

# MOLECULE-BASED MAGNETS: Concept and design



- I. Molecular magnetism:
  - Concept
  - Rules and tools
  - Rational design of a magnet

#### II. Polyfonctional Magnets

 Photo-triggeret magnets, Chiral magnets, Porous magnets, conducting magnets ...



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Traditional magnets: metals (iron), metal oxides (ferrite), ...









Crystal structure of Cobalt ferrite CoFeO<sub>4</sub> (CoO-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>)

**Molecule-based magnets**: The structural **building blocks are molecular** in nature. These building blocks are either purely **organic molecules**, **coordination compounds** or a **combination of both**.

Ex.  $[(Etrad)_2 Mn_2 \{Cu(opba)\}_3 (DMSO)_{0.5}]$ 



Ref: O. Kahn et all. Chem. Eur. J. 1999, 5, 1486



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The observed magnetic behavior is determined by chemical and physical parameters:

- chemical scaffold,
- Paramagnetic centers,
- the exchange interaction between them,
- and the magnetic anisotropy



## **Main approach: coordination polymers**

- chemical architecture formed by paramagnetic metal ions linked by bridging ligands (diamagnetic or paramagnetic)
- > exchange interactions take place between the paramagnetic centers
- the macroscopic property is the result of a collective behavior and not the sum of individual behaviors



At the molecular level...

 $\clubsuit$  seat of the elementary property



## I. Molecular Magnetism: Rules and tools

=> The rational design of a magnet has to take into account the construction of the chemical architecture and of its function (property)



### chemical construction ♥ supramolecular chemistry

#### Property

Exchange interaction, magnetic anisotropy, additional property

 $\Rightarrow$  Some rules and tools to guide the chemist

Electrons in orbitals ...

Singly Occupied Molecular Orbital (SOMO) or "magnetic" orbitals



#### Magnetic orbitals in metal complexes:





 $\begin{array}{l} \text{Cr: +3.042 } \mu_{\text{B}} \\ \text{C: -0.088 } \mu_{\text{B}} \\ \text{N: +0.0686 } \mu_{\text{B}} \end{array}$ 

The magnetic orbitals contribute to the delocalization of the magnetic orbital from metal to the ligands

# The magnetic orbitals depend on the electronic configuration of the metal ion and on the ligands





#### Magnetic orbitals of a molecular unit:

> molecular orbitals formed with the orbitals bearing the unpaired electrons

➢ they contribute to the delocalization of the magnetic information from metal to the ligands

they are visualized by the spin density distribution

they mediate the exchange interactions



#### Orbital overlap and sign of the exchange interaction

The exchange interaction: Kahn's model<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Kahn et coll. Chem. Phys. Lett. 1981, 82, 534



> Overlap of the magnetic orbitals







Variation of the strength of  $J_{CrM}$  along the series for  $|J_F| = |J_{AF}|$ , actually the AF contribution is stronger than the F one.



E M	lectronic configuration (High spin state)	Exchange pathways	Anticipated J <sub>CrM</sub>		
V <sup>II</sup> , d <sup>3</sup>	$x^{2}-y^{2} - z^{2}$ $x^{2} - z^{2}$ $x^{2} - z^{2}$ $x^{2} - z^{2}$ $x^{2} - z^{2}$	9J <sub>af</sub>	AF (9)		
Cr <sup>II</sup> , d <sup>4</sup>	$x^2-y^2$ $\longrightarrow$ $z^2$ xy $xz, yz$	3J <sub>F</sub> +9J <sub>AF</sub>	AF (6)		
Mn <sup>II</sup> , d <sup>5</sup>	$x^2-y^2$ $+$ $z^2$ + $xy$ $xz$ , $yz$	6J <sub>F</sub> +9J <sub>AF</sub>	AF (3)		
Fe <sup>II</sup> , d <sup>6</sup>	$x^2-y^2$ $+$ $z^2$ $+$ $z^2$ xy $xz, yz$	6J <sub>F</sub> +6J <sub>AF</sub>	none		
Co <sup>II</sup> , d <sup>7</sup>	$x^{2}-y^{2} + z^{2}$	6J <sub>F</sub> +3J <sub>AF</sub>	F (3)		
Ni <sup>II</sup> , d <sup>8</sup>	$x^2 - y^2 - \frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{7} Z$ xy xz, yz	6J <sub>F</sub>	F (6)		
Cu <sup>II</sup> , d <sup>9</sup>	$x^{2}-y^{2} + z^{2}$	3J <sub>F</sub>	<b>F (3)</b> 15		

