

Magnon-Phonon Interactions: elastic constants & ultrasonic attenuation rate in Cs_2CuCl_4

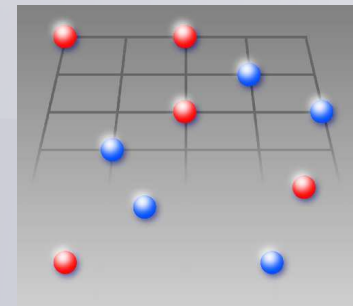
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Cs₂CuCl₄ as frustrated antiferromagnet

- model Hamiltonian from high field measurement

$$\hat{H}_{\text{spin}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} [J_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + \mathbf{D}_{ij} \cdot (\mathbf{S}_i \times \mathbf{S}_j)] - \sum_i \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{S}_i,$$

spatially anisotropic exchange
Dzyaloshinsky-Moriya anisotropy

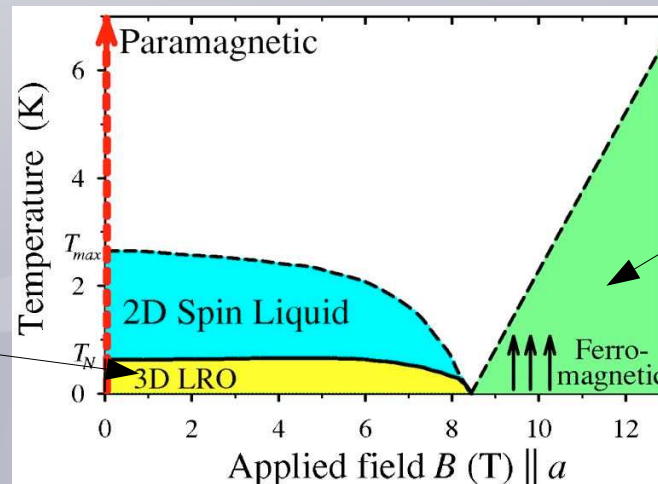
$$J_{ij} = J(\mathbf{R}_i - \mathbf{R}_j) = \begin{cases} J & \text{if } \mathbf{R}_i - \mathbf{R}_j = \pm(\delta_1 + \delta_2) \\ J' & \text{if } \mathbf{R}_i - \mathbf{R}_j = \pm\delta_1 \text{ or } \pm\delta_2 \end{cases}$$

magnetic field (perpendicular to plane)

$$\mathbf{D}_{ij} = \pm D \mathbf{e}_z$$

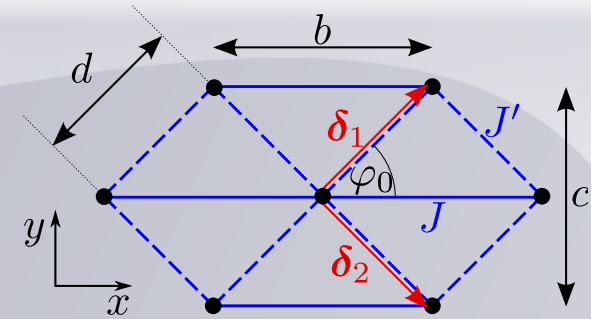
- phase diagram

ordered phase at $T < 0.6$ K
magnons as excitations



$J=0.37$ meV
 $J'=0.13$ meV
 $D=0.02$ meV

Coldea et al. '03



Spin-wave approach

- classical spins: energy

$$E_0^{\text{cl}} = N \frac{S^2}{2} [s_{\vartheta}^2 J_{\mathbf{k}=0} + c_{\vartheta}^2 J_Q^D] - N S h s_{\vartheta}$$

