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Charge transfer and magnetism in $(\text{LaNiO}_3)_n/(\text{LaMnO}_3)_2$ superlattices JASON HOFFMAN, Argonne National Laboratory, I-CHENG TUNG, Northwestern University, BRITTANY NELSON-CHEESEMAN, MING LIU, JOHN FREELAND, ANAND BHATTACHARYA, Argonne National Laboratory — Interfaces in solids have been an enduring theme in materials physics, where dimensionality and proximity effects cooperate to create interfacial states that are distinct from their bulk counterparts. In this work, we investigate the interfacial ferromagnetism induced in the paramagnetic metal LaNiO_3 via proximity to the antiferromagnetic insulator LaMnO_3 . We fabricated a series of $(\text{LaNiO}_3)_n/(\text{LaMnO}_3)_2$ ($2 \leq n \leq 5$) digital superlattices on (001) SrTiO_3 substrates using ozone-assisted molecular beam epitaxy. The total superlattice thickness is maintained at ~ 30 nm by varying the number of superlattice periods. X-ray absorption and x-ray magnetic circular dichroism measurements at the Mn and Ni L -edges confirm the presence of charge-transfer at the $\text{LaNiO}_3/\text{LaMnO}_3$ interface, with magnetism residing on both Mn and Ni sites. Magnetotransport measurements performed on superlattices with $n \leq 3$ show insulating behavior between 5 K and 300 K, while samples with $n = 4, 5$ are metallic. We observe an anomalous Hall effect in the sample with $n = 4$, that vanishes in the more metallic $n = 5$ sample. We discuss possible models for the electronic and magnetic behavior of LaNiO_3 .

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