

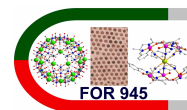
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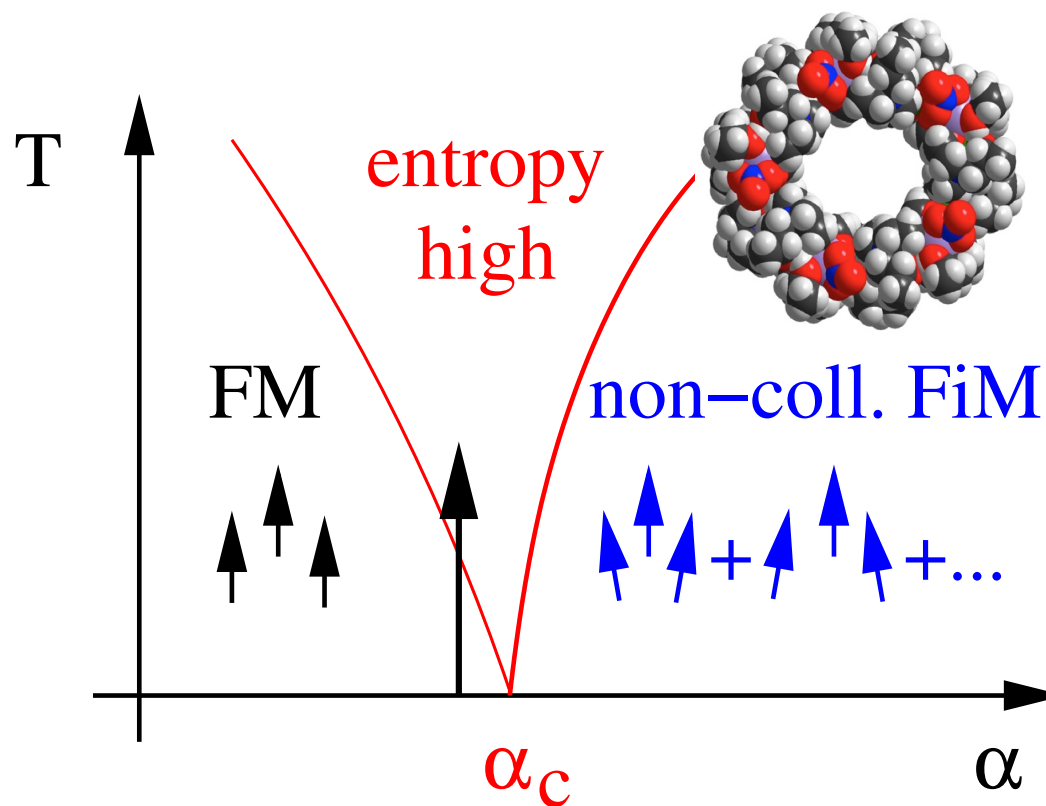
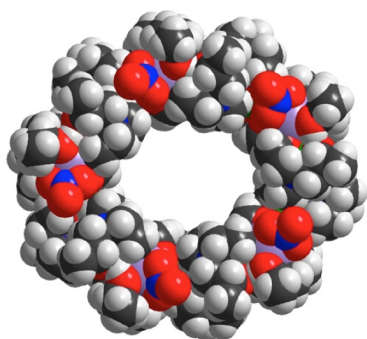
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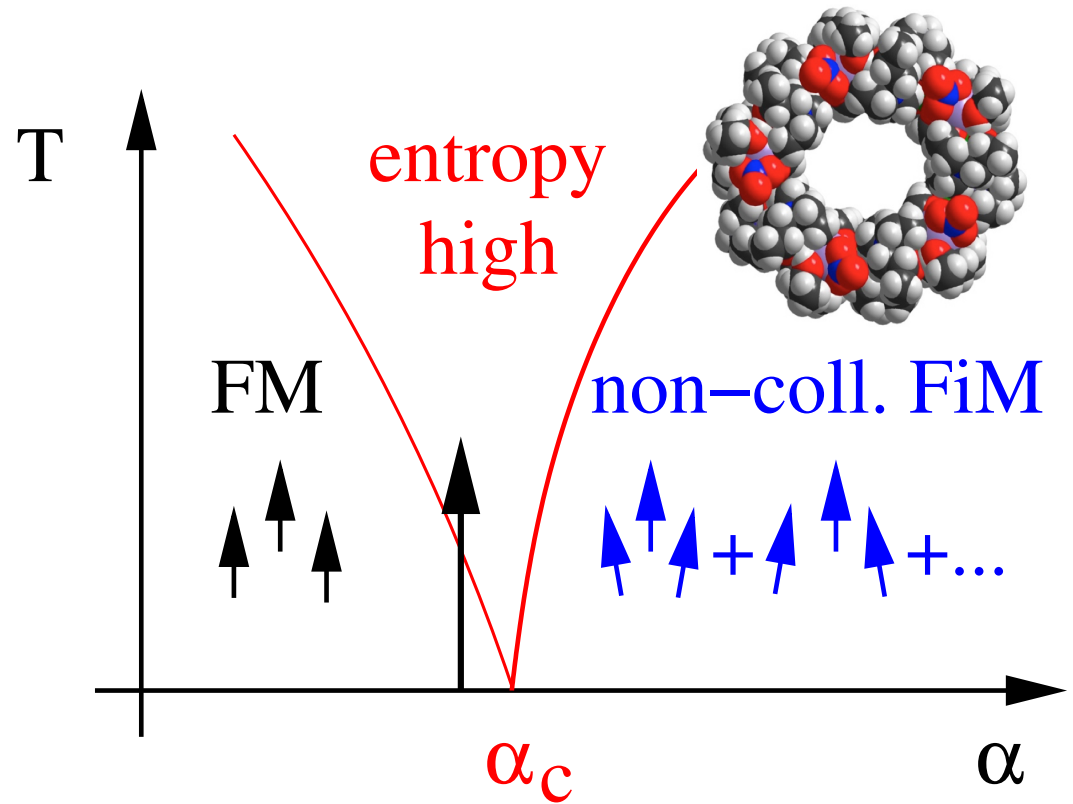
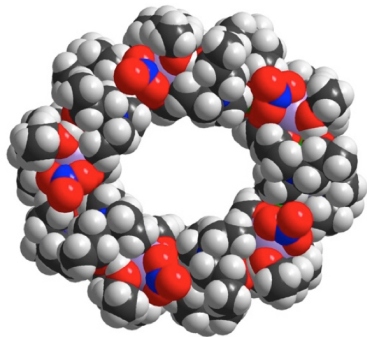


