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and Hybrid Magnetic Nanostructures**

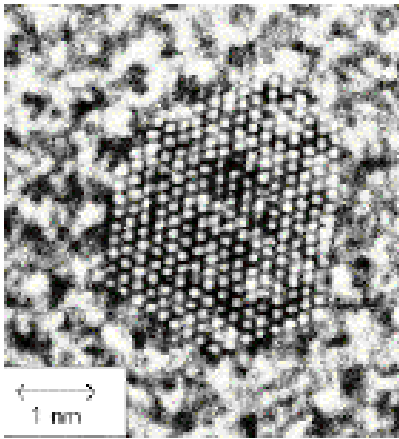
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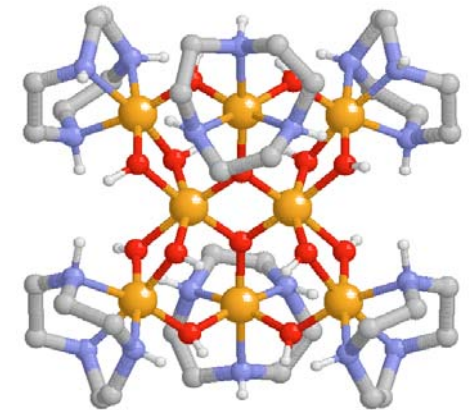
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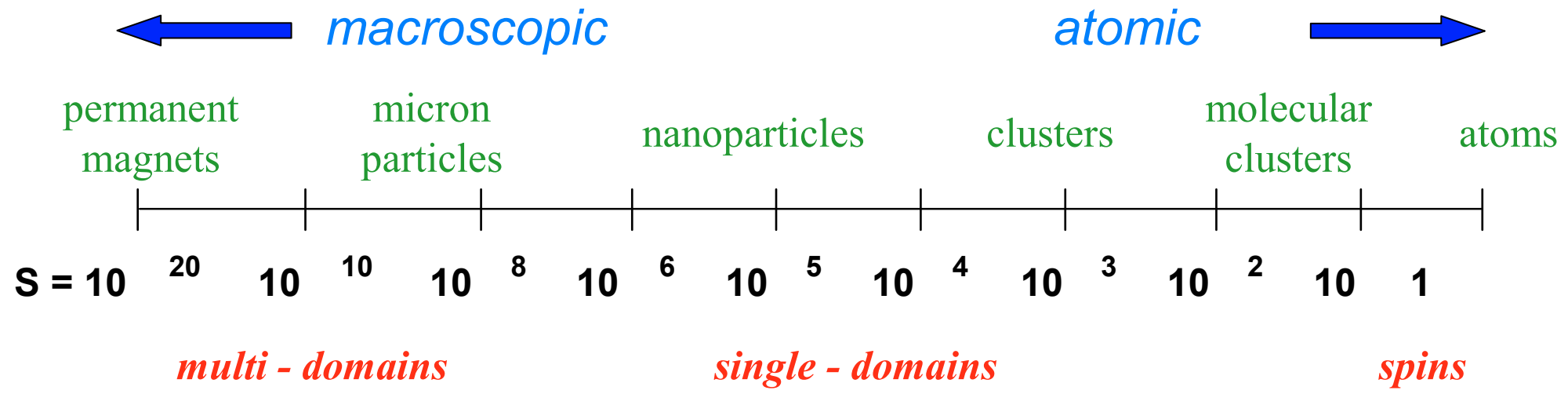
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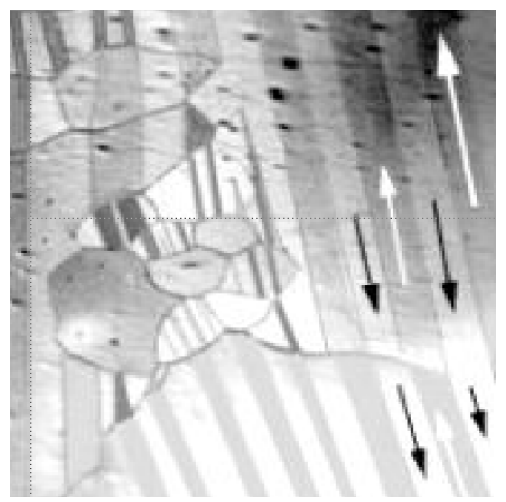


$S = 1/2$ to ≈ 30

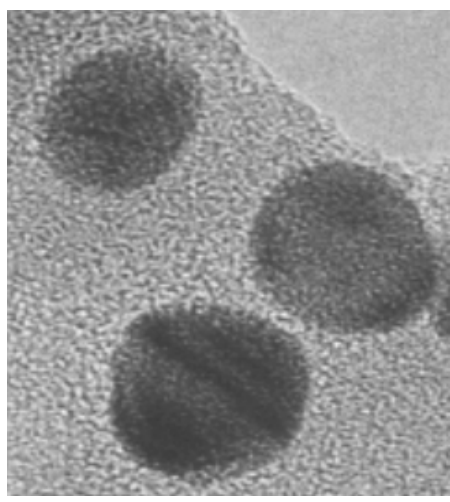
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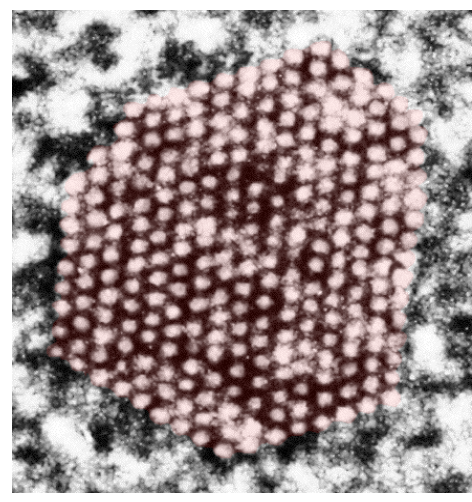
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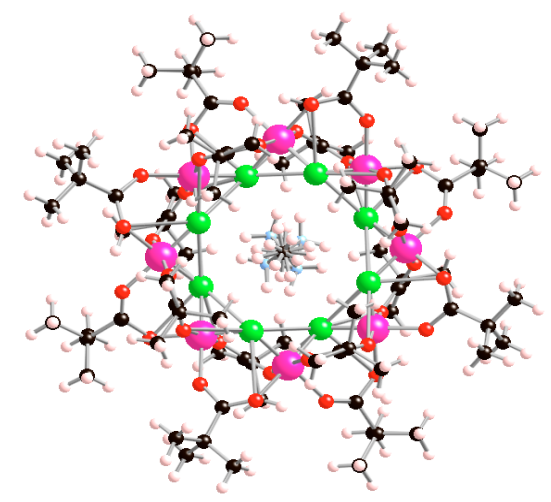
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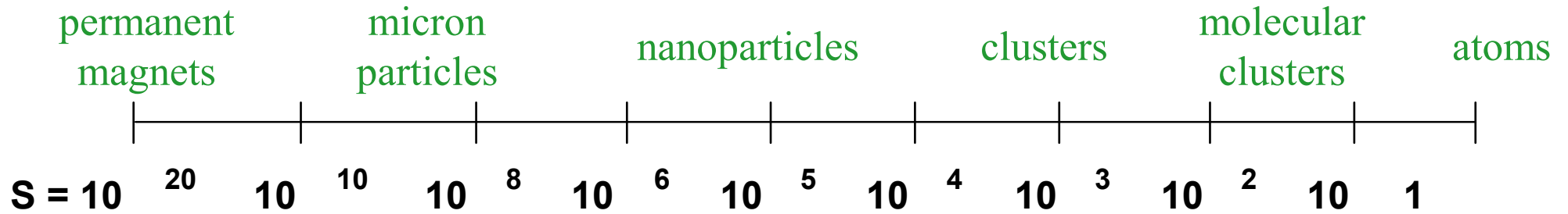
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Magnetization reversal in magnetic structures



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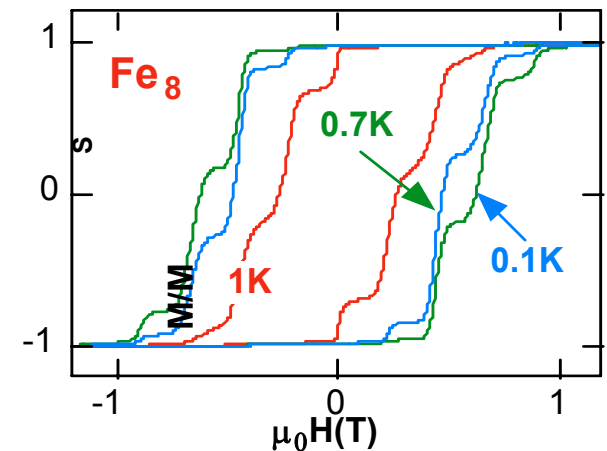
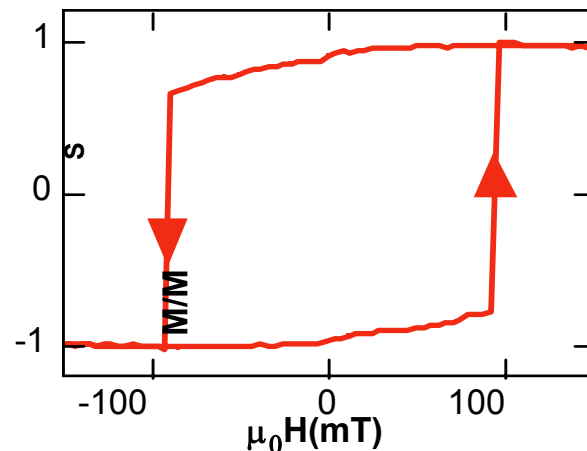
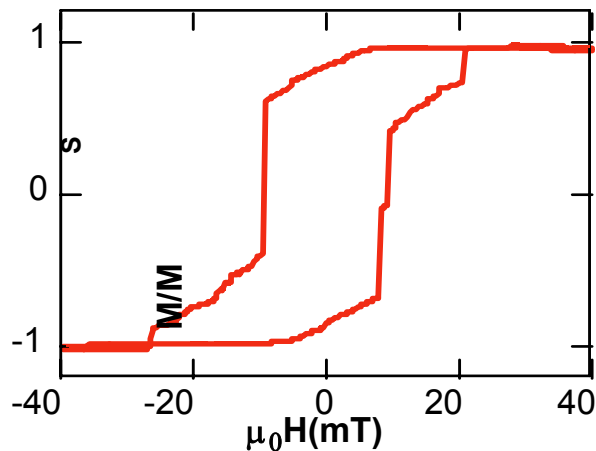
single - domains

spins

nucleation, propagation and annihilation of domain walls

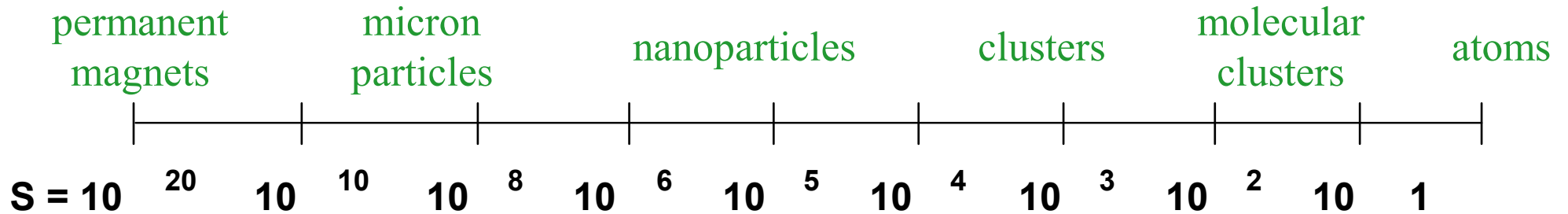
uniform rotation, curling, etc.

quantum tunneling, interference, coherence



Magnetization reversal in magnetic structures

← *macroscopic* *atomic* →



multi - domains

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“Classical” magnetism

Micromagnetics

Landau Lifshitz Gilbert equation

Quantum magnetism

Schrödinger equation

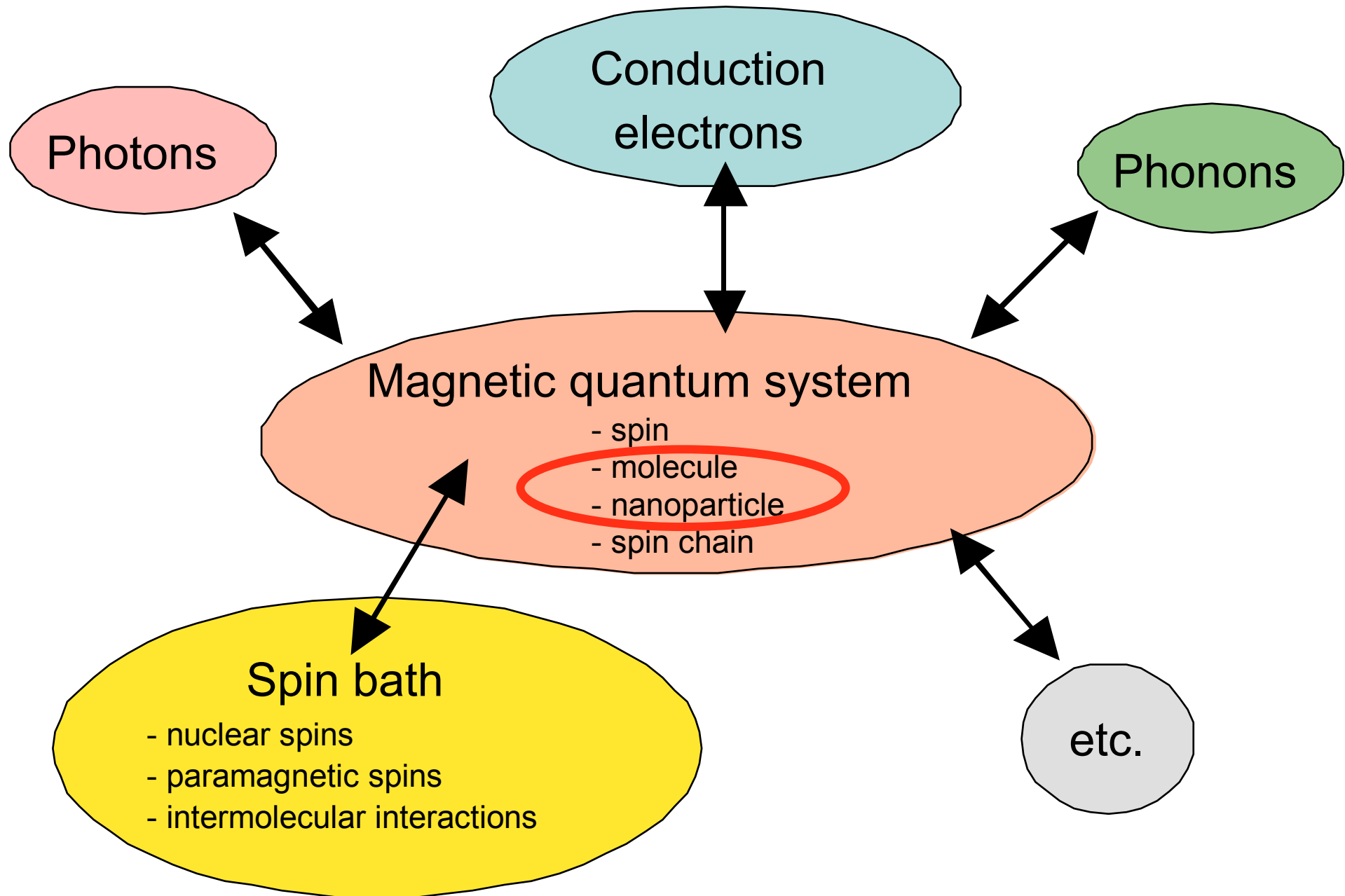
Operator formalism

Path integrals

ab-initio calculations

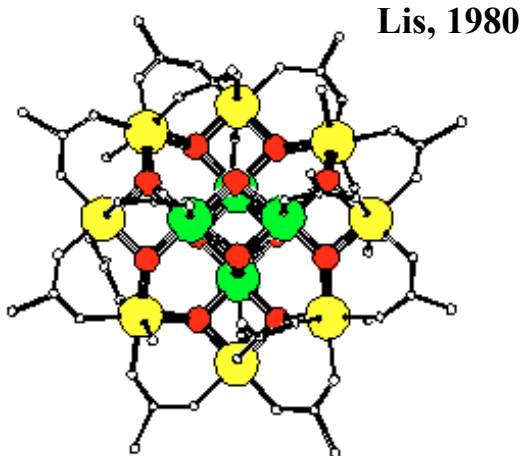
etc.

Interactions in magnetic quantum systems (decoherence)

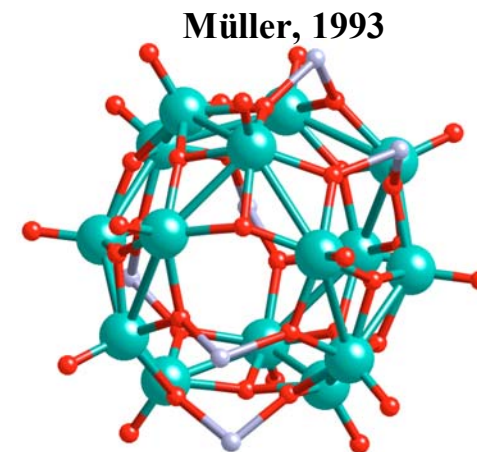


Single-molecule magnets (SMM)

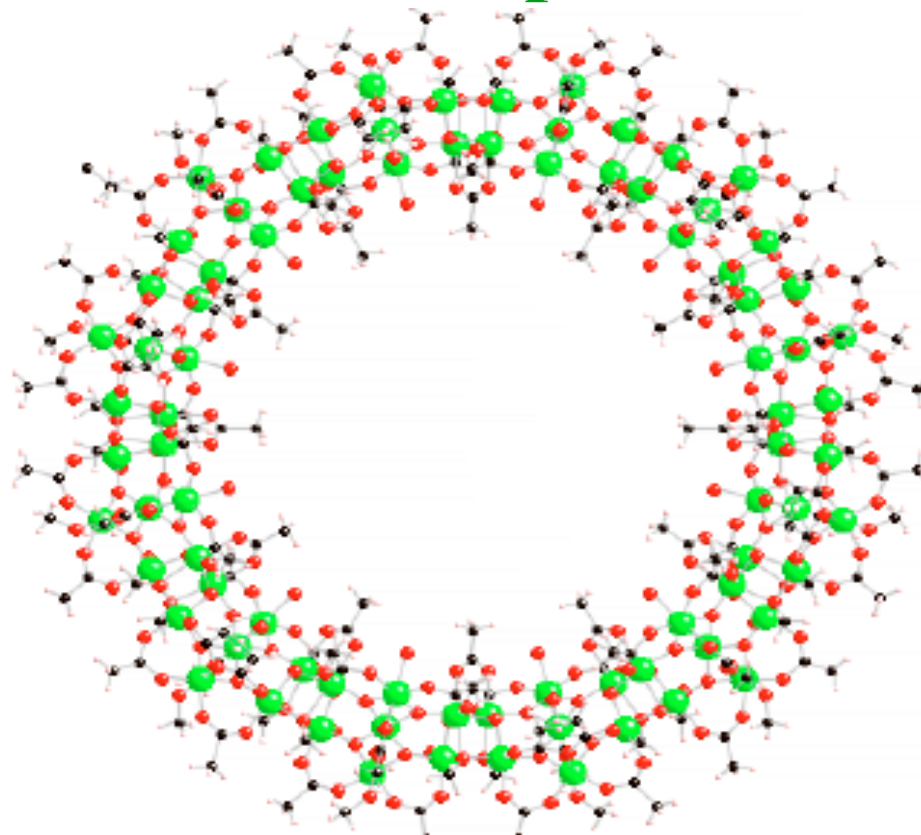
Giant spins



Mn₁₂ S = 10

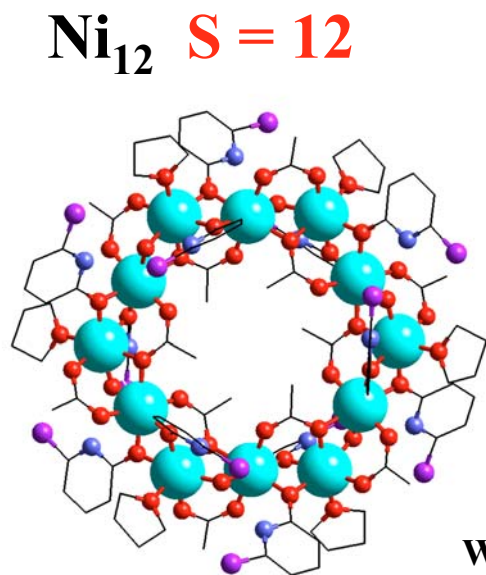


V₁₅ S = 1/2



**Mn₈₄
S ≈ 6**

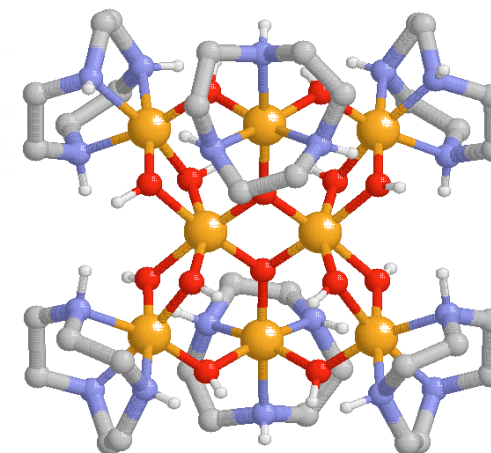
Fe₈ S = 10



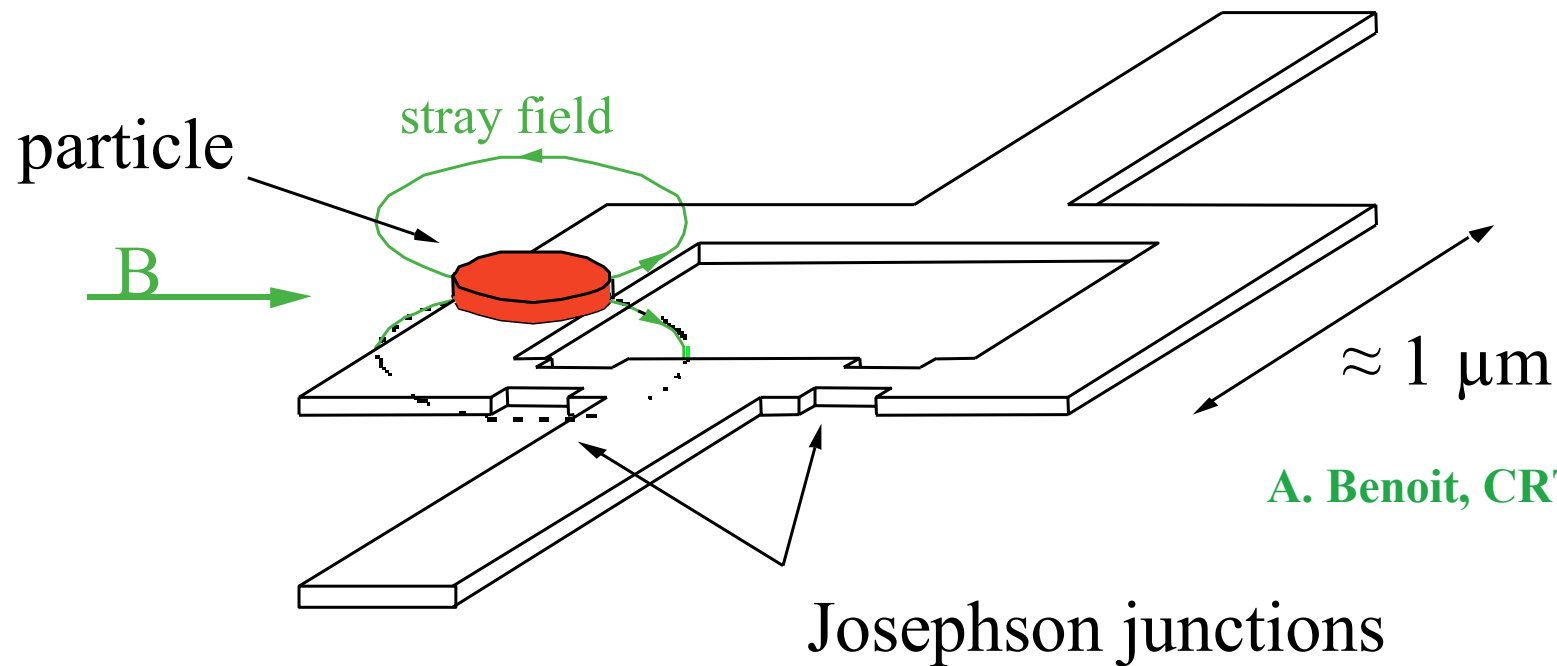
Ni₁₂ S = 12

Christou, 2004

Wiegart, 1984

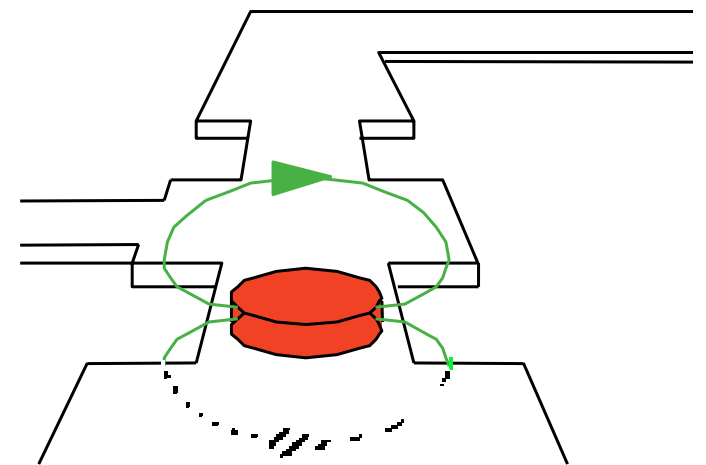


Micro-SQUID magnetometry

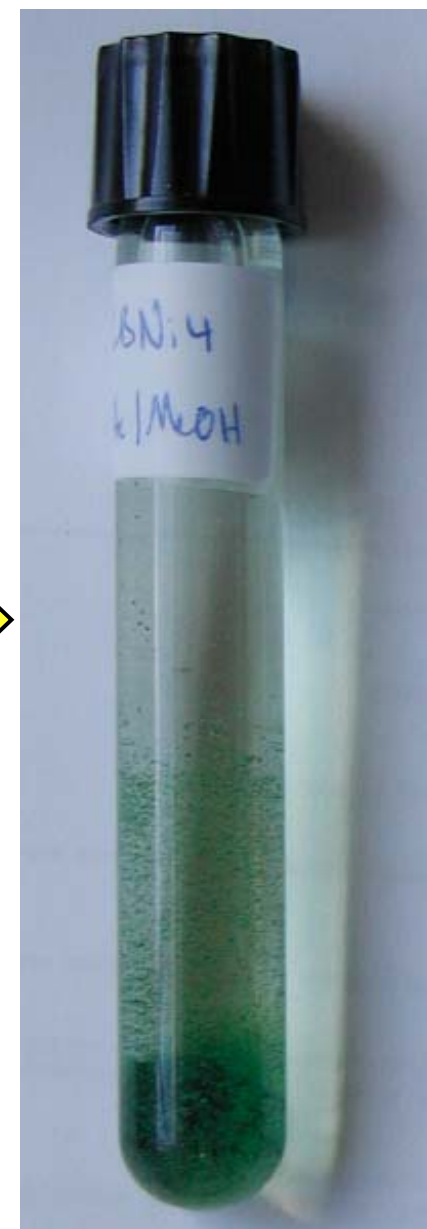
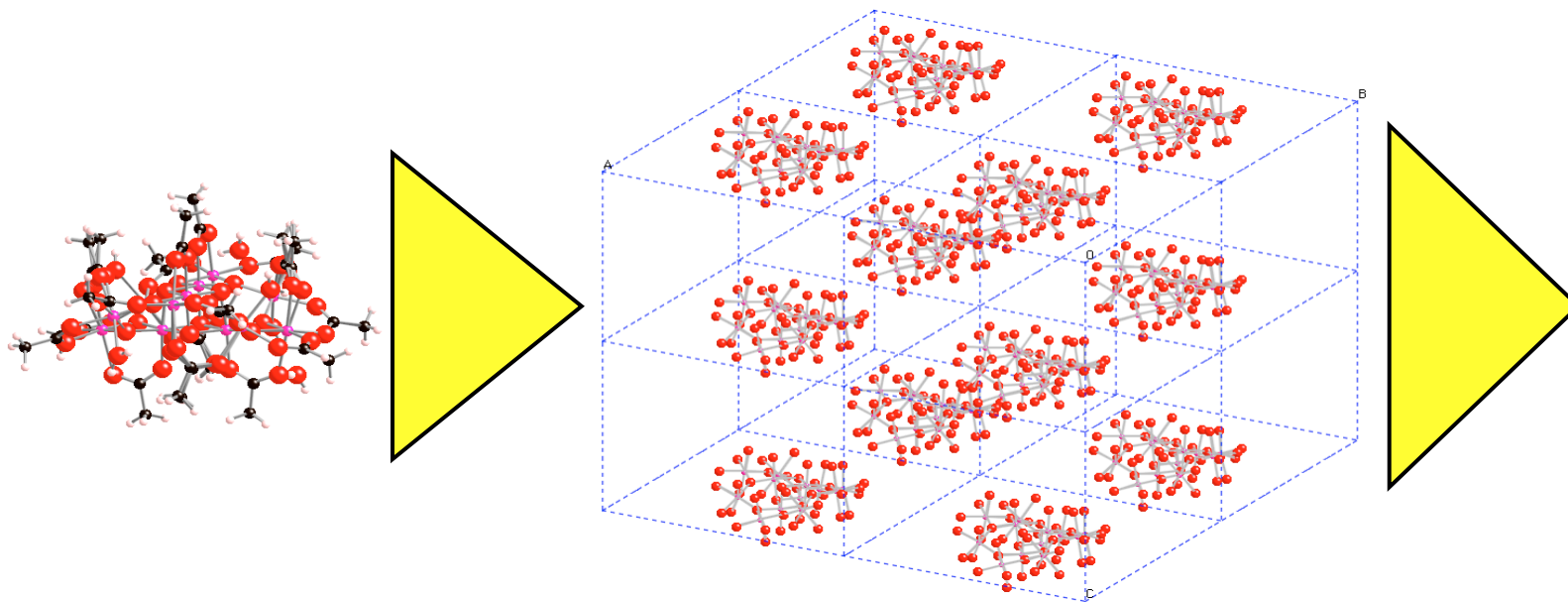


