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Edge States  
and Possible Magnetic States  
in Open-Shell Conjugated Systems

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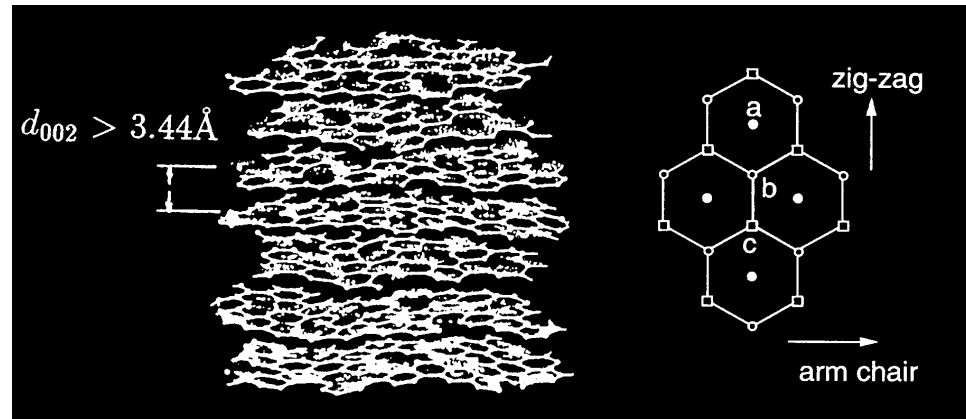
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# Outline

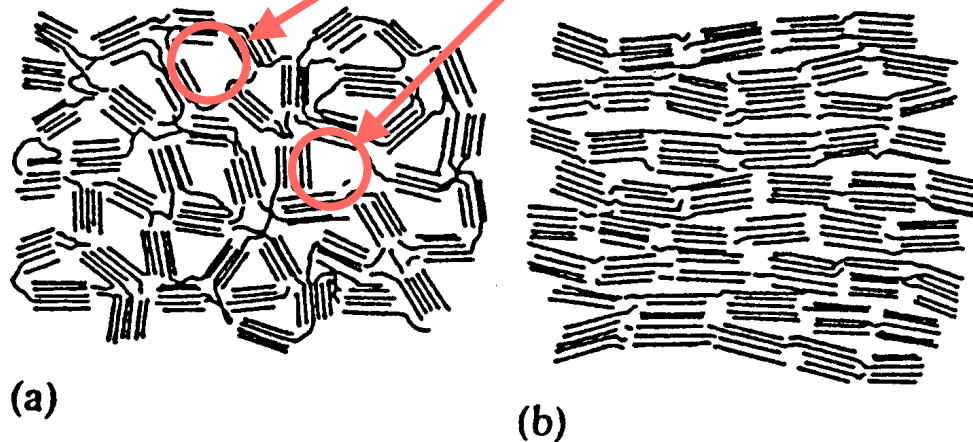
- Possibility of the spin order along the zigzag line of the nanographene was suggested.
- Do the localized spins appear around the lattice defects in fullerene molecules?
- We will consider effects of lattice defect clusters in fullerenes and the bucky bowl molecules.
- The Hubbard model is applied for topological networks of the  $\pi$ -electron lattices.

# Stacking of graphene planes

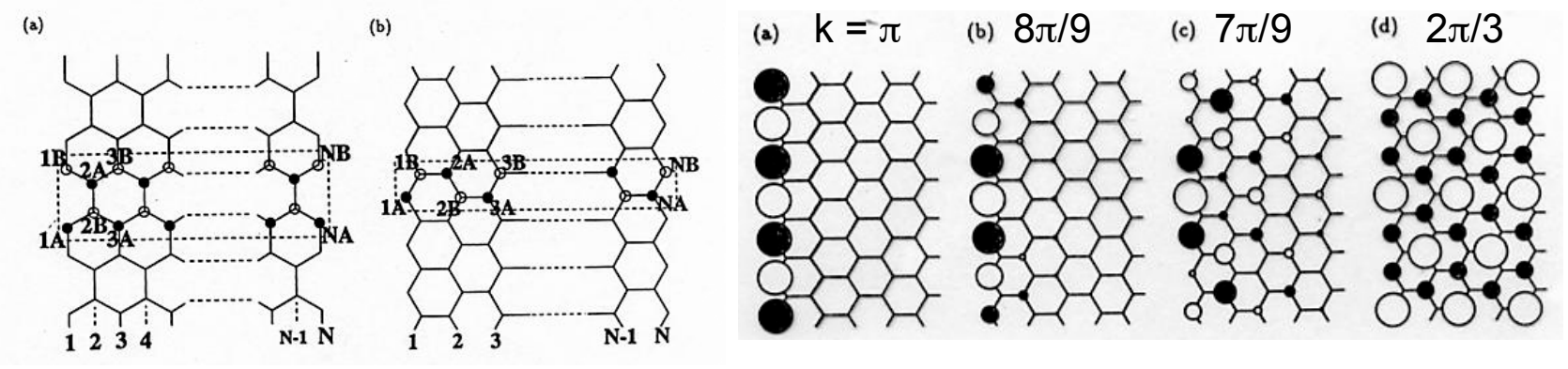


## Activated carbon fibers (ACF)

- (a) high surface area **with nanopore**  
(structural unites randomly arranged)
- (b) a fiber **after heat treatment**

