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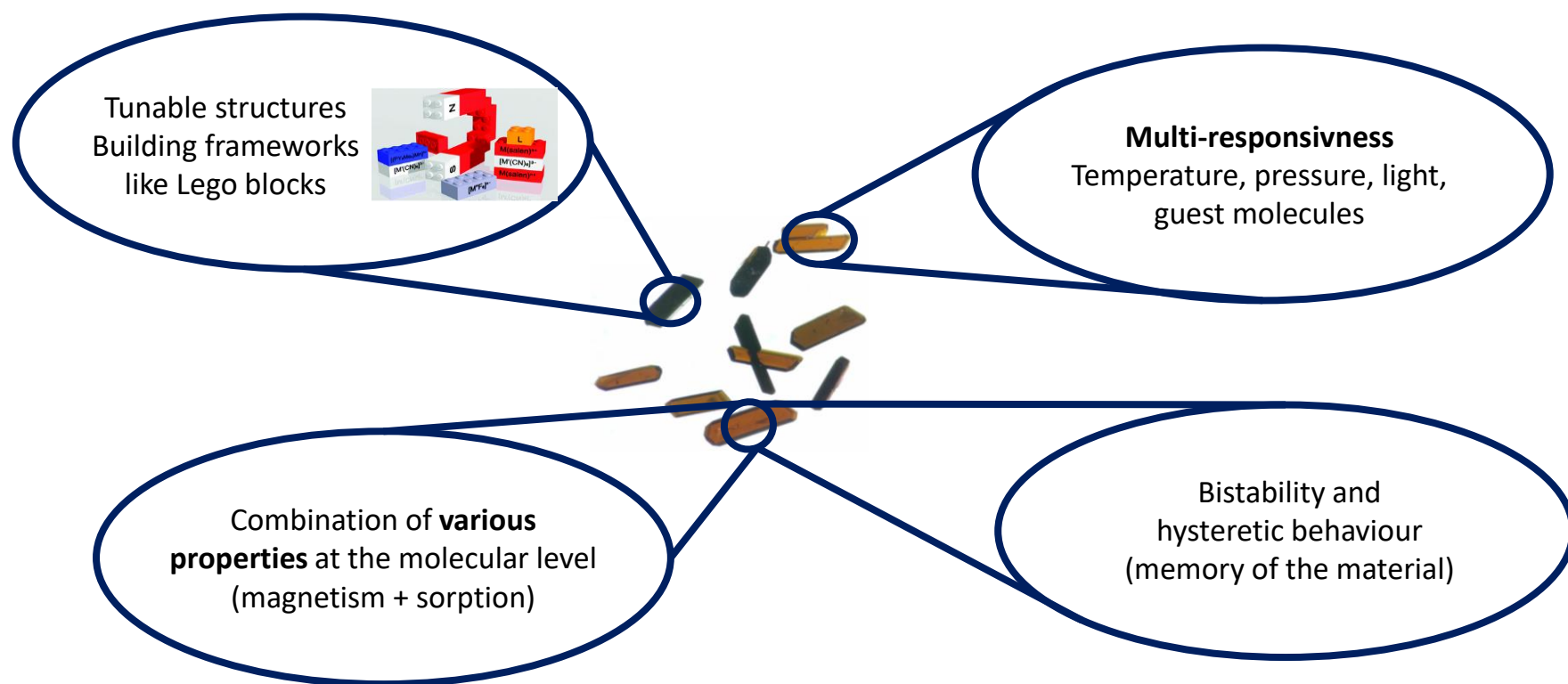
# Bistable molecular systems in electrospun polymer fibres

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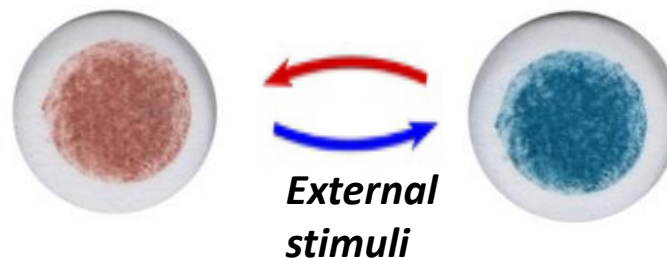
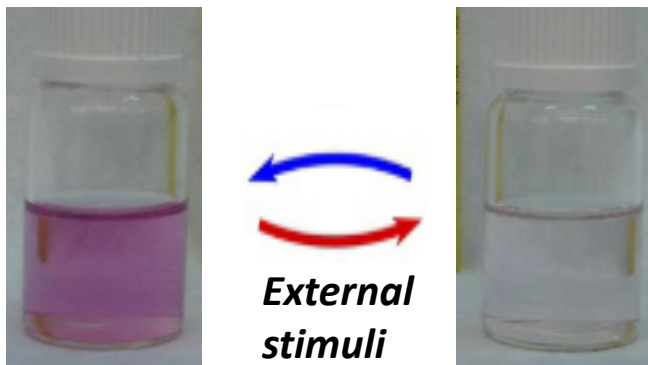
# Coordination polymers as molecular functional materials



# Switching abilities in molecular systems

## ***Bistability***

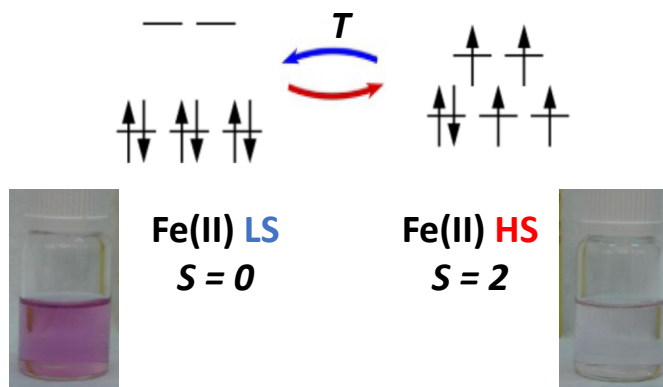
ability of the system to switch between two stable states under external stimuli



Switch „ON/OFF”