- classical ground state: spiral minimization with respect to ϑ and Q

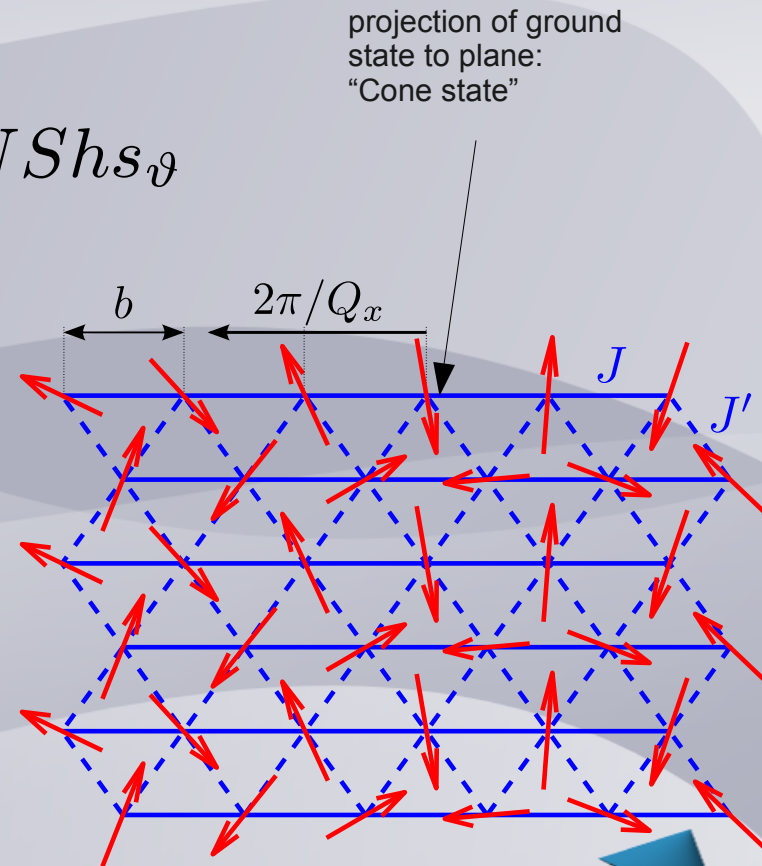
$$N S c_{\vartheta} [S s_{\vartheta} (J_0^D - J_Q^D) - h] = 0$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} (J_{\mathbf{k}} - i D_{\mathbf{k}})_{\mathbf{k}=Q} = 0$$

$$s_{\vartheta} = \sin \vartheta = h/h_c \quad c_{\vartheta} = \cos \vartheta$$

$$J_{\mathbf{k}} = 2J \cos(k_x b) + 4J' \cos(k_x b/2) \cos(k_y c/2)$$

$$D_{\mathbf{k}} = -4iD \sin(k_x b/2) \cos(k_y c/2)$$



$$J_{\mathbf{k}}^D = J_{\mathbf{k}} - i D_{\mathbf{k}}$$

Spin-wave approach

- linear spin-wave theory

$$H^{2\text{mag}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} E_{\mathbf{k}} \beta_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \beta_{\mathbf{k}}$$

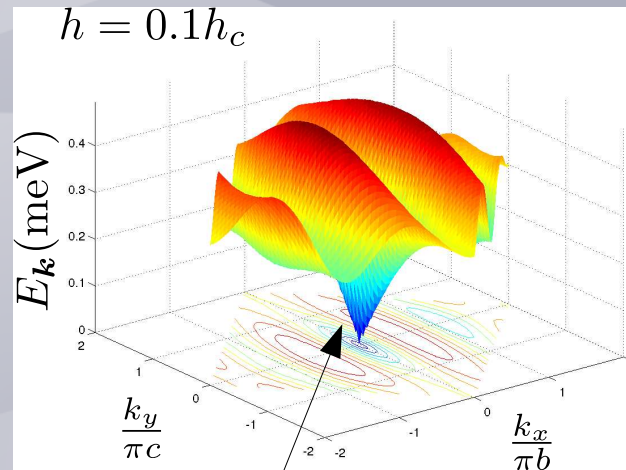
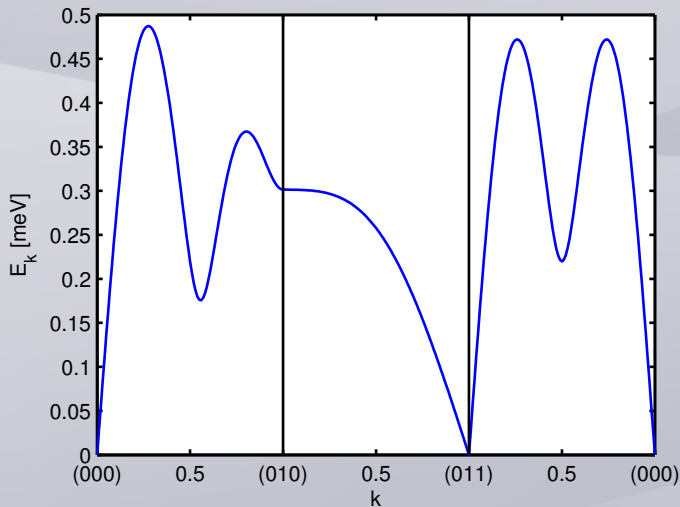
$$E_{\mathbf{k}} = \sqrt{(A_{\mathbf{k}}^+)^2 - B_{\mathbf{k}}^2} + A_{\mathbf{k}}^- \neq E_{-\mathbf{k}}$$

