

# Crystal and magnetic structure investigation of Half-Heusler compounds $\text{MnNi}_{0.9}\text{M}_{0.1}\text{Sb}$ (M = Ti, V, Cr, Fe, Co)

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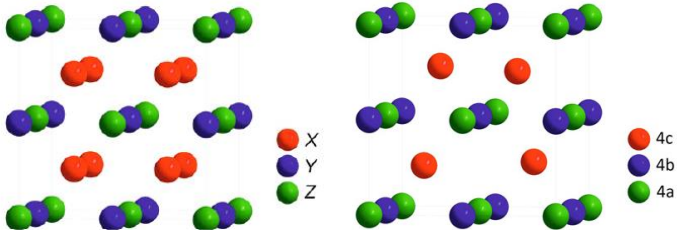
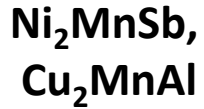
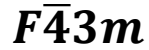
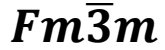
# Heusler compounds

Heusler alloys

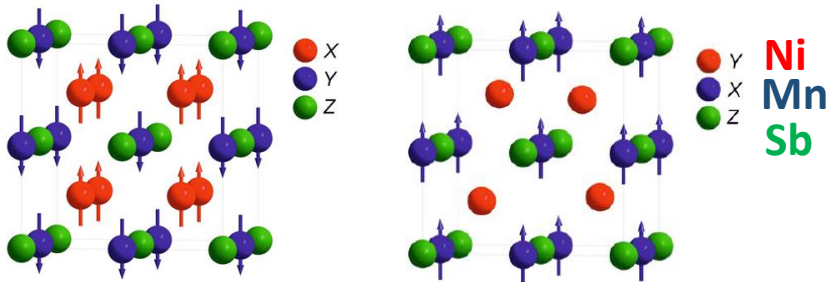
Half – Heusler alloys

Application

Cubic structure



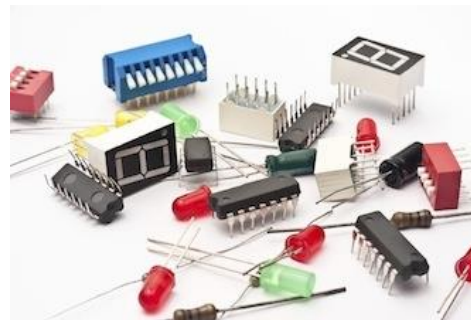
$X_2YZ$  Magnetic structure  $XYZ$



Solar panels



Permanent magnets



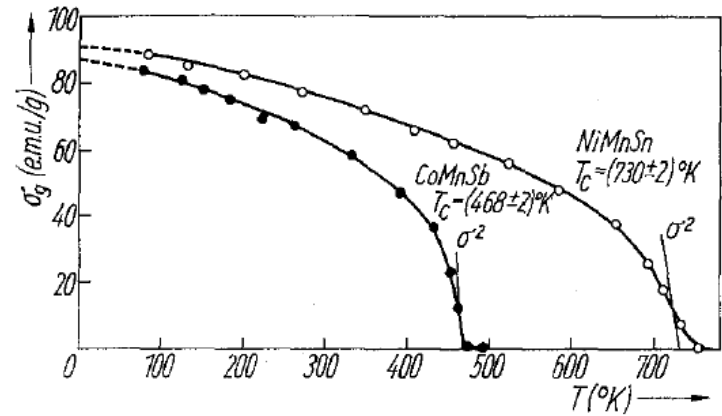
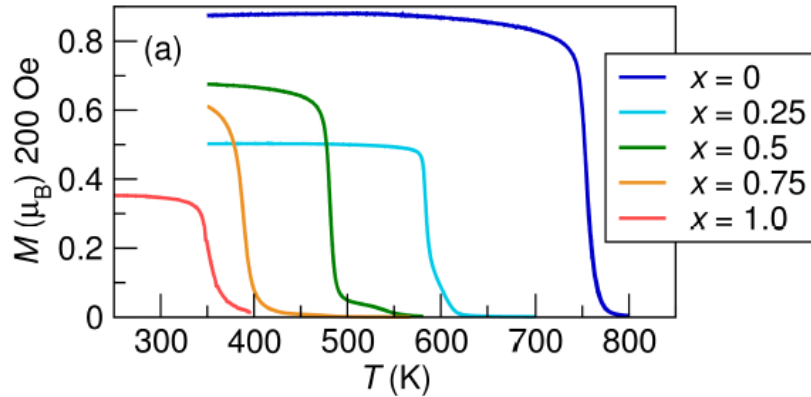
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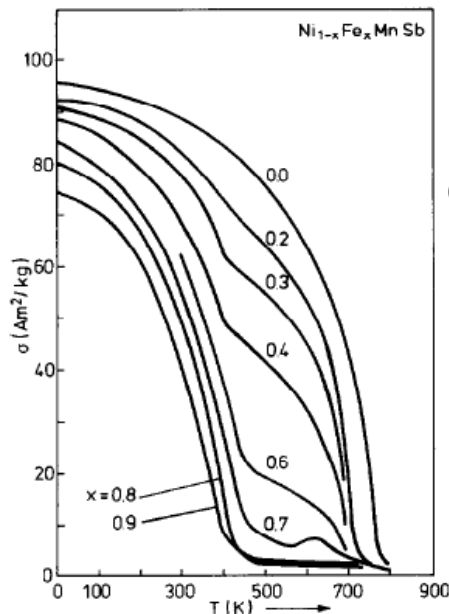
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# Half-Heusler compounds

