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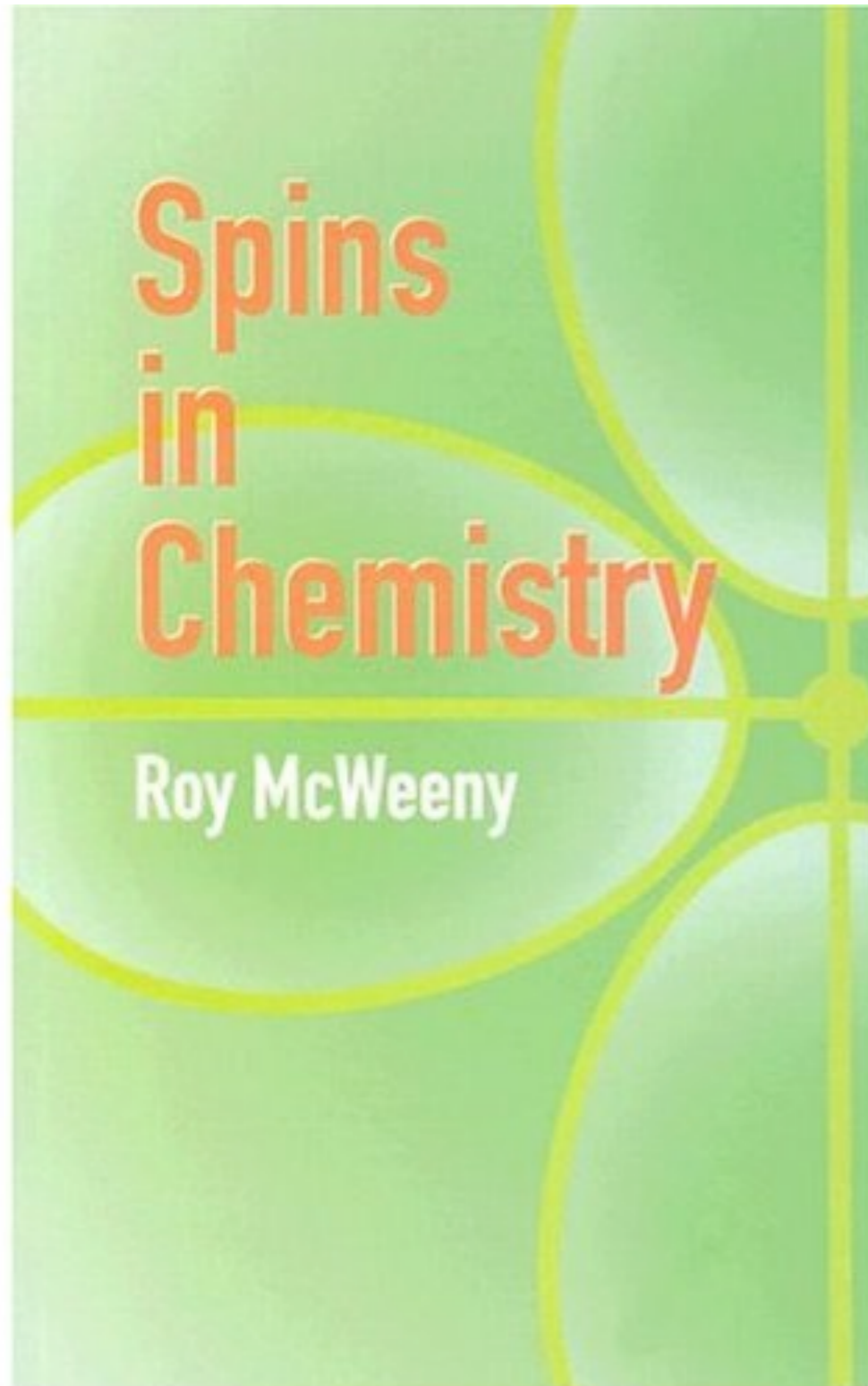
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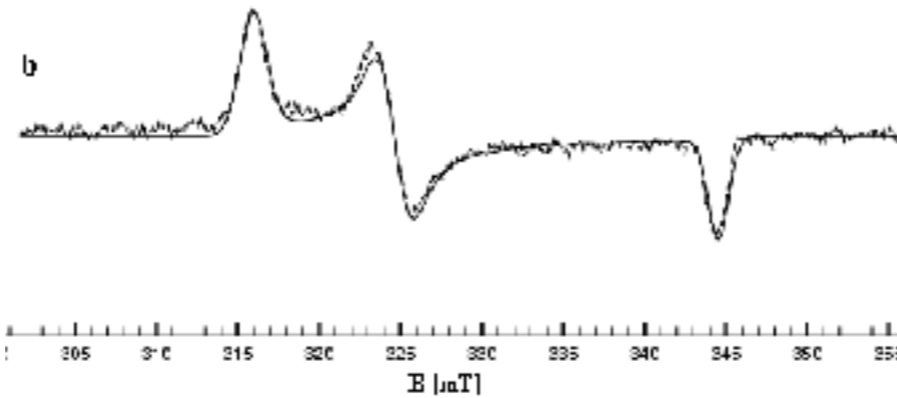
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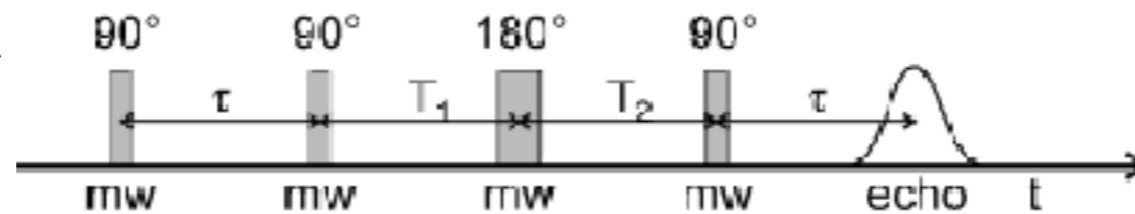
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„Magnetic Resonance Business“



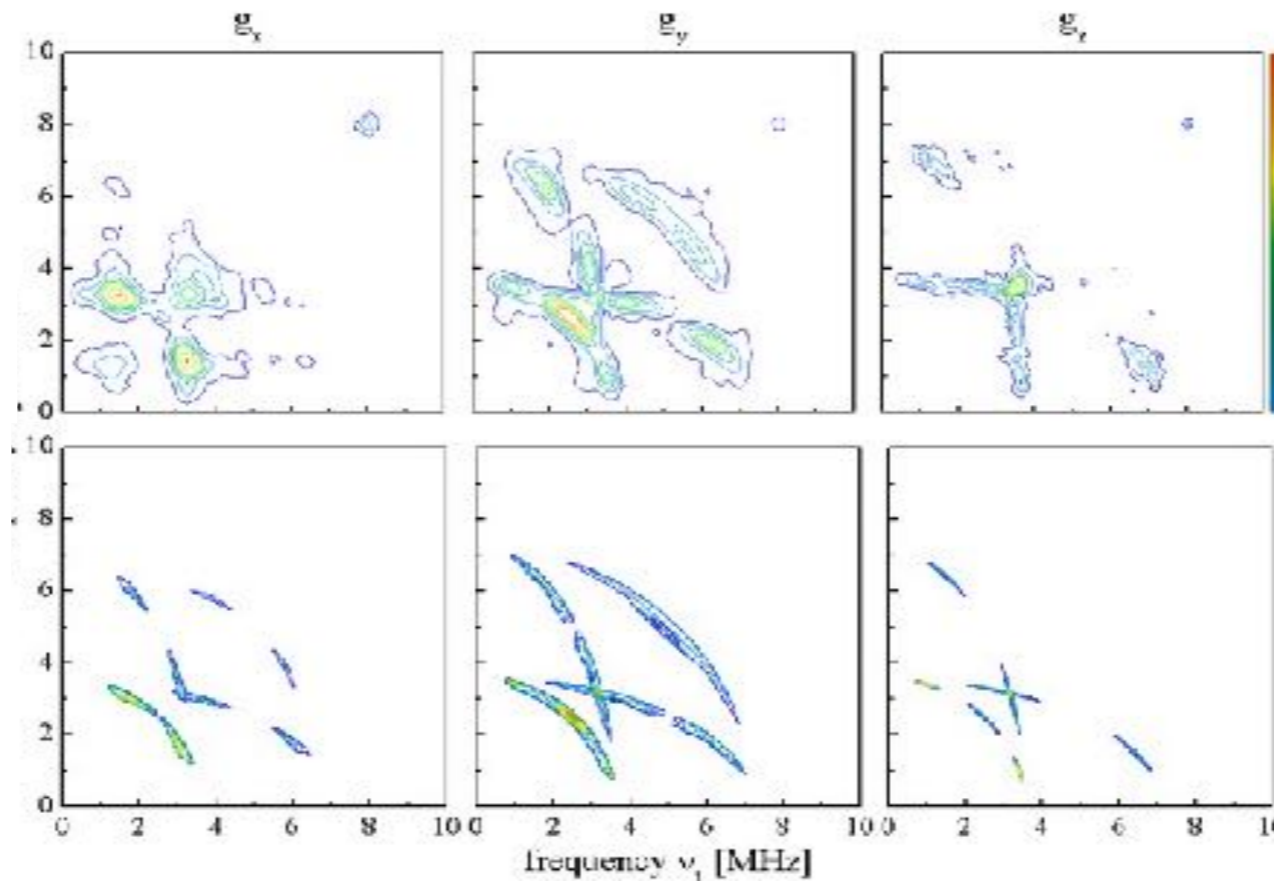
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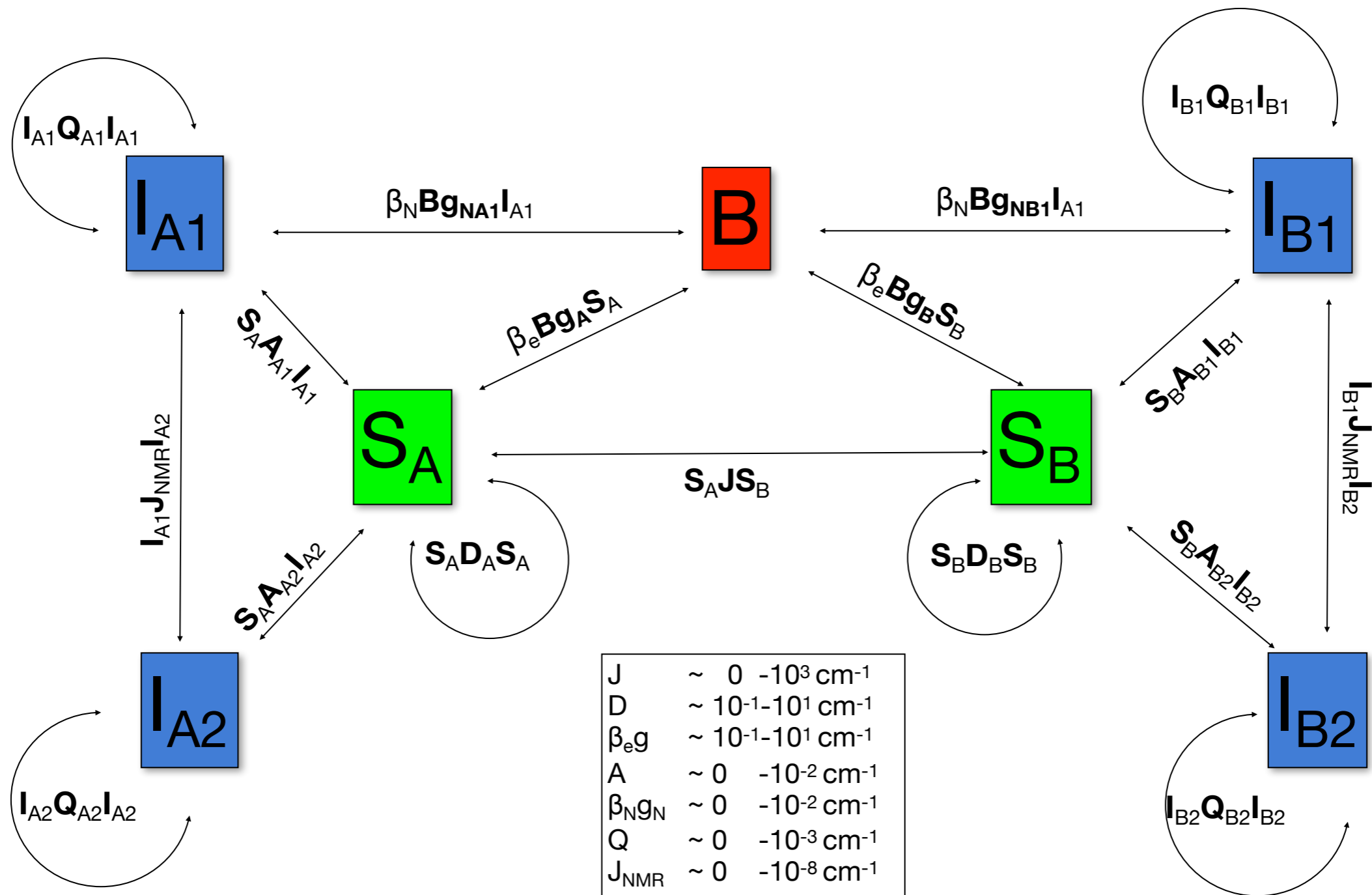
Obtain High Resolution Data

Simulate the Data



And now ?

Magnetic Interactions



The Spin Hamiltonian: Summary

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{H}_{Spin} = & \vec{S}\mathbf{D}\vec{S} \quad \left(= D(S_z^2 - \frac{1}{3}S(S+1)) + \frac{E}{D}(S_x^2 - S_y^2)\right) & \text{Zero-Field Splitting} \\ & + \beta\vec{B}\mathbf{g}\vec{S} & \text{Zeeman Term (g-Tensor)} \\ & + \sum_A \vec{S}\mathbf{A}^{(A)}\vec{I}^{(A)} & \text{Hyperfine Interaction} \\ & + \sum_A \vec{I}^{(A)}\mathbf{Q}^{(A)}\vec{I}^{(A)} & \text{Quadrupole Interaction} \\ & - \beta_N \sum_A \vec{B}\mathbf{g}_N^{(A)}\vec{I}^{(A)} & \text{Nuclear Zeeman} \\ & + \sum_{A<B} \vec{I}^{(A)}\mathbf{J}^{(A,B)}\vec{I}^{(B)} & \text{Spin-Spin Coupling}\end{aligned}$$

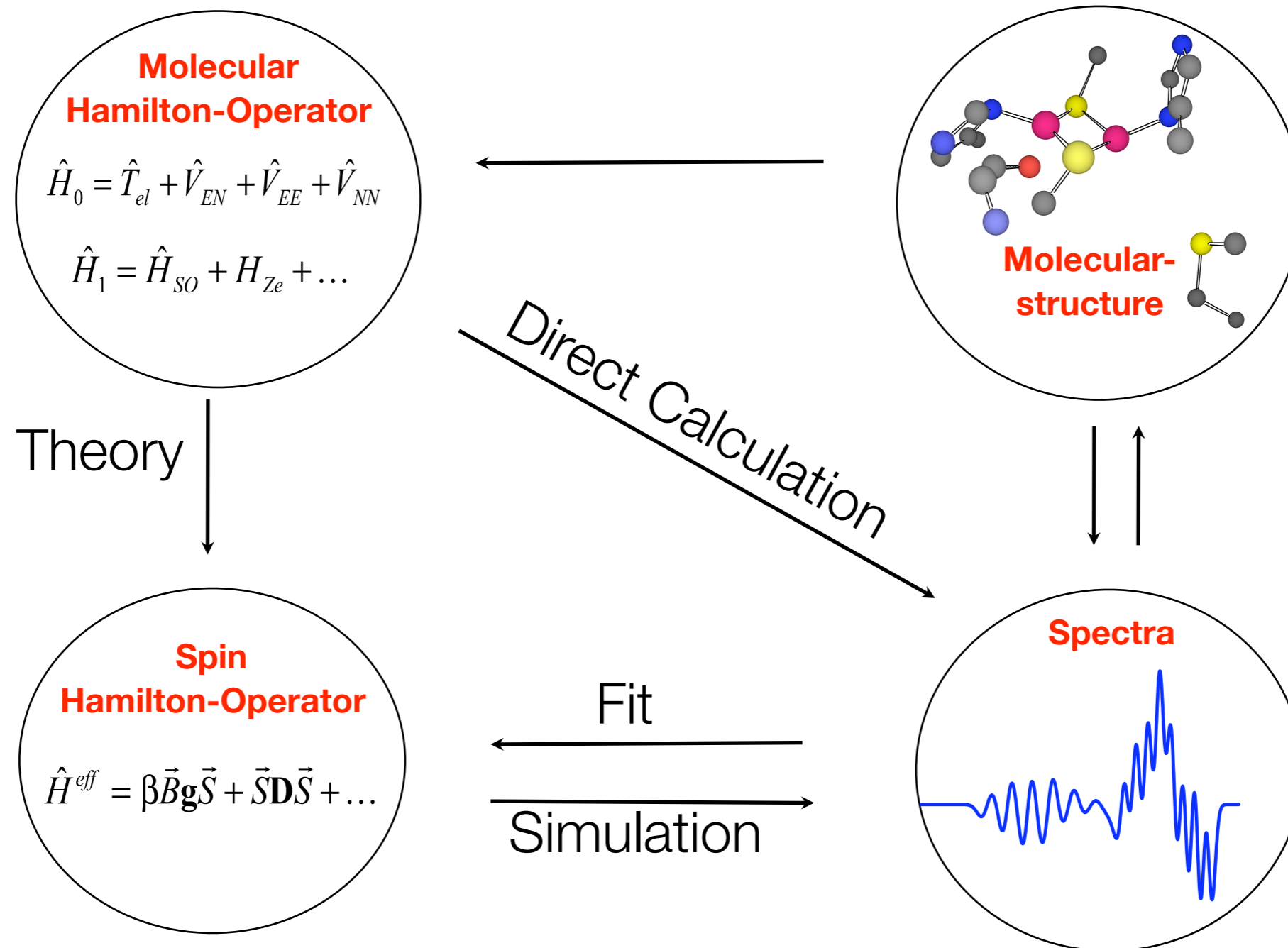
\vec{S} Fictitious Electron Spin

β Bohr's Magnetron

$\vec{I}^{(A)}$ Nuclear Spin

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Theoretical Magnetic Spectroscopy

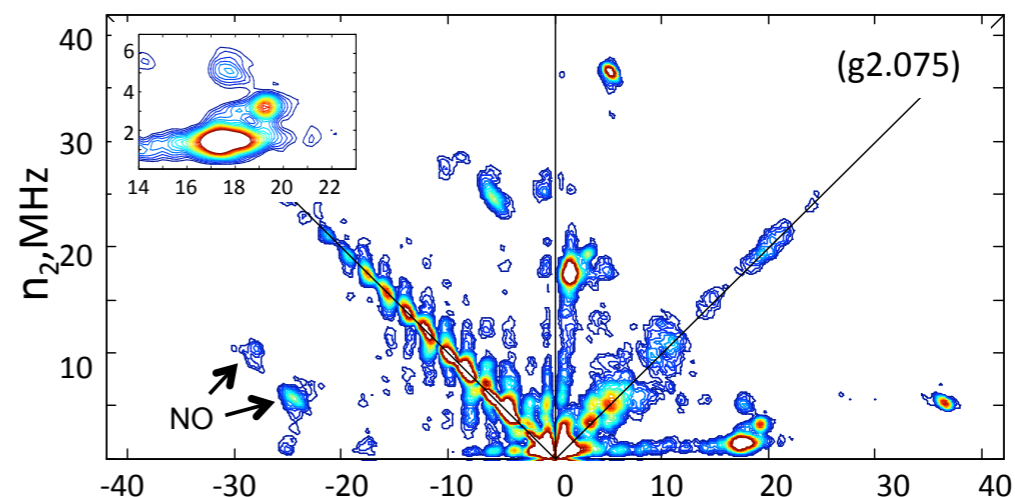
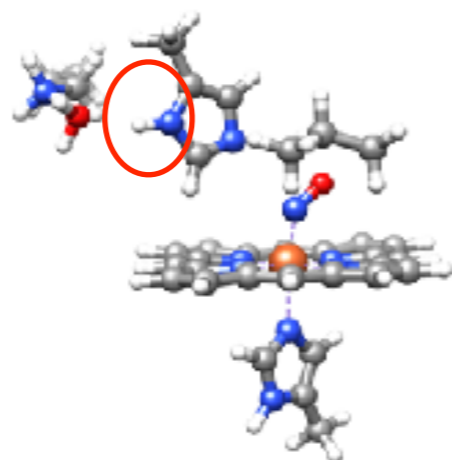


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[...] Please see that attached [...]. It shows the experimental HYScores and the simulated ones. One is the one that we fitted and one is with the parameters of 14N(His) model 2a , full (table 5). **The agreement is rather good, even better than our simulated ones. This is amazing!** It also shows how difficult it is to find by manual simulations a unique set of parameters, when there are so many

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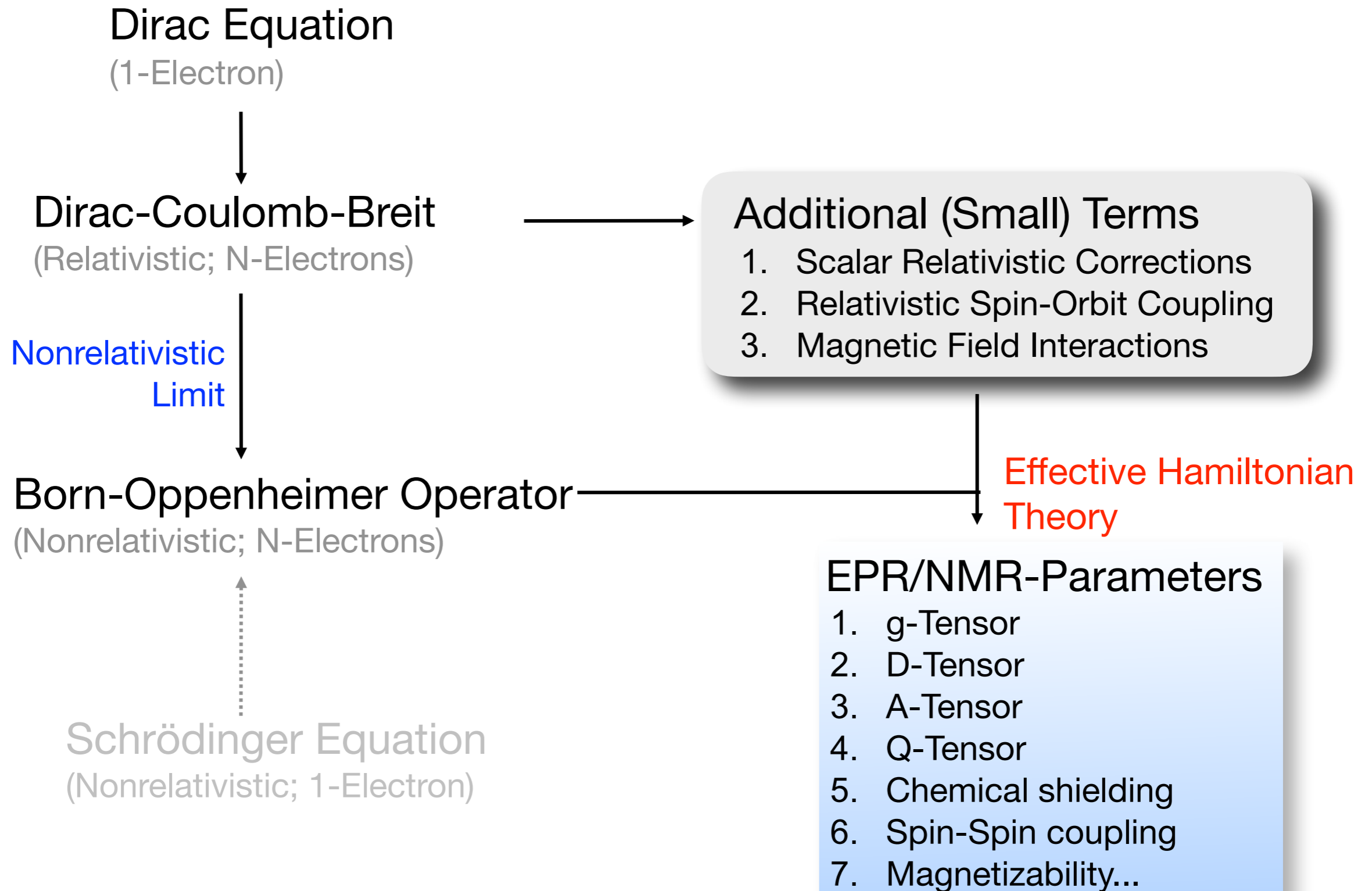
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Effective Hamiltonian Theory

Where do the Extra Terms come From?



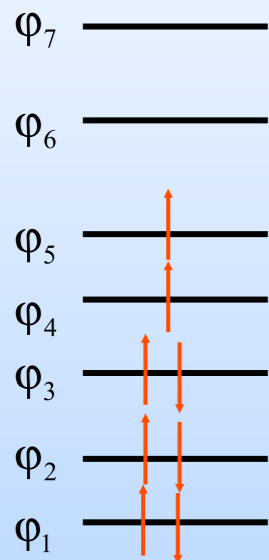
Perturbation Theory of SH Parameters

Divide the Complete Set of Many Electron States into Two Sets

1. „**Model Space**“: $|a; S_0 M\rangle$ $M=S_0, S_0-1, \dots, -S_0$
The $2S+1$ components of the orbitally nondegenerate ground state
2. „**Outer Space**“: $|b; S_b M\rangle$

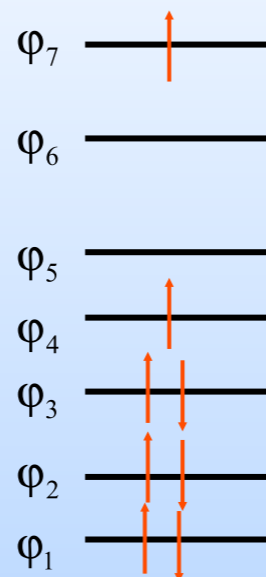
Example: *All other states of any multiplicity and symmetry*

Ground State $^3\Gamma$:



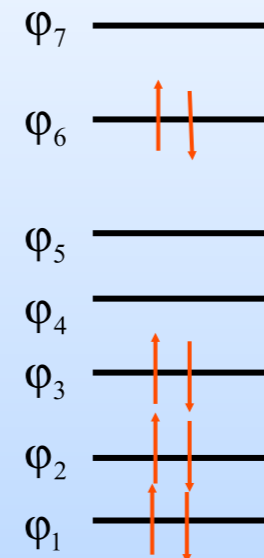
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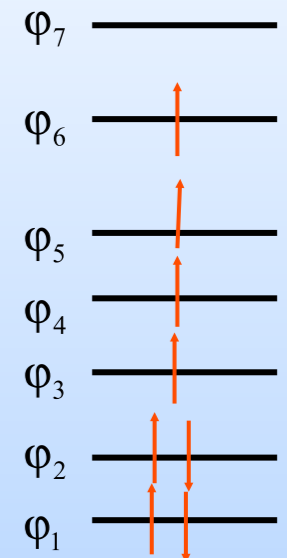
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Exc. State $^1\Gamma''$:



$|^1\Gamma''; 0, 0\rangle$

Exc. State $^5\Gamma'''$:



$|^5\Gamma'''; 2, M\rangle$

The Effective Hamiltonian

▶ Partitioning:
$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{H}^{AA} & \mathbf{H}^{AB} \\ \mathbf{H}^{BA} & \mathbf{H}^{BB} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{C}^A \\ \mathbf{C}^B \end{pmatrix} = E \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{C}^A \\ \mathbf{C}^B \end{pmatrix}$$

▶ Few lines of math:

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{H}^{eff})_{IJ} &= \delta_{IJ} E_I^{(0)} + \langle \Psi_I^{(0)} | H^{(1)} | \Psi_j^{(0)} \rangle \\ &\quad - \sum_{K \in 'b'} \frac{\langle \Psi_I^{(0)} | H^{(1)} | \Psi_K^{(0)} \rangle \langle \Psi_K^{(0)} | H^{(1)} | \Psi_J^{(0)} \rangle}{E_K^{(0)} - E_a} \end{aligned}$$

▶ This looks like second order perturbation theory but is more general since the crucial coupling of the 'a' space functions via the perturbing operator H_1 is taken into account.

Derivation of the g-Tensor

▶ Let:

$$\begin{aligned} H^{(1)} &= H_{LS} + H_{SOC} \\ &= \mu_B \mathbf{B} \sum_i (\hat{\mathbf{l}}_i + g_e \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i) + \sum_i \mathbf{h}_i^{SOC} \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i \end{aligned}$$

▶ 1st order: $\langle aSM | H^{(1)} | aSM' \rangle = 0$

▶ 2nd order (linear in B and S):

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{H}^{eff})_{MM'} &= -\mu_B \mathbf{B} \sum_{bS'M''} \Delta_b^{-1} \langle aSM | \sum_i \mathbf{l}_i + 2\hat{\mathbf{s}}_i | bS'M'' \rangle \langle bS'M'' | \sum_i \mathbf{h}_i^{SOC} \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i | aSM' \rangle \\ &\quad - \mu_B \mathbf{B} \sum_{bS'M''} \Delta_b^{-1} \langle aSM | \sum_i \mathbf{h}_i^{SOC} \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i | bS'M'' \rangle \langle bS'M'' | \sum_i \mathbf{l}_i + 2\hat{\mathbf{s}}_i | aSM' \rangle \end{aligned}$$

▶ The LS matrix elements:

$$\langle aSM | \mathbf{B} \sum_i \mathbf{l}_i + 2\hat{\mathbf{s}}_i | bS'M' \rangle = \delta_{SS'} \langle aSM | \mathbf{B} \sum_i \mathbf{l}_i | bS'M' \rangle$$

The Spin-Orbit Coupling Matrix Elements

- ★ The SOC matrix elements are more subtle. Here one has to make use of the Wigner-Eckart theorem that tells us that for any operator of the form:

$$\hat{O} = \sum_i f_i s_i^{(m)}$$

- ★ where m is a 'spherical tensor component' ($m = 0, \pm 1$):

$$\left\langle \Psi_I^{SM} \left| \sum_i f_i s_i^{(m)} \right| \Psi_J^{S'M'} \right\rangle = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} S' & 1 & S \\ M' & m & M \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Clebsch_Gordon Coefficient}} \underbrace{\left\langle \Psi_I^S \parallel \sum_i f_i \parallel \Psi_J^{S'} \right\rangle}_{\text{Reduced Matrix Element } Y_{IJ}^{SS'}}$$

- ★ This fairly esoteric looking equation says that all the M-dependence of the SOC matrix elements is in the '**Clebsch-Gordon coefficient**' and that the rest (the hard part!) comes from the '**reduced matrix element**'. Hence, we only need the '**standard components**' $M = S$ of each multiplet to calculate the entire $(2S'+1)(2S+1)$ block.
- ★ Note also that this equation tells us that a general operator that depends on the individual electron spins couples states of different multiplicity!

Reduced Matrix Elements

- ★ Without proof: the reduced matrix elements are calculated from the standard states as:

$$\begin{aligned}\left\langle \Psi_I^S \parallel \sum_i f_i \parallel \Psi_J^S \right\rangle &= \frac{\sqrt{S(S+1)}}{S} \left\langle \Psi_I^{SS} \parallel \sum_i f_i s_{0,i} \parallel \Psi_J^{SS} \right\rangle \\ \left\langle \Psi_I^S \parallel \sum_i f_i \parallel \Psi_J^{S+1} \right\rangle &= \sqrt{\frac{2S+3}{2S+1}} \left\langle \Psi_I^{SS} \parallel \sum_i f_i s_{-1,i} \parallel \Psi_J^{S+1S+1} \right\rangle \\ \left\langle \Psi_I^S \parallel \sum_i f_i \parallel \Psi_J^{S+1} \right\rangle &= \left\langle \Psi_I^{SS} \parallel \sum_i f_i s_{+1,i} \parallel \Psi_J^{S-1S-1} \right\rangle\end{aligned}$$

- ★ With the 'spherical tensor components' of the spin operators being given by:

$$\begin{aligned}s_{0,i} &= s_{z,i} \\ s_{+1,i} &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(s_{x,i} + is_{y,i}) \\ s_{-1,i} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(s_{x,i} - is_{y,i})\end{aligned}$$

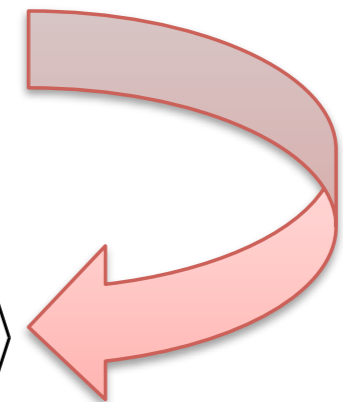
The Second Order g-Tensor

- ▶ Compare

$$\mu_B B_z g_{zz} \langle SS | S_z | SS \rangle = \mu_B B_z g_{zz} S$$

- ▶ Now the same for our perturbation sum:

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{H}^{eff})_{SS} = & -\mu_B B_z \sum_{bS} \Delta_b^{-1} \langle aSS | \sum_i l_{iz} | bSS \rangle \langle bSS | \sum_i h_z^{SOC} \hat{s}_{0,i} | aSS \rangle \\ & - \mu_B B_z \sum_{bS'} \Delta_b^{-1} \langle aSS | \sum_i h_z^{SOC} \hat{s}_{0,i} | bSS \rangle \langle bSS | \sum_i l_{iz} | aSS \rangle \end{aligned}$$



compare to
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for g!

- ▶ Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} g_{KL} = & -\frac{1}{S} \sum_{bS} \Delta_b^{-1} \langle aSS | \sum_i l_{iK} | bSS \rangle \langle bSS | \sum_i h_L^{SOC} \hat{s}_{0,i} | aSS \rangle \\ & - \frac{1}{S} \sum_{bS'} \Delta_b^{-1} \langle aSS | \sum_i h_K^{SOC} \hat{s}_{0,i} | bSS \rangle \langle bSS | \sum_i l_{iL} | aSS \rangle \end{aligned}$$

- ★ **Note:** Only excited states of the same spin as the ground state
- ★ **Note:** Only standard components M=S

From EPR g-Tensors to NMR Chemical Shifts

Electrons

$$\hat{H}_{\text{el-Ze}} = \mu_B \mathbf{B} \sum_i \hat{\mathbf{l}}_i + g_e \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i$$

Electron Zeeman

Nuclei

$$\hat{H}_{\text{Nuc-Ze}} = \mu_N \mathbf{B} \sum_A \hat{\mathbf{I}}_A$$

Nuclear Zeeman

$$\hat{H}_{\text{SOC}} = \sum_i \hat{\mathbf{h}}_i^{\text{SOC}} \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i = \frac{\alpha^2}{2} \sum_{i,A} Z_A^{\text{eff}} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{l}}_i^{(A)} \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i}{r_{iA}^3} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \hat{H}_{\text{NOC}} = \frac{\alpha}{2} \mu_N \sum_{i,A} g_N^{(A)} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{l}}_i^{(A)} \hat{\mathbf{I}}_A}{r_{iA}^3}$$

Spin-orbit coupling

Nucleus-orbit coupling

The g-Tensor(s) vs Chemical Shifts

First-order (diamagnetic term)

EPR
$$g_{ZZ}^{(D,SB)} = \frac{1}{S} \langle \Psi_0^{SS} | \sum_A \sum_i \left(\frac{\alpha^2 Z_A^{\text{eff}}}{2} \right) \mathbf{r}_{iA}^{-3} (\mathbf{r}_i \mathbf{r}_{iA} - z_i z_{iA}) \hat{S}_{zi} | \Psi_0^{SS} \rangle$$
 (property of the entire system)

NMR
$$g_{ZZ}^{(D,SB;A)} = \left\langle \Psi_0^{SS} \left| \sum_i \mathbf{r}_{iA}^{-3} (\mathbf{r}_i \mathbf{r}_{iA} - z_i^T z_{iA}) \right| \Psi_0^{SS} \right\rangle$$
 (property of nucleus A)

Second-order (paramagnetic term)

EPR
$$g_{ZZ}^{(LB,LS)} = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{\substack{I>0 \\ (S''=S)}} \Delta_I^{-1} \left(\left\langle \Psi_0^{SS} \left| \sum_i \hat{I}_{zi} \right| \Psi_I^{S''S''} \right\rangle \left\langle \Psi_I^{S''S''} \left| \sum_i h_z^{\text{SOC}} \hat{S}_{0i} \right| \Psi_0^{SS} \right\rangle + \text{cc} \right)$$
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In practice nobody uses a „nuclear g-tensors“, but the NMR culture consists of thinking about the chemical shift as a modification of the external field

$$\hat{H}_{\text{Spin}} = \mu_N \mathbf{B} \sum_A \mathbf{g}_N^{(A)} \hat{I}_A = -\mu_N \mathbf{B} \sum_A \mathbf{g}_N^{(A)} \left(1 - \sigma^{(A)} \right) \hat{I}_A$$

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Not gauge invariant 🤢

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Dealing with the Ugly: GIAO's

A lack of Gauge invariance is not acceptable. Cure:

Gauge including Atomic Orbitals:

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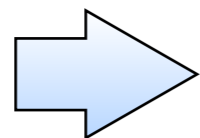
$$\varphi_{\mu}^{(A)}(\mathbf{r}) = S_{lm}^{(\mu)}(\theta, \phi) \sum_k d_k^{(\mu)} \exp\left(-\alpha_k^{(\mu)} r_A^2\right)$$

GIAO:

$$\tilde{\varphi}_{\mu}^{(A)}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{B}) = e^{\frac{i}{2c}(\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{R}_A) \cdot \mathbf{r}} \varphi_{\mu}^{(A)}(\mathbf{r})$$

Consequence:

$$\frac{\partial(\mu\nu | \kappa\tau)}{\partial \mathbf{B}} = 0$$



$$\frac{\partial(\tilde{\mu}\tilde{\nu} | \tilde{\kappa}\tilde{\tau})}{\partial \mathbf{B}} = \frac{i}{2} (\mu^C \nu^D | \frac{Q_{CD} \mathbf{r}_1 + Q_{EF} \mathbf{r}_2}{r_{12}} | \kappa^E \tau^F)$$

etc. ...about a dozen different types of new integrals

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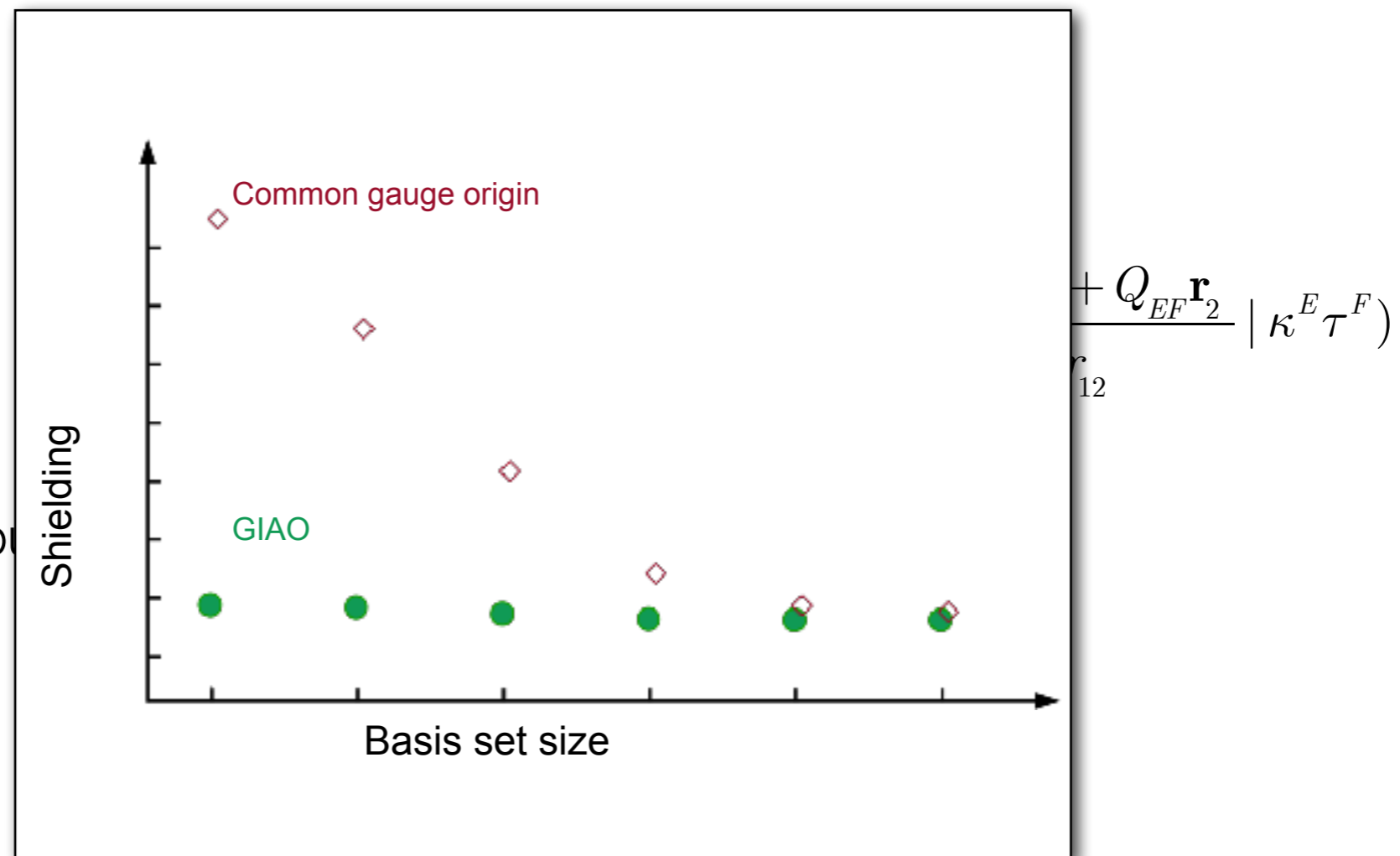
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First Order g-Tensor Contributions

- ★ For completeness, we notice that there are also a few relativistic operators that are bilinear in spin and field and hence give rise to **first order contributions**. They read:

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_{KL}^{(first-order)} = & \underbrace{\delta_{KL} g_e}_{Spin-Zeeman} \\
 & + \underbrace{\delta_{KL} \frac{\alpha^2}{S} \left\langle aSS \left| \sum_i \vec{\nabla}_i^2 s_{zi} \right| aSS \right\rangle}_{Reduced-Mass} \\
 & + \underbrace{\frac{\alpha^2}{2S} \left\langle aSS \left| \sum_{iA} \frac{Z_A^{eff}}{r_{iA}^3} \left\{ (\mathbf{r}_{iA} \mathbf{r}_i) - (\mathbf{r}_{iA})_K (\mathbf{r}_i)_L \right\} s_{zi} \right| aSS \right\rangle}_{Diamagnetic Spin-Orbit (Gauge correction)}
 \end{aligned}$$

- ★ Except for the trivial **$g_e=2.002319\dots$** the first order terms are typically much smaller than the second order term.
- ★ $\alpha \approx 1/137$ is the **fine structure constant** and Z^{eff} is an *effective nuclear charge* that is semiempirical and has been introduced to avoid expensive (and small) two-electron gauge terms.

The Zero-Field Splitting

- ★ The ZFS is quite hard to do and it wasn't clear for a long time whether it could be cast in 'standard form' **SDS**.
- ★ The ZFS arises from **twice the SOC** (to second order) and the **direct electron-electron spin-spin interaction** (to first order). The (complicated) derivation yields:

$$D_{kl}^{(SS)} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha^2}{S(2S-1)} \left\langle \Psi_0^{SS} \left| \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} r_{ij}^{-5} \left\{ r_{ij}^2 \delta_{kl} - 3(\mathbf{r}_{ij})_k (\mathbf{r}_{ij})_l \right\} \left\{ 2s_{zi}s_{zj} - s_{xi}s_{xj} - s_{yi}s_{yj} \right\} \right| \Psi_0^{SS} \right\rangle$$

$$D_{kl}^{SO-(0)} = -\frac{1}{S^2} \sum_b \Delta_{bS'}^{-1} \left\langle \Psi_0^{SS} \left| \sum_i h_k^{SOC} s_{i,z} \right| \Psi_b^{SS} \right\rangle \left\langle \Psi_b^{SS} \left| \sum_i h_l^{SOC} s_{i,z} \right| \Psi_0^{SS} \right\rangle$$

$$D_{kl}^{SO-(-1)} = -\frac{1}{S(2S-1)} \sum_{(S'=S-1)} \Delta_{bS'}^{-1} \left\langle \Psi_0^{SS} \left| \sum_i h_k^{SOC} (i) \hat{s}_{i,+1} \right| \Psi_b^{S-1,S-1} \right\rangle \left\langle \Psi_b^{S-1,S-1} \left| \sum_i h_l^{SOC} (i) \hat{s}_{i,-1} \right| \Psi_0^{SS} \right\rangle$$

$$D_{kl}^{SO-(+1)} = -\frac{1}{(S+1)(2S+1)} \sum_{(S'=S+1)} \Delta_{bS'}^{-1} \left\langle \Psi_0^{SS} \left| \sum_i h_k^{SOC} (i) \hat{s}_{i,-1} \right| \Psi_b^{S+1,S+1} \right\rangle \left\langle \Psi_b^{S+1,S+1} \left| \sum_i h_l^{SOC} (i) \hat{s}_{i,-1} \right| \Psi_0^{SS} \right\rangle$$

- ★ The SOC part of the ZFS contains contributions from excited states that have the same spin as the ground state or differ by +/- 1 unit of spin angular momentum. This together with the 'singular' two electron SS part makes the ZFS a very hard property to calculate

The Hyperfine Coupling

- ★ The Hyperfine Coupling is relatively straightforward. The most important terms are of first order and arise from the magnetic dipole interaction between nuclei and electrons:

$$A_{KL}^{(iso)} = \delta_{KL} \frac{4\pi}{3S} \beta \beta_N g_e g_N \left\langle aSS \left| \sum_i \delta(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{R}_A) s_{zi} \right| aSS \right\rangle$$

$$A_{KL}^{(dip)} = \delta_{KL} \frac{1}{2S} \beta \beta_N g_e g_N \left\langle aSS \left| \sum_i r_{iA}^{-5} \left\{ 3(\mathbf{r}_{iA})_K (\mathbf{r}_{iA})_L - \delta_{KL} r_{iA}^2 \right\} s_{zi} \right| aSS \right\rangle$$

- ★ And a second order correction due to spin-orbit coupling and nucleus-orbit couplings:

$$A_{KL} = -\frac{\alpha^2}{S} \beta_N g_N \sum_{bS} \Delta_b^{-1} \left\langle aSS \left| \sum_i l_{iK}^{(A)} r_{iA}^{-3} \right| bSS \right\rangle \left\langle bSS \left| \sum_i h_L^{SOC} \hat{s}_{0,i} \right| aSS \right\rangle$$

$$- \frac{\alpha^2}{S} \beta_N g_N \sum_{bS'} \Delta_b^{-1} \left\langle aSS \left| \sum_i h_K^{SOC} \hat{s}_{0,i} \right| bSS \right\rangle \left\langle bSS \left| \sum_i l_{iL}^{(A)} r_{iA}^{-3} \right| aSS \right\rangle$$

- ★ It can become large for transition metal nuclei but is small for light molecules. $l^{(A)}$ is the angular momentum relative to nucleus ,A'.

