The paper studies the dynamic description of non-equilibrium processes in single-sublattice and multisublattice magnets with the spin $s=1$. In case of magnets with the spin $s=1$ and SU(3) symmetry of the exchange interaction, there are eight magnetic integrals of motion: the spin and the quadrupole matrix. If there are multiple sublattices, the number of additional magnetic quantities characterizing the state increases to sixteen. The presence of the Casimir invariants makes it possible to reduce the number of independent degrees of freedom. Exchange energy models are presented in terms of Casimir invariants corresponding to SO(3) or SU(3) symmetry groups for all four types of magnetic degrees of freedom. For the homogeneous part of the exchange energy, we have found conditions for the existence of local minima, which correspond to equilibrium values of the magnet. Along with the known waves (quadrupole and Goldstone – for the spin nematic), spectra of collective excitations that take into account ferro-quadrupole excitation, quadro-nematic, quadro-antiferromagnetic, and anti-ferro-nematic waves excitation, are also obtained. In the case of many-sublattice magnetic systems, we have shown that the selected form of the homogeneous energy model allows us to find possible magnetic orderings and to investigate them for stability.

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**MODELS OF HAMILTONIAN AND LOW-FREQUENCY SPECTRA OF COLLECTIVE EXCITATIONS IN SPIN $S = 1$ MAGNETICS**

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DEGREES OF FREEDOM IN MAGNETS WITH THE SPIN S=1

In accordance with the approach [12], in order to construct the Hamiltonian mechanics of magnets with the spin s=1, we introduce Hermitian 3×3 matrices $b_{\alpha\beta}$ and $a_{\alpha\beta}$ - $(\hat{a} = \hat{a}^\dagger, \hat{b} = \hat{b}^\dagger)$, which are canonically conjugate quantities. This means that the following Poisson brackets are valid:

$$\{ b_{\alpha\beta}(x), b_{\gamma\mu}(x') \} = 0, \quad \{ a_{\alpha\beta}(x), a_{\gamma\mu}(x') \} = 0, \quad \{ b_{\alpha\beta}(x), a_{\gamma\mu}(x') \} = -\delta_{\alpha\gamma}\delta_{\beta\mu}\delta(x-x').$$

(1)

We connect these matrices with physical variables, which are required for constructing the dynamics of magnets with the spin s=1. To this end, we introduce the Hermitian and traceless matrix

$$\tilde{g}(x) = \left[ b(x), \bar{a}(x) \right].$$

(2)

This quantity has the physical meaning of the SU(3) symmetry generator density. Using the definition (2) and formula (1), we find the Poisson brackets for this matrix:

$$i\{ \tilde{g}_{\alpha\beta}(x), \tilde{g}_{\gamma\mu}(x') \} = (\tilde{g}_{\alpha\beta}(x)\delta_{\alpha\gamma} - \tilde{g}_{\alpha\gamma}(x)\delta_{\alpha\beta})\delta(x-x').$$

(3)

Formulas (1),(2) allow us to obtain Poisson brackets for matrices $\bar{a}(x)$ and $\tilde{g}(x)$.

$$i\{ \bar{a}_{\alpha\beta}(x), \tilde{g}_{\gamma\mu}(x') \} = (\bar{a}_{\alpha\beta}(x)\delta_{\beta\gamma} - \bar{a}_{\beta\gamma}(x)\delta_{\beta\alpha})\delta(x-x').$$

(4)

It is easily seen that Poisson brackets (1),(3),(4) are compatible with the Hermitian requirements of matrices $\bar{a}(x)$, $\tilde{g}(x)$ and satisfy the Jacobi identities. We note that due to (4), the equality $\{ \theta_{\alpha\beta}(x), \tilde{g}_{\gamma\mu}(x') \} = 0$ is valid. Therefore,
without loss of generality, in view of the linearity of the right-hand side of (4), we can assume that $Sp\hat{a}(x) = 0$. Matrices $\hat{g}(x)$ and $\hat{d}(x)$ represent the complete set of magnetic degrees of freedom of magnets with the spin $s=1$. We introduce real magnetic degrees of freedom. They are the spin vector $\hat{S}(x)$ and the quadrupole matrix $\hat{q}(x)$ related to the matrix $\hat{g}(x)$ by the relations

\[ s_\alpha = i\epsilon_{\alpha \gamma \rho} \left[ g_{\gamma \rho} - g_{\gamma \rho}' \right], \quad q_{\alpha \beta} = (g_{\alpha \beta} + g_{\beta \alpha})/2 = q(e_{\alpha \rho} - \delta_{\alpha \rho}/3) + q' \left( f_{\alpha \rho} - \delta_{\alpha \rho}/3 \right) \]  

