

**Magnetic and transport properties of n and p-type-doped  
 $\text{Mn}_x\text{Ge}_{1-x}$  single crystals**

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## **1. Introduction**

Recently, Mn substitution has yielded ferromagnetism in germanium, a group IV semiconductor with a band gap of 0.65 eV (at 300 K), with  $T_c = 116$  K in an MBE-grown film [1] and 285 K in bulk single crystal [2]. And,  $\text{Cr}_x\text{Ge}_{1-x}$  ( $x=0.01$ ) showed ferromagnetic ordering at 126 K [3]. Here we report magnetic and transport properties of n and p-type doped  $\text{Mn}_x\text{Ge}_{1-x}$  single crystals.

## **2. Experiment**

Single crystals  $\text{Mn}_x\text{Ge}_{1-x}$  were prepared from high-purity (99.999%) germanium (Ge), manganese (Mn), and arsenide (As) powders as with particle sizes  $< -200$  mesh to maximize the surface area and thereby enhance the reaction kinetics. First, the powders were weighed and loaded into thick walled quartz ampoules. The ampoules were then evacuated ( $< 10^{-6}$  Torr) and sealed. After encapsulation, the sealed ampoule was mixed, loaded into a vertical furnace (using the vertical gradient solidification method), and heated slowly to form single phase. The ampoule was heated to 1050 °C at 30 °C/h followed by a 170 h-soak. For single crystal

growth, the temperature was slowly cooled at 1 °C/h to a point below the melting temperature (937 °C for Ge) and thereafter at 100 °C/h. We used Ga and As as n and p-type dopants, respectively, for  $Mn_xGe_{1-x}$  crystals.

### 3. Results and Discussions

The lattice constant increases linearly with Mn concentration due to the larger Mn atomic radius compared with Ge, strongly indicating that Mn ions are being incorporated into the host Ge lattice.  $Ge_{0.94}Mn_{0.06}$  showed antiferromagnetic (AFM)-ferromagnetic (FM) and FM-paramagnetic (PM) transitions at ~ 150 and 285 K, respectively. We have also fabricated n-type ( $\sim 1 \times 10^{18} \text{cm}^{-3}$ )  $Ge_{0.95}Mn_{0.05}$  single crystal with As addition.  $Ge_{0.95}Mn_{0.05}:As$  showed FM-PM transitions at ~ 289 K, as determined from temperature dependent magnetization and resistance measurements. Interestingly, at the low temperature FM was observed. The coercive fields were 328 and 646 Oe at 5 and 250 K, respectively. We will also discuss the magnetic and transport of Ga-doped p-type  $Mn_xGe_{1-x}$ .

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