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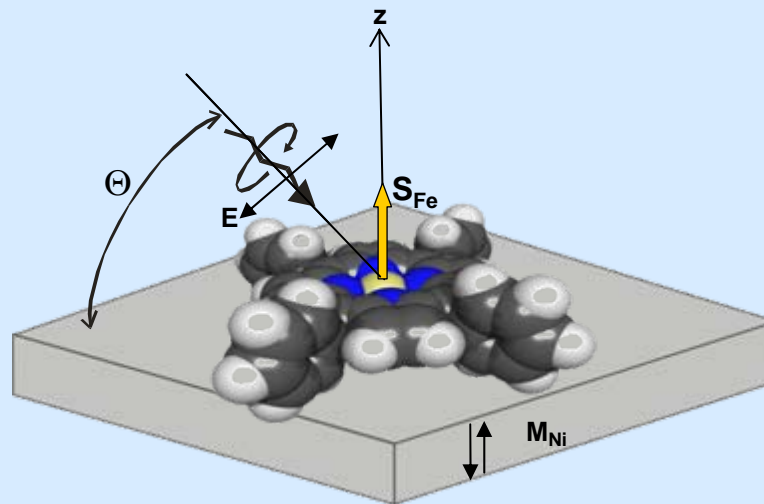
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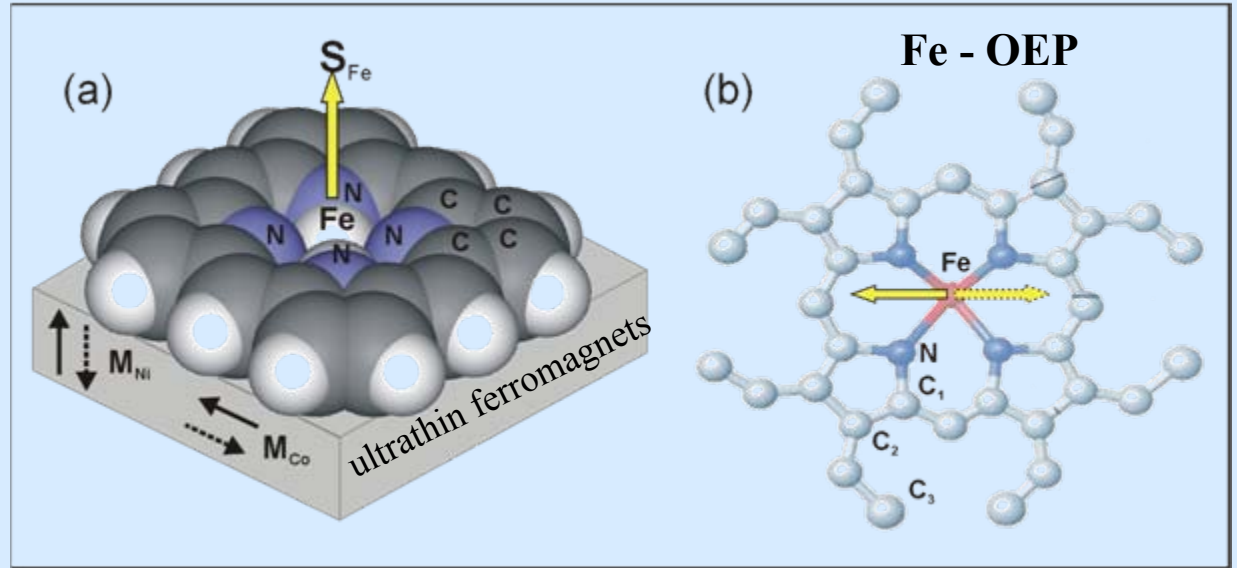
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3dⁿ-energy scheme and magnetism of the Fe-ion

L-edge spectra

only very few publication cover this full range of XAFS

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switching will change the conductance ?

1. Introduction

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Supramolecular control of the magnetic anisotropy in two-dimensional high-spin Fe arrays at a metal interface

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Magnetic memory of a single-molecule quantum magnet wired to a gold surface

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Visualizing the Spin of Individual Cobalt-Phthalocyanine Molecules

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Nano-architectures by covalent assembly of molecular building blocks

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How a nightmare turns into a vision
Two independent studies demonstrate how control over magnetic molecules on surfaces may lead to new spintronics applications.
Heiko Wende
Nature Materials, March 2009

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Substrate-induced magnetic ordering and switching of iron porphyrin molecules

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Fe-porphyrin monolayers on ferromagnetic substrates: Electronic structure and magnetic coupling strength

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Tailoring the Nature of Magnetic Coupling of Fe-Porphyrin Molecules to Ferromagnetic Substrates

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There is plenty of research in bulk metalorganic powder, solution,
i. e. random orientation of the molecules.

- Penner-Hahn, Hodgson in *Iron Porphyrins* Vol. 3, 1989
- Goulon et al. *The Porphyrin Handbook*, 2000
- Hocking et al. JACS 2007, the Stanford-Utrecht group
- See also **Electron Spin Resonance** in *Iron Porphyrins* Vol. 2

Here

NEXAFS at the C and N K-edges

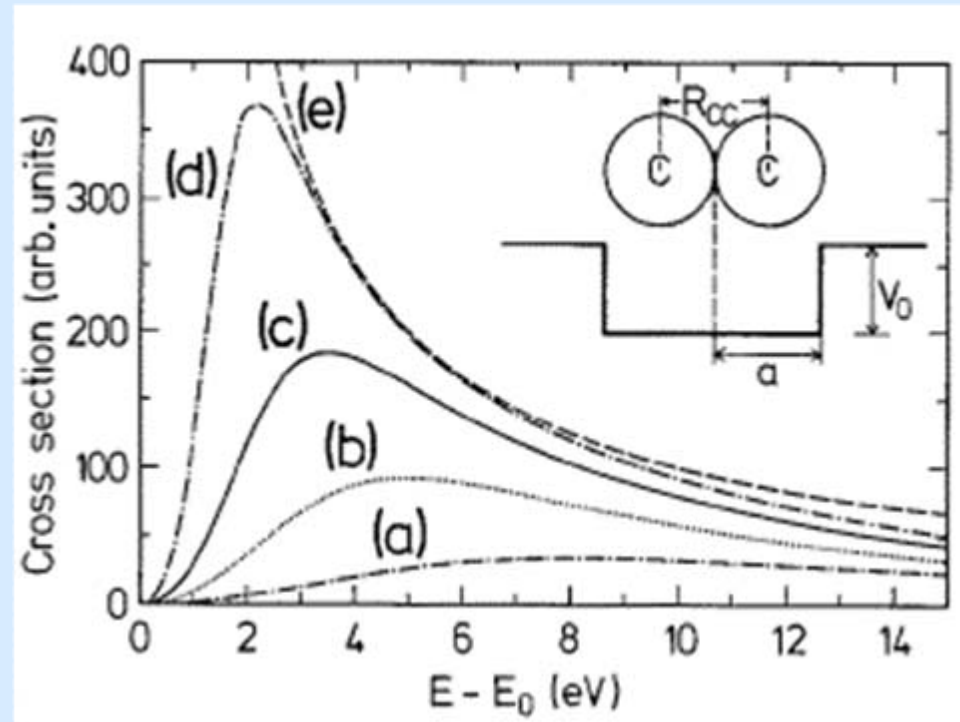
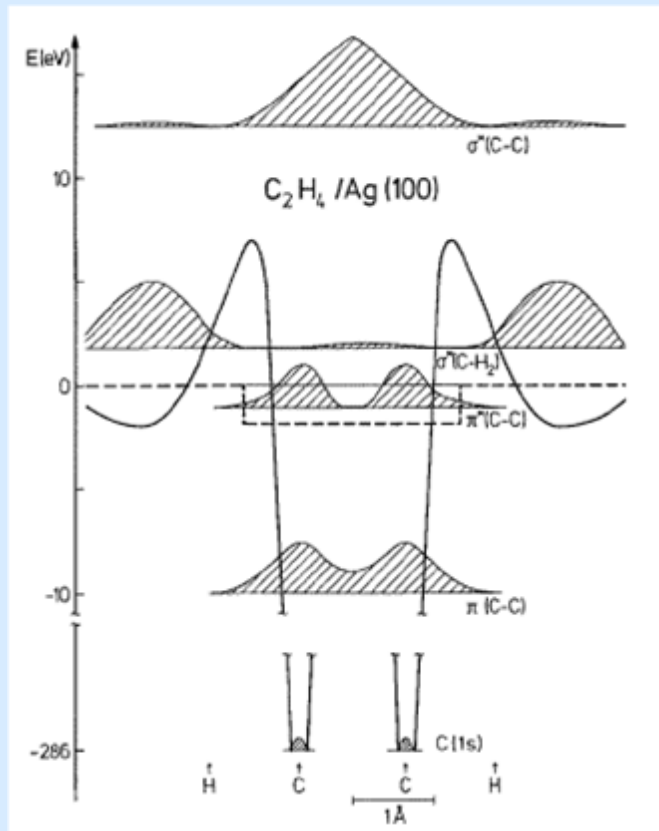
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2. NEXAFS at the C and N K-edges

