Theoretical model for the magnetic structure of the tellurite sulfates Na₂Cu₅(TeO₃)(SO₄)₃(OH)₄ and K₂Cu₅(TeO₃)(SO₄)₃(OH)₄

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A theoretical model for two new tellurite sulfates, namely Na₂Cu₅(TeO₃)(SO₄)₃(OH)₄ and K₂Cu₅(TeO₃)(SO₄)₃(OH)₄, is determined to be compatible with ab initio calculations. The results obtained in this paper show that some previous speculations in the literature about the couplings are correct, obtaining a model with a mixture of ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic couplings. We use a combination of numerical techniques to study the magnetic properties of the model. Our numerical calculations based on the density-matrix renormalization group method reveal that the system presents Ising-like magnetization plateaus at rational values of the saturation magnetization.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Recently, Tang et al. [1] synthesized, by hydrothermal reaction, two new tellurite sulfates (TS) with a distorted kagome strip structure: Na₂Cu₅(TeO₃)(SO₄)₃(OH)₄ and K₂Cu₅(TeO₃)(SO₄)₃(OH)₄ (referred to as Na-TS and K-TS in the following). In both compounds, the magnetic behavior is associated with the single unpaired electron associated with each Cu⁺² ion, localized over a onedimensional (1D) kagome strip sublattice. This particular geometry corresponds to the one-dimensional version of the paradigmatic two-dimensional kagome lattice for which some experimental realizations for S = 1/2 as the herbertsmithite $ZnCu_3(OH)_6Cl_2$ [2], the α -vesignieite $BaCu_3V_2O_8(OH)_2$ [3], and $[NH_4]_2[C_7H_{14}N][V_7O_6F_{18}]_5$ [4] were studied.

The crystal structure of the compounds is schematized in Fig. 1 and the simplified magnetic geometry we consider is shown in Fig. 2. We show that several magnetic properties such as magnetic plateaus are determined by the geometry of the plaquette.

The synthesis of these compounds has aroused great interest in the study of the magnetic phase diagram of models with this kagome strip geometry [5-14]. In this sense, the presence of magnetization plateaus [9], a Haldane-like phase [9], and localized magnon crystal phases have been detected [6,15]. The studies carried out so far describe general phase diagrams in a parameter space that, a priori, is not related to the couplings that describe these materials. Improving the theoretical description then requires estimating the coupling constants of the effective magnetic model. As proposed by Noodleman [16], a way to determine these coupling constants is by comparing the spectrum of the reduced model to those obtained by setting the corresponding magnetic configurations in density functional theory (DFT)-based calculations. The original method was successfully applied in the literature to compute the magnetic coupling constants of many compounds. However, as the number of coupling constants and atoms in the supercell grows, the direct application of the method becomes challenging: Since the number of possible magnetic configurations grows exponentially with the number of magnetic atoms, and the evaluation of the energy of each configuration is computationally expensive, to exhaust the full set of magnetic configurations becomes impractical even for a small number of magnetic atoms. On the other hand, choosing a small set of magnetic configurations could introduce a large bias in the determination of the coupling constants. To overcome these issues, a novel strategy based on Noodleman's symmetry breaking method was proposed [17]. In this paper, that methodology is used to determine the couplings in the magnetic model describing the tellurite sulfates. A discussion about this coupling determination is presented and we show that the S = 1/2 Heisenberg model with these couplings describes the magnetic properties of the system and allows us to determine qualitatively the behavior of the magnetic transitions.

Inspired by the experimental determination of the atomic distance we propose a model with five different magnetic couplings and determine the set of coupling values compatible with the energies calculated by density functional methods. The resulting model is numerically studied, determining the zero-temperature magnetization curve by density-matrix renormalization group (DMRG) calculations. We also determine some thermodynamical quantities for small systems by exact diagonalization.

We analyze the magnetic plateaus at zero temperature in the context of the Oshikawa-Yamanaka-Affleck (OYA)

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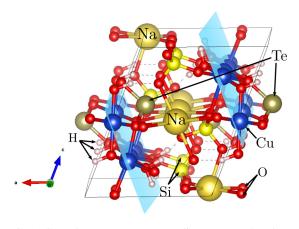


FIG. 1. Crystal structure corresponding to Na-TS. The compound K-TS is isostructural with Na-TS.

theorem [18] which provides the necessary condition for the existence of these magnetization plateaus as

$$NS(1-m) = integer$$
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where N is the number of spins in the ground state (GS) cell presenting spatial periodicity and $m = M/M_{\rm sat}$ is the normalized magnetization per site. If the translational symmetry in the GS is preserved, then N=5 and the magnetization curve may have plateaus at m=1/5 and m=3/5. In the following, we show that the GS periodicity is enlarged to N=10, but still only the semiclassical plateaus at m=1/5 and m=3/5 are present.

