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Structural and Magnetic Properties of the (Pd_{2-x}Ag_xMnIn) alloys

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ABSTRACT

The series of the Heusler alloys type (Pd_{2-x}Ag_xMnIn) with (0 ≤ x ≤ 2) have been investigated. X-ray, Neutron diffraction and magnetic susceptibility have been measured. The lattice parameters were determined from Nelson Riley extrapolation. In these series several of magnetic structures are observed such as antiferromagnetic Fcc type and ferromagnetic. The Neel and Curie temperatures (θ_N, θ_F) with the effective magnetic moment (μ_B) are determined for all samples.

Introduction

Heusler alloy have been of interest, which are ternary alloys are of the form X₂YZ, which Y and X are usually transitions metals such as (Ni, Pd, Fe and Co) and Z is a main group elements with S, P valence electrons (Al, Sn, In and Ge)[1-3]. The majority of these alloys for an L₂ structure with a FCC- face centered cubic lattice (Fcc)[4,5]. Further investigation indicated that the magnetic properties of these alloys are in relation with their L₂ crystal structure and the ordering of the Y atoms on an FCC sub lattice. Many of the Heusler alloys of X₂YZ compositions are good attractive attention candidate for devices in magneto electronic[6]. Heusler alloy composed a transition elements like Ni, Co, Fe are interesting for thermal, structural and magnetic characterization [7,8]. This alloys have received increasing attention which is call as smart materials due to the effective of magnetic shape memory alloys (MSMA)[9,10]. As example, Pd_{2-x}MnIn composition have recently been studied as an attractive to the magnetic change in a moderate magnetic field, makes these materials promising candidates for several applications as sensors or magnetic actuators [1, 11]. Some shape memory allots change from plastic deformation to the origin elastic shape when heated [12]. It includes also some change in the magnetic phase transformation from ferromagnetic structure to the antiferromagnetic structure, which is strong defenders behavior in this alloys[12,13]. As example, the (Pd_{2-x} Ag_xMnIn) compositions have been chosen. No much references were found in this series. We focused in this study to investigate structured and magnetic properties by using several techniques.

Experimental Techniques

All the Heusler alloys type were prepared by Arc melting the appropriate proportion of pure elements. After the initial melt, the alloys were turned over and remitted to ensure good mixing. Care was taken to minimize any loss by vaporization. The resulting ingot was crushed into a fine powder using a steel pestle and mater. These powders were used for X-ray, and magnetic susceptibility studies all samples were slow cooled after being sealed in a quartz tube under vacuum and annealed for 12 hours at 800°C. The magnetic properties for all samples were investing a ted using Cahn electro balance susceptibility and reciprocal electro balance. Susceptibility verse temperature curves were plotted for paramagnetic and antiferromagnetic Heusler alloys. Neel paramagnetic θ_N were measured and paramagnetic curie temperatures θ_p were extrapolated. From the slope of the reciprocal susceptibility the Bohr magneton μ_B numbers were obtained. The structure of the Heusler alloys were initially investigated using x-ray diffraction techniques at room temperature with a Philips diffract meter abroad focus by using radiation (Cu(Kα)) tube was used. As mall error in the measurement of the Bragg angle θ produces an error in the calculated value of the lattice constant (a_c). To obtain the lattice parameter more accurately, the Nelson-Riley extrapolation is used[14]. This method use a plot of the lattice constant (a_c) against the functions 1/2 (cos²θ/sinθ+cos²θ) the line is extrapolated back at θ=90 to get the exact value of (a_c). the magnetic susceptibility of the alloys were measured in five applied filed over temperature range

77K to 300K. Cushman Faraday balance measured the force F_z excited on a small specimen of mass m , by a magnetic gradient (dH/dZ) . The force is given by [14]:
 $F_z = m\chi H(dH/dZ) \dots \dots (1)$

Where χ is the susceptibility. This method is called (Faraday method). Before measuring the magnetic versus applied field, sample of Ni as reference was used.

Results and discussion

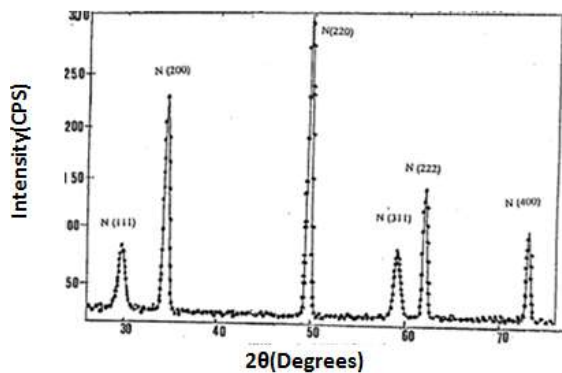
No references were found to any previous investigation in the $Pd_{2-x}Ag_xMnIn$, where $0 \leq x \leq 2$ changes from zero to 2 by increasing 0.2 for every sample. The lattice parameters and electron concentrations are shown in table(1). This work presented was concerned with establishing the structure, magnetic properties of the intermetallic composition of $Pd_{2-x}Ag_xMnIn$. By mixing group IB elements by $Ag^{47}(4d^{10}5s)$ with a group VIII element $Pd^{46}(4d^{10})$ gives rise to a gradual change of the number of electrons (n_c from 4 to 5 to 6). Thus, it was possible to determine the relationship between the continuous change in n_c and the change the different types of structures. At room temperature, the symmetry of all alloys are cubic type FCC structure as shown in figure(1). Variation of the lattice parameters (a) at room temperature as a function of n_c is shown in figure(2). It is noted that the lattice parameters increased slightly in proportion to n_c with

