Instanton, inhomogeneous phase, and kar of a in chiral magnets



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Chiral magnets

Spin systems equipped with **Dzyaloshinsky-Moriya** interaction

[Dzyaloshinsky (1958), Moriya (1960)]

Many experimental realizations!



Outline

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Described by bkg. SO(3) gauge field!!

• Important property
Proportional to vector product!
$$\hat{s}^{n} \underbrace{S}_{\hat{s}^{n+\hat{i}}}$$
Increase (or decrease) S!
$$i = \sum_{x^{i}} \sum_{n-\hat{j}} \sum_{z^{i}} \sum_{z^$$

Favor inhomogeneous spin configuration!

DM interaction ≒ **SO(3)** gauge field

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$$\underbrace{SO(3) \text{ gauge inv.}}_{[g(n) \in SO(3)]} : \begin{cases} \hat{s}_{n} \to g(n)\hat{s}_{n} \\ U(n, n+\hat{i}) \to g(n)U(n, n+\hat{i})g(n+\hat{i})^{t} \end{cases}$$

Collect O(a²) terms by expanding w.r.t lattice spacing a

$$\hat{H}'_{0} = \sum_{n} \sum_{i=1}^{d} \left[\frac{J}{2} (\hat{s}^{n+\hat{i}} - \hat{s}^{n})^{2} + JaA_{i} \cdot (\hat{s}^{n+\hat{i}} \times \hat{s}^{n}) \right] + \sum_{n} \frac{Ja^{2}}{2} (\hat{s}^{n})^{t} (A_{i}^{a}t_{a})^{2} \hat{s}^{n}$$

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Collect O(a^{2}) terms by expanding w.r.t lattice spacing a
$$\hat{\mu} = \sum_{n} \sum_{i=1}^{d} \left[J_{i}(m+\hat{i}) - m^{2} - \hat{s}_{n} + (m+\hat{i}) - m^{2} - m^{2}$$

$$H_0' = \sum_{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[\frac{s}{2} (\hat{s}^{n+i} - \hat{s}^n)^2 + JaA_i \cdot (\hat{s}^{n+i} \times \hat{s}^n) \right] + \sum_{n} \frac{sa}{2} (\hat{s}^n)^t (A_i^a t_a)^2 \hat{s}^n$$
$$A_i^a = (Ja)^{-1} D_i^a, \quad C_{\rm cr} = \frac{1}{2J} (D_i^a t_a)^2$$

O(3) nonlinear sigma model

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{n} \sum_{i=1}^{d} \left[\frac{J}{2} (\hat{s}^{n+\hat{i}} - \hat{s}^n)^2 + \boldsymbol{D}_i \cdot (\hat{s}^n \times \hat{s}^{n+\hat{i}}) \right] + \sum_{n} (\hat{s}^n)^t \boldsymbol{C} \hat{s}^n$$

General anisotropic pot. C = field behaving as symmetric tensor rep.

 $W(n) \equiv C - C_{\rm cr} \rightarrow g(n)W(n)g(n)^t$

<u>A way to describe DM int. & anisotropic pot.</u> -

Write down action with bkg. SO(3) gauge +SO(3) tensor rep. fields, and fix them as

$$A_{i}^{a} = (Ja)^{-1}D_{i}^{a}, \quad W = C - C_{cr} \quad \text{with} \quad C_{cr} \equiv \frac{1}{2J}(D_{i}^{a}t_{a})^{2}$$

In continuum limit, spin = n^a (a = 1, 2, 3) with $(n^a)^2 = 1$

Most generral effective Lagrangian at O(p²)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{m(n^2\partial_0 n^1 - n^1\partial n^2)}{1+n^3} + \frac{f_t^2}{2}(\partial_0 n^a)^2 - \frac{f^2}{2}(D_i n^a)^2 - \mu W^{ab}n_a n_b$$

EFT of chiral magnets

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{n} \sum_{i=1}^{d} \left[\frac{J}{2} (\hat{s}^{n+\hat{i}} - \hat{s}^{n})^{2} + D_{i} \cdot (\hat{s}^{n} \times \hat{s}^{n+\hat{i}}) \right] + \sum_{n} (\hat{s}^{n})^{t} C \hat{s}^{n}$$
Low-energy limit
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{m(n^{2}\partial_{0}n^{1} - n^{1}\partial n^{2})}{1 + n^{3}} + \frac{f_{t}^{2}}{2} (\partial_{0}n^{a})^{2} - \frac{f^{2}}{2} (D_{i}n^{a})^{2} - \mu W^{ab}n_{a}n_{b}$$
with
$$\begin{cases} D_{i}n^{a} \equiv \partial_{i}n^{a} - \epsilon^{a}_{bc}n^{b}A_{i}^{c} \\ A_{i}^{a} = (Ja)^{-1}D_{i}^{a}, \quad W = C - C_{\text{cr}} \quad \text{with} \quad C_{\text{cr}} \equiv \frac{1}{2J} (D_{i}^{a}t_{a})^{2} \end{cases}$$

