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1. 概要(Summary)

Magnetic granular-insulator composite film based electric components (capacitors, inductors) can be tuned for desirable performance by external fields [1]. In this work, we investigate the effect of external magnetic field on the capacitance of FeCo-SiO₂ composite-based capacitors with different FeCo magnetic granular sizes for new device development.

2. 実験(Experimental)

【利用した主な装置】

- ACS-4000-C3-HS compact sputtering system
- MA-20 Mask Aligner

【実験方法】

The (Fe₆₅Co₃₅)_{1-x}(SiO₂)_x(30nm) composite films with different SiO₂ volume factor (x) were deposited on Cr(5nm)/Pt(10nm) buffer layer and Si/SiO₂ substrates by using co-sputtering technique from (Fe₆₅Co₃₅)_{0.7}(SiO₂)_{0.3} and SiO₂ targets at room temperature. The x was change from 0.3 to 0.5. The size of FeCo granular was check by X-Ray diffraction (XRD) peak-width. Patterned capacitors with Pt electrodes were also fabricated by photolithography to measure the capacitance in different magnetic fields.

3. 結果と考察(Results and Discussion)

XRD profiles of the $(Fe_{65}Co_{35})_{1-x}(SiO_2)_x$ composite films are shown in Fig. 1. FeCo peaks are clearly observed at round 44.5 deg. Full-width half maximum of these peaks are 0.71, 2.08 and 2.14 deg. for $x=0.3,\ 0.4,\$ and 0.5, respectively. This result suggests the granular size of FeCo is 7.3, 3.0 and 2.5 nm according to Scherrer's equation.

The cross-section layered-structure and a top-view real image of the patterned FeCo-SiO₂ composite-based capacitor are showed in Figs. 2(a) and 2(b), respectively. The capacitance of the capacitor was tried to measure through Pt top and

bottom electrodes in different external magnetic fields. However, shorted-connection between the Pt top and bottom electrodes was occurred in these capacitors. This can be attributed to connecting paths through FeCo granular. To avoid this issue the FeCo composition would be further increased x higher than 0.5 to induce a larger distance between FeCo granular.

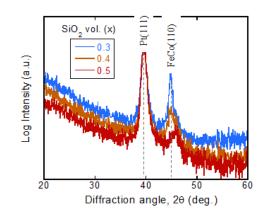


Fig.1. XRD profiles of (Fe₆₅Co₃₅)_{1-x}(SiO₂)_x films

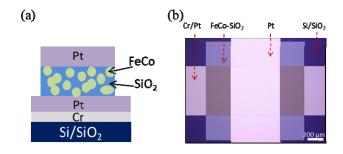


Fig.2. Cross-section and real image of a patterned (FeCo)-(SiO₂) capacitor.

4. その他・特記事項(Others)

[1] N. Kobayashi et al., Nat. Comm. 5 (2014)

5. 論文·学会発表(Publication/Presentation)

None

6. 関連特許(Patent)

None