

What is Responsible for **M**magnetism?

from Atom-based Magnets to Molecule-based Magnets

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Introduction



Fe₃O₄ Magnetit (800 BC)

Metal Alloys

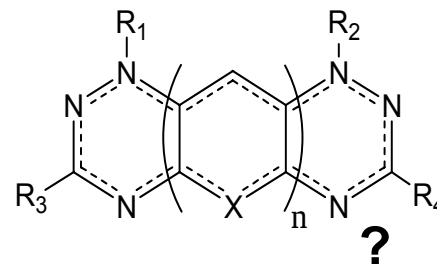
Bohr, Leeuwen: the first theorem about magnetism as a **classical** phenomenon (1911, 1919)

Heisenberg: magnetism as a purely **quantum mechanical** effect: exchange (1928)

$$H = 2J \mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{S}_j$$

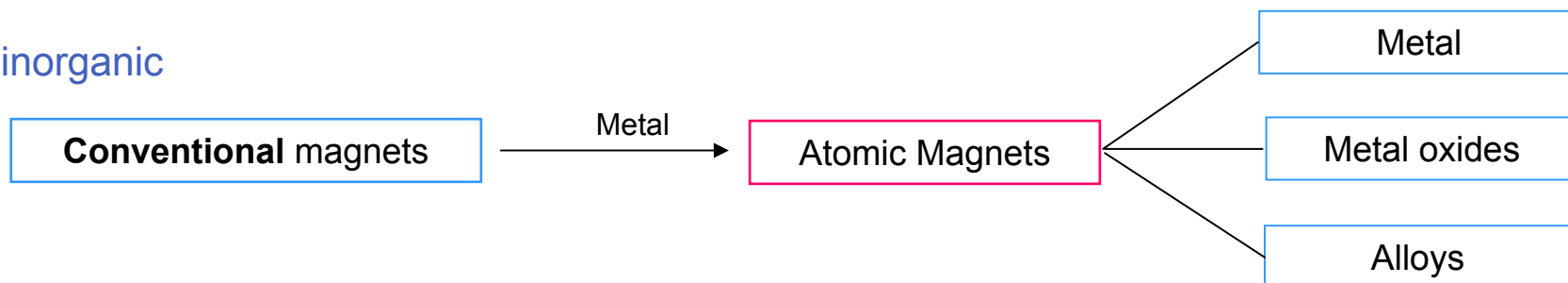
Lis: The first single molecule magnet: Mn₁₂-acetate (1980)

Kinoshita: Carbon Magnets ? (1991)

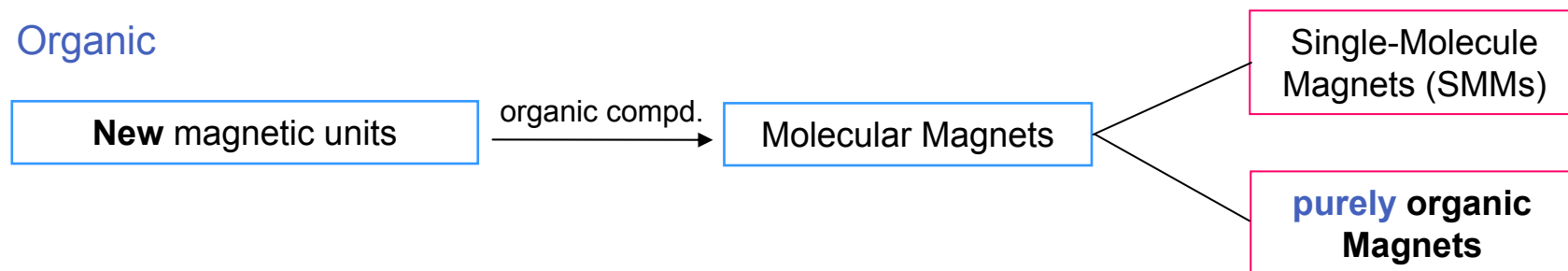


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Organic



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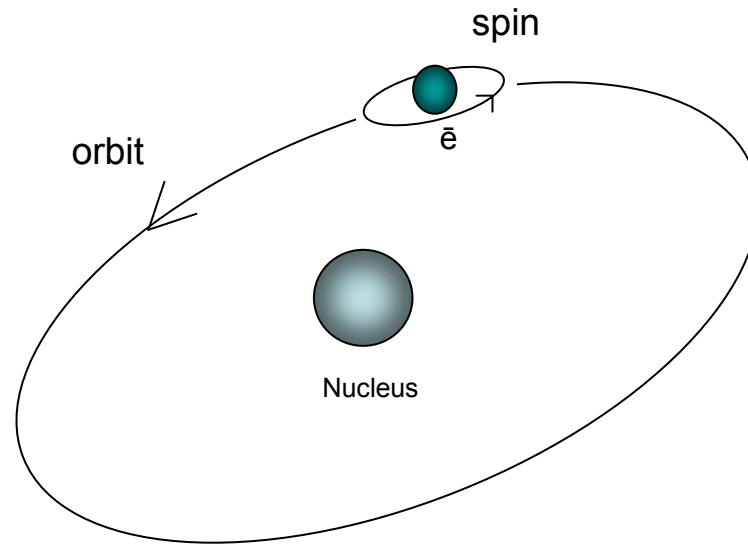
Elements

and

Simple compounds

e.g., Fe, Fe₃O₄, MnO, LaMnO₃, Sr_{14-x}Ca_xCu₂₄O₂₁, . . .

1- Conventional magnets



The processes which create **magnetic fields** in an atom are:

- Nuclear spin
- Electron spin
- Electron orbital motion

1- Conventional magnets

H																	He
Li	Be											B	C	N	O	F	Ne
Na	Mg											Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
Fr	Ra	Ac															
				Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu
				Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lw

- **most of isolated atoms and ions are magnetic:**

79 elements are magnetic in atomic state

- **Only a few of them are magnetic in solid state (15 atoms)** $J = L \pm S = 0$ (filled shells)

1) crystal field effect (d) and Spin-Orbit Coupling (f) modifies the ground state

2) Other interactions may be important: anisotropy, Jahn-Teller effect....

1- Conventional magnets

Conventional magnetic systems based on *elements* and *simple (or not so simple) compounds*

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Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
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Only **15 elements** are magnetically ordered in the solid stated

Metal oxides e.g. Fe, MnO, LaMnO₃, Sr_{14-x}Ca_xCu₂₄O₂₁,...

Alloys

1- Conventional magnets

- **Biological systems** tend to use a different approach: *Very complex, big molecules based around carbon* (e.g., Ferritin)

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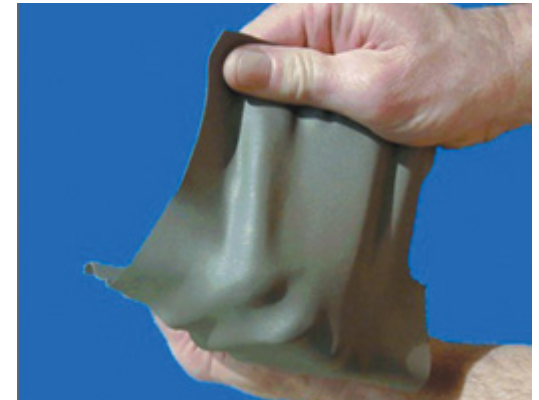
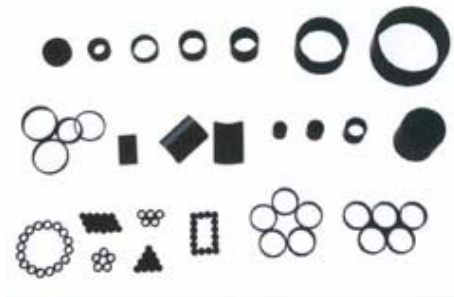
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„Bonded“ Magnets

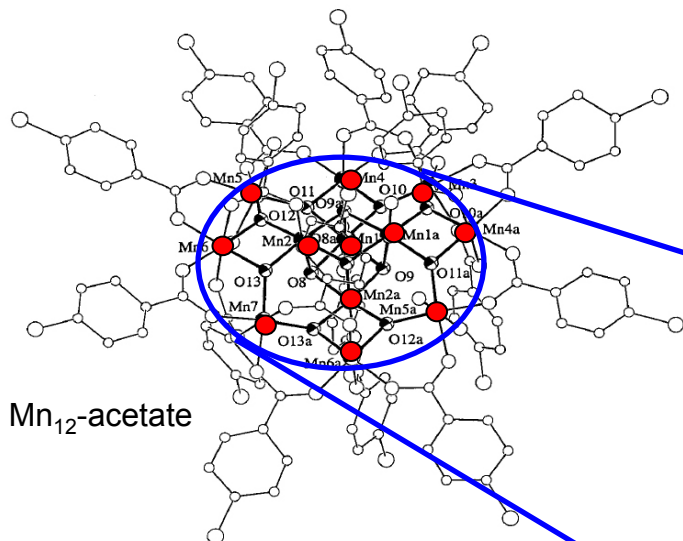


e.g., R-T-B

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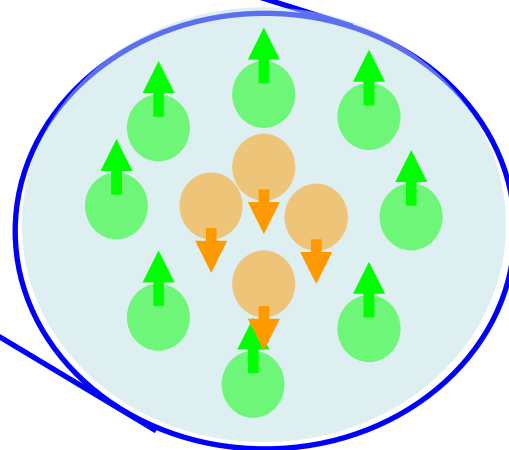
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SMMs: “nanoscale magnetic particles”



e.g., Mn₁₂-acetate

Molecular compounds based on macromolecules, each containing a core of **magnetic ions** surrounded by **organic ligands**, and assembled in an insulating crystalline structure



