

How to manipulate pure spin current (淨自旋流)?

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Moore's Law

Moore's Law – The number of transistors on integrated circuit chips (1971-2016)

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This advancement is important as other aspects of technological progress – such as processing speed or the price of electronic products – are strongly linked to Moore's law.

Miniaturization

- Large power dissipation
- Short channel effect
- Quantum tunneling effect

Solution

- Exploration of new functionality, e.g. *spin*

摩爾定律是指積體電路上可容納的晶體管數目，約每隔18個月便會增加一倍。(經驗法則)

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Magnetic Memory Cell

Discovered (1987)
Nobel Prize in Physics (2007)

Peter Grünberg Albert Fert

Giant magnetoresistance effect (GMR)
巨磁阻效應

FM NM FM

Spin ↑ ↓

(R_{AP}) high resistance

(R_P) low resistance

高阻態 “1”

低阻態 “0”

Non-volatile memory: maintains data without power (不需外加電壓)
Low power consumption

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Magnetic Field Control

Magnetic field control 利用磁場“寫”磁結構

R_P “0” R_{AP} “1”

ΔR

H_{C1} H_{C2}

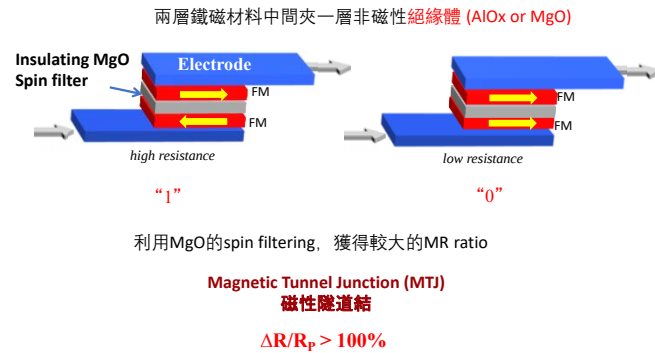
Magnetic field H

MR ratio: $\Delta R/R_P$
~30% for a GMR device

Magnetic field sensor
Read head

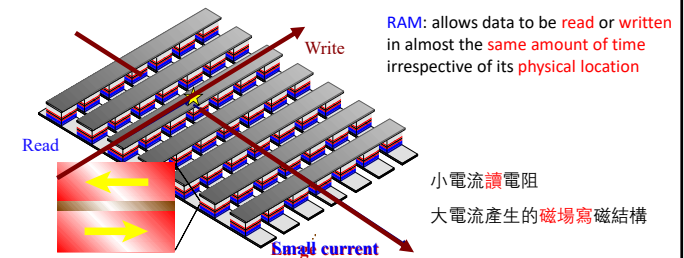
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Tunneling Magnetoresistance (TMR)



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Magnetic Random Access Memory (MRAM)



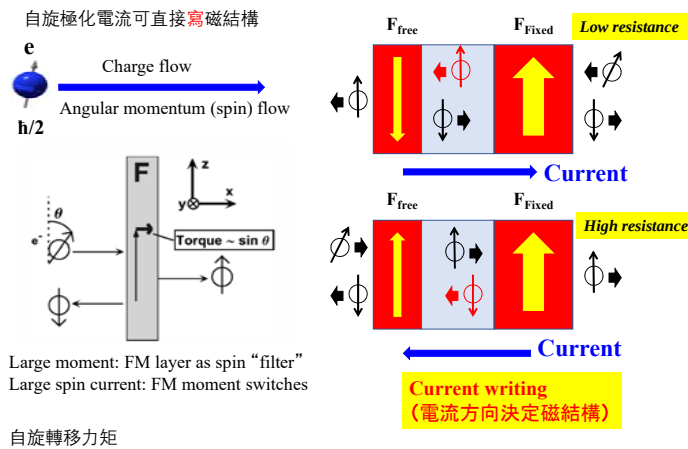
Key Challenge
Writing magnetic field is not site-specific: (磁場不局域)

Accidental switching

Improve the writing process

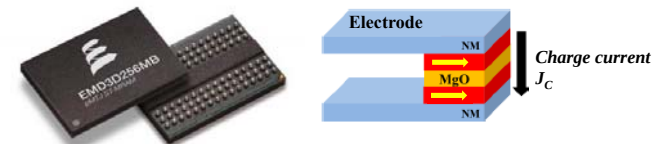
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Spin-Transfer Torque Effect: Current Writing



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Spin Transfer Torque MRAM



Spin Transfer Torque-MRAM (STT-MRAM)
Non-volatile, Scalable

Key Challenge-- High writing current density: 10^7 A/cm^2

Electro-migration, vulnerable under long operation

Can pure spin current provide a solution?

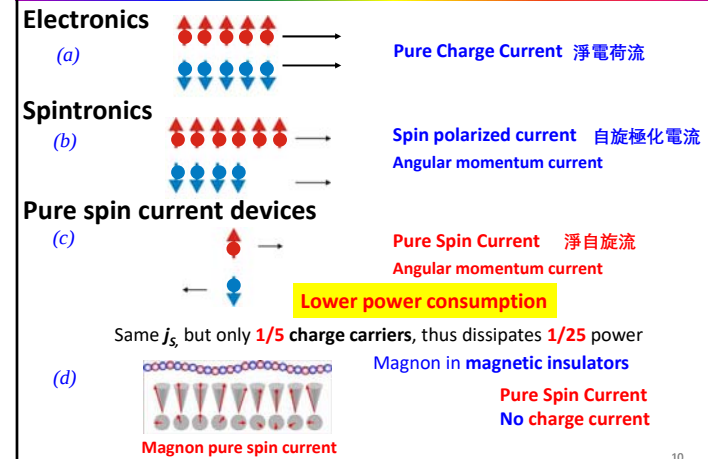
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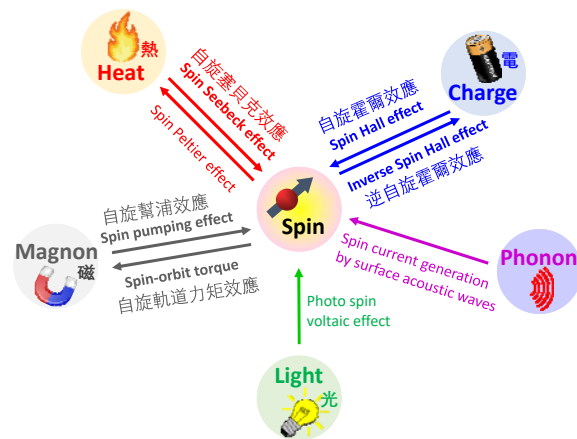
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Spin-Polarized Current vs. Pure Spin Current



