

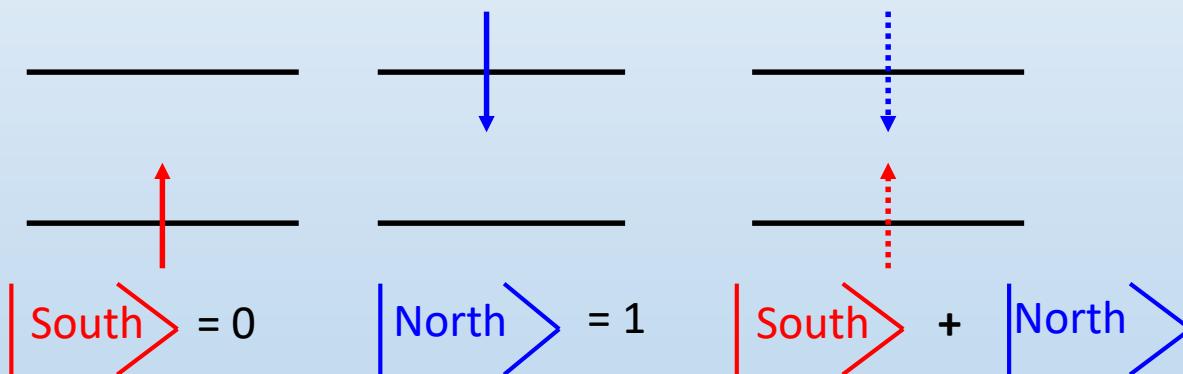
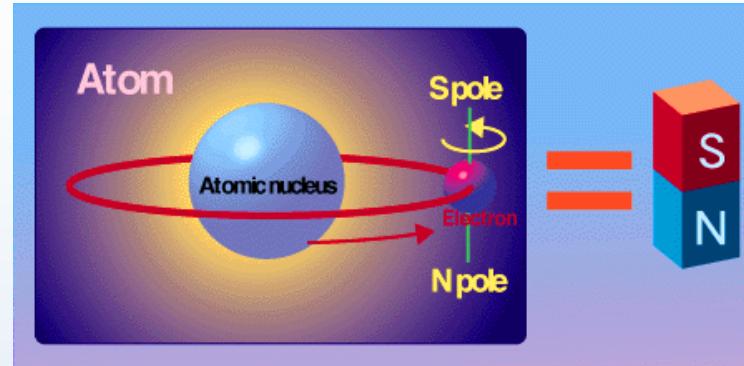
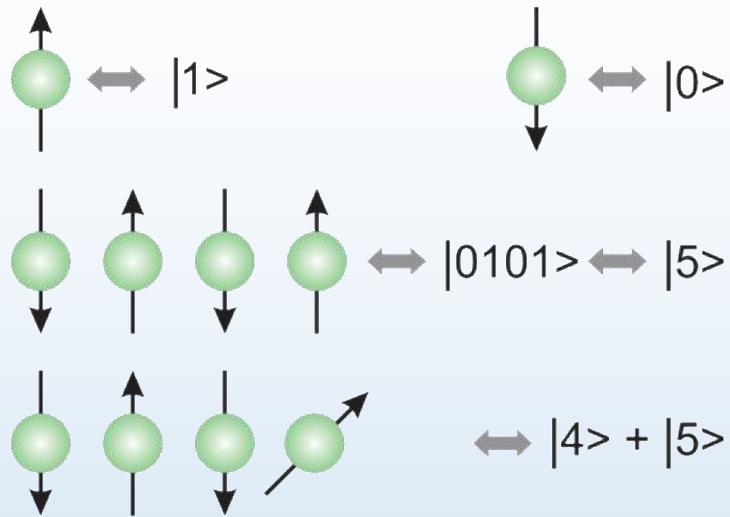
# Defects in spin chains:

## a virtual molecular magnet with quantum coherence properties.

Sylvain Bertaina

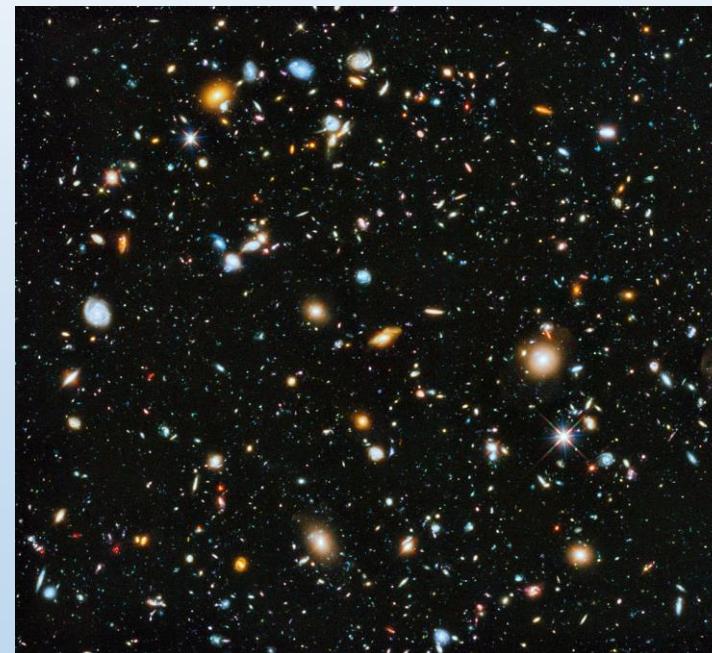


# Quantum Information – Quantum coherence



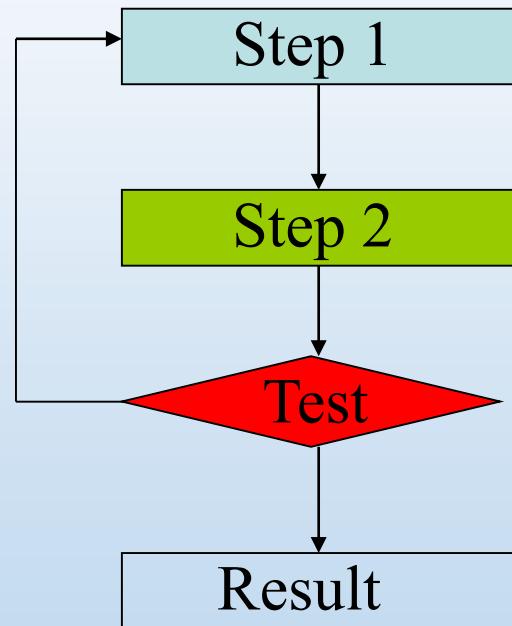
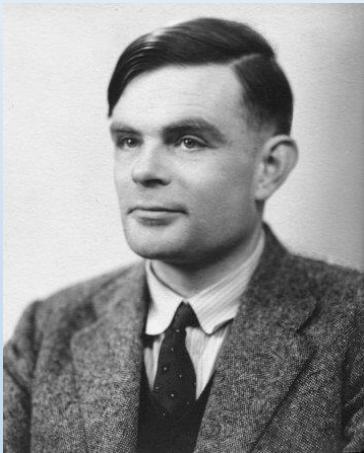
# Quantum memory

$$2^{300} = 1\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000\ 000 = 10^{90}$$



# Classical Algorithm

Turing 1936 :  
1° computer



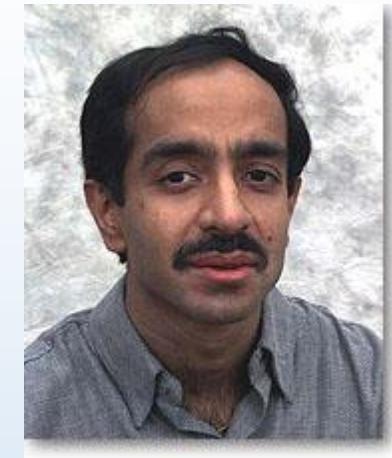
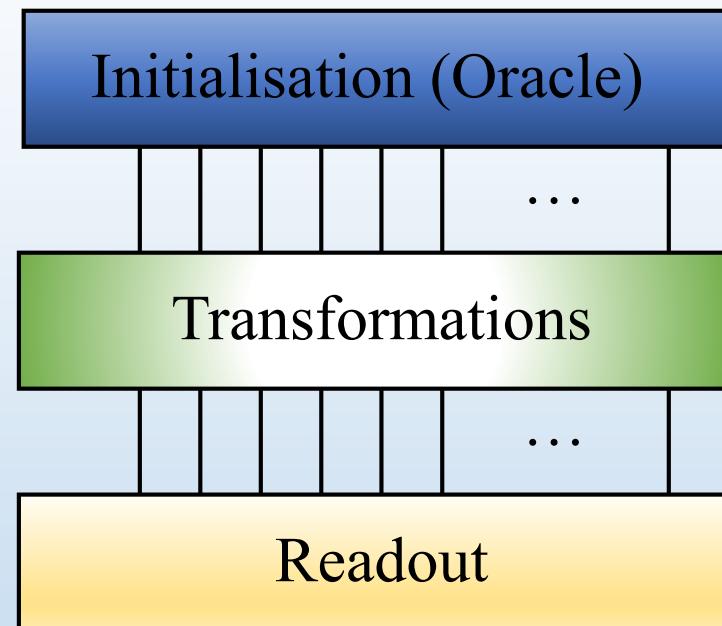
Euclide ~ 300 BC : GCD calculation



# Quantum algorithm



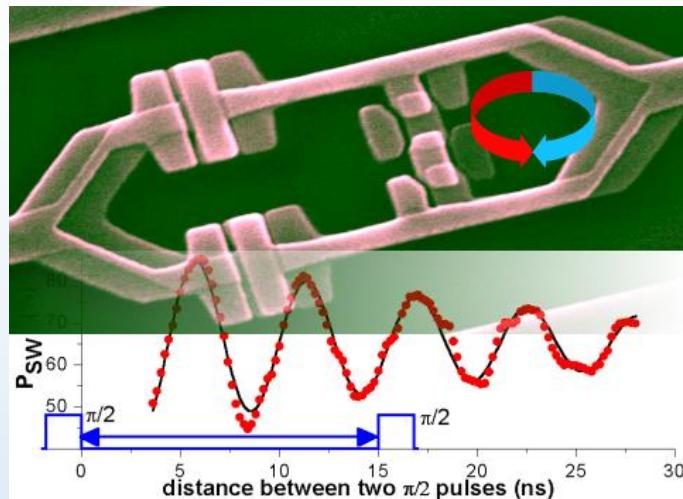
Shor 1998  
Factorisation



Grover 1996  
Search in database

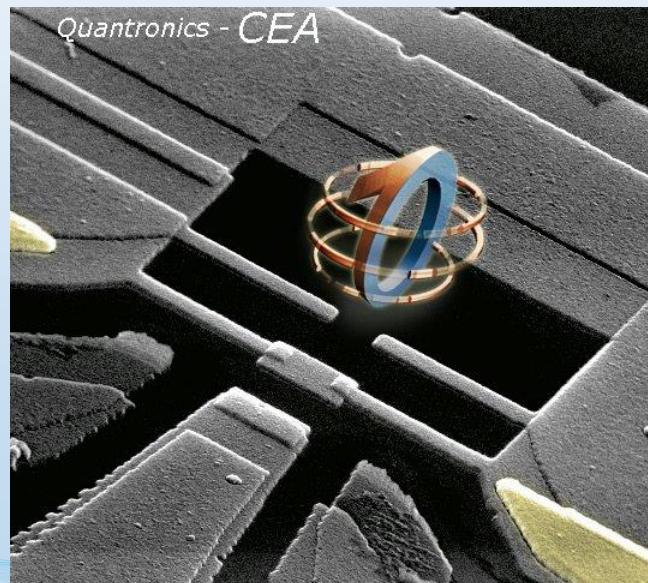


# Examples of qubits



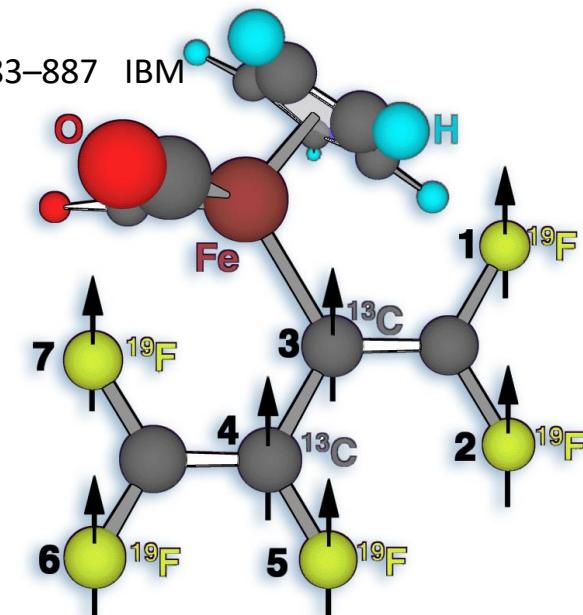
Superconducting flux  
qubit

Chiorescu *et al.* Science **299**,  
1869 (2003)



Nuclear Spins

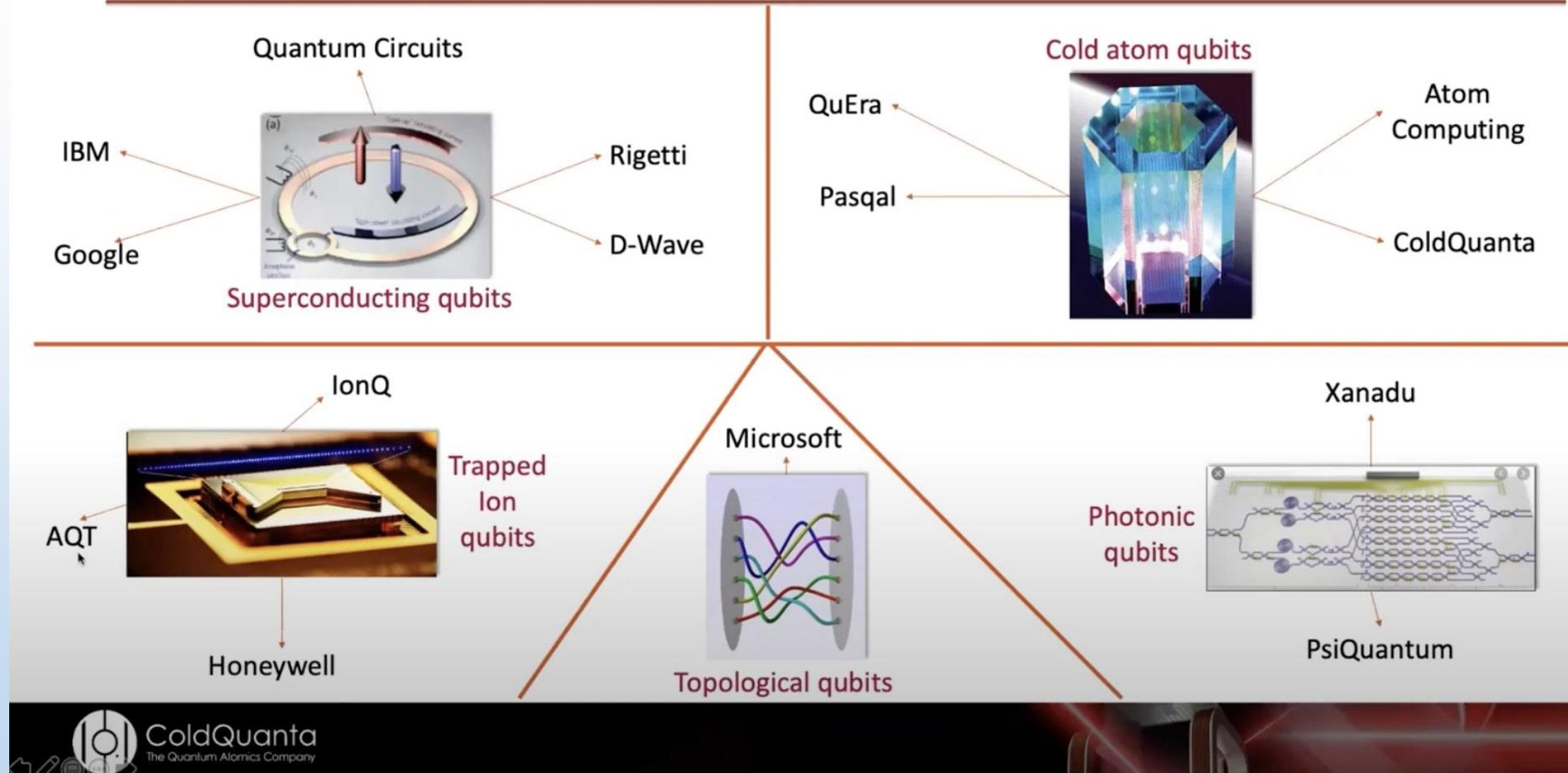
Lieven *et al.* Nature **414**, 883–887 IBM



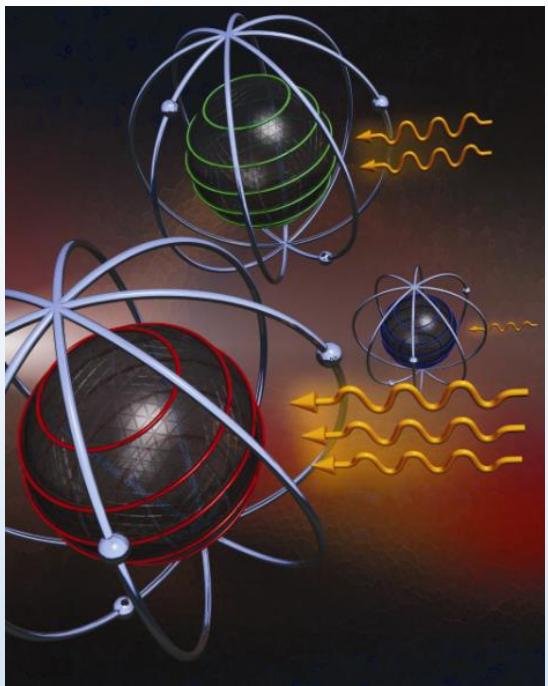
Quantronium

Bouchiat, CEA Patent

# Technology approaches to Quantum Computing

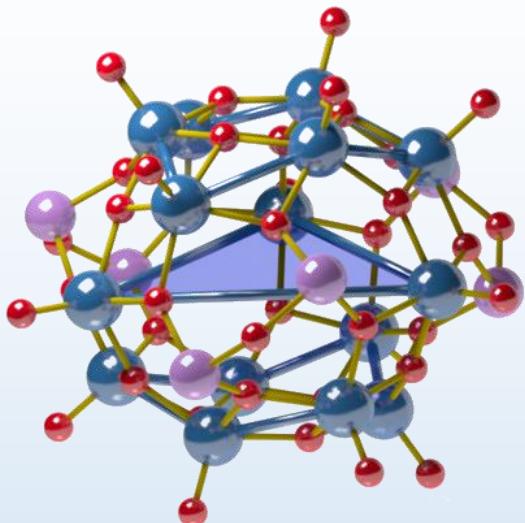


# Non conventional electron spin qubits



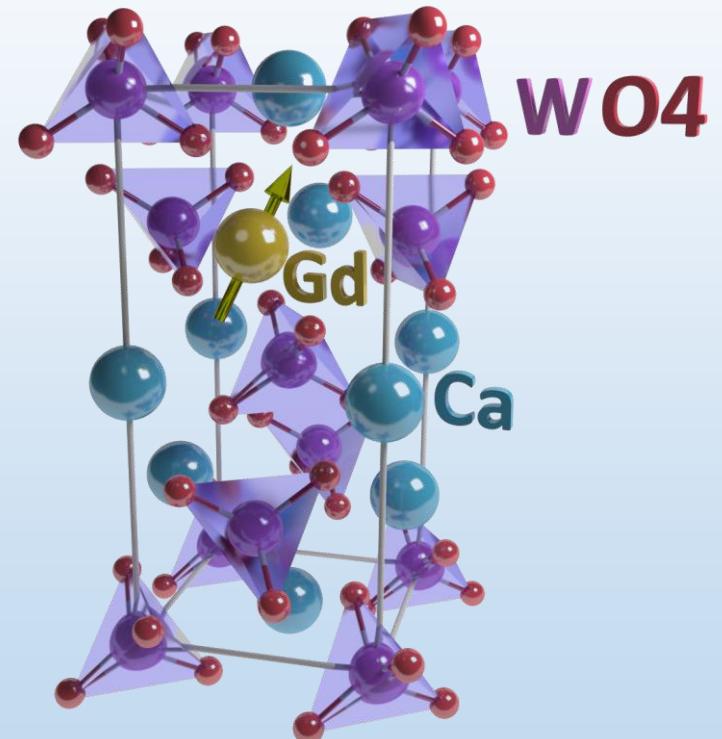
## Qubits multiphotons

Bertaina *et al.* PRL **102** 050501(2009)  
PRB **84** 114433 (2011), PRB **92** 024498 (2015)



## Molecular Magnets : V15

Bertaina *et al.* Nature **453**-203(2008),  
PRL **109** 050401 (2012)

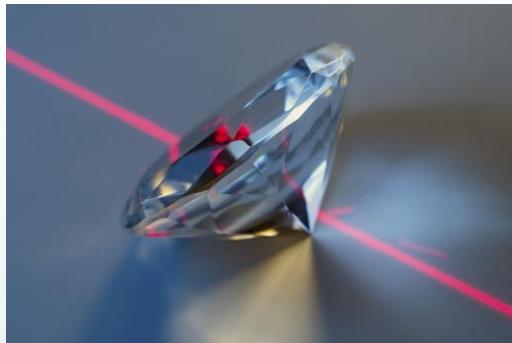


## Spin Orbit Qubit of Rare Earth

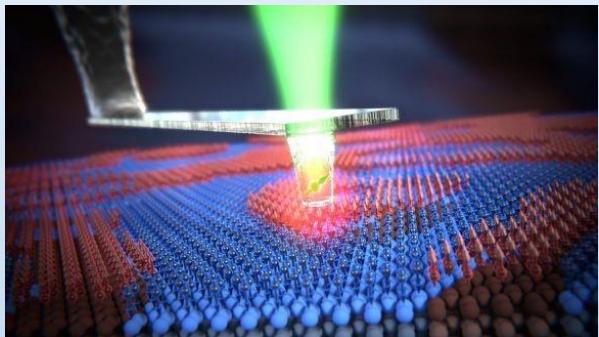
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# Examples of electron spin qubits – State of the art

