

Magnetic specific heat in perovskite oxides: SrMnO₃, EuTiO₃

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EuTiO₃ and SrMnO₃ are considered as prototype oxides with strong electron correlations, not well theoretically described so far. A theoretical problem is related with the role played by d or f electrons. In these oxides there are magnetically active ions, Mn and Eu, which have the incomplete $3d/4f$ shell. The Mn⁴⁺ and Eu²⁺ ions are quite similar in the respect that in the magnetic phase transition practically only the spin degree of freedom are released. Despite of the incomplete $3d/4f$ shell they are insulators. In standard LDA calculations d states in SrMnO₃ are obtained on the Fermi level pointing to their itinerant/metallic behavior. In this contribution we would like to compare the magnetic phase transitions in these two systems. We have calculated temperature dependence of the specific heat including the λ -type anomaly and the low-energy atomic-like electronic structure at the sub-meV energy scale. In the magnetic state there exists the discrete electronic structure at the 0.05 meV scale. The good description of $c(T)$ indicates that the realized ionic valency is exactly the same as the formal valency and to a substantial physical adequacy of the crystal-field approach to compounds containing open $3d/4f$ shells where some number of d/f electrons are localized forming atomic-like strongly-correlated electronic systems.