

Origin of magnetic moment

{ electron spin $\vec{S}$
 { electron orbital angular momentum $\vec{L}$ $\rightarrow$

$$\vec{M}(\vec{H}) = -\frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{H}} E_0(H) \quad \text{magnetization density}$$

$E_0(H)$ is ground state energy.

$$\chi = \frac{\partial |\vec{M}|}{\partial |\vec{H}|} \quad \text{magnetic susceptibility}$$

Diamagnetism (in insulators)

$$\chi = \frac{\partial M}{\partial H} \approx -\frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial^2 E_0(H)}{\partial H^2}$$

$$E = PV + M(H) + k_B T + \dots$$

Change in $\vec{L} \rightarrow$ Lenz's Law
 diamagnetism

Hydrogen atom, $1e^-$ 1S state, $\vec{L}=0$

Helium atom, $2e^-$ 1S², $\vec{S}=\vec{L}=0$

filled shell

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superconductor $\rightarrow$ Meissner effect

Langevin Diamagnetic Eq.
 (classical case)

Larmor theorem

e^- precession in $\vec{H}$, $\omega = \frac{eB}{2mc}$

$$\mu = I \cdot A$$

$$= \pi r^2 \cdot \left(-\frac{Ze}{c} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{eB}{2mc} \right)$$



$$= -\frac{Ze^2 B}{4mc^2} \langle p^2 \rangle, \quad \langle p^2 \rangle = \langle x^2 \rangle + \langle y^2 \rangle + \langle z^2 \rangle$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \langle x^2 \rangle + \langle y^2 \rangle + \langle z^2 \rangle$$

$$\langle p^2 \rangle = \frac{2}{3} \langle r^2 \rangle$$

$$\chi = \frac{N\mu}{B} = -\frac{NZe^2}{6mc^2} \langle r^2 \rangle$$

Quantum theory (mononuclear system)

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

Maxwell's eqs.

$$\vec{B} \equiv \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$$

Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \left(\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A} \right)^2 + Q\phi$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{p^2}{2m} + Q\phi}_{Id_0} + \frac{ie\hbar}{2mc} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} + \vec{A} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) + \frac{e^2}{2mc^2} A^2$$

We choose $\vec{B} = B \hat{z}$

$$\text{e.g. } \vec{A} = -\frac{1}{2} \vec{r} \times \vec{B}$$

$$\begin{cases} A_x = -\frac{1}{2} y B \\ A_y = \frac{1}{2} x B \\ A_z = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$H = H_0 + \Delta J + \Delta I_{spin}$$

+ R a - 0? R? , ,

$$\Delta \mathcal{J} = \frac{i e \hbar^2}{2 m c} (x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x}) + \frac{e^2}{8 m c^2} (x^2 + y^2)$$

$$\langle p^2 \rangle = \frac{2}{3} \langle r^2 \rangle$$

For spin $\Delta \mathcal{J}_{\text{spin}} = g_s \mu_B B S_z$

$$g_s \approx 2 \text{ for } e^-$$

$$S_z = \sum_i S_z^i$$

$$\Delta \mathcal{J} = \mu_B \vec{L} \cdot \vec{B} + \frac{e^2 B^2}{8 m c^2} (x^2 + y^2)$$

$$\hbar \vec{L} = \vec{r}_i \times \vec{p}_i$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 + \mu_B (\vec{L} + g_s \vec{S}) \cdot \vec{B} + \frac{e^2 B^2}{8 m c^2} (x^2 + y^2)$$

① ground state of a system with filled e^- shells

$$\langle p^2 \rangle = \frac{2}{3} \langle r^2 \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{H} |0\rangle = L |0\rangle = S |0\rangle = 0$$

$$\Delta E_0 = \frac{e^2 B^2}{12 m c^2} B^2 \langle 0 | \sum_i r_i^2 | 0 \rangle$$

$$\chi = - \frac{N}{V} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{E}_0}{\partial B^2} = - \frac{e^2}{6 m c^2} \frac{N}{V} \langle 0 | \sum_i r_i^2 | 0 \rangle$$

For diamagnetic materials $\chi < 0$

Classical theory of paramagnetism
(super paramagnetism)

A volume of N identical magnetic moments μ



$$E = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B} = -\mu B \cos \theta$$