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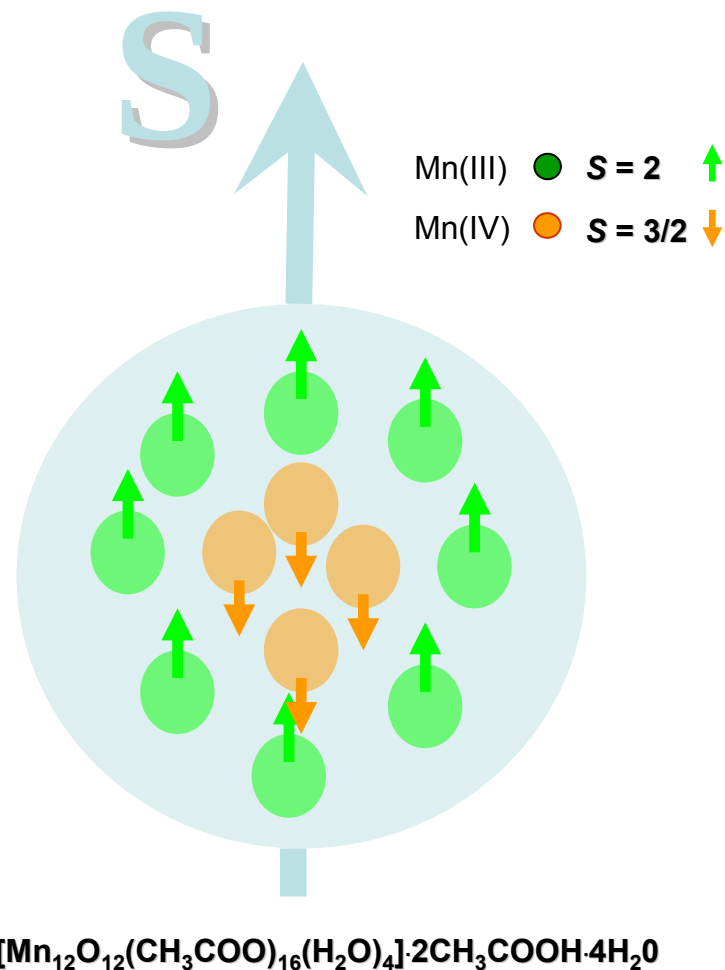
- The whole cluster behaves as a nanometer-size magnet, because of:

1- Well defined **giant spin** ($S = 10$) at low temperatures ($T < 35$ K)

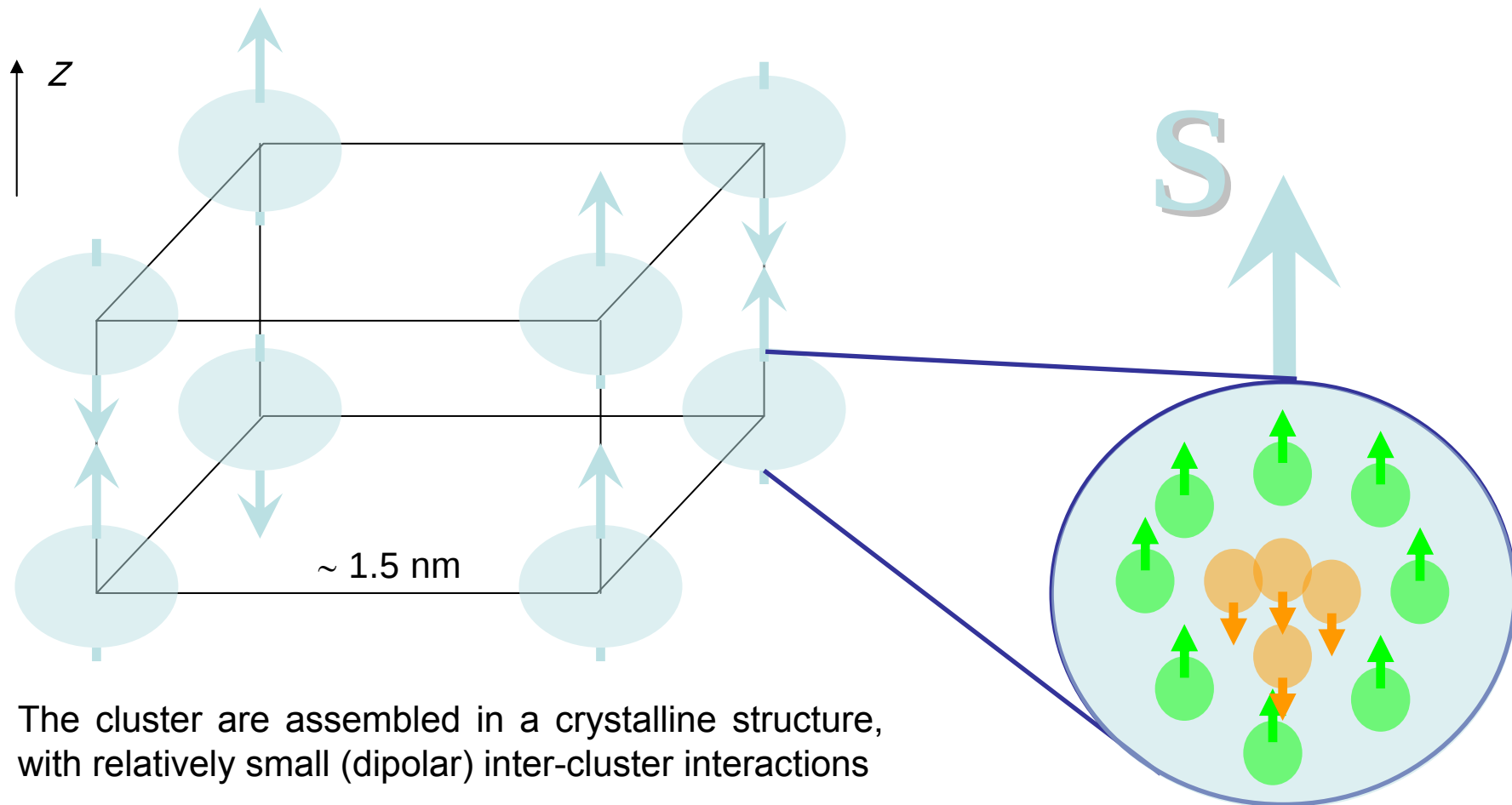
$$S = 8 \cdot 2 - 4 \cdot 3/2 = 10$$

2- **Easy-axis anisotropy** due to Jahn-Teller distortion on Mn (III)

3- Organic ligands ("chicken fat") **isolate the ions**



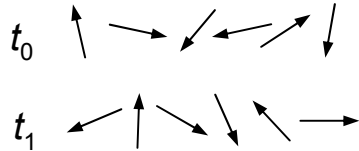
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The cluster are assembled in a crystalline structure, with relatively small (dipolar) inter-cluster interactions

The magnetic interactions have been controlled in SMMs

Spin Configurations in Solids



Paramagnet



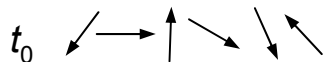
Ferromagnet



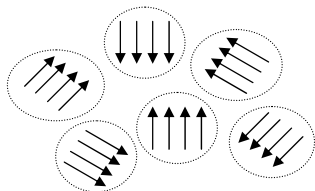
Antiferromagnet



Ferrimagnet



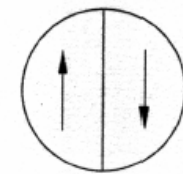
Spin Glass



Cluster Glass



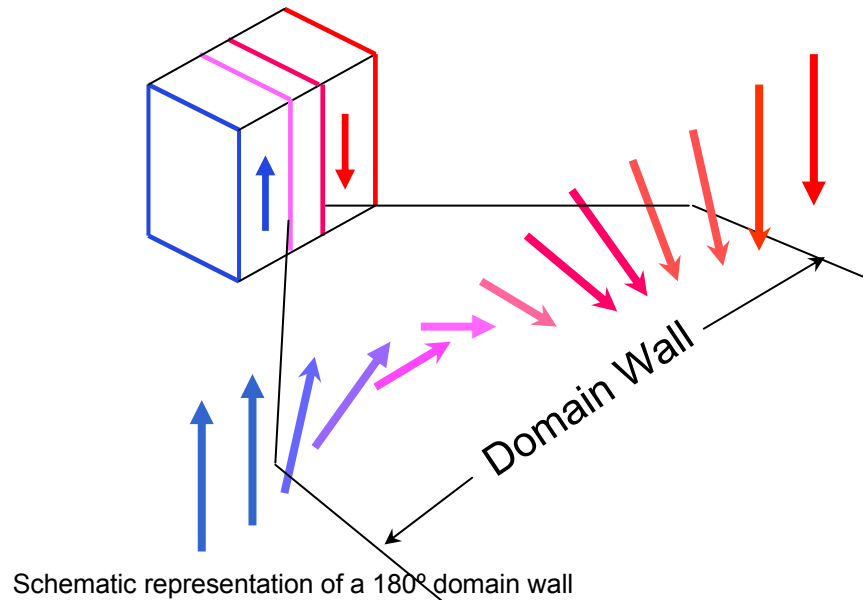
Uniaxial



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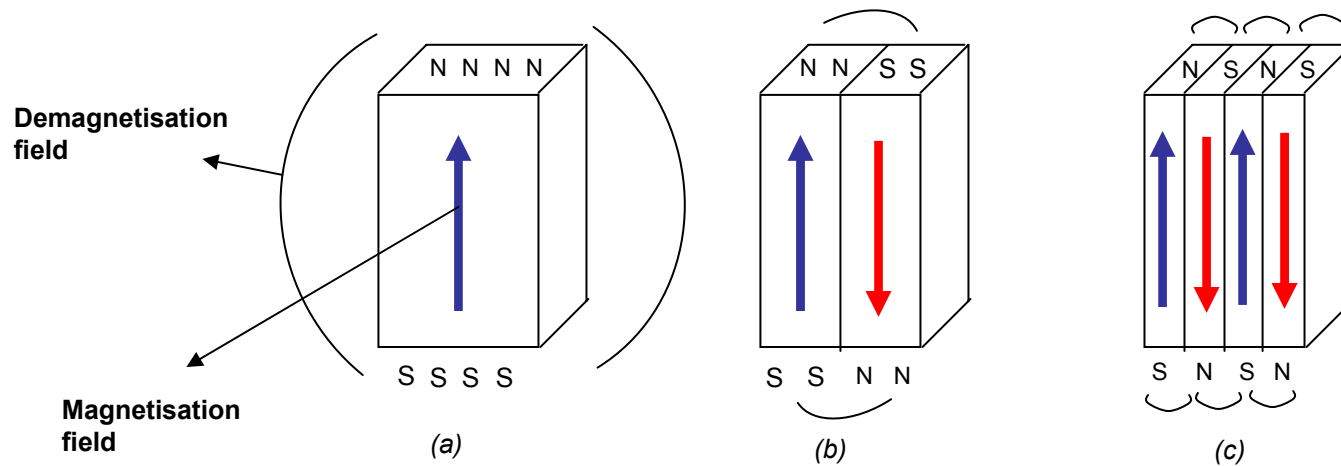
in traditional ferromagnetic materials, **several easy axis**
⇒ several domains corresponding the **different directions**



