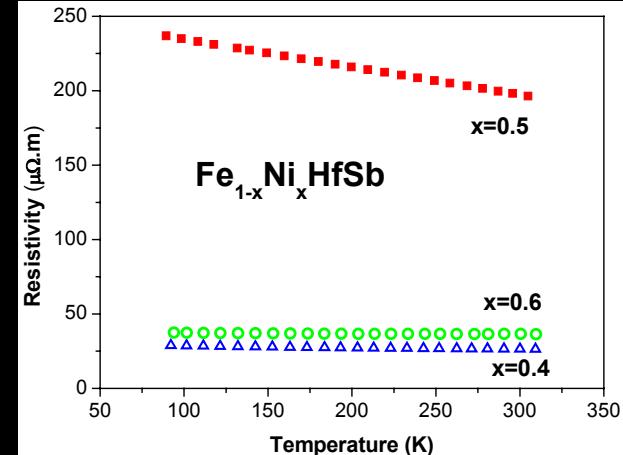


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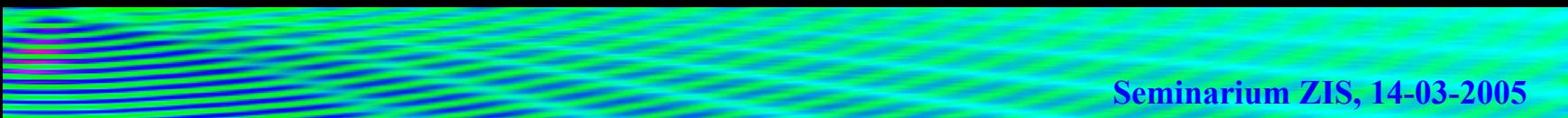
Jak z metali powstaje półprzewodnik ?

*od równań rozpraszania wielokrotnego
do elektronowych diagramów fazowych*

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Plan

Podział ciał stałych od strony struktury elektronowej (INS, SC, M, HFM, DMS)

Koncepcja elektronowych diagramów fazowych (przykłady).

Metody elektrodynamiki kwantowej (równania MST - Multiple Scattering Theory)

Technika Korringa-Kohn-Rostoker (KKR) obliczeń struktury elektronowej ciał stałych

Nowe ujęcie metody KKR (quasi-linear form) i korzyści przy obliczeniach wieloatomowych układów złożonych.

W stronę układów realnych - coherent potential approximation (CPA)

Właściwości fizyczne uzyskiwane z obliczeń (magnetyczne, transportowe, termoelektryczne, magnetokaloryczne, nadprzewodzące)

Wyniki poszukiwań teoretycznych (stopy pół-Heuslera, skutterudyty, fazy Chevrela),

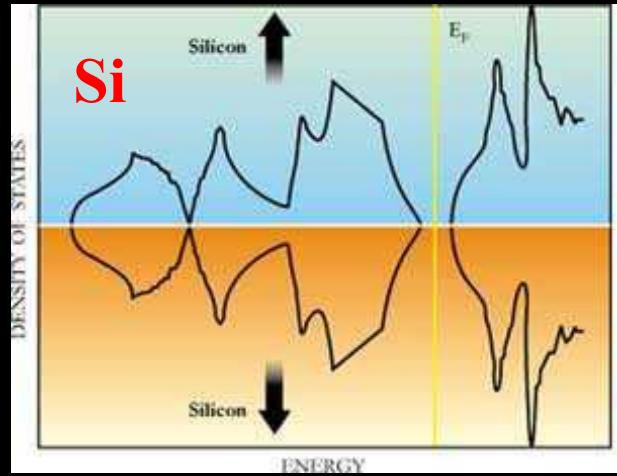
Półprzewodnik poprzez stapienie metali (obliczenia) i powierzchnia Fermiego.

Pomiary transportowe (przewodnictwo, siła termoelektryczna) i „czworobok” TE.

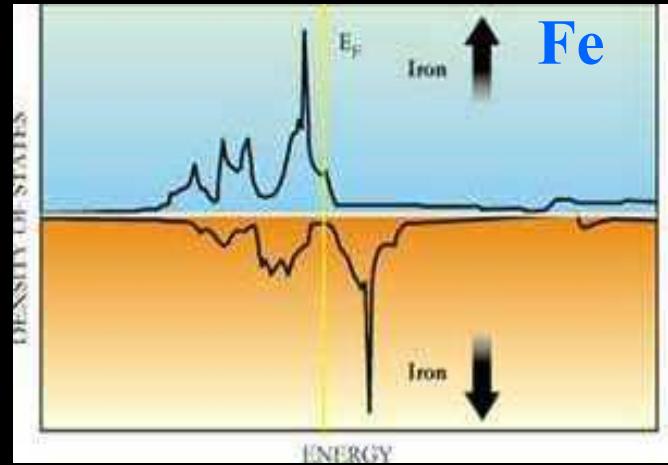
W stronę spintroniki – magnetyczne półprzewodniki na bazie pół-Heuslerów ?

Współpraca

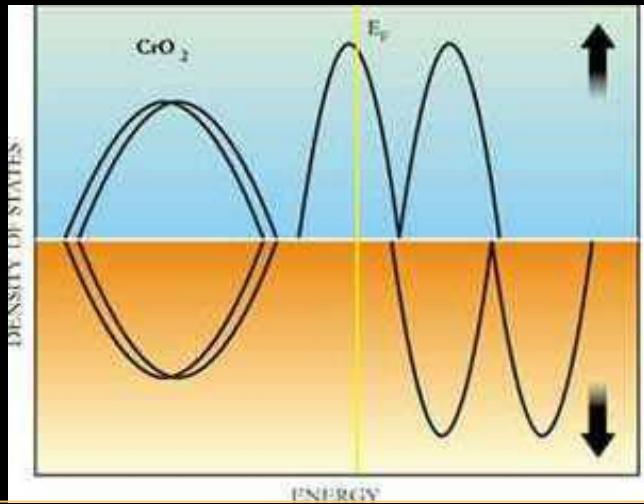
Search for new materials requires understanding of „old” systems



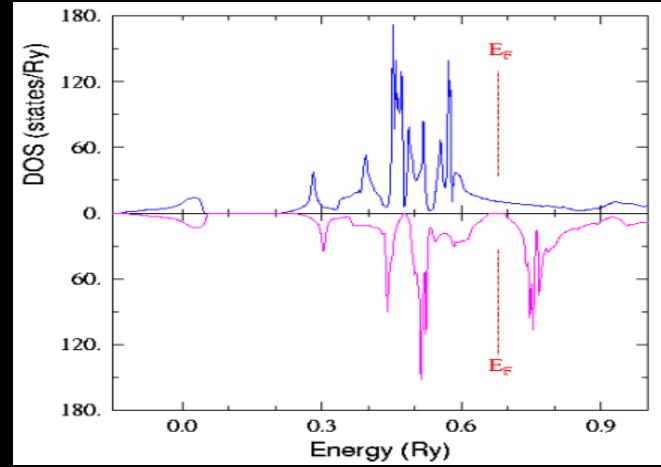
Semiconductor



Metallic ferromagnet



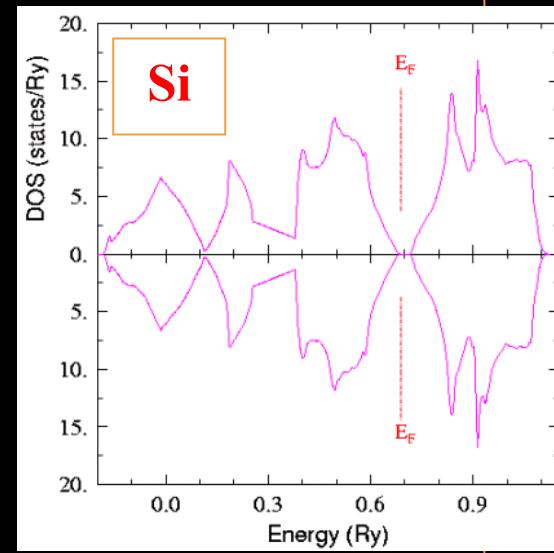
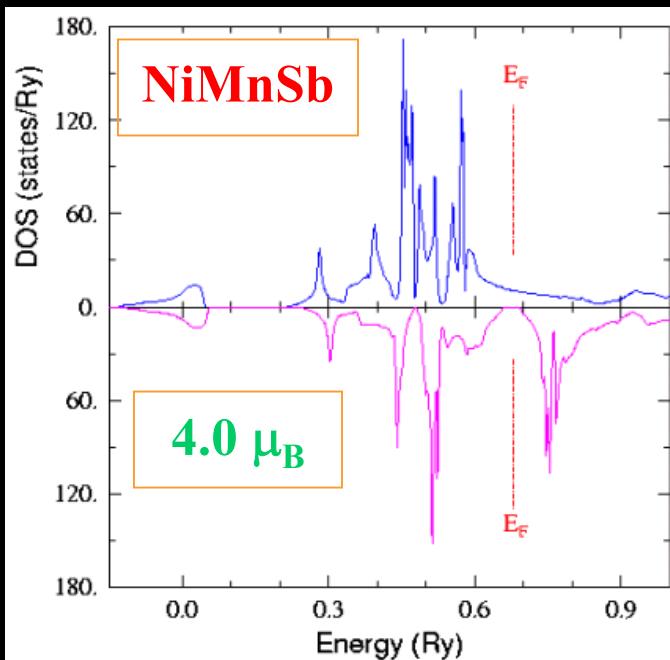
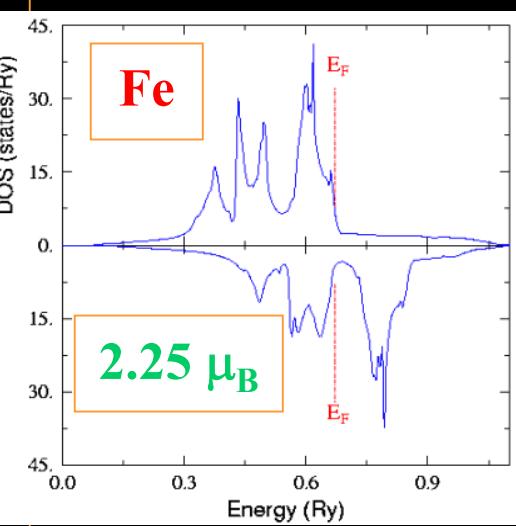
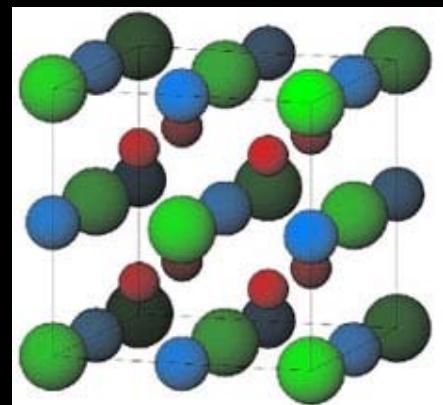
Half-metallic ferromagnet



Magnetic semiconductor ??

Unusual properties of half-metals

- Predicted theoretically by band structure calculations
- (*de Groot et al., PRL 1983*)
- lack of Fermi surface for one spin-direction (positron annihilation experiments (Mijnarends, 1986),
 - integer value of magnetic moment per WS cell,
 - uncommon electron transport behaviours (lack of spin-flip term in conductivity),
 - giant magneto-optical Kerr effect



Heusler phases X_2YZ , XYZ (1903)

DO_3 structure

Fm $3m$ (typ Fe_3Al)

X : (0,0,0), (1/2,1/2,1/2)

X : (3/4,3/4,3/4)

Z : (1/4,1/4,1/4)

Normal Heusler L 2_1

Fm $3m$ (typ Cu_2MnAl)

X : (0,0,0), (1/2,1/2,1/2)

Y : (3/4,3/4,3/4)

Z : (1/4,1/4,1/4)

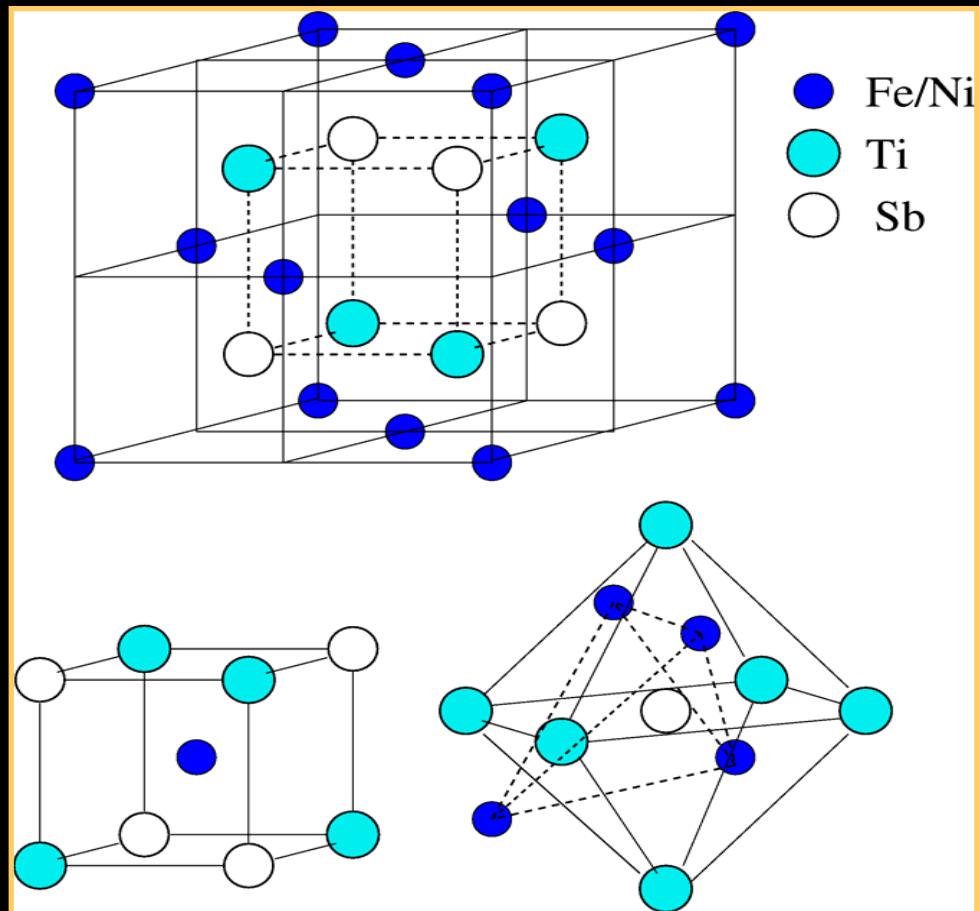
Half-Heusler C 1_b

F-43m (typ $AgMgAs$)

X : (0,0,0) 4a

Y : (3/4,3/4,3/4) 4d

Z : (1/4,1/4,1/4) 4c



Crystal stability
 sp^3 , d orbitals

„True“ Heusler system $Co_{2-x}Fe_xMnSi$

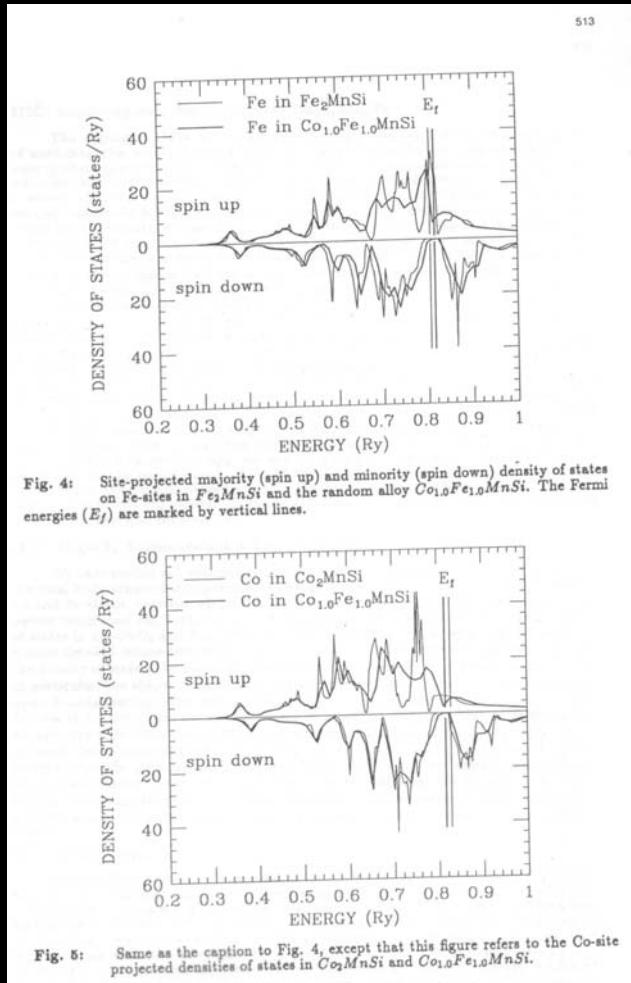


Fig. 4: Site-projected majority (spin up) and minority (spin down) density of states on Fe-sites in Fe_2MnSi and the random alloy $Co_{1.0}Fe_{1.0}MnSi$. The Fermi energies (E_f) are marked by vertical lines.

