

Magnetic Structures in Condensed Matter : A Hierarchy based on Lattice Dimensionality

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The beginnings of Magnetic Structure Analysis



1948: First demonstration of the neutron diffraction

REVIEW VOLUME 73, NUMBER 8 The Diffraction of Neutrons by Crystalline Powders

> E. O. WOLLAN AND C. G. SHULL Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (Received January 5, 1948)



1949: the first direct evidence of Antiferromagnetism (in MnO)







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1953: Review articles on magnetic structures began appearing

Neutron Diffraction Studies of Various Transition Elements C. G. Shull and M. K. Wilkinson

Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Fe₃O₄, MnO, FeO, CoO, NiO, Cr, a-Mn, Ni, Fe (powder and single crystal data & unpolarized and polarized neutrons)

LE JOURNAL DE PHYSIQUE ET LE RADIUM

TOME 20, FÉVRIER 1959, PAGE 169

RECENT MAGNETIC STRUCTURE STUDIES BY NEUTRON DIFFRACTION (1)

By C. G. SHULL, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U. S. A.



The beginnings of Magnetic Structure Analysis

1955: Scheme of magnetic structures of the perovskite cited over 1900 times



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Evolution in time of the number of magnetic structure entries

marked increases in ~ 80s & 90s likely associated with introduction of computational tools and the discovery of high-Tc superconductors



Journals where magnetic structures are reported:



The discovery of novel magnetic structures is unceasing, driven by their relationships to ferroelectricity, thermo-electricity, superconductivity, improved permanent magnets, and spintronic technologies

Classifications of magnetic structures





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Classifications of magnetic structures

"spin-reversal" 1' operator (aka anti-symmetry or time-inversion) criteria Four types of magnetic space groups (total of 1651):

Type I: M = G, made by point groups identical to the 32 crystallographic point groups, not involving the 1' operation. These are termed "single-color" or "colorless" (230 groups)

Type II: M = G + G', consist of the 32 groups containing symmetry elements in both pure and prime forms. These are named "grey" groups, or "paramagnetic" groups (230 groups)

Type III : M= D+ (G-D)1', D = translationgleiche, involves unprimed elements of the subgroup **D** of index 2 of **G**, and the remaining operators **G** that are being primed. These are called "**black-white**" (674 groups)

Type IV : M= D+ (G-D)1', same as Type III but **D = klassengleiche**, take account of the loss of translations ("anti-translations") (517 groups). Correspond to those defined by the propagation vector $\mathbf{k} = \tau/n$, n=even \rightarrow do not allow ferromagnetism



Classifications of magnetic structures

The lack of uniform description has made it impossible to organize the existing magnetic structures into a database.

A Commission on Magnetic Structures of the International Union of Crystallography was established in 2011. The commission's mandate covers the following:

- establish standards for the description and dissemination of magnetic structures; (magCIF dictionary proposed by H. Stokes and B. Campbell was formaly approved in Oct 2016;
 J. M. Perez-Mato and colleagues have started an online database of magnetic structures based on this new magnetic mCIF standard at the Bilbao Crystallographic Server)
- cooperate with other IUCr Commissions in establishing and maintaining standards of common interest, such as magnetic symmetry-group tables, magnetic nomenclature and magnetic form factor data
- Encourage communication and cultivate consensus among research communities that have independently developed diverse approaches to describing magnetic structures.
- Promote the sponsorship and organization of magnetic-structure sessions, symposia, and schools

Current members: B. Campbell (Chair, USA), M. Avdeev (Australia), M.T. Fernandez-Diaz (France), O. Garlea (USA), M. Henriques (Czech Republic), J.M. Perez-Mato (Spain), J. Rodriguez-Carvajal (France), T. Sato (Japan), A. Wills (UK), O. Zaharko (Switzerland)

