You have got an idea about the modeling!

Heisenberg

Zeeman

$$\underline{H} = -2 \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \underline{\vec{s}}(i) \cdot \underline{\vec{s}}(j) + g \mu_B B \sum_i^N s_z(i)$$



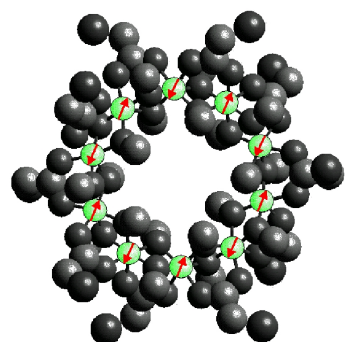
You have to solve the Schrödinger equation!

$$\underline{\tilde{H}} |\phi_n\rangle = E_n |\phi_n\rangle$$

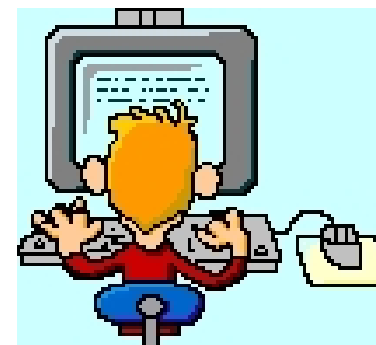
Eigenvalues E_n and eigenvectors $|\phi_n\rangle$

- needed for spectroscopy (EPR, INS, NMR);
- needed for thermodynamic functions (magnetization, susceptibility, heat capacity);
- needed for time evolution (pulsed EPR, simulate quantum computing, thermalization).

In the end it's always a big matrix!



$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -27.8 & 3.46 & 0.18 & \cdots \\ 3.46 & -2.35 & -1.7 & \cdots \\ 0.18 & -1.7 & 5.64 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$



$$\text{Fe}_{10}^{\text{III}}: N = 10, s = 5/2, \dim(\mathcal{H}) = (2s + 1)^N$$

Dimension=**60,466,176**. Maybe too big?

Can we evaluate the partition function

$$Z(T, B) = \text{tr} \left(\exp \left[-\beta \underline{H} \right] \right)$$

without diagonalizing the Hamiltonian?

Yes, we can!



$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 42 & 4711 \\ 42 & 0 & 3.14 \\ 4711 & 3.14 & 8 \\ -17 & 007 & 13 \\ 1.8 & 15 & 081 \end{pmatrix}$$

1. **Typicality-based estimates**
2. Gd₇ and the magnetocaloric effect
3. **Fe₁₀Gd₁₀ and a quantum critical behavior**
4. FTLM for anisotropic spin models
5. **Bonus: Decoherence of a clock transition**
6. Bonus: Kagome lattice antiferromagnet – Is 42 the final answer?

We are the sledgehammer team of matrix diagonalization.
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Solution I: trace estimators

$$\text{tr}(\tilde{Q}) \approx \langle r | \tilde{Q} | r \rangle$$

$$|r\rangle = \sum_{\nu} r_{\nu} |\nu\rangle, \quad r_{\nu} = \pm 1$$

- $|\nu\rangle$ some orthonormal basis of your choice; not the eigenbasis of \tilde{Q} , since we don't know it.
- $r_{\nu} = \pm 1$ random, equally distributed. Rademacher vectors.
- **Amazingly accurate, bigger (Hilbert space dimension) is better.**

M. Hutchinson, Communications in Statistics - Simulation and Computation **18**, 1059 (1989).

Solution II: Krylov space representation

$$\exp \left[-\beta \underline{H} \right] \approx \underline{1} - \beta \underline{H} + \frac{\beta^2}{2!} \underline{H}^2 - \dots - \frac{\beta^{N_L-1}}{(N_L-1)!} \underline{H}^{N_L-1}$$

applied to a state $|r\rangle$ yields a superposition of

$$\underline{1}|r\rangle, \quad \underline{H}|r\rangle, \quad \underline{H}^2|r\rangle, \quad \dots \underline{H}^{N_L-1}|r\rangle.$$

These (linearly independent) vectors span a small space of dimension N_L ; it is called Krylov space.

Let's diagonalize \underline{H} in this space!

Partition function I: simple approximation

$$Z(T, B) \approx \langle r | e^{-\beta \tilde{H}} | r \rangle \approx \sum_{n=1}^{N_L} e^{-\beta \epsilon_n^{(r)}} |\langle n(r) | r \rangle|^2$$

$$O^r(T, B) \approx \frac{\langle r | Q_{\tilde{H}} e^{-\beta \tilde{H}} | r \rangle}{\langle r | e^{-\beta \tilde{H}} | r \rangle}$$

- Wow!!!
- One can replace a trace involving an intractable operator by an expectation value with respect to just ONE random vector evaluated by means of a Krylov space representation???

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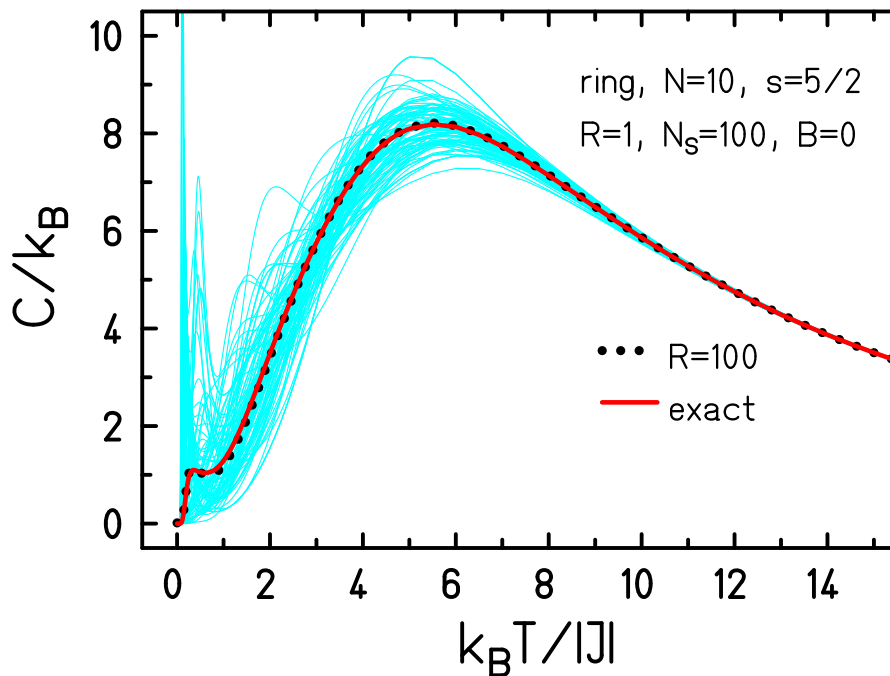
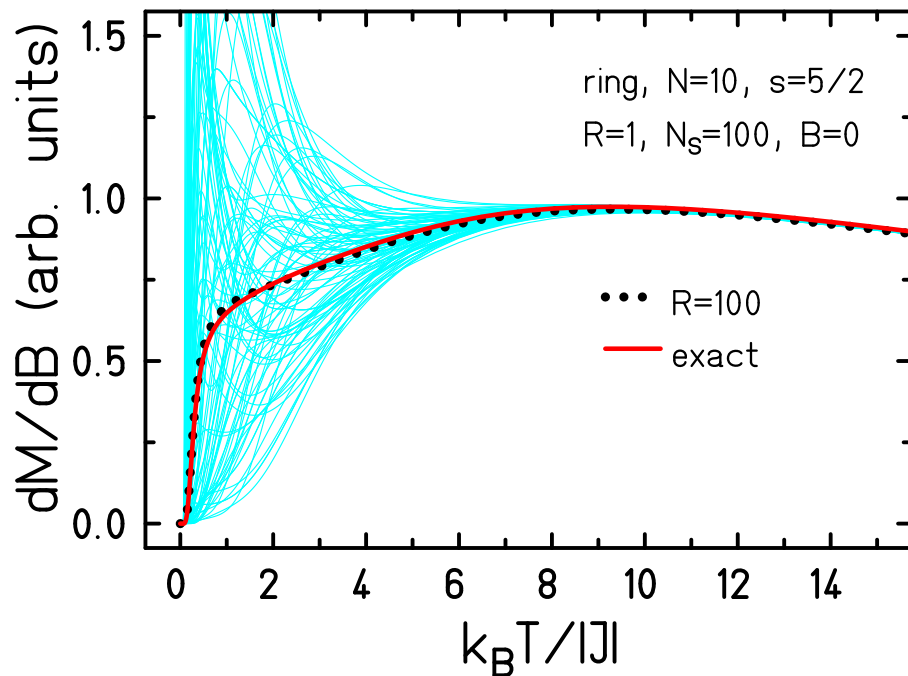
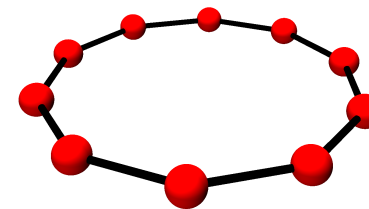
Partition function II: Finite-temperature Lanczos Method

$$Z^{\text{FTLM}}(T, B) \approx \frac{1}{R} \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{n=1}^{N_L} e^{-\beta \epsilon_n^{(r)}} |\langle n(r) | r \rangle|^2$$

