

# From ferrimagnetic to spin glass behavior and back in lamellar Mn oxides undoped and doped with Co

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## Plan

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**Background: Weiss' Magneton – Néel – Controversy – Ferrimagnetism of two sub-lattices (Néel) – Spin Glass – Frustrate Antiferromagnets of more of two sub-lattices (J. R. López de Almeida), Possible reconciliation Inverse Susceptibility Curve -Weiss' Magneton - Ferrimagnetism of more of two sub-lattices?**

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**Introduction-Background-Motivation**

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**Lamellar Mn Oxides**

**Synthesis**

**Characterization: Structural, Chemical, Thermal, Magnetic**

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**Results, Discussion, Interpretation**

**Summary, Comments no Conclusions, Perspectives**

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# Introduction – Background - Motivation

**Weiss' Magnetism:** The Sin of Pride or a Venial Mistake?

Pierre Quédec. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/27757606>

**P. Weiss:** CR, 152 (1911), 367-369. 3:

$\chi^{-1}$  vs.  $T$  curve (inverse susceptibility) on several different materials, and to postulate the existence of an elementary quantity called the Weiss magneton.

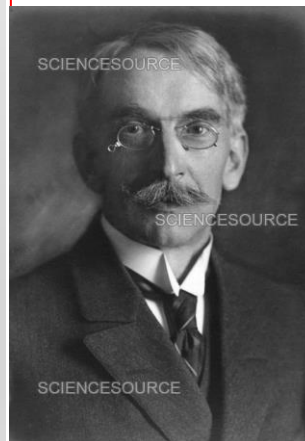
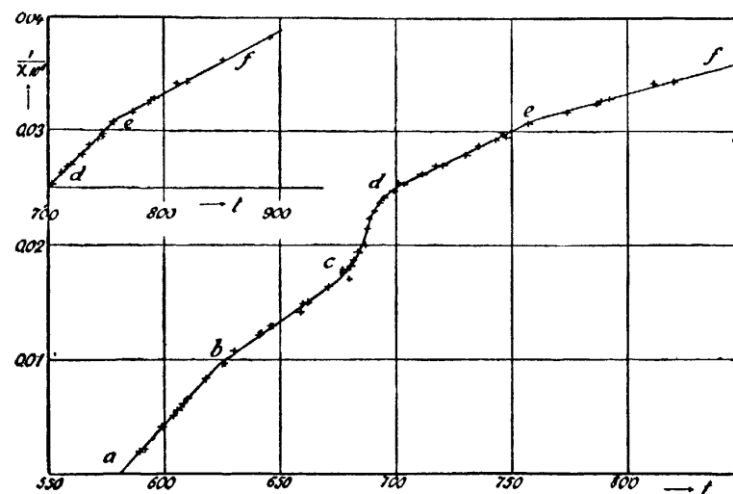
**Curie law:**  $\chi = C/T$ ,  $C$  is the Curie constant

**P. Langevin:**  $C \propto \mu^2$ ,  $\mu$  shares units with the magnetic moment but does not represent an intrinsic magnetic moment. (Annales de chimie et de physique, 8:5 (1905), 70-127)

**P. Weiss (1911):**  $\chi^{-1}$  vs.  $T$  curve of different materials at high temperature splits into distinct straight line segments, each corresponding to a substantial temperature interval. From slope of these straight lines, Weiss determined a different value for  $C$  and thus for  $\mu$  (Weiss' magneton): **HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL INTERPRETATION!!!**

**P. Weiss:** CR, 152 (1911), 367-369. 3. **P. Weiss, phys., 5:1 (1911), 900-912, 965-988.**

**J. R. L. de Almeida. Eur. Phys. J. B 13, 289{295 (2000). Strongly frustrated random antiferromagnets. Antiferromagnetic structures of more of two sublattices.** A high dimensionality calculation (Weiss like) has been carried out for antiferromagnetism (AFM) in structures with many sublattices. By allowing quenched disorder in the exchange interactions our results clearly exhibit the interplay between the effects of lattice frustration and disorder on the system's properties.



Pierre Weiss



Louis Néel

L. Néel (1948): shows that the curve of the inverse susceptibility versus temperature is continuous and smooth one, rather than a series of several straight lines as earlier interpreted by Weiss (1911).

Néel:  
Ferrimagnetism  
**Two sublattices**  
Eq. (1)

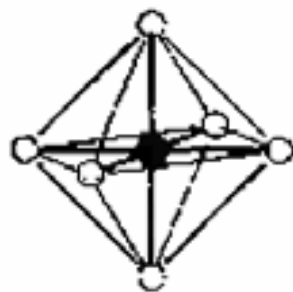
$$\frac{1}{\chi} = \frac{T + \left(\frac{C}{\chi_0}\right)}{C} - \frac{b}{T - \theta_f}$$

## Some characteristics

Octahedron:  $MO_6$

Sheets:  $MO_2$

M: Ion metal in  
octahedral site (Mn,Co)



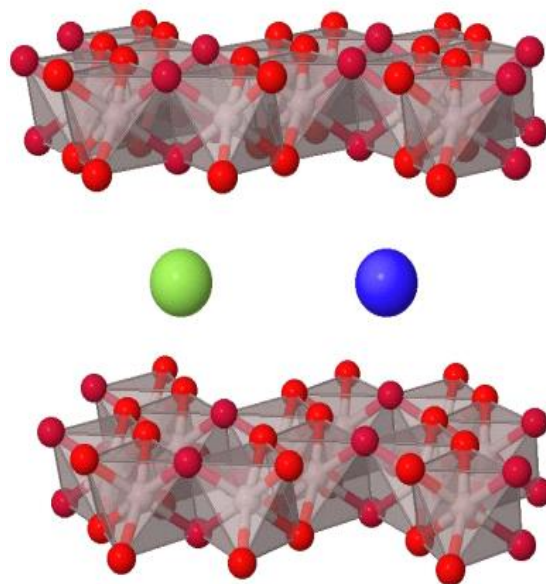
A = Na, K



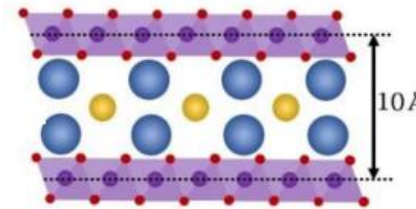
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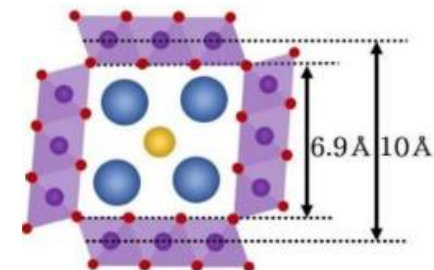
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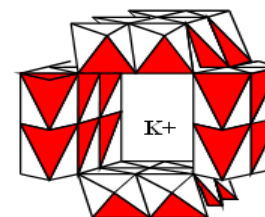
## Lamellar Mn oxides



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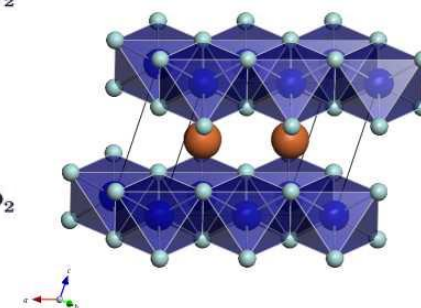
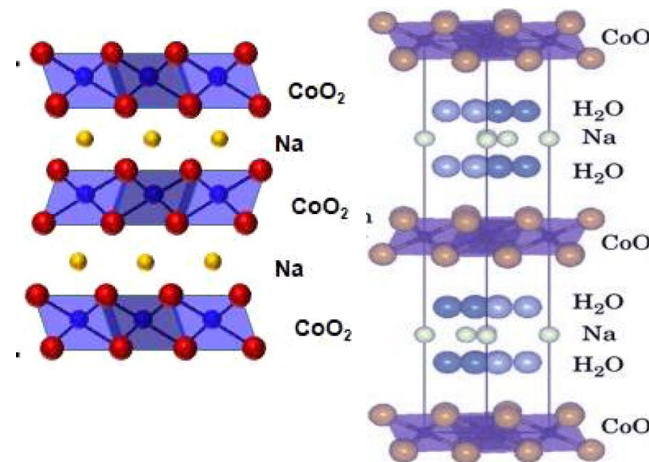
Todorokite



Cryptomelane

- ✓ Mn oxides: mixed valency: Mn can exist in more than one oxidation state
- ✓ MnO,  $Mn_2O_3$  – antiferromagnetism – superexchange interaction
- ✓  $Mn^{+3}$ ,  $Mn^{+4}$  – ferromagnetism – double exchange interaction
- ✓  $H_2O$ , Na, K: (electrical charge compensation)
- ✓ Crystalline defects
- ✓ Distinctive physicochemical properties
- ✓ High modification capacity
- ✓ Many applications (particle size and structure): primary batteries, recharge batteries, supercapacitors, sensors, spintronics

## Lamellar Co oxides



# Synthesis of compounds (samples)

Synthesis: soft chemical		
Compound	Co/Mn molar ratio	Description - lamellar
OL-Mg	0.000	Manganese oxide synthesized with magnesium salt
OL	0.000	Manganese oxide synthesized without magnesium salt
OL-1	0.014	Manganese oxide synthesized with cobalt salt
OL-2	0.037	Manganese oxide synthesized with cobalt salt
OL-3	0.057	Manganese oxide synthesized with cobalt salt
OL-4	0.074	Manganese oxide synthesized with cobalt salt
OL-5	0.096	Manganese oxide synthesized with cobalt salt

# XRD - structural characterization – main structure: birnessite

Synthesis: soft chemical

Compound	Peak	Interlamellar distance (Å)	FWHM	Crystal size (nm)
OL-Mg	12.229	7.232	0.339	24.635
OL	12.345	7.164	0.282	29.618
OL-1	12.445	7.107	0.439	19.027
OL-2	12.269	7.208	0.463	18.038
OL-3	12.535	7.056	0.393	21.256
OL-4	12.337	7.169	0.424	19.698
OL-5	12.313	7.182	0.587	14.228

Note:

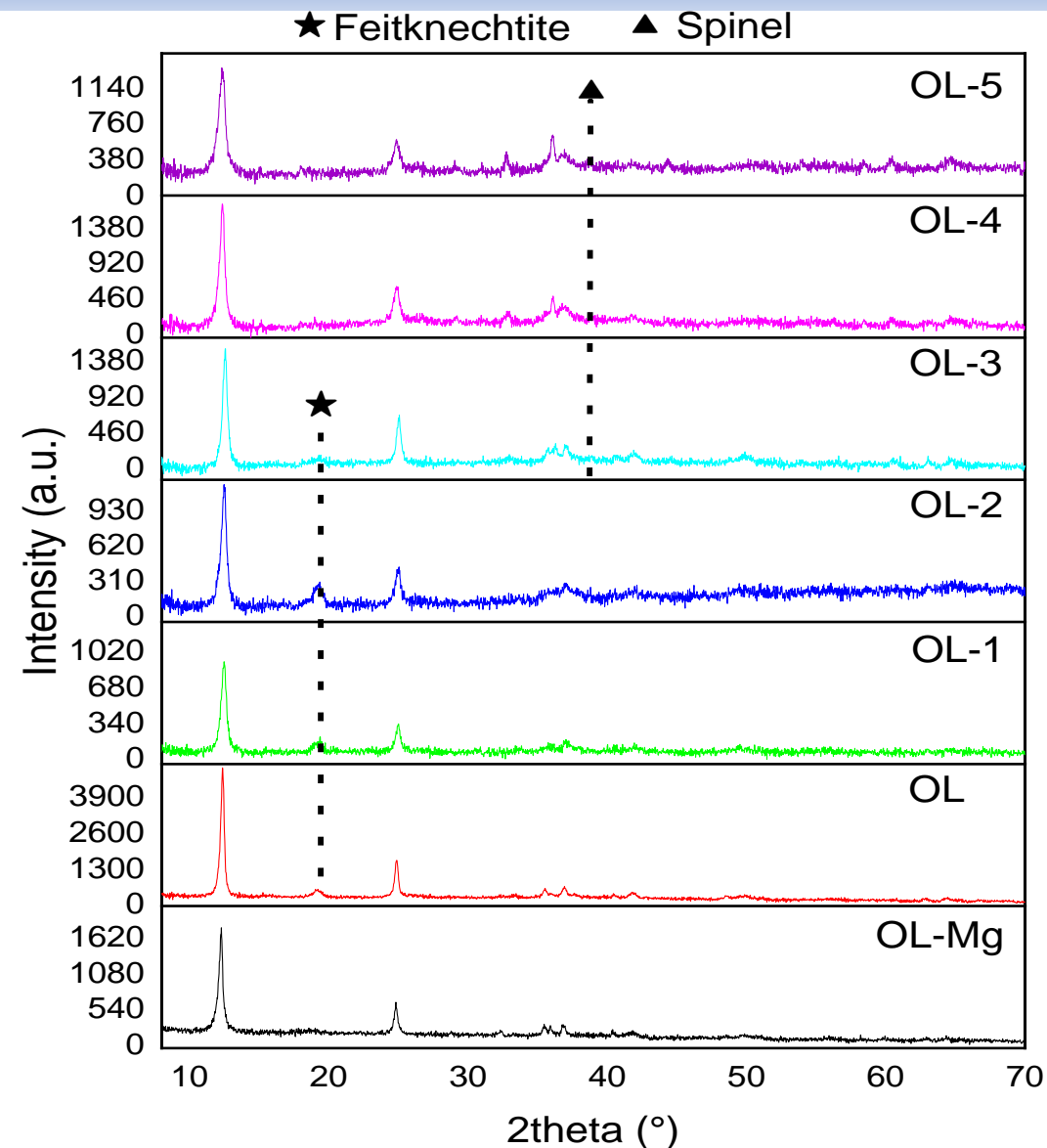
Main peak at  $2\theta \cong 12$  ( $^\circ$ ): main phase – birnessite phase

Secondary peaks at:

$2\theta \cong 20$  ( $^\circ$ ): feitknechtite phase (compounds: OL, OL-1, OL-2)

$2\theta \cong 39$  ( $^\circ$ ): spinel phase (compound OL-5)

Compound OL-Mg (stable compound): absence of peak at  $2\theta \cong 20$  ( $^\circ$ ) implies absence of the feitknechtite phase ( $\beta$  – MnOOH), this phase tends to degrade the thermal stability of the compound.



AAS: Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy

Compound	Metal content (% weight)					Molar ratio Mg/Mn	Molar ratio Na/(Mn+ Co)	Molar ratio K/(Mn+ Co)	Molar ratio Co/Mn	AOS Mn
	Mn	Mg	Na	K	Co					
OL-Mg	49.1	1.3	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.058	0.087	0.001	0.000	3.73
OL	55.6	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.000	0.083	0.000	0.000	3.71
OL-1	48.6	0.0	1.4	0.1	0.7	0.000	0.069	0.002	0.014	3.71
OL-2	47.6	0.0	1.4	0.1	1.9	0.000	0.066	0.002	0.037	3.70
OL-3	42.6	0.0	1.3	0.0	2.6	0.000	0.067	0.001	0.057	3.69
OL-4	41.4	0.0	1.3	0.1	3.3	0.000	0.067	0.001	0.074	3.68
OL-5	40.9	0.0	1.4	0.0	4.2	0.000	0.063	0.001	0.096	3.65

Compound	Structural formula	$T_i$ (K)	$\theta_f$ (K)	C	$C/\chi_0$	$\mu_{\text{eff}}/\mu_B$	$\mu_{\text{eff}}/\mu_B$
				(emu·K/g)	(K)	Exp	Teo
OL-Mg	$\text{Na}_{0.087}\text{Mg}_{0.058}\text{Mn}^{4+}_{0.73}\text{Mn}^{3+}_{0.27}\text{O}_2 \cdot 0.31\text{H}_2\text{O}$	34.25	34.10	0.02545	-53.11	4.16	4.17
OL	$\text{Na}_{0.083}\text{Mn}^{4+}_{0.71}\text{Mn}^{3+}_{0.29}\text{O}_2 \cdot 0.25\text{H}_2\text{O}$	34.22	34.19	0.02069	-60.19	3.75	3.60
OL-1	$\text{Na}_{0.069}(\text{Co}_{0.014}\text{Mn}^{4+}_{0.700}\text{Mn}^{3+}_{0.286})\text{O}_2 \cdot 0.31\text{H}_2\text{O}$	65.20	61.63	0.02489	-77.15	4.03	3.61
OL-2	$\text{Na}_{0.066}(\text{Co}_{0.037}(\text{Mn}^{4+}_{0.674}\text{Mn}^{3+}_{0.289}))\text{O}_2 \cdot 0.25\text{H}_2\text{O}$	80.22	54.95	0.02522	-70.70	3.48	3.65
OL-3	$\text{Na}_{0.067}(\text{Co}_{0.057}\text{Mn}^{4+}_{0.651}\text{Mn}^{3+}_{0.292})\text{O}_2 \cdot 0.28\text{H}_2\text{O}$	72.77	70.22	0.03032	-56.39	3.77	3.67
OL-4	$\text{Na}_{0.067}(\text{Co}_{0.074}\text{Mn}^{4+}_{0.630}\text{Mn}^{3+}_{0.296})\text{O}_2 \cdot 0.46\text{H}_2\text{O}$	76.74	66.97	0.05458	-45.78	3.49	3.69
OL-5	$\text{Na}_{0.063}(\text{Co}_{0.096}\text{Mn}^{4+}_{0.588}\text{Mn}^{3+}_{0.316})\text{O}_2 \cdot 0.15\text{H}_2\text{O}$	70.20	66.03	0.04922	-37.95	3.23	3.63

For sample OL (undoped) AOS = 3.71 indicates:

The presence of both  $\text{Mn}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Mn}^{4+}$  ions, with concentration of  $\text{Mn}^{4+}$  ion  $>$   $\text{Mn}^{3+}$  ion. An excess of  $\text{Mn}^{4+}$  ions in the  $\text{MnO}_6$  octahedral sites. Ferrimagnetic structure with two sublattices. Main structural state: Feitknechtite

For samples doped (introduction of Co): both the AOS of the Mn ion and  $(\text{Mn}^{4+}/\text{Mn}^{3+})$  molar ratio decrease slightly with increasing Co content, with concentration of  $\text{Mn}^{4+}$  ion  $\geq (\cong)$  concentration of  $\text{Mn}^{3+}$  ion.  $\text{Mn}^{3+}$   $\{[\text{Ar}]3d^4 : S = 4\}$ ;  $\text{Mn}^{4+}$   $\{[\text{Ar}]3d^3 : S = 3\}$ ;  $\text{Co}^{3+}$   $\{[\text{Ar}]3d^6 : S = 4\}$ .

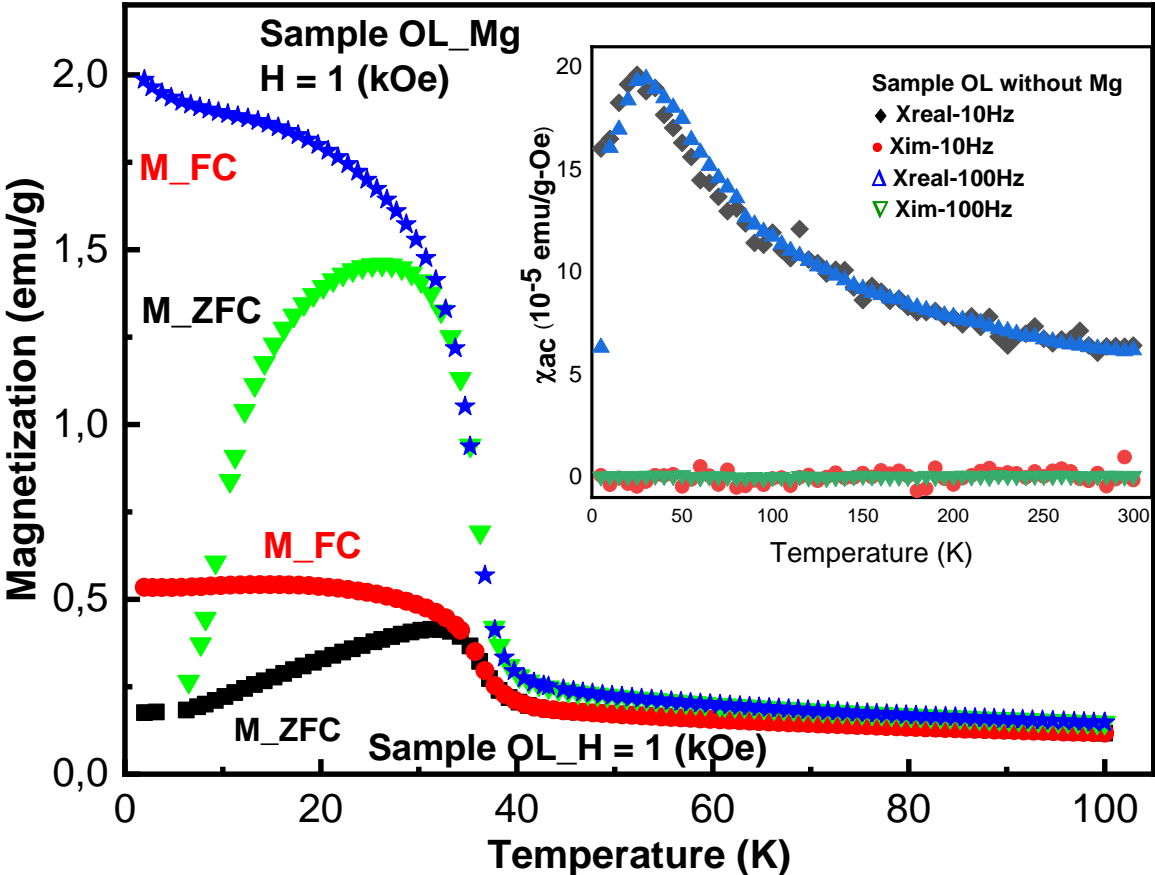
The interlayer Na ion concentration is higher in the OL sample than in the samples doped with Co.