Making it Practical: Linear Response Approach

Linear Response Approach

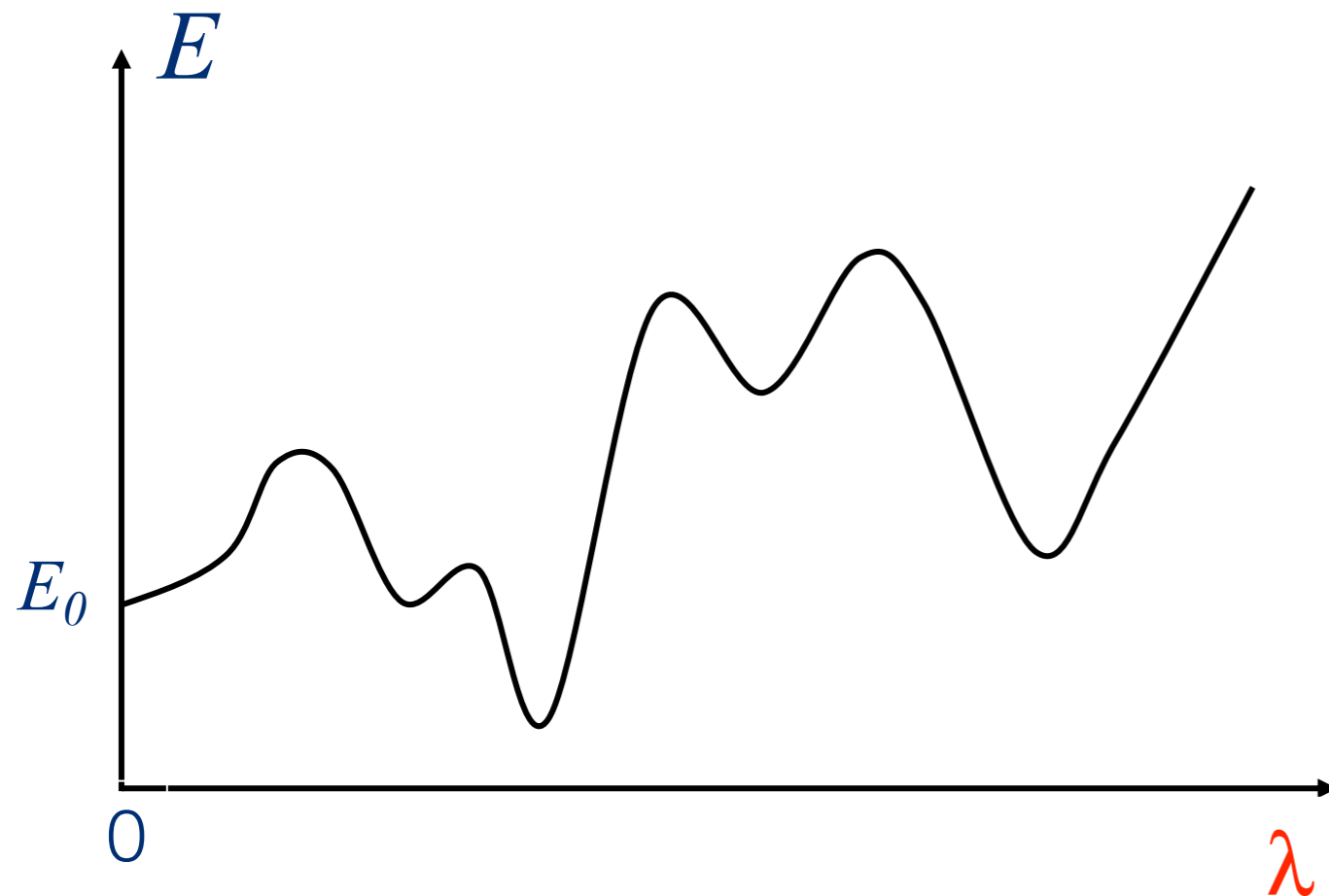
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$$E\Psi(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N) = \left(\underbrace{T_e + V_{eN} + V_{NN} + V_{ee}}_{H_{BO}} + \underbrace{\lambda V_{\text{magnetic}} + \mu V_{\text{electric}} + \kappa V_{\text{relativistic}}}_{\text{small corrections}} \right) \Psi(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N)$$

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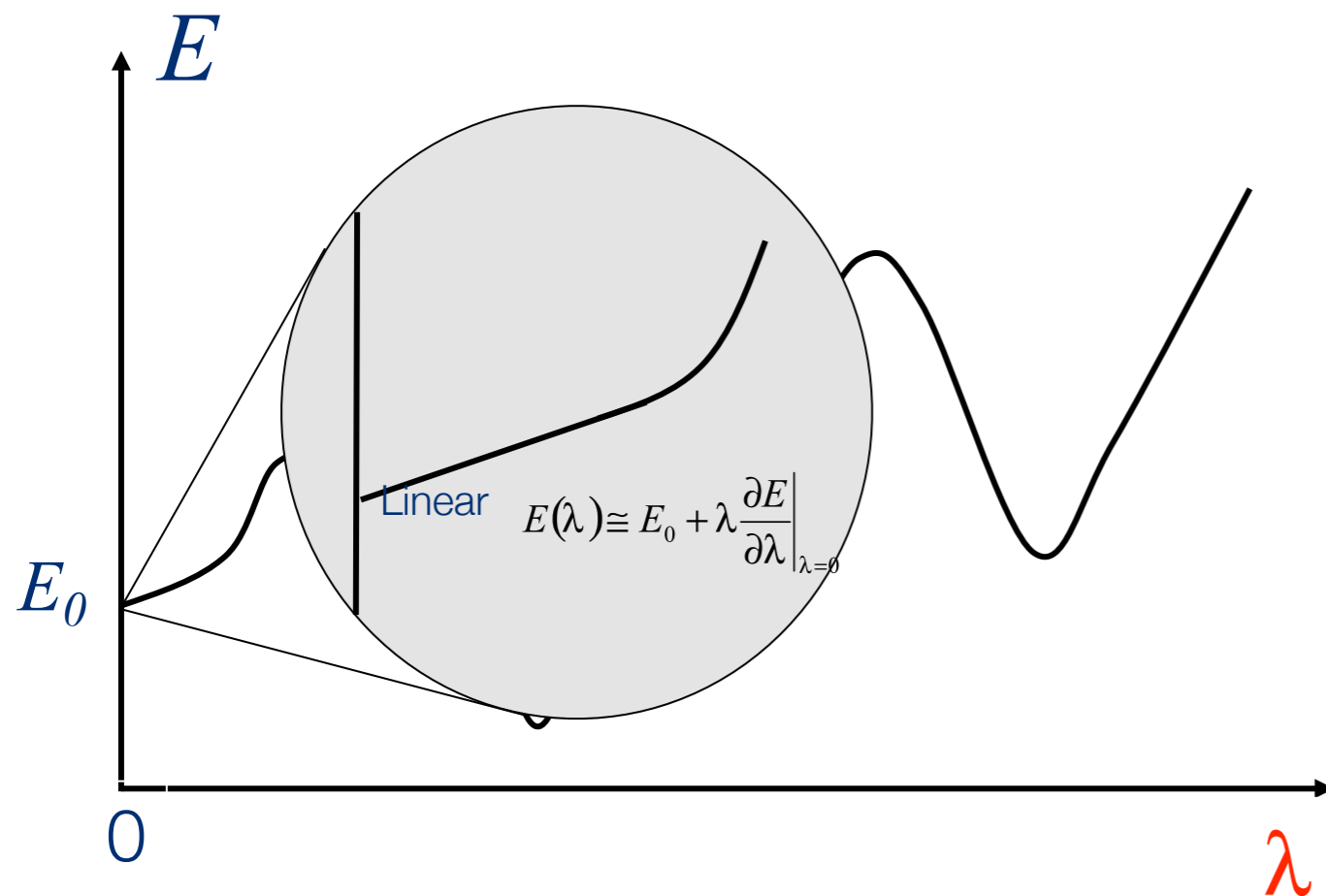
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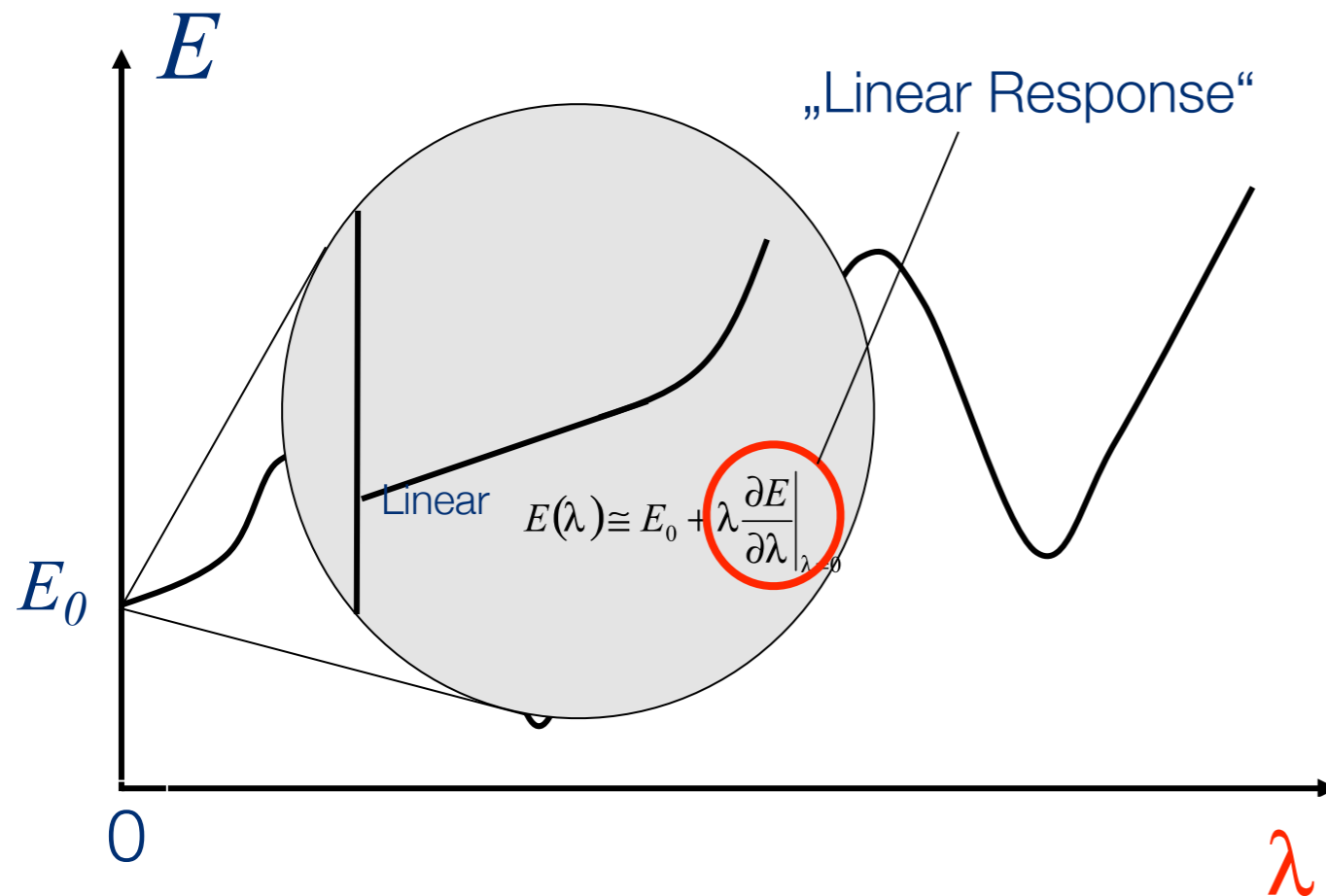
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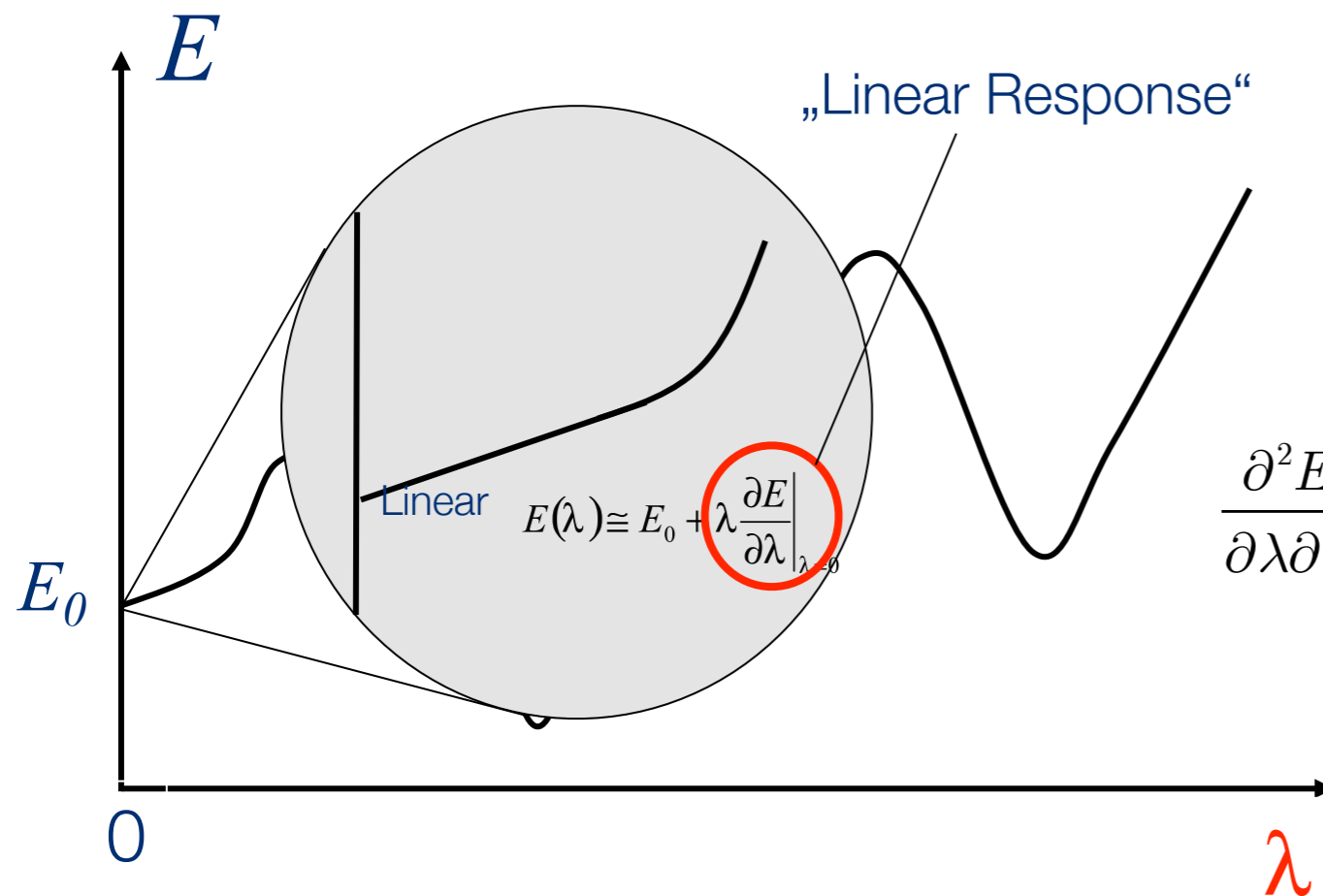
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(Almost) all molecular properties

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \lambda \partial \kappa} \right|_{\lambda=\kappa=0} = \sum_{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial P_{\mu\nu}^{\pm}}{\partial \kappa} \left\langle \varphi_{\mu} \left| \frac{\partial h}{\partial \lambda} \right| \varphi_{\nu} \right\rangle + P_{\mu\nu}^{\pm} \left\langle \varphi_{\mu} \left| \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial \lambda \partial \kappa} \right| \varphi_{\nu} \right\rangle$$

Exact Equivalence of SOS and LRT

- ▶ Assume that we know the exact eigenspectrum of the BO Hamiltonian as our basis. Then the **Hellmann-Feynman theorem** tells us that

$$E_0^{(0)} = \langle 0 | H_{BO} | 0 \rangle$$

Ground state energy

$$E(\lambda) = E_0^{(0)} + \lambda \left. \frac{\partial E_0}{\partial \lambda} \right|_{\lambda=0} + \dots$$

Taylor expansion of the perturbed energy

$$\left. \frac{\partial E_0}{\partial \lambda} \right|_{\lambda=0} = \langle 0 | H^{(\lambda)} | 0 \rangle = \sum_{pq} D_{pq} \underbrace{h_{pq}^{(\lambda)}}_{= \frac{\partial h_{\mu\nu}}{\partial \lambda}}$$

First Derivative

$$D_{pq} = \langle 0 | p^+ q | 0 \rangle$$

One particle density

- ▶ This result is exactly equivalent with the first order perturbation theory. Can we do the same thing for the second derivative?

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 E_0}{\partial \lambda \partial \mu} \right|_{\lambda=\mu=0} = \sum_{pq} \frac{\partial D_{pq}}{\partial \mu} h_{pq} + \sum_{pq} D_{pq} \frac{\partial^2 h_{pq}}{\partial \lambda \partial \mu} \quad \left(\frac{\partial D_{pq}}{\partial \mu} = \left\langle \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \mu} | p^+ q | \Psi \right\rangle + cc \right)$$

Second Derivative and Sum Over States

★ First-order perturbation theory tells us that:

$$\left| \frac{\partial \Psi_0}{\partial \mu} \right\rangle = - \sum_n \frac{\langle 0 | H^{(\mu)} | n \rangle}{E_n - E_0} |n\rangle$$

★ Hence:
$$\frac{\partial D_{pq}}{\partial \mu} = - \sum_n \frac{\langle 0 | H^{(\mu)} | n \rangle \langle n | p^+ q | \Psi_0 \rangle}{E_n - E_0} - \sum_n \frac{\langle 0 | p^+ q | n \rangle \langle n | H^{(\mu)} | 0 \rangle}{E_n - E_0}$$

★ So:
$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{\partial^2 E_0}{\partial \lambda \partial \mu} \right|_{\lambda=\mu=0} &= \sum_{pq} \frac{\partial D_{pq}}{\partial \mu} \frac{\partial h_{pq}}{\partial \lambda} + \sum_{pq} D_{pq} \frac{\partial^2 h_{pq}}{\partial \lambda \partial \mu} \\ &= -2 \sum_n \frac{\langle 0 | H^{(\mu)} | n \rangle \langle n | H^{(\lambda)} | \Psi_0 \rangle}{E_n - E_0} + \langle 0 | H^{(\mu, \lambda)} | 0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

★ Thus, *second derivatives are exactly equivalent to the H^{eff} to second order!*

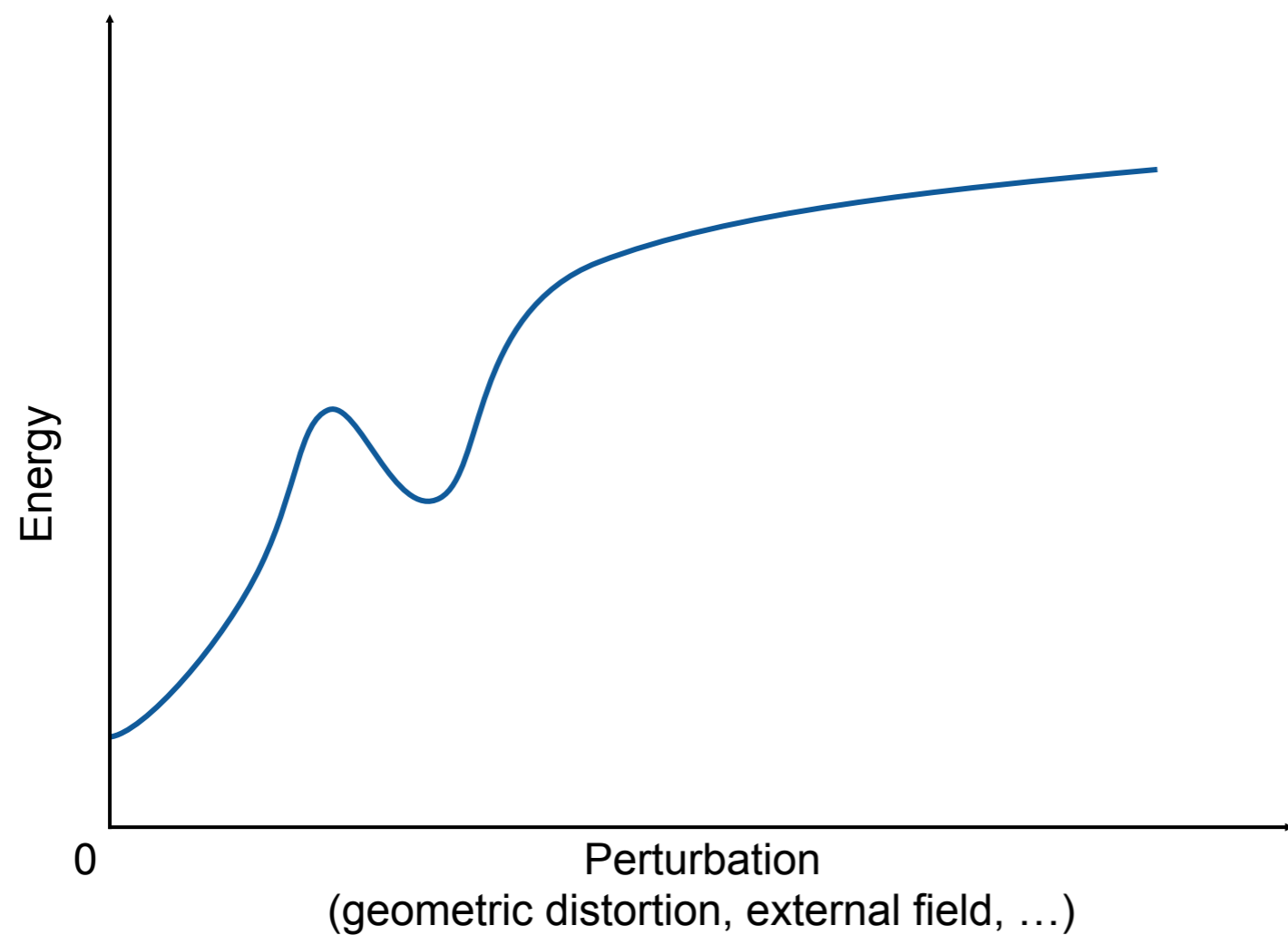
Explicit Expressions from the Response Theory

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{H}_{Spin} &= \underbrace{\beta \mathbf{B} \mathbf{g} \mathbf{S}}_{Zeeman} + \underbrace{\mathbf{S} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{S}}_{Zero-Field-Splitting} + \sum_K \underbrace{\mathbf{S} \mathbf{A}^{(K)} \mathbf{I}^{(K)}}_{Hyperfine} - \underbrace{g_N^{(K)} \beta_N \mathbf{B} \mathbf{I}^{(K)}}_{Nuclear-Zeeman} + \underbrace{\mathbf{I}^{(K)} \mathbf{Q}^{(K)} \mathbf{I}^{(K)}}_{Quadrupole} \\
 &= \beta \mathbf{B} \left\{ -\frac{\alpha^2}{S} \sum_{\mu, \nu} P_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha-\beta} \langle \phi_\mu | \hat{T} | \phi_\nu \rangle + \frac{1}{2S} \sum_{\mu, \nu} P_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha-\beta} \left\langle \varphi_\mu \left| \sum_A \xi(r_A) (\mathbf{r}_A \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_{A,k} \mathbf{r}_l) \right| \varphi_\nu \right\rangle + \frac{1}{2S} \sum_{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial P_{\mu\nu}^{(\alpha-\beta)}}{\partial B_k} \left\langle \varphi_\mu \left| \hat{z}_l^{SOMF} \right| \varphi_\nu \right\rangle \right\} \mathbf{S} \\
 &\quad + \mathbf{S} \left\{ -\frac{g_e^2}{16} \frac{\alpha^2}{S(2S-1)} \sum_{\mu\nu} \sum_{\kappa\tau} \left\{ P_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha-\beta} P_{\kappa\tau}^{\alpha-\beta} - P_{\mu\kappa}^{\alpha-\beta} P_{\nu\tau}^{\alpha-\beta} \right\} \left\langle \mu\nu \left| r_{12}^{-5} \left\{ 3r_{12,k} r_{12,l} - \delta_{kl} r_{12}^2 \right\} \right| \kappa\tau \right\rangle \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{4S^2} \sum_{\mu\nu} \langle \mu | h_k^{SOC} | \nu \rangle \frac{\partial P_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}}{\partial S_l^{(0)}} + \frac{1}{2(S+1)(2S+1)} \sum_{\mu\nu} \langle \mu | h_k^{SOC} | \nu \rangle \frac{\partial P_{\mu\nu}^{(-1)}}{\partial S_l^{(+1)}} + \frac{1}{2S(2S-1)} \sum_{\mu\nu} \langle \mu | h_k^{SOC} | \nu \rangle \frac{\partial P_{\mu\nu}^{(+1)}}{\partial S_l^{(-1)}} \right\} \mathbf{S} \\
 &\quad + \sum_K \mathbf{S} \left\{ \delta_{kl} \frac{8\pi}{3} \frac{P^{(K)}}{2S} \rho^{\alpha-\beta} (\mathbf{R}_K) + \frac{P^{(K)}}{2S} \sum_{\mu\nu} P_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha-\beta} \left\langle \varphi_\kappa \left| r_K^{-5} \left(r_K^2 \delta_{\mu\nu} - 3r_{K;\mu} r_{A;\nu} \right) \right| \varphi_\tau \right\rangle - \frac{P_A}{S} \sum_{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial P_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha-\beta}}{\partial \hat{I}_k^{(A)}} \left\langle \varphi_\mu \left| z_l^{SOMF} \right| \varphi_\nu \right\rangle \right\} \mathbf{I}^{(K)} \\
 &\quad - g_N^{(K)} \beta_N \mathbf{B} \mathbf{I}^{(K)} + \mathbf{I}^{(K)} \left\{ \frac{e^2 Q^{(K)}}{4I(2I-1)} \sum_{\kappa, \tau} P_{\kappa\tau}^{\alpha+\beta} \left\langle \varphi_\kappa \left| r_K^{-5} \left(r_K^2 \delta_{\mu\nu} - 3r_{K;\mu} r_{A;\nu} \right) \right| \varphi_\tau \right\rangle \right\} \mathbf{I}^{(K)}
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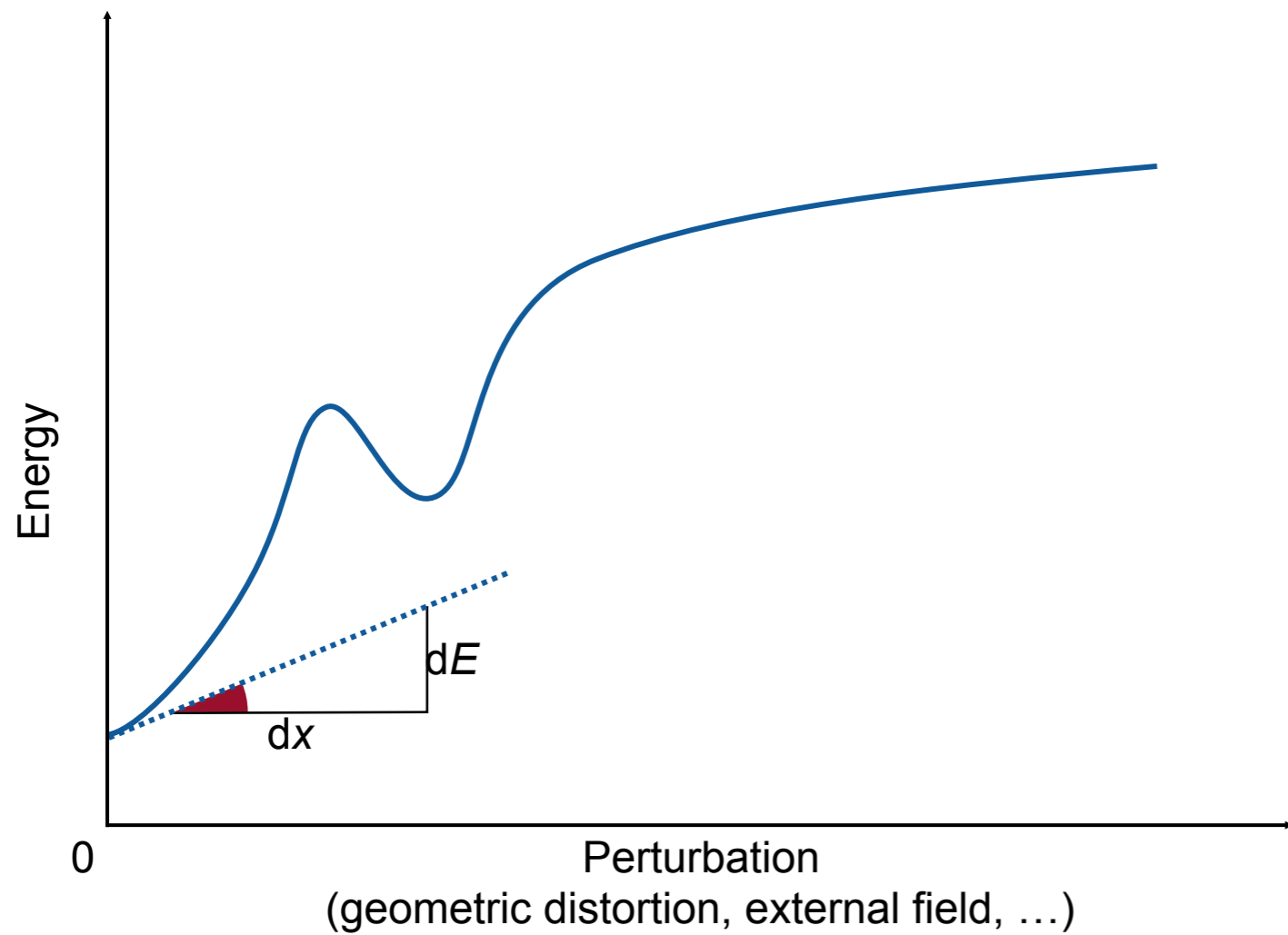
First-order one-electron terms First-order two-electron terms Second-order one-electron terms

Only completely realized in the framework of density functional theory in the ORCA program under the assumption that the exact wavefunction coincides with the Kohn-Sham determinant

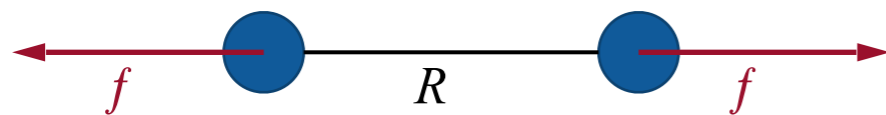
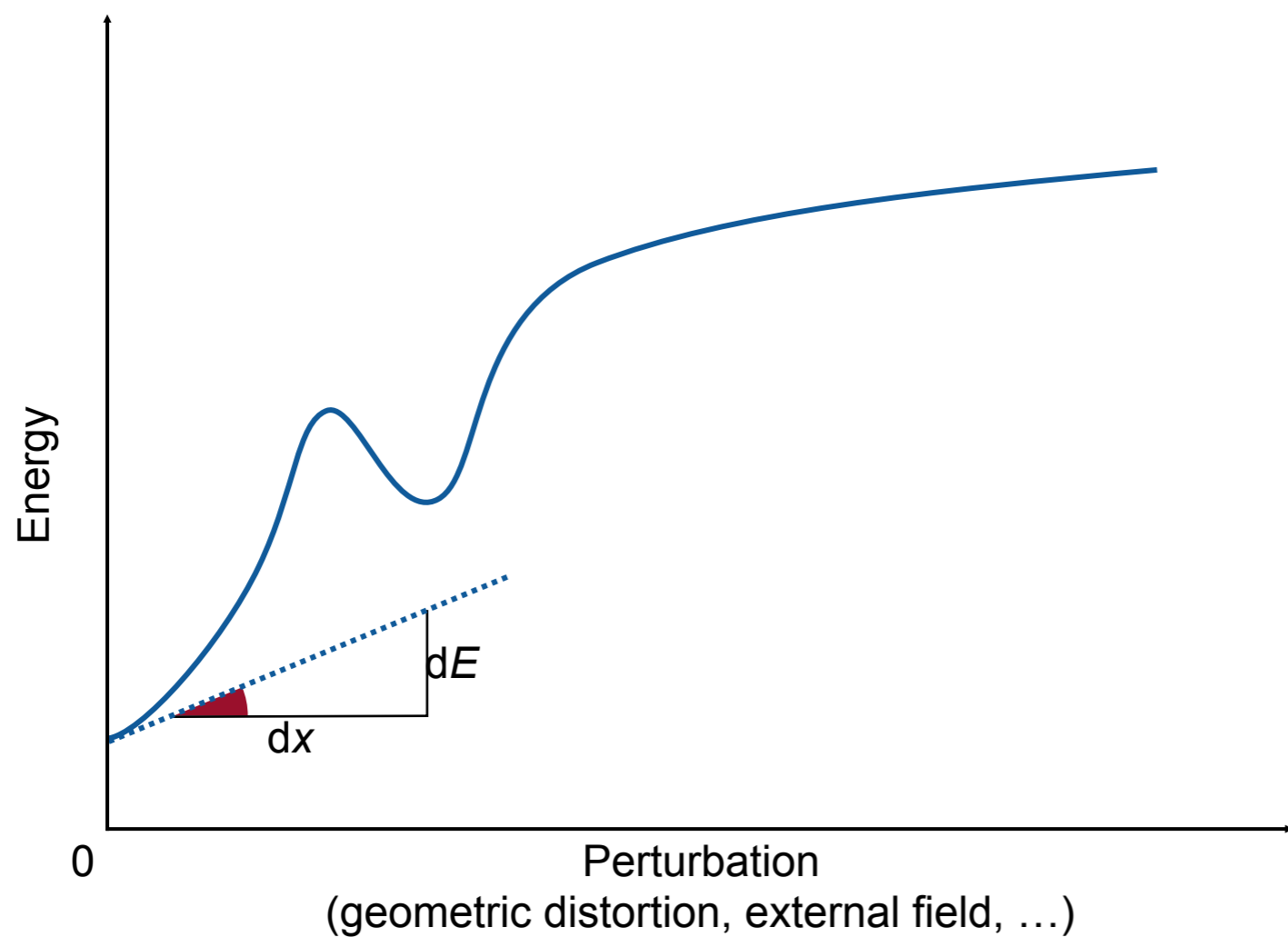
Molecular Properties as Derivatives



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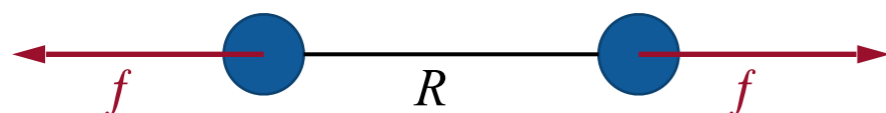
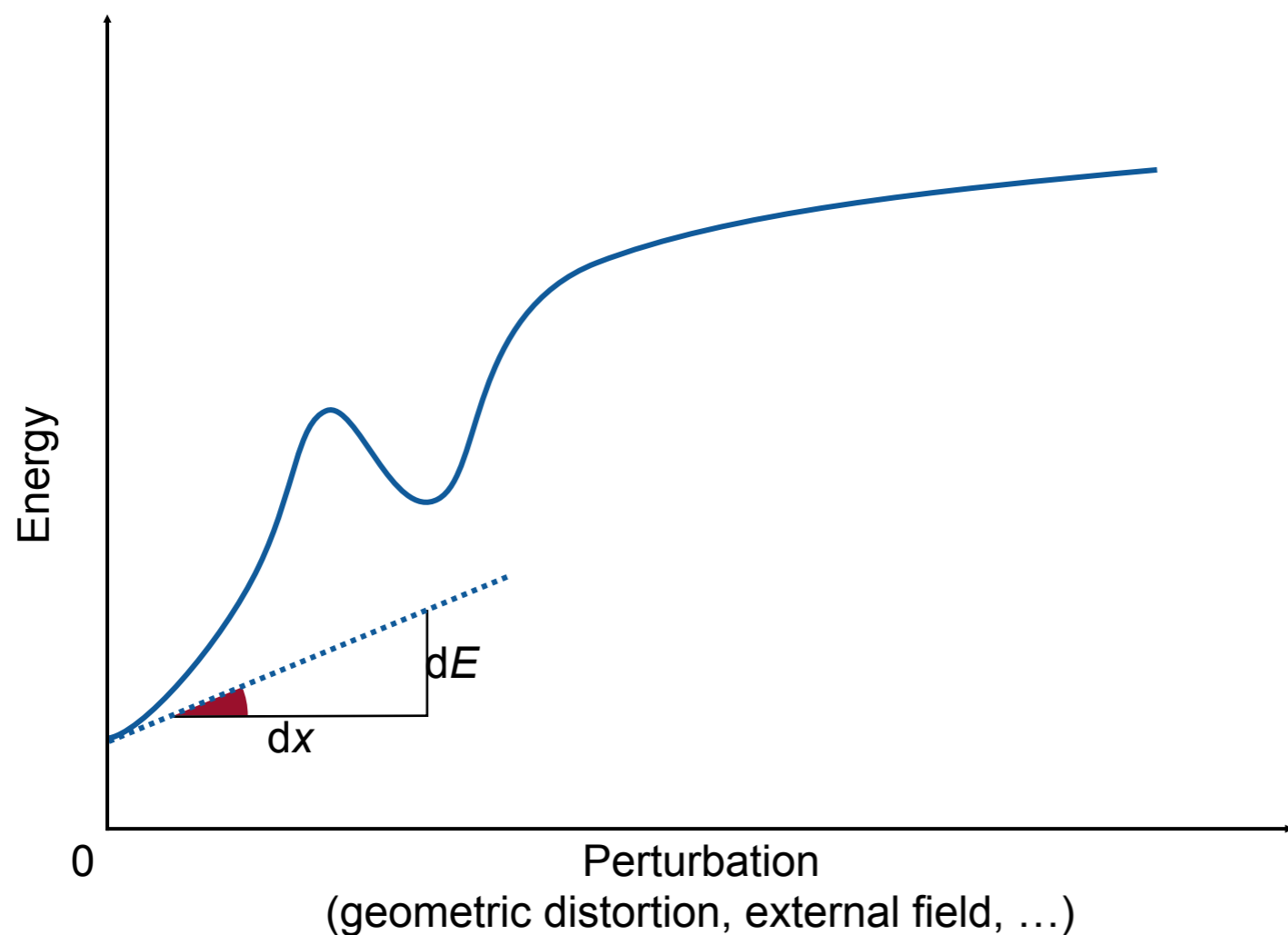


Molecular Properties as Derivatives



$$f = -\frac{\partial E}{\partial R}$$

Molecular Properties as Derivatives



$$f = -\frac{\partial E}{\partial R}$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial \mathbf{E}} \longrightarrow \text{Dipole moment}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \mathbf{E}^2} \longrightarrow \text{Polarizability}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \mathbf{R}^2} \longrightarrow \text{Vibrational frequency}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \mathbf{R} \partial \mathbf{E}} \longrightarrow \text{IR intensity}$$

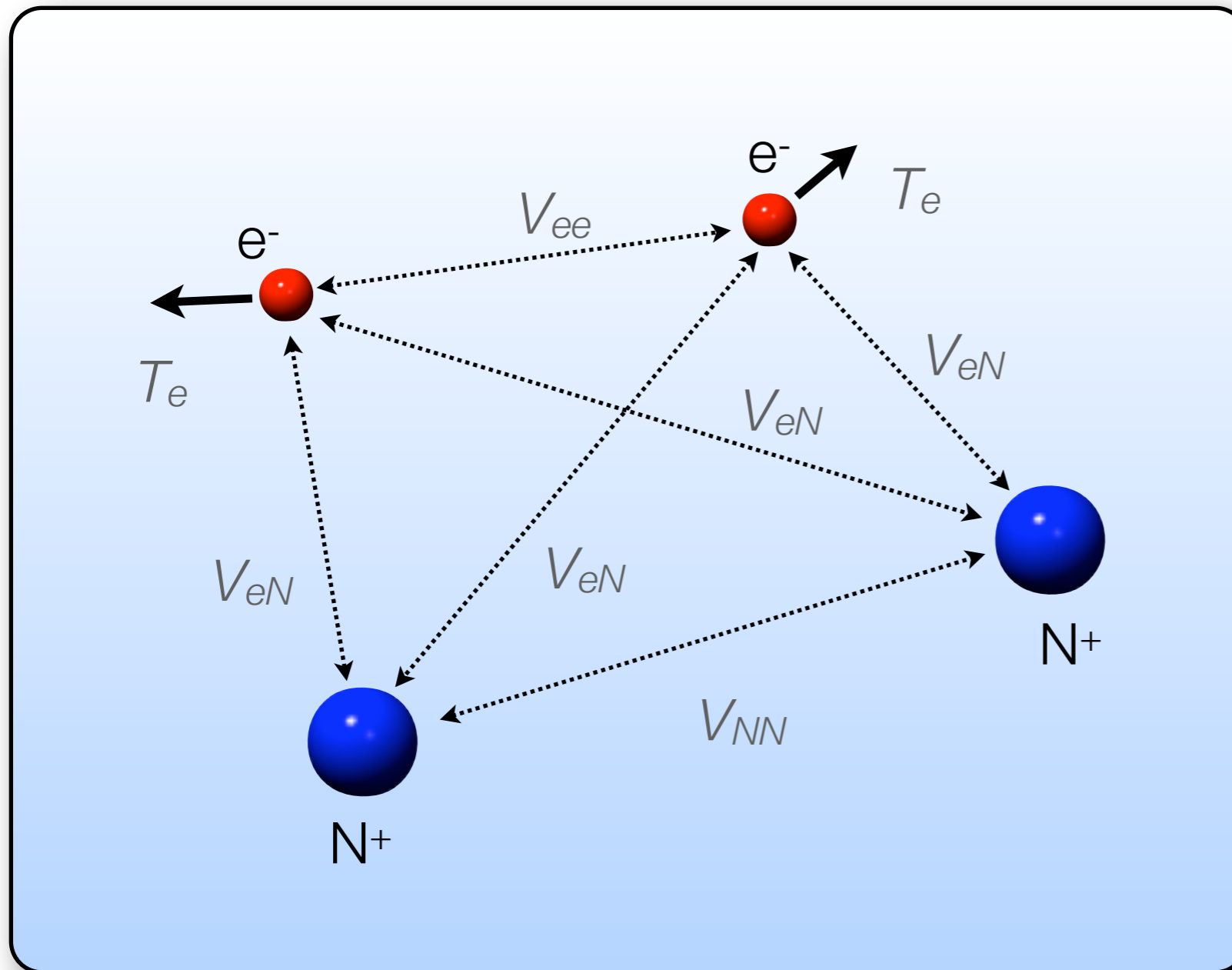
$$\frac{\partial^3 E}{\partial \mathbf{R} \partial \mathbf{E}^2} \longrightarrow \text{Raman intensity}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \mathbf{B} \partial \mathbf{M}_A} \longrightarrow \text{NMR shielding}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \mathbf{M}_A \partial \mathbf{M}_B} \longrightarrow \text{Indirect nuclear spin-spin coupling}$$

Implementation: Electronic Structure Methods

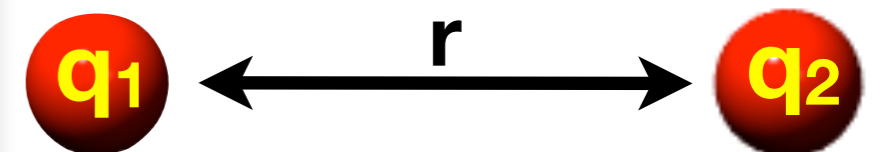
Fundamental Interactions in Molecules



$$E = T_e + T_N + V_{eN} + V_{NN} + V_{ee}$$

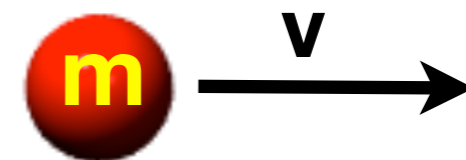
Just 2 Laws:

1. Coulomb's Law



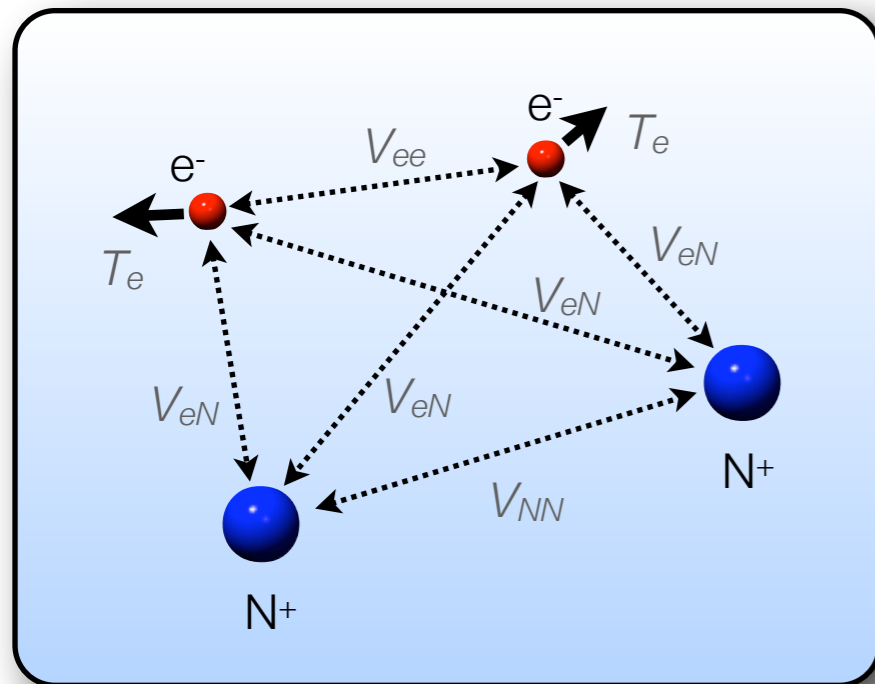
$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|}$$

2. Kinetic Energy

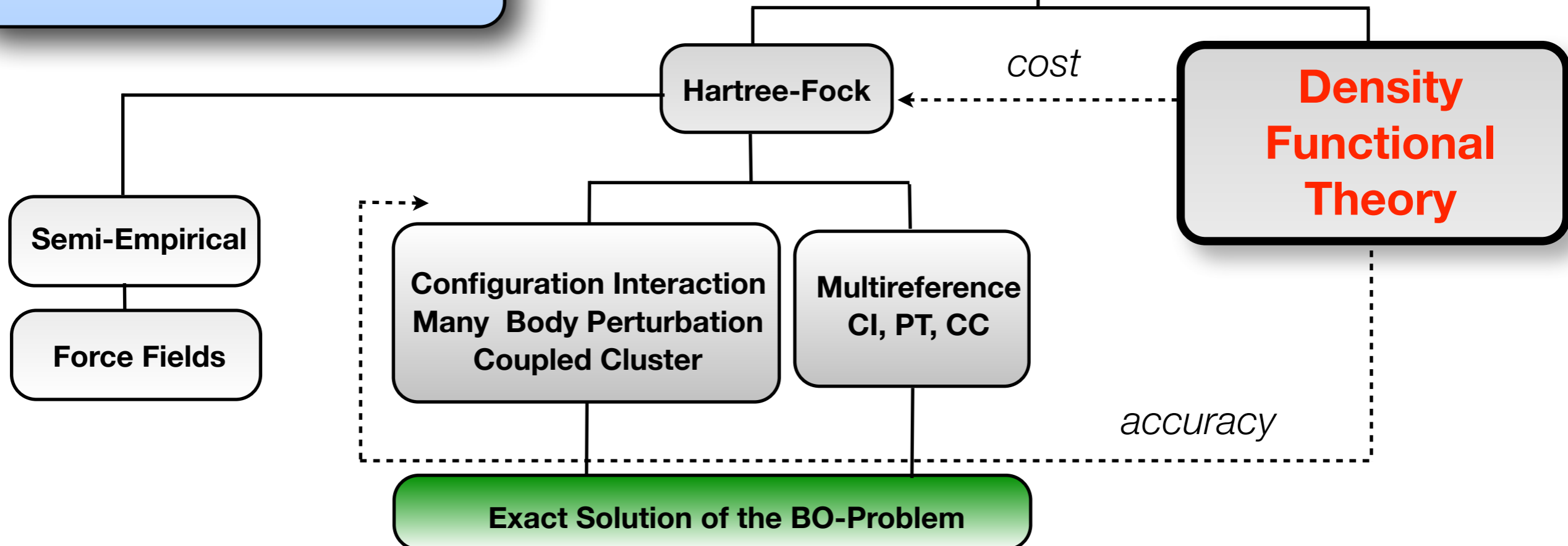


$$E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

Approximate Quantum Mechanical Methods

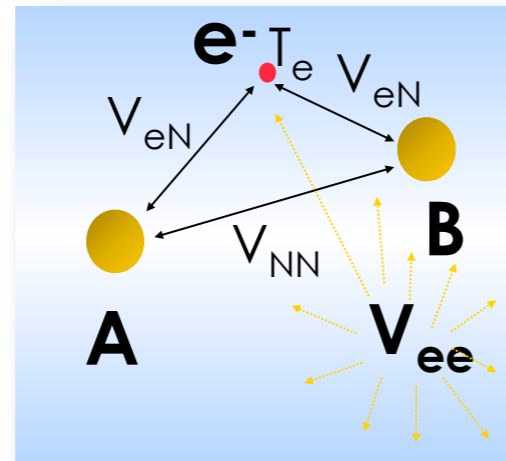


$$\hat{H}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{R})\Psi(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N | \mathbf{R}) = E(\mathbf{R})\Psi(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N | \mathbf{R})$$



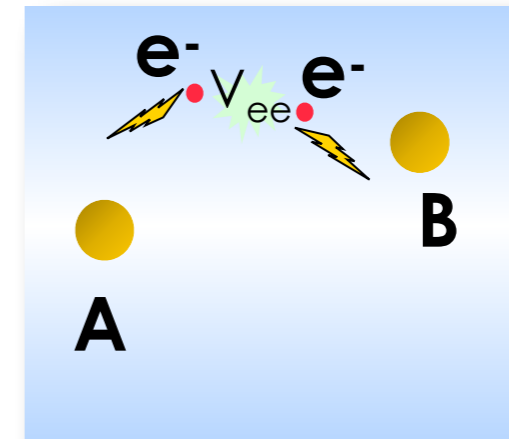
Mean Field Theory to Exact Solutions

Exact Energy =



“Mean Field”
Hartree-Fock

+



Instantaneous electron-
electron interaction

$$\text{Correlation energy} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j \text{ Electron pairs}} \mathcal{E}_{ij}(\uparrow\uparrow) + \mathcal{E}_{ij}(\uparrow\downarrow)$$

Fermi-Correlation
Coulomb-correlation

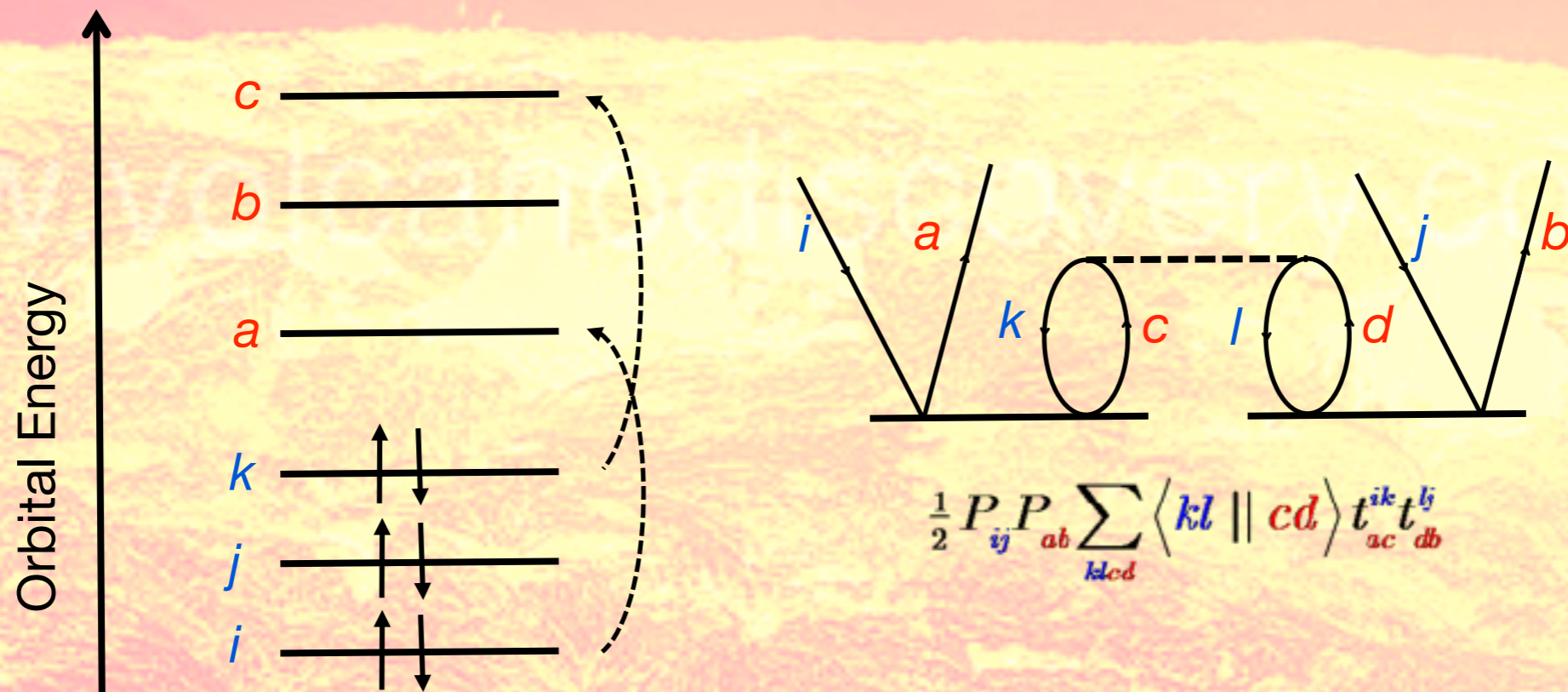


*Relatively easy due to
“Fermi hole” in the
mean-field*

*Extremely hard to
calculate due to
interelectronic cusp at
the coalescence point
 $r_1=r_2$*



„Coupled Cluster Theory“



$$|\Psi\rangle = |\Psi_0\rangle + \sum_{ia} C_a^i |\Psi_i^a\rangle + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijab} C_{ab}^{ij} |\Psi_{ij}^{ab}\rangle + \frac{1}{36} \sum_{ijkabc} C_{abc}^{ijk} |\Psi_{ijk}^{abc}\rangle + \dots$$

Coupled Cluster Theory in a Nutshell

$$\Psi = \exp(T) \Psi_0 \quad \Psi_0 = |\phi_1 \dots \phi_N| \quad \phi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mu} c_{\mu i} \varphi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r})$$

Ansatz
(Coester & Kuemmel)
Reference determinant
MOs
 μ
MO coeffs
BFs

Cluster Operator $T = T_1 + T_2 + T_3 + \dots$

Cluster Amplitudes

$$T_1 = \sum_{ia} t_a^i a_a^+ a_i \quad T_2 = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijab} t_{ab}^{ij} a_{ab}^+ a_b^+ a_i a_j$$

CC wavefunction $\Psi = \left(1 + (T_1 + T_2 + \dots) + \frac{1}{2} (T_1 + T_2 + \dots)^2 + \dots \right) \Psi_0$

$$= \left(1 + T_1 + T_2 + \frac{1}{2} T_1^2 + T_1 T_2 + \frac{1}{2} T_2^2 + \dots \right) \Psi_0$$

Conncted excitations
like CI, linear
disconnected excitations
(statistically uncorrelated)

Determination of the energy and the cluster amplitudes

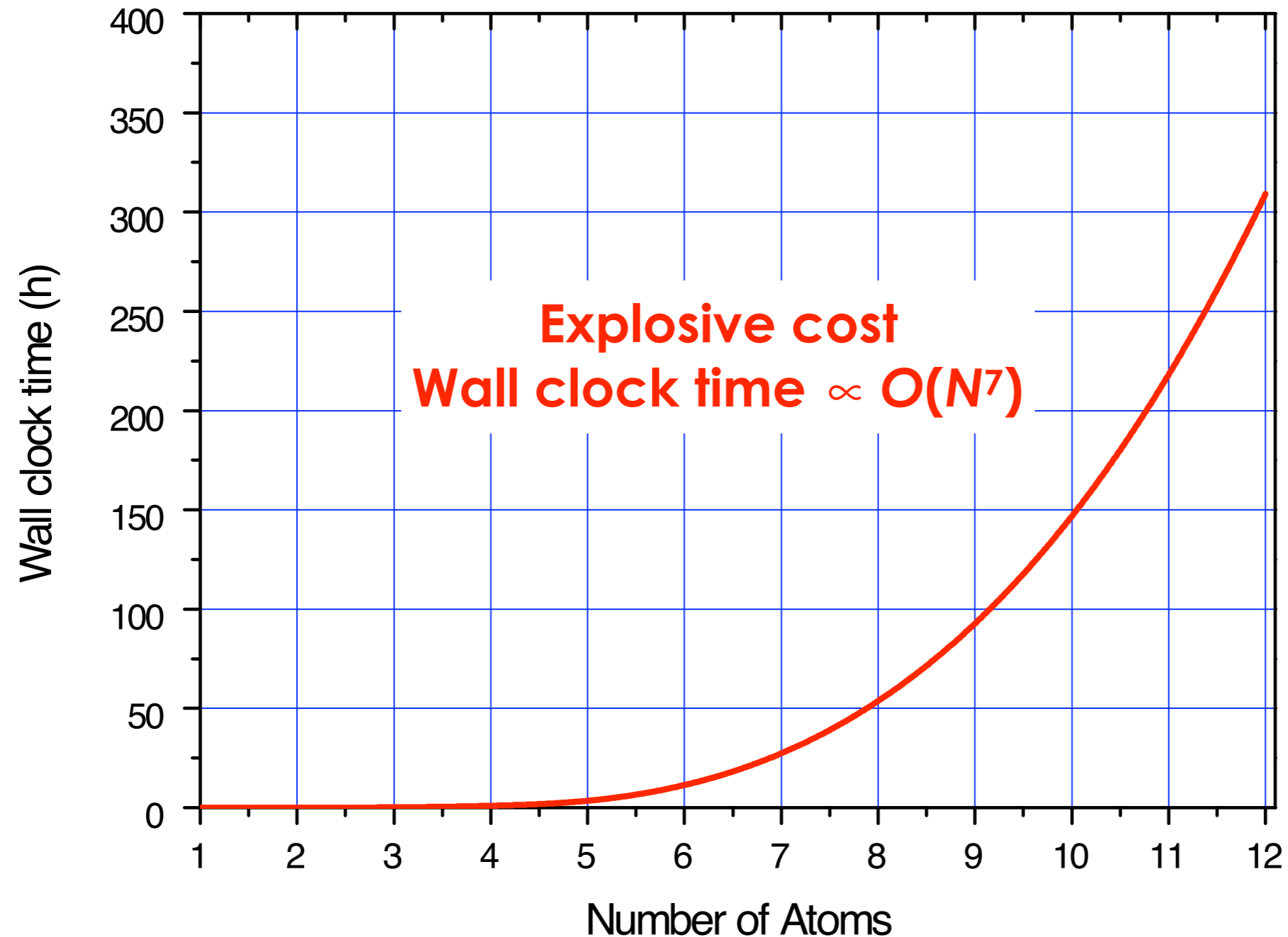
$$E_{CC} = \langle \Psi_0 | e^{-T} \hat{H} e^T | \Psi_0 \rangle$$

$$R_K = \langle t_K \Psi_0 | e^{-T} \hat{H} e^T | \Psi_0 \rangle = 0$$

Nonlinear equation set,
not hard to solve;
up to 4th power of amplitudes

Gold Standard:
CCSD(T)