- Averaging over R random vectors is better.
- $|n(r)\rangle$ n -th Lanczos eigenvector starting from $|r\rangle$ (Rademacher vectors).
- **Partition function replaced by a small sum: $R = 1 \dots 100, N_L \approx 100$.**

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FTLM 1: ferric wheel

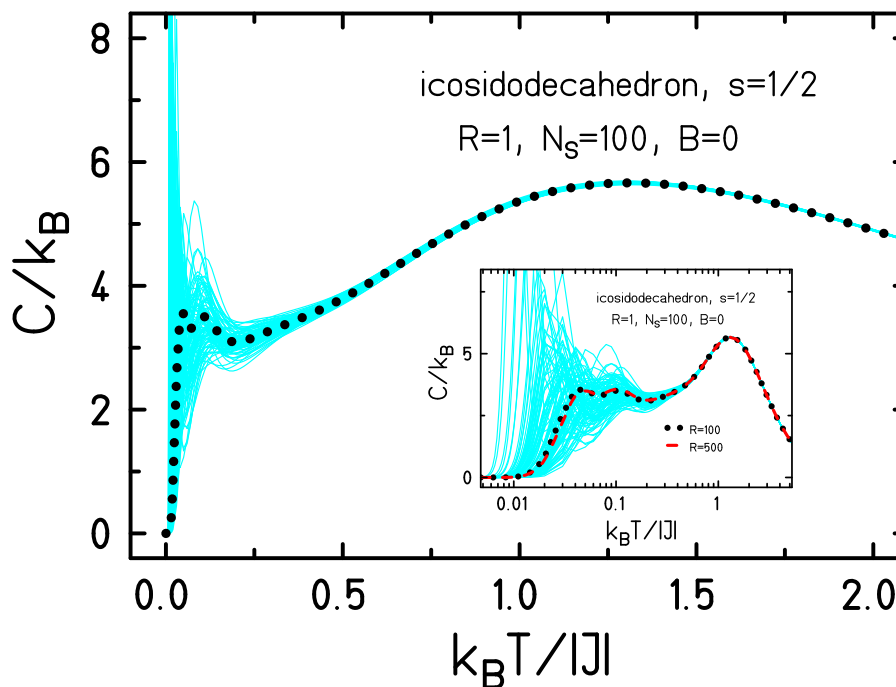
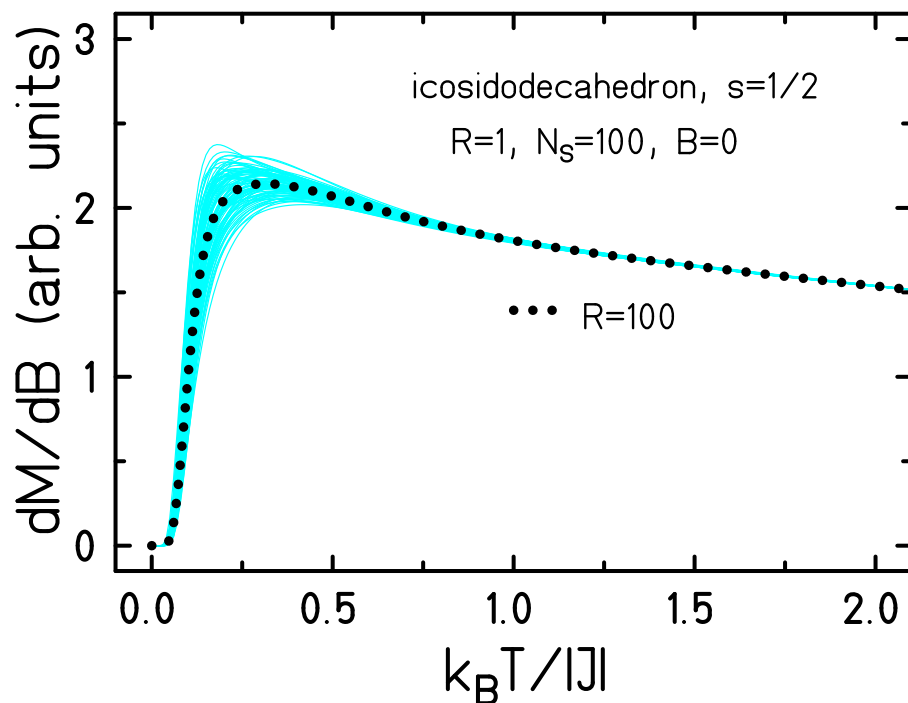
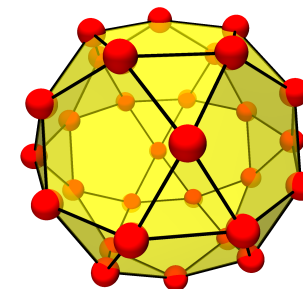


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FTLM 2: icosidodecahedron

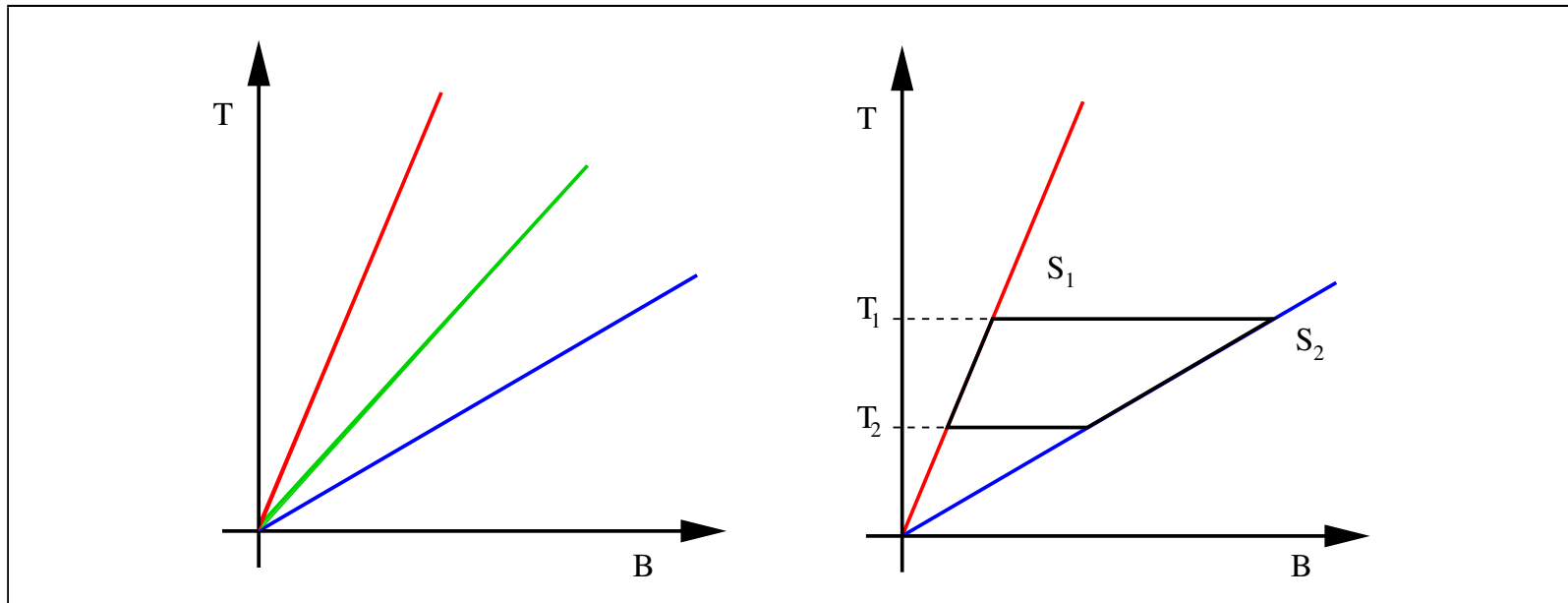


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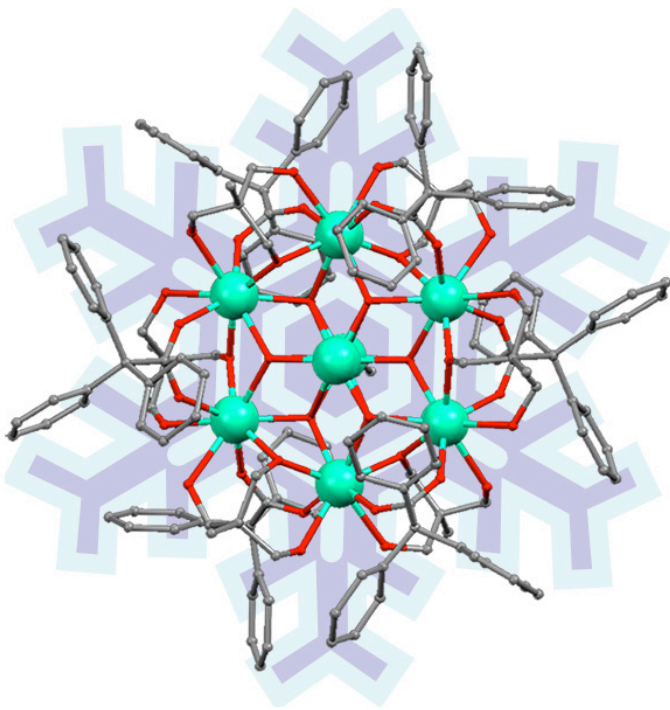
Gd₇ and the magnetocaloric effect

