

# Self-Assembled Structures towards Nanospintronic Devices

Victoria E. Campbell,  
Talal Mallah

*Institut de Chimie Moléculaire et des Matériaux d'Orsay  
Laboratoire de Chimie Inorganique*

11 June 2014

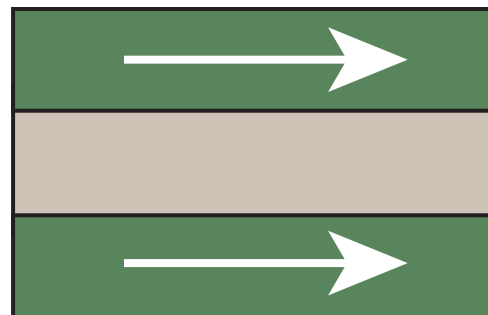
# Introduction

## Spin Electronic (Spintronic)

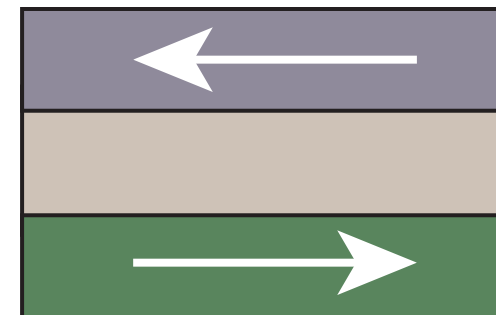
- An emerging discipline that utilizes the spin properties of the electron

## Giant Magneto Resistance Device / Spin Valve

Free FM layer  
Separating layer  
Pinned FM layer



Parallel Mode



Antiparallel Mode

P. Grünberg, et. al *Phys. Rev. B*, **1989**, 39, 4828-4830

A. Fert, et. al *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, **1988**, 61, 2472-2475

Wednesday, 11 June 14

Pour comprendre que est la spintronique je vais vous explique comme marche un dispositif spintronique et ou sont les limitations des dispositifs actuelements employees  
tout d'abord Un dispositif spintronique doit génère une courante qui est polarise en spin et il doit détecte cette curante. Le modèle de dispositif le plus simple est le "Giant Magneto Resistor"  
ou GMR. Le dispositif est caracterise par deux couche ferromagnétique séparé par une couche separatrice métallique.  
la couche separatrice est cruciale parce que si n'y a pas cette couche on ne peux pas separe les deux electrodes.  
cette technologie était employé dans les disk dure a partir de 1997 et en 2007 le prix nobel était attribue a albert fert et péter grunberg pour leur découverte

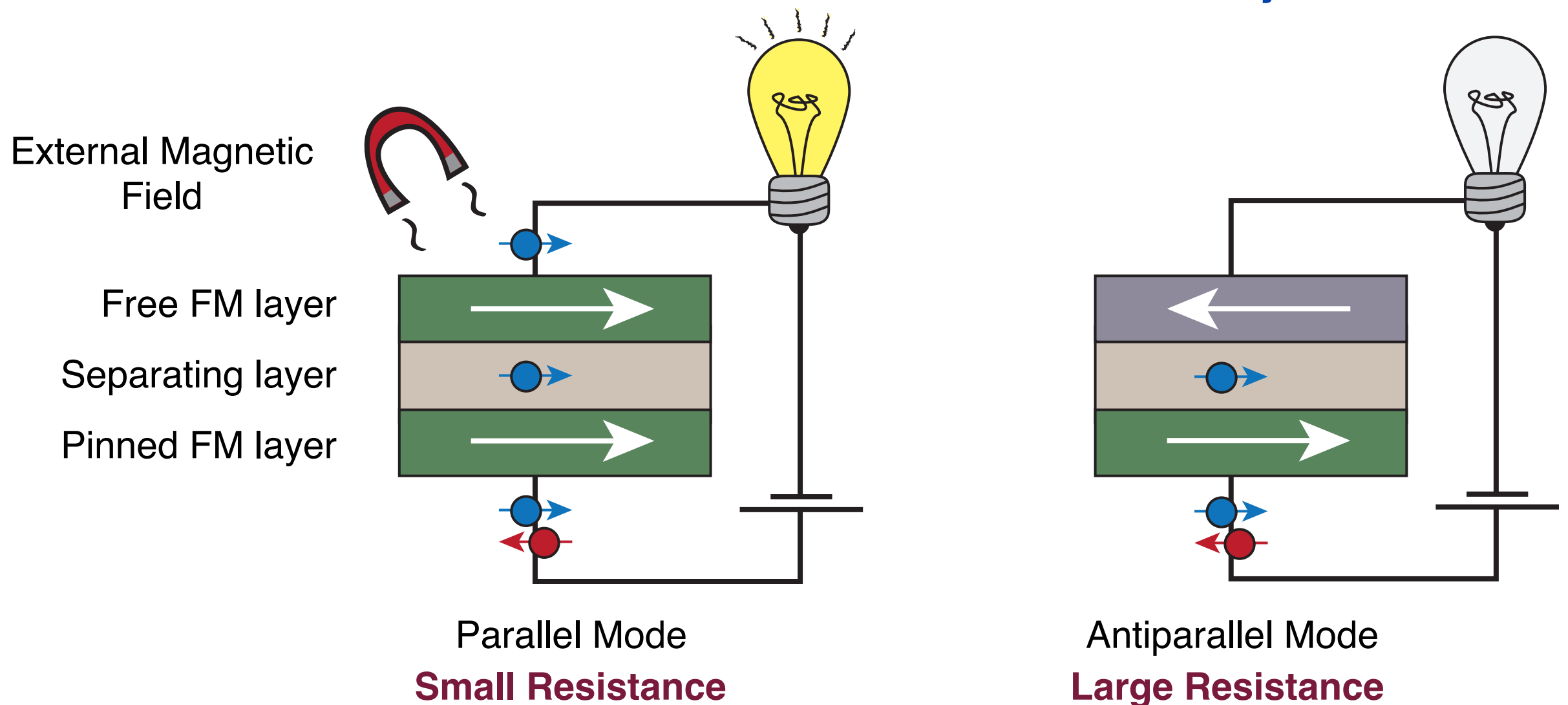
# Introduction

## Spin Electronic (Spintronic)

- An emerging discipline that utilizes the spin properties of the electron

## Giant Magneto Resistance Device / Spin Valve

Used since 1997 by IBM in read heads



**2007 Physics Nobel Prize**

**Albert Fert et Peter Grünberg**

P. Grünberg, et. al *Phys. Rev. B*, **1989**, 39, 4828-4830

A. Fert, et. al *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, **1988**, 61, 2472-2475

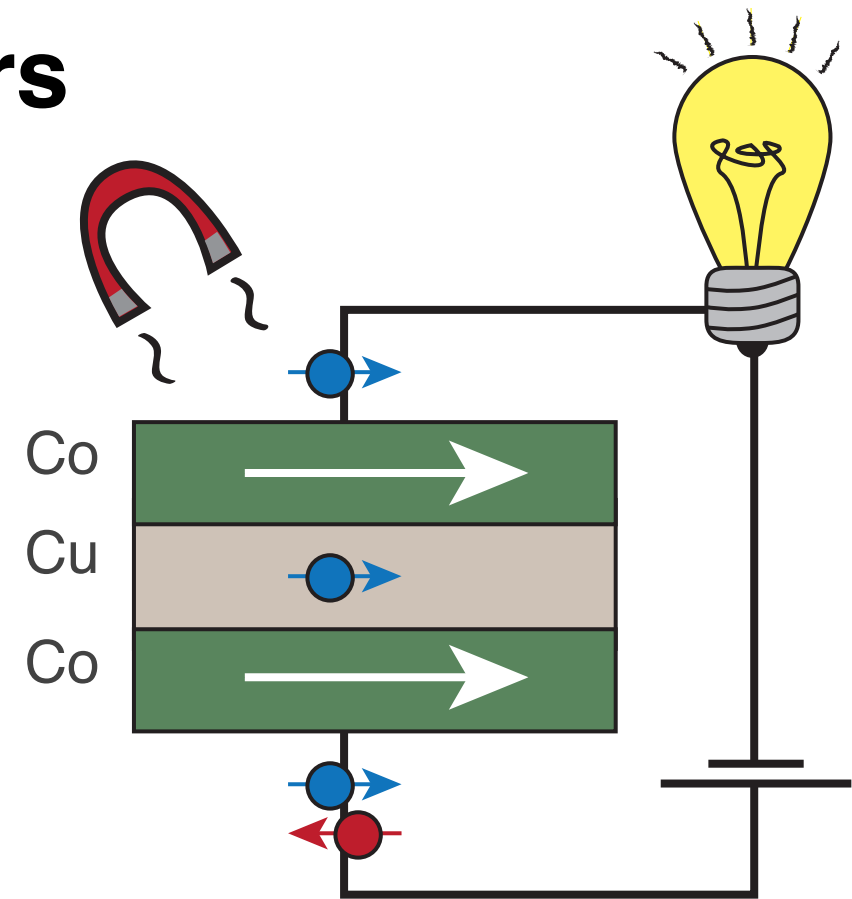
Wednesday, 11 June 14

quand le dispositif est dans le mode antiparallèle, les deux électrodes FM sont polarisées de façon opposée, donc les électrons polarisés en spin comme l'électrode du bas peuvent passer, mais ils sont bloqués par l'électrode du haut et le courant ne passe pas. quand le dispositif est dans le mode parallèle les deux électrodes sont polarisées de la même façon donc les électrons avec le même spin que les électrodes donc il passe pas seulement à travers l'électrode du bas, mais aussi il passe par l'électrode du haut, donc le courant polarisé en spin passe par le dispositif. il est possible de contrôler l'état de polarisation de l'électrode FM par des champs magnétiques extérieurs et faibles, d'où le terme magnéto-résistance. cette technologie était employée dans les disques durs à partir de 1997 et en 2007 le prix Nobel était attribué à Albert Fert et Peter Grünberg pour leur découverte.

# Introduction

## Spin transport through semi-conductors

- Metal based devices do not amplify the signal
- Fabricate **spin-based transistors**



Wednesday, 11 June 14

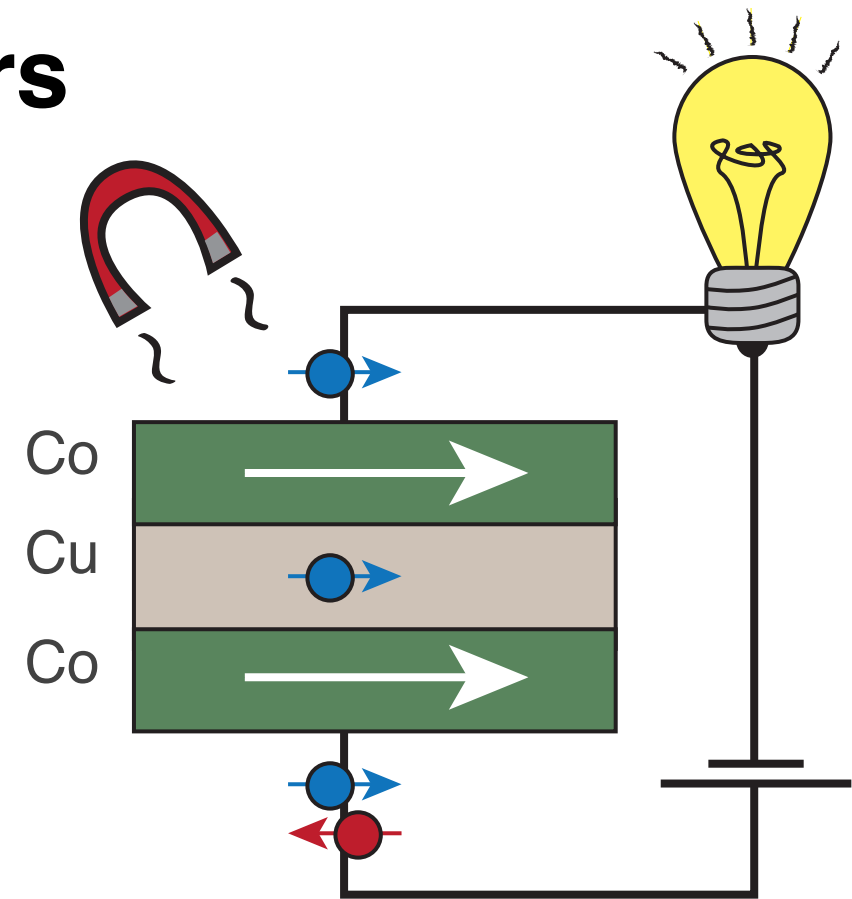
Les dispositifs actuellement employés sont fabriqués à partir de métaux. Quand la couche séparatrice est un métal ou un isolant, il n'est pas possible de moduler le courant. Les dispositifs à base de métaux sont d'excellents transporteurs de courant, mais ils ne amplifient pas le signal. Donc si on pouvait incorporer des semi-conducteurs dans ces dispositifs, il sera possible de amplifier le signal, et de générer des transistors à base de spin.



# Introduction

## Spin transport through semi-conductors

- Metal based devices do not amplify the signal
- Fabricate **spin-based transistors**

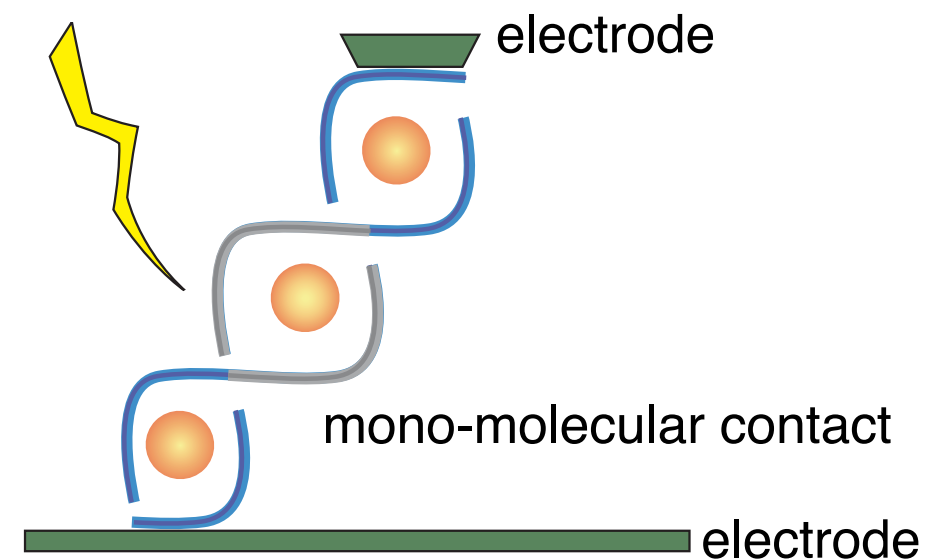


## Spin transport through molecular components

- Smaller devices
- **Functionalize molecules**
- Long spin relaxation time



**MODULATE**



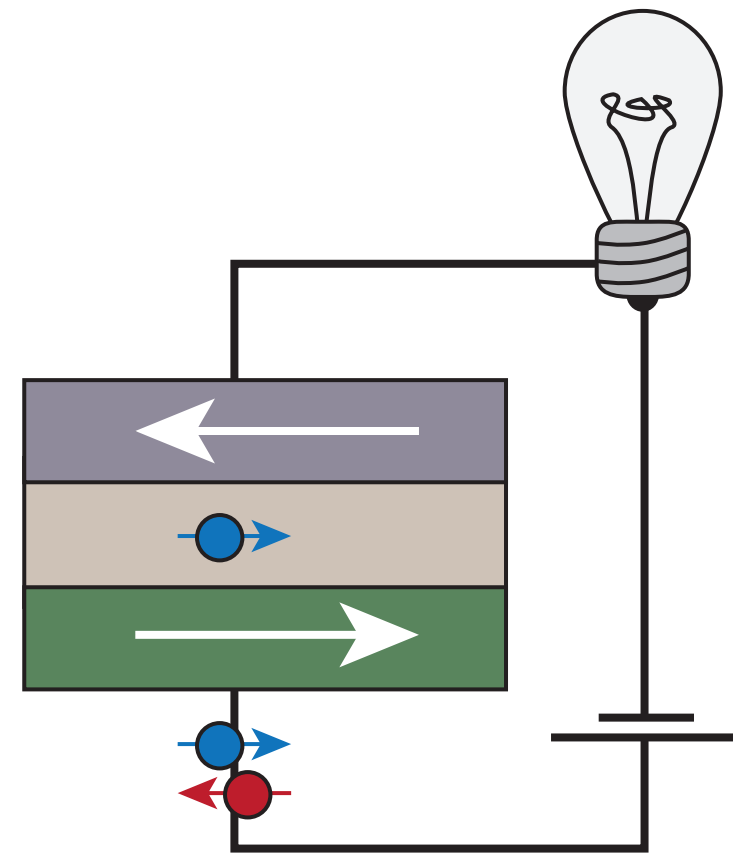
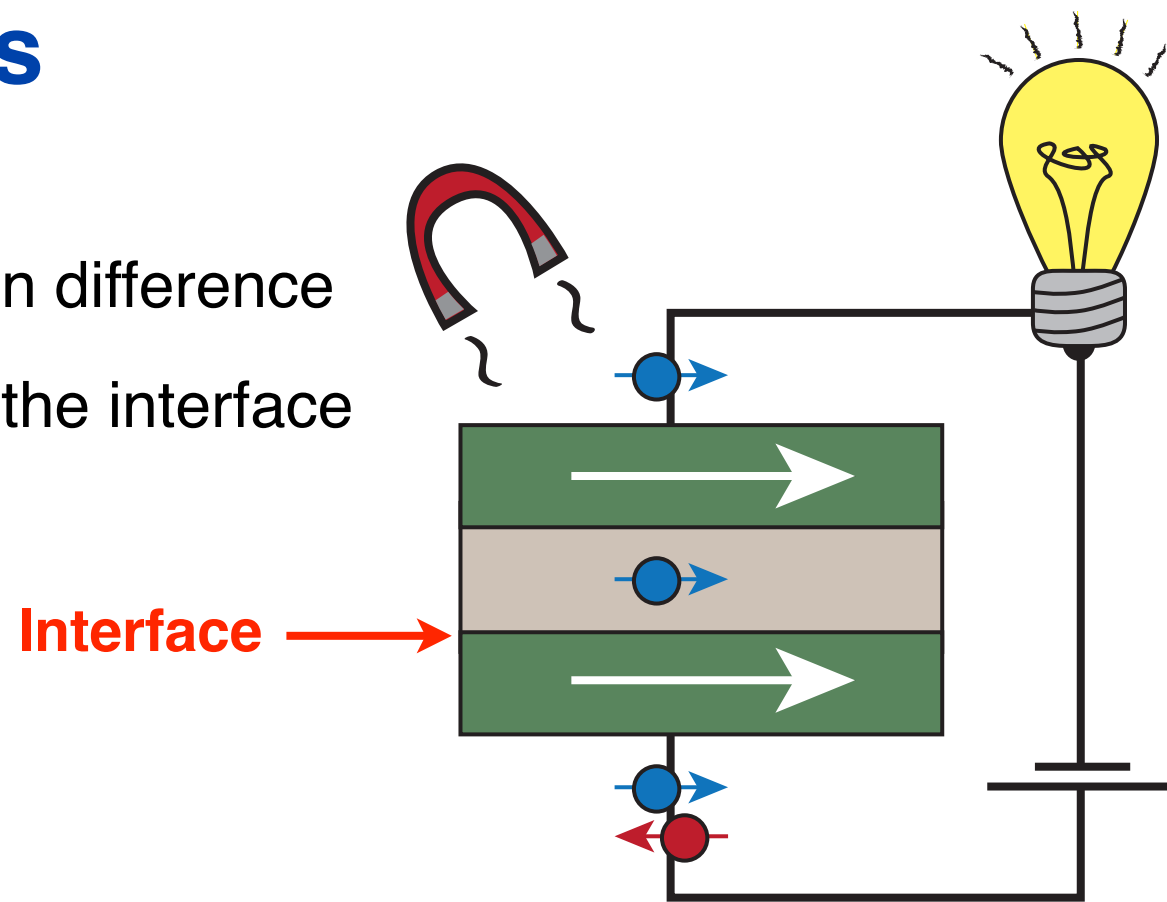
Wednesday, 11 June 14

L'idée du projet est de fabriquer des dispositifs à partir de semi-conducteurs moléculaires. pour quoi moléculaires? parce que ça permet de fabriquer des dispositifs plus petits. parce que on peut fonctionnaliser les molécules donc on pourra contrôler le dispositif par des perturbations autres qu'un champ magnétique. et parce que dans les matériaux organiques le temps de spin-relaxation est très long donc les électrons n'ont pas le temps de changer de polarisation dans la couche séparatrice ce qui donne un meilleur rendement au dispositif.

