

length of the test in which the dislocation traversed a distance of 40 lattice parameters. The computer simulation determination of  $x(t)$  cannot be distinguished, on that scale, from that shown in Fig. 2. In another computer simulation of the model, the dislocation was first brought to steady conditions under an applied stress with  $v=0.660$ , and the stress then gradually reduced. At the time the stress reached zero, the measured dislocation velocity was  $v=0.275$ . After that time, it decreased very slowly so that after traversal of 65 lattice parameters under zero stress, at which time the computer simulation was terminated, the dislocation velocity had declined only to  $v=0.264$ . The velocity trend appeared to be approaching  $v=0.25$  asymptotically. We conclude, therefore, that the loss-free mode can be attained in a natural manner.

It should be noted that the Peierls stress,  $\sigma_p$ , for this model, and the values of the model parameters here assumed, does not vanish. Rather, for  $P=0.25$  and  $\gamma=0.35$ , the general theory<sup>6,7</sup> gives  $\sigma_p=0.0506\mu$ , where  $\mu$  is the shear modulus of the crystal. Therefore, contrary to the frequent assumption,<sup>10</sup> the fact that the dislocation is subject to a periodic Peierls potential in its steady motion does not inevitably give rise to radiation losses, at least for the modified Frenkel-Kontorova model studied here. Whether such loss-free motion is possible in other models is a subject for further investigation, but in any case the present work demonstrates that the relationship between radiation losses and the periodic Peierls potential is not straightforward. The dynamic Peierls stress,<sup>1</sup>  $\sigma_{pD}$ , for these parameters also has a nonzero value, namely  $\sigma_{pD}=0.7520$

$\times 10^{-3}\mu$ . Therefore the result previously stated,<sup>1</sup> based on the local-mode approximation, that steady dislocation motion is possible only for  $\sigma > \sigma_{pD}$  is incorrect for the case when one starts with steady motion at  $\sigma > \sigma_{pD}$  and then slowly reduces the stress level. On the other hand, for the case of a dislocation starting from rest in an unstable configuration under an applied stress  $\sigma$ , it is necessary for  $\sigma \gtrsim \sigma_{pD}$  for continued motion to occur.<sup>9</sup>

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## Diamagnetic Susceptibility of Tetrahedral Semiconductors\*

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The lattice contribution to the diamagnetic susceptibility,  $\chi_L$ , is written as a sum of three terms, a core term  $\chi_c$ , a Langevin-like valence-electron contribution  $\chi_v$ , and a Van Vleck paramagnetic term  $\chi_p$  using a one-oscillator model. Measurements of  $\chi_L$  and  $d\chi_L/dT$  for diamond, Si, Ge, GaAs, and GaP are presented. The model allows a separate determination of each of the three terms and relates these terms to the symmetry and extent of the valence-bond charge distribution.

The purpose of this Letter is to show that chemical bonding and the diamagnetism of semiconductors are related in a simple way. A model is presented which describes the diamagnetism in terms of three contributions: two Langevin-like diamagnetic terms  $\chi_c$  and  $\chi_v$  which arise from the core and va-

lence electrons, respectively, and a Van Vleck paramagnetic susceptibility  $\chi_p$  which results from virtual magnetic dipole transitions between the valence and conduction bands.

With the values and the temperature dependencies of the magnetic susceptibility and the dielectric constant, this model makes it possible to determine  $\chi_v$  and  $\chi_p$  separately. We present measurements and analyses of the lattice contribution to the susceptibility,  $\chi_L$ , of diamond, Si, Ge, GaAs, and GaP. Other contributions such as those from impurities and carriers are negligible in the temperature range chosen. Although theoretical expressions for the remaining lattice susceptibility  $\chi_L$  have been derived<sup>1,2</sup> they are difficult to evaluate for real solids.

Magnetic susceptibility has been used for a long time as a probe of the details of chemical bonding in molecules.<sup>3</sup> Van Vleck<sup>4</sup> has shown for molecules that the molar susceptibility can be written as

$$\chi = -\frac{N_0 e^2}{6m c^2} \sum_{\text{core}} \langle r^2 \rangle - \frac{N_0 e^2}{6m c^2} \sum_{\text{valence}} \langle r^2 \rangle + 2N_0 \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{|\langle i | \mu_{\parallel} | j \rangle|^2}{E_i - E_j}. \quad (1)$$

The first and second terms are the Langevin terms  $\chi_c$  and  $\chi_v$ , respectively. The third term is the Van Vleck paramagnetic susceptibility  $\chi_p$  arising from virtual magnetic dipole transitions between filled and empty energy levels. Here  $r$  is the electron position vector,  $\mu_{\parallel}$  is the component of the magnetic dipole operator in the field direction, and  $N_0$  is Avogadro's number.

