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Supersolid phases in a realistic three-dimensional spin model LUIS SEABRA, NIC SHANNON, University of Bristol (UK) — Supersolid phases, in which a superfluid component coexists with conventional crystalline long range order, have recently attracted a great deal of attention in the context of both helium physics and quantum spin systems. Motivated by recent experiments on AgNiO_2 [1], we study the magnetic phase diagram of a realistic three-dimensional spin model with single-ion anisotropy and competing interactions on a layered triangular lattice, using classical Monte Carlo simulation techniques, complemented by spin-wave calculations and Ginzburg-Landau theory. For parameters relevant to AgNiO_2 [2], we find a cascade of different phases as a function of magnetic field, including two phases which are supersolids the sense of Liu and Fisher [3]. One of these phases is continuously connected with the collinear ground state of AgNiO_2 , and is accessible at relatively low values of magnetic field. The nature of this low-field transition, and the possibility of observing this new supersolid phase in AgNiO_2 , are discussed.

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