

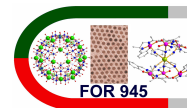
Yes, we can! Advanced many-body quantum methods for magnetic molecules

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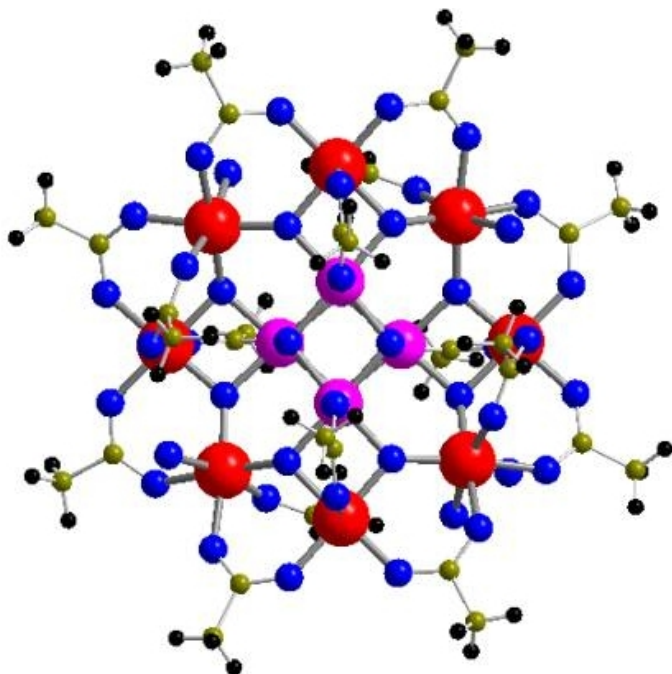
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Beauty of Magnetic Molecules

J. Schnack, *Magnetismus im Molekülmaßstab*,
Physik-Journal **16**, 37-42 (2017).

The beauty of magnetic molecules I

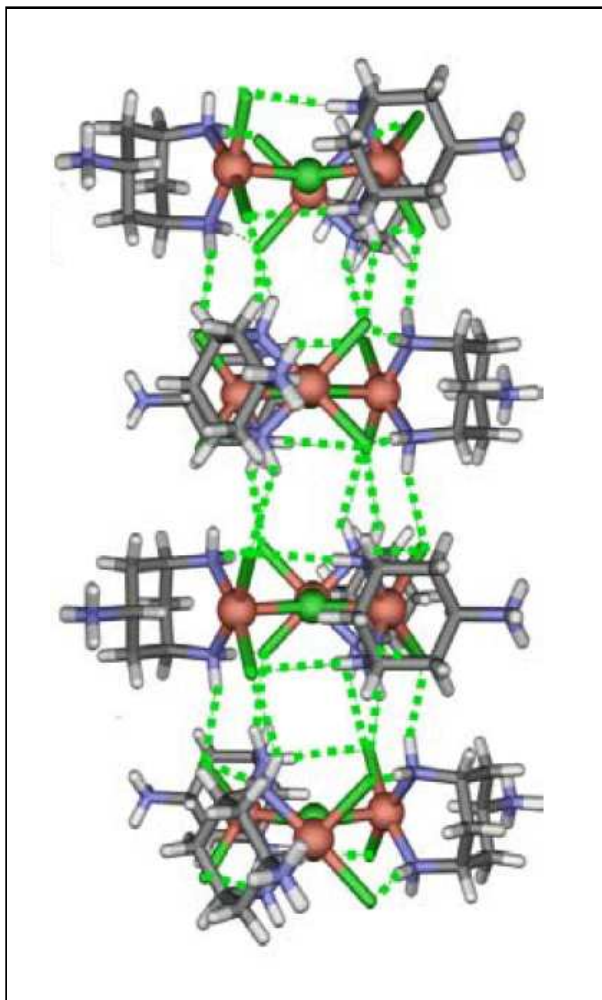


Mn₁₂

- Inorganic or organic macro molecules, e.g. polyoxometalates, where paramagnetic ions such as Iron (Fe), Chromium (Cr), Copper (Cu), Nickel (Ni), Vanadium (V), Manganese (Mn), or rare earth ions are embedded in a host matrix;
- Pure organic magnetic molecules: magnetic coupling between high spin units (e.g. free radicals);
- Single spin quantum number $1/2 \leq s \leq 7/2$;
- Intermolecular interaction relatively small, therefore measurements reflect the thermal behaviour of a single molecule.

Magnetism goes Nano, Ed. Stefan Blügel, Thomas Brückel, and Claus M. Schneider, FZ Jülich, Institute of Solid State Research, Lecture Notes **36** Jülich 2005

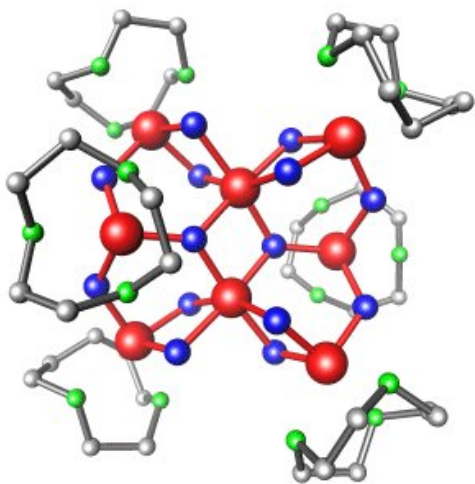
The beauty of magnetic molecules II



- Dimers (Fe_2), tetrahedra (Cr_4), cubes (Cr_8);
- Rings, especially iron rings (Fe_6 , Fe_8 , Fe_{10} , ...);
- Complex structures (Mn_{12}) – drosophila of molecular magnetism;
- “Soccer balls”, more precisely icosidodecahedra (Fe_{30}) and other macro molecules;
- Chain like and planar structures of interlinked magnetic molecules, e.g. triangular Cu chain:

J. Schnack, H. Nojiri, P. Kögerler, G. J. T. Cooper, L. Cronin, Phys. Rev. B 70, 174420 (2004)

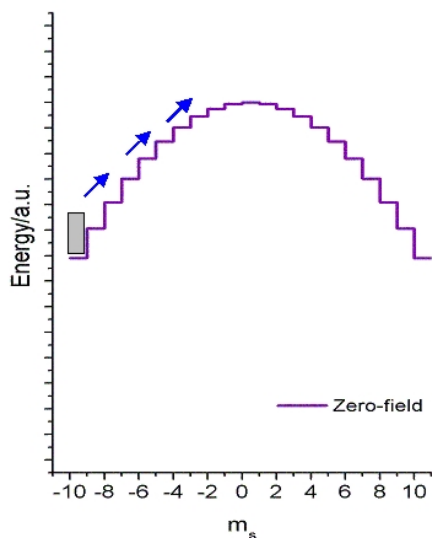
The beauty of magnetic molecules III



- Single Molecule Magnets (SMM): magnetic molecules with large ground state moment;
- Example: $S = 10$ for Mn_{12} or Fe_8 ;

- Anisotropy dominates approximate single-spin Hamiltonian:

$$\tilde{H} = -D\tilde{S}_z^2 + \tilde{H}', \quad [\tilde{S}_z, \tilde{H}'] \neq 0$$

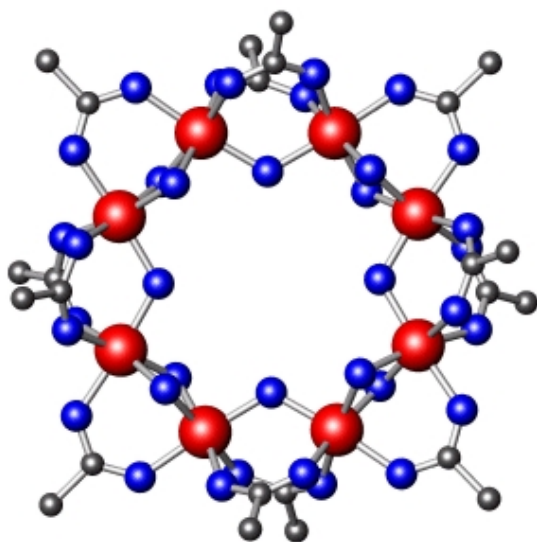


- Single molecule shows: metastable magnetization, hysteresis, ground state magnetization tunneling, thermally and phonon assisted tunneling.

- **Today's major efforts: improve stability of magnetization; investigate on surfaces.**

The beauty of magnetic molecules IV

Why magnetic molecules?