symmetric with respect to \mathbf{k}

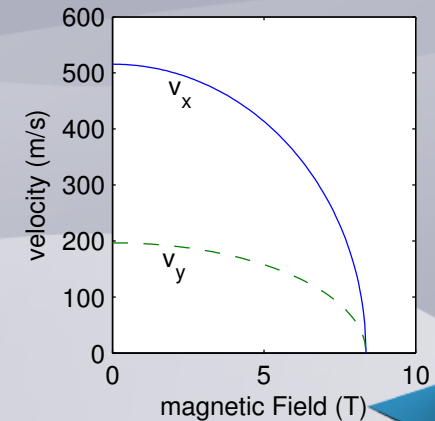
antisymmetric, but $\propto k^3$
(Dzyaloshinsky-Moria anisotropy)

$$E_{\mathbf{k}} = \sqrt{v_x^2 k_x^2 + v_y^2 k_y^2} + \mathcal{O}(k^3)$$

$$\approx v(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) |\mathbf{k}|$$



Goldstone mode: U(1) symmetry



spin wave velocity

$$h = 0$$

Veillette *et al.* '05

$$0 < h < h_c$$

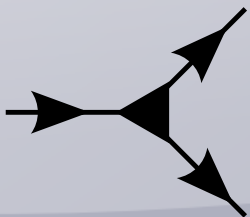
Spin-wave approach

- magnon-magnon interactions here: in non-diagonal basis

$$\hat{H}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1 \mathbf{k}_2 \mathbf{k}_3} \delta_{\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3, 0} \left[\frac{1}{2!} \Gamma_3^{b^\dagger b^\dagger b}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2; \mathbf{k}_3) b_{-\mathbf{k}_1}^\dagger b_{-\mathbf{k}_2}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}_3} \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2!} \Gamma_3^{b^\dagger b b}(\mathbf{k}_1; \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) b_{-\mathbf{k}_1}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}_2} b_{\mathbf{k}_3} \right]$$

$$\Gamma_3^{b^\dagger b^\dagger b}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2; \mathbf{k}_3) = -c_\vartheta s_\vartheta \frac{\sqrt{2S} h_c}{i S} + \mathcal{O}(k^2)$$

constant term for finite magnetic field
(strong interactions at long wavelengths)



$$s_\vartheta = \sin \vartheta = h/h_c \quad c_\vartheta = \cos \vartheta$$



Spin-wave approach

- Hermitian parametrization

$$b_{\mathbf{k}} = \sqrt{\frac{\Delta_{\mathbf{k}}}{2}} \hat{\Phi}_{\mathbf{k}} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2\Delta_{\mathbf{k}}}} \hat{\Pi}_{\mathbf{k}} \quad \left[\hat{\Phi}_{\mathbf{k}}, \hat{\Pi}_{\mathbf{k}'} \right] = i\delta_{\mathbf{k}, -\mathbf{k}'}$$

$$\Delta_{\mathbf{k}} = A_{\mathbf{k}}^+ - B_{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\hat{H}_{2\text{mag}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left\{ \hat{\Pi}_{-\mathbf{k}} \hat{\Pi}_{\mathbf{k}} + \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^2 \hat{\Phi}_{-\mathbf{k}} \hat{\Phi}_{\mathbf{k}} \right.$$

$$\left. + iA_{\mathbf{k}}^- (\hat{\Phi}_{-\mathbf{k}} \hat{\Pi}_{\mathbf{k}} + \hat{\Phi}_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{\Pi}_{-\mathbf{k}}) - A_{\mathbf{k}}^+ \right\}$$

Hasselmann *et al.* '06
Kreisel *et al.* '08

- sort longitudinal and transversal fluctuations

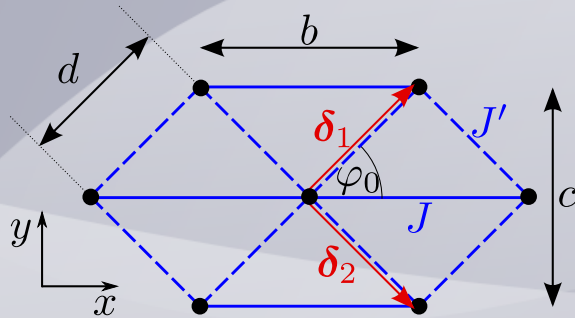


Extension of model

- include lattice vibrations

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} [J_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + \mathbf{D}_{ij} \cdot (\mathbf{S}_i \times \mathbf{S}_j)] - \sum_i \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{S}_i$$

