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# MAGNETISM AND PHOTOPHYSICS OF HETEROMETALLIC LANTHANIDE COORDINATION COMPLEXES

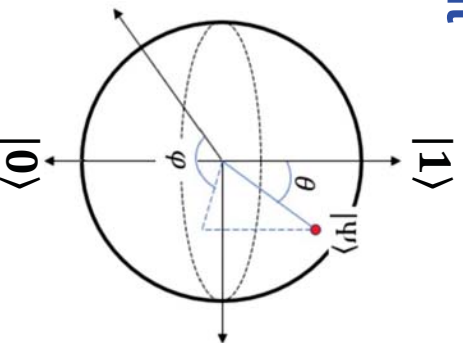
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## Lanthanides for Spin-based Quantum Computing

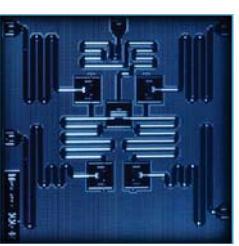
### Qubit



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

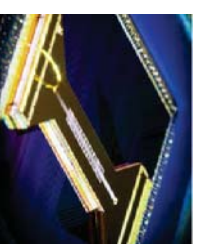
Superconducting  
Circuits

Science **2013**, 339, 1169



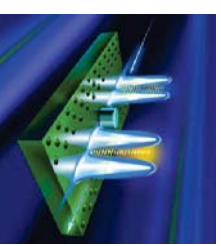
Trapped Ions

Nature **2020**, 587, 342



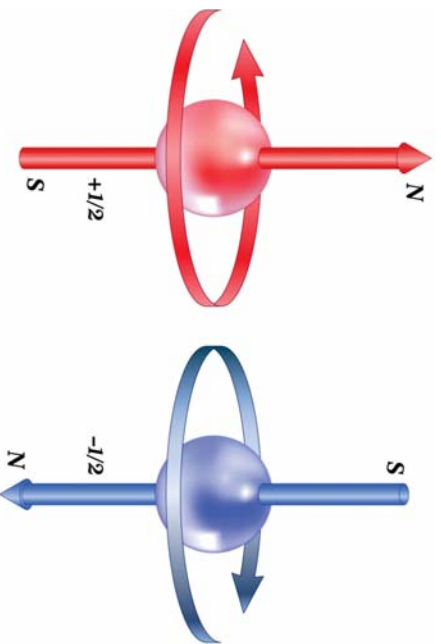
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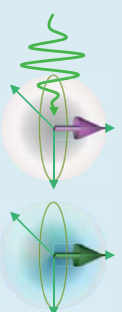
# Lanthanides for Spin-based Quantum Computing

## Spin as Qubit



## CNOT Gate

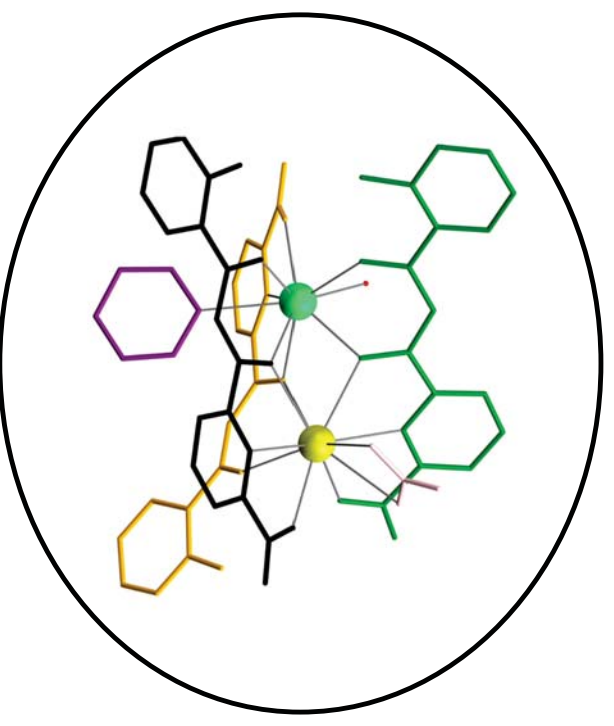
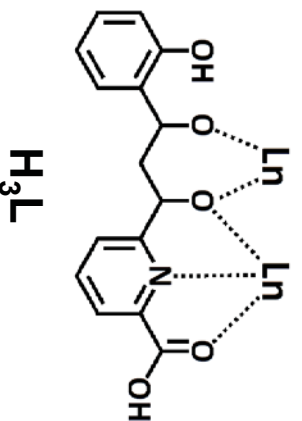
CONTROL TARGET



$|11\rangle \rightarrow |10\rangle$   $|01\rangle \rightarrow |01\rangle$   
 $|10\rangle \rightarrow |11\rangle$   $|00\rangle \rightarrow |00\rangle$

## How Could we build a CNOT with Rare Earths?

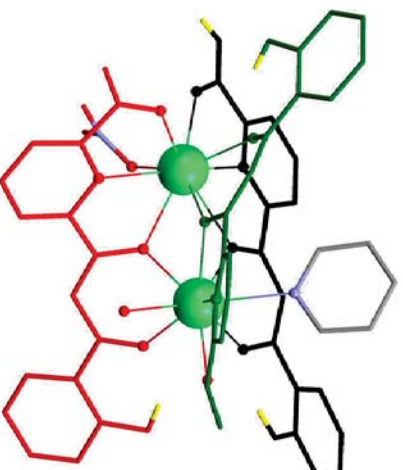
- Two Inequivalent Ln's
- Weakly Coupled
- Axially Anisotropic



## Large Homometallic Series



Inorg. Chem. 2011, 49, 6784  
Chem. Eur. J. 2013, 19, 5881

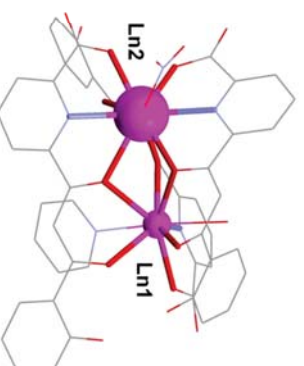
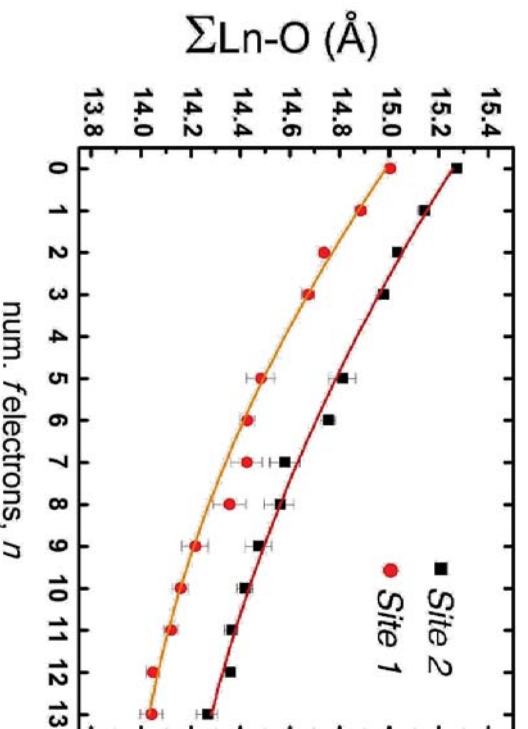


### Molecular Prototypes for Spin-Based CNOT and SWAP Quantum Gates

Phys. Rev. Lett. 2011, 107, 117203.



