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Emergent ferromagnetism in NdMnO₃/SrMnO₃ superlattices

ARTUR GLAVIC, STUART CALDER, Quantum Condensed Matter Division; Oak Ridge National Laboratory, VALENTINO COOPER, HEMANT DIXIT, Materials Science and Technology Division; Oak Ridge National Laboratory — The phenomenon of ferromagnetism evolving in digital superlattices of two antiferromagnets LaMnO₃[2n]/SrMnO₃[n] has been well established [1-2]. We show that this interface effect can be observed in systems with different rare earth manganites as well, exemplified in the Nd system grown on LSAT and TbScO₃ substrates. With polarized neutron reflectometry we prove that not only 2/1 unit cell samples become ferromagnetic but that interface ferromagnetism can be induced whenever a single layer of SrMnO₃ is introduced in the NdMnO₃ system. These results show that the strain state of the superlattice system is of much less importance for the induced magnetization than the Mn³⁺/Mn⁴⁺ electronic state.

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