The paper is organized as follows: In Sec. II the basic properties of the lattice and magnetic degrees of freedom are discussed. In Sec. III we discuss details of the coupling estimations by following the methodology of Ref. [17]. Estimated values of the coupling constants are also presented. Then, in Sec. IV, we study the magnetic properties arising from the fitted model, both for large systems in the zero-temperature limit, by DMRG calculations, and at finite temperature, through full diagonalization of the quantum

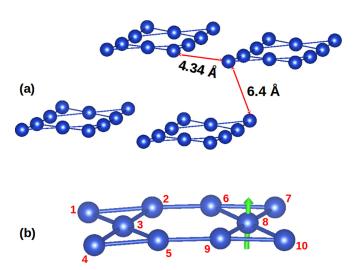


FIG. 2. (a) Distance between the kagome strip lattice for Na-TS. (b) Labels of the Cu atoms in the 2D kagome strip.

TABLE I. Crystal structural parameters for Na-TS and K-TS compounds.

	Na-TS	K-TS
<i>a</i> (Å)	7.294(3)	7.467(6)
b (Å)	12.005(4)	12.177(9)
c (Å)	9.214(3)	9.397(4)
α	90.0	90.0
β	111.160(6)	111.352(8)
γ	90.0	90.0

model for small systems. Finally, in Sec. V, we present the conclusions and perspectives.

II. MAGNETIC MODEL

Na-TS and K-TS are isostructural compounds that crystallize in a monoclinic structure with space group $P2_1/m$ (see Fig. 1). The structural information for both compounds is reported in Table I. The atomic positions of each atom in the structure for both Na-TS and K-TS can be found in Ref. [1]. In its three inequivalent crystallographic sites, the Cu $^{+2}$ ions form distorted CuO $_6$ octahedra with bond lengths ranging from 1.85 to 2.31 Å (Na-TS) and 1.88 to 2.50 Å (K-TS), exhibiting a kagome strip arrangement which can be regarded as a dimensional reduction of the kagome lattice.

Our aim in this paper is to study the magnetic behavior of Na-TS and K-TS. Since the Te, S, O, H, and Na/K ions do not present spin polarization, the spin lattice is determined by the Cu^{+2} ions that form the kagome strip lattice, as can be seen in Fig. 2. Since each magnetic ion has a single localized unpaired electron, its magnetic degree of freedom can be described as a spin S = 1/2.

In order to build a simple effective model for the magnetic degrees of freedom, we propose a symmetric Heisenberg model

$$H = -\sum_{(i,j)} J_{i,j} \vec{\mathbf{S}}_i \cdot \vec{\mathbf{S}}_j, \tag{1}$$

with $\vec{\mathbf{S}}_i = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_{x,i}, \sigma_{y,i}, \sigma_{z,i})$ the spin vector, and $J_{i,j}$ the coupling constants. To determine them, we impose the constraint that the difference between the DFT energy and the energy of the Heisenberg model for a given set of couplings must be lower than the DFT energy error (1 mRy). This is our compatibility criterion.

The kagome strip lattice formed by the Cu ions in the Na-TS and K-TS compounds is quite distorted, showing five different Cu-Cu bond lengths (see Table II). The nearest Cu-Cu distances between kagome strips are in the order of 4.34 Å (Na-TS) and 4.44 Å (K-TS), respectively, while the shortest distances between the layers are 6.4 Å (Na-TS) and 6.7 Å (K-TS), respectively [see Fig. 2(a)].

In the present paper, we considered interactions up to 3.1 Å [Fig. 2(b)], i.e., we discard the interactions between contiguous layers and neighbor strips. This implies the calculation of five exchange couplings $(J_0, J_1, J_2, J_u, J_d)$, schematized in Fig. 3, of an effective spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ Heisenberg model.

Once the model was established, DFT-based first-principles calculations were performed to determine the total

TABLE II. Distances between Cu atoms corresponding to each coupling constant.