(5)

Here, $q$ and $q'$ are the modules of the quadrupole matrix, the vectors $d_\alpha, e_\alpha, f_\alpha = (d \times e)_\alpha$ form an orthonormal frame. For vectors $s_\alpha(x)$, due to (3), (5), the following Poisson bracket is valid:

\[ \{ \hat{S}_\alpha(x), s_\beta(x') \} = \delta(x - x') e_{\alpha \beta} \gamma(x) \]  

(6)

Similarly, we find the relations

\[ \{ q_{\alpha \beta}(x), q_{\mu \nu}(x') \} = \delta(x - x') (\epsilon_{\alpha \beta \mu} \delta_{\beta \mu} + \epsilon_{\gamma \beta \mu} \delta_{\alpha \nu} + \epsilon_{\gamma \nu \mu} \delta_{\alpha \nu} + \epsilon_{\gamma \nu \beta} \delta_{\beta \nu})/4 \]  

(7)

The physical state of magnets with one sublattice is characterized only by the matrix $\hat{g}(x)$. In case of an arbitrary number of magnetic sublattices, the physical state is described by both matrices $\hat{g}(x)$ and $\hat{d}(x)$. We connect the matrix $\hat{d}(x)$ with real quantities by the relation $a_{\alpha \beta}(x) = m_{\alpha \beta}(x) - i\epsilon_{\alpha \beta \mu} h_{\mu}(x)/2$. The vector $n$ here has the physical meaning of the order parameter of the antiferromagnetism vector. The matrix $\hat{m}(x)$ is symmetric and traceless. This quantity is the order parameter of the spin nematic, which we parametrize by the relation $m_{\alpha \beta} = \hat{m}(k_{\alpha \beta} - \delta_{\alpha \beta}/3) + m' \left[ l_{\alpha \beta} - \delta_{\alpha \beta}/3 \right]$. Here $m$ and $m'$ are modules of the matrix $\hat{m}$, vectors $\alpha, \beta, \mu = (\sigma \times k)_\alpha$ form an orthonormal frame. For order parameters, we have obtained Poisson brackets with a quadrupole matrix and a spin vector:

\[ \{ \hat{S}_\alpha(x), n_\beta(x') \} = \delta(x - x') e_{\alpha \beta} n(x) \]  

(8)

\[ \{ n_\alpha(x), q_{\beta \mu}(x') \} = \delta(x - x') \left( \epsilon_{\alpha \beta \mu} n_{\mu}(x) + \epsilon_{\alpha \gamma \beta} m_{\gamma \mu}(x) \right) \]  

(9)

\[ \{ s_\alpha(x), m_{\beta \mu}(x') \} = \delta(x - x') \left( \epsilon_{\alpha \gamma \beta} m_{\gamma \mu}(x) + \epsilon_{\alpha \beta \mu} m_{\beta \mu}(x) \right) \]  

(10)

\[ \{ m_{\alpha \beta}(x), q_{\gamma \mu}(x') \} = \delta(x - x') (\epsilon_{\alpha \gamma \beta} \delta_{\beta \mu} + \epsilon_{\gamma \beta \mu} \delta_{\mu \nu} + \epsilon_{\gamma \nu \mu} \delta_{\alpha \nu} + \epsilon_{\gamma \nu \beta} \delta_{\beta \nu})/4 \]  

(11)

The complete set of magnetic degrees of freedom of magnets with the spin $s=1$ contains quantities of two types that differ in transformational properties with respect to the time reversal operation. In transformations of the reflection of time $T$, the antiferromagnet and spin vectors change signs: $Tn = -n$. $Ts = -s$. The quadrupole matrix and the order parameter of the spin nematic do not change during at time reflection operation: $T\hat{m} = \hat{m}$. $T\hat{q} = \hat{q}$.

