

Preface to the Second Edition

For the second edition I have added three new chapters, namely on magnetic anisotropy, on coherent magnon states and on local moments.

Besides, I have enlarged the chapter on itinerant magnetism, by including a section on paramagnons.

I have corrected several errors which appeared in the first edition. Some of these were indicated to me by friends and colleagues, for which I thank all of them.

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