A. Benoit, CRTBT, 1989

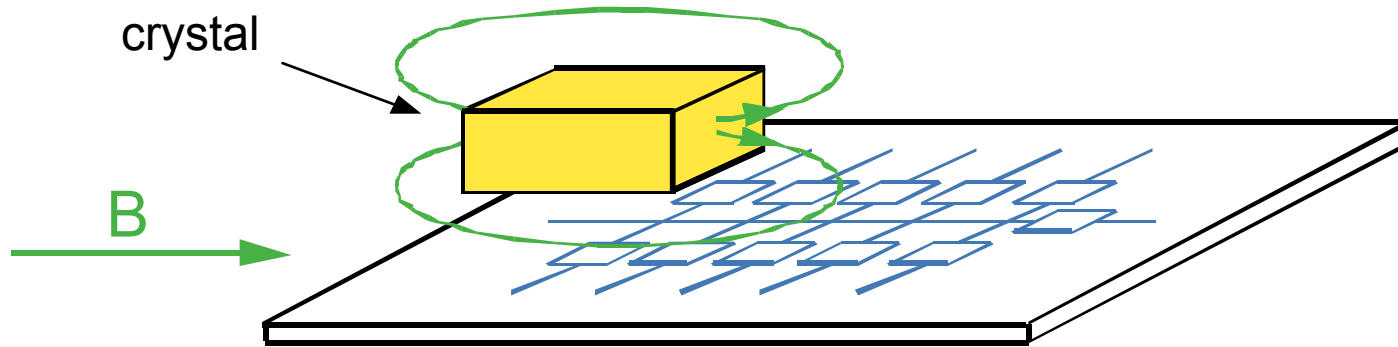
- fabricated by electron beam lithography
(D. Mailly, LPN, Marcoussis - Paris)
- sensitivity : $10^{-4} \Phi_0$
 $\approx 10^2 - 10^3 \mu_B$ i.e. (2 nm)³ of Co
 $\approx 10^{-18} - 10^{-17}$ emu



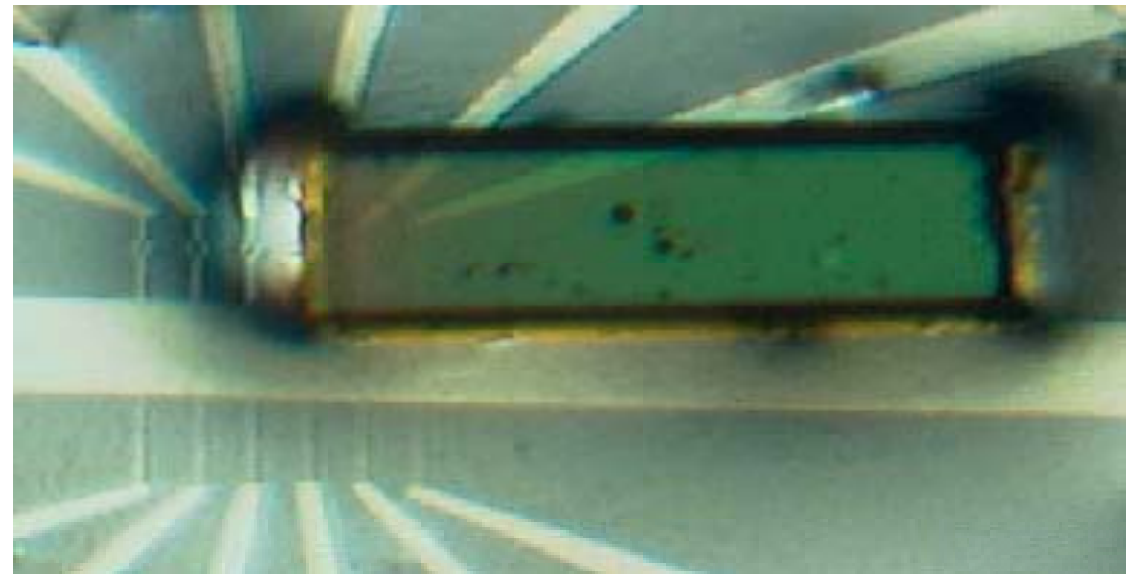
Crystal of SMMs



Micro-SQUID array



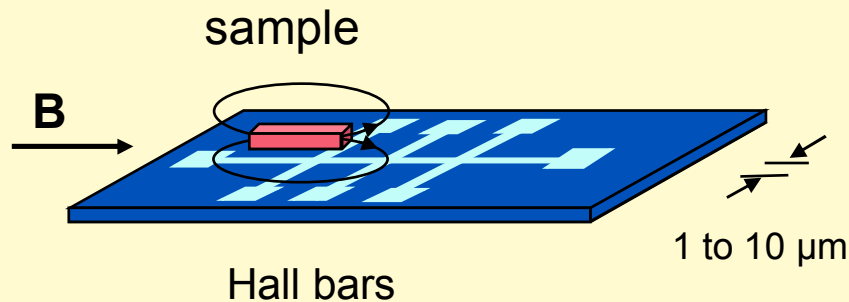
- crystal size $>$ few μm
- 10^{-12} to 10^{-17} emu
- temperature 0.03 - 7 K
- field $<$ 1.4 T and $<$ 20 T/s
- rotation of field
- transverse field
- several SQUIDs at different positions



50 μm

Micro-magnetometry

- μ -Hall Effect



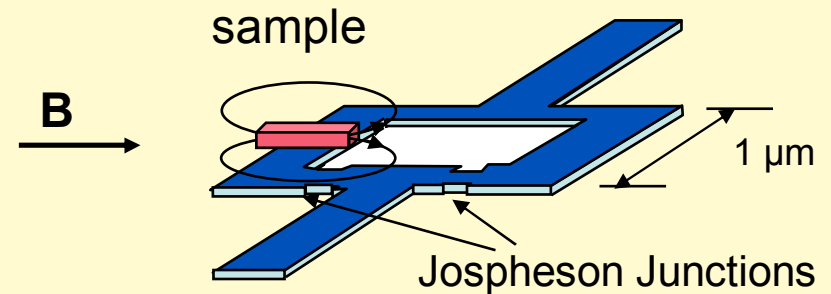
- Based on Lorentz Force
- Measures magnetic field

$$V_H = \frac{\alpha I}{ne} M$$

- Large applied in-plane magnetic fields (>20 T)
- Broad temperature range
- Single magnetic particles
- Ultimate sensitivity $\sim 10^2 \mu_B$

Andy Kent

- μ -SQUID



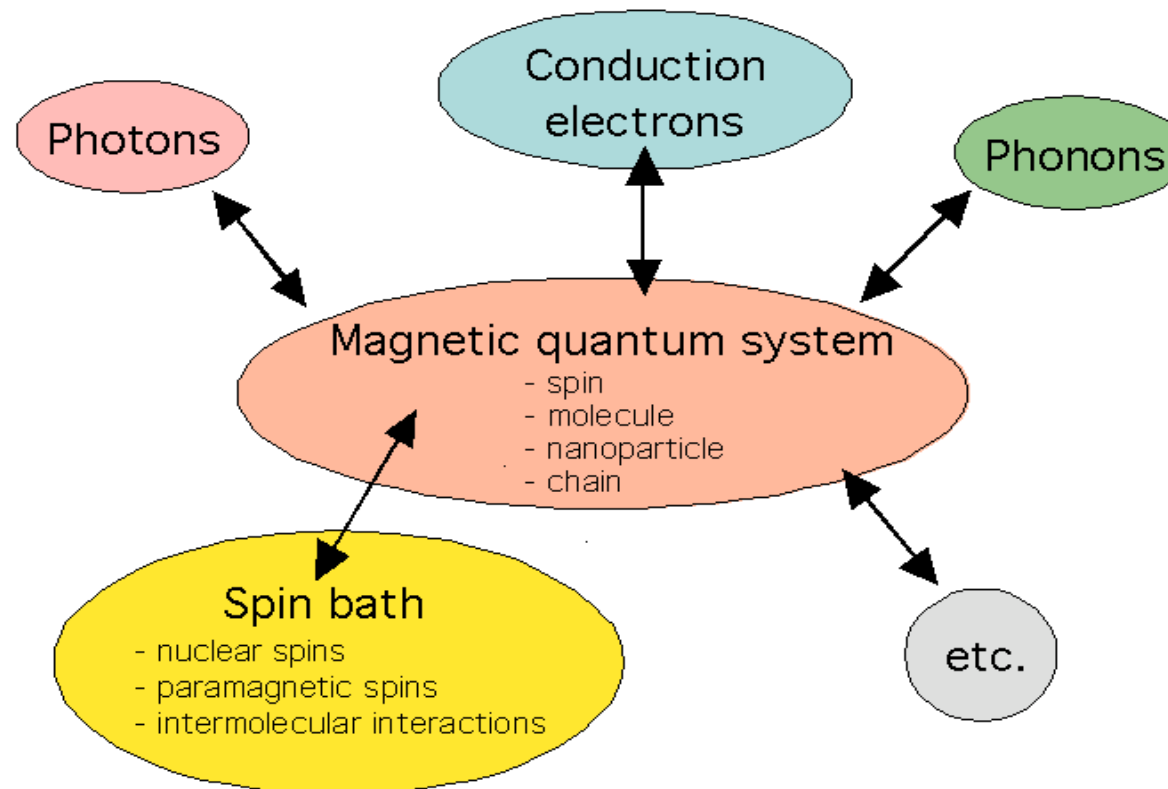
- Based on flux quantization
- Measures magnetic flux
- Applied fields below the upper critical field (~ 1 T)
- Low temperature (below T_c)
- Single magnetic particles
- Ultimate sensitivity $\sim 1 \mu_B$

Outline

I. A simple tunnel picture

- Giant spin model
- Landau Zener tunneling
- Berry phase

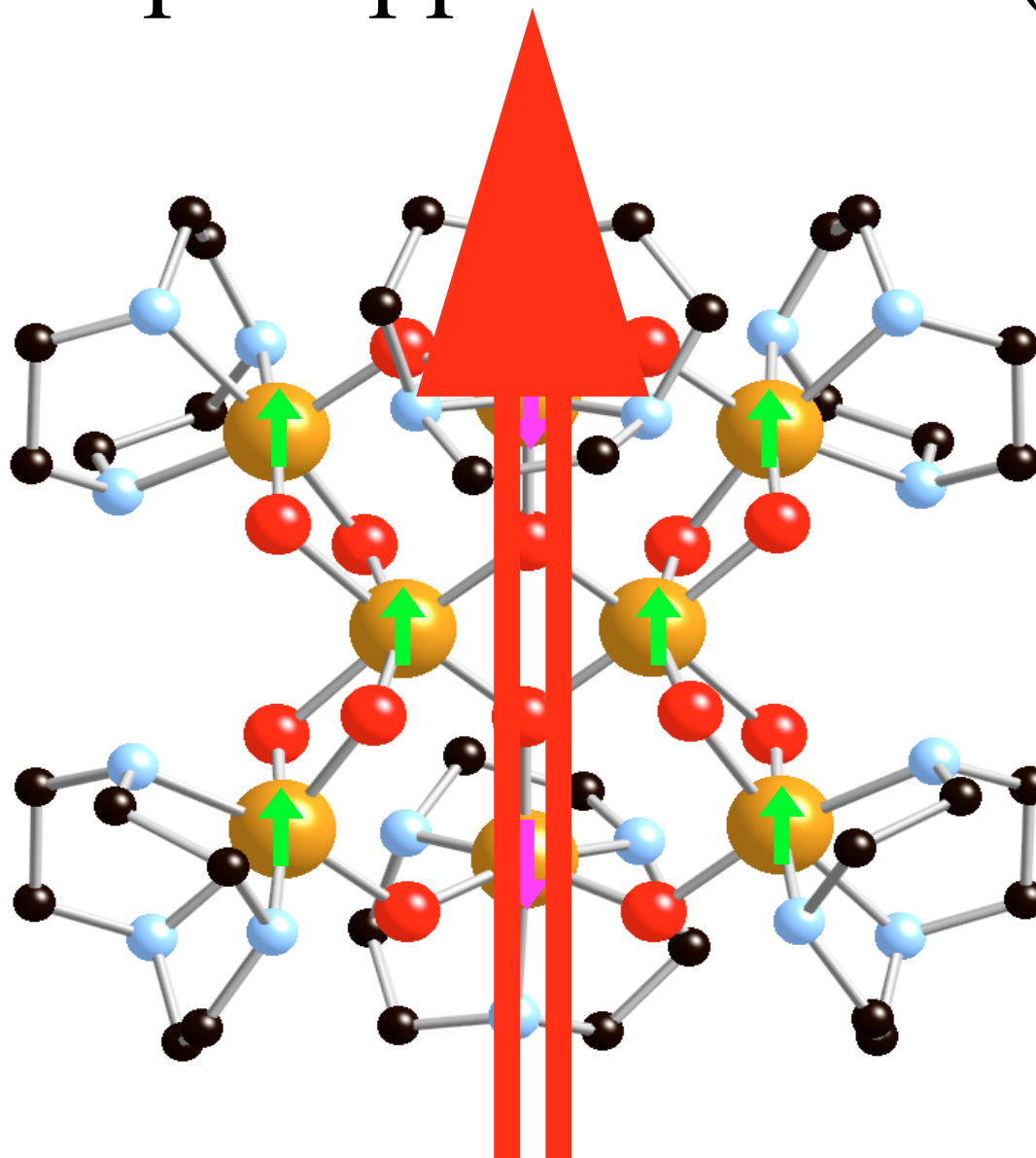
II. Coupling with environment



Giant spin approximation (Fe_8)

$$S = 10$$

$$\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}: \\ s = 5/2$$

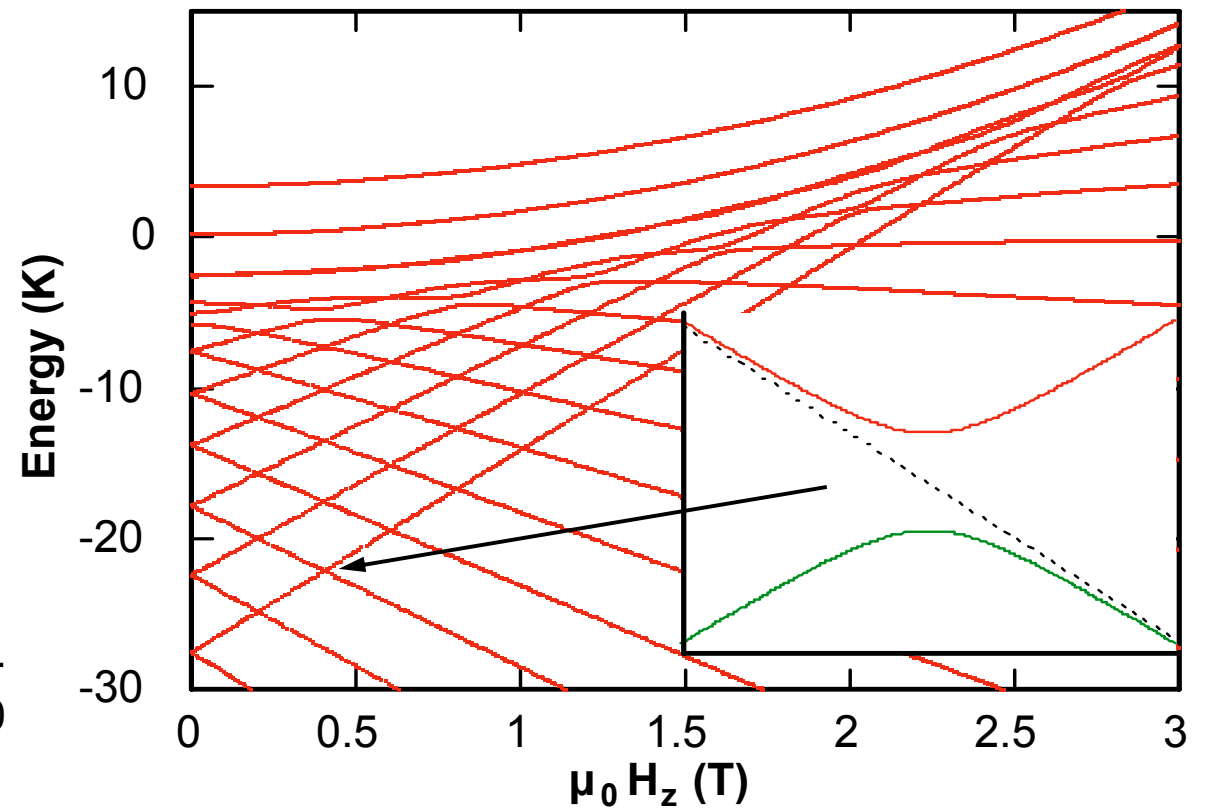
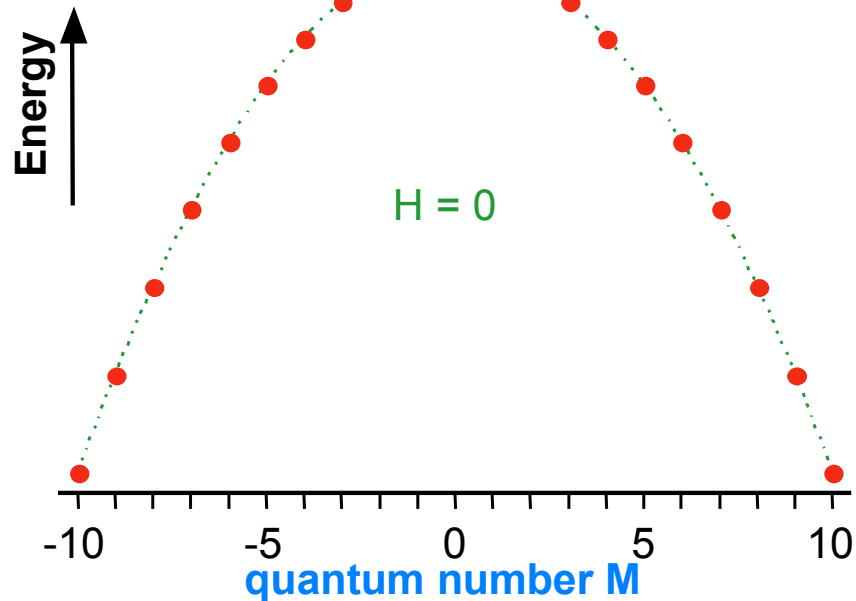


Giant spin model

Spin Hamiltonian: $H = -D S_z^2 + E (S_x^2 - S_y^2) + g\mu_B \vec{S} \vec{H}$

($2S + 1$) energy states: $M = -S, -S+1, \dots, S$

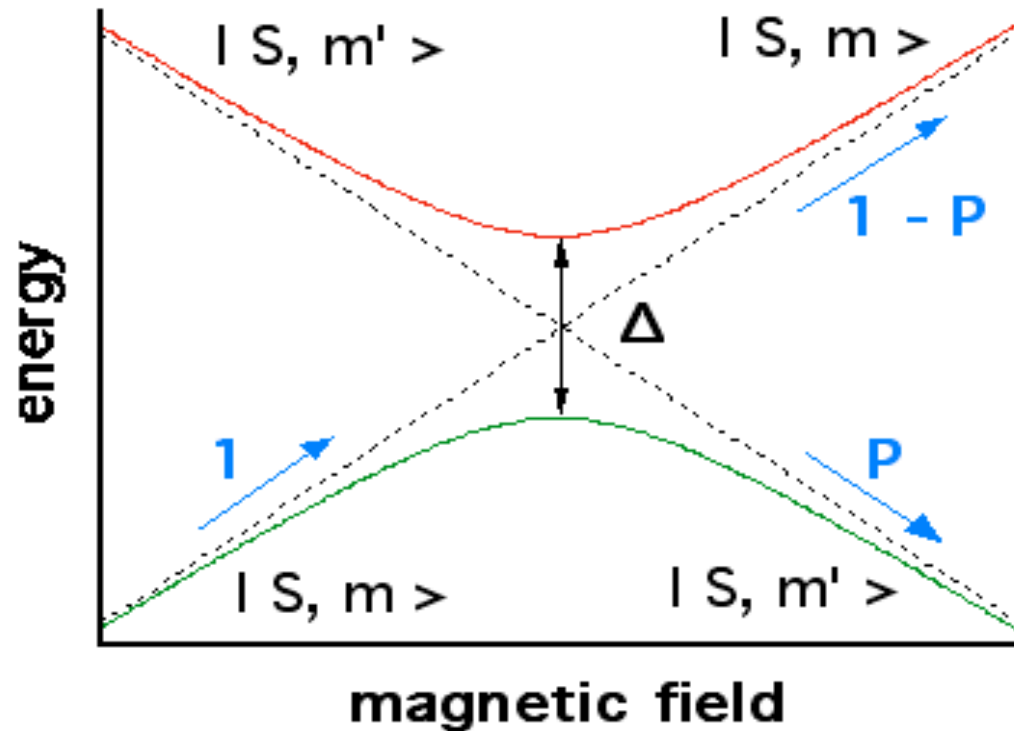
Energy levels: Zeeman diagram



with $S = 10$, $D = 0.27$ K, $E = 0.046$ K

Tunneling probability at an avoided level crossing

Landau-Zener model (1932)



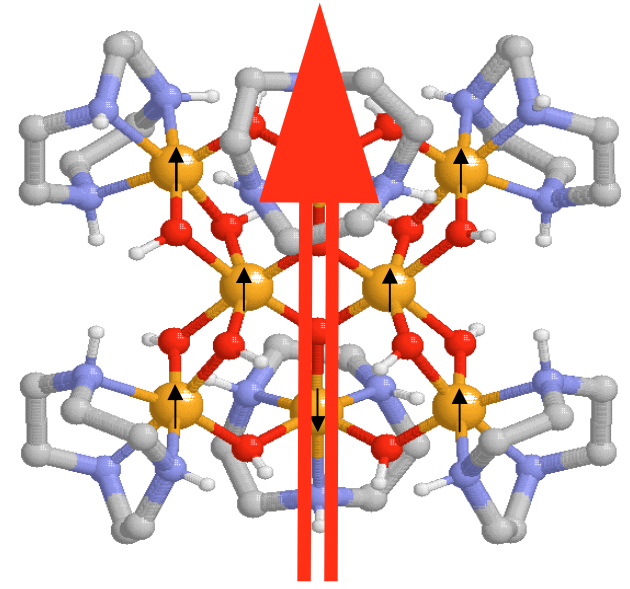
$$P = 1 - \exp\left[-c \frac{\Delta^2}{dH/dt}\right]$$

$$c = \frac{\pi}{2\hbar g\mu_B |m - m'| \mu_0}$$

L. Landau, *Phys. Z. Sowjetunion* **2**, 46 (1932); **C. Zener**, *Proc. R. Soc. London, Ser. A* **137**, 696, (1932); **E.C.G. Stückelberg**, *Helv. Phys. Acta* **5**, 369 (1932); **S. Miyashita**, *J. Phys. Soc. Jpn.* **64**, 3207 (1995); **V.V. Dobrovitski and A.K. Zvezdin**, *Euro. Phys. Lett.* **38**, 377 (1997); **L. Gunther**, *Euro. Phys. Lett.* **39**, 1 (1997); **G.Rose and P.C.E. Stamp**, *Low Temp. Phys.* **113**, 1153 (1999); **M. Leuenberger and D. Loss**, *Phys. Rev. B* **61**, 12200 (2000); **M. Thorwart, M. Grifoni, and P. Hänggi**, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **85**, 860 (2000); ...