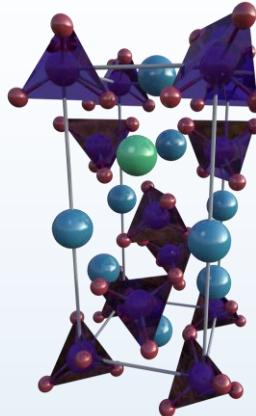
NV center in diamond



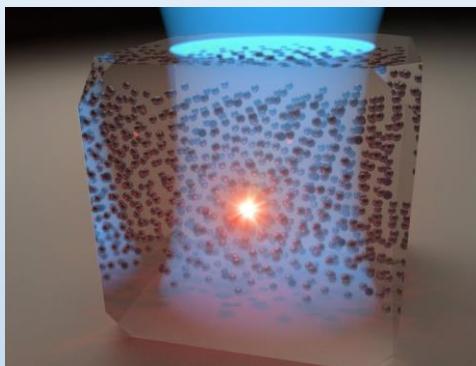
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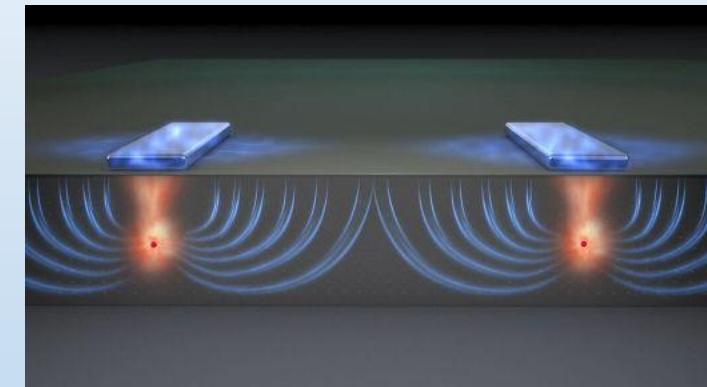
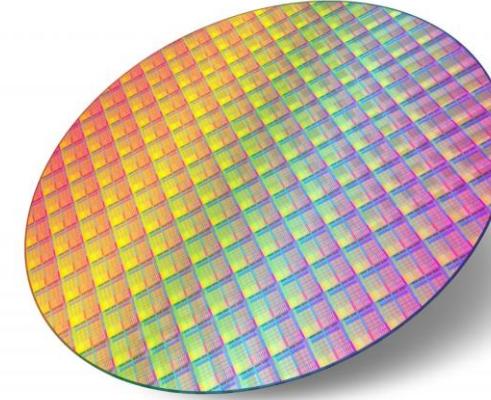
Rare earth ions



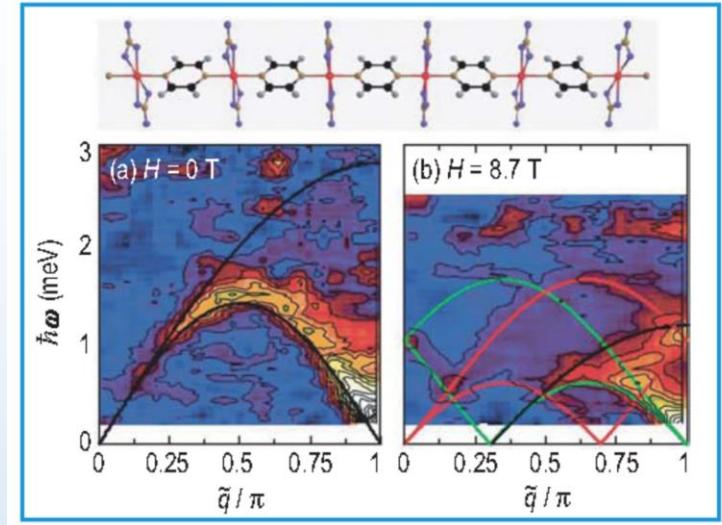
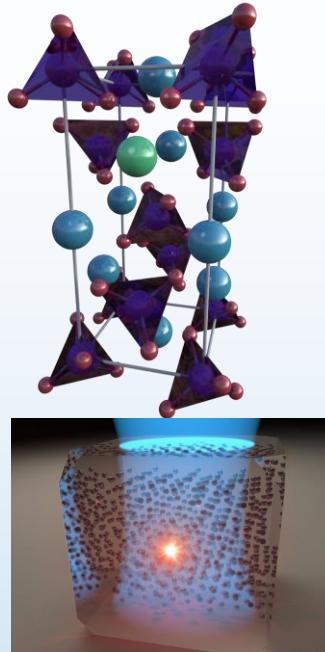
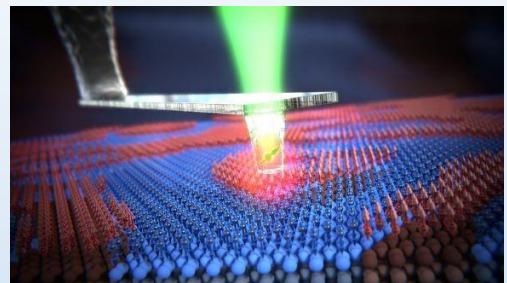
Quantum memory



Silicon



# Motivations



## Interaction

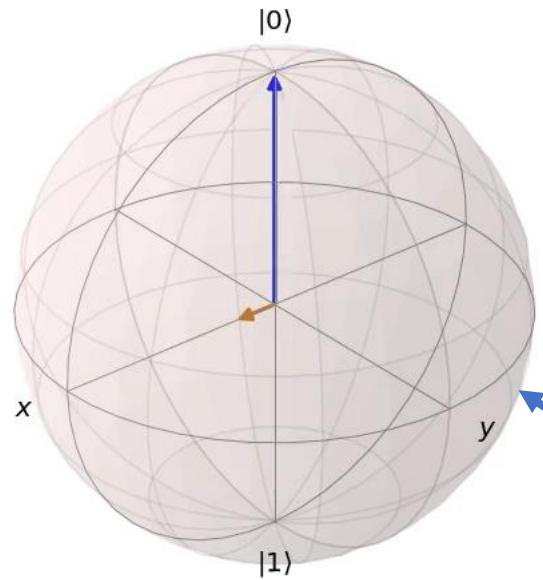
Electron spin Qubit :  
Diluted ions



Strongly correlated  
magnets : Many body  
physics

# Electron Spin Resonance

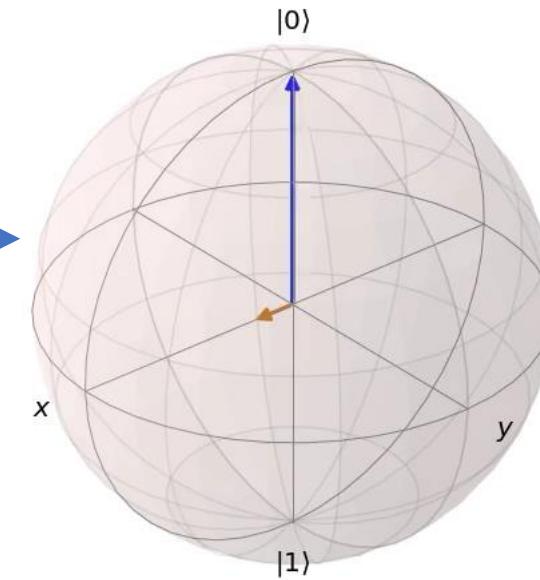
$$\frac{d\vec{S}}{dt} = \vec{S} \times (\vec{H} + \vec{h} \cos(2\pi f t)) - \Gamma \vec{S}$$



Pulsed ESR:  
Frequency fixed  
Magnetic field fixed  
Recorded in time

Relaxation time  $\ll$  experiment time:  
**Transient regime or coherent**

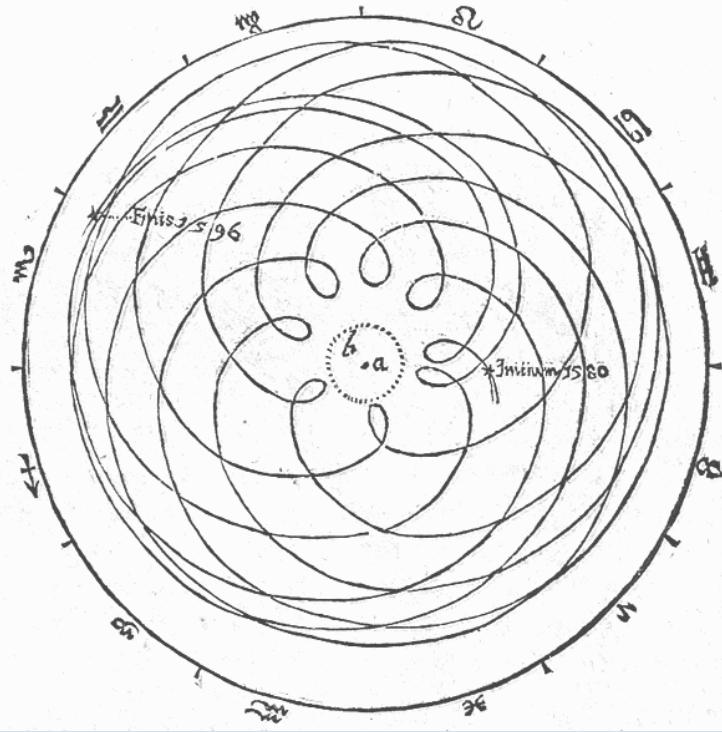
CW ESR :  
Frequency fixed  
Magnetic field swept



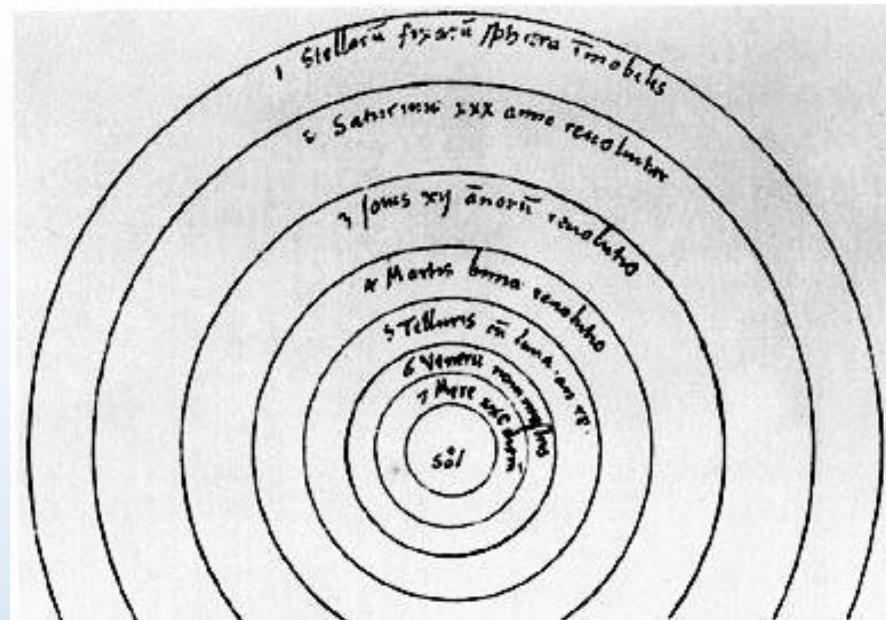
Relaxation time  $\gg$  experiment time:  
**Steady state regime or incoherent**

# Choice of the frame

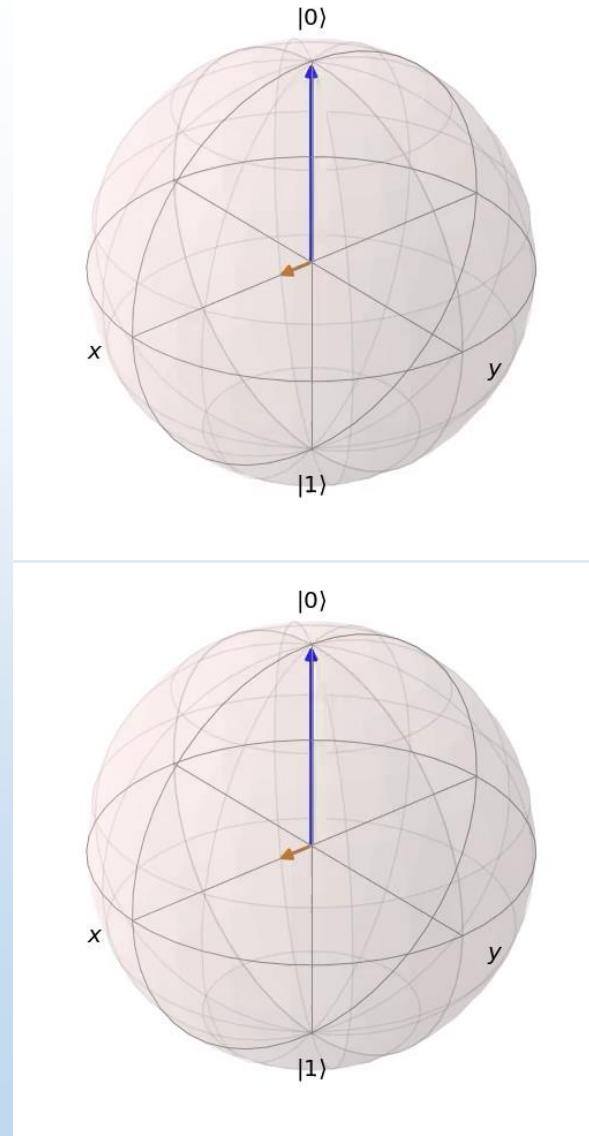
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Brahe – Kepler (1609)  
*Astromia nova*



Copernic (1530)  
*De Revolutionibus orbium coelestium*

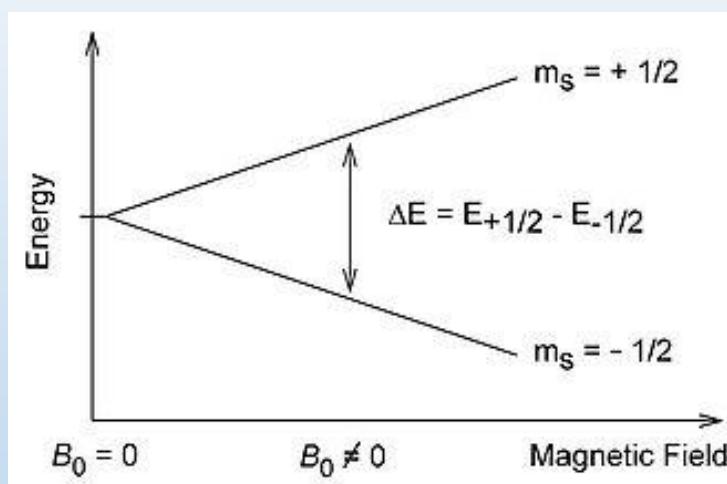


# Rotating frame transformation

$$U = \exp(i2\pi ftS_z)$$

$$\hat{H} = \gamma H_0 S_z + 2h S_x \cos(2\pi f t)$$

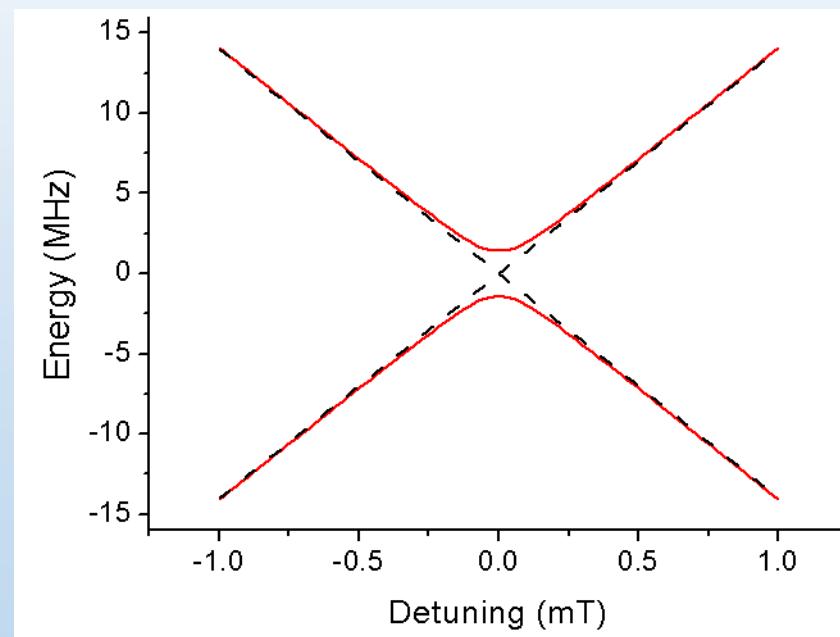
Time dependant



$$\hat{H}_{rot} = \Delta S_z + h(1 + \exp(i4\pi f t)) S_x$$

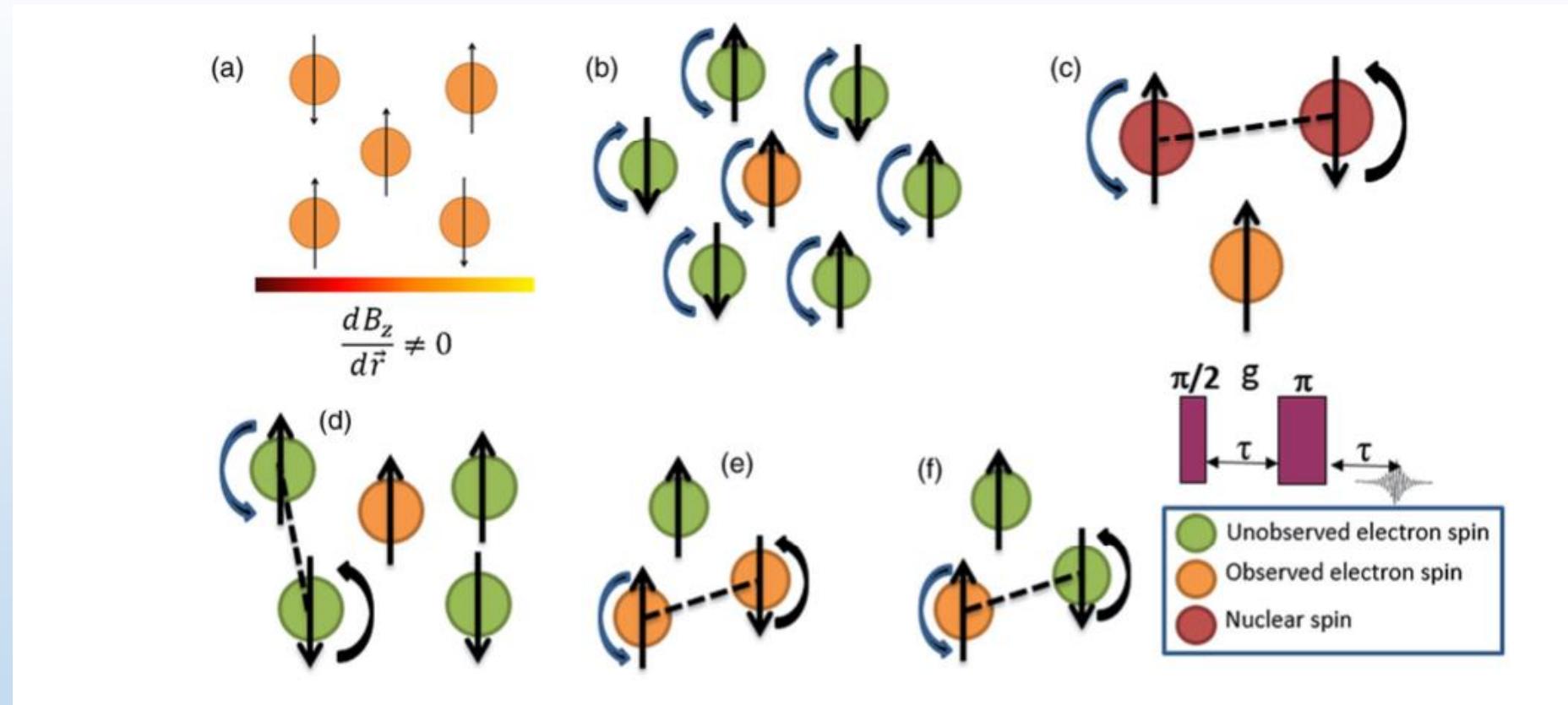
$$\Delta = \gamma H_0 - f$$

Time independant



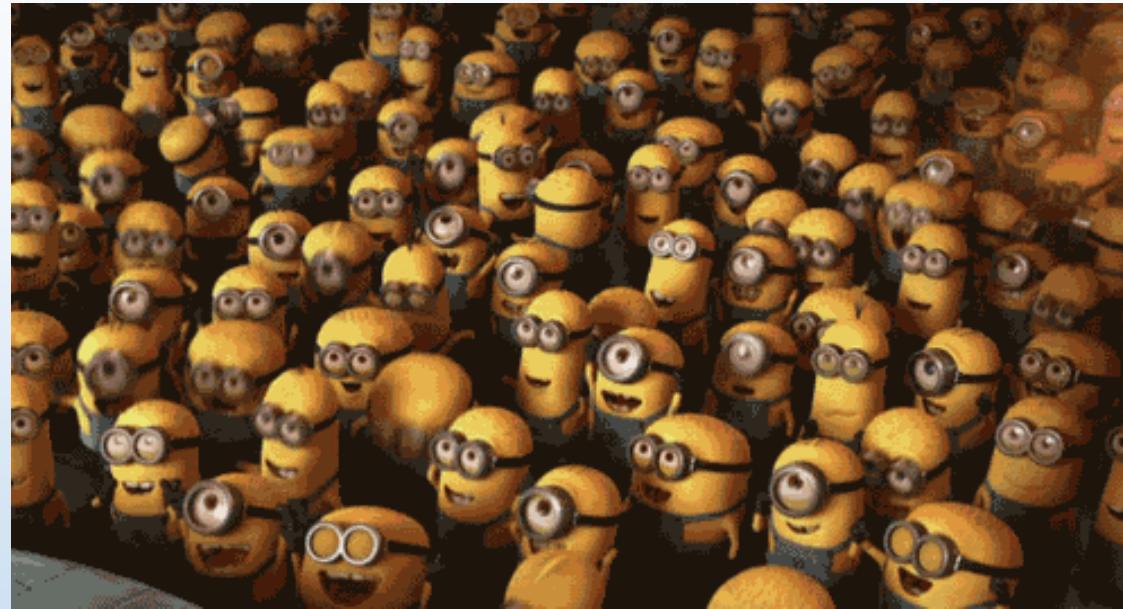
Right unitary transformation → problem solved

# Sources of decoherence



# Dipole-dipole interaction

Too many spins and too close → increase the relaxation



Solution: separate them by magnetic dilution (doping material, frozen solution)

# (Super)hyperfine interaction

The nuclear spins surrounding the electron spin perturb it



Solution: find systems with few nuclear spins or far from the electron spin / Isotopic enrichment

# Effect of temperature : phonon interaction

Temperature too high  
increases the relaxation



Solution: decrease the temperature

# Time to play



# Sources of relaxations

How to increase the coherence regime time ?