A Hierarchy of Magnetic Structures based on Lattice Dimensionality

A magnetic state in a solid is the net result of the competing influences, thermal energy tending to randomize moments versus some quantum mechanical coupling tending to order moments

isotropic or anisotropic exchange interactions

 $\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{ex} &= -\sum_{ij} J_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \qquad \mathcal{H}_{an-ex} = -\sum_{ij} J_{ij}^{xy} (\mathbf{S}_{ix} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{jx} + \mathbf{S}_{iy} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{jy}) + J_{ij}^z (\mathbf{S}_{iz} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{jz}) \\ \text{antisymmetric Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya} \qquad \mathcal{H}_{DM} = -\sum_{ij} D_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \times \mathbf{S}_j \end{aligned}$ dipolar interactions $\mathcal{H}_{dip} = \sum_{ij} \frac{(g\mu_B)^2}{\mathbf{r}_{ij}^3} [3(\mathbf{r}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{S}_i)(\mathbf{r}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{S}_j) - \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j]$ single-ion anisotropy $\mathcal{H}_{ani} = -\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i} D\mathbf{S}_{iz}^2 + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i} D'(\mathbf{S}_{ix}^2 - \mathbf{S}_{iy}^2)$ field coupling $\mathcal{H}_{H} = -H \sum_{i} g_{i} \mu_{B} S_{i}$

Spin-Hamiltonian:

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A Hierarchy of Magnetic Structures based on Lattice Dimensionality

- most of the magnetic ground states being realized primarily through the competition between exchange interactions ($\sum_{ii} J_{ii} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_i$)
- all magnetic structures are three-dimensional, but ... ۲
- the strength of J_{ii} along different crystal direction, reflected in ٠ the velocity of spin-waves propagating in the lattice, can be very different

Example:





A Hierarchy of Magnetic Structures based on Lattice Dimensionality

- → the effective dimensionality of the lattice plays an important role in the magnetic behavior and selection of magnetic structure
 - □ 3D networks
 - perovskite, pyrochlore corner-sharing tetrahedral, spinels with pyrochlore and diamond lattices, edge-sharing tetrahedra, ...
 - Layered structures
 - square-planar, edge-sharing triangles, kagomé,
 - honeycomb lattices, striped-kagomé ...
 - Quasi-one-dimensional lattices
 - simple-chain, ladders, sawtooth chains,...



3D - networks : Perovskites

 ABO_3



Ordering scheme proposed by: E. Wollan and W. Koehler, Phys. Rev., 100, 545 (1955)





A-type : antiferro- coupled

ferromagnetic planes

- B-type: ferromagnetic order (also called F)
- C-type: ferromagnetic coupled

antiferromagnetic planes

- D-type: criss-crossed stripes
- **E and F-type**: antiferromagnetism with ferrimagnetic planes
- **G-type**: antiferromagnetically coupled spins in all directions

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3D - networks : Perovskites

Symmetry: *Pnma* **k** = (0,0,0), M in 4b: (0,0,1/2)







 $\Gamma_{Mag} = 3\Gamma_1^1 + 0\Gamma_2^1 + 3\Gamma_3^1 + 0\Gamma_4^1 + 3\Gamma_5^1 + 0\Gamma_6^1 + 3\Gamma_7^1 + 0\Gamma_8^1$

in Kovalev notation

IR	BV	Point Group	Shubnikov Group
Γ_1	${oldsymbol{\psi}}_1$	mmm	$Pnma, \ \#62.441$
	${oldsymbol{\psi}}_2$	mmm	$Pnma, \ \#62.441$
	${\psi}_3$	mmm	$Pnma, \ \#62.441$
Γ_3	${\psi}_4$	mmm	$Pnm'a', \ \#62.447$
	${oldsymbol{\psi}}_5$	mmm	$Pnm'a', \ \#62.447$
	${oldsymbol{\psi}_6}$	mmm	$Pnm'a', \ \#62.447$
Γ_5	${\psi}_7$	mmm	$Pn'ma', \ \#62.448$
	ψ_8	mmm	$Pn'ma', \ \#62.448$
	${oldsymbol{\psi}}_9$	mmm	$Pn'ma', \ \#62.448$
Γ_7	${\psi}_{10}$	mmm	$Pn'm'a, \ \#62.446$
	${\psi}_{11}$	mmm	$Pn'm'a, \ \#62.446$
	${\psi}_{12}$	mmm	$Pn'm'a, \ \#62.446$