Cr₈

- Interacting spin system largely decoupled from remaining degrees of freedom;
- Transition few-spin system \Rightarrow many-spin system, contribution to understanding of bulk magnetism; investigation of frustration effects;
- Transition quantum spin system ($s = 1/2$) \Rightarrow classical spin system ($s_{\text{Fe}} = 5/2$, $s_{\text{Gd}} = 7/2$);
- Easy to produce, single crystals with $> 10^{17}$ identical molecules can be synthesized and practically completely characterized;
- **Speculative applications: magnetic storage devices, magnets in biological systems, light-induced nano switches, displays, catalysts, qubits for quantum computers.**

Contents for you today



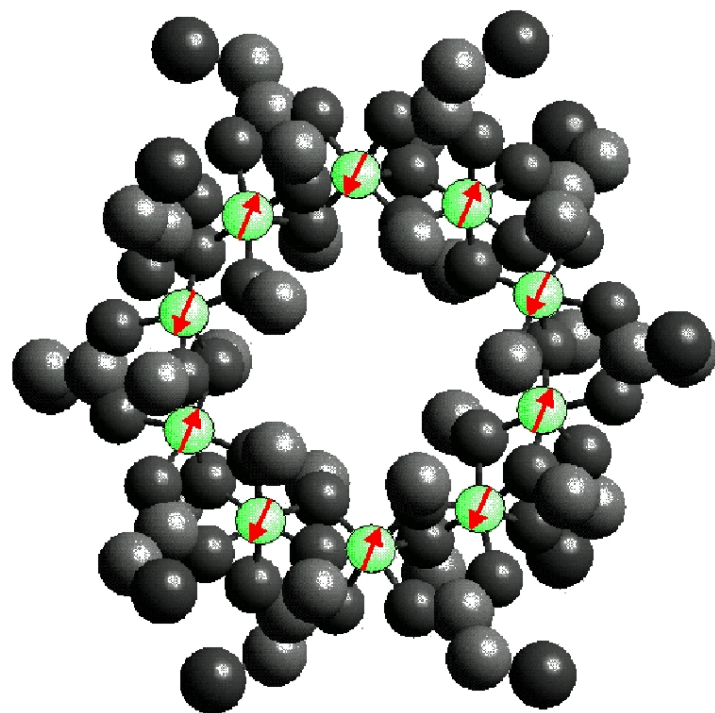
$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 42 & 4711 \\ 42 & 0 & 3.14 \\ 4711 & 3.14 & 8 \\ -17 & 007 & 13 \\ 1.8 & 15 & 081 \end{pmatrix}$$

1. Beauty of magnetic molecules ✓
2. **Some basic theory**
3. Magnetocaloric effect
4. **Finite-Temperature Lanczos**

We are the sledgehammer team of matrix diagonalization.
Please send inquiries to jschnack@uni-bielefeld.de!

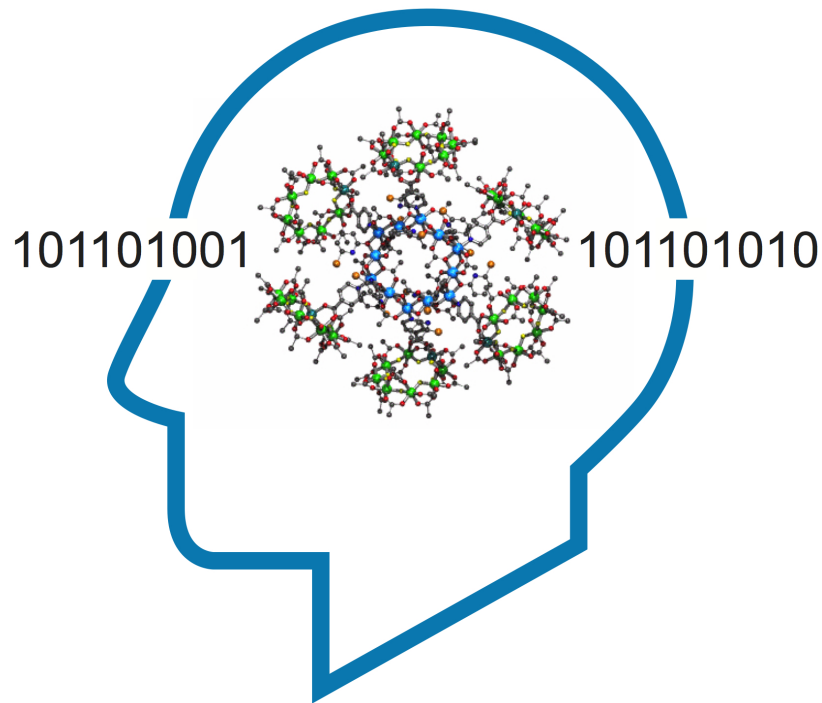
Some basic theory

You have got a molecule!



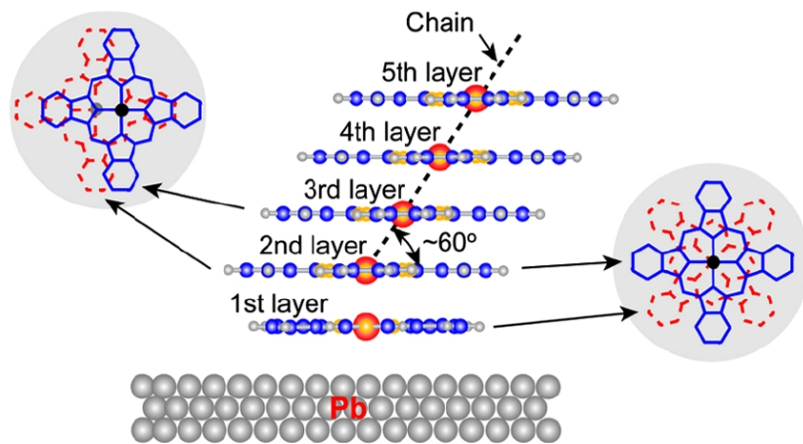
Congratulations!

You want to build a quantum computer!



Very smart!

You want to deposit your molecule!



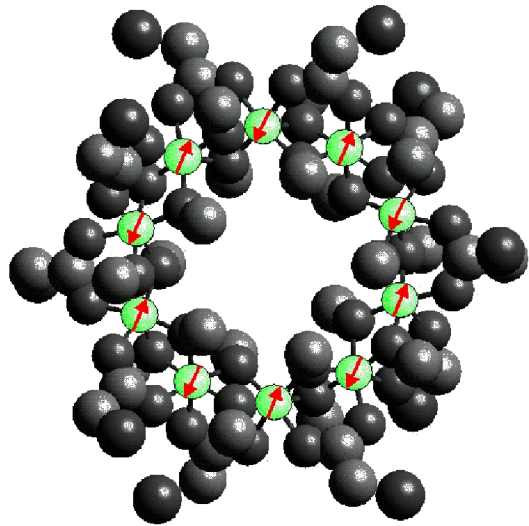
Next generation magnetic storage!

You have got an idea about the modeling!

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

Heisenberg

Zeeman



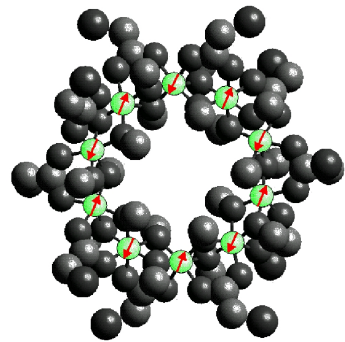
You have to solve the Schrödinger equation!

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

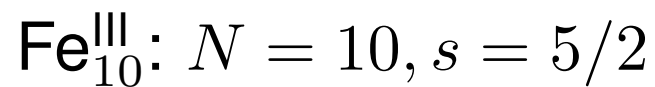
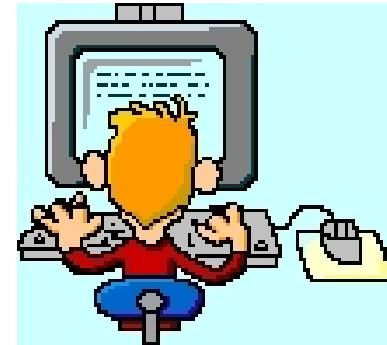
Eigenvalues E_n and eigenvectors $|\phi_n\rangle$

- 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!

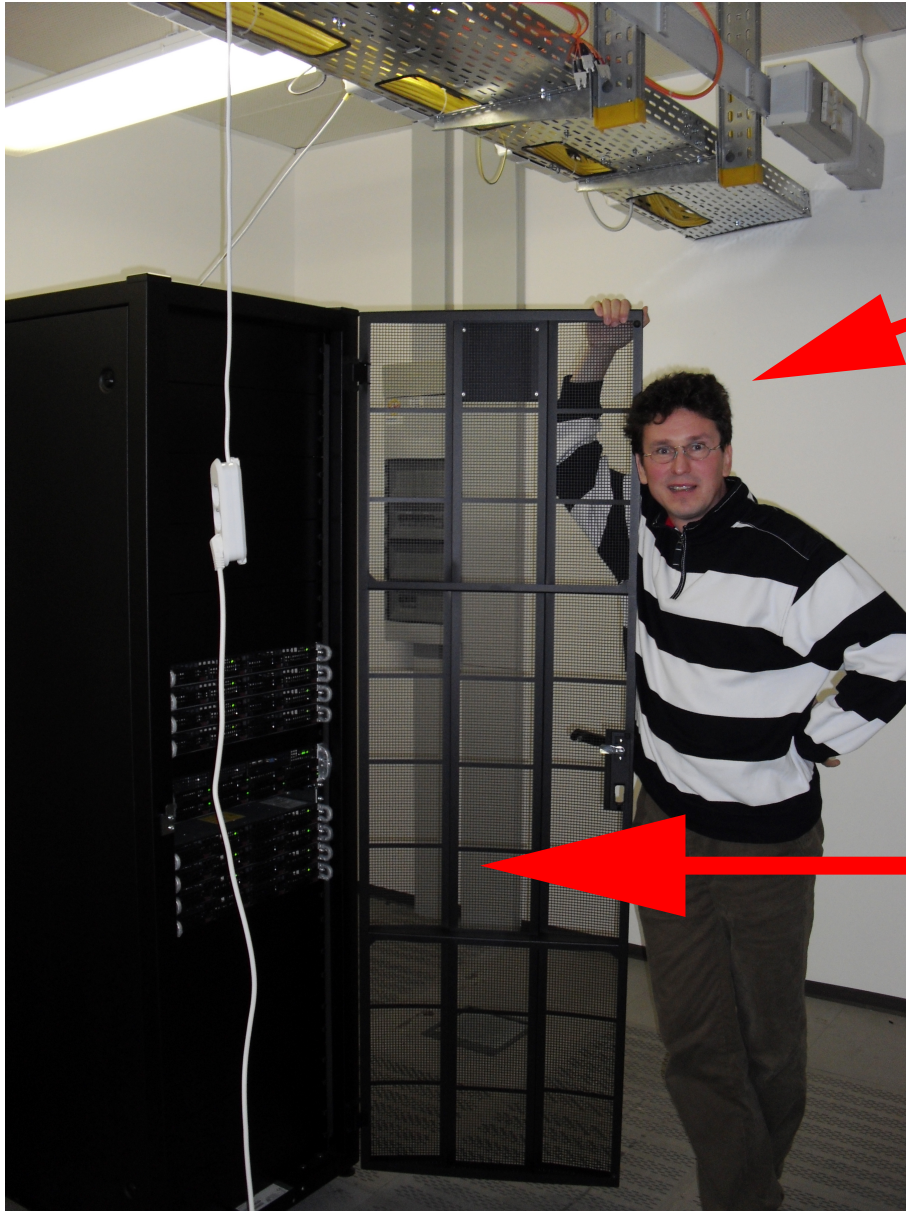


$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -27.8 & 3.46 & 0.18 & \dots \\ 3.46 & -2.35 & -1.7 & \dots \\ 0.18 & -1.7 & 5.64 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$