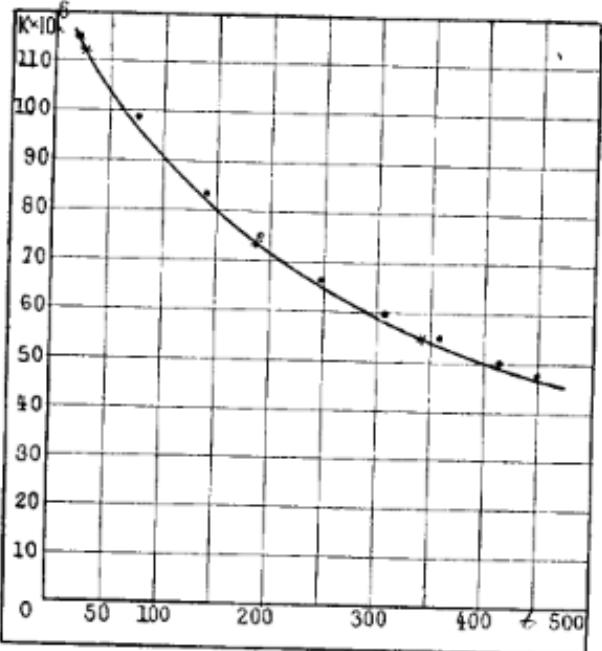
- Dipole-dipole interaction → magnetic dilution
- Nuclear spin bath → isotopic enrichment
- Spin-phonon interaction → low temperature

**Change the paradigm → use strong correlation**

# Strongly Correlated Magnets

Diluted magnetism :

Fig. 7.



1D correlation  
No order

Susceptibility of oxygen:  
P. Curie 1895 (Thesis)

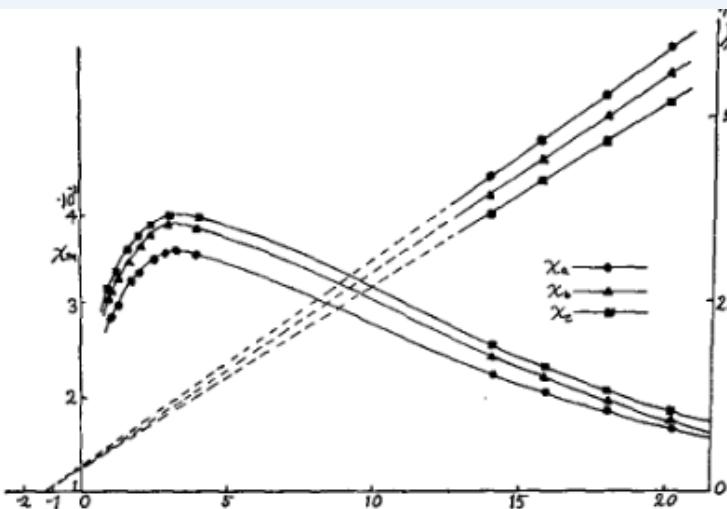
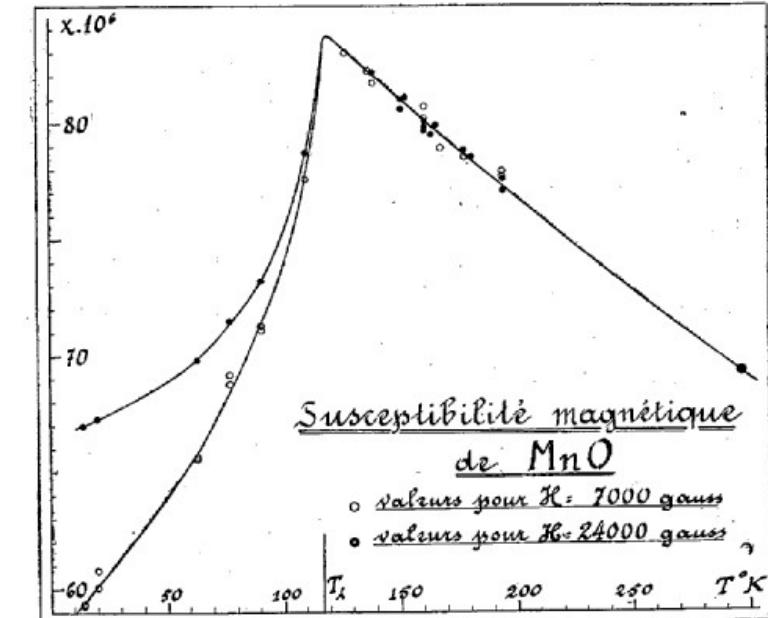


FIG. 1. Molar magnetic susceptibilities and reciprocal susceptibilities of  $\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_4\text{SO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  parallel to the  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  axis of the crystal in the range of liquid helium and liquid hydrogen temperatures.

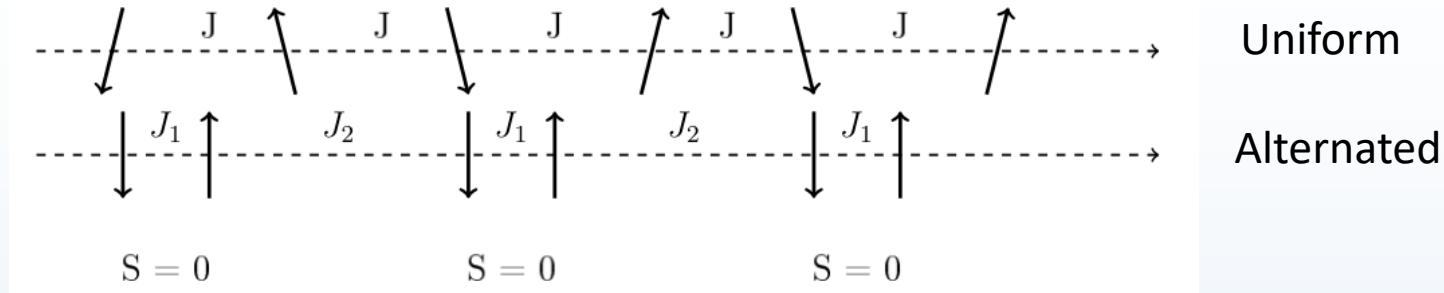
3D correlation  
Néel order



MAGNETISME. — Le point de transition  $\lambda$  de la susceptibilité magnétique du protoxyde de manganèse  $\text{MnO}$ . Note (\*) de MM. HENRI BIZETTE, CHARLES F. SQUIRE et BELLING TSAÏ, transmise par M. Aimé Cotton.

Susceptibility of MnO:  
Bizette 1938 (CR Acc. Sci)

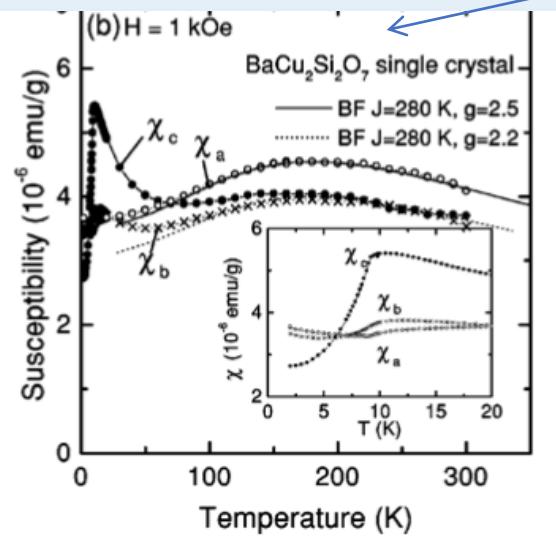
# Strongly correlated 1D spin systems



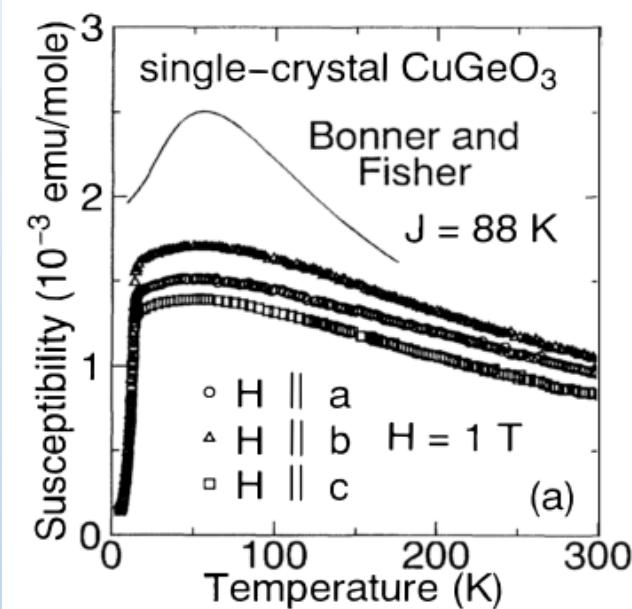
Uniform spin chain  
 $\text{KCuF}_3$ ,  $\text{BaCu}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7$ ,  
 $\text{BaV}_3\text{O}_8$ ,  $\text{Sr}_2\text{CuO}_3$

$$H = J \sum_i [(1 - \delta)S_{2i-1}S_{2i} + (1 + \delta)S_{2i}S_{2i+1}]$$

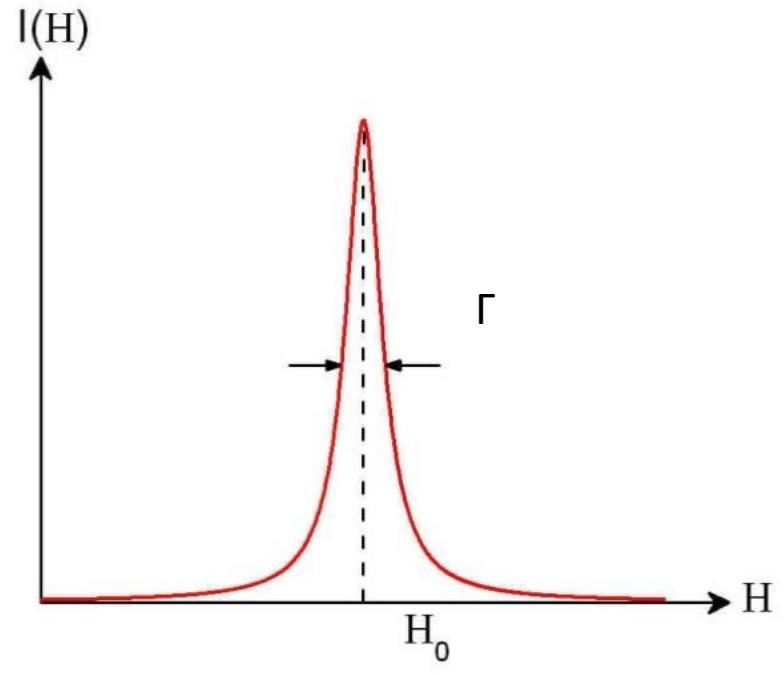
Tsukada PRB 1999



Dimerized spin chain  
 $\text{CuGeO}_3$ ,  $\text{NaV}_2\text{O}_5$



# 1 line – 4 independent information



$\chi_s = \int I(H)dH$  Susceptibility - Kramer Kronig relation.

$\Gamma$  Linewidth : Dynamic properties

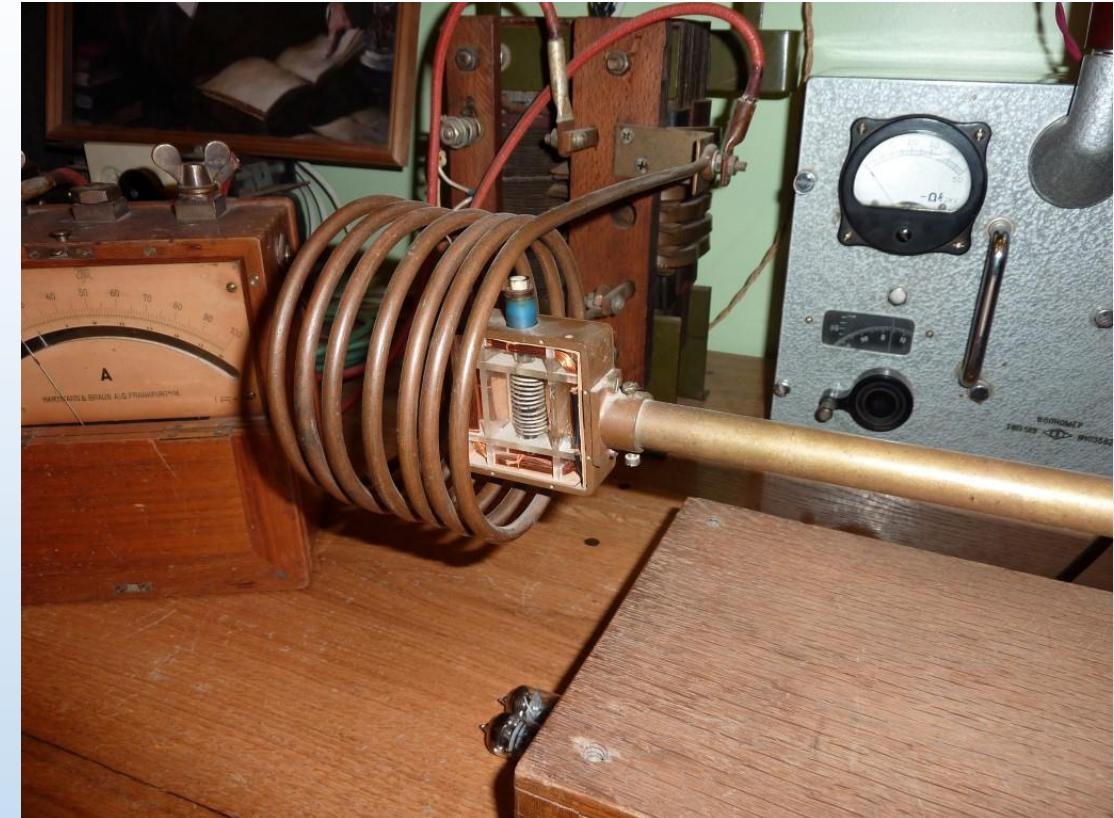
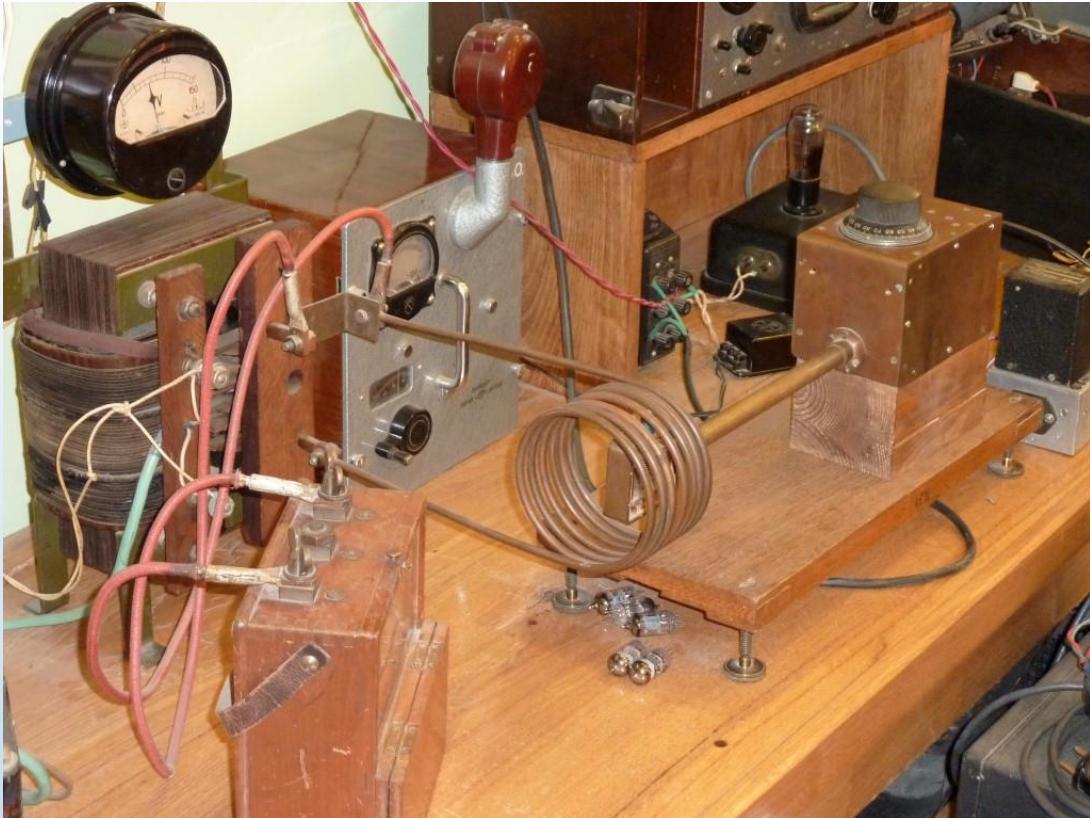
$H_0$  Resonance field : Local properties (crystal field)

Asymmetry : Dispersion signal - conductivity

$$I(H) = \frac{\Gamma}{(H - H_0)^2 + \Gamma^2}$$

# ESR spectrometer – the original one

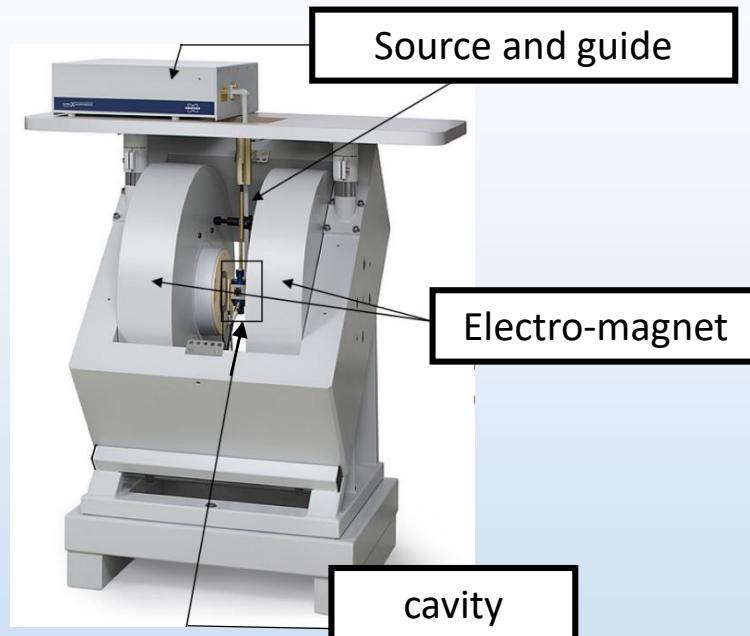
1944 – Zavoiski (Kazan State University)



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# Electron Paramagnetic Resonance: experiment

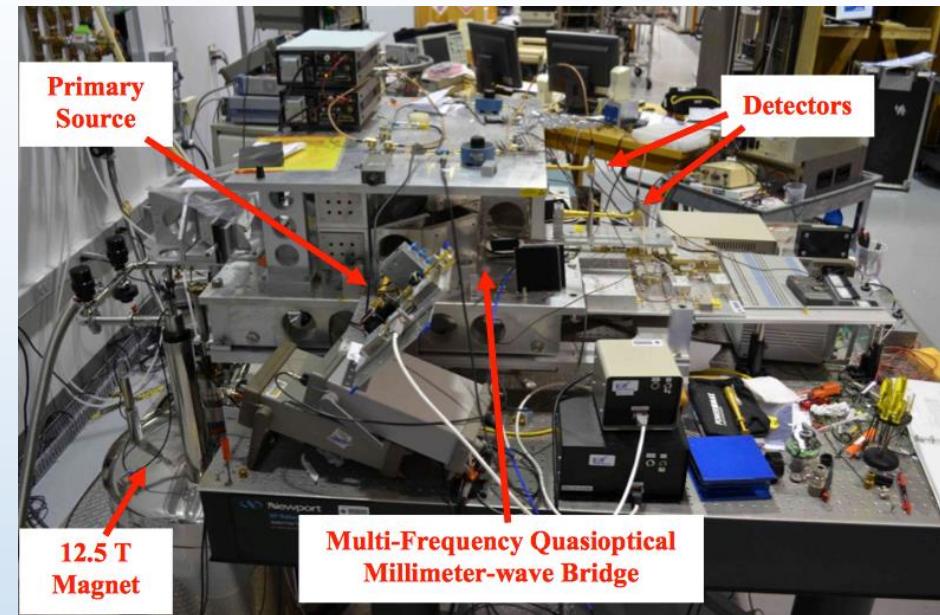
Low frequency



IM2NP, Marseille (France)

- Bruker
- X Band – 10GHz

High frequency

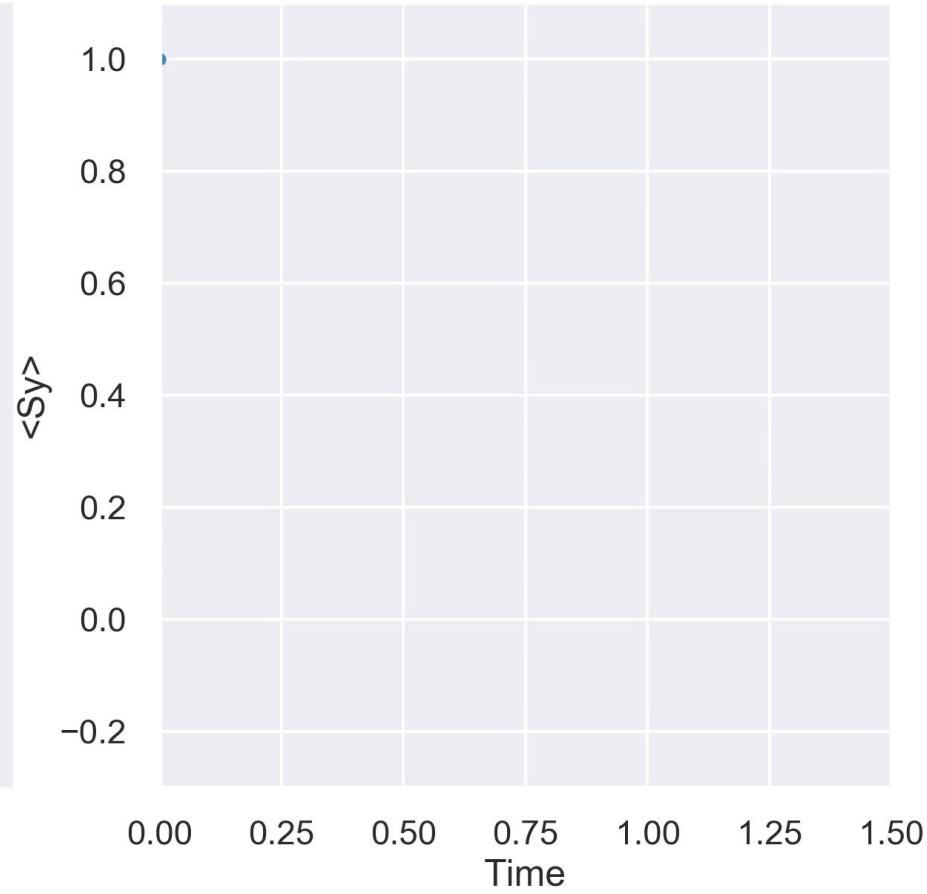
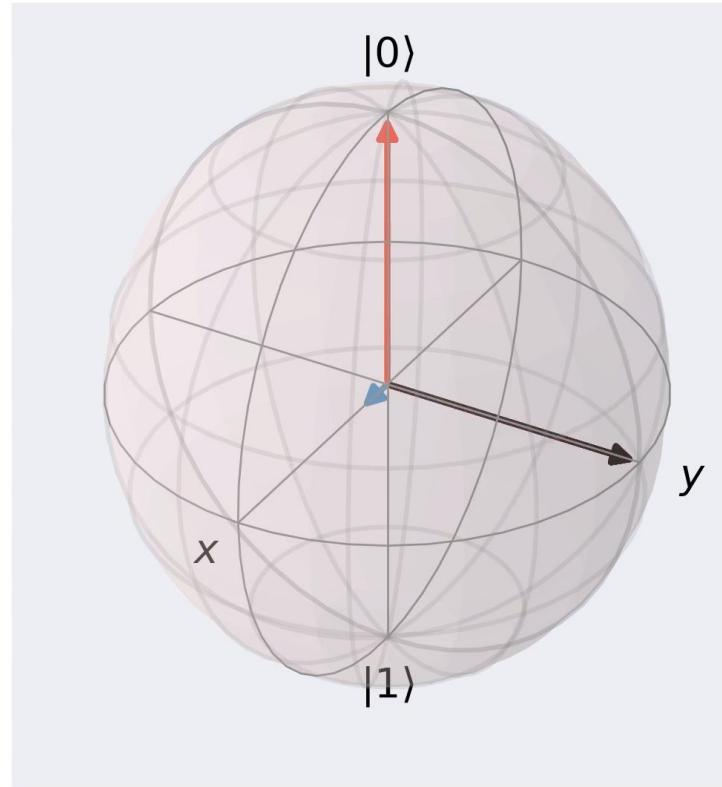