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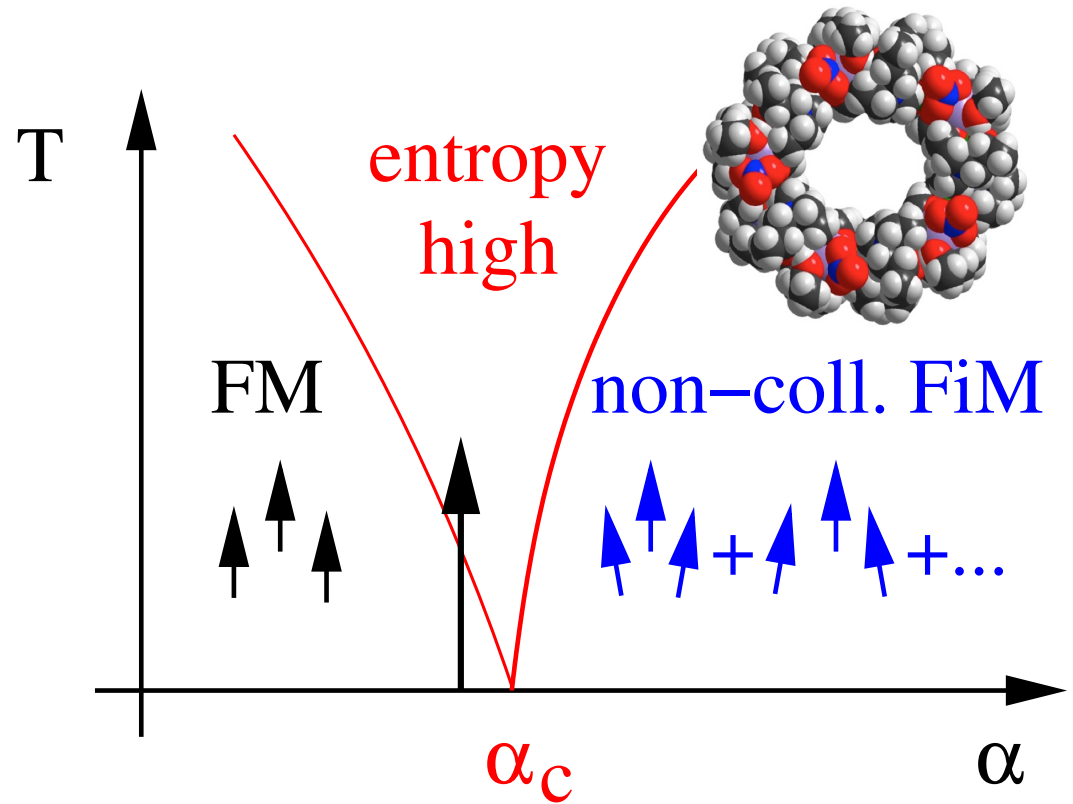
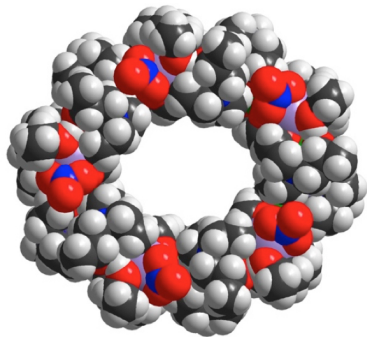


