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Magnetic states of iron-containing transition metal chalcogenides

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Transition metal chalcogenides MX₂



2. Ability to insert (intercalate) other atoms or structural fragments



Ordering of Fe atoms in layers leads to the formation of different

Concentration dependence of critical temperatures of magnetic transformations in the system Fe_xTiS₂



M. Inoue et al., Advances in Physics, 38 (1989) 565

a discrepancy in the data

Fe_{0.25}**TiS**₂: magnetization behavior



It looks like it's a ferromagnet !



Giant MR implies it's an antiferromagnet ! Field-induced phase transition to a metastable high coercive ferromagnetic state!

XMCD experiments: orbital magnetic moment in $M_{orb} \sim 0.25 - 0.6 \,\mu_B/\text{Fe}$ in Fe_xTiS₂ (Shibata et al., J.Phys. Chem. C 125 (23), (2021)12929)

Fe_{0.25}TiS₂: neutron diffraction



The appearance of new magnetic reflections upon cooling indicates the formation of an AFM order which is transformed to the FM state under application of a magnetic field.

What happens if we increase the Fe content?

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Fe_{0.33}**TiS**₂: absence of a long-range magnetic order

80

20

30

60

90



superstructure 3×2 H = 0 kOe b) 40 H = 0 kOe a) 12 $= 2 \mathrm{K}$ Intensity (arb. units) 30 100 K difference curve $I_{T=2 \text{ K}} - I_{T=50 \text{ K}}$ $\mathbf{20}$ $I_{T=2 \text{ K}} - I_{T=100 \text{ K}}$ $\boldsymbol{I}_{T=2 \text{ K}} - \boldsymbol{I}_{T=50 \text{ K}}$

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No long-range magnetic order! **Cluster glass behavior!**

Broad diffuse magnetic maximum indicates the appearance of short-range magnetic correlations with cooling below 50 K.

Absence of a long-range magnetic order may result from frustrations of exchange interactions due to the formation of a triangular network of Fe atoms in the ab plane

Fe_{0.5}TiS₂: reappearance of a long-range magnetic



AFM order transforms into metastable FM state in applied magnetic fields. The field-induced FM state is stabilized by magnetoelastic interactions.

Fe_{0.75}**TiS**₂ and **Fe**_{0.85}**TiS**₂: ferrimagnetic ordering ?



Fe_xTiS₂: changes in magnetic state and coercivity



Magnetic states and magnetic properties of Fe_xTiS_2 closely relate with the concentration of Fe atoms and their distribution over the lattice

Relationship between magnetoresistance behavior and magnetic states in intercalated compounds Fe_xTiS₂

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Multiple magnetic states and irreversibilities in the Fe_xTiS₂ system

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Magnetic phase transitions, metastable states, and magnetic hysteresis in the antiferromagnetic compounds Fe_{0.5}TiS_{2-y}Se_y

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Spin state of iron in intercalated and substituted layered compounds $Fe_{x}TaCh_{2}$ and $Fe_{x}Ta_{1-x}Ch_{2}$ (Ch = S, Se)



Various methods of preparation and heat treatment do not have a strong effect on the lattice parameters of the main phase in the samples, but they significantly affect the magnetic critical temperature and magnetic hysteresis of the samples

Spin state of iron in intercalated and substituted layered compounds Fe_xTaCh_2 and $Fe_xTa_{1-x}Ch_2$ (Ch = S, Se)



Fe atoms:

the transition from low-spin (LS) to high-spin (HS) state with increasing temperature in the range 200 – 400 K^{*}





The observed distinctions can be ascribed to the difference in the distribution of Fe atoms over the crystal lattice

Depends on the splitting between t_{2g} and e_g states in the crystal field

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Crystal structure, magnetic and transport properties of $Fe_{0.25}TaSe_2$

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It is necessary to reveal the influence of the crystal-field effects on the spin state of iron in the intercalated and substituted compound based on $TaCh_2$

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Sample preparation and research methods :

- Polycrystalline samples were synthesized by solid-phase reaction method. Single crystals by using a modified Bridgman method.
- **X**-Ray examination: Bruker D8 Advance x-ray diffractometer.
- ➢Neutron powder diffraction measurements in magnetic fields up to 50 kOe (WAND diffractometer, High Flux Isotope Reactor, ORNL, USA), and DMS diffractometer H = 28 kOe, Spallation Source SINQ, PSI, Switzerland).
- DC magnetization measurements: SQUID MPMS (70 kOe), MPMS (90 kOe), Quantun Design, USA
- The transversal magnetoresistance in magnetic fields up to 100 kOe, DMS-1000 system, Dryogenic Ltd, UK.