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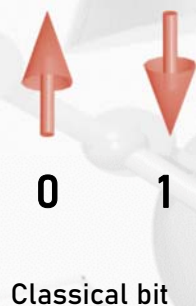


# Heterometallic Lanthanide Complexes as Molecular Quantum Processors

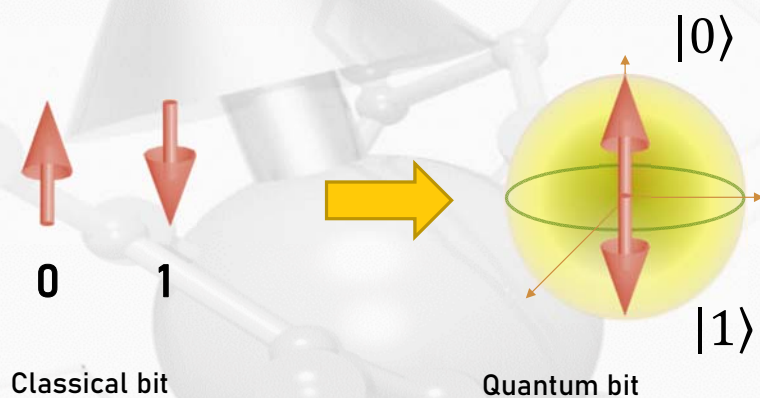
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## The Qubits of Quantum Computing (QC)

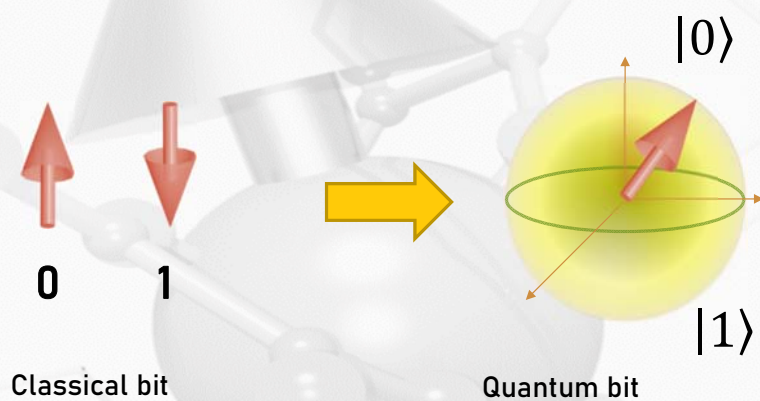


## The Qubits of Quantum Computing (QC)



### 3. Molecular-Based Implementation of Quantum

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$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$$

**Quantum superpositions allow "Quantum Parallellism"**



## Qubits Requirements

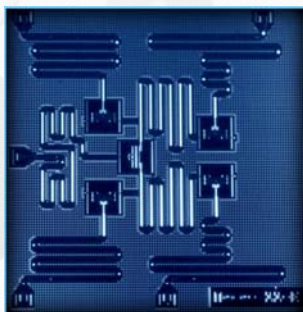
**TWO QUANTUM LEVELS**

**SCALABILITY**

**LONG COHERENCE TIME**

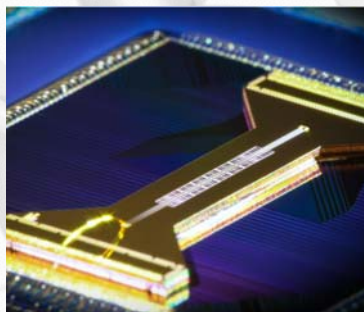
## Qubits Realizations

**Superconducting  
Circuits**



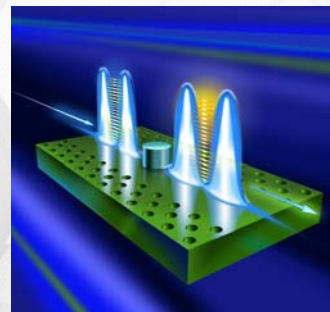
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**Trapped Ions**



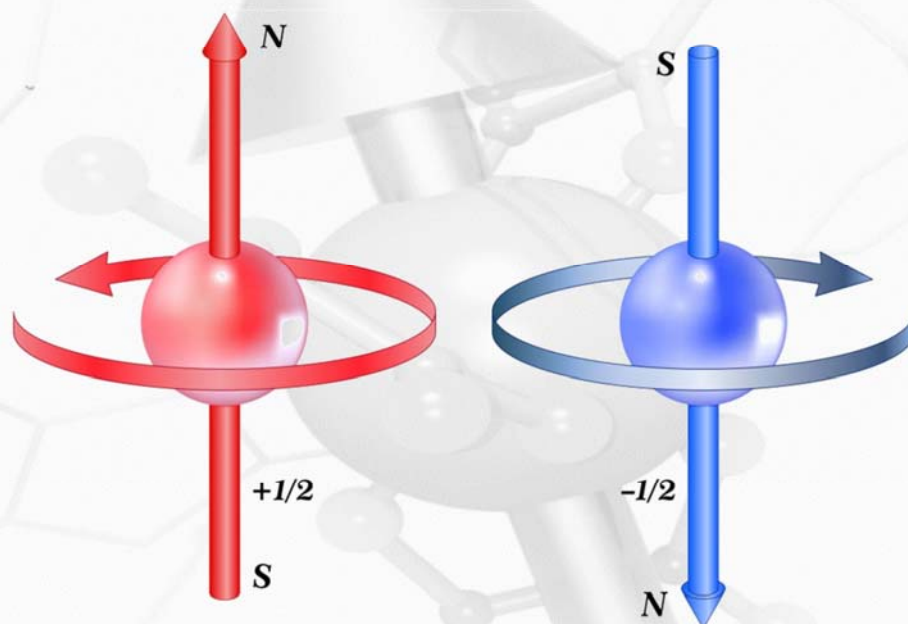
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**Photons**

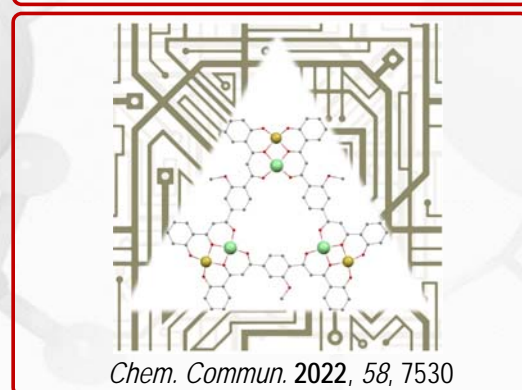
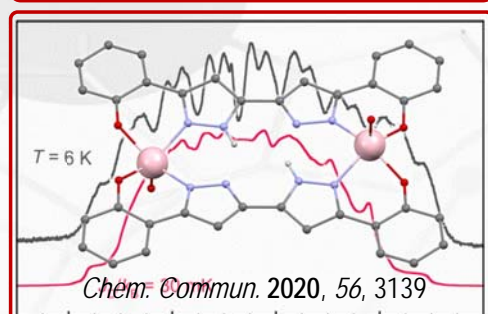
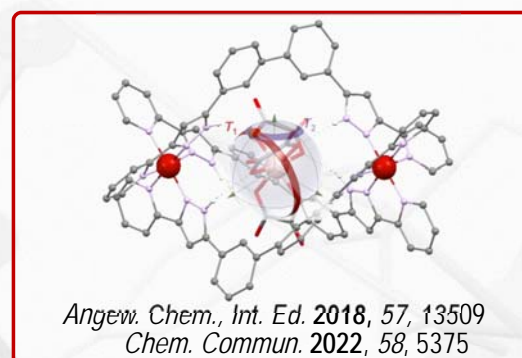
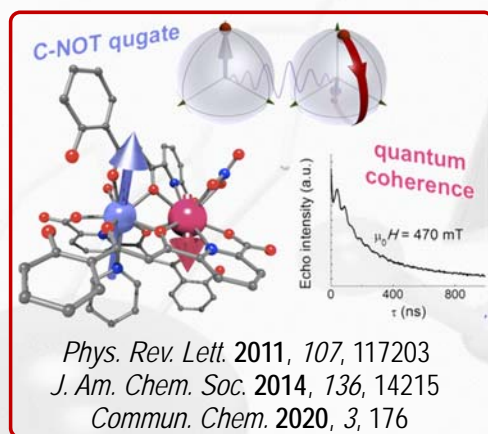


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## Electron Spin Qubits



## Molecular Design of Spin-based Quantum Gates

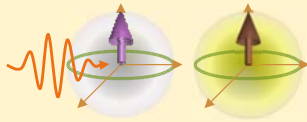




## 2Qubit Quantum Gates

### CNOT Gate

CONTROL TARGET



$$|11\rangle \leftrightarrow |10\rangle$$

$$|10\rangle \leftrightarrow |11\rangle$$

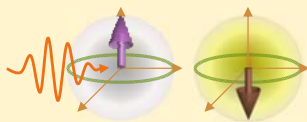
$$|01\rangle \rightarrow |01\rangle$$

$$|00\rangle \rightarrow |00\rangle$$

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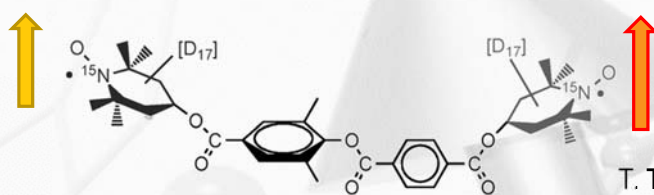
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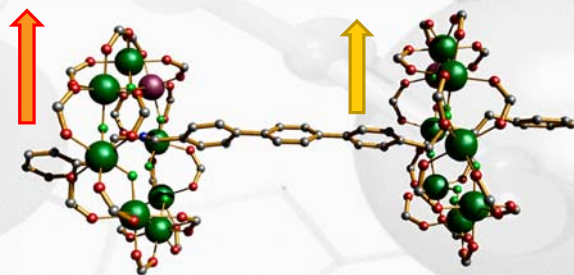
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## Spin-based 2Qubit Quantum Gates