Boltzmann factor



$$e^{-\frac{U}{k_B T}} = e^{\frac{\mu B}{k_B T} \cos \theta}$$

$$p(\theta) d\theta = \frac{e^{\frac{\mu B}{k_B T} \cos \theta} \sin \theta d\theta}{\int_0^\pi e^{\frac{\mu B}{k_B T} \cos \theta} \sin \theta d\theta}$$

$$M = N \mu \overline{\cos \theta}$$

$$= N \mu \int_0^\pi \cos \theta p(\theta) d\theta$$

$$= N \mu \frac{\int_0^\pi \exp\left(\frac{\mu B}{k_B T} \cos \theta\right) \cos \theta \sin \theta d\theta}{\int_0^\pi \exp\left(\frac{\mu B}{k_B T} \cos \theta\right) \sin \theta d\theta}$$

$$\frac{\mu B}{k_B T} \equiv \alpha, \quad \cos \theta \equiv x, \quad \frac{dx}{d\theta} = -\sin \theta$$

$$dx = -\sin \theta d\theta$$

$$M = N \mu \frac{\int_{-1}^1 e^{\alpha x} x dx}{\int_{-1}^1 e^{\alpha x} dx}$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 e^{\alpha x} dx = \frac{1}{\alpha} [e^{\alpha x}]_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{\alpha} (e^\alpha - e^{-\alpha})$$

$$\frac{d}{d\alpha} \Rightarrow \int_{-1}^1 e^{\alpha x} x dx = \frac{1}{\alpha} (e^\alpha + e^{-\alpha}) - \frac{1}{\alpha^2} (e^\alpha - e^{-\alpha})$$

$$M = N \mu \left(\frac{e^\alpha + e^{-\alpha}}{e^\alpha - e^{-\alpha}} - \frac{1}{\alpha} \right)$$

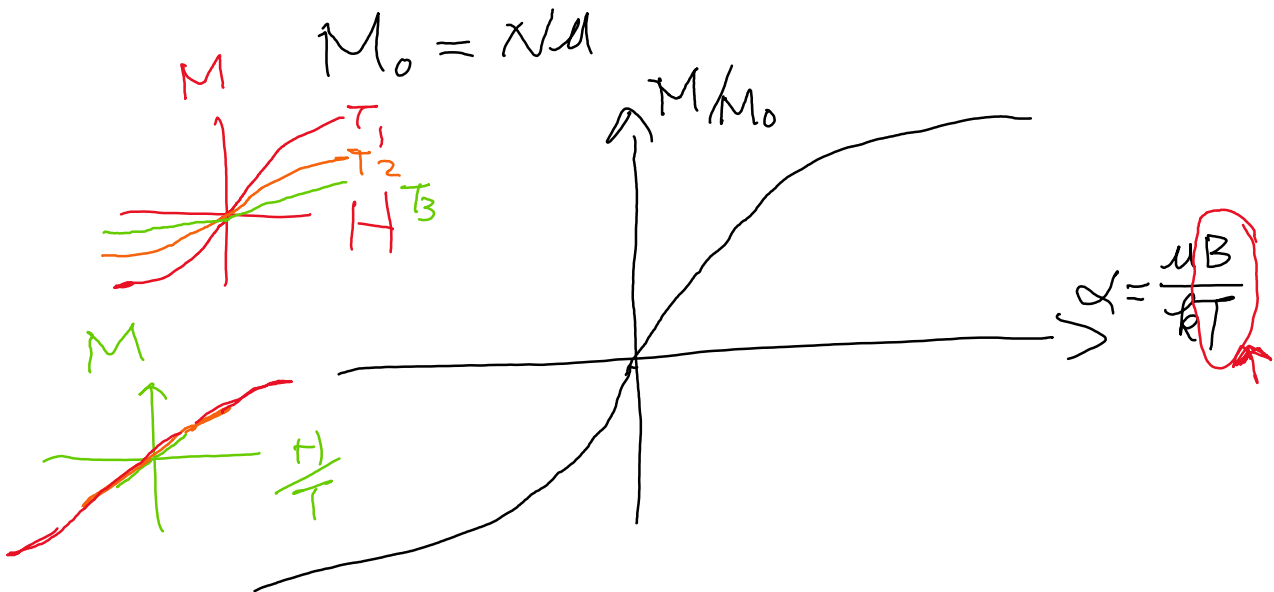
$$= N \mu \left(\coth \alpha - \frac{1}{\alpha} \right)$$