	Na-TS	K-TS	Coupling constant
d _{Cu2-Cu6} (Å)	3.01	3.07	J_d
$d_{\text{Cu}5-\text{Cu}9}$ (Å)	2.84	2.89	J_u
$d_{\text{Cu1-Cu2}}$ (Å)	3.08	3.11	J_0
$d_{\text{Cu1-Cu3}}$ (Å)	3.07	3.11	J_1
$d_{\text{Cu2-Cu3}}$ (Å)	2.94	2.96	J_2

energy of different spin configurations of Na-TS and K-TS. Then, these configurations were mapped to an appropriate spin model to obtain the exchange couplings. To obtain accurate J_n values and their error bars, the methodology proposed in Ref. [17] was followed. The energies calculated via DFT are presented in Table III and Fig. 4.

III. FITTING COUPLING CONSTANTS FROM AB INITIO SIMULATIONS

Following the procedure previously described, we start by choosing a set of 11 magnetic configurations over a supercell of dimensions $2a \times 2b \times c$ (see Table III). The selection of which configurations (and how many of them must be taken into account) was made in order to optimize the sensitivity of the energy associated with the configurations for the Heisenberg model under small changes in the coupling constants [17].

A. Determination of the magnetic configuration energies

To determine the energy of each configuration in the effective Heisenberg model, we need an estimation of these energies for the full electronic model. To evaluate them, first-principles calculations were performed in the framework of the DFT [19], where the self-consistent Kohn-Sham equations have been solved using the pseudopotential and plane-wave method as implemented in the QUANTUM ESPRESSO code [20], where the core ions were described by the ultrasoft pseudopotential (USPP) from the standard solid state pseudopotentials (SSSP) repository [21]. The exchange-correlation part was described by the Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof parametrization of the generalized gradient approximation (PBE-GGA) [22]. The kinetic energy cutoff

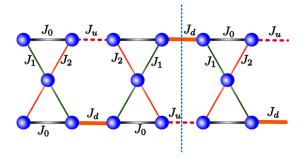


FIG. 3. Coupling constants in the Heisenberg model. Notice that the inversion symmetry around the dashed light blue line reported in the crystallographic data implies an alternating J_1 - J_2 pattern in the diagonal bonds.

TABLE III. Subset of magnetic configurations of the Cu atoms obtained with the algorithm presented in Ref. [17], and the corresponding energies obtained from DFT simulations. Arrows indicate the relative magnetic moment orientation of each Cu ion of Fig. 2(b) represented by $|\text{Cu1 Cu2}\cdots\text{Cu10}\rangle$. The values of the energies in mRy are relative to the corresponding ferromagnetic configuration and obtained for calculations with U=5 eV. A comparison with the results obtained for other values of U is depicted in Fig. 4.

	Magnetic moment alignment	$E_{ ext{Na-TS}}$	$E_{ ext{K-TS}}$
0>		0	0
1>	$ \uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow$	-3.77	-3.21
2>	$\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow$	0.51	-0.37
3>	$ \uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$	-2.09	-0.37
$ 4\rangle$	$ \uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$	-0.16	-7.00
5⟩	$\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$	-2.81	-2.32
6>	$ \uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\rangle$	-1.13	-1.33
7)	$ \uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$	0.21	-2.92
8>	$ \uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$	0.51	-0.37
9⟩	$ \downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$	1.88	1.28
10>	$\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$	-1.06	-0.43

for the wave function and charge density used were 80 and 800 Ry, respectively. The reciprocal space was described by a dense mesh grid of $12 \times 12 \times 12$ k points and the spin-polarized effect was considered to explore different collinear magnetic states. In order to enhance the electronic structure description of the systems under study, we have added the Hubbard term (DFT+U) using the simplified rotationally invariant formulation [23]. The value of U = 5.0 eV for the 3d-Cu orbitals was obtained using the linear-response approach based on the density functional perturbed theory (DFPT) [23].

For each spin configuration, lattice parameters and angles were fixed at the experimental ones but all the atomic positions were relaxed to minimize the forces on the ions. Structural optimizations were performed until these forces were below the tolerance criteria $|\nabla E| \leq 0.1 \text{ eV/Å}$. The obtained atomic positions and bond lengths are nearly

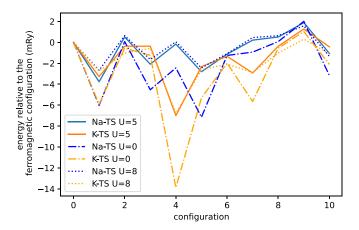


FIG. 4. DFT estimated energies for the different spin configurations described in Table III for both compounds and different values of the Hubbard's parameter U. Notice that for U=5 eV and U=8 eV the estimated energies are not significantly different.

