

Magnetism the Big picture

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- I. Science rules the Earth - OK?
- II. The end of an aether
- III. What the ancients knew
- IV. Billions of magnets for billions of people



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The first 3.5 Ga.



1	1	one	x
10	10	ten	
10 ²	100	hundred	
10 ³	1000	thousand	kx kilo
10 ⁴	10000	ten thousand	
10 ⁵	100000	hundred thousand	
10 ⁶	1000000	million	Mx mega
10 ⁷	10000000	ten million	
10 ⁸	100000000	hundred million	
10 ⁹	1000000000	billion	Gx giga
10 ¹⁰	10000000000	ten billion	

1	1	one	x
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10^{-2}	0.01	hundredth	
10^{-3}	0.001	thousandth	mx milli
10^{-4}	0.0001	ten thousand	
10^{-5}	0.00001	hundred thousand	
10^{-6}	0.000001	millionth	μx micro
10^{-7}	0.0000001	ten millionth	
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Big bang 14 Ga

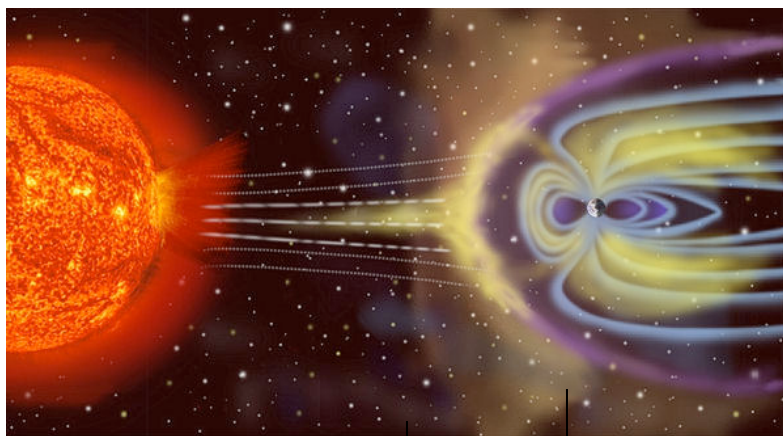


Formation of the Earth 4.5 Ga

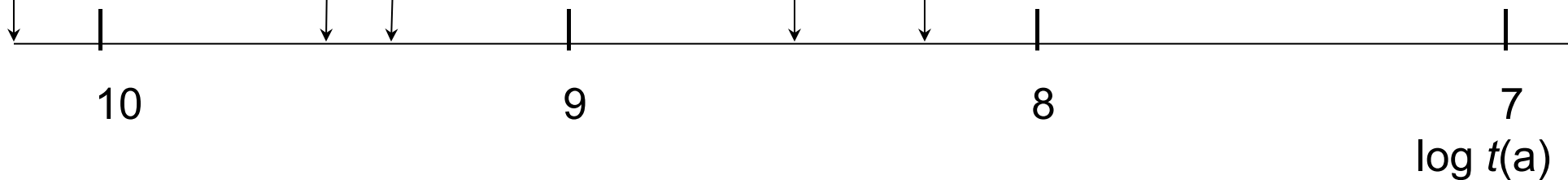


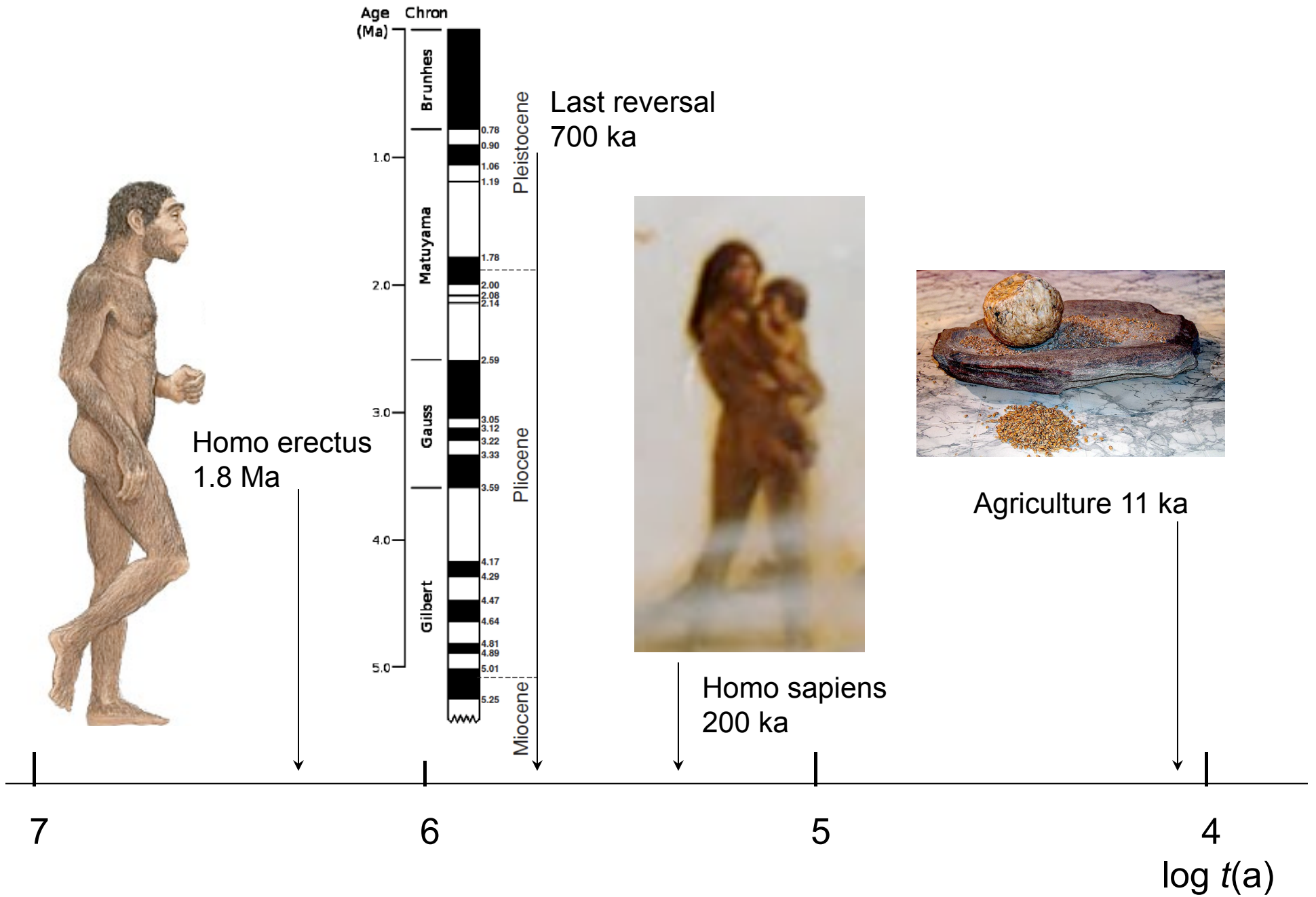
Pangaea 240 Ma

Earth's magnetic field 3.5 Ga



Magnetotactic bacteria 150 Ma







Writing 7 ka



Discovery ~3 ka



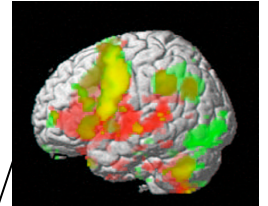
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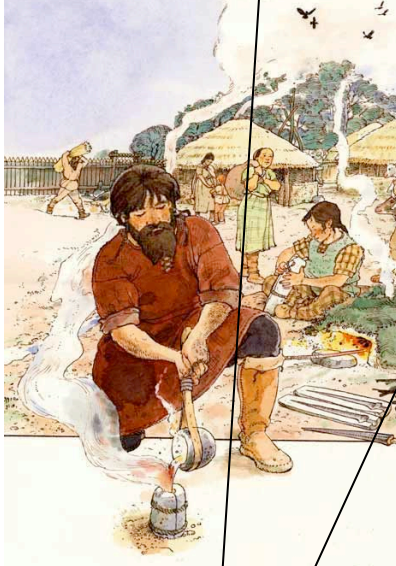
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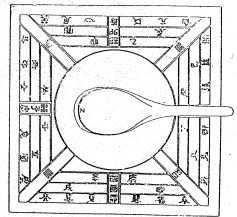
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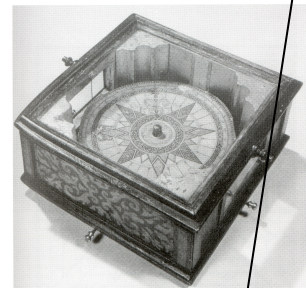
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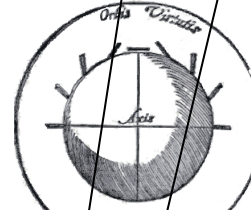
Iron metallurgy
3.8 ka



South pointer 2.2 ka



Compass 1.0 ka 410 a

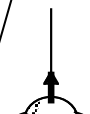


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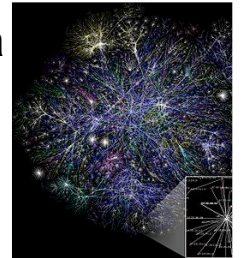
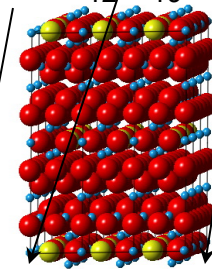
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Magnetic recording 110 a

