

MgB₂, substituted MgB₂, and other diborides

MgB₂ crystals **Mg¹¹B₂** crystals **MgB_{2-x}C_x** crystals **Mg_{1-x}Al_xB₂** crystals

Mg_{1-x}Mn_xB₂ crystals **Mg_{1-x}Li_xB₂** crystals **Mg_{1-x}Li_x(B_{1-y}C_y)₂** crystals

Mg_{1-x}(Al,Li)_xB₂ crystals **Mg_{1-x}Fe_xB₂** crystals **Mg_{1-x}Co_xB₂** crystals

Mg_{1-x}Cr_xB₂ crystals **Mg_{1-x}Pd_xB₂** crystals **Mg_{1-x}Zn_xB₂** crystals

Mg_{1-x}Sc_xB₂ crystalline samples **TiB₂** powder **MoB₂** powder

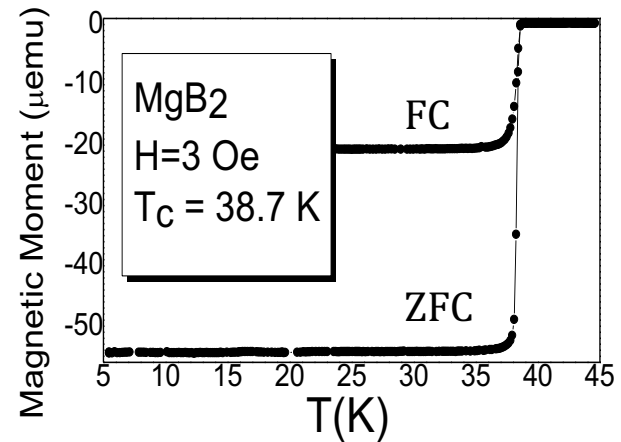
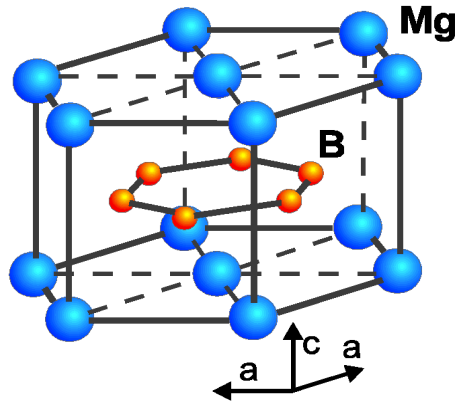
TaB₂ powder **CrB₂** powder

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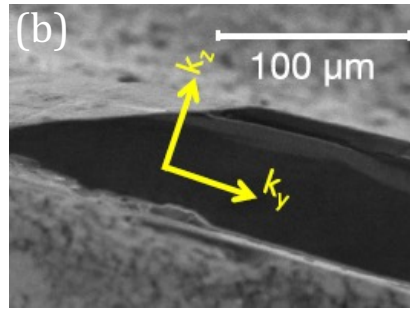
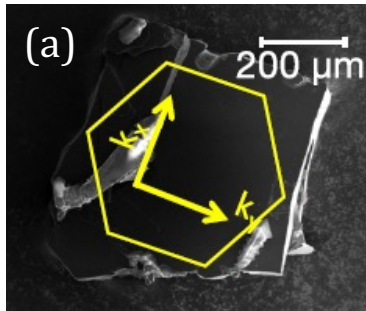
MgB₂

