

# PHYS-E0421 Solid State Physics

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Dielectric Properties of Solids  
Magnetism

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# Magnetic properties

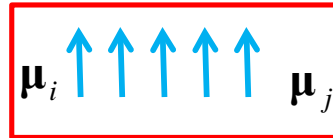
- Response of materials to an external magnetic field
  - Magnetic quantities, magnetism is quantum mechanics (home work)
  - Quantum mechanical description
  - Atomic diamagnetism, paramagnetism (lecture work)
  - Response of free electron gas
- Spontaneous magnetism Ferromagnetism and antiferromagnetism
  - Exchange interaction,  $H_2$  molecule, Heisenberg spin Hamiltonian
  - Mean-field approximation for ferromagnetism of magnetic moments
  - Spin waves (low-energy excitations) TODAY
  - Free electron gas
  - Stoner model for ferromagnetism of itinerant electrons
  - Antiferromagnetism
  - Domain structure

# Spontaneous Magnetization, Starting Point

Ferromagnetism,  $T < \theta_{CW}$

$$\mathbf{B}_0 \rightarrow 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbf{M} \neq 0$$

Ordering



Coulomb interaction

$$U_{Coul.}(e^- \leftrightarrow e^-) \sim 0.1 \dots 1 \text{ eV}$$

Pauli exclusion principle

Total-spin dependent  $U_{Coul}$   
= Exchange interaction

Ordering

Example, H<sub>2</sub> molecule

Independent electron model

The lowest-energy molecular orbital is occupied by two electrons of opposite spins (singlet state). Two electrons of parallel spins (triplet state) occupy both the bonding and antibonding orbitals.

Many-body wave function

Heitler-London approximation based on atomic orbitals.

Two-electron orbital wave functions for singlet and triplet states

$$\Phi_S(1,2) = \phi_a(1)\phi_b(2) + \phi_b(1)\phi_a(2) \quad ; \quad \Phi_T(1,2) = \phi_b(1)\phi_a(2) - \phi_a(1)\phi_b(2)$$

$$E_S - E_T < 0 \quad \longleftarrow \quad \text{Exchange interaction}$$

# Heisenberg Spin Hamiltonian

→ Generalization to solids

H2 molecule

Desired

Schrödinger equation

Two-electron spin eigenfunctions

$$\hat{H}_{Heis} \Theta_S = E_S \Theta_S$$

$$\hat{H}_{Heis} \Theta_T = E_T \Theta_T$$

$$\Theta_S = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |\uparrow\rangle_1 |\downarrow\rangle_2 - |\downarrow\rangle_1 |\uparrow\rangle_2 \right)$$

$$\Theta_T = \begin{cases} |\uparrow\rangle |\uparrow\rangle \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |\uparrow\rangle |\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle |\uparrow\rangle \right) \\ |\downarrow\rangle |\downarrow\rangle \end{cases}$$

Operator

Weighted mean value

$$\hat{H}_{Heis} = \frac{1}{4} (E_S + 3E_T) - (E_S - E_T) \hat{\mathbf{S}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_2$$

Proof

$$\hat{\mathbf{S}} = \hat{\mathbf{S}}_1 + \hat{\mathbf{S}}_2 \quad ; \quad \hat{\mathbf{S}}^2 = \hat{\mathbf{S}}_1^2 + 2\hat{\mathbf{S}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_2 + \hat{\mathbf{S}}_2^2 \quad ; \quad \hat{\mathbf{S}}^2 \Theta = S(S+1)\Theta \quad ; \quad \hat{\mathbf{S}}_1^2 \Theta = S_1(S_1+1)\Theta \quad \text{etc.}$$

Parametric form

$$\hat{H}_{Heis} = -J \hat{\mathbf{S}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_2 \quad [E(7.217)]$$

Exercise

Exchange constant  $J$

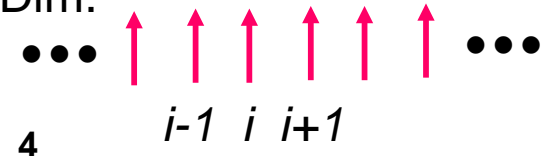
$J > 0$ : Ferromagnetic coupling,  $\uparrow\uparrow$ ,  $E_T < E_S$

$J < 0$ : Antiferromagnetic coupling,  $\uparrow\downarrow$ ,  $E_S < E_T$

Solids

$$\hat{H}_{Heis} = \sum_{i,j \text{ nearest neighbors}} (-J_{ij}) \hat{\mathbf{S}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_j$$

1-Dim.

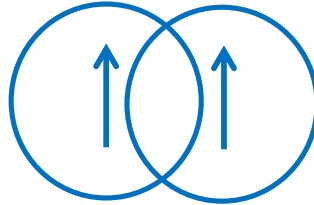


Excercise: Calculate  $E_S = \langle \Theta_S | \hat{H}_{Heis} | \Theta_S \rangle$  and  $E_T = \langle \Theta_T | \hat{H}_{Heis} | \Theta_T \rangle$

# Exchange Interactions, different ranges

## Direct Exchange

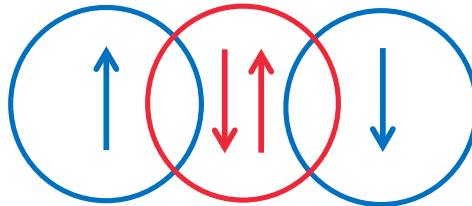
Direct interaction between two magnetic ions



Short-range

## Super exchange:

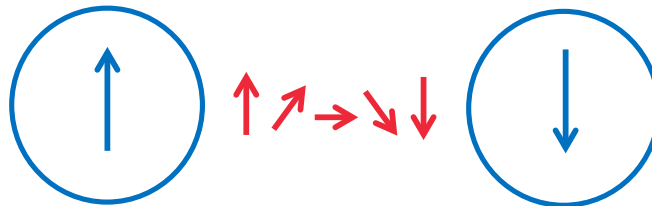
Interaction mediated via a non-magnetic ion



Example:  $\text{CaMnO}_3$   
Antiferromagnetic coupling  
between two Mn ions via an O ion

