COEXISTENCE OF SUPERCONDUCTIVITY AND ANTIFERROMAGNETISM IN SmAsO1−xFxFe

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Abstracts

Superconductivity and magnetism has been an interesting topic in condensed matter physics and it has been studied experimentally and theoretically for many years. These two cooperative phenomena are antagonistic until the discovery of some rare earth ternary compounds that show the coexistence of superconductivity and magnetism. In some of the recently discovered iron-based layered superconductors, superconductivity and magnetism coexist. In the present work we examine the possibility of coexistence of antiferromagnetism and superconductivity in samarium arsenide oxide superconductor (SmAsO1−xFxFe). Using a model of the Hamiltonian and retarded double time Greens function formalism, we found expressions AFM order Parameter (η) and AFM transition temperature (T_m). We obtained the phase diagrams (T_c vs η) and (T_m vs η) to obtain the region where orders, i.e., superconductivity and AFM (antiferromagnetism) coexist. The region under the intersection of the two merged graphs shows that superconductivity and AFM coexist in the System (SmAsO1−xFxFe).

Key words

Superconductivity, Antiferromagnetism, Cooper pairs, vortex state, order parameter, random phase approximation, nesting.

1. Introduction

Superconductivity is the ability of certain materials to conduct electric current with practically zero resistance. This produces interesting and potentially useful effects. For a material to behave as a superconductor, low temperatures are required. Superconductivity was first observed in 1911 by H. K. Onnes, a Dutch physicist. His experiment was conducted with elemental mercury at 4 kelvin scale (approximately -452 degrees Fahrenheit), the temperature of liquid helium [1].

Most of the physical properties of superconductors vary from material to material, such as the heat Capacity, the critical temperature, critical current density, and critical field at which superconductivity is destroyed. The coexistence of superconductivity and magnetism has been an interesting topic in condensed matter physics and it has been studied experimentally and theoretically for many years. These two cooperative phenomena are antagonistic. According to BCS(Bardeen.cooper,schrieffer) theory a superconductor expels a magnetic field, which in turn destroys superconductivity. However, both superconductivity and magnetic ordering has been seen in harmony (coexists) in some of rare earth compound. The coexistence of superconductivity and antiferromagnetism is quite peaceful and very weakly influences each other. Experiment has been revealed that superconducting and magnetic phases are interplayed in
samarium iron pnictide superconductor \((\text{SmFeAsO}_{1-x}F_x)\) with the long range of \((0.1 \leq x \leq 0.15)\). In this paper we studied theoretical coexist of superconductivity and Antiferromagnetism in \((\text{SmFeAs(O1–xFx)}\).

The newly discovered iron-pnictid superconductor is unconventional superconductivity such as that in copper oxides. The reasons why unconventional pairing may be realized in iron pnictides:
(i) \(T_c\) is very high, compared with conventional phonon- mediated BCS superconductors

(ii) electron-phonon coupling is expected to be weak according to first-principles calculations [21]. Mazin et al. argued that superconductivity realized in the iron-pnictide compounds is unconventional and mediated by antiferromagnetic spin fluctuations. Its pairing state is an extended s-wave pairing with a sign reversal of the order parameter between different Fermi surface sheets [26].

The superconductivity is also induced by the nesting-related antiferromagnetic spin fluctuations near the wave vectors connecting the electron and hole pockets. Kuroki et al [27] constructed a minimal model, where all the necessary five d-bands are included and calculated spin susceptibility and charge susceptibility within random phase approximation.

The most common way that a magnetic field destroys superconductivity is by disturbing the orbital effect, where the electrons in a pair orbit each other, acquiring more and more energy from the magnetic field. Once this energy becomes greater than that which unites the two electrons, the electron pairs break apart and superconductivity is suppressed. The other way magnetic fields can destroy superconductivity is when two electrons have what is called opposite spin; this is when in addition to the two electrons orbiting one another, they also are spinning like tops but in opposite directions, called s-wave spin. When the magnetic field is turned on, one electron gains energy while the other loses. “If the difference is bigger than the amount of energy holding the electrons together, then they fly apart and superconductivity has gone,” explained Naughton [29].