Problems with Coupled Cluster Theory



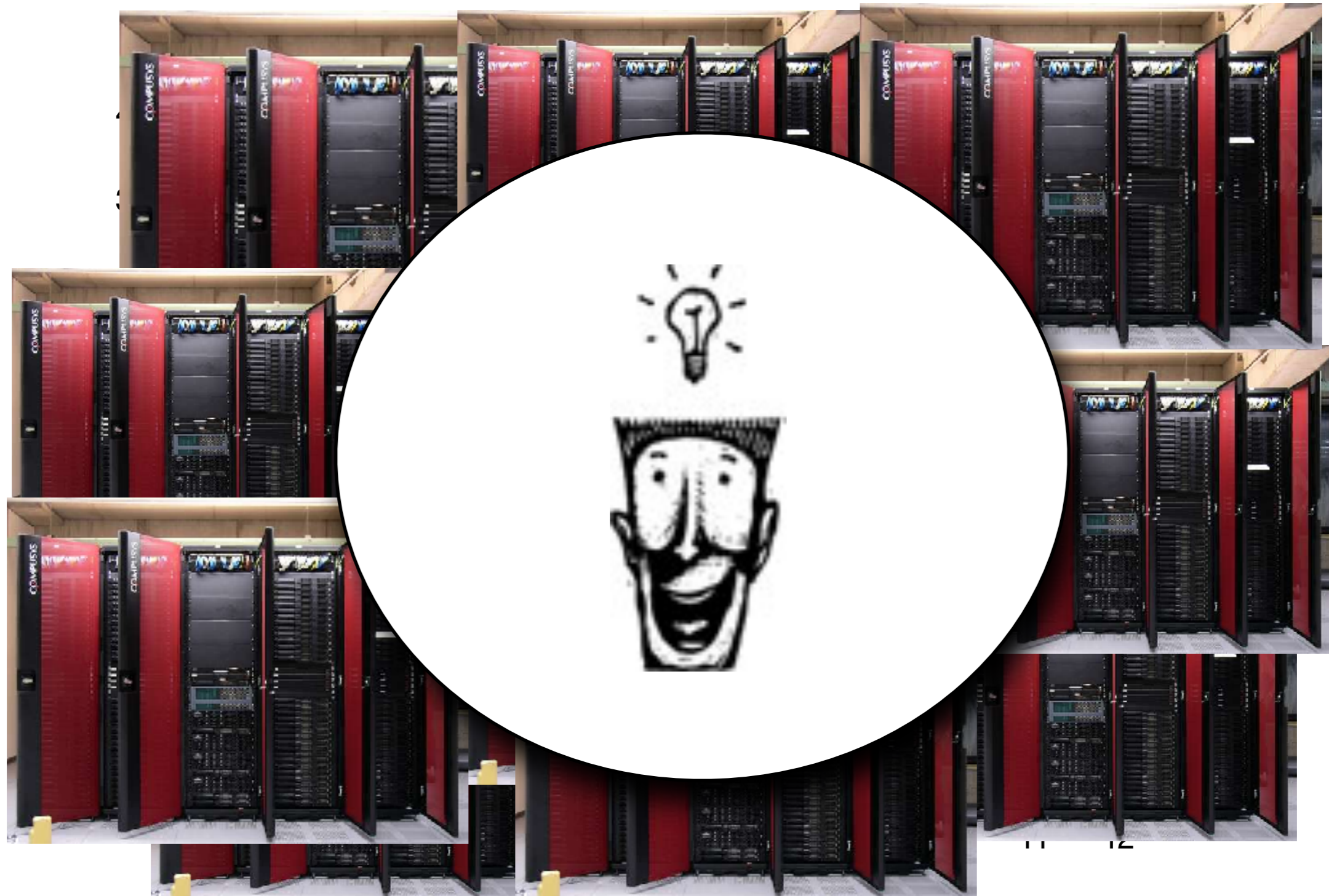
Problems with Coupled Cluster Theory



NUMBER OF RACKS

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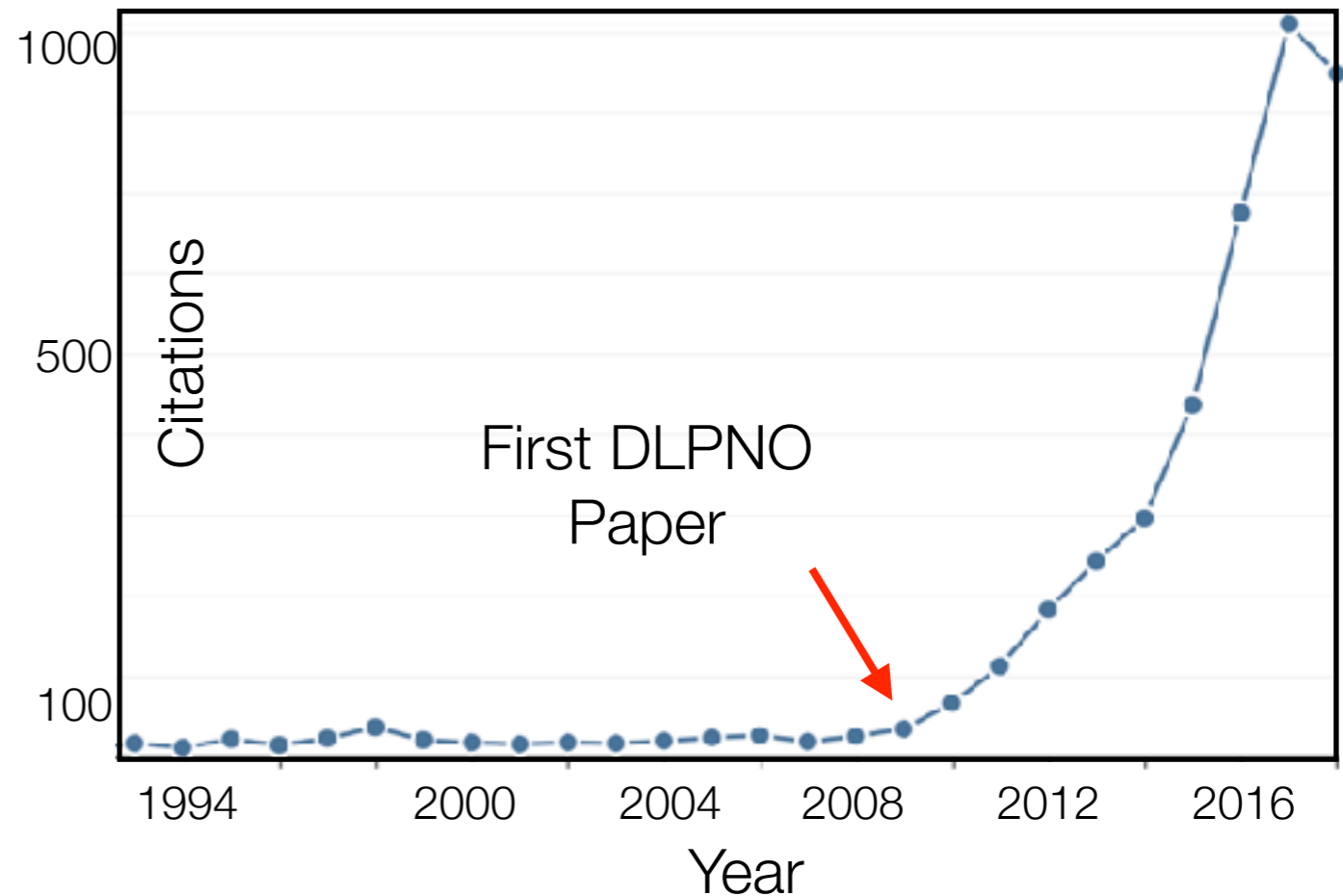
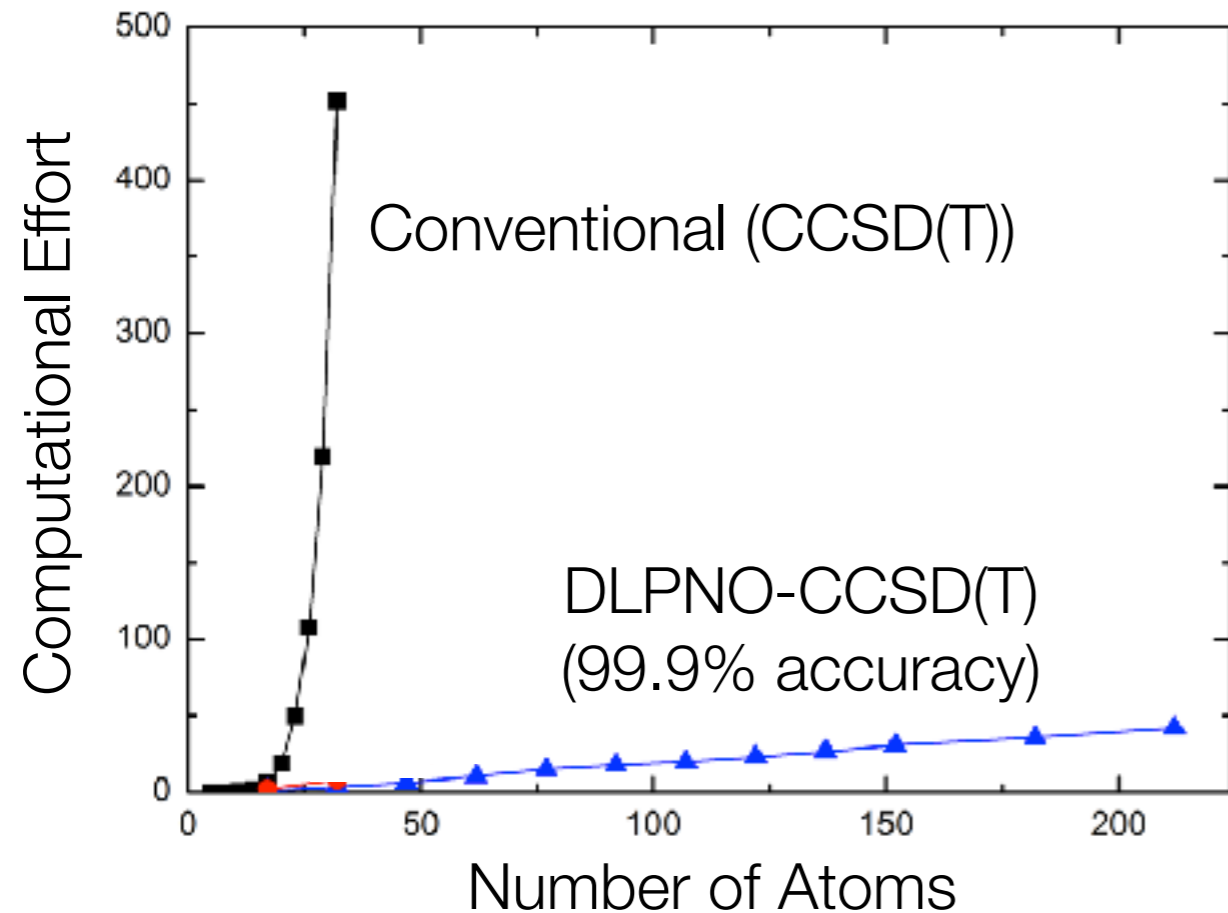
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Breaking the Curse: Local Correlation



Zitationen: „Pair Natural Orbital“

Neese, F.; Hansen, A.; Liakos, D. G. *JCP* **2009**, 131.

Riplinger, C.; Neese, F. *JCP* **2013**, 138.

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Riplinger, C.; Pinski, P.; Becker, U.; Valeev, E. F.; Neese, F. *JCP* **2016**, 144

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Cheating on the Curse: Density Functional Theory

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} + 2Z_A \right] \bar{\rho}(r) = 0$$

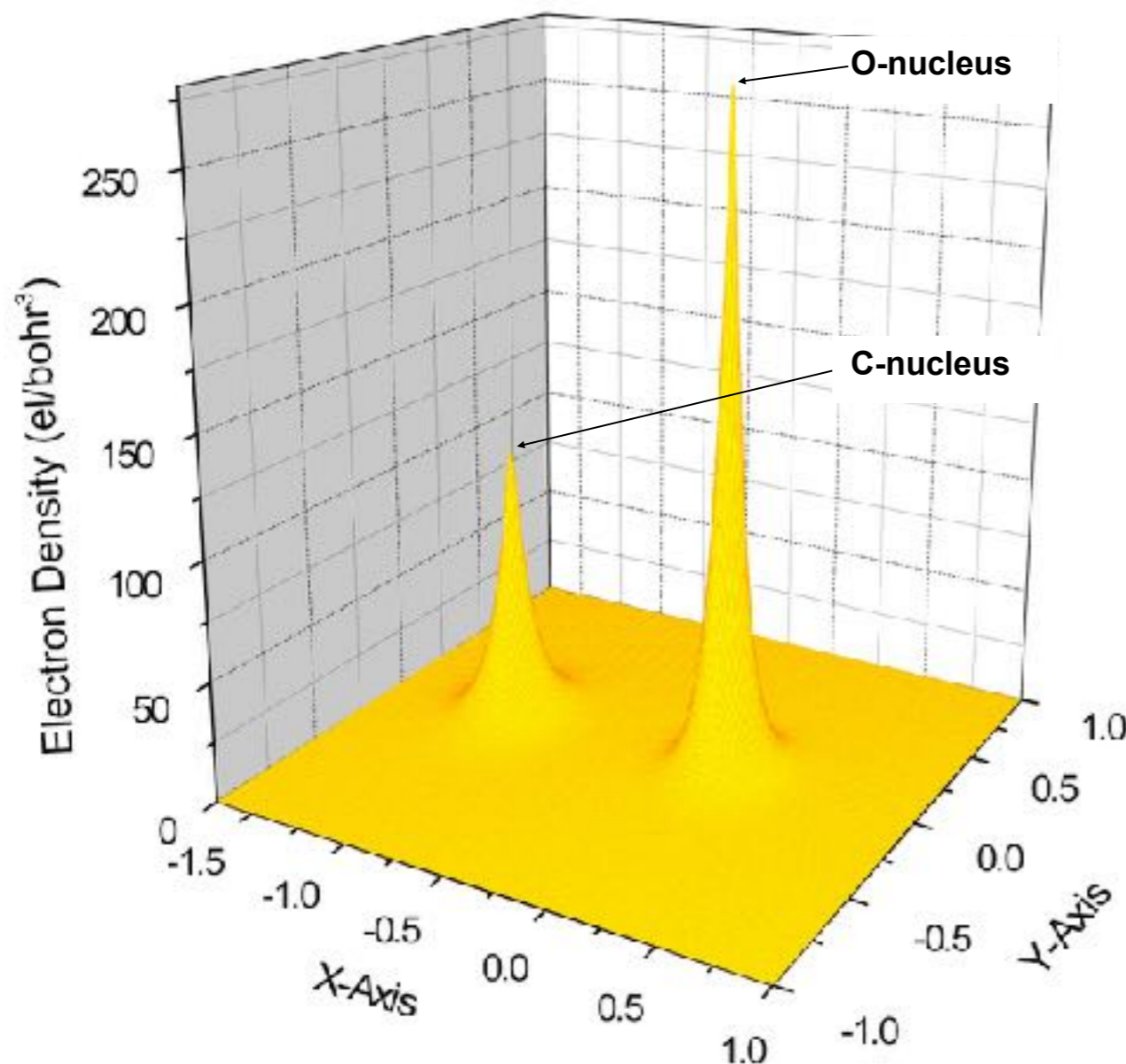
$$\int \rho(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} = N$$



We can reconstruct the nuclear positions and charges from the electron density



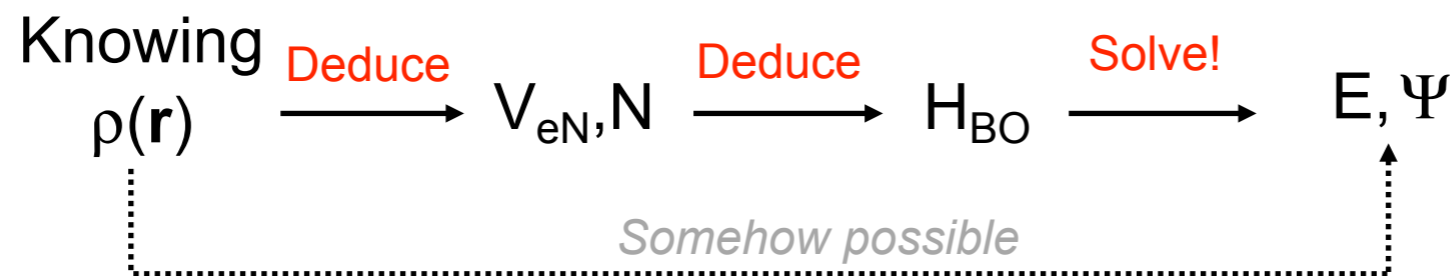
This means, we can reconstruct the BO Hamiltonian of the molecule from $\rho(r)$ alone



Electron Density of the CO molecule

The Hohenberg Kohn-Theorems

If we know the BO Hamiltonian of the molecule we could (in principle) solve the Schrödinger equation. Hence, the exact N -particle wavefunction, the exact energy and all expectation values are **functionals** of the electron density!



The “**big dream**” is to go directly from the electron density to the exact energy. From the DFT logics this must be “somehow” possible, but we don’t know how!

- 1)The existence of the “universal” functional $E[\rho]$ is guaranteed by the **first Hohenberg-Kohn** (HK) theorem.
- 2)The **second HK theorem** establishes a variational principle that states that $E[\rho']$ (ρ' being a test density) $\geq E[\rho]$

Navigating the Density Functional Zoo

$$E^{\text{DFT-D}} = E_{1\text{-el}} + J + E_{\text{XC}} + E_{\text{Disp.}}$$

- ✓ Hybrid DFT
- ✓ Double-hybrid DFT^[2]
- ✓ Dispersion-corrected spin-component-scaled double-hybrid DFT^[3]

Navigating the Density Functional Zoo

- ✓ Density functional theory (dispersion-corrected)^[1]

$$E^{\text{DFT-D}} = E_{1\text{-el}} + J + E_{\text{XC}} + E_{\text{Disp.}}$$

- ✓ Hybrid DFT

$$E_{\text{XC}}^{\text{H-DFT}} = aE_{\text{X}}^{\text{HF}} + (1-a)E_{\text{X}}^{\text{DFT}} + E_{\text{C}}^{\text{DFT}}$$

- ✓ Double-hybrid DFT^[2]

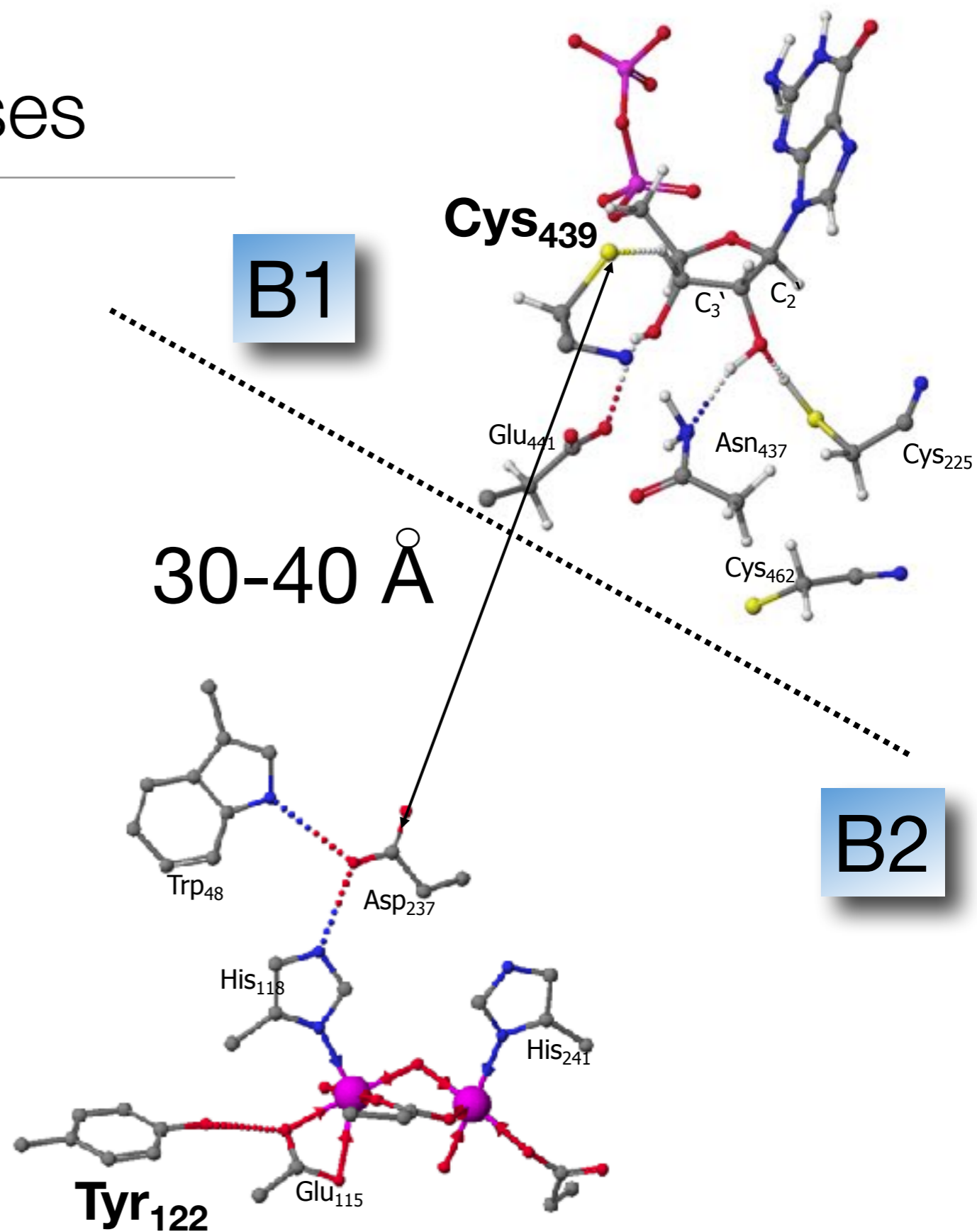
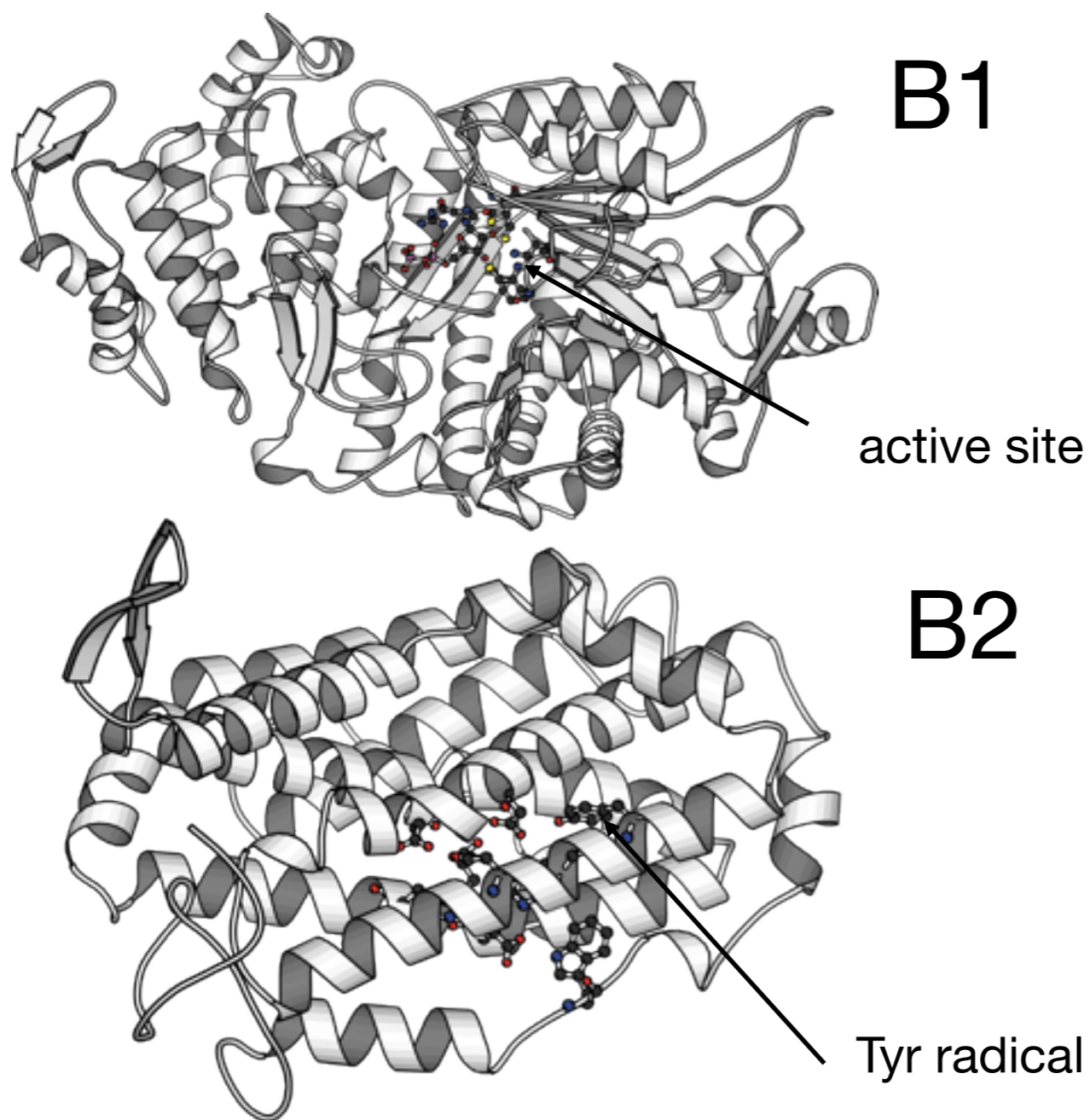
$$E_{\text{XC}}^{\text{DH-DFT}} = aE_{\text{X}}^{\text{HF}} + (1-a)E_{\text{X}}^{\text{DFT}} + bE_{\text{C}}^{\text{DFT}} + cE^{\text{MP2}}$$

- ✓ Dispersion-corrected spin-component-scaled double-hybrid DFT^[3]

$$E^{\text{DSD-DFT}} = \underbrace{E_{1\text{-el}} + J + c_{\text{X}}E_{\text{X}}^{\text{HF}} + (1-c_{\text{X}})E_{\text{X}}^{\text{DFT}} + c_{\text{C}}E_{\text{C}}^{\text{DFT}}}_{E^{\text{SCF}}} + \underbrace{c_{\text{O}}E_{\text{O}}^{\text{MP2}} + c_{\text{S}}E_{\text{S}}^{\text{MP2}}}_{E^{\text{SCS-MP2}}} + \underbrace{s_6 E_{\text{Disp.}}}_{E^{\text{Disp.}}}$$

g-Tensors and Enzyme Active Sites: An Example

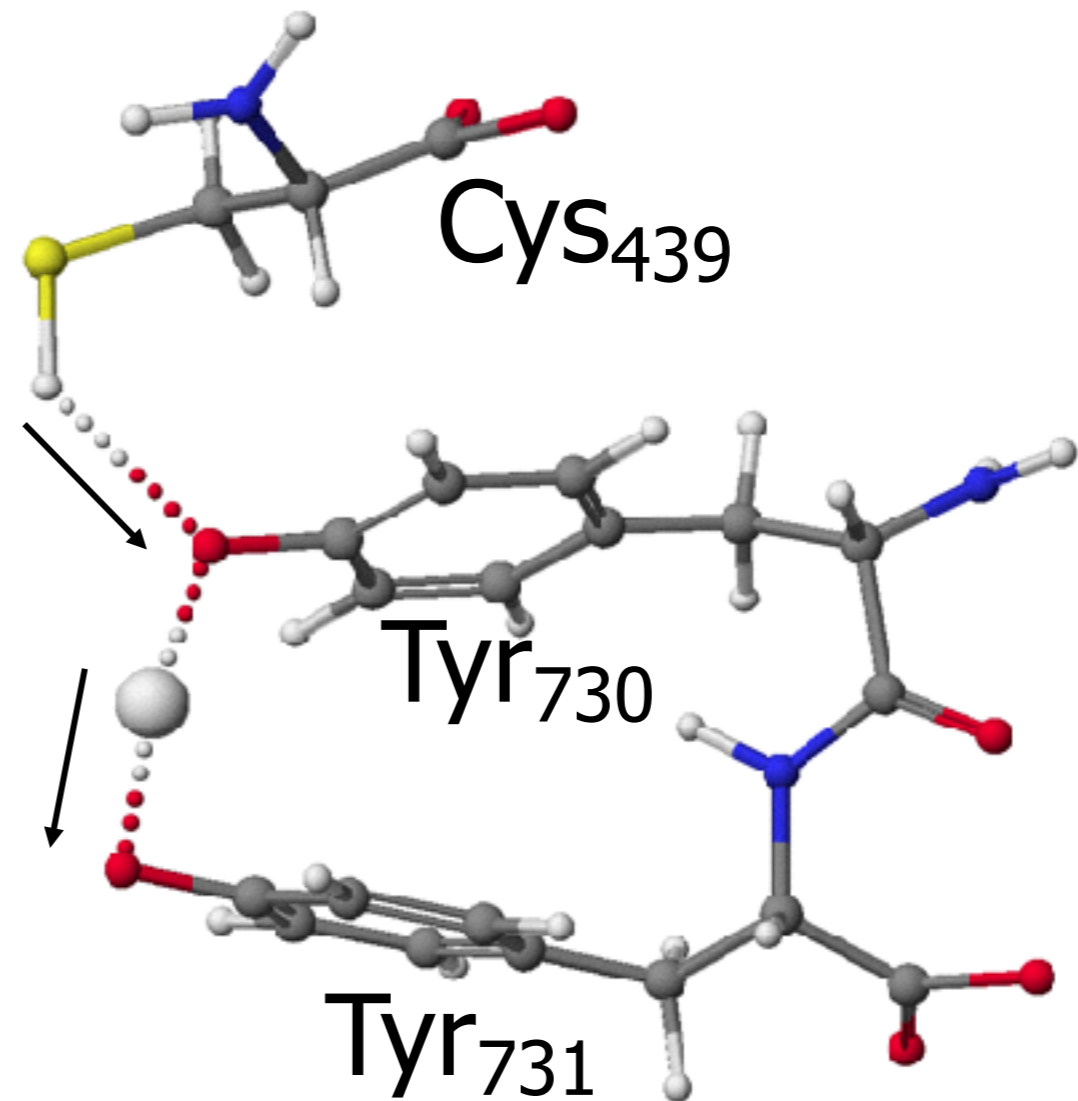
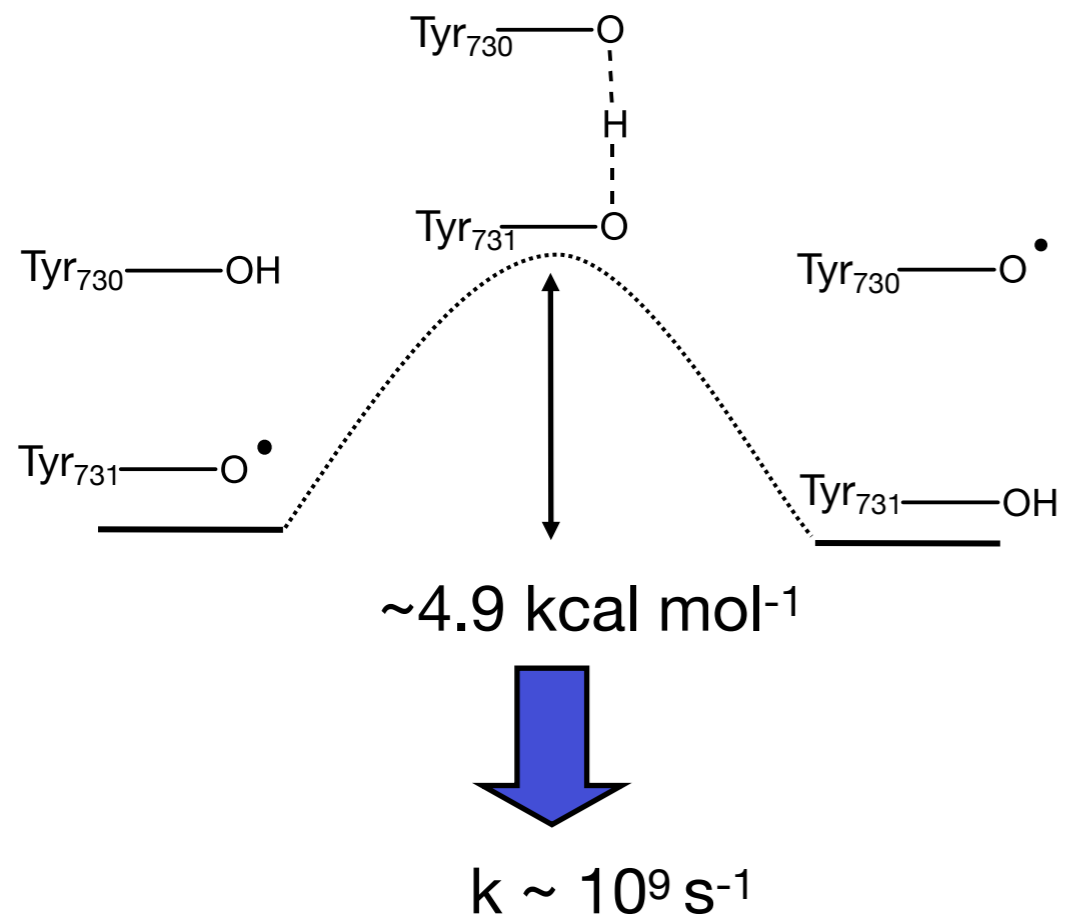
Ribonucleotide Reductases



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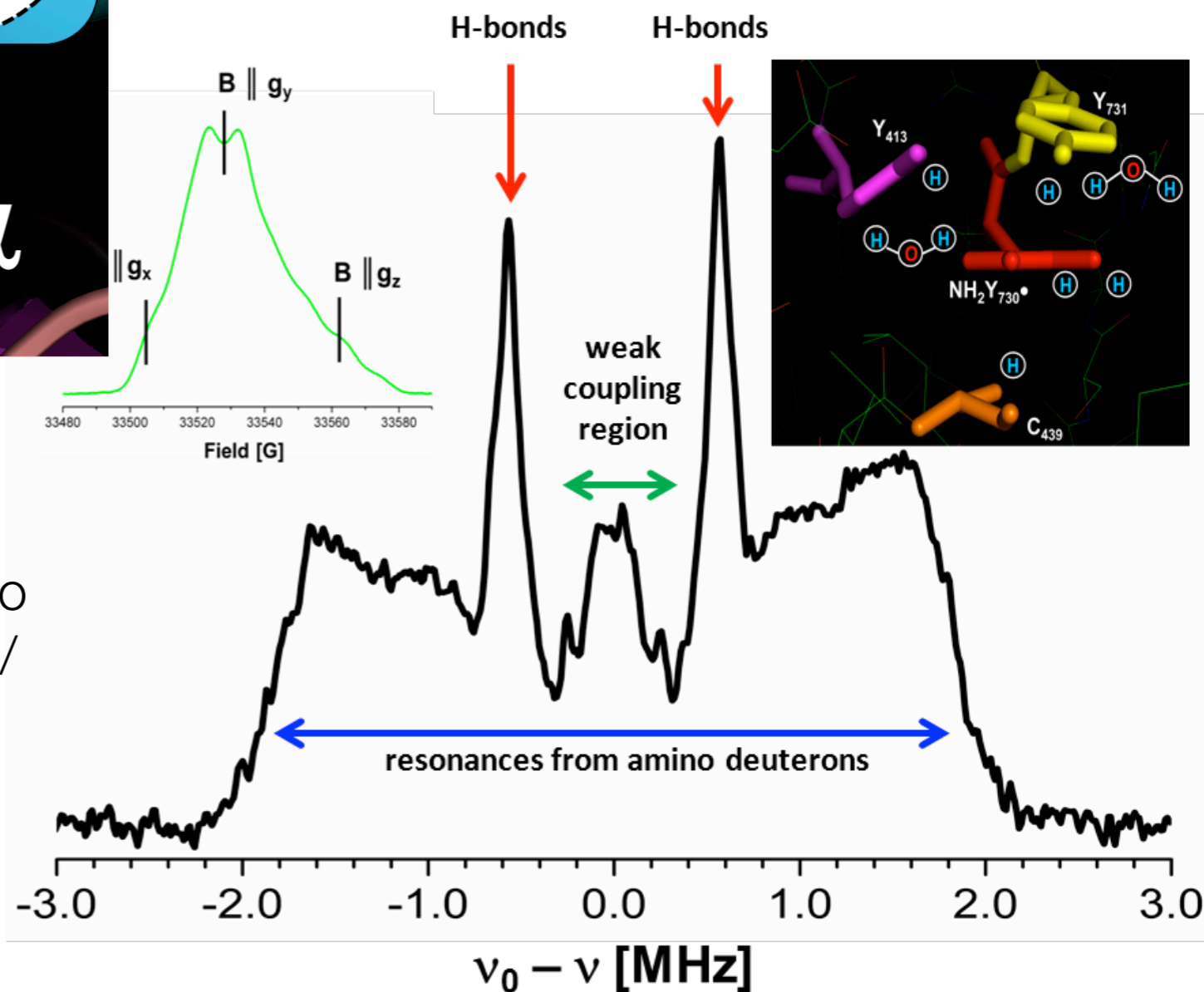
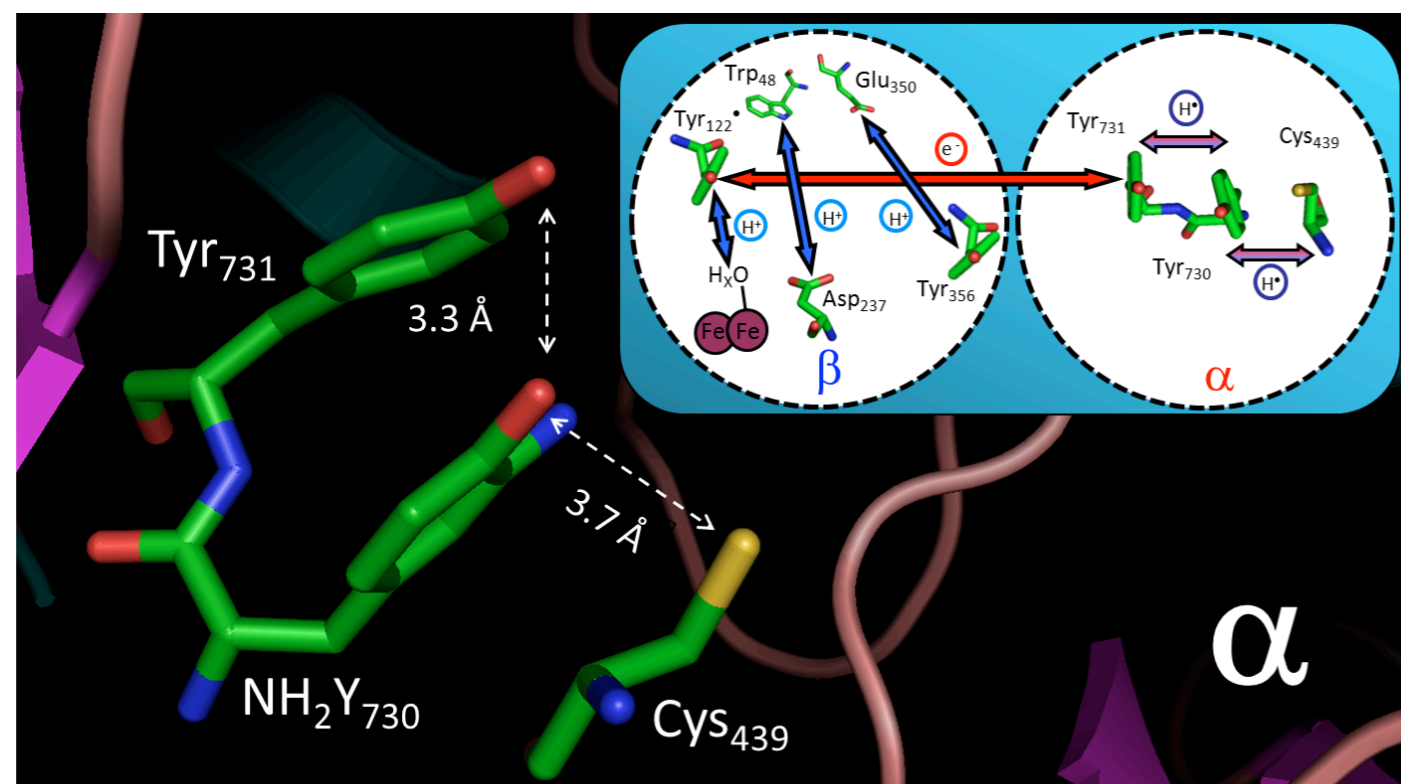
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„Long Range Radical Transfer“



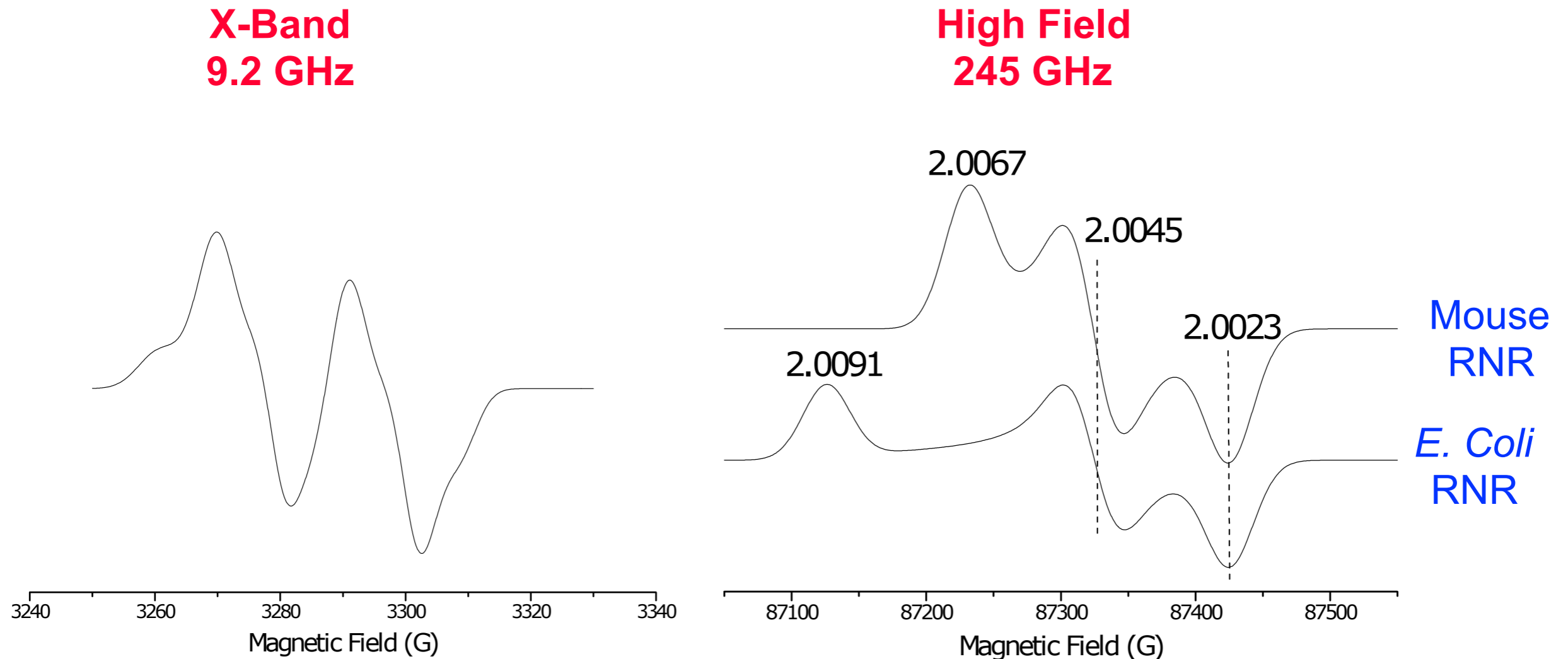
Transition state for H-atom transfer from Tyr₇₃₀ to Tyr₇₃₁

Chasing the Electron Transfer Pathway



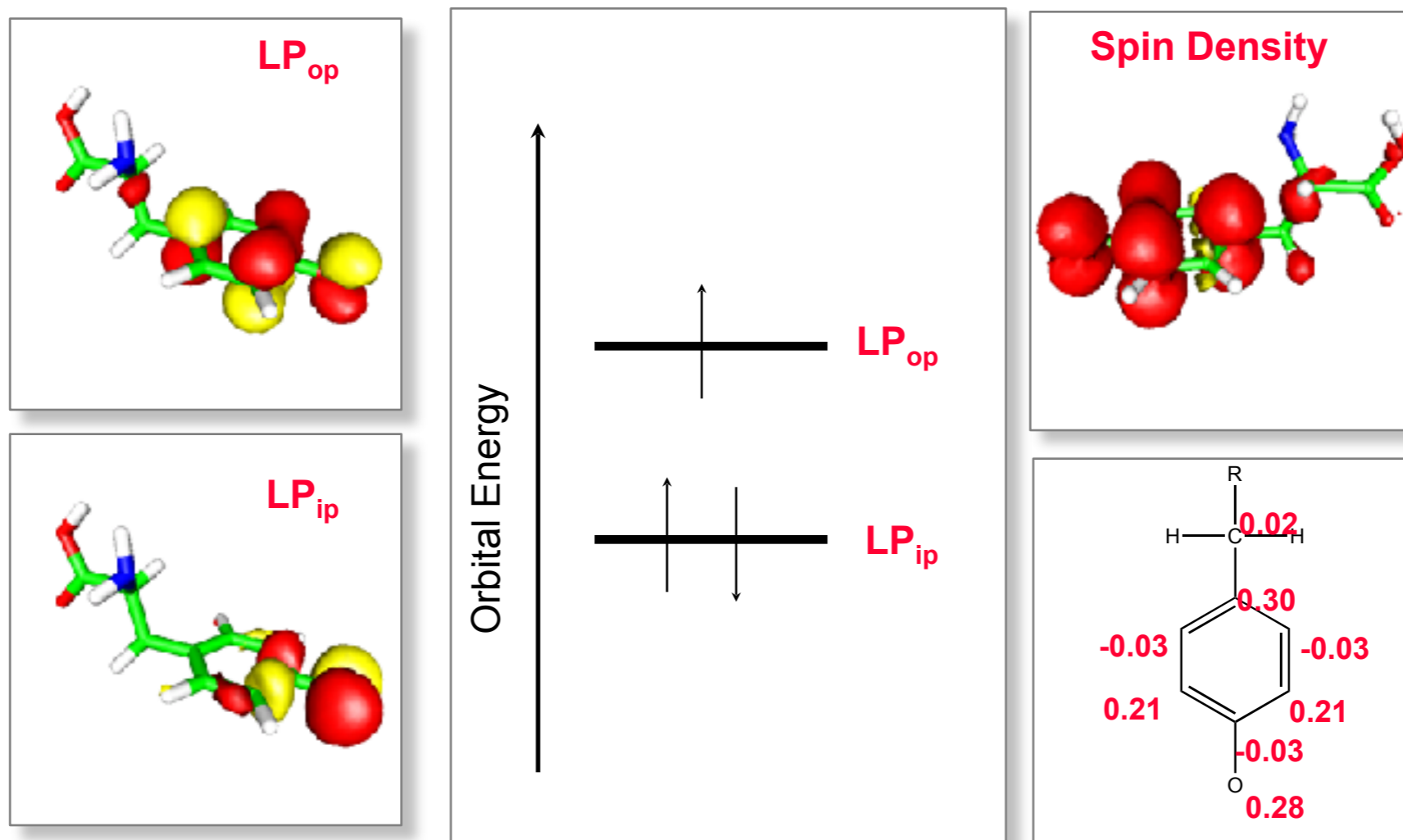
Chemical modification of Tyr 730 with an ortho NH₂ group impairs electron transfer to the active site and hence make the Tyr730/ Tyr731 pair amenable to spectroscopic study by high-resolution EPR/ENDOR spectroscopy

EPR Spectroscopy of Tyrosyl Radicals

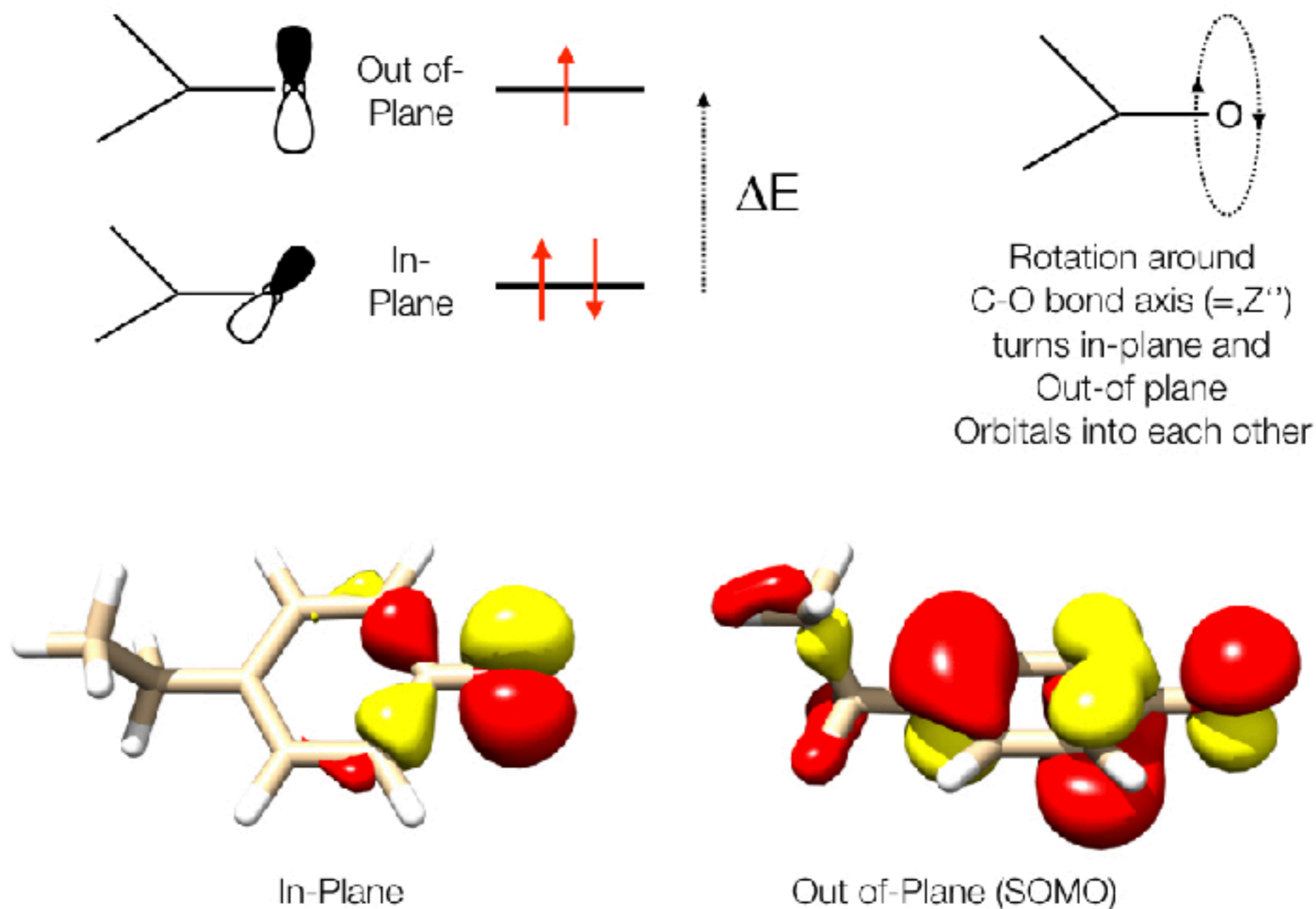


Large variation in g_{\max} values reflect different protein environments and carries electronic structure information

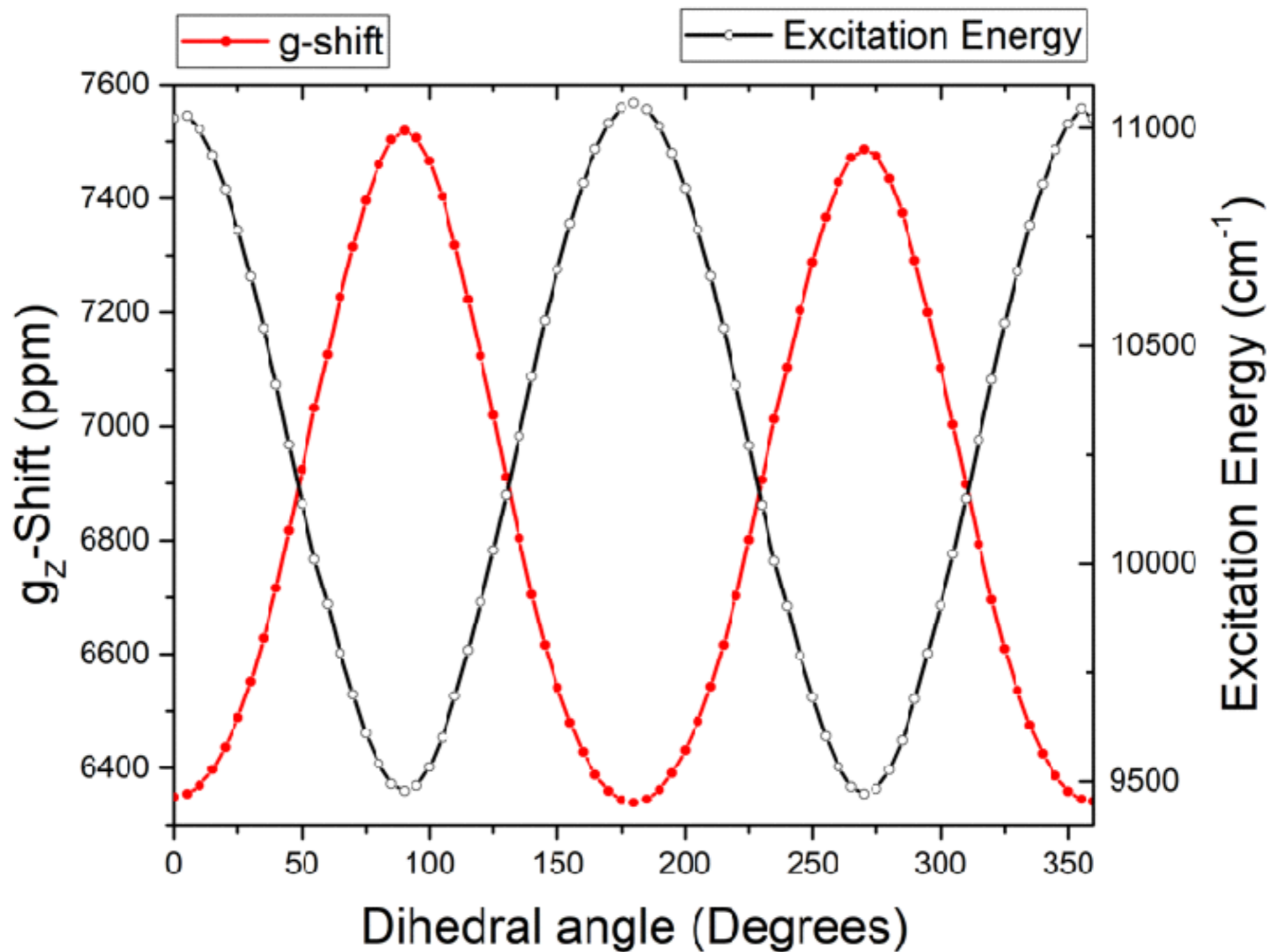
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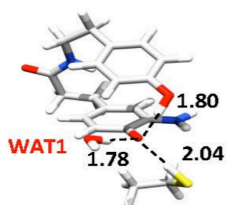
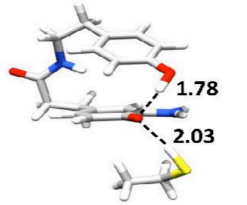
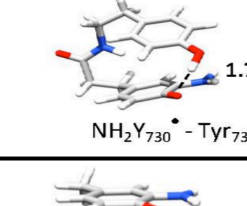
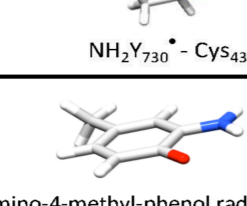
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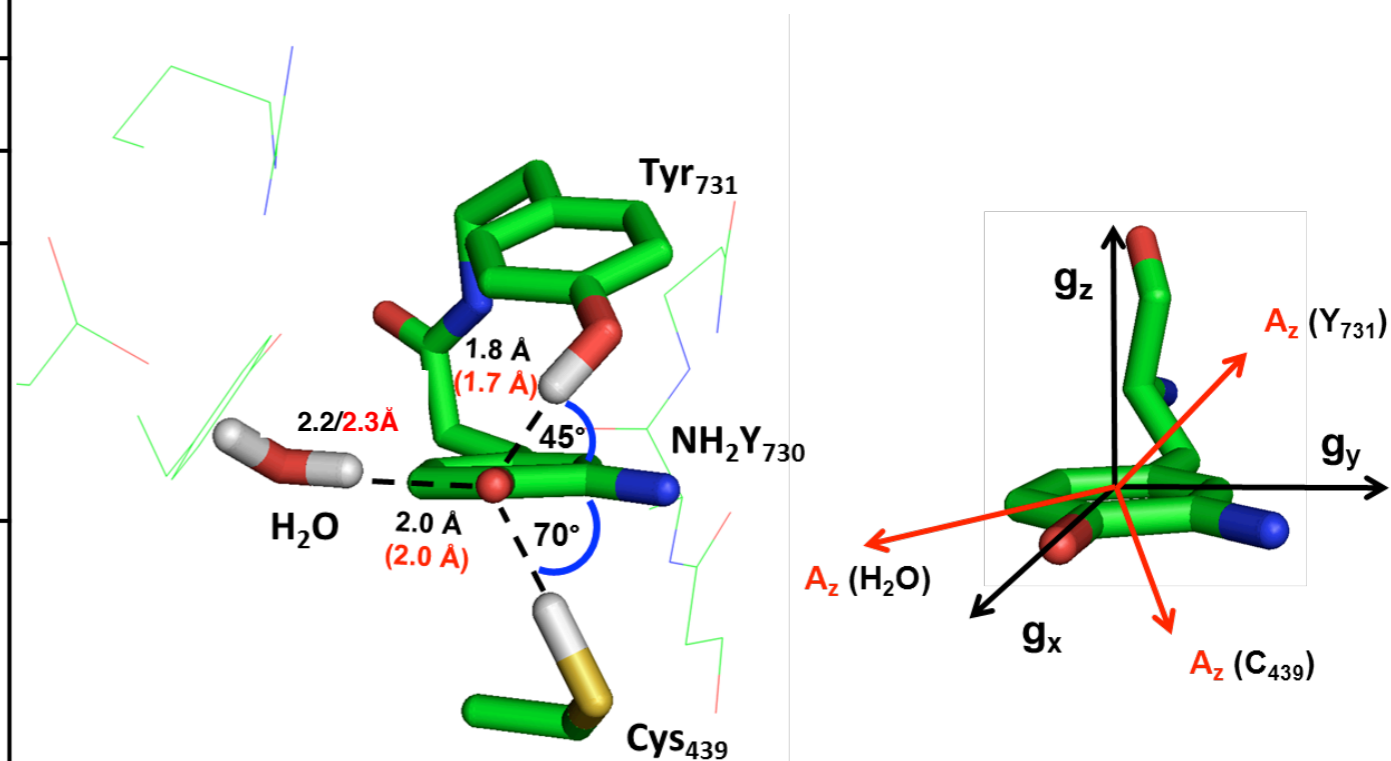


