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Magnetism at the Nanoscale

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Magnetism at the nanoscale (Part I)

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Lecture notes:



o S. Blügel and G. Bihlmayer,

Magnetism of Low-dimensional Systems: Theory, in: Handbook of Magnetism and Advanced Magnetic Materials, H. Kronmüller and S.S.P. Parkin (eds), pp 598-640 (John Wiley & Sons Ltd, Chichester, UK, 2006).

o http://www.fz-juelich.de/iff/datapool/pdfs/C1_Blugel.pdf

Magnetism from Large to Small:



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nanoscopic



macroscopic

Outline of the lectures



- Some fundamental facts about magnetism
- Itinerant magnetism in metals
- Reduction of dimensionality on magnetic moments
- Reduction of dimensionality on magnetic order
- Critical Temperature

Kondo effect

- Spin-Orbit related Phenomena: Magnetic Anisotropy
- Spin-Orbit related Phenomena: Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya Int
- Spin-polarized Density Functional Theory



1. Some Fundamentals of Magnetism



Magnetism is response of a solid to an external magnetic field

Magnetization:

Magnetism

$$\vec{M}(B_{\text{ext}},T) = \frac{1}{V} < \sum_{i} \vec{m}_{i}(B_{\text{ext}}) >$$

Linear Response:
$$\vec{M} = \vec{\vec{\chi}} * \vec{B}_{\rm ext}$$

Susceptibility: $\vec{\vec{\chi}}$

Solid

 $\delta m \parallel \vec{m}$

Longitudinal Susceptibility:

Transversal Susceptibility: $\vec{\vec{\chi}}_{\perp} = \vec{\vec{\chi}}^{+-} \quad \delta \vec{m} \perp \vec{m}$

 $\vec{\chi}_{\parallel}$

Magnetism of noninteracting moments









Magnetostatics: magnetic dipoles

Magnetic dipole \vec{m} at site creates $\vec{r}' = 0$ magnetic field at point \vec{r}

 $\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_o}{4\pi} \frac{3(\vec{m} \cdot \hat{r})\hat{r} - \vec{m}}{r^3}$

Energy of a dipole \vec{m} in an induction \vec{B} :

 $E = -\vec{m} \cdot \vec{B}$

Order of magnitude of dipolar interactions





 $E_{\rm dip} \approx 5 \times 10^{-5} \,\mathrm{eV} \approx k_{\rm B} \times 0.5 \,\mathrm{K} \ll k_{\rm B} T_{\rm C} \left(T_{\rm C} \approx 100 \,\mathrm{to} \,1000 \,\mathrm{K}\right)_{11}$





Magnetostatics never the origin of magnetism



Microscopic Exchange mechanism depends on materials

- e.g.: 1) Direct exchange
 - 2) Kinetic exchange
 - 3) Double exchange

4) Superexchange

- 5) RKKY interaction
- 6) Biquadratic exchange

7)





Origin of Exchange Interaction



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Historic Remark: Magnetite Fe₃O₄ www.fz-juelich.de/iff/e_



First magnetic material known to mankind



"Loadstone"



"Chinese South-Pointer" (220 BC)

Ferrimagnet with T_N ~ 860 K
Candidate for Spintronics with 100% spin-polarization at E_F





2. Itinerant Magnetism of Metals

Reminder : Bulk Magnetism



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bcc-Cr:

M= 0.59 μ_{B}



Fermi Surface of bulk Eu



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Fermi Surface **Minority Electrons** (spin-down)



G. Bihlmayer and Stefan Blügel, unpublished 21

Fermi surface of Pt(111)



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Reminder: Bulk Magnetism



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S. Blügel, G. Bihlmayer in: Handbook of Magnetism and Advanced Magnetic Materials (2007)





What happens in reduced Dimensions?





