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Quasi-two-dimensional non-collinear magnetism in the Mott insulator Sr₂F₂Fe₂OS₂¹ SHAN WU, C. BROHOLM, Johns Hopkins University, LIANG L. ZHAO, JIAKUI K. WANG, E. MOROSAN, Rice University, J.P. HODGES, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY TEAM, RICE UNIVERSITY COLLABORATION, OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY COLLABORATION — We study the magnetism of $Sr_2F_2Fe_2OS_2$ through neutron powder diffraction and thermodynamic and transport measurement. Quasi-two-dimensional magnetic order develops below $T_{\rm N}=106{\rm K}$ with an inplane correlation length exceeding 310 Å and an out-of-plane correlation length of only 17(3) Å. The data are well described by a two-k structure with $k_1 = (1/2, 0, 1/2)$ and $k_2 = (0, 1/2, 1/2)$. The ordered moment is 3.3(1) μ_B oriented along the in-plane components of k. This structure is composed of orthogonal AFM chains intersecting at super-exchange mediating O sites. The Density Function Theory (by Liang L.Zhao, Jiakui K. Wang, etc.) also leads to this structure and a narrower Fe 3d band than for the iron pnictides from which electronic correlations produce a Mott insulator.

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