

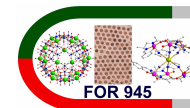
# Advanced many-body quantum methods for magnetic molecules

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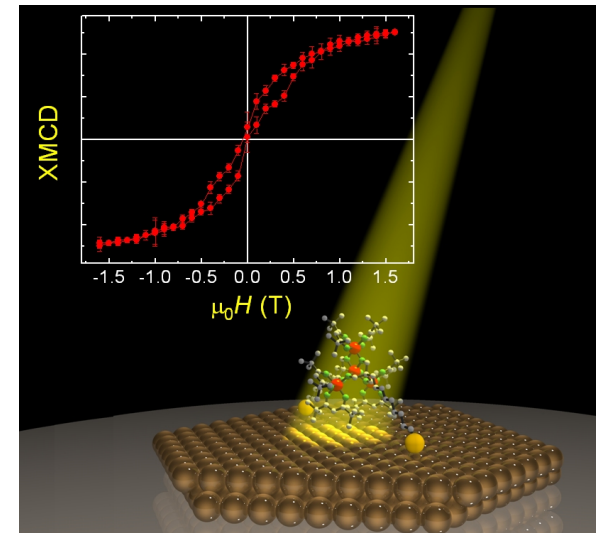
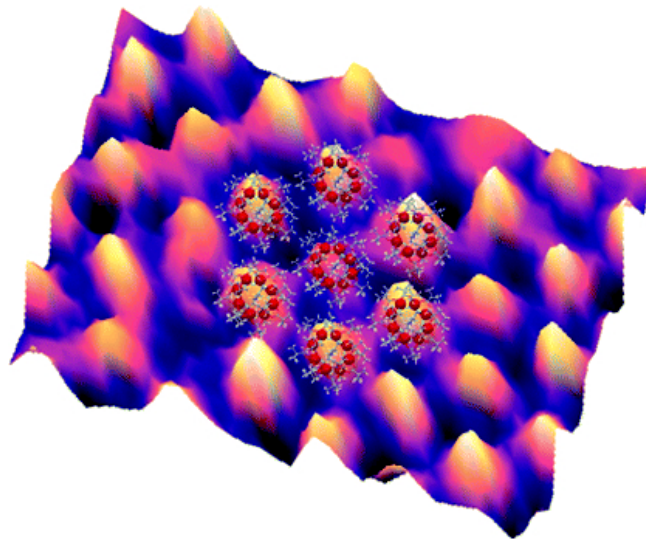
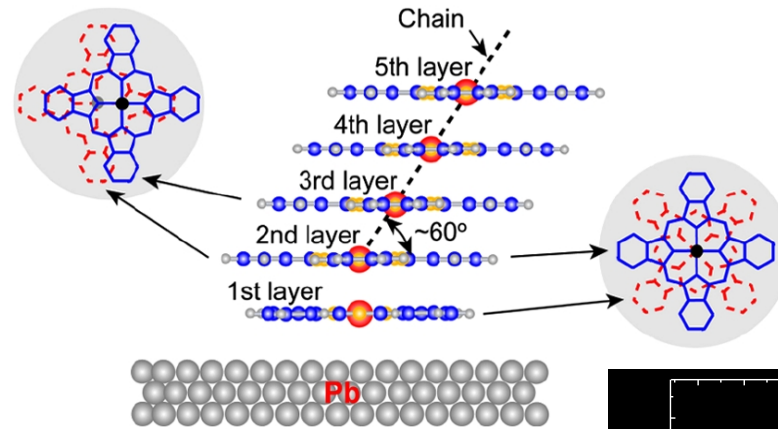
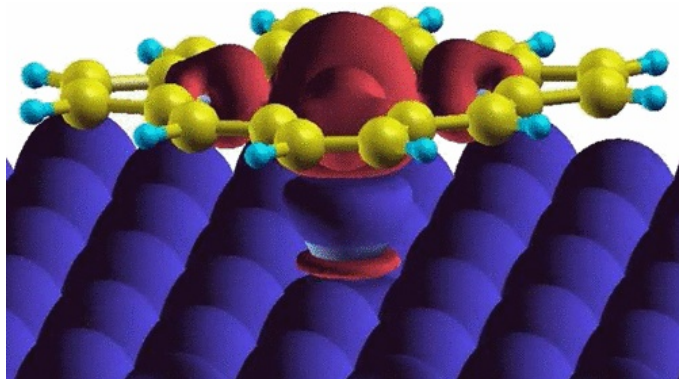
1. Numerical Renormalization Group
2. Finite-Temperature Lanczos
3. Magnetocalorics

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# Numerical Renormalization Group calculations

(Good for deposited molecules.)

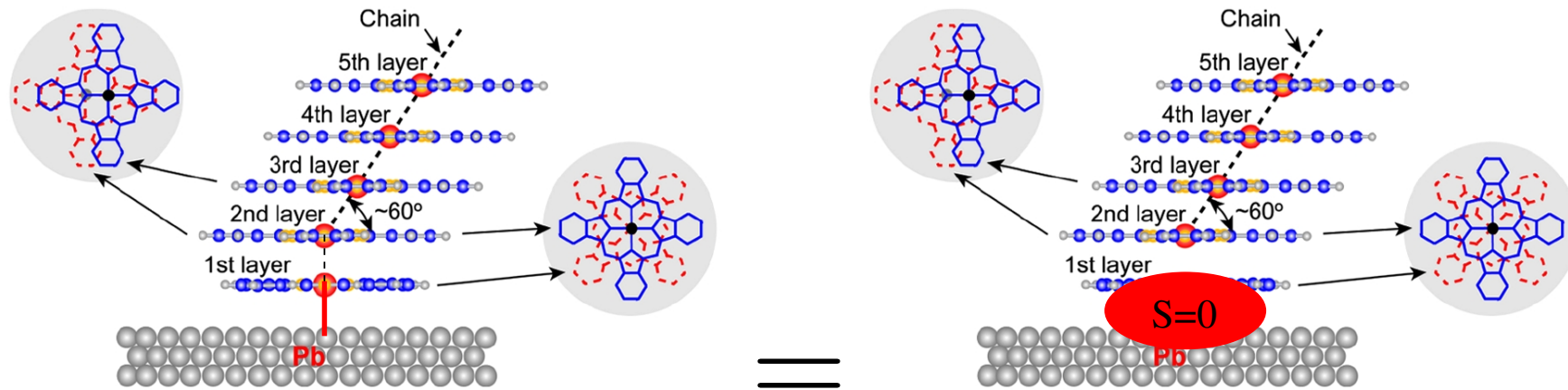
# You want to deposit a molecule



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# Physical example (ICMM 2010)

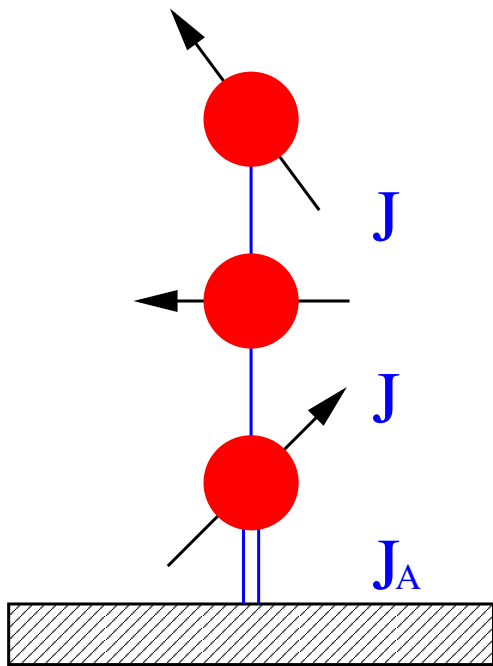


Stack of deposited Cobalt phthalocyanine (CoPc) molecules;  
 $\text{Co}^{2+}$  with spin  $s = 1/2$ .

Under which circumstances is the picture of total screening correct?

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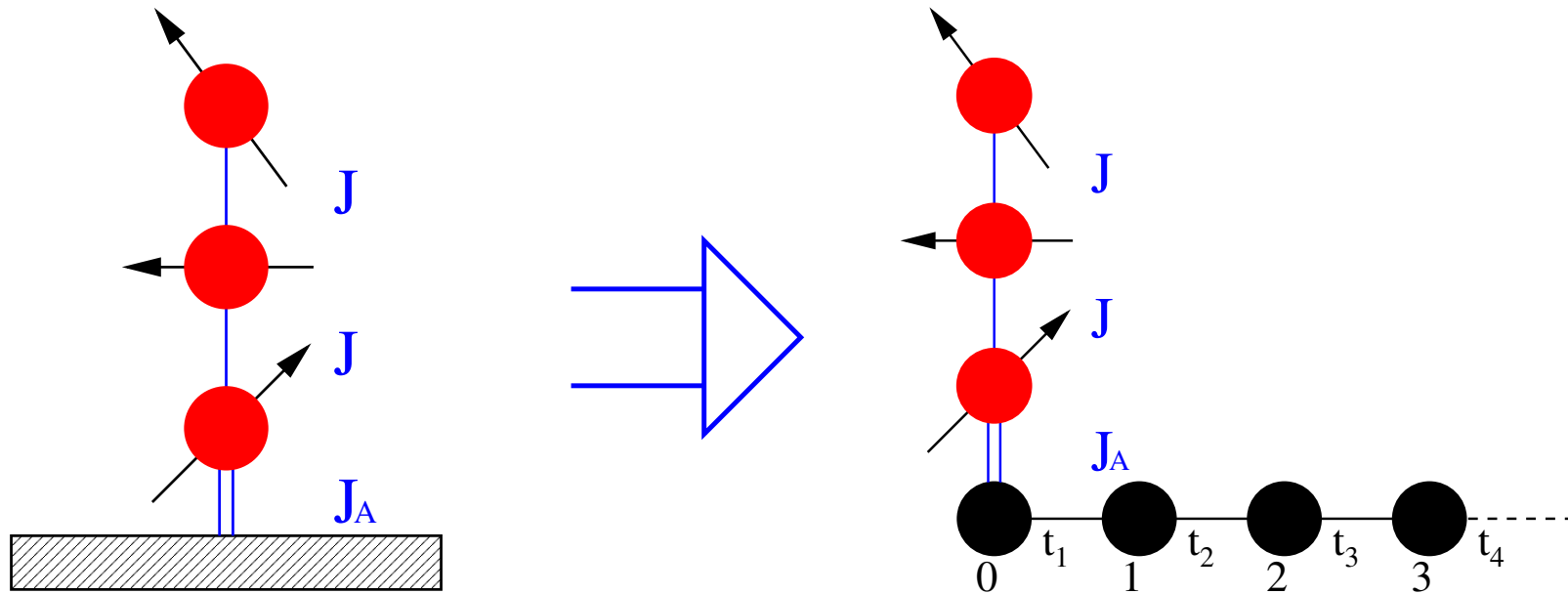
# NRG – minimal model (already an approximation!)