a gradient of $da/dn_c = 0.174 \text{ \AA}$ [13,14]. X-ray powder diffraction patterns were taken for all samples. The majority of alloys are order in the face structure. The results show that nuclear intensities peaks are odd or even like (111)(200)(220)(222)(311)...etc super lattice indicate that the alloys were highly (FCC) structure as shown in figure(1). The reciprocal susceptibility $(1/\chi)$ versus temperature curves are shown in figure(3). The paramagnetic (θ_p) and ferromagnetic curie temperature (θ_F) and Neel temperature (θ_N) for the series are and shown in table(1). It can be seen that there is a very slight increase in (θ_p) with increasing n_c , at $n_c \geq 4.8$, ferromagnetic ordering is observed with increasing (n_c). The results also show that the Faraday balance technique is appropriate for such materials. The effective magnetic moment per atom (P_{eff}) versus composite x also in table(1). (P_{eff}) changes slightly with increasing n_c but generally takes a range value of $4.4 \mu_B \pm 0.2$.

This is no evidence in all the alloys investigated through on this work that the magnetic moment reside on any atom other than the Mn. This results are identical with Brown...etc.[2]2000, Jassim et al[5] 1992, using polarized neutron techniques, have shown that the magnetic moment in Pd_2MnSn are well localized on the Mn atoms, with no observable moment on the Pd sites.

Table(1) structure and magnetic properties of the alloys $Pd_{2-x}Ag_xMnIn$.

Alloy	$a_c \pm 0.003$ (Å)	$p(k)\theta$ ± 2	N or θ_F/θ ± 3	$P_{eff}(\mu_B)$ ($1/X, T$)	structure	N_c c/cheng. form
Pd_2MnIn	6.373	52	141	4.9	FCC	4
$Pd_{1.8}Ag_{0.2}MnIn$	6.397	71	168	4.5	FCC	4.2
$Pd_{1.6}Ag_{0.4}MnIn$	6.410	106	174	4.48	FCC	4.4
$Pd_{1.4}Ag_{0.6}MnIn$	6.440	123	176	4.31	FCC	4.6
$Pd_{1.2}Ag_{0.8}MnIn$	6.470	129	148	4.24	FCC	4.8
$Pd_{0.8}Ag_{1.2}MnIn$	6.552	136	151	4.27	FCC	5.2
$Pd_{0.6}Ag_{1.4}MnIn$	6.576	139	146	4.48	FCC	5.4
$Pd_{0.4}Ag_{1.6}MnIn$	6.647	137	140	4.51	FCC	5.6



Figure(1): X-ray diffraction at RT showing the reflections from the nuclear (FCC) peaks.

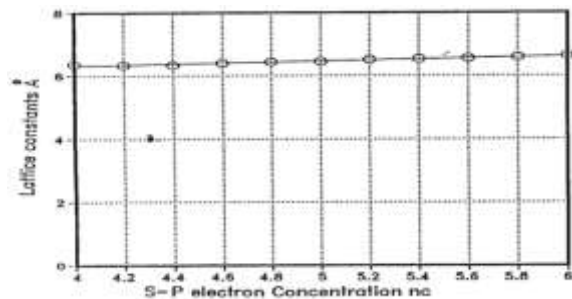


Fig.(2): Lattice Constants A versus electron concentration n_c at room temperature for $Pd_{2-x}Ag_xMnIn$.

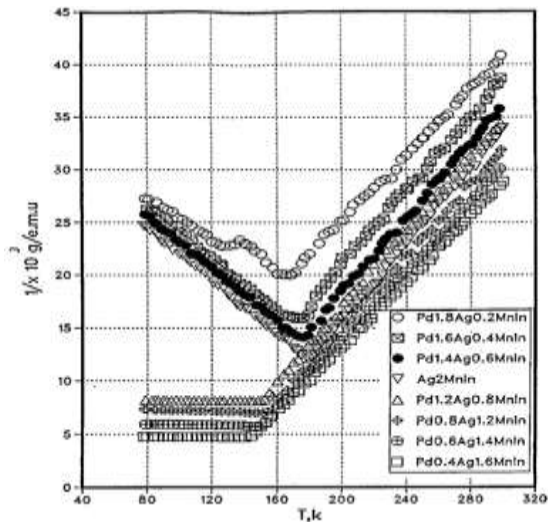


Fig.(3): The reciprocal Susceptibility versus temperature curve Pd_{2-x}Ag_xMnIn alloys.

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Conclusion

The intermetallic compound formed at the compositions Pd_{2-x}Ag_xMnIn with 0 ≤ x ≤ 2 have been investigated. X-ray, neutron diffraction and Faraday balance provides useful information in the analysis of the structural and magnetic properties. The series are highly order in the face cubic center (FCC) structural. Manganese the element common to all the alloys, carries in every case a large magnetic moment ≈ 4.3 μ_B. paramagnetic and ferromagnetic curie temperatures θ_p, θ_F and Neel temperatures θ_N for all samples are calculated from the reciprocal susceptibility curves.

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الخصائص التركيبية و المغناطيسية لسبائك (Pd_{2-x}Ag_xMnIn)

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الملخص

تم دراسة سلسلة سبائك الهايسلر نوع (Pd_{2-x}Ag_xMnIn) مع (0 ≤ x ≤ 2) و تم قياس كل من حيود الاشعة السينية والنيوترون والقابلية المغناطيسية لها. معالم الشبكة تم تحديدها من خلال استقراء نيلسون-رايلي. من خلال هذه السلسلة لوحظ هنالك العديد من التراكيب المغناطيسية مثل الفيرومغناطيسية وضديد الفيرومغناطيسية نوع FCC. وكما تم تحديد درجتي حرارة نيل وكيري (θ_N, θ_F) مع العزم المغناطيسي الفعال لجميع العينات.