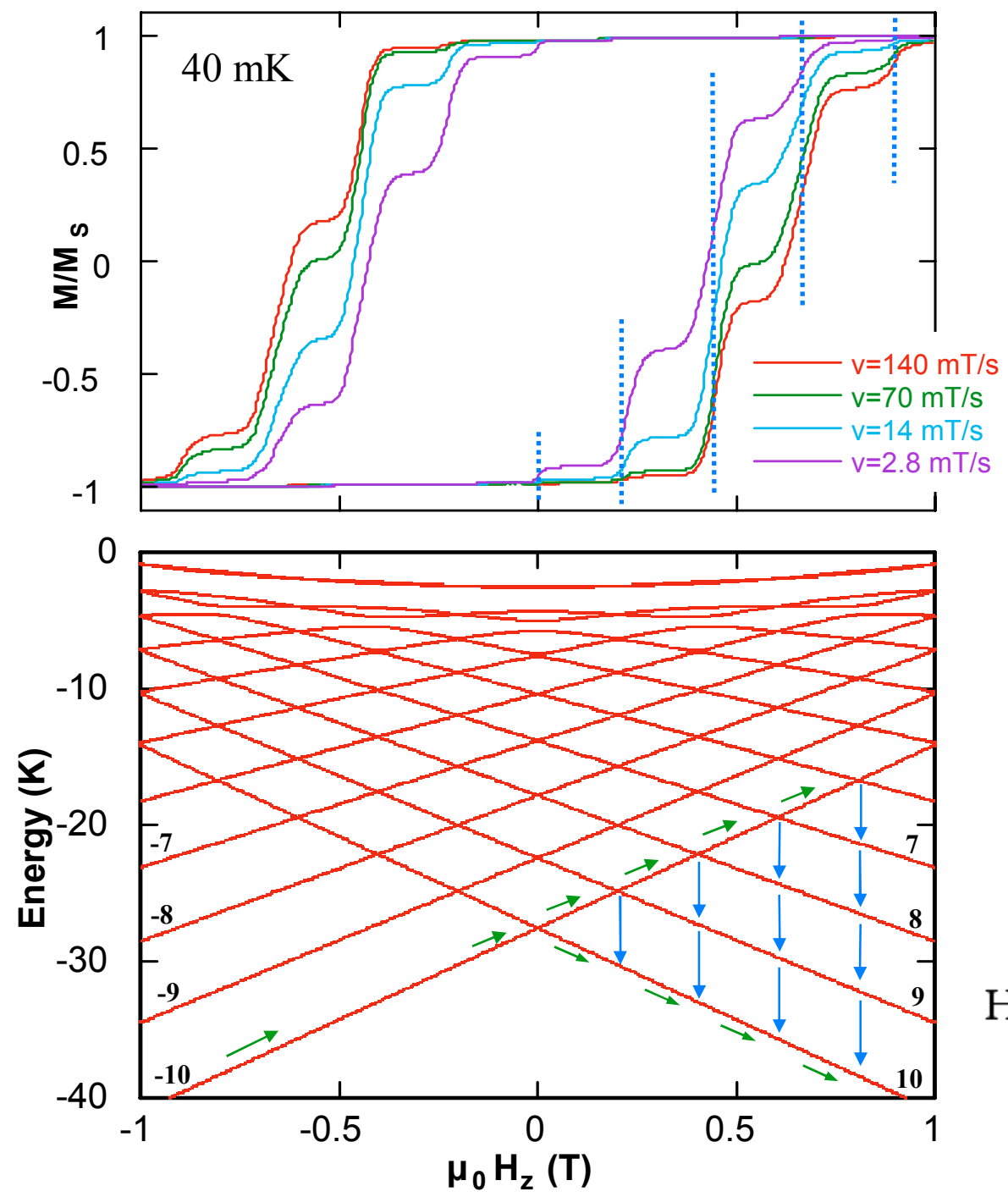
Application of Landau-Zener tunneling

Fe₈ S = 10



$$H = -D S_z^2 + E (S_x^2 - S_y^2) + g\mu_B \vec{S} \vec{H}$$

with $S = 10$, $D = 0.27$ K, $E = 0.046$ K
A.-L. Barra et al. EPL (1996)

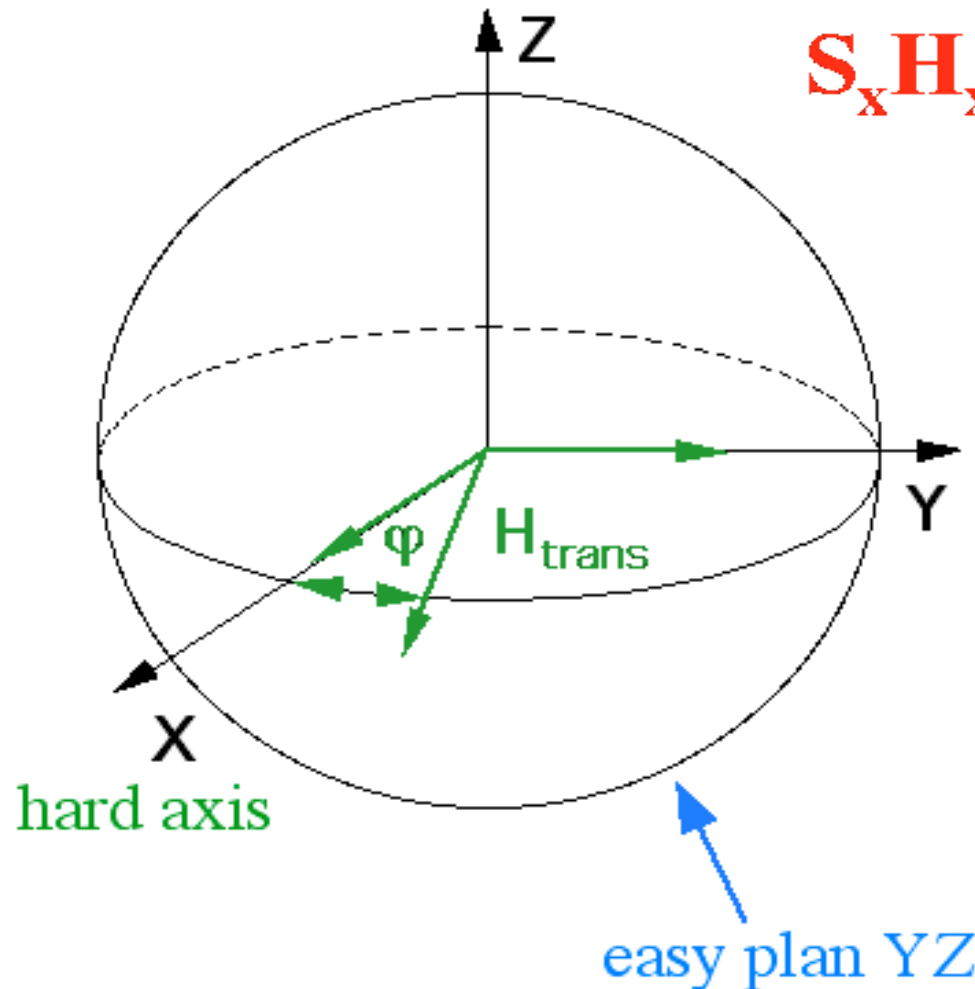


Giant spin Hamiltonian of Fe₈

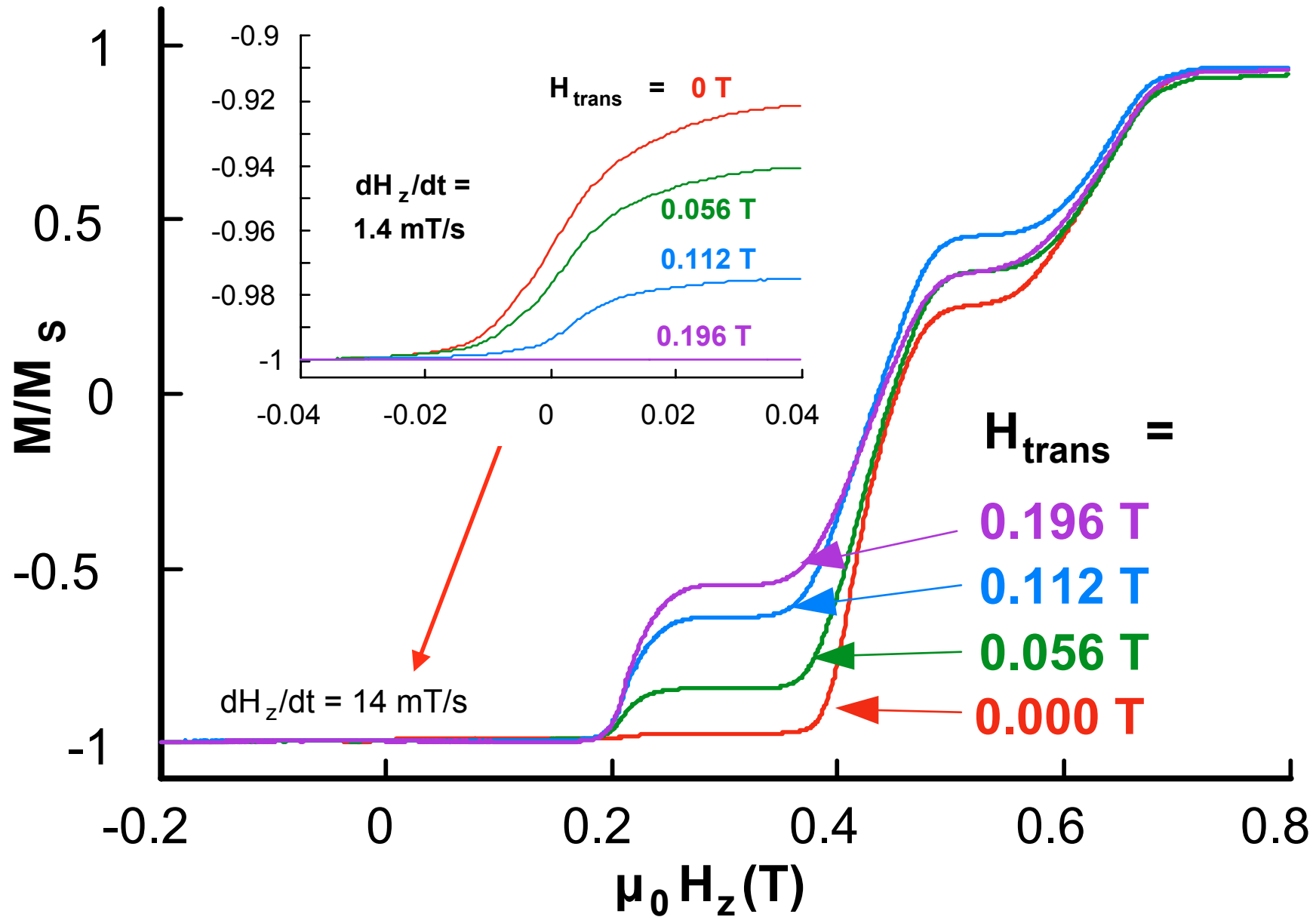
$$H = -D S_z^2 + E (S_x^2 - S_y^2) + g\mu_B \vec{S} \vec{H}$$

easy axis

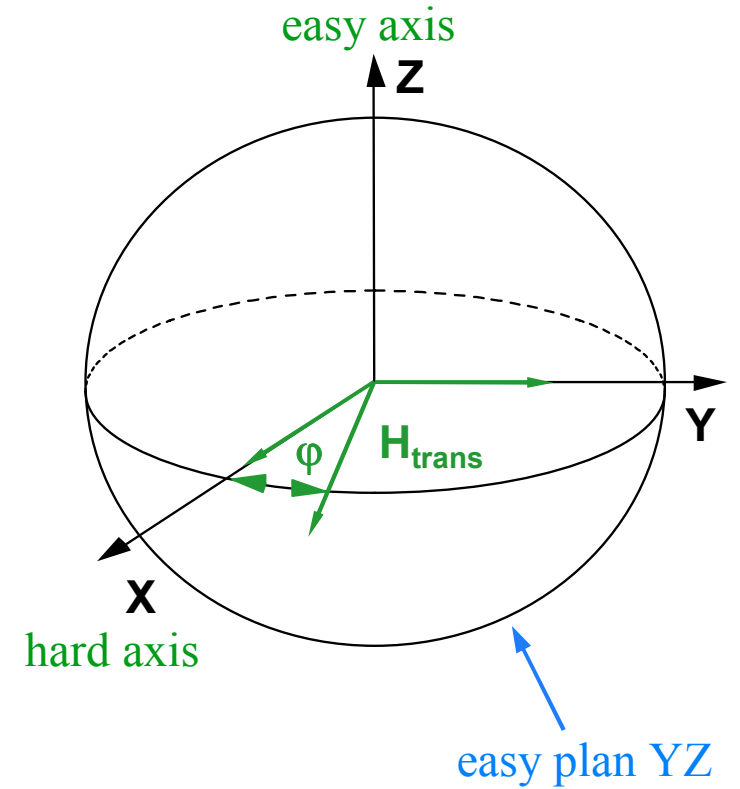
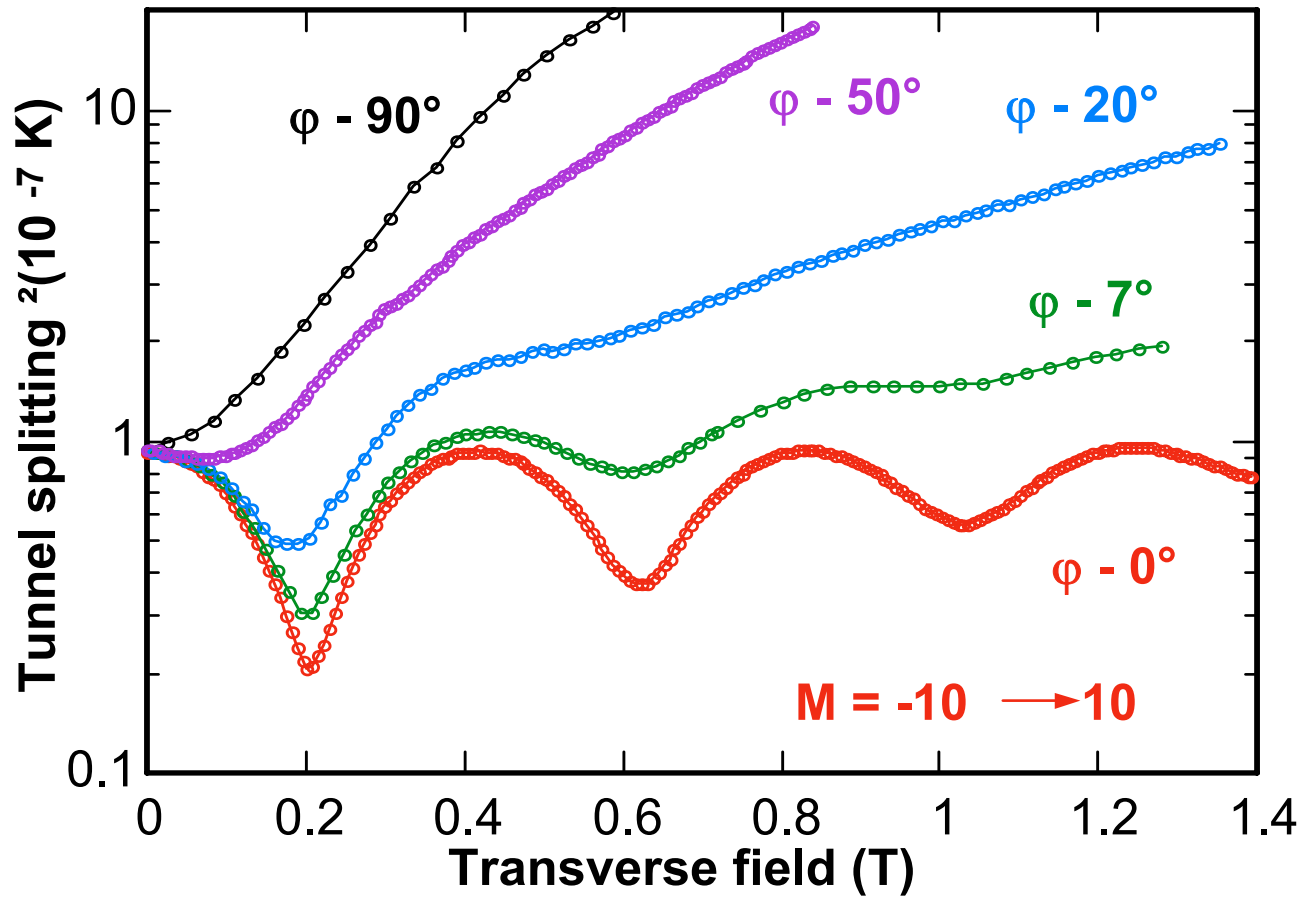
$$S_x H_x + S_y H_y + S_z H_z$$



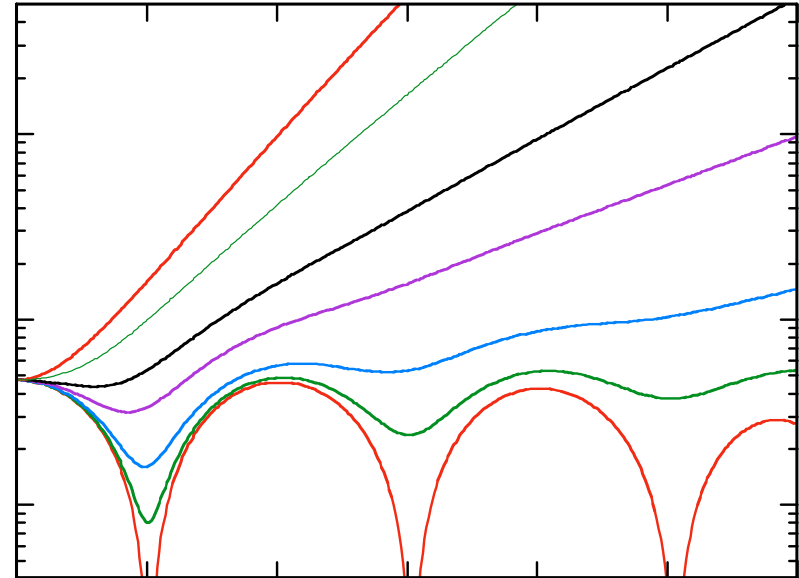
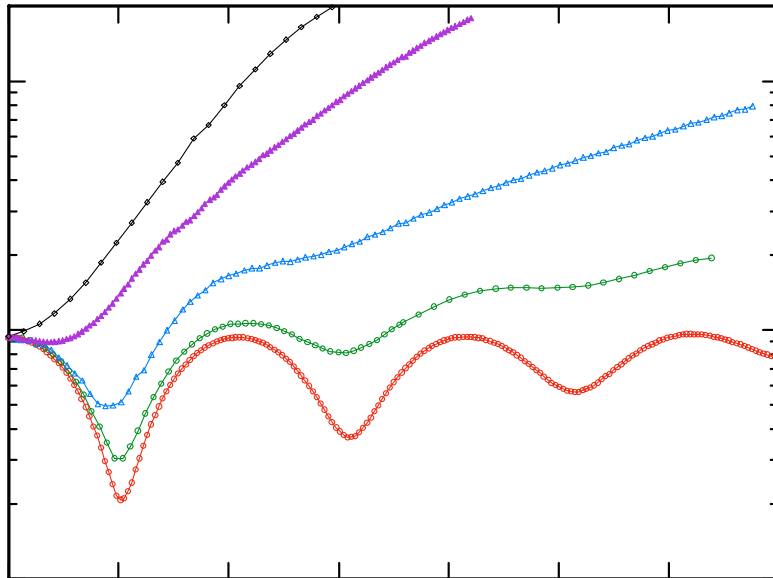
Hysteresis loops at different transverse fields



Quantum phase interference (Berry phase) in single-molecule magnets



Transverse field dependence of tunnel splitting (operator formalism)



$$H = -D S_z^2 + E(S_+^2 + S_-^2) + C(S_+^4 + S_-^4) + g\mu_B \bar{S} \bar{H}$$

$$D = 0.292\text{K}, \quad E = 0.046\text{K}, \quad C = -2.9 \times 10^{-5}\text{K}$$

W. Wernsdorfer and R. Sessoli, *Science* 284, 133 (1999)

Path integrals (Feynman)

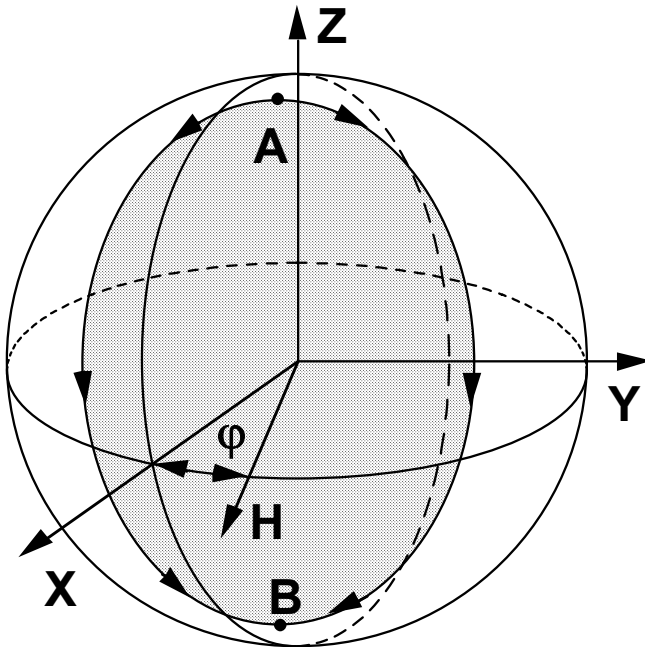
Path-integral partition function:

$$Z = \int D\{\theta\} D\{\phi\} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{\hbar} \int_0^{\hbar/T} d\tau L_E \right]$$

where L_E is the Euclidean magnetic Lagrangian related to the real-time Lagrangian L through $L_E = -L$ ($t \rightarrow -i\tau$)

$$Z = \int D\{\cos\theta\} D\{\phi\} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{\hbar} \int_0^{\hbar/T} d\tau S\dot{\phi}(\cos\theta - 1) - H(\theta, \phi) \right]$$

- extremal trajectories that minimize the Euclidian action, at $T = 0$

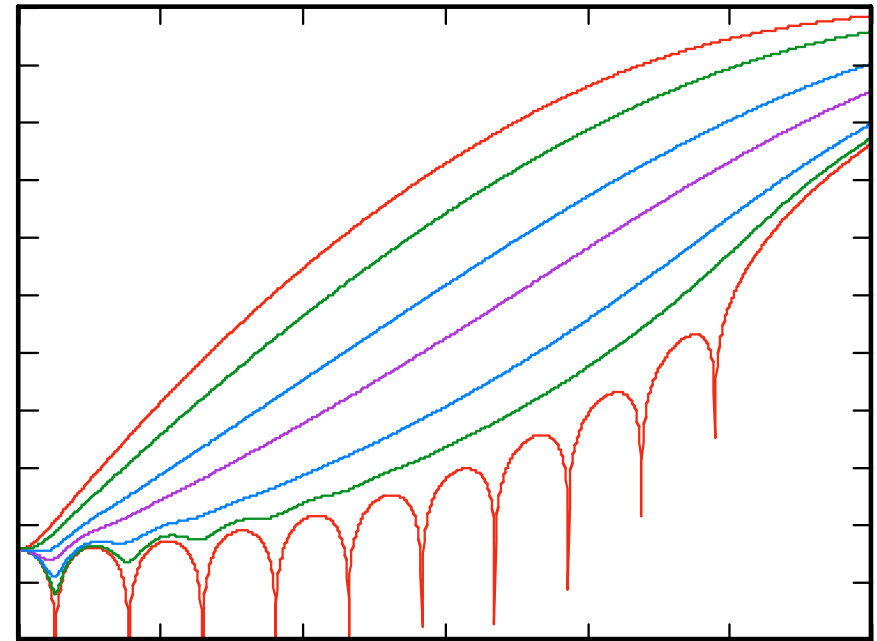
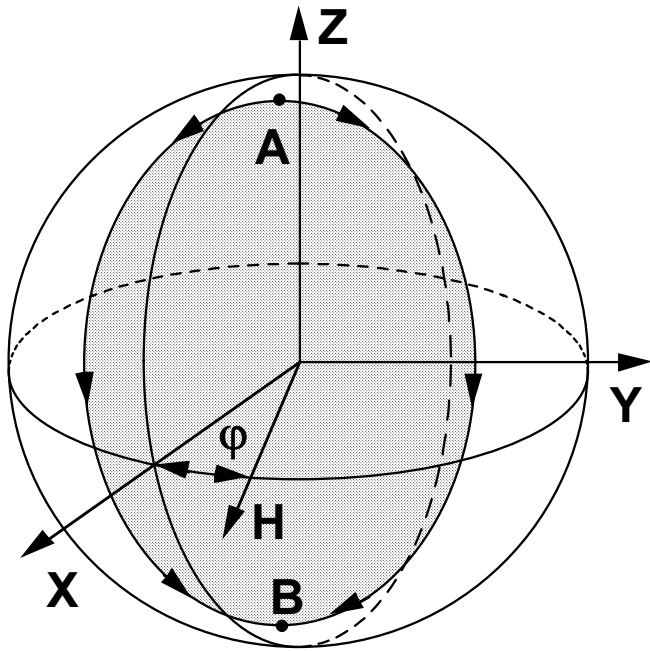


destructive interference occurs whenever the shaded area is $k\pi/S$, for odd k .

A. Garg, Europhys. Lett. **22**, 205 (1993)

Transverse field dependence of tunnel splitting

(path integrals formalism)



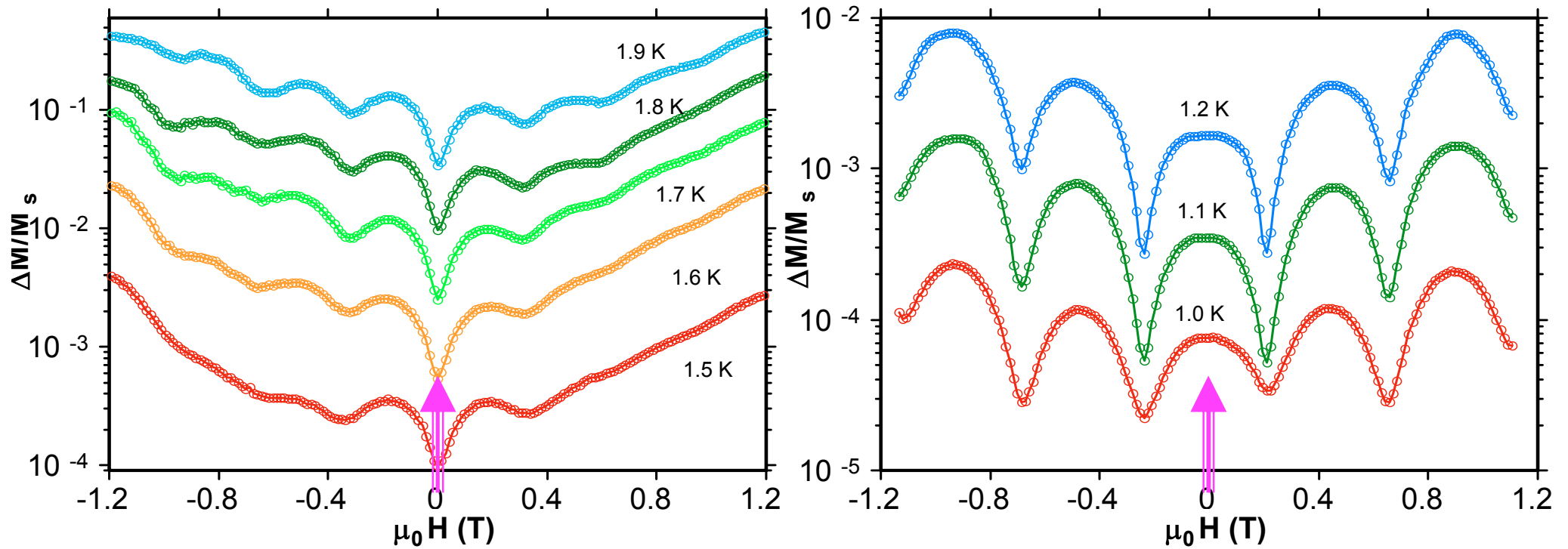
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Quantum phase interference and spin parity in Mn_{12}