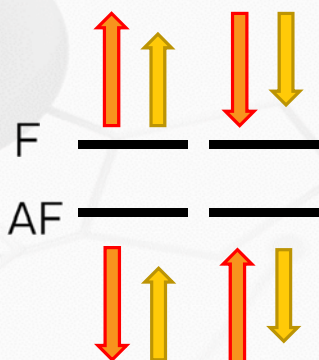
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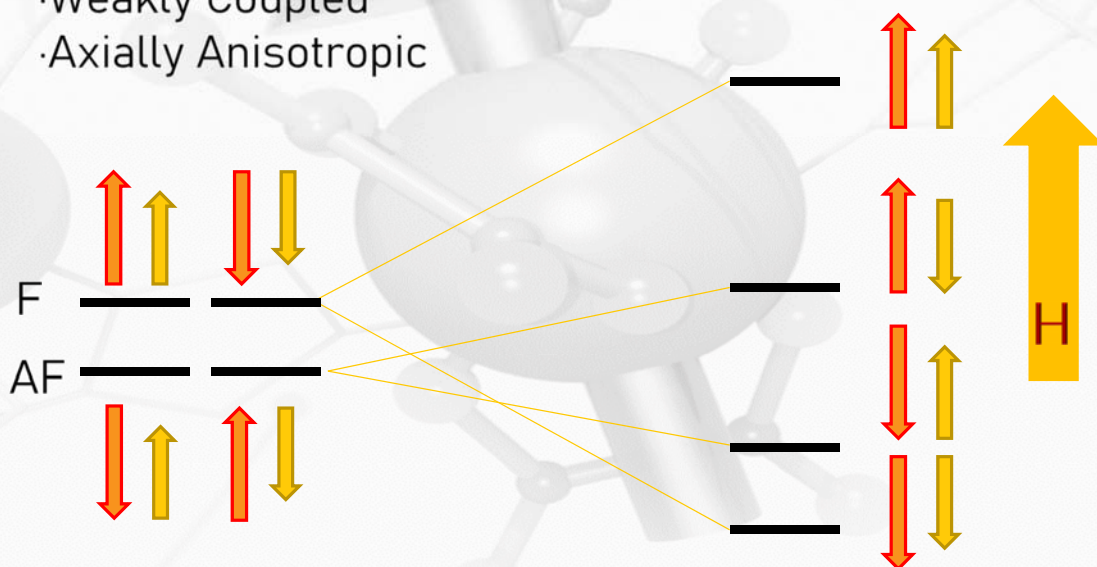
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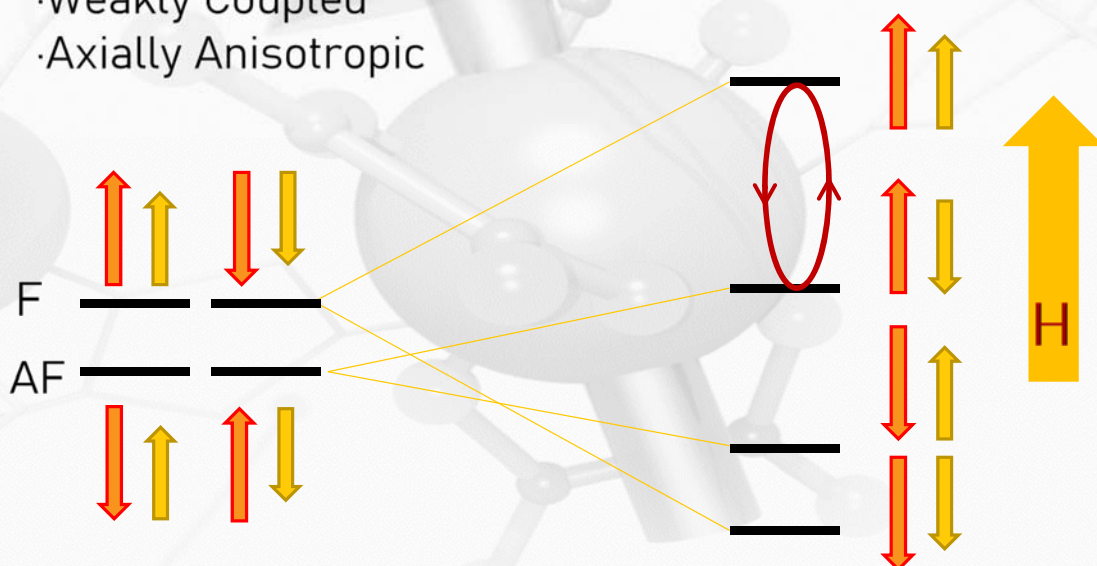
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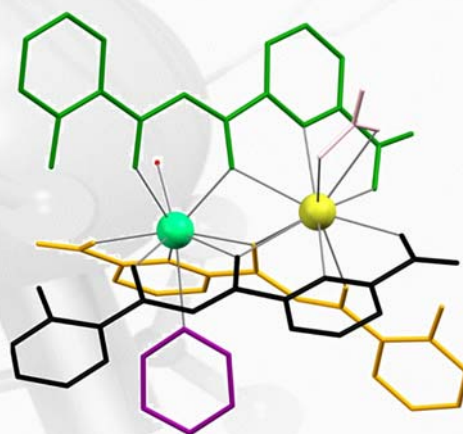
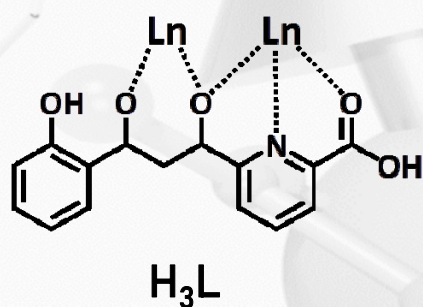
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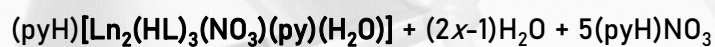
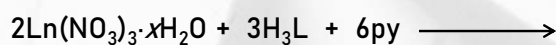
### CNOT Gate



## Design Strategy: Dinuclear Asymmetric Lanthanide Complexes



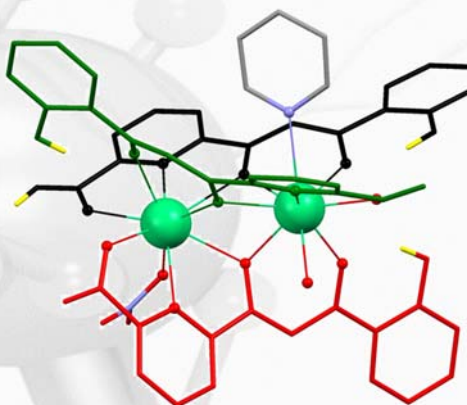
## Large Homometallic Series



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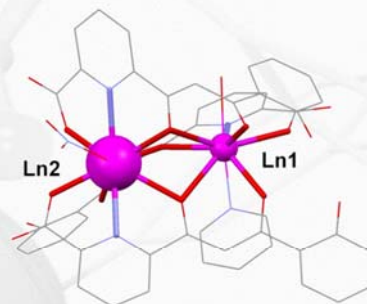
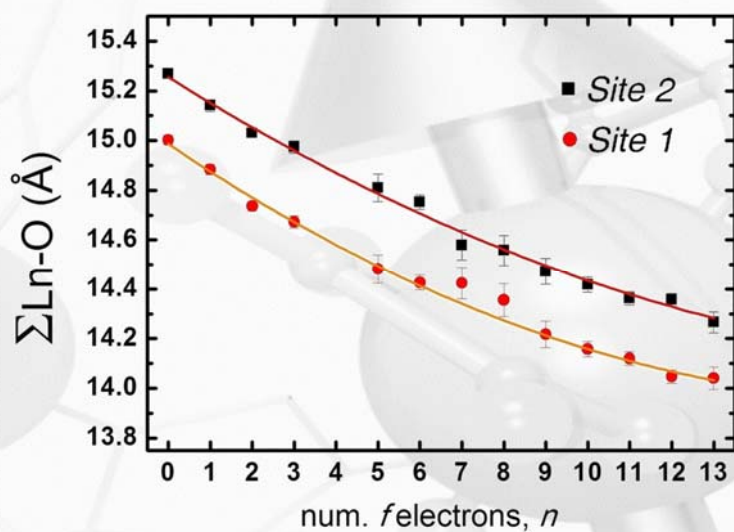
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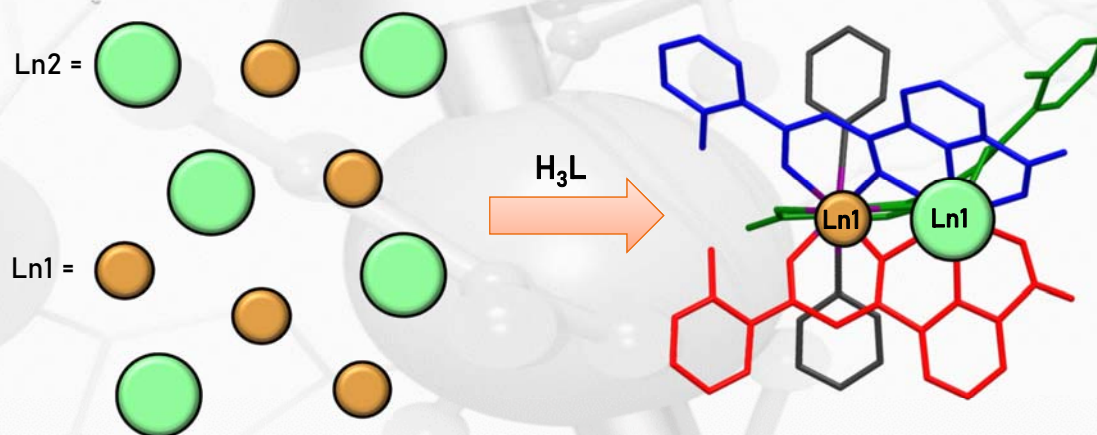
## Average Bond Distances to Ln



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- 1) Bond distances for both sites decrease throughout the series
- 2) Site 2 is systematically larger than site 1
- 3) Distance GAP between both sites is maintained

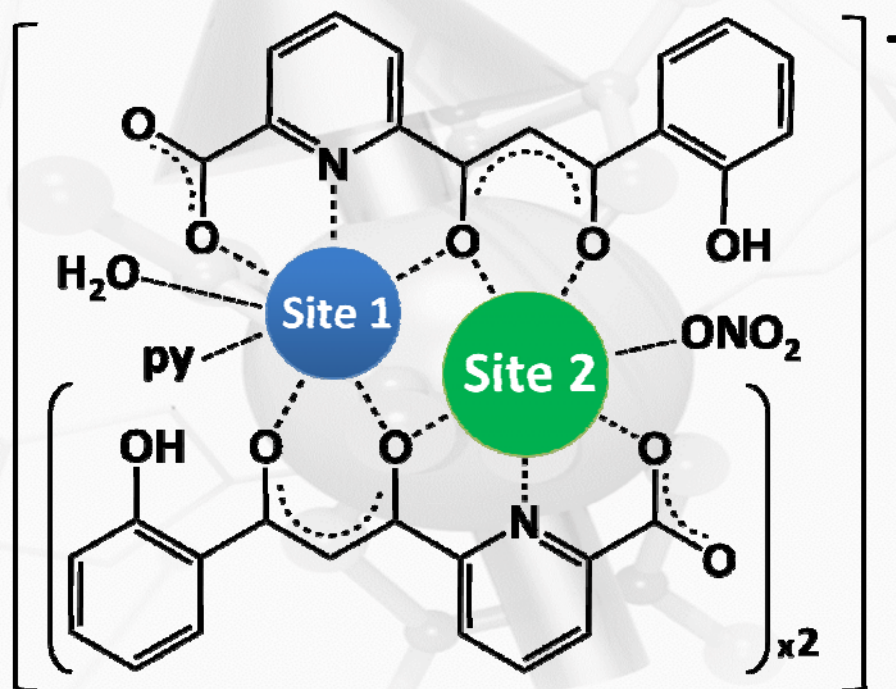
## Synthesis of Heterometallic 4f-4f' Clusters



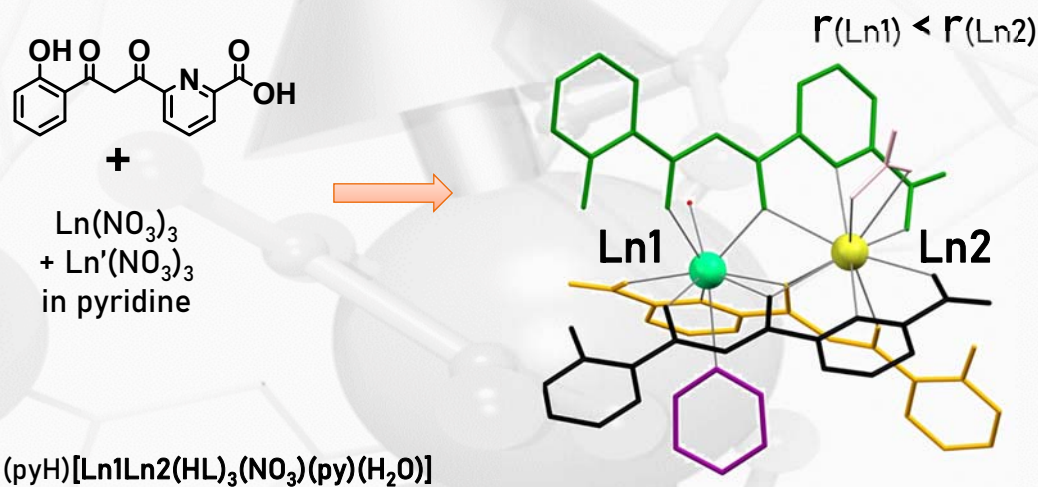
*LnLn'* cluster *à la carte*?

Many Possible Qugate Designs!!

