New Types of Magnon BEC in Superfluid ³He in Aerogel.

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The Spin Supercurrent and Bose-Einstein condensation of magnons similar to an atomic BEC was observed in 1984 in superfluid ³He-B. Recently we discovered 2 new types of BEC in superfluid ³He in deformed aerogel. The orbital part of the wave function orients along the deformation¹ and changes the magnon-magnon interaction. In some cases it forms a magnon trap. We can do it for ³He-A by uniaxially compressing the aerogel along the magnetic field ². The other BEC state was observed in ³He-B in aerogel stretched along the magnetic field³. Both states show all properties of magnon BEC. We have also observed a splitting of NMR lines near Tc, which seems to indicate the formation of a new phase of superfluid ³He in aerogel. The latter looks like an analog of the ³He-A1 phase with strongly enhanced magnetic field.

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