No correlation was observed between increasing the Co and Na content, while the Mn ion concentration decreases as the Co ion concentration increases.

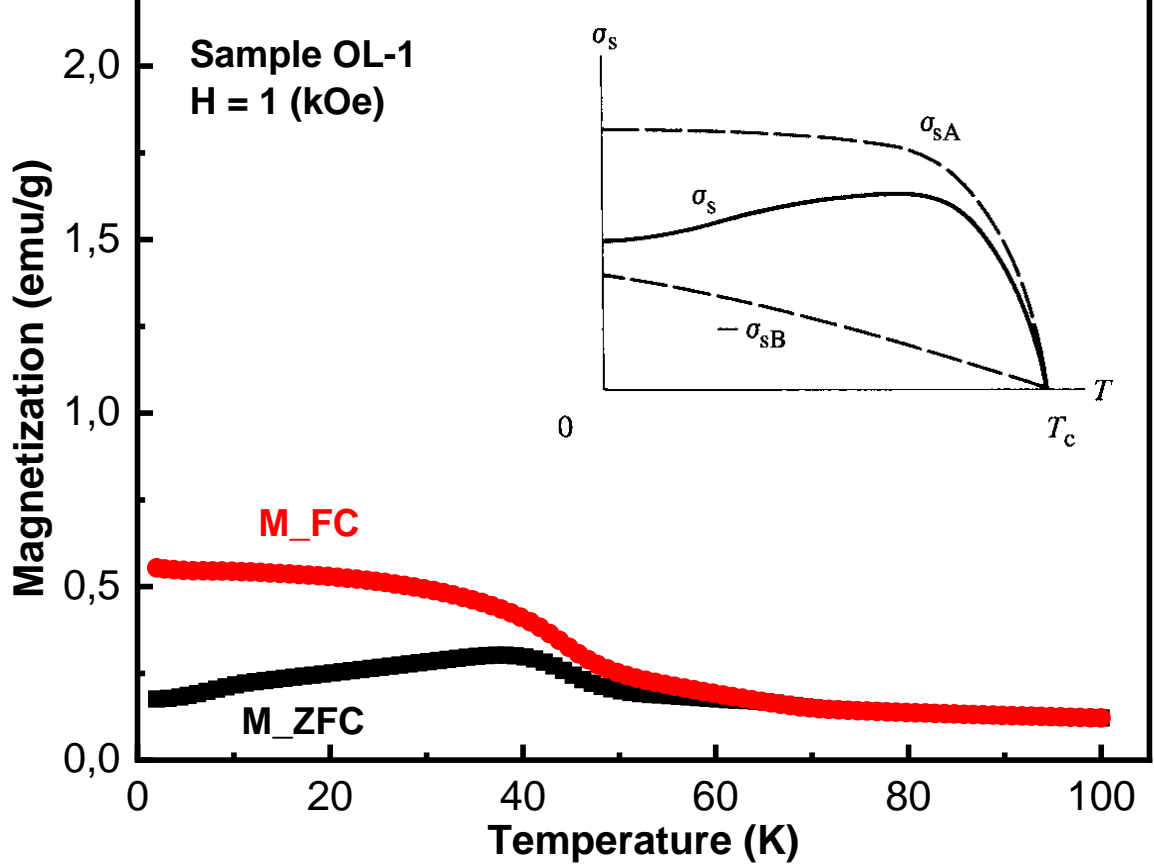
For sample OL-1: These results suggest that a fraction  $x$  of  $\text{Mn}^{4+}$  ion is initially replaced by a corresponding fraction  $x$  of  $\text{Co}^{3+}$  ion due to the initial excess of  $\text{Mn}^{4+}$  ion, with Co likely existing as a trivalent ion. This substitution is feasible since the coordination radius of low-spin  $\text{Co}^{3+}$  ion (0.61 Å) is very close to that of  $\text{Mn}^{4+}$  ion (0.62 Å), and the crystal field stabilization energy for  $\text{Co}^{3+}$  in octahedral coordination is higher than that of  $\text{Mn}^{4+}$  in the same coordination environment, which implies that low-spin  $\text{Co}^{3+}$  is more stable in an octahedral environment [13]–[14].

The introduction of the Co ion enhances the FM double exchange interaction, that together with the AF superexchange interaction, can to introduce frustration into the system opening possibilities that drastic changes in the magnetic behavior of the system occurs.

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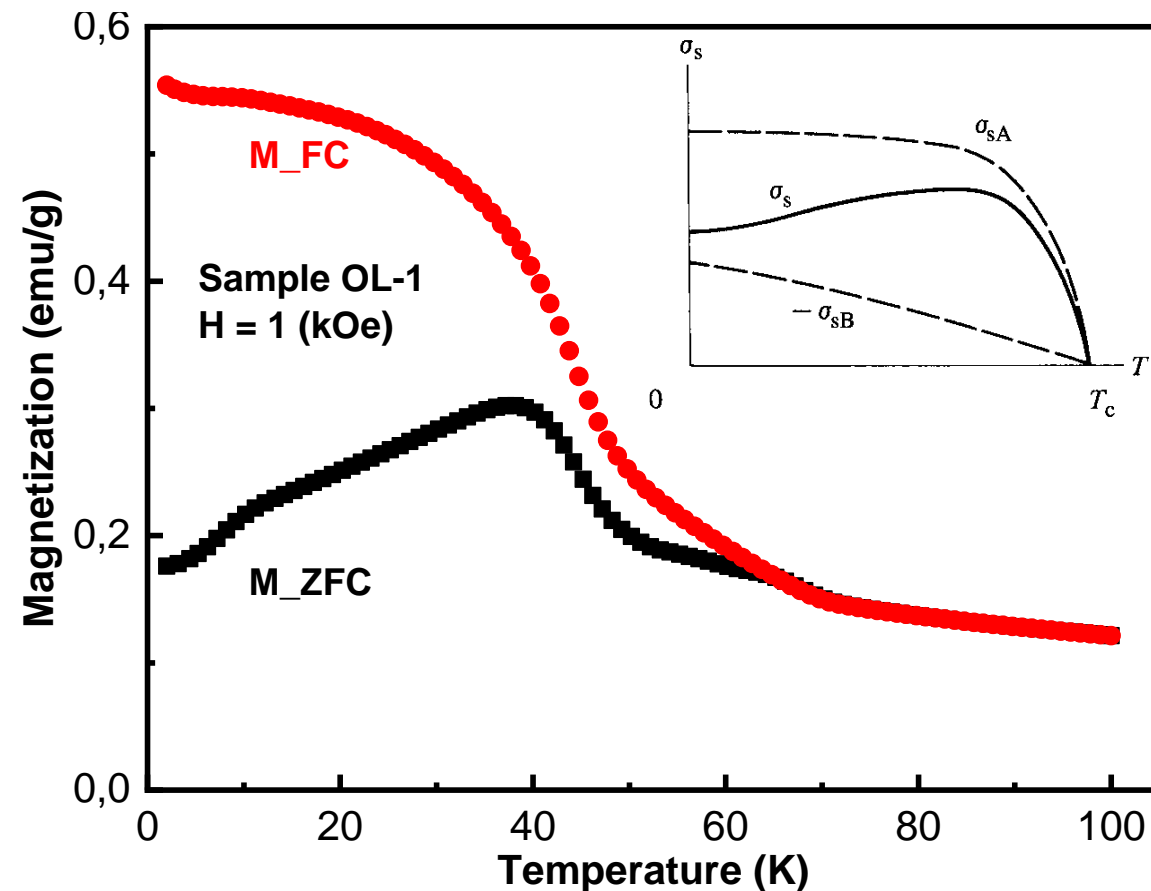
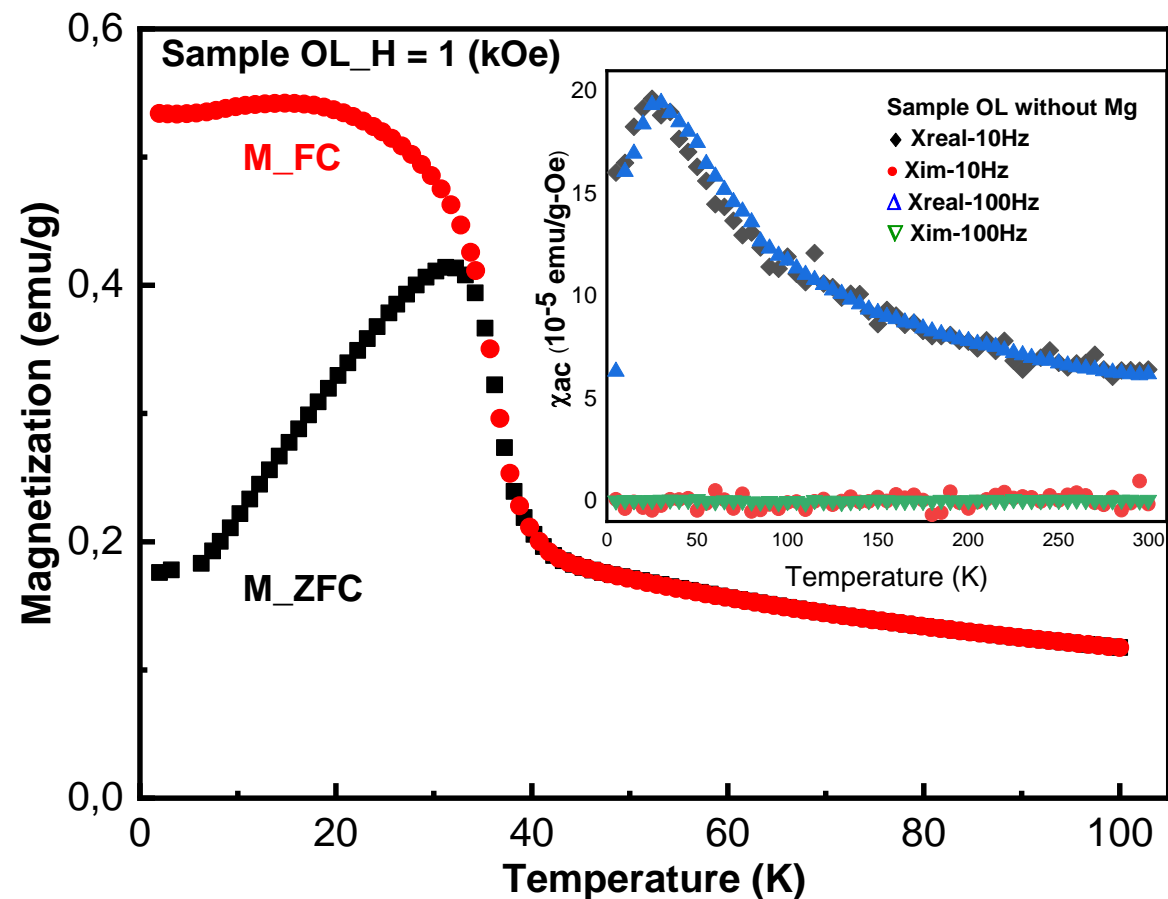


