

Investigation of dynamics of Permalloy-Molybdenum flakes by magneto-optical time-resolved spectroscopy

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We report on a study of the static and dynamic magnetic properties of Permalloy-Molybdenum (PyMb) flakes using magneto-optical time-resolved spectroscopy performed with femtosecond laser pulses. A detailed investigation of the spatial magnetization in the PyMb flakes has been performed using a magneto-optical Kerr microscope designed to provide simultaneously sub-micron spatial and ~ 100 femtoseconds temporal resolutions. The pump-probe configuration provides information on the demagnetization and re-magnetization times as well as on the local ferromagnetic resonance modes. It is found that the frequency ω_P and damping η of the magnetization precession varies spatially from $\omega_P = 7-8$ GHz and $\eta = 156-180$ ps. We attribute this effect to a local change of the effective field associated to the shape and magneto-crystalline anisotropies due to the “leaf-like” shape of the flakes. Further work is under progress to investigate the presence of resonant modes associated to vortices.

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