NHMFL, Tallahassee (USA)

- Quasi-optical superheterodyn
- 120 GHz, 240GHz et 336 GHz
- Champ magnétique: -12.5T à 12.5T

# Inhomogeneous line – in the rotating frame

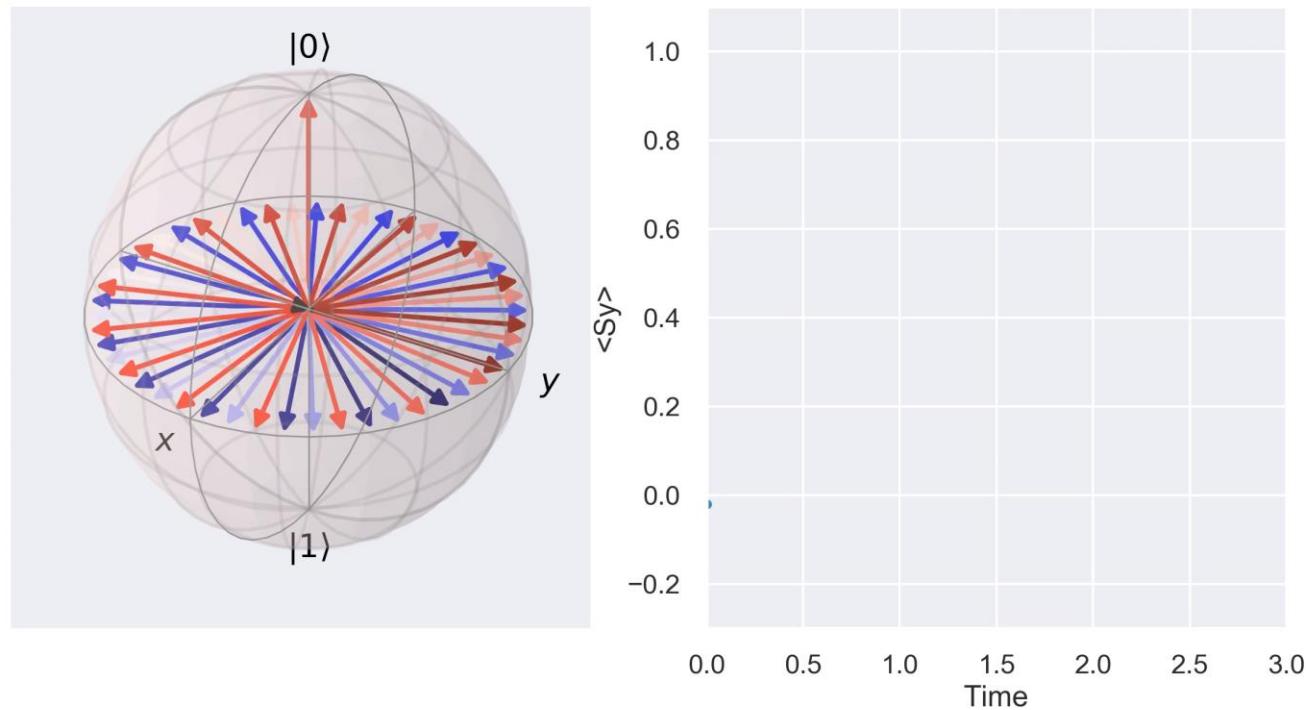
Free evolution after  $\pi/2$



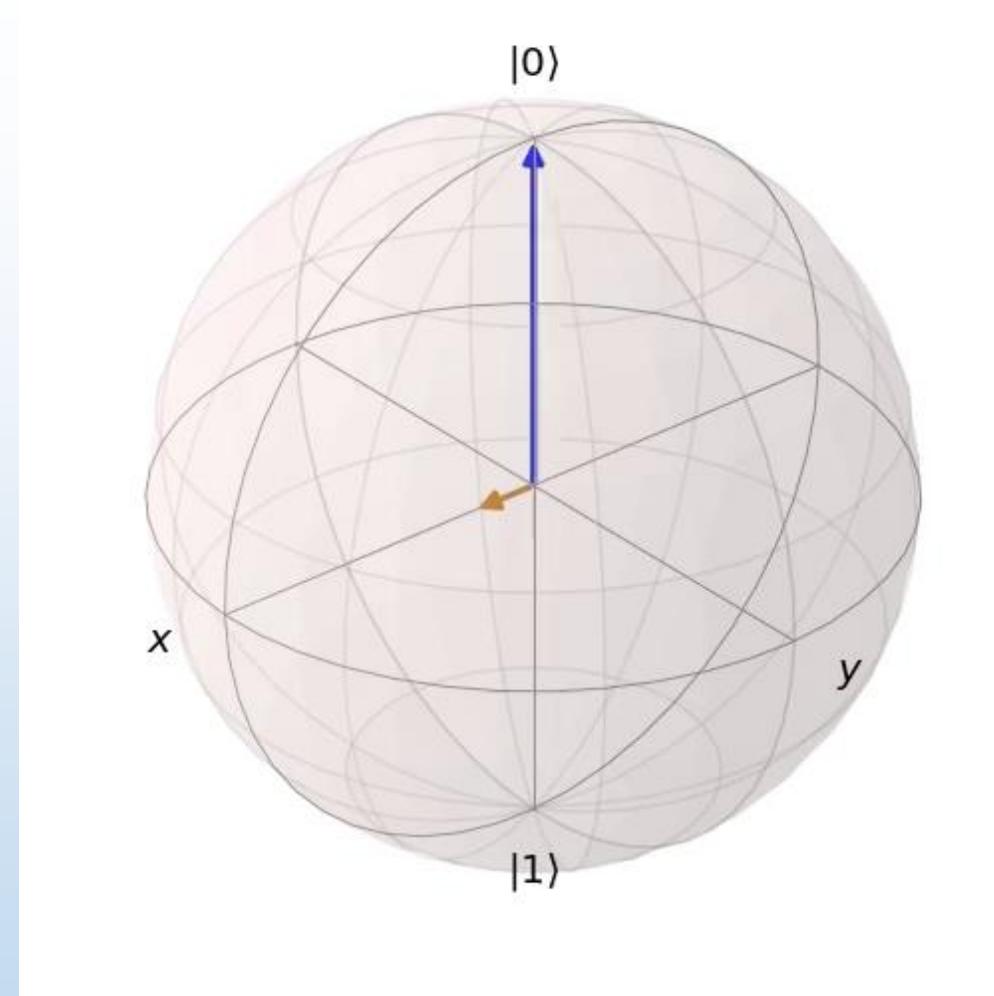
# Spin - echo

$\frac{\pi}{2}$  – free evolution –  $\pi$  – free evolution.

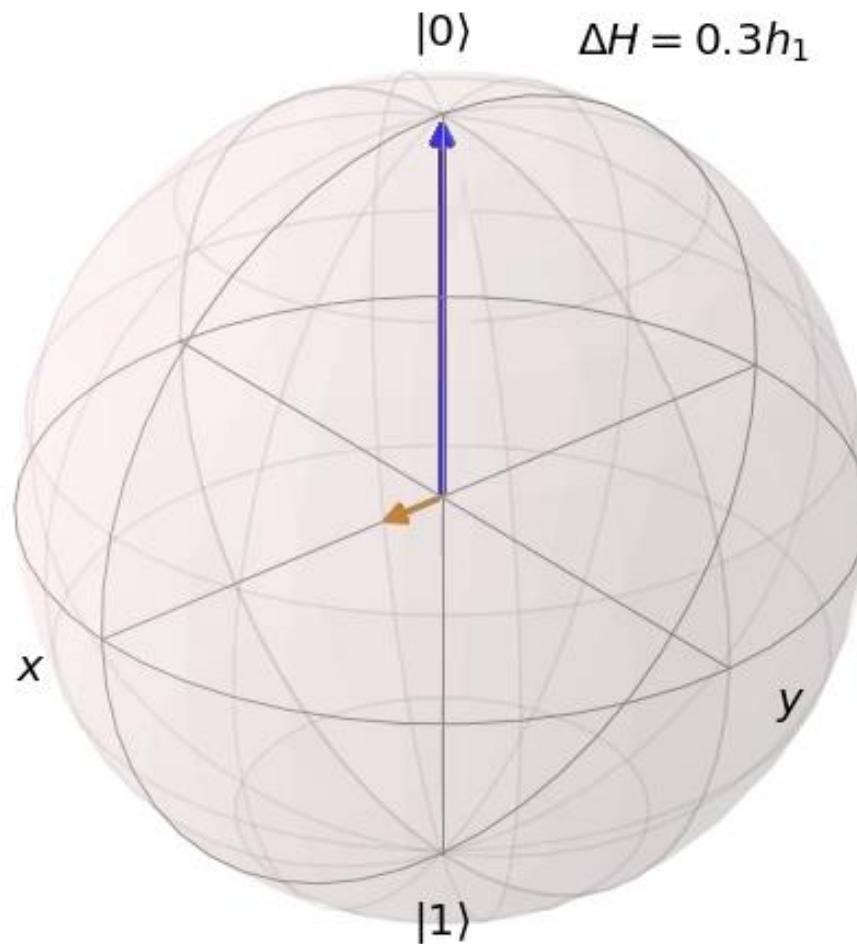
Free evolution after  $\pi/2 - \pi$



# Hahn echo sequence – Hard pulses

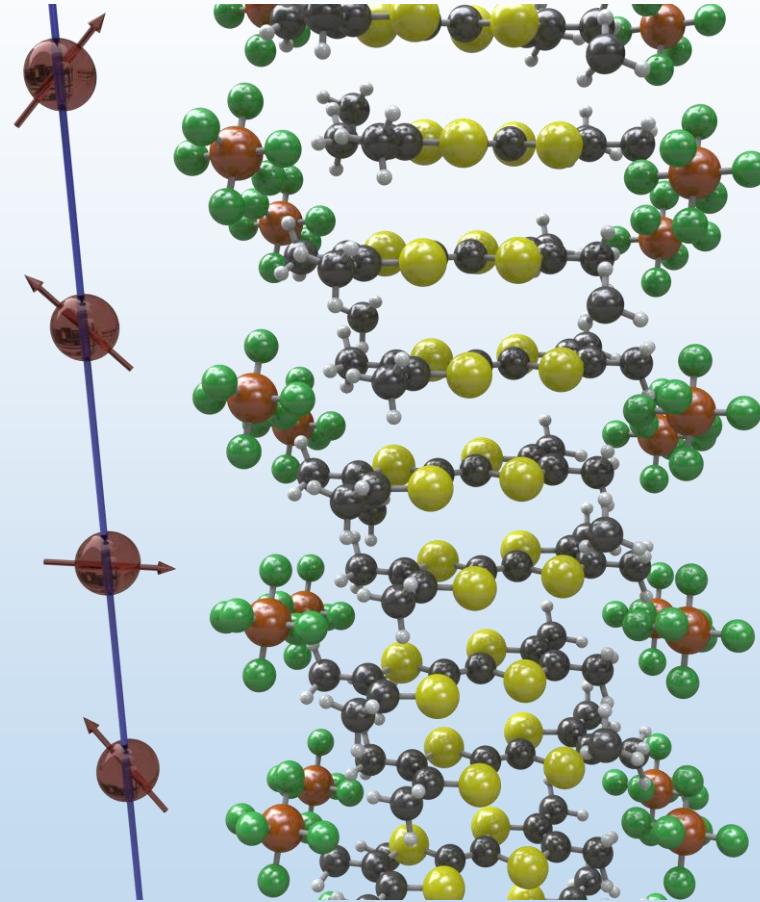


# Hahn echo sequence – Soft pulses

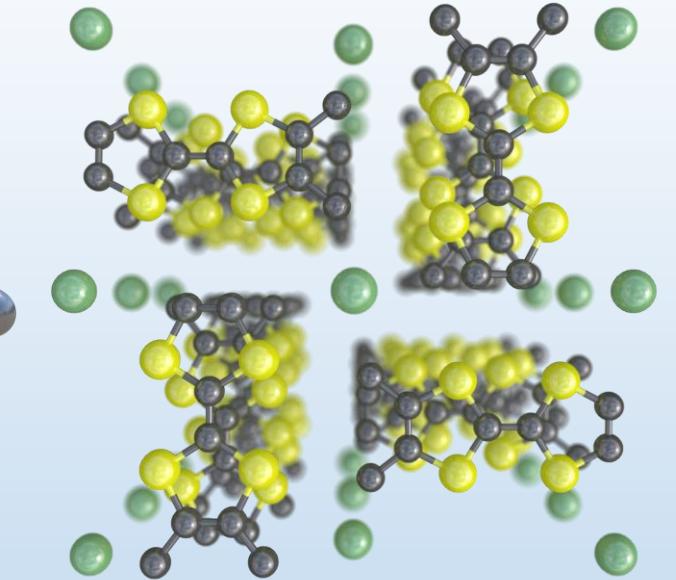
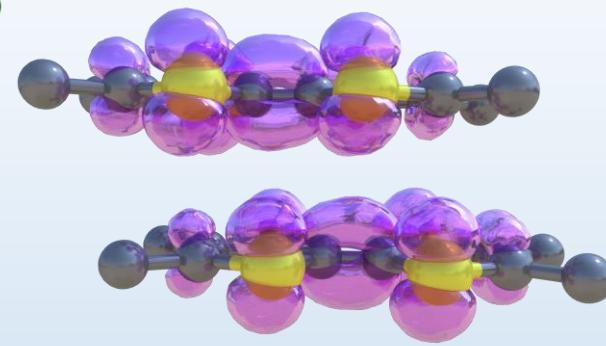


# Presentation : organic spin chains

$(\text{TMTTF})_2\text{XF}_6$  X=As,P,Sb

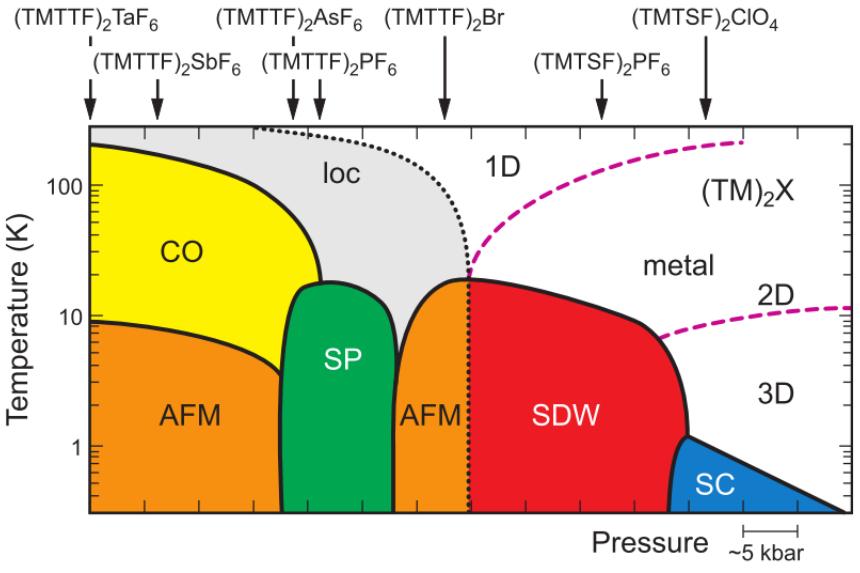


$\text{o}(\text{DMTTF})_2\text{X}$  X=Cl,Br,I



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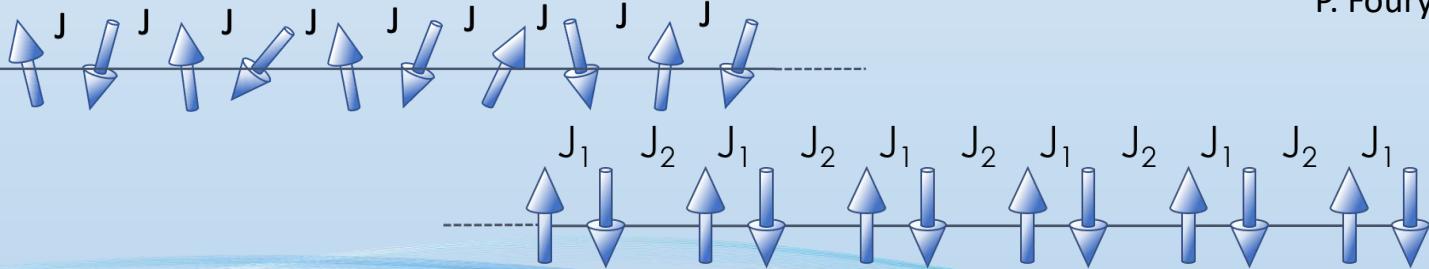
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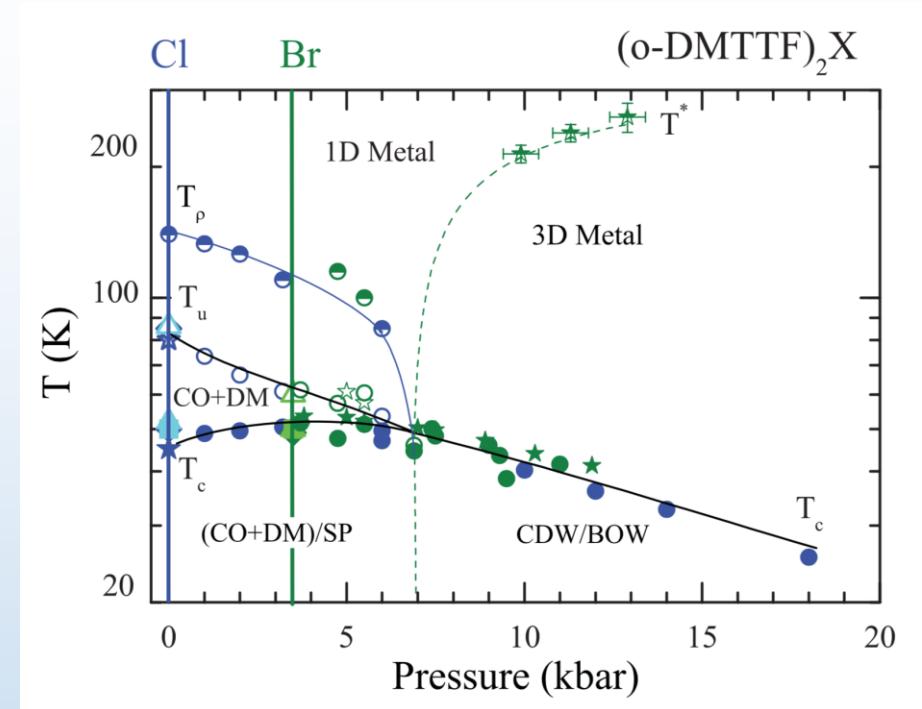
Dressel et al. Crysrallography, 2, 2012

$J \sim 400\text{K}, 300\text{T}, 300\text{cm}^{-1}$

$$H_{\text{Heisenberg}} = J \sum_i^N \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_{i+1}$$



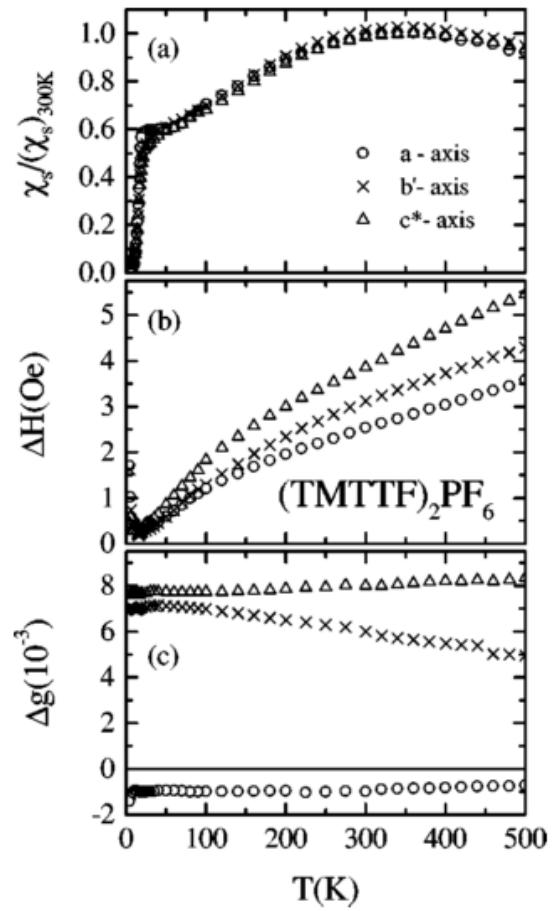
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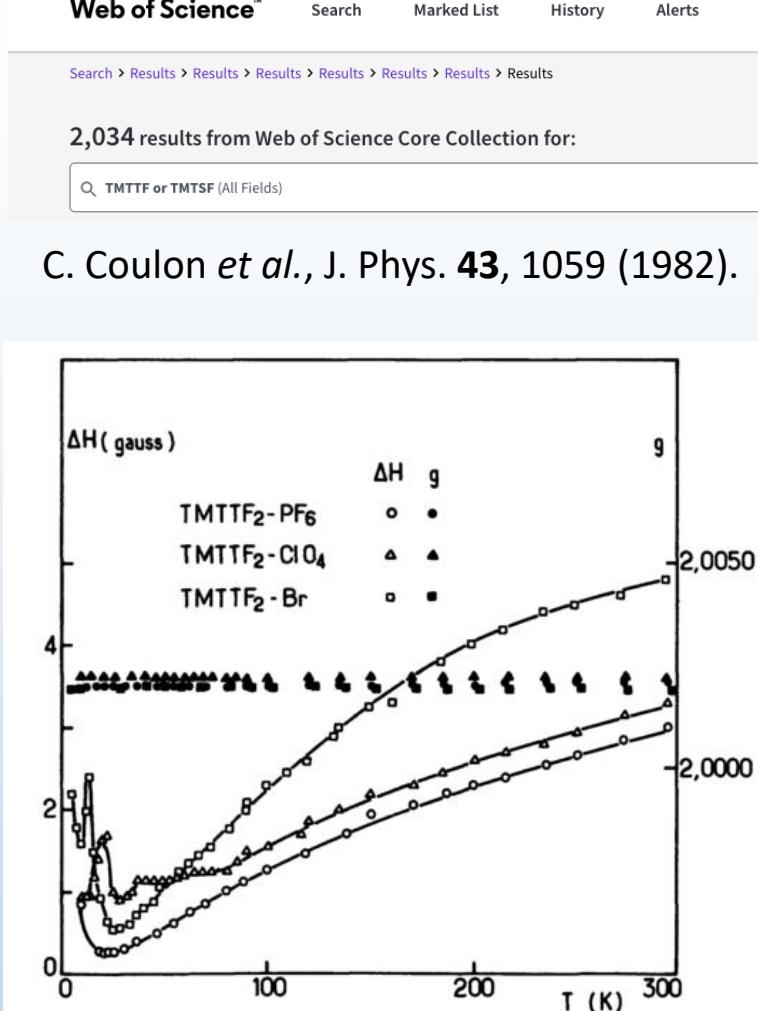
P. Foury-Lyclekian, et al. Phys. Rev. B. 84, 195134 (2011).

