

# **Spinsysteme, magnetische Moleküle, Quantencomputer und noch mehr Magnetismus – Teil I**

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# Yes, we can!



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

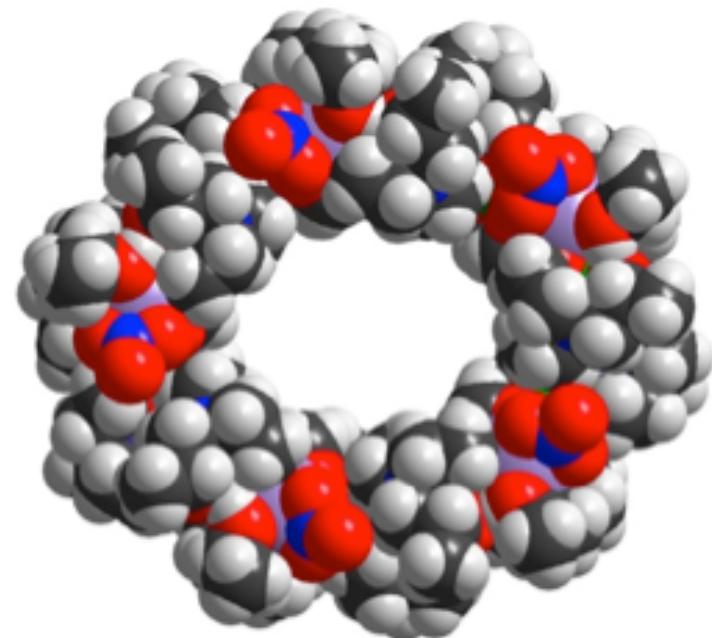
1. A flash on magnetic molecules
2. Typicality approach to equilibrium
3. Studies on decoherence
4. Spin-phonon issues
5. Bachelor and Master theses

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# We investigate magnetic molecules

J. Schnack, Contemporary Physics **60**, 127-144 (2019)

# You have got a molecule!

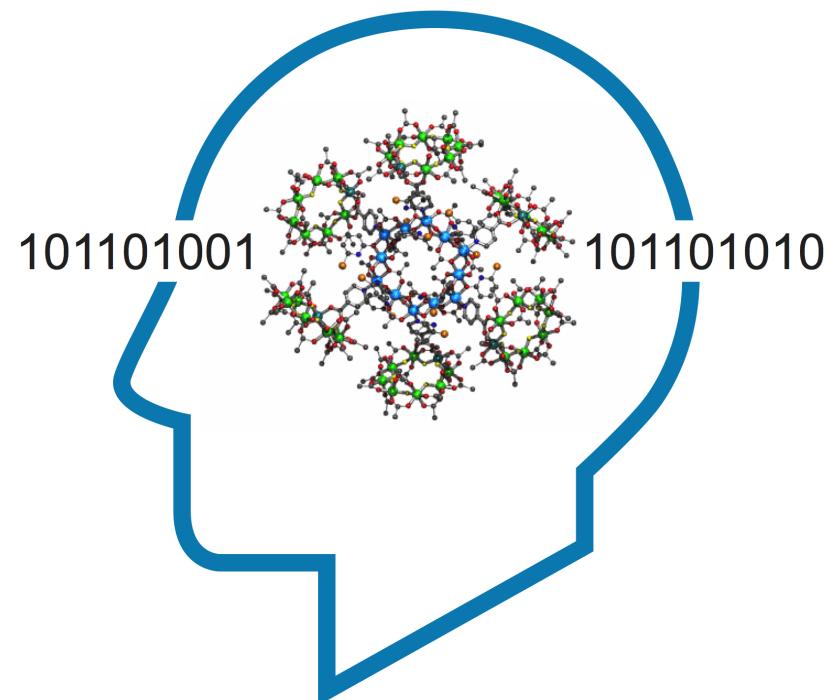


$$S = 60$$

Congratulations!

Powell group: npj Quantum Materials 3, 10 (2018)

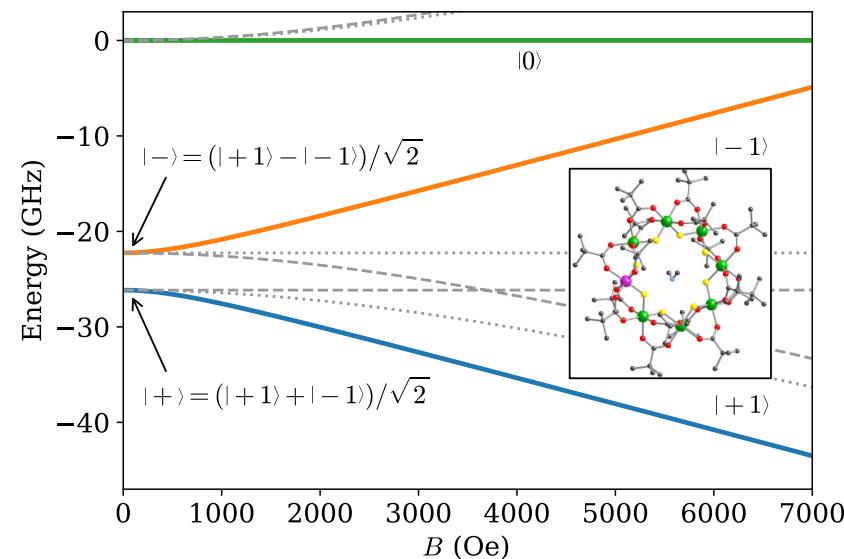
# You want to build a quantum computer!



