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Spin chirality: a new concept in the arsenal of Molecular Magnetism

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Spin-Electric Coupling in Molecular Magnets

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We study the triangular antiferromagnet Cu_3 in external electric fields, using symmetry group arguments and a Hubbard model approach. We identify a spin-electric coupling caused by an interplay between spin exchange, spin-orbit interaction, and the chirality of the underlying spin texture of the molecular magnet. This coupling allows for the electric control of the spin (qubit) states, e.g., by using an STM tip or a microwave cavity. We propose an experimental test for identifying molecular magnets exhibiting spin-electric effects.

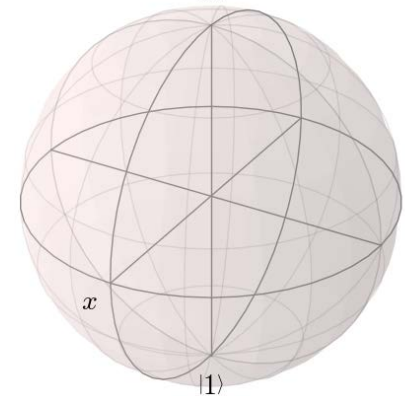
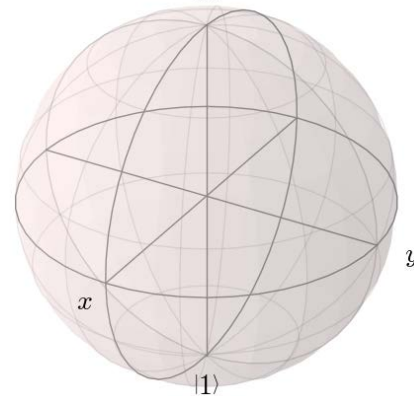
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$M_S = -1/2$ (up) 


 $\chi = -1$

Spin projection



Spin chirality

$M_S = +1/2$ (down) 

 $\chi = +1$

***Ab ovo*: a new quantum property**

Two-level systems in a spin-glass model: I. General formalism and two-dimensional model

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Abstract. A spin-glass model with two-dimensional, isotropic spins (XY model) is studied. The model exhibits two-level systems (TLS) which are related to the sense of rotation of the spin direction. The two-dimensional version of the model is equivalent at low temperature to an Ising model with Coulomb interactions (which are logarithmic in two dimensions). However, this long-range effective interaction between TLS may be a special feature of two-dimensional spins. The model depends on a continuous parameter x and can reproduce, in particular, the 'Edwards–Anderson model', the 'Mattis model', and the 'odd model'.

Villain, *J. Phys. C: Solid State Phys.*, **1977**, *10*, 4793

Spin- and chirality-orderings of frustrated magnets – stacked-triangular anti-ferromagnets and spin glasses

Hikaru Kawamura

Vector chirality $\kappa = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \vec{S}_i \times \vec{S}_j$

Scalar chirality $\chi = \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_{i+\delta} \times \vec{S}_{i+\delta'}$

Kawamura, *Can. J. Phys.*, **2001**, 79, 1447

Ab ovo: a new quantum property

Vector chirality

$$\hat{\mathbf{K}} = \sum_{i,j=1-3} (\hat{\mathbf{S}}_i \times \hat{\mathbf{S}}_j)$$

Critical properties of helical magnets and triangular antiferromagnets

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The critical behavior of certain frustrated magnetic crystals with competing interactions has been studied. It is predicted that the layered-triangular lattice antiferromagnets VCl_2 , VBr_2 , CsMnBr_3 , and CsVCl_3 and the helical magnets $\beta\text{-MnO}_2$, MnAu_2 , Ho , Dy , and Tb should belong to new universality classes characterized by novel critical exponents: $\alpha \simeq 0.34\text{--}0.40$, $\beta \simeq 0.25\text{--}0.28$, $\gamma \simeq 1.1$, and $\nu \simeq 0.53\text{--}0.55$. The chirality κ is a new relevant operator in these systems; the corresponding exponents are found to be $\beta_\kappa \simeq 0.40$ and $\gamma_\kappa \simeq 0.80$, which satisfy the Essam-Fisher relation with $\alpha_\kappa \equiv \alpha$. The possibility of observing the chiral order is mentioned.

Kawamura, *J. Appl. Phys.*, **1988**, 63, 3086

$$\kappa_p = [2/(3/\sqrt{3})] \sum_{\langle ij \rangle}^p \underbrace{(S_i^x S_j^y - S_i^y S_j^x)}_{(\hat{\mathbf{S}}_i \times \hat{\mathbf{S}}_j)_z}$$

Journal of the Physical Society of Japan
Vol. 58, No. 2, February, 1989, pp. 584-596

New Critical Behavior.II.

XY Antiferromagnet on the Layered-Triangular Lattice

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“Scalar” chirality

$$\hat{C}_z = \hat{S}_1 \cdot (\hat{S}_2 \times \hat{S}_3)$$

Wen et al. PRB, 1989, 39, 11413

“...we characterize the common essence of the proposed P - and T -violating states, which we call generically *chiral spin states*, in a precise way. We do this, by defining a local order parameter.”

C_x and C_y

Trif et al. PRB, 2010, 82, 045429

Chiral spin states and superconductivity

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It is shown that several different order parameters can be used to characterize a type of P - and T -violating state for spin systems, that we call chiral-spin states. There is a closely related, precise notion of chiral-spin-liquid states. We construct soluble models, based on P - and T -symmetric local-spin Hamiltonians, with chiral-spin ground states. Mean-field theories leading to chiral spin liquids are proposed. Frustration is essential in stabilizing these states. The quantum numbers of quasiparticles around the chiral spin liquids are analyzed. They generally obey fractional statistics. Based on these ideas, it is speculated that superconducting states with unusual values of the flux quantum may exist.

(i) As a straightforward spin ordering, consider, in a model of spins $\frac{1}{2}$, the expectation value

$$E_{123} \equiv \langle \sigma_1 \cdot (\sigma_2 \times \sigma_3) \rangle, \quad (1)$$

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Spin electric effects in molecular antiferromagnets

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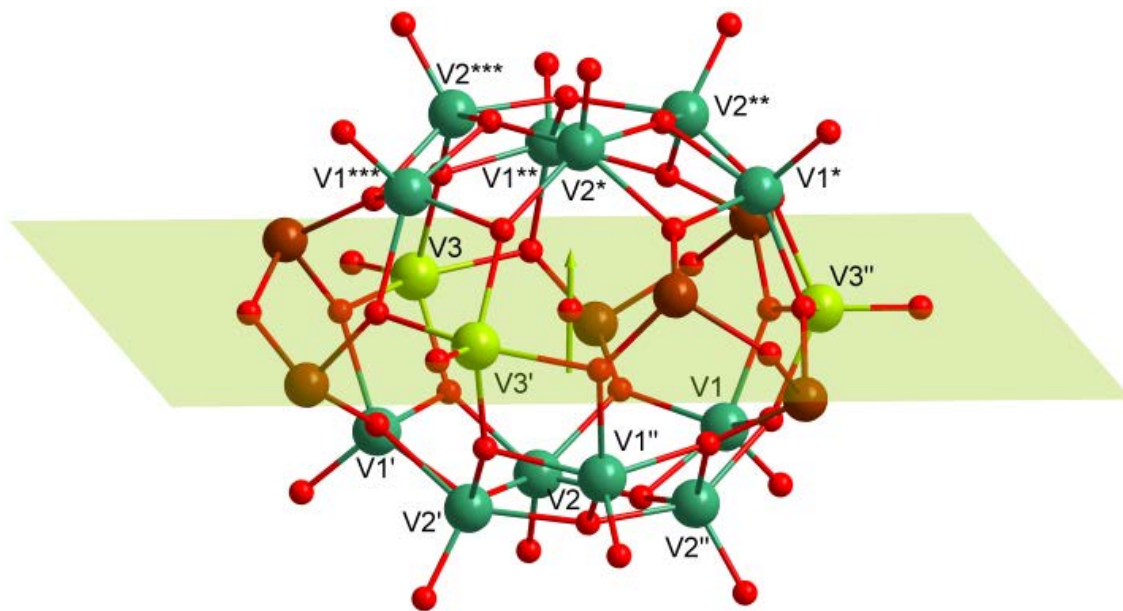
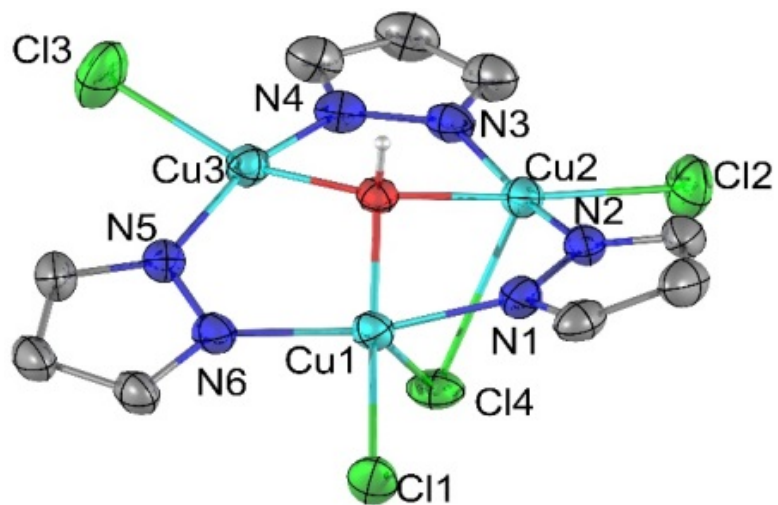
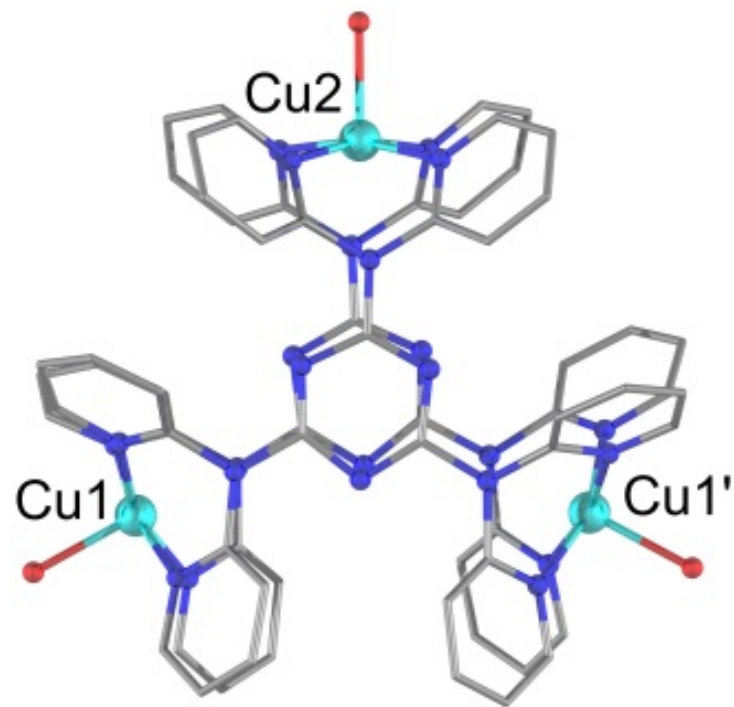
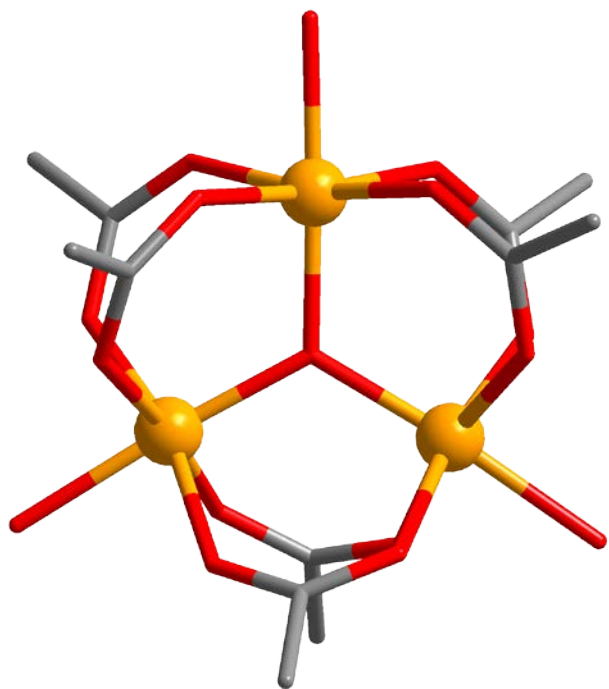
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$$C_x = -\frac{2}{3}(\mathbf{s}_1 \cdot \mathbf{s}_2 - 2\mathbf{s}_2 \cdot \mathbf{s}_3 + \mathbf{s}_3 \cdot \mathbf{s}_1),$$

$$C_y = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}(\mathbf{s}_1 \cdot \mathbf{s}_2 - \mathbf{s}_3 \cdot \mathbf{s}_1),$$

with $[C_i, C_j] = 2i\epsilon_{ijk}C_k$ (ϵ_{ijk} are the Levi-Civita symbols).

Spin-chiral chemical systems



- $S_i = 1/2, 3/2, 5/2 \dots$
- Antiferromagnetic
- $\sim D_{3h}$ or C_{3v} symmetry

An old story

Rudolf F. Weinland, *Berichte*, 1908, 41, 3236

**550. A. Werner: Zur Kenntnis der organischen Metallsalze.
I. Mitteilung. Über Ameisensäure und Essigsäure Salze
des Chroms.**

[Experimentell bearbeitet von J. Jovanovits, G. Aschkinasy und
J. Posselt.]

(Eingeg. am 1. Oktober 1908; mitget. in der Sitzung von Hr. R. J. Meyer.)

Während wir über die Fähigkeit anorganischer Salze zur Komplexbildung schon weitgehend orientiert sind, trifft dies für die Metallsalze organischer Säuren nicht zu. Ich habe deshalb eine systematische Untersuchung dieser Verbindungen begonnen und teile im Folgenden die bis jetzt bei der Untersuchung einiger Chromsalze gewonnenen Resultate mit.

In der Literatur finden sich verschiedene neutrale und basische Formiate und Acetate des Chroms beschrieben, deren Existenz wir nur zum Teil haben bestätigen können. Inwieweit die in der Literatur sich vorfindenden Angaben zuverlässig sind, wird sich aus dem Folgenden ergeben.

Die von uns dargestellten Verbindungen lassen sich in zwei Gruppen einteilen, nämlich a) normale Salze und b) komplexe Salze.

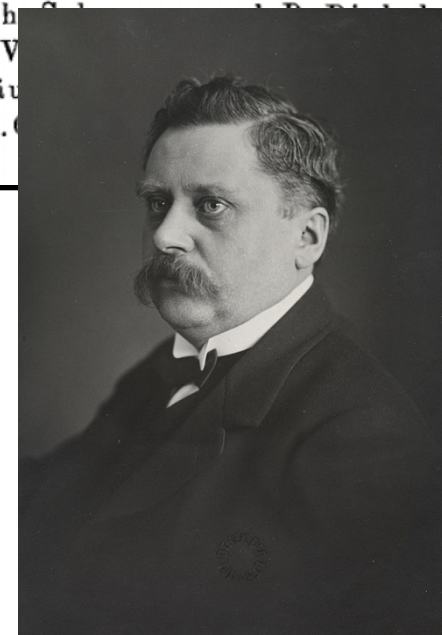
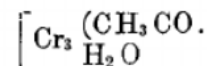
Alfred Werner, *Berichte*, 1908, 41, 3447

525. R. F. Weinland: Über Salze einer Acetatochrombase.
[Vorläufige Mitteilung aus dem Chem. Laboratorium der Universität Tübingen.]

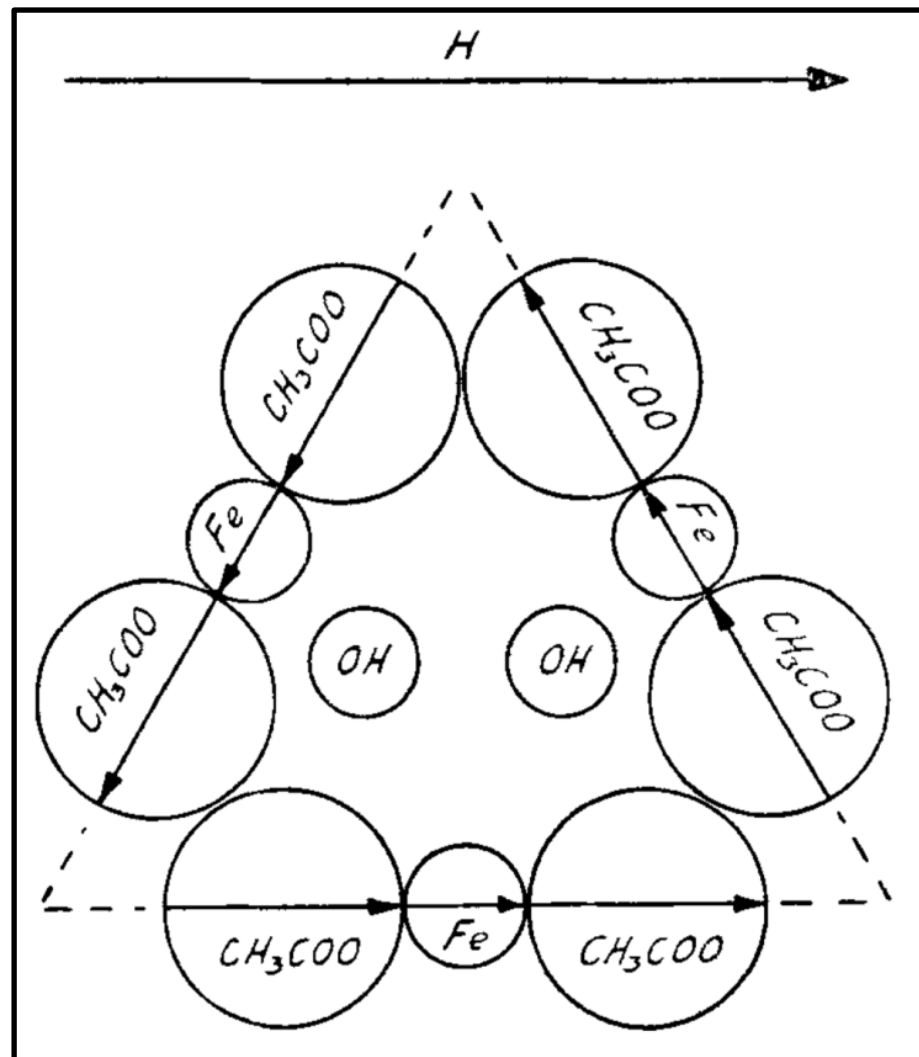
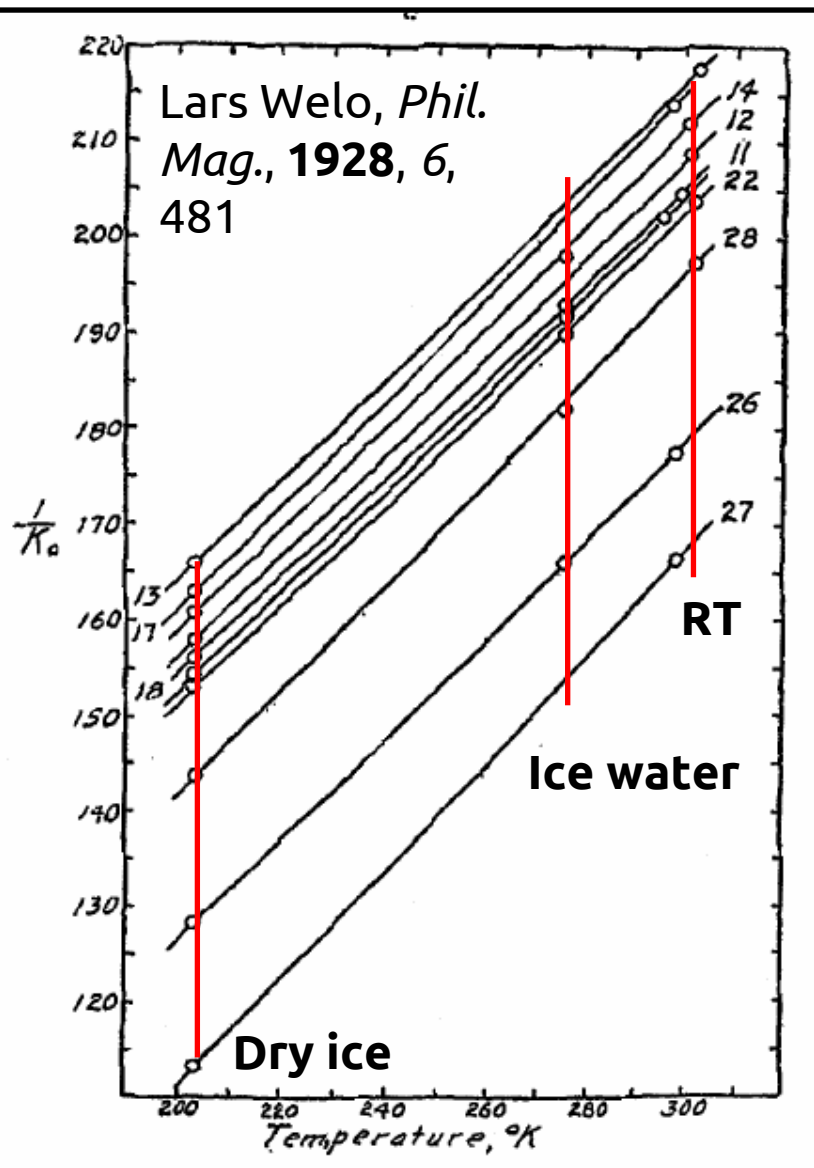
(Eingegangen am 15. August 1908.)