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Typical Ground State Energies



E(eV/atom)

Cohesive energy 5.5 • Local moment formation 1.0 • Alloy formation 0.5 • 0.2 Magnetic order ٠ Structural relaxation 0.05 Magnetic anisotropy 0.0005 ٠

[Of course: Thermal excitation, dynamics,....]

Systems in reduced dimensions

 $oldsymbol{J}_{\parallel}>>oldsymbol{J}_{\parallel}$



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Reduced Dim.: Restrict hopping $h_{i \rightarrow j}$ Restrict exchange interaction J_i

- two-dimensional films
- one-dimensional chains
- zero-dimensional cluster, molecules and atoms











Non-collinear result θ=72.5°



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- Surface/interface orientation: (100), (110), (111)
- Substrate: Non-, Ferro-, Antiferromagnetic

Metal, Semiconductor, Oxide,

- Chemical Order/Disorder: Alloys, Compounds
- Structural Order/Disorder: Roughness, Islands, Steps
- Adsorbate: Adatoms, Clusters, Magnetic Molecules,

Chains, Films

● Films <==> Multilayers, Laterally Patterned Structures

Some topics selected



3. General Aspects

Magnetism of Atoms (#=0)



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"almost all" atoms are magnetic

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Magnetism of Atoms (#=0)



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"almost all" atoms are magnetic **1.Hund's Rule**

(Exchange Interaction)

Example: 3d Transition Metal Series



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$$\begin{split} & \underbrace{\mathbf{Fr}_{1}\sigma_{1},\cdots\mathbf{r}_{i}\sigma_{i},\cdots,\mathbf{r}_{j}\sigma_{j},\cdots\mathbf{r}_{5}\sigma_{5}) = \\ & = -\Psi(\mathbf{r}_{1}\sigma_{1},\cdots\mathbf{r}_{j}\sigma_{j},\cdots,\mathbf{r}_{i}\sigma_{i},\cdots\mathbf{r}_{5}\sigma_{5}) \\ & = \underbrace{\Psi^{\mathrm{Mn}}(\mathbf{r}_{1},\cdots,\mathbf{r}_{5})}_{\mathrm{antisymmetric}} \cdot \underbrace{\chi_{\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow}}_{\mathrm{symmetric}} \\ & \lim_{\mathbf{r}_{i}\rightarrow\mathbf{r}_{j}}\Psi^{\mathrm{Mn}}(\mathbf{r}_{1},\cdots,\mathbf{r}_{5}) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & U(\mathbf{r}_{i},\mathbf{r}_{j}) = \frac{1}{2}\int d\mathbf{r}_{1}\cdots\mathbf{r}_{5}\frac{|\Psi^{\mathrm{Mn}}(\mathbf{r}_{1},\cdots,\mathbf{r}_{5})|^{2}}{|\mathbf{r}_{i}-\mathbf{r}_{j}|} \\ & = \mathbf{small} \end{split}$$


Magnetism in Reduced Dimension



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"New Magnets" in reduced dimensions





Bandwidths of bulk metals



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Role of coordination number



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1. Surfaces $J_{\parallel} \sim J_{\perp}$

V(100), Cr(100), Fe(100), Co(100), Ni(100)

Surfaces: Magnetic Moments



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	Μ [μ _B]	Cr (bcc)	Fe	Co (hcp)	Ni (fcc)
	(100)	2.55	2.88	1.85	0.68
	Bulk	±0.60	2.13	1.62	0.61
M ($M^{100)}/M^{Bulk} =$	4.25	1.35	1.14	1.12



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Surfaces: Magnetic Moments



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	Cr	Fe	Со	Ni
	(bcc)	(bcc)	(hcp)	(fcc)
(100)	2.55	2.88	1.85	0.68
(110)		2.43		0.74
(111) (0001)		2.48	1.70	0.63
Bulk	±0.60	2.13	1.62	0.61

V(100): LDOS

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V bulk and surface (100) : nonmagnetic





