Role of the dipolar interaction in magnetic hyperthermia

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Motivation

- I want to tell you about a model to describe the dyamics of *small* magnetic particles at *finite temperature*.
 - For small particles, temperature makes *all* the difference.
- This model can simulate any external condition. So we can describe any experiment:
 Magnetometry, FMR, ZFC-FC, AC Suscep, Hyperthermia, &c.
- Having a good model is important for fundamental reasons:
 - •We need to understand how temperature affects the magnetic properties.
- ... and is also of applied interest:
 - How to build better materials for hyperthermia.



Exchange vs. Magnetostatic

• In any magnetic material there is a competition between the exchange energy and the magnetostatic energy.

Exchange energy

• The exchange energy stems from the overlap of the electronic wave functions. The energy between two spins S_1 and S_2 is

$$E_{\rm exch} = -J \, S_1 \cdot S_2$$

• This energy favours the parallel alignment of the spins.

Magnetostatic energy

- The magnetization of the material creates a field which interacts with itself.
- This is the long-range dipolar interaction that acts on the system.

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Anti-parallel configuration



• This energy favours a disordered configuration.

Fight!

- These two energies compete.
- This may lead to the formation of *magnetic domains*.



What if the object is small?

- If the object is small the **exchange energy wins**.
- The system behaves as a *single magnetic domain*.
 - $10^3 10^4$ atoms acting in *unison* (I like this word!).

Magnetization

- In general the magnetization of a material is a function of r and t: M(r, t).
- But for a single-domain the magnetization is uniform inside the particle.
- Thus we are left with a single vector M(t).
- ◆ Define

$$\boldsymbol{m}(t) = \frac{\boldsymbol{M}(t)}{M_S}$$

• Them m(t) is a unit vector. The dynamics take place in the *unit sphere*.

Anisotropies

- The exchange interaction is *isotropic*. It says
 - "We spins stay aligned! But I don't care in which direction."
- But that is not what we observe experimentally.
- What we see is that there are certain preferred directions for the magnetization to lie on.
- This is due to the presence of *anisotropies*.

Crystal field and shape

- There are usually two contributions to the anisotropy.
 - The crystal lattice may have preferred orientations that favour the alignment of *m* in certain directions.
 - The shape of the particle may have the same effect (e.g. ellipsoidal particles).

Uniaxial Anisotropy

- The most common case, and the one we will discuss here, is that of uniaxial anisotropy.
 - One axis has a preferred direction.
 - We define it as the *z* axis.
- It doesn't matter if *m* is pointing at +z or -z.
- We usually write the energy as

$$E_{\rm uni} = -K V m_z^2 = -K V \cos^2 \theta$$

where

K = Anisotropy constant (units of J/m^3 , erg/cm³, etc.) V = Volume of the particle

• This energy has minima at $m_z = \pm 1$ or $\theta = 0, \pi$.



• If we also have an externally applied magnetic field H_a then

$$E = -V \boldsymbol{M} \cdot \boldsymbol{H}_a - K V m_z^2$$

Superparamagnetism (thermal instability)

• The uniaxial anisotropy has 2 minima.

• The energy barrier that sepparate them has height KV.



Anisotropy barrier vs. thermal energy

• Define the ratio between the anisotropy barrier and the thermal energy:

$$\sigma = \frac{\mathrm{KV}}{k_B T}$$

• When V is small $\rightarrow \sigma$ may be small.

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Superparamagnetism

- This is the phenomena of *superparamagnetism*.
- There is *no* stable magnetic configuration.
- Due to the aggitation, if you wait long enough you can always observe a *spin flip*.
- Of course, depending on the material it may take 10 million years
 - This is what we expect of a permanent magnet!

Two possibilities

- 1. Brown relaxation: the magnetization vector is held fixed, and the particle physically rotates
- 2. Néel relaxation: the particle physically does not move; only the magnetization vector rotates
- Both occur in real systems
- But depending on the size one or the other is predominant.
- In this talk I will discuss only Néel relaxation.
- It is the most important for hyperthermia.

Dynamics

3 steps: naive \rightarrow naive + damping \rightarrow naive + damping + flucutuations

Round 1: naive approach

- Big question: how to describe the dynamics of m(t) under the influence of temperature?
- Since all spins operate in unison

$$m(t) \propto \sum \langle S_i \rangle$$

• Hence from the Heisenberg equation,

$$\frac{d\boldsymbol{m}}{dt} = -\gamma \, \boldsymbol{m} \times \boldsymbol{H}$$

where

$$\gamma = 2.2 \times 10^5 \ \frac{\mathrm{m}}{\mathrm{As}}$$

is the gyromagnetic ratio of the electron.

- This equation is non-dissipative.
- It predicts the *precession* of the magnetization around **H**.
- It preserves |m| = 1



Round 2: damping

- We know the magnetization does not precess indefinitely.
- There is a *torque* that makes **m** align with **H**.
- So if we start the system in a given point, it will eventually stop.
- There is *damping*.



- The physical origins of the damping is still an open discussion.
 - Spin interacts with stuff around it: conduction electrons, phonons, nuclear spins, &c.
 - This interaction is usually mediated by the spin-orbit interaction.
- This damping can only be introduced in the dynamical equation *phenomenologically*.
 - This is the *Landau-Lifshitz* equation

$$\frac{d\boldsymbol{m}}{dt} = -\gamma \, \boldsymbol{m} \times \boldsymbol{H} - \gamma \alpha \, \boldsymbol{m} \times (\boldsymbol{m} \times \boldsymbol{H})$$

• Here *H* means the *effective field* = *external* + *anisotropy*

$$\boldsymbol{H} = -\frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial E}{\partial \boldsymbol{M}} = \boldsymbol{H}_a + \boldsymbol{H}_{ani} \, \boldsymbol{m}_z \, \boldsymbol{e}_z$$

where \boldsymbol{H}_{ani} is the *anisotropy field*.

$$H_{\text{ani}} = \frac{2 K}{M_S}$$

• This equation also preserves |m| = 1. That is something we always want to be true.

