

DM HELICES AND MAGNETIC FIELD

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SPIN HELIX

$$\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{R}} = S[(\mathbf{A}e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{R}} + \mathbf{A}^*e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{R}}) \cos \alpha + \hat{c} \sin \alpha],$$

$$\mathbf{A} = (\hat{a} - i\hat{b})/2, \quad \hat{a}^2 = \hat{b}^2 = 1, \quad (\hat{a} \cdot \hat{b}) = 0,$$

$$\hat{c} = [\hat{a} \times \hat{b}], \quad \alpha \rightarrow \text{cone angle..}$$

FELIX STRUCTURE

Helical structure: Wave vector \mathbf{k}

\hat{c} is perpendicular to spin rotation

Two main cases:

$\hat{c} \parallel \mathbf{k}$ B20 magnets.

$\hat{c} \perp \mathbf{k}$ cycloid (Multiferroics).

DMI 1

Spins are rotated by DMI:

$$V_{DM} = \mathbf{D} \cdot [\mathbf{S}_1 \times \mathbf{S}_2] = DS^2 \sin \theta_{12}.$$

DMI appears due to inversion symmetry breaking in the center of the bond \mathbf{b} connecting two spins (Moroya theorem).

DMI 2

Three breaking ways.

i. $Mn - Si - Mn$ bond along \hat{x} .

Si shifting $||\hat{x} : L_{MnSi} < L_{Si-Mn}, \mathbf{D} \sim [\hat{y} \times \hat{z}]||\hat{x}$.

$\mathbf{k} || \pm \hat{c}$, Simple heliz.

ii. $Mn - O - Mn$ bond. O shifting along y or z :

$\mathbf{D} \sim [\hat{x} \times \hat{y}]||\hat{z}$ or $[\hat{x} \times \hat{z}]||\hat{y}$

$\mathbf{k} \perp \hat{c} \rightarrow$ Cycloids.

iii. Mirror symmetry breacking $\hat{z} \neq -\hat{z}$

$\mathbf{D} \sim [\hat{z} \times \mathbf{b}]$. Cycloid.

ENERGY

Exchange and DM interactions
+ magnetic field

$$H = (1/2) \sum [J_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{R}'} (\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{R}} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{R}'}) + (\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{R}'} \cdot [\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{R}} \times \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{R}'}])] + \sum (\mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{R}}),$$

$$\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{R}',\mathbf{R}} = -\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{R}'}.$$

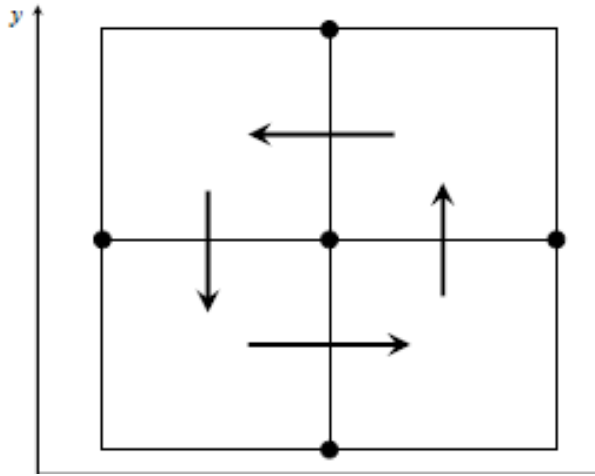
HELIX ENERGY

$$E = S^2 \{ J_0 \sin^2 \alpha + [J_{\mathbf{k}} + i(\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \hat{c})] \} \cos^2 \alpha + S(\mathbf{H} \cdot \hat{c}).$$

$$J_{\mathbf{k}} = \sum_{\mathbf{b}} J_{\mathbf{b}} \cos \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{b},$$

$$\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{k}} = i \sum_{\mathbf{b}} d_{\mathbf{b}} [\hat{z} \times \hat{b}] \sin \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{b}$$

SQUARE SURFACE LAYR



Arrows are DM vectors

$$\mathbf{D}_x = d[\hat{y} \times \hat{z}], \quad \mathbf{D}_y = d[-\hat{x} \times \hat{z}]$$

$$J_{\mathbf{k}} = 2J(\cos k_x + \cos k_y),$$

$$\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{k}} = 2id(-\sin k_x \quad \sin k_y) \sim 2id[\hat{z} \times \mathbf{k}]$$