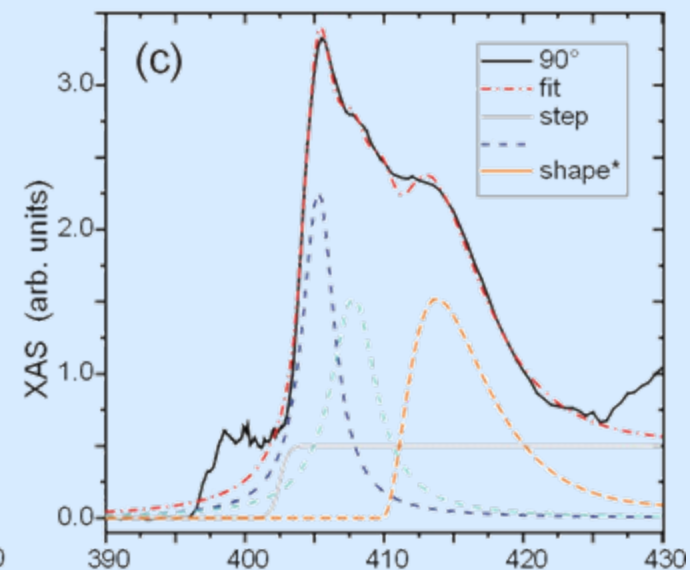
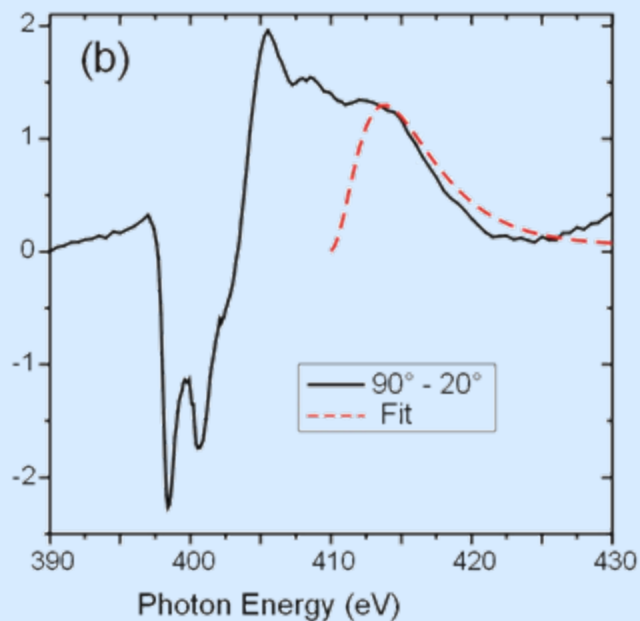
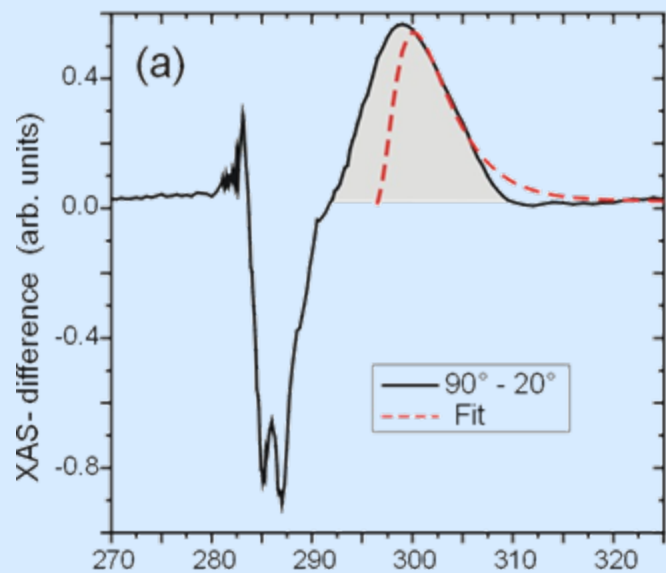
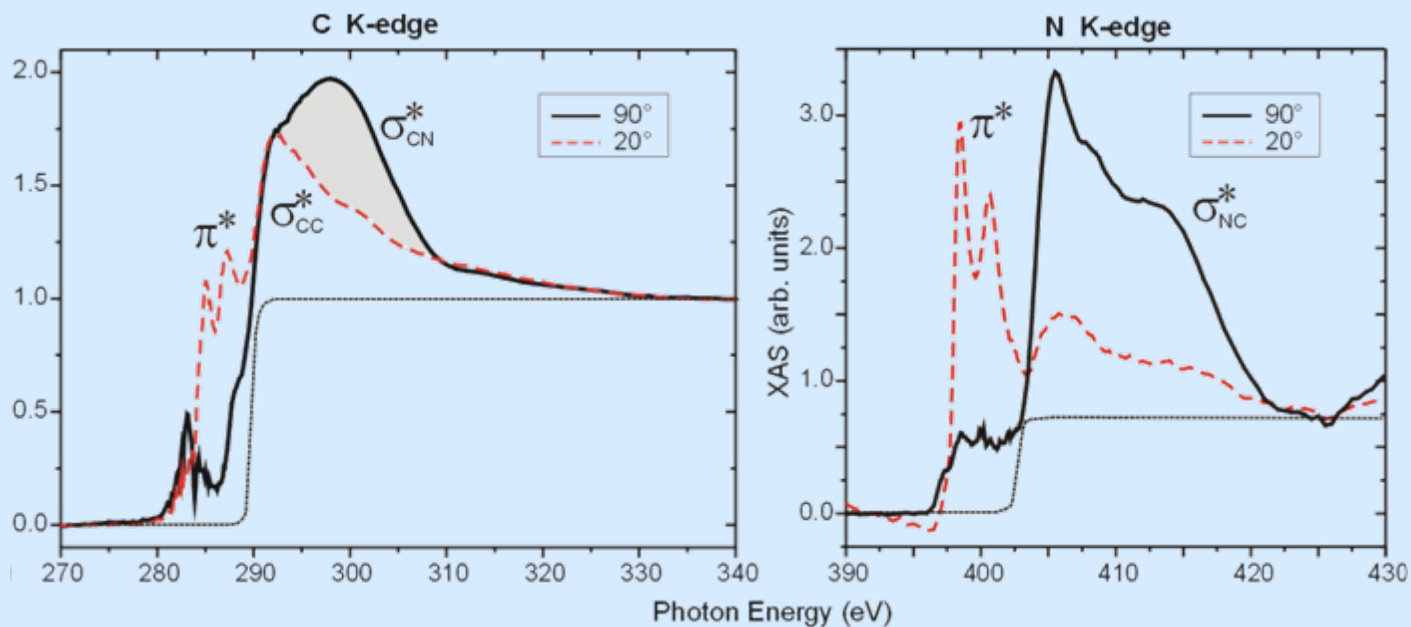
Distinguish between (I. Nenner 1986):

- 1) Excitation in an unoccupied bound state,
=> discrete resonance, relax back to the ground state.
- 2) The core electron is ejected in the continuum
=> centrifugal barrier, scattering theory (MSM)



J. P. Connerade 1986, D. Arvanitis *et al.* Z. Physik 1989
eff. spherical well potential → analytical solution

Fe-OEP/Ni/Cu(100)



D. Bovenschen, Diplom Thesis 2009 University Duisburg-Essen; $V_0 a^2 = 7.3 \text{ eV \AA}^2$, Schwinger's theorem 1947

Klaus,

This one is for you!

Thanks for being a good
friend and collaborator
all these years.

I've learned so much
from our discussions
and friendly arguments,
and I hope they will
continue.

Joachim Stöhr

Almaden,

July 20, 1992



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Orientation of Chemisorbed Molecules from Surface-Absorption Fine-Structure Measurements: CO and NO on Ni(100)

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Surface-absorption fine-structure studies for CO and NO on Ni(100) exhibit two pronounced resonances above the C, N, and O *K* edges. A strong polarization dependence of these resonances, which correspond to a $\sigma \rightarrow \pi$ discrete absorption and a $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma$ shape resonance, allows the precise determination of molecular orientation. Both molecules are found to be aligned along the surface normal within 10° .

Angular dependent NEXAFS \leftrightarrow flat lying porphyrin molecules on surface.

In bulk usually the average over $f(\Theta)$ is measured.