## Why is Site 2 larger than Site 1?



## Heterometallic [LnLn'] Complexes

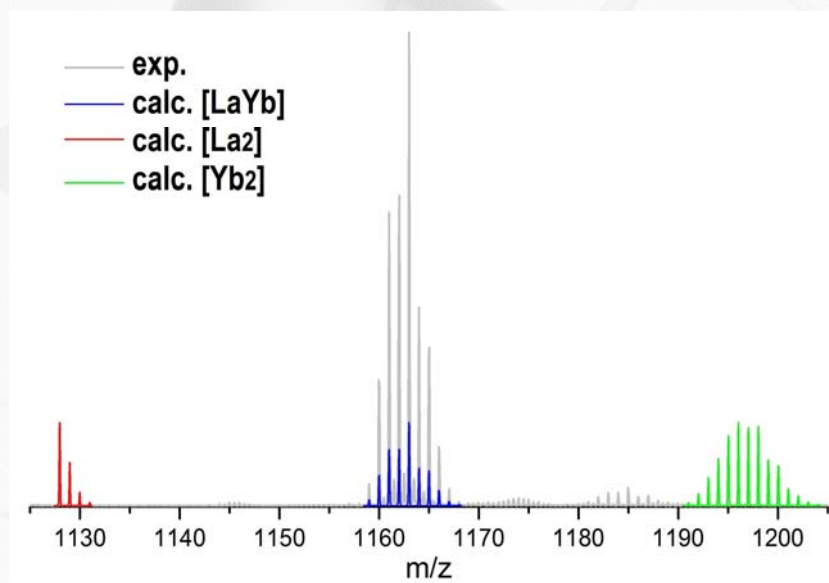


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- X-Ray diffraction
- Mass Spectrometry
- Metal Analysis
- Magnetic susceptibility

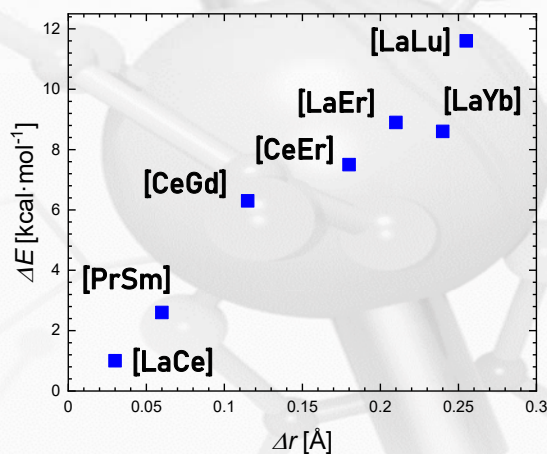
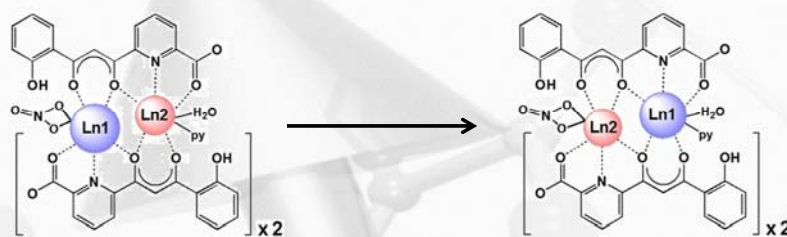


## Mass Spectrometry [LnLn'] Complexes

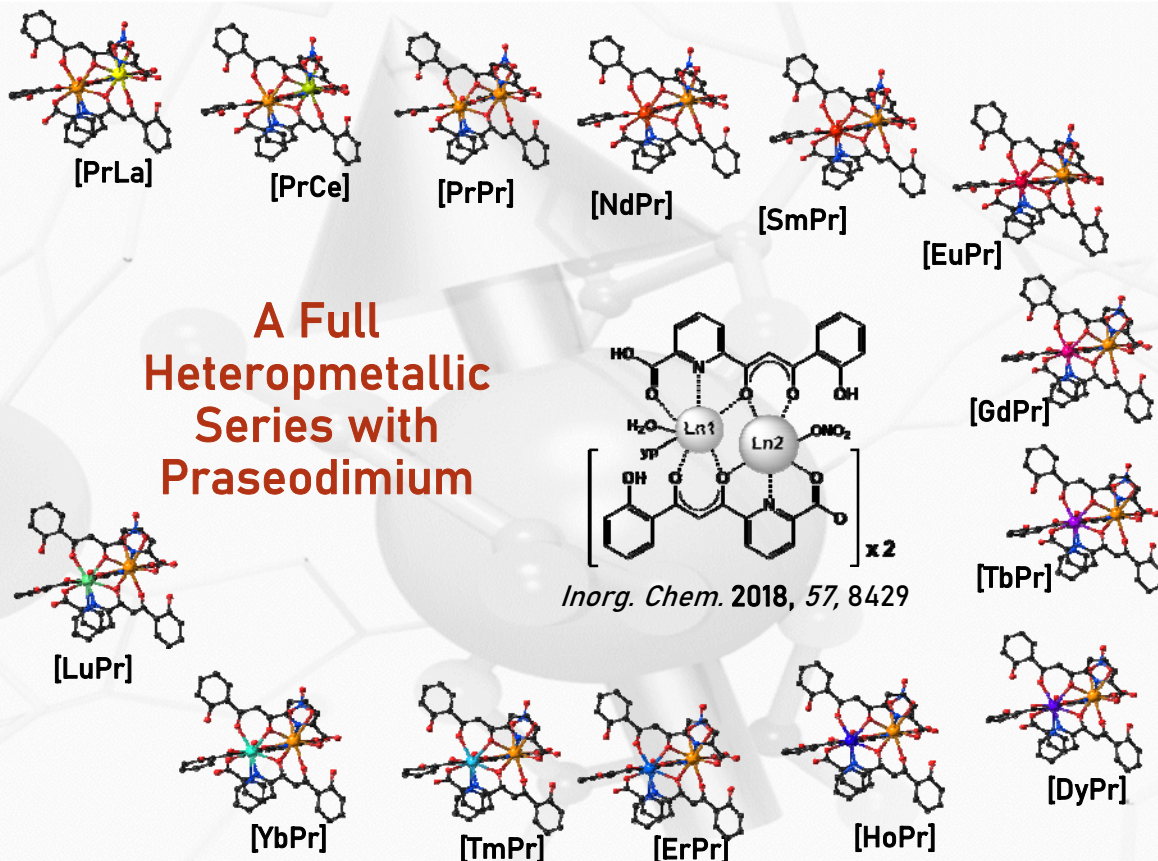


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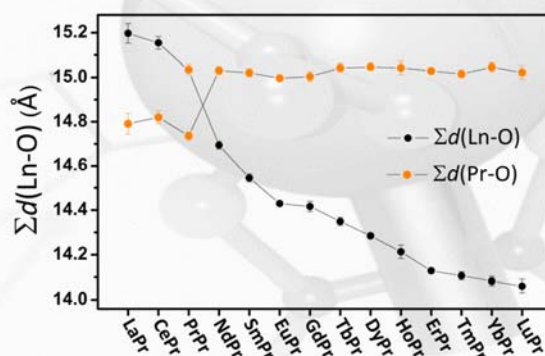
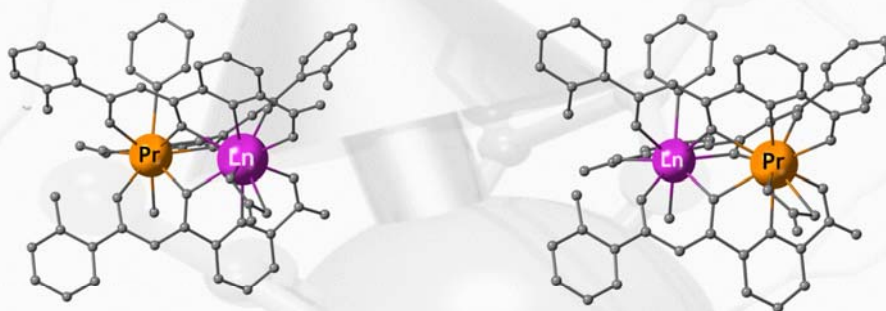
## Selectivity of [LnLn'] Complexes by DFT



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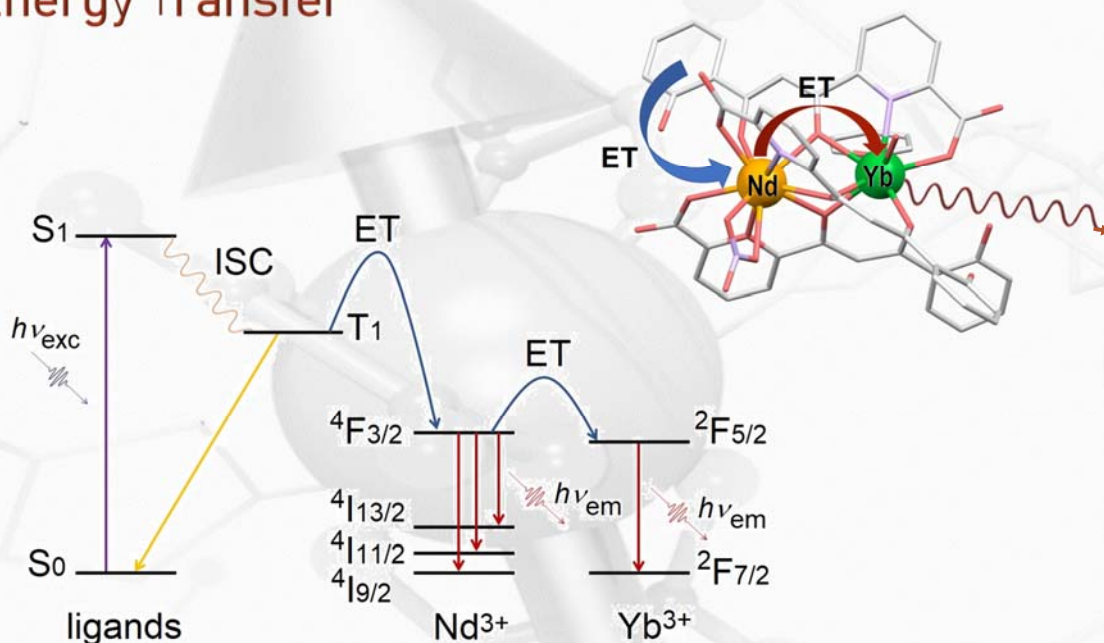
## Full [PrLn] Series



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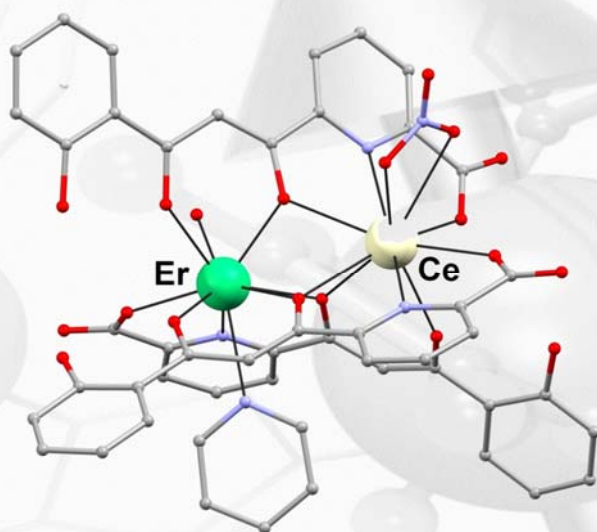


## Intramolecular Heterometallic Ln-to-Ln' Energy Transfer



*Chem., Eur. J.* 2021, 27, 7288 –7299

## A Spin Based Quantum Gate with [CeEr]?



Ce(III):  
 $J=5/2$ ,  $g_J=6/7$ ,  
 $I=0$

NO Nuclear Spin

Er(III):  
 $J=15/2$ ,  $g_J=6/5$ ,  
 $I=0$  (70%)

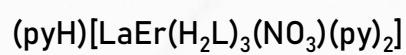
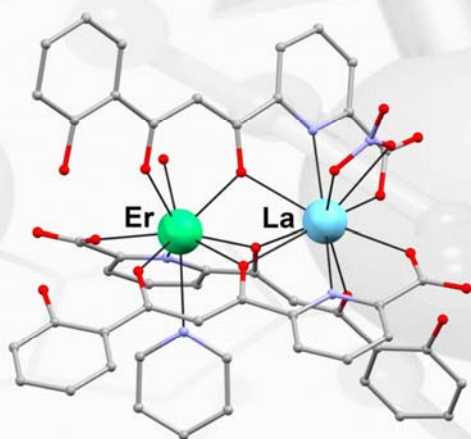
Only 23% Nuclear Spin

(pyH)[CeEr(H<sub>2</sub>L)<sub>3</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)(py)<sub>2</sub>]

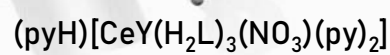
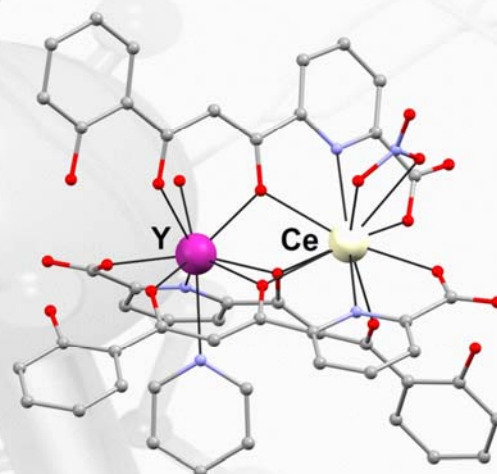
-Possible Long Coherence  
 -Both have a ground state doublet  
 -Very different