- $\underline{H} = \underline{H}_{\text{electrons}} + \underline{H}_{\text{coupling}} + \underline{H}_{\text{impurity}}$
- $\underline{H}_{\text{electrons}} = \sum_{i \neq j, \sigma} t_{ij} d_{i\sigma}^\dagger d_{j\sigma} + g_e \mu_B B \underline{S}^z$
- $\underline{H}_{\text{coupling}} = -2J_A \underline{S} \cdot \underline{s}_0$  ,  $\underline{s}_0$  – spin density at contact
- $\underline{H}_{\text{impurity}} =$  Hamiltonian of your molecule!
- NRG  $\equiv$  construction of a small (!) effective model in order to evaluate properties of the deposited cluster, the impurity (3).

(1) K. G. Wilson, Rev. Mod. Phys. **47**, 773 (1975)  
 (2) M. Höck, J. Schnack, Phys. Rev. B **87**, 184408 (2013)  
 (3) *Impurity* is a technical term in this context and not an insult to chemists.

# NRG in a cartoon



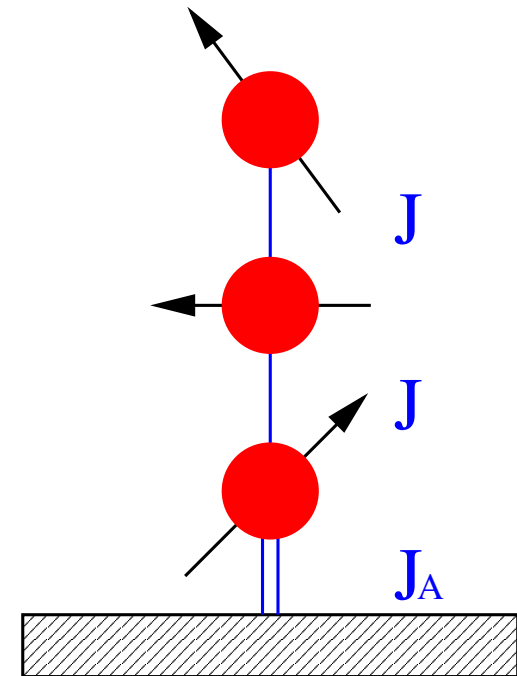
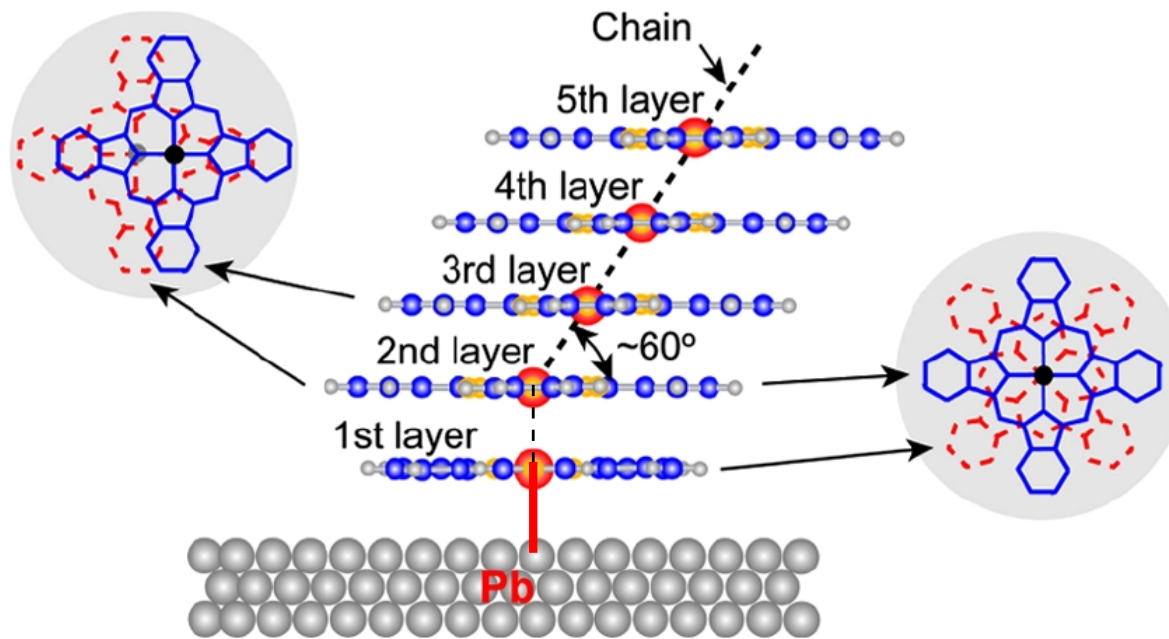
Metallic surface is replaced by semi-infinite Hubbard chain;

Parameters of the chain: hopping matrix elements and on-site energies;

Stepwise enlargement of the chain ( $t_1 > t_2 > t_3 \dots$ );

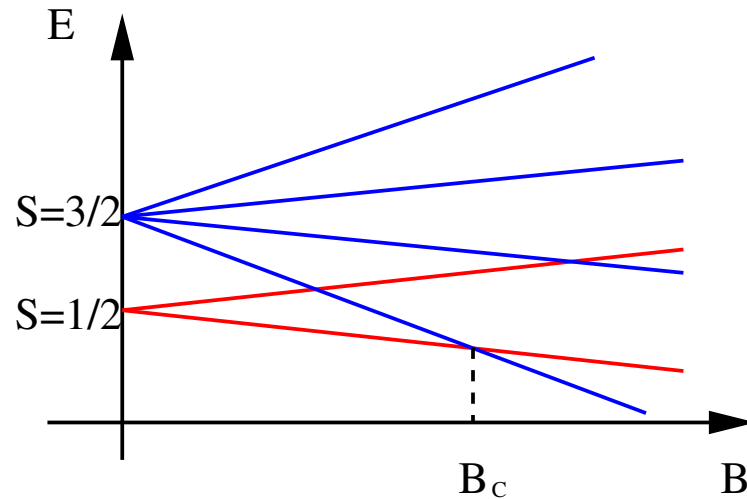
Truncation of basis set when matrices grow too big.

# Once more: deposited chain

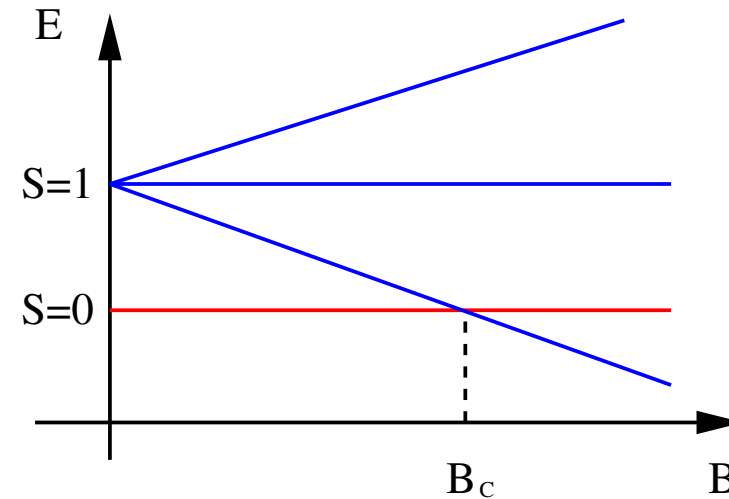


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# Energy levels of limiting cases for deposited trimer



