New Directions for Multiferroic Materials

Mattias' Rules Cheong's Rules Musfeldt's Modification to Cheong's Rules

Goal: 300 K Multiferroic in 10 Years?

New Mechanisms and Materials

Make the Materials that We Already Have Work Better!



Chavannes, The Dream

Classification of known types of multiferroics Geometric ferroelectricity

Lone pair active

e.g. BiMnO₃, BiFeO₃



e.g. BaNiF₄

C. Ederer and N.A. Spaldin, Electric-field switchable magnets: The case of BaNiF₄, PRB **74**, 020401(R) (2006)





T. Kimura et al., *Magnetic control of ferroelectric polarization*, Nature **426**, 55 (2004)



N. Ikeda et al., *Ferroelectricity from iron* valence ordering in the charge-frustrated system $LuFe_2O_4$, Nature 436, 1136 (2005)

Moving Away From Oxides is Scary...

- Organic-Inorganic Hybrids
- Organic Materials
- Molecular Magnets
- Nanoscale Materials

My Plan: Survey interesting materials systems and present possible ways forward.

No learning objectives what-so-ever, except to perhaps convince you that non-oxide materials also have interesting opportunities!



Goya: Satan devouring his Son



Triangular System

Kagome System



Creation of Adam, Michelangelo



NIST SP 966 (September 2003)

Close-Up View: Carbon





Organic Radical Materials

- Triangular antiferromagnetic spin unit
- "Tri-radical" building block molecule: N,N,N-Tris[p-(Noxyl-tetra-butyamino) phenl]amine
 - Also "mono" and "biradical" analogs
 - Boron replacement of N center
- Magnetic ordering in crystal
- $T_c = 0.74 \text{ K}$



Takeda et al, PRB (2005)

Competing Magnetic States



Takeda et al, PRB (2005)

Intermolecular Interactions Control Ordering Temperature

chain



Rings are tilted, so intramolecular spin interactions are not symmetric



$$J_{IM,F} = 3 \text{ K}, J_{IM,AF} = -0.7 \text{ K}$$

TABLE I. Comparison of experiments of magnetic ordering temperature of the prototype genuine organic systems to theoretical values for the isotropic Heisenberg system. The parameters for 2,5,-DFPNN and DTDA are taken from Refs. 16 and 17, respectively.

Other Organic FerroMagnets:

	S	$2zJ/k_B$	T_c (theo.)	T_c (obs.)
β -phase <i>p</i> -NPNN	$1/2 \times 1$	3.6	0.60	0.61
Dupeyredioxyl	$1/2 \times 2$	3.6	1.7	1.48
Tris-NO	$1/2(\times 3)$	4.6	0.76	0.74
2,5,-DFPNN	$1/2 \times 1$	2.8	0.46	0.48
DTDA	$1/2 \times 1$	9.0	1.5	1.30

Takeda, PRB, (2005)

(EDT-TTF-CONH₂)₆[Re₆Se₈(CN)₆) is a Kagome-Type Organic-Inorganic Hybrid Compound



Organic Dimers Held Together by Hydrogen Bonding

Baudron et al, JACS (2005)

Perfect Kagomes are Rare

- Metallic at 300 K, with strong 2D character
- Electronic instability causes distortion and charge localization below 150 K.





Baudron et al, JACS (2005)

Symmetry of Kagome New is Broken at Low Temperature







Baudron et al, JACS (2005)

Frustration, Broken Symmetry, Charge Ordering, New Magnetic States: Hmm....



Low Symmetry is Beautiful in Hybrids



Portland Vase, Roman

Let's Go Back to Organic Systems...

Main Challenge: Putting Charge and Spin onto C₆₀ Ball and Keeping the Spin-Containing Units Well-Isolated



Many Chemical Modifications Possible to this Prototype System.

TDEA Molecule Donates One of its Electrons to the C_{60} Molecule, Producing a Charge-Transfer Complex



Charge on the Fullerene Ball Causes a Jahn-Teller Distortion, Which is Responsible for Formation of Spin Singlets • If the axes of the JT distortions of 2 adjacent C_{60}^{-} anions coincide, then coupling is



• If they are orthoganol, the coupling should be ferromagnetic.

Crystal obviously has 3D FM Ordering.

TDEA-C₆₀: Metallic Organic FM at 16 K





- Coercive field and remnant magnetization are zero
- \bullet Spontaneous magnetization very small, on order of ${\sim}0.11\mu_B/C_{60}$

Allemand et al, Science (1991).



Fullerenes are Very Elegant and Flexible Materials...





David, Michelangeo

Possible Source for New Materials!

