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**Solid-State Physics Notes  
for NET/GATE Physical Sciences  
# Magnetism in Solids #**

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# Magnetism in Solids

There are 3 principle sources of magnetic moment in an atom  
 If Magnetisation  $M$  is antiparallel to applied mag. field then the material is diamagnetic

& If  $M$  is parallel to applied mag. field then the material is para or ferro



- (i) Orbital motion of  $e^-$
- (ii)  $e^-$  spin motion
- (iii) Induce mag. mom. due to change in the orbital motion of  $e^-$  on the application of external mag. field

In an atom, there is a nucleus about which  $e^-$  do orbital motion & current produce & this constitute a current dipole

$$I = \frac{e}{T} = \frac{ev}{2\pi R}$$



Magnetic Moment

$$m = I \cdot A$$

$$= \frac{ev}{2\pi R} \cdot \pi R^2$$

$$m = \frac{evR}{2}$$

This  $m$  is due to orbital motion of  $e^-$

Dir<sup>n</sup> of  $m$  will be decided by motion of  $e^-$

for orbital motion,  $\frac{m_l}{L} = \frac{e}{2m}$

spin " " ,  $\frac{m_s}{S} = \frac{2e}{2m}$

Orbital & spin motion of  $e^-$  both give paramagnetic contribution.

Contribution of spin motion is larger than to paramag. effect (paramag. effect  $\rightarrow$  attractive effect)

If we apply external mag. field then mag. mom. will be align in the dir<sup>n</sup> of field to minimize the energy.

→ When  $e^-$ s are unpaired in atom then there will be spin contribution.

When ~~atom is~~  $e^-$ s are not paired then atom'll have spin mag. mom. & this mom. is aligned in the dir<sup>n</sup> of externally applied mag. field.

→ Contribution It is hard to tilt the orbit as compare to flip the spin so spin contribution is large to paramag. effect.

→ When we apply external mag. field on the orbit then there will be change in speed  $\omega$ . It will speed up or slow down depending on the dir<sup>n</sup>.

→ Due to externally applied field, mag. flux change & emf produced s.t. it will oppose the flux.

so Induced Current will oppose the change in flux.

→ Induced mag. mom. is very small so diamagnetic effect is weak effect.

Diamagnetic effect is a universal effect. It is found in all the solids.

It is universal but not dominant due to weakness. i.e. Paramag. Effect dominant over diamagnetic effect if there is both these effects in a solid.



## Types of Magnetic Materials :-

### (1) Diamagnetic:

- 1) Diamagnetic effect arises due to change in the orbital motion of  $e^-$  around the nucleus on the application of external mag. field.
- 2) These materials repel in the mag. field.
- 3) It is a very weak effect.

(4) Mag. field  $\vec{B} = \mu_0 (\vec{H} + \vec{M})$  — (A)  $H \rightarrow$  mag. field intensity  
 for diamagnet,  $M$  is antiparallel to  $H$ .  $M \rightarrow$  Magnetisation

$$\vec{B} = \mu \vec{H} \quad \mu \rightarrow \text{susceptibility}$$

Magnetic susceptibility is defined as

$$\chi_m = \frac{M}{H}$$

If  $M$  &  $H$  behave linearly then  $\chi_m = \frac{M}{H}$  (for diamagnet)

" " are not linear then  $\chi_m = \frac{\partial M}{\partial H}$  (for ferro)

$$(A) \Rightarrow \mu H = \mu_0 (H + \chi_m H)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\mu}{\mu_0} = 1 + \chi_m \Rightarrow$$

$$\mu_r = 1 + \chi_m$$

$$\vec{B} = \mu_0 \mu_r \vec{H}$$



for diamagnet,

$$\mu_r < 1$$

then

$$\chi_m < 0$$

ie. -ve.

So susceptibility of diamagnetic material is negative.

Diamagnetic susceptibility of a solid according to Quantum mechanics is given by

$$\chi_{\text{dia}} = \frac{-\mu_0 N Z e^2 \langle r^2 \rangle}{6 m_e}$$

where,  $N \rightarrow$  No. of atoms per unit volume

$Z \rightarrow$  Atomic No.