Langevin function

$$L(\alpha) = \frac{\alpha}{3} - \frac{\alpha^3}{45} + \frac{2\alpha^5}{945} - \dots$$

when $\alpha < 0.5$, $L(\alpha) \approx \frac{\alpha}{3}$

$\alpha \ll 1$, $L(\alpha) \rightarrow \alpha$



For small $\alpha = \frac{\mu B}{kT}$ small B / high T

$$M = \frac{N\mu\alpha}{3} = \frac{N\mu^2 B}{3k_B T}$$

$$\chi = \frac{M}{H} = \frac{N\mu^2}{3k_B} \frac{1}{T} = \frac{C}{T}$$

Curie's law
with Curie's
constant

$$C \equiv \frac{N\mu^2}{3k_B}$$

This is based on
non-interacting μ 's

Quantum Theory of paramagnetism in free space

$$\mu = \gamma \hbar \vec{J} = -g \mu_B \vec{J} \quad \text{for atom. ion}$$

$$\hbar \vec{J} = \hbar \vec{L} + \hbar \vec{S}$$

γ : gyromagnetic ratio
magnetogyric ratio

g factor. spectroscopic splitting factor

$$g \mu_B \equiv -\gamma \hbar$$

$$g = 2.0023 \quad \text{for free } e^-$$

$$g = 1 + \frac{J(J+1) + S(S+1) - L(L+1)}{2J(J+1)}$$

Landé equation for free atom

$$\mu_B \equiv \frac{e \hbar}{2mc} \quad \text{in cgs}$$

Bohr magneton

$$U = - \vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B} = m_J g \mu_B B$$

$$m_J = -J, -J+1, \dots, +J$$

For an e^-

$$\begin{cases} \mu_{\text{orbit}} = \frac{eh}{4\pi mc} = \frac{e}{2mc} \frac{h}{2\pi} = -\frac{e}{2mc} \vec{P}_{\text{orbit}} \\ \vec{\mu}_{\text{spin}} = \frac{eh}{4\pi mc} = \frac{e}{mc} \frac{1}{2} \frac{h}{2\pi} = -\frac{e}{mc} \vec{P}_{\text{spin}} \end{cases}$$

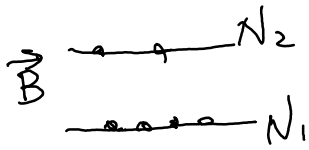
$g = 1$ for orbital moment

$g = 2$ for spin

for a single spin, no orbital motion

$$m_J = \pm \frac{1}{2} \quad g = 2$$

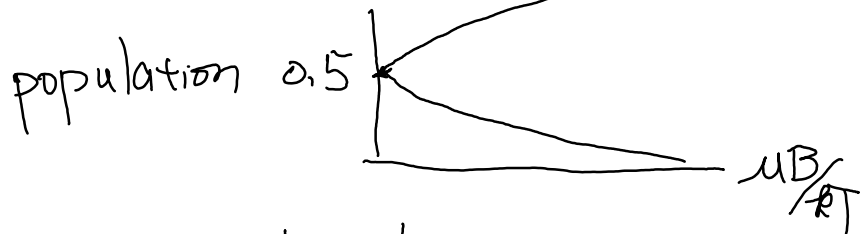
Consider a two-level system at equilibrium



$$\frac{N_1}{N} = \frac{\exp\left(\frac{\mu_B}{kT}\right)}{\exp\left(\frac{\mu_B}{kT}\right) + \exp\left(-\frac{\mu_B}{kT}\right)}$$

$$\frac{N_2}{N} = \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{\mu_B}{kT}\right)}{\exp\left(\frac{\mu_B}{kT}\right) + \exp\left(-\frac{\mu_B}{kT}\right)}$$

$$N = N_1 + N_2$$



$$M = (N_1 - N_2) \mu$$

$$= N \mu \cdot \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} \quad x \equiv \frac{\mu_B}{kT}$$

