Novel materials with magnetic skyrmions and their three-dimensional dynamics

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Today's Topic









"Magnetic Skyrmion"

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What kind of function can be expected from magnetic vortices?







Particle

String





What is magnetic skyrmion?





Particle nature + Nanometric scale = New information carrier for memory device?

cf. Racetrack memory, bubble memory etc...

Skyrmion Particle as Information Bit



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Nanometric skyrmions in centrosymmetric magnets



3D visualization and dynamics of skyrmion strings





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Magnetic skyrmions in noncentrosymmetric system



Skyrmions mediated by itine



S. Hayami, Y. Motome *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B **95**, 224424 (2017). Z. Wang, S.-Z. Lin, C. D. Batista *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **124**, 207201 (2020). J. Bouaziz *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **128**, 157206 (2022). S. Hayami *et al.*, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. **91**, 023705 (2022).



Skyrmion can be stabilized even in **centrosymmetric system**

Skyrmion size is determined by nesting vector (~ a few nm)





Rare-earth alloys with highly-symmetric lattice

Gd-based Centrosymmetric Skyrmion-hosting Magnets



ubiquitously host skyrmions with small diameter

GdRu₂Si₂ : Skyrmions in centrosymmetric tetragonal magnet

N. D. Khanh, X. Z. Yu, ..., <u>S. Seki</u>, Nature Nanotech. **15**, 444 (2020).



GdRu₂Si₂ : Lorentz TEM (Real-space spin texture)

N. D. Khanh, X. Z. Yu, ..., <u>S. Seki</u>, Nature Nanotech. **15**, 444 (2020).

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Skyrmion-hosting compounds with ThCr₂Si₂ structure



Multiple skyrmion phases are observed in EuAl₄ and GdRu₂Ge₂

Skyrmion-hosting compounds with ThCr₂Si₂ structure



GdRu₂Ge₂ : Multiple-step metamagnetic transition



M profile shows **three** intermediate steps

 ρ_{yx} shows **two** peak structure (Phase II & IV : topological Hall effect ?)



GdRu₂Ge₂ : Magnetic structure (Resonant X-ray scattering)



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GdRu₂Ge₂ : Magnetic structure (Resonant X-ray scattering)



Magnetic structure : $\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i} \mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{Q}_{i}} \exp(i\mathbf{Q}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{r}) + c.c.$

$$I(\mathbf{Q}_i) \propto |(\mathbf{e}_i imes \mathbf{e}_f) \cdot \mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{Q}_i}|^2$$

Incident X-ray polarization **Scattered** X-ray polarization

\rightarrow Each m_{Qi} can be identified by polarization analysis





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H. Yoshimochi, ..., <u>S. Seki</u>, Nature Physics (2024).



Summary

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Further search of RKKY-induced multi-q spin order



CoTa₃S₆ : Intercalated van der Waals antiferromagnet



n m n

CoTa₃S₆ : Giant spontaneous Hall effect



Magnetic Structure Analysis by Neutron Scattering

> JRR-3

https://jrr3.jaea.go.jp/

> J-PARC

https://mlfinfo.jp/ja/



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Polarized Neutron Scattering

CROSS YouTube



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CoTa₃S₆: Polarized neutron scattering



CoTa₃S₆: Represent





CoTa₃S₆: "All-in-all-out" non-coplanar AFM order



CoTa₃S₆: RKKY-driven triple-Q sp



RKKY-driven mechanism also works well in 3*d* electron systems !

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Skyrmion Particle and Skyrmion String





How to visualize 3D spin texture ?





Mn_{1.4}Pt_{0.9}Pd_{0.1}Sn: Reconstructed 3D distribution of m_[001]

<u>S. Seki</u>, M. Suzuki, T. Ono *et al.*, Nature Materials **21**, 181 (2022).





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Skyrmion String as Signal Transmission Line ?



Propagating excitation modes on skyrmion strings



M. Mochizuki *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **108**, 017601 (2012). Y. Onose, <u>S. Seki *et al.*</u>, Phys. Rev. Lett. **109**, 037603 (2012). T. Schwarze, M. Garst *et al.*, Nature Mater. **14**, 478 (2015). Y. Okamura, <u>S. Seki *et al.*</u>, Nature Commun. **4**, 2391 (2013).



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Vector Network Analyzer + Probe Station

$$V_n = \sum_m L_{nm} \frac{dI_m}{dt}$$

Self-inductance (ΔL_{11}) : Magnon Excitation efficiency Mutual-inductance (ΔL_{21}) : Magnon **Propagation**

Propagating excitation on skyrmion strings

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Nonreciprocal propagation **Grany**



Skyrmion string as information transmission line?

- Robust and flexible (due to topological protection)
- Excitation modes propagating through string path

Ideal for information transmission line?





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