

The ground state in two-dimensional anti-ferromagnetic solid ^3He in high magnetic field

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A low-density solid ^3He film adsorbed on graphite surface is one of the most ideal two-dimensional (2D) quantum spin systems with nuclear spin $S = 1/2$ on a triangular lattice. Because of the hard-core potential between ^3He atoms, the higher order multiple spin exchange processes as well as two-particle exchange play important roles. The competition between them, in addition to the geometrical frustration inherent to a triangular lattice structure, makes the anti-ferromagnetic solid ^3He strongly frustrated. Experimentally the heat capacity[1] and susceptibility[2] measurements of anti-ferromagnetic 4/7 phase in the second layer solid ^3He adsorbed on graphite indicate that the ground state is a gapless spin liquid. Then how is the behavior in high magnetic fields? The present status of our experimental studies in high magnetic fields will be presented.

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