Round 3: thermal fuctuations

Before I talk about it, let us look at an analogy

Brownian motion and Brown's theory

Two Browns.

Robert Brown (1827)

• Observed the "rapidly oscillatory motion" of grains of pollen in water.



- Langevin introduced a great model. His reasoning was:
 - Pollen is classical! Newton's law must hold!
 - But we are missing a **force**!
 - This extra force must be random.
 - It is present in all systems, but only becomes significant if the system is small.
- In Newtonian mechanics:

Round 1 :
$$\frac{dp}{dt} = F$$

Round 2 : $\frac{dp}{dt} = F - \alpha p$
Round 3 : $\frac{dp}{dt} = F - \alpha p + \xi(t)$

• We add a **random force** $\xi(t)$.

• It describes the many collisions of the grain of pollen with the molecules in the medium.

• $\xi(t)$ must be insensitive to the origin of time so

$$\langle \xi(t) \rangle = 0$$

• Moreover we assume that $\xi(t)$ and $\xi(t + \Delta t)$ are uncorrelated: there are many molecules!

Finally, we assume that ξ(t) is drawn from a Gaussian distribution. This is based on the *central limit theorem* which says that:

"When random things get complicated, they become Gaussian."

- This is why the errors in the physics lab are usually Gaussian.
- But since $\xi(t)$ appears in a differential equation, it must be infinite in order to give a finite contribution.
- Everything is summarized in

$$\langle \xi(t) \, \xi(t') \rangle = 2 D \, \delta(t-t')$$

where *D* is called the *diffusion constant*.

• Langevin was able to find *D* by making a connection with thermal equilibrium: after a long time has passed, the momentum distribution must be given by Gibbs formula (the Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution). The result is:

$$D = \gamma m k_B T$$

Some points worth noting

- The thermal fluctuations have the same origin as the bath:
 - The interaction with the environment.
- Ideally we could try to describe all particles. But that is too complicated.
- So we "integrate" over the bath; that is, we reduce the effect of the bath to a handful of parameters.

William Fuller Brown, Jr. (1963)

- He is the "father" of micromagnetism. When you use OOMMF, thank him for it.
- He saw the Landau-Lifshitz equation and made the connection with Brownian motion.
- It maybe went somewhat like this:
 - "Hey, I need to add a random force to the LL equation!"
 - "But wait, I can't: a random force would *not* preserve |m| = 1."
 - "Then I must add a random field!"
- We then arrive at the Stochastic Landau-Lifshitz (SLL) equation

$$\frac{d\boldsymbol{m}}{dt} = -\gamma \, \boldsymbol{m} \times [\boldsymbol{H} + \eta(t)] - \frac{\gamma \alpha}{M_S} \, \boldsymbol{m} \times \{\boldsymbol{m} \times [\boldsymbol{H} + \eta(t)]\}$$

• This *random field* $\eta(t)$ must behave just like in the Langevin theory:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \eta_i(t) \rangle &= 0 \\ \langle \eta_i(t) \, \eta_j(t') \rangle &= \frac{2 \, \alpha \, k_B \, T}{\gamma \, M_S \, V} \, \delta_{ij} \, \delta(t-t') \end{aligned}$$

• The constant appearing here was determined by Brown, again assuming that in equilibrium the distribution must be that of Gibbs.

Stochastic Landau-Lifshitz (SLL) equation

Success!

- We now have a complete model to describe the magnetization based only on fundamental constants that can be measured experimentally.
- The SLL is a stochastic equation: every time you simulated it, you get a different answer.
 This makes sense since the thermal agitation is random.

Reduced variables

- We are already working with $m = \frac{M}{M_s}$.
- It is also convenient to work with

$$h = \frac{H}{M_S}$$

• We also use a reduced unit for time:

$$\tau_0 = \frac{1}{\alpha \gamma M_S}$$

Then the SLL becomes

$$\tau_0 \frac{d\boldsymbol{m}}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \boldsymbol{m} \times [\boldsymbol{h}(t) + \eta(t)] - \boldsymbol{m} \times \{\boldsymbol{m} \times [\boldsymbol{h}(t) + \eta(t)]\}$$
$$\boldsymbol{h}(t) = \boldsymbol{h}_a(t) + \lambda m_z, \qquad \lambda = H_{\text{ani}} / M_s = 2 K / M_s^2$$

• And the new $\eta(t)$ becomes

$$\langle \eta_i(t) \rangle = 0 \langle \eta_i(t) \eta_j(t') \rangle = 2 \alpha \theta \delta_{ij} \delta(t - t') \theta = \frac{k_B T}{M_S^2 V}$$

• So now we have the following list of parameters

Parameters	Meaning	
θ	k _B T/M _s ²∨	Reduced Temperature
λ	2K/M _s ²	Reduced Anisotropy Constant
h _a (t)	H _a (t)/M _s	External field in units of M_s
τ	$1/\alpha\gamma M_{S}$	Normalized unit of time
σ	$KV/k_{B}T=\lambda/2\theta$	Inverse temperature

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Example: free particle with $\sigma = 15$



• 3D view of the magnetization dynamics



• Density of points after a long time



What if $\sigma = 100$?

Put the particle in the upper well \rightarrow It stays there for a long time.