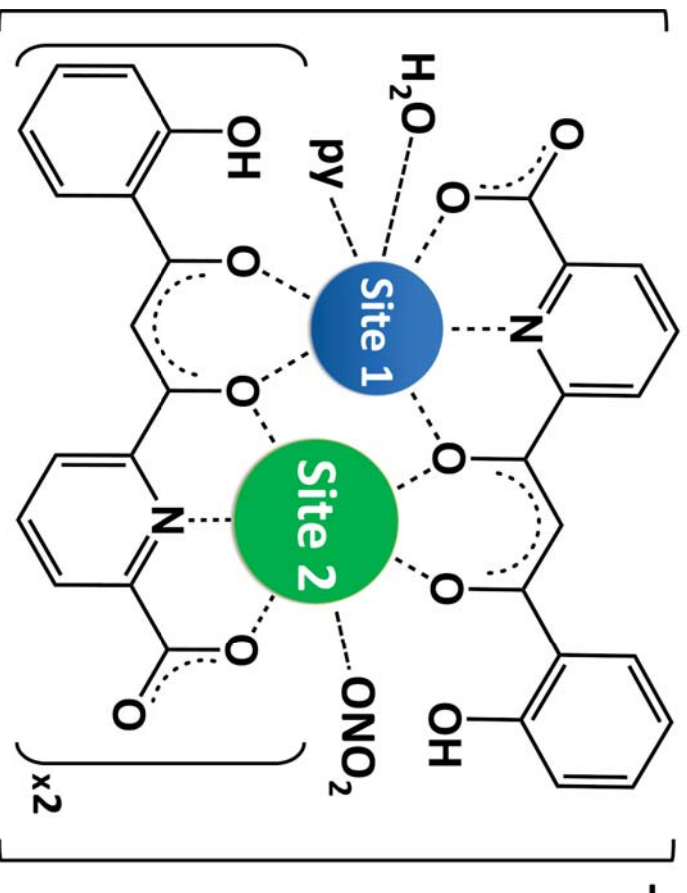
## Average Bond Distances to Ln



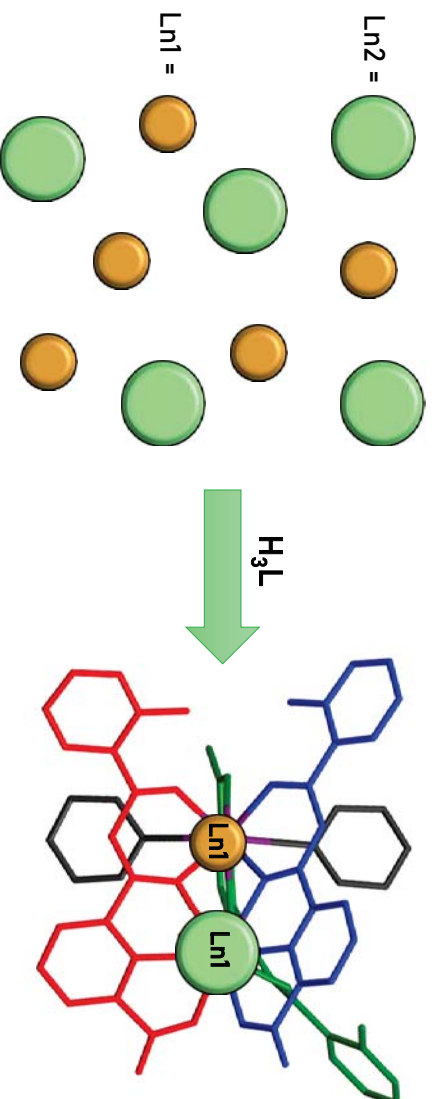
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5881–5891

- 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

Why is Site 2 larger than Site 1 ?



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

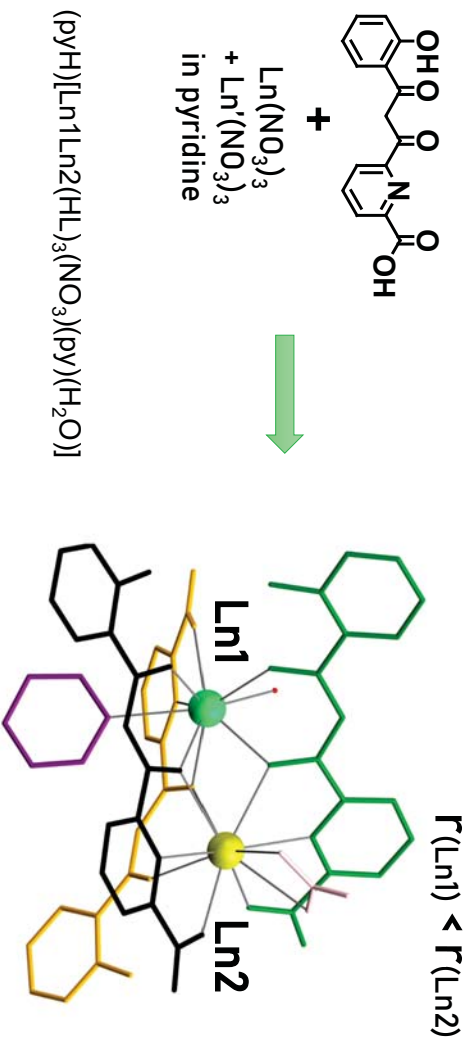


*L<sub>n</sub>L<sub>n</sub>' cluster à la carte?*

Many Possible Quagate Designs!!



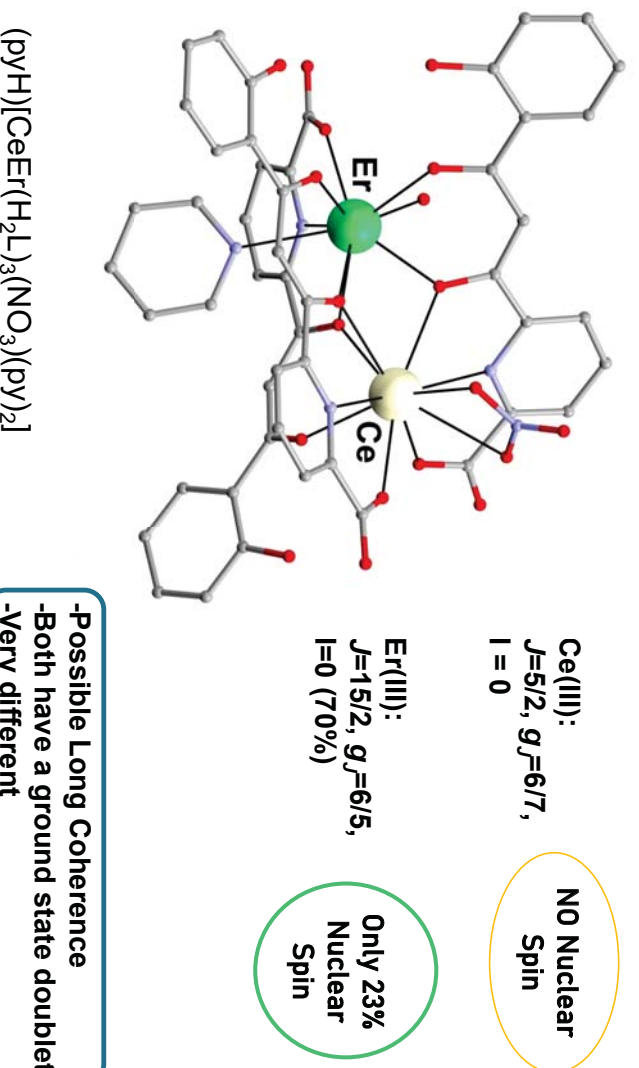
## Heterometallic [LnLn'] Complexes



J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2014**, 136, 14215  
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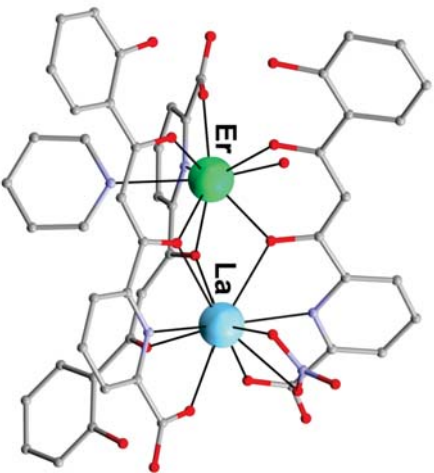
- X-Ray diffraction
- Mass Spectrometry
- Metal Analysis
- Magnetic susceptibility

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

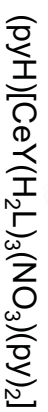
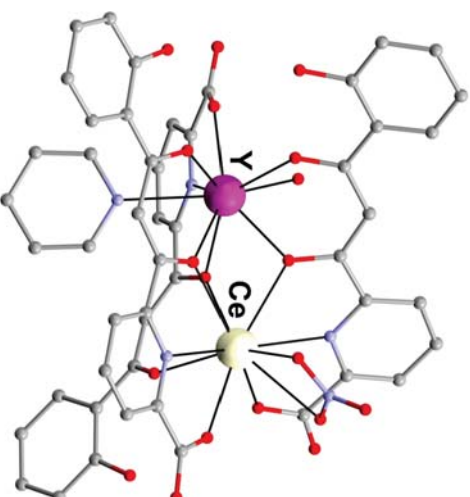


## Characterization of Individual Qubits

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

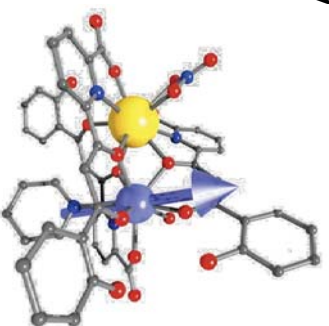
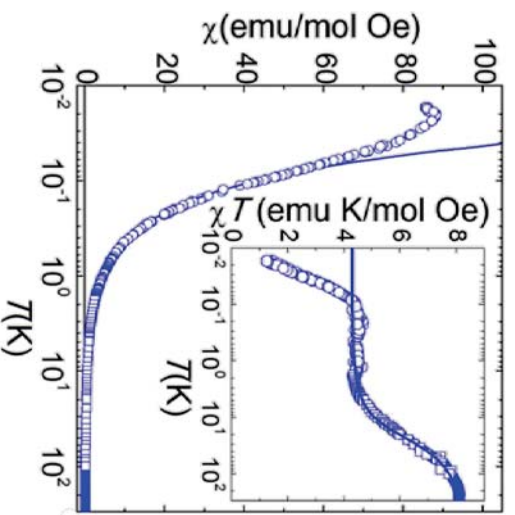


$$r(\text{Y}) < r(\text{Ce})$$



## Qubits Characterization; [LaEr]

Magnetic Susceptibility



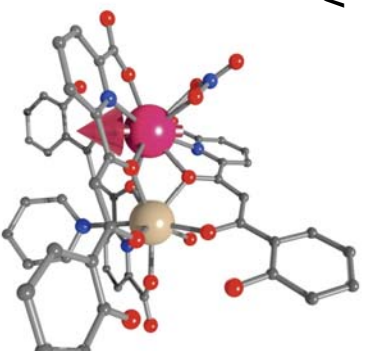
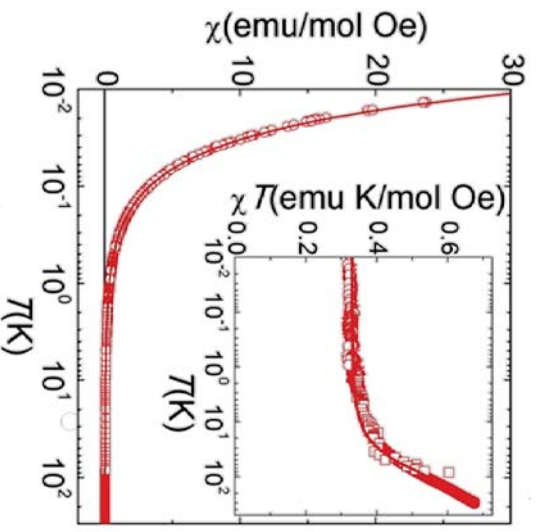
$$\Delta/k_B = 43 \text{ K}$$