G. Bihlmayer, T. Asada, S. Blügel, PRB 62, R11937 (2000)

Topological Antiferromagnetism of stepped Cr(001) www.fz-juelich.de/iff/e_th



Experiment (Wiesendanger) Scanning Tunneling Microscopy (STM)



200 nm Spin-resolved Image

S. Blügel et al., Phys. Rev. B 39, 1392 (1989)

Kleiber et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 85, 4606 (2000)







Susanne Handschuh, PhD thesis, Uni Köln

(100) Surfaces of VRu, VRh, VPd Alloys



Local Density of States



ICTP College Comp. Nanoscienc I. Turek, S. Blügel, and J. Kudrnovsk'y, PRB 57, R11065 (1998)49



Magnetic Moment



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Magnetism at the nanoscale (Part II)

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• Reduction of local symmetry: S ****

• Finiteness of nano-object: L





- Alloying
- Relaxation

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2. Thin Films

 $\begin{aligned} J_{\parallel} >> J_{\perp} & : \text{ e.g. 3d on Ag(100)} \\ J_{\parallel} << J_{\perp} & : \text{ e.g. 3d on W(100)} \\ J_{\parallel} \sim J_{\perp}, J_{s} > 0 & : \text{ e.g. 3d on Fe(100)} \\ J_{\parallel} \sim J_{\perp}, J_{s} < 0 & : \text{ e.g. 3d on Cr(100)} \end{aligned}$

2D-Ferromagnetism of 3d-Monolayers on NM(100) juelich.de/iff/e_th1





ICTP Co S. Blügel, D. Drittler, R. Zeller, and P.H. Dederichs, Appl. Phys. A 49, 547 (1989) 56



Ferromagnetic LDOS 3d/Ag(100)

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2D-Ferromagnetism of 3d, 4d, 5d Monolayers on NM(100) www.fz-juelich.de/iff/e_th1





Monolayer vs Adatom: 3d, 4d, 5d/Ag(100)



P. Lang, V. S. Stepanyuk^{*}, K. Wildberger, R. Zeller, P. H. Dederichs, SSC **92**, 755 (1994)₅₉



3. Deposited Clusters







Properties depend on

- cluster shape
- cluster size
- substrate



K. Wildberger, V.S. Stepanyuk, P. Lang, R. Zeller, P.H. Dederichs, PRL 75, 509 (1995)



4. Magnetic Phases

2D-Antiferromagnetism of Monolayers on NM(100),www.fz-juelich.de/iff/e_th1

∆E=E_{AFM}-E_{FM}(mRy/surface atom)

30

20

10

Ω

-10

-20

-30

Ti

ν

3d monolayers on

Ag (100)

△ Cu (100)

Cr

Fe

Mn

Blügel, Weinert, Dederichs, PRL 60 (1988)

Co













Σ

AFM

Ni

Experiment: Monolayer Mn/W(110)



Pseudomorphic Growth:

STM topography image



Imaging the Magnetic Ground State of 1ML-Mn/W(110) www.fz-juelich.de/iff/e_th1

Non-magnetic W-Tip



Magnetic Fe-Tip



First experimental Proof of the 2D-AFM!

S.Heinze et al., Science 288 (2000)





4. Magnetic Frustration

Frustrated itinerant Magnetism



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Geometric Frustration



Cr/Mn on fcc(111) or hcp(0001)



Pseudo-hexagonal Mn: c(8x2)Mn ML on Cu(100)



T. Flores et.al, Surf. Sci. 279 (1992)

Localized Antiferromagnets With TAF-Lattice: VBr₂, LiCrO₂



Incommensurate Spin Spirals (SSDW) www.fz-juelich.de/iff/e_th



Spiral magnetic structure $M^{n} = M \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi \sin \vartheta \\ \sin \varphi \cos \vartheta \\ \cos \vartheta \end{pmatrix}, \quad \varphi = \vec{q} \vec{R}^{n}$ $H_{2-spin} = -\sum_{ij} J_{ij} S_i S_j \longrightarrow E(q)$

Ph. Kurz, F. Förster, L. Nordström, G. Bihlmayer, and S. Blügel, PRB 69, 024415 (2004).

