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# Anomalous Scaling and Magnetization Temperature Dependence in Cubic Ferromagnetic Crystals

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Recent developments in spintronics have drawn renewed attention to the spin dynamics of cubic ferromagnetic crystals EuO and EuS. These ferromagnets have the simplest possible magnetic structure, making them the most suitable systems for testing various theoretical models of magnetic materials. A commonly used Weiss mean-field approximation (MFA) provides only a qualitative description of magnetization temperature dependence  $M(T)$ . We develop a consistent theory for  $M(T)$ , based on the perturbation diagrammatic technique for spin operators, leading to an excellent quantitative agreement with the experimental dependence of  $M(T)$  for EuO and EuS throughout the entire temperature range from  $T = 0$  to Curie temperature  $T_C$ . In particular, our theoretical dependence  $M(T)$  demonstrates an anomalous scaling behavior  $M(T) \propto (T_C - T)^\beta$  with the scaling index  $\beta \approx 1/3$  in a wide range of temperatures, in agreement with the experimentally observed scaling in EuO and EuS. This scaling index is principally different from the scaling index  $\beta = 1/2$  predicted by the MFA.

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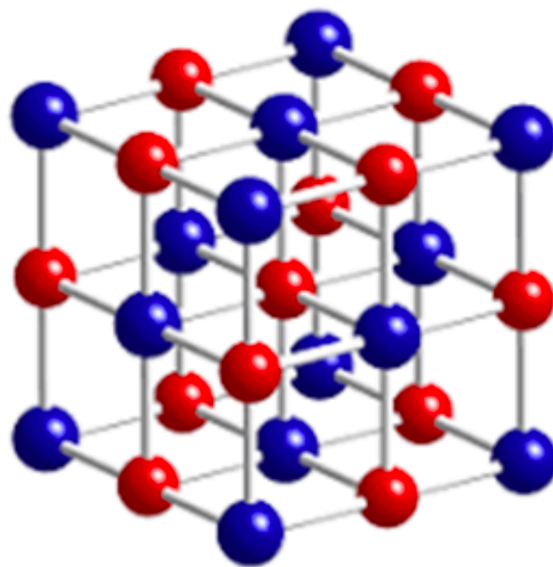
## I. Introduction

### A. Ferromagnetics EuO and EuS

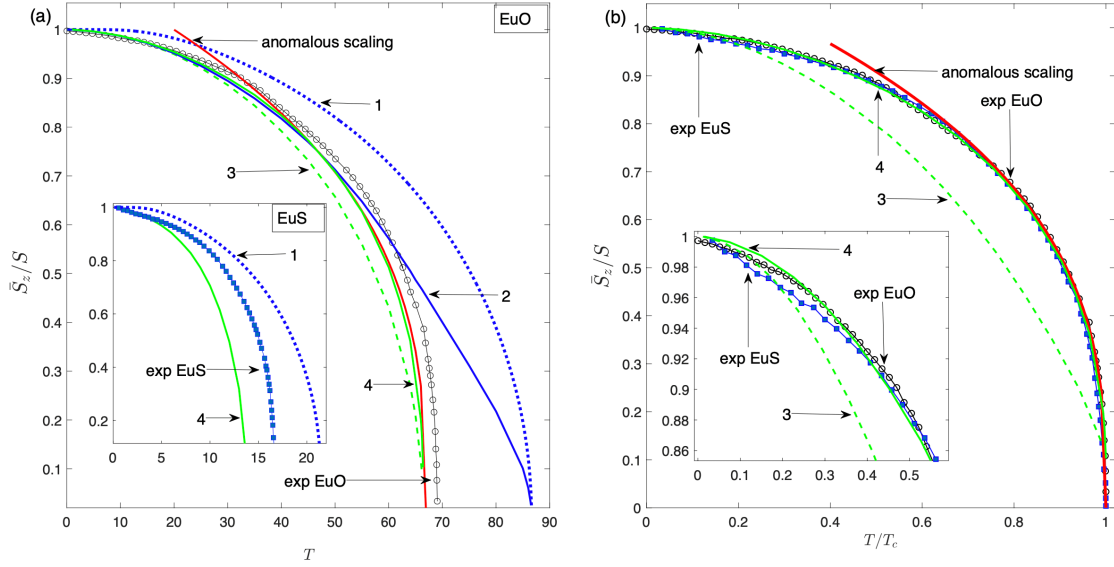
The development of spintronics has generated significant interest in rare-earth oxide ferromagnetic semiconductors, such as europium chalcogenides EuO and EuS. In particular, EuO is especially

promising for applications<sup>[1]</sup> as it has the third strongest saturation magnetization of all known ferromagnets<sup>[2]</sup>, one of the largest magneto-optic Kerr effects<sup>[3]</sup>, pronounced insulator-to-metal transition<sup>[4,5,6]</sup> as well as colossal magnetoresistance effect<sup>[7]</sup>.

Moreover, among various magnetically ordered materials, EuO and EuS are probably the most suitable systems for testing various theoretical models of magnetic material because they are well-studied experimentally and have a simple crystallographic structure. Unlike other well-known magnetics, such as Yttrium Iron Garnet (YIG), which has 80 atoms in the unit cell with 20 of them (Fe) possessing a magnetic moment<sup>[8]</sup>, EuO and EuS are the only known ferromagnets having only two atoms in the unit cell, with only one of them ( $\text{Eu}^{+2}$ , with the spin  $S = 7/2$ ) having a magnetic moment. The crystallographic structure of EuO and EuS [face-centered Cubic (FCC) lattice] is illustrated in Fig. 1.



**Figure 1.** FCC crystallographic structure of EuO and EuS. Blue balls represent Eu atoms, and red balls represent oxygen (O) or sulfur (S) atoms. The lattice constant is  $a = 5.14\text{\AA}$  for EuO and  $a = 5.96\text{\AA}$  for EuS. Curie temperatures are  $T_C = 69.8\text{K}$  for EuO and  $T_C = 16.6\text{K}$  for EuS. In both structures, the coordination number of the Eu atoms is  $Z = 12$ . For additional parameters, see Tab. 1.



**Figure 2.** Experimental and numerical results for  $\bar{S}_z/S$  vs.  $T$  [panel (a)] and vs.  $T/T_C$  [panel (b)]. In panel (a), the results for EuO are summarized in the main panel and for EuS – in the inset. The inset in (b) gives a close-up of the low- $T$  range for the same data as in the main panel of (b). Experimental results [9][10][11] for EuO are plotted as solid black lines with circles and for EuS by solid blue lines with squares. The results of numerical solutions are denoted as follows:(1) Quantum version (II.9) of the Weiss-Heisenberg MFA for EuO in the main panel and for EuS in the inset of (a) –dotted blue lines;(2)  $1/Z$ -corrected equation of the Weiss-Heisenberg MFA (III.1) for EuO —solid blue line. Recall that  $Z = 12$  is the coordination number of Eu atoms, see Fig. 1.(3) Spin-wave-improved version of the MFA (III.12) for EuO– dashed green line;(4) Spin-wave-improved version with the first-order  $1/Z$ -corrections (III.16) for EuO in the main panel of (a) and (b), and for EuS in the inset of (a) — solid green line;The red line represents the power-law fit to the solution of Eq. (III.16) in the form  $a_{th}(T_C - T)^{\beta_{th}}$ ,  $\beta_{th} = 0.34 \pm 0.02$  with  $T_C = 66.8$ . The predicted coefficients are  $a_{th} = 0.27$  in (a) and  $a_{th} = 1.15$  in (b).

## B. Plan of the paper and main results

This paper aims to describe and improve a theory of spontaneous magnetization  $M(T)$  of ferromagnetics over an entire temperature range from  $T = 0$  to Curie temperature  $T_c$ , at which  $M = 0$ . The theory is evaluated by comparing it with the existing experimental data [9][10][11]. Instead of using the normalized magnetization  $M(T)/M(0)$ , which is assumed to be aligned with the small external magnetic field  $\mathbf{h} = \{0, 0, h_z\}$ , we adopt a more convenient from the theoretical viewpoint

approach to use normalized  $\hat{z}$ -projection of the mean spin  $\bar{S}_z(T)/S = M(T)/M(0)$ . The mean spin  $\bar{S}_z$  is defined as follows

$$\bar{S}_z = \frac{1}{N_{lat}} \langle \sum_j S_j^z \rangle. \quad (\text{I.1})$$

Here  $S_j^z$  is the local spin projection on the external magnetic field,  $j$  runs over magnetic ions lattice sites per unit volume and  $N_{lat}$  is their number.

In Figure 2(a), we plot the experimental results for the normalized mean spin  $\bar{S}_z(T)/S$  for EuO (main panel, a solid black line with circles) and EuS (inset, a solid blue line with squares). The experimental Curie temperatures  $T_C^{\text{exp}} = 69.8\text{K}$  for EuO and  $T_C^{\text{exp}} = 16.6\text{K}$  for EuS are clearly visible in the figure.

The experimental dependences of  $\bar{S}_z/S$  on the normalized temperature  $T/T_C^{\text{exp}}$  for both materials practically coincide, as is observed in Fig. 2(b). This allows us to focus on the theory-experiment comparison mainly for one material. For concreteness, we choose EuO. The relevant parameters of EuO and EuS are listed in Tab. 1.

The plan of the paper is as follows.

	$M_0$	$J_1$ ,	$J_2$	$T_C^{\text{exp}}$	$T_C^{\text{th}}$	$\tilde{T}_C^{\text{th}}$	$\beta_{\text{exp}}$	$\beta_{\text{th}}$
	Oe	K	K	K	K	K		
EuO	1920	1.25	0.25	69.8	86.6	66.5	0.36 $\pm 0.01$	0.34 $\pm 0.02$
EuS	1115	0.44	-0.2	16.6	21.4	13.7	0.36 $\pm 0.01$	0.34 $\pm 0.02$

**Table 1.** Important parameters of EuO and EuS: the magnetization at zero temperature  $M_0$ ; nearest neighbors  $J_1$  and next-nearest neighbors  $J_2$  exchange integrals; the experimental value  $T_C^{\text{exp}}$  of the Curie temperature; the “theoretical”  $T_C^{\text{th}}$  Curie temperature in the quantum Weiss-Heisenberg MFA, (II.10a); Curie temperature  $\tilde{T}_C^{\text{th}}$ , Eq.(III.15c) in the spin-improved MFA. Experimental<sup>[10]</sup>,  $\beta_{\text{exp}}$  and theoretical  $\beta_{\text{th}}$  values of the apparent scaling index  $\beta$  that governs the temperature dependence of the magnetization  $M(T) \propto (T_C - T)^\beta$  below  $T_C$ .

Section II is devoted to the historical and physical background of the problem. In Section II.A, we

provide a brief overview of the achievements and fundamental problems of the celebrated classical Weiss mean-field approximation (MFA)<sup>[12]</sup> and recall in Sec. II.B their resolution by Heisenberg, who introduced the exchange interaction of quantum-mechanical origin into the original Weiss MFA<sup>[13]</sup>.