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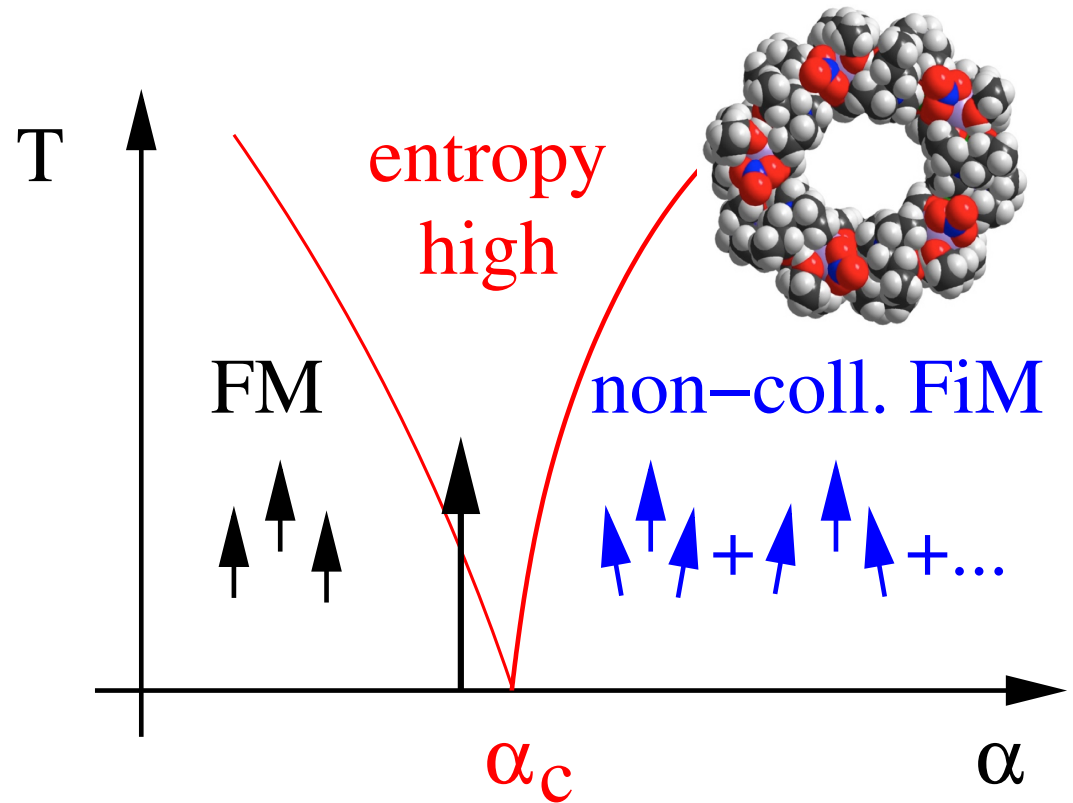
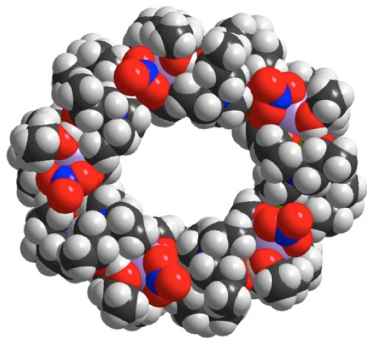
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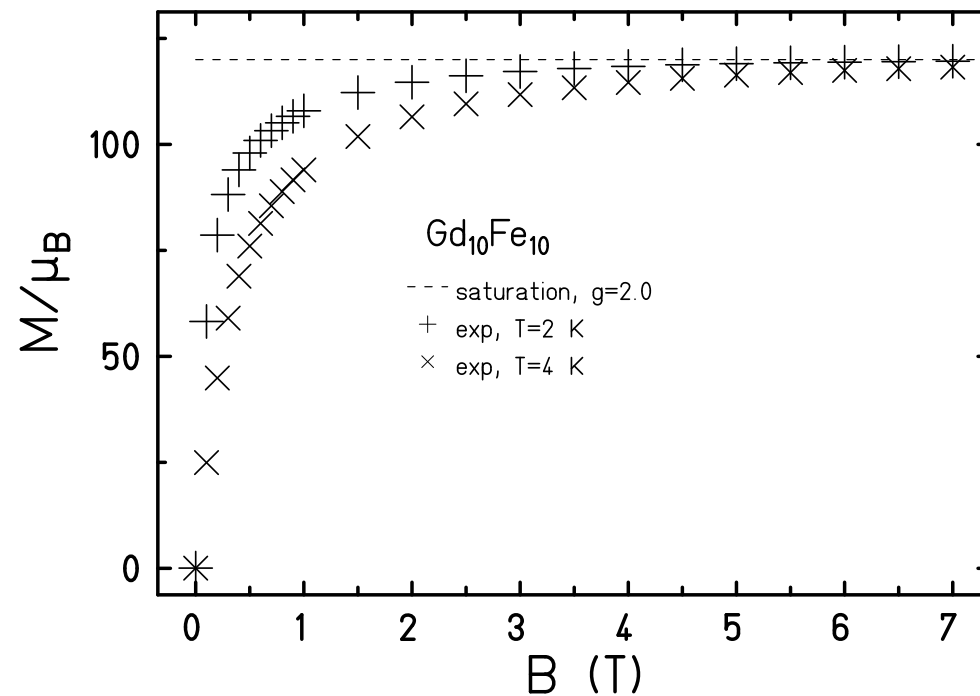
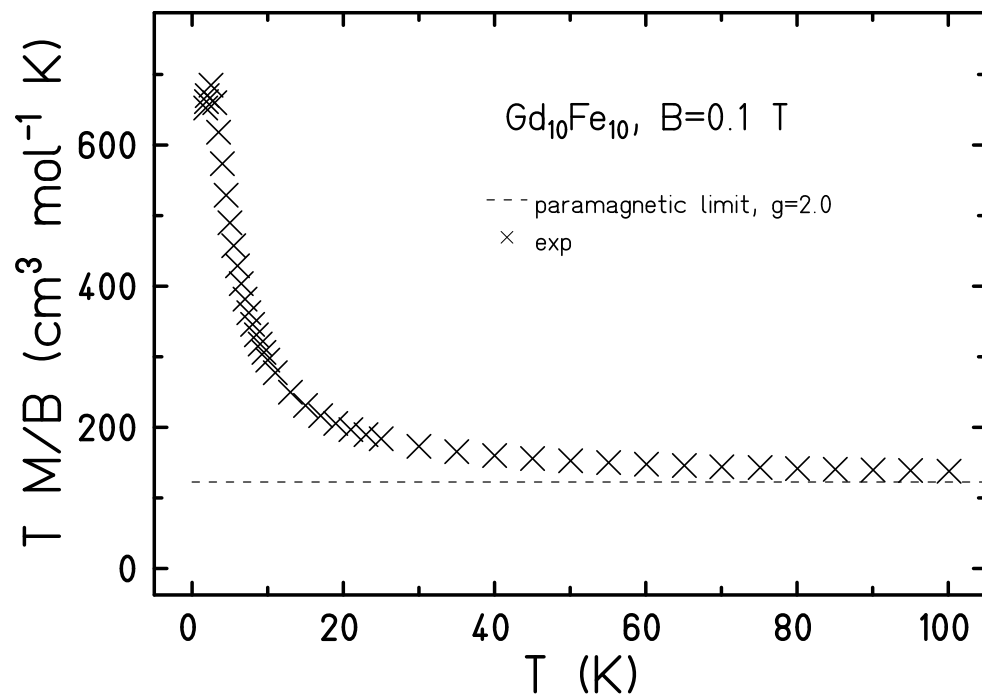


