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Compositional dependence of interfacial spin-orbit phenomena in Co_xFe_{1-x}/Pt bilayers ERIC EDWARDS, JUSTIN SHAW, HANS NEMBACH, National Institute of Standards and Technology — We experimentally investigate the dependence of the interfacial Dzyaloshinskii–Moriya interaction (DMI) on the alloy composition in Co_xFe_{1-x}/Pt bilayers. Following the methods in Ref. [1] we use Brillouin light scattering to determine the magnitude of the spin-wave dispersion shift induced by the antisymmetric exchange, allowing us to determine the strength of the DMI constant as a function of Co concentration x. Interestingly, the DMI constant varies significantly as a function of x and peaks at approximately x=0.5. These results are compared to measurements of the Heisenberg exchange obtained from fitting Bloch's law to temperature dependent magnetometry data. [1] H. T. Nembach et al., Nature Physics 11, 825–829 (2015)

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