## Characterization of Individual Qubits

$$r(\text{Er}) < r(\text{La})$$

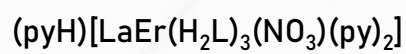
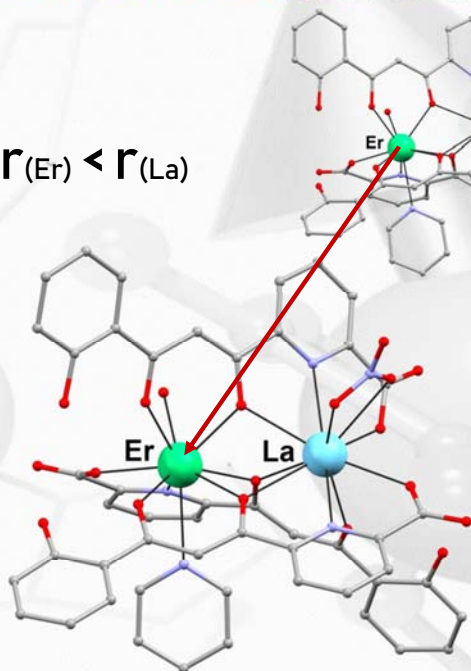


$$r(\text{Y}) < r(\text{Ce})$$

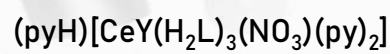
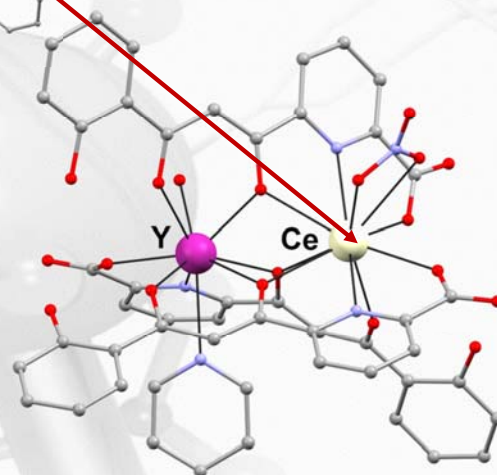


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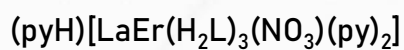
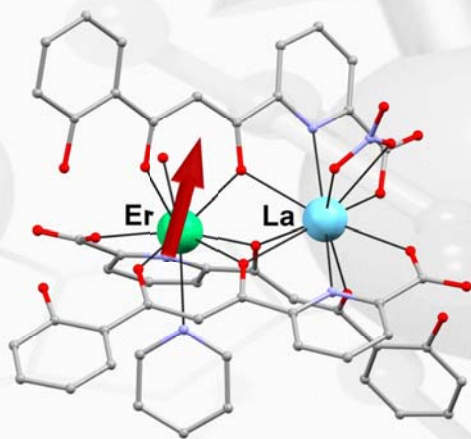
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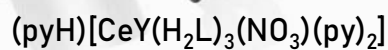
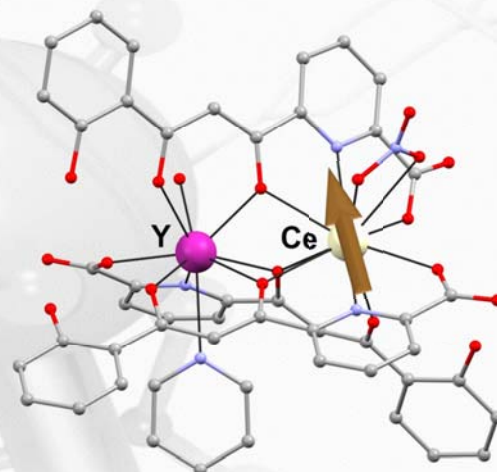


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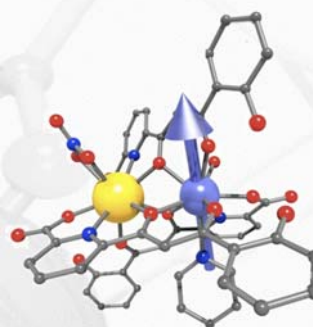
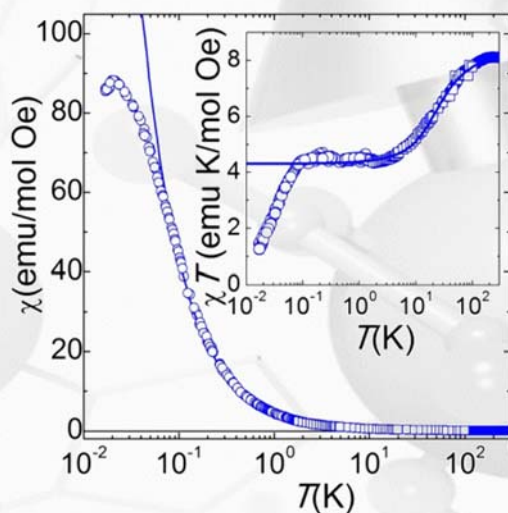


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## Qubits Characterization; [LaEr]

### Magnetic Susceptibility

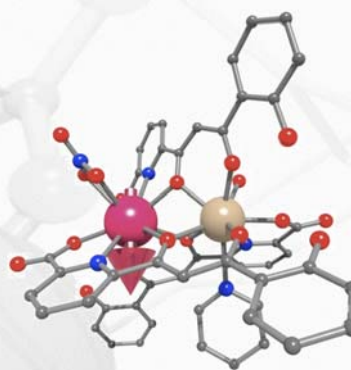
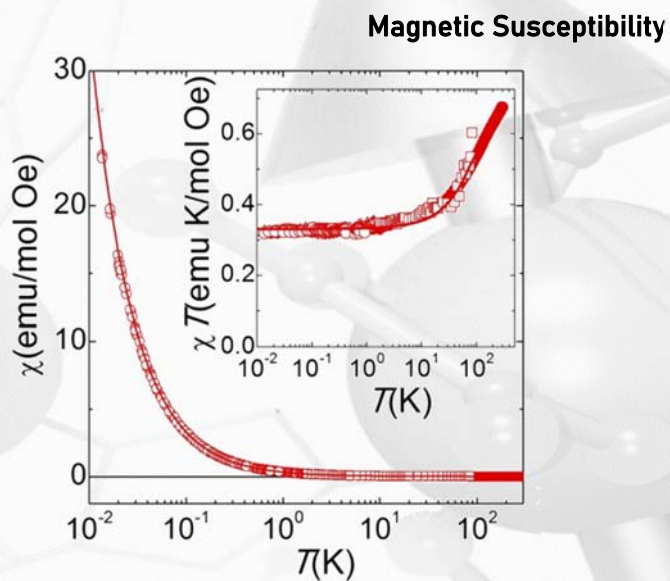


$$\Delta/k_B = 43 \text{ K}$$

Well Isolated Ground State

$$\chi T \approx \left( \frac{N_A \mu_B^2}{4k_B} \right) \left[ C_0 + C_1 \left( \frac{2k_B T}{\Delta} \right) \tanh \left( \frac{\Delta}{2k_B T} \right) + C_2 \tanh \left( \frac{\Delta}{2k_B T} \right) \right]$$

## Qubit Characterization; [CeY]



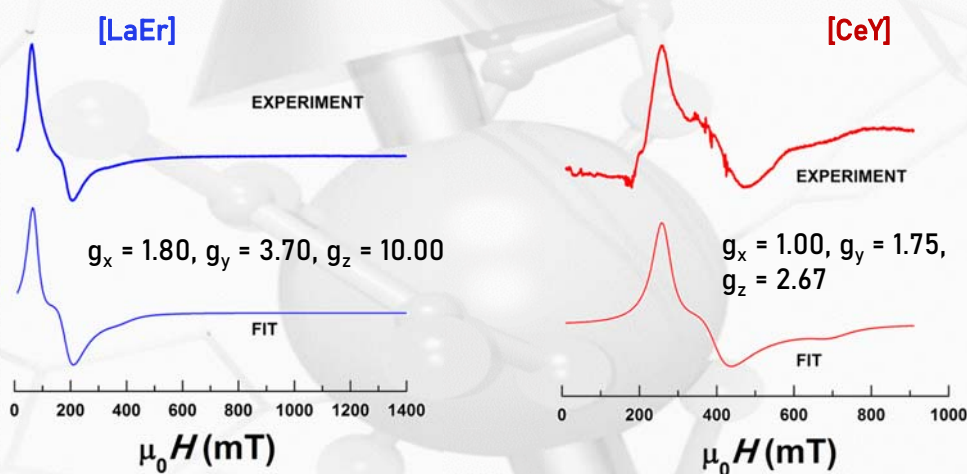
$\Delta/k_B = 230 \text{ K}$

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**Well Isolated Ground State**

## Qubit Characterization; [LaEr] vs [CeY]

X Band EPR;  $T \leq 7 \text{ K}$

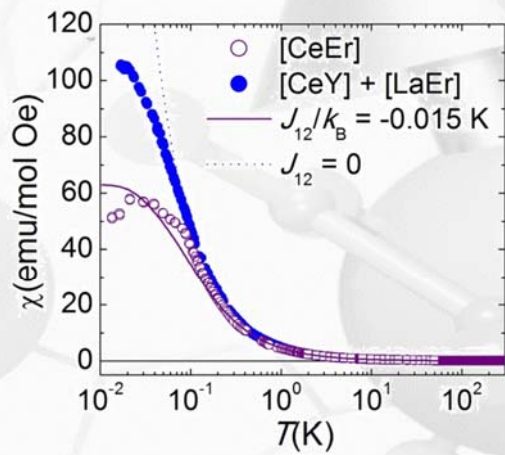


**Magnetically Inequivalent**

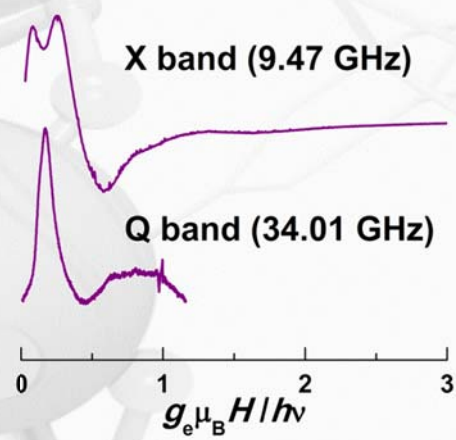


# Inter-Qubit Coupling within [CeEr]

Magnetic Susceptibility



Powder EPR;  $T \leq 7$  K



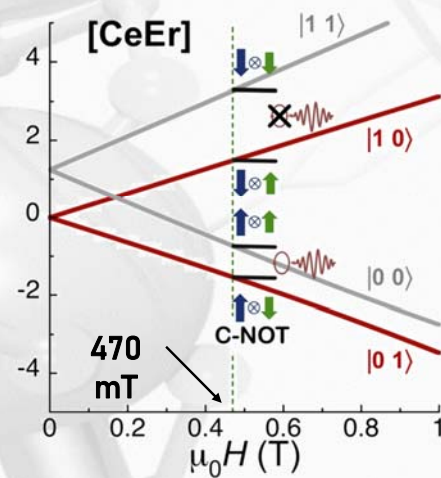
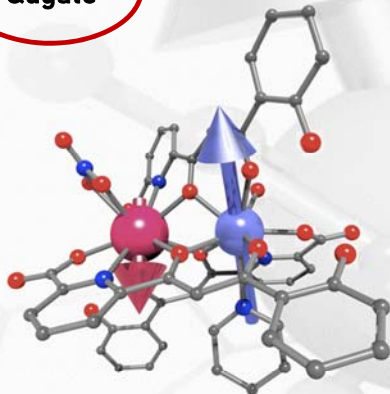
$$H = -\mu_B H \hat{g}_1 S_1 - \mu_B H \hat{g}_2 S_2 - \frac{1}{g_{J1} g_{J2}} J_{ex} S_1 \hat{g}_1 \hat{g}_2 S_2$$

Qubits Weakly Interacting

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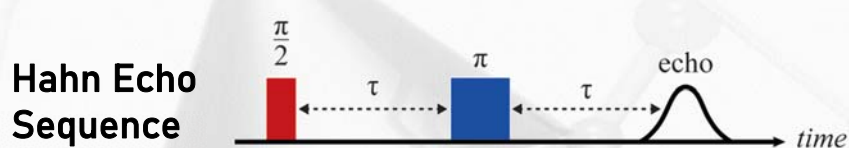
# Realization of 2-Qubit Quantum Gates

CNOT  
Qugate

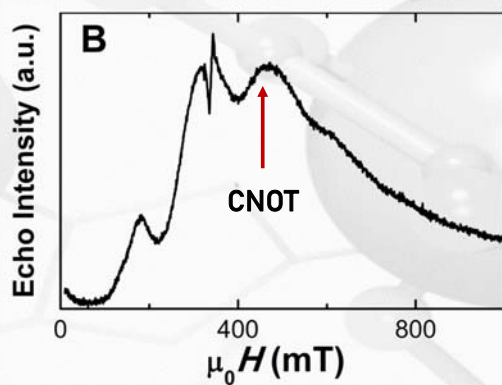


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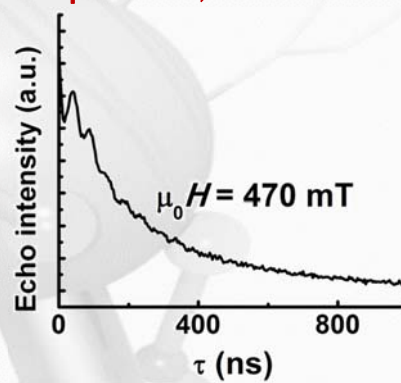
## Quantum Coherence