Averages

• When we have a sample with many particles, what we observe is the average behavior $\langle m \rangle$ (*t*).

Example:

- Suppose we apply a field and align all particles to $m_z = 1$.
- Then at t = 0 we turn the field of f and measure what happens.
- Each stochastic trajectory is very different from the other.



• We can then take the average.



- The average behaviour is *very* different from the single stochastic realizations.
- We see that $\langle m_z \rangle$ decays with time toward zero.
- This means the following:
 - You start all particles with $m_z = 1$
 - After a long time they will be randomly distributed between the **north and south poles**.



Relaxation time

• We see clearly from the figure that

 $\langle m_z \rangle \approx e^{-t/\tau}$

- Question: what is the relaxation time τ ?
- The picture below was taken from a chemistry book.



- This problem is very similar to the Arrhenius problem in chemical reactions.
- The result due to Arrhenius is that

 $\tau \propto e^{\Delta E/k_B T}$

• Thus, in our case we expect

$$au \approx au_0 e^{\mathrm{KV}/k_B T} = au_0 e^{\sigma}$$

- This is called the *Néel relaxation time*.
- The relaxation time grows *exponentially* with σ .

Estimates:

- Usually $\tau_0 \sim 10^{-9}$ s. Then
 - $\frac{\sigma}{1} \qquad \frac{\tau}{10^{-9}}$
 - 5 10⁻⁷
 - 10 10⁻⁵
 - 15 10⁻³
 - 20 10⁻¹
 - 25 10²
 - 30 10⁴
 - 35 10⁶
 - 40 10⁸
 - 45 10¹⁰
- At $\sigma = 25$ the relaxation time becomes proportional ~ 100 s, which is the usual time of a magnetometry experiment.
 - Thus, you apply a field to align the particles and before you finish your measurement: POOF, no more magnetization.
- The fact that τ changes exponentially with σ is the reason why in ZFC-FC we say "Hey, its blocked. Hey, its not blocked".
 - This sharp distinction is possible since there is such a rapid change in τ .
- These are the ideas of *superparamagnetism*.

Superparamagnetism is a relative concept. \leftarrow LOOK AT ME!

It depends on the duration of the experiment (or the field sweep).

- If your experiment involves a 10 kHz AC field, then the period is $1/10^4 = 10^{-4} s$.
 - For this experiment the particle will be superparamagnetic if $\sigma = 10$ but not if $\sigma = 15$.
- In the other extreme, if you make a magnetic tape and want to store your data for $10 \text{ y} \sim 10^8 \text{ s}$ you need $\sigma = 40$.

Hysteresis loops

• Now let us consider a hysteresis loop using a harmonic field

 $H_a = H_0 \cos\left(2 \,\pi f \, t\right)$

- The free parameters are the frequency f and the 3 components of H_0
- The hysteresis loop of a single particle is very noisy.
- But that of many particles is smooth.

Example: $\sigma = 15$, $f / \tau_0 = 10^{-3}$



In experiments such as hyperthermia we perform many many many hysteresis cycles in a row.
Hence in this case even the hysteresis loop of a single particle would look smooth, since it would correspond to the average of many cycles.

Example: $\sigma = 3$, $f / \tau_0 = 10^{-3}$





- When σ is small (low anisotropy or high temperature) the hysteresis becomes smaller.
 - The behavior tends to that of a regular *paramagnet*.

Equation for the averages

- In almost all practical cases, all we care about is the average $\langle m \rangle (t)$.
- If this is the case, we can try to obtain an equation for the time evolution of each $\langle m_i \rangle (t)$.
- But there is a catch: the equation for $\langle m_i \rangle$ (*t*) will depend on higher powers, such as $\langle m_i^2 \rangle$ (*t*).
- Example: when h_a is parallel to z:

$$\tau_0 \frac{d \langle m_z \rangle}{dt} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sigma}\right) \langle m_z \rangle - \langle m_z^2 \rangle$$

- Then you say: "OK. Let us find the equation for $\langle m_z^2 \rangle$ ".
 - Dang! It depends on $\langle m_z^4 \rangle$:

$$\tau_0 \frac{d\left\langle m_z^2 \right\rangle}{dt} = \left(2 - \frac{3}{\sigma}\right) \left\langle m_z^2 \right\rangle - 2\left\langle m_z^4 \right\rangle + \frac{1}{\sigma}$$

• This *hierarchy* never closes! It goes on and on.

Do not panic.

- This does not mean that this approach is useless.
- What it means is that instead of having one differential equation, we have an infinite number.
- It is a trade

1 stochastic DE $\iff \infty$ deterministic DEs

There is no such thing as a free lunch

How to solve using this method:

- **1.** Find a systematic way to write the Eq. for arbitrary $\langle m_i^n \rangle$ for n = 1, 2, 3, ...
- 2. Truncate at a high enough *n*.
- **3.** Solve the *system* of DEs numerically.

Is it better than the other method?

- Yes! 1000 times better.
- Solving systems of ODEs is very easy!
- We use ~ 1000 equations
 - but 1 curve takes ~ 2 seconds only!
- Now we always get clean curves. No noise!
- This is a *numerically exact method*.
 - We do not depend on statistical averages.

General formula

• Suppose f(m) is an arbitrary function of m.