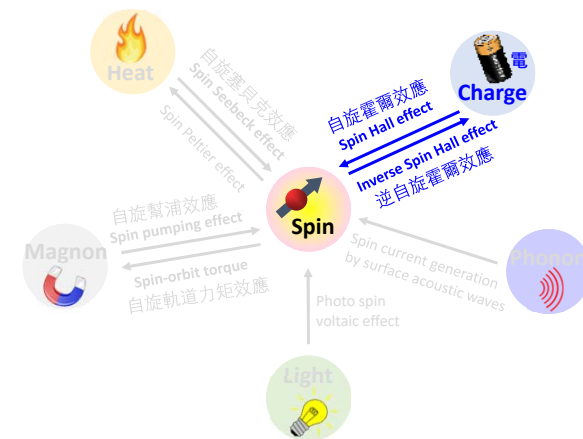
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Pure Spin Current Generation and Conversion



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Charge and Spin Conversion



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Hall Effects and Nernst Effects

Charge accumulation	Charge and spin accumulation
Hall effect (霍爾效應) Lorentz Force Charge current J_c	Anomalous Hall effect (異常霍爾效應) Spin-orbit coupling (自旋軌道耦合) Magnetization Charge current J_c
Charge accumulation at transverse direction	
Nernst effect (能斯特效應) Lorentz Force Temperature gradient ∇T	Anomalous Nernst effect (異常能斯特效應) Spin-orbit coupling Magnetization Temperature gradient ∇T

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Spin-orbit coupling (SOC自旋軌道耦合)

nucleus

electrons

Charge current $\longrightarrow$ Spin current & Spin accumulation

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Spin Hall Effect and Inverse Spin Hall effect

Spin Hall Effect (自旋霍爾效應) NM Charge current J_c to Spin current J_s $J_s = \left[\frac{\hbar}{2e} \right] \theta_{SH} J_c$	Inverse Spin Hall Effect (逆自旋霍爾效應) NM Spin current J_s to Charge current J_c $J_c = \left[\frac{2e}{\hbar} \right] \theta_{SH} J_s$
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Spin Hall angle (自旋霍爾角): θ_{SH}
 conversion efficiency of J_c and J_s 電荷流和淨自旋流的轉換效率

Most important quantity in pure spin current phenomena

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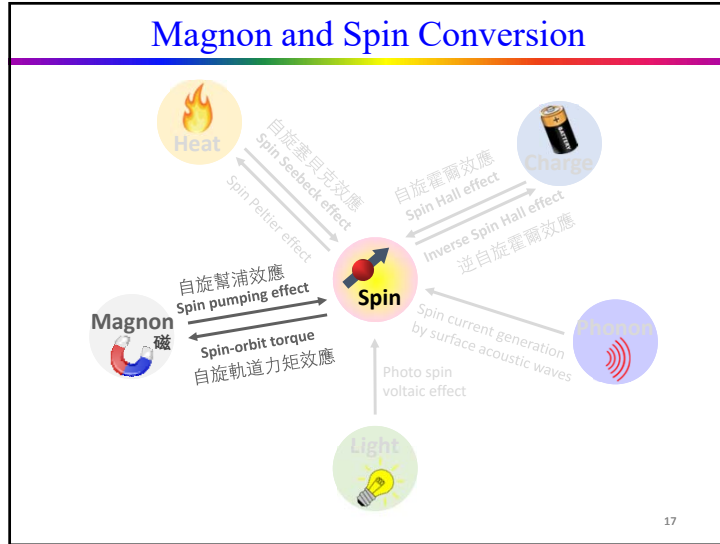
Spin diffusion length λ_s

Electron collision τ_p : electron relaxation time Mean free path: the average distance an electron can travel before collision $l = \tau_p v_F$	Elliott-Yafet (EY) Spin flipping scattering $\tau_s \propto \tau_p$	D'yakonov-Perel' (DP) Spin precession $\tau_s \propto 1/\tau_p$
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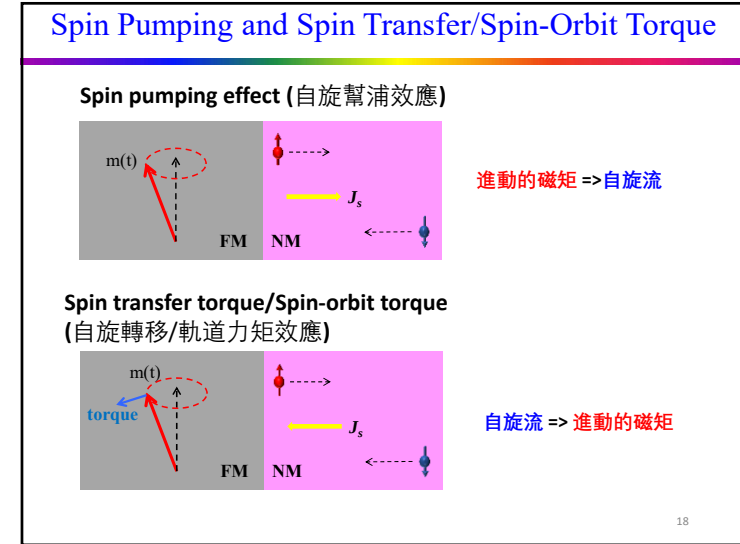
Spin diffusion length: the average distance a spin can diffuse before losing its information

