Magnetic properties of 1-nm thick $Fe_3O_4(111)$ films on Pt(111)and Ru(0001)

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Iron oxide films grown on metal single crystals may exhibit magnetic properties different from the corresponding bulk oxides [1]. The properties of thin films are often rendered by their thickness and the structure and properties of the substrate. 1-nm thick magnetite islands grown on Ru(0001) were shown to exhibit magnetic domain structure, which confirms the presence of magnetic order in these low-dimensional islands at room temperature [2]. We studied 1-nm thick $Fe_3O_4(111)$ films on Pt(111) and Ru(0001), trying to determine their magnetic properties.

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