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Magnetic properties of nanocrystalline materials produced by severe plastic deformation

Abstract:

Severe plastic deformation (SPD) is nowadays a well-known method of nanocrystalline material synthesis. One key feature of SPD is the constancy of sample's volume and shape during the deformation process, which allows the production of samples exhibiting bulk dimensions. In this work, it is shown that SPD or combinations with different initial processes (ball milling, arc melting) can be used to synthesize different nanostructured soft and hard magnets. In SPD deformed immiscible systems (Fe-Cu, Fe-Cr, Cu-Co), soft magnetic properties were obtained. In Cu-Co alloys, for example, the coercivity can be tuned by varying the chemical composition. From an application viewpoint, the most important magnetic properties are magnetoresistivity and magnetostriction. The SPD deformed immiscible material systems are thus examined regarding their magnetoresistive and magnetostrictive properties as well. Furthermore, the use of SPD to process magnetic nanocomposites and exchange biased permanent magnets is shortly presented.

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