Interfacial spin-orbitronics: Large spin-current conversion in α-Sn topological insulator and potential for giant Spin Seebeck effect in YIG/α-Sn



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Use new Spin-Orbit (SO) effects towards the creation, manipulation and detection of spin currents for potential applications in spintronics

- SO effects in bulk materials: Spin Hall Effect

- SO effects at surfaces and interfaces (Rashba interfaces, interfaces between oxides, topological insulator)

Examples of SO effect in bulk materials: Spin Hall Effect

Spin Hall effect (SHE) and ISHE (bulk effects)



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→ Efficiency of conversion:

Spin hall angle $\theta_{SHE} = \frac{spin current density}{charge current density}$ (dimensionless)

Pt(0.056), Pd(0.01), βTa(-0.2), βW(-0.3), WO_x(-0.5), Mo(-0.001), Ge, CuBi (-0.11), CuIr(-0.02), Au(0.04), AuW(0.1), AuPt , AuTa (-0.5), CuPt

Applications

SOT- electrical switching



I. M. Miron *et al.*, Nature 476, 789 (2011) Liu et al. Science 333, 555 (2012) J.C R-S et al. APL 108, 082406 (2016) T.H. Pham et al. (in preparation)

Ultrafast 3-terminal SOT MRAM





Z. Wang, W. S. Zhao *et al.*, J. Phys. D: 48, 065001 (2015)

Examples of SO effect in 2D materials: Edelstein Effect in Rashba interfaces and topological insulators

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Edelstein effect (EE) and IEE

(interface effects)



Applications

SOT- electrical switching



Y. Fan et al. Nat Mat (2014) @ 1.9 K some reports in arXiv at RT CFB/Bi₂Se₃; CoTb/Bi₂Se₃

F/NM/TI (using a spacer or barrier)



→ Efficiency of EE conversion: $\lambda_{EE} = q_{ICS} = J_s^{3D}/J_c^{2D}$ (1/length units) Sb_2Te_3 (1 nm⁻¹, 15 K)

➔ Efficiency of IEE conversion:

 $\lambda_{\text{IEE}} = J_c^{2D}/J_s^{3D}$ (length units)

Ag/Bi(0.3nm), Ag/Sb (0.01nm), Cu/BiOx (0.5nm), Ag/BiOx(0.3nm), Fe/Ge[111] (0.13nm, 20K), STO/LAO (6.1nm, 7 K) Fe/GaAs[001] (-0.11 nm), ... α-Sn (2.4 nm), ...

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Edelstein and Inverse Edelstein Effect





- I. Background: Spin pumping voltage by FMR due to ISHE and IEE
- II. IEE in Bi/Ag/NiFe, Ge[111]/Fe, STO/LAO/NiFe and α -Sn/Ag/Fe/Au
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Summary

Spin pumping – Ferromagnetic resonance



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Ag/Bi interface : Inverse Edelstein Effect



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 → large interfacial spin to charge current conversion : IEE Previous demonstration in SC QW by
 S. D. Ganichev et al. Nature 417, 153 (2002) - spin galvanic effect

Ag/Bi interface : Inverse Edelstein Effect





A. Soumyanaryanan et al. Nature 539, 509 (2016) Y. Ando and M. Shiraishi JPSJ 86, 011001 (2017)

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Evidence of spin-charge curent conversion at GeTe(111)

Ferroelectric Rashba Semiconductor

Intrinsic link between ferroelectric polarization and spin chirality in bulk Rashba-type bands

Coll. R. Calarco, Paul-Drude (Berlin) R. Bertacco (Milan)



LEED pattern

First (preliminary) results: Spin pumping voltage detected along ZA // [-110] and not along ZU // [11-2]

C. Rinaldi et al., APL Mat. 4, 032501 (2016)



Spin-charge curent conversion at Fe/Ge(111) interface



S. Oyarzun *et al., Nat. Comm.* 7, 13857 (2016) See also L. Chen et al. Nat Comm. 7, 13802 (2016) for Fe/GaAs(001) interface

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LAO/STO system

SrTiO₃ and LaAlO₃ : band insulators but SrTiO₃/LaAlO₃ interface conductive !





