

# SPIN WAVES (MAGNON)

Individual elementary magnetic moments in a magnetic crystal are essentially completely ordered at  $t=0$  K.

But as increasing the temperature the  $M$  decreases towards zero at the critical ( $T_c, T_N, T_f$ )

Since the atomic moments acquire enough thermal energy to turn against effective molecular field

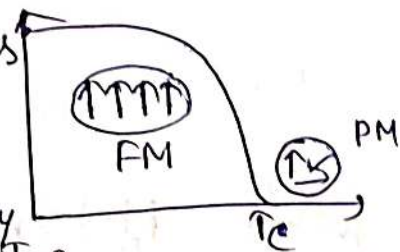
Now suppose temperature is raised slightly  $T=0$   
So that ~~one~~ spin is reversed

$$|j\rangle = \uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow$$

We are dealing with collective excitation of all spins. The reversed spin will not remain localized at one atom. Spins are coupled through exchange interaction. A state in which one or more spins are reversed relative to their orientation at  $t=0$  represent an excited state of the system.

In a simplest spin system with all its atomic magnetic moment in parallel alignment at absolute zero  $T=0$  with  $S_i^z = S$ , where  $S_i^z$  denotes the component of spin site  $i$  that may change the value of  $S_i^z$  from  $S, (S-1)$  & so on. The excitation does not remain localized at the site. It is in fact transferred to the neighbouring spin setting its onward propagation in the crystal. Various deviation of the spin direction at different site follow a certain pattern such that the peak tips of the spin vectors convolute into wave like envelope.

FM Ground State  $\rightarrow$   
 $|0\rangle = \uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow$  completely ordered  
 $E_0 = -NS^2ZJ$

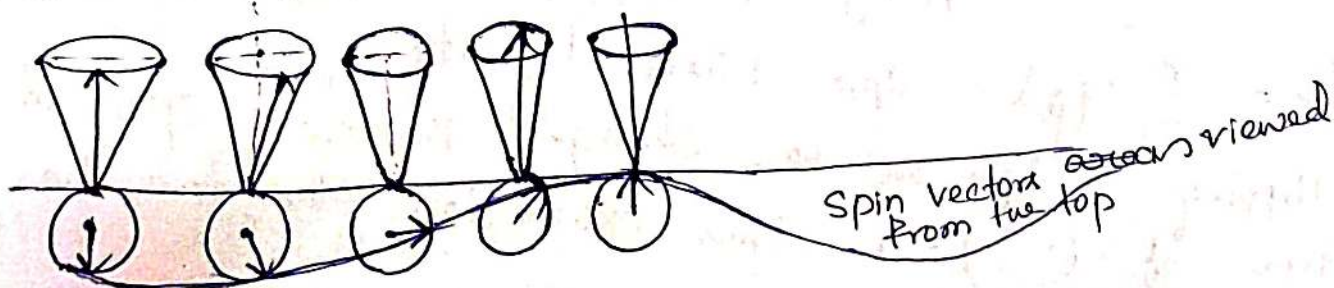


$$M = M_s (1 - \alpha T^{3/2})$$

Spin wave

$$= M_s - \beta T^{3/2}$$

$$= M(T)$$





The curve joining the tips of spin vectors has a wave like shape. A spin wave is shown here as an oscillation in the relative orientation of spin on a linear space.

The wave thus generated is spin wave.

The quantized unit of spin wave energy is called Magnon. To derive the excitation state we begin with spin Hamiltonian  $H = -2J \sum_{i,j} \hat{S}_i \cdot \hat{S}_j$

$$H = -2J_{ex} \sum_{i,j} S_i^z S_j^z - \frac{1}{2} (S_i^+ S_j^- + S_i^- S_j^+)$$

$$|0\rangle = \prod_n |\alpha\rangle_n = |\alpha\rangle_1 |\alpha\rangle_2 |\alpha\rangle_3 \dots$$

ground state  $|0\rangle =$

$$|\alpha\rangle_1, |\alpha\rangle_2, |\alpha\rangle_3$$

$$|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\alpha\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S_j^- |0\rangle = |\alpha\rangle_1 |\beta\rangle_2 |\alpha\rangle_3 \dots$$

$$S_j^- |0\rangle = S_j^- \prod_n |\alpha\rangle_n$$

$$|j\rangle = \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \downarrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$$

$$= |\alpha\rangle_1^j |\alpha\rangle_2 \dots |\alpha\rangle_n$$

$$H |0\rangle = E_0 |0\rangle$$

$$E_0 = -NzJ S^z$$

This  $|j\rangle$  is not an eigen state of the  $H$  because applying  $S_j^+ S_{j+1}^-$  inside  $H$  would shift the reversed spin to the atom  $(j+1)$  and create a different state.

