Abstract:
Diluted magnetic semiconductors (DMS) are a novel class of materials wherein non-magnetic semiconducting materials are doped with magnetic ions with the intent of building spin functionality therein. This field has witnessed tremendous activity during the past decade with some definitive successes in the domain of III-V semiconductors. However similar efforts in the case of oxide based systems have yielded mixed results with confusions regarding intrinsic vs. extrinsic effects. Interestingly the corresponding results have also revealed a rich variety of new phenomena and potentially novel mechanisms of ferromagnetism. In this talk I will briefly review this field and then present a set of our research results on the TiO2 system dilutely doped with magnetic and non-magnetic dopants. I will also discuss few potential applications.

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