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## EPITAXIAL GROWTH OF THIN $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ FILMS ON $\text{ZnO}$ BY PLD: A PERSPECTIVE FOR SPINTRONICS

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This PhD work is inscribed in the research domain of materials science for spin electronics. We aim to master the epitaxial growth of the half-metallic  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ , a material with a fully polarized density of states, on  $\text{ZnO}$  semiconducting substrates, possessing a long spin coherence length (within the micrometer range). The successful combination “ $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{ZnO}$ ” is the first necessary foundation for physical spin injection studies on devices. In this work notable achievements were realized, particularly the successful epitaxial growth processes for  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  on  $\text{ZnO}(000\pm 1)$  substrates, regardless of substrate

polarity. Precise control of oxygen partial pressure during deposition allowed the synthesis of stoichiometric Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> thin films, with magnetization properties closely resembling those of bulk Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>. The investigation provided critical insights into the influence of growth temperature on the interface between Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and ZnO, including the effects of intentionally grown FeO template layers. Furthermore, the research extended to explore the impact of substrate miscut on remanent magnetization of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> thin films. Utilizing advanced transmission electron microscopy techniques, a comprehensive analysis of epitaxial growth revealed various structural defects, providing an in-depth understanding of the challenges in this area of research.

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