$$\lambda_{sd} = \sqrt{D \tau_s} \quad D = \tau_p v_F^2$$

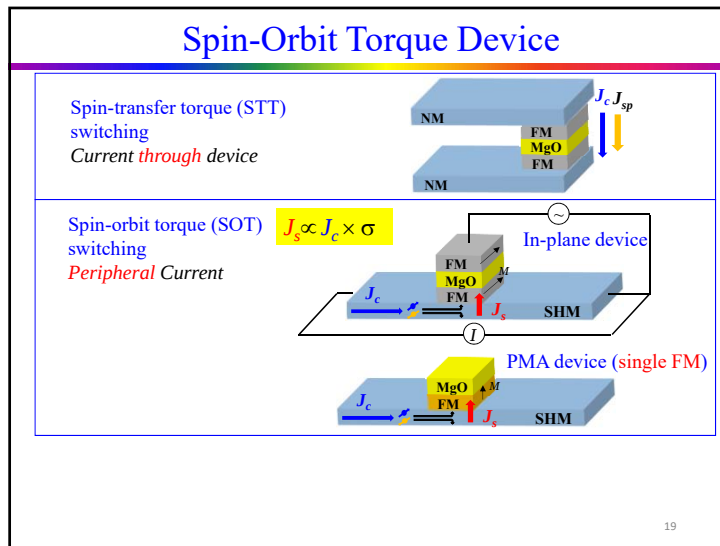
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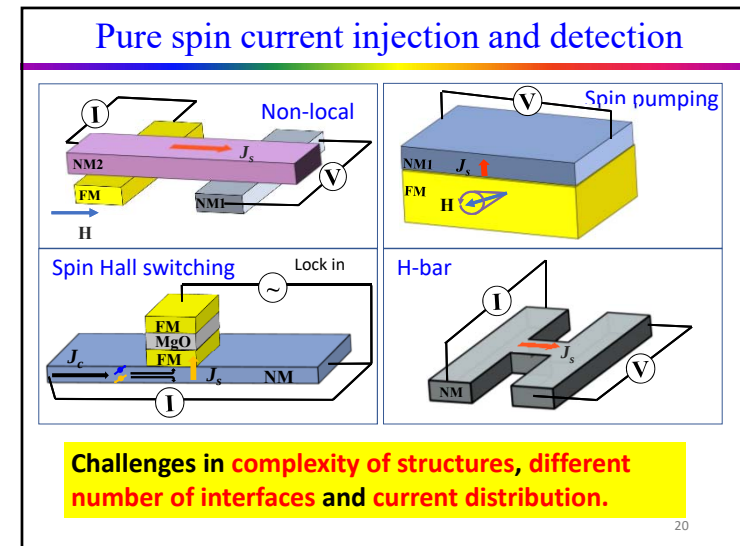
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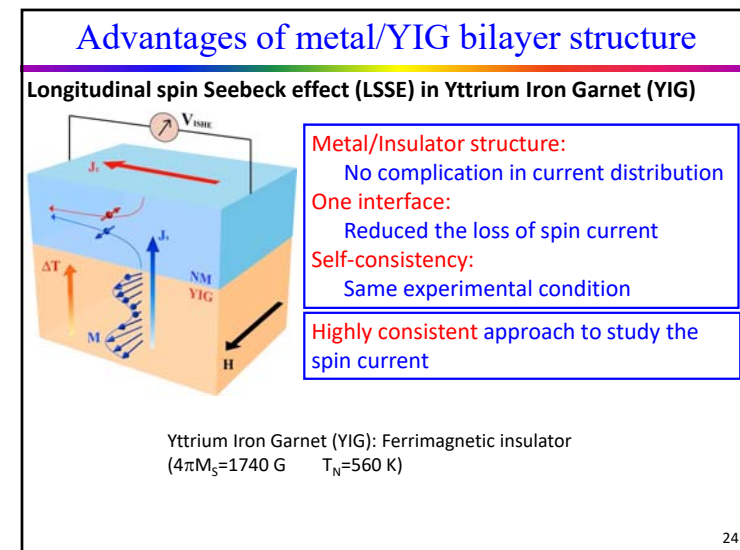
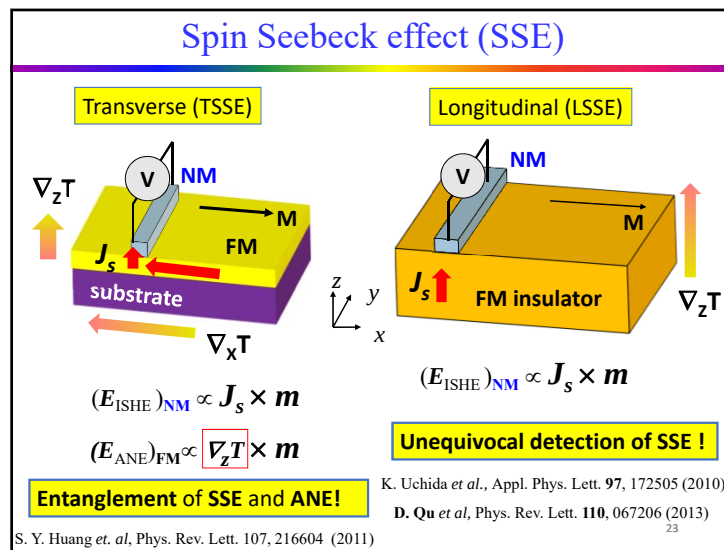
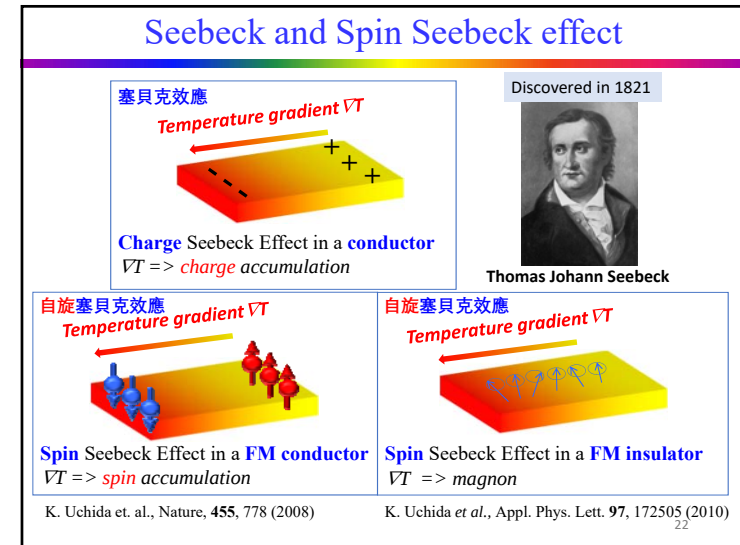
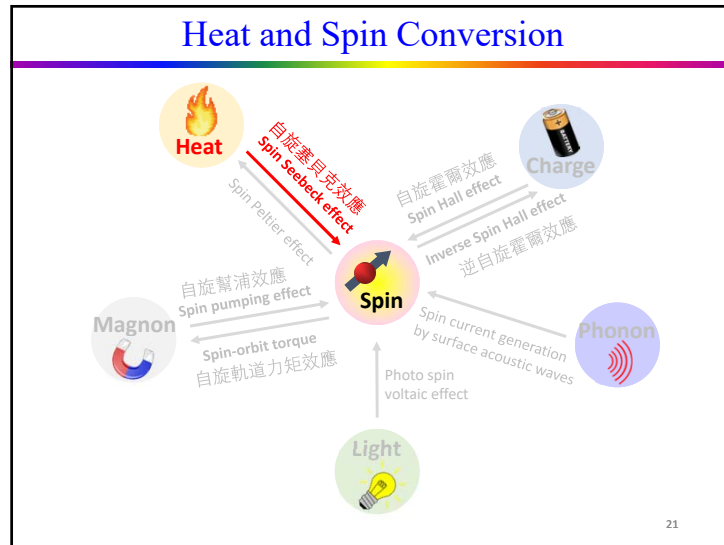
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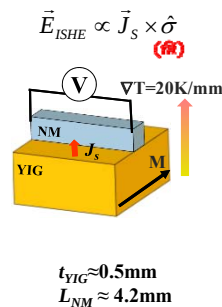
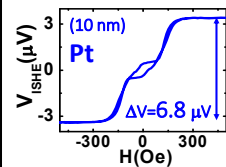
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* Lanthanide series
 ** Actinide series

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ISHE in different 5d metals

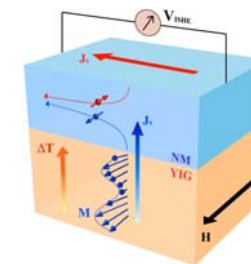


Instantly reveals the sign of spin Hall angle!

Pt and W have comparable V_{ISHE}

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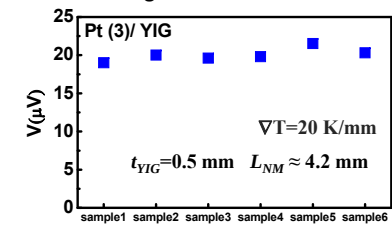
Highly reproducible method



Highly reproducible!