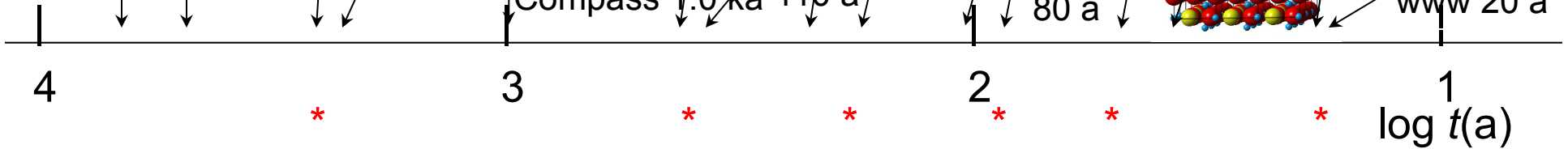


Spin
80 a

BaFe₁₂O₁₉ 55 a



www 20 a



2. What the ancients knew

- Olmecs and Sumerians
- Greeks
- Chinese
- The Compass
- Dreams
- Mines



Magnetism and
Spin Electronics



2. What the ancients knew

The mysterious behaviour of lodestones, rocks naturally magnetized by lightning strikes, and their strange love for iron was known in ancient China, Greece, Sumer and Mesoamerica. The directional property, attributed to the heavens, was used first for geomancy and then, a millenium later when occult knowledge became public, for navigation. The great voyages of discovery of Africa by the Chinese and America by the Europeans, all depended on the compass. The ancients dreamt of levitation and perpetual motion. So do we.

Child A discovers the magnetic force.

The age of discoveries; -1000 to 1600

A wonder I experienced as a child of 4 or 5 years when my father showed me a compass. That a needle behaved in such a determined way did not at all fit into the nature of events. I can still remember (or at least I believe I can remember) that this experience made a deep and lasting impression on me *Albert Einstein*



Olmecs and Sumerians



Sea turtle with a magnetic snout



Polished hematite bar

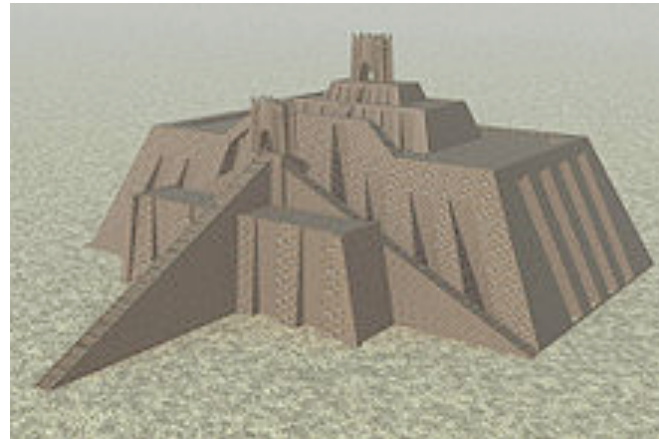


The Olmec heartland; 1400 - 400 BC

Olmecs and Sumerians



Sumer 4000 - 2000 BC



Greeks

Thales

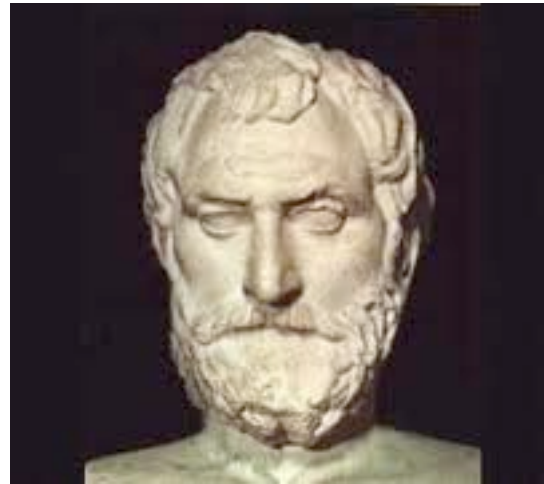
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Pythagoreans

Pliny of

Magnet

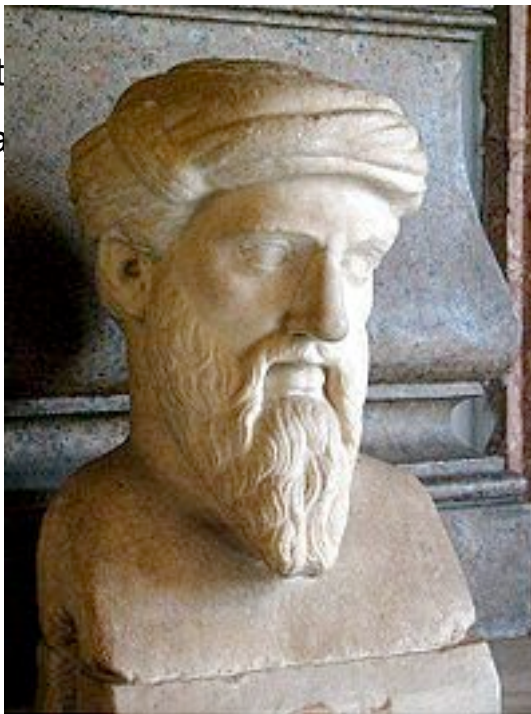
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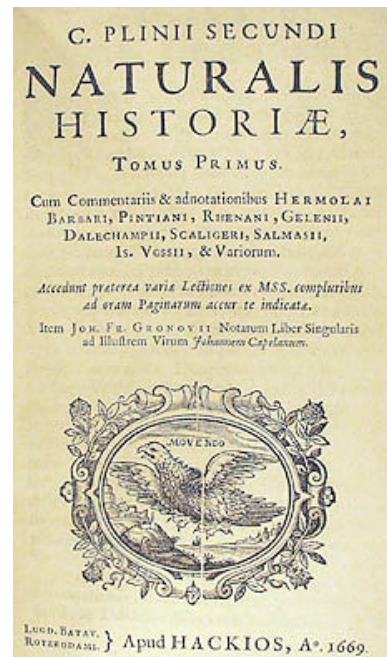
Thales of Miletus 624-545 BC



Pliny the Elder 23 - 79 AD



Pythagoras of Samos 570-495 BC





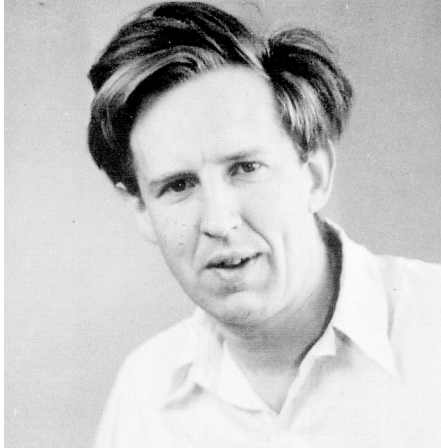
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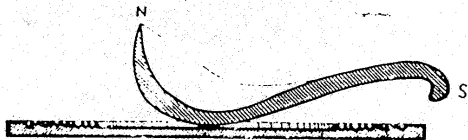
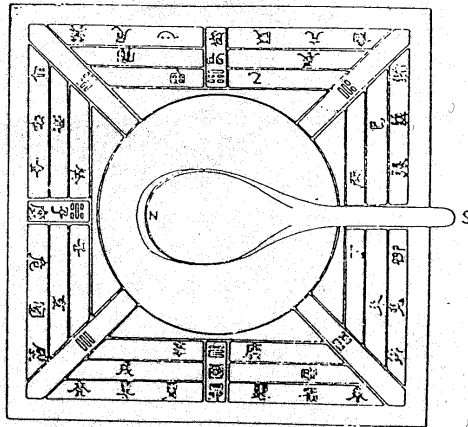
The Greeks knew the magnet attracted iron, and the attracted iron would attract other bits, and so on. But what they did not know was that there was any relation between the magnet and direction. This is one of the greatest discoveries: in fact *I would say without doubt, that it is the greatest discovery, in view of the difficulty in making it, in the whole of physics*. Because it was one of those things that could not be predicted. No one was in a position to say that if you take a magnet and suspend it freely, it will point north and south. First of all, why should you suspend a magnet freely? There was absolutely no reason to do so. Then why should it point north and south? What is there north and south that concerns a magnet? There is no *a priori* connection between the two.