$[\text{Mn}_{12}]^{-e}$
 $S = 19/2$

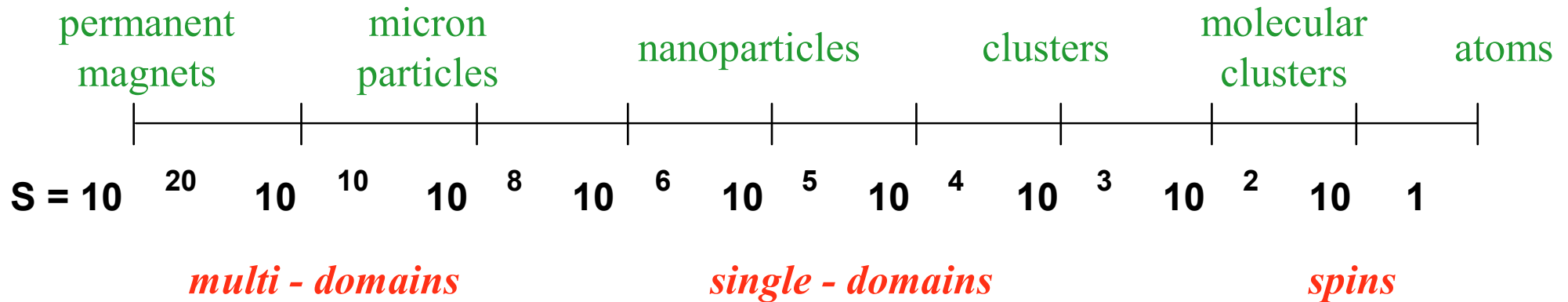
$[\text{Mn}_{12}]^{-2e}$
 $S = 10$



W. Wernsdorfer, N. E. Chakov, G. Christou, PRL (July 2005)
cond-mat/0503193

Magnetization reversal in magnetic structures

← *macroscopic* *atomic* →



Tunneling splitting

$$\Delta \sim \left(\frac{E}{D} \right)^S \quad E \ll D$$

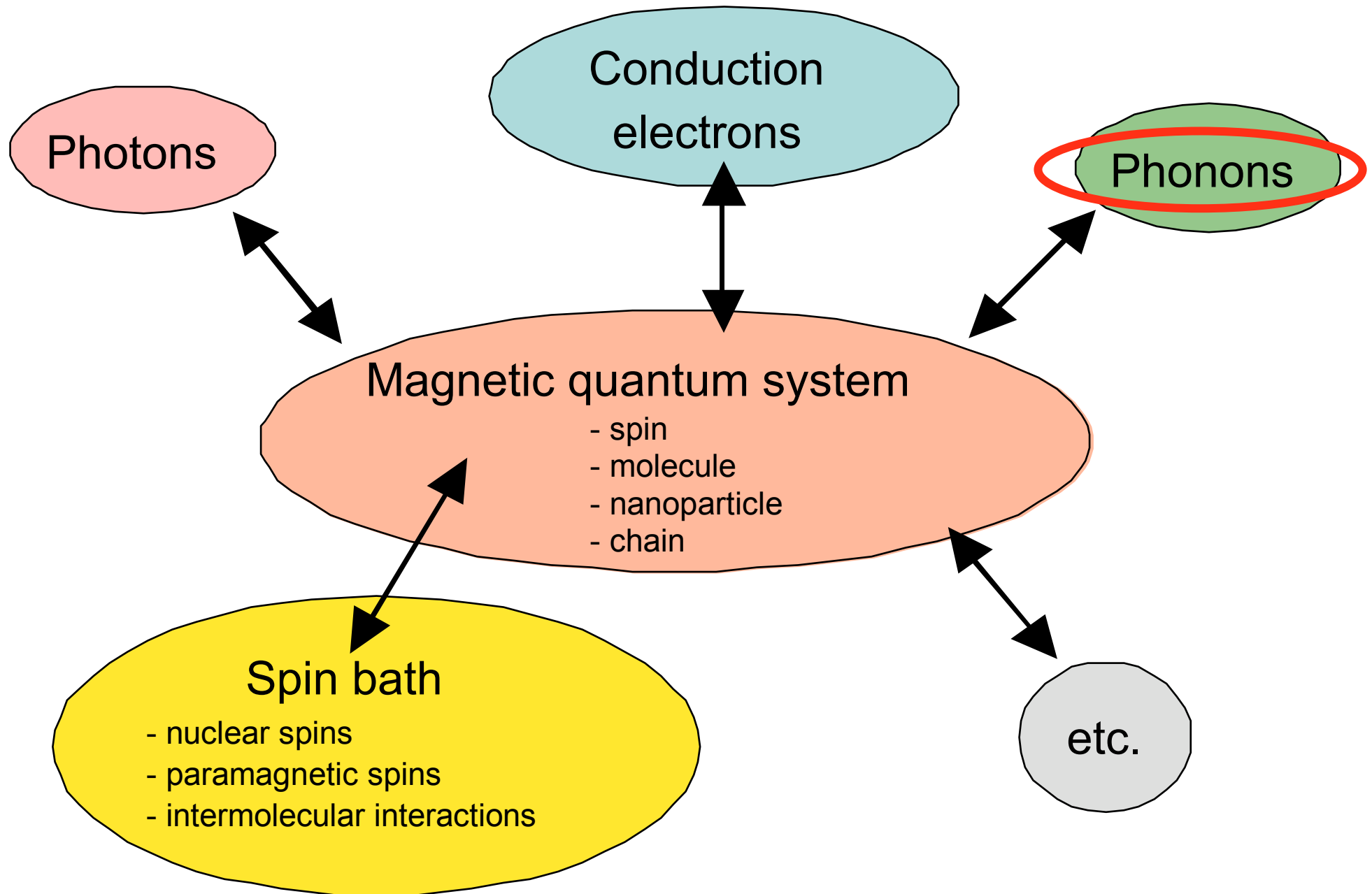
$$\Delta \sim \left(\frac{H_x}{D} \right)^{2S}$$

Tunneling probability

$$P = 1 - \exp \left[-c \frac{\Delta^2}{dH/dt} \right]$$

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Interactions in magnetic quantum systems (decoherence)

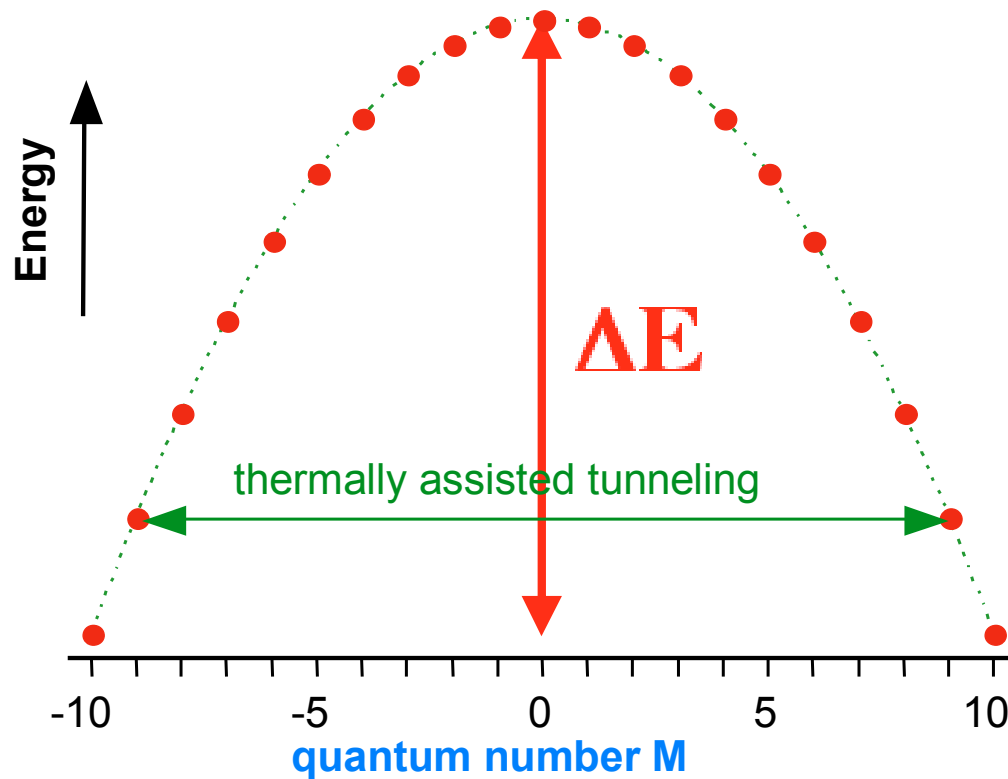


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Spin-phonon coupling : $\Delta M = \pm 1, \pm 2$



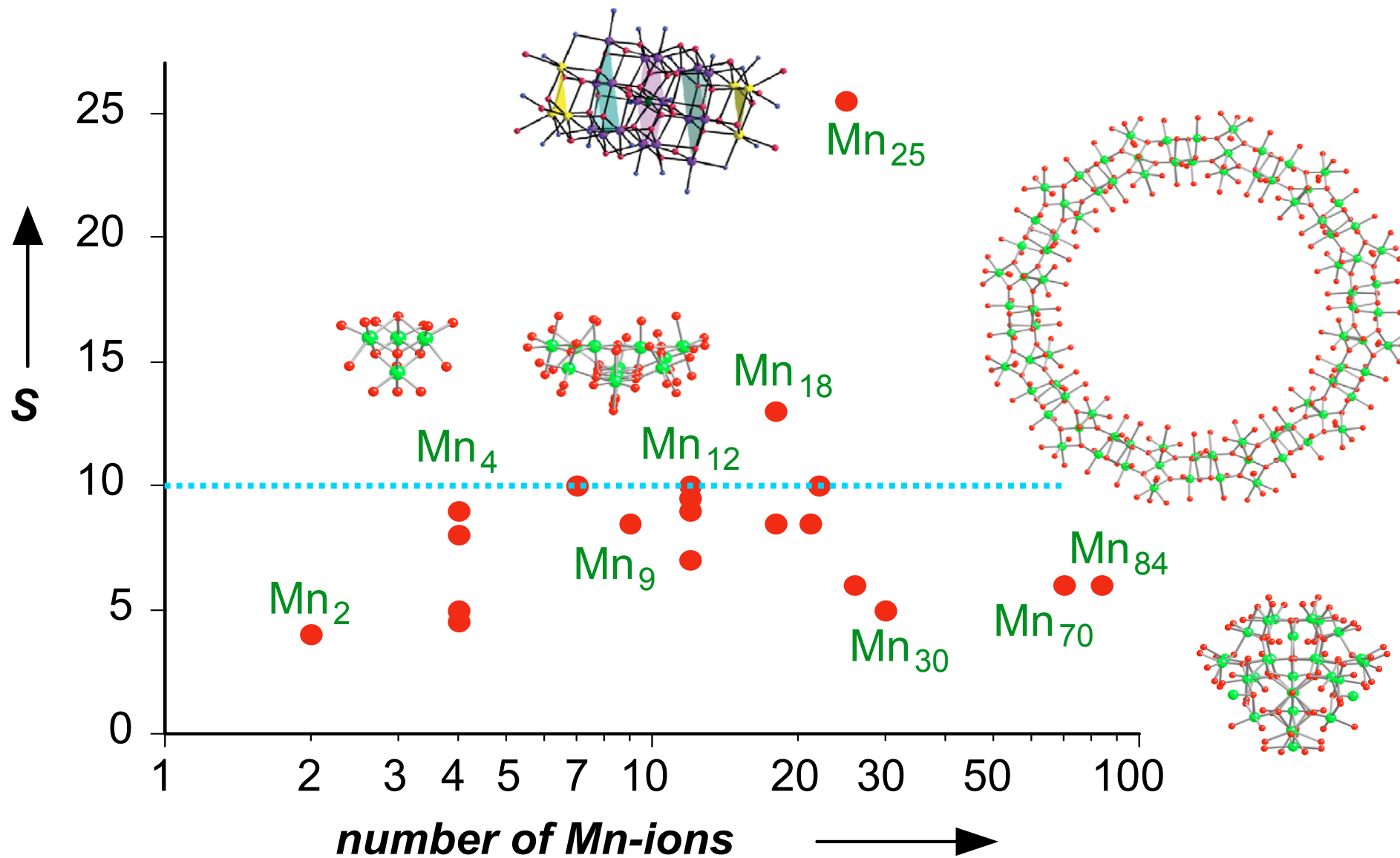
Anisotropy barrier

$$\Delta E \approx D S^2$$

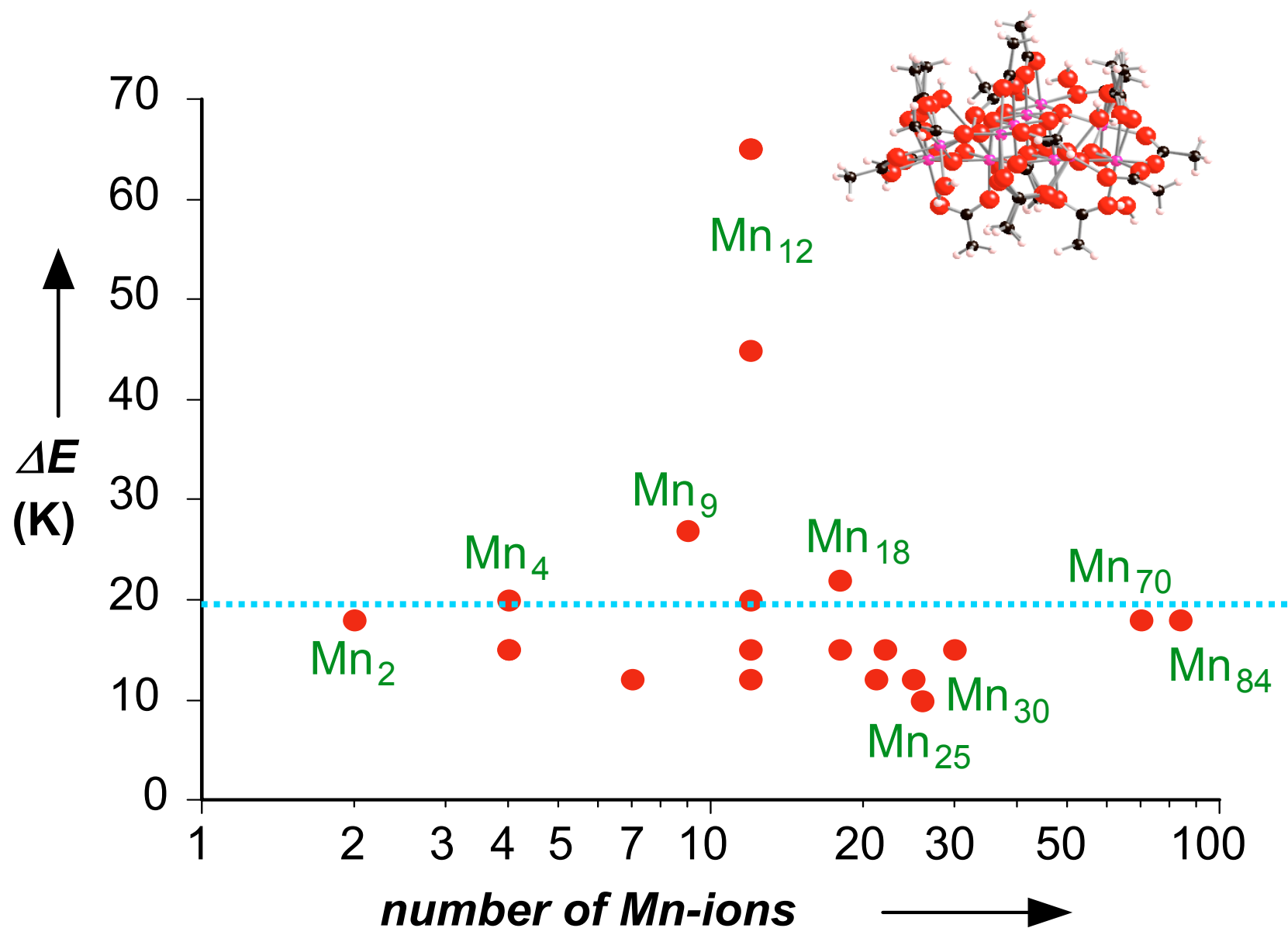
Anisotropy constant

Spin

Spin ground states of Mn based SMMs

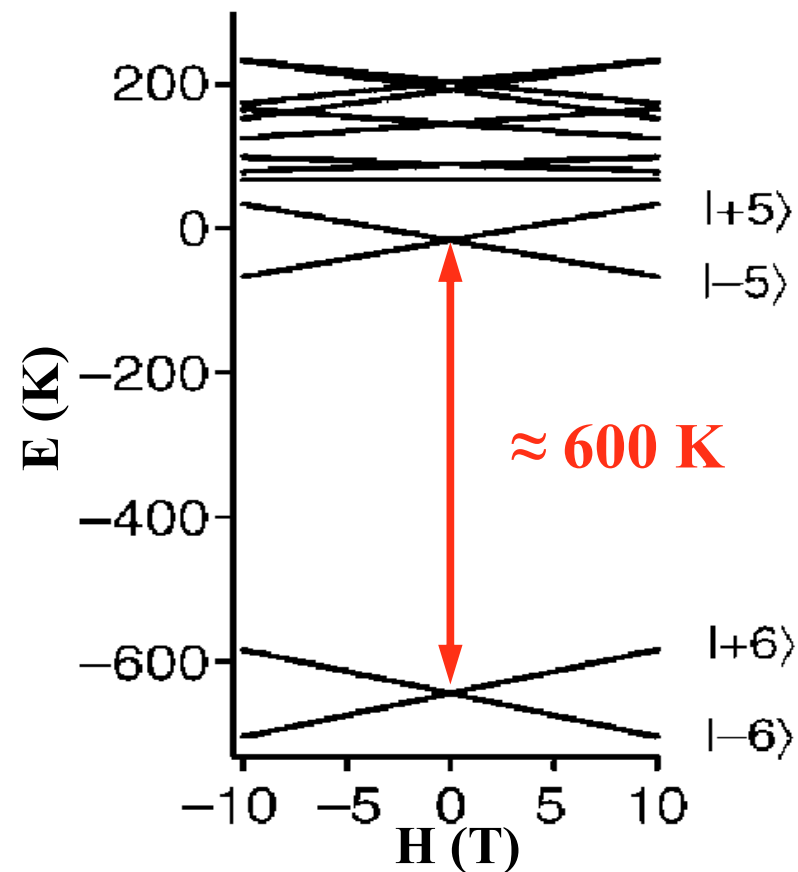
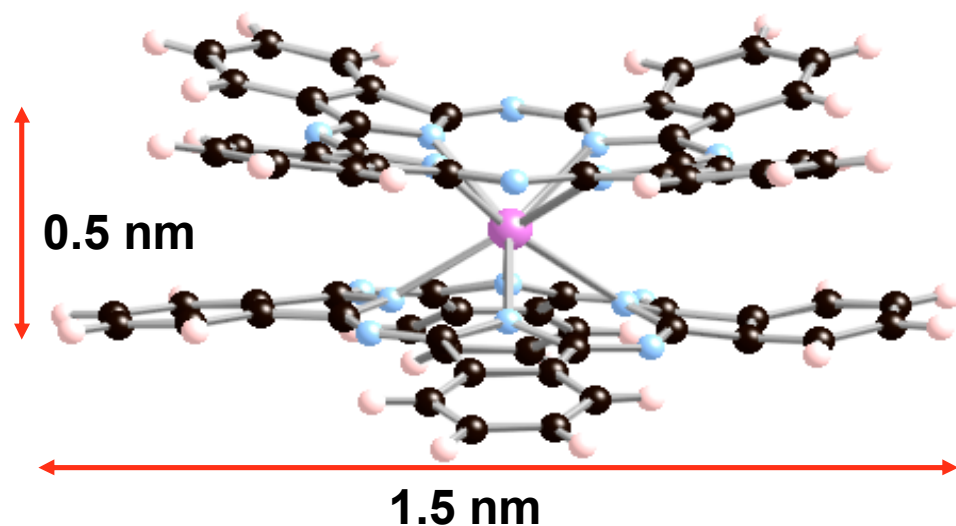


Anisotropy barriers of Mn based SMMs



Quantum Tunneling of Magnetization in Lanthanide Single-Molecule Magnets Bis(phthalocyaninato)terbium

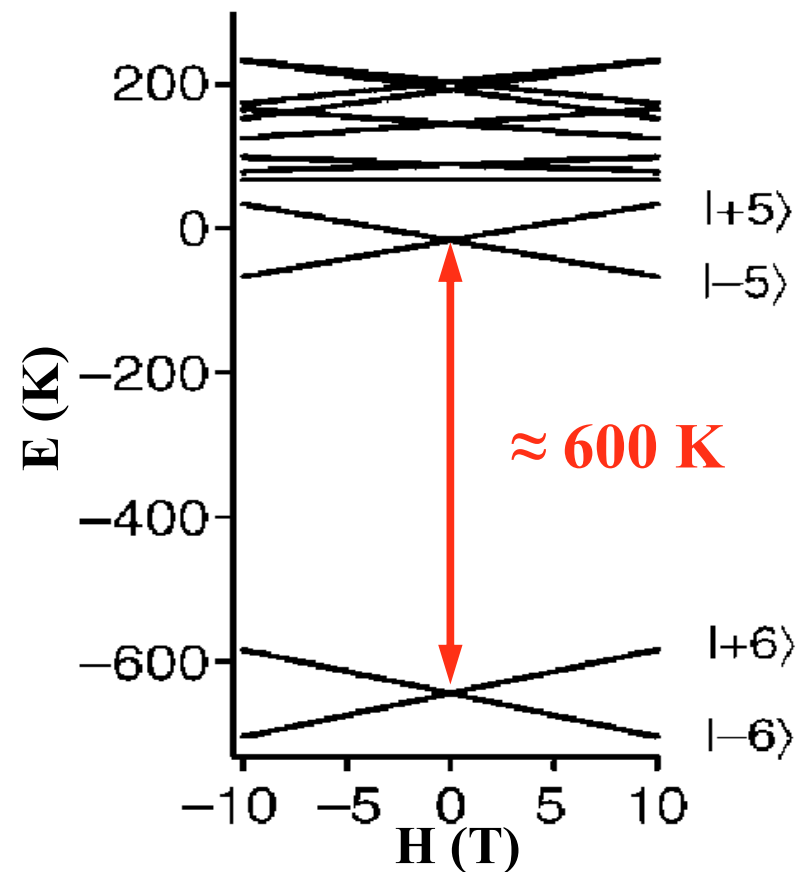
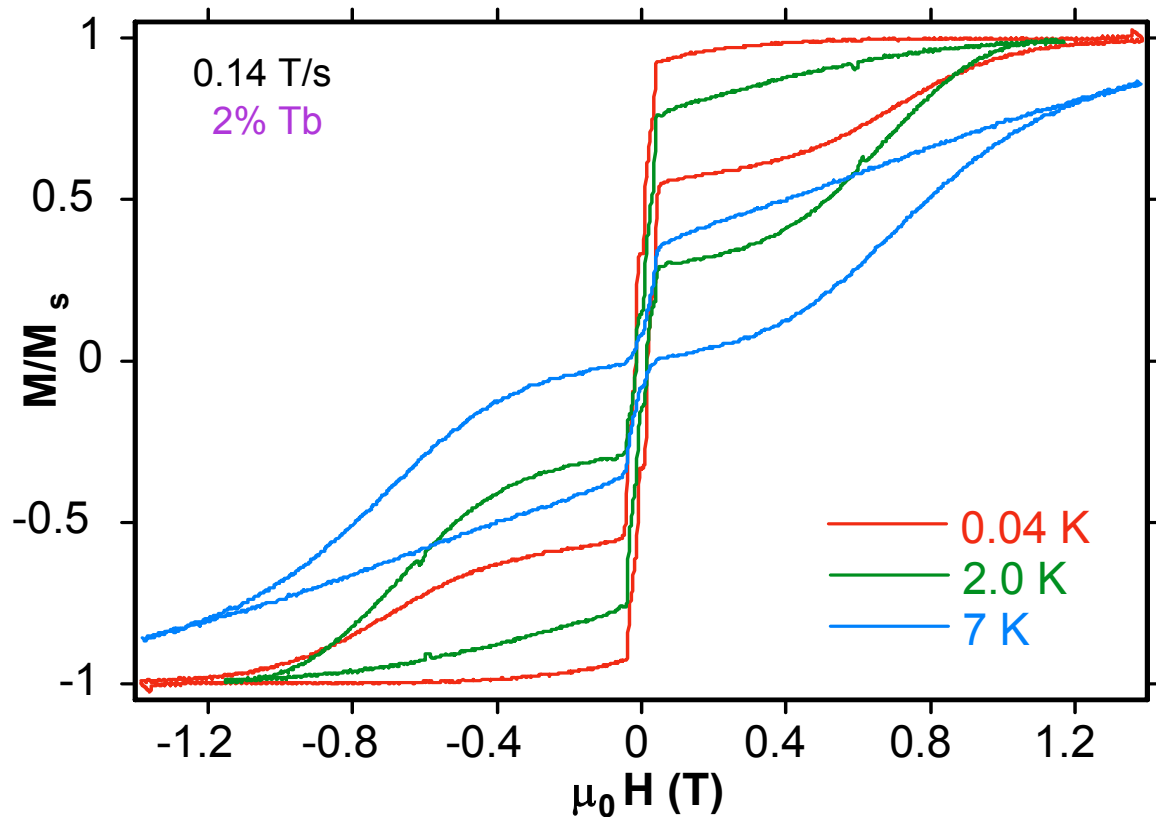
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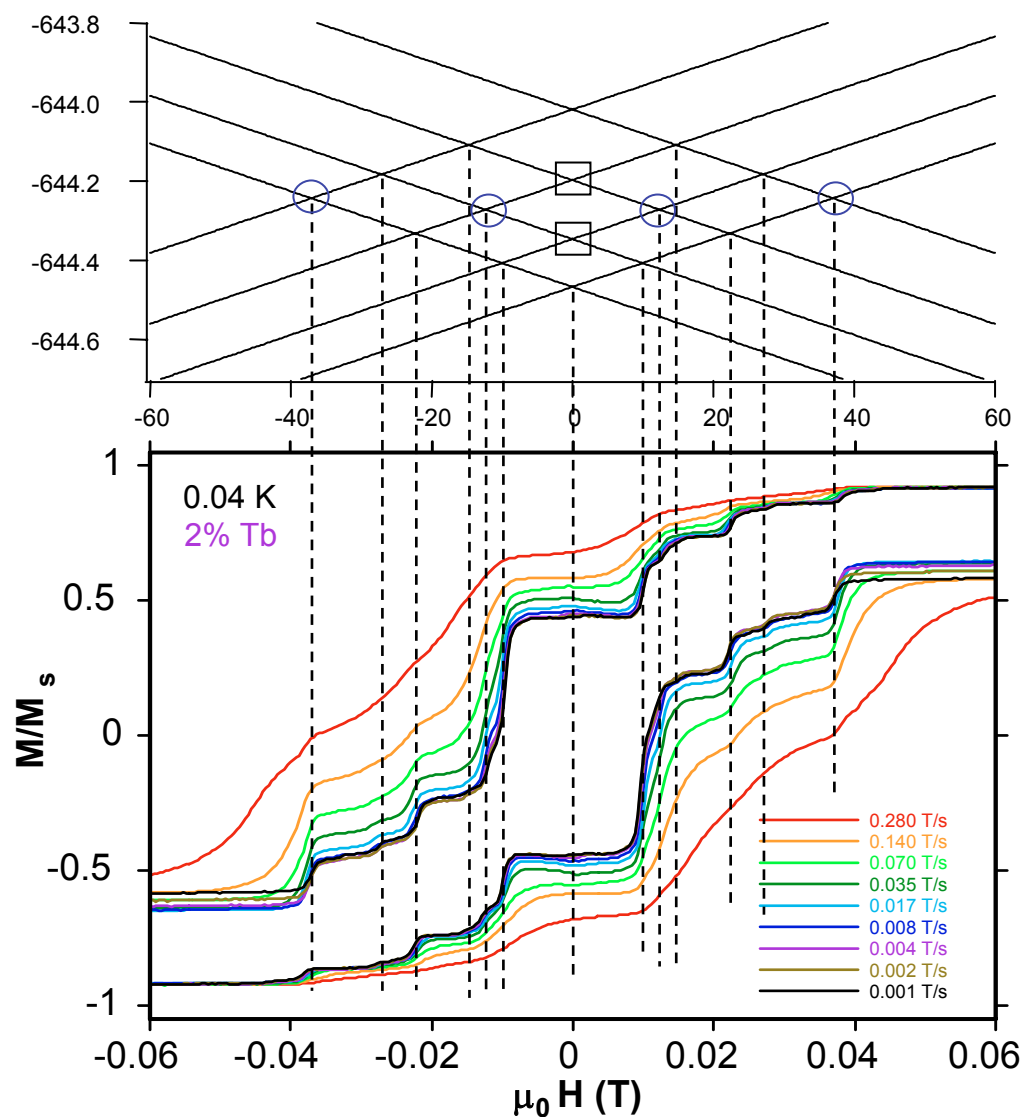
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$$H = \text{Zeeman} + \text{LF term} + A_{\text{hf}}\mathbf{J}\cdot\mathbf{I} + P_{\text{quad}}\{I_z^2 + (1/3)I(I+1)\}$$



$$A_{\text{hf}}=0.0173\text{cm}^{-1}$$

$$P_{\text{quad}}=0.010\text{cm}^{-1}$$

○ :avoided crossing occurs by off-diagonal LF term

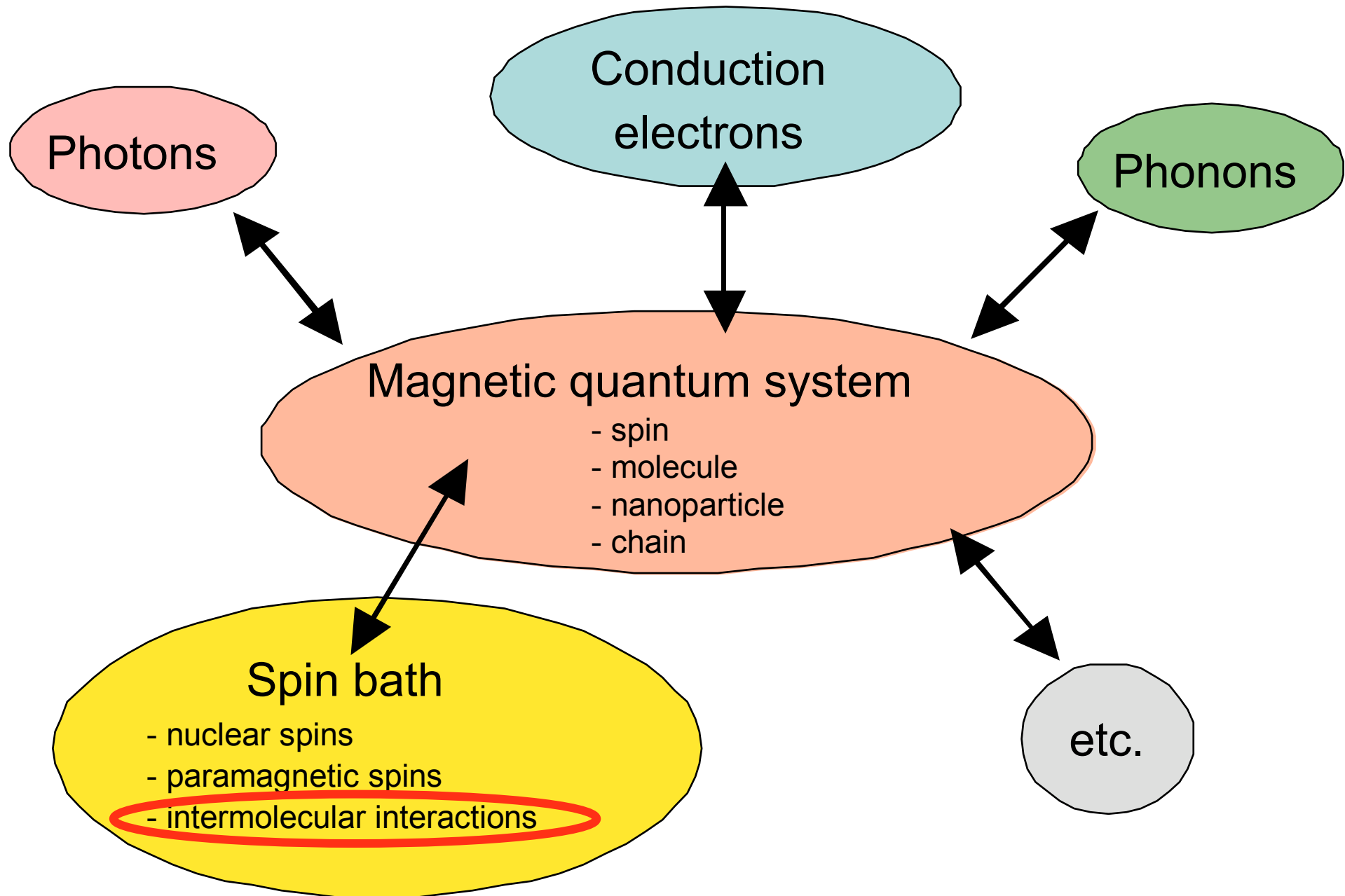
□ :avoided crossing occurs by transverse field