Formulas (6)-(11) allow us to identify subalgebras of Poisson brackets and establish the dynamics of magnets with the spin $s=1$ for various cases of magnetic ordering. Case 1: the minimal subalgebra contains only the spin vector. The use of the Hamiltonian formalism and Poisson brackets (6) leads to the dynamic Landau-Lifshitz theory [19] for the spin $s=1/2$. Case 2: Poisson brackets (6),(7) allow us to describe the dynamics of normal states of multisublattice magnets and states of single-sublattice magnets with the SU(3) symmetric exchange Hamiltonian. Case 3: the set of magnetic dynamical quantities consists of the spin density $s(x)$ and the antiferromagnet vector $\hat{m}(x)$. Poisson brackets (6),(8) form a closed subalgebra of Poisson brackets and describe the dynamics of an antiferromagnet or ferrimagnet [20]. Case 4: the spin vector $s(x)$ and the tensor order parameter $\hat{m}(x)$ form a closed subalgebra of Poisson brackets (6),(10). In this case, the Hamiltonian has the exchange SO(3) symmetry. The T-even spontaneous symmetry breaking of the equilibrium state describes spin nematic states. Magnets with the spin $s=1/2$ do not possess such magnetic ordering. The dynamics for such magnets has been studied in detail in [21]. Case 5: the set of magnetic dynamical quantities consists of matrices $\hat{g}(x)$ and $\hat{d}(x)$. This general case corresponds to the complete spontaneous breaking of the SU(3) symmetry of the equilibrium state.

Casimir invariants of the Poisson bracket algebra (3) satisfy the relations $\{ g_n(x), g_{\alpha \beta}(x') \} = 0$, $g_2 = Sp\hat{g}^2$. 
$g_3 = Spg^3$. The presence of such invariants reduces the number of independent magnetic degrees of freedom to six in the case of normal multisublattice and degenerate single-sublattice magnets with the spin $s=1$.

Multisublattice magnets are generally described by sixteen magnetic degrees of freedom. The Poisson bracket algebra (6)-(11) contains Casimir invariants: $a_2 = Spa^2$, $a_3 = Spa^3$, $Sp\hat{a}$, $Sp\hat{g}^2$. Therefore, the number of magnetic independent degrees of freedom decreases to twelve. We note that quantities $g_2 = Sp\hat{g}^2$ and $g_3 = Sp\hat{g}^3$ are Casimir invariants for the Poisson bracket algebra (3). However, for the extended algebra (6)-(11), these quantities are not invariants of this kind due to the relation $\{g_n(x), a_{qp}(x)\} \neq 0$. In accordance with the definition of [22], for the Poisson bracket algebra (6)-(11), the quantities $g_2$ and $g_3$ are called semi-Casimirs.

Exchange energy model for the normal and degenerate states

In magnets with the spin $s=1$, there are several possibilities for dynamic behavior with a different set of abbreviated description parameters. The set of these parameters essentially depends on the Hamiltonian and equilibrium state symmetries, which generally may not coincide. While choosing exchange energy models, for simplicity we consider only cases of a uniaxial quadrupole matrix $\hat{q} = q(a_{\alpha\beta} - \delta_{\alpha\beta}/3)$ and uniaxial order parameter of the spin nematic $\hat{m} = m(f_{\alpha\beta} - \delta_{\alpha\beta}/3)$. Let us consider a single-sublattice magnet. In this case, the Hamiltonian is a density functional of the SU(3) symmetry generator $H(\hat{g})$. The expression of the homogeneous part of the exchange energy density may be presented as follows:

$$ e_0 = -J_0 \left( \frac{2}{3} q^2 + \frac{1}{2} s^2 \right) + B \left( \frac{2}{3} q^2 + \frac{1}{2} s^2 \right)^2 + \frac{A}{2} s^2 + \frac{C}{4} s^4. \quad (14) $$