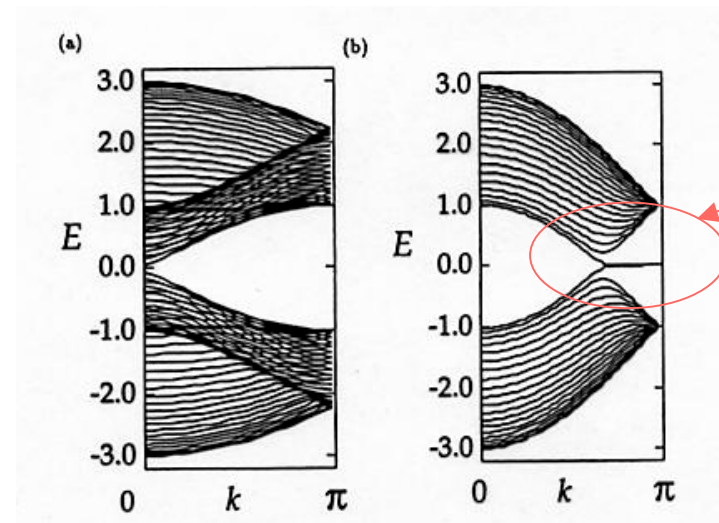


# Localized states along zigzag edges



Armchair v.s. zigzag edges

Wave function amplitudes



Band structures of  $\pi$ -electrons

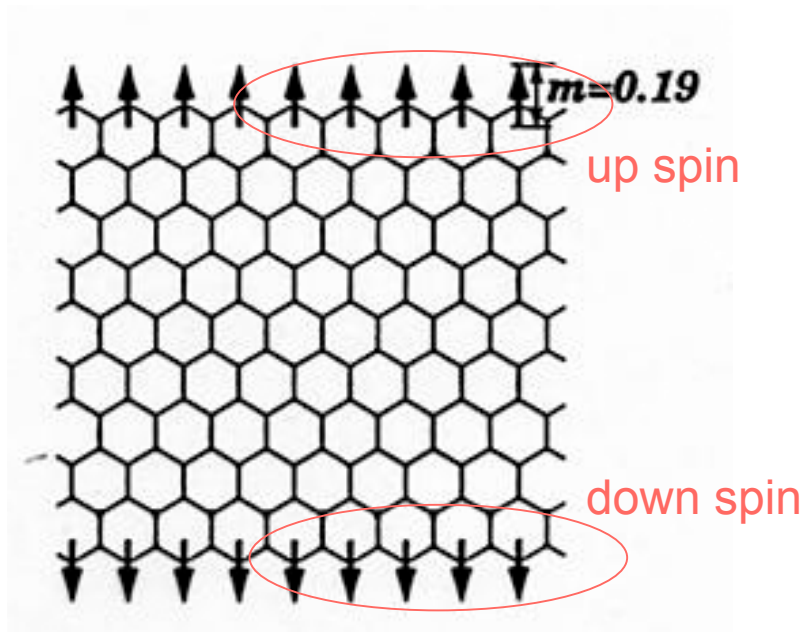
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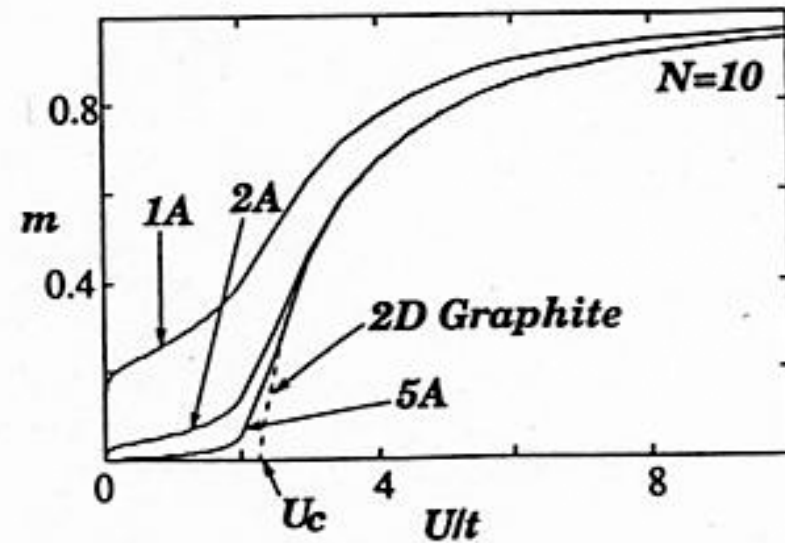
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# Magnetic moment along the zigzag edge by the Hubbard model

One dimensional Hubbard model for a **graphene ribbon**  
the nearest neighbor hopping  $t$ , onsite repulsion  $U$