# Introduction

## Problems

- Conduction difference
- Quality of the interface



V. A. Dediu *Nat. Mater.*, **2013**, 9, 210-211

Wednesday, 11 June 14

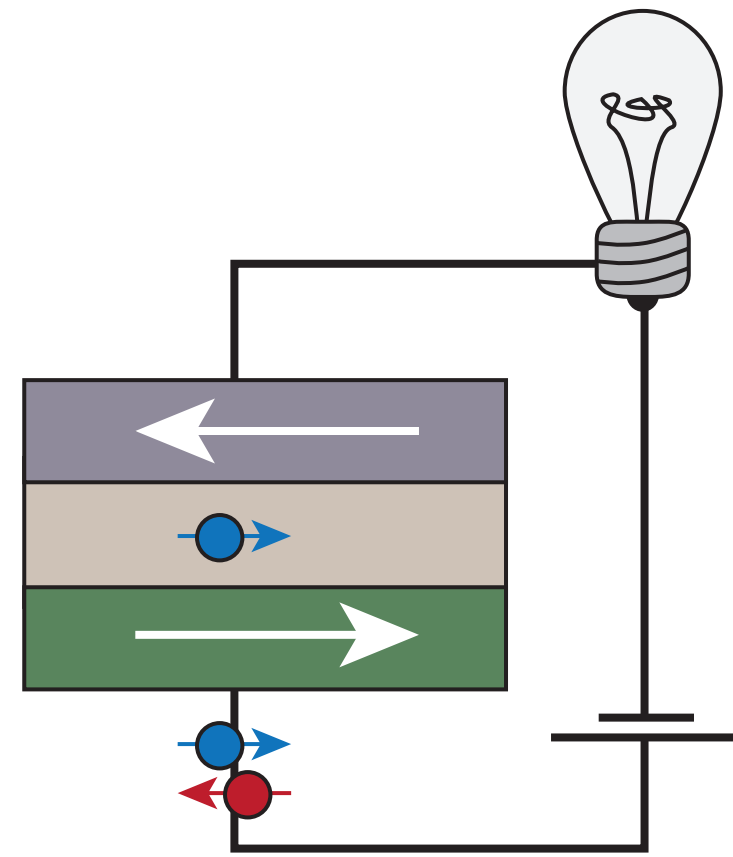
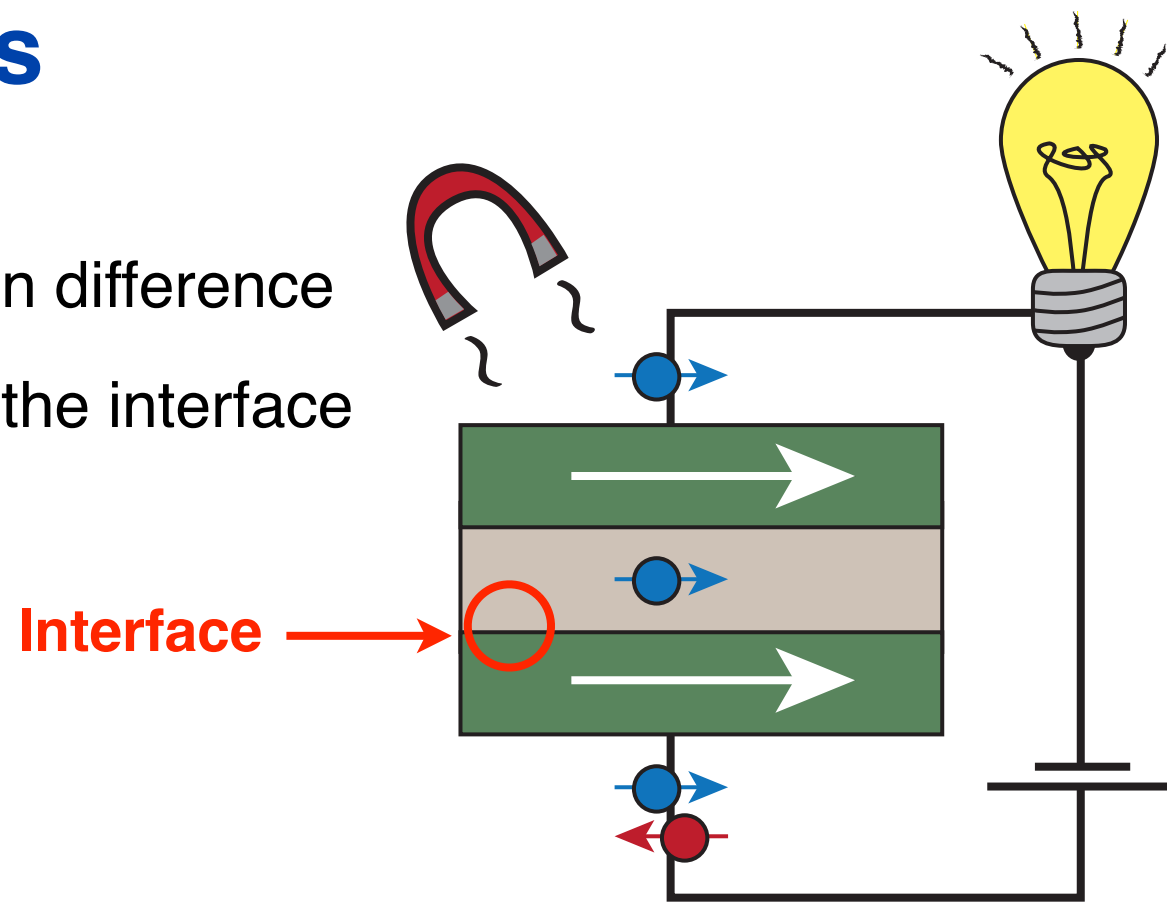
Mais quand on veut utiliser des composants moléculaires dans des dispositifs spintronique on rencontre des problèmes: les plus importants est que le mécanisme de injection des spins dans les couches semiconductrices n'est pas bien compris, que il y a une grande différence de conduction entre le métal ferromagnétique et la couche semiconductrice. et que l'interface entre le FM et la couche séparatrice est crucial pour le bon fonctionnement du dispositif. Les deux solutions trouvées jusqu'à présent sont: l'introduction d'une couche isolante qui permet au dispositif de fonctionner par effet tunnel. et l'utilisation de demi-métaux comme le LSMO au lieu de métaux semiconducteurs, qui permet une meilleure superposition avec une couche séparatrice semiconductrice.

pour la fabrication systématique de dispositifs spintroniques à base de semiconducteurs nouveaux matériaux fonctionnels doivent être synthétisés, et le contrôle

# Introduction

## Problems

- Conduction difference
- Quality of the interface



V. A. Dediu *Nat. Mater.*, **2013**, 9, 210-211

Wednesday, 11 June 14

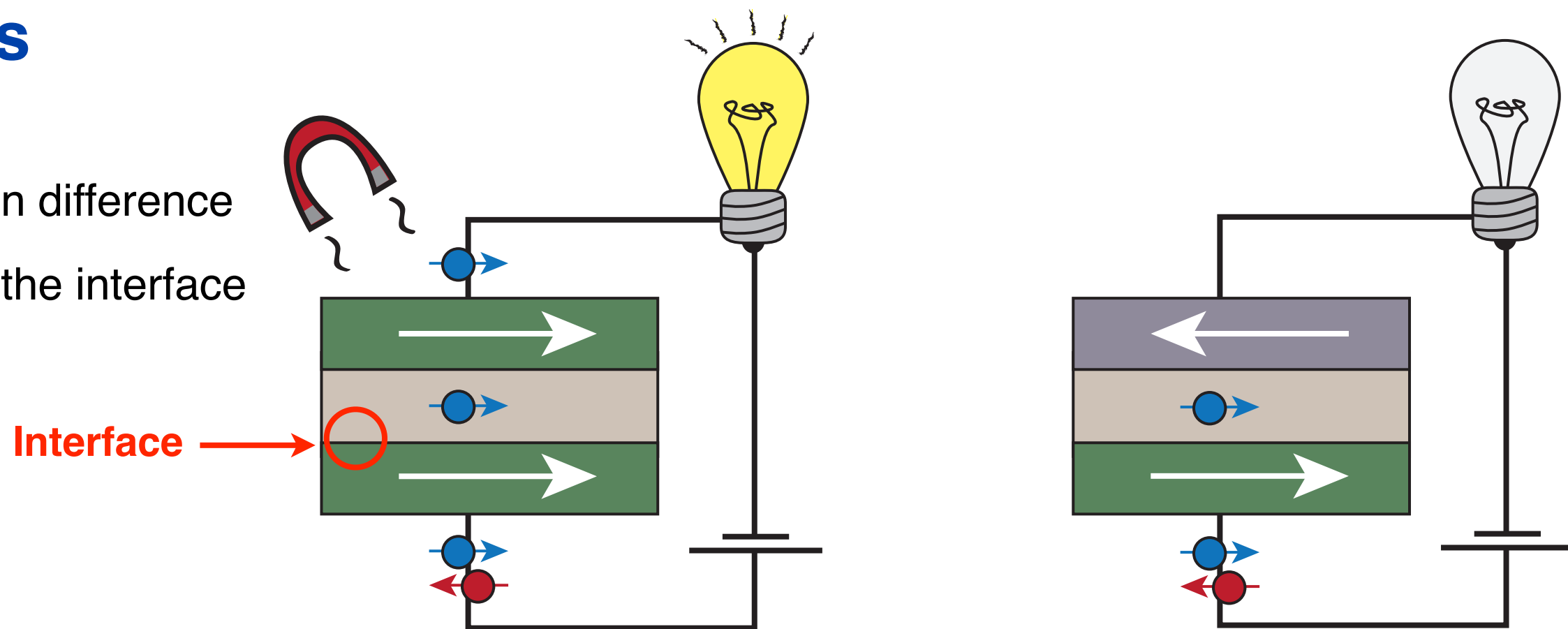
Mais quand on veut utiliser des composants moléculaires dans des dispositifs spintroniques on rencontre des problèmes: les plus importants est que le mécanisme d'injection des spins dans les couches semiconductrices n'est pas bien compris, que il y a une grande différence de conduction entre le métal ferromagnétique et la couche semiconductrice. et que l'interface entre le FM et la couche séparatrice est cruciale pour le bon fonctionnement du dispositif. Les deux solutions trouvées jusqu'à présent sont: l'introduction d'une couche isolante qui permet au dispositif de fonctionner par effet tunnel. et l'utilisation de demi-métaux comme le LSMO au lieu de métaux semiconducteurs, qui permet une meilleure superposition avec une couche séparatrice semiconductrice.

pour la fabrication systématique de dispositifs spintroniques à base de semiconducteurs nouveaux matériaux fonctionnels doivent être synthétisés, et le contrôle

# Introduction

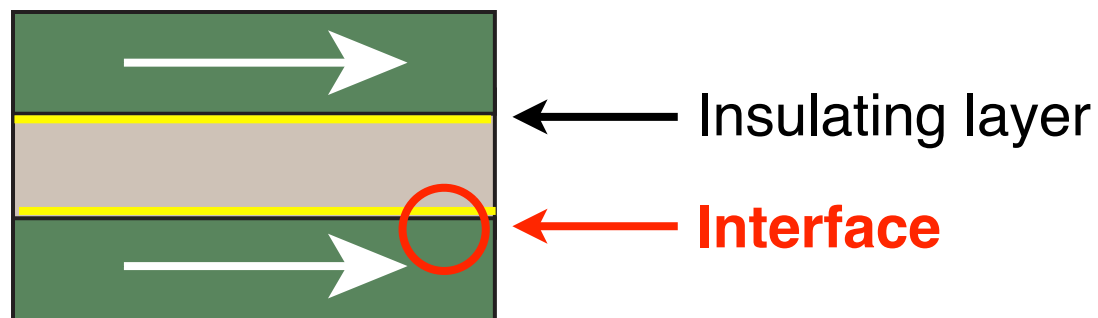
## Problems

- Conduction difference
- Quality of the interface

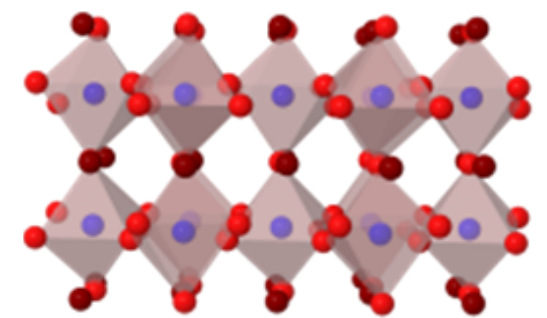


## Solution

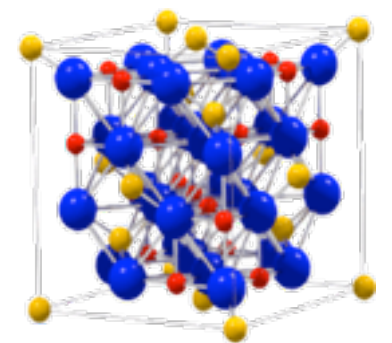
1



2



LaSrMnO<sub>3</sub> (LSMO)



Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>

V. A. Dediu *Nat. Mater.*, **2013**, 9, 210-211

Wednesday, 11 June 14

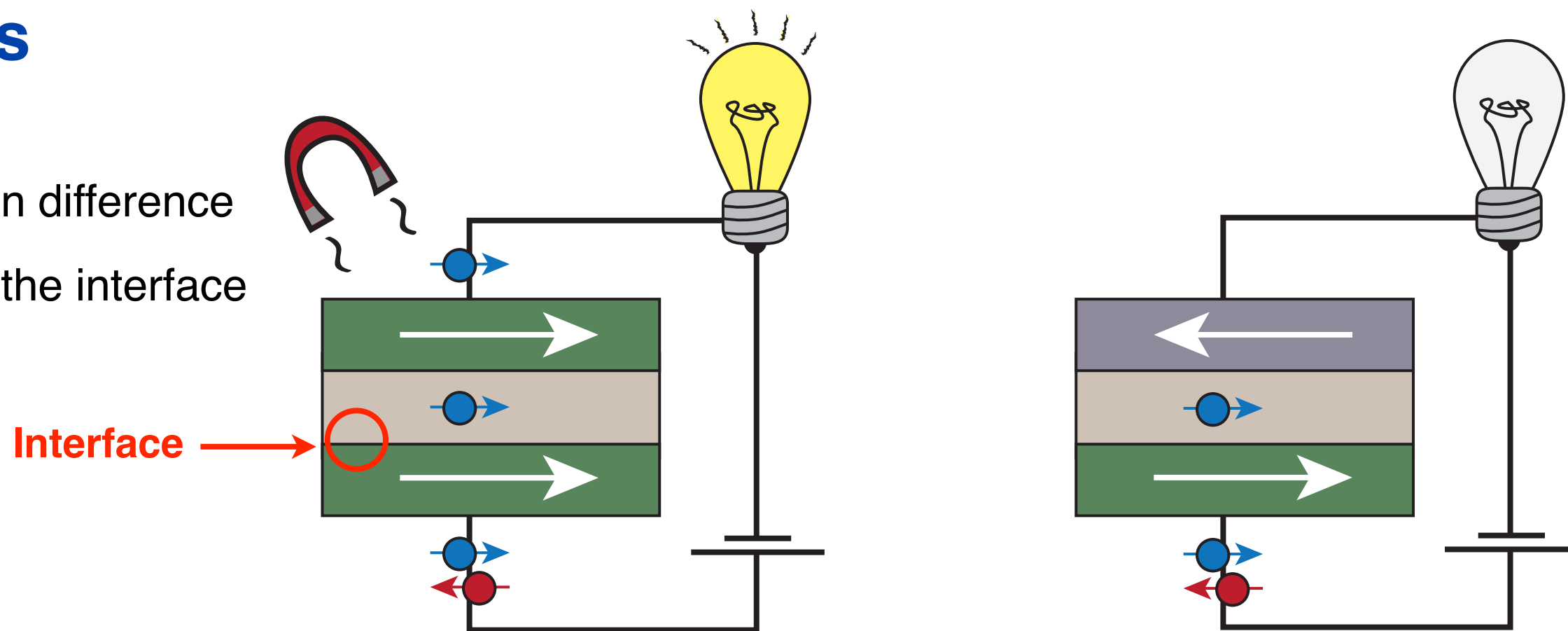
Mais quand on veut utiliser des composants moléculaires dans des dispositifs spintroniques on rencontre des problèmes: les plus importants est que le mécanisme d'injection des spins dans les couches semiconductrices n'est pas bien compris, que il y a une grande différence de conduction entre le métal ferromagnétique et la couche semiconductrice. et que l'interface entre le FM et la couche séparatrice est cruciale pour le bon fonctionnement du dispositif. Les deux solutions trouvées jusqu'à présent sont: l'introduction d'une couche isolante qui permet au dispositif de fonctionner par effet tunnel. et l'utilisation de demi-métaux comme le LSMO au lieu de métaux semiconducteurs, qui permet une meilleure superposition avec une couche séparatrice semiconductrice.

pour la fabrication systématique de dispositifs spintroniques à base de semiconducteurs nouveaux matériaux fonctionnels doivent être synthétisés, et le contrôle

# Introduction

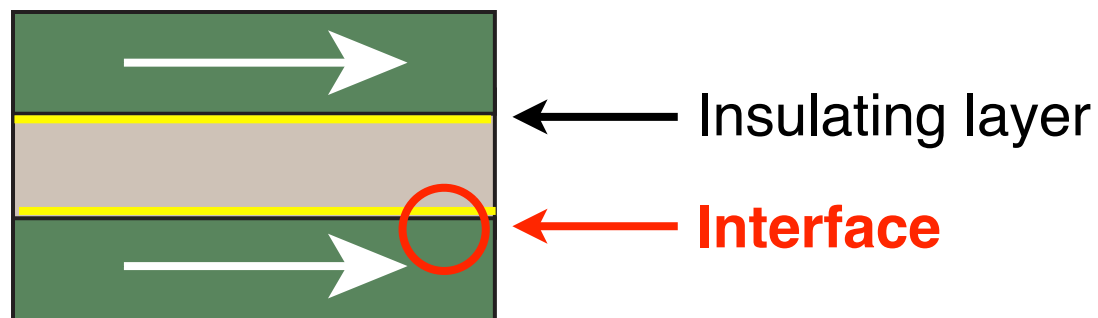
## Problems

- Conduction difference
- Quality of the interface



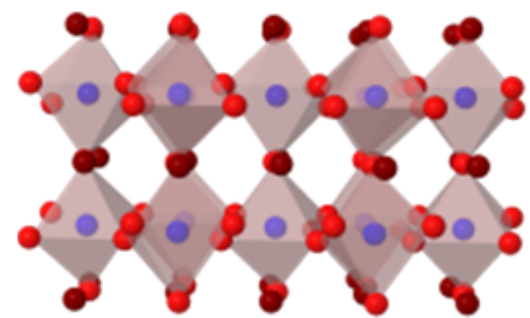
## Solution

1

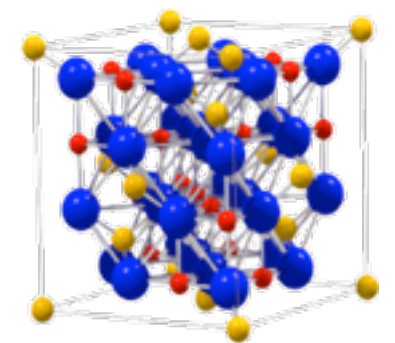


2

LaSrMnO<sub>3</sub> (LSMO)



Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>



***New Functional Materials  
control over the growth of the separating layer***

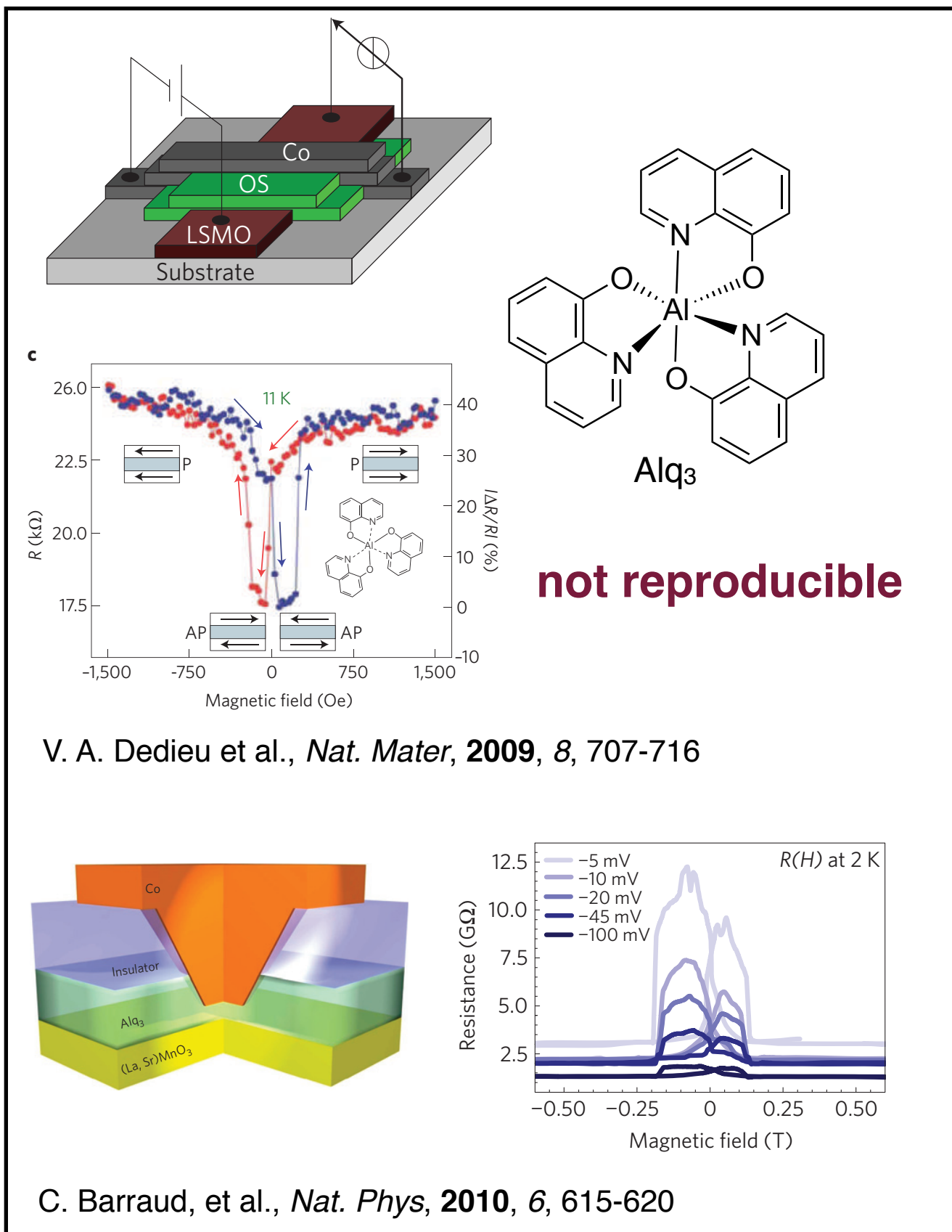
Wednesday, 11 June 14

Mais quand on veut utiliser des composants moléculaires dans des dispositifs spintroniques on rencontre des problèmes: les plus importants est que le mécanisme d'injection des spins dans les couches semiconductrices n'est pas bien compris, que il y a une grande différence de conduction entre le métal ferromagnétique et la couche semiconductrice. et que l'interface entre le FM et la couche séparatrice est cruciale pour le bon fonctionnement du dispositif. les deux solutions trouvées jusqu'à présent sont: l'introduction d'une couche isolante qui permet au dispositif de fonctionner par effet tunnel. et l'utilisation de demi-métaux comme le LSMO au lieu de métaux semiconducteurs, qui permet une meilleure superposition avec une couche séparatrice semiconductrice.

pour la fabrication systématique de dispositifs spintroniques à base de semiconducteurs nouveaux matériaux fonctionnels doivent être synthétisés, et le contrôle

# Introduction

## Towards molecular spintronics



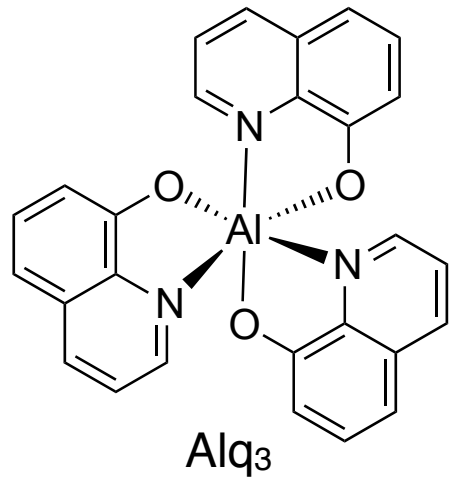
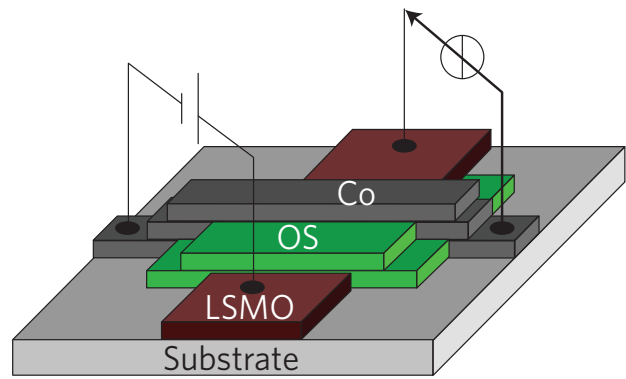
Wednesday, 11 June 14

in this slide I will show you some examples of efforts undertaken towards molecular spintronic devices  
 here on the left is probably the first example of a hybrid spin valve. in both studies the spin valve is composed of an lsmo bottom electrode, an cobalt top electrode and an Alq3 separating layer  
 similar experimental setups were used but in one case a negative magnetoresistance was seen and in the other a positive one  
 this phenomena was attributed to the quality of the interface, which dictates the device response

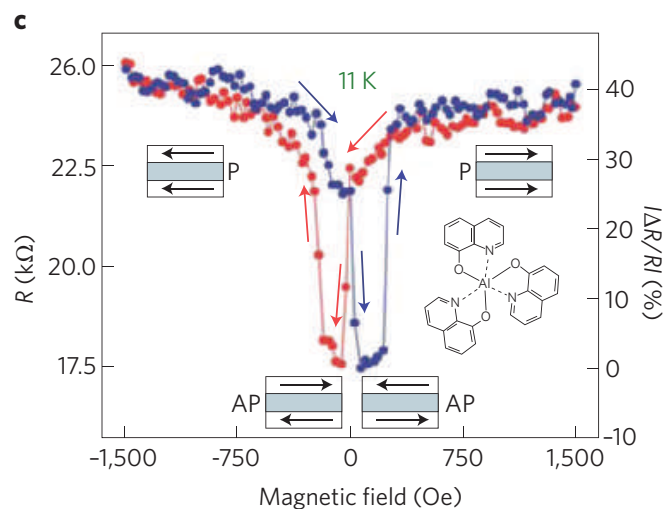


# Introduction

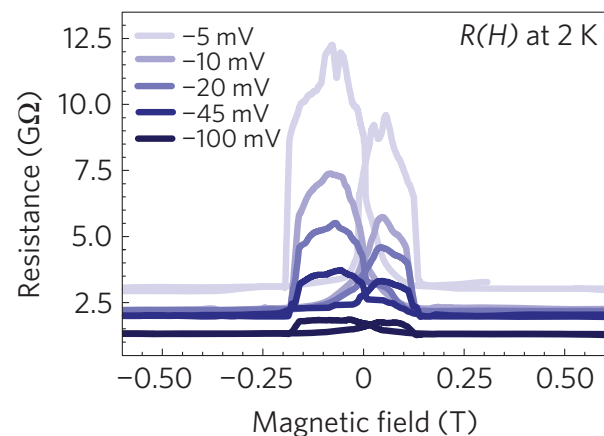
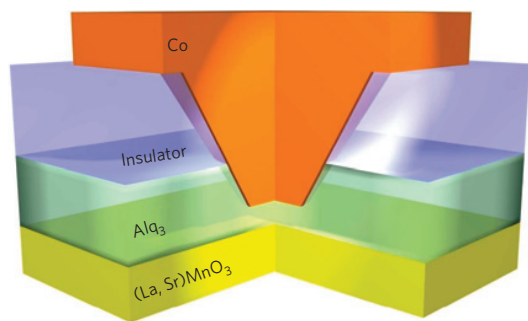
## Towards molecular spintronics