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

Thank God, we have computers



“Espresso-doped multi-core”

128 cores, 384 GB RAM

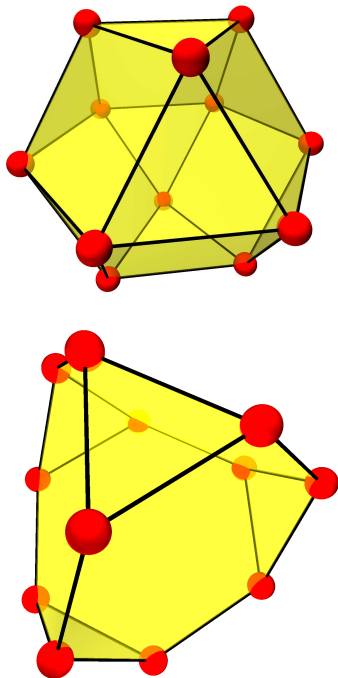
... but that's not enough!

Complete diagonalization: SU(2) & point group symmetry

Quantum chemists need to be much smarter since they have smaller computers!

- (1) D. Gatteschi and L. Pardi, *Gazz. Chim. Ital.* **123**, 231 (1993).
- (2) J. J. Borrás-Almenar, J. M. Clemente-Juan, E. Coronado, and B. S. Tsukerblat, *Inorg. Chem.* **38**, 6081 (1999).
- (3) B. S. Tsukerblat, *Group theory in chemistry and spectroscopy: a simple guide to advanced usage*, 2nd ed. (Dover Publications, Mineola, New York, 2006).

Irreducible Tensor Operator approach



Spin rotational symmetry SU(2):

- $\underline{H} = -2 \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \underline{\tilde{S}}_i \cdot \underline{\tilde{S}}_j + g\mu_B \underline{\tilde{S}} \cdot \underline{B}$;
- Physicists employ: $[\underline{H}, \underline{S}_z] = 0$;
- Chemists employ: $[\underline{H}, \underline{S}^2] = 0, [\underline{H}, \underline{S}_z] = 0$;

Irreducible Tensor Operator (ITO) approach;
Free program MAGPACK (2) available.

- (1) D. Gatteschi and L. Pardi, *Gazz. Chim. Ital.* **123**, 231 (1993).
- (2) J. J. Borrás-Almenar, J. M. Clemente-Juan, E. Coronado, and B. S. Tsukerblat, *Inorg. Chem.* **38**, 6081 (1999).
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Idea of ITO

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{H}_{\text{Heisenberg}} &= -2 \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \vec{s}_i \cdot \vec{s}_j \\
 &= 2\sqrt{3} \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} T_{\vec{s}}^{(0)}(\{k_m\}, \{\bar{k}_m\} | k_i = k_j = 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Irreducible Tensor Operator approach

- Express spin operators and functions thereof as ITOs;
- Use vector coupling basis $|\alpha S M\rangle$ and recursive recoupling.

(1) Gatteschi, Tsukerblat, Coronado, Waldmann, ...
 (2) R. Schnalle, Ph.D. thesis, Osnabrück University (2009)

Point Group Symmetry

$$|\alpha' S M \Gamma\rangle = \mathcal{P}^{(\Gamma)} |\alpha S M\rangle = \left(\frac{l_{\Gamma}}{h} \sum_R \left(\chi^{(\Gamma)}(R) \right)^* \mathcal{G}(R) \right) |\alpha S M\rangle$$

Method:

- Projection onto irreducible representations Γ of the point group (1,2);
- No free program, things are a bit complicated (3,4).

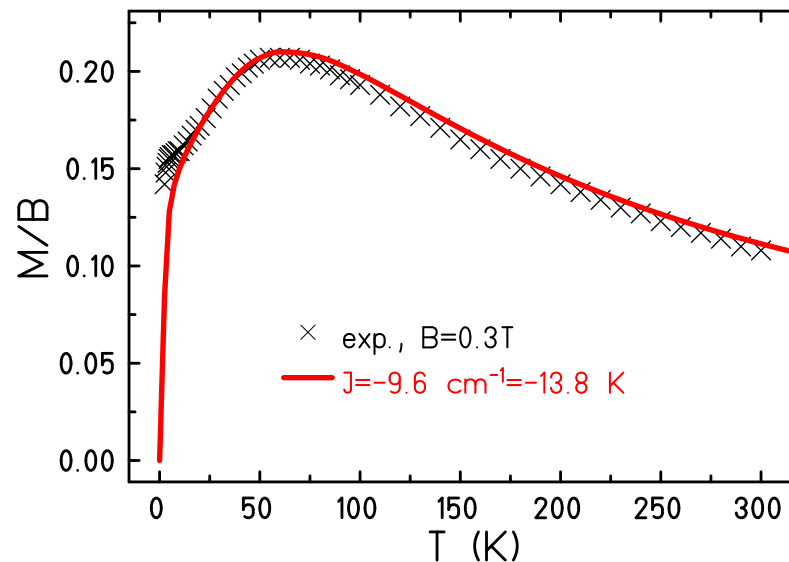
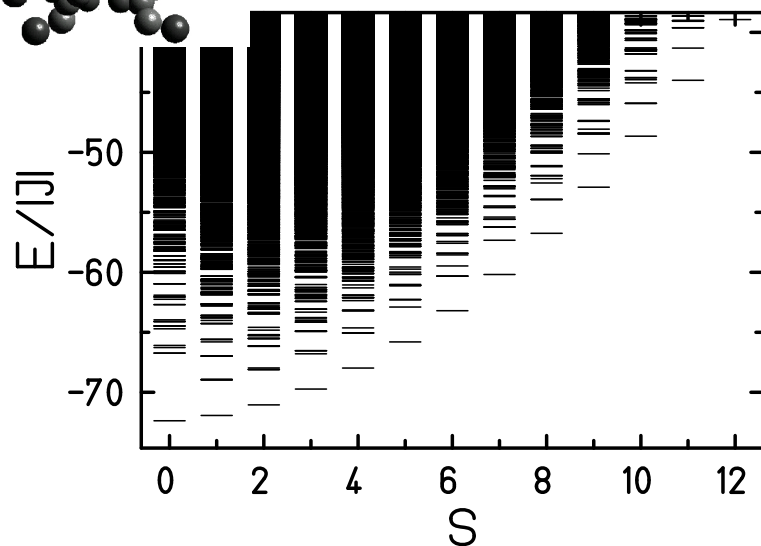
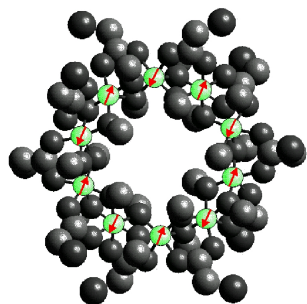
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(2) D. Gatteschi and L. Pardi, *Gazz. Chim. Ital.* **123**, 231 (1993).

(3) O. Waldmann, *Phys. Rev. B* **61**, 6138 (2000).

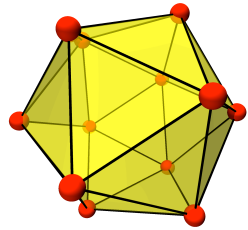
(4) R. Schnalle and J. Schnack, *Int. Rev. Phys. Chem.* **29**, 403-452 (2010) \Leftarrow contains EVERYTHING.