- $m \neq 0, f_t^2 = 0$: Ferromagnets with magnetization vector n^a
- $m = 0, f_t^2 \neq 0$: Anti-ferromagnets with Néel vector n^a
- $m \neq 0, f_t^2 \neq 0$: Ferrimagnets with Néel vector n^a

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n+j



Antiferromagnetic spin chain

Effective Lagrangian

Staggered mag. field

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} n^{a})^{2} + \kappa (n^{1} \partial_{x} n^{2} - n^{2} \partial_{x} n^{1}) + \frac{\mu}{2} [1 - (n^{3})^{2}] + Bn^{3}$$

<u>One-dimensional DM int. + Anisotropic pot.</u>

<u>Classical ground state</u>

$$E[n] = \int dx \left[\frac{(D_x n^a)^2}{2} + (\mu - \kappa^2) \frac{1 - (n^3)^2}{2} + Bn^3 \right] \text{ is minimized}$$

if $D_x n^a = 0$ (a = 1, 2, 3) and $(\mu - \kappa^2) \frac{1 - (n^3)^2}{2} + Bn^3$ is minimized $= \frac{\mu - \kappa^2}{2} |A|^2 \pm B\sqrt{1 - |A|^2}$

Once we fix the parameters $(\mu - \kappa^2, B)$ we can easily find the minimizer *A*!!

Phase diagram and instantons

Phase diagram and order parameter manifolds



Phase diagram and instantons

• Phase diagram and order parameter manifolds



(i) Domain-wall instanton



• <u>Properties</u>

- BPS solutions obtained by Bogomorni completion!
- Helical configuration & finite instanton charge arise on domain wall!!

(ii) **BPS solutions** at tricritical pt.



Phase diagram and instantons

Phase diagram and order parameter manifolds



Equivalence theorem

- Q. Why we can exhaustively construct instanton solutions <u>A. Equivalence to the model without DM interaction!</u>
- $\diamond O(3) \text{ NL}\sigma \text{ model with DM interaction} \longrightarrow \underline{\text{Staggered mag. field}}$ $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} n^{a})^{2} + \kappa (n^{1} \partial_{x} n^{2} n^{2} \partial_{x} n^{1}) + \frac{\mu}{2} [1 (n^{3})^{2}] + Bn^{3}$

<u>One-dimensional DM int. + Anisotropic pot.</u>

One-to-one correspondence with

$$n^{1} + in^{2} = (\hat{n}^{1} + i\hat{n}^{2})e^{-i\kappa x}, \quad n^{3} = \hat{n}^{3}$$

• <u>O(3) NL\sigma model with DM interaction</u> <u>Staggered mag. field</u> $\mathcal{L}_{woDM} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \hat{n}^{a})^{2} + \frac{\mu - \kappa^{2}}{2} [1 - (\hat{n}^{3})^{2}] + B\hat{n}^{3}$ <u>Anisotropic potential</u>

[cf. Kaplan-Shekhtman-Aharony-Entin-Wohlman (KSAE) int.]

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Primer to Nambu-Goldstone mode

SSB and NG mode



Classification of NG modes

Continuous symmetry



 $\exists \Phi_i(x) \text{ satisfying } \langle \delta_a \Phi_i(x) \rangle = \langle [i\hat{Q}_a, \hat{\Phi}_i(x)] \rangle \neq 0$

Classification of NG modes

SSB of continuous symmetry There is a gapless NG mode





Classification of NG modes

Continuous symmetry



Charge Q_a

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 <u>Classification of NG modes</u> ———— [Hidaka (2012), Watanabe-Murayama(2012)]

- Type-A NG mode: $orall \hat{Q}_b$ について $\langle [\mathrm{i}\hat{Q}_a,\hat{Q}_b]
angle = 0$

of broken symmetries = **#** of NG modes with $\omega = ck$

- Type-B NG mode: $\exists \hat{Q}_b$ such that $\langle [i\hat{Q}_a, \hat{Q}_b] \rangle \neq 0$ # of broken symmetries \neq # of NG modes with $\omega = ak^2$

Nonrelativistic NG mode



Nonrelativistic NG mode



• Effective Lagrangian — [Leutwyler (1994), Watanabe-Murayama(2012)]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{m^{\alpha} f_{\alpha a b}}{\pi^{a} \partial_{0} \pi^{b}} + \frac{f^{2}}{2} g_{a b} \partial_{0} \pi^{a} \partial_{0} \pi^{b} - \frac{1}{2} g_{a b} \partial^{i} \pi^{a} \partial_{i} \pi^{b} + \cdots$$

 $\simeq \langle [\mathrm{i}\hat{Q}_a,\hat{Q}_b]
angle$: Term peculiar to nonrelativistic system



Unified description including Type-B NG mode

Open problem



This is a general theorem for internal (on-site) symmetry!