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= 1 + \delta \\ J_2 &= 1 - \delta \\ H_{\text{SP}} &= \sum_i^N J_1 S_{2i-1} \cdot S_{2i} + J_2 S_{2i} \cdot S_{2i+1} \end{aligned}$$

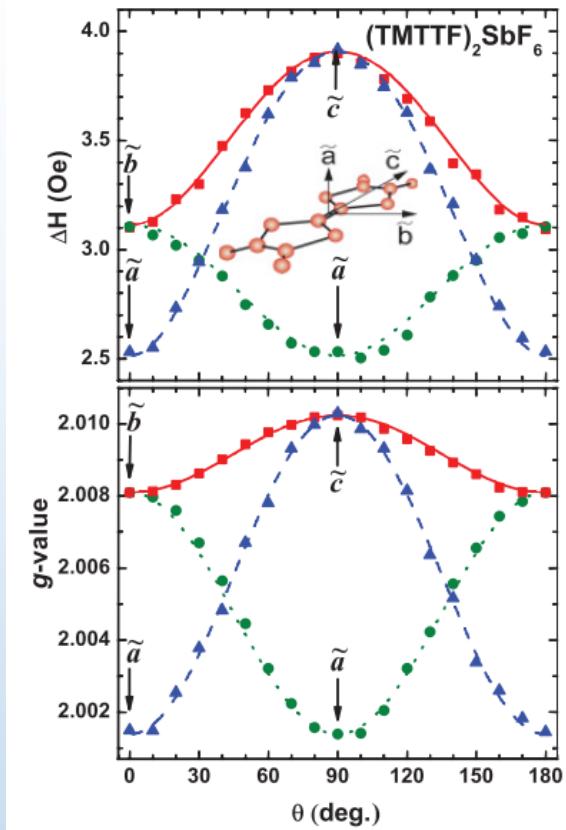
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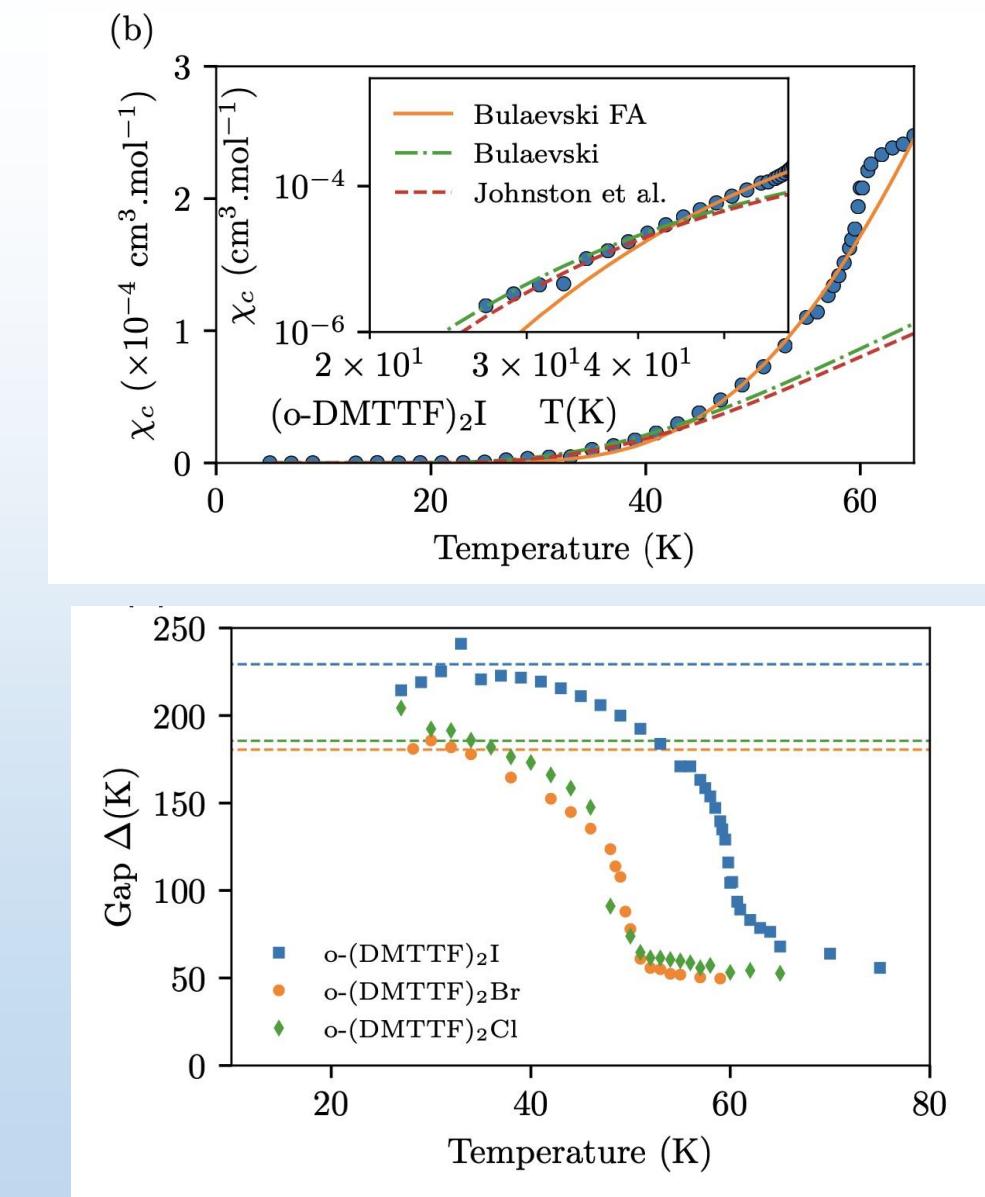
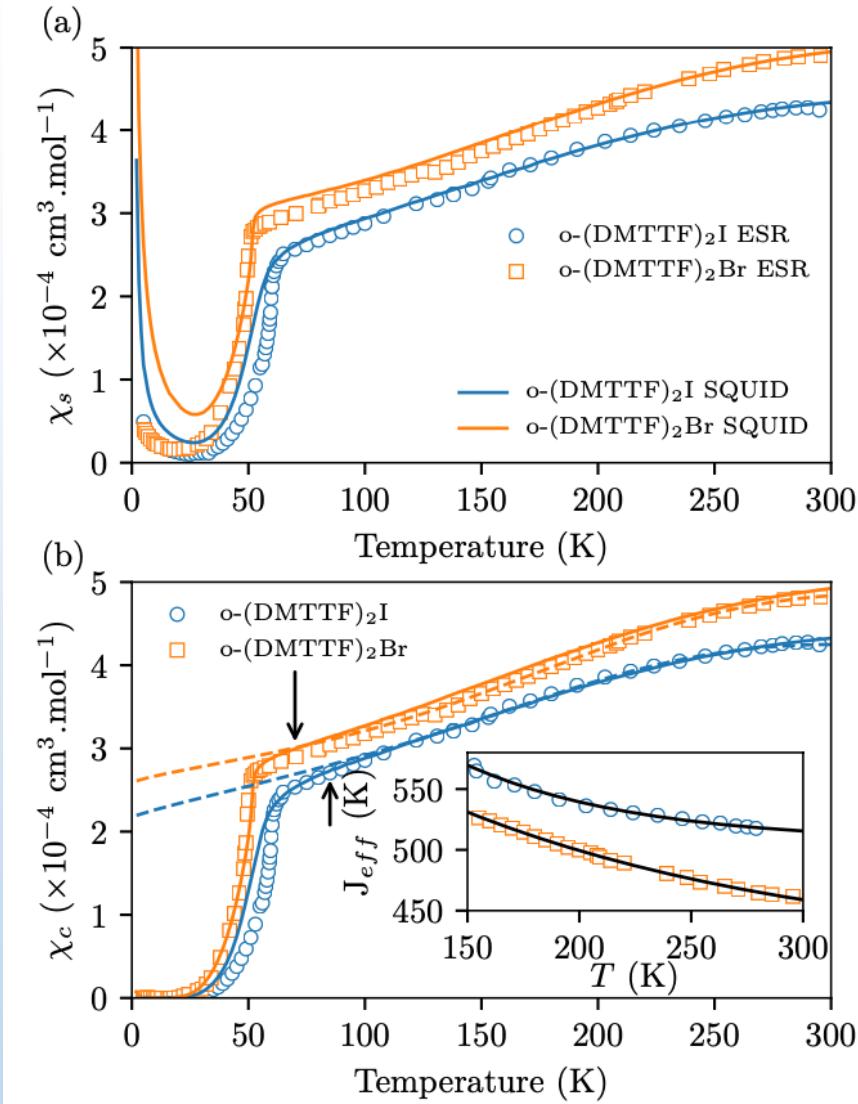


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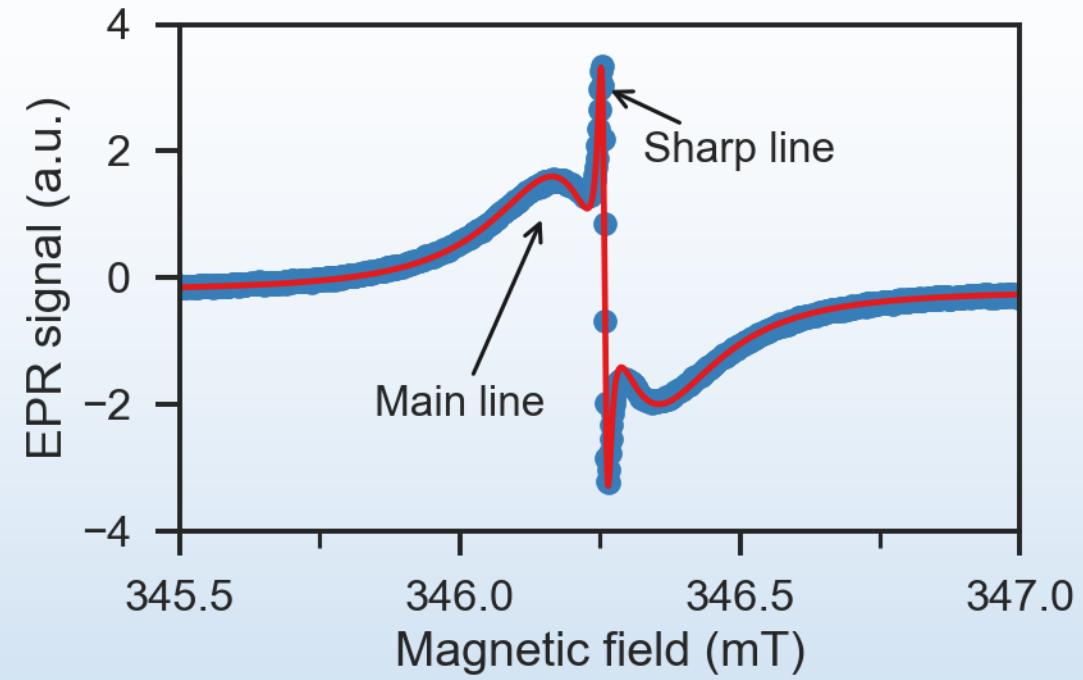
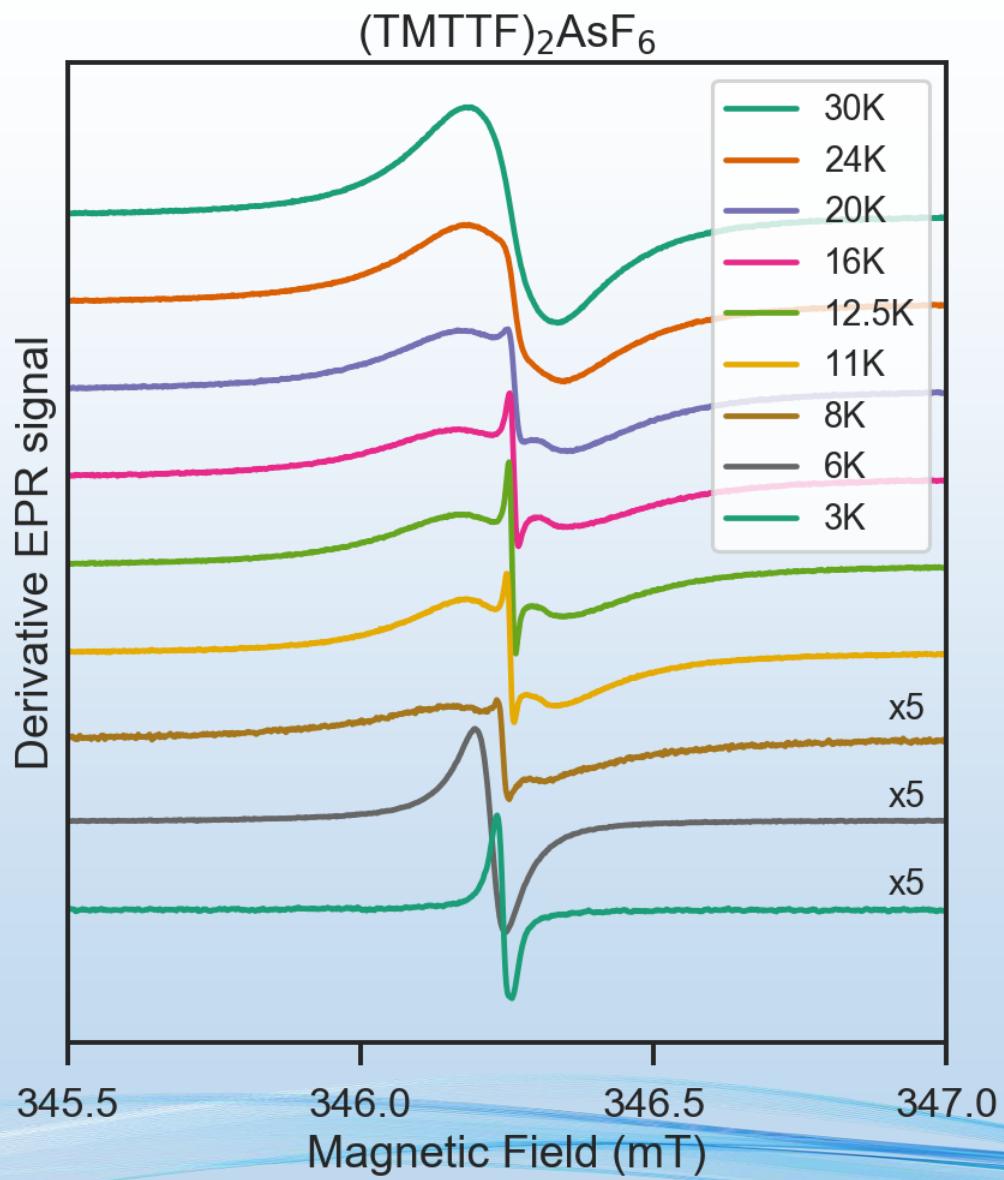


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# The chain

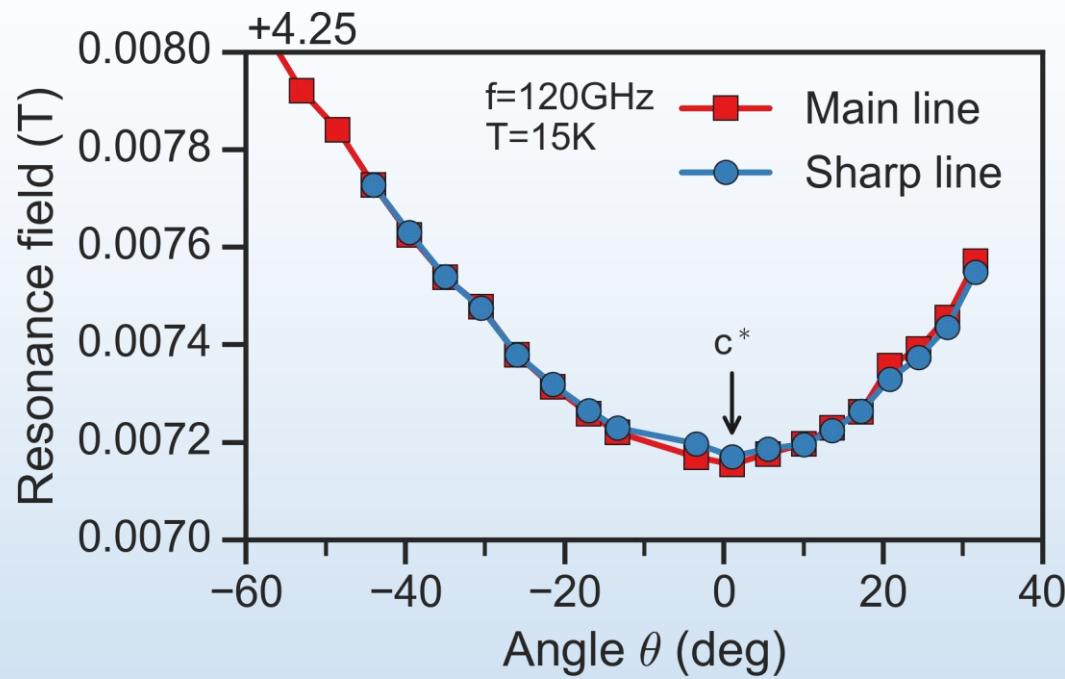


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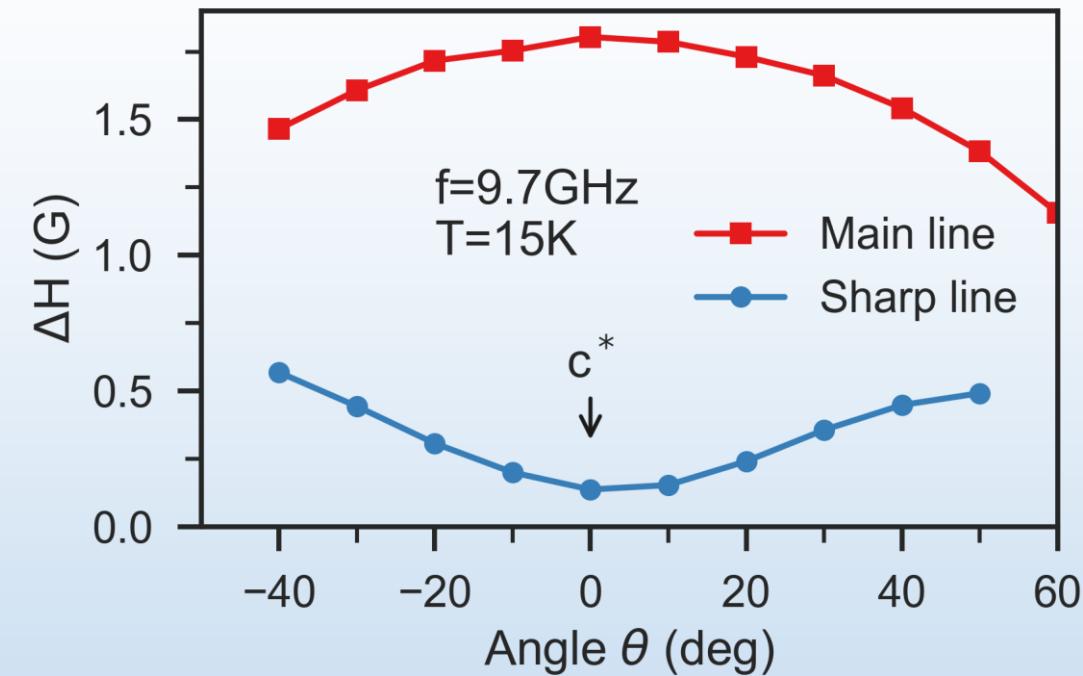


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# Properties of this new ESR line