## Indirect exchange:

Interaction mediated via conducting electrons



RKKY (Ruderman-Kittel-Kasuya-Yosida) distance-dependent interaction

Magnetic ion polarizes the electron gas and polarization oscillates with wave length  $\lambda$

→ Ferromagnetic or antiferromagnetic coupling

# Ferromagnetism due to localized moments

(Elliott 7.2.5.2)

(e.g. 4f ions)

Heisenberg model

External field

$$\hat{H}_{Heis} = - \sum_i \sum_{\delta \text{ nearest neighbors}} J_{i\delta} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{i\delta} - g_J \mu_B \mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \sum_i \hat{\mathbf{S}}_i$$

Nonlinear in  $\mathbf{S}_i$   
[~E(7.218)]

Exchange integral

> 0 → Ferromagnetism

Total angular

momentum operators

Magnetic moment

Mean-field approximation

Coordination number

$$\hat{H}_{MF} = - \sum_i \hat{\mathbf{S}}_i \cdot \left( \sum_{\delta}^{\nu} J \langle \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{i\delta} \rangle_{ave} + g_J \mu_B \mathbf{B}_0 \right) = - \sum_i g_J \mu_B \hat{\mathbf{S}}_i \cdot \mathbf{B}_{eff}$$

Effective magnetic field,  
includes exchange  
interaction

Expectation value  $\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle$

Non-interacting gas of  
paramagnetic ions in field  $\mathbf{B}_{eff}$

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}_0(\mathbf{B}_{eff}, T)$$

e.g.,  $S = 1/2$ ,  $g_J = 2$ :

$$M_0(\mathbf{B}_{eff}, T) = \frac{N}{V} \mu_B \tanh(\mu_B B_{eff} / k_B T)$$

At every ion  $i$

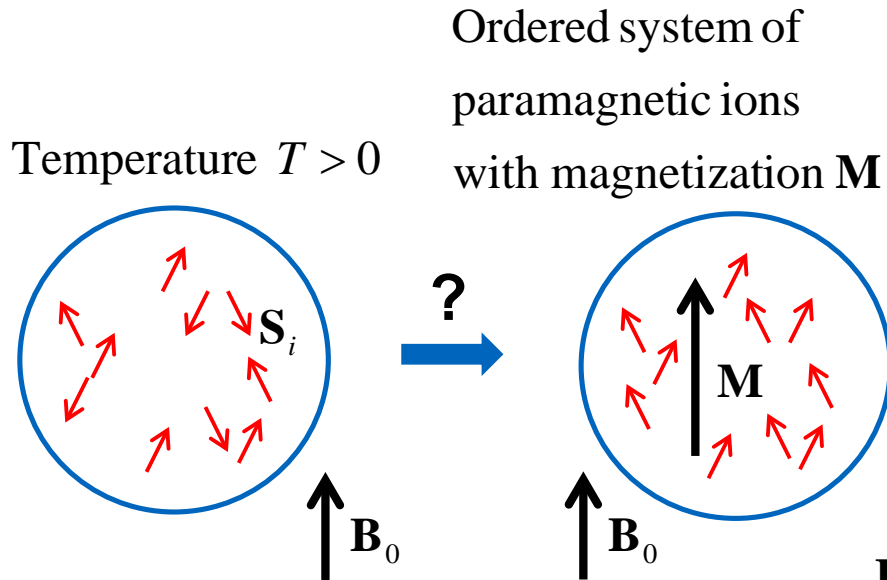
[~E(7.225)]

$$\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle = \frac{V}{N} \mathbf{M} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{B}_{eff} = \frac{1}{g_J \mu_B} \nu J \frac{V}{N} \mathbf{M} \quad \Big/ \quad \frac{V}{N} \mathbf{M} \quad \Big/ \quad g_J \mu_B + \mathbf{B}_0$$

The two unknowns  $\mathbf{M}$  and  $\mathbf{B}_{eff}$   
should be solved selfconsistently

# Mean-Field Theory of Ferromagnetism of Localized Moments

(Elliott 7.2.5.2)



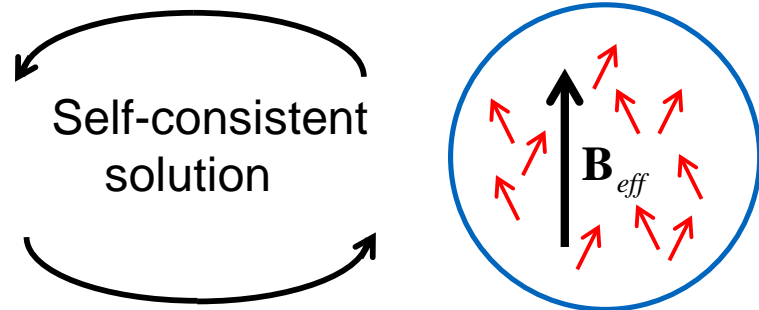
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Complementing the problem with  $\mathbf{B}_{eff}$  and  $\mathbf{M}_0$

[~E(7.222)]

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}_0(\mathbf{B}_{eff}, T)$$

Noninteracting gas of paramagnetic ions in field  $\mathbf{B}_{eff}$



$$\mathbf{B}_{eff} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{g_J \mu_B} \nu J \frac{V}{N} \mathbf{M}}_{\text{Caused by exchange interaction between magnetic moments}} / g_J \mu_B + \mathbf{B}_0 \quad [\sim E(7.225)]$$

Caused by exchange interaction between magnetic moments

1: When  $\mathbf{B}_0 = 0$  and  $T$  finite, is there a nontrivial (ferromagnetic) solution for  $\mathbf{B}_{eff}$  and  $\mathbf{M}$ ?

# Ferromagnetism due to localized moments

→ 1. Do we have spontaneous  $\mathbf{M} \neq 0$  at  $\mathbf{B}_0 = 0$  for temperature  $T$ ?