J. D. Bernal; The Extension of Man

Chinese

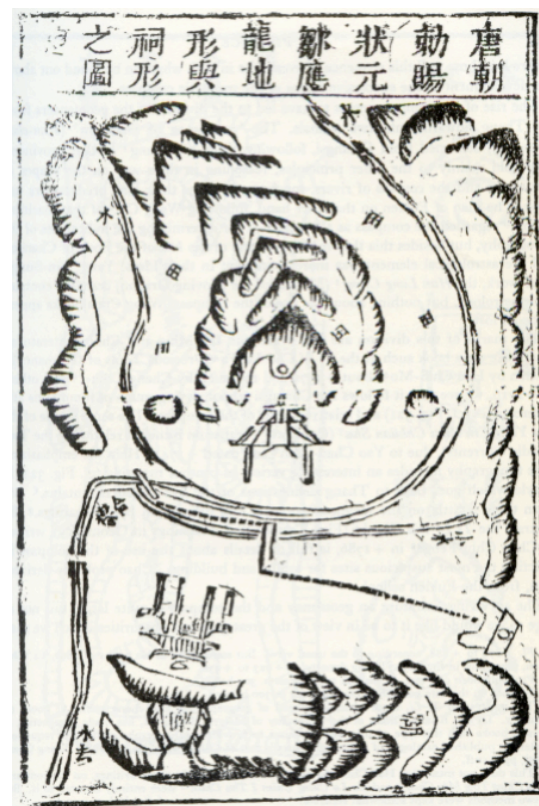
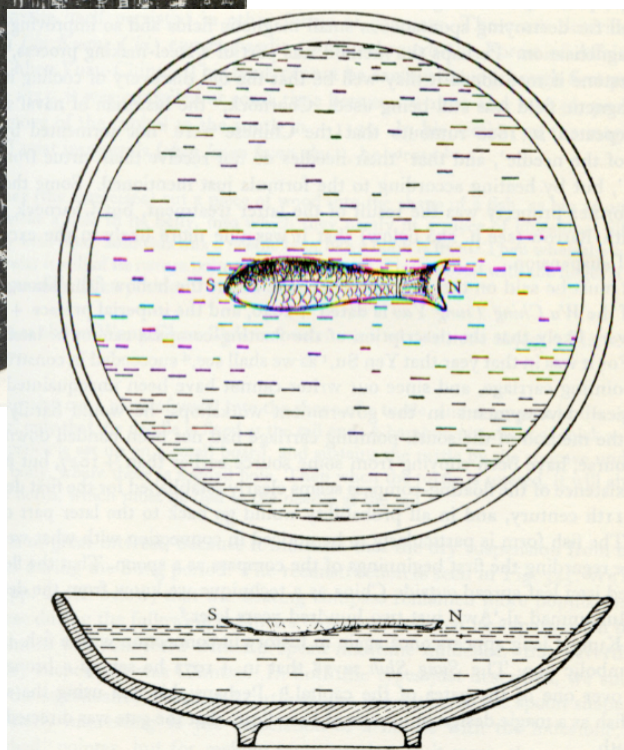
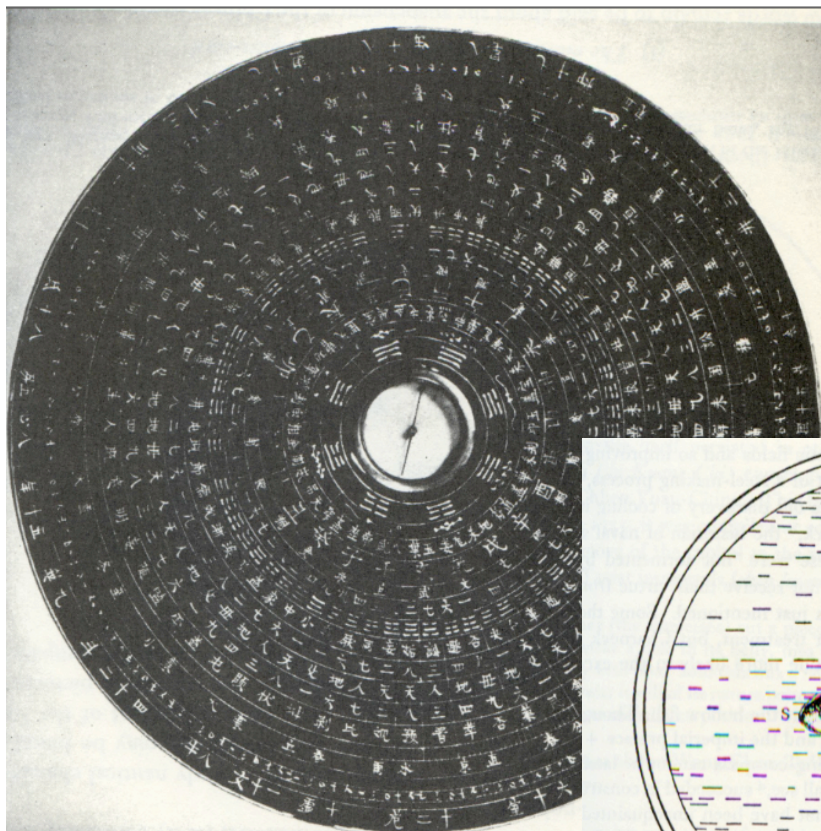
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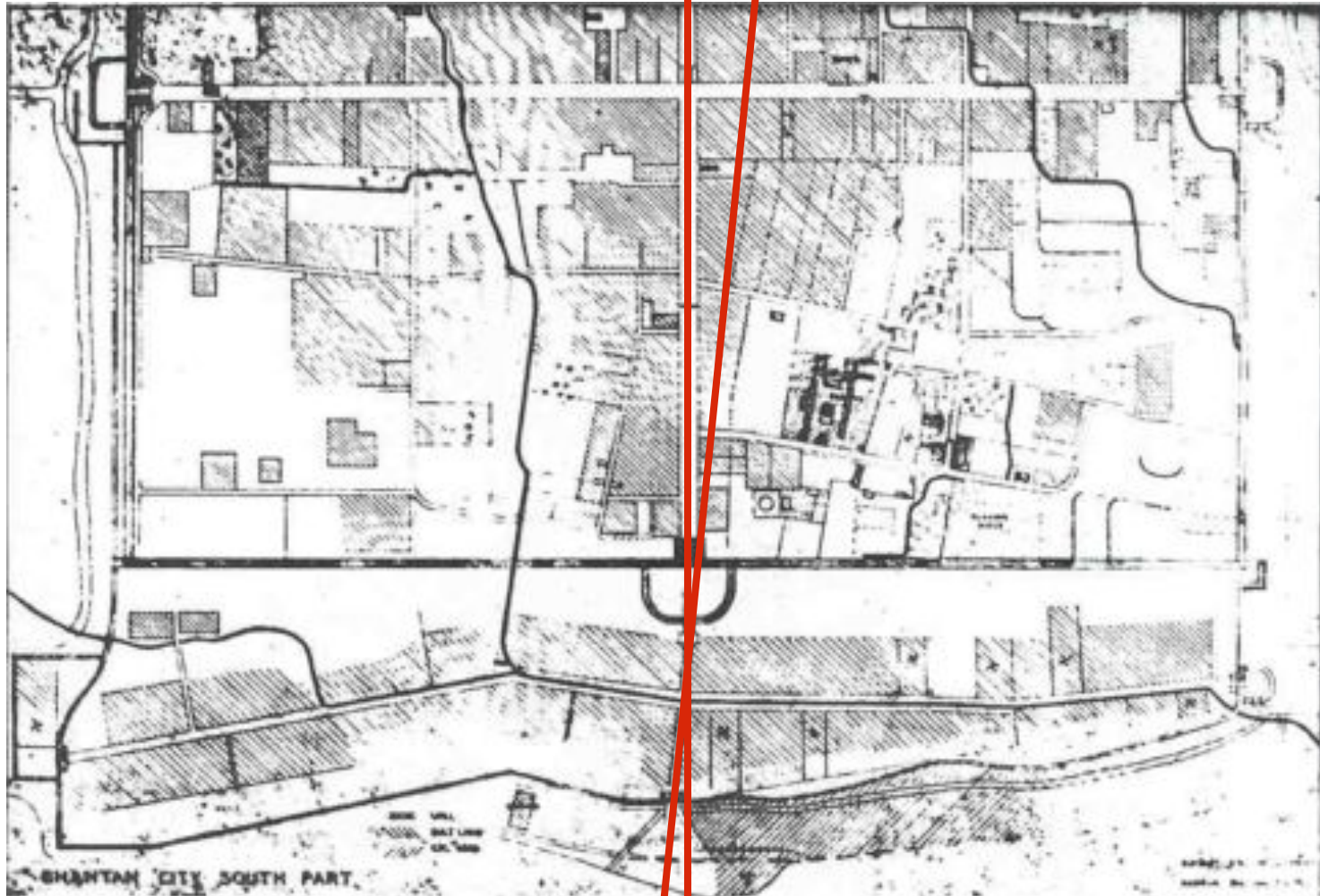
South pointer



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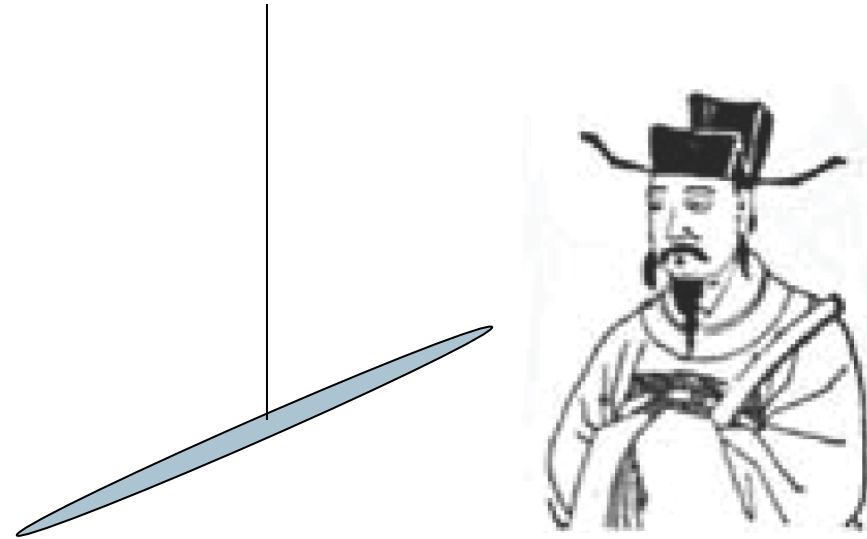






Evidence of declination in the street plan of Shantan, Kansu.

