

**Project report –XI th plan:**

1. Project: **Physics of complex system under extreme conditions (PIC no: 11-R&D-SIN-5.02-0100)**
2. Sanction reference no. **15/4/2007-R&D-II /3406 dt 23May'2008**
3. Brief report about achievement /highlights with reference to programme as proposed in XI<sup>th</sup> plan DPR. (**Annexure- I**):

4. List of major capital equipment's procured as proposed in DPR and present status.

The following major capital Equipment's have been procured and Installed successfully.

- a. Atomic Force Microscopy-Magnetic Force Microscopy, Mask aligner
  - b. DC-RF sputtering under high vacuum ( UHV system)
  - c. XRD at low temperature with 18KW power
  - d. Cryostats for Physical property measurements system (5 T- 9T)
  - e. Room Temp. Bore magnet (9 T) with VTI
  - f. Furnaces- small and medium
  - g. Field Sweep magnet for NMR (9T)
  - h. High pressure – Hydrostatic- 3GPa (max.) at LT, Dimond Anvil Cell
  - i. SQUID-VSM
5. **Reasons for not achieving the target as fixed for the project (any major deviation)**  
Scanning electron microscope with elemental analysis could not be procured for technical reasons and as and when required this measurements have been carried out in collaboration with other institute. Some of the experiments are possible with newly installed 300TEM equipment at SINP.
  6. List of publications year wise (2007-12). **Enclosed in Annexure II**
  7. Details of Overall expenditure :

**Consolidated expenditure statement : 1-Apr-2007 to 10-Sep-2013**

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## Annexure I

### Project (XI<sup>th</sup> plan): Physics of complex system under extreme conditions

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#### Salient Scientific/Technical features of the Project as in DPR:

- [1] Experimental investigations of super-hard materials, composite magnets, negative TCR & negative thermal expansion materials at high pressure with a focus on isotropic cubic materials. Experimental investigations of exchange coupling between grains and dipoles in composite magnets consisting of soft and hard phases for high energy product,  $(BH)_{\max}$ , material.
- [2] Microwave absorption properties of one-dimensional materials and their composites and subsequent development of electromagnetic interference shields
- [3] Time dependent universal conductance fluctuation for interacting electronic systems
- [4] Magnetism in linear chain spin trimers/group IV clathrates
- [5] Physics of transition metals focusing on rare earth containing systems for giant magnetostriction, spin relaxation at the ferrimagnet-superconductor interface Magnetostriction, thermal expansion and thermal conductivity including single crystal – super conducting materials
- [6] Magnetoresistive and Magnetocaloric materials focusing on rare earth compounds.
- [7] Theroretical studies in relevance to above focusing on Polaron Physics and Manganites, Bose Einstein Condensation (BEC) and Organic Superconductivity, Nanoscopic and Mesoscopic Systems, Tools for Many-body Problems.

**The following are the specific programmes covering the above mentioned research area as proposed in the project.**

### **1. Programmes focusing on Intermetallic alloys:**

- 1.01 Intriguing properties of cubic intermetallic inverse perovskite containing Rare-earths and low-Z elements excluding oxygen
- 1.02 Experimental investigations of exchange coupling between grains and dipoles in composite magnets consisting of soft and hard phases for high energy product, (BH)<sub>max</sub>, material.
- 1.03 Effect of Si/Ge ratio on resistivity and thermoelectric power in Gd<sub>5</sub>Si<sub>x</sub>Ge<sub>4-x</sub> magnetocaloric compounds:
- 1.04 Electronic transport minimum in SmCuAs<sub>2</sub> at low temperature and structural anomalies.
- 1.05 Large variations in the magnetic ordering behavior of EuCu<sub>2</sub>As<sub>2</sub> with the application of external pressure and magnetic field.
- 1.06 <sup>27</sup>Al and <sup>63</sup>Cu NMR studies in polycrystalline sample of CeCu<sub>3</sub>Al<sub>2</sub>
- 1.07 <sup>93</sup>Nb NMR studies in single crystal NbSe<sub>2</sub>
- 1.08 <sup>75</sup>As NMR study of oriented CeFeAsO and CeFeAsO<sub>0.84</sub>F<sub>0.16</sub>
- 1.09 Interplay between Co 3d and Ce 4f magnetism in CeCoAsO
- 1.10 Effect of Pt on the superconducting and magnetic properties of ErNi<sub>2</sub>B<sub>2</sub>C
- 1.11 Crystalline electric field effects in PrNi<sub>2</sub>B<sub>2</sub>C: Inelastic neutron scattering
- 1.12 <sup>27</sup>Al and <sup>63</sup>Cu NMR studies on intermetallic Kondo compound CeCu<sub>3</sub>Al<sub>2</sub>
- 1.13 <sup>11</sup>B and <sup>195</sup>Pt NMR study of heavy-fermion compound CePt<sub>2</sub>B<sub>2</sub>C
- 1.14 Comparative studies of magnetocaloric effect and magnetotransport behavior in GdRu<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> compound
- 1.15 Contribution of energy-gap in the ferromagnetic spin-wave spectrum on magnetocaloric parameters of CeRu<sub>2</sub>Ge<sub>2</sub>
- 1.16 Magnetoresistance studies on RPd<sub>2</sub>Si (R = Tb, Dy, Lu) compounds
- 1.17 Giant magnetocaloric effect in antiferromagnetic ErRu<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> compound

