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High Magnetic Anisotropy Nano-Composites and Applications

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Magnetic anisotropy is one of the basic properties of magnetic substances. In particular, magneto-crystalline anisotropy is thought to be intrinsic for bulk materials, but the theoretical understanding is not satisfactory, as is often demonstrated. In multilayers and nanoparticles where surface or interfacial magnetic anisotropy plays a key role, magnetic behavior is significantly influenced by extrinsic or induced magnetic anisotropy. Among many alloy systems, ordered alloys are known to exhibit high magnetic anisotropy; in particular the L10 ordered phase is of great interest because of applications in bit-patterned magnetic data storage.

Nanocomposite particles with a high magnetic anisotropy phase, together with other magnetic anisotropies, are the subject of intensive research since they offer potential for various applications such as hybrid data storage, sensors, and bio-devices.

This tutorial lecture addresses the magnetism and structure of thin films and nanocomposite particles with a high magnetic anisotropy ordered phase. An in-depth review of magnetic anisotropy in representative materials is given. Recent developments in high magnetic anisotropy of novel materials, multilayers, and nanocomposites will be presented. Emphasis is placed on quasi-L12 structured alloy films with very high magnetic anisotropy and on FePt/FeRh nanocomposites of the first-order transition type, in conjunction with possible applications.



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