#### Супермагнетизм:

## свойства и приложения. II Суперферромагнетизм.

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--- SUPERPARAMAGNETS >



- MAGNETIC Nano-Crystals
  Transition metals if iron series
  Band Structure based shell model
- MAGNETISM of Super-Crystals
- Magnetodynamics of
  *superferromagnets (SFM)*
- Analytical Tools to probe **SFM**: MEAN VS STRONGEST SIGNALS FOR SELF-ORGANIZED CRITICALITY
- Implications to

magnetoresistive (MR) sensors

# Size dependence of cluster magnetic moment per atom (measured in $\mu_B$ )



#### Ligand stabilized clusters







## Exchange Coupling of dot supermoments

Insulator or semiconductor spacer Coupling  $\rightarrow$  mini-band splitting & modify s.p. level density



Possibility for coherent Bloch state from dot supermoment wave function in an array

#### Anderson localization

<u>Level fluctuations</u>  $\equiv \Gamma / B \leq 2$ mini-band splitting

Coherent state of supermoments

Coupling constant

$$J = \int d\varepsilon \ \varepsilon \ \delta\rho \ (\varepsilon) f(\varepsilon - \mu)$$

# Bloch function with quasienergy $\mathcal{E}_n = \mathcal{E}_{\overline{n}} + \Delta \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{k}) \qquad \Delta \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{i=1}^{D} B_i \sin^2(k_i a_i)$

Quantum numbers  $n=\{\underline{n},k\}$ quasimomentum in D dimensions k

$$B_i = 2\omega_e P_i$$

Band Quantum number <u>n</u> gives energy level in single dot

Level density change

$$\delta \rho^{c} = \int \prod_{i=1}^{D} d\left(\frac{k_{i}a_{i}}{2\pi}\right) \left[\rho\left\{\varepsilon - \Delta\varepsilon(\mathbf{k})\right\} - \rho\left\{\varepsilon\right\}\right]$$

# Coupling constant

$$J = J_D \times J_B$$

#### Dot

$$J_{D} = (E_{F} - U) \hbar \left[ \rho_{s}'(E_{F}) \omega_{s} + \rho_{\downarrow}'(E_{F}) \omega_{\downarrow} \right]$$

#### Barrier

$$J_{B} = \frac{\alpha}{\sin(\alpha)} \times \frac{2\pi^{2}}{m^{*}(\xi b)^{2}} \exp\left\{-\xi k_{F} b / \pi\right\}$$
$$\alpha = \pi T / T_{n} \qquad \qquad k_{F} = \sqrt{2m^{*}(U - E_{F})}$$

 $T_n = k_{\rm F} \hbar / m^* (\xi b)$ 





Ferromagnetic coupling -- JRandom fields  $\{h_i\}$  of Gaussian distribution

$$W(h) = \exp\left\{-h^2 / R^2\right\} / R\sqrt{\pi}$$

#### **numerical simulations** Cumulative avalanche size distributions



#### Normalized size distributions



# mean-field approximation



 $\chi = -dP / dH = [\chi_{NI}^{-1} - J]^{-1}$ magnetic susceptibility

$$\chi_{NI} = \sum_{n} W(b - b_n)$$

#### Magnetic phase diagram



## avalanche size distribution: mean-field

 $D_{mf}(S) = Q(S)/S$ probability Q(S) of triggering S consequent jumps For  $S \ll \Pi$  the Poissonian probability

$$d = J\chi_{NI} - 1 \qquad Q(S) = \exp\{-S(1+d)\}[S(1+d)]^S / S!$$

vicinity of critical conditions

$$|d| \ll 1 \longrightarrow D_{mf}(S) \sim S^{-3/2} \exp\{-Sd^2/2\}$$

the largest avalanche size

$$S_b^{mf} \approx (J\chi_{NI}/2) \Pi$$

#### Analytical tools for SO criticality

[VNK, Phys. Lett. A **354**, 217 (2006)] conditional moments  $L_k = \sum_S S^k D(S)$ 

 $= L_1 / L_0$  mean avalanche size

$$L_k^{mf} \sim |d|^{1-2k} + const(d)$$

moments with  $k \ge 1$   $d \to 0$  diverge at critical conditions,

#### **MEAN** *VERSUS* **STRONGEST** SIGNALS FOR SELF-ORGANIZED CRITICALITY



## Giant magnetoresistance (GMR)



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Relative resistance change as a function of the external magnetic field for Fe/Cr/Fe and 250A thick Fe film

Resistivity versus applied field for Fe/Cr multilayers

# Sensor GMR – sensor array = high sensitivity Application of Receptor molecules on GMR and microbead Solution of microbeads and target molecules DC field to carry not attached beads away

- AC field -> Magnetisation of the beads -> sensing field is generated.
- Measure the electric resistance and compare to a reference GMR array





Magnetic bead criteria:

- High magnetisation to maximize the response of the sensor
- No clustering -> No remanent magnetisation



Microbeads composed of Fe, $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> superparamagnetic nanoparticles < 20nm dispersed in a polymer matrix.



#### Response in local field



#### Nanoparticles with Singlet-Triplet transition VNK, J.Phys.CS 129, 012013 (2008)

magnetic moment



#### Phase diagram Nanoparticles with Singlet-Triplet transition





#### Conclusions

#### MAGNETISM of Super-Crystals accounting for inter & intra Dot structures within Microscopic treatment

Band Structure based shell model well suited for Superparamagnets

Magnetodynamics of QD arrays Erratic jumps due to Magnetic Avalanches

#### **Conditions of Self Organized Criticality**

Universal Scaling

Analytical Tools: MEAN VS STRONGEST SIGNALS FOR SELF-ORGANIZED CRITICALITY

Lab on a Chip systems, MR sensors