

# Composite Spin in Fluctuating Magnets

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## Abstract

I describe several systems of interacting quantum spin that fail to develop conventional Neel order at temperatures comparable to the near neighbor exchange constant. I argue that the concept of a composite spin degree of freedom is useful for elucidating cooperative behavior in these systems. The composite spin structure is determined in several cases through inelastic neutron scattering combined with various modeling techniques.

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