The general formula is

$$\tau_0 \frac{d\langle f \rangle}{dt} = -\left\langle \left[\frac{1}{\alpha} \, \boldsymbol{m} \times \boldsymbol{h} + \boldsymbol{m} \times (\boldsymbol{m} \times \boldsymbol{h})\right] \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \boldsymbol{m}} \right\rangle + \frac{1}{2\sigma} \left\langle \left(\boldsymbol{m} \times \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{m}}\right)^2 f \right\rangle$$

Neat trick: use spherical harmonics

- Since |m| = 1 the dynamics occurs in the unit sphere.
- Thus we may write m in spherical coordinates with angles θ and ϕ .
- Then we choose $f(\mathbf{m}) = Y_{l,m}(\theta, \phi)$; the spherical harmonics.
- This gives a hierarchy of equations for $y_{l,m} = \langle Y_{l,m}(\theta, \phi) \rangle$:

$$\tau_0 \, \frac{dy_{l,m}}{dt} = \sum_{l',m'} T_{l,m}^{l',m'} \, y_{l',m'}$$

• I will not write the full formula. It is very large.

Needless to say: this method **always** agrees with the stochastic method.

Example:

• Dynamic hysteresis for different frequencies f and values of σ .



The framework is complete:

- Now we have a framework where we can simulate *any* experiment involving *single-domain non-interacting particles*.
 - Dynamic Hysteresis? Put $H(t) = H_0 \cos(2 \pi f t)$

- ZFC-FC: Make the temperature change with time.
- FMR: Put $\boldsymbol{H}(t) = H_z \hat{z} + H_x \cos(2 \pi f t) \hat{x}$
- &c. (This is how old books wrote "etc". I think its cool.)

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Hysteresis loops in different conditions

- When H_0 is not small and ω is large we get some *weird* loops.
- It really depends on the direction between H_0 and the anisotropy axis.
- In real samples, each particle has a different easy axis direction so these weird effects "average out".
- But some weird stuff remain.

Hysteresis loops for $H_0 \perp$ Ani-Axis

- This is the beheavior near resonance. Slight changes in ω completely change the shape of the loop.
- Solid curve uses numerically exact method. Points are SLL simulations.
 - As mentioned: they agree perfectly.



Temperature dependence

• Please note: scale is different for each curve.



Hysteresis loops for 45°

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Randomly oriented axis

Application: hyperthermia

- Hyperthermia = dynamic hysteresis + live cell.
- Hyperthermia = burn the cells with the heat released by particles under AC field.



Analogy: microwave

- A microwave works with a resonance frequency of water.
 - But if you use another frequency of an AC *electric* field, you also get dissipation (although alot less).
 - This happens because of the water molecule's permanent electric dipole moment that rotate in response to the field.
 - Hence there is friction = heat.
- Whence: hyperthermia = magnetic microwave (without resonances).

The steps to hyperthermia are:

- **1.** Functionalize the particle with molecules that adhere to cancer cells.
- **2.** Inject the particles in the blood. They will adhere only at the cancer cells and not at healthy cells.
- **3.** Apply an AC magnetic field $H(t) = H_0 \cos(2\pi f t)$.
- The magnetic moments will respond to the field and this will release heat that will kill the cancer cells.
- Its a game: you can't use any field you like.
 - If H_0 or f are too large eddy currents may form in the body (= bad idea).
- The challenge is:
 - Dissipate the most heat you can.
 - Do so with the smallest H_0 and f, and the smallest exposure time possible.

The physics:

- Heat dissipated depends on the material properties: V, K, M_S, α , etc.
- How to optimize the materials to improve the efficiency of the treatment.

Collaboration with prof. Andris Bakuzis.

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Heat dissipated (review of thermodynamics)

- A hysteresis cycle is a *thermodynamic cycle* (like Carnot's, Otto's, etc.)
- The change of the *internal energy* in an infinitesimal process is

 $dU = dQ + H \cdot d\mu, \quad \mu = MV$

where dQ is the heat released and $H \cdot d\mu$ is the magnetic work performed in the system.

- Tip: is it $+Hd\mu$ or $-Hd\mu$ or $+\mu dH$ or $-\mu dH$?
 - Easy: internal energy is always *Force d*(*Response*).
 - ♦ The force is always *intensive* (does not depend on the size of the system).
 - ♦ The response is always *extensive* (increases with system size).
 - + or -? If you increase H, you increase M. So it is +
 - \diamond The only is for -*pdV*. All other thermodynamic work pairs are +.
- The internal energy U is a function of state:

$$\Delta U = 0$$
 for a cyclic process

• Hence in a hysteresis cycle we get

$$Q = -V \oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{M} = \text{ area of hysteresis loop}$$

- Big area = big dissipation.
- If you want you can integrate by parts

$$Q = V \oint \boldsymbol{M} \cdot d\boldsymbol{H} = V \int_0^T \boldsymbol{M} \cdot \frac{d\boldsymbol{H}}{dt} dt$$

• We usually don't use the heat in one cycle Q,, but the *power* (Joules/second) released in that cycle:

$$S = fQ$$

- Experimentally it is usual to divide this by the mass *m* of nanoparticles in order to give an answer in W/g.
 - We call this SAR

SAR = S/m = power dissipated by 1 gram of nanoparticles

For more information

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Example: SAR vs. H_0 and σ

- The SAR goes up if H_0 goes up.
- The behavior with σ is not so simple.



Linear response

- When H_0 is small, the magnetic response is linear in H_0 .
 - : $Q \propto H_0^2$ or, what is equivalent, $S \propto H_0^2$
- The exact formula for *Q* is

$$Q = \pi H_0^2 \frac{\omega \tau}{1 + (\omega \tau)^2}, \quad \omega = 2\pi f, \quad \tau = \tau_0 e^{\sigma}$$

Q and S as a function of σ





- There is a value of $\sigma = KV / k_B T$ for which Q (or S) is a maximum.
 - And it is a very sharp maximum!
- The position of this maximum depends on ω .

$$\sigma_{\rm max} = -\ln(\omega \tau_0)$$

- Challenge: tune your *K* and your *V* to match the max corresponding to the frequency you are using.
 - That will give you a much larger dissipation for a given H_0 and ω .