In Gemeinschaft mit M. Fiederer hatte ich im Sommer 1907 gefunden, daß sich durch Erwärmen von Chromsäure mit Eisessig zwei gut krystallisierte Verbindungen darstellen lassen, die beide 3- und 6-wertiges Chrom und Essigsäure enthalten. Die Analyse ergab, daß der eine, braunschwarze, Körper auf 3 Atome dreiwertiges Chrom 7 Mol. Essigsäure und 2 Mol. Chromsäure, der andere, dunkelgrüne, auf 3 Atome dreiwertiges Chrom 7 Mol. Essigsäure und 1 Mol. Chromsäure enthielt. In der wäßrigen Lösung der Salze war die Chromsäure durch lösliche Bleisalze direkt nachweisbar, dagegen wurde das dreiwertige Chrom durch Ammoniak und Laugen in der Kälte nicht gefällt, erst bei längerem Kochen schied sich Chromhydroxyd aus¹⁾.

Die weitere, im Verein mit Th. G. ...
acker ausgeführte Untersuchung der V...
mtlich Chromacetate einer dreisäu...



The beginnings of molecular magnetism?



“The problem of negative values of θ [...] do[es] not appear to be directly related to the existence of polynuclear ions [...] [O]rganic groups, CH_3COO , CHOO , $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COO}$, etc., are themselves very probably permanent electric dipoles. [...] We may then adopt [...] the assumption, that **the elementary magnets, that is, the iron and chromium ions, have permanent electric moments as well [...]”**

The beginnings of molecular magnetism?

On the Paramagnetic Susceptibilities of Some Polynuclear Complex Salts.

By Kenjiro KAMBE.

Faculty of Science, University of Tokyo

(Received Aug. 2, 1949)

$$H = -2[J_{12}(S_1 S_2) + J_{23}(S_2 S_3) + J_{31}(S_3 S_1)],$$

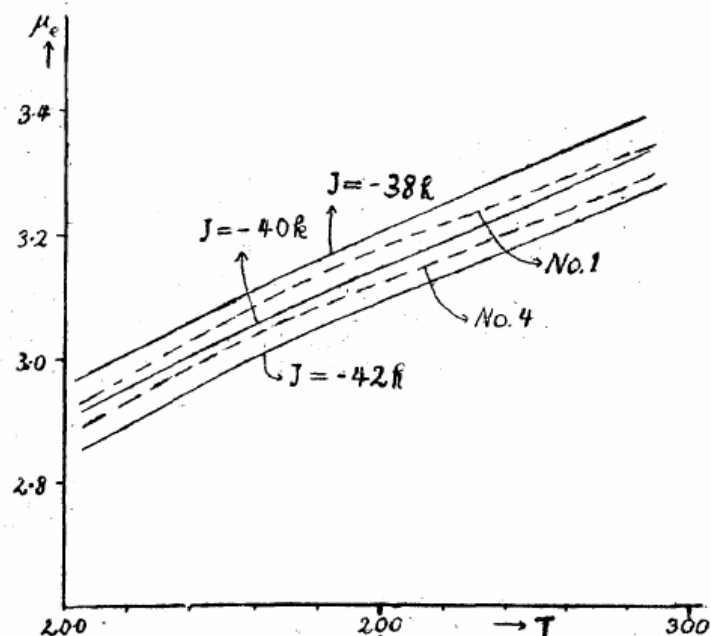
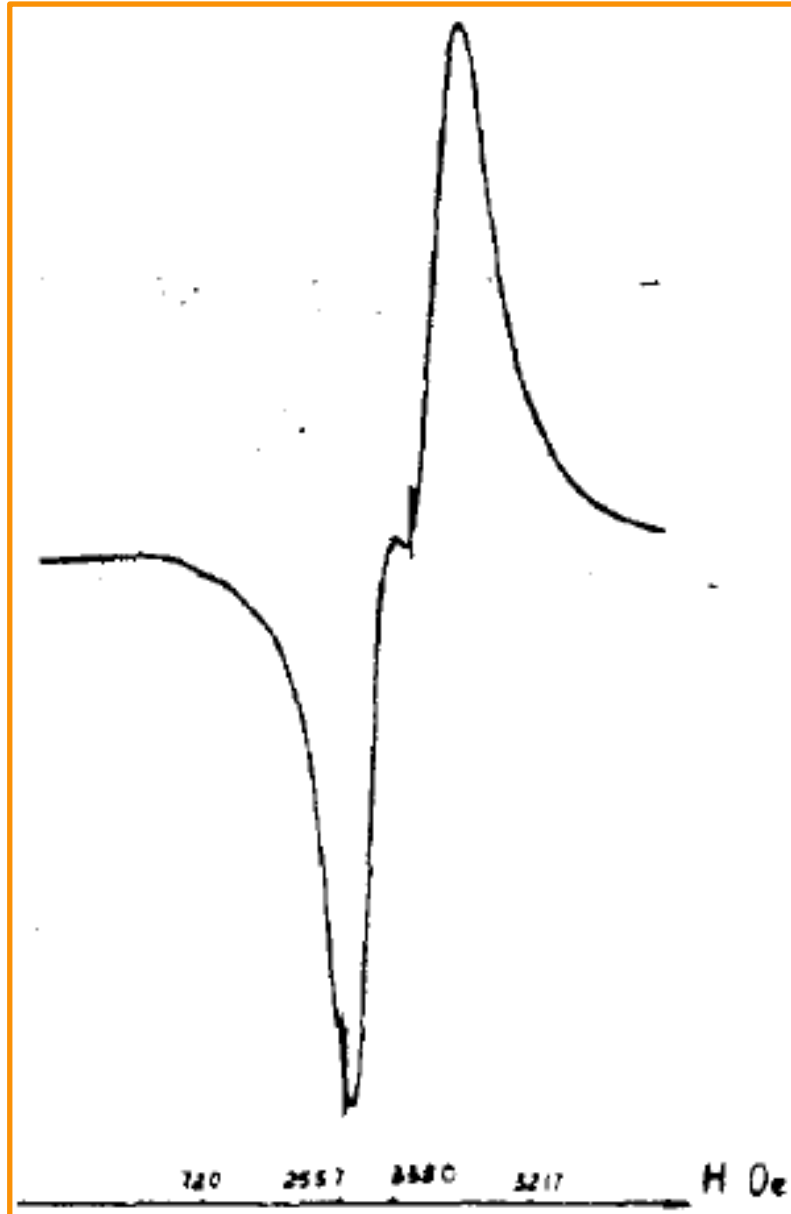


Fig. 1. Temperature variation of effective Bohr magnetons. For $S = 5/2$.

Kenjiro Kambe, *J. Phys. Soc. Jpn*, **1950**, 5, 48

Basic magnetic structure

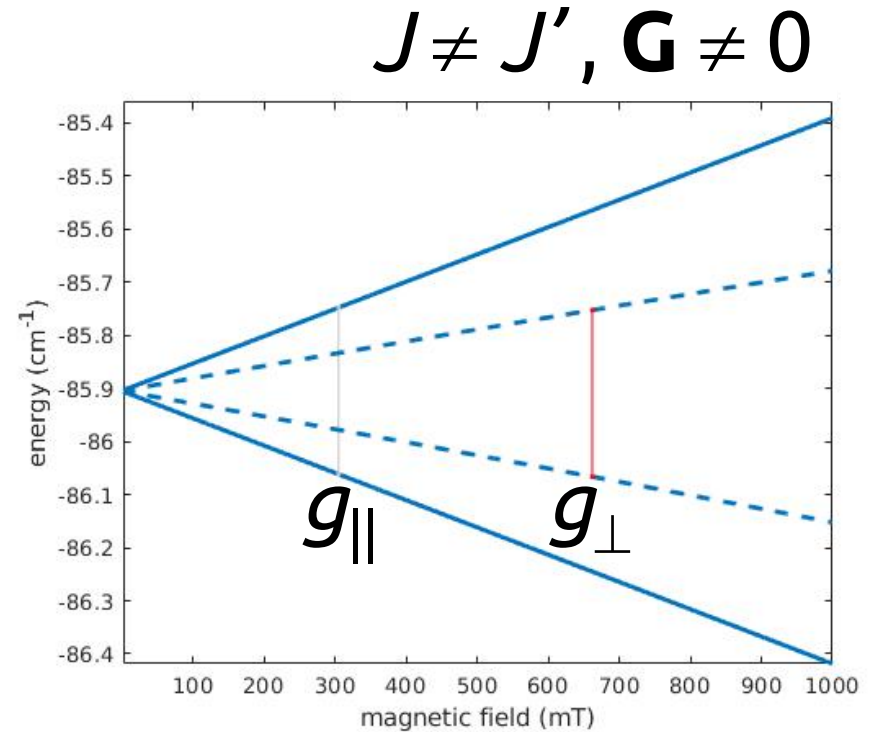
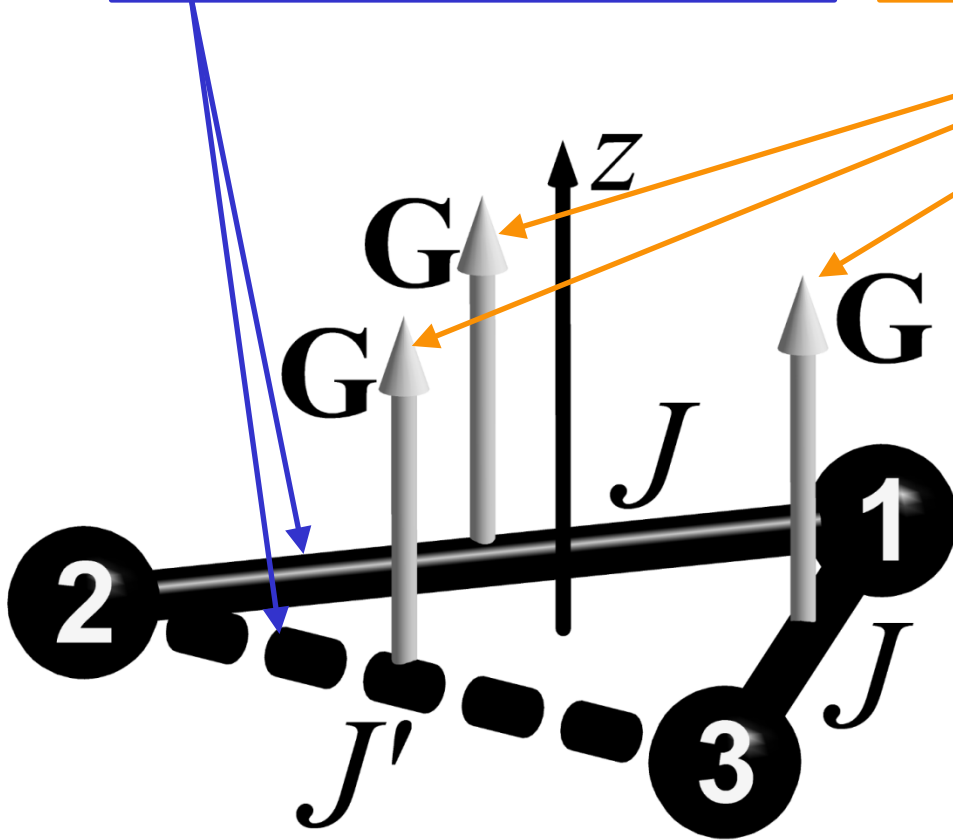


Fiz. Tverd. Tela, **1973**, 15, 337
Solid State Commun., **1974**, 14, 131

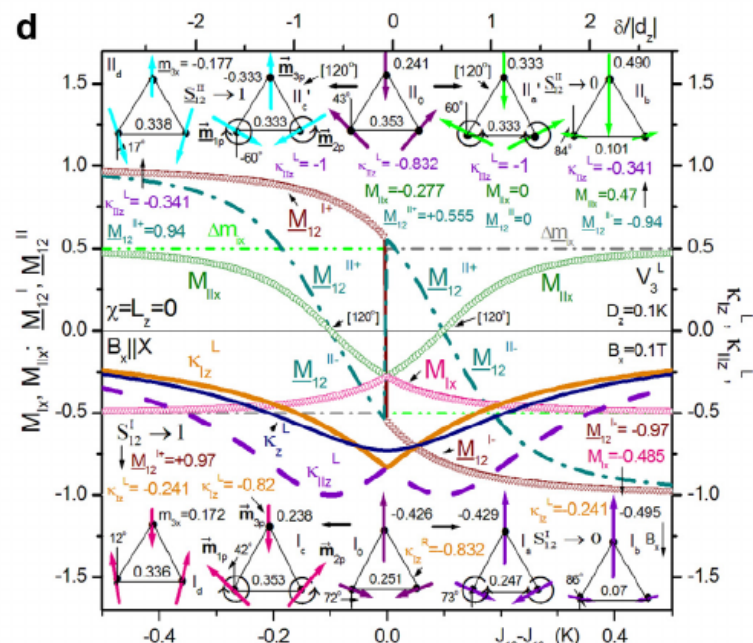
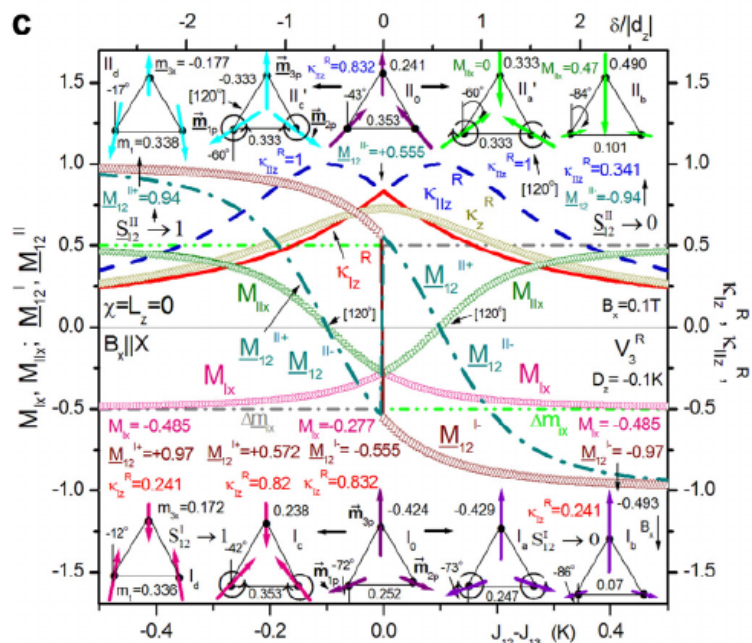
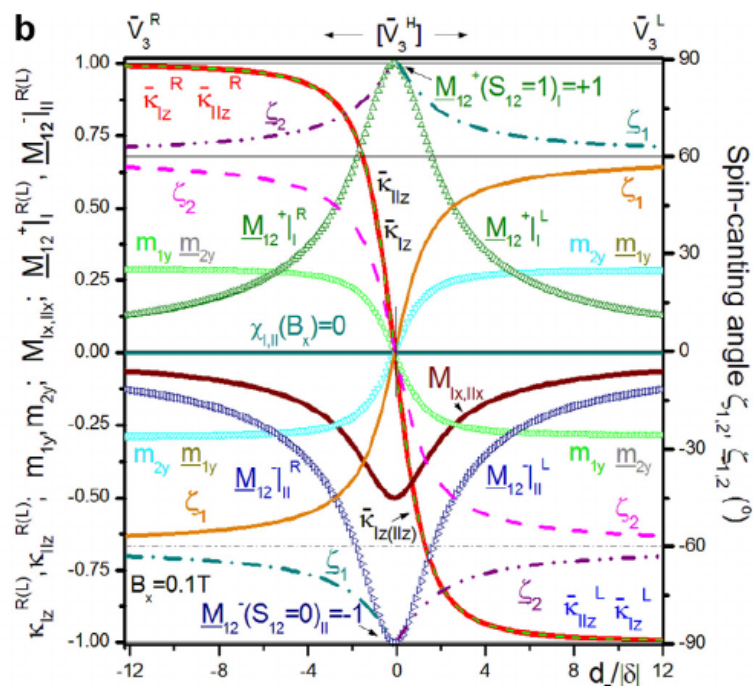
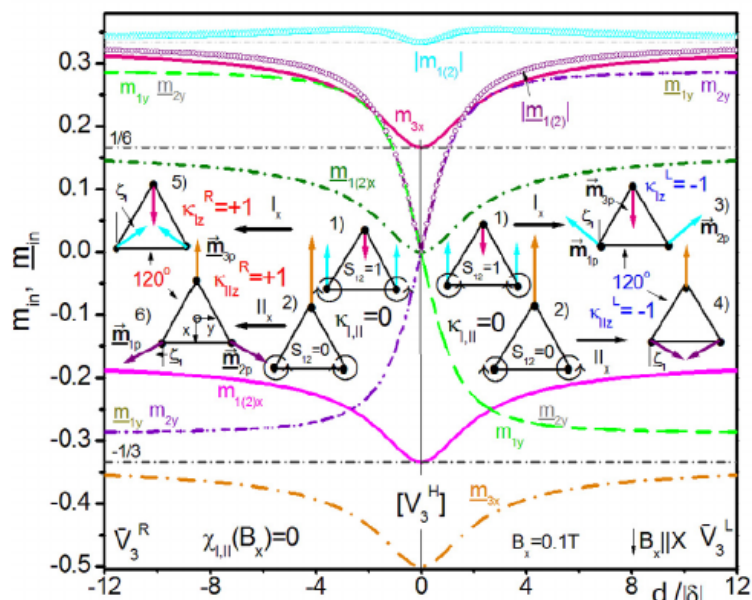
Basic magnetic structure

Heisenberg (isosceles) term + Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya term

$$\hat{H} = \underbrace{-2J(\hat{\mathbf{S}}_1 \hat{\mathbf{S}}_2 + \hat{\mathbf{S}}_1 \hat{\mathbf{S}}_3) - 2J' \hat{\mathbf{S}}_2 \hat{\mathbf{S}}_3}_{\text{Heisenberg}} - \underbrace{2\mathbf{G}(\hat{\mathbf{S}}_1 \times \hat{\mathbf{S}}_2 + \hat{\mathbf{S}}_2 \times \hat{\mathbf{S}}_3 + \hat{\mathbf{S}}_3 \times \hat{\mathbf{S}}_1)}_{\text{Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya}}$$



Understanding (?) spin chirality



Belinsky, *Chem. Phys.*, 2014, 435, 62 & 95; *Inorg. Chem.*, 2016, 55, 4078 & 4091

Exploration of spin-chiral states ($S_i = 1/2$)

- Set up spin Hamiltonian (terms and parameter values)
- Set up operators C_z and \mathbf{K}_z

- Vector $\hat{\mathbf{K}} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_{i,j=1}^3 \hat{\mathbf{S}}_i \times \hat{\mathbf{S}}_j$ $\hat{\mathbf{K}}_z = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_{i,j=1}^3 (\hat{\mathbf{S}}_i \times \hat{\mathbf{S}}_j)_z = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_{i,j=1}^3 (\hat{S}_{ix} \hat{S}_{jy} - \hat{S}_{iy} \hat{S}_{jx})$

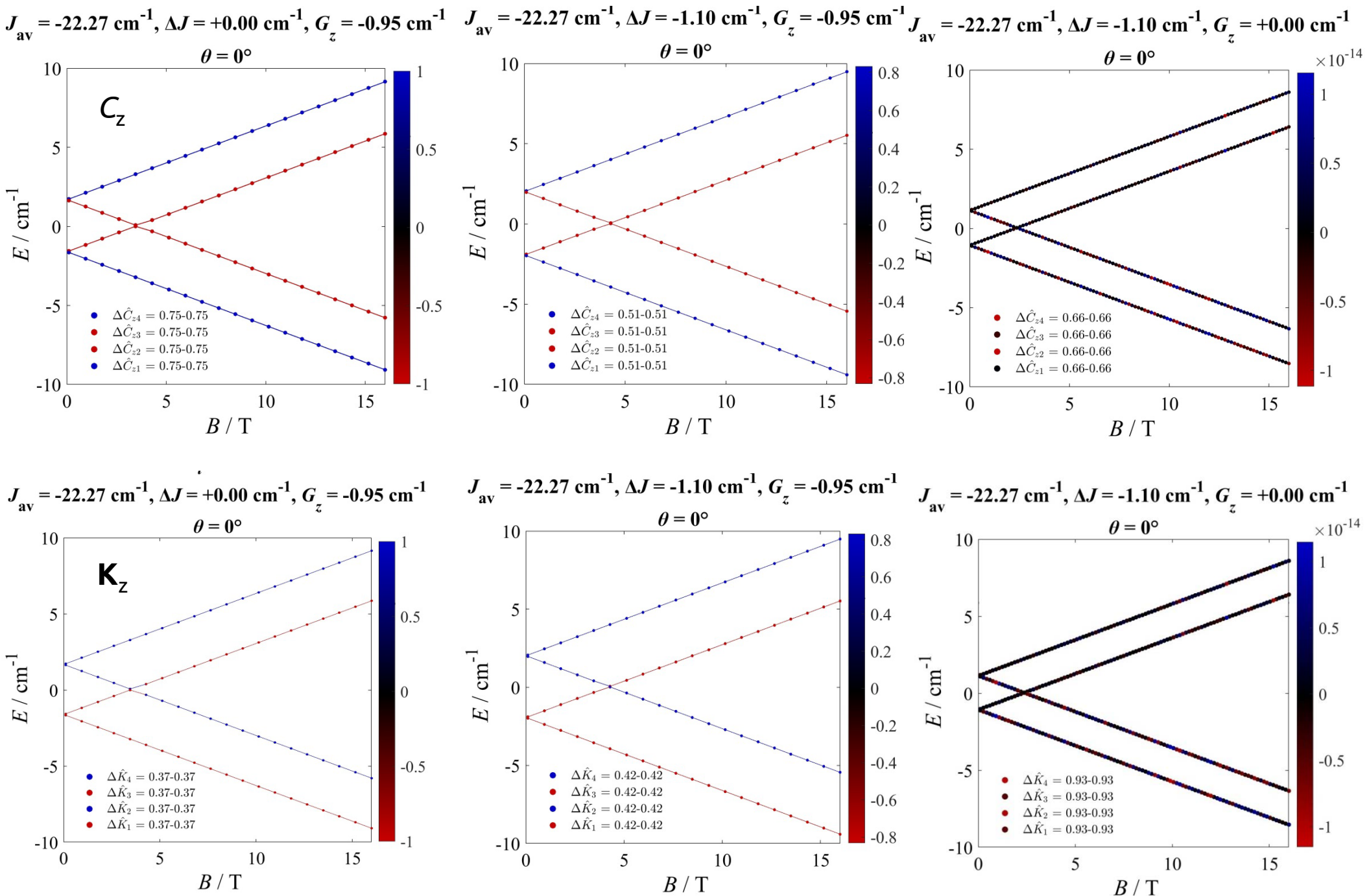
- Scalar $\hat{C}_{123,z} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_1 \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{S}}_2 \times \hat{\mathbf{S}}_3)$ $\hat{S}_{1x} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{S}}_2 \times \hat{\mathbf{S}}_3)_x + \hat{S}_{1y} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{S}}_2 \times \hat{\mathbf{S}}_3)_y + \hat{S}_{1z} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{S}}_2 \times \hat{\mathbf{S}}_3)_z$