The quantum version of the Weiss-Heisenberg (WH) MFA, as represented by (II.9), provides a simple yet reasonable description of the temperature dependence of magnetization (or the mean value of the spin projection on the external magnetic field  $\bar{S}_z$ ). A numerical solution of Eq. (II.9) for EuO, plotted in the main panel of Fig. 2(a) by a dotted blue line labeled (1), gives WH-MFA value of the Curie temperature (where  $\bar{S}_z = 0$ )  $T_C^{WH} \approx 86.6\text{K}$  in EuO (about 20 % larger than its experimental value  $T_C^{\text{exp}} \approx 69.8\text{ K}$ ).

The numerical solution for EuS, shown in the inset in Fig. 2(a), yields  $T_C^{WH} \approx 21.4\text{K}$  (to be compared with  $T_C^{\text{exp}} \approx 16.6\text{K}$ ).

However, some problems with the WH-MFA still remain. For example, in the low-temperature limit, when  $S - \bar{S}_z \ll S$ , Eq. (II.9) predicts exponential decay of  $\bar{S}_z$  with  $T$ , while a well established spin-wave theory gives  $S - \bar{S}_z \propto T^{3/2}$ , see for example<sup>[14]</sup>.

Vaks, Larkin, and Pikin solved this problem<sup>[15][16]</sup> using a developed diagrammatic technique (DT) for ferromagnetics in thermodynamic equilibrium, as briefly outlined in Appendix A.1. However, their approach resulted in an unphysical behavior of  $\bar{S}_z(T)$  near  $T_C$ , where the calculated corrections to  $\bar{S}_z$  become infinite.

To resolve this issue and obtain a regularized description of  $\bar{S}_z(T)$  across the entire range of  $T$  from  $T = 0$  to  $T = T_C$ , we develop in the AppendixA the DT for spin operators, based on the functional representation of the generating functional  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{h})$ , introduced and analyzed in Sec. A.3. The first-order correction in the inverse coordination number  $1/Z$  to the WH-MFA can be found in the one-loop approximation for the effective potential formulated in Sec. A.4. The resulting Eq. (III.1) is presented in Sec. III.A. The numerical solution of these equations for EuO is shown in Fig. 2(a) by the solid blue line labeled (2). It decays much faster than the blue dotted line for the WH-MFA with its exponential decay from the value  $S$ , not discernable for  $T \lesssim 15\text{K}$ . More detailed analysis [not shown in Fig.2(a)] indicates that the difference  $S - \bar{S}_z$  is proportional to  $T^{3/2}$ , as expected from the low temperature suppression of  $\bar{S}_z$  by spin waves; see, e.g.<sup>[14]</sup>.

In addition, we observe that the numerical solution of Eq. (III.1) is in good quantitative agreement with the experiment conducted in EuO (solid black line with circles) up to about 65 K. At this temperature,

$\bar{S}_z(T)$  decreases twice, reaching  $S/2$ .

However, for larger  $T$  [ $T \gtrsim 65\text{K}$  in EuO] Eqs.(III.1) give slower decrease of  $\bar{S}_z(T)$  than in the experiment, with the same  $T_C^{WH}$  (about 86.6 K in EuO) as in the WH-MFA. The reason for this inconsistency is explained in Sec.III.B, which provides a brief overview of the Belinicher-L'vov (BL) DT<sup>[17]</sup>. Equations (III.1) with  $1/Z$ -corrections do not adequately consider the impact of the spin wave on the average spin projection  $\bar{S}_z(T)$  for temperatures close to  $T_C$  (specifically, between  $T_C/2$  and  $T_C$ ). The key advantage of BL DT is that it takes into account, order-by-order, the kinematic relationship (III.11) between the spin correlations, which relates transverse spin correlators describing propagating spin waves and longitudinal correlators [including  $\bar{S}_z(T)$ ]. As shown in Sect.III.3, this allows us to account for the effect of spin waves even in the zero-order approximation, i.e., in the MFA.

The numerical solution of the resulting spin-wave-improved WH-MFA (III.12), shown in Fig.2(a) for EuO by a dashed green line labeled (3) demonstrates much better agreement with the experiment than all previous approaches. In particular, it includes low-temperature spin-wave corrections, proportional to  $T^{3/2}$ , and coincides in this respect with  $1/Z$ -corrected MFA (III.1). In addition, it decreases much faster than the solution of Eq. (III.1) with  $T$  increasing toward  $T = T_C$ , in agreement with the experimental behavior of  $\bar{S}_z(T)$ . As a result, it reaches zero at  $\tilde{T}_C^{th}$  (about 66.5 K in EuO), which is essentially closer to  $T_C^{exp}$  (about 69.9 K in EuO) than the previous result (86.6 K in EuO). The physical reason for lowering the theoretical  $T_C$  stems from the spin wave that is highly excited in the vicinity of  $T = T_C$ , suppressing  $\bar{S}_z(T)$  according to the kinematic relationship (III.11). Therefore, the mean-field value [proportional to  $\bar{S}_z(T)$ ] is smaller, and consequently, the value of  $T_C$  decreases.

Further improvement of our results for  $\bar{S}_z(T)$  is given in Sect. III.3.3, where we present  $1/Z$ -corrected spin-wave-improved MFA, summarized in Eq. (III.16). The numerical solutions of these equations are shown by a solid green line labeled (4) in the main panel of Fig.2(a) for EuO, and for EuS in the inset. The calculated Curie temperatures remain identical to those in the uncorrected spin-wave-improved scenarios, as follows from Eq. (III.10). However,  $1/Z$ -corrections significantly improve the behavior of  $\bar{S}_z(T)$  at intermediate temperatures, bringing it much closer to experimental results. This improvement for EuO is evident in Fig. 2(a) by comparing the dashed (3) and solid (4) green lines.

Small discrepancies between the calculated and observed Curie temperatures may stem from the approximate nature of the theory, uncertainty of the exchange integrals, or limited accuracy of the Curie temperature measurements. Leaving these differences aside, we plotted in Fig.2(b) the

temperature dependencies of  $\bar{S}_z(T)$  versus normalized temperature  $T/T_C$ , using  $T_C = T_C^{\text{exp}}$  for the experimental curves and their own values of  $T_C$  for the numerical curves. We observe excellent quantitative agreement between the theoretical dependence  $\bar{S}_z(T/T_C)$ , shown by the solid green line, and the experimental results, represented by the solid black line with circles for EuO and the blue line with squares for EuS. All three lines coincide in the entire range of temperatures from  $T = 0$  to  $T = T_C$ .

It is important to emphasize that in the intermediate range of temperatures  $0.7T_C \lesssim T \lesssim T_C$  where  $\bar{S}_z/S$  varies from 0.8 to 0.1, the experimental and the theoretical curves of  $\bar{S}_z(T)$  closely resemble the power-law-like behavior  $\bar{S}_z(T) \propto (T_C - T)^\beta$  (plotted in Fig.2 as a solid red line). The apparent index is estimated to be  $\beta_{th} \approx 0.34 \pm 0.01$ , which is in good agreement with the experimental value  $\beta_{\text{exp}} = 0.36 \pm 0.015$  reported in [10] as well as with the  $\beta_{th} \approx 0.365$  derived from the renormalization group theory for 3D Heisenberg model [18].

We are hesitant to assign our  $\beta_{th}$  to the critical behavior in the vicinity of the  $T_C$ . Our approach yields a classical mean-field scaling index of  $\beta_{MF} = 1/2$ , in the very vicinity of  $T_C$ , invisible Fig. 2. Therefore, we prefer to attribute the observed scaling with  $\beta_{th} \approx 0.34$  to an apparent temperature dependence in the intermediate temperature range between  $T = 0$  and  $T_C$ , which, nevertheless, preserves the tail of the critical behavior.

We summarize our results in Sect. IV.

## II. Historical and physical background

### A. Classical Weiss mean-field approximation

The theoretical description of ferromagnetism has a long history, starting with the celebrated Weiss's mean-field approximation first published in 1907 [12]. Shortly before this, Langevin developed his theory of paramagnetism, based on the fundamental idea that the orientation of a molecular dipole of moment  $\mu$  in a field  $H$  is governed by the Boltzmann distribution law. If so, the magnetic momentum per unit volume [the magnetization  $M(T)$ ] is given by the expression

$$M = M_0 L\left(\frac{\mu H}{T}\right), \quad M_0 = N_{\text{lat}} \mu, \quad L(x) = \coth x - \frac{1}{x}, \quad (\text{II.1})$$

where  $M_0$  is the magnetization at  $T \rightarrow 0$ ,  $L(x)$  is the Langevin function [19],  $\mu = S\mu_B$ ,  $S$  is the spin of the magnetic ion and  $\mu_B = \hbar e/2mc$  is the Borh magneton, where  $\hbar$  is the reduced Planck constant,

$e$  and  $m$  are the electron charge and mass, and  $c$  is the speed of light.

The basic idea of the Weiss MFA is that the effective field acting on an elementary magnet in a ferromagnetic medium is not the applied field  $H$ , but rather  $H + gM(T)$ , where  $M(T)$  is the magnetization at a given temperature and  $g$  is some temperature independent factor. The term  $gM(T)$  is called the “self-consistent molecular field” and is clearly a manifestation of some cooperative phenomenon.

With this modification, Eq. (II.1) becomes

$$M = M_0 L[\mu(H + gM)/T]. \quad (\text{II.2a})$$

For small  $T$ , Eq. (II.2a) describes magnetization saturation at the level  $M_0$ . For very large  $T$ , the argument  $x$  of the Langevin function becomes small and  $L(x)$  can be approximated as

$$L(x) = \frac{x}{3} - \frac{x^3}{45} + \dots, \quad \text{for } x \ll 1. \quad (\text{II.2b})$$

Accounting only for the first term in expansion (II.2b), we reduce Eq. (II.2a) to

$$\chi = M/H \approx \frac{M_0 \mu}{3(T - T_C)}, \quad T_C = g\mu M_0/3. \quad (\text{II.2c})$$

Here  $\chi$  denotes the susceptibility  $M/H$ , which formally diverges at some critical temperature  $T_C$  known as the “Curie-Weiss temperature”.