Rotation of the H-bonding Water Molecule



DFT Calculations on Large Cluster Models

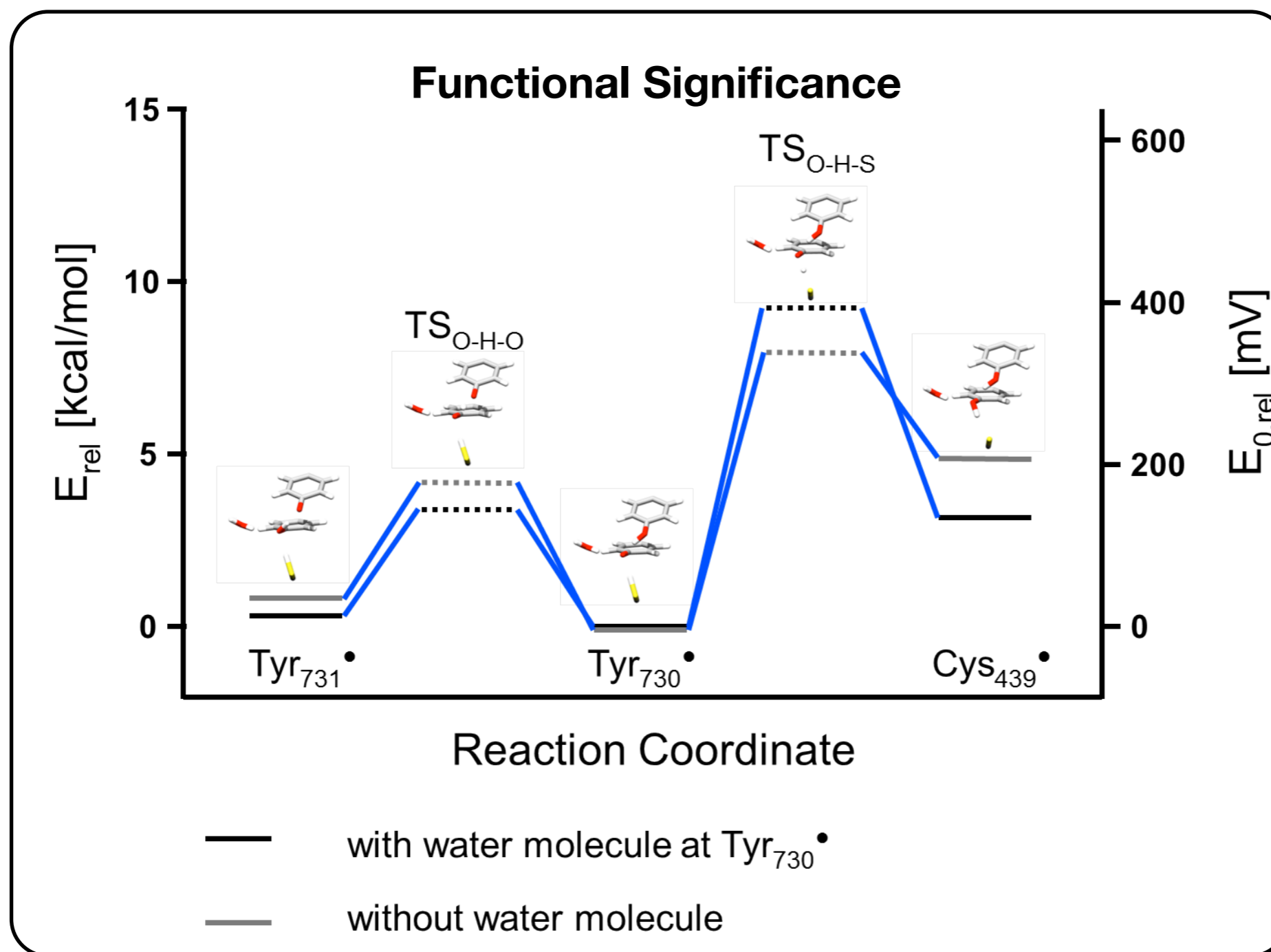
		g_x	g_y	g_z
9	Experiment	2.0052	2.0042	2.0022
	DFT model	Deviation from experiment [in ppt]		
8	Model 6 (without WAT1)	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3
7	Model 4 (with WAT1)	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4
6	 NH ₂ Y ₇₃₀ • - Tyr ₇₃₁ - C ₄₃₉ - WAT1	-0.6	-0.3	-0.5
5	 NH ₂ Y ₇₃₀ • - Tyr ₇₃₁ - C ₄₃₉	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4
4	 NH ₂ Y ₇₃₀ • - Tyr ₇₃₁	0.3	0.2	-0.2
3	 NH ₂ Y ₇₃₀ • - Cys ₄₃₉	0.8	0.1	-0.4
2	2-amino-4-methyl-phenol radical (2-AMPR)	0.9	0.3	0.0
1	2-amino-dimethyl-4-methyl-phenol radical	1.7	0.4	0.0



After *many* iterations between theory and experiment, the combined data demonstrate a **water molecule hydrogen bonded to Tyr₇₃₀**.

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The Quantum Chemistry of Hyperfine Coupling

Hyperfine Couplings: Physical Picture

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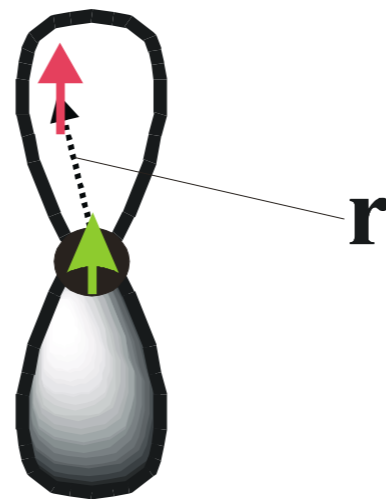
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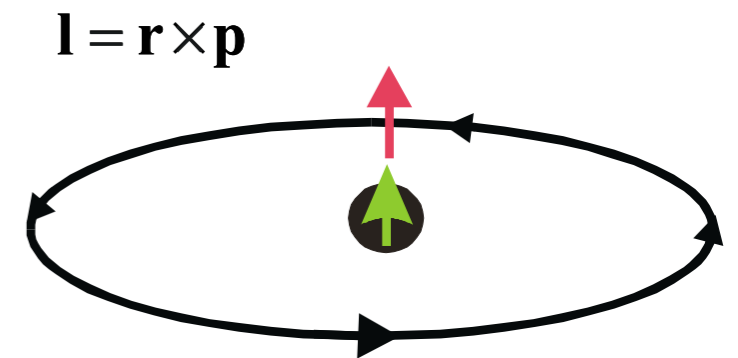
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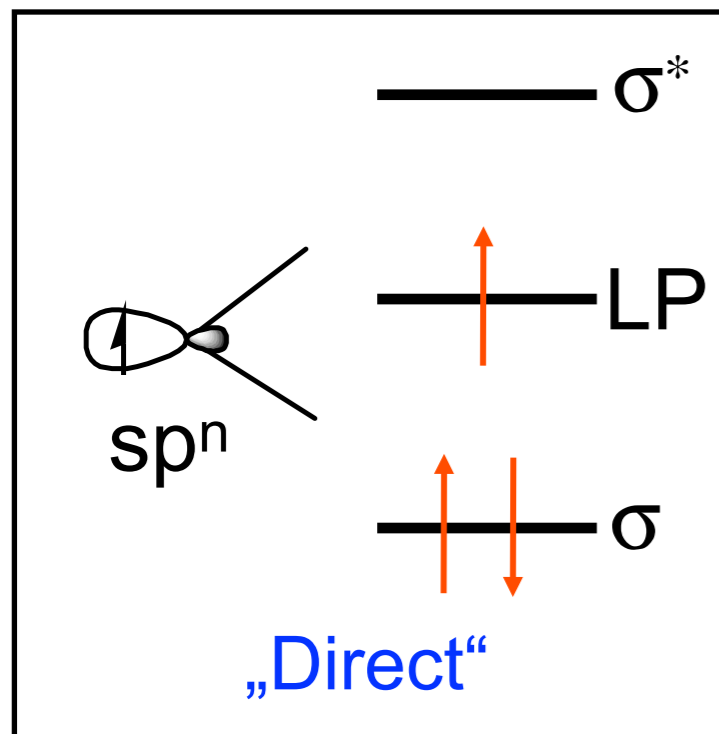
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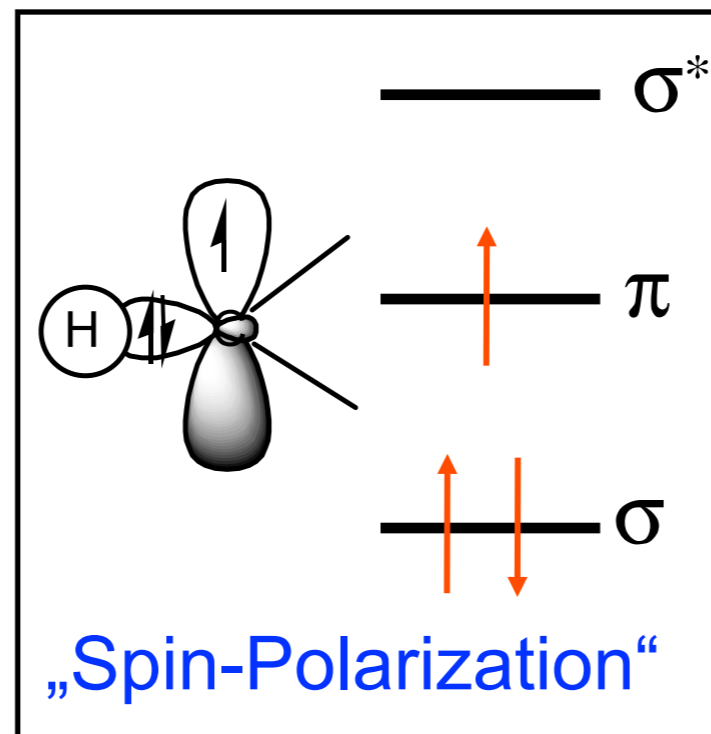


Overview: Isotropic Hyperfine Mechanisms



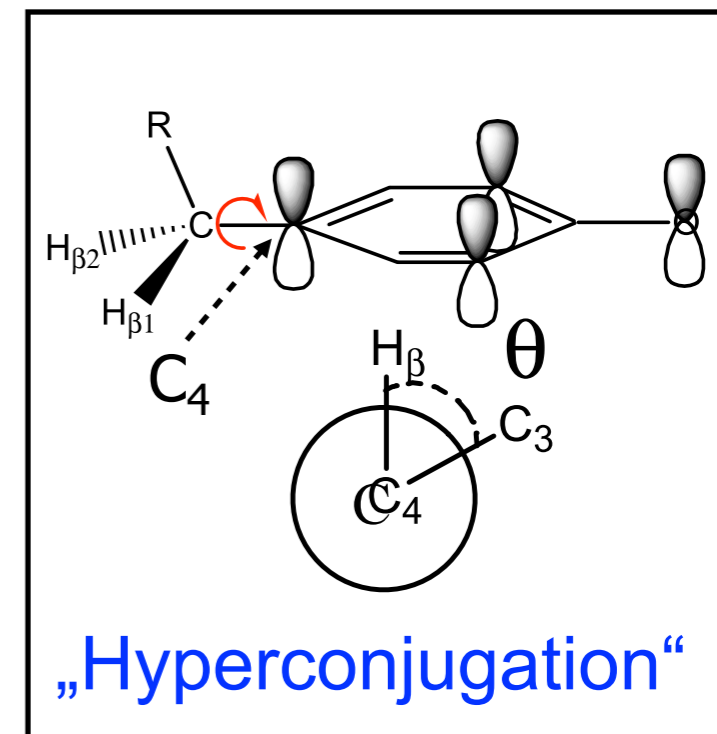
(easy)

Valence shell spin distribution typically more or less ok with DFT



(hard)

- UHF strongly overestimates SP
- DFT generally underestimates SP
- Needs relativity for metal nuclei



(moderate)

Overview: Dipolar Hyperfine Mechanisms

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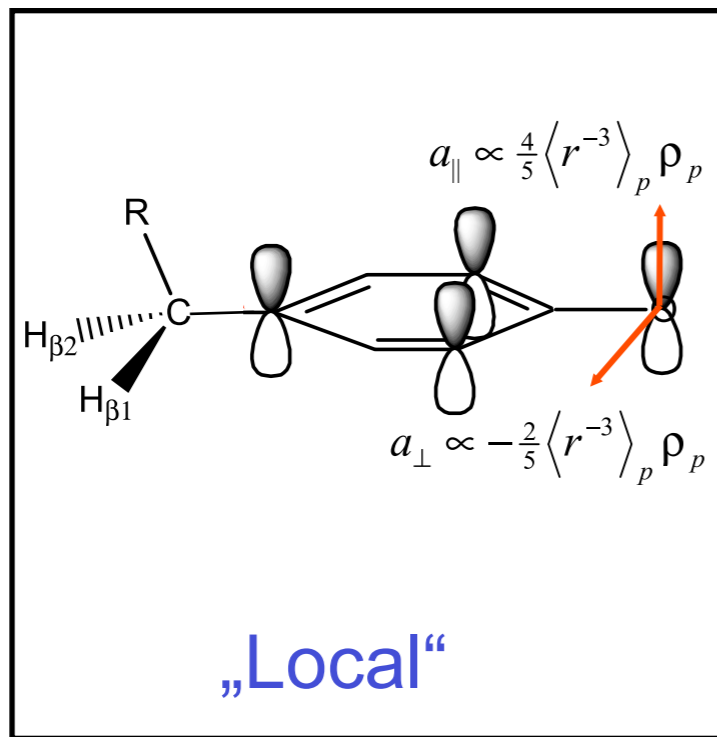
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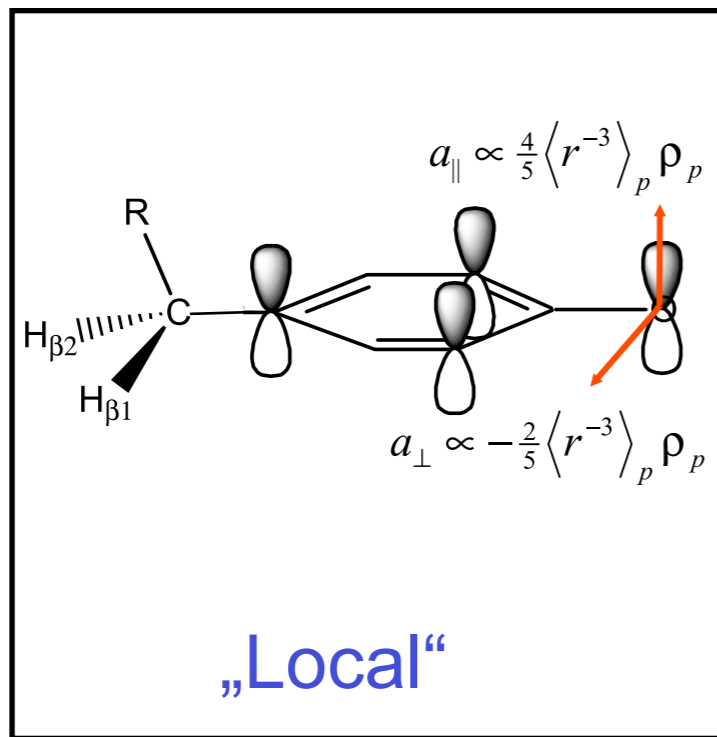
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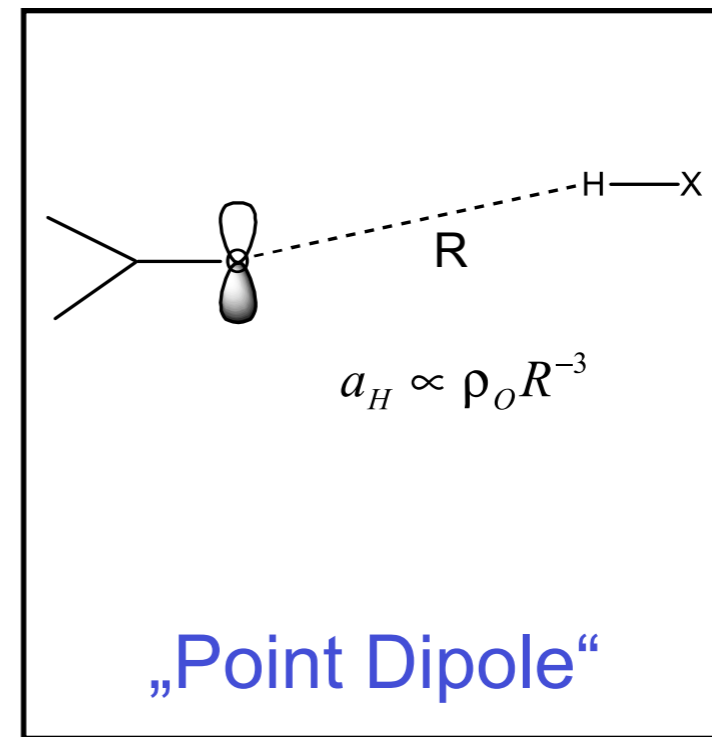
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Contributions to the Hyperfine Coupling

In general: **Spin Density** **Basis functions** **Spin Density Response**

$$A_{KL}^{(N)} = \frac{P_N}{2S} \sum_{\mu\nu} P_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha-\beta} \langle \mu | r^{-5} (\delta_{KL} r^2 - 3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_N)_K (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_N)_L) | \nu \rangle - \frac{P_N}{S} \sum_{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial P_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha-\beta}}{\partial I_{N;K}} \langle \mu | h_L^{SOC} | \nu \rangle$$

Fermi-contact + spin dipolar **Spin-Orbit**

$$P_N = g_e g_N \beta_e \beta_N \quad \text{Element specific constant}$$

Let us first focus on the first order term. From the partial integration of the divergent operator, there arises the Fermi contact term:

$$A_{KL}^{(N;Fermi)} = \delta_{KL} \frac{8\pi}{3} \frac{P_N}{2S} \sum_{\mu\nu} P_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha-\beta} \langle \mu | \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_N) | \nu \rangle = \delta_{KL} \frac{8\pi}{3} \frac{P_N}{2S} \rho^{\alpha-\beta}(\mathbf{R}_N)$$

The remainder (sans the Fermi term), is the spin-dipolar contribution:

$$A_{KL}^{(N;dip)} = \frac{P_N}{2S} \sum_{\mu\nu} P_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha-\beta} \langle \mu | r^{-5} (\delta_{KL} r^2 - 3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_N)_K (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_N)_L) | \nu \rangle = \frac{P_N}{2S} \sum_{\mu\nu} P_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha-\beta} \langle \mu | F_{KL}^N | \nu \rangle$$

Multi-center contributions to the HFC

Our basis functions $\{\mu\}$ are assigned to atoms. The dipolar operator is attached to an atom N. Hence, we can decompose the HFC tensor into one-, two- and three-center contributions, e.g.:

$$\begin{aligned} A_{KL}^{(N;dip)} &= \frac{P_N}{2S} \sum_{\mu_N \nu_N} P_{\mu_N \nu_N}^{\alpha-\beta} \langle \mu_N | F_{KL}^N | \nu_N \rangle && \mathbf{1-Center} \\ &+ \frac{P_N}{2S} \sum_{N' \neq N} \sum_{\mu_{N'} \nu_{N'}} P_{\mu_{N'} \nu_{N'}}^{\alpha-\beta} \langle \mu_{N'} | F_{KL}^N | \nu_{N'} \rangle && \mathbf{2-Center Point charge} \\ &+ \frac{P_N}{S} \sum_{N' \neq N} \sum_{\mu_N \nu_{N'}} P_{\mu_N \nu_{N'}}^{\alpha-\beta} \langle \mu_N | F_{KL}^N | \nu_{N'} \rangle && \mathbf{2-Center bond (small-ish)} \\ &+ \frac{P_N}{2S} \sum_{N' \neq N} \sum_{N'' \neq N, N'} \sum_{\mu_{N'} \nu_{N''}} P_{\mu_{N'} \nu_{N''}}^{\alpha-\beta} \langle \mu_{N'} | F_{KL}^N | \nu_{N''} \rangle && \mathbf{3-Center (small)} \end{aligned}$$

Physical Interpretation of HFC Contributions

$$A_{KL}^{(N;local-dip)} = \frac{P_N}{2S} \sum_{\mu_N \nu_N} P_{\mu_N \nu_N}^{\alpha-\beta} \langle \mu_N | F_{KL}^N | \nu_N \rangle \approx \rho_N^{\alpha-\beta} A_{KL}^{N;dip}$$

Atomic Spin POPULATION
Intrinsic Atomic HFC

Hence, by studying the HFC's of various nuclei in the molecule, one can get an idea about the spin-distribution in the system (famous: Weissman/McConnel relation).

!!!! BUT BE CAREFUL- this is a crude approximation !!!!

$$A_{KL}^{(N;pc-dip)} \approx \frac{P_N}{2S} \sum_{N' \neq N} \rho_{N'}^{\alpha-\beta} \left\{ R_{NN'}^{-5} (\delta_{KL} R_{NN'}^2 - 3(\mathbf{R}_N - \mathbf{R}_{N'})_K (\mathbf{R}_N - \mathbf{R}_{N'})_L) \right\}$$

Point dipole form. This gives HFC's to „remote“ atoms that may not carry much spin population themselves

!!!! Physical basis for ,measuring' distances with EPR HFC's !!!!

Multicenter Contributions: ^{14}N -HFC in $[\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_4]^{2+}$

	A_{iso}	$A_{\text{D}}(\perp)$	$A_{\text{D}}(\parallel)$
1-Center	34.96	-4.93	9.87
2-Center			
Point ,Charge'	-0.02	-0.68	1.21
Bond	2.76	+0.47	-0.91
3-Center	0.06	<0.01	<0.01
Total	37.76	-5.09	10.12

The „Point Charge“ Term

$$A_{KL}^{(N;PD)} = \frac{P_N}{2S} \sum_{N' \neq N} \sum_{\mu_{N'} \nu_{N'}} P^{\alpha-\beta}_{\mu_{N'} \nu_{N'}} \langle \mu_{N'} | F_{KL}^N | \nu_{N'} \rangle$$

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Then:

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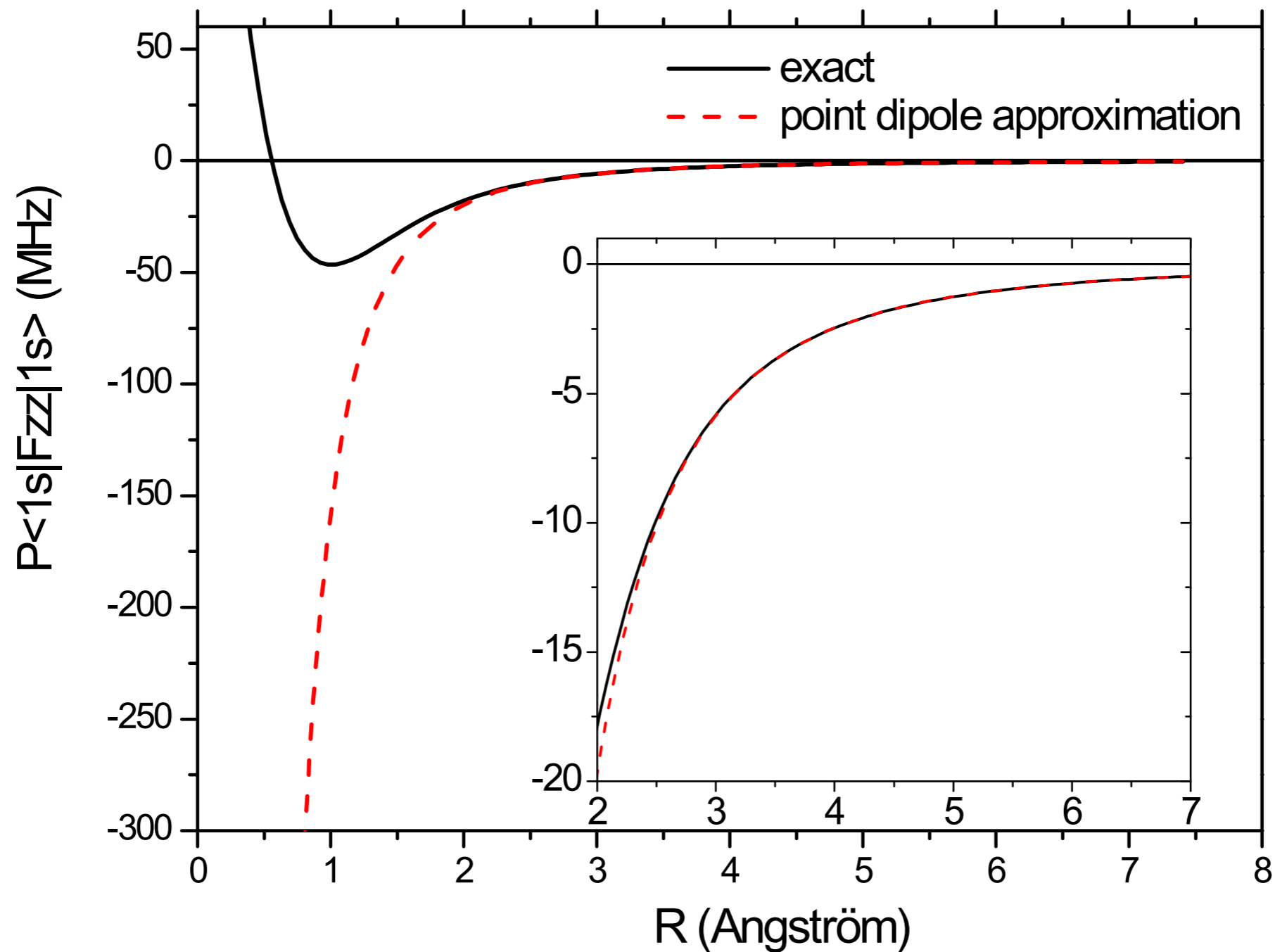
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IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ➔ There is **no g-tensor** in that formula (only g_e)! And there shouldn't be. The literature is wrong in this respect.
- ➔ It is a **really bad idea** to condense the spin only to the metal center and neglect other nuclei. Short distances are amplified by the R^{-3} dependence!
- ➔ You can not expect to obtain accurate spin populations from inverting this equation on the basis of measured HFCs, only ballpark numbers

When is the delta-function replacement justified?



Spin Density vs Spin Population

The **spin-density** is a three dimensional function of space. It is well defined, physically observable and integrates to the number of unpaired electrons

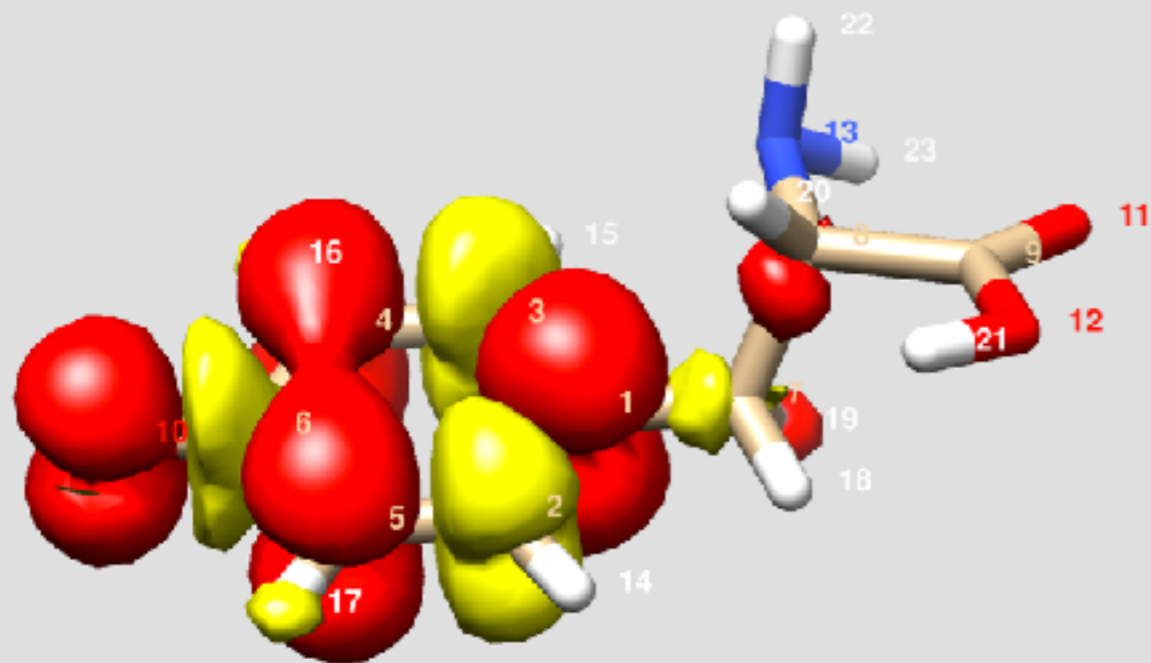
$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho^{\alpha-\beta}(\mathbf{r}) &= \left\langle \Psi_0 \left| \sum_i 2s_{zi} \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i) \right| \Psi_0 \right\rangle \approx \sum_{k(SOMO)} 2 \int \psi_k(\mathbf{r}') s_z \delta(\mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{r}) \psi_k(\mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r}' \\
 &= \sum_{k(SOMO)} \left| \psi_k(\mathbf{r}) \right|^2 \\
 &= \sum_{\mu\nu} P_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha-\beta} \mu(\mathbf{r}) \nu(\mathbf{r})
 \end{aligned}$$

The **spin-population** is a intuitively appealing but more or less arbitrary division of spin-density onto atoms. It is *not* physically observable

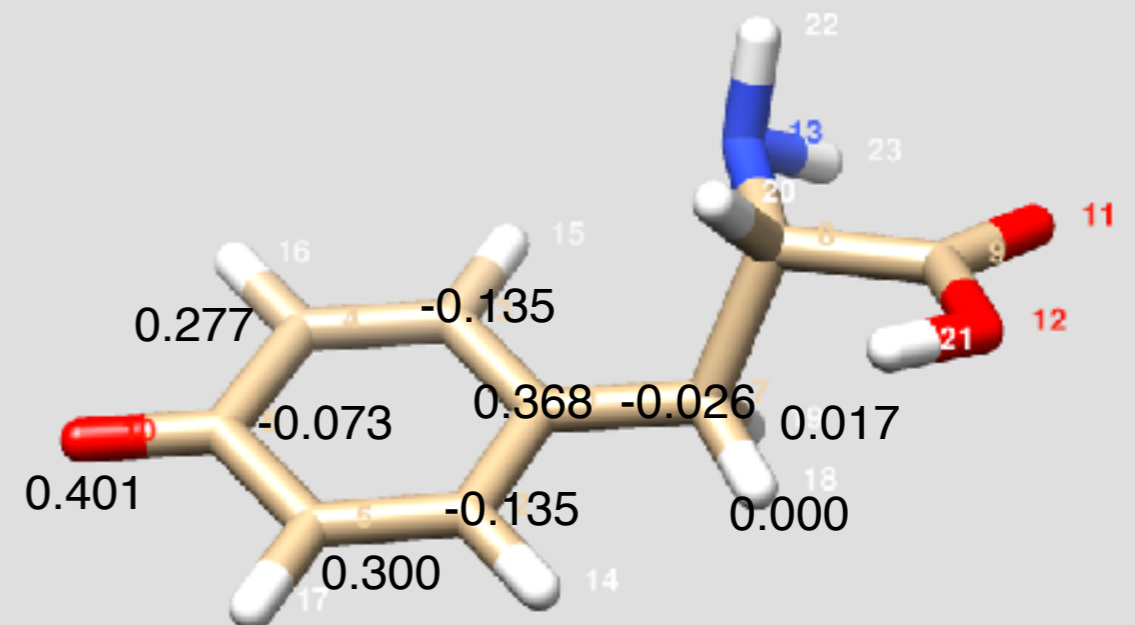
$$\begin{aligned}
 \int \rho^{\alpha-\beta}(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} &= N_{unpaired} = \sum_{\mu\nu} P_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha-\beta} S_{\mu\nu} \\
 &= \underbrace{\sum_A \sum_{\mu_A \nu_A} P_{\mu_A \nu_A}^{\alpha-\beta} S_{\mu_A \nu_A}}_{LOCAL-Spin-Population} + \underbrace{2 \sum_A \sum_{B \neq A} \sum_{\mu_A \nu_{B \neq A}} P_{\mu_A \nu_{B \neq A}}^{\alpha-\beta} S_{\mu_A \nu_{B \neq A}}}_{BOND-Spin-Population; \text{ divide equally}} \\
 &= \sum_A \rho_A^{\alpha-\beta}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example: Tyrosine Radical

Spin Density



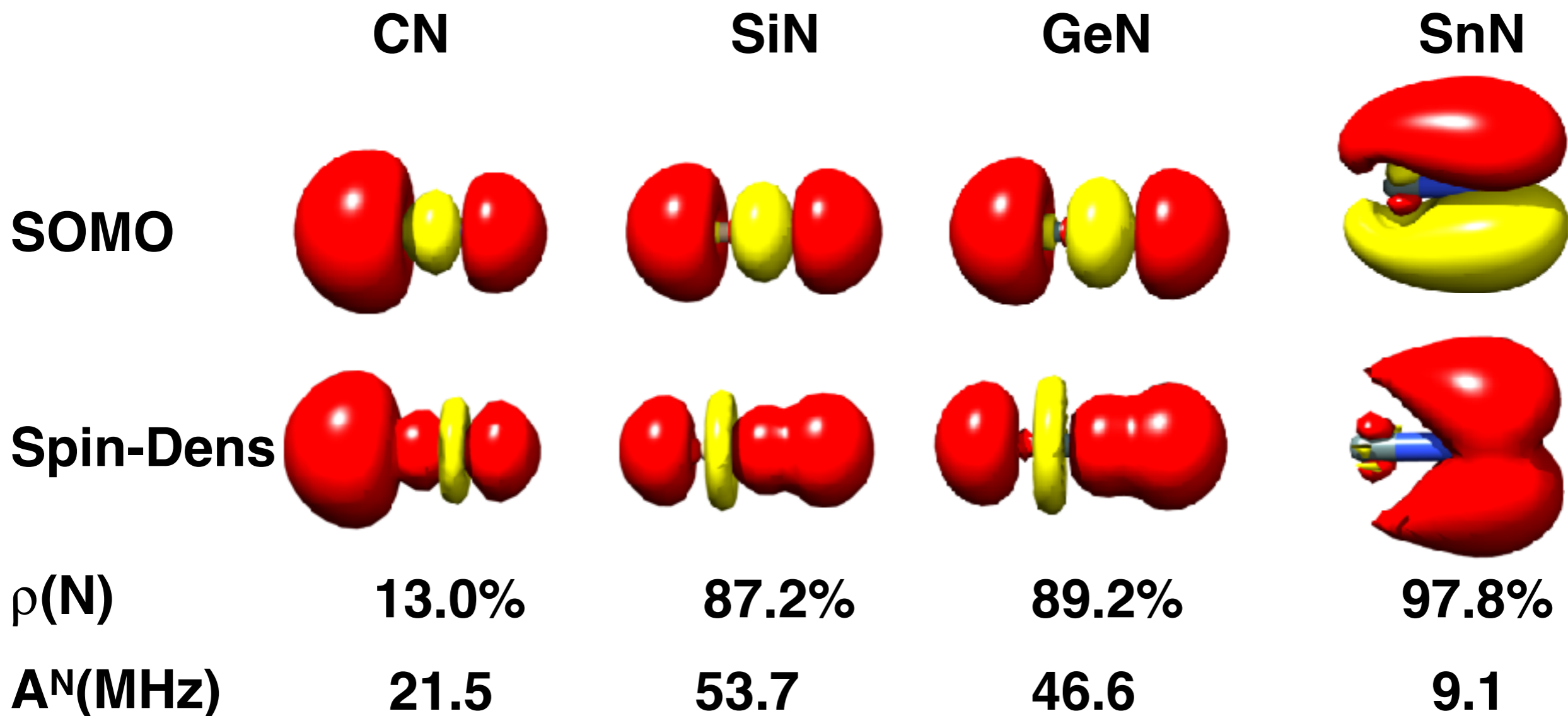
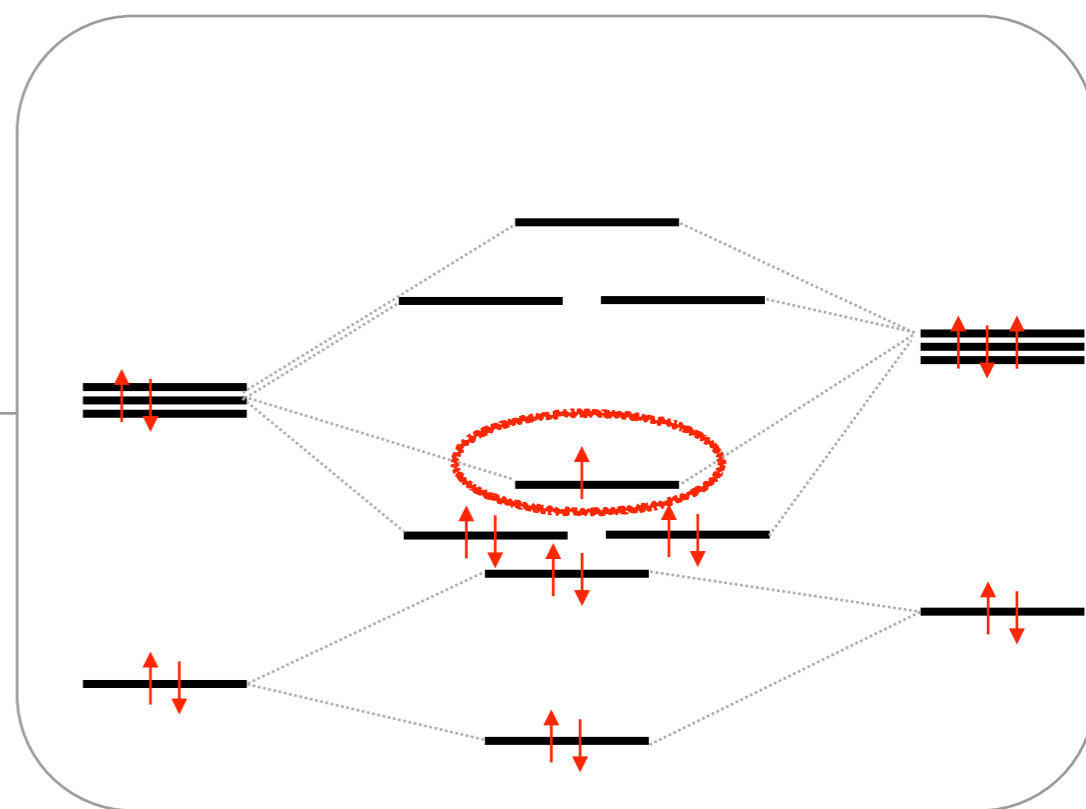
Spin Population



Note: the spin-population takes no account of *how* exactly the spin density is distributed among the available orbitals of the atom it is assigned to!

Spin Distribution and Bonding

Example: $XN\cdot$ $^2\Sigma$ -radicals (X= C, Si, Ge, Sn)



Spin *Density* and *Population* are NOT synonymous

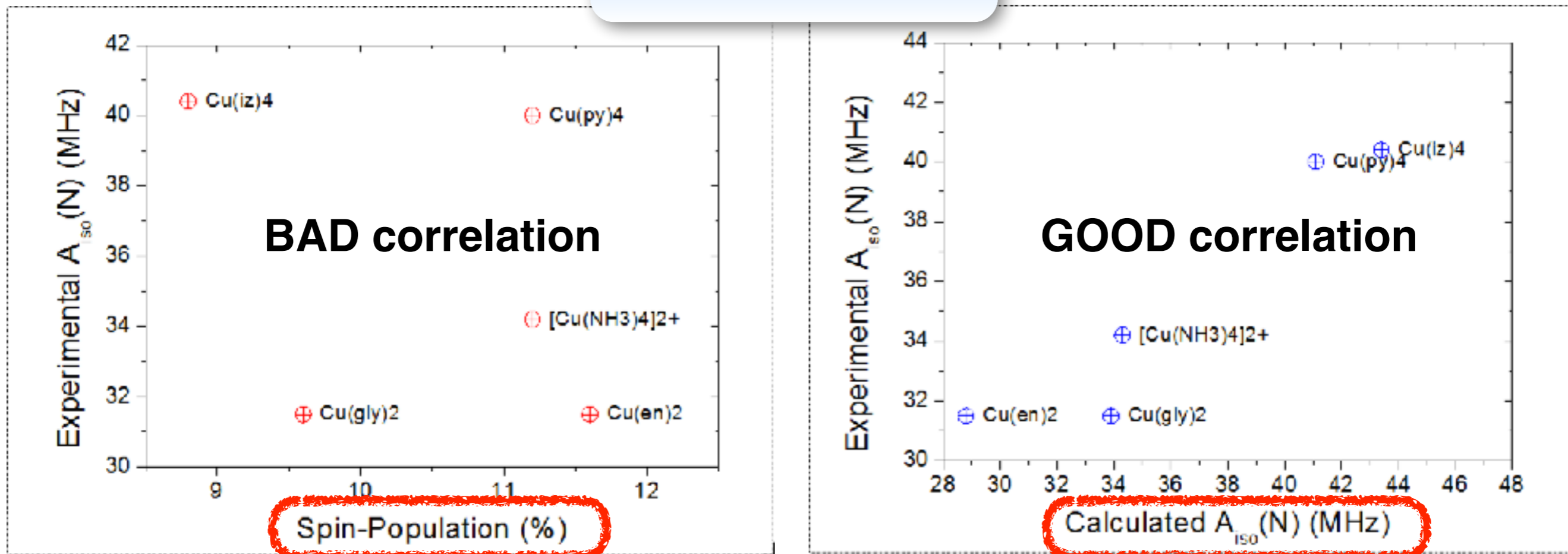
The equation:

$$A_{KL}^{(N;local-dip)} \approx \rho_N^{\alpha-\beta} A_{KL}^{N;dip}$$

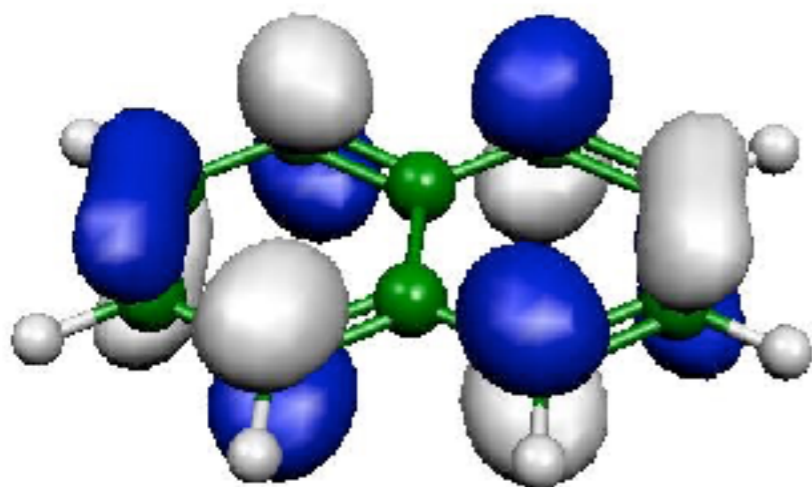
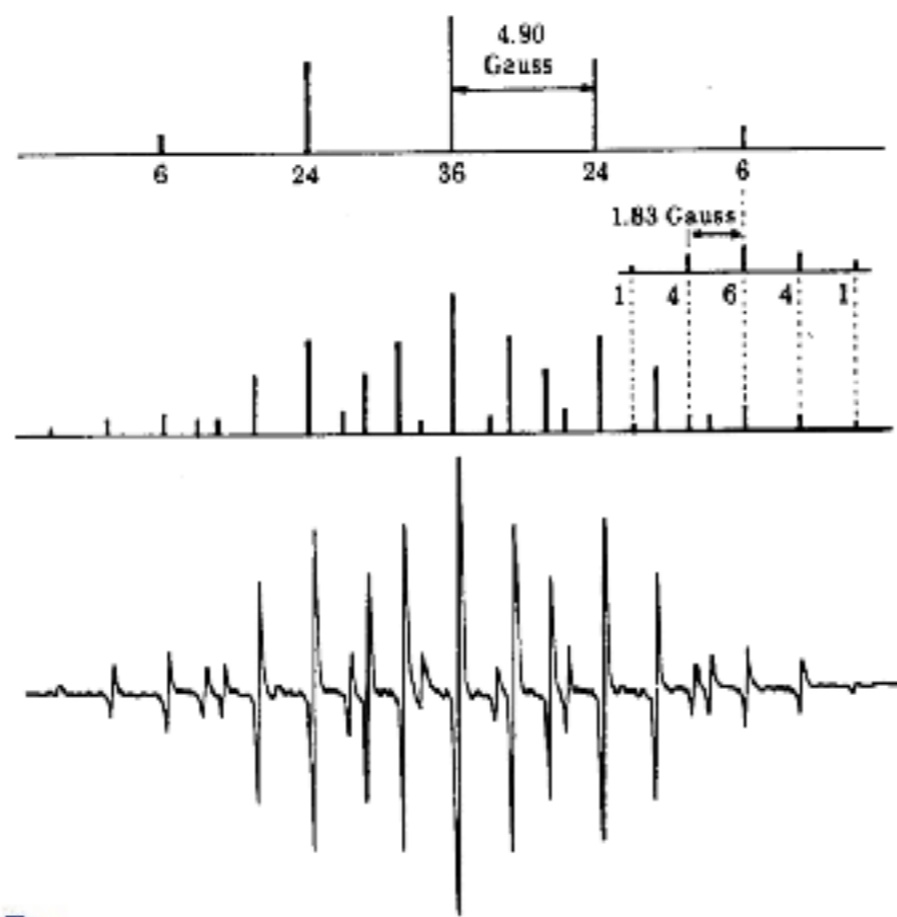
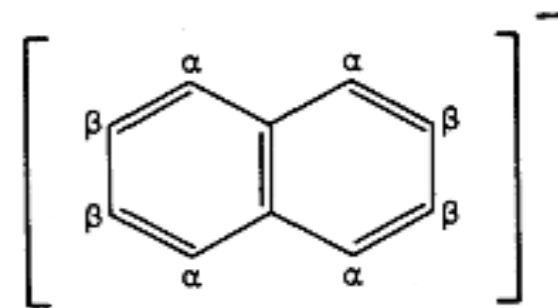
Is very attractive and has been used for decades in EPR

... but it is not rigorous - example:

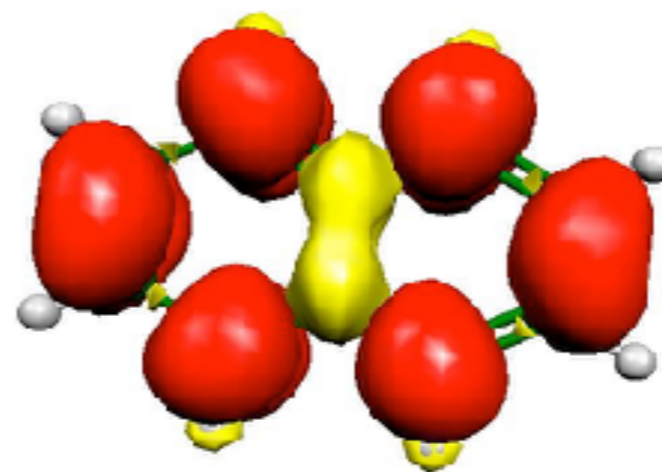
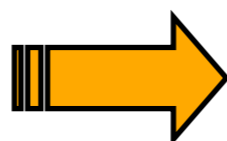
Cu^{II}(NR)₄ complexes



Example: Naphtalene Anion Radical



Singly Occupied MO



Spin Density
(red=positive,
yellow=negative)



Calc. vs. Exp. Hyperfine Couplings
 $a_{\alpha} = 5.6 \text{ Gauss (exp= 4.9 Gauss)}$
 $a_{\beta} = 1.7 \text{ Gauss (exp=1.8 Gauss)}$

Spin Polarization

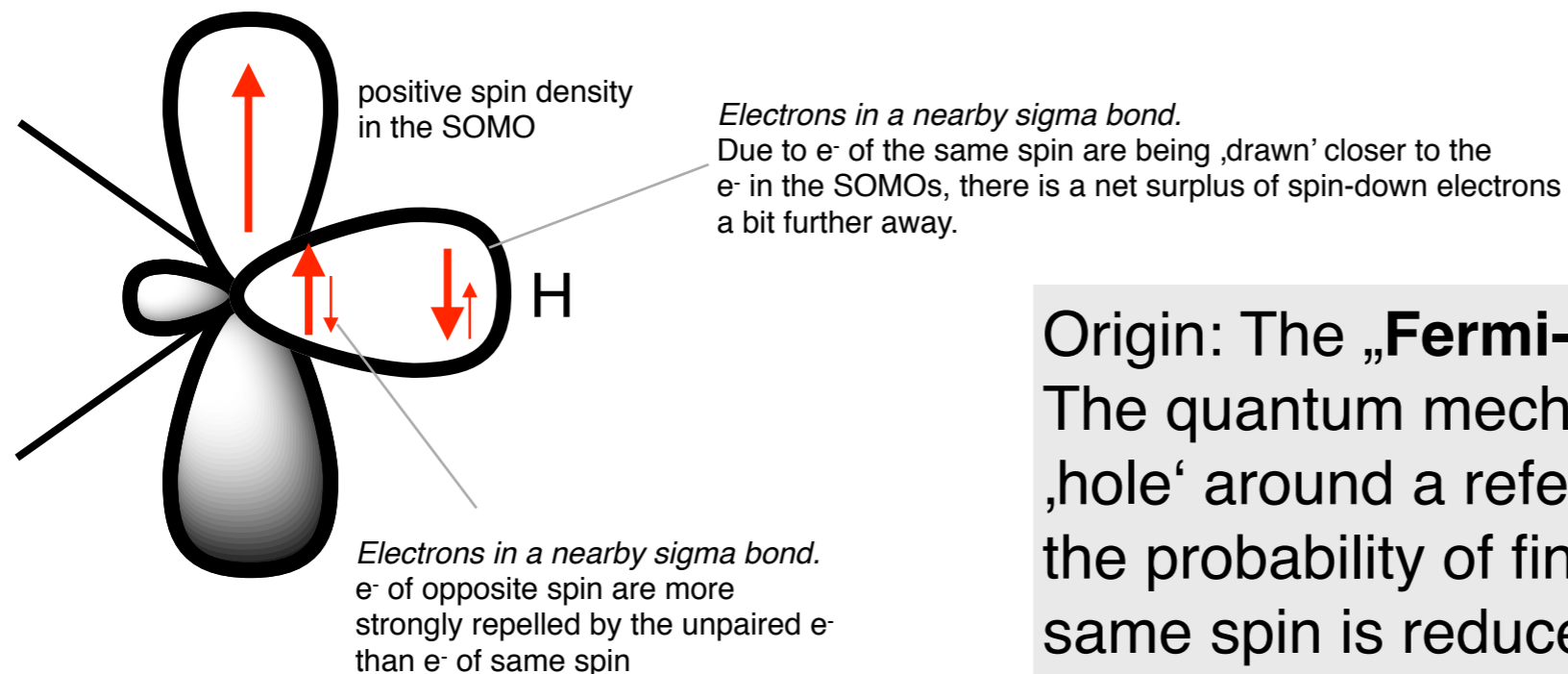
The **Electron Density** is intrinsically positive $\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \rho^\alpha(\mathbf{r}) + \rho^\beta(\mathbf{r}) > 0$ (*all* \mathbf{r})

The **Spin Density** can have either sign: $\rho^{\alpha-\beta}(\mathbf{r}) = \rho^\alpha(\mathbf{r}) - \rho^\beta(\mathbf{r})$

The way we normalize the spin density ensures that its integral is equal the number of unpaired electrons

$$\int \rho^{\alpha-\beta}(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} = 2S$$

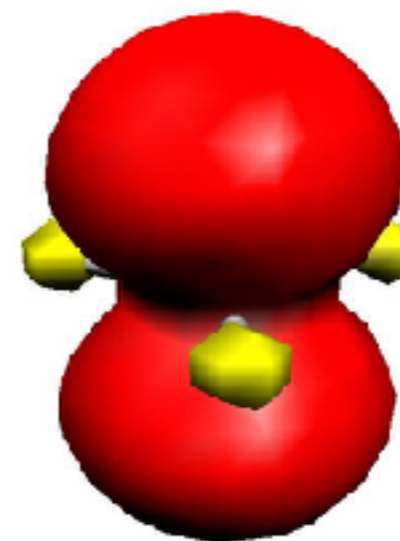
However, *locally* the spin density can be negative. This occurs due to the **‘spin-polarization’**. It is particularly important at places, where the SOMO’s have nodes



Origin: The **‘Fermi-hole’**:

The quantum mechanical exchange creates a ‘hole’ around a reference electrons inside which the probability of finding another electron with the same spin is reduced.

