

Magnetyzm i nadprzewodnictwo w domieszkowanym EuFe_2As_2

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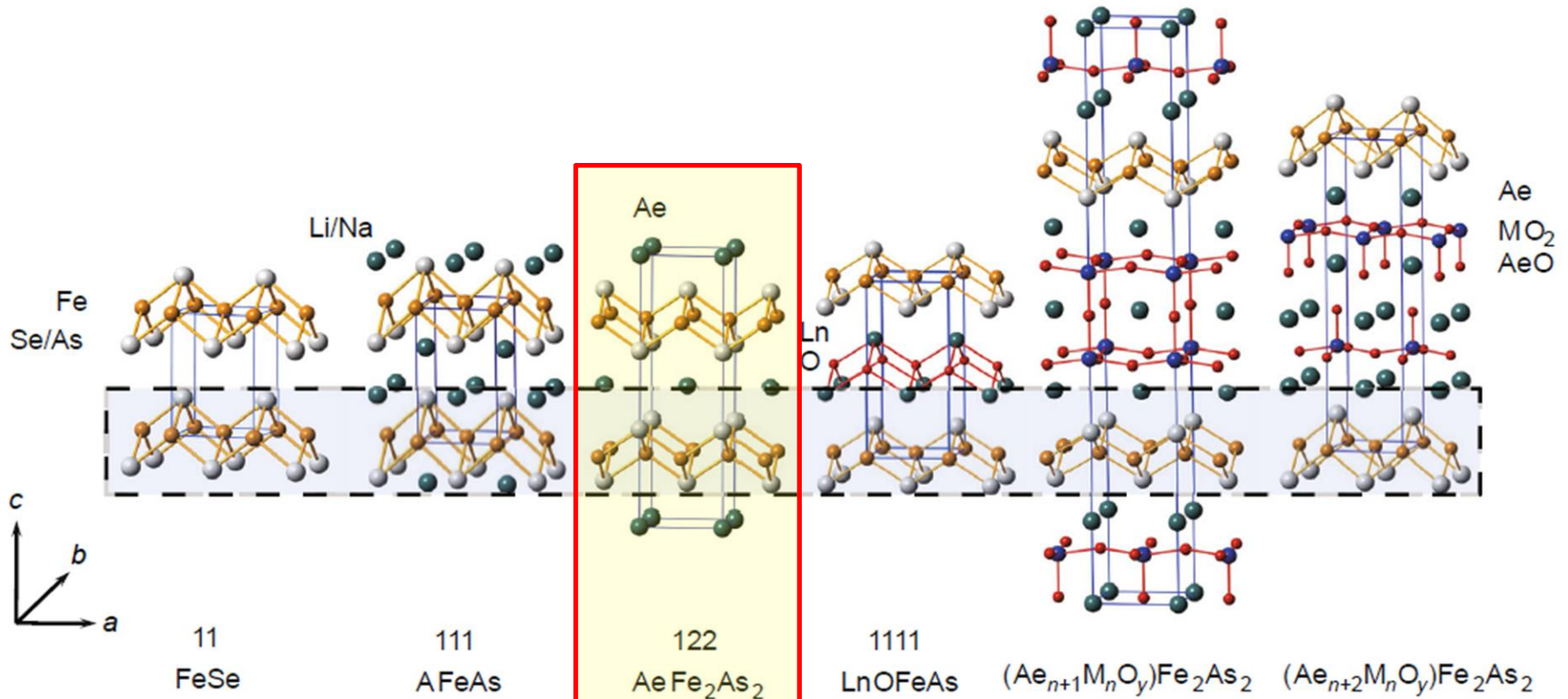
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Plan:

1. Podstawowe właściwości EuFe_2As_2
2. Wzrost monokryształów z metalicznych topników
3. Diagram fazowy EuFe_2As_2
 - wpływ pola magnetycznego
 - wpływ ciśnienia
4. Podstawienia chemiczne w EuFe_2As_2
 - domieszkowanie dziurowe – K, Na
 - domieszkowanie elektronowe – La
 - podstawienia izowalencyjne – Ca, Sr, Ba
 - podstawienia izowalencyjne – P
 - podstawienia metalami przejściowymi – Co, Ni, Ir, Ru, Rh...
5. Nadprzewodnictwo i magnetyzm w $\text{EuFe}_{2-x}\text{Ni}_x\text{As}_2$ – wybrane przykłady
6. Spontaniczne worteksy
7. Poszukiwanie nadprzewodnictwa w $\text{EuFe}_{2-x}\text{Ni}_x\text{As}_2$

Crystal structure of iron-based superconductors



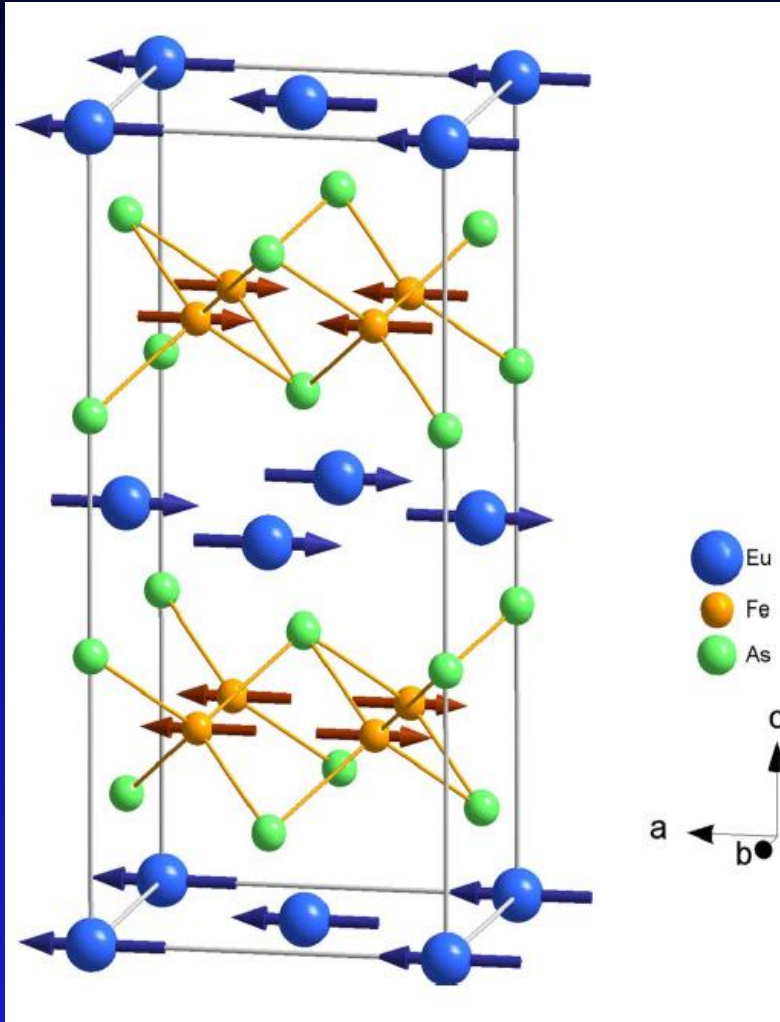
nonsuperconducting
parent compounds

BaFe₂As₂
SrFe₂As₂
CaFe₂As₂
EuFe₂As₂ (highlighted)

KFe₂As₂
RbFe₂As₂
CsFe₂As₂

low-T_c superconductors

Magnetic structure of EuFe_2As_2



Two magnetic sublattices

Fe^{2+} 3d itinerant electrons

Spin Density Wave

Fe saturation moment of $0.988 \mu_B$
aligned along the long a axis.

$T_{\text{SDW}} = 190 \text{ K}$

localised Eu^{2+} 4f electrons,

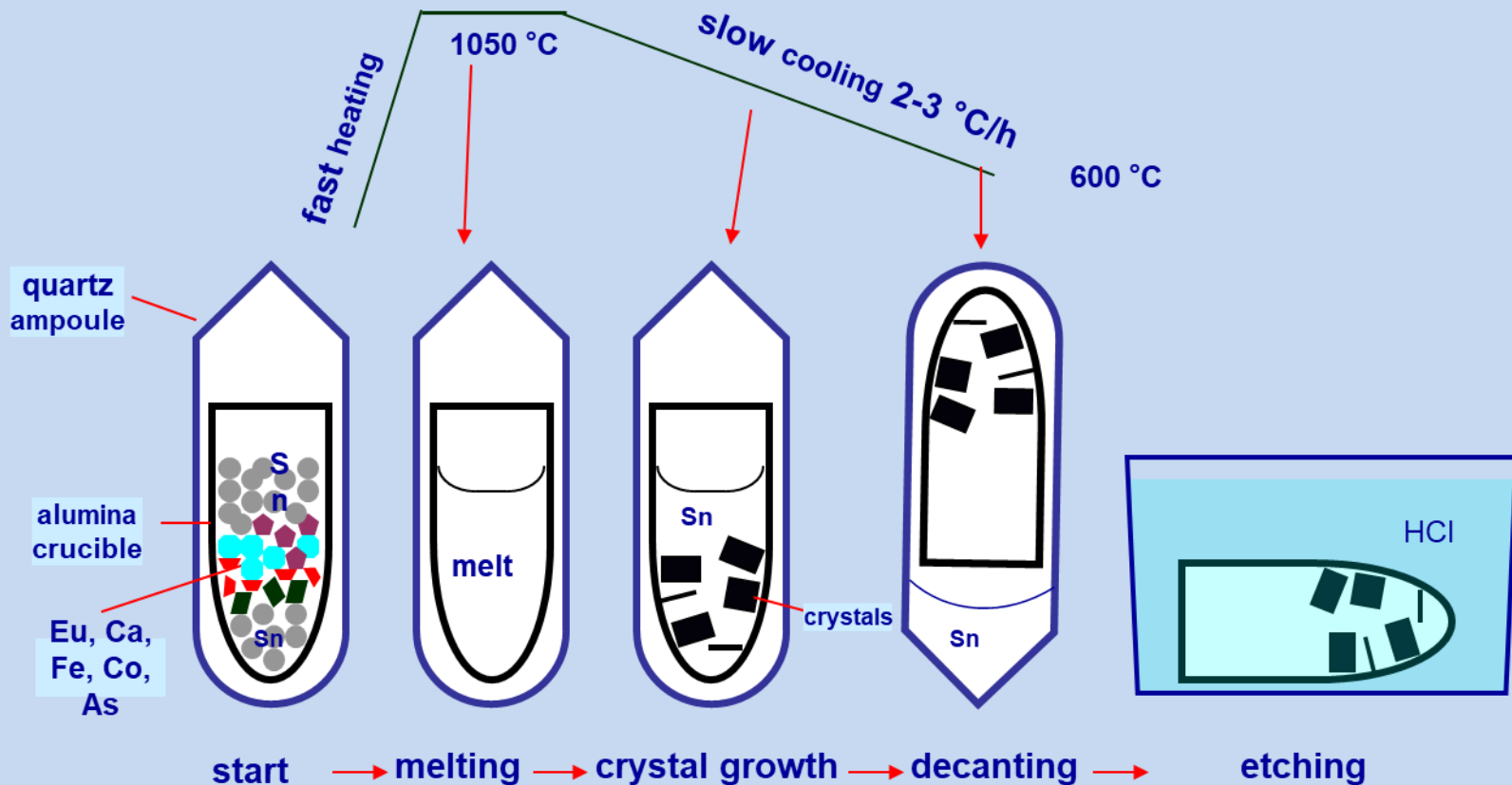
spin $S = 7/2$ $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 7.94 \mu_B$

RKKY A-type antiferromagnet

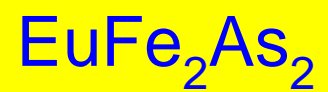
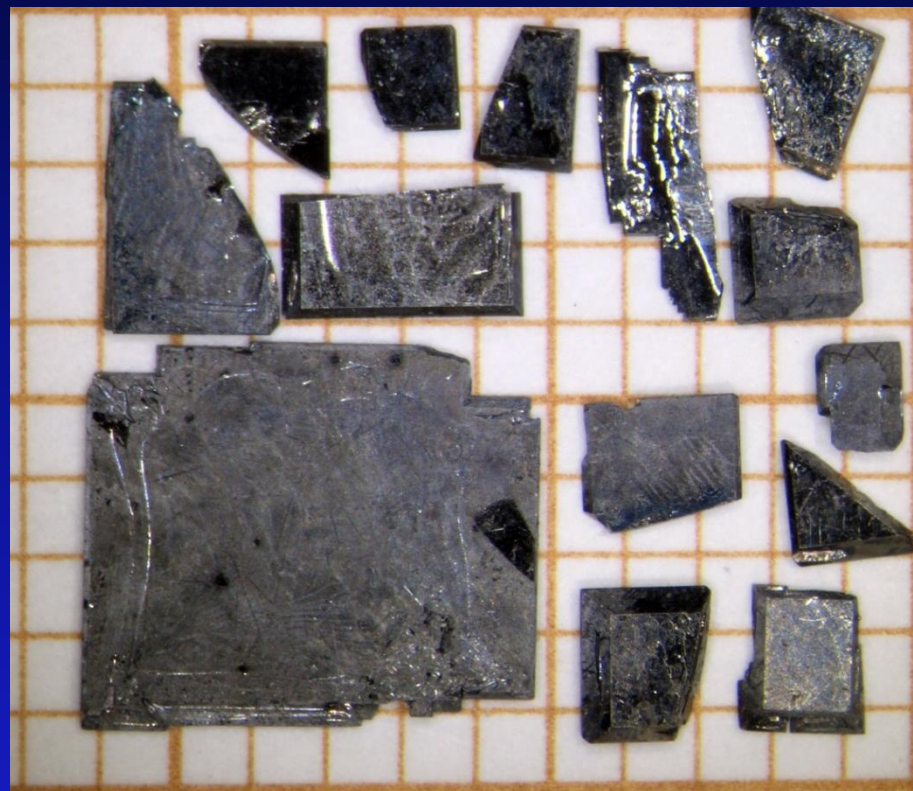
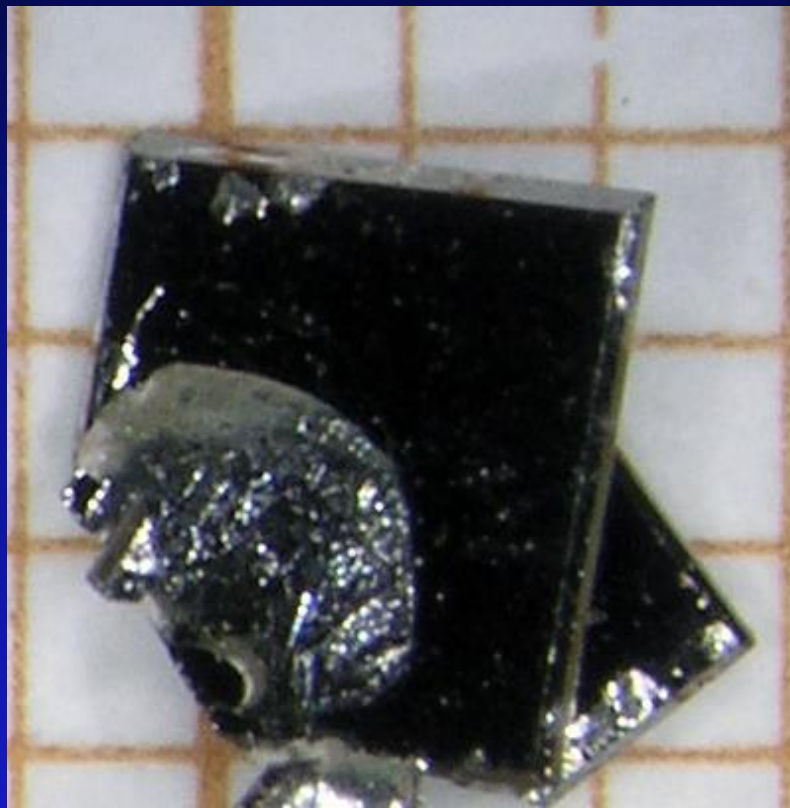
$T_N = 19 \text{ K}$

Growth of single crystals from Sn flux

Single crystals of doped EuFe_2As_2 with a size up to few millimeters were grown from Sn flux. Starting components: Eu, (Ca), Fe, (Co), As, and Sn were placed in alumina crucibles and sealed in silica tubes under reduced pressure of Ar. The ampoules were heated to 1050°C and slowly cooled down to 600°C , when liquid tin was decanted.