Here, $g_2 = 2q^2/3 + s^2/2$. In the energy density, the Casimir invariant $g_2$ is not sufficient to find equilibrium values of spin modules and the quadrupole matrix. Therefore, we added half-Casimirs $s^2$ and $s^4$, which have a lower SO(3) symmetry, to the expression (14). We believe that these terms are small, so that SU(3) symmetry properties of the homogeneous part of the exchange energy are approximately conserved. In case of the SO(3) symmetric exchange interaction, the energy expression transforms to the known form of the exchange energy of a magnet with the spin $s=1/2$. The explicit form of the homogeneous part of the exchange energy (14) makes it possible to find equilibrium values of magnetic parameters and regions of existence of magnetic phases.

In case of the degenerate multisublattice magnet, when choosing a homogeneous part of the exchange energy, we confine ourselves to its dependence on the Casimir invariant $a_2$ of the extended algebra (3), (4), and also half-Casimirs: $g_2$ of the Poisson bracket subalgebra (3); $q^2$ of the Poisson bracket subalgebra (6), (8); $s^2$ of the Poisson bracket subalgebra (6). Thus, the homogeneous exchange energy can be represented as follows: $e_0 = e_0^{(1)}(g_2, a_2) + e_0^{(2)}(s^2, n^2)$. We assume the additional term of the $e_0^{(2)}(s^2, n^2)$ form to be small, so that it does not affect dynamic equations, but it affects the stability of equilibrium states. The term $e_0^{(1)}(g_2, a_2)$ is SU(3) symmetric, and in case of the presence of only the SU(3) symmetric Hamiltonian, the quantity $\partial e_0 / \partial g_2 |_0 = 0$ is in equilibrium. The inclusion of SO(3) symmetric terms in the energy model representation makes it possible to obtain equilibrium values at $\partial e_0 / \partial g_2 |_0 \neq 0$, which leads to new branches of magnetic excitation the spectra.

**DYNAMIC EQUATIONS AND SPECTRA OF COLLECTIVE EXCITATIONS**

Relations (1), (3), (4) allow us to obtain dynamic equations and find spectra of collective excitations of degenerate magnets with the spin $s=1$. To construct dynamic equations, the inhomogeneous part of the exchange energy be chosen in the following form, according to [23]

$$ e_n = JSp(V_k \hat{g})^2 / 2, \quad e_n = JSp(V_k \hat{g})^2 / 2 + \tilde{J}Sp(V_k \hat{g})^2 / 2. \quad (15) $$

Here, $J, \tilde{J}$ are constants of the inhomogeneous exchange interaction. The first formula in (15) corresponds to a single-sublattice magnet, and the second one corresponds to a multisublattice magnet. From here, we obtain dynamic equations of single-sublattice magnets with the SU(3) symmetry:

$$ \hat{g}(x) = -J[\hat{g}(x), \Delta \hat{g}(x)]. \quad (16) $$

Stable equilibrium values of the quantities $q, s$ are local minimum points of the function $e_0(q, s)$. From the conditions $\partial e_0 / \partial q = 0, \partial e_0 / \partial s = 0$ we find minimum energy point $q_0, s_0$. Then we linearize the equation (16) near these equilibrium states and write out the spectra:
1. The solution \( s_0 = q_0 = 0 \) corresponds to a stable paramagnetic state if exchange interaction constants satisfy the inequalities \( J_0 < 0 \) and \( A - J_0 > 0 \). The spectra in this case are degenerate.

2. The solution \( s_0^2 = \frac{J_0 - A}{B + C} \), \( q_0 = 0 \) describes the ferromagnetic equilibrium state. For its stability, it is necessary to satisfy the inequalities: \( J_0 - A > 0 \), \( B + C > 0 \), \( J_0 C + BA < 0 \). The spectra of collective excitations have the following form: \( \omega = \pm k^2 s_0 \), \( \omega = \frac{1}{2} k^2 q_0 \).