- Consistency in
- injection efficiency
 - interface quality
 - spin mixing conductance

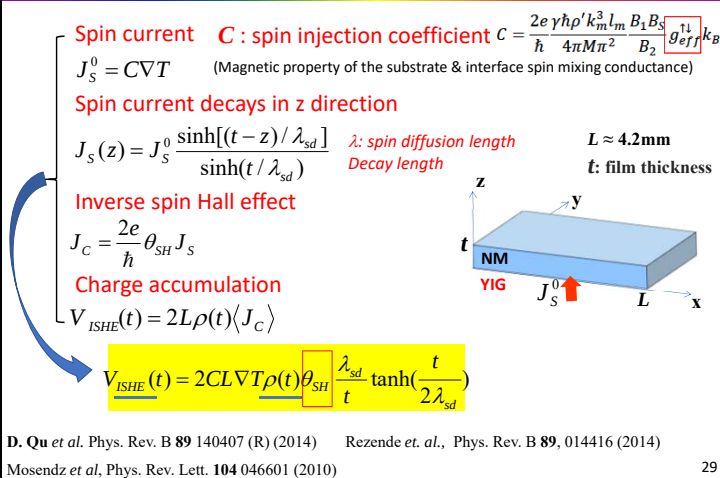
ISHE voltage of the same thickness



	Sample 1	Sample 2
3 nm Pt	19 μV	20 μV
10 nm Au	0.74 μV	0.85 μV
4.5 nm Ta	7.2 μV	6.3 μV
5.2 nm W	8.6 μV	7.9 μV

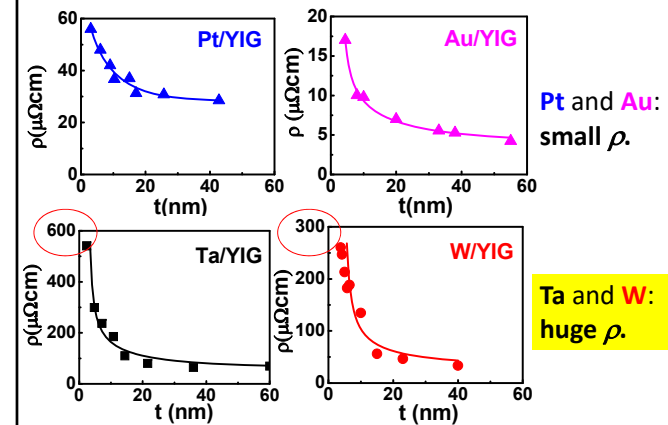
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Determination of spin Hall angle



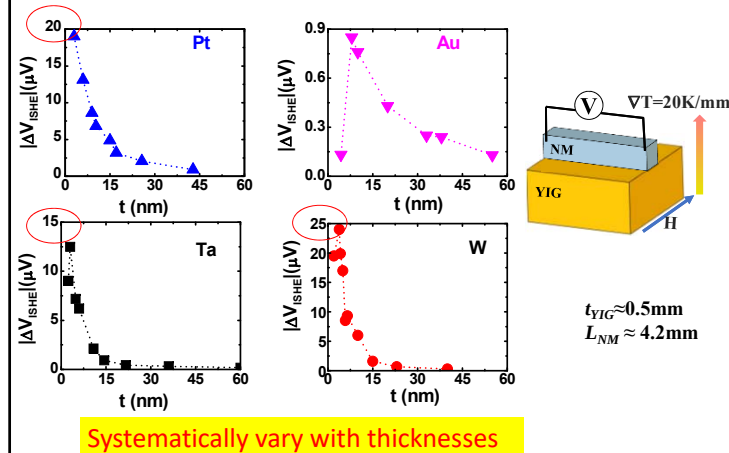
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Resistivity (ρ)



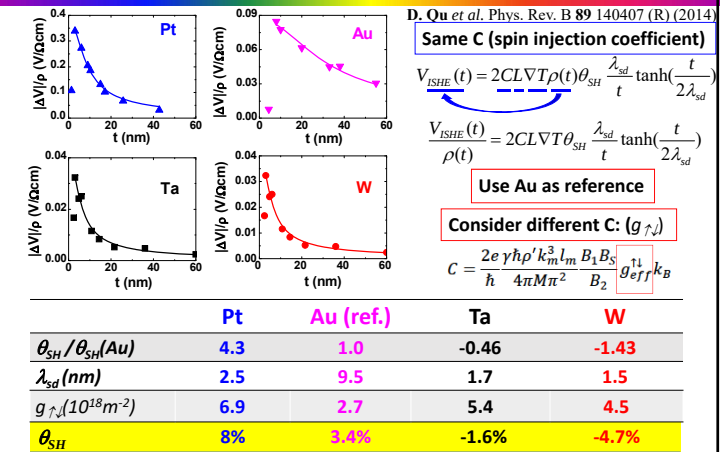
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Thickness dependent voltage

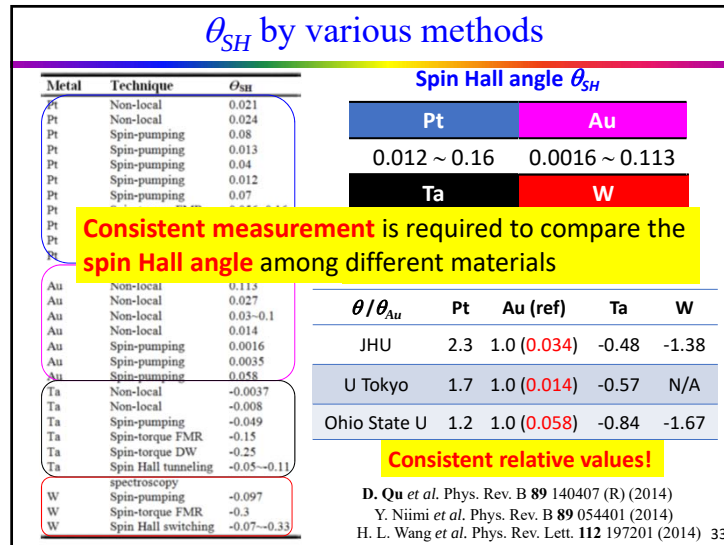


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Relative spin Hall angle of 5d metals