Very smart!

Wernsdorfer group: Phys. Rev. Lett. **119**, 187702 (2017)

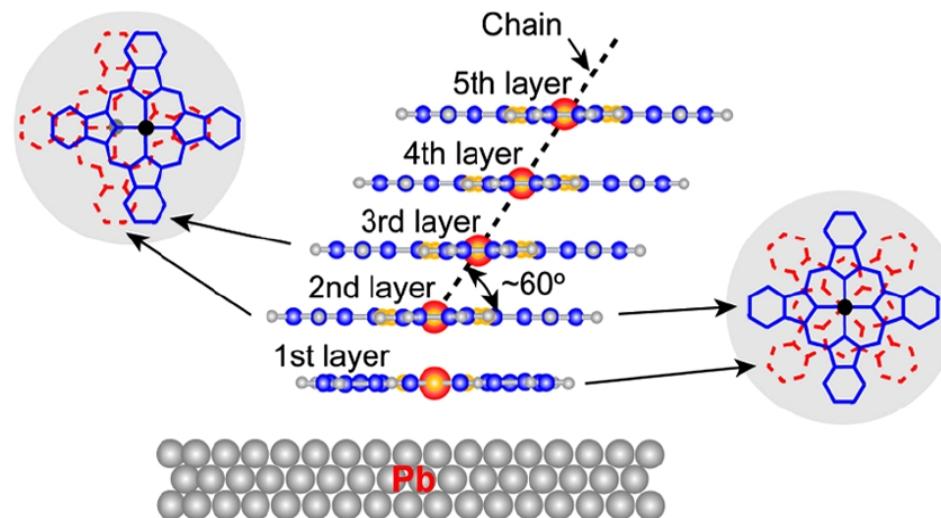
# You want to achieve quantum coherence!



Desperately needed!

Friedman group: Phys. Rev. Research 2, 032037(R) (2020)

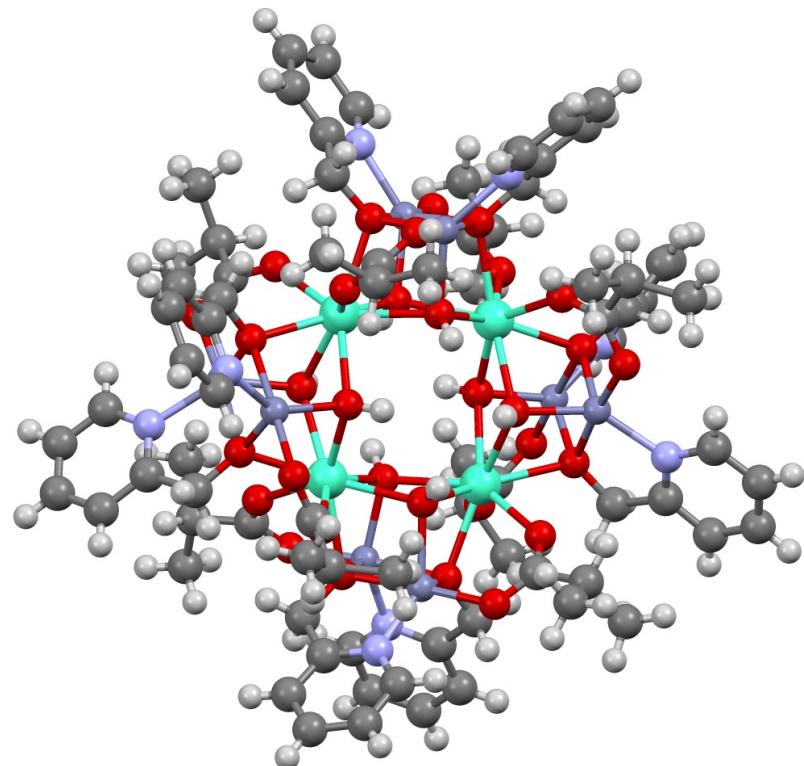
# You want to deposit your molecule!



Next generation magnetic storage!

Xue group: Phys. Rev. Lett. **101**, 197208 (2008)

# You want molecular magnetocalorics!



Cool!