- Iterate over magnetic field values

- Calculate expectation values $\langle \hat{\mathbf{O}} \rangle$

- Calculate standard deviations: $\Delta \hat{\mathbf{O}} \equiv [\langle \hat{\mathbf{O}}^2 \rangle - \langle \hat{\mathbf{O}} \rangle^2]^{1/2}$

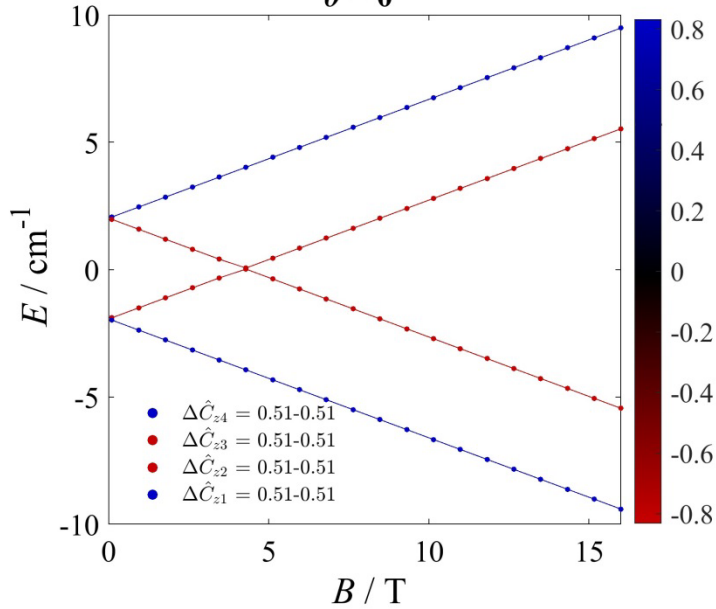
Exploration of spin-chiral states ($S_i = 1/2$)



Exploration of spin-chiral states: sign of variables and C

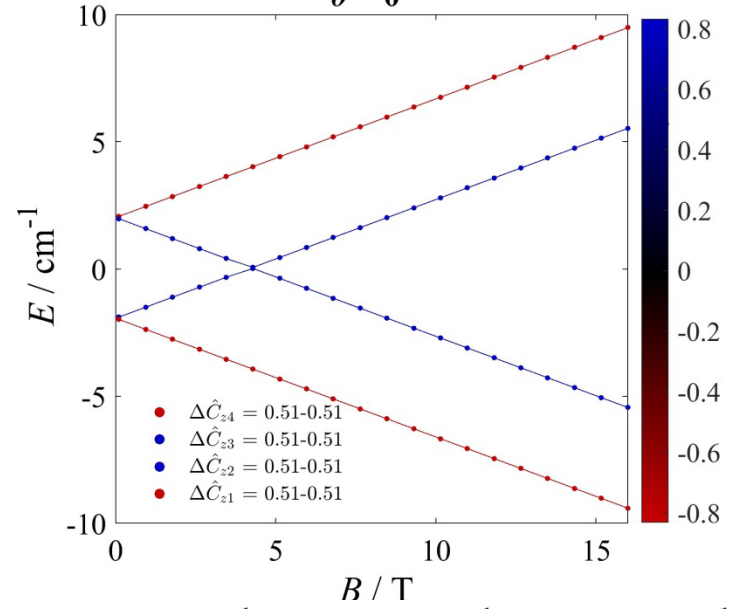
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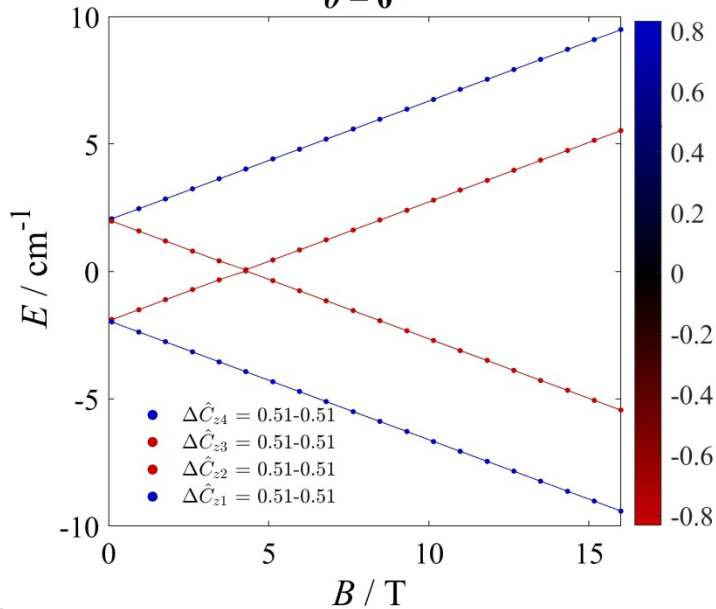
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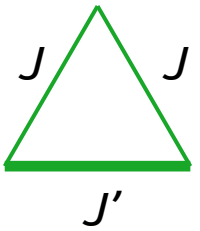
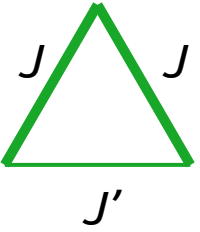
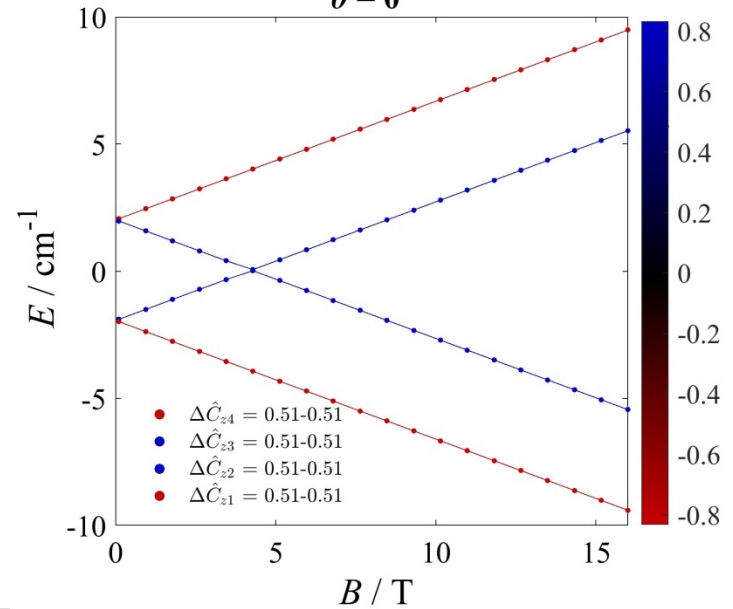
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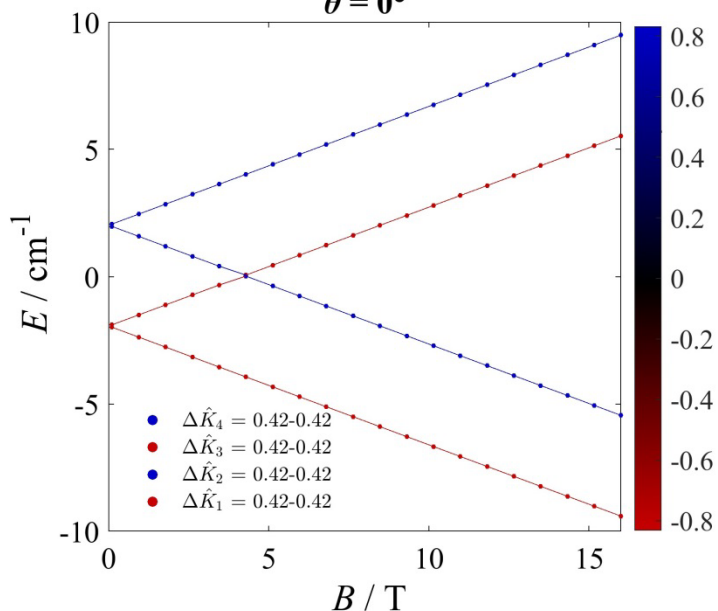
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Exploration of spin-chiral states: sign of variables and K_z

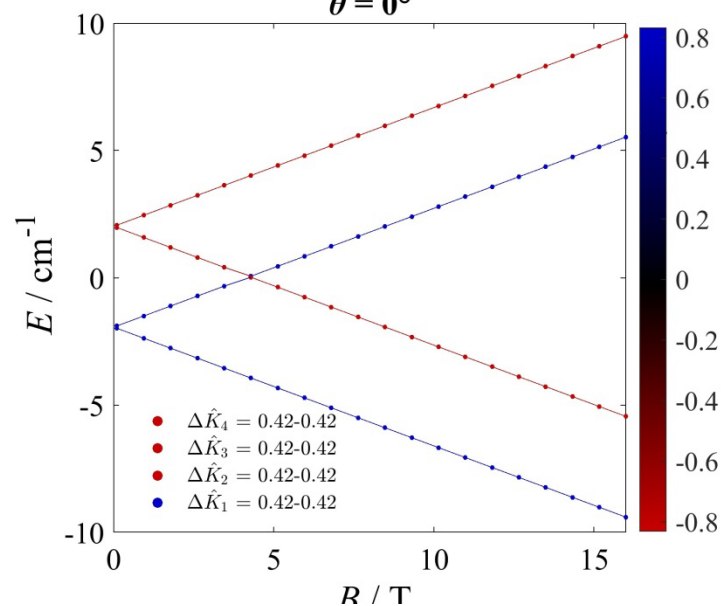
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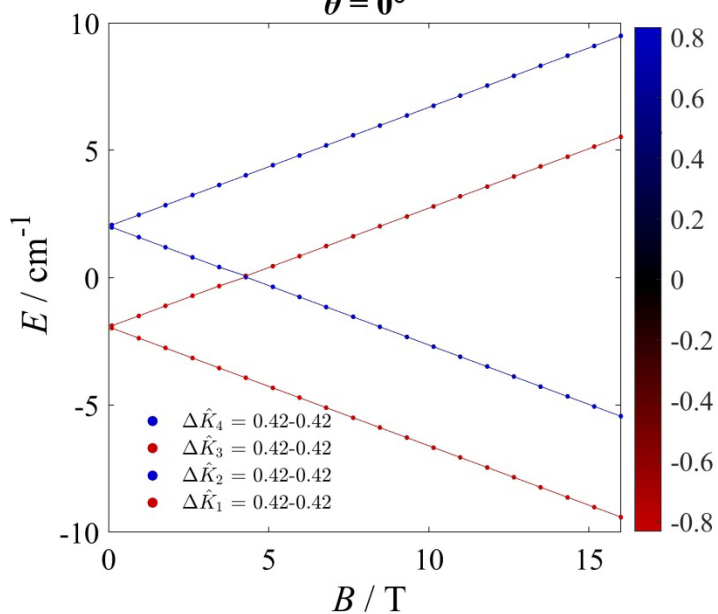
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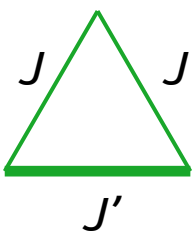
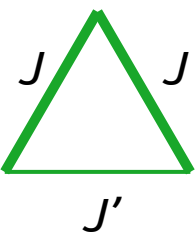
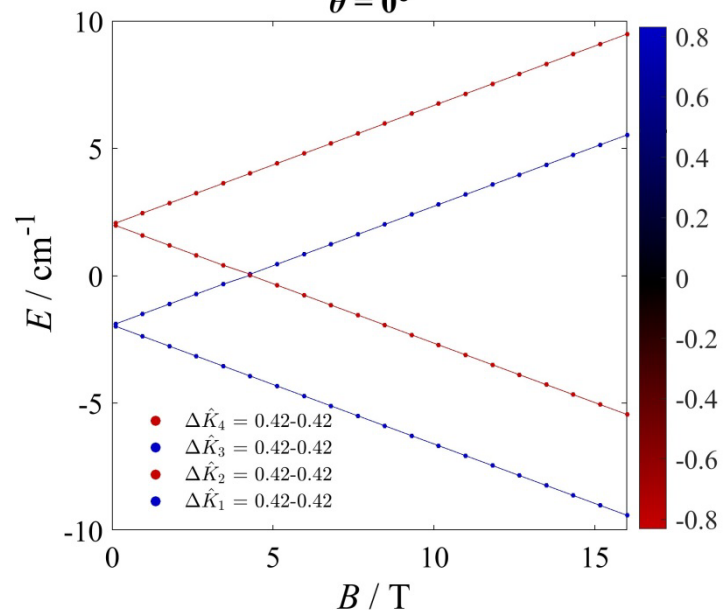
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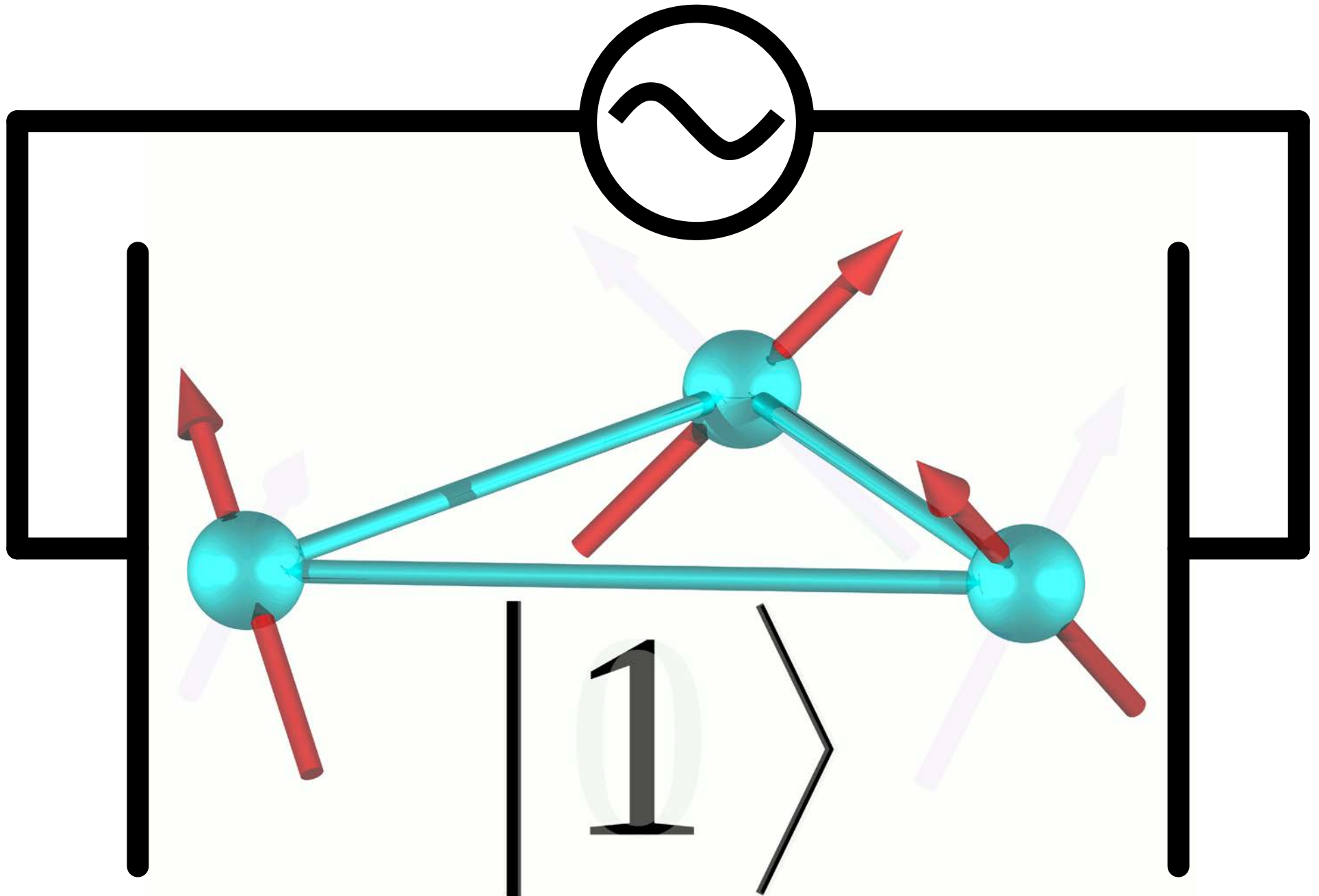


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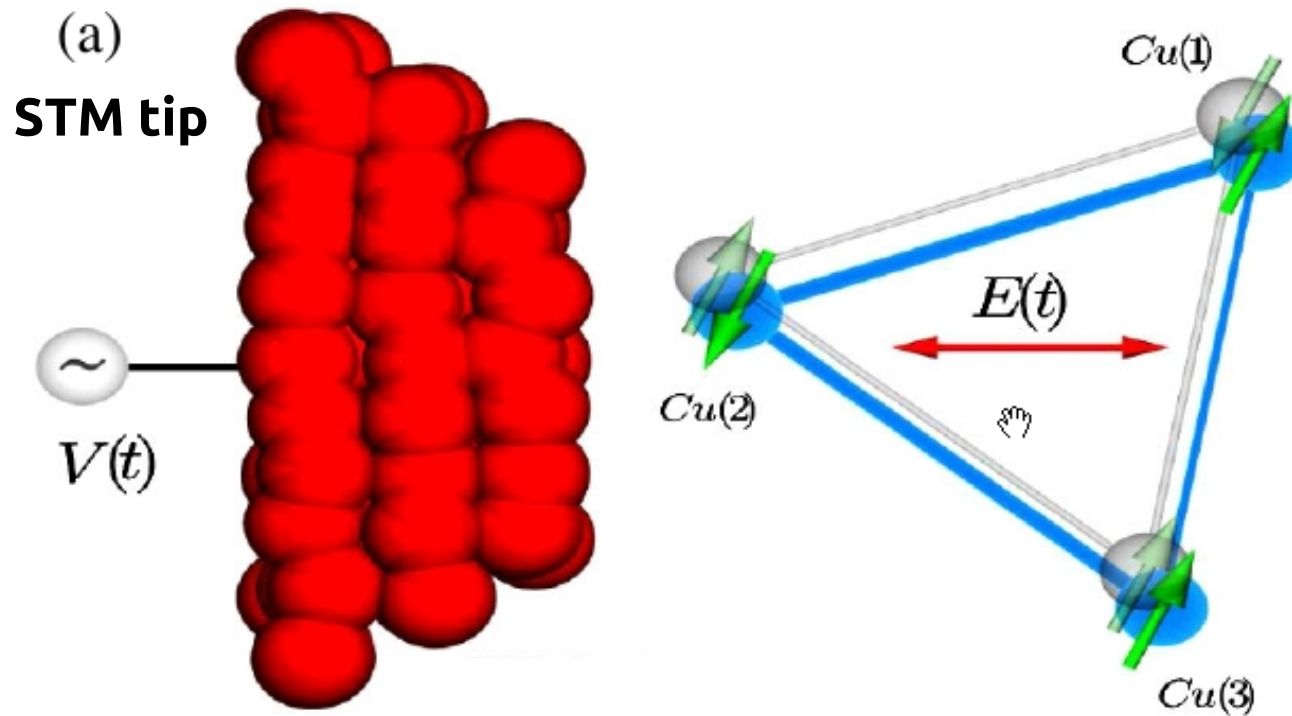
Spin-chiral transitions and magnetoelectricity



