Critical Exponents of Dilute Ferromagnetic Insulator $Ga_{1-x}Mn_xN$

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Insulating ferromagnet (Ga,Mn)N brings a new paradigm into the semiconductor family. It is therefore important to comprehensively characterize its magnetic ground state. To this end we analyze the critical exponents β and γ for MBE grown layers with 0.04 < x < 0.10 [1] and superlattice structures Ga_{1-x}Mn_xN/GaN:Mg. In all samples the critical behavior shows strong deviations from the magnetically clean case (x = 1): an apparent breakdown of the Harris criterion, a nonmonotonic crossover in the values of the $\gamma_{\rm eff}$ between the high temperature and critical regimes, and a smearing of the critical region by macroscopic inhomogeneities in the spin distribution.

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