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

Well Isolated  
Ground State

## Qubit Characterization; [CeY]

Magnetic Susceptibility



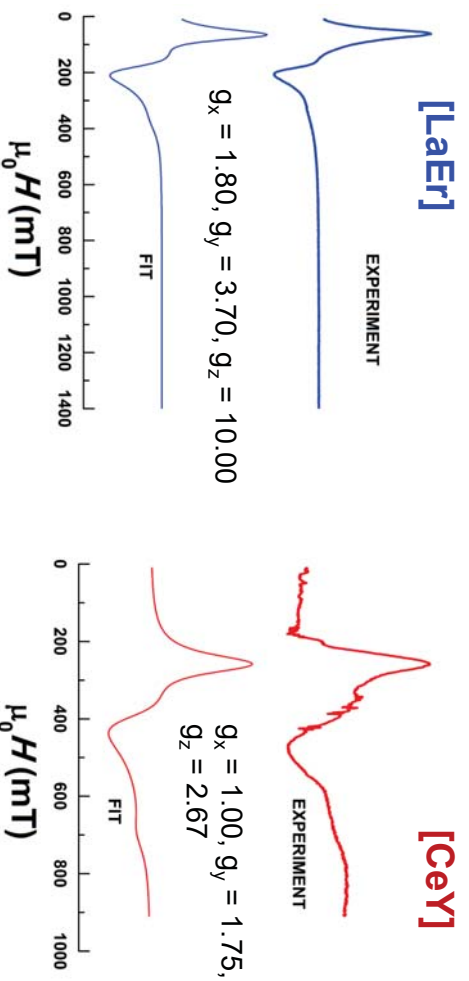
$\Delta/k_B = 230 \text{ K}$

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; [LaEr] vs [CeY]

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

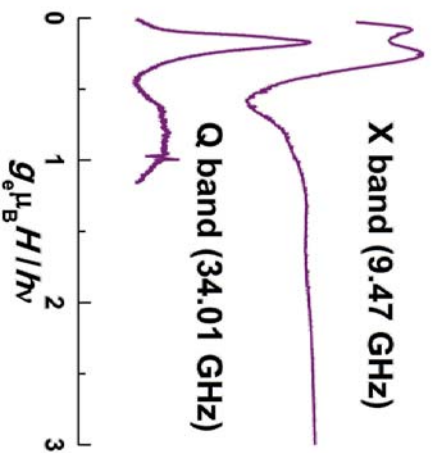
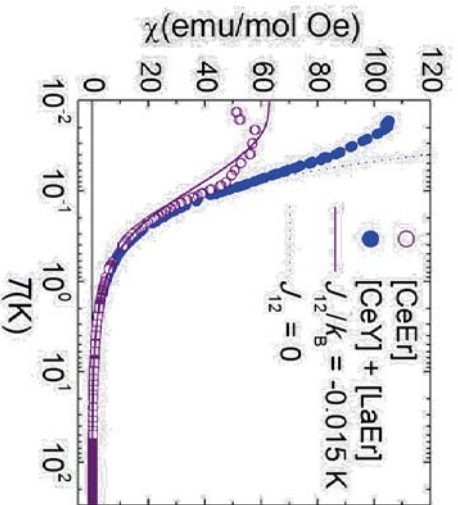


Magnetically Inequivalent

# Inter-Qubit Coupling within [CeEr]

Magnetic Susceptibility

Powder EPR;  $T \leq 7$  K



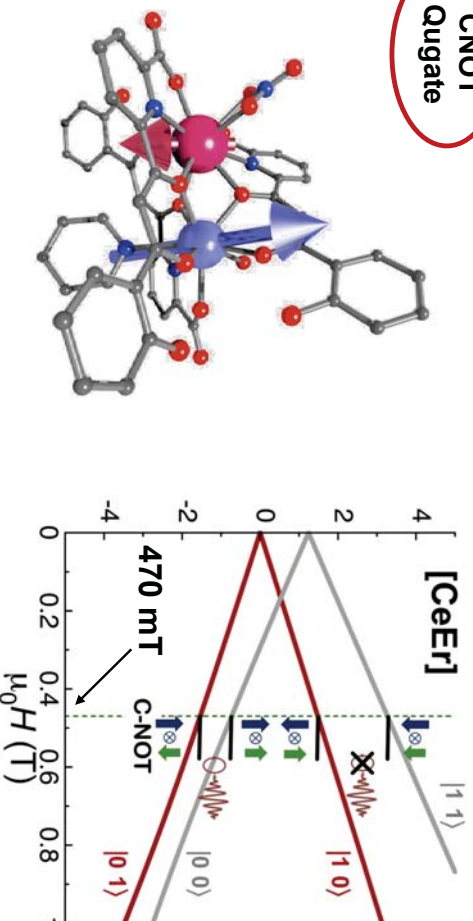
$$H = -\mu_B H \hat{g}_1 S_1 - \mu_B H \hat{g}_2 S_2 - \frac{1}{g_{1x} g_{2z}} J_{ex} S_1 \hat{g}_1 \hat{g}_2 S_2$$

Qubits Weakly Interacting

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2014, 136, 14215

## Realization of 2-Qubit Quantum Gates

CNOT Qugate

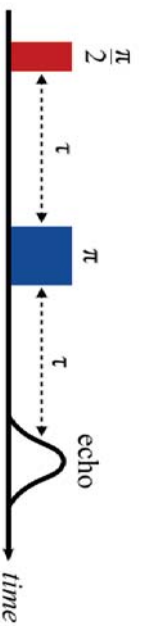


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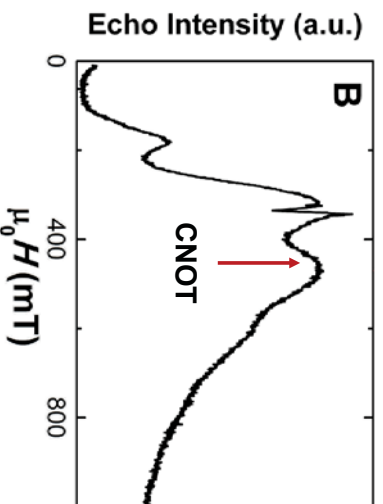


# Quantum Coherence

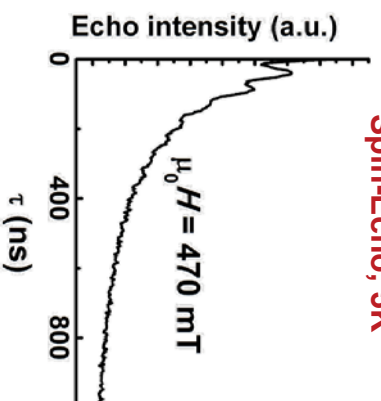
Hahn Echo Sequence



Echo Detected Spectrum, 5K



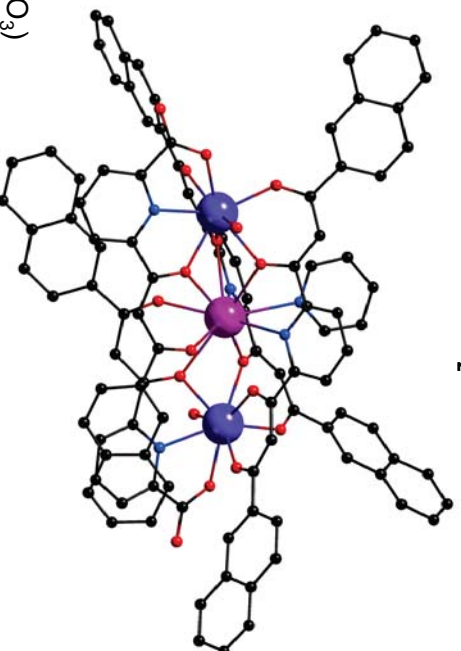
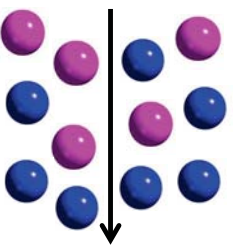
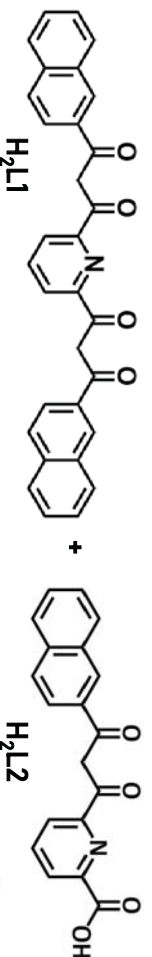
Decay of the CNOT Spin-Echo, 5K