### **2. Programmes focusing on oxide materials:**

- 2.01 Magnetism of AFM Nano particles: Core-shell model and “Unconventional relaxation in antiferromagnetic CoRh<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles”
- 2.02 Complex magnetic materials focusing on oxide nano particle in crystalline and amorphous samples
- 2.03 Suppression of spin-lattice coupling for the observation of Geometrically frustrated magnets in magnetic ordering and JT ion system- as an example NiCr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>.
- 2.04 Glassy behavior of the phase segregated state of the layered perovskites La<sub>2-x</sub>Sr<sub>x</sub>CoO<sub>4</sub> (1.1 ≤ x ≤ 1.3)
- 2.05 Disordered spin liquid ground state of the Haldane gap compound SrNi<sub>2</sub>V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>
- 2.06 <sup>31</sup>P nuclear-magnetic-resonance in trimer spin chain compound Ca<sub>3</sub>CuNi<sub>2</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>
- 2.07 Resistivity and <sup>75</sup>As nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) of superconducting CeFeAsO<sub>0.84</sub>F<sub>0.16</sub>
- 2.08 NMR studies on LaCoPO
- 2.09 Studies of interfacial hydrogen bonding organic liquids, ethylene glycol [(CH<sub>2</sub>OH)<sub>2</sub>] and isopropanol [CH<sub>3</sub>CH(OH)CH<sub>3</sub>]
- 2.10 Anisotropic spin-fluctuations in SmCoPO revealed by <sup>31</sup>P NMR measurement
- 2.11 <sup>31</sup>P NMR studies on Ca<sub>3</sub>Cu<sub>2</sub>Ni(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>
- 2.12 Magnetic, transport and thermal properties of Sm<sub>0.52</sub>Sr<sub>0.48</sub>MnO<sub>3</sub> single crystal
- 2.13 Transport, magnetic and thermal properties of Iron based superconductors
- 2.14 Anisotropic magnetic properties and giant magnetocaloric effect in antiferromagnetic RMnO<sub>3</sub> crystals (R = Dy, Tb, Ho, Yb)
- 2.15 Phase transition and magnetoelectronic phase separation in the La<sub>1-x</sub>Sr<sub>x</sub>CoO<sub>3</sub> (0.10 ≤ x ≤ 0.33) single crystals

- 2.16 Cluster glass behaviour in Co-substituted double perovskite  $\text{Ca}_2\text{FeMoO}_6$
- 2.17 Spin glass like behaviour and magnetic enhancement in nanosized Ni-Zn ferrite system
- 2.18 Spin glass-like behaviour in Fe-rich phases of  $\text{Sr}_2\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x\text{MoO}_6$  ( $0.1 \leq x \leq 0.4$ )
- 2.19 Magnetic frustration effect in Mn-rich  $\text{Sr}_2\text{Mn}_{1-x}\text{Fe}_x\text{MoO}_6$  system
- 2.20 Thermoelectric power of  $\text{RFeAsO}$  ( $\text{R} = \text{Ce}, \text{Pr}, \text{Nd}, \text{Sm}, \text{and Gd}$ )
- 2.21 Magnetism of crystalline and amorphous  $\text{La}_{0.67}\text{Ca}_{0.33}\text{MnO}_3$  nanoparticles
- 2.22 Evidence of disorder induced magnetic spin glass phase in  $\text{Sr}_2\text{FeMoO}_6$
- 2.23 Studies of the magnetic frustration effect in  $\text{Sr}_2\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x\text{MoO}_6$  ( $0.1 \leq x \leq 0.4$ ) system
- 2.24 Exchange bias effect in  $\text{LaFeO}_3$  nanoparticles
- 2.25 Electrical transport and magnetic properties of Co-substituted  $\text{Ca}_2\text{FeMoO}_6$
- 2.26 Surface Spin Glass and Exchange bias effect in nano particles of  $\text{Sm}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{MnO}_3$  manganites
- 2.27 Evidence of exchange bias effect and surface spin glass ordering in electron doped  $\text{Sm}_{0.09}\text{Ca}_{0.91}\text{MnO}_3$  nanomanganites
- 2.28 Field induced ferromagnetic phase transition and large magnetocaloric effect in  $\text{Sm}_{0.55}\text{Sr}_{0.45}\text{MnO}_3$  phase separated manganites:
- 2.29 Scaling of non-Ohmic conduction in strongly correlated systems
- 2.30 Evidence of a structural phase transition in superconducting  $\text{SmFeAsO}_{1-x}\text{F}_x$  from  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR
- 2.31 NMR study of rare-earth transition metal oxypnictides
- 2.32 NMR study of spin-trimer compound  $\text{Ca}_3\text{CuNi}_2(\text{PO}_4)_4$
- 2.33 Freezing/melting behavior of nanoconfined liquids probed by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR
- 2.34 NMR study of rare-earth transition metal oxypnictides
- 2.35 The metal-insulator transition in nanocrystalline  $\text{Pr}_{0.67}\text{Ca}_{0.33}\text{MnO}_3$ : the correlation between supercooling and kinetic arrest
- 2.36 Inverse magnetocaloric effect in polycrystalline  $\text{La}_{0.125}\text{Ca}_{0.875}\text{MnO}_3$
- 2.37 Magnetocaloric properties of nanocrystalline  $\text{La}_{0.125}\text{Ca}_{0.875}\text{MnO}_3$
- 2.38 Low temperature conductivity in ferromagnetic manganite thin films: quantum corrections and inter-granular transport
- 2.39 Colossal enhancement of magnetoresistance in  $\text{La}_{0.67}\text{Sr}_{0.33}\text{MnO}_3$  thin films: possible evidence of electronic phase separation
- 2.40 Colossal enhancement of magnetoresistance in  $\text{La}_{0.67}\text{Sr}_{0.33}\text{MnO}_3/\text{Pr}_{0.67}\text{Ca}_{0.33}\text{MnO}_3$  multilayers: Reproducing the phase separation scenario
- 2.41 Influence of charge ordering on magnetocaloric properties of nanocrystalline  $\text{Pr}_{0.65}(\text{Ca}_{0.7}\text{Sr}_{0.3})_{0.35}\text{MnO}_3$
- 2.42 Magnetocaloric properties of nanocrystalline  $\text{Pr}_{0.65}(\text{Ca}_{0.6}\text{Sr}_{0.4})_{0.35}\text{MnO}_3$
- 2.43 Observation of large low field magnetoresistance and large magnetocaloric effects in polycrystalline  $\text{Pr}_{0.65}(\text{Ca}_{0.7}\text{Sr}_{0.3})_{0.35}\text{MnO}_3$
- 2.44 Low-temperature magnetotransport properties in granular ferromagnetic manganites
- 2.45 Unified description of spin-dependent transport in granular ferromagnetic manganite
- 2.46 Magnetic and transport properties of nanocrystalline  $\text{Nd}_{0.5}\text{Sr}_{0.5}\text{MnO}_3$
- 2.47 Magnetocaloric effect in  $\text{Ho}_5\text{Pd}_2$ : Evidence of large cooling power
- 2.48 Magnetotransport properties of nanocrystalline  $\text{Pr}_{0.65}(\text{Ca}_{1-y}\text{Sr}_y)_{0.35}\text{MnO}_3$  ( $y$  similar to 0.4,0.3): Influence of phase coexistence