We expect that in a semiconductor  $\chi_L$  is a sum of core and bond susceptibilities which can be described by Eq. (1). We approximate the Van Vleck term by a one-oscillator model with oscillator energy  $E_m$ . This energy is the average energy separation of valence- and conduction-band states connected by the magnetic dipole operator. Such an approximation is made by Phillips<sup>5</sup> to describe the dielectric susceptibility. He uses the Penn isotropic two-band model which gives the low-frequency dielectric constant approximately as

$$\epsilon(0) - 1 = (\hbar\omega_p/E_g)^2, \quad (2)$$

where  $E_g$  represents a weighted energy separation of valence- and conduction-band states connected by the electric dipole operator and  $\hbar\omega_p$  is the valence-electron plasma energy.

In general  $E_g$  and  $E_m$  should be different. However, as long as the magnetic and electric dipole matrix elements vary slowly with energy,  $E_g$  and  $E_m$  will be proportional,  $E_m = \beta E_g$  with  $\beta$  of order unity. In accordance with Eq. (1) we then write for semiconductors

$$\chi_L = - (N_0 e^2 / 6m c^2) \sum_{\text{core}} \langle r^2 \rangle - (8N_0 e^2 / 6m c^2) \langle r^2 \rangle_{\text{valence}} + B / \beta E_g. \quad (3)$$

Considering tetrahedral semiconductors in the following we have written  $\chi_L$  for two atoms per unit cell, i.e. eight valence electrons. It should be emphasized that although  $\chi_v$  is of the same form as  $\chi_c$ , it arises from charge distributed over distances of covalent bond lengths or larger.<sup>6</sup>

$B$  is proportional to an average interband magnetic dipole matrix element. It is sensitive to the symmetry of the chemical bonding. It is zero for spherically or cylindrically symmetric electron distributions for which  $\mu_{\parallel} = \mu_B L_z$  is diagonal. This explains why  $\chi_p$  is negligible for ionic materials in which the ions are approximately spherical. We expect  $B$  to be nearly the same for tetrahedral semiconductors which have the same bond symmetry because of the following argument.<sup>7</sup>

Consider the commutator

$$[[H, L_z], L_z] = HL_z^2 - 2L_zHL_z + L_z^2H.$$

When one takes the expectation of this for the

TABLE I. Measured values.<sup>a</sup>

	$\chi_L$ ( $10^{-6}$ cm <sup>3</sup> /mole)	$d\chi_L/dT$ ( $10^{-9}$ cm <sup>3</sup> /mole K)
C	-11.8 ± 0.2	-0.014 ± 0.006
Si	-6.4 ± 0.2	1.5 ± 0.06
Ge	-15.7 ± 0.5	3.6 ± 0.1
GaAs	-33.3 ± 1.0	1.2 ± 0.05
GaP	-30.0 ± 1.0	0.9 ± 0.04

<sup>a</sup>Most of these quantities have also been measured previously by G. A. Busch and R. Kern, *Helv. Phys. Acta* **32**, 25 (1959); D. K. Stevens, J. W. Clelland, J. H. Crawford, Jr., and H. C. Schweinler, *Phys. Rev.* **100**, 1084 (1955); and E. Sonder and D. K. Stevens, *Phys. Rev.* **110**, 1027 (1958). The data presented here are somewhat more accurate and agree with the previous studies except for the values of  $\chi_L$  of GaP and  $d\chi/dT$  of GaAs.

TABLE II. Separated components of molar magnetic susceptibility.

	$\chi_c$ ( $10^{-6}$ cm <sup>3</sup> /mole)	$\chi_v$ ( $10^{-6}$ cm <sup>3</sup> /mole)	$\chi_p$ ( $10^{-6}$ cm <sup>3</sup> /mole)
C	-0.3	-24.7±4	13.2±4
Si	-4.6	-39.3±6	37.5±6
Ge	-16.6	-50.3±4	51.2±4
GaAs	-16.6	-47.4±3	30.7±2
GaP	-11.7	-46.4±3	28.1±2

ground state  $|s\rangle$ , one obtains

$$\langle s | [[H, L_z], L_z] | s \rangle = -2 \sum_n (E_n - E_s) |\langle s | L_z | n \rangle|^2,$$

where  $|n\rangle$  is an excited state. Evaluating the left-hand side, where

$$H = P^2/2m + V(r), \quad L_z = (\hbar/i) \partial/\partial\varphi,$$

one obtains

$$\langle s | \hbar^2 \partial^2 V / \partial \varphi^2 | s \rangle = 2 \sum_n (E_n - E_s) |\langle s | L_z | n \rangle|^2,$$

where  $\varphi$  is the azimuthal angle. Setting  $E_n - E_s \approx \beta E_g$  as in Eq. (3) and using  $\mu_{\parallel} = \mu_B L_z / \hbar$ , we find that

$$B \approx (N_0 \mu_B^2 / \beta E_g) \langle s | \partial^2 V / \partial \varphi^2 | s \rangle. \quad (4)$$

Because  $E_g$  scales with  $V$ , i.e. the bond strength,  $B$  depends only on the symmetry of the potential or charge density.<sup>8</sup>

