

**題目 : Quantum fluctuations on triangular lattices of Ising spins**

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The effects of introducing quantum fluctuations into spin system with finite entropy in the zero temperature limit are explored using neutron scattering experiments in the single layer and the bi-layer triangular lattice antiferromagnets  $\text{K}_2\text{Co}(\text{SeO}_3)_2$  and  $\text{K}_2\text{Co}_2(\text{SeO}_3)_3$ . The magnetism of both these is based on effective spin-1/2  $3d^7 \text{Co}^{2+}$  ions with easy-axis antiferromagnetic super-exchange interactions mediated by the selenite polyanion  $[\text{SeO}_3]^{2-}$ .

By probing the distinct static and dynamic spin correlations in  $\text{K}_2\text{Co}(\text{SeO}_3)_2$  versus field and temperature we provide evidence for two super-solid phases of bosons with repulsive nearest neighbour interactions on the triangular lattice. There is a field driven transition to a collinear 1/3 magnetization plateau phase wherein the magnetic excitations take the form of coherent spin waves from which we determine the Hamiltonian. A second super-solid phase is found through pulsed field magnetization measurements near the upper critical field.

The bi-layer system  $\text{K}_2\text{Co}_2(\text{SeO}_3)_3$  has five magnetization plateau phases. In zero field we find a near equidistant spectrum of non-dispersive modes from which we obtain the dominant exchange interactions. Quasi-long-range  $\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}$  order develops at low temperatures though with a gapless excitation spectrum indicative of rotational symmetry breaking. We associate the abrupt decoupling of the Co nuclear spin system from the electronic spin system in the 1/3 magnetization plateau phase with the opening of a gap in the magnetic excitation spectrum, which is also apparent from inelastic neutron scattering.

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