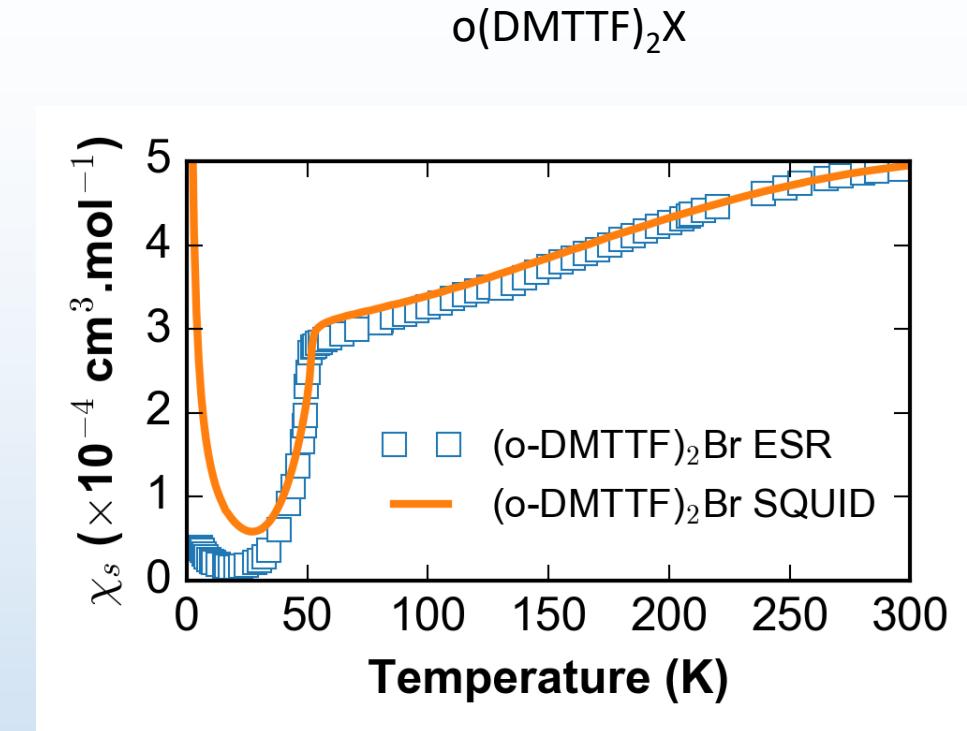
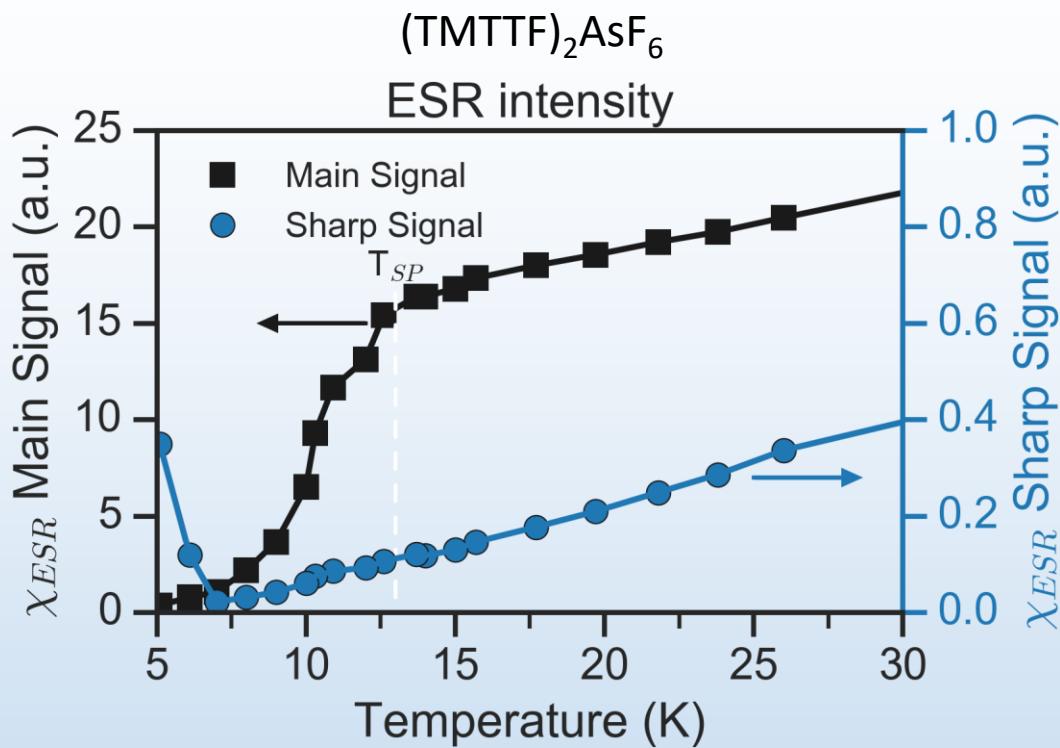


Sharp and Main lines feel the same local field :  
the “impurity” is related to the chain



The dynamics of the chain and the “impurity”  
are different.

# Susceptibility



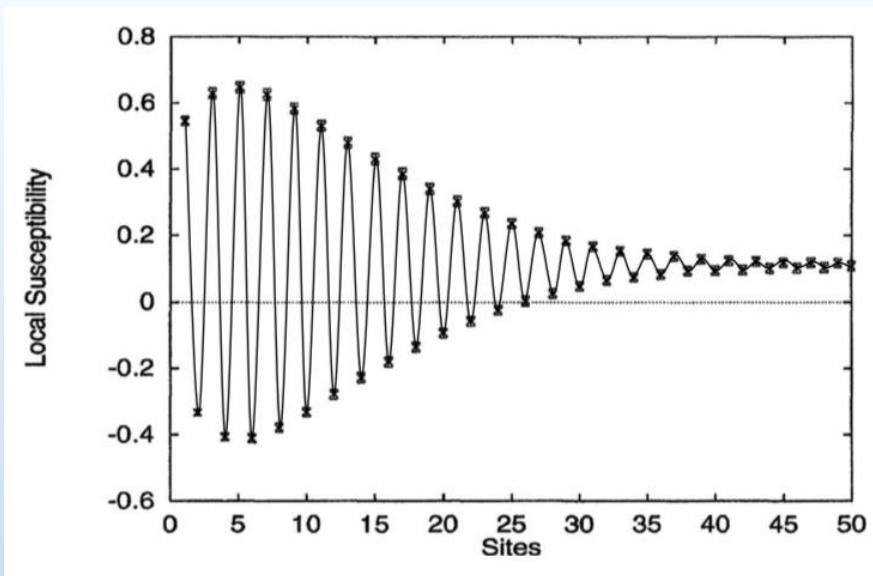
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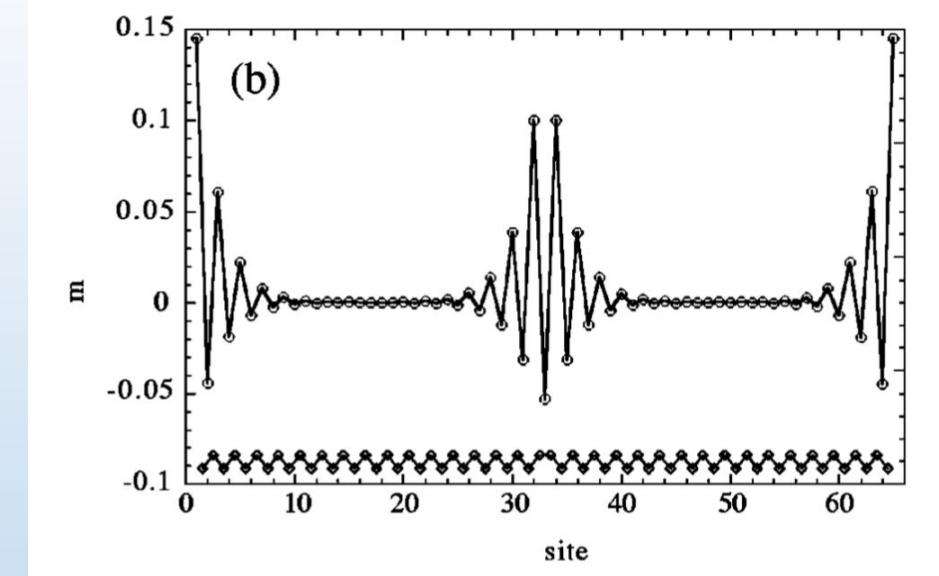
# Break the perfection : cut the chain

End chain in uniform Heisenberg chain



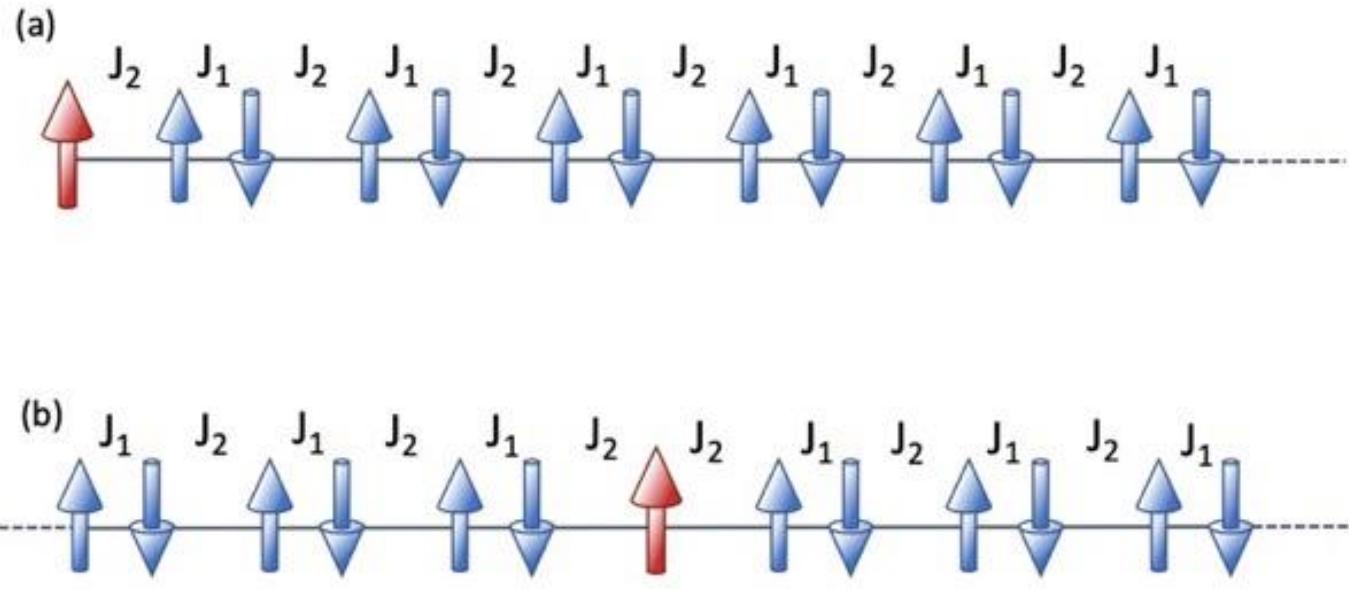
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End chain and stacking fault in alternated Heisenberg chain

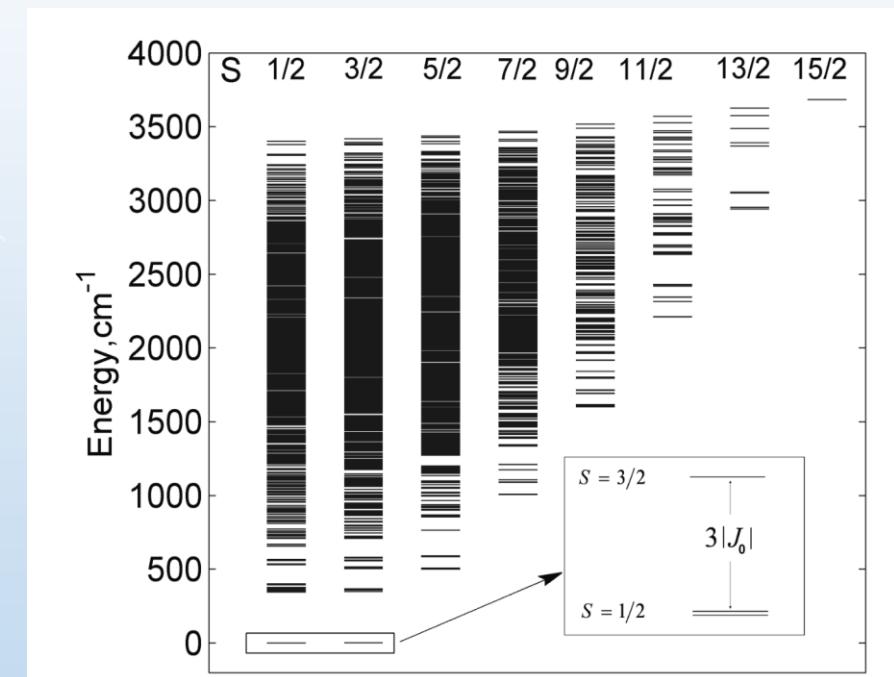
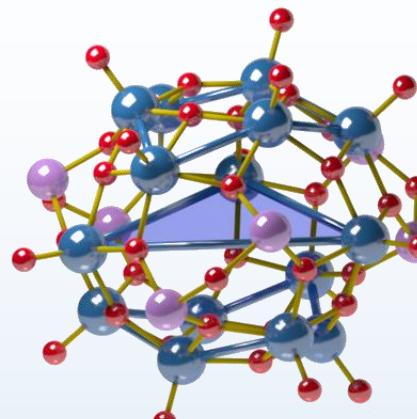
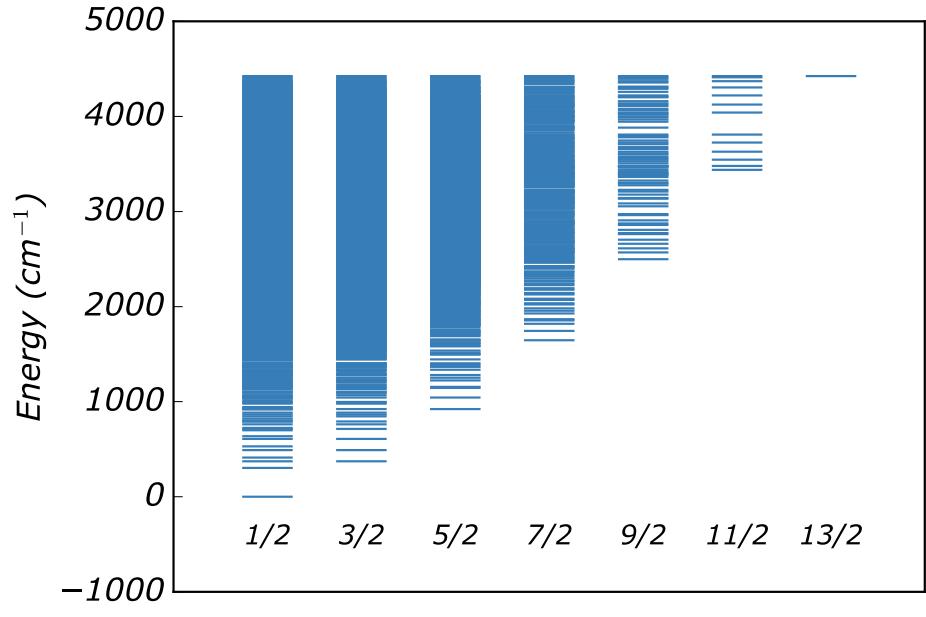


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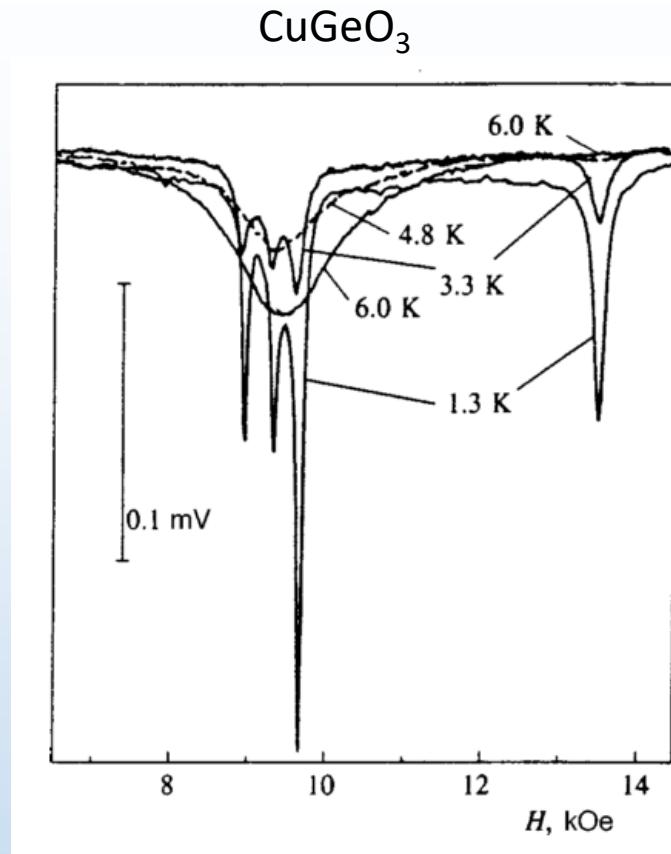
# Impurity in a spin chain