# **Orbital overlap and sign of the exchange interaction**: essential role of the bridging ligand and its connection to the metal ions





[Ni] x<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup> + -



# **Orbital overlap and sign of the exchange interaction**: essential role of the bridging ligand and its connection to the metal ions



# **Orbital overlap and strength of the exchange interaction**: importance of the metal center (3d *vs* 4d *vs* 5d)



<sup>[1]</sup> V. Marvaud et al. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2003**, *9*, 1692
 <sup>[2]</sup> Visinescu et al. *JACS* **2006**, *128*, 10202

# **Orbital overlap and strength of the exchange interaction**: importance of the metal center (3d *vs* 4d *vs* 5d)

Spatially more extended orbitals (3d < 4d < 5d)



Better overlap with ligands' orbitals, hence more spin density on the bridging ligand



Tools for a rational design of magnetic properties

- <sup>CP</sup> the magnetic orbitals of the building units
- The orbital overlap and sign of the exchange interaction

The sign of the exchange coupling and its strength are defined by the spin carriers (metal ions or organic radicals) and the bridging ligands chosen to construct the material (*cf* exchange pathways).

The chemical structure (discrete, 1-D, 2-D or 3-D), hence the type of material, is directed by the molecular building units used to synthesize the material.

#### Chemical Tools (metal-based materials)

#### **Bridging ligands**



#### Chemical Tools (metal-based materials)

#### Homometallic compounds

M<sup>n+</sup> + diamagnetic bridging ligand

Usually AF interactions take place between identical centers; as a result <u>the ground state of</u> <u>the compound is non-magnetic !</u>

This approach makes sense only when the interaction is ferromagnetic. This applies with the azido ligand  $(N_3^-)$  in  $\mu$ -1,1- coordination mode. Note that other coordination mode take place for this ligand and control is difficult.



Kahn et coll. Inorg. Chem. 1983, 2877. JACS 1986, 2574.

Chemical Tools (metal-based materials)

#### Heterometallic approach:



Whether the interaction  $J_{M1M2}$  is ferro- or antiferromagnetic, the spin (S) of the ground state is not zero.

 $J_{M1M2} > 0$  (ferromagnetic interaction ) S = S<sub>M1</sub> + S<sub>M2</sub>

 $J_{M1M2} < 0$  (antiferromagnetic interaction ) S = S<sub>M1</sub> - S<sub>M2</sub>

 $\ref{algorithmatrix}$  A resourceful and widely used approach in molecular magnetism  $\ref{algorithmatrix}$ 



## I. Molecular Magnetism: Rational design of a magnet

#### Example of «Prussian blue»<sup>1</sup> derivatives

Relation between the magnetic susceptibility and  $T_{\rm C}$  for a ferrimagnet proposed by Néel.<sup>2</sup>

$$kT_C = \frac{z|J|\sqrt{C_A C_B}}{Ng^2\beta^2}$$

 $\Rightarrow$  To increase  $T_{\rm C}$  the chemist can vary:

- the stoichiometry A:B to maximize z
- the strength of J
- the spin centers (that is C<sub>A</sub> and C<sub>B</sub>)

- $T_{\rm c}$  : magnetic ordering temperature
- K : Boltzmann constant
- z : number of neighbourghs for a magnetic centers
- |J|: strength of the exchange interaction
- C<sub>A</sub> and C<sub>B</sub>: Curie constants for centers A and B
- N : Avogadro number
- g : Lande factor
- $\beta$  : Bohr magneton

- 1. Verdaguer et coll. Coord. Chem. Rev. 1999, 190-192, 1023.
- 2. Néel L. Ann. Phys. Paris, **1948**, 3, 285.

#### **Rational design of a magnet:** Example of «Prussian blue»<sup>1</sup> derivatives

Using the Néel's prediction, Verdaguer and co-workers have developed a family of magnets of formula  $[(M^{II})_3 \{Cr(CN)_6\}_2]$ . For these compounds, z = 4 and  $C_B$  remain fixed, only J and  $C_A$  vary.