Discovery of a Multiferroic Homochiral Metal-Organic Framework

- Chiral Centers to Give Ferroelectricity, Provide Polarizability, Control Oxidation State
- Layered Perovskite-Like Structure with Transmition Metal Centers May Give Rise to Magnetic Properties
- Hydrothermal Reaction

$$(L) - CH_3 - CH_{OH} + Tb(CIO_4)_3 - 6H_2O \xrightarrow{H_2O} (Lig)_2 Tb(H_2O)_2(CIO_4)$$

$$(Lig-Et)$$

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Ye et al, Inorg. Chem (2008).

The Structure



Local environment around Tb ion is distorted square antiprism involving 4 different lactate ions and 2 waters.

Crystallizes into chiral, polar (C2) **space group**

Ye et al, Inorg. Chem (2008).

Multiferroicity?



Low Temperature Ferromagnet

Low Temperature Ferroelectric

Remnant Polarization ~0.25 µC/cm² Coercive Field ~ 0.2V/cm

Ye et al, Inorg. Chem (2008).

$V(TCNE)_x(solvent)_y \& Mn(TCNE)_x(solvent)_y$

- Small Organic Building Block Molecule: TCNE
- Linear Cain Structure, But Complicated Due to solvent Incorporation
- Mn Compound: $T_c \sim 75 \text{ K}$
- V Compound: Magnetic at 300 K. (T_c ~ 400 K, above 350 K Decomposition Temperature)





The Reaction

Low temperature (40 C) chemical vapor deposition (CVD) setup



Electron transfer salt:

S = 3/2, donor: $[V]^{++}$ $S = \frac{1}{2}$, acceptor: $[TCNE]^{-1}$

 $xTCNE + V(CO)_6 \longrightarrow V(TCNE)_x + 6 CO^{\uparrow}$

Pokhodnya et al., Adv. Mater. (2000)

The Spin States

 $[TCNE]^-$: S = 1/2

unpaired electron in p* state



Spin density distribution in [TCNE]-J. Am. Chem. Soc. 116,7243 (1994) Octahedral coordination of V with Ns splits 3d-level of V²⁺ (EXAFS, ANL)



Large Hund's pairing energy keeps all three spins parallel providing high spin state

V²⁺: **S** = 3/2

From Art Epstein's APS Tutorial

Magnetic Order and Conductivity



Magnetic Semiconductor! Can these Materials Support Magnetically-Induced FerroElectricity?

From Art Epstein's APS Tutorial

$Mn(TCNE)_x(solvent)_v$ is PhotoMagnetic



Pejaković et al., PRL (2002)

Inorganic Molecular Magnets: $[Mo^{V}_{12}O_{30}(\mu_{2}\text{-}OH)_{10}H_{2}\{Ni^{II}(H_{2}O)_{3}\}_{4}].14\ H_{2}O$

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Single-ion and exchange anisotropy effects and multiferroic behavior in high-symmetry tetramer single-molecule magnets

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We study single-ion and exchange anisotropy effects in equal-spin s_1 tetramer single-molecule magnets exhibiting Td, Dah, D2d, Cah, Cav, or Sa ionic site point group symmetry. We first write the group-invariant quadratic single-ion and symmetric anisotropic exchange Hamiltonians in the appropriate local coordinates. We then rewrite these local Hamiltonians in the molecular or laboratory representation, along with the groupinvariant Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya (DM) and isotropic Heisenberg, biquadratic, and three-center quartic Hamiltonians. Using our exact, compact forms for the single-ion spin matrix elements, we analytically evaluate the eigenstate energies to first order in the microscopic anisotropy interactions, corresponding to the strong exchange limit, and provide tables of simple formulas for the anisotropy energies of the lowest four eigenstate manifolds of ferromagnetic (FM) and antiferromagnetic (AFM) tetramers with arbitrary s1. For AFM tetramers, we illustrate the first-order level-crossing inductions for $s_1=1/2$, 1, and 3/2, and obtain preliminary estimates of the microscopic parameters in a Ni4 from fits to magnetization data, indicating the presence of strong symmetric anisotropic exchange interactions. Accurate analytic expressions for the thermodynamics, electron paramagnetic resonance absorption, and inelastic neutron scattering cross section are given, allowing for a determination of three of the microscopic anisotropy interactions from the second excited state manifold of FM tetramers. We also predict that tetramers with symmetries S_4 and D_{2d} should exhibit both DM interactions and multiferroic states, and we illustrate our predictions for $s_1=1/2$ and 1.



Multiple Magnetic States are Available!

Role of Electric Field = ?





Nanoscale Effects in Bulk Superconductors and Nanoscale Superconductors





2D SC (nm layer thickness)

One-dimensional SC (thin wire)





Two coupled zero-dimensional SC's

Zero-dimensional SC

Cuprates: Superconducting layers are inhomogeneous on the nanoscale!

560 nm



schematically perfect stripes, holes + spins

d-wave SC gap real-space distribution via STM. Nano inhomogeneities are observed. Checkerboard charge-ordered state in Na-doped cuprates

Could be phase competition or random O distribution.