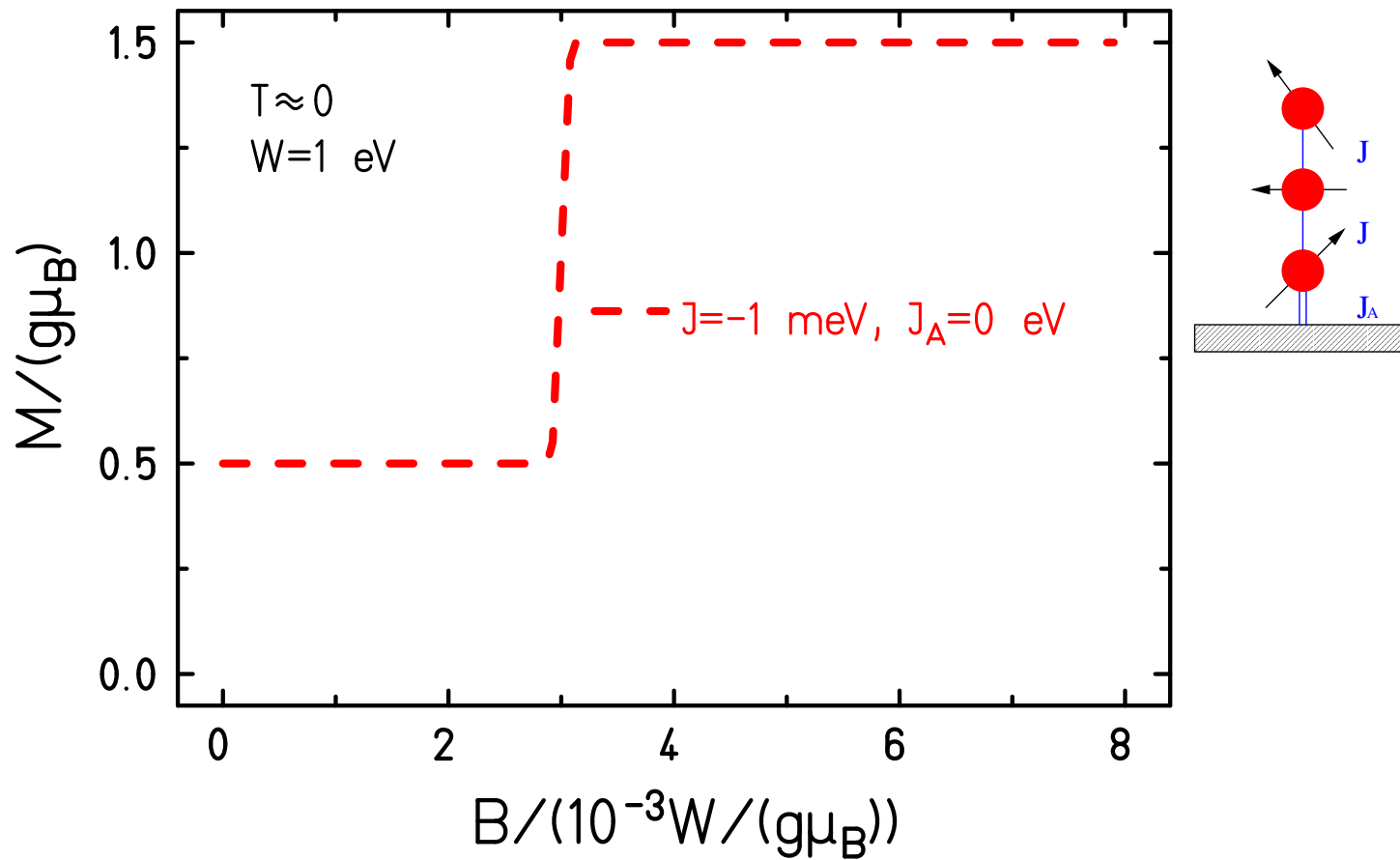
• energy levels of a trimer



• energy levels of a dimer

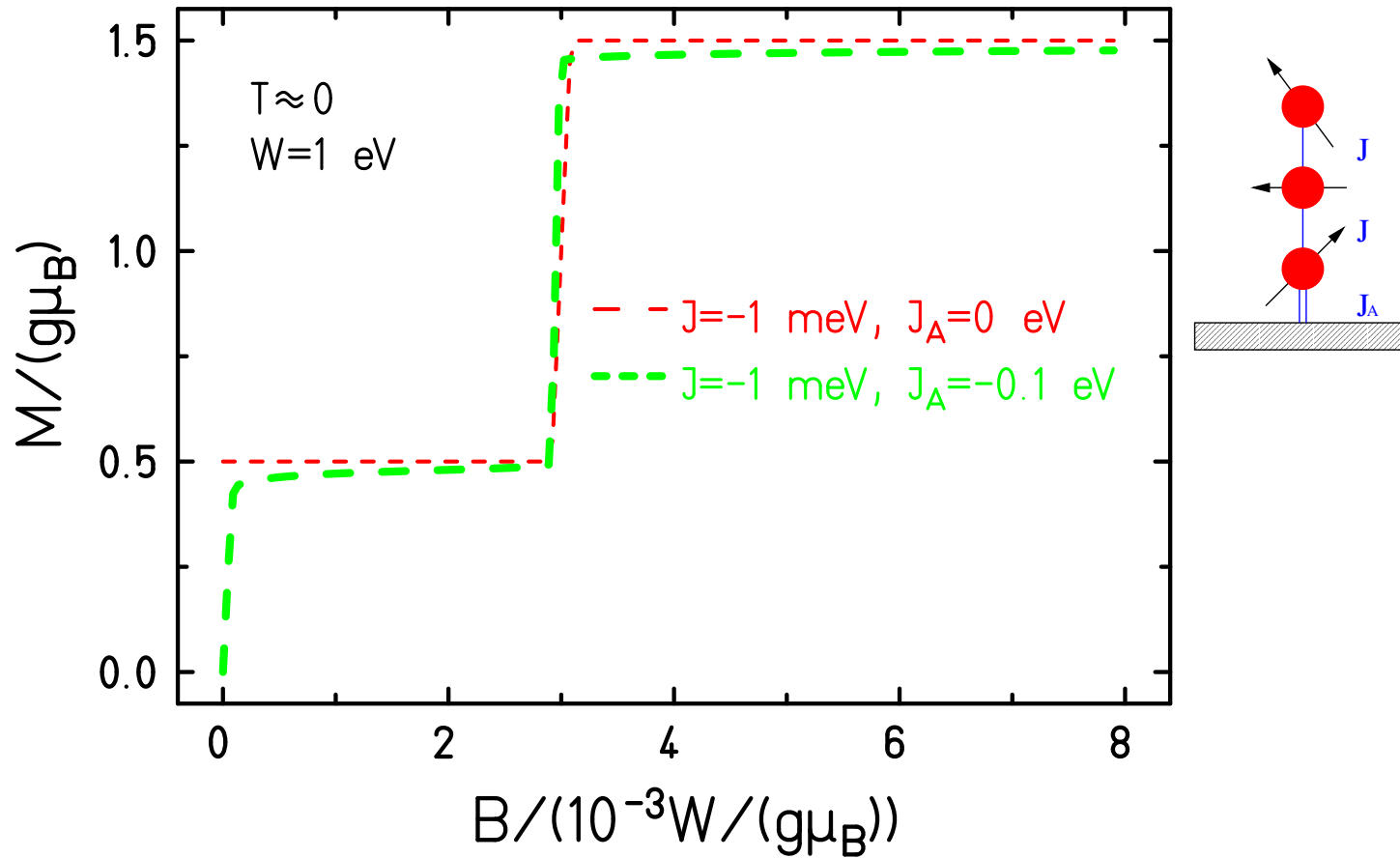
Magnetization curves different; could be seen in XMCD.  
 NRG calculates observables also between limiting cases  
 and can thus tell under which circumstances a limiting case applies.