$T_2 = 410$  ns

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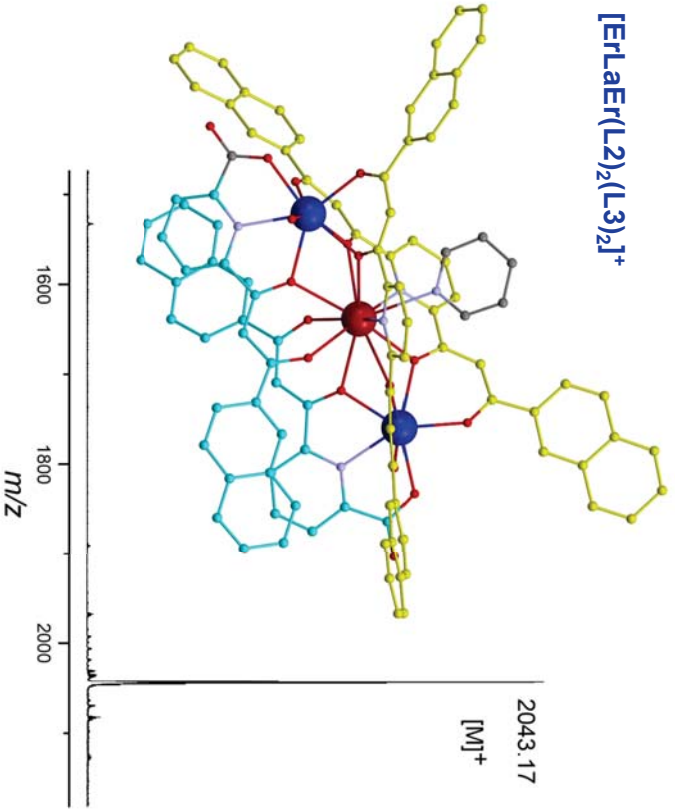
# Heterometallic [LnLn'Ln] Complexes



Chem., Eur. J. 2019, 25, 15228

## Pure Heterometallic LnLn'Ln clusters

[LuCeLu] [LuNdLu]  
 [ErLaEr] [DyCeDy]  
 [ErNdEr] [DyLaDy]  
 [YbNdYb] [YbCeYb]  
 [ErPrEr] [ErCeEr]  
 [YbLaYb] [HoCeHo]  
 [YbPrYb] [LuLaLu]  
 [LuPrLu]

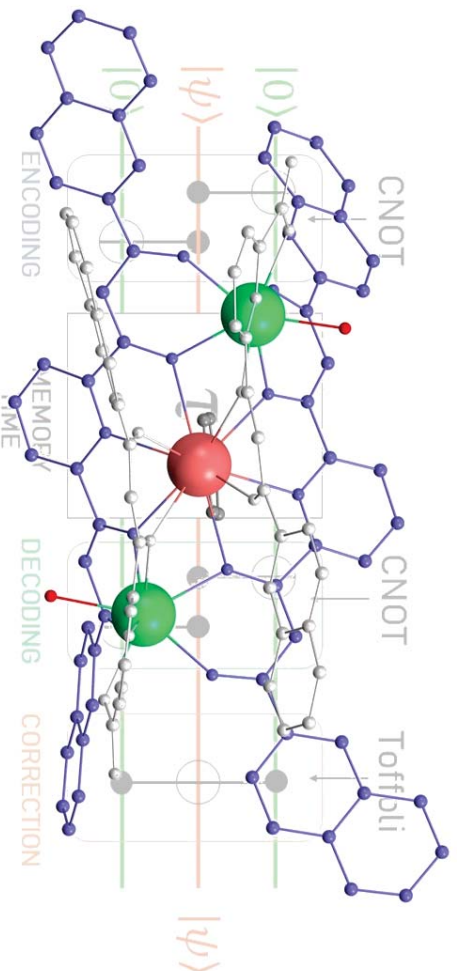


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## A Three Qubit Quantum Gate

[ErCeEr]

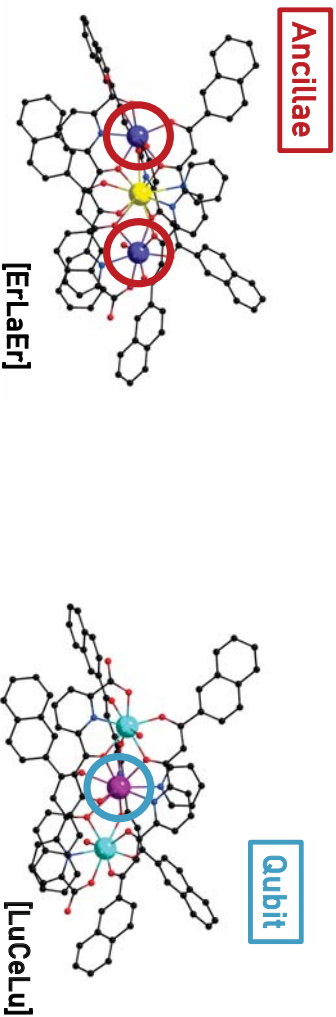
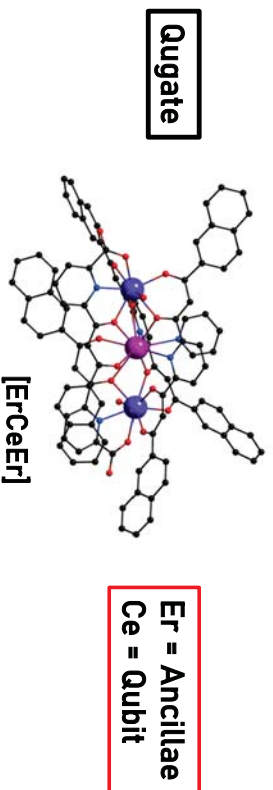
Er(III): <sup>4</sup><sub>15/2</sub>; L = 6, S = 3/2, J = 15/2  
 Ce(III): <sup>2</sup><sub>F</sub><sub>5/2</sub>; L = 3, S = 1/2, J = 5/2



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

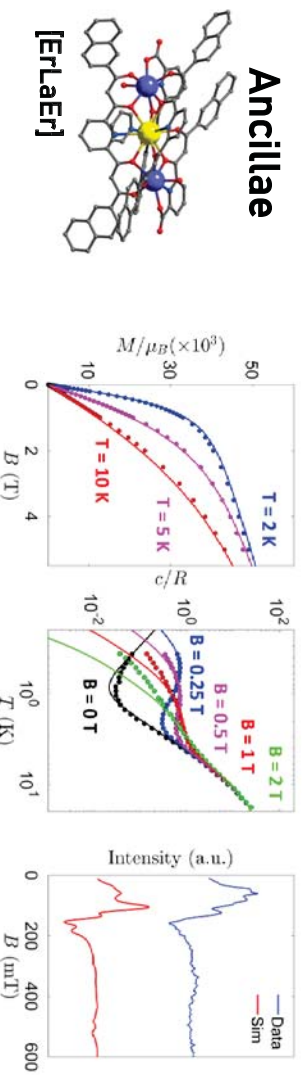
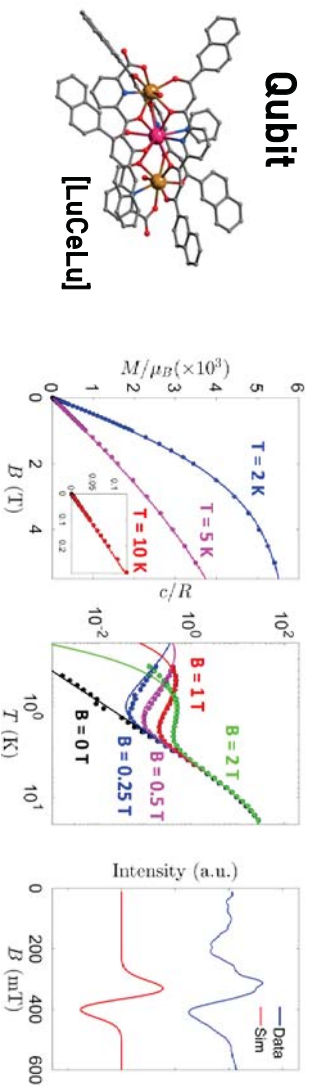
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# Qubit Characterization