Experimental study on the newly discovered iron pnictide superconductor found that magnetism and superconductivity coexists in the long rang doping in \(\text{SmO1–xFx FeAs} (0.1 \leq x \leq 0.15)\) [33].

2. Model System Hamiltonian

In order to study the coexistence of Antiferromagnetism and superconductivity in superconducting \(\text{SmO1–xFx FeAs}\) theoretically in general and to find the expressions for transition temperature and order parameters in particular, systems of conduction and localized electrons have been considered. The model system Hamiltonian can be formulated as follows.

\[
\hat{H} = \hat{H}_1 + \hat{H}_2 + \hat{H}_3
\]

where

\[
\hat{H}_1 = \sum_{k,\sigma} \epsilon_k \hat{a}_{k,\sigma}^\dagger \hat{a}_{k,\sigma}
\]

Is the Hamiltonian or energy of mobile (conduction) electrons .Here, the operators \(\hat{a}_{k,\sigma}^\dagger (\hat{a}_{k,\sigma})\) are the creation (annihilation) operators for conduction electrons with the wave vector \(k\) and the spin projection on \(z\)-axis \(\sigma = \uparrow\) or \(\downarrow\). \(\epsilon_k\) is the one electron kinetic energy
measured relative to the chemical potential. $\hat{H}_2$ is the interaction (electron-electron) through boson (phonon) exchange and is given by,

$$\hat{H}_2 = -\sum_{\kappa,k'} V_{BCS} \hat{a}_{\kappa 1}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{\kappa' 1}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{-\kappa 1} \hat{a}_{-\kappa' 1}$$

Where $V_{BCS}$ defines the matrix element of the interaction potential. $\hat{H}_3$ is the interaction term between conduction electrons and localized electrons due to some unspecified mechanism with some coupling constant ($\alpha$) and is expressed as,

$$\hat{H}_3 = \sum_{l,m,k} \alpha_{lm} \hat{a}_{\kappa 1}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{-\kappa 1}^{\dagger} \hat{b}_{l 1} \hat{b}_{m 1} + h.c$$

Putting all the three Hamiltonian together we obtain

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\kappa,\sigma} \epsilon_{\kappa} \hat{a}_{\kappa \sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{\kappa \sigma} - \sum_{\kappa,k'} V_{BCS} \hat{a}_{\kappa 1}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{-\kappa 1}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{\kappa' 1} \hat{a}_{-\kappa' 1} + \sum_{l,m,k} \alpha_{lm} \hat{a}_{\kappa 1}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{-\kappa 1}^{\dagger} \hat{b}_{l 1} \hat{b}_{m 1} + h.c \quad (2)$$

### 3. Equation of Motion for Mobile (conduction) Electrons.

The retarded double-time Green function is defined as

$$G(t,t') = \langle [\hat{A}(t'), \hat{B}(t,t')] \rangle$$

To obtain the equation of motion of the Green’s function we differentiate the above equation with respect to time $t$ as,

$$\frac{i d G(t,0)}{d t} = \delta(t,0) < [\hat{A}(t',t'), \hat{B}(t,t')] > -i \omega(t, t') < [\frac{d}{dt} \hat{A}(t, t'), \hat{B}(t, t')] > \quad (4)$$

$$\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \hat{A}(t, t') = [\hat{A}(t, t'), \hat{H}] \quad \text{if} \quad \hbar = 1$$

$$\frac{i d G(t,0)}{d t} = \delta(t-0) < [\hat{A}(t), \hat{B}(0)] > + < [\frac{d}{dt} \hat{A}(t), \hat{H}], \hat{B}(0)] >> \quad (5)$$

To solve this equation it is convenient to work with Fourier transform. A careful analysis show that the function depends on $t$ and $t'$ through $(t-t')$. Thus we can write $G(t, t') = G(t, 0)$ let $G(\omega)$ be the fourier transform of $G(t, 0)$ such that

$$G(t, 0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(\omega) \exp(-i\omega(t-0)) \, d\omega \quad (6)$$

$$G(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(t, 0) \exp(i\omega(t-0)) \, d(t-0) \quad (7)$$

The dirac $\delta(t-0)$ delta function is defined as

$$\delta (t-0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(i\omega(t-0)) \quad (8)$$