MgB₂ crystals, $T_C \approx 38.7$ K, sizes up to $1 \times 1 \times 0.1$ mm³



MgB₂ crystallizes in the hexagonal structure with P6/mmm space group

Magnetization ZFC and FC curves of MgB₂ crystal



In-plane (a) and edge-cleaved (b) views

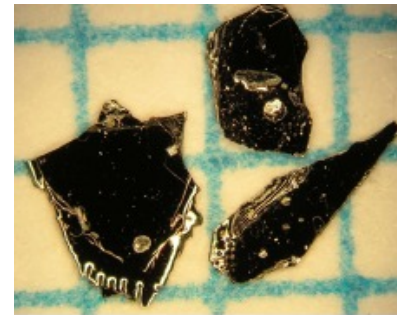


Image of MgB₂ crystals

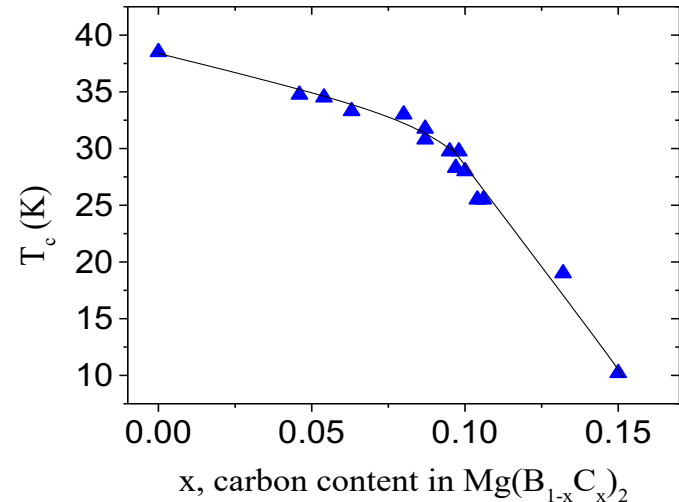
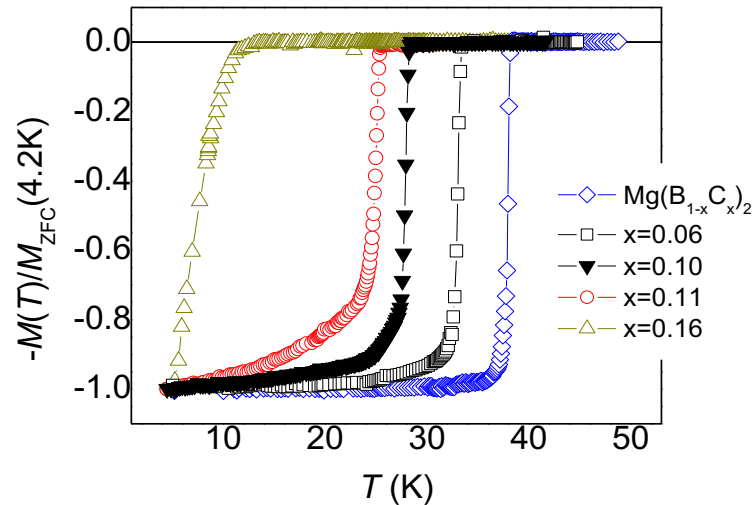
MgB₂ is a two electronic bands, two energy gaps superconductor with a high T_C of 39 K and unusual properties such as temperature and field dependent anisotropy.

Ref.: [Physica C 456 \(2007\) 3-13](#)

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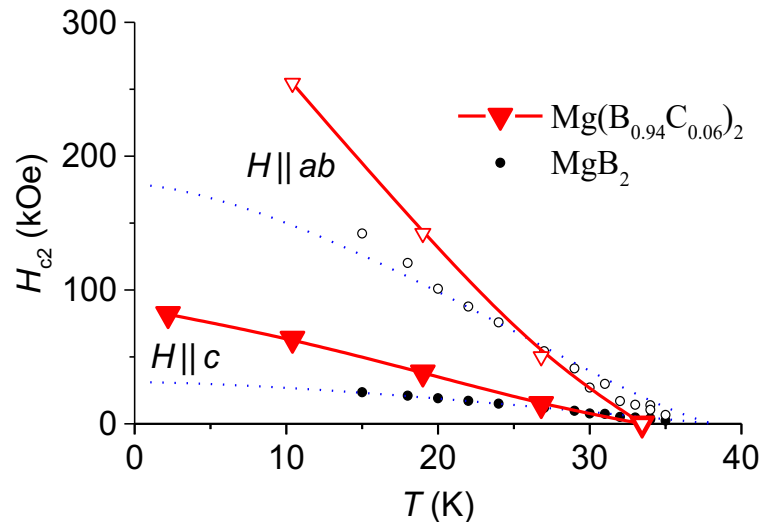
MgB_{2-x}C_x

