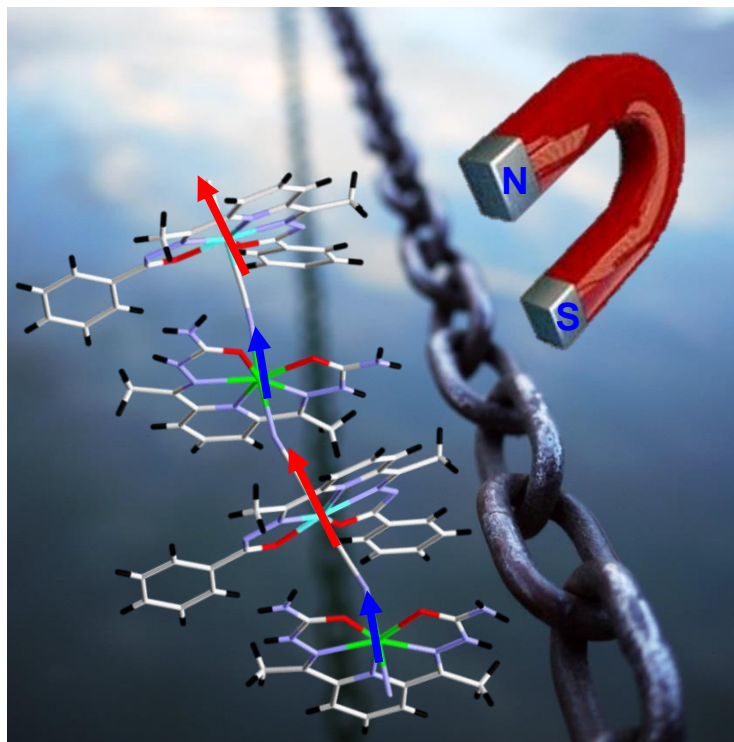


Magnetic anisotropy in heptacoordinated complexes : unique playground for molecular magnetism



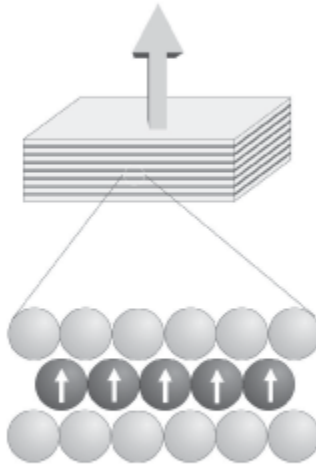
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✓ Necessary in inorganic/bulk magnets and molecule-based ones

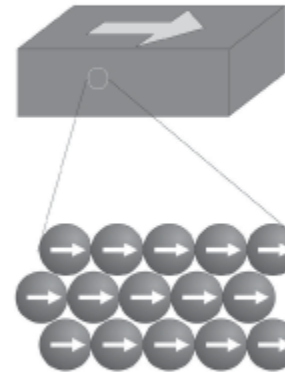
Magnetocrystalline anisotropy linked to local magnetic anisotropy generated by Spin-Orbit Coupling (SOC) and crystalline symmetry

Perpendicular
Magnetic Anisotropy

In-plane
Magnetic Anisotropy

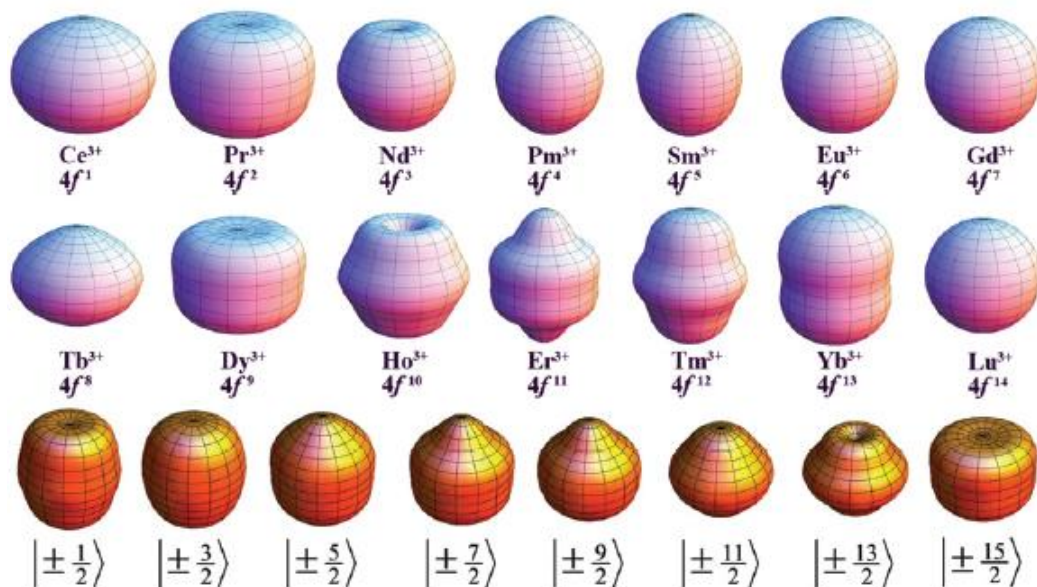


Magnetocrystalline
anisotropy
dominates



Magnetostatic
shape anisotropy
dominates

▪ Case of lanthanide compounds :



Crystal field parameters matter
Charge effect of point charges (coordinating atoms)

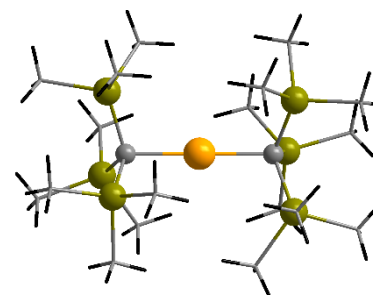
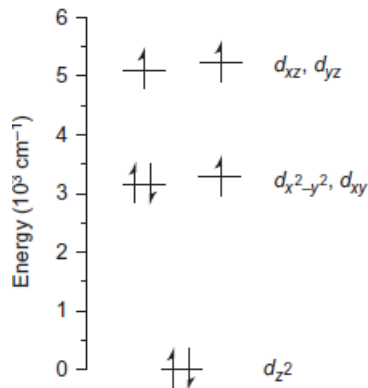
Prolate or oblate type magnetic anisotropy

Case of 3d metal-based compounds :

1st order SOC generates strong magnetic anisotropy

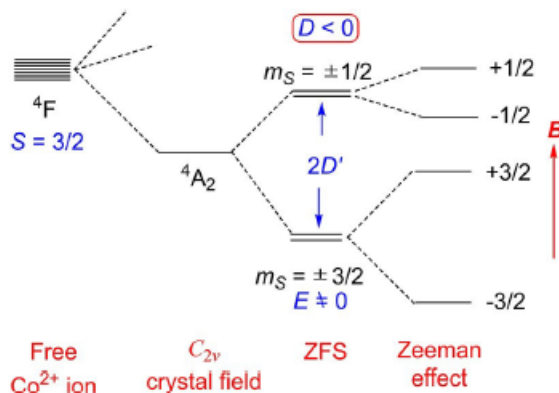
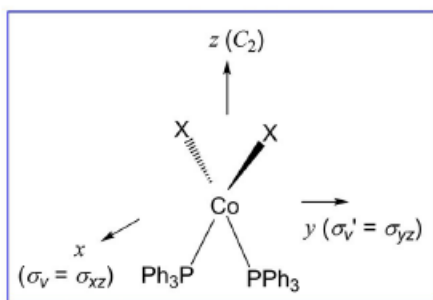
Requirements: degenerate orbitals => unquenched orbital momentum

J. M. Zadrozny *et al.*, *Nature Chem.* **2013**, 5, 577.



[Fe'(C(SiMe₃)₃)₂]

2nd order SOC creates Zero-Field Splitting (ZFS) with axial (*D*) and rhombic (*E*) terms

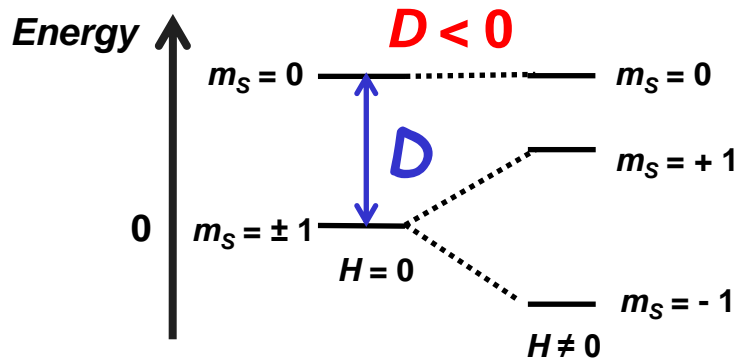


$$\hat{H} = D\hat{S}_z^2 + E(\hat{S}_x^2 - \hat{S}_y^2)$$

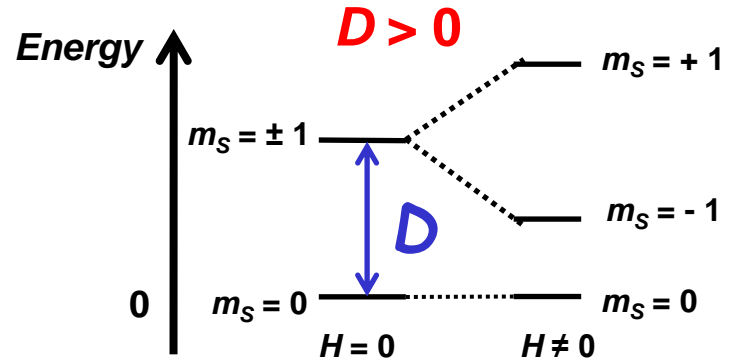
A. N. Bone *et al.*, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2021**, 27, 11110.

▪ Zero-field splitting :

Example with $S = 1$:



Axial anisotropy



Planar anisotropy

$$\hat{H} = \mu_B B \cdot [g] \cdot \hat{S} + D \hat{S}_z^2$$

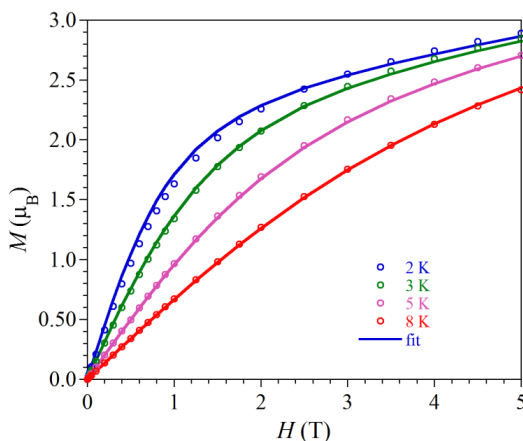
$|D| > 3 E$ and $E > 0$ by convention (here $E = 0$)



$D < 0$ stabilizes the highest spin value as the ground state

▪ Magnetic measurements:

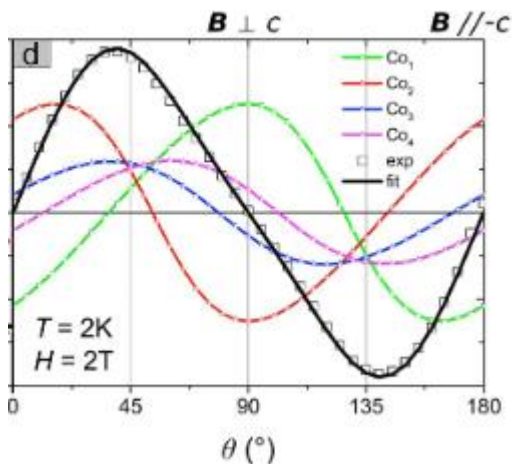
✓ Bulk samples



Routine measurements (bulk)
Mostly adapted to mononuclear complexes

Not sensitive to sign of D ($E/D \approx 1/3$)
Average estimation (best to confirm with other techniques or calculations)

✓ Single crystal: cantilever Torque magnetometry

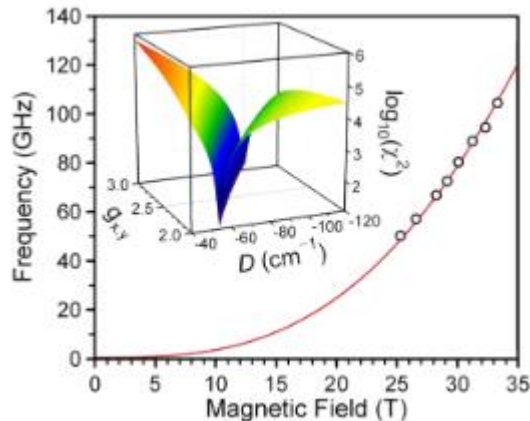
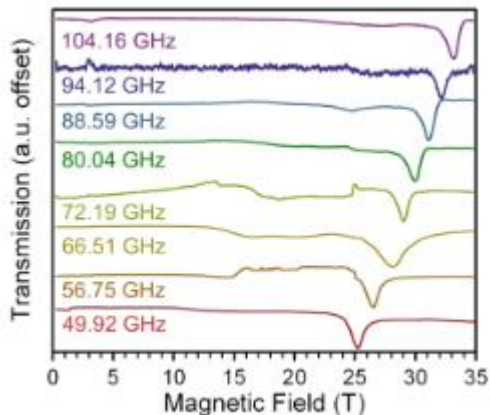


Local anisotropy measured
Orientation vs. crystallographic axes

Big crystals needed

B. Cahier *et al.*, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2017**, *23*, 3648.

HF-EPR:

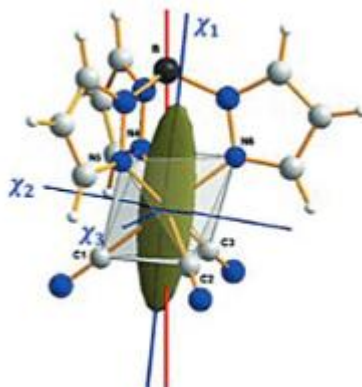


Very precise

Sensitive to some ions
Limited to $D < 80 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (100 GHz)

E. Suturina et al., *Inorg. Chem.* **2017**, 56, 3102.

Polarized neutrons scattering:

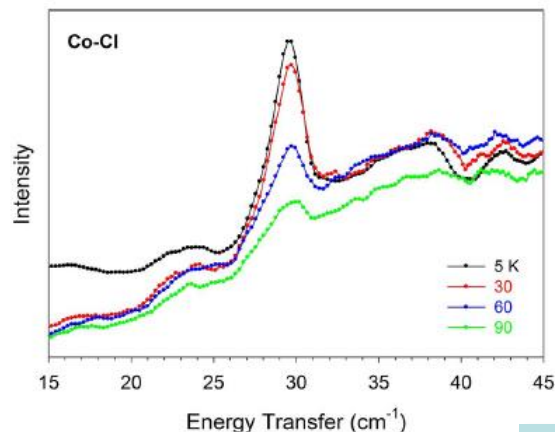


Local anisotropy measured
Orientation vs. crystallographic axes

Big crystals needed

D. Luneau, B. Gillon, *Magnetochemistry* **2021**, 7, 158.

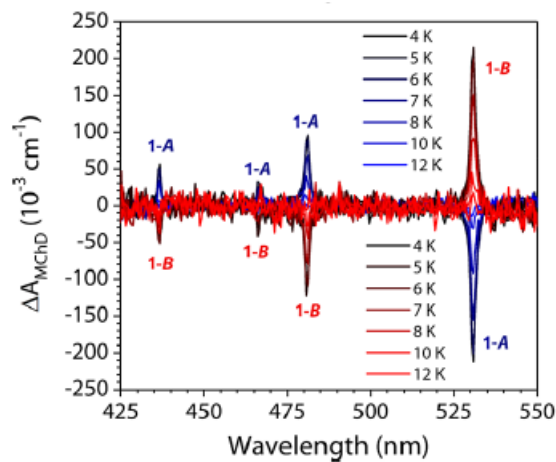
▪ Inelastic Neutron Scattering (INS):



Estimations of D

Large amount of samples

▪ Magnetic Circular Dichroism:



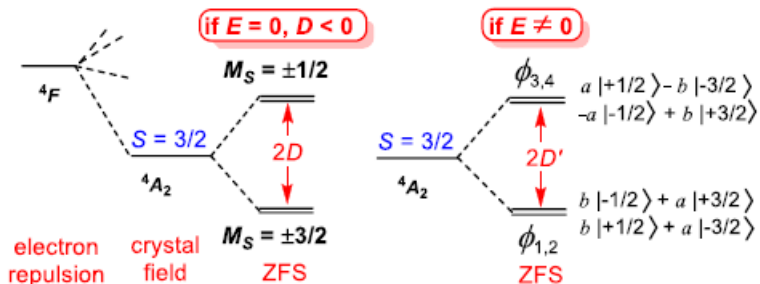
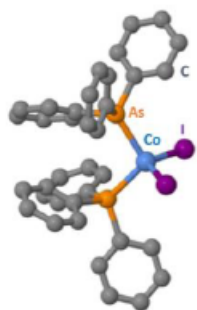
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Local anisotropy measured
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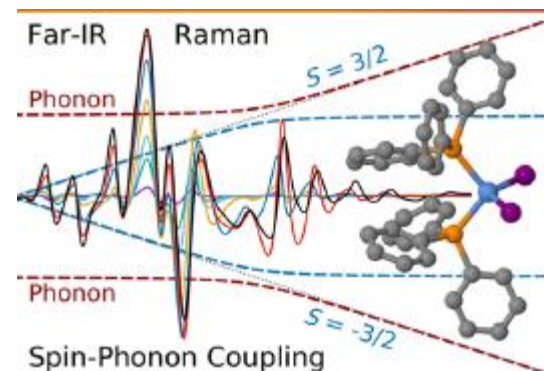
Big crystals needed
Chiral molecules only