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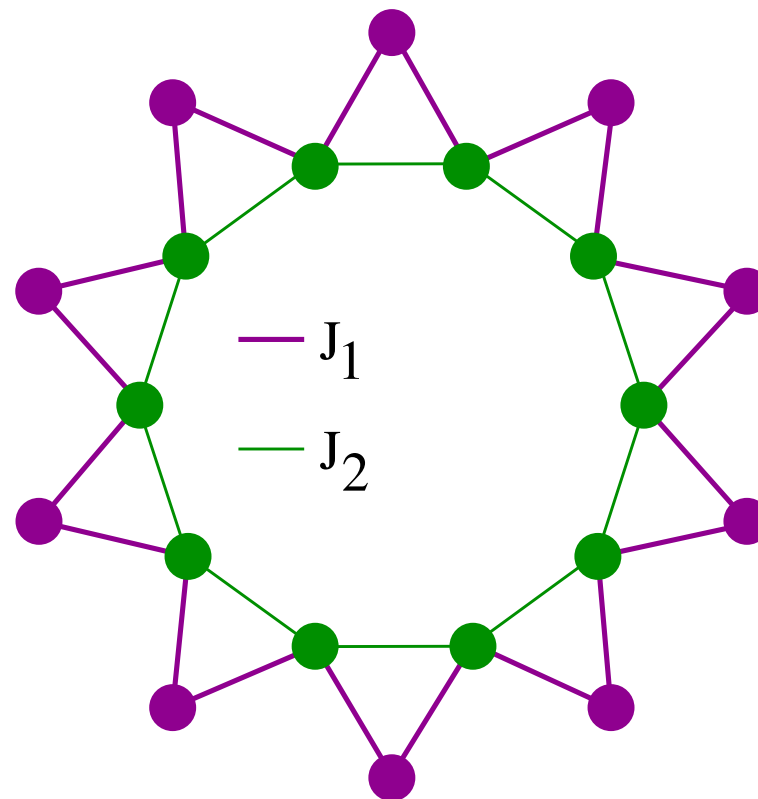
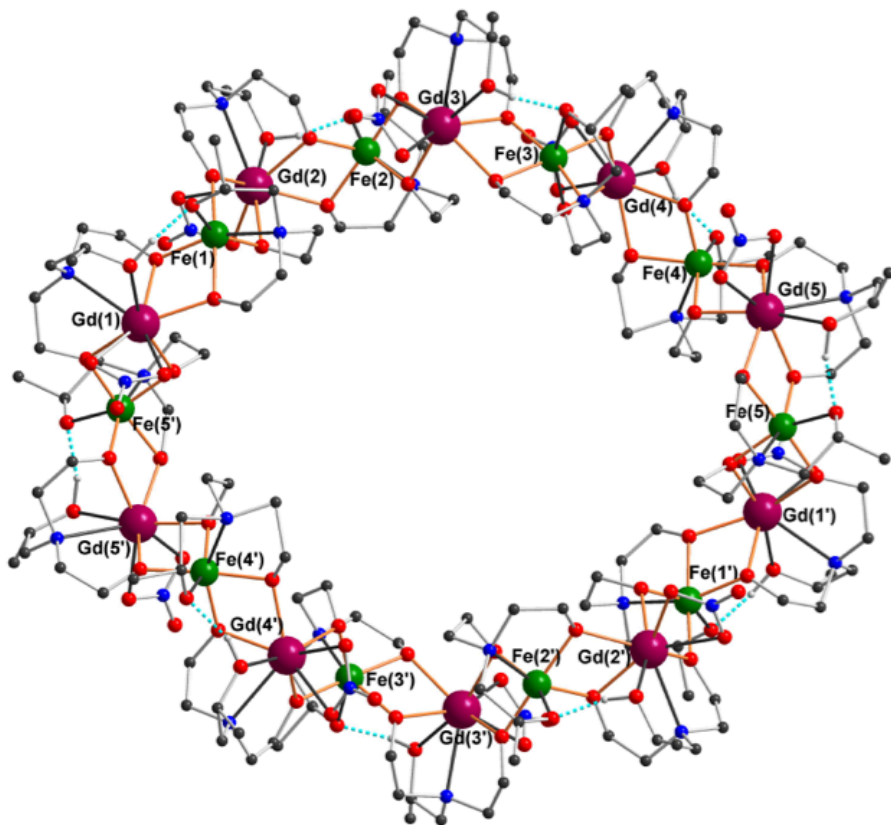
What is a QPT?
In Gd₁₀Fe₁₀?

Start: experimental data

Gd₁₀Fe₁₀ – How to rationalize the experimental data?



Gd₁₀Fe₁₀ – structure = delta chain



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

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Model Hamiltonian

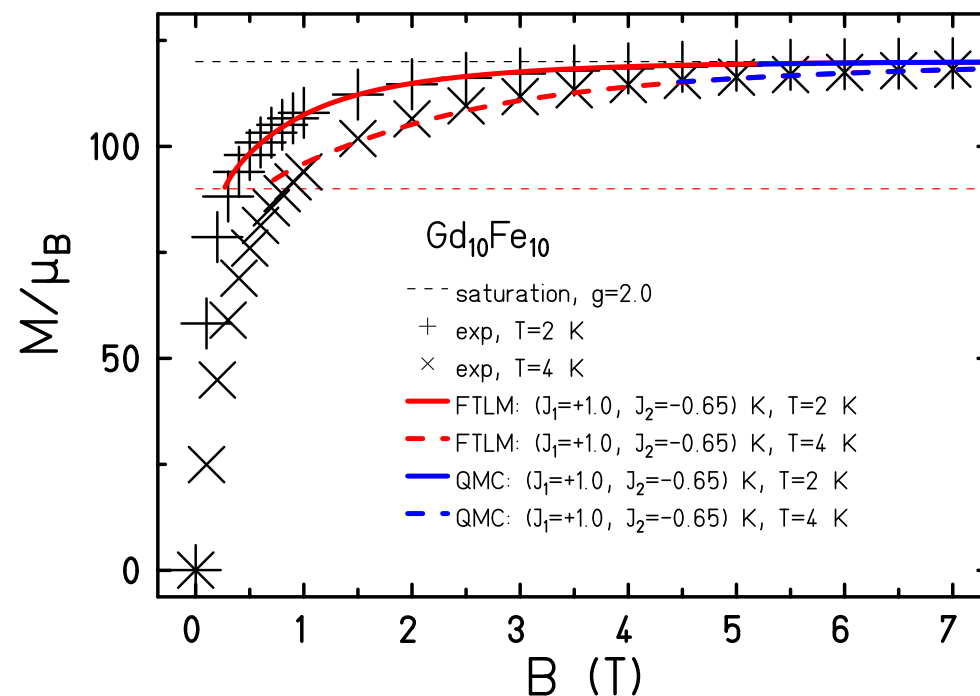
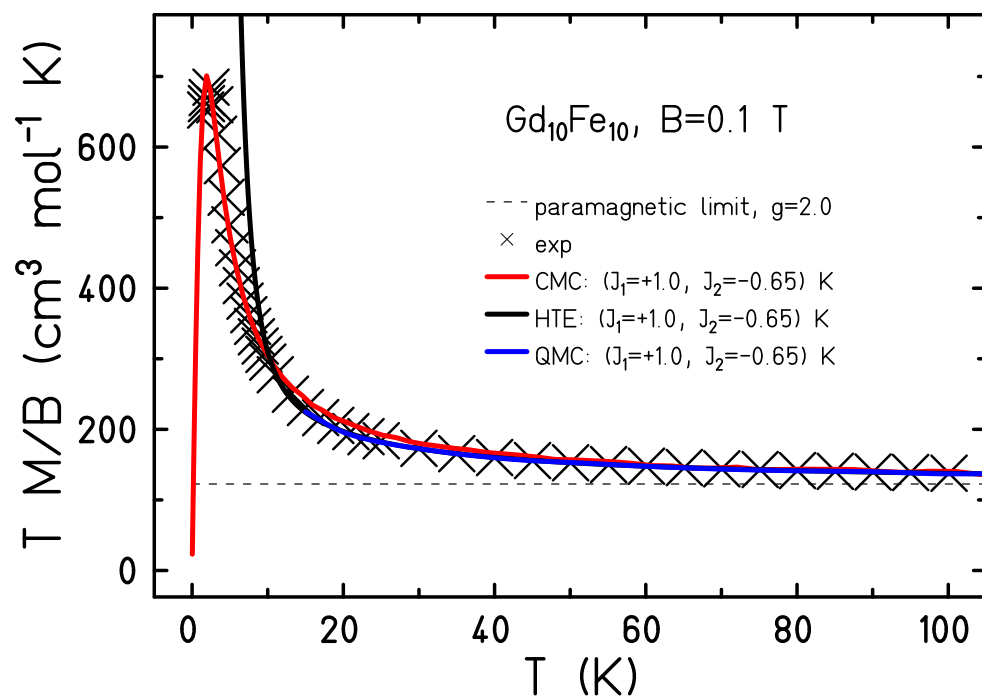
$$\begin{aligned} \underline{H} = & -2J_1 \sum_i \underline{\vec{S}}_{\text{Gd},i} \cdot \left(\underline{\vec{S}}_{\text{Fe},i} + \underline{\vec{S}}_{\text{Fe},i+1} \right) \\ & -2J_2 \sum_i \underline{\vec{S}}_{\text{Fe},i} \cdot \underline{\vec{S}}_{\text{Fe},i+1} + g \mu_B B \sum_i \left(\underline{S}_{\text{Gd},i}^z + \underline{S}_{\text{Fe},i}^z \right) \end{aligned}$$