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3D - networks : Perovskites Moussa et al., Phys. Rev. B 54 15149 (1995) LaMnO₃ **VESTA** $\mathcal{H} = -\sum_{i,j} J_{ij}(S_i \cdot S_j) - D\sum_i S_i^{z^2}$ $J \sim 9.6 \text{ K}, J' \sim -6.7 \text{ K}, D = 1.92 \text{ K}$ BCS Possible maximal symmetries $\mathbf{k} = (0,0,0)$ Pnma1'Pn'ma'Pn'm'a'Pnm'a'Pnma'Pn'm'aPnm'aPnmaPn'ma $= \Gamma_5$ Multiplicity Gz Coordinates Ax (x+1/2,-y+1/2,-z+1/2 | -m, m, m, m) $(x,y,z | m_y,m_y,m_z)$ (-x,y+1/2,-z | -m,,m,,-m,) (-x+1/2,-y,z+1/2 | m,,m,,-m,) d 8 (-x,-y,-z | m,,m,,m,) (-x+1/2,y+1/2,z+1/2 | -m, m, m, m) (x,-y+1/2,z | -m_x,m_y,-m_z) (x+1/2,y,-z+1/2 | m_x,m_y,-m_z) (x,1/4,z | 0,m,,0) (x+1/2,1/4,-z+1/2 | 0,m,,0) С (-x,3/4,-z | 0,m,,0) (-x+1/2,3/4,z+1/2 | 0,m ,0) (1/2,1/2,0 | -m_x,m_v,m_z) (0,0,1/2 | m_x,m_y,m_z) (0,1/2,1/2 | -m_x,m_y,-m_z) $(1/2,0,0 | m_x,m_y,-m_z)$ small ferromagnetic LaMnO₃ (1/2,1/2,1/2 | -m_x,m_y,m_z) (0,0,0 | m_x,m_v,m_z) component possible а (1/2,0,1/2 | m_x,m_v,-m_z) (0,1/2,0 | -m_x,m_v,-m_z) $m(Mn^{3+}) \approx 0.3.87 \mu_{B}$ due to D-M \rightarrow AxBy

YbAIO₃, Yb \equiv S_{eff} = 1/2 quantum chain material {Podlesnyak et al. Nature Comm. 10, 698 (2019)}

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3D - networks : Pyrochlore: Corner-sharing tetrahedral lattices



A³⁺₂B⁴⁺₂O₇

- two interpenetrating lattices (A, B) of corner-sharing tetrahedra ($Fd\overline{3}m$, sites 16c and 16d)
- strong geometrically frustrated NN AFM interactions → single-ion anisotropy, dipolar interactions, antisymmetric D-M are relevant

Fd3m, **k** = (0, 0, 0)



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3D - networks : Pyrochlore lattices

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	Anisotropy	Free moment	$ heta_{CW}$	$T_N, T_C, \text{ or } T_f$	Ground State	
$Sm_2Ti_2O_7$ [35]	Ising	$1.5 \ \mu_B$	$-0.3 \mathrm{K}$	0.3 K	All-in/All-out	
$Gd_2Ti_2O_7$ [53]	Heisenberg	7.9 μ_B	$-9 \mathrm{K}$	1 K	Partial order	
$\mathrm{Tb}_{2}\mathrm{Ti}_{2}\mathrm{O}_{7}$ [54]	Ising	9.7 μ_B	$-19 \mathrm{~K}$	_	Spin liquid?	
$Dy_2Ti_2O_7$ [39]	Ising	$10.6 \ \mu_B$	$+0.5 \mathrm{~K}$	$\sim 1 {\rm K}$	Spin Ice	
$\mathrm{Ho_2Ti_2O_7}$ [38]	Ising	$10.4 \ \mu_B$	$+1.9 { m K}$	$\sim 1 {\rm K}$	Spin Ice	
$\mathrm{Er}_{2}\mathrm{Ti}_{2}\mathrm{O}_{7}$ [46]	XY	$9.5 \ \mu_B$	$-22 \mathrm{~K}$	$1.2~{ m K}$	XY AFM	
$Yb_2Ti_2O_7$ [55]	XY	$4.5 \ \mu_B$	$+0.6 {\rm K}$	$0.25~\mathrm{K}$	Canted FM	

