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Enhanced orbital magnetism in oxide free Fe₅₀Pt₅₀ nanoparticles probed by x-ray magnetic circular dichroism¹ MICHAEL FARLE, Universitaet Duisburg-Essen — X-ray absorption spectra at both the Fe and Pt L_{3,2} edges were measured on wet-chemically synthesized Fe₅₀Pt₅₀ particles with a mean diameter of 6.3 nm. The organic ligands and the oxide shell covering the particles in the as prepared state were removed by soft hydrogen plasma. After thermal treatment under hydrogen atmosphere of 5 Pa, the coercive field increased by a factor of 6. This indicates the formation of the chemically ordered L10 phase and is accompanied by an enhancement of the orbital magnetic moment at the Fe site by 275%. Changes in the frequency of oscillations in the extended x-ray absorption fine structure at the Pt L_{3,2} edges provide additional crystallographic evidence for the formation of the L10 phase.

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