

The objective of this work is to employ spin-polarized density functional theory (sDFT) calculations for the exploration of ultrathin magnetic films with large magnetic moments and a strong perpendicular anisotropy. Monolayer films of  $\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Co}_x$  (with  $x=0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75,$  and  $1$ ) on  $\text{Rh}(001)$  were addressed to study their magnetic properties using the all-electron full-potential linearized augmented plane wave (FLAPW) method in film geometry. We studied the magnetic order of these films including structural relaxations of the topmost layers.  $\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Co}_x$  monolayer films were found to be ferromagnetic (FM) in a broad range of Co content  $x$  with a maximum magnetic moment of  $2.8 \mu\text{B}$  and of an out-of-plane magneto-crystalline anisotropy of  $0.25 \text{ meV}$  per magnetic atom at  $x=0.5$ . The sDFT results were mapped onto a classical Heisenberg model, demonstrating FM Fe-Co and Co-Co couplings, while the Fe-Fe interaction is antiferromagnetic on  $\text{Rh}(001)$ . The ordering temperature of the FeCo film was estimated to be well above room temperature ( $482 \text{ K}$ )