Suspended compass



Floating compass

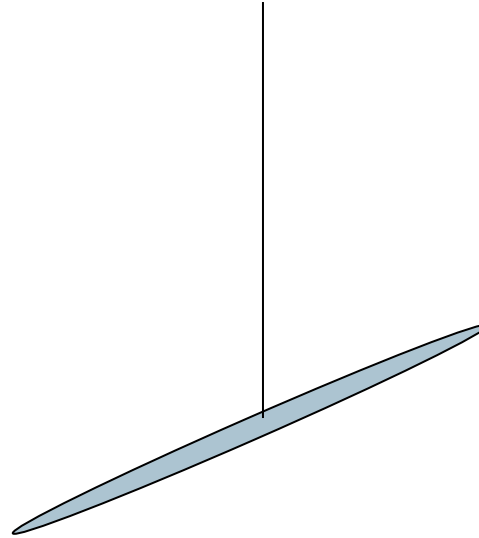
Shen Kua quote

Shen Kua (沈括) discovered how to make magnetized iron needles in 1060, and described the suspended needle compass in 1088. *Thermoremanence* and *induced magnetization* were discovered in China.

Suspended compass

Statue to the
inventor

Bernal quote

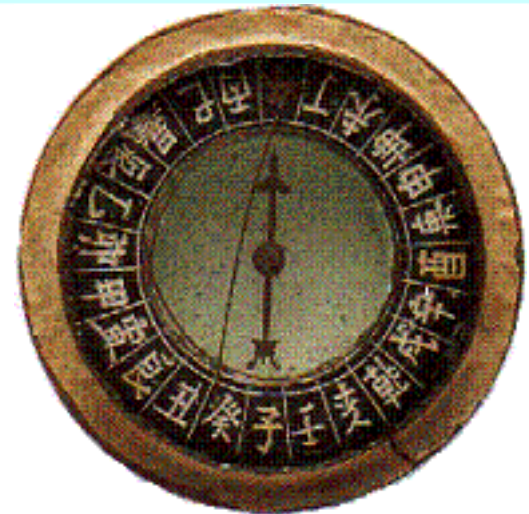


The English monk Alexander Neckham gives the first European description of the compass at the University of Paris in 1190.

J D Bernal

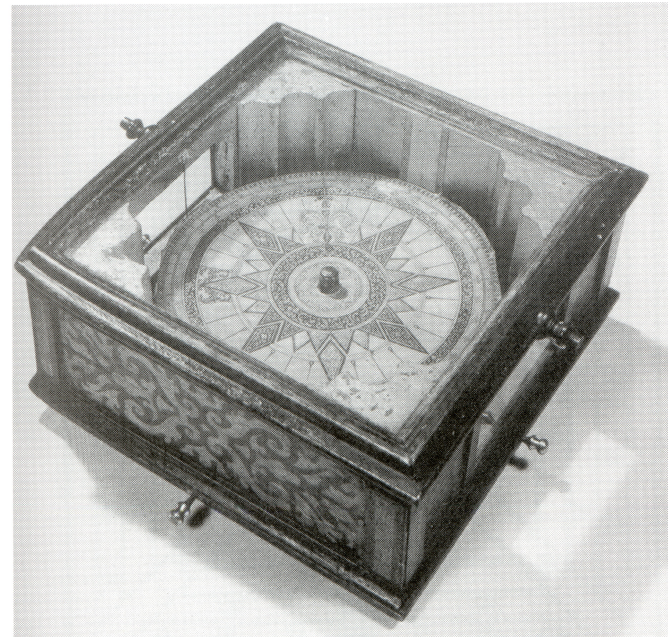
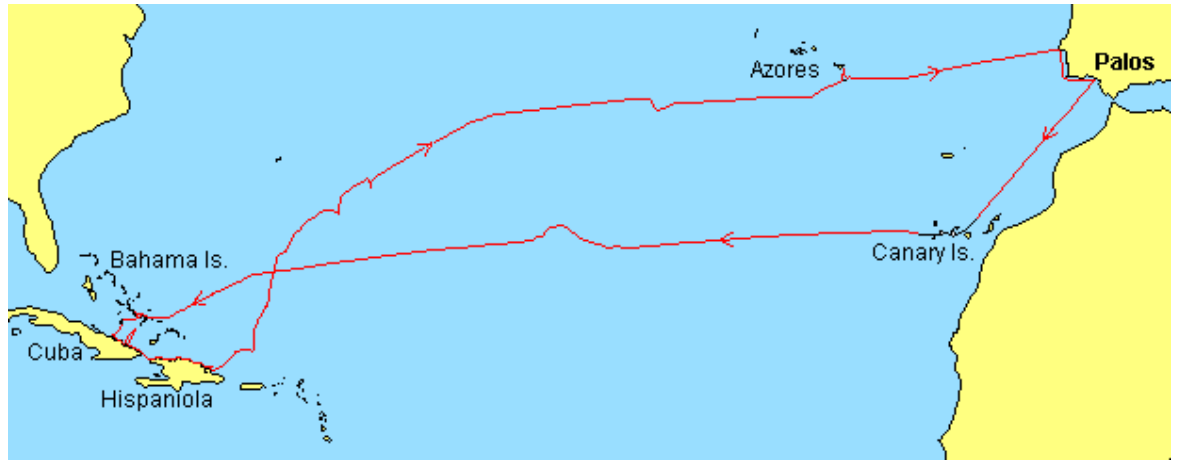


Cheng Ho 1371-1428



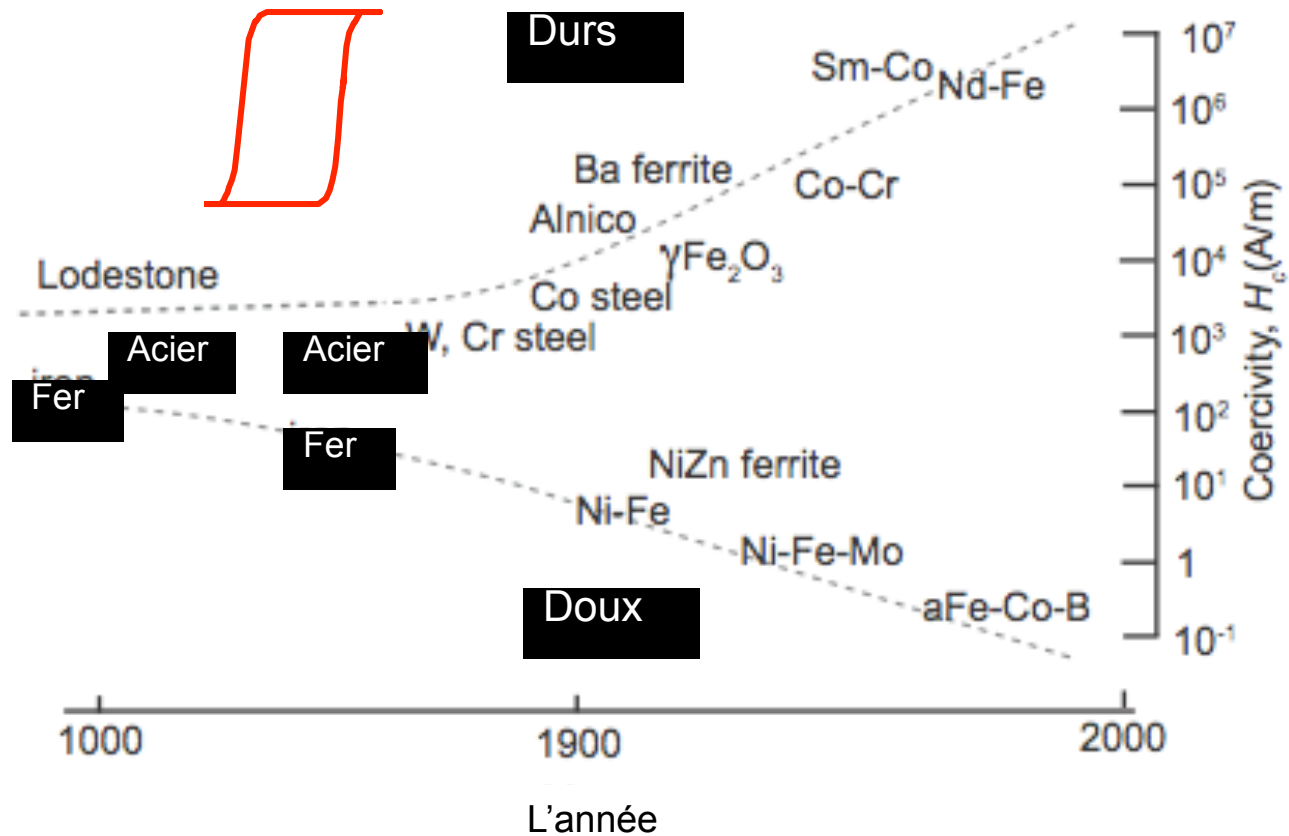


Christopher Columbus
1452 - 1506



Portuguese compass

Coercivité



L'histoire des matériaux magnétiques pendant le 20^{ième} siècle, c'est l'histoire de la maîtrise de la coercivité

