

$\text{Fe}^{3+}$  ●

$S=5/2$   
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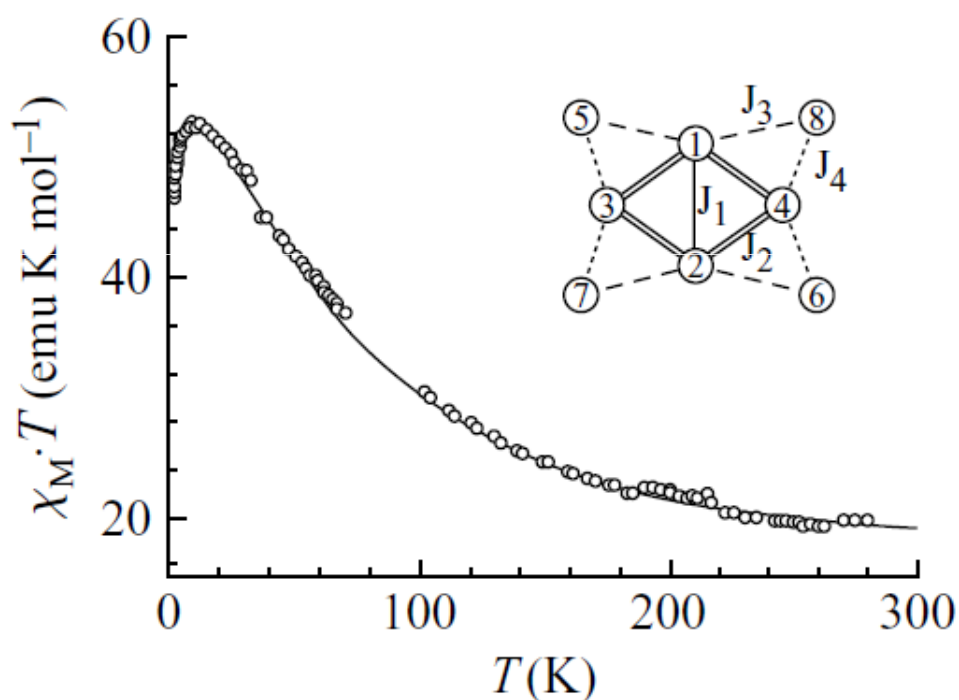
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Valore dello spin nello stato  
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# Valore dello spin nello stato fondamentale ?