$$G.S = |0\rangle$$

$$\hat{H} = -2J \sum_i \left[ S_i^z S_{i+1}^z + \frac{1}{2} (S_i^+ S_{i+1}^- + S_i^- S_{i+1}^+) \right]$$

only nearest neighbour interaction

$$\hat{H} |0\rangle = -N S^z J |0\rangle$$

$$\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$$

Nearest neighbour interaction.

$$= -N S^z J |0\rangle$$

$$|j\rangle = \hat{S}_j^- |0\rangle = \text{spin flipped at } j \text{ site.}$$

By flipping a spin we have changed the total spin of the system.  $\frac{1}{2} - (-\frac{1}{2}) = 1$ . This excitation therefore has integer spin and is a boson.

$$\hat{H} |j\rangle = 2 [(-Ns^z J + 2sJ) |j\rangle - sJ |j+1\rangle - sJ |j-1\rangle]$$

$$\hat{H} |0\rangle = E_0 |0\rangle$$

$$= -Ns^z J |0\rangle$$

$$|0\rangle = \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \dots$$

$$|j\rangle = \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \downarrow \uparrow \uparrow \dots$$

$$\mathcal{H} = -2J_{\text{ex}} \sum_i s_i^z s_{i+1}^z + \frac{1}{2} (s_i^+ s_{i+1}^- + s_i^- s_{i+1}^+)$$

1st term

$$\sum_i s_i^z s_{i+1}^z |j\rangle = s_1^z s_2^z |j\rangle + s_2^z s_3^z |j\rangle + \dots + (s_{j-1}^z s_j^z + s_j^z s_{j+1}^z) |j\rangle$$

$$= (s^z + s^z + \dots + s(s-1) + (s-1)s + \dots + s^z) |j\rangle$$

$$= \{ (N-2) s^z + s^z - s^z + s^z - s^z \} |j\rangle$$

$$= (Ns^z - 2s) |j\rangle$$

2nd term

$$2s |j+1\rangle \left( \sum_i s_i^+ s_{i+1}^- \right) |j\rangle$$

$$s^+ |m\rangle = \sqrt{(s-m)(s+m+1)} |m+1\rangle$$

$$s^- |m\rangle = \sqrt{(s+m)(s-m+1)} |m-1\rangle$$

3rd term

$$\left( \sum_i s_i^- s_{i+1}^+ \right) |j\rangle = 2s |j-1\rangle$$

Result

$$\hat{H} |j\rangle = 2 [(-Ns^z J + 2sJ) |j\rangle - sJ |j+1\rangle - sJ |j-1\rangle]$$

which is not a constant multiplied  $|j\rangle$

So, this state is not an eigen state of spin Hamiltonian.

$$|q\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_j e^{iqR_j} |j\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{H} |q\rangle = E(q) |q\rangle$$

This state  $|q\rangle$  is essentially a flipped spin delocalized across all the sites.

$$E(q) = -2Ns^z J + 4J s (1 - \cos qa)$$

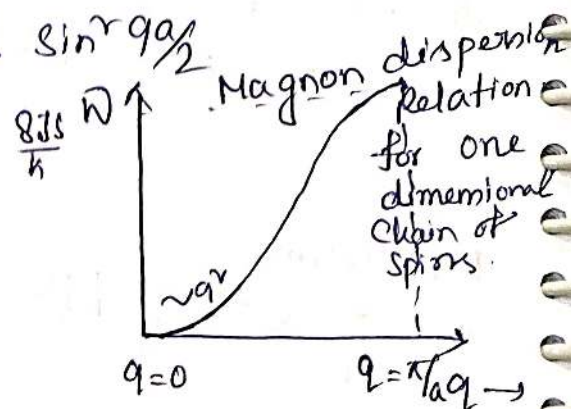
The energy of the excitation is then



$$K\omega = 4JS(1 - \cos qa)$$

$$\omega = \frac{4JS}{\hbar} (1 - \cos qa) = \frac{4JS}{\hbar} (2 \sin^2 \frac{qa}{2})$$