AF LATTICE

$$\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathbf{k} + \pi(1, 1)$$

$$\tan k_x = k\hat{c}_y, \quad ; \quad \tan k_y = -k\hat{c}_x, \quad k = d/J$$

$$\sin \alpha = -\frac{(\mathbf{H} \cdot \hat{c})}{H_c}, \quad H_c \simeq 4SJ_0, \quad J_0 = 4J.$$

H_c -spin flip field.

In-Plane FIELD

$$E = -S^2 J_0 \left\{ 1 + \frac{k^2}{4} - \frac{k^4}{8} [\sin^4 \phi + \cos^4 \phi] - W \cos^2(\phi - \Phi) \right\},$$

$$\hat{c} = (\cos \phi, \sin \phi), \quad \mathbf{H} = H(\cos \Phi, \sin \Phi) \quad W = (H/4H_c k^2)^2.$$

TERMS: 1. AF energy. 2. Helix part.

3. DMI anisotropy. 4. Field energy.

CHIRAL DOMAINS 1

$H = 0$ Energy minima along square diagonals (easy \hat{c} directions).

Maxima along ridges (hard directions).

Four chiral domains:

$\mathbf{k} \perp \hat{c}$ CYCLOIDS.

$H \gg H_c k^2 \rightarrow \hat{c} \parallel \pm \mathbf{H}$ Two domains.

CHIRAL DOMAINS 2

Strong field $H > H_d = H_c k^2 / 2\sqrt{2}$: $\hat{c} \parallel \pm \mathbf{H}$.

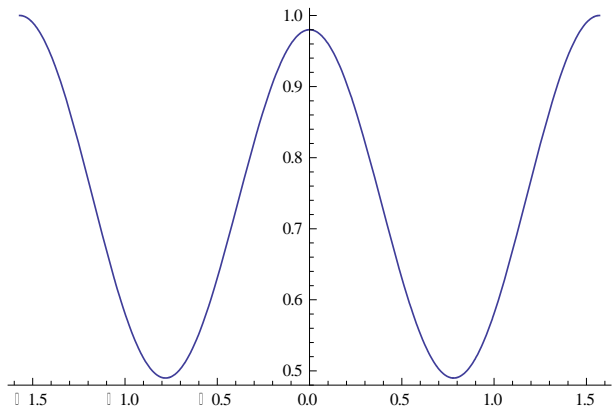
Weak field $H < H_d$. $\mathbf{H} \perp (1,0)$. $\pm\pi/4$ domains rotate

$\mathbf{H} \parallel (1,1)$, $H < H_d$. Both $\pm\pi/4$ are in their places.

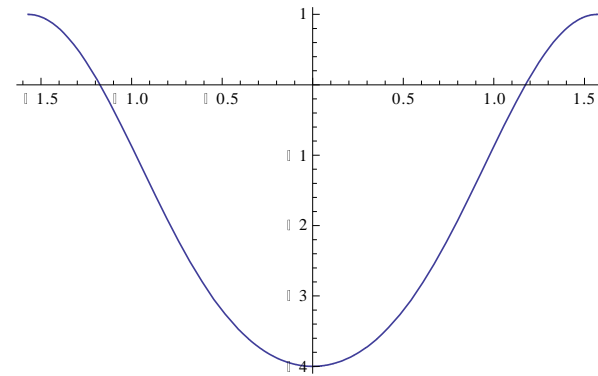
$H = H_d$. $-\pi/4$ domain jumps to plus place.

This state is stable below H_d .