Dimension of Hilbert space

$$(2s_{\text{Gd}} + 1)^{10} (2s_{\text{Fe}} + 1)^{10} \approx 6.5 \cdot 10^{16}$$

What would you do?

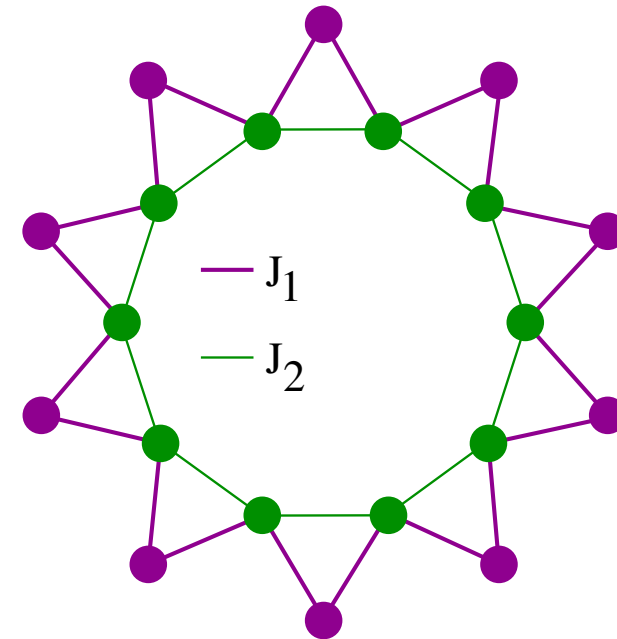
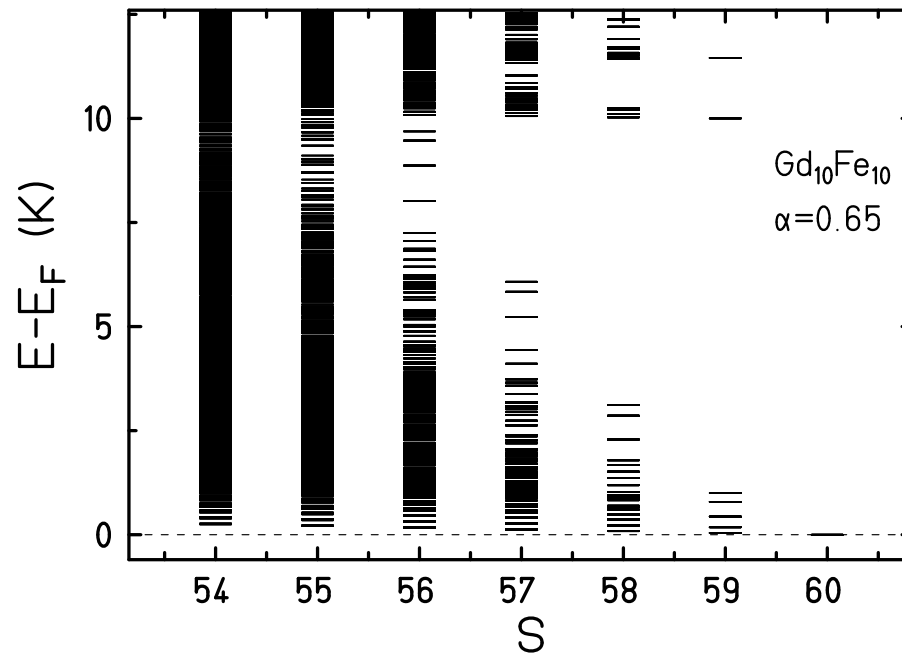
Gd₁₀Fe₁₀ – Methods



Methods: HTE, QMC, CMC, FTLM $\Rightarrow J_1 = 1.0$ K, $J_2 = -0.65$ K

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Gd₁₀Fe₁₀ – $S = 60$

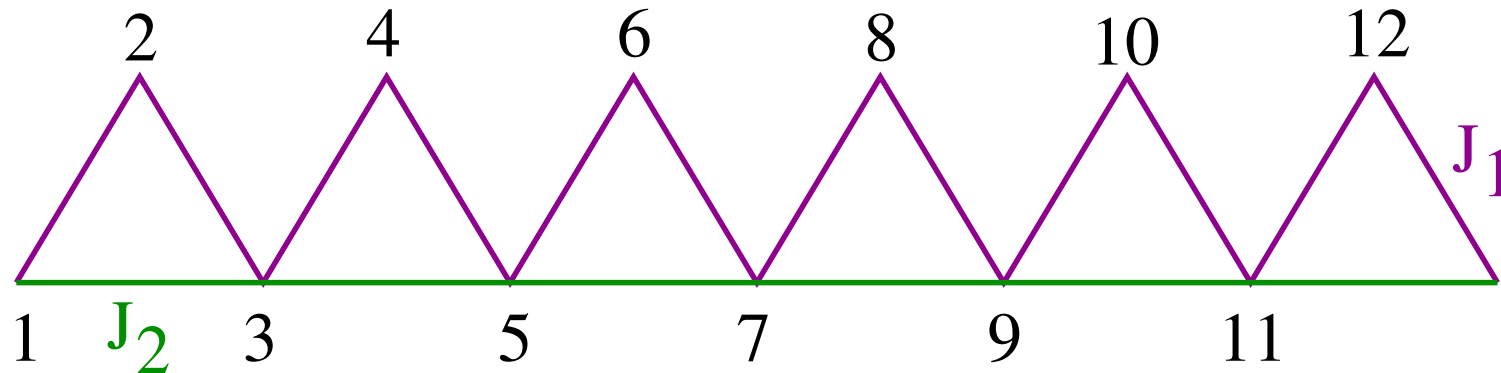


⇒ $S = 60$, largest ground state spin of a molecule to date

⇒ $\alpha_{\text{Gd}_{10}\text{Fe}_{10}} = |J_2|/J_1 = 0.65$ What if J_2 stronger?

