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Quasiperiodic superconducting V/Zr multilayers: critical magnetic fields and crossover

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The critical magnetic fields, parallel and perpendicular to the layer planes, have been measured on quasiperiodic Fibonacci multilayers consisting of vanadium and zirconium. The temperature dependence of parallel critical field H_{\parallel} reveals a double crossover behavior. This dependence is much like the square-root-one in the vicinity of transition temperature T_c , and linear at low temperatures. Between these two temperature ranges the dependence is power-like: $H_{\parallel} \sim (1 - T/T_c)^\alpha$, $\alpha = 0.78 \pm 0.02$. The complicated H_{\parallel} vs T dependence obtained may be explained in terms of the Ginzburg-Landau theory for quasiperiodic multilayers and in terms of the scaling theory for fractal multilayers which takes into account the existence of different structure length scales in multilayer systems with a complicated sequence of layers.