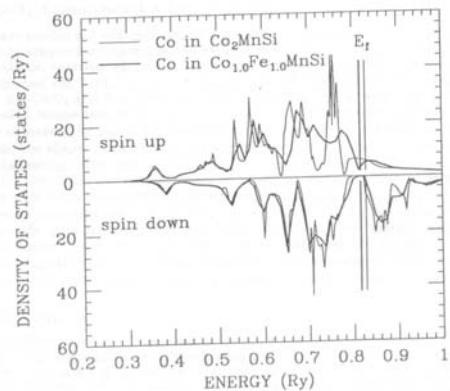
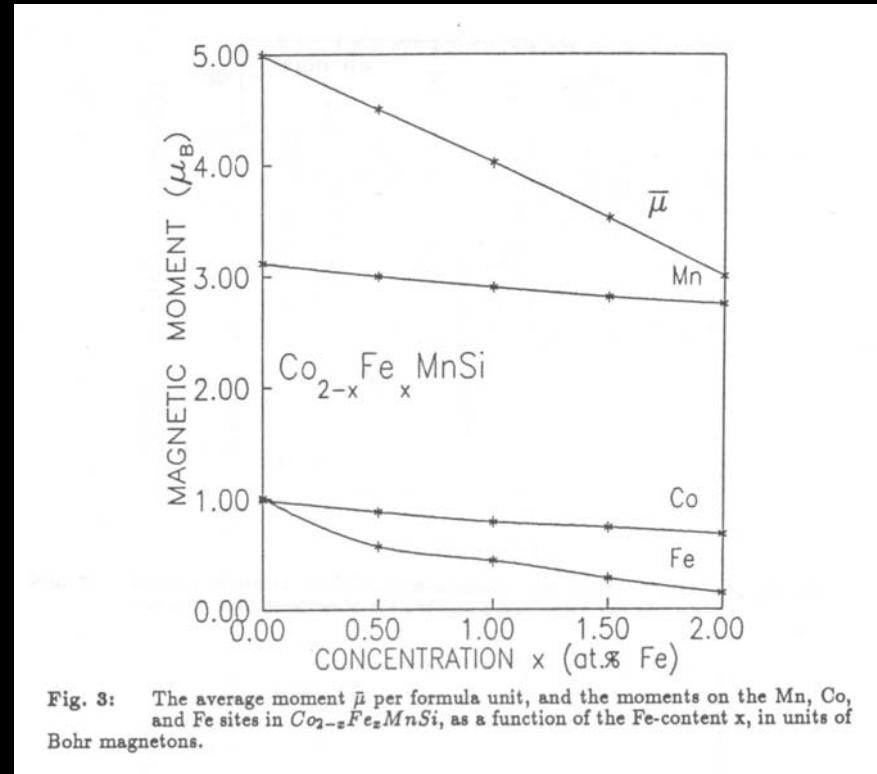


Fig. 5: Same as the caption to Fig. 4, except that this figure refers to the Co-site projected densities of states in Co_2MnSi and $Co_{1.0}Fe_{1.0}MnSi$.

Density of states

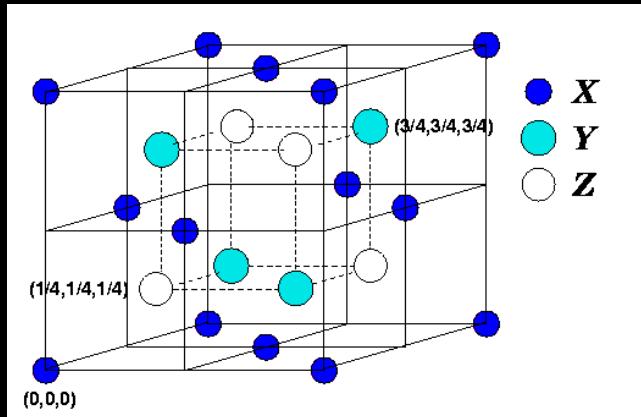


Magnetic moment vs. concentration

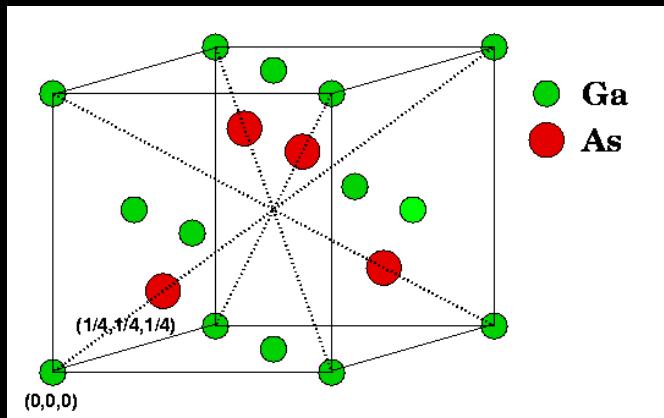
Bansil, Kaprzyk, Tobola, MRS Symp. Proc. 253 (1992)

Structural relations

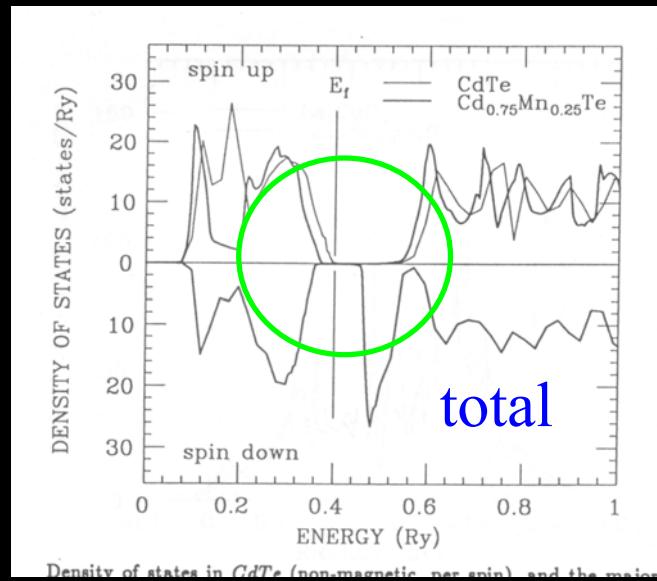
half-Heusler



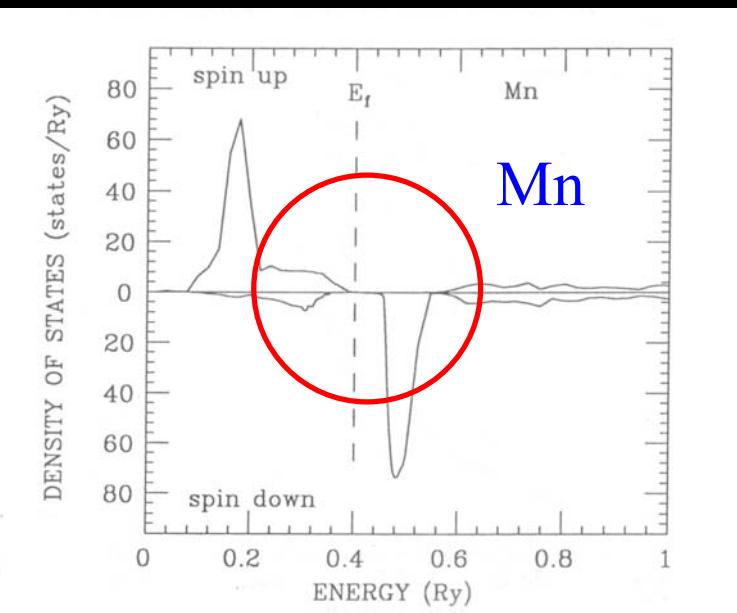
Zinc blende



DOS of $\text{Cd}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x\text{Te}$



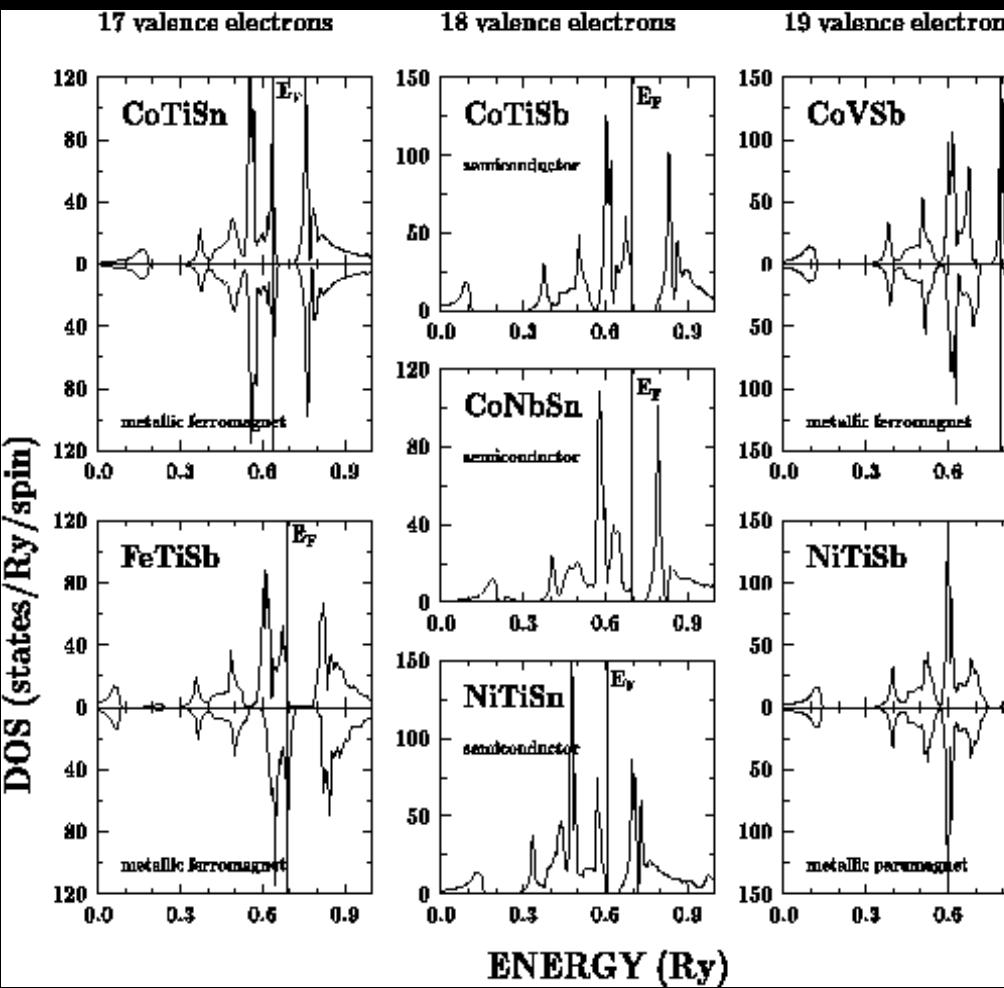
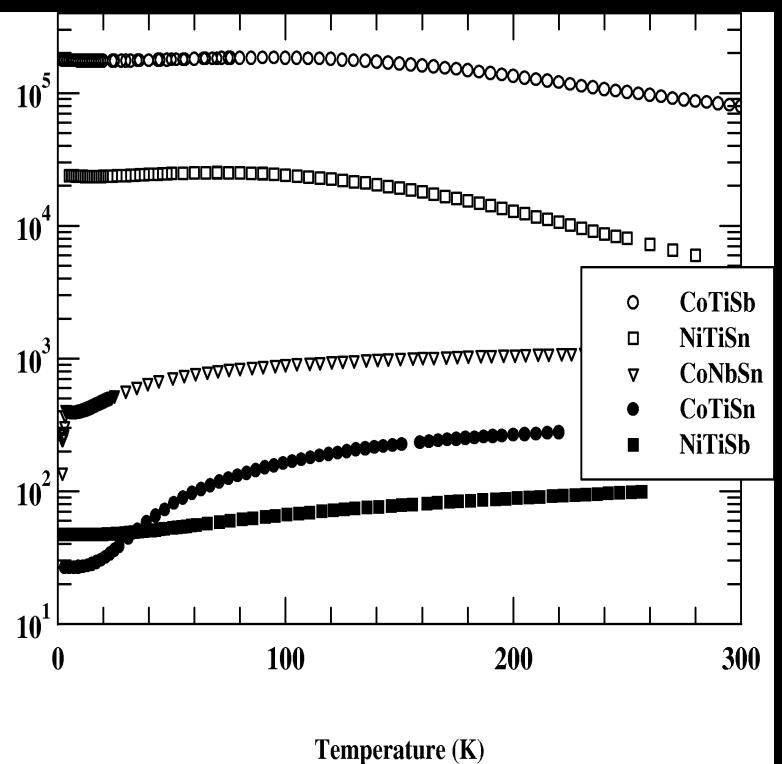
Density of states in CdTe (non-magnetic per spin) and the major contribution of Mn



Elektronowy diagram fazowy układów poł-Heuslera

Toboła et al., JMMM (1996), J. Phys. CM (1998), J. All. Comp. (2000)

Oporność właściwa



CoTiSn

^{27}Co : $^{18}\text{Ar} 4\ s^2 3\ d^7$ (9)
 ^{22}Ti : $^{18}\text{Ar} 4\ s^2 3\ d^2$ (4)
 $^{50}\text{Sn}:[^{36}\text{Kr}4\ d^{10}] 5s^2 5p^2$ (4)

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FeVSb

^{26}Fe : $^{18}\text{Ar} 4\ s^2 3\ d^6$ (8)
 ^{23}V : $^{18}\text{Ar} 4\ s^2 3\ d^3$ (5)
 $^{51}\text{Sb}:[^{36}\text{Kr}4\ d^{10}] 5s^2 5p^3$ (5)

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NiMnSb

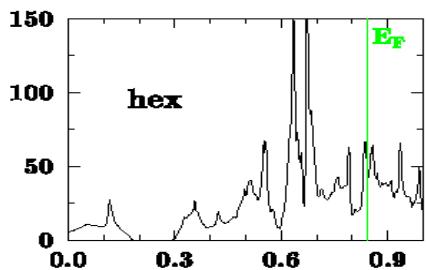
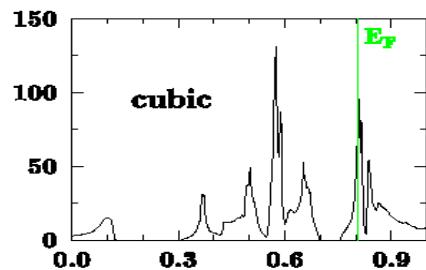
^{28}Ni : $^{18}\text{Ar} 4\ s^2 3\ d^8$ (10)
 ^{25}Mn : $^{18}\text{Ar} 4\ s^2 3\ d^5$ (7)
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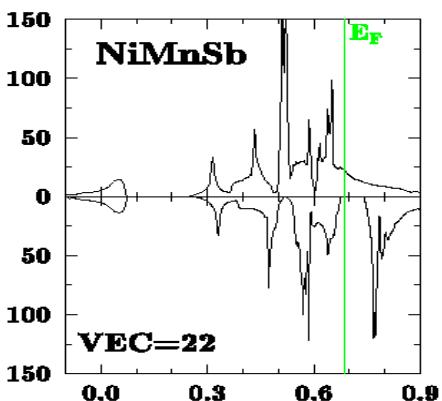
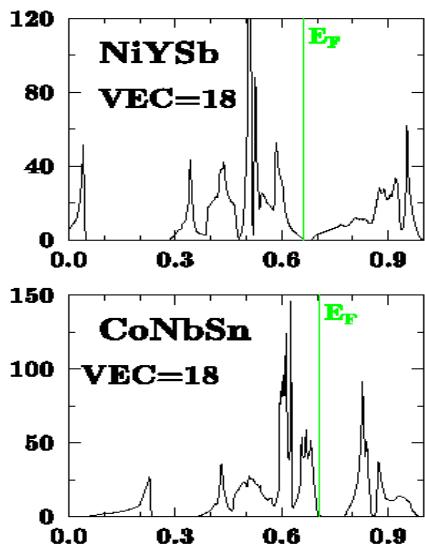
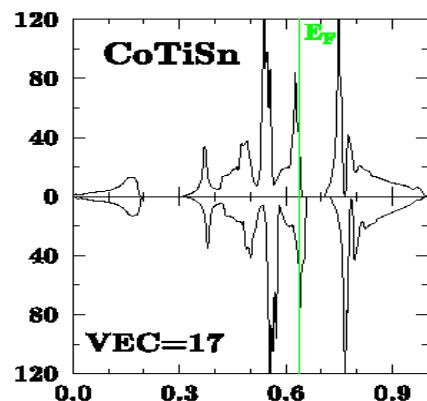
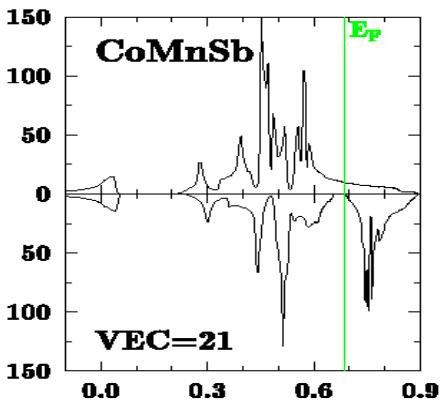
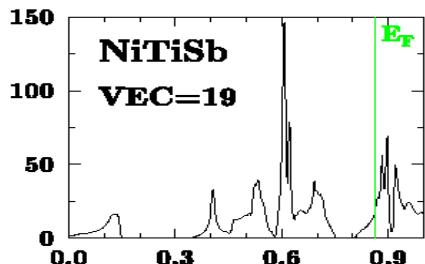
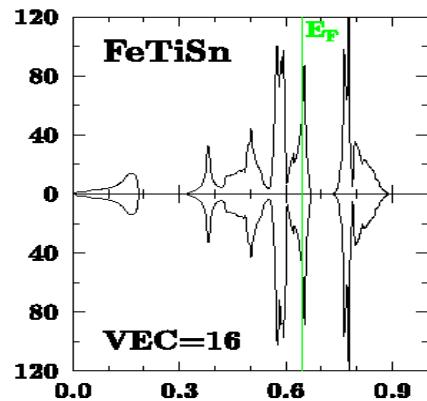
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Właściwości „na życzenie”?