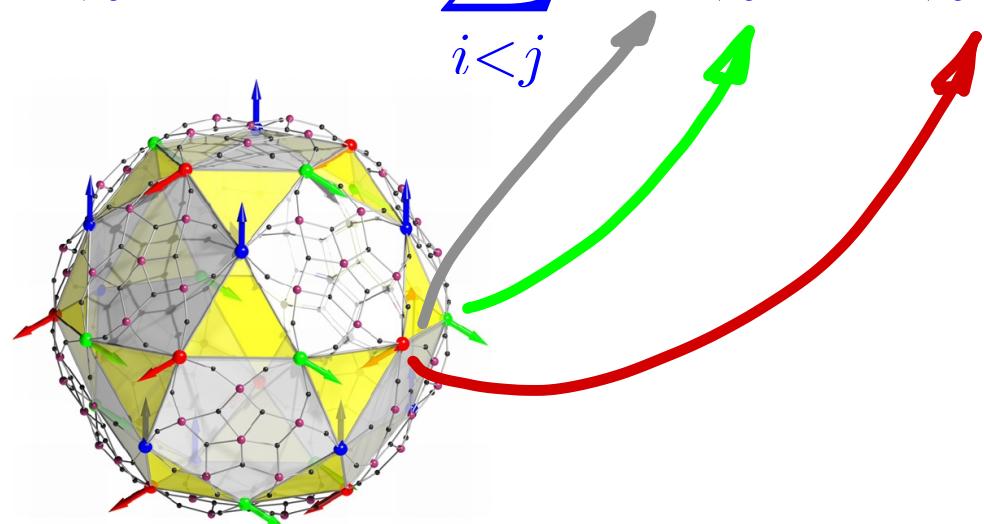
Brechin group: Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. **51**, 4633 (2012)

You have got an idea about the modeling!

Heisenberg

Zeeman

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



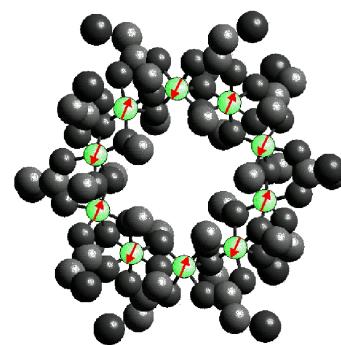
# You have to solve the Schrödinger equation!

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

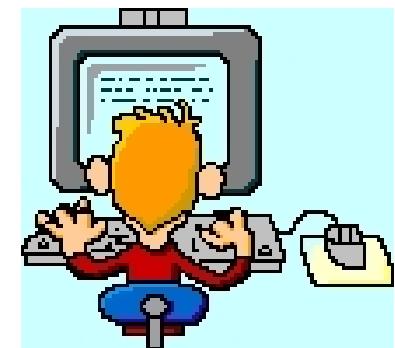
Eigenvalues  $E_n$  and eigenvectors  $|\phi_n\rangle$

- 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!



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



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

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

Can we evaluate the partition function

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

without diagonalizing the Hamiltonian?

Yes, with mathematical magic!