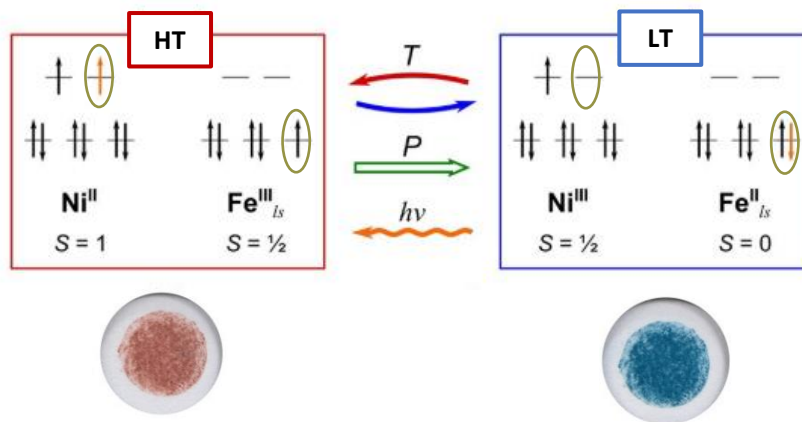
# Bistability in coordination polymer

Spin crossover effect



*Change of spin state*

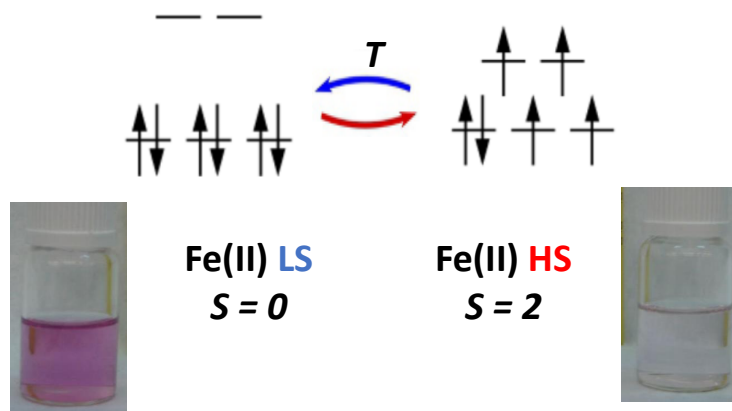
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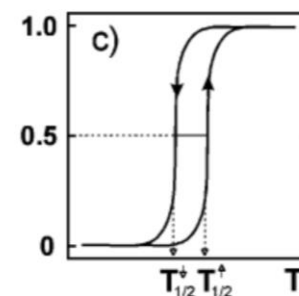
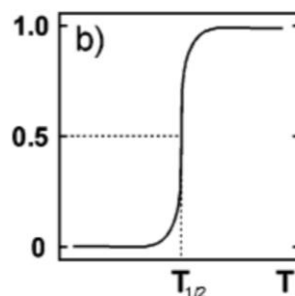
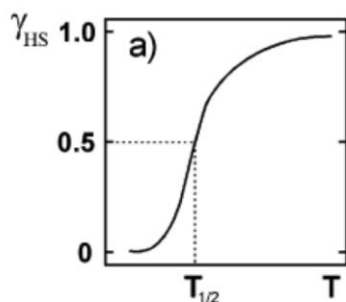
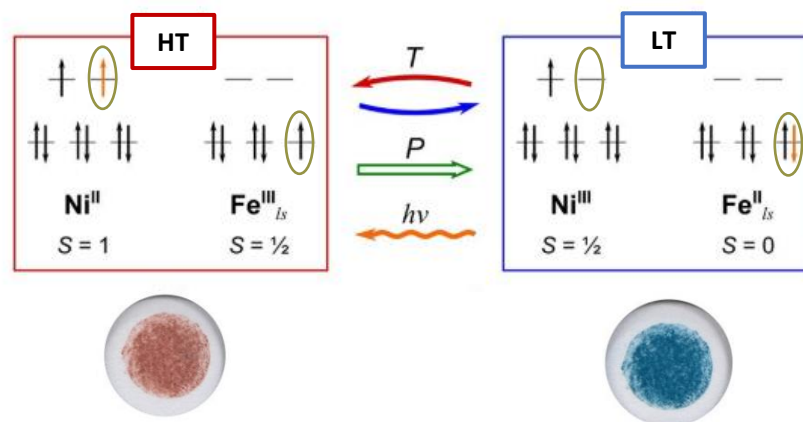
*Change of oxidation states*

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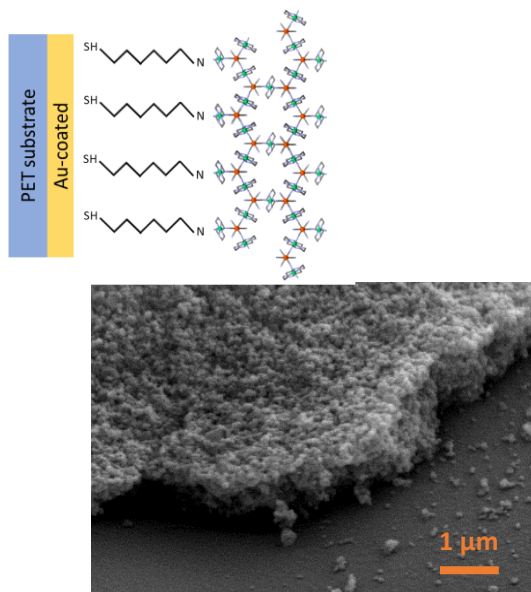


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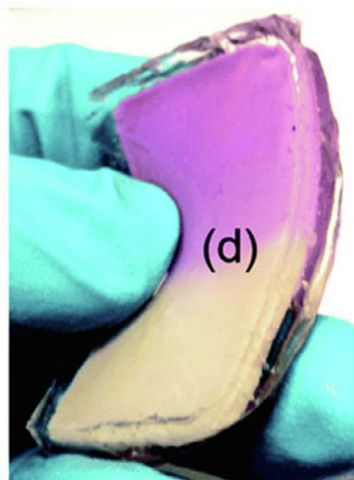
# How to make them more processable?

## Deposition on surfaces

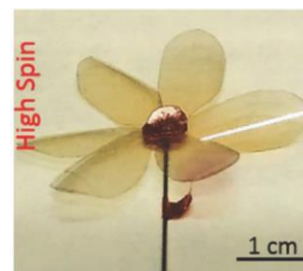
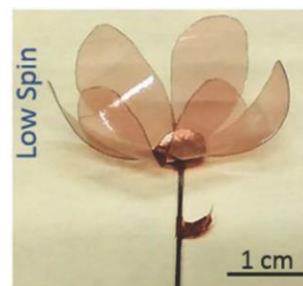


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## Combining with more flexible materials – polymer matrix



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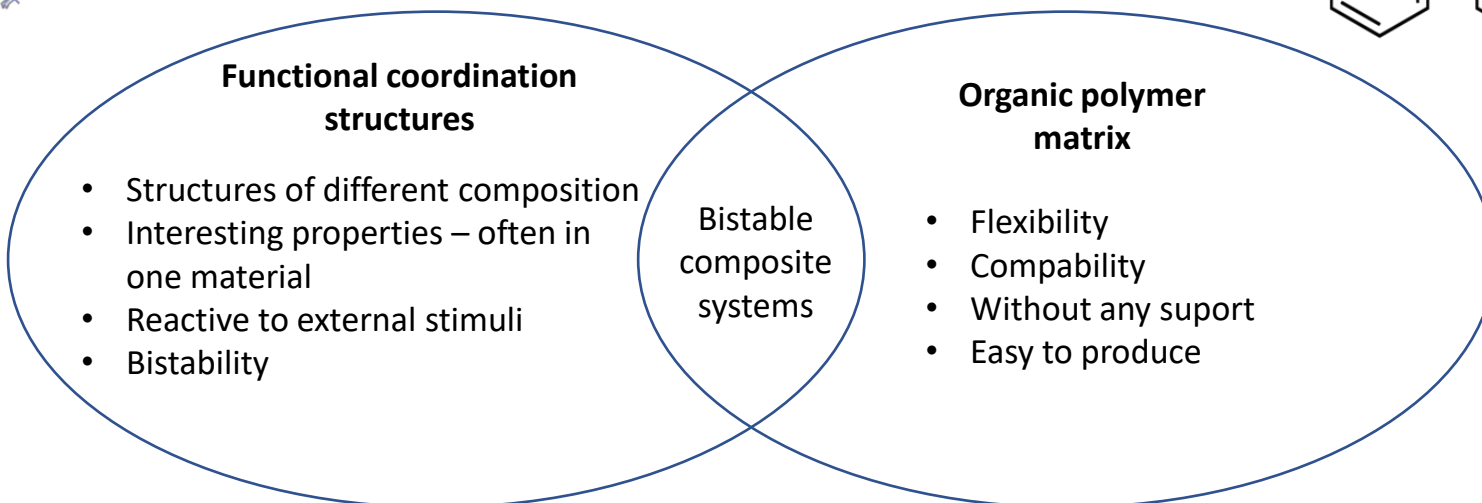
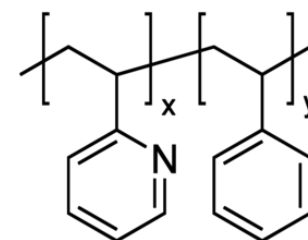
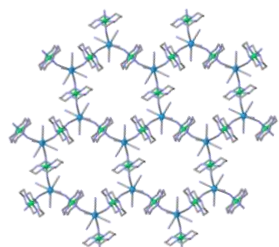
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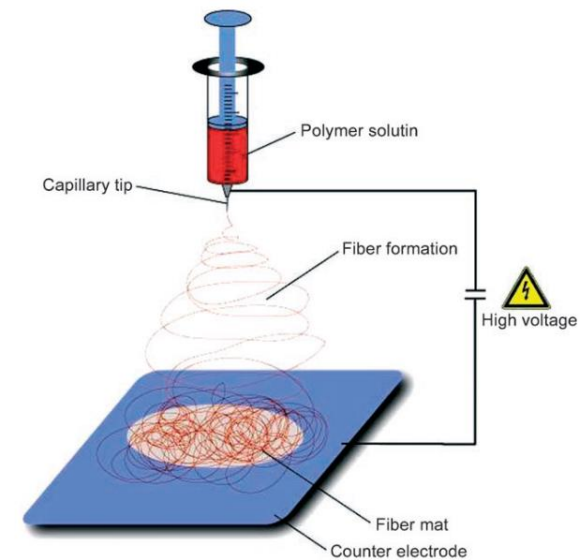
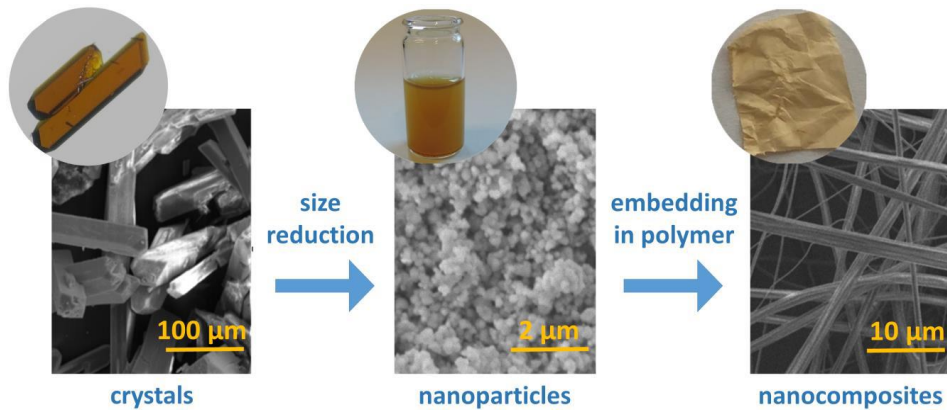
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# Goal

