ISING SYSTEMS IN RANDOM MAGNETIC FIELDS

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The instability of ferromagnetically ordered state of random-field Ising systems for dimensionalities d<3 is discussed. It is shown that this instability can be interpreted as an instability against domain formation, if the field-induced interface roughness is taken into account. For d=3, the interface exhibits a "wiggly" structure on all length scales intermediate between the correlation length and the domain size. The resulting description of a "rounded transition" from the paramagnetic state to the domain state is discussed, and briefly compared to numerical calculations and experiments.