Others :avoided crossing does not occur by either LF term nor transverse field

N. Ishikawa, M. Sugita, W. Wernsdorfer, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 44 ,2 (2005)

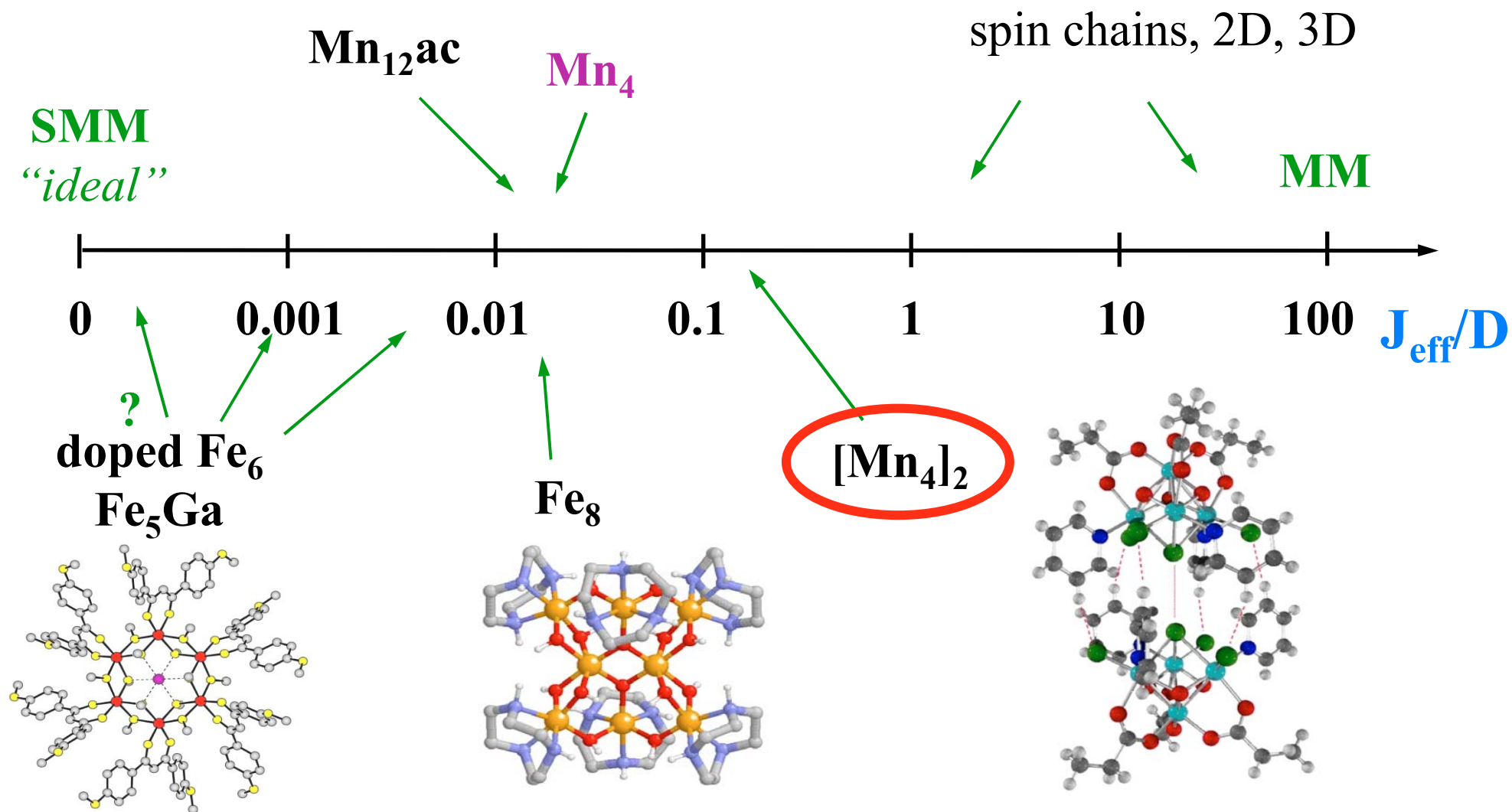
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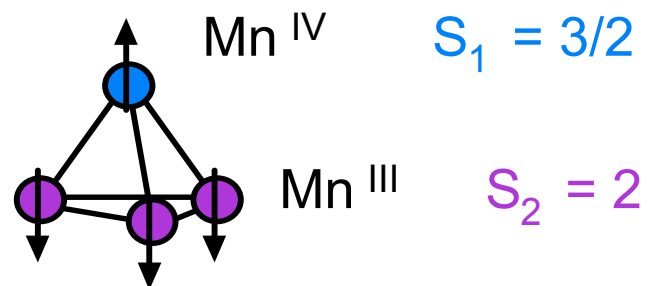
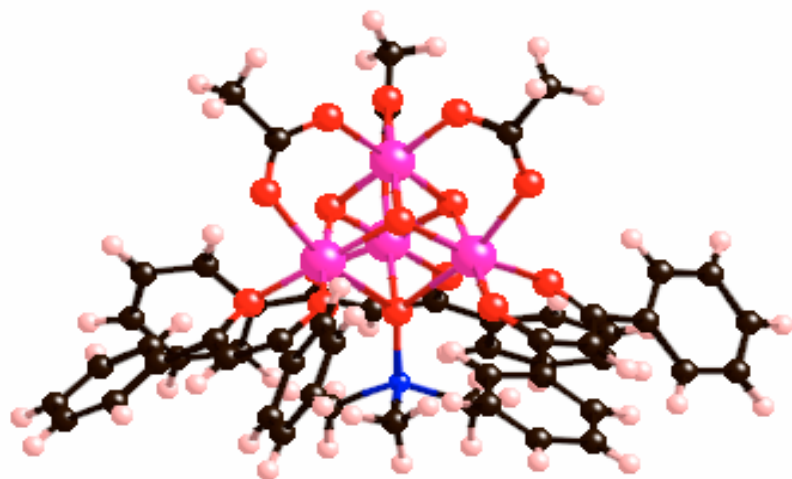


Intermolecular interactions J_{eff}

(dipolar and exchange)



Mn₄ single-molecule magnet

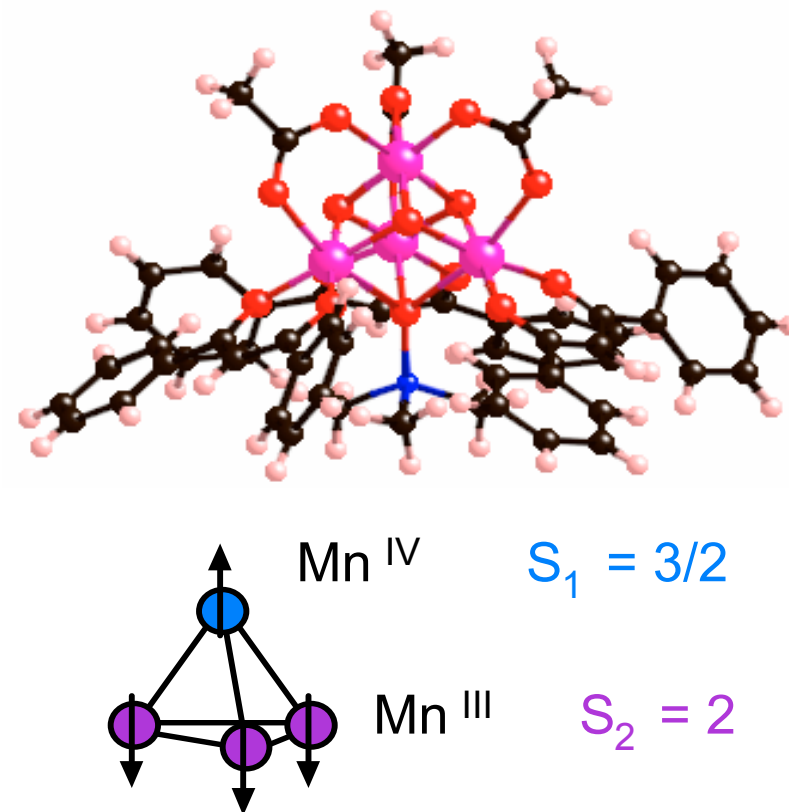
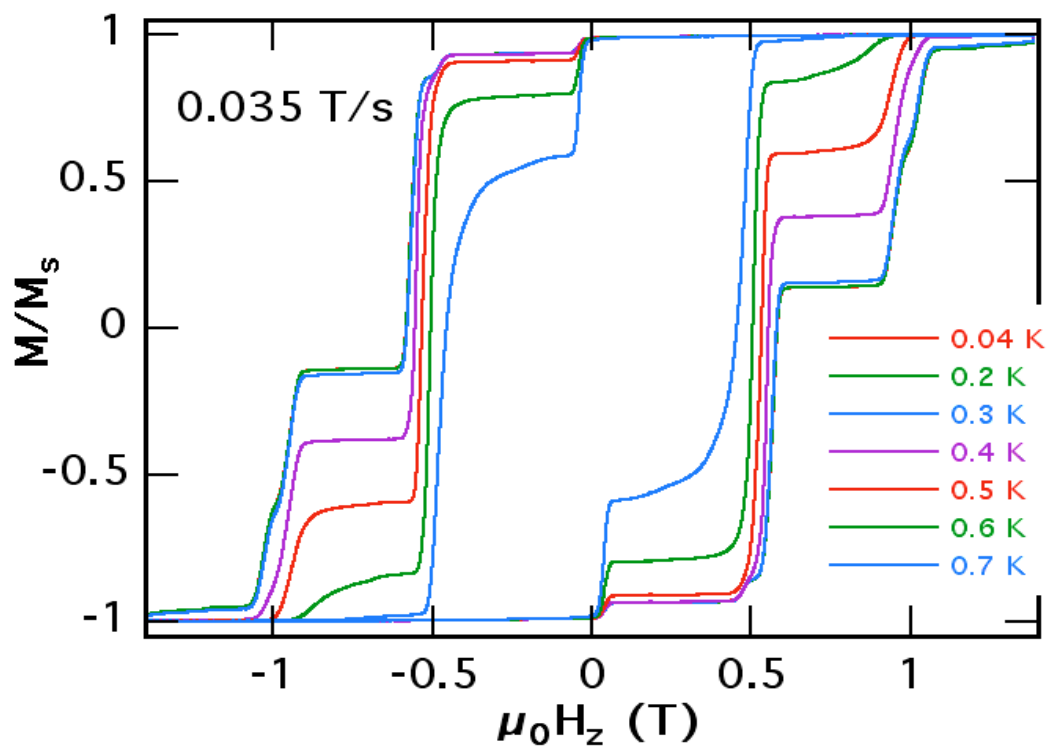


$$S = 9/2$$

Group of G. Christou

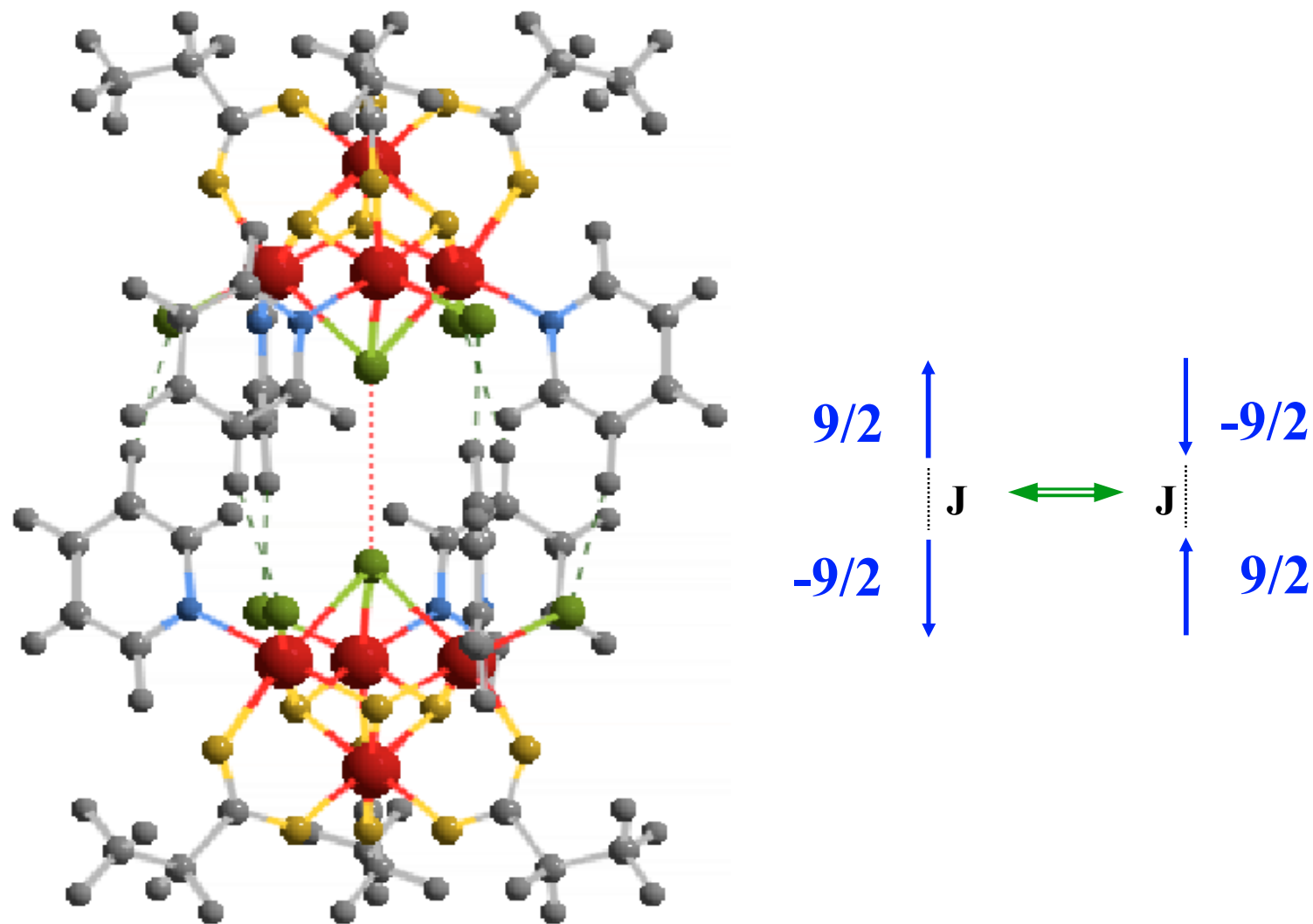
Hysteresis loops of a Mn₄ single-molecule magnet

Mn4O3(OSiMe3)(O2CMe)3(dbm)3



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Exchange-biased quantum tunnelling in a supramolecular dimer of single-molecule magnets



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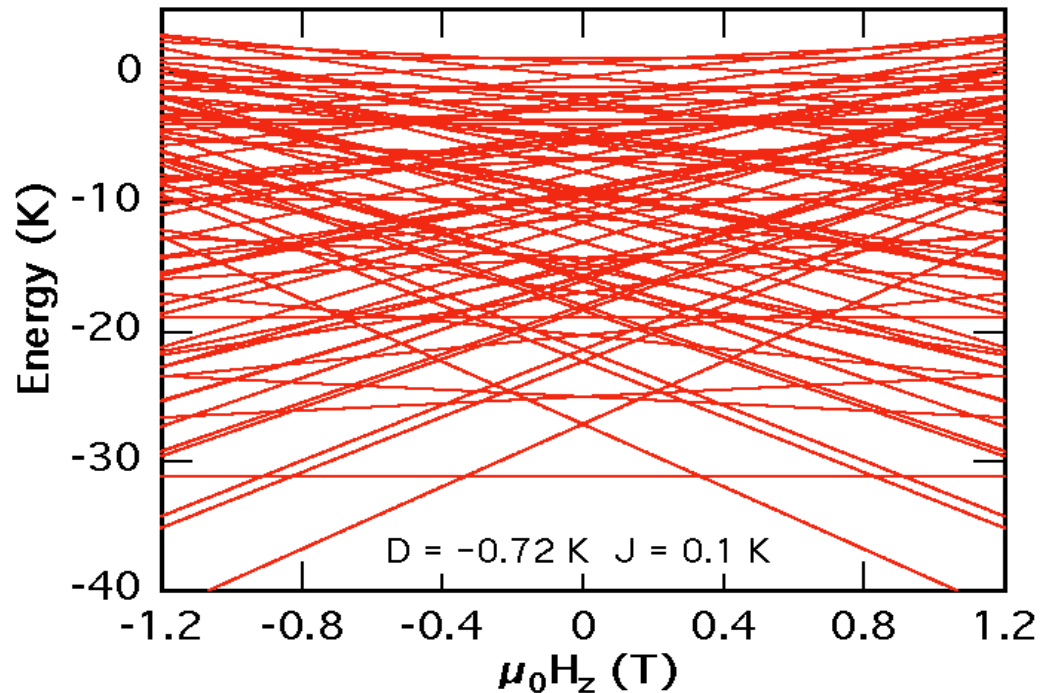
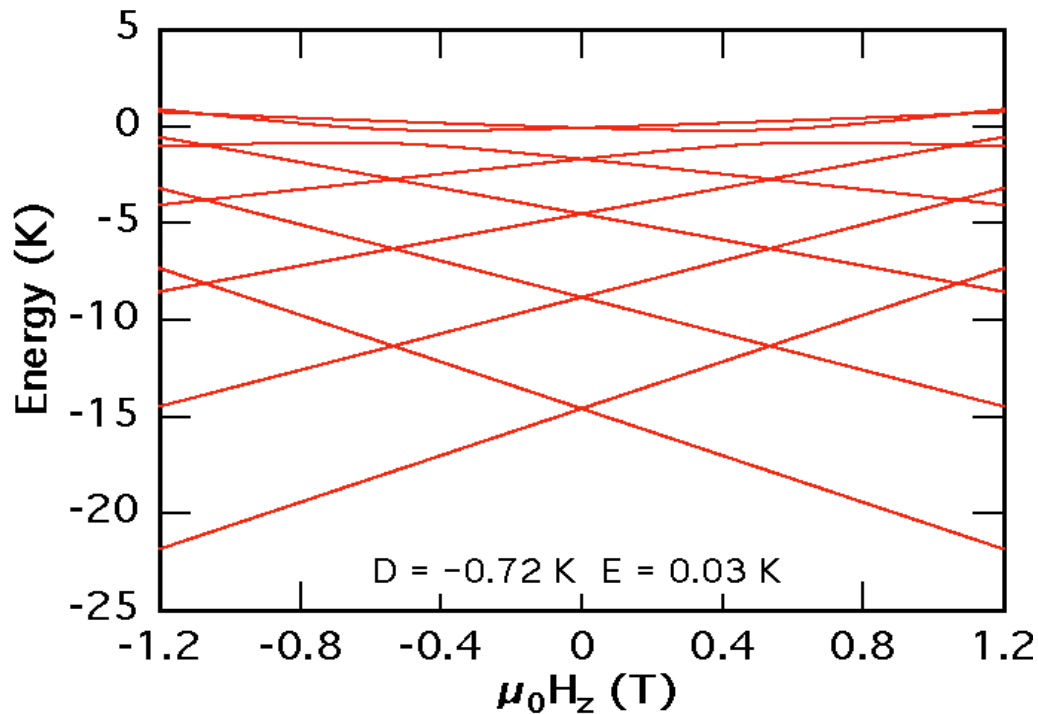
Exchange coupled dimer of $S = 9/2$

$$\mathbf{H}_i = -D S_{i,z}^2 + \mathbf{H}_i^{trans} + g\mu_B\mu_0 \vec{S}_i \vec{H}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}_1 + \mathbf{H}_2 + J \vec{S}_1 \vec{S}_2$$

$(2S_i + 1)$ energy states
 $S_i = 9/2$: **10** energy states
 $M_i = -S_i, -S_i+1, \dots, S_i$

$(2S_1 + 1)(2S_2 + 1)$ energy states
 $S_i = 9/2$: **100** energy states
 $M_1 = -S_1, -S_1+1, \dots, S_1$
 $M_2 = -S_2, -S_2+1, \dots, S_2$

