

relatively independent of pressure, and hence of ϵ_j , the spin quantum number S in eq. (3) is assumed constant. Furthermore, since $|S| = 0$ at $T \gg T_c$, it follows that for any temperature $T \gg T_c$

$$\frac{\Delta\theta}{\theta_0} = -P_1^{-1}P - \frac{1}{2}P_2^{-2}P^2 \quad (6)$$

where $\Delta\theta = (\theta - \theta_0)$ and θ_0 is the value of θ at $P = 0$. If the influence of thermal expansion is neglected, the parameters are $P_1^{-1} \equiv \sum_j A_j$ and $P_2^{-2} = \sum_j \lambda_j A_j^2$, which contain $\lambda_j \equiv \gamma_{uv}^j / \beta_{uv}^j$, $A_j \equiv \sum_i \theta_{uv}^j K_{ji}$, $B_j \equiv \sum_i \beta_{uv}^j K_{ji} \sum_k \alpha_k c_{ki}$. The remarkable susceptibility above T_c in Fe_2P indicates that

$$\theta = T_c (1 + a + p^{-1}P + \dots) \text{ or } \Delta\theta \approx (1 + a) \Delta T_c + T_c p^{-1}P \quad (7)$$

So long as $\lambda_j^2 \Delta\theta / \theta_0 \ll 1$ remains valid, substitution of eq. (7) into eq. (6) gives

$$P = -Q_1 \Delta T_c - Q_1^2 Q_2 (\Delta T_c)^2 \quad (8)$$

where $Q_1^{-1} \equiv (1 + a) [(\theta_0/P_1) + (T_c/p)]^{-1}$ and $Q_2 \equiv (\theta_0/2P_2^2) [(\theta_0/P_1) + (T_c/p)]^{-1}$. Comparison of eq. (8) with eqs. (1) and (2) shows that eq. (4) has the correct form and that $Q_1 Q_2 \sim 3 \times 10^{-3} [\text{K}]^{-1} \sim \theta_0^{-1}$. Therefore $(P_1/P_2) \sim 1$ or $\lambda_j \sim 1$. If all the constants but θ_0 and T_c in $Q_1 Q_2$ are the same for Fe_2P and $\text{Fe}_2\text{P}_{0.9}\text{As}_{0.1}$, the ratio of the respective θ_0 are $252 \times 1.7/710 \times 1.2 \approx 1/2$. The measured Curie temperatures at 1 atm are $T_c = 221\text{K}$ and 341K , respectively, which demonstrates the essential self-consistency of the analysis. In fact, the small discrepancy can be qualitatively accounted for by the observation that the pressure sensitivity of T_c , and hence p , is larger in Fe_2P .

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