$$= N \mu \tanh x$$

for $x \ll 1$, $\tanh x = x$

$$M \approx \frac{N \mu^2 B}{kT}$$

Atom with quantum number J

$$U = -m_J g \mu_B B$$

Boltzmann factor $e^{-\frac{U}{kT}} = e^{\frac{m_J g \mu_B}{kT}}$

$$M = N \frac{\sum_{m_J} m_J g \mu \exp[m_J g \mu_B / kT]}{\sum_{m_J} \exp[m_J g \mu_B / kT]}$$

$$5 \quad \text{over } m_J \text{ from } -J \text{ to } J$$

$$\langle m_J \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{J=1}^N \langle m_J \rangle$$

$$X \equiv \frac{gJ\mu_B}{kT}$$

$$= N g J \mu \left[\frac{2J+1}{2J} \coth\left(\frac{2J+1}{2J} X\right) - \frac{1}{2J} \coth\left(\frac{X}{2J}\right) \right]$$

$$= N g J \mu B_J(X)$$

Brillouin function

Curie - Brillouin's law

$$\frac{M}{N g J \mu} = B_J(X)$$

for $X \ll 1$ $\coth X = \frac{1}{X} + \frac{X}{3} - \frac{X^3}{45} + \dots$
 $J \rightarrow \infty$

$$B_J(X) = \coth X - \frac{1}{2J} \cdot \frac{2J}{X} = \coth X - \frac{1}{X}$$

B_J goes to Langevin func.

$$X = \frac{M}{B} = \frac{N J (J+1) g^2 \mu^2}{3 k T} = \frac{N P^2 \mu^2}{3 k T}$$

$$P \equiv g [J(J+1)]^{1/2}$$

effective number of
Bohr magnetons

$$= \frac{C}{T}$$

Compared with experimental results
rare earth

agrees well with trivalent Lanthanid
ions!

except Eu^{3+} , Sm^{3+} , high state L-S

⇒ Iron group ions the agreements are poor.
agrees better with

$$P = 2[S(S+1)]^{1/2} \Rightarrow \underline{L}$$

∴ 4f shell is deep inside the ions,
3d shell is the outmost shell/
inhomogeneous crystal field
is important!

$L-S$ coupling broke, J no longer
a good Quantum num

Quenching of the orbital angular momen
 L_z .

Consider in a free atom,

there is one e^- in p-state

$$\text{degenerate states} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} R_{n\ell}(r) Y_{11}(\theta, \phi) \propto f(r) \left[\frac{x+iy}{\sqrt{2}} \right] \\ R_{n\ell}(r) Y_{10}(\theta, \phi) \propto f(r) z \\ R_{n\ell}(r) Y_{1,-1}(\theta, \phi) \propto f(r) \left[\frac{x-iy}{\sqrt{2}} \right] \end{array} \right.$$

e^- , $L=1$ orbital

take $S=0$

in a crystal with orthorhombic symmetry

$$\phi = Ax^2 + By^2 - (A+B)z^2, \quad A, B \text{ const.}$$

$$\nabla^2 \psi = 0$$

$$U_x = \underline{x} f(r), U_y = \underline{y} f(r), U_z = \underline{z} f(r)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^2 U_i = L(L+1) U_i = 2 U_i, \quad i=x, y, z.$$

↖ angular momentum operator

U_i 's are diagonal w.r.t ψ

Check the off-diagonal terms are 0.

$$\langle U_x | \psi | U_y \rangle = \langle U_y | \psi | U_z \rangle = \langle U_z | \psi | U_x \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle U_x | \psi | U_y \rangle = \int x y |f(r)|^2 \{A x^2 + B y^2 - (A+B) z^2\} dx dy dz$$

odd in $x, y \Rightarrow = 0$

orbital momentum

$$\langle U_x | L_z | U_x \rangle = 0 = \langle U_y | L_z | U_y \rangle$$

$$= \langle U_z | L_z | U_z \rangle$$

$$|1\rangle = \frac{x+iy}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad |0\rangle = z, \quad |-1\rangle = \frac{x-iy}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\rightarrow x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|1\rangle + |-1\rangle), \quad y = \frac{1}{i\sqrt{2}} (|1\rangle - |-1\rangle)$$

$$\hookrightarrow \langle x | L_z | x \rangle, \langle y | L_z | y \rangle, \langle z | L_z | z \rangle$$

