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Electrical manipulation of non-collinear antiferromagnet

Electrical manipulation of magnetic materials has been of paramount interest in the spintronics research for the last

quarter of a century, and many interesting phenomena have been revealed, offering various opportunities of applications. Non-collinear antiferromagnet with chiral-spin structure is an attractive system showing intriguing properties that had been believed to be inherent to ferromagnets, such as the anomalous Hall effect [1]. A recent study demonstrated an electrical switching of chiral-spin structure in the same protocol with magnetization switching in ferromagnets [2].

In this seminar, I will show a new phenomenon unique to the non-collinear antiferromagnet, i.e., chiral-spin rotation [3]. We use Hall-bar devices with an epitaxial stack consisting of noncollinear antiferromagnetic Mn3Sn and heavy metals with large spin-orbit coupling [4,5]. An unconventional response of the Hall resistance under current applications is observed, which can be attributed to the continuous rotation of chiral-spin structure in Mn3Sn driven by the spin-orbit torque. We also find that the efficiency to manipulate the magnetic structure through this scheme is much higher than that in collinear ferromagnets and ferrimagnets.

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