

whereas a relatively large orbital component

remains in CrPt₃. The spin component always shows a positive moment in spite of the small amplitude on the Cr-rich side, as a result, the total moment increases linearly with the Mn content. In $(Cr_{0.5}Mn_{0.5})Pt_3$, the total moment is, however, almost cancelled out due to the opposite contribution between the orbital and spin characters, so that this sample has a relatively low Curie temperature.

The Pt *L* edge XMCD provides the evidence that the Pt 5*d* magnetic states sensitively depend on the neighboring TM atom and local environment. The magnetic properties of the $(Cr_{1-X}Mn_X)Pt_3$ system can be explained by taking the average over the volume fractions of ferromagnetic MnPt₃ and ferrimagnetic



Fig.4: Orbital, spin and total magnetic moments of Pt atom estimated from the sum rules. These data are subjected to no correction for the saturation magnetization.

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HIGH RESOLUTION Ce 3*d*-4*f* RESONANT PHOTOEMISSION STUDY OF CeNiSn and CePdSn

Many Ce compounds have attracted interest widely due to their strongly correlated Ce 4*f* states hybridized with valence band states. High resolution photoemission spectroscopy is a useful technique to experimentally reveal the electronic states. It is known, however, that rare-earth 4*f* electronic states on the surface are remarkably different from those in bulk. Measurements at low hv (< 200 eV) cannot faithfully probe the bulk Ce 4*f* states due to their surface-sensitivity.

In order to study such bulk electronic states using high energy excitations (hv > 500 eV), a high resolution photoemission station has been constructed at the twin-helical undulator beamline **BL25SU** [1]. Here, we report high resolution Ce 3*d* resonant photoemission spectra of CeNiSn and CePdSn measured at this station.

CeNiSn is a so-called "Kondo semiconductor" where the Kondo temperature (T_K) is of the order of ~40 K and the Ce 4*f* electrons are valence-fluctuating [2]. For CePdSn, on the other hand, the Ce 4*f* electrons are more localized and T_K is thought to be lower than 7 K [3]. A Ce 3*d* resonant photoemission study was performed with the total energy resolution of ~0.22 eV, as shown in Figure 1(b). The sample temperature was about 20 K.

Figure 1(a) shows Ce 3*d* resonant valence band spectra of CeNiSn and CePdSn together with the Ce 4d resonance spectra. The Ce 4*f* contributions are obtained by subtracting the Ce 3*d* off resonance ($hv \le$ 875 eV) spectra from the on resonance ($hv \sim$ 882 eV) ones ("3*d*-4*f* spectra"). In the 3*d*-4*f* spectra of CeNiSn, one can see a strong peak due to the *f*¹ final states near *E_F* and the shoulder structure of the *f*⁰ final states at ~2.4 eV. For CePdSn, the *f*⁰ peak at about 1.9 eV and the *f*¹ peak near *E_F*, which is comparable to slightly stronger than the *f*⁰ peak, are observed.

The Ce 4*f* contributions obtained by the same procedure in the Ce 4*d* resonance region ($hv \sim 120$ eV, "4*d*-4*f* spectra") are also displayed. They were measured at beamline BL-3B of the Photon Factory. One can notice that the 4*d*-4*f* spectral shapes are



remarkably different from those of the 3d-4f ones. These striking differences are thought to originate from the differences of the *c-f* mixings in the bulk and surface, where c stands for the valence bands.

Details of the resonant spectra near E_F are shown in Figure 1(b). In the Ce 3*d* on resonance spectrum CeNiSn, the binding energy of the maximum intensity is located at <0.2 eV. A further remarkable finding is that the mid-point of the leading edge in the Ce 3d and 4d resonance spectra is unambiguously located above E_F , suggesting the existence of a narrow and strong Kondo peak above E_F .





In the Ce 3d and 4d resonance spectra of CePdSn, on the other hand, the point at half-intensity of the edge is located fairly close to E_F . The point of the maximum intensity in the Ce 3d on resonance spectrum of CePdSn is positioned at ~0.25 eV, which is deeper than that for CeNiSn. This is considered to be reflected in the differences of the *c-f* mixings, and therefore, that of T_K between weakly hybridized CePdSn and more strongly hybridized CeNiSn. We also show the 4d-4f spectra near E_F , broadened by the resolution of the Ce 3d resonant spectra in Figure 1(b). The broadened 4d-4f spectra do not coincide with the Ce 3d on resonance spectra for both materials, indicating that the different line shapes cannot be explained by the resolution effect only. In order to understand the bulk Ce 4f contributions.

we have performed spectral calculations using a noncrossing approximation (NCA) based on the single impurity Anderson model (SIAM) [4]. The properly fitted results of the calculations are compared with the bulk-sensitive 3d-4f spectra in Figure 2, in which the NCA-calculated spectra semi-quantitatively reproduce the experimental ones for both compounds. The estimated T_{K} 's from the calculations are comparable to those mentioned above. For reference, we also show a properly broadened Ce 4f partial density of states (PDOS) obtained by a band-structure calculation for CeNiSn [5] in Figures 2 (a).

According to an improvement of the beamline monochromator, the third resonant photoemission study is nowadays done at a total resolution of 100 meV.





Fig. 2: Comparison of the 3d-4f spectra with theoretical calculations for **(a)** CeNiSn and **(b)** CePdSn. For the experimental 3d-4f spectra, the secondary electron backgrounds of the integration type were properly subtracted from those in Fig. 1 **(a)**.

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