Threshold time resolved surface magnetometry of low dimensional systems

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# **Collaboration for Time resolved magnetometry**

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## **Technological importance**

\* Magnetic Hard drive :

2002: 130 Gbit/in2

\* Magnetic memory cell:



Domain size:  $\sim 0.1 \ \mu m$ Writing speed: 100 ps

J.B. Kortright et al. Journal of Magnetism and Magnetic Materials 207 (1999) 7-44

Size: ~1 μm Reversal time ~ few ps

\* Spin Electronics:

Spin polarized Current-induced switching in the orientation of magnetic moments

### **Physics of magnetization reversal:**

#### \* Landau-Lifshitz equation

$$\frac{d\vec{M}}{dt} = -|\gamma|(\vec{M} \times \vec{H}tot) + \frac{\alpha}{M}(\vec{M} \times \frac{d\vec{M}}{dt})$$
Precession Rotation

 $\gamma: \text{Gyromagnetic ratio}$  $\alpha: \text{Damping constant}$  $\vec{H}_{tot} = \vec{H}_{ex} + \vec{H}_{D} + \vec{H}_{A}$ 

\* Important role of electronic states for magnetic properties: (oscillatory magnetic coupling, giant magneto resistance, and interface doping)

### **Description of the existing experiment** @Saco LURE



 $N_L$  and  $N_R$  are the scattering intensities of electrons of opposite spin polarization.

The connection between the measure asymmetry and the spin polarization is given by the Sherman function.

#### **Time Resolved Surface Magnetometry**



#### Magnetic property of Iron Isolated nano-cluster by LMDAD



Intensity (a.u)

#### Dynamic behavior of magnetization of Iron nano-cluster



- Magnetization reversal is faster for smaller cluster at low temperature

-Magnetization reversal of mass selected clusters is faster at low temperature

-For the highest available applied field the different cluster size present the same reversal time of 20ns

T. J. Jackson, J. Phys. <u>12</u> 2000: *on Fe/Ag* Relaxation time:  $12\pm4$  ns

## **Limitations of the existing experiment**

- \* Time resolution ~ 1ns
- \* Beam size ~mm
- \* Wavelength: Integrating the all Density Of State
- \* Magnetic pulse  $\sim 50$  ns



P in lure for the all DOS: 25%

P @threshold: 40%

### **EUFELE project:** HPRI-CT-2001-50025

#### **FEL characteristics in Elettra:**

High Photon flux with tunability in the range of [ 3.5,..., 8 eV] (350,...,160 nm)



Beam Size :  $< \mu m^2$ 

**Small beam size:** Study of sample smaller than 1µm (1 magnetic domain)

**Time resolution:** Study of faster dynamic behavior

Fast dynamic on small sample : Precession of magnetic moment (Y. Acremann, science 290 (2000), 492)

Use of 4 detector : precession measurement in plane

New pulse generator:  $\sim 20 \text{ ps}$ 

**Energy Range:** - possibility to work at photoemission threshold

- Study of the spin population of the DOS

Narrowing of the d Band, increase of DOS at Ef when decreasing cluster size Change in DOS by injection of spin polarized current

## **Status of the experiment**

- \* Experimental system has been moved to ELETTRA (June 2002)
- \* first test in static mode performed (End of June)
- \* time resolved test before the end of the year
- \* // development of new electronic system and new sample holder



#### **Total polarization:**

 $\Delta A/S$  S: Sherman function

**P**=41 % @ 5.4 eV

**P**=27% @ 6eV with FEL

P in lure for the all DOS: 25%



First ELETTRA FEL user experiment in the VUV

FEL performances will allow to study:

- Low dimensional system (~  $\mu$ m)
- Fast dynamic behavior (10 ps resolution)
- Density of State (Range 3.5,..., 8 eV)