Self-consistency equations

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}_0(\mathbf{B}_{eff}, T)$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{eff} = \frac{1}{g_J \mu_B} \nu J \frac{V}{N} \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{B}_0 \quad [\sim E(7.225)]$$

Assume the case

$$S = 1/2, \quad g_J = 2, \quad [\sim E(7.227)]$$

$$M_0(\mathbf{B}_{eff}, T) = \frac{N}{V} \mu_B \tanh(\mu_B B_{eff} / k_B T)$$

Non-interacting paramagnetic ions

For  $S = 1/2$

$$\frac{N}{V} \mu_B = n \mu_B = M_{max}$$

$$\begin{cases} M = \frac{N}{V} \mu_B \tanh(\mu_B B_{eff} / k_B T) = M_{max} \tanh(\mu_B B_{eff} / k_B T) \\ B_{eff} = \frac{1}{4 \mu_B^2} \nu J \frac{V}{N} M = \frac{\nu J}{4} \frac{V}{N \mu_B} \frac{1}{\mu_B} M = k_B \theta_{CW} \frac{1}{M_{max}} \frac{1}{\mu_B} M \end{cases}$$

$$k_B \theta_{CW} = \frac{\nu J}{4}$$

Curie - Weiss temperature

$$\frac{M}{M_{max}} = \tanh\left(\frac{\theta_{CW}}{T} \frac{M}{M_{max}}\right)$$

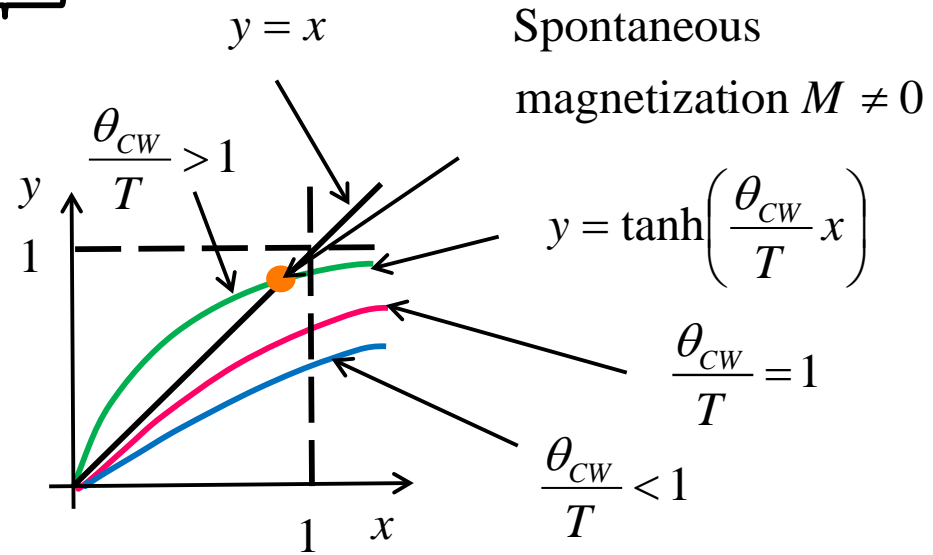


# Ferromagnetism due to localized moments

→ 1. Do we have spontaneous  $M \neq 0$  at  $B_0 = 0$  for temperature  $T$ ?

$$\underbrace{\frac{M}{M_{\max}}}_{x} = \tanh\left(\frac{\theta_{CW}}{T} \underbrace{\frac{M}{M_{\max}}}_{x}\right) = y(x)$$

$$S = 1/2, g_J = 2$$



$$\tanh x \approx x - \frac{1}{3}x^3$$

for small  $x$

$T < \theta_{CW} \Rightarrow$  Ferromagnetism  
 $T > \theta_{CW} \Rightarrow$  Paramagnetism

Critical temperature  
 Curie-Weiss temperature

$$\theta_{CW} = \nu J / 4k_B$$

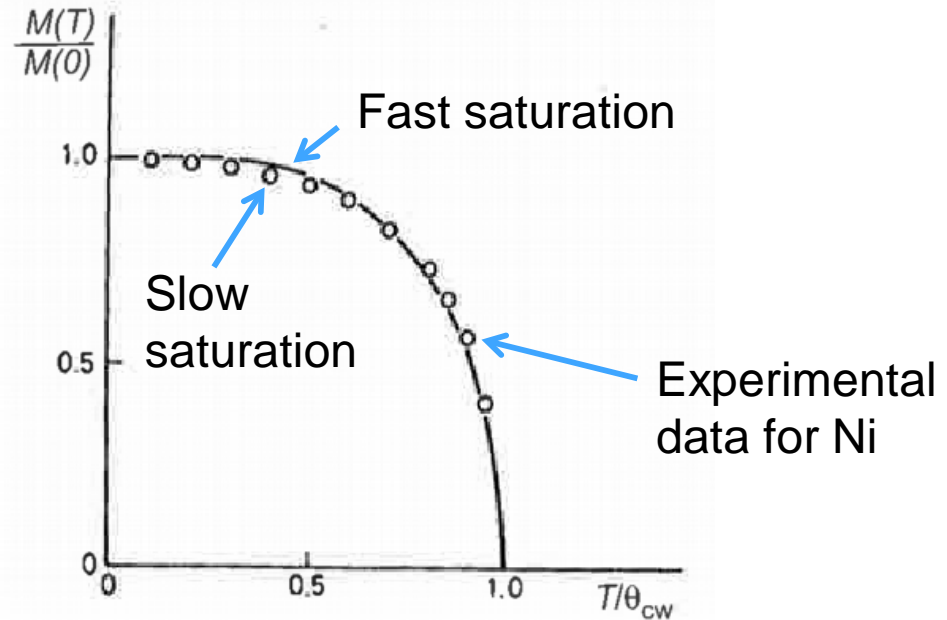
[~E(7.229)]

Coordination number      Strength of exchange interaction

Generalization to  $S > 1/2$

# Mean-Field Theory $M(T)$ , Different Temperature Regions

$$\frac{M}{M_{\max}} = \tanh\left(\frac{M}{M_{\max}} \frac{\theta_{CW}}{T}\right)$$



$$T \ll \theta_{CW}$$



$$M \approx M_{\max} = M(T=0)$$

$$\Rightarrow M / M_{\max} \approx \tanh(\theta_{CW} / T)$$

$$\tanh x \approx 1 - 2 \exp(-2x) \quad \text{for large } x$$

Fast exponential saturation



$$M/M_{\max} \approx 1 - 2 \exp(-2\theta_{CW} / T)$$

[~E(7.231)]