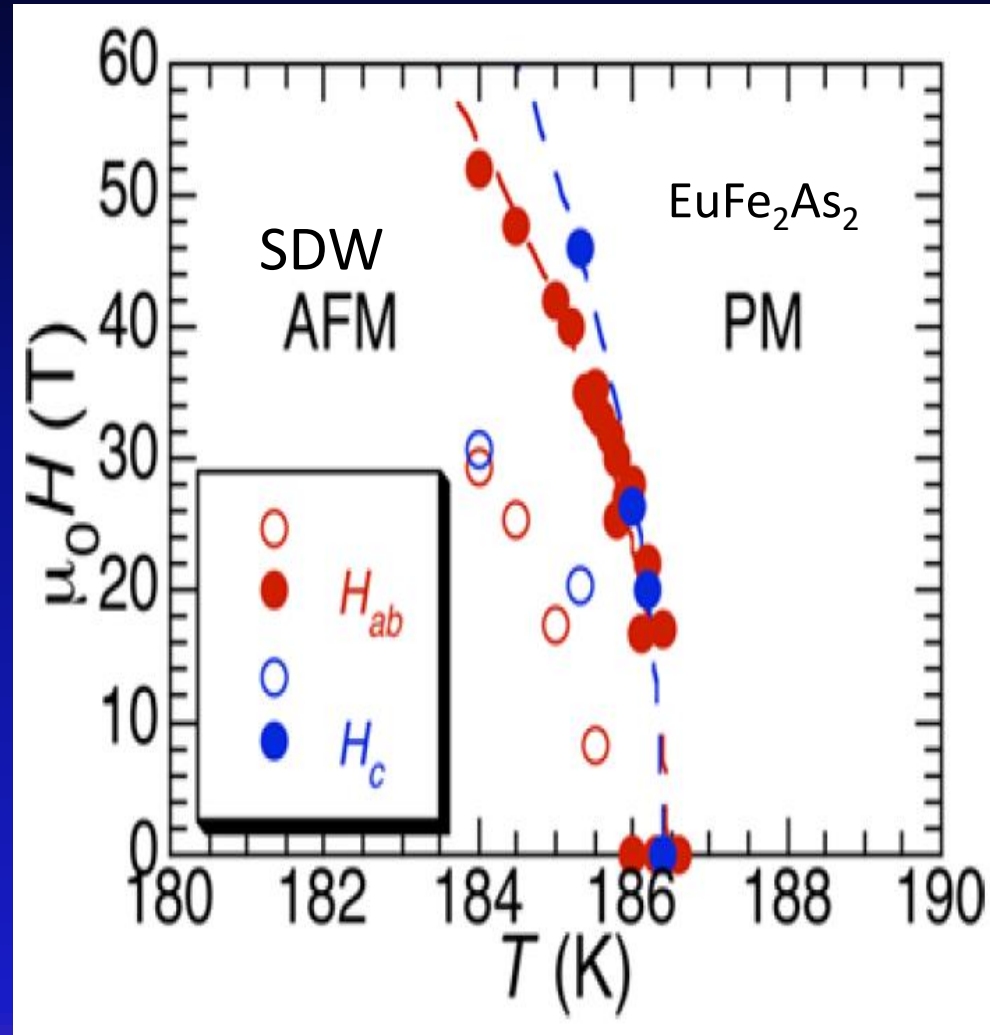
Single crystals grown from Sn flux



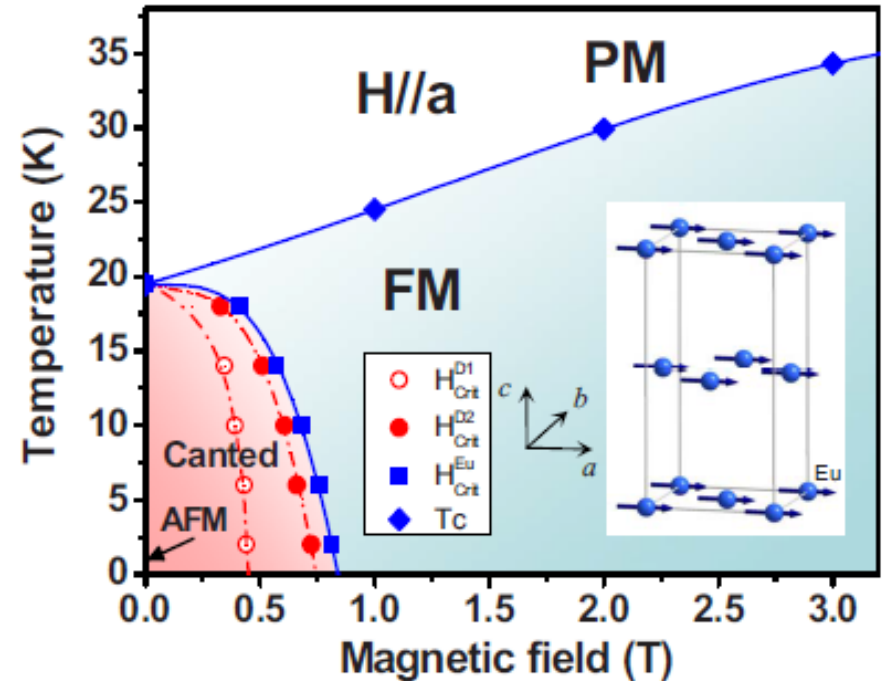
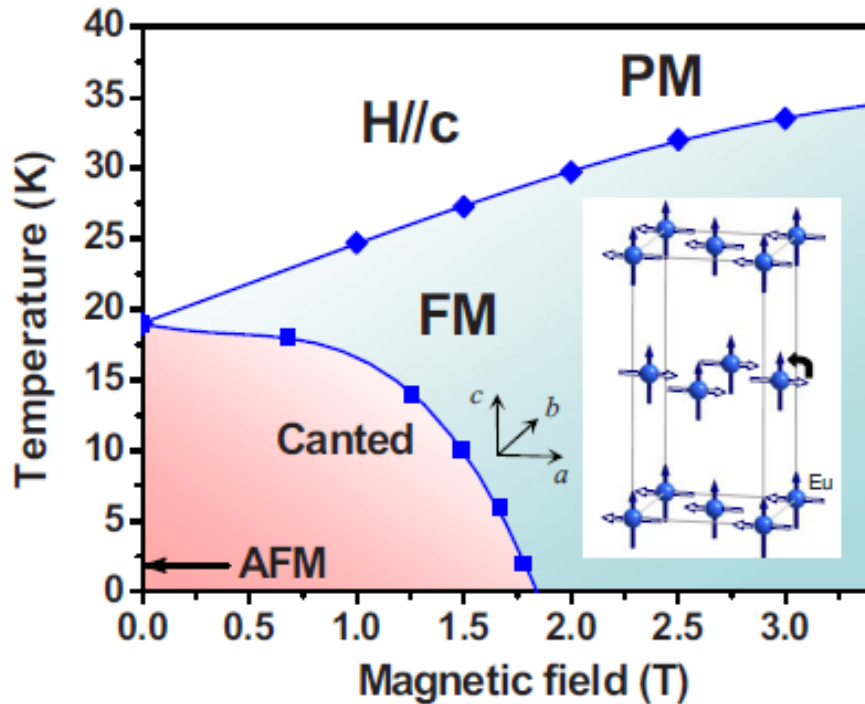
Effect of magnetic field on SDW ordering

Tokunaga et al. *J. Low Temp. Phys.* 159 (2010) 601

Simple extrapolation suggests that an **extremely high field (>500 T)** is needed to suppress the **AFM state** at low temperatures.



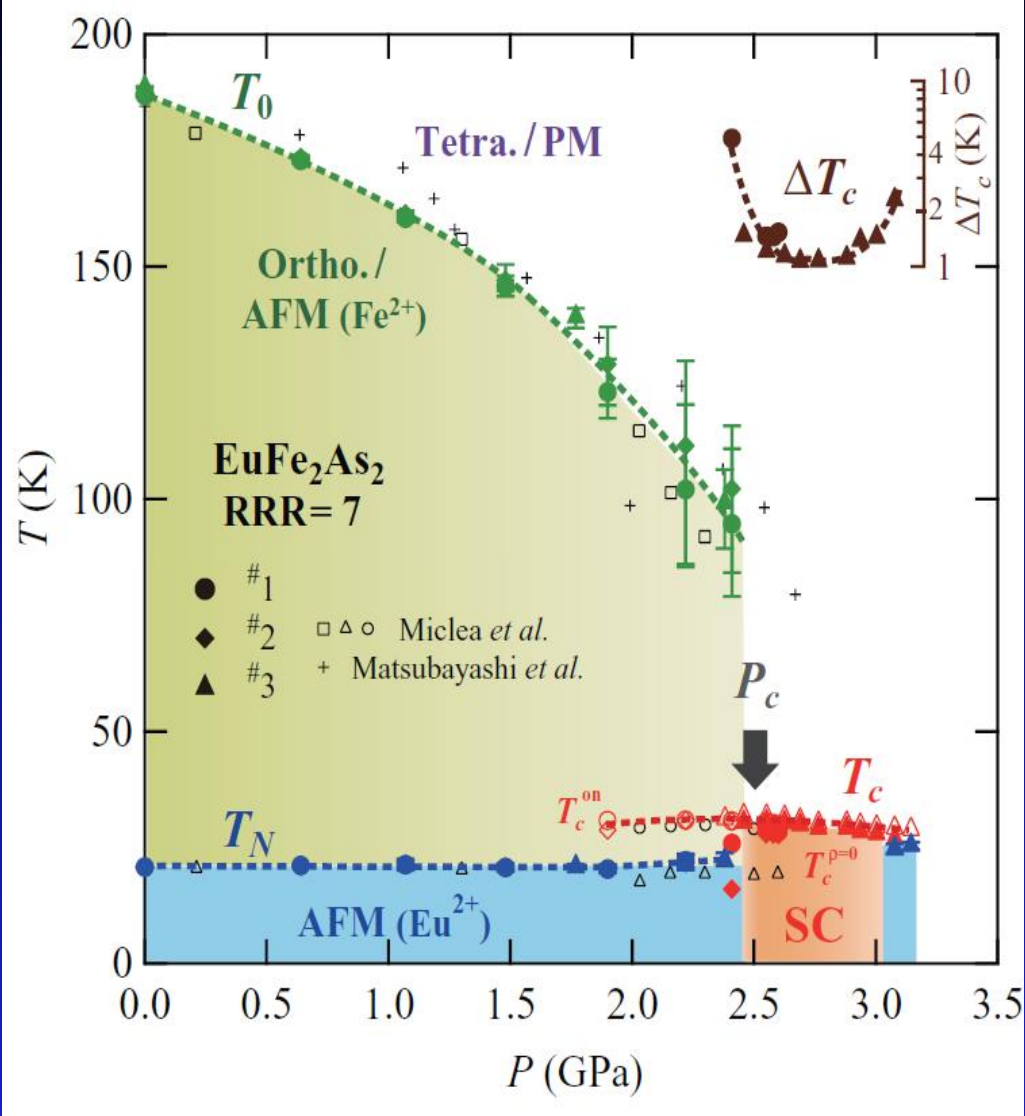
Effect of magnetic field on magnetic order in EuFe_2As_2



- spin canting
- metamagnetic transitions
- field induced ferromagnetism

Xiao et al. PRB 81, 220406R (2010)

Effect of pressure

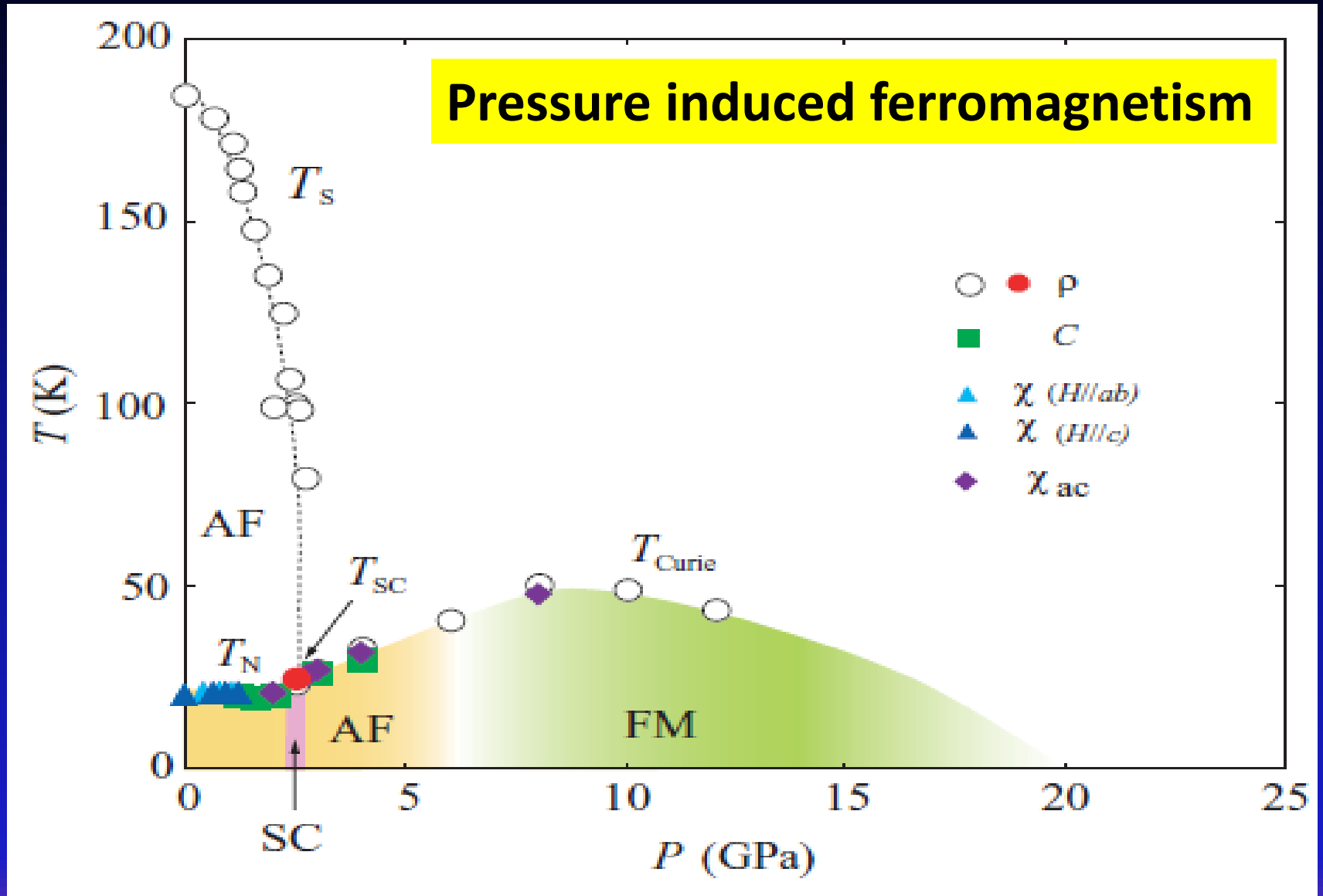


Pressure-suppressed SDW order

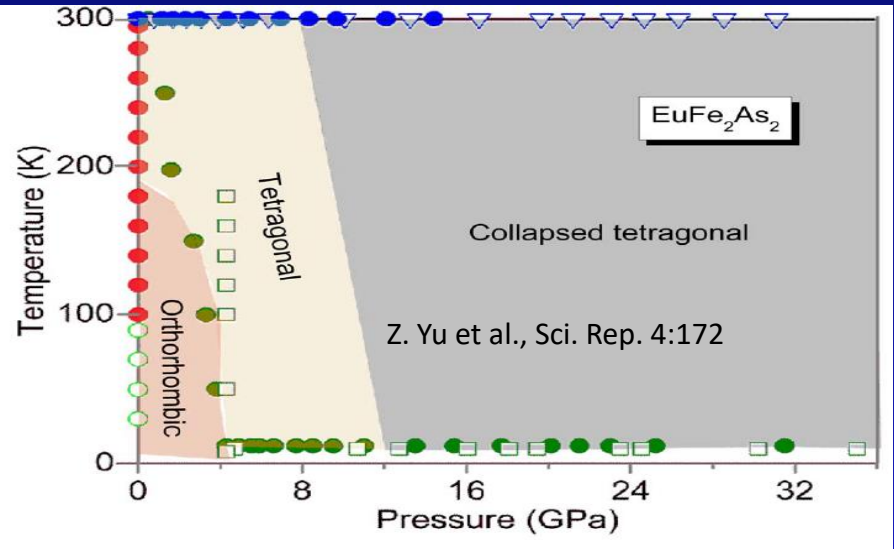
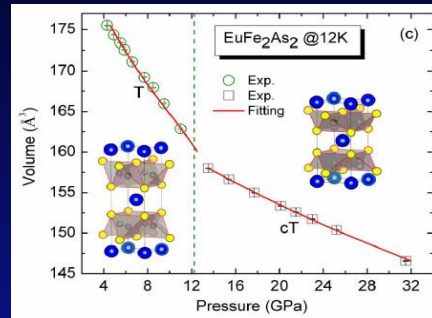
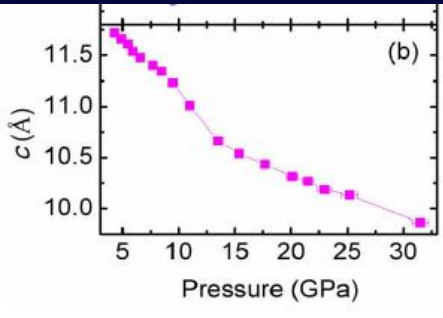
Persistent Eu^{2+} magnetic order