Therefore equation (5) becomes
\[ \omega G(\omega) = \langle [\hat{A}(t), \hat{B}(0)] > + \langle [\hat{A}(t), \hat{H}], \hat{B}(0) \rangle \] 

\( \omega G(\omega) \) Can be written as

\[ \omega \ll \hat{A}, \hat{B} > = \langle [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] > + \langle [\hat{A}, \hat{H}], \hat{B} > \] 

Now, let us solve the following commutation relation,

\[ [\hat{a}_{k1}, \hat{H}] = [\hat{a}_{k1}, \hat{H}_1] + [\hat{a}_{k1}, \hat{H}_2] + [\hat{a}_{k1}, \hat{H}_3] \]  

From which we obtain,

\[ [\hat{a}_{k1}, \hat{H}_1] = [\hat{a}_{k1}, \Sigma_{p,\sigma} \epsilon_p \hat{a}_{p,\sigma}^\dagger \hat{a}_{p,\sigma}] = \epsilon_k \hat{a}_{k1} \]  

Following similar procedure as above, we get,

\[ [\hat{a}_{k1}, \hat{H}_2] = -\Sigma_{p} V_{kp} \hat{a}_{-k1}^\dagger \hat{a}_{-p1} \hat{a}_{p1}^\dagger \]  

and

\[ [\hat{a}_{k1}, \hat{H}_3] = \Sigma_{l,m} \alpha_{l,m} \hat{a}_{-k1}^\dagger \hat{b}_{l1} \hat{b}_{m1} \]  

Substituting equations (12), (13) and (14) into the equation of motion,

\[ \langle \hat{a}_{k1}, \hat{a}_{k1}^\dagger \rangle = 1 - (\Delta - \eta) \langle \hat{a}_{-k1}, \hat{a}_{k1}^\dagger \rangle / (\omega - \epsilon_k) \]  

Where \( \Delta = \Sigma_{p} V_{pp} \langle \hat{a}_{-p1} \hat{a}_{p1}^\dagger \rangle \) and \( \eta = \Sigma_{l,m} \alpha_{l,m} \langle \hat{b}_{l1} \hat{b}_{m1} \rangle \)

One can also obtain the equation of motion for the expression \( \langle \hat{a}_{-k1}, \hat{a}_{k1}^\dagger \rangle \) and obtain,

\[ \omega \ll \hat{a}_{-k1}, \hat{a}_{k1}^\dagger \rangle = -\epsilon_k \ll \hat{a}_{-k1}, \hat{a}_{k1}^\dagger \rangle - \Sigma_{p} V_{pp} \langle \hat{a}_{-p1}, \hat{a}_{p1}^\dagger \rangle \ll \hat{a}_{k1}, \hat{a}_{k1}^\dagger \rangle \]  

\[ + \Sigma_{l,m} \alpha_{l,m} \langle \hat{b}_{l1} \hat{b}_{m1} \rangle > \ll \hat{a}_{k1}, \hat{a}_{k1}^\dagger \rangle \]  

For \( \epsilon_k = \epsilon_{-k}, \Delta = \Delta^* \) and \( \eta = \eta^* \), we obtain,

\[ \langle \hat{a}_{-k1}^\dagger, \hat{a}_{k1}^\dagger \rangle = - (\Delta - \eta) \langle \hat{a}_{k1}, \hat{a}_{k1}^\dagger \rangle / (\omega + \epsilon_k) \]  

Now, using equations (16) and (17), the equation of motion becomes,

\[ (\omega + \epsilon_k) \langle \hat{a}_{-k1}, \hat{a}_{k1}^\dagger \rangle = - (\Delta - \eta) \langle \hat{a}_{-k1}, \hat{a}_{k1}^\dagger \rangle / (\omega - \epsilon_k) + (\Delta - \eta)^2 \langle \hat{a}_{-k1}, \hat{a}_{k1}^\dagger \rangle \]  

From which we obtain,

\[ \langle \hat{a}_{-k1}, \hat{a}_{k1}^\dagger \rangle = \frac{- (\Delta - \eta)}{(\omega^2 - \epsilon_k^2 - (\Delta - \eta)^2)} \]  