MgB_{2-x}C_x crystals, T_c = 9 - 38.7 K, sizes up to 1 × 1 × 0.1 mm³



Magnetization curves of Mg(B_{1-x}C_x)₂ crystals

Variation of T_c as a function of C content



Comparison of the upper critical fields

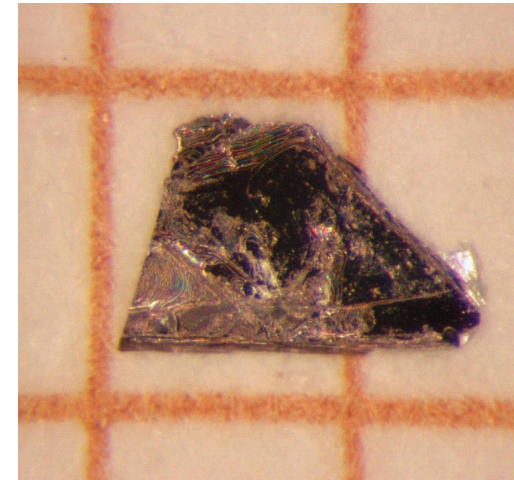
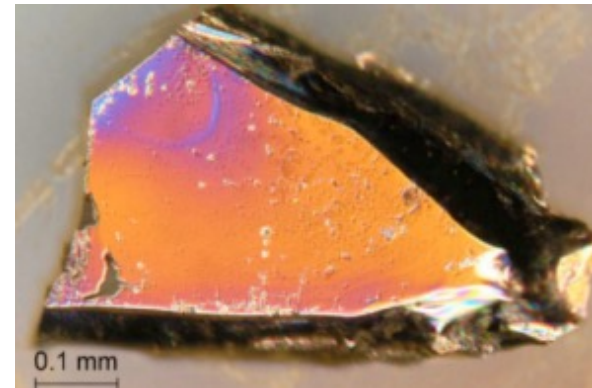
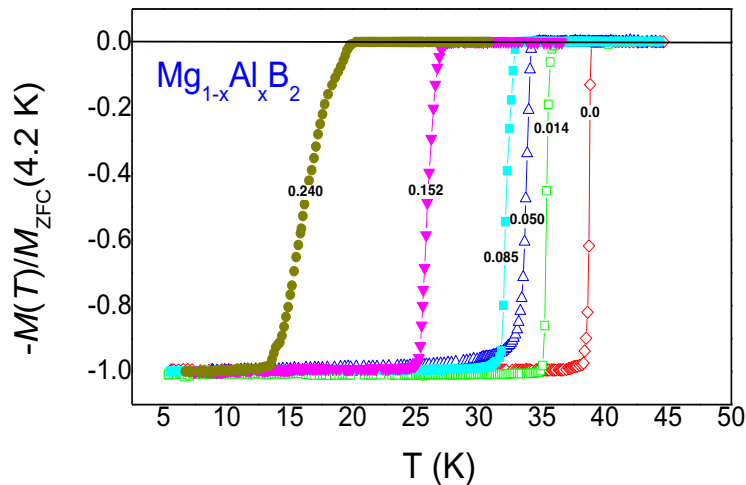


Image of C doped crystal. Scale is 1 mm

Ref.: [Phys. Rev. B 71, 024533 \(2005\)](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevB.71.024533)



$\text{Mg}_{1-x}\text{Al}_x\text{B}_2$ crystals, $T_c = 20 - 38.7$ K, sizes up to $1 \times 1 \times 0.2$ mm³

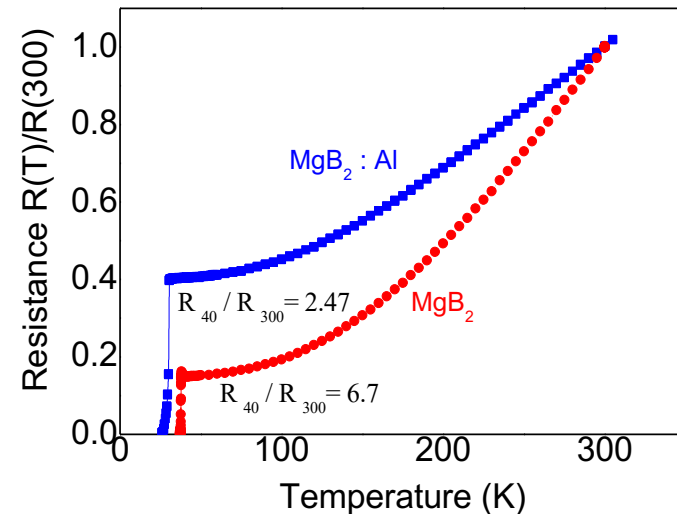


Optical image of Al doped crystal

Magnetization curves of $\text{Mg}_{1-x}\text{Al}_x\text{B}_2$ crystals

Substitution of Al for Mg introduces defects and for Al > 11% phase separation in the structure