TABLE IV. Coupling constants compatible with the DFT energies for Na-TS. W is the magnitude of the strongest coupling constant $(\max_i |J_i|/W = 1)$.

	U = 2 eV	U = 5 eV	U = 8 eV
E_0 (Ry)	-5582.490(1)	-5582.175(1)	-5581.871(1)
W (mRy)	0.855	0.691	0.543
J_0/W	-0.3(2)	-0.3(1)	-0.3(3)
J_1/W	0.2(3)	0.2(1)	0.3(6)
J_2/W	-0.9(2)	-0.9(2)	-1.0(5)
J_u/W	1.0(5)	1.0(3)	0.8(9)
J_d/W	0.4(5)	0.2(3)	0.3(8)
$T_{\rm CW}$ (K)	-8.10	-8.74	-7.72

independent of the spin configuration considered and are in excellent agreement with the experimentally determined ones [1].

From DFT+U calculations, for U=5 eV, and irrespective of the magnetic configuration considered, the absolute values of the magnetic moment of the Cu atoms are $2.02\mu_B$ and $2.07\mu_B$ for Na-TS and K-TS, respectively. These results for the magnitude of the magnetic moments at the Cu sites are in excellent agreement with the experimental ones [1]. The direction of the magnetic moments is perpendicular to the 2D Cu plane, i.e., the strip plane (see Fig. 2).

B. Coupling constant estimation

With the energies estimated at each fixed value of U, a first estimation of the set of coupling constants was obtained by means of a least-square fitting of the energies predicted in the Heisenberg model. A sample of 10 000 candidates for the set of coupling constants, with a Gaussian distribution around the fitted values, was generated afterward. From these samples, those whose configurational energy differed from the DFT estimation in a difference larger than the DFT estimated error (around 1 mRy) were discarded. The width of the Gaussian distribution was chosen in a way that around 50% of the resulting samples were rejected. Then, the value for each coupling constant was assumed to lie between the minimal and maximal values reached over the remaining configurations. For the compound Na-TS (K-TS), the estimation for the coupling constants with their corresponding uncertainties, assuming different values of the U constant, are reported in Table IV (Table V). Note that although varying the value of U

TABLE V. Coupling constants compatible with the DFT energies for K-TS. W is the magnitude of the strongest coupling constant $(\max_i |J_i|/W = 1)$.

	U = 2 eV	U = 5 eV	U = 8 eV
E_0 (Ry)	-5597.510(1)	-5597.194(1)	5596.890(1)
W (mRy)	0.871	0.599	0.555
J_0/W	-0.3(2)	-0.4(1)	-0.4(3)
J_1/W	0.3(2)	0.3(5)	0.4(5)
J_2/W	-1.0(2)	-1.0(6)	-1.0(6)
J_u/W	0.9(3)	0.9(8)	0.8(9)
J_d/W	0.3(3)	0.3(8)	0.(1)
$T_{\rm CW}/W$	-11.01	-10.90	-10.52

changes the general scale of couplings, its relative value and sign remains invariant, so the conclusions obtained about the magnetic behavior do not depend on the value of U. Moreover, the estimated signs in the couplings are consistent with the experimental observations, and with the estimations provided by the Goodenough rules [24].

IV. MAGNETIC BEHAVIOR OF THE MODEL

A. Curie-Weiss temperature

Once the couplings of the magnetic model have been determined and found to be reliable with respect to different values of U and consistent with experimental evidence, we explore the behavior of the effective magnetic model. From the estimated coupling constants, and through a mean-field approximation for large T, the value of the Curie-Weiss temperature can be estimated as

$$\Theta_{\text{CW}} = \frac{1}{N} \left(\frac{S(S+1)}{3/2} \right) \frac{\sum_{(ij)} J_{(ij)}}{k},$$
 (2)

where N is the number of spins in the unit cell, $k \approx 0.086\,17 \text{ meV/K}$ is the Boltzmann constant, and the summation covers all the connected pair of spins. For S=1/2 we have