Excited by AC electric fields

Spin-chiral transitions and magnetoelectricity

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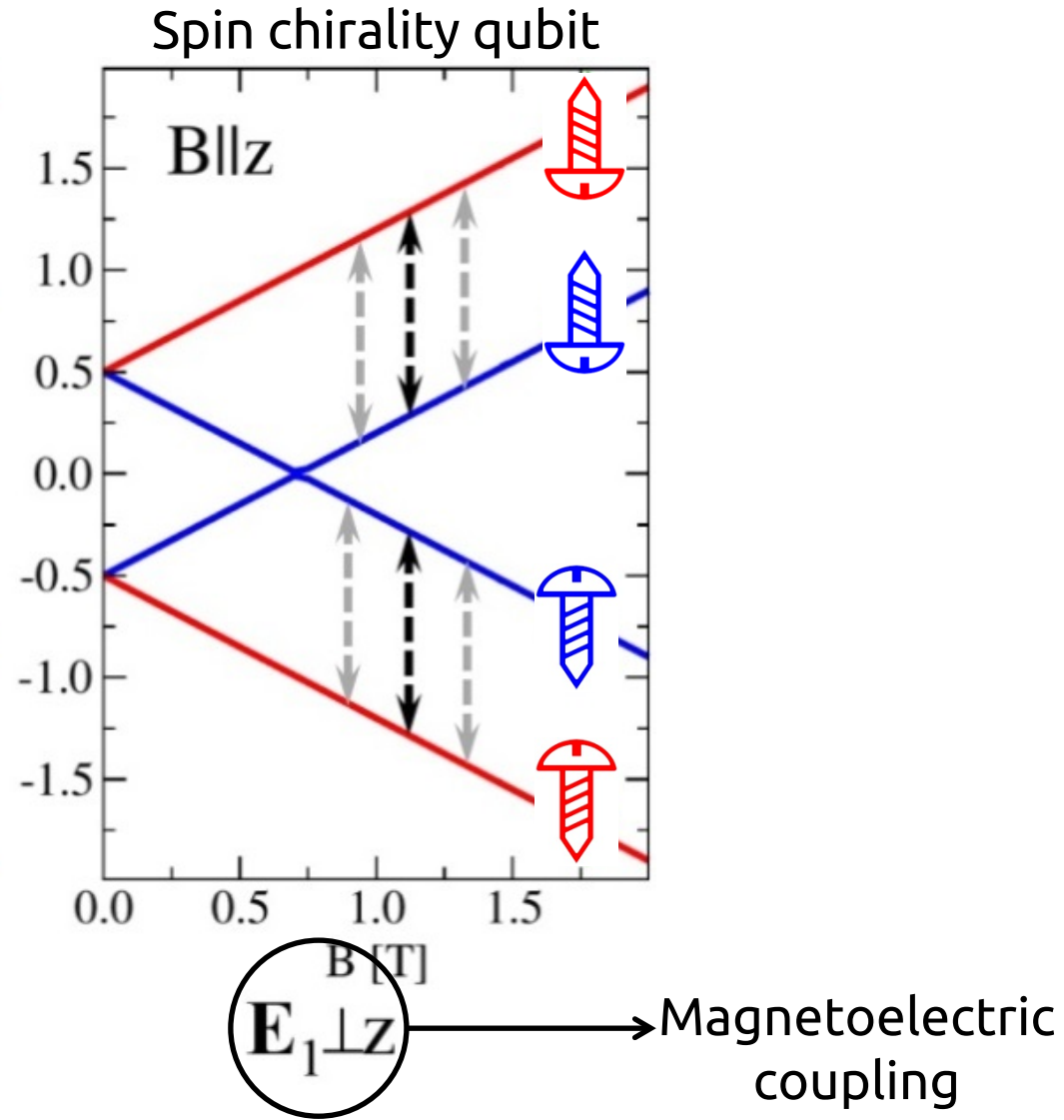
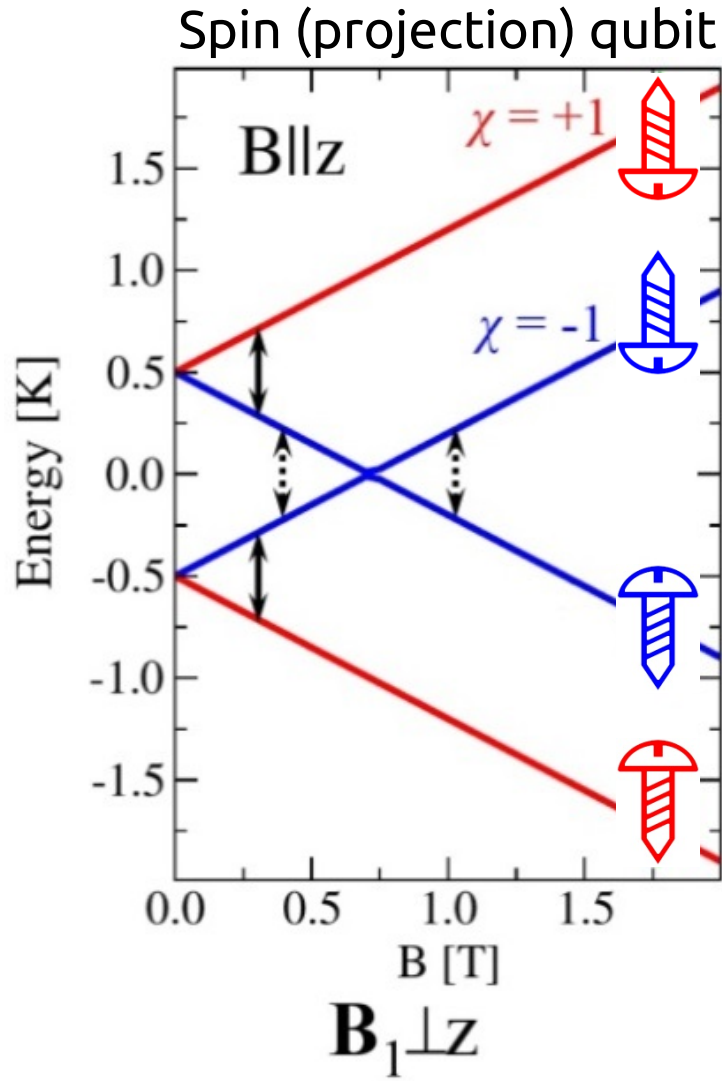


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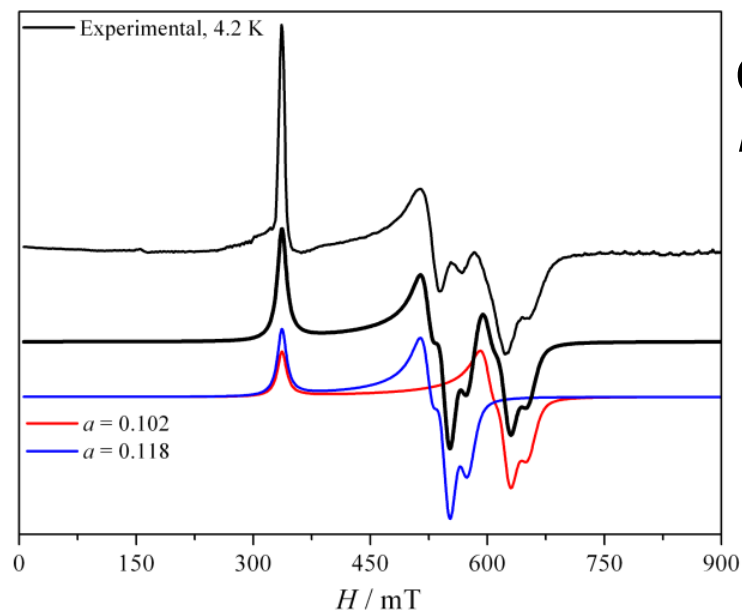
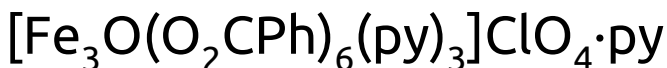
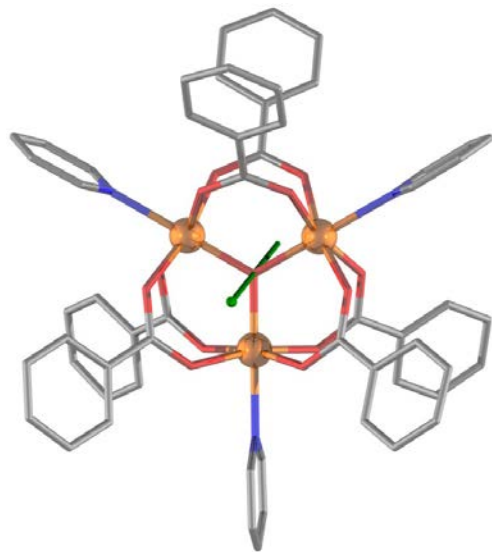
Spin-chiral transitions and magnetoelectricity

Slow decoherence



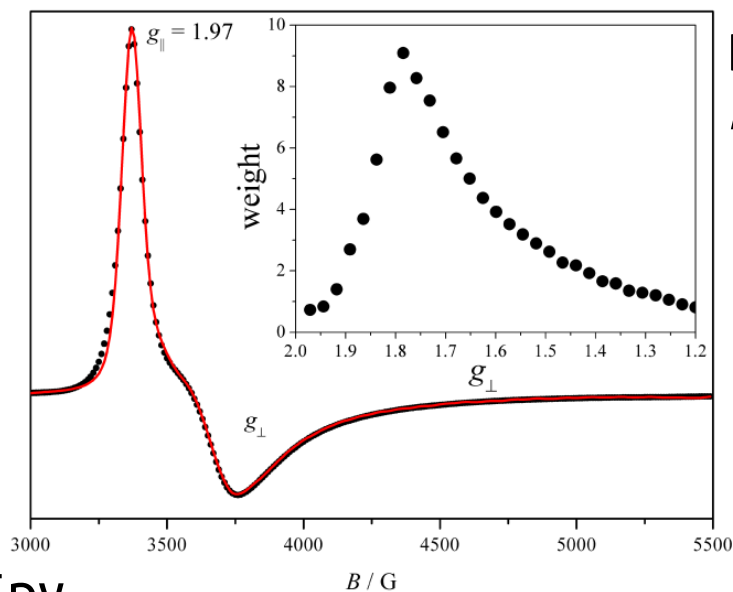
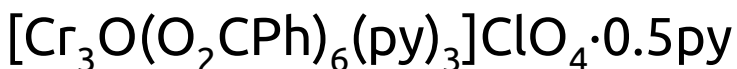
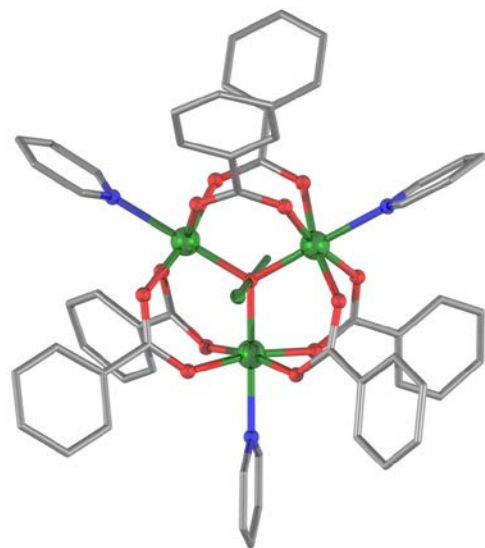
High-symmetry triangles (D_{3h})

Fe^{III}, Cr^{III}: same structure two different stories



Georgopoulou et al.,
Inorg. Chem., **2017**, 56, 762

$$G_z^{\text{Fe}} \sim 1.6\text{-}1.7 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$
$$\Delta J \sim 5 - 6 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

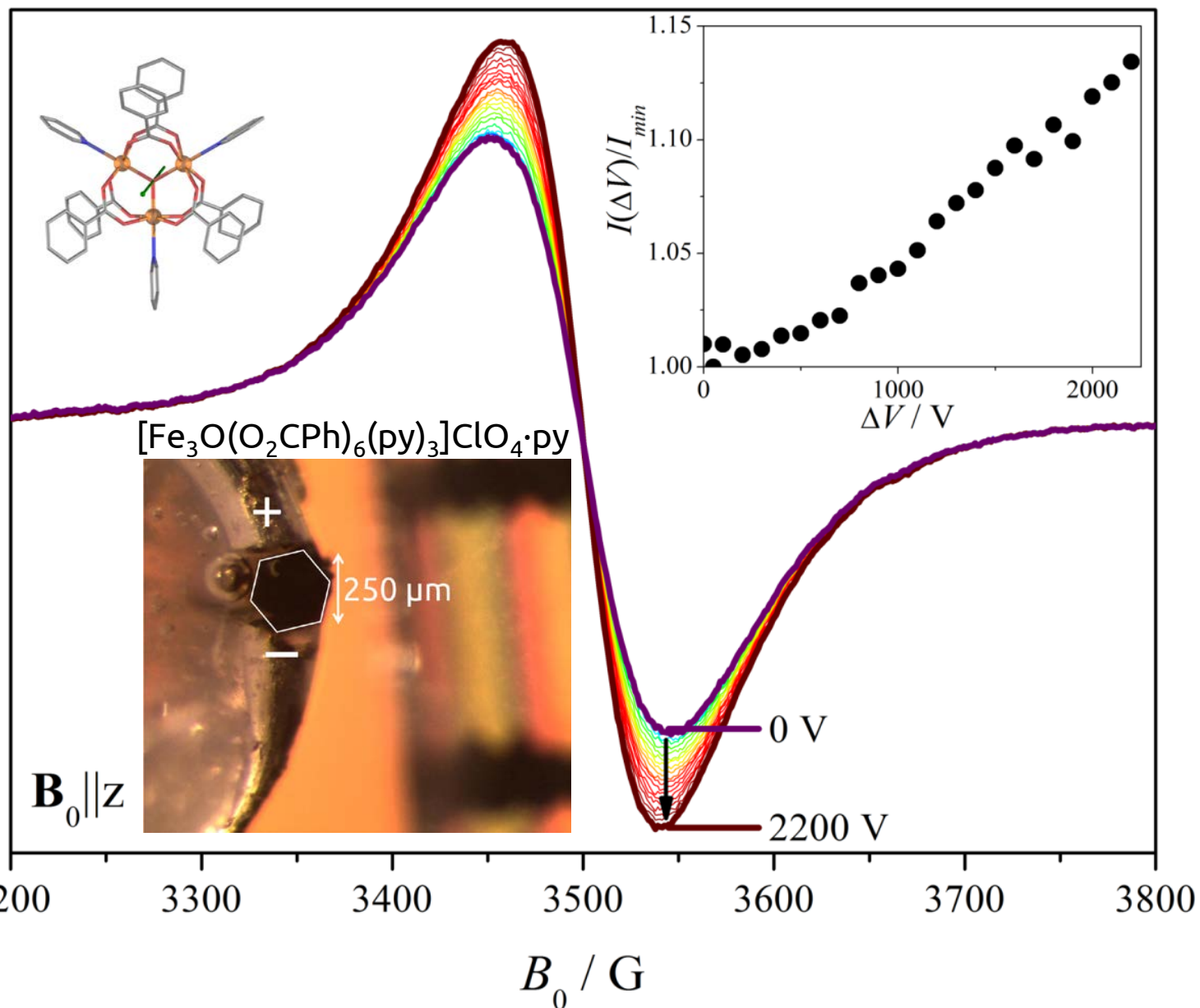


Boudalis et al.,
Inorg. Chem., **2018**, 57, 13259

$$G_z^{\text{Cr}} \sim 0.041 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$
$$\Delta J \sim 0.3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

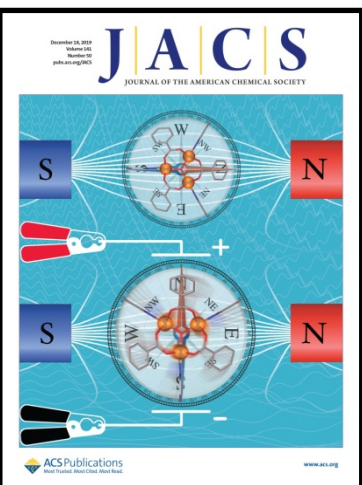
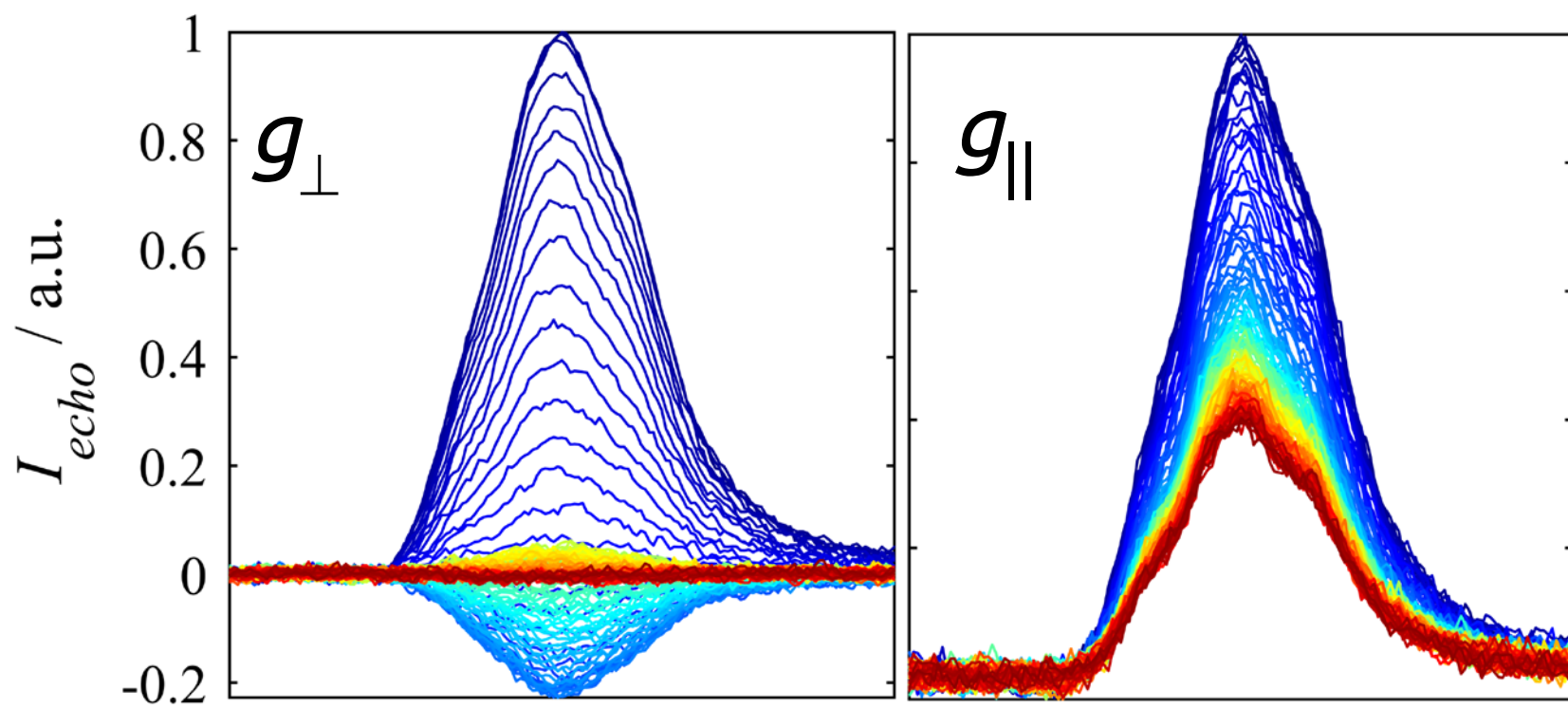
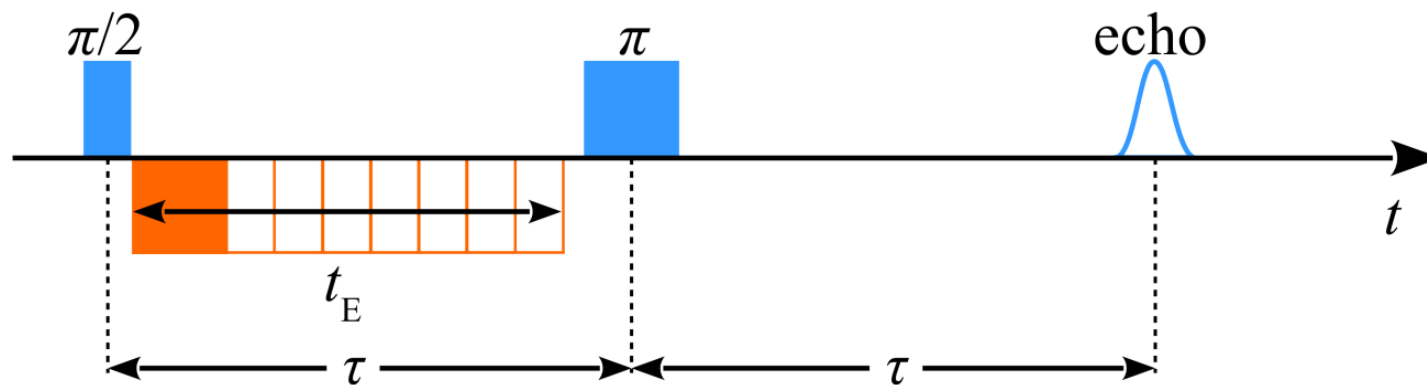
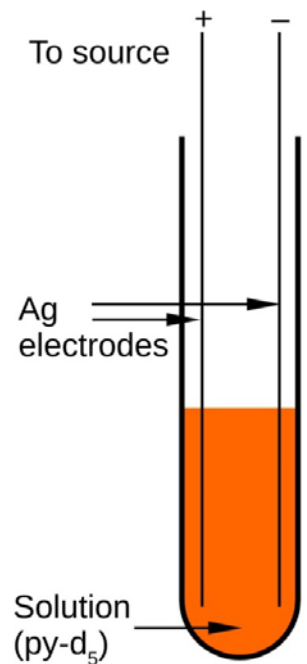
Magnetoelectric coupling in the Fe^{III} triangle

Under a static E-field



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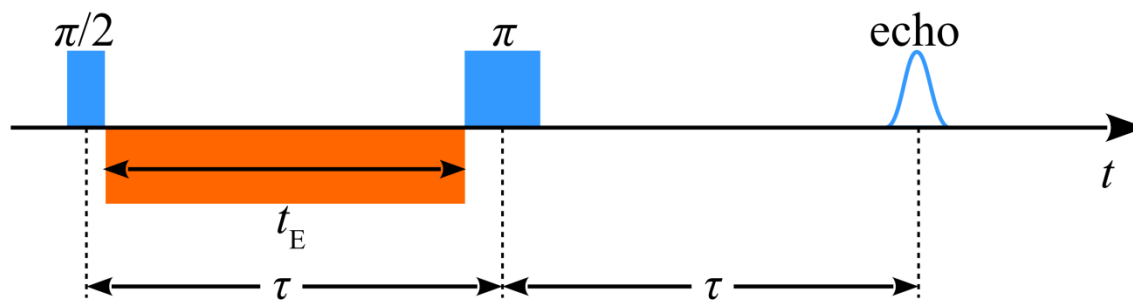
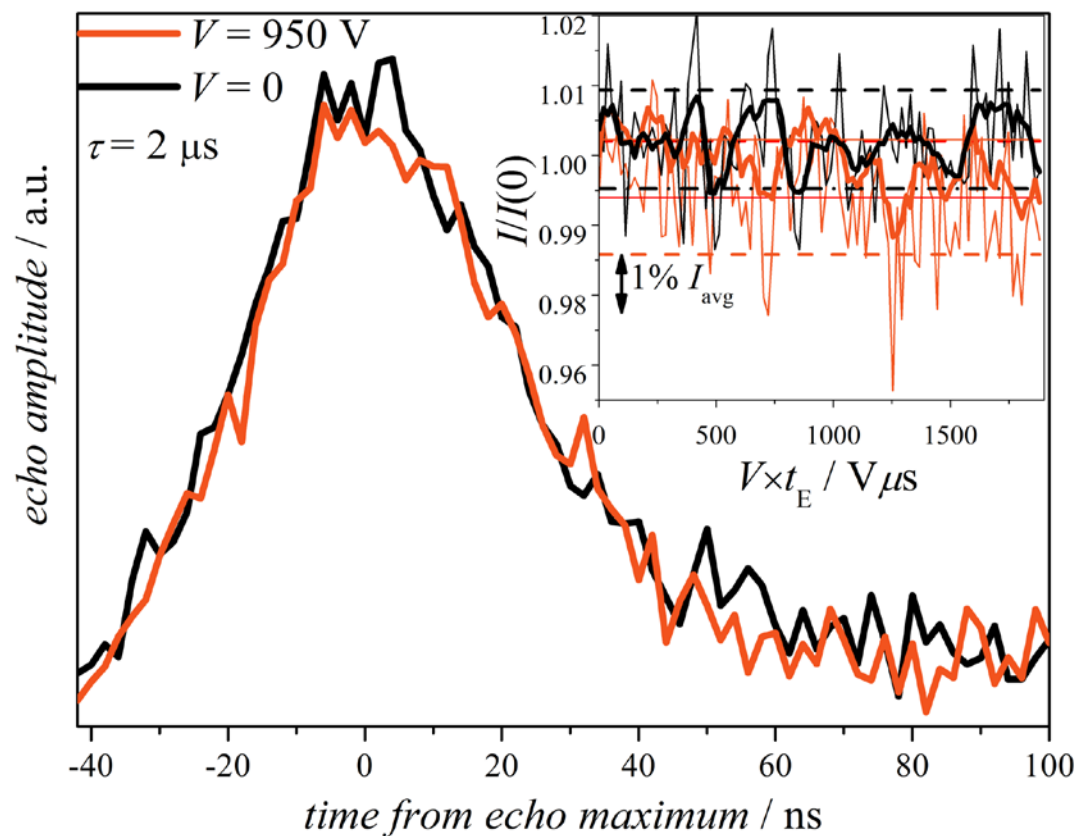
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Magnetolectric coupling in the Cr^{III} triangle