- Sharp resonances below threshold:

fine structure of $1s \rightarrow \pi^*$ transitions, angular dependence, similar to earlier work by Narioka et al. JCP 1995 on ZnTPP/Ag

- Broad scattering profile above threshold:

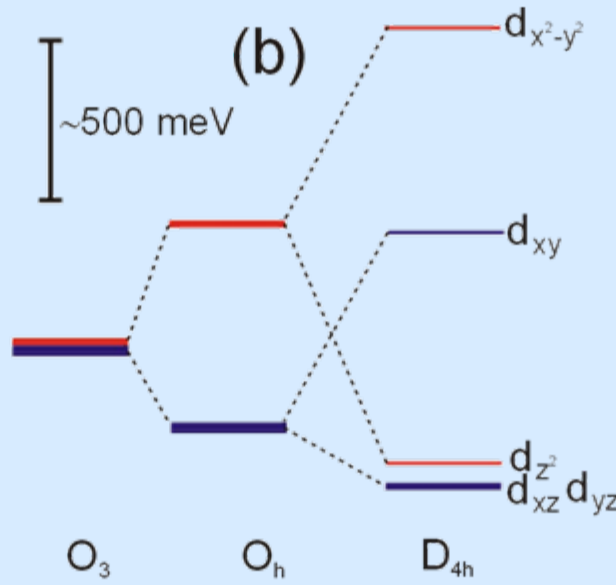
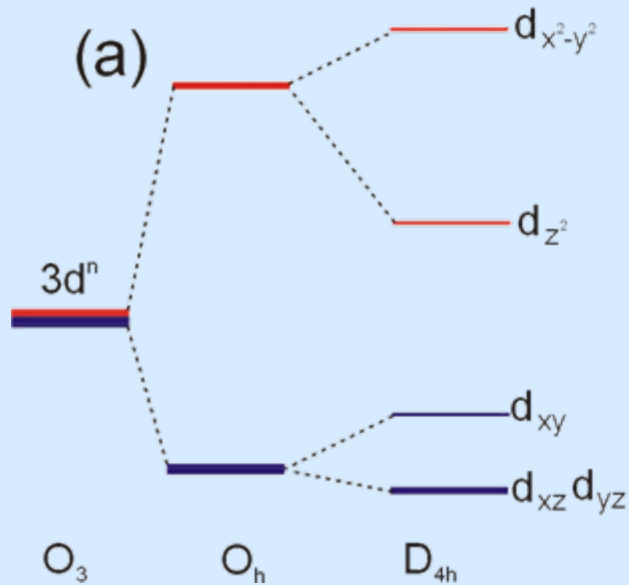
$1s \rightarrow \infty$, σ^* -shape resonances, both at C and N edges, scattering-potential, -strength, direct access to bonding geometry, see Dehmer, Connerade, Nenner etc.

- Analysis of $\Delta\Theta$ -spectra, ongoing work, Diplom Thesis, Bovenschen Uni- DUE 2009

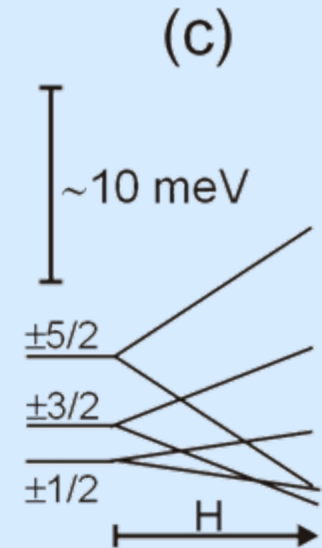
- No XMCD signal at N was detected, but there will be some induced magnetism, see Sorg et al. @ XAFS 13 for oxygen on Fe,Co,Ni, and Amemiya et al. CO/Co/Cu(100) PRB 2001

- **Confirm a flat oriented monolayer of Fe-porphyrin on the surface**

3a. NEXAFS and XMCD at the Fe $L_{3,2}$ -edges *3dⁿ-energy scheme and magnetism of the Fe-ion*



Fe $3+,2+$
 $S = 5/2, 3/2, 1/2$
 $S = 2, 1, 0$



Dramatic change of ligand field upon
 coadsorption of oxygen.

Gambardella et al. 2009,

Bernien et al. 2009

Unperturbed e_g, t_{2g} eigenstates
 are no good.

“zero field splitting” \equiv CEF

orbital and spin magnetic moments

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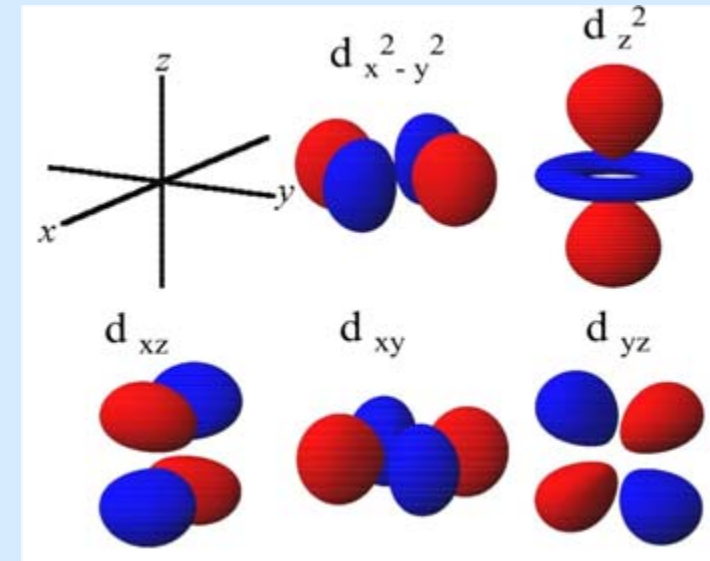
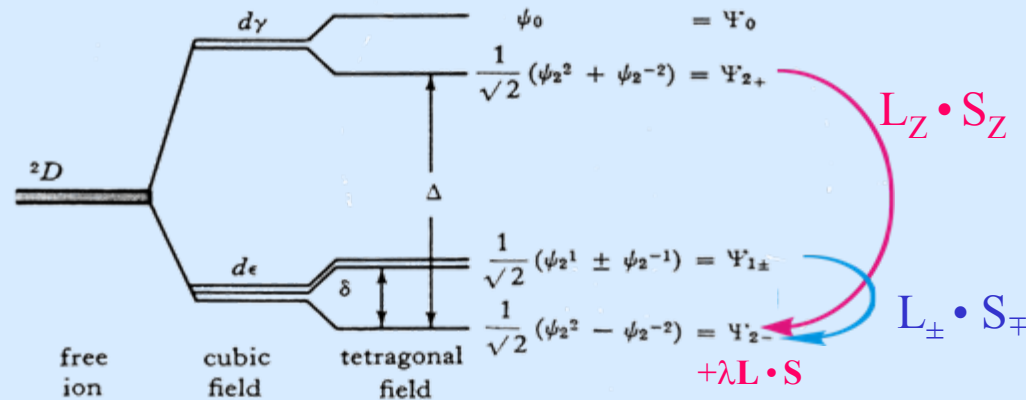
Übung zur Festkörperphysik II

SS 1998
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Farle
Bovensiepen

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Abgabe: 08.05.98

Für einen $3d^1$ Zustand mit MX_6 Liganden ist die Energieaufspaltung in tetragonaler Symmetrie wie folgt gegeben:



The orbital moment is quenched in cubic symmetry

$$\langle 2- | L_z | 2- \rangle = 0,$$

but not for tetragonal symmetry

Fig. 3-4 Splitting of the 2D term by a tetragonally distorted cubic field.

3) Berechnen Sie für den Grundzustand

$$\Psi_{2-} = (2)^{-1/2} \{ |2- \rangle - |-2 \rangle \} = |2- \rangle$$

die Beimischung der angeregten Zustände durch $\lambda \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S}$ und beachten Sie dabei, daß auch Spinzustände einzuführen sind (zweckmäßig $\alpha|2-\rangle$ und $\beta|2-\rangle$ für Spin "up" and "down")

(2 P)

4.) Berechnen Sie für den in Ü3 gefundenen neuen Grundzustand die anisotropen g-Faktoren

$g_z, g_x = g_y$ durch "Einschalten" der Zeeman Ww: $\mu_B (\mathbf{L} + g_e \mathbf{S}) \mathbf{H}$

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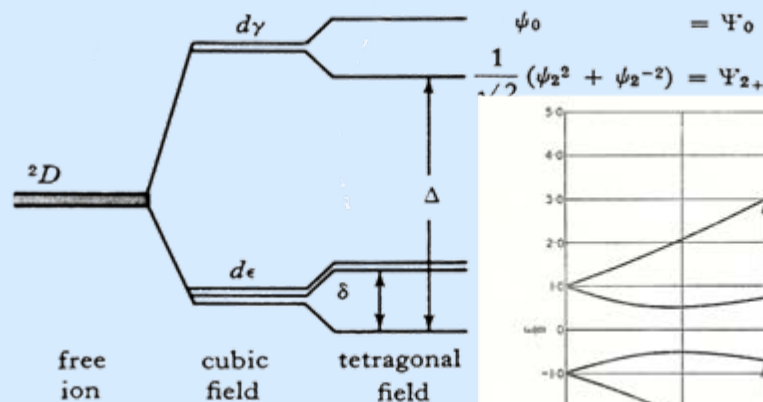


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$$\mathcal{H}_s = \beta H(g_{\parallel} \cos \theta S_z + g_{\perp} \sin \theta S_x) + D(S_z^2 - \frac{1}{3}S(S+1)) \quad (4.10)$$

with $S = \frac{3}{2}$; where, as above, H is applied at an angle θ to the z axis in the zx plane.

The operator S_z^2 is diagonal, so in zero magnetic field it is easy to see that the eigenvalues of Equation 4.10 are

$$E_{\pm\frac{1}{2}} = -D$$

$$E_{\pm\frac{3}{2}} = +D$$

(4.11)

ie. the zero field splitting is $2D$.