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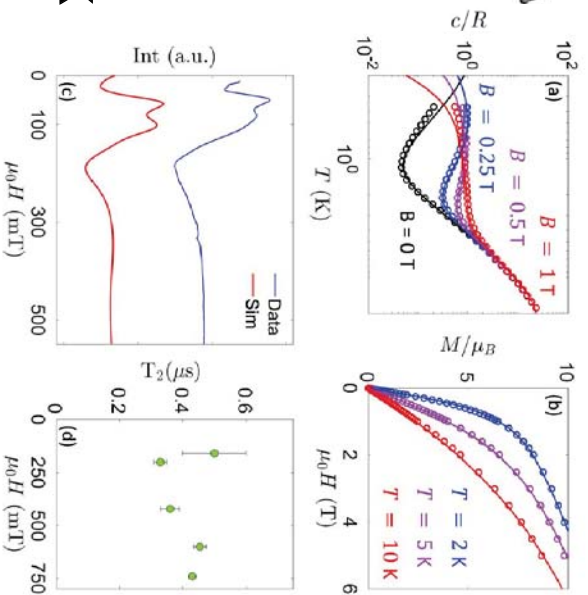
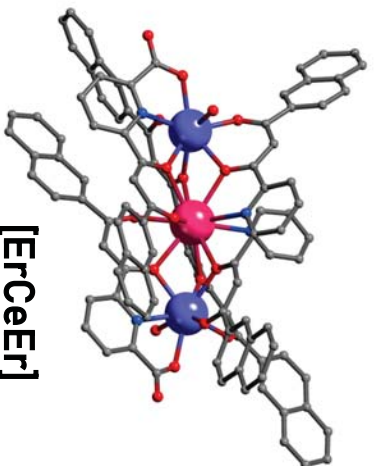
# Qubit and Ancillae Characterization



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## Qubit - Ancilla Interaction

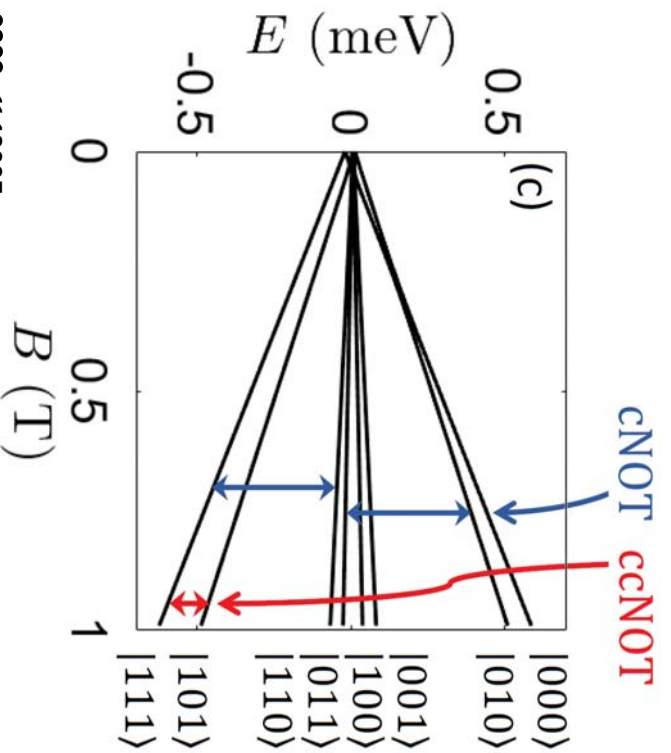
Specific Heat



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

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## Energy of the Computational Basis



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# A Qubit with Embedded Error Correction



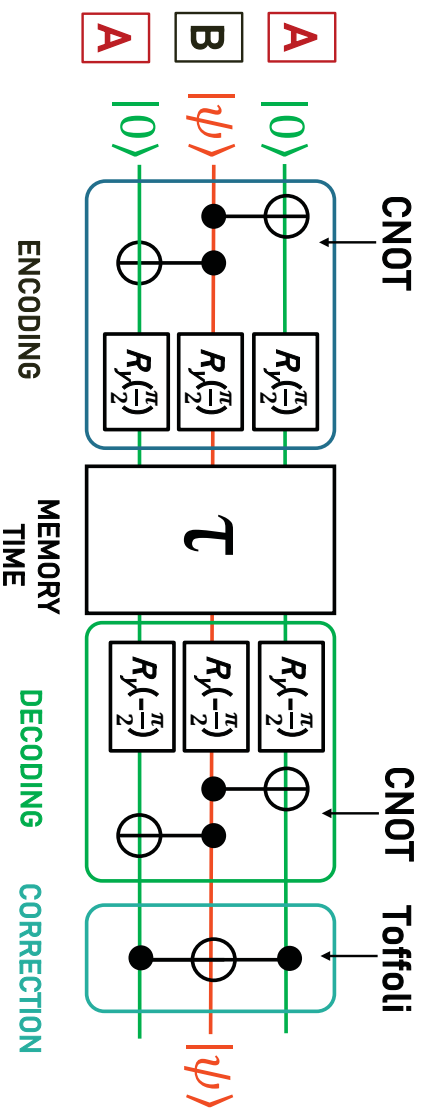
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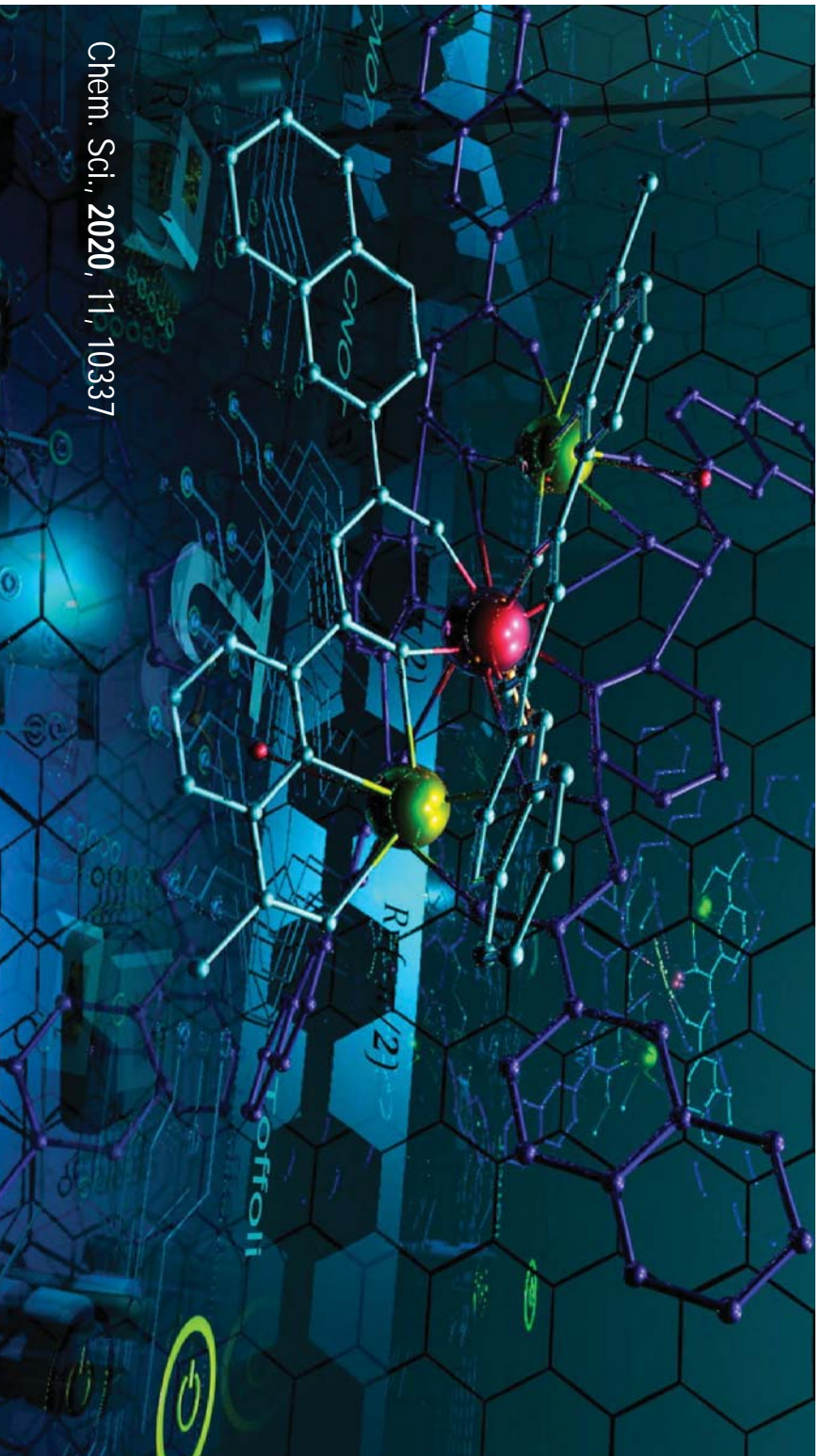
= Qubit