**Echo Detected Spectrum, 5K**



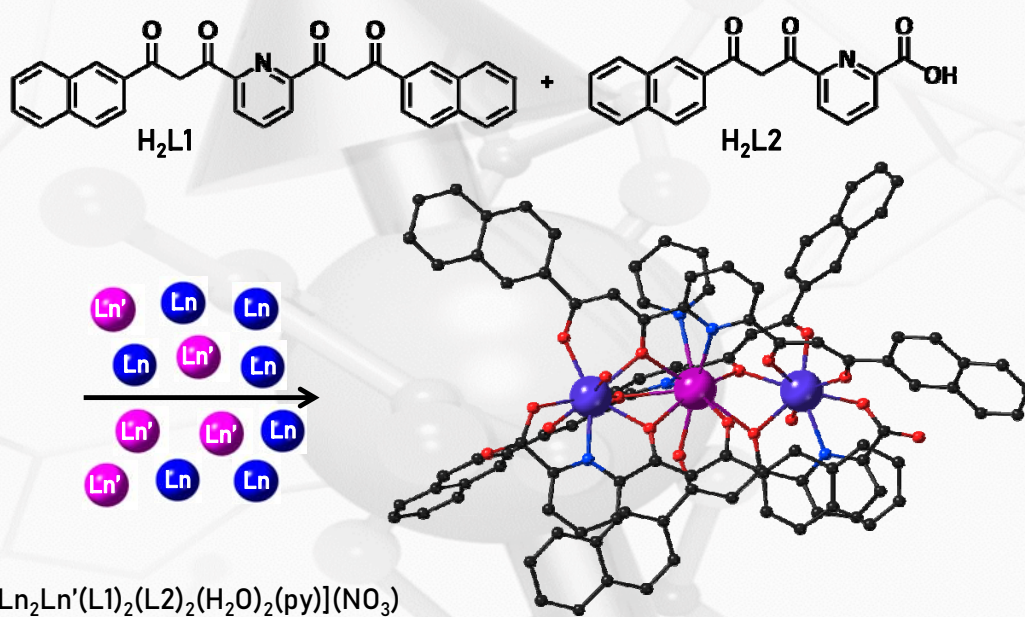
**Decay of the CNOT Spin-Echo, 5K**



$T_2 = 410$  ns

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## Heterometallic [LnLn'Ln] Complexes



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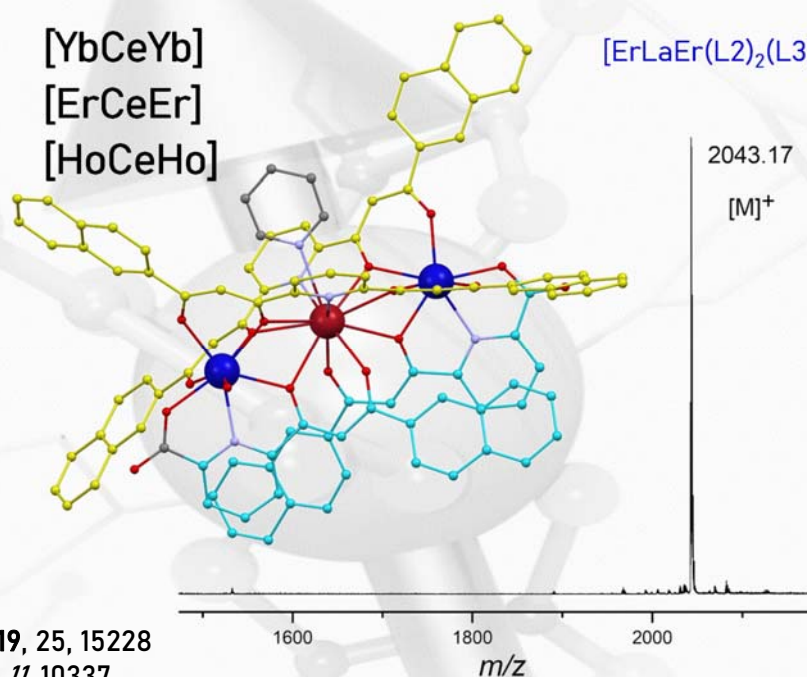


## Pure Heterometallic LnLn'Ln clusters

[LuCeLu]  
[ErLaEr]  
[ErNdEr]  
[YbNdYb]  
[ErPrEr]  
[YbLaYb]  
[YbPrYb]  
[LuPrLu]  
[LuNdLu]  
[DyCeDy]

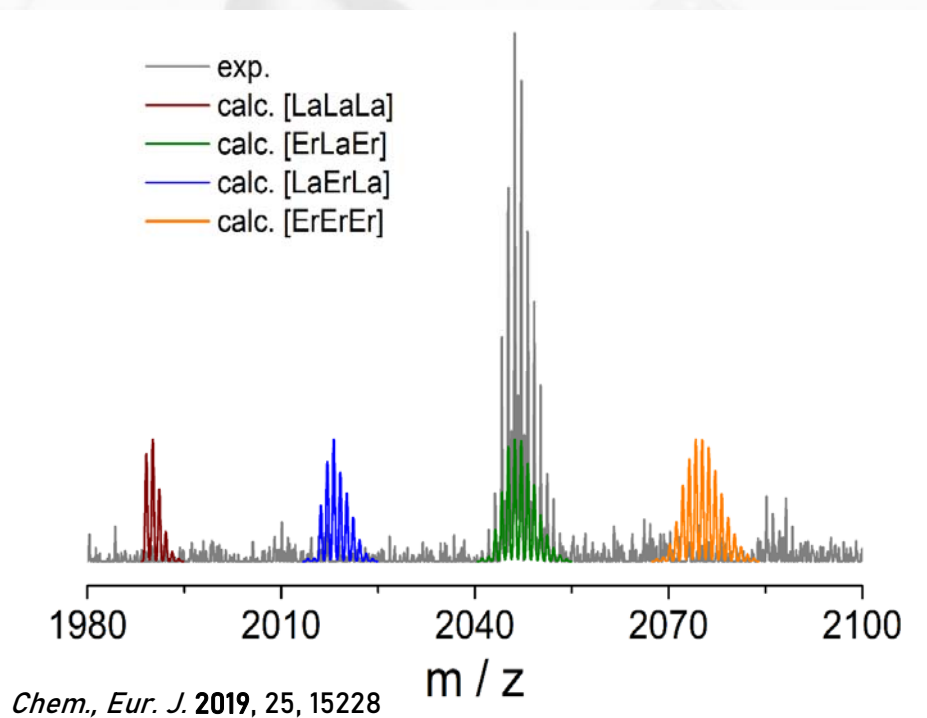
[YbCeYb]  
[ErCeEr]  
[HoCeHo]

[ErLaEr(L2)<sub>2</sub>(L3)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>



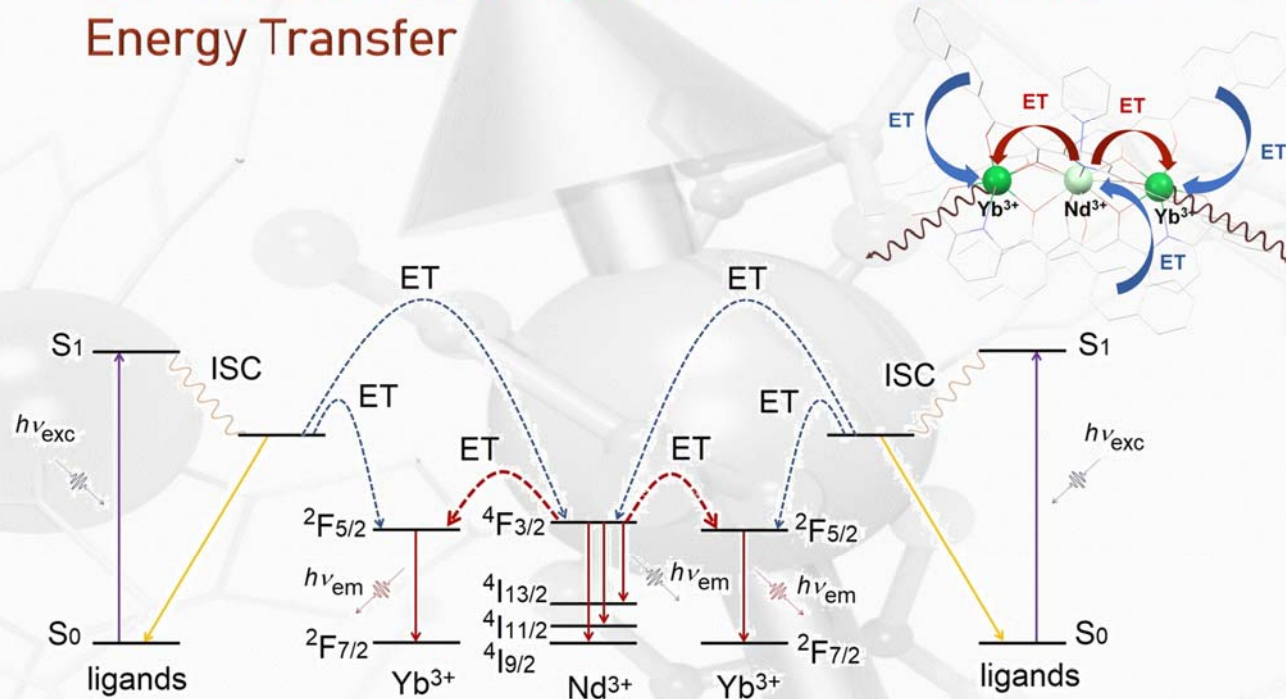
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## Metal Distribution in LnLn'Ln clusters



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# Distributive Intramolecular Heterometallic Ln-to-Ln' Energy Transfer

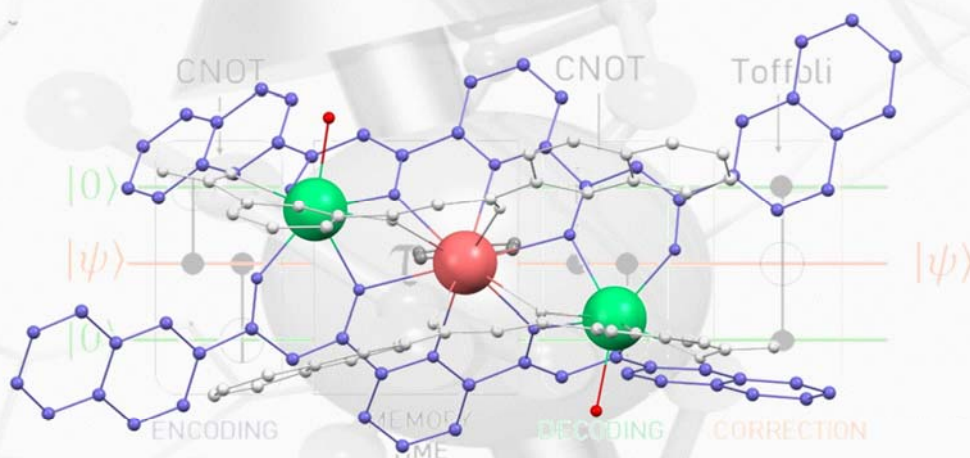


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# A Three Qubit Quantum Gate

**[ErCeEr]**

Er(III);  $4I_{15/2}$ ;  $L = 6$ ,  $S = 3/2$ ,  $J = 15/2$   
 Ce(III);  $2F_{5/2}$ ;  $L = 3$ ,  $S = 1/2$ ,  $J = 5/2$