$m_e \rightarrow$  mass of the  $e^-$

$\langle r^2 \rangle \rightarrow$  Average value of  $r^2$  over the particular orbit.

for Hydrogen atom ground state

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \int \psi^* r^2 \psi d\tau = 3 a_0^2$$

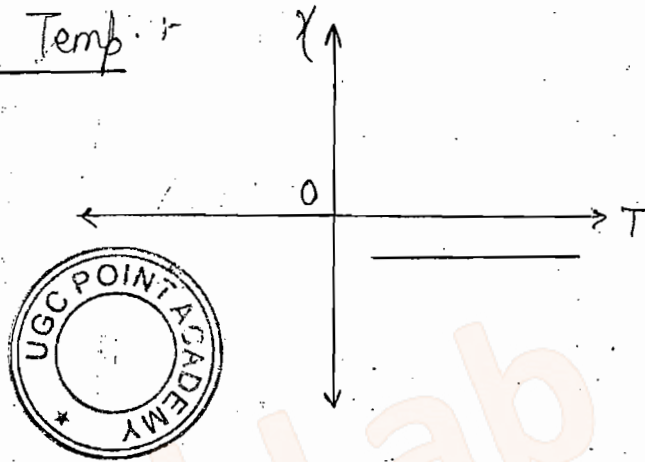
So we can find out diamag. susceptibility of  $H_2$ .



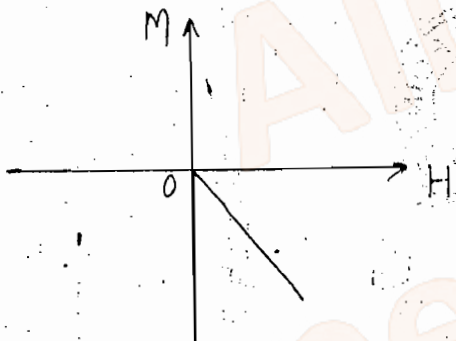
So diamagnetic susceptibility is negative & independent of temperature.

Examples → Helium, Ne, Ar, Cu, Au, Si, Ge etc.

Plot of  $\chi$  v/s Temp.

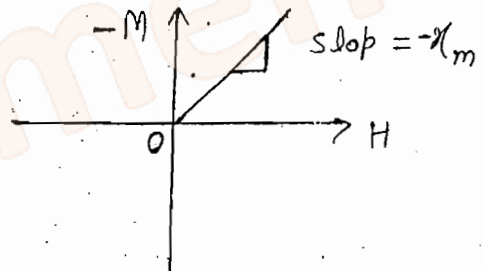


M-H Curve :-



As  $H \uparrow$ ,  $M \uparrow$  in reverse i.e. -ve dir<sup>n</sup>

OR



(ii) Paramagnetic Materials :-

(1) Paramagnetism occur in those solids which have permanent magnetic moment due to spins of unpaired  $e^-$ s, on the application of magnetic field, these magnetic moment aligned in the dir<sup>n</sup> of applied magnetic field. Hence effect is attractive type. This is strong effect as compare to diamagnetic effect.

(2) Molecular Oxygen ( $O_2$ ) has even no. of  $e^-$ s but shows paramagnetic effect (exception)

(3) Paramag. susceptibility of ions or atoms is given by

$$\chi_{\text{ions}} = \frac{C}{T} \Rightarrow \text{Curie Law}$$

where  $c \rightarrow$  Curie Const.,

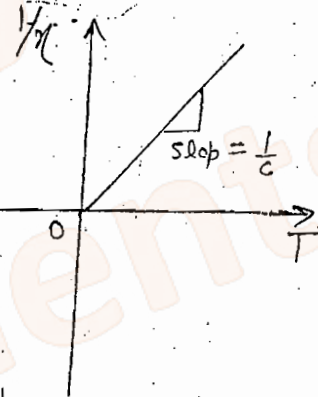
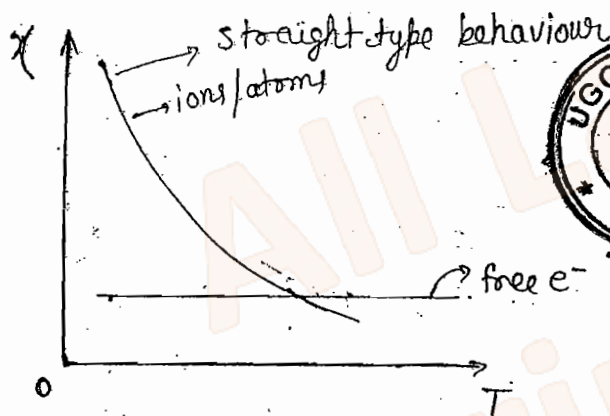
i.e.  $\chi_{ions}$  is  $\propto \frac{1}{T} \Rightarrow \chi \propto \frac{1}{T}$

(4) Paramag. susceptibility of free  $e^-$ s (Pauli Paramagnetism,

$\chi_{free e^-}$  = independent of temp.  
& +ve

This can't be explain by classical theory. This is explained by Quantum free  $e^-$  theory.

