

Spin waves in full-polarized state of Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya helimagnets: polarized SANS study

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The cubic noncentrosymmetric structure of the B20 compounds causes the formation of a spin spiral with a wave vector $k_s = D/J$ balanced by the competition of antisymmetric Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya (DM) interaction and the ferromagnetic exchange interaction (Back-Jensen model) [1,2]. The application of a magnetic field H transforms the helix into a conical structure, which collapses into a field-induced ferromagnet at point H_{C2} . This field is defined by the interaction hierarchy through $g_B H_{C2} = A k_s^2$, where $A = J/S$ is the spin-wave stiffness. This ratio between H_{C2} , A and k_s was experimentally tested for a large number of B20 compounds: MnSi [3], $Mn_{1-x}Fe_xSi$ [4], FeGe [5], $Mn_{1-x}Fe_xGe$ [6], $Fe_{1-x}Co_xSi$ [7,8], Cu_2OSeO_3 [9]. The above ratio was proven to be valid for all the above mentioned compounds within the whole temperature range from 0 to T_C . To order to perform these experimental tests, we develop a technique to study the spin wave dynamics of the full-polarized state of the Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya helimagnets by polarized small-angle neutron scattering. We have experimentally proven that the spin waves dispersion in this state has the anisotropic form given by M.Kataoka in [10]: $\epsilon_q = A(\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{k}_s)^2 + g\mu_B(H-H_{C2})$. We show that the neutron scattering image displays a circle with a certain radius, which is centered at the momentum transfer corresponding to the helix wave vector in helimagnetic phase \mathbf{k}_s , which is oriented along the applied magnetic field H . The radius of this circle is directly related to the spin-wave stiffness A of this system. This scattering depends on the neutron polarization showing the one-handed nature of the spin waves in Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya helimagnets in the full-polarized phase. Thus the spin wave stiffness A can be measured in the fast mode in the wide temperature range and for a large variety of samples. We have found that the spin-wave stiffness A change weakly with temperature for each individual compound but remarkable is a change of A with the concentration x for the $Mn_{1-x}Fe_xSi$ compounds [4] and for the $Fe_{1-x}Co_xSi$ compounds [8]. A detailed picture of these changes and their interpretations will be reported.

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