# Virtual Molecular Magnet



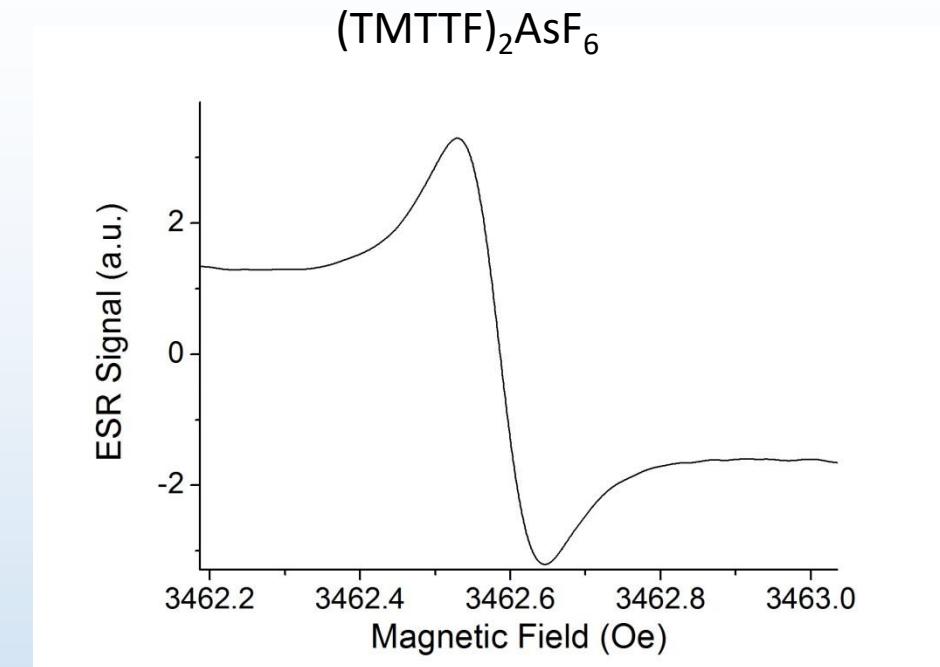
# Soliton in CuGeO<sub>3</sub>



$$\Delta H = 100 \text{ G}$$

$$\tau = 0.5 \text{ ns}$$

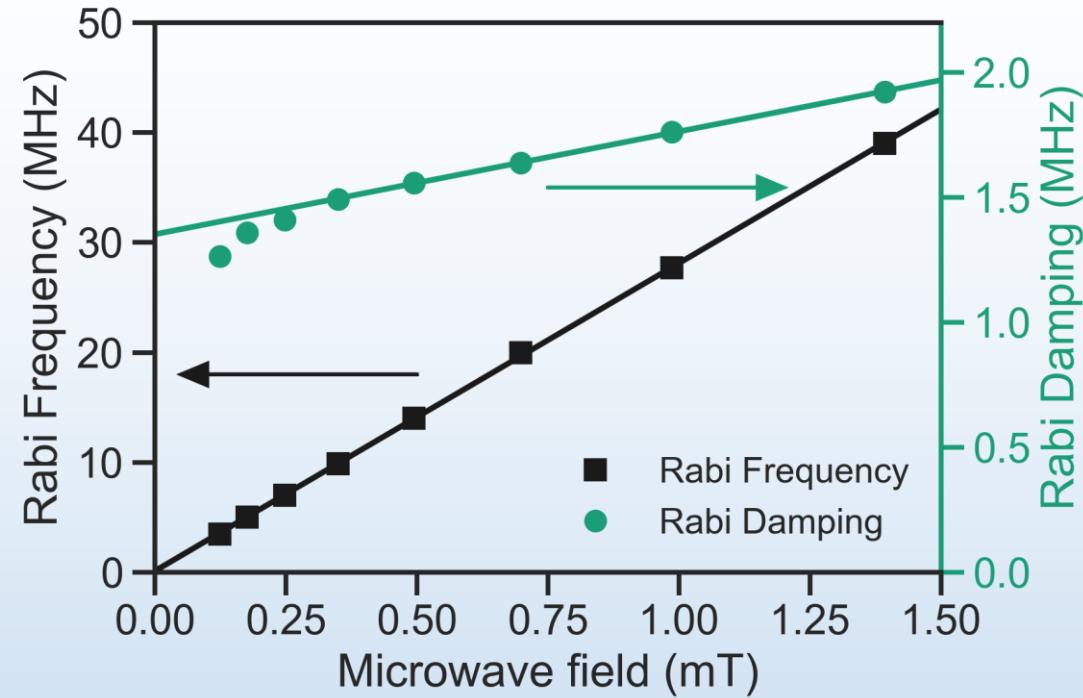
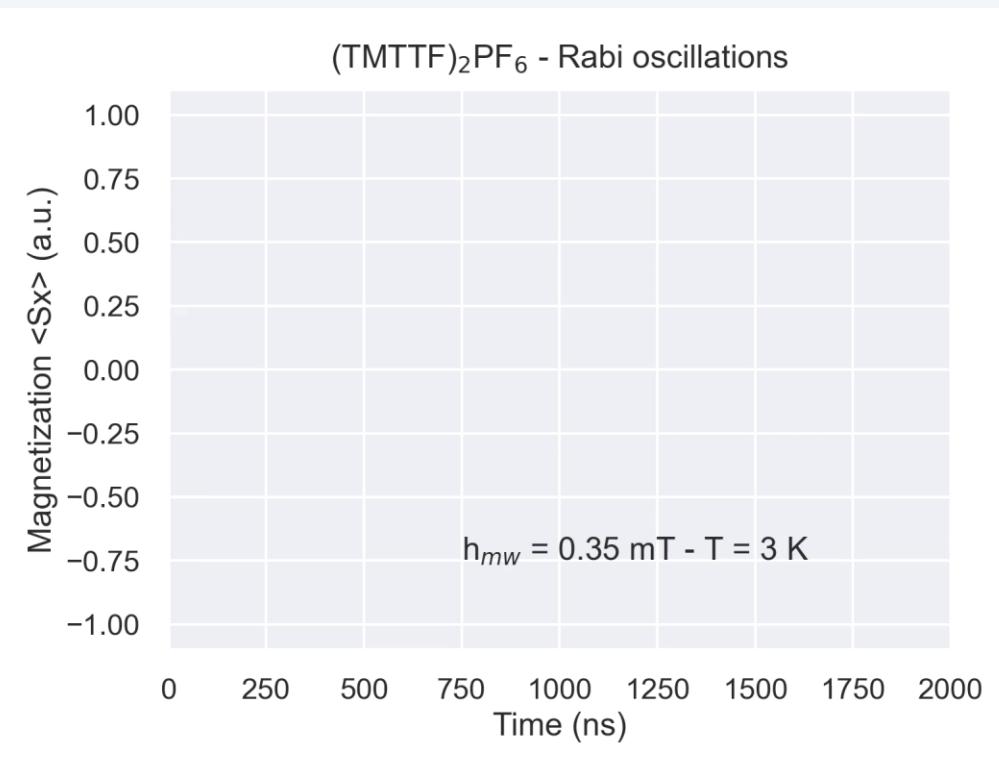
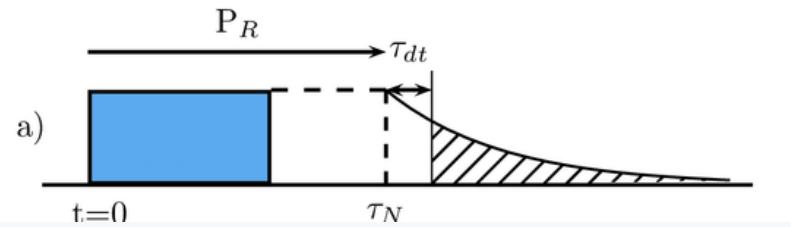
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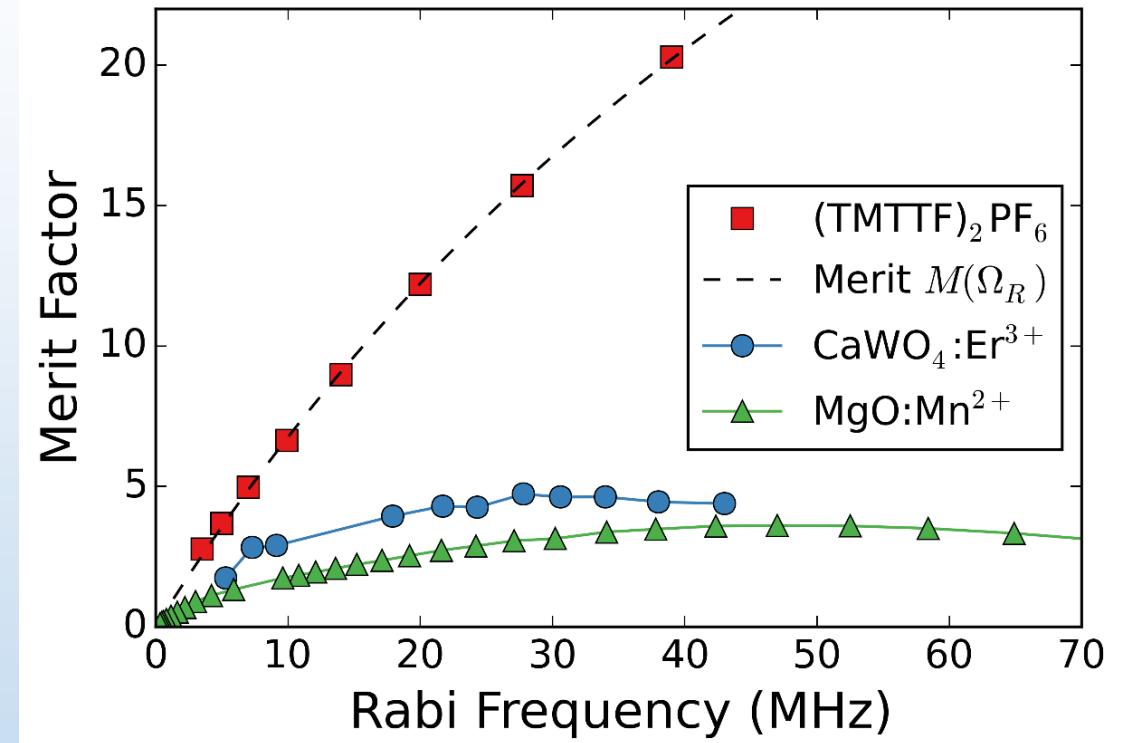
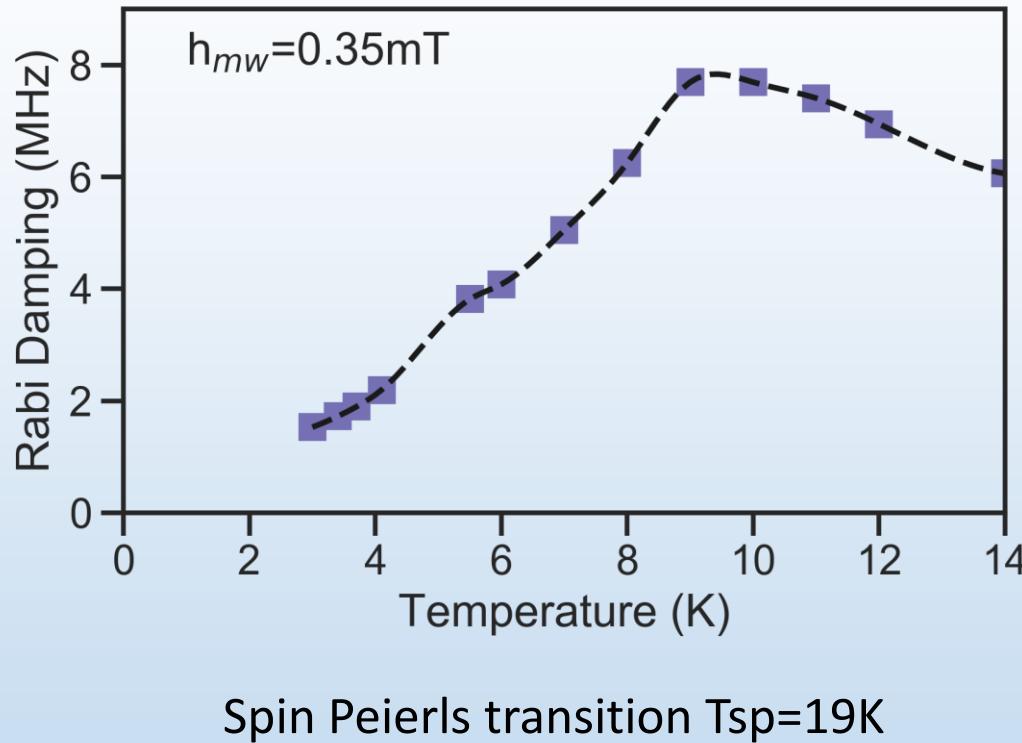
$$\Delta H = 0.1 \text{ G}$$

$$\tau = 500 \text{ ns}$$

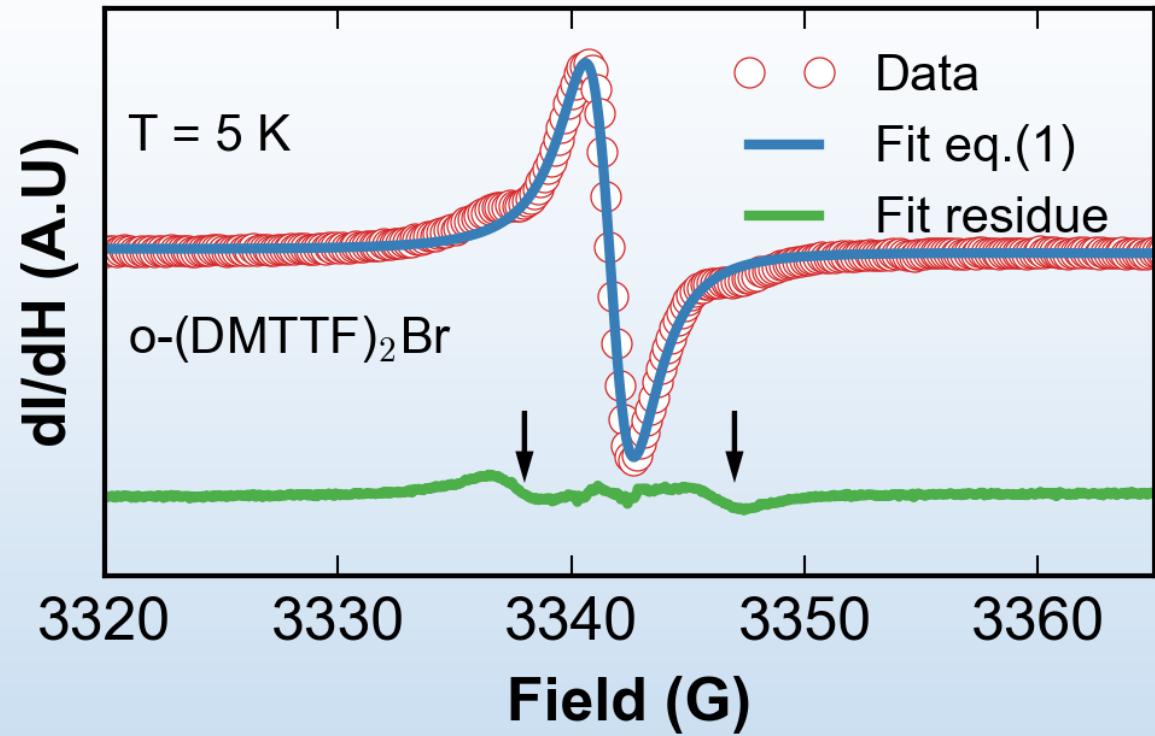
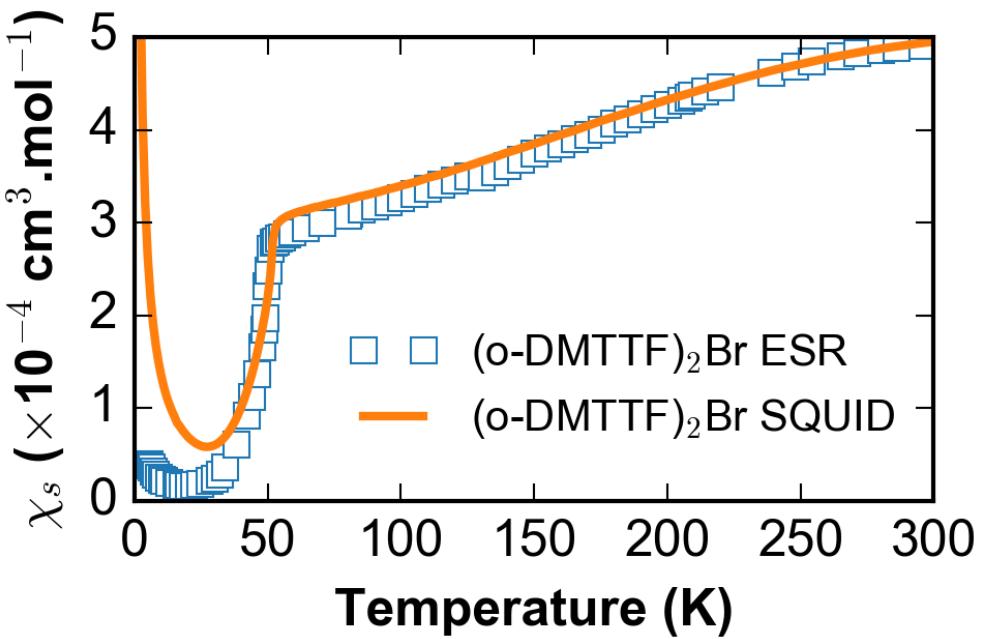
# Rabi oscillations of the pinned soliton



# Low damping → long coherence

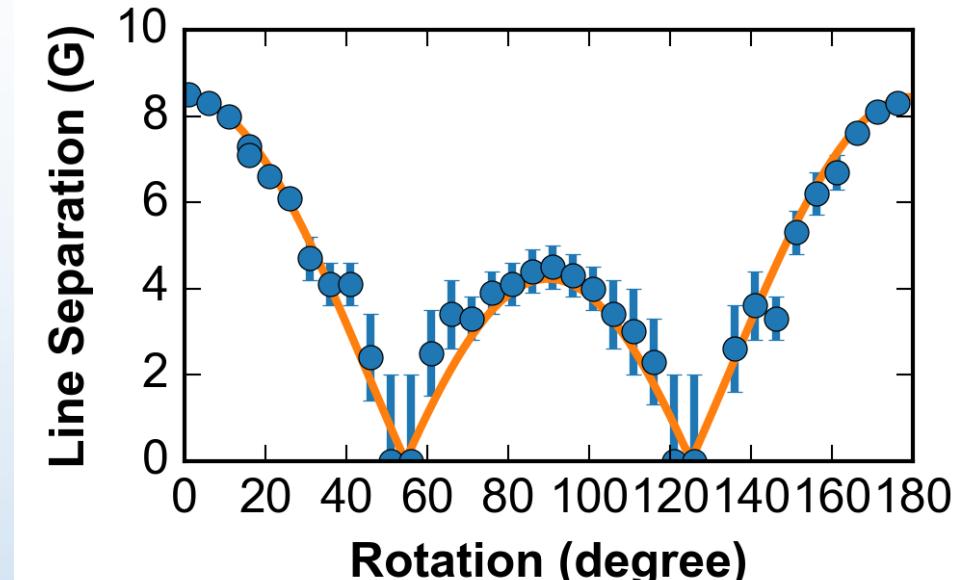
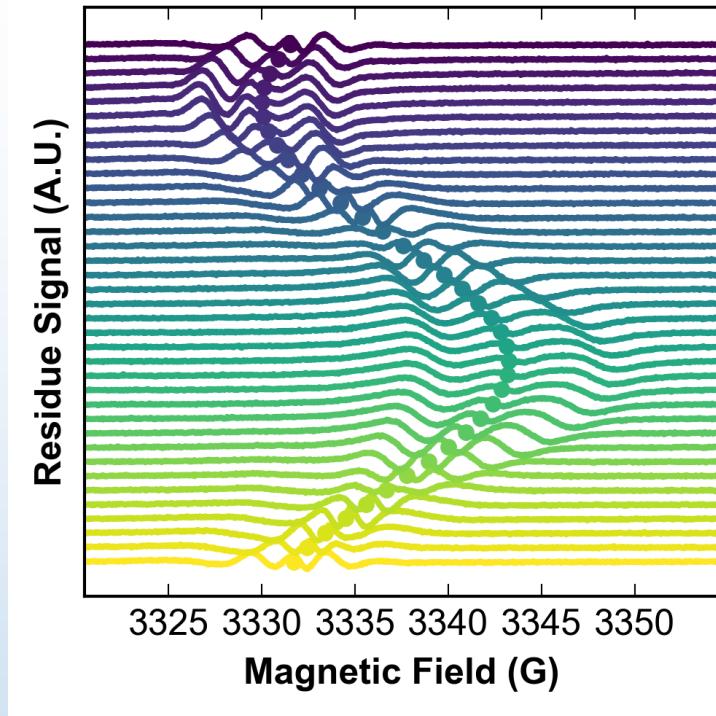


# Low Temperature Behavior



X =	Cl	Br	I	NO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>3</sub>
SQUID	$25 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$37 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$14 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$37 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$66 \cdot 10^{-4}$
EPR	$5.6 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$6.6 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$4 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$7.9 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$0.12 \cdot 10^{-4}$

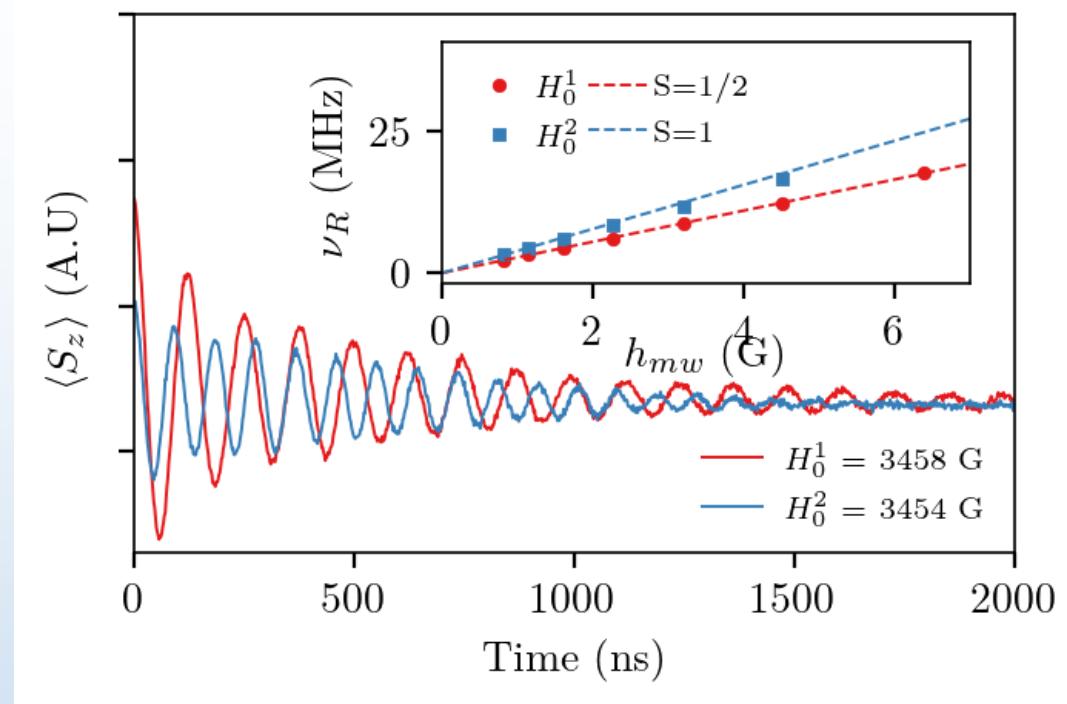
# Low Temperature Behavior



$$H(\theta) = H_{main}(\theta) + d(3\cos^2 \theta - 1)$$

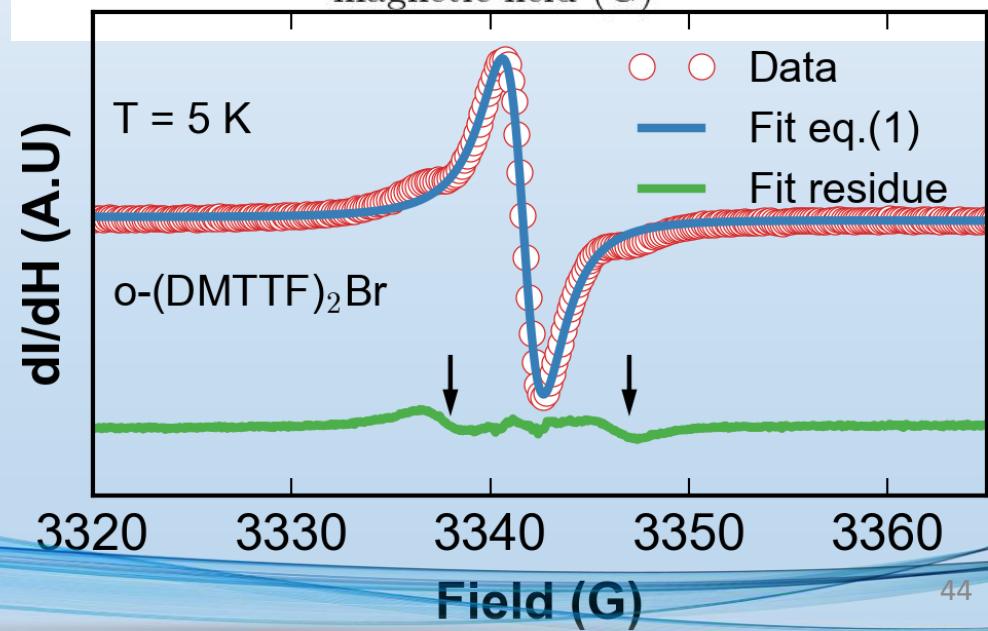
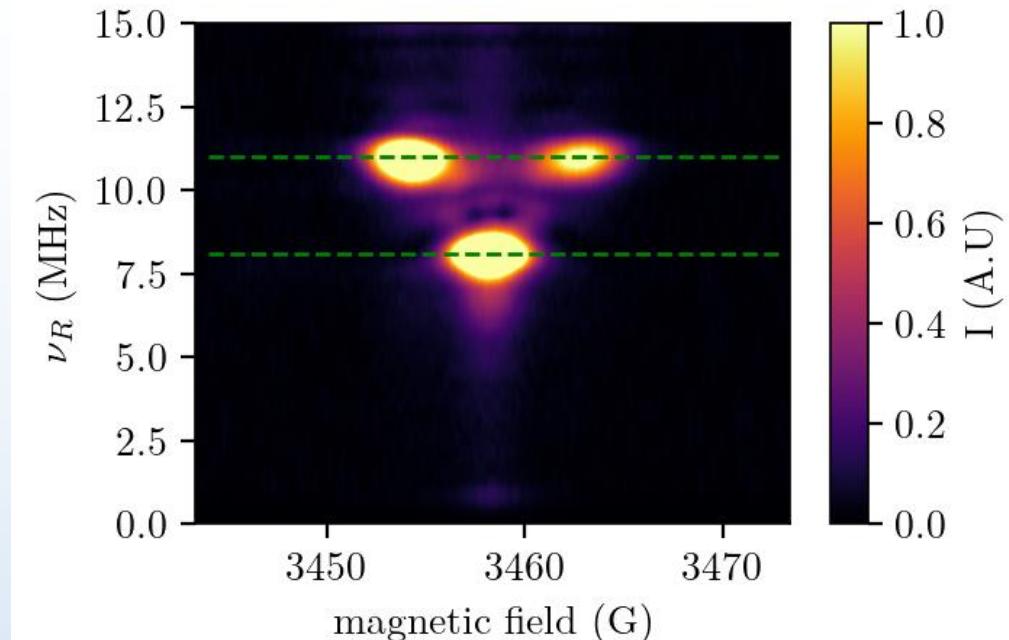
Satellites lines comes from the chains