← exchange
← DM anisotropy



$$+ \sum_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} \left[\frac{P_{-\mathbf{k}\lambda} P_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}}{2M} + \frac{M}{2} \omega_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^2 X_{-\mathbf{k}\lambda} X_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} \right]$$

$$\omega_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} = c_\lambda(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) |\mathbf{k}|$$

← phonon dispersion (acoustic)

Coldea et al. '02
Veillette et al. '05

- spin phonon coupling via expansion of exchange integrals

$$J_{ij} = J(\mathbf{R}_{ij}) + (\mathbf{X}_{ij} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{R}}) J(\mathbf{r})|_{\mathbf{r}=\mathbf{r}_{ij}} + \dots = J(\mathbf{R}_{ij}) + \mathbf{X}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{J}_{ij}^{(1)} + \dots$$

← bare exchange
← magnon phonon coupling

$$D_{ij} \approx D(\mathbf{R}_{ij})$$

Chakraborty et al. '87



Magnon-Phonon Interactions

- 1/S expansion of coupling term

$$\hat{H}_{\text{spin}}^{\text{pho}} = \hat{H}_{\text{spin}} + \hat{H}_{\text{spin}}^{1\text{pho}} + \hat{H}_{\text{spin}}^{2\text{pho}} + \dots$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{spin}}^{n\text{pho}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} U_{ij}^{(n)} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$

$$U_{ij}^{(1)} = (\mathbf{X}_{ij} \cdot \nabla_r) J(r)|_{r=R_{ij}} \equiv \mathbf{X}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{J}_{ij}^{(1)}$$

$$\mathbf{J}_{-k}^{(1)} = -\mathbf{J}_k^{(1)} = (\mathbf{J}_k^{(1)})^*$$

$$U_{ij}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{X}_{ij} \cdot \nabla_r)^2 J(r)|_{r=R_{ij}} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{X}_{ij}^T \mathbf{J}_{ij}^{(2)} \mathbf{X}_{ij}$$

$$\mathbf{J}_{-k}^{(2)} = \mathbf{J}_k^{(2)}$$

- Phonon shift

$$\hat{H}_0^{2\text{pho}} = \frac{M}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} \Sigma_0^{\text{pho}}(\mathbf{k}, \lambda) \hat{X}_{-\mathbf{k}\lambda} \hat{X}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}$$

$$\Sigma_0^{\text{pho}}(\mathbf{k}, \lambda) = \frac{S^2}{M} \mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^\dagger \left[s_{\vartheta}^2 \left(\mathbf{J}_0^{(2)} - \mathbf{J}_k^{(2)} \right) + c_{\vartheta}^2 \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{k}}^{(2+)} \right] \mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}$$



Magnon-Phonon Interactions

- Hybridization (coupled magnoelastic waves)

$$\hat{H}_{1\text{mag}}^{1\text{pho}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \Gamma_{\mathbf{k}}^{Xb} \cdot \left(X_{-\mathbf{k}} b_{\mathbf{k}} + X_{\mathbf{k}} b_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \right)$$

$$\Gamma_{\mathbf{k}}^{Xb} = \frac{i}{4} (2S)^{3/2} c_{\vartheta} \left[\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{Q}}^{(1+)} + s_{\vartheta} \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{Q}}^{(1-)} \right]$$

- Hermitian parametrization (sorts relevant degrees of freedom)

$$\hat{H}_{1\text{mag}}^{1\text{pho}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left\{ \Gamma_{\mathbf{k}}^{X\Phi} \cdot \left(X_{-\mathbf{k}} \hat{\Phi}_{\mathbf{k}} + X_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{\Phi}_{-\mathbf{k}} \right) \right.$$

$$\left. + \Gamma_{\mathbf{k}}^{X\Pi} \cdot \left(X_{-\mathbf{k}} \hat{\Pi}_{\mathbf{k}} - X_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{\Pi}_{-\mathbf{k}} \right) \right\}$$