NiVSb



ELECTRONIC PHASE DIAGRAM OF HALF-HEUSLER SYSTEMS



Prognozowanie
przejścia :

- FM-PM
- FM-HMF
- FM-SC
- PM-SC
- PM-SC-PM
- FM-SC-PM

Strukturalna niestabilność

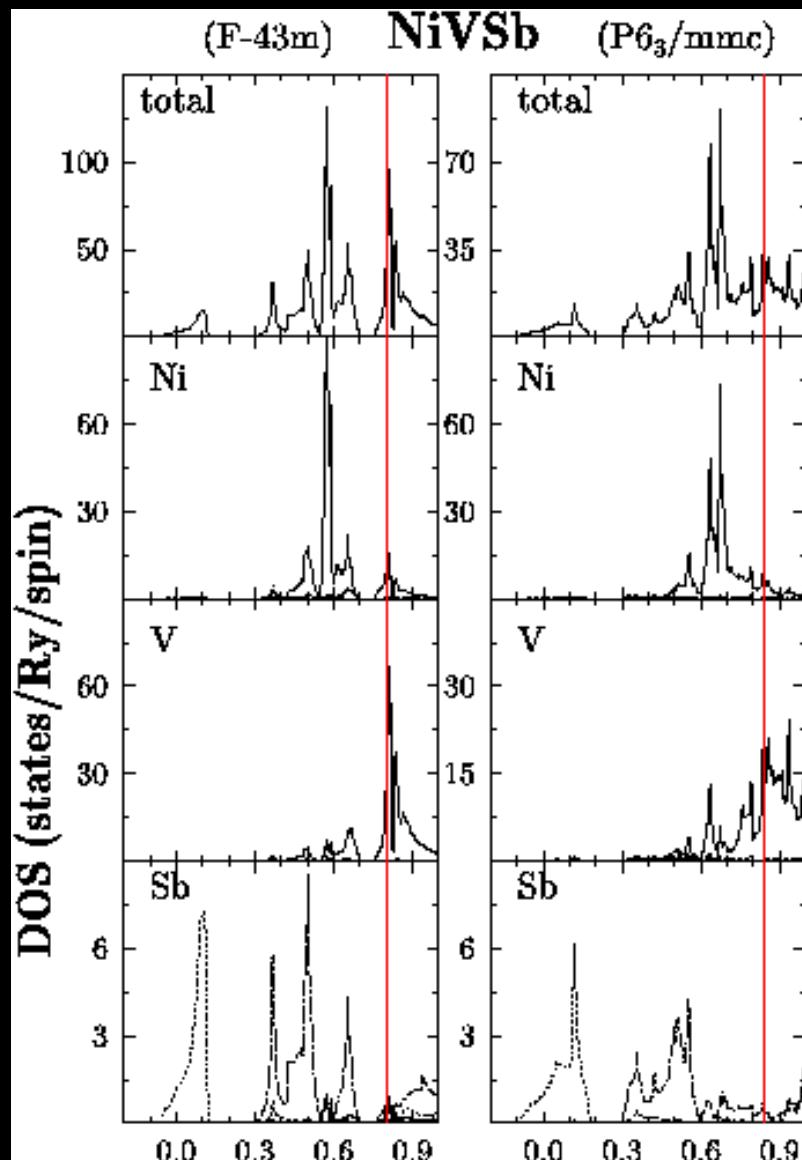
NiVSb, CoCrSb, ... VEC=20



Liczba elektronów walenc. VEC

eksperyment
synteza struktury
 $C1_b$ nie udaje się

teoria
w strukturze $C1_b$
 $1.5 \mu_B$ / atom V !!



Multiple Scattering Theory (1)

$$G = G_0 + G_0 V G.$$

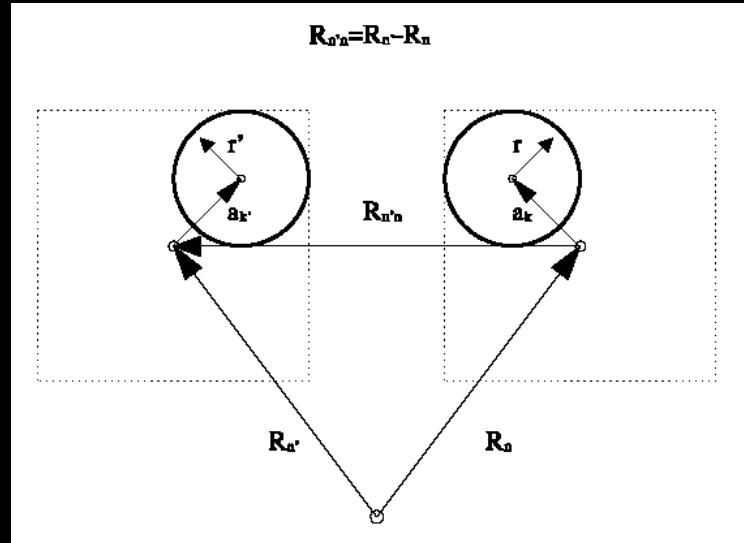
Dyson equations

Crystal potential

$$V = \sum_i v_i.$$

$$G_0 = \frac{1}{E - H}$$

Free-electron
Green function



$$T = V + V G_0 T, \quad \text{Path-scattering operator (for many potentials)}$$

$$T = \sum_{i,k} [v_i \delta_{ik} + v_i \frac{1}{E - H_0 - v_i} \sum_{m \neq i} (v_i \delta_{mk} + v_m \frac{1}{E - H_0 - V} v_k)].$$

$$t = V + V g_0 t$$

$$G = g_0(1 + t g_0) + (1 + g_0 t)(g_r^{-1} - t)^{-1}(t g_0 + 1)$$

Scattering operator τ for single potential v

$$T = \sum_{i,k} T^{i,k},$$

$$T^{i,k} = t_i \delta_{ik} + t_i G_0 \sum_{m \neq i} T^{m,k},$$

$$t_i = v_i + v_i G_0 t_i.$$

Multiple Scattering Theory (2)

$$G = G_0 + G_0 V G.$$

Korringa-Kohn-Rostoker method

$$G = g_0(1 + tg_0) + (1 + g_0 t)(g_r^{-1} - t)^{-1}(tg_0 + 1)$$

Expression of full GF

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{a}_{k'} + \mathbf{R}_{n'} | G_0(E) | \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{a}_k + \mathbf{R}_n \rangle = \\ & -\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\exp[i\sqrt{E}|\mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{a}_{k'} + \mathbf{R}_{n'} - (\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{a}_k + \mathbf{R}_n)|]}{|\mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{a}_{k'} + \mathbf{R}_{n'} - (\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{a}_k + \mathbf{R}_n)|}, \end{aligned}$$

$$G_0 = g_0 + g_r,$$

$$t = V + Vg_0t$$

In spherical muffin-tin model matrices are site-diagonal

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{a}_{k'} + \mathbf{R}_{n'} | g_0(E) | \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{a}_k + \mathbf{R}_n \rangle = \\ & \sum_{L'L} Y_{L'}(\hat{r}') [-i\sqrt{E} h_l^+(\sqrt{E} r_>) j_l(\sqrt{E} r_<)] Y_L(\hat{r}) \delta_{k'k} \delta_{n'n} \delta_{L'L}, \end{aligned}$$

Free-electron part

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{a}_{k'} + \mathbf{R}_{n'} | g_r(E) | \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{a}_k + \mathbf{R}_n \rangle = \\ & \sum_{L'L} Y_{L'}(\hat{r}') j_{l'}(\sqrt{E} r') B_{k'L', kL}^{(n'n)} Y_L(\hat{r}) j_l(\sqrt{E} r). \end{aligned}$$

Regular part

$$[B(\mathbf{k}, E)]_{k'L', kL} = \sum_{\mathbf{R}_{n'n}} \exp(i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{R}_{n'n}) [B(E)]_{k'L', kL}^{(n'n)}$$

KKR-constants matrix

Multiple Scattering Theory (3)

Korringa-Kohn-Rostoker method

$$Z_{\sigma L}^{(k)}(r) = j_l(\sqrt{E}r)\tau_{\sigma L}(E)^{-1} - i\sqrt{E}h_l(\sqrt{E}r).$$

$$J_{\sigma L}^{(k)}(r) = j_l(\sqrt{E}r),$$

$Z(r)$ and $J(r)$ - regular and irregular solutions of Schrodinger equation

$$\begin{aligned} < s' \mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{a}_{k'} + \mathbf{R}_{n'} | G(E) | s \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{a}_k + \mathbf{R} > = & - \sum_{\sigma L} J_{\sigma L}^{(k)}(s' \mathbf{r}') Z_{\sigma L}^{(k)}(s \mathbf{r}) \delta_{k' k} \delta_{n' n} \\ & + \sum_{\sigma' L', \sigma L} Z_{\sigma' L'}^{(k')} (s' \mathbf{r}') [\tau^{-1} - \mathbf{B}(E)]_{k' \sigma' L', k \sigma L}^{-1} Z_{\sigma L}^{(k)}(s \mathbf{r}). \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

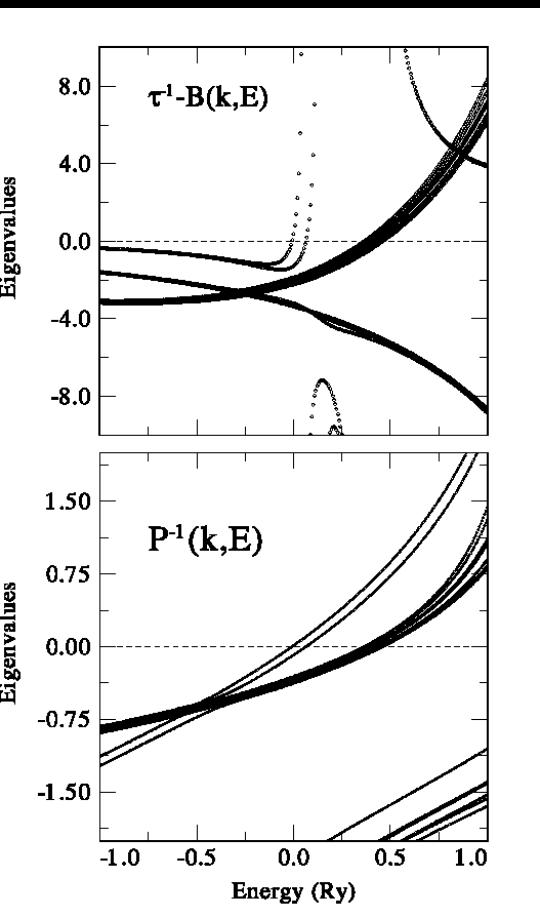
$$\begin{aligned} < s' \mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{a}_{k'} | G(\mathbf{k}E) | s \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{a}_k > = \\ \sum_{\mathbf{R}_{n' n}} \exp(i \mathbf{k} \mathbf{R}_{n' n}) < s' \mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{a}_{k'} + \mathbf{R}_{n'} | G(E) | s \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{a}_k + \mathbf{R}_n > \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} < s' \mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{a}_{k'} | G(\mathbf{k}E) | s \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{a}_k > = & - \sum_{\sigma L} J_{\sigma L}^{(k)}(s' \mathbf{r}') Z_{\sigma L}^{(k)}(s \mathbf{r}) \delta_{k' k} \\ & + \sum_{\sigma' L', \sigma L} Z_{\sigma' L'}^{(k')} (s' \mathbf{r}') [\tau^{-1} - \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{k}E)]_{k' \sigma' L', k \sigma L}^{-1} Z_{\sigma L}^{(k)}(s \mathbf{r}). \end{aligned}$$

$$\det |\tau^{-1} - \mathbf{B}(k, E)| = 0.$$

Novel formulation of KKR equations

Problem with eigenvalues functions



$$\zeta_l^{(k)}(r) = -J_l^{(k)}(r)Z_l^{(k)}(S_k) + Z_l^{(k)}(r)j_l(\sqrt{E}S_k).$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_l^{(k)}(r) &= 1, \\ \zeta^{(k)}(S_k) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

$$\phi_l^{(k)}(r) = Z_l^{(k)}(r)/Z_l^{(k)}(S_k),$$

$$\begin{aligned}<\hat{s}'\hat{\mathbf{r}}' + \mathbf{a}_{k'}|G(\mathbf{k}E)|s\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{a}_k> = \\ \sum_{\sigma' L' \sigma L} Y_{L'}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}') \chi_{\sigma'}(\hat{s}') \{ \zeta_{\sigma' l'}(r') \phi_{\sigma l}(r) \delta_{\sigma' \sigma} \delta_{k' k} \delta_{L' L} \\ + \phi_{\sigma' l'}(r') [g_0(\mathbf{k}E, S)^{-1} - (\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{D}^{(j)})]_{k' \sigma' L', k \sigma L}^{-1} \phi_{\sigma l}(r) \} \chi_{\sigma}(s) Y_L(\hat{\mathbf{r}}).\end{aligned}$$

$$D_{\sigma kl}(E) = S_k^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \ln(\phi_{\sigma l}^{(k)}(r)|_{r=S_k})$$

$$D_{kl}^{(j)}(E) = S_k^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \ln(j_l(r)|_{r=S_k})$$

- monotonic behaviour
- easy to extract $E(\mathbf{k})$
- important for computations with large number of atoms

$$\det |g_0^{-1}(\mathbf{k}, E, S) - (\mathbf{D} - D_{(j)})| = 0$$

KKR-CPA method

Korringa-Kohn-Rostoker with coherent potential approximation

$$G(E) = \sum_{s=(+,-)} \sum_{k=1}^K \int_{V_k} d^3r \langle s, \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{a}_k | G(E) | s, \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{a}_k \rangle.$$

ansil, Kaprzyk, Mijnarends, Tobola,
Phys. Rev. B (1999) conventional KKR

Green function

Stopa, Kaprzyk, Tobola,
J.Phys.CM (2004)
novel formulation of KKR

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle s', \mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{a}_{k_{CP}} | G^{A(B)}(E) | s, \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{a}_{k_{CP}} \rangle \\ &= - \sum_{\sigma L} J_{\sigma L}^{A(B)}(s' \mathbf{r}') Z_{\sigma L}^{A(B)}(s \mathbf{r}) \\ &+ \sum_{\sigma' L', \sigma L} Z_{\sigma' L'}^{A(B)}(s' \mathbf{r}') T_{k_{CP} \sigma' L', k_{CP} \sigma L}^{A(B)} Z_{\sigma L}^{A(B)}(s \mathbf{r}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle s', \mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{a}_{k'} | G(E) | s, \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{a}_k \rangle \\ &= - \sum_{\sigma L} J_{\sigma L}^{(k)}(s' \mathbf{r}') Z_{\sigma L}^{(k)}(s \mathbf{r}) \delta_{kk'} \\ &+ \sum_{\sigma' L', \sigma L} Z_{\sigma' L'}^{(k')}(s' \mathbf{r}') T_{k' \sigma' L', k \sigma L}^{CP} Z_{\sigma L}^{(k)}(s \mathbf{r}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (E) &= - \frac{d}{dE} \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in BZ} \text{Tr} \ln [G_0^{-1}(E, \mathbf{k}) + D^{(j)} - D_{CP}]^{-1} \right\} \\ &- \frac{d}{dE} \{ c_A \text{Tr} \ln [\Psi_A^{-1} G^A] + c_B \text{Tr} \ln [\Psi_B^{-1} G^B] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \text{Tr} \ln G^{CP} \} + \frac{d}{dE} \left\{ \sum_{k \neq k_{CP}} \text{Tr} \ln [\Psi^{(k)}] \right\}, \quad (2.22) \end{aligned}$$

$$T_{k' \sigma' L', k \sigma L}^{CP} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in BZ} [\tau_{CP}^{-1} - B(E, \mathbf{k})]_{k' \sigma' L', k \sigma L}^{-1}$$

CPA $c_A T^A + c_B T^B = T^{CP}.$

Density
of states

$$N(E) = - \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \int_{-\infty}^E dE G(E)$$

loyd formula

Kaprzyk et al. Phys. Rev. B (1999) Fermi energy $N(E_F) = Z$

Ground state properties KKR-CPA code (S. Kaprzyk)

Total density of states DOS

$$N(E) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \int_{-\infty}^E dE G(E)$$

Component, partial DOS

$$\rho_\sigma(E) = \frac{\partial}{\partial E} N_\sigma(E),$$

Total magnetic moment

$$\mu = N_+(E_F) - N_-(E_F)$$

Spin and charge densities

$$\rho_\sigma^{(k)}(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{E_F} dE \langle \sigma, \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{a}_k | G(E) | \sigma, \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{a}_k \rangle$$

Local magnetic moments

$$\mu^{(k)} = \mu_B \int_{\Omega_k} d^3r s^{(k)}(\mathbf{r})$$

Fermi contact hyperfine field

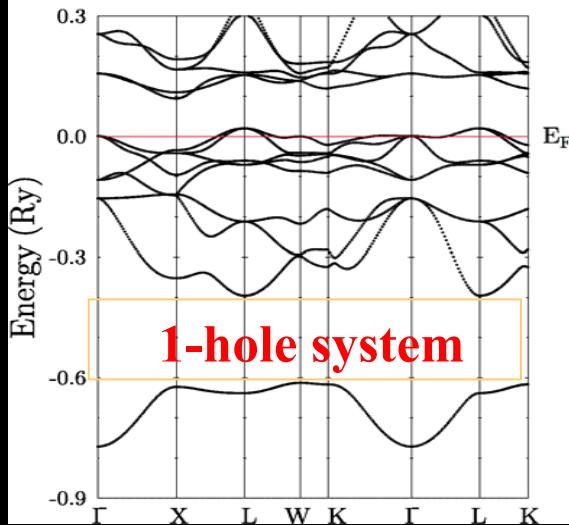
$$H_{Fermi} = \frac{8}{3} \pi \mu_B [\rho_\uparrow(0) - \rho_\downarrow(0)]$$

Bands $E(\mathbf{k})$, total energy, electron-phonon coupling (superconductivity), magnetic structures, transport properties, magnetocaloric, photoemission spectra, Compton profiles

Metal-semiconductor-metal crossovers

Toboła, et al., PRB (2001)

