

CHIRAL HELICES IN MAGNETIC FIELD

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MODEL

- Exchange+DM+Field

$$H = (1/2) \sum J_{RR''} \mathbf{S}_R \cdot \mathbf{S}_{R'} + \sum \mathbf{D}_{RR''} [\mathbf{S}_R \times \mathbf{S}_{R'}] + \sum (\mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{S}_R); \quad \mathbf{D}_{RR''} = -\mathbf{D}_{R'R}.$$

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$$\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{R}} = S [(\hat{a} \cos \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R} + \hat{b} \sin \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}) \cos \alpha + \hat{c} \sin \alpha]$$

$$|\hat{a}| = |\hat{b}| = 1; (\hat{a} \cdot \hat{b}) = 0;$$

$$[\hat{a} \times \hat{b}] = \hat{c}; |\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{R})| = S.$$

Six free parameters $\mathbf{k}, \hat{c}, \alpha$.

$\mathbf{C} = S^2 \hat{c}$ spin chirality.

Polarized neutrons.

MOMENTUM SPACE

Distorted AF

Classical energy($\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathbf{k}_{AF} + \mathbf{k}$)

$$E_{cl} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2} \{ J_0 \sin^2 \alpha - [J_{\mathbf{k}} + 2(\mathbf{d}_{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{c}})] \cos^2 \alpha \} + S(\mathbf{H} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{c}}) \sin \alpha;$$

$$J_{\mathbf{k}} = \sum_{\mathbf{R}} J_{0,\mathbf{R}} \cos \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R};$$

$$\mathbf{d}_{\mathbf{k}} = -i \sum_{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{D}_{0,\mathbf{R}} \sin \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}.$$

HELIX ENERGY

$$dE_{cl}/d\alpha = 0 \rightarrow \sin \alpha = -\frac{(\mathbf{H} \cdot \hat{c})}{H_{SF}}$$

$H_{SF} = 2SJ_0$ SPIN FLIP FIELD

$$E_{cl} = -\frac{S^2}{2}[J_{\mathbf{k}} + 2(\mathbf{d}_k \cdot \hat{c})] - \frac{SH_{\parallel}^2}{2H_{SF}}$$

$dE_{cl}/d\mathbf{k} = 0$ -Spin structure

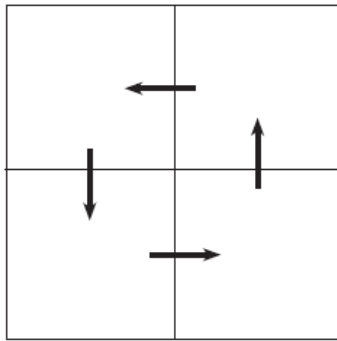
DMI and \mathbf{H} ALONG \hat{c} !!!

SURFACE LAYER (Mn on W)

Arrows are DM vectors

Ar. perpendicular to the bonds.

perpendicular to the bonds.



(Crepieux, Lacroix)

$$J_{\mathbf{q}} = 2J(\cos q_x + \cos q_y),$$

$$\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{q}} = 2iD(\sin q_y, -\sin q_x).$$

$$\tan k_x = k_0 \hat{c}_y; \quad \tan k_y = -k_0 \hat{c}_x;$$

$$2D/J \ll 1; \quad \mathbf{k} \cdot \hat{c} = 0 - \text{CYCLOID}$$



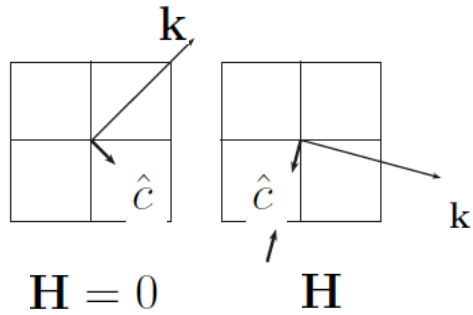
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Mn on W.



ANISOTROPY

$$E = -\frac{S^2}{2} \left[1 + \frac{k_0^2}{4} - \frac{k_0^4(\hat{c}_x^4 + \hat{c}_y^4)}{16} \right] - \frac{SH_{\parallel}^2}{2H_{SF}}$$

$$\hat{c}_x = \cos \phi, \quad \hat{c}_y = \sin \phi, \quad ; H_{\parallel} = H \cos(\phi - \psi)$$



DMI $\rightarrow k^4$ anisotropy.

(1, 1)-easy direction;

H rotates (\hat{c}, \mathbf{k}) cross Ω .

EQUATION OF STATE

$$\frac{dE}{d\phi} \rightarrow \left(\frac{H}{H_C}\right)^2 \sin 2(\phi - \psi) - \sin 4\phi = 0;$$

$$H_C = H_{SF} k_0^2 / 8 \ll H_{SF}.$$

$$H=0, \phi = -\pi/4.$$

$H < 2H_C$. \hat{c} is locked:

$$0 > \phi > -\pi/2.$$

$H > 2H_C$. Field rotates

(\hat{c}, \mathbf{k}) cross. $\phi \rightarrow \psi$ if $H \gg H_C$.