Pressure-induced superconductivity

Effect of pressure

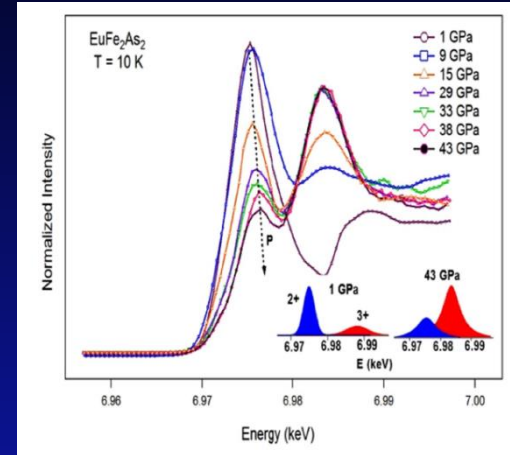


Effect of pressure on EuFe_2As_2 crystal structure



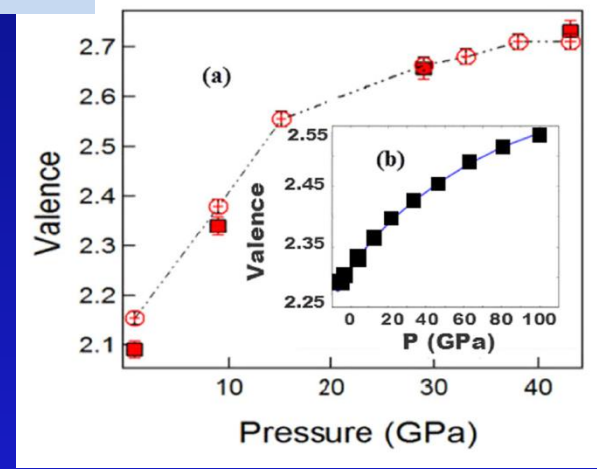
Pressure induced tetragonal-
"collapsed tetragonal" phase transition

Effect of pressure on Eu-ion valence in EuFe_2As_2



Kumar et al. Appl. Phys. Lett. 104, 042601 (2014)

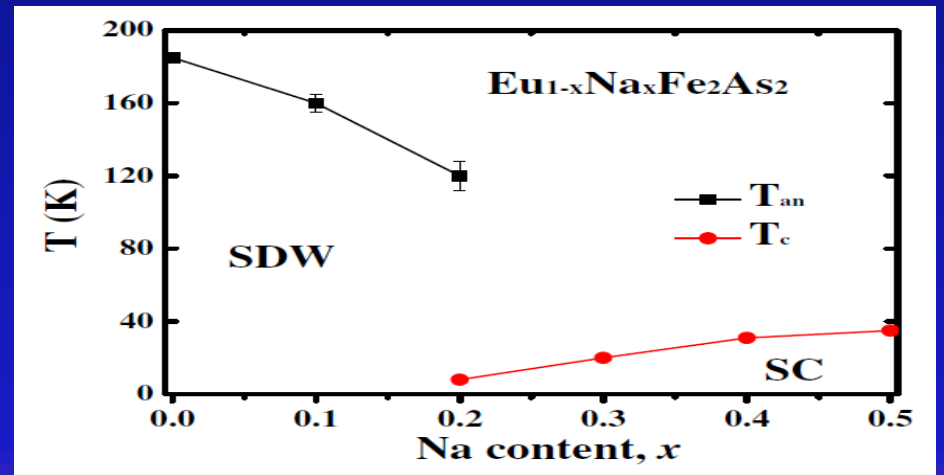
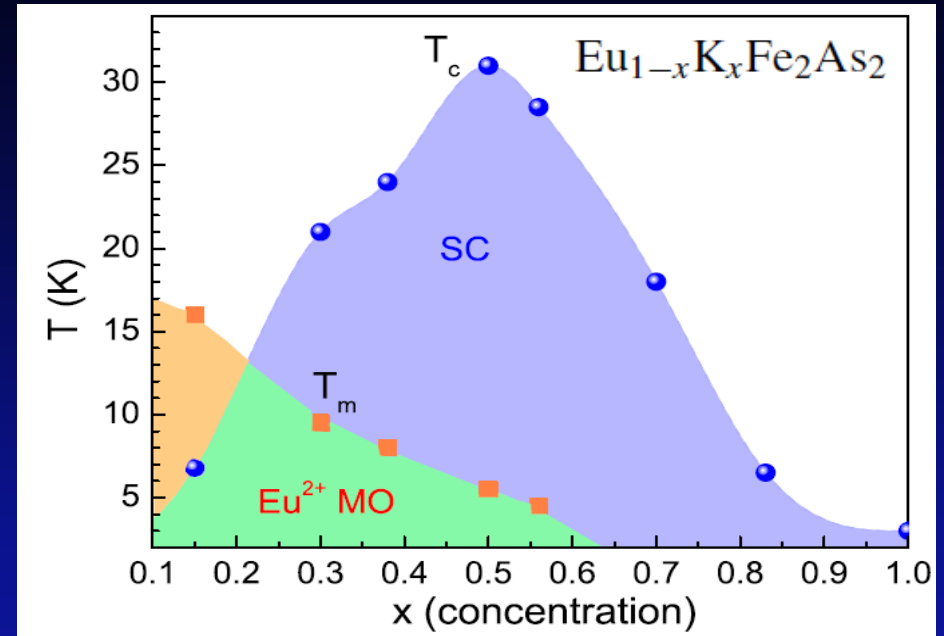
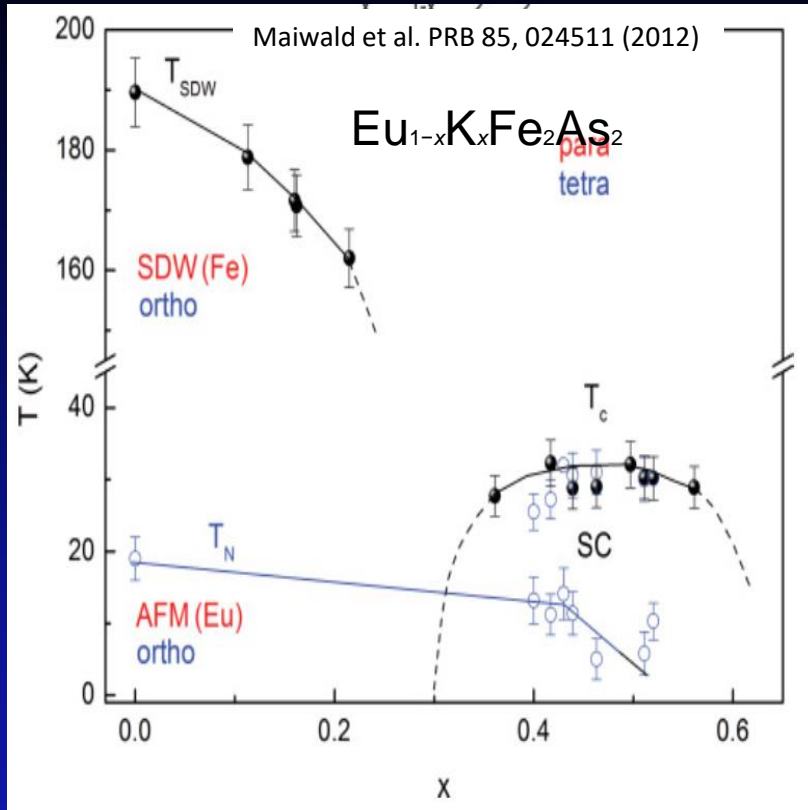
X-ray absorption spectra



Conversion of Eu^{2+} to Eu^{3+} under pressure

K, Na-substitution

Anupam et al. J. Phys.: Condens. Matter 23 (2011) 455702

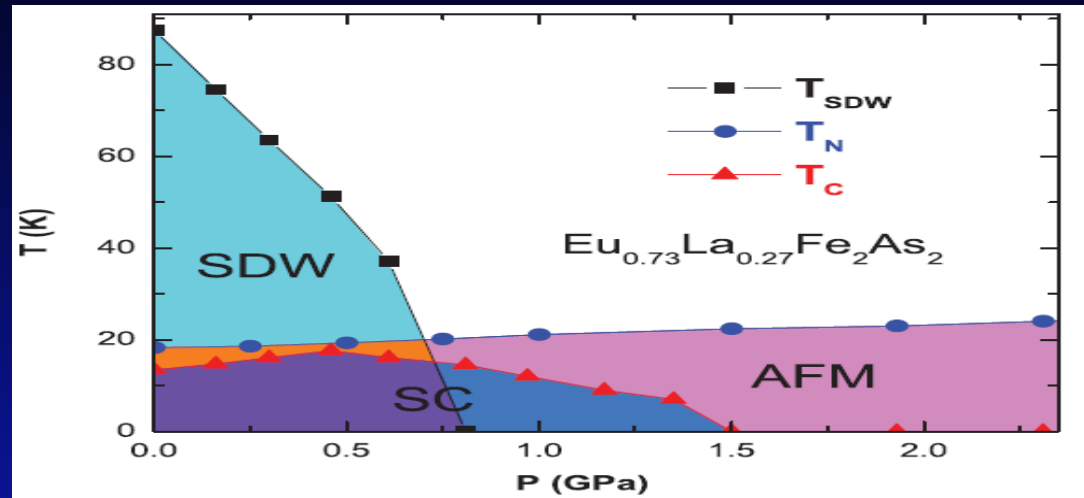
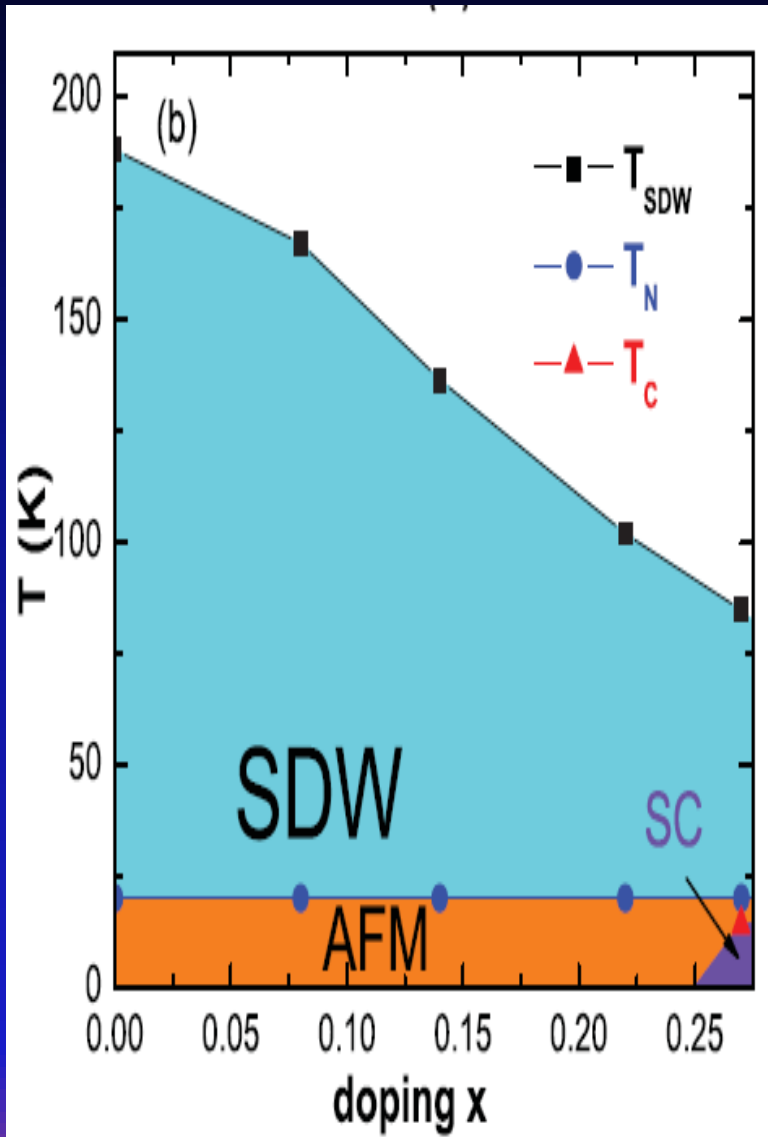


hole doping:

- SDW is suppressed
- Eu^{2+} AF order disappears
- appearance of superconductivity

La-substitution

M. Zhang et al., PRB 85, 092503 (2012)

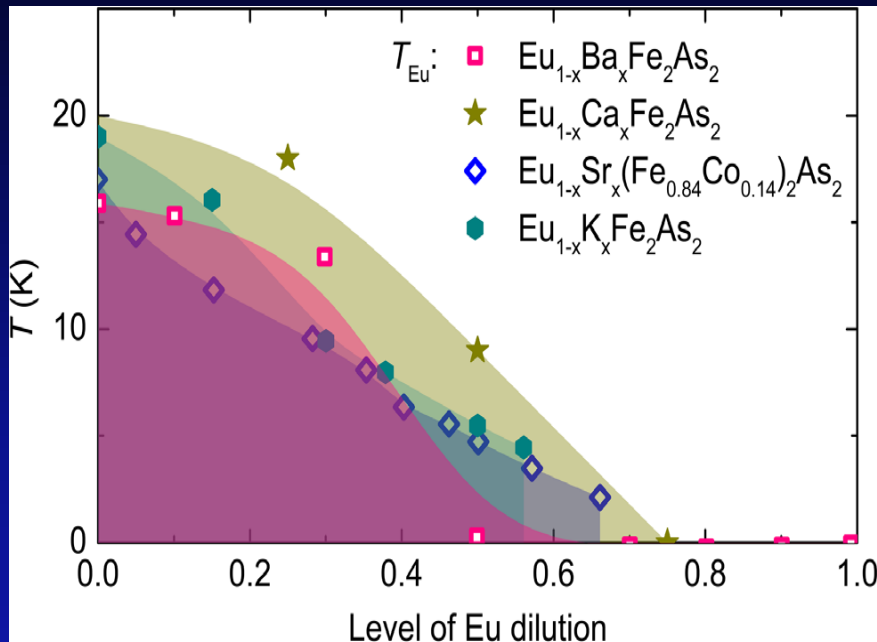


Electron doping:

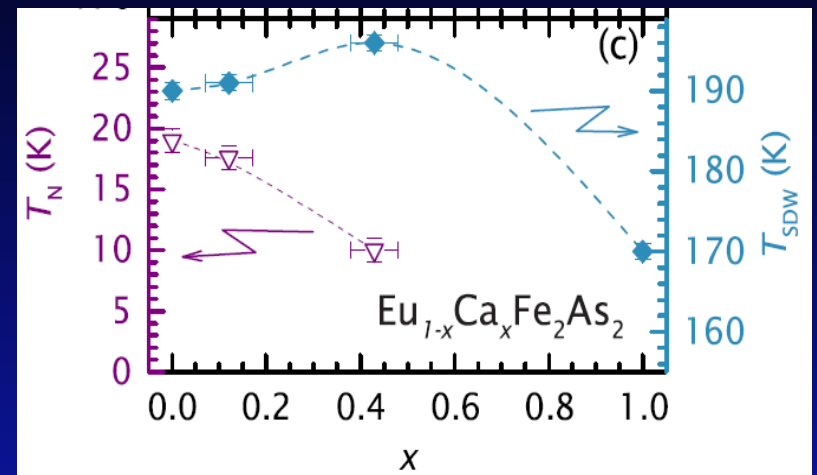
- SDW suppression
- superconductivity

Dilution of Eu-sublattice with nonmagnetic ions

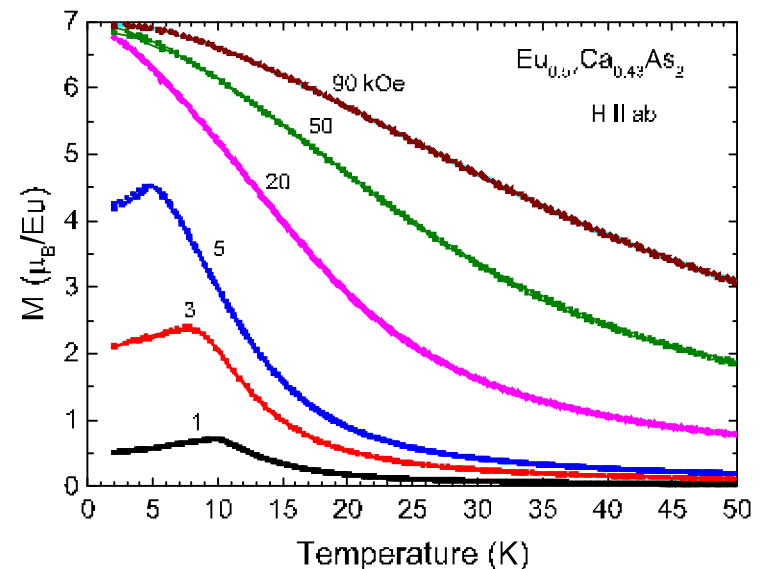
Zapf and Dressel, Rep. Prog. Phys. **80** (2017) 016501