2- Single Molecule Magnets (SMMs)

2-1- Domain

The break up of the magnetisation into **N** domains reduces the **magnetostatic energy** by a factor of $1/N$



Schematic illustration of the break up of magnetisation into domains
(a) single domain, (b) two domains, (c) four domains

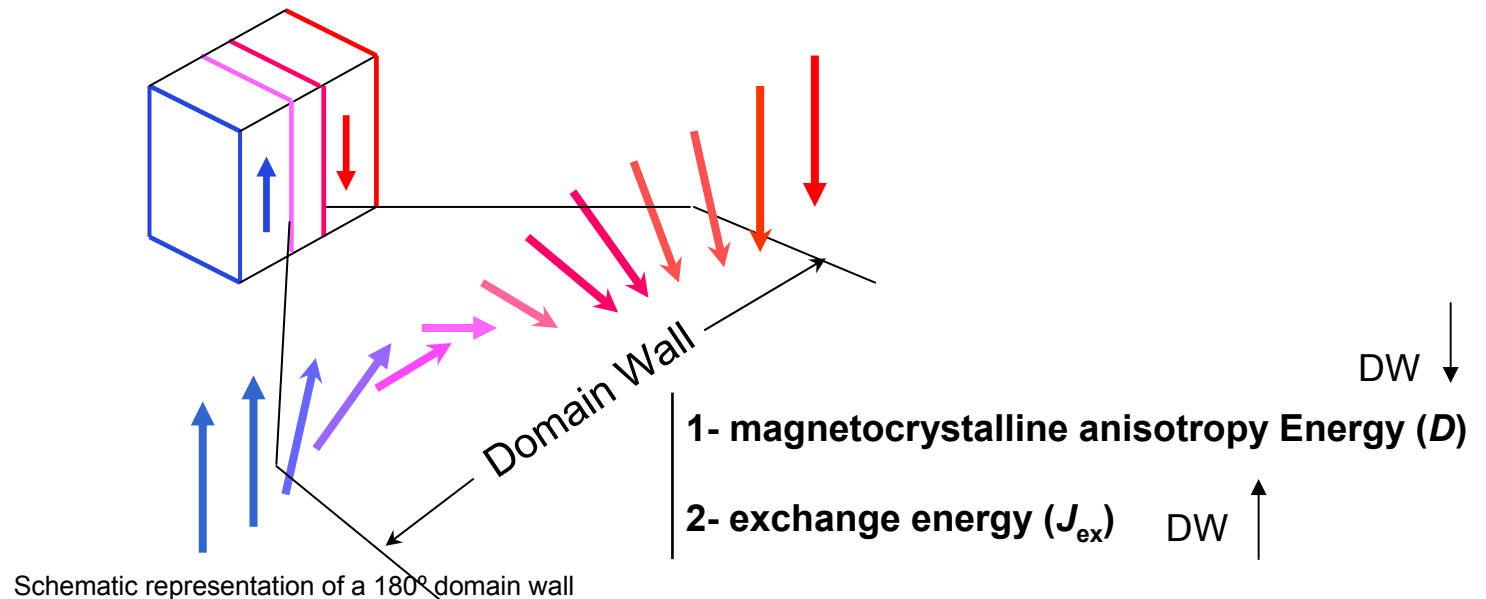
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2-2- Domain Wall

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Domains are separated by domain walls where the magnetization rotates gradually

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2-1-2-Exchange

Domain wall Width depends on

1- Anisotropy
2- Exchange → Superexchange

In a three-dimensional network of SMMs,

macroscopic Quantum tunneling

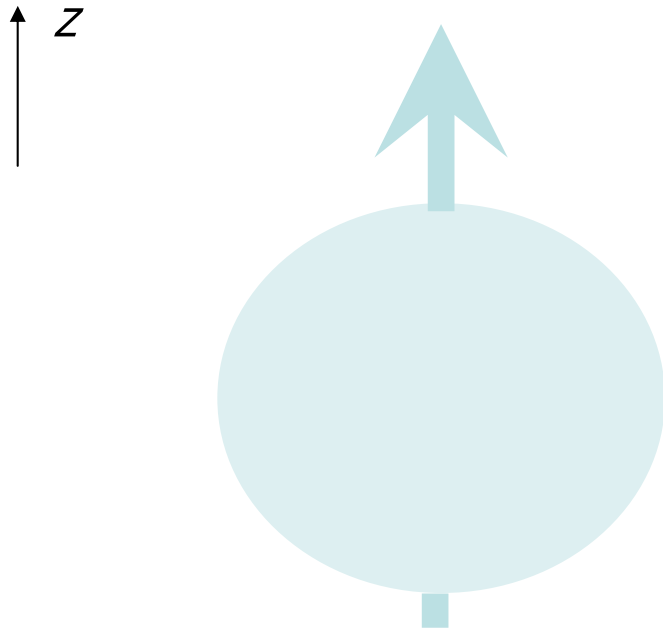
major Mechanism for magnetic interactions ...

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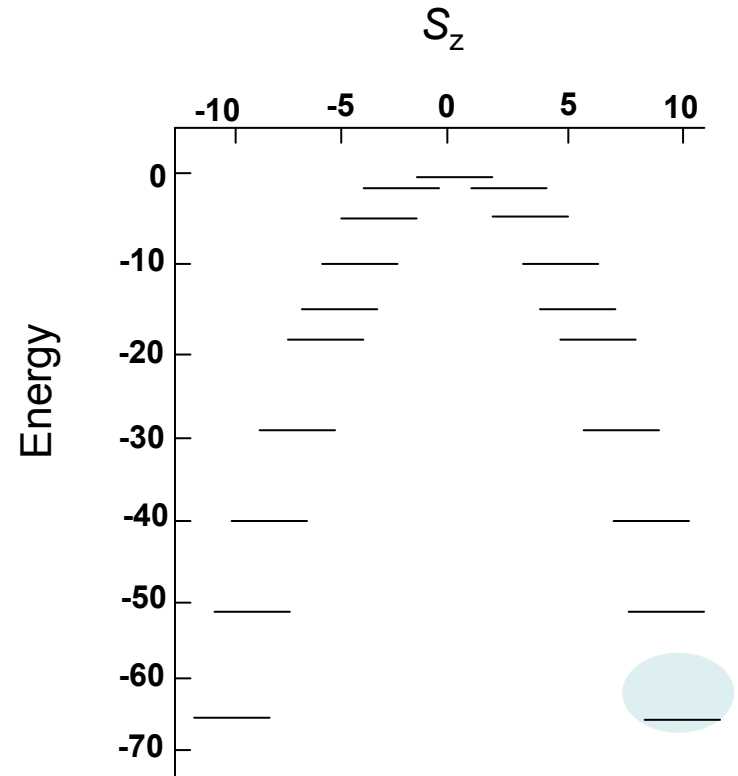
2-1- Domain Wall

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2-1-2-Thermally activated relaxation