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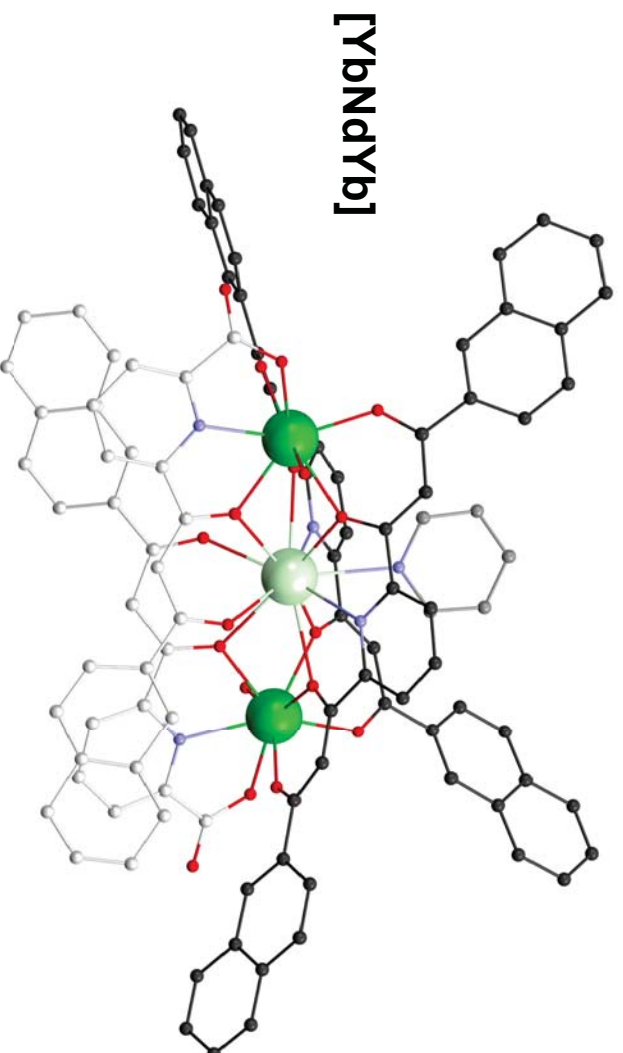


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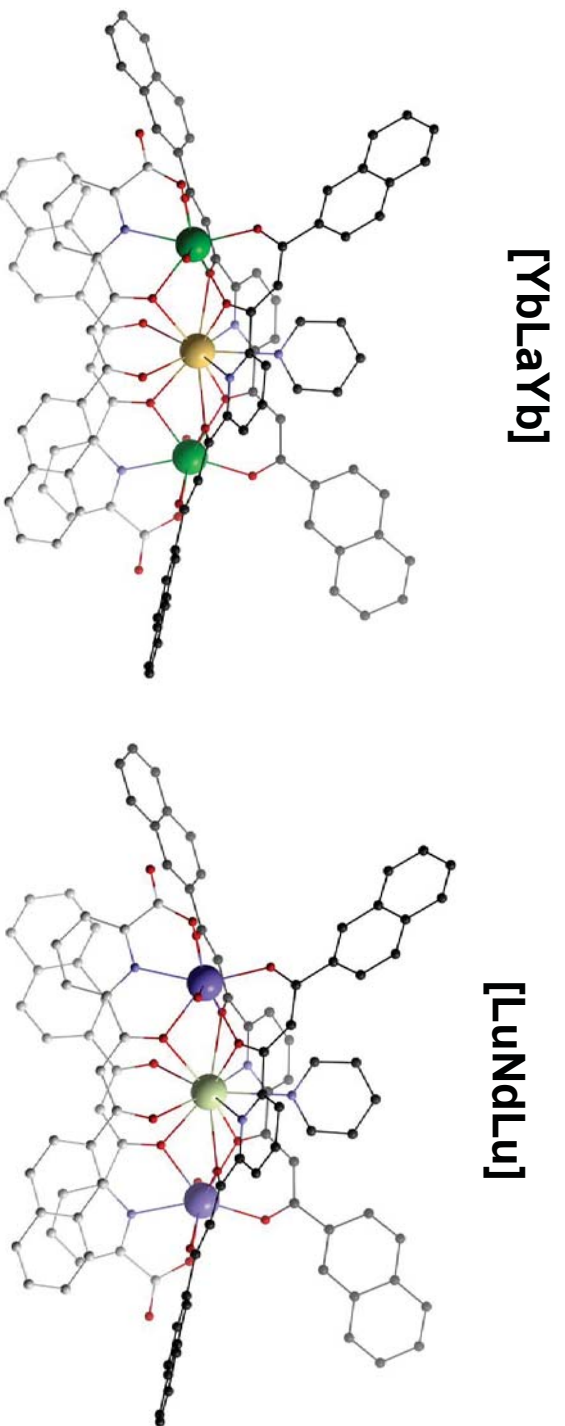


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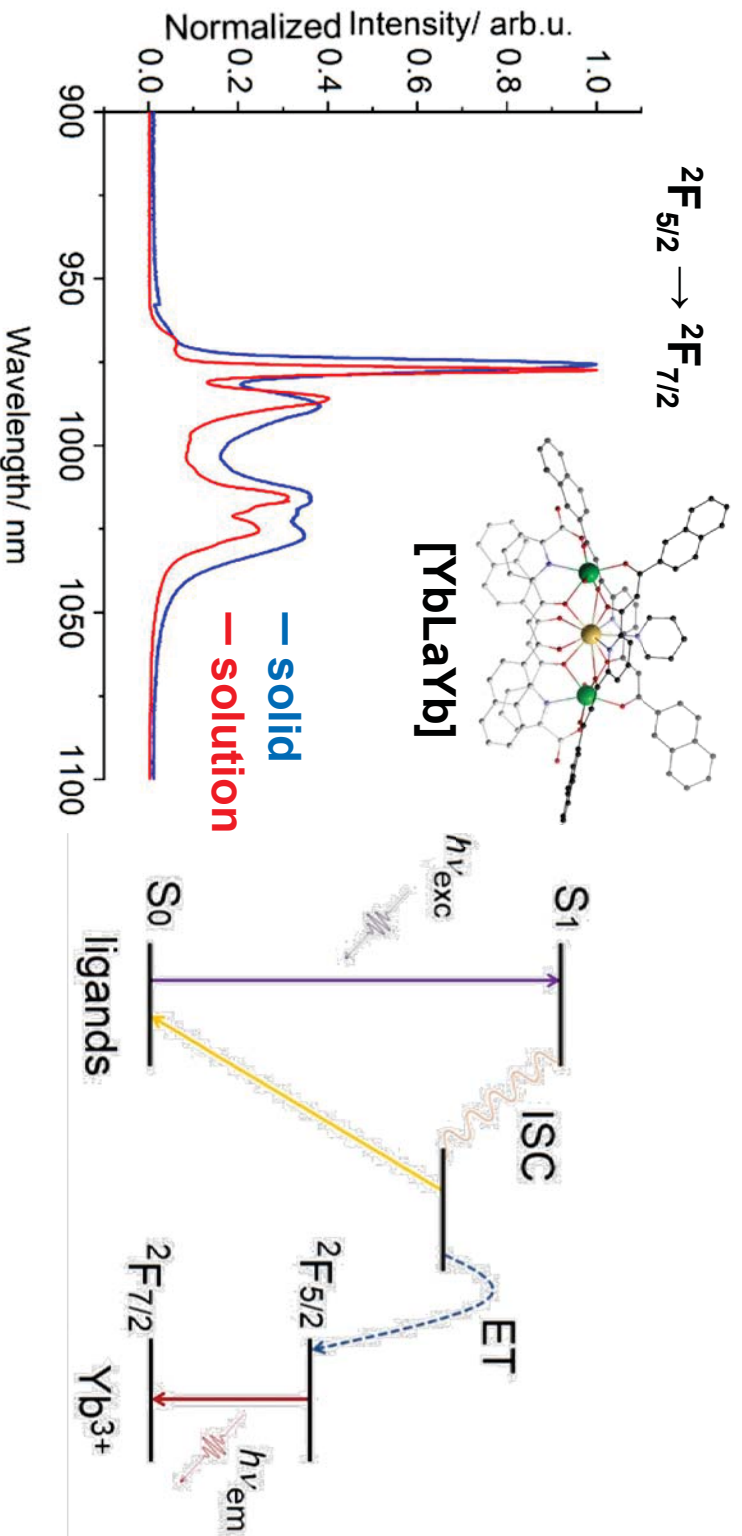
## Intramolecular Nd-to-Yb Energy Transfer



