



Detecting, imprinting and switching spin chirality in magnetic materials

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Rich world of chiral states

Menzel et al. PRL 108, 197204 (2012)

Spirals, Domain walls



Fert et al. Nat. Nano. 8, 152 (2013)

Topological spin textures



vector spin chirality





Ferromagnets

Antiferromagnets

scalar spin chirality

$$\chi_{ijk} = \mathbf{S}_i \cdot (\mathbf{S}_j \times \mathbf{S}_k)$$

"octupolar" chirality



Yang et al. PRL **124**, 137201 (2020)

Canted Magnets



Smejkal et al., Nat. Phys. 14, 242 (2018)

Frustrated Magnets





Why chirality?

- There is a zoo of chiral states out there!
 You have to deal with them!
- > We have to learn how to manipulate them
- Profound impact on: energetics, transport, dynamics
- Platform for "advanced" and/or topological concepts

Teleportation & Entanglement



Exotic States of Matter: chiral spin liquids

Novel Topological States















How to read out chirality and chiral states?



Concept of chiral currents Chiral Hall effect in canted systems Chiral Hall effect in textures Chiral spin currents Chirality, Berry phase & spin torque

How to switch chirality?

Chiral currents for chirality switching

magnetic sample

"Hidden" and "driven" chirality out of equilibrium

Driving chirality by laser excitations Chirality by fluctuations Magnon drag of chirality Chirality and g-factor



Read-Out: Anomalous Hall Effect



(images from) Smejkal *et al.* Sci. Adv. **6**, eaaz8809 (2020)



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 - Non-coplanar AFMs: SOI not needed

scalar spin chirality

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S_k "topological" Hall effect prominent e.g. in skyrmions S_j OHANNES GUTENBERG UNIVERSITÄT MAINZ OF DUCLES

Probing Scalar Chirality by Magneto-Optics

Feng, Hanke, YM et al. Nature Comm. 11, 118 (2020)

Scalar spin chirality mediates topological magneto-optical phenomena

Kerr and Faraday effects







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and crystal symmetry is low...

 $old S_k$

 ${old S}_i$





"topological" Hall effect...

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Toy Model : 2 atoms per cell

Point group symmetry C_{6v}



And let's assume that everything is possible...



Hall effect : Effect of canting

Kipp, Samanta, Lux, Go, Merte, YM et al. Comm. Physics 4, 99 (2021)

Chiral Hall Effect of FMs honeycomb Rashba ferromagnet



No change in magnetization with sense of chirality!



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Chiral Hall Effect in AFMs

Kipp, Samanta, Lux, Go, Merte, YM et al. Comm. Physics 4, 99 (2021)



Mn₂Au 2.01.51.0 $E_{\rm F}^{\rm true}$ [eV] Chiral Hall 0.50.0-0.5 $\approx 2^{\circ}$ E_{F} -1.00.1 eV0.3 eV-1.50.5 eV-2.0-5005001000 $\sigma_{zx} \left[(\Omega \cdot \mathrm{cm})^{-1} \right]$

Colossal Chiral Hall Effect

DyPtBi: Zhang, **GdPtBi**: Suzuki, **EuTiO**₃: Takahashi **CaNaMnBi**₂: Yang et al. PRL **124**, 137201 (2020)

Samanta, Ležaić, YM, et al. JAP **127**, 213904 (2020)

Zelezny *et al.* PRL **113**, 157201 (2014) Bodnar *et al.* Nat. Comm. **9**, 348 (2018) Chiral and Crystal Hall : can be also

distinguished by optical means



Chiral Currents : Symmetry

Kipp, Samanta, Lux, Merte, Lezaic, YM et al. Comm. Physics 4, 99 (2021)



$$P \mathbf{n}_{\pm} = \pm \mathbf{n}_{\pm}$$

staggered / ferromagnetic:

$$\mathbf{n}_{\pm} = \mathbf{s}_{\mathrm{A}} \pm \mathbf{s}_{\mathrm{B}}$$

AHE is odd under time-reversal

$$\sigma_{[xy]} = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_{xy} - \sigma_{yx})$$