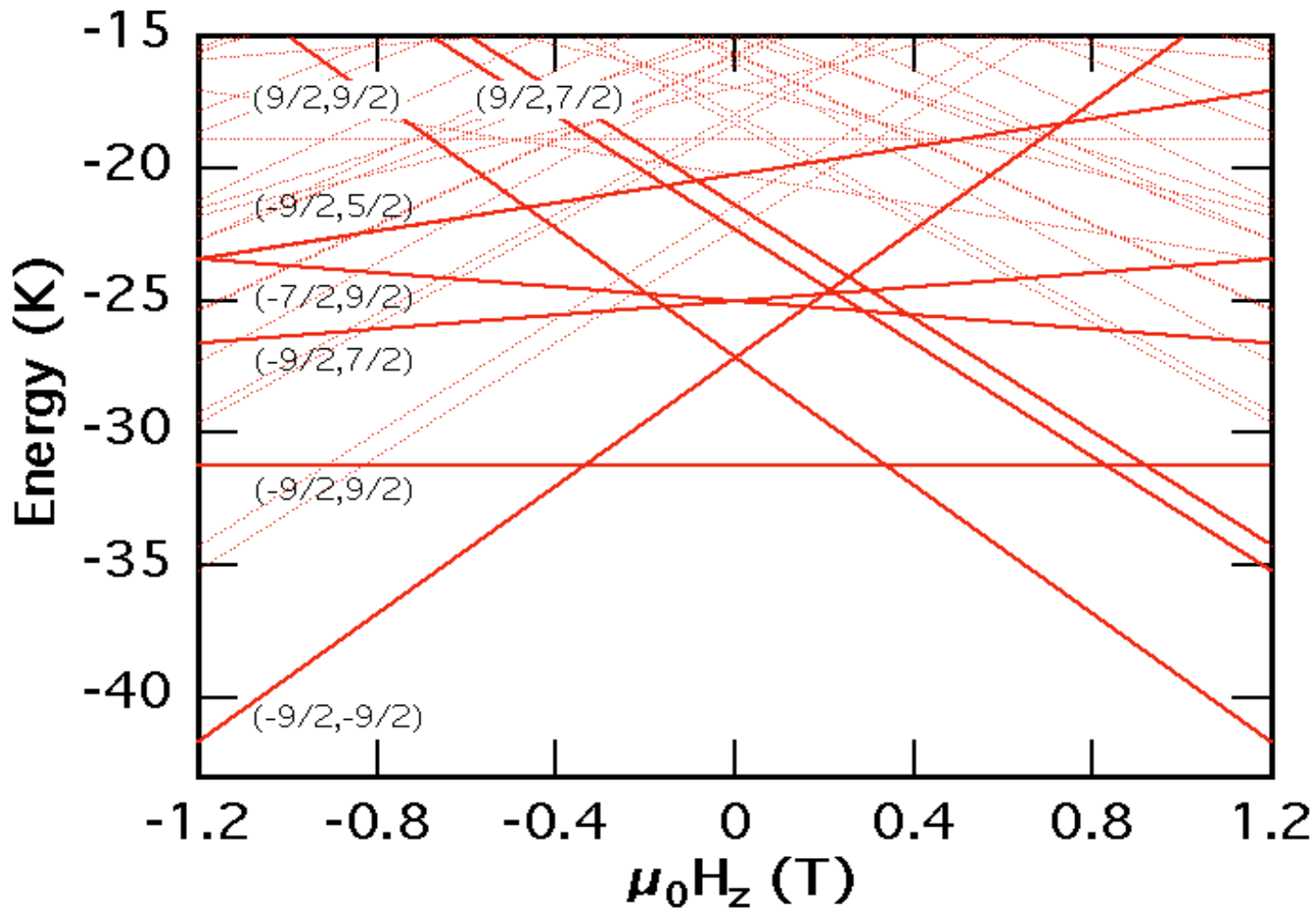


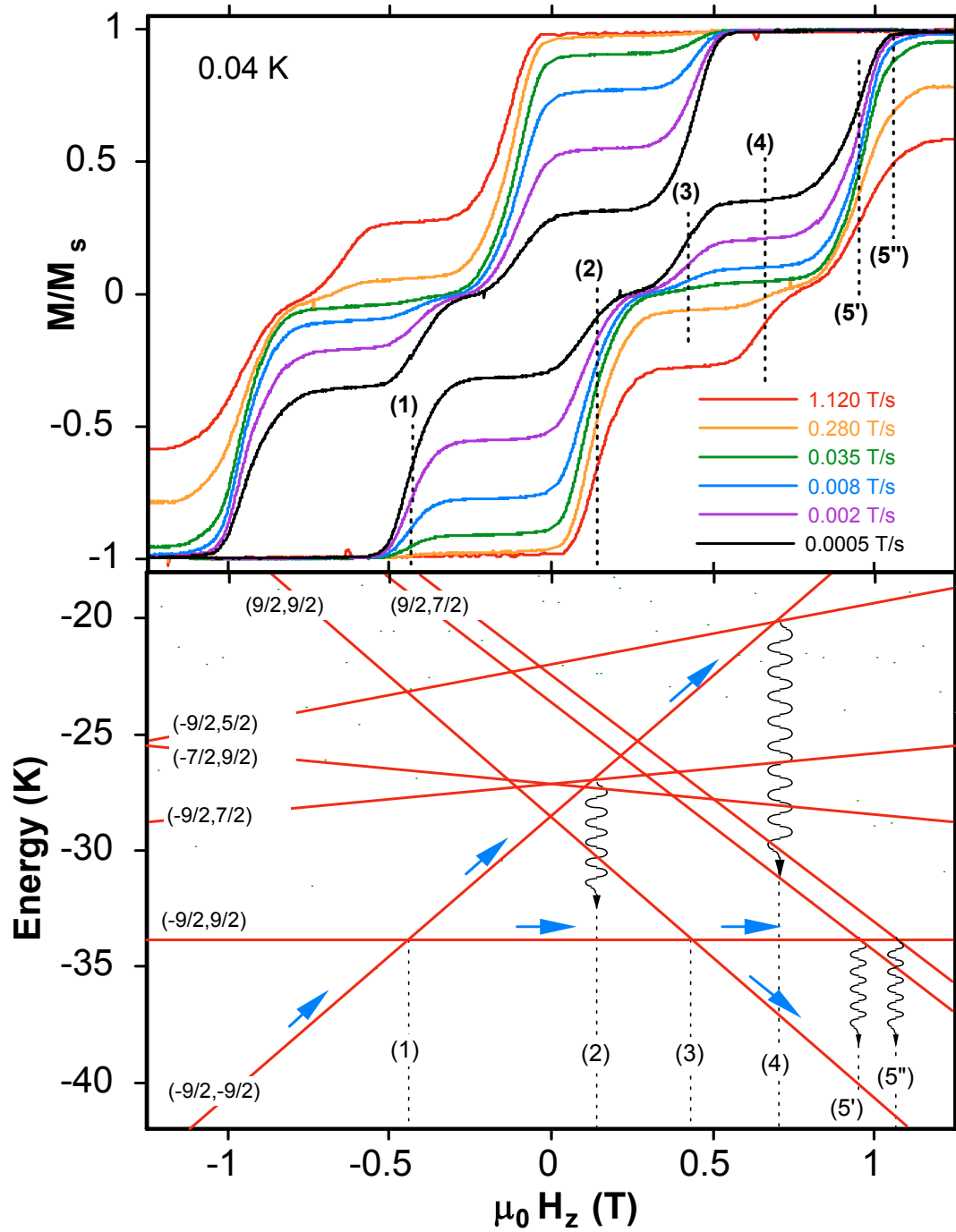
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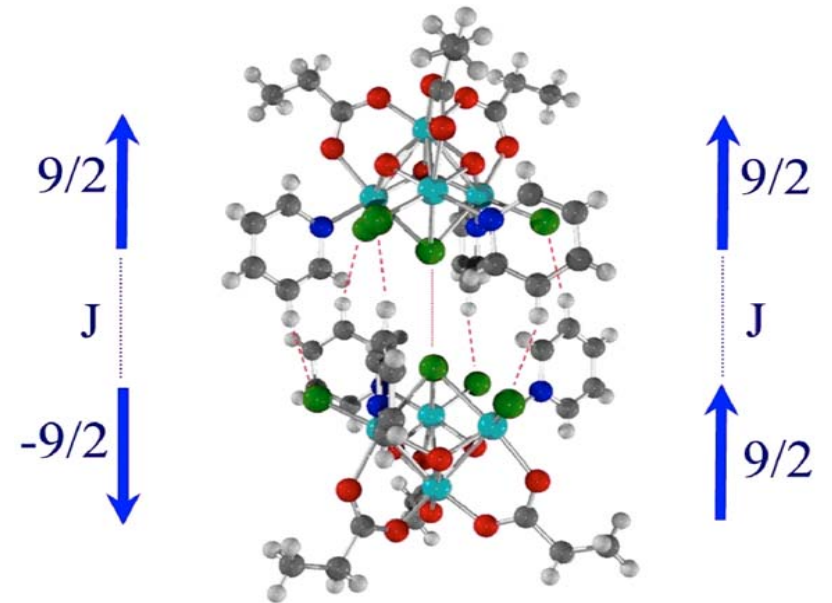
100 energy states (M_1, M_2)

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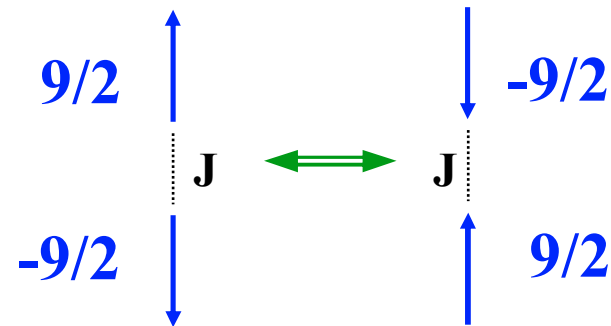
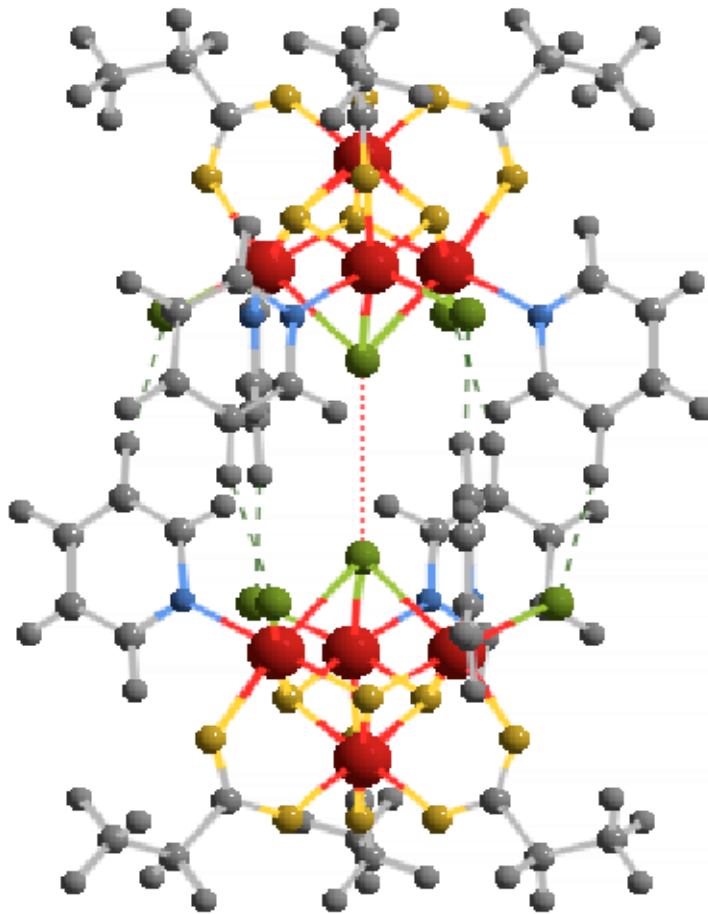
Tunnelling in a dimer of Mn4 single-molecule magnets with $S = 9/2$



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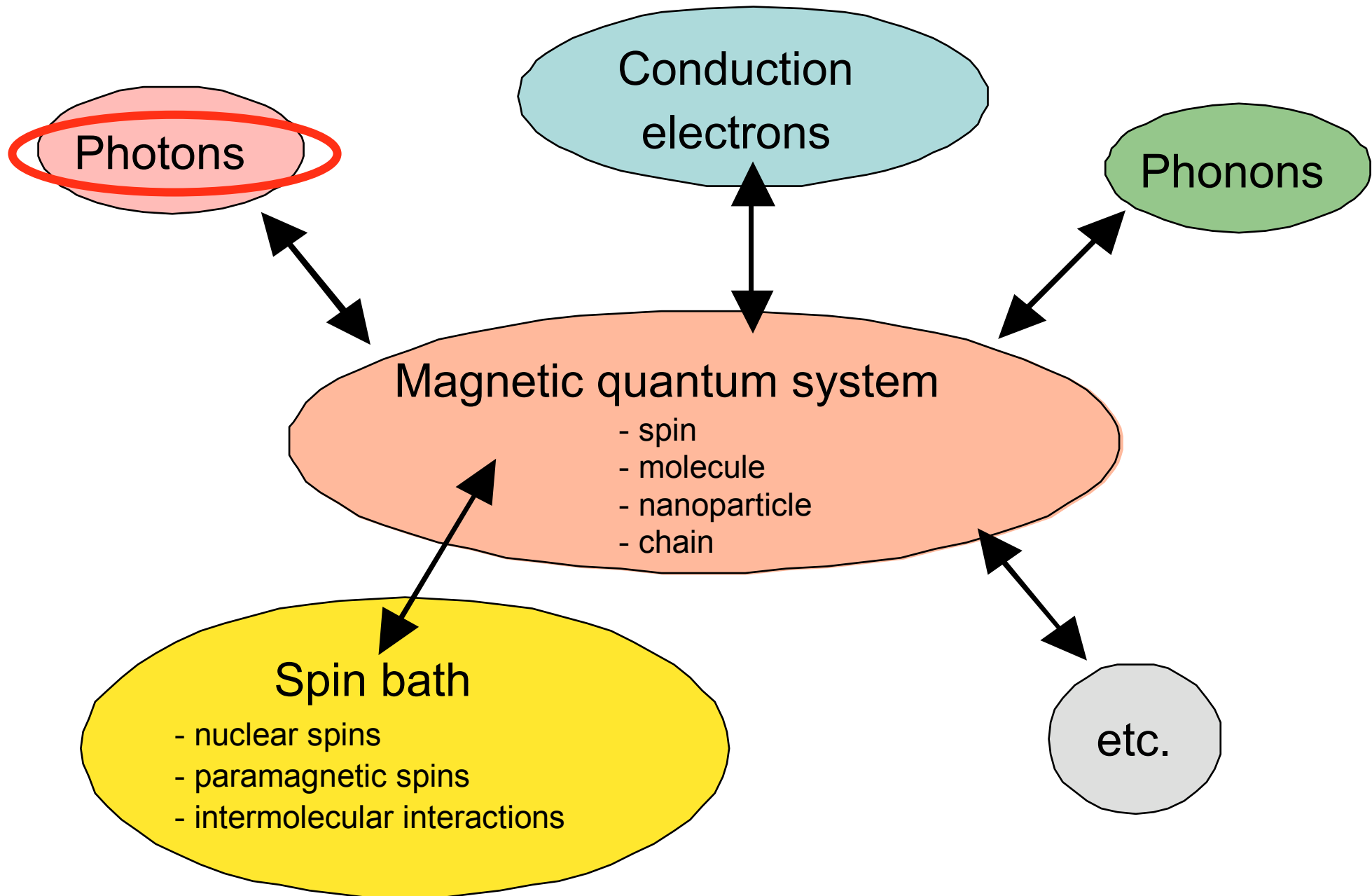
Why is this dimer so interesting ?

- Possibility of tuning quantum properties (resonance positions)
- Coupled mesoscopic quantum system
- Model system for tunneling in mesoscopic antiferromagnets
- Important step towards coupled quantum bits



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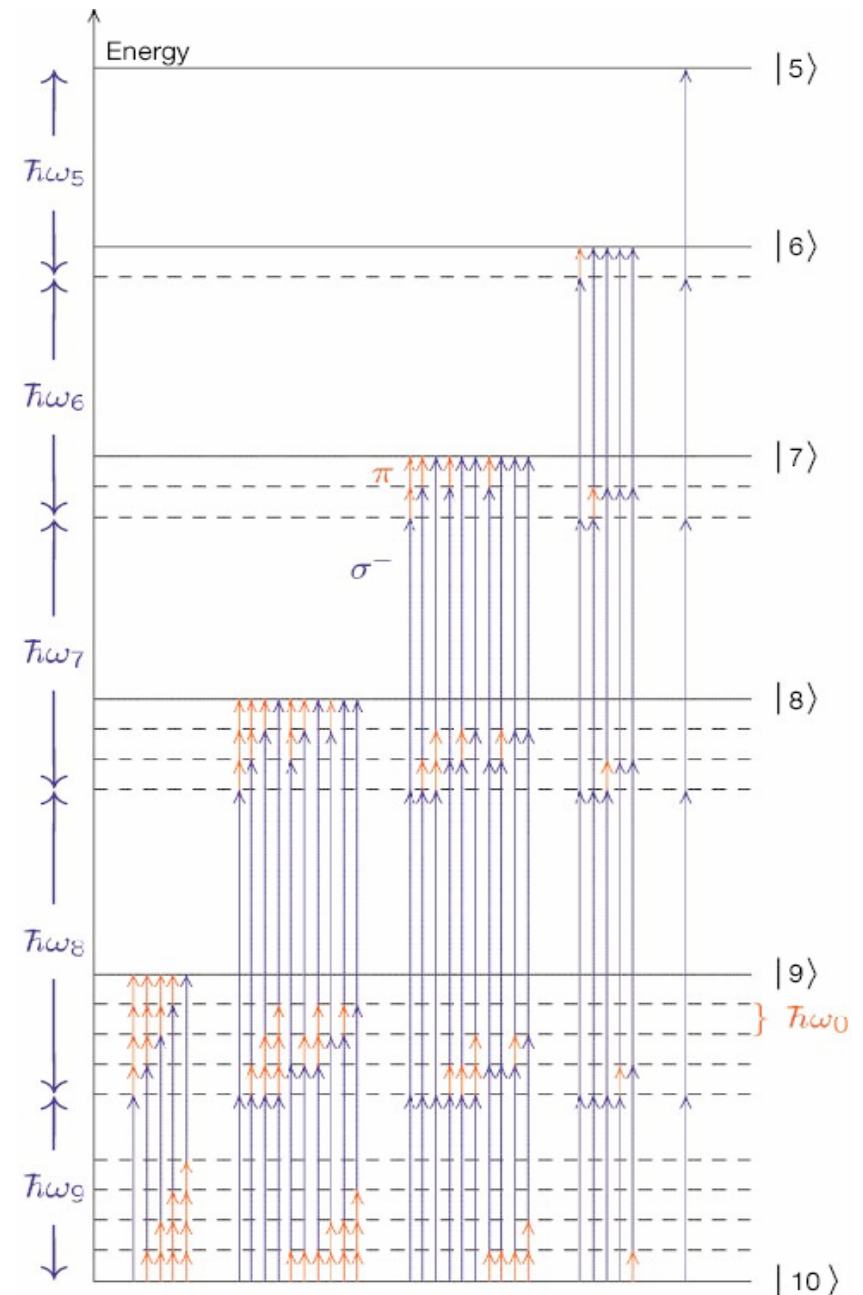
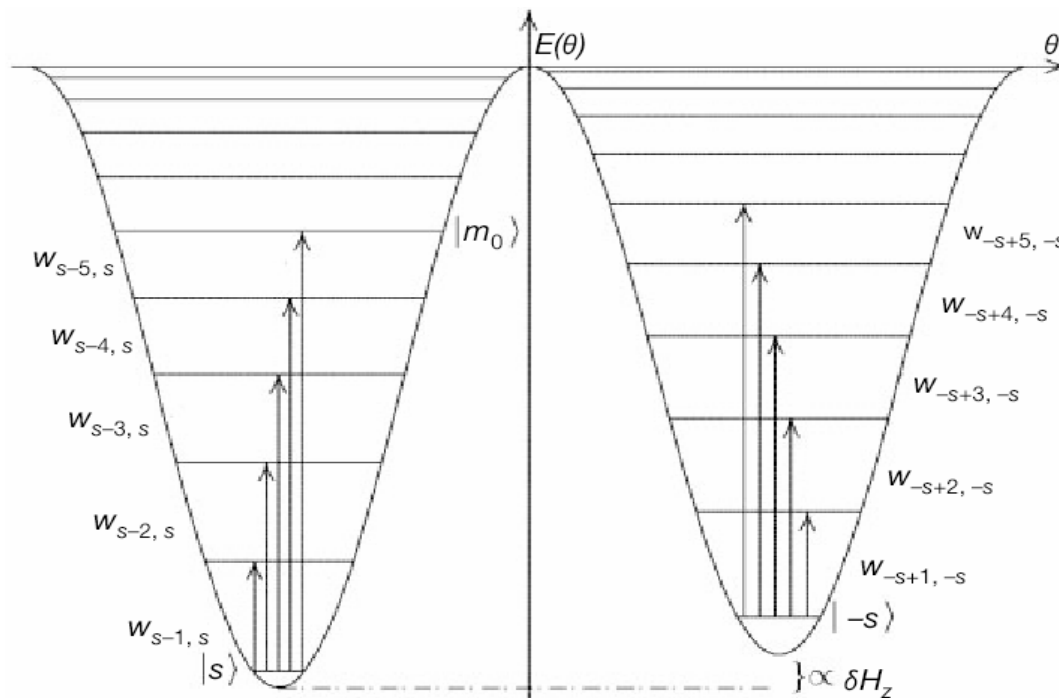
Interactions in magnetic quantum systems (decoherence)



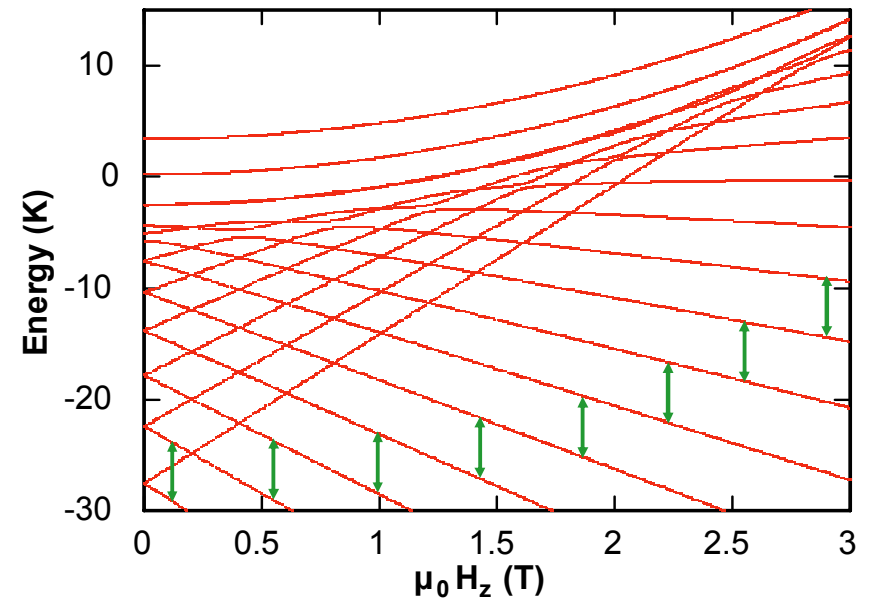
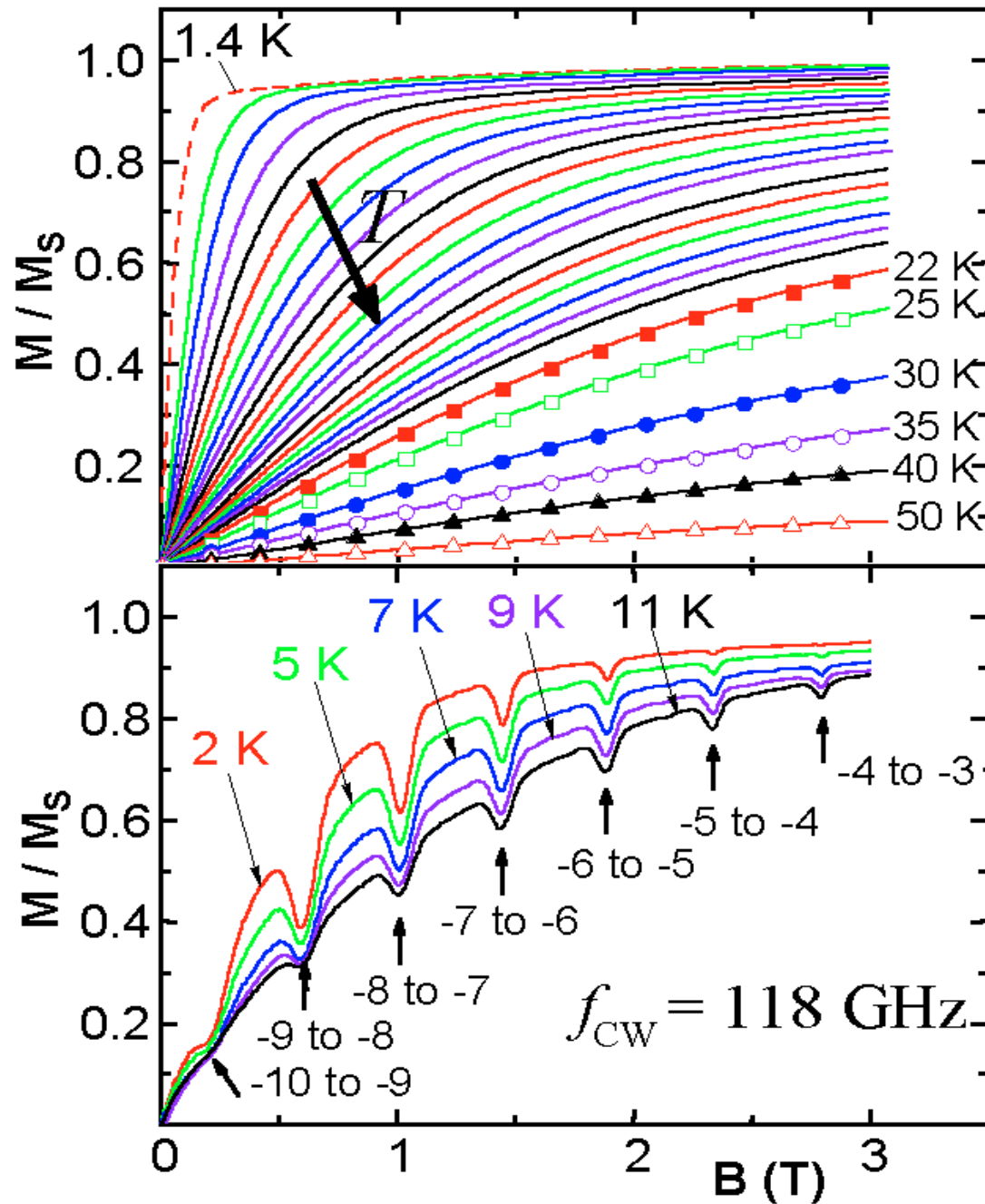
Quantum computing in molecular magnets

Michael N. Leuenberger & Daniel Loss NATURE,
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- implementation of Grover's algorithm
- storage unit of a dynamic random access memory device.
- fast electron spin resonance pulses can be used to decode and read out stored numbers of up to 10^5 with access times as short as 0.1 nanoseconds.