M. Atzori *et al.*, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2020**, *142*, 13908.

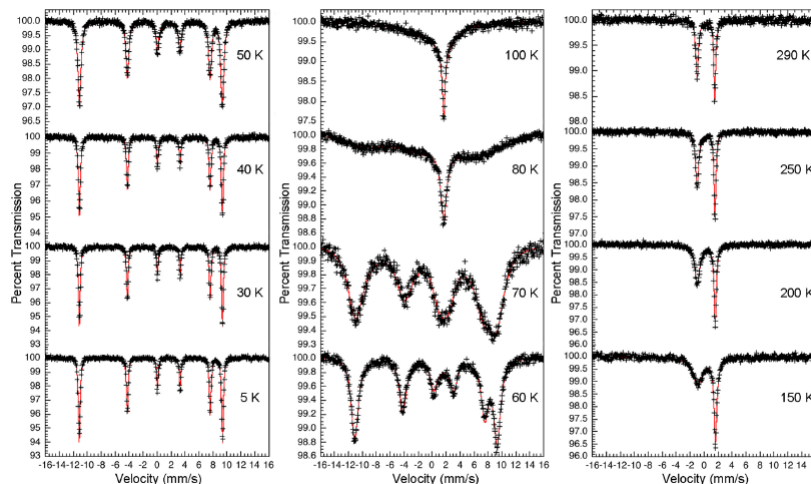
Far infrared:



D. H. Moseley *et al.*, *Inorg. Chem.* **2022**, *61*, 17123.



Mössbauer:



Variable temperature measurements

Metal specific

▪ Case of SMMs :

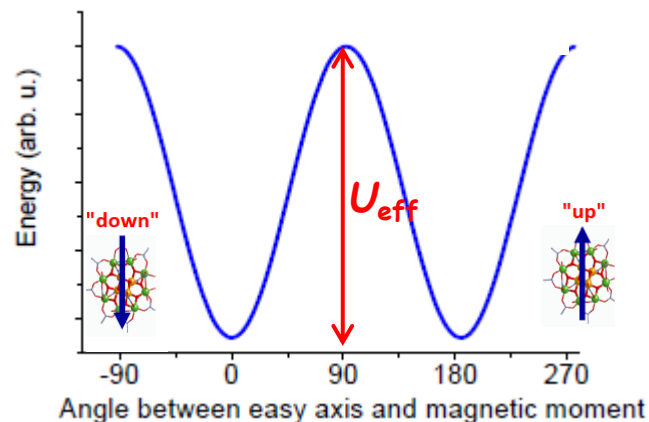
$$U_{\text{eff}} = D \cdot S^2$$

D appears to be the most important parameter

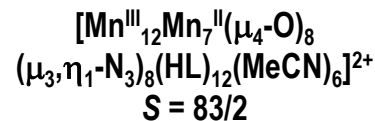
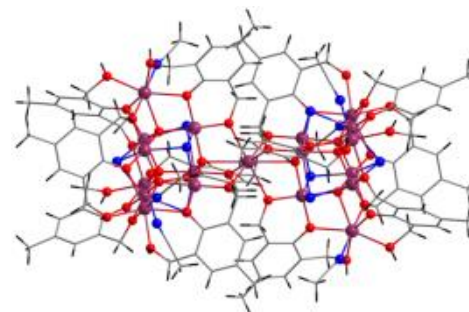
as $D \approx \text{cte}/S^2$

→ $U_{\text{eff}} \approx D$

O. Waldmann, *Inorg. Chem.* **2007**, *45*, 10035.

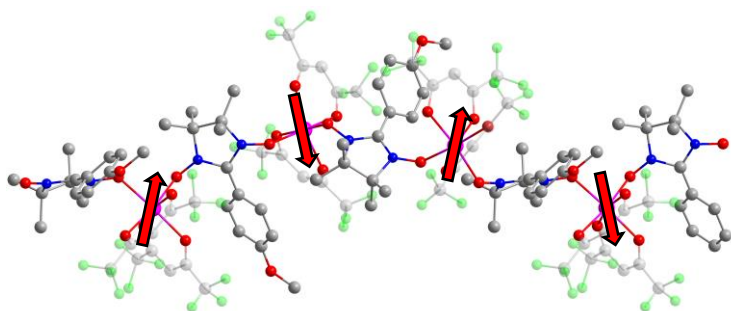


In polynuclear systems, difficulty to control the alignment of magnetic anisotropy



A. M. Ako *et al.*, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2006**, *45*, 4926.

- Case of SCMs :



$[\text{Co}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2(\text{NITPhOMe})]$
 $U_{\text{eff}}/k_{\text{B}} = 154 \text{ K}$

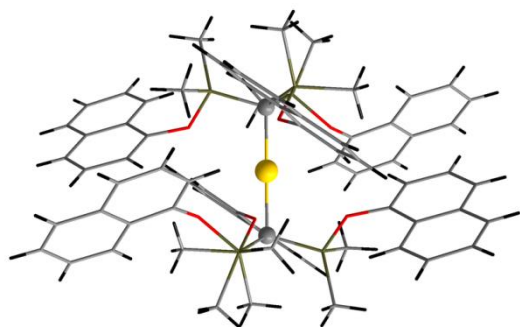
A. Caneschi *et al.*, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2001**, *40*, 1760.

$$U_{\text{eff}} = D_{\text{AB}} \cdot S_{\text{AB}}^2 + nJ(S_{\text{A}} \cdot S_{\text{B}})$$

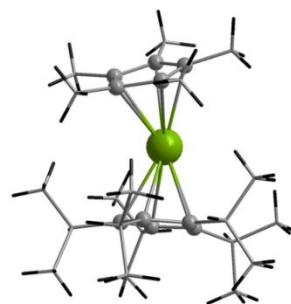
Strong interaction (J) through organic radical

Anisotropy brought by Co^{II} ions
 Importance of relative orientation of the anisotropic axes

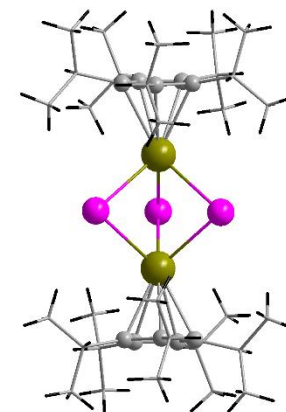
C. Coulon *et al.*, *Struct. Bond.* **2015**, *164*, 143.



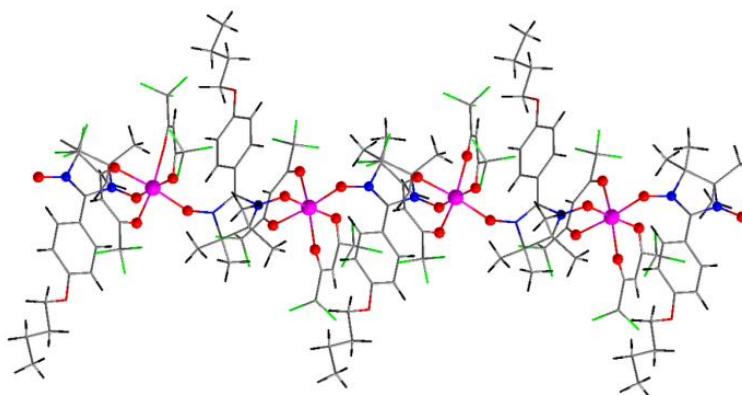
$[\text{Co}^{\text{II}}((\text{C}(\text{SiMe}_2\text{ONaph})_3)_2)]$ ($J = 9/2$)
 $U_{\text{eff}}/k_{\text{B}} = 648 \text{ K}$ (SMM)



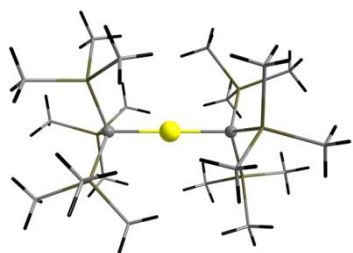
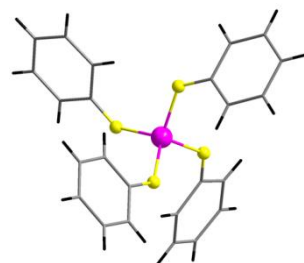
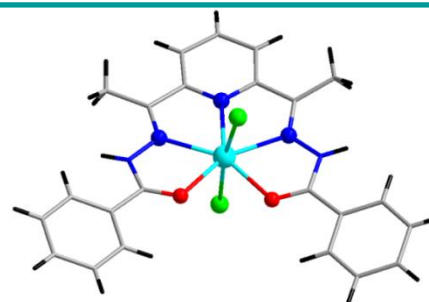
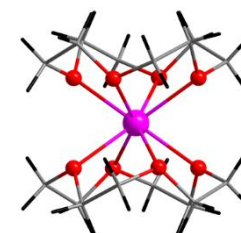
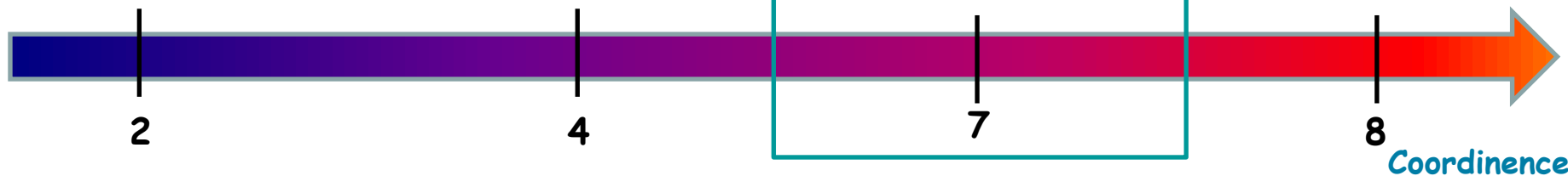
$[(\text{Cp}^{\text{iPr}_5})\text{Dy}^{\text{II}}(\text{Cp}^*)]^+$
 $U_{\text{eff}}/k_{\text{B}} = 2219 \text{ K}$ (SMM)

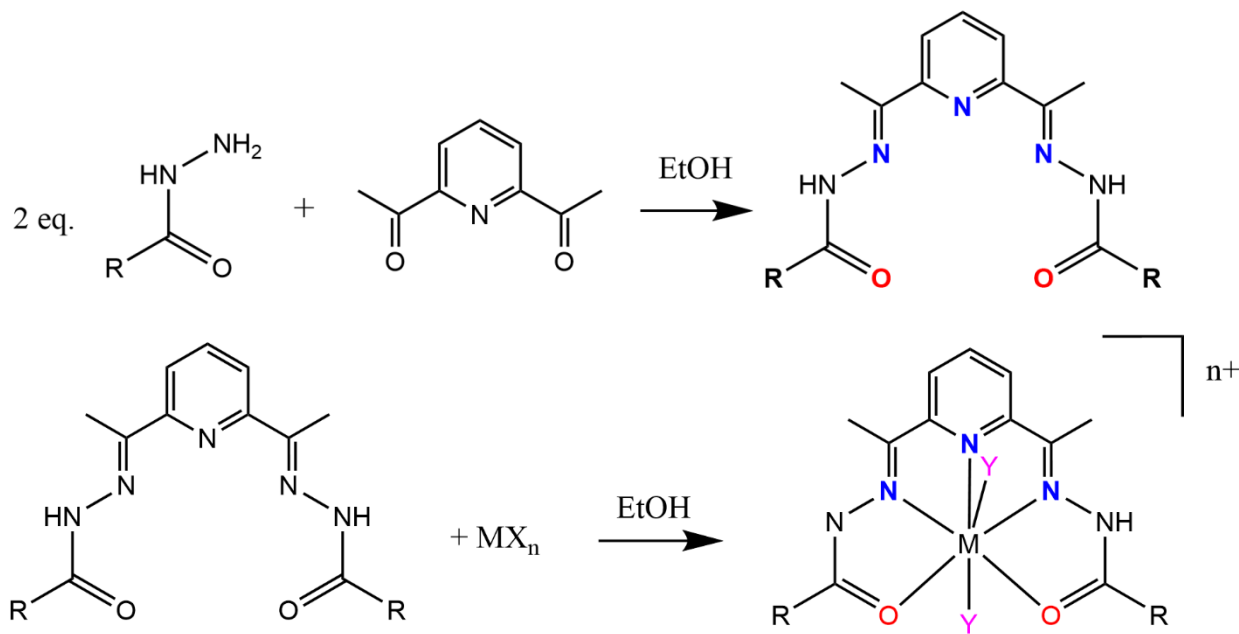
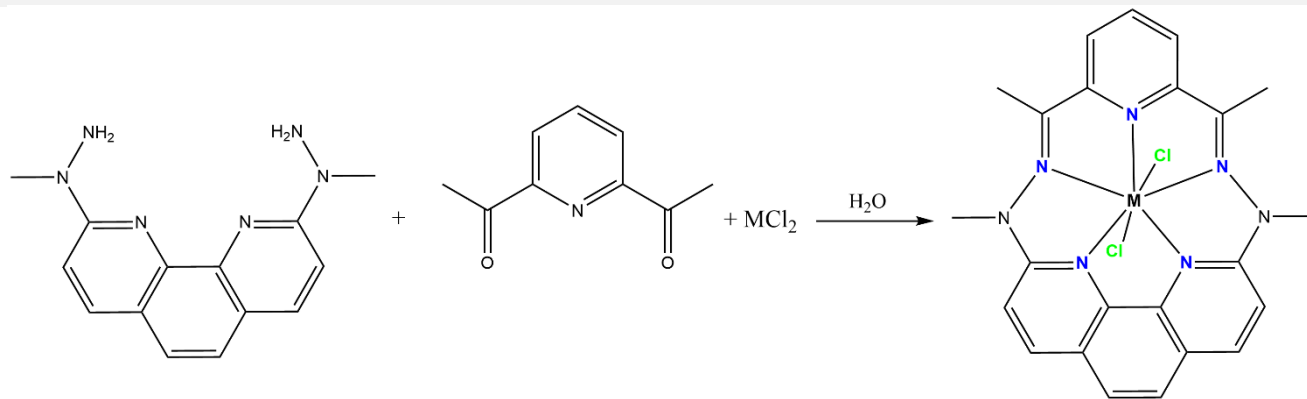


$[(\text{Cp}^{\text{iPr}_5})_2\text{Dy}^{\text{II}}\text{Dy}^{\text{III}}]_3$
 $U_{\text{eff}}/k_{\text{B}} = 2348 \text{ K}$ (SMM)