AF TRANSITION IN \mathbf{H}_\perp

The first order transition to AF state .

$$E(\overline{H_{\parallel}} = 0) = E_{AF}(\mathbf{H}_\perp)$$

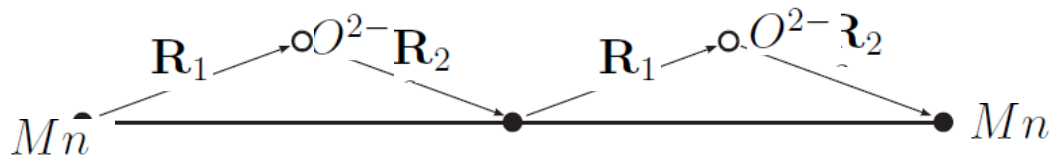
$$E(H_{\parallel} = 0) = -(S^2 J_0/2)(1 + k_0^2/4);$$

$$E_{AF} = -(S^2 J_0/2) - SH_\perp^2/2H_{SF};$$

$$H_{AF} = H_{SF}k_0/2\sqrt{2} \ll H_{SF}$$

PSEUDO MF

- DMI is a result of O^2 -shiftin from the middle of the Mn-Mn line.



$$\mathbf{R}_1 = -a\hat{x}/2 + b\hat{y}, \quad \mathbf{R}_2 = a\hat{x}/2 + b\hat{y}.$$

$$\mathbf{D}_{12} \sim [\mathbf{R}_1 \times \mathbf{R}_2] \rightarrow d\hat{z}, \quad \hat{z} = [\hat{x} \times \hat{y}]$$

STRUCTURE

$$E_{Cl} = -\frac{S^2}{2} [2J_x \cos k_x + J_{\perp}(\mathbf{k}_{\perp}) + 4d \sin k_x] - \frac{S(\mathbf{H} \cdot \hat{c})^2}{2H_{SF}}; \quad H_{SF} = 2S[2J_x + J_{\perp}(0)].$$

$$\tan k_x = 2d/J_x = k_0; \quad \hat{c} = \hat{z};$$

$$E = 2S^2 J_x (1 + k^2/2) - SH_{\parallel}^2 / 2H_{SF}$$

$\hat{c} \parallel Z$; XYAFCYCLOID

AF TRANSITION

The first order AF transition occurs when

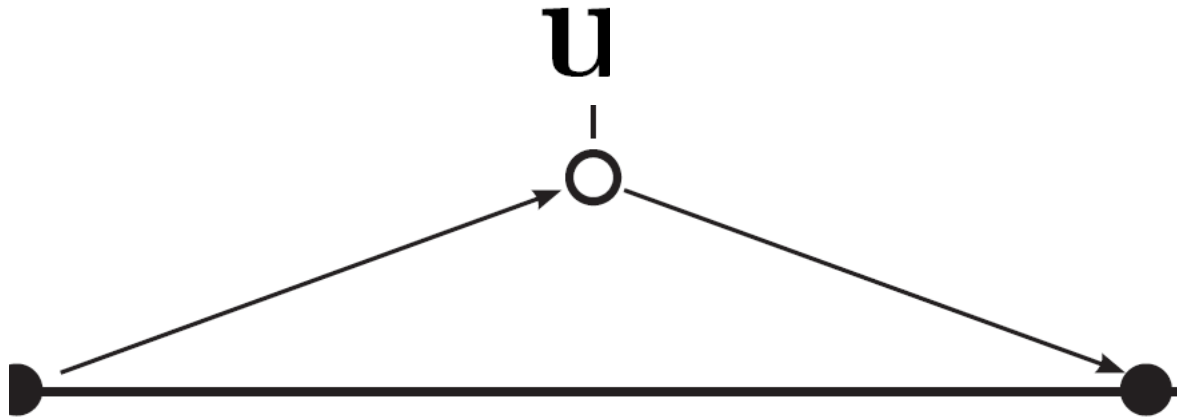
$$E_{cl} = E_{AF}(H_{\perp}); \mathbf{H}_{\perp} = (H_x, H_y)$$

$$H_{AF} = H_{SR} k_x \sqrt{H_{SF} / S J_x} \ll H_{SF}.$$

SOFT LATTICE

The DM helix is a result of the lattice distortion. In the soft lattice the helix changes the distortion.

The simplest example. additional shifting.



DMI AND LATTICE

We have a sum

Magnetic+Elastic energies

$$E_{cl} = -\frac{S^2(d_0 + d_1 u_y)^2}{2J_x} + \frac{K u_y^2}{2}.$$

$$d_1 a \ll d_0; \quad u_y = -\frac{S^2 d_0 d_1}{K}.$$

INSTABILITY

$$d_0 = 0 \rightarrow E_{cl} = (K - S^2 d_1^2 / J_x) u_y^2 / 2$$

$K \rightarrow 0, u_y \rightarrow \infty$. Instability!

u^4 terms determine u_{max}

The first order transition

to distorted lattice $T_D < T_N$.

PERPENDICULAR FIELD

$$E_{\perp} = \mathbf{H}_{\perp} \cdot (\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{k}} + \mathbf{S}_{-\mathbf{k}})/2,$$

$$S_{\mathbf{k}}^x \sim (a_{\mathbf{k}} + a_{-\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger}) :$$

$$S_{\mathbf{k}}^y \sim (a_{\mathbf{k}} - a_{-\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger})/i;$$

$$S_{\mathbf{k}}^z \sim (a_0^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k}} + a_{-\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} a_0),$$

a, a^{\dagger} are spin-wave operators..

The spin-waves with momenta \mathbf{k} and 0 display Bose-Einstein condensation

CONCLUSIONS

- Perpendicular field does not interact with the classical chiral helix. However the AF transition occurs when the AF energy becomes lesser than the helical one.
- DMI may give the chiral anisotropy of order of k^4 . Examples:
 - Layer'
 - B20 helimagnetics.

THANK YOU!

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