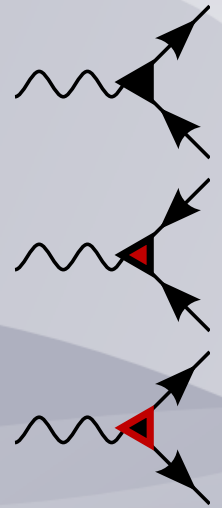
crucial
interaction



Magnon-Phonon Interactions

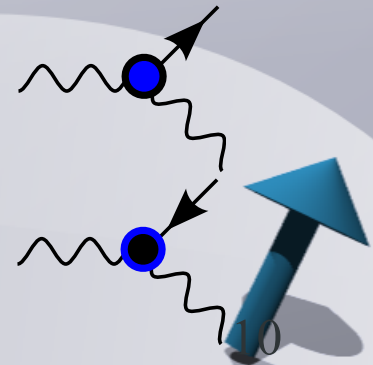
- three particle interactions
 - one phonon two magnon scattering

$$\hat{H}_{2\text{mag}}^{1\text{pho}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'} \left[\Gamma_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}^{b^\dagger b} \cdot \mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}'} b_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}'} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2!} \left(\Gamma_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}^{b^\dagger b^\dagger} \cdot \mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}'} b_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{k}'}^\dagger + \Gamma_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}^{bb} \cdot \mathbf{X}_{-\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}'} b_{\mathbf{k}} b_{\mathbf{k}'} \right) \right]$$



- two phonon one magnon scattering

$$\hat{H}_{1\text{mag}}^{2\text{pho}} = \frac{1}{2! \sqrt{N}} \sum_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'} \sum_{\lambda\lambda'} \left[\Gamma_{\mathbf{k}\lambda,\mathbf{k}'\lambda'}^{XXb^\dagger} \hat{X}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} \hat{X}_{\mathbf{k}'\lambda'} b_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}'}^\dagger \right. \\ \left. + \Gamma_{\mathbf{k}\lambda,\mathbf{k}'\lambda'}^{XXb} \hat{X}_{-\mathbf{k}\lambda} \hat{X}_{-\mathbf{k}'\lambda'} b_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}'} \right]$$



Magnon-Phonon Interactions

- magnon shift performed in Hermitian parametrization

$$\Gamma_{\mathbf{k}}^{X\Pi} \rightarrow 0 \quad \lambda_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2\Delta_{\mathbf{k}}}} \Gamma_{\mathbf{k}}^{X\Pi}$$

$$b_{\mathbf{k}} = \tilde{b}_{\mathbf{k}} + \lambda_{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{k}}$$

- renormalization of one-phonon two magnon interaction

$$\Gamma_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}^{b^\dagger b^\dagger} \rightarrow \tilde{\Gamma}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}^{b^\dagger b^\dagger} = \Gamma_3^{b^\dagger b b}(-\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}'; \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') \lambda_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}'}$$

$$\tilde{H}_{2\text{mag}}^{1\text{pho}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'} \left[\tilde{\Gamma}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}^{b^\dagger b} \cdot \mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}'} \tilde{b}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \tilde{b}_{\mathbf{k}'} \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2!} \left(\tilde{\Gamma}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}^{b^\dagger b^\dagger} \cdot \mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}'} \tilde{b}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \tilde{b}_{\mathbf{k}'}^\dagger + \tilde{\Gamma}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}^{bb} \cdot \mathbf{X}_{-\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}'} \tilde{b}_{\mathbf{k}} \tilde{b}_{\mathbf{k}'} \right)$$



Lagrangian functional integral

- Transform to Bogoliubov basis

$$\begin{pmatrix} b_k \\ b_{-k}^\dagger \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_k & -v_k \\ -v_k & u_k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta_k \\ \beta_{-k}^\dagger \end{pmatrix}$$

- integrate out canonical momentum fields

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z} &= \int \mathcal{D}[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{X}, \beta, \bar{\beta}] e^{-S'[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{X}, \beta, \bar{\beta}]} \\ &= \int \mathcal{D}[\mathbf{X}, \beta, \bar{\beta}] e^{-S[\mathbf{X}, \beta, \bar{\beta}]} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S[\mathbf{X}, \bar{\beta}, \beta] &= S^{2\text{pho}}[\mathbf{X}] + S_{2\text{mag}}[\bar{\beta}, \beta] + S_{1\text{mag}}^{1\text{pho}}[\mathbf{X}, \bar{\beta}, \beta] \\ &+ S_{2\text{mag}}^{1\text{pho}}[\mathbf{X}, \bar{\beta}, \beta] + S_{3\text{mag}}[\bar{\beta}, \beta] + \dots \end{aligned}$$



