

Lawrence, Thompson, and Chen Respond: The key new experimental result reported in our paper is the existence of a temperature scale of order 40 K in CePd₃. In the paper we identified this scale as the coherence temperature, but Mihalisin and Crow (MC) rightly point out that the onset of coherence can already be observed at $T_{\max}=125$ K. To clarify our main point, then, we should perhaps speak of *three* energy scales in CePd₃: the high temperature T_K , the temperature T_{\max} , which signals the onset of coherence, and the temperature $T_\gamma=40$ K below which further anomalies occur, including the growth of the $5d$ contribution to the $4f$ form factor.

Evidence for this scale comes primarily from (a) the radically different pressure dependence of the resistivity above and below 40 K and (b) the existence of two maxima (one at $T=0$ and another at T_{\max}) separated by a minimum in the resistivity of Ce_{0.97}La_{0.03}Pd₃ alloys. If alloying destroyed coherence on the scale T_{\max} , we would expect only one maximum; the existence of the minimum implies that two different mechanisms affect the resistivity at low temperatures.

To date we have studied the resistivity of CeM_xPd₃ alloys for $M=La$, $x=0.03$, 0.06 , and 0.09 and for $M=Y, Sc$, $x=0.03$. Our data agree with that of Schneider and Wohlleben¹ and differ from that of MC² in two significant respects. First, MC do not observe the two maxima for $x=0.01$ and 0.03 . Second, the MC data are identical for $x=0.01$ to 0.04 , while our data and those of Schneider and Wohlleben show $\rho_0(x)$ to vary strongly in this range of x , saturating for $x \geq 0.06$. Therefore, we disagree that an "additive-impurity" model is irrelevant for $x=0.03$.

On the other hand, the resistivity is virtually identical for different solutes ($M=La, Y, Sc$) at fixed x : $\rho_0(x)$ has the same value¹ and our recent work shows that for $x=0.03$ the temperature dependence $\{\rho=\rho_0[1-(T/T_*)^2]\}$ with $T_* \sim 40-50$ K is identical for the three solutes. It is the *absence* of a cerium atom from its appropriate site that governs the alloy resistivity. Such a situation can be described by the Hamiltonian given in our paper: a pure Anderson lattice plus a "Kondo-hole" term. In retrospect, we realize that the terminology is unfortunate since it is easy to show for a Kondo (as opposed to Anderson) lattice that the hole term has the wrong sign to give a Kondo effect. Nevertheless, if the heavy quasiparticles carry

the electric current, they will be strongly scattered by such a "cerium sublattice hole," and the effect will disappear when the heavy fermions renormalize away at high temperatures. Both the observed T^2 coefficients and the existence of a minimum near 40 K in the alloys suggest this effect occurs on the scale T_γ .

Most studies³ of CePd_{3+y} show a large residual resistivity ρ_0 when $y > 0$ and a vanishing ρ_0 for $y < 0$. Our explanation of this is that when $y > 0$ there will be vacancies or Pd atoms on the cerium sublattice, causing strong scattering. (AuCu₃ disorder due to excessive annealing can cause the same effect.¹) When y is small in Ce_{1-x}M_xPd_{3+y} these effects can dominate the resistivity; perhaps this is why MC observed only one maximum and no variation of ρ_0 with x . We compensated by making y slightly negative.

Such large effects per solute atom are *not* necessarily expected in other systems. As pointed out in our paper, CePd₃ is unusual in having a very low density of carriers at ϵ_F . The resistivity will be affected more profoundly by the $4f$'s than in, say, CeSn₃ where there exists a healthy density of Sn s - p electrons to shunt the f channel.

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³M. J. Besnus, J. P. Kappler, and A. Meyer, J. Phys. F **13**, 597 (1983); H. Sthioul, D. Jaccard, and J. Sierro, in *Valence Instabilities*, edited by P. Wachter and H. Boppert (North-Holland, Amsterdam, 1982), p. 443. Our data for $y = -0.12, -0.02, -0.01, +0.04$, and $+0.09$ agree with those of these two reports. Curiously, the MC data shown in Ref. 2 have the opposite sign, i.e., large residual resistivity for *negative* x .