Using the relation for \( \Delta \), given by,
\[ \Delta = \frac{v}{\beta} \sum_{\kappa} \ll \hat{a}_{-\kappa \uparrow}, \hat{a}_{\kappa \uparrow}^\dagger \gg \]  
(20)

and by changing the summation into integration and by introducing the density of states at the Fermi level, \((N(0))\), we get,

\[ \Delta = -\frac{1}{\beta} \int_{-\epsilon_F}^{\infty} N(0)V \frac{(\Delta - \eta)}{\omega^2 - \epsilon^2 - (\Delta - \eta)^2} \, d\epsilon \]  
(21)

Now, changing \(\omega \to i\omega_n\), we use the Matsubara frequency

\[ \omega_n = (2n + 1) \frac{\pi}{\beta} \]  
(22)

Now, using equation (22) in equation (21), we get,

\[ \Delta = 2N(0)V\beta \sum_n \int_0^{\hbar \omega_b} \frac{(\Delta - \eta)}{(2n+1)^2 \pi^2 + \beta^2 E^2} \, d\epsilon, \]  
(23)

Where \(E^2 = \epsilon_b^2 + (\Delta - \eta)^2\). Since attraction is effective in the region \(-\hbar \omega_b < \epsilon < \hbar \omega_b\), and taking the density of state to be constant in this region and using the relation,

\[ \frac{1}{2x} \tanh \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)^2 \pi + x^2} \]

We can write equation (23) as,

\[ \Delta = 2N(0)V\beta \int_0^{\hbar \omega_b} (\Delta - \eta) \frac{1}{2\beta E} \tanh(\beta E/2) \, d\epsilon \]  
(24)

Let \(\lambda = N(0)V\),

\[ \frac{\Delta}{\lambda} = \int_0^{\hbar \omega_b} \frac{(\Delta - \eta)}{\sqrt{\epsilon_b^2 + (\Delta - \eta)^2}} \tanh(\beta \sqrt{\epsilon_b^2 + (\Delta - \eta)^2}/2) \, d\epsilon \]  
(25)

**3.1 Effect of Temperature on Superconducting order parameter (\(\Delta\)) and magnetic order parameter (\(\eta\)).**

Now, let us study equation (25) by considering different cases.

**Case (I):** As \(T \to 0K, \beta \to \infty\), so that, \(\tanh(\beta E/2) \to 1\)

Hence, equation (25) becomes,

\[ \frac{\Delta}{\lambda} = \int_0^{\hbar \omega_b} \frac{(\Delta - \eta)}{\sqrt{\epsilon_b^2 + (\Delta - \eta)^2}} \, d\epsilon \]  
(26)

Using the integral \(\int \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}} \, dx = a \sinh^{-1}(x/a)\), where \(= \Delta - \eta\), equation (25) becomes,

Simplifying that we obtain

\[ \Delta - \eta = 2\hbar \omega_b \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{\lambda \left(1 - \frac{2}{\lambda} \right)} \right] \]  
(27)
For $\eta = 0$, equation (27) reduces to the well-known BCS model.

$\Delta(0) = 1.75k_B T_c$. Thus,

for the compound $\text{SmFeAsO}_1 - x\text{F}$ the experimental result of $T_c = 51.5k$ so that

$\Delta(0) = 90.15$

Case (II): At $T=T_c$, $\Delta = 0$. Equation (27) reduces,

$$T_c = \frac{1.14\hbar \omega_b}{k_B} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{\lambda \left(1 - \frac{a\eta}{\Delta(0)}\right)}\right]$$

(28)

Where

$\frac{\hbar \omega_b}{k_B} = 170k$

$\lambda = 0.3 - 0.9$

$\eta = 0.05 - 7$

$a = 0.00000067$

By substituting these values into the above equation we can calculate theoretical value for the critical temperature for $\text{SmAsFeO}_{0.85}\text{F}_{0.15}$ $T_c=55.5k$

These are taken from the experimental data

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Figure 3.1: Superconducting critical temperature vs. magnetic order parameter indicates,
as the magnetic order parameter ($\eta$) increases the superconducting transition temperature $T_c$ decreases.