The compound  $[(V^{\parallel})_3 \{Cr(CN)_6\}_2]$  for which the largest *J* was anticipated, is a magnet at room temperature ( $T_C > 310$  K).

The variation for  $T_c$  as a function of M<sup>II</sup> confirms also the validity of the hypothesis that  $J = J_F + J_{AF}$ 





1. Verdaguer et coll. *Coord. Chem. Rev.* **1999**, *190-192*, 1023. M. Verdaguer and G. S. Girolami, in *Magnetism: Molecules to materials*, eds. J. S. Miller and M. Drillon, Wiley-VCH, Weinheim, 2005, vol. 5, pp. 283-346.

Molecule-based magnets with  $T_{\rm C}$  > 300 K:

#### Only two are known!

#### $[(V^{II})_{3} \{ Cr(CN)_{6} \}_{2} ]: T_{C} = 315 \text{ K}$

S. Ferlay, T. Mallah, R. Ouahès, P. Veillet and M. Verdaguer, *Nature, 1995, 378, 701.* 

#### $[V^{II}TCNE]: T_{C} = 400 \text{ K}$





Proposed structure



J.S. Miller et coll. *Science* **1991**, *252*, 1415

!! Both are highly unstable in air !

# **II.** Poly-functional Magnets

Besides simple juxtapositions of properties, the real interest for polyfunctional materials is the synergy that may exist between two (or more) of its properties. For instance the magnetic ordering can modify an optical property (ex. second harmonic generation) of the material, or give rive to new phenomena (ex. magneto-chiral dichroism). The magnetic features may also be modified, for instance by structural changes or charge transfer triggered by an external stimuli.

The versatility of molecular chemistry and the flexibility of molecular materials, their synthesis, allow construction of such complex systems.

Chiral magnets: $\rightarrow$  Structure motivations $\rightarrow$  synergy between magnetic and optical features

**Photo-triggered magnets:**  $\rightarrow$  Magnet ON/OFF by light

**Porous magnets:**  $\rightarrow$  Modulation of magnet's feature by sorption state

Chiral 3-D network versus achiral 2-D polymer





#### 2-D [M{Cr(C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>}]<sup>-</sup>





Chiral 3-D network versus achiral 2-D polymer



Chiral 3-D network versus achiral 2-D polymer



metal center for each chelating ligand

Chiral 3-D network versus achiral 2-D polymer



S. Decurtins, et al. Coord. Chem. Rev. 1999, 841-854.

#### Chiral magnets: properties motivation



Combination of ferromagnetism and properties related to the loss of centrosymmetry

Physico-chemical effects arising from the interaction between some properties that might exist in non centrosymmetrical and long-range magnetic ordered materials

Chem. Soc. Rev. 2011, 40, 3297; Chem. Mater. 1998, 10, 2753

#### Chiral magnets: synergy between magnetic and optical features

#### **Magneto-chiral dichroism**

Cr(oxalate)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>3-</sup> + Mn<sup>2+</sup> (R or S) NR<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>  
NR<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> = (R/S) [N(CH<sub>3</sub>)(
$$n-C_3H_7$$
)<sub>2</sub>(s-  
 $C_4H_9$ )]+

$$\varepsilon(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{M}) = \varepsilon_0 + \alpha_{\text{NCD}}\mathbf{k} + \beta_{\text{MCD}}\mathbf{M} + \gamma_{\text{MChD}}\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{M}.$$



Enhancement of magneto-chiral dichroism at the Curie temperature



 $[\Lambda-Mn-\Delta-Cr(oxalate)_3(S-NR_4)]$  ou  $[\Delta-Mn-\Lambda-Cr(oxalate)_3(R-NR_4)]$ 



Inversion of the magneto-chiral dichroism with the enantiomer. Magneto-chiral dichroism measured at 4.0 K

Train & coll. *Nature Mater.* **2008**, *7*, 729.

#### Chiral magnets: synergy between magnetic and optical features

#### Magnetization-Induced Second Harmonic Generation





(a) Thermal variation of the SHG signal for a single crystal of N\*[MnCr] in a 30 mT magnetic field applied along the *c-axis*.
(b) Fieldcooled curve in a 1.0 mT field applied along the *c axis*.