FIELD $|| (1,0)$

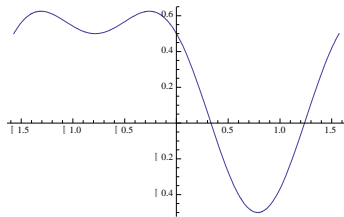


$$H = 0$$

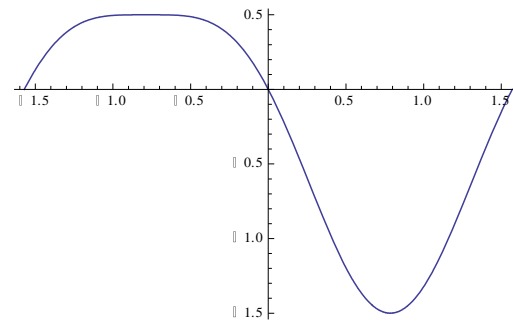


$$H \gg H_d$$

FIELD || (1,1)



$$I = H_d / \sqrt{2}$$



$$H = H_d$$

Out-of-plane FIELD 1

$$(\mathbf{H} \cdot \hat{z}) = H \cos \Theta,$$

$$\hat{c} = (\cos \phi \sin \theta, \sin \phi \sin \theta, \cos \theta).$$

$$k_x = -k \sin \phi \sin \theta, \quad k_y = k \cos \phi \sin \theta. \quad .$$

$$E = -S^2 J_0(k^2/4) \sin^2 \theta - (SH^2/2H_c) \cos^2(\theta - \Theta).$$

$$\tan 2\theta = -\frac{(H/H_{sf})^2 \sin 2\Theta}{1 - (H/H_{sf})^2 \cos 2\Theta}, \quad H_{sf} = H_c k / 2\sqrt{2} \gg H_d.$$

Out-of- PLANE FIELD 2

i. $(H/H_{sf})^2 \cos 2\Theta = 1, \mathbf{k}^2 = k^2/2.$

ii. $\Theta = 0, \mathbf{H} \parallel \hat{z}.$

$$E = -S^2 J_0 - SH^2/2H_c + \Delta E.$$

$$\Delta E \sim (H^2 - H_{sf}^2) \sin^2 \theta.$$

$$H < H_{sf} \quad \theta = \pi/2, \text{ Helix.}$$

$$H > H_{sf}, \theta = 0, \text{ AF in flop state.}$$

RESULTS

In-plane field rotates (\hat{c}, \mathbf{k}) cross.

Strong field $\hat{c} \parallel \mathbf{H}$.

Two chiral domains.

Out-of-plane field.

(k decreasing.

Strong field.

Helix \rightarrow Antiferromagnet.

3-D GENERALIZATION

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$\sigma = 0$: (\hat{c}, \mathbf{k}) plane, $[\hat{c} \times \mathbf{k}]$ direction.

plane field. Rotation of $\mathbf{K} \pm \mathbf{k}$ reflections ($\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{k} = 0$)

main transitions.

polarization: $\Delta\sigma \sim (\hat{c} \cdot \mathbf{K})(\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{P})$ at $\mathbf{P} \parallel \mathbf{H}$

changes with \hat{c} rotation.

out-of-plane field.

decreasing, AF transition.

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FM LATTICE

FM critical field $H_f = SJ_0k^2/2$.

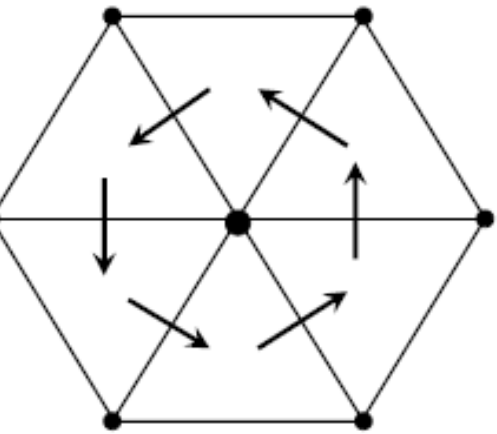
Donain rotating field

$$H_{fd} = SH_fk \sim k^3 \ll H_d \sim k^2.$$

Anisotropy: Dipolar interaction:

$$A \rightarrow A + (g\mu_B)^2 A_1/a^3, \quad A_1 \simeq 26.$$

TRIANGULAR LATTICE



Bonds $\mathbf{b}_0 = \hat{r}$

$$\mathbf{b}_{\pm} = \hat{x} \cos \psi \pm \hat{y} \sin \psi, \quad \psi = \pi/3$$

$$E = -2S^2 \sum_{j=0,\pm} \{J \cos(\mathbf{b}_j \cdot \mathbf{k}) -$$

$$d[(\hat{c} \cdot [\hat{z} \times \mathbf{b}_j]) \sin(\mathbf{b}_j \cdot \mathbf{k})]\} - S(\mathbf{H} \cdot \hat{c})/2H_c,$$