# Increasing coupling to the substrate



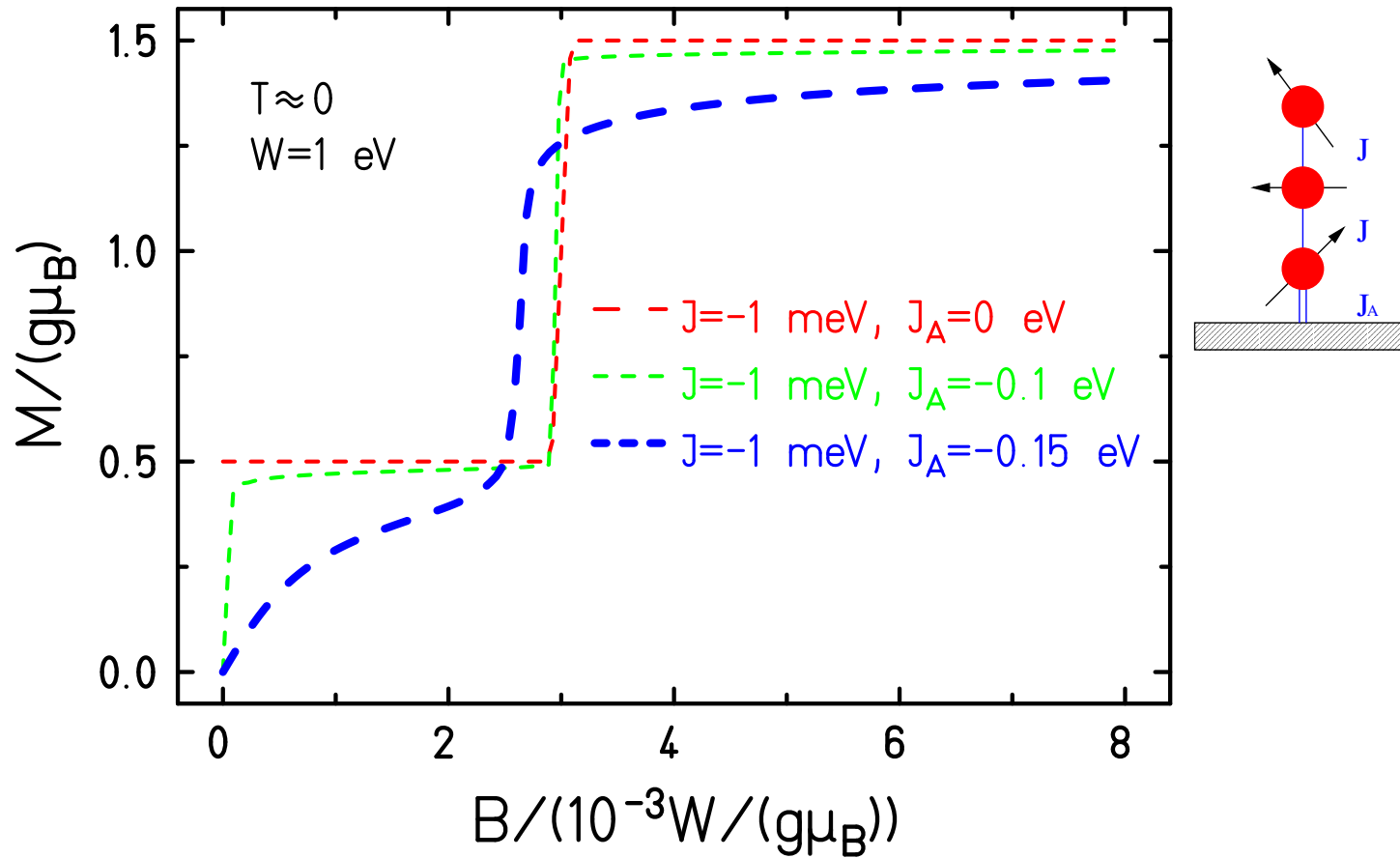
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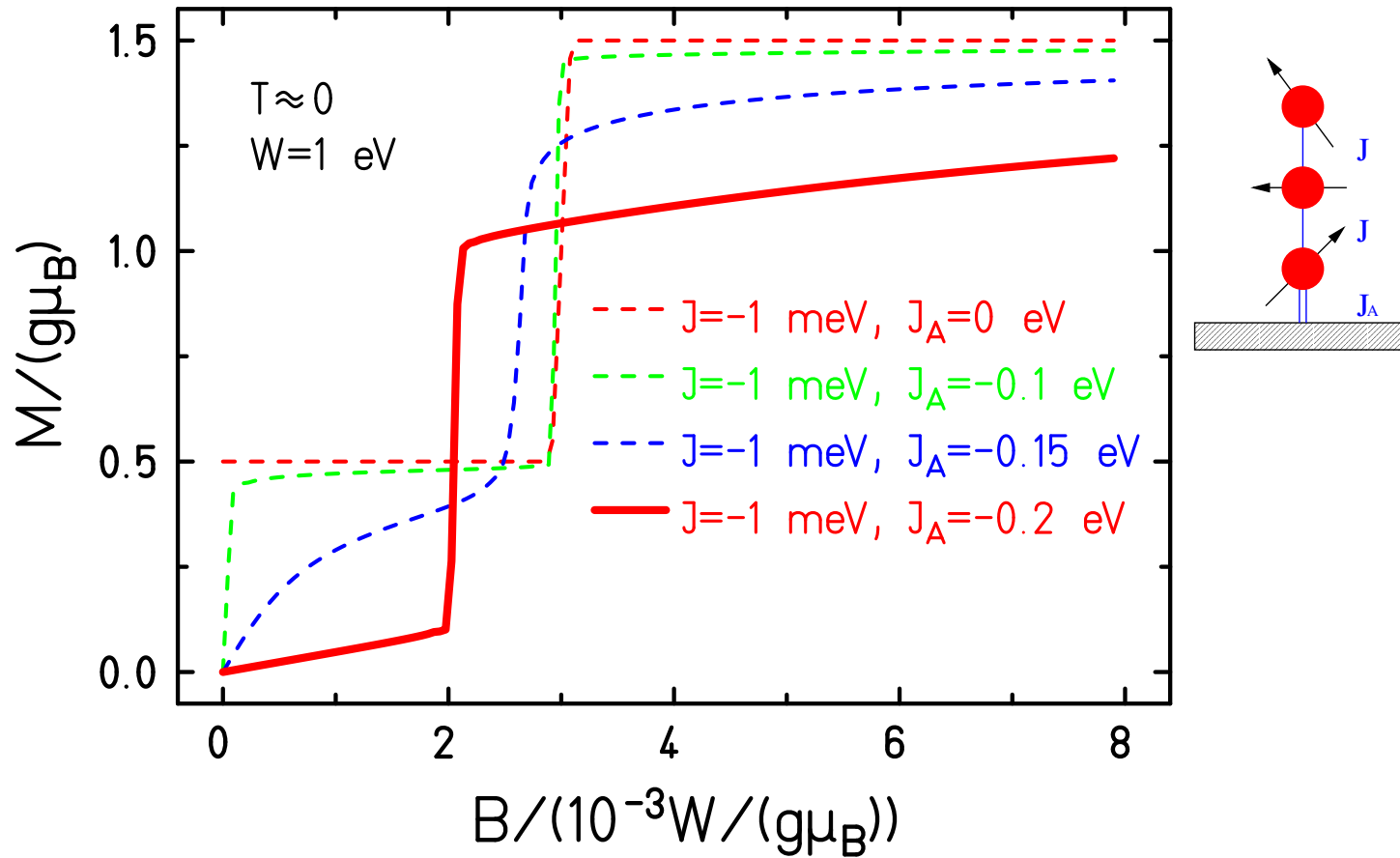
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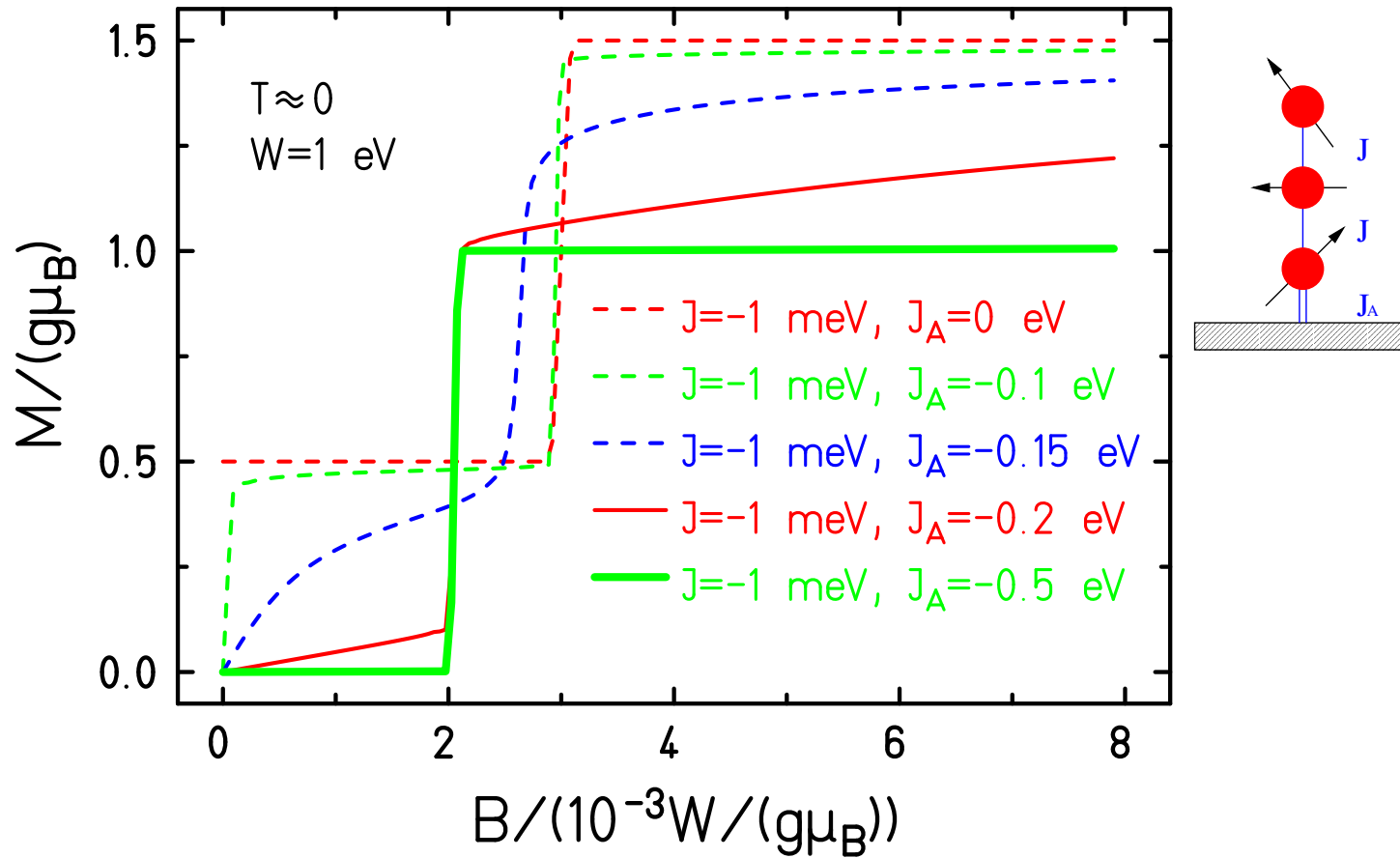


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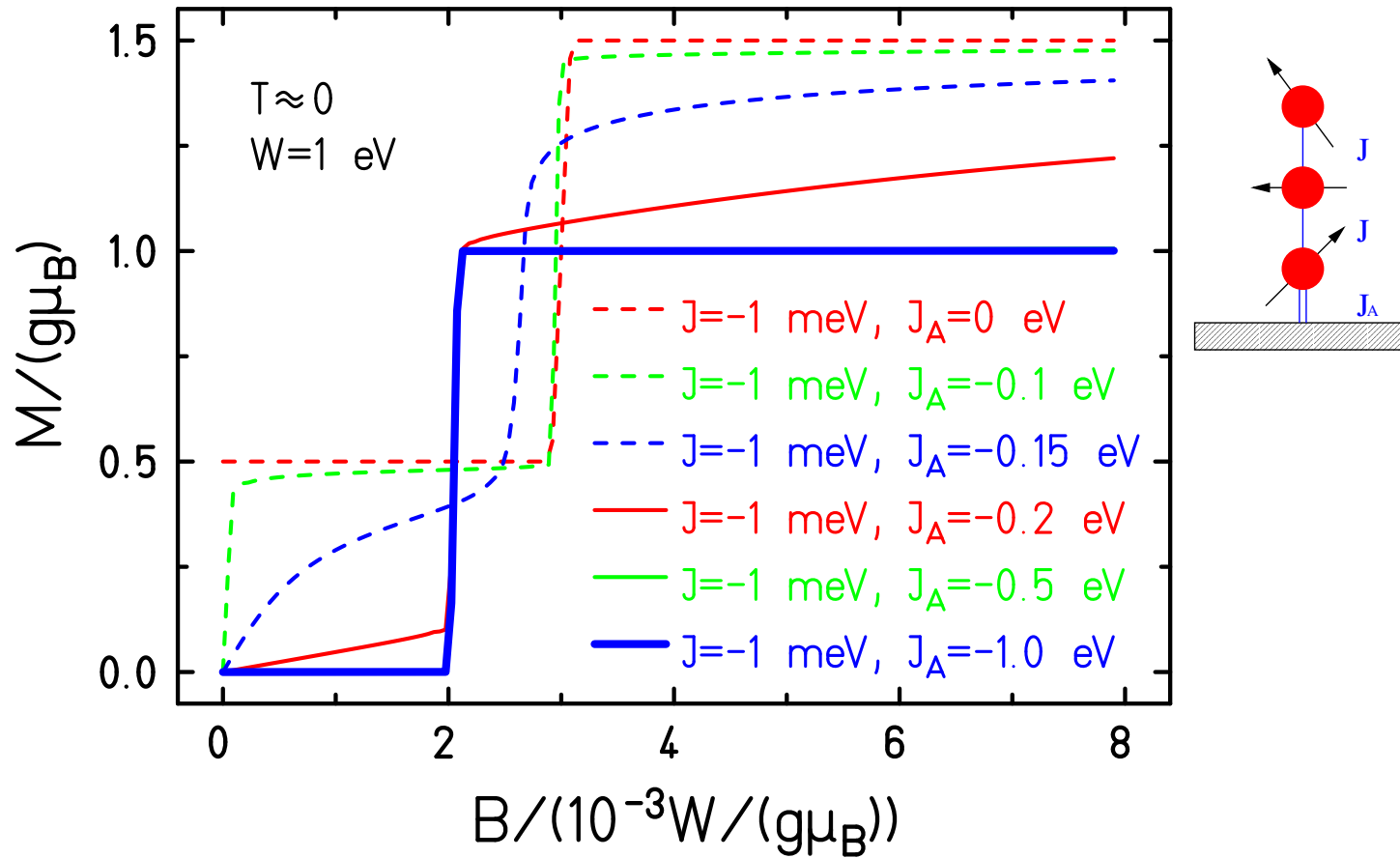
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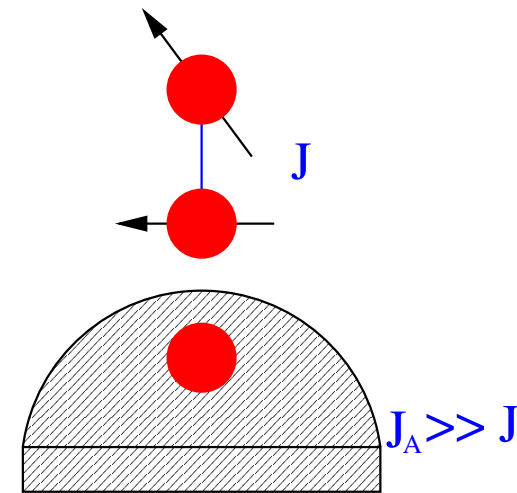
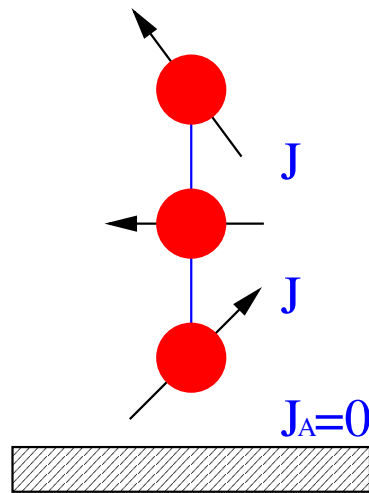
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# Weak vs. strong coupling