Calculating Spin Polarization



Example: CH₃ radical ¹H/¹³C couplings (MHz)

➡ Both isotropic HFC's arise from spin polarization

Basis set dependence (B3LYP):

	¹ H	¹³ C
Extended	-61.0	83.7
Quadruple- ζ	-63.0	83.0
Triple- ζ	-59.5	82.3
Double- ζ	-57.1	76.0
EPR-II	-	-

Method dependence

Method	¹ H	¹³ C
B3LYP	-66.6	84.7
PBE0	-72.5	80.6
BP86	-67.6	60.7
PW91	-66.0	60.7
UHF	-122.1	162.8
CCSD(T)	-72.6	79.7
Exp	-70	+76

➡ Very difficult for theory! Hartree-Fock is useless, DFT sometimes erratic. Need high-level ab initio (e.g. coupled-cluster theory)

➡ Basis convergence is hard to achieve and very slow. Need core region well!

Transition Metal Hyperfine Couplings

For the metal nuclei, we need all three parts of the HFC

$$A(M) = A_{\text{iso}}(M) + A_{\text{dip}}(M) + A_{\text{soc}}(M)$$

All coming from core-level spin-polarization since the spin is in the metal d-orbitals

DFT-bad
(underestimates)

Is mostly affected by metal-ligand covalency

DFT-reasonable
(underestimates)

Depends on excited states and covalence prop to Δg

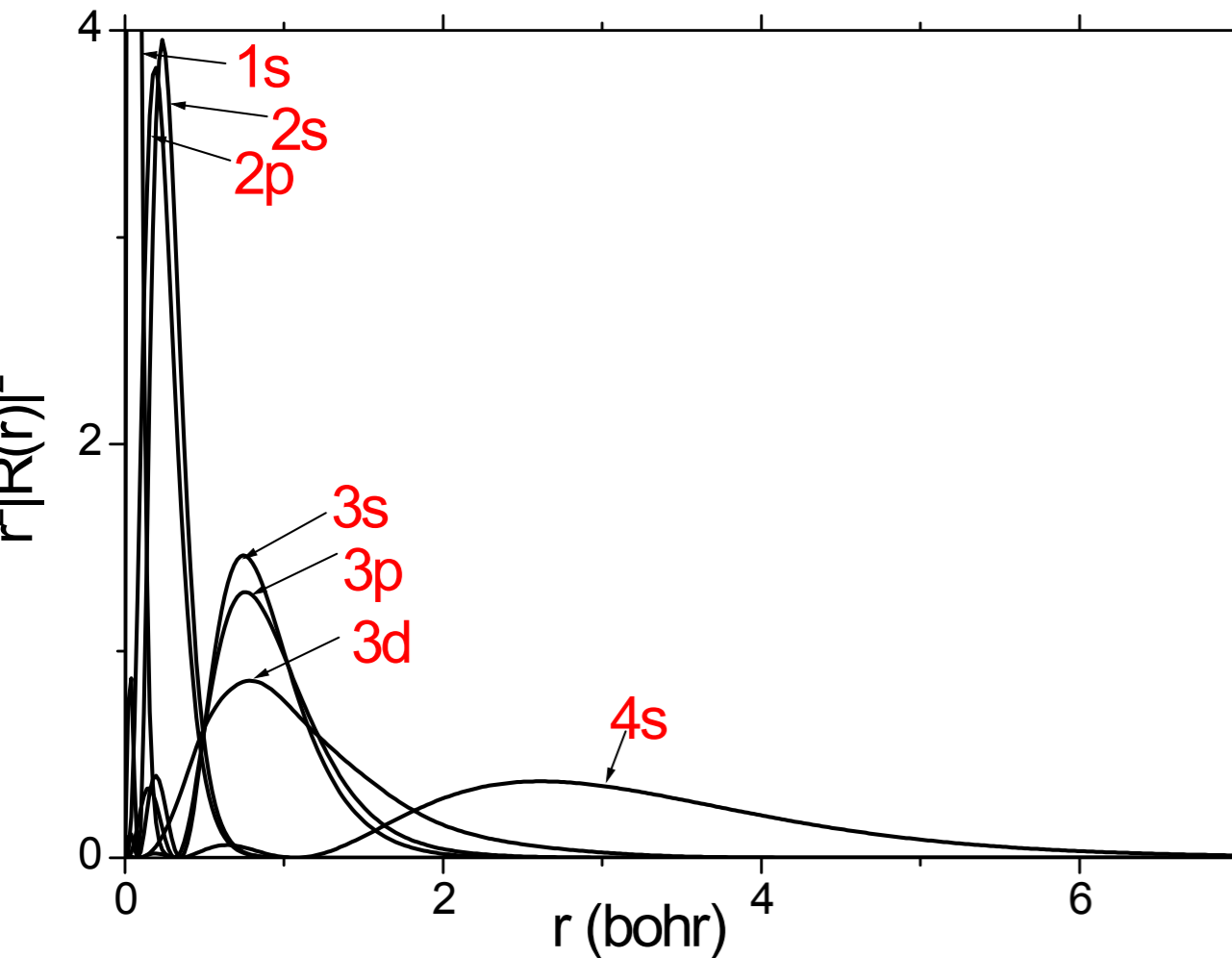
DFT-mediocre
(underestimates)

The three parts have different signs and can have comparable magnitude

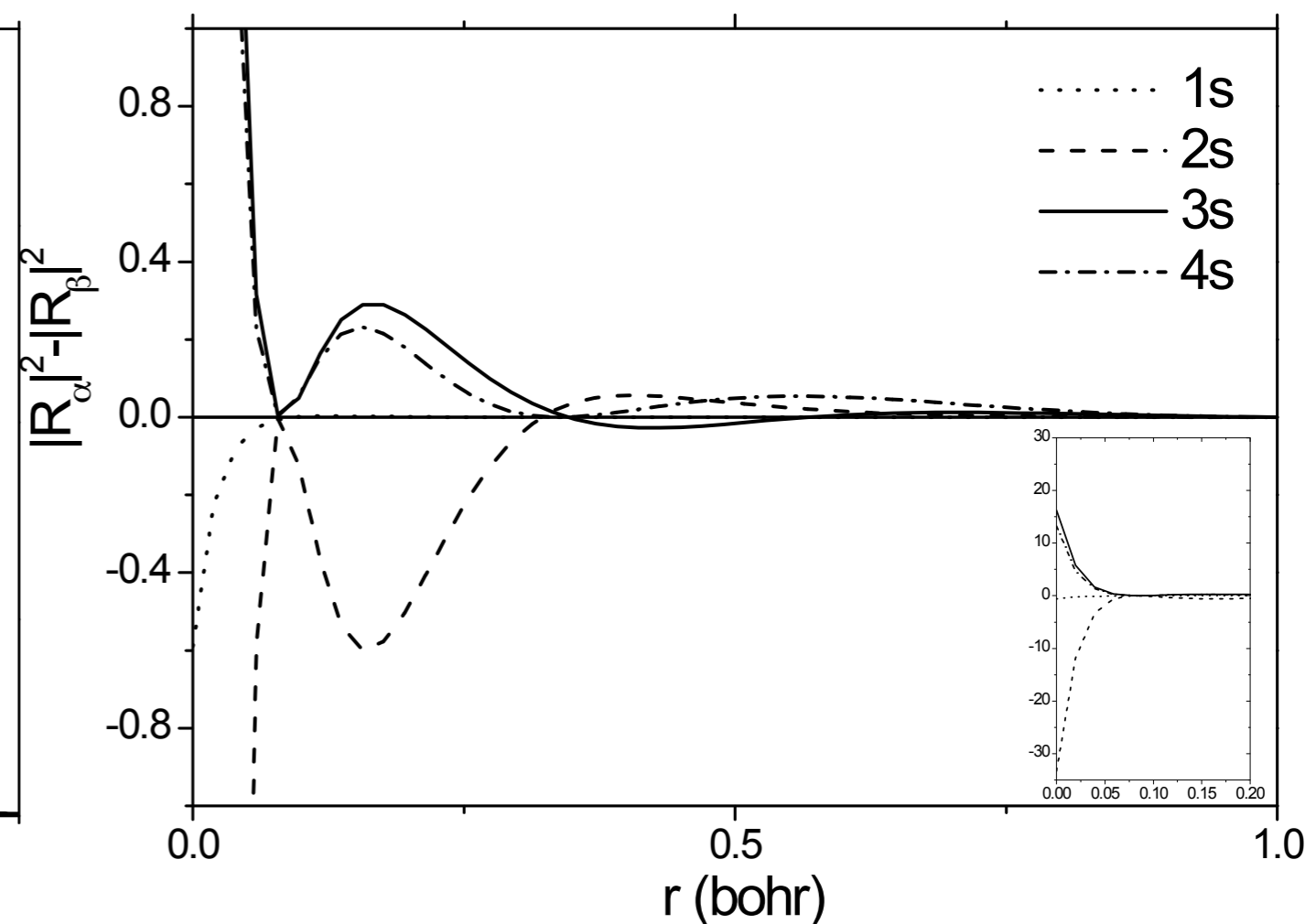
		iso	dip	SOC	Total	
e.g. $[\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_4]^{2+}$	$A_{\parallel} (\text{MHz})$	A.I.	-362	-577	+348	-591
		B3LYP	-336	-485	+210	-611
	$A_{\perp} (\text{MHz})$	A.I.	-362	+287	+78	~ 0
		B3LYP	-336	+243	+59	-34

Fermi Term: Core-Level Spin Polarization

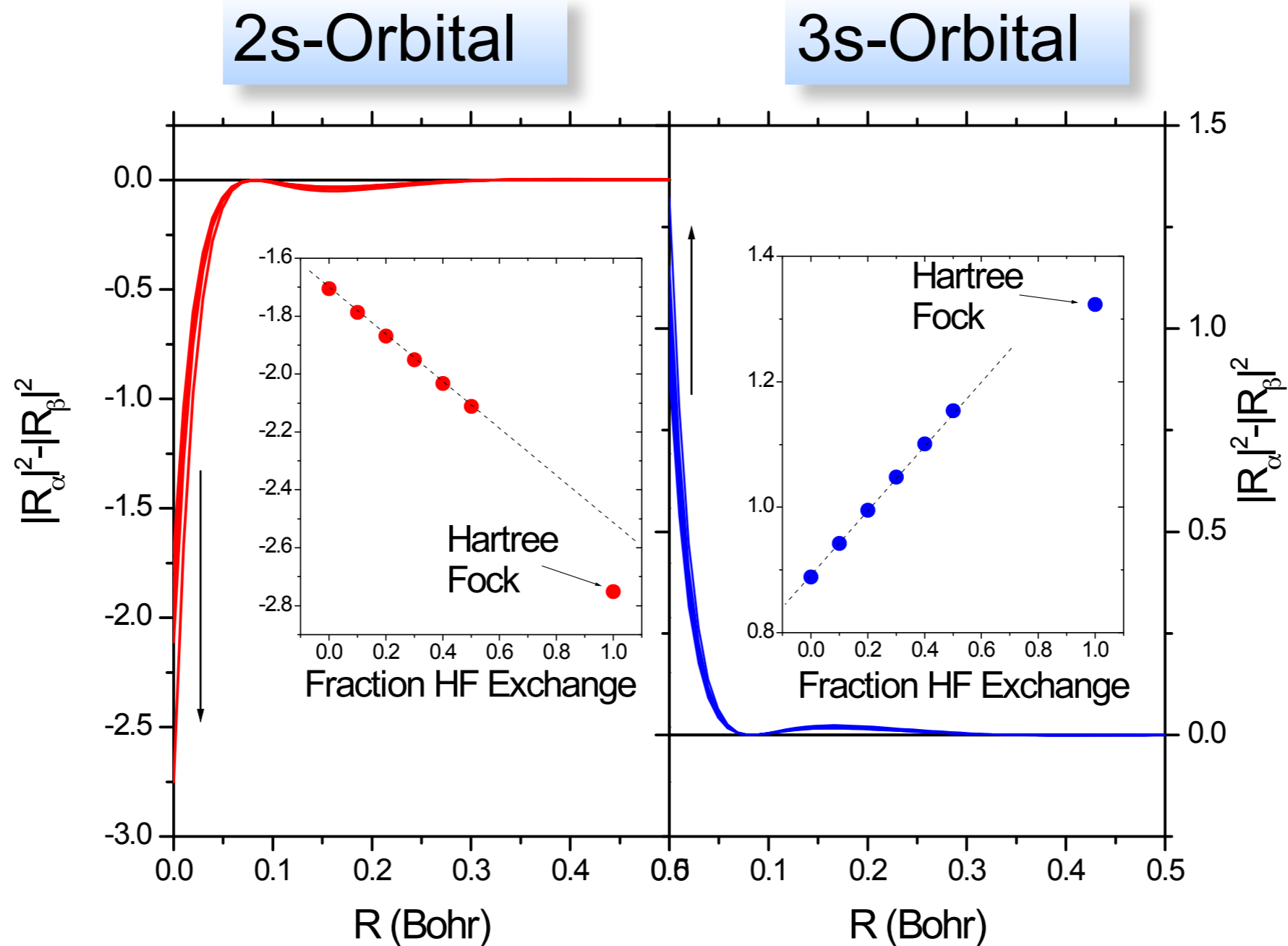
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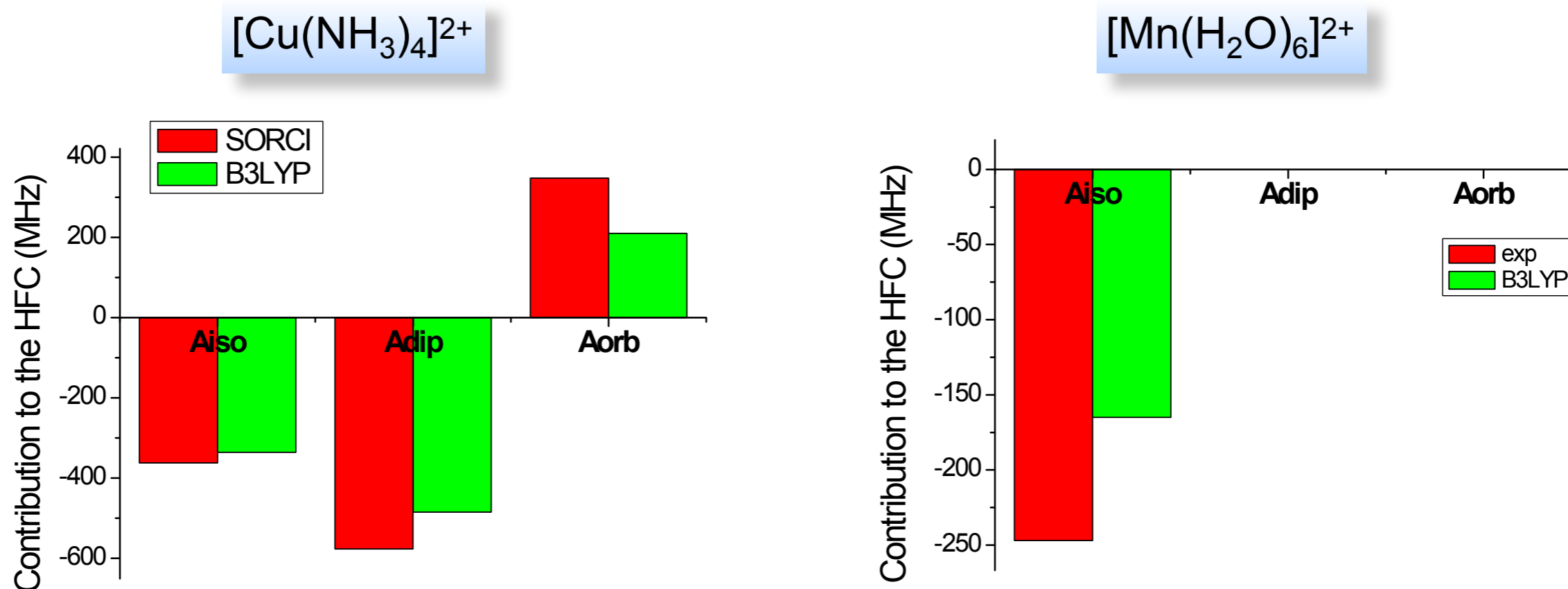
Spin Polarization



Core-Level Spin-Polarization: DFT

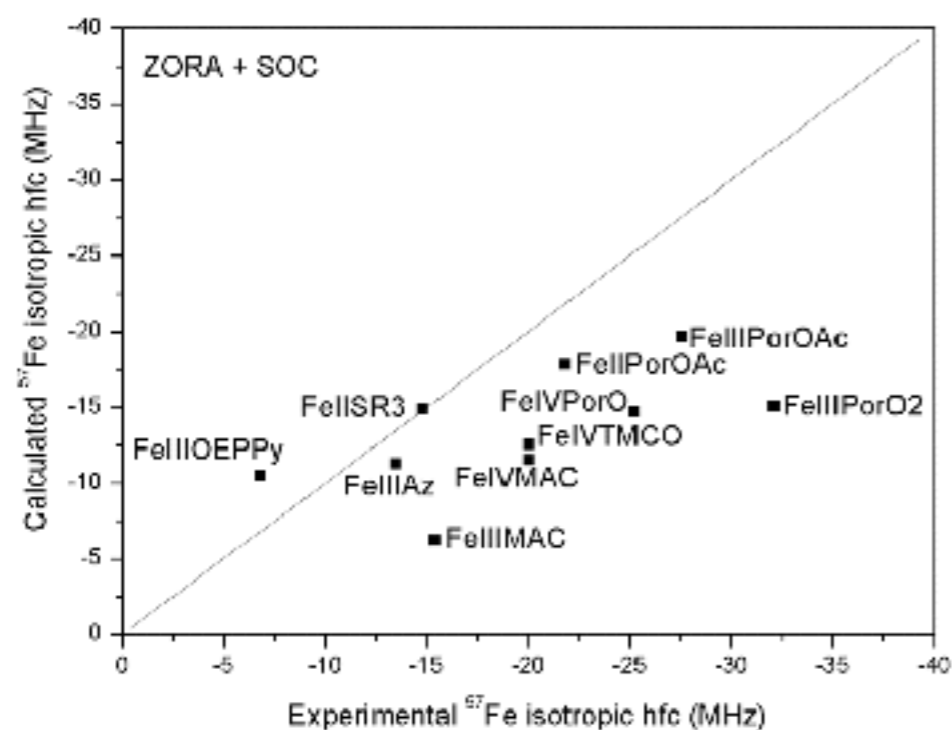


Performance of DFT for Metal HFCs

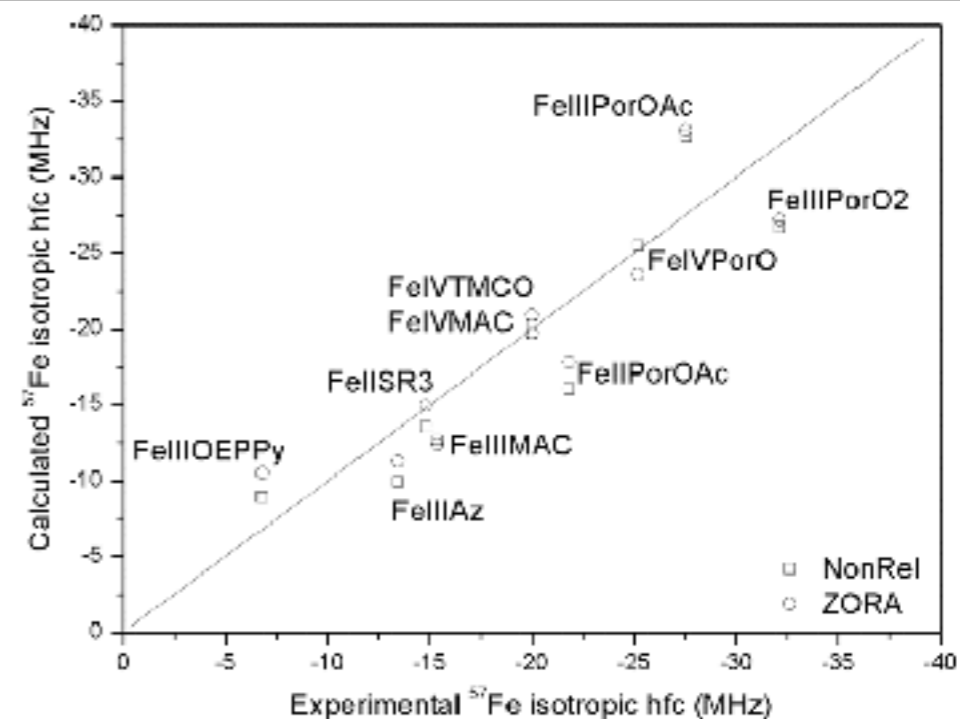


- ➔ Isotropic coupling underestimated (too positive)
- ➔ Spin-Orbit contribution underestimated (not positive enough $\propto \Delta g$)
- ➔ Dipolar part usually underestimated in magnitude (too covalent)

Results for Iron Hyperfine Structure



Scaled
Fermi $\times 1.8$



• Conclusions:

- Isotropic HFCs underestimated by DFT by 80% on average for systems with **small SOC** (hs-Fe^{III}, ls-Fe^{IV}) (→ **Scaling factor 1.8**)
- The SOC contribution can be large (up to 50%) and its accuracy is doubtful
- In cases with **large SOC** (ls-Fe^{III}, hs-Fe^{II}) one obtains better agreement without scaling of the isotropic part (→ **Error compensation**)
- With some 'educated guess' to the system **RMS~3-4 MHz** (NonRel or ZORA)

Hyperfine-Tensors in ORCA

- ➔ Only for HF, DFT, MP2 and CCSD/OOCCD via the %eprnmr command

```
%eprnmr nuclei = all H {aizo, adip}
nuclei = all N {aizo, adip, fgrad}
nuclei = all Cu{aizo, adip, aorb, fgrad}
end
```

- ➔ NOTE: You have to have to block AFTER the coordinates. Otherwise the program doesn't know the nuclei
- ➔ NOTE: only one *type* of nucleus per ,Nuclei' command"
- ➔ NOTE: it makes no sense to calculate the expensive SOC correction for light nuclei but for the metal you need it!

➔ Output

```
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Nucleus   90 : A:ISTP=   17 I=  2.5 P=-72.3588 MHz/au**3
           Q:ISTP=   17 I=  2.5 Q= -0.0260 barn
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Tensor is right-handed.

A(FC)      -25.5519          -25.5519          -25.5519
A(SD)       59.1070          59.1435          -118.2505
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A(Tot)      33.5551          33.5915          -143.8024   A(iso)= -25.5519
Orientation:
X           -0.1368401        0.8259204        -0.5469281
Y            0.9801624        0.1928032         0.0459194
Z            0.1433752       -0.5297948       -0.8359193
```


Using ORCA to Create Simulation Input

Input

```
%eprnmr gtensor true
nuclei = all H {aiso,adip,fgrad}
nuclei = all C {aiso,adip,fgrad}
nuclei = all O {aiso,adip,fgrad}
end
```

Output

```
-----
Euler rotation of hyperfine tensor to g-tensor
-----
```

Atom	Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Ax	Ay	Az
	[degrees]				[MHz]	
13H	-39.1	88.9	-1.2	11.56	6.71	4.91
14H	7.3	49.6	77.3	11.91	5.32	6.84
15H	-0.6	23.9	89.6	-8.37	-22.13	-28.42
16H	24.1	89.6	-0.8	-30.81	-9.08	-23.70
17H	26.8	88.4	-0.6	4.75	-0.82	-0.35
18H	-4.2	67.4	-27.4	43.36	37.65	38.30
...						

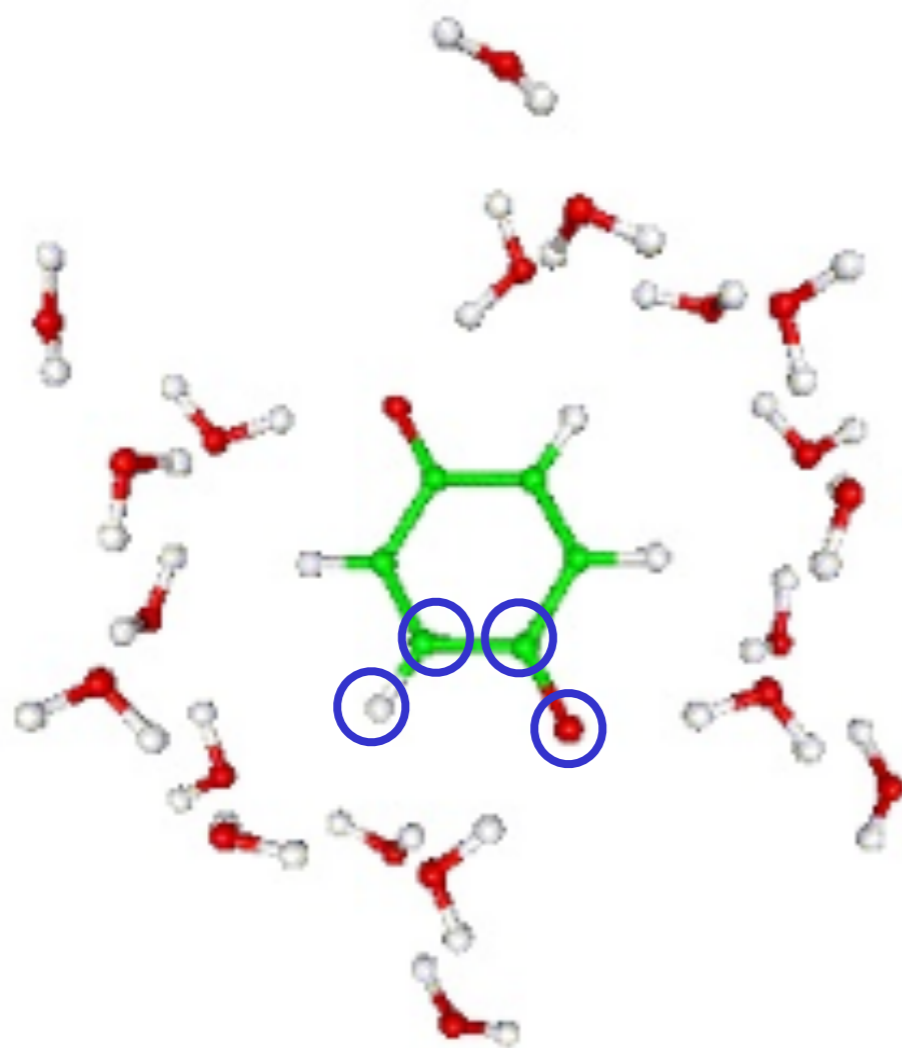
Euler angles → (points to Alpha, Beta, Gamma)

→ (points to Ax, Ay, Az) **Projection of HFC tensor on g-tensor axes**

- ✓ Can be directly fed into **EasySpin**
- ✓ Good strategy: Leave Euler Angles at their calculated values and fit principal HFC values. Allow 10-30% variation

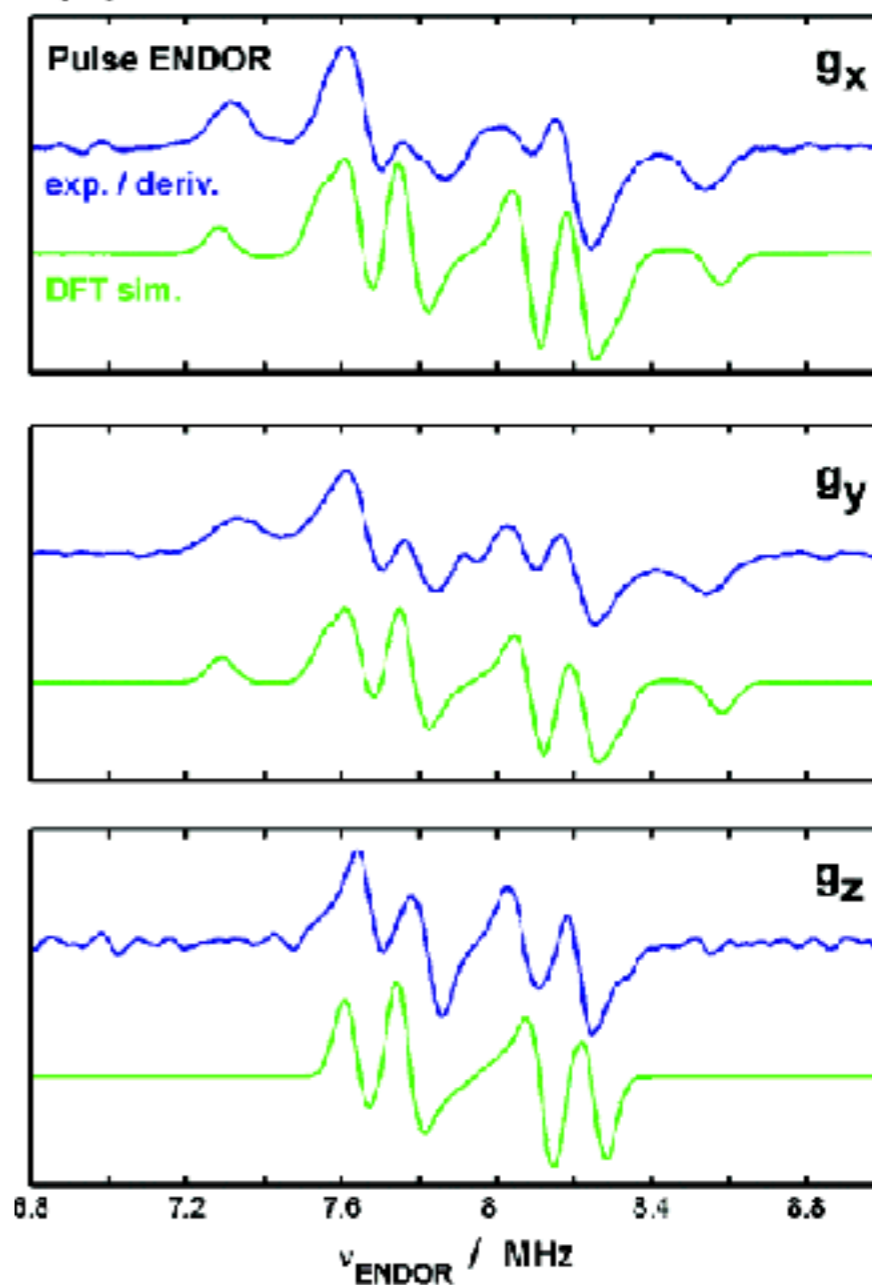
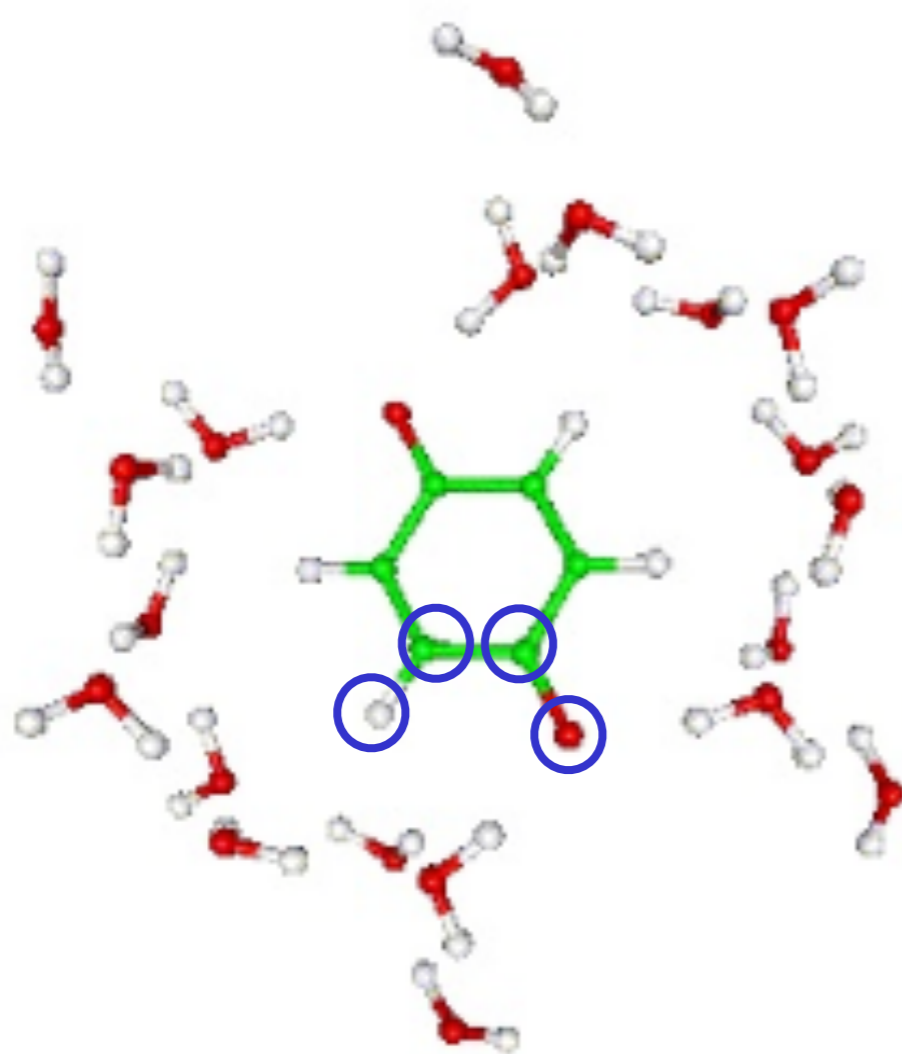
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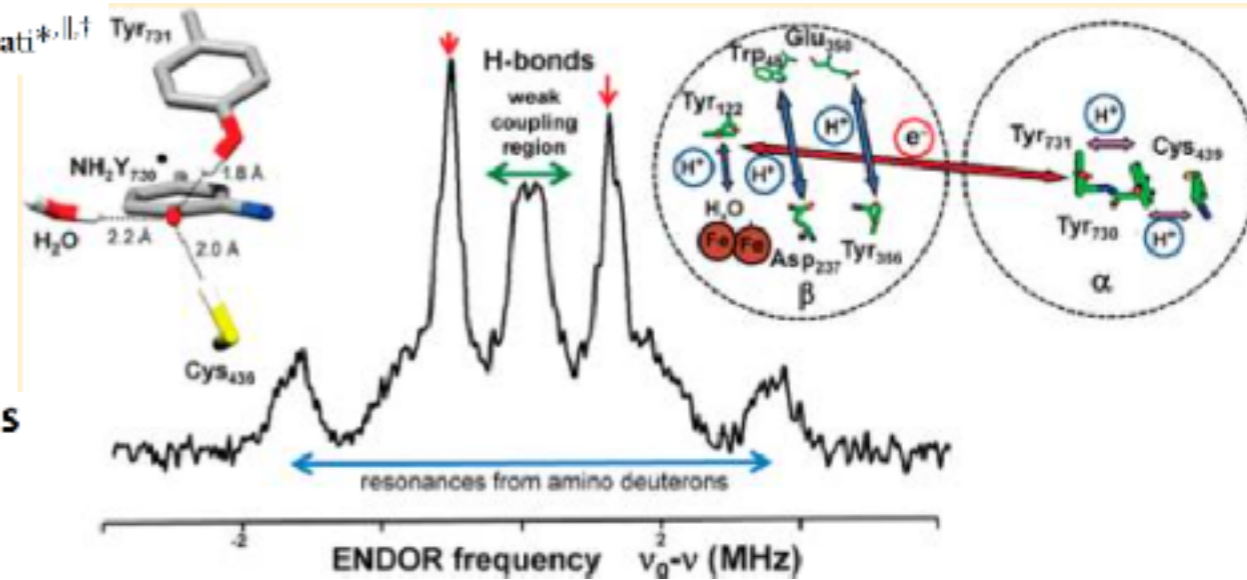


Applications

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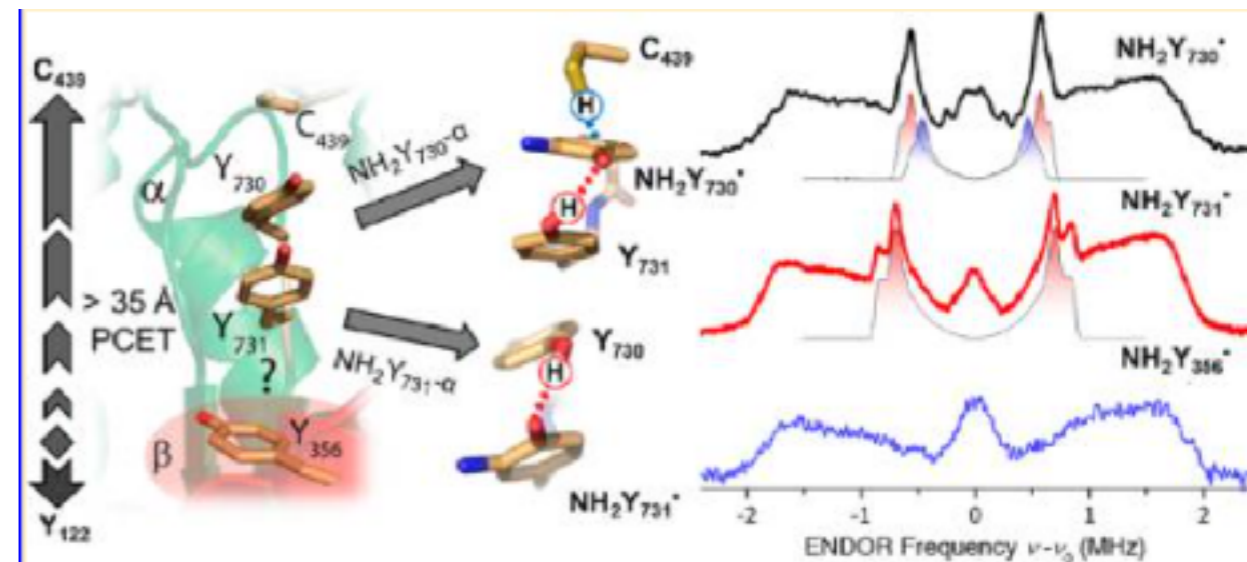
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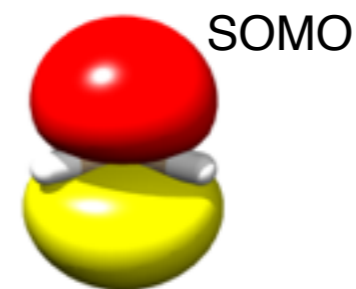
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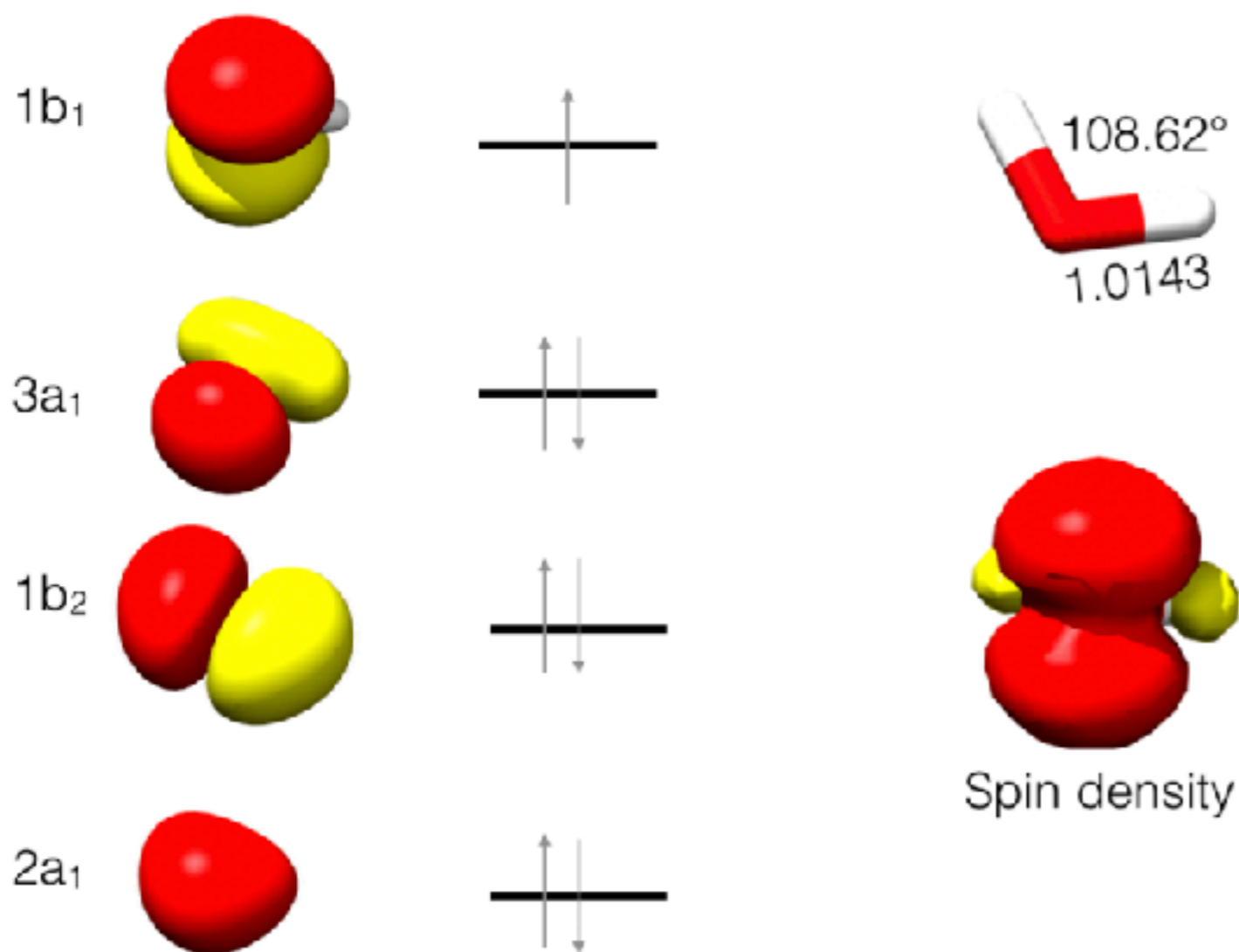


Current State of the Art in Hyperfine Calculations

Challenges in HFC Calculations



H₂O⁺



	<u>A_{iso}</u> (0)
CCSD	-78.5
UHF	-140.5
LDA	7.0
BP86	-22.0
PBE	-37.1
TPSS	-35.5
<u>TPSSh</u>	-44.4
B3LYP	-57.1
M06L	-194.9
M06-2X	-134.1
B2PLYP	-76.1
CAM-B3LYP	-49.7
Exp. ⁵⁷	-83

The Coupled Cluster Density

- ✓ Lagrangian formulation:

$$E_{DLPNO-CCSD} + \sum_{\mu} \lambda_{\mu} r_{\mu} = \langle \Psi_0 | (1 + \Lambda) e^{-T} H e^T | \Psi_0 \rangle \quad \mu = S, D \equiv \begin{pmatrix} a & ab \\ i & ij \end{pmatrix}$$

- ✓ Linear equations for determining the λ 's

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial t_{\mu}} = 0 = \langle \Psi_0 | (1 + \Lambda) (e^{-T} H e^T - E_{DLPNO-CCSD}) | \Psi_{\mu} \rangle$$

- ✓ **IMPORTANT:** Take derivative of **ACTUAL DLPNO-CCSD** residual, do **NOT** apply DLPNO approximations to the canonical λ -equations!

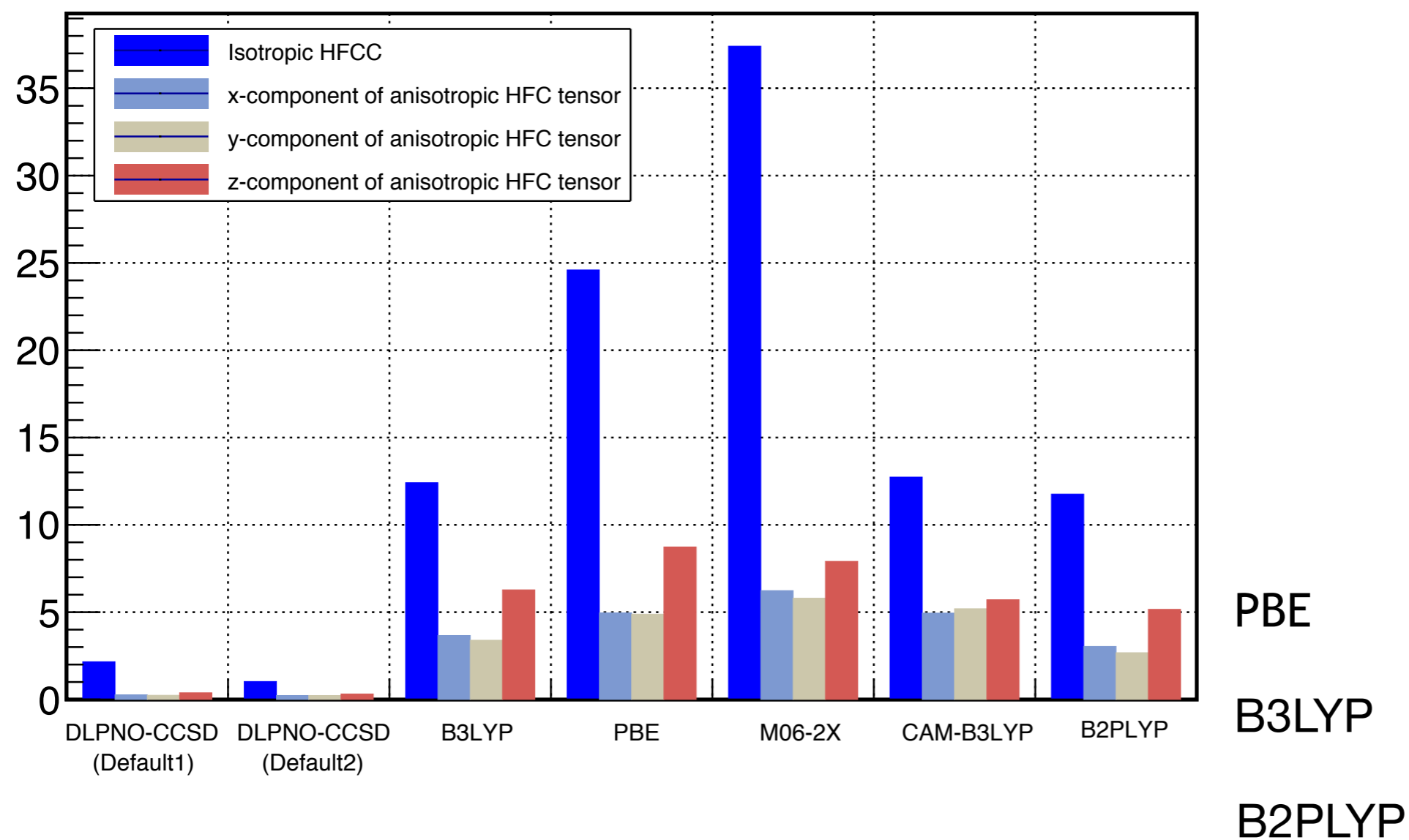
- ✓ One particle density defined through derivative w.r.t. perturbation c :

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \chi} = \sum_{pq} D_{pq}^{CC}(t, \lambda) \frac{\partial h_{pq}}{\partial \chi}$$

- ✓ where D_{pq} accounts for the response of the CCSD wave function to the external perturbation. (vide infra for orbital-response contributions)

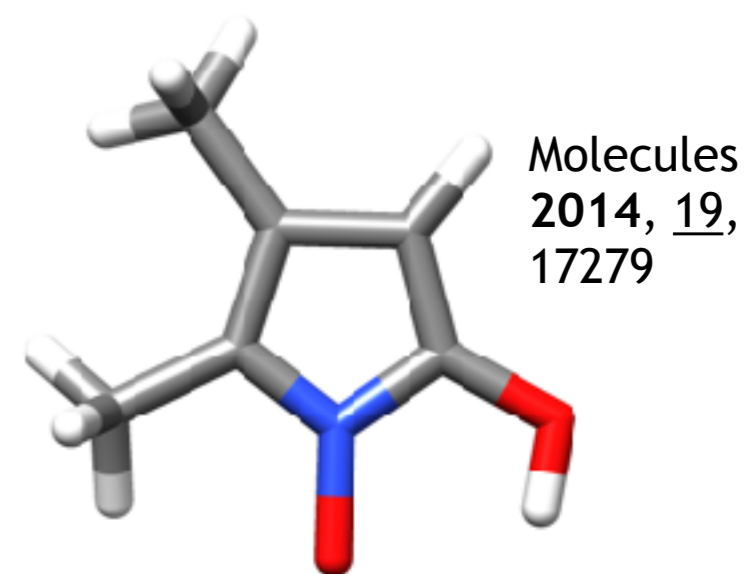
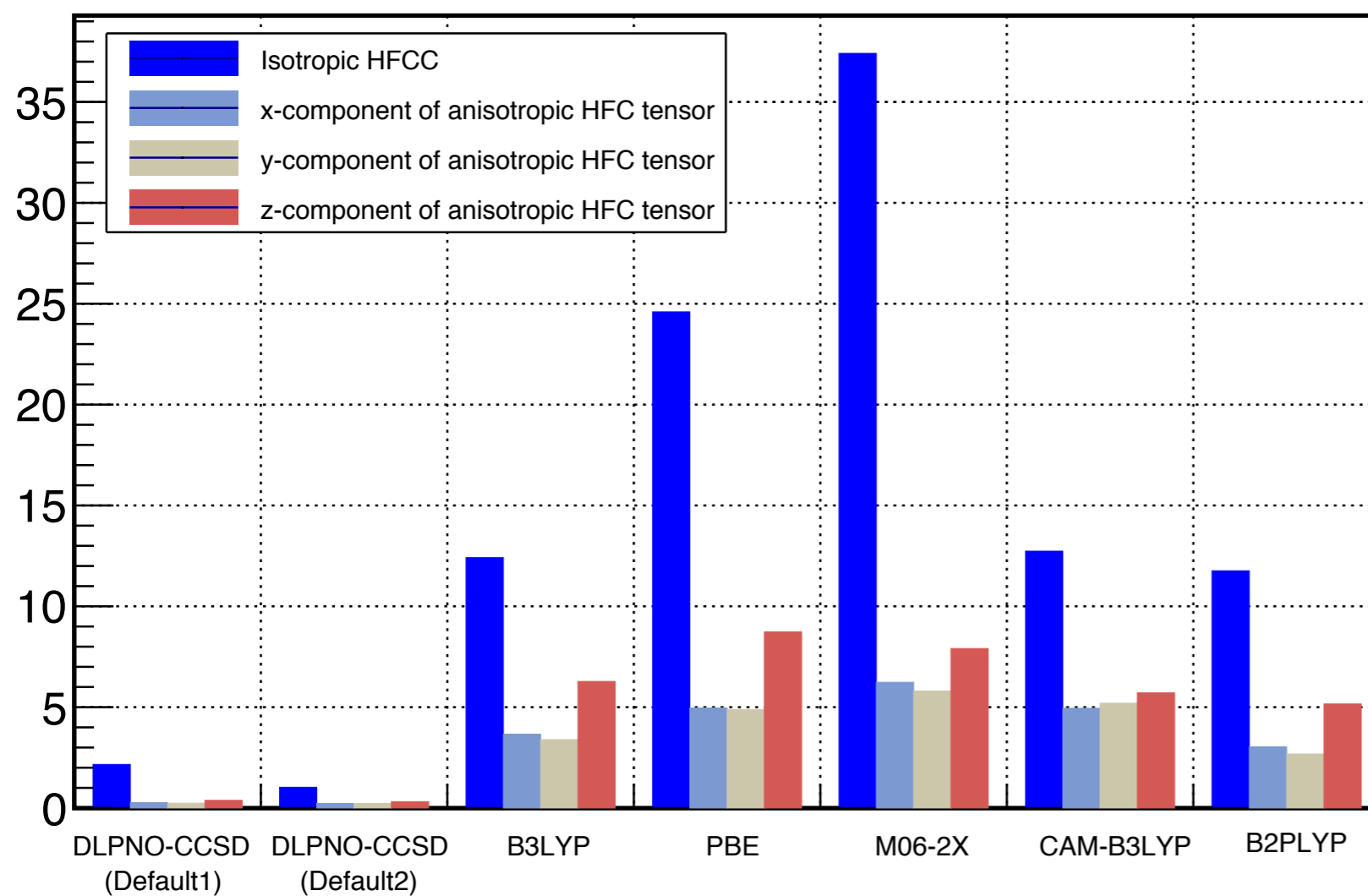
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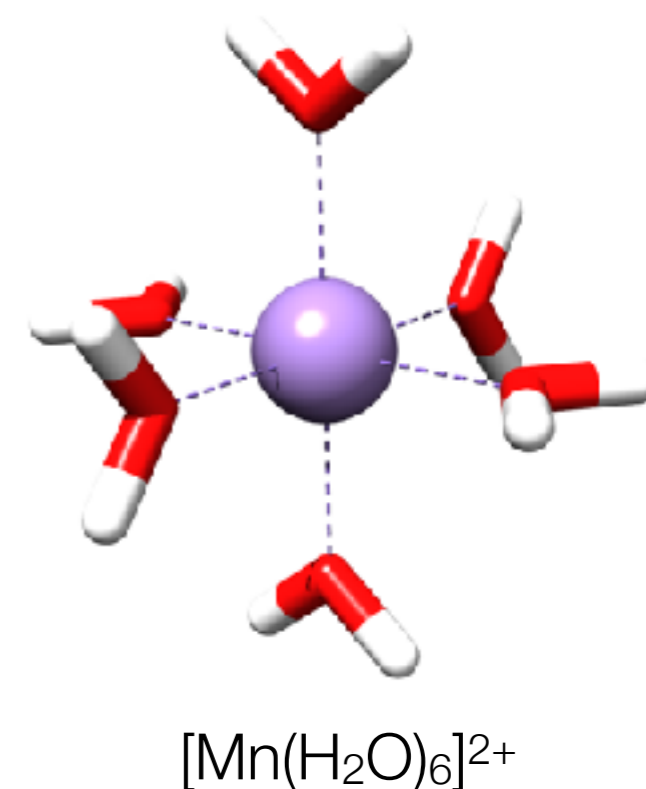
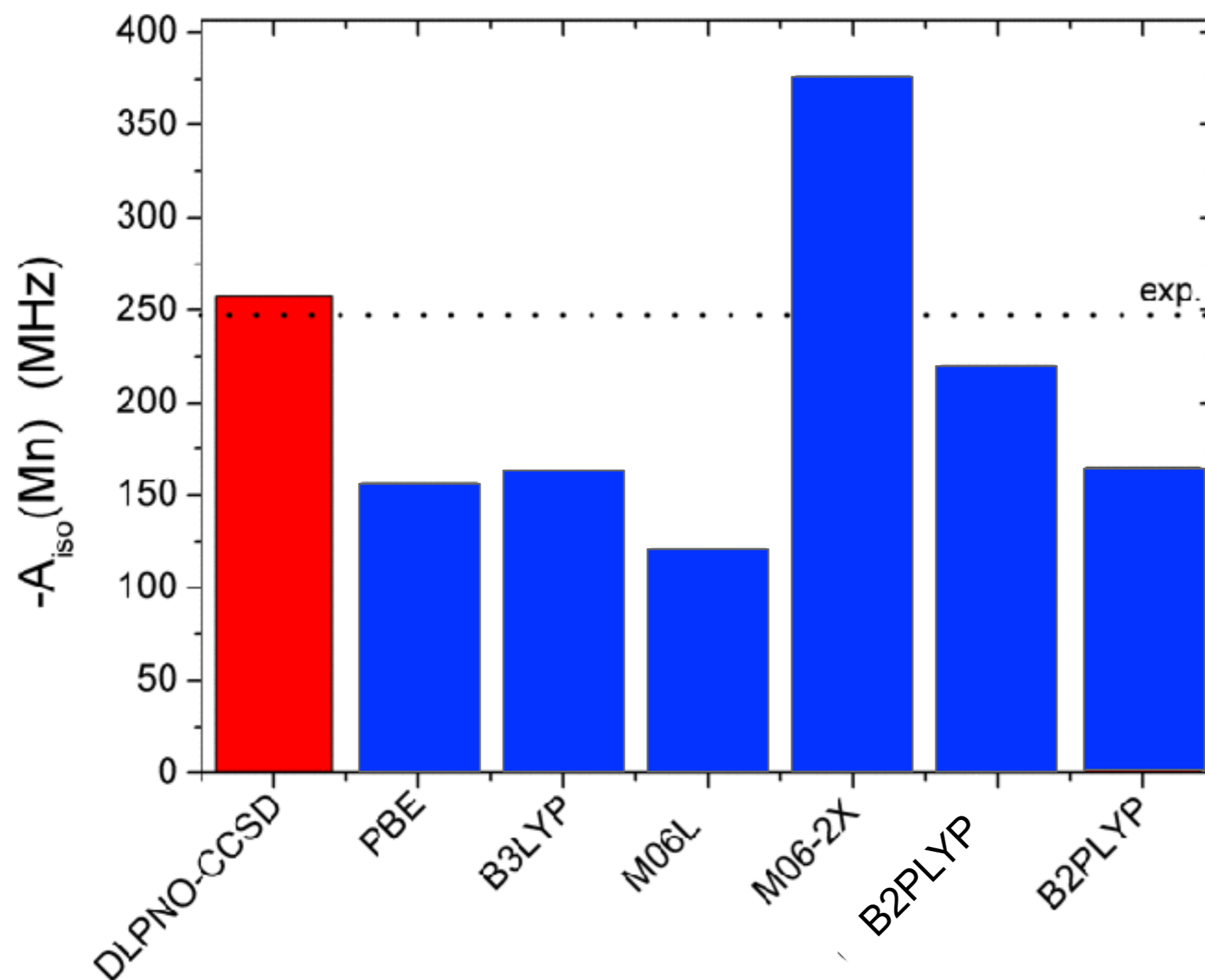
DLPNO-CCSD $\vec{a}_N = 39.2$ MHz

