Substantial pressure effect on the resistivity and Curie temperature for the diluted magnetic semiconductor Sb _{2-x}v _xTe ₃

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Abstract

The influence of hydrostatic pressure on the electrical resistivity ρ and ferromagnetic transition temperature T $_{C}$ of bulk, single crystal Sb $_{1-x}$ V $_{x}$ Te $_{3}$ with x = 0.03 is presented. Pressure strongly suppresses ρ at all temperatures, with an overall decrease of about 35% at 1.6 GPa. The peak in ρ , a signature of T $_{C}$, moves to lower temperature with increasing pressure. An overall suppression of T $_{C}$ near 40% at 1.6 GPa is observed. The results are discussed within the context of a carrier-mediated ferromagnetic exchange interaction.