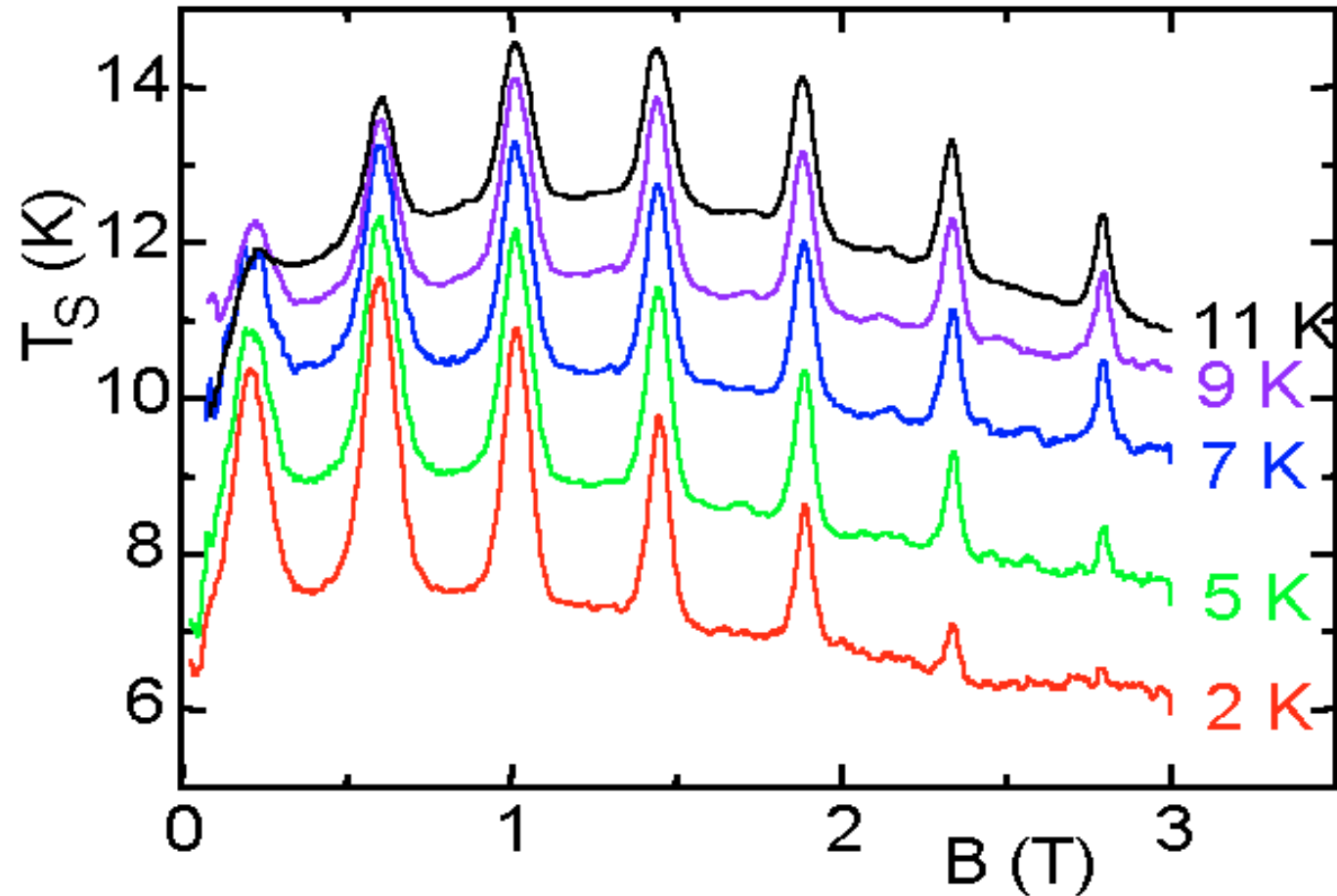


Resonant photon absorption in Fe_8 detected via magnetization measurements



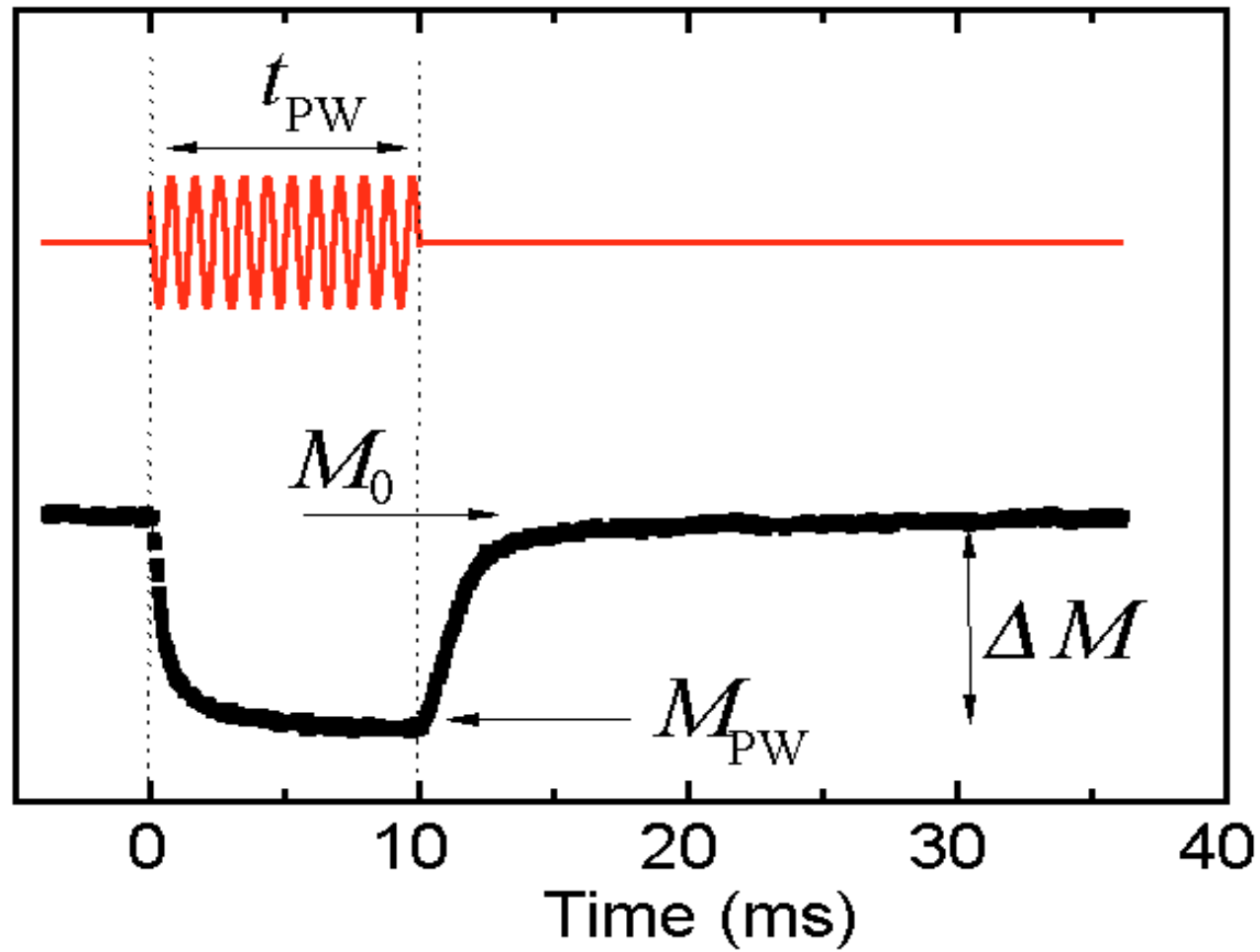
➤ *like HF-EPR*

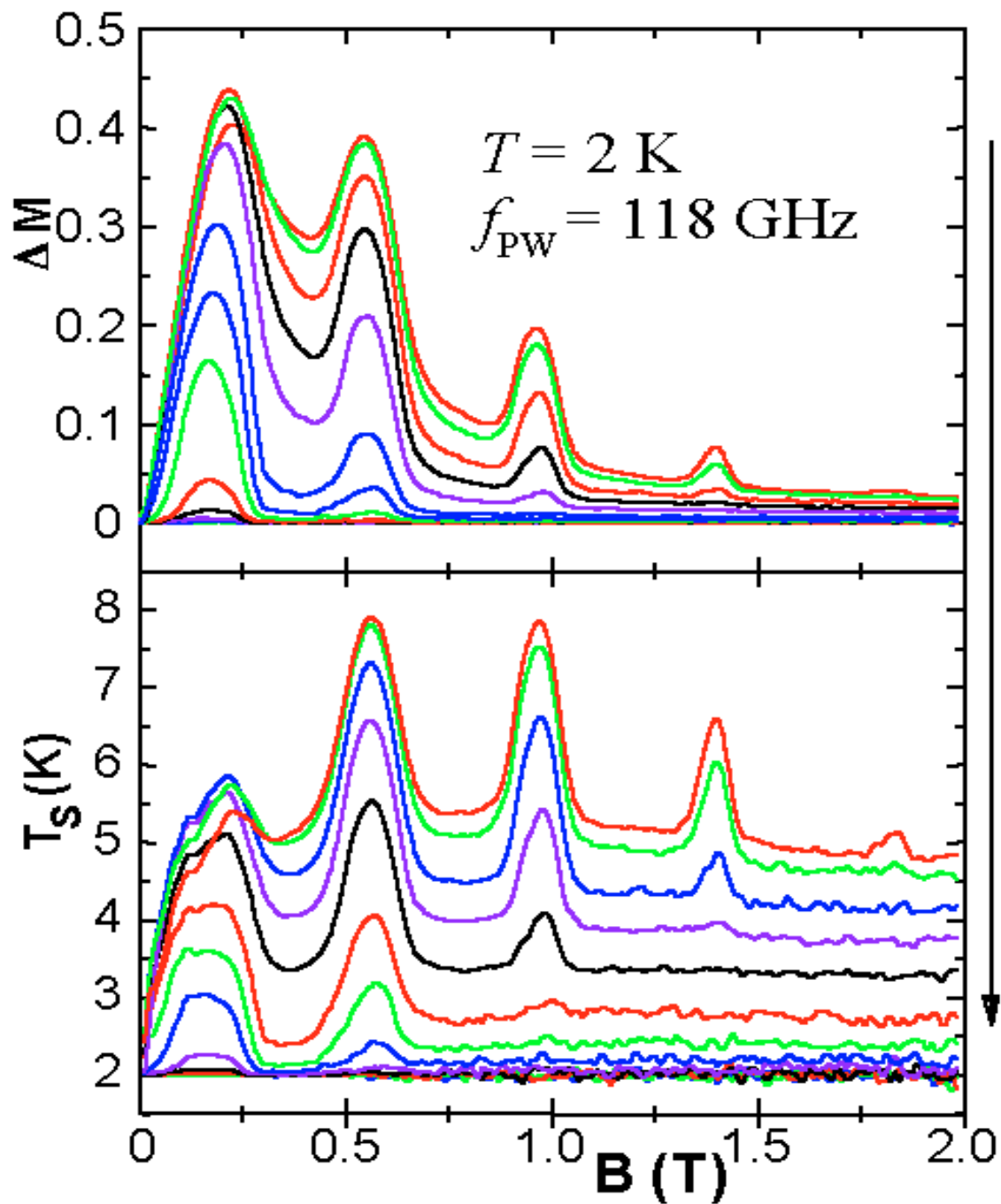
Spin temperature T_S versus applied field calculated using a mapping procedure



➤ *quantitative HF-EPR*

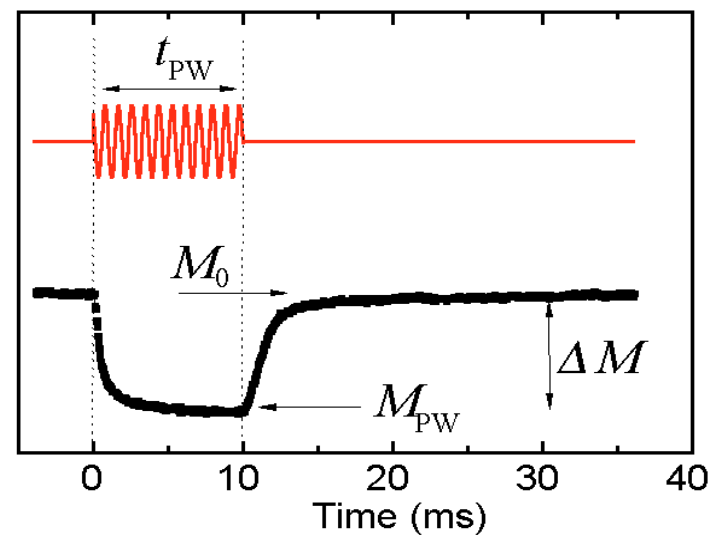
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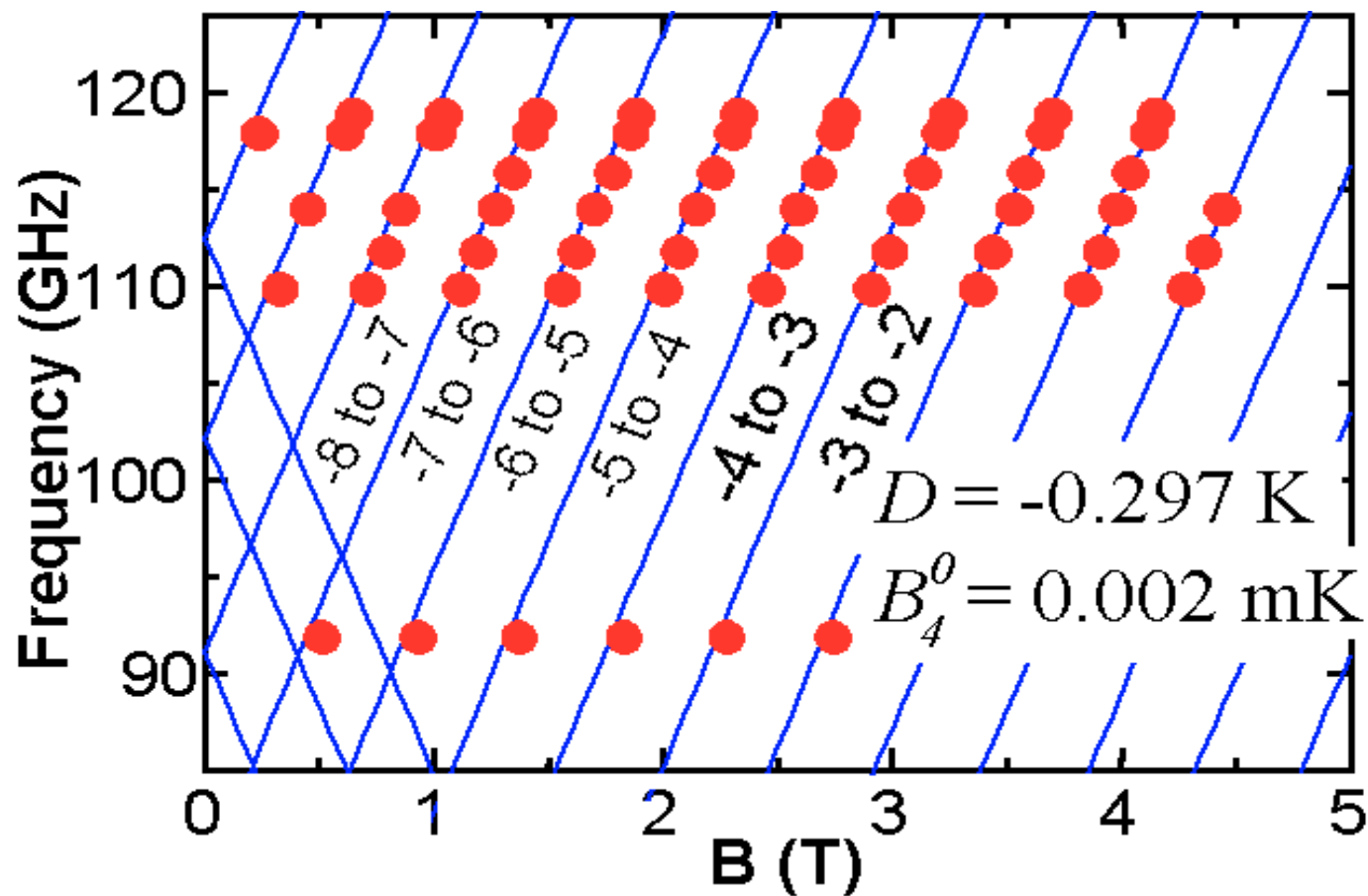


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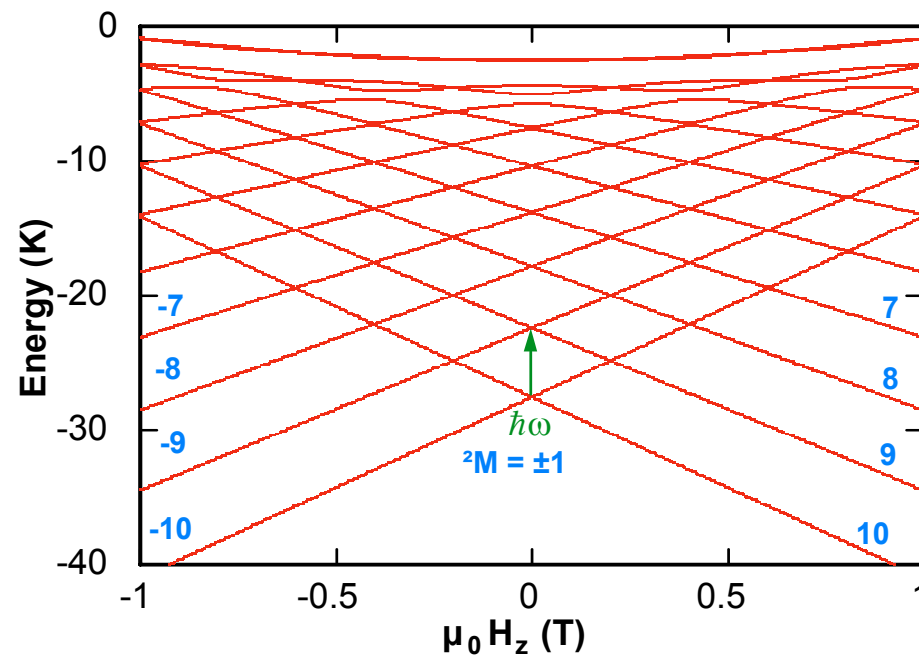
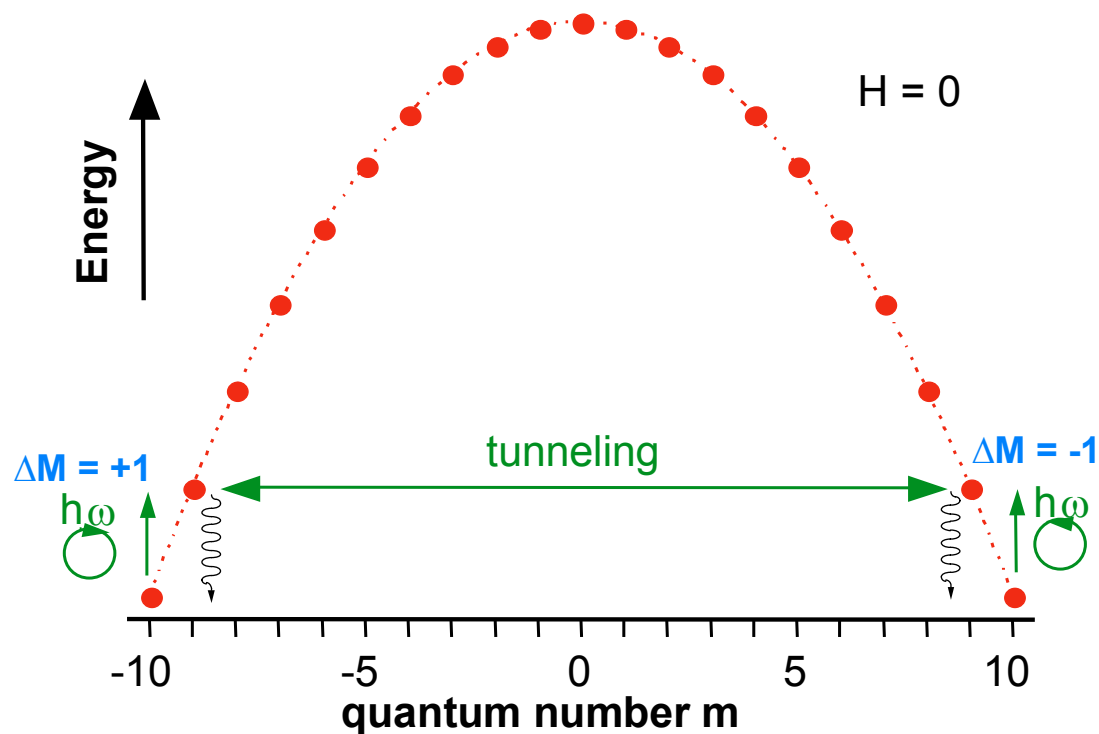
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➤ *Simultaneously hysteresis and EPR studies on the same micro crystal*

Photon assisted tunneling

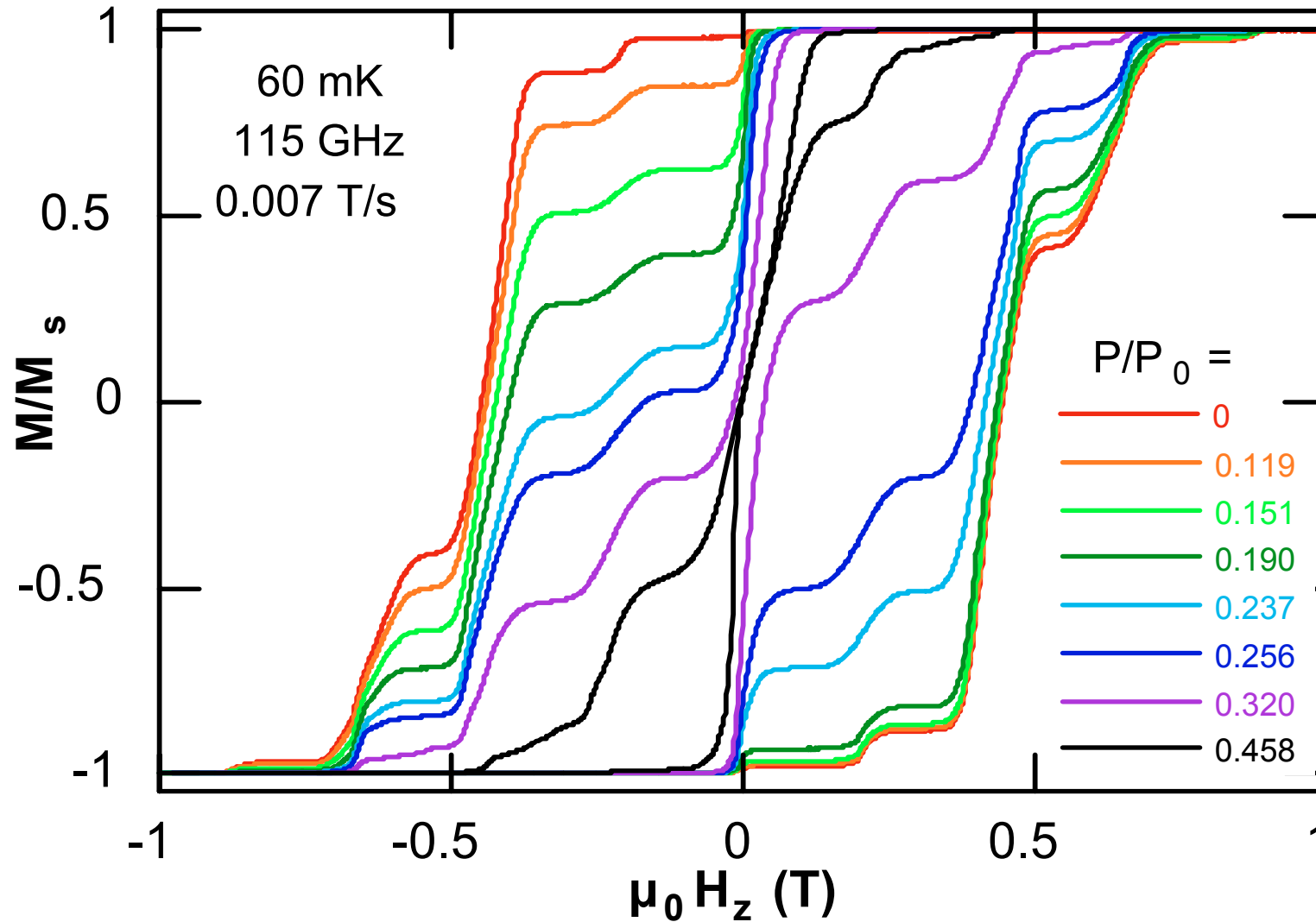
Absorption of circular polarized microwaves



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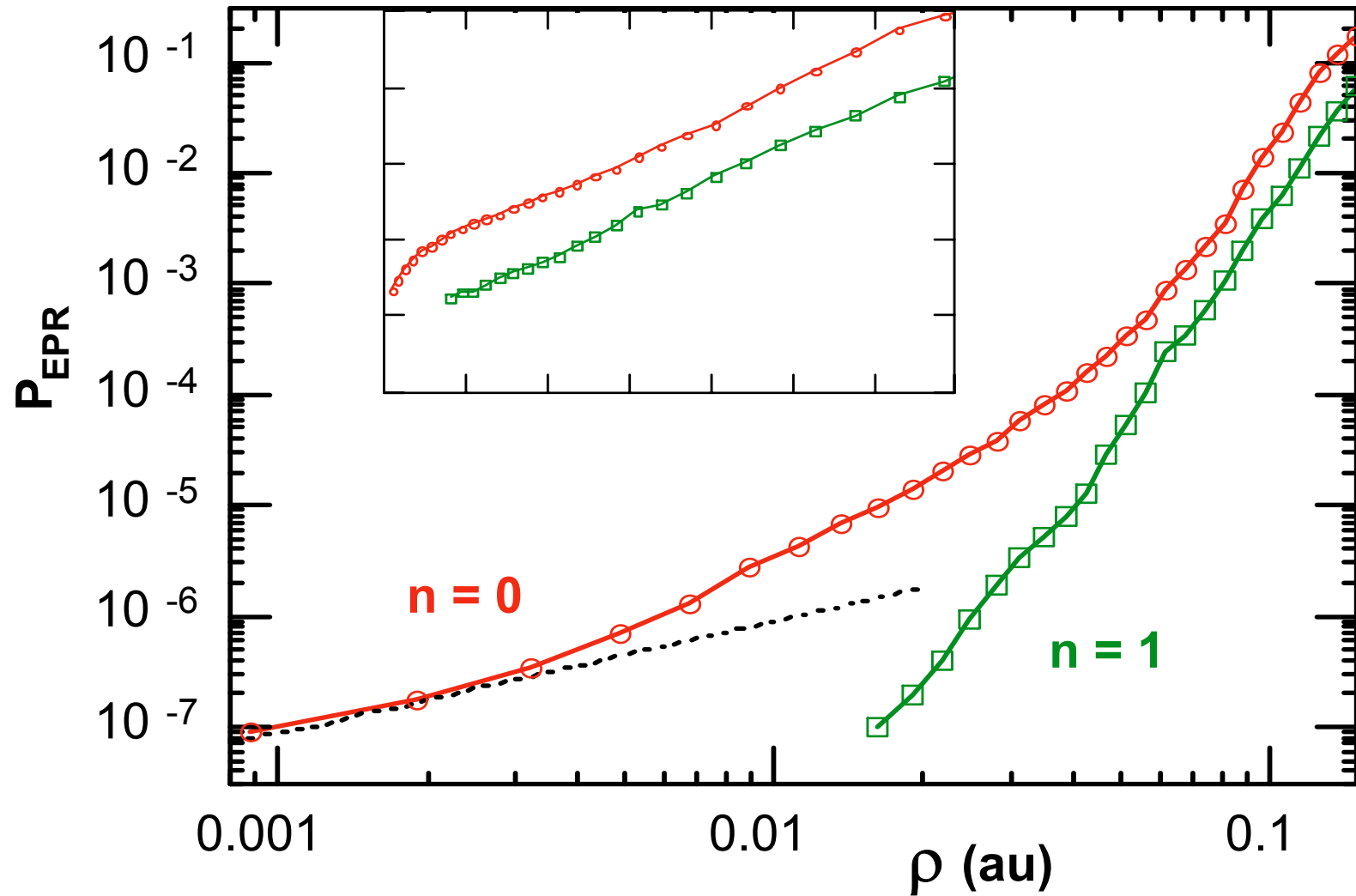
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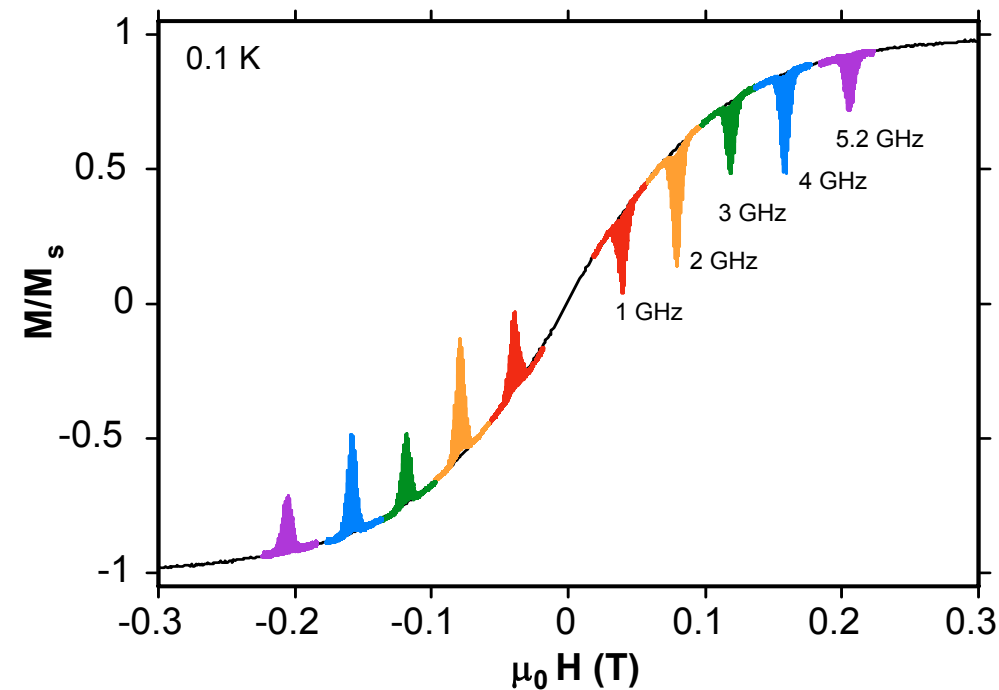
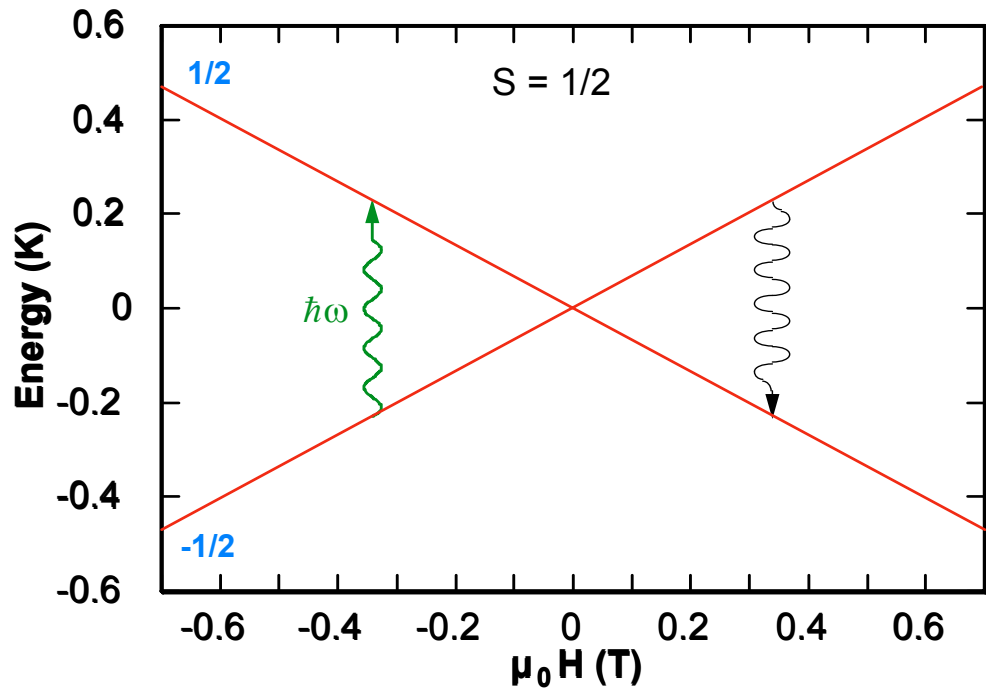
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Photon induced tunnel probability