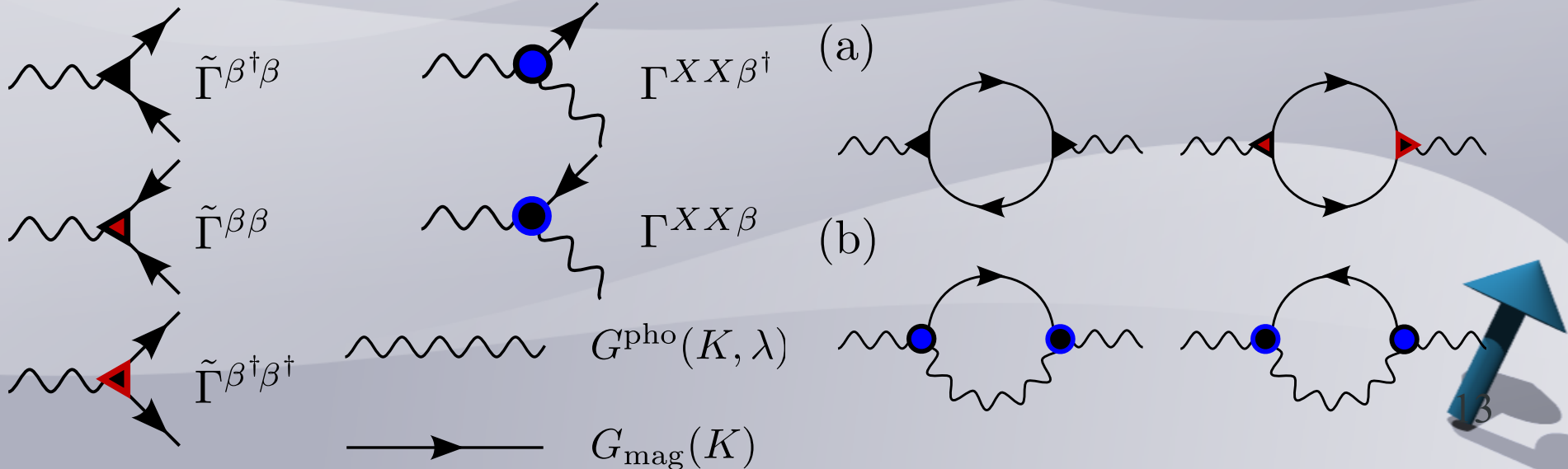
Many particle methods: Phonon renormalization

- full phonon propagator (diagrammatics)

$$G^{\text{pho}}(K, \lambda) = \frac{M}{T} \langle X_{-K\lambda} X_{K\lambda} \rangle = \frac{1}{\omega^2 + \omega_{K\lambda}^2 + \Sigma^{\text{pho}}(K, \lambda)}$$

self-energy

$$\Sigma^{\text{pho}}(K, \lambda) \approx \Sigma_0^{\text{pho}}(\mathbf{k}, \lambda) + \Sigma_1^{\text{pho}}(K, \lambda) + \Sigma_2^{\text{pho}}(K, \lambda) + \mathcal{O}(1/S)$$



Shift of elastic constants

- classical spin background

$$\frac{(\Delta c_\lambda)_0}{c_\lambda} = \sqrt{1 - \lim_{|\mathbf{k}| \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Sigma_0^{\text{pho}}(\mathbf{k}, \lambda)}{\omega_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^2} - 1}$$

- magnon-phonon Hybridization (equivalent to diagonalization in Hamilton formulation)

$$S_1[\mathbf{X}, \bar{\beta}, \beta] = S^{\text{2pho}}[\mathbf{X}] + S_{\text{2mag}}[\bar{\beta}, \beta] + S_{\text{1mag}}^{\text{1pho}}[\mathbf{X}, \bar{\beta}, \beta]$$

$$e^{-S_{\text{eff}}^{\text{2pho}}[\mathbf{X}]} = \int \mathcal{D}[\beta, \bar{\beta}] e^{-S_1[\mathbf{X}, \bar{\beta}, \beta]}$$

$$\frac{(\Delta c_\lambda)_1}{c_\lambda} = \lim_{|\mathbf{k}| \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\Gamma_{\mathbf{k}}^{X\beta} \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}|^2}{2M\omega_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^3}$$

