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Functionalized Hybrid Nanomagnets: New Materials for Innovations in Energy Storage and Medical Theranostics

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Abstract: Let's dream of materials that store and release energy reversibly by temperature changes between day and night or provide a non-invasive treatment of cancer. These visions may be realized by using magnetic nanoparticles that are functionalized to be biocompatible, environmentally stable and recyclable, self-healing, and low-cost.

In this presentation, I will discuss the basic concepts of magnetic nanomaterials and their magnetic properties with a focus on how to tune parameters in a controlled fashion. I will highlight state-of-the-art experimental approaches [1,2,3] that allow us to synthesize multifunctional particles and to understand microscopic properties and interactions in relation to electronic structure changes caused by changes in size, shape, and composition of nanomaterials. The apparently complex behavior of hybrid metal/metal, metal/oxide, or oxide/oxide interface materials –core-shell materials - can be understood from the three fundamental interactions in magnetism: magnetic exchange interaction due to orbital overlap, spin-orbit interaction due to inner- and intra-atomic relativistic corrections (e.g., crystal field effects) and the long-range magnetic dipolar interaction. Several examples will be presented, including the formation of above-room-temperature ferromagnetic interface layers between low-temperature antiferromagnetic layers and the evolution of lattices of magnetic textures (skyrmions) in confined dimensions.

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