A comparative studies of magnetocaloric effect in Ni-Mn-Cu-Ga and Ni-Mn-Pb-Ga alloys

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Effect of Pb substitution for Cu on magnetocaloric properties of Ni₂Mn_{1-x}Cu_xGa (x= 0.25, 0.27, 0.29) alloy was investigated experimentally. The magnetic measurements of Ni Mn Pb Ga alloys conducted at low field of 4 kA/m (50 Oe) showed that their Curie temperatures are above the room temperature (RT). The analysis of isothermal magnetic curves allowed the estimation of magnetic entropy change (ΔS_M). The highest calculated value of $|\Delta S_M|$ was for alloys containing 6.25 at.% of Cu and Pb, ~16 J/(kg*K) and ~7.5 J/(kg*K) respectively. The adiabatic temperature changes (ΔT) measured near RT are ~0.4 K.

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