The Influence of Selfassembly on the Magnetic Response of Dipolar Soft Systems

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Magnetism in SM, basic ideas @ Interactions/Models o Magnetic response o from Langevin o to self-Assembly · Away from spheres Conclusions



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Interactions/Models

a hard or soft spheres

- o point dipole in the centre
- they can be described with few parameters:

$$U_{\rm DD}(1,2) = \frac{m^2}{r^3} \left[(\hat{m}_1 \cdot \hat{m}_2) - 3(\hat{m}_1 \cdot \hat{r}_{12})(\hat{m}_2 \cdot \hat{r}_{12}) \right]$$

$$\lambda = \frac{m^2}{k_B T \sigma^3} \quad \rho = \frac{N \hat{\sigma}^3}{\hat{V}}$$

$$\bigcup_{SS} (1,2)$$

$$\int_{SS} (1,2) \frac{1}{r_{12}|z_r}$$

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...Let us go colder!









Chains and Rings!



Really difficult to deal with!

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$$\frac{F[\{g_n\},\{f_n\}]}{Vk_BT} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_n \ln \frac{g_n v}{eQ_n} + \sum_{n=5}^{\infty} f_n \ln \frac{f_n v}{eW_n}, \quad (1)$$

where g_n and f_n are the equilibrium volume fractions of chains and rings, respectively; Q_n and W_n denote the corresponding (normalized by V/v) partition functions of an *n*-particle chain and ring. The free-energy functional [Eq. (1)] has to be minimized with respect to the distributions $\{g_n\}$ and $\{f_n\}$ preserving φ ,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_n n + \sum_{n=5}^{\infty} f_n n = \frac{\varphi}{\nu}.$$
 (2)

$$Q_n(T^*) = q^{C(n)};$$
 $W_n(T^*) = Q_n(T^*) \frac{q^{R(n) - C(n)}}{n^{3\nu + 1}},$ (3)

where

$$R(n) = \frac{n}{2} \sin^3 \frac{\pi}{n} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{[(n-1)/2]} \frac{\cos^2(\frac{\pi k}{n}) + 1}{\sin^3(\frac{\pi k}{n})} + R_{(n+1)/2} \right);$$

$$C(n) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{n-k}{k^3} \sim n\zeta(3) - \frac{\pi^2}{6}, \qquad (n \ge 4),$$
(4)

with $\zeta(3)$ denoting the Riemann zeta function of three; $R_{(n+1)/2}$ stands for the residual of division, and [·] has the meaning of the integer part of the expression in the brackets. The low-*T* dimer partition function *q* (note that C(2) = 1 and hence $Q_2(T^*) = q$), derived first by de Gennes and Pincus (), is

$$q(T^*) = \frac{T^{*3}}{3} \exp\left(\frac{2}{T^*}\right).$$
 (5)

In Eq. (3), $\nu = 0.588$ is the self-avoiding random walk exponent. The term $1/n^{3\nu+1}$ in $W_n(T^*)$ captures the difference in entropy between chains and rings arising from the *n* ways of opening a ring to form a chain; the difference between the numbers of self-avoiding paths of chains and rings is proportional to $n^{3\nu}$. Finally, minimizing Eq. (1), one obtains compact expressions for g_n and f_n ,

$$g_n = \frac{1}{v} Q_n p^n, \qquad f_n = \frac{1}{v} W_n p^n. \tag{6}$$

Here, p, the Lagrange multiplier to be found from Eq. (2), has the meaning of activity.

S.K., A. Ivanov, L. Rovigatti, J.M. Tavares, F. Sciortino, PRL 2013

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Gas Phase



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Getting denser Chains, Rings and various defects! $(a)_{s=1,w=3}$



*Really-really, for instance

L. Rovigatti et al. J.Chem. Phys. 2013

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(b) s = 2, w = 2

(d) s = 3

(...)* difficult to deal with!





dipolar hard spheres!

Particle

Away from





L. Baraban et al. L. Rossi et al. P. Binder et al.



Carrier







Shang-Hsiu Hu et al. C. Goubault et al.