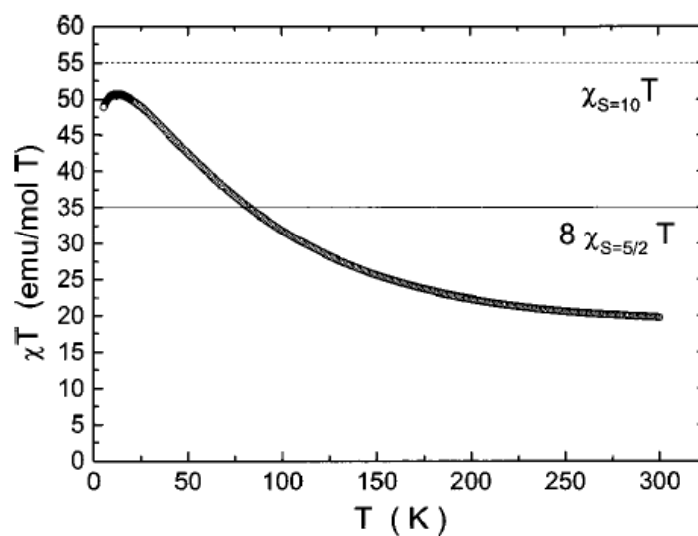
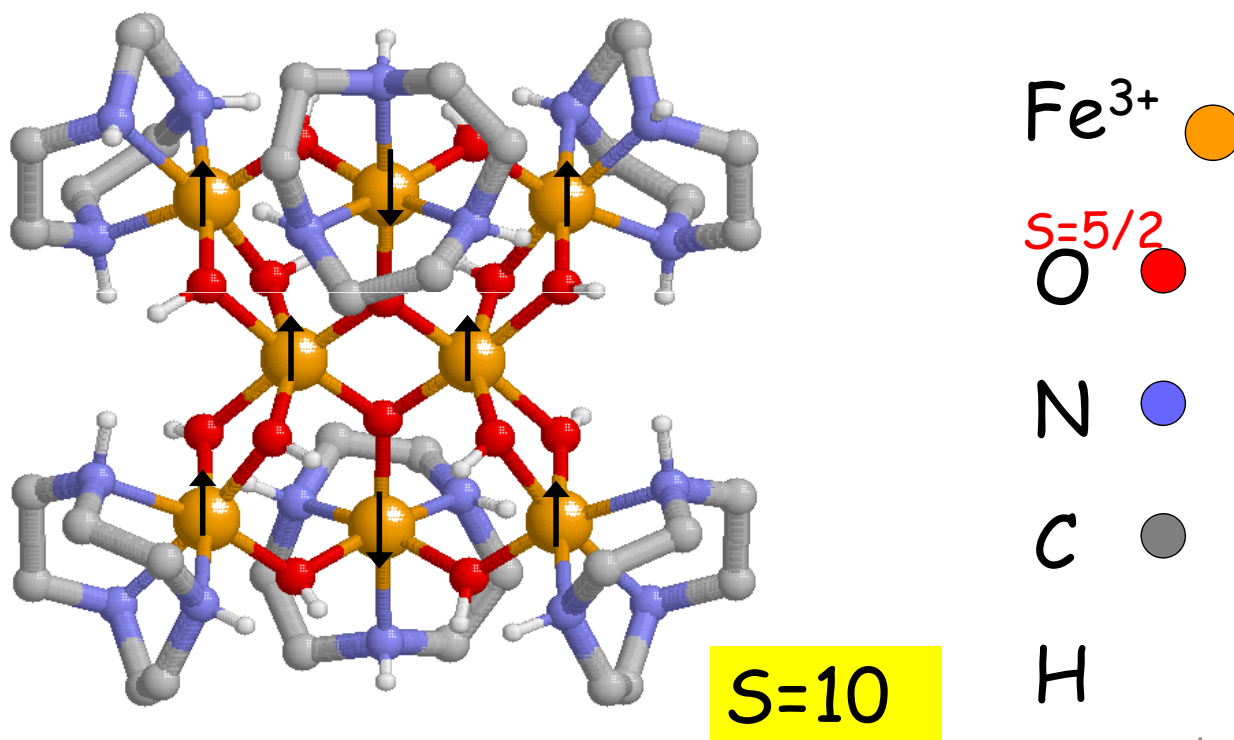


FIG. 2. Temperature dependence of the product of the susceptibility times temperature for  $^{54}\text{Fe}_8$  powders compared with the theoretical values expected for eight independent spins  $S=5/2$  and for a unique macrospin  $S=10$ .