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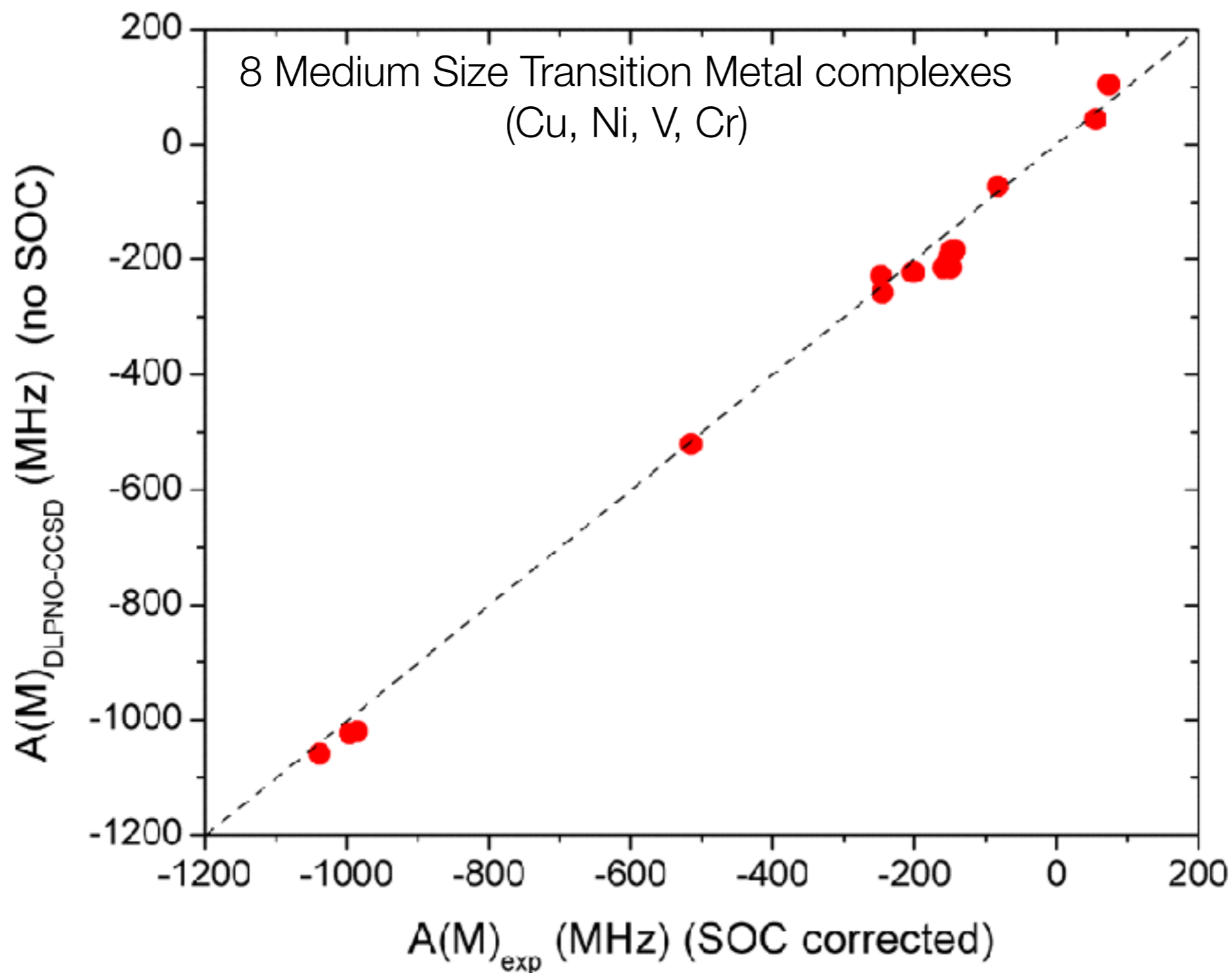
B3LYP $\vec{a}_N = 8.6$ MHz

B2PLYP $\vec{a}_N = 19.2$ MHz

Transition Metal Hyperfine Couplings: Example



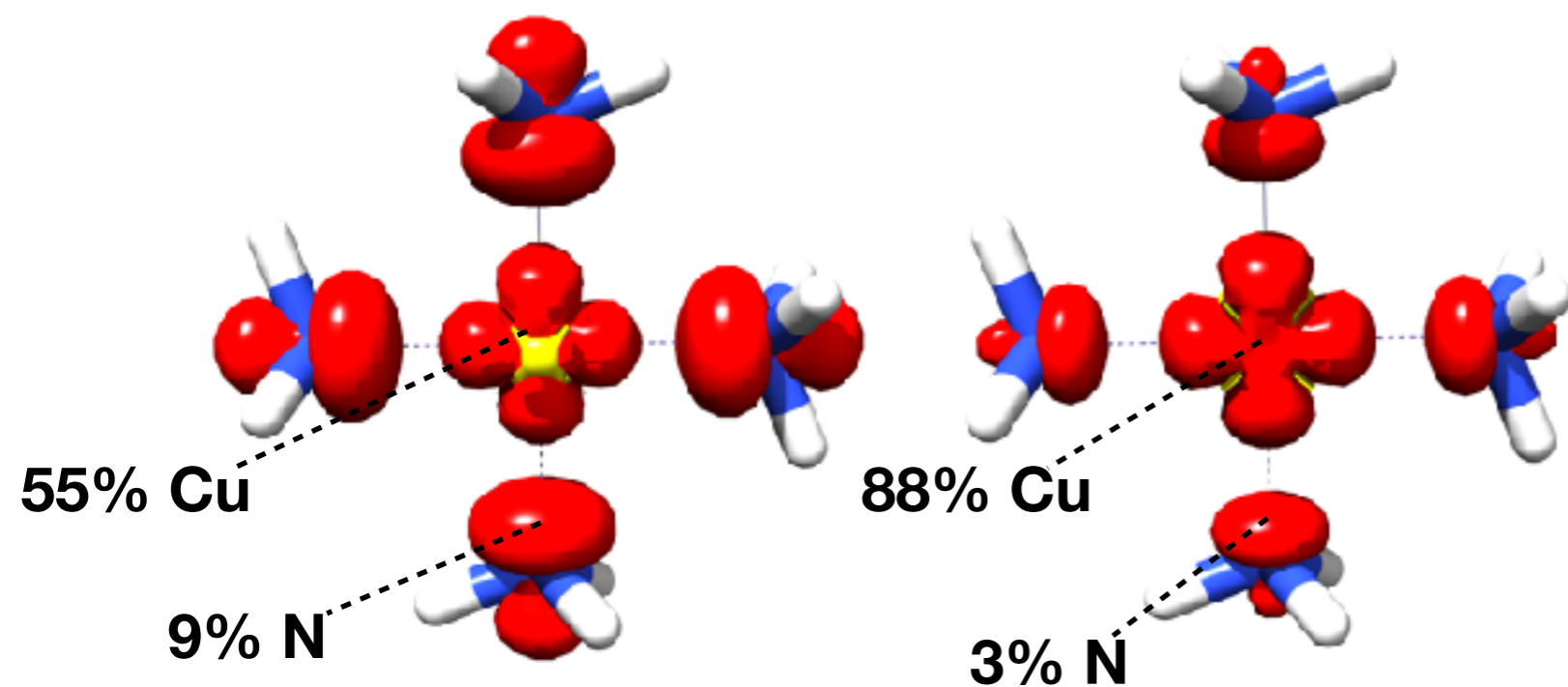
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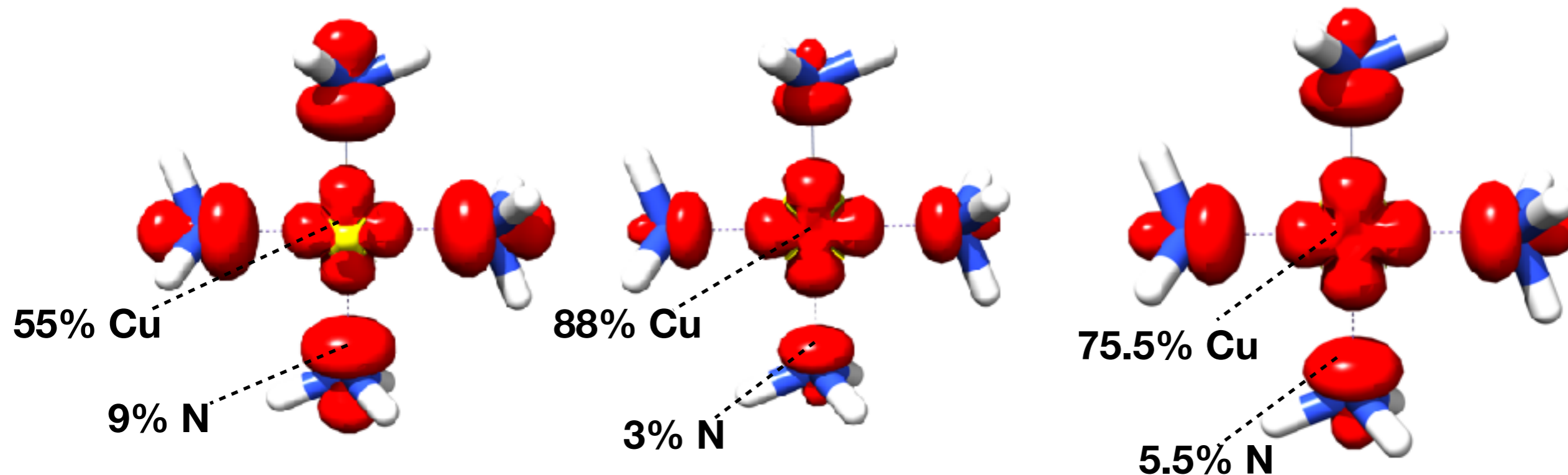


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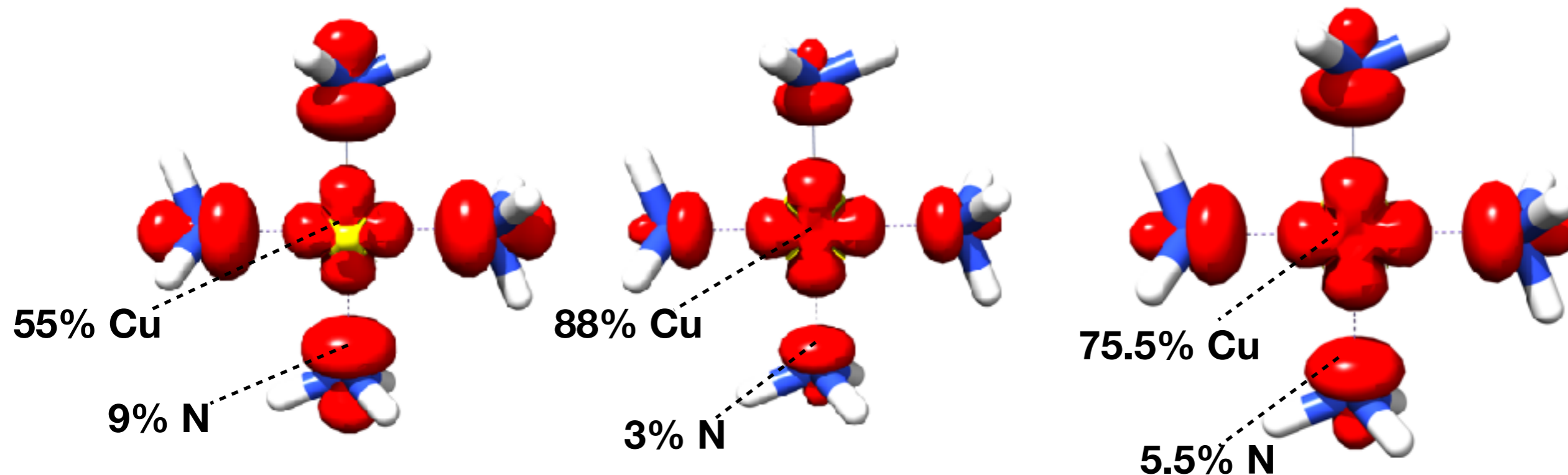


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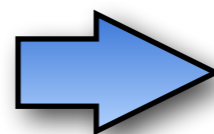
much too ionic

$A_{||}(\text{N}) = 27 \text{ MHz}$
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about right

$A_{||}(\text{N}) = 39 \text{ MHz}$
 $A_{-}(\text{N}) = 28 \text{ MHz}$

EXP: $A_{||}(\text{N}) = 39 \text{ MHz}$
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Dynamic correlation effects
are HUGE in TM chemistry:
CC gets it right!

Summary & Conclusions

- ★ Methods to calculate magnetic resonance parameters are well established
- ★ DFT provides moderate/good accuracy for organic molecules but not for transition metals.
- ★ DLPNO Coupled Cluster methods are the most accurate approaches and can now be applied to large molecules (not yet for NMR or g-tensors).
- ★ Applications to large molecules, enzymes and solids are emerging and provide a powerful partnership with experiment.

Have fun with
.... ORCA

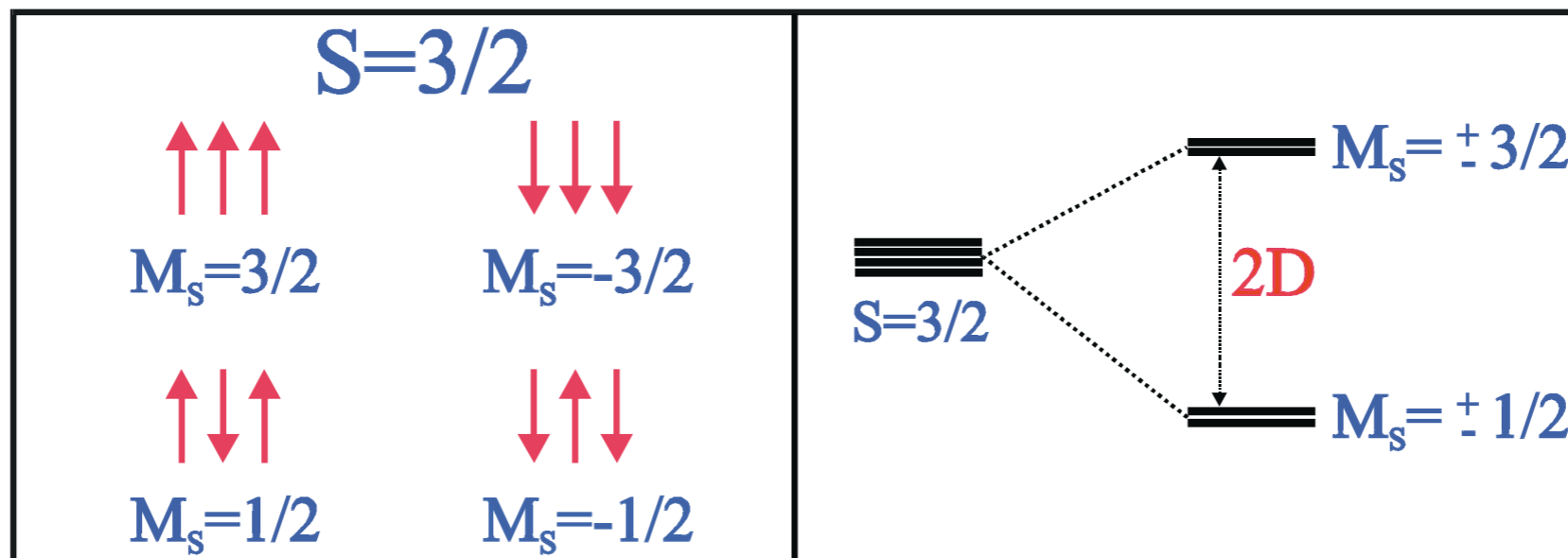
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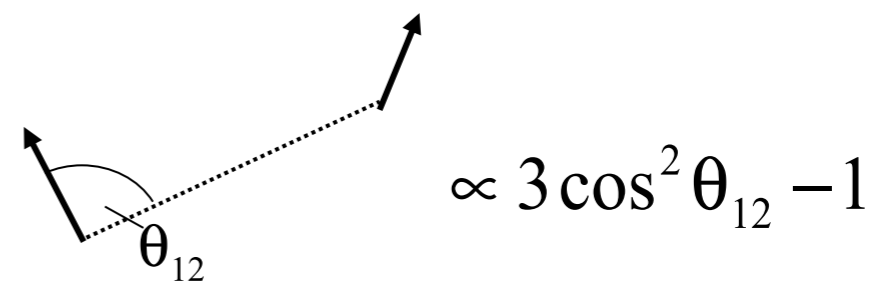
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The Quantum Chemistry of Zero-Field Splitting

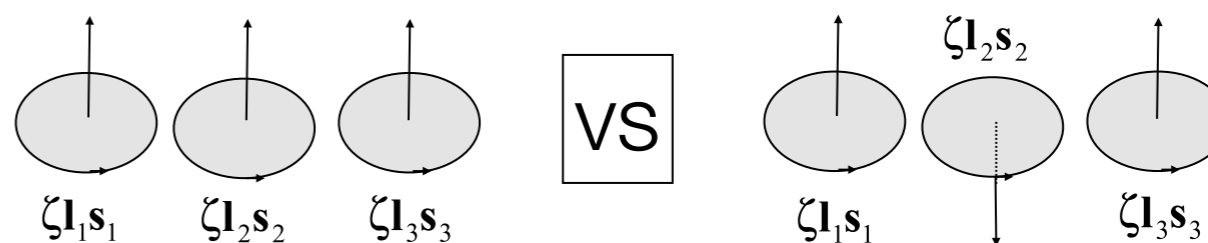
Physical Origin of the ZFS



Direct Spin-Spin Coupling



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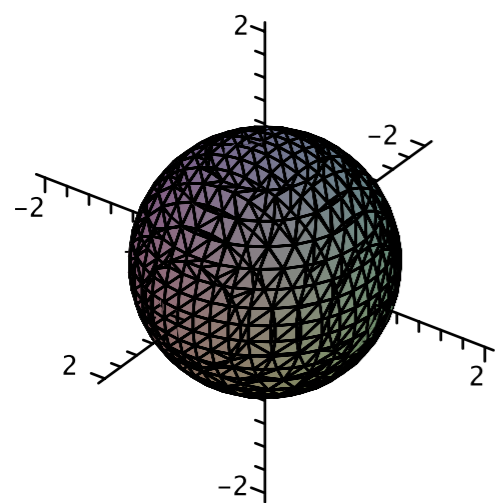
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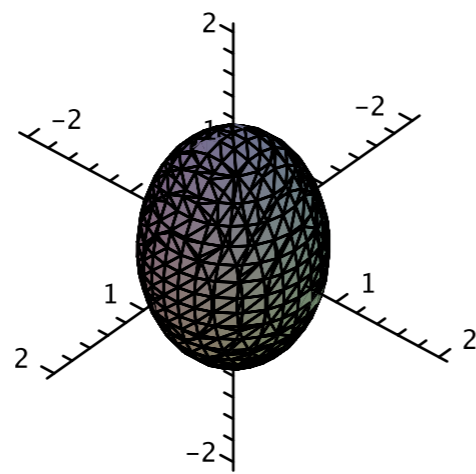
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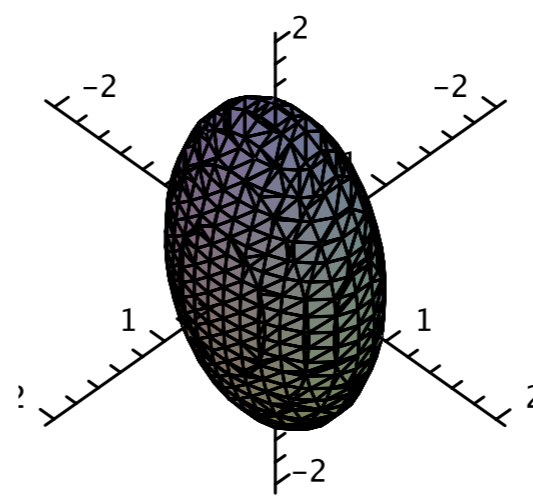
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$$\hat{H}_{ZFS} = D \left[S_z^2 - \frac{1}{3} S(S+1) \right] + \frac{E}{D} \left[S_x^2 - S_y^2 \right]$$

$$D = D_{zz} - \frac{1}{2} (D_{xx} + D_{yy})$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} (D_{xx} - D_{yy})$$

$$0 \leq E / D \leq 1 / 3$$

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The Spin-Orbit Coupling Contribution to the ZFS

The spin-orbit contribution to D is very complicated since it arises from the twice the SOC which mixes states of different multiplicity. The fundamental equations have been derived in 1998:

$$D_{kl}^{SOC-(0)} = -\frac{1}{S^2} \sum_b \Delta_{bS'}^{-1} \left\langle \Psi_0^{SS} \left| \sum_i h_k^{SOC}(i) s_z(i) \right| \Psi_b^{SS} \right\rangle \left\langle \Psi_b^{SS} \left| \sum_i h_l^{SOC}(i) s_z(i) \right| \Psi_0^{SS} \right\rangle$$

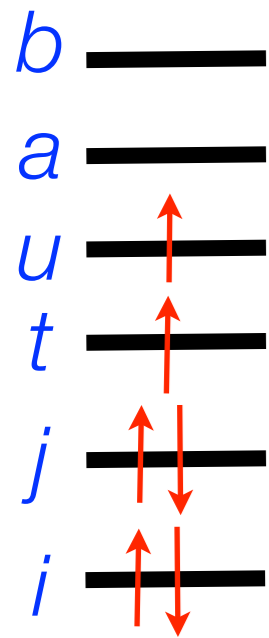
$$D_{kl}^{SOC-(-1)} = -\frac{1}{S(2S-1)} \sum_b \Delta_{bS'}^{-1} \left\langle \Psi_0^{SS} \left| \sum_i h_k^{SOC}(i) s_{+1}(i) \right| \Psi_b^{S-1S-1} \right\rangle \left\langle \Psi_b^{S-1S-1} \left| \sum_i h_l^{SOC}(i) s_{-1}(i) \right| \Psi_0^{SS} \right\rangle$$

$$D_{kl}^{SOC-(+1)} = -\frac{1}{(S+1)(2S+1)} \sum_b \Delta_{bS'}^{-1} \left\langle \Psi_0^{SS} \left| \sum_i h_k^{SOC}(i) s_{-1}(i) \right| \Psi_b^{S+1S+1} \right\rangle \left\langle \Psi_b^{S+1S+1} \left| \sum_i h_l^{SOC}(i) s_{+1}(i) \right| \Psi_0^{SS} \right\rangle$$

- ✓ Formulated as an infinite sum over exact many electron states
- ✓ States with up to three different multiplicities contribute
- ✓ Only the 'standard components' of each multiplet with $M_S = S$ are required

Spin-Orbit Processes Contributing to the ZFS

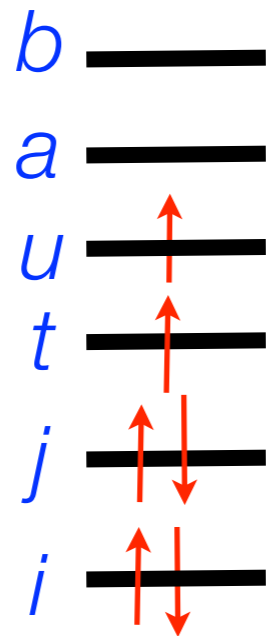
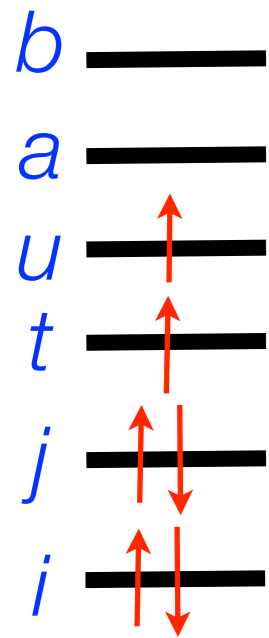
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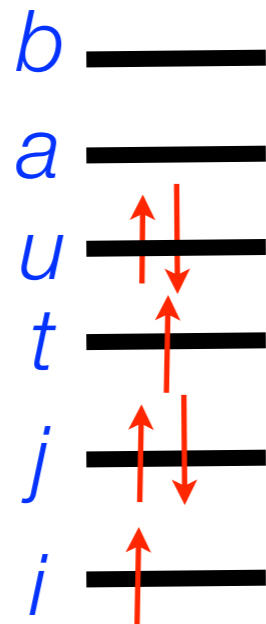
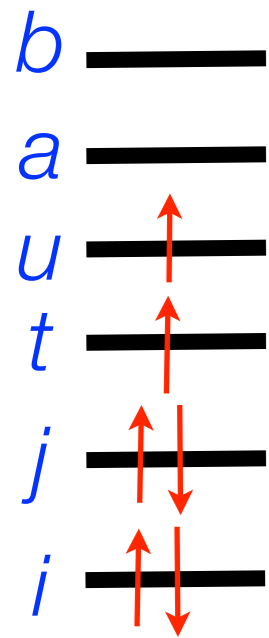


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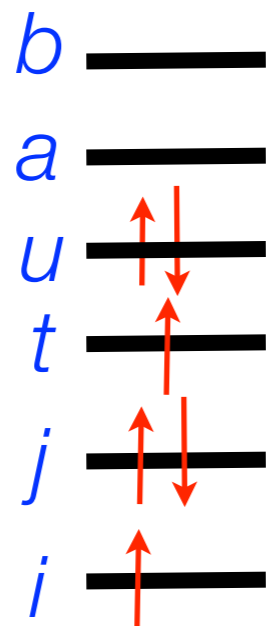
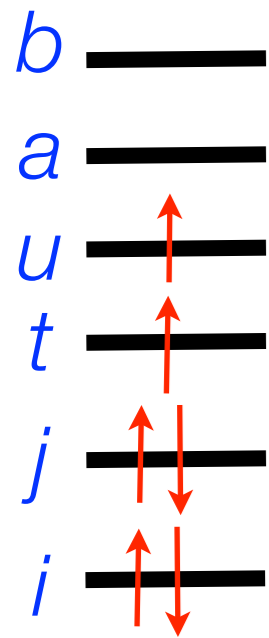


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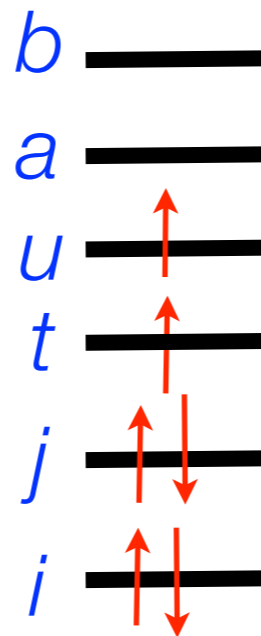
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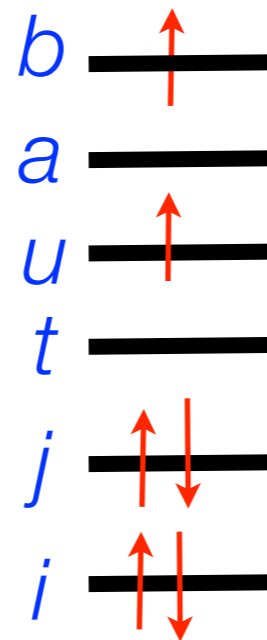
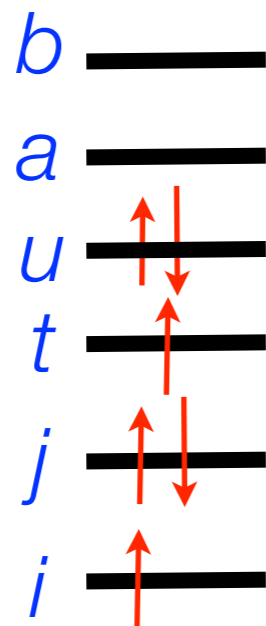
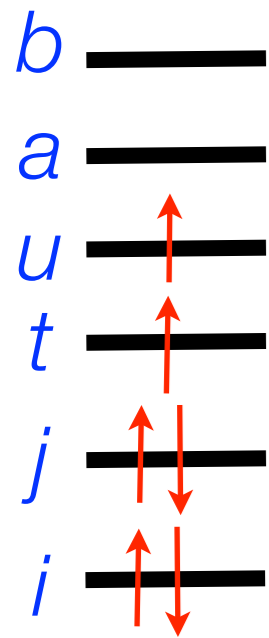


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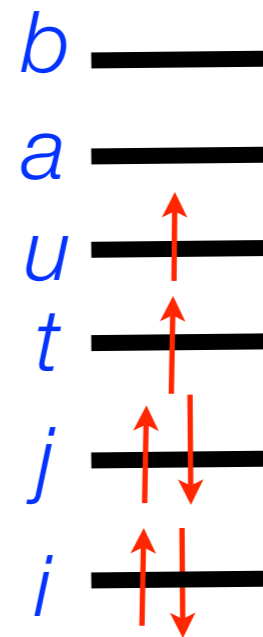
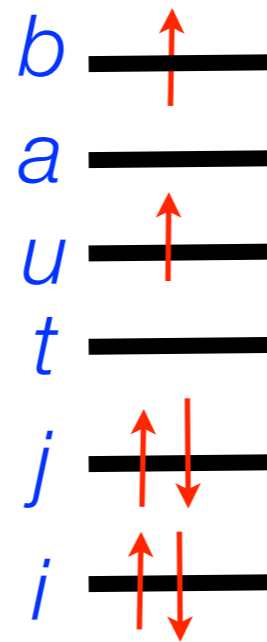
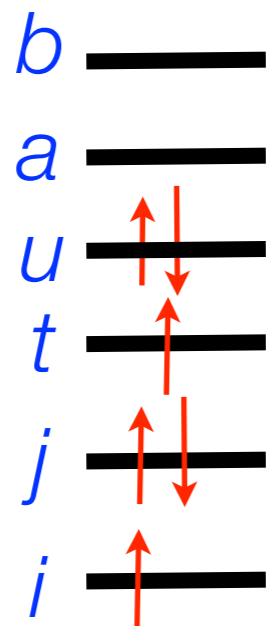
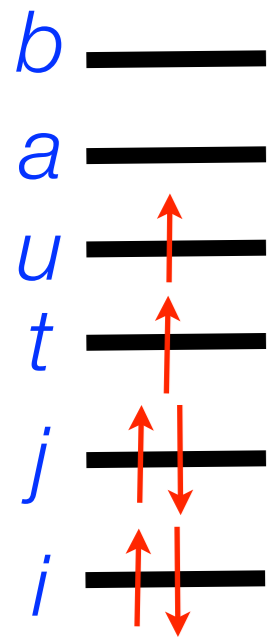
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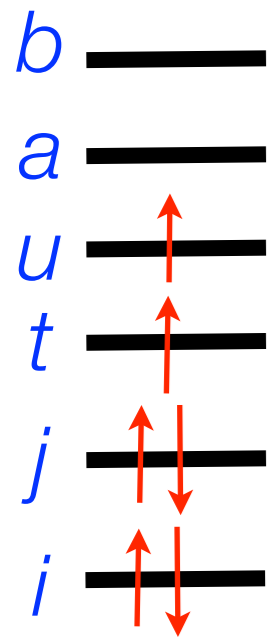
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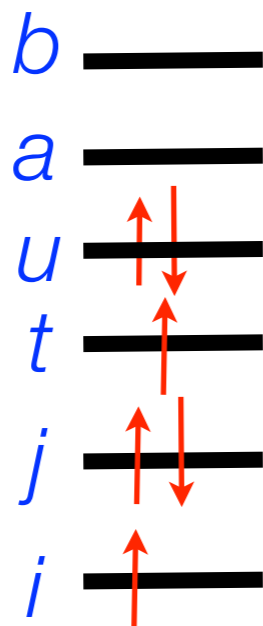
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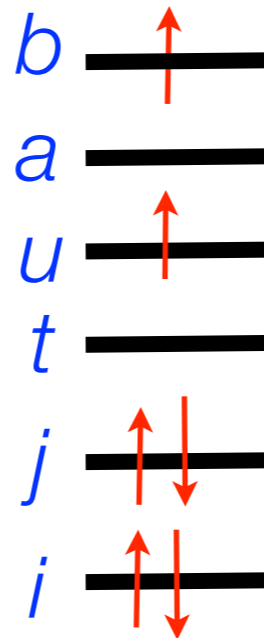
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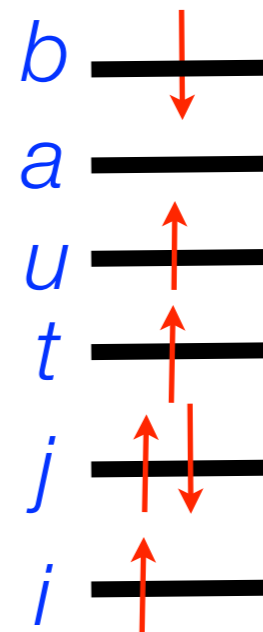
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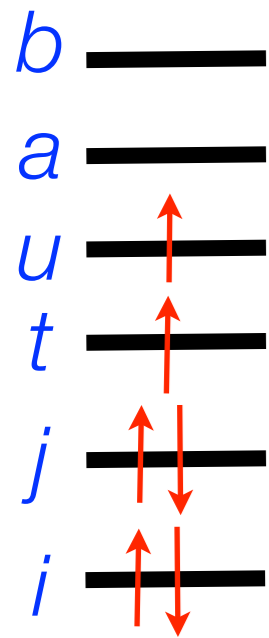
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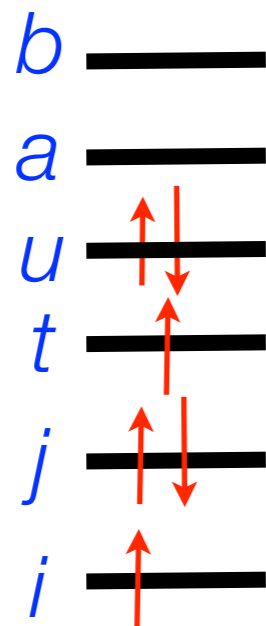
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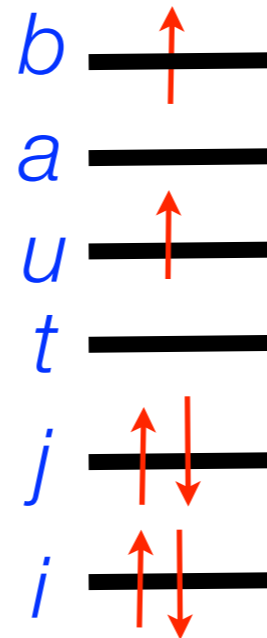
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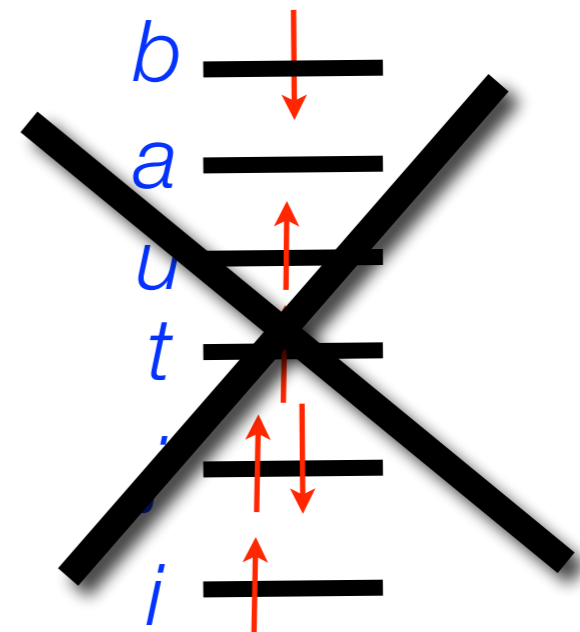
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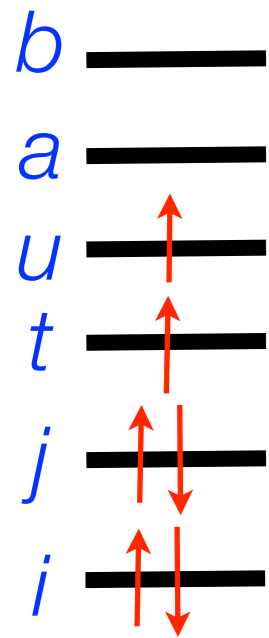
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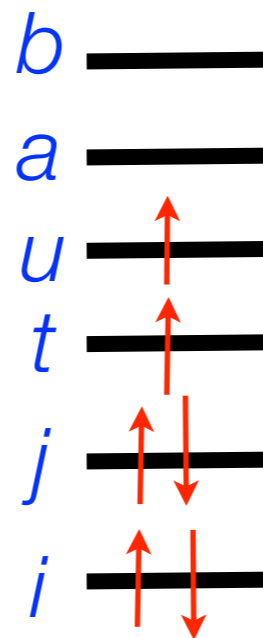
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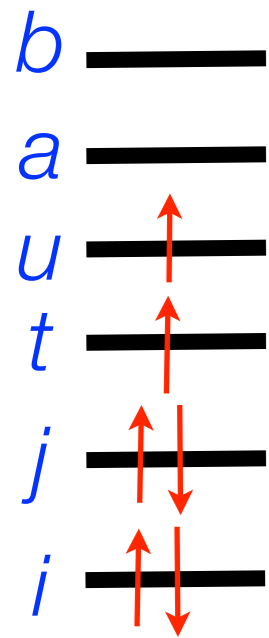
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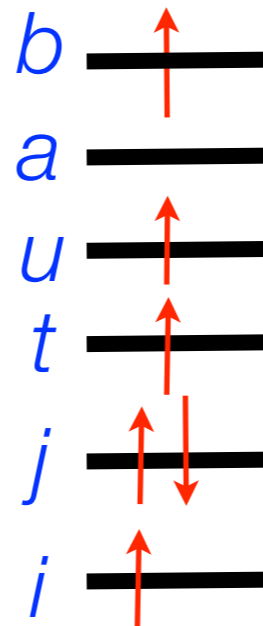
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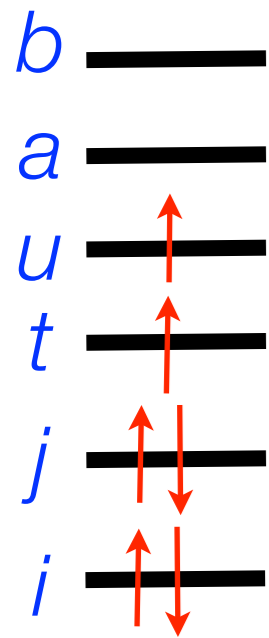
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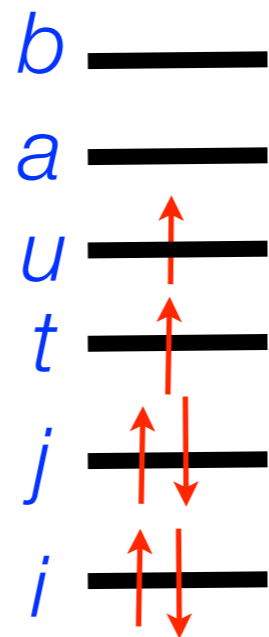
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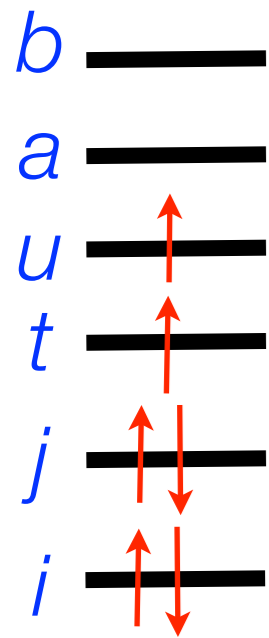
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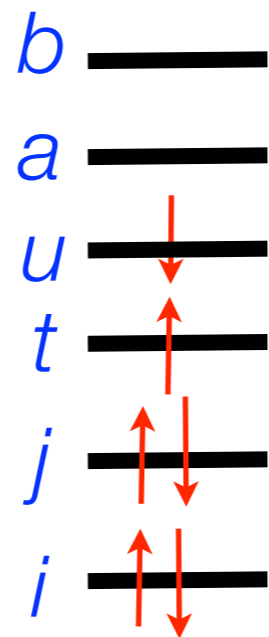
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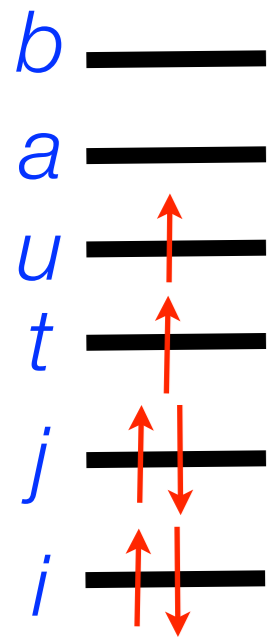
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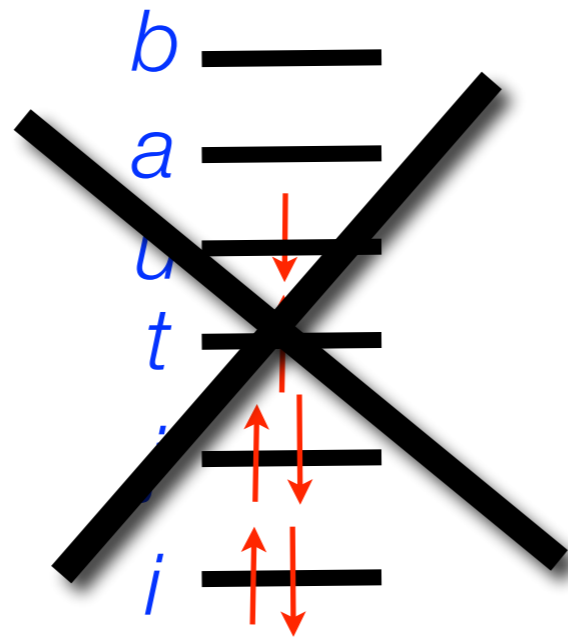
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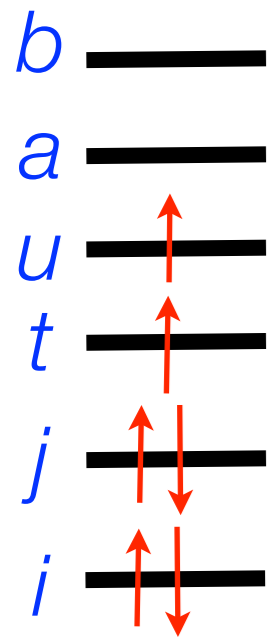
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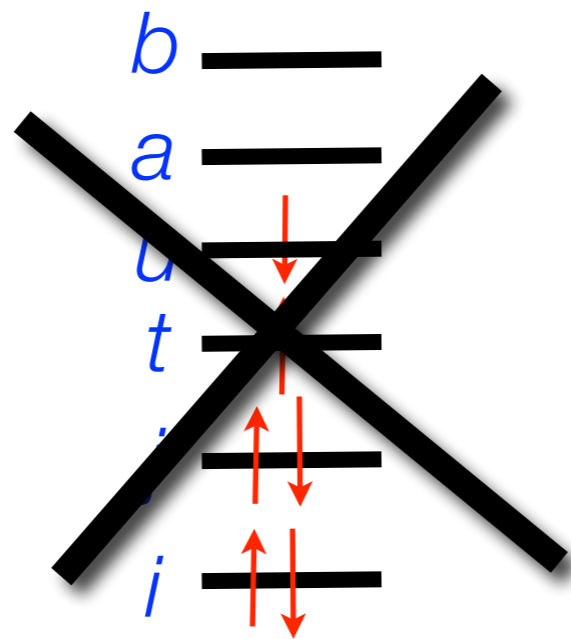
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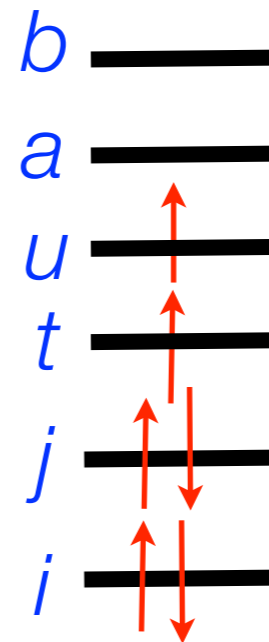
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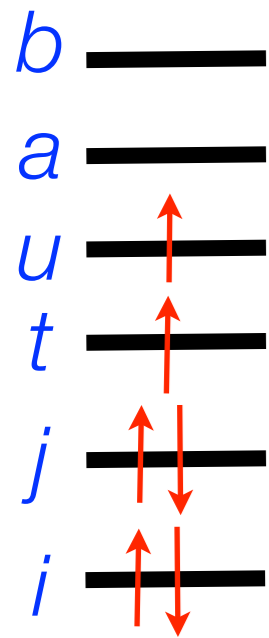
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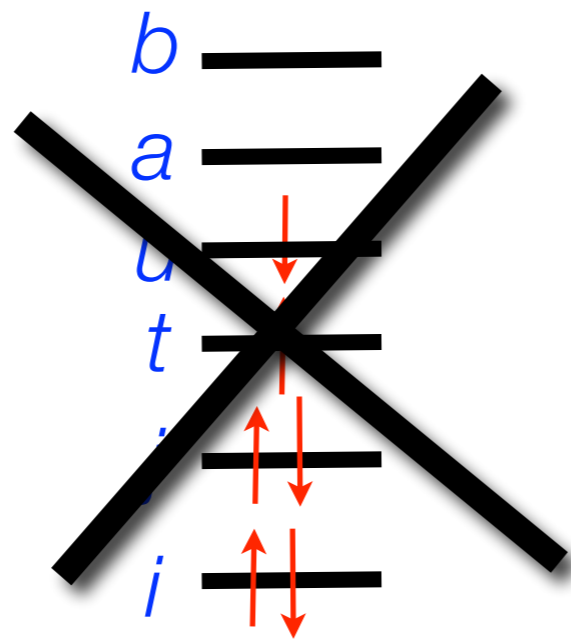
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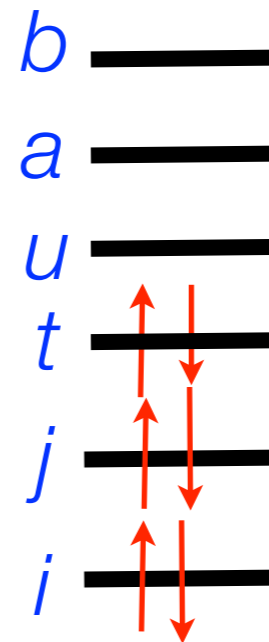
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Translation to Modern QC: Linear Response

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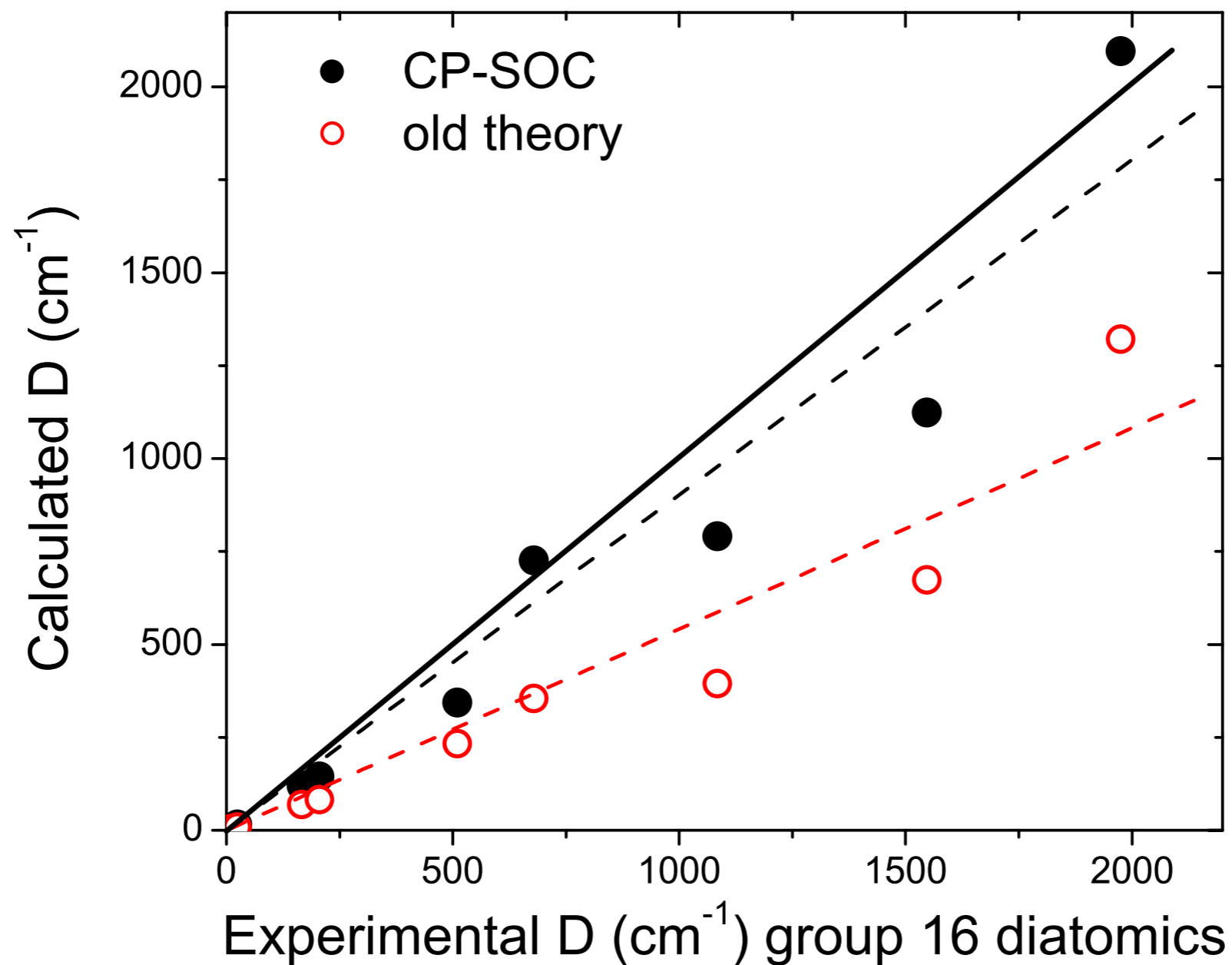
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- ✓ General linear response equations valid for any approximate theory
- ✓ Exactly equivalent to the exact sum over states theory