A. Hallas et al. Annu. Rev. Cond. Matter Phys. 9,105, 2018



 $Sm_2Ti_2O_7$: Ising all-in/all-out

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 ${\rm Ho_2Ti_2O_7}$ and ${\rm Dy_2Ti_2O_7}$: Ising two-in/two-out, spin ice

Er₂Ti₂O₇ : AFM- XY pyrochlore

 $\Gamma_5 \psi_3$ (I4¹/am'd)

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Pr₂Hf₂O₇ – Quantum Spin Ice (Sibille et al, Nat. Physics 14, 2018)
 NaCaNi₂F₇ – S=1 Heisenberg model- spin liquid (Plumb et al, Nat. Physics 15, 2019)

3D - networks : Spinel

 AB_2X_4 : corner-sharing tetrahedra (B) and diamond lattice (A)



chemically versatile: transition metal Oxides, Sulfides and Selenides

- ACr₂O₄ with non-magnetically A-site exhibit simultaneous lattice distortion and magnetic order due to the spin-lattice coupling

- AV_2O_4 , with V^{3+} ($3d^2$) - model systems for studying orbital order in frustrated lattice. Sequence of phase transitions: structural distortion followed by a magnetic transition.



3D - networks : Diamond-lattice in Spinel systems

Only the A-site of the spinel lattice is occupied by magnetic atoms

- two interpenetrating FCC sublattices : four NN (J_1) and twelve NNN (J_2) competing exchange interactions
- for $J_2/J_1 > 1/8 \rightarrow$ large ground-state degeneracy and the possibility of spin-liquid behavior. The degeneracy could be lifted by thermal or quantum effects to enable a magnetic ordering via the "order-by-disorder" mechanism (CoAl₂O₄, MnSc₂S₄, FeSc₂S₄...)

 $MnSc_2S_4$. Commensurate (C) \rightarrow IC below $T_{N2} = 1.9$ K, k = (3/4 ± 0.02, 3/4 ± 0.02, 0)

Spiral spin-liquid state \rightarrow helical long-range ordered state due to dipolar and J₃ perturbations



3D - networks : Double Perovskites with edge-sharing tetrahedra

 $A_2BB'O_6$



B' magnetic site = frustrated FCC lattice. A = diamagnetic alkaline earth or lanthanide cation spin-orbit coupling \rightarrow monoclinic distortion (14/m or P2₁/n, $\sqrt{a_p} \times \sqrt{a_p} \times 2 a_p$)

C. Jones and P. D. Battle, J. Solid State Chem. 78, 108, 1989

- Type I: dominant (B'-O-O-B') NN interactions \rightarrow AFM order between successive (001) ferro planes; $\mathbf{k} = (0, 0, 1)$
- Type II: dominant (B'-O-A-O-B') NNN exchange interactions \rightarrow spins alternate along two directions
- Type III: comparable NN and NNN ; $\mathbf{k} = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$



3D - networks : Double Perovskites

A₂BB'O₆ - when B, B' or A, B' are magnetic: the interplay between intra-lattice frustration and the inter-lattice interaction can lead to a wide variety magnetic states

FM metals (B–O–B'–O–B coupling mediated by itinerant electrons) : Sr_2FeMoO_6 (T_C = 420 K), Sr_2CrReO_6 (T_C = 625 K) Ferri insulators : Sr_2CrOsO_6 (T_C =725 K), Ca_2FeReO_6 (520 K), Sr_2MnReO_6 , ... AFM insulators : Sr_2FeOsO_6 , Sr_2CoOsO_6 , Nd_2NaOsO_6 , ...