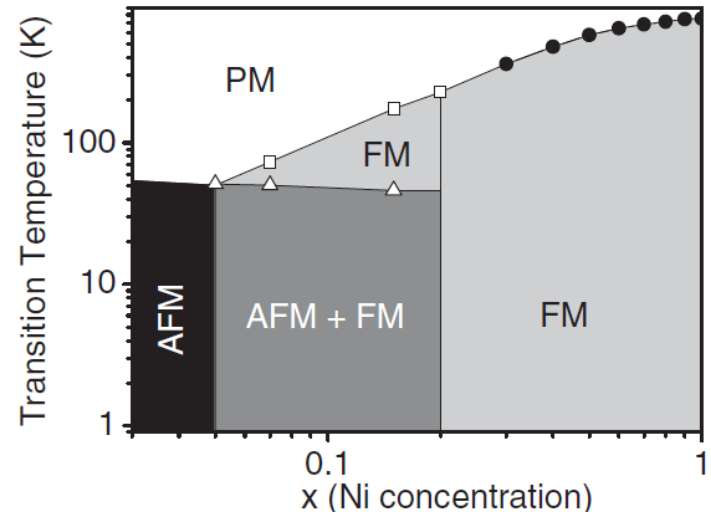
$\text{Ni}_{1+x}\text{MnSb}$  ( $x = 0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1$ )