### 3. Other related programmes:

- 3.01 Soft condensed Matter
- 3.02 Studies on broadband microwave absorption and dielectric properties of low-d materials and their composites and development of electromagnetic interference (EMI) shields.
- 3.03 Microwave spectroscopy studies
  - 3.03.1 Conventional microwave and millimeterwave spectroscopic studies of organic molecules of chemical and astrophysical interest
  - 3.03.2 Millimeter-wave spectroscopic studies of DC discharge produced stable and transient molecules of chemical and astrophysical interest
  - 3.03.3 Studies on broadband microwave absorption and dielectric properties of low dimensional materials.

#### 4. Programmes focusing on theoretical studies:

- 4.01 Studies of nonequilibrium continuum model systems using field theoretic tools with an aim to uncover their universal scaling properties and their dependences (if any) on the nature and strength of the external drives.
- 4.02 Studies of statistical mechanics aspects of fluid and magnetohydrodynamic turbulence with a focus to find the universal multiscaling exponents and setting up the exact hierarchical relations among the structure functions of various orders
- 4.03 Studies of active or “living matter” in terms of continuum descriptions for driven nematic or polar ordered systems to understand a coarse-grained picture of several cell biology experiments concerning fluctuations in the cytoplasm-cell membrane combine.
- 4.04 Studies of simple one-dimensional discrete lattice-gas based driven models executing exclusion process using mean-field theories and Mon-Carlo simulations to explicitly calculate the nonequilibrium steady states in simple systems and contrast them with corresponding equilibrium systems.
- 4.05 Exact studies on the properties of Holstein polarons and JT polarons: effect of disorder and second nearest-neighbor hopping.
- 4.06 Stability of Holstein and Frohlich bipolarons in presence of extended electron-electron interaction.
- 4.07 Fermions in optical lattices under anisotropic harmonic trap.
- 4.08 Bose condensation and other thermodynamic properties of Bosons in optical lattices under harmonic and quartic traps and the effects of Aubry potential on properties of lattice bosons.
- 4.09 Physics of Fracture: Study of earthquake dynamics & models
- 4.10 Study of Quantum Annealing and thermal annealing for new generation of quantum (annealing) computers
- 4.11 Econophysics: A new area of research has been developed for the first time as an interdisciplinary subject of Economics and Statistical Physics.
- 4.12 An exact solution of the CCM model and explained the origin of Pareto’s law have been provided.
- 4.13 A method has been proposed to obtain steadystate weights and the spatial correlations exactly in a class of non-equilibrium models.
- 4.14 Studies of Protein production in the cell is inhibited by micro RNAs.
- 4.15 Studies and development of APT models.
- 4.16 Studies of coexistence of superconductivity and charge-density-wave using Hubbard-Holstein model in one-dimensions.
- 4.17 Studies of cooperative electron-phonon interaction physics in one-dimensions.
- 4.18 Studies of supersolidity for a system of hard-core-bosons coupled to optical phonons in a lattice.
- 4.19 Studies of the ground state orbital ordering of  $\text{LaMnO}_3$  at weak electron-phonon coupling.
- 4.20 Analytically study of the Peierls instability condition in the Holstein model.

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2. ICMM-2010 - held October 25 – 29, 2010, proceedings published as Magnetic Materials, AIP Conf. Proc. vol.1347, (2011).
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### **Conferences/Symposia/Workshops: organised by Theoretical faculties**

1. International Workshop and Conference on Statistical Physics Approaches to Multi-Disciplinary Problems, 7-13 January 2008, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, India, organized jointly with IIT Guwahati, S N Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, Kolkata and Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai .
2. School on Low dimensional nanoscopic physics, 28 January - 9 February 2008, Harish-Chandra Research Institute, Allahabad, India, organized jointly with Harish-Chandra Research Institute, Allahabad, Institute of Physics, Bhubaneswar and Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai
3. International Workshop on Quantum Phase Transition and Dynamics : Quenching, Annealing and Quantum Computation, 3 - 7 February, 2009, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata, India
4. ECONOPHYSICS-KOLKATA IV : International Workshop on Econophysics of Games and Social Choices, 9 - 13 March, 2009, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, India
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6. STATPHYS-Kolkata VII, 26 - 30 November, 2010, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata, India
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**Human Resource: No., of Ph.d produced: Experimental 8, Theory 7: Total 15**

