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Enhancement of In-Plane Magnetic Anisotropy Through Compensation in $\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x\text{P:S}$ P.R. STONE, O.D. DUBON, University of California, Berkeley and Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, K.M. YU, J.W. BEEMAN, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, C. BIHLER, M.S. BRANDT, Walter Schottky Institut, Technische Universitat Munchen — $\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x\text{P}$ is a ferromagnetic semiconductor (FS) in which exchange is mediated by localized holes [Scarpulla *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **95**, 207204 (2005)]. As is the case for the prototypical FS $\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x\text{As}$, there exists a uniaxial magnetic anisotropy between in-plane $\langle 110 \rangle$ -type directions with the magnetic easy axis lying near the in-plane $[1-10]$ direction [Bihler *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B **75**, 214419 (2007)]. Here we report the effect of compensation of Mn acceptors by sulfur donors on the in-plane uniaxial magnetic anisotropy in $\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x\text{P}$ as measured by both ferromagnetic resonance (FMR) and SQUID magnetometry. Raising the S concentration increases the magnitude of the uniaxial magnetic anisotropy between in-plane $\langle 110 \rangle$ -type directions. While the $[1-10]$ direction remains the easy axis in the plane of the film, “wasp-waisted” hysteresis loops develop in the $[110]$ direction as the S concentration increases. The wasp-waisted loops are modeled whereby magnetization reversal occurs by a combination of coherent spin rotation and noncoherent spin switching. Finally, by comparing FMR and SQUID data we extract domain wall formation energies as a function of compensation.

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