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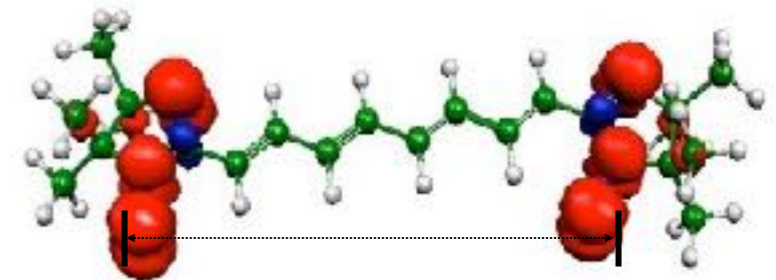
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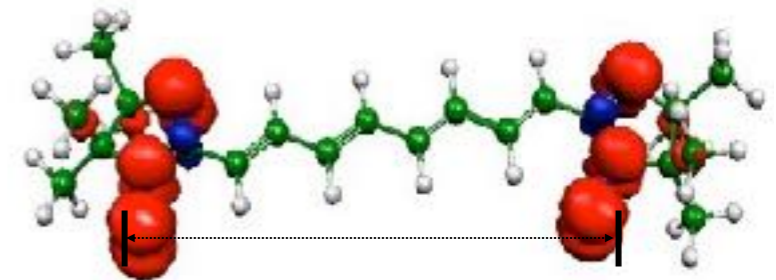
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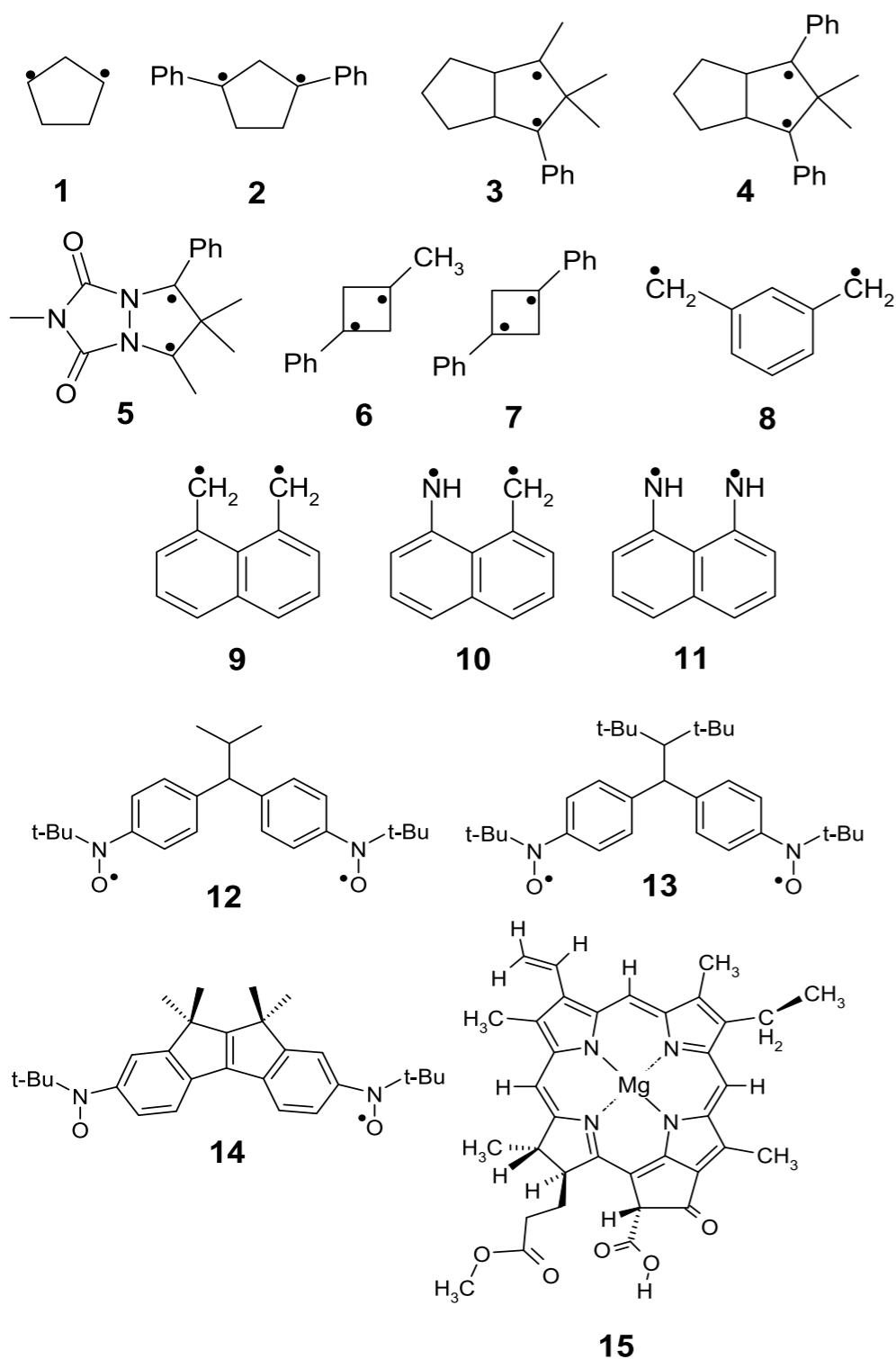
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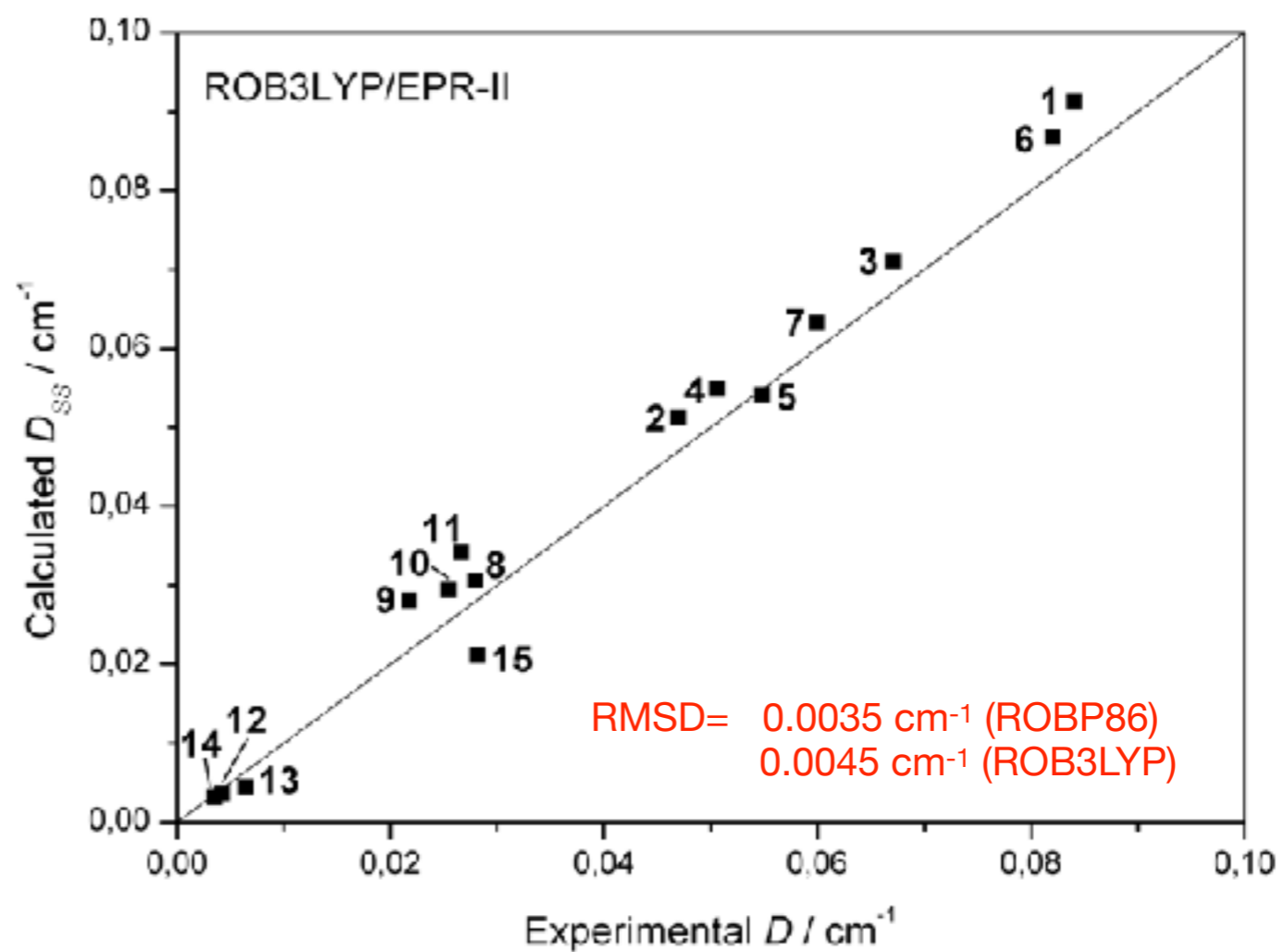
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Short-Range; QM correction; has nothing to do with „genuine exchange“!

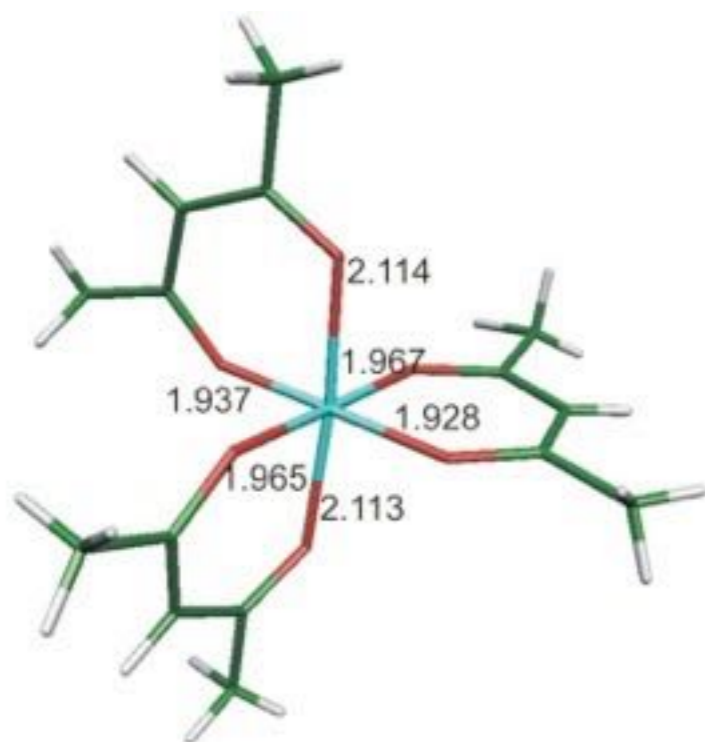
Benchmarks for Spin-Spin



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A Case Study: Mn(acac)₃



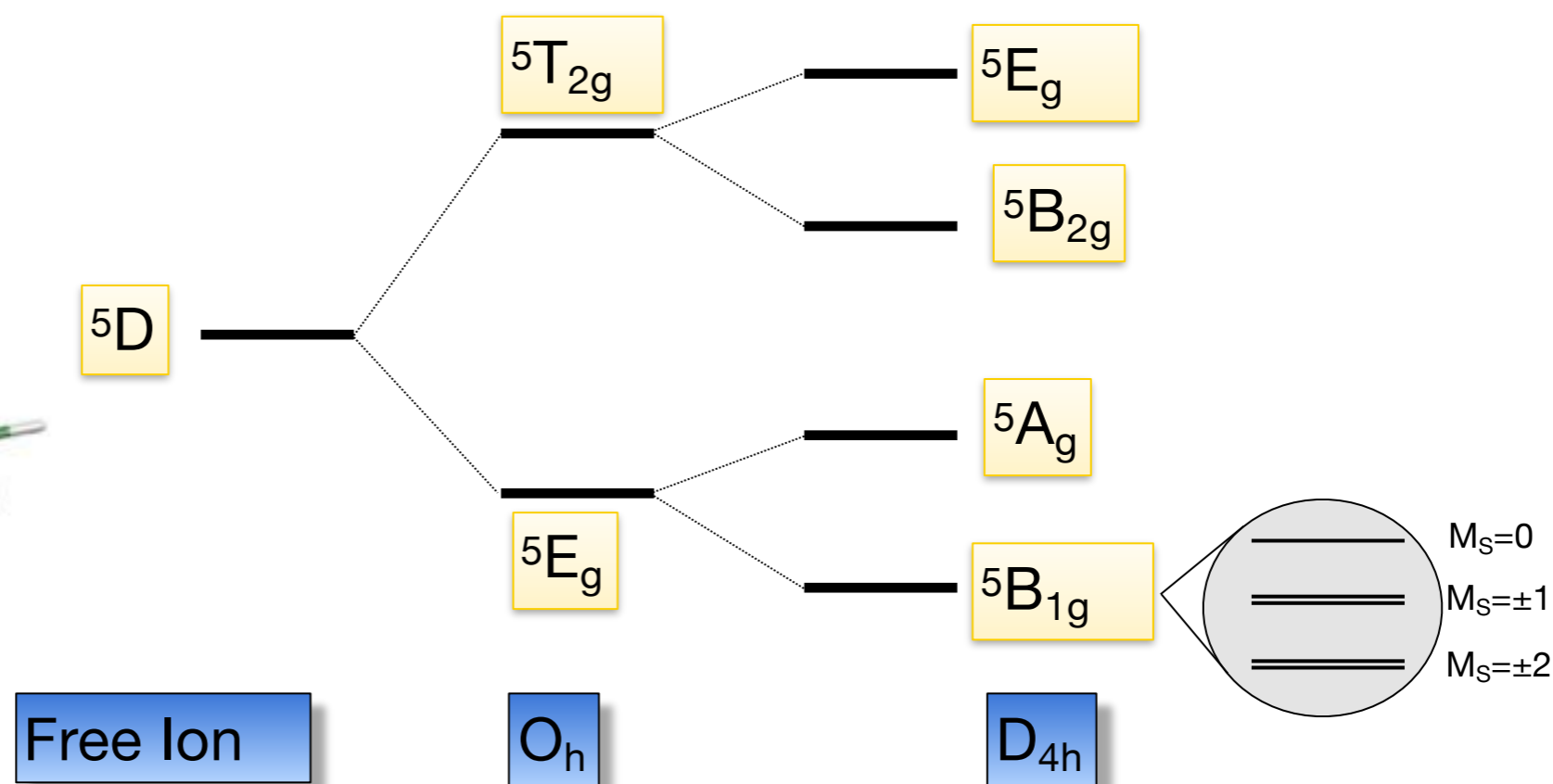
[Mn(acac)₃]

(elongated octahedron)

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Conventional Ligand Field Arguments



Ground State Zero-Field Splitting

$$D = -\frac{\zeta^2}{16} \left[\frac{4}{E(^5B_{2g})} - \frac{4}{E(^5E_g)} \right] < 0$$

(Frequently used in analysis and fitting LF parameters)

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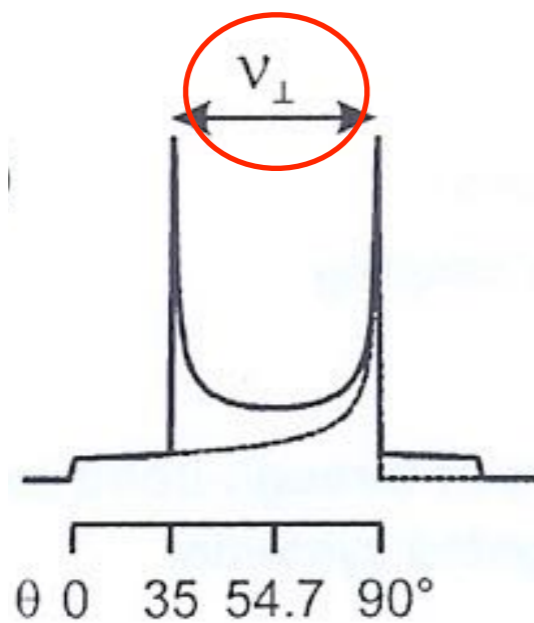
DFT : **$D(SS) = -1.0 \text{ cm}^{-1}$**

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Measuring Distances with EPR



Sandra and Gareth Eaton
(Denver)

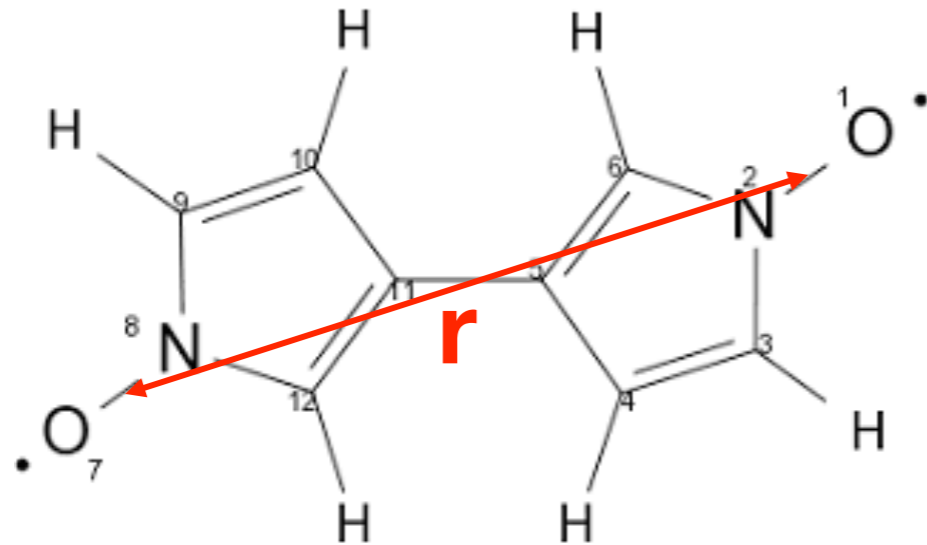


$$\nu_{\perp} \propto |D| \propto r^{-3}$$

$$r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{52.16 \text{ MHz}}{\nu_{\perp}}}$$

at $g=2.0069$
(nitroxide)

But sometimes it doesn't work?!



Dinitroxide System:

- r-measured = **7.0 Å**
- r-predicted = **5.1 Å**
- D-measured = **0.02 cm⁻¹**
- D-(point dipole) = **0.008 cm⁻¹**
- D^{SS}(DFT) = **0.02 cm⁻¹**

➔ Huge error of the point dipole approximation but quantum chemistry gets it right

➔ Analyze the origin of the discrepancy in detail!

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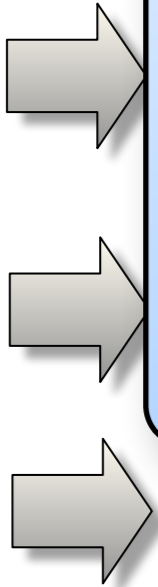
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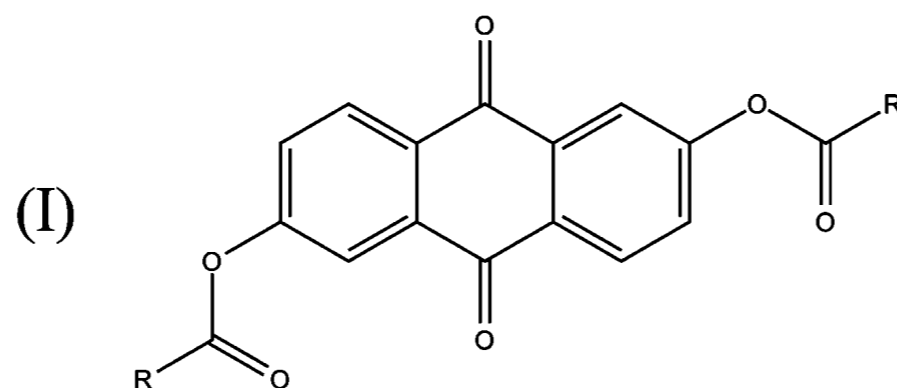
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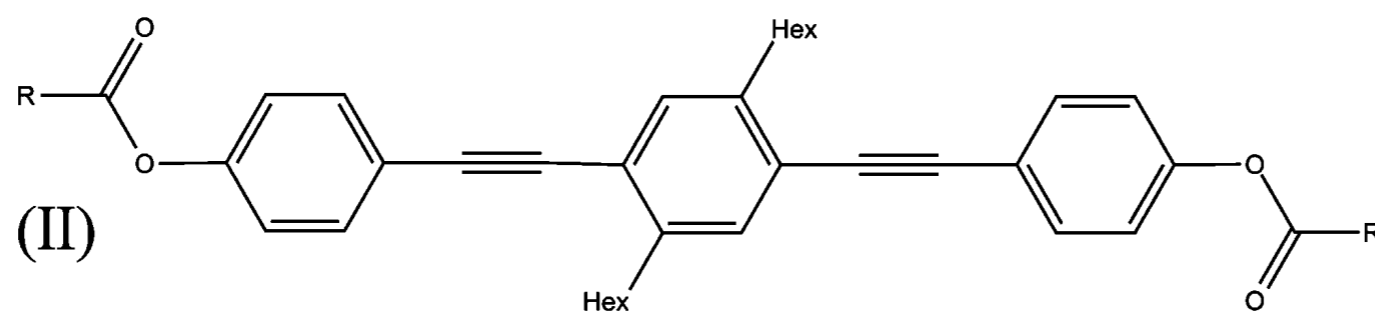


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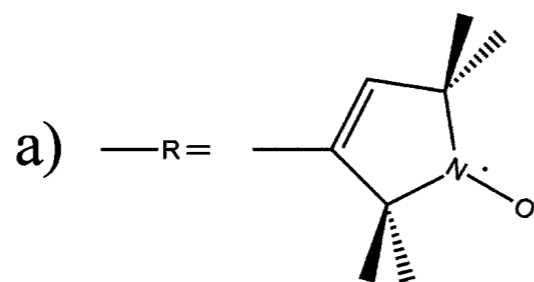
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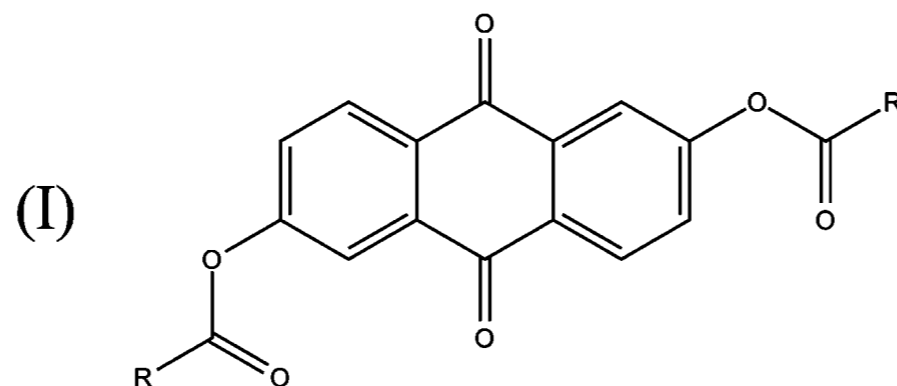


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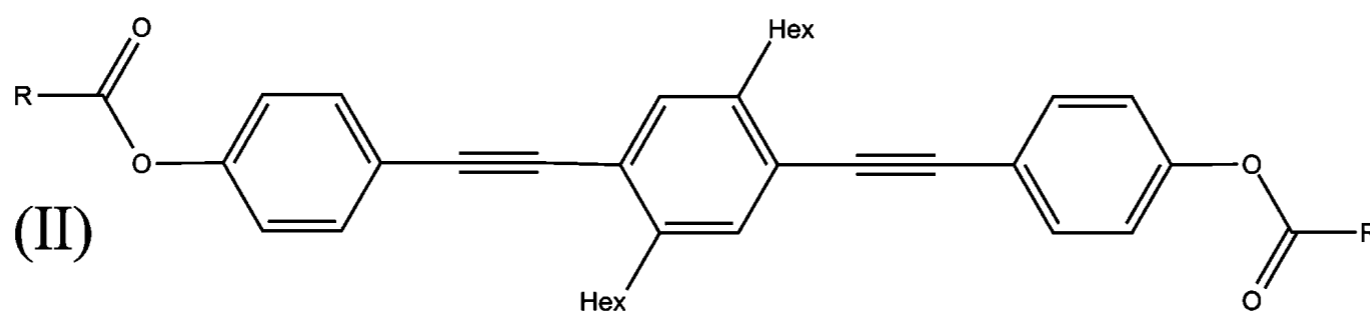


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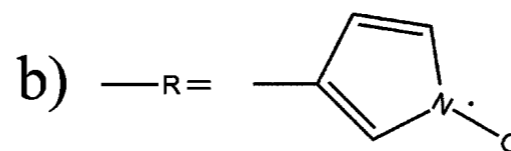
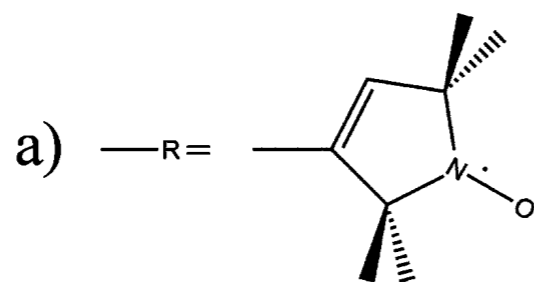
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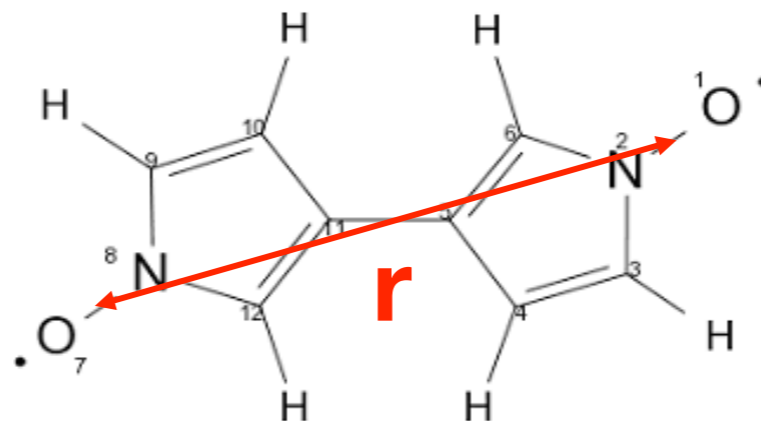


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... so why did the point dipole „measurement“ not work? ...

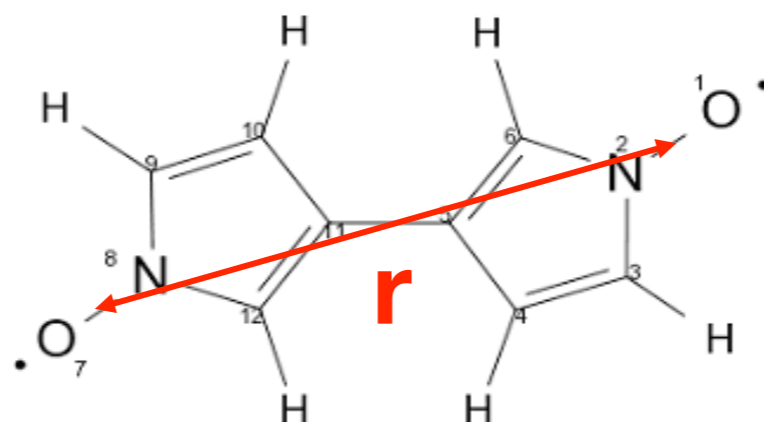
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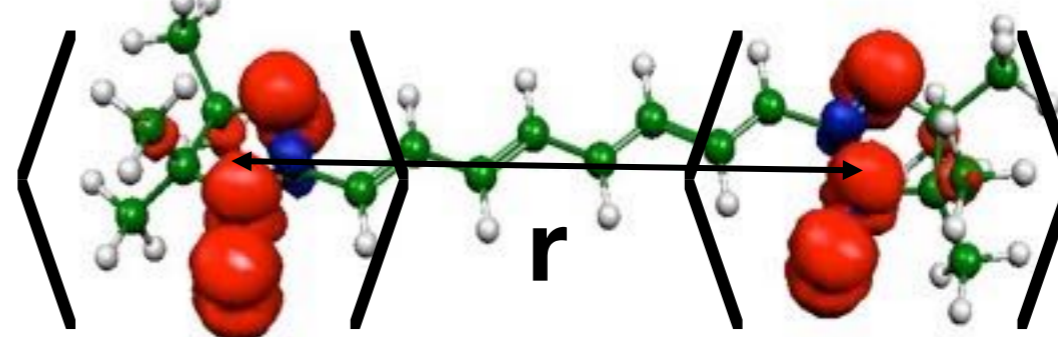
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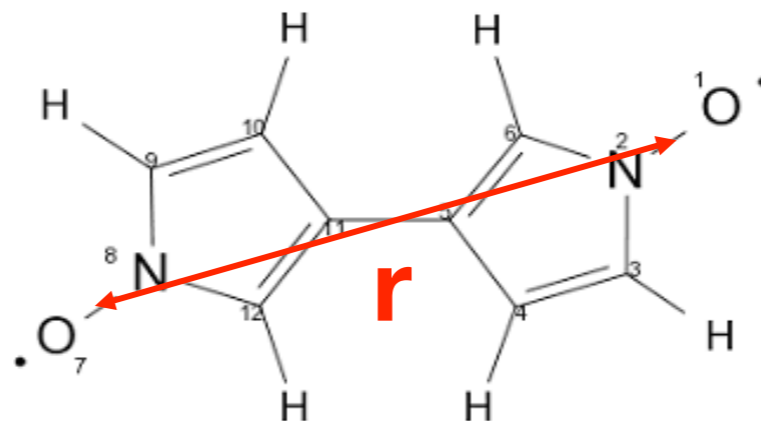
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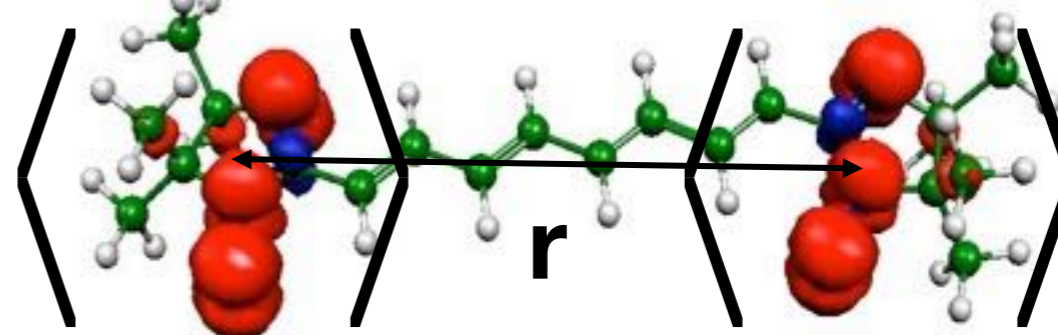
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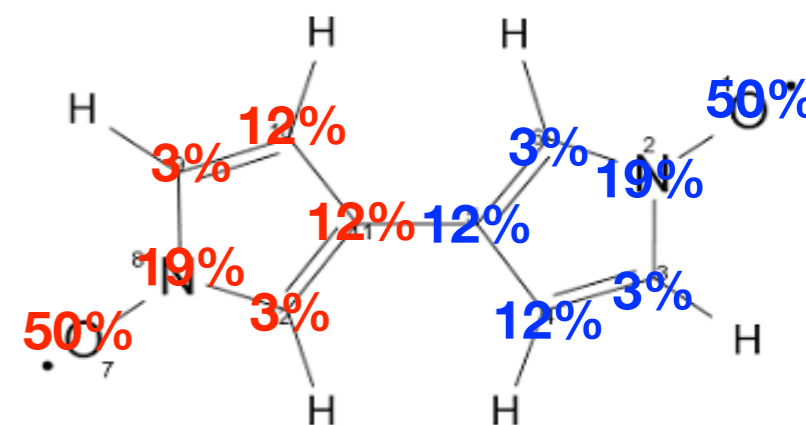
3. „Distributed“ Point Dipole

„Contract“ all the basis functions to δ -functions:

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R^A = Position of nucleus A

P^A = (Gross) Spin-population at atom A (NOT Mulliken)



Partitioning of Quantum Chemical Calculations

1. Coulomb versus Exchange (SOMO's i, j)

$$D_{kl}^{SS} = -\frac{g_e^2}{8} \frac{\alpha^2}{S(2S-1)} \left\{ \underbrace{\langle ii | g_{kl} | jj \rangle}_{\text{Coulomb}} - \underbrace{\langle ij | g_{kl} | ij \rangle}_{\text{Exchange}} \right\} \quad g_{kl} = 3r_{12,k} r_{12,l} - \delta_{kl} r_{12}^2$$

(not present in the point dipole model)

2. Multicenter contributions

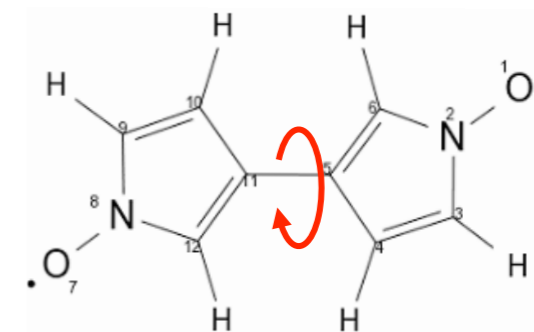
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Up to 4-center contributions

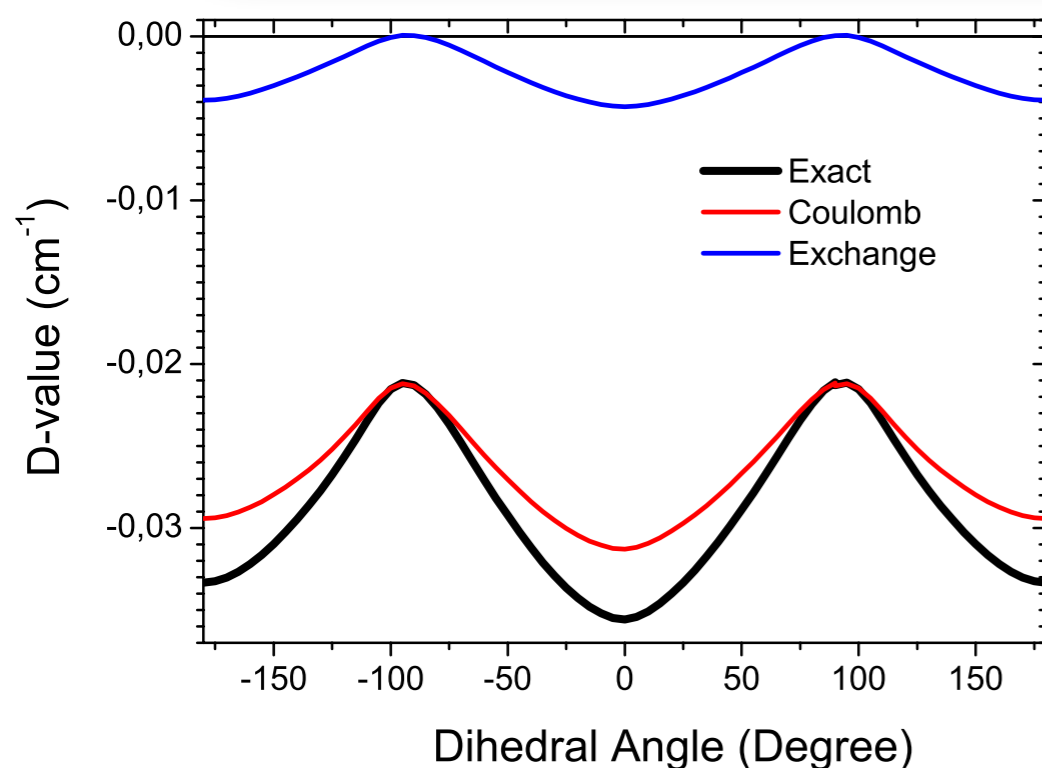
Any point dipole model only treats the two-center Coulomb part approximately:

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Rotation Curve



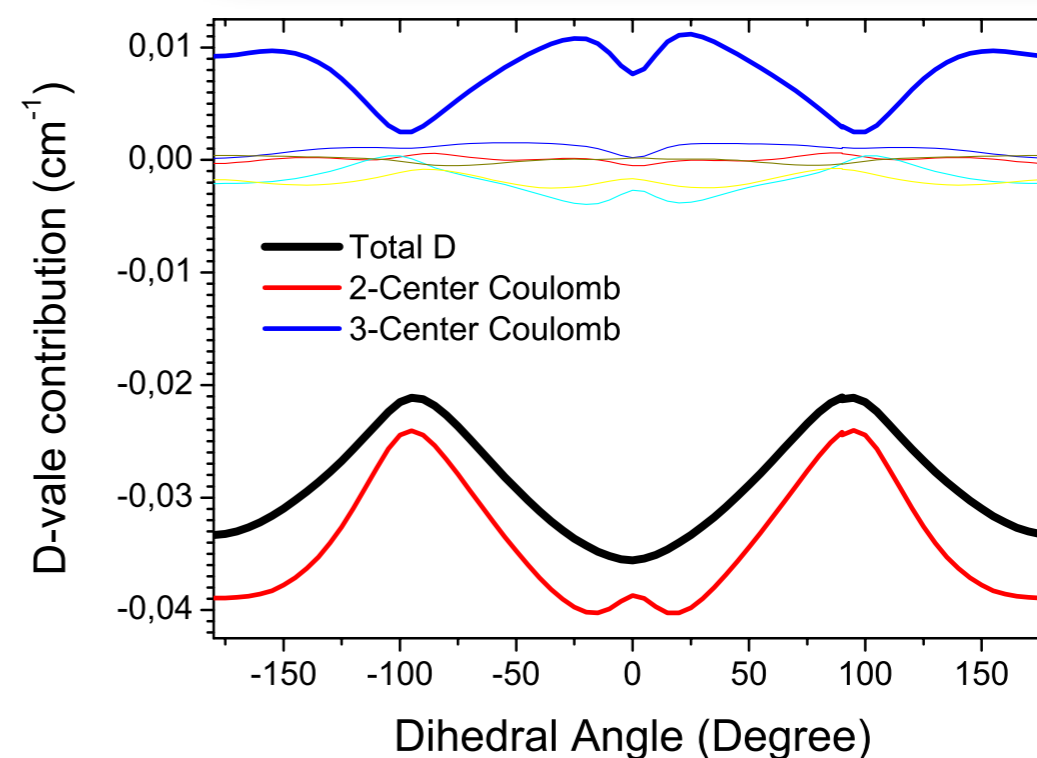
Coulomb vs Exchange



➔ Exchange part can make up to 15-20% contribution

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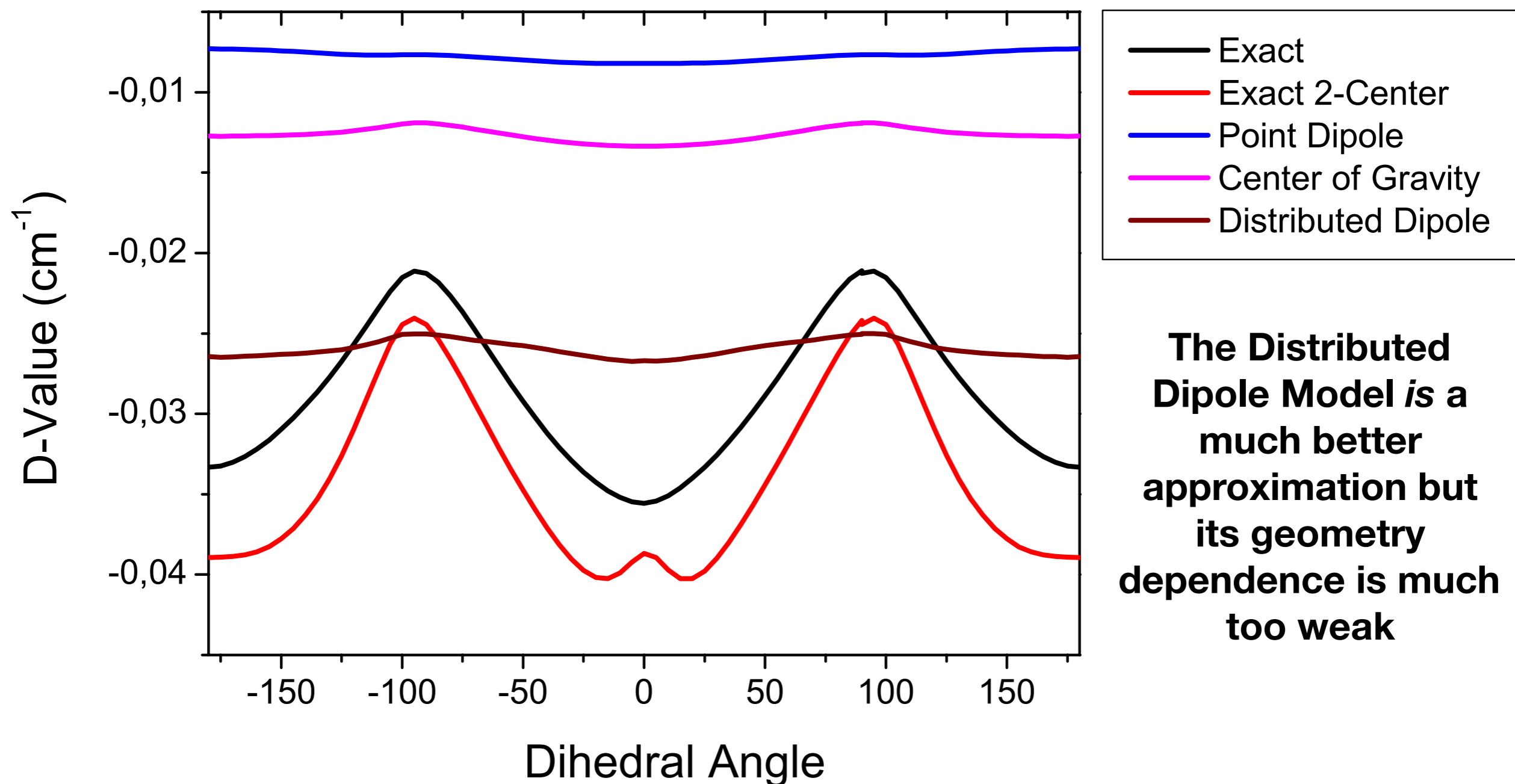
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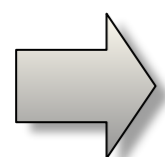
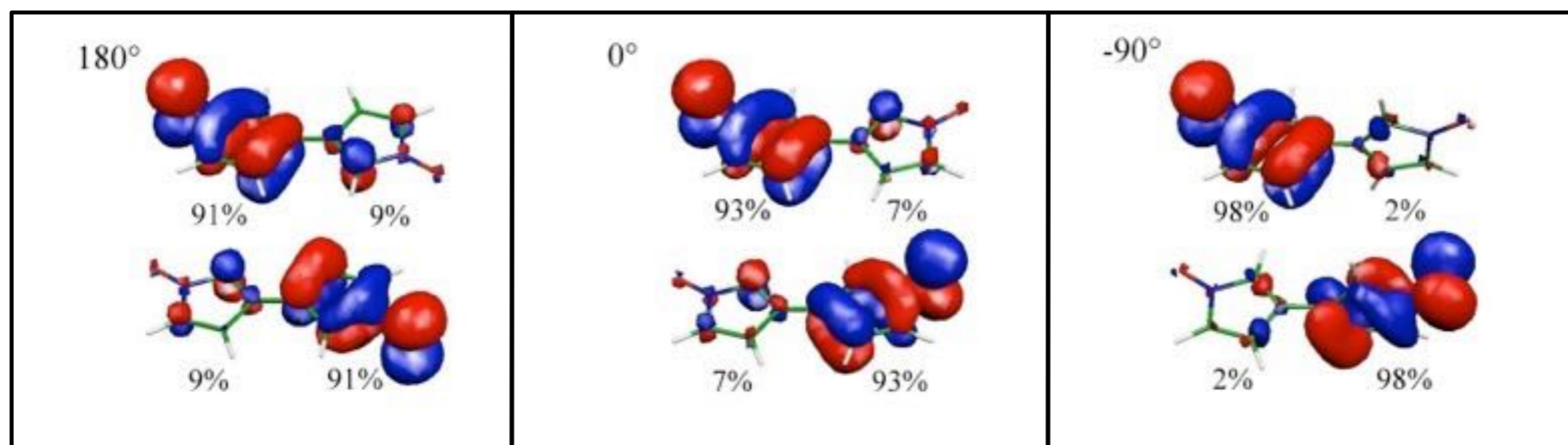
➔ 3-center terms are the 2nd most important contribution (~30%)

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Comparison of Point Dipole Models



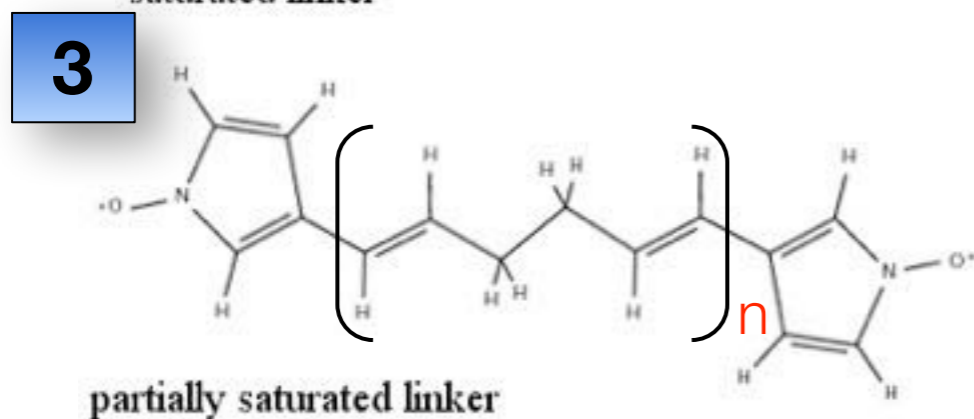
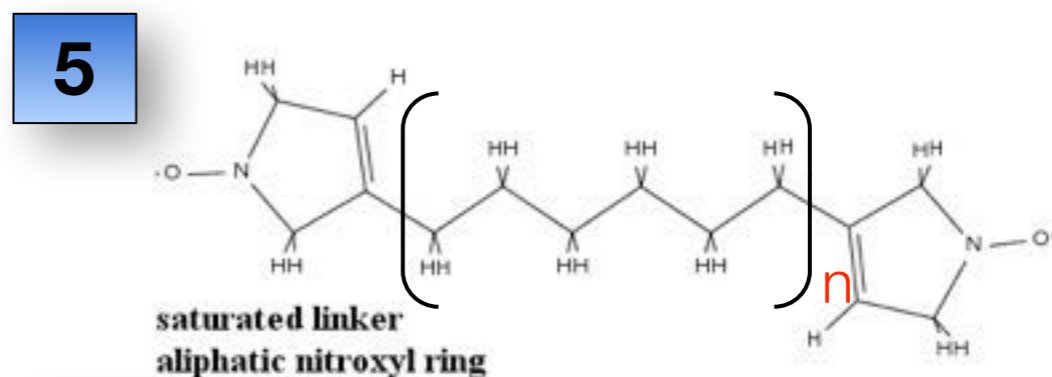
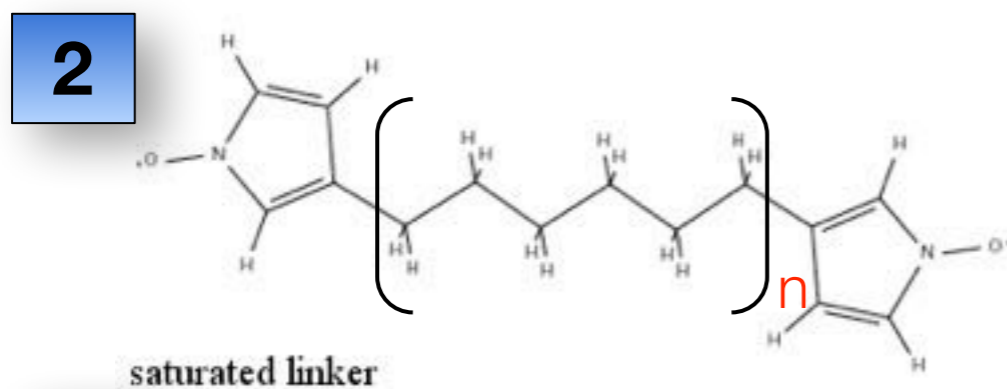
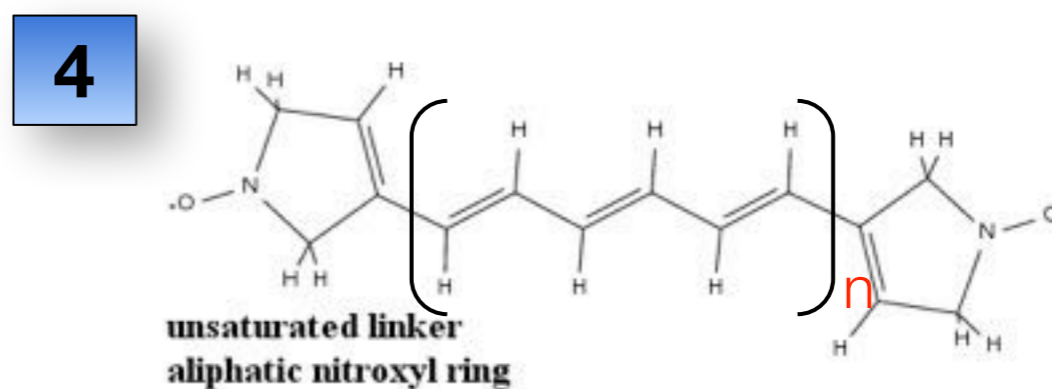
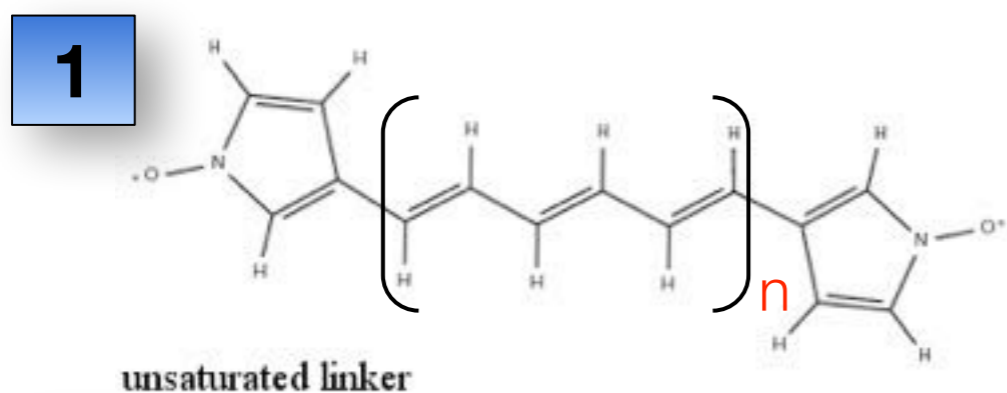
Electronic Structure Origin of the PD Failure



Conformation dependent delocalization of the SOMOs accounts for the main deviations between the point-dipole model and the precise calculation

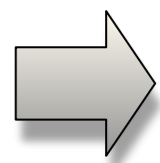
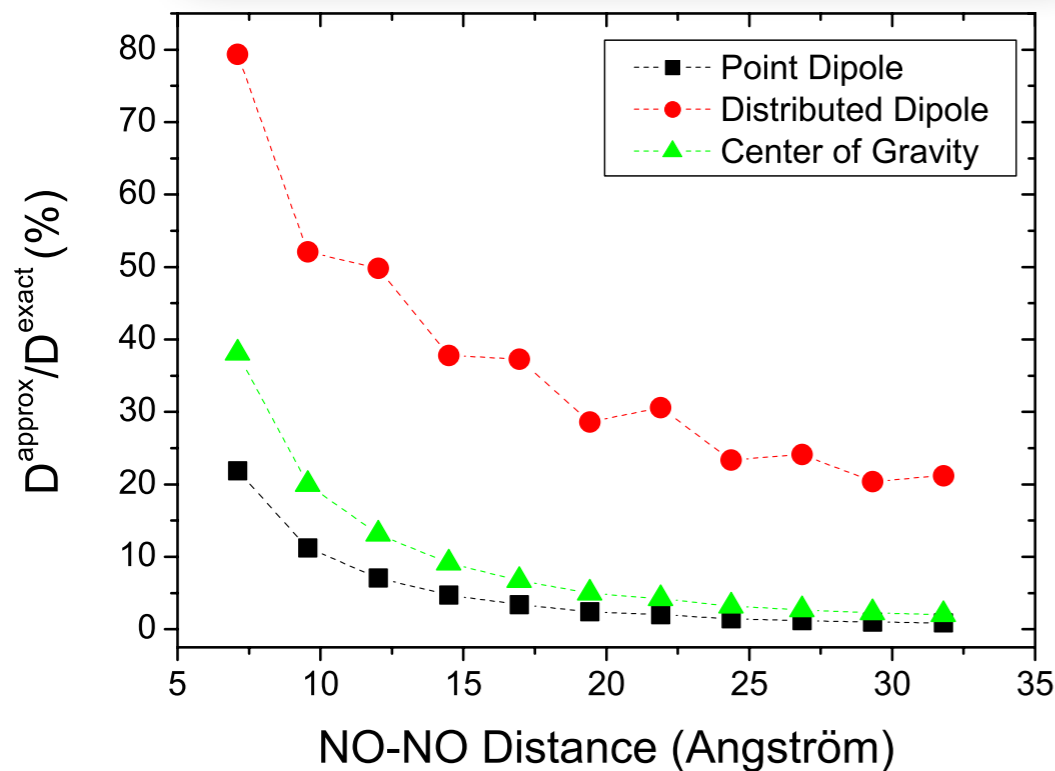
„Through-Bond“ versus „Through-Space“

Study the distance dependence of the ZFS *in-silico* via model systems:

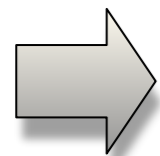


„Observed“ Distance Dependence

Unsaturated Linker

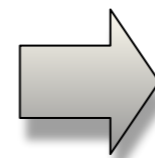
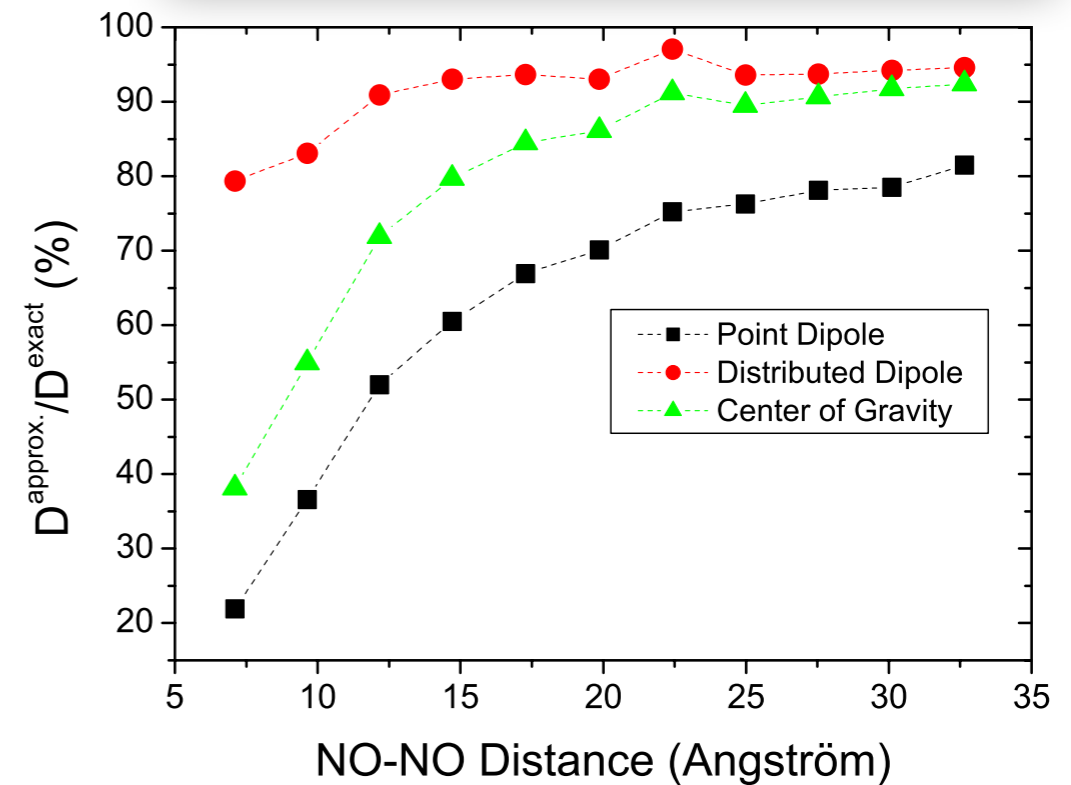


All PDMs fail miserably for all distances

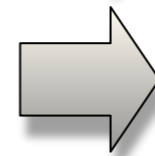


ZFS Decay is $R^{-1.6}$ rather than R^{-3}

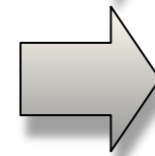
Saturated Linker



Distributed Dipole becomes ok \sim 12-15 Å

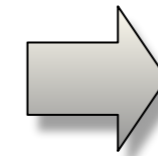
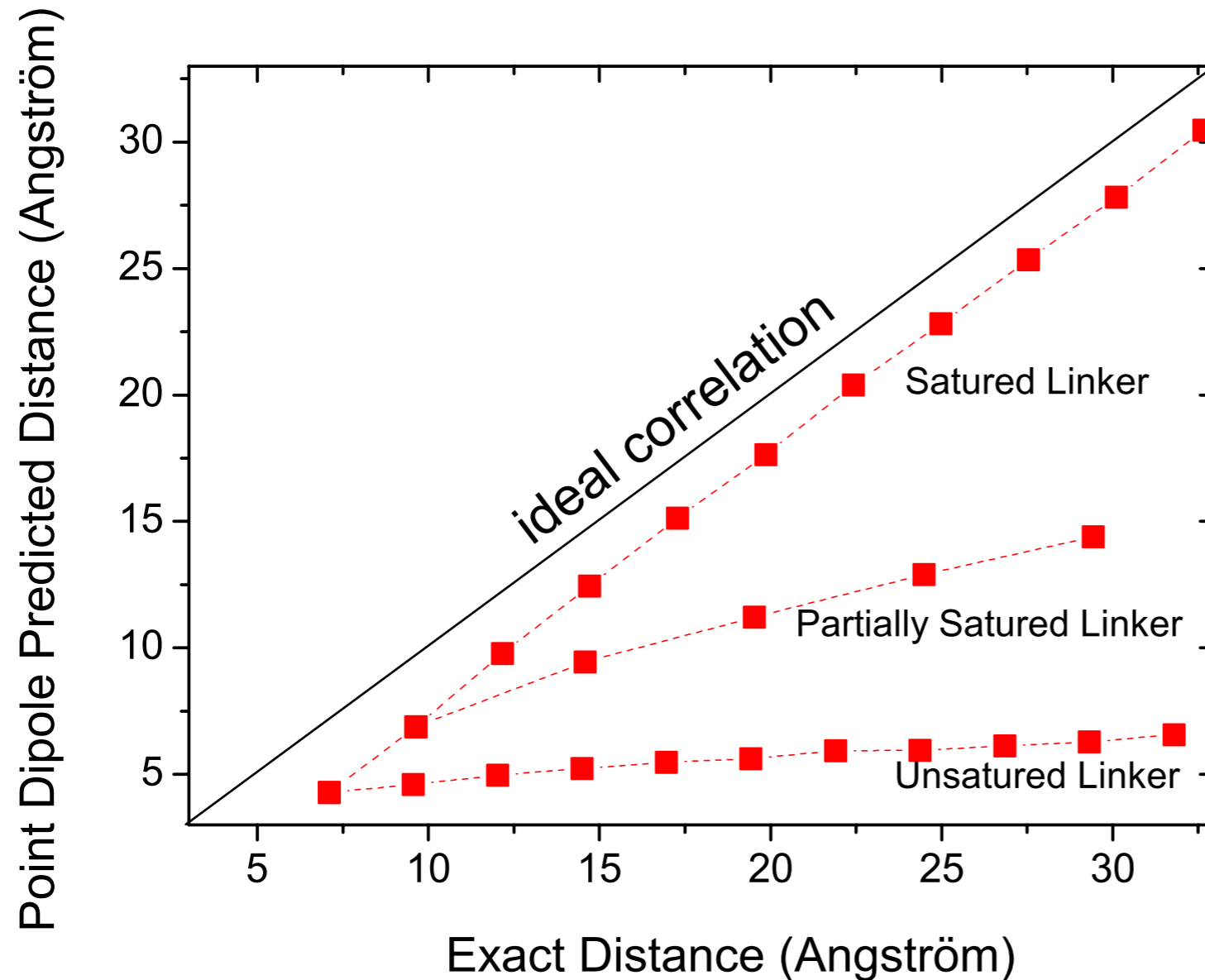


The ‚naive‘ PDM becomes ok (90%) only \sim 22-25 Å

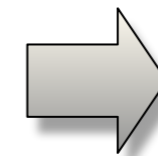


ZFS decay is $\sim R^{-3}$

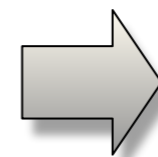
Errors in predicted Distances



For unsaturated linkers the predictions of the genuine PDM are absurd



Even for saturated linkers the error is ~2-3 Å!