Huge number of possible Magnetic Structures www.fz-juelich.de/iff/e_th1














$$\vec{m}(\vec{r} + \vec{R}_i) = m(\vec{r}) \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_{k=1}^{3} exp(i\vec{Q}_M^{(k)}\vec{R}_i) \hat{e}^{(k)}$$

3Q-Structure: 3D Spin Structure on a 2D Lattice www.fz-juelich.de/iff/e_th1



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5. Finiteness: Nanowires

Non-collinear magnetism



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Mn on Ni(001)

collinear result:

Saddle point





Odd numbered wires: antiparallel



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Even-numbered wires: Frustration



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even = non-collinear





















Initial state













Final state







From youtube.com: look at Domino effects!















$$H = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} J_{ij} \vec{s}_i \vec{s}_j$$
$$H = -J_1 \sum_{i=2}^N \cos(\theta_i - \theta_{i-1}) - J_2 \sum_{i=1}^N \cos(\theta_i)$$



Magnetic exchange interactions J extracted from ab-initio calculations:

- 1- Using total energy differences
- 2- Using infinitesimal rotations

(Lichtenstein, Katsnelson, Antropov, Gubanov, JMMM, 67, 65 1987)

 $J_1 = J(Mn-Mn) = -138 meV$ $J_2 = J(Mn-Ni) = 4x13 meV$

See also Mills, PRL, 20, 18 (1968), Politi & Pini, PRB 79, 12405 (2009)

Multi-scale modelling: Map DFT to Classical Heisenbergiff/e_th1







6. Magneto-volume effect











7. Magneto-Alloying effect

S. Blügel, Appl. Phys. A 63, 595 (1996).

Stability of magnetic film at surface



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$$\Delta E_{\rm I \to F} = -\frac{1}{2}I(M_{\rm F}^2 - M_{\rm I}^2)$$

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perfect monolayer film



Stability of film against interdiffusion



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c(2x2)3dCu/Cu100: Stability against interdiffusion under the stability against interdiffusion under the stability against interdiffusion of the stability against inte







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c(2x2)MnCu/Cu(100) Surface Alloy



2 Surface Alloys expected: o magnetically stabilized : c(2x2)MnCu/Cu(100) o nonmagnetic c(2x2)TiCu/Cu(100)



STM of MnCu(100) c(2x2) surface alloy www.fz-juelich.de/iff/e_th1

R.G.P van der Kraan and H. van Kempen, Surf.Sci 338, 19 (1995)



M. Wuttig, Y. Gauthier, S. Blügel, PRL 70, 3619 (1993).



8. Magnetic Anisotropy

Magnetic anisotropy

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Magnetism: Yes or No?

Exchange: $E(\Theta) = const$

Magnetic Anisotropy:



 $E(\Theta) = K_0 + K_1 \sin^2 \Theta + K_2 \sin^4 \Theta$





























Isotropic versus Anisotropic Interaction

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Anisotropy Energy





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Anisotropy constants Fe, Co, Ni