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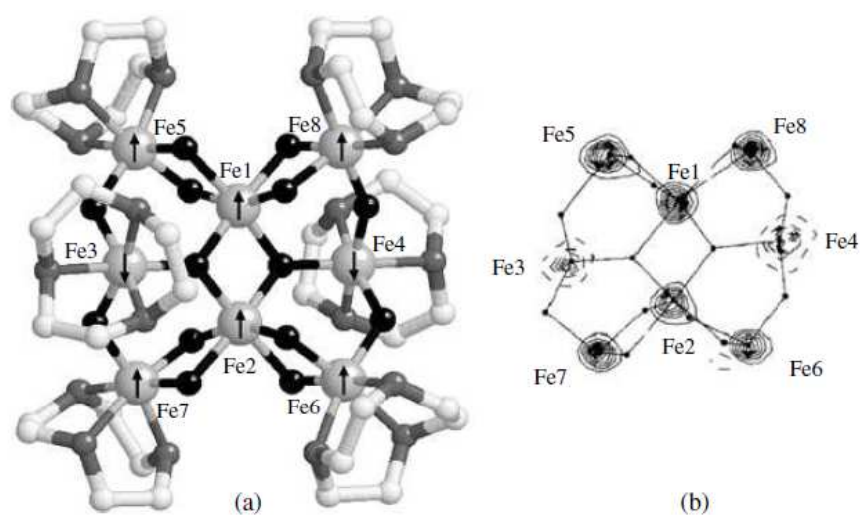
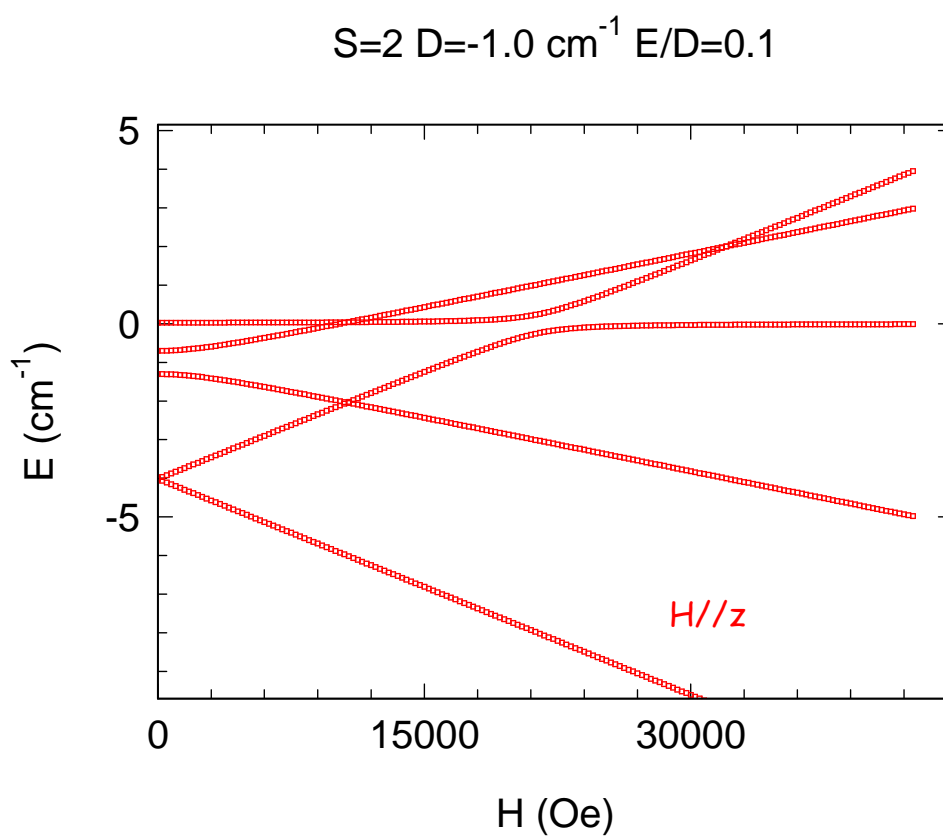


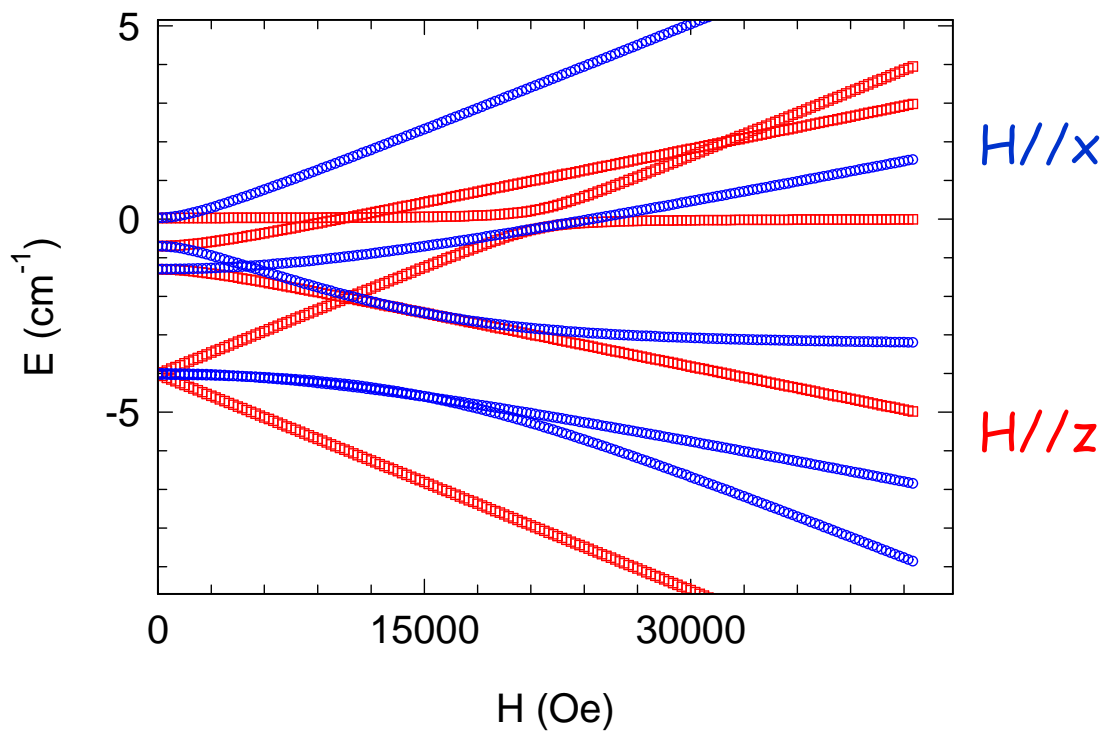
FIG. 3.36. (a) Structure of the  $\text{Fe}_8$  cluster with the spin structure of the ground  $S = 10$  state schematized by the arrows. (b) Spin density map obtained by polarized neutron diffraction experiments. Spin density contours are drawn at  $0.7 \mu_{\text{B}}/\text{\AA}^2$ . Negative spin density is represented by dashed lines. Spin density map reprinted with permission from Pontillon *et al.* (1999). Copyright (1999) American Chemical Society.