$$\Theta_{\rm CW} = \frac{\sum_{(ij)} J_{(ij)}}{2Nk}.$$

From this expression and the fitted values of the coupling constants, the model predicts $\theta_{\rm CW}({\rm Na-TS}) = -8.73~{\rm K}$, $\theta({\rm K-TS}) = -9.46~{\rm K}$, which are in good agreement with the experimental ones $[\theta({\rm Na-TS}) = -6.1(8)~{\rm K}$ and $\theta({\rm K-TS}) = -13.9(4)~{\rm K}]$ [1]. These negative Weiss temperatures indicate a global antiferromagnetic behavior of both systems, also consistent with the experimental observations. We notice again that the absolute value of these temperatures does not appreciably vary with the choice of the Hubbard's U parameter, so the estimation for the Curie-Weiss temperature is robust.

B. Magnetization at zero temperature

In order to study the magnetization as a function of the applied magnetic field we use DMRG calculations for large stripes (120 spins). For the calculations, we kept up to 500 states throughout the work, which showed to be enough to achieve good precision. We calculate the GS energy corresponding to each magnetization sector and determine the magnetization as a function of the applied magnetic field for both materials. In the following, we present results for Na-TS since the results corresponding to K-TS are similar.

The results for the magnetization versus magnetic field corresponding to Na-TS are shown in Fig. 5. We observe the presence of magnetic plateaus at m = 1/5 and m = 3/5. These magnetic plateaus are allowed by the OYA criterion [18]. In Fig. 6 we show the S_i^z value corresponding to the GS at m = 1/5 as a function of the site label. The observed magnetic profile is consistent with a semiclassical plateau similar to what we could expect for an Ising model. For this magnetization sector, the GS periodicity is N = 10 and the same periodicity is observed for m = 3/5. The OYA criterion represents a necessary (but not sufficient) condition for the appearance of magnetic plateaus. As in both materials, the

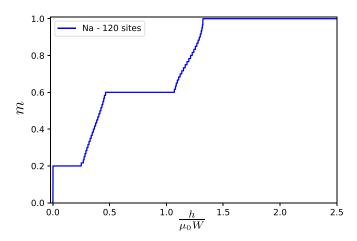


FIG. 5. Magnetization vs magnetic field corresponding to the Heisenberg model with the couplings estimated for Na-TS by *ab initio* calculations with U = 5 eV (see Table IV). Semiclassical plateaus at $m = M/M_{\rm sat} = 1/5$ and $m = M/M_{\rm sat} = 3/5$ are clearly observed.

observed GS periodicity is N = 10 sites, and the OYA criterion allows plateaus at m = 0, m = 1/5, m = 2/5, m = 3/5, m = 4/5. It is interesting that only the semiclassical plateaus at m = 1/5 and m = 3/5 are present.

In order to describe from a classical perspective the magnetic profile observed at m = 1/5 and m = 3/5, let us first consider the simplest Ising limit of an isolated five-site plaquette $[\vec{S}_j = (0, 0, S_j^z)]$. The exchange terms in the Hamiltonian for the plaquette read

$$H_{j} = J_{0} \left(S_{1}^{z} S_{2}^{z} + S_{4}^{z} S_{5}^{z} \right) + J_{1} S_{3}^{z} \left(S_{1}^{z} + S_{5}^{z} \right) + J_{2} S_{3}^{z} \left(S_{2}^{z} + S_{4}^{z} \right). \tag{3}$$

It is easy to identify collinear ground states corresponding to Hamiltonian (3). In Fig. 7 we show the Ising states corresponding to m = 1/5 and m = 3/5 on the plaquette, where red (black) lines correspond to antiferromagnetic (ferromagnetic) couplings. Notice that, as the J_1 and J_2 are alternating in the material, two different minimal energy patterns corresponding to m = 1/5 can be found.

As the five-site cells are connected via ferromagnetic couplings it is straightforward to extend these local magnetic

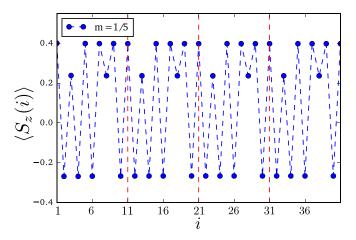


FIG. 6. Magnetization profile at m = 1/5 as a function of the spin position corresponding to the Heisenberg model with the couplings estimated for Na-TS by DFT calculations.