For  $H = 0$  and  $T$  slightly below  $T_C$ , Eqs. (II.2a) and (II.2b) give

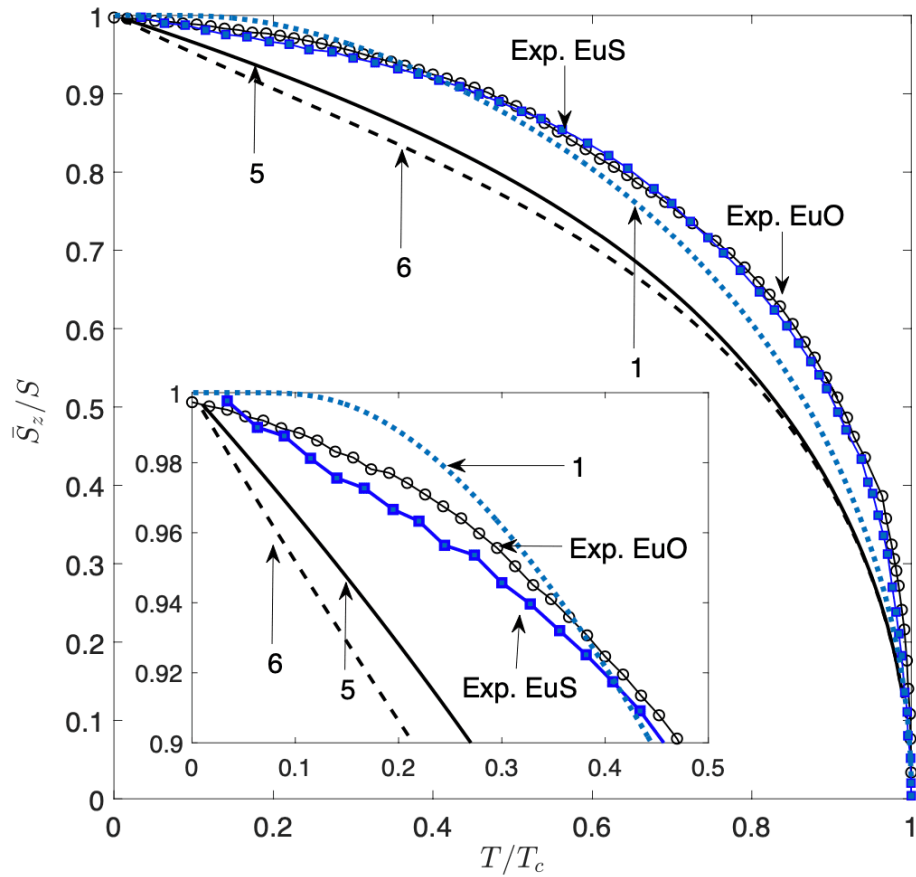
$$M(T) = M_0 \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{2T^2}{3T_C}\right) \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_C}\right)}. \quad (\text{II.3a})$$

The interpolation formula (II.3a), plotted in Fig. 3 as a dashed black line labeled (6), is exact in the limit  $T \rightarrow T_C$  and normalized such that  $\bar{S}_z(0) = S$ . It is very close to the numerical solution of Eq. (II.2a) for  $H = 0$  that takes the form

$$M(T) = M_0 L \left[ \frac{3M}{M_0} \left( \frac{T}{T_C} \right)^{2/3} \right], \quad (\text{II.3b})$$

see solid black line labeled (5) in Fig. 3.





**Figure 3.** Comparison between magnetization temperature dependencies  $\bar{S}_z/S$  vs. normalized temperature  $T/T_C$  obtained from:(1) numerical solution of the WH-MFA (II.9) – blue dotted line, the same as line (1) in Fig.2;(5) classical Weiss MFA, numerical solution of Eq. (II.3b) – solid black line;(6) interpolation formula (II.3a) – dashed black line;Experiments in EuO (solid black line with circles) and EuS (solid blue line with squares) are shown by the same line types as in Fig.2.

Undoubtedly, Eqs. (II.2) and (II.3) represent the most significant result of Weiss’s theory. They predict the critical temperature  $T_C$ . As this temperature is reached from below,  $M(T)$  gradually decreases to zero. Beyond this temperature,  $M(T)$  vanishes, consistent with observations from numerous experiments.

However, in 1907, when Weiss published his paper<sup>[12]</sup>, there was a problem with the obtained values of  $T_C$ , Eq. (II.2c). At that time, the only known interaction between magnetic moments was the classical dipole-dipole interaction, leading to the so-called demagnetization magnetic field, which

depends on the shape of the sample. For example, for the orthogonally magnetized film, it gives  $g = 4\pi$ , and for the spherical sample  $g = 4\pi/3$ . Taking for concreteness  $g = 4\pi/3$ , and with actual values in EuO  $M_0 \approx 1920\text{Oe}$  and  $\mu = 7\mu_B$ , Eq. (II.2c) gives  $T_C \approx 3.77\text{K}$  which is far below its experimental value  $T_C^{\text{exp}} \approx 70\text{K}$ .

The situation is even worse for Yttrium Iron Garnet (YIG), the ferrimagnetic widely used in fundamental studies<sup>[8]</sup> and applications<sup>[20]</sup>. With  $M_0 \approx 155\text{Oe}$ ,  $\mu = 5\mu_B$   $g = 4\pi/3$  (for the sphere), Eq. (II.2c) gives  $T_C \approx 0.22\text{K}$  which has nothing in common with the experimental value  $T_C^{\text{exp}} \approx 560\text{K}$ . However, Weiss was courageous enough to publish his article despite the significant discrepancy between the predicted and experimental values of  $T_C$ . As Van Vleck wrote<sup>[21]</sup>, Weiss' approach is "qualitatively right but quantitatively wrong and is based half on theory and half on the genius at empirical guessing."

### B. Exchange interaction and quantum Weiss–Heisenberg theory

The way out of this discrepancy was found 20 years later in the framework of newly emergent quantum mechanics. In 1926, Heisenberg explained that, in addition to the magnetic dipole-dipole coupling, a much stronger coupling of Fermi particles– electrons– of electrostatic Coulomb nature exists<sup>[22]</sup>. In quantum mechanics, the wave function  $\Psi$  of two identical electrons must be antisymmetric. Therefore, when the spins are parallel, the coordinate part of the  $\Psi$  function will also be antisymmetric, while for antiparallel spins it will be symmetric. This difference in symmetry of the coordinate function  $\Psi$  leads to a distinct spatial distribution of the two electrons, resulting in a variation in their Coulomb energy, termed by Heisenberg the exchange energy<sup>[22][19]</sup>. He proposed a straightforward form of exchange energy  $E_{ij}^{\text{ex}}$  between two localized spins  $\mathbf{S}_i$  and  $\mathbf{S}_j$  at lattice points  $\mathbf{R}_i$  and  $\mathbf{R}_j$ :

$$E_{ij}^{\text{ex}} = -J_{ij}\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j. \quad (\text{II.4a})$$

Here  $J_{ij}$  is the so-called exchange integral. Total exchange energy in the lattice  $E_{\text{ex}}$  reads

$$E_{\text{ex}} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} J_{ij}\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j. \quad (\text{II.4b})$$

Factor 1/2 accounts for each particular contribution in (II.4a) appearing in (II.4b) twice.

The magnetic moment of  $\text{Eu}^{+2}$  originates from very localized  $4f$  electrons with total spin  $S = 7/2$  and magnetic moment  $\mu = 2S\mu_B$ . In the quantum era, to compute  $\langle M(T) \rangle$  we have to account for a

discrete series of spin orientations rather than a continuous distribution, as in the classical Langevin theory. With this modification, we have replaced Langevin function  $L(x)$  in (II.2a) by so-called Brillouin function

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B}_S(x) &= \frac{2S+1}{2S} \coth\left(\frac{2S+1}{2S}x\right) - \frac{1}{2S} \coth\left(\frac{x}{2S}\right) \\ &= \frac{(1+S)x}{3S} + [1 - (1+2S)^4] \frac{x^3}{720S^4} + \dots\end{aligned}\quad (\text{II.5a})$$

Now (II.2a) is corrected as follows

$$\begin{aligned}M(T) &= M_0 \mathcal{B}_S[\mu(H + g_{\text{ex}}M)/T], \mu = 2S\mu_B, \\ g_{\text{ex}} &= J_0/2N_{\text{lat}}\mu_B^2, J_0 = \sum_j J_{ij} = Z_1J_1 + Z_2J_2 + \dots\end{aligned}\quad (\text{II.5b})$$

Here the parameter  $g_{\text{ex}}$  originates from the exchange interaction (II.4a).  $J_0$  is the zero Fourier component of the exchange integral;  $J_1$  is the exchange integral between the nearest-neighbor (nn) sites,  $Z_1 \equiv Z$  is the nn coordination number (the number of nn pairs);  $J_2$  is the next-nearest neighbor (nnn) integral, and  $Z_2$  is the nnn coordination number, etc.

The exchange interaction in EuO and EuS occurs indirectly via more extended  $5d$  wave functions<sup>[5]</sup>. Only two types of exchange interactions are important:  $J_1$  and  $J_2$ ; for their values see Tab.1. The rest of the interactions can be neglected peacefully. Therefore, in (II.5b) for  $J_0$ , it is enough to account for only two terms. In FCC crystals, like EuO and EuS,  $Z_1 = 12$  and  $Z_2 = 6$ , see Fig.1. The lattice separations  $\mathbf{R}_j = \mathbf{r}_{0,j}$  for the 12 nearest neighbor sites and for the 6 next-nearest neighbors sites are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{R}_1, \dots, \mathbf{R}_{12} &= \left\{ \pm \frac{a}{2}, \pm \frac{a}{2}, 0 \right\}, \left\{ \pm \frac{a}{2}, 0, \pm \frac{a}{2} \right\}, \\ &\quad \left\{ 0, \pm \frac{a}{2}, \pm \frac{a}{2} \right\}; \\ \mathbf{R}_{13}, \dots, \mathbf{R}_{18} &= \left\{ \pm a, 0, 0 \right\}, \left\{ 0, \pm a, 0 \right\}, \left\{ 0, 0, \pm a \right\}.\end{aligned}\quad (\text{II.6})$$

Here  $a$  is the size of the full cube in Fig.1 consisting of 4 elementary cells of volume  $v = a^3/4$  each.

It is convenient to rewrite (II.5b) in terms of  $\bar{S}(T) \equiv \langle S \rangle_T$ , introducing the so-called “normalized Brillouin function

$$\begin{aligned}b_S(x) &= S\mathcal{B}_S(Sx) \\ &= \left(S + \frac{1}{2}\right) \coth\left(S + \frac{1}{2}\right)x - \frac{1}{2} \coth\left(\frac{x}{2}\right).\end{aligned}\quad (\text{II.7})$$

For small  $x$

$$b_s(x) = \frac{S(S+1)x}{3} - \frac{Sx^3}{90}B + \dots \quad (\text{II.8})$$

$$B = 1 + 3S + 4S^2 + 2S^3.$$

For  $H = 0$  we come to the quantum WH equation

$$\bar{S}(T) = b_S \left[ \frac{\bar{S}(T)J_0}{T} \right]. \quad (\text{II.9})$$

Using expansion (II.5a) and Eq.(II.5b) for  $g_{ex}$ , we find a new equation for the WH temperature  $T_C$  similar to (II.2c), but now accounting for the exchange interaction (II.4b):

$$T_C^{th} = \frac{2S(S+1)N_{\text{lat}}\mu_B^2 g_{ex}}{3S} = \frac{S(S+1)}{3} J_0. \quad (\text{II.10a})$$

Temperature dependence of the magnetization (or mean spin  $\bar{S}$ ) near  $T_C$  is also similar to (II.3a), but with different prefactor

$$\bar{S} = \sqrt{\frac{T_C}{T} - 1} \sqrt{\frac{90}{SB}} \left( \frac{T}{J_0} \right)^{3/2}. \quad (\text{II.10b})$$

Taking exchange integrals from Tab.1 and using (II.5b), we get  $J_0 \approx 16.5\text{K}$  for EuO and  $J_0 \approx 4.1\text{K}$  for EuS. This gives  $T_C^{th} \approx 86.6$  for EuO and  $T_C^{th} \approx 21.4$  for EuS which is not far from corresponding experimental values  $T_C^{\text{exp}} \approx 69.8\text{K}$  for EuO and  $T_C^{\text{exp}} \approx 16.6\text{K}$  for EuS.

