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Perpendicular magnetization of CoFeGe alloy films induced by MgO interface¹ MANLI DING, University of Virginia, SEBASTIAN SCHAFER, University of Alabama, XIAOPU LI, University of Virginia, TIM MEWES, University of Alabama, JOSEPH POON, University of Virginia — The perpendicular magnetization of CoFeGe alloy films was achieved in the structures of CoFeGe/MgO with the perpendicular magnetic anisotropy energy density (K_u) of ~ 1 x 10^6 erg/cm³. The CoFeGe thickness dependence of K_u was investigated, indicating that the perpendicular anisotropy of CoFeGe is contributed by the interfacial anisotropy between CoFeGe and MgO. High-resolution transmission electron microscope images clearly show formation of bcc crystalline structure of CoFeGe well lattice matched with the (100)oriented MgO barrier. Gilbert damping constant for the films was evaluated by using ferromagnetic resonance measurement.

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