Q and S as a function of frequency:

• If we plot Q or S vs. the frequency ω we get this:





• But you also fry your patient!

There is always a size distribution:

- There is a distribution of *V* and a distribution of *K*.
- But if you assume (and this is reasonable) that both are log-normal, then the distribution of *KV* is also log-normal (this is a property that *only* the log-normal satisfies).
- The log-normal distribution is



- If you are close to the peak, it reduces your dissipation. If you are far away, it increases it.
- We have found that using a size distribution gives a good agreement to experiment





In Q vs. σ we see two regimes



- General rule: *alot* of energy is released when the magnetization *flips* from one potential well to the other.
- When it is hot, the thermal fluctuations make it easy for a tiny field to flip the spins.
 But the energy released in each flip is small.
- When it is **cold**, the spins are "frozen" so a small field doesn't even scratch it.
 - But the energy released in each flip is huge.





• The maximum dissipation represents a *balance* between these two regimes.

The non-linear regime

• Let us look at experimental data of the SAR vs. H_0

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• What we see is intuitive:

• H_0 goes up \rightarrow S goes up.

• But what does all these curves mean?

New concept:

Energy conversion efficiency

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- When I say "efficiency" you may think about the "efficiency to kill cancer cells".
 - If that is the case, the experiment is more efficient when H_0 is larger.
- But we can also interpret this differently:

Hyperthermia is a thermal machine

- The *energy in* is proportional to H_0^2 (we know this from electromagnetism).
- The *energy out* is *Q*.
- We can define the efficiency in converting magnetic energy to thermal energy:

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• In the linear regime Ω is independent of H_0 :

$$\Omega = \pi \frac{\omega \tau}{1 + (\omega \tau)^2}$$

Example from "E. L. Verde, et. al. AIP Advances 2 (2012)"

load["Efficiency_Experimental.png", 0.4]



- As we increase H_0 , the efficiency may either *increase* or *decrease*.
- Question: what does this mean?

Heuristic approach: the answer is in the linear response.



- For σ < σ_{max} it is very easy to flip spins due to the strong thermal aggitation.
 So increasing H₀ will not make the energy conversion more efficient.
 - ♦ Hence the efficiency should decrease.
- For $\sigma > \sigma_{\text{max}}$ the spins are frozen.
 - So increasing H₀ will unblock the spins and allow them to flip (thus releasing energy)
 Hence the efficiency should decrease
- It makes sense with experiment:



Material	Anisotropy	Efficiency
CoFe ₂ O ₄ :	Hard	Ω ↑
CuFe ₂ O ₄ :	Soft	Ω↓

Dipolar interaction

- Everything we have done so far is based on two main assumptions
 - The particles are single domain.
 - They do not interact with one another.
- The 1st assumption is reasonable. The 2nd may not be.
- Each particle produces a magnetic field which acts on other particles.
 - This is the *dipolar interaction*.
- To one degree or another, the dipolar interaction is *always* present.
- The energy of interaction between two particles, 1 and 2, sepparated by a distance R is

$$U_{\rm dip} = -\mu_1 \,\mu_2 \left(\frac{\mu_0}{4\,\pi}\right) \frac{\left[3\,(\boldsymbol{m}_1.\hat{\boldsymbol{e}})\,\left(\boldsymbol{m}_2.\hat{\boldsymbol{e}}\right) - \boldsymbol{m}_1.\boldsymbol{m}_2\right]}{R^3}$$

where \boldsymbol{e} is the unit vector connecting particles 1 and 2.

The dipolar interaction is **very** hard to study

- It is a long range interaction: *everyone interacts with everyone*.
 - This means simulations grow with $O(N)^2$ (computationally expensive).
- The dipolar interaction has a *reduced symmetry*.

Anti-parallel configuration



Parallel configuration



Conclusion

- Studying 2, 3, 4, ... particles says *nothing* about the configuration of a *real system*.
- To actually learn about a real system we need to simulate a large number of particles
 - But that is too expensive computationally
- You may say "No. That is \approx what we do in micromagnetism".
 - ◆ 1/2 true: in micromagnetism we usually do not include temperature.
 - Here we *must* include temperature.
 - Much more complex.

The mean-field approximation

- I proposed an approximate model to describe the dipolar interaction.
- It is based on the very popular mean-field approximation that is used in ferromagnetism (Curie-Weiss model) and many other areas.

References:

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Review of the Curie-Weiss model

• If we forget about anisotropy for the moment, the energy of a single *isolated* spin is (in reduced units)

$$E = -mh$$

- Weiss introduced the idea of a **molecular field** to describe the interaction with the other spins around it.
 - Idea: this spins sees, besides the external field *h*, an average field due to all other spins.
 - This field is proportional to $\langle m \rangle$.

$$E = -m \cdot (h + \lambda \langle m \rangle)$$

• In equilibrium we may compute $\langle m \rangle$; the result is the famous Langevin function

$$\langle m \rangle = \mathcal{L}\left(\frac{h + \lambda \langle m \rangle}{k_B T}\right), \quad \mathcal{L}(x) = \operatorname{coth}(x) - 1/x$$

- This is a self-consistent relation, which we must solve numerically to find $\langle m \rangle$.
- This model predicts a phase-transition from a paramagnetic to a ferromagnetic state.