The terms  $\chi_v$  and  $\chi_p$  therefore contain information about the spatial extent and the symmetry of the bond charge. Earlier attempts<sup>9</sup> to effect this separation were not very successful. The temperature dependence of  $\chi_L$ , however, can be used together with Eq. (3) and the calculated values for  $\chi_c$  to determine  $\chi_v$  and  $\chi_p$  separately. We assume that  $\langle r^2 \rangle$  of the valence electrons has the same temperature coefficient as the square of the covalent bond length. This is reasonable for tetrahedral semiconductors but not for materials having a coordination smaller than four. The temperature dependence of  $\chi_L$  is then given by<sup>10</sup>

$$d\chi_L/dT = 2\alpha\chi_v - \chi_p d \ln E_g / dT, \quad (5)$$

where  $\alpha$  is the linear expansion coefficient and  $\chi_p = B/\beta E_g$ . The temperature dependence of the Penn-Phillips gap  $E_g$  is obtained from measurements of  $d\epsilon(0)/dT$ .

To test the model, measurements of the magnetic susceptibility and its temperature dependence were performed on high-purity single-crystal samples of diamond, Si, Ge, GaAs, and GaP by using the Faraday technique. For the diamond measurement the sample was composed

of seven,  $\frac{1}{3}$ -carat gem-quality diamonds<sup>11</sup> which were determined by EPR to contain less than 1 part in  $10^7$  paramagnetic impurities.

The results of these measurements<sup>12</sup> appear in Table I. In order to compare these values, the molar susceptibility is given counting two atoms as one "molecule" for the elemental semiconductors. With use of these data, calculated values for  $\chi_c$ , and literature values for  $E_g$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $d\epsilon(0)/dT$ , the quantities  $\chi_v$  and  $\chi_p$  could be determined separately as shown in Table II. It is interesting to note that  $\chi_v$  and  $\chi_p$  are large compared with  $\chi_c$  and that these terms nearly cancel one another in the case of Group-IV semiconductors. We come back to this point later when we discuss results on amorphous Ge.

From  $\chi_v$  one obtains an average diamagnetic valence radius

$$r_L = \left( \sum_{\text{valence}} \langle r^2 \rangle \right)^{1/2}$$

which is compared with the interatomic separation  $d$  in Table III. The ratio is the same within experimental error for all materials measured. This justifies our assumption of using  $\alpha$  for the temperature coefficient of  $r_L$ . Calculations<sup>6</sup> of  $\chi_v$  from electron density distributions for the case of GaAs agree well with our measurements. This indicates that the values of Table III are reasonable.

It seems significant that this simple model can

TABLE III. Interatomic distance  $d$  and average diamagnetic valence radius  $r_L$ .

	$d$ (Å)	$r_L$ (Å)	$2r_L/d$
C	1.548	1.04±0.15	1.34±0.19
Si	2.346	1.32±0.10	1.13±0.09
Ge	2.450	1.48±0.06	1.21±0.05
GaAs	2.441	1.46±0.04	1.20±0.03
GaP	2.360	1.43±0.04	1.21±0.03

TABLE IV. Average magnetic matrix element.

	$B$ ( $10^{-4}$ eV cm <sup>3</sup> /mole)
C	$1.8 \pm 0.6$
Si	$1.8 \pm 0.3$
Ge	$2.2 \pm 0.2$
GaAs	$1.6 \pm 0.1$
GaP	$1.6 \pm 0.1$

explain the small negative  $d\chi_L/dT$  of diamond. It is due to the first term in Eq. (5). The second term is positive because  $d \ln E_g/dT < 0$ .

The average magnetic matrix element  $B$  is nearly the same for the materials studied as shown in Table IV. Here we set  $\beta = 1$ . This agrees with our argument which led to Eq. (4), and which concluded that  $B$  depends more on the charge density symmetry than on the bond strength. The fact that diamond fits into this scheme is remarkable because its gap  $E_g$  is significantly different from those of the other materials.

The diamagnetic susceptibility of Ge depends very much on whether the material is amorphous or crystalline. Amorphous Ge is 2.7 times more diamagnetic than crystalline Ge.<sup>13</sup> This is a unique occurrence. For a large number of semiconductors studied, for example Se, S, As<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>, and As<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>, the values of  $\chi$  are the same in the amorphous and crystalline state to within experimental error (a few percent). We believe that disorder-induced changes in bond angles and lengths which affect the values of  $\chi_v$  and  $\chi_p$  will produce a large relative change of  $\chi_L$  particularly in Ge where large values of  $\chi_v$  and  $\chi_p$  very nearly cancel. We are presently studying  $\chi$  and  $d\chi/dT$  of the other tetrahedral semiconductors in the amorphous state. Preliminary results show that also amorphous Si is appreciably more diamag-

netic than crystalline Si.

It appears that the magnetic susceptibility is, like the electric susceptibility, a valuable tool for studying chemical bonding in semiconductors.

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