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Effect of Co doping on the structural, magnetic and electron transport properties of  $Mn_2PtSn$  Heusler alloy<sup>1</sup> PARASHU KHAREL, YUNG HUH, AUSTIN NELSON, South Dakota State University, VALLOPPILLY SHAH, RALPH SKOMSKI, DAVID SELLMYER, University of Nebraska — Materials with high magnetic anisotropy and Curie temperature well above room temperature have huge potential for a range of applications including permanent magnet, high density recording and spintronic devices. Tetragonal Mn<sub>2</sub>PtSn is one such Heuslar compounds which has been predicted to have very high magnetic anisotropy but its low Curie temperature  $(T_c = 374 \text{ K})$  is a drawback [1]. Our experimental investigation of the rapidly quenched nanostructured ribbons shows that a single phase  $Mn_2PtSn$  in the tetragonal structure cannot be easily prepared without the substitution of an external element. We have found that a partial replacement of Pt with Co in  $Mn_2PtSn$  stabilizes the tetragonal structure and also improves the magnetic properties. The experimentally observed values of the room-temperature saturation magnetization ( $M_s$ ) and Curie temperature ( $T_c$ ) are respectively 35 emu/g and 385 K for  $Mn_2PtSn$  and 43 emu/g and 516 K for  $Mn_2Pt_{0.3}Co_{0.7}Sn$ . The effect of cobalt on the magnetic anisotropy and electron transport properties of this material will be discussed.

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