- weak coupling limit:  
unperturbed molecule (trimer)

- $|J_A| \lesssim 0.1W$

- strong coupling limit:  
effective remainder (dimer)

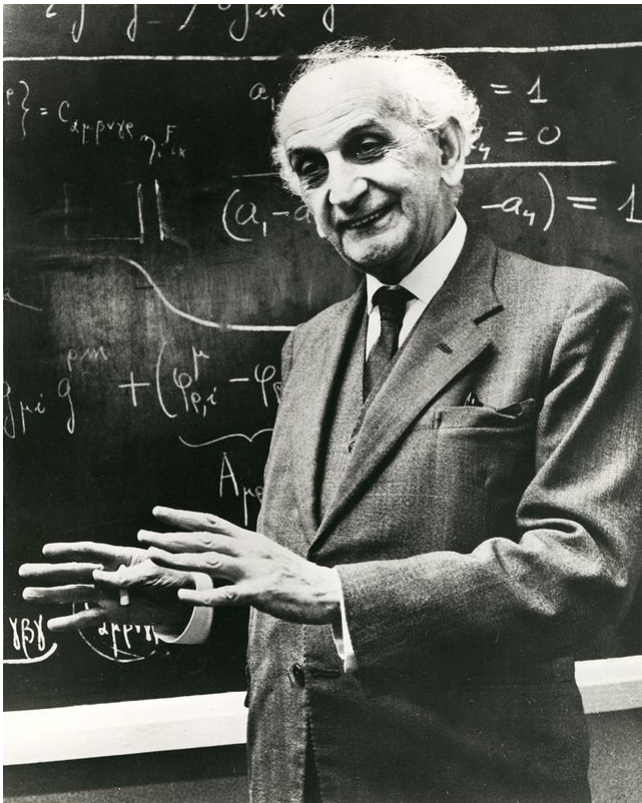
- $|J_A| \gtrsim 0.5W$

Inbetween: no simple characterization + further sequential screening possible

# Finite-Temperature Lanczos Method

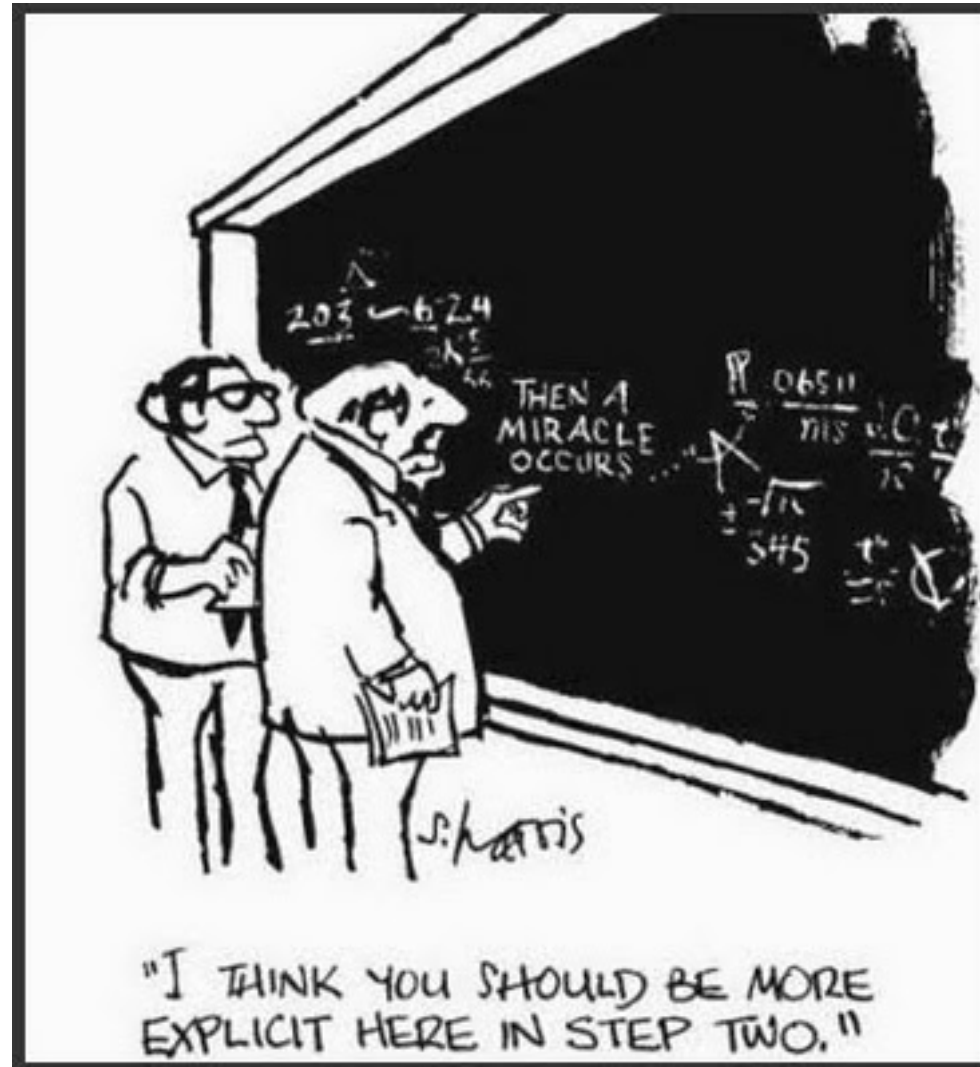
(Good for dimensions up to  $10^{10}$ .)

# Lanczos – a Krylov space method



- Idea: exact diagonalization in reduced basis sets.
- But which set to choose???
- Idea: generate the basis set with the operator you want to diagonalize:  
 $\{ |\phi\rangle, \tilde{H} |\phi\rangle, \tilde{H}^2 |\phi\rangle, \tilde{H}^3 |\phi\rangle, \dots \}$
- But which starting vector to choose???
- Idea: almost any will do!
- Cornelius Lanczos (Lánczos Kornél, 1893-1974)

(1) C. Lanczos, J. Res. Nat. Bur. Stand. **45**, 255 (1950).



# Finite-temperature Lanczos Method I

$$Z(T, B) = \sum_{\nu} \langle \nu | \exp \left\{ -\beta \tilde{H} \right\} | \nu \rangle$$

$$\langle \nu | \exp \left\{ -\beta \tilde{H} \right\} | \nu \rangle \approx \sum_n \langle \nu | n(\nu) \rangle \exp \left\{ -\beta \epsilon_n \right\} \langle n(\nu) | \nu \rangle$$

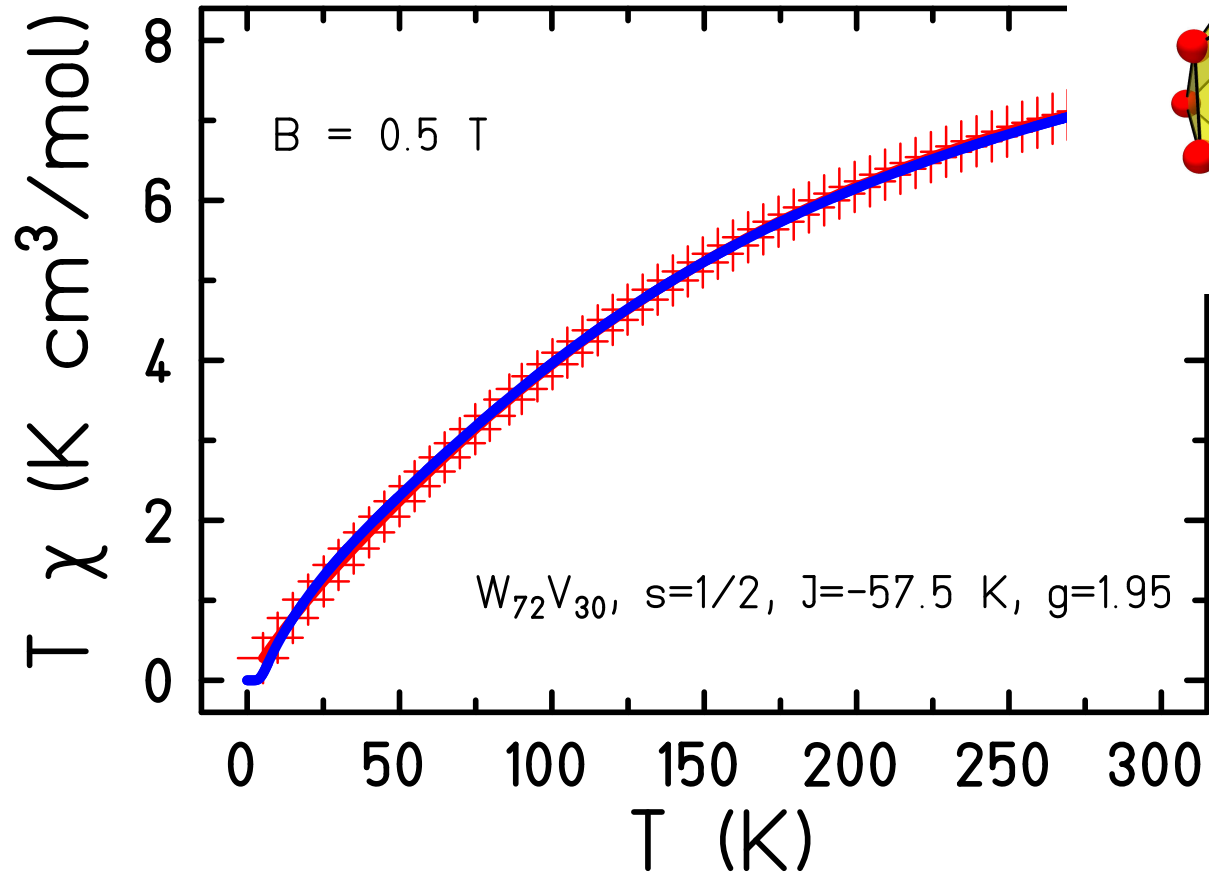
$$Z(T, B) \approx \frac{\dim(\mathcal{H})}{R} \sum_{\nu=1}^R \sum_{n=1}^{N_L} \exp \left\{ -\beta \epsilon_n \right\} |\langle n(\nu) | \nu \rangle|^2$$

- $|n(\nu)\rangle$  n-th Lanczos eigenvector starting from  $|\nu\rangle$
- Partition function replaced by a small sum:  $R = 1 \dots 10, N_L \approx 100$ .