Experiment

$$M/M_{\max} \approx 1 - AT^{3/2}$$

← Spin waves

Slow power-law saturation

# Mean-Field Theory $M(T)$ , Different Temperature Regions

$$T \approx \theta_{CW}$$



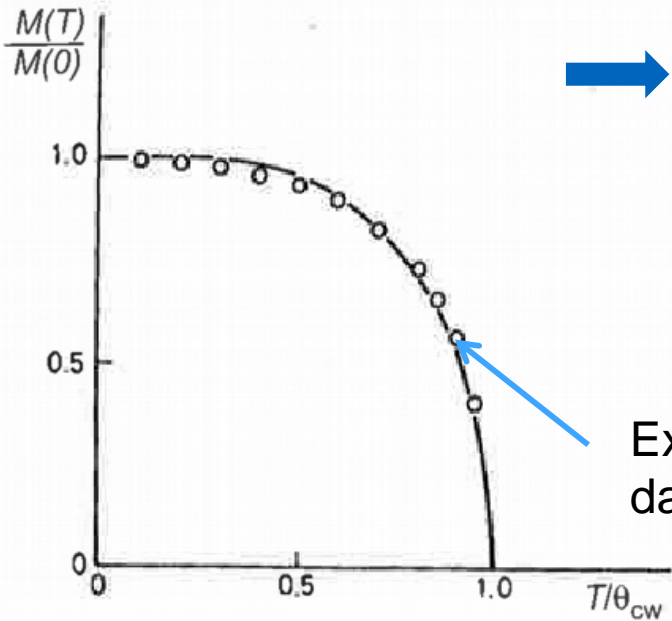
$$M \ll M_{\max}$$

$$\tanh x \approx x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 \quad \text{for small } x$$

$$\frac{M}{M_{\max}} = \tanh\left(\frac{M}{M_{\max}} \frac{\theta_{CW}}{T}\right)$$

$$\approx \frac{M}{M_{\max}} \frac{\theta_{CW}}{T} - \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{M}{M_{\max}} \frac{\theta_{CW}}{T}\right)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow M / M_{\max} = \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{T}{\theta_{CW}}\right)^{3/2} \sqrt{\theta_{CW} / T - 1} = \sqrt{3} \overbrace{\left(T / \theta_{CW}\right)}^{\approx 1} (1 - T / \theta_{CW})^{1/2}$$



$$M / M_{\max} \approx \sqrt{3} (1 - T / \theta_{CW})^{1/2}$$

[~E(7.232)]

Critical exponent

Experiment

$$M / M_{\max} \propto (1 - T / \theta_{CW})^{1/3}$$

# Mean-Field Theory $M(T)$ , Different Temperature Regions

$$2: T > \theta_{CW}$$



No spontaneous magnetization

$$\mathbf{B}_0 \neq 0$$



$$\mathbf{M} \neq 0$$

$$\chi_m = ?$$

Assume

$$S = 1/2, g_J = 2$$



Self-consistency equations

$$M = \frac{N}{V} \mu_B \tanh(\mu_B B_{eff} / k_B T)$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{eff} = \frac{1}{g_J \mu_B} \nu J \frac{V}{N} \mathbf{M} / g_J \mu_B + \mathbf{B}_0$$

$\tanh x \approx x$

$$= n \mu_B^2 B_{eff} / k_B T$$

$$= \frac{k_B \theta_{CW}}{\mu_B^2 n} \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{B}_0$$

$$k_B \theta_{CW} = \frac{\nu J}{4}$$

Curie-Weiss law

$$M = \frac{n \mu_B^2 B_0}{k_B (T - \theta_{CW})}$$



$$\chi_m = \frac{C}{T - \theta_{CW}} \quad [E(7.234)]$$

Experiment

$$C\text{-W law OK for } T \gg \theta_{CW}$$

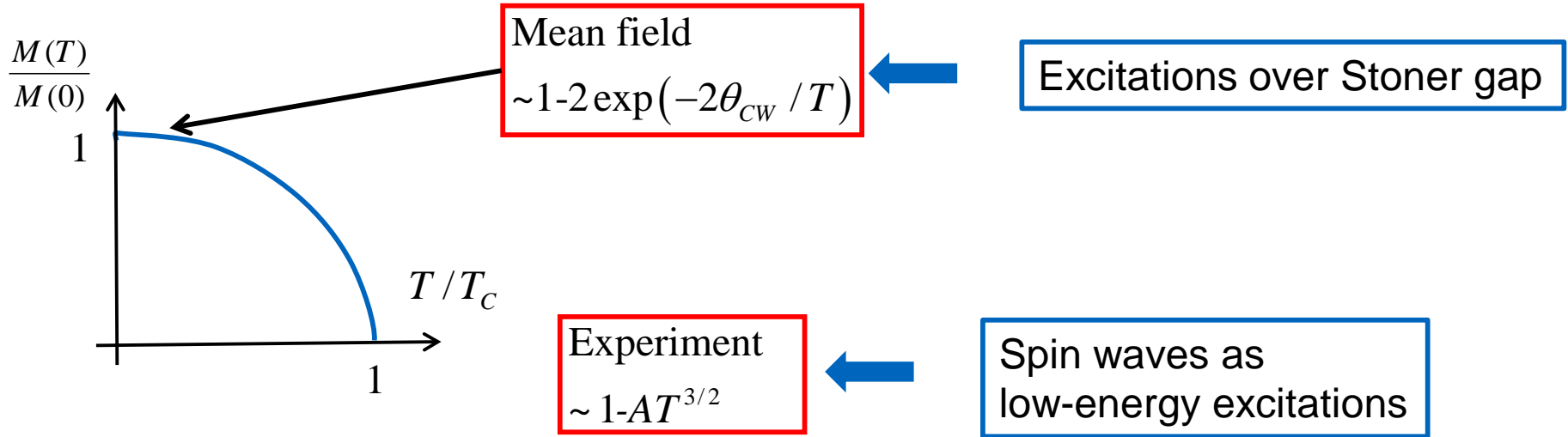
$$\chi_m \propto (T - \theta_{CW})^{-4/3} \text{ for } T \rightarrow \theta_{CW}$$

Cf. Curie law,  
Contribution of exchange-  
interactions between ions!