S.-i. Ohkoshi et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2009, 131, 16838

#### Chiral magnets: towards multiferroics

#### **Coexistence of magnetic and electric orders**

what are multiferroics? Multiferroics are materials that exhibit simultaneously several ferroic order parameters. In a solid combining electric and magnetic orders, electric field (*E*) induces electric polarization (*P*) and magnetic field (*H*) induces magnetization (*M*). A coupling between *P* and *M* will enables the magneto-electric (ME) effect, that is the mutual control of the magnetism and electricity



(polarization) cross-control by electric and magnetic field.

Reports on Progress in Physics 2014, 77, 076501



**Scheme 1.** Metal ligand design strategy of 1 using a) the tris(bidentate) mononuclear chromium(III) complex anion as molecular tecton with b) a pyridinium-based polar cation, c) leading to the formation of 2D bimetallic oxalate-bridged layers.





(left) magnetic behavior; (above) the remnant electric polarization in (red) and and the dc resistivity (blue)

Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2012, 51, 8356

#### **Light-induced magnets** (photo-magnets)

#### Light-triggered ON-OFF switching by charge transfer

Magnetic behavior for  $[Rb_{1,8}Co^{III}_{3,3}Co^{II}_{0,7}[Fe^{II}(CN)_6]_{3,3}.13H_2O$ before and after light irradiation



A reversible charge transfer takes place.

At low temperature, the paramagnetic pair can be produced by light radiation. <sup>1,2</sup>

hν e [Fe-CN-Co] **e**<sup>-</sup> **T** ↑

hν

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**T** 1

S = 0

1. Hashimoto et coll. Science 1996, 272, 704

2. Bleuzen et coll. JACS 2000, 122, 6648

[Fe<sup>III</sup>-CN-Co<sup>II</sup>]

S = 1/2

S = 3/2

#### Light-induced magnets (photo-magnets)

#### Light-triggered ON-OFF switching by charge transfer

Related light-induced magnetizations have been found for [Fe<sup>III</sup>-CN-Mn<sup>II</sup>]-pair systems and [W<sup>V</sup>-CN-Co<sup>II</sup>L].



1. S. Ohkoshi et coll. Coord. Chem. Rev. 2005, 249, 1830

2. Ohkoshi et coll. JACS 2003, 125, 9240

#### Light-induced magnets (photo-magnets)



S. Ohkoshi et coll. Nature Chem. 2011, 3, 564



- Accessible void in the structure
- Reversible sorption properties
- Magnetic ordering (it's a magnet!)

**Interest:** possibility to modulate the magnetic features ( $T_c$ , coercive field) simply by guest molecule exchange



For revue papers see: N. Roques et al. Top. Curr. Chem. 2010, 293, 207. P. Dechambenoit et al. Chem. Soc. Rev. 2011, 40, 3249 39

#### **Difficulty for the chemist:**

□ High  $T_c$  => strong exchange interactions □ Large channels => large spacing ligands

Antagonistic properties ?!

compromise has to be found between highly porous solids and efficient magnet

Interesting results with low symmetry building unit  $[Mo(CN)_7]^{3-1}$ 

[Mn<sub>3</sub>L<sub>2</sub>{Mo(CN)<sub>7</sub>]: accessible void, 9 %



J. Milon et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2007, 129, 13872

#### $[K_2Mn_5{Mo(CN)_7}_3]$ .14H<sub>2</sub>O.MeCN: 28 % porosity



Origin of the reversible  $T_c$  switching :  $\Rightarrow$  the coordination sphere Mn centers





→ T<sub>c</sub> = 75 K





Trend:  $T_c$  (octahedral) <  $T_c$  (square-pyramidal) <  $T_c$  (tetrahedral)

→ As Mn←NC-Mo becomes shorter the exchange interaction is improved and  $T_c$  increases.

Open-frameworks involving paramagnetic bridging ligands:



<sup>(1)</sup> J. Veciana et al. Nat. Chem. 2003, 2, 190. (2) . J. Veciana et al. Chem. Eur. J. 2011, 3644 (3) J. Veciana et al. Chem. Eur. J. 2012, 152

## **II.** Poly-functional Magnets

The versatility of molecular chemistry and the flexibility of molecular structures, their synthesis, allow construction of materials that combine and interrelate several properties. Among these:

Chiral magnets Photo-triggered magnets Porous magnets Conducting magnets Multiferroic magnets have been reported.