Magnetocaloric effect – Paramagnets



- Ideal paramagnet: $S(T, B) = f(B/T)$, i.e. $S = const \Rightarrow T \propto B$.
- At low T pronounced effects of dipolar interaction prevent further effective cooling.

Gd₇ – Basics

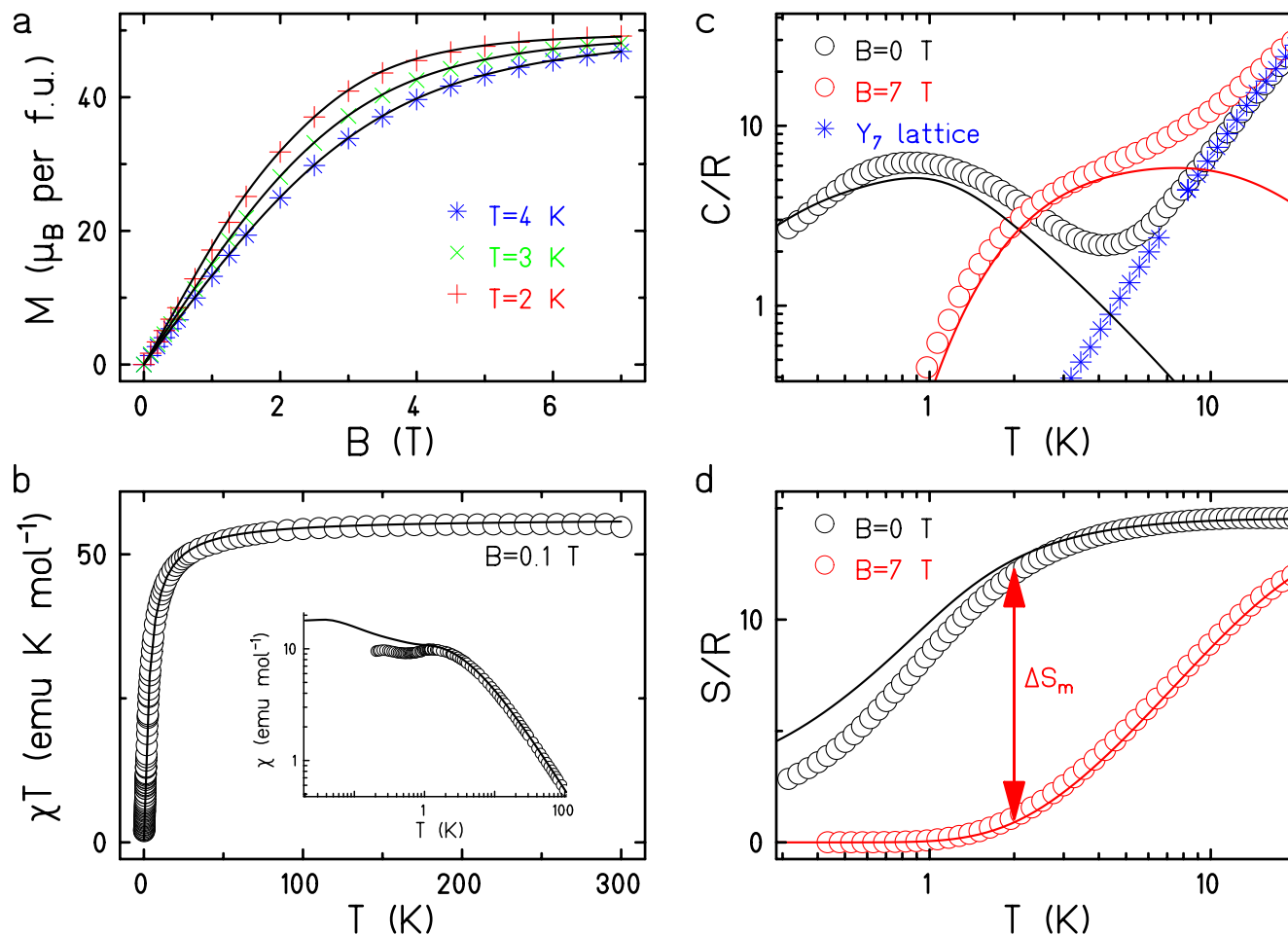


- Often magnetocaloric observables not directly measured, but inferred from Maxwell's relations.
- First real cooling experiment with a molecule.
- $$\underline{H} = -2 \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \vec{\zeta}_i \cdot \vec{\zeta}_j + g \mu_B B \sum_i^N \zeta_i^z$$

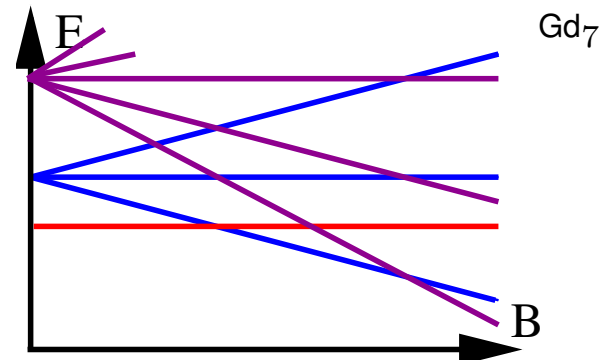
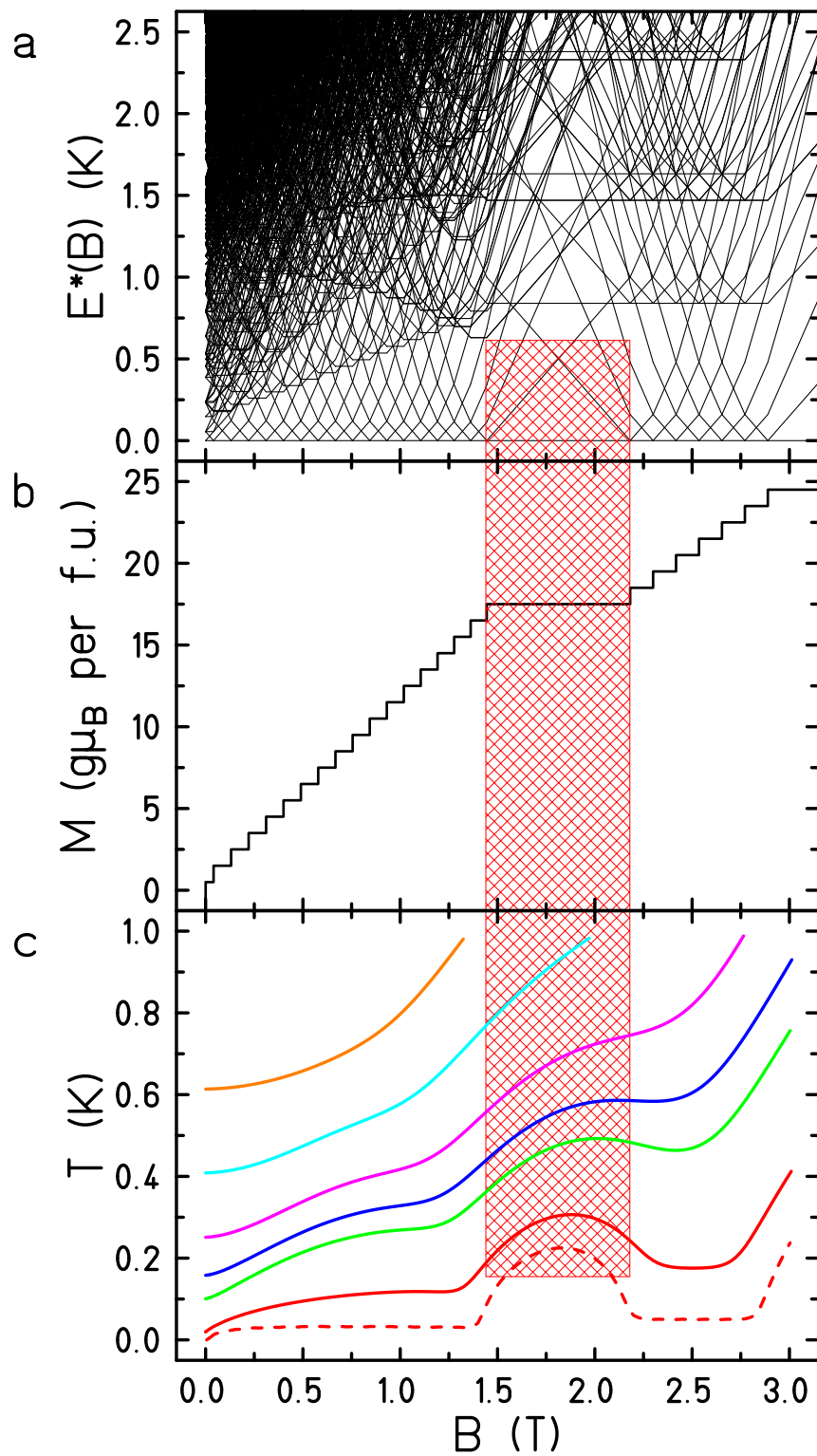
 $J_1 = -0.090(5) \text{ K}, J_2 = -0.080(5) \text{ K}$
 and $g = 2.02$.
- **Very good agreement down to the lowest temperatures.**