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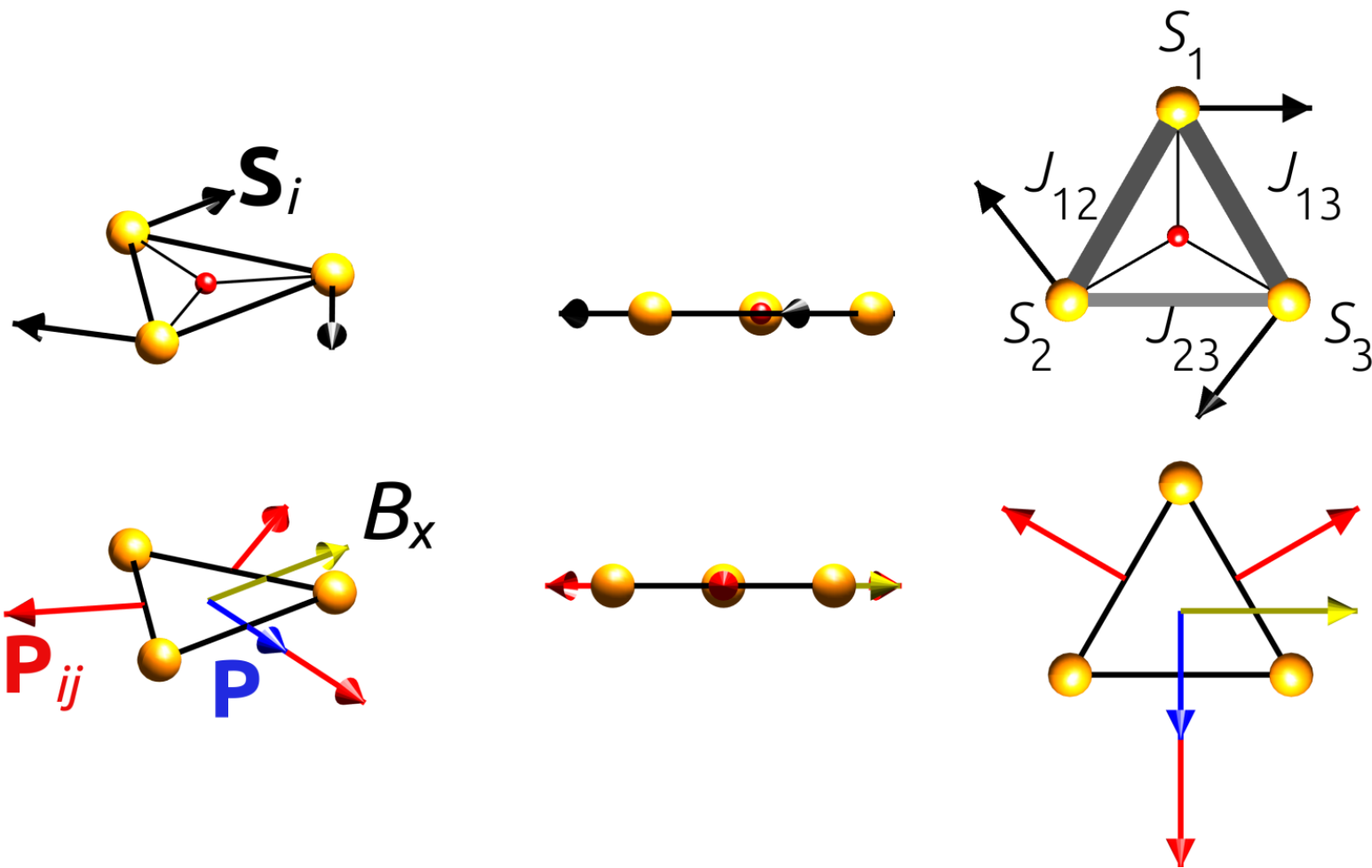
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Origins of ME coupling

Simulations per the KNB model

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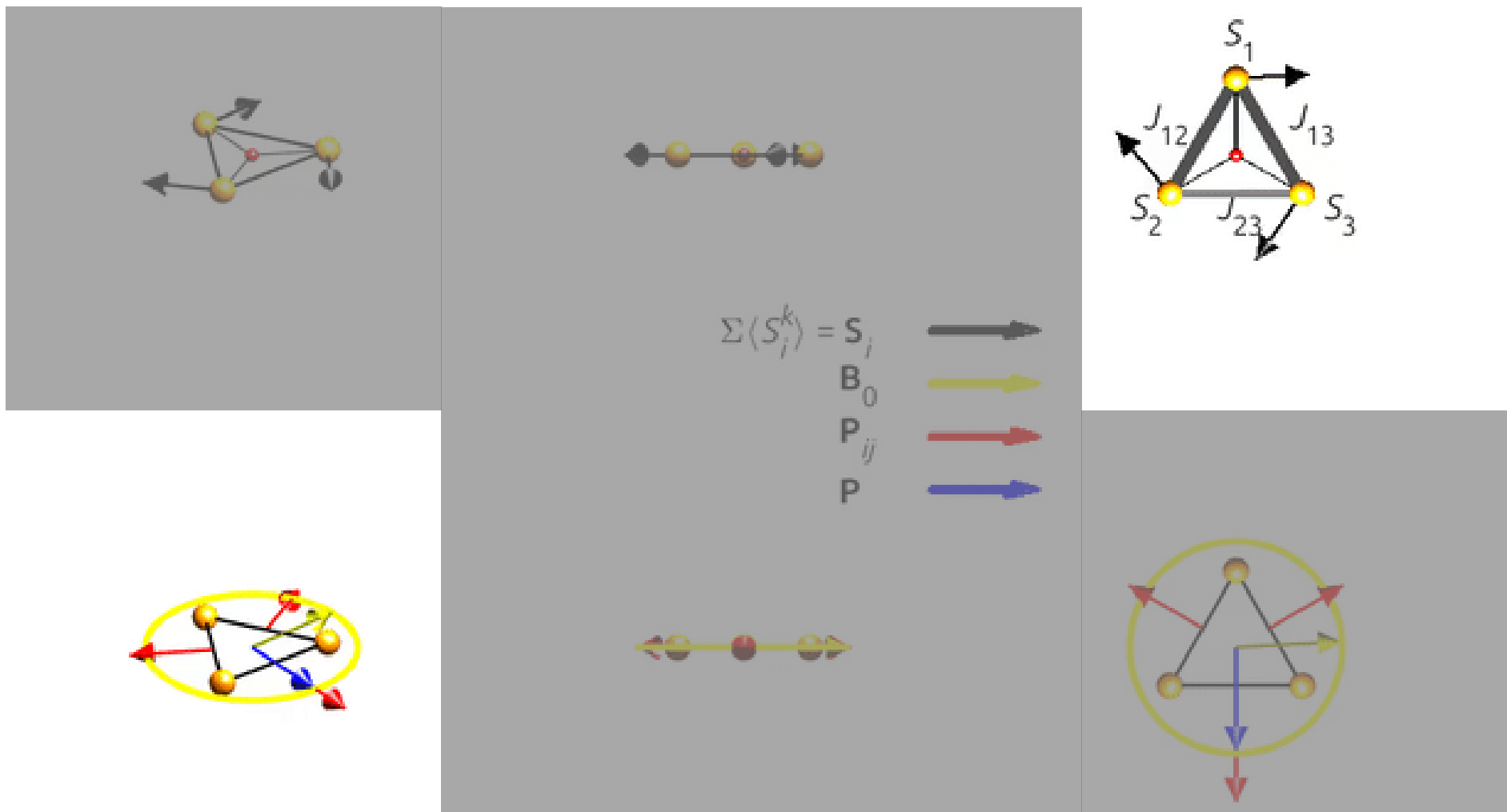
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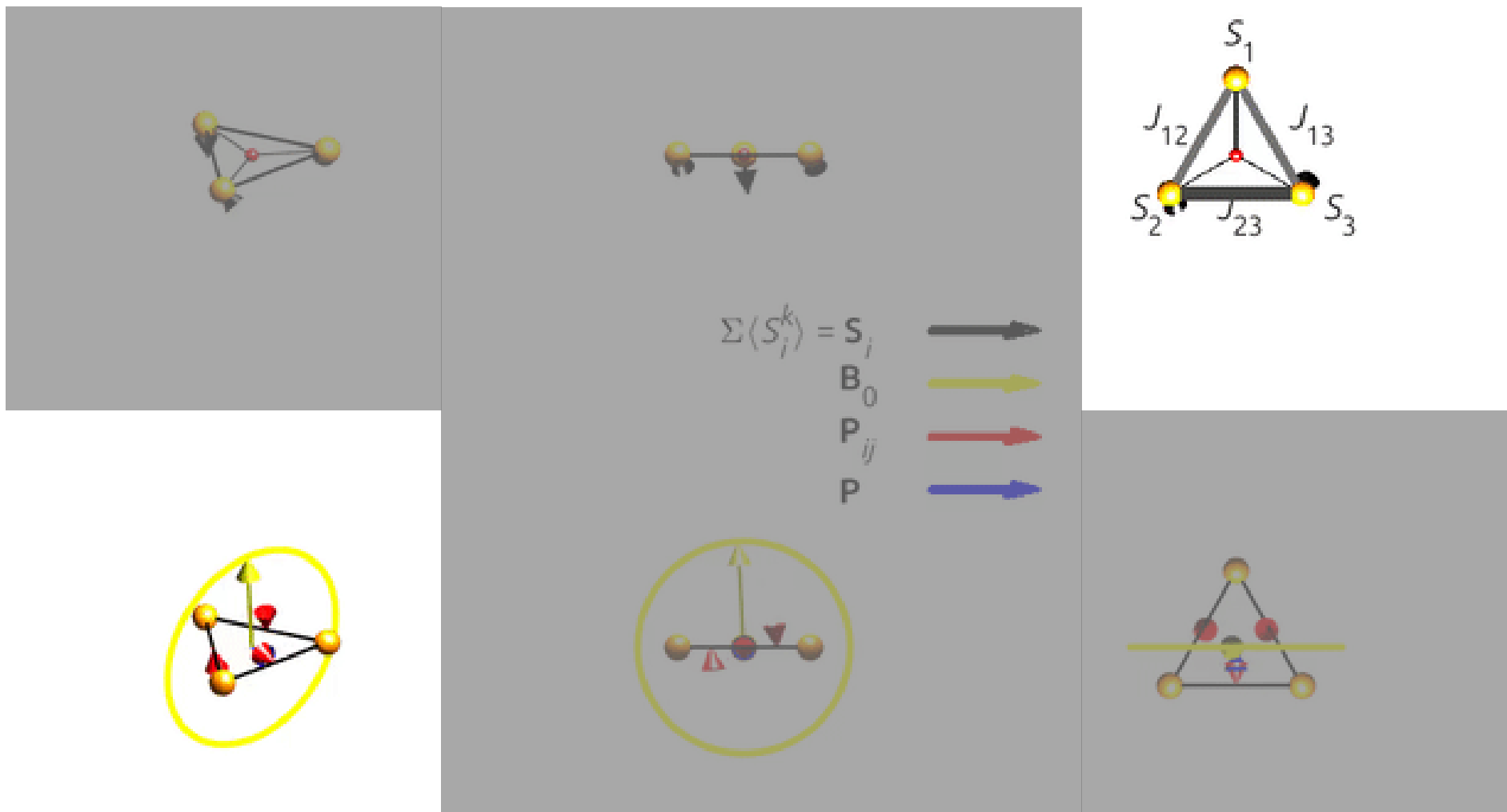
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Other origins of ME coupling?

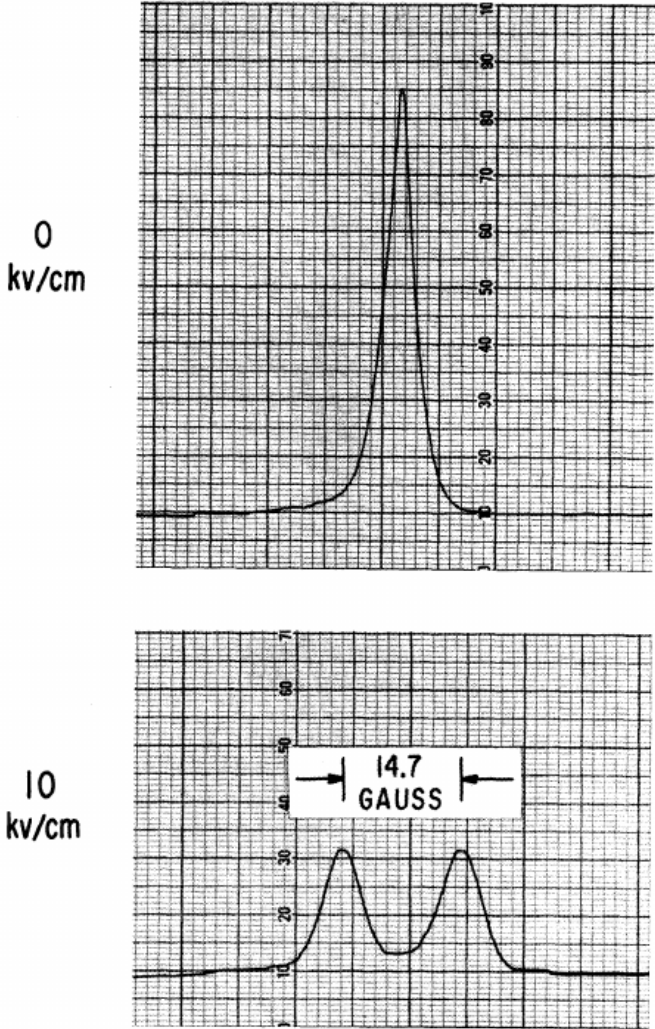
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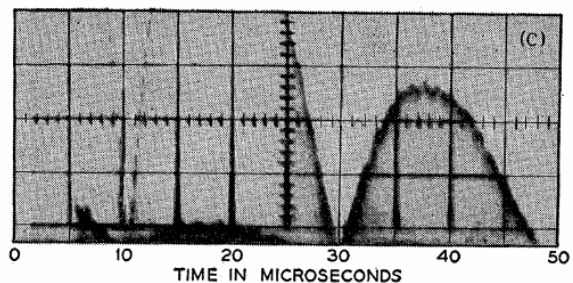
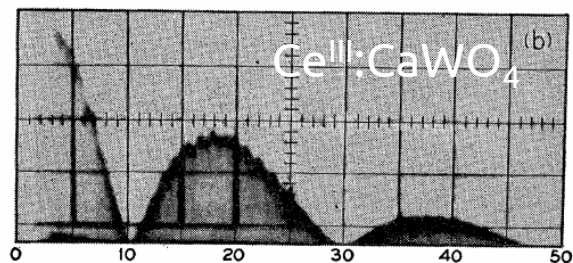
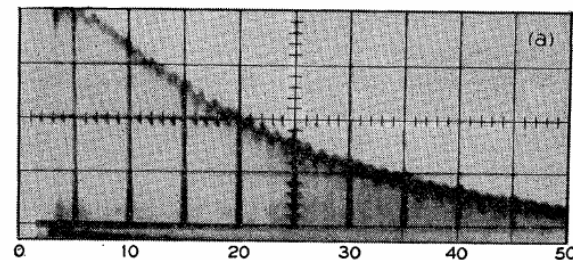
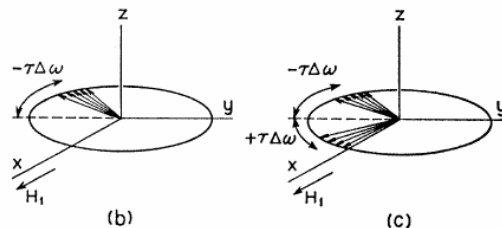
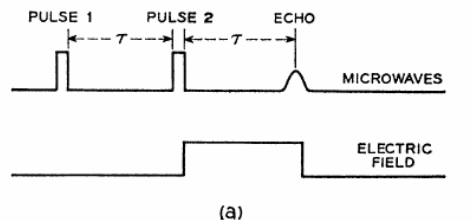
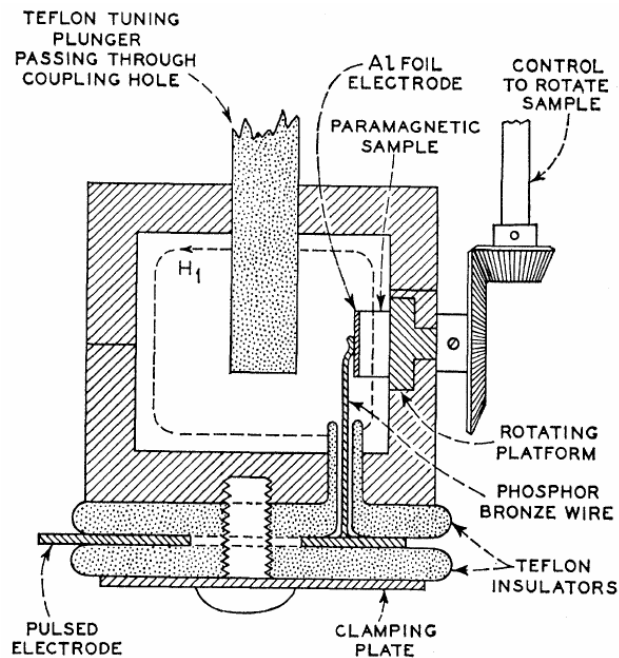
Other origins of ME coupling?

Fe¹⁺:Si

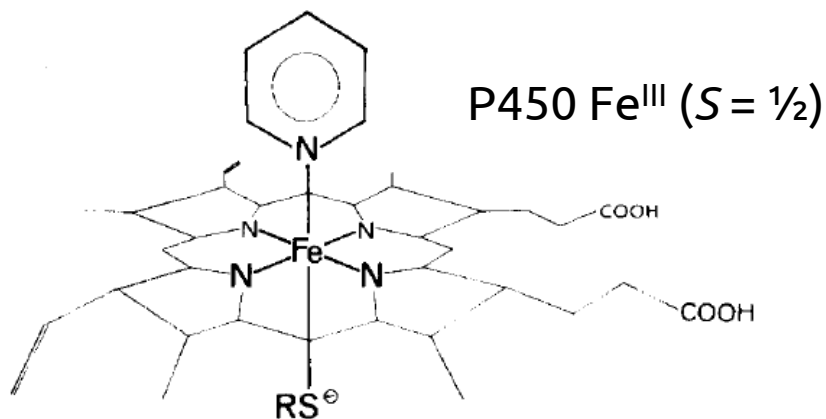


Ludwig & Woodberry, *PRL*, **1961**, 7, 240

Other origins of ME coupling?



