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Characterization of Ni_2MnGa Ferromagnetic Shape Memory Alloy nanowires¹ P. GYAWALI, KESHAB R. SAPKOTA, B. DAHAL, R. DULAL, I. L. PEGG, J. PHILIP, The Catholic University of America — Heusler type Ni_2MnGa ferromagnetic shape memory alloy has been extensively studied in thin films and in bulk. The structural transition to martensitic phase occurs thermodynamically reversibly within the ferromagnetic region.. For the technological application, magnetic field is used to induce the motion of twin boundaries in martensite phase. Ni_2MnGa nanowires were grown for the first time using electrospinning method. Structural characterization were done using XRD and EDX. Nanowires exhibit tetragonal structure with $a = b = 5.85 \text{ \AA}$ and $c/a = 0.96$. Magnetic measurements show the pre- martensite transformation. Curie temperature of nanowires is about 360 K.

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