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Gd₇ – experiment & theory

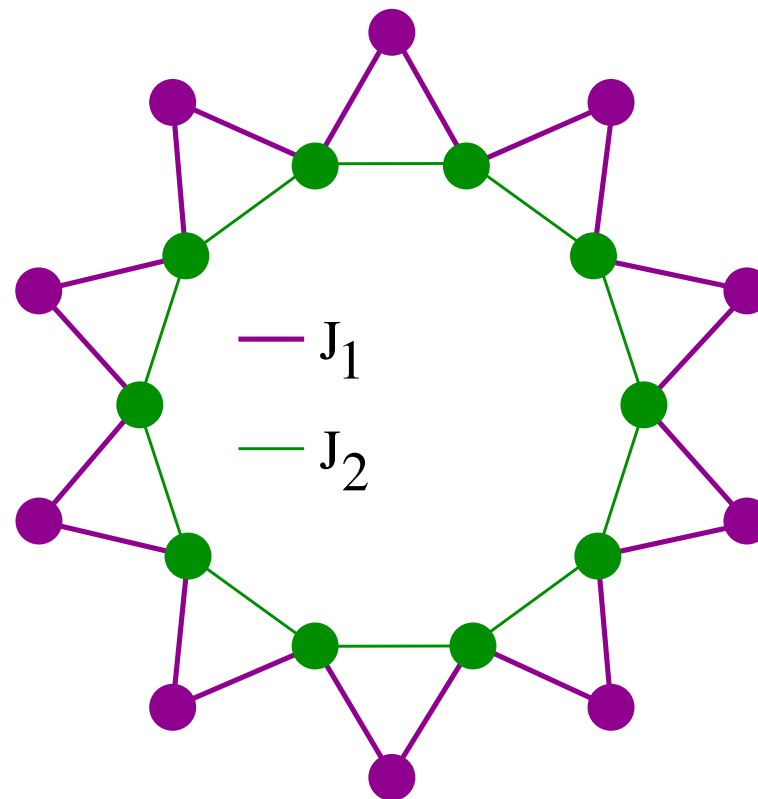
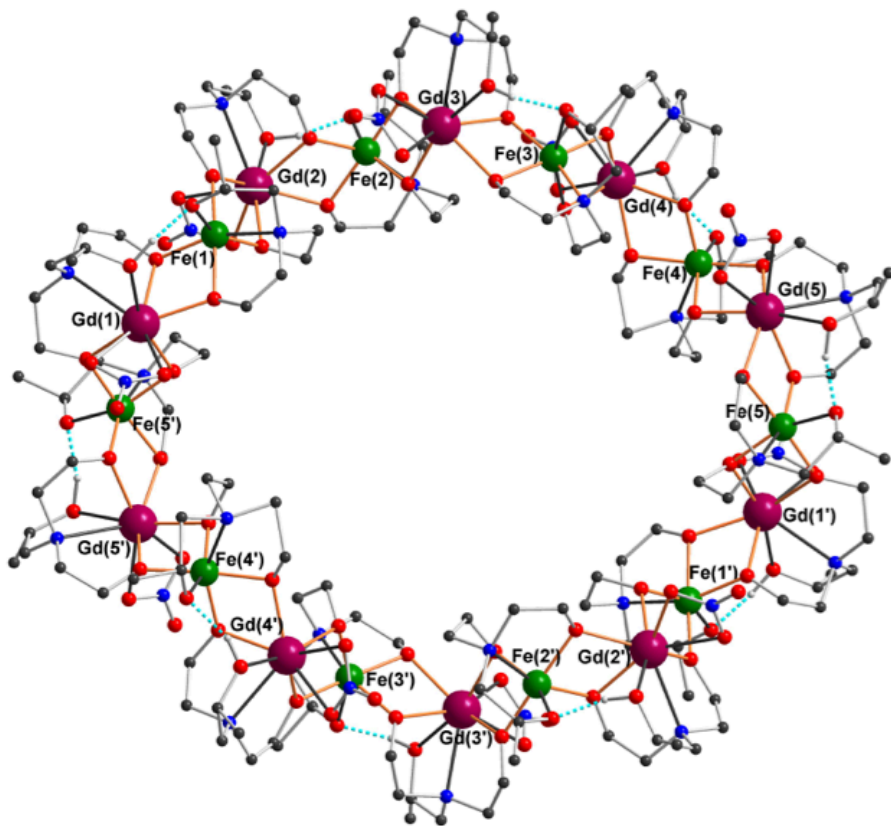


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$\text{Fe}_{10}\text{Gd}_{10}$ and quantum critical behavior

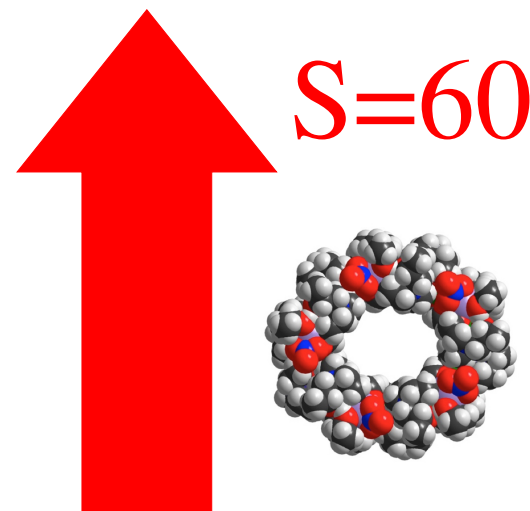
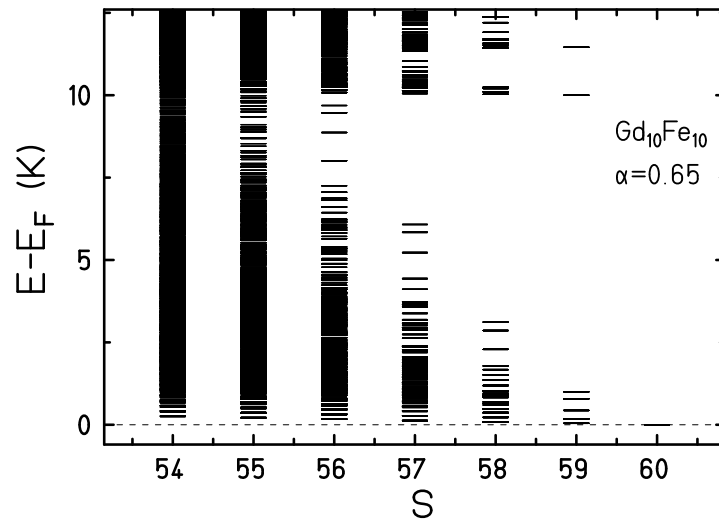
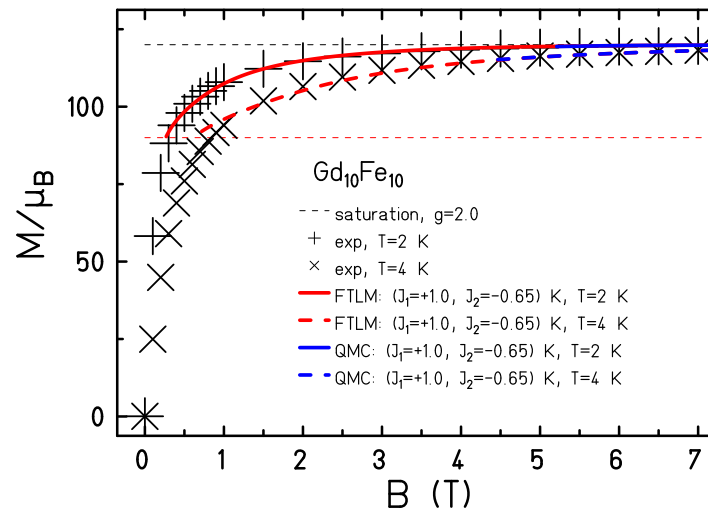
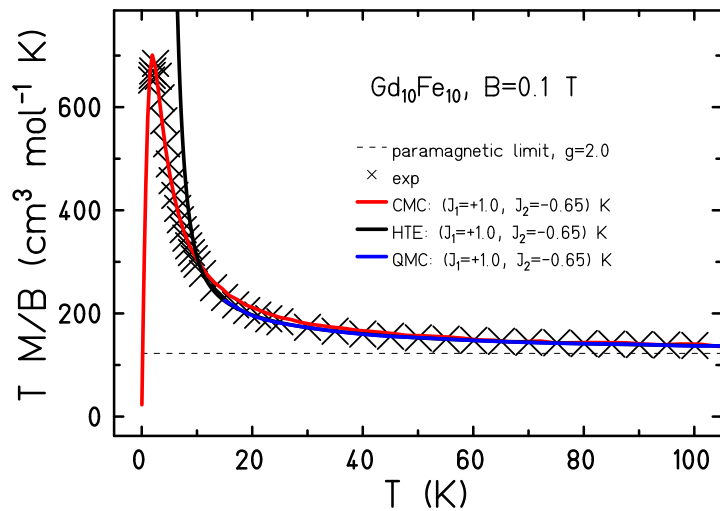
Gd₁₀Fe₁₀ – structure = delta chain