What happens for NG modes associated with **spontaneous spacetime symmetry breaking**?

Let's investigate inhomogeneous phases of chiral magnets!

Inhomogeneous phase I: Helical phase [uniaxial DM int. +anisotropy]

Helical phase

- • Effective Lagrangian for uniaxial anisotropic chiral magnet

$$A_i^a = \kappa_i \delta_3^a, \ \ell W^{ab} = \frac{W}{2} \delta_3^a \delta_3^b : \text{Uniaxial anisotropy}$$

$$\underline{Anisotropic pot.}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{m(n^2 \partial_0 n^1 - n^1 \partial_0 n^2)}{1 + n^3} + \frac{f_t^2}{2} (\partial_0 n^a)^2 - \frac{f_s}{2} (\partial_i n^a - \kappa_i \epsilon^a{}_{b3} n^b)^2 + \frac{W}{2} (n^3)^2$$

$$\underline{DM \text{ interaction}}$$

Inhomogeneous ground state at tree-level

$$\bar{n}^{a} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{1 - \bar{A}^{2}} \cos(\boldsymbol{\kappa} \cdot \boldsymbol{x} + \bar{\phi}) \\ -\sqrt{1 - \bar{A}^{2}} \sin(\boldsymbol{\kappa} \cdot \boldsymbol{x} + \bar{\phi}) \\ \bar{A} \end{pmatrix}$$

with $\bar{A} = \begin{cases} \pm 1 & \text{for } W > 0, \\ 0 & \text{for } W < 0, \\ \text{arbitrary} \in [-1, 1] & \text{for } W = 0. \end{cases}$



NG mode in helical phase

Effective Lagrangian for fluctuation field {δφ, δΑ} in helical phase

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(2)} = m(1 - \delta A)\partial_0\delta\phi + \frac{f_t^2}{2}[(\partial_0\delta A)^2 + (\partial_0\delta\phi)^2] - \frac{f_s^2}{2}[(\partial_i\delta A)^2 + (\partial_i\delta\phi)^2] + \frac{W}{2}(\delta A)^2,$$

• <u>Dispersion relation</u>

-Antiferromagnet
$$(f_t \neq 0, m=0)$$
: $\omega = \frac{f_s}{f_t} |\mathbf{k}|, \frac{\sqrt{|W| + (f_s \mathbf{k})^2}}{f_t},$

- Ferrimagnet
$$(f_t=0, m\neq 0)$$
: $\omega = \frac{f_s |\mathbf{k}| \sqrt{|W| + (f_s \mathbf{k})^2}}{m}$,
- Ferrimagnet $(f_t\neq 0, m=0)$: $\omega = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{|W|}{m^2 + |W|}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{f_s}{f_t} |\mathbf{k}| + \frac{m^4}{2\sqrt{|W|(m^2 + |W|)^5}} \frac{(f_s |\mathbf{k}|)^3}{f_t} + O(|\mathbf{k}|^5), \\ \frac{\sqrt{m^2 + |W|}}{f_t} + \frac{2m^2 + |W|}{2(m^2 + |W|)^{3/2}} \frac{f_s^2 \mathbf{k}^2}{f_t} + O(\mathbf{k}^4). \end{cases}$

All magnets show a linear isotropic dispersion $\omega\propto |k|$ (interpreted as a translational pheron of the pheron of t

Inhomogeneous phase 2: Spiral phase [isotropic DM interaction]

Spiral phase



Inhomogeneouos ground state at tree-

Energy is minimized by

$$\bar{n}^{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ \sin(-\kappa x + \bar{\theta})\\ \cos(-\kappa x + \bar{\theta}) \end{pmatrix}$$



[Note. DM int. does not contributes to eom, but does to energy min. condition]

Energy spectrum in spiral phase

Effective Lagrangian for fluctuation field {δφ, δA} in spiral phase

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(2)} = \frac{f_{\text{t}}^2}{2} \left[(\partial_0 \delta \theta)^2 + (\partial_0 \delta \Omega)^2 \right] - \frac{f_{\text{s}}^2}{2} \left[(\partial_i \delta \theta)^2 + (\partial_i \delta \Omega)^2 \right] - \frac{f_{\text{s}}^2 \kappa^2}{2} (\delta \Omega)^2 + m \delta \theta \partial_0 \delta \Omega - 2f_{\text{s}}^2 \kappa \sin \kappa x \, \delta \theta \partial_y \delta \Omega. \quad \leftarrow x\text{-dependent term}$$

◆ Equation of motion

$$\begin{pmatrix} f_t^2 \omega^2 & -\mathrm{i}m\omega \\ \mathrm{i}m\omega & f_t^2 \omega^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta\theta \\ \delta\Omega \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\nabla^2 & 2\kappa \sin \kappa x \partial_y \\ -2\kappa \sin \kappa x \partial_y & -\nabla^2 + \kappa^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta\theta \\ \delta\Omega \end{pmatrix}$$

To obtain the dispersion relation, the eigenvalue of this matrix **†** is needed!

