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Vapor deposition 방법으로 성장시킨 비정질 $\text{Ge}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x$ 박막의 자기적 특성 및 자기수송 특성

Magnetic and Magnetotransport Properties of amorphous $\text{Ge}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x$ Thin Films Grown by Vapor Deposition

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Magnetic properties of amorphous $\text{Ge}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x$ thin films were investigated. The semiconductor thin films were grown at 373K on (100)Si wafers by using a thermal evaporator. Growth rate was ~40nm/min and average film thickness was around 500nm. Thickness and composition were measured by utilizing an alpha-step and an energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy, respectively. X-ray analysis shows that the $\text{Ge}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x$ thin films are amorphous when Mn concentration is less than 30 at%, but diffraction peaks appeared when Mn concentration exceeds 30at%. The electrical resistivities of $\text{Ge}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x$ thin films are $5.0 \times 10^{-4} \sim 1 \Omega\text{cm}$ at room temperature and decrease with increasing Mn concentration. Magnetic properties of amorphous $\text{Ge}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x$ thin films were measured by using a VSM and a SQUID. The saturation magnetization of amorphous semiconductor thin films vary with Mn concentration, and the largest saturation magnetization is ~100emu/cc for 11.8at% Mn at 5K. Low temperature magnetization characteristics and magnetic hysteresis loops measured at various temperatures show that the amorphous $\text{Ge}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x$ thin films are ferromagnetic at low temperature but the ferromagnetic magnetization are changing gradually into paramagnetic as increasing temperature. The Curie temperature of amorphous $\text{Ge}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x$ thin films is considered to be around 150K. The in-field electrical resistivity of amorphous $\text{Ge}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x$ thin films is lower than the zero-field electrical resistivity when $T < T_C$, but the reverse is true when $T > T_C$. However, the in-field electrical resistivity of amorphous $\text{Ge}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x$ thin films is always higher than the zero-field electrical resistivity when Mn concentration is larger than ~12at%. In Addition, magnetotransport characteristics of amorphous $\text{Ge}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x$ thin films show anomalous Hall phenomenon and negative magnetoresistance when $T < T_C$. The results suggest that the Mn atoms in amorphous $\text{Ge}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x$ thin films be related to spin dependent scattering depending on magnetization.

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