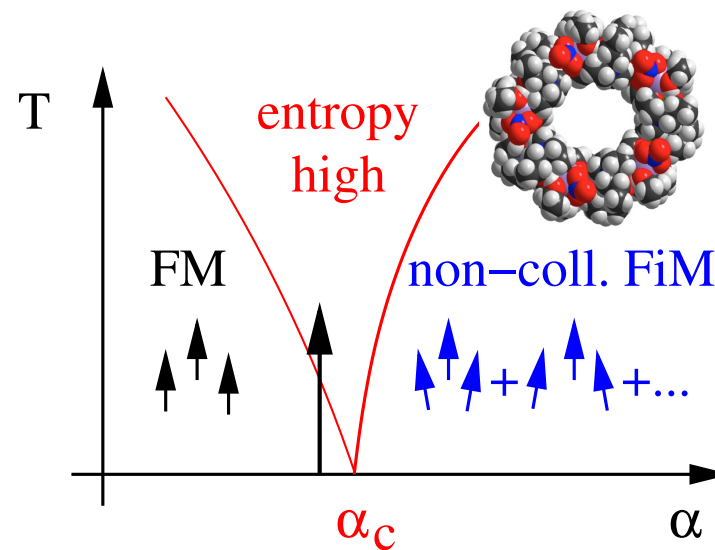
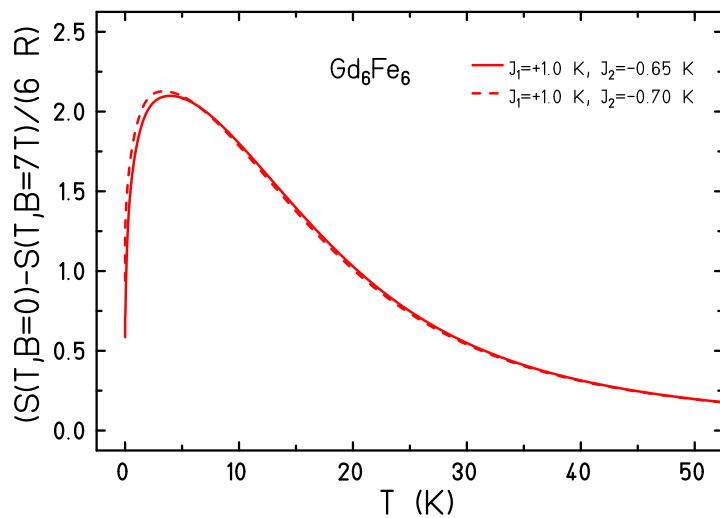
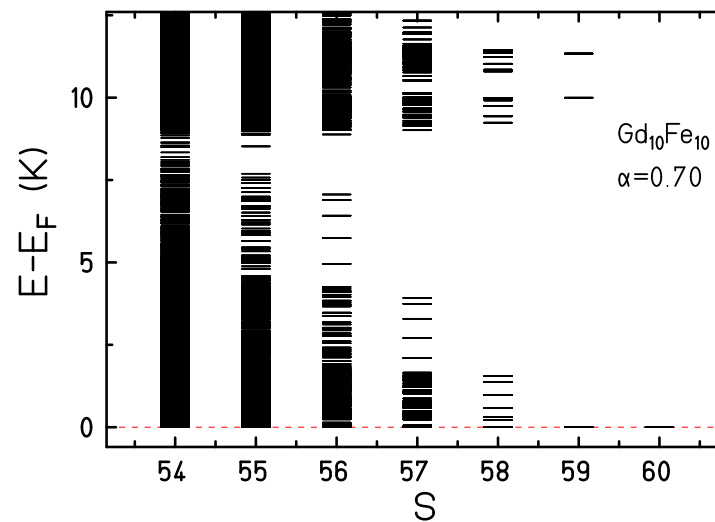
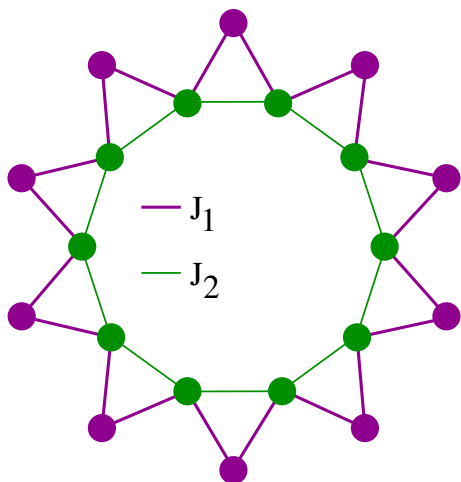
purple: Gd ($s = 7/2$), green: Fe ($s = 5/2$)

We will see: J_1 ferro, J_2 antiferro

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Single Molecule Magnets

Finite-temperature Lanczos Method III

$$\tilde{H} = -2 \sum_{i < j} \vec{\tilde{S}}_i \cdot \mathbf{J}_{ij} \cdot \vec{\tilde{S}}_j + \sum_i \vec{\tilde{S}}_i \cdot \mathbf{D}_i \cdot \vec{\tilde{S}}_i + \mu_B B \sum_i g_i \tilde{S}_i^z$$

- Problem: for anisotropic Hamiltonians no symmetry left
→ accuracy drops (esp. for high T).
- Simple traces such as $\text{Tr} \left(\tilde{S}^z \right) = 0$ tend to be wrong for R not very big.

