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Anomalously large *q*-factor of single atoms adsorbed on a metal substrate JENS WIEBE, ALEXANDER A. KHAJETOO-RIANS, BRUNO CHILIAN, ROLAND WIESENDANGER, Institute of Applied Physics, Hamburg University, Jungiusstrasse 11, D-20355 Hamburg, Germany, SAMIR LOUNIS, Forschungszentrum Jülich, Peter Grünberg Institut and Institute for Advanced Simulation, 52425 Jülich, Germany, ANTONIO T. COSTA, Instituto de Física, Universidade Federal Fluminense, 24210-340 Niterói, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, DOUGLAS L. MILLS, Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of California Irvine, California, 92697 USA — We performed magnetic field dependent inelastic scanning tunneling spectroscopy (ISTS) on individual Fe atoms adsorbed on different metal surfaces. ISTS reveals a magnetization excitation which is shifting linearly to higher energies in the magnetic field. The data is used to extract the magnetic anisotropies and the q-factors of the Fe atoms, as well as the lifetimes of the excitations. We find lifetimes of hundreds of femtoseconds limited by coupling to electron-hole pairs in the substrate and decreasing linearly upon application of the magnetic field. As expected, the magnetic anisotropy strongly depends on the substrate. Astoundingly, we find that the gfactor is $g \approx 3.1$ for Ag(111) instead of the regular value of 2 which is observed for the Cu(111) substrate [1]. This very large g-shift can be understood when considering the complete electronic structure of both the Ag(111) surface state and the Fe atom, as shown by *ab initio* calculations of the magnetic susceptibility.

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