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Magnetic excitations in long-range stripes of $Pr2NiO4+\delta$

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Magnetic excitations in stripe-phases of La—based hole-doped 214— nickelates, especially in the Sr—doped ones, have been vigorously explored using inelastic neutron scattering (INS) studies. In Sr— doped samples, the spin stripe correlation is relatively short-ranged due to unavoidable disorder introduced by the randomly distributed dopant. However, often the results have been compared with the linear spin wave (LSW) theory-based calculations, which assume long-range spin-stripe ordering.

In this talk, we will present the effect of long-range spin stripe ordering on the magnetic excitations of an O-doped 214—nickelate $\Pr_2 \text{NiO}_{4+}$ ($\delta \sim 0.24$), where we find the spin stripe correlation is quite long-ranged (~ 50 Å) compared to the Sr- doped $\Pr_{2-x} \text{SrNiO}_4$ (~ 20 Å). For our investigation, we have performed the INS measurements using the thermal triple-axis spectrometer PUMA at MLZ, IN8 at ILL, and time-of-fight spectrometer MAPS at ISIS. Our investigation presents an intriguing observation of multiple equivalent weak modes in the spin wave dispersion of O- doped $\Pr_{2-x} \text{SrNiO}_4$ [1], which we have interpreted from the internal periodicity of the long-range ordered discommensurated spin stripes.

Reference: [1] A. Maity, R. Dutta, A. Marsicano, A Piovano, J. Ross Stewart and W. Paulus Phys. Rev. B 103, L100401 (2021).

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