

spin pumping, spin Seebeck and SMR in YIG/AFM/Pt structure, AFM=NiO, CoO

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Antiferromagnetic spintronics

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X. Marti et al., Nature Materials 13, 367–374 (2014)



Peter Wadley et al., Science, 2016

spin transport in AFM insulators



H. Wang *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B 91, 220410(R) 2015

spin current: pure spin beam



neutron scattering:

probe of spin fluctuation

determine ordering temperature



Our guess: spin current as desktop neutron source?

spin current in AFM: desktop neutron experiment?



Device & Set-up



spin pumping ISHE in YIG/3nm CoO/Pt



Results and discussion



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Finite-Size Effects and Uncompensated Magnetization in Thin Antiferromagnetic CoO Layers



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spin Seebeck/pumping effect YIG/NiO/Pt



XMLD result: YIG/ 6 nm CoO/Pt



spin current as a probe of Neel temperature

Enhanced spin pumping by antiferromagnetic IrMn thin films around the

magnetic phase transition

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200 250

100 200 300

200 250

150

T (K)

0.4

0.0

150

T (K)

100

0.6

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Spin Hall magnetoresistance (SMR) in metal/Ferromagnetic insulator



positive SMR in many systems...



Junyeon Kim et al., PRL 116, 097201 (2016)

...so far so good, but...





why the SMR sign change?

$$\frac{\Delta \rho_1}{\rho} = \theta_{\rm SH}^2 \frac{\lambda}{d_N} \operatorname{Re} \frac{2\lambda G_{\uparrow\downarrow} \tanh^2 \frac{d_N}{2\lambda}}{\sigma + 2\lambda G_{\uparrow\downarrow} \coth \frac{d_N}{\lambda}}$$

T. Shang et al., APL 109, 032410 (2016).

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SMR in our Pt/NiO/YIG



Negative SMR in Pt/NiO/YIG is a fact!

$$\frac{\Delta \rho_1}{\rho} = \theta_{\rm SH}^2 \frac{\lambda}{d_N} \operatorname{Re} \frac{2\lambda G_{\uparrow\downarrow} \tanh^2 \frac{1}{2\lambda}}{\sigma + 2\lambda G_{\uparrow\downarrow} \coth \frac{d_N}{\lambda}}$$

does not explain



SMR sign change point depends on NiO thickness
negative SMR persists when spin current blocked by NiO

We need a scenario in which NiO dominates SMR at low T!

spin-flop coupling between NiO and FM

AFM SMR



T. C. Schulthess, W. H. Butler, PRL, 81, 20 (1998)

CoO/Fe/Ag(001)



Aurelien Manchon, arXiv:1609.06521v1



J. Wu et al., PRL 104, 217204 (2010)

SMR peak point

Neel point of NiO, spin transmission maximised





model for negative SMR at low T

spin current from Pt can not reach YIG



SMR sign change point

spin current from Pt reach both NiO and YIG, competition





explains the NiO thickness dependence

Summary of phenomenological explanation:



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Theoretical quantitative model

by J. Barker, K. Sato and K. Yamamoto

decompose of the spin current from Pt into two:

 $ej_s = G_{AF}n_{AFM} \times (n_{AFM} \times \mu_s) + t(T)m_{FI} \times (m_{FI} \times \mu_s)$ NIO SMR VIG SMR



$$\frac{\delta\rho}{\rho_0} = \frac{2\theta_{SHE}^2 \lambda_N^2}{d_N \sigma} \frac{G_{AF} \cos^2 \phi_n + t(T) \cos^2 \phi_m + \nu t(T) G_{AF} \sin^2(\phi_m - \phi_n)}{1 + \nu G_{AF} + \nu t(T) + \nu^2 t(T) G_{AF} \sin^2(\phi_m - \phi_n)} \tanh^2\left(\frac{d_N}{2\lambda_N}\right)$$



data fitting

$l_{\rm NiO}$	$a[K^{-1}]$	GAF	G_F
2.0	$1.83 \pm 0.22 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.58 \pm 0.32 \times 10^{12}$	$8.39 \pm 0.57 \times 10^{11}$
2.2	$1.38 \pm 0.19 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.48 \pm 0.17 \times 10^{12}$	$7.78 \pm 0.26 \times 10^{11}$
2.7	$1.42 \pm 0.10 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.67 \pm 0.09 \times 10^{12}$	$3.01 \pm 0.08 \times 10^{11}$
5.4	$1.44 \pm 0.02 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.51 \pm 0.15 \times 10^{12}$	$0.08 \pm 0.01 \times 10^{12}$



Saül Vélez, Amilcar Bedoya-Pinto, Wenjing Yan, Luis E. Hueso, and Fèlix Casanova, PRB, (2016)

Electrical Detection of Spin Backflow from an Antiferromagnetic Insulator/Y₃Fe₅O₁₂ Interface

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their explanation

If the spin current flowing back to the Pt from the NiO involves a spin flip, then the direction of $\mathbf{J}_{C}^{\text{ISH}}$ would be *opposite* to that of the J_C , as sketched in Fig. 4(b), leading to the *increase* of the measured R and, thus, $R_{\perp} \approx R_{\parallel} < R_T$, the inverted SMR, as apparently occurs in Pt/NiO/YIG at $T < T^*$. We suggest that the spin-flip scattering for the spin



Negative spin Hall magnetoresistance of Pt on the bulk easy-plane antiferromagnet NiO

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Seebeck effect, [25-27] propagate through the NiO layer and are detected in Pt by the ISHE. For NiO layers thicker than ~ 5 nm, the transmitted spin current decreased rapidly with thickness. The sign of the SMR signal in these Pt/NiO/YIG stacks is observed to be positive at room temperature and becomes negative at low temperatures. [28-30] The authors explain this domination of the positive SMR at room temperature by spin currents injected at the Pt/NiO interface, transmitted through NiO and partly reflected when entering the YIG. At low temperatures, the spin currents towards and from the YIG are suppressed due to the vanishing spin transmittance in NiO, thus, the total signal is dominated by the negative SMR from NiO. For the Pt/NiO/YIG samples, the NiO magnetic moments are indirectly aligned perpendicular to the magnetic field via an exchange coupling with YIG which is saturated at 0.06 mT. [28–30]

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