Introducing brittle bistable molecular materials into the flexible polymer matrix



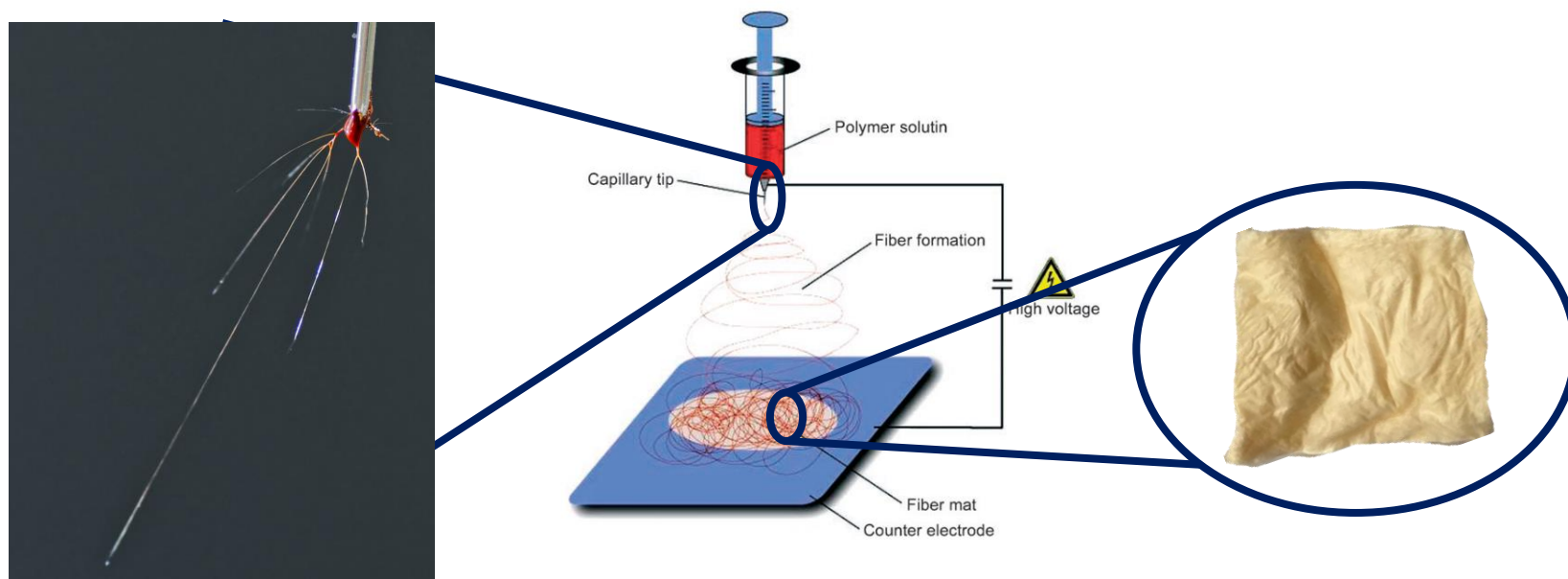
# Preparation of composite materials - electrospinning



**Electrospinning  
process**



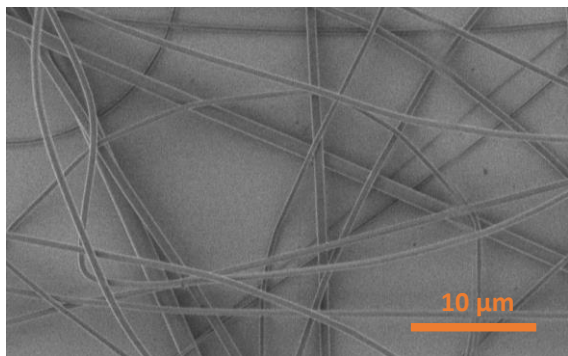
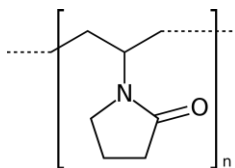
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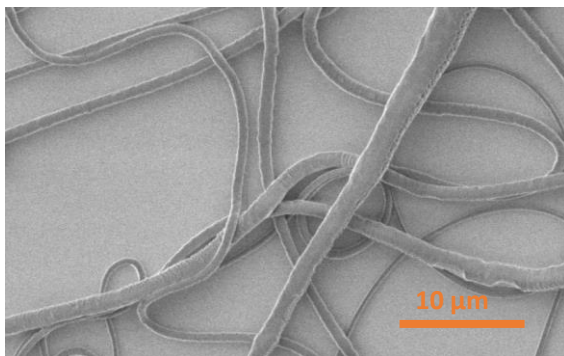
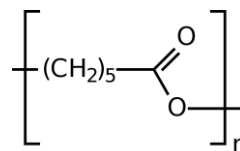
# Preparation of composite materials

- Polymers used:

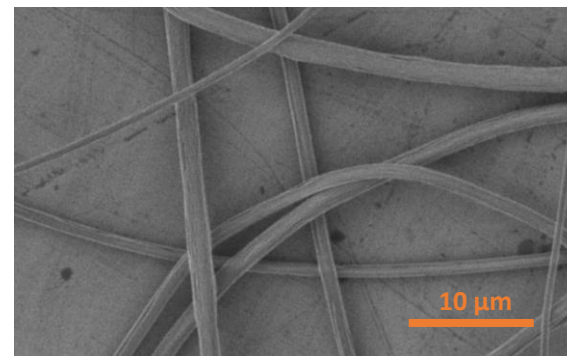
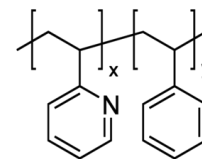
Polyvinylpyrrolidone - PVP