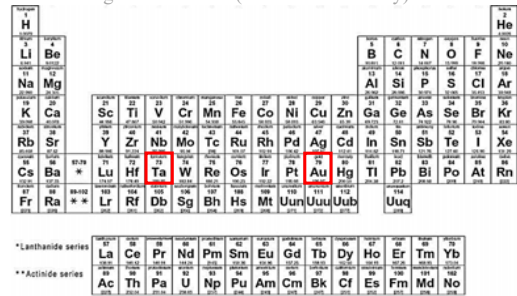
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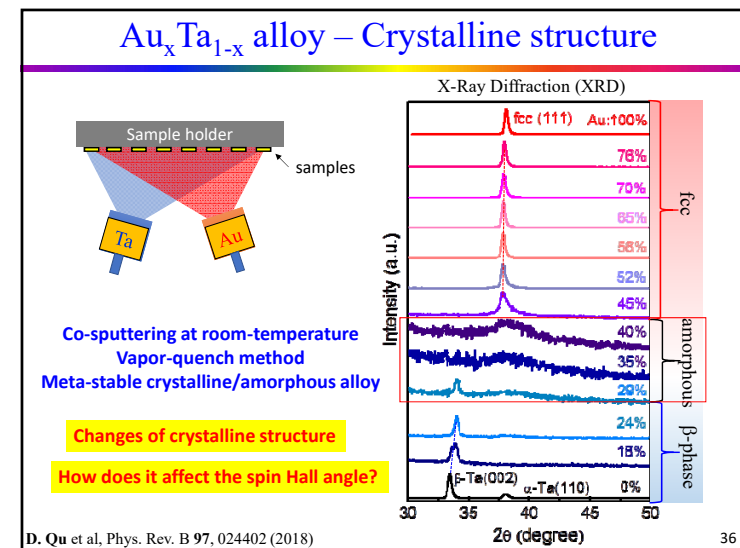
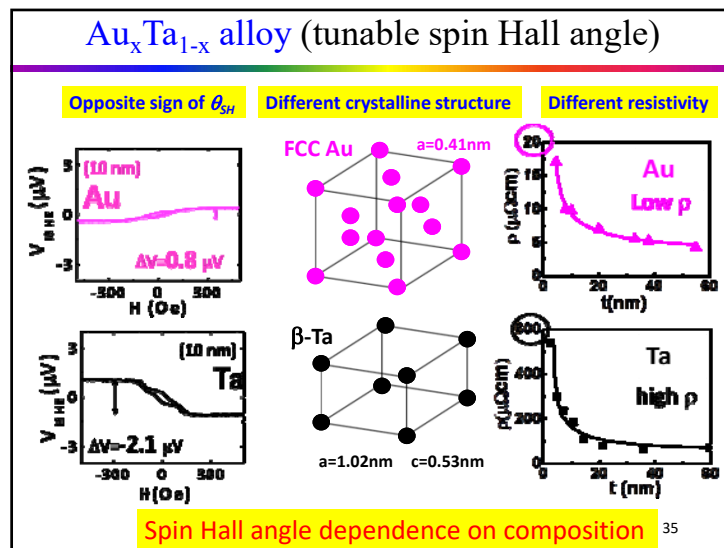


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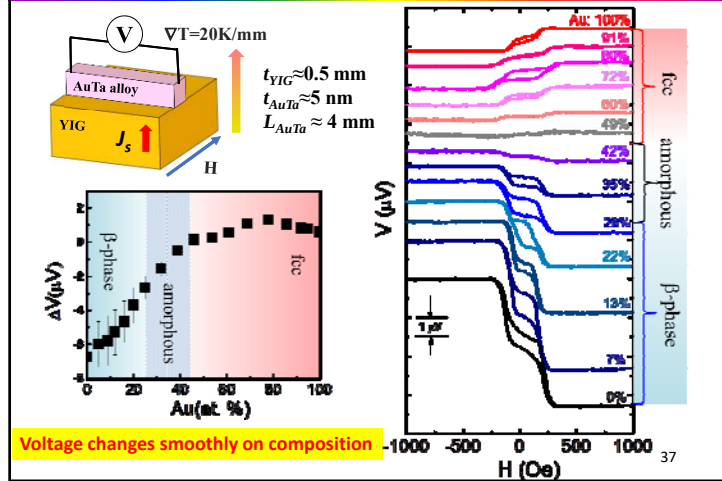
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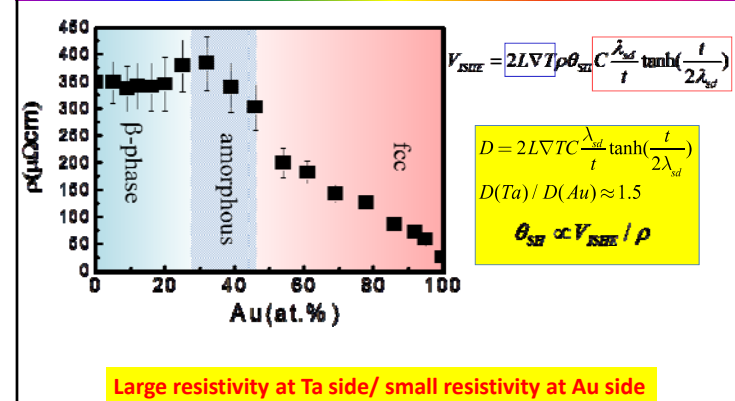
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AuTa alloy - Inverse spin Hall voltage

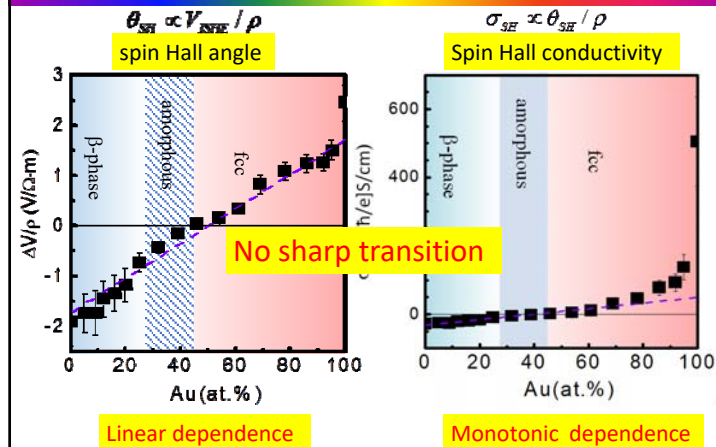


AuTa alloy – Resistivity



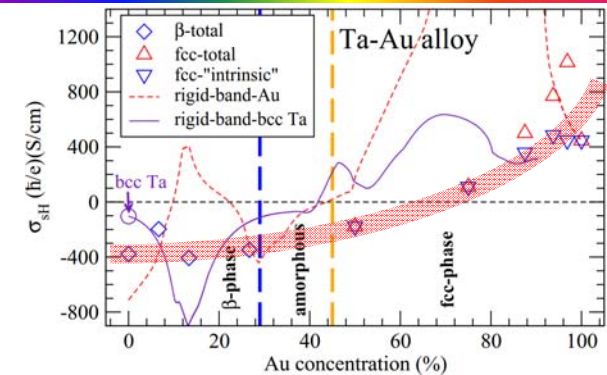
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Spin Hall angle and spin Hall conductivity



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First-principle calculation



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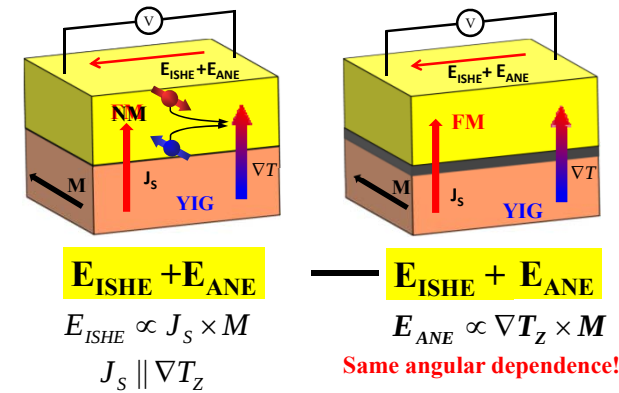
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Periodic table showing elements Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, and Pt highlighted in red.