Charge stripes set in first, and spin patterns arrange to accommodate the charge.

Dagotto, Science (2005).



Examples: Micro- and Nano-scale Texture in Ca₃Co₂O₆ and BiFeO₃

Who knew???

Nanoscale Effects in Bulk Superconductors and Nanoscale Superconductors





2D SC (nm layer thickness)

One-dimensional SC (thin wire)





Two coupled zero-dimensional SC's

Zero-dimensional SC

2D Confinement and Multiferroics



Rare to find Perfect Lattice Match... Film is Under Compressive or Expansive Strain





Zayak, PRB (2008).

How Does This Work?



Magnetic Properties Depend on Distance but Also on Angle

$$J \sim \frac{t^2}{U}$$
 + Goodenough-Kanamori Rules

Zayak, PRB (2008).



Yes!

Nanomaterials are very inhomogenous



(The chocolate also gives rise to quantum effects.)



A tiny piece of graphite would have many atoms at the edge, which is unstable.

Such a material would be very reactive and not very stable. Solution???? Curve!

The ultimate shape of the nanoobject depends on both energetic and kinetic drivers.



Nature of matter: increasing surface area per unit volume



Scheme adapted from G. Schmid in *Clusters and Colloids*, (VCH, Weinheim, 1994)

Surface atoms plays a crucial role in determining the physical and chemical properties of the material

Solid state perspective: all properties are determined by the lattice (The surface is far away)

/ww.isis.rl.ac.uk/.../ 2004_povs/2004_povs.htm

Is all that glitters gold?





What makes gold look golden?

- Electronic characteristics
- Impurities
- Size/shape effects

Bulk Gold

- The standard electrodynamic models for a metal predict that free electrons slosh around in the solid.
- Yellow color due to absorption characteristics
- Addition of impurities changes the color and hardness



Increasing Copper Content

What color is nanogold?

- Not only are shapes and structures of nanomaterials different from their corresponding bulk, but properties are different as well.
- Bulk gold = Yellow; Nanogold = Red
- Size is the variable to tune color! Quantum confinement effect!





(actually, the nanoparticles tend to form clusters)

Particles absorb at different wavelengts depending on the size of particles



Local Strain & Curvature to Control and Change P, M, α ?



Bulk Magnetism



NanoMagnetism

Use Length Scale to Control Magnetic Domain, Optical Properties, Polarization, Other Things!

CORE-SHELL MODEL FOR A FERROELECTRIC NANOPARTICLE: PbTiO₃:Fe³⁺



EPR is very sensitive to structural changes. At bulk material, we have only tetragonal core. At nano-sizes we have the mixing of all symetries due to lattice distortions. Finally below critical size we have only cubic particles left \rightarrow disaapearenc of ferroelectricity. This is called size driven phase transition



We can prove the core-shell model by EPR. From the EPR intensity we can determine the ratio of each symmetry in the material (see figure)

T_C reduction by reducing the size of PbTiO₃



EPR and dielectric spectroscopy give the same results.

Erdem et al. J. Nanosci. Nanotech. 8 (2008) 702-716

What about nanoscale BiFeO₃ or RMnO₃?



Sol-Gel Growth of BiFeO₃ Nanoparticles.

Modulate Properties with Size and Shape!

Unpublished Work, J. Cao and J. Wu.

Strain induced MES enhancement in the nanopillar BFO-CFO film

Sample	α (s/m) (x10 ⁻¹²)	$\alpha^{r}_{(max)}$	Conditions
BiFeO ₃ single crystal	1	3x10⁻⁵	(33) 10 K, 4
BiFeO ₃ thin film 250 nm	10	3x10 ⁻⁴	(31) 8K, 1T
BiFeO ₃ -CoFe ₂ O ₄ nanopillar 300 nm	100	3x10 ⁻³	(31) 200K, 0.5T
PZT–NiFe ₂ O ₄ nanoparticulate film 700nm	10	3x10 ⁻⁴	(33) 300 K, 0.3 T
GaFeO ₃	30	8x10 ⁻⁴	(23) 150K, 0.6 T
Cr ₂ O ₃	4	1x10 ⁻⁴	(33) 250 K, crystal

Proof of the enhanced ME coupling in the nanopillar composite, possibly due to enhanced/controlled surface strain contact.

Kee Hon Kim's Talk

Many Opportunities with New Materials and Mechanisms!

Where to go first?



Imagio Mundi, Babylonian World Map, 6th Century

Searching for New Materials & Mechanisms: Do We Compete or Cooperate?

Model 1: Competition

Model 2: Cooperation





Mayan Warfare

Saqqara Tomb Art

Birth of Exciting New Field: Many Opportunities with New Materials



Birth of Venus, Botticelli

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