A. Ohtomo & H. Y. Hwang, *Nature* 423, 427 (2004)
N. Nakagawa *et al.*, *Nature Mater.* 5, 204–209 (2006)
T. Higuchi & H. Y. Hwang, *in* "Multifunctional Oxide Heterostructures", *Oxford Univ. Press* (2011) [arXiv:1105.5779]
E. Lesne *et al.*, *Nature Comm.* 5, 4291 (2014)

Conductive tip AFM evidences the quasi-twodimensional nature of the conduction.

M. Basletic *et al.*, *Nature Mater.* 7, 621 (2008) O. Copie *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 102, 216804 (2009)

E. Lesne et al., Nat. Mater. 15, 261 (2016)

LAO/STO system : large Ic production and gate effect



Rashba $\alpha_R \sim 3x10^{-12} \text{ eV-m}$ Caviglia et al, PRL (2010) Hurand et al, Sc.Rep. (2015) $\tau \sim 1 \text{ ps}$ (OK with resistance) < $\alpha_{R}^{\sim} 3.5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ eV-m for Ag/Bi}$ Ast et al. PRL 98, 186807 (2007)



>> $\tau \sim 1-10$ fs for Rashba (Bi/Ag) or TI (α -Sn) interfaces with a metal

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20 Spin to charge conversion by spin pumping voltage : some reports on FM/TI



 21 Spin to charge conversion by Dirac cone states with helical spin polarization of $\alpha\text{-Sn}$

✓ Topological insulators with inversion symmetry Liang Fu and C. L. Kane PRB 76, 045303 (2007)

Several reports in 2013-2014 account the TI behavior of $\alpha\mbox{-Sn}$ thin films

- ✓ Large-gap quantum Spin Hall Insulators in Tin films Y. Xu et al. PRL 111, 136804 (2013)
- ✓ Elemental Topological Insulator with Tunable Fermi level: strained α-Sn on InSb(001)
- A. Barfuss et al. PRL 111, 157205 (2013)
- Dirac Cone with Helical Spin Polarization in Ultrathin α-Sn(001) films

Y. Othsubo et al. PRL 111, 216401 (2013)



 Topological α-Sn surface states versus films thickness and strain

S. Küfner et al. PRB 90, 125312 (2014)

Our α-Sn/Fe and α-Sn/Ag/Fe samples (α-Sn: 30ML) have been grown in the same conditions in situ on the same beam line to check by ARPES if the topological states are or are not kept after depositing Fe or Ag for our spin pumping experiments

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First stage : ARPES in α -Sn + Fe or α Sn+Ag

Room temperature





J.C. R.-S. et al, PRL 116, 096602 (2016)

23 Spin-to-charge conversion at topological insulator interfaces



²⁴ SCC at topological insulator interfaces : quantification



Perspective for exploiting the conversion between spin and charge by TI in low-power spintronic devices (Room Temp.), assessment of the advantage of TI

1) Charge to spin conversion: SHE already used in SOT-RAMS, Rashba and TI already proposed by INTEL, advantage of TI for spin-orbit logic (Manipatruni et al)



Spin Hall effect (SHE) vs Edelstein effect (EE)

3D layers

Charge-to-spin conversion by « bulk » spin-orbit effect through **spin hall effect** (SHE) S.O. Valenzuela et al, Nature 442, 176 (2006)



Interface R << $\rho \times I_{sf}$

the transferred spin current density is related to the total charge current j_c^{2D} in the SHE layer by

$$J_s^{3D} = \theta_{\text{SHE}} \tanh\left(\frac{t}{2l_{sf}}\right) \frac{J_c^{2D}}{t}$$

the max. value (t $\ll l_{\text{sf}}$)
 $\frac{J_s^{3D}}{J_c^{2D}} = q^* = \frac{\theta_{\text{SHE}}}{2l_{\text{sf}}}$