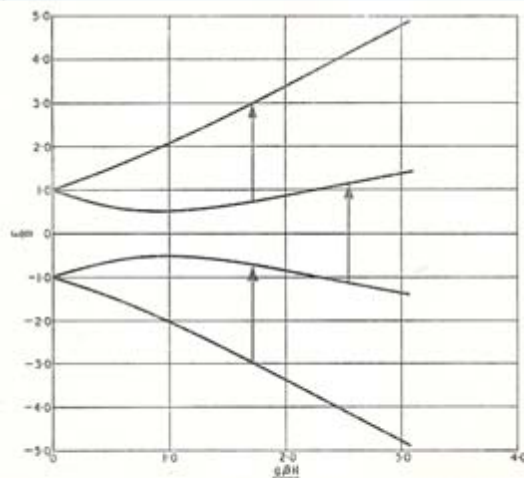


Fig. 4.1. "Symmetrical" energy levels for the system $S = \frac{3}{2}$ in axial crystal field. The magnetic field H is applied at an angle $\cos^{-1}(1/\sqrt{3})$ ($54^\circ 44'$) to the crystalline axis

ie. when the zero field splitting $2D$ is large compared to the micro-

Zero field splitting:

For $Cr^{3+} \Rightarrow S=3/2$, see FP

For $Fe^{3+} \Rightarrow S=5/2$

Splitting in $E_{\pm 1/2}, E_{\pm 3/2}, E_{\pm 5/2}$

$$\Delta E = 2D, 4D$$

Range 5 to 40 GHz, see Bittl paper

Orbital magnetism in second order perturbation theory

$$\mathcal{H}' = \mu_B \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{L} + \lambda \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{i,j=1}^3 [\beta g_e (\delta_{ij} - 2\lambda \Lambda_{ij}) S_i H_j - \lambda^2 \Lambda_{ij} S_i S_j] + \text{diamagnetic terms in } H_i H_j \quad (3-23)$$

where Λ_{ij} is defined in relation to states ($n > 0$) as

$$\Lambda_{ij} = \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{\langle 0 | L_i | n \rangle \langle n | L_j | 0 \rangle}{E_n - E_0} \quad (3-24)$$

$$\langle 0 | \mu_B \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{L} | n \rangle \quad \langle n | \lambda \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S} | 0 \rangle \quad \langle 0 | \lambda \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S} | n \rangle \quad \langle n | \lambda \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S} | 0 \rangle$$

In the principal axis system of a crystal with axial symmetry, the $\underline{\Lambda}$ tensor is diagonal with $\Lambda_{zz} = \Lambda_{\parallel}$ and $\Lambda_{xx} = \Lambda_{yy} = \Lambda_{\perp}$. Under these conditions, \mathcal{H} of (3-23) can be simplified, since

$$S_x^2 + S_y^2 = S(S + 1) - S_z^2$$

to give

$$\mathcal{H} = g_{\parallel} \beta H_z S_z + g_{\perp} \beta (H_x S_x + H_y S_y) + D [S_z^2 - \frac{1}{3} S(S + 1)] \quad (3-25)$$

where

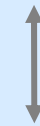
$$\begin{aligned} g_{\parallel} &= g_e (1 - \lambda \Lambda_{\parallel}) \\ g_{\perp} &= g_e (1 - \lambda \Lambda_{\perp}) \\ D &= \lambda^2 (\Lambda_{\perp} - \Lambda_{\parallel}) \end{aligned} \quad (3-26)$$

GE. Pake, p.66

$$g_{\parallel} - g_{\perp} = g_e \lambda (\Lambda_{\perp} - \Lambda_{\parallel})$$

anisotropic $\mu_L \leftrightarrow$ MAE

$$D = \frac{\lambda}{g_e} \Delta g$$



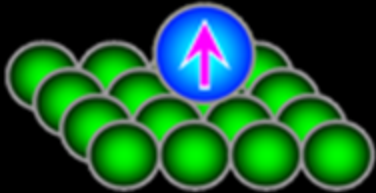
$$\text{MAE} \propto \frac{\xi_{LS}}{4\mu_B} \Delta \mu_L$$

Bruno ('89)

Anisotropic magnetic moment (g-tensor) and magnetic anisotropy energy have the identical same origin: SOC mixes the eigenstates (l- and s-part !).

Magnetic Anisotropy

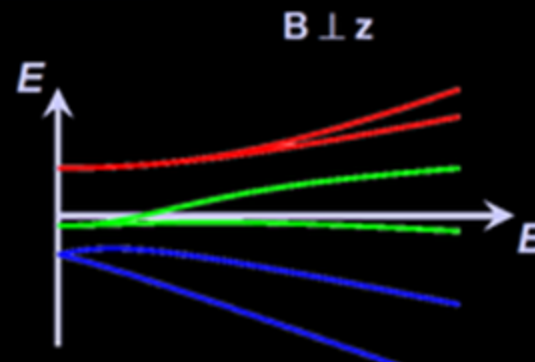
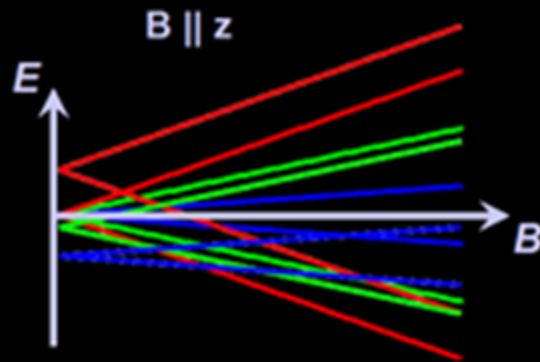
Anisotropy at a surface



➤ Free atomic spin is rotationally invariant: all spin orientations are degenerate.

➤ Loss of rotational symmetry breaks degeneracy of spin orientations.

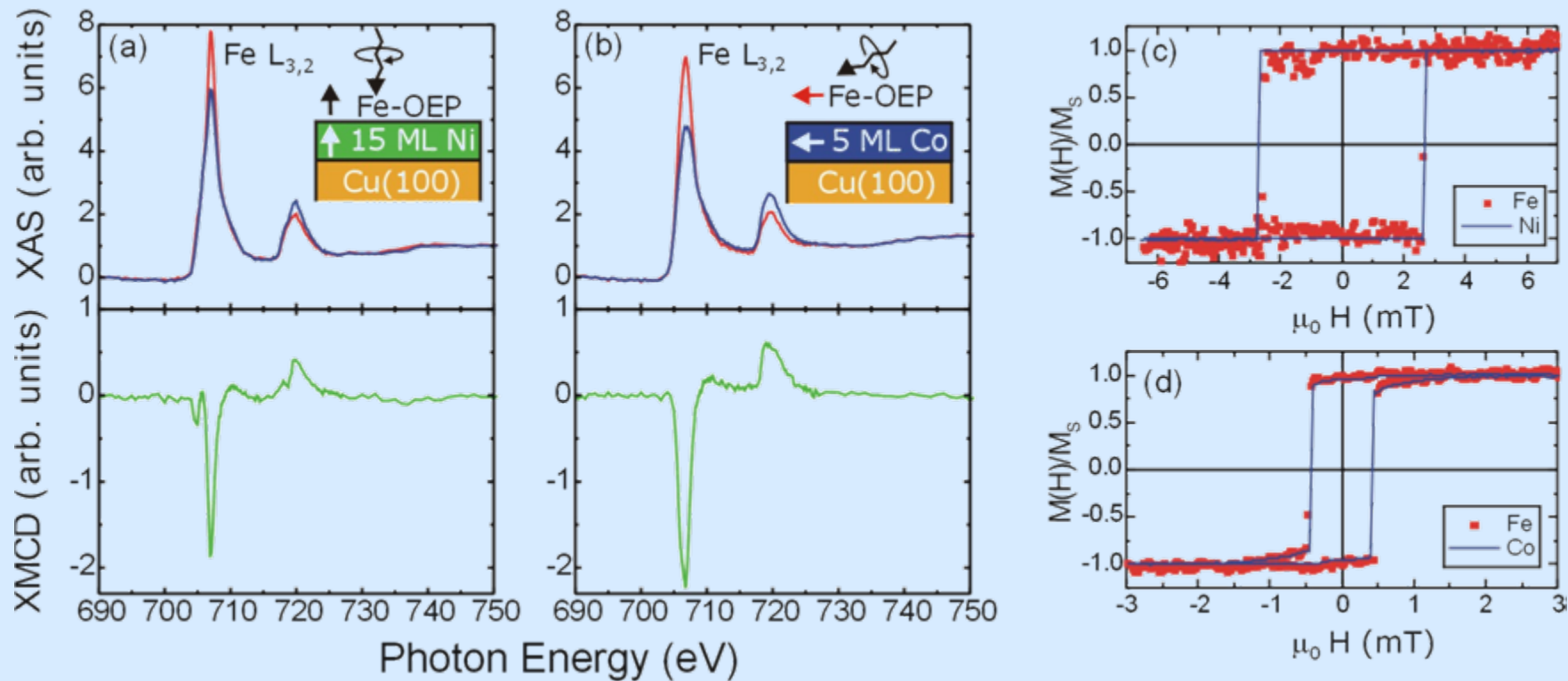
$$H = -g\mu_B \vec{B} \cdot \vec{S} + DS_z^2$$



Magnetic field dependence varies with angle of magnetic field.