$$s_\vartheta = \sin \vartheta = h/h_c \quad c_\vartheta = \cos \vartheta$$

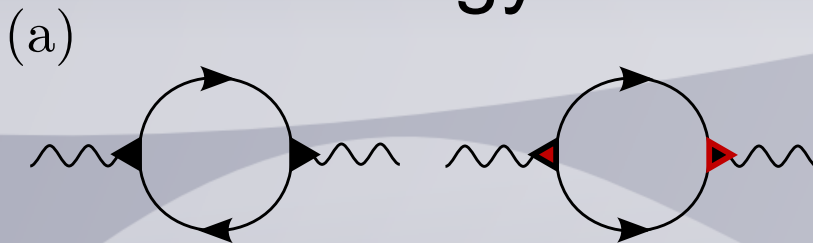
magnetic field dependence

$$\frac{(\Delta c_\lambda)_1}{c_\lambda} = \frac{S^3}{4} \left(\frac{v(\hat{\mathbf{k}})}{c_\lambda} \right) \left(\frac{h_c}{Mc_\lambda^2} \right) |s_\vartheta \mathbf{f}_1^{X\beta}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} - c_\vartheta^2 \mathbf{f}_2^{X\beta}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}, \hat{\mathbf{k}}) \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}|^2$$



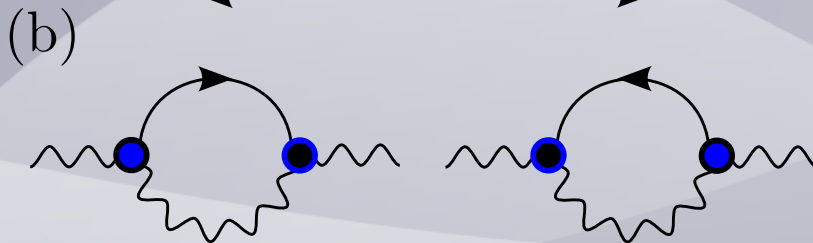
Ultrasound Attenuation Rate

- self-energy



~~~~~  $G^{\text{pho}}(K, \lambda)$

—————  $G_{\text{mag}}(K)$



renormalized  
vertex

$$S_2[\mathbf{X}, \bar{\beta}, \beta] = S^{\text{2pho}}[\mathbf{X}] + S_{\text{2mag}}[\bar{\beta}, \beta] + \tilde{S}_{\text{2mag}}^{\text{1pho}}[\mathbf{X}, \bar{\beta}, \beta] + S_{\text{1mag}}^{\text{2pho}}[\mathbf{X}, \bar{\beta}, \beta]$$

- attenuation rate

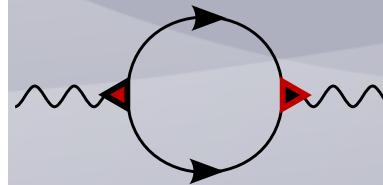
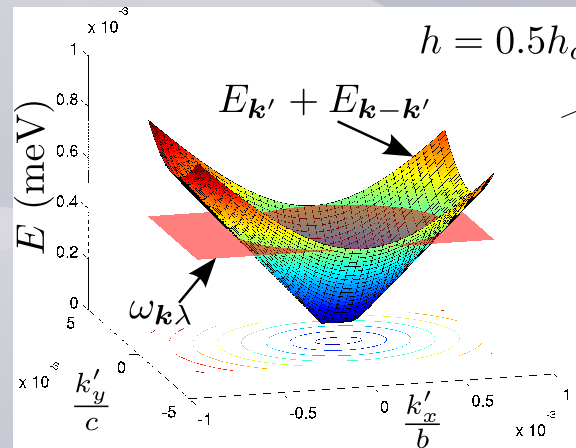
$$\gamma_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} = - \frac{\text{Im} \Sigma_2^{\text{pho}}(\omega_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} + i0^+, \mathbf{k}, \lambda)}{2\omega_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}}$$



# Ultrasound attenuation rate

- process (a): scattering surface

$$\gamma_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^{(a)} = \frac{\pi}{2\omega_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k}'} \frac{|\tilde{\Gamma}_{\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}'}^{\beta^\dagger \beta^\dagger} \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}|^2}{2M} \delta(\omega_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} - E_{\mathbf{k}'} - E_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}'})$$