The solution of Eq. (II.9) in the WH-MFA across the whole temperature range for EuO is shown in the main panel and for EuS in the inset of Fig. 2(a) by blue dotted line labeled (1). However, the agreement with the experiment is only qualitative. We conclude that WH-MFA with the quantum-mechanical Heisenberg exchange interaction, Eq. (II.9), can serve as a zero-order approximation for the study of thermodynamic properties of ferromagnetics.

Further efforts to improve the WH-MFA took into account larger clusters. In the paramagnetic phase (above  $T_C$ ) their equilibrium dynamics were rigorously studied by Chertkov and Kolokolov<sup>[23][24]</sup>. Below  $T_C$  larger clusters were studied, e.g. by Chamberlin<sup>[25]</sup>. However, due to the divergence of the correlation length in the proximity to  $T_C$ , it becomes essential to use very large clusters to achieve the desired precision, resulting in minimal or no computational benefits compared to the evaluation of the whole system.

It is crucial to recognize that the methods mentioned above are unsystematic, making it difficult to control the nature of the assumptions and calculate corrections in a regular manner. This issue can be

resolved by using perturbation theory with graphical notation for the terms, known as the diagrammatic technique.

The details of the DT usage are too complex for the general reader, as it is geared towards experts in theoretical physics. Therefore, we placed our derivation of required corrections to the MFA in Appendix A, where the interested reader will find all the technical details of the theory. The main physical results of Appendix A are collected and thoroughly discussed in Section III, where we describe the consistent step-by-step improvements of the WH-MFA, culminating in an accurate quantitative description of the temperature dependence of magnetization throughout the entire temperature range from  $T = 0$  to  $T = T_C$ . These findings are in excellent agreement with experimental results for EuO and EuS.

### III. Beyond the quantum Weiss-Heisenberg MFA

In this Section we describe systematic, step-by-step corrections to WH-MFA, analyze them in various limiting cases, and explain the physical mechanisms behind the improved description of  $M(T)$ .

Note that both Weiss and Weiss-Heisenberg MFA replace the actual, time-dependent effective magnetic field  $H_i(t)$  acting on some spin  $S_i$  with its mean value  $H = \overline{H_i(t)}$ , completely ignoring the fluctuations of the surrounding spins  $S_j(t)$  which are relatively small in a parameter  $1/Z$ , with  $Z = 12$  being the coordination number in EuO and EuS. The initial step to improve WH-MFA is described in Sec III.1, where fluctuations are considered in the first order of perturbation theory with respect to  $1/Z$ . This allows us to correctly describe the power-like decay of  $M(T)$  for  $T \ll T_C$  caused by spin waves instead of the incorrect exponential decay of  $M(T)$  in the WH-MFA.

Nevertheless, the behavior of  $M(T)$  near  $T_C$  is still not corrected sufficiently and gives the same  $T_C$  as the initial WH-MFA. This problem is addressed in the subsequent sections: III.B and III.3. The effect of long-propagating spin waves on the fluctuations of  $H_i(t)$  is described more accurately by considering the exact kinematic identities (III.11), which connect all projections of the spin operator  $\hat{\mathbf{S}}$ . This approach improved the behavior of  $M(T)$  not only in the low-temperature region but also near the temperature  $T_C$ , including the value of  $T_C$  itself.

In final Sec.III.D, we combine two types of corrections to get the accurate quantitative description of  $M(T)$  in the entire temperature range from  $T = 0$  to  $T_C$ .

### A. $\frac{1}{Z}$ -corrections to the Weiss-Heisenberg MFA

The perturbation theory in  $1/Z$  works well if the fluctuations of the magnetic fields are small compared to the mean value  $H$ . Unfortunately, the fluctuations of the effective magnetic field  $H_i(t)$  on a given spin  $S_i$  are relatively small with respect to their mean value  $H$  only when  $T \ll T_C$ . As  $T$  approaches  $T_C$ ,  $H$  goes to zero. In this case, the fluctuations of  $H_i(t)$  become large compared to  $H$ , even in the first order in  $1/Z$ . This is a common problem in the theory of second-order phase transitions. Therefore, accounting for the first order in  $1/Z$  is not simple. First attempts in this direction, even using the diagrammatic perturbation approaches, faced serious problems (for more details, see Appendix A.1.) As is elaborated in Appendix A.3, we use a more sophisticated version of DT based on a generation functional. In our version of DT,  $1/Z$  corrections are introduced in a much more compact form of one-loop effective potential, described in Appendix A.4. The resulting equations with the first-order in  $1/Z$  corrections are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{S} &= A_0 + A_1 + A_2 + A_3, \\
 A_0 &= b_s(\beta J_0 \bar{S}), \quad A_1 = A_{1a} + A_{1b}, \quad \beta = 1/T, \\
 A_{1a} &= -\langle n_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle_{\mathbf{k}} = -\mathcal{N}, \\
 A_{1b} &= \langle n_0(\beta \bar{S} J_0) \rangle_{\mathbf{k}} = [\exp(J_0 \bar{S}/T) - 1]^{-1}, \\
 A_2 &= \beta b'_s(\beta J_0 \bar{S}) \langle J_{\mathbf{k}} n_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle_{\mathbf{k}}, \\
 A_3 &= \frac{\beta b''_s(\beta J_0 \bar{S})}{2} \left\langle \frac{\beta J_{\mathbf{k}}}{1 - \beta J_{\mathbf{k}} b'_s(\beta J_0 \bar{S})} \right\rangle_{\mathbf{k}}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{III.1}$$

Here

$$\langle f_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle_{\mathbf{k}} \equiv \frac{v}{(2\pi)^3} \int f_{\mathbf{k}} d^3 k, \quad \langle 1 \rangle_{\mathbf{k}} = 1, \tag{III.2}$$

which can be interpreted as the mean value of some function  $f_{\mathbf{k}}$  per magnetic site,  $v$  is the unit cell volume and integration in Eq.(III.2) over  $\mathbf{k}$  is carried out in the first reduced Brillouin zone for the wave vectors.

In Eq(III.1),  $b'_s(x) = db_s/dx$  and  $b''_s(x) = d^2b_s/dx^2$  are the first and the second derivatives of the normalized Brillouin function  $b_s(x)$  given by (II.7),  $\mathcal{N}$  is the mean value of the magnon numbers  $n_{\mathbf{k}}$  per magnetic site, given by the Bose-Einstein distribution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 n_{\mathbf{k}} &= \left[ \exp \frac{E_{\mathbf{k}}(T)}{T} - 1 \right]^{-1}, \\
 E_{\mathbf{k}}(T) &= \bar{S}_z(T)(J_0 - J_{\mathbf{k}}), \\
 J_{\mathbf{k}} &= \sum_j J_{ij} \exp(i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}_{ij}).
 \end{aligned} \tag{III.3}$$

Here  $E_k(T)$  is “self-consistent” energy of spin waves, which can be found in the simplest version of splitting of the Greens function suggested by Tyablikov<sup>[26]</sup>. To rationalize this result from a physical point of view, at least for small  $ak \ll 1$  and final temperatures, note that in these conditions the main contribution to the decrease in  $\bar{S}_z$  comes from the fast spin waves with  $ak \sim 1$ . This allows us to average the spin system over fast motions and to consider slow spin waves with  $ak \ll 1$ , as in the limit  $T \rightarrow 0$ , by replacing  $S$  (in our case  $S = 7/2$ ) with  $\bar{S}_z(T)$ .

For actual calculations in EuO and EuS, we need explicit expressions for  $J_0 - J_{\mathbf{k}}$  in these crystals. From (III.3) and (II.6) we find:

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_0 - J_{\mathbf{k}} = & 4J_1 \left[ \sin^2 \frac{(k_x+k_y)a}{4} + \sin^2 \frac{(k_x-k_y)a}{4} \right. \\
 & + \sin^2 \frac{(k_x+k_z)a}{4} + \sin^2 \frac{(k_x-k_z)a}{4} \\
 & \left. + \sin^2 \frac{(k_y+k_z)a}{4} + \sin^2 \frac{(k_y-k_z)a}{4} \right] \\
 & + 4J_2 \left[ \sin^2 \frac{k_x a}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{k_y a}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{k_z a}{2} \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{III.4}$$

### 1. Low temperature limit

In the limit  $T \rightarrow 0$ , the term  $A_0$  in Eq. (III.1) gives the expected trivial answer  $\bar{S} = S$ . Together with the term  $A_{1a}$  it gives a well-known result (see, for example, <sup>[14]</sup>) for the spin-wave correction of low-temperature mean spin

$$\bar{S} \approx S - \mathcal{N}(T). \tag{III.5}$$

To estimate  $\mathcal{N}(T)$  note that at small  $T$ , say for  $T < 10\text{K}$  in EuO, the integral in  $\langle n_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle$  is dominated by small  $k$  and the upper limit can be expanded to  $\infty$ . In cubic crystals for small  $k$

$$E_{\mathbf{k}}(T) = E_{ex}(ak)^2. \tag{III.6a}$$

For example, for EuO and EuS [according to (III.3) and Eqs. (III.4)], gives

$$E_{ex} = \bar{S}_z(T)(J_1 + J_2). \tag{III.6b}$$

This allows us to integrate  $\langle n_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle$  over angles in spherical coordinates and, finally, to come to a one-dimensional integral

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^2 dx}{\exp x^2 - 1} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{4} \zeta(3/2) \approx 1.579.$$

Then  $\mathcal{N}(T)$  can be estimated as follows

$$\mathcal{N}(T) \approx \frac{\zeta(3/2)}{32(\pi)^{3/2}} \left( \frac{T}{E_{ex}} \right)^{3/2}. \quad (\text{III.7})$$

Using  $J_1, J_2$  from Tab.1 in Eq.(III.6b), we obtain the values of  $E_{ex} \approx 1.50\text{K}$  for EuO and  $E_{ex} \approx 0.22\text{K}$  for EuS.

In the limit  $T \rightarrow 0$  the rest of the terms in (III.1) give exponentially small corrections:

- Term  $A_{1b} \approx \exp(-J_0 S/T)$ ;
- Term  $A_2 \approx \exp(-J_0 S/T) \mathcal{N}$  where  $\mathcal{N} \propto T^{3/2}$ , see (III.7);
- Term  $A_3 \approx \frac{\langle J_k \rangle_k}{2T} \exp\left(-\frac{J_0 S}{T}\right)$ , where  $\langle J_k \rangle_k$  is defined by Eq.(III.3).

Therefore, our result, Eqs.(III.1), gives an expected and well-known low-temperature behavior (for  $T \lesssim 40\text{K}$  in EuO) of  $\bar{S}(T)$ , see, for example, [14].