Example: Fe₁₀

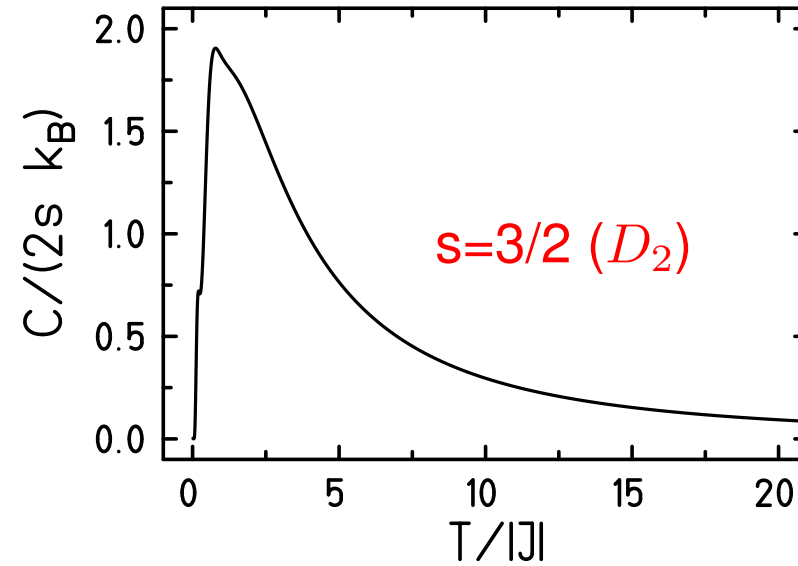
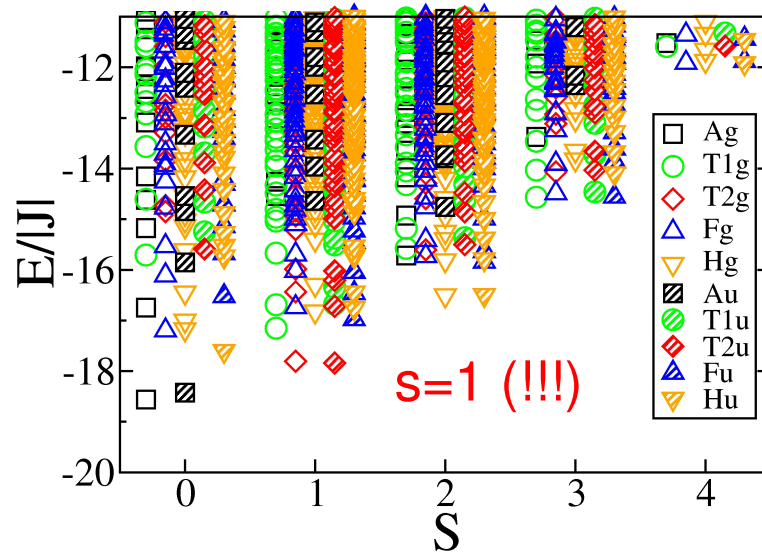


Spin ring, $N = 10$, $s = 5/2$, Hilbert space dimension 60,466,176; symmetry D_2 (1).

- (1) R. Schnalle and J. Schnack, *Int. Rev. Phys. Chem.* **29**, 403-452 (2010).
- (2) C. Delfs *et al.*, *Inorg. Chem.* **32**, 3099 (1993).



Example: Icosahedron



Icosahedron, $s = 3/2$, Hilbert space dimension 16,777,216; symmetry I_h ; Evaluation of recoupling coefficients for $s = 3/2$ in I_h **practically impossible** (1).

(1) R. Schnalle and J. Schnack, Int. Rev. Phys. Chem. **29**, 403-452 (2010).

World-leading, but ...

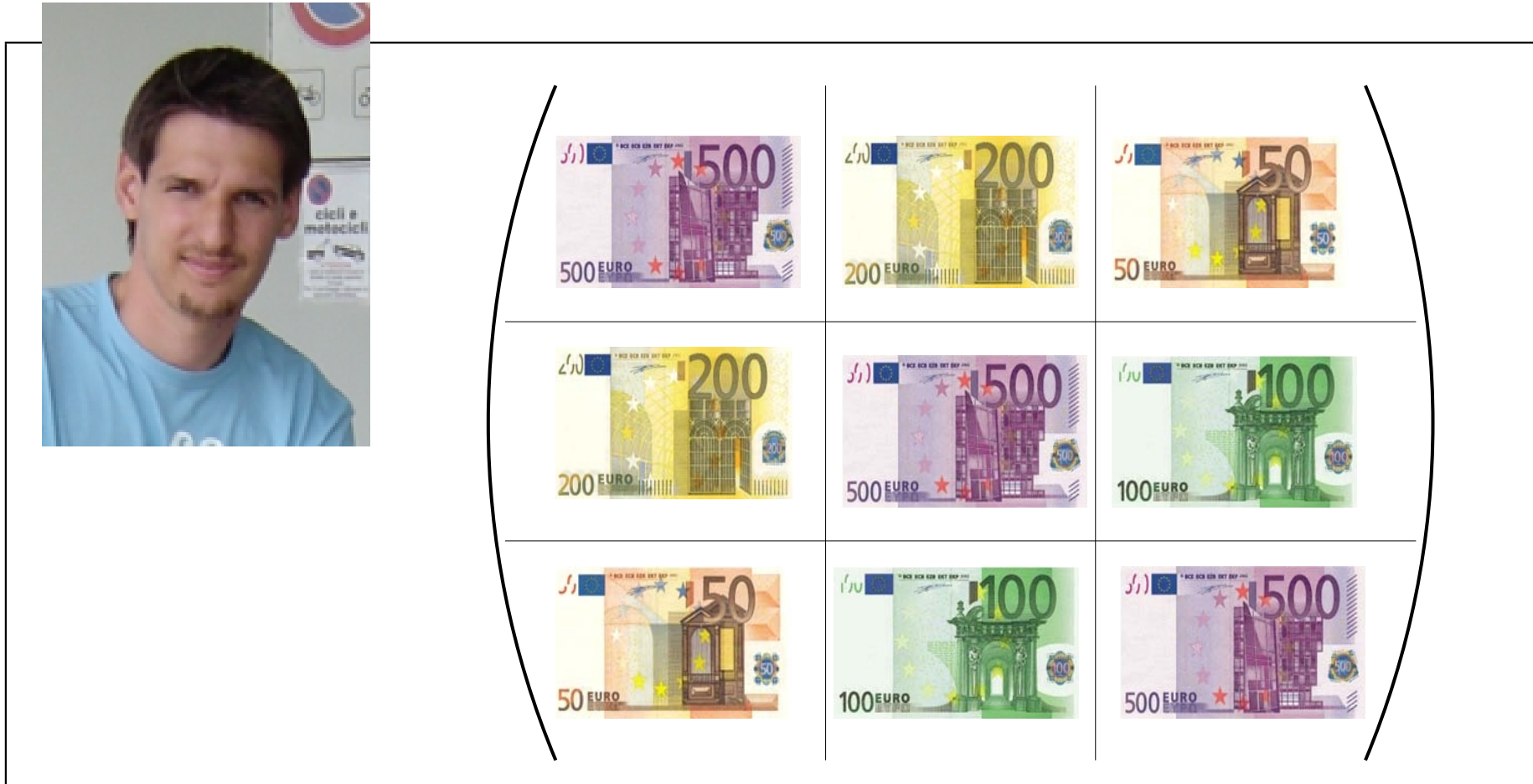
This world-leading method
was developed in Osnabrück,
unfortunately ...

World-leading, but ...

... too late!

**There are more powerful and
easy to program methods.**

Nevertheless, matrix theory goes on ...



... at the Hessische Landesbank!

The magnetocaloric effect

Magnetocaloric effect – Basics



- Heating or cooling in a varying magnetic field. Predicted, discussed, discovered by Thomson, Warburg, Weiss, and Piccard (1).
- Typical rates: 0.5 . . . 2 K/T.
- Giant magnetocaloric effect: 3 . . . 4 K/T e.g. in $\text{Gd}_5(\text{Si}_x\text{Ge}_{1-x})_4$ alloys ($x \leq 0.5$).
- **Scientific goal I: room temperature applications.**
- **Scientific goal II: sub-Kelvin cooling.**

(1) A. Smith, Eur. Phys. J. H **38**, 507 (2013).

Magnetocaloric effect – cooling rate

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial B}\right)_S = -\frac{T}{C} \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial B}\right)_T$$

$C = C_B = T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T}\right)_B$: heat capacity at constant field

MCE especially large at large isothermal entropy changes, i.e. at phase transitions (1), close to quantum critical points (2), or due to the condensation of independent magnons (3), if C smooth.

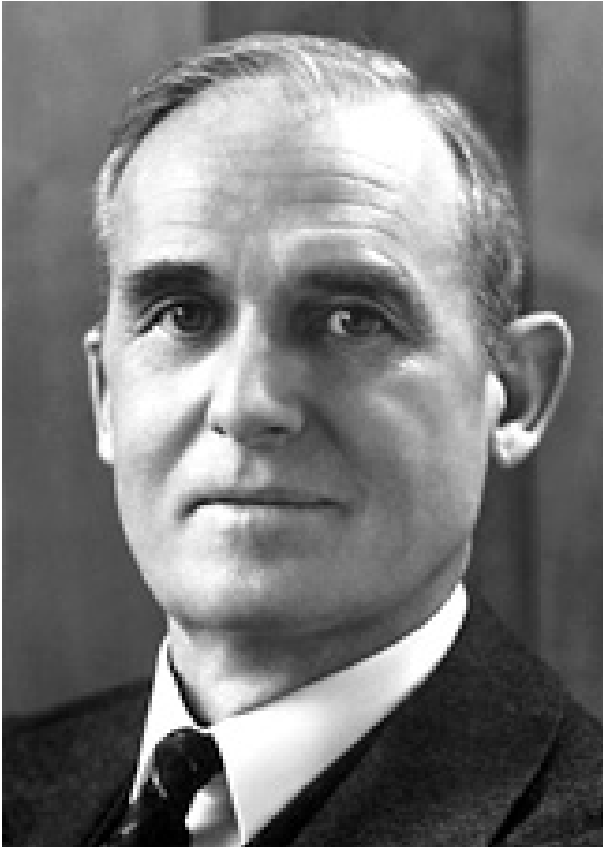
(1) V.K. Pecharsky, K.A. Gschneidner, Jr., A. O. Pecharsky, and A. M. Tishin, Phys. Rev. B **64**, 144406 (2001).

(2) Lijun Zhu, M. Garst, A. Rosch, and Qimiao Si, Phys. Rev. Lett. **91**, 066404 (2003).

B. Wolf, Y. Tsui, D. Jaiswal-Nagar, U. Tutsch, A. Honecker, K. Removic-Langer, G. Hofmann, A. Prokofiev, W. Assmus, G. Donath, M. Lang, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences **108**, 6862 (2011).

(3) M.E. Zhitomirsky, A. Honecker, J. Stat. Mech.: Theor. Exp. **2004**, P07012 (2004).