How to model the change of
the carrier?

$$\frac{(mmon)}{U_{dd}(\vec{r}_{ij};\vec{\mu}_i,\vec{\mu}_j)} = \frac{\vec{\mu}_i \cdot \vec{\mu}_j}{r^3} - \frac{3[\vec{\mu}_i \cdot \vec{r}_{ij}][\vec{\mu}_j \cdot \vec{r}_{ij}]}{r^5}, U_{LJ}(r) = 4\epsilon_s[(\sigma/r)^{12} - (\sigma/r)^6], U_{WCA}(r) = \begin{cases} U_{LJ}(r) - U_{LJ}(r_{cut}), & r < r_{cut} \\ 0, & r \ge r_{cut} \end{cases}$$
Additional bonds/cross-linkers/
hydrodynamics



J.J. Benkoski et al, J. Polym. Sci. B 46, 2267 (2008); J.J. Benkoski et al, Soft Matter 6, 602, (2010); P. Sanchez et al, Soft Matter, 11, 2963 (2015).



Filaments: possibilities



prebuilt chains increase the susceptibility

P. Sanchez et al, Soft Matter, 11, 2963 (2015).



Magneboelastic coupling

R Weeber et al, Soft Matter, (2012).



Anisometry:



Magnetic Cubes VS Ellipsoids

J. G Donaldson and S.K, Nanoscale, 2015, 7, 3217

> SK, Pyanzina, Sciortino, Soft Matter, 2013; Donaldson, Novak, Pyanzina, SK, JMMM, 2015

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About Cubes: ask

Joe Donaldson

Magnetic Ellipsoids: Methods

dipolar particle (virtual)

 $\mathbf{m}_i || \mathbf{u}_i$

Gey-Berne particle (real)

$$\begin{split} U_{d}(ij) &= -\frac{\mu_{0}}{4\pi} \left[3 \frac{\left(\mathbf{m}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij}\right) \left(\mathbf{m}_{j} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij}\right)}{r_{ij}^{5}} - \frac{\left(\mathbf{m}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{m}_{j}\right)}{r_{ij}^{3}} \right], \\ U_{GB}(\mathbf{u}_{i}, \mathbf{u}_{j}, \mathbf{r}_{ij}) &= \begin{cases} 4\varepsilon(\cdot) \left[\mathbf{A}^{12}(\cdot) - \mathbf{A}^{6}(\cdot) \right] + \varepsilon(\cdot), \ r_{ij} \leq r_{c} \\ 0, \ r_{ij} > r_{c}, \end{cases} \\ \mathbf{A}(\cdot) &\equiv \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u}_{i}, \mathbf{u}_{j}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ij}) = \sigma_{0}/(r_{ij} - \sigma(\mathbf{u}_{i}, \mathbf{u}_{j}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ij}) + \sigma_{0}), \end{cases} \\ \sigma(\mathbf{u}_{i}, \mathbf{u}_{j}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ij}) &= \sigma_{0} \left[1 - \frac{\chi(X_{0})}{2} \times \right] \\ \times \left\{ \frac{\left(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{i} + \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{j}\right)^{2}}{1 + \chi(X_{0}) \ \mathbf{u}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{j}} + \frac{\left(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{i} - \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{j}\right)^{2}}{1 - \chi(X_{0}) \ \mathbf{u}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{j}} \right\} \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}}; \end{split}$$

Here, $\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{r}_{ij}/r_{ij} = (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)/r_{ij}$ is the unit vector, coaligned with the vector connecting particle centres, $\mathbf{u}_{i(j)}$ is the unit vector along the *b*-axis of the particle, $\sigma_0 = 2\sqrt{2}a$, ε_0 denotes the energy parameter, and $\chi(X_0) = [X_0^2 - 1] / [X_0^2 + 1]$. The critical value r_c equals to $(2^{1/6} - 1)\sigma_0 + \sigma(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{u}_j, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ij})$.