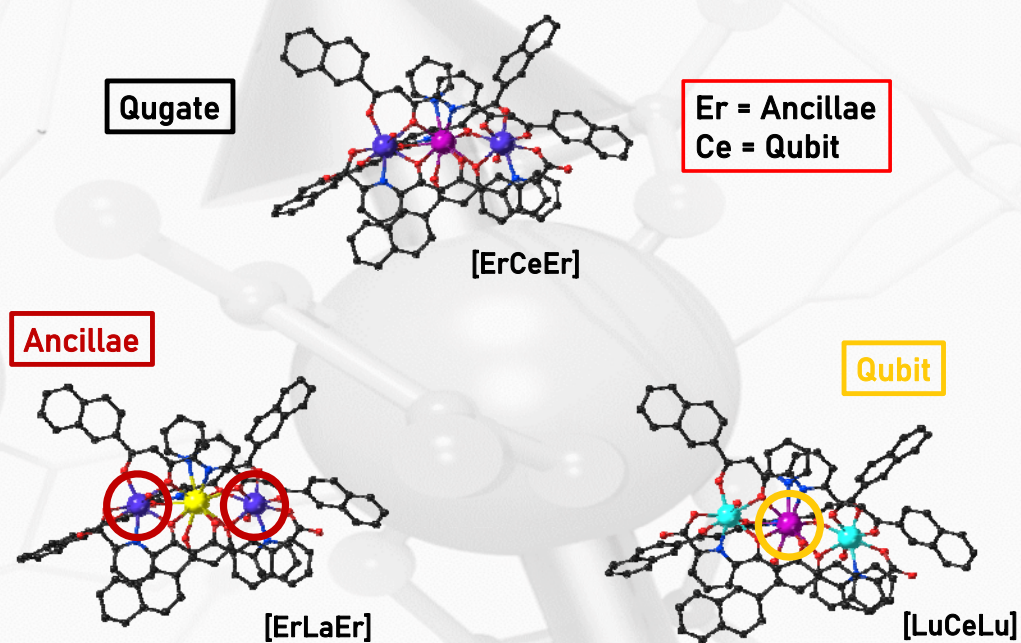


$$H_0 = \mu_B \sum_i \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{g}_i \cdot \mathbf{B} + S_{Er1} \cdot J_{Er1Ce} \cdot S_{Ce} + S_{Ce} \cdot J_{CeEr2} \cdot S_{Er2} + S_{Er1} \cdot J_{Er1Er2} \cdot S_{Er2}$$

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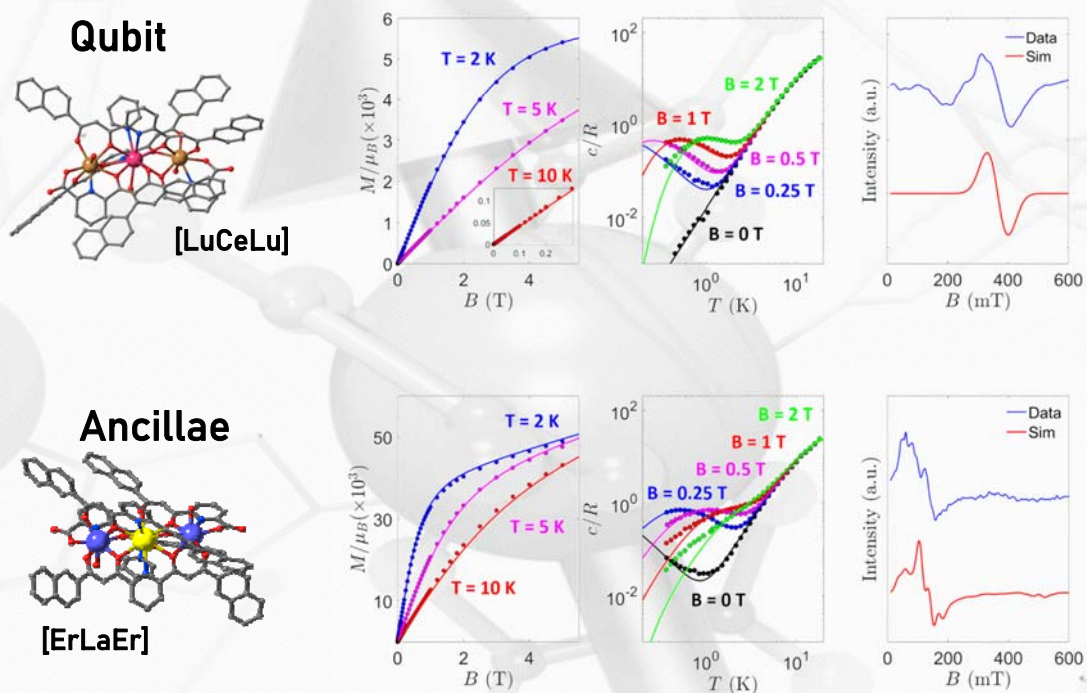


## Qubit and Switch Characterization



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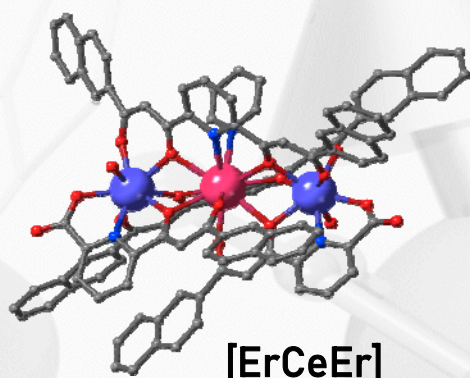
## Qubit and Ancillae Characterization



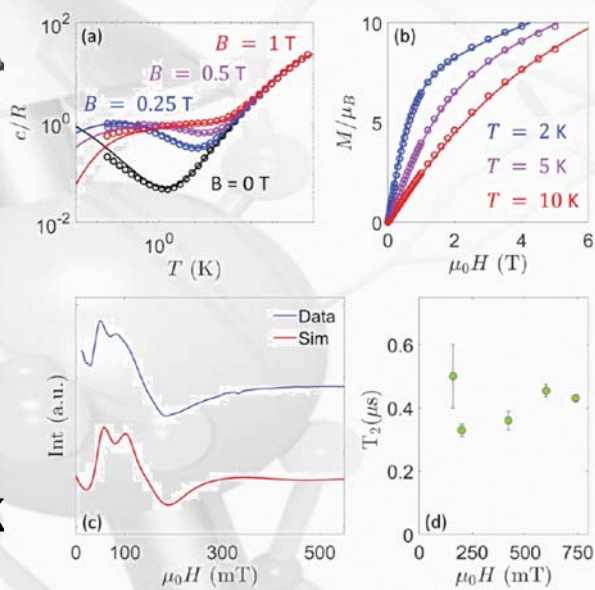
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# Qubit - Ancillae Interaction

Specific Heat

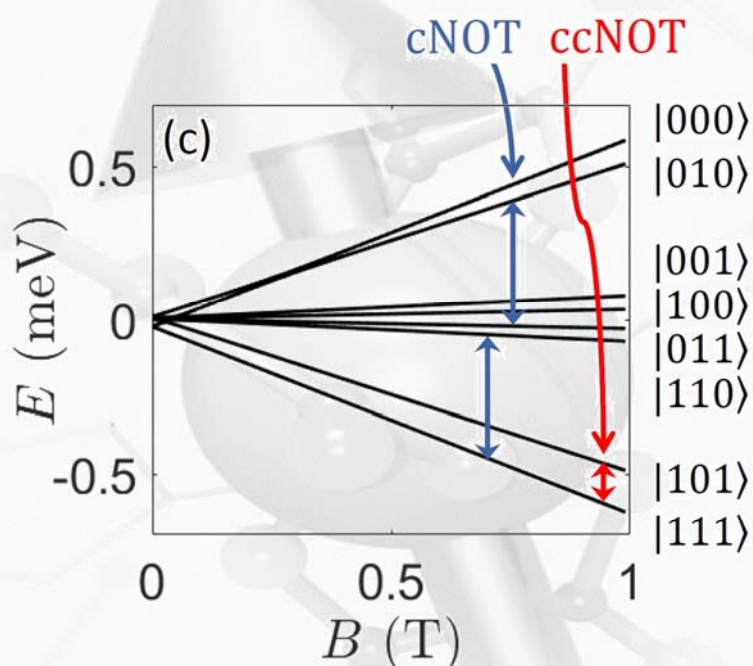


Qubit and Ancillae Interact;  $J_{ex}/k_B = 0.23$  K



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# Energy of the Computational Basis



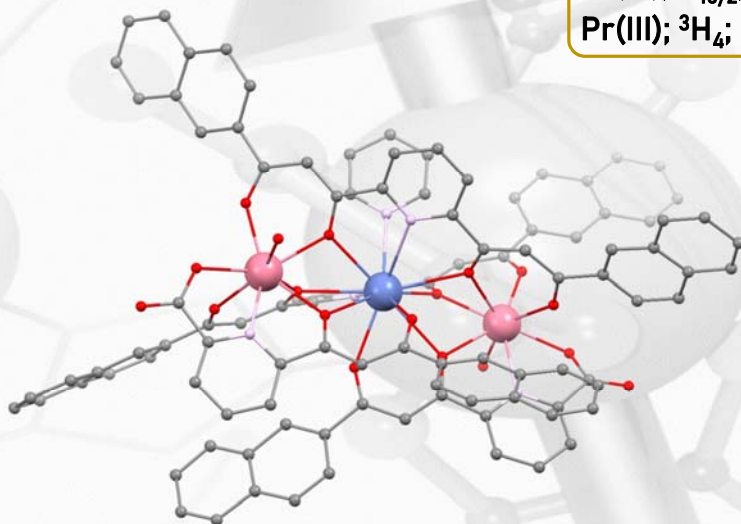
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# Quantum Coherence and Coherent Control

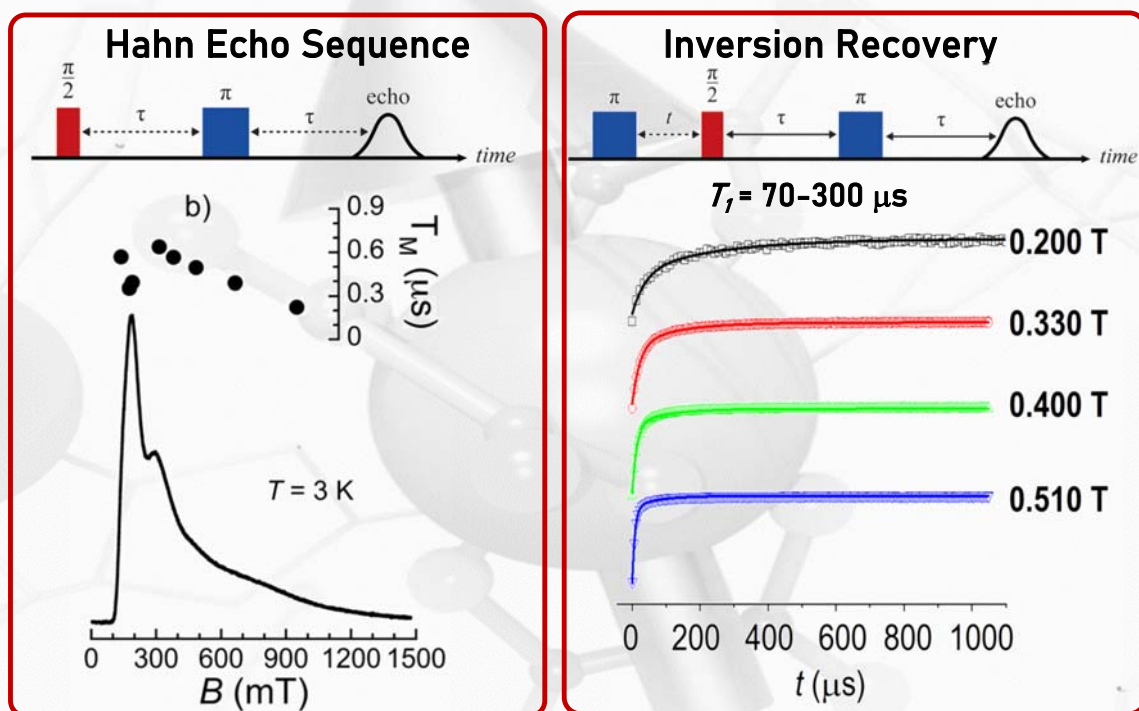
[ErPrEr]

Er(III);  $4I_{15/2}$ ;  $L = 6, S = 3/2, J = 15/2$   
Pr(III);  $3H_4$ ;  $L = 5, S = 1, J = 4$



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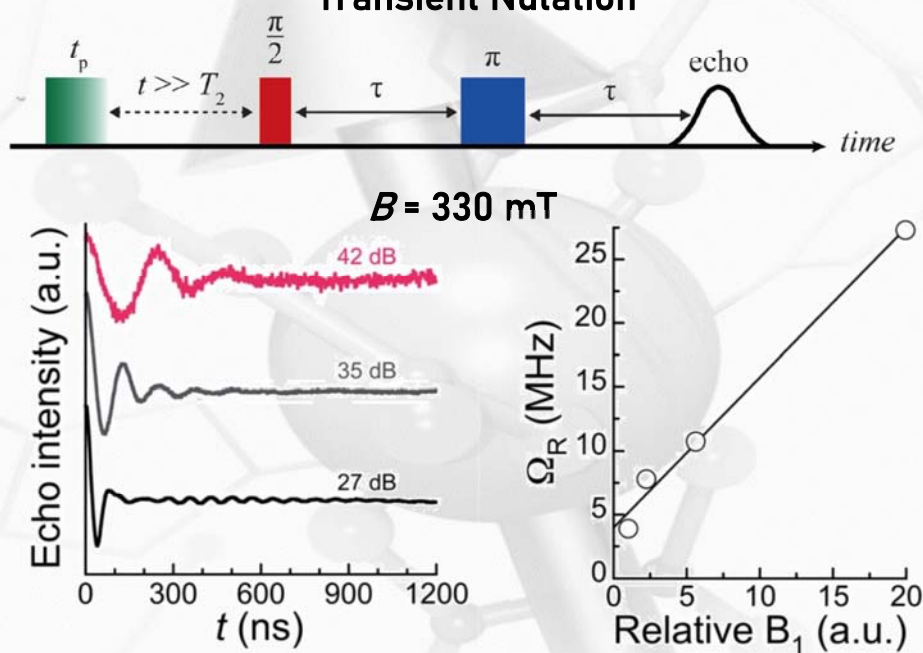
## Quantum Coherence ( $T_1$ and $T_M$ )