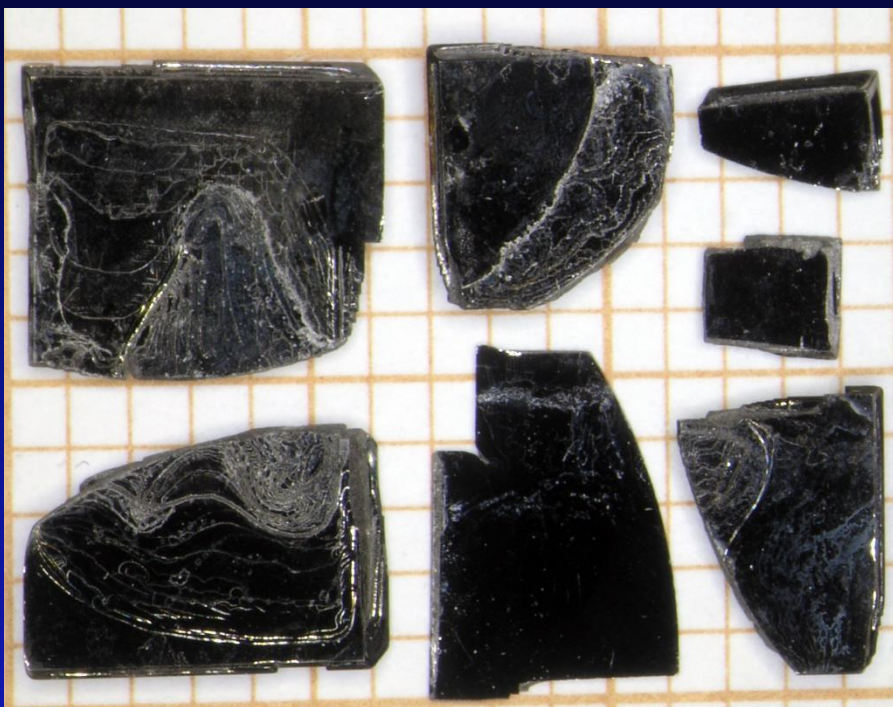
L. M. Tran et al. PRB **98**, 104412 (2018)



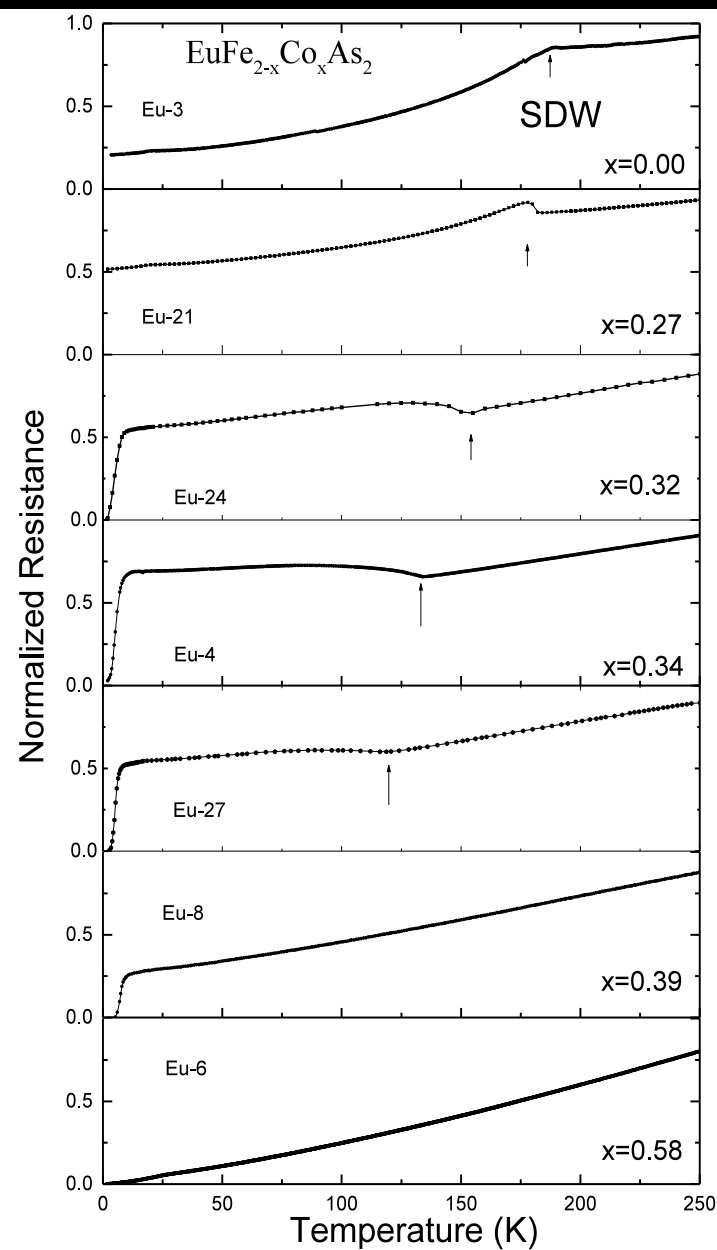
- Disappearance of magnetic order of Eu^{2+}
- SDW order remains intact



Co-substitution: $\text{EuFe}_{2-x}\text{Co}_x\text{As}_2$



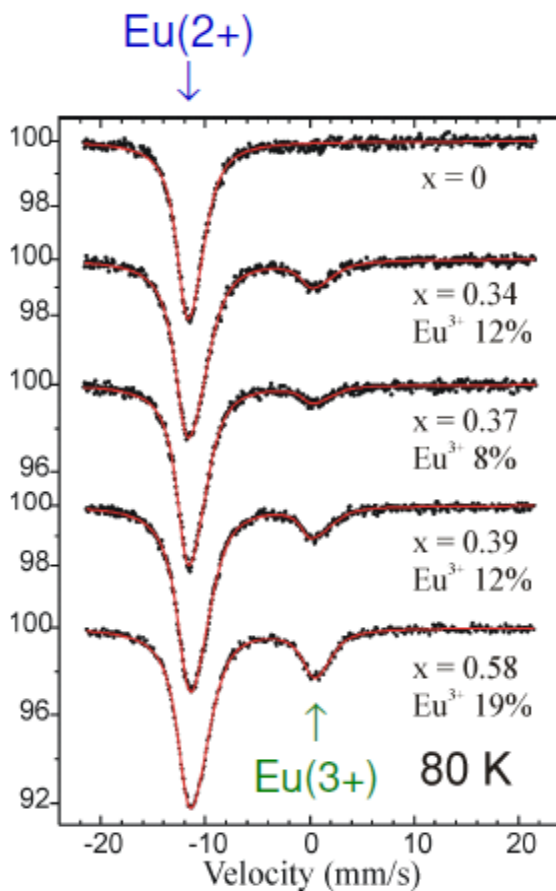
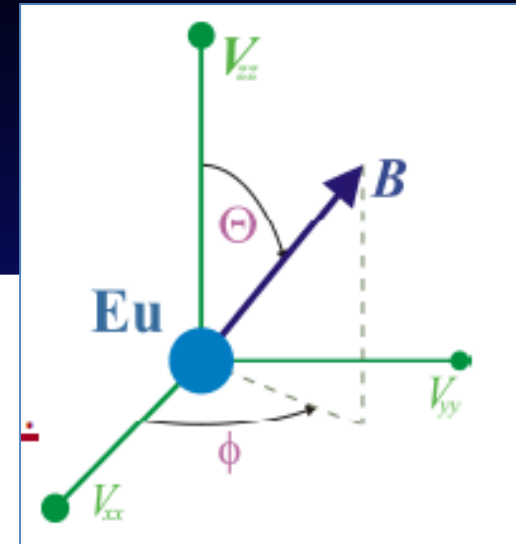
Single crystals of $\text{EuFe}_{2-x}\text{Co}_x\text{As}_2$
grown from Sn flux



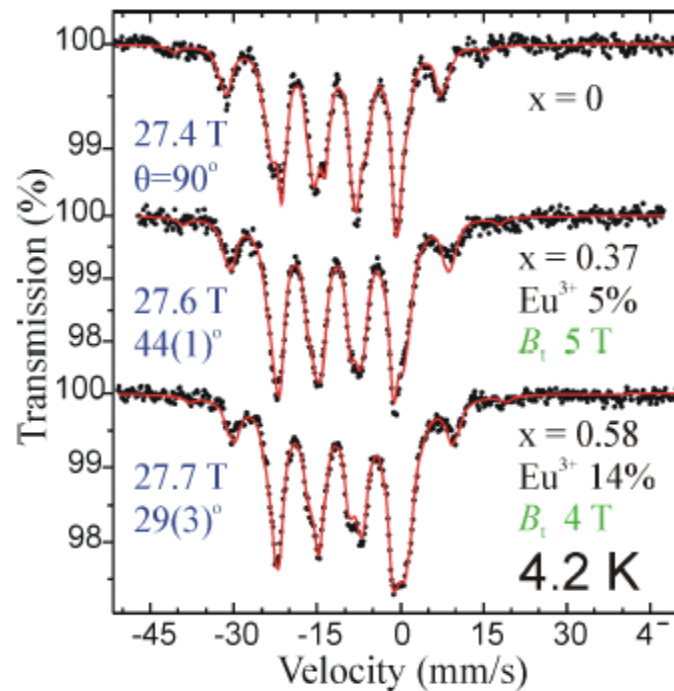
Electrical resistivity

Mössbauer spectroscopy of $\text{EuFe}_{2-x}\text{Co}_x\text{As}_2$

A. Błachowski et al., Phys. Rev. B **84**, 174503 (2011)

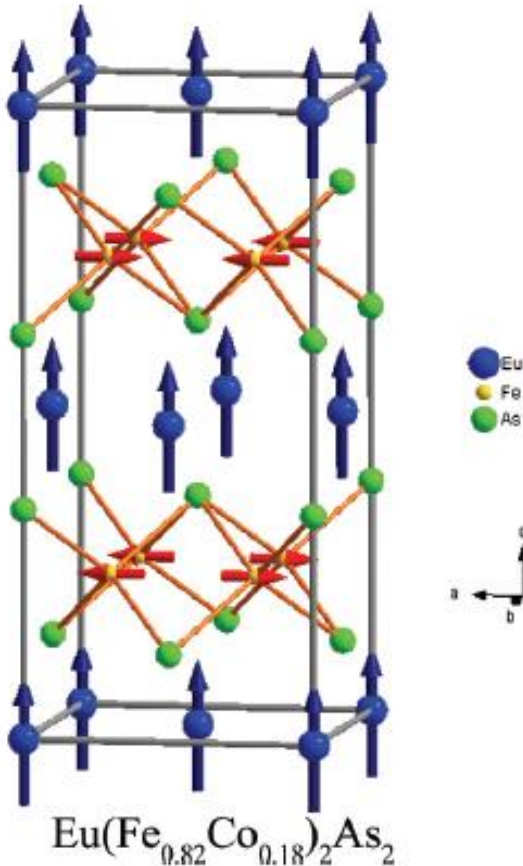


$\text{EuFe}_{2-x}\text{Co}_x\text{As}_2$ ^{151}Eu Mössbauer spectra



Eu^{2+} moments rotate from ab-plane toward c-axis direction

Magnetic structure of $\text{Eu}(\text{Fe}_{0.82}\text{Co}_{0.18})_2\text{As}_2$ (single-crystal neutron diffraction)



long-range ferromagnetic order of the Eu^{2+} moments along the c direction

$$T_C = 17 \text{ K}$$

no incommensurate magnetic reflections corresponding to the helical arrangement of the Eu^{2+} spins are observed

Antiferromagnetism of the Fe^{2+} moments still survives
tetragonal-to-orthorhombic structural transition is observed
transition temperatures of the Fe spin-density-wave (SDW) order and the structural phase transition are significantly suppressed to $T_{SDW} = 70 \text{ K}$ and $T_S = 90 \text{ K}$

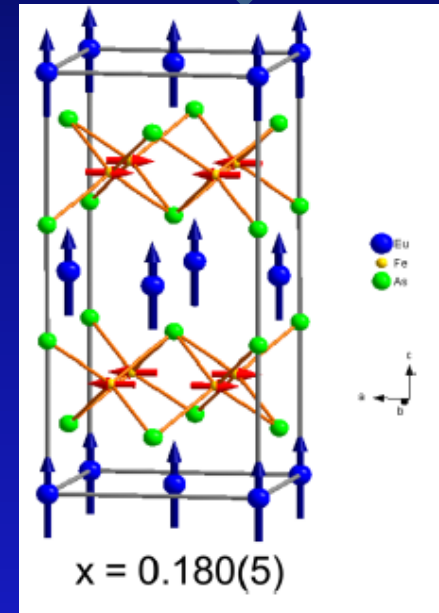
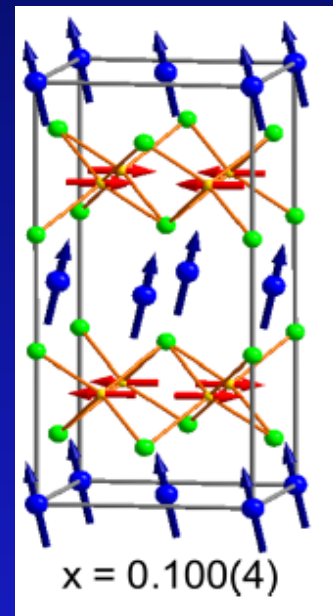
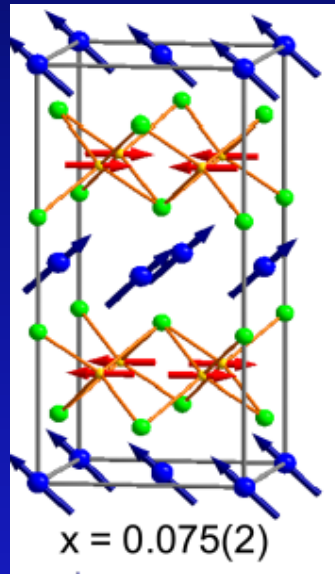
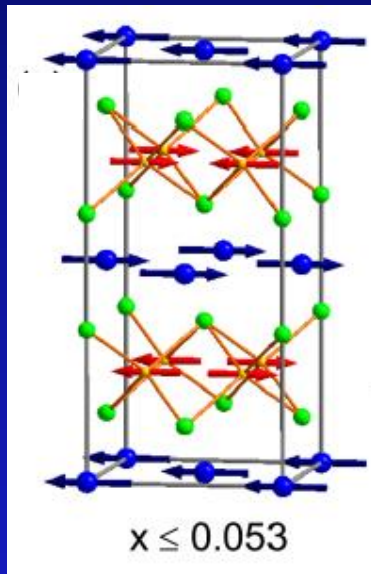
Superconducting $T_{SC} = 8 \text{ K}$

Effect of Co-doping on Eu^{2+} magnetic ordering in $\text{Eu}(\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Co}_x)_2\text{As}_2$ single crystals

Neutron diffraction

- ferromagnetic Eu^{2+} moment of $6.2\mu_B$ purely along the c direction
- Fe^{2+} moment is estimated to be $0.63(4)\mu_B$