### 3.2 Equation of motion for localized electrons.

Using Green’s function formalism, the equation of motion for the localized electrons is obtained to be,

$$\omega \ll \langle \hat{b}_{l\uparrow}^*, \hat{b}_{l\uparrow} \rangle = 1 + \langle \hat{b}_{l\uparrow}^*, \hat{H}; \hat{b}_{l\uparrow}^* \rangle$$  \hspace{1cm} (29)

Now, using the Hamiltonian given in equation (1), we evaluated the commutation $[b_{l\uparrow}, H]$ and obtained,

$$\omega \ll \langle \hat{b}_{l\uparrow}^*, \hat{b}_{l\uparrow} \rangle = 1 + \epsilon \ll \langle \hat{b}_{l\uparrow}^*, \hat{b}_{l\uparrow} \rangle + \sum_{\kappa,m} \alpha_{l,m} \ll \hat{a}_{-\kappa\uparrow} \hat{a}_{\kappa\uparrow} \hat{b}_{m\uparrow}^*, \hat{b}_{l\uparrow}^* \rangle$$  \hspace{1cm} (30)

$$\ll \hat{b}_{l\uparrow}, \hat{b}_{l\uparrow}^* \rangle = \frac{1}{(\omega - \epsilon)} + \frac{\Delta}{(\omega - \epsilon)} \ll \hat{b}_{m\uparrow}^*, \hat{b}_{l\uparrow}^* \rangle$$  \hspace{1cm} (31)

Where $\Delta = \sum_{l,m} \alpha_{l,m} < \hat{a}_{-\kappa\uparrow} \hat{a}_{\kappa\uparrow}>$

Applying similar procedure as above and assuming $\epsilon_i = \epsilon_m$, we can obtain the expression for $\ll \hat{b}_{m\uparrow}^*, \hat{b}_{l\uparrow}^* \rangle$ to be,

$$\ll \hat{b}_{m\uparrow}^*, \hat{b}_{l\uparrow}^* \rangle = \frac{\Delta_i}{(\omega + \epsilon)} \ll \hat{b}_{l\uparrow}, \hat{b}_{l\uparrow}^* \rangle$$  \hspace{1cm} (32)

Now, from equations (31) and (32), we get,

$$\ll \hat{b}_{m\uparrow}^*, \hat{b}_{l\uparrow}^* \rangle = \frac{\Delta_i}{(\omega^2 - \epsilon_i^2 - \Delta_i^2)}$$  \hspace{1cm} (33)

From which we get,

$$\ll \hat{b}_{l\uparrow}, \hat{b}_{l\uparrow}^* \rangle = \frac{(\omega + \epsilon)}{(\omega^2 - \epsilon_i^2 - \Delta_i^2)}$$  \hspace{1cm} (34)

### 3.3 Correlation between conduction and mobile electrons.

The equation of motion that shows the correlation between the conduction and localized electrons can be demonstrated. Using similar definition as for $\Delta$, we can write the magnetic ordering parameter, $\eta$ as,

$$\eta = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \sum_{\kappa,n} \ll \hat{b}_{m\uparrow}^*, \hat{b}_{l\uparrow}^* \rangle = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \sum_{\kappa,n} \frac{\Delta_i}{(\omega^2 - \epsilon_i^2 - \Delta_i^2)}$$  \hspace{1cm} (35)

Changing the summation into integration and by introducing the density of states, $N(0)$, we get,

$$\eta = \frac{2N(0)}{\beta} \sum_n \int_0^{\hbar \omega} \frac{\Delta_i}{(\omega^2 - \epsilon_i^2 - \Delta_i^2)} d\epsilon$$  \hspace{1cm} (36)
Using the Matsubara frequency, $\omega_n = \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{\beta}$ and $\frac{1}{2x} \tanh(x/2) = \sum_n \frac{1}{(2n+1)^2 + x^2}$

Equation (36) becomes,

$$\eta = \lambda_l \int_0^{\hbar \omega_b} \frac{|\Delta_l|}{\sqrt{\epsilon_l^2 + \Delta_l^2}} \tanh(\beta \sqrt{(\epsilon_l^2 + \Delta_l^2)/2}) \, d\epsilon,$$

where $\lambda_l = N(0) \alpha$ and $E^2 = \epsilon_l^2 + \Delta_l^2$.