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## Coherent Control ( $\Omega_R$ )

### Transient Nutation



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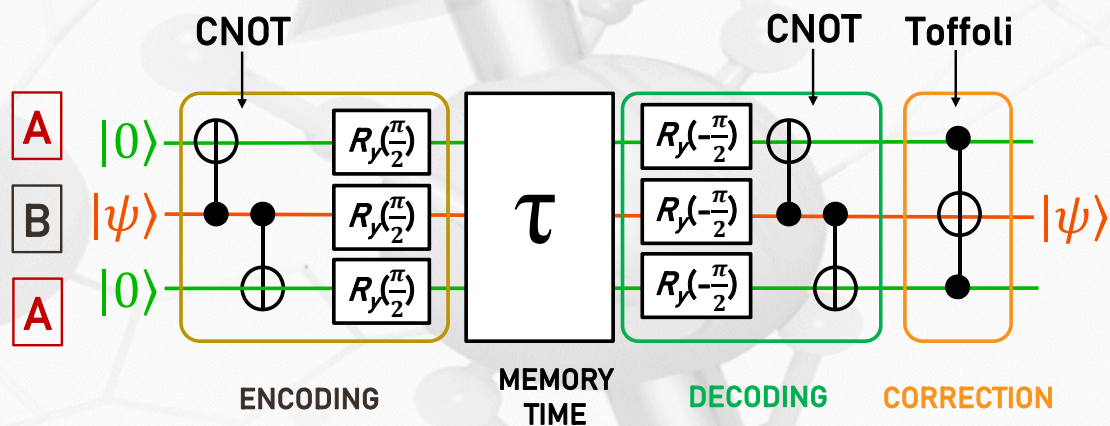
## A Qubit with Embedded Error Correction

**A** = Ancilla

**B** = Qubit

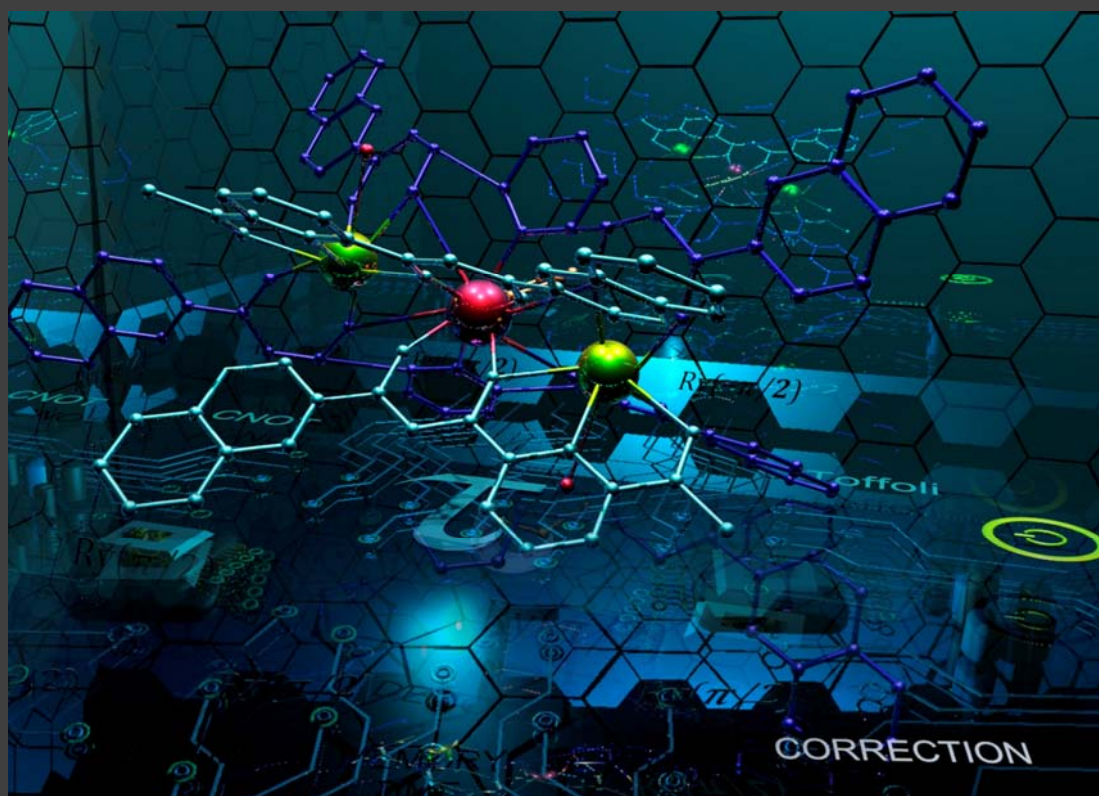


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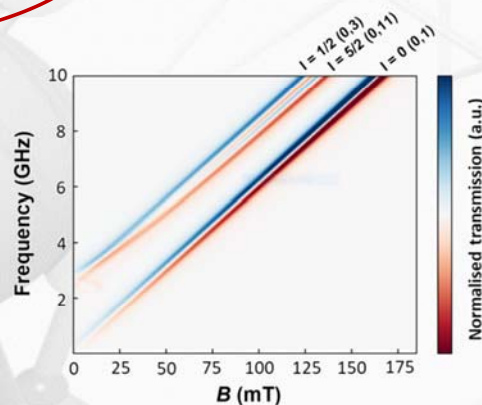
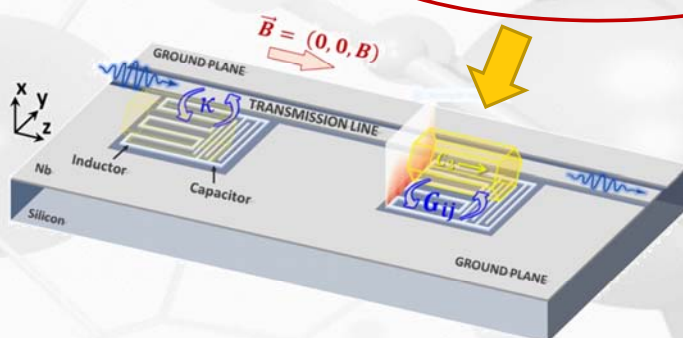




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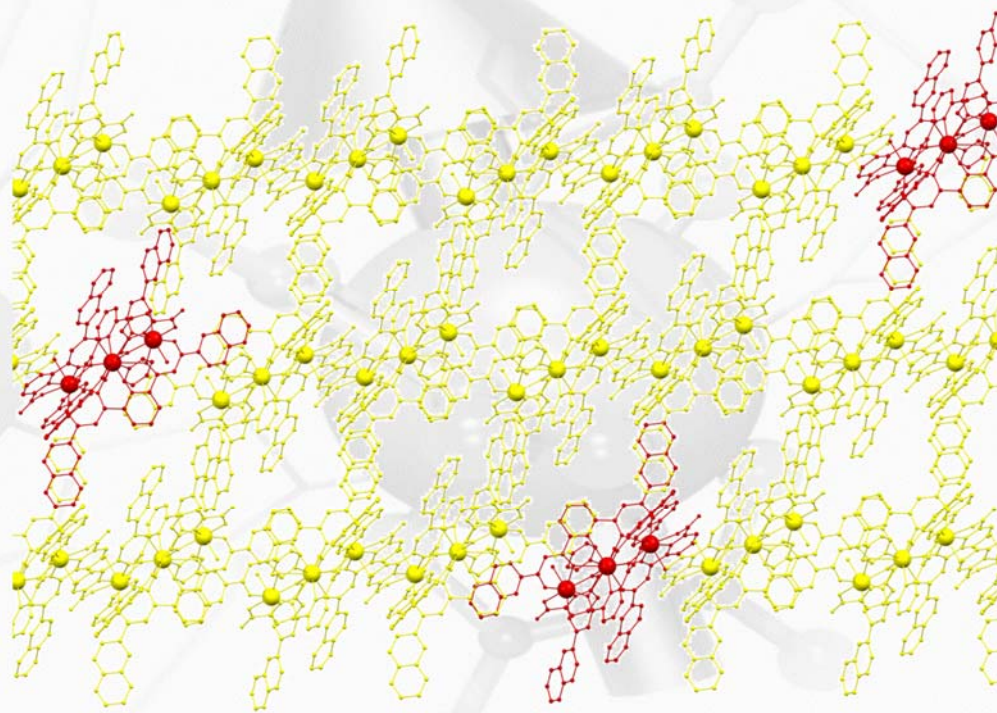
## Integration into hybrid architectures: On chip spectroscopy

Single crystal of  
[Lu(trensal)] doped with  
7% [<sup>173</sup>Yb(trensal)]



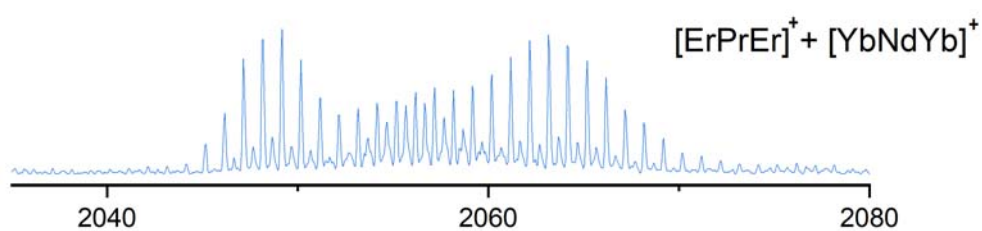
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# GOAL: Doped [LnLn'Ln] qugates within a diamagnetic single crystal matrix of [LuLaLu]

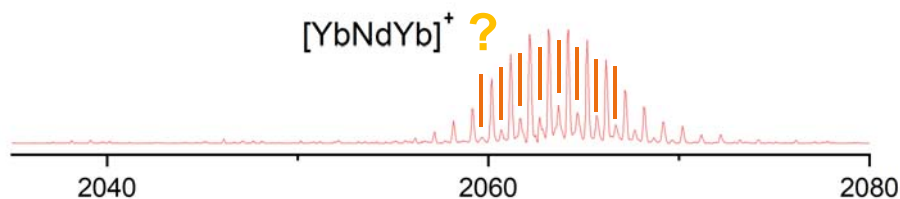


## Absence of Metal Scrambling in Solution

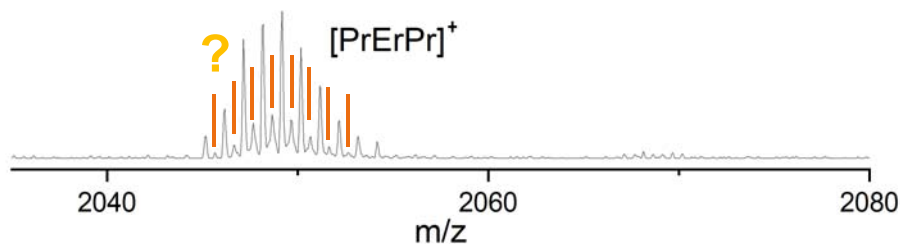
MS of a Mixture of [ErPrEr] and [YbNdYb]