Sample OL  
 $T_c$  (H = 0) =  $30 \pm 0.5$  K  
 $T_p$  (H = 1 kOe) =  $29.84 \pm 0.5$  K



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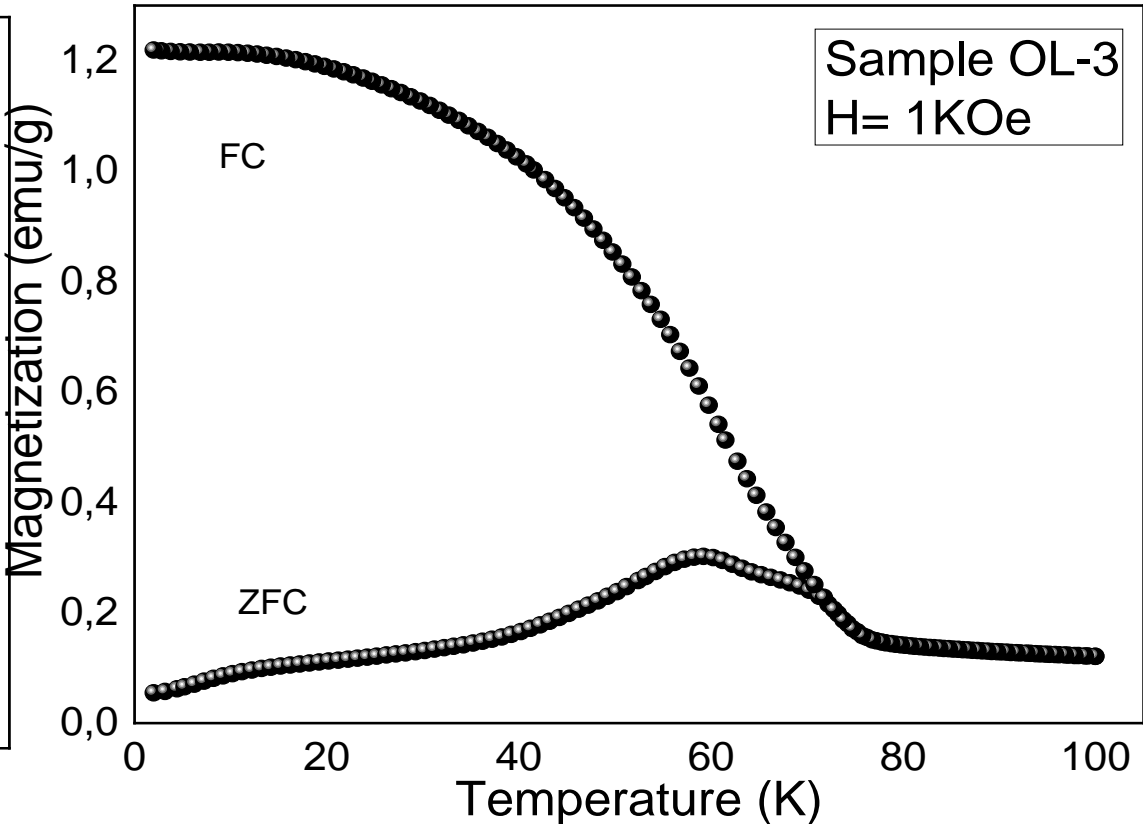
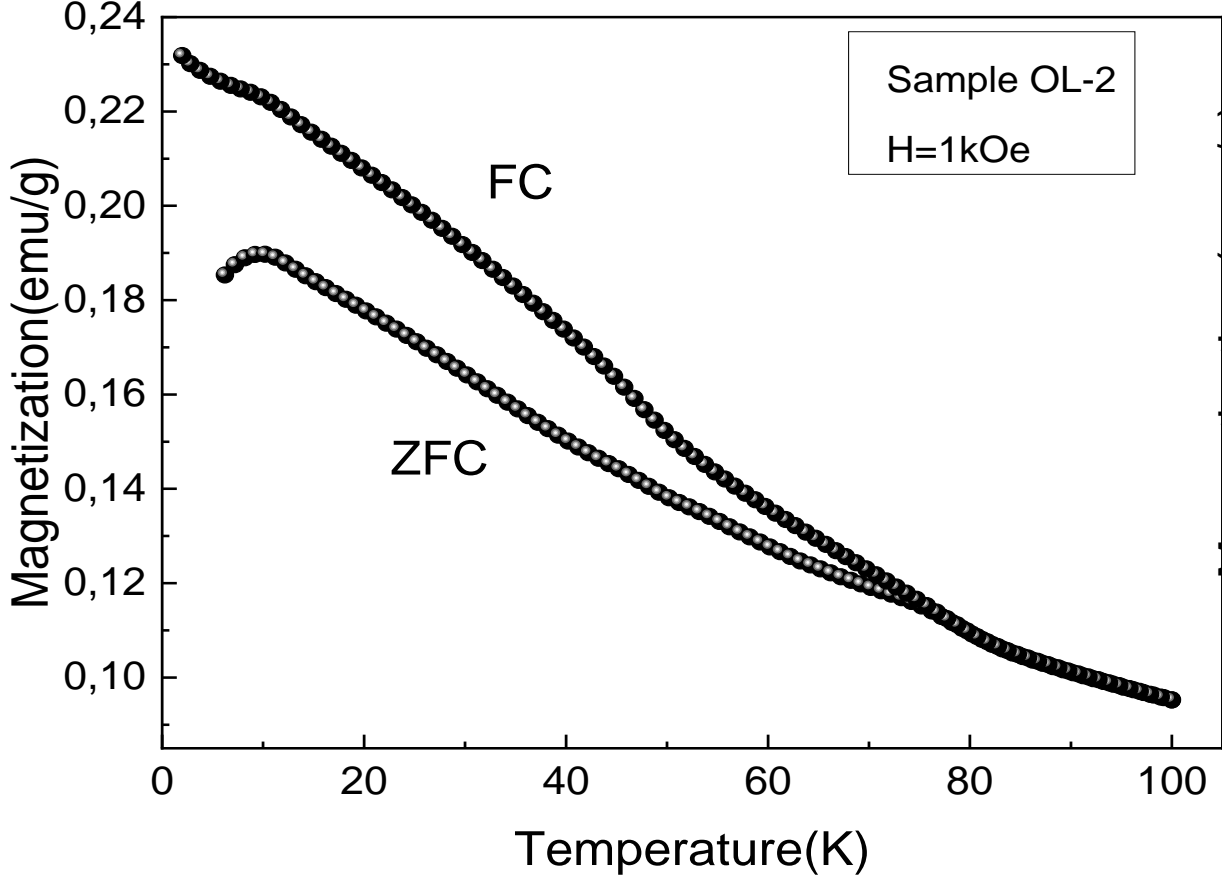


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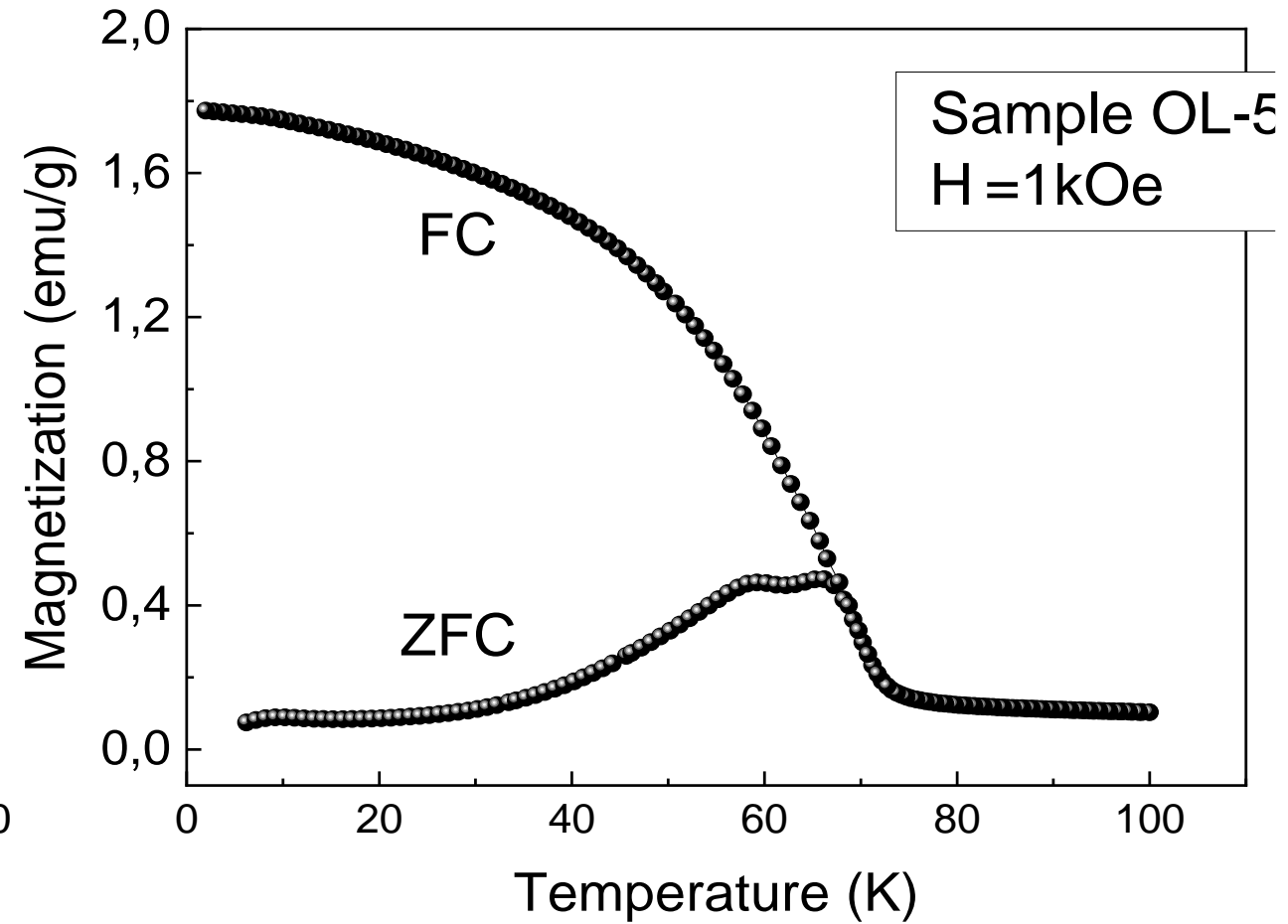
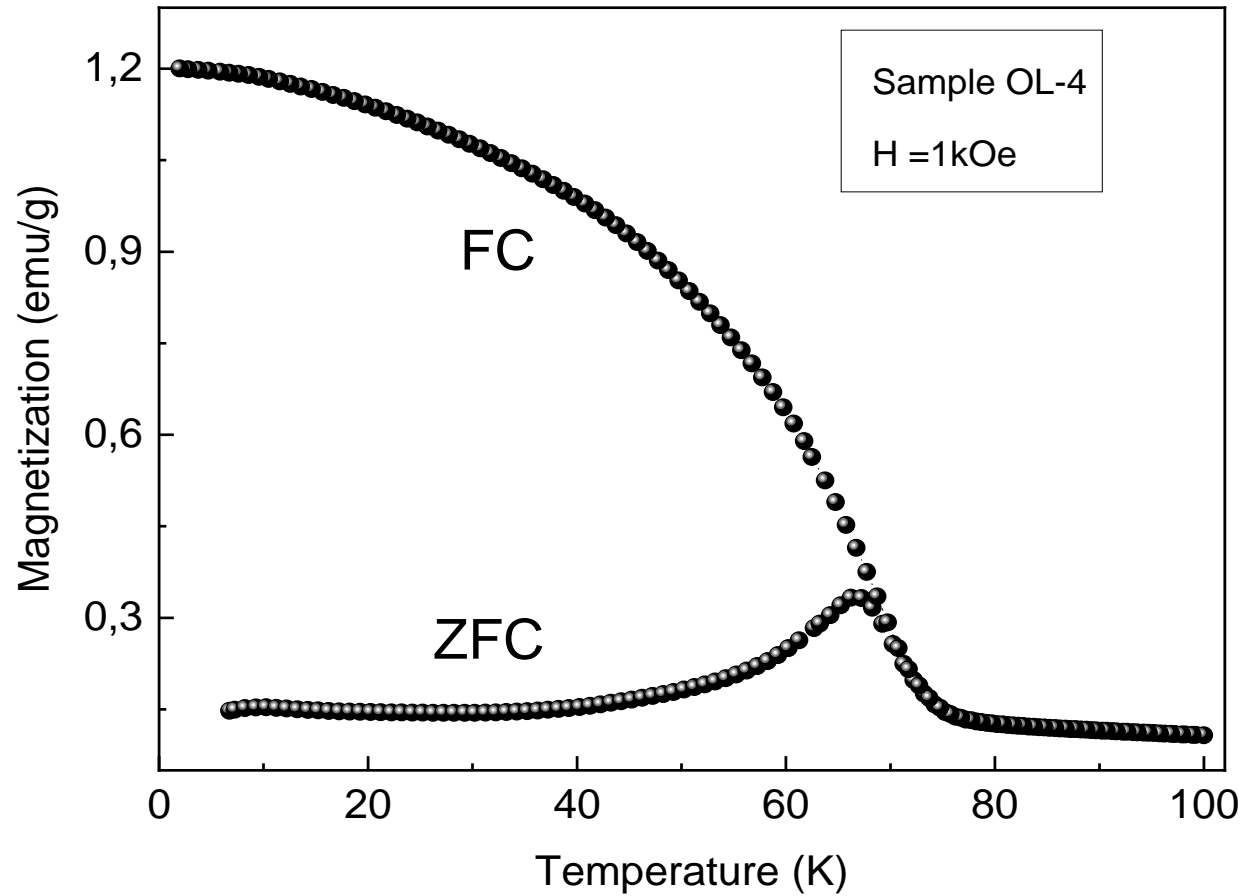
$T_c (H = 0) = 30 \pm 0.5 \text{ K}$