## MEMORIAL LECTURES

- 1.** The Sixth J. C. Bose Memorial Lecture of the CAMCS, SINP, was delivered by Prof. Allan H MacDonald, Sid W. Richardson Foundation Regents Chair Professor, Dept of Physics, University of Texas at Austin, USA on "Quantum Hall Superfluids" on 5th April, 2011.
- 2.** The Fifth Ramanujan Lecture of the CAMCS, SINP, will be delivered by Prof. Masuo Suzuki, Professor of Applied Physics, Tokyo University of Science, Japan, on "Quantum-Classical Correspondence in Statistical Mechanics" on 25th November, 2010.
- 3.** The Fifth J. C. Bose Memorial Lecture of the CAMCS, SINP, was delivered by Prof. Klaus von Klitzing, Max Planck Institute for Solid State Research, Stuttgart, Germany on "The Quantum Leap from Micro- to Nanoelectronics" on 2nd November, 2010.
- 4.** The Fourth J. C. Bose Memorial Lecture of the CAMCS, SINP, was delivered by Prof. Sidney R. Nagel, Stein-Freiler Distinguished Service Professor, University of Chicago, USA on "Jamming and the Emergence of Rigidity" on 8th March, 2010.
- 5.** The Fourth Ramanujan Lecture of the CAMCS, SINP, was delivered by Prof. Anthony J. Leggett, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Professor and Center for Advanced Study Professor of Physics, University of Illinois, USA on "Superfluid 3-He: The early days as seen by a theorist [Nobel Lecture 2003]" on 29th January, 2010.
- 6.** The Third J. C. Bose Memorial Lecture of the CAMCS, SINP, was delivered by Prof. Anthony J. Leggett, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Professor and Center for Advanced Study Professor of Physics, University of Illinois, USA on "Bell's theorem, entanglement, quantum teleportation, and all that" on 28th January, 2010.
- 7.** The Third Ramanujan Lecture of the CAMCS, SINP, was delivered by Prof. Peter A. Markowich, Professor of Applied Mathematics, Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, University of Cambridge, UK, and Professor of Applied Analysis, Faculty of Mathematics University of Vienna, Austria on "Reaction-Diffusion (-Convection) Equations, Entropies and Sobolev Inequalities" on 10th March, 2009.
- 8.** The Second Ramanujan Lecture of the CAMCS, SINP, was delivered by Prof. Sir Michael Berry, Royal Society Research Professor of the University of Bristol, UK on "The music of the primes: quantum mechanics, chaos and the Riemann zeros" on 27th January, 2009.
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- f. Room Temp. Bore magnet (9 T) with VTI
- g. Furnaces- small and medium
- h. Field Sweep magnet for NMR 9T
- i. High pressure – Hydrostatic- 3GPa (max.) at LT, Diamond Anvil Cell
- j. SQUID-VSM

# Some Important results- examples

### New magnetic materials- development- Anti-Pervoskite

**Magnetoresistance changes sign upon boron doping in TbPd<sub>3</sub>.**

**Largest negative GMR ~ -30% in RPd<sub>3</sub> series**

**YPd<sub>3</sub> B- unusual combination of metallic and Ceramic properties. Ductile materials similar to damage tolerant nanolaminates- so called MAX phases: (Tetsuya et al J.alloys and compounds 540 75 (2012))**

**Temperature coefficient of p(T) can be controlled by tuning lattice parameter. → Observation of NTCR**

**Recently, NTE was found in a metallic phase, GdPd<sub>3</sub>B<sub>0.75</sub>C<sub>0.25</sub>, and attributed to the effect of low energy transverse vibrational modes of two-coordinate Pr atoms.** (excerpt from Matinovic et al. Chem. Mater. 2009, 21, 288)

**Equivalent in RPd<sub>3</sub>. Eu in Ce<sub>1-x</sub>Ru<sub>x</sub>Pd<sub>3</sub> was recently reported to be in mixed valence state, recently induced by a charge transfer between the 4f states of Ce and Eu. This case stresses the importance of the 4f-4f interactions and their possible consequences on the frequency where different rare-earth ions are present in the same and cell.** (excerpt from Yamako et al. PRB 81, 115137(2010))

**“As far as we know multiple sign changes of MR has been found only in GdPd<sub>3</sub> as a function of magnetic field.”** [excerpt from Kitada et al., Appl. Phys. Express 4 (2011) 035801]

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### XRD at low temperature

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**Symmetry Change?**

### The nano composite magnets consist of soft and hard magnetic phase alloys for high energy product magnets (BH)<sub>max</sub>

**Hysteresis curves of the spark plasma sintered Fe-containing nanocomposite SmCo<sub>5</sub> magnet**

**Mössbauer spectra of 10 wt% Fe-containing SmCo<sub>5</sub>**

**Recoil susceptibility measured at 300K for a) 5wt% and b) 10wt% Fe Containing SmCo<sub>5</sub> samples**

**Work in collaboration with DMRL-DRDO our reference: ( J. Phys. D: Appl. Phys 41 065001) (2008) (J.Magn. Magn Materials 312 252 (2007). Cited in recent review articles I. Betancourt and H.A.Davies -Materials Science and technology 26 5-19 (Jan'2010)**

**The M(t) data in the expanded scale for different particle size- Field on state. For particle size >19nm, M decreases with time. (Field On state)- Unusual (Negative magnetisation growth with time) Note: 16nm change- usual- (positive magnetization growth with time)**

**Cooling the Sample 100K-2K. At 2 K, (t<sub>on</sub>) 100 s given. Apply field (H) = 100 Oe. Field stabilization 60s. M(t) data for the next 2700 seconds. (as ON state). Magnetic field is off and field is stabilized to zero value within 60 seconds. The M(t) is continued for the next 2700 seconds in the absence of field ( as OFF state).**

### Magnetic relaxation of AFM nanoparticles of CoRh<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> at low temperatures

**Magnetic relaxation of AFM nanoparticles of CoRh<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> at low temperatures**

**A schematic diagram to show the competition between antiferromagnetic exchange interactions (H<sub>ex</sub>) and surface anisotropy field (H<sub>surf</sub>) in presence of applied magnetic field (H<sub>app</sub>) along z axis (spin up direction) for bulk and nanoparticle samples (nps). μ is the resultant of two spins. M is the effective component of μ along +Z direction.**