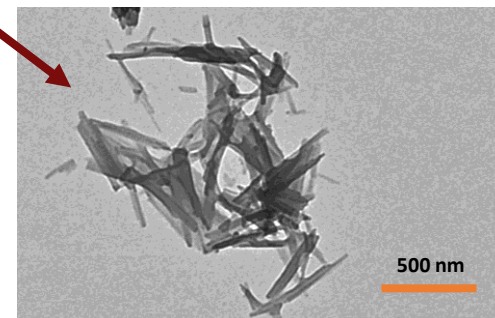
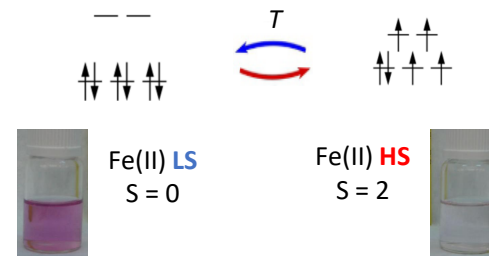
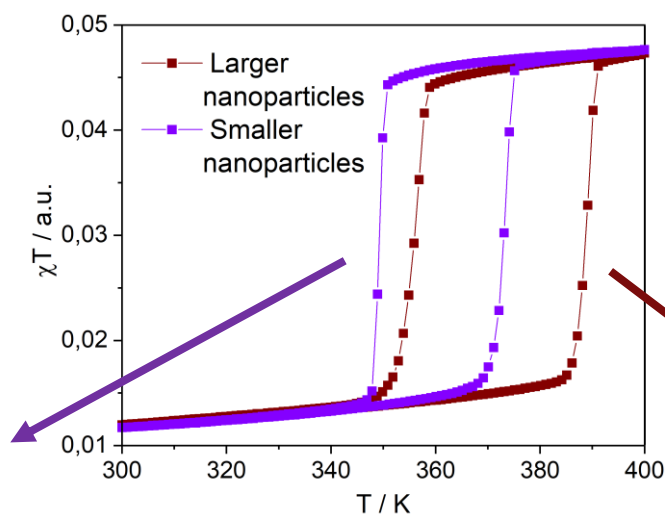
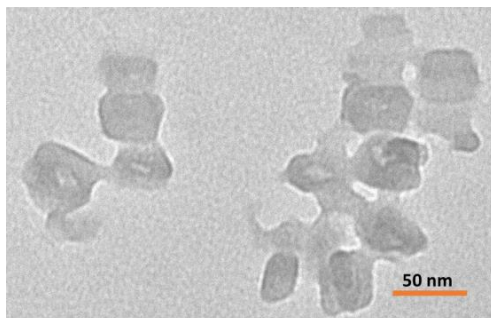
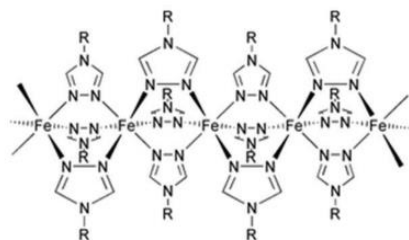
Poly(ε – lactone) - PCL



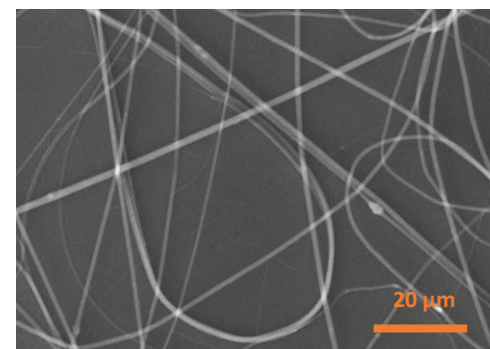
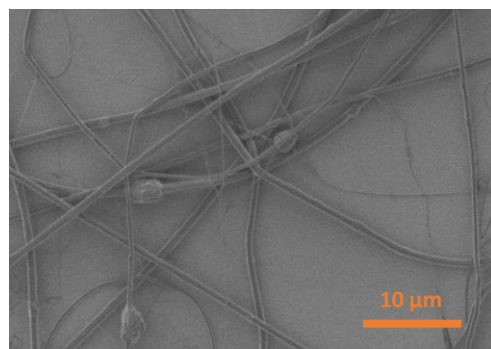
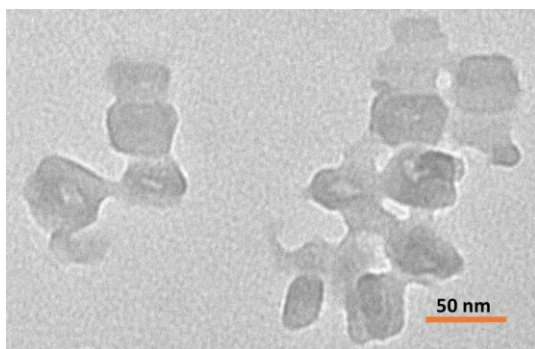
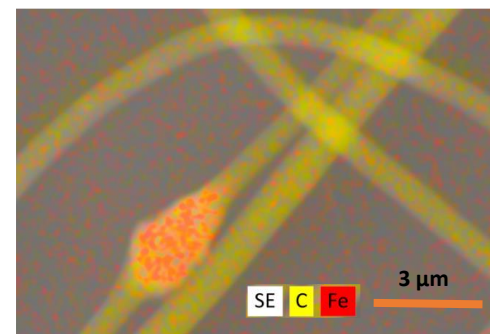
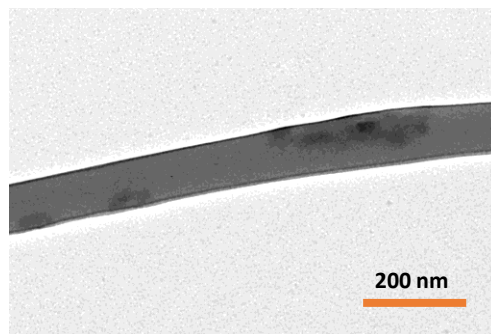
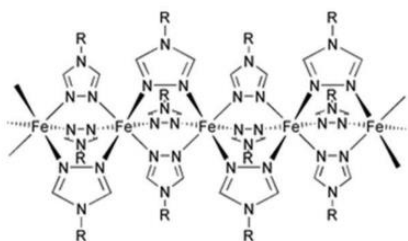
Poly(2-vinylpyridine-co-styrene) – P2VP-PS



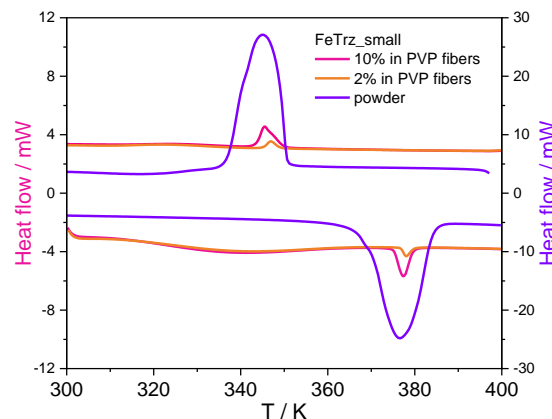
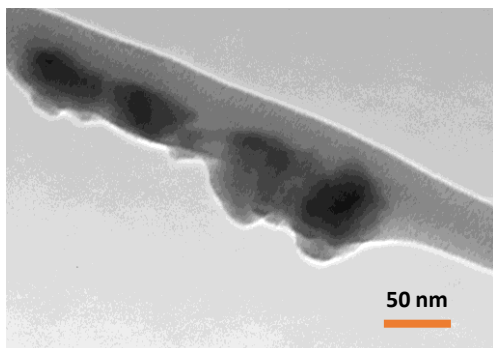
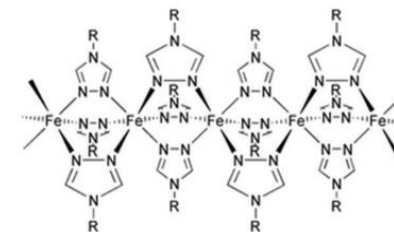
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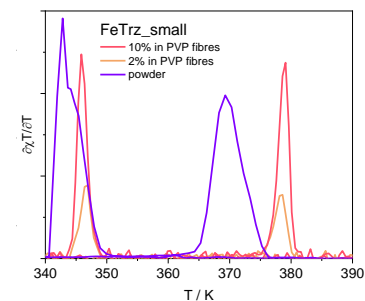
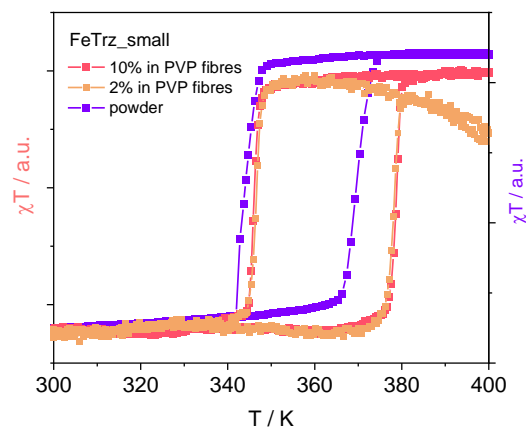
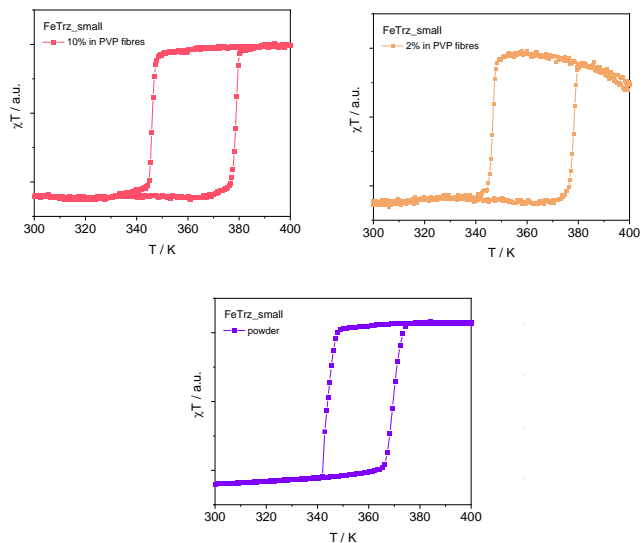
# Nanoparticles of $[\text{Fe}(\text{Htrz})_2(\text{trz})](\text{BF}_4) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ in PVP fibers