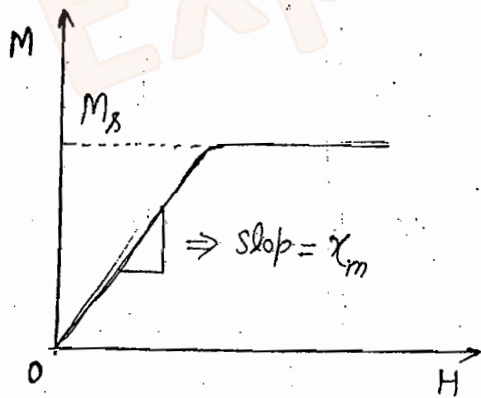
Exampley :-  $O_2$ ,  $MnSO_4$ ,  $Mn^{+2}$ ,  $Gd^{3+}$  etc.



$$\chi = \frac{c}{T}$$
$$\frac{1}{\chi} = \frac{T}{c}$$
$$\frac{(1/\chi)}{T} = \frac{1}{c}$$

(for ions/atoms)

M-H Curve :-



Initially  $M \uparrow$  as  $H \uparrow$  linearly. After a certain value of  $H$ , all the spin will alligned in the dir<sup>n</sup> of applied mag. field &  $M$  will saturate & that value of  $M$  is called  $M_s$  i.e. Saturation Magnetisation.

Magnetisation for a paramagnetic solid :-

$$M = Ng J \mu_B B_T(x)$$

where,  $N \rightarrow$  No. of atoms per unit volume

$g \rightarrow$  Lande  $g$ -factor

$J \rightarrow$  Total angular momentum

$\mu_B \rightarrow$  Bohr magneton

$B_J \rightarrow$  Brillouin function

$$\chi = \frac{g J \mu_B B}{K_B T}$$

Special Case :- for spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  particles,

$$M = N \mu_B \tanh\left(\frac{\mu_B B}{K_B T}\right)$$



(i)  $\mu_B B \ll K_B T$

i.e. temp. is high or strength of mag. field is less.

then let  $\frac{\mu_B B}{K_B T} = x$  so  $x \ll 1$

$$\tanh x \approx x \approx \frac{\mu_B B}{K_B T}$$

$$M = N \mu_B \frac{\mu_B B}{K_B T}$$

$$M = \frac{N \mu_B^2 B}{K_B T}$$

Put  $B = \mu_0 H \Rightarrow M = \frac{N \mu_B^2 \mu_0 H}{K_B T}$

So  $\chi = \frac{M}{H} \Rightarrow \chi = \frac{\mu_0 N \mu_B^2}{K_B T}$

i.e.  $\chi \propto \frac{1}{T}$

(ii)  $\mu_B B \gg K_B T$  (temp. is low)

i.e.  $x \gg 1$  then  $\tanh x \approx 1$

$$M = N \mu_B$$

i.e.  $M_s = N \mu_B$

This is called Saturation Magnetisation when all the spins are aligned in the dir<sup>n</sup> of applied mag. field.



$$\chi_s = \frac{M_s}{H} = \frac{N\mu_B}{H}$$

$\chi$  is independent of temp. temp. is low or B is high.



### (iii) ferromagnetic Materials :-

Like paramagnetism, ferromagnetism is also associated with permanent magnetic moment but ferromagnetic materials are characterised by spontaneous magnetisation (i.e. Non zero magnetisation even in the absence of mag. field).

→ Explanation of ferromagnetism can be given in terms of formation of small regions inside the solid in which magnetisation is saturated. These small regions are called domains.

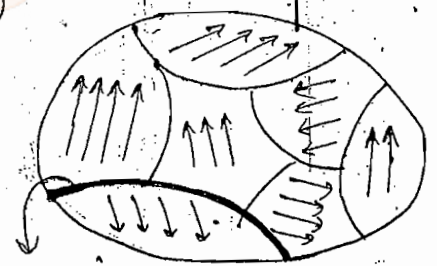
→ Magnetic domain. Inside these domains, spins are parallel aligned & gives rise to a very large magnetic field i.e. called Exchange field or Weiss field, ( $B_E$ )

Reason of formation of domain :-

Every physical process is to achieve the stability & minimize the energy.