J. Jaklic and P. Prelovsek, Phys. Rev. B **49**, 5065 (1994).

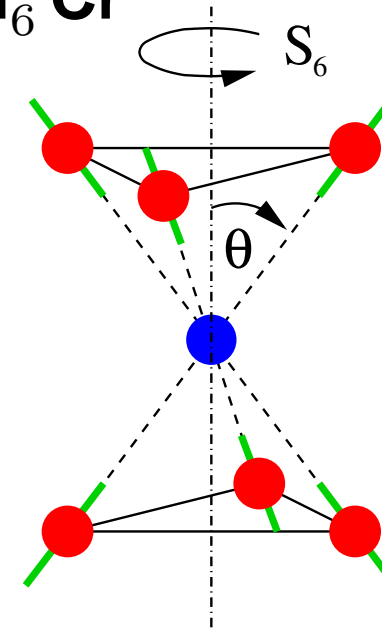
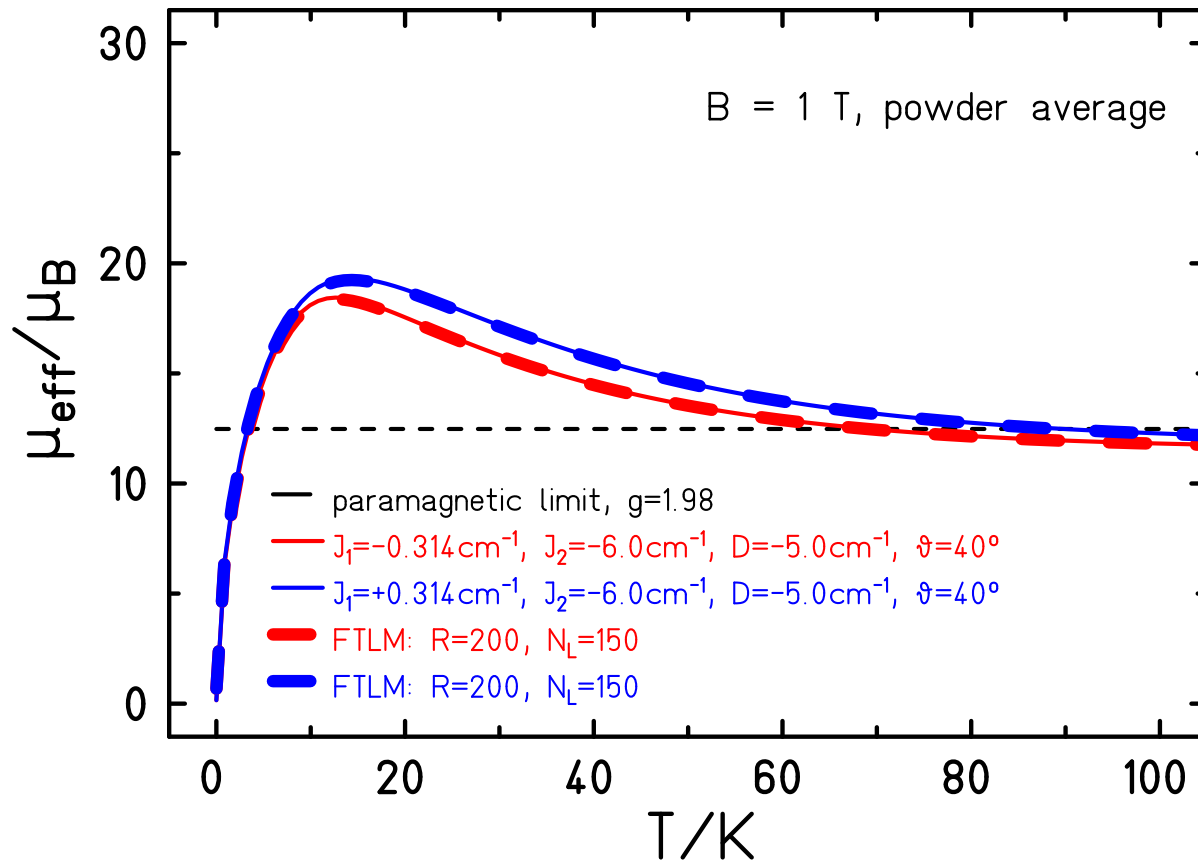


# Icosidodecahedron $s = 1/2$



Exp. data: A. M. Todea, A. Merca, H. Bögge, T. Glaser, L. Engelhardt, R. Prozorov, M. Luban, A. Müller, Chem. Commun., 3351 (2009).

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

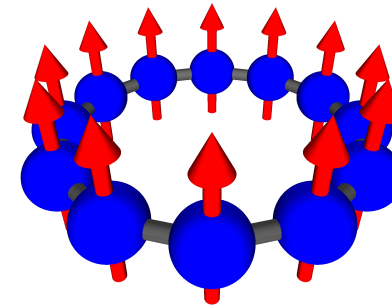
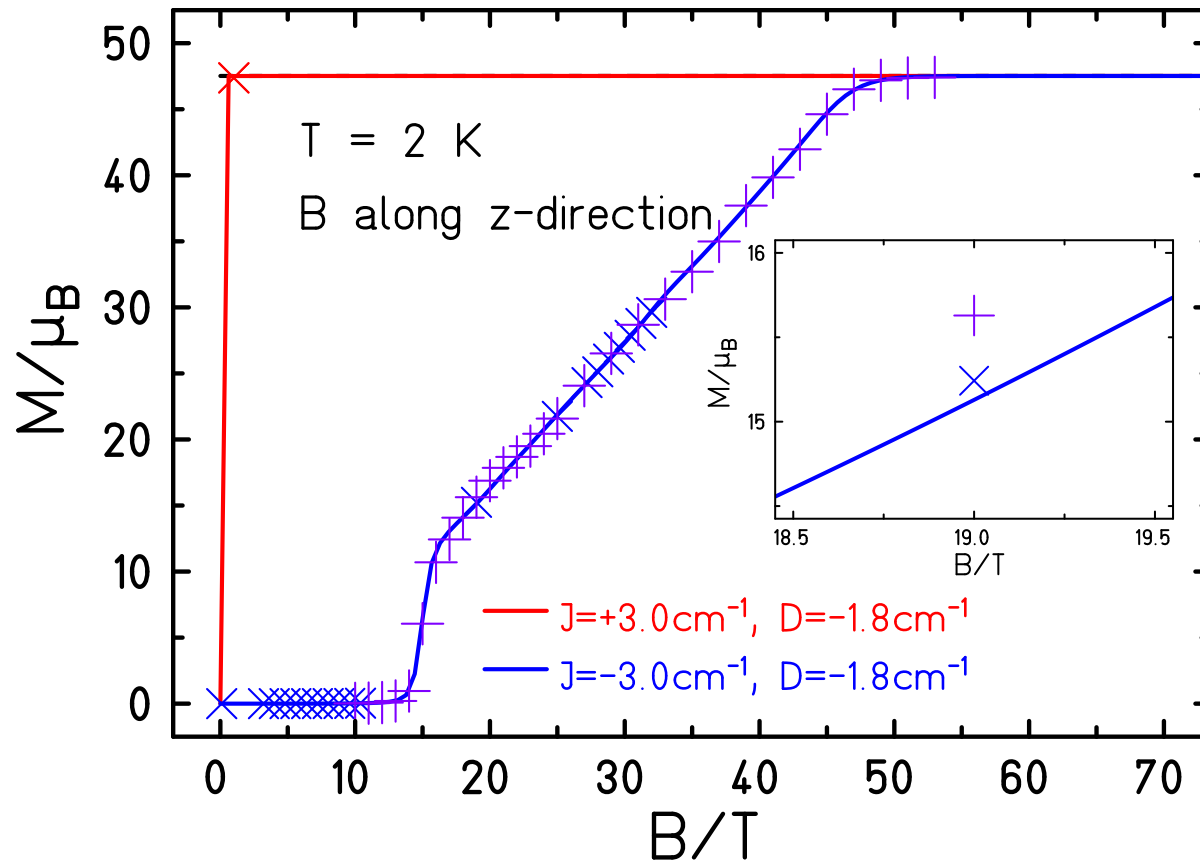