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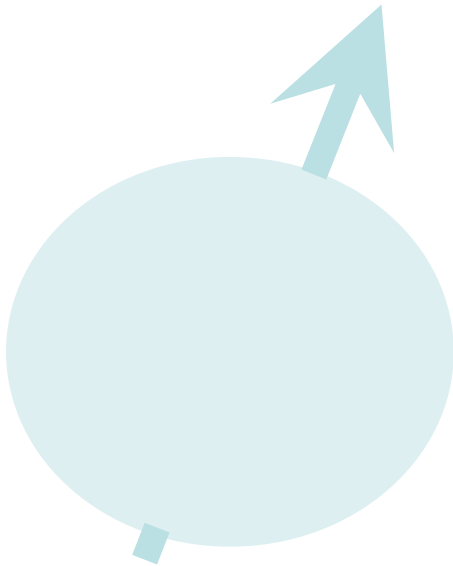
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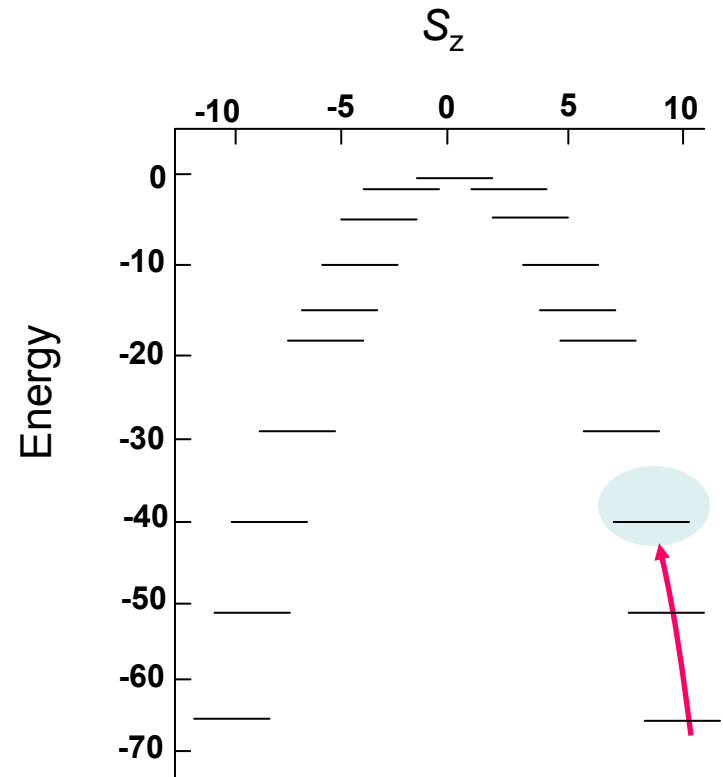
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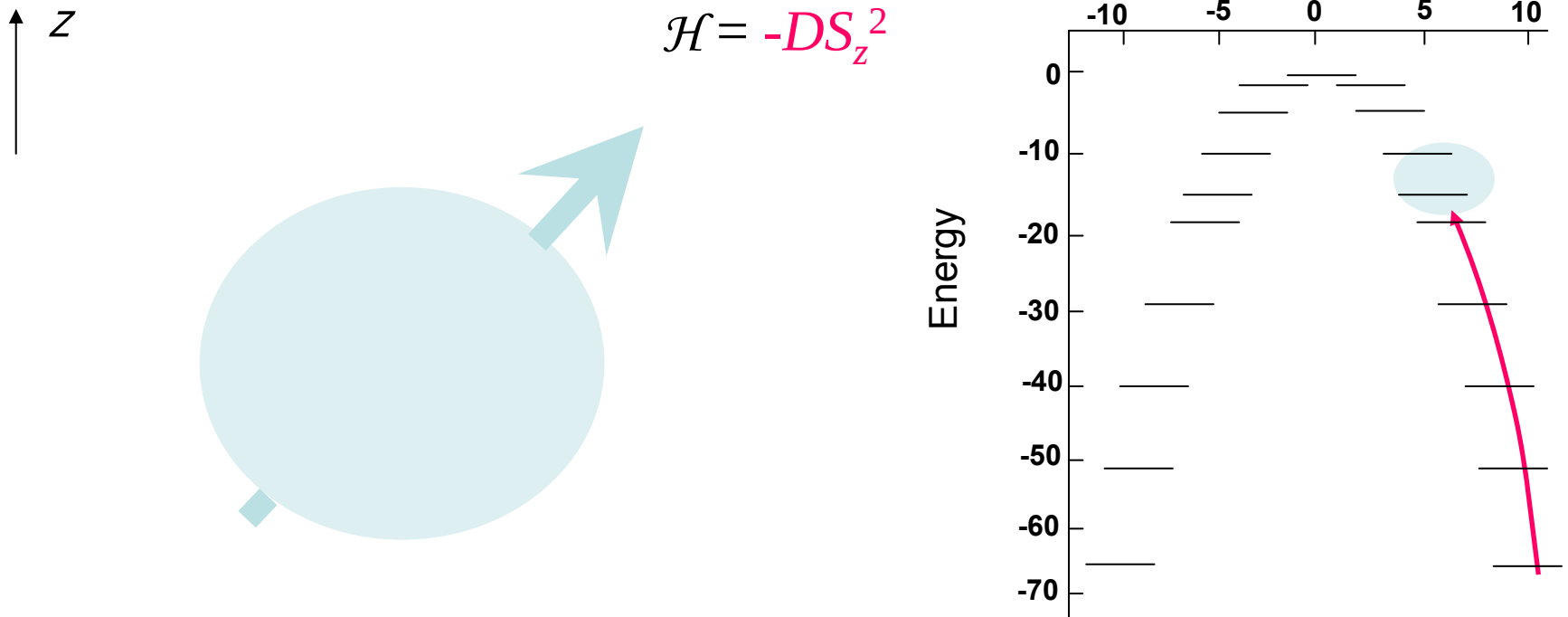
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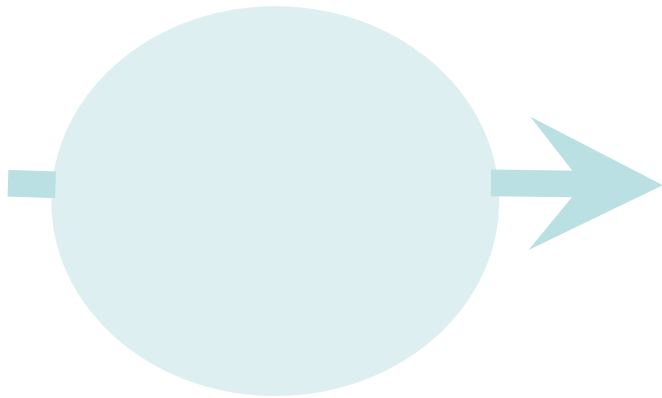
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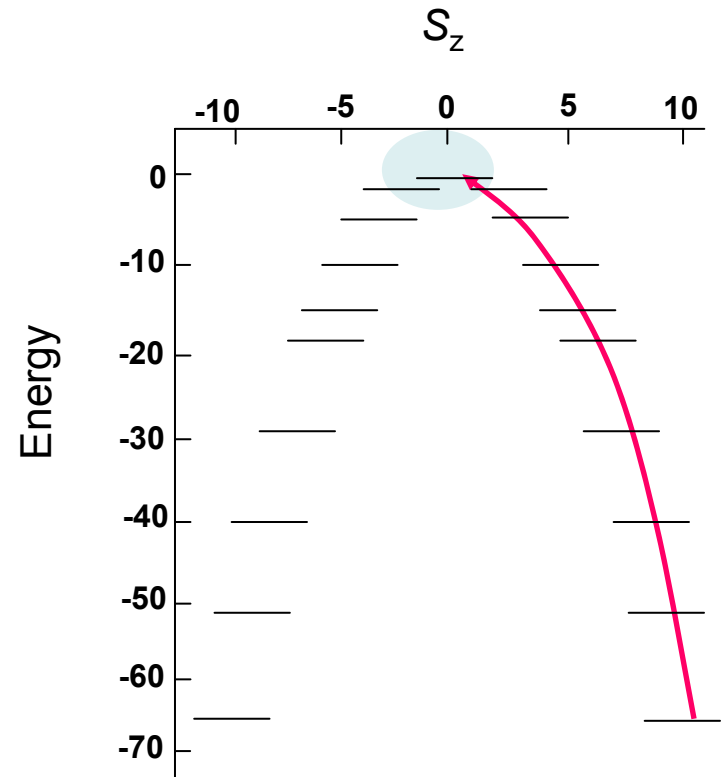
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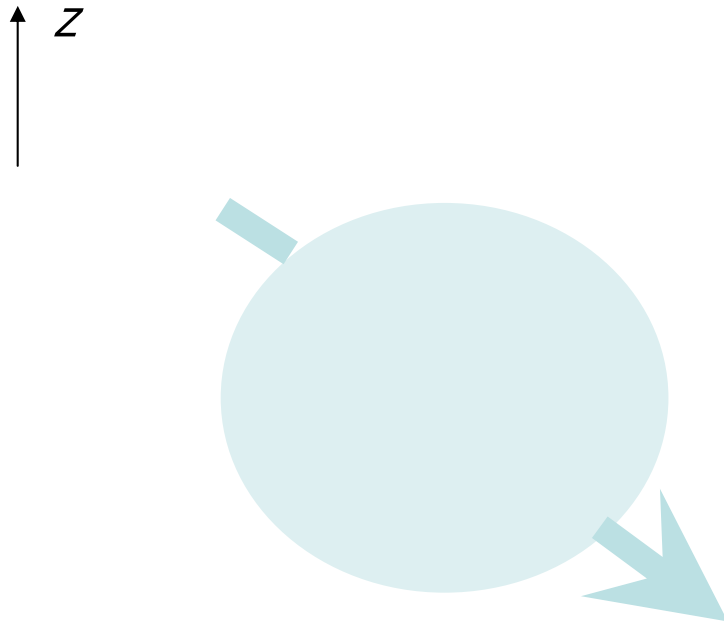
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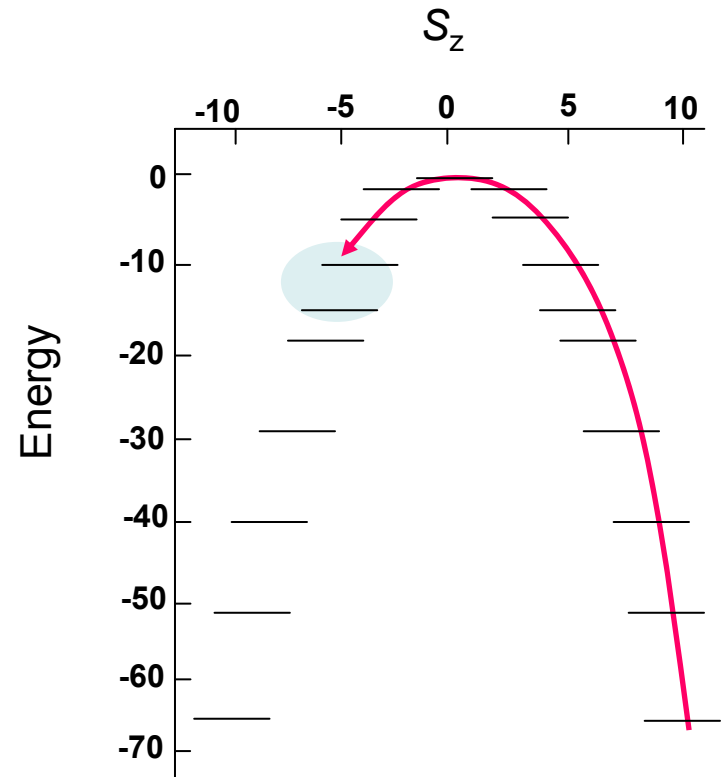
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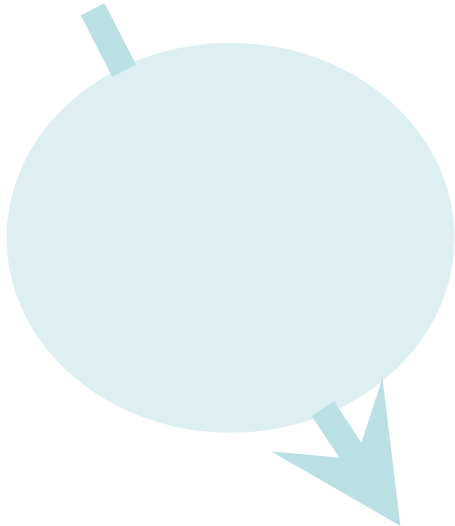
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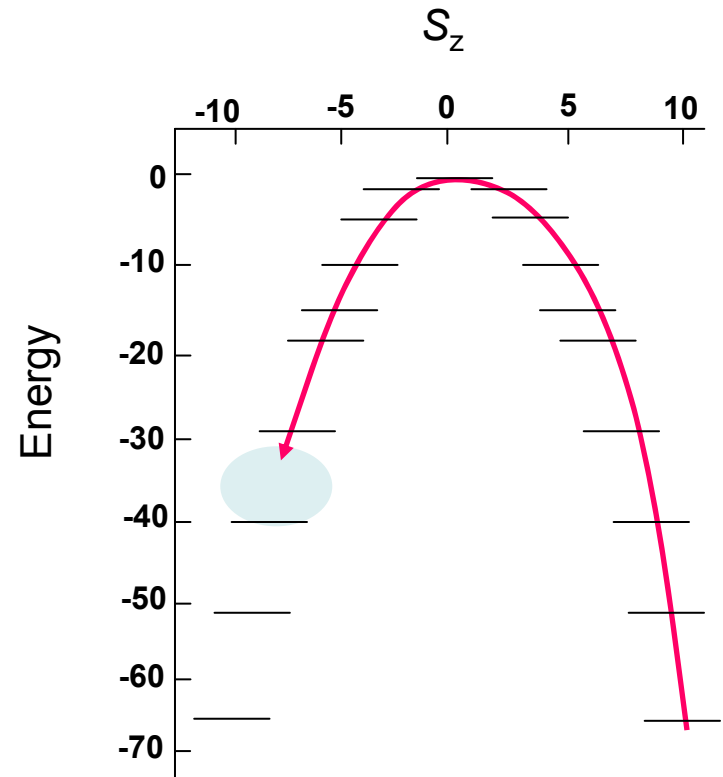
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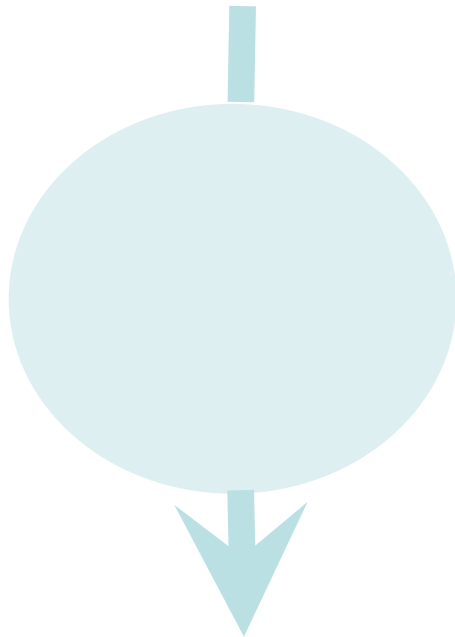
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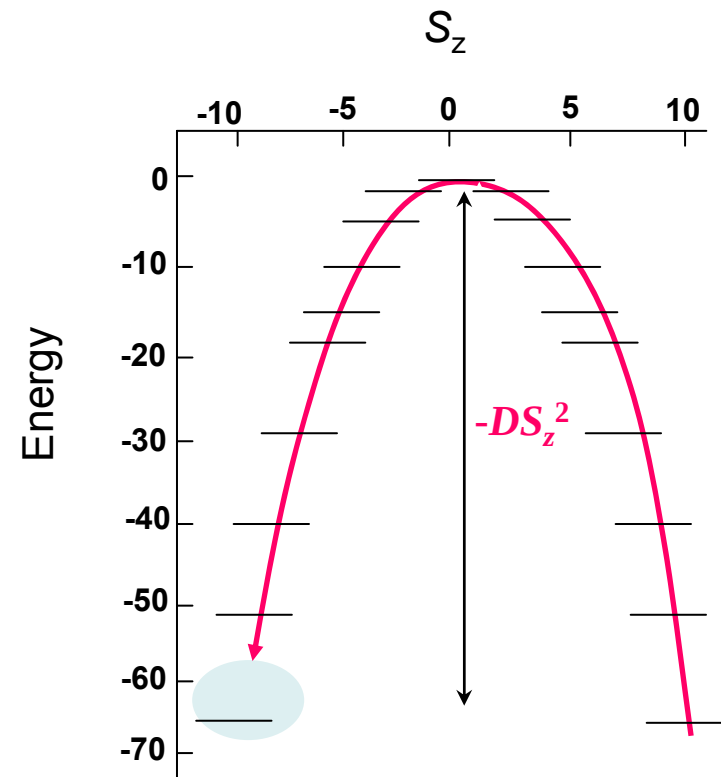
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Classically, it takes an energy ~ 65 K to reverse the spin.