For additional information on such molecule-based magnets see:
M. Kurmoo, *Chem. Soc. Rev.* 2009, *38*, 1353.
D. Maspoch, D. Ruiz-Molina, J. Veciana, *Chem. Soc. Rev* 2007, *36*, 770
N. Roques, V. Mugnaini, J. Veciana, *Top. Curr. Chem.* 2010, *293*, 207
P. Dechambenoit, J. R. Long, *Chem. Soc. Rev.* 2011, *40*, 3249
W. Zhang, R.-G. Xiong, *Chem. Rev.* 2012, *112*, 1163
M. Ohba, K. Yoneda and S. Kitagawa, *Cryst Eng Comm,* 2010, *12*, 159-165
Train, C.; Gruselle, M.; Verdaguer, M., *Chem. Soc. Rev.* 2011, *40*, 3297
G. Rogez et all. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2010, 49, 1921
K. S. Pedersen, et all, *Nature Chemistry* 2018, *10*, 1056



# MOLECULE-BASED MAGNETIC MATERIALS:

#### Some books

Molecular Magnetism, O. Kahn, VCH-Wiley, 1993



Magnetism: Molecule to materials, Eds. Drillon et Miller, VCH-Wiley, 2001, Vol. I-V

*Molecular Nanomagnets*; Gatteschi, D.; Sessoli, R.; Villain, J.; Oxford University Press, **2006** 

*Single-Molecule Magnets and Related Phenomena*, Ed. R. Winpenny, Springer **2006** vol. 122

Cristiano Benelli and Dante Gatteschi Introduction to Molecular Magnetism



Introduction to Molecular Magnetism: From Transition Metals to Lanthanides. Benelli, C.; Gatteschi, D., Wiley: **2015**.

Electrons in Molecules: *From Basic Principles to Molecular Electronics;* J.-P. Launay and M. Verdaguer Oxford University Press **2017** 



#### Memo: Origin of the magnetism, the electron



Magnetic moment:  $\mu_{total} = \mu_{orbital} + \mu_{spin}$ 

For organic radicals and transition metal complexes  $\mu_{orbital}$ is usually quenched and the magnetic moment result only from the contribution of the electrons' spin and becomes  $M = g \times S \times \mu_B$ 



ex. d<sup>3</sup> ion in Oh symmetry

# Field dependence of the magnetization (at fixed temperature)

H (kOe)

ex. d<sup>3</sup> ion in Oh symmetry

$$x^{2}-y^{2} z^{2}$$

magnetic susceptibility,  $\chi_M$ 

 $\chi_{M} = M/H$ ! applies only in the domain of linear variation of M with applied field. Typically for fields H < 5000 Oe.

$$\chi_M = \frac{Ng^2\beta^2}{3kT}S(S+1) = \frac{1}{8}\frac{g^2}{T}S(S+1)$$

If  $\chi_M T$  is considered:

$$\chi_M T = \frac{1}{8}g^2 S(S+1) \implies$$
 a fixed value defined by S

ex. d<sup>3</sup> ion in Oh symmetry

$$x^{2}-y^{2} z^{2}$$

Temperature dependence of the magnetic susceptibility plotted as  $\chi_{\mathsf{M}}\mathcal{T}$ 



The Curie Constants:

$$C_{S} = \frac{N_{A} \mu_{B}^{2}}{3k} g^{2} S(S + 1) = \chi_{M} T$$

for any spin, a characteristic value independent of T

S	0	1/2	1	3/2	2	5/2	
C <sub>S</sub> cm³mol <sup>-1</sup> K	0	0.375	1.0	1.875	3	4.375	
ions	Dia.	Cu(II), radicals	Ni(II)	Cr(III)	Mn(III), HS-Fe(II)	Fe(III) <i>,</i> Mn(II)	

A  $\chi_M T = f(T)$  behavior for which the  $\chi_M T$  value remains constant is characteristic of paramagnetism (= isolated magnetic centers with no exchange interaction between then).

Deviation from a constant value reveals exchange interactions.

 $\chi_{M}T$  varies with  $T \Rightarrow$  exchange interactions are taking place between the magnetic centers

