Magnetism

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Optical Condensed Matter Physics

Last time

- Crystal fields
- d,f electrons
- angular momentum quenching
- p-d interactions, splitting of levels
- Spin peierls
- Jahn Teller
- Charge, orbital, spin ordering

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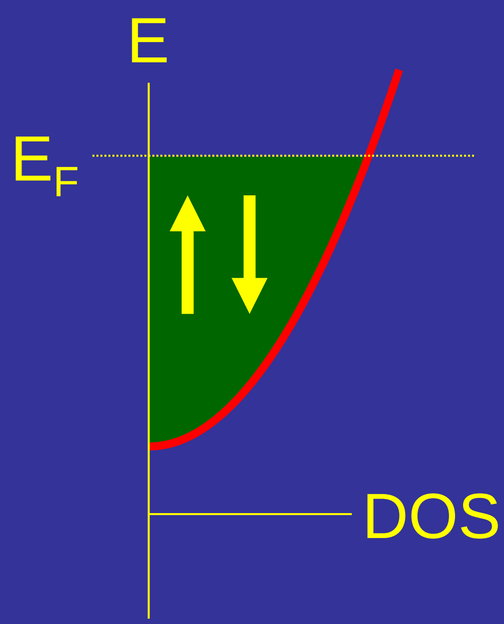
Magnetism in metals

Free electron gas

No field: $E = \frac{\eta^2 k^2}{2m^*}$ $E_F = \frac{\eta^2}{2m^*}\left(3\pi^2 n\right)^{2/3}$ $D(E) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2}\left(\frac{2m^*}{\eta^2}\right)^{3/2}\sqrt{E}$

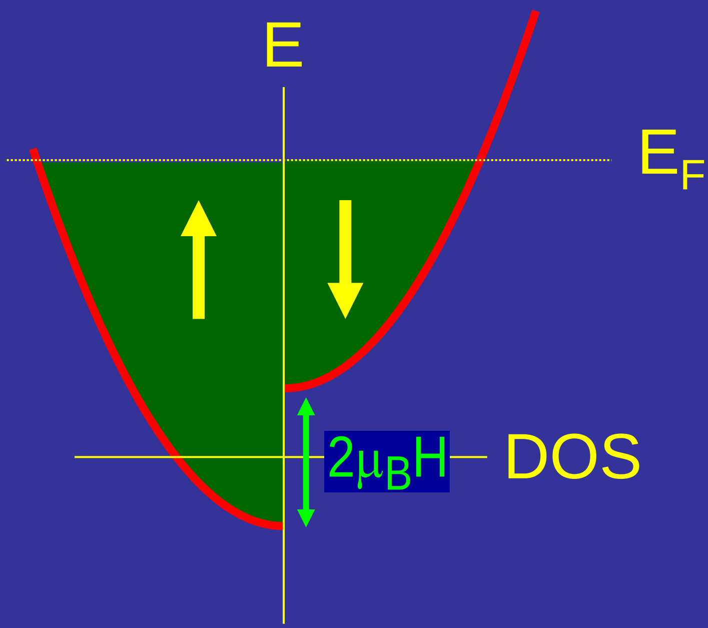


- Pauli paramagnetism, Landau diamagnetism
- Spontaneous spin polarization (Stoner)
- RKKY

$\eta = \hbar$

Pauli paramagnetism

$$H \neq 0: \quad E = \frac{\eta^2 k^2}{2m^*} \pm \frac{1}{2} g_o \mu_B H$$



$$N_\uparrow = \frac{1}{2}\int_{-\mu_B}^{E_F} D(E + \mu_B H)\, dE$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{2}\left(\int_0^{E_F} D(E)\, dE + \mu_B H \cdot D(E_F) \right)$$

$$N_\downarrow \approx \frac{1}{2}\left(\int_0^{E_F} D(E)\, dE - \mu_B H \cdot D(E_F) \right)$$