Cyrus F. Hirjibehedin, Chiung-Yuan Lin, Alexander F. Otte, Markus Ternes, Christopher P. Lutz, Barbara A. Jones, and Andreas J. Heinrich, "Large Magnetic Anisotropy of a Single Atomic Spin Embedded in a Surface Molecular Network," *Science* **317**, 1199 (2007).

3b. NEXAFS and XMCD at the Fe $L_{3,2}$ -edges *L-edge spectra*



Iron magnetic moments can be flipped up and down, left and right with a small “external force” of mT, only. Wende et al. 2007

First experiments of this kind on Mn TPP /10 nm Co by Scheybal et al. Chem. Phys. Lett. 2005 @SLS

This will change the conductance thru the molecule.

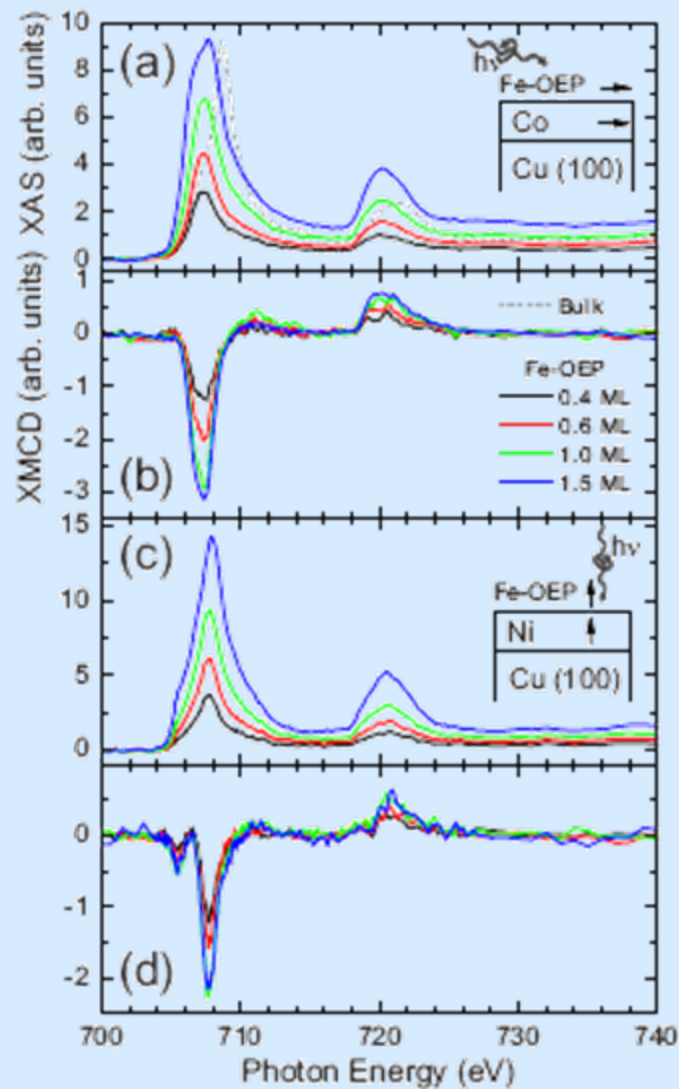


FIG. 1. (Color online) Fe- $L_{2,3}$ XAS and XMCD spectra recorded at room temperature for different coverages of Fe-porphyrin molecules [(a) and (b)] on 5 ML Co/Cu(100) and [(c) and (d)] on 15 ML Ni/Cu(100). Panel (a) includes the XAS data of Fe-OEP-Cl bulk.

High sensitivity @ BESSY UE56-2/PGM2
 1 ML of Fe-OEP \approx 1/100 ML of Fe/Cu.

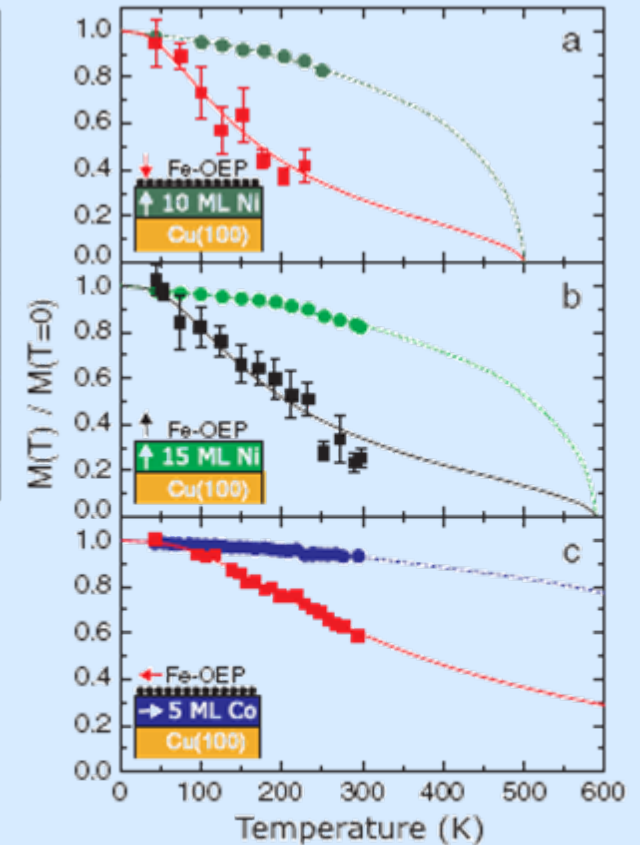
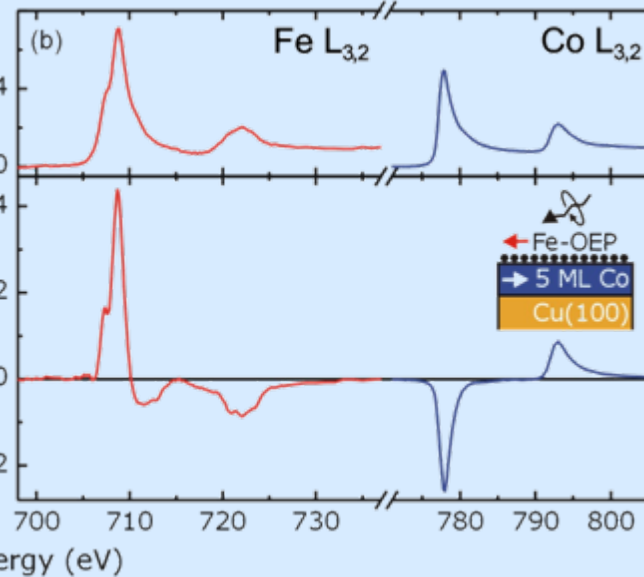
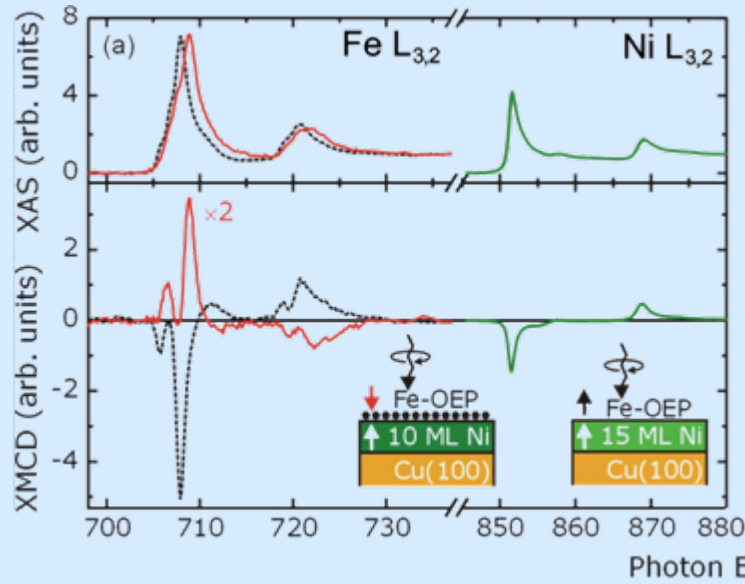
T-dependent XMCD 50 – 300 K was measured
 for Fe **and** Ni/Co
 and the exchange coupling determined to be
 \approx 70 meV for Fe-OEP/Co and
 \approx 20 meV for Fe-OEP/Ni.

See Bernien *et al.* PRB 2007

Oxygen surfactant-growth of Ni and Co ultrathin films

Oxygen c(2x2) floats on top (Sorg *et al.* PRB 2006)

On top of this we evaporate Fe-OEP



As a result we find antiparallel alignment of μ_{Fe} and $M_{\text{Ni,Co}}$ antiferromagnetic coupling

See Bernien *et al.* PRL 2009

$E_{\text{ex}} \approx 37(17)$ meV for Fe-OEP/Co(Ni)

DFT calc. UU Eriksson-group

FIG. 2 (color online). Temperature dependence of Fe XMCD (squares; full lines: fit of Brillouin-type model) and Ni or Co XMCD (circles; dashed lines: empirical curve taken from Ref. [21]) for 0.6 ML Fe-OEP on (a) O/10 ML Ni/Cu(100), (b) 15 ML Ni/Cu(100), and (c) O/5 ML Co/Cu(100).