# Typicality approach to molecular magnetism

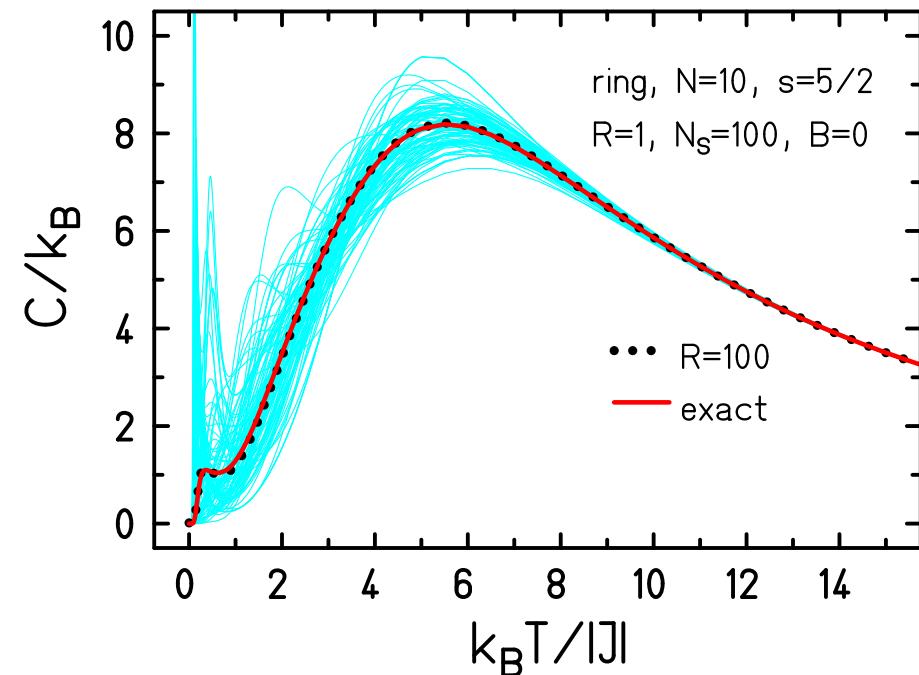
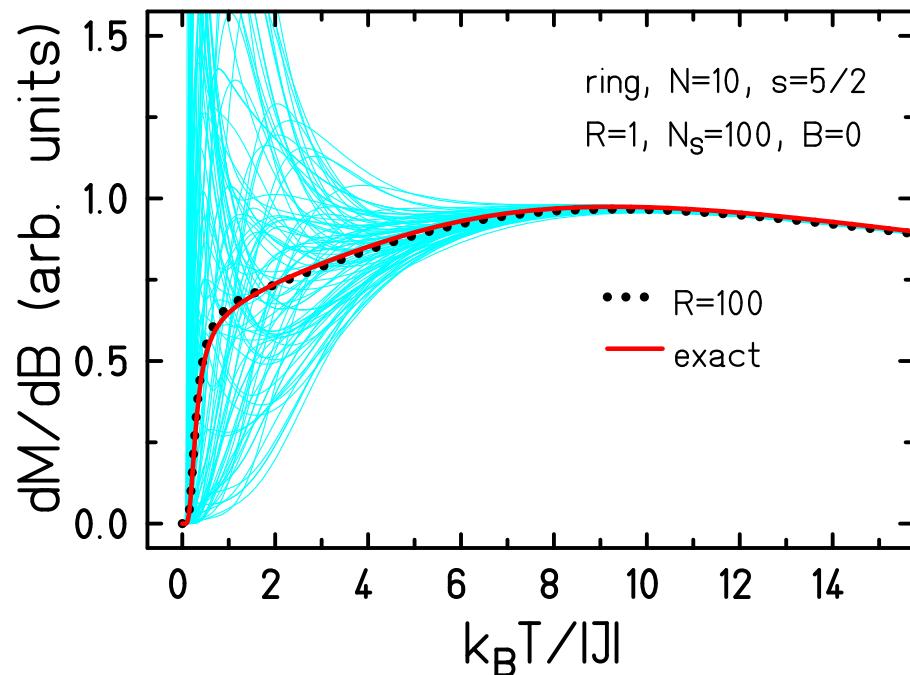
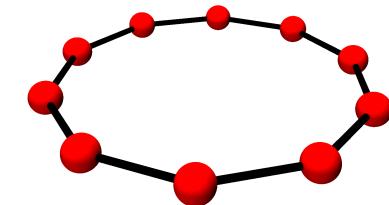
# Finite-temperature Lanczos method

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

- Idea 1: Trace estimation with random vectors.  
Idea 2: Spectral representation of  $\exp\{-\beta \tilde{H}\}$  in Krylov space.
- Use symmetries!
- Partition function replaced by a small sum:  $R = 1 \dots 100, N_L \approx 100$ .

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

## FTLM 1: ferric wheel



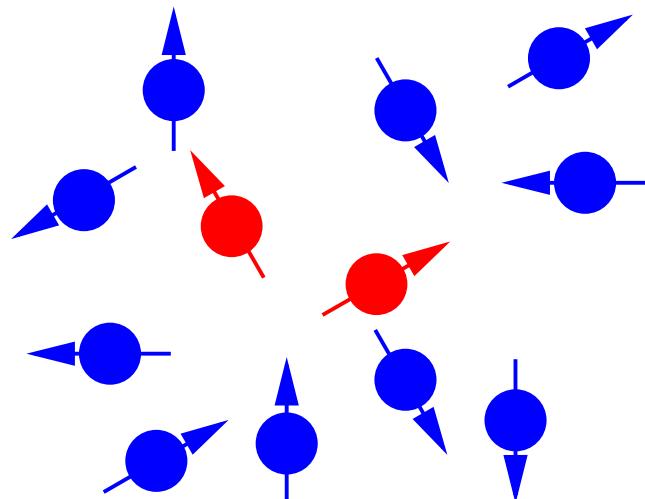
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# Studies on decoherence

