Generation of tilted spin current by the collinear antiferromagnet RuO₂



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--- Outlines ----

Background and motivation

Conventional vs unconventional spin current





Band structure of RuO₂

Spin-split bands contributing to <u>exotic electronic transport</u>
 <u>properties</u> (unique property of an altermagnet)



Experimental detection of to *exotic electronic transport properties* via electrical measurements

- Strategies
- Measurement techniques (ST-FMR, In-plane 2nd harmonics Hall)
- Results and summary



Spin-orbit torques -



 \rightarrow Altermagnetic RuO₂: spin-split bands (*Phys. Rev. X. 12, 031042* (2022)) \rightarrow 4



 \rightarrow Electronics with the altermagnet (RuO₂) (*Phys. Rev. X 12, 040501 (2022*)) \rightarrow

(1) Longitudinal time odd spin-polarized current by the real space collinear AFM (strongly crystal axis dependent)
 Theory: Phys Rev X 12, 011028 (2021)

(2) Anomalous Hall effect by the real space collinear AFM (strongly crystal axis dependent) *Theory: Sci Adv. 6, eaaz8809 (2020) Exp: Nat. Electron5, 735 (2022), arXiv:2012.15651*

 (3) Unconventional time-odd spin-Hall current even in the absence of SOC determined by *N*-vector (strongly crystal axis dependent) *Theory: Phys. Rev Lett 126, 127701 (2021) Exp: A. Bose. et. al. Nat. Electron. 5, 267 (2022)*





- Tilted spin-current vs. unconventional torque (*Nat. Elecl.5, 267 (2022*)) - 6



Time even vs time odd transverse spin currents ----

zx

360

360

 \mathcal{T} -odd SHC

180

 ψ (degree)

T-even SHC





HM

F٠





(a)

 $\sigma_{zx}^{x,y,z}$ (10⁵ ħ/2e $\Omega^{-1}m^{-1}$)

(b)

2

0

-2

0

$$\sigma_{ij}^{k} = -\frac{e\hbar}{\pi} \int \frac{d^{3}\vec{k}}{(2\pi)^{3}} \sum_{n,m} \frac{\Gamma^{2}\operatorname{Re}\left(\left\langle n\vec{k} \middle| J_{i}^{k} \middle| m\vec{k} \right\rangle \left\langle m\vec{k} \middle| v_{j} \middle| n\vec{k} \right\rangle\right)}{\left[\left(E_{F} - E_{n\vec{k}}\right)^{2} + \Gamma^{2}\right]\left[\left(E_{F} - E_{m\vec{k}}\right)^{2} + \Gamma^{2}\right]}$$

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$$\begin{split} &\Gamma\approx 50 \; eV \; \text{for} \; \rho = 270 \; \mu\Omega - cm \\ &\Gamma\approx 25 \; eV \; \text{for} \; \rho = 140 \; \mu\Omega - cm \\ &\sigma_{ij}^k(\Gamma\approx 25) \approx 2\sigma_{ij}^k(\Gamma\approx 50) \\ &\text{Strong temperature dependence} \end{split}$$

$$\sigma_{ij}^{k} = -\frac{2e}{\hbar} \int \frac{d^{3}\vec{k}}{(2\pi)^{3}} \sum_{n'\neq n} \frac{\operatorname{Im}\left(\left\langle n\vec{k} \middle| J_{i}^{k} \middle| n'\vec{k} \right\rangle \left\langle n'\vec{k} \middle| v_{j} \middle| n\vec{k} \right\rangle\right)}{\left(E_{n\vec{k}} - E_{n'\vec{k}}\right)^{2}}$$

Spin-torque measurements by ST-FMR ----



--- Spin-torque measurements by 2nd harmonic Hall ---



 $\psi = 0$

-90

200

90

 ϕ (degree)

180

270

[010]

50 mT 200 mT

180

90

 ϕ (degree)

 $\mathbf{0}$

-90

270

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ST-FMR & SHH

are consistent

\rightarrow Experimental detection of the tilted spin current in RuO₂ \rightarrow



The tilted spin-current is a consequence of the novel spin-split bands of the emerging altermagnet

A. Bose et. al. SOT by IrO2. ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces 12, 55411 (2020)

Additional experiments ----



Summary

1. Isostructural (101) IrO_2 cannot produce op-DLT that (101) RuO_2 exhibits suggesting the importance of AF-ordering.

2. Strong dependence of OP-DLT with crystal axis and crystal planes.

3. Bulk origin of the spin current from RuO2 thickness dependence and Ir spacer insertion.

4. Signature of T-odd spin current from strong temperature dependence of op-DLT.



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THEORY



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X

 $d\varphi$

$$SHH$$

$$R_{xy} (\theta, \varphi) = R_0 + R_P \sin 2\varphi \sin^2 \theta + R_A \cos \theta$$