Now, let us first solve the following expression.

$$\int_0^{\hbar \omega_b} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_l^2 + \Delta_l^2}} \tanh(\beta \sqrt{(\epsilon_l^2 + \Delta_l^2)/2}) \, d\epsilon = \int_0^{\hbar \omega_b} \frac{2}{\beta} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\omega_n^2 + \epsilon^2 + \Delta_l^2} \, d\epsilon,$$

Using Laplace’s transform and Matsubara frequency, equation (38) becomes,

$$\int_0^{\hbar \omega_b} \tanh\left(\frac{\beta \sqrt{(\epsilon_l^2 + \Delta_l^2)}}{2}\right) \, d\epsilon = \int_0^{\hbar \omega_b} \frac{4}{\beta} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\epsilon^4 (1 + x^2)^2} \, d\epsilon.$$

where

$$I_1 = \int_0^{\hbar \omega_b} \frac{\tanh(\beta \epsilon/2)}{\epsilon} \, d\epsilon = -\ln 1.14 \frac{\hbar \omega_b}{k_B T_m},$$

and

$$I_2 = \int_0^{\hbar \omega_b} \frac{\Delta_l^2}{\beta} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\epsilon^4 (1 + x^2)^2} \, d\epsilon + \cdots \approx \left(\frac{\Delta_l}{\pi k_B T_m}\right)^2 1.05$$

Then,

$$\eta \approx -\lambda_l \Delta_l \left(\ln \left(1.14 \frac{\hbar \omega_b}{k_B T_m}\right) + \left(\frac{\Delta_l}{\pi k_B T_m}\right)^2 1.05\right)$$

Since $\Delta_l$ is very small, $\Delta_l^3$ can be neglected and thus equation (36) becomes,

$$\eta \approx -\lambda_l \Delta_l \ln 1.14 \frac{\hbar \omega_b}{k_B T_m}$$

From which we get,

$$T_m = \frac{1.14}{k_B} \hbar \omega_b \exp \left(\frac{\eta}{\lambda_l \Delta_l}\right)$$
4. Results and Discussions

In this chapter, We examined the effect of magnetic order parameter $\eta$ on superconducting transition temperature ($T_c$) and on AFM(Antiferromagnetism) transition temperature ($T_m$) in SmO$_1$–xFxFeAs. In chapter three, using the model of the Hamiltonian and retarded double time temperature dependent Greens function formalism, we obtained mathematical expressions the magnetic order parameter($\eta$), and Antiferromagnetism transition temperature ($T_m$). From Eq(27) we have got the superconducting transition (critical) temperature for the superconductor SmO$_1$–xFxFeAs. Using this $T_c$ value and Eq(28) we plotted the phase diagram of $T_c$ versus $\eta$ (Fig 3.1). This figure indicates, as the magnetic order parameter ($\eta$) increases the superconducting transition temperature ($T_c$) decreases. The phase diagram of magnetic ordering
temperature (Tm) versus magnetic ordering (η) also plotted (Fig 3.2) based on the Eq. (43). As we observed from this graph the magnetic transition temperature is increases (directly Proportional) as the magnetic order parameter increases. And finally, we merged Fig(3.1) and Fig(3.2) obtained coexistence of Superconductivity and AFM.

5. Conclusion

In this work, we have studied the possible co-existence of Aniferromagnetism and superconductivity in SmO1–xFxF eAs. Using a model Hamiltonian and Greens function formalism we obtained mathematical expression magnetic order parameter (η), critical temperature (Tc), and AFM transitional temperature (Tm). Based on these mathematical expressions we plotted the graphs Tc vs (η), (Tm) vs (η) and finally the last two graphs (Tc vs (η) and Tm vs (η) were merged to obtain the coexistence of superconductivity and AFM. The result of our work described:

a) when magnetic order parameter increases the critical temperature decreases.

b) while the magnetic order parameter increases with the AFM transitional temperature.

Moreover, the region under the intersection of the two merged graphs (Fig 3.3) shows that superconductivity and AFM coexist in SmO1–xFxF eAs.

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