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Magnetic behavior of rare earth intermetallic compounds

Abstract:

The rare earth intermetallic compounds are famous for their unconventional and technologically relevant magnetic properties. Of note are hysteresis phenomena, which may be either helpful (high performance permanent magnets) or harmful (solid state caloric cooling). In this talk we will explore $R_2\text{In}$ compounds ($R = \text{Pr}, \text{Nd}, \text{and Eu}$), known for their an-hysteretic magnetic first-order transformations, and discuss possible origins of the observed behavior.¹⁻⁴ The influence of applied magnetic field on the first-order nature of the transition in Eu_2In was examined by the heat-capacity and magnetization measurements showing good agreement with earlier published mean-field modeling results.⁵ Then we will analyze the relations between rare earth and transition metal compounds sharing the same crystal structure aiming to comprehend why their corresponding magnetic ordering phase transformations chose very different pathways depending on the presence or absence of f-electrons. Finally, we will talk about how progress in our basic understanding of these transitions can lead to a breakthrough in the design of materials for caloric heat pumping technology.

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