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T=4.2K		Fe	Со	Ni
		(bcc)	(hcp)	(fcc)
K_1	$[\mathrm{erg}/\mathrm{cm}^3]$	$5.48 imes 10^{5(a)}$	$7.66\! imes\!10^{6(b)}$	$-12.63 \times 10^{5(a)}$
	$[\mathrm{meV}/\mathrm{atom}]$	$4.02 imes 10^{-3}$	$5.33 \! imes \! 10^{-2}$	$-8.63 imes 10^{-3}$
K_2	$[\mathrm{erg}/\mathrm{cm}^3]$	$1.96\! imes\!10^{3(a)}$	$1.05\! imes\!10^{6(b)}$	$5.78 imes 10^{5(a)}$
	$[\mathrm{meV/atom}]$	$1.44 { imes} 10^{-5}$	$7.31 \! imes \! 10^{-3}$	$3.95 { imes} 10^{-3}$
K_3	$[\mathrm{erg}/\mathrm{cm}^3]$	$0.9 imes 10^{3(a)}$	_	$3.48 \times 10^{4(a)}$
	[meV/atom]	$6.6{ imes}10^6$	_	$2.38 { imes} 10^{-4}$
K_4	$[\mathrm{erg}/\mathrm{cm}^3]$	_	$1.2{ imes}10^{5(c)}$	_
	[meV/atom]	_	8.4×10^{-4}	6.9×10^{-4}
M_0	[G]	$1749.7 imes 10^{0(b)}$	$1459.5 imes 10^{0(d)}$	524.8 $\times 10^{0(b)}$
	$[\mu_B/{ m atom}]$	$2.215\! imes\!10^{0}$	$1.729\! imes\!10^{0}$	$0.615\! imes\!10^{0}$
M_1	[G]	$-4.3 imes 10^{-1(a)}$	$-6.75{ imes}10^{0(d)}$	$5.1 \times 10^{-1(a)}$
	$[\mu_B/\mathrm{atom}]$	$-5.4{ imes}10^{-4}$	$-8.0 imes10^{-3}$	6.0×10^{-4}

Comparison of magn. Anisotropy energies www.fz-juelich.de/iff/e_th1



System		MAE	MAE
		$[MJ/m^3]$	$[\mu { m eV}/{ m TM} { m atom}]$
Bulk	Fe	0.017	1.4
	Co	0.042	2.7
	Ni	0.85	65
Multilagen	m Co/Ni	2	
	Co/Pd, Co/Pt	5	300
Permanentmagnete	YCo_5	7	760
	$Nd_2Fe_{14}B$	12	
	${ m SmCo}_5$	30	

Magnetic Anisotropy
$$E = \sum_{i} \vec{S}_{i} \cdot \vec{K}_{i} \cdot \vec{S}_{i}$$
 $E = \sum_{i} \vec{S}_{i} \cdot \vec{K}_{i} \cdot \vec{S}_{i}$ $\sum_{i} \mathbf{Spin-Orbit Interaction: } H_{so} \propto \frac{1}{r} \frac{dV}{dr} L \cdot S = \xi_{nl} L \cdot S$ (Magneto-crystalline)Dipol Interaction: $E_{d}(\Theta) = \frac{\mu_{B}^{2}}{2} \sum_{i,j,i\neq j} \frac{m_{i}m_{j}}{R_{i,j}^{3}} (1-3\cos^{2}\Theta_{ij})$

Symmetry-dependence

E.g. Uniaxial Symmetry $E(\Theta) = K_0 + K_1 \sin^2 \Theta + K_2 \sin^4 \Theta$

$$n-th = \sum \frac{|\langle u|H_{so}|o\rangle|^{n}}{(\varepsilon_{u}-\varepsilon_{o})^{n-1}}$$
 2nd 4th

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Example: unsupported 3d ML



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6. Chains

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- magnetic anisotropy & easy axis measured under applied field
- easy axis perpendicular to wire, oscillates with wire-width
- MAE: large for 1-wire, small for 2-wire, larger for thicker wires

Co chain on Pt(667)





S. Baud, Ch. Ramseyer, G. Bihlmayer, S. Blügel, PRB 73, 104427 (2006).

Co chain on Pt(667) : relaxed



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S. Baud, Ch. Ramseyer, G. Bihlmayer, S. Blügel, PRB 73, 104427 (2006).







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- Enhanced magnetism in reduced dimension
- Many different phases
- Competition due to competing interactions
- New physics due to symmetry breaking and finiteness