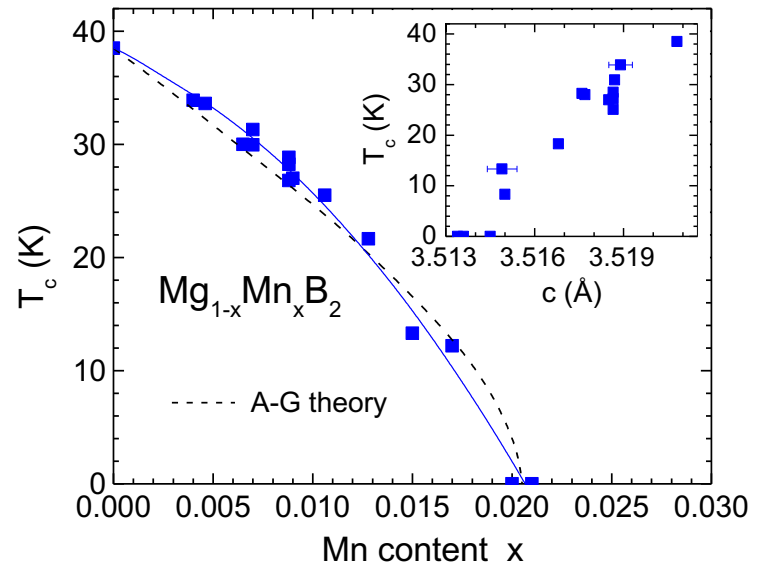
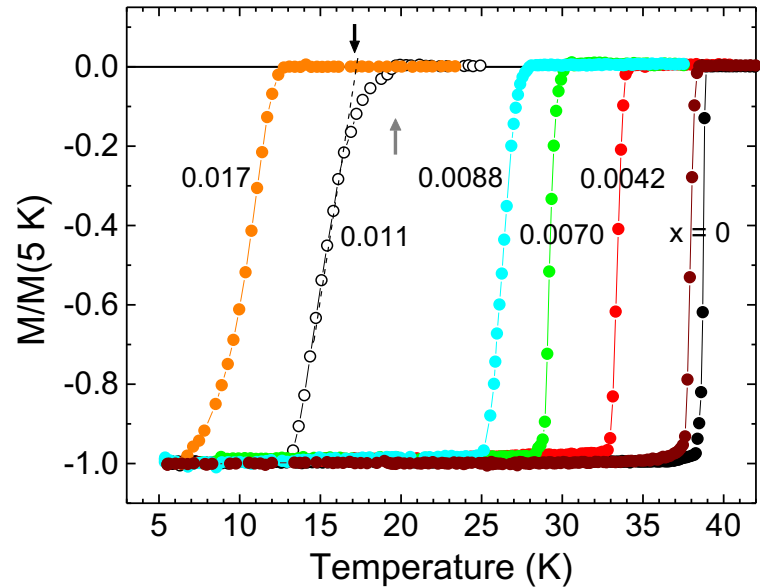
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Al doping increases residual resistance by factor 3



Mg_{1-x}Mn_xB₂ crystals, sizes up to 1.0 × 1.0 × 0.1 mm³

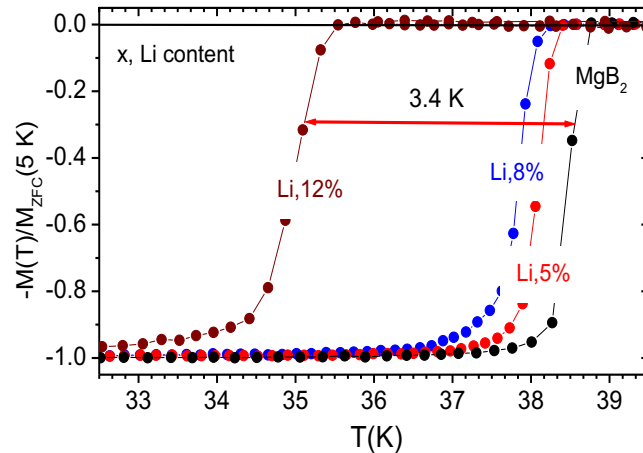


Normalized magnetic moment M vs temperature for the $\text{Mg}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x\text{B}_2$ single crystals with various Mn content x . **2 % of Mn suppress T_c to 0 K.** The dashed line shows $T_c(x)$ predicted by the A-G pair-breaking theory. Mn^{2+} in the low-spin ($S = 1/2$) configuration.