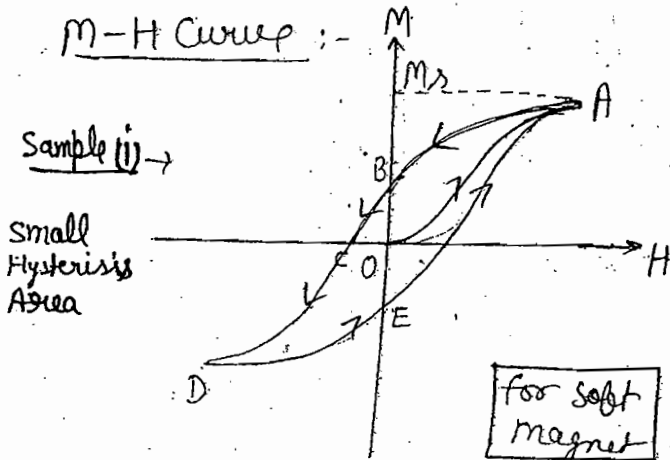
→ Thickness of domain wall → few Å.

→ spin energy quanta of spin wave is Magnon.



Domain Wall → which separate the domains.

M-H Curve :-



On applying H, M ↑ upto saturation. When H removed then M ↓ but not follow the same path.

OB → Remanent magnetisation

OC → Coercive field



$H_c$  → amount of mag. field required to destroy the coercive field.

OABCDEA → is the Hysteresis loop.

This M-H Curve gives the useful information about choosing the magnet for a particular type of application.

(i) paramagnet magnet (Hard magnet)

(ii) Soft Magnet

SQUID (Super Conducting Quantum Interference device)

SQUID is used to measure magnetic magnet mom. It is very sensitive.

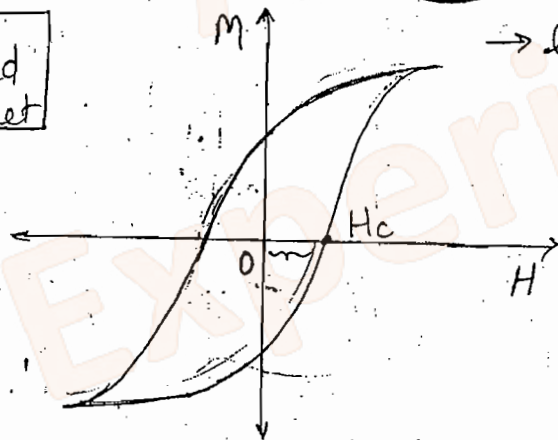
$V_{CM}$  → Vibrating

Not much sensitive.



for Hard Magnet

sample →



Area of Hysteresis loop = Hysteresis loss.

If we want frequent magnetisation or demagnetisation, Hysteresis loss should be small → Small area magnet will be preferred as in sample (i)

for permanent magnetisation, hysteresis area should be large as in sample (ii)

$H_c$  → Coercivity

It will decide the magnet is hard or soft.

- Hard magnet & or paramagnet are characterise by high coercive field or by high Remanent magnetisation  
e.g. steel
- Soft magnets are used in the applications where we need frequent magnetisation & demagnetisation like in Transform cores. Soft magnets are characterise by low coercive field, high Remanent magnetisation & high permeability.  
Ex - soft Iron & ferrites

$H_c \downarrow \rightarrow$  easy will be demag/magnet

### Suceptability of ferromagnetic material

$$\chi = \frac{C}{(T - T_c)} \quad \text{Curie-Weiss law}$$

for  $T > T_c$

$T_c \rightarrow$  ferromagnetic Curie temp.