Pauli: $M = \mu_B (N_\uparrow - N_\downarrow)$

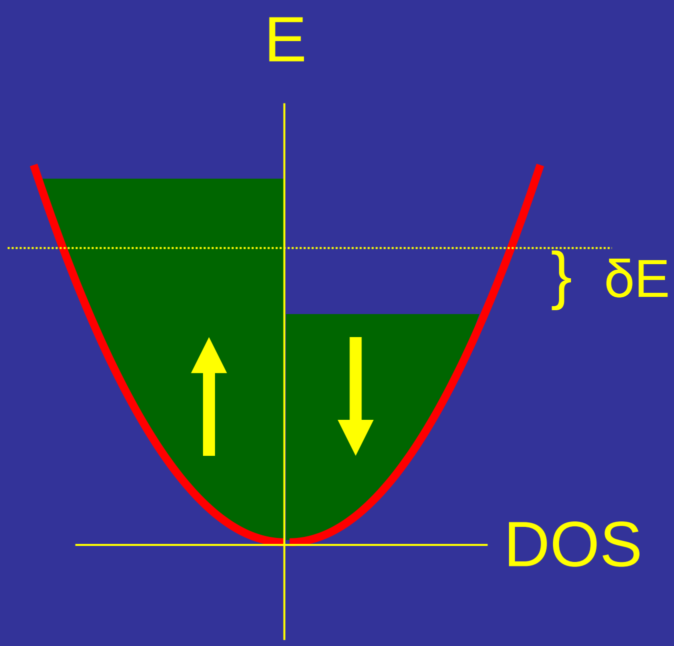
$$= \mu_B^2 D(E_F)\, H = \frac{3n\mu_B^2}{2kT_F} H$$

Landau (dia): $M = -\frac{n\mu_B^2}{2kT_F} H$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\chi_e = \frac{n\mu_B^2}{kT_F}}$$

Stoner magnetism

Spontaneous spin polarization



If $\left[1 - UD(E_F)\right] < 0$ then $\Delta E_{tot} < 0 \;\Rightarrow$ Magnetic ground state

Happens for strong Coulomb and high D.O.S.

If spin split then 'internal' field $H = \lambda M$

Cost in kinetic energy : $\Delta E_k = \left[\frac{1}{2} D(E_F)\cdot \delta E\right]\cdot \delta E$

Magnetizat ion :

$$n_\uparrow = \frac{1}{2}\left(n + D(E_F)\cdot \delta E\right); \qquad n_\downarrow = \frac{1}{2}\left(n - D(E_F)\cdot \delta E\right)$$

$$M = \mu_B(n_\uparrow - n_\downarrow) = \mu_B D(E_F)\cdot \delta E$$

Field energy

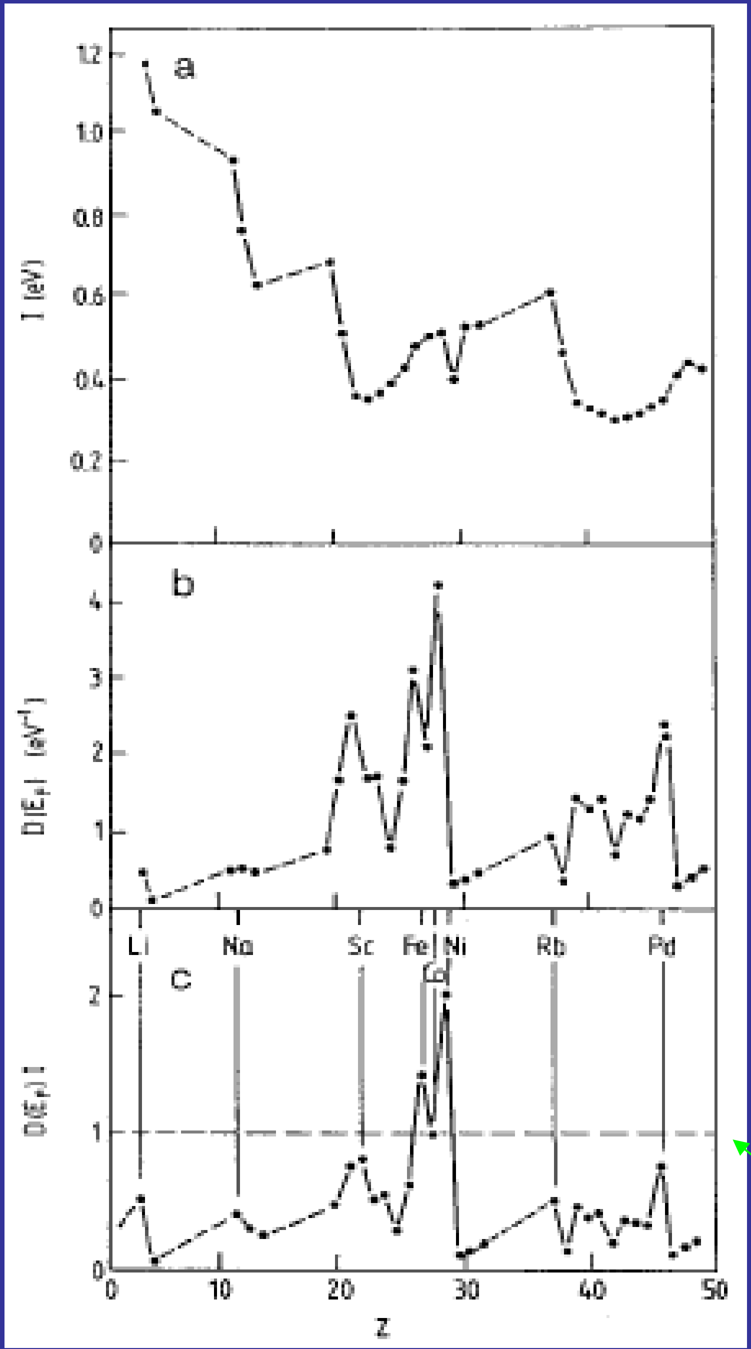
$$\Delta E_p = -\int_0^M B\,dM' = -\int_0^M \mu_0(\lambda M')\,dM' = -\frac{1}{2}\mu_0 \lambda M^2$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2}\mu_0 \mu_B^2 \lambda (n_\uparrow - n_\downarrow)^2 = -\frac{1}{2}U(n_\uparrow - n_\downarrow)^2 = -\frac{1}{2}U\left[D(E_F)\cdot \delta E\right]^2$$