3. The solution \( s_0 = 0 \), \( q_0^2 = \frac{3 J_0}{4 B} \) characterizes the quadrupole magnetic state, the stability of which is ensured by inequalities \( J_0 > 0 \), \( A > 0 \), \( B > 0 \). We obtained the spectrum of magnetic excitations: \( \omega = \pm k^2 q_0 \).

4. The solution \( s_0^2 = - \frac{A}{C} \), \( q_0^2 = \frac{3}{4} J_0 C + BA \) determines the ferro-quadrupole ordering of the magnetic medium. This solution is stable if: \( J_0 C + BA > 0 \), \( A < 0 \), \( B > 0 \), \( C > 0 \). The spectra of magnetic excitations are given by: \( \tilde{s}_0 \parallel \tilde{e}_0 \):

\[
\omega = k^2 s_0, \quad \omega = \left| q_0 \pm \frac{1}{2} k^2 \right| k^2, \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{s}_0 \perp \tilde{e}_0 :
\]

\[
\omega = \sqrt{q_0^2 + s_0^2} k^2, \quad \omega = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sqrt{q_0^2 + s_0^2} \pm q_0 \right) k^2.
\]

We consider degenerate states of a multi-sublattice magnet. Using the Poisson brackets (3),(4), we find dynamic equations:

\[
\dot{\hat{g}}(x) = -\nabla_x \left[ \hat{g}, \frac{\partial \hat{e}^2(\hat{g}, \hat{a})}{\partial \nabla_x \hat{g}} \right] - \nabla_x \left[ \hat{a}, \frac{\partial \hat{e}^2(\hat{g}, \hat{a})}{\partial \nabla_x \hat{a}} \right], \quad \dot{\hat{a}}(x) = \left[ \frac{\partial \hat{H}(\hat{g}, \hat{a})}{\partial \hat{g}(x)} \right] \hat{a}(x)
\]

(17)

The SU(3) symmetry of the exchange interaction energy density is considered here \( \dot{\hat{g}}, \hat{e}(x) = 0 \). Taking into account formulas (3),(4), we write out dynamic equations of a degenerate magnet with the spin \( s = 1 \) in the multisublattice case, using the homogeneous energy structure \( e_0 = e_0^{(1)}(g, a_1) + e_0^{(2)}(a_2^2, n^2) \) and the explicit form of the inhomogeneous energy part (15):

\[
\dot{\hat{g}} = -i J \left[ \hat{g}, \Delta \hat{g} \right] - i \hat{J} \left[ \hat{a}, \Delta \hat{a} \right], \quad \dot{\hat{a}} = i \frac{\partial e_0}{\partial \hat{g}^2} \left[ \hat{a}, \hat{g} \right] - i J \left[ \hat{a}, \Delta \hat{g} \right]
\]

(18)

Next, we linearize equations (18) around possible equilibrium states.

1. Quadro-nematic \( \hat{g}_0 \neq 0 \), \( \hat{n}_0 \neq 0 \). Under condition \( \hat{e}_0 \parallel \hat{f}_0 \), the spectra take the form:

\[
\omega = \pm \frac{1}{2} \left( P_0 - J k^2 \right) H_0 / 2 + \sqrt{\left( P_0 + J k^2 \right) R^2 q_0^2 + 4 J k^2 m_0^2 + P_0 q_0^2} / 2,
\]

\[
\omega = \pm \frac{1}{2} \left( P_0 - J k^2 \right) H_0 / 2 - \sqrt{\left( P_0 + J k^2 \right) R^2 q_0^2 + 4 J k^2 m_0^2 + P_0 q_0^2} / 2.
\]

Here \( P_0 = \hat{e} e_0 / \partial \hat{g} \left| \hat{f}_0 \right. \). In case \( \hat{e}_0 \perp \hat{f}_0 \), there are additional solutions:

\[
\omega = J q_0 k^2, \quad \omega = P_0 k^2, \quad \omega = \sqrt{J \left( P_0 + J k^2 \right) m_0} k.
\]

