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Ground state of frustrated spin-1/2 J1-J2 Heisenberg ferromagnets

Motivated by recent experiments on quasi two-dimensional (2D) and quasi-one dimensional (1D) frustrated quantum magnets with ferromagnetic nearest-neighbor exchange coupling J1 and antiferromagnetic next-nearest-neighbor exchange coupling J2 we investigate the ground-state magnetic ordering of the corresponding J1-J2 spin-1/2 Heisenberg magnets. These systems exhibit a zero-temperature phase transition from the ferromagnetic ground state to a ground state with zero magnetization at a critical value of frustration J2_c.

For the 2D model we use exact diagonalization (ED) and the coupled cluster method (CCM) [1] to investigate magnetic order for J2 > J2_c ~ 0.4|J1|. By contrast to previous results, see e.g. [2], we do not find indications for a magnetically disordered ground state for J2_c < J_2 < 0.6|J1|, rather our results are in favor of a stable collinear stripe ground-state magnetic long-range order for J2 > 0.4|J1| [1].

For the quasi-1D model, i.e. a system of coupled J1-J2 chains, we study the influence of an inter-chain exchange coupling on the ground state of the model.

The spiral correlations at zero field are studied by means of the CCM [3]. The DMRG and ED are used to discuss the fate of multi-magnon bound states in high magnetic fields if inter-chain coupling is taken into account [4].

We find that already a small antiferromagnetic inter-chain coupling may have a significant effect on the ground state in high magnetic fields.

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