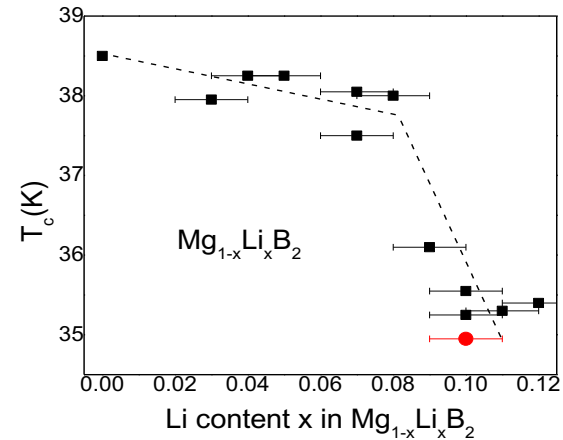
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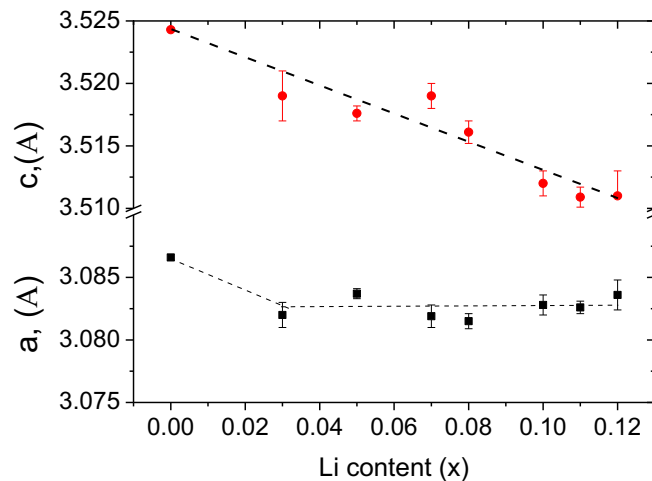
Mg_{1-x}Li_xB₂ crystals, $T_c = 35 - 38.7$ K, sizes up to $1.0 \times 1.0 \times 0.1$ mm³



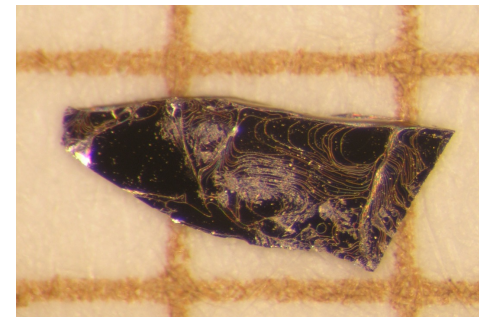
Magnetization curves of Mg_{1-x}Li_xB₂ crystals