Sub-Kelvin cooling: Nobel prize 1949



The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1949 was awarded to William F. Giaouque *for his contributions in the field of chemical thermodynamics, particularly concerning the behaviour of substances at extremely low temperatures.*

Sub-Kelvin cooling: Nobel prize 1949

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Attainment of Temperatures Below 1° Absolute by Demagnetization of $\text{Gd}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$

We have recently carried out some preliminary experiments on the adiabatic demagnetization of $\text{Gd}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$ at the temperatures of liquid helium. As previously predicted by one of us, a large fractional lowering of the absolute temperature was obtained.

An iron-free solenoid producing a field of about 8000 gauss was used for all the measurements. The amount of $\text{Gd}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$ was 61 g. The observations were checked by many repetitions of the cooling. The temperatures were measured by means of the inductance of a coil surrounding the gadolinium sulfate. The coil was immersed in liquid helium and isolated from the gadolinium by means of an evacuated space. The thermometer was in excellent agreement with the temperature of liquid helium as indicated by its vapor pressure down to 1.5°K.

On March 19, starting at a temperature of about 3.4°K, the material cooled to 0.53°K. On April 8, starting at about 2°, a temperature of 0.34°K was reached. On April 9, starting at about 1.5°, a temperature of 0.25°K was attained.

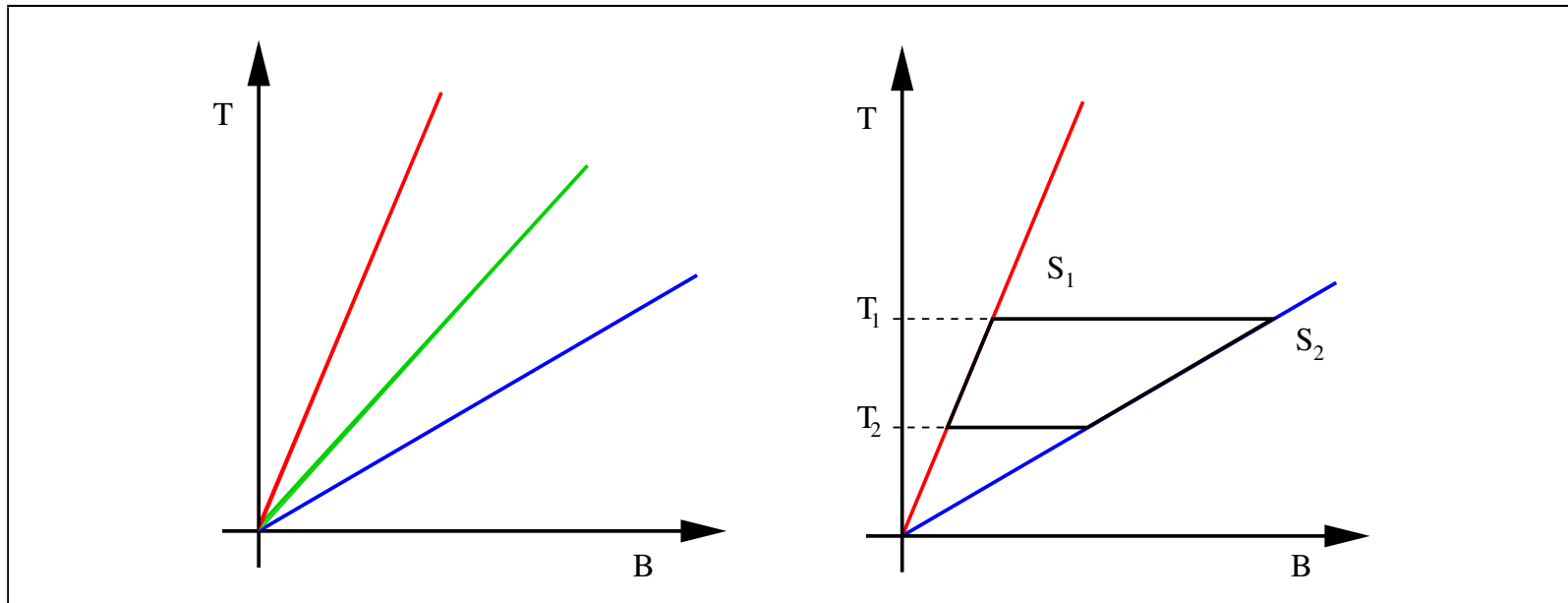
It is apparent that it will be possible to obtain much lower temperatures, especially when successive demagnetizations are utilized.

W. F. GIAUQUE
D. P. MACDOUGALL

Department of Chemistry,
University of California,
Berkeley, California,
April 12, 1933.

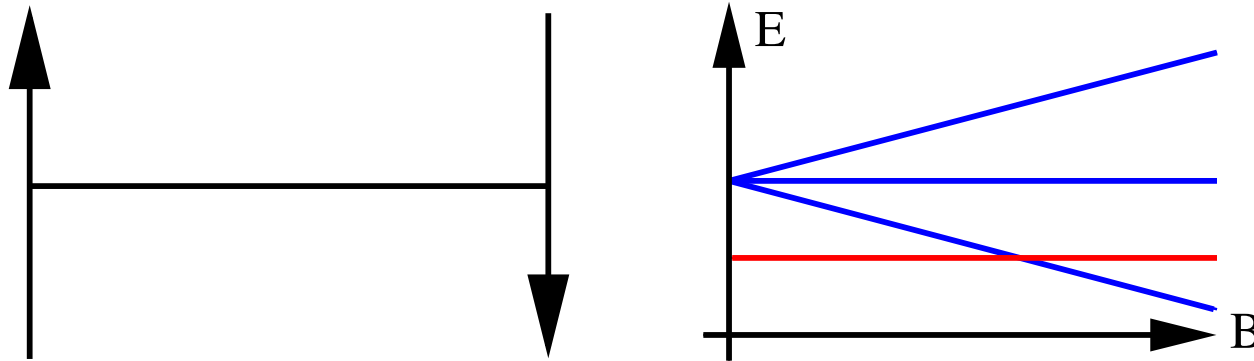
W. F. Giauque and D. MacDougall, *Phys. Rev.* **43**, 768 (1933).

Magnetocaloric effect – Paramagnets



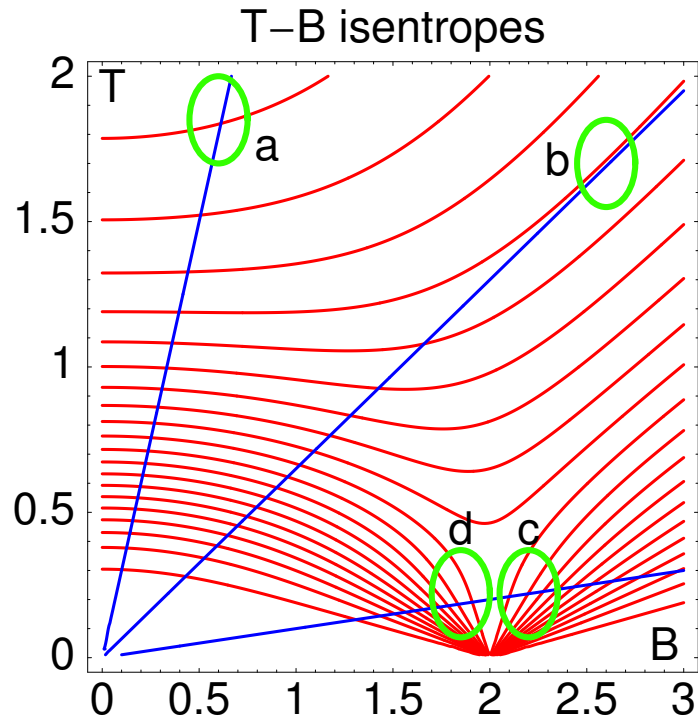
- **Ideal paramagnet: $S(T, B) = f(B/T)$, i.e. $S = const \Rightarrow T \propto B$.**
- At low T pronounced effects of dipolar interaction prevent further effective cooling.

Magnetocaloric effect – af $s = 1/2$ dimer



- Singlet-triplet level crossing causes a peak of S at $T \approx 0$ as function of B .
- $M(T = 0, B)$ and $S(T = 0, B)$ not analytic as function of B .
- $M(T = 0, B)$ jumps at B_c ; $S(T = 0, B_c) = k_B \ln 2$, otherwise zero.

Magnetocaloric effect – af $s = 1/2$ dimer



blue lines: ideal paramagnet, red curves: af dimer

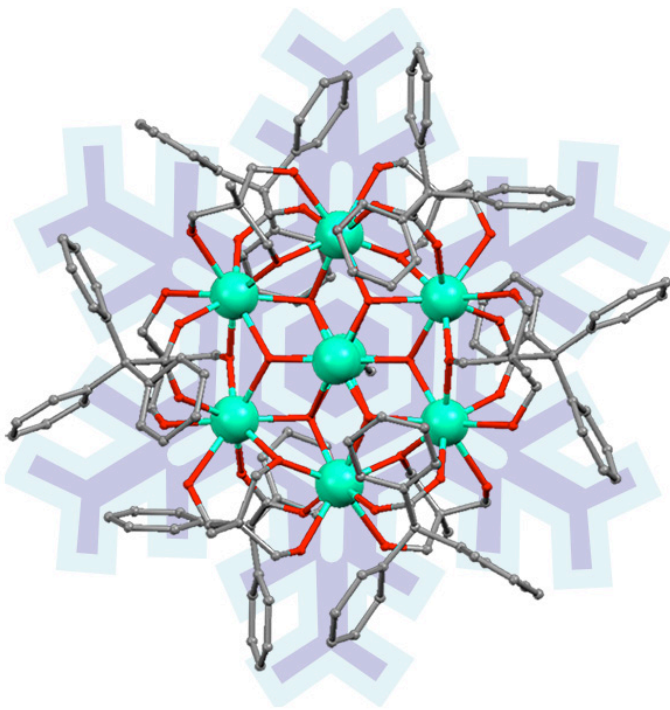
Magnetocaloric effect:

- (a) reduced,
- (b) the same,
- (c) enhanced,
- (d) opposite

when compared to an ideal paramagnet.