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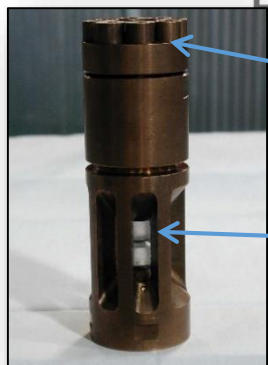
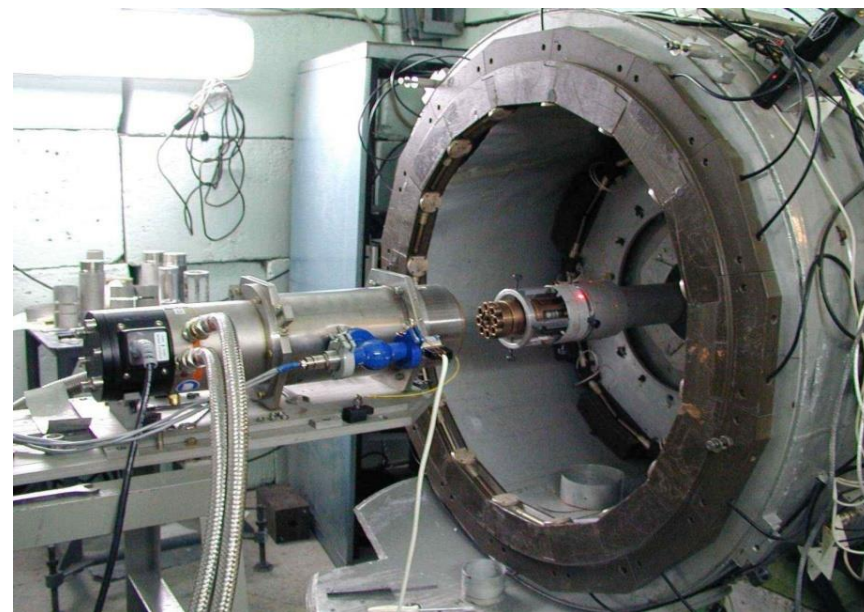
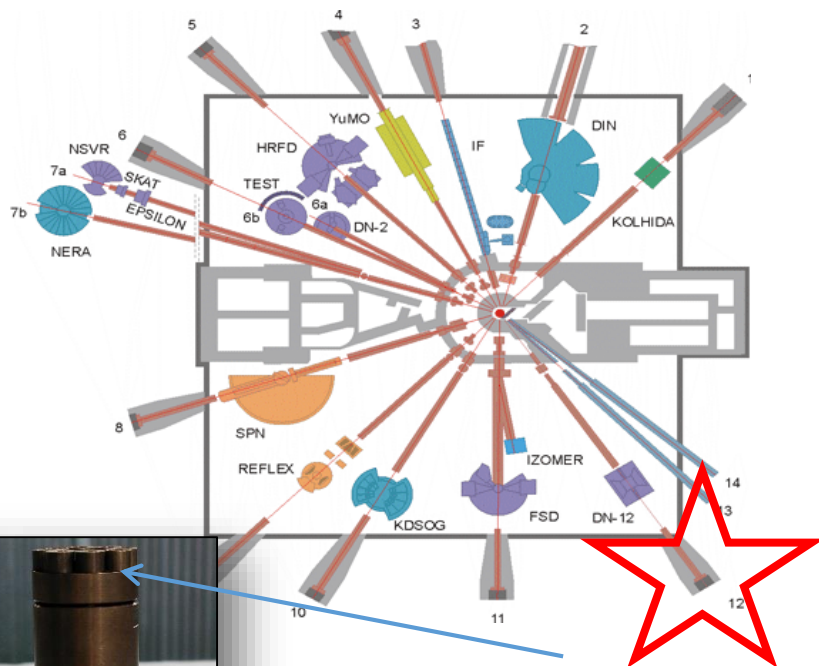


Temperature dependence of the magnetization of various  $\text{Ni}_{1-x}\text{Fe}_x\text{MnSb}$  samples.

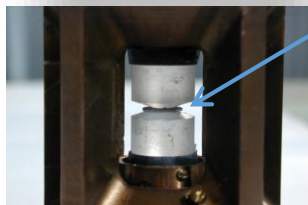


Magnetic phase diagram of the  $\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{Ni}_x\text{MnSb}$  Heusler alloys series from  $x = 0.03$  to 1.

# Neutron diffraction techniques under extreme conditions



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sample



1. The thermal neutron flux on the sample at the nominal reactor power of 2 MW

$2.6 \cdot 10^6 \text{ n/cm}^2/\text{sc}$

2. Wavelength Range

0.5 – 10 Å

4. Sample volume

0.2 – 5 mm<sup>3</sup>

5. Typical time of spectrum measurement

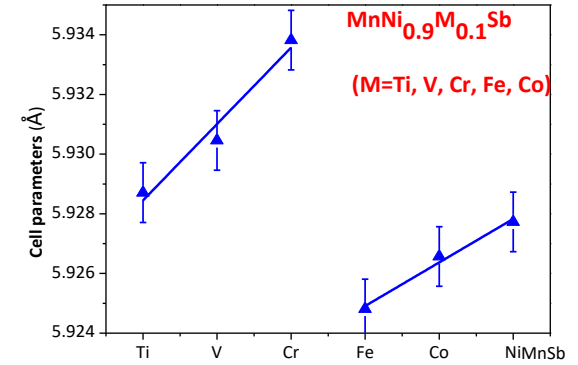
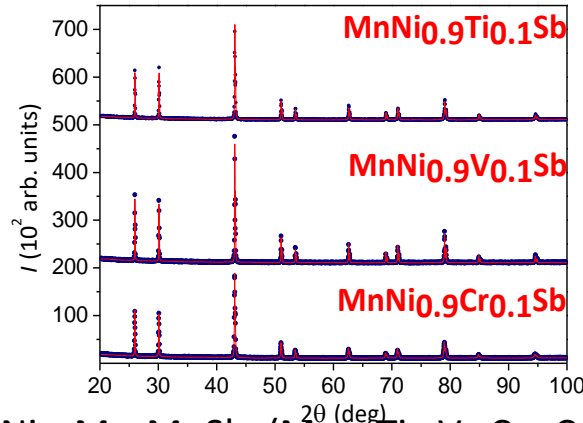
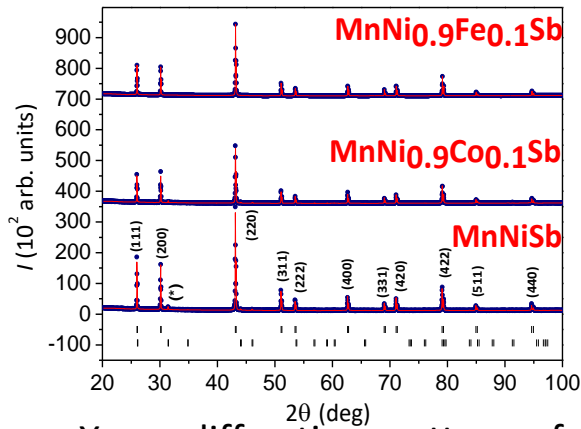
4 – 30 h.