T_c as a function of Li content



Lattice parameters a and c vs Li content



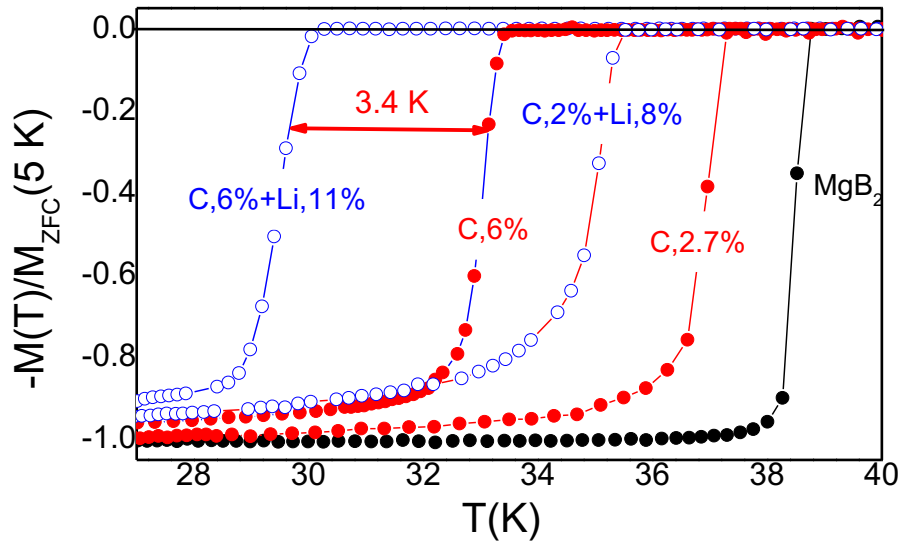
Mg_{1-x}Li_xB₂ crystal. Scale is 1 mm

Rapid changes of T_c above 8% Li may indicate changes in the defect or electronic structure. Lattice parameter c decreases much faster than a , similar to Al substitution.

Ref.: [Phys. Rev. B 77, 214507 \(2008\)](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevB.77.214507)



$\text{Mg}_{1-x}\text{Li}_x(\text{B}_{1-y}\text{C}_y)_2$ crystals, $T_c = 30 - 38.7$ K, sizes up to $1 \times 1 \times 0.1$ mm³



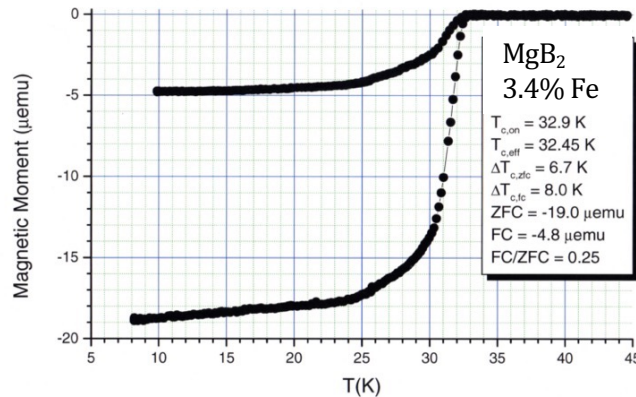
Normalized magnetic moment M vs temperature for crystals MgB_2 substituted with C and co-substituted with C and Li.

Li dopes MgB_2 with holes therefore one can expect compensation of electron doping with C and increase of T_c . But Li decreases T_c of C substituted crystals similar like in pure MgB_2 . According to theory **holes introduced by Li occupy π band and do not fill σ band**. C substitution for B fills σ band.

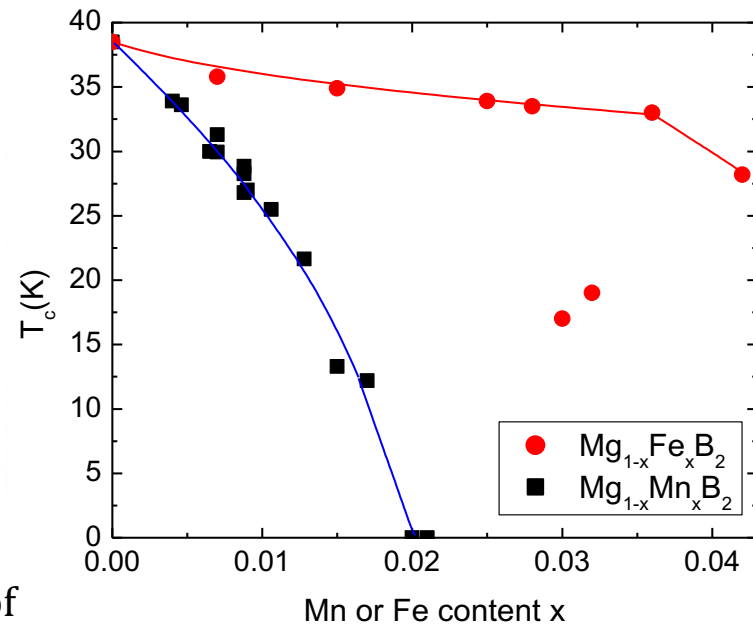
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$\text{Mg}_{1-x}\text{Fe}_x\text{B}_2$ crystals, sizes up to $1 \times 1 \times 0.1 \text{ mm}^3$, grown under high pressure