## 2. Near $T_C$ behavior: $\bar{S} \ll S$

To find the behavior of the magnetization in the limit  $\bar{S} \rightarrow 0$  we consider the basic equations(III.1) with  $n_k$  given by Eqs. (III.3). Here we can use the Rayleigh-Jeans distribution

$$n_k = \frac{T}{E_k} \Rightarrow \frac{T}{\bar{S}(J_0 - J_k)}, \quad n_0(x) \Rightarrow \frac{T}{\bar{S}J_0}. \quad (\text{III.8})$$

Using the expansions of (II.8) for  $x = J_0 \bar{S}/T \ll 1$  we can simplify equations for  $A_j$  accounting terms of order of  $x^{\pm 1}$ , denoted as  $A_j^{\pm 1}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} A_0^{(1)} &= \frac{S(S+1)}{3} \frac{\bar{S}J_0}{T} = \bar{S} \frac{T_C}{T}, \\ A_1^{(-1)} &= -\frac{T}{\bar{S}J_0} \left\langle \frac{J_k}{J_0 - J_k} \right\rangle, \quad A_1^{(1)} = 0, \\ A_2^{(-1)} &= \frac{S(S+1)}{3\bar{S}} \left\langle \frac{J_k}{J_0 - J_k} \right\rangle, \\ A_2^{(1)} &= -\frac{BJ_0^2 \bar{S}}{T^2} \left\langle \frac{J_k}{J_0 - J_k} \right\rangle, \\ A_3^{(1)} &= -\frac{SB}{15} \frac{J_0 \bar{S}}{T} \left\langle \frac{J_k}{T - J_k S(S+1)/3} \right\rangle \\ &\approx \frac{BJ_0 \bar{S}}{5(S+1)} \left\langle \frac{J_k}{J_0 - J_k} \right\rangle \end{aligned} \quad (\text{III.9})$$

Here averaging  $\langle \dots \rangle$  is understood according to (III.2).

We see that in the limit  $\bar{S} \rightarrow 0$  the terms  $A_1^{(-1)}$  and  $A_2^{(-1)}$  diverge as  $1/\bar{S}$ . However, the sum of these two terms



$$A_1^{(-1)} + A_2^{(-1)} = \left\langle \frac{J_k}{J_0 - J_k} \right\rangle \frac{1}{\bar{S}} \left[ \frac{S(S+1)}{3} - \frac{T}{J_0} \right] \propto \frac{T_C - T}{\bar{S}}$$

i.e. behave as  $\bar{S}$  near Curie temperature (II.10a),  $T_C = S(S+1)J_0/3$  under assumption that  $\bar{S} \propto \sqrt{T_C - T}$ .

To verify this assumption, consider Eq.(III.1) with approximate values of  $A_j$  given by (III.9). To simplify appearance of the resulting (III.10) we multiply each term by  $\bar{S}$ , divide by  $\left\langle \frac{J_k}{J_0 - J_k} \right\rangle$  and rearrange to get

$$\frac{BJ_0\bar{S}^2}{T(S+1)} \left[ \frac{3}{\bar{S}} + \frac{1}{5(S+1)} \right] = \frac{T_C - T}{J_0}. \quad (\text{III.10})$$

Here we note that  $\bar{S}^2 - \bar{S}A_0^{(1)}$  is proportional to  $\bar{S}^2(T_C - T) \propto \bar{S}^4$  and neglect it in (III.10). Terms  $A_2^{(1)}$  and  $A_3^{(1)}$  contribute to the left-hand-side (LHS) of Eq. (III.10), while  $A_1^{(-1)}$  and  $A_2^{(-1)}$  contribute to its right-hand-side (RHS).

In particular, we see that for  $T$  close to  $T_C$ ,  $\bar{S} \propto \sqrt{T_C - T}$  with the same  $T_C$  as original, not corrected Eq.(II.10a), but with the prefactor which differs from (II.10b).

### 3. Numerical solution of Eq.(III.1)

The numerical solution of Eq.(III.1), shown in Fig.2(a) by the solid blue line, is compared to the solutions of the Weiss-Heisenberg Eq.(II.9) (dotted blue line) and the experimental results for EuO. It is observed that the solution of the mean-field equation  $\bar{S} = b_s(\beta J_0 \bar{S})$  (solid black line with circles) deviates significantly from the experiment in the entire temperature range. At the same time, the solution of the  $1/Z$ -corrected Eq.(III.1) (represented by the solid blue line) offers an accurate quantitative description of the experiment in the low-temperature region ( $T \lesssim 60\text{K}$  for EuO), dominated by spin-wave contribution. However, this solution deviates significantly from the experiment for larger temperatures.

A way to resolve this problem, demonstrating very accurate qualitative agreement between the developed theory and experiment, is shown below.

#### B. Non-equilibrium Belinicher-L'vov DT for spin operator

The essential progress in this area was made by Belinicher and L'vov (BL), who developed a diagrammatic technique for spin operators<sup>[17]</sup> using graphical notations similar to those traditionally employed in Feynman's diagrammatic technique. BL extended Keldysh's diagrammatic technique to

non-equilibrium Bose systems for the case of spin operators. The key element here was the formulation of Wick's theorem for spin operators, which allows the expression of the mean values of the product of any number of spin operators

$$\hat{S}_{\pm} = (\hat{S}_x \pm i\hat{S}_y)/\sqrt{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{S}_z$$

through products of only operators  $S_z$ . The BL-DT explicitly incorporates the mean values of the spin-wave propagators (expressed via  $\hat{S}_{\pm}$ ) while the longitudinal correlation functions of  $\hat{S}_z$  play a role as external parameters characterizing the media in which the spin waves propagate. Calculating longitudinal correlations is a non-trivial task. One way to achieve this is to formulate a perturbation approach starting from the basic WH-MFA in which there is no mention of spin waves. With this starting point, one has to account in any order of perturbation approach the fulfillment of the kinematic identities

$$\hat{\mathbf{S}}^2 = -2\hat{S}_+\hat{S}_- + \hat{S}_z^2 - \hat{S}_z = S(S+1) \quad (\text{III.11})$$

which provides a connection between dynamic operators  $\hat{S}_{\pm}$  and powers of the static ones,  $\hat{S}_z$ .

In BL-DT kinematic identities, (III.11) is used from the start to express correlations  $\langle \hat{S}_z^n \rangle$  as polynomials of  $\hat{S}_{\pm}$ . These correlations can be calculated using the longitudinal part of the DT. This approach allows for an efficient calculation method in which even a single simple diagram considered corresponds to the summation of a series of several diagrams in the framework of the Vaks-Larkin-Pikin approach.

### C. Spin-waves-improved Weiss-Heisenberg MFA

BL showed that accounting for kinematic identities (III.11) in zero-order approximation in  $1/Z$  leads to the following modification of MFA:

$$\bar{S}_z(T) = b_S(y), \quad y = \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}}\right), \quad (\text{III.12})$$

where  $\mathcal{N} = \langle n_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle_{\mathbf{k}}$ , the mean value of the occupation numbers, is the free parameter of the problem. Its value depends on real physical conditions: in the case of strong external pumping, it can be found from the wave kinetic equations. In thermodynamic equilibrium,  $n_{\mathbf{k}}$  is determined by the Bose-Einstein distribution (III.3).

In thermodynamic equilibrium, equations Eq.(III.12) were suggested by Praveczi<sup>[27]</sup> for  $S \leq 3.0$  (recall that in EuO and EuS  $S = 7/2$ ) and were accounting only for nearest-neighbors

interactions, see also [28][29][26].

Eqs.(III.12) can be rewritten in a form more closely resembling the original version (II.9) of the quantum MFA:

$$\bar{S}_z(T) = b_S \left( \frac{E_{eff}(T)}{T} \right), \quad (\text{III.13a})$$

$$\left[ \exp \frac{E_{eff}(T)}{T} - 1 \right]^{-1} = \left\langle \left[ \exp \frac{E_{\mathbf{k}}(T)}{T} - 1 \right]^{-1} \right\rangle, \quad (\text{III.13b})$$

$$E_{\mathbf{k}}(T) = \bar{S}_z(T)(J_0 - J_{\mathbf{k}}).$$

Here, we replace  $\bar{S}(T)J_0$  in Eq. (II.9) with the effective energy on the site  $E_{eff}(T)$  defined by Eq. (III.3). In a way,  $E_{eff}(T)$  can be considered as a sophisticated mean value of the spin waves energy  $E_{\mathbf{k}}(T)$  over the entire  $\mathbf{k}$ -space at a given  $T$ . We consider Eq.(III.13) to be physically motivated and more transparent than its original form (III.12).

As is shown below, Eq.(III.12) [or, equivalently, Eq. (III.13)] is significantly more accurate than the corresponding Eq.(II.9) for WH-MFA and even Eqs.(III.1) describing WH-MFA with  $1/Z$ -corrections.

### 1. Low $T$ behavior: $S - \bar{S} \ll S$

When  $T \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\mathcal{N}$  is very small and  $y \gg 1$  in (III.12). In that case

$$\bar{S}_z(T) \approx S - \frac{\mathcal{N}(T)}{1 + \mathcal{N}(T)} \approx S - \mathcal{N}(T), \quad (\text{III.14})$$

i.e., as anticipated, the decrease in  $\bar{S}_z(T)$  is precisely governed by the excitation of spin waves<sup>[14]</sup>. Note that Eq.(III.14) coincides with Eq.(III.5) for  $\bar{S}_z(T)$  in the “original” mean-field approximation with  $1/Z$  corrections.

### 2. $\bar{S}_z(T)$ behavior for $\bar{S} \lesssim S$

Let us show that temperature dependence  $\bar{S}_z(T)$  in the spin-wave-improved mean-field approximation, considered here and in the “original” mean-field,  $1/Z$  corrected approximation are very different when  $T$  approaches  $T_C$ , the mean spin  $\bar{S}_z(T) \rightarrow 0$  and the energy  $E_{\mathbf{k}}(T)$  in (III.13a) also approaches zero and become much smaller than  $T$ . In that case, the Bose-Einstein distribution (III.13b) can be approximated by the Rayleigh-Jeans distribution  $T/E_{\mathbf{k}}(T)$  and Eq.(III.13b) reduces to

$$E_{eff} = \bar{S}\tilde{J}_0. \quad (\text{III.15a})$$

Here we introduce the effective exchange integral, defined as follows

$$\frac{1}{\tilde{J}_0} \equiv \left\langle \frac{1}{J_0 - J_{\mathbf{k}}} \right\rangle_{\mathbf{k}}. \quad (\text{III.15b})$$

We observe that Eqs. (III.13a) and (III.15a) coincide with the original mean-field Eq. (II.9) after replacing  $\tilde{J}_0$  with  $J_0$ . It means that in the spin-wave-improved MFA  $\bar{S}_z$  vanishes at the new value of the Curie temperature

$$\tilde{T}_C = \frac{S(S+1)\tilde{J}_0}{3} = \frac{S(S+1)}{3} \left\langle \frac{1}{J_0 - J_{\mathbf{k}}} \right\rangle^{-1}, \quad (\text{III.15c})$$

and in its vicinity behaves as a square root of the temperature difference, similarly to (II.3a):

$$\bar{S} = C \sqrt{\frac{\tilde{T}_C - T}{\tilde{T}_C}}, \quad C = \frac{1}{S} \sqrt{\frac{3}{B(S+1)^3}}, \quad (\text{III.15d})$$

where  $B$  is defined by (II.8) and  $C$  depends only on  $S$ . The Curie temperature denoted as  $\tilde{T}_C < T_C$ , is now determined by the effective exchange integral  $\tilde{J}_0$ , which is smaller than the "bare" exchange integral  $J_0$ . The ratio  $\tilde{T}_C/T_C \approx 0.77$  in EuO and  $\tilde{T}_C/T_C \approx 0.64$  in EuS. The physical reason is that kinematic identities (III.11) suppress longitudinal correlations of spins due to the excitation of spin waves in the vicinity of  $T_C$ .