Total energy $\Delta E_{tot} = \Delta E_k + \Delta E_p$

$$\Delta E_{tot} = \frac{1}{2} D(E_F)\cdot \delta E^2 \left[1 - UD(E_F)\right]$$

Stoner criterium



Exchange interaction

Density of States at E_F

Product

In agreement with
Fe, Ni, Co ferromagnets

Stoner criterium

Stoner magnetism

- If $UD(E_F)<1$ then still change in susceptibility

Total energy in external field $B: \Delta E_{tot} = \Delta E_k + \Delta E_p - MB$

$$M = \mu_B (n_\uparrow - n_\downarrow) = \mu_B D(E_F) \cdot \delta E$$

$$\Delta E_{tot} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{M^2}{\mu_B^2 D(E_F)} [1 - UD(E_F)] - M \cdot B$$

Minimization w.r.t. M leads to

$$M = \frac{\mu_B^2 D(E_F)}{[1 - UD(E_F)]} B$$

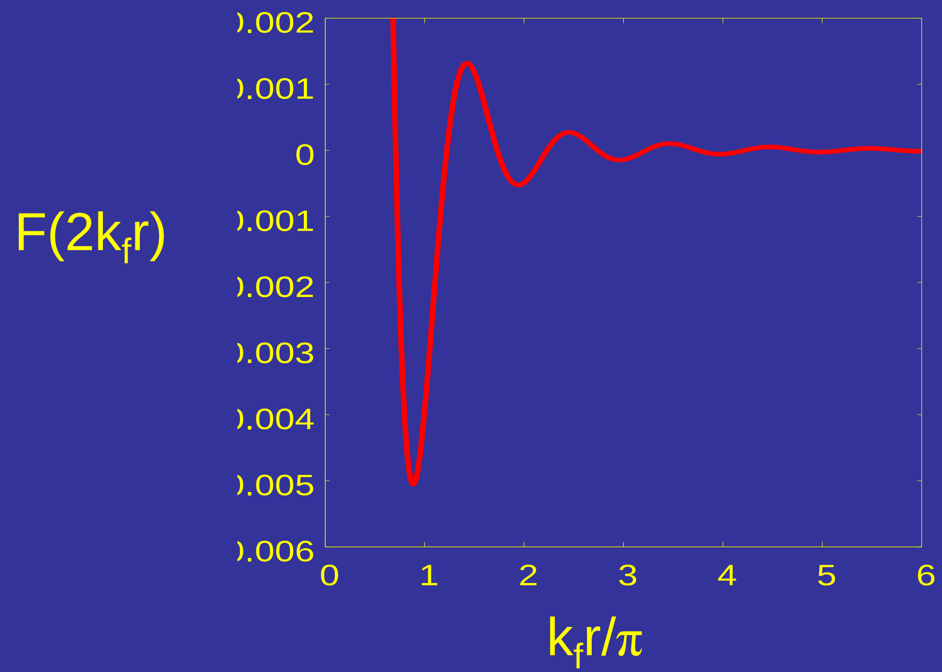
Susceptibility $\chi = M/H = M/(B/\mu_0)$

$$\chi = \frac{\mu_0 \mu_B^2 D(E_F)}{[1 - UD(E_F)]} = \frac{\chi_{Pauli}}{[1 - UD(E_F)]}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Enhanced susceptibility