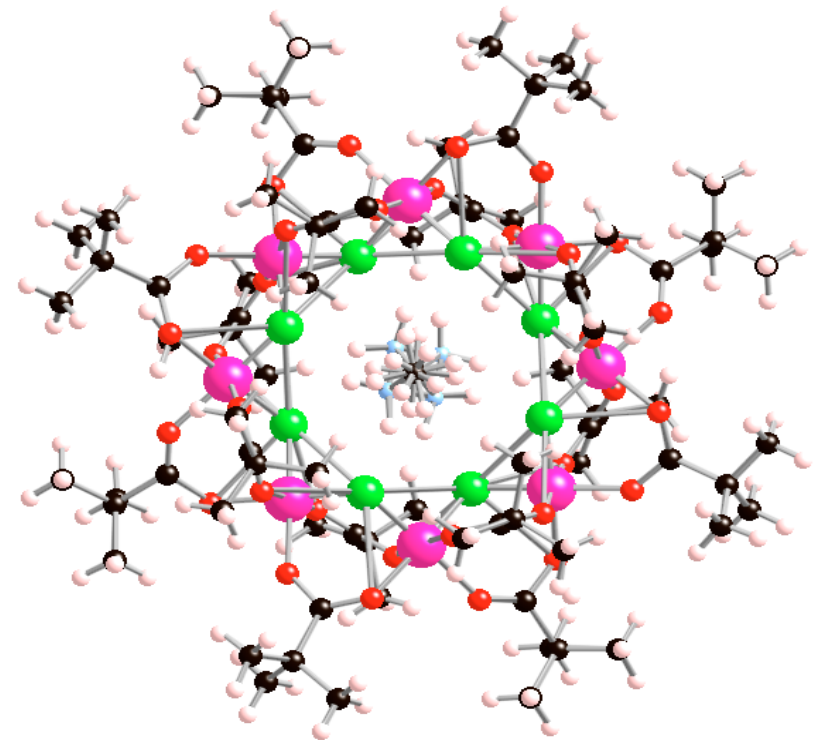
$$P_{\text{EPR}} = P - n_{\pm 10} P_{\pm 10}$$





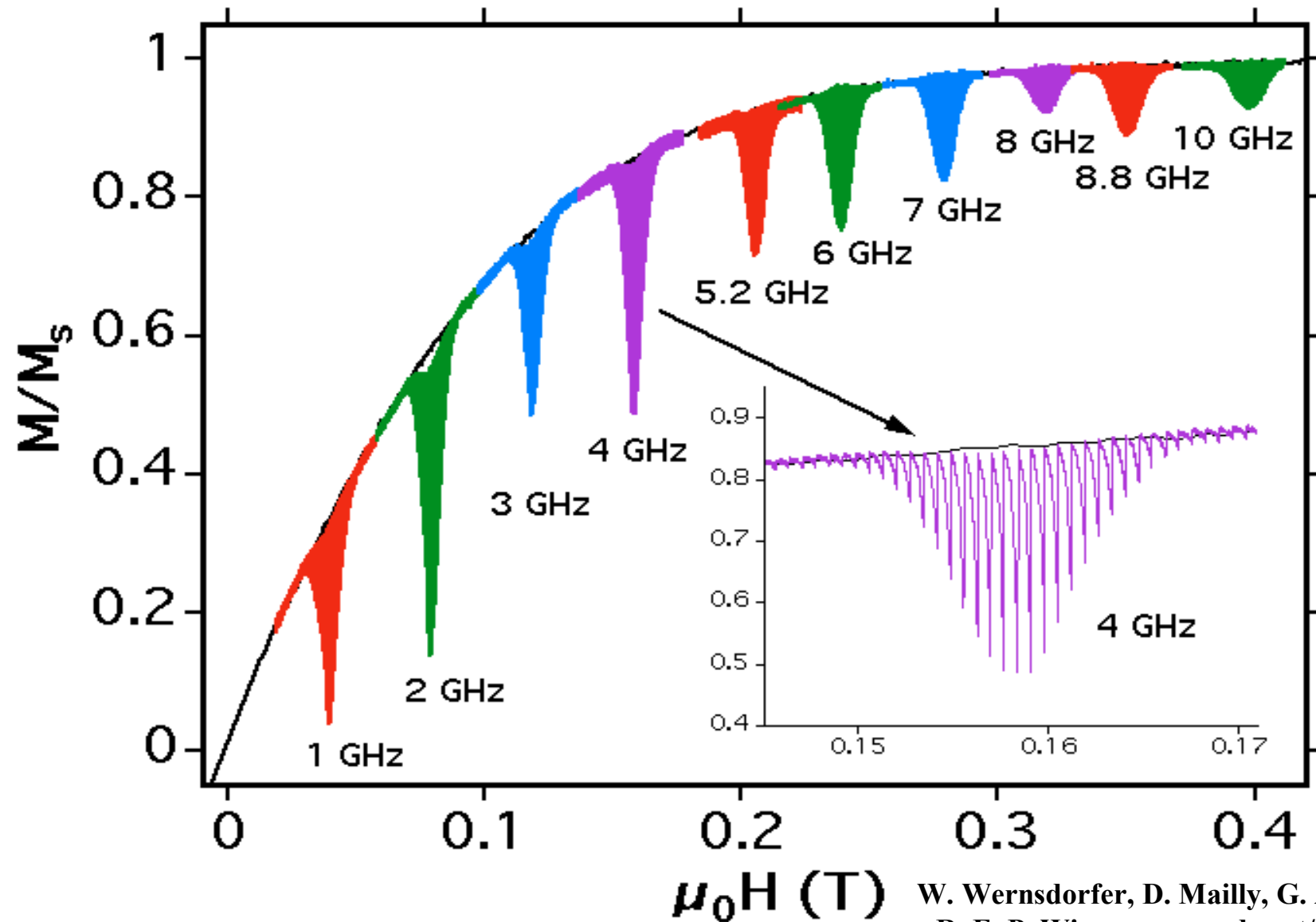
Absorption of microwaves

Cr_7Ni $S = 1/2$



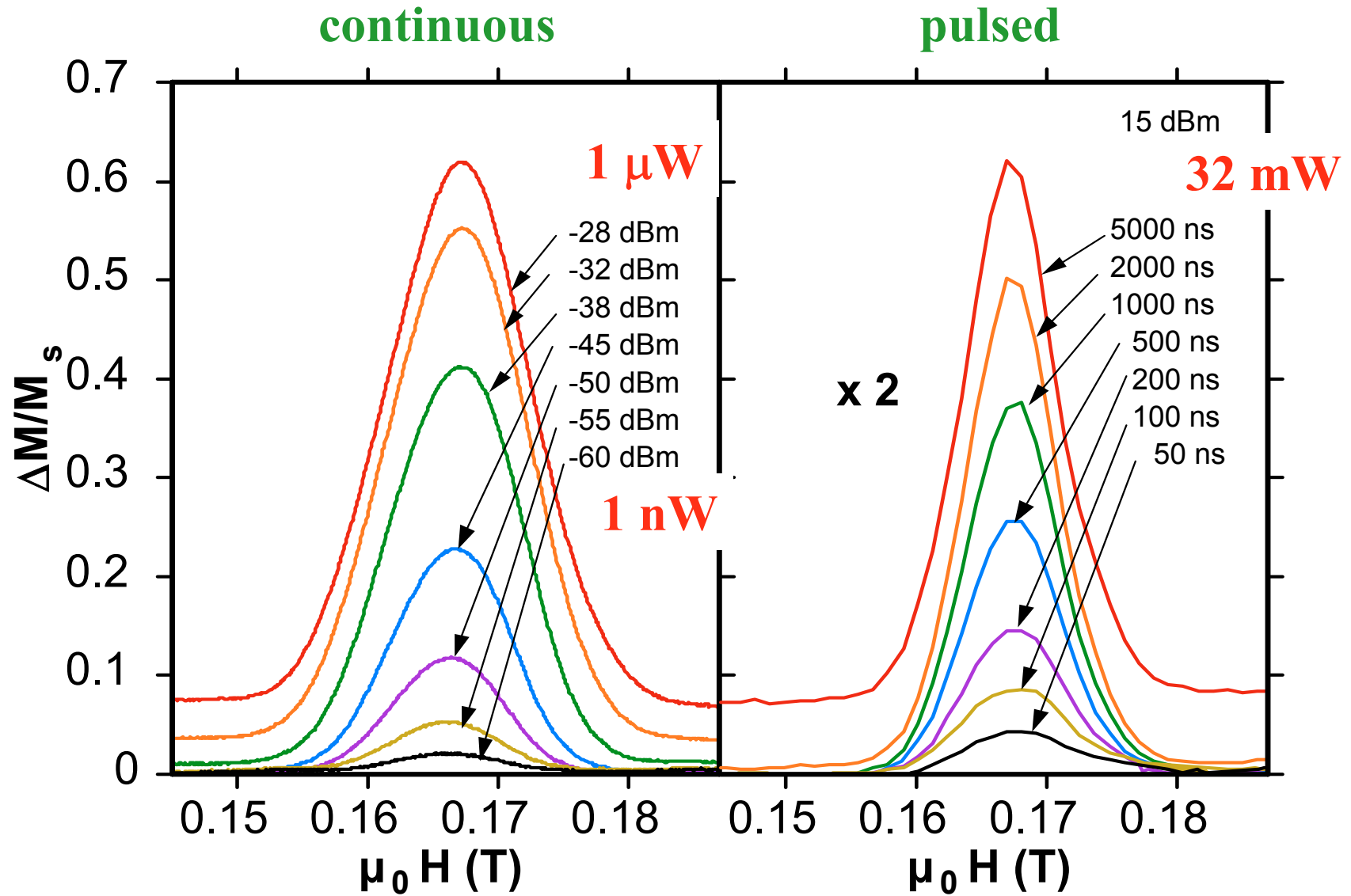
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Absorption of microwaves: Cr_7Ni



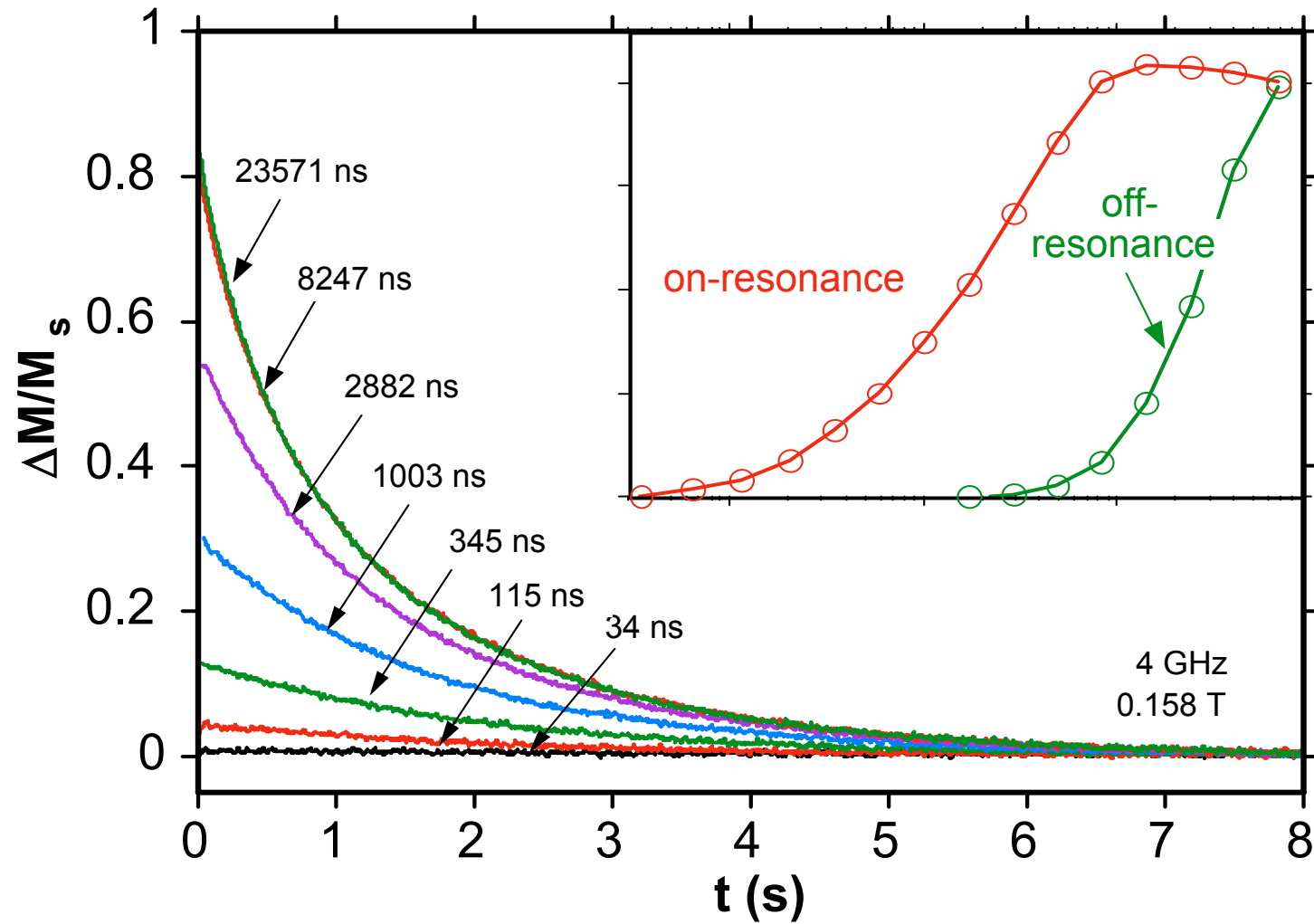
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Comparison of line widths



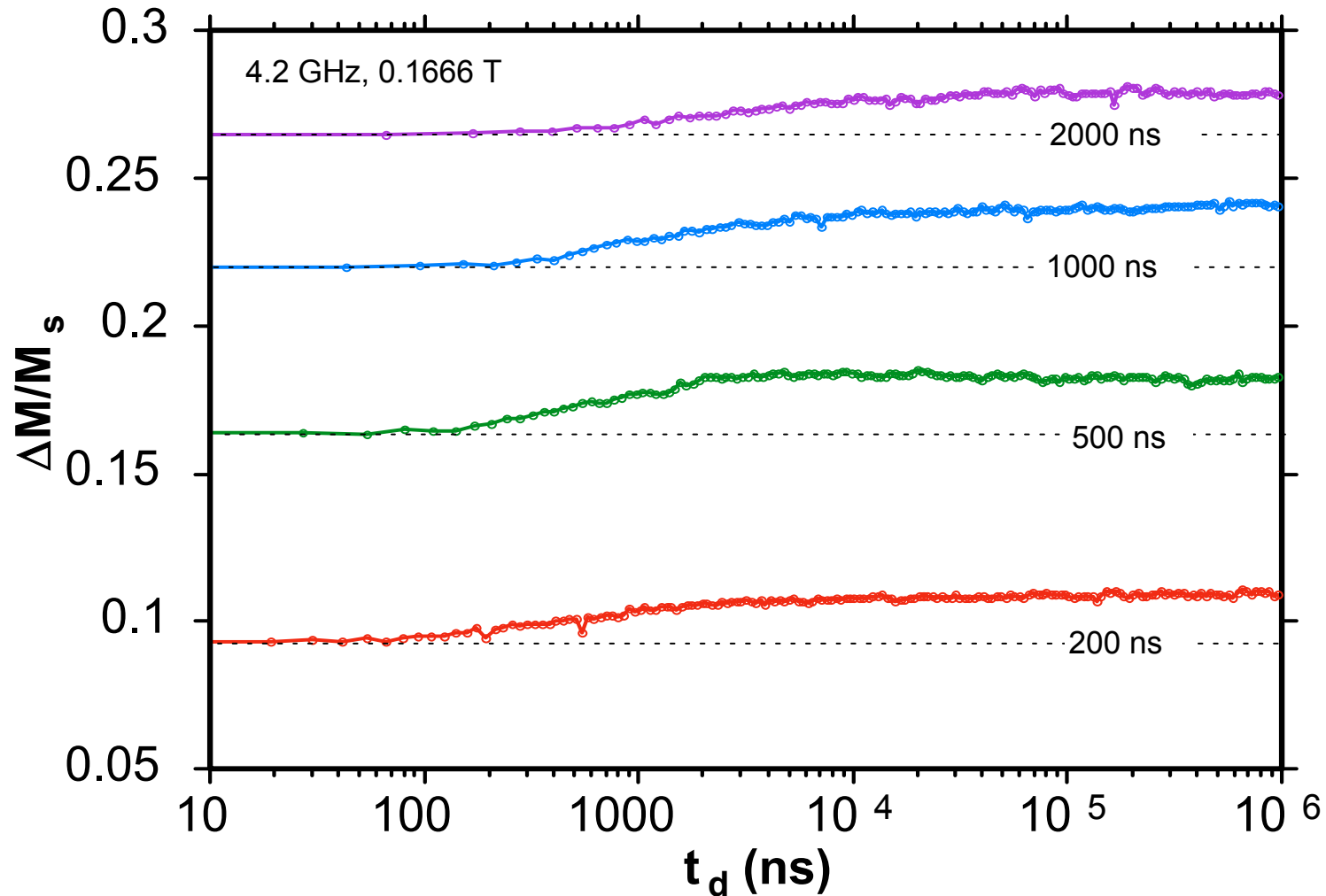
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Relaxation after pulse



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Two pulse hole-digging method



➤ *Energy diffusion time of about 1000 ns*

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Project concerning microwave experiments

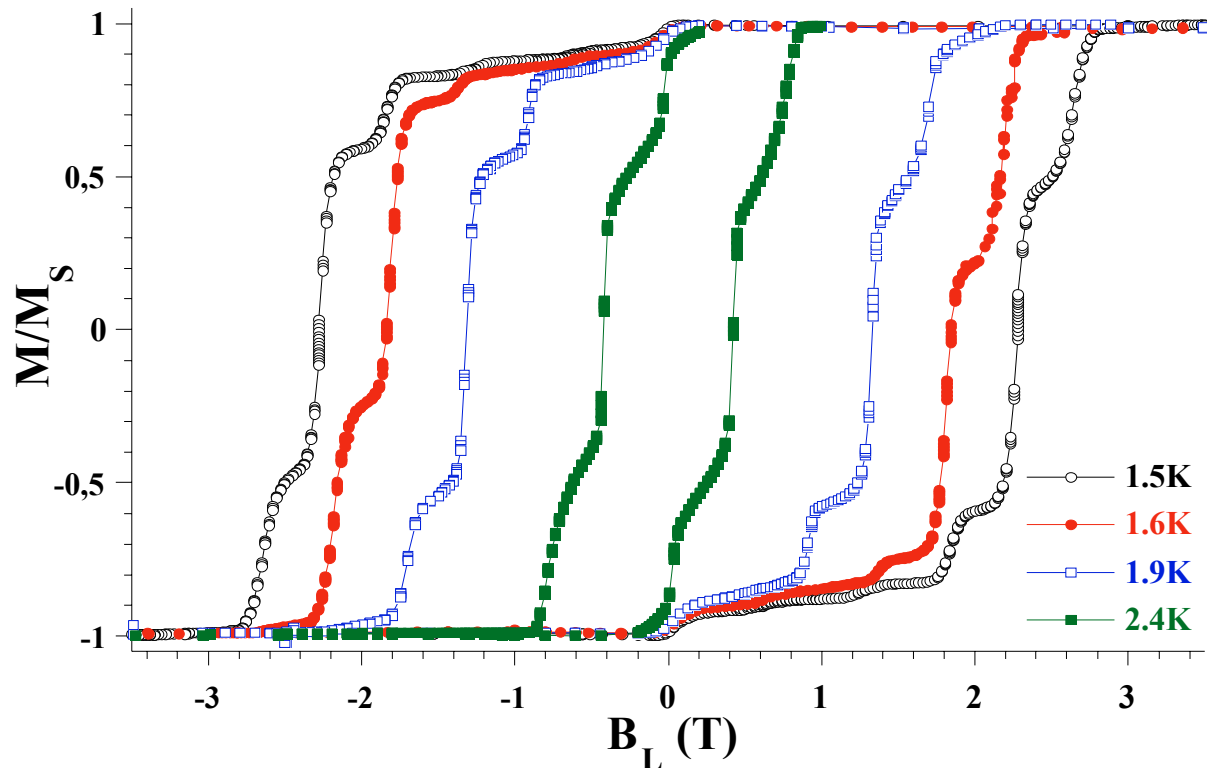
- Quantum dynamic: **spin-echo** experiments

Main problem: **decoherence**

P. C. E. Stamp and I. S. Tupitsyn, Phys. Rev. B 69, 014401 (2004)

Conclusion

Beginning: $\text{Mn}_{12}\text{-ac}$



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Followed by: >200 systems (in our group)

Mn, Mn₂, Mn₃, Mn₄, [Mn₄]₂, Mn₅, Mn₆, Mn₇, Mn₈, Mn₉, Mn₁₀,
Mn₁₁, Mn₁₂, Mn₁₃, Mn₁₆, Mn₁₈, Mn₂₁, Mn₂₂, Mn₂₄, Mn₂₆, Mn₃₀,
Mn₇₀, Mn₈₄

Fe₂, Fe₃, Fe₄, Fe₅, Fe₆, Fe₇, Fe₈, Fe₁₀, Fe₁₁, Fe₁₃, Fe_{17/19}, Fe₁₉, Fe₃₀

Ni₄, Ni₅, Ni₆, Ni₈, Ni₁₂, Ni₂₁, Ni₂₄

Co₄, Co₅, Co₆, Co₇, Co₁₀

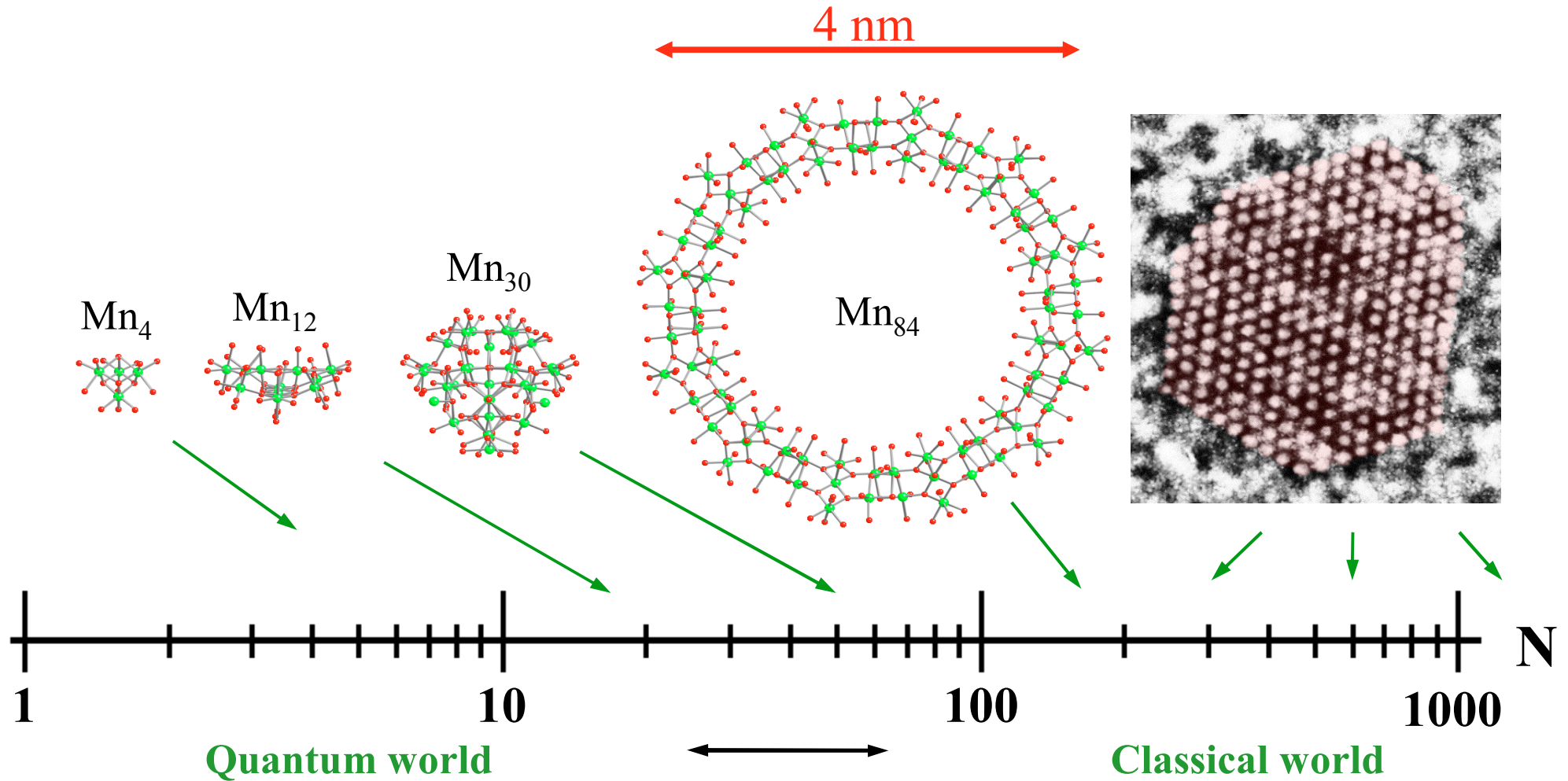
Co₂Gd₂, Co₂Dy₂, Cr₁₂, CrNi₆, CrNi₂, CrCo₃, Fe₁₀Na₂, Fe₂Ni₃,
Mn₂Dy₂, Mn₂Nd₂, V₁₅, Ho, Fe₂Ho₂, Mn₁₁Ln₄, ...

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S = 0, 1/2, 1, 3/2, 2, 5/2, 4, 9/2, 5, 51/2

*Only few of these
molecules are SMMs !!*

Mesoscopic Physics



A. J. Tasiopoulos, A. Vinlava, W. Wernsdorfer, K. A. Abboud, and G. Christou,
Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 43, 2117 (2004)

Conclusion

J. Villain:

“... a school of physics”

& chemistry



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F. Lioni	PhD 1997: Mn₁₂-ac, Fe_{17/19}
I. Chiorescu	PhD 2000: Mn₁₂-ac, V₁₅
R. Giraud	PhD 2002: Ho³⁺
C. Thirion	PhD 2003: nanoparticles, GHz
R. Tiron	PhD 2004: [Mn₄]₂
K. Petukhov	post-doc 2004-5: GHz

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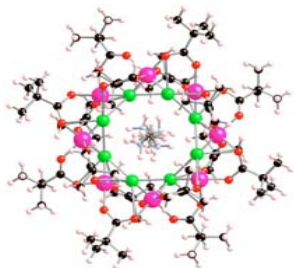
T. Ohm	PhD 1998: Fe₈
V. Villar	PhD 2001: Fe₈, chaines
E. Lhotel	PhD 2004: chaines

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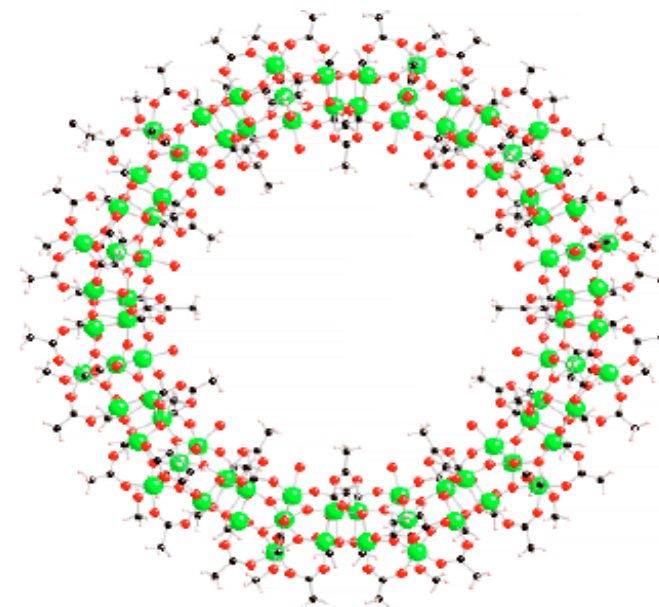
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SMMs

Mn₈₄



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