This suggests the following expansion :

$$\sigma_{xy}^{\text{odd}} = \sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} (c_{xy}^{\text{odd}})^i \colon (\mathbf{n}_{-}^{\otimes 2k+1} \otimes \mathbf{n}_{+}^{\otimes 2l})_i \quad \text{odd in } A \leftrightarrow B$$
$$\sigma_{xy}^{\text{even}} = \sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} (c_{xy}^{\text{even}})^i \colon (\mathbf{n}_{-}^{\otimes 2k} \otimes \mathbf{n}_{+}^{\otimes 2l+1})_i \quad \text{even in } A \leftrightarrow B$$

After including the *staggered* nature of tensors into account:

$$\frac{\sigma_{xy}^{\text{odd}} - \sigma_{yx}^{\text{odd}}}{2} \in \text{span}\{n_{-}^{y}n_{+}^{y}n_{+}^{x} + n_{-}^{y}n_{+}^{x}n_{+}^{y} + n_{-}^{x}n_{+}^{y}n_{+}^{y} - n_{-}^{x}n_{+}^{x}n_{+}^{x}\} + \mathcal{O}(n^{5})$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{xy}^{\text{even}} - \sigma_{yx}^{\text{even}}}{2} = \in \text{span}\{n_{+}^{z}, n_{-}^{z}n_{-}^{x}n_{+}^{x} + n_{-}^{z}n_{-}^{y}n_{+}^{y}, n_{-}^{x}n_{-}^{z}n_{+}^{x} + n_{-}^{y}n_{-}^{z}n_{+}^{x} + n_{-}^{y}n_{-}^{z}n_{+}^{x} + n_{-}^{y}n_{-}^{z}n_{+}^{y}, n_{-}^{x}n_{-}^{x}n_{+}^{x} + n_{-}^{y}n_{-}^{y}n_{+}^{y}, n_{-}^{x}n_{-}^{x}n_{+}^{x} + n_{-}^{y}n_{-}^{y}n_{+}^{y}, n_{-}^{x}n_{-}^{x}n_{+}^{y} + n_{-}^{y}n_{-}^{y}n_{+}^{y}, n_{-}^{x}n_{-}^{y}n_{+}^{y} + n_{-}^{y}n_{-}^{y}n_{+}^{y}, n_{-}^{x}n_{-}^{y}n_{+}^{y} + n_{-}^{y}n_{-}^{y}n_{+}^{y}, n_{-}^{x}n_{-}^{y}n_{+}^{y} + n_{-}^{y}n_{-}^{y}n_{+}^{y} + n_{-}^{y}n_{-}^{y}n_{+}^{y}, n_{-}^{x}n_{-}^{y}n_{+}^{y} + n_{-}^{y}n_{-}^{y}n_{+}^{y}, n_{-}^{x}n_{-}^{y}n_{+}^{y} + n_{-}^{y}n_{-}^{y}n_{+}^{y} + n_{-}^{y}n_{+}^{y}n_{+}^{y} + n_{-}^{y}n_{+}^{y}n_{+}^{y} + n_{-}^{y}n_{+}^{y}n_{+}^{y} + n_{-}^{y}n_{+}^{y}n_{+}^{y} + n_{$$

Chiral Hall Effect: Impact

Kipp, Samanta, Lux, Merte, YM et al. Comm. Physics 4, 99 (2021) Bac, Koller, Lux, Assaf et al. arXiv:2103.15801 (2021)





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-100

Prediction of symmetry analysis:

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 $\delta \sigma_{xy} \sim \mathbf{n}_+ \cdot \mathbf{n}_-^2$

MnBi₂Te₄

scaling law with magnetization

Will help you read out chirality







Chiral Hall Effect: Origins

Kipp, Samanta, Lux, Go, Lezaic, YM et al. Comm. Physics 4, 99 (2021)

➢ Reference state + small admixture of needed chirality apply perturbation theory → obtain expressions

2-spin chiral Hall effect:

 $\Omega^a_{xy} \approx |\theta| \cdot \delta \Omega_{xy}$

Non-linear in *E* contributions to the Hall effect

"staggered" mixed Berry curvature "staggered" **spin-orbit torques** $\rightarrow \Omega_{x\lambda}$

Complex geometric nature:



Chiral Hall $\stackrel{1.8}{[6]{\text{GN}}}_{1.6}$ -10^{1} 1.4 $\overset{\mathbf{k}}{=} 1.2$ -10^{2} 1.0 -Х Ζ 2.0staggered SOT $\stackrel{1.8}{E_{\rm L}} \stackrel{0.1}{[\rm eV]}{\rm eV}$ -10^{1} 1.4 $\overset{\mathbf{k}}{=}_{1.2}$

 $\Omega^{\theta k_x}_{n \mathbf{k}} \left[\mathbf{\hat{A}} \right]$

 -10^{2}

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 $\delta \Omega_{xy} = \operatorname{tr}_{\operatorname{occ}} \Im \left([\Omega_{xy}, \mathcal{A}_{\lambda}] + [\mathcal{Q}_{\lambda y}, \mathcal{A}_{x}] + [\Omega_{x\lambda}, \mathcal{A}_{y}] \right)$

1.0 + X

Mn₂Au

2.0



Chiral Spin Currents

Go, Sallermann, Lux, Blügel, Gomonay, Y.M., arXiv:2201.11476 (2022)

spin Hall effect





in spirit: spin-decomposition of AHE

Symmetry allows for *site-dependent* spin current polarization!

non-magnetic crystal

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Freimuth, Blügel, Y.M. PRL **105**, 246602 '10 Rauch, Töpler, Mertig PRB **101**, 064206 '20

"chiral" spin Hall effect



Chiral Spin Hall Effect : Mn₃X

Go, Sallermann, Lux, Blügel, Gomonay, Y.M., arXiv:2201.11476 (2022)

tight-binding model for Mn₃X structure



Non-magnetic Mn3X lattice: electric field along y spin current along z

chiral spin Hall effect

Chiral current operator:

 $j_z^{\rm chi} = 1/2 \left(S_{\rm chi} v_z + v_z S_{\rm chi} \right)$

Chiral spin operator $S_{
m chi} = \boldsymbol{S}_A \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{n}}_A + \boldsymbol{S}_B \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{n}}_B + \boldsymbol{S}_C \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{n}}_C$

Kubo formalism for response

Can couple to the spin texture!



Chiral Spin Currents for Chirality Switching

Go, Sallermann, Lux, Blügel, Gomonay, Y.M., arXiv:2201.11476 (2022)



Gradient expansion : (very) smooth textures

Kipp, Lux, YM, Phys. Rev. Research 3, 043155 (2021)

> Given a texture, the spirit of gradient expansion dictates:



Point group symmetry C_{6v}

Conductivity in terms of irreducible representations of the symmetry group: $\sigma = A_1 + A_2 + E_2$

 $\sigma_{A_2}[\hat{\mathbf{n}}] = \gamma_{\text{AHE}} \langle n_z \rangle + \gamma_{\text{CHE}} \langle (\nabla \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}) (n_{\perp}^2 - n_{\parallel}^2) \rangle$

planar Hall effect

magnetoconductivity

$$\sigma_{A_1}[\hat{\mathbf{n}}] = (\gamma_{\text{LC}} + \gamma_{\text{MC}}) + \gamma_{\text{AMC}} \langle n_{\perp}^2 - n_{\parallel}^2 \rangle + \gamma_{\text{CMC}} \langle (\nabla \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} - \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \nabla) n_z$$

$$\sigma_{E_2}[\hat{\mathbf{n}}] = \gamma_{\text{PHE}} \left\langle \left[\left(n_x^2 - n_y^2 \right) / 2, n_x n_y \right] \right\rangle + \gamma_{\text{CPHE}} \left\langle n_z (\partial_x n_x - \partial_y n_y, \partial_x n_y + \partial_y n_x) \right\rangle$$

anomalous Hall effect

Gradient expansion : Predictions

Kipp, Lux, YM, Phys. Rev. Research 3, 043155 (2021)

