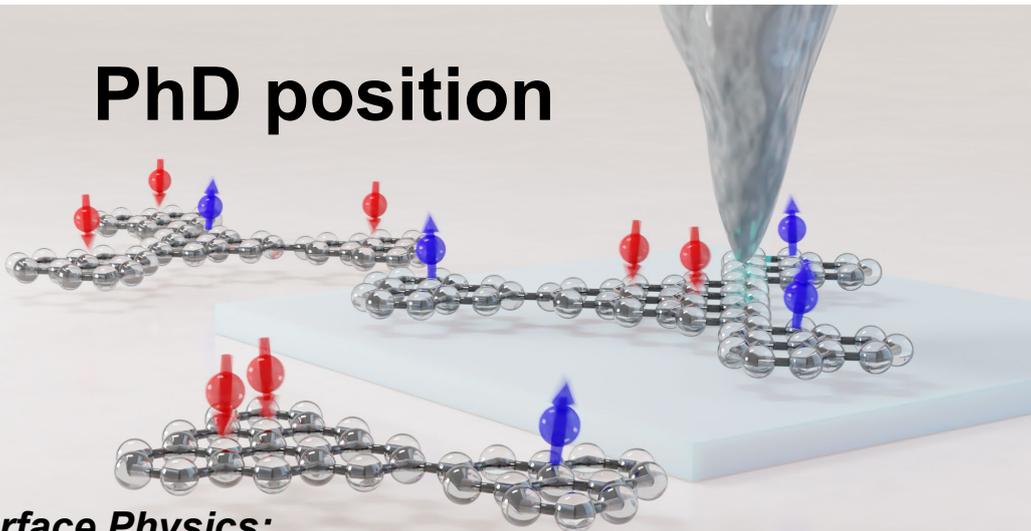


# PhD position



***in Experimental Surface Physics:  
Bottom-up design and exploration of  $\pi$ -electron quantum magnetism***

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## **PhD Position in Scanning Probe Investigation of Carbon-based Quantum Spin Systems.**

We are looking for highly motivated and talented candidates with a strong experimental background in Solid State Physics, Surface Science or Physical Chemistry to take up a challenging PhD position in the area of low-dimensional carbon nanomaterials. This PhD project focuses on the on-surface synthesis of magnetic nanographenes with chemically controlled exchange coupling strengths and their characterization under ultrahigh vacuum conditions using state-of-the-art scanning probe methods such as scanning tunneling microscopy/spectroscopy and non-contact atomic force microscopy.

The successful candidate will interact closely with an interdisciplinary consortium of four research groups (Empa, ETH Zurich, University of Zurich and the International Iberian Nanotechnology Center (Portugal)) bringing together expertise in synthetic chemistry, surface physics

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Required qualifications include a Master's Degree in Physics or Physical Chemistry. A solid background in Surface Science and previous experience using scanning probe methods or other ultrahigh vacuum surface analysis equipment would be significant benefits. Very good communication skills in English are essential. The position is available upon agreement with a planned duration of 4 years.

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