Spin reorientation in orthoferrites

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Manganites (RMnO₃)





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Laser-induced ultrafast spin reorientation in the antiferromagnet TmFeO₃

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All magnetically ordered materials can be divided into two primary classes: ferromagnets^{1,2} and antiferromagnets³. Since ancient times, ferromagnetic materials have found vast application areas⁴, from the compass to computer storage and more recently to magnetic random access memory and spintronics⁵. In contrast, antiferromagnetic (AFM) materials, though representing the overwhelming majority of magnetically ordered materials, for a long time were of academic interest only. The fundamental difference between the two types of magnetic

The rare-earth orthoferrites RFeO₃ (where R indicates a rareearth element) investigated here are known for a strong temperature-dependent anisotropy^{17,18}. These materials crystallize in an orthorhombically distorted perovskite structure, with a spacegroup symmetry D_{2h}^{16} (*Pbnm*). The iron moments order antiferromagnetically, as shown in Fig. 1, but with a small canting of the spins on different sublattices. The temperature-dependent anisotropy energy has the form^{19,20}:

$$\Phi(T) = \Phi_0 + K_2(T)\sin^2\theta + K_4\sin^4\theta \tag{1}$$

where θ is the angle in the *x*–*z* plane between the *x* axis and the AFM moment **G**, see Fig. 1, and K_2 and K_4 are the anisotropy constants of second and fourth order, respectively. Applying equilibrium conditions to equation (1) yields three temperature regions corresponding to different spin orientations:

$$\Gamma_4(G_{\mathrm{x}} F_{\mathrm{z}}): \ \theta = 0, \ T \ge T_2$$

$$\Gamma_2(G_z F_x): \ \theta = 1/2\pi, \ T \leq T$$

 $\Gamma_{24}: \sin^2\theta = K_2(T)/2K_4, \ T_1 \le T \le T_2$ (2)

where T_1 and T_2 are determined by the conditions $K_2(T_1) = -2K_4$

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Coherent Control of the Route of an Ultrafast Magnetic Phase Transition via Low-Amplitude Spin Precession

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Laser-induced ultrafast spin dynamics in ErFeO₃

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Spin can be manipulated on a time scale of few ps
Requirement: Temperature induced spin reorientation

RFeO₃



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Nd moments orders develops C-type ordering





T < 4.5 K

4.5K < T < 100 K

110 K < T < 650 K.

THEORY OF SPIN REORIENTATION IN RARE-EARTH ORTHOCHROMITES AND ORTHOFERRITES*

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Abstract – Mechanisms of the temperature-induced spin-reorientation in rare-earth orthochromites (and orthoferrites) are examined. It is concluded that the anisotropic parts of the magnetic interactions between Cr^{3+} (or Fe³⁺) and rare-earth ions, the antisymmetric and the anisotropic-symmetric exchange interactions, are generally responsible for both the *rotational* and the *abrupt* types of the spin-reorientations. These anisotropic exchange interactions produce an effective field for the Cr^{3+} up-spins in the direction perpendicular to that of these spins and an effective field for the Cr^{3+} spins, retaining their original antiferromagnetic configuration. Thus, as the temperature is lowered, this effective field increases due to the increase of the rare-earth magnetization, and when the interaction energy of the Cr^{3+} spins with these effective fields exceeds the anisotropy energy of the Cr^{3+} ion, spin-reorientation takes place. At the beginning and ending of the spin-reorientation a second-order phase-transition occurs. The first-order nature of the *abrupt* spin-reorientation is stressed. Anisotropic exchange interactions between Cr^{3+} and rare-earth ions also play an important role in inducing the *abrupt* spin-reorientation.

- Strong coupling between 4f and 3d electrons
- Anisotropic part of the exchange interaction
- Rare earth ordering observed at much lower temp.
- Role of Rare earth moments ?
- Role of the Fe spin canting ?

$NdMnO_3$

Magnetic structure evolution of NdMnO₃ derived from neutron diffraction data

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Magnetic structure and spin reorientation of the Mn ions in NdMnO₃

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 $NdFe_{0.5}Mn_{0.5}O_3/Nd_2MnFeO_6$



Results

$NdFe_{0.5}Mn_{0.5}O_3/Nd_2MnFeO_6$





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NdMn_{0.5}Fe_{0.5}O₃ crystallizes in orthorhombic crystal structure

Lattice parameters intermediate to NdFeO₃ and NdMnO₃

Magnetic characterization





$NdFe_{0.5}Mn_{0.5}O_3$



Fig. 4. ZFC (open symbols) and FC (closed symbols) magnetization vs. temperature for $NdMn_{0.5}Fe_{0.5}O_3$ (square) and $LaMn_{0.5}Fe_{0.5}O_3$ (circle).

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In Fig. 4 the results of NdMn_{0.5}Fe_{0.5}O₃ magnetization vs. temperature measurements are demonstrated in FC and ZFC regimes. Near T = 300 K the divergence of the curves is observed as result of the spontaneous magnetization appearance. In the temperature interval 220–300 K both ZFC and FC magnetizations demonstrate a wide cusp which has not been observed for LaMn_{0.5}Fe_{0.5}O₃ compound. Below 40 K the FC magnetization exhibits a sharp increase probably associated with an appearance of a spin-glass component (Fig. 5). Such a type of anomalous



Magnetic characterization Neutron diffraction

$NdFe_{0.5}Mn_{0.5}O_3$



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Conclusions

- Magnetic properties have similarities to NdFeO₃: G type
- *Ax Gy Cz* antiferromagnetic structure have $T_N \sim 250 \text{ K}$
- <u>No ferromagnetic component in high temperature phase</u>
- *Ax Gy Cz* -> *Fx Cy Gz* spin reorientation (rotational)

Er_{0.5}Dy_{0.5}FeO₃

- Gx Ay Fz —> Gx Ay Fz+ Fx Cy Gz spin reorientation (rotational)
- $C_y + C_z$ type ordering of Rare-earth (Dy³⁺/Er³⁺)
- Multiple magnetic structures of Fe³⁺ and Dy³⁺/Er³⁺
- Anomalous negative thermal expansion associated with rareearth ordering

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