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Topological and helical spin structures in centrosymmetric perovskite-type oxides

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Abstract:

Topological spin texture consisting of multiple-q spin spiral is of great interest for novel quantum transport phenomena and spintronic functions. A recent interesting example is a magnetic skyrmion, which is a topologically stable spin texture discovered in noncentrosymmetric systems with Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya (DM) interaction [1]. A cubic perovskite SrFeO₃ is a promising candidate of the centrosymmetric compound hosting a novel type of topological spin texture in the absence of the DM interaction. While the magnetic ground state has been believed to be a simple proper-screw-type spin order for long time, we have found that the magnetic phase diagram of SrFeO₃ hosts a rich variety of helimagnetic phases, two of which show novel topological helimagnetic orders [2].

In this seminar, after the brief review of our recent works, I will show the topologically nontrivial helimagnetic phases in the simple cubic perovskite SrFeO₃, which were discovered by small angle neutron scattering (SANS) measurements. We found that SrFeO₃ shows two kinds of multiple-q helimagnetic structures: an anisotropic double-q spin spiral and an isotropic quadruple-q spiral hosting a three-dimensional lattice of topological singularities [3]. As a related topic, our recent discoveries of novel helimagnetic phases in the perovskites Sr_{1-x}Ba_xCoO₃ [4] and Sr_{1-x}Ca_xCoO₃ [5] will be also presented. By magnetization measurements, the magnetic phase diagrams of Sr_{1-x}Ba_xCoO₃ and Sr_{1-x}Ca_xCoO₃ were established. As for Sr_{1-x}Ba_xCoO₃, the ferromagnetic order tends to be suppressed by the Ba substitution and eventually replaced by a helimagnetic state. Based on the first-principles calculations, the results will be discussed in terms of the competing magnetic order in the Co-O lattice. These results indicate that centrosymmetric perovskite-type transition-metal oxides obtained at high pressures are fruitful show cases for nontrivial helimagnetic phases.

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