Large scale facilities and magnetism: x-rays and neutrons to probe bulk and patterned magnetic nanomaterials

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One of the key aspects for the development of new materials relies on the ability to profoundly study their fundamental properties. The usage of neutron and synchrotron radiation sources provides scientists with unique tools to probe matter in a wide range of length and timescales, accessing to both the structure and time-resolved dynamics of the materials issue of study. In this talk, an introduction to different neutron and synchrotron radiation scattering techniques will be presented, together with some specific science cases related to magnetism and magnetic materials studied with these techniques. More concretely, the following techniques and science cases will be presented:

- 1. X-Ray Photon Correlation Spectroscopy to study the magnetization dynamics of artificial spin ices.
- 2. Transmission X-Ray Microscopy to study the propagation of magnetic charges in artificial spin ices.
- 3. Powder Neutron Diffraction to study the origin of magnetism in Heusler-type Magnetic Shape Memory Alloys.
- 4. A combination of Single Crystal Neutron Diffraction and X-Ray Magnetic Circular Dichroism to study the magnetism in high temperature Magnetic Shape Memory Alloys.

A brief introduction to the field of artificial spin ices and to Heusler-type magnetic shape memory alloys will also be presented.

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