**The effective magnetic field along the +Z axis: H<sub>eff</sub> = H<sub>ax</sub> + H<sub>San</sub> + H<sub>app</sub> + Δ** (Bhowmik & Ranganathan, PRB, 75 (2007) 012410)

### Determination of Crystalline Electric Field levels of PrNi<sub>2</sub>B<sub>2</sub>C using Inelastic Neutron Spectroscopic studies

**Standard model of magnetism with appropriate crystalline electric field level schemes can explain the magnetic data of PrNi<sub>2</sub>B<sub>2</sub>C adequately**

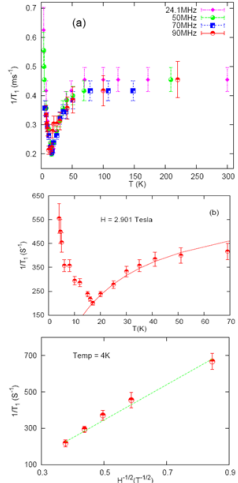
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**Spin dynamics in 1D trimer cluster compound  $\text{Ca}_3\text{Cu}_2\text{Ni}(\text{PO}_4)_4$  probed by  $^{31}\text{P}$ NMR**

M. Ghosh, M. Majumder, K. Ghoshray, A. Ghoshray

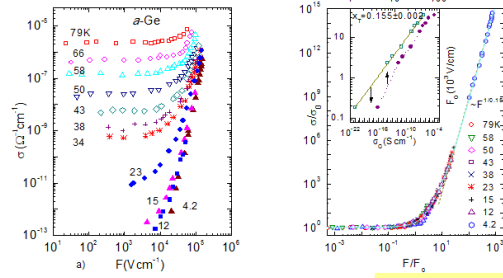


The variation of  $1/T_1$  with  $T$  shows negligible field dependence in the temperature range 50-300 K, suggesting Curie-Weiss type temperature dependence of the dynamic susceptibility.

In the range 15-50 K,  $1/T_1$  decreases exponentially as  $e^{-\Delta/k_B T}$ . In this temperature region  $1/T_1$  shows a field dependence, with  $1/T_1 \propto H^{1.5}$ . Such a field dependence was predicted theoretically when the dominant contribution to  $1/T_1$ , is due to the two magnon mediated exchange enhanced Raman process over that of the three magnon process.

In the range 4-15K,  $1/T_1$  shows continuous increment with  $1/T_1 \propto H^{1.5}$ , which is a signature of the development of short range magnetic correlation, though the system does not show long range magnetic order down to 1.8 K as revealed from the magnetic susceptibility. The power law indicates spin diffusion process governs the nuclear relaxation below 15K.

**Phenomenological Scaling – single field scale**



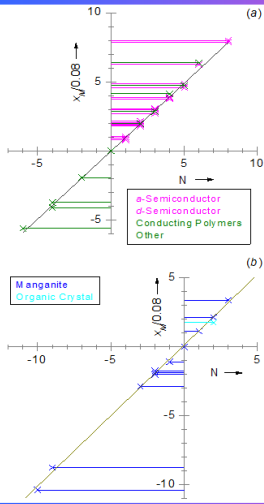
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Morgan & Walley, Phil. Mag. (1970)

Scaling relation:  
 $\sigma(F)/\sigma(0) = \Phi(F/F_0)$   
 $F_0 \sim \sigma_0^x$ ,  $x$  – non-linearity exponent  
 Physical Review B, 84, 054205 (2011) : 86, 165104 (2012).

At large field :  
 $\sigma(F)$  independent of  $T$  or  $\sigma_0$   
 $\Rightarrow \Phi(z) \sim z^{1/x}$   
 $\sigma \approx F^{1/x}$ , Power Law

**Non-linearity exponents – Quantization!!!**



$x_M$  is an integral multiple of 0.08

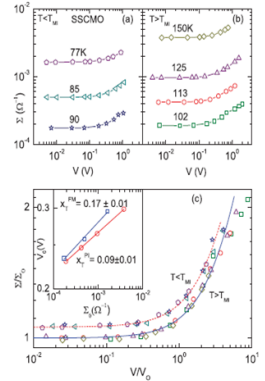
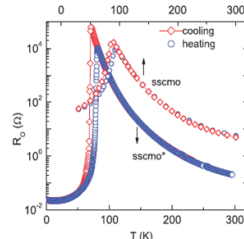
$x_M = 0.08 N$

$N=1$   $x_M = 0.08$ ,  $N=2$   $x_M = 0.16$  and so on

Experiments cover an wide variety of systems - amorphous/doped semiconductors, conducting polymers, organic crystals, manganites, composites, 'dirty metals', double perovskites

strongly localized systems to weakly localized ones to correlated systems

**New scaling model for non-Ohmic transport in manganites**

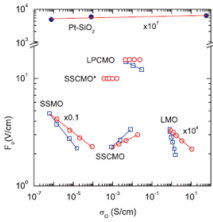


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MIT in CMR manganites. I-V curves on both sides of the transition studied for single crystal and Polycrystalline Manganites

Phenomenological Scaling in manganites – Existence of a Single field scale for Nonlinearity

**Non linearity exponents in various CMR manganites**



Onset Field  $F_0$  follows a Power-law relation with Ohmic conductivity with an exponent  $x_T$