Spatially varying fields

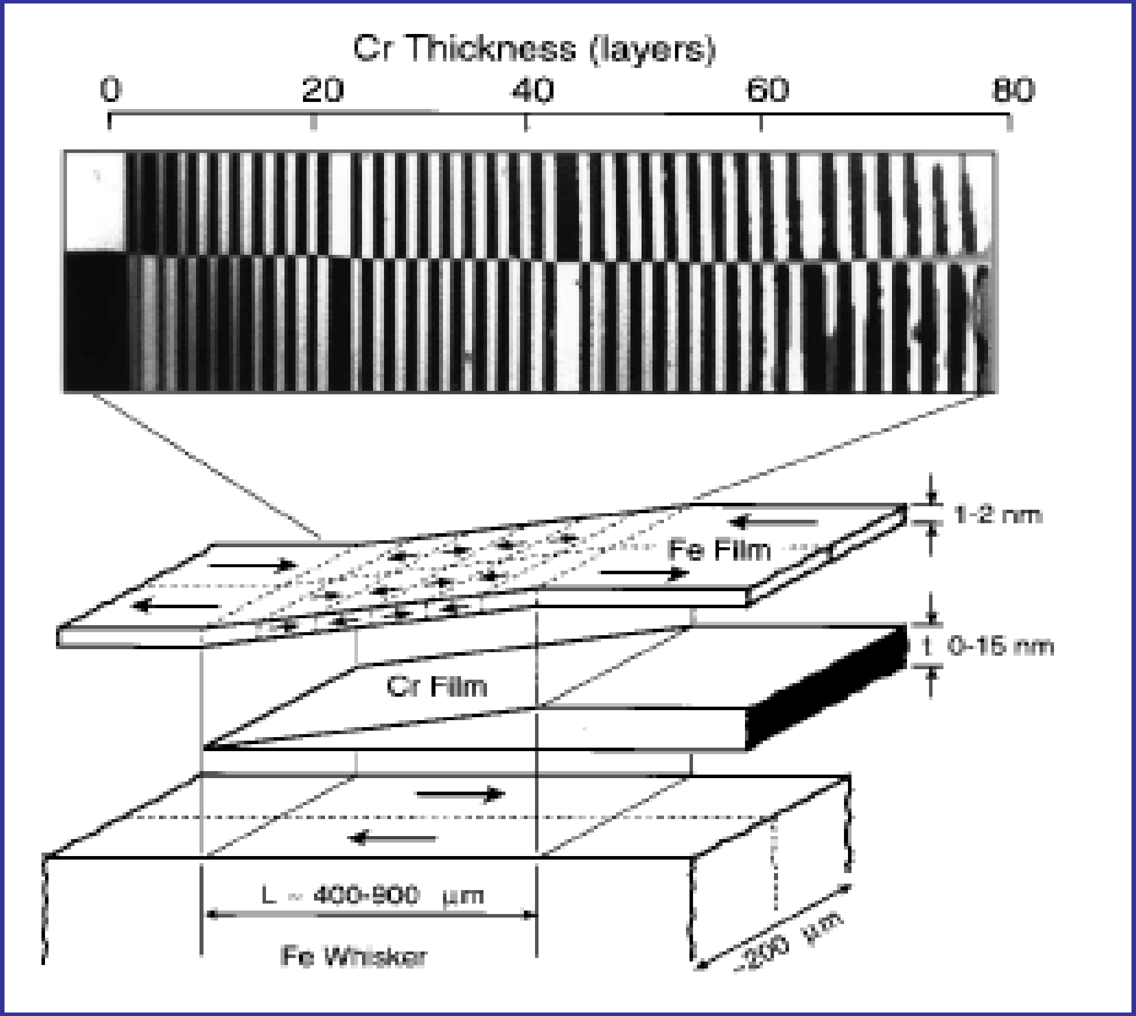
- RKKY interaction *(Ruderman-Kittel-Kasuya-Yosida)* (par. 7.7)