But this is *not* what we expect for magnetic nanoparticles

- Suppose we start with an infinitely diluted sample and gradually increase the concentration.
- It is known from experiment that the first manifestation of the dipolar interaction is to **increase the anisotropy barrier**.
- Only if the concentration is very very high do we see a correlational order, with spin glass behavior and maybe a ferromagnetic order.
- This is not what the Curie-Weiss model predicts.

The basic idea of a mean-field approximation

- Anyway, let us review what ingredients we need in a mean-field model.
- Instead of focusing on many particles, the idea is to focus on a single (or a small number) of particles.
 - This is good because we can use the techniques already developed to treat a single particle.
- We then want to change the energy of the particle as

$$E \longrightarrow E_{\text{eff}} = E + U_{\text{dip}}$$

where $U_{dip} \rightarrow 0$ in the limit of infinite dilution.

- U_{dip} will depend on the magnetization of the particle: $m = (m_1, m_2, m_3)$.
- But it will also depend on statistical moments of m.
 - This is because U_{dip} represents the average interaction with all other particles.
 - These statistical moments have the general form

$$q_{i,j,\ldots l} = \langle m_i \, m_j \, \ldots \, m_l \rangle$$

and U_{dip} may (in principle) be a function of any of the qs.

The result I obtained

• The main result I obtained is this: if you look at one particle, its effective energy will be

$$E_{\rm eff} = E - k_B T \ln \left\langle e^{\boldsymbol{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{\xi}} \right\rangle$$

where $\boldsymbol{\xi}$ is the total dipolar field due to all other particles.

- I treat ξ as a *random variable* so the average $\langle \rangle$ is over all possible values of ξ (which has some underlying distribution that I do not know).
- If we assume there are N particles interacting with our spin then

$$\boldsymbol{\xi} = \sum_{s=1}^{N} \boldsymbol{X}_{s}$$
$$\boldsymbol{X}_{s} = \frac{\mu \mu_{s}}{k_{B} T} \left(\frac{\mu_{0}}{4 \pi}\right) \left[\frac{3 \boldsymbol{e}_{s}(\boldsymbol{e}_{s}.\boldsymbol{m}_{s}) - \boldsymbol{m}_{s}}{R_{s}^{3}}\right]$$

Cumulant expansion

- The function $\ln(e^{m \cdot \xi})$ is called the *cumulant generating function of* ξ .
- It can be expanded as

$$\ln(e^{\boldsymbol{m}\cdot\boldsymbol{\xi}}) = m_i\,\Theta_i + \frac{1}{2!}\,m_i\,m_j\,\Theta_{i,j} + \frac{1}{3!}\,m_i\,m_j\,m_k\,\Theta_{i,j,k} + \dots$$

where the Θ are the cumulants of the distribution

$$\begin{split} \Theta_{i} &= \langle \xi_{i} \rangle & (Mean) \\ \Theta_{i,j} &= \langle \xi_{i} \, \xi_{j} \rangle - \langle \xi_{i} \rangle \, \langle \xi_{j} \rangle & (Variance) \\ \Theta_{i,j,k} &= \langle \xi_{i} \, \xi_{j} \, \xi_{k} \rangle - \langle \xi_{i} \, \xi_{j} \rangle \, \langle \xi_{k} \rangle [3] + 2 \, \langle \xi_{i} \rangle \, \langle \xi_{j} \rangle \, \langle \xi_{k} \rangle \end{split}$$

&c.

• The next step is to assume that each of the X_s above is *statistically independent*.

• We define

$$\eta_a = \left(\frac{\mu\mu_0}{4\pi k_B T}\right)^a \langle \mu^a \rangle \left\langle \frac{1}{R^{3a}} \right\rangle$$

• Then we obtain the formulas

$$\begin{split} \Theta_i &= 0\\ \Theta_{i,j} &= \frac{N\eta_2}{5} \left(3 \,\delta_{i,j} - q_{i,j} \right)\\ \Theta_{i,j,k} &= \frac{2 \,N\eta_3}{35} \left(3 \,\delta_{i,j} \,q_k [3] - q_{i,j,k} \right) \end{split}$$

&c.

This is confusing, I know.

To make it simpler, let us suppose the external field is \perp to the anisotropy axis

• Let us go up to third order and define

$$\frac{N\eta_2}{10} = v_2 \,\sigma^2 \qquad \qquad \frac{2 \,N\eta_3}{25} = v_3 \,\sigma^3$$

• In this particular case we obtain the effective free energy in the form where the p_i are the averages of Legendre polynomials in m_z :

$$p_{1} = \langle P_{1}(m_{z}) \rangle = \langle m_{z} \rangle$$

$$p_{2} = \langle P_{2}(m_{z}) \rangle = \frac{3 \langle m_{z}^{2} \rangle - 1}{2}$$

$$p_{3} = \langle P_{3}(m_{z}) \rangle = \frac{5 \langle m_{z}^{3} \rangle - 3 \langle m_{z} \rangle}{2}$$

&c.

• This is what we set out to obtain in the first place:

• The effective energy now also depends on the averages of m_z .

Results from the mean-field approximation

• Our main result is:

$$-\beta E_{\rm eff} = -\beta E + v_3 \sigma^3 (p_1 + p_3 / 14) m_z + (v_2 \sigma^2 p_2) m_z^2 - \frac{5}{42} v_3 \sigma^3 p_3 m_z^3$$

• Note that $v_2 >> v_3$

• Hence the first order correction is the red term: an increase in the anisotropy energy.