for  $T < T_c$ ,  $\chi = \text{Complex}$

Any ferromag. material converts into paramagnetic material at  $T = T_c$

$$\frac{1}{\chi} = \frac{T - T_c}{C}$$

$$\frac{1}{\chi} = \frac{T}{C} - \frac{T_c}{C}$$

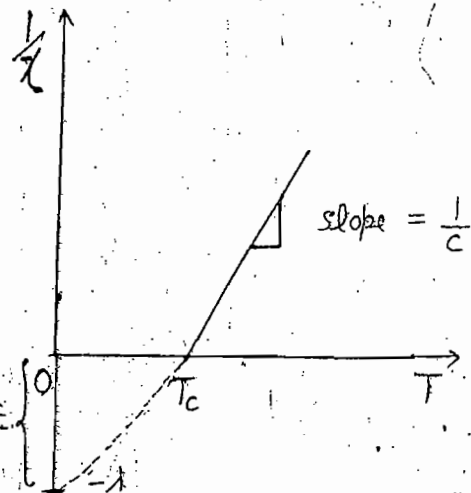
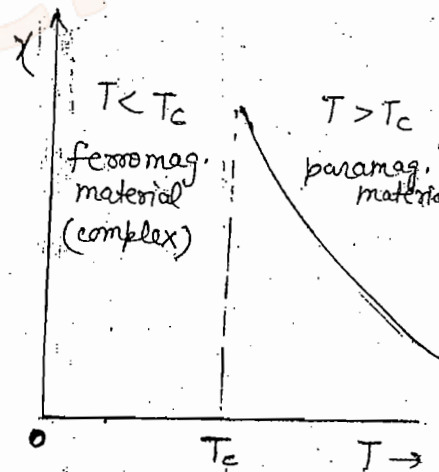
$C \rightarrow$  Curie const.

$$T_c = C\lambda \quad \text{in C.G.S. unit}$$

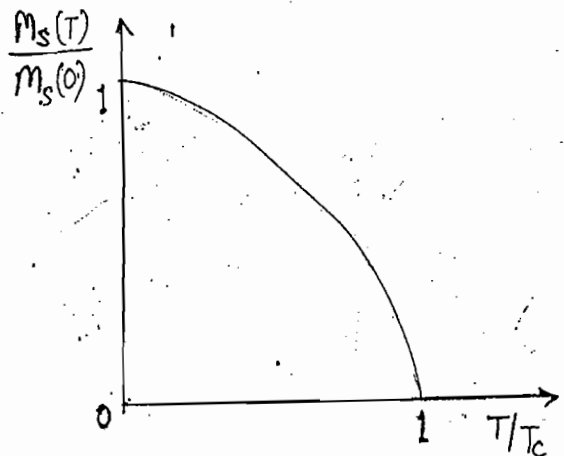
$T_c \rightarrow$  Curie temp.

$\lambda \rightarrow$  Weiss const.

$$\text{So } -\frac{T_c}{C} = -\lambda$$



# Temperature dependence of Spontaneous Magnetisation



$$\frac{\Delta M_s}{\Delta M_s(0)} = \frac{M_s(0) - M_s(T)}{M_s(0)}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\Delta M_s}{\Delta M_s(0)} = A T^{3/2}} \Rightarrow \text{Bloch-} T^{3/2} \text{ law}$$

As  $T \uparrow$ ,  $M_s(T) \downarrow$   
 $\therefore \frac{\Delta M_s}{\Delta M_s(0)} \uparrow$



As  $T \rightarrow T_c$  (from below) then

$$M \propto (T_c - T)^{\beta}$$

$$\boxed{\beta = \frac{1}{2}}$$

near critical or Curie temp.  $T_c$ ,  
 Saturation magnetisation or spontaneous magnetisation shows  
 the behaviour  $M \propto (T_c - T)^{1/2}$

As  $T \rightarrow T_c$  (from above) then

$$\chi \propto (T - T_c)^{\gamma}$$

$$\boxed{\gamma = -1}$$

$$\chi \propto (T - T_c)^{-1}$$

At  $T = T_c$  there is a discontinuity i.e. susceptibility suffers a discontinuity.

## Magnon :-

It is a energy quanta of spin wave.

Magnon is a boson.

Magnon dispersion relation  $\omega$  v/s  $k$  is determined by the neutron diffraction.

https://alllabexperiments.com

Magnon in ferromagnetic solid, follows  $\omega \propto k^2$  relationship

Not linear,  $\downarrow$  parabolic with  $k$

→ Specific heat for a boson following quadratic relationship then in 3-D  $C_v \propto T^{3/2}$

→ If boson follow linear relationship then  $C_v \propto T^3$

Magnon in ferromag,  $C_v \propto T^{3/2}$

" " Antiferromag,  $C_v \propto T^3$

Magnon follow quadratic rel<sup>n</sup> inside the solid in ferromag

Density of States,  $D(E) \propto E^{1/2}$

Magnetisation,  $M \propto T^{3/2}$

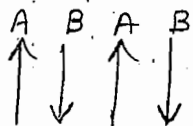


### ANTI-FERROMAGNETISM:-

Anti-ferromagnetism is characterised by antiparallel spins on neighbouring sites. Hence No spontaneous magnetisation.

Spin mag. moment at side A & at side B are equal

$$m_A = m_B$$



So they cancel each other. So No net magnetisation in the absence of magnetic field.