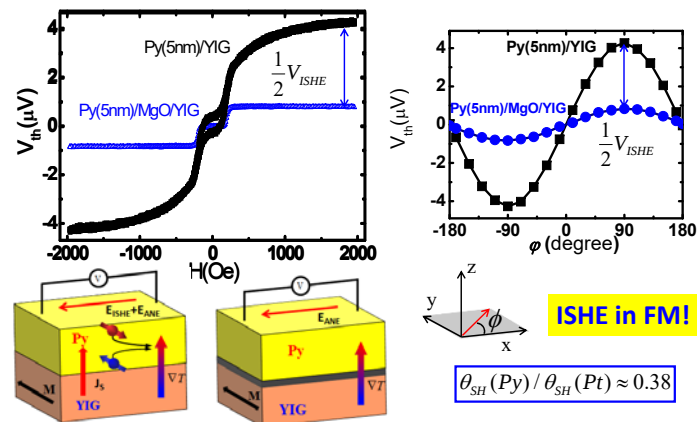
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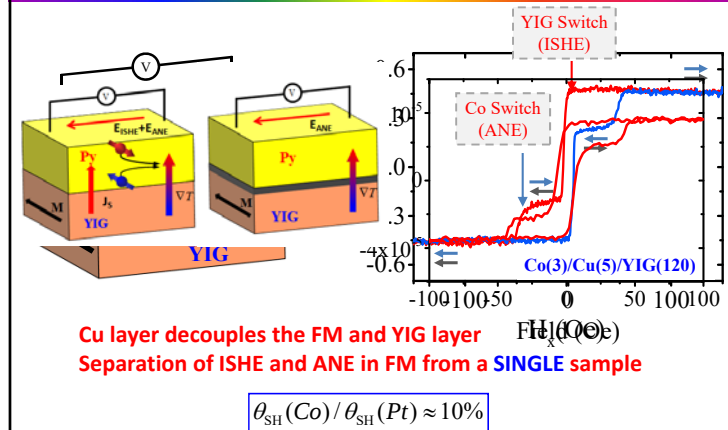
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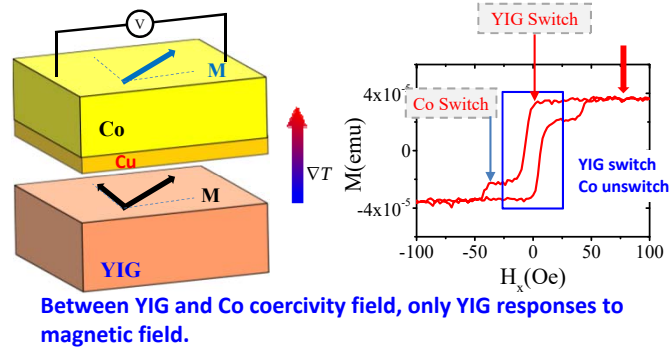
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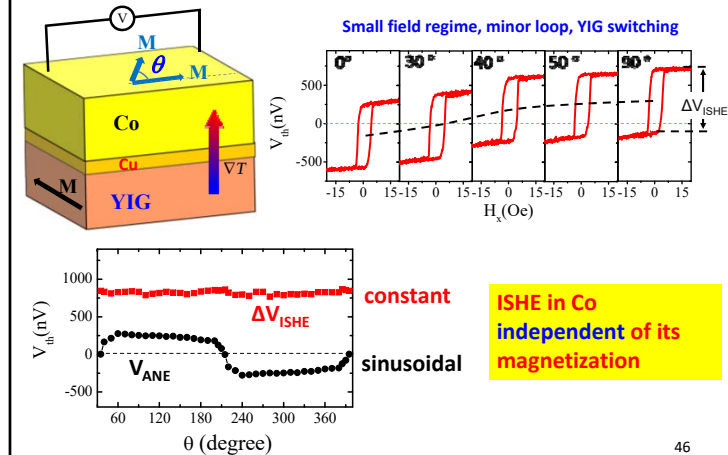
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ISHE in Co



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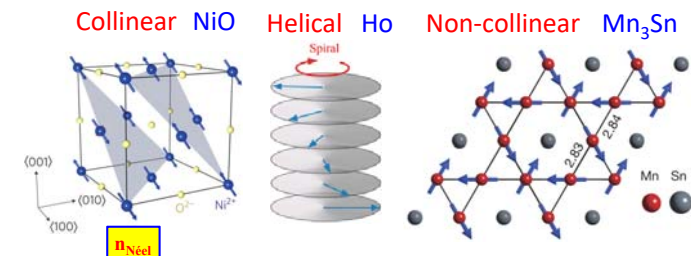
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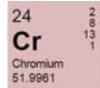
Fascinating AF Spin Structures ($\sum M_i \sim 0$)

- Negligible magnetization
- Weak response to magnetic field
- Generates no stray field
- High frequency magnetization dynamics
- Most AFs have no $n_{\text{Néel}}$

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Collinear Antiferromagnet Chromium

3d metal



Spin Hall angle θ_{SH}

Theory: -0.15%

Frank Freimuth *et al.*,
PRL **105**, 246602 (2010)

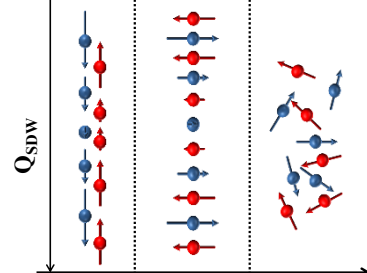
Spin Pumping: -5%

Chunhui Du *et al.*,
PRB **90**, 140407 (2014)

Spin density wave Antiferromagnet

Spin flip temperature 123 K

Neel temperature 311 K



- Large spin Hall angle in Cr?
- Dependence with antiferromagnetic ordering?