Case (d) does not occur for a paramagnet.

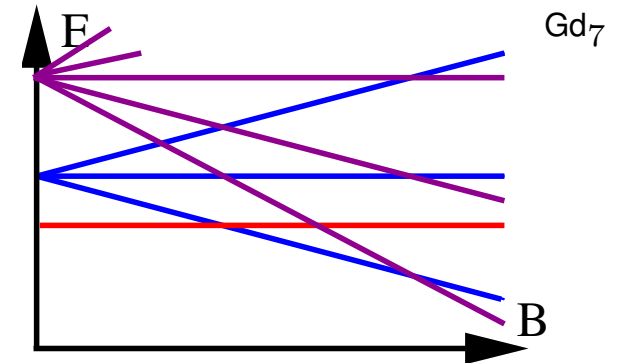
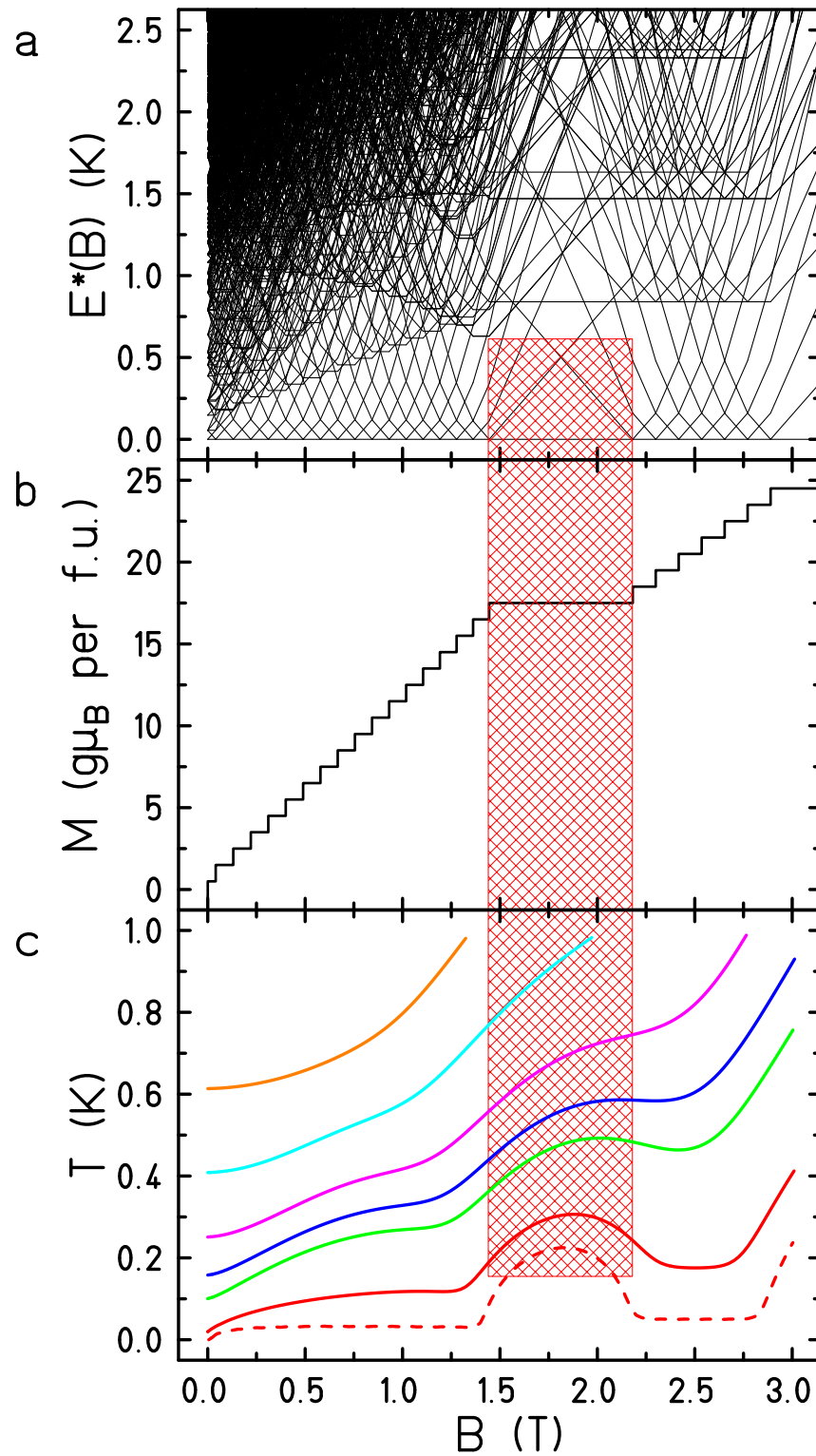
Gd₇ – Magnetocalorics



- 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.**

J. W. Sharples, D. Collison, E. J. L. McInnes, J. Schnack, E. Palacios, M. Evangelisti, Nat. Commun. **5**, 5321 (2014).



What if your molecule is BIGGER?

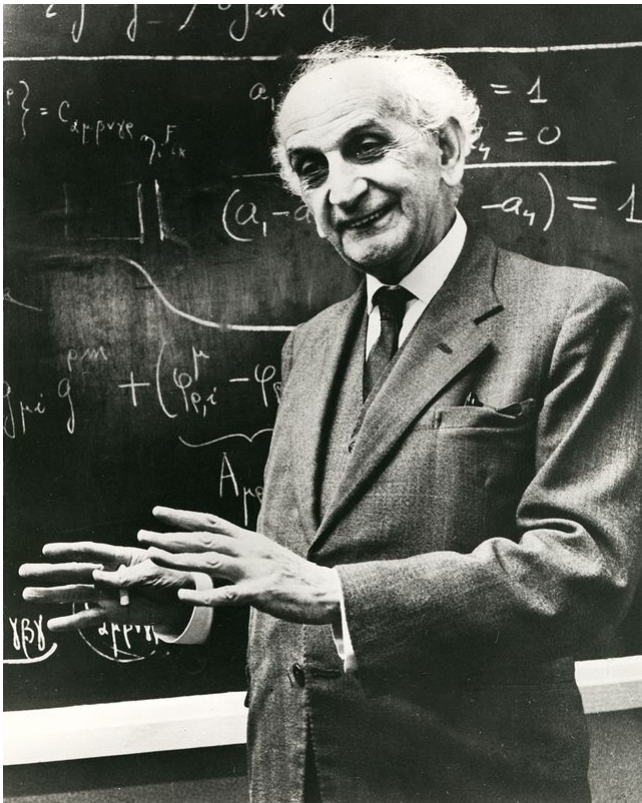


SuperMUC @ LRZ!

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

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

- $|n(\nu)\rangle$ 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).

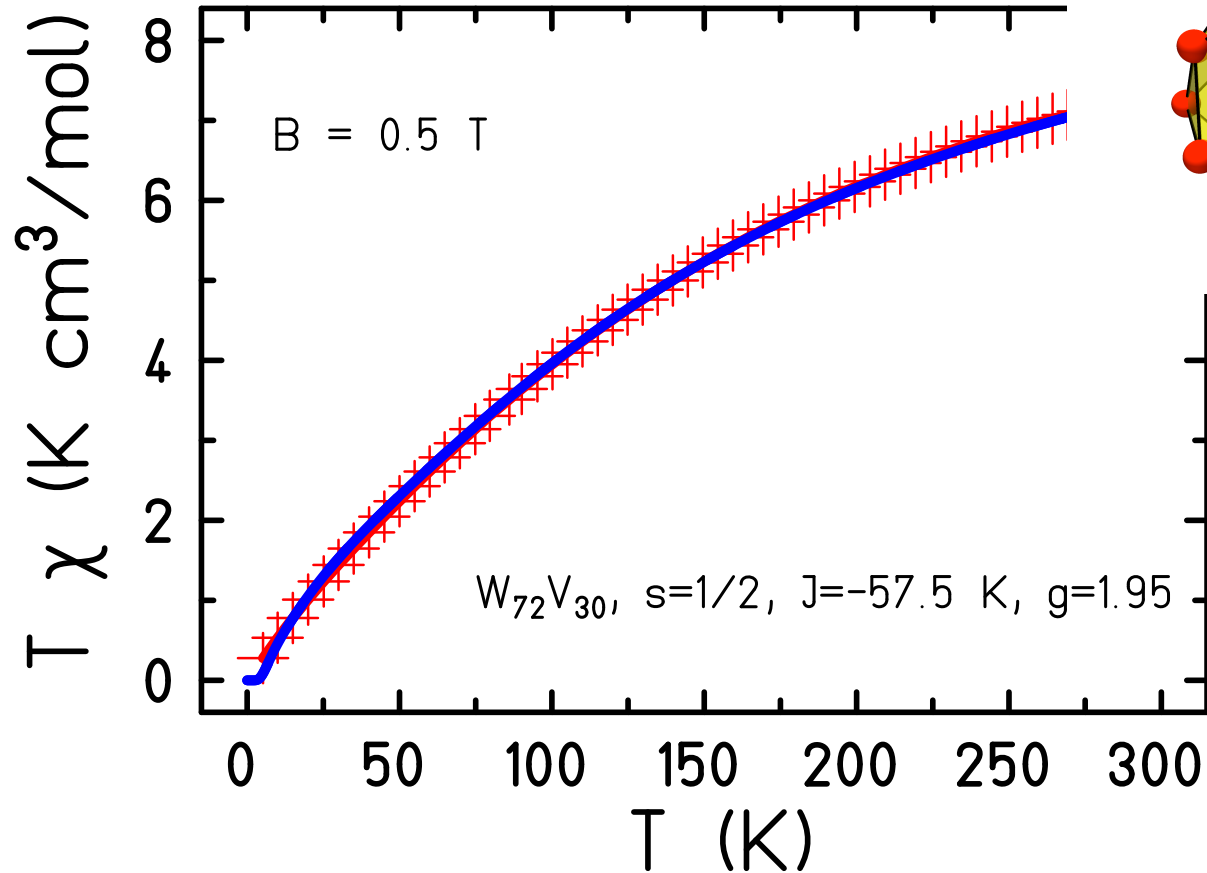
Finite-temperature Lanczos Method II

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

- Approximation better if symmetries taken into account.
- Γ denotes the used irreducible representations; often this is just the \mathcal{S}^z symmetry, i.e. $\Gamma \equiv M$