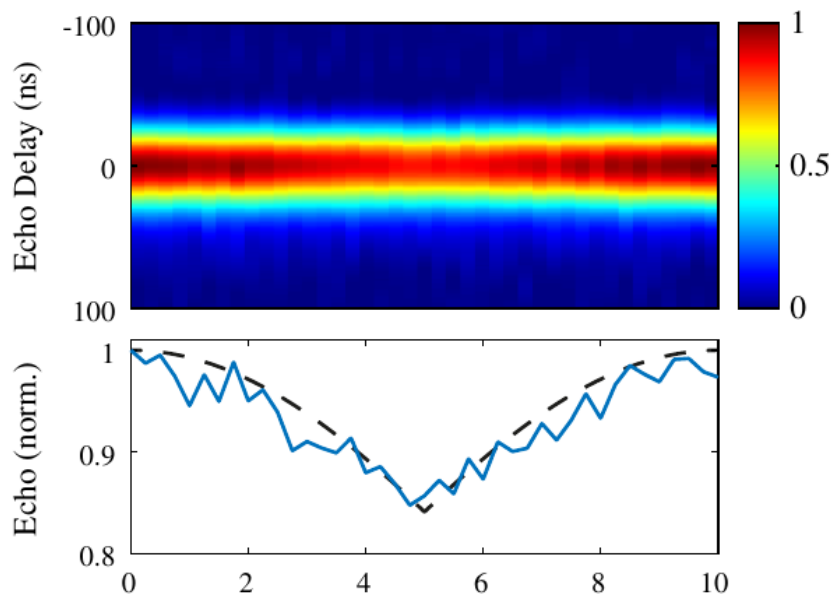
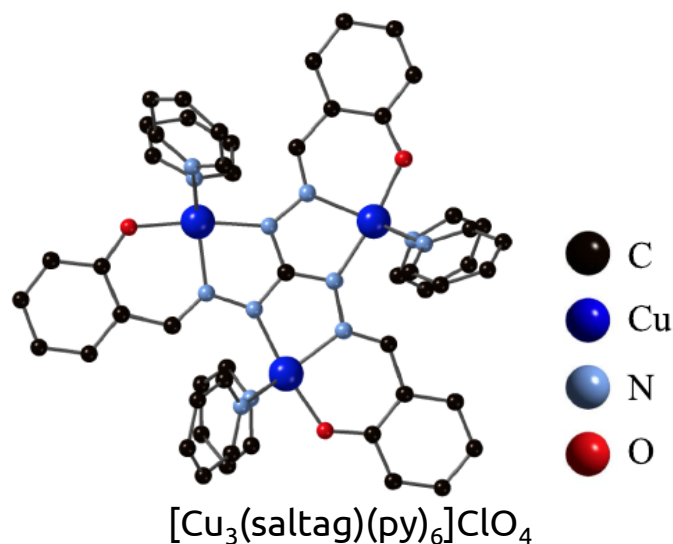
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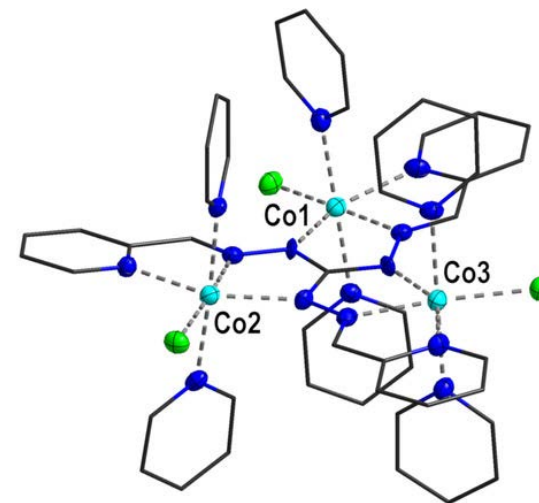
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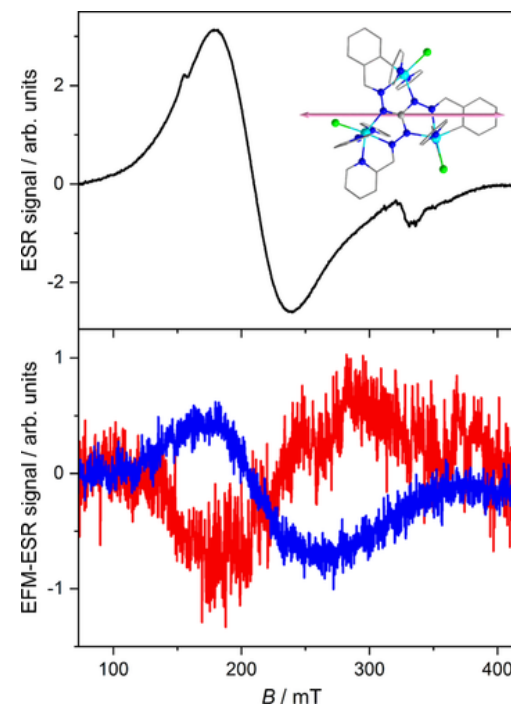


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Spin frustration removal (?)



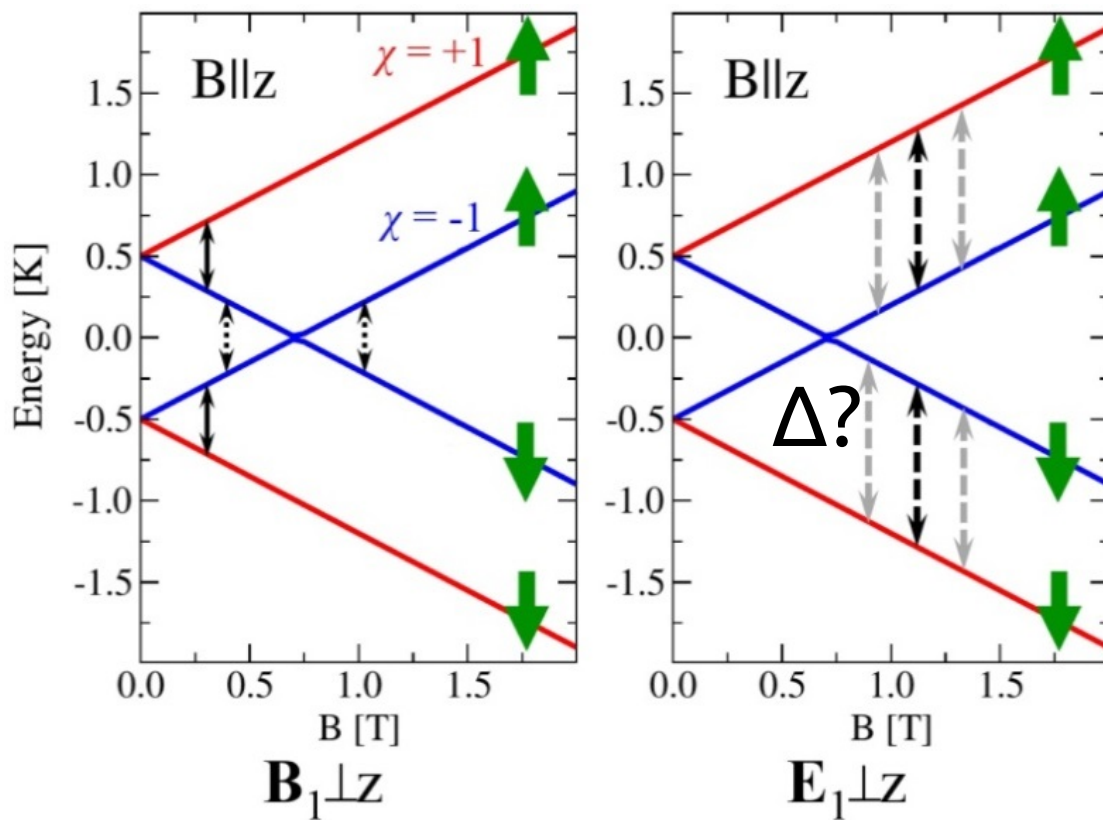
$[\text{Co}_3(\text{pytag})(\text{py})_6\text{Cl}_3]\text{ClO}_4 \cdot 3 \text{ py}$



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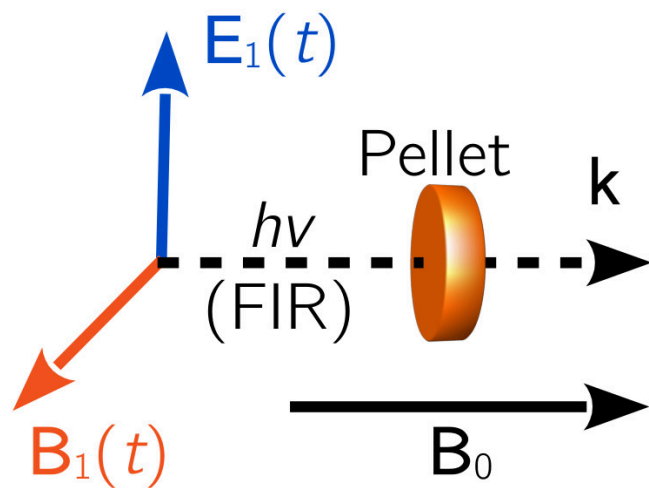
SOC-mediated g -factor modulation ?

Spin-electric excitations

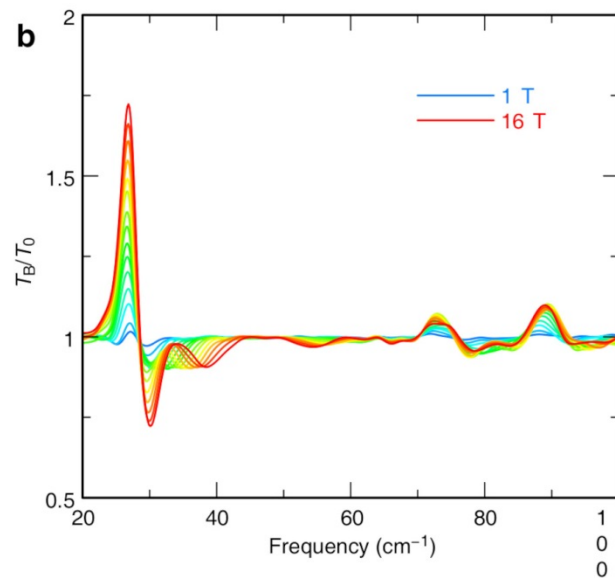
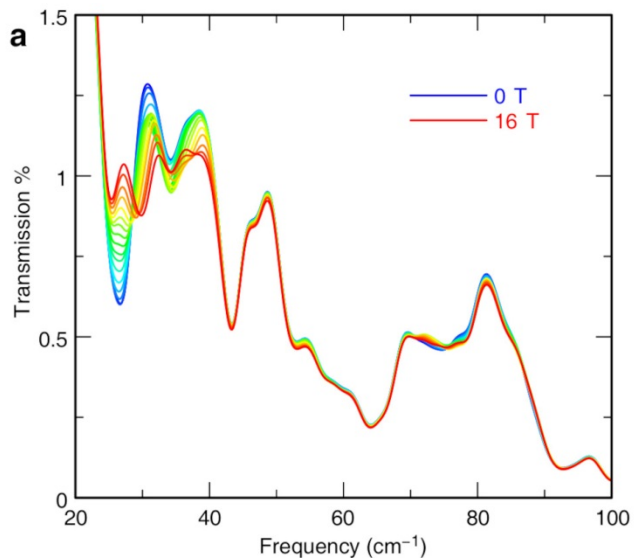


Fe₃
 $G_z \sim 1.6-1.7 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
 $\Delta J \sim 5-6 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
50-55 cm⁻¹ (1.5 THz)

Far-IR

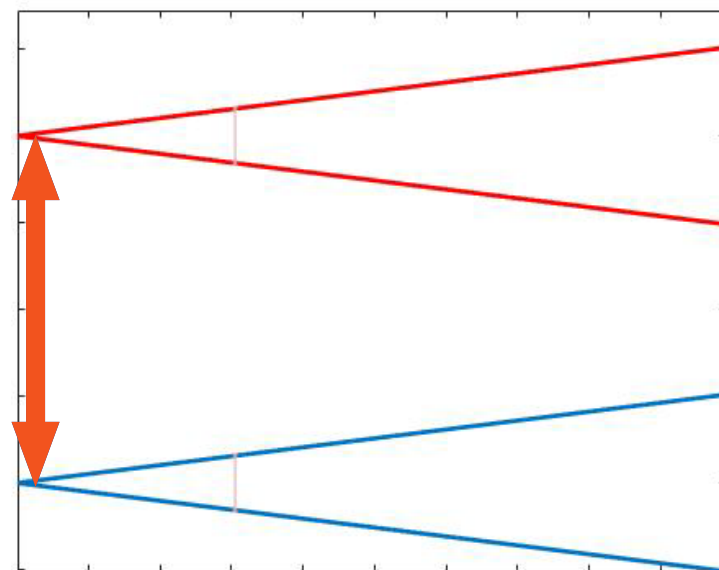


Magneto-FIR spectra



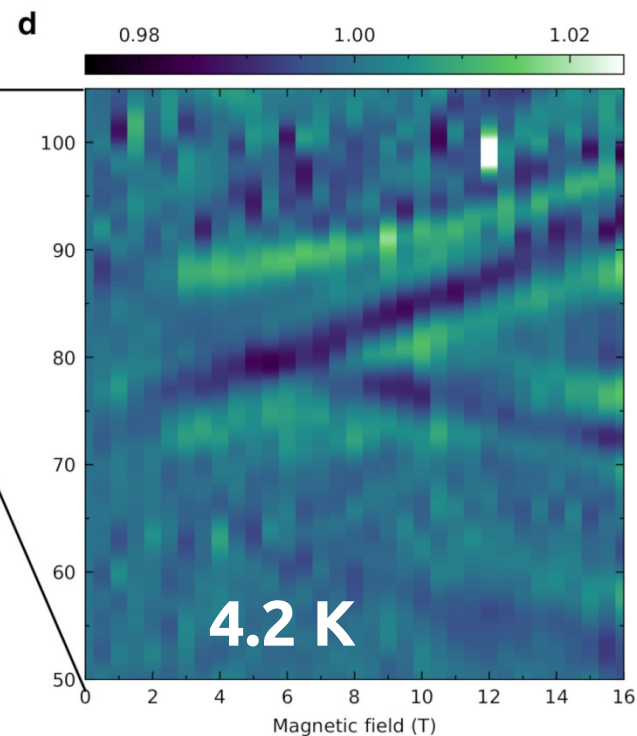
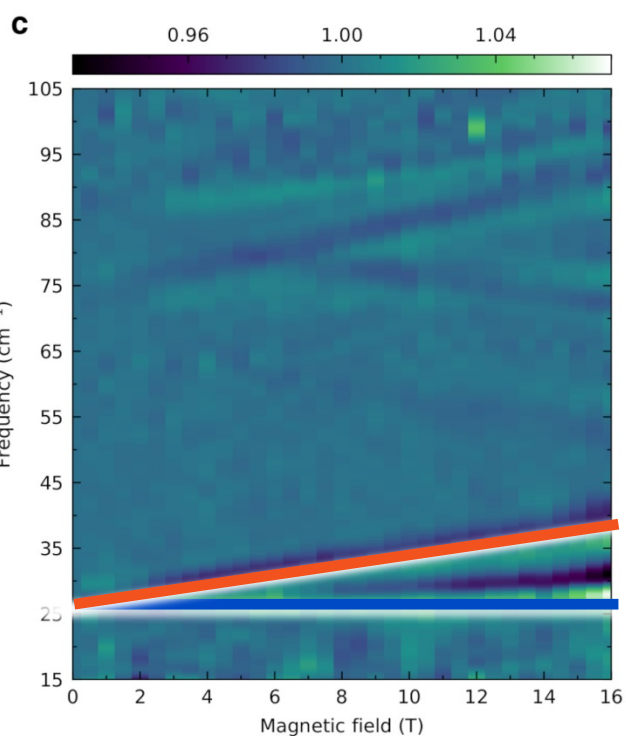
$$\Delta M_S = 1$$

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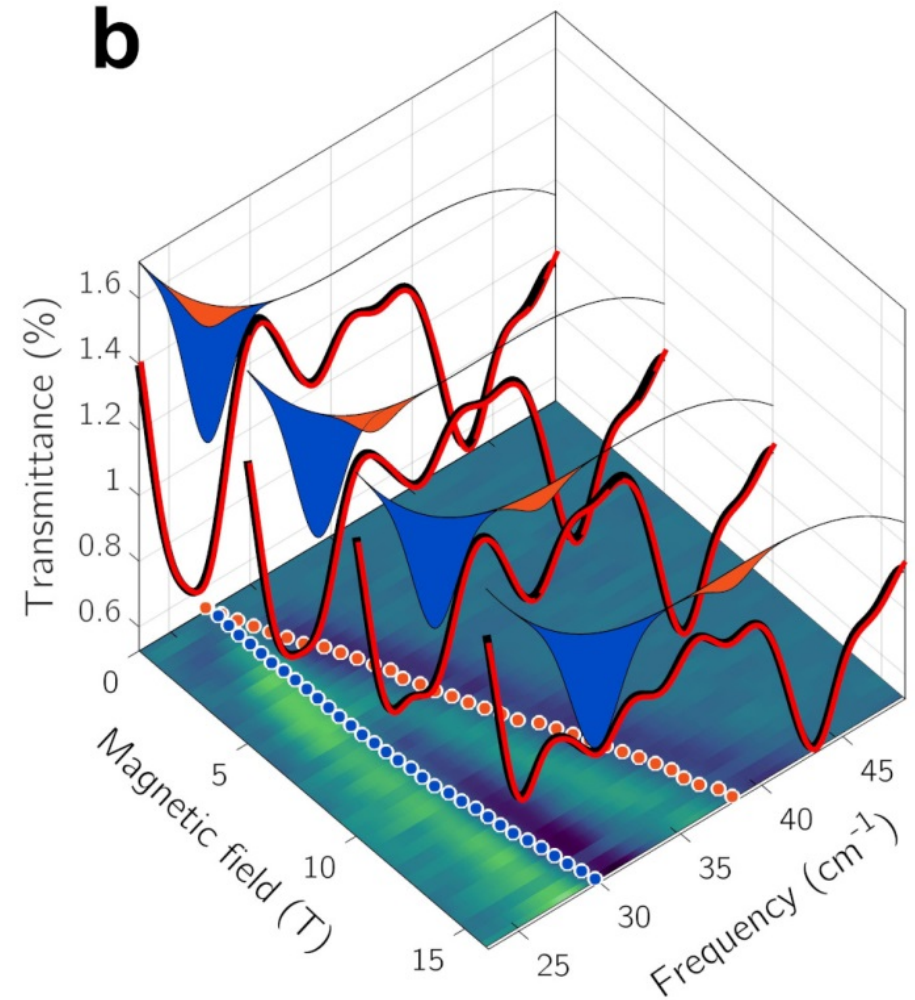
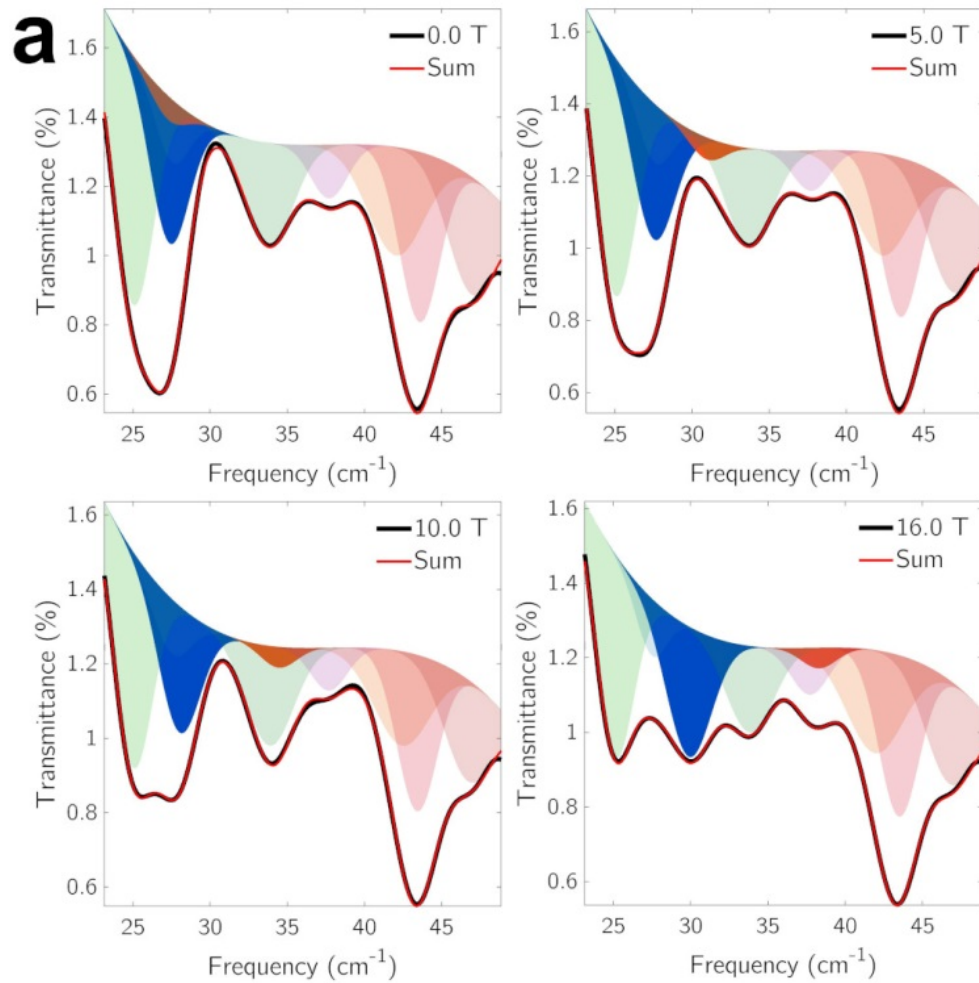


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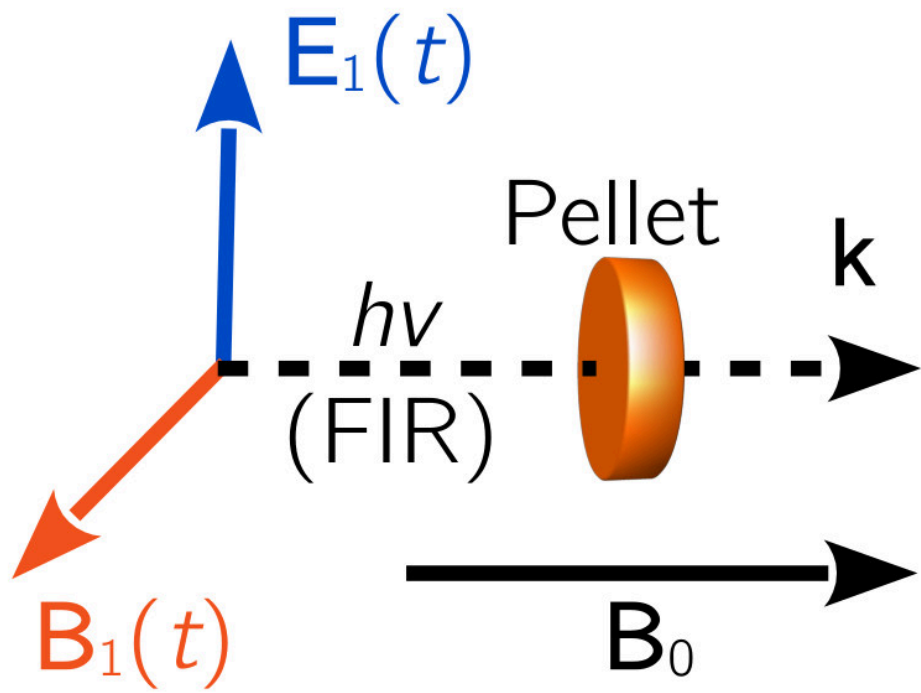