## Context

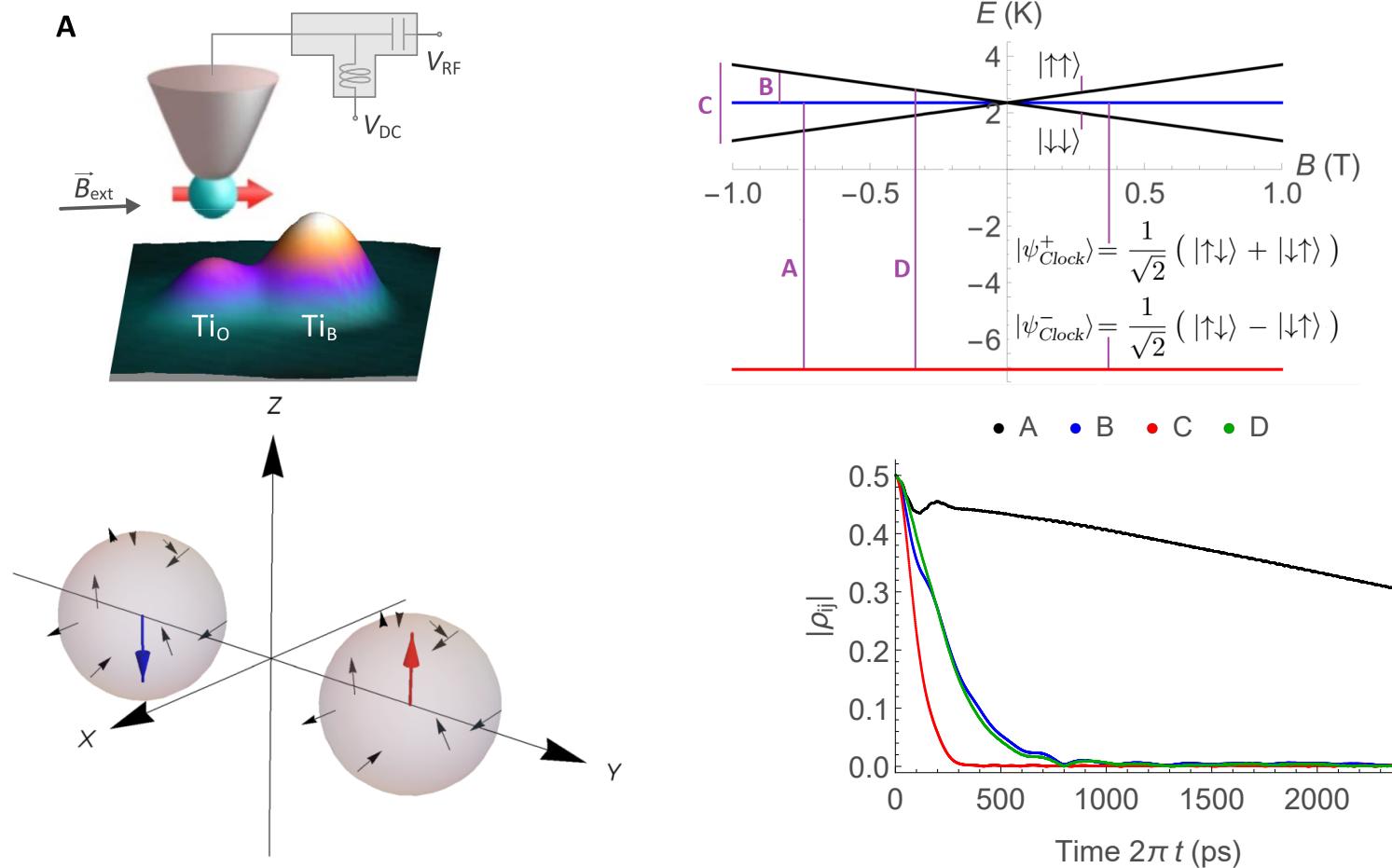


Investigation of **decoherence of a subsystem** if the combined system (including bath) is evolved via the time-dependent Schrödinger equation.

Employed measure of decoherence: reduced density matrix

$$\tilde{\rho}_{\text{system}} = \text{Tr}_{\text{bath}} (\tilde{\rho}) , \quad \tilde{\rho} = | \Psi(t) \rangle \langle \Psi(t) |$$

Typicality: unitary-time evolution of pure state approximates dynamics in environment.



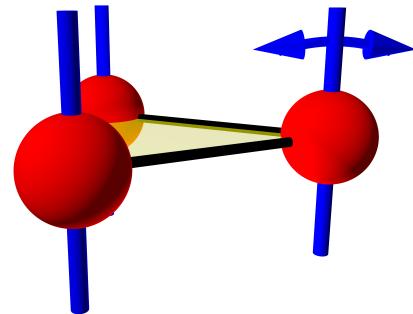
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# Spin-phonon interaction

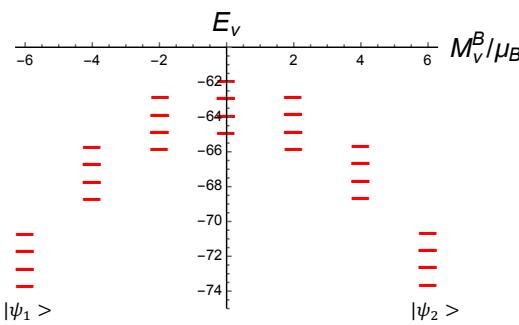
# Spin-phonon interaction – our question

Can phonons induce a tunnel splitting?