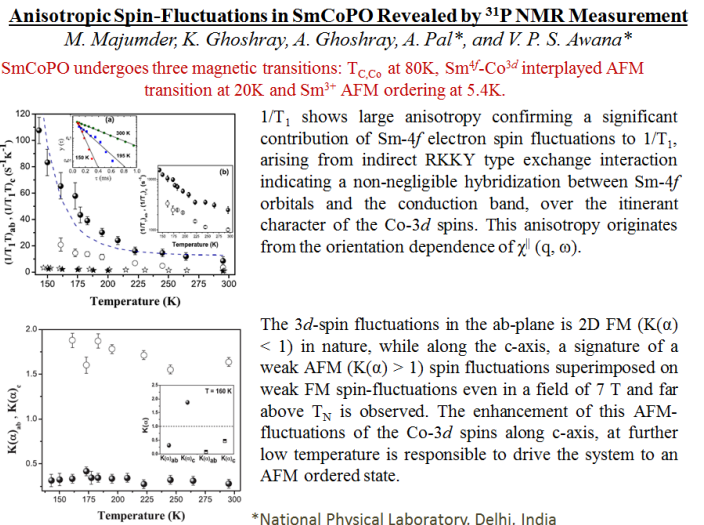
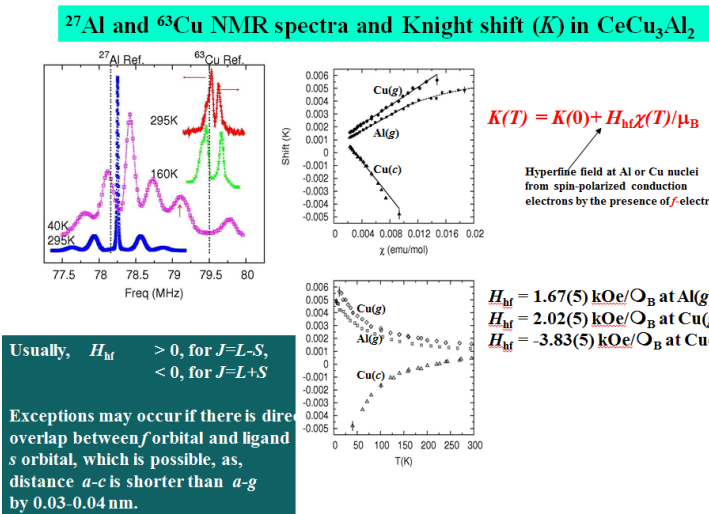
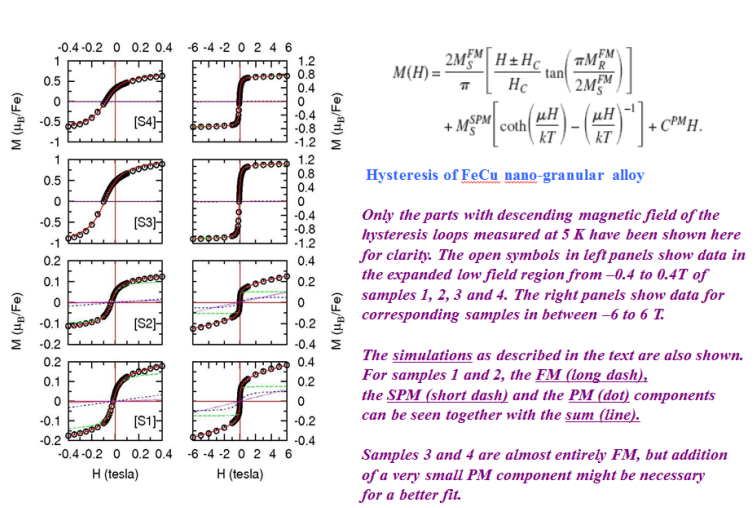
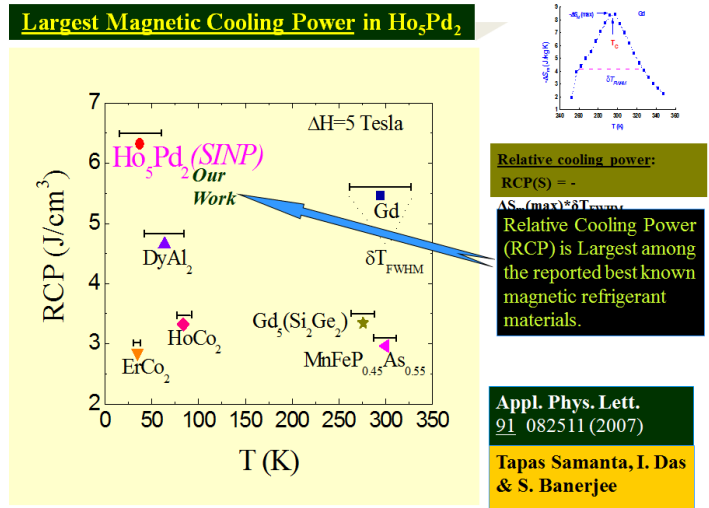
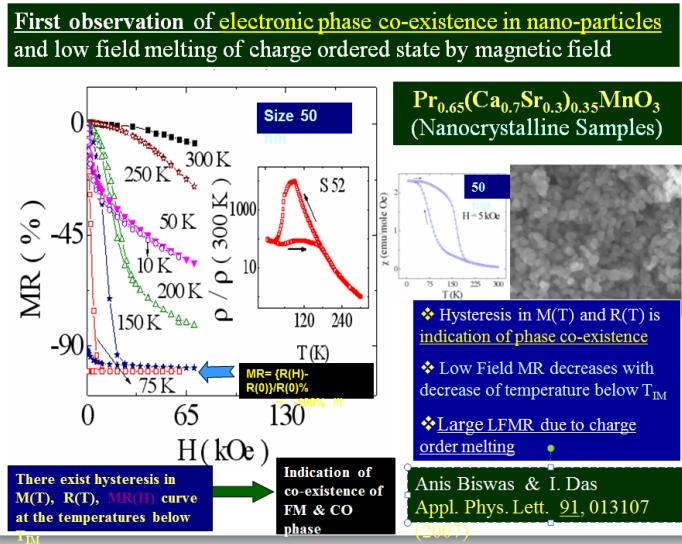
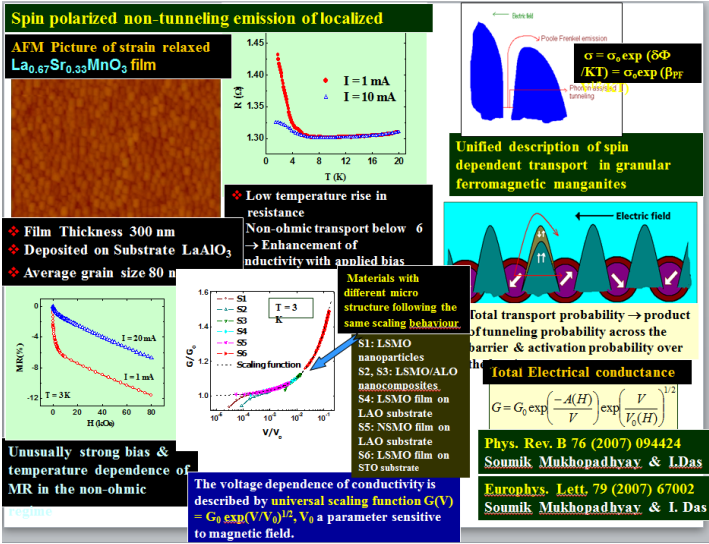
non-linearity exponent  $x_T$  for various CMR manganite systems.