Barrier against magnetic relaxation

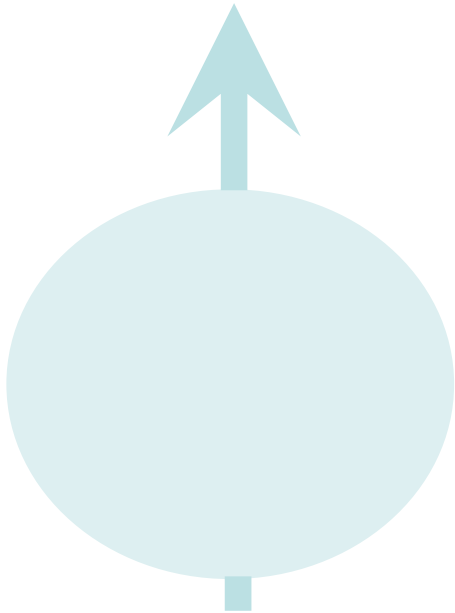
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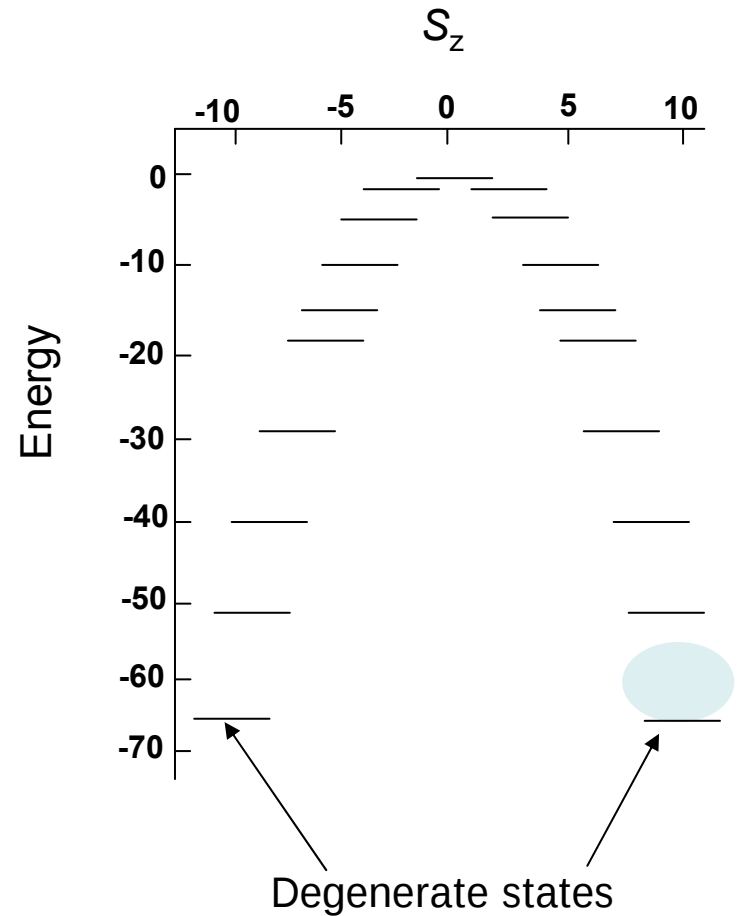
2-1-2- Superexchange

2-1-2-Quantum tunneling of magnetization

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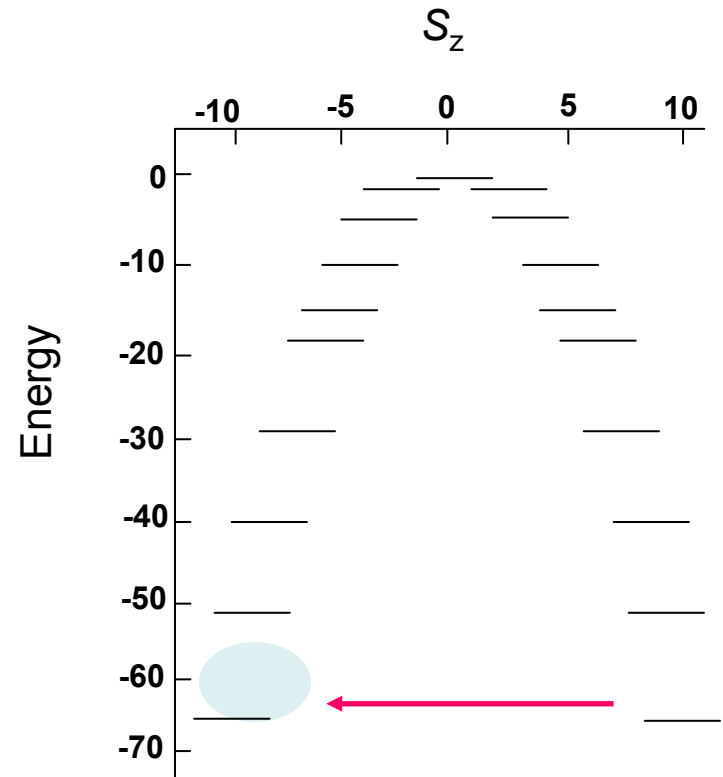
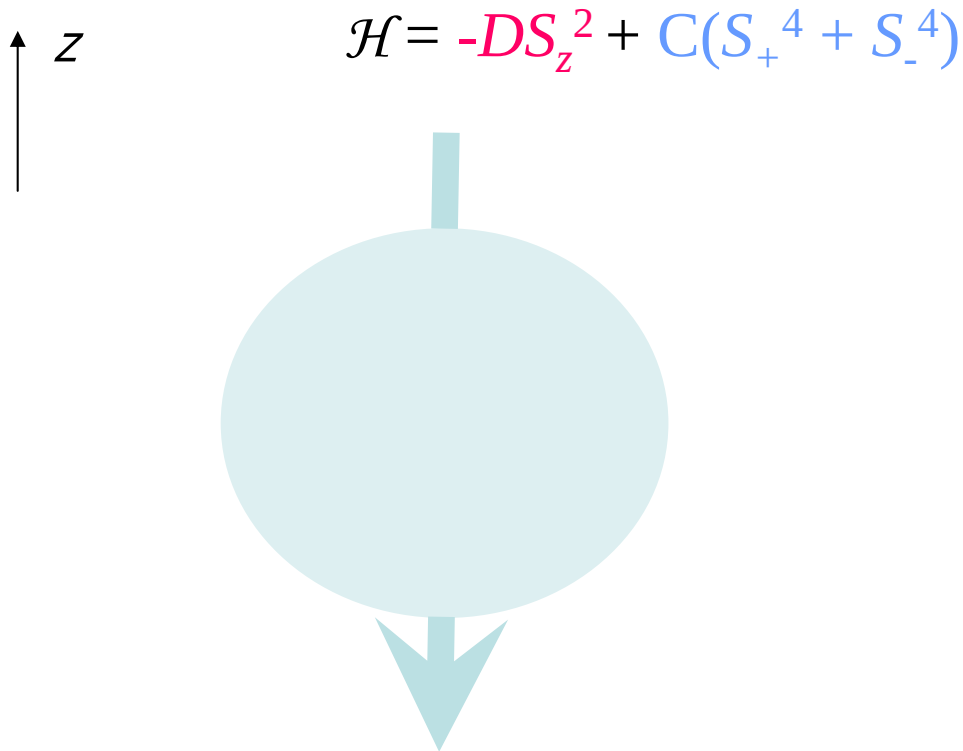
Spin tunneling (M. Sarachik)

