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Physical Properties of Single Crystal EuIn_2P_2 and EuGa_2P_2 ¹

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— Single crystals of EuIn_2P_2 and EuGa_2P_2 have been grown by a metal flux
method. The EuIn_2P_2 material crystallizes in a new hexagonal structure type and
orders magnetically at 24 K. The magnetic ordering is anisotropic suggesting a
possible canted ferromagnetic magnetic structure. The temperature dependent re-
sistivity data indicate semi-metallic behavior. Negative colossal magnetoresistance
is observed at the ordering temperature. The gallium metal analogue, EuGa_2P_2 ,
crystallizes in a related monoclinic structure and magnetically orders at a slightly
higher temperature. Magnetization, resistivity and specific heat data are presented
for both compounds.

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