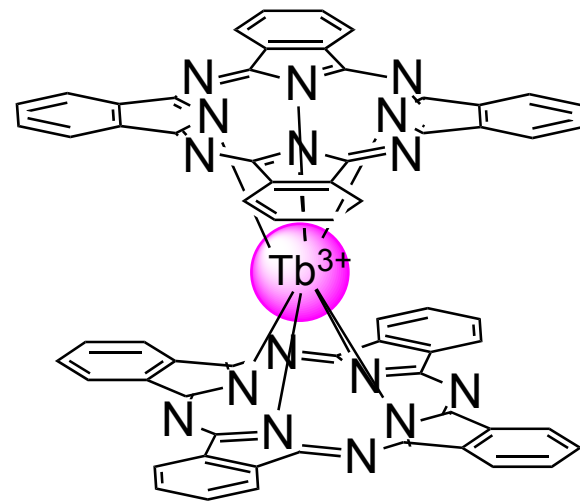
not reproducible



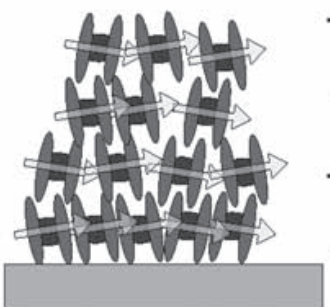
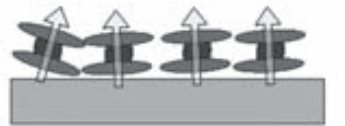
V. A. Dedieu et al., *Nat. Mater*, **2009**, *8*, 707-716



C. Barraud, et al., *Nat. Phys*, **2010**, *6*, 615-620



different orientation  
different response



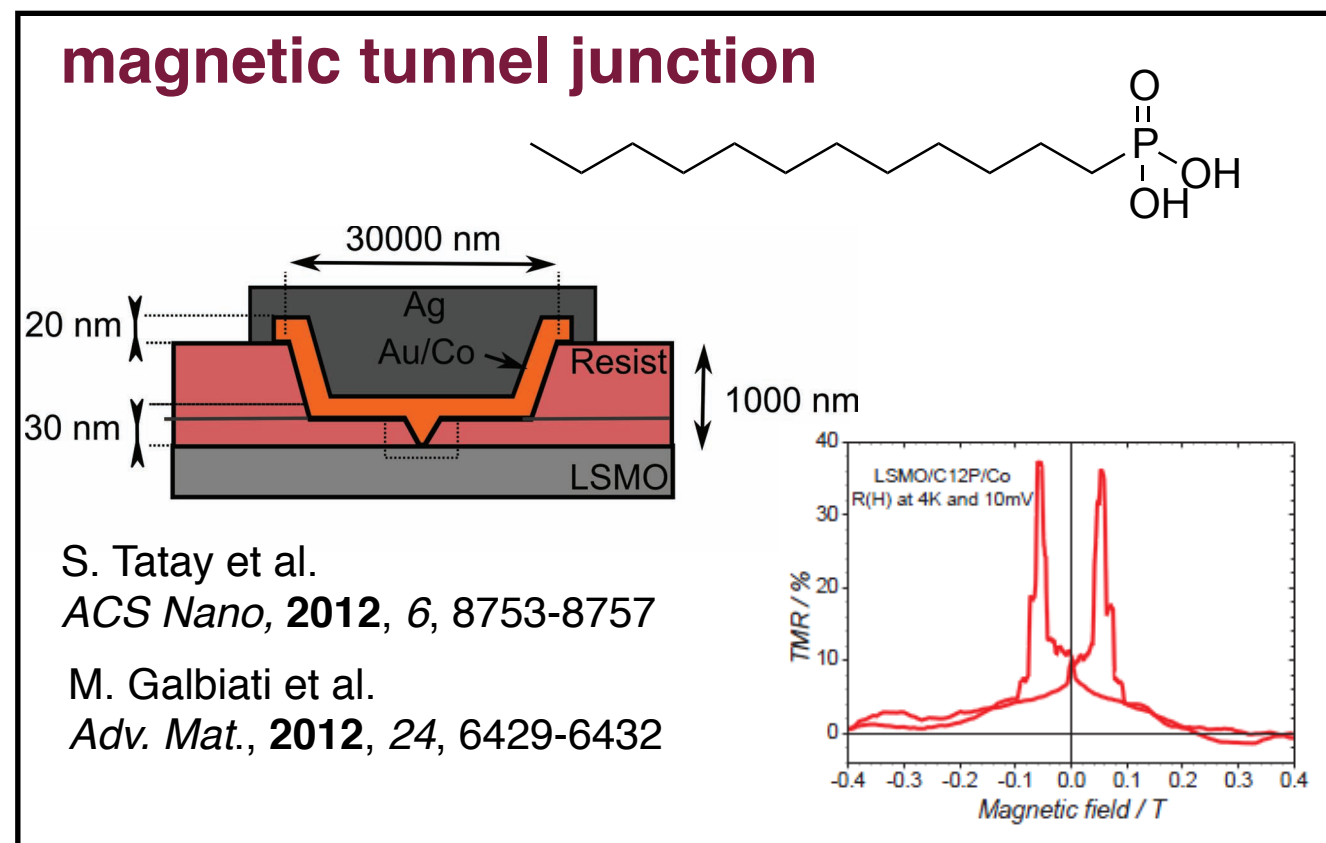
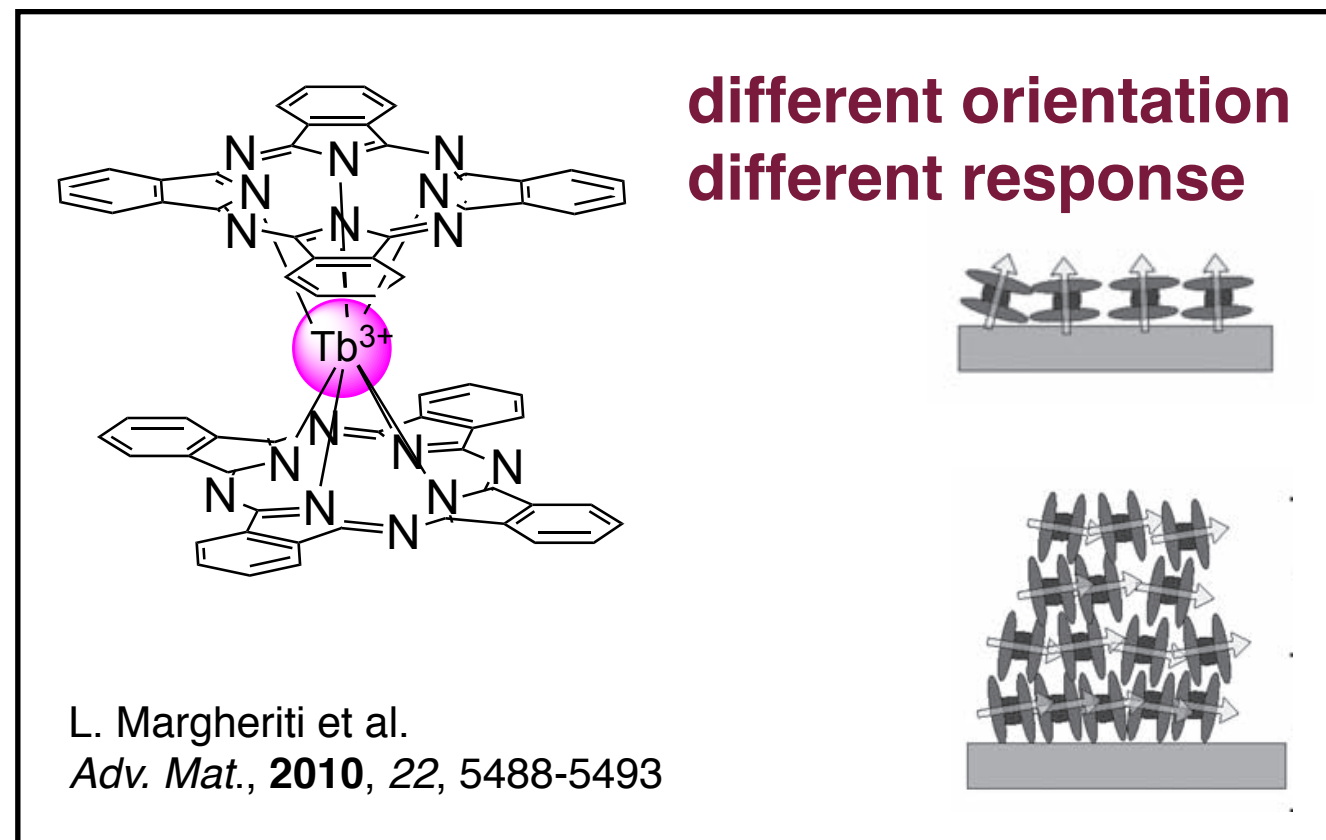
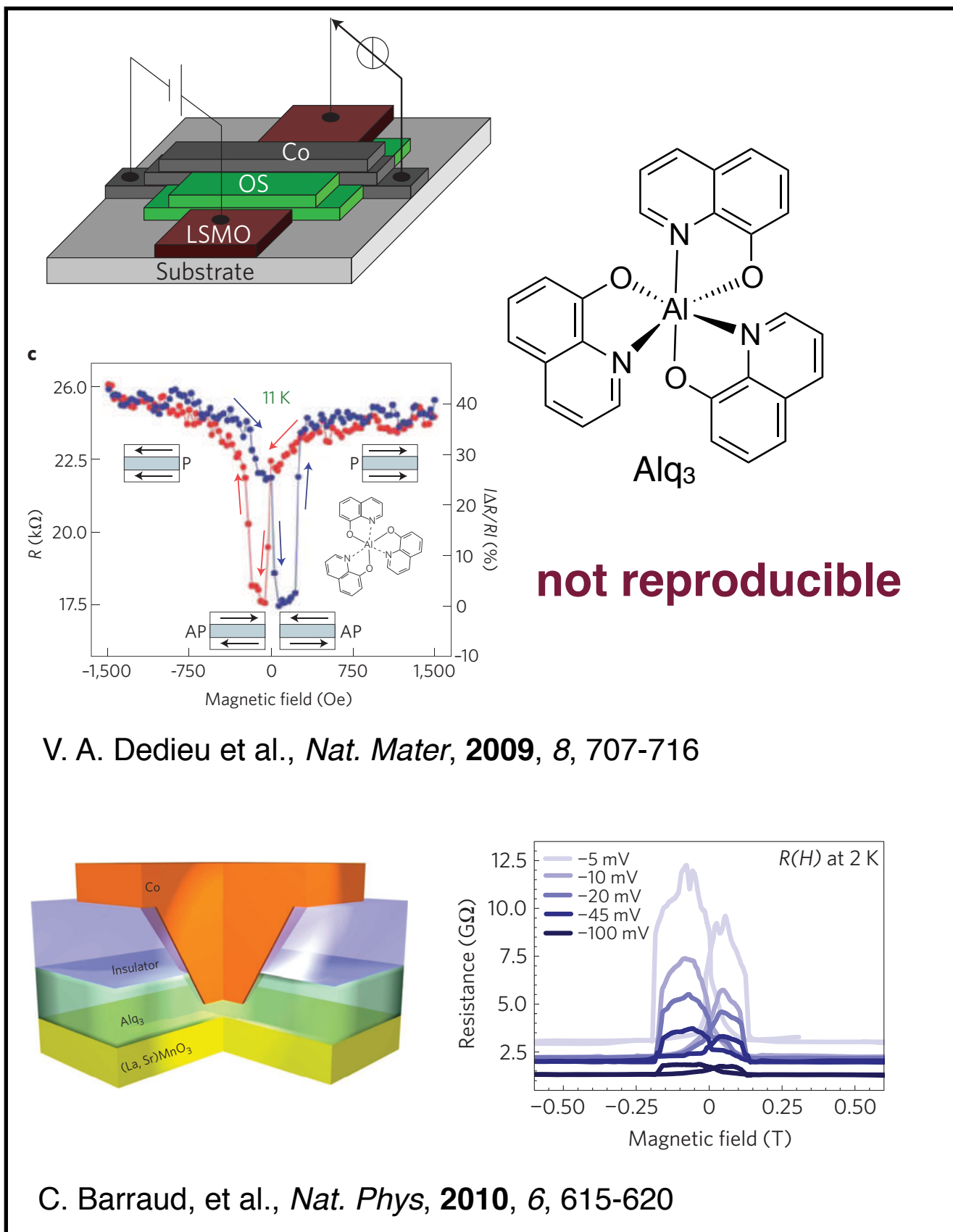
L. Margheriti et al.  
*Adv. Mat.*, **2010**, *22*, 5488-5493

Wednesday, 11 June 14

in this example a single molecule magnet was used. the authors showed that the orientation of the molecule varied according to the evaporation condition used.  
a different response was obtained when the molecules were in plane or out of plane

# Introduction

## Towards molecular spintronics



Wednesday, 11 June 14

in this last example a self-assembled monolayer was grafted directly onto an lsmo substrate since the SAM is not conducting the device functions as a magnetic tunnel junction

# First Objective

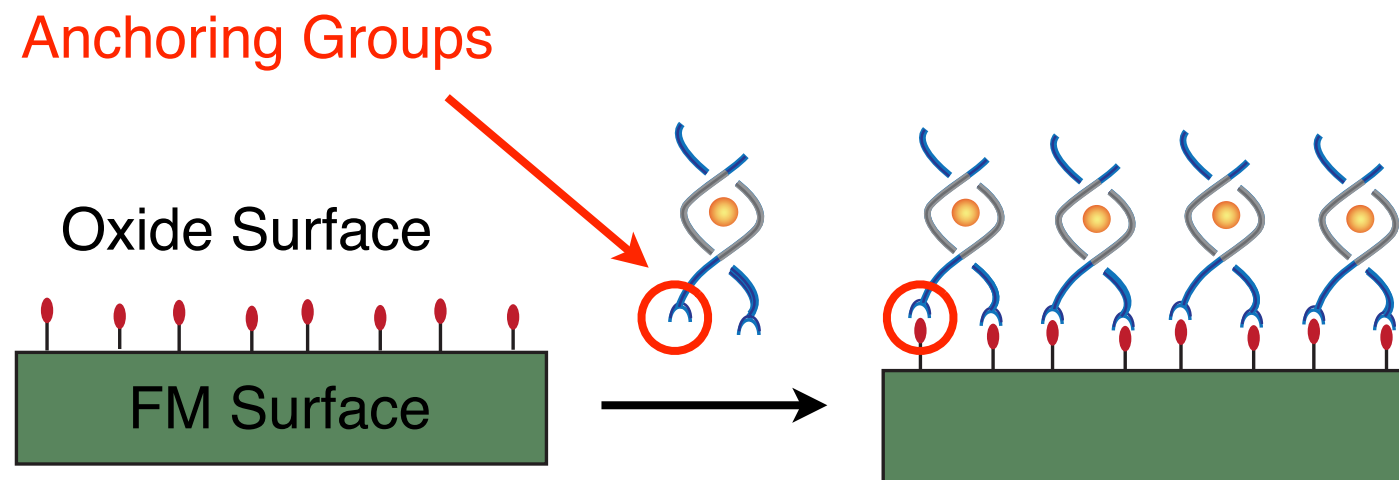
Control the magneto-resistance by controlling the interface

Wednesday, 11 June 14

le premiere objectif etait donc de controler la Magnetoresistance par le controle de l'interface

# First Objective

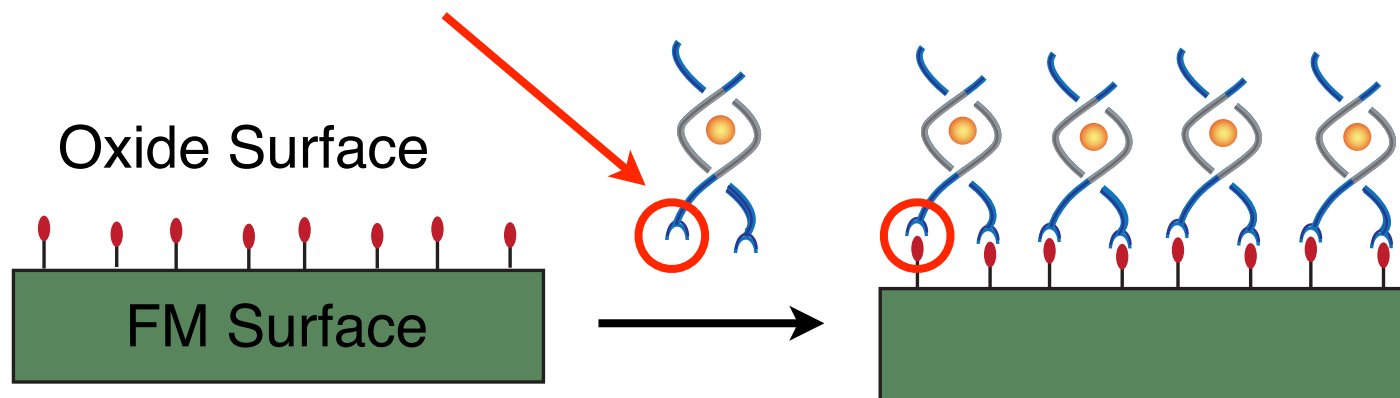
Control the magneto-resistance by controlling the interface



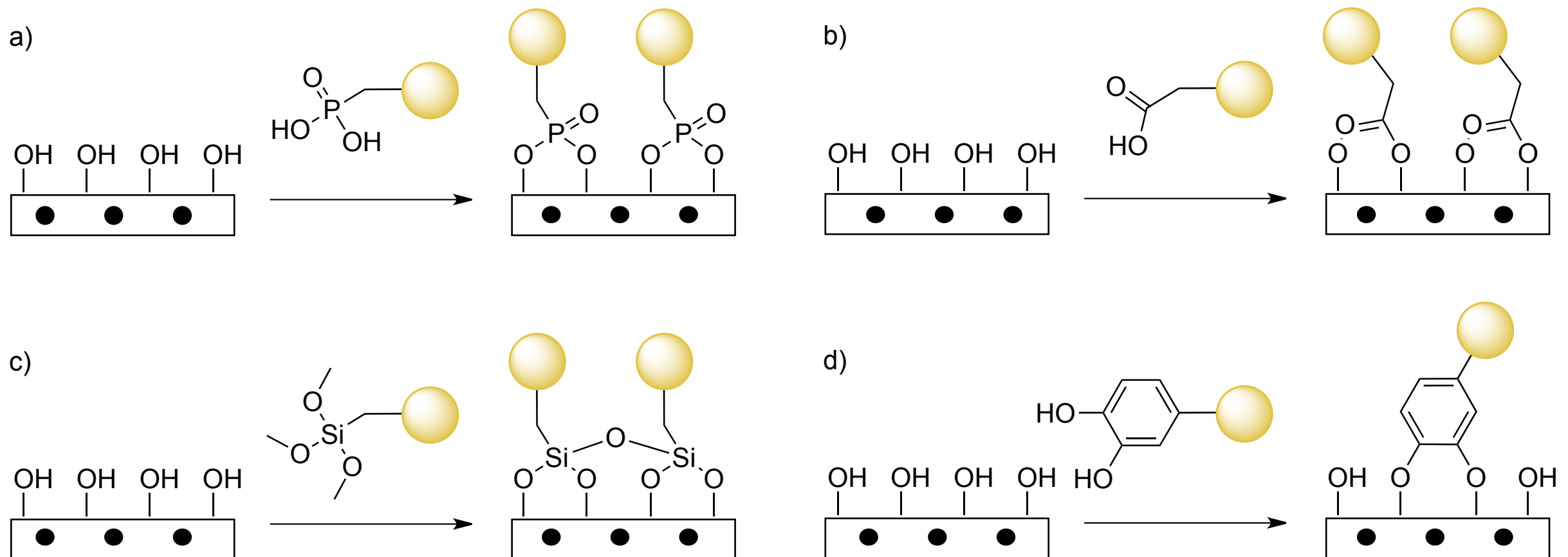
# First Objective

Control the magneto-resistance by controlling the interface

Anchoring Groups



- Mn for LSMO
- Fe for  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$



Wednesday, 11 June 14

pour ce la nous avons a disposition nombreux groups d'anchrache. nous avons coisi de comince nos etudes pas des phosphonates car il est connue de la litterature que les phosphonates se lie avec differents types d'oxydes

# First Objective

Control the magneto-resistance by controlling the interface

ref for oxide surfaces

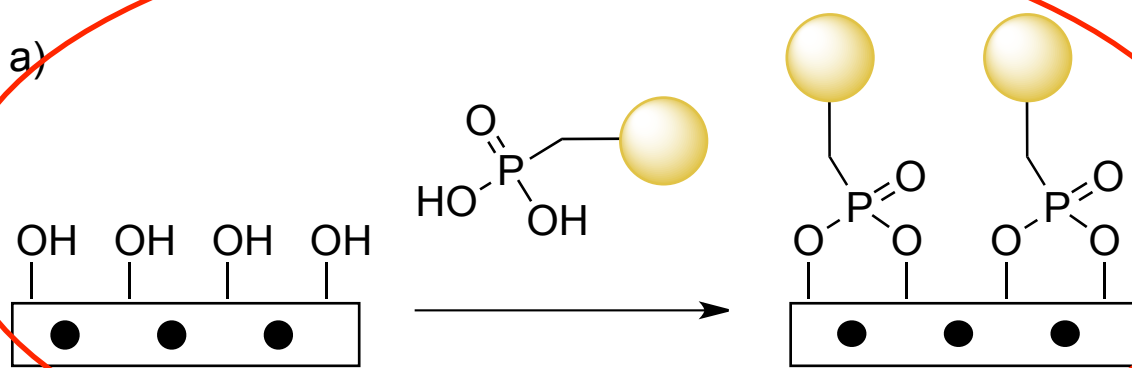
Anchoring Groups

Oxide Surface

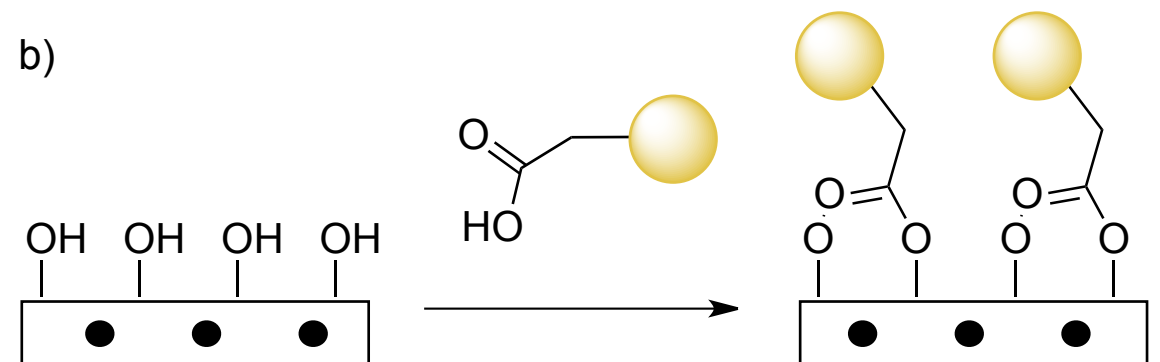
FM Surface

- Mn for LSMO
- Fe for  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$

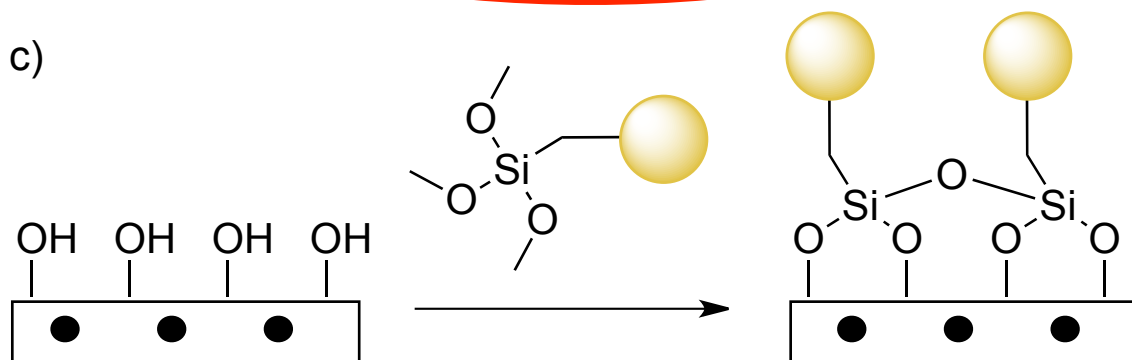
a)