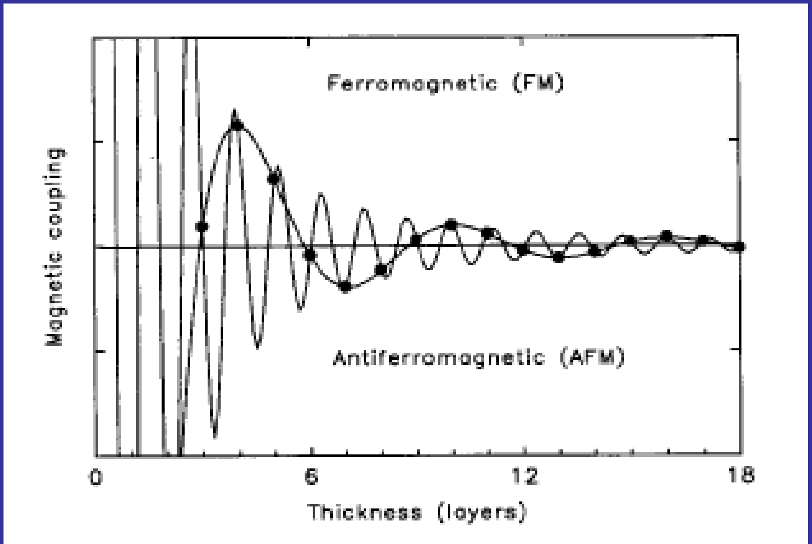


$$H(r) = H\ \delta(r)$$

$$\chi(r) = \frac{2}{\pi} k_f^3 \chi_{pauli} F(2k_f r) \overset{x>>1}{=} -\frac{2}{\pi} k_f^3 \chi_{pauli} \frac{\cos(2k_f r)}{(2k_f r)^3}$$