Know that non-collinear easy axes produce tunnel splitting

Set up special phonon modes that tilt easy axes in plane with  $C_3$  axis out of uniaxial alignment



ADVANTAGE: quantum many-body solution for spins and phonons

⇒ correlated spin-phonon states:

$$\Psi_\nu = \sum c_{m_1, m_2, m_3, n_1, n_2, n_3}^\nu |m_1, m_2, m_3, n_1, n_2, n_3\rangle$$

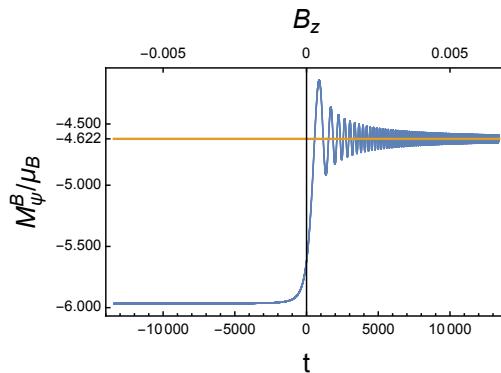
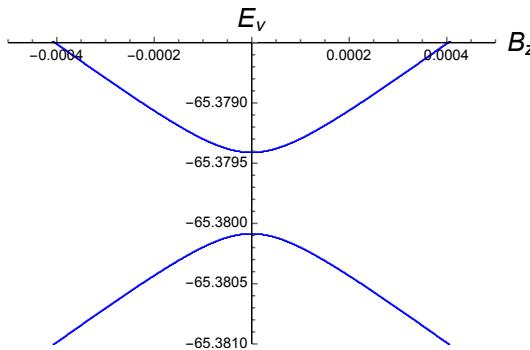
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# Spin-phonon interaction – our result (applies to integer spins)

Can phonons induce a tunnel splitting?

⇒ Yes, they can!

Ground state, practically, does not contain any phonons, nevertheless tunneling occurs. Coupling to zero-point motion suffices (2).

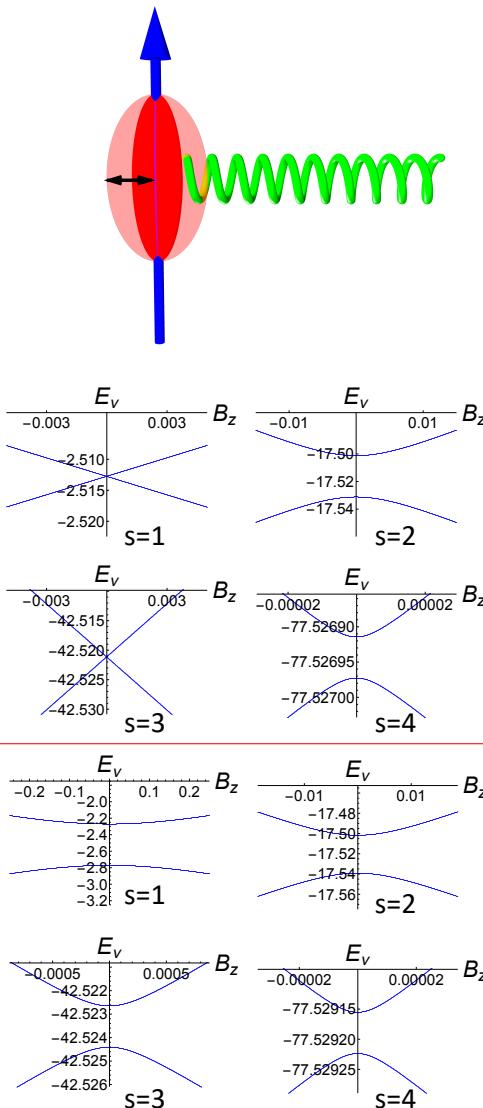


BAD NEWS: It is not enough to cool quantum devices, you have to prevent the coupling to disturbing sources at all.

Side remark: result probably already known in field of vibronic coupling (Atanasov, Shrivastava, Tsukerblat, Coronado).

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- (2) F. Ortú *et al.*, Dalton Trans. **48**, 8541 (2019).

# SUSY spin-phonon interaction (applies to integer spins)



$$\tilde{H} = D(\tilde{s}^z)^2 + E \left\{ (\tilde{s}^x)^2 - (\tilde{s}^y)^2 \right\} + g\mu_B B \tilde{s}^z + \tilde{H}_{\text{HO}}$$

Special phonons that modify only:

$$\text{L: } E = \alpha \left( \tilde{a}^\dagger + \tilde{a} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad \text{Q: } E = \alpha \left( \tilde{a}^\dagger + \tilde{a} \right)^2$$

L: tunneling gap for even  $s$ , no gap for odd  $s$ .