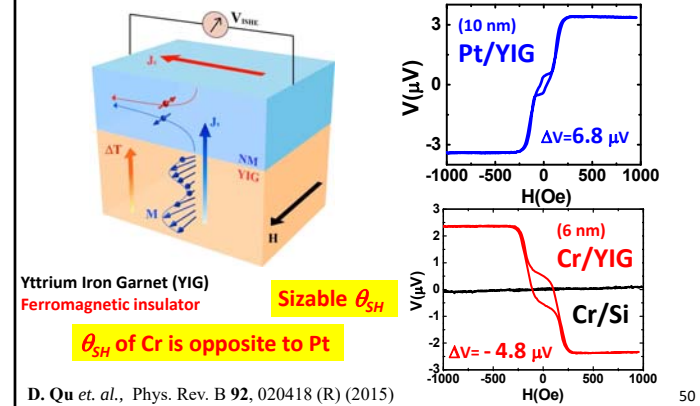
$T_N=311\text{ K}$

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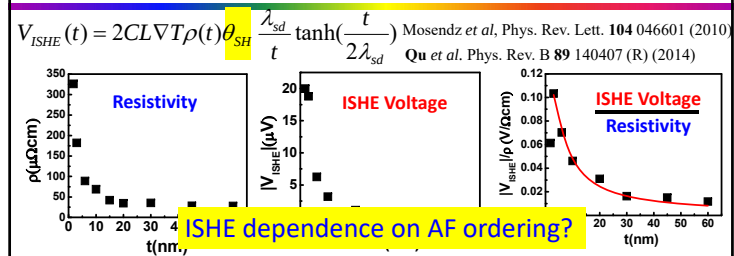
Inverse Spin Hall Effect in Cr

Longitudinal spin Seebeck effect (LSSE)

$\nabla T=20\text{ K/mm}$



Giant spin Hall angle in Cr



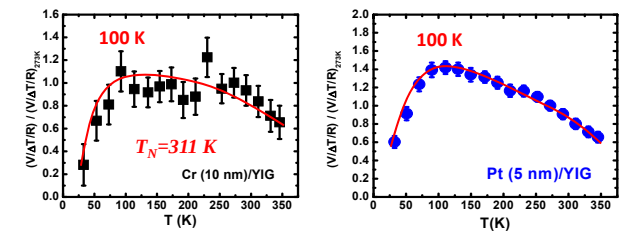
	Pt	Au (ref)	Ta	W	Cr
θ/θ_{Au}	4.33	1	-0.46	-1.43	-1.38
$\lambda_{sf}(nm)$	2.5	9.5	1.7	1.5	2.1
$g_{rf}(10^{18}m^{-2})$	6.91	2.66	5.35	4.54	1
θ	8%	3.4%	-1.6%	-4.7%	-12%

D. Qu *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B **92**,
020418 (R) (2015)

Wang *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **112**, 197201 (2014)
Du *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B **90**, 140407(R) (2014)

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Temperature dependent measurement



Similar temperature dependence for Cr/YIG and Pt/YIG
=>intrinsic behavior originated from YIG
(thermal conductivity of YIG magnon)

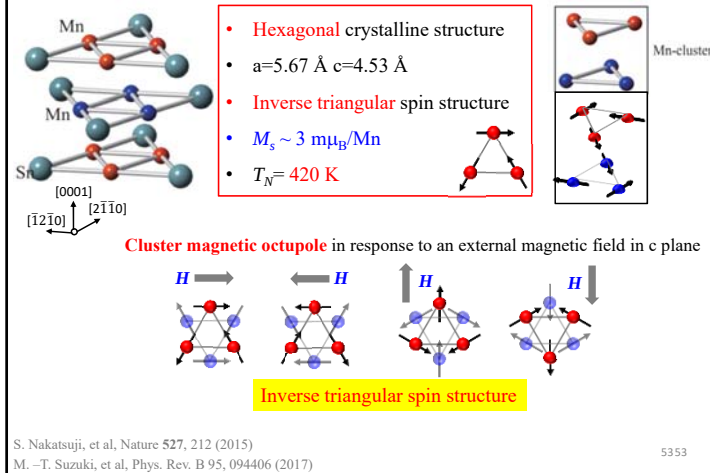
Rezende *et al.*, PRB **89**, 134406 (2014)

ISHE in Cr is independent on AF ordering

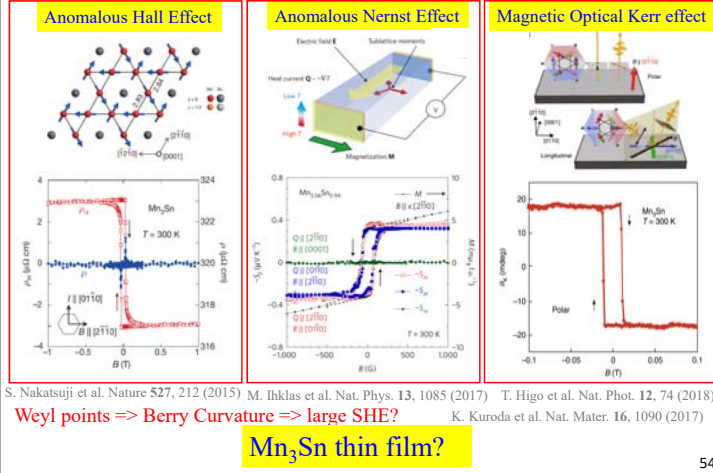
D. Qu *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B **92**, 020418 (R) (2015)

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Non-Collinear Antiferromagnet Mn_3Sn

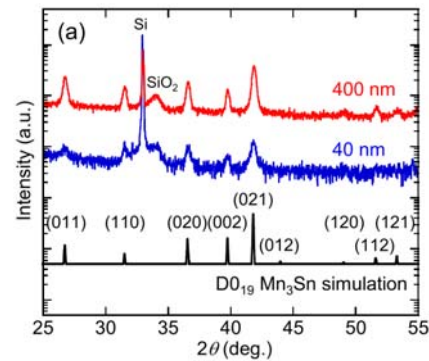


Transverse Electrical and Optical Response at 300 K



Mn_3Sn Polycrystalline Thin Film

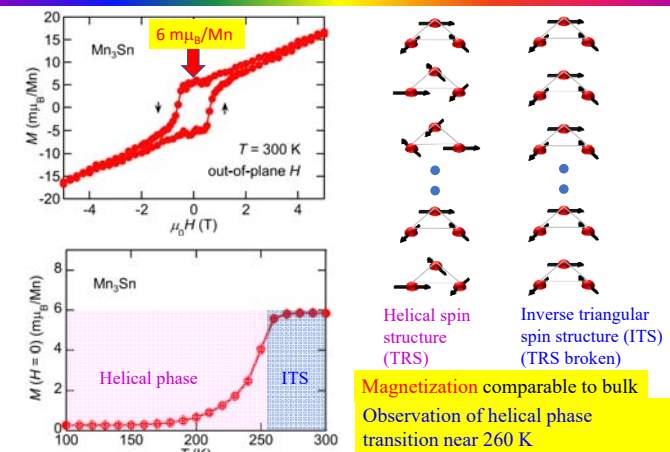
Polycrystalline Mn_3Sn thin film



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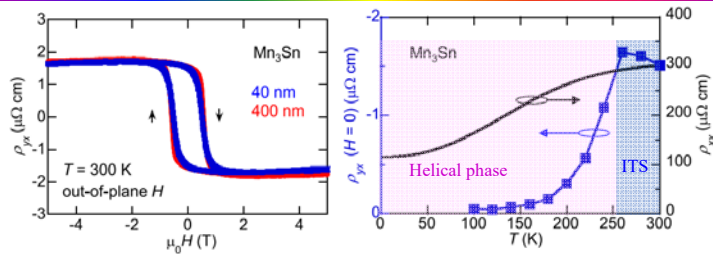
Magnetization



