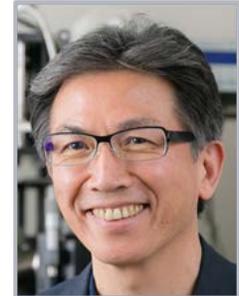




The 2020 Around-the-Clock Around-the-Globe Magnetics Conference: Invited speakers information

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Title of the talk: Novel functions observed in a topological antiferromagnet

Biography:

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Abstract:

Recently a chiral antiferromagnet Mn_3Sn has been demonstrated to exhibit a large anomalous Hall effect (AHE) at room temperature, the magnitude of which reaches almost the same order of magnitude as in ferromagnetic metals irrespective of a tiny spontaneous magnetization of about 1 mT [1]. The first principle calculation revealed that this large AHE originates from a significantly enhanced Berry curvature associated with the formation of Weyl points near Fermi energy [2,3]. Even more, recently detailed comparison between angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES) measurements and density functional theory (DFT) calculations revealed significant bandwidth renormalization and damping effects due to the strong correlation among Mn 3d electrons. Magnetotransport measurements provide strong evidence for the chiral anomaly of Weyl fermions, i.e., the emergence of positive magnetoconductance

only in the presence of parallel electric and magnetic fields. In this way, all the characteristic electronic properties of Mn_3Sn imply that the spin Hall effect (SHE) could also take place in the Mn_3Sn [4].

In this study, we set up our device that consists of ferromagnetic NiFe (blue squares) and nonmagnetic Cu electrodes formed on the top surface of a micro-fabricated single crystal of Mn_3Sn . We found that antiferromagnets have richer spin Hall properties than nonmagnetic materials, that is, in the noncollinear antiferromagnet Mn_3Sn , the SHE has an anomalous sign change when its triangularly ordered moments switch orientation. Our observations demonstrate that a novel type of contribution to the SHE (magnetic SHE, MSHE) and the inverse SHE (MISHE) that is absent in nonmagnetic materials can be dominant in some magnetic materials, including antiferromagnets. We attribute the dominance of this magnetic mechanism in Mn_3Sn to the momentum-dependent spin splitting produced by the noncollinear magnetic order. This discovery further expands the horizons of antiferromagnet spintronics and motivates a universal outlook on spin-charge coupling mechanisms in spintronics [5].

In this talk, we show experimental results of two complementary experiments, such as detection of spin accumulation induced by the direct SHE and spin pumping induced inverse SHE in Mn_3Sn . Our experimental results demonstrate that we could observe the spin accumulation associated with the direct SHE and also the signals due to the inverse SHE. Furthermore, we will discuss antiferromagnetic domain wall dynamics experimentally observed in these novel antiferromagnets [6].

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