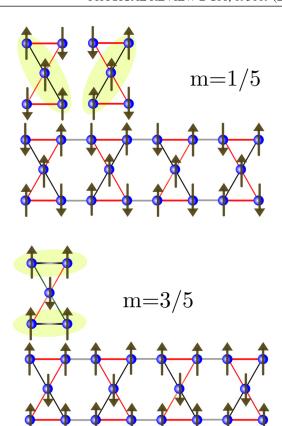


FIG. 7. Schematic representation of the expected Ising-like configurations at m = 1/5 and m = 3/5. Top: Two minimal energy configurations for m = 1/5. Bottom: Ising-like configuration for m = 3/5.

structures to the complete kagome strip lattice. For m = 3/5, the result of this interaction is a product state of individual plaquettes in the same state, and the (normalized) magnetization is still m = 3/5, as showed in Fig. 7 (bottom). For m = 1/5 alternating cell configurations can be built as showed in Fig. 7 (top).

The signs in the $\langle S_i^z \rangle$ profile obtained by DMRG calculations are consistent with the classical picture. However, quantum fluctuations contribute to lowering the strength of S^z .

It is expected that the magnetic plateaus observed at T=0 disappear with increasing temperature. In order to estimate the temperature range where they could be observed, we studied small clusters. From the previous analysis, we can expect that at low temperatures, the correlation length is shorter than the size of the unit cell. This allows estimating equilibrium magnetic properties, such as magnetization, by looking at the equilibrium states of small subsystems. To carry it out, a reduced model of a single full unit cell with periodic conditions was considered. The magnetization as a function of the magnetic field and temperature was evaluated assuming a thermal equilibrium state

$$m = \frac{M}{M_S} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{S}_T^z \rangle}{5} = \frac{\operatorname{Tr} \mathbf{S}_T^z e^{-\mathbf{H}_s/kT}}{5 \operatorname{Tr} e^{-\mathbf{H}_s/kT}},$$

with $\mathbf{S}_T^z = \sum_i \vec{\mathbf{S}}_i^z$ the z component of the total spin of the unit cell and \mathbf{H}_S the Hamiltonian of the reduced cell with periodic boundary conditions.

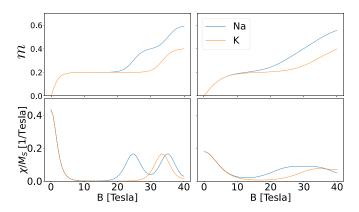


FIG. 8. Magnetization (top) and susceptibility (bottom) for the Heisenberg model as a function of B for T=2 K (left) and T=5 K (right) for Na-TS and K-TS compounds for couplings obtained for U=5 eV.

The results suggest that the GS plateaus at m = 1/5 and m = 3/5 disappear for temperatures around 5 K, but are still manifested in the susceptibility. Magnetization curves for NaTS and K-TS are depicted for fixed, lower temperatures in Fig. 8.

V. CONCLUSIONS

We have studied by a combination of DFT+U, full diagonalization, and DMRG calculations two recently reported tellurite sulfates, Na₂ Cu₅(TeO₃)(SO₄)₃(OH)₄ and K₂Cu₅(TeO₃)(SO₄)₃(OH)₄ (Na-TS and K-TS, respectively), that exhibit a 1D kagome strip lattice. Our DFT+U calculations, performed as a function of the Hubbard term U, correctly predict the equilibrium structures of Na-TS and

K-TS, which are irrespective of the spin configurations of both compounds. Based on an effective spin model, the five main magnetic exchange couplings of the distorted kagome strip lattice of Na-TS and K-TS were determined. Our calculations show that the relative couplings are nearly independent of the U parameter. From these couplings, the Weiss temperatures of Na-TS and K-TS were obtained. Regarding the magnetic properties of Na-TS and K-TS, both materials exhibit a mixture of ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic couplings. The ferromagnetic (J_u) coupling is associated with the shortest Cu-Cu distance and a 90°-like superexchange configuration for both compounds. The mixture was already speculated when synthesizing these materials in the framework of the Goodenough-Kanamori-Anderson rules. Our calculations confirm these speculations and provide concise numerical values for the couplings and the corresponding uncertainties. These uncertainties turn out to be small enough to be considered small corrections on the effective model. Finally, numerical calculations at T=0 based on the obtained coupling constants reveals the existence of two plateaus in the magnetization curve.

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