Nd₂NaOsO₆, P2₁/n T_N = 16 K, **k**= (½, ½, 0)



2D structures: Square-planar metal-oxygen/halogen

K₂NiF₄,



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R. Plumier and E. Legrand, J. Phys. Radium, 24, 741 (1963) R. J. Birgeneau, H. J. Guggenheim, and G. Shirane, PRL 22, 720 (1969)

Inter-layer exchange smaller than the intra-plane exchange by at least three orders of magnitude \rightarrow 2D Heisenberg antiferromagnet. ("Bragg ridges" rather than Bragg peaks) LaFeASO(1111) BaFe_AS_(122) FeSe(11)

Layered perovskite - high-Tc Cuprates Fe - pnictides: ZrCuSiAs-type (1111) or ThCr₂Si₂-type (122), Fe(Se,Te) (11)



structure distorts at $\rm T_{\rm N}$



D. J. Singh, Sci. Technol. Adv. Mater., 13, 054304 (2012)

2D structures: Square-planar metal-pnictogen lattices

Co-pnictides containing two magnetic sublattices (Co, RE)



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2D structure: edge-sharing equilateral triangles

- simplest geometrical frustrated lattice
- planar 120° spin structure or "three-sublattice $\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}$ state"



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- other ordered states can be stabilized by NNN interactions, anisotropy
 - of the orbital configuration, or magnetoelastic coupling.

 \checkmark VX₂ and AMX₃, where A = Cs, Rb, X = Cl, Br, I

- ✓ $A^+M^{3+}O_2$ series with delafossite or a-NaFeO₂ structures
- ✓ 6H-perovskites $Ba_3M'M''_2O_9$ with M' = Ni, Co, Mn, and M'' = Nb or Sb
- ✓ RbFe(MoO₄)₂, Rb₄Mn(MoO₄)₃, K₂M²⁺₃(VO₄)₂CO₃, Na₂BaM²⁺(VO₄)₂, K₃RE³⁺(VO₄)₂

XY -type anisotropy (D \leq 0) 120° spin structure in *ab plane*



 $Ba_3NiNb_2O_9$, k = ($\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{2}$)

easy-axis anisotropy (D>0) successive transitions: colinear and canted "Y"



 $K_2Mn_3(VO_4)_2CO_3$, k = (1/3, 1/3, 0)

2D structure: edge-sharing equilateral triangles

triangular Heisenberg antiferromagnet: rich range of phases in applied field



thermal and quantum fluctuations stabilize:

- coplanar, three-sublattice "Y state,"
- "uud" state one-third magnetization plateau
- a coplanar 2:1 canted phase

← Seabra et al, PRB, 84, 214418 (2011)



Garlea et al, PRX, 9, 011038 (2019)

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2D structure: Kagomé (corner-shared triangular) lattice

- variety of ground states: spin liquid, short-range order, or long-range order that can be stabilized by further-neighbor and D-M interactions
 - classical kagomé lattice orders with planar 120° between NN spins



q = **0** : spin arrangement with uniform vector chirality

- $q = \sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}$: alternative spin arrangement with staggered vector chirality
- volborthite, herbertsmithite, kapellasite and jarosite series



Fe-based jarosites $AFe_3(SO_4)_2(OH)_6$, with A = K, Na, Ag, (*R*-3*m* symmetry) $\mathbf{k} = (0, 0, 3/2)$ order into planar "**q = 0**" type with AFM stacking of the layers) A. Wills, PRB, 63, 064430 (2001)

2D structure: honeycomb lattices



the Kitaev model (S=1/2 interacting via anisotropic bond-dependent coupling \rightarrow Majorana-like excitations, or Zigzag ordered state (a-RuCl₃, Na₂lrO₃, ...)