# Bistability of FeTrz NP in PVP fibers

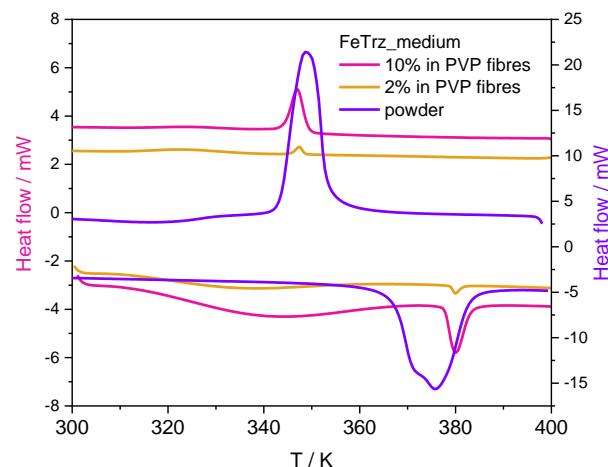
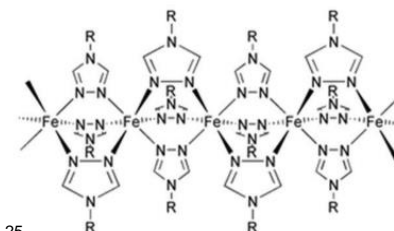
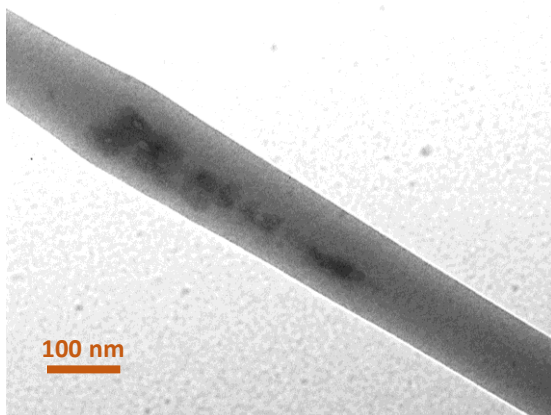


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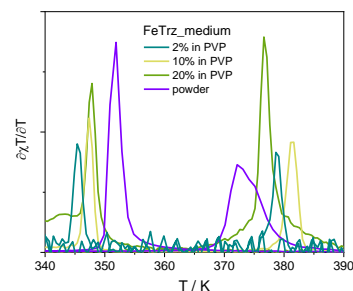
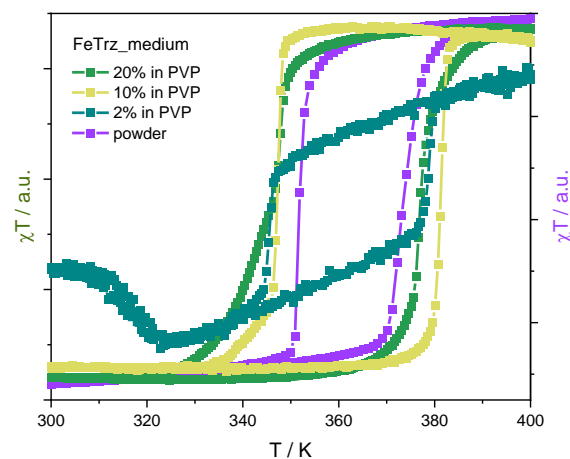
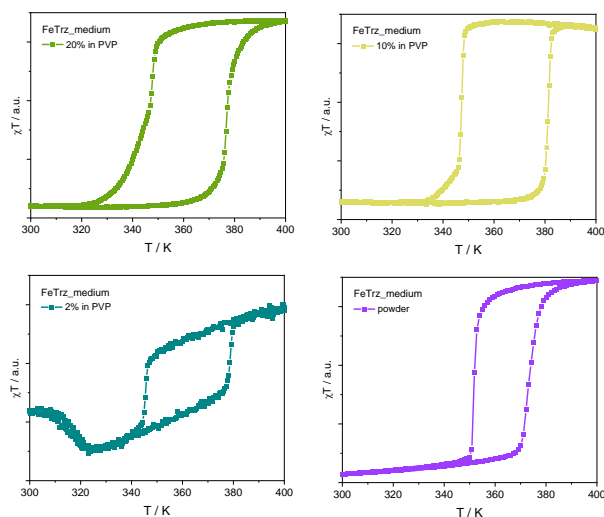


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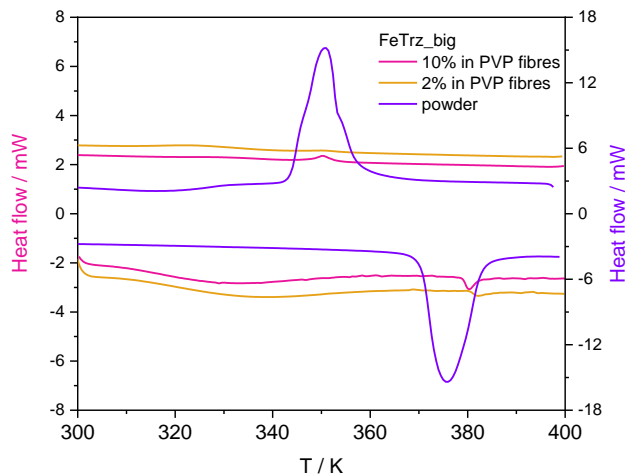
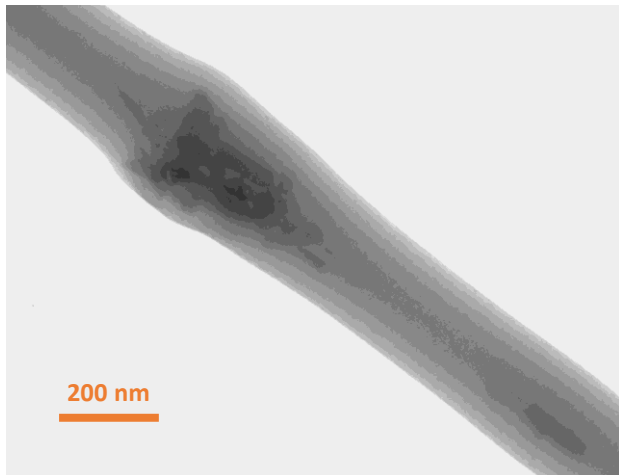
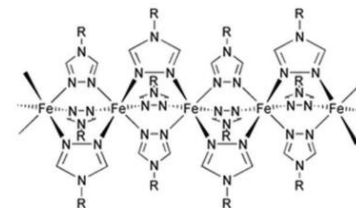