Critical exponent ( $\leftarrow$  spatial fluctuations?)

# Spin Waves

(Elliott 7.2.5.4)



Starting point, QM approach

(Ascroft-Mermin pp. 701-703, 705)

1D Heisenberg model

Ladder operators

$$\hat{H}_{Heis} = -\sum_i \sum_{\delta}^{\text{nearest neighbors}} J_{i\delta} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{i\delta} = -\sum_{i\delta} J_{i\delta} \hat{S}_{z,i} \hat{S}_{z,i\delta} - \sum_{i\delta} J_{i\delta} \hat{S}_{-,i} \hat{S}_{+,i\delta} \quad [\sim\text{AM}(33.9)]$$

$T = 0$  Ground state [~AM(33.5)]

$$|0\rangle = \prod_i |\uparrow\rangle_i, \quad E = E_0, \quad \langle 0 | \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{tot}^z | 0 \rangle = NS$$

Eigenstate of  $H_{Heis}$

Stoner excitation [~AM(33.19)]

$$|\downarrow_j\rangle = |\downarrow\rangle_j \prod_{i \neq j} |\uparrow\rangle_i; \quad E = E_0 + 2\Delta$$

Not an eigenstate,  $H$  ( $S_{-,j} S_{+,i\delta}$ ) shifts excitation to the neighboring spin

# Spin Waves

Spin wave (superposition)

$$|\mathbf{k}\rangle = \sum_j \exp(i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}_j) |\downarrow_j\rangle$$

$$E = E(\mathbf{k}) \quad \langle \mathbf{k} | \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{tot}^z | \mathbf{k} \rangle = NS - 1$$

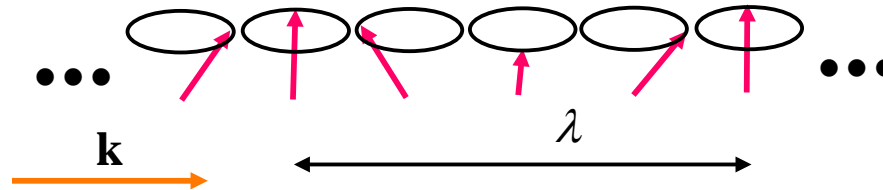
[~AM(33.23)]

Delocalized spin flip

Classically  $\mathbf{S}$  precesses around z axis

$$\langle \hat{S}_i^x \rangle = \langle \hat{S}_i^y \rangle \rightarrow 0$$

Eigenstate



$$\lambda \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\mathbf{k} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\mathbf{S}_i \parallel \mathbf{S}_{i+1}$$

Low energy excitation

$$\text{Change in exchange energy} \rightarrow 0$$

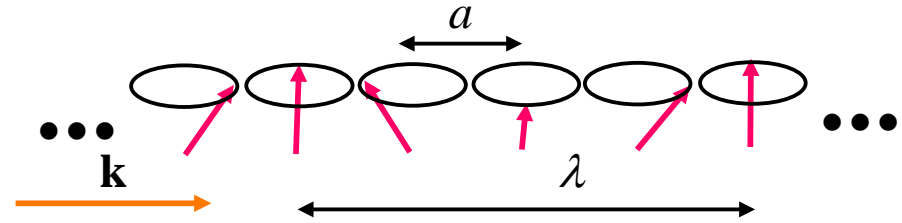
$$\Delta E(\mathbf{k}) \rightarrow 0$$

Classical solution of a 1D model (Elliott, Kittel)

QM - solution (Ashcroft - Mermin, Ibach - Lüth)

# Spin Waves, Classical mechanics for a 1-dimensional model

- Dispersion relation  $E = E(\mathbf{k})$
- DOS( $E$ ) →  $M(T)$ , ( $c_v \dots$ )



Total energy

$$E = -J \sum_p^N \mathbf{S}_p \cdot \mathbf{S}_{p+1}$$

Classical vectors

$p^{\text{th}}$  spin contribution

$$-J \mathbf{S}_p \cdot (\mathbf{S}_{p-1} + \mathbf{S}_{p+1}) = -\mathbf{m}_p \cdot \mathbf{B}_p$$

[E(7.251,252)]

$$\mathbf{B}_p = \frac{J}{g_J \mu_B} (\mathbf{S}_{p-1} + \mathbf{S}_{p+1})$$

$$\mathbf{m}_p = g_J \mu_B \mathbf{S}_p$$

Time derivative of angular momentum = torque

$$\frac{d(\hbar \mathbf{S}_p)}{dt} = \boldsymbol{\tau}_p = \mathbf{m}_p \times \mathbf{B}_p = \mathbf{S}_p \times J(\mathbf{S}_{p-1} + \mathbf{S}_{p+1})$$

[~E(7.255)]

Equation of motion for interacting spins, nearest neighbor interactions only

Trial solution: propagating wave (cf. Classical lattice vibrations)

$$S_p^x = u \exp[i(kpa - \omega t)], \quad S_p^y = v \exp[i(kpa - \omega t)], \quad S_p^z = \text{constant}$$

[~E(7.259)]

Dispersion relation

$$\hbar \omega = 2JS(1 - \cos(ka))$$

[E(7.260)]

Quadratic when  $k \rightarrow 0$

$$\hbar \omega \approx JSa^2 k^2$$

[E(7.261)]

No energy gap

Also in QM, see AM



# Spin Waves, dispersion relation

(Elliott 7.2.5.4)