Spin alignment along the **zigzag edges**



Spin becomes **larger** as  $U$  increases

# Persistence of Edge-State in Stacked Graphene and Nano-Graphene Materials

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## Abstract

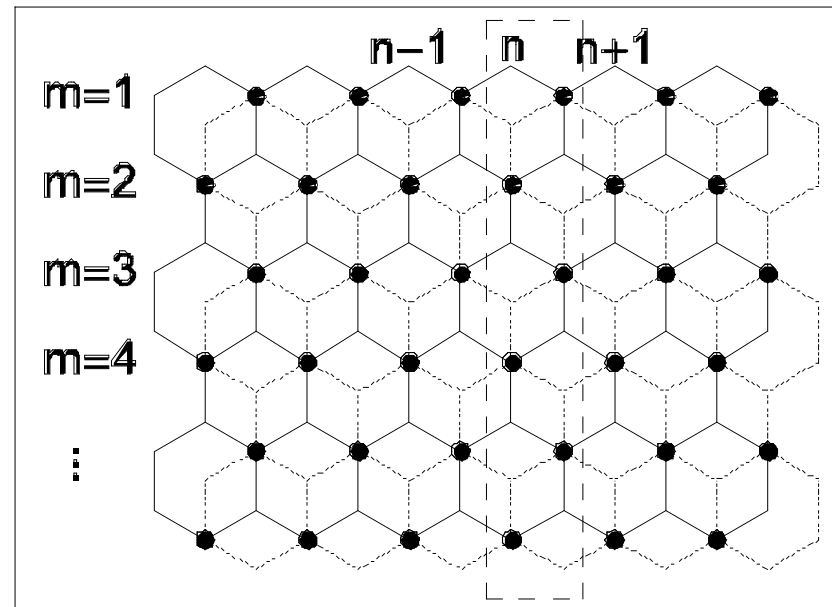
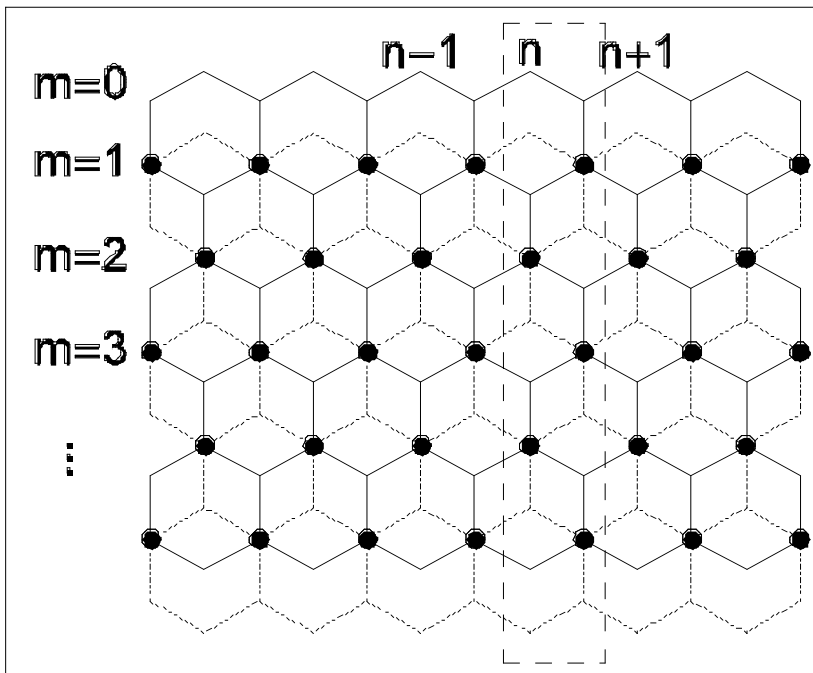
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# A-B and A-C stackings



upper layer: bold line, lower layer: dashed line,  
• interlayer hopping interaction  $t_1$



# A-B stacking: upper layer

We will constitute wavefunctions of the edge state. It is assumed that the edge state has amplitudes at the sites of the A sublattice only. The amplitude becomes zero in the B sublattice. Even if the interactions  $t_1$  are present at circles, the alternation of the A and B sites remains in the whole system. So, the bipartite nature remains, too. When we look at the condition of the edge state at the energy  $E = 0$  of the upper layer, we find the formula,

$$a_{n,m}e^{-ika/2} + a_{n+1,m}e^{ika/2} + a_{n,m+1} = 0, \quad (7)$$

for even  $m$ , and

$$a_{n,m}e^{-ika/2} + a_{n+1,m}e^{ika/2} + a_{n+1,m+1} = 0 \quad (8)$$

for odd  $m$ , where  $a_{n,m}$  is the amplitude at the  $n$ th unit cell of the  $m$ th zigzag line. Assuming  $a_{n,0} = A$ , we obtain

$$a_{n,m} = A[-2\cos(ka/2)]^m. \quad (9)$$

# A-B staking: lower layer

The similar condition of the zero energy state gives,

$$b_{n,m}e^{-ika/2} + b_{n+1,m}e^{ika/2} + b_{n,m+1} + r_1 a_{n,m} = 0 \quad (10)$$

for odd  $m$ , and

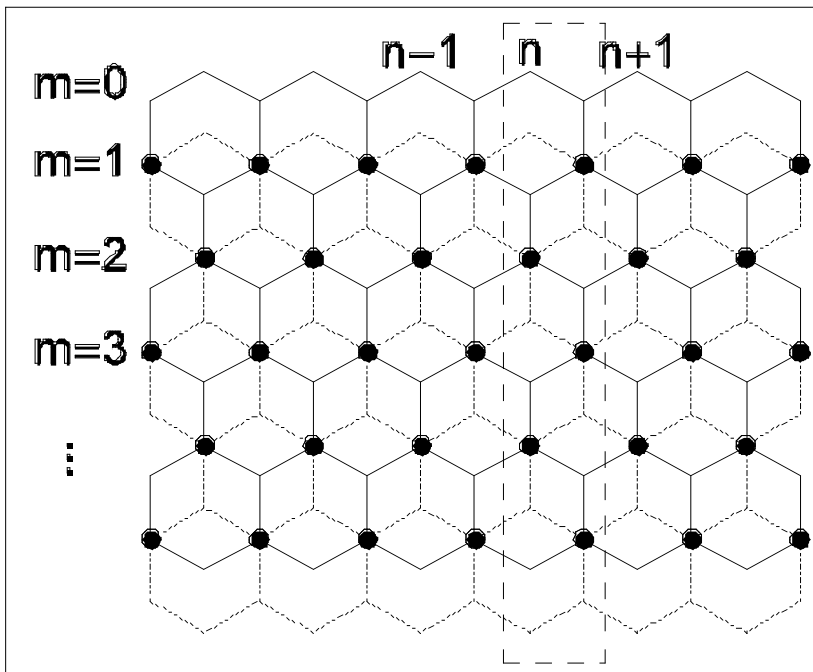
$$b_{n,m}e^{-ika/2} + b_{n+1,m}e^{ika/2} + b_{n+1,m+1} + r_1 a_{n+1,m} = 0 \quad (11)$$

for even  $m$ , for the amplitude  $b_{n,m}$  of the lower layer. Here,  $r_1 = t_1/t$  is the ratio of the interlayer hopping integral to the intralayer hoppings. As we know the form of  $a_{n,m}$ , we can solve the recurrence formula of the number series to obtain