# Rabi oscillations

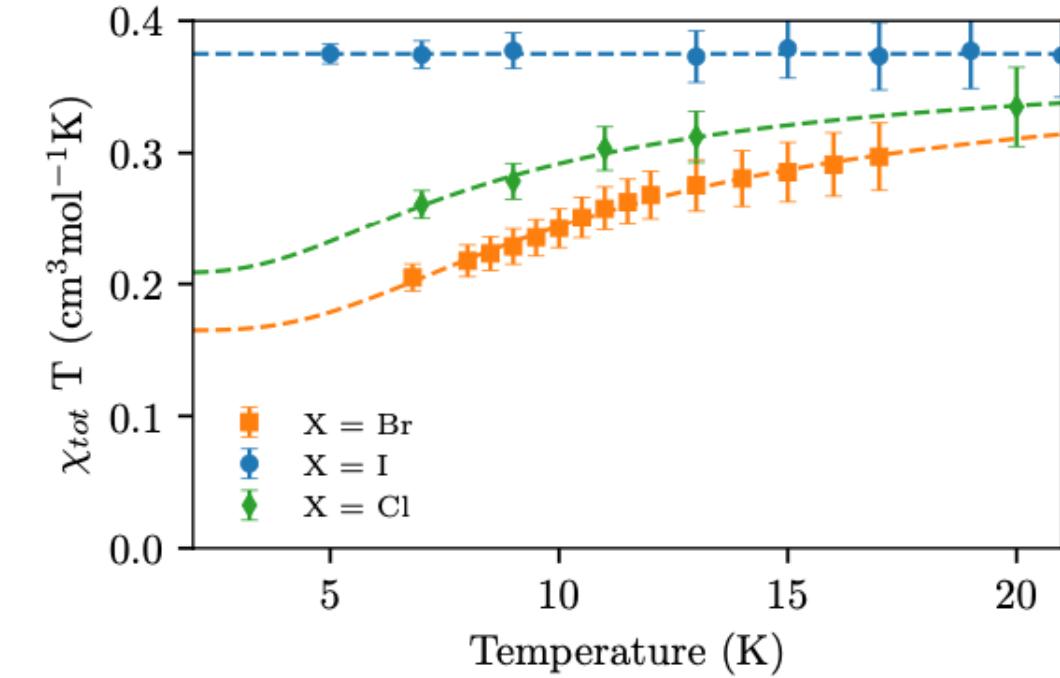
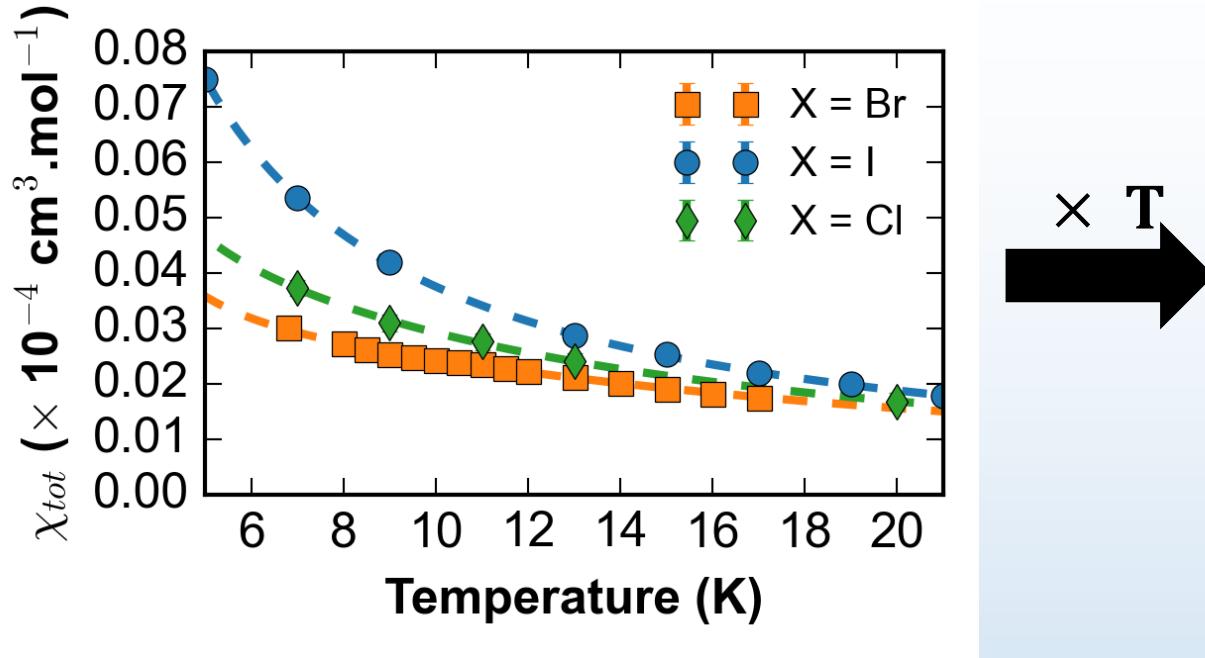


$$\nu_R^{-1} = \sqrt{S(S+1) - m_s(m_s+1)} \nu_R^{1/2}$$

Central line :  $S = 1/2$  dynamics  
Satellite lines :  $S = 1$  dynamics



# Non Curie of the SCD



$$\chi(T) = \frac{3}{8} \frac{(1-n)}{T} + n \frac{1}{2T(1 + \frac{1}{3} \exp\left(\frac{\Delta_s}{T}\right))}$$

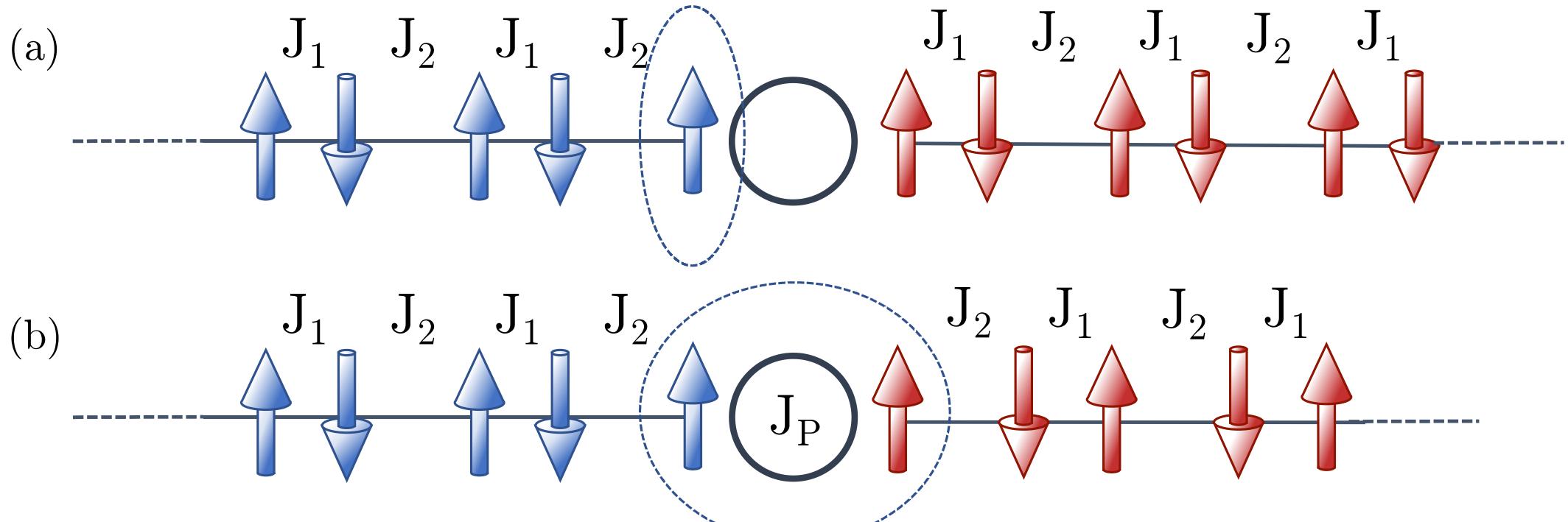
Pb: Concentration of defects  $\sim 10^{-4} \rightarrow$  pairs/singlets  $\sim 10^{-4}$  in a 3D crystal

**Cl :  $\Delta_s = 16 \text{ K}$ ,  $n = 0.44$**   
**Br :  $\Delta_s = 21 \text{ K}$ ,  $n = 0.56$**

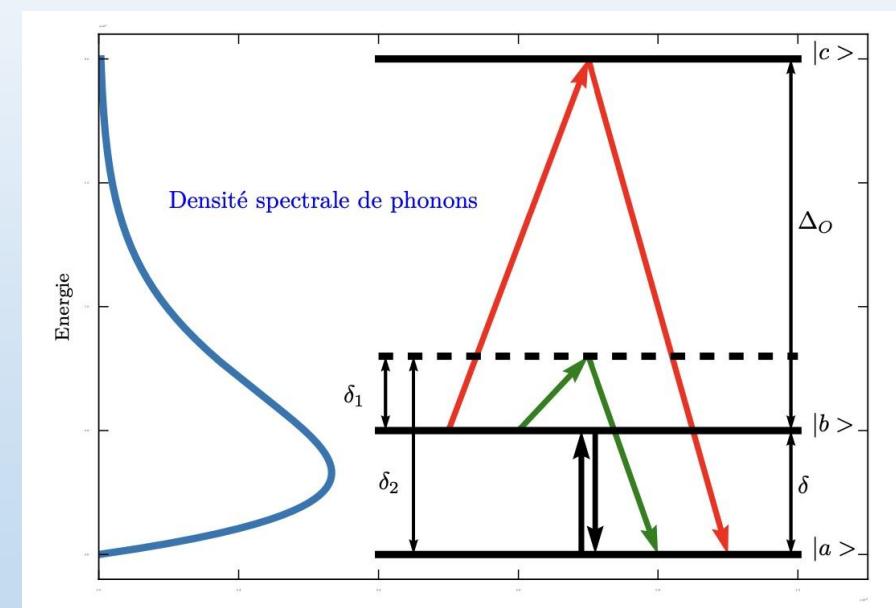
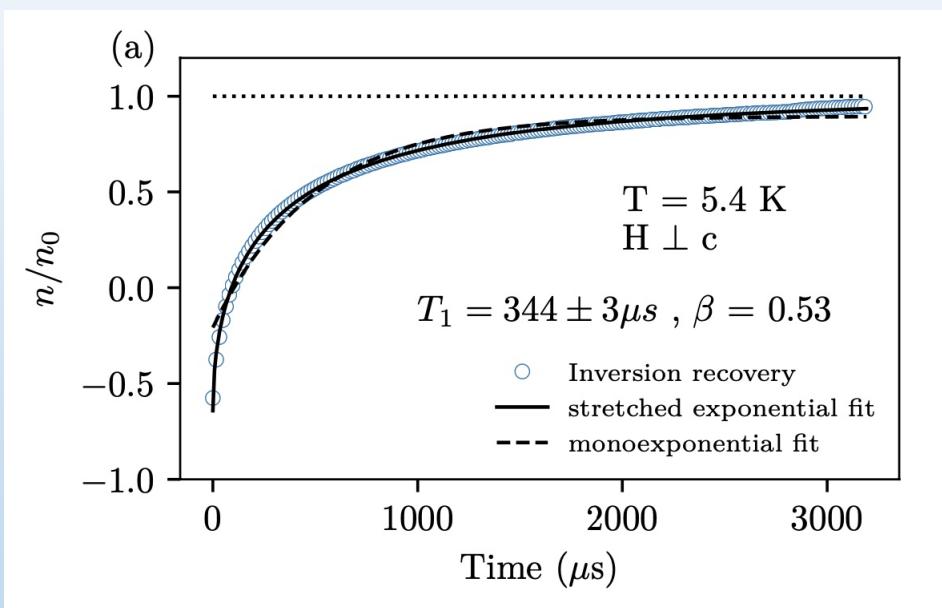
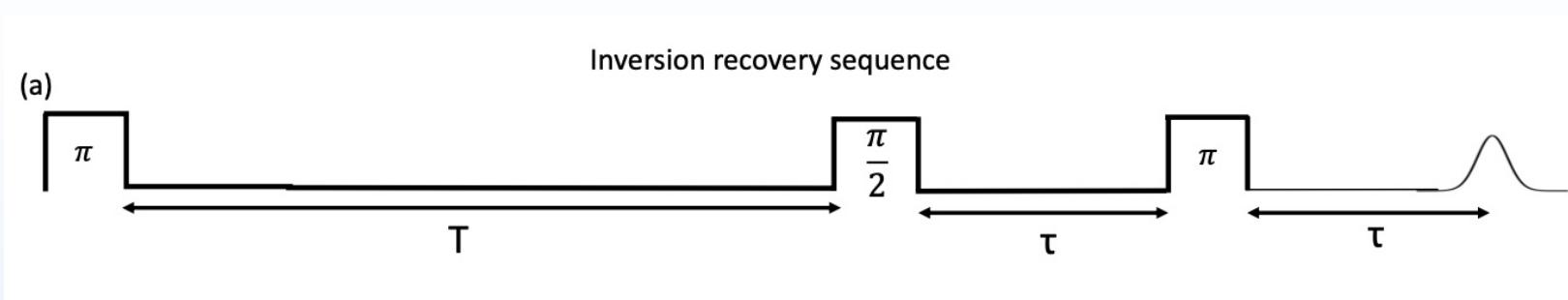
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# Pairs of solitons



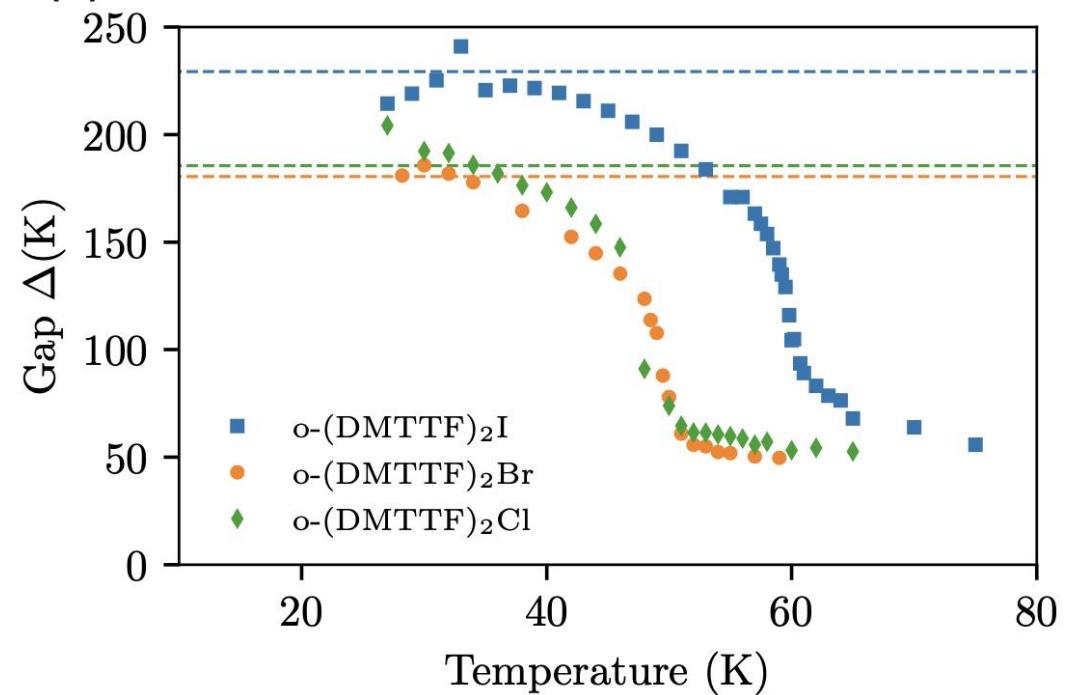
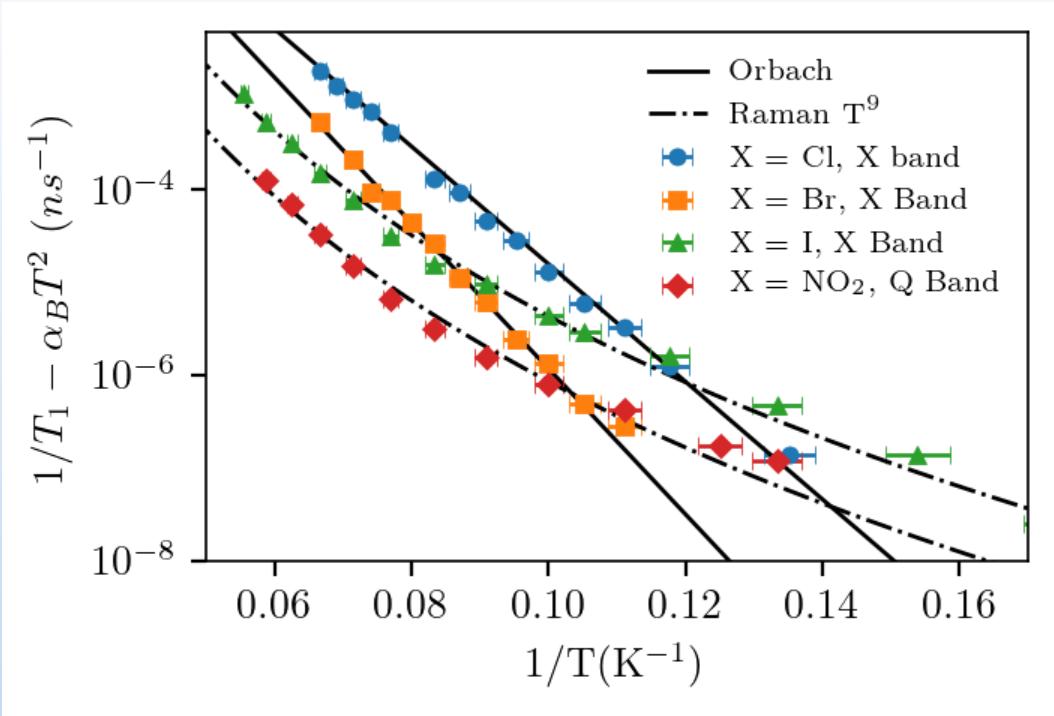
# Spin Relaxation



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$$\frac{1}{T_1} = \alpha_o \frac{\Delta_o^3}{e^{\Delta_o/k_B T} - 1}$$

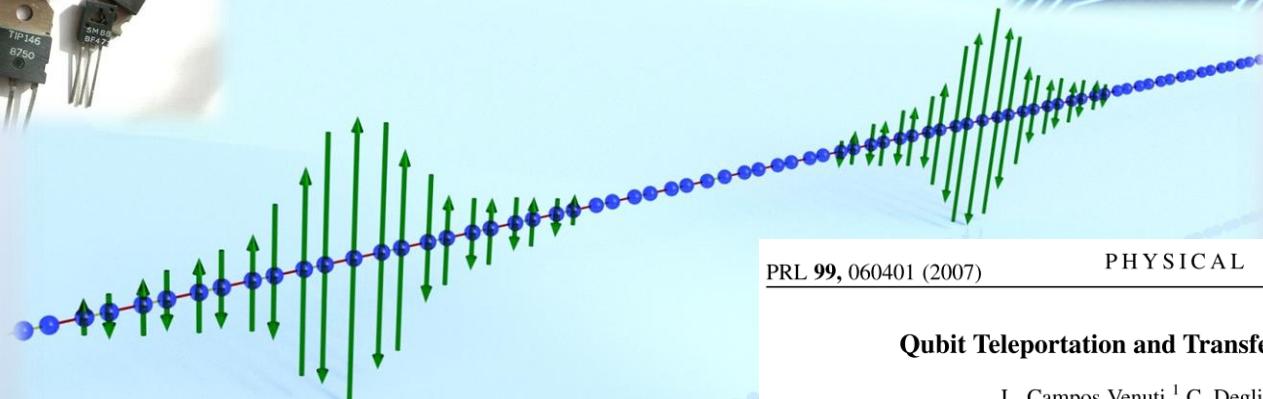
$$\log\left(\frac{1}{T_1}\right) = \log(\alpha_o \Delta_o^3) - \frac{\Delta_o}{k_B T}$$



Cl :  $\Delta_o = 150 \text{ K}$

Br :  $\Delta_o = 180 \text{ K}$

# Quantum communication ?



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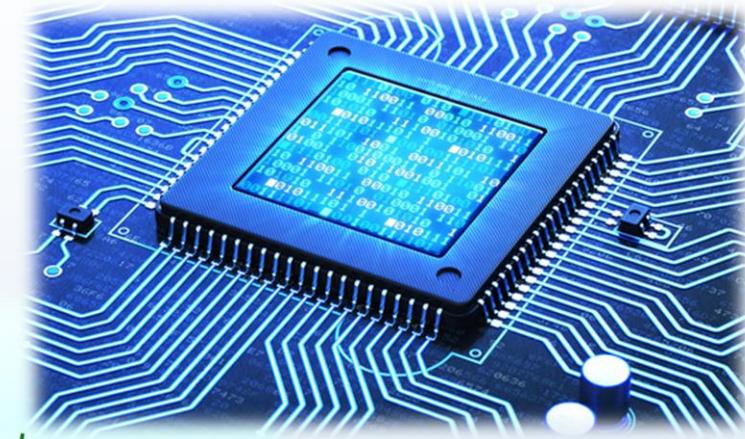
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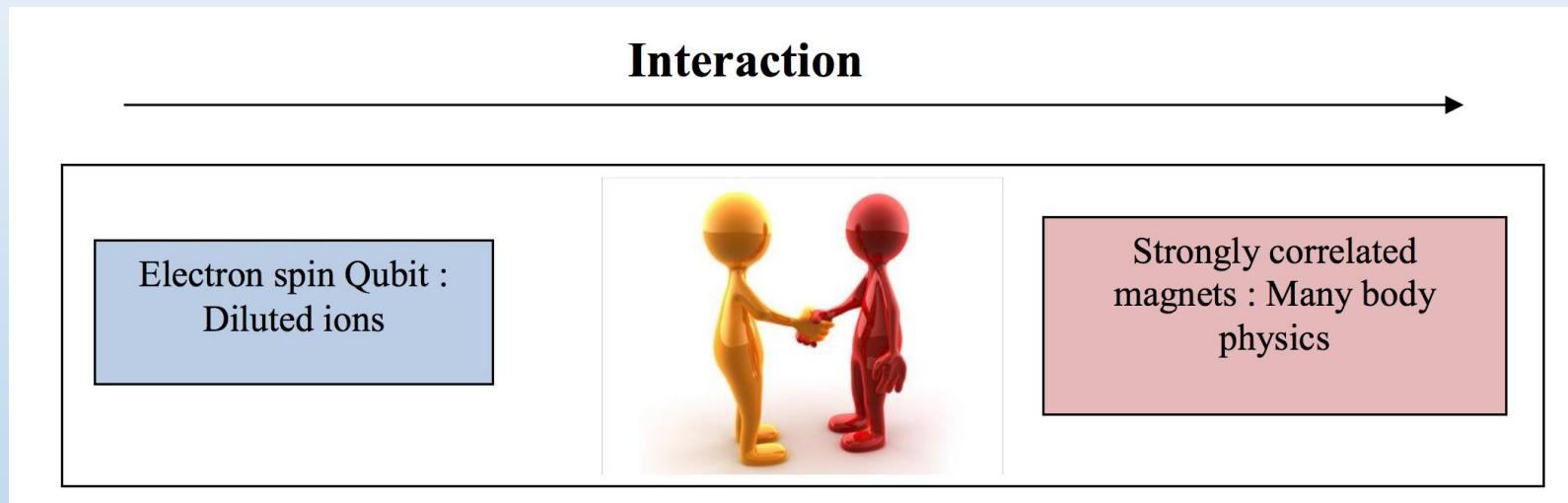
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# Conclusion

- New mechanism of coherence protected by quantum fluctuation
- 2 levels system made by hundreds of spins
- Use the chain as quantum communication wire ?



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