Here energy is minimized due to antiparallel spins.

Suceptability of Antiferromag. material is given by

$$\chi = \frac{2c}{T + T_N}$$

$$T > T_N$$

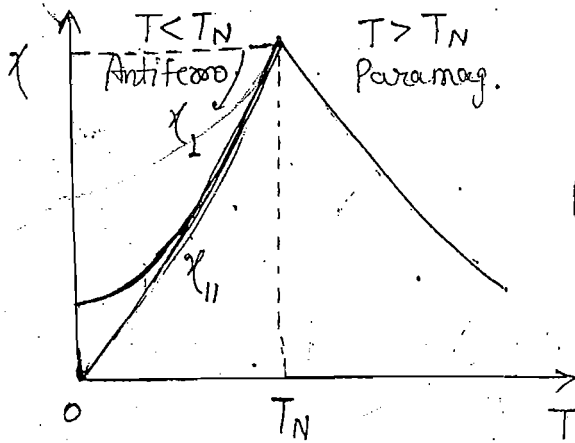
where  $T_N \rightarrow$  Neel temperature

for  $T < T_N \rightarrow$  behaviour is Antiferromagnetic

$T > T_N \rightarrow$  " " paramagnetic

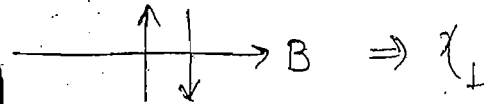


At  $T = T_N$ , behaviour of  $\chi$  changes. So  $T_N$  is reference temp.



$\chi$  has two comp.  $\rightarrow \chi_{\perp}$  &  $\chi_{\parallel}$

B is applied  $\perp$  to the spin



B is applied  $\parallel$  to the spin.



- $\chi_{\perp}$  is the susceptibility if mag. field is applied  $\perp$  to the axis of the spin.
- $\chi_{\parallel}$ , if mag. field is applied  $\parallel$  to the axis of the spin.
- $\chi_{\parallel}$  is independent on temp.
- $\chi_{\perp}$  increases linearly with the temp.

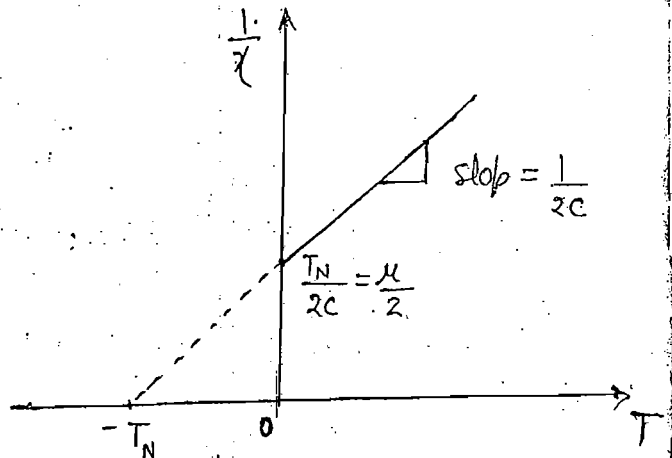
$$T_N = \mu C$$

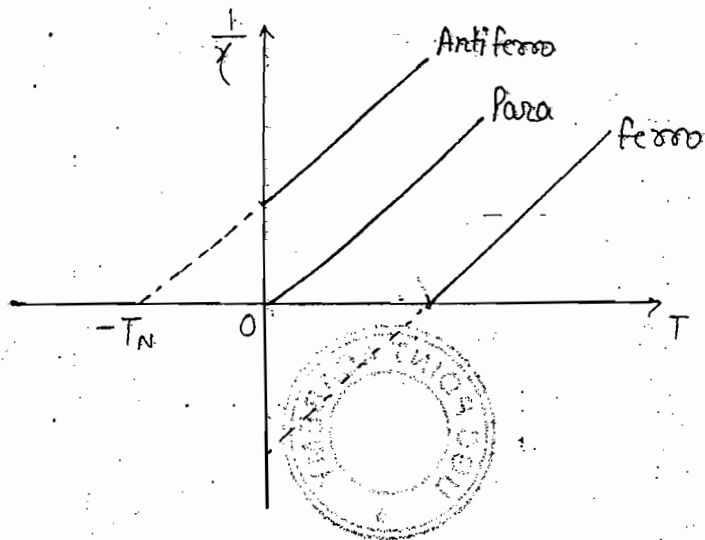
$$\{T_c = C\}$$

where,  $C \rightarrow$  Curie Constant  
 $\mu \rightarrow$  Mean field constant

- In antiferromag. material, at very-very low temp. (& at very high mag. field) there exist a very thin Hysteresis loop.

