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1. 概要(Summary)

Topological materials, such as topological insulators (TIs), have great potential for ultralow power spintronic devices, thanks to their giant spin Hall effect. However, the giant spin Hall angle ($\theta_{SH} > 1$) is limited to a few chalcogenide TIs with toxic elements and low melting points, making them challenging for device integration during the silicon Back-End-of-Line (BEOL) process. Here, we show that by using a half-Heusler alloy topological semi-metal (HHA-TSM), YPtBi, it is possible to achieve both a giant $\theta_{SH} > 1$ and a high thermal budget up to 600°C.

2. 実験(Experimental)

【利用した主な装置】

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【実験方法】

We grew YPtBi thin films on c-sapphire substrate by co-sputtering multi targets. We evaluated the spin Hall effect of YPtBi by the second harmonic Hall measurements using Pt/Co/Pt trilayers as the ferromagnet.

3. 結果と考察(Results and Discussion)

Figure 1(a) shows the X-ray diffraction (XRD) θ - 2θ spectra for YPtBi films deposited at different substrate temperature T_S ranging from 300°C to 800°C and the Ar pressure of 2.0 Pa. Clear YPtBi(111) peaks were observed at $T_S = 300^\circ\text{C} \sim 600^\circ\text{C}$, indicating that YPtBi is stable up to 600°C. Figure 1(b) shows the XRD spectra for YPtBi films deposited at different Ar pressure ranging from 0.3 to 2.0 Pa at $T_S = 600^\circ\text{C}$. Peaks of YPtBi(111) were observed under the whole Ar pressure range. Fig. 1(c) shows an X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy (XRF) spectrum of the YPtBi thin film deposited at $T_S = 600^\circ\text{C}$. The atomic composition Y:Pt:Bi of this sample is close to 1:1:1. Figure 1(d) shows the relative atomic composition of Bi as a function of T_S , which reveals that YPtBi is stable up to 600°C. These results demonstrate that YPtBi has a large thermal budget for the BEOL process.

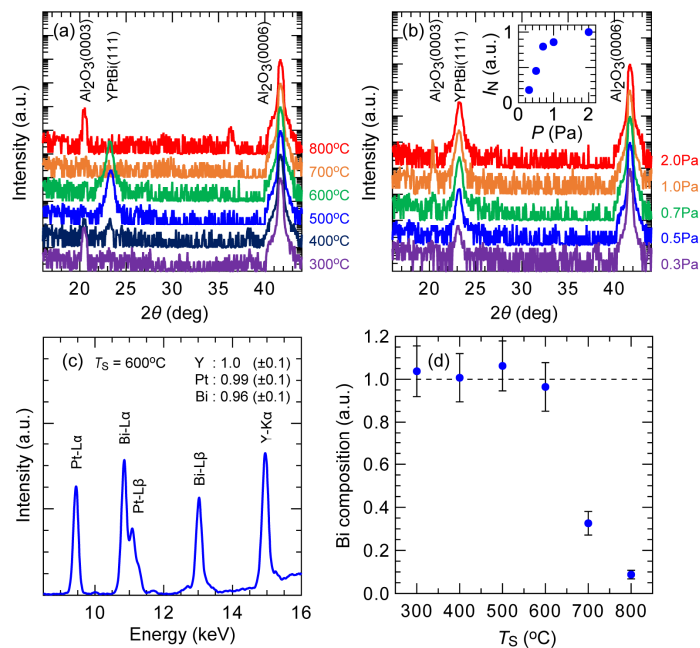


Fig. 1. Crystal structure analysis of YPtBi thin films. (a) XRD spectra of 50 nm-thick YPtBi films deposited on c-sapphire at different substrate temperature. (b) XRD spectra of YPtBi films deposited at different Ar pressure. Inset shows the peak intensity of YPtBi(111) normalized by that at 2.0 Pa as a function of Ar pressure. (c) XRF spectrum of an YPtBi thin film. (d) Bi composition at different substrate temperature.

Furthermore, we observed that YPtBi shows a spin Hall angle larger than 1 from second harmonic measurements.

4. その他・特記事項(Others)

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5. 論文・学会発表(Publication/Presentation)

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6. 関連特許(Patent)

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