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# Hidden quantum phase transition in Mn<sub>1-x</sub>Fe<sub>x</sub>Si

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## The thermal phase transition in MnSi

## Small angle neutron diffraction experiment on MnSi single crystal



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Screen shot of the neutron diffraction picture from MnSi

#### Data analysis: q-dependence $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{[rF(\mathbf{q})]^2 T}{[B(q+k)^2 + \kappa^2]} \frac{k^2 + q^2 + \kappa^2 - 2k\mathbf{q}\mathbf{P}_0}{[(q-k)^2 + \kappa^2 + (|U|k^2/2)(\hat{q}^4 - 1/3)]} \qquad P_s = \frac{\sigma(\mathbf{P_0}) - \sigma(-\mathbf{P_0})}{\sigma(\mathbf{P_0}) + \sigma(-\mathbf{P_0})} = -\frac{2kqP_0\cos\varphi}{q^2 + k^2 + \kappa^2}$ 3,0 1,50 T = 29.1 K T = 29.1 K 2,5 1,25 2,0 1,00 Polarization Intensity 0,75 1,5 0,50 1,0 0,50,25 0,0 0,00

0,0 0,2 0,4 0,6 0,8 1,0 q (nm<sup>-1</sup>) Intensity of the scattering at  $\mathbf{q} || \mathbf{P}_{o}$  $I(q) = (I(q,P_{o}) + I(q,-P_{o}))$ 

Polarization of the scattering at  $\mathbf{q} \parallel \mathbf{P}_{o}$ at T = T<sub>C</sub> + 0.3 K.

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### Data analysis: temperature dependence



Polarized SANS maps



τ - dependence of (a) amplitude of scatteringand (b) inverse correlation length.

### Thermal phase transition in MnSi



## Thermal phase transition in Mn<sub>1-y</sub>Fe<sub>y</sub>Si



Correlation between magnetic susceptibility and polarized neutron scattering data is established in Mn<sub>1-x</sub>Fe<sub>x</sub>Si.

The extrema of the  $\partial \chi / \partial T$  derivative may be used for identification of the magnetic phases with long-range and short-range magnetic order.

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## Magnetic order in Mn<sub>1-y</sub>Fe<sub>y</sub>Si

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Quantum phase transitions in single-crystal  $Mn_{1-x}Fe_xSi$  and  $Mn_{1-x}Co_xSi$ : Crystal growth, magnetization, ac susceptibility, and specific heat

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## Thermal phase transition in Mn<sub>1-y</sub>Fe<sub>y</sub>Si



Peak B is a marker of long-range magnetic order (LRO).

Minimum A is a marker of short-range magnetic order (SRO).

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#### Quantum bicriticality in $Mn_{1-x}Fe_xSi$ solid solutions: exchange and percolation effects

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There are two quantum critical points,  $x^*$  and  $x_c$ . The first QC point  $x^* \sim 0.11$  corresponds to disappearance of LRO and is an underlying one, which is hidden inside the SRO phase. The second QC point  $x_c \sim 0.24$  is a "true" one and marks suppression of the magnetic phase with SRO (chiral spin liquid).

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Analysis of the polarized SANS data gives
(i) the position of the peak ≡ helix wavevector k;
(ii) the width of the peak ≡ the coherent length of the helix fluctuation;
(iii) polarization of the peak ≡ the chirality of the fluctuation.



### Short-range order beyond the QCP



## The driving force of QPT in Mn<sub>1-v</sub>Fe<sub>v</sub>Si

Hall resistivity  $\rho_{\rm H}$ (T,B) for pure MnSi and Mn<sub>1-v</sub>Fe<sub>v</sub>Si

$$\rho_H = R_H B_0 + \mu_0 S_1 \rho M$$



The important finding appears from the OHE sign inversion detected at Fe content  $x_R \approx 0.115$ . This fact points to the competing electron and hole contributions to charge transport in  $Mn_{1-x}Fe_xSi$ .

## The driving force of QPT in Mn<sub>1-y</sub>Fe<sub>y</sub>Si

#### Why intermediate phase is formed? Why LRO phase is supressed?

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Microscopic model for spiral ordering along (110) on the MnSi lattice



In Heisenberg paradigm RKKY exchange defines  $J_1, J_2, J_3$  parameters, which may be tuned by variation of the electron concentration.

Frustration try to align spirals along (110).

DM interaction try to align spirals along (111)

Competition between two interactions may lead to loosing of the long-range order and formation of the chiral liquid state.



## Conclusion

(1) The experiments has revealed the relationship of the transport anomalies to the QC transition between LRO and SRO phases.

(2) As long as the exchange energies are tuned via the RKKY mechanism, the change of electron and hole concentrations may be considered as a microscopic driving force for QC in  $Mn_{1-x}Fe_xSi$ .

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