FeTiSb



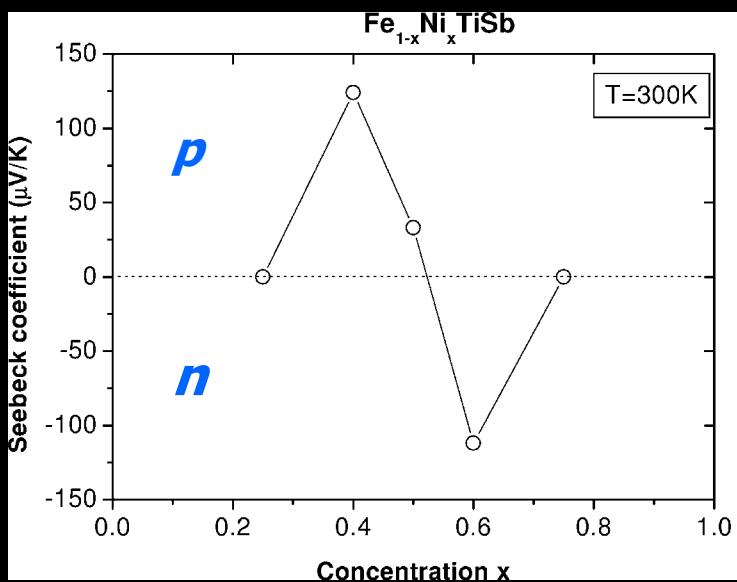
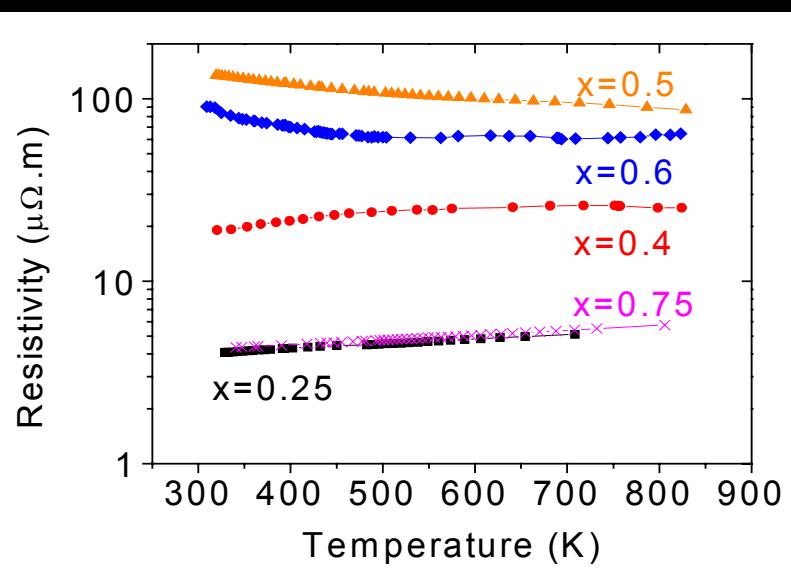
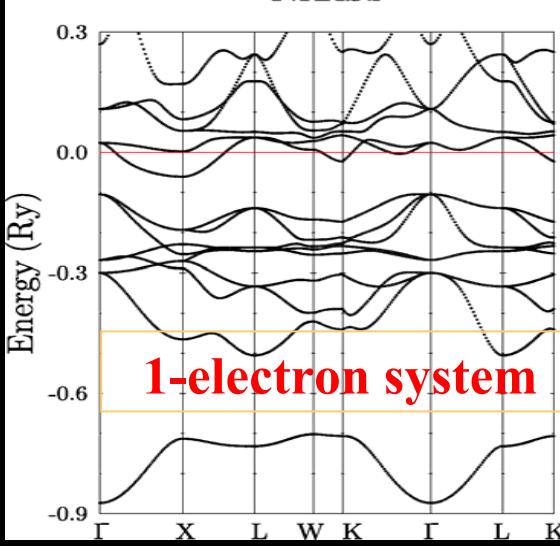
FeTiSb (VEC=17)

Curie-Weiss PM
($0.87\mu_B$)

NiTISb (VEC=19)

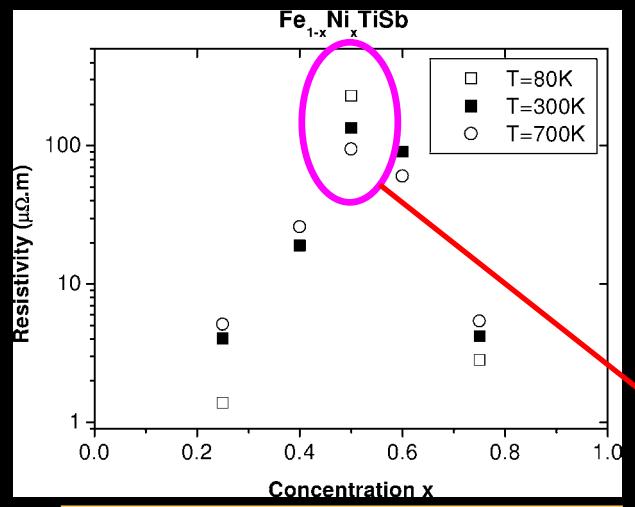
Pauli PM

NiTISb

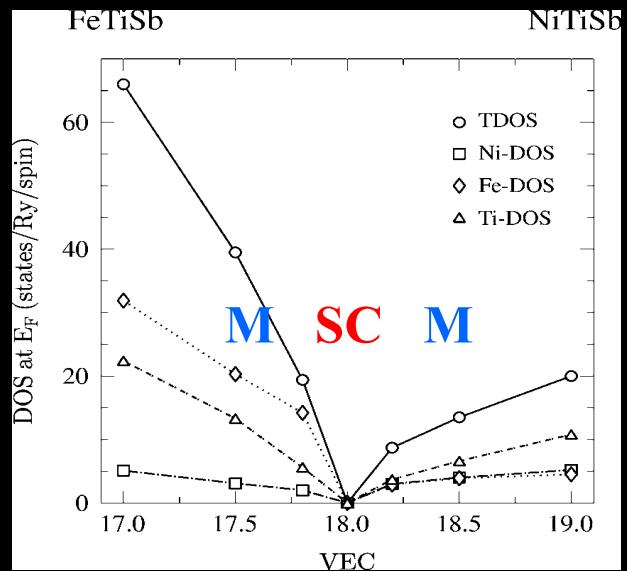


Resistivity

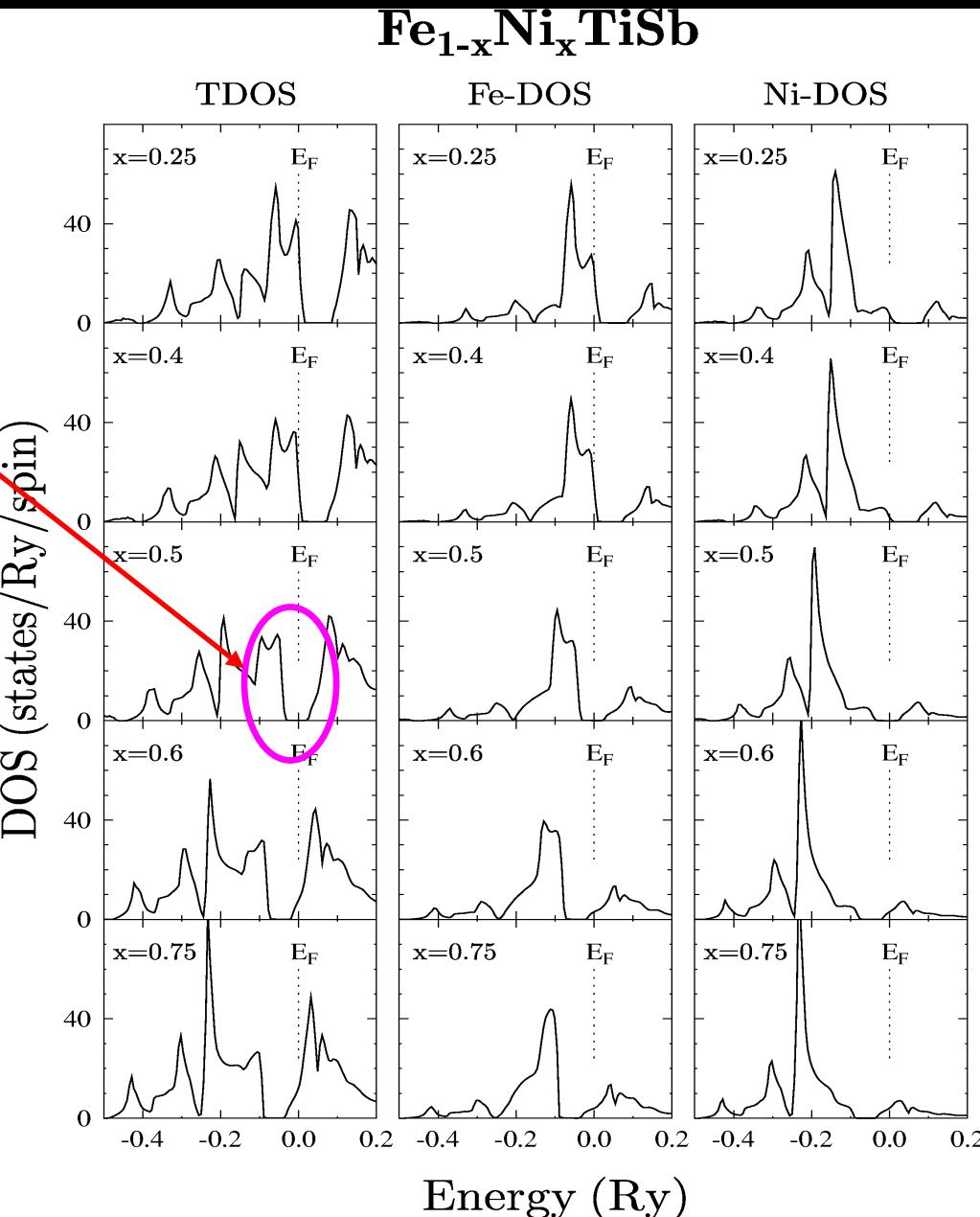
Semiconductor from alloyed metals



Resistivity

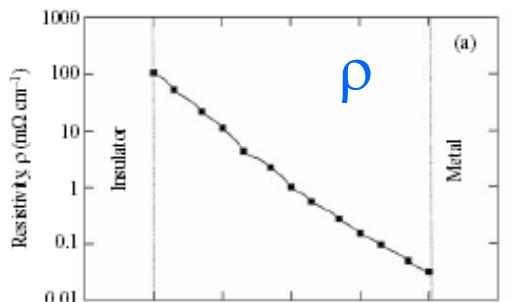


Density of states at E_F

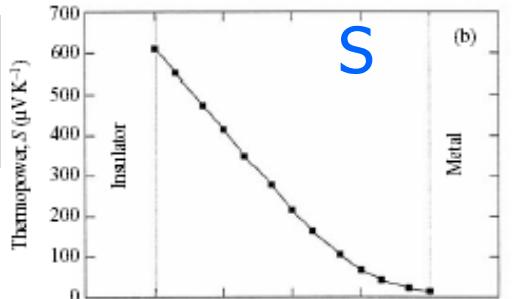


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Resistivity



Seebeck coefficient



Thermal conductivity

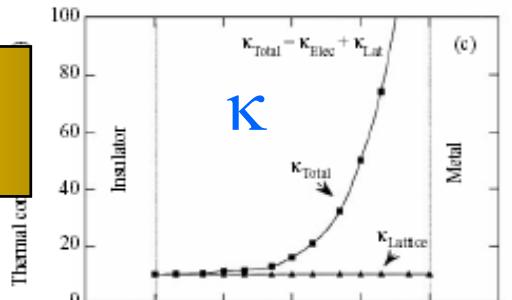
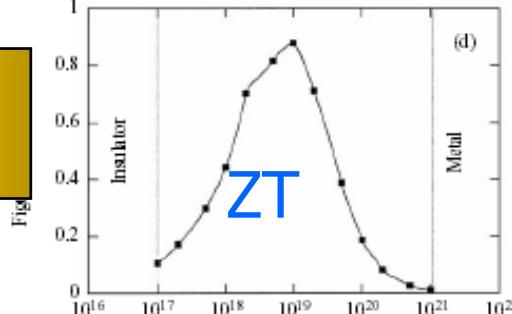


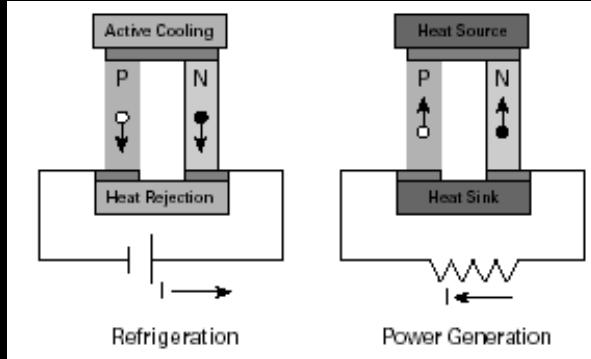
Figure of merit ZT



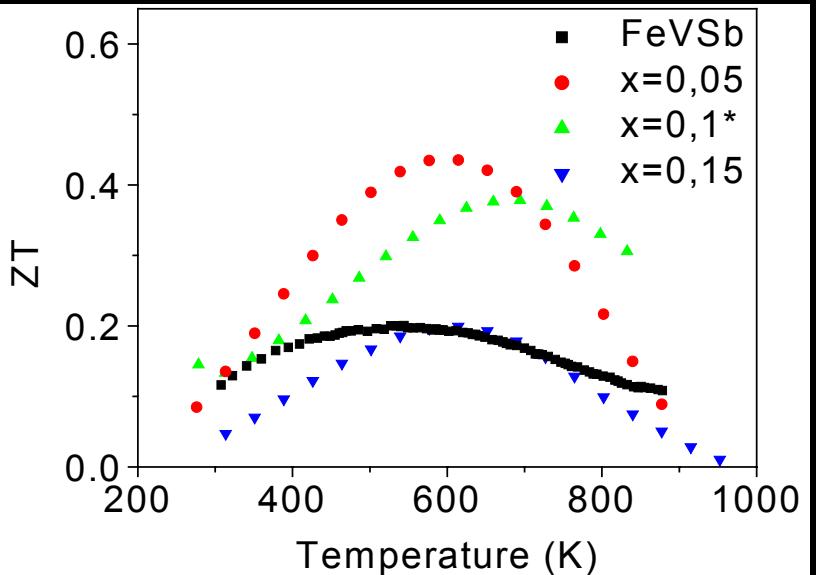
Fig

Thermoelectric properties

$$ZT = \frac{S^2}{\rho \kappa}$$



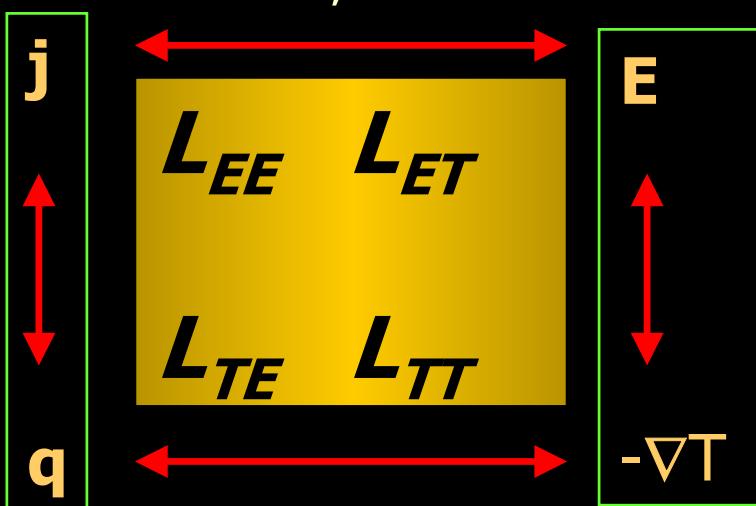
Example: FeVSb doped with Ti



„Czworobok” termoelektryczny

$$\begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ j \\ q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{EE} & L_{ET} \\ L_{TE} & L_{TT} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E \\ -\nabla T \end{bmatrix}$$

częstość prądu elektr.



Peltier, 1834

częstość strumienia ciepła

Ohm, 1826

Fourier, 1822

natężenie pola elektr.

Seebeck, 1821

gradient temperatury

$$S = \Pi T \quad (\text{Kelvin-Onsager})$$

$$L_{ET} = L_{TE}/T$$

$$\kappa/\sigma \approx L_0 T \quad (\text{Wiedemann-Franz}, L_0 \text{ liczba Lorentza}) \quad \kappa \approx -L_{TT}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\rho}{j} \\ \frac{\rho}{q} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{EE} & L_{ET} \\ L_{TE} & L_{TT} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{E} \\ -\nabla T \end{bmatrix}$$

Efekt Seebecka (1821)

zatężenie pola elektr.

