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Ultrafast Magnetization Dynamics in Thin Films of L1₀-Ordered FePt and FePd Compounds

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Intermetallic compounds and heterostructures based on elements of the platinum group are the basis of modern media for super-dense magnetic recording of information. The choice is determined by the unique magnetic properties of such compounds and long-term stability, as well as the insensitivity of their magnetic properties to the corrosive effects of oxygen and air humidity. [1]

Thin films of FePd and FePt compounds 10 nm thick were grown by molecular beam epitaxy (MBE) on MgO (001) substrates at room temperature in an ultrahigh-vacuum chamber on a 3 nm thick chromium (Cr) seed layer deposited at a substrate temperature of 600 °C. To transfer the equimolar systems FePd and FePt to the ordered tetragonal phase L1₀, the film was annealed for 30 minutes at a temperature of 650 °C.

The crystal structure and epitaxiality of the grown FePd and FePt films were studied by low-energy electron diffraction (LEED) methods directly in the ultrahigh-vacuum chamber and X-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis. The contrasting patterns of the LEED maxima indicate the single-crystal nature of the films and their coherent growth on substrates, that is, cube by cube type epitaxy. The observation of the (001) maximum along with (002) in the X-ray diffractogram indicates the tetragonal symmetry of the crystal lattice of the films, which, in turn, indicates their successful synthesis in the desired ordered L1₀ phase.

Using femtosecond optical and magneto-optical spectroscopy, it was shown that thin films of the L1₀ phases of FePd and FePt compounds are characterized by different times of photoinduced demagnetization. Such a difference is a prerequisite for the creation of artificial multilayer ferrimagnetic structures of the F1/N/F2 type, where F1 and F2 are ferromagnetic layers, the nature of the interaction between which is determined by the thickness of the separator made of normal metal N. The difference in the demagnetization rates is a necessary condition for ultrafast photoinduced handling magnetization.

In the future, the synthesis of three-layer structures based on L1₀-FePd and L1₀-FePt is supposed. The latter are isostructural and have very close lattice constants, both with respect to each other and to the Fe_{0.08}Pd_{0.92} system. This makes it possible to create perfect heteroepitaxial structures based on them.

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Abnormal Magnetism of Nano- and Microscaled Tetrafluorites LiTbF₄ and LiDyF₄

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Rare earth tetrafluorides LiReF₄, Re = La—Lu, are a promising material for laser technology [1, 2], medicine and biotechnology[3]. LiTbF₄ is an Ising dipolar uniaxial ferromagnet; T_C = 2.8741(16) K [5]. LiDyF₄ is a layered antiferromagnet; T_N = 0.610(15) K [5].

Nanosized powders of LiTbF₄ were synthesized using hydrothermal method[6]. Microsized LiTbF₄ and LiDyF₄ powders were baked at 650. XRD patterns, TEM HR and optical microscope were used for characterization. Temperature and field dependencies of magnetization were measured at the vibrational magnetometer. LiTbF₄ nanopowder at B = 10 mT showed reduction of Curie temperature compared with monocrystal. Field dependence of LiDyF₄ micropowder's magnetization at temperatures below 7 K takes the form of antiferroelectric hysteresis. Temperature dependence of loops' area is measured. Also, this sample's magnetisation does not set instantly when the external field is set, but follows exponential law exp(-t/τ). Values of τ are different for magnetization and demagnetization of LiDyF₄ micropowder. The financial support of the Russian Foundation for Basic Research and the Government of the Republic of Tatarstan (project 18-42-160012 p_a) is gratefully acknowledged.

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