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Excursus: sawtooth (delta) chain



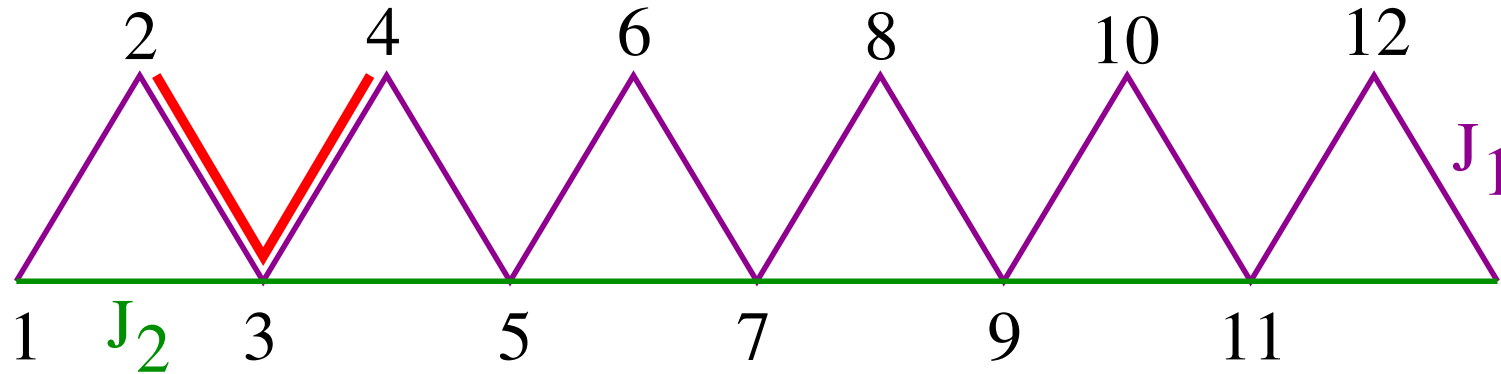
⇒ special properties for $J_1 > 0$ (ferro) and $J_2 < 0$ (af) at certain α_c

e.g. $\alpha_c = |J_2|/J_1 = 0.5$ if $s_i = 1/2 \forall i$

⇒ flat band of (multi-) magnon states; huge ground state degeneracy (1,2)

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$\Rightarrow |F\rangle = |S = S_{\max}, M = S_{\max}\rangle$ fully polarized ferromagnetic state

$\Rightarrow |1 \text{ localized magnon at } (2,3,4)\rangle = (\tilde{s}_2^- + \tilde{s}_4^- + 2\tilde{s}_3^-) |F\rangle;$

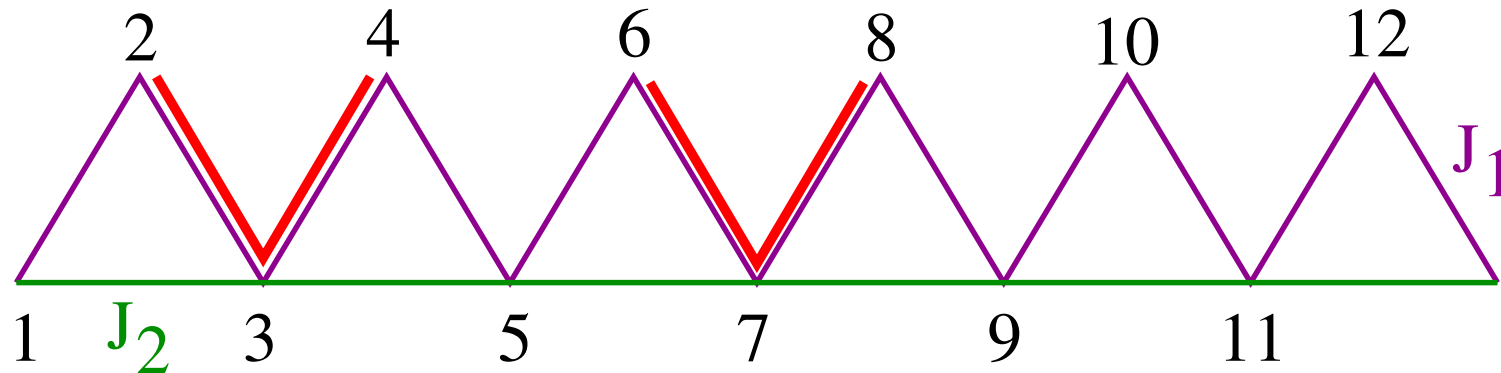
$$E = E_F, M = S_{\max} - 1$$

\Rightarrow Can be everywhere. Flat band in one-magnon space. Degenerate with $|F\rangle$.

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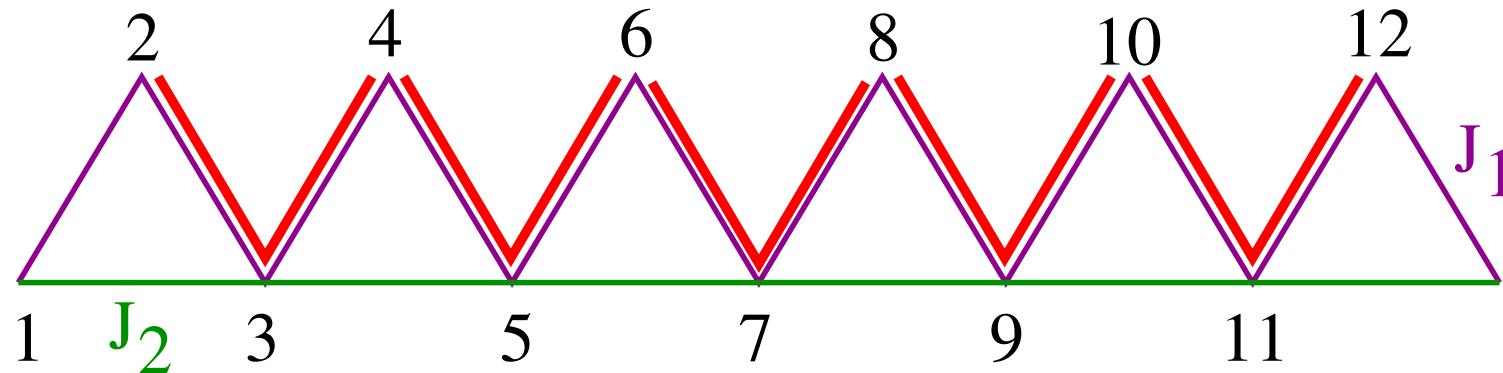


⇒ $|2 \text{ localized magnons}\rangle; E = E_F, M = S_{\max} - 2$

⇒ Can be everywhere. Flat band in two-magnon space. Degenerate with $|F\rangle$.