Empirical estimation of magnetic peak positions

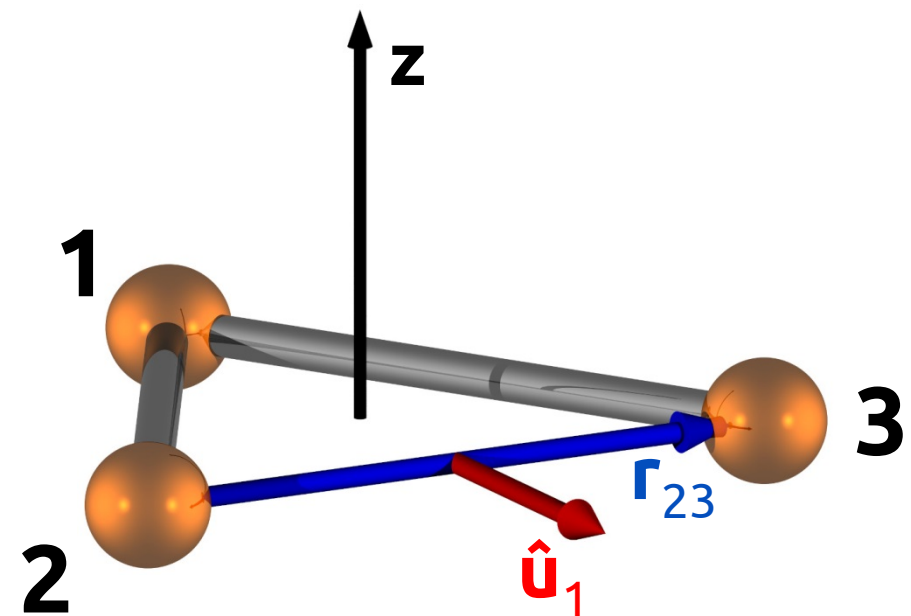


Interaction Hamiltonians

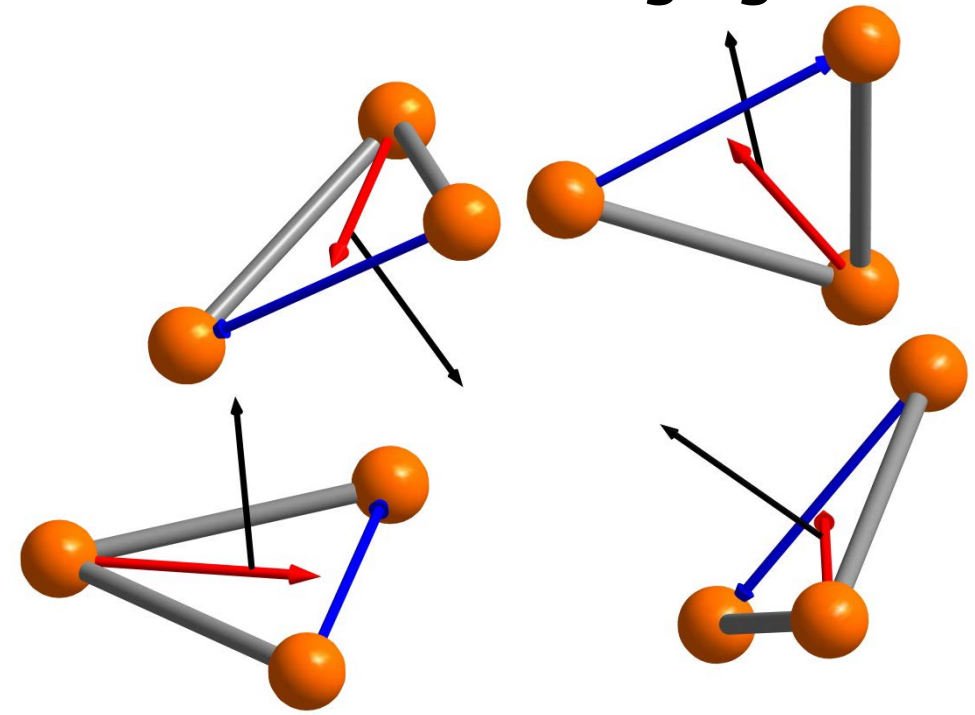
$$H_E = K \sum_{i=1}^3 (\mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k) \mathbf{s}_i \cdot \mathbf{s}_j$$



$$H_B = g \mu_B \mathbf{B}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}$$

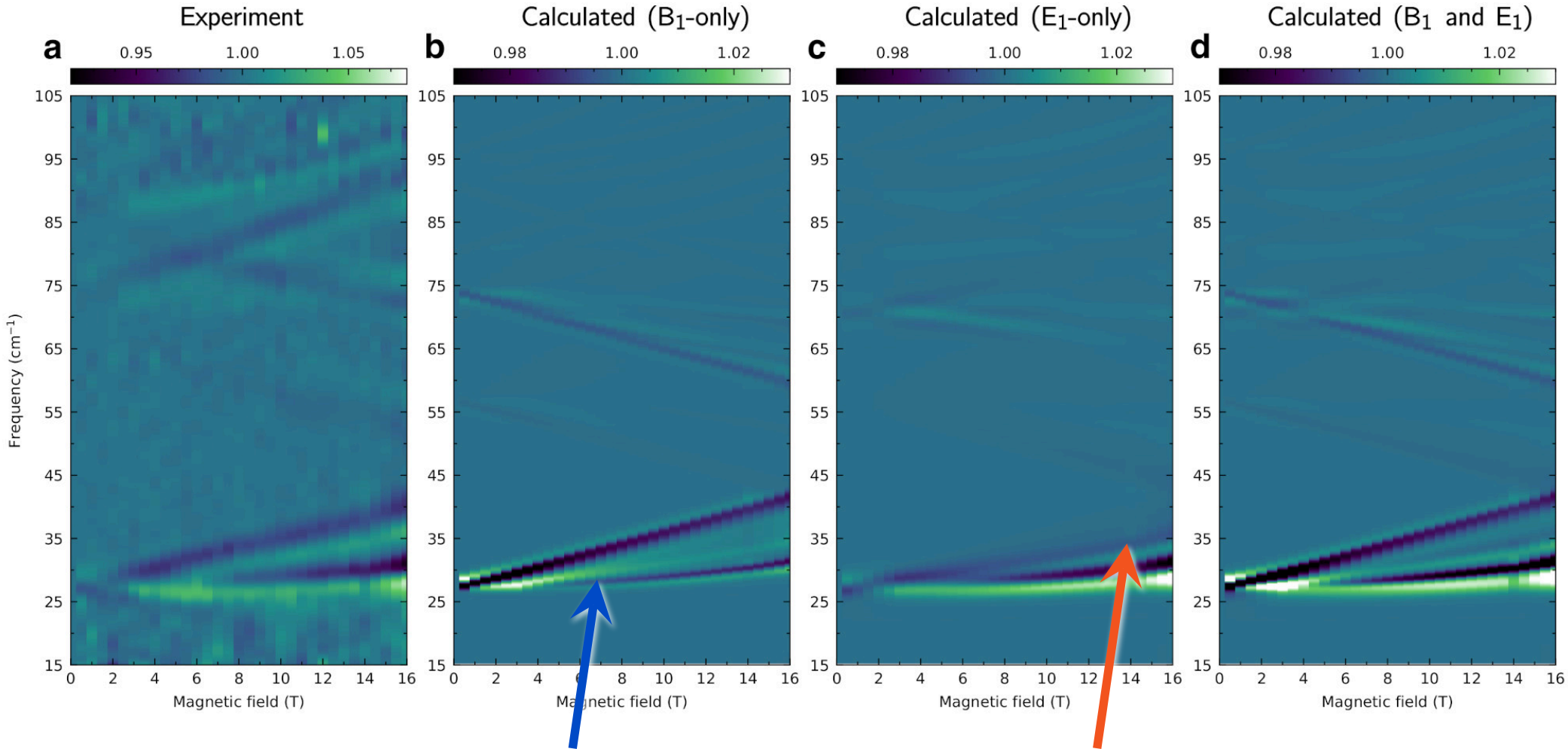


Powder averaging



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Magneto-FIR spectra



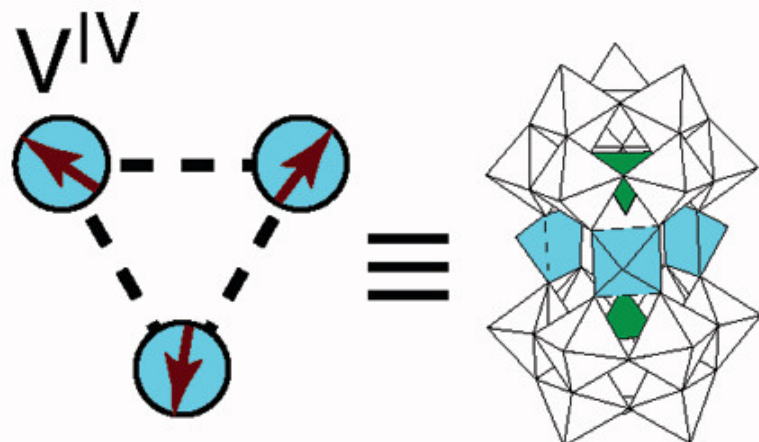
B₁ excites **spin-electric** transitions **E₁** excites **EPR** transitions

Proper scaling of individual spectra...

$$\kappa \approx 4 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ e nm}$$

PRB, 2016, 94, 235423: $\sim 10^{-4} \text{ e a} (\text{Na}_9[\text{Cu}_3\text{Na}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_9(\alpha\text{-AsW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2] \cdot 26\text{H}_2\text{O})$

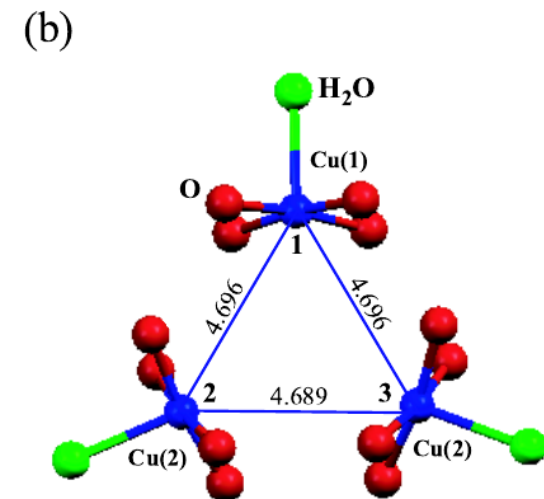
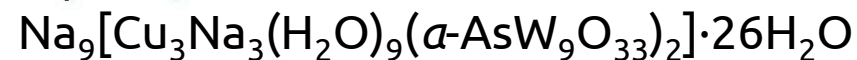
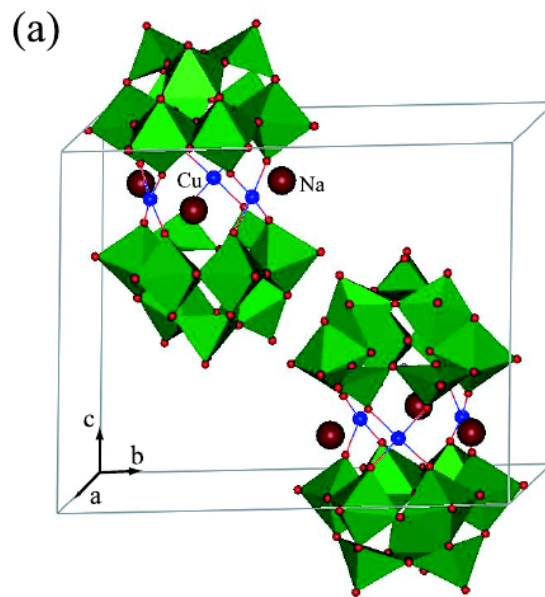
Previous theoretical models vs current results



Inorg. Chem., **2004**, *43*, 8150



- $S_i = 1/2$
- $J_{ij} \sim 2\text{-}5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
- $J_{ij} \gg \Delta J \sim 0$
- Doublet-doublet gap entirely due to DMI



PRL, **2006**, *96*, 107202

$S_i > 1/2$

S^2, C, K_z are NOT good quantum numbers

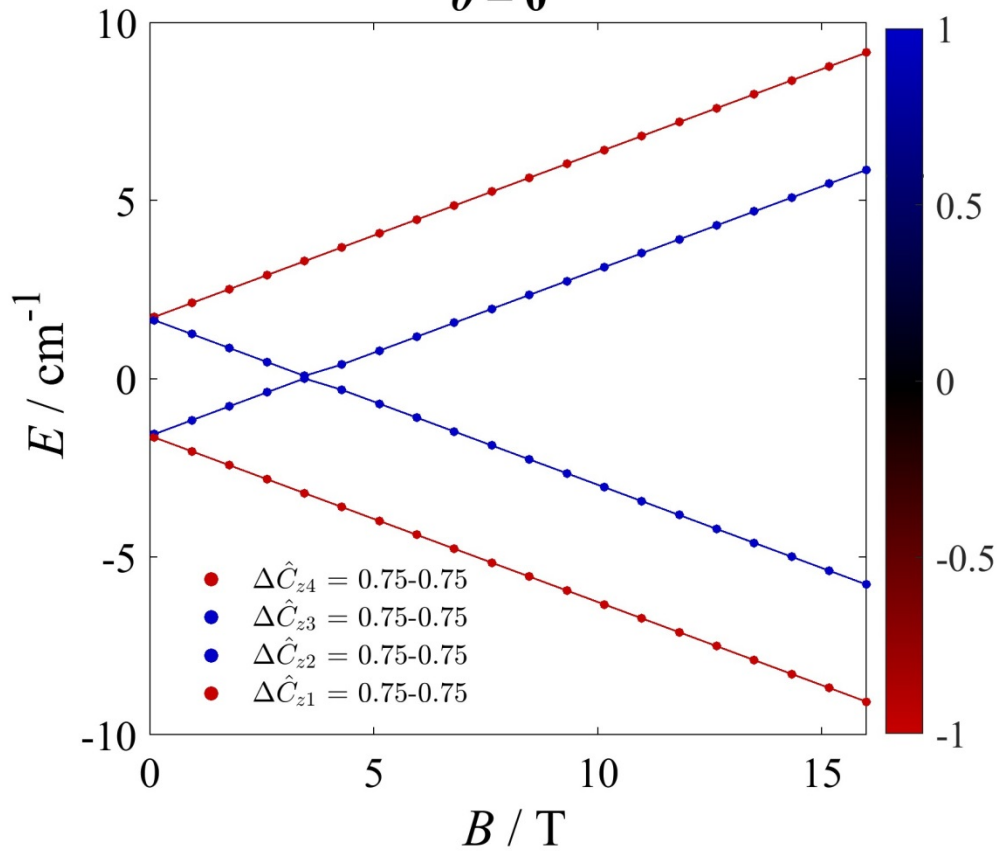
$S_i = 1/2$ vs $5/2$

Scalar chirality

$$S_i = 1/2$$

$$J_{\text{av}} = -22.27 \text{ cm}^{-1}, \Delta J = +0.00 \text{ cm}^{-1}, G_z = +0.95 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

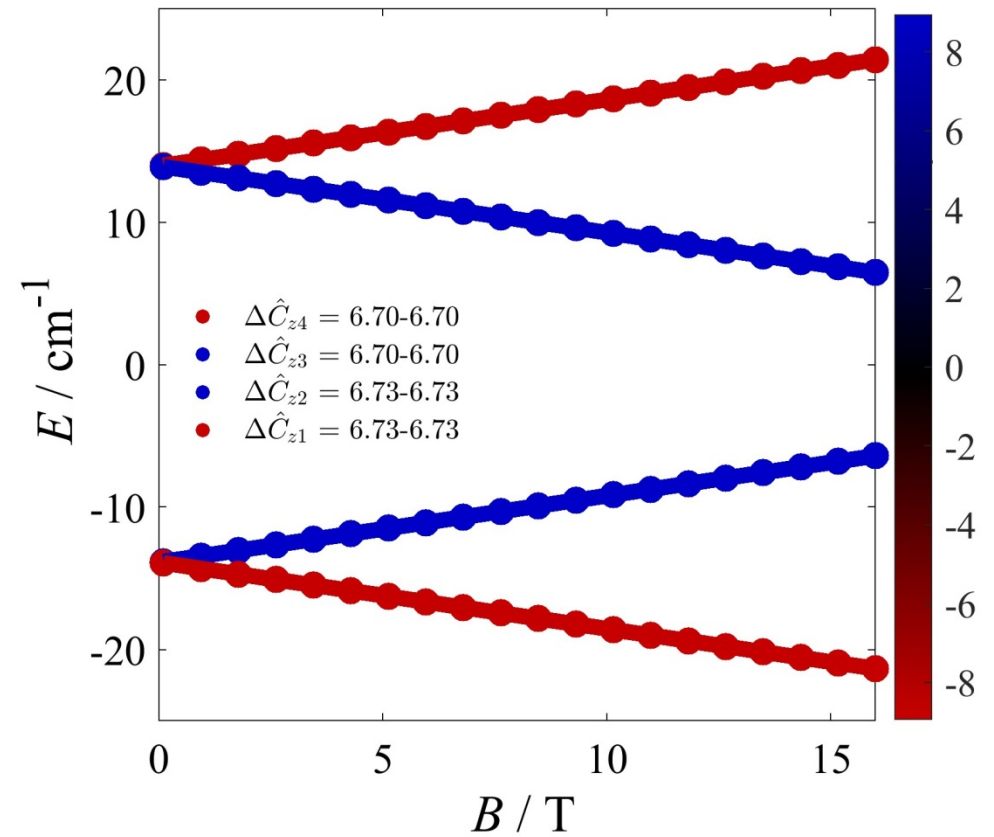
$$\theta = 0^\circ$$



$$S_i = 5/2$$

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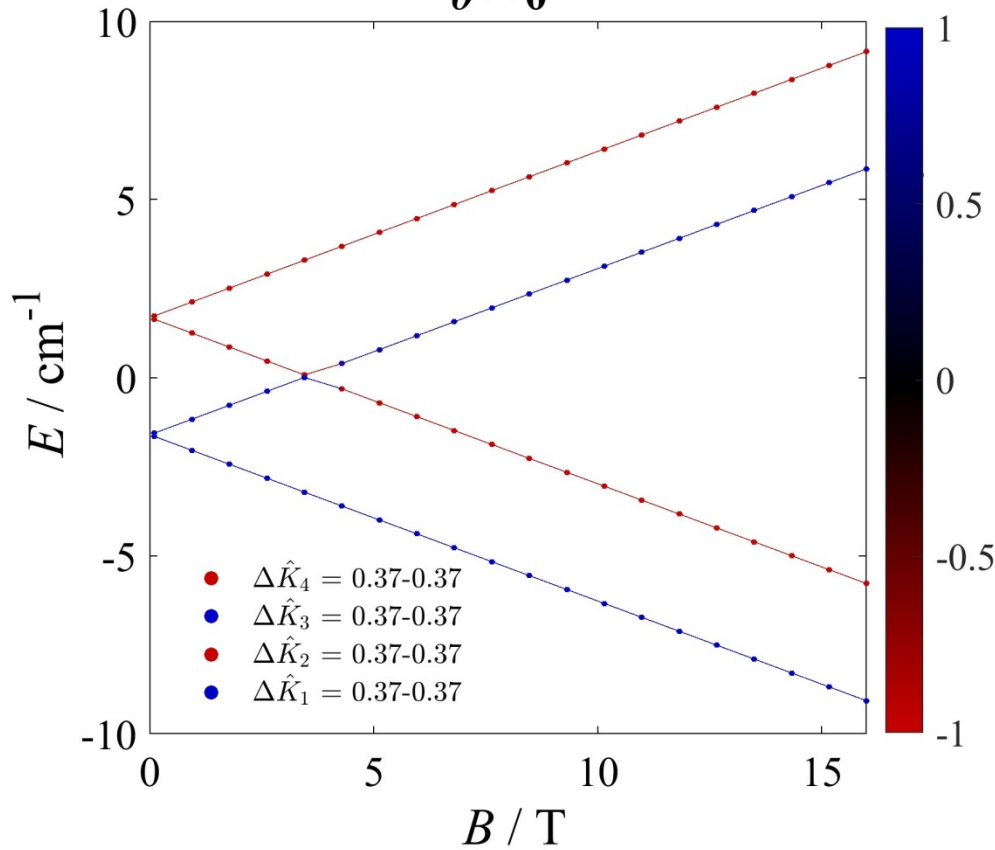
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Vector chirality

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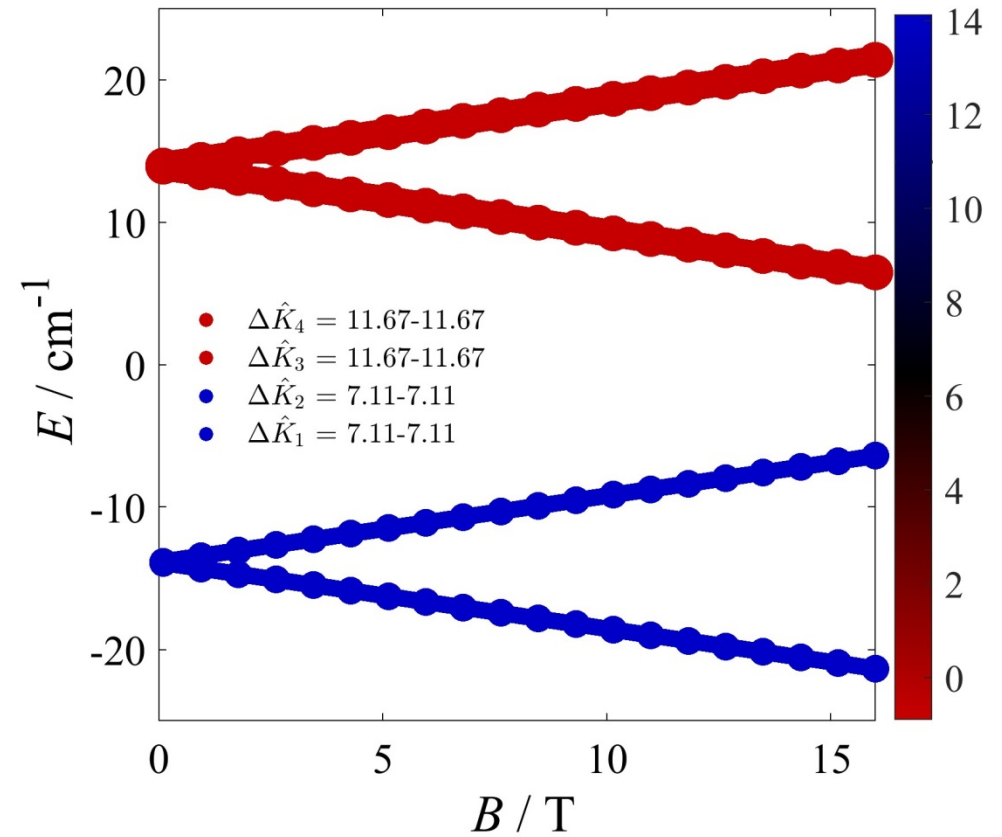
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Some new conclusions (more to come)