6. Temperature Range

10 – 320 K

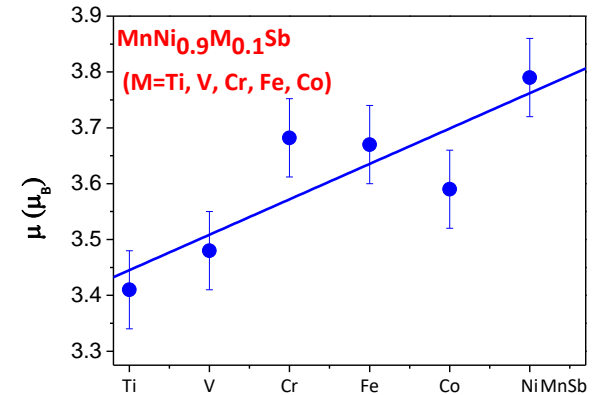
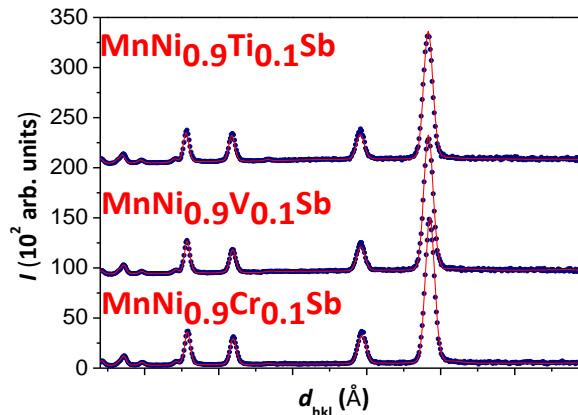
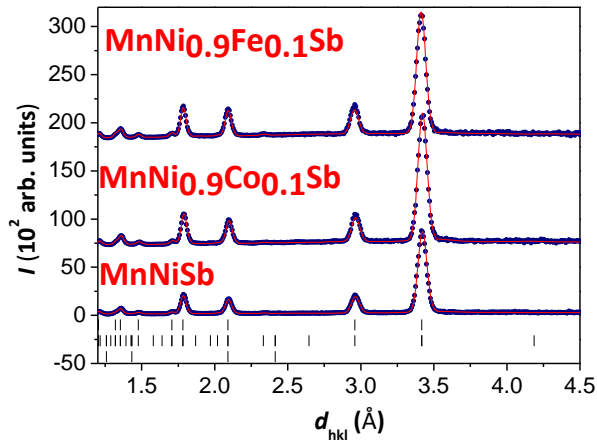
# Half-Heusler compounds under ambient conditions.