Equivalent to QM under the periodic pot. (with initernal d.o.f.)!!

Recalling **BlochThm.**, we can solve this in the same way as the Band theory!

Eated band approximation

Envalue equation:
$$H(x)\vec{\varphi}_{k_x}(x) = E_{k_x}\vec{\varphi}_{k_x}(x)$$
 with $H(x+2\pi/\kappa) = H(x)$

eigenvector as
$$\vec{\varphi}_{k_x}(x) = \int \frac{\mathrm{d}k_{\perp}}{2\pi} \sum_n \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}(k_x + \kappa n)x + \mathrm{i}k_{\perp}y} \vec{v}_n(\mathbf{k})$$

Recurrence relations

$$\left[(k_x + \kappa n)^2 + k_{\perp}^2] v_n^{(0)}(\mathbf{k}) + \kappa k_{\perp} [v_{n-1}^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}) - v_{n+1}^{(1)}(\mathbf{k})] \right] = E_n(\mathbf{k}) v_n^{(0)}(\mathbf{k})$$

$$\sum_{\perp} [v_{n-1}^{(0)}(\mathbf{k}) - v_{n+1}^{(0)}(\mathbf{k})] + [(k_x + \kappa n)^2 + k_{\perp}^2 + \kappa^2] v_n^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}) = E_n(\mathbf{k}) v_n^{(1)}(\mathbf{k})$$

suncating the band index, we can solve the eigenvalue problem!

mple, only by considering the three band, we can reduce the problem as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} w_{1}^{+} - \frac{E(\mathbf{k})}{f_{s}^{2}} & -\kappa k_{\perp} & 0\\ -\kappa k_{\perp} & \omega_{0}^{-} - \frac{E(\mathbf{k})}{f_{s}^{2}} & \kappa k_{\perp}\\ 0 & \kappa k_{\perp} & \omega_{-1}^{+} - \frac{E(\mathbf{k})}{f_{s}^{2}} \end{array} \right) \begin{pmatrix} v_{1}^{(1)}(\mathbf{k})\\ v_{0}^{(0)}(\mathbf{k})\\ v_{0}^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}) \end{pmatrix} = 0, \quad \omega_{n}^{+} \equiv (k_{x} + n\kappa)^{2} + k_{\perp}^{2} + \kappa^{2} \\ v_{0}^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}) \end{pmatrix}$$

Antiferromagnetic spiral phase



• Low-energy spectrum with anisotropy $\omega_{n=0}(\boldsymbol{k}) = \begin{cases} c_s |k_x| \left(1 - \frac{k_\perp^2}{2\kappa^2} + \frac{3k_\perp^4}{16\kappa^2 |k_x|^2} + \cdots\right) & \text{if } k_x \neq 0, \\ c_s \sqrt{\frac{3}{8}} \frac{k_\perp^2}{\kappa} + \cdots & \text{if } k_x = 0, \end{cases}$

Ferromagnetic spiral phase



$$\omega_{n=0}(\boldsymbol{k}) = \frac{J_{s}}{m} \left[k_{x}^{2} \left(1 - \frac{\kappa_{\perp}}{\kappa^{2}} \right) + \frac{\kappa_{\perp}}{2\kappa^{2}} + \cdots \right]$$

Ferrimagnetic spiral phase



Symmetry-based understanding

- • NG mode in helical phase

All magnets show a linear isotropic dispersion relation $~\omega \propto |m{k}|$

Symmetry breaking pattern: $SO(2)_z \times \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}_{s+\parallel} \times \mathbb{R}^{d-1}_{\perp}$

(NG mode = translational phonon or magnon in a rotating frame)

• <u>NG mode in spiral phase</u>

Anisotropic dispersion relation + dependence on type of magnets

Symmetry breaking pattern: $SO(2)_{s+l} \times \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^1_\perp$

Commutator btw charges: $\langle [iP_x, \rho(x)] \rangle_{gs} = -m\kappa \sin(-\kappa x + d)$

(NG modes = translational phonon and magnon)

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Spins on Kagome-type lattice? [Thermal Hall effect?]

Skyrmion current=electric current? [Coupled dynamics with elemag?]

Skyrmion crystal? [Multi-dim inhomogeneous phase]