Magnetic state

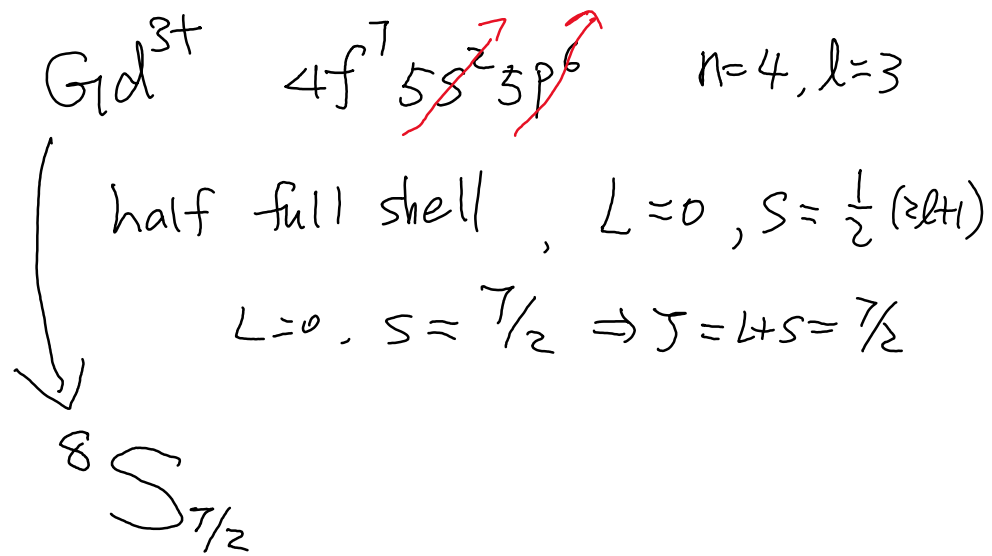
$2s+1$

$\downarrow J$

$L: 0 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4$

S P D F G

e.g. full shells . $L=0, S=0 \Rightarrow J=0$

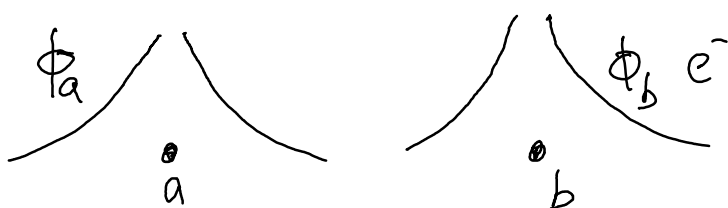


Ferromagnetism

Exchange coupling ✕
microscopically



Example: $2e^-$ system H_2



$$H\Psi = \left[\sum_{i=1}^2 -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_i^2 - \frac{e^2}{|\vec{r} - \vec{a}|} - \frac{e^2}{|\vec{r} - \vec{b}|} \right] \Psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)$$

$$1 \leq L_n = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad |r_i - r_a| \quad |r_i - r_b|$$

$$= E \Psi$$

spin-independent Schrödinger equation
can lead to magnetization

spin states:

$$|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle, |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle, |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle, |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$$

$\psi_s \xrightarrow[\text{exchange spins}]{\text{if}} -\psi_s \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$
 $S=0, S_z=0, \text{singlet state}$

$$\psi_S \rightarrow +\psi_S \begin{array}{l} |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle \quad S=1, S_z=+1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) \quad S=1, S_z=0 \\ |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \quad S=1, S_z=-1 \end{array}$$

Pauli exclusion principle

Ψ must change sign when particles are exchanged

(spin) singlet $S=0$, antisym $\psi_s \oplus$ sym. ψ_a

triplet $S=1$, sym $\psi_s \oplus$ antisym ψ

$2e^-$ system

$$E_s < E_x$$

$$\hbar \nabla^2 \varphi(\vec{r}) = E \varphi(\vec{r}) \quad \text{Sch. eq. for } 1e^-$$

with solutions $\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \dots, \varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_1, \dots$

Two e^- solution

singlet state, sym $\psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = \phi_0(\vec{r}_1)\phi_0(\vec{r}_2)$

$$F_{\infty} = 2\mathcal{E}_{\infty}$$

triplet state, antisym.

