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Observation of Spin-chiral Domains in Multiferroic Hexaferrites by Scanning Resonant X-ray Microdiffraction

- Study of Magnetoelectric Effects due to Multi-spin Variables -

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Magnetoelectric (ME) effect



P. Curie [1894]First proposal of the ME effect on symmetry grounds.Landau & Lifshitz [1957]Shows that the ME effect should exist in magnetic crystals.Dzyaloshinskii [1959]Shows that the AF Cr2O3 has a magnetic symmetry which allows the effect.Astrov [1960]First successful observation of the effect in a Cr2O3 crystal.

Symmetry aspect is useful to explain the ME effect.

 $M_i = \alpha_{ii} E_i$

Since *E* is a polar 1st rank tensor & *M* is an axial 1st rank tensor, the ME effect is an axial 2nd rank tensor which transforms as follows.

e.g. inversion operation 1 In tensor form, $M'_{i} = \pm |a|a_{ij}M_{j} = \pm |a|a_{ij}\alpha_{jk}E_{k}$ $= \pm |a|a_{ij}\alpha_{jk}a_{lk}E'_{l} = \alpha'_{il}E'_{l} \implies \alpha'_{il} = \pm |a|a_{ij}\alpha_{jk}a_{lk}$ In matrix form, $(M') = \pm |a| (a) (M) = \pm |a| (a) (\alpha) (E)$ $= \pm |a| (a) (\alpha)(a)_{t} (E') = (\alpha') (E') \implies (\alpha') = \pm |a| (a)(\alpha)(\alpha)_{t}$

The ME effect vanishes for all symmetry groups containing time reversal symmetry (1'). $(\alpha') = (-1)(+1)(+1)(\alpha)(+1) = (-\alpha) = (\alpha) = 0$

The ME effect also disappears for ordinary inversion symmetry (1) operations.

 $(\alpha') = (+1)(-1)(-1)(\alpha)(-1) = (-\alpha) = (\alpha) = 0$

For space inversion accompanied by time inversion (1'), the ME effect is permitted.

$$(\alpha') = (-1)(-1)(-1)(\alpha)(-1) = (\alpha) = (\alpha)$$

Requirements of the linear ME effect Both space inversion symmetry

& time reversal symmetry must be broken.

Constraints on appearance of linear ME effect —Breaking of Space Inversion & Time reversal symmtries—





Broken of space inversion symmetry in spiral spin systems



The CW & CCW spiral structures are inverted by *I* to each other. However, these two spiral structures are not identical.

Thus, the inversion symmetry is broken by a spiral spin order.

To make system ferroelectric,



An example of multi-spin variables which induces ME coupling - Vector spin chirality -



Vector spin chirality can be detected as electric polarization *P* through ME coupling.

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List of spin-spiral-driven ferroelectrics

				\frown			Delafossite
Compound	Crystal structure	Magnetic ion	Proposed spin structure	Temperature range (K)	Ref.	Perovskite <i>R</i> MnO ₃ (<i>R</i> =Tb,Dy)	Cu(Fe,Cr)O ₂
<i>R</i> MnO ₃ (<i>R</i> =Tb, etc.	O (<i>mmm</i>)) [perovskite]	Mn³+ S=2	cycloidal	<u>≤</u> 28	Kimura <i>et al.</i> (2003)	O, The second se	Cu o
Ni ₃ V ₂ O ₈	0 (<i>mmm</i>)	Ni²+ S=1	cycloidal	3.9~6.3	Lawes e <i>t al.</i> (2005)	Mn	Fe Fe
(Ba,Sr) ₂ M ₂ Fe ₁₂ O	R (-3 <i>m</i>) ²² [haxaferrite]	Fe ³⁺ S=5/2	screw, L-conical (T-conical (<i>B</i> >0)	^{B=0)} <u><</u> ~110	Kimura <i>et al.</i> (2005)		
CuFeO ₂	R -3 <i>m</i> [delafossite]	Fe ³⁺] S=5/2	collinear(<i>B</i> =0) screw (<i>B</i> >0)	<u>≤</u> 11	Kimura e <i>t al.</i> (2005)		
CoCr ₂ O ₄	C(<i>m</i> 3 <i>m</i>) [spinel]	Co ²⁺ Cr ³⁺ S=3/2 S=3/2	T-conical	<u>≤</u> 26 ^Y	amasaki <i>et al.</i> (2006)	Spinel CoCr ₂ O ₄	c J
MnWO ₄	M (2/ <i>m</i>) [walframite]	Mn²+ S=5/2	cycloidal	7~12.5 ^T	aniguchi e <i>t al.</i> (2006)		
RbFe(MoO ₄)	2 R (-3 <i>m</i>)	Fe ³⁺ S=5/2	screw	<u>≤</u> 3.8	Kenzelmann <i>et al.</i> (2006)		Kagome staircase N _{i3} V ₂ O ₈
LiCu ₂ O ₂	0 (<i>mmm</i>)	Cu ²⁺ S=1/2	cycloidal	<u><</u> 23	Park <i>et al.</i> (2007)		9 Ni
LiCuVO ₄	O (<i>mmm</i>)	Cu ²⁺ S=1/2	cycloidal	<u><</u> 2.4	Naito <i>et al.</i> (2007)		
CuO	M (2/ <i>m</i>) [tenorite]	Cu ²⁺ S=1/2	cycloidal + screw	212~230	Kimura <i>et al.</i> (2008)		
ACrO ₂ (A=Ag, C	R (-3 <i>m</i>) [delafossite]	Cr ³⁺ S=3/2	screw	<u>≤</u> 24	Seki <i>et al.</i> (2008)		$J_1 J_2 \downarrow^b \downarrow^a$
FeVO ₄	Tri (-1)	Fe ³⁺ S=5/2	cycloidal	ا <u>< 16</u>	aoud-Aladine <i>et al.</i> (2009)	Mn	
CuCl ₂	M (2/ <i>m</i>) [distorted Cdl₂	Mn²+] S=5/2	cycloidal	<u>≤</u> 24	Seki <i>et al.</i> (2010)	a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a	↓ ↓ _{12*} <0
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High-T multiferriocs - Y-type hexaferrite (Ba,Sr)₂(Zn,Mg)₂Fe₁₂O₂₂ -



