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Study of spin and orbital magnetic form factors of CeRh_3B_2 by X-ray magnetic diffraction

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We have performed X-ray magnetic diffraction (XMD) on a single crystal of an intermetallic compound CeRh_3B_2 at KEK-PF-BL3C in Japan. In this method the spin and orbital magnetic form factors of ferromagnets can be selectively measured by adjusting the angle between the directions of the sample magnetization and the incident X-rays on the sample. Spin and orbital magnetic form factors in reciprocal space are transformed to the density distribution of spin and orbital magnetic moments respectively in the real space by the Fourier inverse transform. The purpose of this study is to reveal the magnetic properties of CeRh_3B_2 through the spin and orbital magnetic moment density in the real space obtained by the XMD experiment. This compound has attracted many scientists for its anomalous ferromagnetism. This material has the highest Curie temperature ($T_c = 115\text{K}$) among the known Ce compounds with nonmagnetic constituents. It is important to investigate the magnetic electrons of CeRh_3B_2 for understanding magnetism of this compound. We have obtained spin and orbital magnetic form factors for 26 reciprocal lattice points of $hk0$ series by the XMD. The observed spin magnetic form factor obviously suggests anisotropic distribution in the real space, but the orbital magnetic form factor does not. We will obtain the density distribution of the spin and orbital magnetic moment in the real space by the Fourier inverse transform (or MEM analysis) of the observed spin and orbital magnetic form factors. Detail discussion will be given in the conference.

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3D spin density and orbital ordering of YTiO_3 observed by X-ray magnetic diffraction experiment

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A compound of YTiO_3 is one of the orbital ordering systems. This compound has GdFeO_3 -type perovskite structure and is ferromagnetic below 30K. The origin of magnetism of this compound is 3d electrons in t_{2g} states of Ti atoms. In the previous experiment,

we applied the X-ray magnetic diffraction (XMD) experiment to this compound, and we obtained the spin magnetic form factor for reciprocal lattice points of $h0l$ series. In this study, we apply the upgraded XMD experimental system in order to obtain the spin magnetic form factor for $hk0$ and $0kl$ series. We aim to observe three-dimensional spin-density distribution and orbital ordering of YTiO_3 . The experiment was performed on the beamline BL3C of KEK-PF. White beam X-rays of elliptically polarized synchrotron radiation was irradiated on the sample crystal. The diffracted X-ray intensity was measured with pure Ge SSD. Sample temperature was 15K. Sample crystal was magnetized with an electromagnet. Applied magnetic field was 2.15T that was enough to saturate the magnetization of this compound along the hard magnetization axis (b axis). By adjusting the angle between the directions of the incident X-rays and the magnetization of the sample we measured selectively spin magnetic form factor. We obtained the spin magnetic form factor for the 30 reciprocal lattice points of $hk0$ and $0kl$ series. We applied Maximum Entropy Method (MEM) to the present and previous data of total 76 reciprocal lattice points. We obtained three-dimensional spin-density distribution of YTiO_3 . Obtained 3D spin-density distribution represents very well the electron orbital distribution of 3d- t_{2g} state. In conclusion, we succeeded in direct observation of the ordered orbital of 3d electrons of YTiO_3 in the real space.

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The interplay between Ru and Mn moment in $\text{CaRu}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x\text{O}_3$ by magnetic Compton scattering

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A magnetic Compton scattering (MCS) is a powerful tool to study magnetic structure of materials because magnetic Compton profile (MCP), $J_{\text{mag}}(pz)$, provides the electron momentum distribution of all electrons into a material and distinguishes between s, p, d, and f electrons by the difference of the electron momentum density, which directly related to wave function. Additionally, it can evaluate not only the total magnetic moment but the magnetic moment on composite ions separately. SrRuO_3 and CaRuO_3 are attracting an attention in connection with the strongly correlated electron system. In particular, CaRuO_3 is paramagnetic though it has Curie constant corresponding to $S=1$ and relatively large negative Weiss temperature. The $\text{CaRu}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x\text{O}_3$ system shows ferromagnetism with relatively large magnetic moment and higher TC than that of the ferromagnetic SrRuO_3 by very small substitution of the transition metal ions to the Ru site, however, the existence of magnetic moment on Ru and magnetic ground states have not been confirmed. The study on magnetic ground states of $\text{CaRu}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x\text{O}_3$ ($0.2 < x < 0.9$) was carried out by MCS using the high-flux x-ray beam of synchrotron radiation at SPring-8. This study reveals that the Mn doping creates inhomogeneous magnetic ground states at whole range of this system. All Ru and Mn ions ferromagnetically ordered and antiferromagnetic coupling between Mn and Ru spin moments makes a ferrimagnetic