Effect on the relaxation time

• Since $p_2 \approx 1$ we have

$$\tau \sim \exp(\sigma + v_2 \sigma^2)$$

- This is exactly what I wanted:
 - The first order correction of the dipolar interaction is an increase in the anisotropy energy.
- This result also relates well to the **Vogel-Fulcher law**:

$$\tau \sim \exp\left(\frac{KV}{k_B(T-T_0)}\right)$$

• The term T_0 is a correction due to the dipolar interaction. Expanding

$$\frac{KV}{k_B(T-T_0)} \approx \frac{KV}{k_B T} + \frac{KV}{k_B T^2} T_0$$

- T_0 must then be estimated numerically?
- Similarly, Shtrikman and Wohlfarth argued that

$$\tau \sim \exp\left[\frac{KV}{k_B T} + \left(\frac{\mu H_{dip}}{k_B T}\right)^2\right]$$

where H_{dip} is the average field due to the dipolar interaction

- This is precisely the first term in our cumulant expansion.
- The difference is that now we know T_0 or H_{dip} !

$$T_0 = \frac{N\mu^2}{10 k_B KV} \left(\frac{\mu_0}{4 \pi}\right)^2 \left\langle \mu^2 \right\rangle \left\langle \frac{1}{R^6} \right\rangle$$

• At least to my knowledge, this is the first time one obtains an explicit formula for T_0 in terms only of system parameters.

Dynamics and phase transition

- We may now put our effective energy in the SLL equation and solve it numerically.
- If we include also the third order correction, this model predicts a *phase transition* when the concentration is very high.





Applications to magnetic hyperthermia

• Now let us see how the dipolar interaction affects the results of hyperthermia



- The dipolar interaction may either increase or decrease the SAR.
- It depends on the value of σ of your system.
- Remember: the dipolar interaction increases the anisotropy barrier.

$$\sigma \rightarrow \sigma + v_2 \sigma^2 \quad (\text{or } \sigma + \gamma \sigma^2. \text{ Sorry again !})$$

- This increase is huge because it goes with σ^2 .
 - Thus the SAR may be very sensitive to the concentration.
 - Note the log scale in the graph!

Thank you very much!

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If you want I can tell you more about this new, yet rapidly growing university.

Now graded 5 by CAPES!

Derivation of the effective energy

• In this slide I will derive the formula

$$E_{\rm eff} = E - k_B T \ln \left\langle e^{\boldsymbol{m} \cdot \boldsymbol{\xi}} \right\rangle$$

for the effective energy under the dipolar interaction

• We start by considering N particles. The total energy can be writen as

$$E_{\text{tot}}(\boldsymbol{m}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{m}_N) = \sum_{s=1}^N E_s(\boldsymbol{m}_s) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{s,r} U_{s,r}(\boldsymbol{m}_s, \boldsymbol{m}_r)$$

where E_s is the energy of particle s (Zeeman + Anisotropy) and $U_{s,r}$ is the dipolar interaction between particles s and r:

$$U_{s,r}(\boldsymbol{m}_s, \boldsymbol{m}_r) = -\boldsymbol{m}_s^T \mathcal{D}_{s,r}.\boldsymbol{m}_r$$

• Here $\mathcal{D}_{s,r}$ is a 3×3 matrix

$$\mathcal{D}_{s,r} = \mu_s \mu_r \left(\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi}\right) \frac{\left(3 e_{s,r}^T e_{s,r} - I\right)}{R_{s,r}^3}$$

• We derive our main result starting from the equilibrium distribution (Gibbs canonical formula)

$$P(\boldsymbol{m}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{m}_N) = \frac{e^{-\beta E_{\text{tot}}}}{\int e^{-\beta E_{\text{tot}}} d\boldsymbol{m}_1 \dots d\boldsymbol{m}_N}$$

- Let us focus on one particle; say particle # 1.
- If we integrate over $m_2, ..., m_N$ we get the equilibrium distribution of m_1 :

$$P(\boldsymbol{m}_{1}) = \frac{e^{-\beta E_{1}(\boldsymbol{m}_{1})} \Omega(\boldsymbol{m}_{1})}{\int e^{-\beta E_{1}(\boldsymbol{m}_{1})} \Omega(\boldsymbol{m}_{1}) d\boldsymbol{m}_{1}}$$

where

$$\Omega(\boldsymbol{m}_1) = \int \exp\left\{-\beta \sum_{s \neq 1} E_s - \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{s,r} U_{s,r}\right\} d\boldsymbol{m}_2 \dots d\boldsymbol{m}_N$$

- This result is exact: if it were possible to find Ω , it would give the equilibrium distribution of m_1 only.
- Now define the dipolar field of particles 2,...N acting on particle 1 as

$$\boldsymbol{\xi} = \beta \sum_{s=2}^{N} \mathcal{D}_{1,s} \boldsymbol{m}_{s}$$

and change integration variables from $\{\boldsymbol{m}_2, \boldsymbol{m}_{3_1}, ..., \boldsymbol{m}_{N}\}$ to $\{\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{m}_{3_1}, ..., \boldsymbol{m}_{N}\}$. Then we may write Ω as

$$\Omega(\boldsymbol{m}_1) = \int \Lambda(\boldsymbol{\xi})$$

Technical functions

Basic function definitions and Style loading

```
SetDirectory[NotebookDirectory[]];
<< "LinLib`";
<< "CustomTicks`";
load[filename_, size_] := Show[Import[filename], ImageSize → Scaled[size]];
SetOptions[Plot, Frame → True, Axes → False,
  BaseStyle \rightarrow 20, ImageSize \rightarrow 400, PlotStyle \rightarrow {Black}];
SetOptions[InputNotebook[],
DefaultNewCellStyle → "Item",
ShowCellLabel \rightarrow "False",
CellGrouping \rightarrow Manual,
 FontFamily → "Times",
 DefaultNewCellStyle → {"Text", FontFamily → "Times"},
BaseStyle \rightarrow {FontFamily \rightarrow "Times"},
MultiLetterItalics → False,
SingleLetterItalics → Automatic
]
```

