

The Ferromagnetisms of GaMnN Grown via Molecular Beam Epitaxy Using a Single GaN Precursor

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Since the discovery of ferromagnetism in diluted magnetic semiconductor (DMS), it is expected to establish a new material for spintronic devices, where both of the intrinsic properties, charge and spin, of electron could be exploited simultaneously. The material having Curie temperature higher than room temperature is a crucial requirement for practical device applications. GaMnN is addressed to be a potential candidate signifying critical temperature exceeding room temperature. Therefore, GaMnN inspired intriguing attentions of researchers in recent decades. Prior to device applications, it is powerful to fully understand the origin of ferromagnetism in GaMnN. If so, it will show great benefit for practical applications. However, by far, comparative arguments to the ferromagnetism origin in DMS occurred among researchers, due to their different experiment methods, techniques and groups. So far, for the mechanisms of the ferromagnetism in GaMnN, except the bound magnetic polaron and the giant magnetic moments of small Mn₂N clusters, two varies of ferromagnetisms prevail: Zener's p-d exchange [1] and double exchange mechanisms [2]. Up to date, the mechanism of the ferromagnetism origin in GaMnN was not fully understood. Controversy is proceeding among researchers. Herein, we will firstly make a clear distinguish of the mechanisms theoretically and then exhibit our experiment results obtained using a single GaN precursor via molecular beam epitaxy (MBE) through Mg and Be doping in GaMnN at different substrate temperature. Discussion and analysis are performed and their possible ferromagnetic mechanisms are suggested. We expect it is favorable to understand the ferromagnetisms in GaMnN.

Two series GaMnN films were grown on sapphire (0001) substrate via MBE. Single molecular GaN precursor source of Me-Ga(N₂)(NH₂)(Bu) and solid source of Mn, Mg and Be were used. The temperature of the dopant cell for Mn was fixed at 900 °C. Besides the same basic experiments conditions, one series is Mg codoped GaMnN at the substrate temperature 700 °C with the dopant cell temperature of Mg varied in the ranges of 320-350 °C; another series is Be codoped GaMnN at the substrate temperature 620 °C with the dopant cell temperature of Be varied in the ranges of 900-920 °C. The crystal structures were examined using XRD with Cu Kα radiation. The film resistivities and thickness were measured by the four-point probe method and α-step profile, respectively. SQUID was used to measure the magnetic properties of the films.

Two series of GaMnN films were grown by Mg codoping and Be codoping within the same basic experiment conditions to investigate the ferromagnetism mechanism in GaMnN films. In terms of their film resistivity variations, carrier-mediated ferromagnetism and d-d exchange interaction between Mn atoms were discussed and proposed to be possible to describe the ferromagnetisms in GaMnN.

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Magnetic Properties of Iron Sulfides Doped with 3d Transition-Metals

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It is found by Mössbauer measurements on $M_{0.025}Fe_{0.975}S$ (M=Sc, Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Co, Ni, Cu) that the 3d-transition metal impurities profoundly effect both the crystallographic and spin rotation transitions of iron sulfide.

The purpose of this research is to report the effect of 3d transition-metal on the and Morin (spin-flip) transitions as well as on the superexchange interactions in iron sulfides.

It is noteworthy that both $V_{0.025}Fe_{0.975}S$ and $Co_{0.025}Fe_{0.975}S$ have Morin transition temperatures T_M which are distinctly different from that of FeS; furthermore, the directions of changes of T_M as opposite for $V_{0.025}Fe_{0.975}S$ and $Co_{0.025}Fe_{0.975}S$.

A vanadium impurity of 2.5 % of the metal atoms in the iron sulfide makes the crystallographic transition take place rapidly in a narrow temperature region of about 15 K, while the α transition in FeS takes place over a wide temperature range of about 200 K. It is also found that the α transition for $V_{0.025}Fe_{0.975}S$ has a hysteresis width of 5 K.

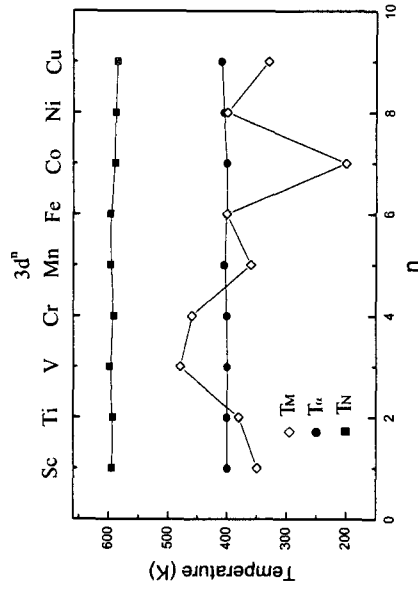


Fig. 1. Compositional dependence of Néel temperature T_N , α transition temperature T_{α} , and the Morin transition temperature T_M .