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$$S=2 \quad D=-1.0 \text{ cm}^{-1} \quad E/D=0.1$$



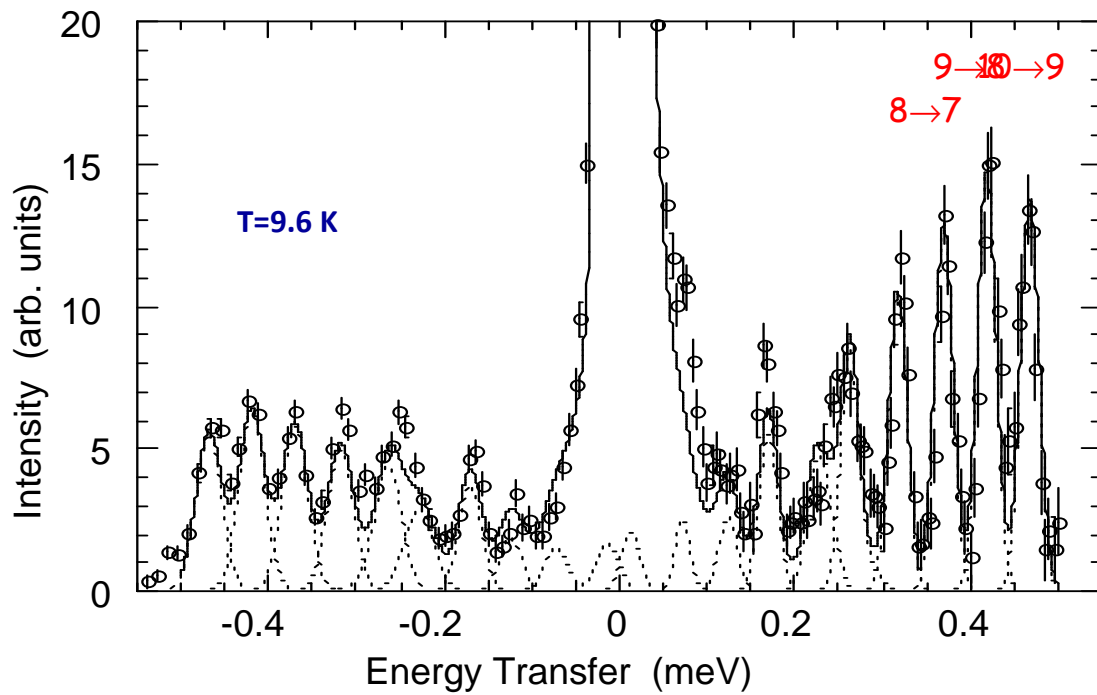
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## Selection rule for Inelastic Neutron Scattering

- Within the same  $S$  multiplet:
  - $\Delta m = \pm 1$
- Between different  $S$  multiplets:
  - $\Delta S = \pm 1$
  - $\Delta m = \pm 1$