## Crystal structure under normal conditions



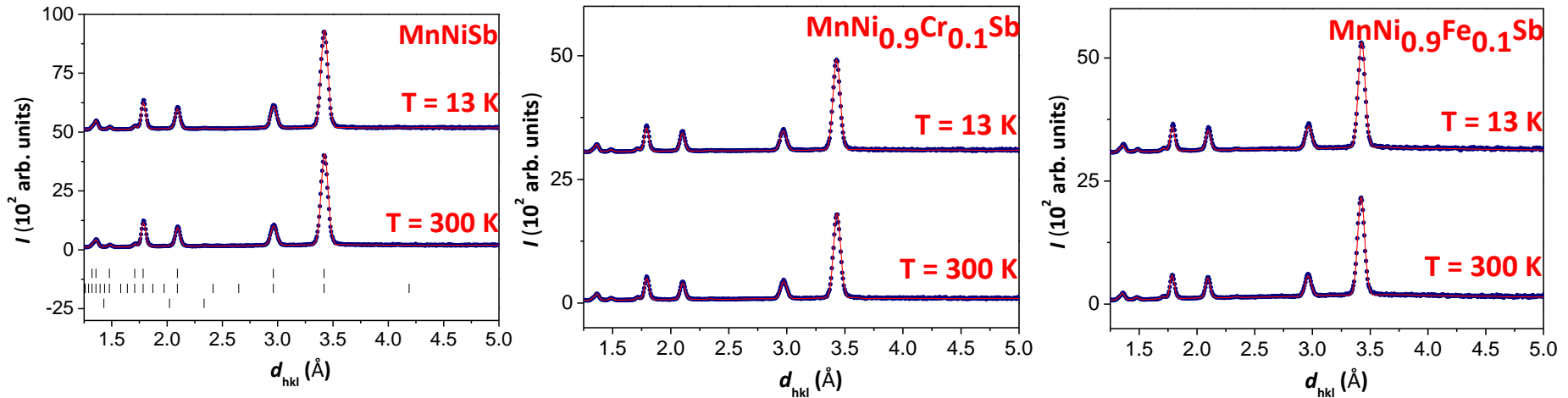
X-ray diffraction patterns for  $\text{Ni}_{0.9}\text{M}_{0.1}\text{MnSb}$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Ti, V, Cr, Co, Fe}$ ) samples and their unit cell parameters obtained under ambient conditions.

## Magnetic structure under normal conditions

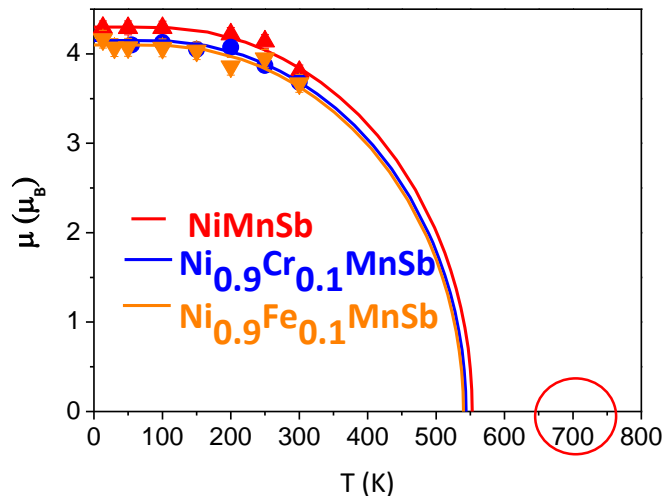


The neutron diffraction patterns for  $\text{Ni}_{0.9}\text{M}_{0.1}\text{MnSb}$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Ti, V, Cr, Co, Fe}$ ) and their composition dependences of the Mn magnetic moments for the obtained under ambient conditions.

# Half-Heusler compounds under low temperatures



The neutron diffraction patterns for  $\text{Ni}_{0.9}\text{M}_{0.1}\text{MnSb}$  ( $M = \text{Ti, V, Cr, Co, Fe}$ ) at low and 300 K temperatures.



The temperature dependence of Mn magnetic moments for  $\text{NiMnSb}$ ,  $\text{Ni}_{0.9}\text{Cr}_{0.1}\text{MnSb}$  and  $\text{Ni}_{0.9}\text{Fe}_{0.1}\text{MnSb}$  compounds.

## Future studies:

1. To study  $\text{Ni}_{0.9}\text{M}_{0.1}\text{MnSb}$  ( $M = \text{Ti, V, Cr}$ ) at low temperature by means of neutron diffraction method;
2. To study  $\text{Ni}_{0.9}\text{M}_{0.1}\text{MnSb}$  ( $M = \text{Ti, V, Cr, Fe, Co}$ ) at high temperature up to 800 by means of neutron diffraction method;
3. To study  $\text{NiMnSb}$  and  $\text{Ni}_{0.9}\text{M}_{0.1}\text{MnSb}$  ( $M = \text{Ti, V, Cr, Fe, Co}$ ) under high pressure up to 8 GPa and at room temperature by means of neutron diffraction method.

**Thank you for your attention!**