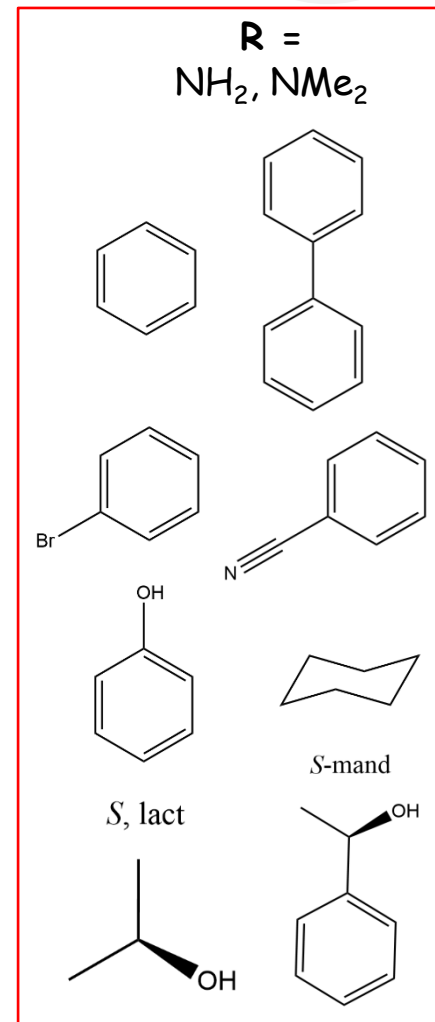


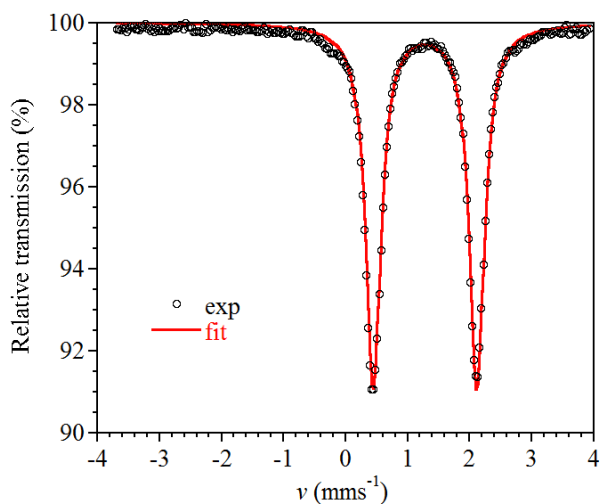
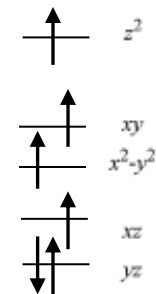
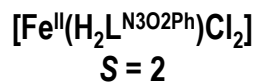
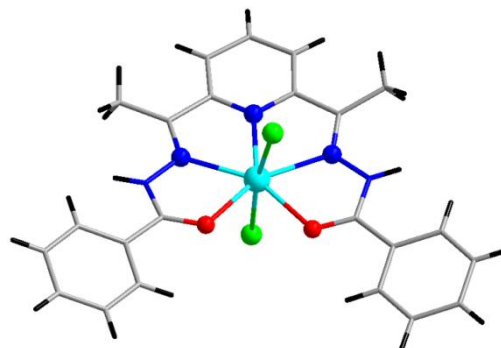
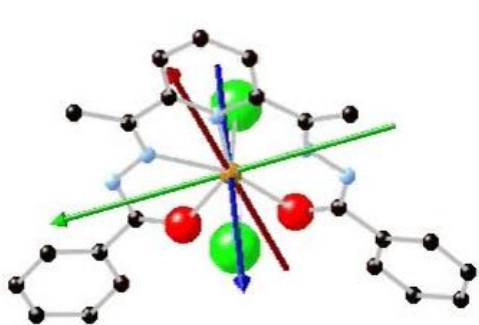
$[\text{Co}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2(\text{NaphNN})]$
 $U_{\text{eff}}/k_{\text{B}} = 398 \text{ K}$


 $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}((\text{C}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3)_2)]$ ($S = 2$)

 $[\text{Co}^{\text{II}}(\text{SPh})_4]^{2-}$ ($S = 3/2$)
 $D = -74 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

 $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{N3O2Ph}})\text{Cl}_2]$ ($S = 2$)
 $D = -13.3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

 $[\text{Co}^{\text{II}}(12\text{C4})_2]^{2+}$ ($S = 3/2$)
 $D = -70 \text{ cm}^{-1}$


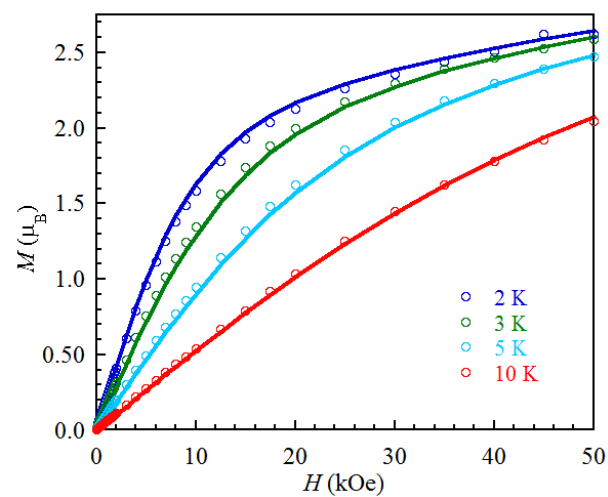


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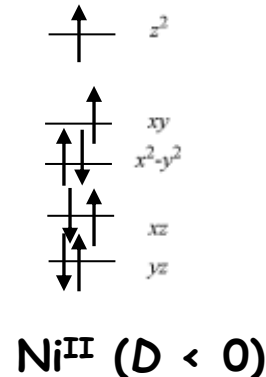
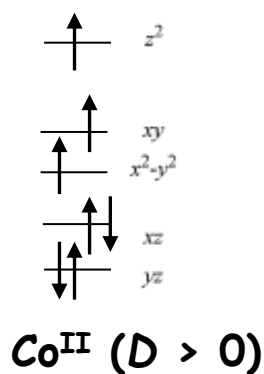
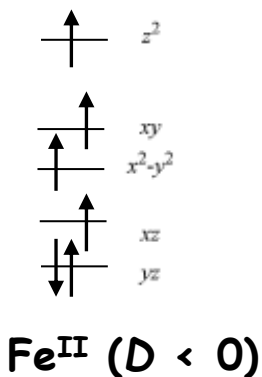
^{57}Fe Mössbauer



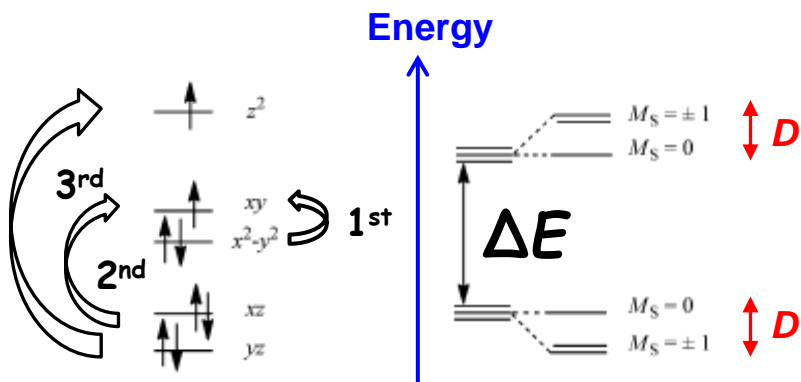
$D = -13.3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$,
 $|E| = 0.02 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $g = 2.31$

Advantages:

- ✓ Local magnetic anisotropy for given electronic configuration



Point group: D_{5h}



Case of $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}} (3d^8)$

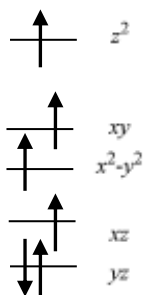
$$\hat{H}_{ZFS} = D \cdot \hat{S}_z^2 + E(\hat{S}_x^2 - \hat{S}_y^2)$$

$$D \approx \lambda^2 / \Delta E$$

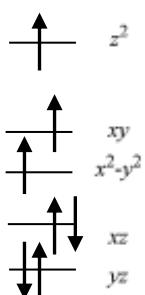
λ = spin-orbit coupling constant,
 ΔE = energy splitting between ground and excited states

- Advantages:

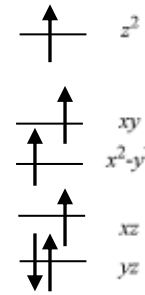
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Fe^{II} ($D < 0$)

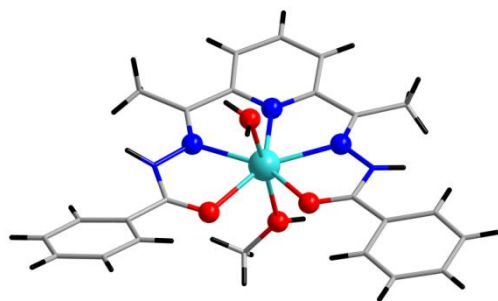


Co^{II} ($D > 0$)



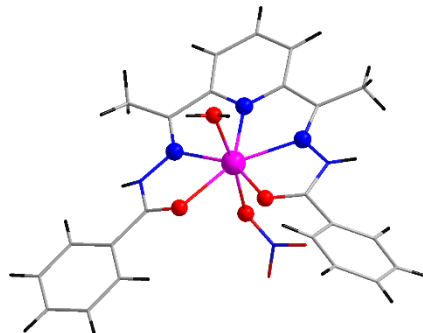
Ni^{II} ($D < 0$)

Point group: D_{5h}



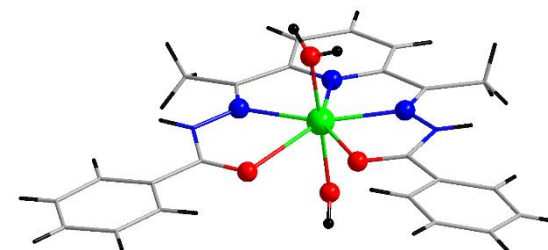
$[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{N3O2Ph}})(\text{MeOH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^{2+}$
($S = 2$)

$D = -4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, $|E/D| = 0$,
 $g = 2.28$



$[\text{Co}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{N3O2Ph2}})(\text{NO}_3)(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^+$
($S = 3/2$)

$D = +31 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, $|E/D| = 0$,
 $g = 2.26$

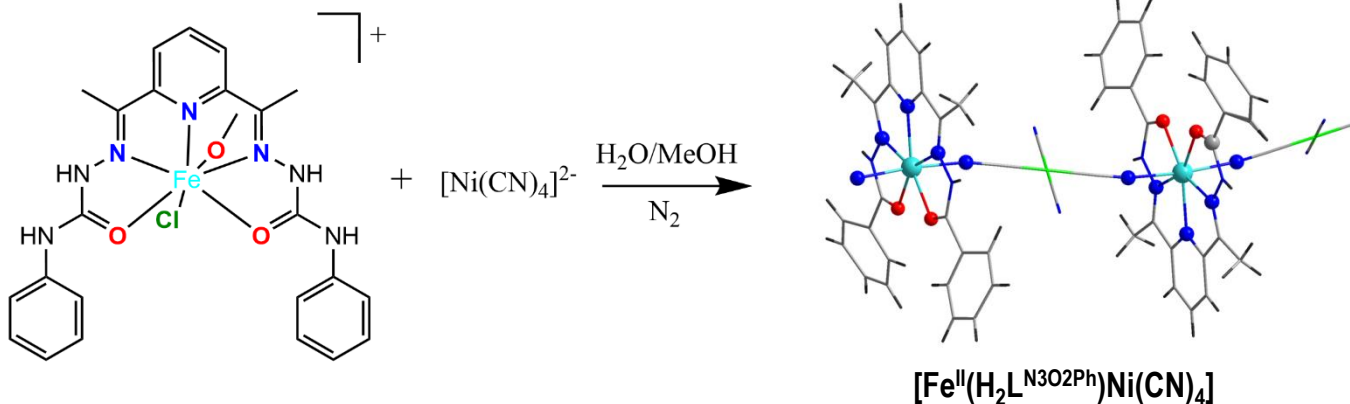


$[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{N3O2Ph2}})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{2+}$
($S = 1$)

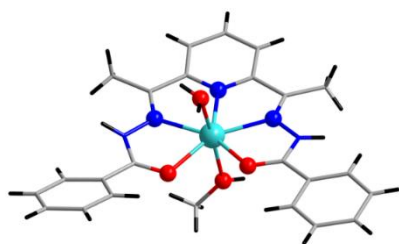
$D = -14 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, $|E/D| = 0.11$,
 $g = 2.23$

Advantages:

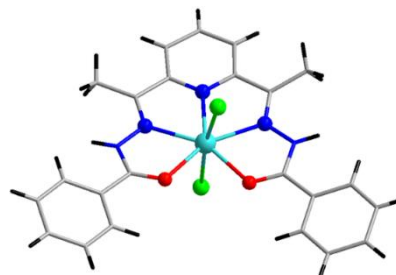
- ✓ Modulable and stable geometry: preparation of complexes with different groups in axial positions



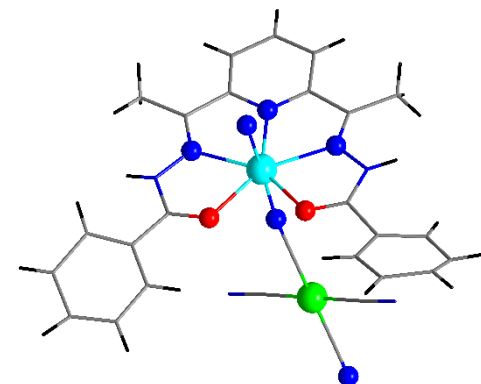
- ✓ Modulation of D through ligand fields in axial positions



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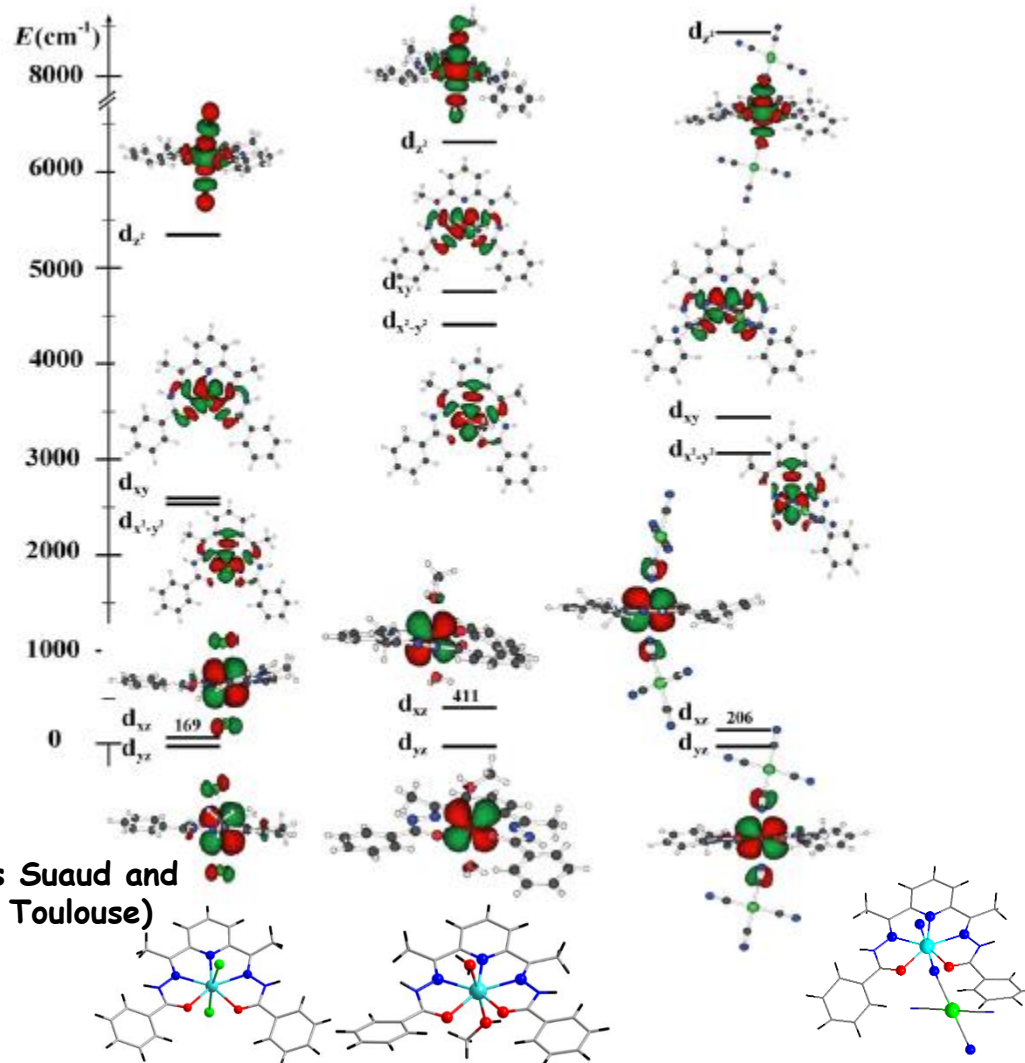