L_{3,2} NEXAFS/XANES and XMCD on oriented Fe-porphyrin contain very rich information:

Electronic:

- Different Fe L₃ line shape for Ni and Co substrate. Normal (grazing) incidence is probing unoccupied Fe orbitals in plane (out of plane).
- Shift of Fe L₃ energy position \leftrightarrow valence state, charge transfer

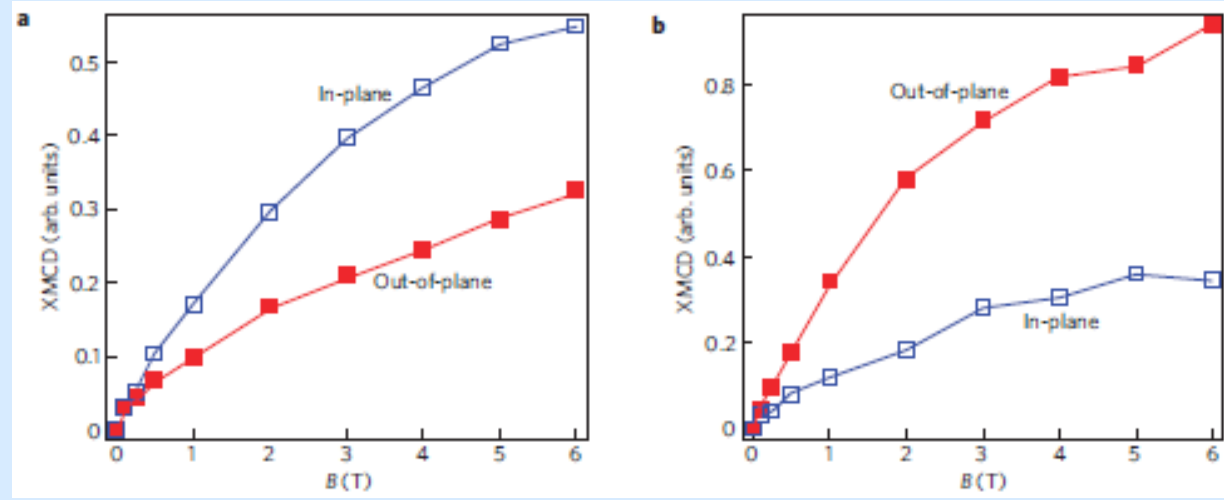
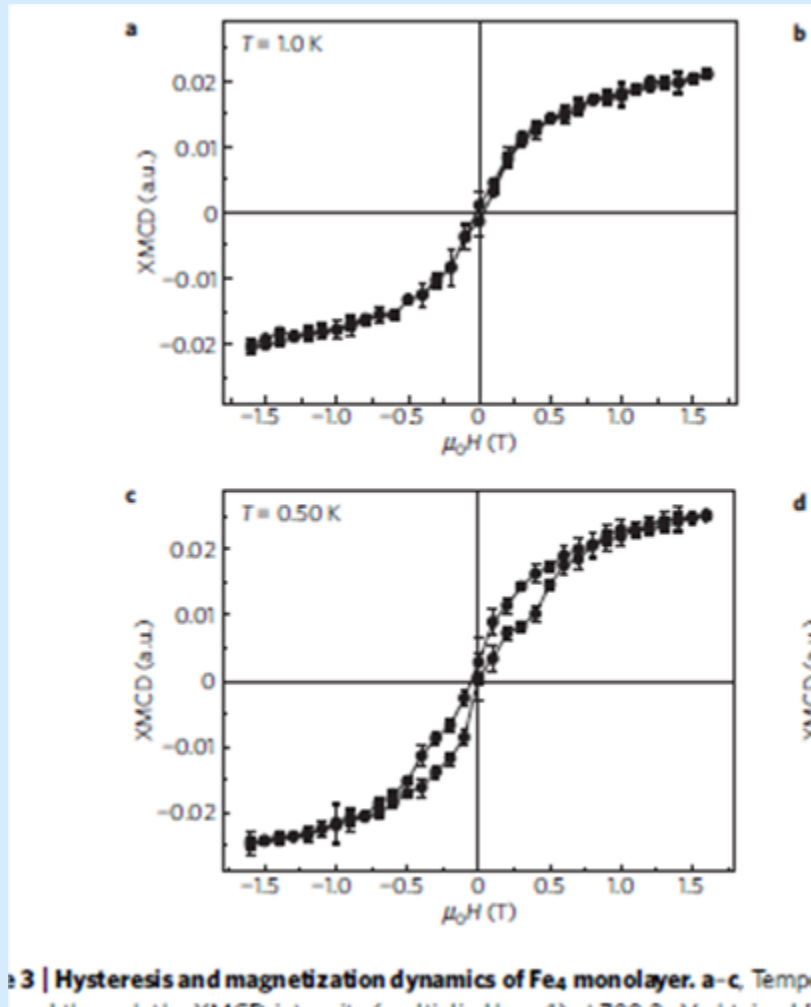
Magnetic:

- Element specific magnetization
- Paramagnetic Fe moment is aligned with respect to FM film, switching, hysteresis.
- Switching also by an external field of 5T and 8 K, ongoing work at ESRF
- $f(T) \rightarrow E_{\text{ex}}$
- $f(\Theta) \rightarrow$ selective orbitals
- Sum rules $\rightarrow \mu_{\text{spin}}, \mu_{\text{orb}}, \rightarrow \text{MAE}$ **Caution !**

4. Discussion

Mannini et al. @ BESSY, SLS

Gambardella et al. @ ESRF



Fe(TPA)₄ on Cu(100) O₂ - Fe(TPA)₄
change of easy axis upon O₂ dosage

Partial saturation of an Fe₄SMM/Au(111)
anisotropic paramagnet

Electron paramagnetic resonance and electron nuclear double resonance spectroscopy of a heme protein maquette

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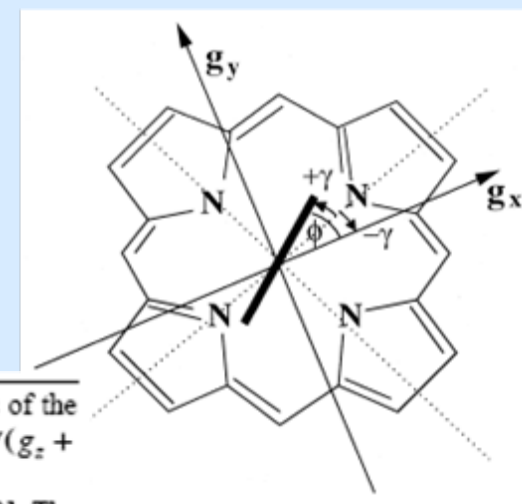
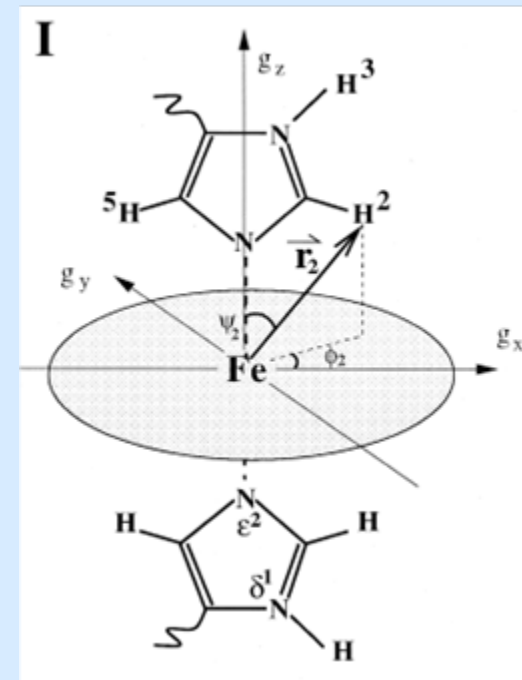
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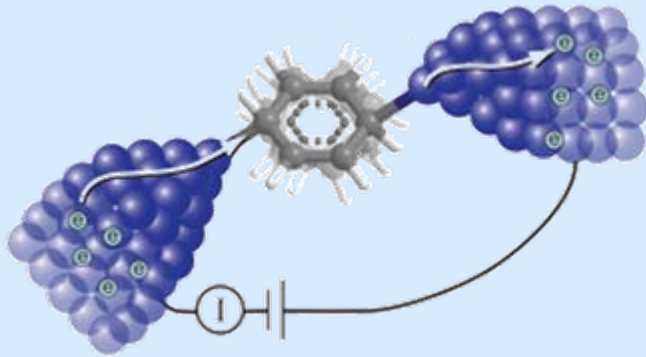
ESR gives direct access to real ground state, wave function and g-tensor

	Maquette	MOP	MbIm
g_1	2.92 (\pm 0.01)	2.97 (\pm 0.01)	2.96 (\pm 0.01)
g_2	2.28 (\pm 0.01)	2.27 (\pm 0.01)	2.26 (\pm 0.01)
g_3	1.54 (\pm 0.02)	1.51 (\pm 0.02)	1.51 (\pm 0.02)
V/λ ^a	1.95 (\pm 0.03)	1.84 (\pm 0.03)	1.85 (\pm 0.03)
Δ/λ	3.27 (\pm 0.13)	3.30 (\pm 0.13)	3.32 (\pm 0.13)
V/Δ	0.60 (\pm 0.02)	0.56 (\pm 0.02)	0.56 (\pm 0.02)

^a The ligand field parameters V (rhombic splitting) and Δ (tetragonal splitting) were calculated from the g -tensor values in units of the spin-orbit coupling constant λ with Taylor's method of ligand field analysis [14]: $V/\lambda = g_x/(g_z + g_y) + g_y/(g_z - g_x)$, $\Delta/\lambda = g_x/(g_z + g_y) + g_z/(g_y - g_x) - 1/2$ V/λ with $g_z > g_y > g_x$.