$s = 2, s = 3/2$   
 $\dim(\mathcal{H}) = 62,500$   
 non-collinear easy axes

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 $B_z$



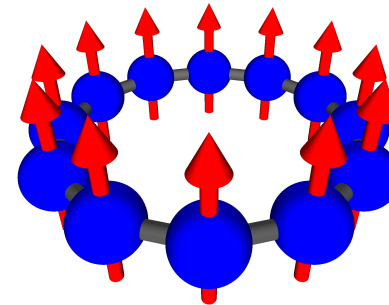
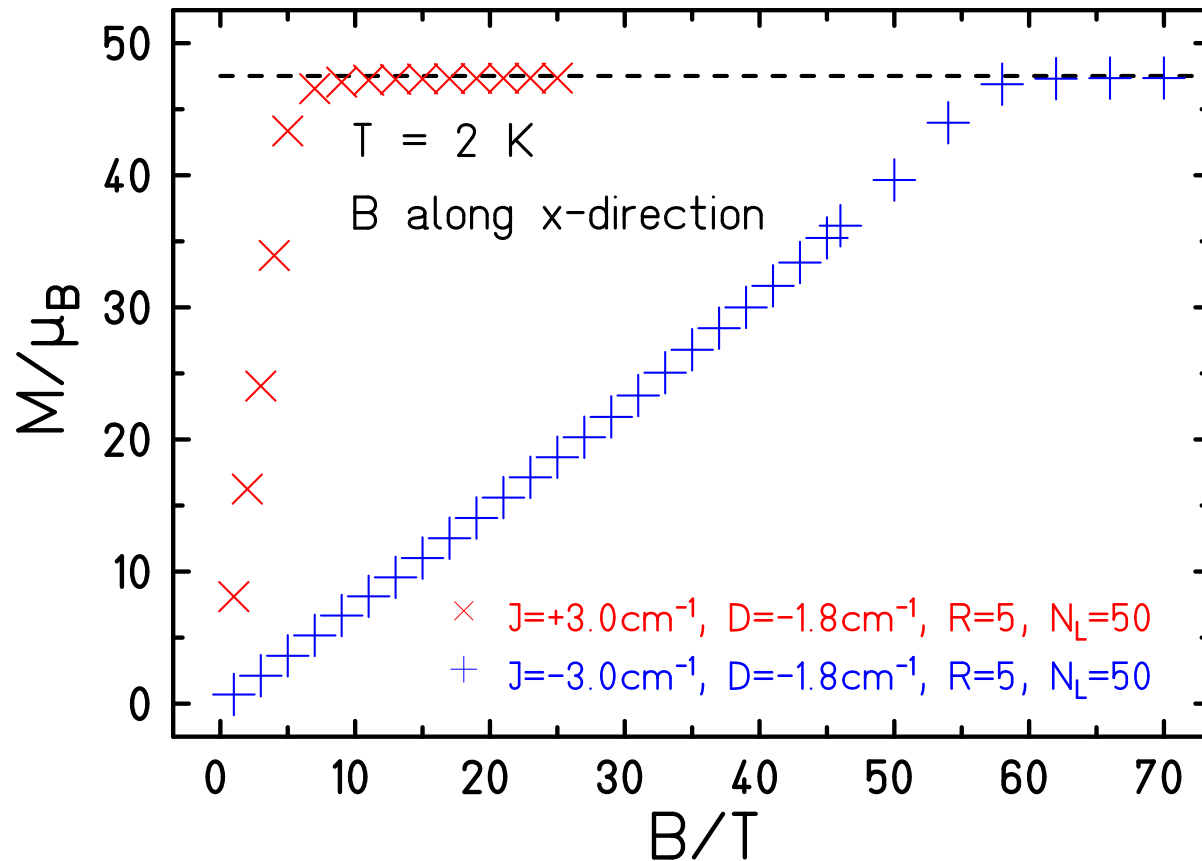
$s = 2$

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

A few days compared to *impossible!*

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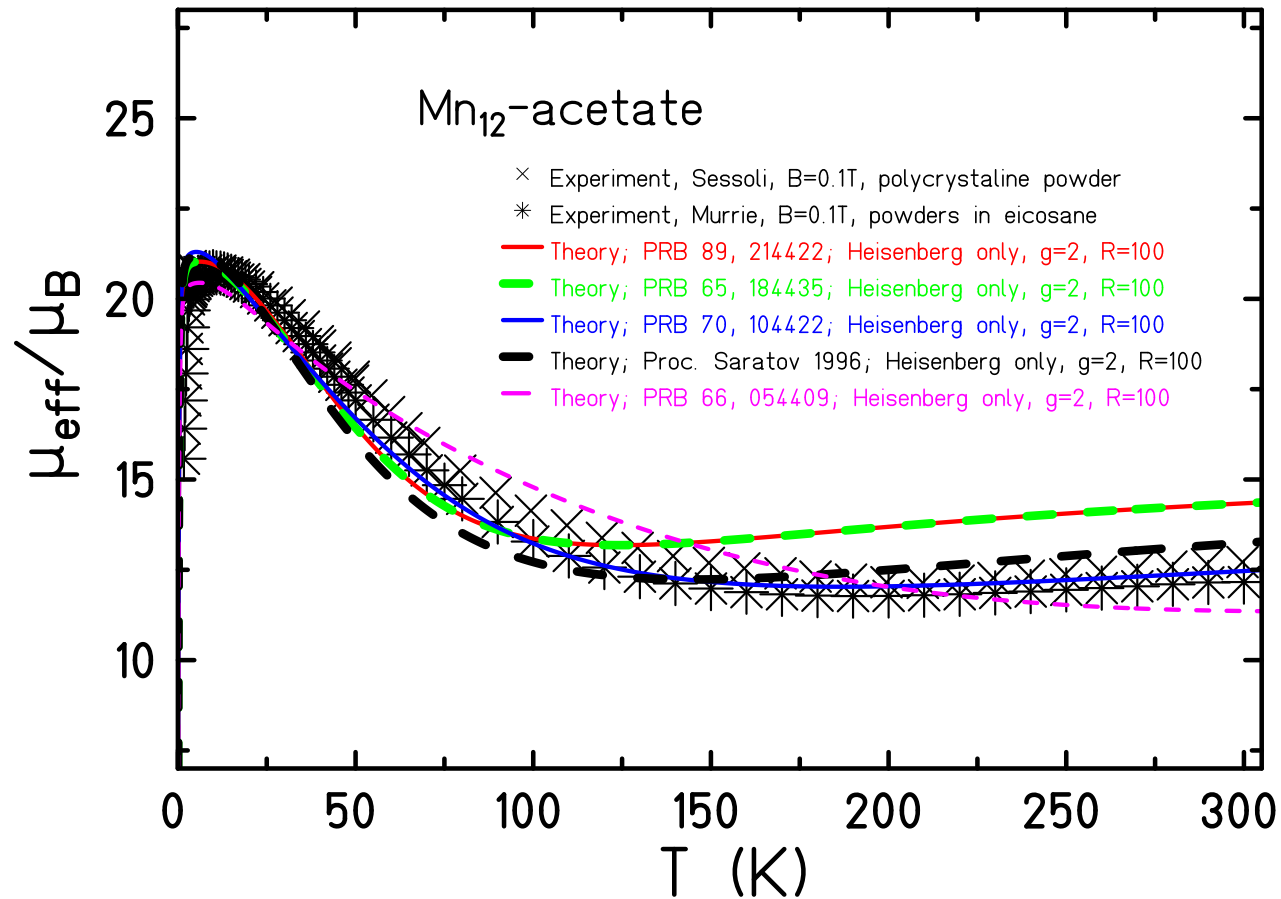
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No other method can deliver these curves!

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

# Mn<sub>12</sub>-acetate

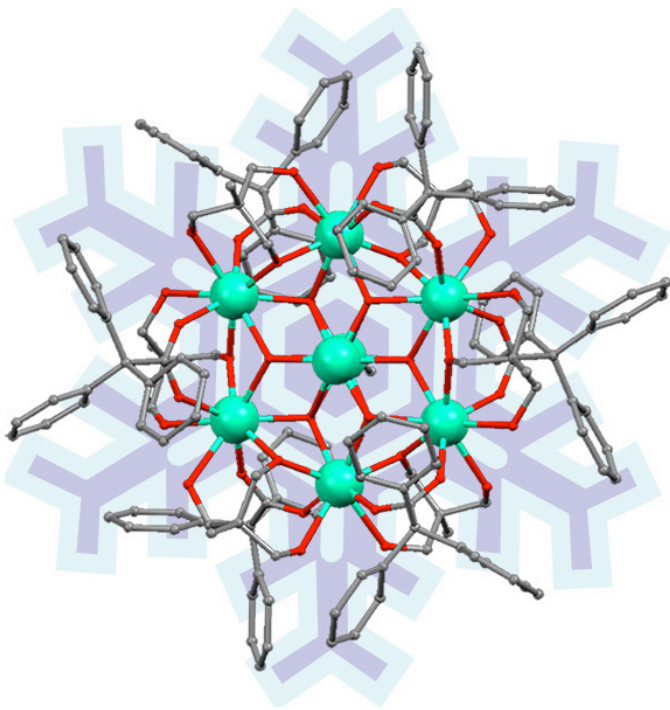


We can check DFT parametrizations for large molecules.