$\theta_p (H = 1 \text{ kOe}) = 29.84 \pm 0.5 \text{ K}$ , this value for  $\theta_p$  agree quite well with the value obtained independently from zero field ac susceptibility measurement for  $f = 2\pi/\omega = 10$  and  $100 \text{ Hz}$  of  $T_c(H = 0) = 30 \pm 0.5 \text{ K}$ .

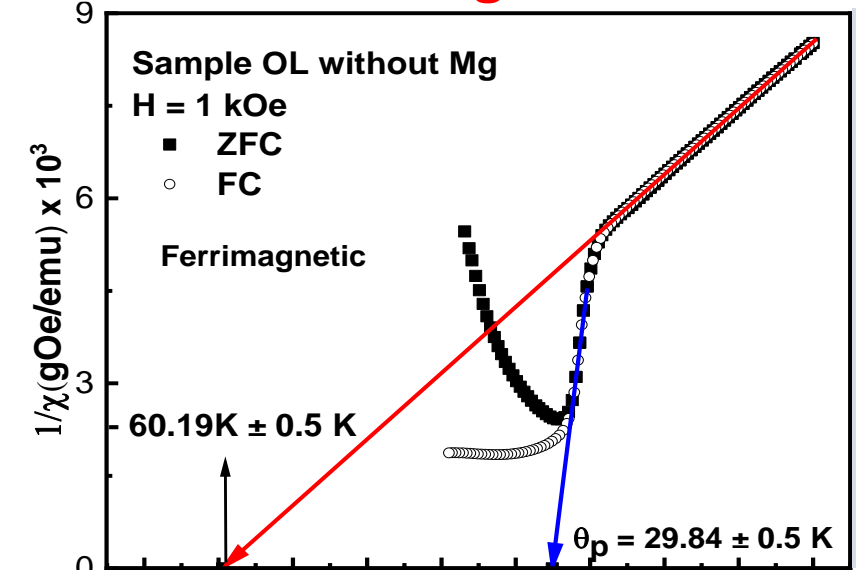
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$$\frac{1}{\chi} = \frac{T + \left(\frac{C}{\chi_0}\right)}{C} - \frac{b}{T - \theta_f}$$

$\frac{1}{\chi}$  vs. T curve of sample OL fits well to Néel Eq., for ferrimagnetics

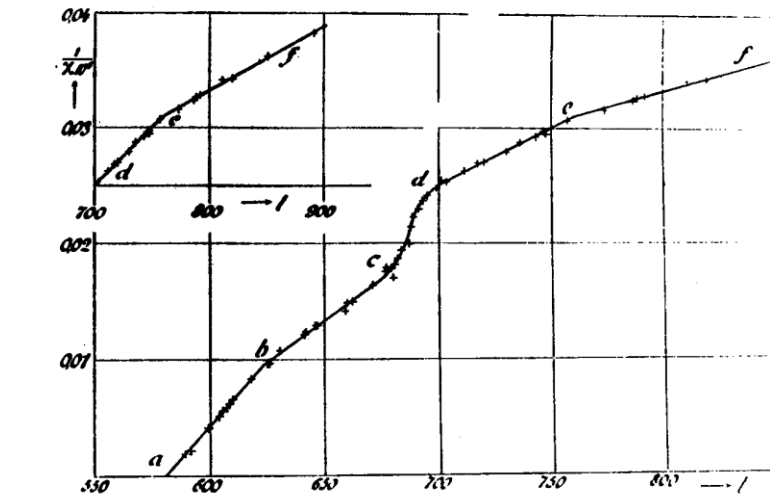
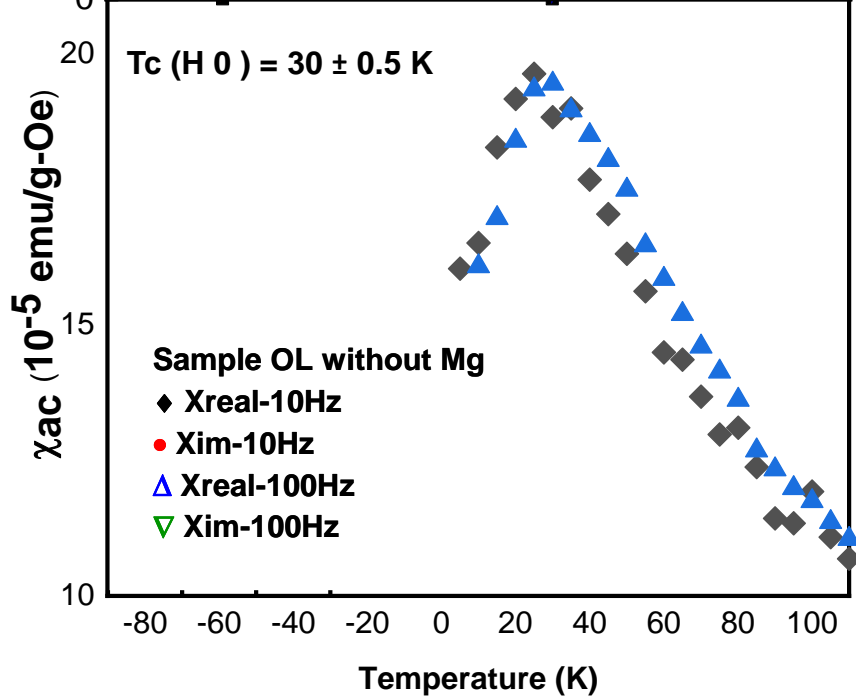
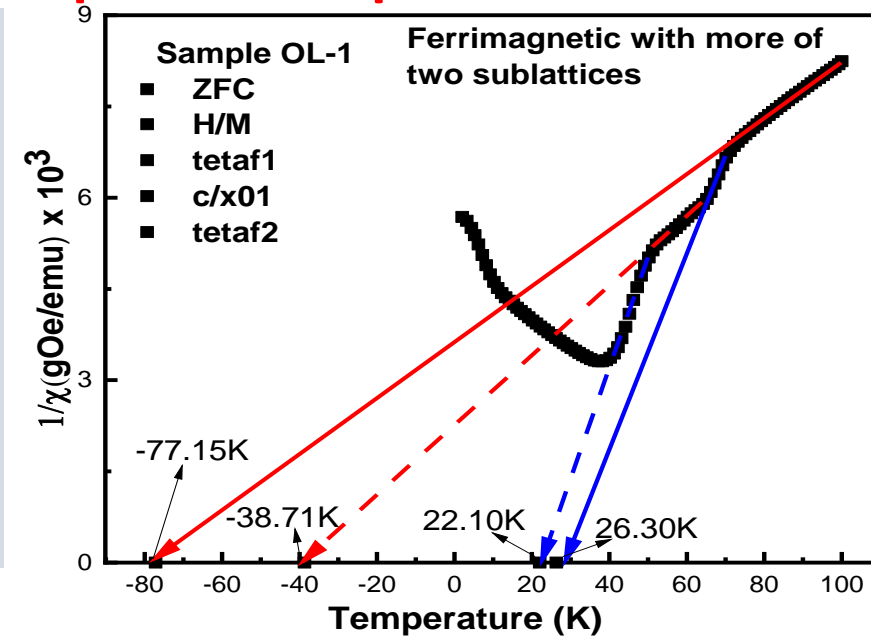
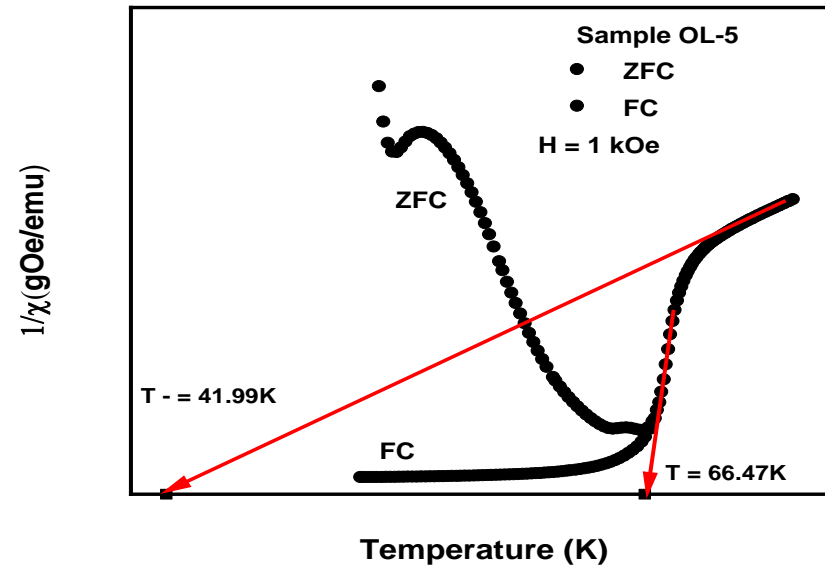
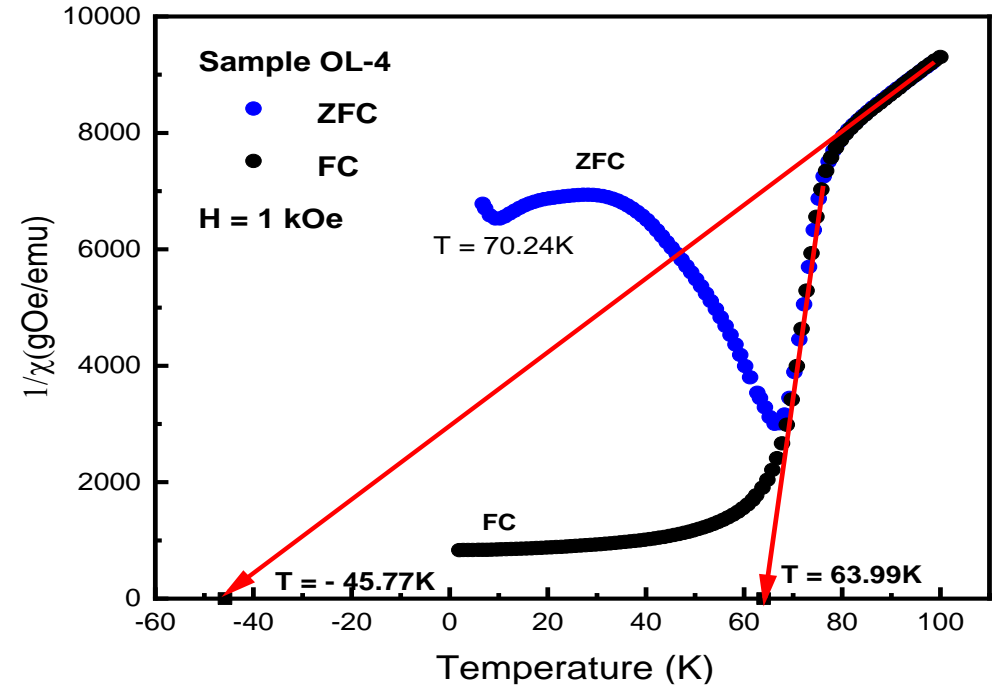
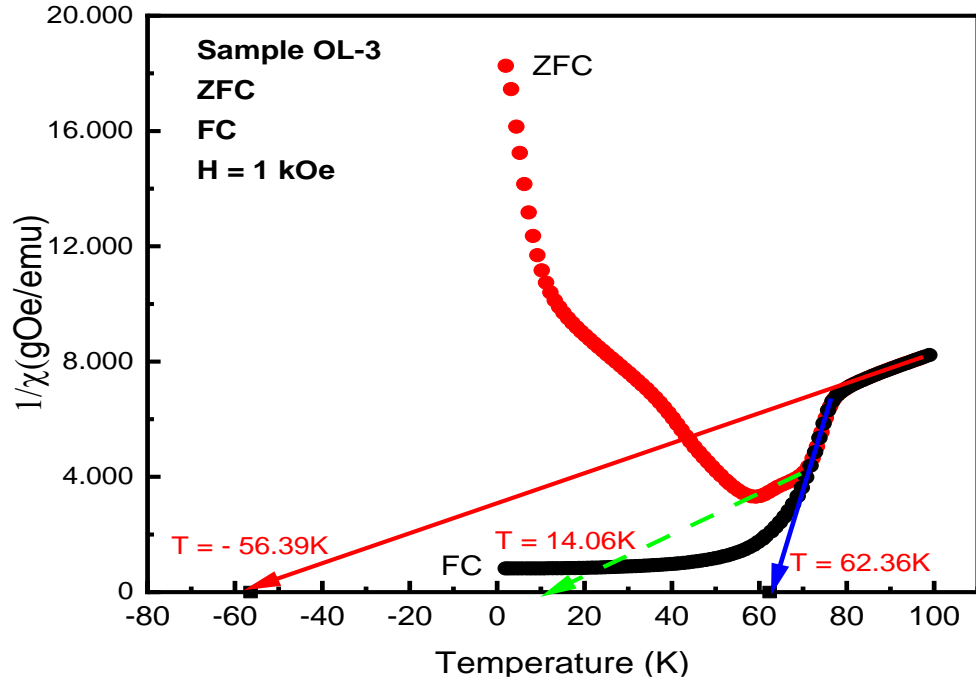