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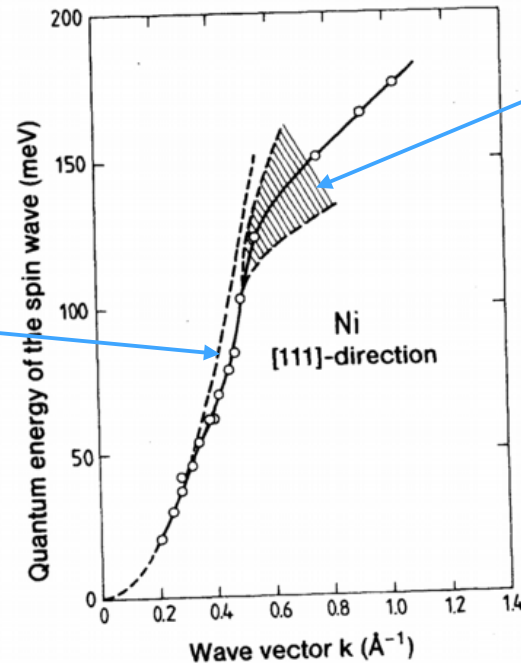
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[E(7.261)]

No energy gap

Experimental data for Ni

$$\hbar\omega \propto k^2$$



Stoner excitations



Finite spin-wave lifetimes

# Magnons, quantized spin waves

cf. phonons

Total energy of magnons  
with wave vector  $\mathbf{k}$

$$E_{\mathbf{k}} = (n + 1/2)\hbar\omega_{\mathbf{k}} \quad [\text{E(7.262)}]$$

From dispersion  
relation

Number of excited magnons

Total energy of all magnons

$$E_{tot} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} (n + 1/2)\hbar\omega_{\mathbf{k}}$$

Periodic boundary  
conditions



$N$  allowed  $\mathbf{k}$  points in the 1st Brillouin zone.  
 $N$  = number of unit cells in normalization volume  $V$ .

Bose-Einstein distribution

$$n = \frac{1}{\exp(\hbar\omega_{\mathbf{k}} / k_B T) - 1}$$

Chemical potential = 0

→ No limit for  $\sum n$

# Magnons, temperature-dependent magnetization

Magnetization,  $T = 0$

$$S_{tot}^z = NS \quad \longrightarrow \quad M(0) = \frac{N}{V} g_J \mu_B S$$

$T > 0$

Corresponding to each magnon  
 $S_{tot}^z \rightarrow S_{tot}^z - 1$

$$\longrightarrow M(T) = \frac{g_J \mu_B}{V} \left[ NS - \sum_{\mathbf{k}} n(\mathbf{k}, T) \right] = M(0) \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{NS} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} n(\mathbf{k}, T) \right] \quad [\sim E(7.263)]$$

DOS  $\propto \omega^{1/2}$  cf. 3D free electrons

$$\sum_{\mathbf{k}} n(\mathbf{k}, T) \rightarrow \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} \int d\mathbf{k} \frac{1}{\exp(\hbar\omega_{\mathbf{k}} / k_B T) - 1} \rightarrow \int d\omega \underbrace{\frac{g(\omega)}{\exp(\hbar\omega / k_B T) - 1}}_{\rightarrow x} \propto T^{3/2} \quad [\sim E(7.266)]$$

Bloch  $T^{3/2}$  -law

$$\longrightarrow M(T) = M(0) \left( 1 - \text{constant} \times T^{3/2} \right)$$

Magnons contribute also to specific heat (Exercise)

# Lecture Assignment

Vining and Shelton, Phys. Rev. B **28**, 2732 (1983)

"A linear term in the heat capacity could be expected from two-dimensional ferromagnetic spin waves (with magnon dispersion relation proportional to  $q^2$ ) or from one-dimensional antiferromagnetic spin waves (with the magnetic dispersion relation proportional to  $q$ )."

Can we understand this statement?

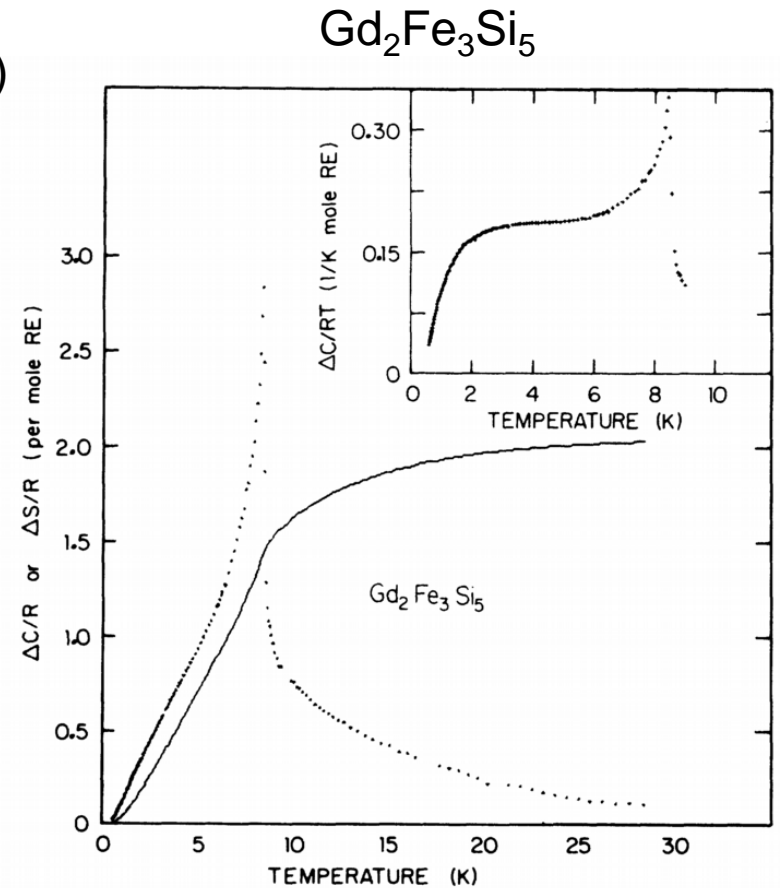


FIG. 2. Magnetic contribution to the heat capacity and entropy for  $Gd_2Fe_3Si_5$ . The inset indicates a large linear contribution to the heat capacity of  $Gd_2Fe_3Si_5$  between 2 and 6 K.