$$1900: 10^1 < H_c < 10^4 \text{ A m}^{-1}$$

$$2000: 1 < H_c < 2 \cdot 10^7 \text{ A m}^{-1}$$

Dreams: magnetic levitation



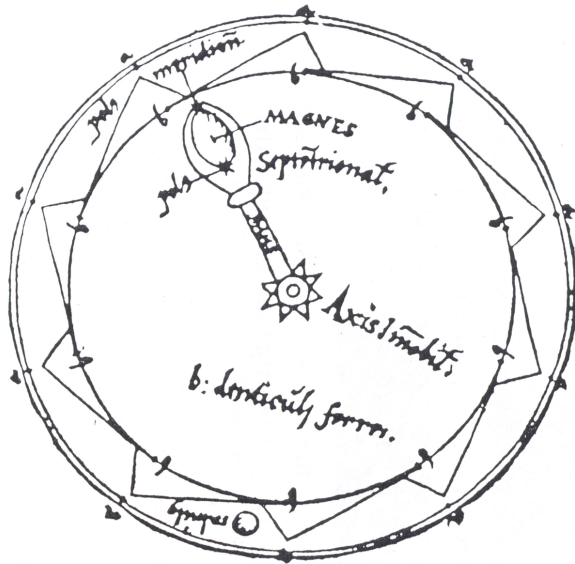
The levitated island of Laputa from *Gulliver's Travels* by Johnathan Swift, 1727, was supposed to contain an enormous lodestone



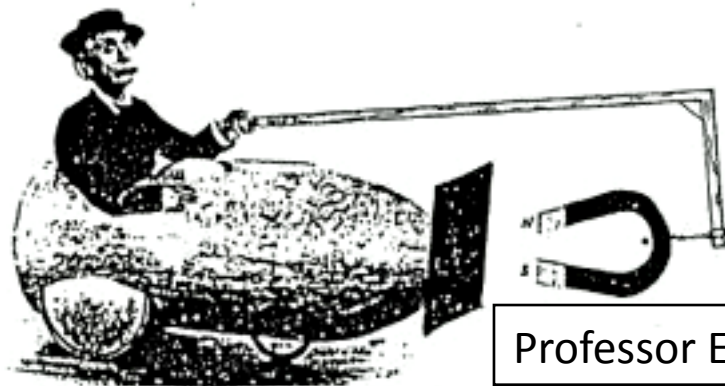
The fabulously-rich temple of Somnath in Gujerat was reputed to have a holy image magnetically-suspended in sanctuary. It was demolished by Muhmud of Ghazni in 1025.

Ghazni Quote

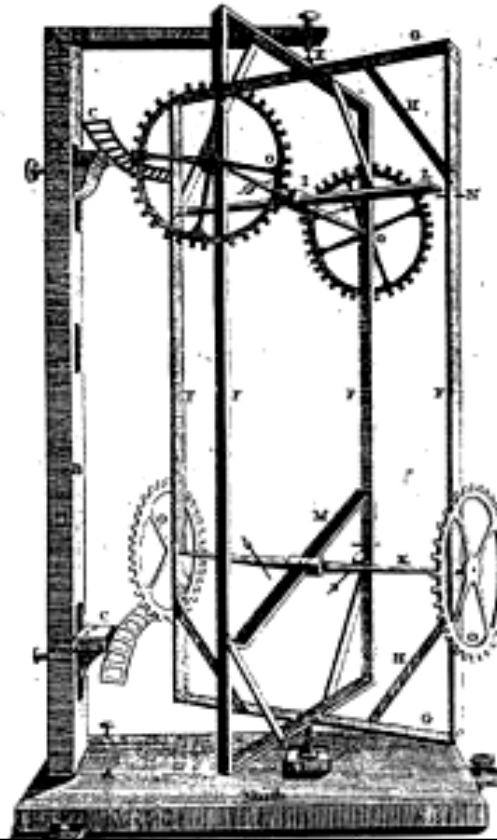
Dreams: perpetual motion



Petrus Peregrinus's perpetuum mobile from *Epistola de Magnete* (1269). Manuscript in TCD library



Professor Einstein's Magnetic Autocar, Berlin postcard, 1924.



Croker's magnetic perpetual motion machine (1790) was only supposed to work in Barbados!



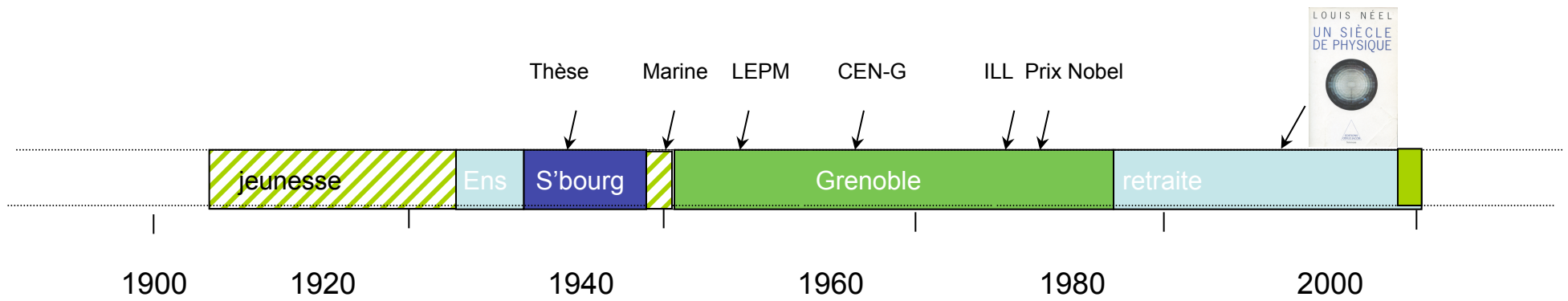
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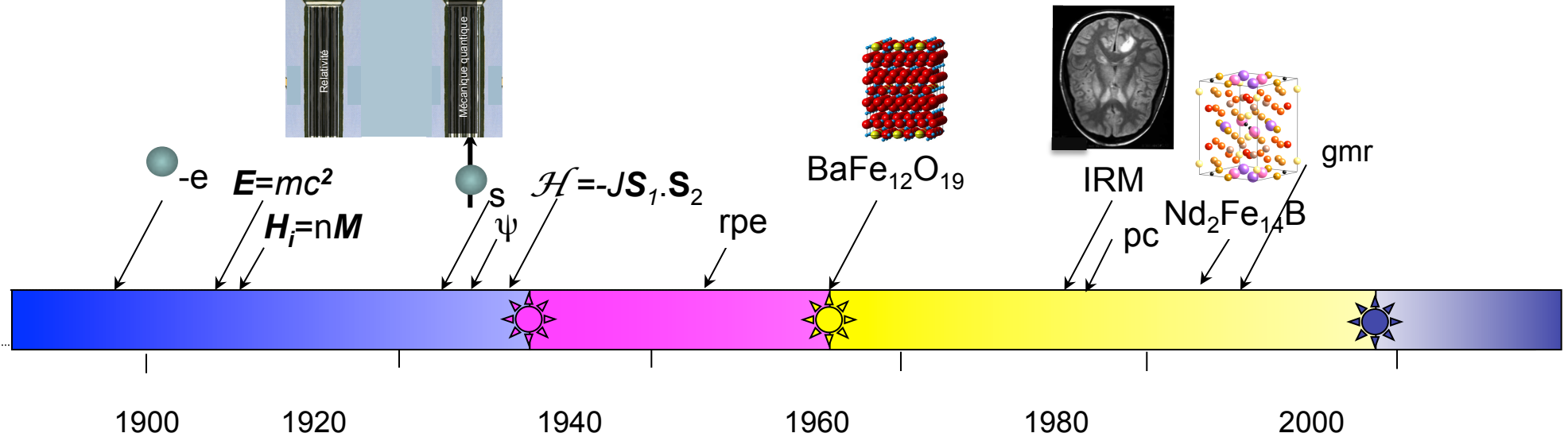
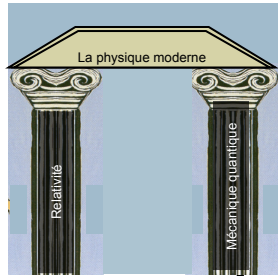
[54] PERMANENT MAGNET MOTOR
 [76] Inventor: Howard R. Johnson, 3300 Mt Hope Rd., Grass Lake, Mich. 49240
 [21] Appl. No.: 422,306
 [22] Filed: Dec. 6, 1973
 [51] Int. Cl.: H02K 41/00; H02N 11/00
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 4,074,153 2/1978 Baker et al. 310/12
 Primary Examiner—Donovan F. Duggan
 Attorney, Agent, or Firm—Beaman & Beaman

[57] ABSTRACT
 The invention is directed to the method of utilizing the unpaired electron spins in ferro magnetic and other materials as a source of magnetic fields for producing power without any electron flow as occurs in normal conductors, and to permanent magnet motors for utilizing this method to produce a power source. In the practice of the invention the unpaired electron spins occurring within permanent magnets are utilized to produce a motive power source solely through the superconducting characteristics of a permanent magnet and the magnetic flux created by the magnets are controlled and concentrated to orient the magnetic forces generated in such a manner to do useful continuous work, such as the displacement of a rotor with respect to a stator. The timing and orientation of magnetic forces at the rotor and stator components produced by permanent magnets to produce a motor is accomplished with the proper geometrical relationship of these components.

