

Fundamentals of Magnetism

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The aim of this lecture is to introduce the basics of magnetism at the microscopic level, starting from the concept of intra- and inter-atomic exchange interactions. An overview of the magnetic interactions in solids will be given. I will also show in which ways a particular crystal structure can influence the observed magnetic properties and discuss the Heisenberg Hamiltonian and its role in describing and understanding the behavior of magnetic materials.