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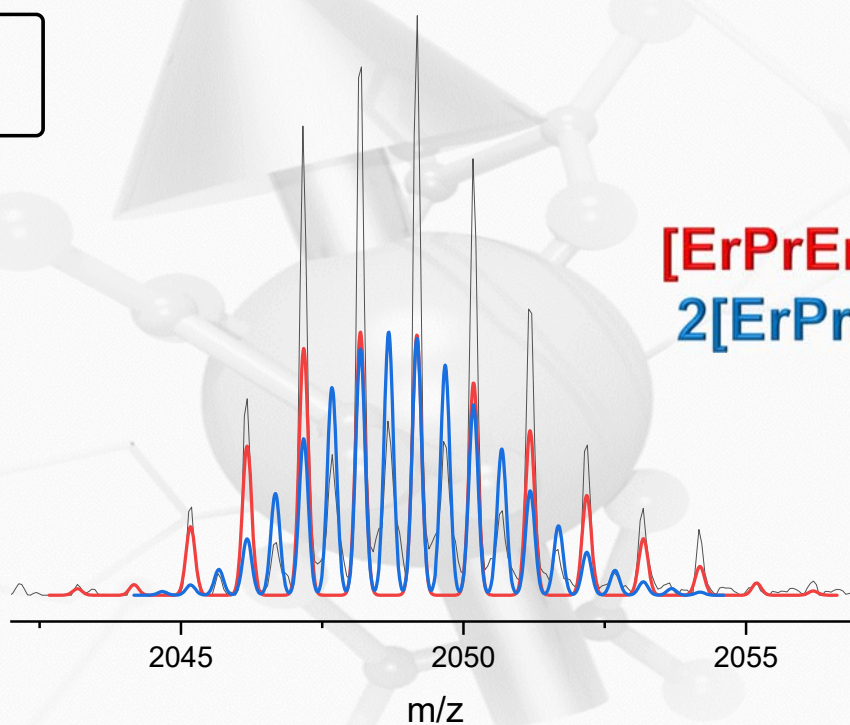


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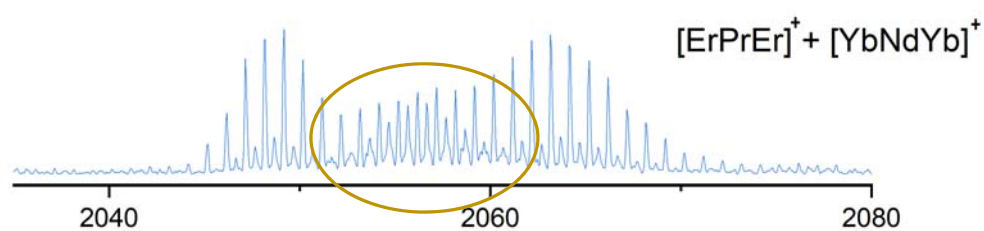
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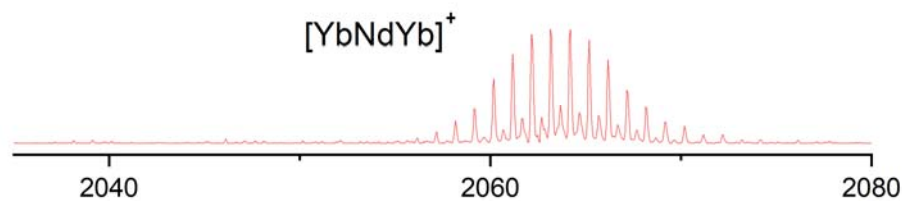
$[\text{ErPrEr}]^+$   
 $2[\text{ErPrEr}]^{2+}$

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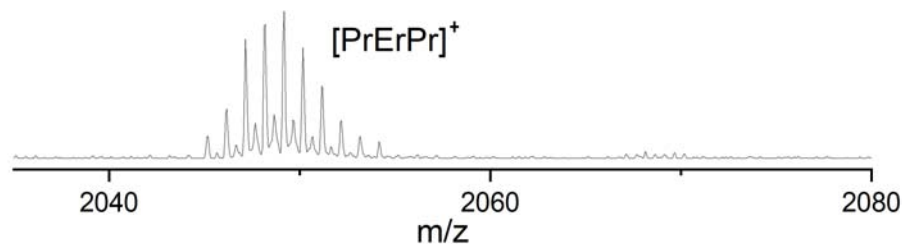
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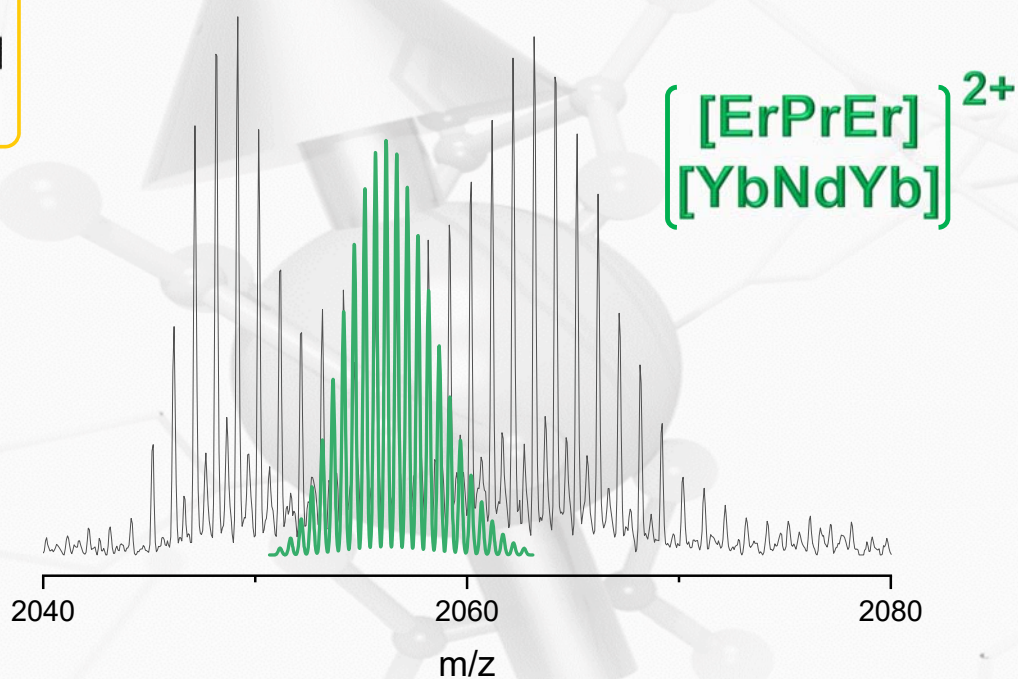
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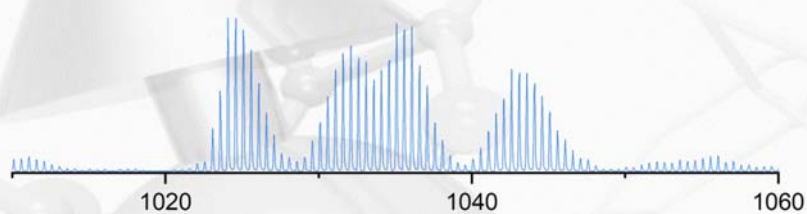
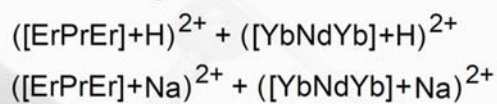


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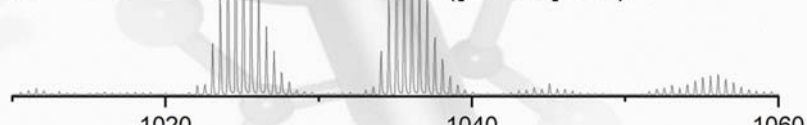
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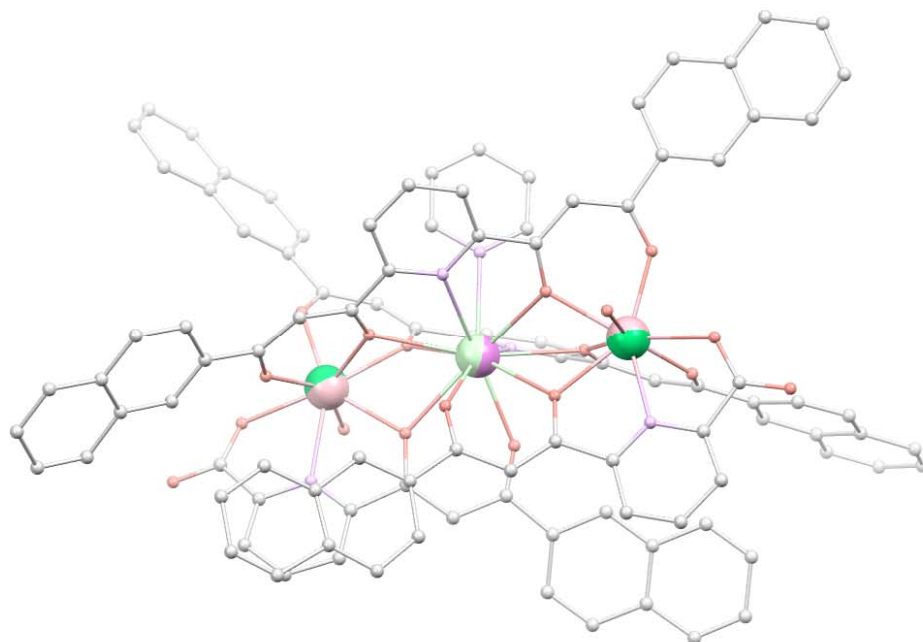


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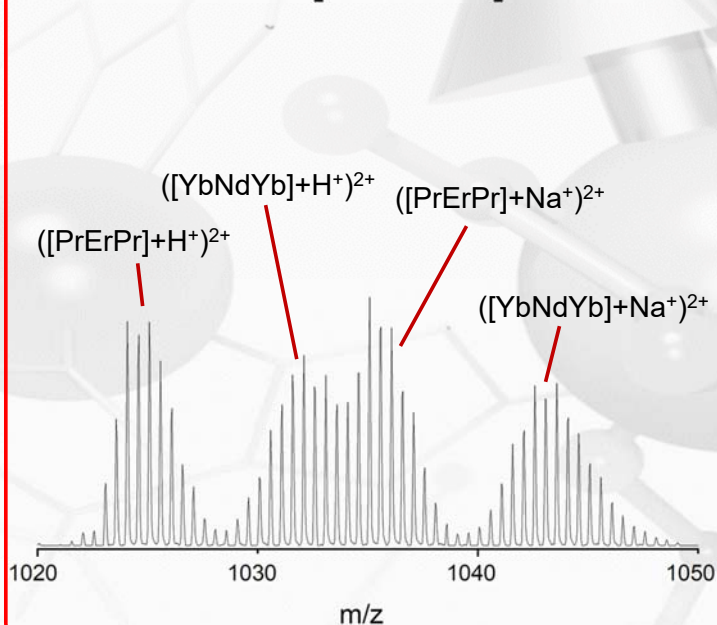


# Single Crystals of solution $[\text{ErPrEr}]_{0.5}[\text{YbNdYb}]_{0.5}$

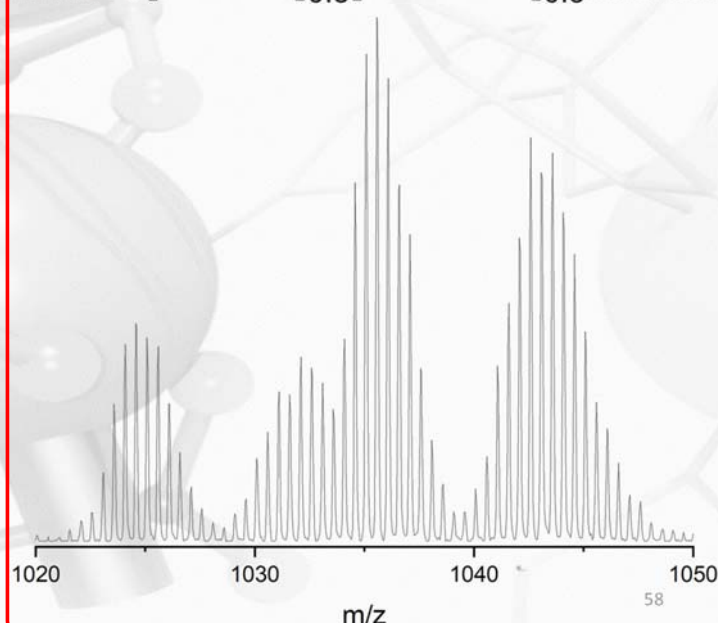


## MS of solution of “solid-solution” of $[\text{ErPrEr}] + [\text{YbNdYb}]$

MS of a Mixture of  $[\text{ErPrEr}]$   
and  $[\text{YbNdYb}]$



MS of crystals of  
 $[\text{ErPrEr}]_{0.5}[\text{YbNdYb}]_{0.5}$



# CONCLUSIONS

1] Ligand Design Provides Entry into Heterometallic Ln complexes

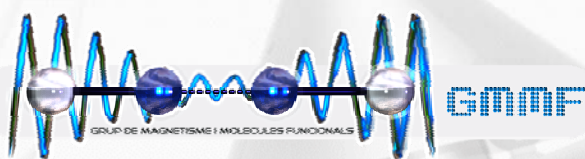
2] Heterometallic [LnLn'] complexes are a versatile platform for a wide number of 2-Qubit Qugate designs.

- A C-NOT and SWAP Qugate presented

3] Heterometallic [LnLn'Ln] complexes provide possible realizations of 3-Qubit Qugates.

-A Quantum Error Protection Device

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