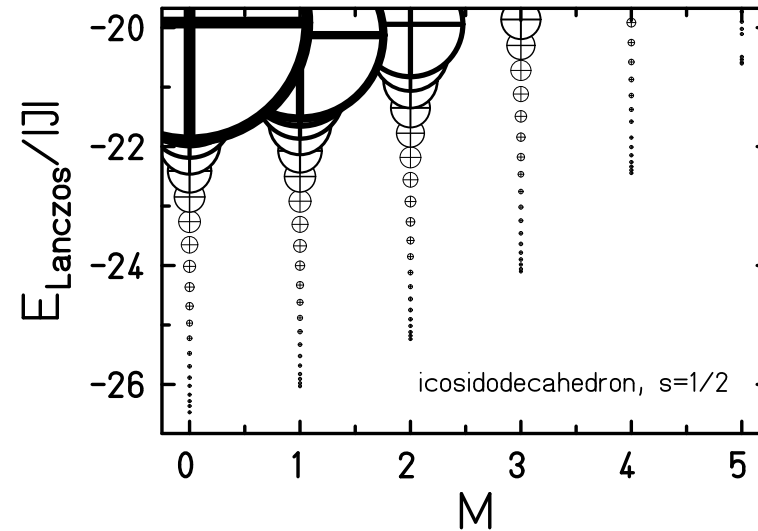
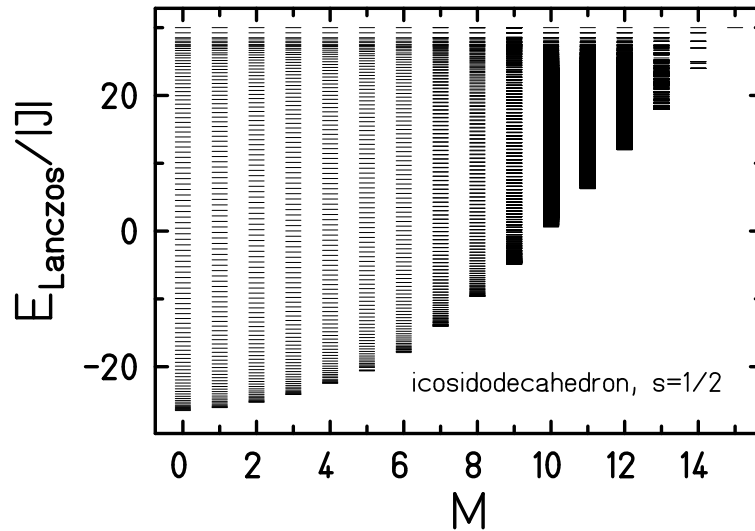
J. Schnack and O. Wendland, Eur. Phys. J. B **78** (2010) 535-541

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).

Icosidodecahedron $s = 1/2$



- The true spectrum will be much denser. This is miraculously compensated for by the weights.

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

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)

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

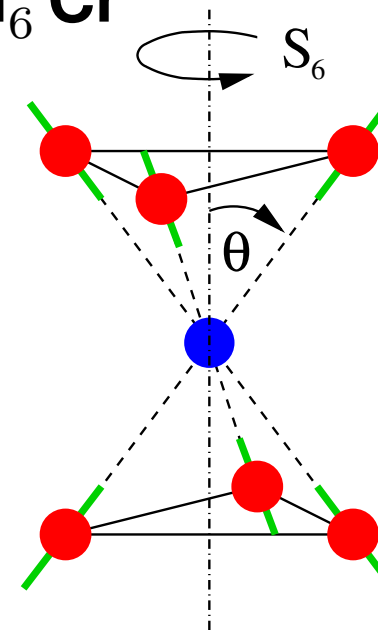
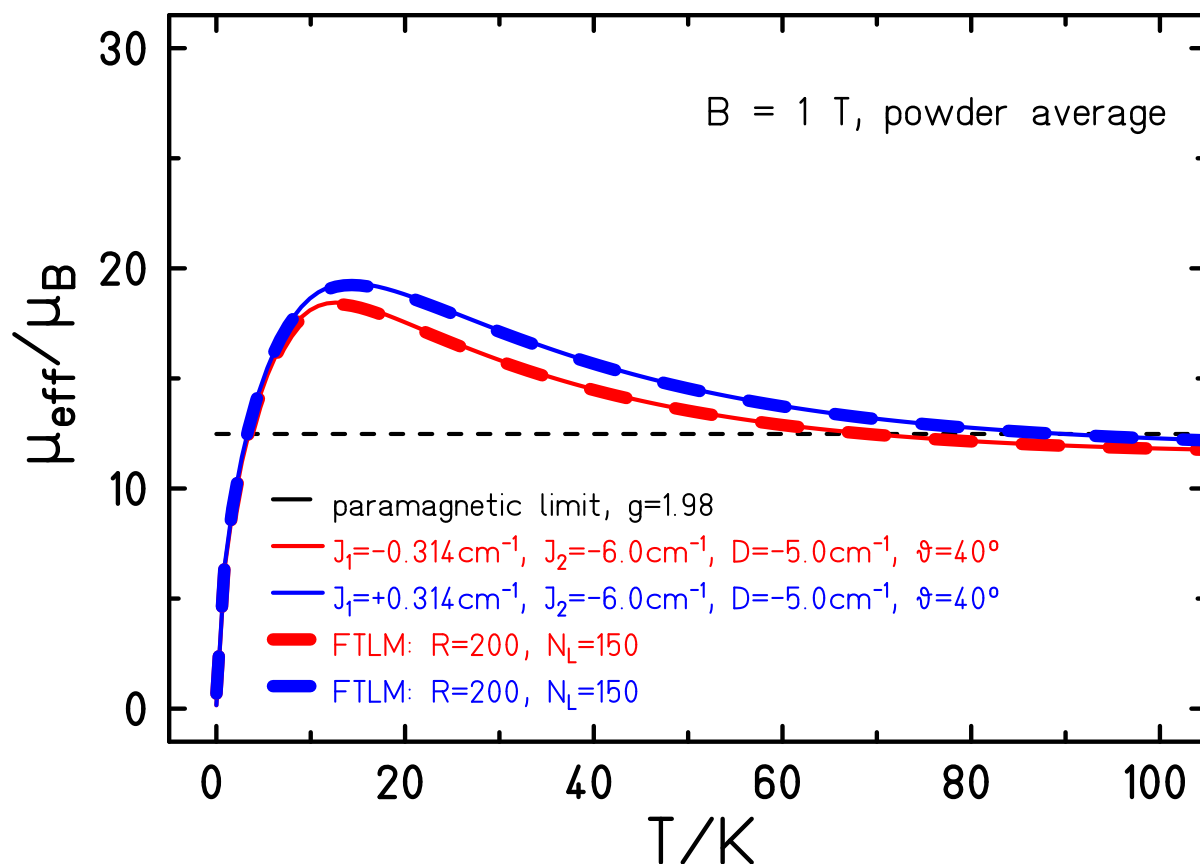
Use Lanczos energy eigenvector $|n(\nu)\rangle$ and time-reversed counterpart $|\tilde{n}(\nu)\rangle$

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

- 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.