This is not Kramers, but related to another symmetry.

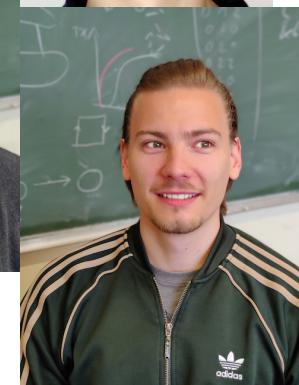
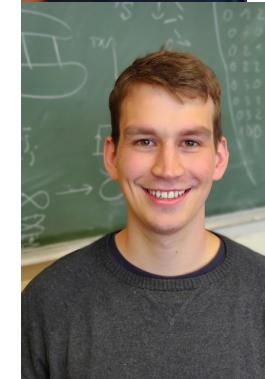
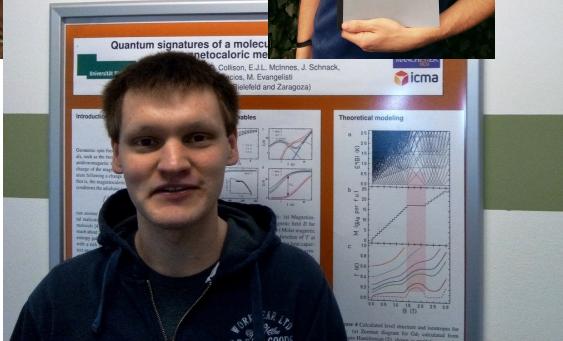
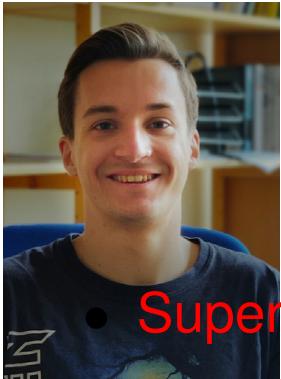
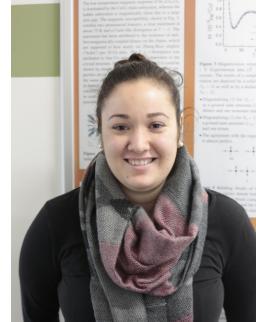
Q: tunneling gap for all  $s$ .

RESULT: very interesting behavior; there are some phonons that do not produce a tunneling gap thanks to the way they couple. SUSY at work.

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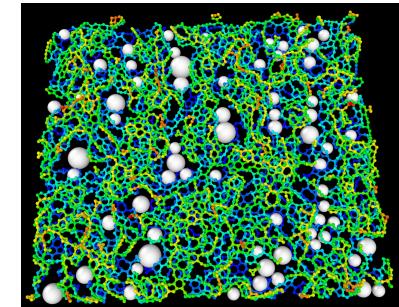
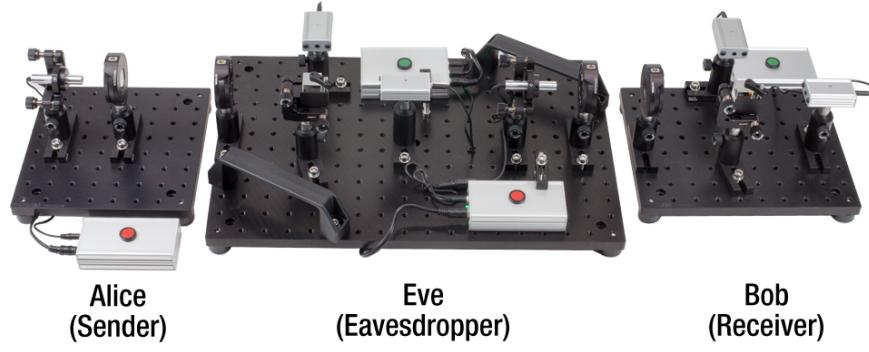
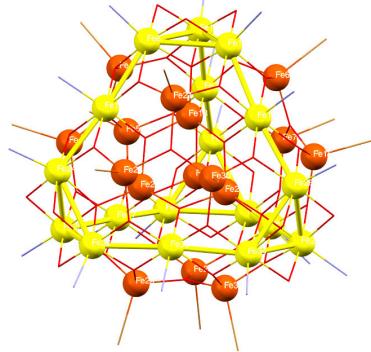
# Examensarbeiten