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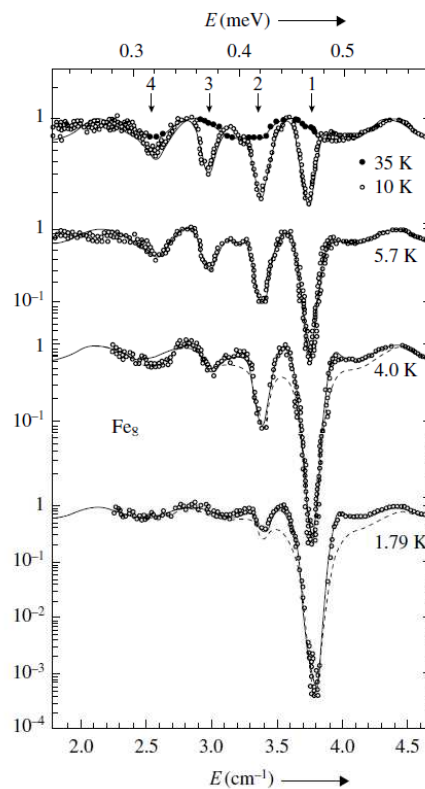
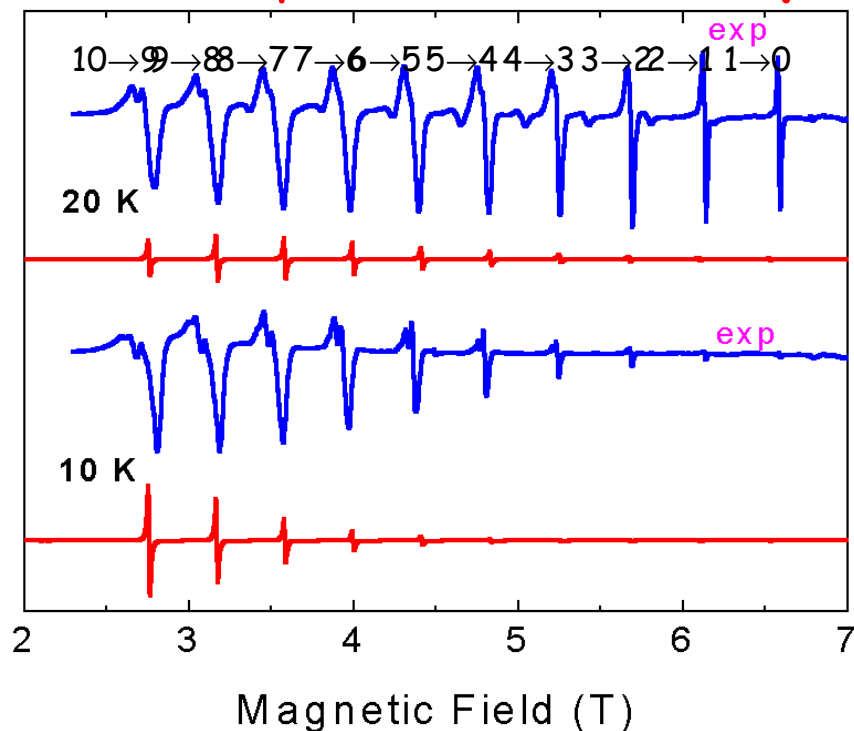


FIG. 4.29. Far-infrared spectra in zero field of  $\text{Fe}_8$  at different temperatures. The peaks labelled as 1, 2, 3 and 4 correspond to the  $m \rightarrow m'$  transitions,  $\pm 10 \rightarrow \pm 9$ ,  $\pm 9 \rightarrow \pm 8$ ,  $\pm 8 \rightarrow \pm 7$ ,  $\pm 7 \rightarrow \pm 6$ , respectively. From Mukhin *et al.* (2001). Copyright (2001) American Physical Society.

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# Single crystal HF EPR @190 GHz

magnetic field parallel to the easy axis



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Dalla separazione delle righe EPR

$$\Delta H_{\text{res}} \sim 0.45 \text{ T} = 2|D|/g\mu_B$$

$$|D| = 0.45 \text{ T} \cdot g \cdot \mu_B / 2 = 0.45 \text{ T} \cdot 9.27 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J T}^{-1}$$

$$|D| = 4.1 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J}$$

Dallo spettro di scattering inelastico di neutroni  
o EPR in campo nullo

$$E(m=9) - E(m=10) = 100|D| - 81|D| = 19|D| = 0.47 \text{ meV} = \\ = 0.47 \cdot 1.60 \times 10^{-22} \text{ J} = 0.75 \times 10^{-22} \text{ J}$$

$$|D| = 4.0 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J}$$

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$S=3, D<0$