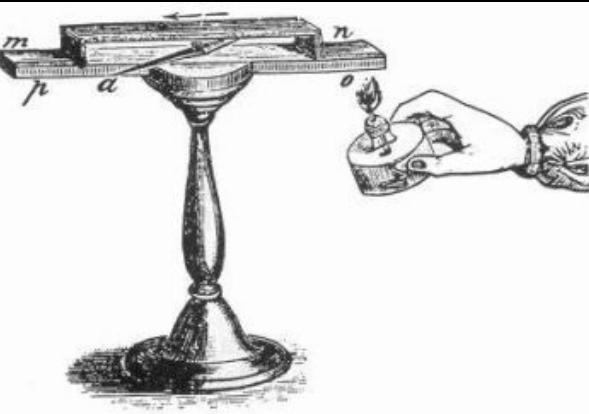
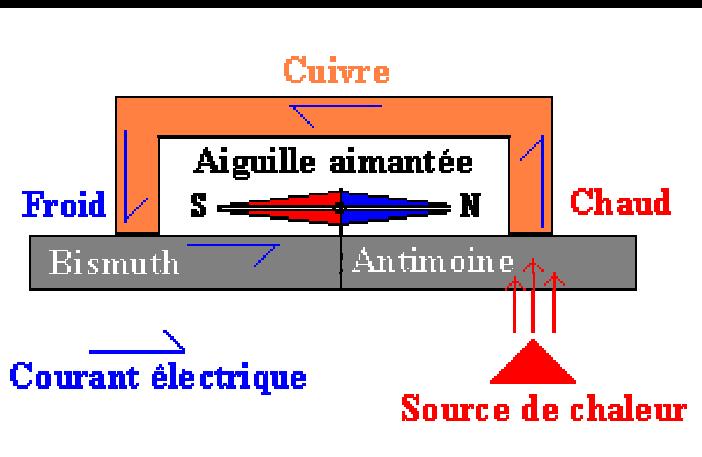
$$\mathbf{E} = S \nabla T$$

gradient temperatury



1770 Tallin

1854 Berlin



Barwna postać romantyzmu

- wraz z Goethe tworzy nową teorię barw (przeciwną Newtonowi),
- gradient temperatur powoduje zmiany pola magnetycznego Ziemi !,
- doświadczenia Oersteda (1820) – „oslepiają” uczonych; odkrycie elektromagnetyzmu

Wyjaśnienie : termomagnetyzm - „magnetyczna” polaryzacja metali i stopów wskutek różnicy temperatur !!

$$\begin{bmatrix} \rho_j \\ \rho_q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{EE} & L_{ET} \\ L_{TE} & L_{TT} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{E} \\ -\nabla T \end{bmatrix}$$

Relacja Fouriera (1822)



częstość strumienia ciepła

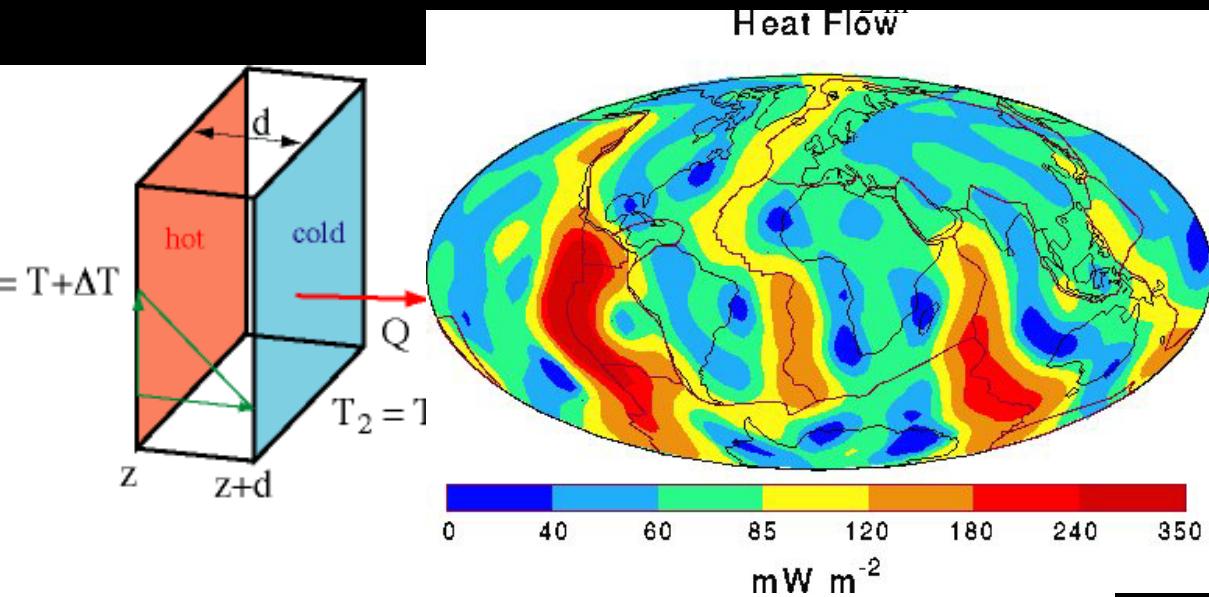
$$\mathbf{q} = -\kappa \nabla T \quad \text{gradient temperatury}$$

przewodność cieplna $\kappa = L_{TE} L_{EE}^{-1} L_{ET} L_{TT}$

$$\kappa = \frac{3}{2} \frac{n}{m} k_B \tau T$$

Ciepło
rzewodzone
netto = Ciepło
generowane
wewnętrz

- Ciepło zatrzymane
wewnętrz



$$\nabla \mathbf{q} = q_{\text{gen}} - du/dt$$

$$du/dt = \rho c dT/dt$$

$$\nabla(-\kappa \nabla T) + \partial T / \partial t = q_{\text{gen}}$$

$$\nabla^2 T + (\rho c / k) \partial T / \partial t = 0$$

gdzie $q_{\text{gen}} = 0$

in differential form: $\mathcal{O}(z) = -k \frac{dT}{dz}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \rho_j \\ \rho_q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{EE} & L_{ET} \\ L_{TE} & L_{TT} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E \\ -\nabla T \end{bmatrix}$$

Prawo Ohma (1826)



gęstość prądu elektr. $\mathbf{j} = \sigma \mathbf{E}$ natężenie pola elektr.

przewodność elektryczna $\sigma = L_{EE} = ne\mu = ne\tau/m$

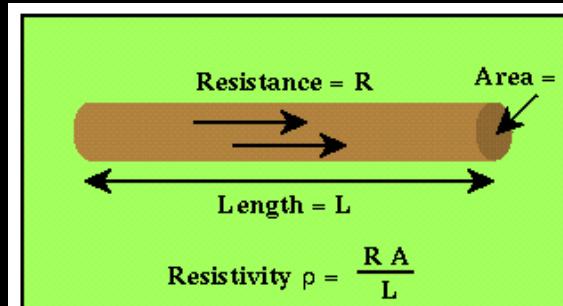
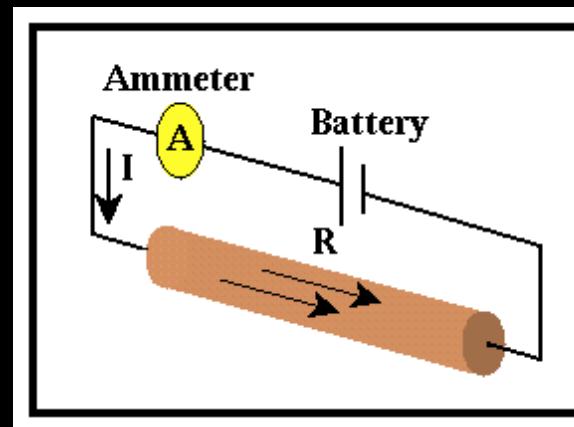
badania Ohma inspirowane pracami Fouriera i Seebecka



drut metalowy w cylindrze

- wychylenie igły magnetycznej proporcjonalne do prądu I
- źródłem potencjału elektr. V – termopara Seebecka

$V/I = R$ (stałe gdy R stałe)



$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{q}_j \\ \dot{q}_q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{EE} & L_{ET} \\ L_{TE} & L_{TT} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{E} \\ -\nabla T \end{bmatrix}$$

Efekt Peltier (1834)

zegarmistrz

strumień ciepła

$$\mathbf{q} = \Pi \mathbf{j}$$

gęstość prądu

współczynnik Peltier

$$\Pi = L_{TE} L_{EE}^{-1}$$

1785 Ham

1845 Paris

odwrotny proces do efektu Seebecka

Efekt Thomsona (1834)

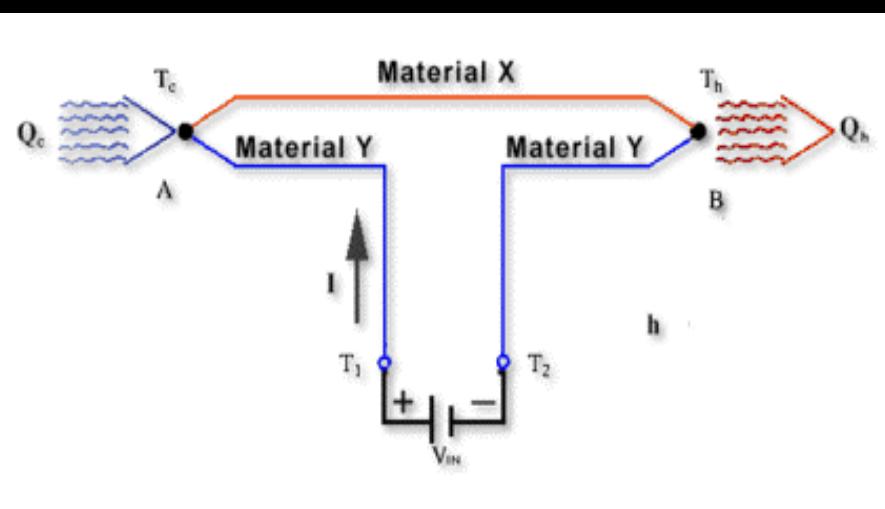
wydzielanie się ciepła w obecności prądu \mathbf{j} i gradientu temperatury dT/dx

$$Q = j^2/\sigma + \mu j dT/dx$$

Joule Thomson

$$\mu = T dS/dT$$

$$\Pi = T S$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} i \\ j \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{EE} & L_{ET} \\ L_{TE} & L_{TT} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E \\ \rho \\ \nabla T \end{bmatrix}$$

Ziman kinetic theory

$$\sigma(T) = e^2/3 \int dE N(E) v^2(E) \tau(E, T) [-\partial f(E)/\partial E]$$

Electrical conductivity

$$S(T) = e(3T\sigma)^{-1} \int dE N(E) v^2(E) E \tau(E, T) [-\partial f(E) / \partial E] =$$

$$(3eT\sigma)^{-1} \int dE \sigma(E, T) E [-\partial f(E) / \partial E]$$

Thermopower (Seebeck coefficient)

$$N(E) = (2\pi)^{-3} \int \delta(E(\mathbf{k}) - E) d\mathbf{k}$$

DOS (density of states)

Thermal conductivity

$$\kappa/\sigma \approx L_0 T, L_0 = 2.45 \quad \kappa \approx -L_{TT}$$

prawo Wiedemanna-Franza, L_0 liczba Lorentza

Boltzmann equation solutions

Calculations of residual conductivity and thermopower in alloys

$$\sigma(E) = \frac{2e^2}{3(2\pi)^3 \hbar} \int_{\Sigma(E)} dS_{\mathbf{k}} v_{\mathbf{k}} \tau_{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$S = -\frac{\pi^2}{3} \frac{k_B^2 T}{e} \left. \frac{\partial \ln \sigma(E)}{\partial E} \right|_{E_F}$$

Conductivity

$$\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} [Re E(\mathbf{k})]$$

**Group velocity
of electrons**

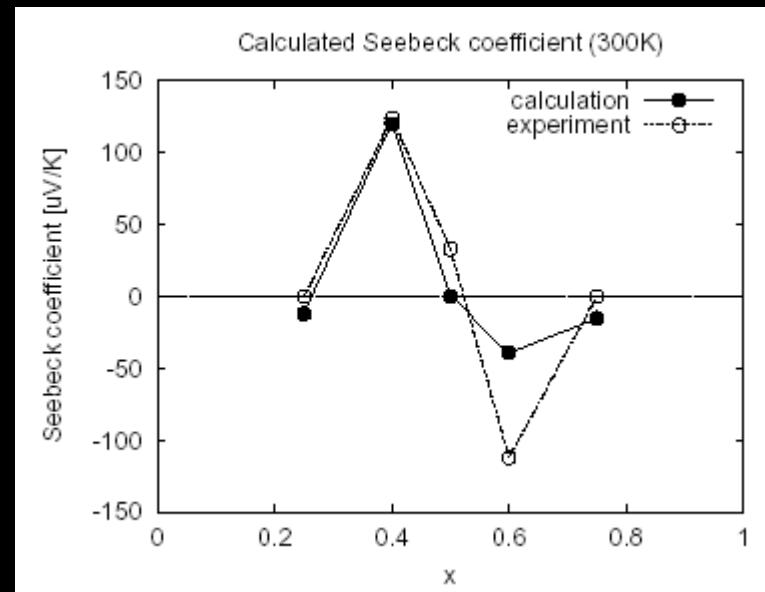
Thermopower

$$\tau_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{\hbar}{Im E(\mathbf{k})}$$

**Life-time of electrons
(due to disorder)**

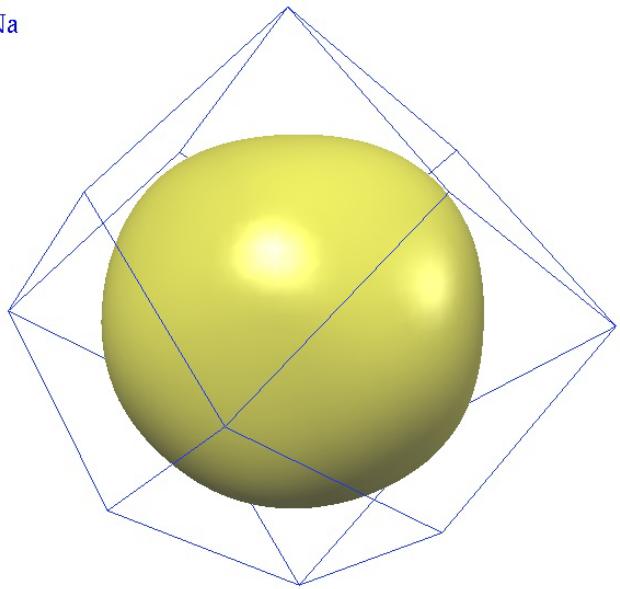
x	$\rho_{\text{calc}}^{0K} (\mu\Omega\text{m})$	$\rho_{\text{exp}}^{300K} (\mu\Omega\text{m})$
0.25	0.15	4.1
0.4	0.64	19.1
0.5	∞	134.7
0.6	1.13	90.8
0.75	0.31	4.2

x	S/T($\mu\text{V}/\text{K}^2$)	S/T 300K($\mu\text{V}/\text{K}$)	$S_{\text{exp}}^{300K} (\mu\text{V}/\text{K})$
0.25	-0.04	-12	≈ 0
0.4	0.4	120	124
0.5	0	0	33
0.6	-0.13	-39	-112
0.75	-0.05	-15	≈ 0

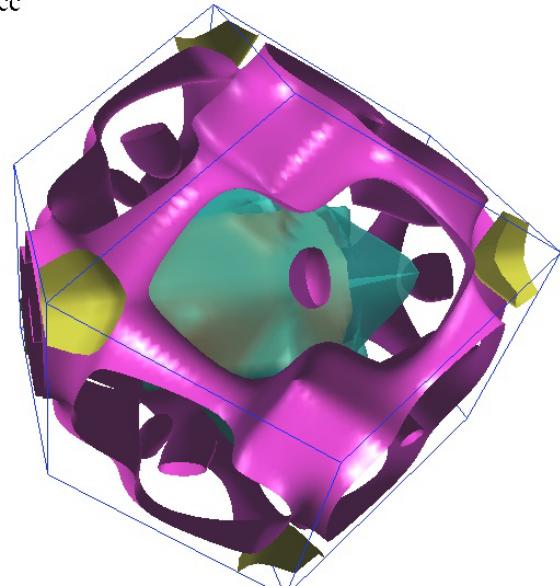


Badanie stanów elektronowych w pobliżu powierzchni Fermiego $E(\mathbf{k})=E_F$

Na



Fe_bcc



$$E(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{\eta^2(k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2)}{2m}$$

Calculations of residual conductivity and thermopower in alloys

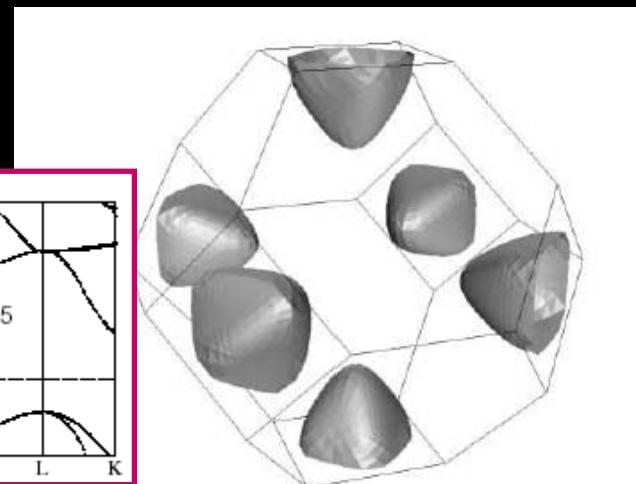
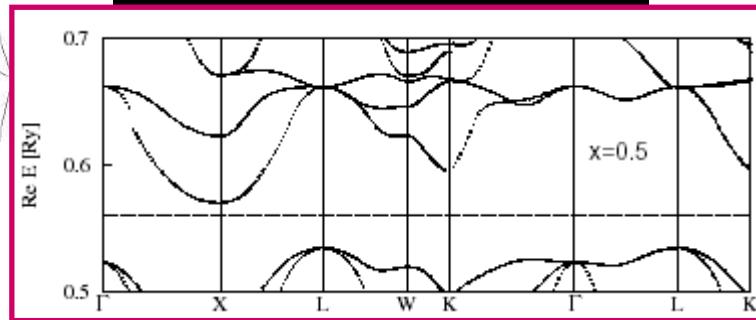
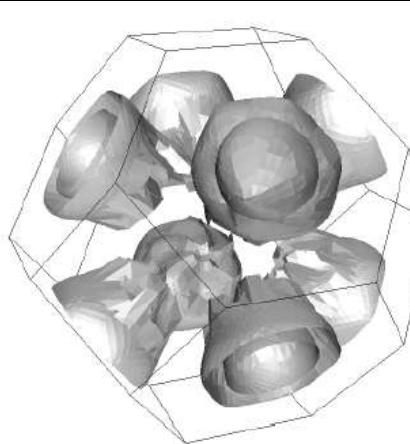


FIG. 7: Fermi surface of $Fe_{0.75}Ni_{0.25}TiSb$ ($x = 0.25$).

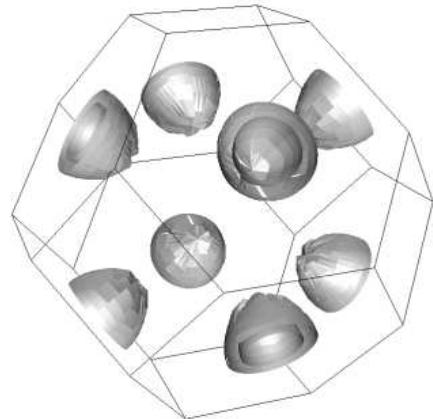


FIG. 8: Fermi surface of $Fe_{0.6}Ni_{0.4}TiSb$ ($x = 0.4$).

Semiconductor

$x = 0.50$

Fermi surface
peculiarities

FIG. 9: Fermi surface of $Fe_{0.4}Ni_{0.6}TiSb$ ($x = 0.6$).