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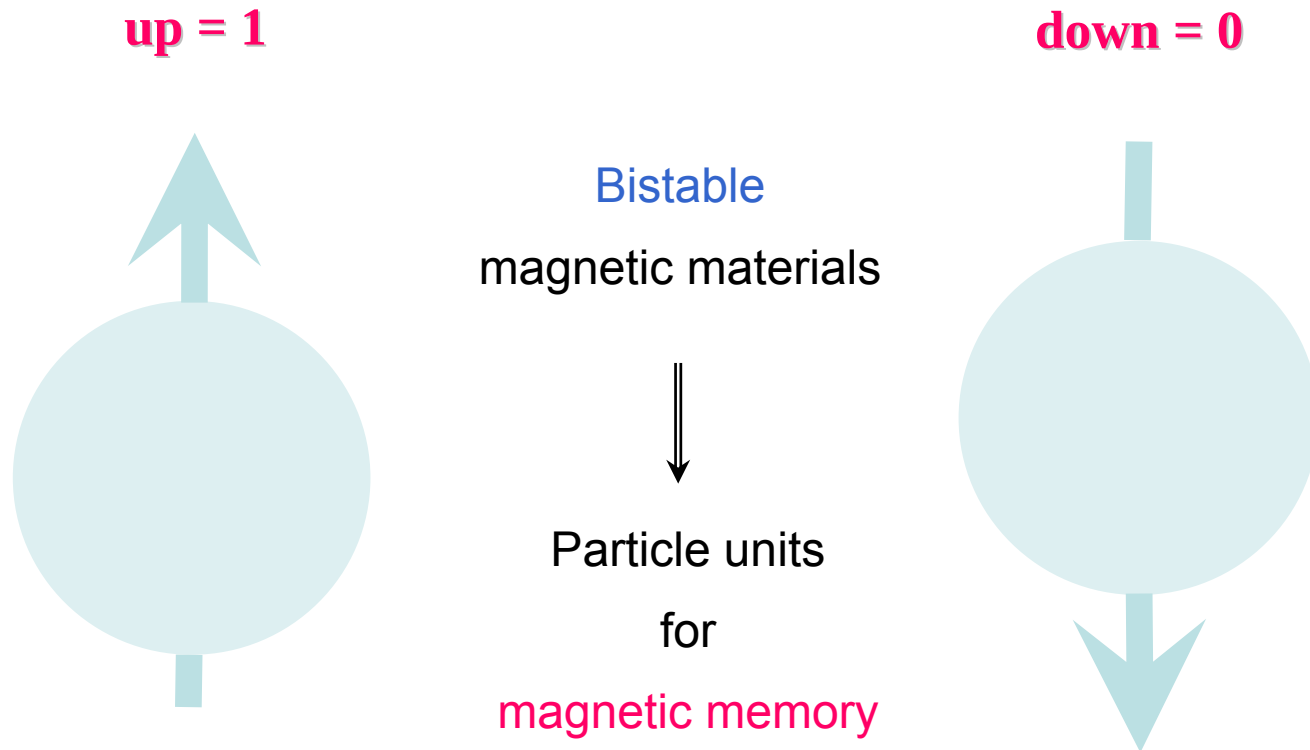


Quantum mechanically, the spin of the molecule can be reversed by tunneling through the barrier

2- **Single Molecule Magnets** (SMMs)

Bistability

Uniaxial anisotropy



as magnetic molecular qubits for quantum information and computation processes

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Summery:

Requirements for a single-molecule magnet

1. **Large Molecules – Little intermolecular interaction**
2. **Well defined giant spin ground state S**
 - Clusters of transition metal oxides: Mn, Fe, Ni, Co, etc..
3. **Large uniaxial (negative) magnetoanisotropy $D < 0$**

Other considerations....

4. **Symmetry**
 - Quantum tunneling is extremely sensitive to SMM symmetry
$$\hat{H}_{zfs} = D\hat{S}_z^2 + \hat{H}_T \quad e.g. \quad \hat{H}_T = E \left(S_x^2 - S_y^2 \right)$$
5. **The environment**
 - Intermolecular interactions, nuclear hyperfine interactions, etc.
 - Disorder (ligand disorder)

2- **S**ingle **M**olecule **M**agnets (SMMs) ---

Mn: **Christou Group** (University of Florida)

Fe: **Winpenny Group** (University of Manchester)

Many other examples: Ni, V and Co Clusters

3-Purely Organic Magnets

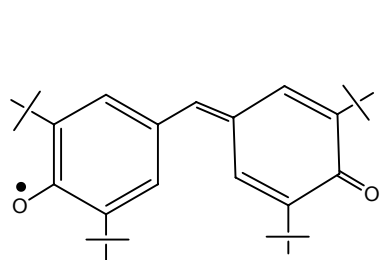
Only carbon based molecular species,
which bear an *unpaired spin*

Is it possible?

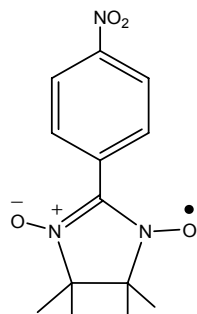
„ Making Ferromagnetism in materials containing only **s** and **p** electrons ! “

„C“ doesn't have a spontaneous „magnetic moment“ in any of its allotropes

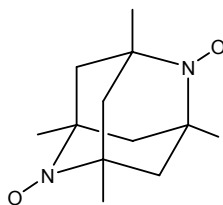
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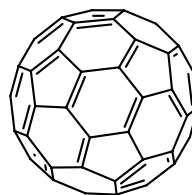
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p-NPNN



adamantane



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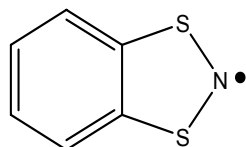
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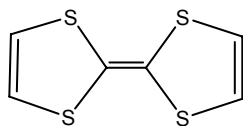
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4) fullerenes

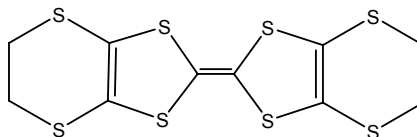
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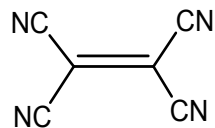
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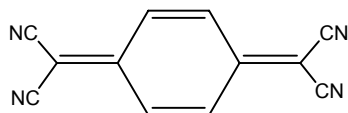
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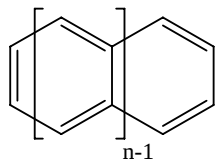
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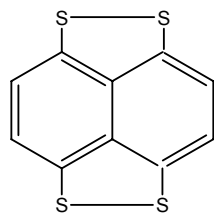
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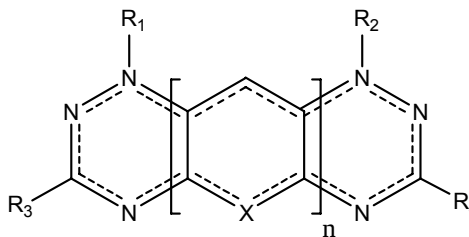
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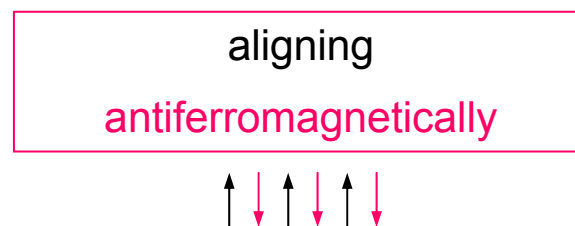
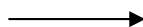
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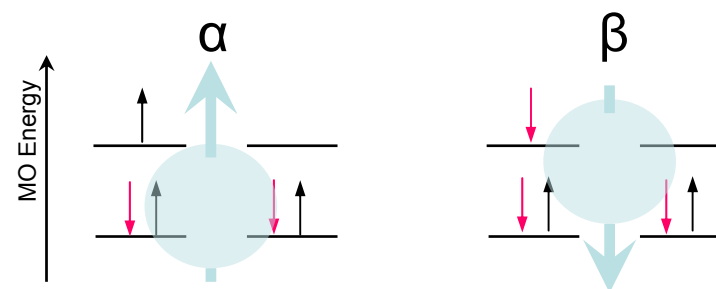
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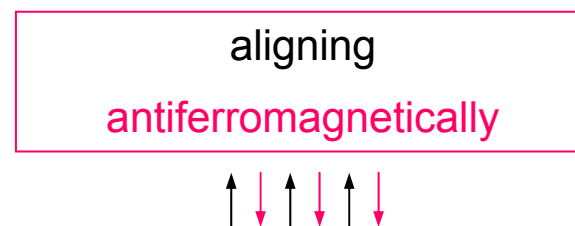
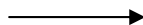


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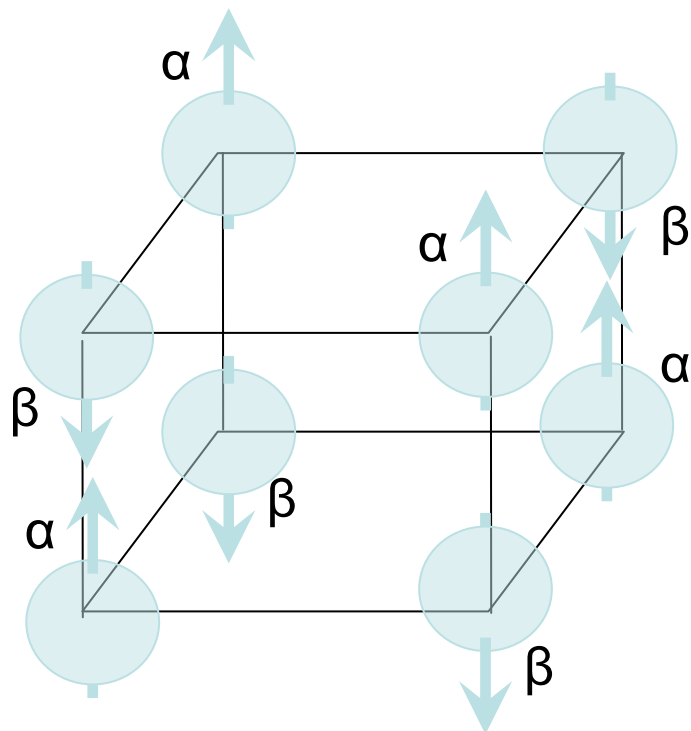


Intermolecular overlaps of SOMOs will tend to lead to a state with the character of a *bonding orbital*