W. T. Jin et al., Phys. Rev. B **94**, 184513 (2016)



Co concentration x \longrightarrow

A-type antiferromagnet \longrightarrow

canted AF \longrightarrow

ferromagnet

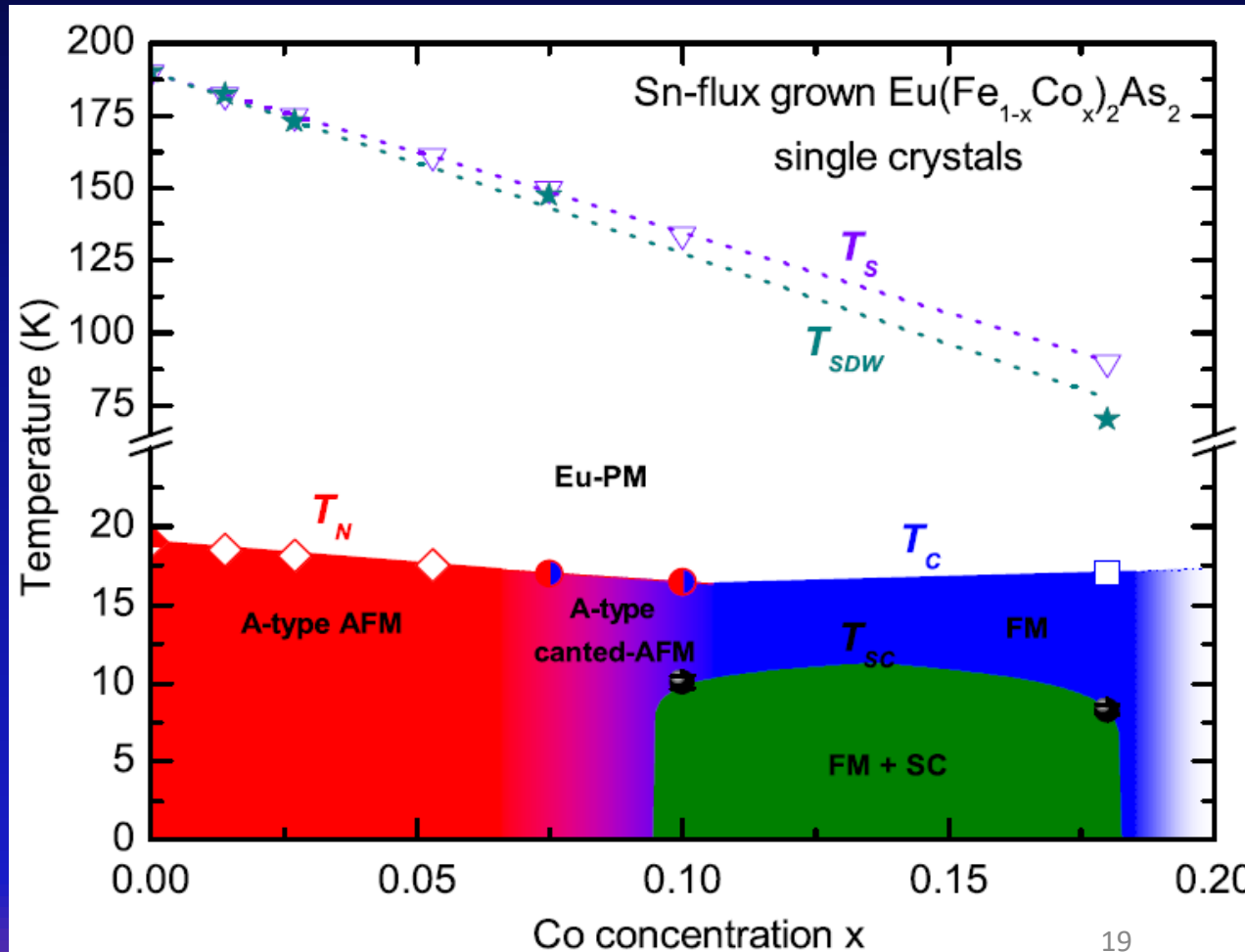
Magnetic phase diagram of $\text{Eu}(\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Co}_x)_2\text{As}_2$ (Sn-flux-grown single crystals)

W. T. Jin et al., PRB **94**, 184513 (2016)

suppression of SDW order

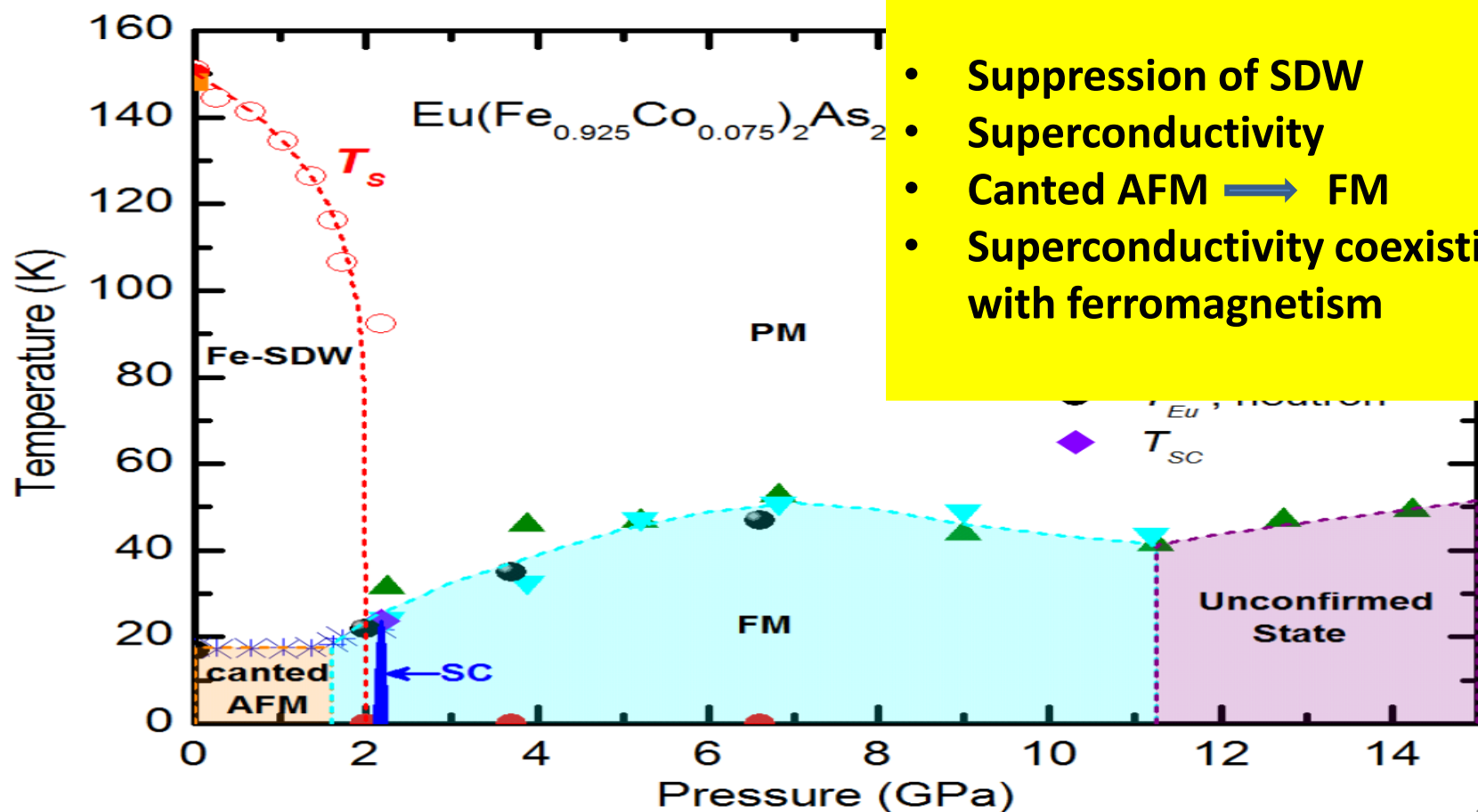
superconductivity competes with Fe SDW
antiferromagnetic order

superconductivity coexists with Eu ferromagnetism



Hydrostatic pressure effects on the static magnetism in $\text{Eu}(\text{Fe}_{0.925}\text{Co}_{0.075})_2\text{As}_2$

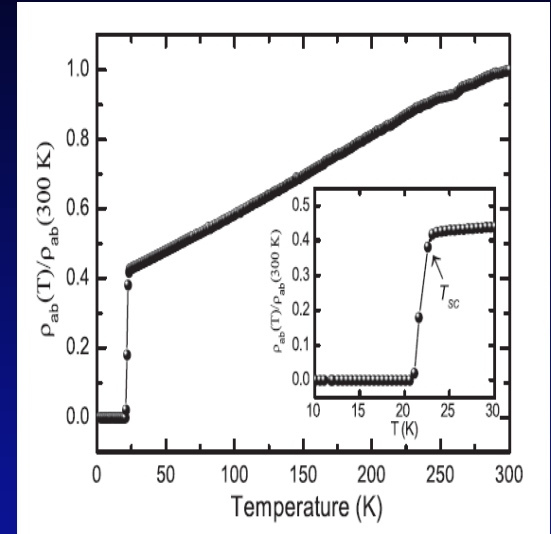
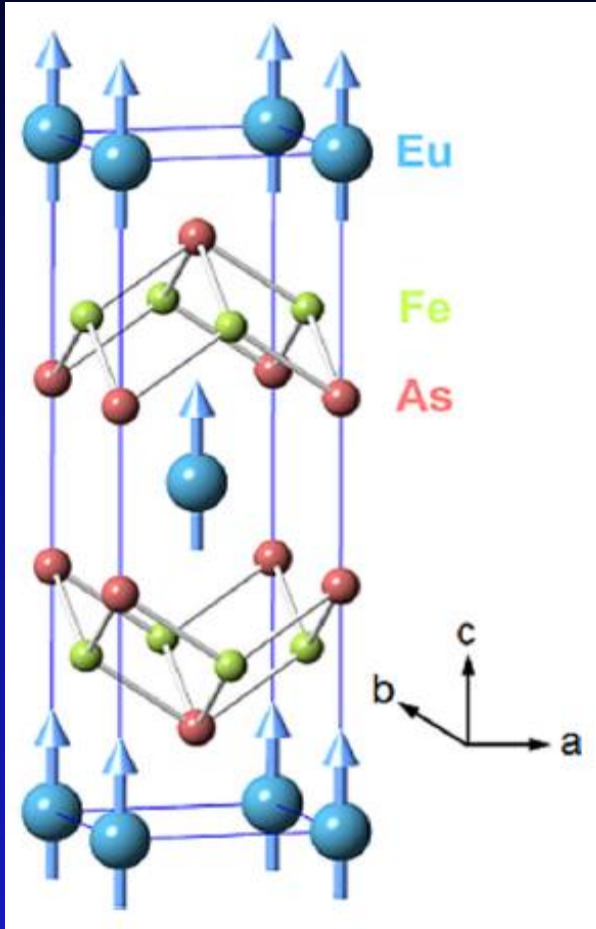
W. T. Jin et al., Scientific Reports | 7: 3532 |



- Suppression of SDW
- Superconductivity
- Canted AFM \rightarrow FM
- Superconductivity coexisting with ferromagnetism

Ferromagnetic $\text{Eu}(\text{Fe}_{0.86}\text{Ir}_{0.14})_2\text{As}_2$

V. K. Anand et al., PRB 91 094427 (2015)



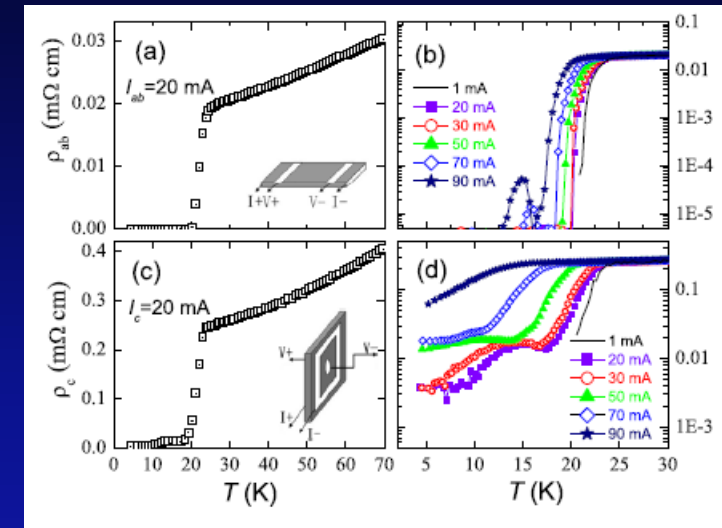
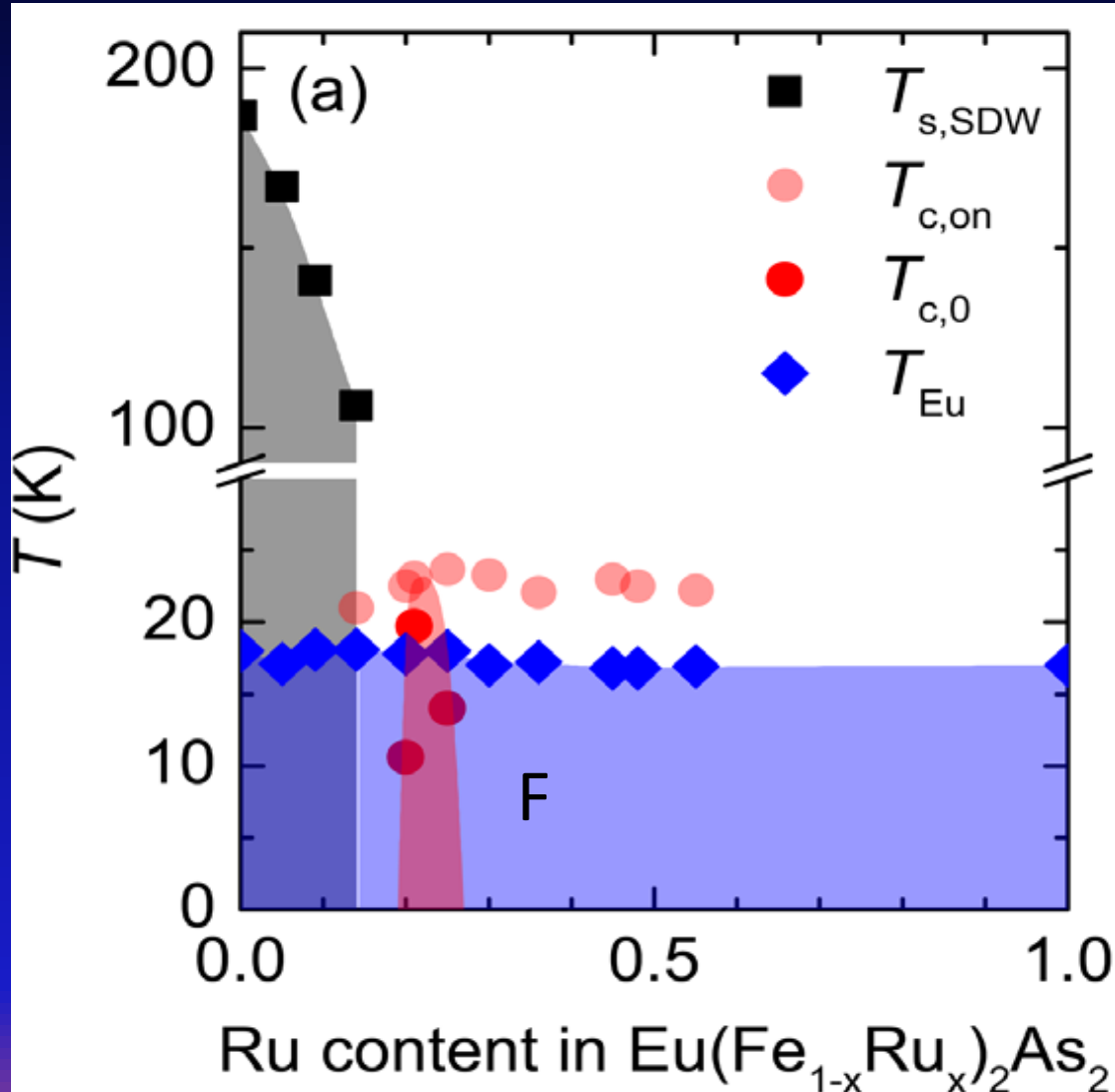
The body centered tetragonal chemical and magnetic unit cell (space group $I4/mmm$).

ferromagnetically coupled Eu moments are aligned along the c axis with a magnetic propagation wave vector $\mathbf{k} = (0, 0, 0)$ and ordered moment of $6.29(5) \mu_B$ at 1.8 K.