Hermanns, et al., Annu. Rev. Cond. Matter 9, 17 (2018)

 $J_2/J_1 - J_3/J_1$ phase diagrams for AF $J_1 > 0$ and for FM $J_1 < 0$

Lefrancois, PRB B 94, 214416 (2016) Fouet, Eur. Phys.J. B 20, 241 (2001)



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2D structure: honeycomb lattices

Examples of honeycomb lattice compounds:

- MnTiO3, Néel order,
- Cu₃M₂SbO₆, Na₃M₂SbO₆ (M=Cu, Mn, Co, Ni) zigzag order
- $Na_2Co_2TeO_{6}$, Zigzag **k** = (1/2, 0, 0), $P_C2_12_12_1$
- $BaM_2(XO_4)_2$ (M = Co, Ni, and X = P, As, V),





BaNi₂(PO₄)₂ Néel BaNi₂(AsO₄)₂, Zigzag $\mathbf{k} = (0, 0, 0)$ $\mathbf{k} = (\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2})$

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2D structure: frustrated "bow-tie" lattices

"bow-tie" or striped kagomé $Ca_2Mn^{4+}{}_3O_8$, $K_2Mn^{2+}{}_3(VO_4)_2(OH)_2$

 $P_b 2/c$ $\mathbf{k} = (0, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$ $\mathbf{k} = (0, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$ $m(Mn1) \approx 1.7 \mu_B$ $m(Mn1) \approx 1.98 \mu_B$ $m(Mn2) \approx 2.5 \mu_{R}$ $m(Mn2) \approx 2.43 \mu_B$ m(Mn3) ≈ 2.48 µ_B AFM - NN J23 Mn1, 3 NN Mn1 <u>AFM - NN</u> Mn2, 4 NN Mn1, 3 NN Mn1 ۸n3 Mn2 Mn2, 4 NN Mn1,4NN Mn2

striped triangular lattice

 $Mn^{2+}_{5}(VO_{4})_{2}(OH)_{4}$

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2D structure: Shastry-Sutherland lattice → possible 0 D

Interpenetrating planar sublattices of orthogonal dimers



Yb₂Pt₂Pb, Yb -strong Ising anisotropy

 $\mathbf{k_1} = (1/5, 1/5, 0) \& \mathbf{k_2} = (-1/5, 1/5, 0)$



Miiler et al., PRB 93, 104419 (2016)

 REB_4 : RE = Er, Tm - strong Ising RE = Ho - XY anisotropy.

Hob_{4:}

- $T_{N1} = 7K$, $k_1 = (0.02, 0.02, 0.4)$ and $T_{N2} = 5K$, $k_2 = (100)$
- Fractional magnetization plateaus in applied field



Mat'aš et al J. Phys. 200, 032041 (2010)

spinon dispersion along the c axis typical of the S=1/2 Heisenberg-Ising XXZ spin Hamiltonian



Gannon et al. , Nature Comm., 10, 1123 (2019)

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Quasi-1D structures

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strong exchange coupling between magnetic ions only along one direction

- metal-organic frameworks (MOFs): connected low-dimensional inorganic subnetworks through non-magnetic molecules
- alkali-metal pyroxenes AMX_2O_6 , A = Li⁺, Na⁺; M = Ti³⁺, V³⁺, Cr³⁺, Mn³⁺, and Fe³⁺; X = Si⁴⁺, Ge⁴⁺
- brackebuschite Ba₂M³⁺(VO₄)₂(OH) and descloizite SrM²⁺ (VO₄)(OH) transition metal vanadate



Quasi-1D structures : delta or "sawtooth" chains

prototype example of highly frustrated lattices; can be seen as derived from a kagomé lattice by removing magnetic sites in periodic lines perpendicular to the kagomé spine direction

• olivines $(M_2XO_4, X = Si, Ge)$, oxy-arsenates $A_2Fe_2O(AsO_4)_2$, and alkali Transition Metal Molybdates $CsM_2(MoO_4)_2(OH)$ (M = Mn, Fe, Co, Zn), $Rb_2M_3(MoO_4)_3(OH)_2$ (A = K, Rb; M = Mn, Co),





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Summary

The effective dimensionality & topology of the crystal lattice plays an important role in defining the magnetic ordered state

A hierarchy of magnetic structures based on lattice dimensionality can be established. Exceptions to this classification can lead to discovery of new physics

Magnetic structure determination is an important step in understanding materials, as it places your system inside a magnetic phase diagram.

Think of the mechanisms that are responsible for the static order. Consider complementing your findings with spin dynamics studies to answer the "So What?" question.



Thank you !