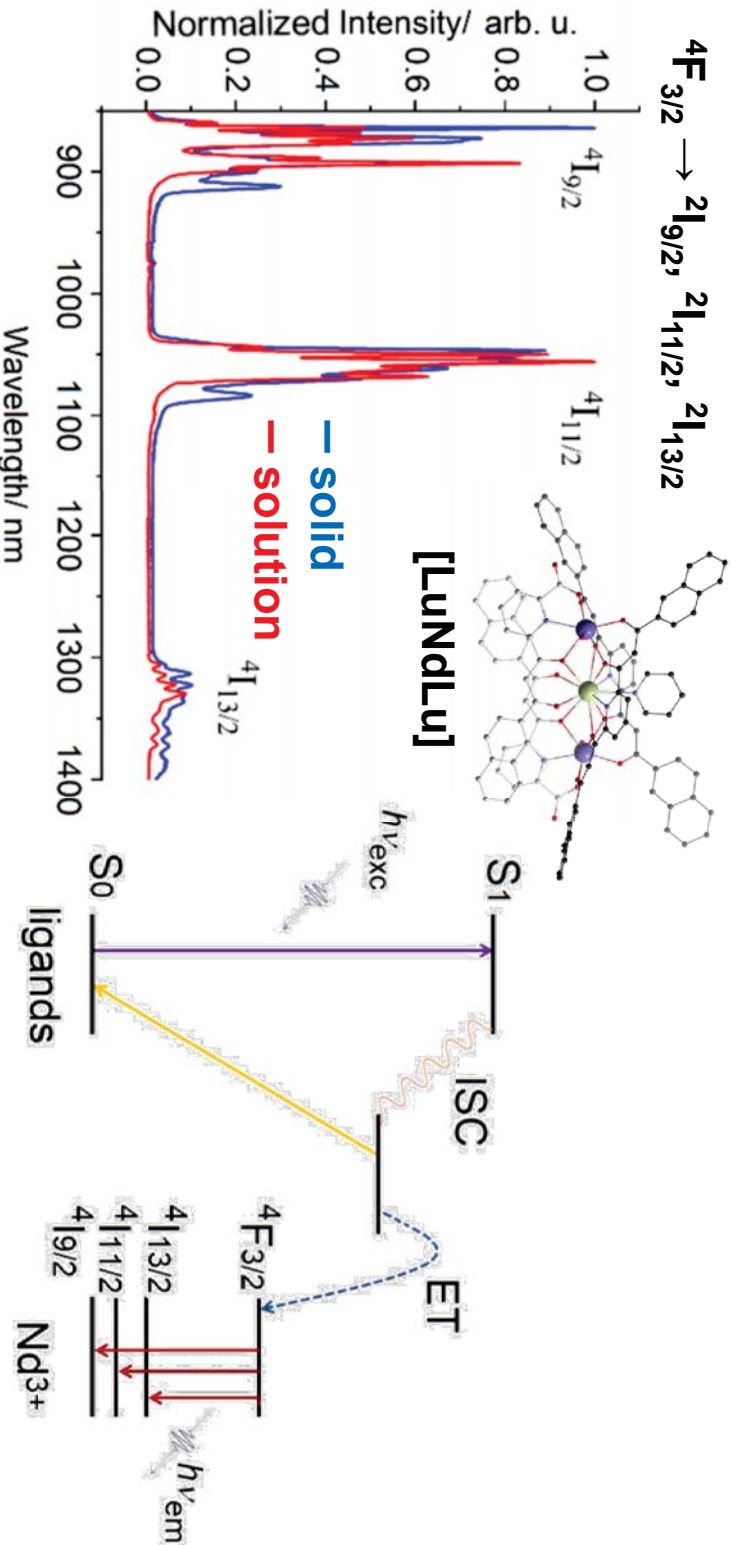
## Selective Ln Composition



### Emission from Yb<sup>3+</sup> in [YbLaYb] ( $\lambda_{exc} = 400\text{nm}$ )

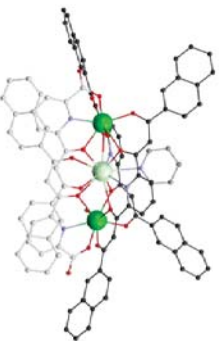


### Emission from Nd<sup>3+</sup> in [LuNdLu] ( $\lambda_{exc} = 400\text{nm}$ )

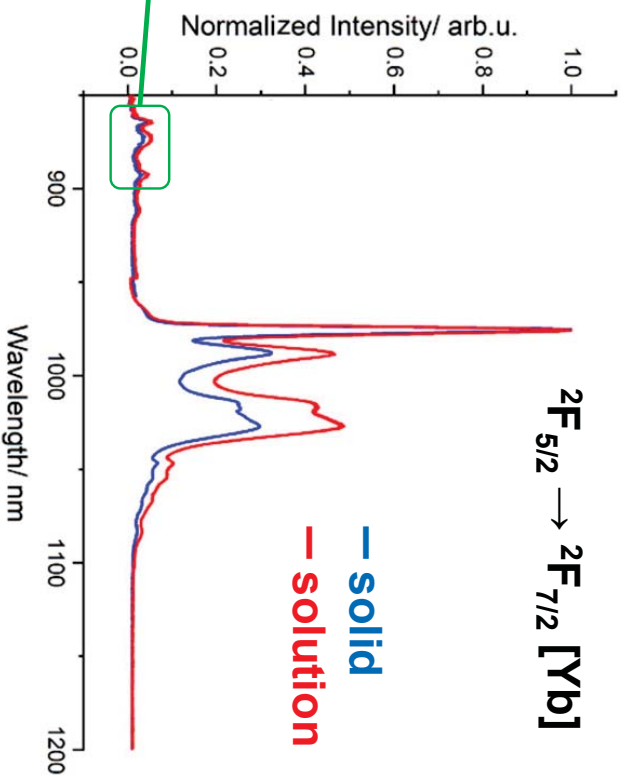
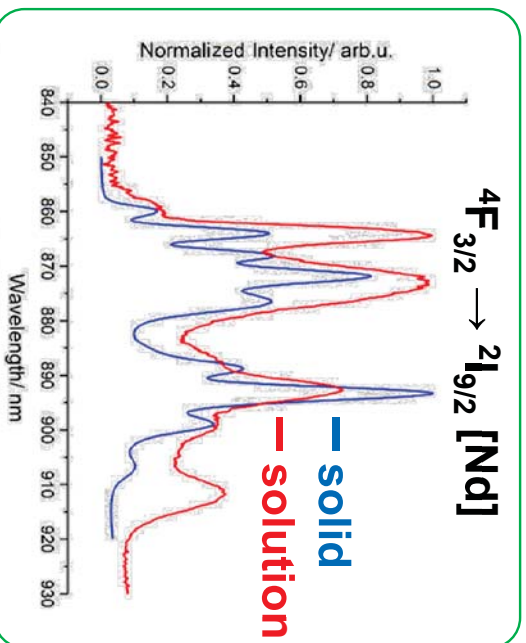




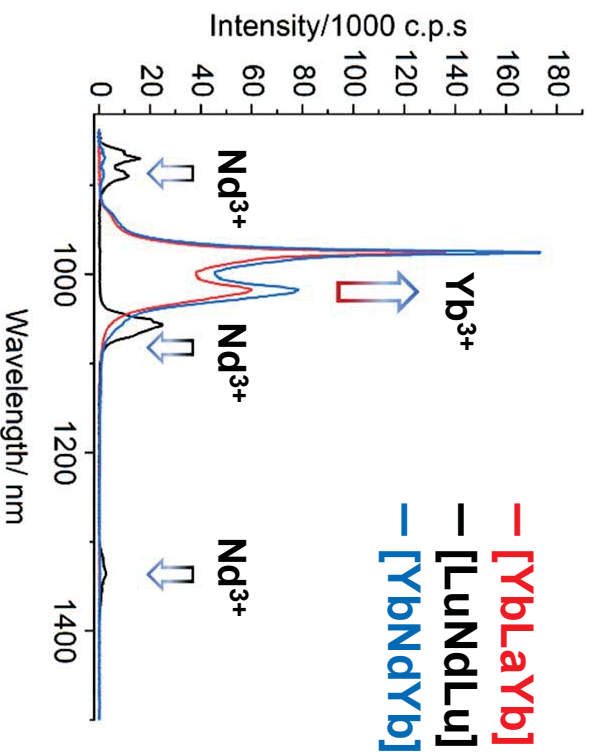
# Emission from $\text{Yb}^{3+}$ and $\text{Nd}^{3+}$ in $[\text{YbNdYb}]$ ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 400\text{nm}$ )



$[\text{YbNdYb}]$



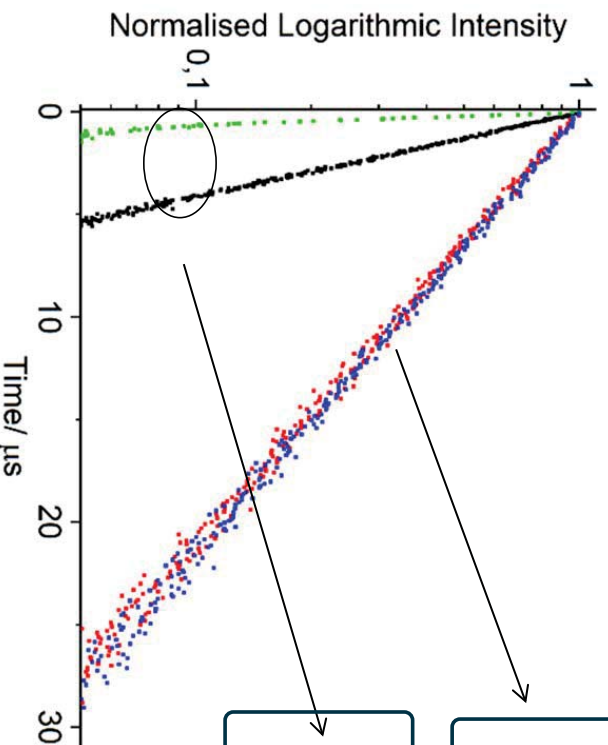
Emission of isoabsorbant solutions of  $[\text{YbLaYb}]$ ,  $[\text{LuNdLu}]$  and  $[\text{YbNdYb}]$  ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 400\text{nm}$ )



