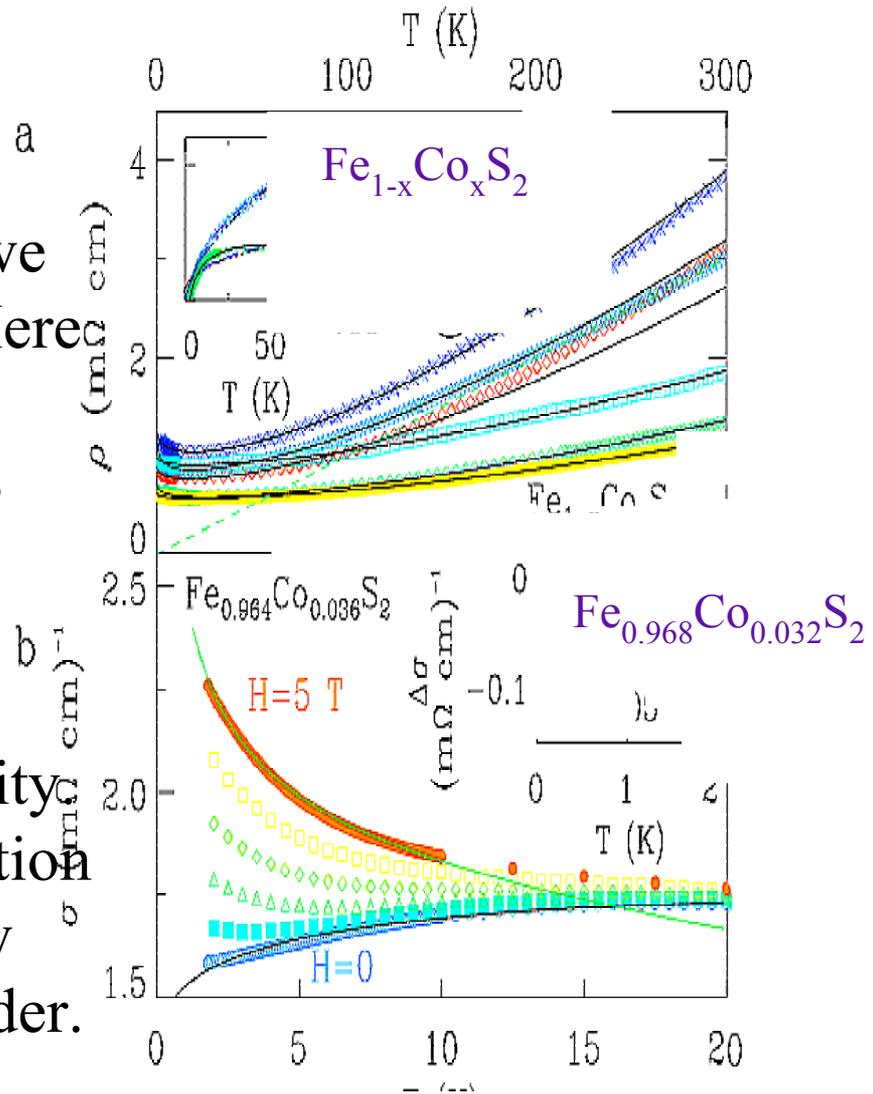


Quantum Critical Behavior in Magnetic Semiconductors,

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Metals do not conform to the well established properties of Fermi Liquids near magnetic instabilities. This realization is challenging the way in which we think about magnetic metals. Here we show that a magnetic semiconductor, $\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Co}_x\text{S}_2$, has many features in common with these marginal-Fermi-Liquids including the nearly linear temperature-dependent resistivity. In b we display a new contribution to the conductivity due to a low carrier concentration and disorder.

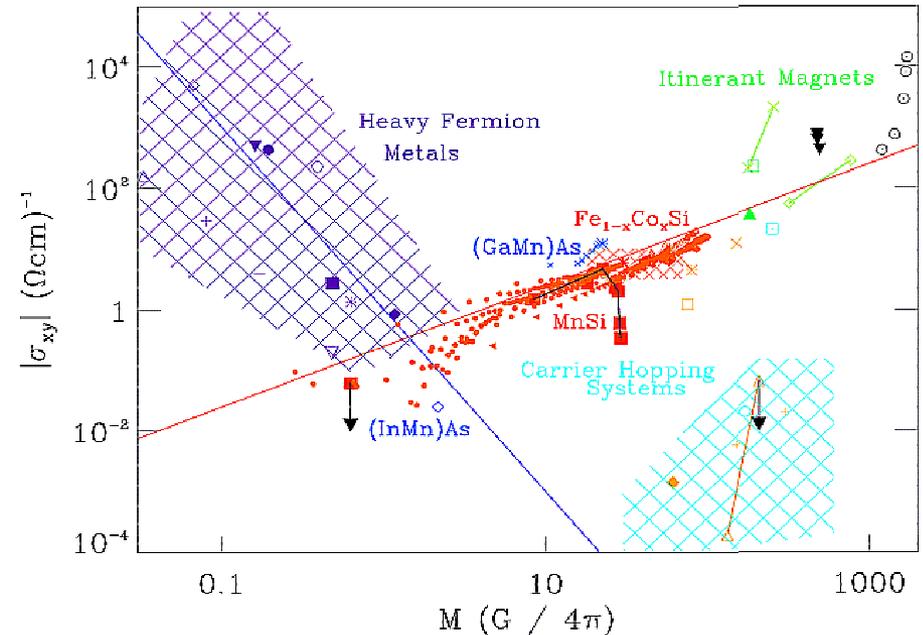


Large Anomalous Hall Effect in a Silicon-Based Magnetic Semiconductor

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Magnetic Semiconductors are attracting high interest because of their potential use for spintronics. We have shown that a transition metal monosilicide $\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Co}_x\text{Si}$, a bulk metallic magnet derived from doping the narrow gap semiconductor FeSi, shares the very high anomalous Hall conductance of (GaMn)As. This similarity demonstrates that it is productive to consider transition metal monosilicides as a potential alternatives to the Mn doped II-V and II-VI semiconductors for spintronics.

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