K-EXPANSION 1

k^2 : $\mathbf{k} \perp \hat{c}$ Cycloid.

$$E = -S^2 J_0 \left(1 + \frac{k^2}{4} \right) - \frac{S(\mathbf{H} \cdot \hat{c})^2}{2H_c}.$$

$$k = d/J, \quad J_0 = 6J,$$

$$H_a = 4S J_0, \quad H_f = S J_0 k^2 / 2.$$

$$\Delta E_4 = (S^2 J_0 k^4 / 16) \sum_{n=0\pm} \sin^4(\phi + n\pi/3) = \frac{9S^2 J_0 k^4}{132},$$

SIX ORDER ANISOTROPY

$$\Delta E_6 = -\frac{S^4 J_0 k^6}{144} \sum_{n=0, \pm} \sin^6(\phi + n\pi/3) \sim \cos 6\phi,$$

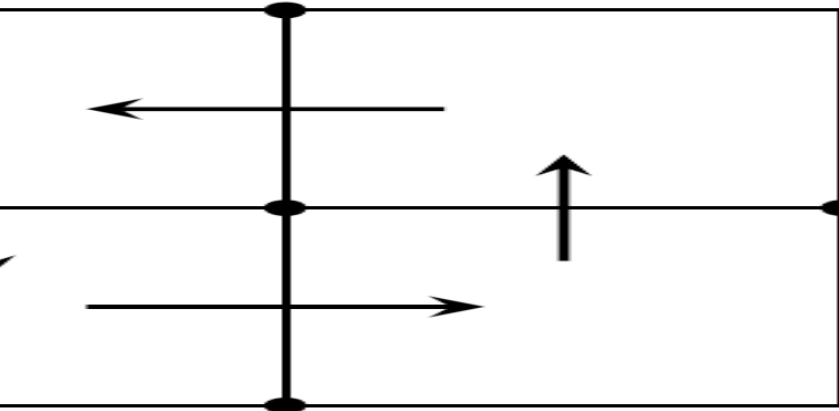
Three domain pairs.

Easy \hat{c} axes: $\pm\pi/6, \pi/2$.

Domain rotating field

$$H_d = \frac{\sqrt{3}H_a k^3}{96} (AF), \frac{\sqrt{3/2}H_f k^4}{48} (FM).$$

RECTANGULAR LATTICE



$$k_x = -\frac{d_x \hat{c}_y}{J_x}, k_y = \frac{d_y \hat{c}_x}{J_y}.$$

$$E = -2S^2 \left(\frac{d_x^2}{J_x} \sin^2 \phi + \frac{d_y^2}{J_y} \cos^2 \phi \right).$$

cases: $\phi = 0, \phi = \pi/2$

$\frac{d_y^2}{J_y}, \hat{c} \parallel \hat{y}, \mathbf{k} \parallel \hat{x}..$

$E = S^2 \left(\frac{d_x^2}{J_x} - \frac{d_y^2}{J_y} \right)$ rotates (\hat{c}, \mathbf{k})

$(\hat{c}_y) \rightarrow (\hat{c}_x)..$

LAYER POLARIZATION

Layer is at z_0 above the substrate.

$$\text{Elastic energy } U(z) = -\frac{1}{2}K(z - z_0)^2.$$

$$\text{Helix energy } E = -S^2 d^2(z) / 4J_0.$$

$$\text{Layer shifting } \delta z = -S^2 d d' / 2K J_0.$$

$$\text{Polarization } \mathbf{P} \sim \delta z \parallel \hat{z}.$$

$$\delta z = 0 \text{ if } H_{\perp} > H_{sf} \sim H_c k.$$

CONCLUSIN

Magnetic field affects strongly
the DM helical structure:

It may rotate the vector \mathbf{k} ,

Chane its value,

Supress the helix.

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