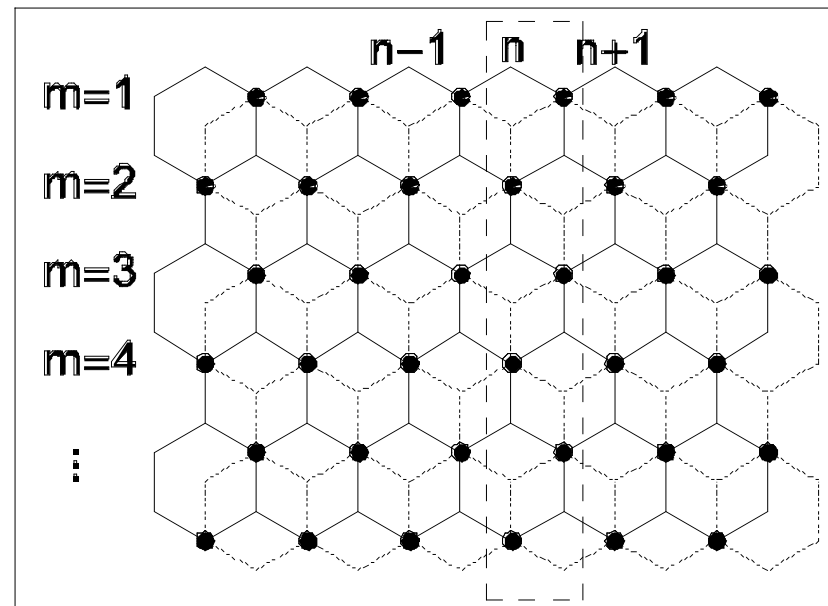
$$b_{n,m} = \underbrace{-(m-1)r_1 A}_{\text{correction of the order } r_1 = t_1/t} [-2\cos(ka/2)]^{m-2} + B[-2\cos(ka/2)]^{m-1} \quad (12)$$

for  $m \geq 2$ , where  $b_{1,m} = B$  is assumed. Therefore, we have found that the edge state persists in the A-B stack case. The magnitudes of  $A$  and  $B$  will be nearly equal  $A \sim B$ , so the correction by the interlayer interaction is of the order  $r_1$  with respect to the intralayer term.

# A-B and A-C stackings



upper layer: no correction by  $t_1$   
lower layer: correction present



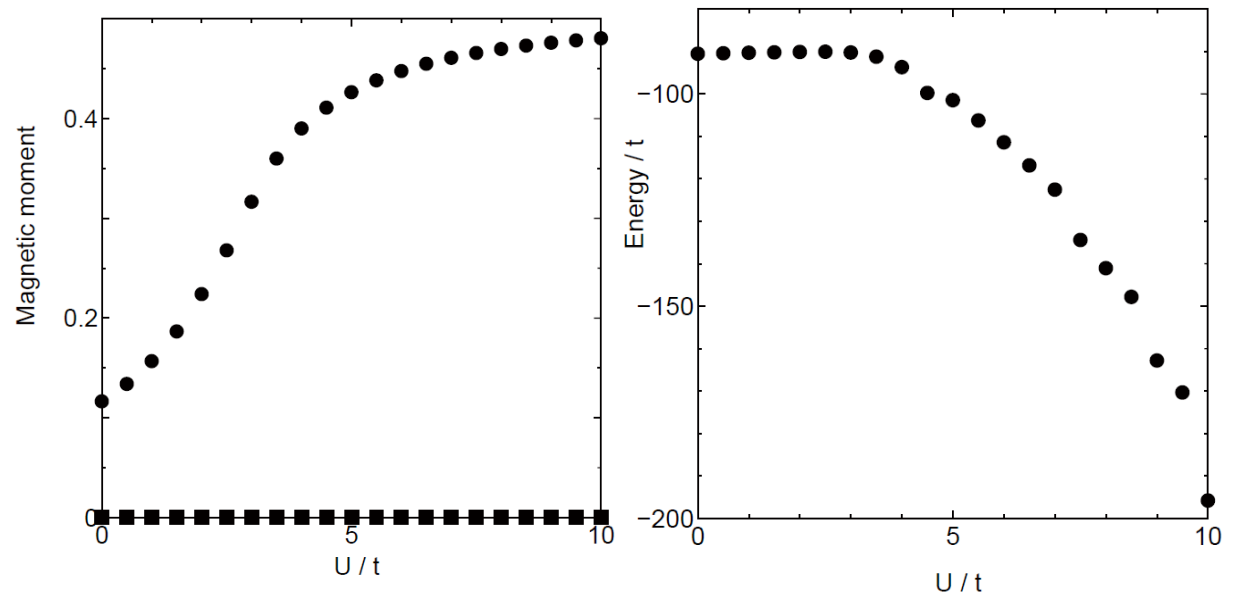
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# Molecule structure of $C_{60}$ and lattice defect clusters

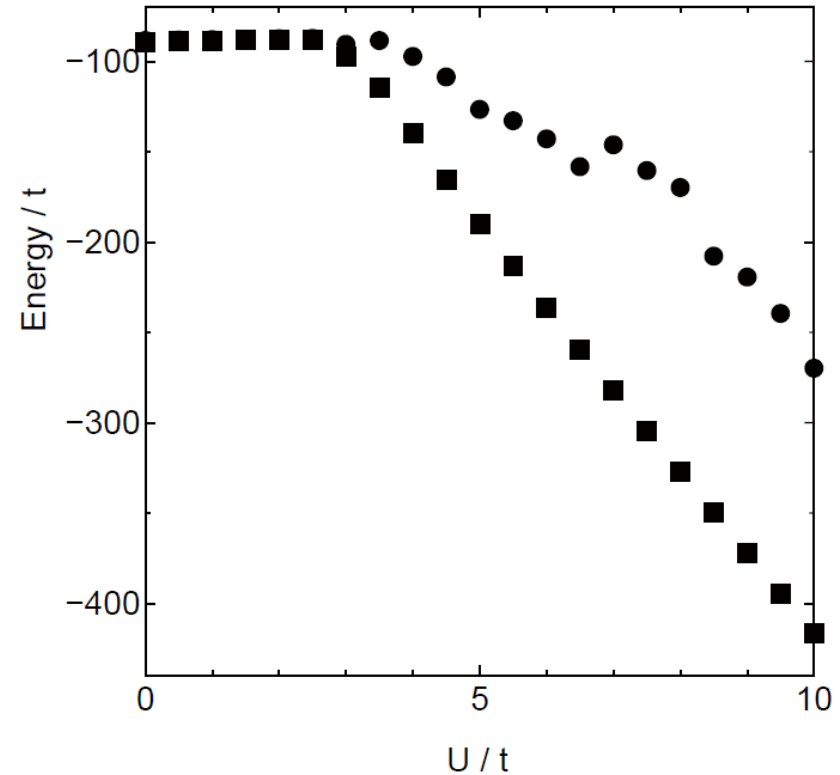
- case 1 one defect at the site A
- case 2 two defects: A and B
- case 3 two defects: A and C
- case 4 three defects: A, C, D