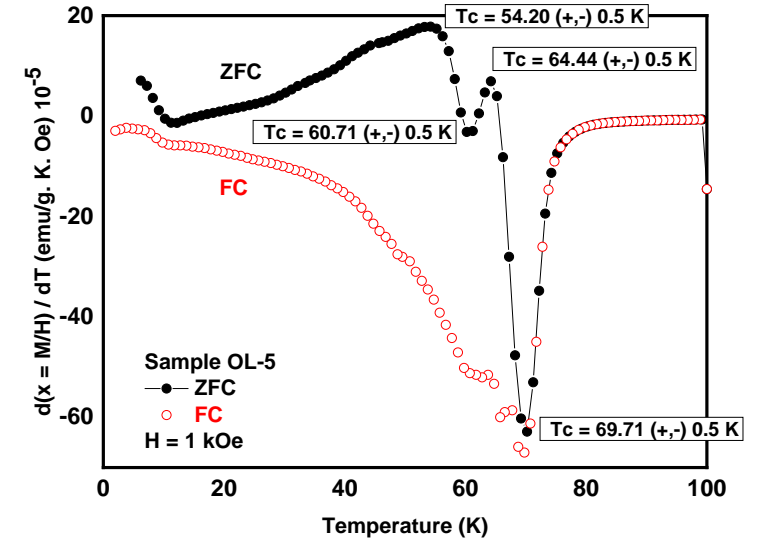
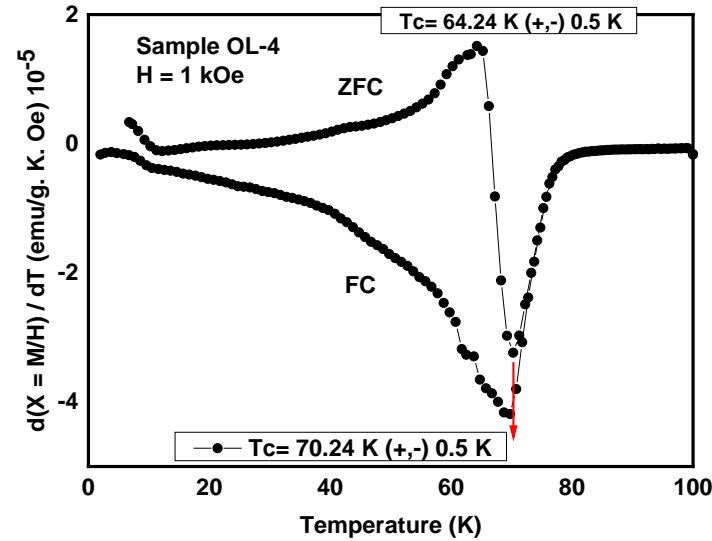
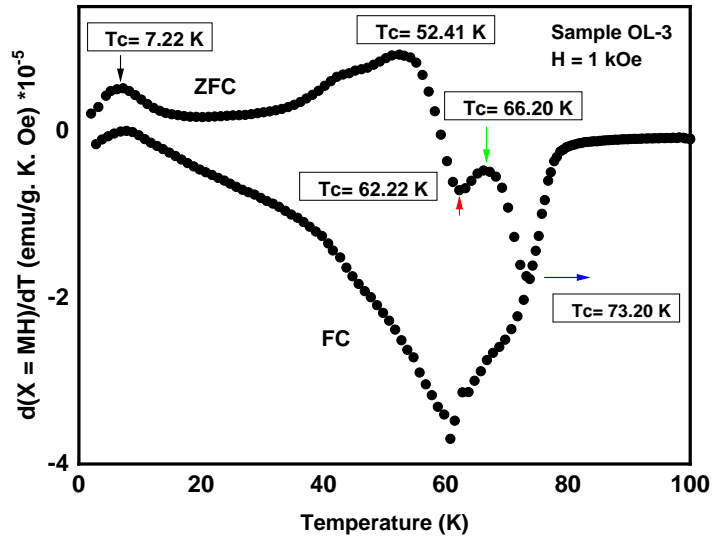
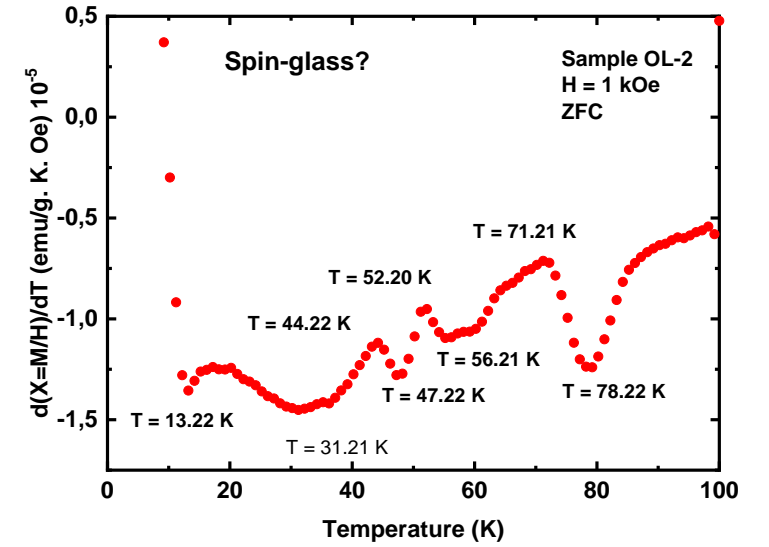
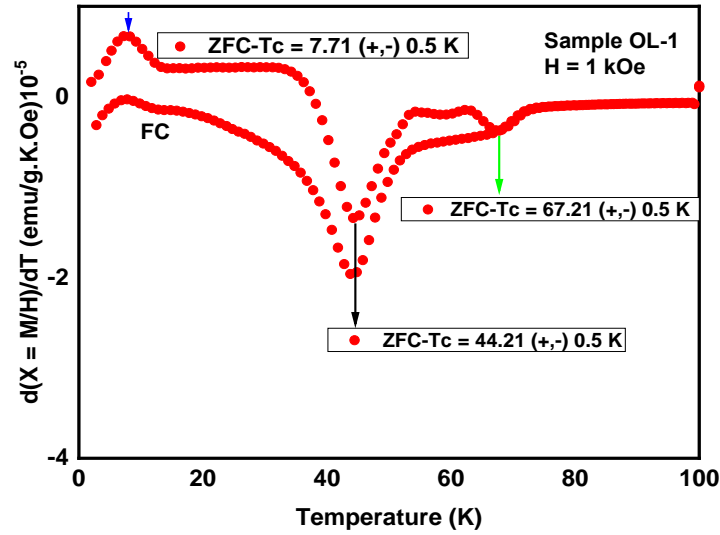
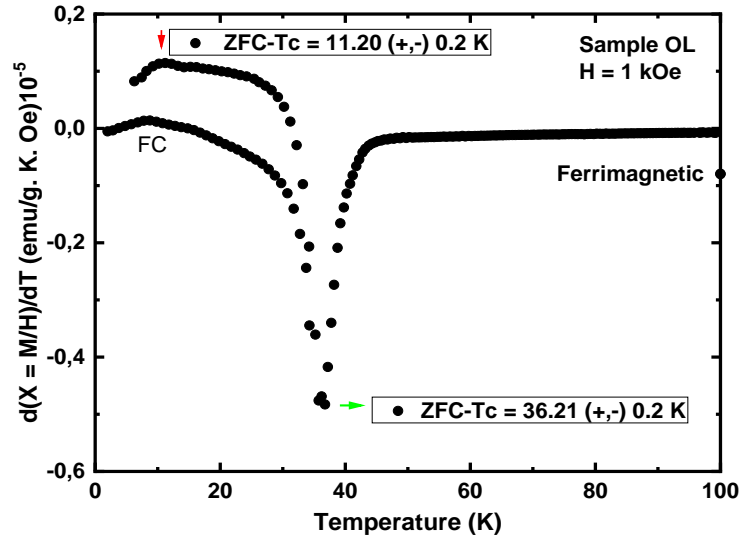
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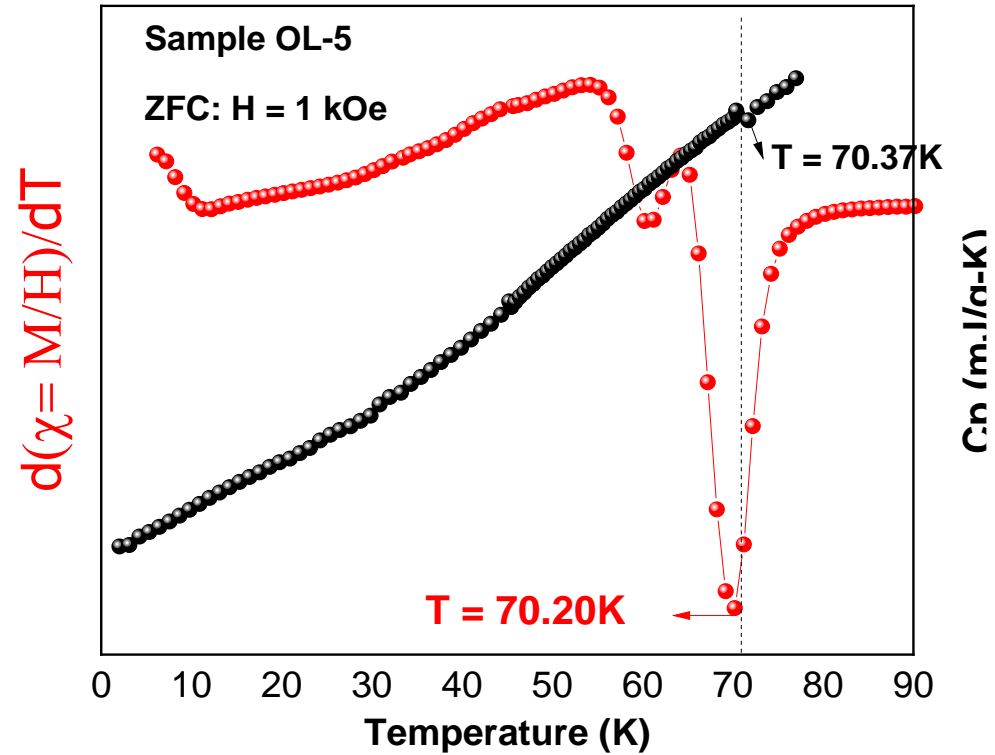
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$$C_H = \frac{\langle E^2 \rangle - \langle E \rangle^2}{k_B T^2}$$