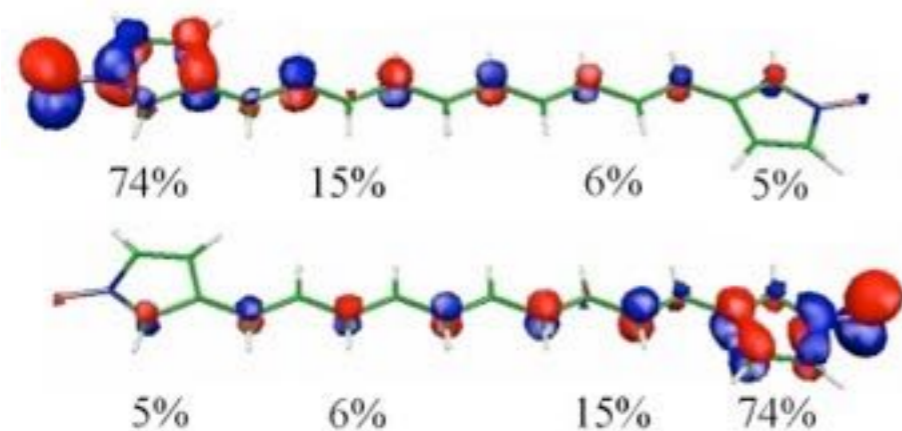


This error only vanishes at longer distances >15 Angström if a **non-aromatic** nitroxide is used

Electronic Structure Origin of the PDM Failures

Unsaturated Linker

unsaturated linker



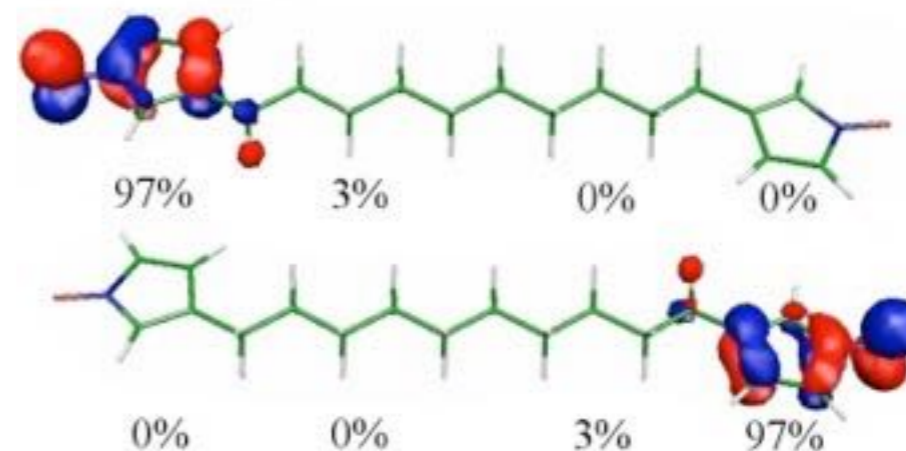
➔ „Magnetically conducting“

➔ Long range spin-delocalization

➔ ZFS is dominated by the small tails on the bridge (r_{12}^{-3})

Saturated Linker

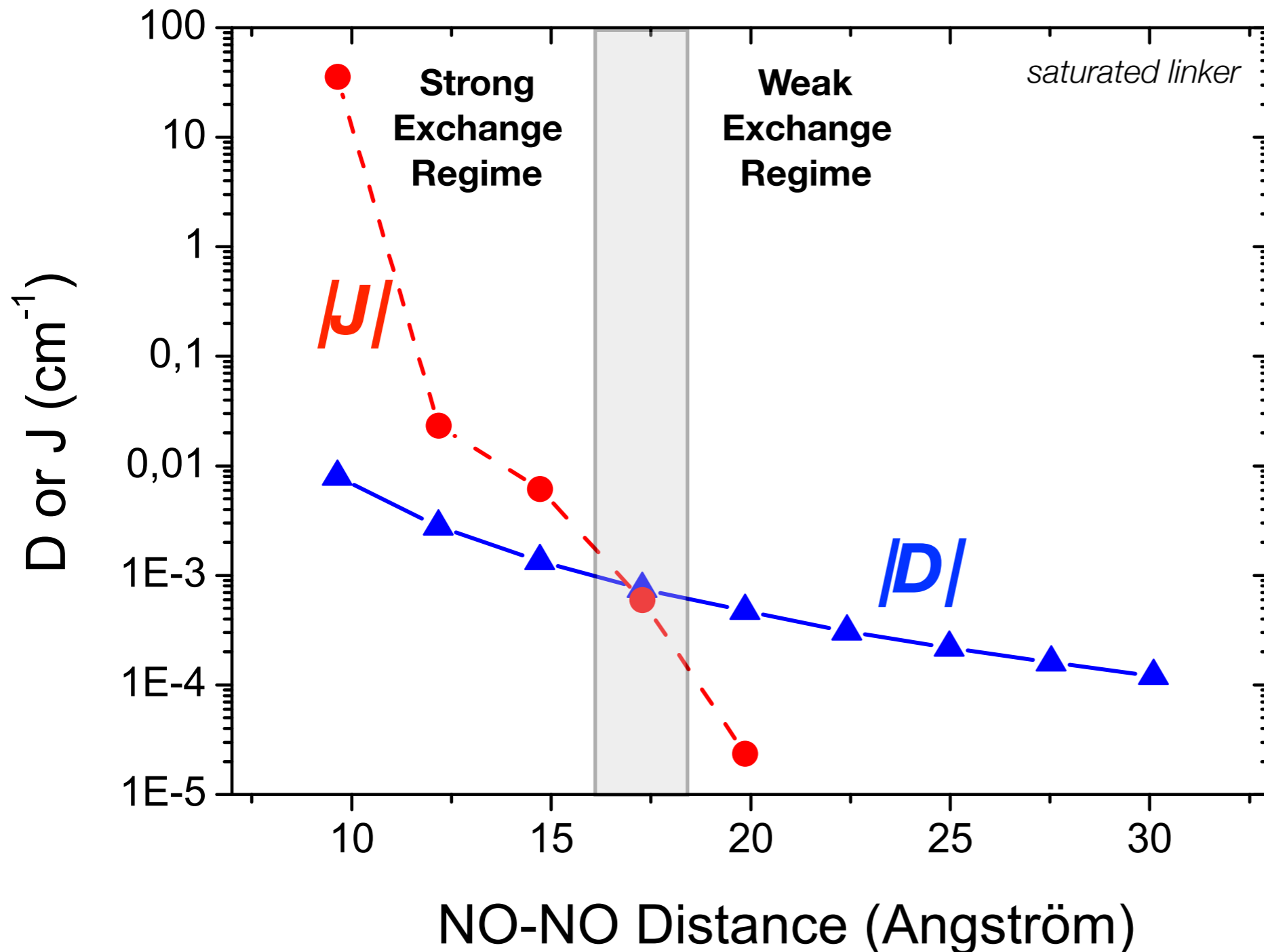
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➔ Small „leakage“

➔ Only delocalization inside the monomers becomes important

Spin-Spin Interaction versus Heisenberg Exchange



The isotropic exchange decays exponentially with a decay constant of

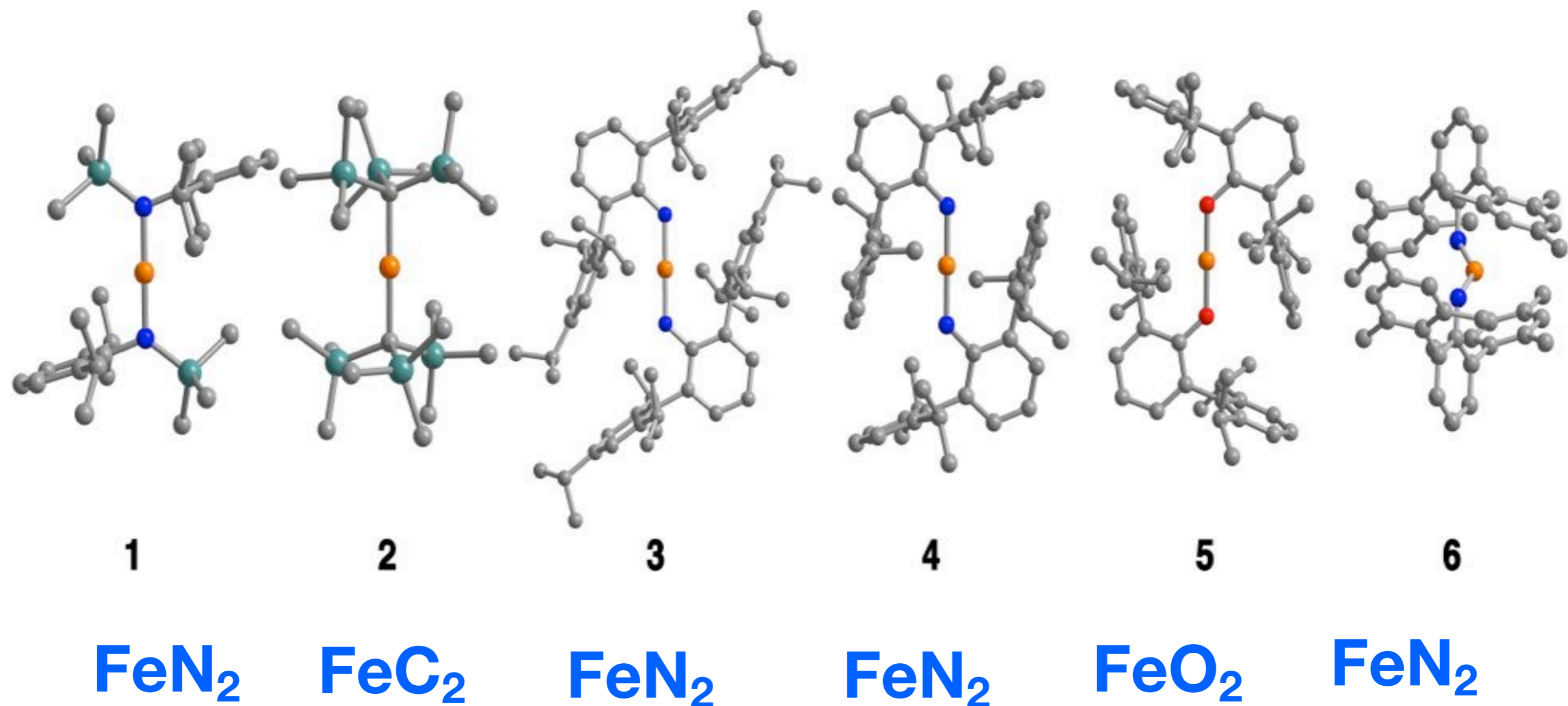
$$0.9-1 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$$

(Compare: Electron transfer matrix element $\sim 0.7 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$)

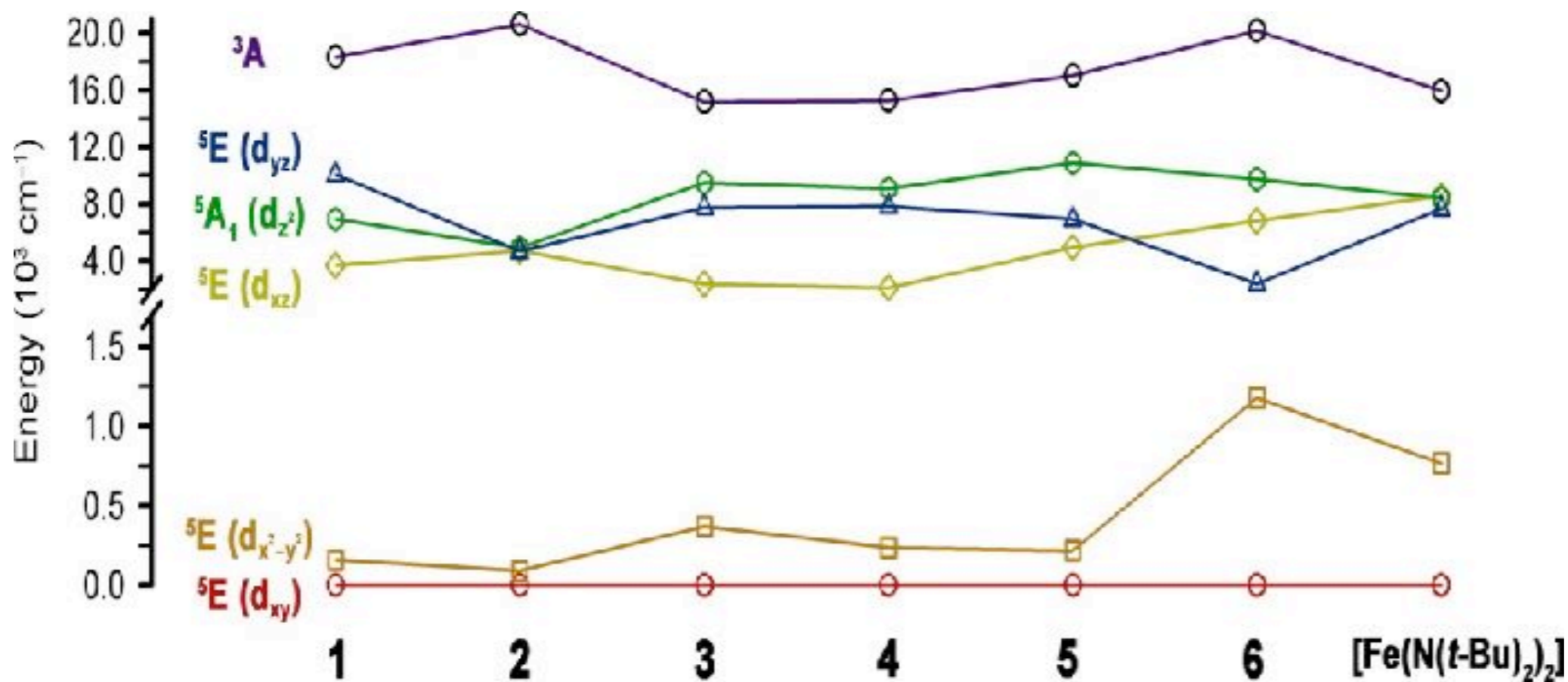
Limitations of the Spin-Hamiltonian Approach

Currents, Spin-Orbit Coupling and Multireference

Linear Fe(II) Complexes

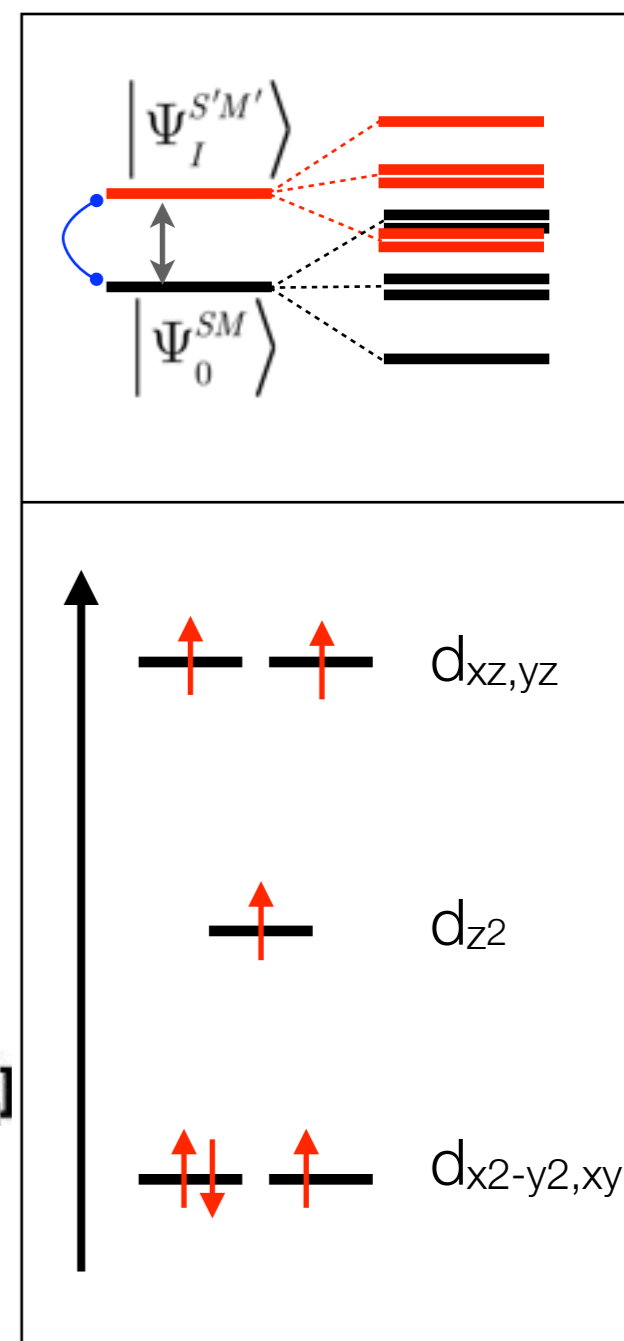


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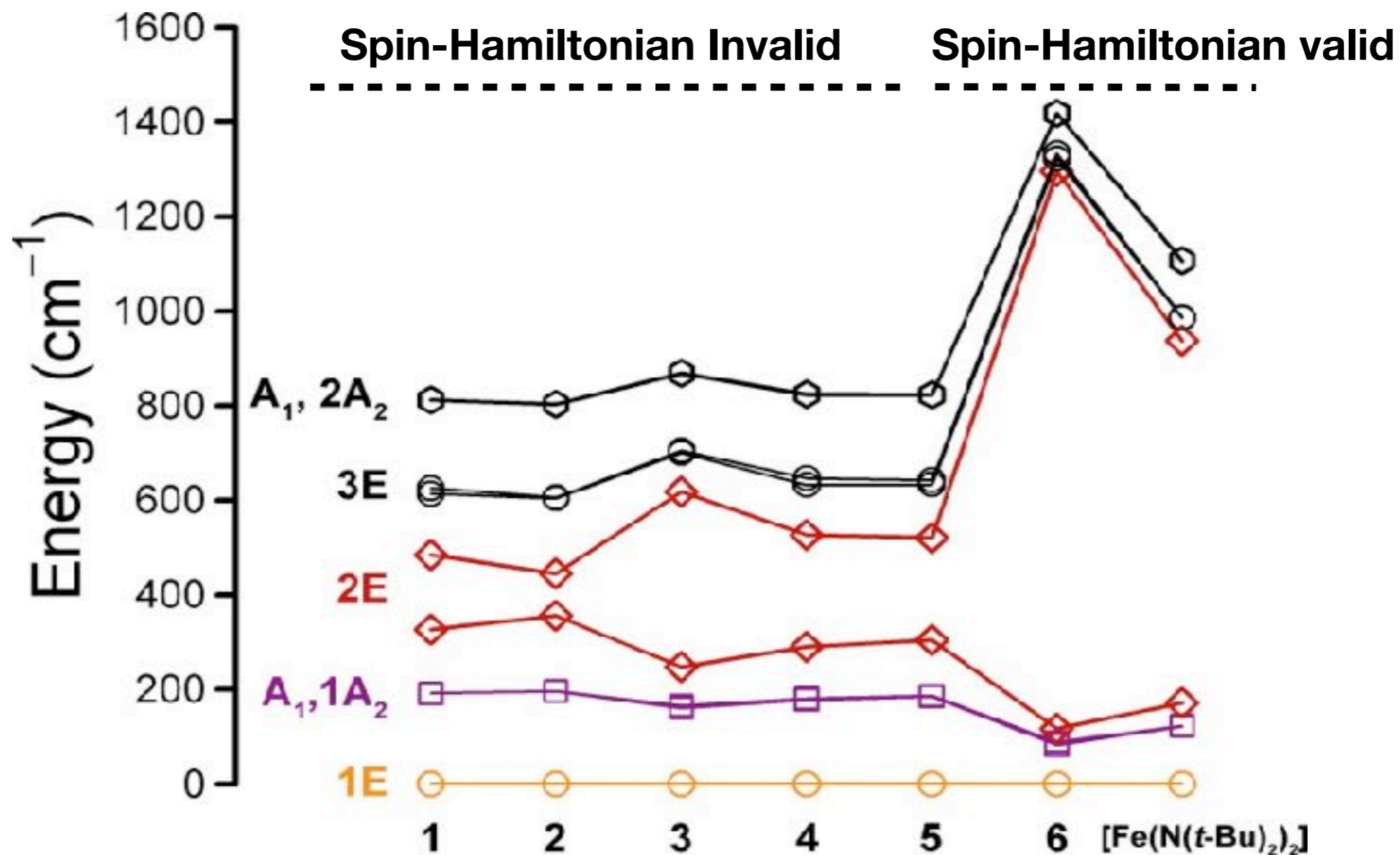


→ Orbitally almost degenerate ground states (as in introduction)

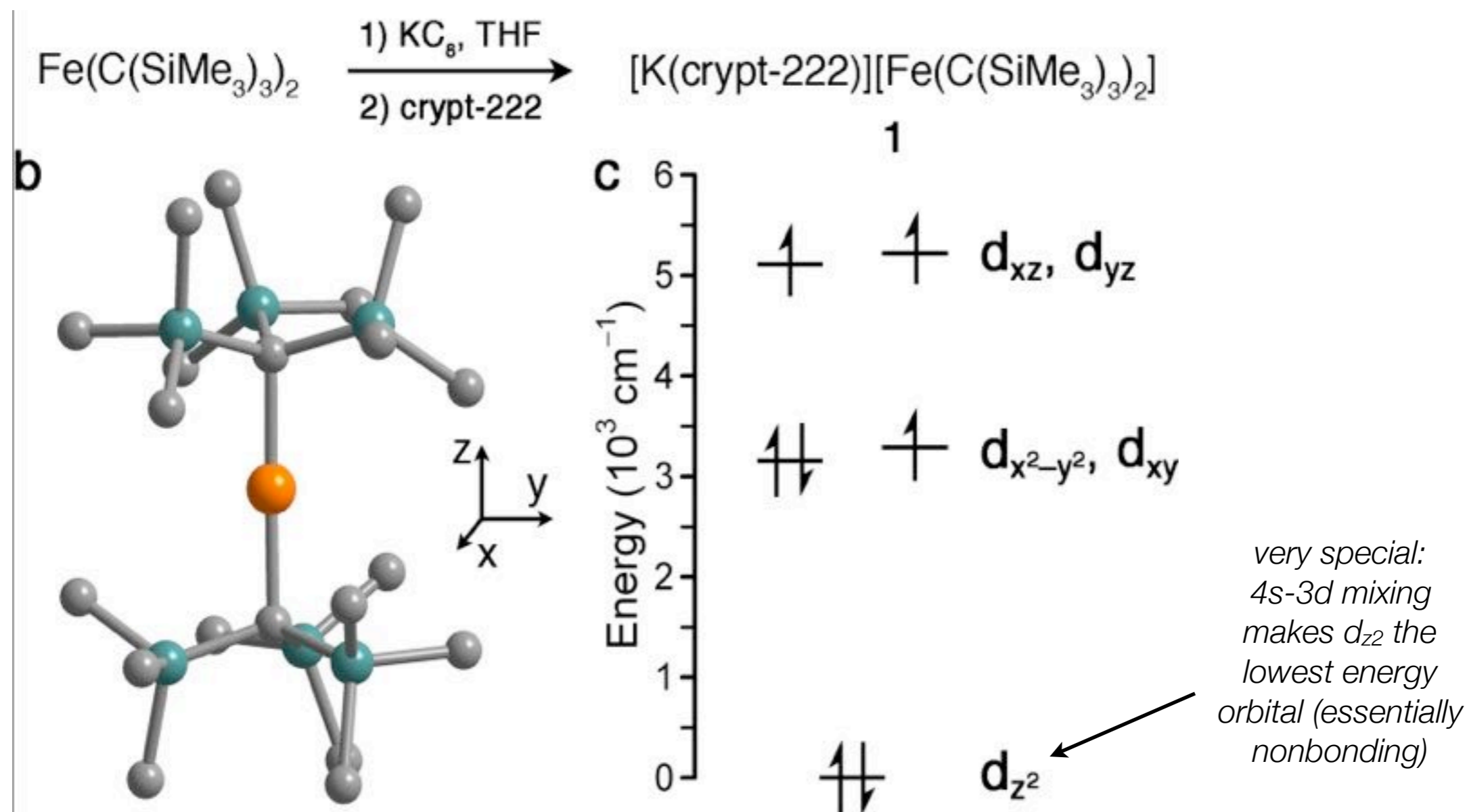
→ „Crazy magnetism“



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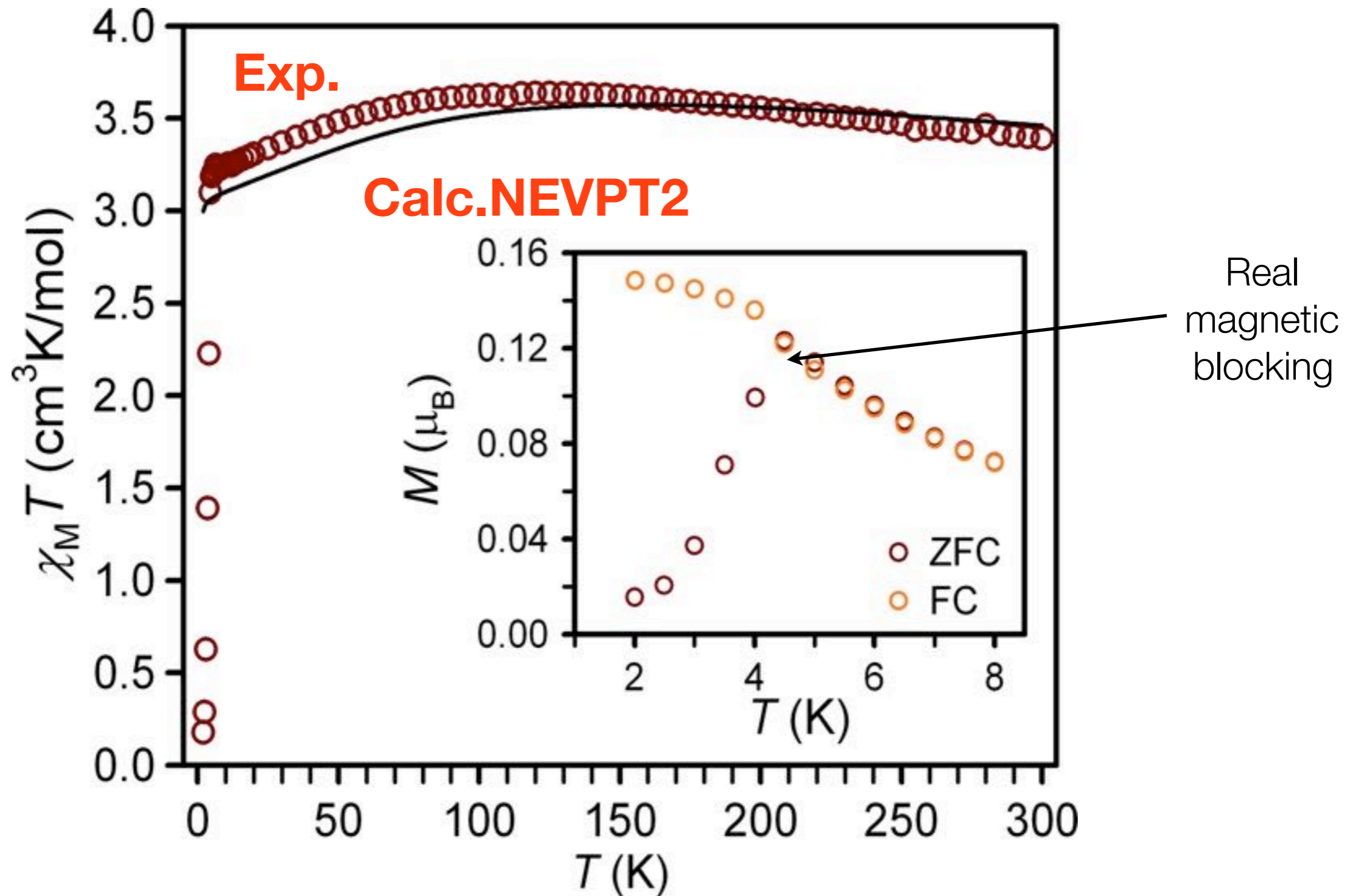


Currents, Spin-Orbit Coupling and Multireference



The weaker ligand field in $\text{Fe}|\text{C}_2$ (^4E) greatly **quenches the Renner-Teller effect**
→ Opportunity for higher temperature magnetic blocking

Currents, Spin-Orbit Coupling and Multireference

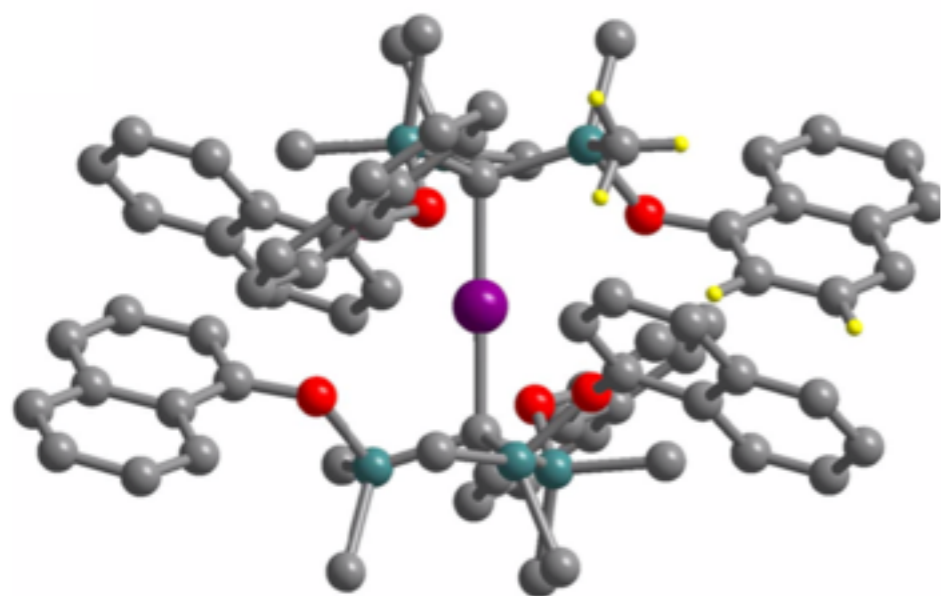


„Non-Aufbau“ States

- Prediction from theory: Linear Co(II) would be an even better SMM than Fe(I)

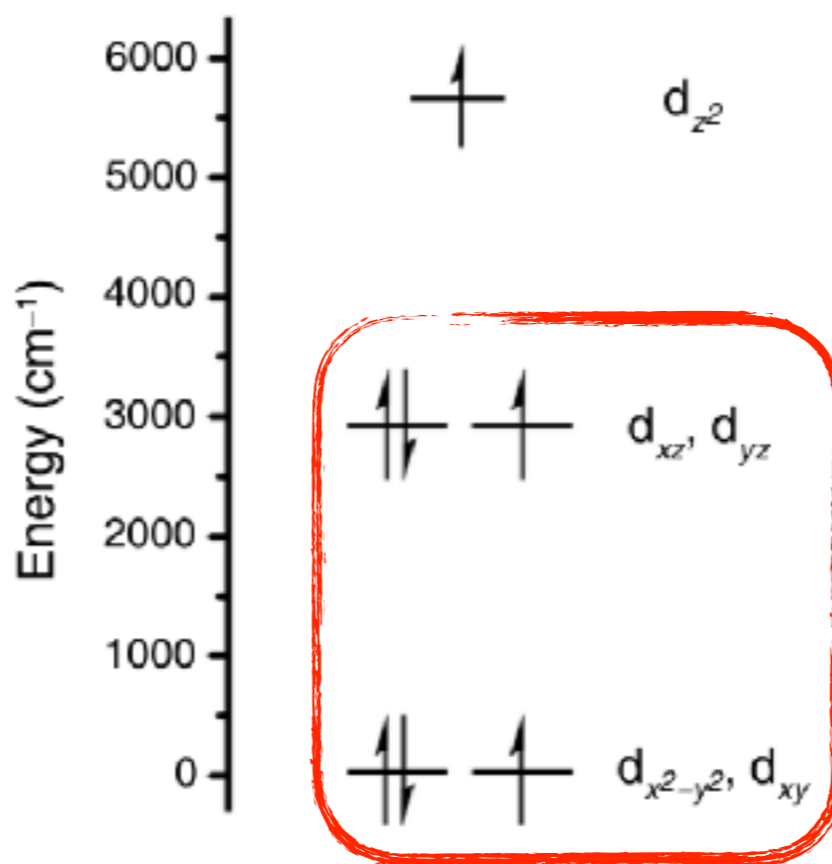
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- After 5 years of trying:

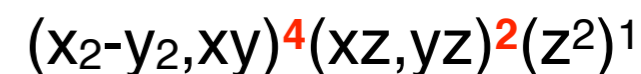


Co(C(SiMe2ONaph)3)2

- MO diagram

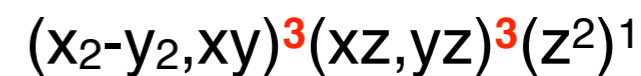


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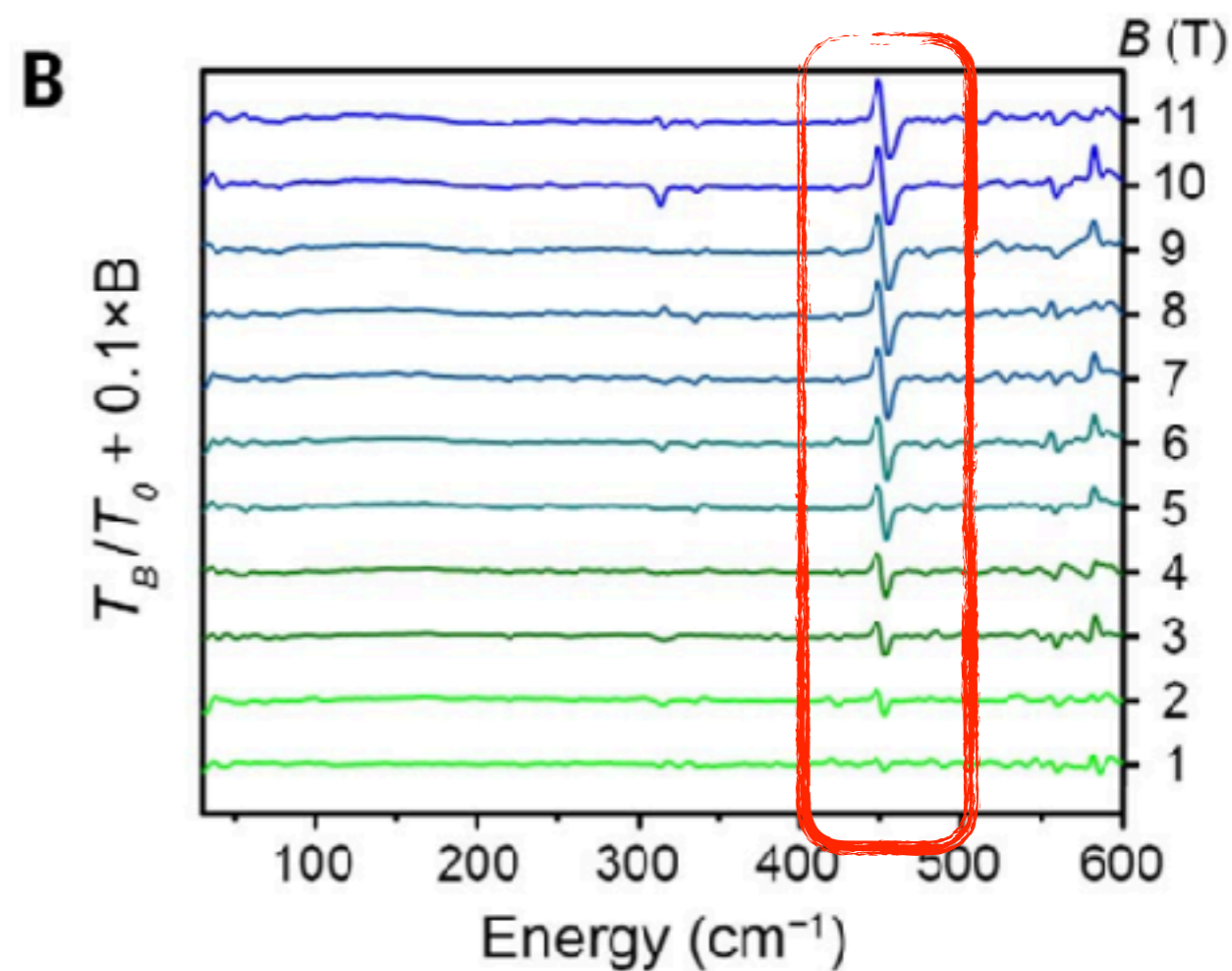
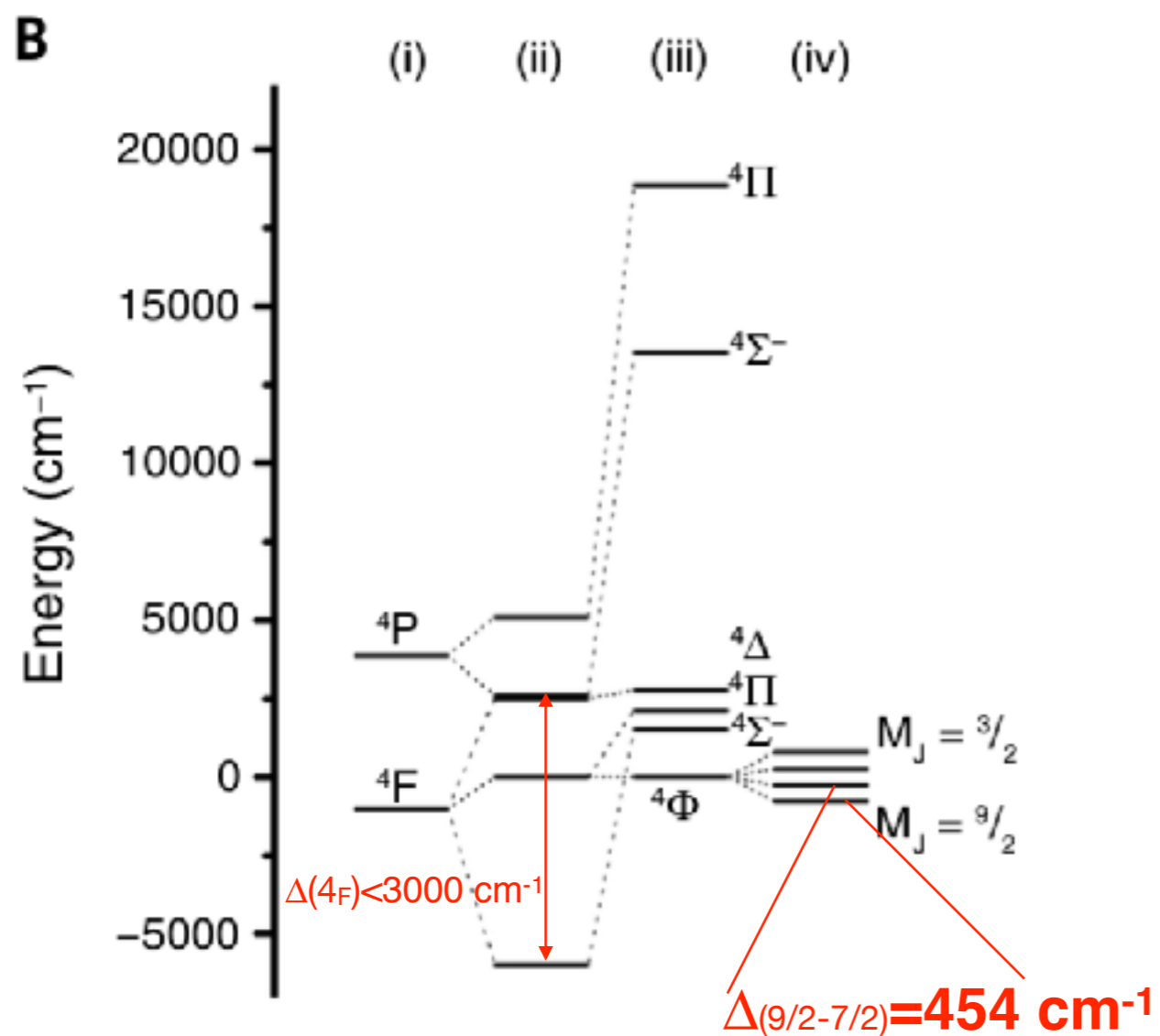
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Non-Aufbau:



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‘Non-Aufbau’ States

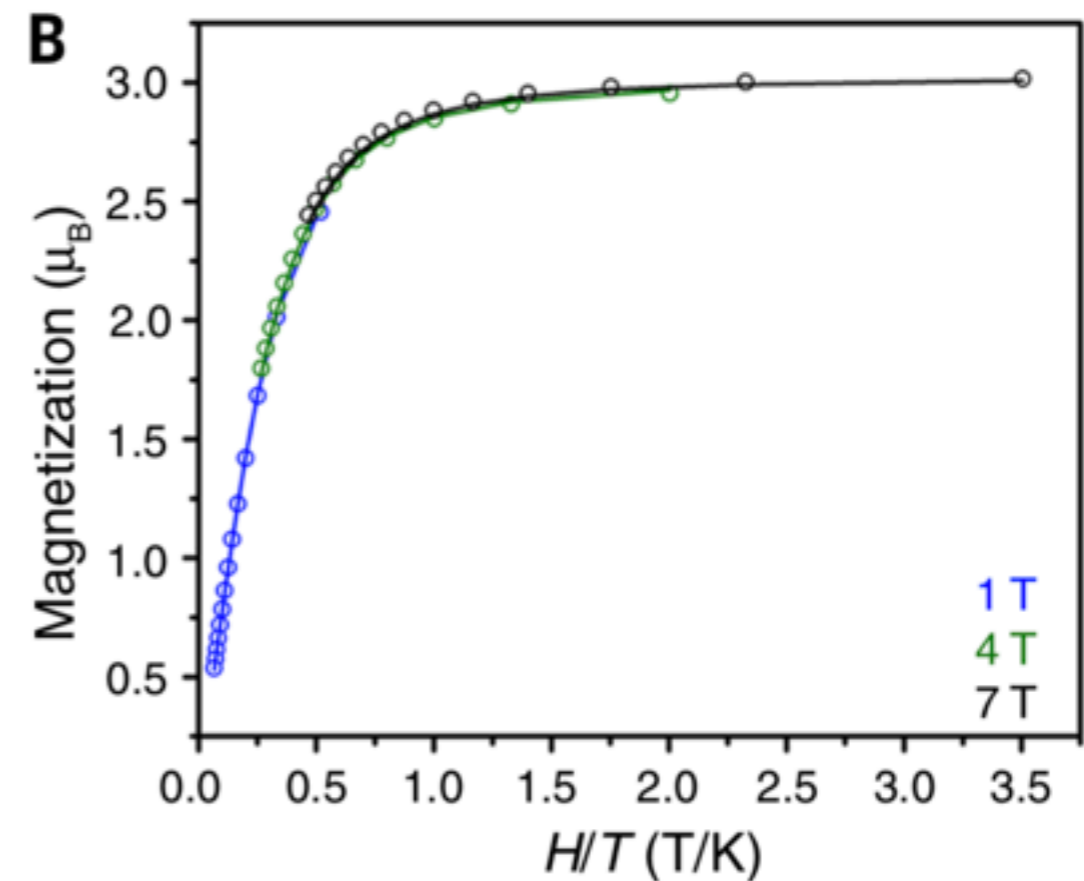
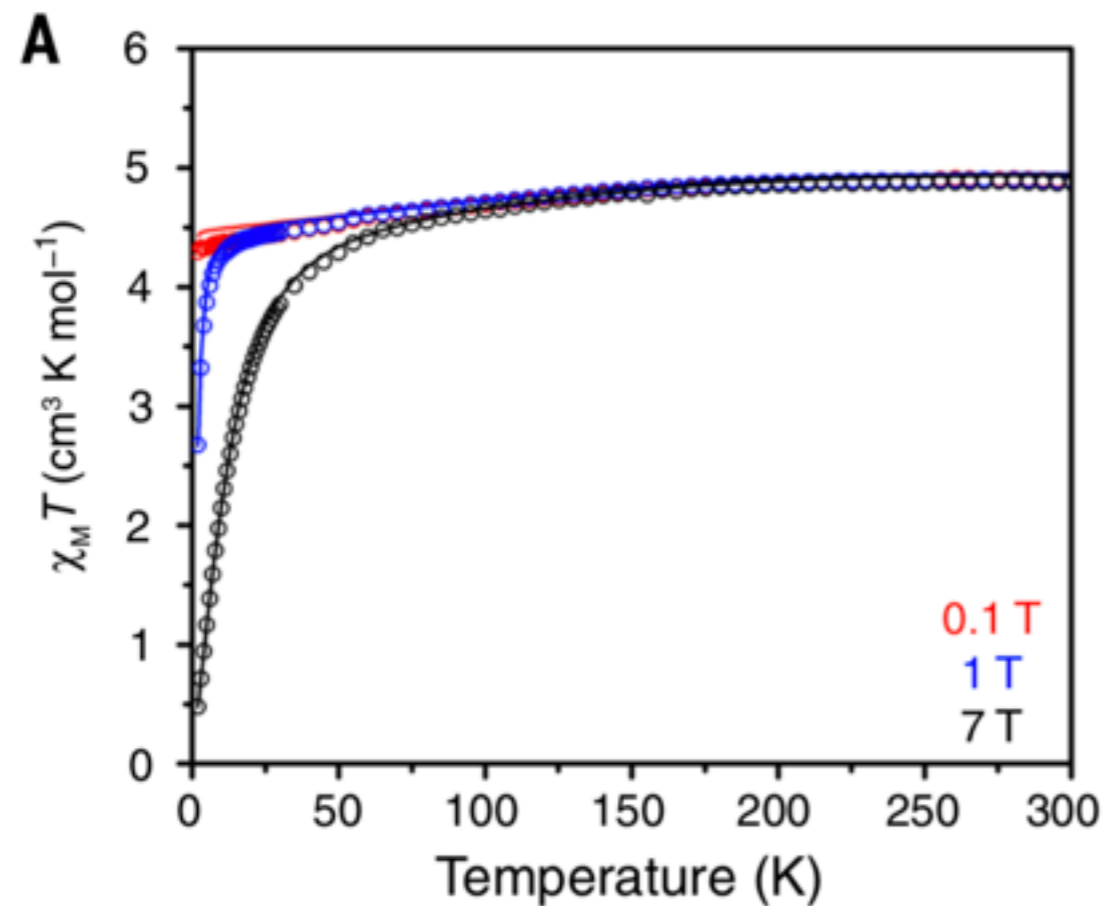


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„Non-Aufbau‘ States



Solid lines = Quantum Chemical Prediction!