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$\text{Sr}_{0.55}(\text{Sr}_{0.3}\text{Ca}_{0.3}\text{Mn}_{0.25})\text{MnO}_3$	SSCMO*	Single crystal	81			0
$\text{Sr}_{0.55}\text{Sr}_{0.375}\text{Ca}_{0.125}\text{MnO}_3$	SSCMO	Polycrystal	94	9	$0.17 \pm 0.01$	$0.09 \pm 0.01$
$\text{Sr}_{0.55}\text{Sr}_{0.45}\text{MnO}_3$	SSMO	Polycrystal	69.5	9.8	$-0.23 \pm 0.01$	$-0.14 \pm 0.01$
$\text{La}_{0.275}\text{Pr}_{0.25}\text{Ca}_{0.35}\text{MnO}_3$	LPCMO	Polycrystal	113	10.4	$-0.09 \pm 0.01$	0
$\text{La}_{0.27}(\text{Mn}_2\text{O}_7)_{0.11}\text{MnO}_3$	LMO	Polycrystal	155	93	$-0.83 \pm 0.01$	$-0.16 \pm 0.01$
$\text{La}_{0.75}\text{Ca}_{0.25}\text{MnO}_3$	LCMO (C)	Thin film	267	10	$0.27 \pm 0.04$	$0.27 \pm 0.04$
$\text{La}_{0.75}\text{Ca}_{0.25}\text{MnO}_3/\text{BaTiO}_3$	LCMO/BTO (CB)	Multilayer film	210	30	$-0.70 \pm 0.01$	$-0.15 \pm 0.03$

**Scaling of non-Ohmic conduction in strongly correlated systems**

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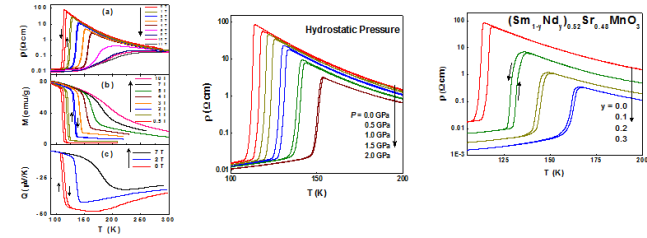




Role of internal and external perturbation on magnetic and electronic phase transition on narrowband  $\text{Sm}_{0.52}\text{Sr}_{0.48}\text{MnO}_3$  (SSMO) single crystal

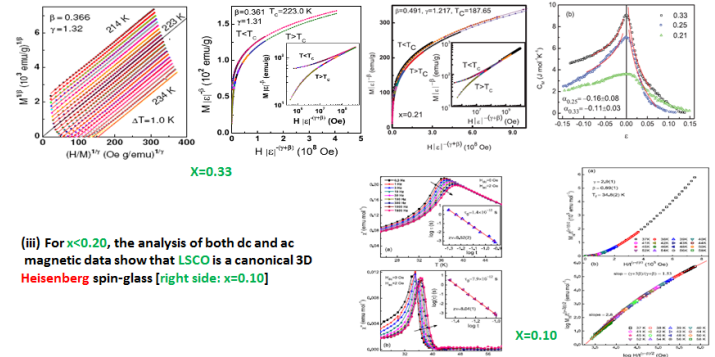
Magnetic, transport, and thermal properties of  $\text{Sm}_{0.52}\text{Sr}_{0.48}\text{MnO}_3$  (SSMO) single crystal are very unusual due large quenched disorder and narrow bandwidth. Our study shows :

- At ambient condition, SSMO exhibits a strong first-order ferromagnetic (FM) metal to paramagnetic (PM) insulator phase transition at the Curie temperature  $T_c \approx 110$  K with large thermal hysteresis [left panel].
- The application of magnetic field increases  $T_c$  almost linearly at the rate of 11.3 K/T (up to  $H \approx 4$  T), diminishes the first-order character of the transition and above a critical point ( $H_c \approx 4$  T,  $T_c \approx 160$  K), the transition becomes a crossover.
- Qualitatively similar behavior has been observed with increasing external pressure (P) and chemical or internal pressure ( $\gamma$ ), i.e., substitution of Nd at Sm site [ $(\text{Sm}_{1-y}\text{Nd}_y)_{0.52}\text{Sr}_{0.48}\text{MnO}_3$ ] [middle and right panel].