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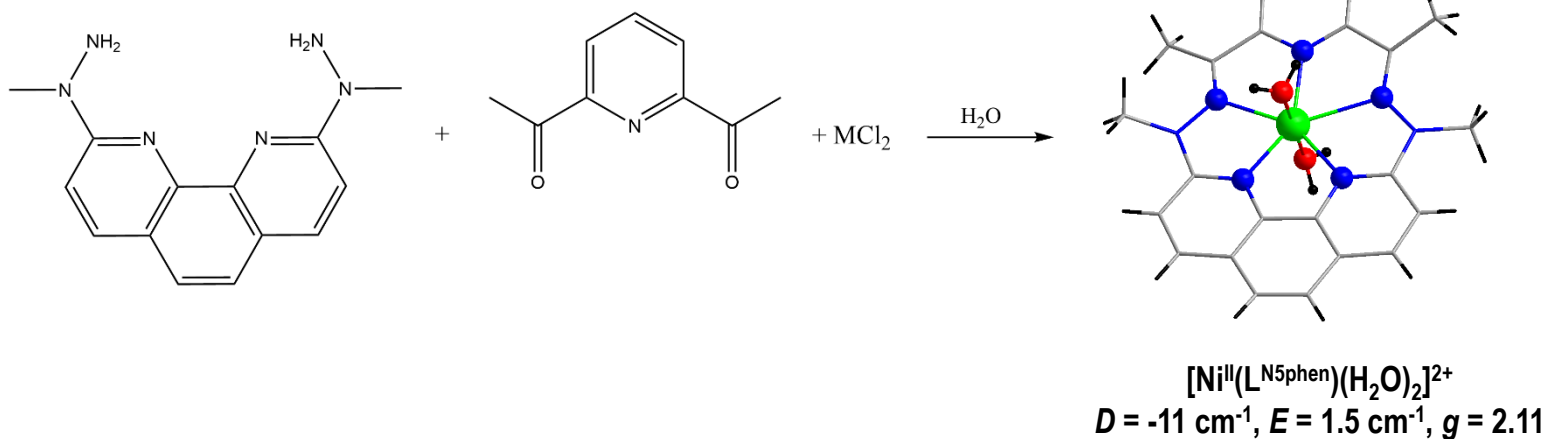


$$D = -16 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

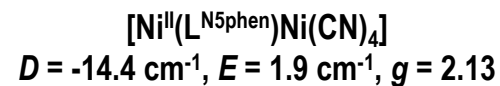
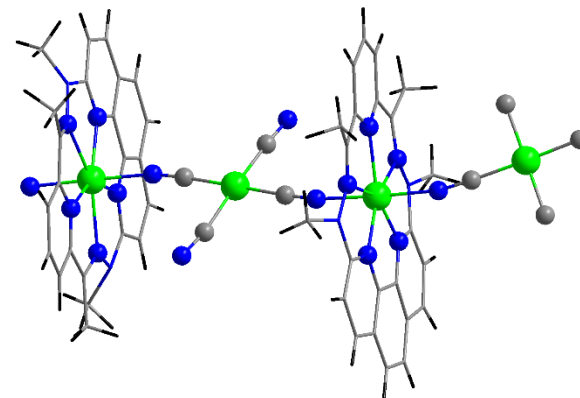
- Ab-initio calculations:



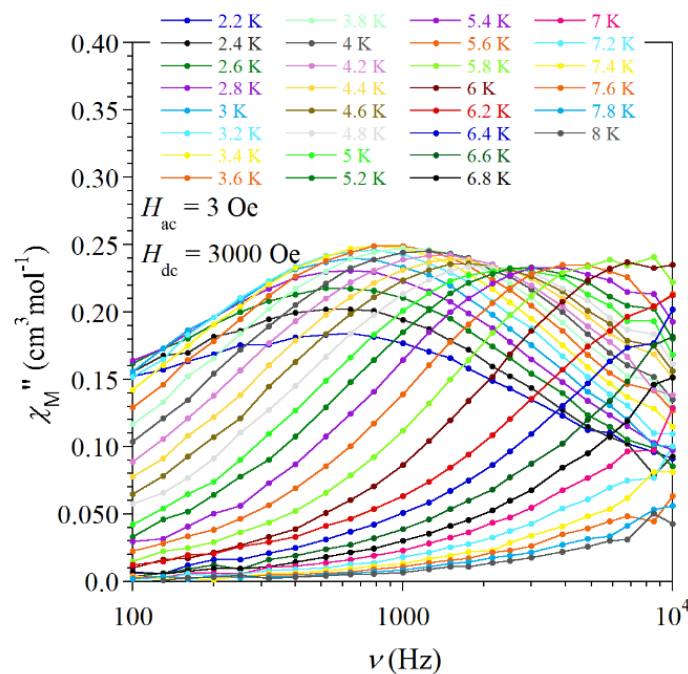
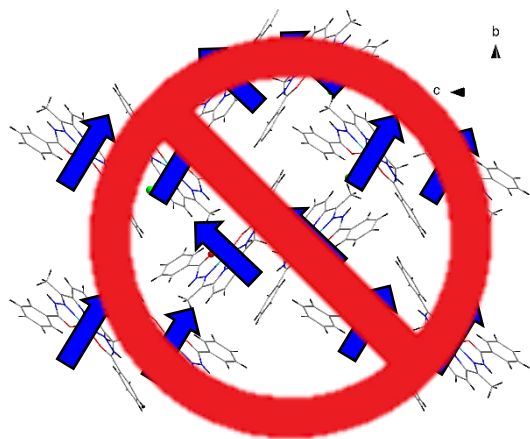
Calculations made by Dr. Nicolas Suaud and Prof. Nathalie Guihéry (LCPQ, Toulouse)



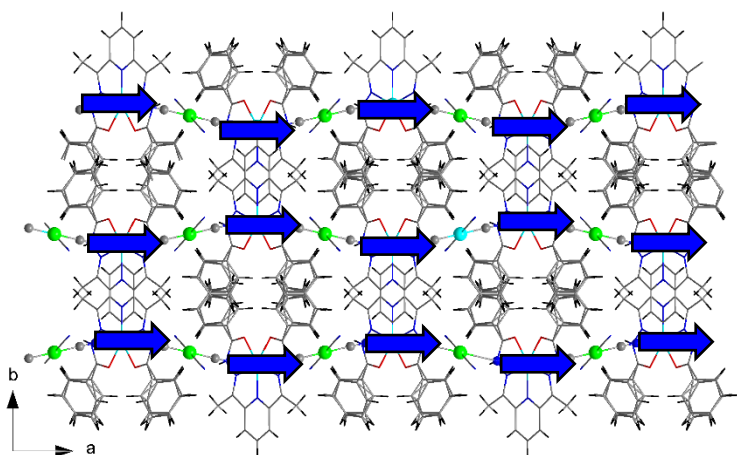
More symmetric equatorial plane



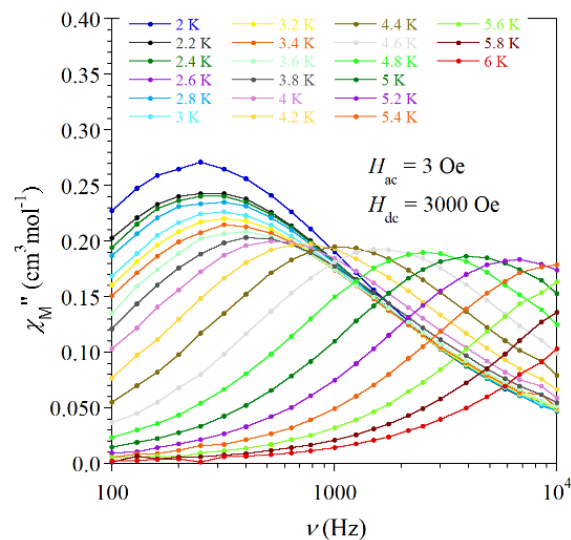
- Others important parameters to control:
- ✓ Mononuclear systems: Syntheses of molecular systems with strong local anisotropy oriented in a single direction in the crystals



Presence of additional relaxation processes



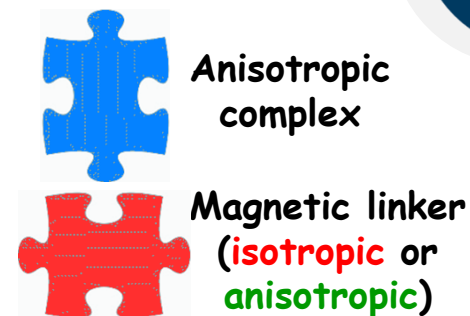
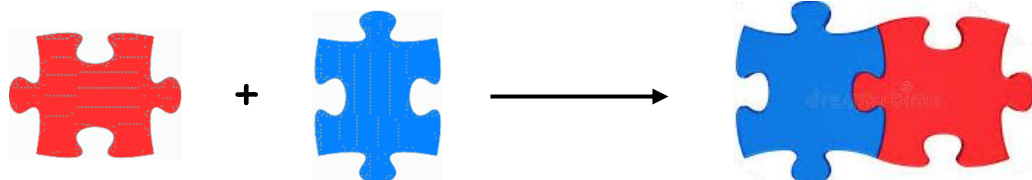
Cancellation of transverse relaxation modes



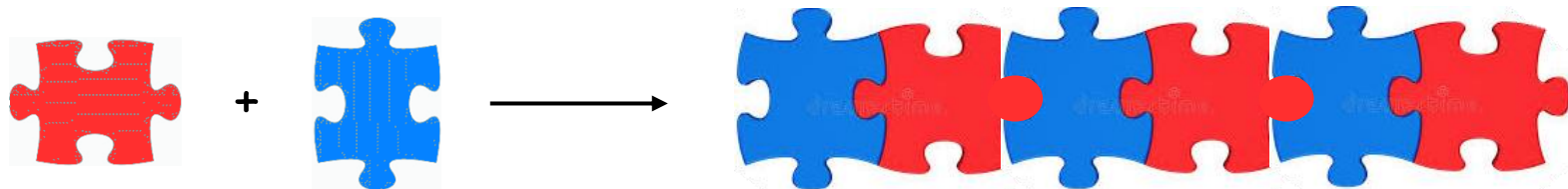
- ✓ Polynuclear systems: Syntheses of molecular systems with parallel local anisotropy between metal centers and molecules/chains for global anisotropy in the crystals plus strong exchange interactions (for SCMs mostly)

Difficult to control => chemical control with appropriate ingredients

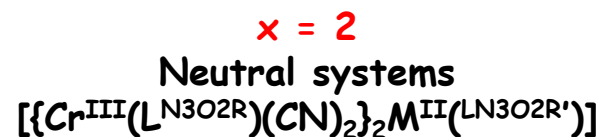
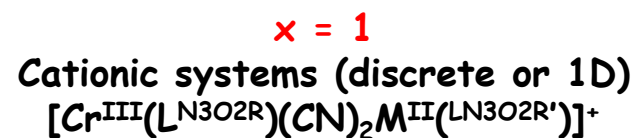
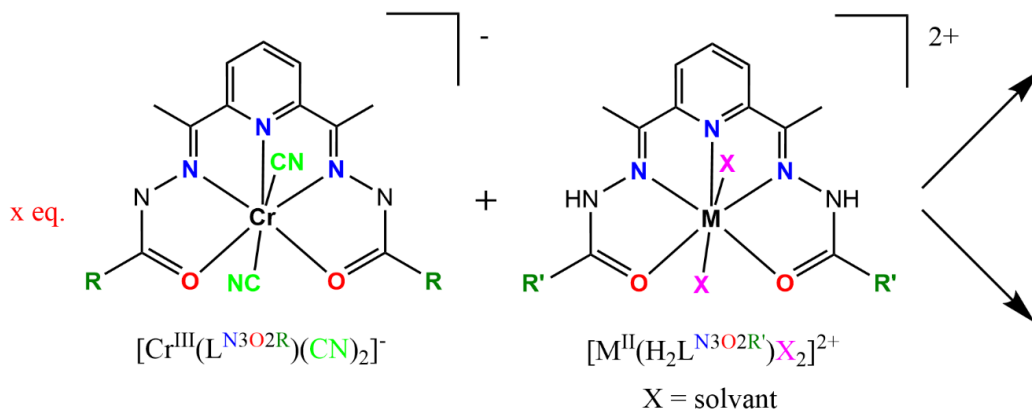
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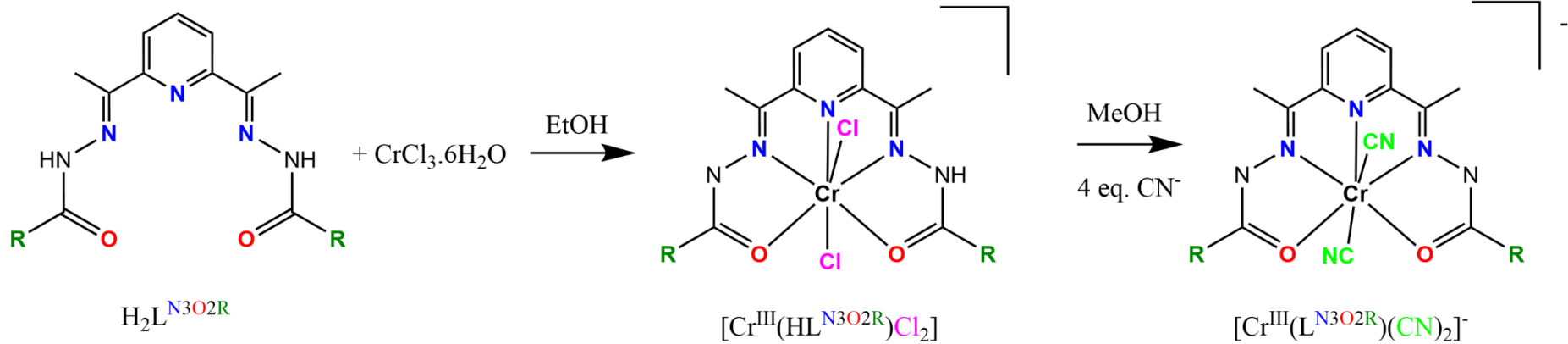


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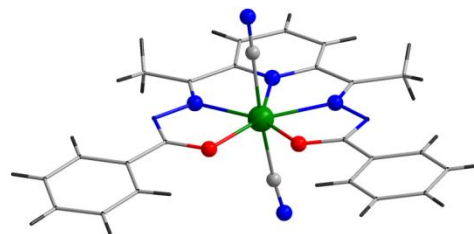


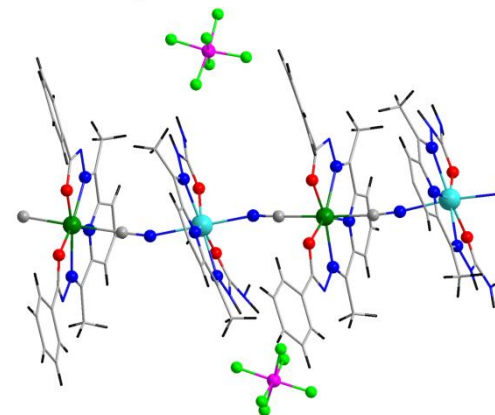
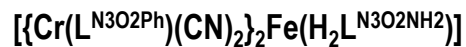
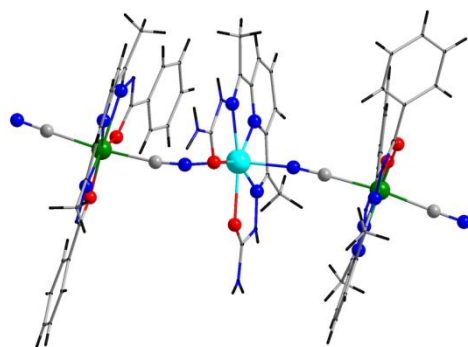
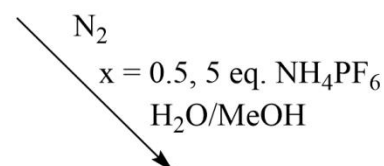
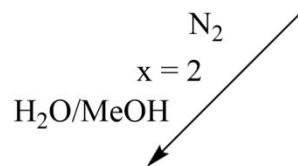
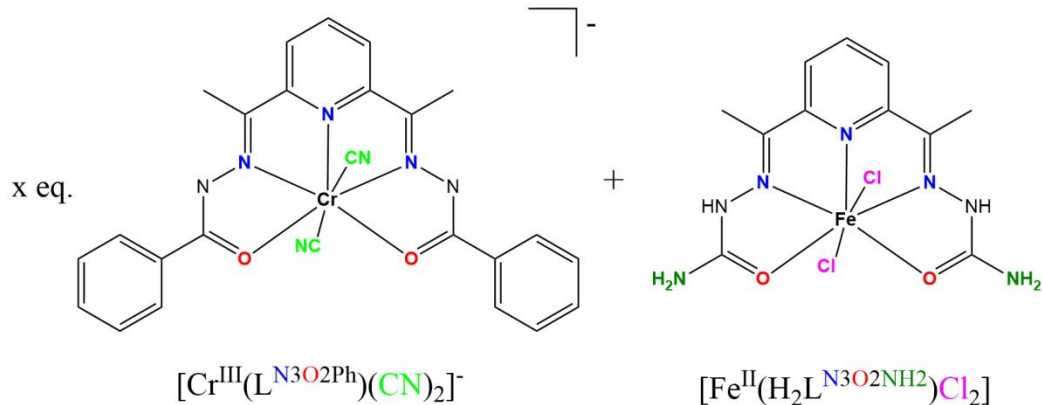
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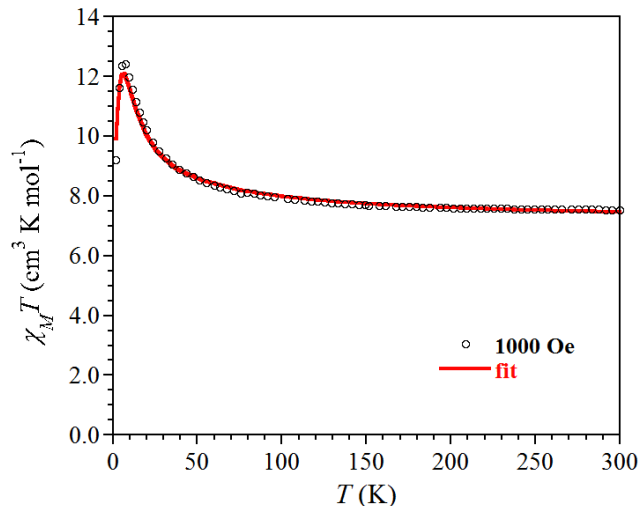