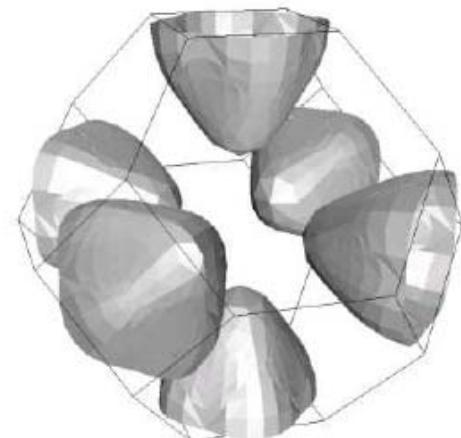
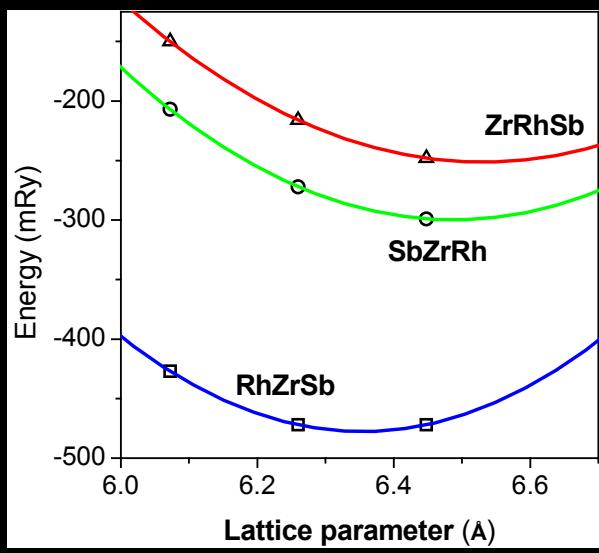
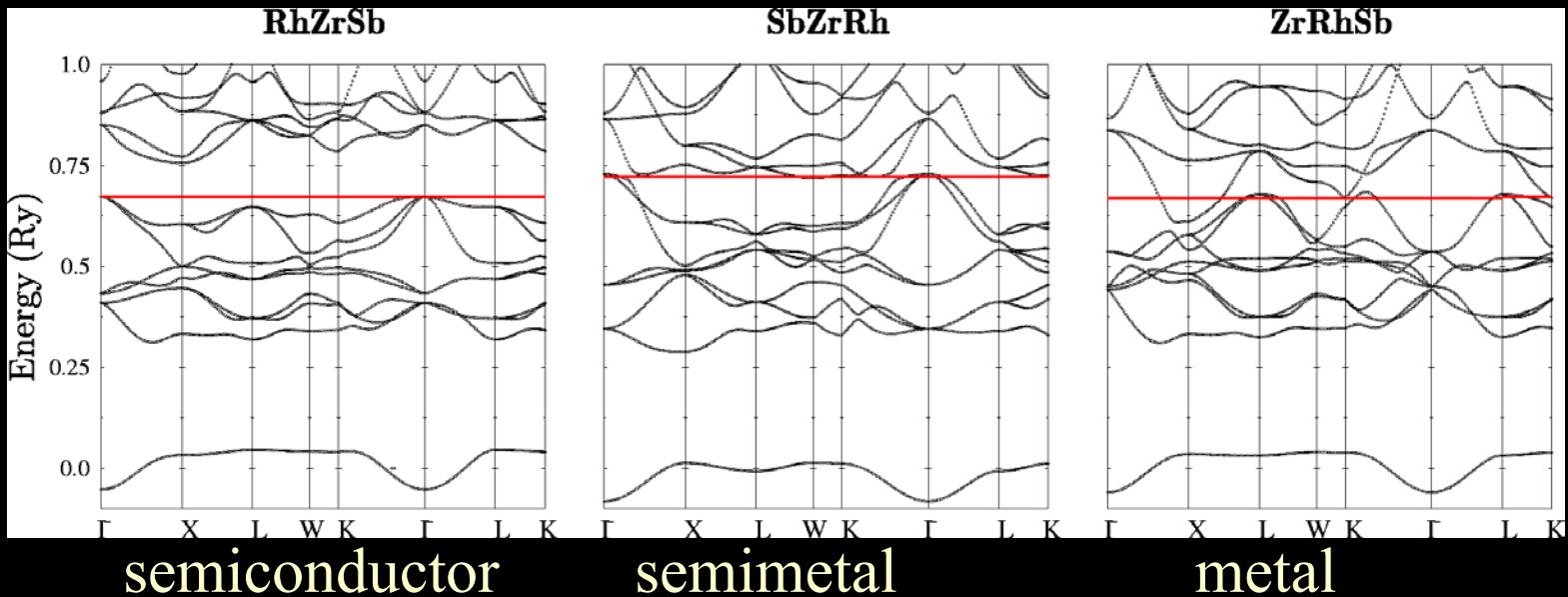


FIG. 10: Fermi surface of $Fe_{0.25}Ni_{0.75}TiSb$ ($x = 0.75$).

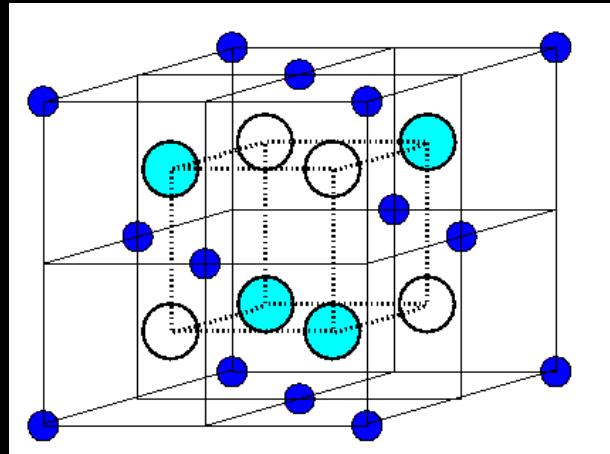
Search for new disordered SC

Total energy KKR analysis in Rh-Zr-Sb



3 configurations

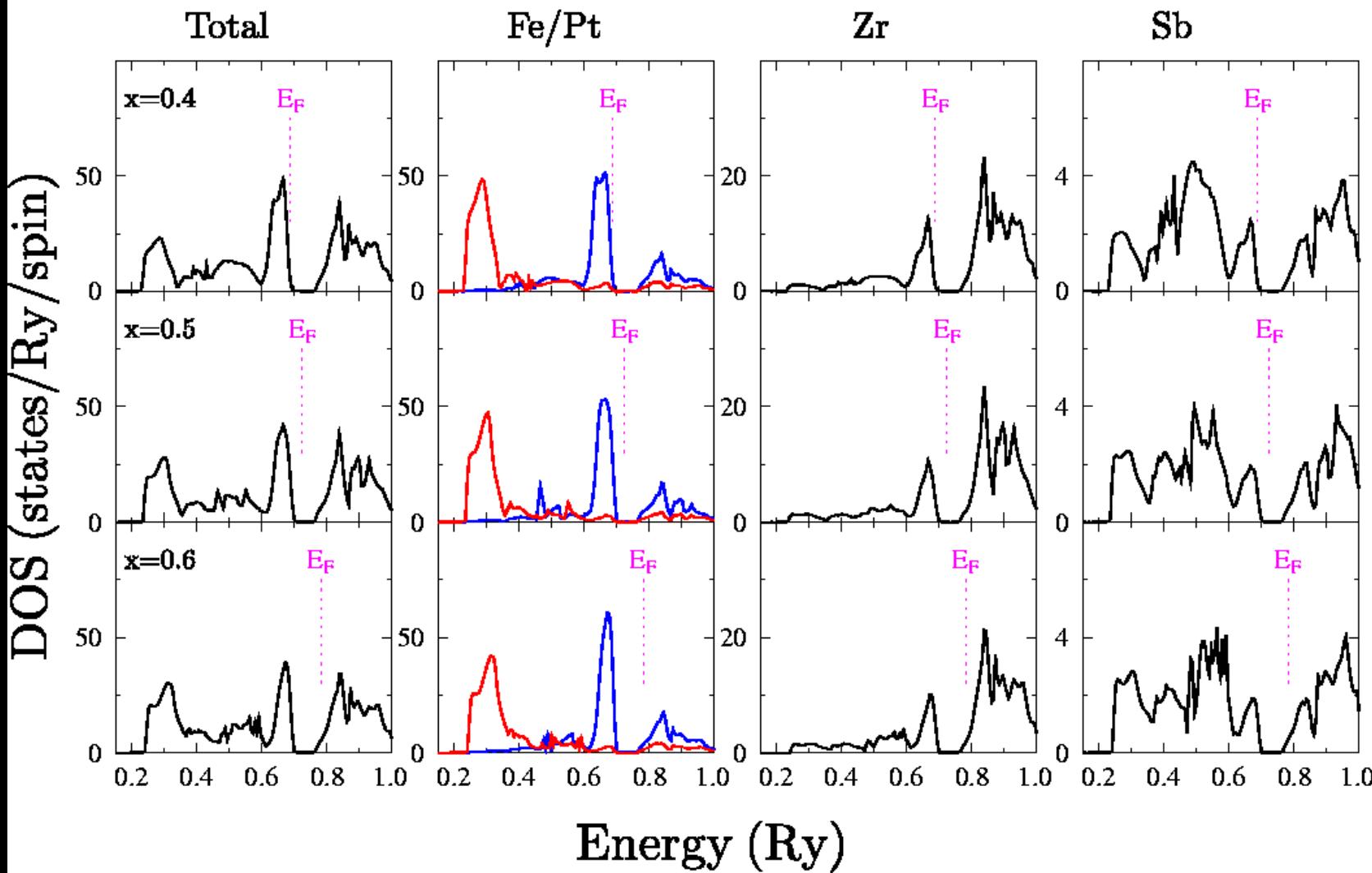
- XYZ (=XZY)
- YXZ (=YZX)
- ZXY (=ZYX)



Larson et al., PRB (2002) - FLAPW
SC phase - the most STABLE

KKR-CPA density of states

$\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Pt}_x\text{ZrSb}$

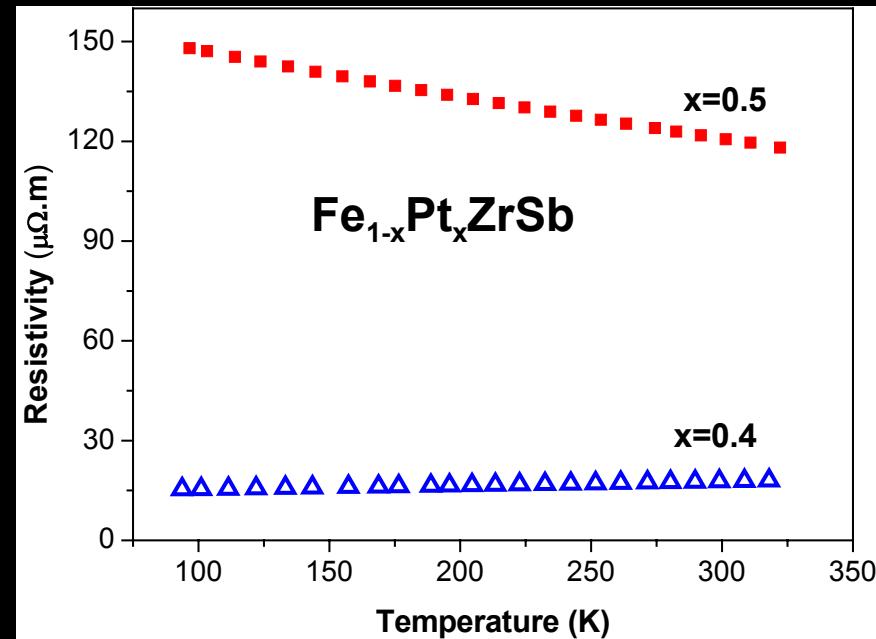
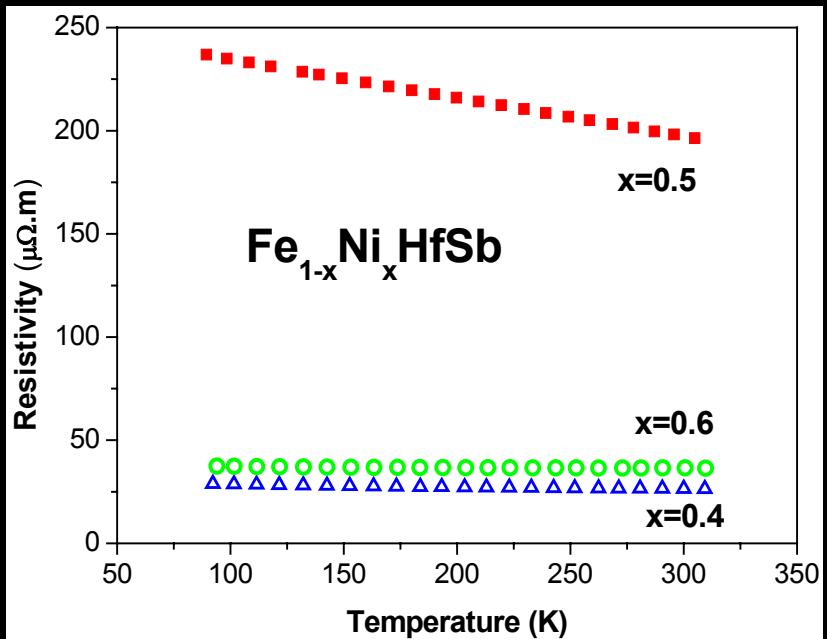


New half-Heusler phases close to VEC=18

Compound	a (Å)
Fe_{1-x}Pt_xZrSb	
x=0.4	6.221(4)
x=0.5	6.231(5)
x=0.6	6.242(2)
Fe_{1-x}Ni_xHfSb	
x=0.4	6.063(5)
x=0.5	6.060(4)
x=0.6	6.048(6)
Fe_{1-x}Ni_xTiSb	
x=0.4	5.917(4)
x=0.5	5.910(3)
x=0.6	5.906(4)
RhZrSb	6.260(5)
CoTiSb	5.884(2)

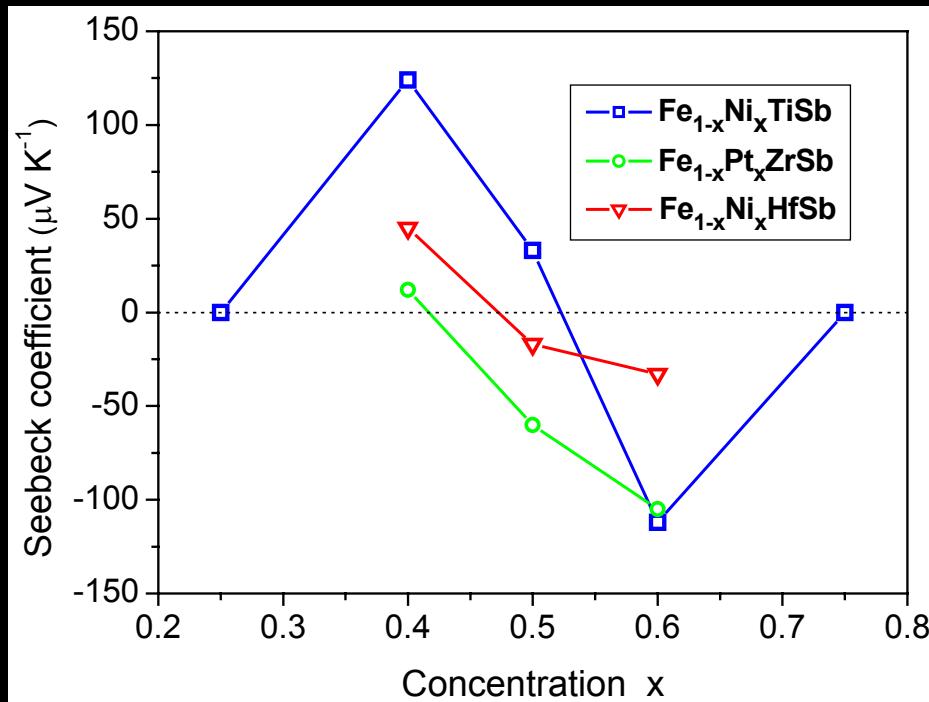
- corresponding mixtures were first molten in an induction furnace in a water cooled copper crucible;
- resulting ingots were sealed in silica tube under argon and annealed during one week at 1073K;
- purity of the sample was checked by powder X-ray diffraction (Guinier camera Co K_α);
- cell parameters have been refined by a least square procedure from powder X-ray diffraction data recorded with high purity silicon (a = 5.43082 Å) as internal standard.

Resistivity measurements



- 1) Resistivity decreases with T for $x=0.5$ in both series of compounds in semiconducting-like way ($d\rho/dT < 0$)
- 2) In other samples resistivity is also high but remains almost constant with T - conductivity limited by disorder scattering ($d\rho/dT \sim 0$)
- 3) Absolute values decrease comparing $x=0.5$ and other concentrations
5-6 times $\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Ni}_x\text{HfSb}$
8-10 times $\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Pt}_x\text{ZrSb}$

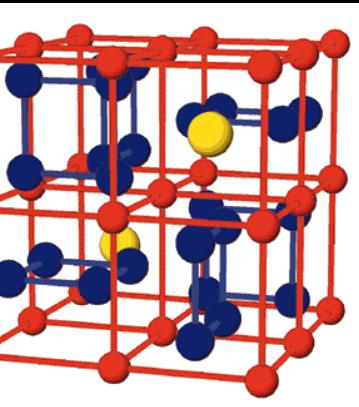
Thermopower measurements



- 1) Seebeck coefficient changes in sign when approaching $x=0.5$.
- 2) Differences in critical concentration may arise from crystal defects.
Large values of S can be tentatively related to the DOS variations near the valence/conduction band edge ($\text{dn}(E)/dE$)
- 3) The thermoelectrical properties can be easily tuned by varying the sample composition.