Interfaces and 2DEGs

Charge-to-spin conversion achieved through Edelstein effect (EE) aka Inverse spin galvanic effect J.C. Rojas-Sanchéz et al, Nature Commun. 4, 2944 (2013) K. Shen et al, PRL 102, 096601 (2014), K. Kondou et al, Nat. Phys. 2016 $EE(J_{s}^{3D} = q_{EE}J_{c}^{2D})$



Maximum spin current induced by SHE characterized by the effective conversion reciprocal length

 $q^* = \frac{\theta_{\text{SHE}}}{2}$ to be compared to \boldsymbol{q}_{EE}

From SHE to EE the gain in spin current production for the same charge current injected is at least (q_{FF}/q_{SHF})

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²⁷ Compared charge to spin conversion yield of TI (Sb_2Te_3) and SHE (Pt and W)



Reported charge current density to reverse Magnetization

3D: β -W $J_c=1.2\times10^{10}$ A/m²@ 300 K Q. Hao et al. APL 106, 182403 (2015)2D: $(Bi_{0.5}Sb_{0.5})_2Te_3$ $J_c=8.9\times10^8$ A/m²@ 1.9 K Y. Fan et al. Nat. Matt (2014)

- TI materials with larger q will reduce the charge current needed to reverse perpendicular M (toward application in MRAM)
- **\rightarrow** Perspective: measure **q** in α -Sn @ 300 K

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2) Perspective for spin to charge conversion with TI, second exemple: conversion of heat flow into electrical power

APPLIED PHYSICS LETTERS 104, 042402 (2014)

Spin Seebeck power generators

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Inverse spin Hall effect (ISHE) vs inverse Edelstein effect (IEE)

3D layers

Spin-to-charge conversion by « bulk » spin-orbit effect through **inverse spin hall effect** (ISHE) E. Saitoh et al, APL 88, 182509 (2006) S.O. Valenzuela et al, Nature 442, 176 (2006)





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 $\lambda^* = \theta_{\rm SHE} l_{sf}$ to be compared to $\lambda_{\rm IEE}$

From ISHE to IEE the gain in charge current for the same spin current is at least $\lambda_{\text{IEE}}/\lambda_{\text{ISHE}}^*$

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Toward longitudinal spin Seebeck effect in YIG/ α -Sn



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Large output voltage using $(Bi_{0.24}Sb_{0.76})_2Te_3$ TI: x100 than using Pt !



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Summary

- First experimental evidence by SP of IEE and its quantification
- ✓ Large efficiency of SCC at Ag/Bi interface λ_{IEE} = 0.3nm @ 300 K J.-C. Rojas-Sánchez *et al.*, *Nat. Comm.* 4, 2944 (2013)
- ✓ Promising results at oxides interfaces: STO/LAO λ_{IEE} = 6.2nm (7 K)
 E. Lesne *et al.*, *Nat. Mater.* 15, 261 (2016)
- ✓ Intriguing results on Ge(111)/Fe Rashba interface λ_{IEE} = 0.13nm (20 K) S. Oyarzun *et al.*, *Nat. Comm.* 7, 13857 (2016)
- Study of α-Sn topological insulator : λ_{IEE} = 2.1 nm @ 300 K surface sates are suppressed in direct contact with Fe, αSn/Fe):
 but preserved with Ag layer, Ag/αSn ⁽²⁾
 τ with metallic spacer much smaller (~fs) than in free TI surface (~ps)
 - \Rightarrow a barrier will increase τ (and λ_{IEE})

J.-C. Rojas-Sánchez et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 096602 (2016), arXiv (2015)



Spin-Orbit in 2D system is more efficient than in 3D (SHE) for spin-charge conversion and spintronic devices

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