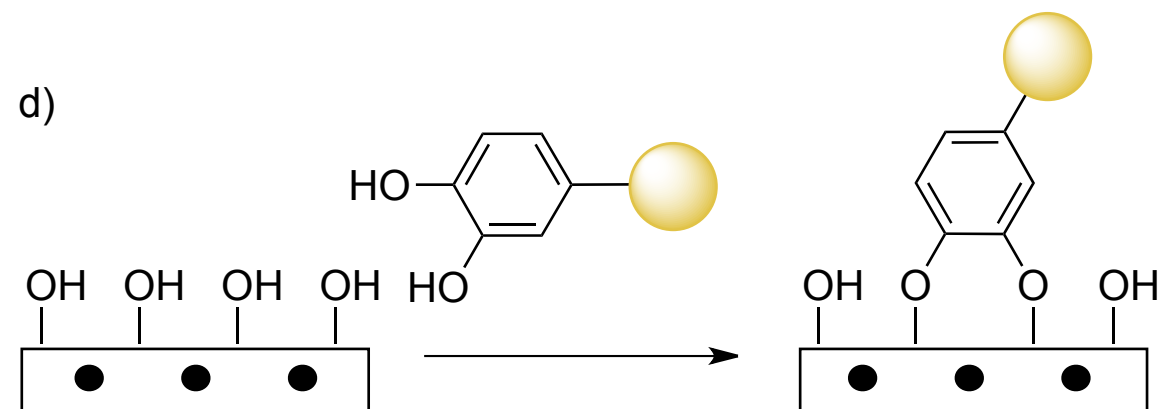
b)



c)



d)



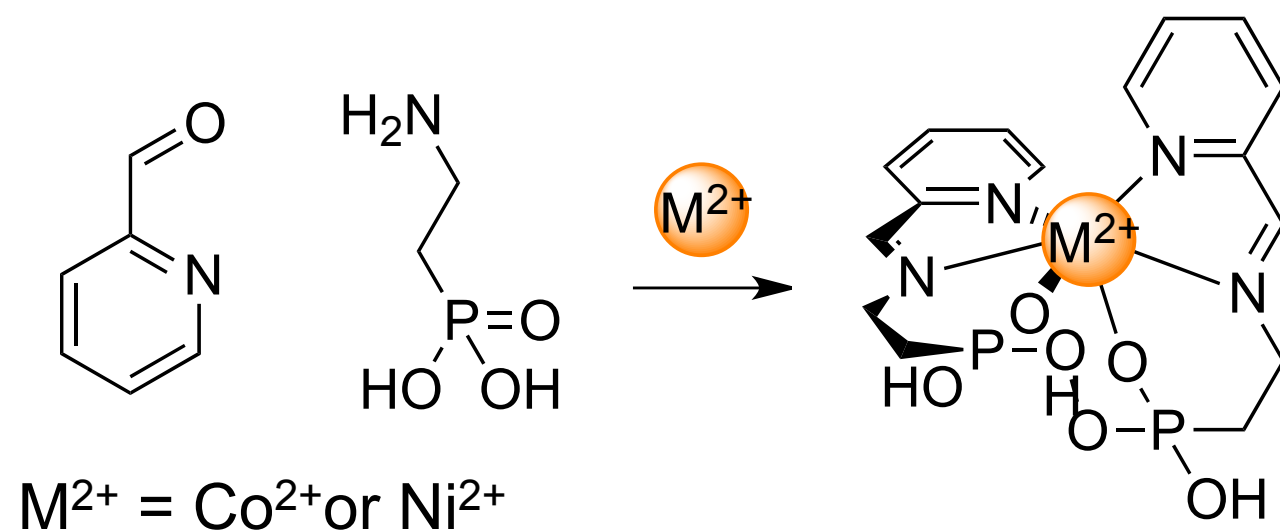
Wednesday, 11 June 14

pour ce la nous avons a disposition nombreux groups d'anchrache. nous avons coisi de comince nos etudes pas des phosphonates car il est connue de la litterature que les phosphonates se lie avec differents types d'oxydes

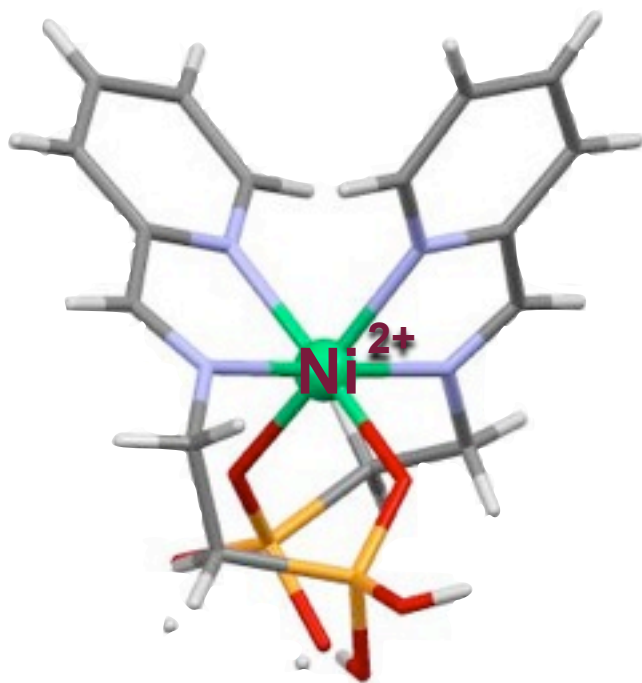


# Molecular Spintronics

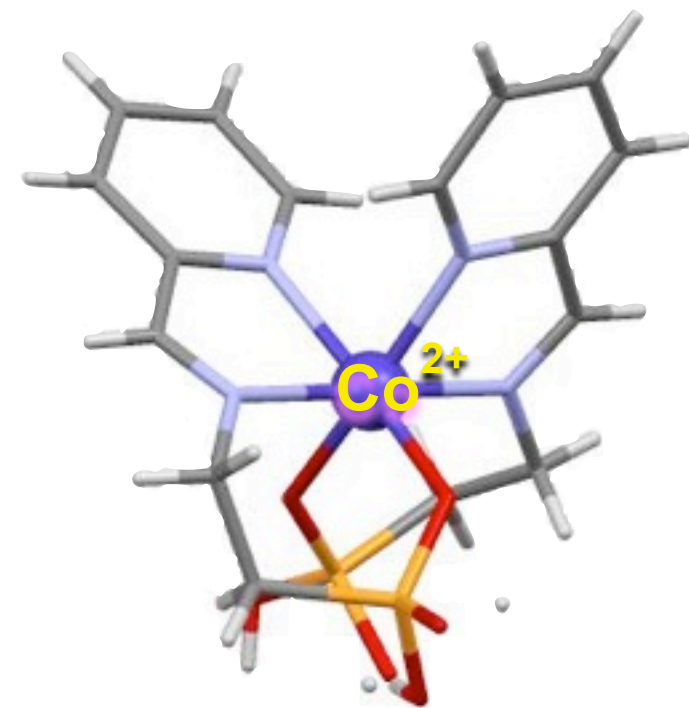
## Synthesis



- Mild conditions
- High yields
- Stable in solution



Ni-pyPhos

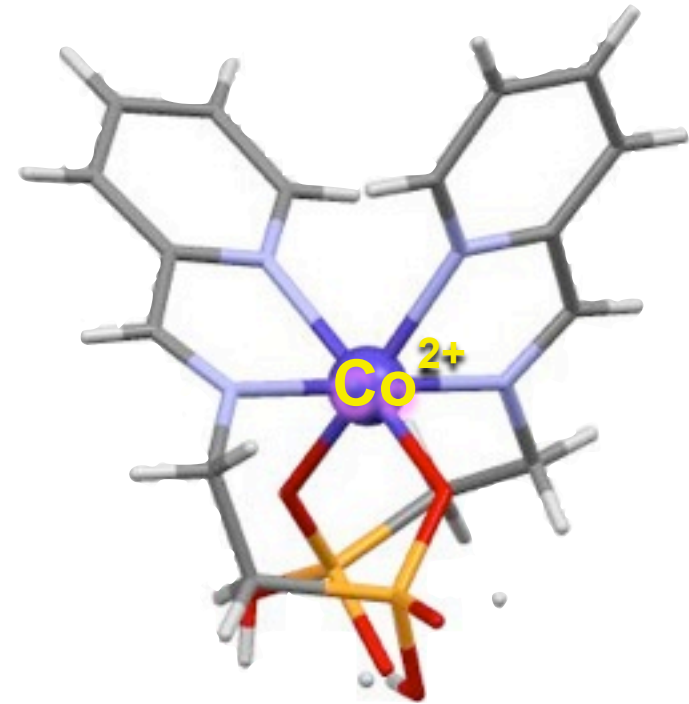
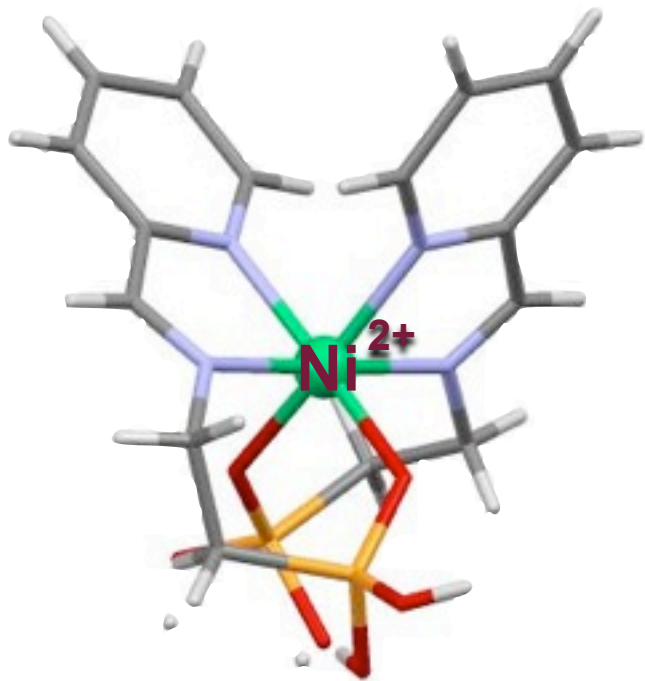


Co-pyPhos

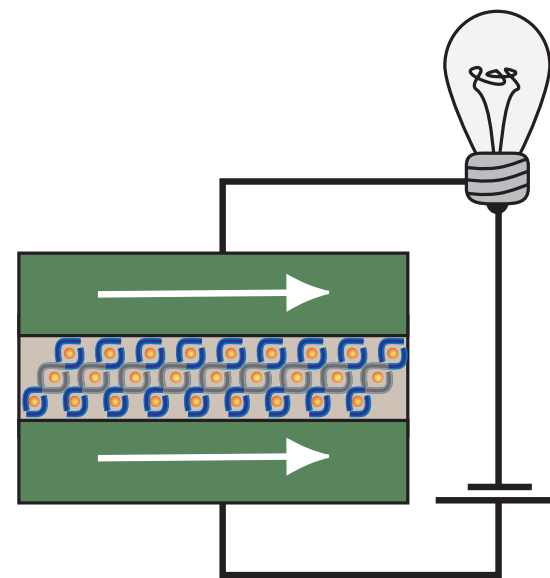
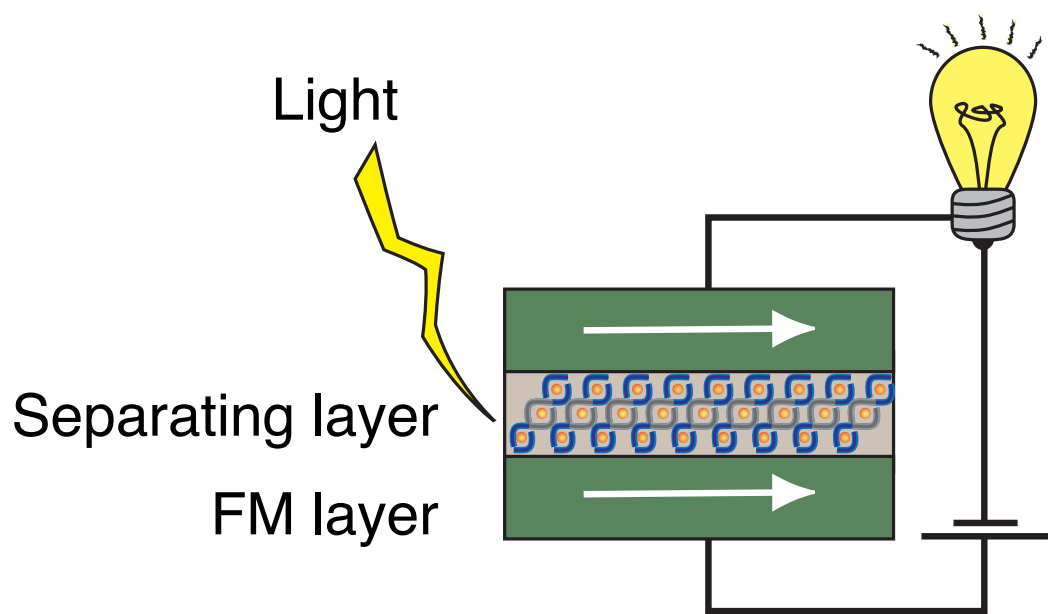
Wednesday, 11 June 14

The first molecules synthesized were constructed via the subcomponent self-assembly technique the simultaneous condensation in methanol of pyridine aldehyde with this phosphonate amine around a metal ion gave complexes of this type shown here are x-ray crystal structures of the nickel and the cobalt complexes the two complexes are isostructural

# Molecular Spintronics



## Why transition metal complexes?



- *New Devices*
- *Tuneable*

Wednesday, 11 June 14

Pourquoi les métaux des transition? parce-que 1) dans les complex paramagnetic les orbitaux semi-occupe et les orbital les baisse vide sont des orbitaul d qui permet une meilleure superposition avec les électrodes ferromagnetiques. 2) il est possible de contrôler l'état de spin avec une perturbation extérieur comme par exemple la lumière ou le champ electrique 3) on a aces a un grand nombre des complex avec des propriétés électroniques différents, donc on peut contrôler la courant en spin en fonction de la couche séparatrice,

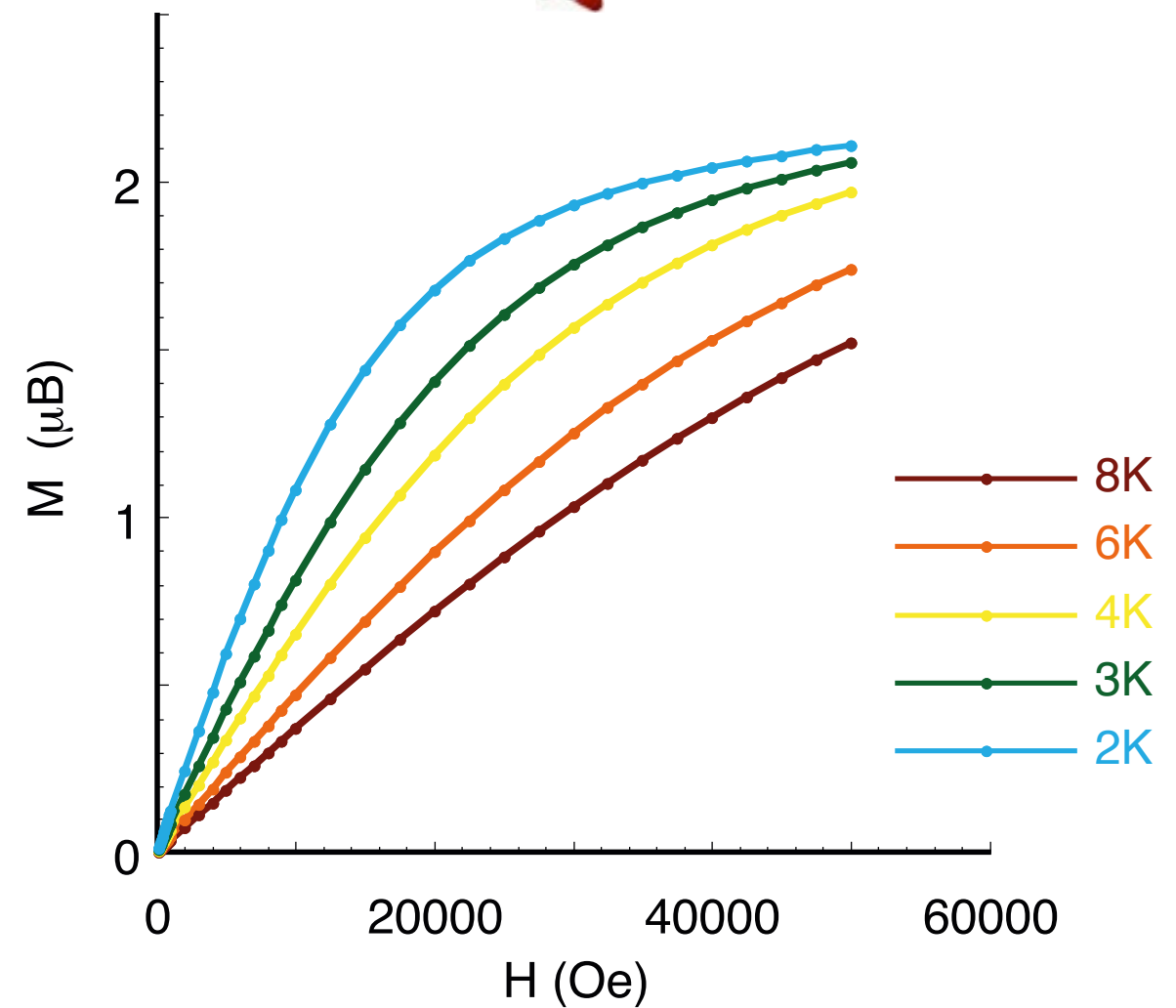
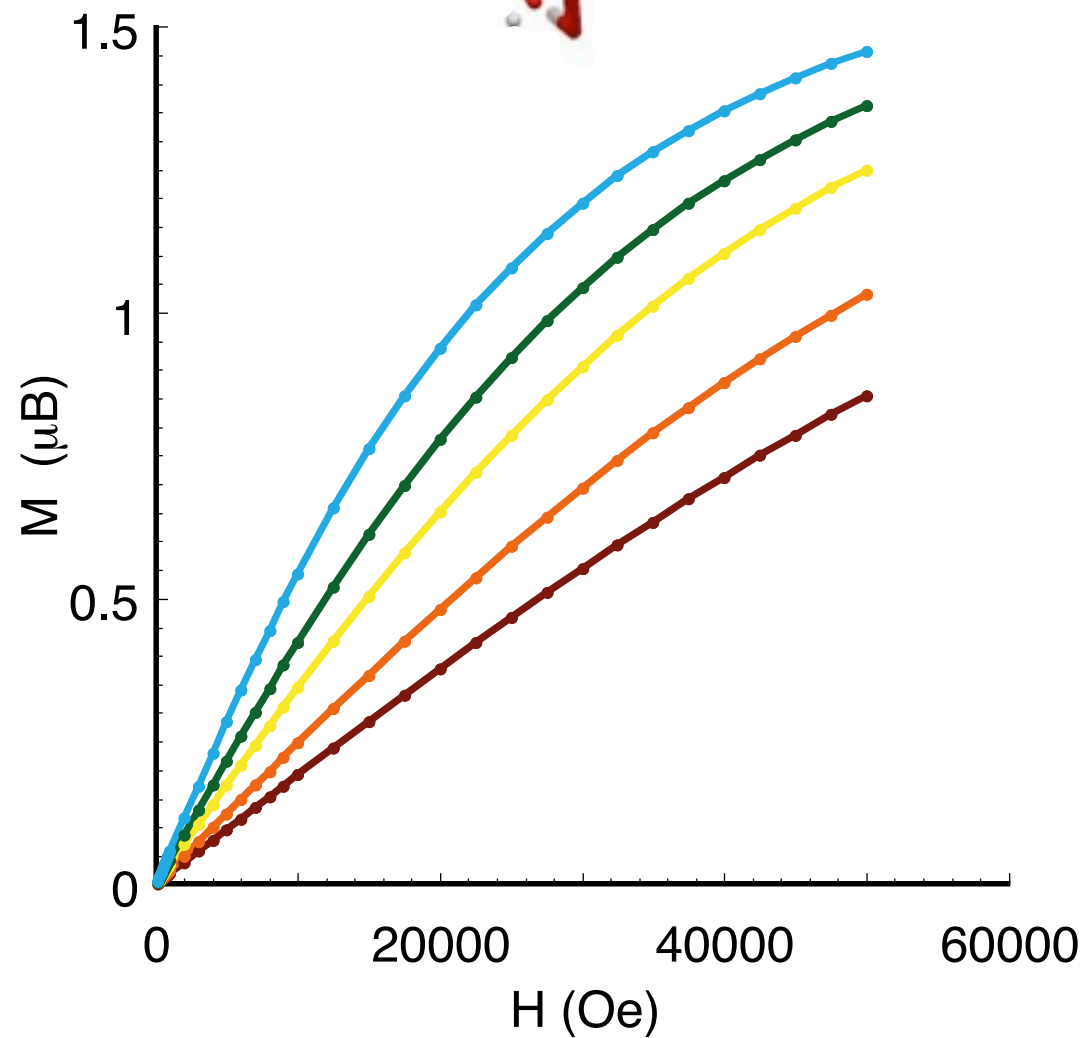
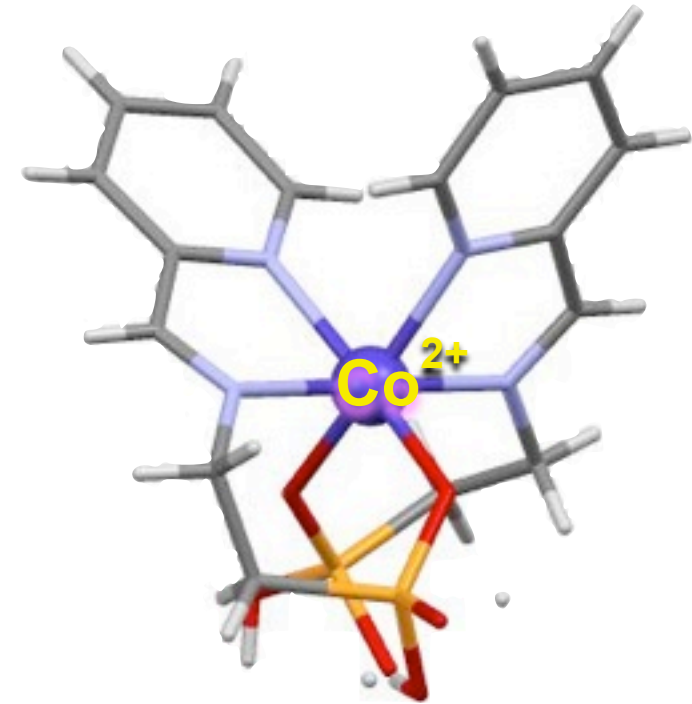
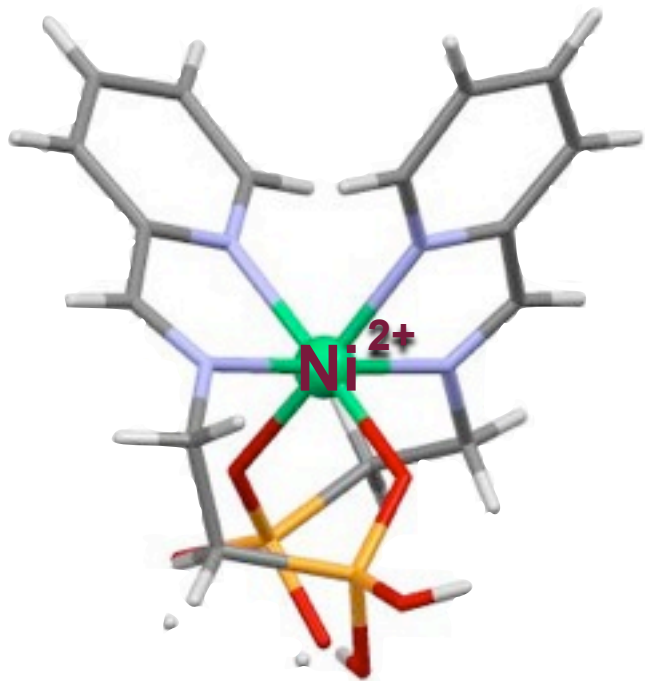
1) large number of molecules