Ferroelectric intermediate-III phase survives up to near room temperature.

However, suppression of resistivity does not allow experimental observation of polarization above ~110K.



Classification of hexagonal ferrites - Stacking sequence composed of 3 types of blocks-



	Chem. form.	stacking	c(Å)	S.G.
Μ	$BaFe_{12}O_{19}$	RSR*S*	23.19	P6 ₃ /mmc
W	$BaM_2Fe_{16}O_{27}$	RS ₂ R [*] S [*] ₂	32.84	P6 ₃ /mmc
Y	$Ba_2M_2Fe_{12}O_{22}$	(<mark>⊤S</mark>) ₃	43.56	R-3/m
Ζ	$Ba_3M_2Fe_{24}O_{41}$	RSTSR*S*T*S*	52.3	P6 ₃ /mmc
Х	$Ba_2M_2Fe_{28}O_{46}$	(RSR*S*) ₃	84.11	R-3/m
U	$Ba_4M_2Fe_{36}O_{60}$	(RSR [*] S [*] TS [*]) ₃	113	R-3/m

J. Smit & H.P.J. Wijn, Ferrite (Philips' Technical Library, 1959)

M-type _____ (magnetoplumbite) $BaFe_{12}O_{19}$ (c=23.19Å)

Refrigerator magnet



Crystal structures of 6 main types of hexaferrites



Former studies on magnetism of Z-type hexaferrites

Noncollinear Magnetic Structures in Hexagonal Ferrites of the $Ba_{3-x}Sr_{3-x}Zn_2Fe_{24}O_{41}(Z)$

System

M. I. NAMTALISHVILI, O. P. ALESHKO-OZHEVSKIĬ, AND I. I. YAMZIN

Crystallography Institute, USSR Academy of Sciences Submitted July 26, 1971

Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz. 62, 701-709 (February, 1972)

(Ba,S)₃Zn₂Fe₂₄O₄₁

Zh.Eksp. Teor. Fiz. 62, 701 (1972)

Single crystals are investigated at temperatures from 78° K up to the Curie point for values x=2.4; 2.0; 1.5; 0. The neutron diffraction pattern is explained on the basis of angular magnetic structures which combine spin collinearity within certain blocks of the unit cell and noncollinearity of their summary magnetic moments. Noncollinearity is observed in crystals in which a significant part of the ions are replaced by strontium. With increase of strontium concentration and lowering of temperature, a deviation of the spins from the hexagonal axis occurs and the angle between directions of the summary magnetic moments of the blocks increases. Moreover, spin modulation at temperatures below 110–120°K arises. The noncollinearity is ascribed to violation in the exchange interaction scheme on localization of zinc ions in crystallographic positions at the block boundaries.

Noncollinear spin structure?





M of Sr₃Co₂Fe₂₄O₄₁ increases in a stepwise fashion.

->> Similar to magnetoelectric Y-type hexaferrites

Magnetic & magnetoelectric properties of Z-type Sr₃Co₂Fe₂₄O₄₁



polycrystalline ceramics sintered in oxygen.

Kitagawa et al., Nature Mater. 9, 797 (2010).

ME_H effects are observed at a wide *T* range including room temperature.

*ME coefficient defined as $\alpha = \mu_0 dP/dB$

The α exceeds 1x10⁻¹⁰ s/m below 0.04T and reached a maximum ~2.5x10⁻¹⁰s/m at 0.003T.