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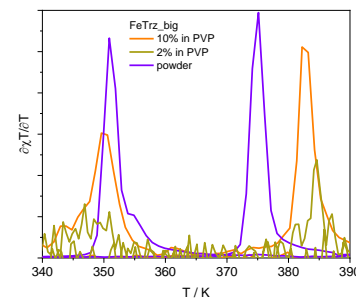
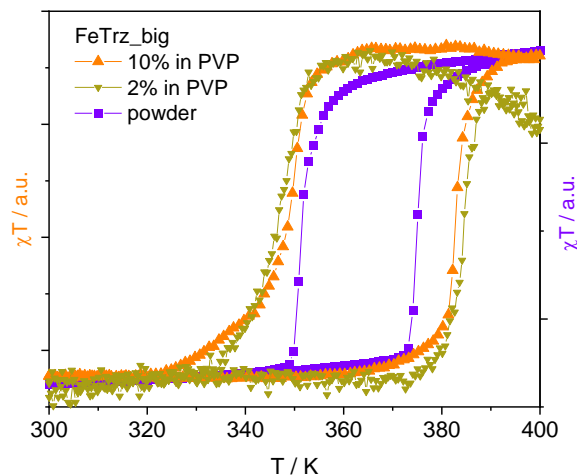
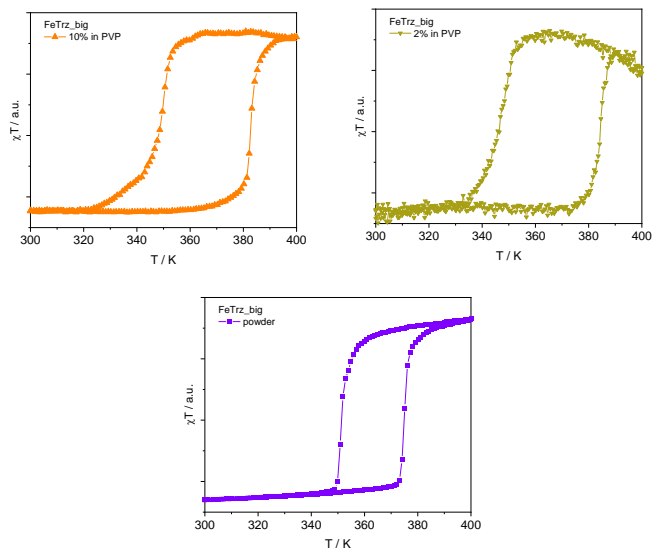


Magnetic measurements

# Bistability of FeTrz NP in PVP fibers



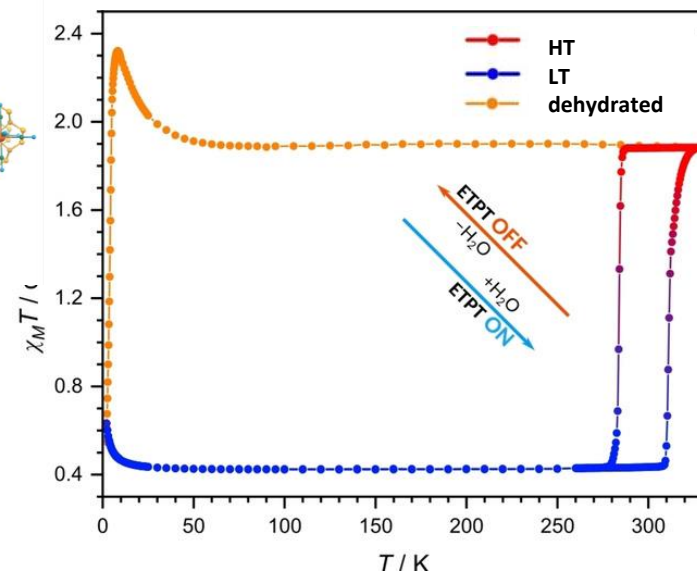
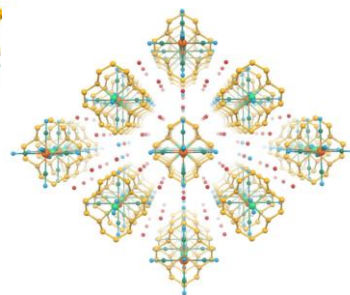
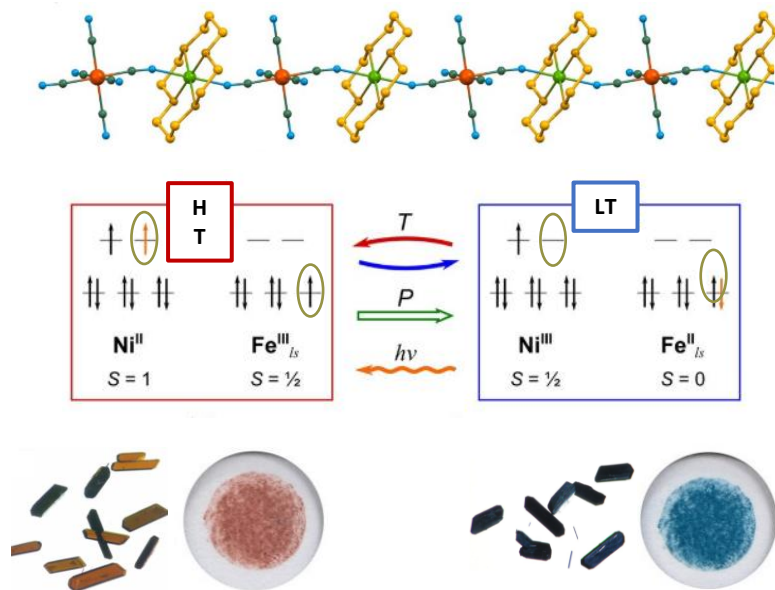
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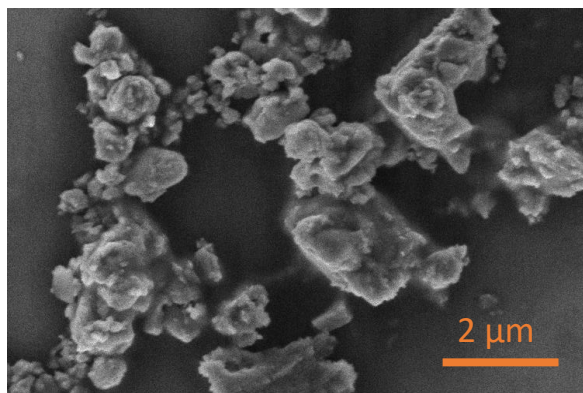