2) semi-ocupied and lowest unocupied are usually d orbitals better overlap with fm contact

3) possible to tune by use of an external stimuli such as light

# Molecular Spintronics

## Magnetic Data

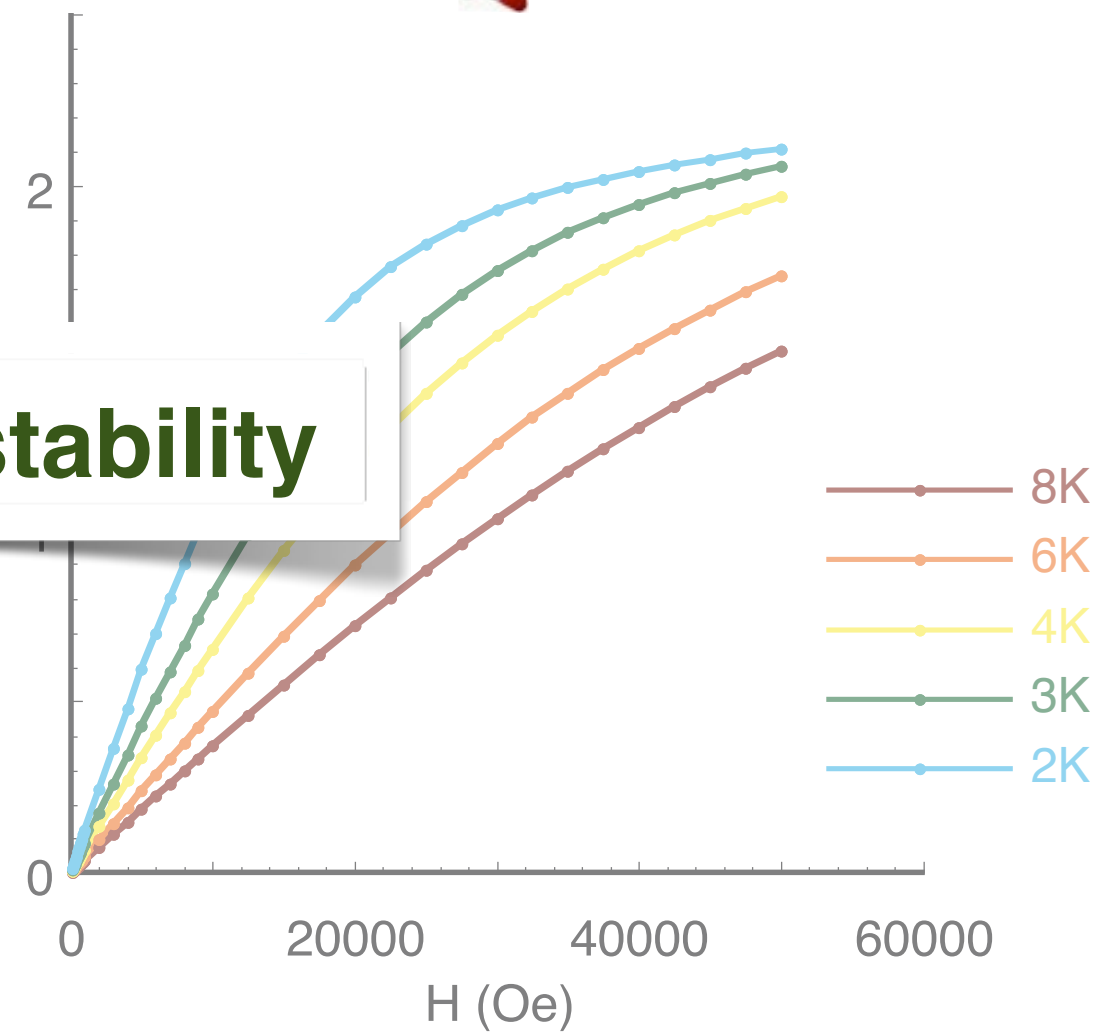
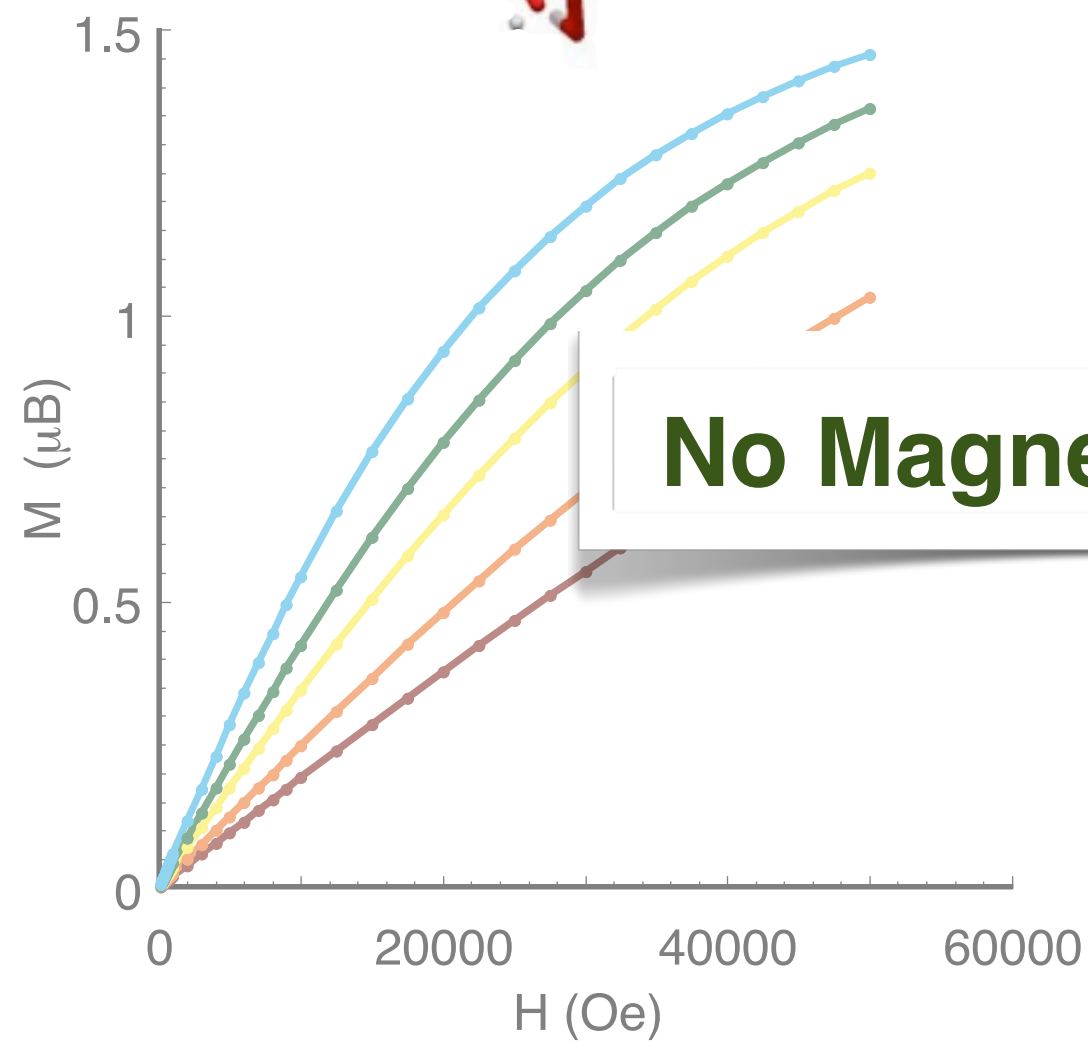
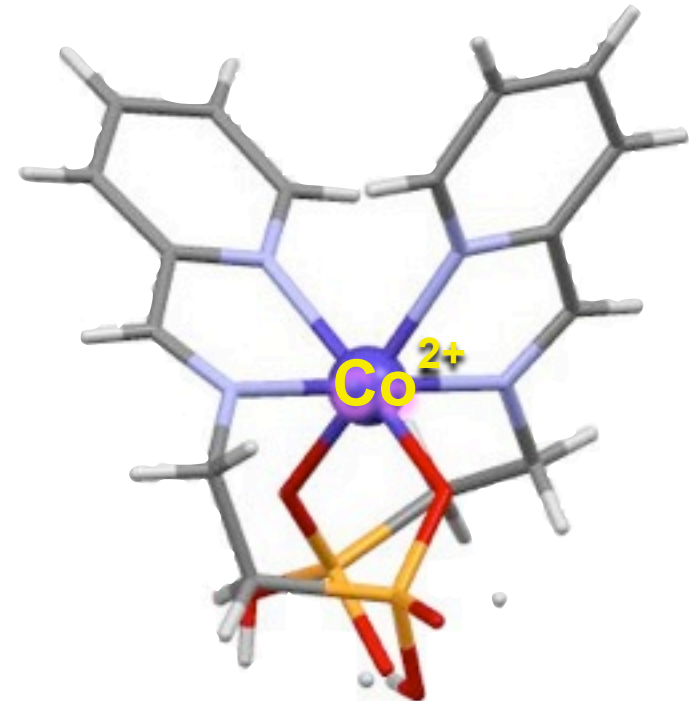
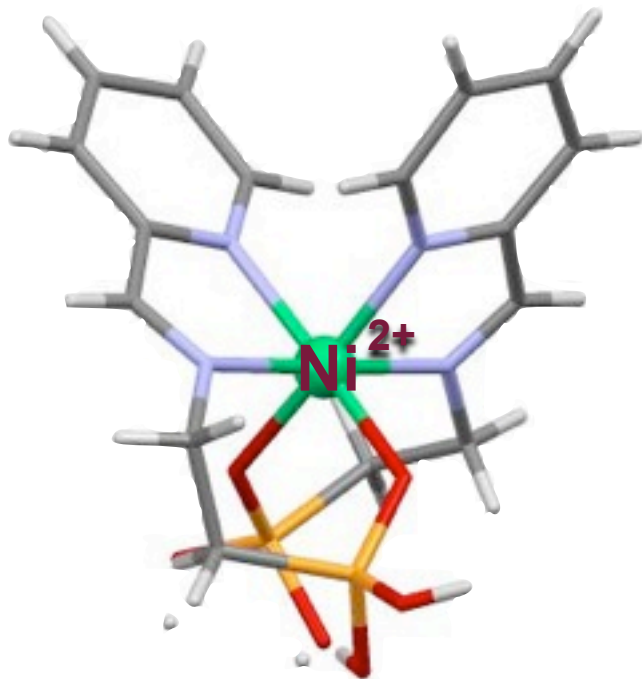


Wednesday, 11 June 14

The different transition metal centers result in different magnetic properties. shown here are the magnetization as a function of field plots taken at different temperature these data tell us that these complexes are paramagnetic

# Molecular Spintronics

## Magnetic Data



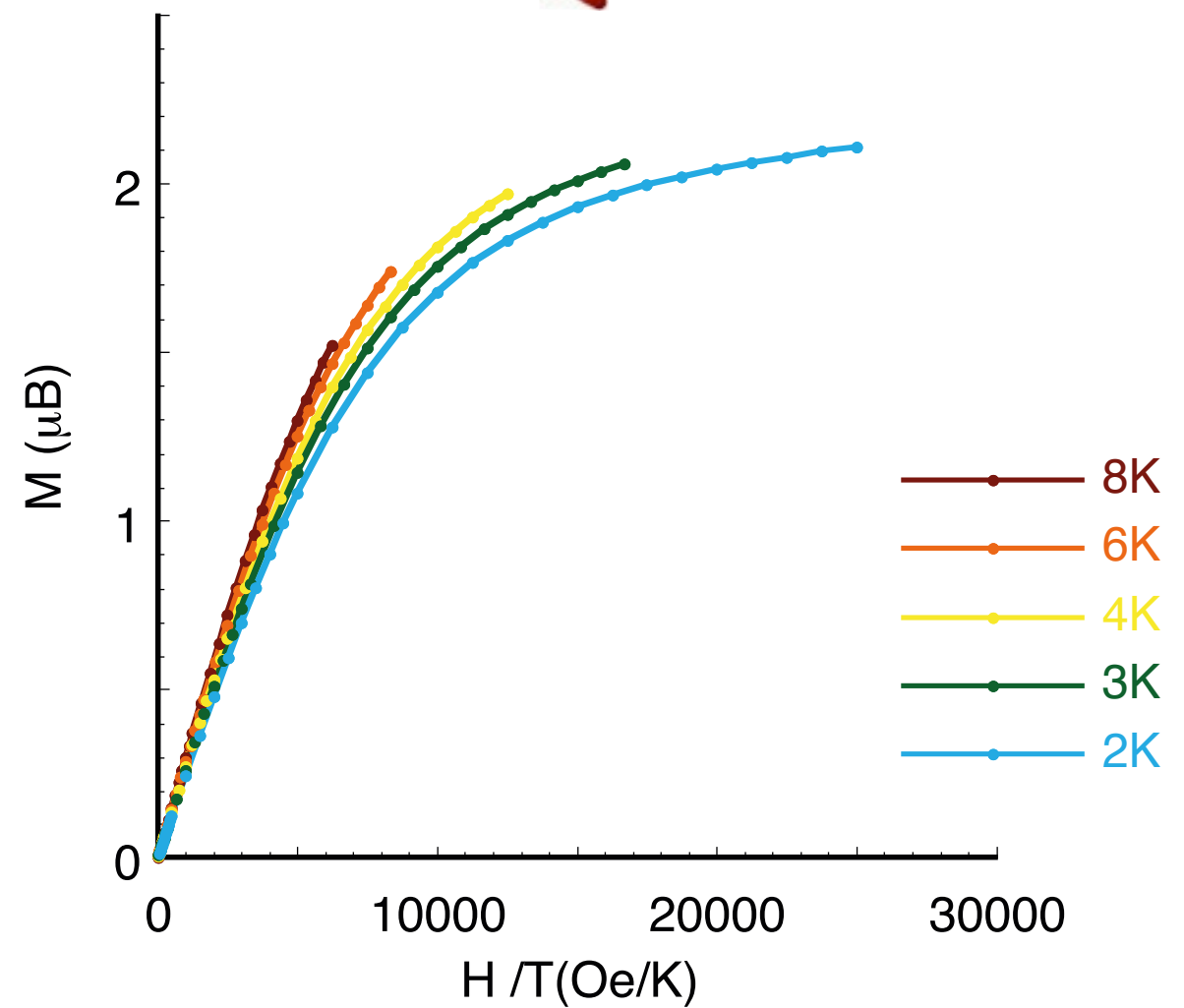
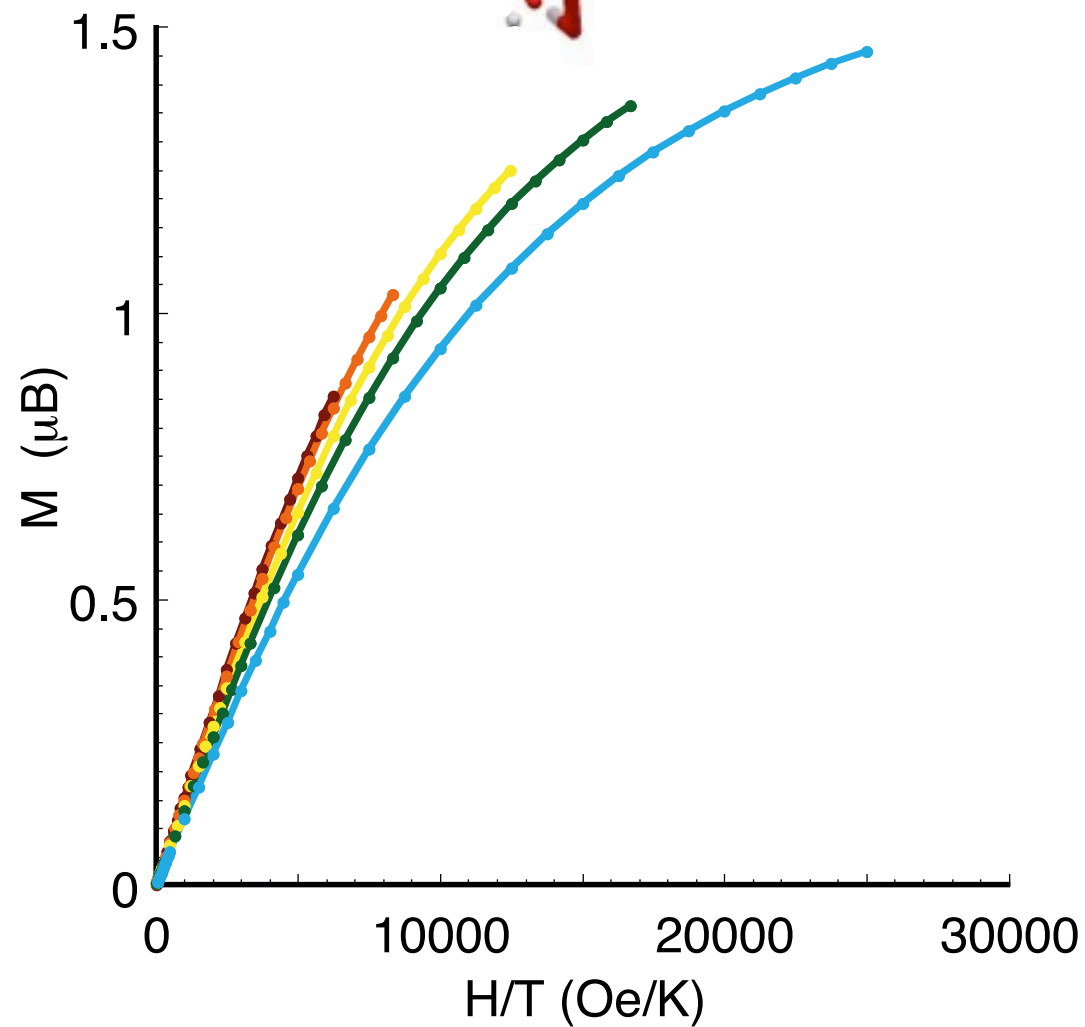
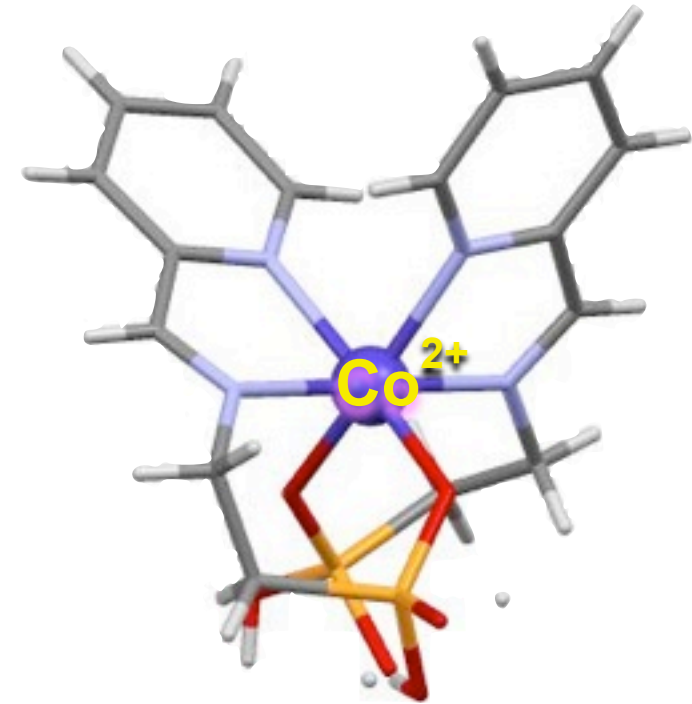
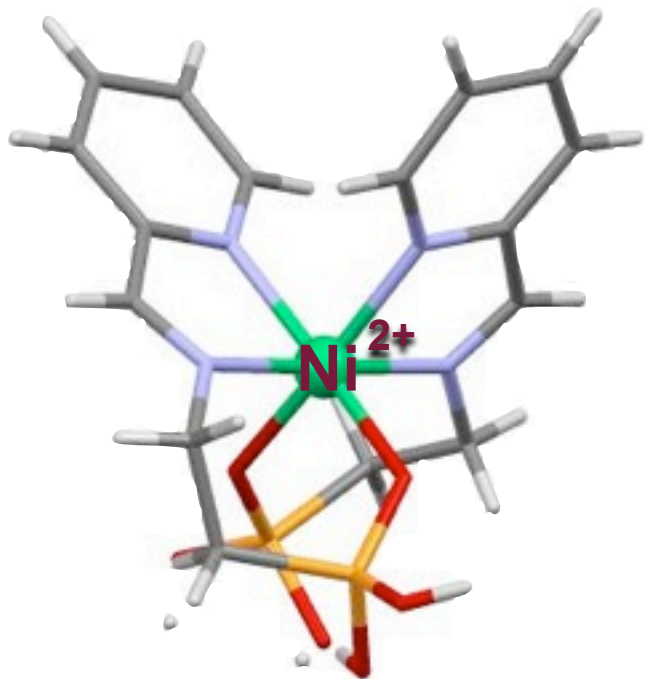
**No Magnetic Bistability**

Wednesday, 11 June 14

The different transition metal centers result in different magnetic properties. shown here are the magnetization as a function of field plots taken at different temperature these data tell us that these complexes are paramagnetic