(c.f. α in Cr₂O₃: 4x10⁻¹² s/m; α in Z-type single crystal: 3x10⁻⁹ s/m by Chun et al. PRL 108, 177201 (2012)

Recently, ME_E effects are also observed at room temperature \Rightarrow

Electric control of Magnetism in Z-type hexaferrites

Change in Magnetization by E

Chun et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 108, 177201 (2012)



Change in magnetic permeability at GHz range by E

Ebnabbasi et al. Phys. Rev. B 86, 024430 (2012)



Understanding of the origin of the ME effect of Z-type Sr₃Co₂Fe₂₄O₄₁

Neutron powder diffraction (at JRR-3 of JAEA, Tokai, Japan) Soda et al., PRL 106, 087201 (2011).



Origin of magnetoelectric effect –Neutron diffraction, *H***-dependence**-



Soda et al., PRL 106, 087201 (2011).



In analogy with Y-type hexaferrites, the r.t. ME effect can be understood in terms of *P* induced by a transverse conical spin structure through the inverse DM mechanism.

Domain structures in ferroic solids





*Observation of spiral-spin domains in spiral magnets by scanning resonant x-ray microdiffraction

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Imaging spiral magnetic domains in Ho by circularly polarized Bragg diffraction

J.C. Lang et al., J. Appl. Phys. 95, 6537 (2004).

[spiral magnetic order with (0,0, $L \pm \tau$) below $T_N = 133$ K]

Ho metal

X-ray energy E^{\sim} 8.071 eV ($^{\sim}$ Ho L_3 -edge 2 $p \rightarrow 5d$)



Imaging spiral magnetic domains in multiferroics by circularly polarized X-ray



Imaging spin-chiral domains in Y-type Ba_{0.5}Sr_{1.5}Zn₂Fe₁₂O₂₂ by circularly polarized X-ray

Sample Y-type Ba_{0.5}Sr_{1.5}Zn₂Fe₁₂O₂₂ $T_N \approx 310$ K magnetic satellite (0,0,3 $n \pm \varepsilon$), c –axis length ~43 Å)



Spatial images of spin-chiral domain structure in Ba_{0.5}Sr_{1.5}Zn₂Fe₁₂O₂₂ at 68 K

Y. Hiraoka et al., PRB 84, 064418 (2011).



*Red and blue regions correspond to either a left- or right-handed spin-chiral monodomain. *The observed domains are irregular in shape with a size on a submilimeter scale.

*There is a tendency that the domain boundaries are clamped at surface defects. *The observed domains were apparently smaller in size than those on a smooth surface.

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Theoretically, multi-spin variables can be nonzero even in the absence of long-range magnetic order.

Chiral spin liquid phase in helimagnets

F. Cinti et al., PRL 100, 057203 (2008); PRB 83, 174414 (2011).



FIG. 1 (color online). Schematic representation of Villain's conjecture. In the chiral spin liquid phase, corkscrews all turning clockwise (or all anticlockwise) with in general $\varphi_i \neq \varphi_j$. In the helical spin solid phase, same angle value φ_0 for all spins.

Spin-chirality decoupling in spin-glass system

H. Kawamura, PRL 68, 3785 (2011);

J. Phys. Condens. Matter 23, 164210 (2011).



Figure 1. Phase diagram of the XY-like SG with an easy-plane-type uniaxial magnetic anisotropy in the uniaxial anisotropy versus the temperature plane. T_{CG} and T_{SG} represent the chiral-glass and the spin-glass transition temperatures of the fully isotropic Heisenberg system.

It is possible that ME materials are found in magnetically-disordered phases.

Spin chirality in spin glass system

A chirality driven mechanism for spin-glass transitions

H. Kawamura, PRL 68, (1992) 3785.

Heisenberg spin glass $S_i + (S_j \times S_k)$ Anomalous Hall effect due to scalar spin chirality

T. Taniguchi, et al., PRL 93, (2004) 246605.



Can we detect vector spin chirality in spin glass system though magnetoelectric coupling?

Example compounds showing insulating & XY-like spin glass state

*Rb₂Mn_{1-x}Cr_xCl₄

*Ni_xMn_{1-x}TiO₃

K. Katsumata et al., PRB 25, 428 (1982).

A. Ito et al., JMMM 104, 1637 (1992).

Crystal structure of Ni_xMn_{1-x}TiO₃



Magnetic phase diagram of Ni_xMn_{1-x}TiO₃



Magnetic & dielectric properties at zero magnetic fields



Magnetic field effect on electric polarization in Ni_{0.42}Mn_{0.58}TiO₃



Antisymmetric ME effect induced by toroidal moment



Summary - Study of Magnetoelectric Effects due to Multi-spin Variables -



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Proposed work for synchrotron and neutron applications of high magnetic fields on multiferroics