RKKY interaction





RKKY interaction

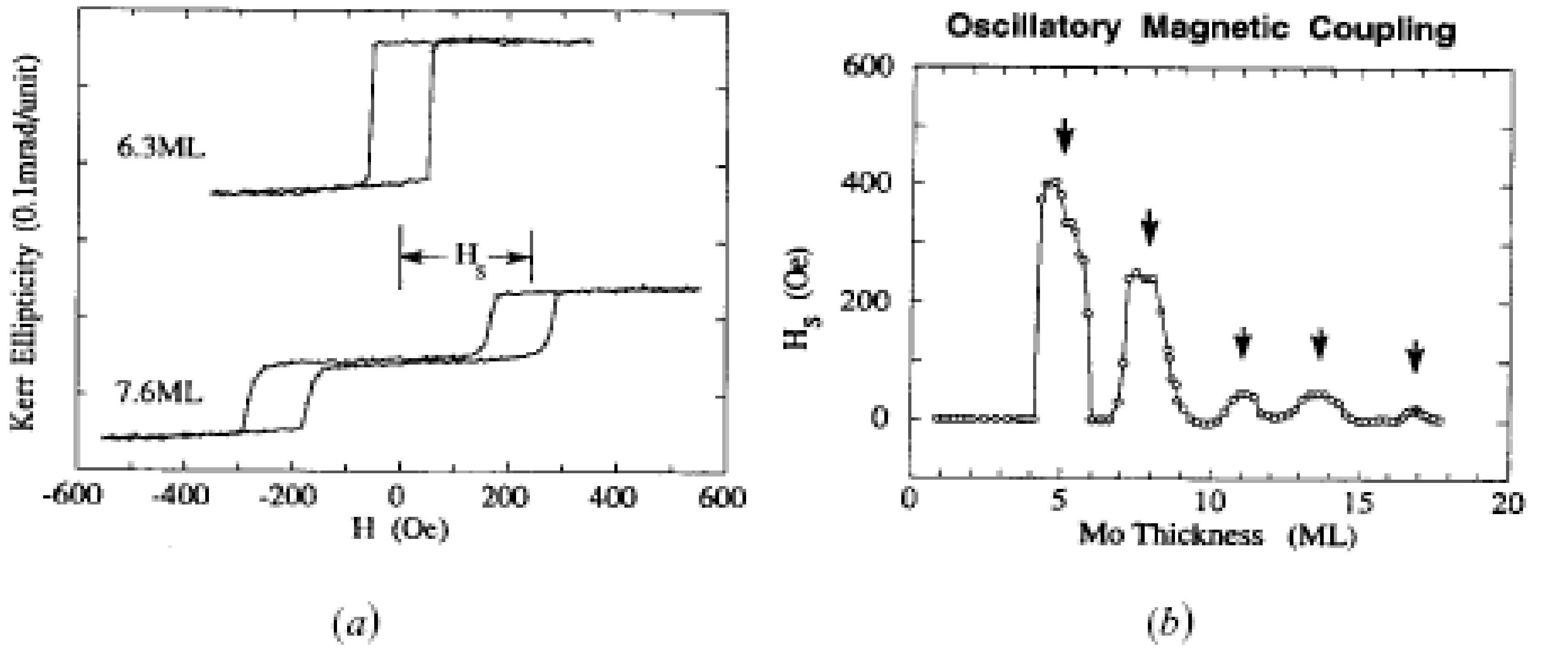


Figure 38. Magnetic oscillations at Fe/Mo/Fe(100) trilayers determined by the SMOKE (Qiu *et al.* 1992b). (*a*) Hysteresis loops characteristic of parallel and antiparallel coupling (top and bottom). H_s is the magnetic field required to force antiparallel layers parallel. Adding just slightly more than a monolayer to the Mo spacer reverses the magnetic orientation. (*b*) Alternating antiparallel and parallel coupling (arrows and baseline respectively).

Ch. 5 Ordered magnetism

- Ferromagnets
- Antiferromagnets
- Ferrimagnets
- Helical order

- Weiss model (Mean field, ferromagnetic, L=0)

$$H = -\Sigma_{ij} J_{ij} S_i \cdot S_j + g\mu_B \Sigma_i S_i \cdot H$$

Mean field model

- Each spin feels the field of all other

Field of other spins: $H_{mf} = \lambda M$

$$E_i \overset{m.f.}{=} -2\Sigma_j J_{ij}\, S_i \cdot \langle S_j \rangle \overset{n.n.}{=} -2Jz\langle S \rangle \cdot S_i == m_i H_{mf} = -g\mu_B S_i \cdot H_{mf}$$

$$\left.\begin{aligned} H_{mf} &= \frac{2Jz}{g\mu_B}\langle S \rangle == \lambda M \\ \langle S \rangle &= \frac{M}{n g\mu_B} \end{aligned}\right\} \lambda = \frac{2Jz}{(g\mu_B)^2\, n}$$

Above ordering temperature

$$C = \frac{n\left(p\mu_B\right)^2}{3k}$$

$$p = g_J\sqrt{J\left(J+1\right)}$$

Paramagnetic ➔ $M = \chi_{curie} H_{total} = \frac{C}{T} H_{total}$

$\text{Field of other spins}: H_{mf} = \lambda M$

$\text{Total field on a spin}: H_{total} = H_{ext} + H_{mf}$

$\text{Magnetization}: M = \chi_{curie} H_{total} = \frac{C}{T}\left(H_{ext} + H_{mf}\right) = \frac{C}{T}\left(H_{ext} + \lambda M\right)$

$$\frac{M}{H_{ext}} \equiv \chi = \frac{C/T}{1-\lambda\frac{C}{T}} = \frac{C}{T-\lambda C} = \frac{C}{T-T_C}$$

T_C : Curie - Weiss temperature

$$\left.\begin{aligned} T_C &= \lambda C \\ C &= \frac{n\left(p\mu_B\right)^2}{3k} \\ \lambda &= \frac{2Jz}{\left(g\mu_B\right)^2 n} \end{aligned}\right\} \quad T_c = \frac{Jzp^2}{6k} \qquad J = \frac{6}{zp^2} kT_c$$