O. Hanebaum, J. Schnack, work in progress

# Enhanced magnetocaloric effect

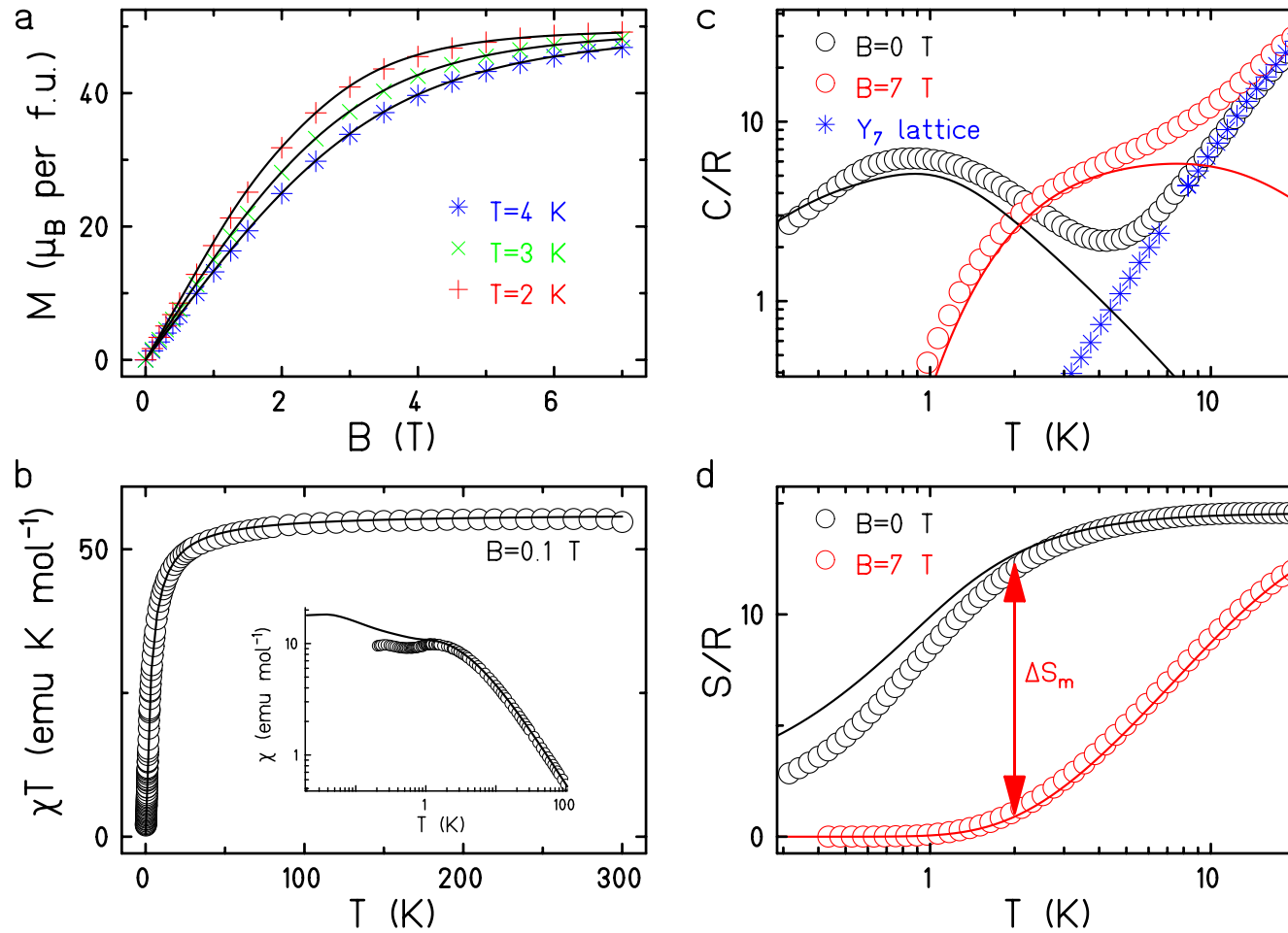
## Gd<sub>7</sub> – Basics



- Often magnetocaloric observables not directly measured, but inferred from Maxwell's relations.
- First real cooling experiment with a molecule.
- $$\underline{H} = -2 \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \vec{\tilde{s}}_i \cdot \vec{\tilde{s}}_j + g \mu_B B \sum_i^N \tilde{s}_i^z$$
  
 $J_1 = -0.090(5) \text{ K}, J_2 = -0.080(5) \text{ K}$   
 and  $g = 2.02$ .
- Very good agreement down to the lowest temperatures.

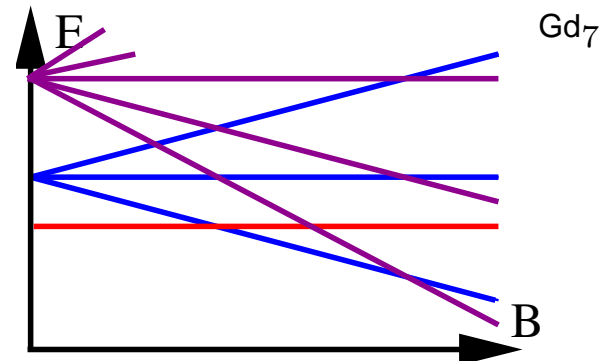
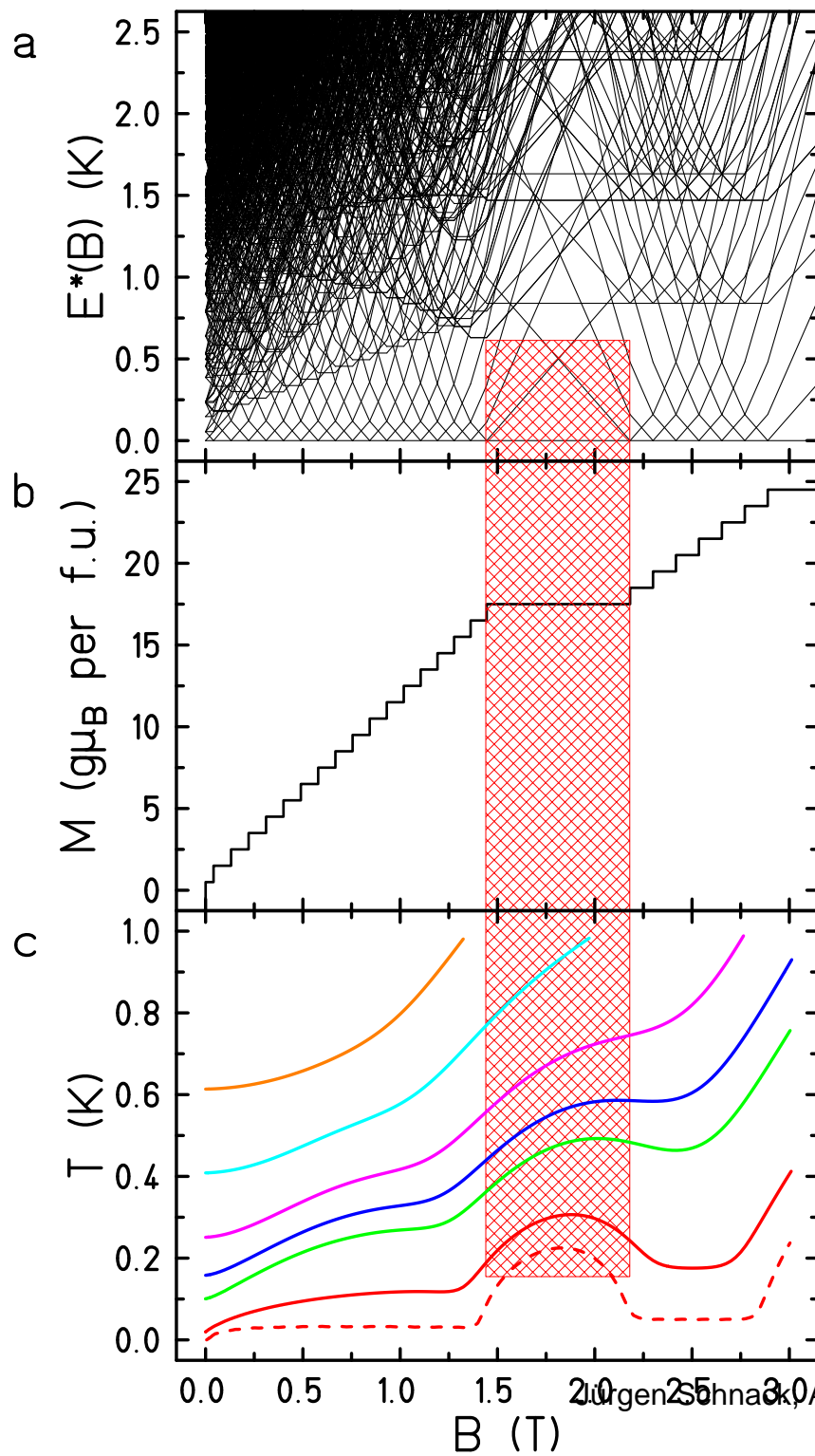
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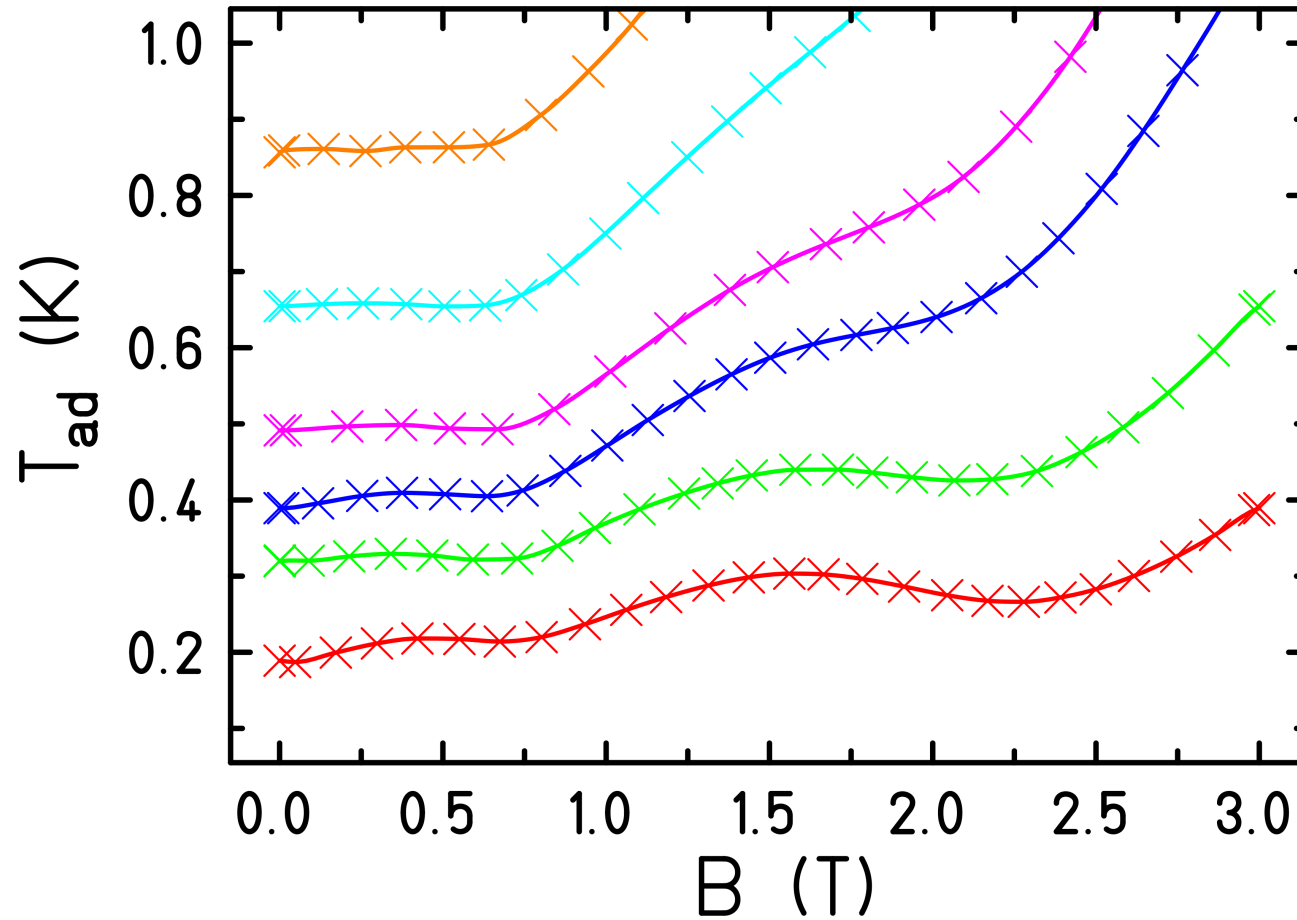


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## Gd<sub>7</sub> – Experimental cooling



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Here is what I could have  
talked about . . .

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+ examples: MCE, frustration, SMM, NRG

+ Outlook

Please ask, if you are interested.

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