Magnetization ZFC and FC curves of $\text{Mg}(\text{Fe})\text{B}_2$ crystal

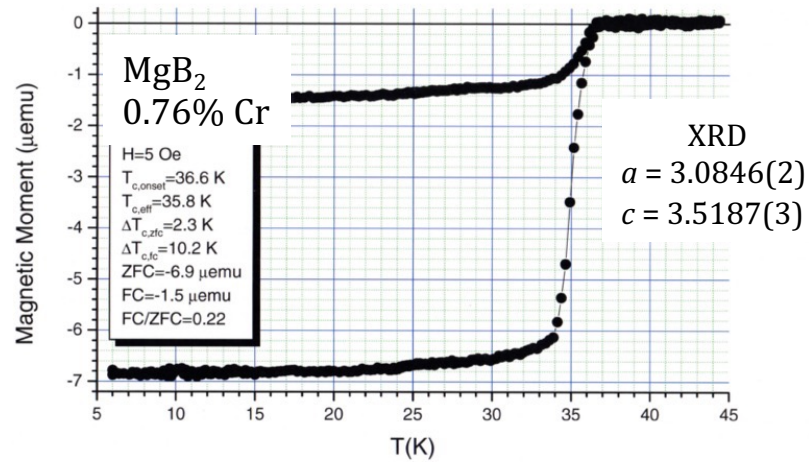
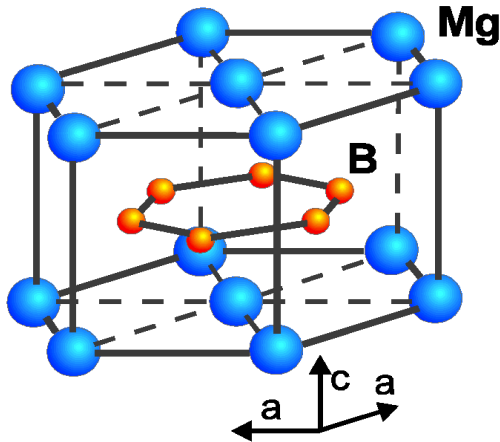


T_c as a function of Mn and Fe content

$T_c(x)$ for small **Fe content** up to $x=0.03$ is similar like for Al substitution. Suggestion: **Fe is in non-magnetic state**. For $x > 0.03$ some crystals show rapid decrease of T_c . Possibly **Fe is in a magnetic state**.



$\text{Mg}_{1-x}\text{Cr}_x\text{B}_2$ crystals, $T_c = 35.0 - 38.7$ K, sizes up to $1.0 \times 1.0 \times 0.1$ mm³



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Magnetization ZFC and FC curves of $\text{Mg}(\text{Cr})\text{B}_2$ crystal

Mg^{11}B_2

Mg^{11}B_2 crystals, $T_c = 37 \text{ K}$, sizes up to $1.0 \times 1.0 \times 0.1 \text{ mm}^3$

Other substitutions

$\text{Mg}_{1-x}(\text{Al}, \text{Li})_x\text{B}_2$ crystals, $T_c = 27.0 - 38.7 \text{ K}$, sizes up to $1.0 \times 1.0 \times 0.1 \text{ mm}^3$

$\text{Mg}_{1-x}\text{Co}_x\text{B}_2$ crystals, $T_c = 35.0 - 38.7 \text{ K}$, sizes up to $1.0 \times 1.0 \times 0.1 \text{ mm}^3$

$\text{Mg}_{1-x}\text{Cr}_x\text{B}_2$ crystals, $T_c = 35.0 - 38.7 \text{ K}$, sizes up to $1.0 \times 1.0 \times 0.1 \text{ mm}^3$

$\text{Mg}_{1-x}\text{Pd}_x\text{B}_2$ crystals, $T_c = 38.1 - 38.7 \text{ K}$, sizes up to $1.0 \times 1.0 \times 0.1 \text{ mm}^3$

$\text{Mg}_{1-x}\text{Zn}_x\text{B}_2$ crystals, $T_c = 30.0 - 38.7 \text{ K}$, sizes up to $1.0 \times 1.0 \times 0.1 \text{ mm}^3$

$\text{Mg}_{1-x}\text{Sc}_x\text{B}_2$ crystalline samples, $T_c = 26 \text{ K} - 38 \text{ K}$

Polycrystalline diborides

TiB_2 titanium boride powder, 99.5%, 50 g

MoB_2 molybdenum boride powder, 99.8%, 50 g

TaB_2 tantalum boride powder, 5 g

CrB_2 chromium boride powder, 99.5%, 50 g