O. Hanebaum, J. Schnack, Eur. Phys. J. B **87**, 194 (2014)

Finite-temperature Lanczos Method IV

Employ very general symmetry (time-reversal invariance)

$$\vec{\mathcal{M}}(T, -\vec{B}) = -\vec{\mathcal{M}}(T, \vec{B})$$

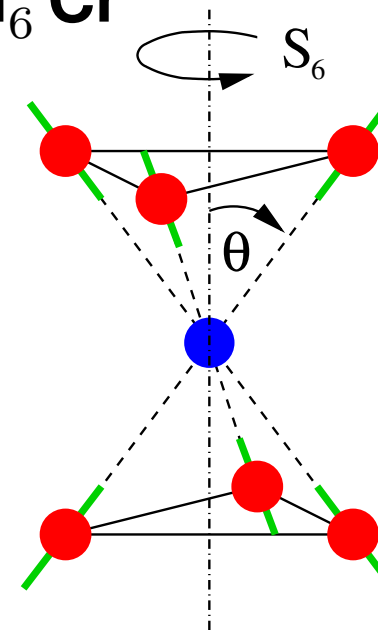
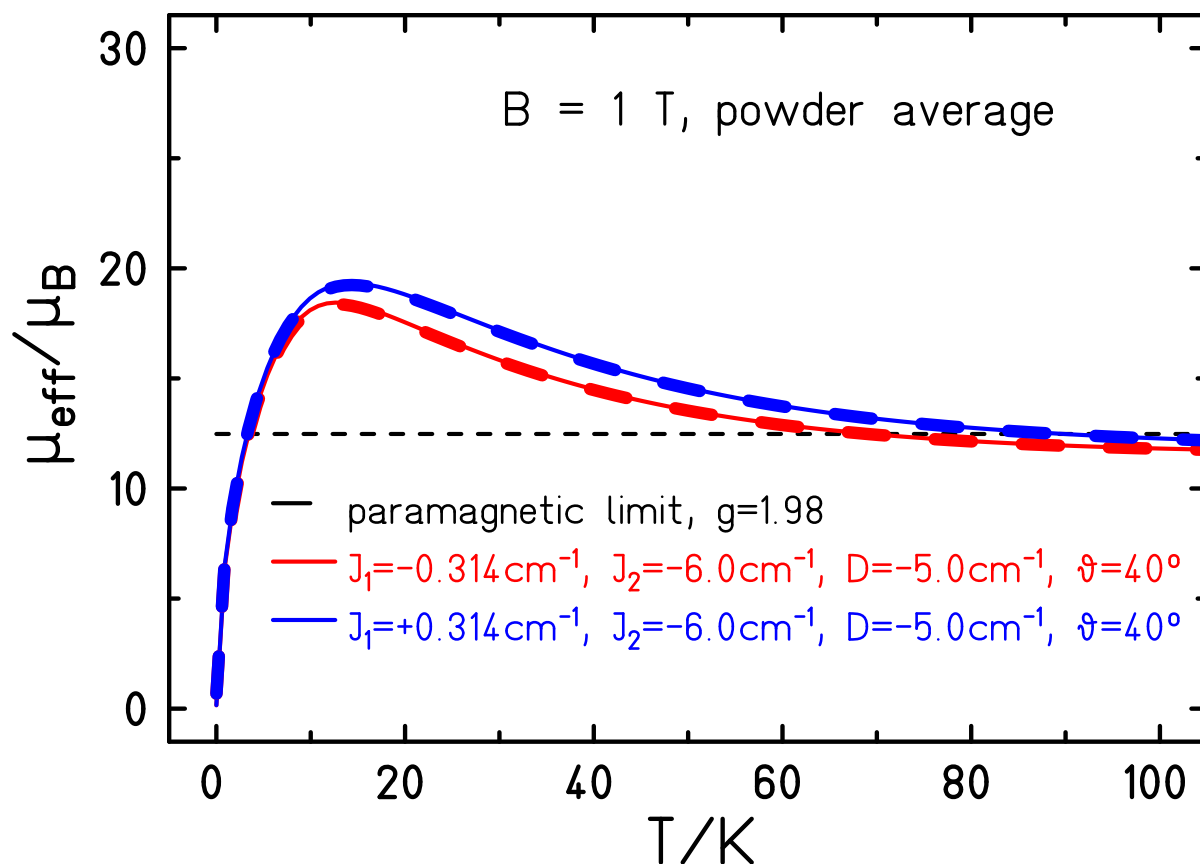
Use Lanczos energy eigenvector $|n(\nu)\rangle$ and time-reversed counterpart $|\tilde{n}(\nu)\rangle$

$$|n(\nu)\rangle = \sum_{\vec{m}} c_{\vec{m}} |\vec{m}\rangle \quad , \quad |\tilde{n}(\nu)\rangle = \sum_{\vec{m}} c_{\vec{m}}^* |-\vec{m}\rangle$$

- Restores $\vec{\mathcal{M}}(T, -\vec{B}) = -\vec{\mathcal{M}}(T, \vec{B})$ and (some) traces.
- More practical: use pairs of time-reversed random vectors; still accurate.

O. Hanebaum, J. Schnack, Eur. Phys. J. B **87**, 194 (2014)

Glaser-type molecules: $\text{Mn}_6\text{Cr}^{\text{III}}$

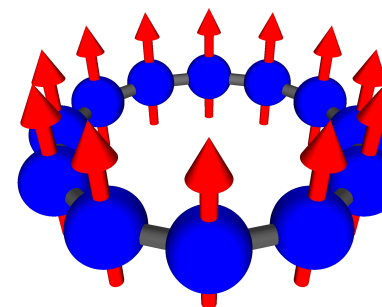
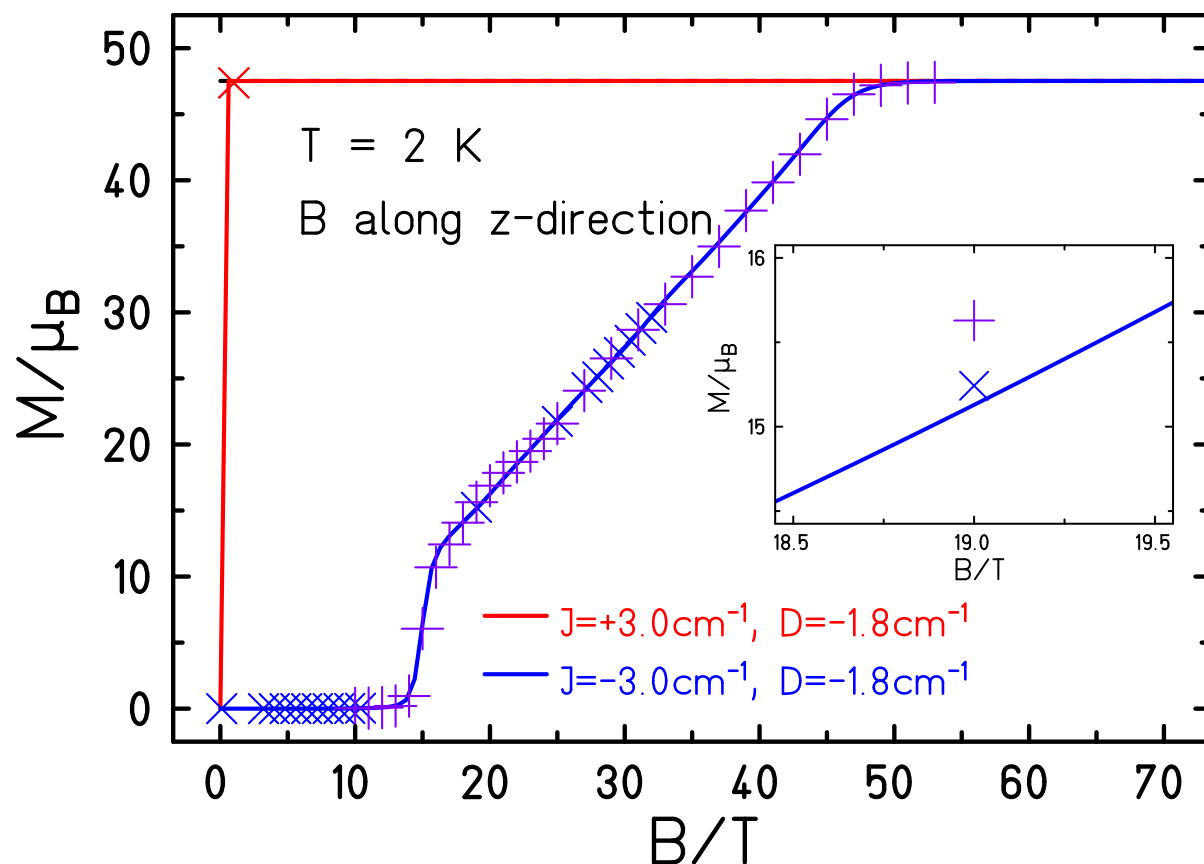


$s = 2, s = 3/2$
 $\dim(\mathcal{H}) = 62,500$
 non-collinear easy axes

Hours compared to days, notebook compared to supercomputer!