indication of Nd-to-Yb ET



## Excited state decay of [YbLaYb], [LuNdLu] and [YbNdYb]



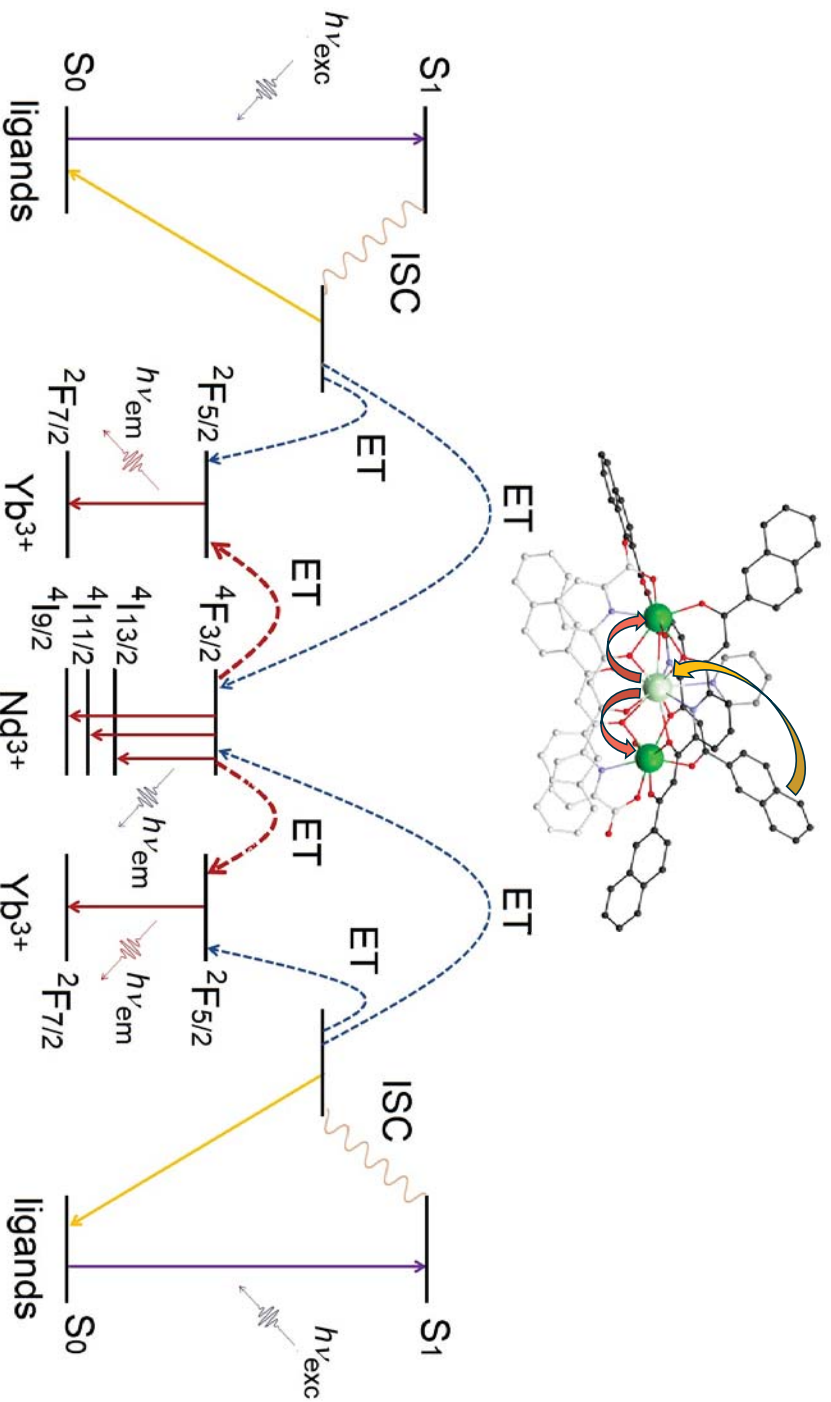
**976 nm (Yb<sup>3+</sup>)**

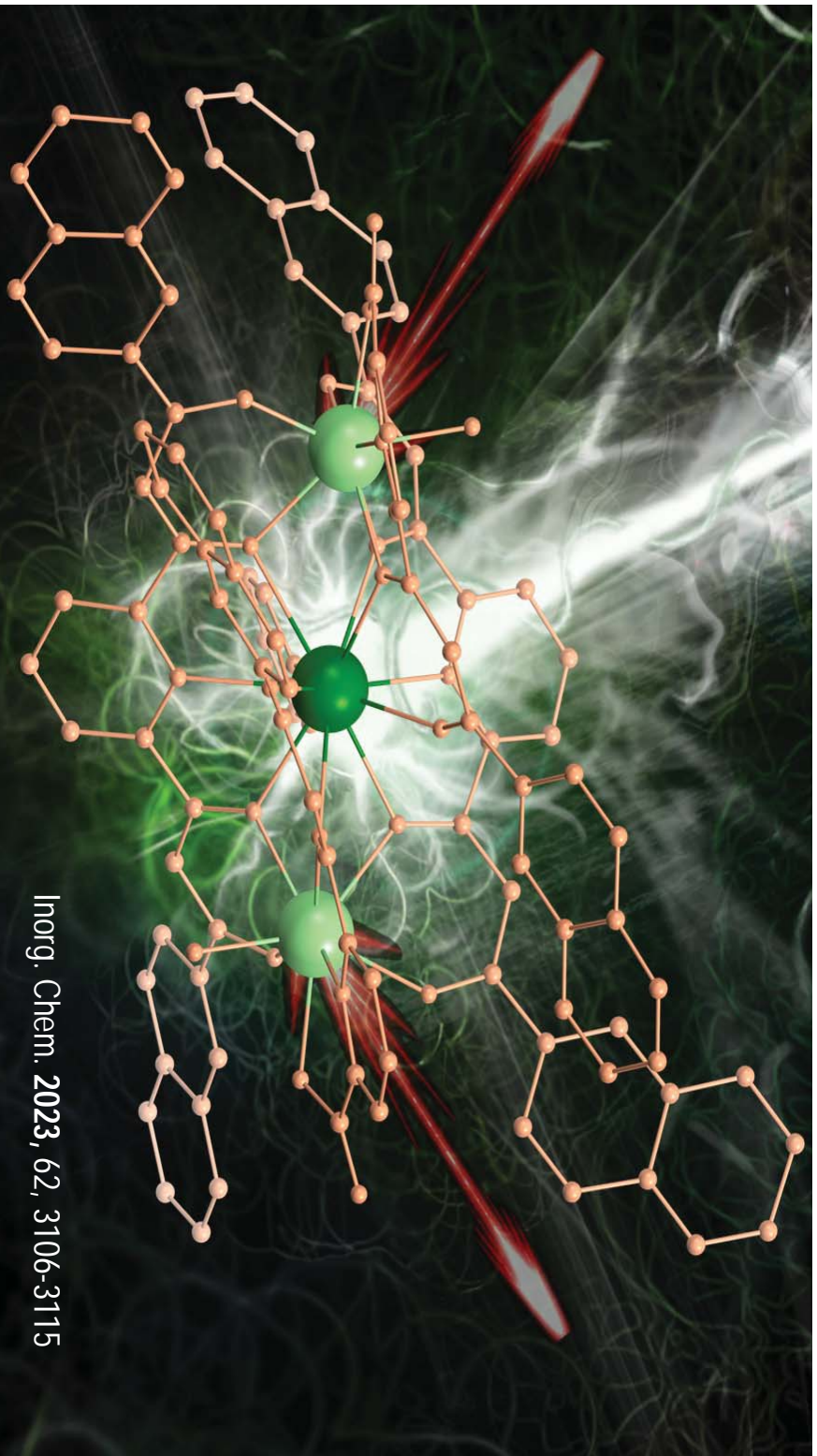
- [YbLaYb]  $\tau_{obs} = 9.1 \mu s$
- [YbNdYb]  $\tau_{obs} = 9.3 \mu s$

**1056 nm (Nd<sup>3+</sup>)**

- [LuNdLu]  $\tau_{obs} = 1.8 \mu s$
- [YbNdYb]  $\tau_{obs} = 0.2 \mu s$

corroboration of  
Nd-to-Yb ET

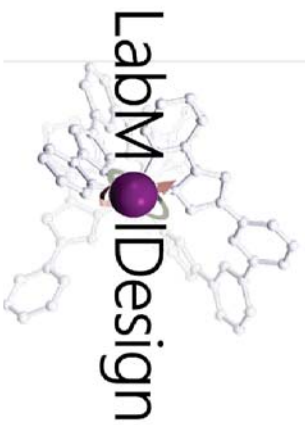




## CONCLUSIONS

- 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 CNOT and SWAP Qugate presented
- 3] Heterometallic [LnLn'Ln] complexes provide a platform to realize 3D Qugates and to demonstrate Nd-to-2Yb intramolecular ET within pure molecules.**

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