Structural and magnetic properties of Co₂FeSi and Co₂MnSb Heusler alloys thin films grown on HOPG

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Graphene is a promising material for a spin channel in spintronic devices because of the large electron mobility and the long spin diffusion length [1]. Half-metallic Heusler alloys are the best materials for spin injectors and detectors due to the 100% spinpolarisation of electrons at the Fermi level [2]. Combination of these materials can lead to the improvement of performance of the spintronic devices [3]. However, the growth of the Heusler alloys on the graphene was not studied before.

Herein, we present the influence of the growth temperature on structural and magnetic properties of Co_2FeSi and Co_2MnSb Heusler alloys thin films deposited on HOPG (whose surface is similar to graphene) substrates by magnetron sputtering. In particular, the difference in the growth mode between the two alloys will be discussed.

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