$$= \frac{8JS}{\hbar} \sin^2 \frac{qa}{2}$$



### The Bloch $T^{3/2}$ law

at small  $q$

$$K\omega = 8JS \frac{q^2 a^2}{4}$$

$$K\omega \approx 2JS q^2 a^2$$

So,  $\omega \propto q^2$

In 3-d: the density of states  $g(q) dq \propto q^2 dq$

which leads to  $g(\omega) d\omega \propto \omega^{1/2} d\omega$

At low temp. where only small  $q$  & small  $\omega$  are important

The no. magnon modes excited at temperature  $T$

$$n_{\text{magnon}} = \int_0^\infty \frac{g(\omega) d\omega}{\exp(\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T}) - 1}$$

write  $x = \frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T}$

At low temp.  $g(\omega) d\omega \propto \omega^{1/2}$

$$n_{\text{magnon}} = \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{1/2} dx}{e^x - 1} \cdot \left(\frac{k_B T}{\hbar}\right)^{3/2}$$

$$= \left(\frac{k_B T}{\hbar}\right)^{3/2} \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{1/2} dx}{e^x - 1}$$

Since, each magnon mode which thermally excited reduces the total spin magnetization by  $S=1$   $\frac{1}{2} - (-\frac{1}{2})$

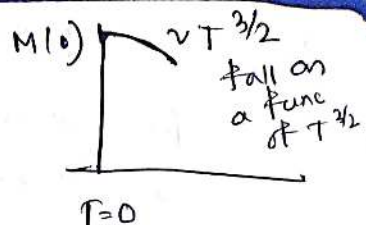
Then at low temp reduction in spontaneous magnetization from  $T=0$  K scale

$$\frac{M(0) - M(T)}{M(0)} = \left( \frac{1}{2} - (-\frac{1}{2}) \right) T^{3/2}$$

$$\propto T^{3/2}$$

$$M(T) = M(0) [1 - \alpha T^{3/2}] \quad (\text{Spin wave Magnon})$$

Block T<sup>3/2</sup> Law



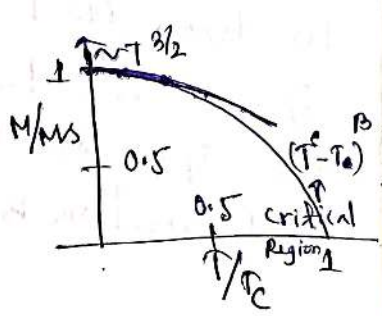
The energy magnon modes is given by

$$E_{\text{magnon}} = \int_0^\infty \frac{\hbar \omega g(\omega) d\omega}{\exp(\frac{\hbar \omega}{k_B T}) - 1} \propto T^{5/2}$$

So, heat capacity

$$C = \frac{\partial E_{\text{magnon}}}{\partial T} \propto T^{3/2}$$

$C \propto T^{3/2}$



where  $\beta = 0.5$

$$M \propto (T_c - T)^\beta \quad T < T_c$$

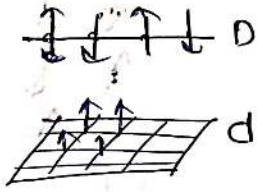
$$\chi \propto (T - T_c)^{-\gamma} \quad T > T_c$$

$$M \propto H^{1/\delta} \quad T = T_c$$

$$C \propto (T - T_c)^\alpha \quad T > T_c$$

Model Mean Field

Mertini theorem



	<u>Model</u>	<u>Mean Field</u>	<u>Ising</u>	<u>Ising</u>	<u>Heisenberg</u>
Dim. of the order parameter	D	any value	1	1	3
Dim of lattice	d	d > 4	2 (2d Ising)	3 (3d Ising)	3
$\beta$		1/2	1/8	0.326	0.367
$\gamma$		1	7/8	1.24	1.338
$\delta$		3	15	4.78	4.78

critical exponent value

Scaling law:

$$2 = \alpha + 2\beta + \gamma$$

$$\delta = 1 + \gamma/\beta = (1 + 1/2 = 3 = \delta)$$

$$\alpha = 2 - \delta\gamma$$