Below T_C: Sponteneous order

Spontaneous order ➔ $H_{ext} = 0; \quad M \neq 0; \quad H_{mf} = \lambda M$

$$\text{Field of other spins}: H_{mf} = \lambda M$$

$$\text{Total field on a spin}: H_{total} = H_{mf}$$

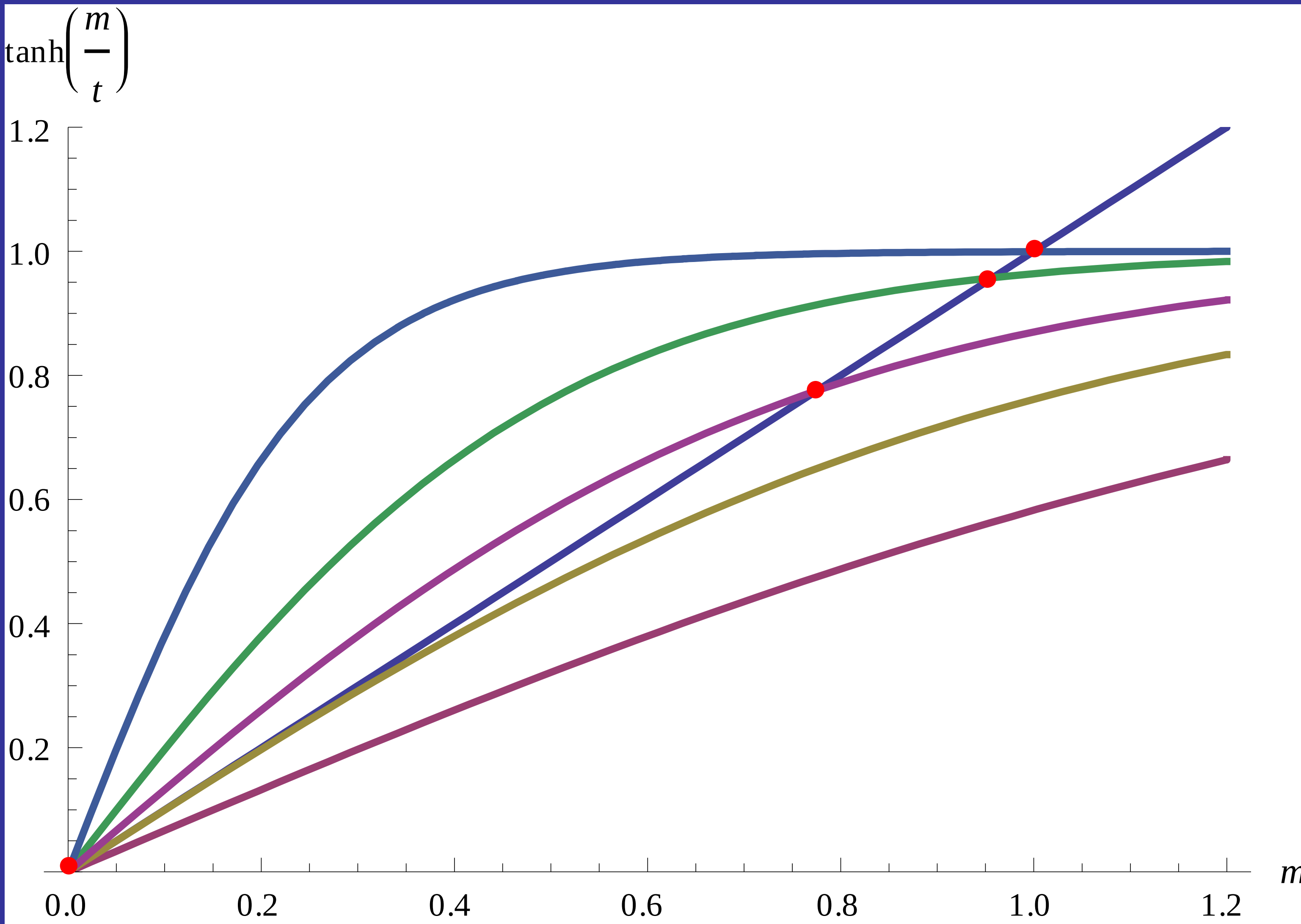
$$\text{Magnetization}: M = n g_J \mu_B J B_J(x) \text{ with } x = \frac{g_J \mu_B J H_{mf}}{kT} = \frac{g_J \mu_B J \lambda M}{kT}$$

$$\text{For g} = 2; \text{J} = 1/2: \quad M = n\mu_B \tanh\left(\frac{\mu_B \lambda M}{kT}\right)$$

$$\text{or } m = \tanh(m/t)$$

$$\text{with } m = \frac{M}{n\mu_B} \text{ and } t = \frac{kT}{\lambda n {\mu_B}^2}$$

