Homoepitaxial Growth on Ni(110) Surface

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Kinetic behaviors of homoepitaxial growth on Ni(110) surface was studied at the growth-temperature ranges 290° 380 K with scanning tunneling microscopy. At low temperature (° 290 K), deposited Ni grows layer-by-layer mode in the first several layers with one-dimensional islands but eventually (at > 10 monolayers) forms three-dimensional islands through the kinetic shortening of the average length of one-dimensional islands. At the intermediat temperature (° 340 K), the three-dimensional islands were observed to be i) regular mesa-like structure with high aspect ratio (° 1 : 10) at ~15 monolayer, ii) hut-like structure with low aspect ratio (~ 1: 1.5) at ~ 35 monolayer, and iii) rounded mound structure at ~ 55 monolayers, due to the competition of kinetic and energetic terms. At the high temperature (~ 380 K), the flat surface with layer-by-layer mode was observed up to 50 monolayers. Microscopic orgins for the observations will be discussed on the basis of kinetic Monte Carlo simulations.