$$\psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\phi_0(\vec{r}_1)\phi_1(\vec{r}_2) - \phi_0(\vec{r}_2)\phi_1(\vec{r}_1)]$$

$$E_t = E_0 + E_1$$

$$\therefore E_s - E_t = E_0 - E_1 < 0, \quad \text{singlet - triplet splitting}$$

If $\phi_0(r) = \phi_a(r) + \phi_b(r)$ sym

$$\phi_1(r) = \phi_a(r) - \phi_b(r) \quad \text{antisym}$$

ignore e^-e^- interaction

$$J = E_s - E_t \neq 0$$

Heisenberg model

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum J_{ij} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j$$

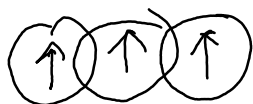
for $J < 0$ singlet ground state $S=0$ non magnetic

$J > 0$ ground state with $S \neq 0$, magnetic

Exchange interaction is the source of magnetization

Types of exchange interaction.

① direct exchange



overlap between magnetic ions

② Super exchange



same magnetic ions
overlap with non-magnetic ions

③ double exchange



different magnetic ions states
(Mn^{3+} , Mn^{4+}) overlap with
non-magnetic ions

④ indirect exchange



mediated by conduction e's

⑤ itinerant exchange

$\uparrow \uparrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \downarrow$ between conduction e's

Map the hydrogen molecule into
a spin system with 4 eigenstates

Spin operator

$$S_i = S(S+1) = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1) = \frac{3}{4} \text{ for individual spin}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{S}^2 &= (\vec{S}_1 + \vec{S}_2)^2 \\ &= \vec{S}_1^2 + \vec{S}_2^2 + 2\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 \\ &= \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4} + 2\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 \end{aligned}$$

For singlet state, $S=0$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 |\psi_s\rangle &= \frac{1}{2} [\vec{S}^2 - \vec{S}_1^2 - \vec{S}_2^2] |\psi_s\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [0(0+1) - \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{4}] |\psi_s\rangle \\ &= -\frac{3}{4} |\psi_s\rangle \end{aligned}$$

For triplet state, $S=1$.

$$\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 |\psi_t\rangle = \frac{1}{2} [1(1+1) - \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{4}] |\psi_t\rangle \\ = +\frac{1}{4} |\psi_t\rangle$$

Take a trial spin Hamiltonian

$$H^{\text{spin}} = \frac{1}{4} (E_s + 3E_t) - \underbrace{(E_s - E_t)}_J \vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2$$

$$H^{\text{spin}} |\psi_s\rangle = E_s |\psi_s\rangle$$

$$H^{\text{spin}} |\psi_t\rangle = E_t |\psi_t\rangle$$

redefine zero energy

$$\Rightarrow H^{\text{spin}} = -J \vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2, \quad J = E_s - E_t$$

For a N -ion system

$$H^{\text{spin}} = - \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j$$

Heisenberg spin Hamiltonian

J_{ij} : exchange coupling constant

if $J_{ij} > 0$ ferromagnets

$S_i \parallel S_j$

$J_{ij} < 0 \quad \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j < 0 \Rightarrow$ antiferro

Ising model

$$H^{\text{Ising}} = - \sum J_{ij} S_i S_j$$

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$$S_{i,j} = \pm 1$$

Molecular-field approximation

$$H^{\text{spin}} = - \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j$$

$$\approx - \sum_k \left[\sum_{i \neq k} J_{ik} \langle \vec{S}_i \rangle \cdot \vec{S}_k + \sum_{k < j} J_{kj} \vec{S}_k \cdot \langle \vec{S}_j \rangle \right]$$

$$= - \sum_k \vec{S}_k \cdot \left(\sum_{i \neq k} J_{ik} \langle \vec{S}_i \rangle \right)$$

$$H^{\text{spin}} = - \sum_i \vec{\mu}_i \cdot \vec{B}_i$$

$$\vec{\mu}_i = g \mu_B \vec{S}_i \quad \text{magnetization of ion } i$$

$\vec{B}_i$: average magnetic field
at the position of ion i

considering spin along z -axis

$$H^{\text{spin}} = - \sum_i (g \mu_B S_i^z) \cdot B_i^z = - \sum_i \mu_i^z B_i^z$$