Eu(Fe_{0.75}Ru_{0.25})₂As₂ ferromagnetic superconductor

Jiao et al., J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. 400 (2012) 022038

Jiao et al., EPL, 95 (2011) 67007

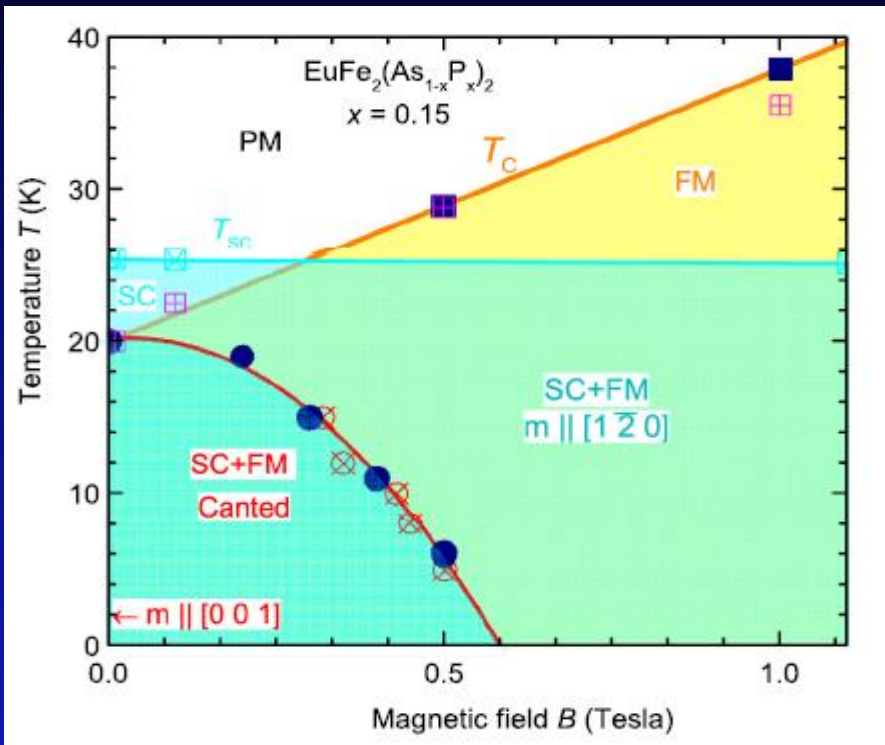


$T_{\text{SC}} = 23$ K

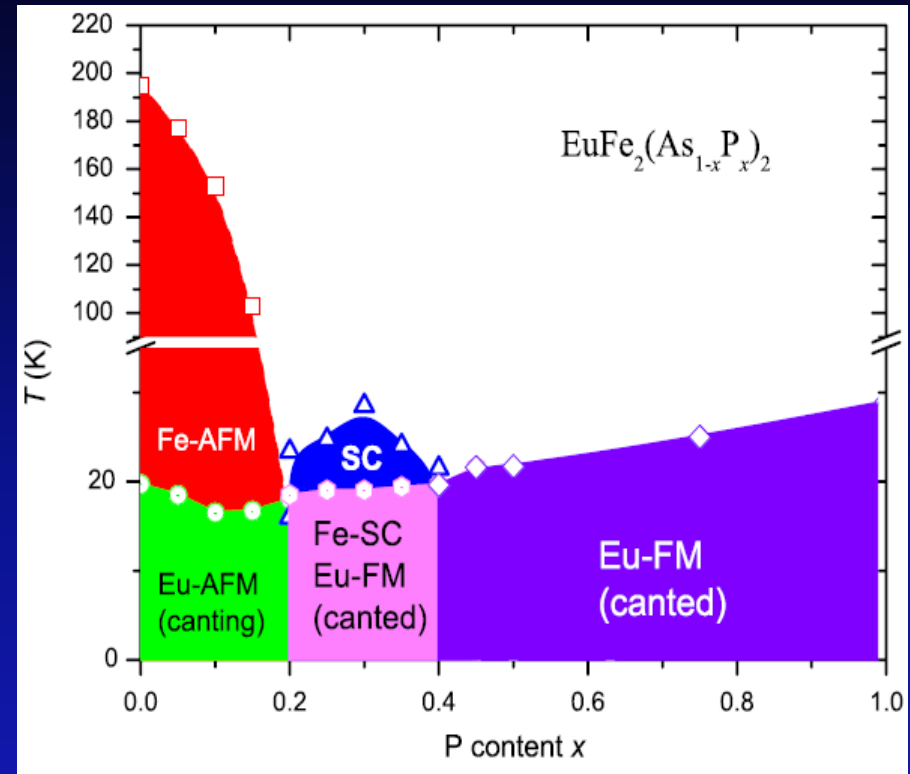
Mossbauer data indicate that the Eu^{2+} spins order ferromagnetically below 19.5 K with the moments tilted 20° from the c-axis.

Isovalent P-substitution $\text{EuFe}(\text{As}_{1-x}\text{P}_x)_2$

Nandi et al., PRB **89**, 014512 (2014)

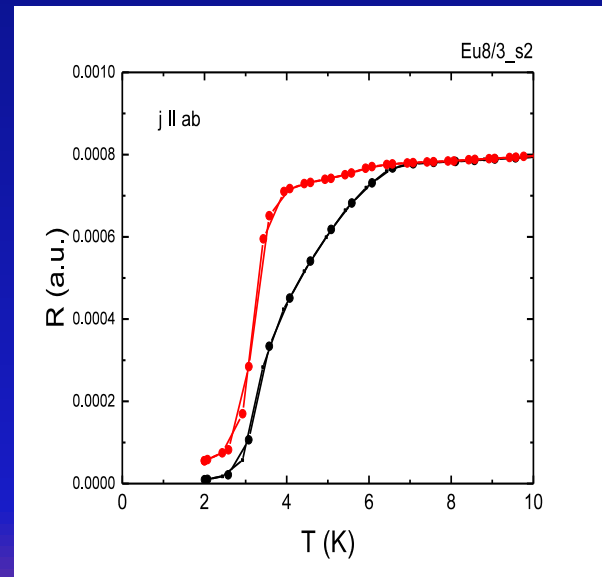
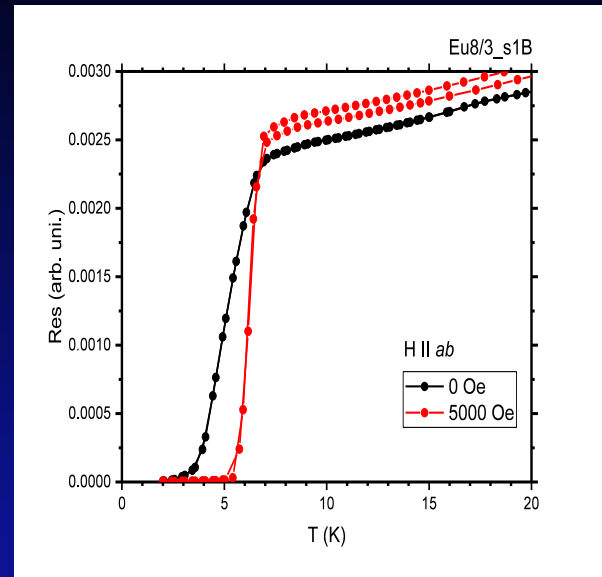
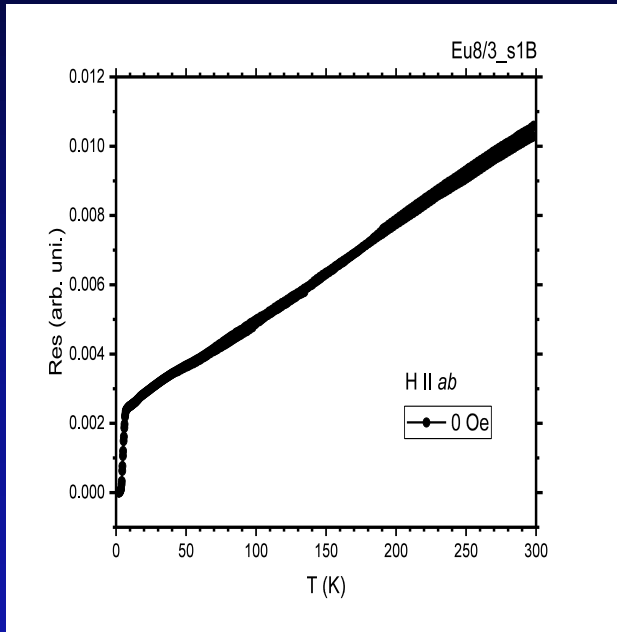


Cao et al. *J. Phys.: Condens. Matter* **23** (2011) 464204



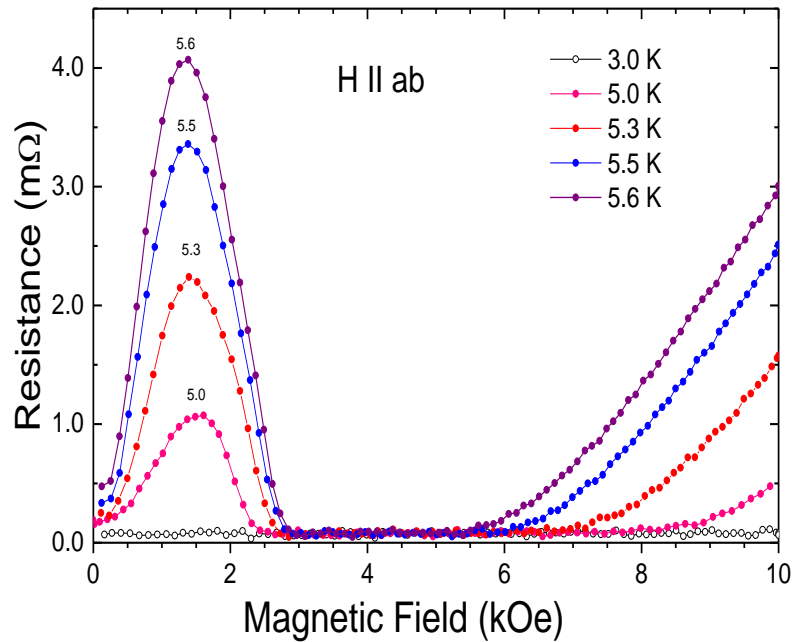
Superconductivity induced by partial substitution of P into As positions
 AFM \Rightarrow Ferromagnetism
 Superconductivity coexists with ferromagnetism

Peculiar properties of Sn-flux-grown $\text{Eu}(\text{Fe}_{0.81}\text{Co}_{0.19})_2\text{As}_2$ single crystals

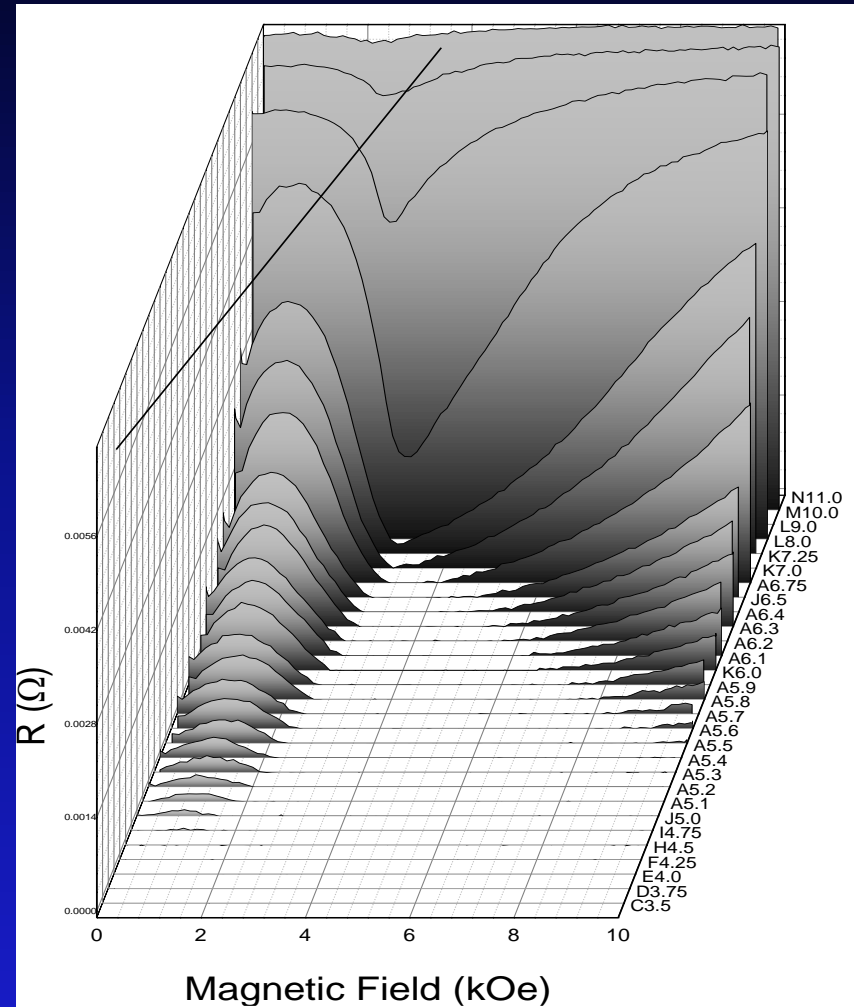


Magnetic field enhancement of superconductivity ?!

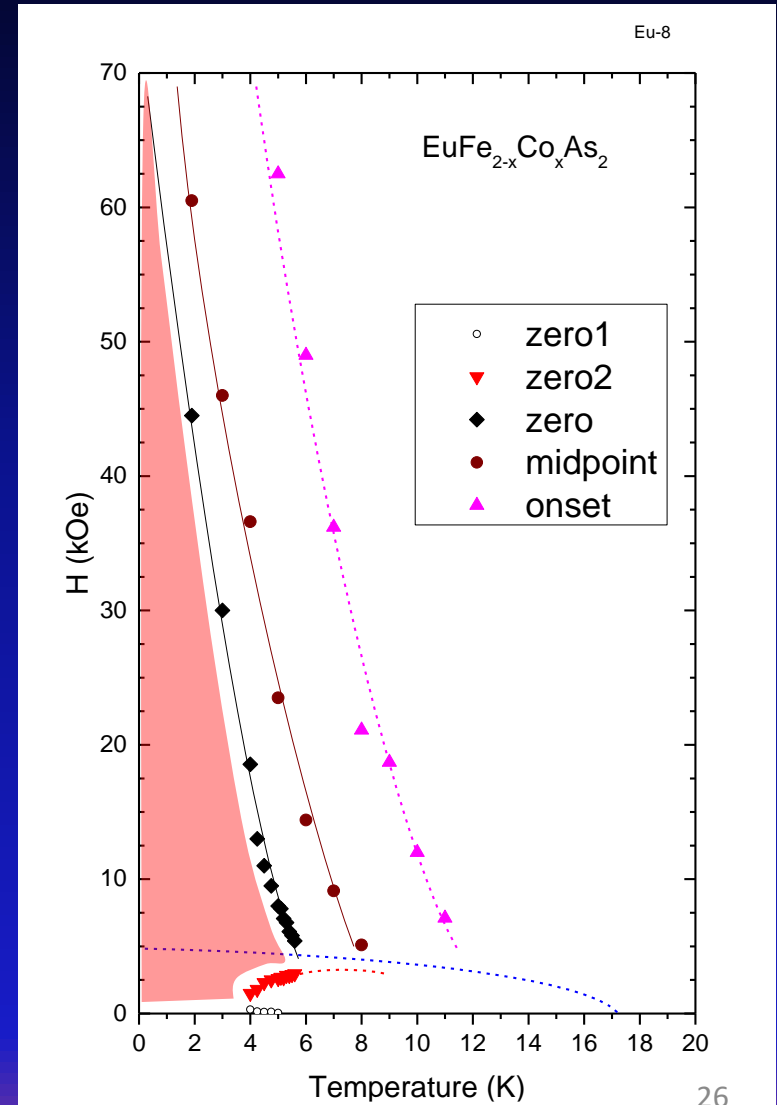
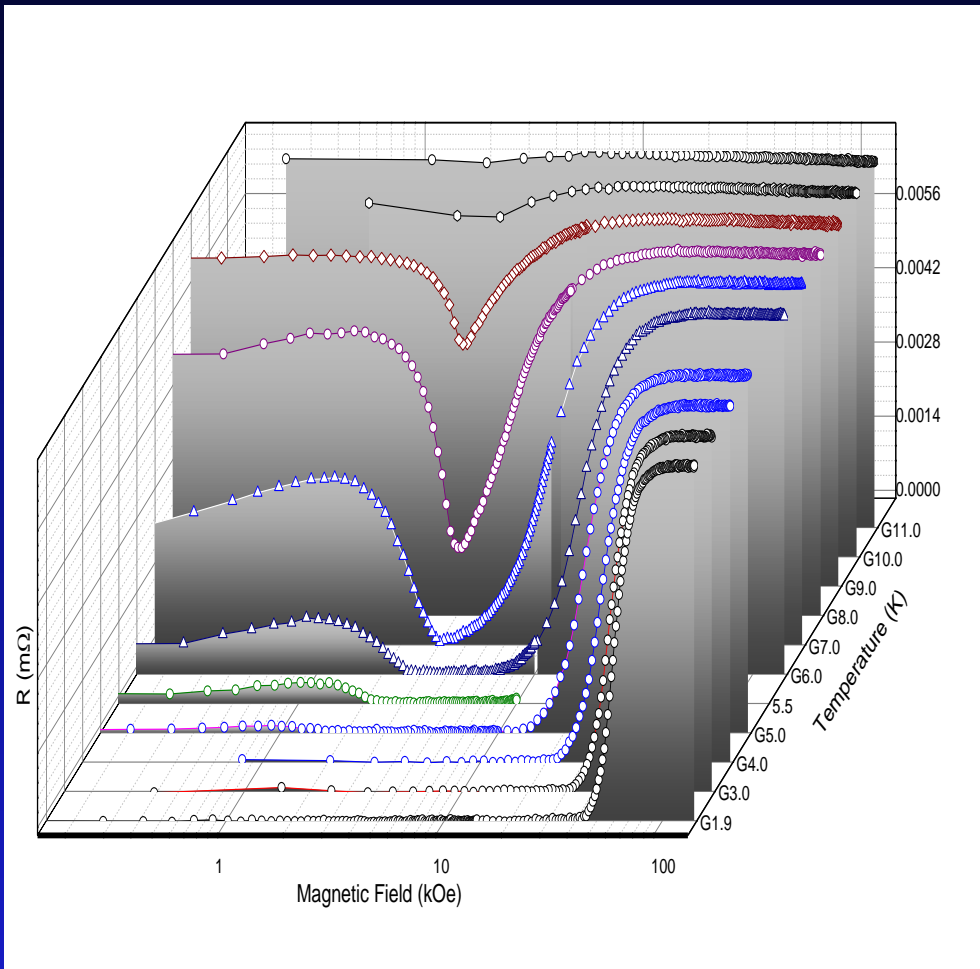
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Resistivity „peak” most likely corresponds to the flux flow effect