$$\gamma_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^{(a)} = \frac{\pi^2}{64} \left( \frac{\mathbf{k}^2}{2M} \right) \left( \frac{S^2 c_\lambda^2 \mathbf{k}^2}{V_{\text{BZ}} v_x v_y} \right) \frac{I_\lambda(\hat{\mathbf{k}})}{\sqrt{1 - r_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^2}} \propto \mathbf{k}^4$$





# Ultrasound attenuation rate

- process (b)



$$\gamma_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^{(b)} = \frac{\pi S^3}{4} \left(\frac{k^2}{2M}\right) \left(\frac{k^2}{V_{BZ}}\right) \sum_{\lambda'} \left(\frac{h_c}{Mc_{\lambda'}^2}\right) \left(\frac{c_\lambda}{c_{\lambda'}}\right)^2 \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi' \frac{u(\hat{\mathbf{k}}, \varphi')}{c_{\lambda'}} |e_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^\dagger \mathbf{F}^{XX\beta}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}, \varphi') \mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{k}'\lambda'}|^2,$$

higher power in  
 $v/c \ll 1$

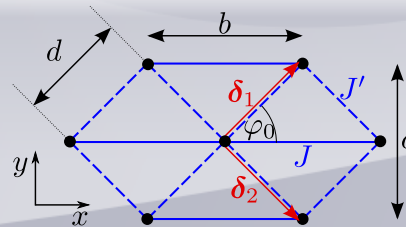
- both contributions

$$\gamma_{\mathbf{k}\lambda} = \gamma_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^{(a)} + \gamma_{\mathbf{k}\lambda}^{(b)} \propto \mathbf{k}^4$$



# Comparison to experiments

- model



$$J(x) = J(b)e^{-\kappa(x-b)/b}$$

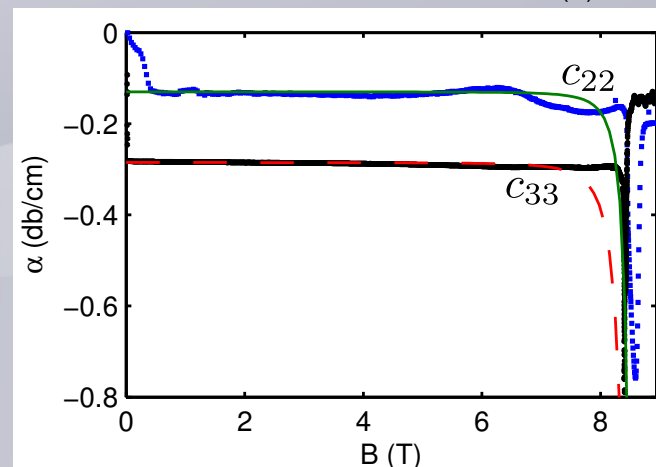
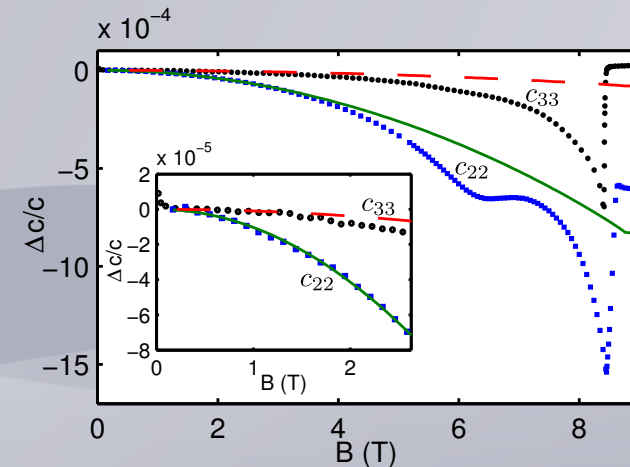
$$J'(r) = J'(d)e^{-\kappa'(r-d)/d}$$

- shift of ultrasound velocity for  $c_{22}$  mode: fix parameters

$$|\kappa| \approx 15 \quad |\kappa'| \approx 51$$

- attenuation rate calculate from parameters

$$\gamma_{k\lambda} \approx \frac{\pi^2}{64} \left( \frac{k^2}{2M} \right) \left( \frac{S^2 c_\lambda^2 k^2}{V_{BZ} v_x v_y} \right) \frac{[\mathbf{f}_1^{X\beta}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \cdot \mathbf{e}_{k\lambda}]^2}{(1 - h/h_c)^2}$$



# Summary

- ultrasonic technique: probe magnetic properties
- combine spin-wave approach for ordered “cone-state” with expansion in terms of lattice vibrations
- calculate renormalization of phonons using an effective action
- good description of phonon properties (sound velocity, damping) away from critical point