At very low temp., if mag. field is applied & ~~just~~ removed then spin will not remain same, that's why magnetisation is non-zero in the absence of mag. field.

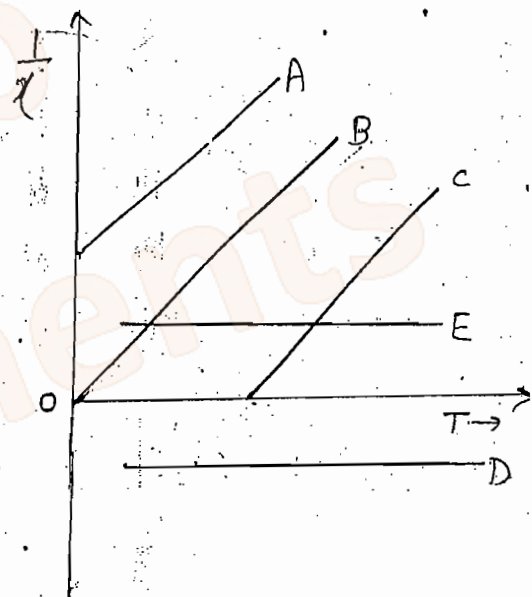




- A → Antiferro
- B → Para
- C → ferro
- D → Dia
- E → Poly para



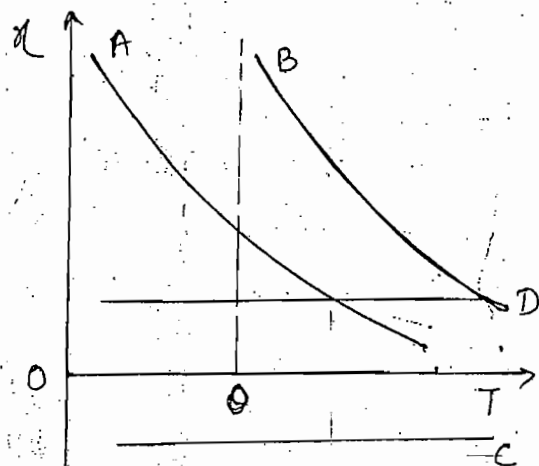
If  $\chi \rightarrow -ve$  then  $1/\chi \rightarrow$  large  $-ve$   
 If  $\chi \rightarrow +ve$  then  $1/\chi \rightarrow$  large  $+ve$



- A → Para
- B → ferro (diverge  $\theta = \theta_c$ )
- C → Dia
- D → Pauli

{ In Antiferro → Not diverge }  
 $\theta = \theta_N$

Examples:  $MnO$ ,  $NiO$ ,  $MnS$  etc.



# Magnon Dispersion Relationship for Antiferromagnetic material:-

is linear

$$\omega \propto k \quad \text{for magnon}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D(E) &\propto E^2 \\ C_V &\propto T^3 \\ M &\propto T^3 \end{aligned}$$

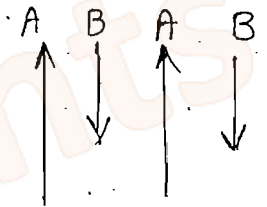


## FERRI-MAGNETISM :-

ferrimagnetism is similar to antiferromagnetism except that the magnetic moment of 2 neighbouring spins are not equal. Hence spontaneous magnetisation is observed for ferrimagnetism.

$$M_s \neq 0$$

Spins can not cancel each other.



Magnetisation at both sides A & B follows the Curie law.

Example:-  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4 \Rightarrow$  ferrites

## PHASE TRANSITION :-

### First Order Phase Transition :-

If 1st order derivative of free energy changes discontinuously at the transition point. This is called First Order phase transition.

for Example :-  $U \rightarrow$  Internal Energy

$G \rightarrow$  Gibbs free energy

$H \rightarrow$  Enthalpy

$F \rightarrow$  Helmholtz free energy

First - Order derivatives of Energy are defined as,

(i) Entropy  $S = -\left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial T}\right)_P$

(ii) Volume  $V = \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial P}\right)_T$

(iii) Magnetisation  $M = \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial B}\right)$

Second-Order Phase Transition :- In 2nd order phase trans. second order derivative of free energy changes discontinuously at the transition point.