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

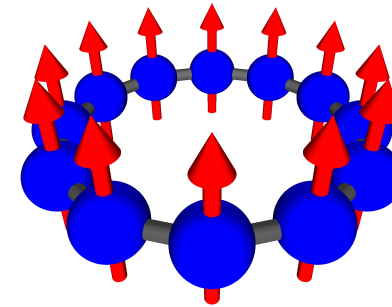
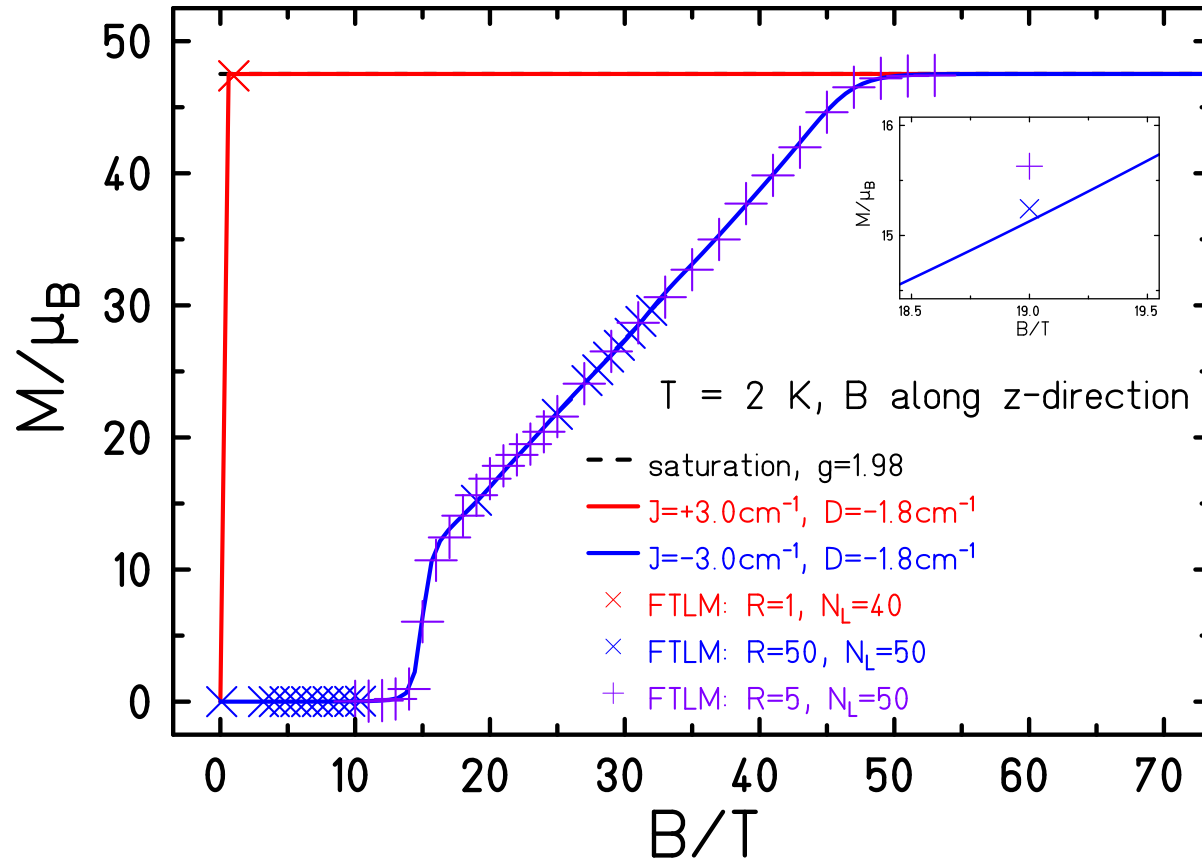


$s = 2, s = 3/2$
 $\dim(\mathcal{H}) = 62,500$
 non-collinear easy axes

Hours compared to days, notebook compared to supercomputer!

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A fictitious $Mn_{12}^{III} - M_z$ vs B_z



$s = 2$

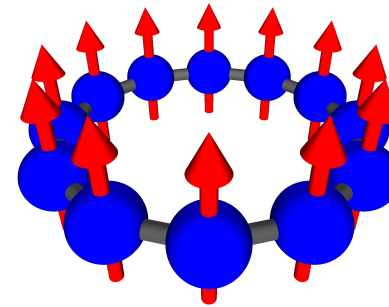
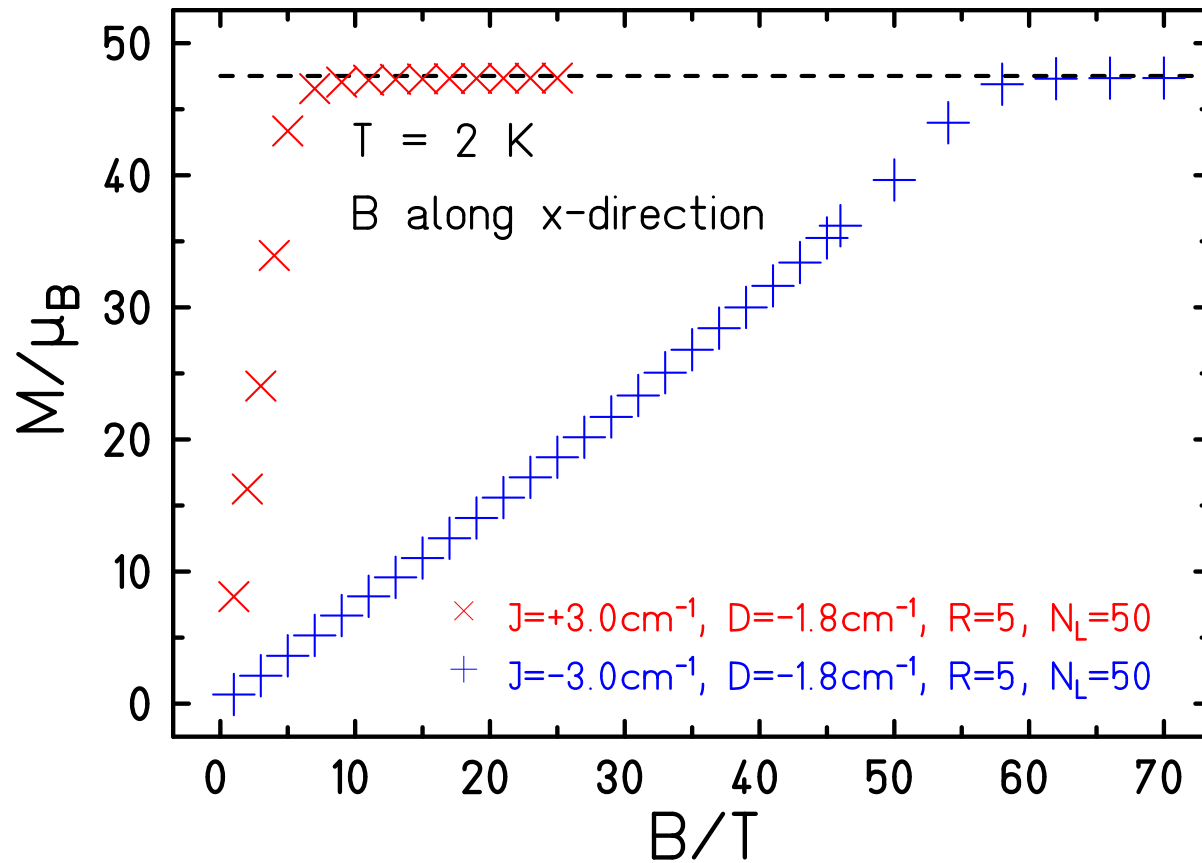
$\dim(\mathcal{H}) = 244, 140, 625$

collinear easy axes

A few days compared to *impossible!*

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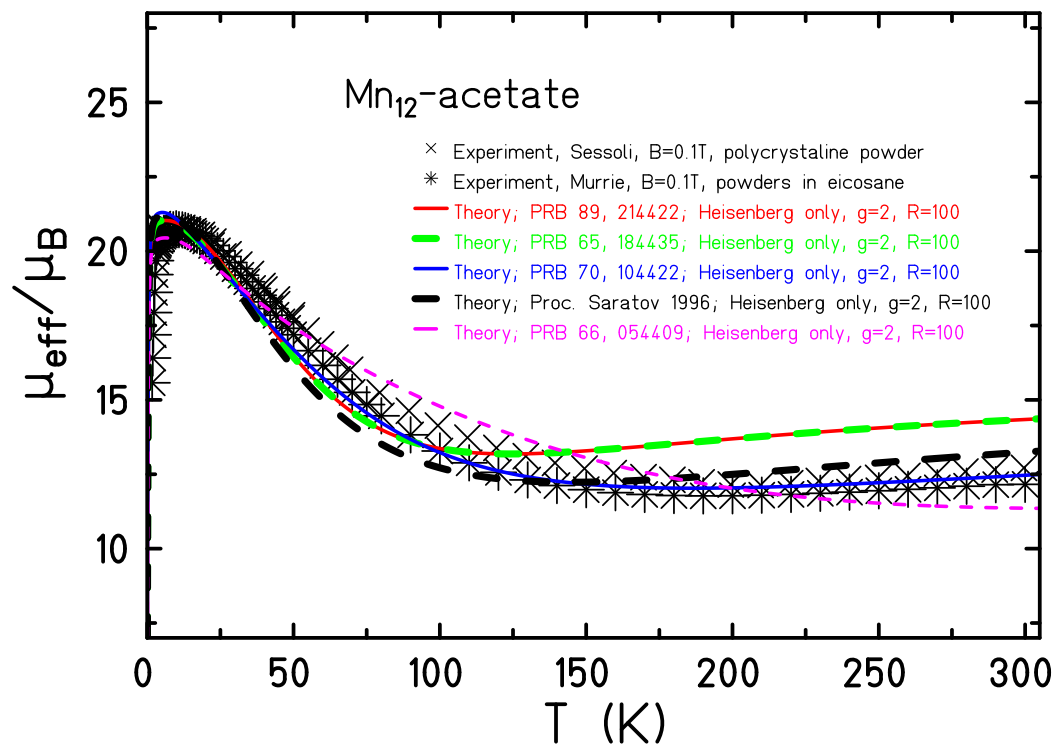
A fictitious $\text{Mn}_{12}^{\text{III}}$ – M_x vs B_x



No other method can deliver these curves!

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Effective magnetic moment of Mn₁₂-acetate



We can check DFT parameter predictions for large molecules! **Normally!**

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Summary: theory methods

- **Complete diagonalization**: exact; spectra, transitions, observables, time-evolution; Dimension of largest Hilbert space $< 10^5$.
- **Finite Temperature Lanczos Method (FTLM)**: pseudo-spectrum, low-lying levels good, transitions, observables, time-evolution; DoH $< 10^{10}$.
- **Quantum Monte Carlo (QMC)**: observables; bad/no convergence for competing interactions (frustration) due to negative sign problem; otherwise HUGE systems possible.
- **Density Matrix Renormalization Group (DMRG)**: low-lying target states, correlation functions, short time evolution, maybe thermodynamics; best for 1-d; HUGE systems possible.
- **Numerical Renormalization Group (NRG)**: Kondo or Anderson impurity problems; logarithmic discretization of density of states of conduction electrons; observables as function of T and B .

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