Irrep	Channel	Name	Collinear effects $\mathcal{O}(\partial^0)$	Chiral effects $\mathcal{O}(\partial^1)$
A_1	$(\sigma_{(xx)} + \sigma_{(yy)})/2$	isotropic longitudinal	longitudinal conductivity (LC), magnetocon- ductivity (MC), anisotropic magnetoconductiv-	chiral magnetoconductivity (CMC)
A_2	$\sigma_{[xy]}$	antisymmetric transverse	ity (AMC) anomalous Hall effect (AHE)	chiral Hall effect (CHE)
$(E_2)_1$	$(\sigma_{(xx)} - \sigma_{(yy)})/2$	anisotropic longitudinal	longitudinal planar Hall effect (LPHE)	chiral longitudinal planar Hall effect (CLPHE)
$(E_2)_2$	$\sigma_{(xy)}$	symmetric transverse	planar Hall effect (PHE)	chiral planar Hall effect (CPHE)

Туре		AHE	CHE	MC	CMC	PHE	CPHE
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	[100]			\checkmark			\checkmark
Bloch	$[0\overline{1}1]$			\checkmark			\checkmark
	[110]			\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
	[100]	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		
Cone	$[0\overline{1}1]$	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		
	[110]	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark



- \rightarrow Kubo formalism
- \rightarrow Up to 2000 atoms
- → Variable disorder

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Chiral Transport of Spirals

Kipp, Lux, YM, Phys. Rev. Research 3, 043155 (2021)



prominent Berry phase signal



Chiral Hall Effect of Textures

Lux, Freimuth, Praß, Blügel, Y.M., arXiv:2005.12629; PRL **124**, 096602 (2020)







Orbital magnetism of magnons

Zhang, Lux, Go, Y.M. et al. Comm. Phys. 3, 227 (2020)

Magnon-driven orbital moment:

 $L_{n\mathbf{k}}^{\mathrm{TOM}} = \kappa^{\mathrm{TO}} \langle \Psi_{n\mathbf{k}} | \chi(\mathbf{k}) | \Psi_{n\mathbf{k}} \rangle$



Hanke, YM *et al.* Sci. Rep. **7**, 41078; Dias *et al.* Nat. Commun. **7**, 13613 Lux, Freimuth, Blügel, YM *et al.* Commun. Phys. **1**, 60 (2018) Redies, Lux, Hanke, YM *et al.* PRB **99**, 140407(R) (2020)

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Topological Orbital Magnetism

giant effective fields

$$oldsymbol{L}_{ijk}^{ ext{TO}} = arkappa_{ijk}^{ ext{TO}} \left[oldsymbol{S}_i \cdot \left(oldsymbol{S}_j imes oldsymbol{S}_k
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Chirality and g-factor

Alahmed, Wen, Zhang, Lux, Y.M., Zhang, Lee, Li et al. (2021)

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g-factor

g-factor

Orbital moment is correlated with the (spectroscopic) *g*-factor as:

HOOP

$$g = 2\left(1 + \frac{M_L}{M_S}\right)$$

Expectation:

- OOP g-factor increases with T
- IP g-factor decreases with T

Magnons mediate OOP orbital moment with increasing T

Kittel Phys. Rev. **76**, 743 (1949) Kläui, Weiler, Mokrousov, *Physik Journal* Feb 2022



Transport of chirality by magnons

Zhang, Lux, Go, Y.M. et al. Comm. Phys. 3, 227 (2020)

Orbital Nernst Effect:

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Optical chirality engineering

Not an effect of thermal repopulation

Ghosh, Freimuth, Gomonay, Blügel, YM, in press (arXiv:2011.01670)







"Chiral" coherent electronic excitations

chiral interactions out of equilibrium

Karnad, Freimuth, Y.M., Kläui, et al. PRL 121, 147203 '18 Freimuth, Blügel, Y.M., Phys. Rev. B 102, 245411 (2020)



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