(i) Susceptibility  $\chi = \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial H}\right)$

$\frac{\partial M}{\partial H} \rightarrow$  2nd order derivative &  $M$  is continuous i.e. 1st order derivative is continuous

(ii) Specific heat  $C_V = T\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T}\right)$

(iii) Isothermal Compressibility  $= \frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial P}\right)$



Examples of 2nd Order Phase Transition -

(i) paramagnetic to ferromagnetic or ferro  $\leftrightarrow$  Para  
at  $T = T_c$   $T_c \rightarrow$  Curie temp.

(ii) Normal state  $\leftrightarrow$  Superconducting state  
at  $T = T_c$   $T_c \rightarrow$  Critical temp.

(iii) liquid He-I  $\leftrightarrow$  liquid He-II

• In 2nd order Phase Transition, No requirement of latent heat at the transition point.

¶ 100°C water is converting into 100°C vapour

$\Rightarrow$  1st order phase transition

Water & vapour both have same energy but energy is large for vapour this comes from latent heat.



S & M changes continuously.

$\chi$  &  $C_v$  " dis "

• Antiferro. to para  $\Rightarrow$  I order phase Transition.

Ques: No. of Maxima or Minima for a ferromagnet

Energy of a ferromagnet as a fun<sup>n</sup> of magnetisation is given by  $F(M) = F_0 + 2(T - T_c)M^2 + M^4$   $F_0 > 0$

No. of Minima in the fun<sup>n</sup> for  $T > T_c$

(a) 0      ✓ (b) 1      (c) 3      (d) 4

for Maxima or Minima,  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial M} = 0$

& for Minima,  $\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial M^2} = +ve$  i.e.  $\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial M^2} > 0$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial M} = 4(T - T_c)M + 4M^3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4M(T - T_c) = 4M^3$$

$$\Rightarrow M[M^2 + (T - T_c)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{M = 0} \quad \text{OR} \quad M^2 + (T - T_c) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{M = \pm (T_c - T)^{1/2}}$$



$$\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial M^2} = 4(T - T_c) + 12M^2$$

$$\text{For } M = 0, \quad \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial M^2} = 4(T - T_c)$$

Here  $T > T_c$  so  $4(T - T_c) \cong +ve$

So we'll get Minima for  $M = 0$

$$\text{for } M = \pm (T_c - T)^{1/2}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial M^2} = 4(T - T_c) + 12(T_c - T) \\ = 8T_c - 8T = -ve$$

So No. of Minima = 1 (for  $M = 0$ )

Q. Free Energy of a ferromagnet,

$$F(M, T) = (T - T_c)M^2 + bM^4 + cM^6$$

Find dependency of  $M$  on temp. near  $T_c$ , ( $T \approx T_c$ )

{ Behaviour of  $M$  near  $T_c$  is  $M \propto (T_c - T)^{1/2}$  }

for Minima or Maxima,  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial M} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2(T - T_c)M + 4bM^3 + 6cM^5 = 0$$

$$M [2(T - T_c) + 4bM^2 + 6cM^4] = 0$$

$$M = 0$$



$$2(T - T_c) + 6cM^4 + 4bM^2 + 2(T - T_c) = 0$$

$$M^2 = \frac{-4b \pm \sqrt{16b^2 - 48c(T - T_c)}}{12c}$$

$$M^2 = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 3c(T - T_c)}}{3c}$$

$$M^2 = \frac{-b}{3c} \left[ 1 \mp \left\{ 1 - \frac{3c}{b^2} (T - T_c) \right\}^{1/2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{-b}{3c} \left[ 1 \mp \left( 1 - \frac{3c}{2b^2} (T - T_c) \right) \right]$$

Taking + sign,  $M^2 = \frac{-b}{3c} \left[ 1 - 1 + \frac{3c}{2b^2} (T - T_c) \right]$

$$M^2 = \frac{1}{2b} (T_c - T)$$

$$M = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2b}} (T_c - T)^{1/2}$$

Taking - sign,  $M^2 = \frac{-b}{3c} \left[ 1 + 1 - \frac{3c}{2b^2} (T - T_c) \right]$

$$M^2 = \frac{-b}{3c} \left[ 2 - \frac{3c}{2b^2} (T - T_c) \right]$$

$$M = \pm \sqrt{\frac{b}{3c} \left[ \frac{3c}{2b^2} (T - T_c) - 2 \right]^{1/2}}$$

So there are 5 solutions;

Now check, for  $T > T_c$  } which sol gives the minima  
&  $T < T_c$  }



All Lab Experiments