# Einige Examensarbeiten 2013 – 2020



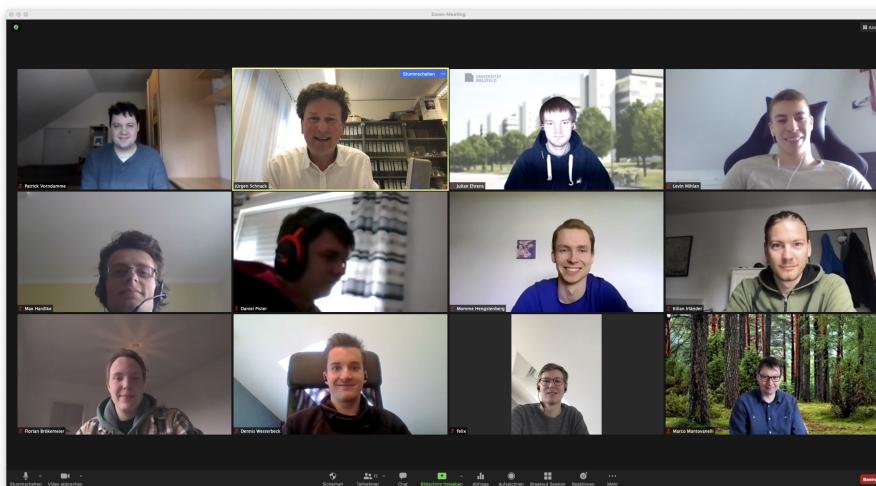
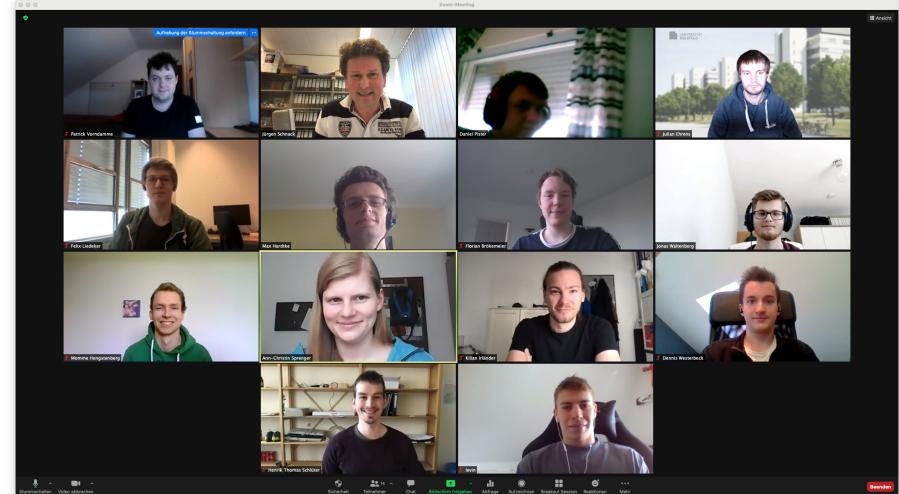
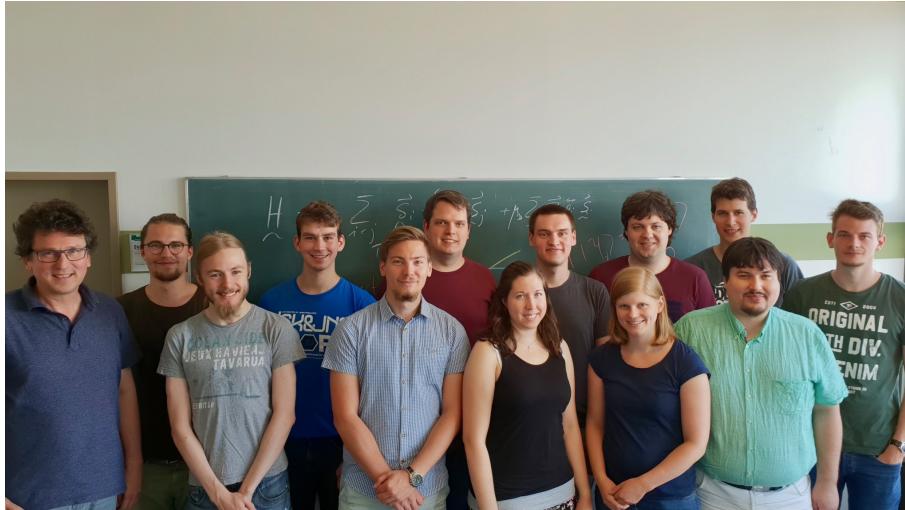
- Superheavies; Spektralfunktionen; Äquilibrierung;
- Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya; FTLM; Qubits; Magnetokalorik;
- Asymmetrischer Austausch; Symmetrien; Klassische Molekulardynamik.

# Mögliche Themen



- Quantenspinringe mit dipolarer Wechselwirkung;
- Magnetokalorische Untersuchungen am quantenkritischen Punkt;
- Quantenkryptographie-Kit (Lehramt, Master);
- Spin-Phonon-Wechselwirkungen;
- Modellierung von Kohlenstoffnanomembranen.

# Willkommen auf E5



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