### 3. Numerical solution of Eq. (III.12) and its analysis

The numerical solution of the spin-wave-improved WH-MFA, (III.12) for  $\bar{S}_z(T)$  in EuO is shown in Fig. 2(a) by the dashed green line labeled (3). It is interesting to compare this behavior with the similar curve of  $\bar{S}_z(T)$  in  $1/Z$  corrected WH-MFA, Eq. (III.1), plotted in Fig. 2(a) by the solid blue line labeled (2). We showed analytically that in both approximations, the low  $T$  behavior is the same:  $\bar{S}_z \approx S - \mathcal{N}(T)$ . Consequently, both curves practically coincide for  $T \lesssim 20\text{K}$  and remain quite close for temperatures up to  $T \simeq 50\text{K}$ . However, for larger  $T$  these curves deviate significantly: solid blue line for  $1/Z$ -corrected MFA goes to zero at  $T_C \approx 86.6\text{K}$ , while the dashed green line for spin-wave-improved MFA approaches zero at  $\tilde{T}_C \approx 66.5\text{K}$  which is much closer to the experimental value  $T_C^{\text{exp}}$  in EuO.

We conclude that the spin-wave-improved MFA captures physics better than its  $1/Z$ -corrected counterpart for  $T > T_C/2$ . We tend to associate this difference with the kinematic identities, (III.11) that relate the dynamic operators  $\hat{S}^\pm$  to the static ones  $\hat{S}_z$  on the same site. In the original, WH-MFA an interaction of a spin on a given site with its real environment with fluctuating spins is approximated by its interaction with the mean values of surrounding spins, producing a time-

independent magnetic field  $H_{\text{eff}} = \bar{S}_z J_0$ . In thermodynamic equilibrium, this field causes a non-zero value of  $\bar{S}_z/S$ , given by the normalized Brillouin function  $b_S$  according to (II.9). However, in the presence of intense spin waves, this is not the case: according to kinetic identities when  $\langle \hat{S}_+ \hat{S}_- \rangle \neq 0$ , the mean spin  $\bar{S}_z$  cannot reach its maximal value  $S$  and vanishes for smaller  $T$  i.e. faster than without accounting for the spin waves.

#### D. $1/Z$ -corrections to the spin-wave-improved mean-field equation and its analysis

Using the spin-wave-improved mean-field equation, Eq. (III.12), as a zero-order approximation, and finding the required first-order corrections in  $1/Z$ , we obtain the following version of the self-consistent equation for  $\bar{S}$ :

$$\bar{S} = \tilde{A}_0 + \tilde{A}_1 + A_2 + A_3, \quad (\text{III.16a})$$

$$\tilde{A}_0 = b_s(y), \quad y = \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}}\right), \quad (\text{III.16b})$$

$$\tilde{A}_1 = \left[1 - \frac{b'_s(y)}{\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{N} + 1)}\right] A_1. \quad (\text{III.16c})$$

Here  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $A_3$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  are given by Eq.(III.1). Equation  $\bar{S} = \tilde{A}_0$  coincides with the spin-wave-improved mean-field equation (III.13). As we have shown, it gives for  $T \rightarrow 0$  the spin-wave correction  $\bar{S} = S - \mathcal{N}$ . The same correction gives the term  $A_1$  in Eq.(III.1). The prefactor in Eq.(III.16c) vanishes for  $T \rightarrow 0$  to prevent double counting of the spin-wave correction.

Note that analysis of near- $T_C$  behavior of  $\bar{S}(T)$  in the framework of Eqs.(III.9) for  $1/Z$ -corrected WH-MFA shows that  $\bar{S}(T) = 0$  at  $T_C = S(S + 1)J_0/3$ . This follows from the balance of  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  and  $A_3$  terms in (III.10). The analytical equations for these terms in (III.16), are the same as in Eqs.(III.1) and (III.9). Therefore, it is not surprising that  $\bar{S}(T) \rightarrow 0$  for  $T \rightarrow T_C$  and not for  $T \rightarrow \tilde{T}_C$ . The reason is that we derived the equations for  $A_j$  in the framework of DT developed in Appendices A.3 and A.4, which ignores kinematic identities. The straightforward way to account for them is to derive  $A_j$  in the framework of the BL DT. Unfortunately, this is quite a cumbersome procedure. To avoid this issue, we observe that spin waves in the range where  $\bar{S} \ll S$  suppress the effective exchange integrals by a factor of  $R \equiv \tilde{J}_0/J_0$ . Therefore, we replace in all expressions for  $A_j$ ,  $J_0$  by  $\tilde{J}_0$  and  $J_k$  by  $RJ_k$ . Modified in this way, Eqs.(III.16) for  $1/Z$ -corrected, spin-wave-improved MFA for  $\bar{S}_z/S(T)$  was solved numerically with Eu0 parameters and shown in Fig.2(a) by a solid green line. We see further improvement of the result in comparison with the uncorrected spin-wave-improved mean-field equation (III.13), plotted in Fig.2(a) by the dashed green line.

When the small disagreement in the Curie temperature values is compensated by plotting in Fig.2(b)  $\bar{S}_z/S$  vs normalized temperature  $T/T_C$ , the theoretical curves of  $\bar{S}_z/S$  in the  $1/Z$ -corrected spin-wave-improved MFA almost coincides with experimental results for EuO and EuS.

Another impressive result is observed in Fig.2. We approximated here a theoretical solution of  $\bar{S}_z/S$  by a power-law-like  $T$ -dependence  $(1 - T/T_C)^{\beta_{th}}$ , shown by solid red line. The value of the apparent scaling index  $\beta = 0.34 \pm 0.02$  is in excellent agreement with its experimental value  $\beta_{exp} = 0.36 \pm 0.01$  in EuO and EuS<sup>[10]</sup> as well as with the theoretical value  $\beta_{th} \approx 0.365$ , derived in the framework of the renormalization group theory for the 3D Heisenberg ferromagnetic<sup>[18]</sup>. Even though the mean-field value  $\beta_{MF} = 1/2$  is expected in our approximations in a very narrow (not observable) near- $T_C$  range, the wider temperature dependence is faithfully described. This improvement, therefore, reflects the importance of the introduced corrections in describing the basic physical mechanisms defining the magnetization.

## IV. Summary

In this paper, we revisited the theoretical description of spontaneous magnetization in cubic ferromagnetic crystals. We developed a theory that accounts for intensive and long-propagating spin waves - fluctuations of the transverse spin components - via the consistent two-step procedure based on the diagrammatic technique. Our theory resolves the long-standing problem of an accurate quantitative description of the temperature dependence of magnetization in cubic ferromagnetic crystals, including the anomalous (i.e. not predicted by the mean-field approximation) scaling observed experimentally over a wide temperature range.

We explain the physical reasons for the failure of other approaches and demonstrate the step-by-step improvement in describing the temperature dependence of the spontaneous magnetization emerging in our method.

Our theoretical approach marks a significant advancement in the description of magnetic systems. It is not limited to simple ferromagnets but may be extended to ferrimagnetic materials with multiple magnetic sublattices, such as yttrium-iron-garnet and antiferromagnets that involve exchange and dipole-dipole interactions, as well as anisotropy energy, among other factors.

# Appendix A. Diagrammatic technique for Heisenberg ferromagnets

## A.1. Vaks–Larkin–Pikin DT for spin operators in thermodynamic equilibrium

The initial formulation of the DT for ferromagnetic materials was proposed by Vaks, Larkin, and Pikin (VLP)<sup>[15][16]</sup>. Their DT, formulated for the thermodynamic equilibrium, produced important results. Later Izyumov and Skryabin<sup>[30]</sup>, and Bar'yakhtar, Krivoruchko, and Yablonski<sup>[14]</sup> adapted VLP DT for direct use with spin operators. These DTs have produced several noteworthy and crucial findings<sup>[15][16][30][14]</sup>.

From the formal point of view, the WH mean-field Eq.(II.9) is the zero-order approximation in these approaches, valid in the limit of an infinitely large radius of interaction  $R$ , defined as follows

$$R^2 = \sum_j R_{ij}^2 J_{ij} / a^2 J_0. \quad (\text{A1})$$

VLP also computed first-order corrections in  $R^{-3}$  for  $M(T, H)$  in (II.5b) and the simultaneous spin correlation functions. According to<sup>[15]</sup>, the expansion parameters of this theory for the cubic, body-centered (BCC), and FCC lattices with nearest-neighbor interactions are 1,  $2^{-3/2} \approx 0.35$ , and  $3^{-3/2} \approx 0.19$ , respectively. However, since exchange interactions decay rapidly with distance, the theory, in its original formulation, is formally inappropriate for most ferroelectrics.

Most of the results obtained in this DTs<sup>[15][16][30][14]</sup> have not gained widespread acceptance, both because of the specific difficulties inherent in these diagram techniques and the unsuccessful graphical notation, which makes it difficult to establish analogies and perceive the information presented.

Note also that in the VLP approach, the corrections to  $M(T)$  become infinite as  $T$  approaches  $T_C$ . This behavior is not physical because  $0 < M(T) < M_0$ . Therefore, it is necessary to reformulate the theory to eliminate these infinite values. This is done below in Appendices A.2, A.3 and A.4, where we provide a regularized theory that describes corrections to quantum WH-MFA that are applicable over a wider range of temperatures.

## A.2. Physical small parameter

We have to note that from a physical point of view, MFA in ferromagnetics neglects the fluctuation of the effective magnetic field and becomes exact when the number of interacting magnetic atoms goes

to infinity. For FCC crystals with nearest-neighbor interactions, this number is the coordinate number  $Z_1 = 12$ . Thus, the applicability parameter in this case is  $1/Z_1 = 1/12$ , which is much smaller than the formal expansion parameter  $1/R^3 = 1$ , declared by VLP. Moreover, when the next-nearest interactions are important one has to account for their contribution to the exchange integral  $J_0$ . Thus we expect that in the general case, the role of coordinate number  $Z$  is played by  $Z_{\text{eff}} = J_0/J_1 \approx Z_1 + Z_2 J_2/J_1$ . In EuO  $Z_{\text{eff}} \approx 13.2$  while in EuS  $Z_{\text{eff}} \approx 9.4$ . This explains why we hope to reach a better agreement between an experiment and the mean-field approach for EuO than for EuS. Indeed, according to Tab.1, in EuO  $[\Delta T_C^{\text{ex}} - T_C^{\text{exp}}]/T_C^{\text{exp}} \approx 0.24$  while in EuS this ratio is about 0.29.