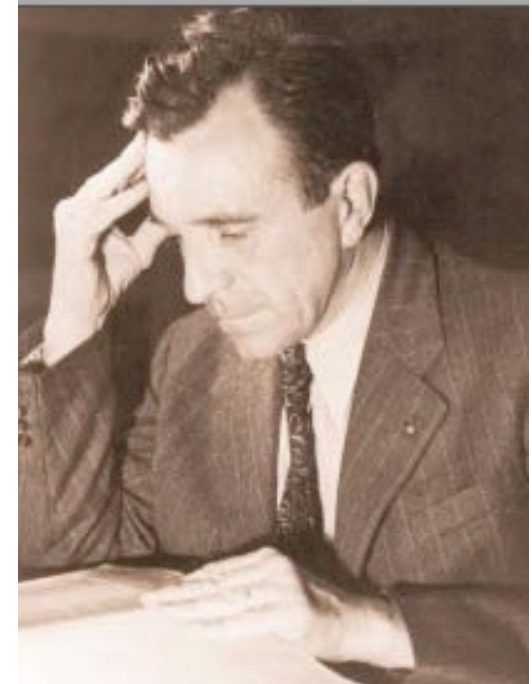
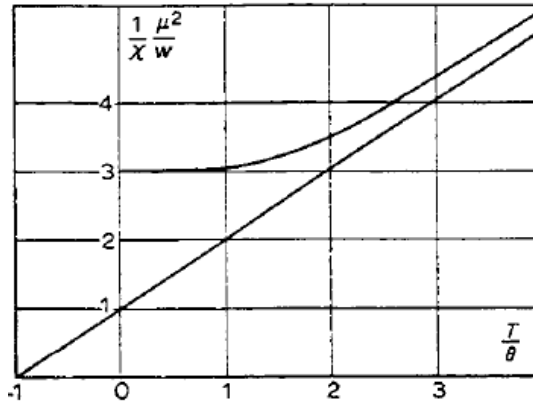
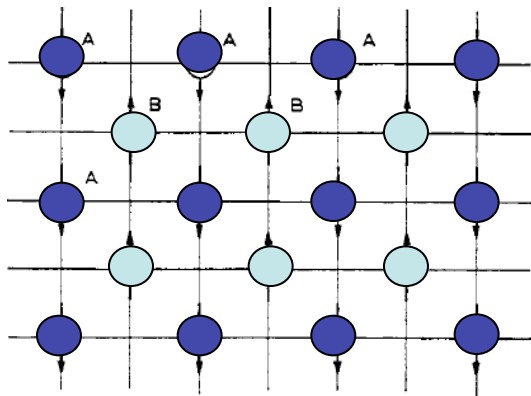


"Je ne désirais pas rester à Grenoble pour en faire le marche pied d'une carrière parisienne, mais bien avec l'intention de créer un centre de recherche suffisamment important pour en retenir les cadres..."

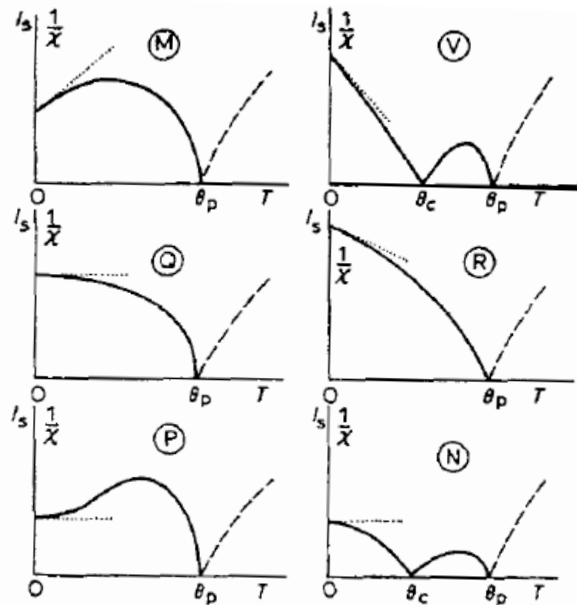


Antiferromagnétisme (paramagnétisme constante)

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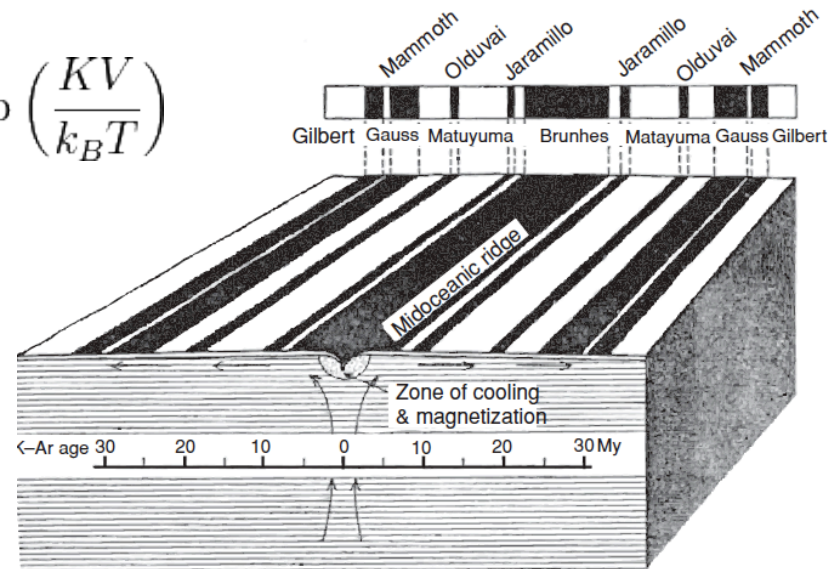


Ferrimagnétisme 1948



Superparamagnétisme (larves et terres cuites) 1949

$$\tau_N = \tau_0 \exp\left(\frac{KV}{k_B T}\right)$$



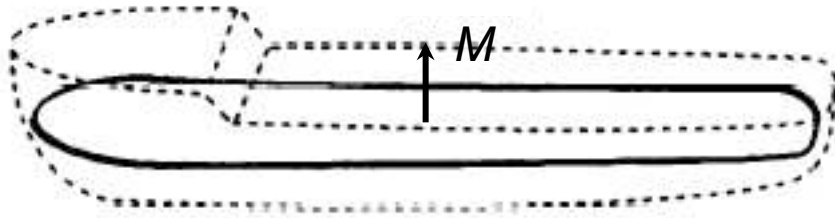


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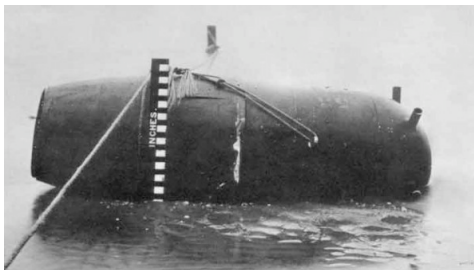
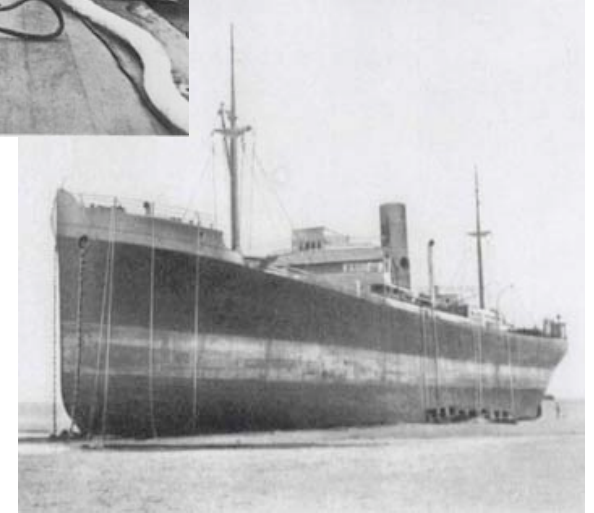
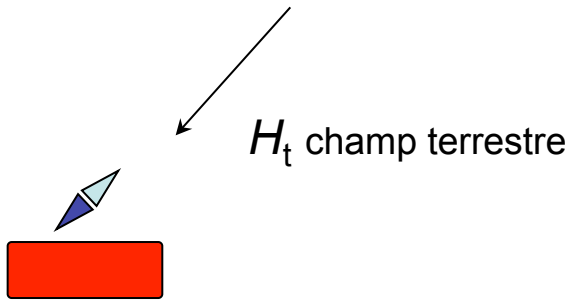
Louis Eugène Félix Néel

"For fundamental work and discoveries concerning antiferromagnetism and ferrimagnetism which have led to important applications in solid state physics"

