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Magnetic and charge carriers properties of metamagnetic Fe_3Ga_4 JOSHUA MENDEZ¹, YAN WU², BRADFORD FULFER³, JULIA CHAN⁴, JOHN DITUSA⁵, Louisiana State University — Single crystals of Fe_3Ga_4 were grown via an iodine vapor transport method. Previous investigations of arc-melted polycrystalline samples identify metallic conduction with a magnetic phase transition at 400 K and interesting temperature-dependent metamagnetic behavior. The single crystal samples allow a much fuller exploration of the magnetic properties and have yielded some interesting differences with the previous data. This includes a sharp reduction of the magnetization within the magnetically ordered phase associated with a sharp onset of the metamagnetic behavior in the field dependence near room temperature. A previously identified second phase transition occurs below 50 K where the metamagnetic behavior is replaced by a ferromagnetic magnetization with little hysteresis. We find substantial anisotropy in the magnetization which is particularly apparent between 50 and 300 K. Charge transport experiments are underway to explore the magnetoresistance and Hall effect of this magnet.

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