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Grwth and Nanoscale Magnetic Properties of Ferromagnetic Nanowire Encapsulated Inside Carbon Nanotubes

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Aligned ferromagnetic nanowire encapsulated inside carbon nanotubes (CNTs) has significant potential in high density magnetic recording media due to their nanoscale size and strong anisotropic property, leading to small bit size [1]. Moreover, the tube structure provides an effective barrier against oxidation effect

Here we present a growth and characterization of self-assembled aligned Pd_xCo_{1-x} alloy nanowire encapsulated MWCNT arrays on Si by dc bias-enhanced plasma CVD with C₂H₂ and NH₃. Off-axis electron holography in the transmission electron microscope (TEM) was used to correlate the magnetic microstructure of magnetite Pd_xCo_{1-x} alloy nanowire in individual MWCNTs [2].

The phase shift caused by the magnetic flux is clearly observed outside the tube indicating a magnetization parallel to the tube axis by electron holography, as shown in Fig. 1. And the magnetic field lines show a magnetic symmetry of the metal nanowire encapsulated inside MWCNTs. The powerful technique of the electron holography in the TEM enabled us to obtain the saturation magnetization of "each" and the magnetic "interaction" between Pd_xCo_{1-x} alloy nanowire encapsulated inside MWCNTs by calculating the magnetic field lines.

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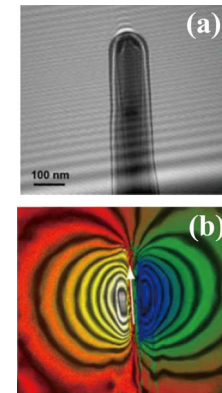


Fig. 1. Hologram taken from the nanorod filled inside MWCNT (a), color contour map of the corresponding magnetic component (b).