

***Ab-initio* calculations of ordering degree in Fe₃Si alloy doped with Mn and Cr**

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Fe₃Si crystallises in the DO₃-type structure. Mössbauer spectroscopy indicates that small disorder between B and D sites is present in real materials [1, 2]. It means that some silicon atoms occupy B sites. This disordering is still present, while doping Fe₃Si with chromium [3]. In compound Fe_{3-x}Mn_xSi Mössbauer measurements indicated additionally partial disorder between (A,C) and D sites [4]. So far, we have carried out thorough theoretical investigations concerning Fe_{3-x}Cr_xSi [5-7] and Fe_{3-x}Mn_xSi [8] alloys under assumption that silicon atoms occupy D sites only. Because of some discrepancies between theoretical and experimental results, we suspected that experimentally found disorder should be taken into account. Thus we introduce now in calculations a small disorder between both B-D and (A,C)-D positions. Positions' exchange between only Fe and Si is taken into account. Doping atoms (Cr and Mn) are allowed to occupy only B and (A,C) sites. Ab-initio studies are carried out for pure Fe₃Si and for concentration $x=0.125$. TB-LMTO-ASA method within LSD approximation is applied.

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