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$$R_{xy} (\theta + d\theta, \varphi + d\varphi) \approx R(\theta, \varphi) + \sum_i \frac{\partial R}{\partial \theta} d\theta + \sum_i \frac{\partial R}{\partial \varphi} d\varphi$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial \varphi}\right)_{\theta=90^\circ,\varphi} = 2R_P \cos 2\varphi \qquad \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial \theta}\right)_{\theta=90^\circ,\varphi} = -R_A$$
Since in-plane magnet: $\theta = 90^\circ$

$$d\varphi \sim \frac{B_y \cos \varphi}{B_{ext}} \sin \omega t \quad d\theta \sim \frac{B_x \cos \varphi}{B_{ext} + B_k} \sin \omega t \qquad \Gamma_{DL} \rightarrow (m \times (\sigma^Y \times m)) \rightarrow B_{DL} = B_z \cos \varphi$$

$$\Gamma_{FL} \rightarrow (m \times \sigma^Y) \rightarrow B_{FL} = B_y \cos \varphi$$

$$V_{xy}(\omega t) = R_{xy}(\theta + d\theta(t), \varphi + d\varphi(t)) I_0 \sin \omega t$$

$$V_{xy}(\omega t) = I_0/2(1 - \cos 2\omega t) \left[\frac{-R_A B_z}{B_{ext} + B_k} \cos \varphi + \frac{2R_P B_y}{B_{ext}} \cos \varphi \cos 2\varphi\right] + I_0 \sin \omega t R(\theta, \varphi)$$
For: $\sigma = \sigma^Y \rightarrow V_{2\omega} \rightarrow D_{DL}^Y \cos \varphi + F_{FL}^Y \sin \phi \cos 2\phi$
For: $\sigma = \sigma^X \rightarrow V_{2\omega} \rightarrow D_{DL}^X \sin \varphi + F_{FL}^X \sin \phi \cos 2\phi$
For: $\sigma = \sigma^Z \rightarrow V_{2\omega} \rightarrow F_{FL}^Z + D_{DL}^Z \cos 2\phi$

$$\binom{n}{B} = \binom{n}{\chi_{21}^H} \binom{n}{\chi_{22}^H} \binom{n}{h_{z'}} \qquad \omega_2 = \gamma (H_{\parallel} + H_0)$$

<u>FMR \rightarrow ST-FMR</u>

$$\begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix} = \gamma \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-i\alpha\omega + (1 + \alpha^{2})\omega_{1}}{-\omega^{2} + (1 + \alpha^{2})\omega_{1}\omega_{2} - i\alpha\omega(\omega_{1} + \omega_{1})} & \frac{-i\omega}{-\omega^{2} + (1 + \alpha^{2})\omega_{1}\omega_{2} - i\alpha\omega(\omega_{1} + \omega_{1})} \\ \frac{-i\alpha\omega + (1 + \alpha^{2})\omega_{2}}{-\omega^{2} + (1 + \alpha^{2})\omega_{1}\omega_{2} - i\alpha\omega(\omega_{1} + \omega_{1})} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h_{y'} \\ h_{z'} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{11}^{H} & \chi_{12}^{H} \\ \chi_{21}^{H} & \chi_{22}^{H} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h_{y'} \\ h_{z'} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \omega_{1} = \gamma (H_{\perp} + H_{\parallel} + H_{0}); \\ \omega_{2} = \gamma (H_{\parallel} + H_{0}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\chi_{11}^{H} = \frac{-i\alpha\omega + \omega_{1}}{-\omega^{2} + \omega_{1}\omega_{2} - i\alpha\omega(\omega_{1} + \omega_{1})} \qquad \chi_{11}^{H} = \frac{(i\alpha\omega - \omega_{1})[(\omega^{2} - \omega_{1}\omega_{2}) - i\alpha\omega(\omega_{1} + \omega_{1})]}{(\omega^{2} - \omega_{1}\omega_{2})^{2} + \alpha^{2}\omega^{2}(\omega_{1} + \omega_{2})^{2}} \qquad At \text{ resonance:} \\ (\omega^{2} - \omega_{1}\omega_{2})^{2} = 0 \\ \omega^{2} = \omega_{1}\omega_{2} \\ (Kittel's equation) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\chi_{11}^{H} (H_{ext}) \approx \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{1,0}}{\omega_{2,0}}} \frac{\gamma}{\alpha(\omega_{1,0} + \omega_{2,0})} \frac{\Delta H}{2} \left[\frac{(H_{ext} - H_{r})}{(H_{ext} - H_{r})^{2} + (\frac{\Delta H}{2})^{2}} \right] + i \frac{\left(\frac{\Delta H}{2}\right)}{(H_{ext} - H_{r})^{2} + (\frac{\Delta H}{2})^{2}} \right]$$

$$\chi_{22}^{H} (H_{ext}) \approx \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{2,0}}{\omega_{1,0}}} \frac{\gamma}{\alpha(\omega_{1,0} + \omega_{2,0})} \frac{\Delta H}{2} \left[\frac{(H_{ext} - H_{r})}{(H_{ext} - H_{r})^{2} + (\frac{\Delta H}{2})^{2}} \right] - i \frac{\left(\frac{\Delta H}{2}\right)}{(H_{ext} - H_{r})^{2} + (\frac{\Delta H}{2})^{2}} \right]$$

$$\chi_{22}^{H} (H_{ext}) \approx \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{2,0}}{\omega_{1,0}}} \frac{\gamma}{\alpha(\omega_{1,0} + \omega_{2,0})} \frac{\Delta H}{2} \left[\frac{(H_{ext} - H_{r})}{(H_{ext} - H_{r})^{2} + (\frac{\Delta H}{2})^{2}} \right]$$

$$+ i \frac{\left(\frac{\Delta H}{2}\right)}{(H_{ext} - H_{r})^{2} + (\frac{\Delta H}{2})^{2}} \right]$$







