# Spintronics in Novel Systems

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# **Spin-dependent transport materials**



#### **Electrodeposited Ni, Co, Fe on GaAs**

# **Experimental**

# **Thickness calibration**



#### Growth

- n-GaAs (001), (011) -10<sup>17</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup> Te
- Back contact: Ga/In eutectic
- Graphite counter electrode
- EG&G 273A Galvanostat
- Room Temperature

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smooth layers

#### Electrodeposited Ni, Co, Fe on GaAs Crystalline Structure (XRD) - Ni on GaAs (011)



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#### Electrodeposited Ni, Co, Fe on GaAs Crystalline Structure (XRD) - Fe on GaAs (001),(011)



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# Electrodeposited Ni, Co, Fe on GaAs Magnetic Properties



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#### Electrodeposited Fe on GaAs Magnetic Properties epitaxial Fe

## **Remanence**



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#### Electrodeposited Ni, Co, Fe on GaAs Interface intermixing: XPS analysis



# No Ga, As at the surface No or little diffusion at interface THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA Center For Materials For Information Technology An NSF Materials Research Science and Engineering Center

### **Electrical and magnetic measurements**



Bulk Ni : M<sub>s</sub>=484 emu/cc

Fuchs model:  $\rho(T) = \rho_{\infty} + (3/8) (1-p)(\rho_{\infty} \times l_{\infty}) / T$ 

> with the bulk resistivity  $\rho_{\infty}$ , the bulk mean free path  $l_{\infty}$ , the "reflectivity" coefficient p

 $\rho_{\infty} = 12.8 \ \mu\Omega cm$ 

# → No or little intermixing at the interface

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## Electrodeposited Ni, Co, Fe on GaAs Future Work

- Investigation of Ni/GaAs Schottky barrier properties
- Spin injection from Ni contacts into GaAs
- Electrodeposition on patterned p-n type GaAs,Si