### A.3. Functional representation

In this paper, we are interested in the spontaneous magnetization  $M(T)$  which is proportional to the mean spin  $\bar{S}_z$ , defined by (I.1) and aligned with the external magnetic field  $\mathbf{h} = \{0, 0, h_z \equiv h\}$ . Following<sup>[31][32]</sup> we compute  $M(T)$  as

$$\bar{S}_z = \frac{T}{N_{\text{lat}}} \frac{d}{dh} \ln \mathcal{Z}(h), \quad h \rightarrow 0. \quad (\text{A.2})$$

from the generating function

$$\mathcal{Z}(h) = \text{Tr} \exp \left( -\beta \mathcal{H}_{ex} - \beta h \sum_j S_j^z \right). \quad (\text{A.3})$$

Here "Tr" represents the trace operator. The Heisenberg exchange Hamiltonian, denoted as  $\mathcal{H}_{ex}$ , is derived from the energy described in equation (II.4b) and has the following form:

$$\mathcal{H}_{ex} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{jk} J_{jk} \mathbf{S}_j \cdot \mathbf{S}_k, \quad (\text{A.4})$$

where  $\mathbf{S}_j$  are spin operators on the lattice sites  $\mathbf{R}_j$ . To confine the operator problem to a single lattice site, the Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation<sup>[33][34]</sup> is utilized.

The non-commutativity of spin components prevents us from rewriting the partition function as an integral over vector variables defined on each lattice site. Instead, fields dependent on an artificial time emerge, leading to an expression that involves functional integrals over these fields defined on the lattice. This proceeds as follows: First we represent  $\mathcal{Z}(h)$  as an infinite product:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}(h) = & \exp \left( -\epsilon \mathcal{H}_{ex} + \epsilon h \sum_j S_j^z \right) \times \dots \\ & \times \exp \left( -\epsilon \mathcal{H}_{ex} + \epsilon h \sum_j S_j^z \right). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.5})$$



Formally, we need to let  $\epsilon$  approach 0, but for now, let us consider it as a very small, but finite quantity. The number of terms in the product (A.5) is  $\beta/\epsilon$ . Then we use the identity valid in the limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \exp\left(\frac{\epsilon}{2} J_{jk} \mathbf{S}_j \mathbf{S}_k\right) \\ = & \mathcal{M}_\epsilon \int \prod_j d\phi_j \exp\left(-\frac{\epsilon}{2} J_{jk}^{-1} \phi_j \phi_k + \epsilon \beta \phi_j \mathbf{S}_j\right), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.6})$$

where  $J_{jk}^{-1}$  is the inverse matrix of  $J_{jk}$  and  $\mathcal{M}_\epsilon$  is a normalization factor. Substituting it into (A.5), we have for each lattice site  $j$  a set of integration variables corresponding to each multiplier in the product (A.5). This set can be considered as a function  $\phi_j(t)$  defined in discrete time  $t = 0, \epsilon, 2\epsilon, \dots, \beta$ . In a formal continuum limit, we obtain integral sums as an exponent and a product of time-ordered exponentials:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}(h) = & \int \prod_l \mathcal{D}\phi_l(\tau) \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^\beta J_{jk}^{-1} \phi_j(\tau) \phi_k(\tau) d\tau\right] \\ & \times \prod_j \text{TrT} \exp\left[\int_0^\beta d\tau (\phi_j(\tau) + \mathbf{h}_j) \mathbf{S}_j\right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.7})$$

The symbol T denotes a chronological product and  $\mathbf{h}_j = (0, 0, h)$ . The path integral (A.3) is understood as a limit of finite-dimensional approximations. The measure of integration is

$$\mathcal{D}\phi_l(t) = \mathcal{M} \prod_{\alpha=x,y,z} \prod_{n=1}^{\beta/\epsilon} d\phi_l^\alpha(n\epsilon), \quad (\text{A.8})$$

where  $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{M}_\epsilon)^{\beta/\epsilon}$

Let us rewrite (A.3) in a more convenient manner by shifting the variables of functional integration  $\phi = \varphi + \mathbf{h}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{h}) = & \int \prod_l \mathcal{D}\varphi_l(\tau) \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^\beta J_{jk}^{-1} \varphi_j(\tau) \varphi_k(\tau) d\tau\right. \\ & \left. + \frac{h}{J_0} \int_0^\beta \sum_j \varphi_j^z(\tau) d\tau - N_{lat} \frac{\beta h^2}{2J_0}\right] \\ & \times \prod_j \text{Tr} \left[ \text{T} \exp\left(\int_0^\beta \varphi_j(\tau) \mathbf{S}_j d\tau\right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.9})$$

The time-ordered operator exponent

$$\hat{A}(t) = \text{T} \left\{ \exp\left[\int_0^t \varphi(\tau) \mathbf{S} d\tau\right] \right\} \quad (\text{A.10a})$$

is defined by the equation

$$d\hat{A}(t)/dt = [\varphi(t) \mathbf{S}] \hat{A}(t) \quad (\text{A.10b})$$

with the initial condition  $\hat{A}(0) = 1$ . The operator  $\hat{A}$  cannot be expressed explicitly as a functional of  $\varphi(t)$ . However, there is a way to rewrite the T-ordered exponential as a product of regular ones. To demonstrate this, let us consider the operator given as a product of the usual matrix exponential:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{A}(t) = & \exp[-S^+ \psi^-(t)] \exp\left[S^z \int_0^t \rho(\tau) d\tau\right] \\ & \times \exp\left\{\frac{1}{2} S^- \int_0^t d\tau \psi^+(\tau) \exp\left[\int_0^\tau \rho(\tau') d\tau'\right]\right\} \\ & \times \exp[S^+ \psi^-(0)]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.11})$$

Here,  $S^\pm = S^x \pm iS^y$  and  $\psi^\pm(t), \rho(t)$  are some new fields. Using the commutators

$$\begin{aligned} [S^-, F(S^+)] &= -2S^z F'(S^+) + S^+ F''(S^+), \\ [S^z, F(S^-)] &= -S^- F'(S^-), \\ [S^+, F(S^-)] &= 2S^z F'(S^-) + S^- F''(S^-), \\ S^- F(S^z - 1) &= F(S^z) S^-, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.12})$$

where  $F(y)$  is some function, one can be convinced that the operator  $\hat{A}(t)$  satisfies the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned} d\hat{A}/d\tau = & \left\{ [\rho - \psi^+ \psi^-] S^z + \frac{1}{2} \psi^+ S^- \right. \\ & \left. + \left[ -\dot{\psi}^- + \rho \psi^- + \frac{1}{2} \psi^+ (\psi^-)^2 \right] S^+ \right\} \hat{A}(t). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.13})$$

The last factor in (A.11) provides the equality  $\hat{A}(0) = 1$ . Considering the following change of variables in the functional integral over the measure

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi^z &= \rho - \psi^+ \psi^-, \\ \varphi^- &= -\dot{\psi}^- + \rho \psi^- + \frac{1}{2} \psi^+ (\psi^-)^2, \\ \varphi^+ &= \frac{1}{2} \psi^+, \varphi^\pm = \frac{1}{2} (\varphi^x \pm i\varphi^y), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.14})$$

we see that the T-ordered operator  $\hat{A}(t)$ , defined by Eqs. (A.10), takes the form (A.11):

$$\hat{A}(t) = \hat{\mathcal{A}}(t). \quad (\text{A.15})$$

without T-ordering. This allows us to obtain an explicit functional integral representation for any physical quantities of interest.

The change of variables (A.14) contains the time derivative of  $\psi^-$  on the right-hand side. Hence, it is necessary to impose the boundary or initial conditions.

Here we utilize the periodic boundary conditions that are typically used in statistical physics of Bose systems. It is essential to calculate the Jacobian  $\mathcal{J}$  considering the boundary conditions:

$$\mathcal{J} = \text{const} \sinh\left(\frac{1}{2} \int_0^\beta \rho dt\right). \quad (\text{A.16})$$

The analyticity of the integrand and the convergence of the functional integral allows us to deform the initial surface of integration into standard one:  $\text{Im}\rho = 0$ ,  $\psi^+ = (\psi^-)^*$ . In this way, the trace of the operator  $\hat{\mathcal{A}}(\beta)$  (A.11) can be easily calculated for an arbitrary value of the spin  $S$ :

$$\text{Tr}[\hat{\mathcal{A}}(\beta)] = \text{Tr}[\hat{A}(\beta)] = \exp\left[\mathcal{Q}_S\left(\int_0^\beta \rho dt\right)\right]. \quad (\text{A.17})$$

Here  $\mathcal{Q}_S(x)$  is a primitive of normalised Brillouin function  $b_S$ , given by (II.7):

$$\mathcal{Q}_S(x) = \ln \frac{\sinh[x(S+1/2)]}{\sinh(x/2)} \quad (\text{A.18a})$$

$$b_S(x) = d\mathcal{Q}_S(x)/dx. \quad (\text{A.18b})$$

Note that  $\mathcal{Q}(x)$  differs from the original Brillouin function  $\mathcal{B}_S(x)$ , given by (II.5a).

Thus, (A.2) and (A.3) together with (A.14)-(A.18) lead to the statement that the spontaneous magnetization is given by the expectation value

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{S} &= \frac{T}{N_{\text{lat}} J_0} \left\langle \int_0^\beta \sum_j \varphi_j^z(\tau) d\tau \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{T}{N_{\text{lat}} J_0} \left\langle \int_0^\beta \sum_j (\rho_j - \psi_j^+ \psi_j^-) (\tau) d\tau \right\rangle \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.19})$$

with respect to the measure

$$\mathcal{D}\rho \mathcal{D}\psi^+ \mathcal{D}\psi^- \exp\left[-\int_0^\beta \mathcal{L} d\tau + \sum_j g_s \left(\int_0^\beta \rho_j d\tau\right)\right], \quad (\text{A.20})$$