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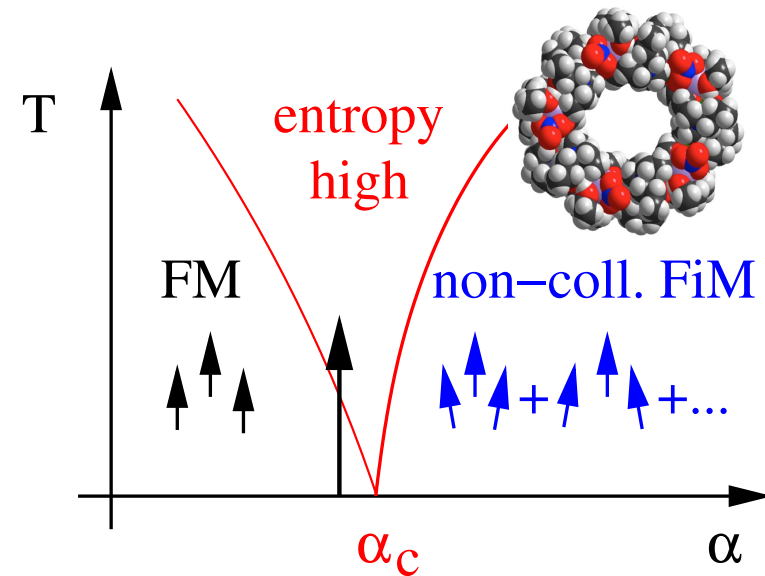
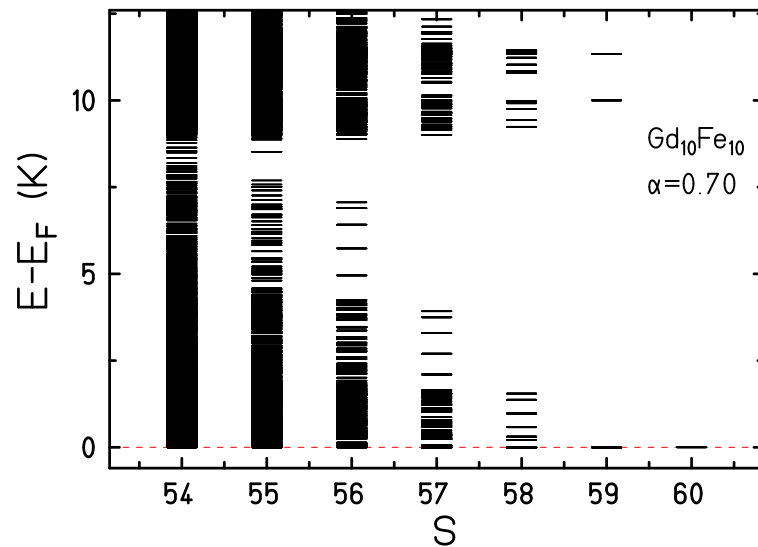
⇒ | max. number of localized magnons \rangle ; $E = E_F, M = S_{\max} - N/2$

⇒ Macroscopic number of localized magnons. Degenerate with $|F\rangle$.

⇒ Extensive entropy.

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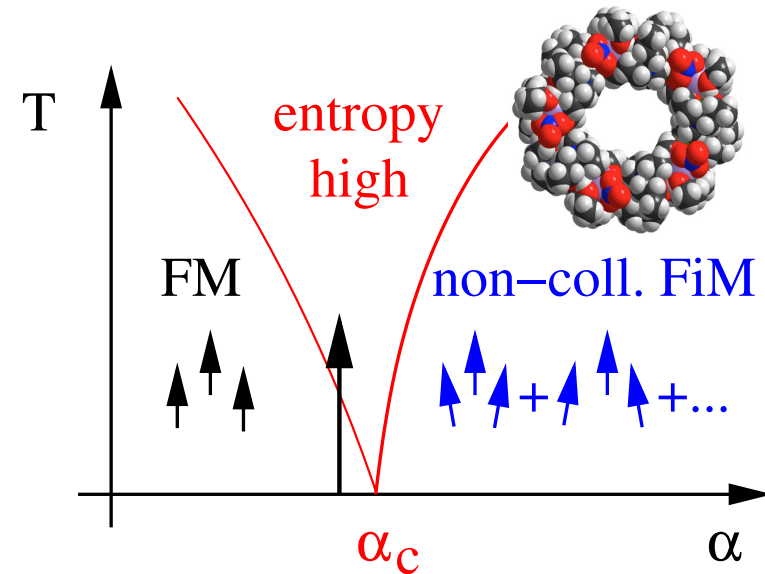
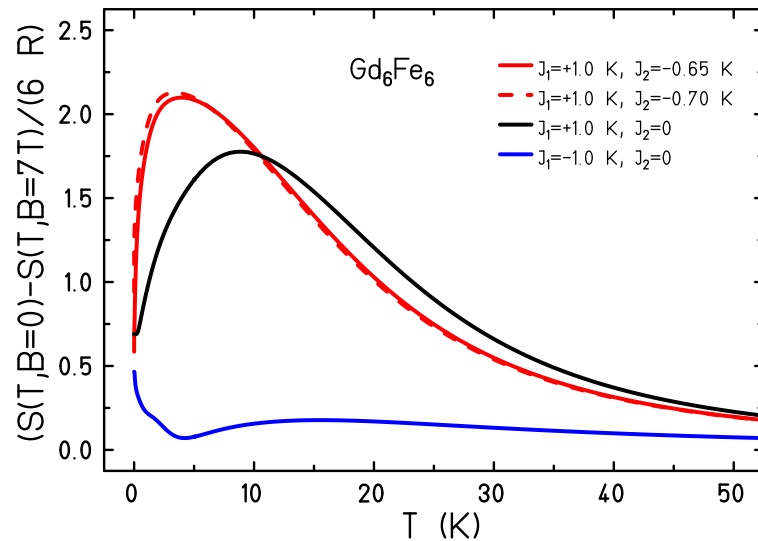
⇒ for $s_1 = 5/2$ and $s_2 = 7/2$: $\alpha_c = 0.70$

⇒ as function of α Quantum Phase Transition at α_c
 from $S = 60$ ground state to ground state with $S = 54$.
 ($\Delta S = N/4 + 1$ in general)

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Quantum Phase Transition

Non-analytic behavior of thermodynamic functions at $T = 0$ for variation of another external parameter, e.g. field, pressure; here α – maybe varied by pressure.