$$\chi = \frac{\langle M^2 \rangle - \langle M \rangle^2}{V k_B T}$$

Energy includes the term -  $M \cdot H$

# Interpretation - how can we go about understanding the results? a possible road:

$$\left(\frac{d\chi}{dT}\right)_H \propto C_M(T)$$

M. Fisher, *Philos. Mag. A J. Theor. Exp. Appl. Phys.*, (3) vol. 7, pp. 1731–1743, 1962.

$$\chi_T = \frac{1}{N} \left(\frac{\partial \langle M \rangle}{\partial \beta H}\right)_H = \mu^2 \sum_{ij} \Gamma_{ij} \quad (4)$$

$$\chi_T = \frac{\left[\left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial T}\right)_H\right]^2}{C_H - C_M} \quad (5)$$

**[( $d\chi/dT$ ) and  $C_M$ ]: magnetization and energy fluctuations.**



**Correlation between the ( $d\chi/dT$ ) and energy landscapes.**

$\chi =$  Magnetic susceptibility:  $\frac{\langle M^2 \rangle - \langle M \rangle^2}{Vk_B T}$

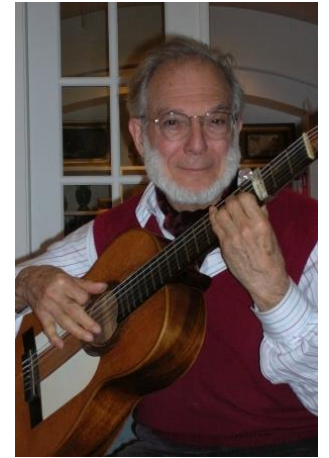
$C_H = \frac{\langle E^2 \rangle - \langle E \rangle^2}{k_B T^2}$

$M =$  Magnetization

$T =$  Temperature

$\Gamma =$  Correlation function

$C =$  Heat capacity



Michael Fisher

# Interpretation - **POSSIBLE PICTURE**

AOS = 3.71 indicates: presence of  $Mn^{3+}$  and  $Mn^{4+}$  ions, with concentration of  $Mn^{4+}$  ion  $>$   $Mn^{3+}$  ion. An excess of  $Mn^{4+}$  ions in the  $MnO_6$  octahedral sites. Ferrimagnetic structure with two sublattices.

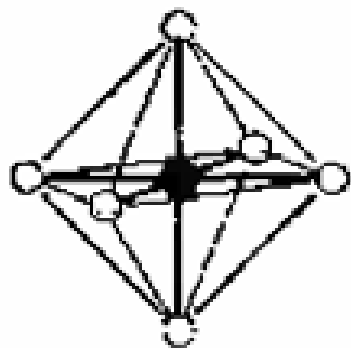
Sample	AOS for Mn ion	(Co/Mn) ratio molar	( $Mn^{4+}/Mn^{3+}$ ) ratio molar	Magnetic Structure	Structural State (Main)	Frustration (Qualitative comment)	Interactions
OL (undoped)	3.71	0.000		Ferrimagnetic with two sublattices	Birnessite	No	AF super exchange ( $MnO$ , $Mn_2O_3$ ) + FM double exchange ( $Mn^{4+}$ and $Mn^{3+}$ )
OL-1 (doped)	3.71	0.014		Ferrimagnetic with more of two sublattices	Birnessite	Yes-weak (presumably )	AF super exchange ( $MnO$ , $Mn_2O_3$ ) + FM double exchange ( $Mn^{4+}$ and $Mn^{3+}$ )

<b>Sample</b>	<b>AOS for Mn ion</b>	<b>(Co/Mn) ratio molar</b>	<b>(Mn<sup>4+</sup>/Mn<sup>3+</sup>) ratio molar</b>	<b>Magnetic Structure</b>	<b>Structural State (Main)</b>	<b>Frustration (Qualitative comment)</b>	<b>Interactions</b>
<b>OL-2 (doped)</b>	<b>3.70</b>	<b>0.037</b>		<b>Spin-glass type</b>	<b>Birnessite</b>	<b>Yes-strong (presumably)</b>	<b>AF super exchange (MnO, Mn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) + FM double exchange (Mn<sup>4+</sup> and Mn<sup>3+</sup>)</b>
<b>OL-3 (doped)</b>	<b>3.69</b>	<b>0.057</b>		<b>Ferrimagnetic (main)</b>	<b>Birnessite</b>	<b>Yes-weak (presumably)</b>	<b>AF super exchange (MnO, Mn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) + FM double exchange (Mn<sup>4+</sup> and Mn<sup>3+</sup>)</b>

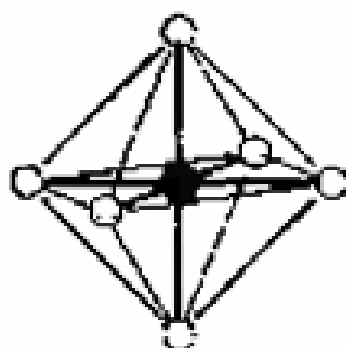
Sample	AOS for Mn ion	(Co/Mn) ratio molar	(Mn <sup>4+</sup> /Mn <sup>3+</sup> ) ratio molar	Magnetic Structure	Structural State (Main)	Frustration (Qualitative comment)	Interactions
OL-4 (doped)	3.68	0.074		Ferrimagnetic with spin-cluster (short-to-medium range-ordered)	Birnessite	Yes-weak (presumably)	AF super exchange (MnO, Mn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ) + FM double exchange (Mn <sup>4+</sup> and Mn <sup>3+</sup> )
OL-5 (doped)	3.65	0.096		Ferrimagnetic with spin-cluster (short-to-medium range-ordered)	Birnessite + Spinel (Co-oxide)	Yes-weak (presumably)	AF super exchange (MnO, Mn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ) + FM double exchange (Mn <sup>4+</sup> and Mn <sup>3+</sup> )

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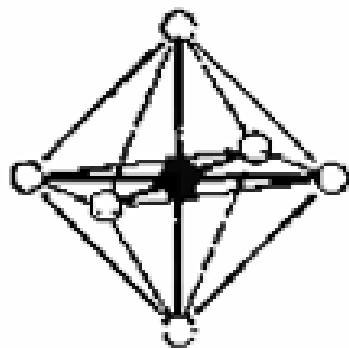
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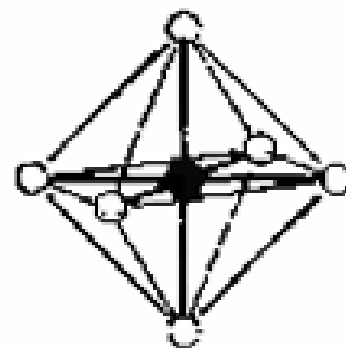
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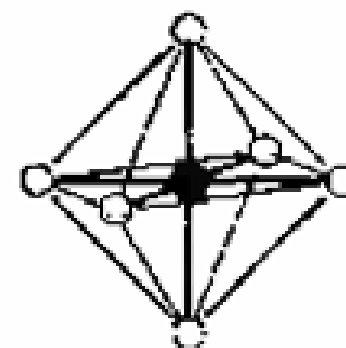
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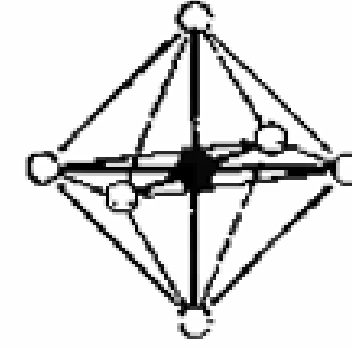
Sample OL-3