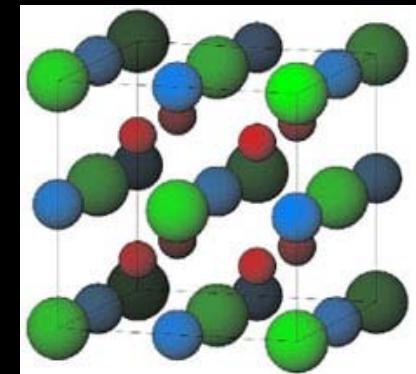
Electronic structure peculiarities

Effect of Fermi shape on transport properties in (Fe-Ni)TiSb
by T. Stopa



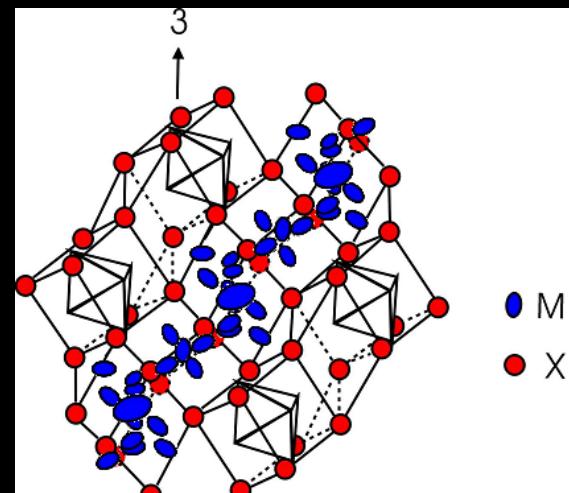
Skutterudites (VEC=96)
semiconductors/semimetals
(CoSb₃, RhSb₃, IrSb₃, CoP₃ ...)
 $4 \times 9 + 12 \times 5 = 96$

Half-Heusler (VEC=18)
Semiconductors/semimetals
(CoTiSb, NiTiSn, FeVSn, ...)
 $9 + 4 + 5 = 18$



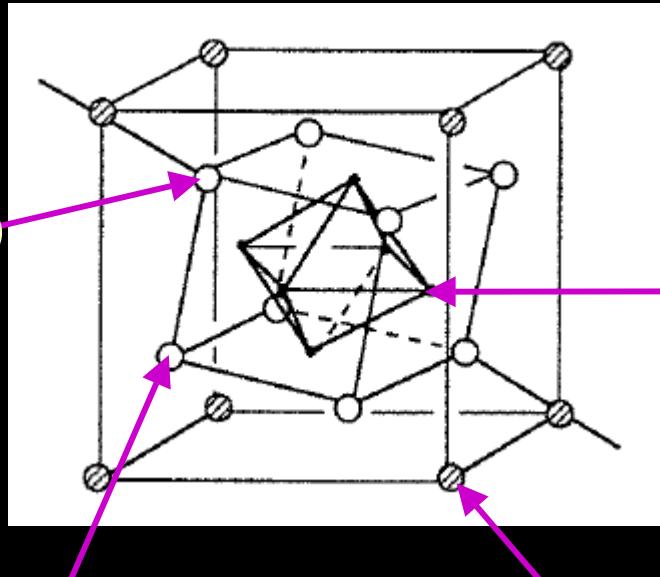
Study of transport properties and electronic structure of (Co-Rh)Sb₃
by K. Wojciechowski

Chevrel phases (VEC=72)
semiconductors/semimetals
(TiMo₆Se₈, Zn₂Mo₆Se₈, ...)
 $8 \times 4 + 6 \times 6 = 68$ (*p-d* Mo₆Se₈)
4 holes to energy gap



Chevrel phases

X(1)



X(2)

Mo

R-3 (rhomboedra)

Mo (6f) : (x,y,z)

Se (6f) : (x,y,z)

Se (2e) : (x,x,x)

M (1a) : (0,0,0) big cations (Sn, Pb)

M (6f) : (x,y,z) small cations (Cu, Zn)

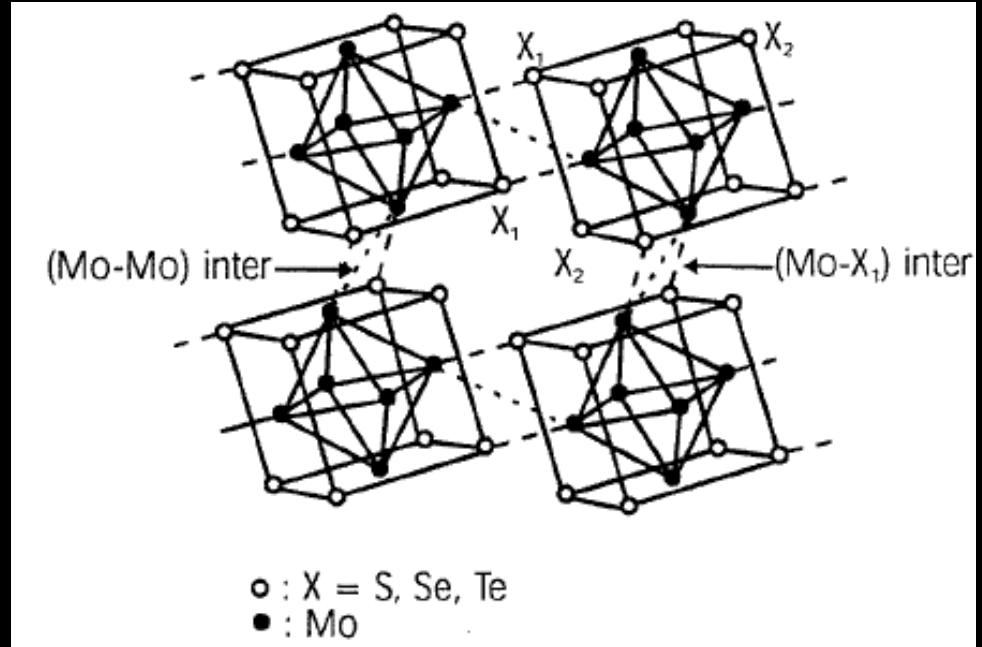
P-3 triclinic

both open structures

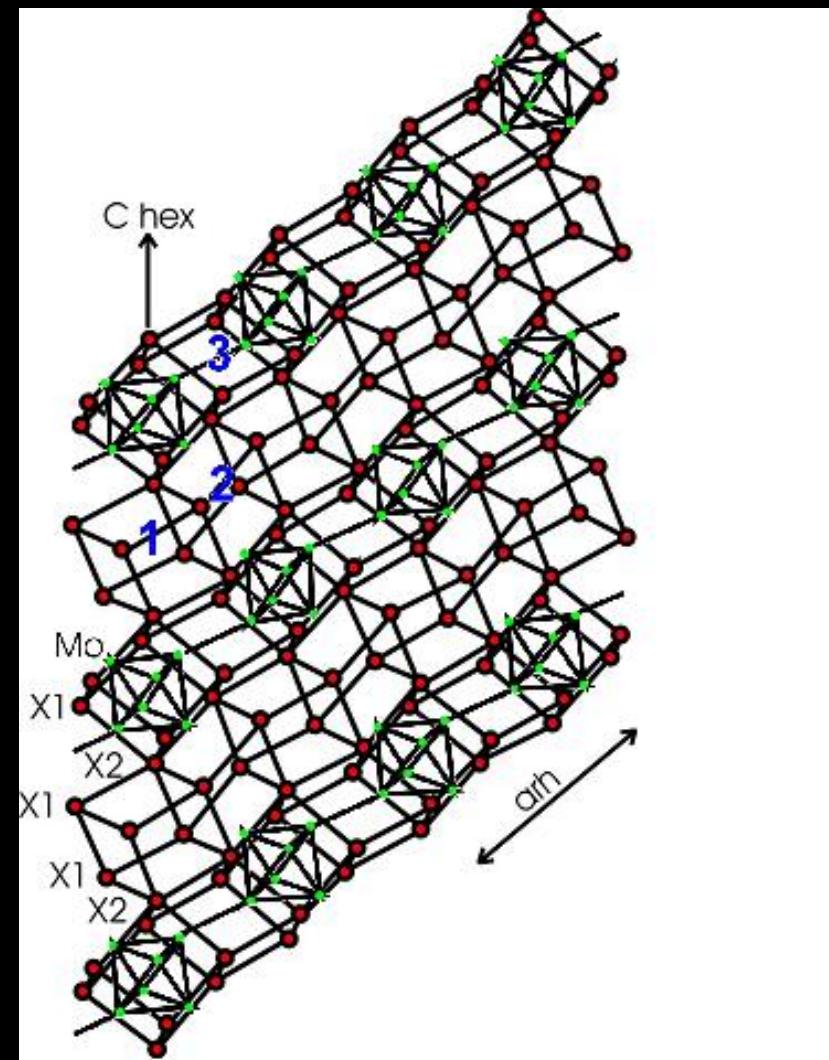
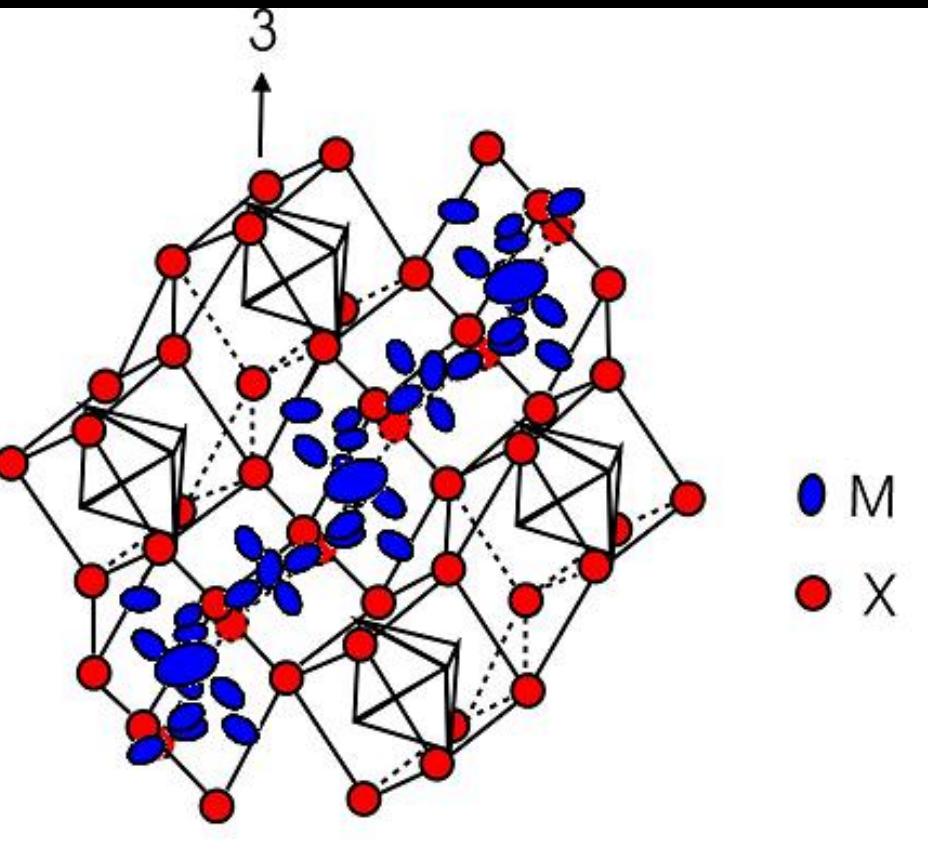
Halogen or chalcogen

Cr, Mo or W

Six axial ligands (L) coordinate to the metal atoms



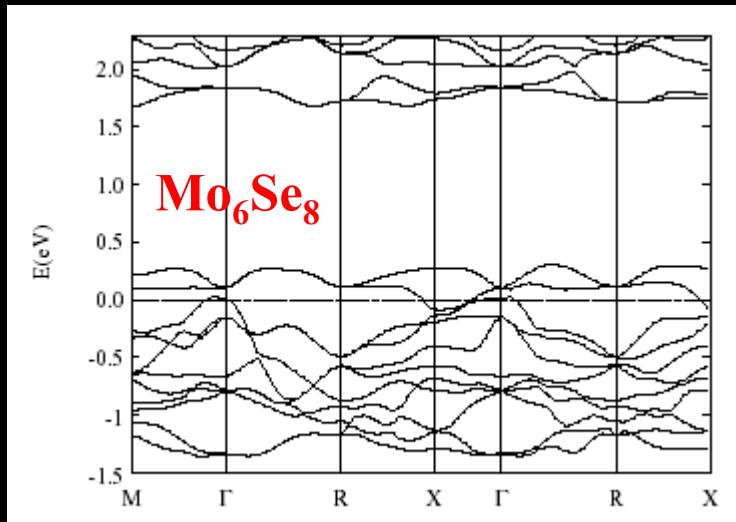
Chevrel phases with defects (2)



Real samples: $Ti_xMo_6Se_{8-y}$, $Sn_xMo_6Se_{8-y}$
defects not only in M network but also
in Se sublattice

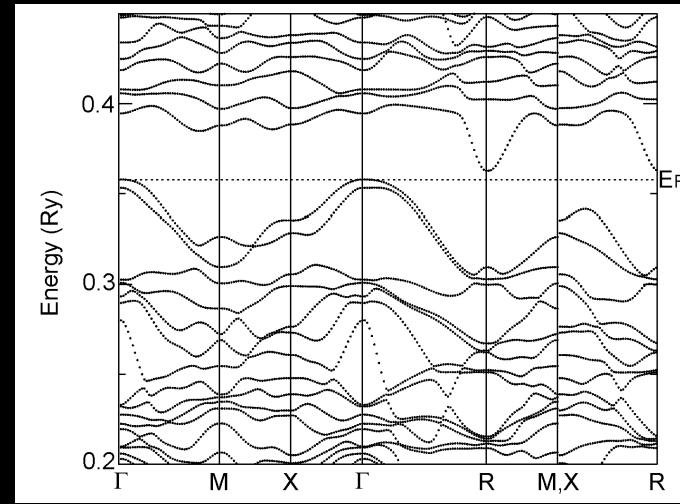
Search for Chevrel phases as thermoelectrics (2)

Band structure calculations:



Singh et al. (1999) FP-LAPW

$\text{Zn}_2\text{Mo}_6\text{Se}_8$ (narrow gap $E_g < 0.1$ eV)



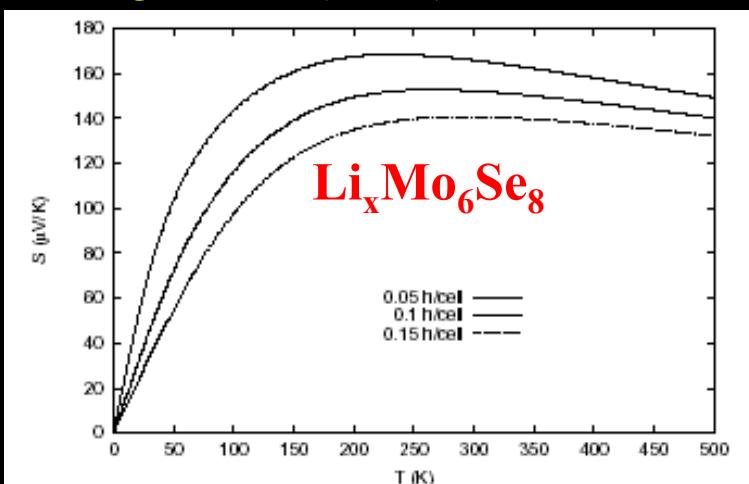
Tobola et al. (1999) KKR

Effective masses

$$\mathbf{m}_e = 0.2 \mathbf{m}_o$$

$$\mathbf{m}_h = 1.2 \mathbf{m}_o$$

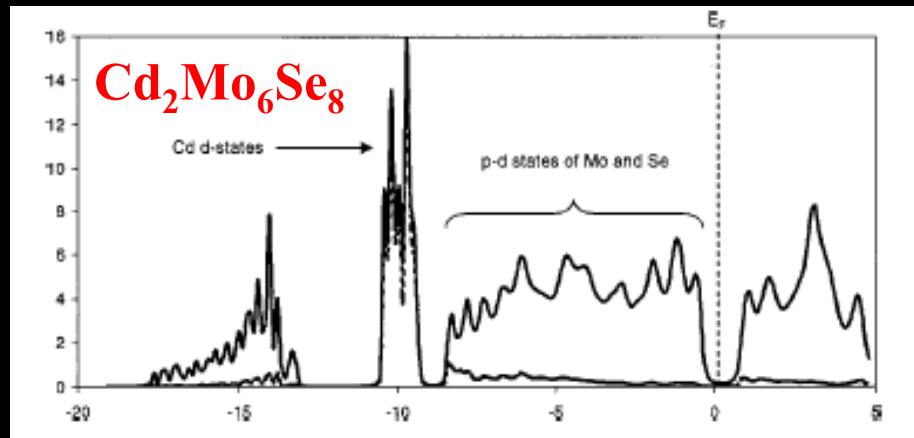
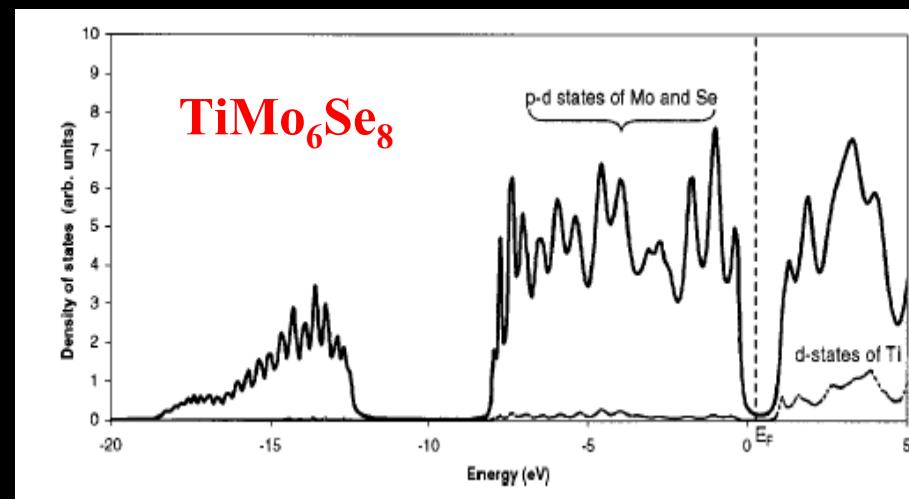
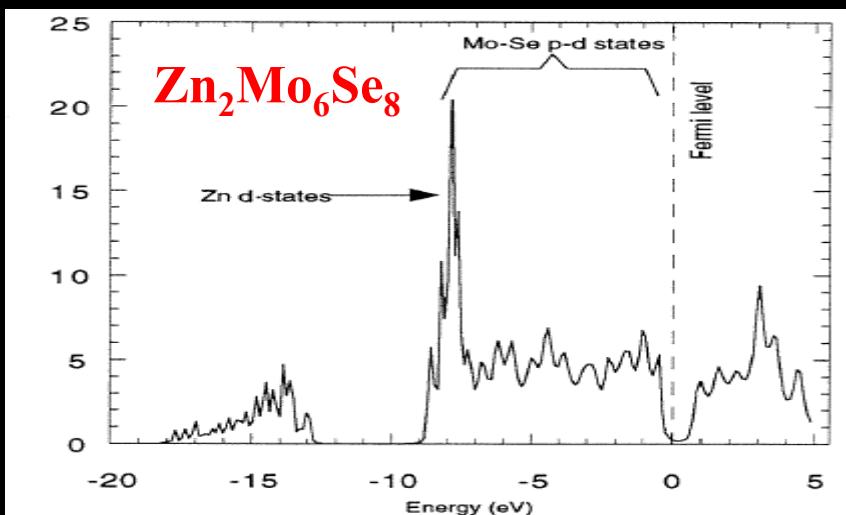
$$(M)^{-1}_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial k_i \partial k_j}$$