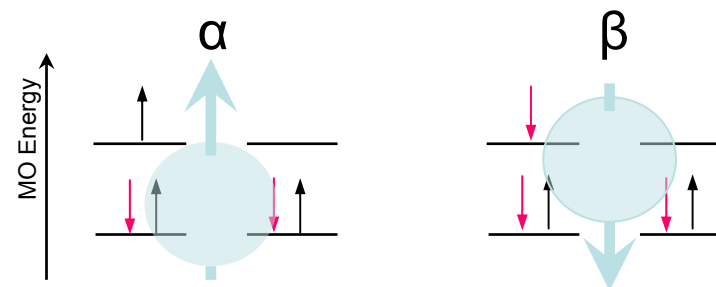
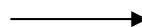
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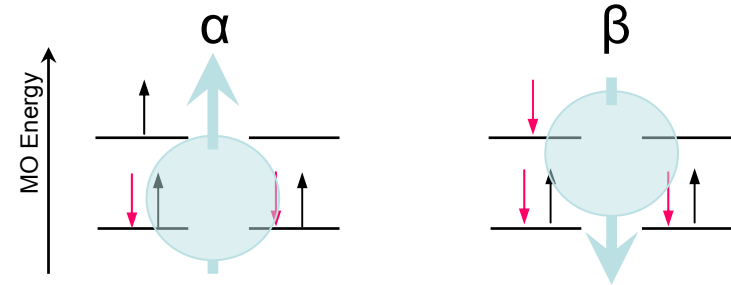
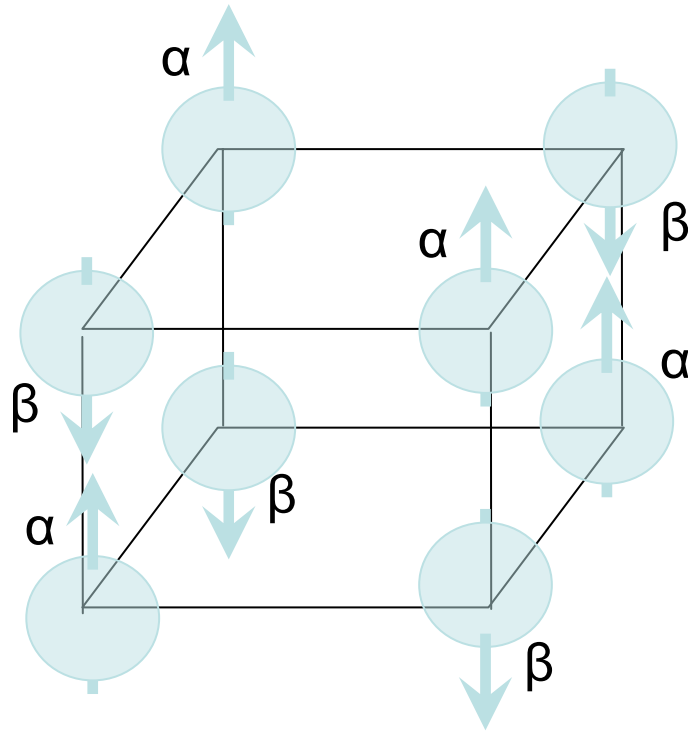


Intermolecular overlaps of SOMOs will tend to lead to a state with the character of a *bonding orbital*

aligning
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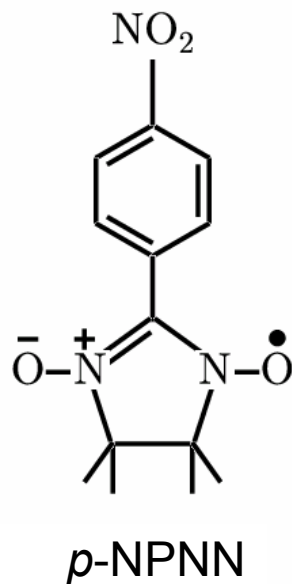


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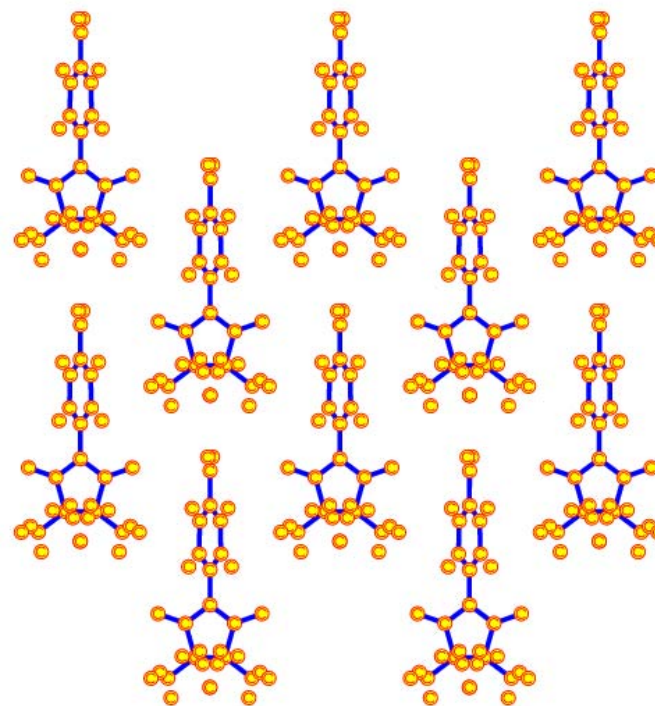
Is ferromagnetic aligning impossible?

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Minora Kinoshita, Japan, 1991

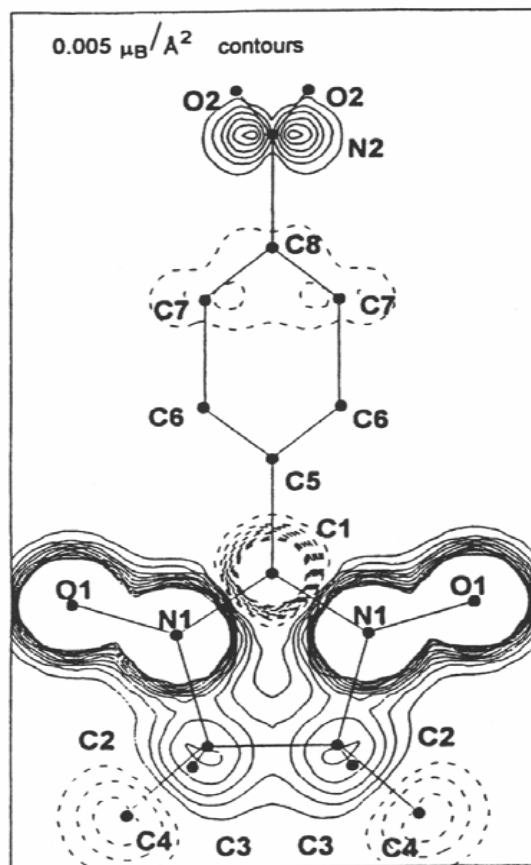
The first organic ferromagnet with $T_c=0.67$ K



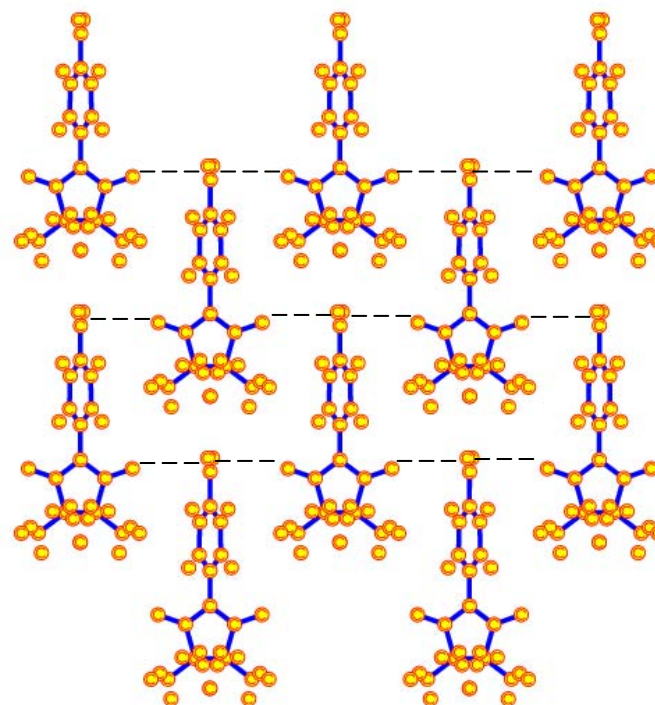
Only the β -phase of *p*-NPNN is ferromagnetic

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Spin density map of *p*-NPNN