# case 1



left: magnetic moment: ■ site E, ● site F  
right: total energy of the magnetic solution

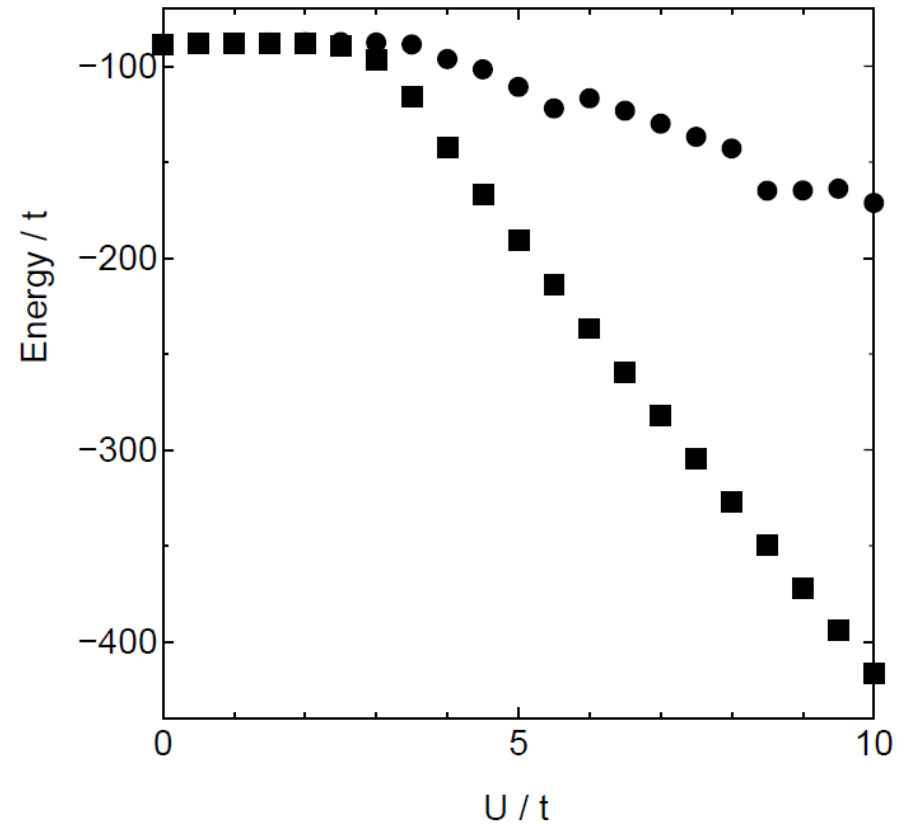
# case 2



total energy: ● magnetic solution,  
■ non-magnetic solution

The non-mag. solution is stable.