MD Simulations + Analytical Calculations

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Ellipsoids



- Antiparallel pair is formed for the ellipsoids
 with the dipole along the long axes
- All ground state structures of ellipsoids have a vanishing total dipole moment
- The susceptibility decreases with the elongation

Do not make particles elongated, if you want a magnetically responsive system





Anisotropy: Magnetic Janus Particles (MJP) vs Capped Colloids (CC)







* no beer advertisement/propaganda

See also: <u>Aleksey Ruditskiy</u> et al, Soft Matter, 2013



How to model the particle structure?

$$U_{\rm LJ}(r) = 4\epsilon_s [(\sigma/r)^{12} - (\sigma/r)^6],$$

$$U_{\rm WCA}(r) = \begin{cases} U_{\rm LJ}(r) - U_{\rm LJ}(r_{cut}), & r < r_{\rm cut} \\ 0, & r \ge r_{\rm cut} \end{cases}$$

modified magnetic interaction (known or combined)

Anisotropy: Simplest Approach



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"Regular" soft/hard sphere with the central dípole

SD-particle: soft/hard sphere with the dipole shifted outwards radially

Janus-like particle: soft/hard sphere with the dipole shifted outwards, pointing perpendicular to the radius



MJP: Ground States



Zipper exists, but only

Antiparallel pairs win! M=0



E.Novak, E.Pyanzina, SK, JP:CM, 2015

for a small range

of shifts!

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$$\begin{aligned} & \underbrace{\text{Werster}}_{W_{Ld}} \\ \hline \text{CC: Model} \\ \hline \\ & \underbrace{\text{Werster}}_{W_{Ld}} \\ & \underbrace{\text{Werster}}_{(2s^{2}(1 - \cos(\psi - \varphi)) + 2\cos(\psi - \varphi)) + 4 + 4s(\cos \varphi - \cos \psi))^{5/2}}_{(2s^{2}(1 - \cos(\psi - \varphi)) + 4 + 4s(\cos \varphi - \cos \psi))^{5/2}} \\ & + \frac{-6[s(\cos \psi - \cos \varphi) + 2\cos \varphi \cos \psi] + 3s^{2}}{(2s^{2}(1 - \cos(\psi - \varphi)) + 4 + 4s(\cos \varphi - \cos \psi))^{5/2}} \\ & + \frac{-6[s(\cos \psi - \cos \varphi) + 2\cos \varphi \cos \psi] + 3s^{2}}{(2s^{2}(1 - \cos(\psi - \varphi)) + 4 + 4s(\cos \varphi - \cos \psi))^{5/2}} \\ & \underbrace{\text{Werster}}_{W_{Ld}} \\ & \underbrace{\text{Werster}}_{U_{Ld}} \\ & \underbrace{\text{Werster}}_{U_{Ld}} \\ & \underbrace{\text{Werster}}_{U_{Ld}} \\ & \underbrace{\text{Werster}}_{(2s^{2}(1 - \cos(\psi - \varphi)) + 4 + 4s(\cos \varphi - \cos \psi))^{5/2}}_{U_{Ld}} \\ & \underbrace{\text{Werster}}_{U_{Ld}} \\ \\ & \underbrace{\text{Werster}}_{U_{Ld}} \\ & \underbrace{\text{Werster}}_{U_{Ld}} \\ \\ \\ & \underbrace{\text{Werster}}_{U_{Ld}} \\ \\ & \underbrace{\text{Werster}}_{U_{Ld}} \\ \\ \\ & \underbrace{\text{Werster}}_{U_{Ld}} \\ \\ \\ & \underbrace{\text{Werster}}_{U_{Ld}} \\ \\ \\ \\ & \underbrace{\text{Werster}}_{U_{Ld}} \\ \\ \\ \\ & \underbrace{\text{Werste$$

Molecular Dynamics Simulations + Analytical Calculations

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Janus-like magnetic particles



Janus-like particles form rings or antiparallel pairs in the ground states. Zipper is the ground state for a small shift range only

The antiparallel pair and a ring of dipoles become the most favourable configurations



shift the dipole off-centre to control the self-assembly in strong fields University

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Tconclusions



Self-assembly of various building blocks can be used to control the magnetic response in dipolar soft matter, both to enhance and to weaken Conclusions



However, it is difficult to increase the susceptibility, as if the structure's energy grows, it tends to close the magnetic flux





