

DFT Studies of Temperature Effects in Nuclear Quadrupole Resonance

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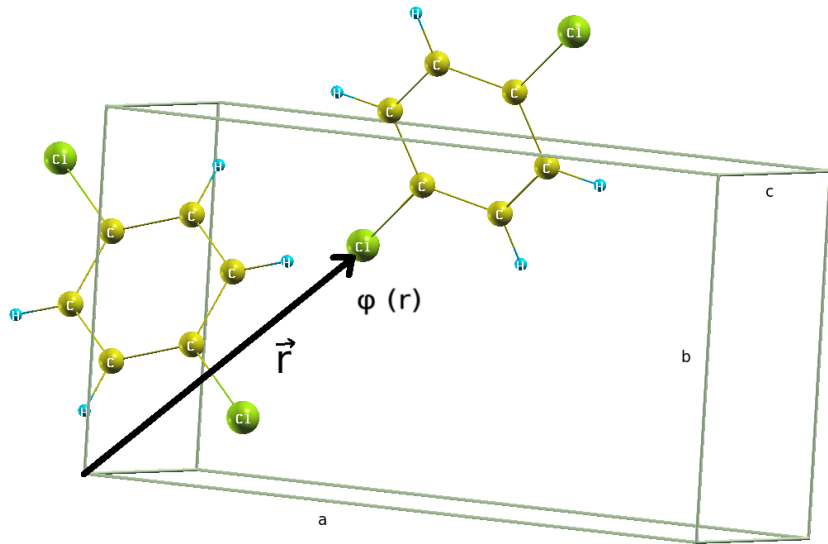
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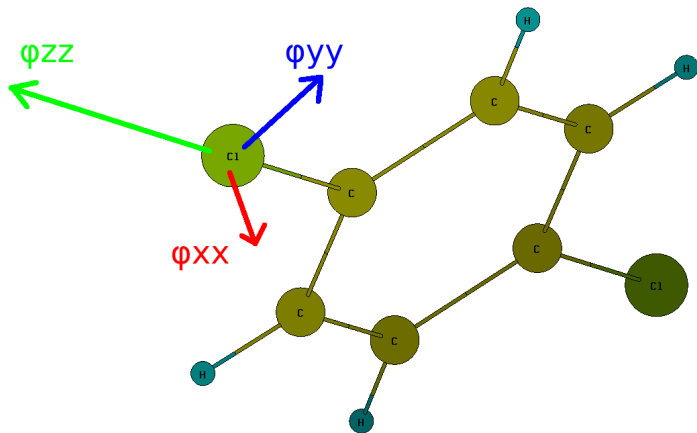
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Zeitschrift für Physik, Bd. 130, S. 227–238 (1951).

Zur Theorie der Spin-Gitterrelaxation in Molekülkristallen*.

Von

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Mit 5 Figuren im Text.

(Eingegangen am 17. Mai 1951.)

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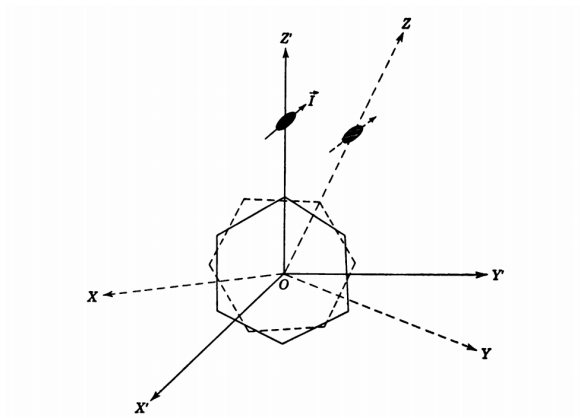


Figure : Bayer considered small rotations θ_x , θ_y , θ_z about each principle EFG axis

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- The expansion is very accurate; only off by a few percent when $x = 2$

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