# Molecular Spintronics

## Magnetic Data



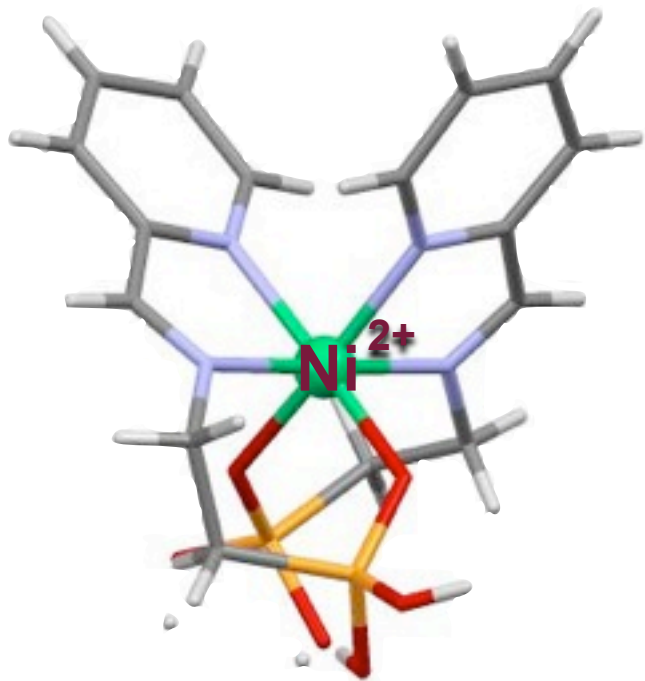
Wednesday, 11 June 14

It is possible to get a preliminary sense of the nature of the anisotropy of mononuclear transition metals by plotting the magnetization as a function of the field divided by the temperature at different temperatures  
if the plots do not overlap the complexes have a magnetic anisotropy axes



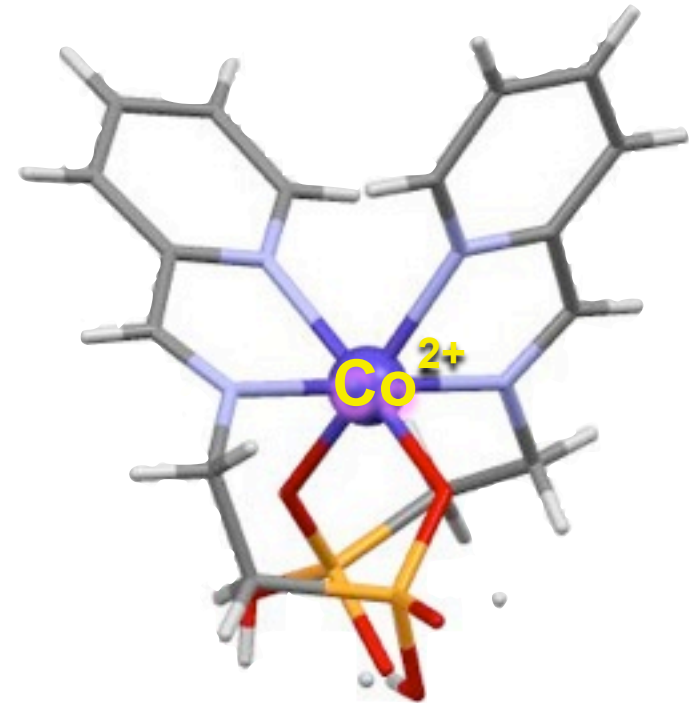
# Molecular Spintronics

## Magnetic Data



$$D = 3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

**Magnetically  
Anisotropic**



$$D > 30 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

*ab initio* calculations

LCPQ, Université Paul Sabatier, Toulouse France

•Dr. Nathalie Guihery

*SQUID*

Université Paris Sud, Orsay France

•Dr. Eric Riviere (SQUID)

Wednesday, 11 June 14

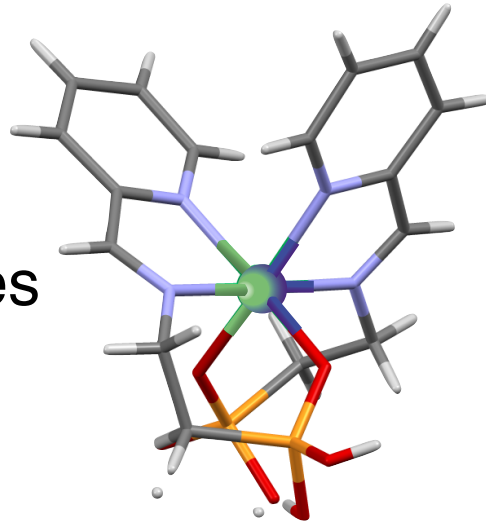
it is possible to extrapolate the zero field splitting parameter for the Ni complex and it was found that the D value was around -6  
this result was further confirmed by high field EPR



# Molecular Spintronics

## Self-Assembly on Surfaces

Co- or Ni-complexes



+

LSMO or  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$

concentration of  
solutions

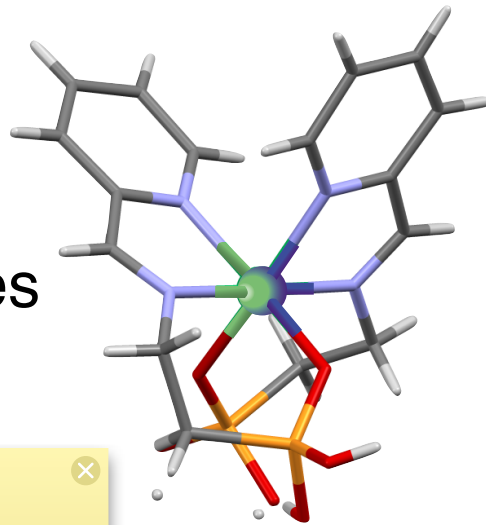
Wednesday, 11 June 14

l'étape suivante était l'étude de l'auto assemblage des molécules sur les surfaces d'oxydes de fer ou LSMO  
le greffage se fait par voie liquide dans une solution de méthanol et eau

# Molecular Spintronics

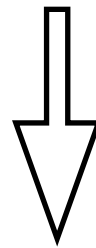
## Self-Assembly on Surfaces

Co- or Ni-complexes



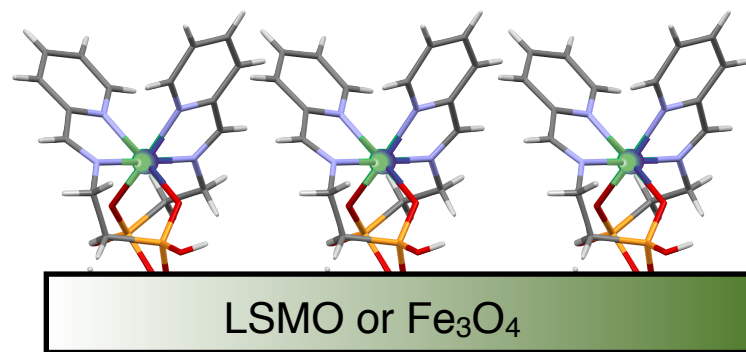
+

LSMO or Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>



add refs  
add characterization

Monolayer



AFM  
XPS  
SQUID  
DFT

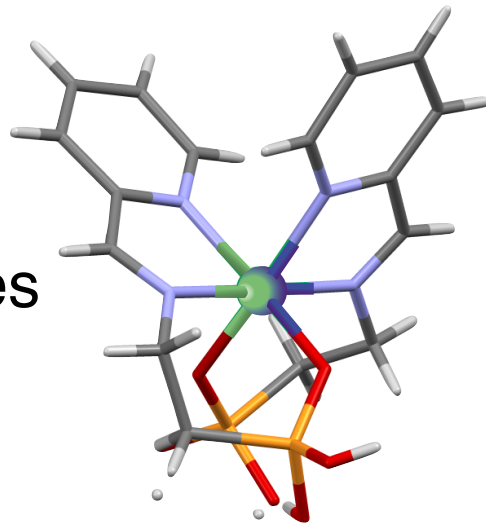
Wednesday, 11 June 14

la monochouche forme etait chararterize par IR, XPS et AFM et nous avons constate que nous avons bien greffe la molecule sur la surface

# Molecular Spintronics

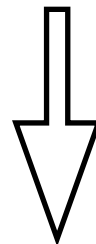
## Self-Assembly on Surfaces

Co- or Ni-complexes

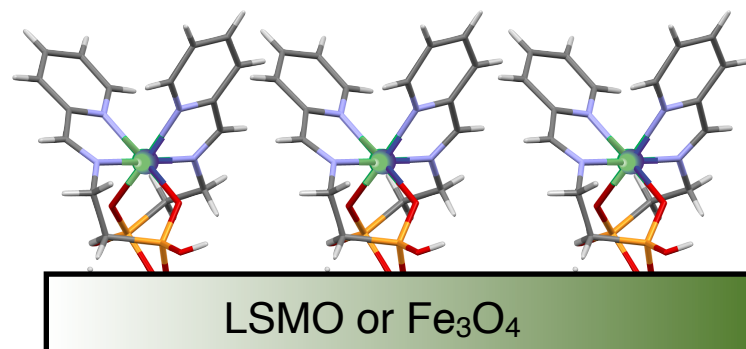


+

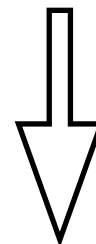
LSMO or Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>



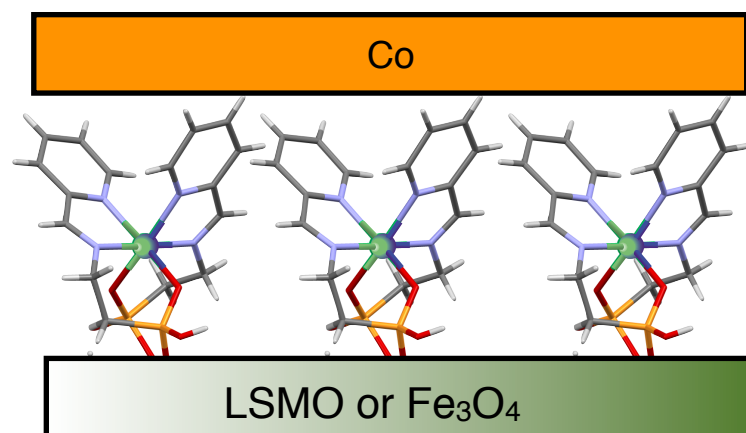
Monolayer



AFM  
XPS  
SQUID  
DFT



Co



Heterojunction

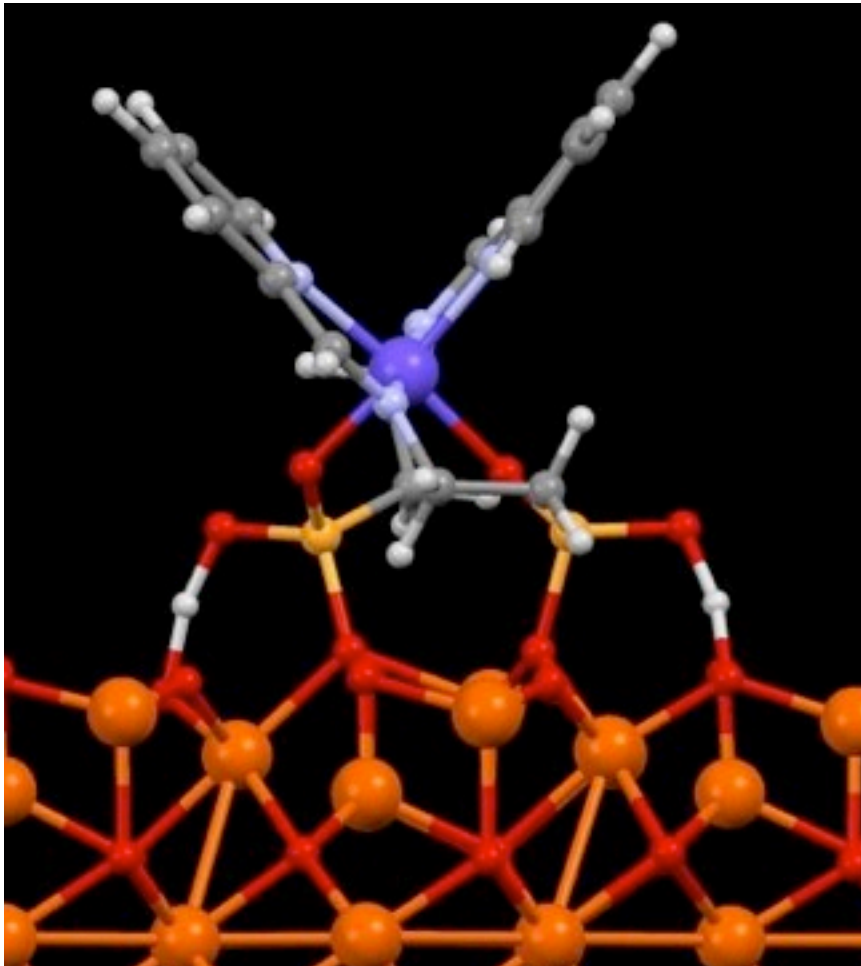
Wednesday, 11 June 14

as i had showed you in a previous slide a spin valve is composed of two electrodes a bottom and a top one  
in order to construct a heterojunction a top cobalt electrode was deposited on top of the monolayer  
I would just like to point out that in order for the cobalt not to oxidize a gold layer capped the heterojunction

# Molecular Spintronics

Co-pyPhos /  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$

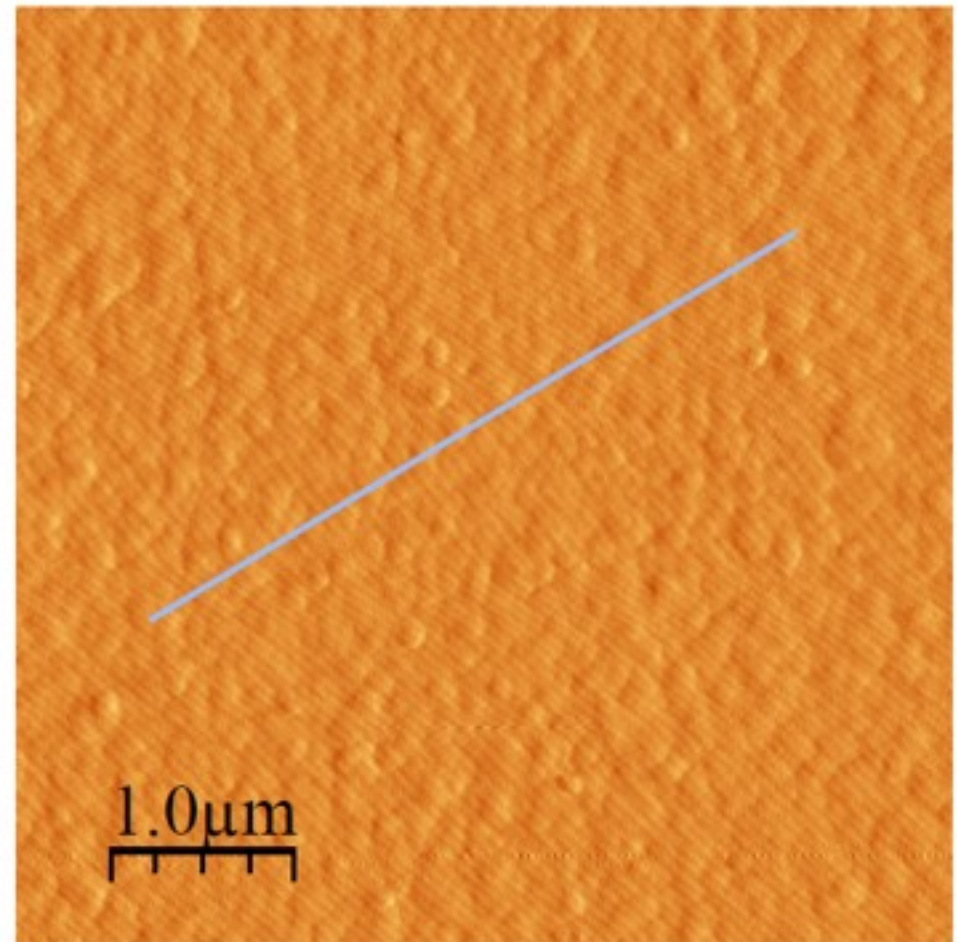
DFT



SPCSI, CEA-Saclay, Saclay France

•Dr. Yannick Dappe

AFM



SPCSI, CEA-Saclay, Saclay France

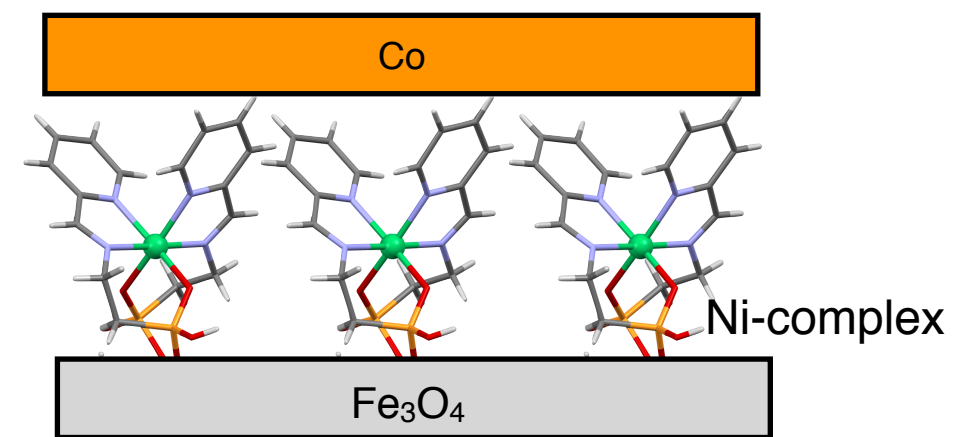
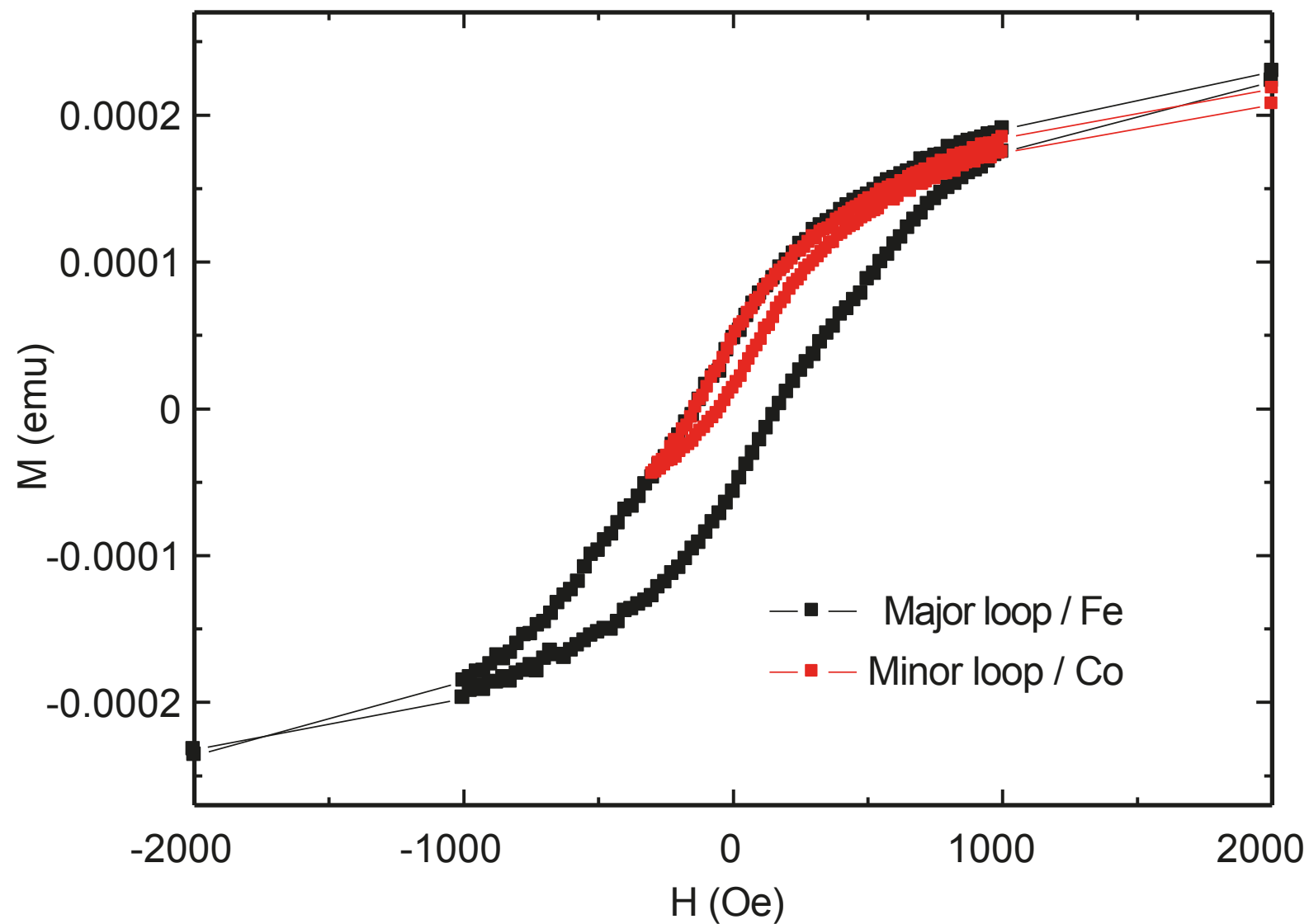
•Dr. Ludovic Torte

Wednesday, 11 June 14

to afford a monolayer of molecules  
the monolayers were characterized by AFM and XPS to ensure deposition of the molecules onto the surface

# Molecular Spintronics

## Ni-pyPhos / Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>



SPCSI, CEA-Saclay, Saclay France

•Dr. Jean-Baptiste Moussy

Wednesday, 11 June 14

at each step of the way the magnetic properties of the layers were studied by SQUID magnetometry

here I show you the hysteresis loops of the final heterojunction.

we was clearly see the major hysteresis loop which comes from the iron here in black and we can see the minor hysteresis loop which comes from the cobalt here is red

here is the expansion of the cobalt loop.

