

the pressure dependence of T_c requires knowledge of the pressure dependencies of T_F , $N(\epsilon_F)$, and I . In the following discussion we shall make some assumptions as to the nature of I and $N(\epsilon_F)$.

Let us assume that the FM behavior can be described by the Hubbard model¹⁶ for a single, nondegenerate, d-band orbital, such as discussed by Evenson *et al.*,¹⁷ where the bare intra-atomic exchange constant is replaced by an effective intra-atomic exchange which takes into account the individual electron correlations. In general we assume that I is a compositionally averaged constant in the case of the FM behavior of alloys. For the $MnAs_xSb_{1-x}$ solid solutions considered in this paper, I is the effective exchange appropriate for the Mn atoms. Using double time Green's function techniques and decoupling in first order, the exchange splitting is the assumed nI_c .¹⁸ We assume that I can be found by means of a perturbation treatment such as used by Lang and Ehrenreich¹⁵ or by Kanamori,¹⁹ and we write I as given approximately by^{12,13,15,19}

$$I = I_b (1 + \gamma I_b/W)^{-1} \quad , \quad (6)$$

where I_b is the bare interaction, W is the bandwidth and γ is a constant. In addition we assume that the number of magnetic electrons n remains constant,²⁰ consequently $N(\epsilon_F)$ can be written as^{12,13}

$$N(\epsilon_F) = \beta/W \quad , \quad (7)$$

where β is another constant and is related to γ . It is implied that W and thus $N(\epsilon_F)$ scale uniformly (uniform scaling assumption) under volume changes. Finally, we assume the volume dependence of W is given by Heine's²¹ results

$$\partial \ln W / \partial \ln V = - 5/3 \quad . \quad (8)$$

Using the above results, Eqs. (6)-(8), the volume dependence of \bar{I} , Eq. (4), is

$$\frac{\partial \ln \bar{I}}{\partial \ln V} = \left[\frac{5}{3} + \frac{\partial \ln I_b}{\partial \ln V} \right] \frac{I}{I_b}, \quad (9)$$

which is independent of β and γ and where here I_b is assumed volume dependent.

For the density of states of the form given by Eq. (7), it can be shown that

$T_F \sim W$, and hence from Eq. (8), $\partial \ln T_F / \partial \ln V = -5/3$. Using Eqs. (3), (4), (8)

and (9) the volume dependence of T_c becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \partial \ln T_c / \partial \ln V &\equiv \Gamma \\ &= -\frac{5}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{5}{3} + \partial \ln I_b / \partial \ln V \right] [\bar{I} - 1]^{-1} (I/I_b), \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

or equivalently using Eq. (3)

$$\Gamma = -\frac{5}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{5}{3} + \partial \ln I_b / \partial \ln V \right] (I/\bar{I} I_b) (T_F^2/T_c^2). \quad (11)$$

In terms of pressure, Eq. (11) can be written as

$$\partial T_c / \partial P = \frac{5}{3} \kappa T_c + \frac{1}{2} \kappa \left[\frac{5}{3} + \partial \ln I_b / \partial \ln V \right] (I/\bar{I} I_b) (T_F^2/T_c^2), \quad (12)$$

where κ is the volume compressibility.

We shall now show how pressure measurements of T_c can be used to determine a maximum value for \bar{I} and a minimum value for T_F . We can rewrite Eq. (10) as

$$\bar{I} - 1 = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{5}{3} + \partial \ln I_b / \partial \ln V \right] (I/I_b) \left[\Gamma + \frac{5}{3} \right]^{-1}. \quad (13)$$