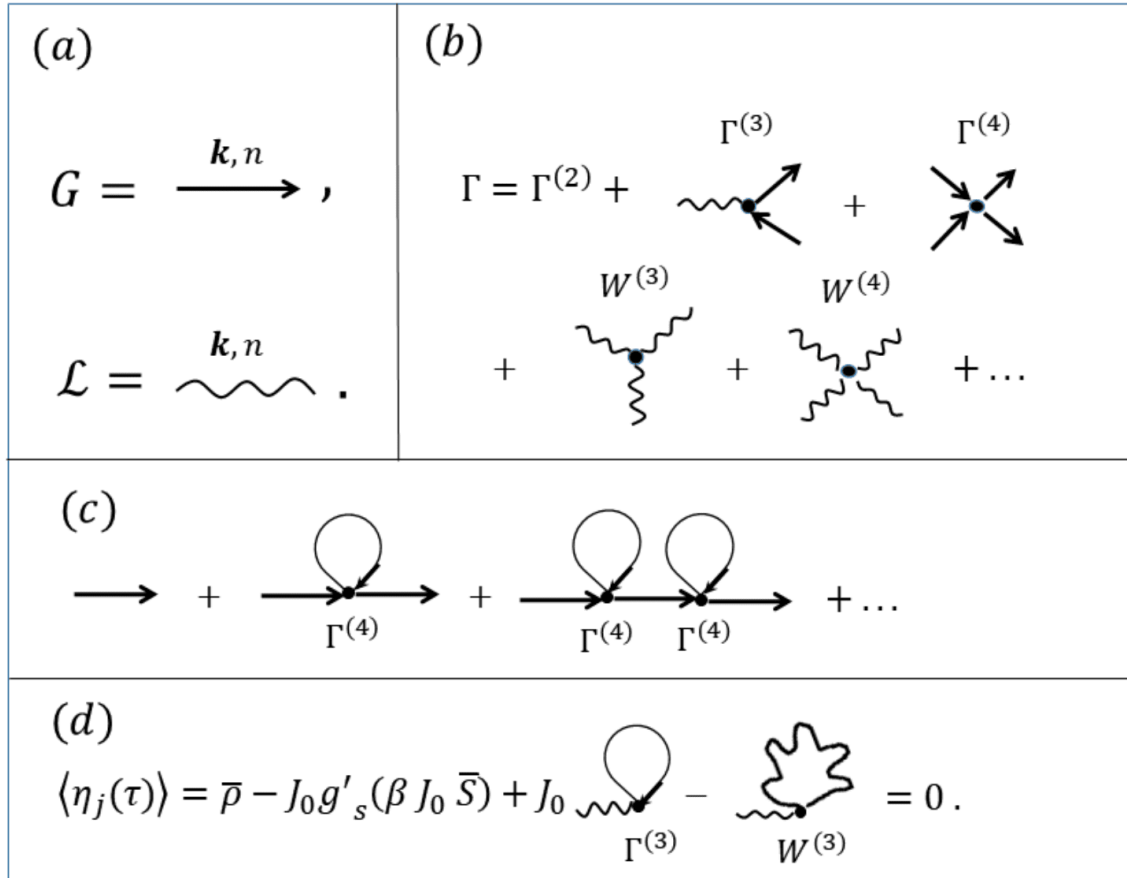
where the Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}(\rho, \psi^\pm)$  has the form:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\rho, \psi^\pm) &= \sum_{j,l} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \rho_j \mathcal{J}_{jl}^{-1} \rho_l - \psi_j^+ \mathcal{J}_{jl}^{-1} \dot{\psi}_l^- \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \rho_j \mathcal{J}_{jl}^{-1} (\psi_j^- \psi_l^+ - \psi_l^- \psi_j^+) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \psi_j^- \psi_j^+ \mathcal{J}_{jl}^{-1} \psi_l^- \psi_l^+ \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{2} \psi_j^- \mathcal{J}_{jl}^{-1} (\psi_l^-)^2 \psi_l^+ \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.21})$$

with  $\mathcal{J}^{-1}$  being the inverse Jacobian (A.16) and the function  $g_S(x)$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
g_S(x) &= Q_S(x) + \ln \left[ \sinh \left( \int_0^\beta \frac{1}{2} \rho d\tau \right) \right] \\
&= \ln \left[ \exp \left( \left( S + \frac{1}{2} \right) x \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \exp \left( - \left( S + \frac{1}{2} \right) x \right) \right],
\end{aligned}
\tag{A.22a}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dx} g_S(x) &= \frac{1}{2} + b_S(x) + n_0(x), \\
n_0(x) &= \frac{1}{e^x - 1}.
\end{aligned}
\tag{A.22b}$$



**Figure 4.** (a) Graphical notation for the correlators  $G_0(\omega_n, \mathbf{k})$ , and  $\mathcal{L}_0(\omega_n, \mathbf{k})$ . (b) notation for vertices  $\Gamma^{(3)}$ , and  $\Gamma^{(4)}$ ,  $W^{(3)}$ , and  $W^{(4)}$ . (c) One-loop renormalization of the frequency spectrum. (d) The one-loop equation for magnetization.

#### A.4. One-loop equation for spontaneous magnetization

##### a. Integration measure in perturbation approach

To prepare the integration measure over fields  $\rho_j, \psi_j^\pm$  at the site  $\mathbf{r}_j$ , we note that in our system with a nonzero mean spin  $\bar{S}_z$ , the field  $\rho_j(t)$  also has a non-zero mean value  $\bar{\rho}$ :

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}_j, t) \equiv \rho_j(t) = \bar{\rho} + \eta_j(t), \quad (\text{A.23})$$

where fluctuations  $\eta_j(\mathbf{r}_j, t) \equiv \eta_j(t)$  are assumed to be small in some sense.

In our case of spatial and time homogeneity, it is customary to use Fourier components

$$\psi_j^\pm(t) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{lat}}} \sum_{n, \mathbf{k}} \psi_{n, \mathbf{k}}^\pm \exp[\pm i(\omega_n \tau + \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_j)], \quad (\text{A.24a})$$

$$\eta_j(t) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{lat}}} \sum_{n, \mathbf{k}} \eta_{n, \mathbf{k}} \exp[i(\omega_n \tau + \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_j)]. \quad (\text{A.24b})$$

The equation for spontaneous magnetization follows from the identity

$$\langle \eta_j(\tau) \rangle = 0 \quad (\text{A.25})$$

valid for any  $j$  and  $\tau$  due to homogeneity. To compute this expectation value explicitly we substitute the decomposition (A.24) into (A.20)-(A.22a) and arrive at the measure of perturbative averaging over fluctuations around the mean field:

$$\mathcal{D}\eta \mathcal{D}\psi^\pm \exp(-\Gamma), \quad \text{where} \quad (\text{A.26a})$$

$$\Gamma = \Gamma^{(2)} + \Gamma^{(3)} + \Gamma^{(4)} - W\{\eta\}, \quad (\text{A.26b})$$

$$\Gamma^{(2)} = \sum_{n, \mathbf{k}} \frac{1}{J_{\mathbf{k}}} \left\{ \frac{|\eta_{n, \mathbf{k}}|^2}{2} [1 - \beta^2 J_{\mathbf{k}} g_S''(\beta \bar{\rho}) \Delta(n)] + \psi_{n, \mathbf{k}}^+ \psi_{n, \mathbf{k}}^- \left[ i\omega_n + \bar{\rho} \left( 1 - \frac{J_{\mathbf{k}}}{J_0} \right) \right] \right\}. \quad (\text{A.26c})$$

Hereafter  $\Delta(n)$  is the Kroniker delta function defined as follows:  $\Delta(0) = 1$ , and  $\Delta(n \neq 0) = 0$ .

Furthermore:

$$\Gamma^{(3)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{\text{lat}}}} \sum_{n_{1,2,3}, \mathbf{k}_{1,2,3}} \eta_{\mathbf{k}_1, n_1} \psi_{\mathbf{k}_2, n_2}^+ \psi_{\mathbf{k}_3, n_3}^- \quad (\text{A.26d})$$

$$\times Q_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2} \Delta(n_1 + n_2 - n_3) \Delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}_3),$$

$$Q_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2} = \frac{1}{J_{\mathbf{k}_2}} - \frac{1}{J_{\mathbf{k}_1}}, \quad (\text{A.26e})$$

$$\Gamma^{(4)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{\text{lat}}}} \sum_{n_{1,2,3,4}, \mathbf{k}_{1,2,3,4}} T_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2; \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4}$$

$$\times \psi_{\mathbf{k}_1, n_1}^+ \psi_{\mathbf{k}_2, n_2}^+ \psi_{\mathbf{k}_3, n_3}^- \psi_{\mathbf{k}_4, n_4} \quad (\text{A.26f})$$

$$\times \Delta(n_1 + n_2 - n_3 - n_4) \Delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}_3 - \mathbf{k}_4),$$

$$T_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2; \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{J_{\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2}} + \frac{1}{J_{\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}_4}} - \frac{1}{J_{\mathbf{k}_1}} + -\frac{1}{J_{\mathbf{k}_2}} \right). \quad (\text{A.26g})$$

Vertex  $T_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2; \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4}$  is independent of Matsubara frequencies  $\omega_n$  and, due to the conservation law of momentum, is symmetric with respect to the permutation  $\mathbf{k}_3 \leftrightarrow \mathbf{k}_4$ .

Last but not least, the contribution to  $\Gamma$  in (A.26b), denoted as  $W\{\eta\}$ , is an infinite series over fluctuations  $\eta_{\mathbf{k}} \equiv \eta_{n=0, \mathbf{k}}$  with zero Matsubara frequencies:

$$W\{\eta\} = \sum_m N^{1-m/2} \frac{\beta^m}{m!} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1 \dots \mathbf{k}_m} \Delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \dots + \mathbf{k}_m) \times g_S^{(m)}(\beta\bar{\rho}) \eta_{\mathbf{k}_1} \dots \eta_{\mathbf{k}_m}, \quad (\text{A.27a})$$

$$g_S^{(m)}(x) = \left( \frac{d}{dx} \right)^m g_S(x). \quad (\text{A.27b})$$

#### A.4.2. Magnetization in the first order in $1/Z$

Seed correlation functions are diagonal in  $\mathbf{k}$  and  $\omega_n$ :

$$G_0(\omega_n, \mathbf{k}) = \langle \psi_{n, \mathbf{k}}^+ \psi_{n, \mathbf{k}}^+ \rangle = J_{\mathbf{k}} \left[ i\omega_n + \frac{(J_0 - J_{\mathbf{k}})\bar{\rho}}{J_0} \right]^{-1}, \quad (\text{A.28})$$

$$\mathcal{L}_0(\omega_n, \mathbf{k}) = \langle \eta_{n, \mathbf{k}} \eta_{-n, -\mathbf{k}} \rangle = \frac{J_{\mathbf{k}}}{1 - \beta^2 J_{\mathbf{k}} g_S''(\beta\bar{\rho}) \Delta(n)}.$$

Graphical notations for correlators  $G_0(\omega_n, \mathbf{k})$  and  $\mathcal{L}_0(\omega_n, \mathbf{k})$  are shown in Fig.4 together with graphical notations for vertexes  $\Gamma^{(3)}$ ,  $\Gamma^{(4)}$ , and  $W$ , defined by Eqs. (A.26d), (A.26f) and (A.27).

The one-loop renormalization of the Green function  $G$  depicted in Fig.4(c) is equivalent to substitution  $\bar{\rho} \rightarrow J_0 \bar{S}$  in the expression (A.28) for  $G_0$ . Additionally, the regularization of simultaneous field products related to the initial spin problem follows the Stratonovich rule<sup>[34]</sup> rather than relying on chronological ordering. It is equivalent to symmetrical  $n \rightarrow -n$  cut-off in summation over Matsubara frequencies. It gives

$$\langle \psi_{\mathbf{k}}^- \psi_{\mathbf{k}}^+ \rangle = J_{\mathbf{k}} \left( \frac{1}{2} + n_{\mathbf{k}} \right), \quad n_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{e^{\beta E_{\mathbf{k}}} - 1}. \quad (\text{A.29})$$

It can be verified that equation (A.29), along with Jacobian (A.16), is consistent with the kinematic identities (III.11) described in Section III.B. For example, in the case where  $J_{nm'} \propto \delta_{nm'}$ , the free energy is proportional to  $S(S+1)$ .

Note that Eq. (A.25) for  $\langle \eta \rangle$  represents the sum of connected diagrams. In the one-loop approximation, we have the terms shown in Fig. 4(d). By substituting the analytical expressions for the propagators and vertices provided above, we arrive at Eq. (III.1).

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