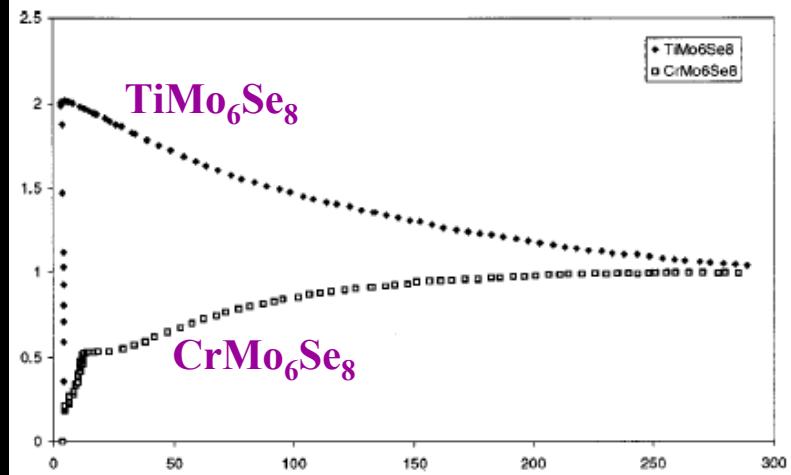
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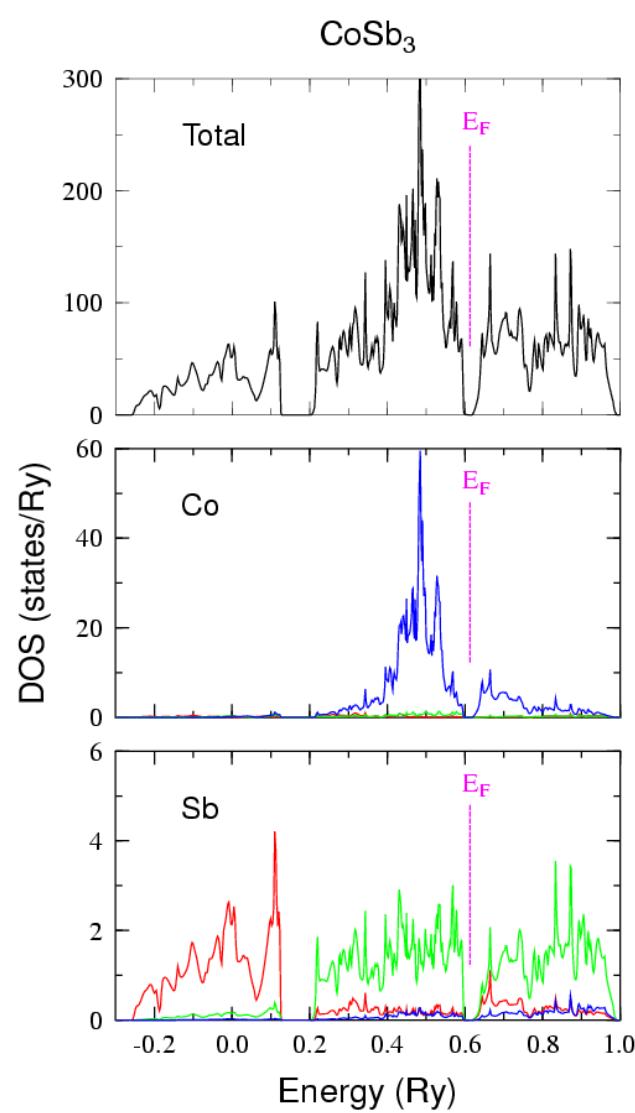
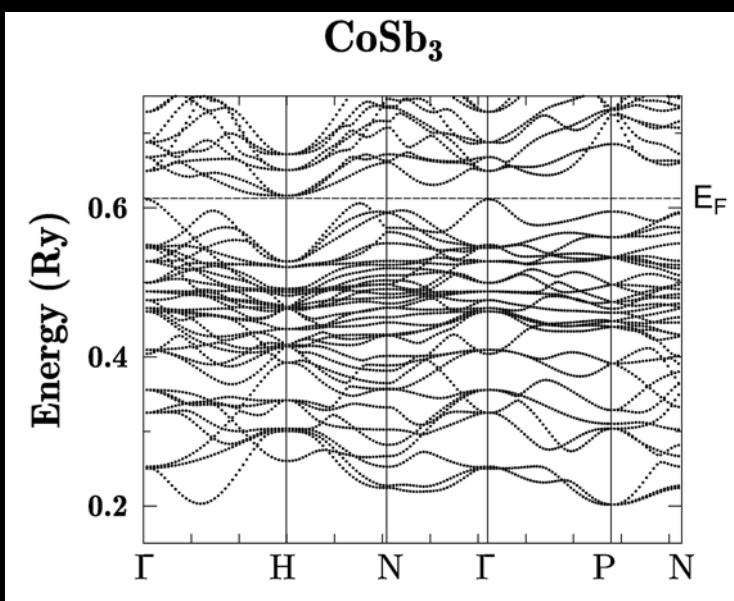
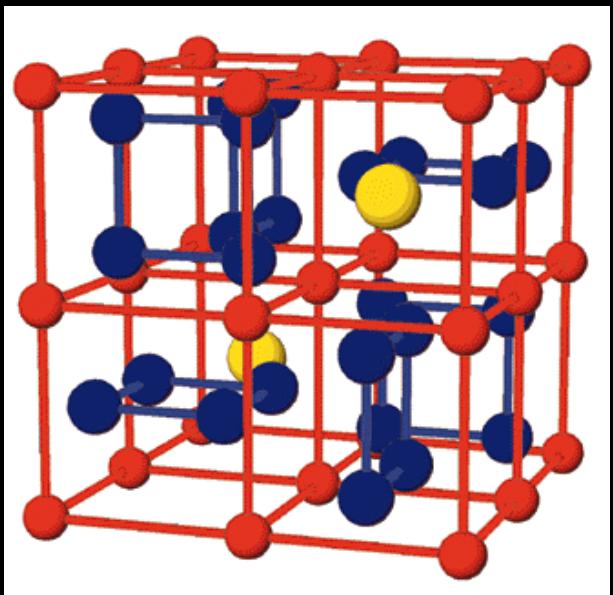
Roche et al. (1998) TB-LMTO; Roche et al. (1999) KKR



Resistivity experiments

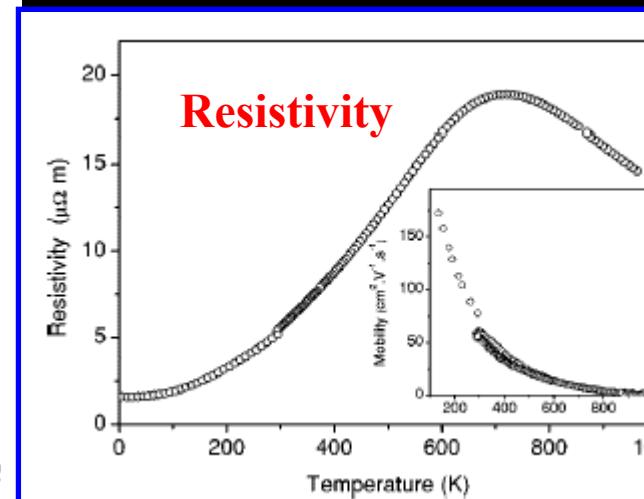
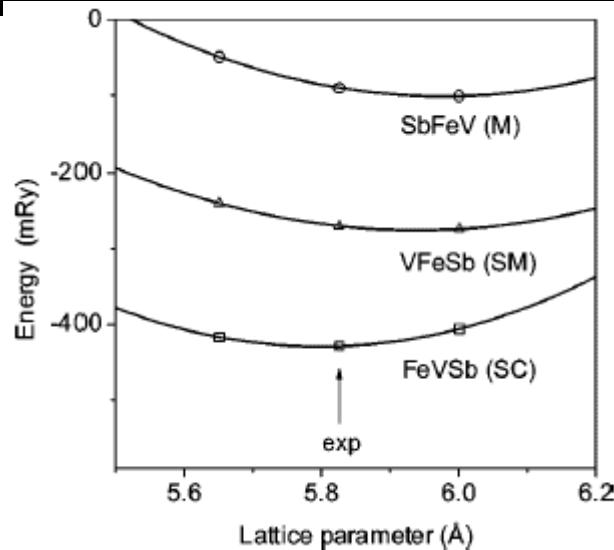
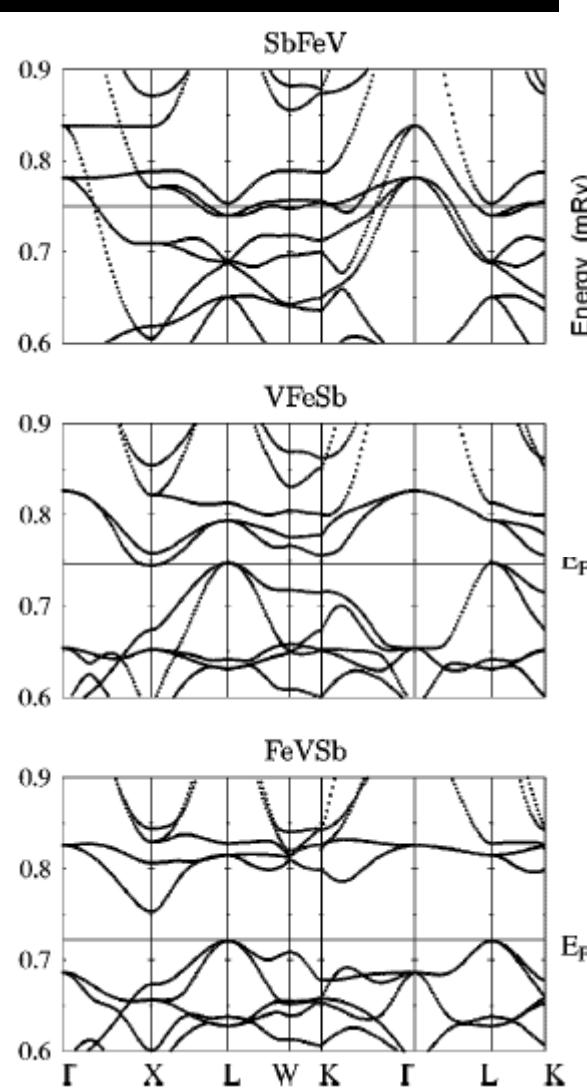


Skutterudites: CoSb_3



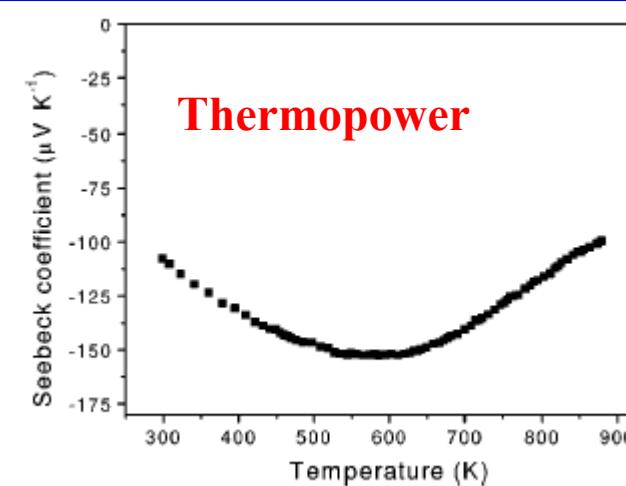
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KKR-CPA total energy

Defects: possible origin
Of theory-experiment
disagreement



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Nominal	EMPA
FeVSb	Fe _{0.98} V _{0.99} Sb _{1.03}
Fe _{0.995} Co _{0.005} VSb	Fe _{0.97} Co _{0.006} V _{0.99} Sb _{1.03}
Fe _{0.98} Co _{0.02} VSb	Fe _{0.95} Co _{0.02} V _{1.02} Sb _{1.01}
FeV _{0.90} Ti _{0.10} Sb	Fe _{0.96} V _{0.9} Ti _{0.1} Sb _{1.04}
FeV _{0.85} Ti _{0.15} Sb	Fe _{0.98} V _{0.86} Ti _{0.15} Sb _{1.01}
FeV _{0.80} Ti _{0.20} Sb	Fe _{0.99} V _{0.77} Ti _{0.22} Sb _{1.02}
FeV _{0.95} Zr _{0.05} Sb	Fe _{0.95} V _{0.98} Zr _{0.02} Sb _{1.05}
FeV _{0.90} Zr _{0.10} Sb	Fe _{0.96} V _{0.97} Zr _{0.03} Sb _{1.04}
FeV _{0.85} Zr _{0.15} Sb	Fe _{0.95} V _{0.93} Zr _{0.07} Sb _{1.05}

EPMA data

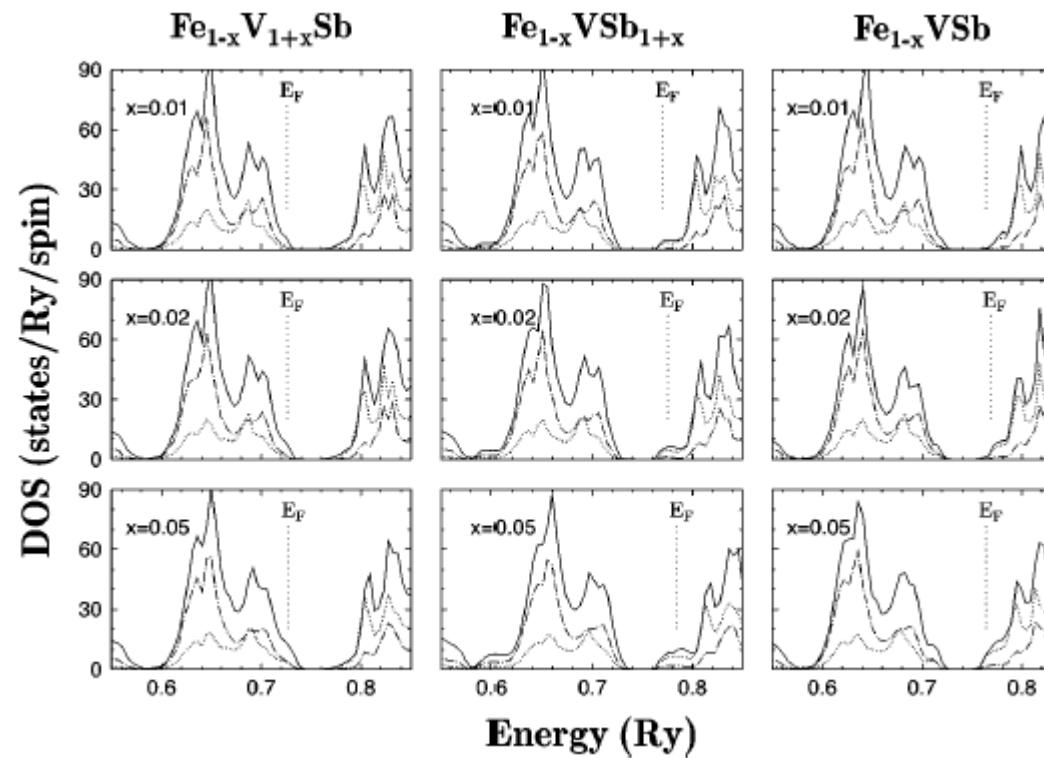
n-type and p-type doping

TABLE IV. Room temperature Seebeck coefficient S and resistivity ρ in pure and substituted FeVSb half-Heusler phases.

Composition	ρ ($\mu\Omega \text{ m}$)	S ($\mu\text{V K}^{-1}$)	$n \times 10^{20}(\text{cm}^{-3})$
FeVSb	5.1	-110	≈ 1
Fe _{0.995} Co _{0.005} VSb	4.2	-130	≈ 1
Fe _{0.98} Co _{0.02} VSb	2.3	-80	≈ 5
FeV _{0.95} Ti _{0.05} Sb	13	+180	≈ 5
FeV _{0.90} Ti _{0.10} Sb	15.5	+145	≈ 5
FeV _{0.85} Ti _{0.15} Sb	68.7	+125	≈ 2
FeV _{0.80} Ti _{0.20} Sb	20	+70	≈ 20
FeV _{0.95} Zr _{0.02} Sb	46	-20	≈ 1
FeV _{0.90} Zr _{0.03} Sb	43	+20	≈ 3
FeV _{0.85} Zr _{0.07} Sb	23	+30	≈ 4

KKR-CPA density of states
upon inclusion Fe/Sb vac/Fe defects

Vac on Fe and Sb on Fe behave as
hole donors



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