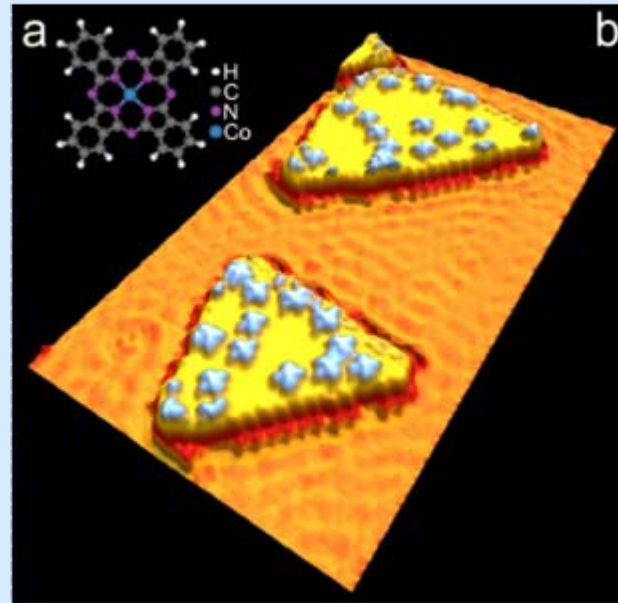
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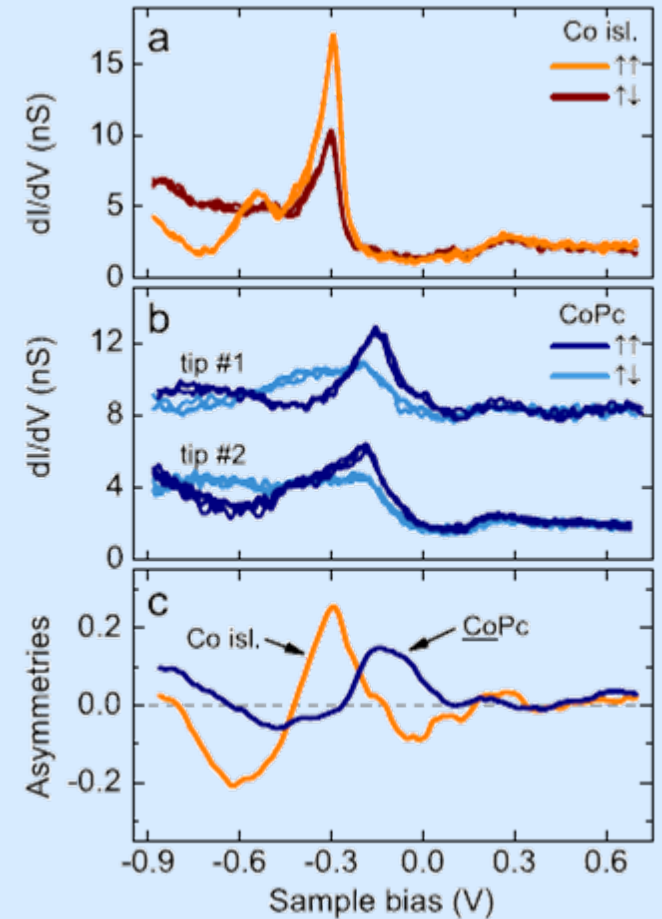
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Frequency domain Fourier transform THz-EPR on single molecule magnets using coherent synchrotron radiation

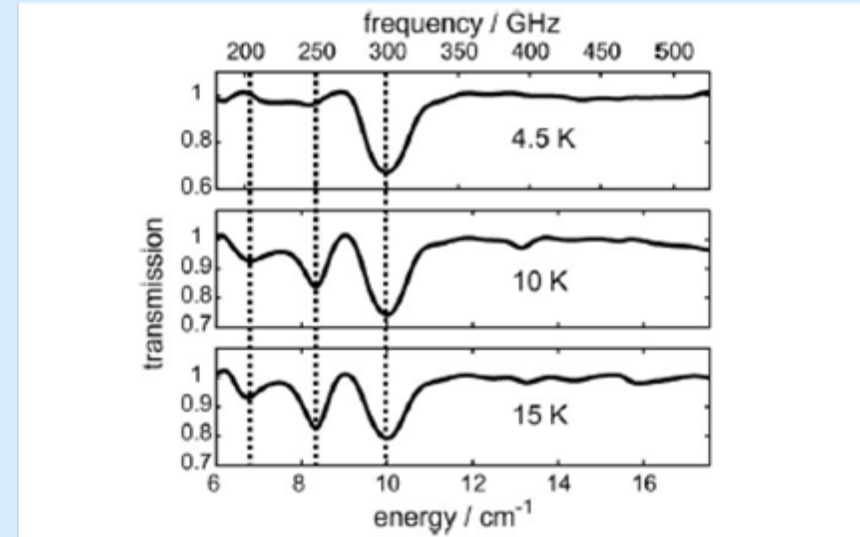
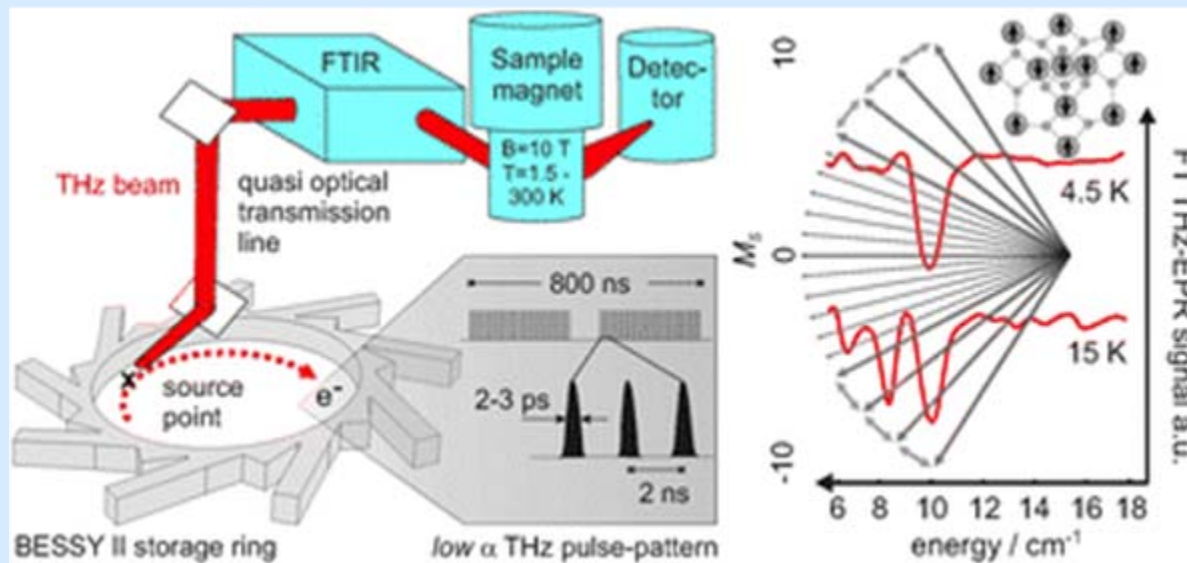
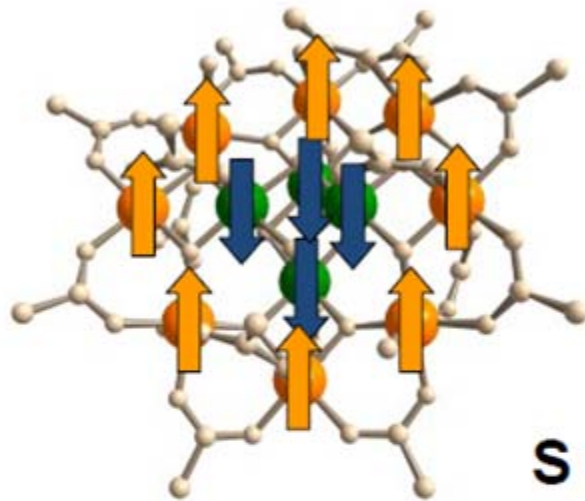
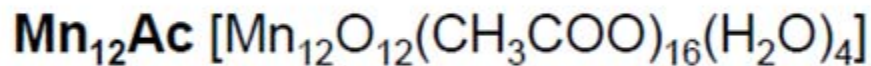