2. Quadro-antiferromagnet \( \hat{g}_0 \neq 0 \), \( \hat{n}_0 \neq 0 \). In this case, the spectra of collective excitations take the form at \( \hat{e}_0 \parallel \hat{n}_0 \):

\[
\omega = \sqrt{\left( P_0 + J k^2 \right) R^2 n_0}, \quad \omega = \sqrt{\left( P_0 + J k^2 \right) R^2 n_0^2 + P_0 q_0^2} / 2 \pm \left( P_0 - J k^2 \right) H_0 / 2.
\]

In case \( \hat{e}_0 \perp \hat{n}_0 \):

\[
\omega = \sqrt{J k^2 n_0 k^2} / 2, \quad \omega = \sqrt{J^2 q_0^2 + 4 n_0^2 J^2 k^2}, \quad \omega = \sqrt{J^2 q_0^2 + F_0 q_0^2} J n_0 k, \quad \omega = \sqrt{J^2 q_0^2 + 4 n_0^2 J^2 \pm J q_0} k^2 / 2,
\]

where \( F_0 = \hat{e}^2 e_0 / \partial \hat{g} \left| \hat{f}_0 \right. \). In this case, along with the quadratic spectra, we obtain the Goldstone spectra for small values of the wave vector \( k \), which were previously predicted in work [25].

a) Antiferro-nematic \( \hat{g}_0 = 0 \), \( \hat{a}_0 \neq 0 \). The spectra of collective excitations have the form at \( \hat{f}_0 \parallel \hat{n}_0 \):

\[
\omega = \sqrt{J P_0 + J^2 K^2} n_0 k, \quad \omega = \pm m_0 / \sqrt{J P_0 + J^2 K^2} n_0 k,
\]

when \( \hat{e} \perp \hat{n} \):
where quantity \( n_0^2 + 2m_0^2 - 2\sqrt{m_0^4 + m_0^2n_0^2} \geq 0 \) for any values of \( m_0 \) and \( n_0 \).

3. Ferro-quadrumagnet \( \tilde{g}_0 \neq 0, \tilde{a}_0 = 0 \). From here we get the expression at \( s_0 \) |
\[ \tilde{e}_0 : \]
\[ \omega = j^2 s_0, \quad \omega = |s_0 + 2q_0|j^2 / 2, \quad \omega = P_0 s_0, \quad \omega = |s_0 + 2q_0|P_0 / 2, \]
at \( s_0 \perp \tilde{e}_0 : \)
\[ \omega = \left( \sqrt{q_0^2 + 2s_0^2} \pm s_0 \right) j^2 J / 2, \]
\[ \omega = \sqrt{q_0^2 + s_0^2} k^2 J, \]
\[ \omega = \left( \sqrt{q_0^2 + s_0^2} \pm q_0 \right) P_0 / 2, \quad \omega = \sqrt{q_0^2 + s_0^2} P_0. \]

The comparison with the previously found spectra of collective excitations of the normal case leads to the observation that these spectra acquire an activation nature. It is easily seen that in case \( P_0 = 0 \), and when \( q_0 = 0 \) or \( s_0 = 0 \), the spectra of magnetic excitations become the known results of [12].

**CONCLUSIONS**

We have considered single-sublattice and multisublattice degenerate states of magnets with the spin \( s=1 \). We have obtained spectra of collective excitations and proposed an explicit form of the energy model presented in terms of Casimir invariants. For the homogeneous part of the exchange energy, we have found conditions for the existence of local minima, which correspond to equilibrium values of the magnet.

In this paper, we have investigated a number of new magnetic states. They include the ferro-quadrupole state, quadro-nematic, quadro-antiferromagnetic, and anti-ferro-nematic state of the magnetic medium. In case of degenerate magnetic systems, the form of the homogeneous energy model affects the stability of equilibrium states and spectra of collective excitations. In contrast to Bogolyubov’s approach [14], where model representations of the energy are not required, the issue of choosing the density of the homogeneous energy takes one of the key values in the phenological approach. The presence of the set of Casimir invariants makes it possible to reduce the number of degrees of freedom and expand possibilities of the model representation of the exchange energy. The issue of finding the complete set of functionally independent Casimir invariants for degenerate magnetic media with the spin \( s>1/2 \) remains unsolved.

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