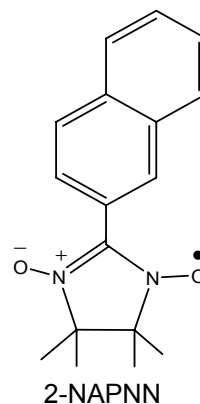
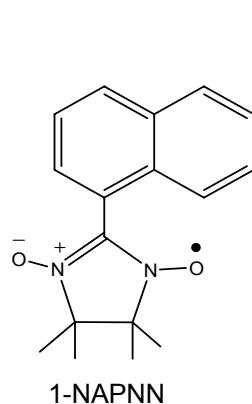
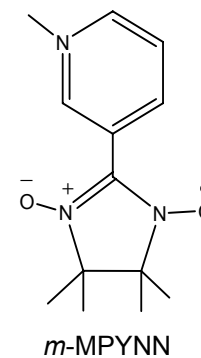
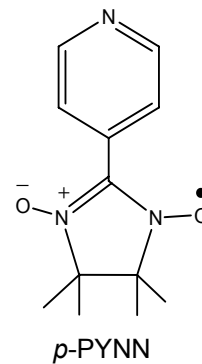
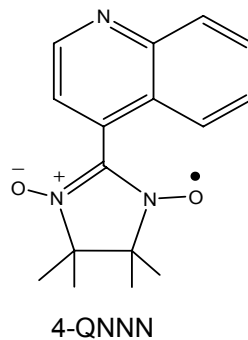
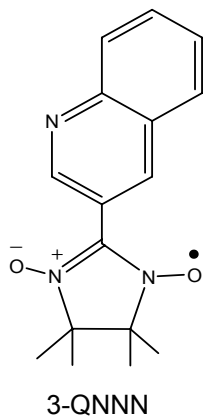
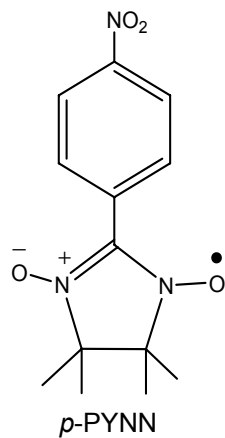
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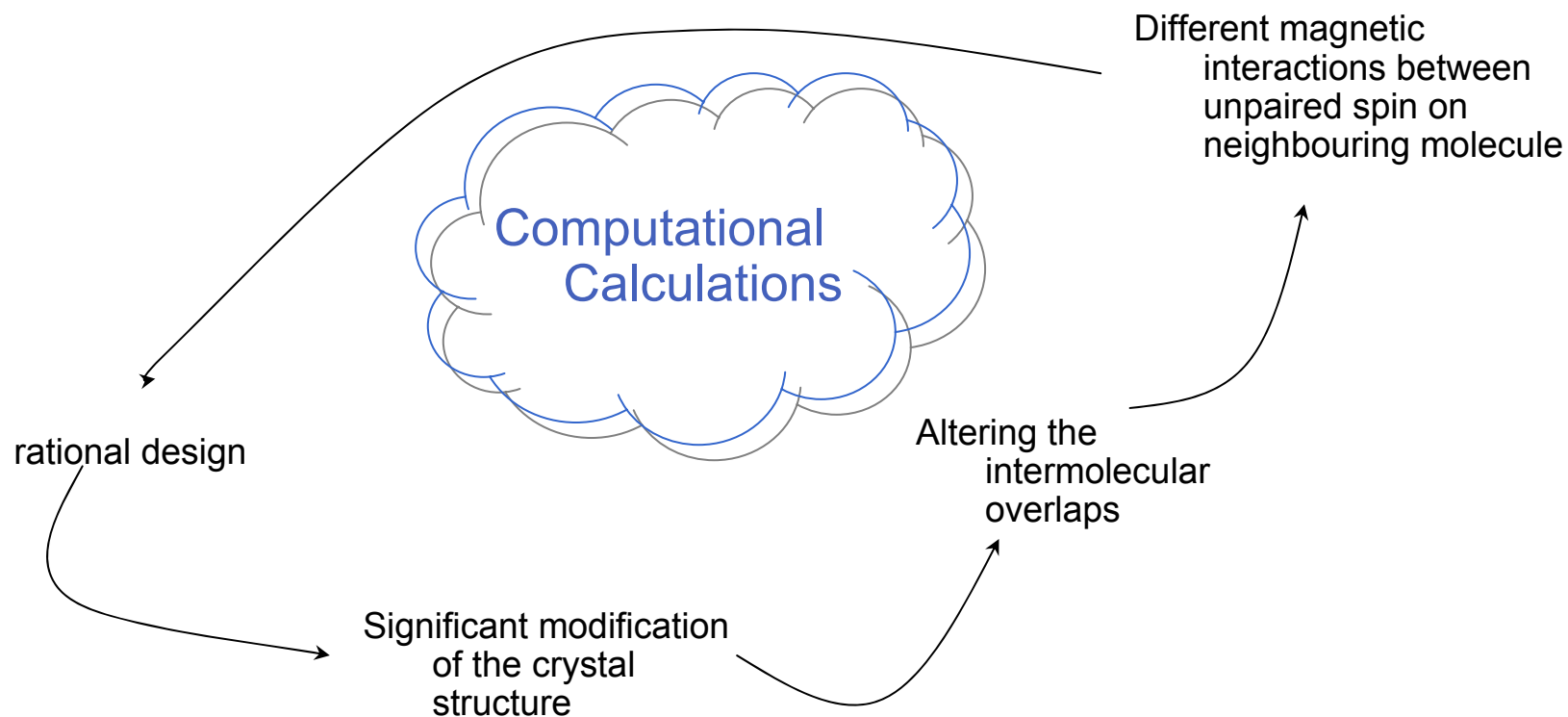
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Some rational designs based on NITR

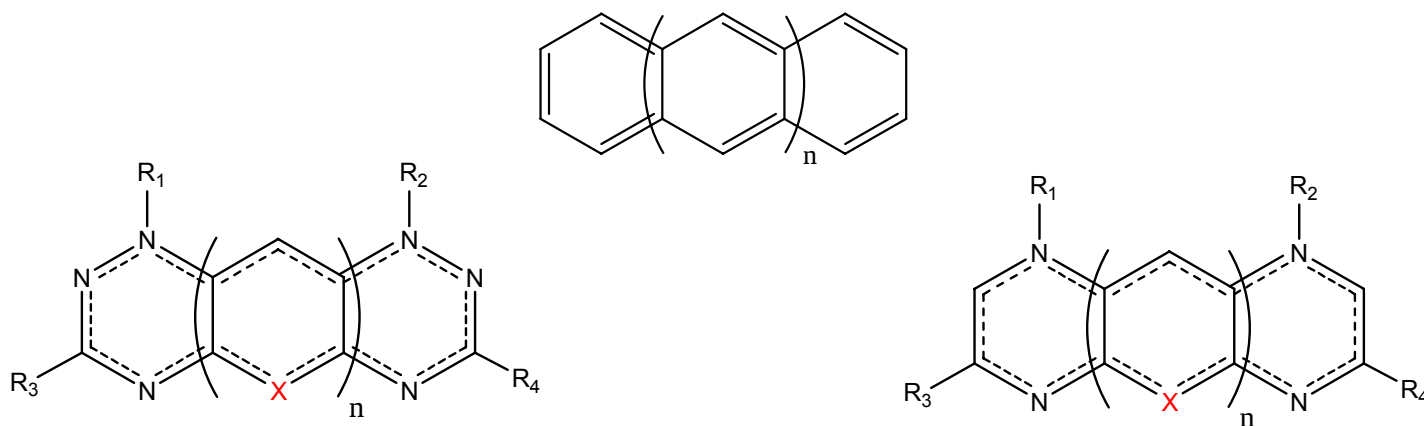


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Rational Design of Organic Magnets



Promotionsthema



X = C, N

R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ = EDG, EWG

„ Rationale Synthese und theoretisches Verständnis von
zwitterionischen Oligoazaacenen-

Organische Materialien mit geringer Singulett-Triplett-
Energieaufspaltung “

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Several angles, which need to be explored:

Primery Goals of our Research:

- i. A better undrestanding of the **fundamental principles**, which govern macroscopic magnetic behaviors

- Overlap and orthogonality effect

- Spin delocalisation effect

- Spin polarisation effect

- A deeper undrestanding of how the electronic properties of molecular systems relate to their physical characterictics

- ii. **Designing new organic architectures** with desired properties (based on open-shell units)

- The properties of the molecule itself

- Control interactions between the spin carriers (molecules)

- Stability

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Potential applications:

Molecular Magnets As A Quantum Memory Device

- Utilize the spin eigenstates as qubits
- The Capabilities of This Device:
 - „ 1 bit/molecule in 2D: 100 tera-bit/in² „
- Read-in, decode, read-out time of 10^{-10} s
- Limitation of technology ~ $S=10,000$

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Perspectives

Magnetic qubits as hardware for quantum computers

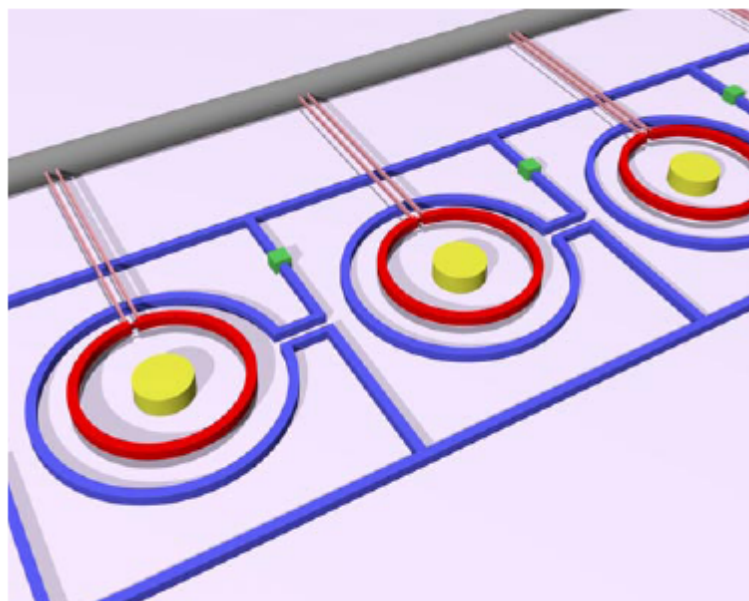


Figure 3. A schematic example of the coupled controlled qubit realization. The magnetic qubits (clusters/particles, yellow) are arranged in a one-dimensional lattice and coupled to the superconducting loops of micro-SQUID (red) circuits as shown. The coupling circuits (blue) contain Josephson switches (green). (This figure is in colour only in the electronic version, see www.iop.org)

quantum tunnelling of the spin of the molecular cluster/particle is suppressed. In this case the classical picture of the $|1\rangle$ state (the excited state) is the uniform precession of the magnetic

State preparation. State preparation (and indeed the operation of magnetic cluster qubits) must be realized at a temperature significantly lower than the energy gap, Δ , between the states $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$. The typical gap for case (1) is of the order of a few kelvin, while in case (2) the gap may be controlled by applying an external magnetic field perpendicular to the anisotropy axis of the molecular cluster. The operation of a magnetic cluster qubit must therefore be done in the kelvin down to millikelvin temperature range. A system of case (1) qubits allowed to attain equilibrium at such a temperature is thus effectively prepared in the state $|0000\dots\rangle$. Clearly the actual system state will be a thermal density operator, so there will be small contributions with excited qubits (and much smaller corrections with the cluster spin(s) in states outside the truncated space which forms the effective qubit(s) Hilbert space). These corrections can be calculated from the system parameters and the temperature and will be damped by an appropriate Boltzman factor.

A case (1) qubit in state $|0\rangle$ subject to a sudden change in external magnetic field perpendicular to the easy axis of the molecular cluster (which changes the tunnelling magnitude to that appropriate for case (2)) is effectively subject to a sudden basis change. In the new basis the state is an equal-weight superposition of $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$. Such superposition preparation has already effectively been achieved for non-interacting ensembles [43, 44].

Perspective:

Molecule-Based Magnets

- New phenomena observed, not in conventional magnets
 - bio-compatible alternative to conventional magnets
 - Low-cost, Light-weight, low-temperature
 - flexible syntheses
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- desired and multifunctional properties (magnetic, conductive, optic ...)

Summery

	atom-based magnets	molecule-based magnets
Element magnet	atoms	molecules
Proporation	Physical engineering	Chemical engineering
Interactions	Direct exchange	Superexchange
Magnetic characteristic	Soft, hard	Soft
Other characteristics	limited	unlimited



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