T. Higo, D. Qu, Y. Li, et. al, Appl. Phys. Lett. 113, 202402 (2018)

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Anomalous Hall effect



Large anomalous Hall effect for Mn_3Sn
(Comparable to bulk)

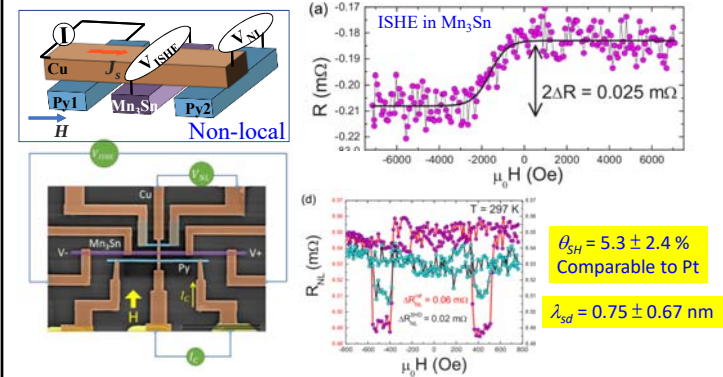
No AHE for helical phase

Synthesis of high quality Mn_3Sn thin film

T. Higo, D. Qu, Y. Li, et. al, Appl. Phys. Lett. **113**, 202402 (2018)

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ISHE in Poly- Mn_3Sn (Non-Local Spin Valve)



150 nm wide, 11.5 μm long, 70 nm thick

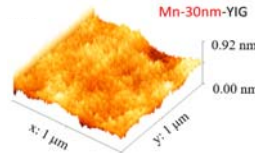
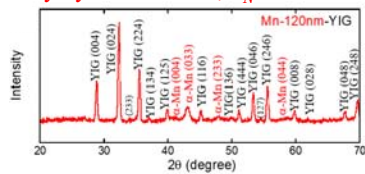
Sizable positive spin Hall angle

P. K. Muduli, T. Higo, T. Nishikawa, D. Qu, et al., Phys. Rev. B **99**, 184425 (2019)

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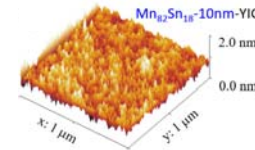
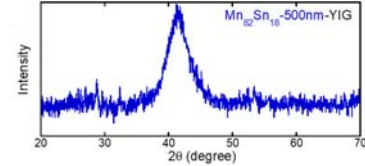
α -Mn and Amorphous Mn-Sn Alloy

Polycrystalline α -Mn, $T_N=95$ K



Mean roughness **0.07 nm**

Amorphous/nanocrystalline $\text{Mn}_{82}\text{Sn}_{18}$

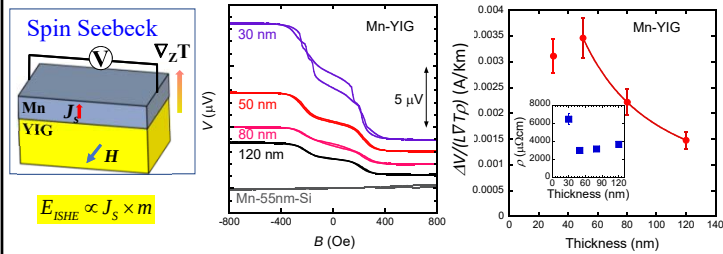


Mean roughness **0.15 nm**

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ISHE in Mn (Spin Seebeck)



$$E_{\text{ISHE}} \propto J_S \times m$$

$$V_{\text{ISHE}}(t) = 2CLVT\rho(t)\theta_{\text{SH}} \frac{\lambda_{\text{SD}}}{L} \tanh\left(\frac{t}{\lambda_{\text{SD}}}\right)$$

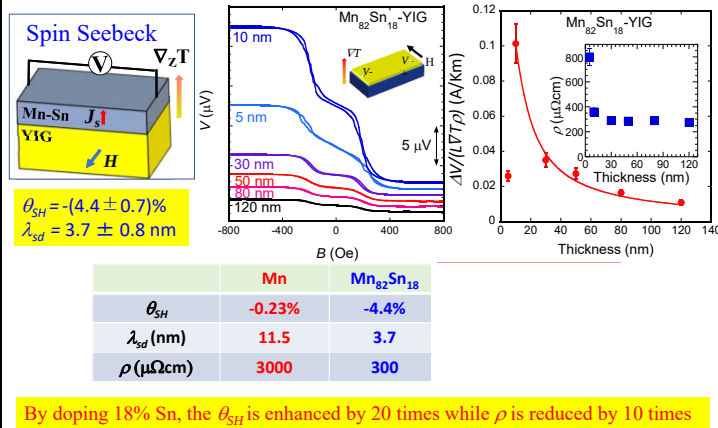
C : spin injection coefficient
 L : distance between two terminals ~ 7 nm
 VT : temperature gradient ~ 6 m/K

$$\theta_{\text{SH}}(\text{Mn}) = -(0.23 \pm 0.03)\%$$

$$\lambda_{\text{SD}}(\text{Mn}) = 11.5 \pm 0.15 \text{ nm}$$

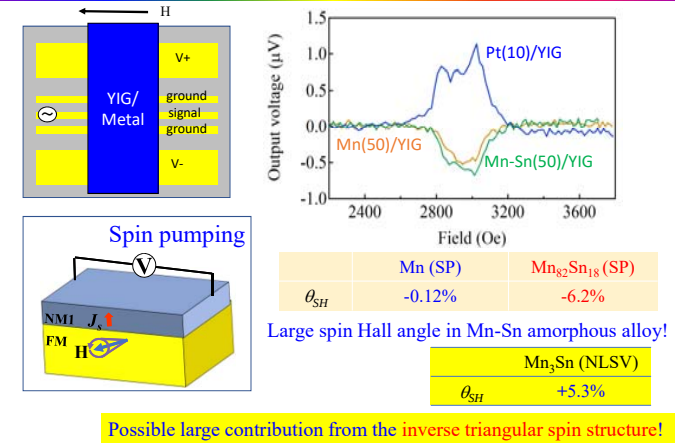
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ISHE in Amorphous $\text{Mn}_{82}\text{Sn}_{18}$ (Spin Seebeck)



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ISHE in $\text{Mn}_{82}\text{Sn}_{18}$ (Spin Pumping)



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Summary

- ✓ Developed a **new and consistent** method to **determine θ_{SH} and λ_{sd}** through longitudinal spin Seebeck effect
- ✓ Demonstrated importance of **valence electron number** over **crystalline structure** for spin Hall effect in alloys
- ✓ Observed **sizeable spin Hall angle** in **non-magnetic material**, **ferromagnetic materials** and **antiferromagnetic materials**
- ✓ ISHE in FM Co and AFM Cr is **independent** on their magnetic ordering
- ✓ ISHE in Mn_3Sn has possible large contribution from its **inverse triangular spin structure**

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