

# An original route for the preparation of hard FePt

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**Abstract:** The preparation of FePt hard magnetic foils by an original procedure is described in this paper. The process associates cyclic co-deformation of Fe and Pt foils down to the nanometer scale (total thickness of multilayer  $\approx 100 \mu\text{m}$ ) followed by heat treatment in the temperature range 450-550°C. The formation of the high-anisotropy  $L1_0$  FePt phase results from controlled diffusion and an ordering phase transformation. Coercivities as high as 0.9 T were measured in a VSM at room temperature following annealing at 450°C for 48 h. The coercivity of this sample was decreased by half when measured at 600 K while its energy product decreased from  $100 \text{ kJ/m}^3$  at 300 K to  $25 \text{ kJ/m}^3$  at 600 K. © 2002 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

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