Fig. 3 FD-FT THz-EPR spectra of $Mn_{12}Ac$ obtained at $T = 4.5$ K, 10 K and 15 K. The spectra were obtained by dividing the spectra through a reference spectrum taken at 50 K. In the EPR spectra absorption lines resulting from $\Delta M_S = \pm 1$ EPR transitions are indicated by dotted lines. From left to right these are the $M_S = \pm 8$ to $M_S = \pm 7$ (6.9 cm^{-1}), the $M_S = \pm 9$ to $M_S = \pm 8$ (8.3 cm^{-1}) and $M_S = \pm 10$ to $M_S = \pm 9$ (10 cm^{-1}) transitions, respectively. Experimental

Frequency domain Fourier transform THz electro (FT THz-EPR) based on coherent synchrotron radiation (CSR) is presented as a novel tool at the BESSY II storage ring ... in a frequency range from 5 cm^{-1} up to 40 cm^{-1} ... together with first measurements on the **SMM $Mn_{12}Ac$** where $\Delta M_S = \pm 1$ spin transition was studied

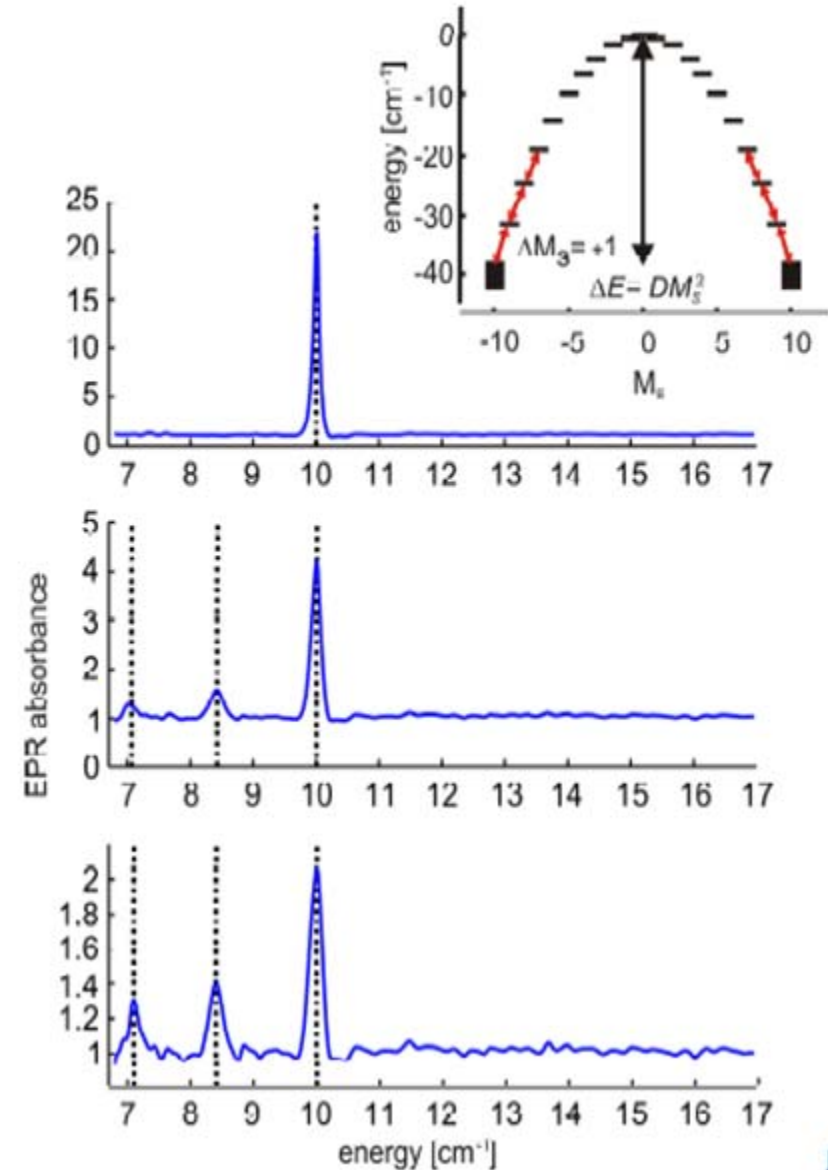


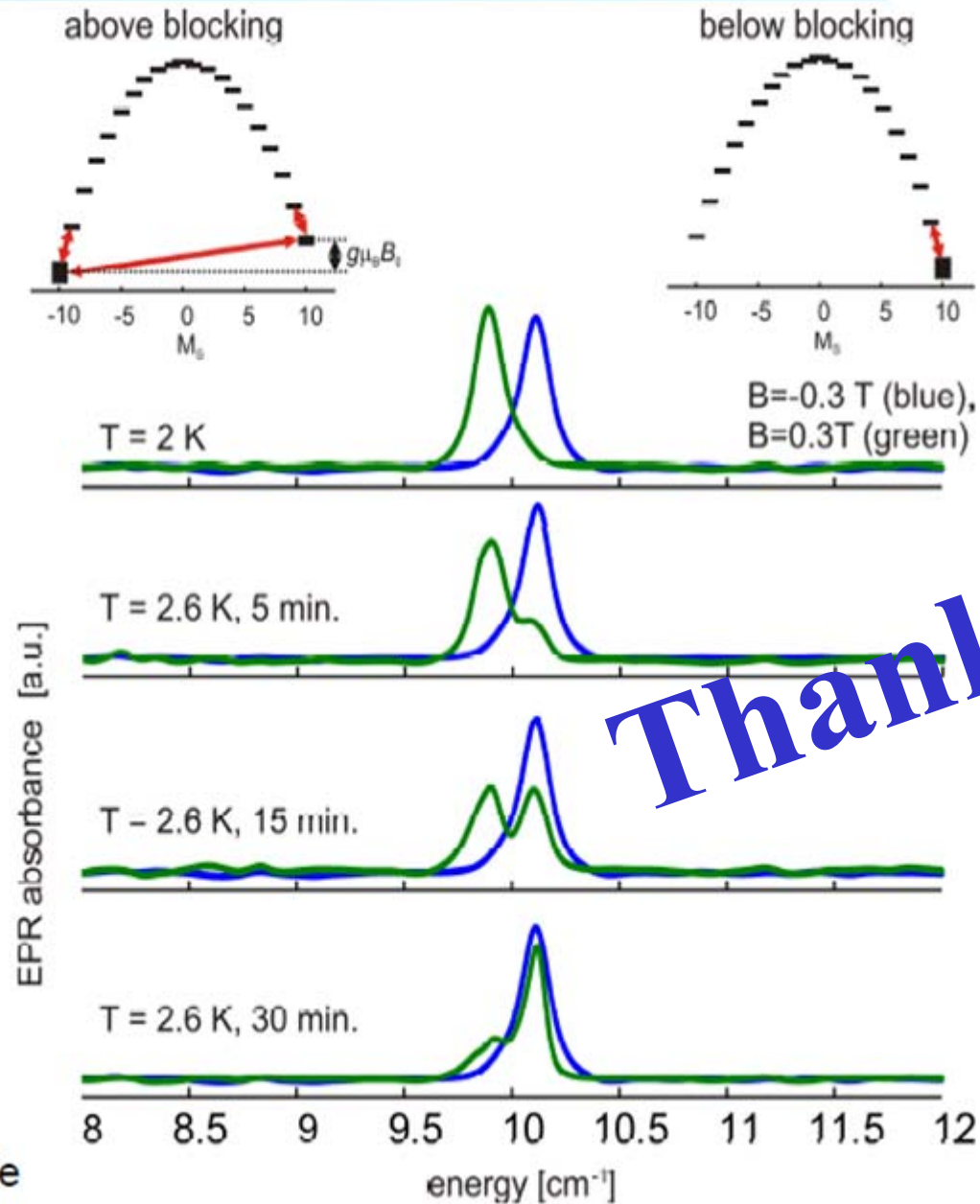
S = 10



- 4 Mn⁴⁺ ions (3d³, S=3/2): S=6
 - 8 Mn³⁺ ions (3d⁴, S=2): S=16
- Spins are exchange coupled to **S=10**

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Magnetic switching of an Fe-porphyrin monolayer adsorbed on surfaces:

An XAFS and XMCD study

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Metalorganic molecules like Fe-porphyrin or haemoglobin have been investigated in great detail in the past. Its importance is obvious and has been measured mostly with molecules in random orientation. Here we report on experiments of a single monolayer of Fe-porphyrin in UHV aligned flat on ferromagnetic Ni and Co films /1/. NEXAFS with linear and circular polarization is the spectroscopy of choice; it is elementspecific and measures the electronic structure as well as the magnetism at once. For the flat oriented monolayer of porphyrin molecules we have measured the angular dependence of XAFS at the C and N K-edge and XMCD at the Fe L-edges. The paramagnetic Fe-spin is aligned with respect to the ferromagnetic substrate. This altogether opens a huge field for switching the 3d-spin from parallel to perpendicular of the molecular plane, which in turn will modify the electronic transport properties and act as a single molecular switch.

We also will discuss some recent experiments at BESSY, at which synchrotron radiation was used as a THz generator for electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) at a single molecular magnet (SMM) Mn12Ac /2/. XMCD and EPR, together, will have a great potential to investigate and understand the basics of molecular magnetism.

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