SLL Simulation Routine

```
<< "LinLib`";
Clear[SLL];
SLL =
          \label{eq:compile} $$ Compile $$ \{h0, _Real, 1\}, \{f, _Real\}, \{\lambda, _Real\}, \{m0, _Real, 1\}, \{\alpha, _Real\}, \{\theta, _Real\},
                      {tf, _Real}, {dt, _Real}}, Module [{s, n, m, r, F, G, x, mp, v, FF, GG, ts, hs, R},
                     s = N[Sqrt[2\theta\alpha dt/(1+\alpha^2)]];
                     n = Floor[tf/dt];
                     m = ConstantArray[0., {n, 3}];
                     m[1] = m\Theta;
                     R = RandomVariate[NormalDistribution[0, s], {n, 3}];
                     Do
                             (* Partial step *)
                           x = m[i];
                           r = R[[i]];
                           v = dt (h0 Cos[2\pi f(i-1) dt] + {0, 0, \lambda x[3]});
                           F = -\frac{1}{2} \times (x \times v) + (x \times v);
                          G = -\frac{1}{\alpha} x \times r - x \times (x \times r);
                           mp = x + F + G;
                             (* Full Step *)
                           x = mp;
                           v = dt (h0 Cos[2\pifidt] + {0, 0, \lambda x[3]});
                           FF = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \times \times v - \times \times (\times \times v);
                           GG = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \times r - \times (\times r);
                           m[[i + 1]] = m[[i]] + 0.5 (F + FF + G + GG) // Normalize;
                           , {i, 1, n-1}];
                     ts = dt Range[0, n - 1];
                     hs = Norm[h0] Cos[2\pi fts];
                     {ts, hs, m[All, 1], m[All, 2],
                                m[[All, 3]], (h0.#)
If[Norm[h0] > 10<sup>-12</sup>, Norm[h0], 1] & /@m} // Transpose
                ], CompilationTarget \rightarrow "C"];
```

<< "Simulations.mx";

Simulations

Oscillations in the well

```
Clear [h, f, \lambda, \alpha, \theta, tf, dt];
ha = \{0., 0., 0.\};
f = 0.;
\lambda = 1.;
\alpha = 1.;
tf = 2 \times 10.0^3;
dt = 0.05;
\theta = 0.09;
OW1 = Table[
    tmp = SLL[ha, f, \lambda, {0, 0, 1}, \alpha, \theta, tf, dt];
    Sign[#[[3]]] ArcCos[#[[5]]] &/@tmp
    , {10}];
\theta = 0.01;
OW2 = Table[
    tmp = SLL[ha, f, \lambda, {0, 0, 1}, \alpha, \theta, tf, dt];
    Sign[#[3]] ArcCos[#[5]] & /@tmp
    , {10}];
```

Random Walk

```
RWx = Accumulate@RandomVariate[NormalDistribution[0, 1], 200];
RWy = Accumulate@RandomVariate[NormalDistribution[0, 1], 200];
```

Free Dynamics in the sphere

```
ha = {0., 0., 0.};

f = 0.;

\lambda = 1.;

\alpha = 1.;

\theta = 0.07;

tf = 10×10.0<sup>3</sup>;

dt = 0.01;

FDS = SLL[ha, f, \lambda, {0, 0, 1}, \alpha, \theta, tf, dt];

\theta = 0.01;

FDS2 = SLL[ha, f, \lambda, {0, 0, 1}, \alpha, \theta, tf, dt];
```

Relaxation and averages

ha = $\{0., 0., 0.\};$ f = 0.; $\lambda = 1.;$ $\alpha = 1.;$ $\theta = 0.07;$ $tf = 10.0^3;$ dt = 0.05;RA = Table[SLL[ha, f, λ , {0, 0, 1}, α , θ , tf, dt][1;; -1;; 10, 5], {1000}]; Do[RAM[i] = Mean /@Transpose@RA[1;; i], {i, 1, 1000}]; Hysteresis loop - Cold ha = {Sin[30.°], 0., Cos[30.°]}; f = 0.001; $\lambda = 1.;$ $\alpha = 1.;$ $\theta = 0.07;$ $tf = 10.0^3;$ dt = 0.05;HYST = Table[tmp = SLL[ha, f, λ , {0, 0, 1}, α , θ , tf, dt]; H = tmp[[1;; -1;; 10, 2]];tmp[[1;; -1;; 10, 6]] , {1000}]; Do[HYSTM[i] = Transpose[{H, Mean /@Transpose@HYST[1;; i]}], {i, 1, 1000}];

Hysteresis loop - Hot

```
ha = {Sin[30.°], 0., Cos[30.°]};
f = 0.001;
λ = 1.;
a = 1.;
θ = 0.3;
tf = 10.0<sup>3</sup>;
dt = 0.05;
HYST2 = Table[
   tmp = SLL[ha, f, λ, {0, 0, 1}, α, θ, tf, dt];
   H = tmp[1;; -1;; 20, 2];
   tmp[1;; -1;; 20, 6]]
   , {5000}];
Do[HYSTM2[i] = Transpose[{H, Mean /@Transpose@HYST2[[1;; i]]}], {i, 1, 5000}];
```

Saving

DumpSave["Simulations.mx",
 {0W1, 0W2, RWx, RWy, FDS, FDS2, RA, RAM, HYST, HYSTM, HYST2, HYSTM2}];