# case 3

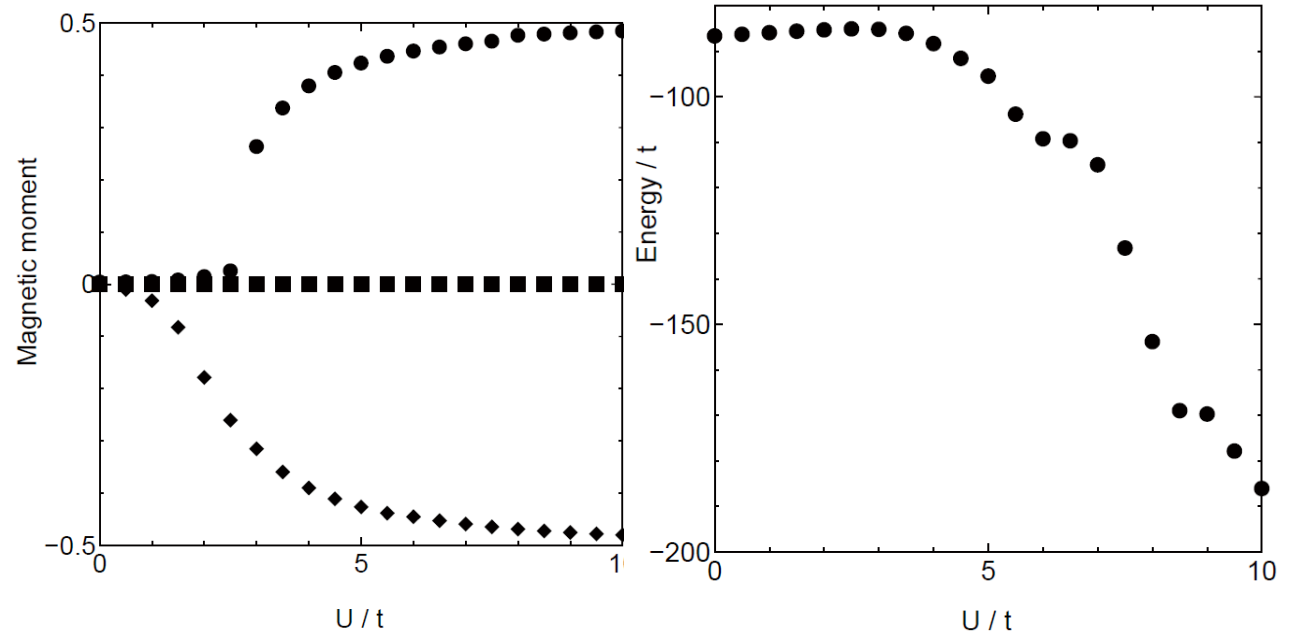


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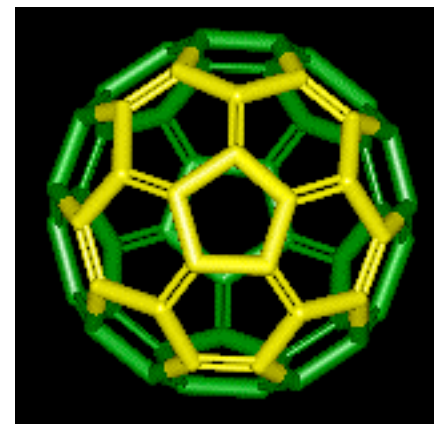
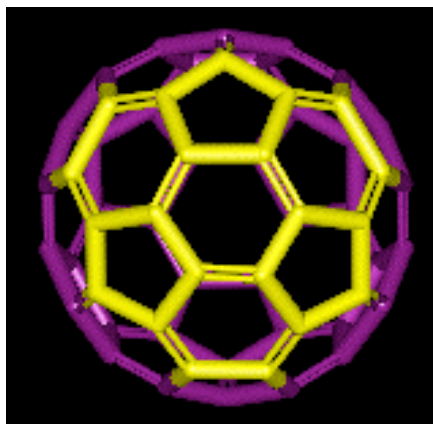
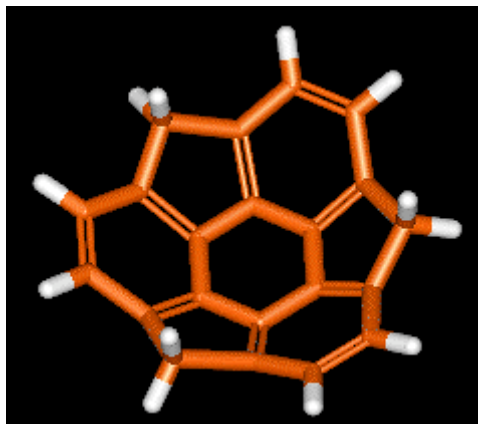


# case 4



left: magnetic moment: ● site G, ■ site H, ◆ site I  
right: total energy of the magnetic solution