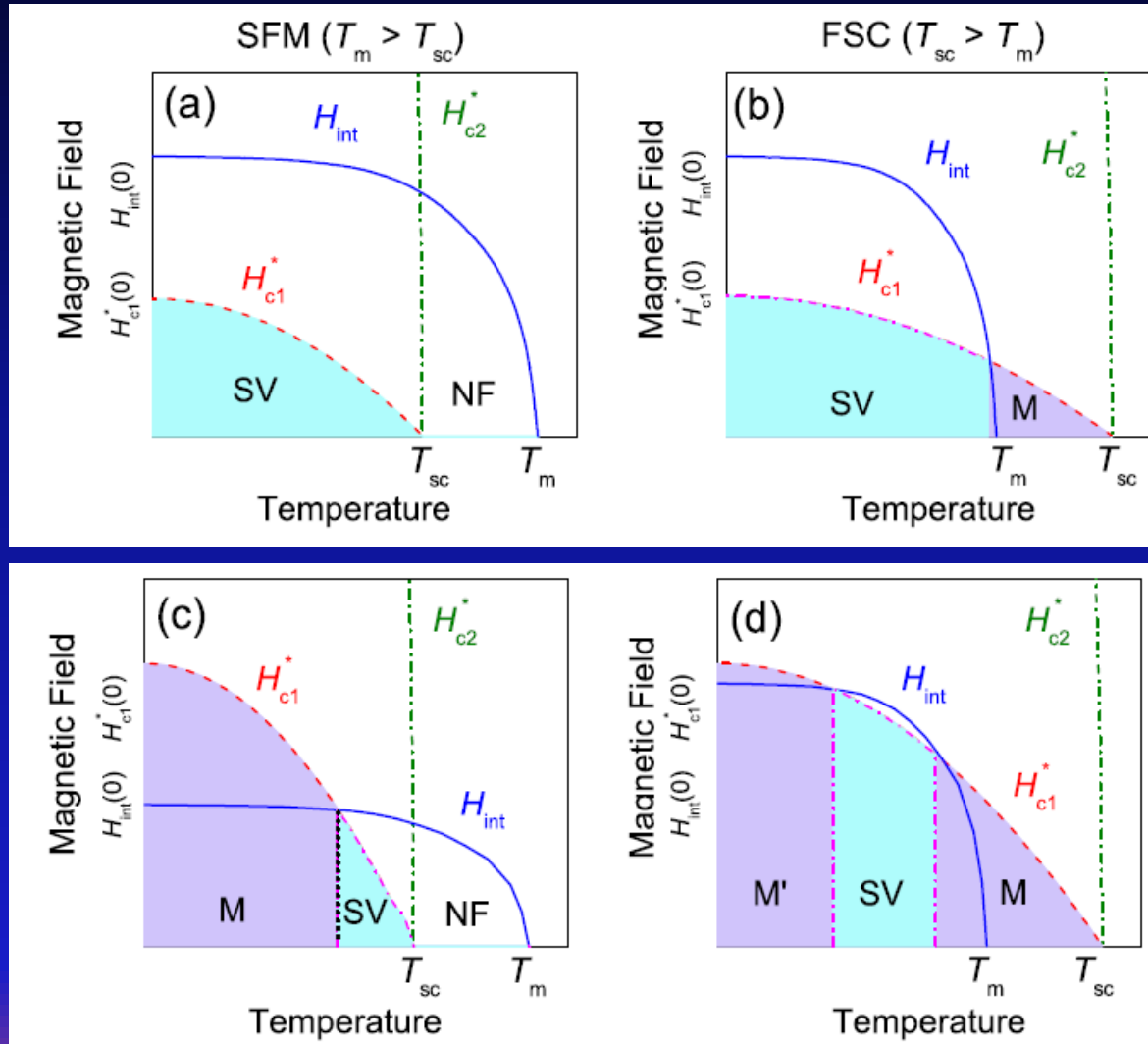


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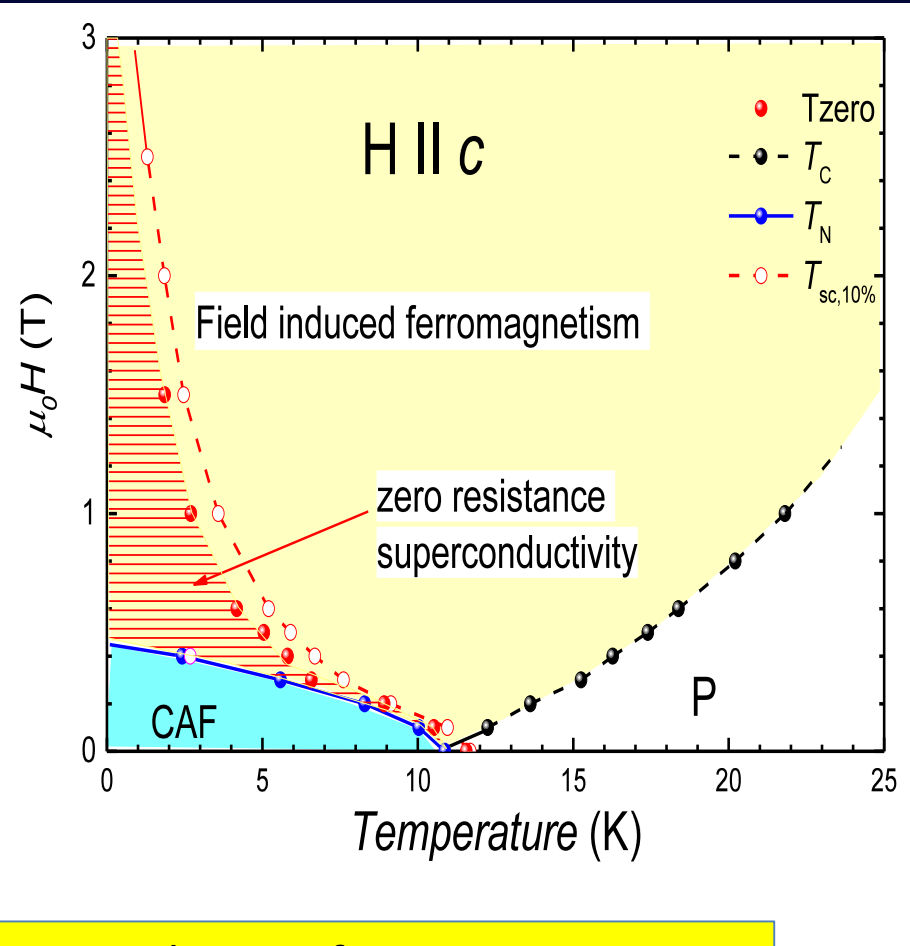
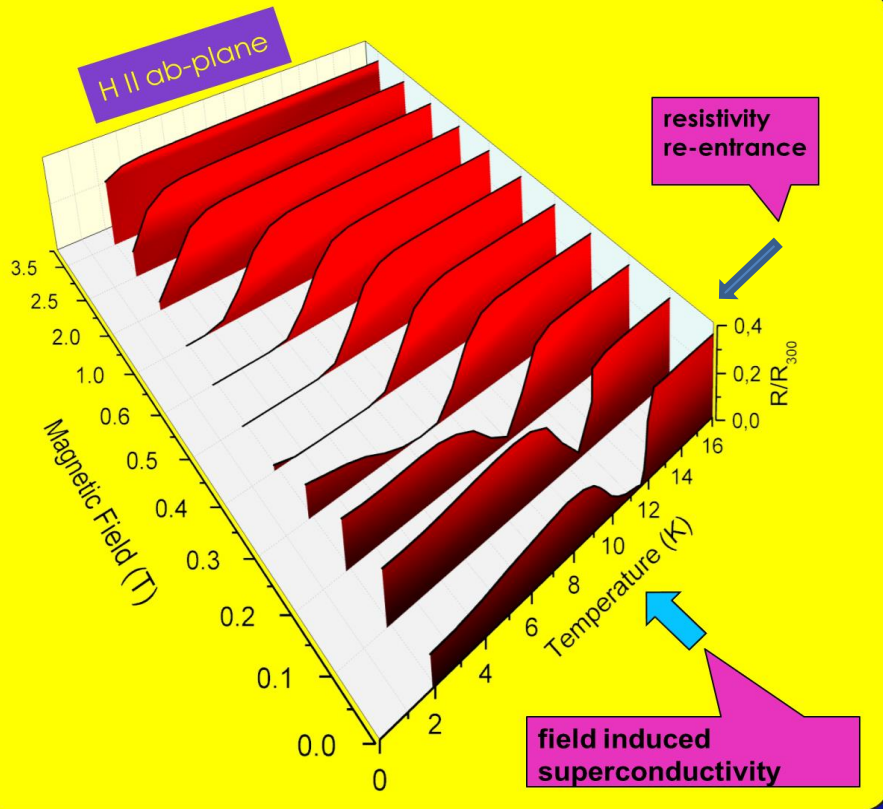


Spontaneous vortex state in ferromagnetic superconductor

W-H Jiao et al., npj Quantum Materials (2017) 2:50



Peculiar properties of Sn-flux-grown $\text{Eu}_{0.73}\text{Ca}_{0.27}(\text{Fe}_{0.87}\text{Co}_{0.13})_2\text{As}_2$ single crystals

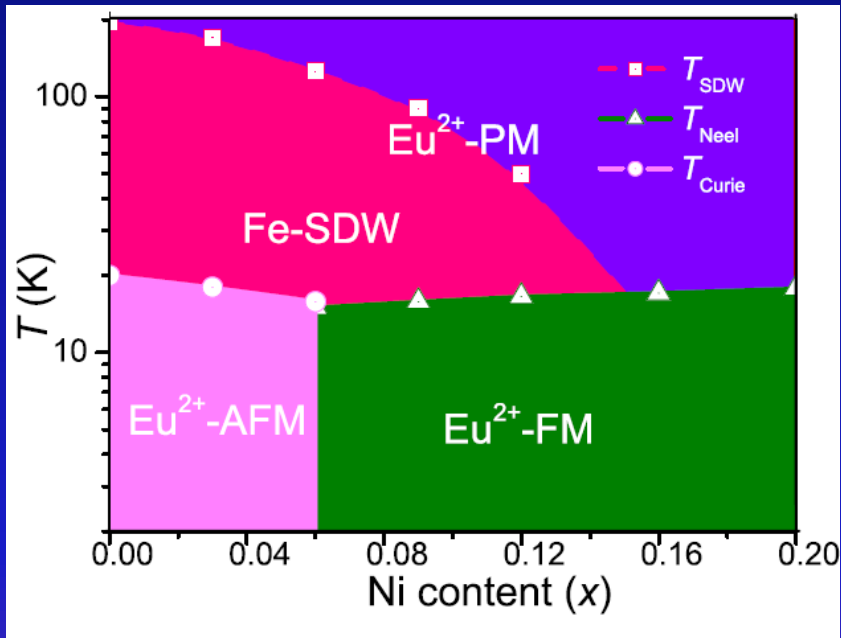


Zero-resistance superconductivity is suppressed in antiferromagnetic region and coexists with field induced ferromagnetism

Search for superconductivity in Ni-substituted EuFe_2As_2

I Nowik et al. New Journal of Physics 13 (2011) 023033

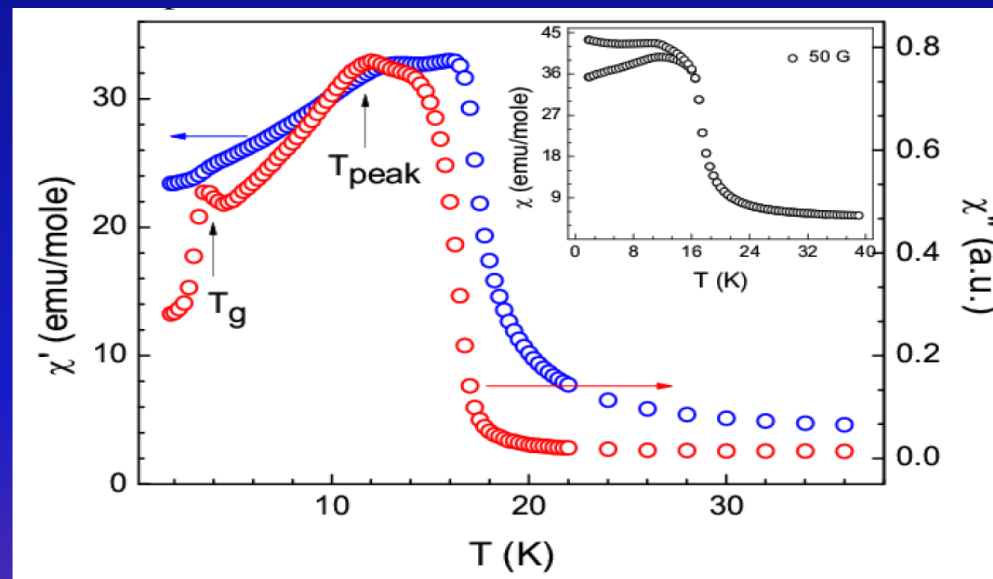
Polycrystalline material



Zhi Ren et al. PRB 79, 094426(2009)

Mössbauer studies of $\text{Eu}(\text{Fe}_{0.9}\text{Ni}_{0.1})_2\text{As}_2$ and $\text{Eu}(\text{Fe}_{0.89}\text{Co}_{0.11})_2\text{As}_2$, in particular the Eu negative quadrupole interaction and the tilting of H_{eff} from the c -axis, are almost the same. This indicates a similar magnetic structure regardless of whether the system is normal conducting or SC

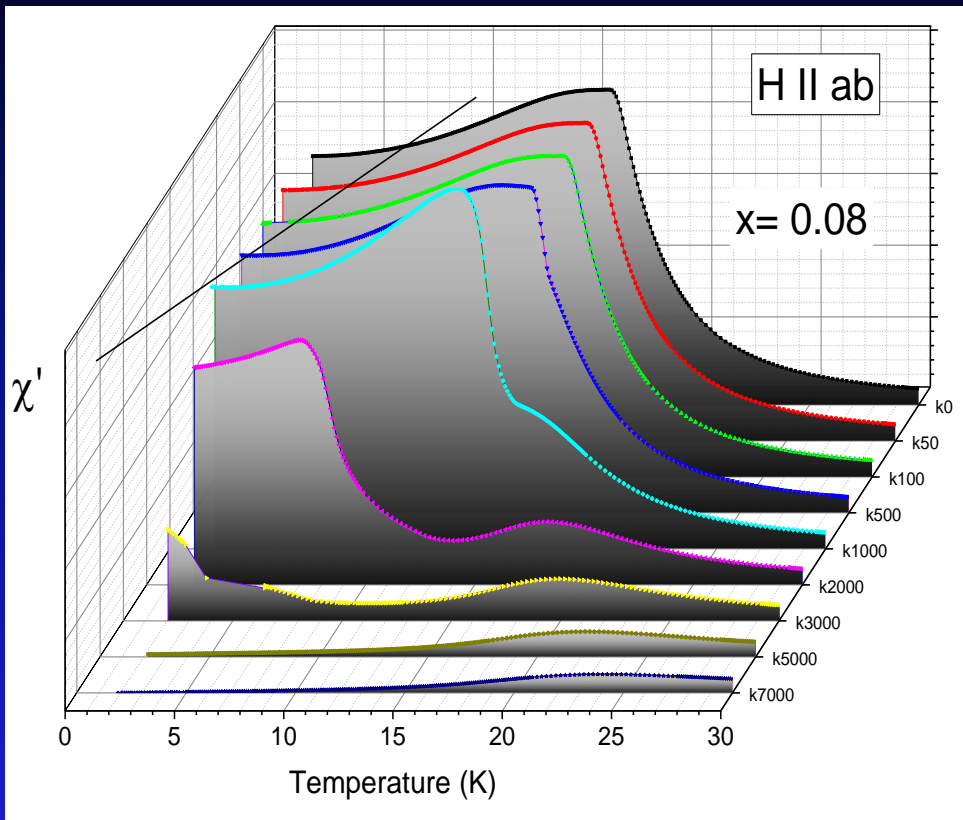
Anupam et al. AIP Conf. Proc. 1349, 1293-1294 (2011)



In $\text{EuFe}_{1.9}\text{Ni}_{0.1}\text{As}_2$ in addition to FM transition, two more transitions were observed. = 3.5 K. The broad transition at $T_{\text{peak}} = 11.5$ K could be due to the transition from FM to AFM state. The transition at $T_g = 3.5$ K could be due to the spin glass ordering, which might arise due to the competition between FM and AFM ordering and hence leads to the spin freezing at T_g .