I would like to point out that the electrodes are separated by a monolayer of molecules and that they are indeed decoupled

because if there was a short circuit, meaning that the cobalt is in direct contact with the iron oxide we would not see a major and a minor hysteresis loop

since the thickness of the monolayer is much much smaller than that of the electrodes, it is not possible to zoom in onto the signal of the molecule with this technique

# Molecular Spintronics

## X-ray Magnetic Circular Dichroism

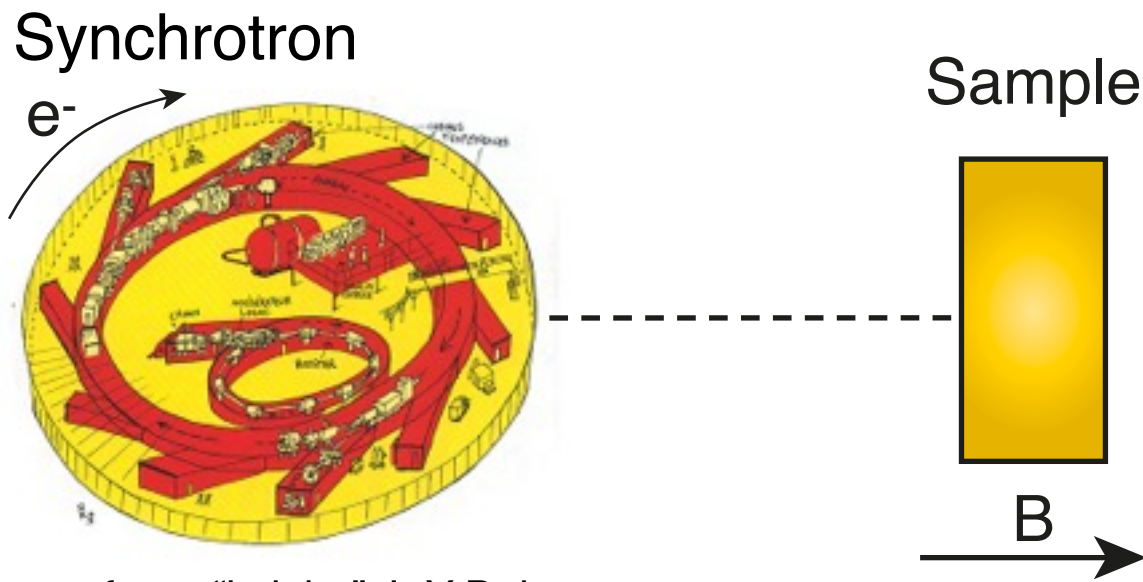
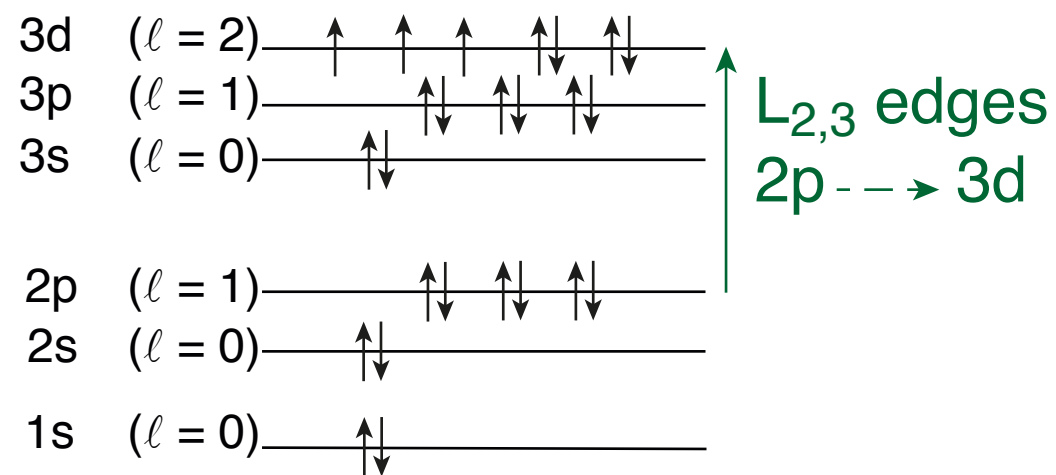


image from: "le labo" J.-Y Duhoo

**Co<sup>2+</sup> (3d<sup>7</sup>)**



Electric Dipole Selection rules  
 $(\epsilon.r) : l = \pm 1$

Wednesday, 11 June 14

for that we need to rely on another technique called X-ray magnetic circular dichroism (XMCD)

In order to do XMCD measurements we need a few important things

- 1) we need a synchrotron radiation source
- 2) we need a paramagnetic sample
- 3) we need to place the sample in a magnetic field



# Molecular Spintronics

## X-ray Magnetic Circular Dichroism

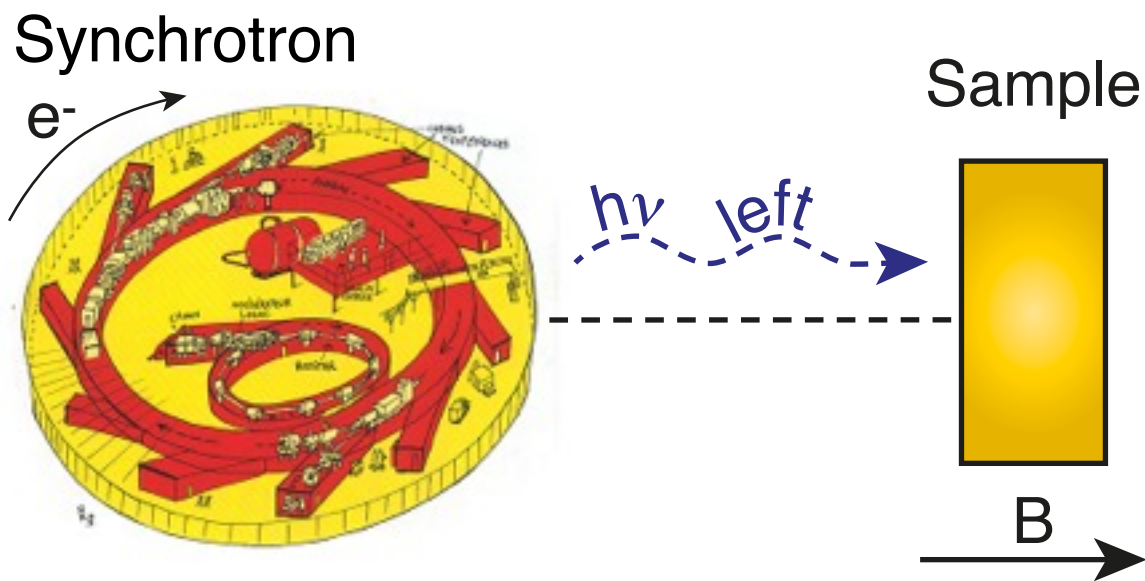
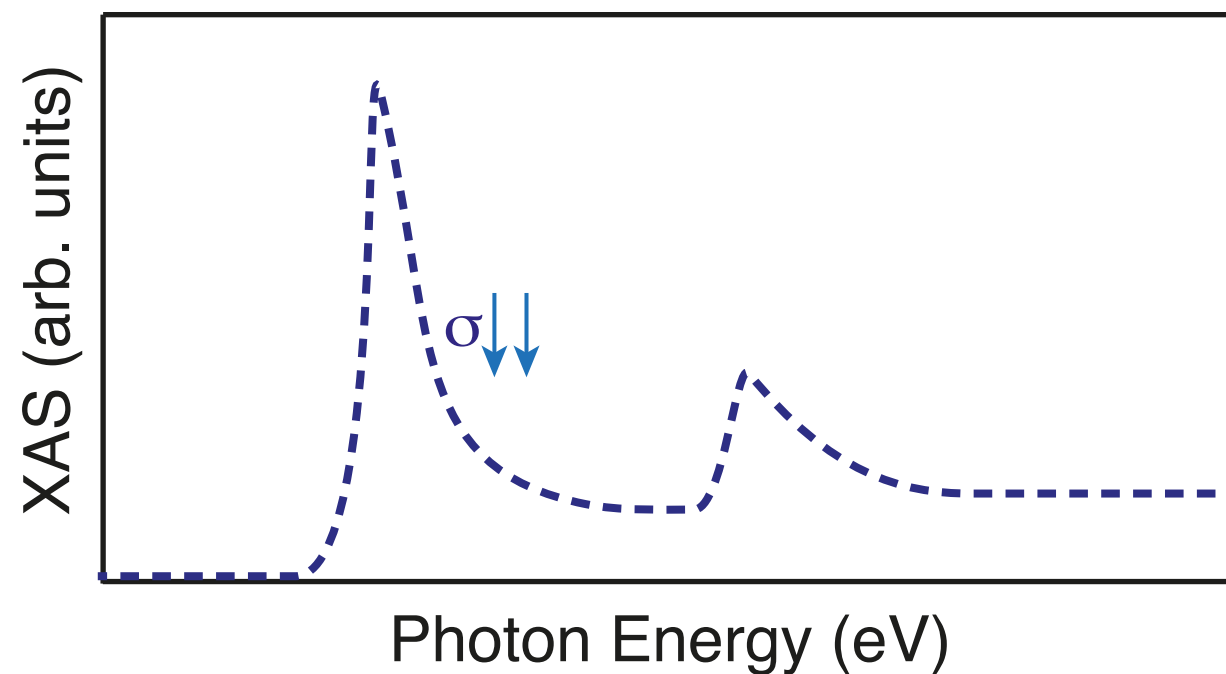
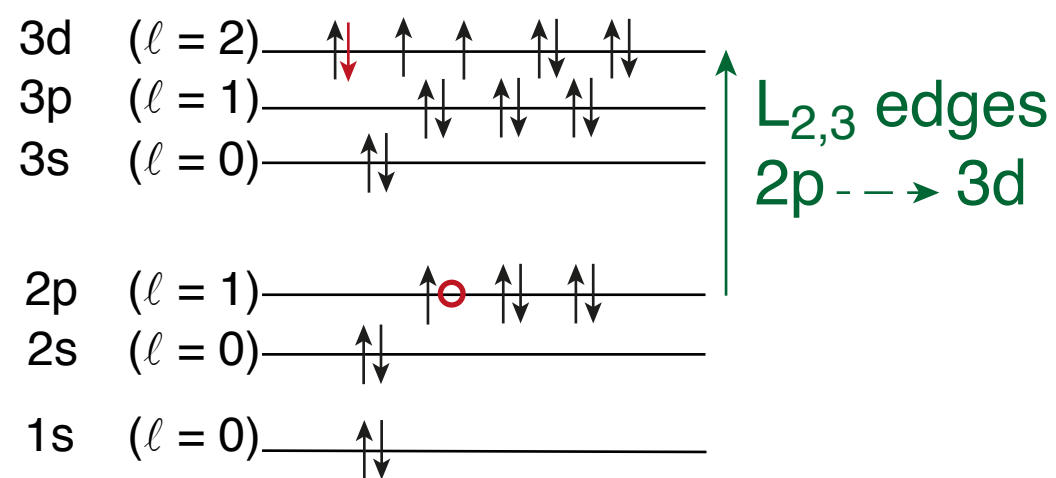


image from: "le labo" J.-Y Duhoo

### X-ray absorption



### $\text{Co}^{2+} (3d^7)$



Electric Dipole Selection rules  
 $(\epsilon \cdot r) : l = \pm 1$

Wednesday, 11 June 14

Then the sample is irradiated first with left circularly polarized light  
 one electron is excited from the 2p shell to an empty 3d shell

# Molecular Spintronics

## X-ray Magnetic Circular Dichroism

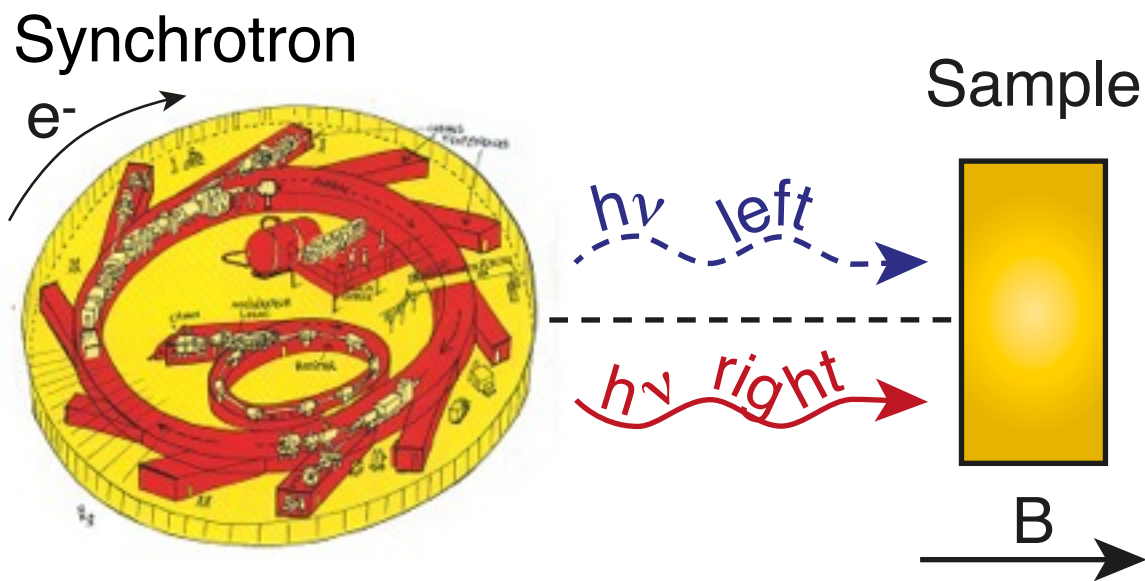
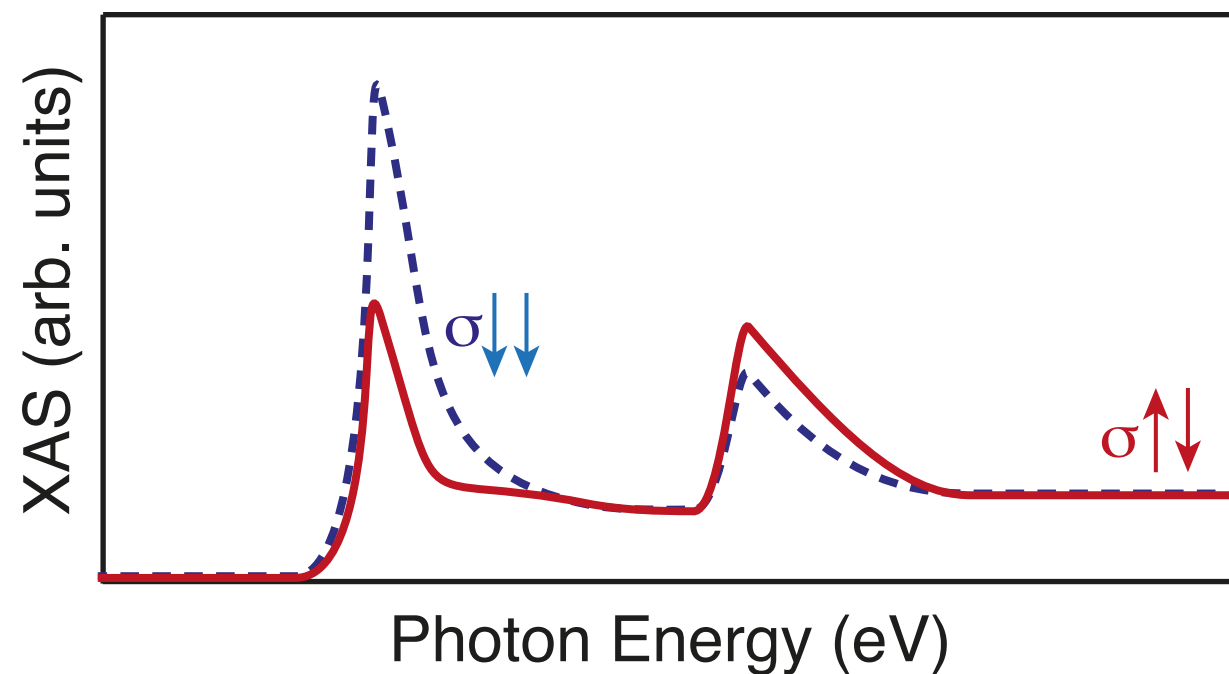
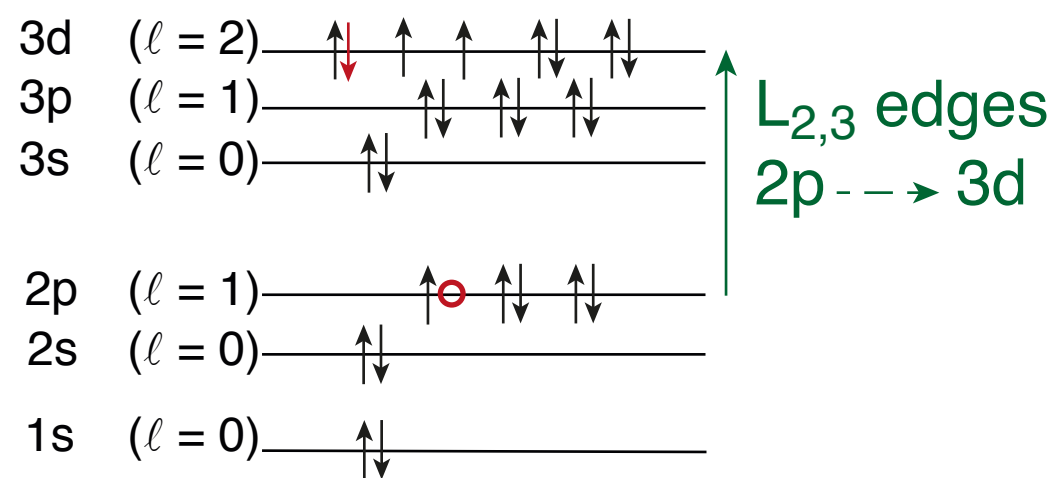


image from: "le labo" J.-Y Duhoo

### X-ray absorption



### Co<sup>2+</sup> (3d<sup>7</sup>)



Electric Dipole Selection rules  
 $(\epsilon \cdot r) : l = \pm 1$

Wednesday, 11 June 14

then the sample is irradiated with right circularly polarized light  
 because of the selection rules the two absorption spectra are not entirely the same

# Molecular Spintronics

## X-ray Magnetic Circular Dichroism

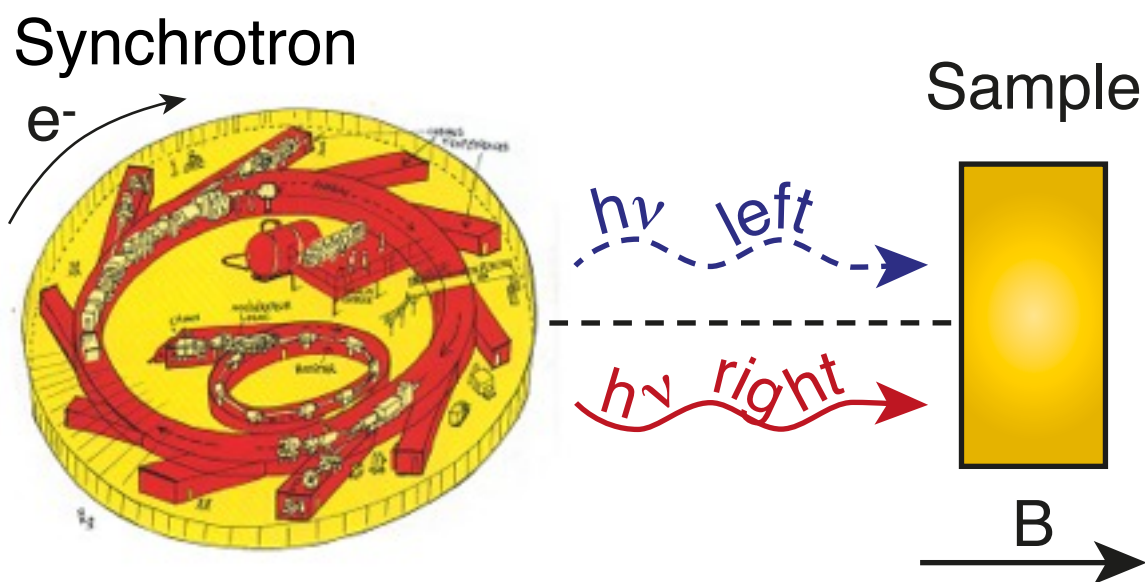
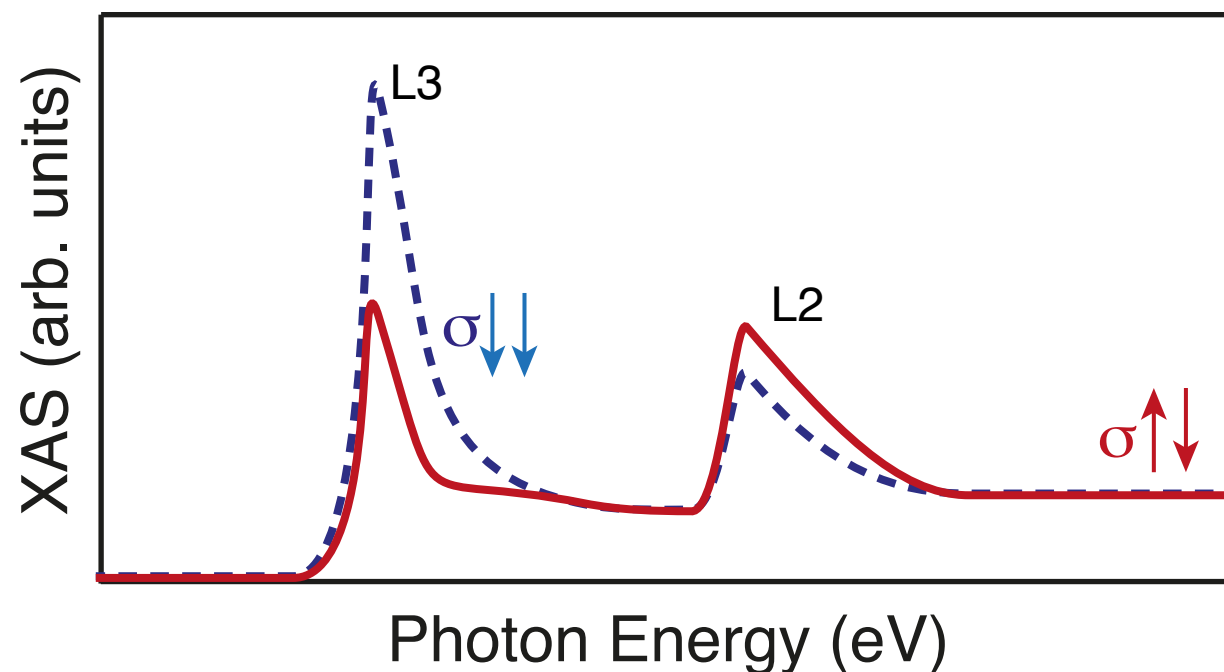
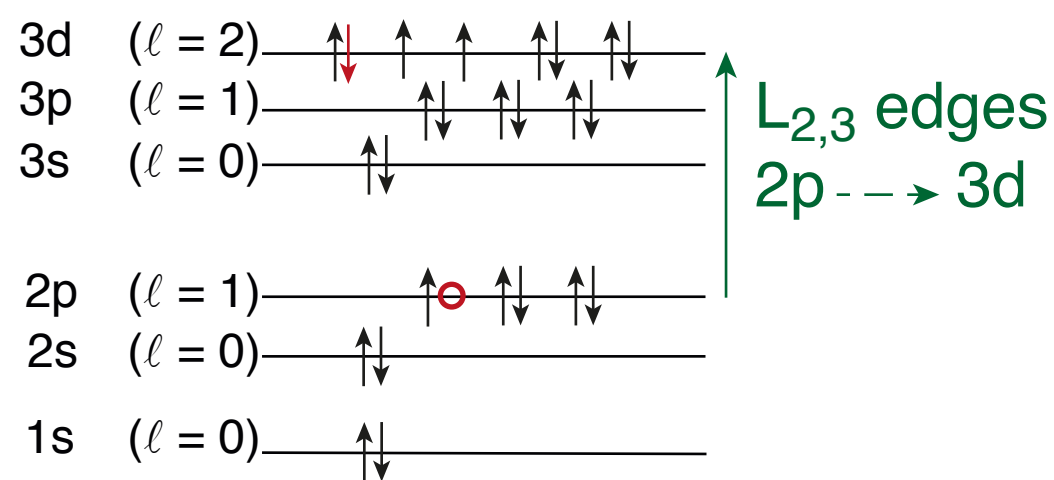


image from: "le labo" J.-Y Duhoo

### X-ray absorption

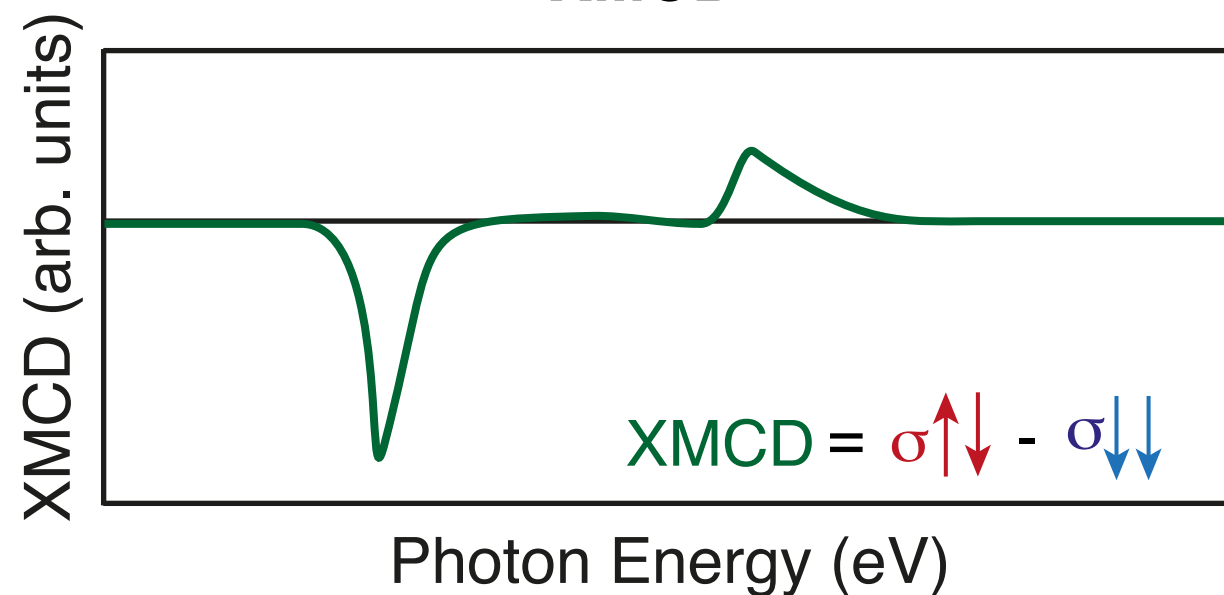


### Co<sup>2+</sup> (3d<sup>7</sup>)



Electric Dipole Selection rules  
( $\epsilon.r$ ) :  $l = \pm 1$

### XMCD



Wednesday, 11 June 14

By taking the difference of the right and left spectra it is possible to obtain the XMCD spectrum we can in such manner obtain information on the local magnetic moment of the ion since each element absorbs at different energies we can zoom in on the element of choice