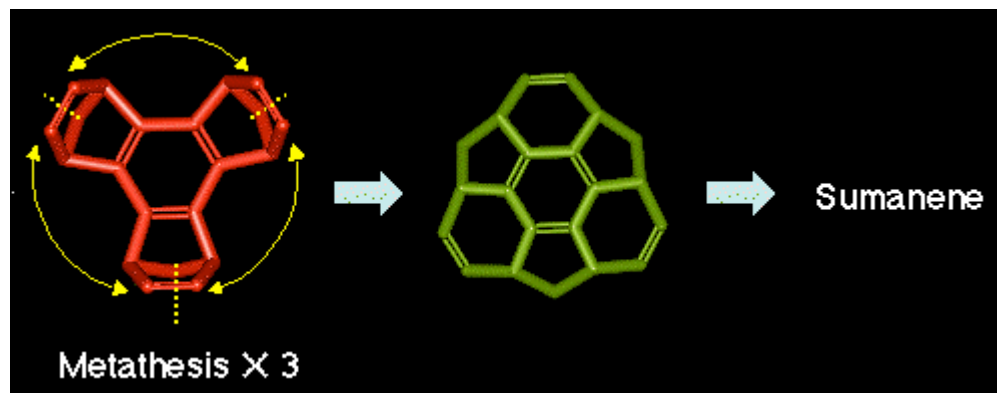
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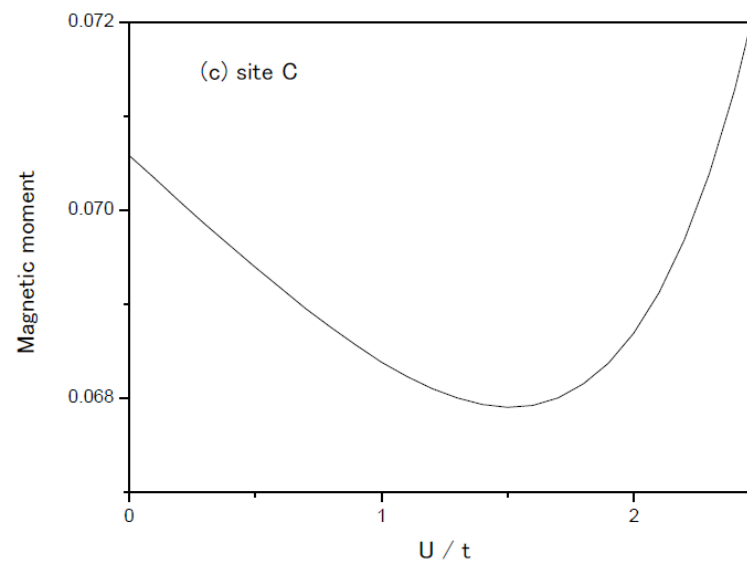
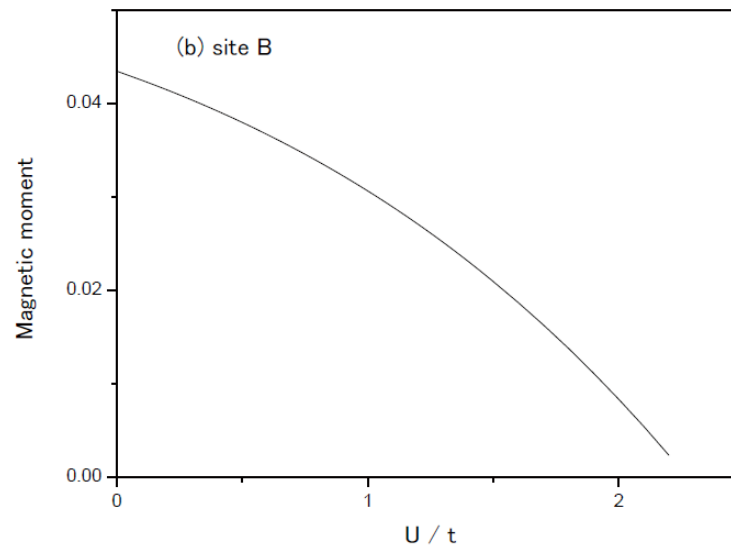
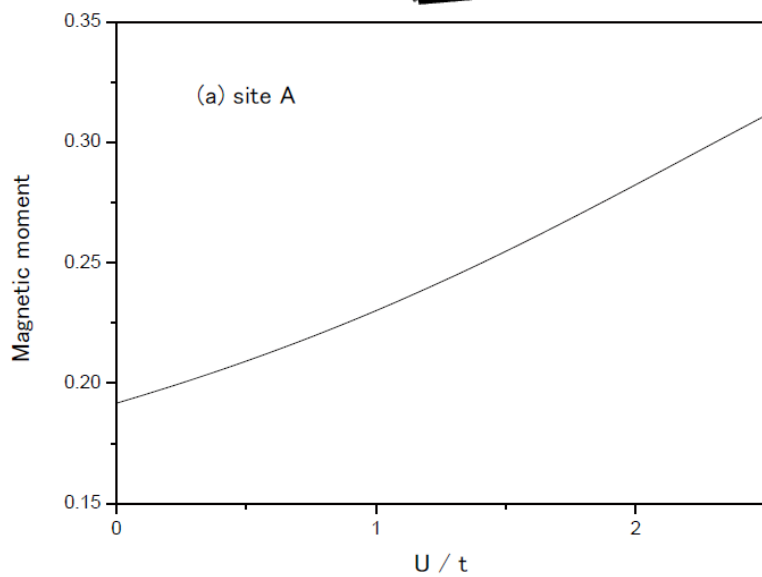
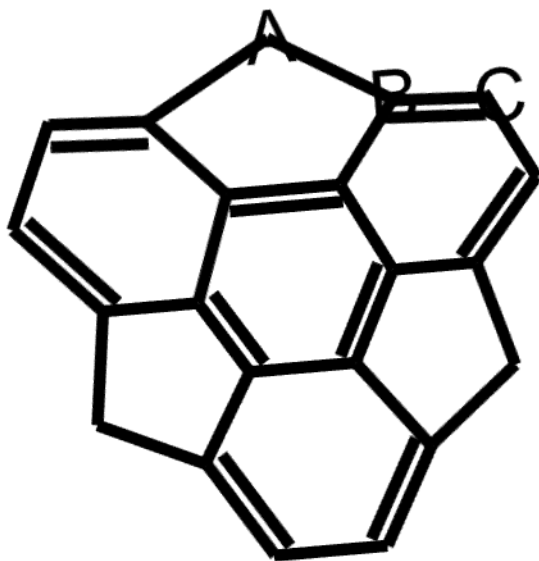
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The crystal where the  
molecules are stacked  
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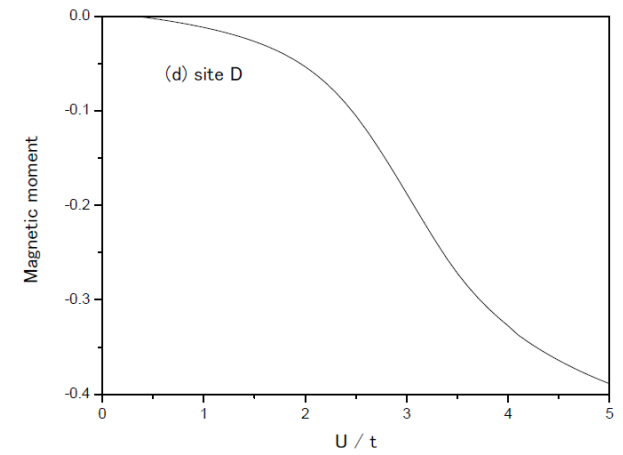
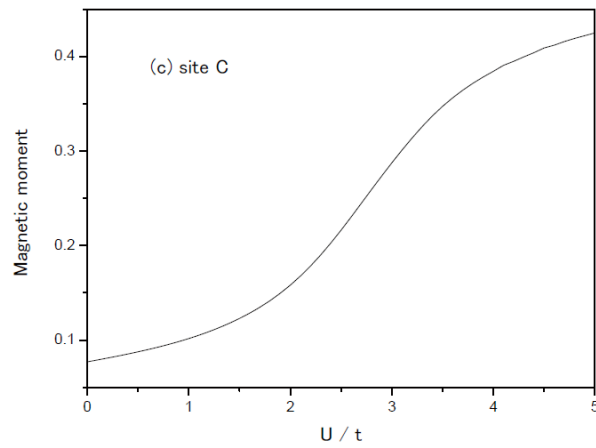
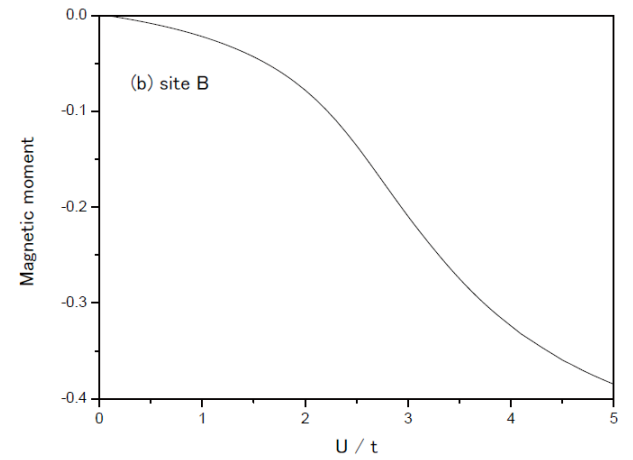
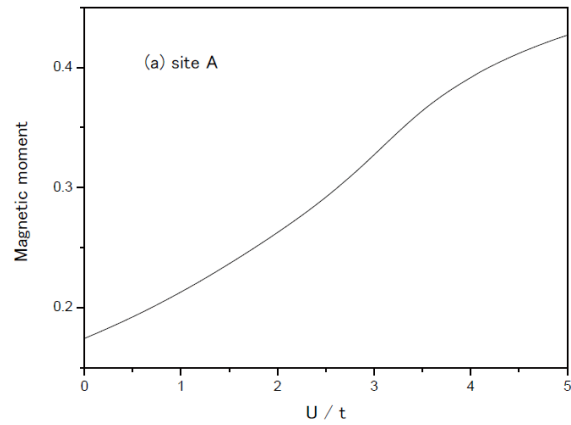
left: sumanene, right: collanulene