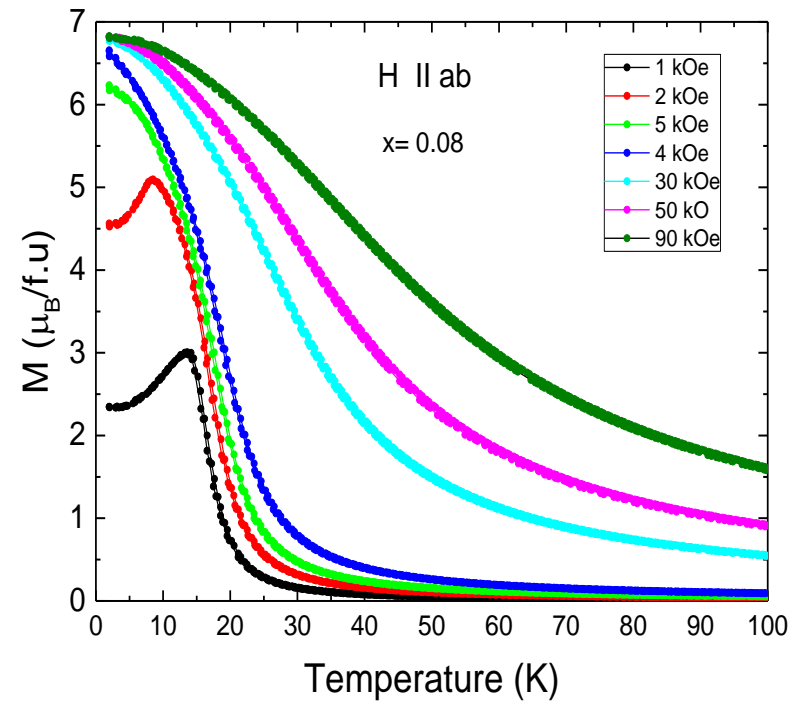
Superconductivity not detected

Magnetic properties of $\text{EuFe}_{1.92}\text{Ni}_{0.08}\text{As}_2$

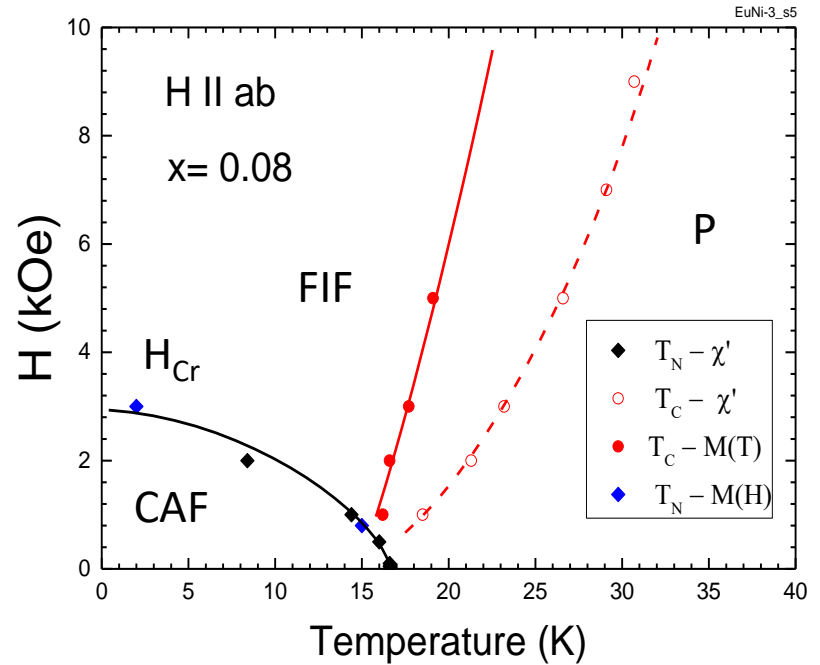
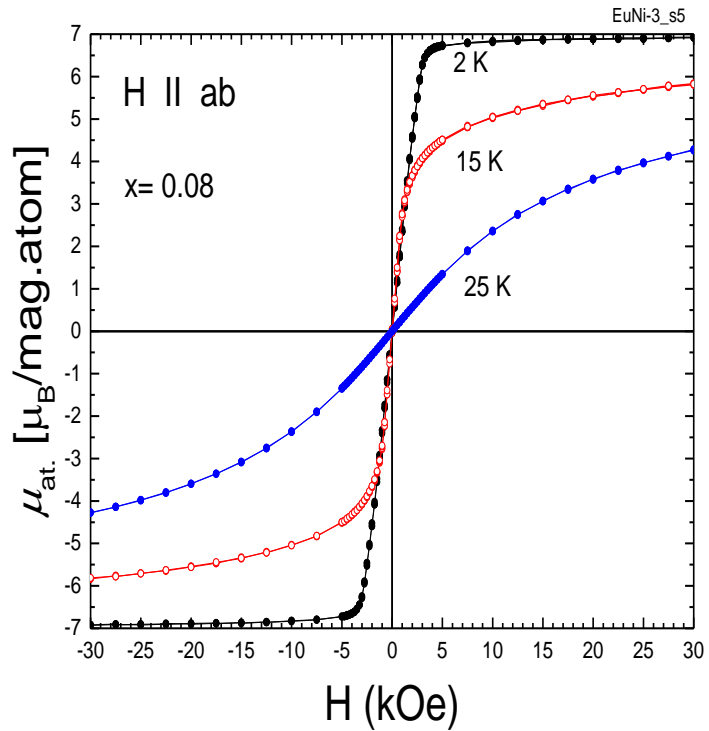


AC-susceptibility vs. Temperature in various magnetic fields

Magnetization vs. Temperature in various magnetic fields

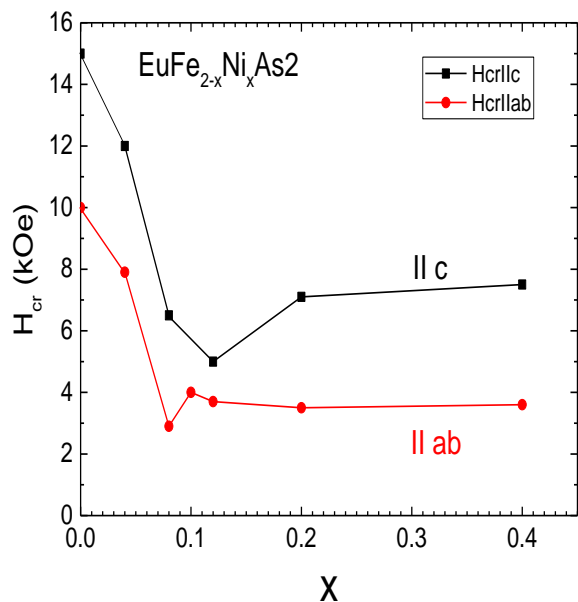


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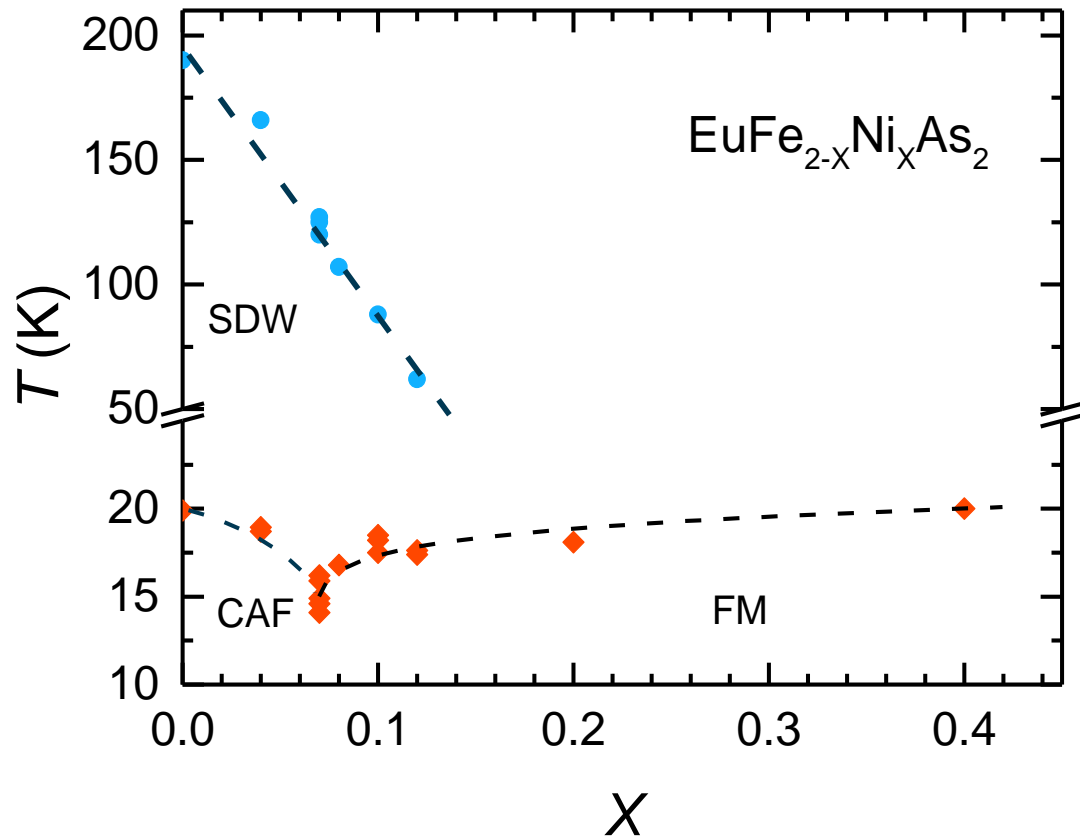


Field –dependent magnetization in various temperatures

Magnetic phase diagram of $\text{EuFe}_{2-x}\text{Ni}_x\text{As}_2$



Absence of superconductivity above 1.8 K

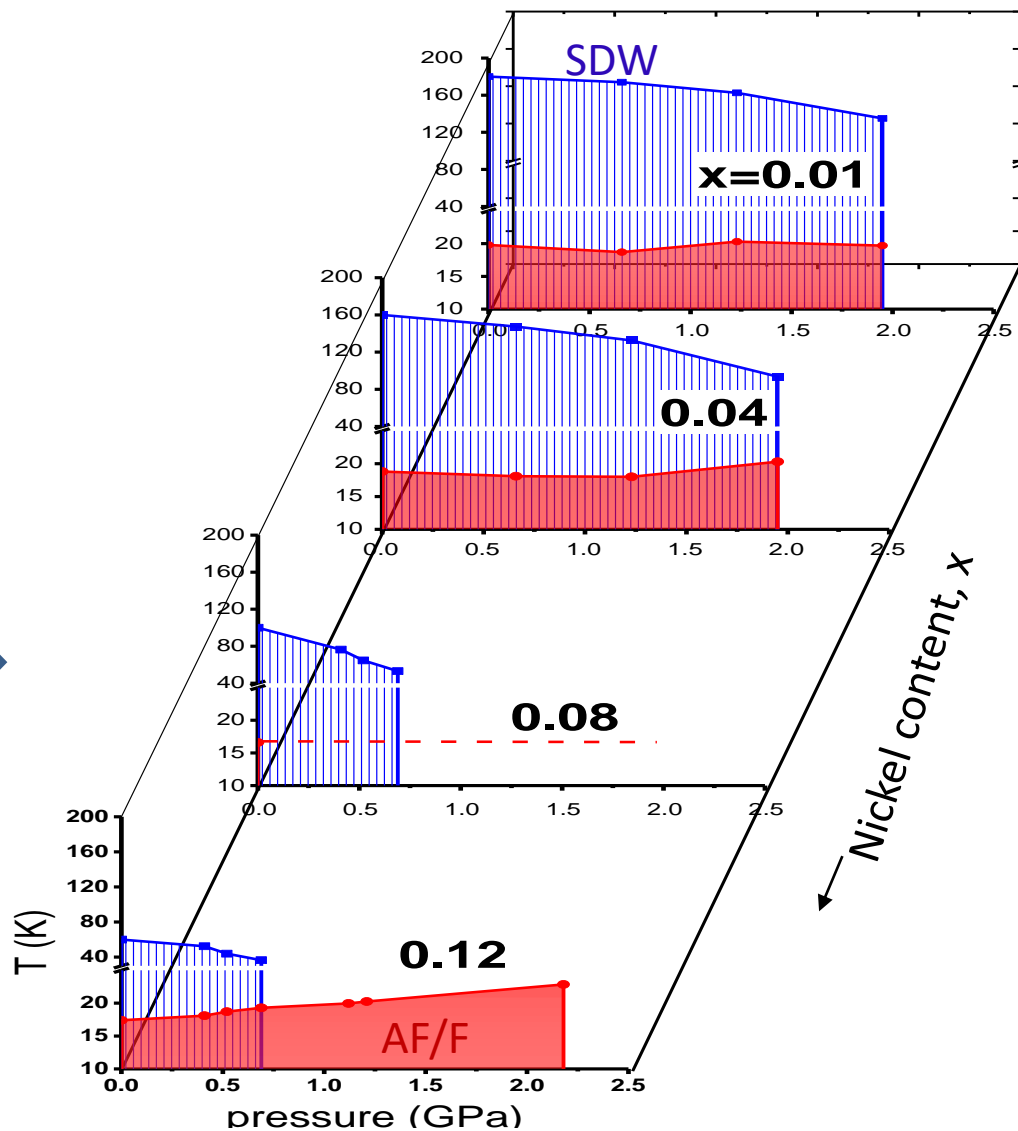


Magnetism of Eu in $\text{EuFe}_{2-x}\text{Ni}_x\text{As}_2$ is very similar to that in $\text{EuFe}_{2-x}\text{Co}_x\text{As}_2$ and seems to be not responsible for the absence of superconductivity.

Search for superconductivity in $\text{EuFe}_{2-x}\text{Ni}_x\text{As}_2$ under high pressure

Resistivity measured using piston-cylinder pressure cell

no evidence of superconductivity under pressure down to 2 K



Doped EuFe_2As_2

- **Magnetic field easily aligns Eu^{2+} spins along the direction of the applied field (field induced ferromagnetism)**
- **Hydrostatic pressure, transition metal substitutions, and P substitution suppress SDW order, induce superconductivity and change magnetic order of Eu^{2+} moments from antiferro- to ferromagnetic**
- **Superconductivity coexists both with AF and F order of Eu^{2+} system**

**Coexistence of superconductivity and magnetism,
Zero-resistance as an effect of applied magnetic field,
High anisotropy,
Magnetic field sensitive electronic transport ,
Spontaneous superconducting vortices,**

- potentially interesting for spintronics and other electronic applications

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