O. Hanebaum, J. Schnack, Eur. Phys. J. B **87**, 194 (2014)

A fictitious $\text{Mn}_{12}^{\text{III}}$ – M_z vs B_z

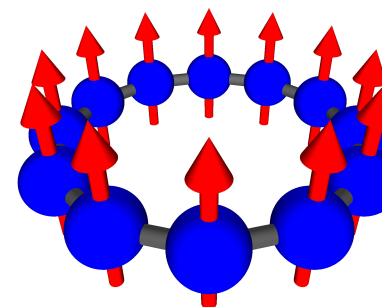
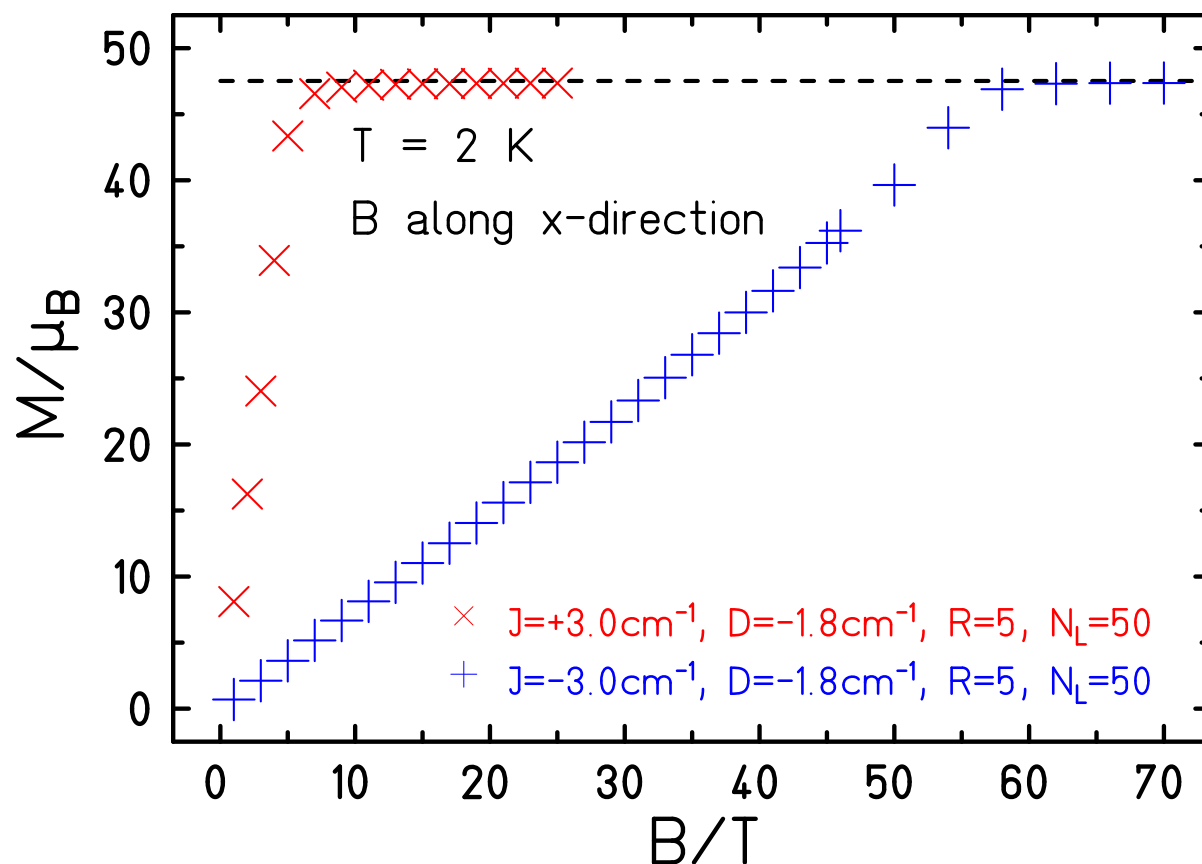


$s = 2$
 $\dim(\mathcal{H}) = 244, 140, 625$
 collinear easy axes

A few days compared to *impossible!*

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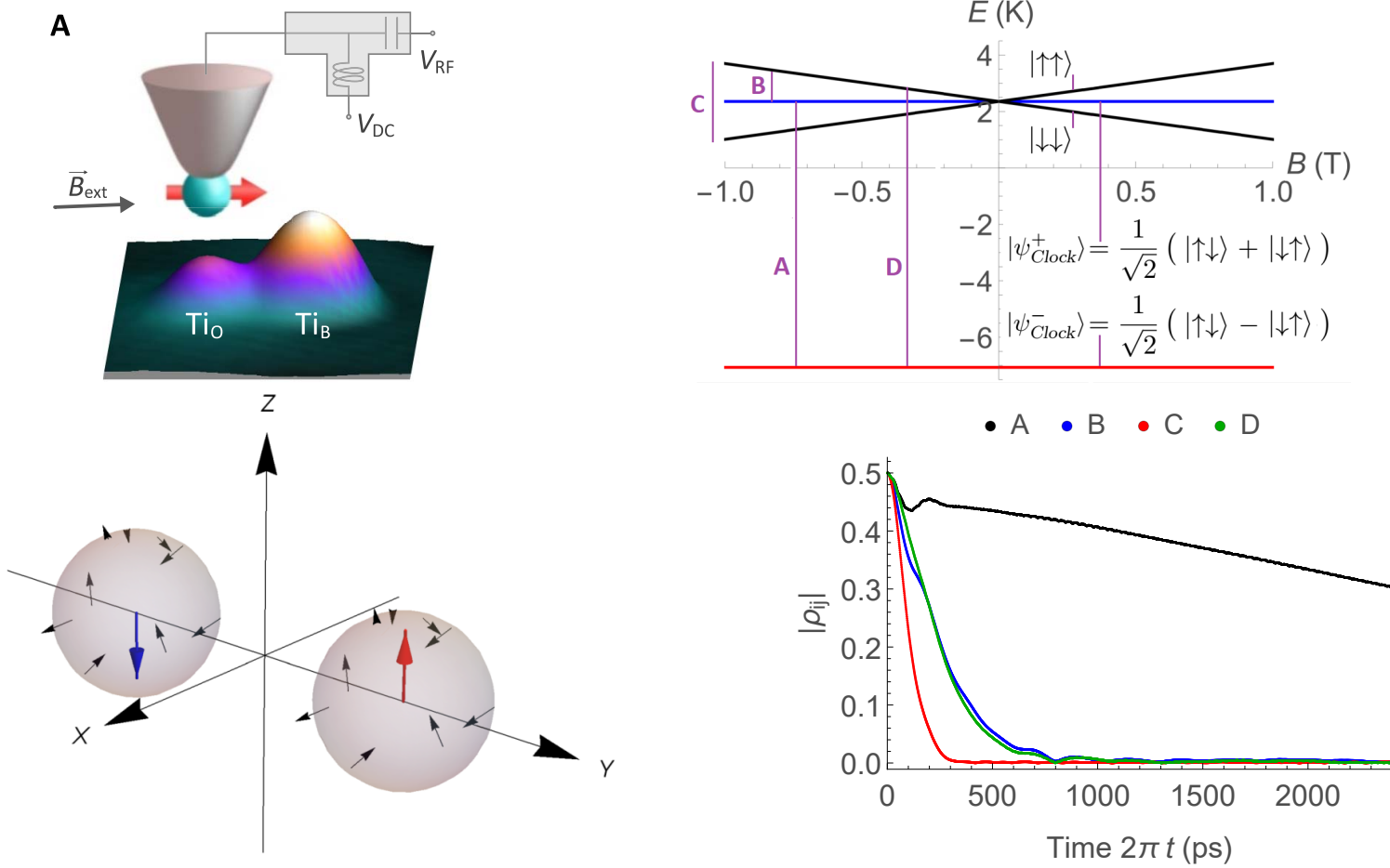
A fictitious $\text{Mn}_{12}^{\text{III}}$ – M_x vs B_x



No other method can deliver these curves!

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Decoherence of a clock transition

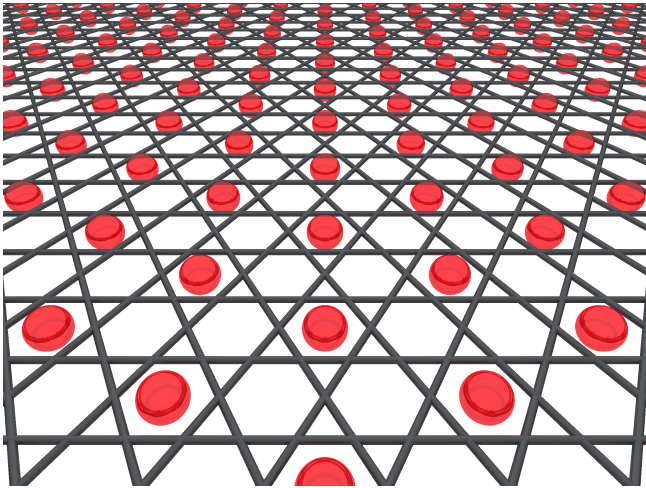


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The kagome lattice antiferromagnet

Is 42 the final answer?