# Lecture Assignment

## Bosonic systems

$$C_v = \frac{dE}{VdT} \propto \frac{d}{dT} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} E g(E) n(E, T) dE \quad ; \quad \boxed{g(E) \propto E^n} \quad ; \quad n(E) = \frac{1}{\underbrace{\exp(E/k_B T)}_x - 1}$$

$$x = E/k_B T \quad \Rightarrow \quad C_v \propto \frac{d}{dT} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (k_B T x)^{n+2} \frac{1}{\exp(x) - 1} dx \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{C_v \propto T^{n+1}}$$

Density of states  $g(E)$  ← Dimension  $d$ , dispersion relation  $E=E(\mathbf{k})$ :

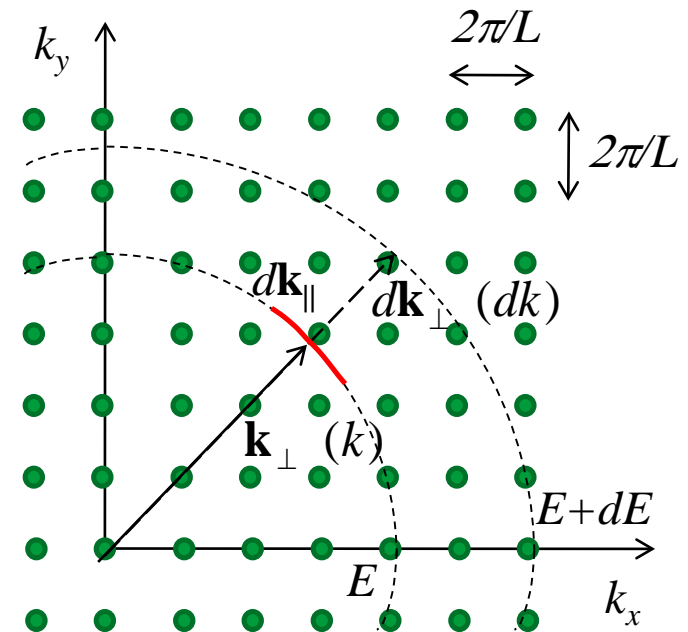
Periodic boundary conditions of a "cube"  $L^d$

$$\mathbf{k}\text{-space } g(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{L^d}{(2\pi)^d}, \text{ constant}$$

$$g(E)dE = \underbrace{[\mathbf{k}\text{-values within } dE \dots E + dE]}_{\Delta \mathbf{k}} / L^d = g(\mathbf{k}) \Delta \mathbf{k}$$

Isotropic dispersion,  $E(\mathbf{k}) = E(k)$ :

$$g(E)dE = g(\mathbf{k}) dk_{(\perp)} \int d\mathbf{k}_{\parallel} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{g(E) \propto \frac{dk}{dE} \int d\mathbf{k}_{\parallel}}$$



# Lecture Assignment

Density of states  $g(E)$  ← Dimension  $d$ , dispersion relation  $E=E(\mathbf{k})$ , Big picture

	$E = E(\mathbf{k})$	free electrons magnons $E \propto k^2$	Debye model acoustic phonons $E \propto k$
	$dk / dE$	→	
$d$	$\int d\mathbf{k}_{\parallel}$	$g(E) \propto E^n$	$g(E) \propto E^n$
3	↓	↘	
2	FILL IN THE EMPTY BOXES; CORRECT ANSWERS ON THE LAST SLIDE		
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# Lecture Assignment

## Bosonic systems

$$g(E) \propto E^n \Rightarrow C_v \propto T^{n+1}$$

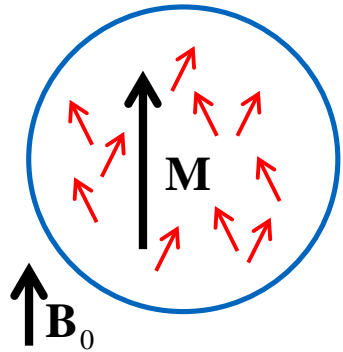
Temperature dependencies:

- 3D acoustic phonon specific heat at low temperatures  $\sim T^3$
- 3D magnon specific heat at low temperatures  $\sim T^{3/2}$
- 2D ferromagnetic magnon specific heat at low temperatures  $\sim T$
- 1D antiferromagnetic magnon specific heat at low temperatures  $\sim T$
  
- Magnon influence on magnetization at low temperatures  $\sim (1 - \text{constant } T^{3/2})$
  
- Thermal conductivity  $\kappa = l_{mfp} v c_v / 3$
  
- 3D electron (Fermions!) specific heat at low temperatures  $\sim T$

# Ferromagnetism of Localized Moments, Summary

## Mean-Field Theory

Ordered system of paramagnetic ions with magnetization  $\mathbf{M}$



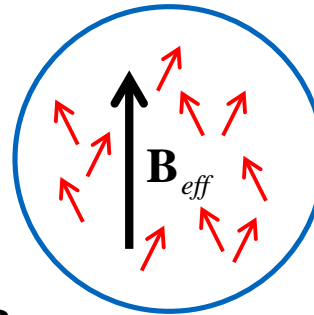
Exchange interaction

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}_0(\mathbf{B}_{eff}, T)$$

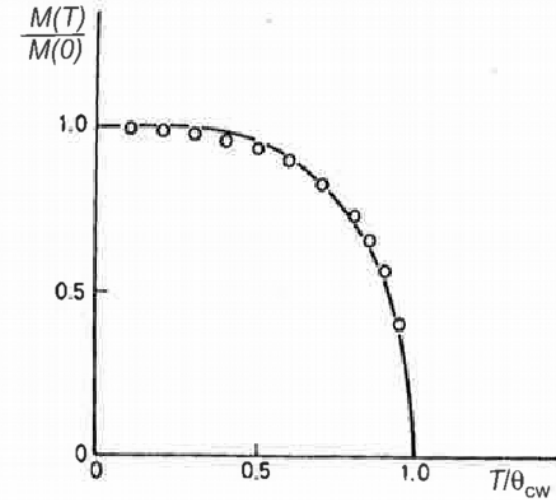
Self-consistent solution

$$\mathbf{B}_{eff} = \underbrace{\frac{\nu J}{(g_J \mu_B)^2 n} \mathbf{M}} + \mathbf{B}_0$$