✓ Example of structure with R = Ph

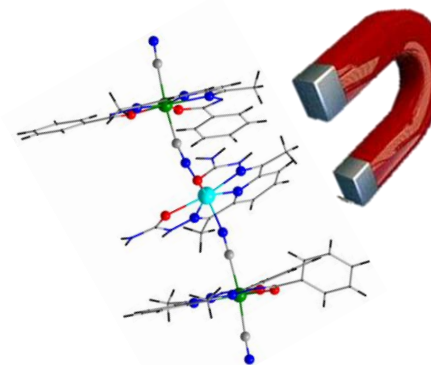
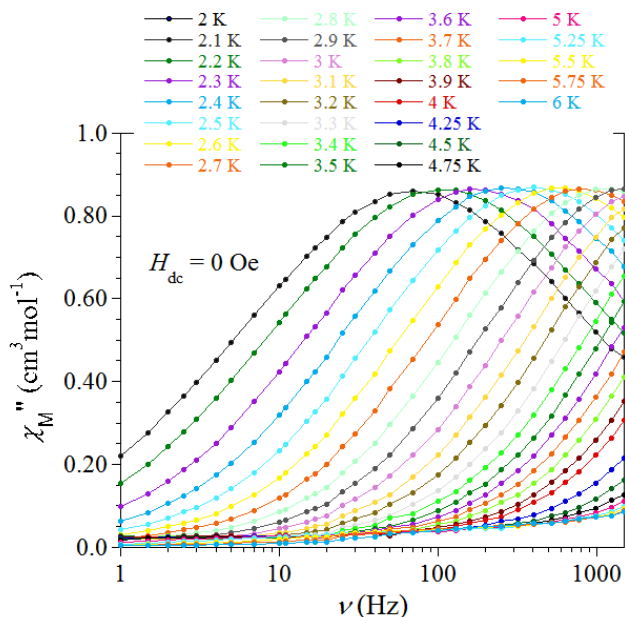






$$\hat{H} = -J(\hat{S}_{Cr1} \cdot \hat{S}_{Fe} + \hat{S}_{Cr2} \cdot \hat{S}_{Fe}) + DS_{Fe}^2$$

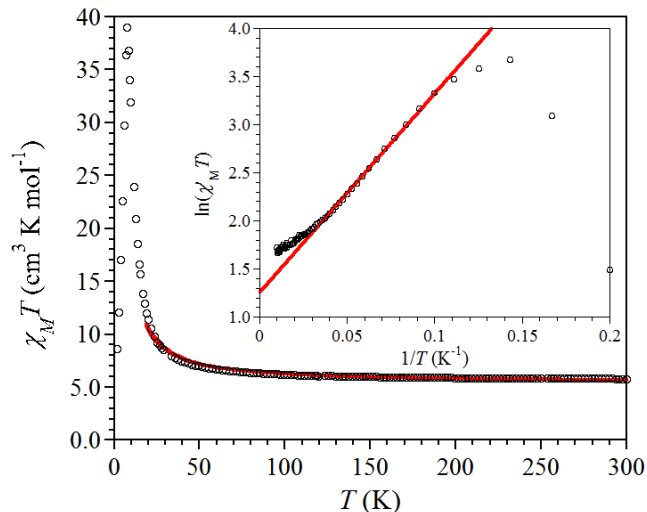
$$J = 2.05 \pm 0.01 \text{ cm}^{-1}, D_{Fe} = -25 \pm 0.01 \text{ cm}^{-1}, \\ zj' = -0.015 \pm 0.001 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ and } g_{Fe} = 2.15 \pm 0.03$$



SMM

$$U_{\text{eff}}/k_B = 22 \text{ K and } \tau_0 = 3.8 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ s}$$

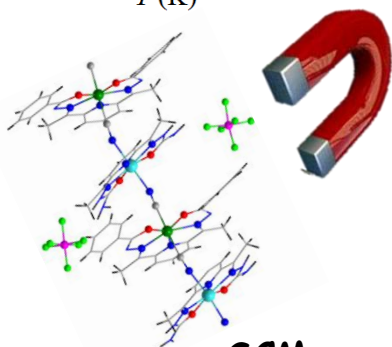
$$\text{Arrhenius law: } \tau = \tau_0 \exp(-U_{\text{eff}}/k_B T)$$



$$\hat{H} = -J \sum_i (\hat{S}_{Cr,i} \cdot \hat{S}_{Fe,i})$$

$$J = 2.68 \pm 0.04 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ and } g_{Fe} = 2.10 \pm 0.04$$

1D behavior with $\Delta_\xi = 20.6 \text{ K}$ (correlation length) between 10 and 30 K

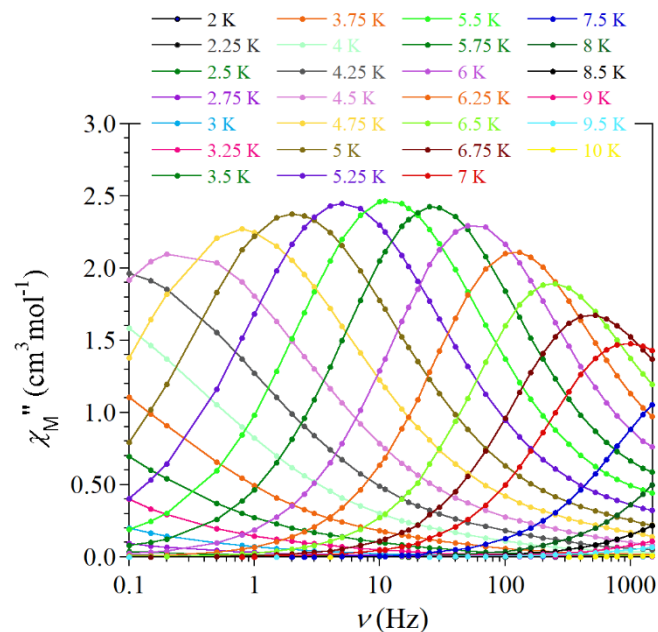


SCM

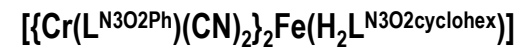
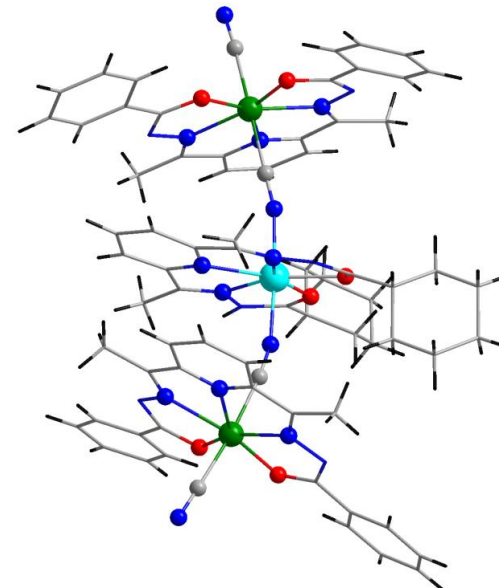
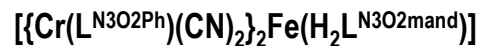
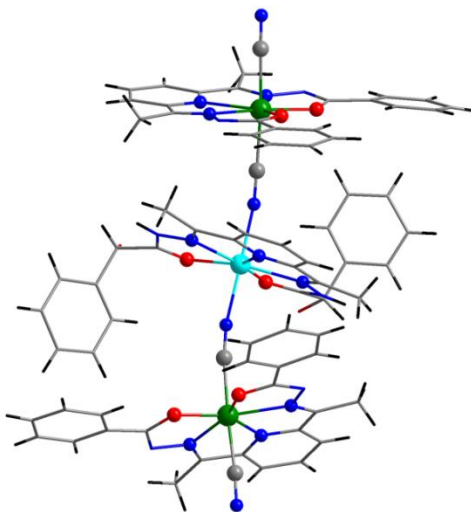
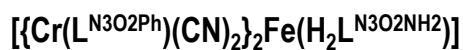
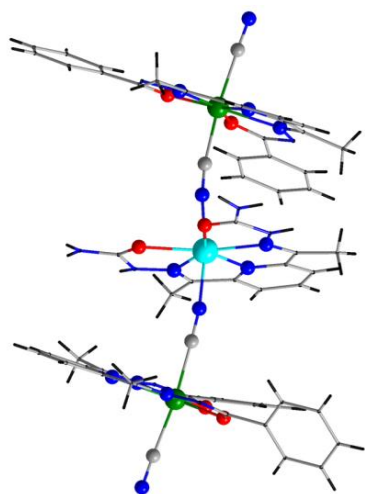
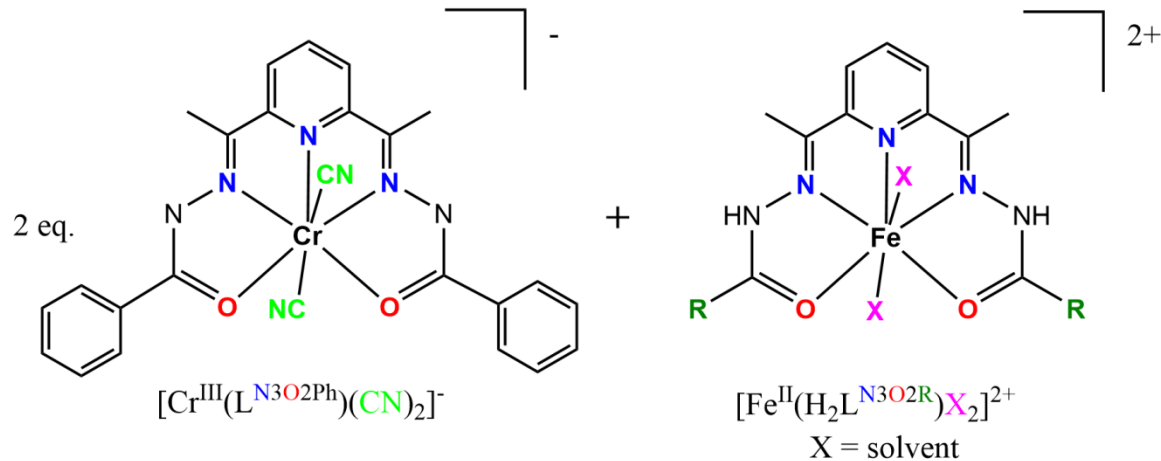
$$\Delta_{\tau_1}/k_B = 113 \text{ K and } \tau_0 = 1.62 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ s}$$

$$\Delta_{\tau_2}/k_B = 94 \text{ K and } \tau_0 = 5.7 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ s}$$

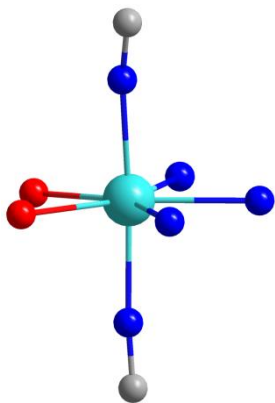
Arrhenius law : $\tau = \tau_0 \exp(-U_{eff}/k_B T)$



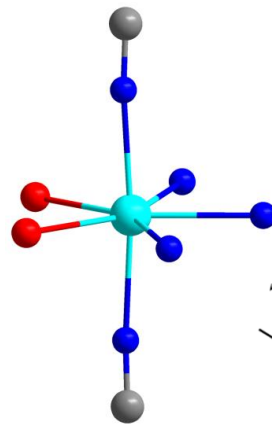
Magnetic correlation and spin alignment (local magnetic axes) along the chain boost SCM properties.



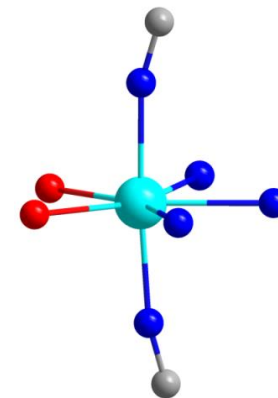
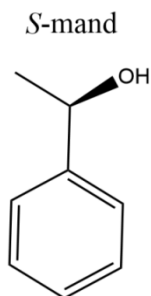
- Maximal distortion around Fe^{II} centers :



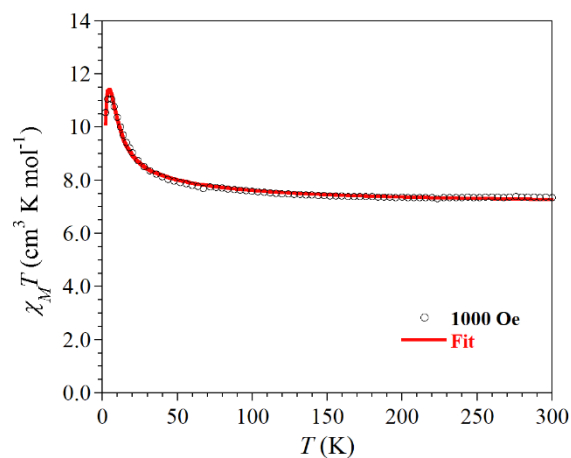
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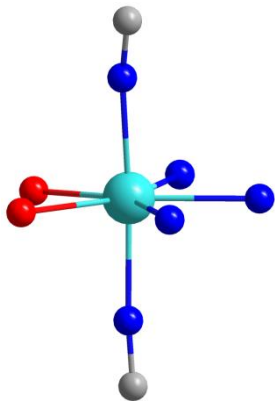
S-mand



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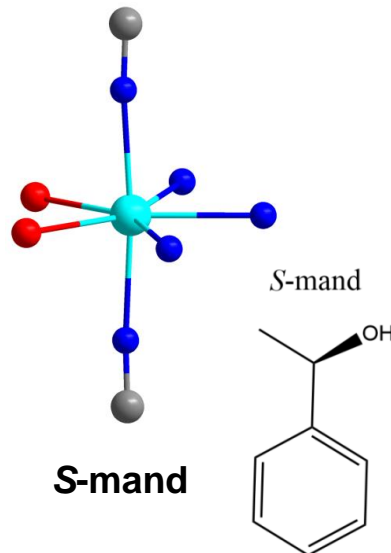


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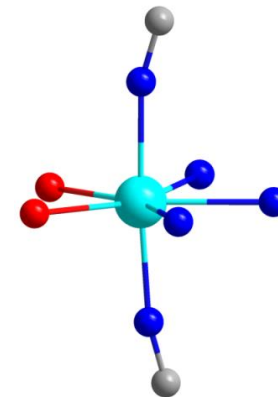
R = NH₂

$$\begin{aligned}
 J &= 2.05 \pm 0.01 \text{ cm}^{-1}, \\
 D_{\text{Fe}} &= -25 \pm 0.01 \text{ cm}^{-1}, \\
 zj' &= -0.015 \pm 0.001 \text{ cm}^{-1} \\
 \text{and } g_{\text{Fe}} &= 2.15 \pm 0.03
 \end{aligned}$$



S-mand

$$\begin{aligned}
 J &= 2.8 \pm 0.04 \text{ cm}^{-1}, \quad D_{\text{Fe}} = -20 \pm 1 \text{ cm}^{-1}, \\
 zj' &= -0.014 \pm 0.001 \text{ cm}^{-1} \quad \text{and } g_{\text{Fe}} = 2.1 \pm 0.01
 \end{aligned}$$



cyclohex

$$\begin{aligned}
 J &= 2.12 \pm 0.01 \text{ cm}^{-1}, \\
 D_{\text{Fe}} &= -11 \pm 0.07 \text{ cm}^{-1}, \\
 zj' &= -0.002 \pm 0.001 \text{ cm}^{-1} \\
 \text{and } g_{\text{Fe}} &= 2.1 \pm 0.02
 \end{aligned}$$

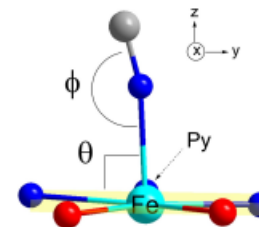
$$\hat{H} = -J(\hat{S}_{\text{Cr}1} \cdot \hat{S}_{\text{Fe}} + \hat{S}_{\text{Cr}2} \cdot \hat{S}_{\text{Fe}}) + DS_{\text{Fe}}^2$$

■ *ab-initio* calculations:

Distorsion influences D and J

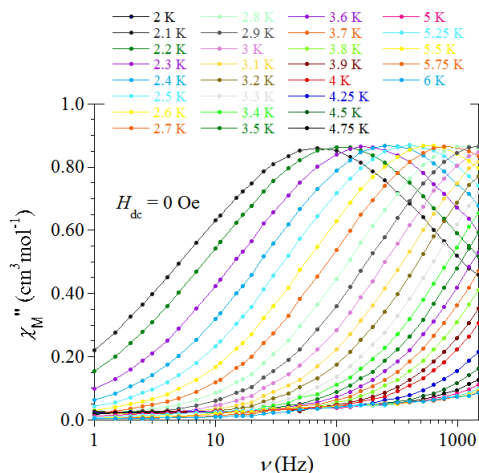
CN bending (ϕ angle $< 180^\circ$) reduces D

Perpendicular bending (θ angle $< 90^\circ$) decreases J



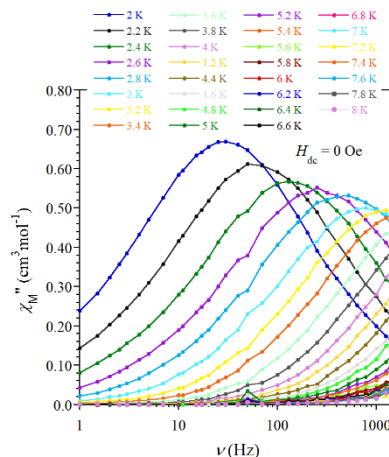
Calculations made by Dr. Nicolas Suaud and Prof. Nathalie Guihéry (LCPQ, Toulouse)

■ Impact on the relaxation:



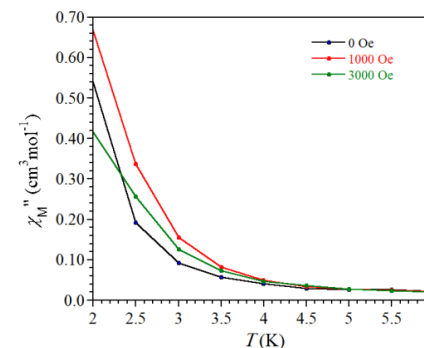
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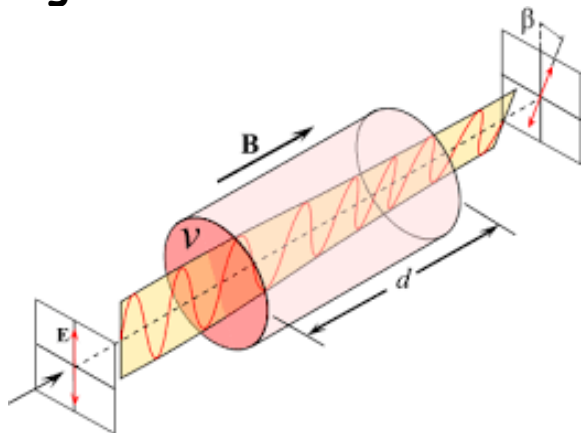
$$U_{\text{eff}}/k_B = 19 \text{ K} \\ (35.6 \text{ K @ } 1000 \text{ Oe}) \\ \text{and } \tau_0 = 6.8 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ s}$$



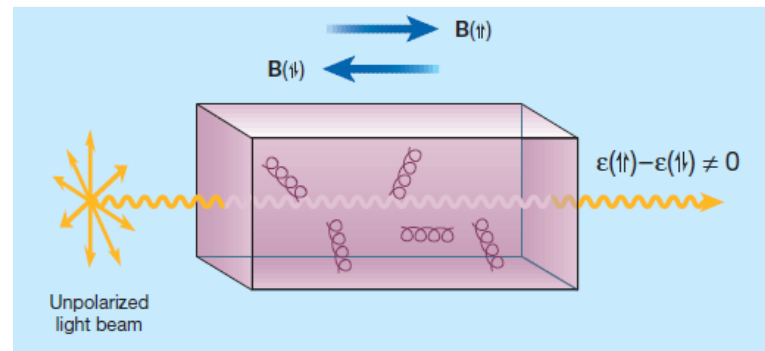
R = cyclohex

Multifunctional materials:

Synergetic effects between magnetic and optical properties

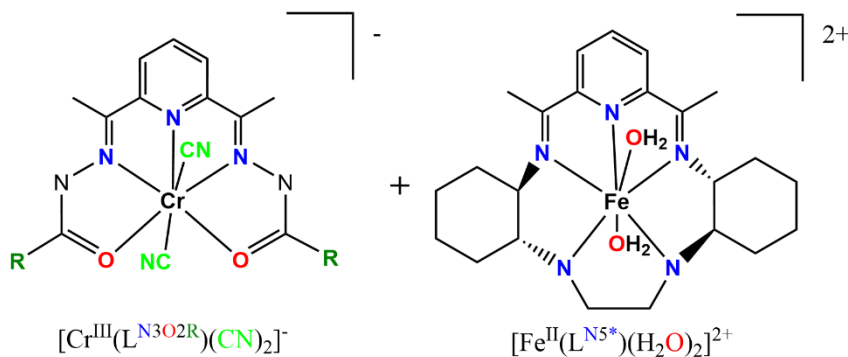


Faraday effect



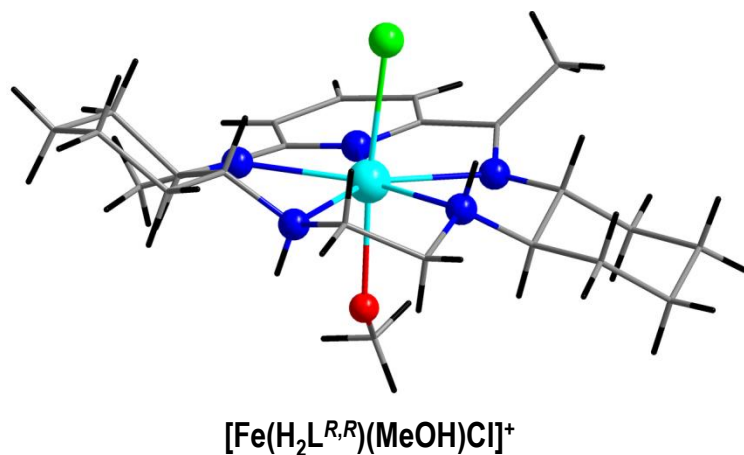
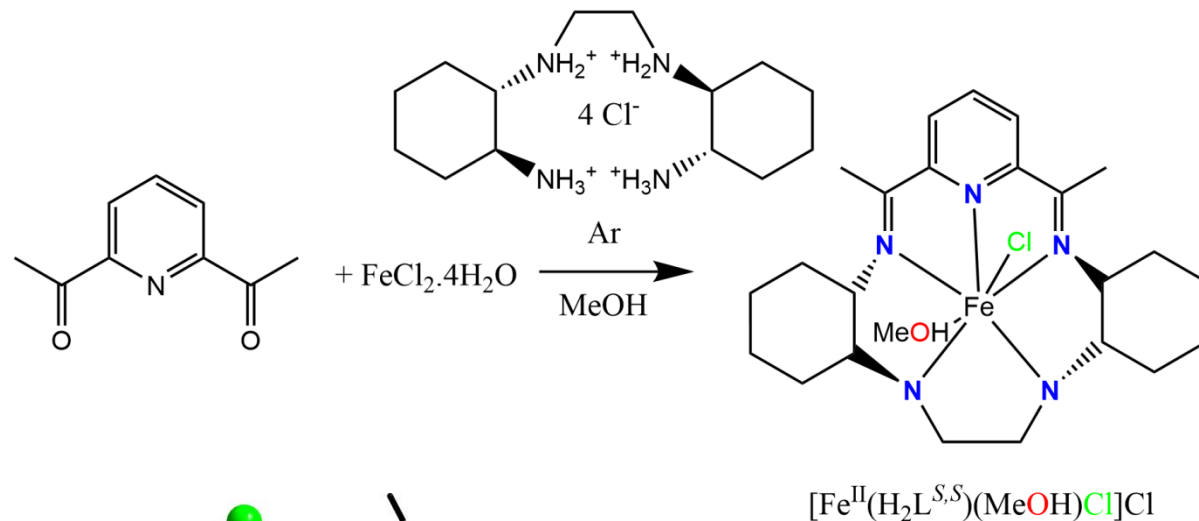
MagnetoChiral Dichroism effect (MChD)

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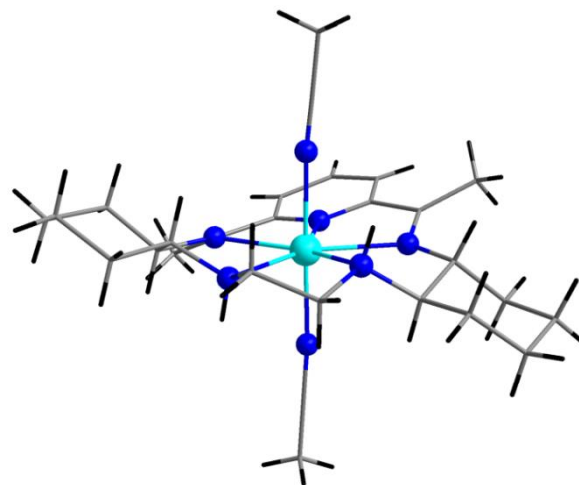
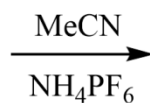
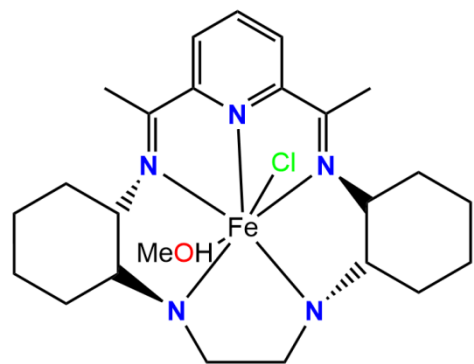


Chiral SMMs/SCMs?

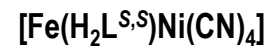
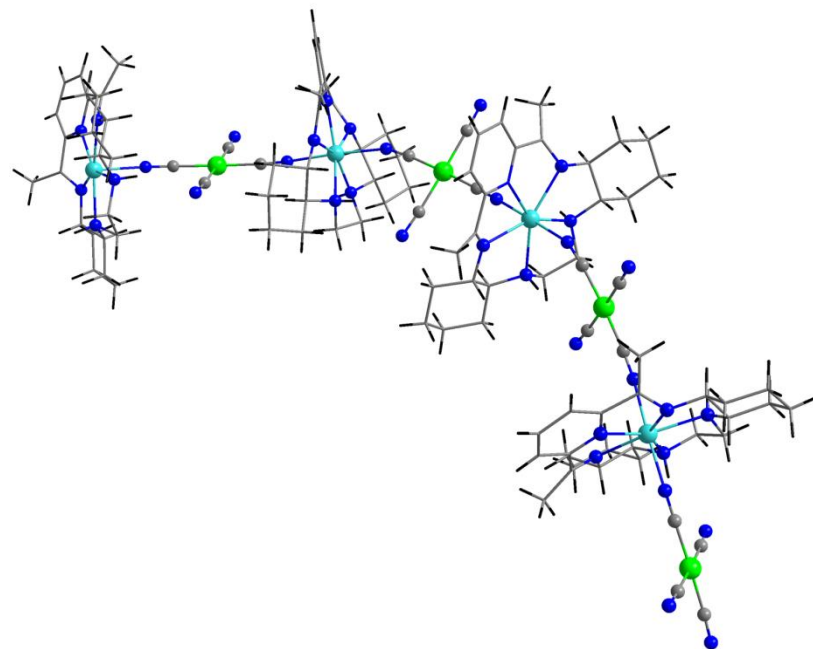
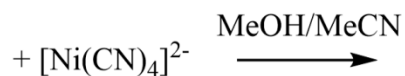
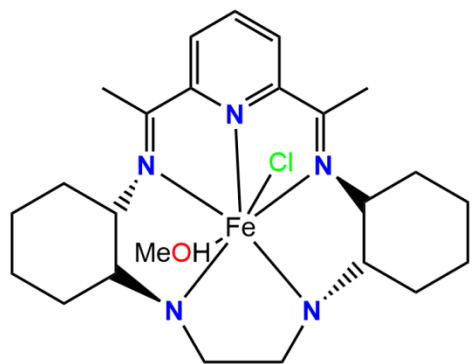
■ Synthesis of a chiral Fe^{II} complex:



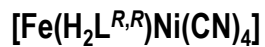
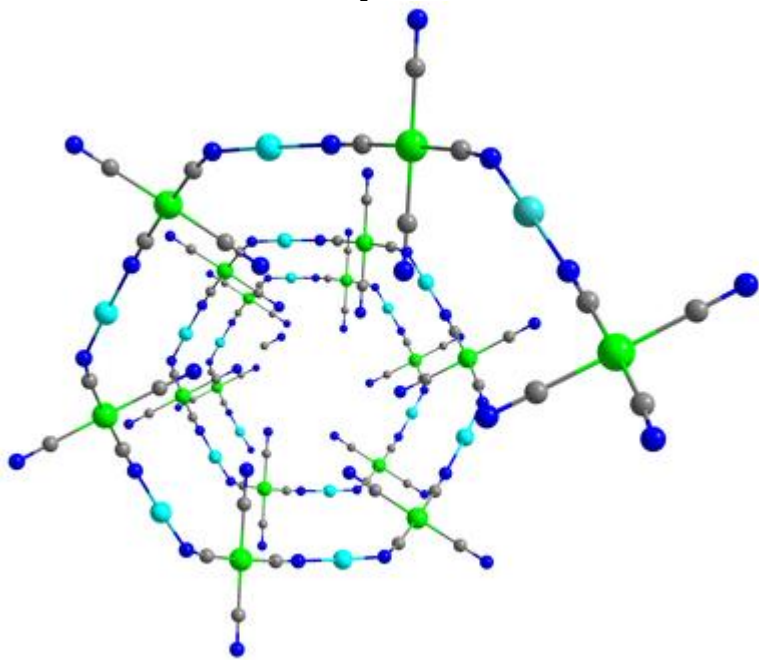
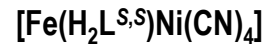
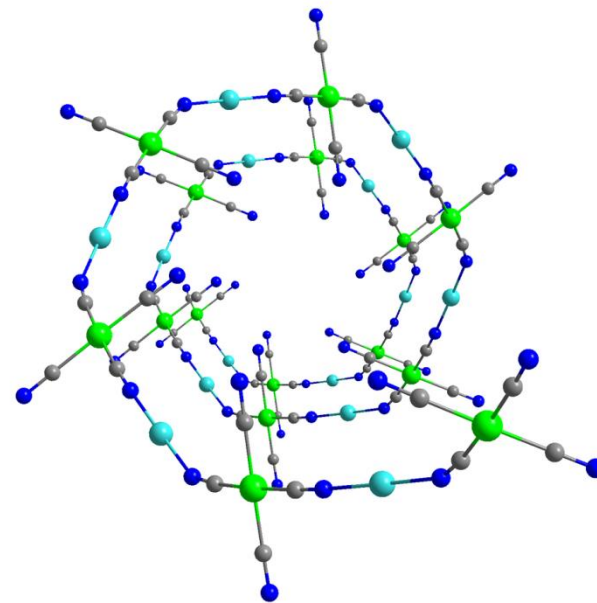
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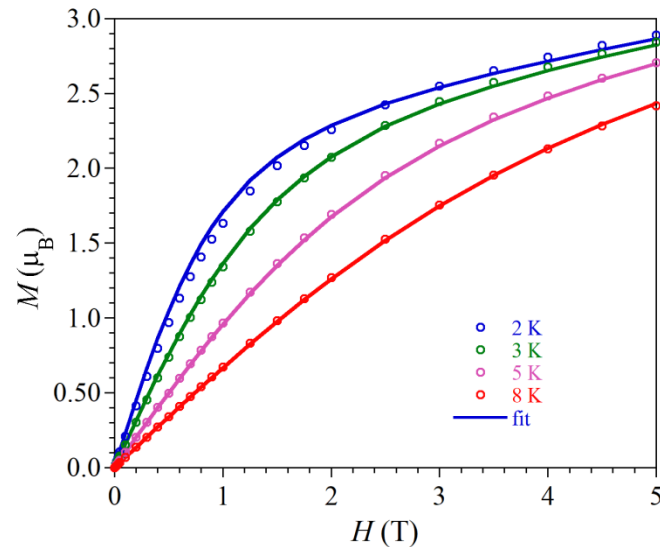
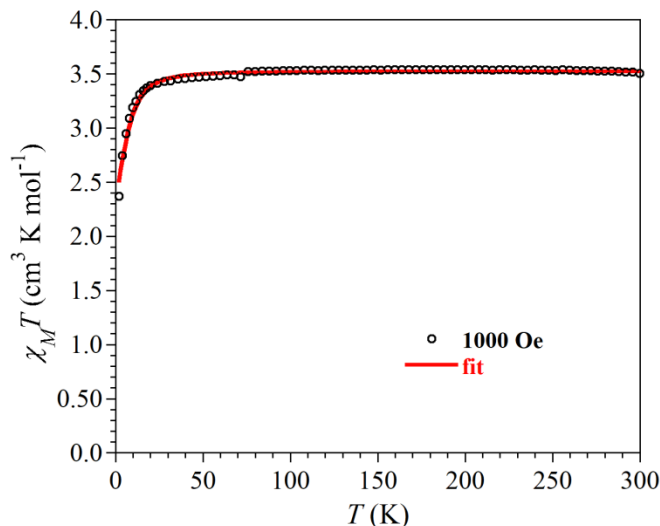
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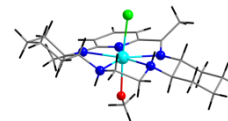
▪ Helicoidal supramolecular organization :