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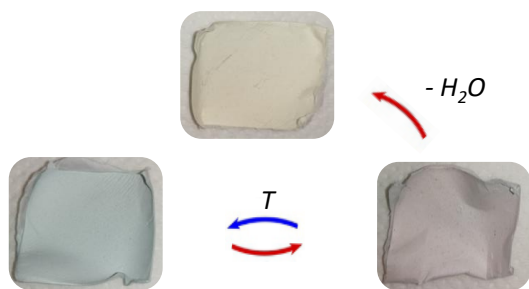
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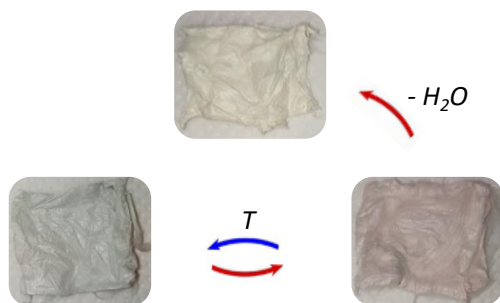
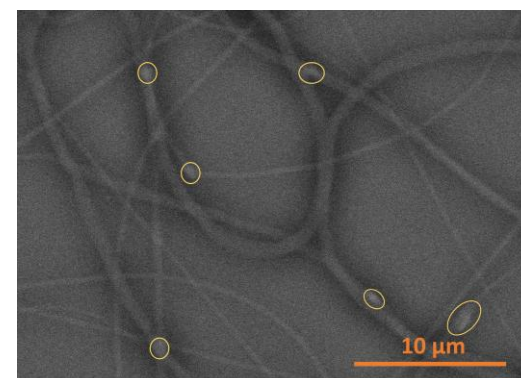
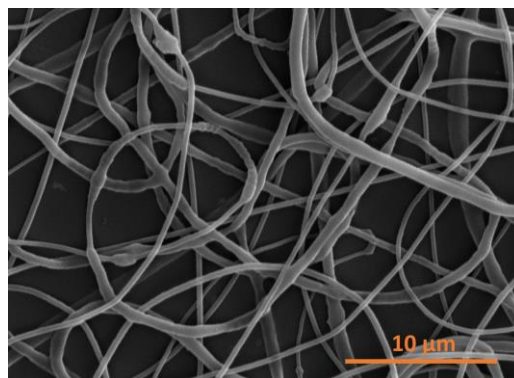




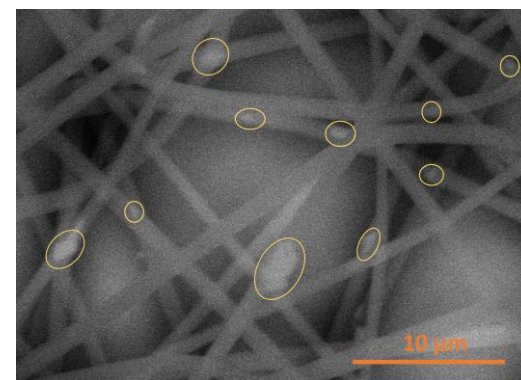
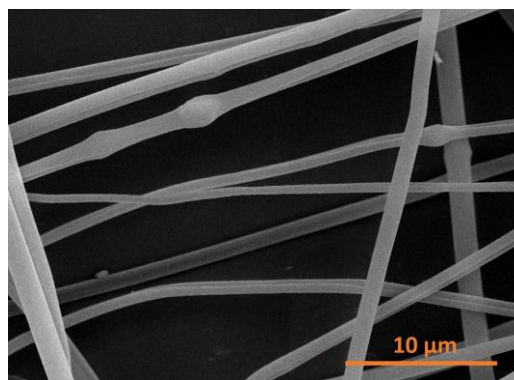
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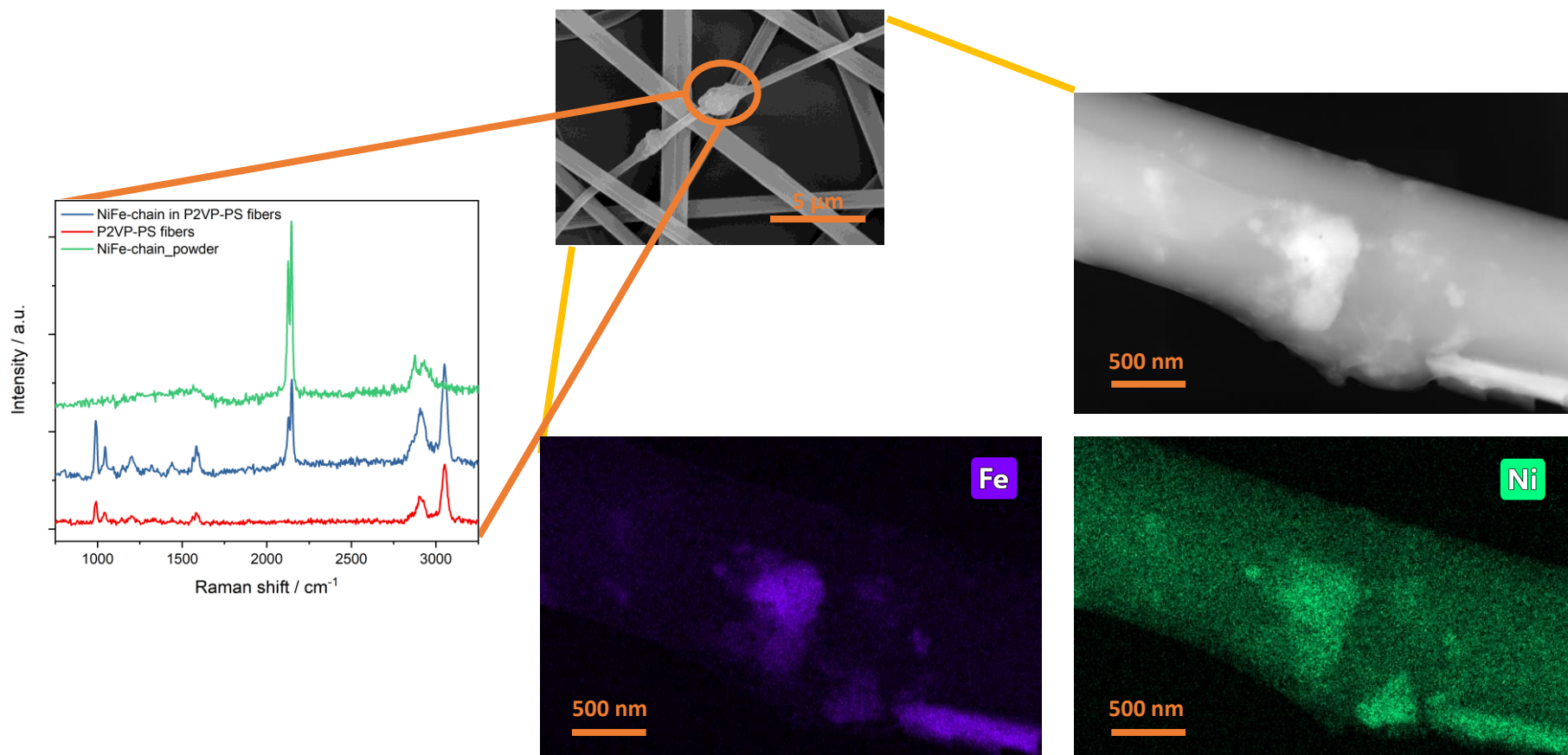
~14% of NiFe-chain in **PCL**  
**fibers**