La désaimantation des navires. 1940



$$M = aH + bH^2$$



Septembre 1939; La guerre commence

Novembre 1939; Première mine magnétique allemande repêchée par les anglais

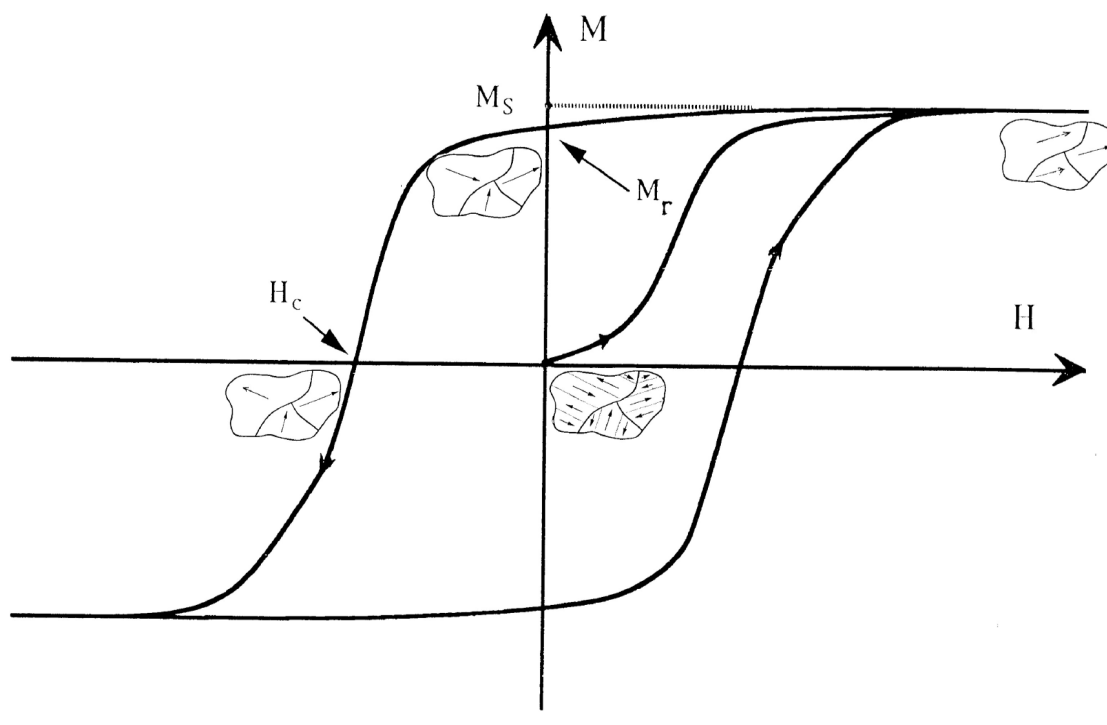
Janvier 1940; Première essai a désaimantation à Toulon

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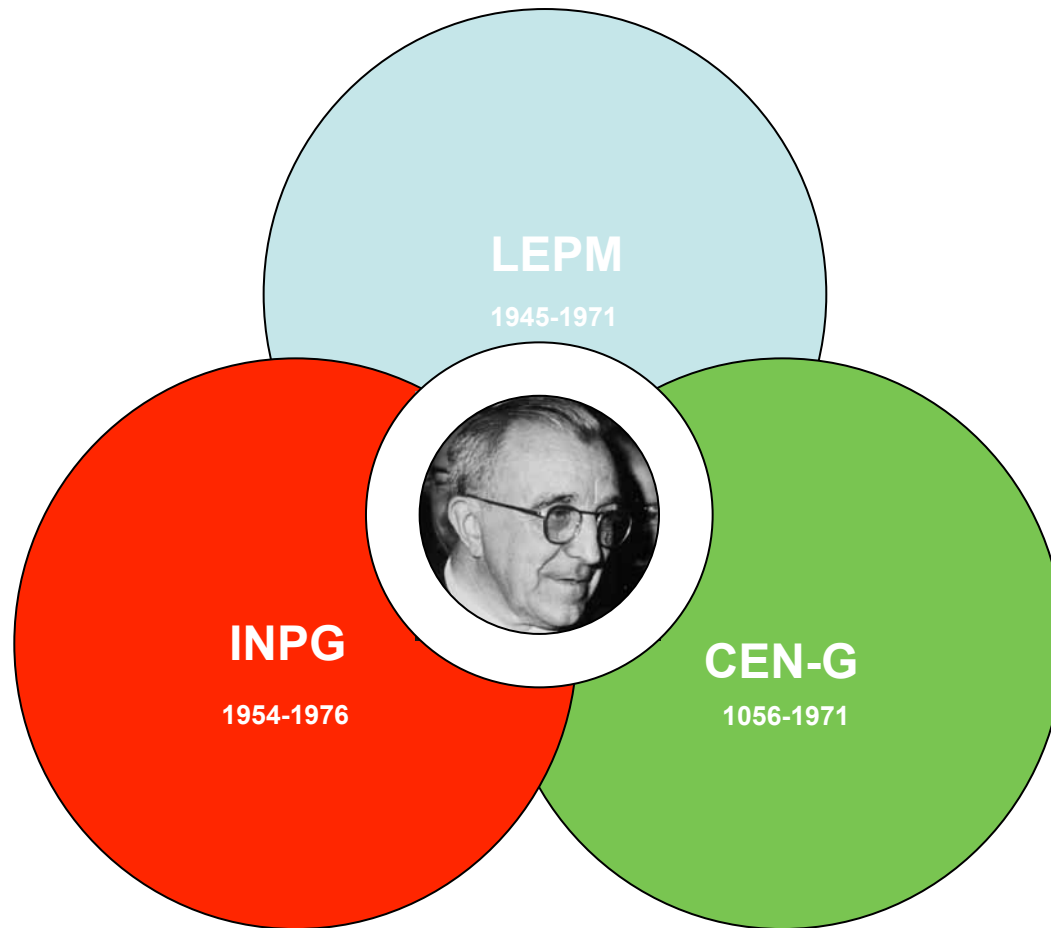
Mai 1940 Dunquerque

Juin 1940; Armistice. 520 navires désaimantes (6 par jour a Toulon et Cherbourg)

Juillet 1940; Destruction de la flotte française à Mers el Kabir



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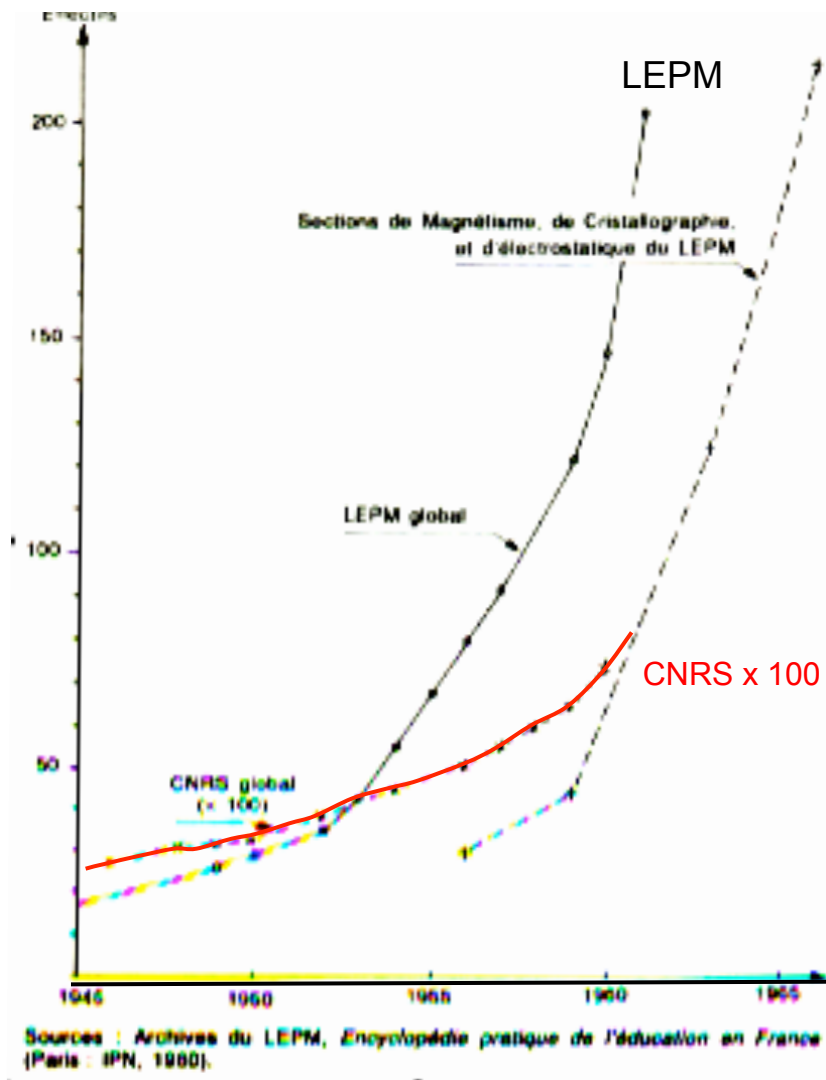
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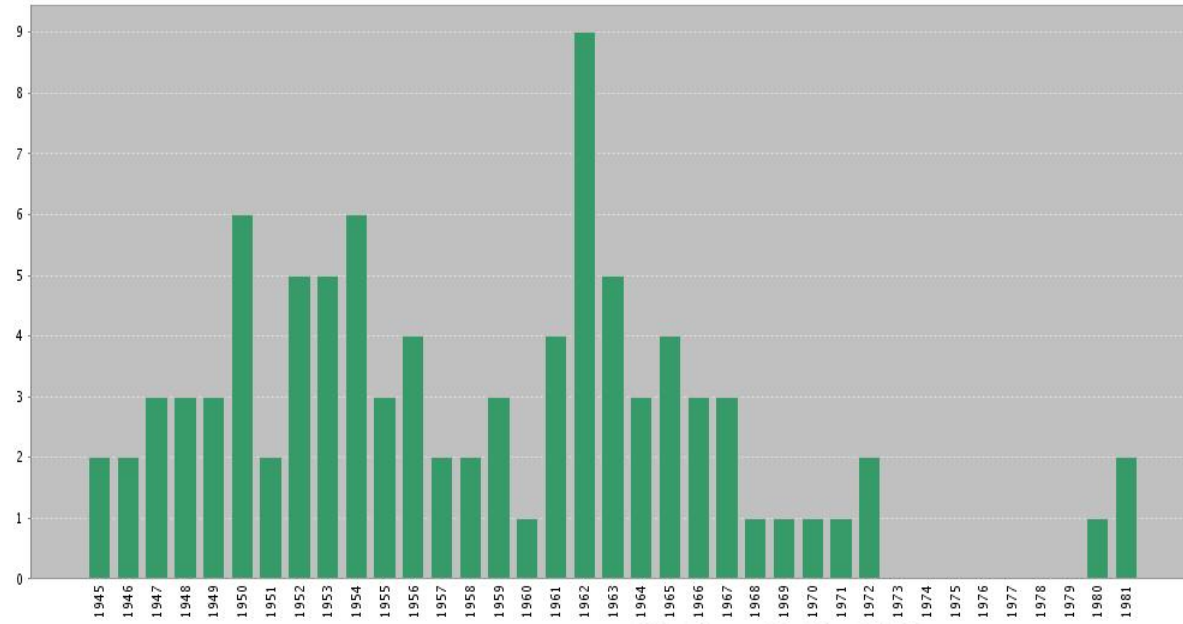