# sumanene



# a part of $C_{60}$



**Defective fullerenes and nanotubes as molecular magnets: An *ab initio* study**

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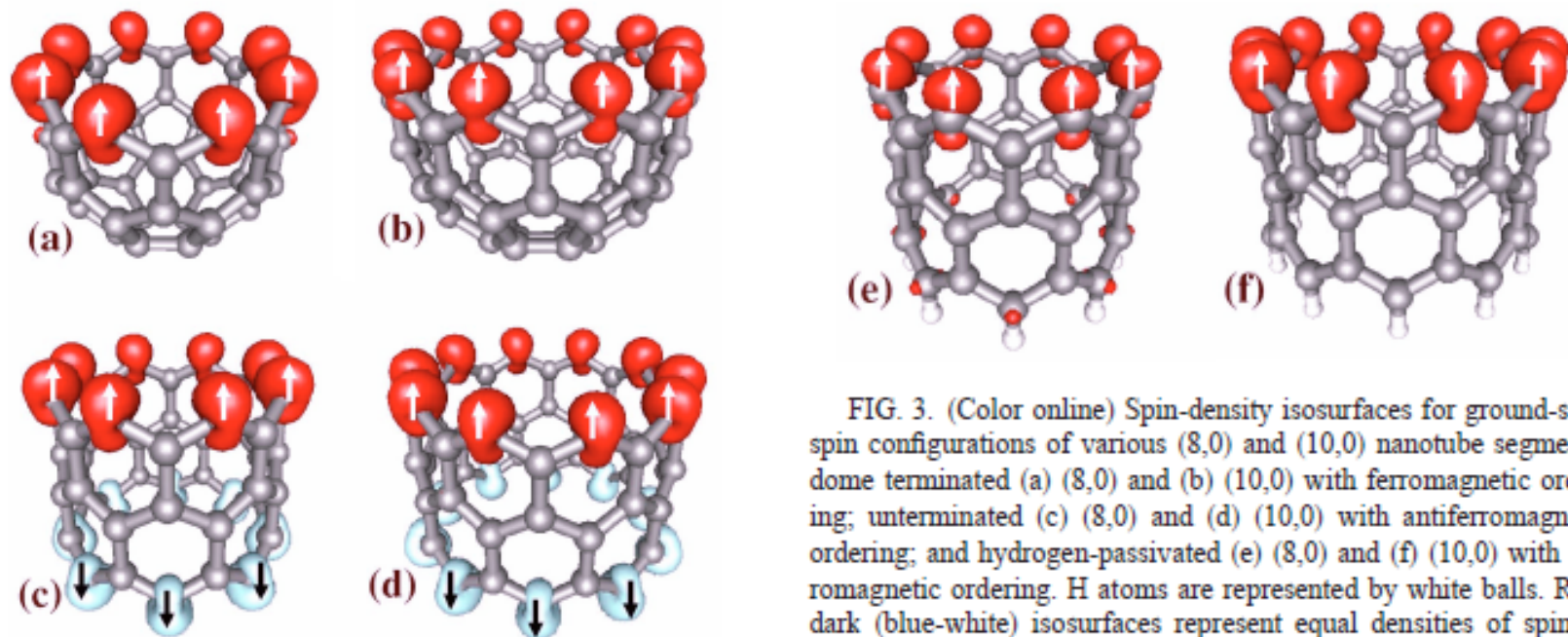


FIG. 3. (Color online) Spin-density isosurfaces for ground-state spin configurations of various (8,0) and (10,0) nanotube segments: dome terminated (a) (8,0) and (b) (10,0) with ferromagnetic ordering; underterminated (c) (8,0) and (d) (10,0) with antiferromagnetic ordering; and hydrogen-passivated (e) (8,0) and (f) (10,0) with ferromagnetic ordering. H atoms are represented by white balls. Red-dark (blue-white) isosurfaces represent equal densities of spin-up (spin-down) electrons, as indicated by arrows.

# Summary: contents of this preprint

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# Summary

1. When the number of lattice defects is even, magnetic and non-magnetic solutions are obtained. The total energy of the non-mag. solution is lower. Localized spins are suppressed for finite Coulomb interactions.
2. When the defect number is odd, the magnetic solution only appears. The spin alignment appears around the defects, reflecting the symmetries of the molecule.
3. Further, possible magnetism has been analyzed for bucky bowl molecules. The sumanene shows molecular magnetism, while a part of  $C_{60}$  shows spin alternation along the zigzag edge of the molecule.