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■ Magnetic anisotropy (SQUID measurements):

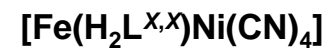
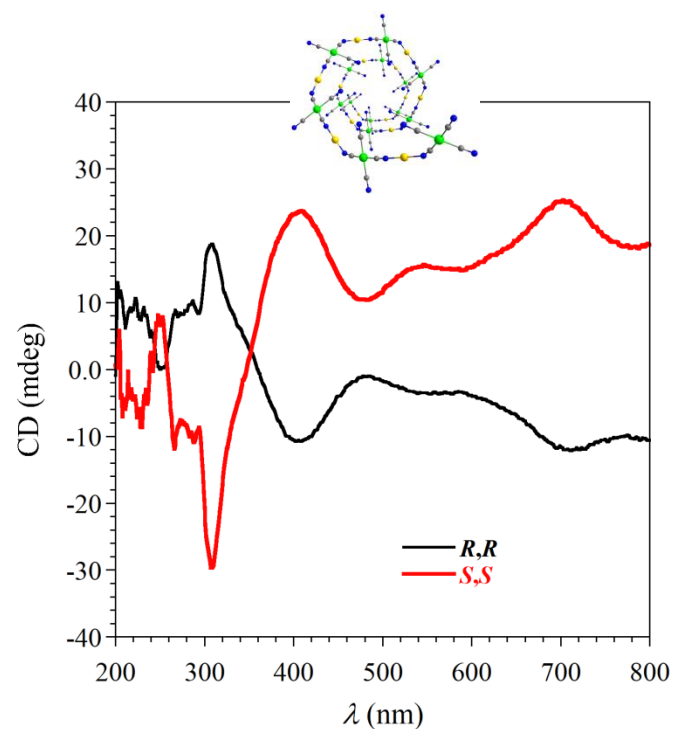
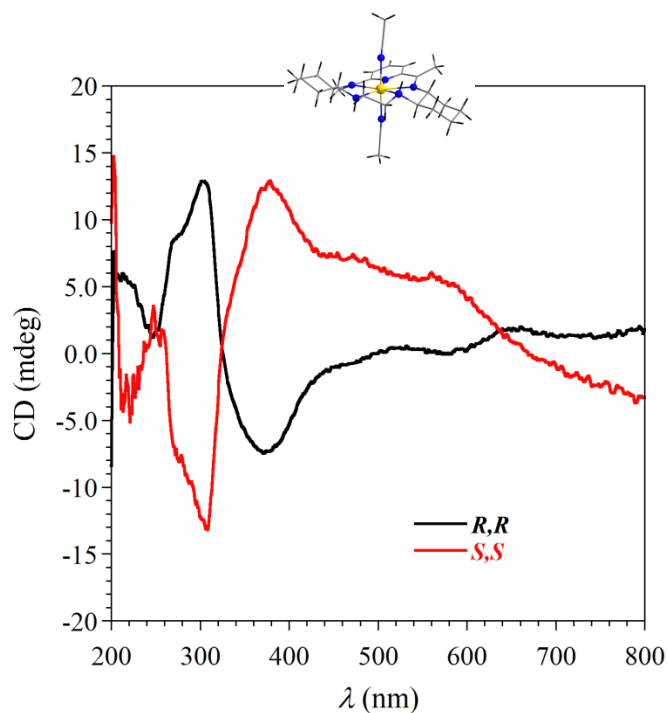


Example with the $[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{R,R}})(\text{MeOH})\text{Cl}]\text{Cl}$ complex



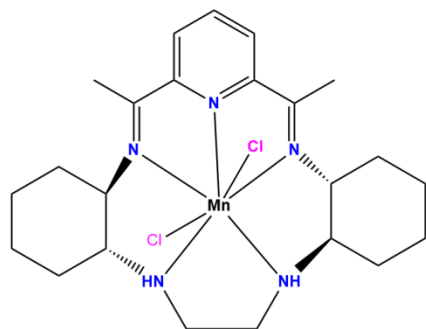
	$[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{R,R}})(\text{MeOH})\text{Cl}]\text{Cl}$	$[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{S,S}})(\text{MeCN})_2](\text{PF}_6)_2$	$[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{R,R}})\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4]$
D (cm^{-1})	-5.95 ± 0.12	-7.10 ± 0.37	-10.16 ± 0.3
E (cm^{-1})	-	-0.01 ± 0.38	1.59 ± 0.17
g	2.17 ± 0.01	2.17 ± 0.01	2.04 ± 0.01

■ Circular dichroism :

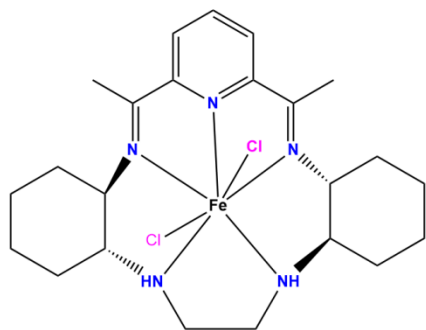
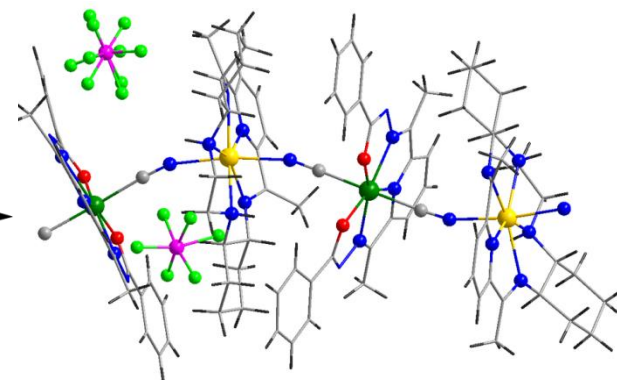
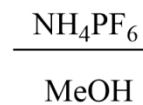
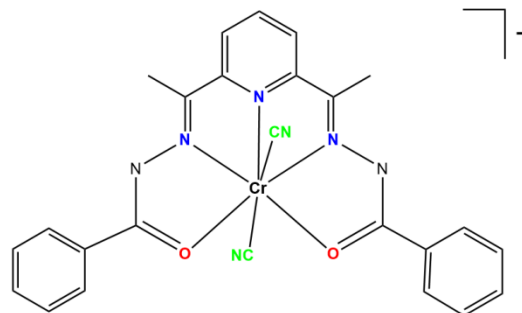


Enantiomeric purity ✓

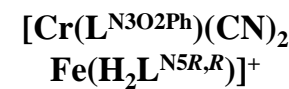
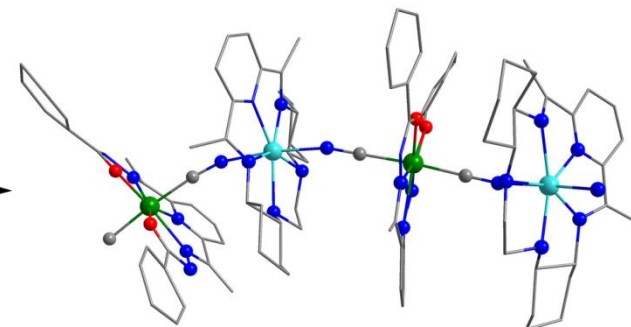
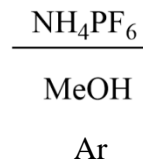
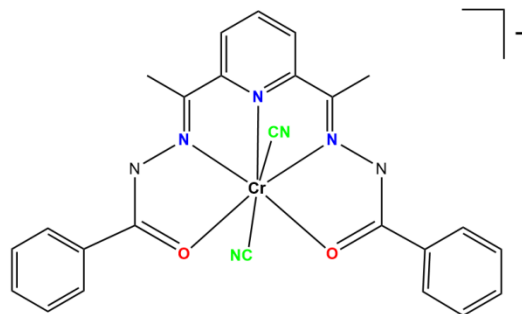
Solid state: 1% mass in KBr (pellet)



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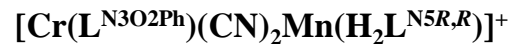
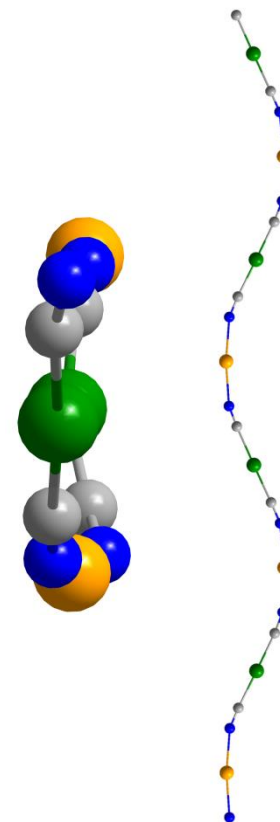
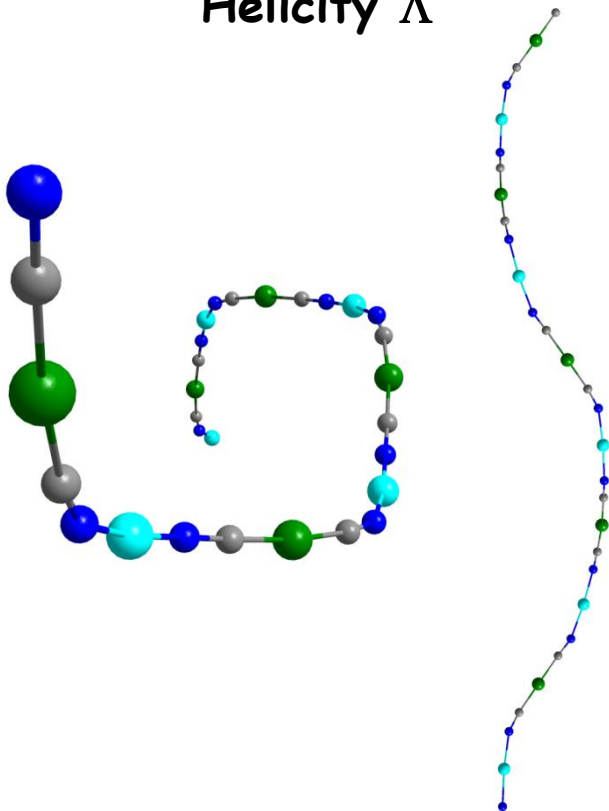


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- Helicoidal supramolecular organization in the CrFe chain:

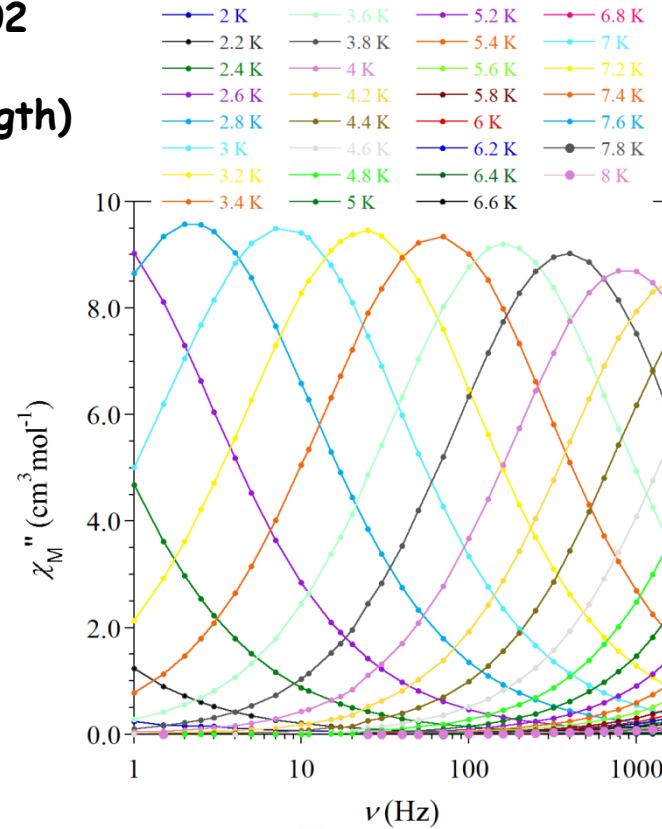
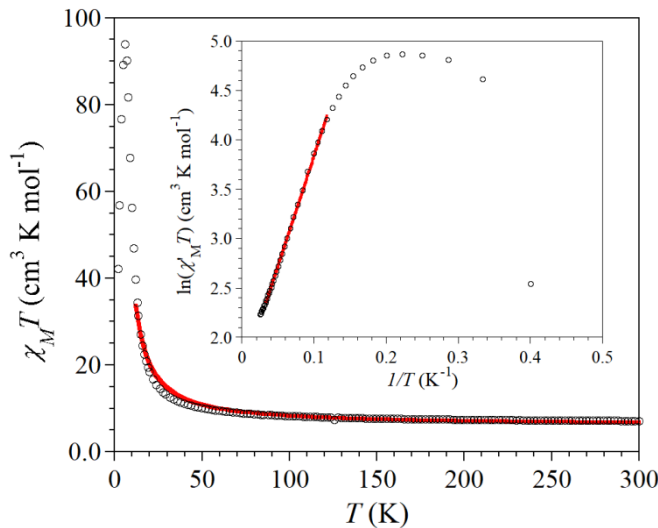
Helicity Δ



Magnetic properties of the CrFe chain:

$$J = 3.82 \pm 0.02 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ and } g_{\text{Fe}} = 2.17 \pm 0.02$$

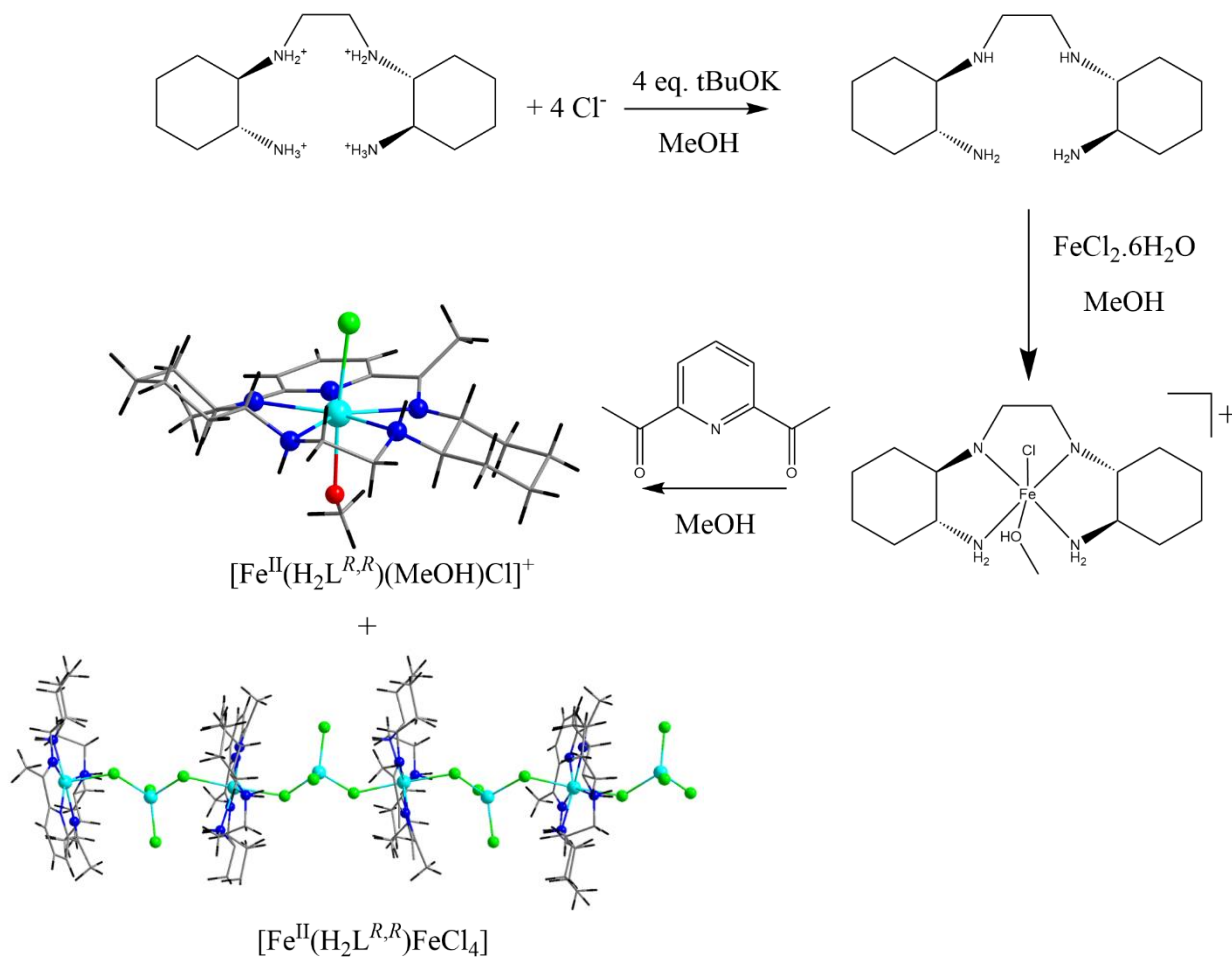
1D behavior with $\Delta_\xi = 22.3 \text{ K}$ (correlation length)