$$B_i^z = \frac{1}{g \mu_B} \sum_{i \neq j} J_{ij} \langle S_j^z \rangle$$

molecular field
Weiss field

$$\vec{B}_i = \lambda \vec{M}$$

$$B_i^z = \lambda M^z = \lambda g \mu_B \langle S_j^z \rangle / V$$

M^0 : magnetization per unit volume

λ : mean field coefficient

Under external field $\vec{B}$ along $\hat{z}$

$$-J^{\text{tot}} = - \sum_i \mu_i^z (B_i^z + B^z)$$

resultant $M^z = \sum_i \mu_i^z = N \langle \mu^z \rangle$

$$\langle \mu_z \rangle = \mu_0 \tanh \frac{(B_i^z + B^z) \mu_0}{k_B T}$$

two-level system

a). external field $B^z = 0$

$$M^z = N \langle \mu^z \rangle = N \mu_0 \tanh \frac{\mu_0 B^z}{k_B T}$$
$$\approx \frac{N \mu_0^2 B^z}{k_B T}$$

$$\chi = \frac{M}{B} = \frac{N \mu_0^2}{k_B T}$$

$$\langle \mu^2 \rangle = \underbrace{g^2 \mu_0^2}_{\frac{11}{4}} \underbrace{\langle \vec{S}^2 \rangle}_{\frac{11}{4}} = 3 \mu_0^2$$

$$\chi = \frac{N \langle \mu^2 \rangle}{3 k_B T} \quad \text{Weiss law for paramagnetic suscep}$$

b) $B_i^z \neq 0$

$$M^z = N \mu_0 \tanh \frac{(B^z + \lambda M^z) \mu_0}{k_B T}$$

$\left(\chi = \frac{\mu_0 B}{k_B T} \ll 1 \right)$ For $M^z \rightarrow 0$, $B^z \rightarrow 0$, or $T \rightarrow \infty$

$$M^z = \frac{N \mu_0^2 (B^z + \chi M^z)}{k_B T}$$

$$M^3 \left(1 - \frac{N\mu_0^2 \lambda}{k_B T}\right) = \frac{N\mu_0^2 B^3}{k_B T}$$

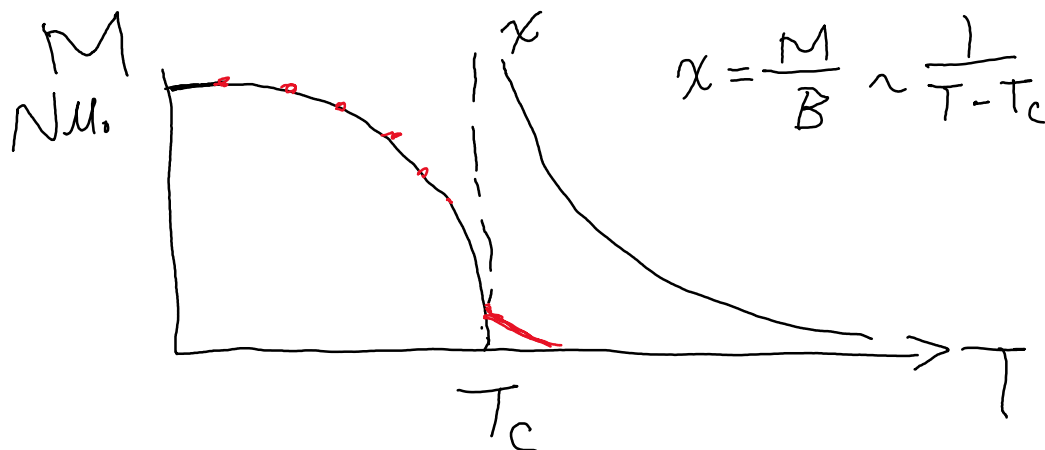
$$\chi = \frac{M^3}{B^3} = \frac{N\mu_0^2}{k_B T \left(1 - \frac{N\mu_0^2 \lambda}{k_B T}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{N\mu_0^2}{k_B T - N\mu_0^2 \lambda}$$

$$= \frac{N \langle \mu^2 \rangle / 3}{k_B T - N \langle \mu^2 \rangle \lambda / 3}$$

$$= \frac{N \langle \mu^2 \rangle / 3 k_B}{T - T_c}, \quad T_c = \frac{N \langle \mu^2 \rangle \lambda}{3 k_B}$$