Large standard deviations of \mathbf{S}^2 , C , $\mathbf{K}_{x/y/z}$
(i.e. $\Delta\hat{O} \equiv [\langle\hat{O}^2\rangle - \langle\hat{O}\rangle^2]^{1/2}$)

Selection rules are relaxed

For $\theta \neq 0$:

E_1 partially excites **EPR** transitions

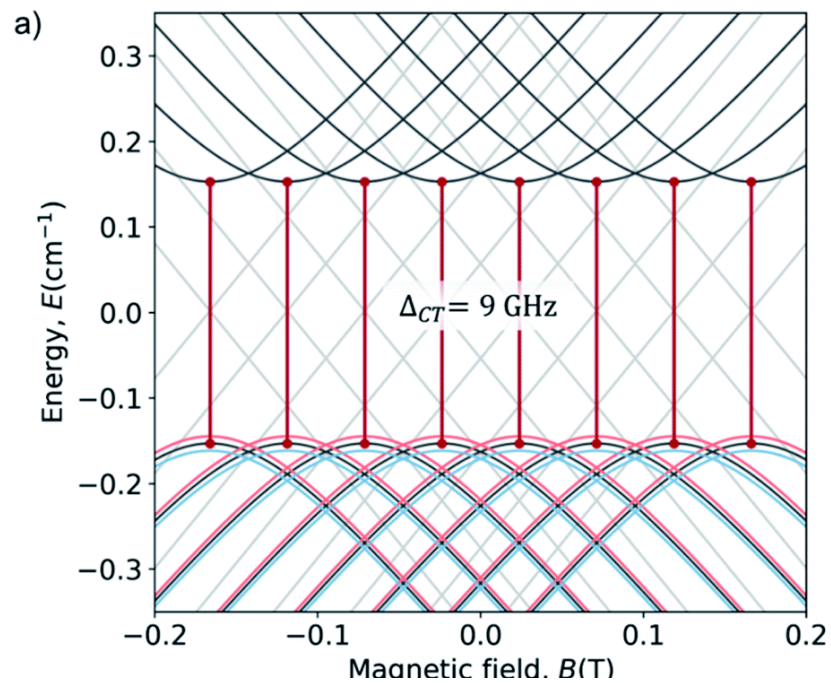
B_1 partially excites **spin-electric** transitions

$\Delta J \neq 0$ (isosceles distortion)

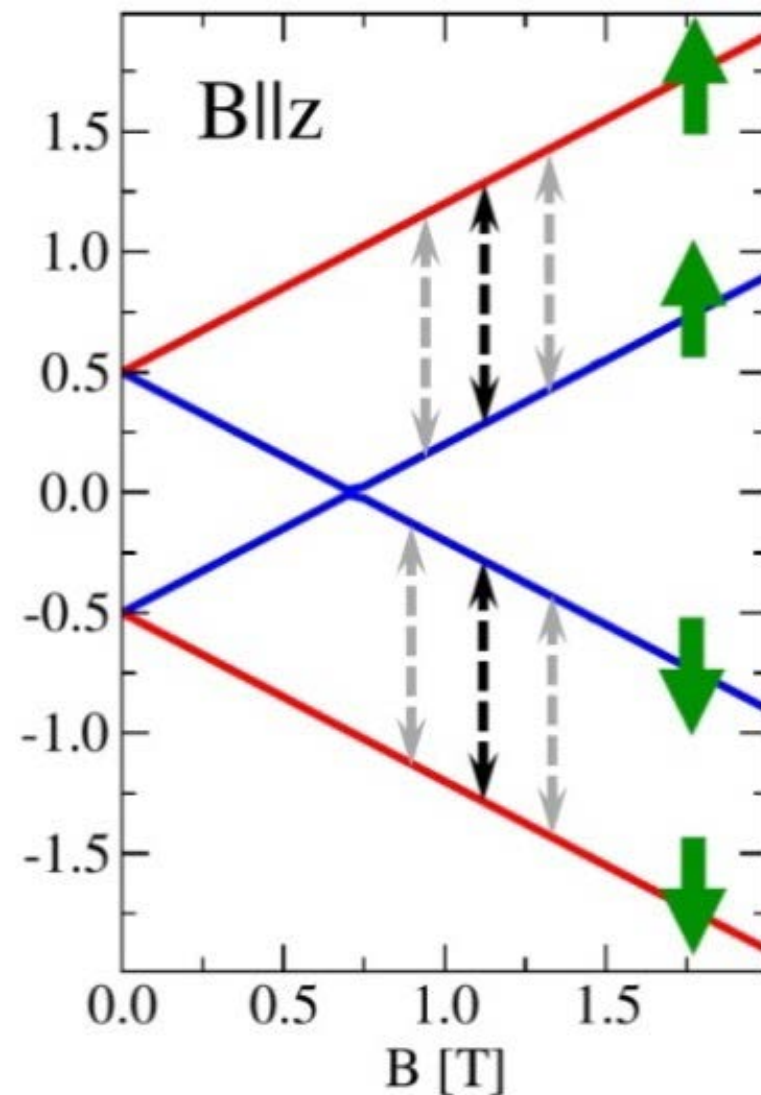
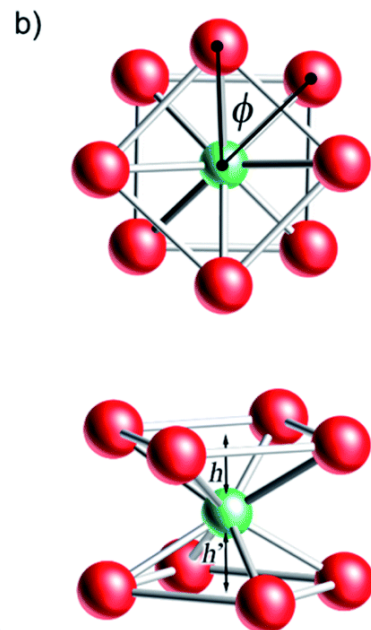
Spin-electric transitions allowed even if $|\Delta J| \gg |G_z|$

But nuclear decoupling near the limit $|\Delta J| \ll |G_z|$

Perspectives: extended clock transitions

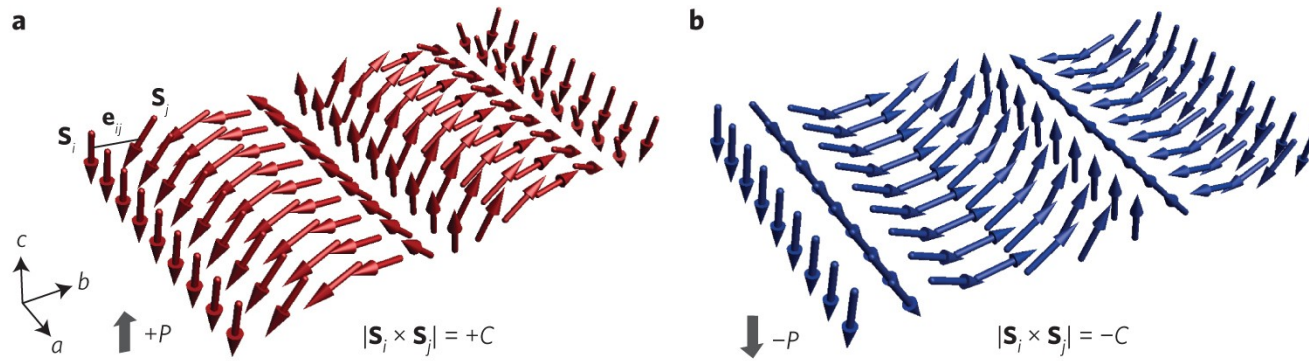


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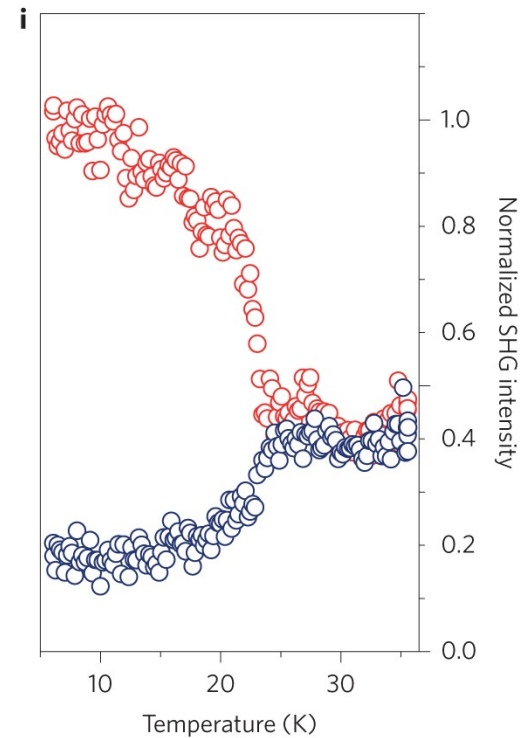
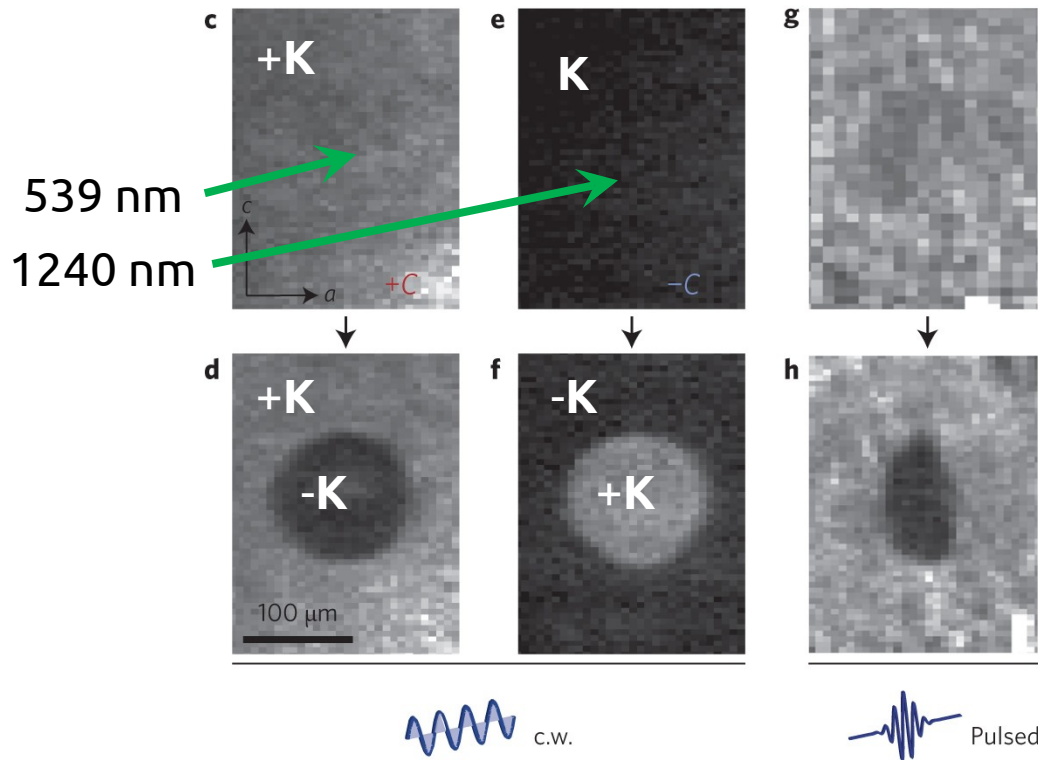


Perspectives: readout

Second harmonic generation



TbMnO₃

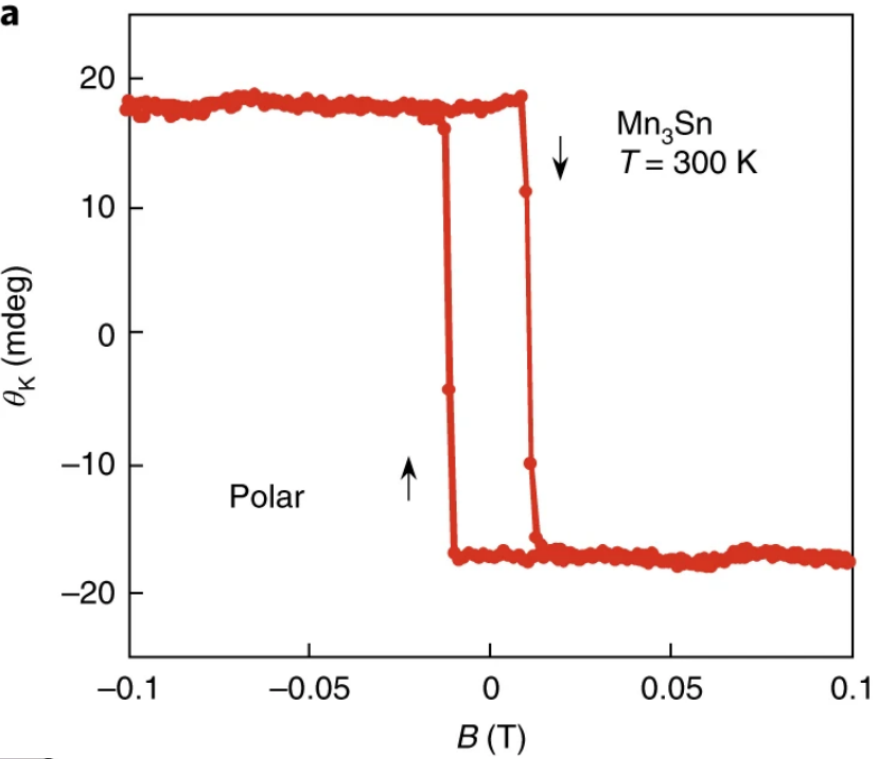
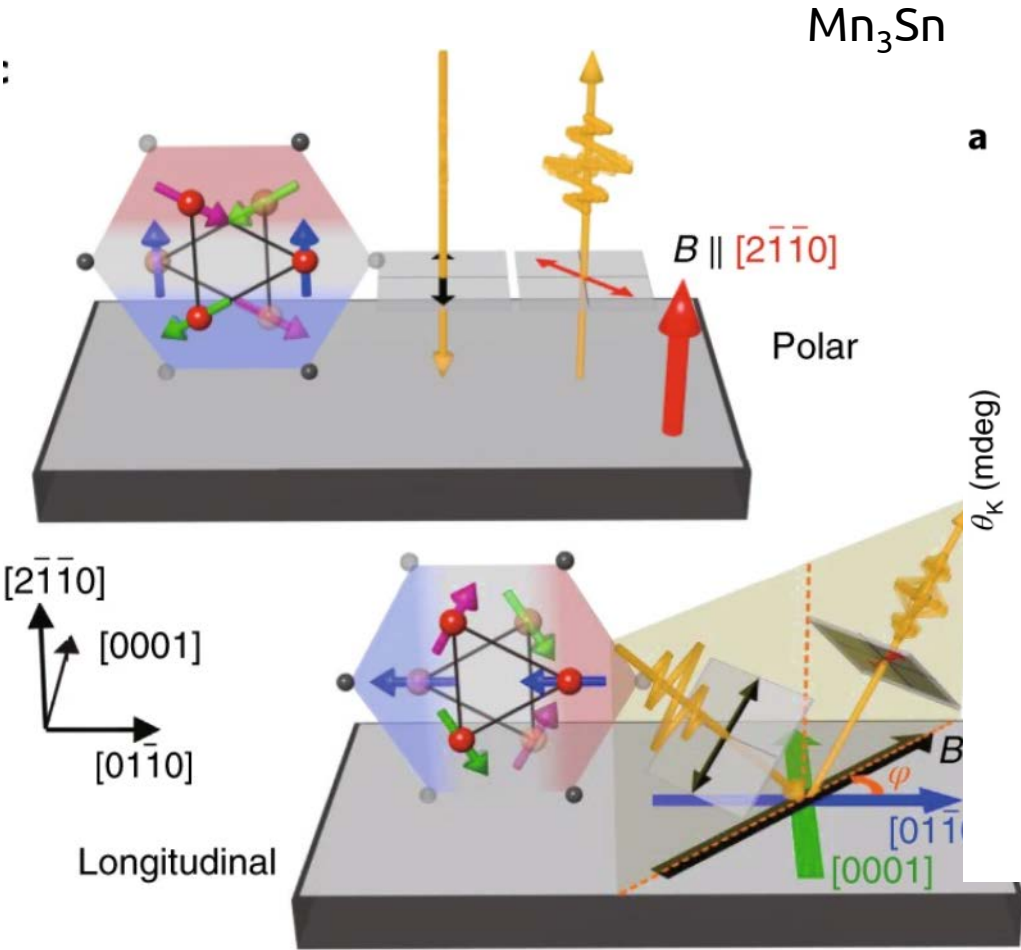


619 nm SHG readout

Nature Photonics, 2016, 10, 653

Perspectives: readout

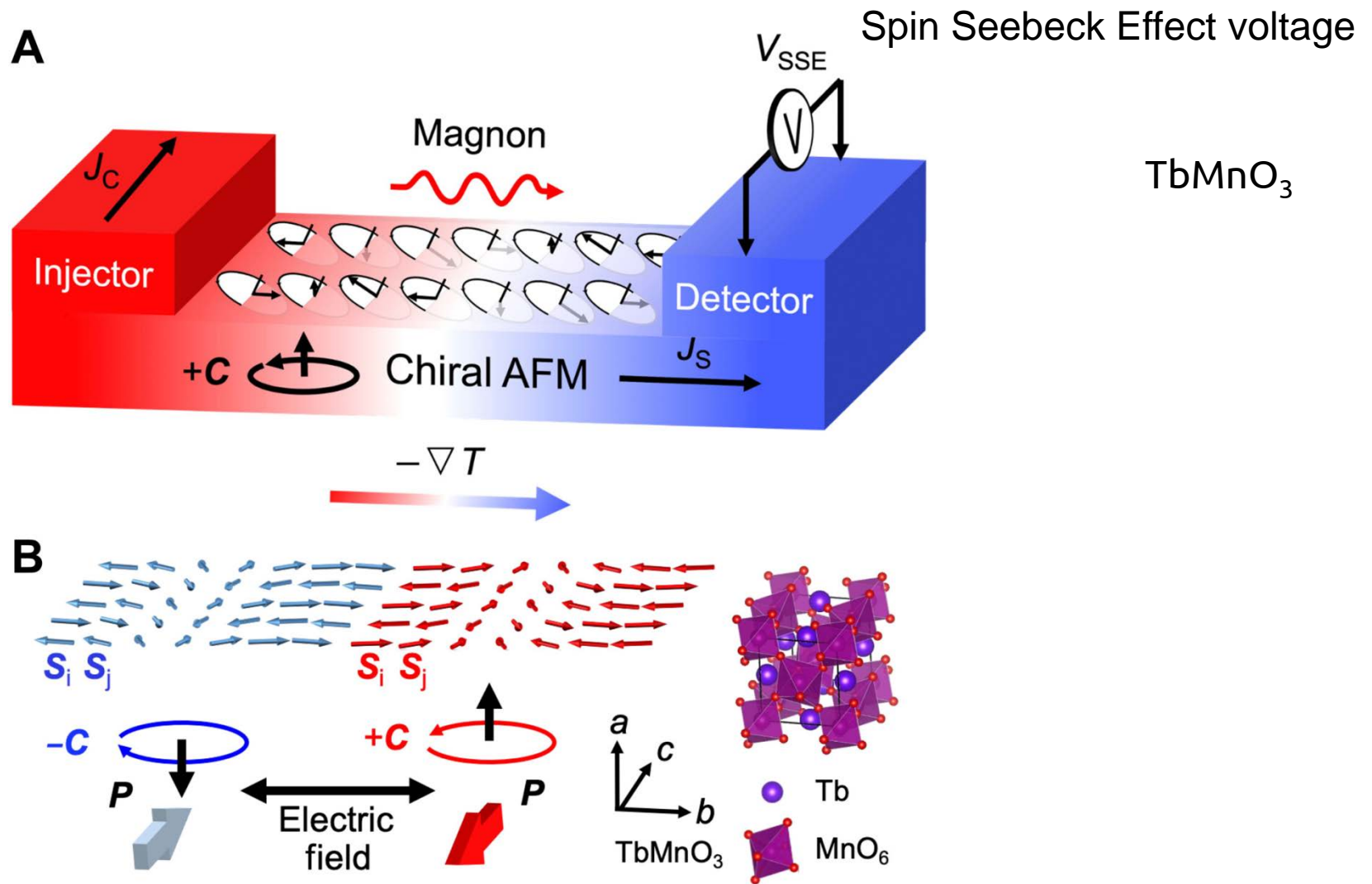
Magneto-Optic Kerr Effect (MOKE)



Nature Photonics, 2018, 12, 73

Perspectives: readout

Electrical

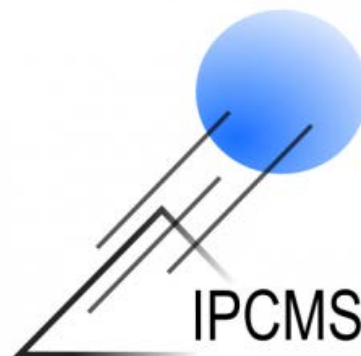


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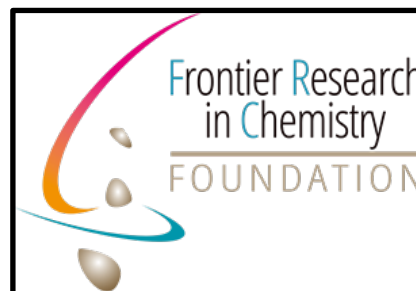
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