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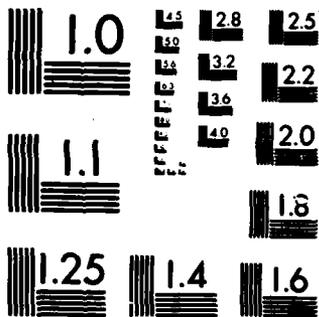
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This annual report covers the period from March 1, 1985 to January 31, 1986. The report is based on a technical report which is being sent out to those on the distribution list as required.

The work during the past year has dealt with the preparation and characterization of  $ZnSiP_2$  and  $ZnGeP_2$  single crystals.  $ZnSiP_2$  crystals were grown from a zinc flux and by chemical vapor transport using chlorine as the transport agent.  $ZnGeP_2$  was grown by chemical vapor transport and from the melt by a modified Bridgman method. The stability of  $ZnGeP_2$  towards oxidation was determined by heating these compounds in a flowing oxygen stream and determining the change in weight during the heating period. The results indicate that  $ZnGeP_2$  is stable up to  $740^\circ C$ .  $ZnSiP_2$  also begins to oxidize at approximately  $740^\circ C$  but the rate of its oxidation is much slower than that of  $ZnGeP_2$ . From the infrared spectral response, absorption bands for  $ZnSiP_2$  were observed at approximately 10 and 11.5  $\mu m$  and for  $ZnGeP_2$  at 13  $\mu m$ . It has been reported that these absorption bands are due to lattice vibrations. In order to demonstrate that these bands were not caused by P-O bonds,  $ZnGeP_2$  samples were heated in a flowing oxygen stream at  $300^\circ C$  for 2 hours. The spectrum of the treated samples was exactly the same as the untreated crystals. At present, attempts are being made to substitute tin for germanium into  $ZnGeP_2$ . The extent of substitution into the II-IV-V<sub>2</sub> chalcopyrites appears to be limited and it will be the purpose of the next reporting period to ascertain the nature and degree of such substitutions.



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