Noninteracting gas of paramagnetic ions in field  $\mathbf{B}_{eff}$



External field



$$\theta_{CW} = \nu J / 4k_B$$

Curie - Weiss temperature

$$B_0 = 0:$$

$T < \theta_{CW} \Rightarrow$  Ferromagnetism,  $M > 0$

$T > \theta_{CW} \Rightarrow$  Paramagnetism,  $M = 0$

$M$  in different temperature regions:

$$T \ll \theta_{CW} : M / M_{\max} \approx 1 - 2\exp(-2\theta_{CW} / T)$$

$$T \approx \theta_{CW} : M / M_{\max} \approx \sqrt{3}(1 - T / \theta_{CW})^{1/2}$$

$$T > \theta_{CW} : \chi = \frac{C}{T - \theta_{CW}} \quad \text{Curie - Weiss law}$$



# Ferromagnetism of Localized Moments, Summary

## Beyond the Mean-Field Theory, magnons

Mean field theory :

Excitations over the Stoner gap

$$\Rightarrow M / M_{\max} \approx 1 - 2\exp(-2\theta_{\text{CW}} / T)$$

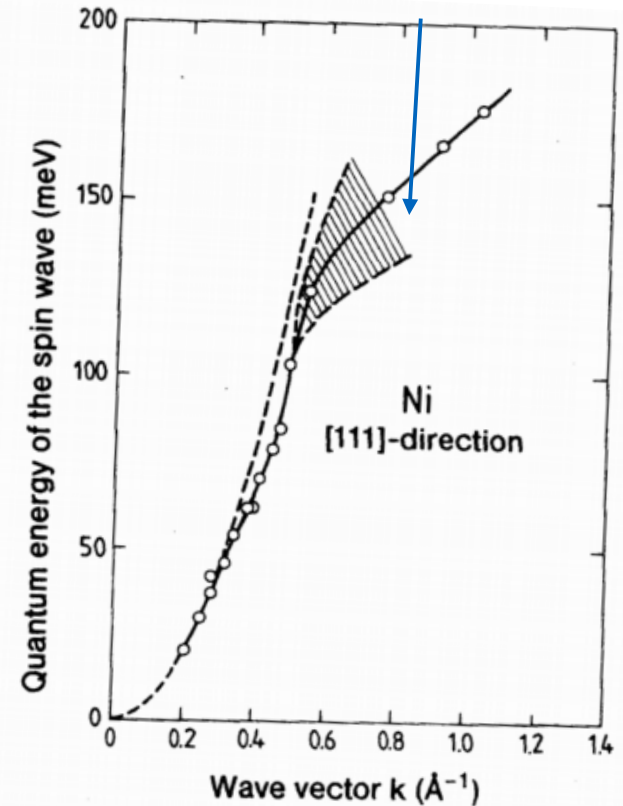
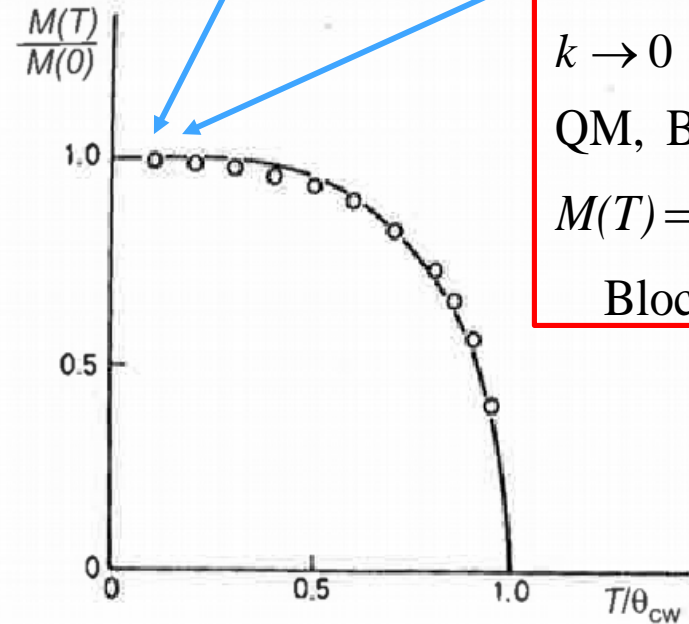
Spin waves

$k \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \omega \propto k^2$ , no gap!

QM, Bose-Einstein statistics

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

Bloch  $T^{3/2}$ -law



# Magnetic properties

- Response of materials to an external magnetic field
  - Magnetic quantities, magnetism is quantum mechanics (home work)
  - Quantum mechanical description
  - Atomic diamagnetism, paramagnetism (lecture work)
  - Response of free electron gas
- Spontaneous magnetism (Ferromagnetism and antiferromagnetism)
  - Exchange interaction, H<sub>2</sub> molecule, free electron gas
  - Mean-field approximation for ferromagnetism of magnetic moments
  - Spin waves (low-energy excitations)
  - Stoner model for ferromagnetism of itinerant electrons
  - Antiferromagnetism
  - Domain structure

The last lecture

# Lecture Assignment

Density of states  $g(E)$  ← Dimension  $d$ , dispersion relation  $E=E(\mathbf{k})$ , Big picture

	$E = E(\mathbf{k})$	free electrons magnons $E \propto k^2$	Debye model acoustic phonos $E \propto k$
	$dk / dE$	$\propto 1/k$	Constant
$d$	$\int d\mathbf{k}_{\parallel}$	$g(E) \propto E^n$	$g(E) \propto E^n$
3	spherical surface $\propto k^2$	$\propto k$ $\propto \sqrt{E}$	$\propto k^2$ $\propto E^2$
2	circle circumference $\propto k$	Constant MOSFET 2D ferr. magnons?	$\propto k$ $\propto E$ Dirac Fermions in graphene
1	line section Constant	$\propto 1/k$ $\propto 1/\sqrt{E}$ Landau tubes carbon nanotubes	Constant 1D antiferr. magnons?