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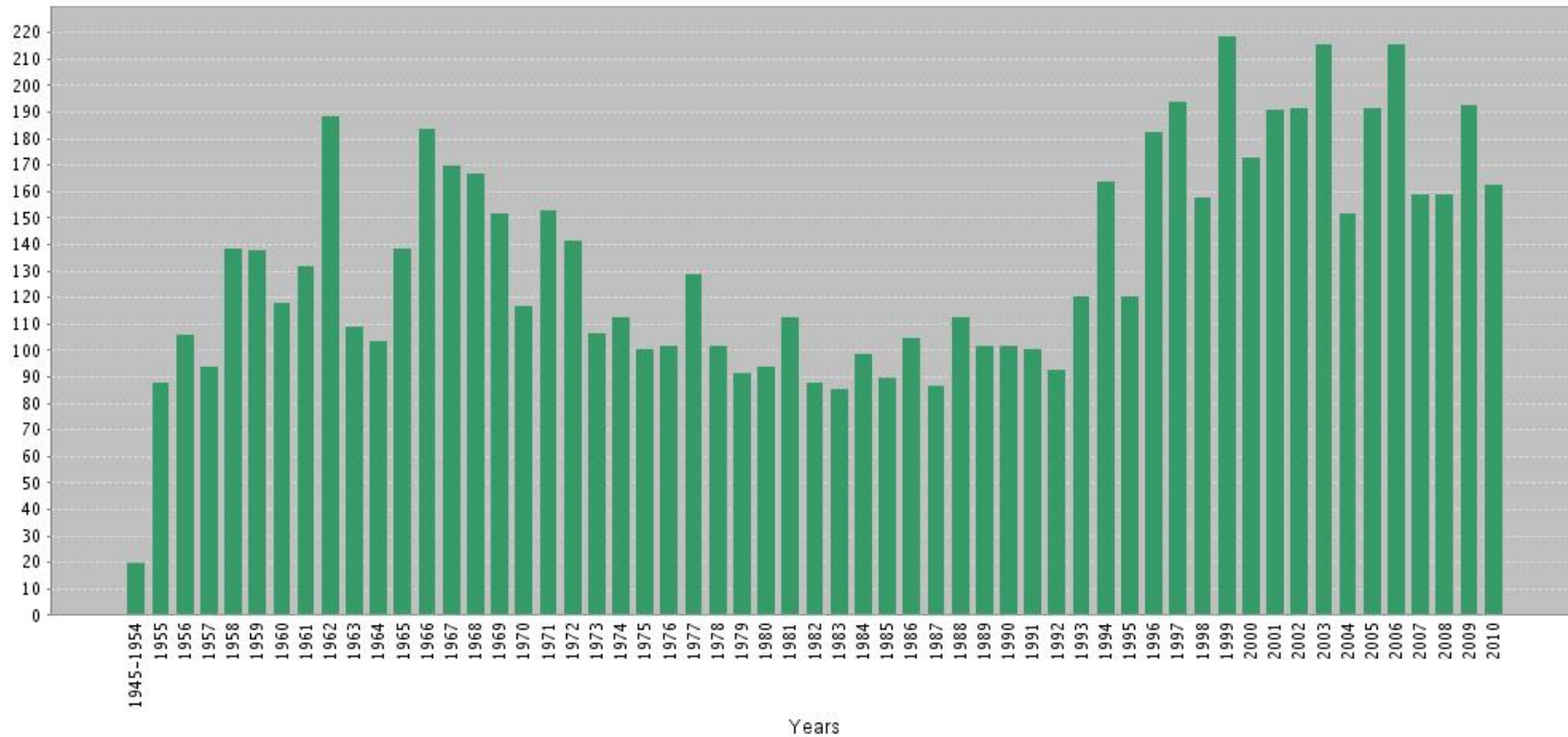


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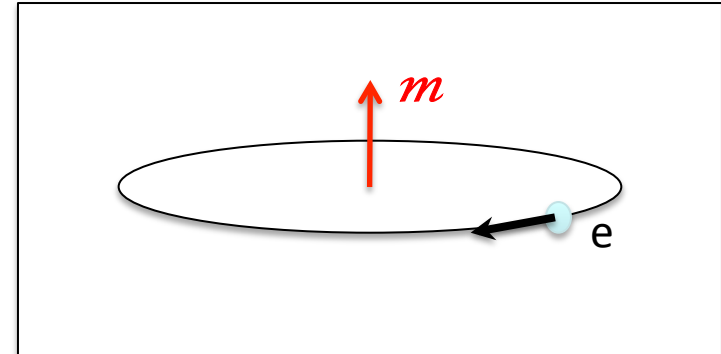
La plus importante est ce que j'avais fait à Grenoble.
Pour le magnétisme, quelqu'un d'autre l'aurait
découvert.



What of the dreams?

Perpetual motion.

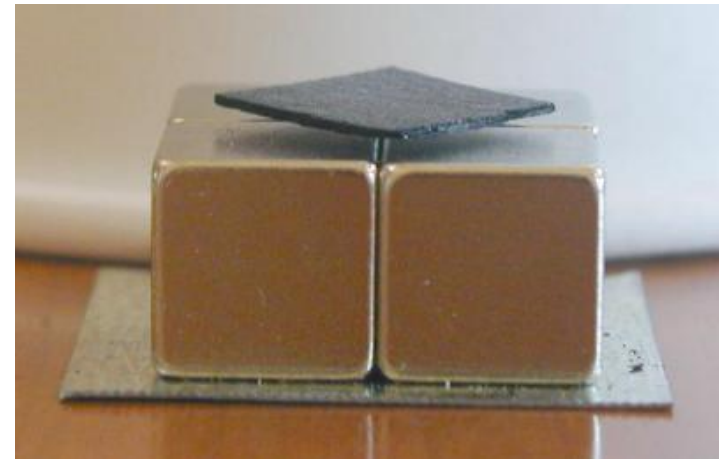
It exists somehow in the quantized angular momentum of the electron — but energy conservation is inviolate. The electronic *perpetuum mobile* can do no work

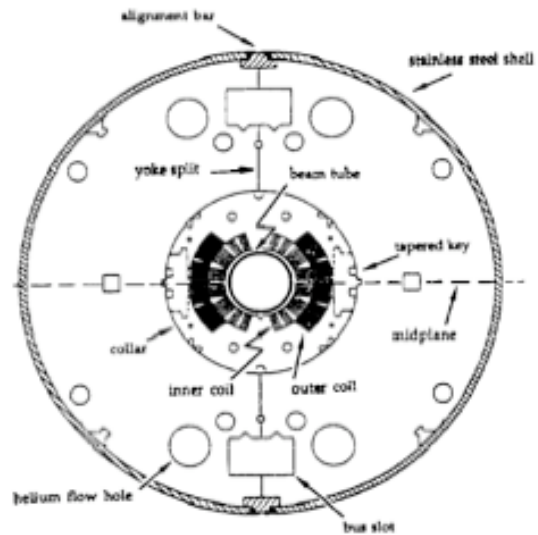


Levitation.

It is possible to have purely static levitation at room temperature using diamagnetic material, but the forces are very weak.

A thin sheet of graphite levitates above four permanent magnets





Superconducting magnets at the LHC, CERN produce a field of 6.7 T

A sumo wrestler standing on a magnetic plate levitated above a large disc of diamagnetic cuprate superconductor

