

二軸引っ張り歪み印加によるフレキシブル基板上 Co 薄膜の垂直磁気異方性制御 Control of perpendicular magnetic anisotropy of Co thin films formed on a flexible substrate by using a biaxial stretching technique

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Magnetization direction of ferromagnetic metal thin films deposited on a flexible substrate can be controlled by uniaxially stretching the substrate [1,2]. If a tensile strain is induced by stretching it along the x axis, compressive strain is induced both in the y and z axes owing to the Poisson's effect. In an fcc(111)-oriented Co film, the stretch-induced shrinkage in the out-of-plane direction is expected to induce a perpendicular magnetic anisotropy (PMA) [3]. Although a PMA modulation by uniaxial stretching has been reported for Pt/Co/Pt tri-layer structure, the induced PMA is much smaller than the in-plane magnetic anisotropy induced along the stretched direction [1,4]. To apply a much larger perpendicular compressive strain without inducing the in-plane anisotropy, we utilize a *biaxial* stretching technique. As a result, we successfully demonstrate the stretch-induced magnetization easy axis switching from in-plane to out-of-plane in Pt/Co/Pt.

Ta/Pt(2.0nm)/Co(1.5nm)/Pt(2.0nm) layers from the substrate side were deposited on a flexible polyethylene naphthalate substrate by rf sputtering. Anomalous Hall resistance R_{AHE} loops were measured under several in-plane uniaxial tensile strain ε_u and biaxial ε_b conditions. As shown in Figure, the sample initially shows in-plane easy axis and remains in-plane-easy even at $\varepsilon_u = 2.0\%$. On the other hand, a PMA-induced square hysteresis is clearly observed at $\varepsilon_b = 2.0\%$. The effective PMA field by the shrinkage effect is in the order of 0.1 T. This easy-axis-switching is confirmed also in the similar samples with Pt layers instead of the Pd top and bottom layers.

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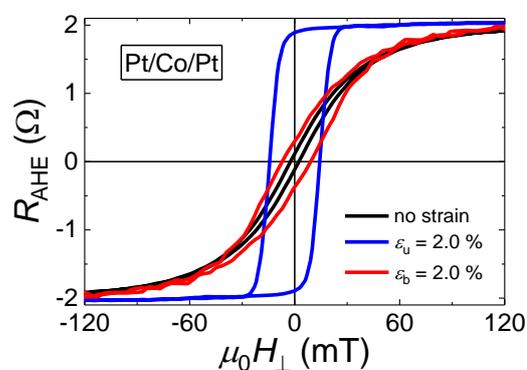


Figure: The result of anomalous Hall measurements under no strain, 2.0 % uniaxial tensile strain, 2.0 % biaxial tensile strain.