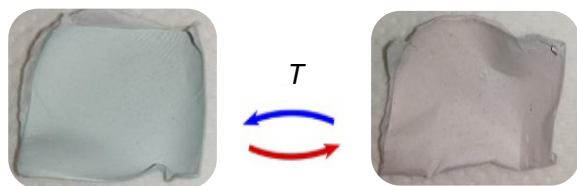
~14% of NiFe-chain in **P2VP-PS**  
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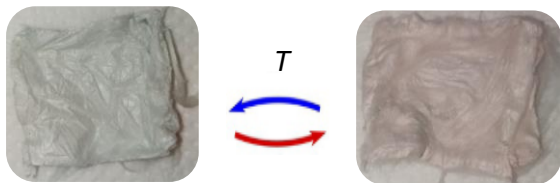
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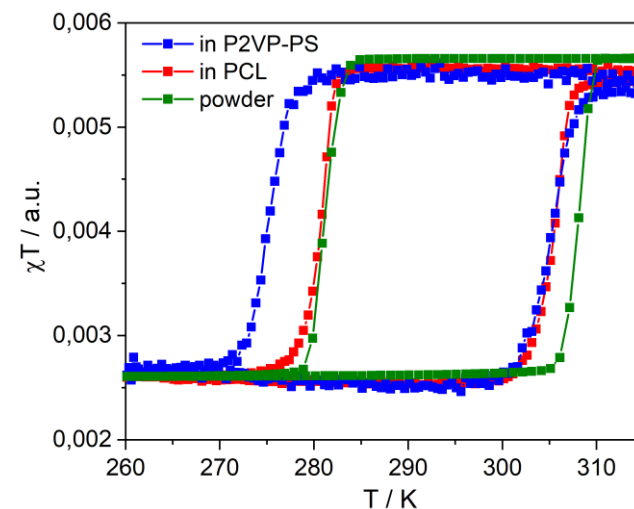
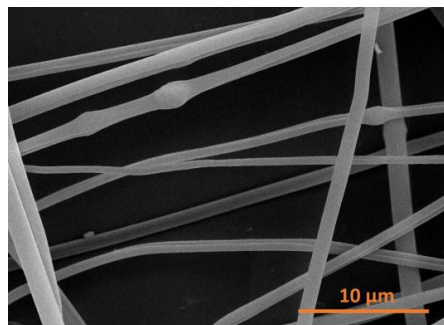
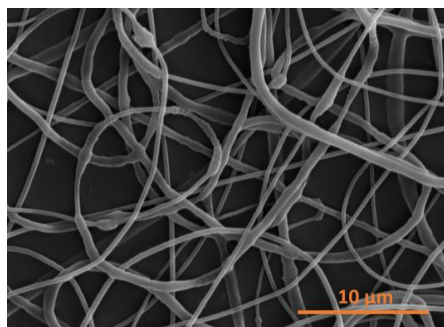
# Bistability of fibers – magnetic measurement



~14% of NiFe-chain in PCL fibers



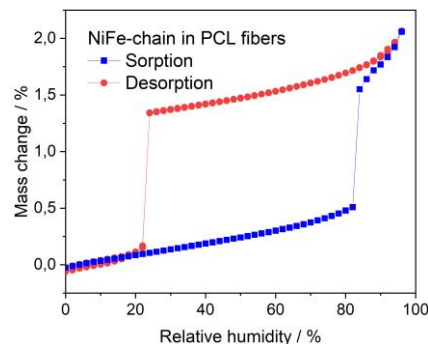
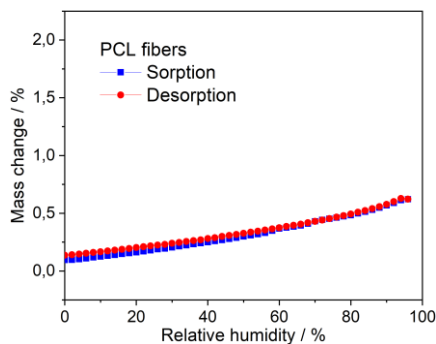
~14% of NiFe-chain in P2VP-PS  
fibers



	In P2VP-PS	In PCL	powder
$T_{1/2} \downarrow$	274 K	281 K	281 K
$T_{1/2} \uparrow$	306 K	306 K	308 K

# Sorption properties

## PCL fibers



+ NiFe-chain



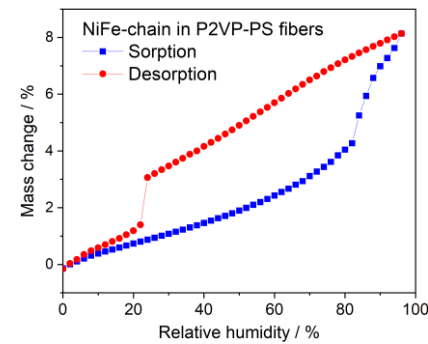
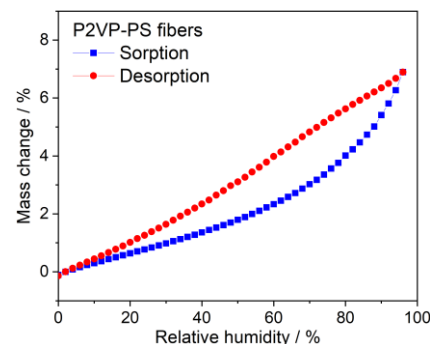
+  $H_2O$



-  $H_2O$



## P2VP-PS fibers



+ NiFe-chain



+  $H_2O$

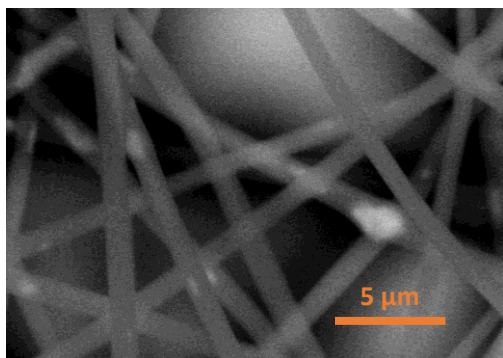


-  $H_2O$

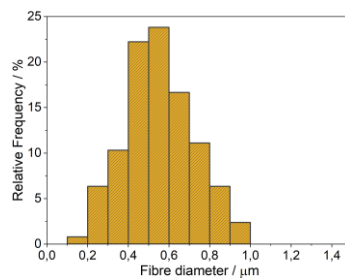
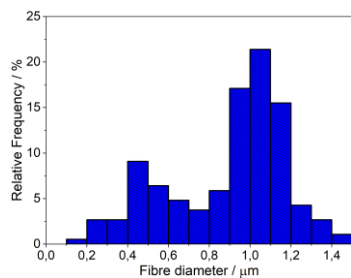
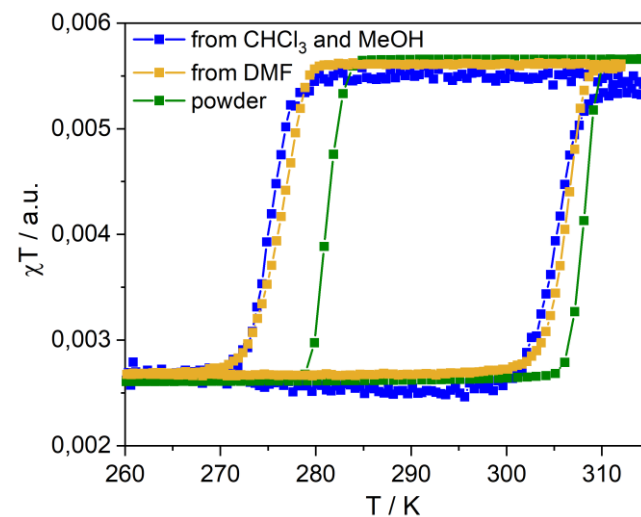
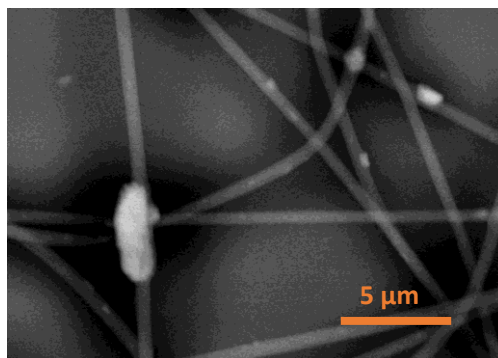


# Change of solvent for P2VP-PS fibers

Fibers from  $\text{CHCl}_3$  and MeOH



Fibers from DMF



	from $\text{CHCl}_3$ + MeOH	from DMF	powder
$T_{1/2} \downarrow$	274 K	277 K	281 K
$T_{1/2} \uparrow$	306 K	306 K	308 K

# Conclusions

- ❑ We were able to incorporate two different systems into the polymer matrix in the form of electrospun fibers (1D confinement).
- ❑ The obtained materials retain the switching abilities of fillers (coordination systems).
- ❑ For the composites with NiFe-chain we discovered that the polymer matrix secures the fragile bistable material from external conditions (keeps the NiFe-chain sub-micro particles in the hydrated form in which shows bistability).
- ❑ The functional coordination materials in the form of composites (electrospun fibers) are more processable and it is easier to take advantage of their switching abilities on a bigger scale.



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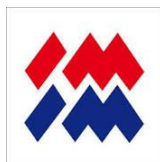


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