The nature of spin interaction in ferromagnetic and spin glass LSCO has been investigated by studying critical behavior of the magnetic phase transition. An unambiguous determination of the critical exponents as well as reduced critical amplitude reveals that

- The spin interaction is short range and belongs to 3D Heisenberg universality class for  $x > 0.22$  [panel 1,2,4].
- Deviation from Heisenberg towards mean-field behavior is observed for  $x = 0.21$ . This deviation together with weaker  $\lambda$ -like anomaly in  $C_p$  and broadening of PM-FM transition are the indication of magneto-electronic inhomogeneity for the  $x = 0.21$  sample, i.e., a spontaneous phase separation below  $x = 0.22$  [panel 3,4].

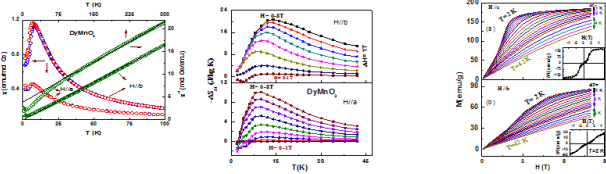


(iii) For  $x < 0.20$ , the analysis of both dc and ac magnetic data show that LSCO is a canonical 3D Heisenberg spin-glass [right side:  $x = 0.10$ ]

Anisotropic magnetic properties and huge magnetocaloric effect in  $\text{RMnO}_3$  ( $R = \text{Dy, Tb, Ho, Yb}$ ) crystals

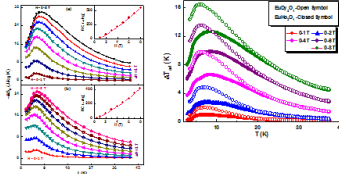
Plots of  $T$  and  $H$  dependence of  $M$  for  $\text{DyMnO}_3$  with field parallel to  $c$  and  $a$  axes are shown below:

- Magnetic structure of  $\text{DyMnO}_3$  is highly magnetically anisotropic and it exhibits a field induced metamagnetic transition.
- Huge (negative) magnetic entropy change with increasing  $H$  suggests that  $\text{RMnO}_3$  is suitable for magnetic refrigeration at low temperature.



Giant magnetocaloric effect in magnetically frustrated  $\text{EuHo}_2\text{O}_7$  and  $\text{EuDy}_2\text{O}_7$  compounds

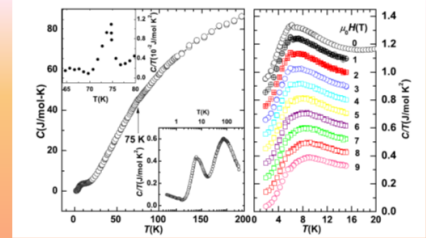
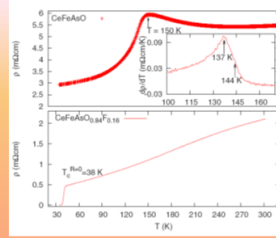
These compounds exhibit field-induced metamagnetic transition from AFM to FM state which leads to a giant negative entropy change. In both the cases, the entropy change remains very large down to 2 K. This unusually large magnetocaloric effect is due to the magnetic frustrations.



## Pnictide Superconductors

$\text{CeFeAsO}_{0.84}\text{F}_{0.16}$  ( $T_c \sim 42$  K)

$\text{CeCoAsO}$



$\text{CeFeAsO} \rightarrow$  Spin density wave  $\sim 137$  K & Structural transition  $\sim 144$  K  
No anomaly in  $\text{CeFeAsO}_{0.84}\text{F}_{0.14}$  Superconductors.

Above  $T_c$ ,  $e-e$  interaction plays dominant role.

$\text{CeCoAsO} \rightarrow$  FM ordering of Co  $\sim 75$  K & Schottky anomaly at  $T = 6.5$  K  
Interplay between Ce 4f & Co 3d magnetism.

Increase in  $C/T$  (FM state)  $\rightarrow$  Weak correlations among Ce ions.

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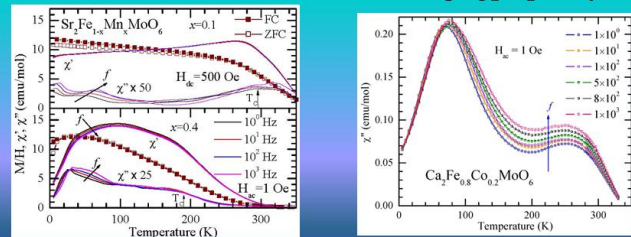
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## Spin Glass behavior in oxide systems

$\text{Sr}_2\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x\text{MoO}_6$

$\text{Sr}_2\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Co}_x\text{MoO}_6$



$\bullet \text{Sr}_2\text{Fe}_{1-x}(\text{Mn}/\text{Co})_x\text{MoO}_6 \rightarrow$  Ferromagnetic  $\text{Fe}[\uparrow]-\text{Mo}[\downarrow]-\text{Fe}[\uparrow]$  & Antiferromagnetic  $(\text{Mn}/\text{Co})[\uparrow]-(\text{Mo})-(\text{Mn}/\text{Co})[\downarrow]$  interactions  
Magnetic Frustration  $\rightarrow$  Highly frequency dependent peak in  $\chi''(T)$

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Spin Glass behavior

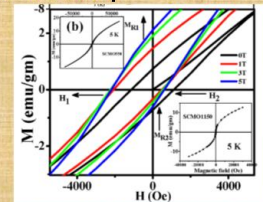
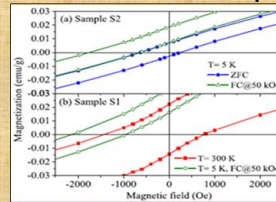
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## Exchange bias effect in oxide nanoparticles

$\text{LaFeO}_3$

$\text{Sm}_{0.5}\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{MnO}_3$

Central part of the M-H loop



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Field cooled ( $H_c$ ) M-H loop  $\rightarrow$  Shifts in negative direction  $\rightarrow$  EB effect

EB  $\rightarrow$  Exchange coupling between FM shell & AFM core of particles

EB effect can be tuned by  $H_c \rightarrow$  Useful in Multifunctional Devices

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