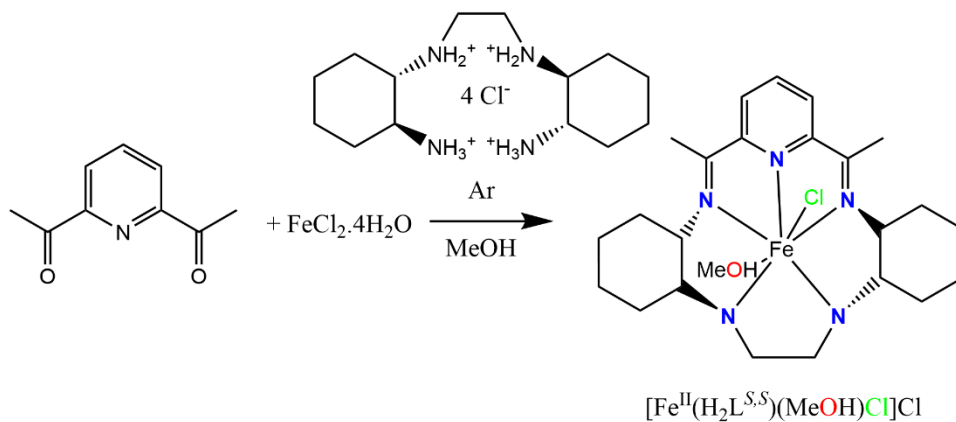
$$\hat{H} = -J \sum_i (\hat{S}_{\text{Cr},i} \cdot \hat{S}_{\text{Fe},i})$$

SCM behavior ✓
 $U_{\text{eff}}/k_B = 55 \text{ K}$ and $\tau_0 = 2.4 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ s}$

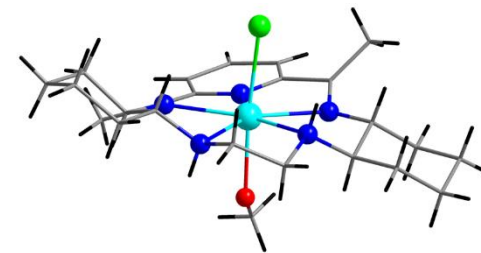
■ When the addition order matters...



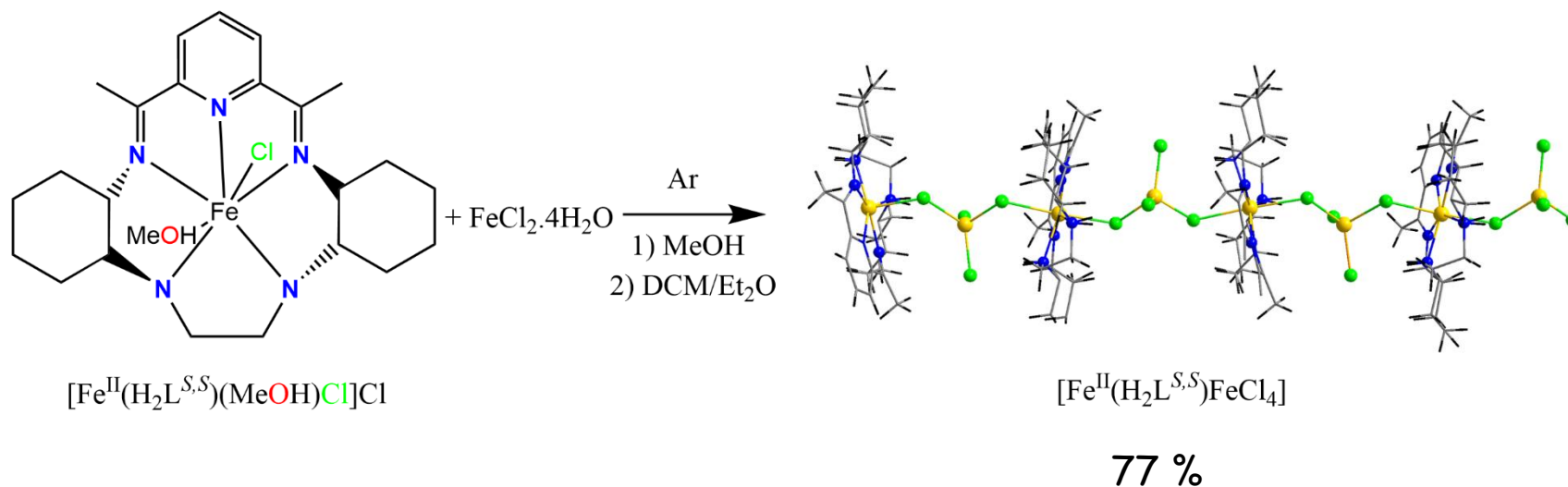
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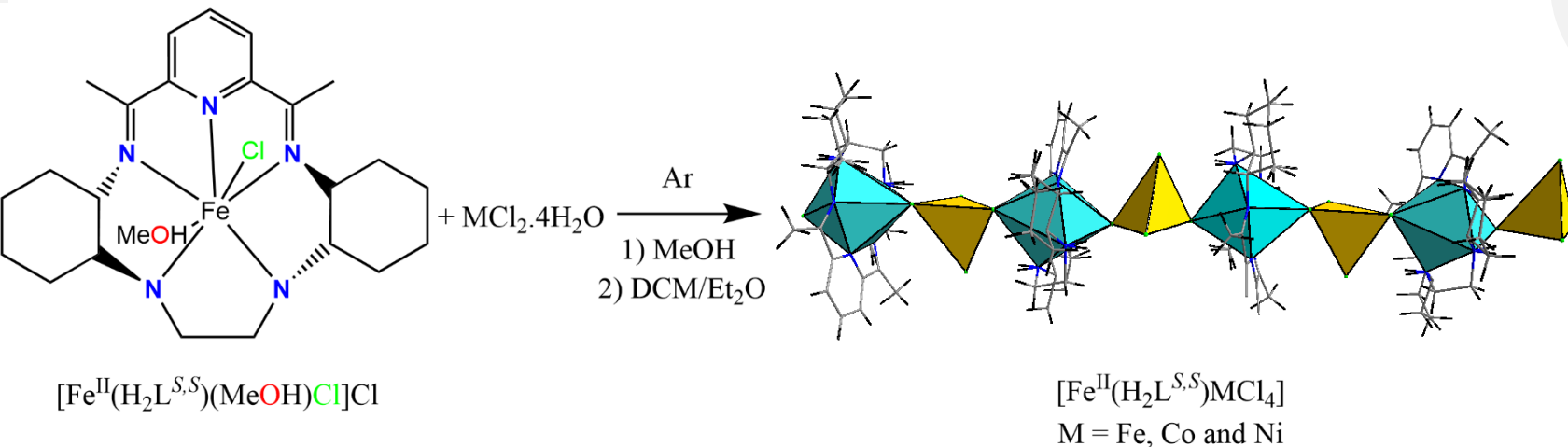


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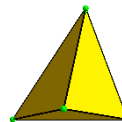




Nature of MCl_4 units change spin state of M , type of anisotropy and exchange interaction

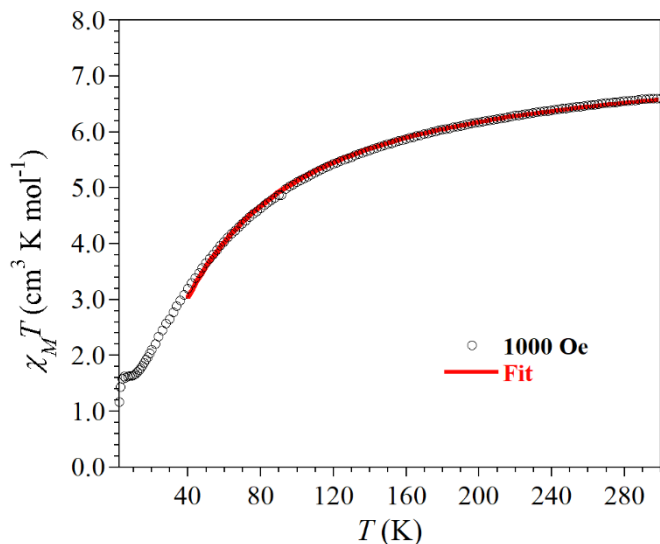
Based on calculations:

- ✓ $FeCl_4$: $D = -15 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
- ✓ $CoCl_4$: $D = +4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
- ✓ $NiCl_4$: $D < 0$ and potentially very strong



Calculations done in collaboration with Dr. Nicolas Suaud and Prof. Nathalie Guihéry (LCPQ, Toulouse)

▪ Magnetic properties:

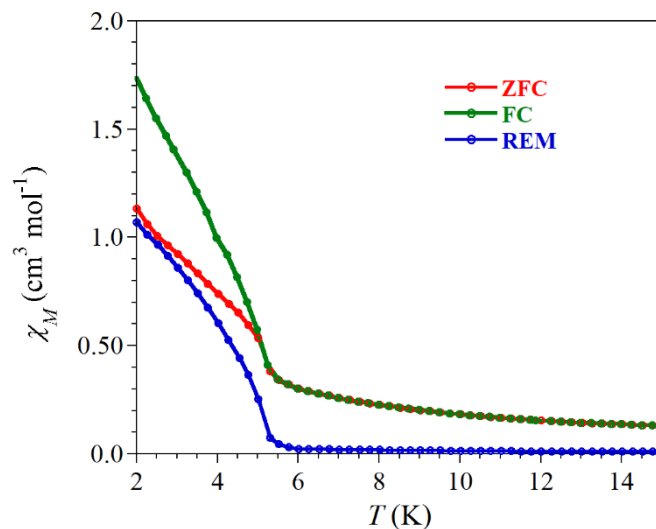


$$J = -6.14 \pm 0.05 \text{ cm}^{-1},$$

$$g_{\text{Fe}} = 1.911 \pm 0.004 \text{ and}$$

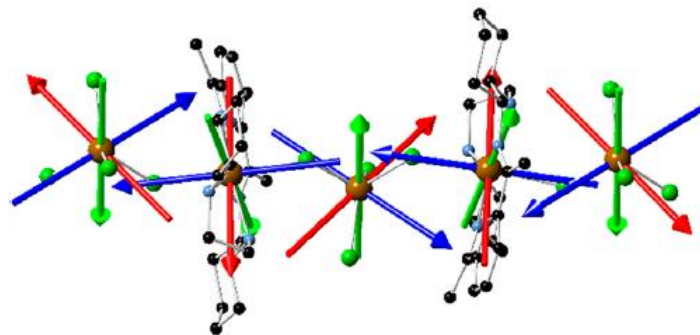
$$g_{\text{FeCl}_4} = 2.17$$




$$\hat{H} = -J \sum_i (\hat{S}_{\text{Cr},i} \cdot \hat{S}_{\text{Fe},i})$$



Canted AF order

- *ab-initio* calculations:

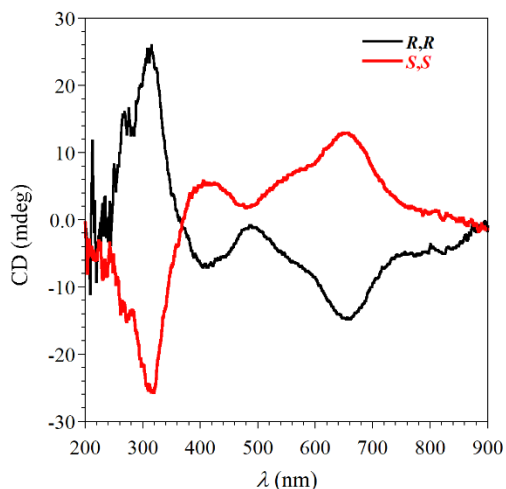


 x axis
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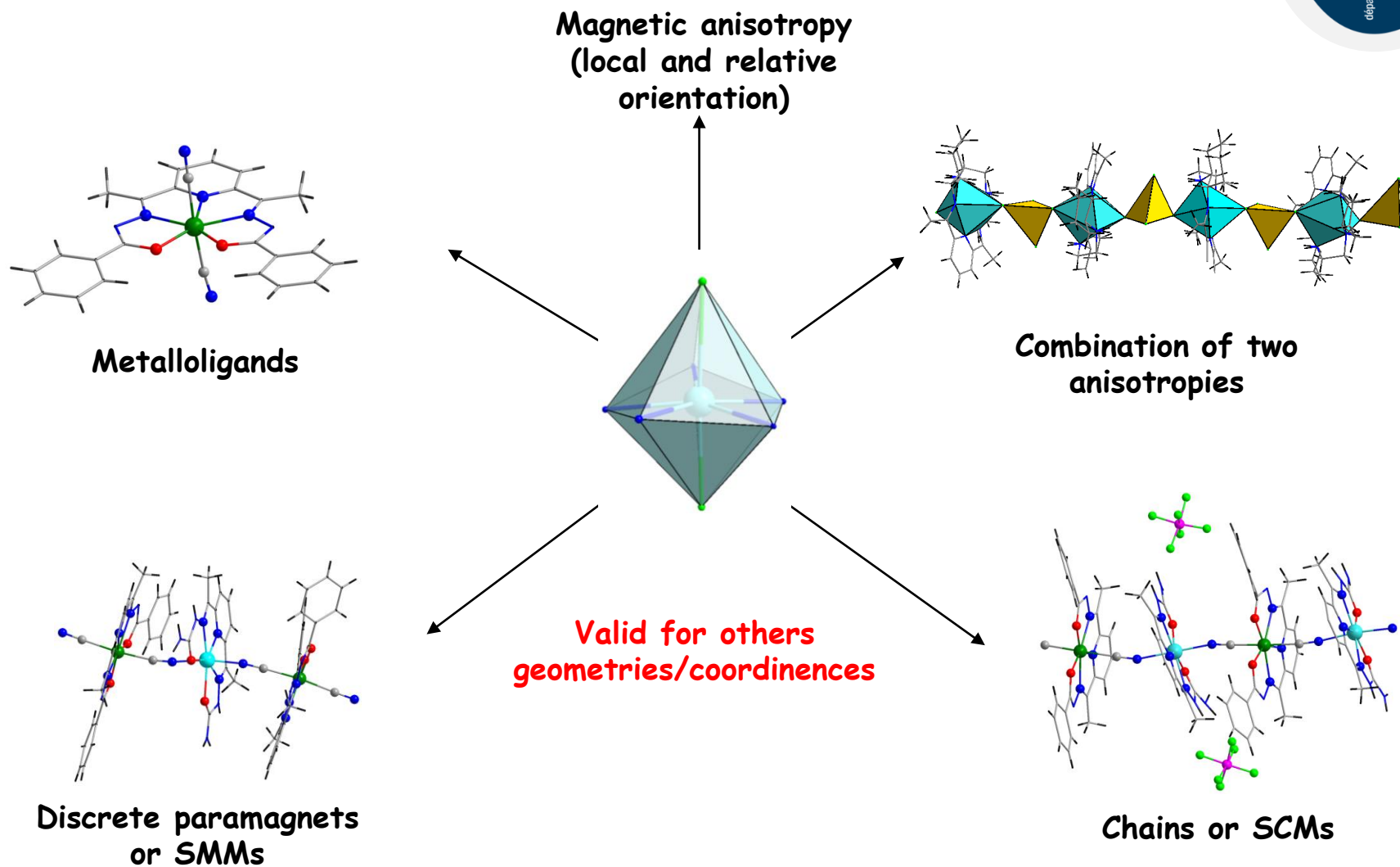
$$D_{\text{Fe}} = -28.6 \text{ cm}^{-1}, E_{\text{Fe}} = 0.3 \text{ cm}^{-1},$$

$$D_{\text{FeCl}_4} = -15.1 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ and } E_{\text{FeCl}_4} = 3.6 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

- Circular dichroism:



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