Kagome lattice antiferromagnet – scientific problems

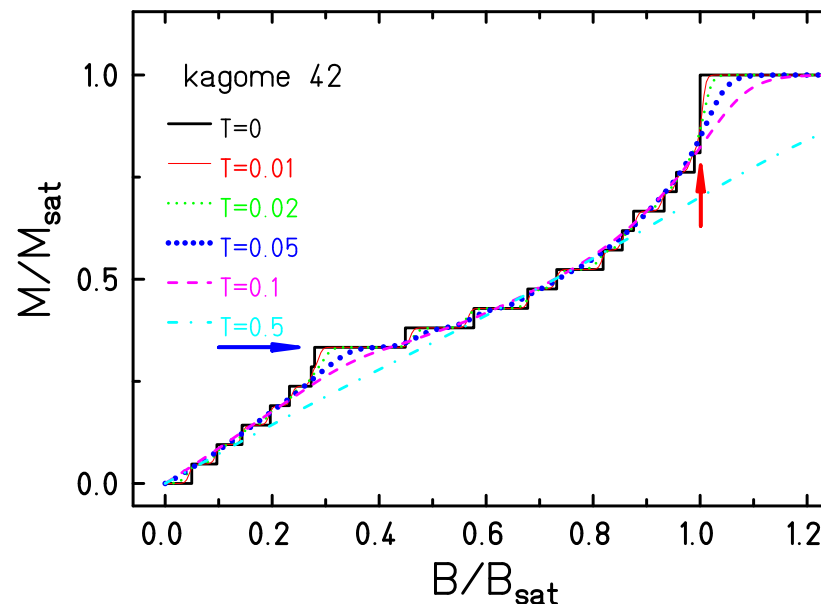
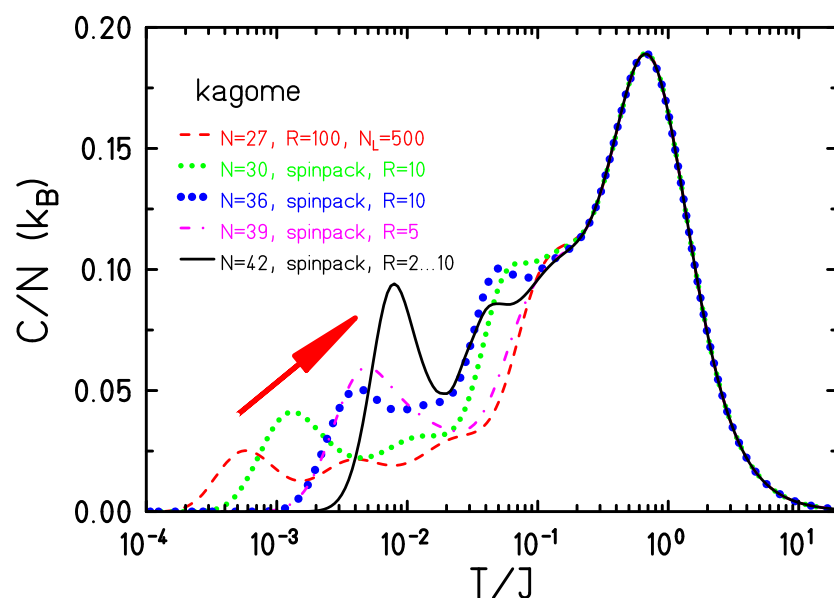


- Thermodynamic functions, in particular heat capacity and susceptibility (1)
- “Condensation” of low-lying singlets below the first triplet?
- Magnetization jump to saturation
- Thermal stability of magnetization plateaus, e.g. at $\mathcal{M}_{\text{sat}}/3$.
- Notoriously enigmatic (2)!

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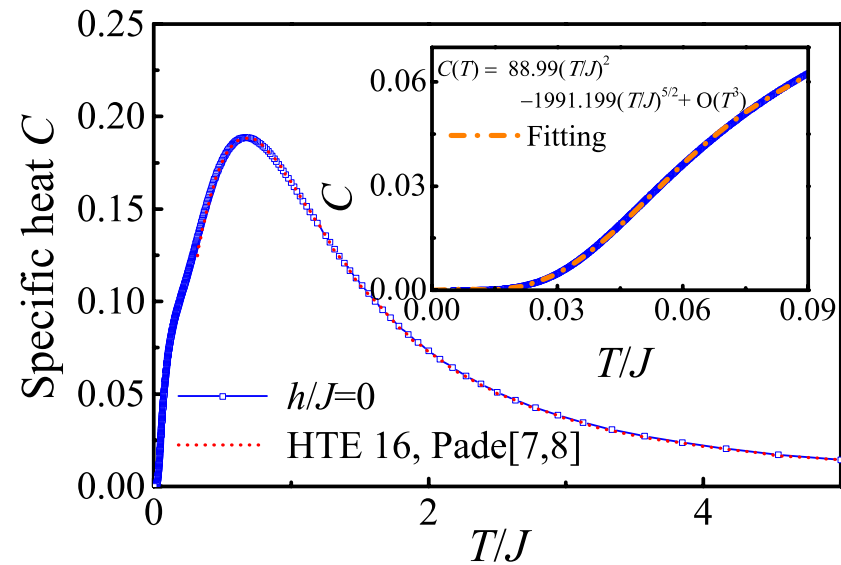
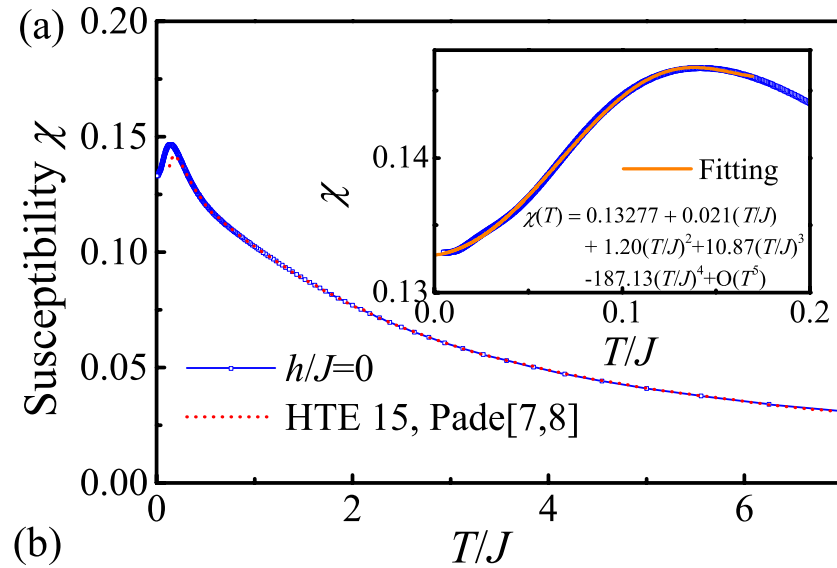
Kagome 42 – magnetic properties



- Low- T peak moves to higher T with increasing N .
- **Density of low-lying singlets seems to move to higher excitation energies!**

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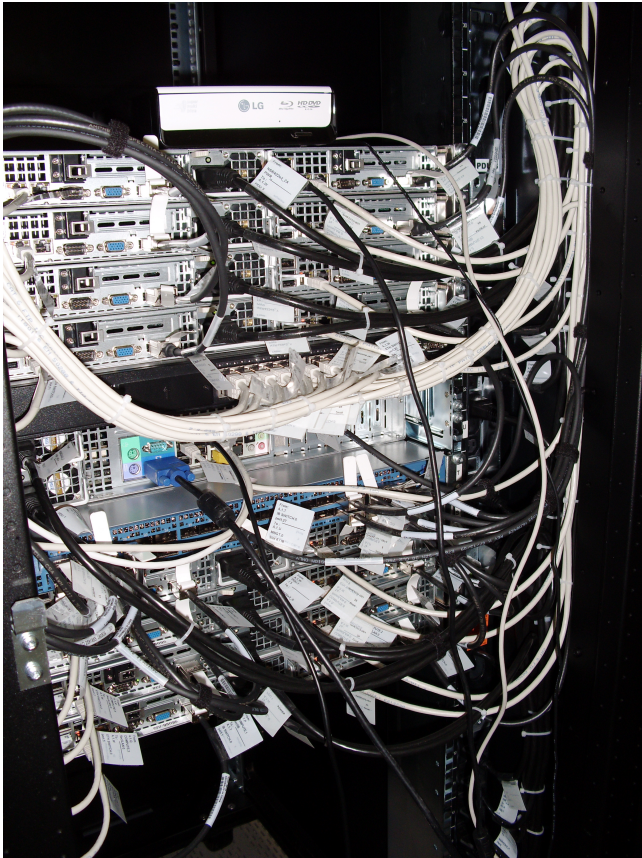
Kagome – tensor network calculations



- Tensor network calculations for the infinite system (1).

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Summary



- Magnetic molecules for storage, q-bits, MCE, and since they are nice.
- Molecules taught us about frustrated systems.
- Isentropes for interacting systems are much richer than for paramagnets. Good for applications away from $(T = 0, B = 0)$.
- Quantum phase transitions may allow barocaloric applications.
- ED, HTE, CMC, QMC, FTLM, DMRG, DDMRG, thDMRG for magnetic molecules.

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The end.

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