Magnetic Shape Memory Effect in MnNi₂Ga

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Cubic austenite to tetragonal martensite transition in MnNi₂Ga

Magnetic field induced phase transformation (MFIT) Magnetic field induced reorientation of twin variants (MFIR)

- Solely in martensitic phase
- Martensite NM (c/a > 1), 5M, 7M (c/a < 1) structures

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Form 3 variants along <100> of parent phase Variants related by twins Easy axis of magnetization along short axis of u.c.

- Modulated structure c/a=.94
- Easy magnetization in **c** direction Large magnetocrystalline anisotropy K_u





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Applied magnetic field: Variants restructure Variant with easy axis aligned with field grows

- Lower energy than aligning spins in "hard" direction
- Results in compressive stress along long axis (a, b)

 $\sigma_{Mag} > \sigma_{TW}$ $K_u = \varepsilon_o \sigma_{Mag}$



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• Full strain in single variant crystal



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Requirement: $\sigma_{Mag} > \sigma_{TW}$

For NM structure σ_{Mag} = 1 MPa σ_{TW} =6.5 MPa Magnetic field induced strain not observed

Lower c/a ratio!

- c/a = 1.18-1.25 for NM structure
- High Curie temp (Co)
- High martensitic transformation temp (Cu)



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Lower c/a ratio = 1.147 Decrease σ_{TW} to \simeq 1.2 Mpa

Allow for ε = 12% at 1.05T



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