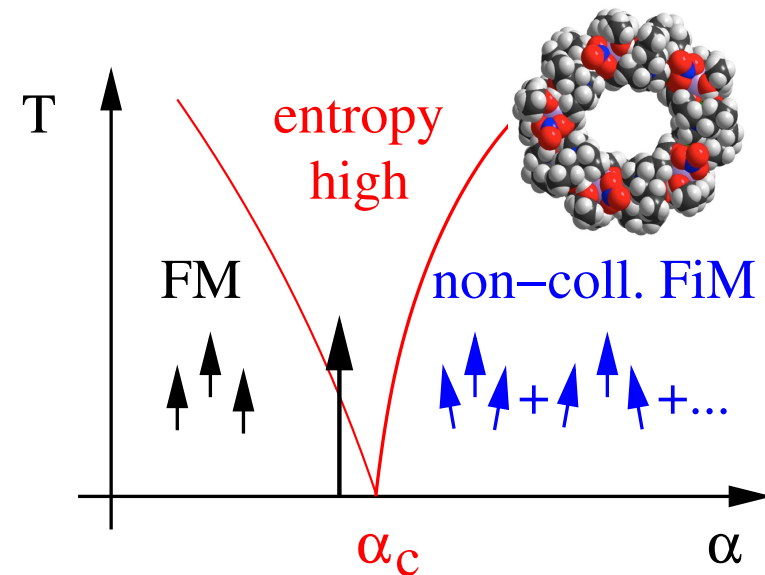
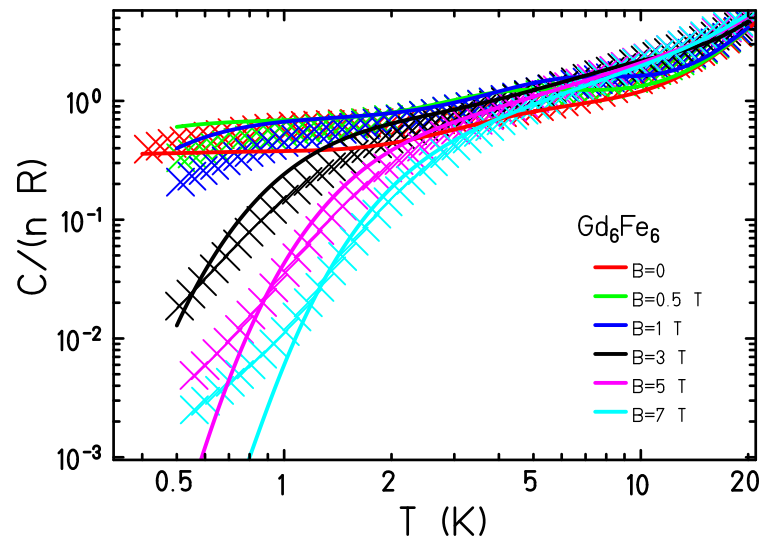
Gd₁₀Fe₁₀ – $T > 0$ 

⇒ although QPT and QCP at $T = 0$,
noticeable at elevated temperatures (arrow);

⇒ **example isothermal entropy change:**
little difference between $\alpha = 0.70$ and $\alpha = 0.65$.

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Gd₁₀Fe₁₀ – heat capacity



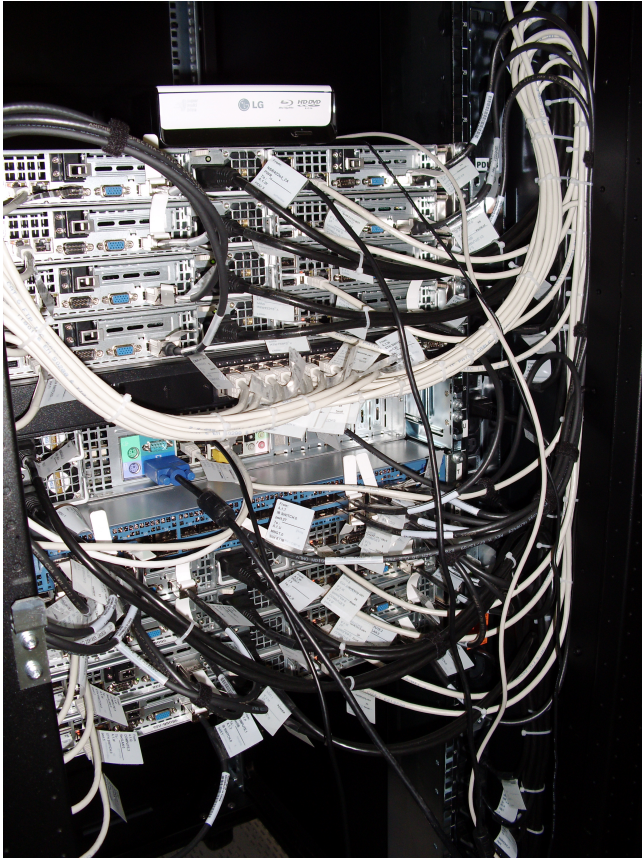
⇒ heat capacity assumes very large values even down to lowest temperatures;

⇒ **evaluated by means of FTLM for a smaller (hypothetical) system Gd₆Fe₆;**

⇒ **magnetic field separates $S = 60$ ground state, C drops.**

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Gd₁₀Fe₁₀ – Summary



- Sawtooth chain has a rich phase diagram: magnetization plateaux, magnetization jumps, flat bands, quantum phase transitions.
 - Gd₁₀Fe₁₀ is a lucky punch.
 - Largest ground state spin of a single molecule to date: $S = 60$.
 - Quantum Phase Transition observable in a molecule with structure of a sawtooth chain.
- ⇐ And yes, we use big computers.

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