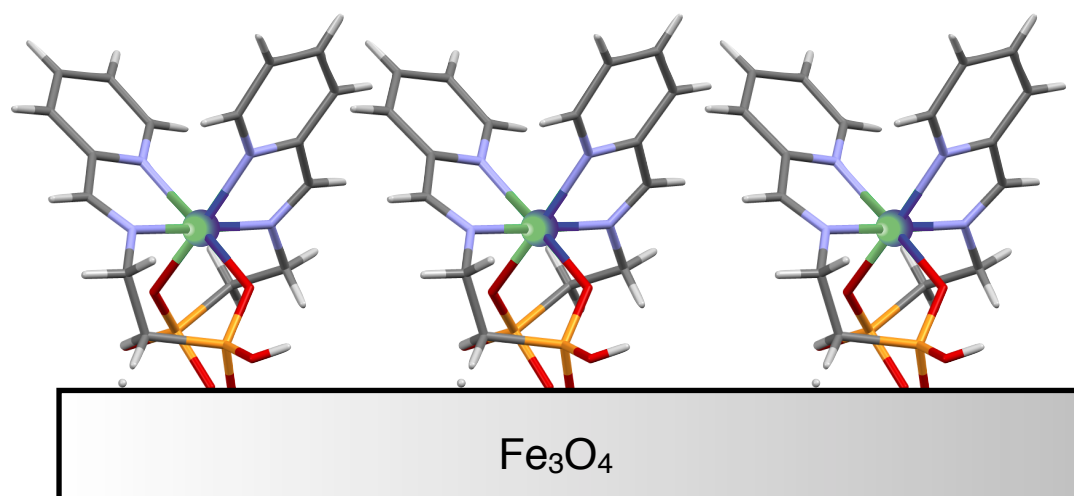
for that we need to rely on another technique called X-ray magnetic circular dichroism (XMCD)

XMCD is a difference spectrum of two x-ray absorption spectra (XAS) taken in a magnetic field, one taken with left circularly polarized light, and one with right circularly polarized light. By closely analyzing the difference in the XMCD spectrum, information can be obtained on the magnetic properties of the atom, such as its spin and orbital magnetic moment. In the case of transition metals such as iron, cobalt, and nickel, the absorption spectra for XMCD are usually measured at the L-edge. This corresponds to the process in the iron case: with iron, a 2p electron is excited to a 3d state by an x-ray of about 700 eV. Because the 3d electron states are the origin of the magnetic properties of the elements, the spectra contain information on the magnetic properties.

one draw back of this technique is that it may only be done using a synchrotron radiation light source

XMCD is the difference, for a magnetic material, between the absorption of left and right circularly polarized X-rays. In X-ray absorption, the atom absorbs a photon, giving rise to the transition of a core electron to an empty state above the Fermi level. The absorption cross-sections are large, especially in the soft X-ray range (500-2000 eV). The absorption edges have energies which are characteristic for each element and, due to the dipole selection rules, final states with different symmetries can be probed by choosing the initial state. (<http://neel.cnrs.fr/spip.php?article798&lang=fr>)  
[http://140.110.201.35/djhuang/research\\_xas.html](http://140.110.201.35/djhuang/research_xas.html)

# Molecular Spintronics



## DEIMOS, Soleil Synchrotron

- Dr. Philippe Ohresser
- Dr. Edwige Otero

## CNRS / Thalès, Palesau France

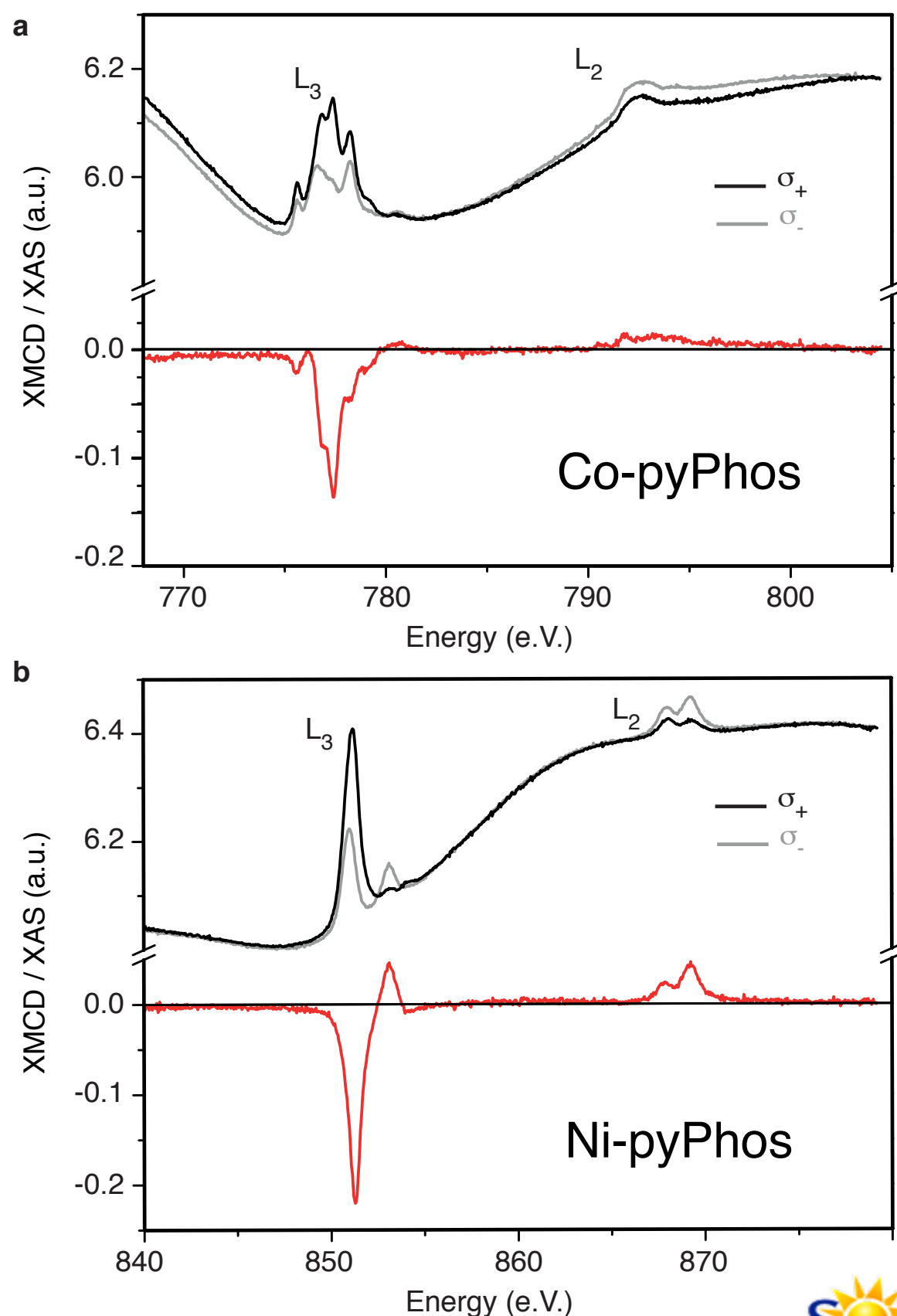
- Dr. Richard Mattana
- Dr. Pierre Seneor

## SPCSI, CEA-Saclay, Saclay France

- Dr. Jean-Baptiste Moussy

## IMPMC, Université Paris 6, Paris France

- Dr. Philippe Saintavit
- Dr. Marie-Anne Arrio



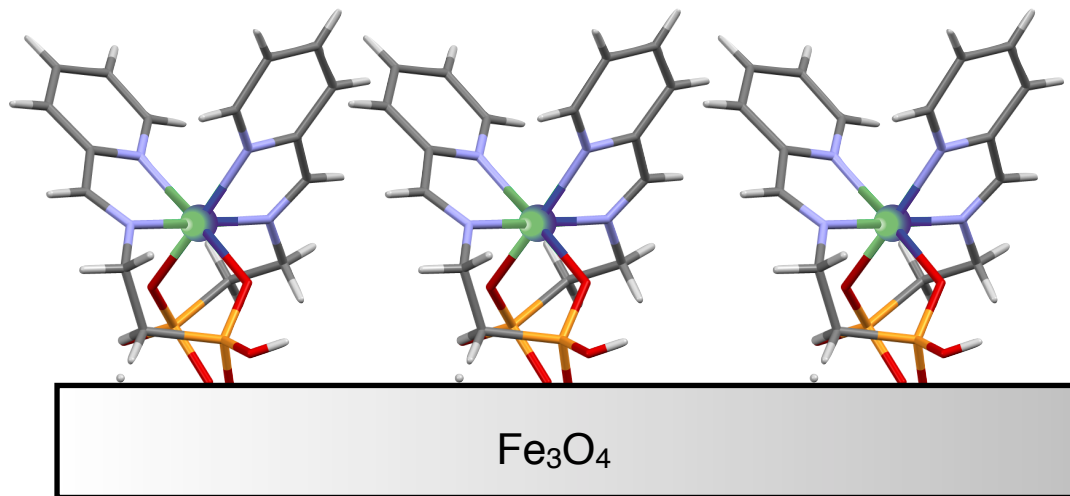
Wednesday, 11 June 14

in this slide I will show you recent results obtained in Paris at synchrotron Soleil on the DEIMOS line.  
the data i will show was taken on the cobalt complex grafted onto iron oxide  
here is the x-ray absorption and the xmcd taken at the L3 edge of cobalt where it is apparent that the cobalt is present  
what was remarkable was that it was possible to obtain a hysteresis loop of the cobalt complex at 2K. to the best of our knowledge this is the firs example of a molecular hysteresis loop  
indicating bistability of transition metal complexes onto an iron oxide.  
we were also able to see a very small signal in the x-ray natural linear dichroism experiment. this

Pour mieux etudier l'interaction de ces molecule avec les surfaces de Fe3O4 et LSMO nous avons fait des mesure XMCD a Soleil sur la ligne DEIMOS. Ici je vous montre des resultats preliminaires qui date de debut decembre. Avec cette technique c'est possible de obtenir des informations sur une molecule isolee. Ici je vous montre les resultats obtenue pour le complexe de Co(II). On vois le signal XMCD au suil L2 ce molecules sont structuralment orientees sur la surface ce qui conduit a l'observation de bistabilite des molecules isolees.



# Molecular Spintronics



## DEIMOS, Soleil Synchrotron

- Dr. Philippe Ohresser
- Dr. Edwige Otero

## CNRS / Thalès, Palesau France

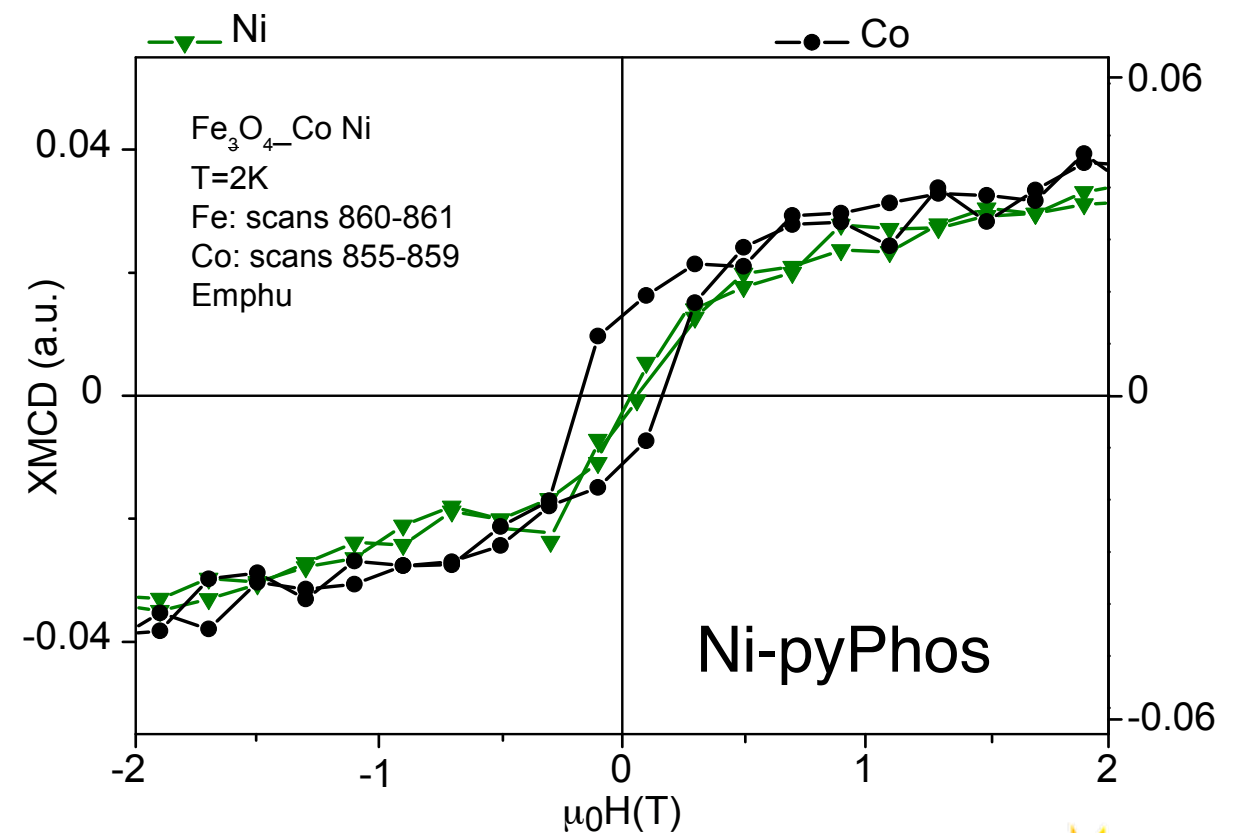
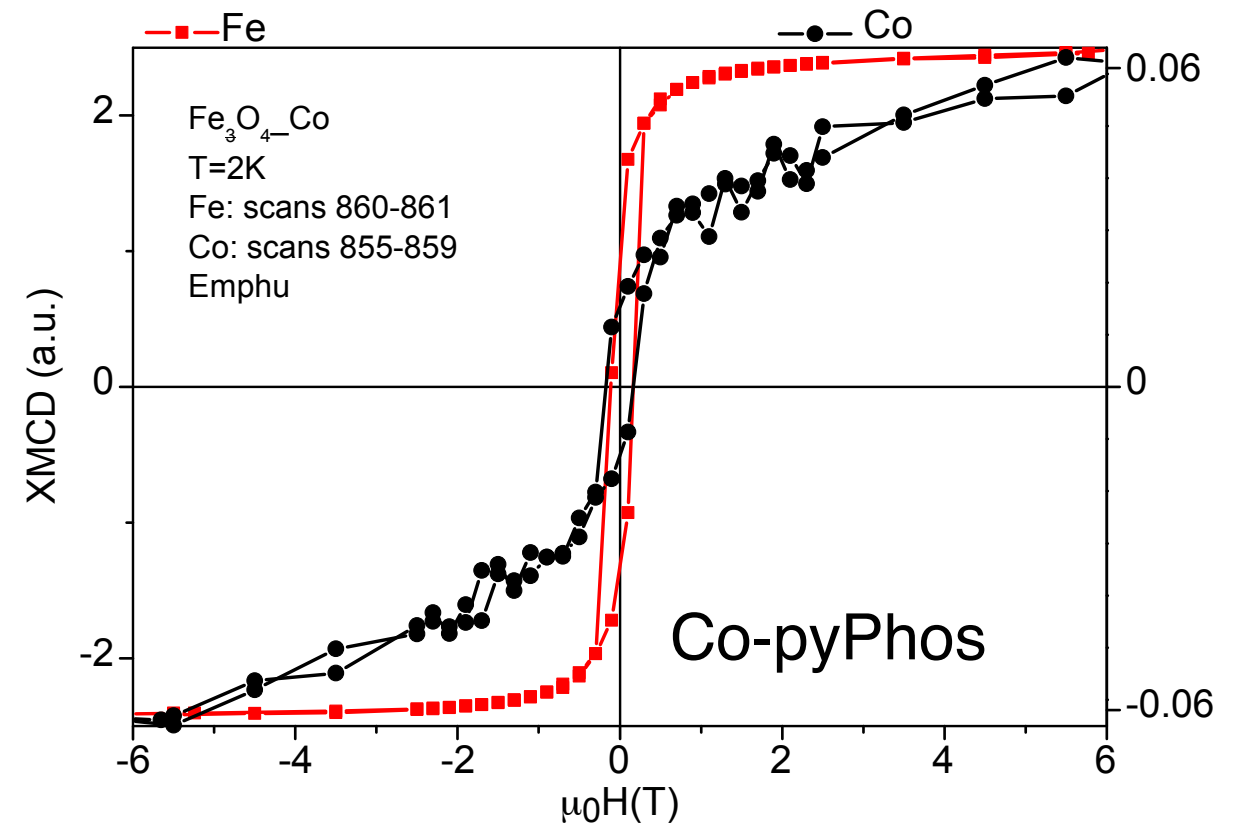
- Dr. Richard Mattana
- Dr. Pierre Seneor

## SPCSI, CEA-Saclay, Saclay France

- Dr. Jean-Baptiste Moussy

## IMPMC, Université Paris 6, Paris France

- Dr. Philippe Saintavit
- Dr. Marie-Anne Arrio



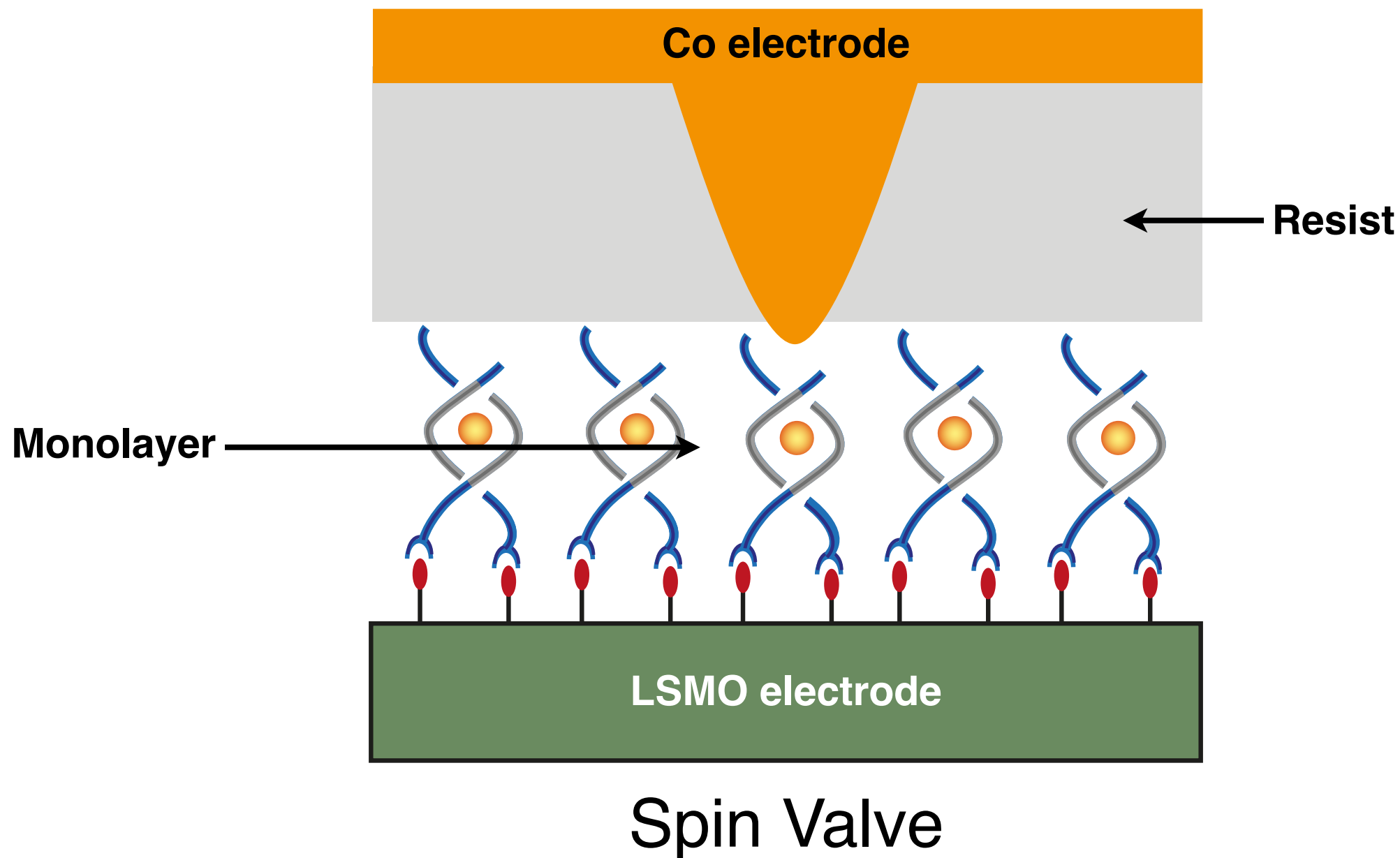
Wednesday, 11 June 14

exchange coupling is different in the two complexes leading to an opening of the magnetization loop for Co and no opening for Ni

# Molecular Spintronics

## Spin transport

Fundamental investigation of the spin transport capabilities of these materials



C. Barraud et al., *Nat. Phys*, **2010**, 6, 615-620

Wednesday, 11 June 14

Ultimately the goal is to construct a spin valve and to test the spin transport properties of these complexes  
this task is in progress the spin valve will have the following architecture  
an lsmo electrode, a monolayer of complexed followed by a monomolecular contact fabricated by nanolithography



# Acknowledgments

## Université Paris Sud, Orsay France

- Students
  - Irene Cimatti
  - Monica Tonelli
  - Fatima El-Khatib
  - Feng Shao
- Prof. Talal Mallah
- Dr. Eric Riviere (SQUID)
- Dr. Regis Guillot (X-ray crystallography)

## LCPQ, Université Paul Sabatier, Toulouse France

- Dr. Nathalie Guihery (ab initio calculations)

## Funding

- CNRS
- Region Ile-de-France C’Nano
- China Research Council
- ANR
- Marie Curie IRSES

## CNRS / Thalès, Palesau France

- Dr. Richard Mattana
- Dr. Pierre Seneor
- Sophie Delprat

## SPCSI, CEA-Saclay, Saclay France

- Dr. Jean-Baptiste Moussy
- Dr. Ludovic Tortech
- Dr. Yanick Dappe

## IMPMC, Université Paris 6, Paris France

- Dr. Philippe Saintavit
- Dr. Marie-Anne Arrio

## DEIMOS, Soleil Synchrotron

- Dr. Philippe Ohresser
- Dr. Edwige Otero



Wednesday, 11 June 14

I would like to thank all the people that have in some way or another contributed to these or other projects  
in red are people who have worked on the projects discussed today and in green and people i collaborate with on other projects  
in particular i would like to thank the two master students irene and monica that have pushed forward the molecular spintronic project no easy task since the master lab period only lasts 6 months  
and finally i would like to thank you for your attentio