Sample OL-4



Sample OL-5



Undoped  
Sample OL  
Mn/Co = 0  
Concentration:  
Mn<sup>4+</sup> ion > Mn<sup>3+</sup> ion  
Excess of Mn<sup>4+</sup> ion in  
the MnO<sub>6</sub> octahedral  
sites  
Ferrimagnetic with  
two sublattices

Doped with Co  
Sample OL1  
Ferrimagnetic  
with more of two  
sublattices  
fraction  $x$  of Mn<sup>4+</sup>  
ion is initially  
replaced by a  
corresponding  
fraction  $x$  of Co<sup>3+</sup>  
ion due to the  
initial excess of  
Mn<sup>4+</sup> ion: (Mn<sup>4+</sup>  
ion - Co<sup>3+</sup> ion)

Further increasing of  
Co  
Sample OL2  
Spin-glass type  
Frustration  
Competent  
interactions  
AF super  
exchange  
+ FM double  
exchange  
(Mn<sup>4+</sup> and Mn<sup>3+</sup>)

Further increasing of  
Co  
Samples OL3, OL4,  
OL5  
(Mn<sup>4+</sup> ion - Co<sup>3+</sup> ion)  
tends to saturate  
(decreases)  
(Mn<sup>3+</sup> ion - Co<sup>3+</sup> ion)  
tends to be  
predominant  
Competent  
interactions tend to be  
compensated

Further increasing of Co  
Sample OL5  
Ferrimagnetic  
with two sublattices +  
Spin-clusters (short-to-  
medium range-ordered)  
(Mn<sup>4+</sup> ion - Co<sup>3+</sup> ion)  
saturates and  
(Mn<sup>3+</sup> ion - Co<sup>3+</sup> ion)  
becomes  
predominant  
Birnessite +  
Spinel (Co-oxide)

The present system goes from ferrimagnetic with two sub-lattices to ferromagnetic with of two sublattices to spin-glass and back to ferrimagnetic with two sublattices behavior.

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### **Possible reconciliation**

**Inverse Susceptibility Curve -Weiss' Magnetism – The inverse susceptibility vs. T curves observed by Weiss occur, but their interpretation is not correct**

**L. Néel: To study the possibility of frustrated ferrimagnetism of more than two sub-lattices?**

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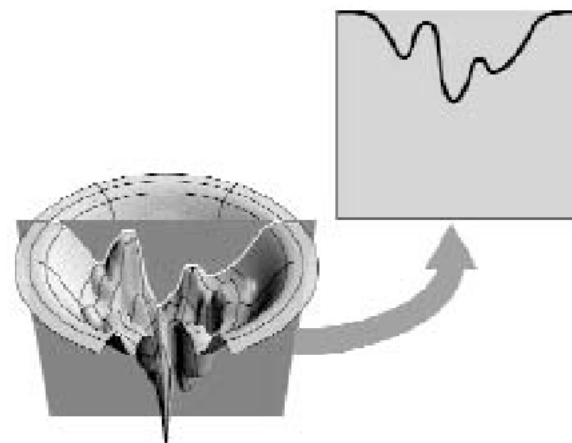
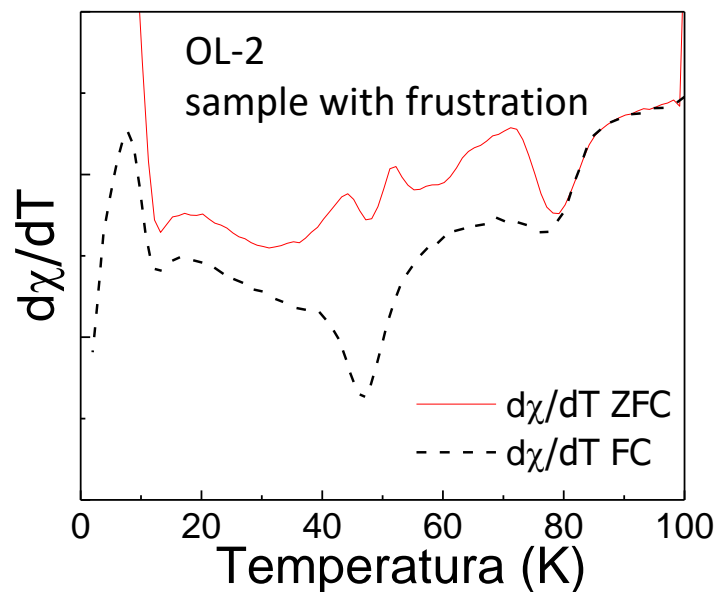
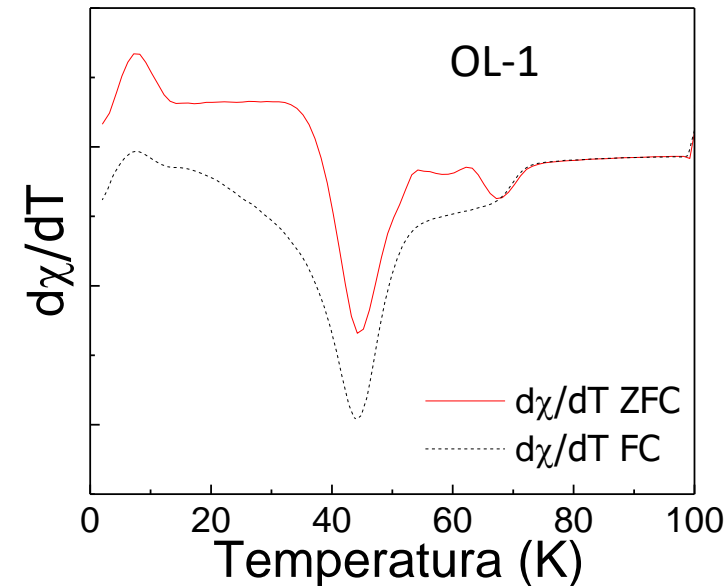
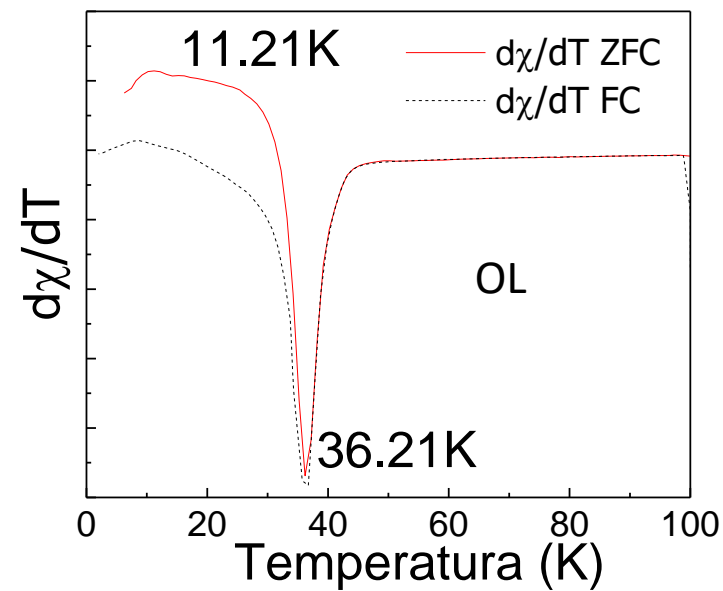
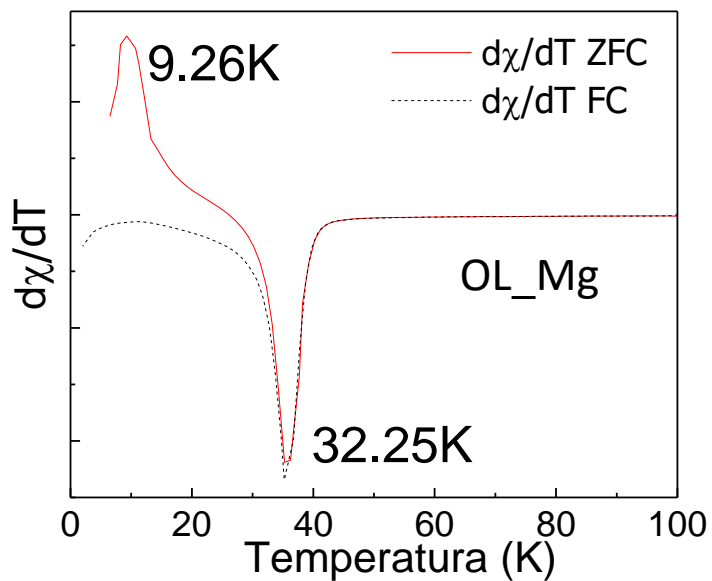
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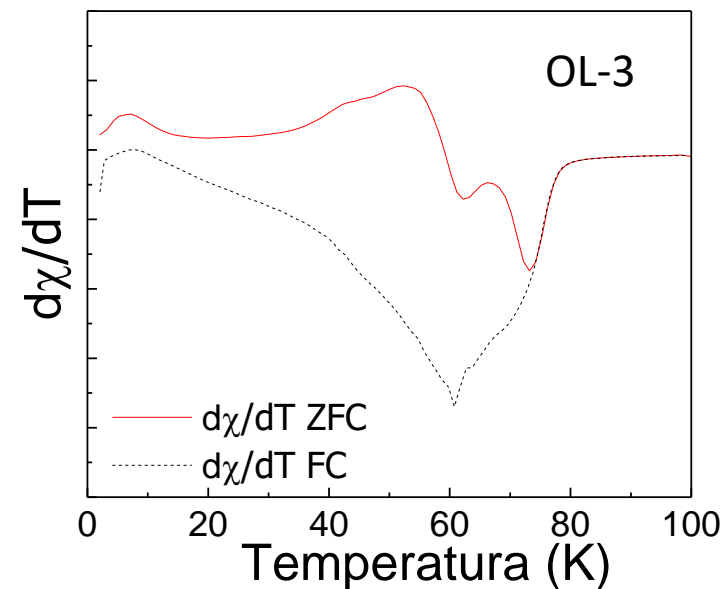
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Energy Landscape for protein,  
( $d\chi/dT$ ) for sample OL-2, protein, and  
system with frustration



**Determination of  $(\mu_{\text{eff}})_{\text{calc}} = \mathbf{a} (\mu)_{\text{Mn}^{4+}} + \mathbf{b} (\mu)_{\text{Mn}^{3+}} + \mathbf{c} (\mu)_{\text{Co}^{3+}}$**

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