Below T_C: Sponteneous order



t
0.25
0.5
0.75
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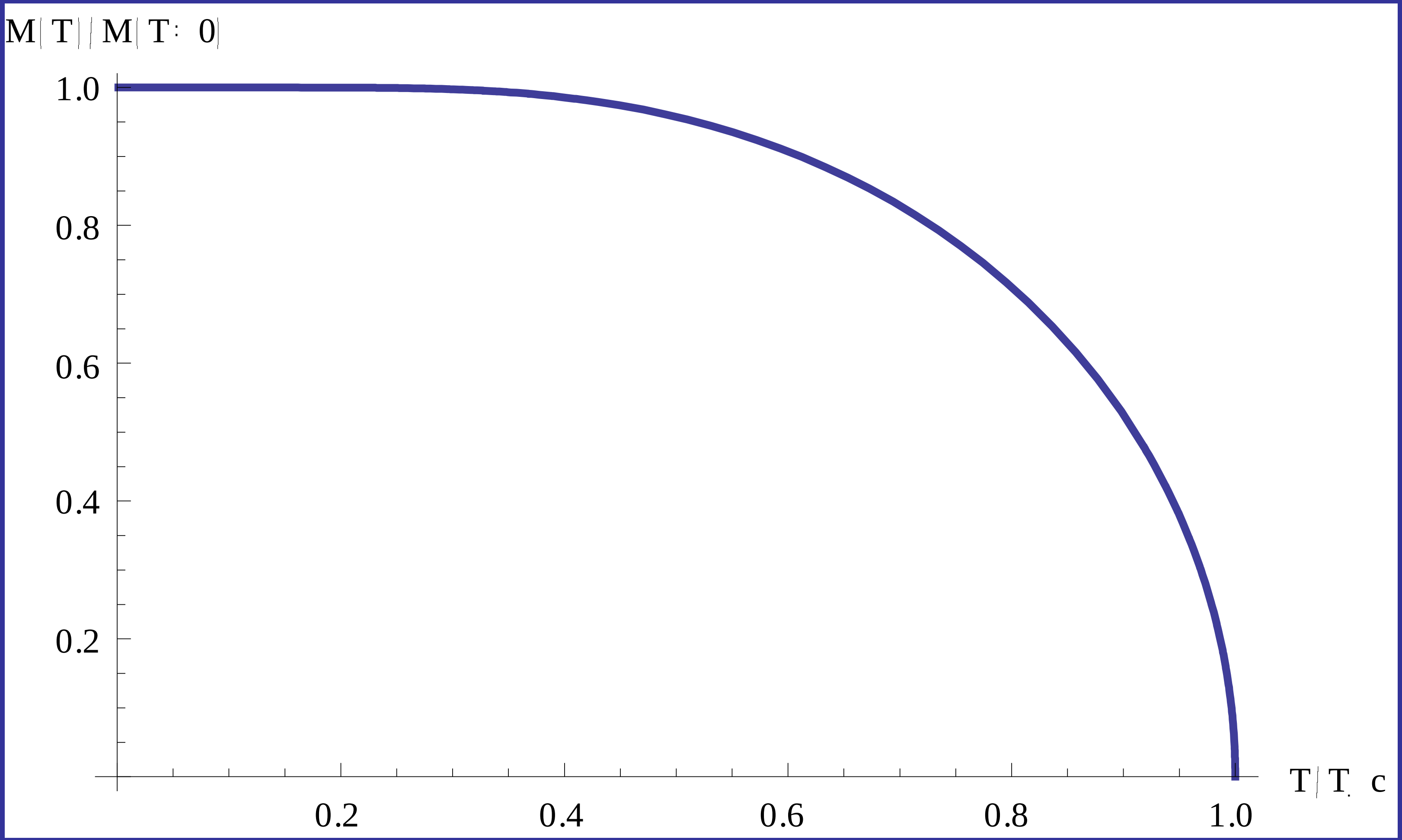
1.5

Below T_C: Sponteneous order



Numerically solved m=tanh(m/t)

Ferromagnets

	z	n [10^{22} cm^{-3}]	g	p	C [K]	T_c [K]	J [meV]	λ
Fe	8	8.5	2	5.4	0.51	1043	2.3	2045
Co	12	9	2	4.8	0.43	1388	2.3	3228
Ni	12	9.1	2	3.2	0.19	627	0.6	3300
Gd	12	3	2	8.0	0.40	293	0.2	733

	M(0) [gauss]	M(0)/Nμ_B	H_{mf} [10^6 gauss]
Fe	1740	2.22	3.6
Co	1446	1.72	4.7
Ni	510	0.606	1.7
Gd	2060	7.63	1.5

- 3.1; 3.5 ; 3.11
- Which 3d ions can be Jahn Teller active, what are the corresponding d-electron occupations ?
- The lowest 3d levels in an octahedral field are the t_{2g} triplet (states like d_{xy}). Can you predict the energy splitting in a tetrahedral environment
- 4.4; 4.5; 5.1; 6.13