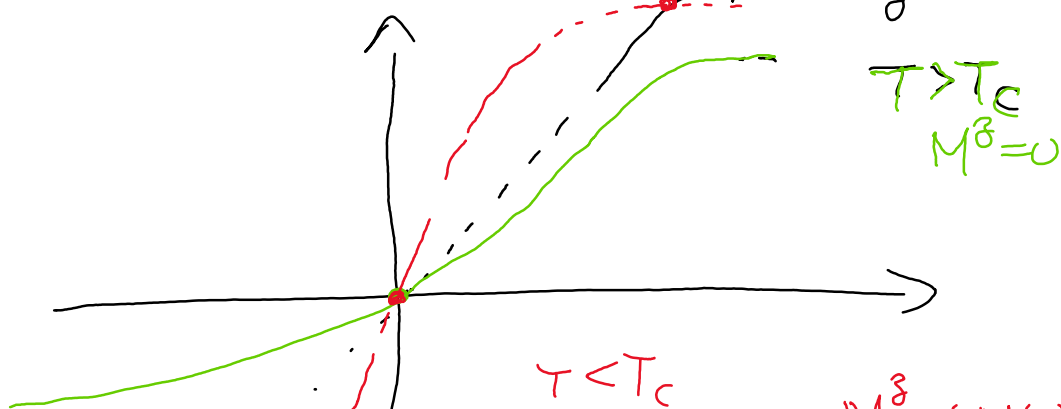
Curie-Weiss law



$$T < T_c, \quad B^3 \rightarrow 0$$

$$M^3 = N\mu_0 \tanh \frac{\lambda \mu_0 M^3}{k_B T}$$

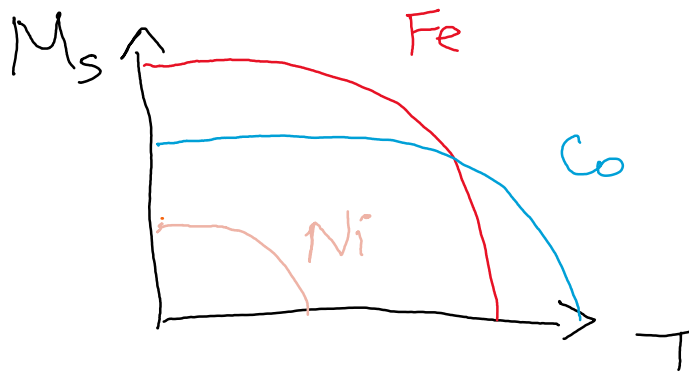
solve it graphically $M = M_3$



$$M \sim \tanh [] \quad M = \pm M(T), 0$$

$$M \sim (T - T_c)^{1/2} \text{ from mean field theory}$$

$$\chi \sim (T - T_c)^{-1}$$



Superparamagnetic limit for magnetic storage media?

Néel relaxation time $\tau_N (H=0, T_{room})$

Néel-Arrhenius equation

$$\tau_N = \tau_0 \exp\left(\frac{KV}{k_B T}\right) \text{ due to thermal fluctuation}$$

$\frac{1}{\tau_0}$, attemp frequency, f_0

K : magnetic anisotropy energy density

$$-\frac{dM_r}{dt} = f_0 M_r \exp\left(-\frac{KV}{k_B T}\right) = \frac{M_r}{\tau}$$

$$M_r(t) = M_{r0} \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau}\right)$$

$$\tau^{-1} = f_0 \exp\left(-\frac{KV}{k_B T}\right)$$

if we finish one measurement

in 100 sec.

$$0.01 = 10^9 \exp\left(-\frac{KV}{k_B T}\right)$$

$$V_P = \frac{25 k_B T}{K}$$

if one wants to retain the
data for 10 years

$$86400 \times 365 \times 10 \sim 3.15 \times 10^8$$

$$\frac{1}{3.15 \times 10^8} = 10^9 \exp\left(-\frac{KV}{k_B T}\right)$$

magnetic bit

$$V = \frac{40 k_B T}{K}$$