

All-electrical manipulation of magnetization dynamics in a ferromagnet by antiferromagnets with anisotropic spin Hall effects

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We investigate spin-orbit torques of metallic CuAu-I-type antiferromagnets using spin-torque ferromagnetic resonance tuned by a dc-bias current. The observed spin torques predominantly arise from diffusive transport of spin current generated by the spin Hall effect. We find a growth-orientation dependence of the spin torques by studying epitaxial samples, which may be correlated to the anisotropy of the spin Hall effect. The observed anisotropy is consistent with first-principles calculations on the intrinsic spin Hall effect. Our work demonstrates large tunable spin-orbit effects in magnetically ordered materials.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Ferromagnet/antiferromagnet (AF) bilayers have been core components in modern magnetic storage devices such as spin-valve structures and magnetic tunnel junctions, in which the antiferromagnets provide pinning for a reference ferromagnetic layer due to an interfacial effect called “exchange-bias” [1]. Exotic magnetic properties from such unidirectional pinning effects have been extensively studied in the past decades. Recent work shows also promising spin-orbit effects in antiferromagnets [2–12] as well as efficient spin transfer via antiferromagnetic spin waves [13–18], enabling a more active role of antiferromagnets in the manipulation of ferromagnets beyond just a pinning effect. One particular example is the electrical manipulation of ferromagnets using spin-orbit effects, such as the spin Hall effect (SHE) [19,20]. The efficiency of the spin Hall effect can be characterized by the spin Hall angle (θ_{SH}) [21,22], which is typically determined by the intrinsic spin-orbit coupling of the materials involved [23,24], and therefore cannot readily be varied by additional external parameters. Thus, much effort has focused on the extensive exploration of the right materials with large intrinsic spin Hall effect. Recently, it was found that the magnetic-proximity-induced magnetization states of heavy metals (Pt and Pd) also affects their intrinsic spin Hall effect [25]; therefore, magnetically ordered materials may offer additional opportunities to tune the intrinsic spin Hall effect via their atomic spin magnetic moments. CuAu-I-type antiferromagnetic alloys, such as PtMn, consisting of both heavy-metal elements (Pt) and atomic-level, staggered magnetization (Mn), may be promising candidates for efficient and tunable electrical manipulation of ferromagnets [26]. It should be also noted that in antiferromagnets with specific crystal symmetries, it is even possible to manipulate the antiferromagnetic spin configuration with electric currents via intrinsic spin-orbit torques [27]. Last but not least, the complementary spin-orbit effect and exchange-bias effect from a single material may also enable new device functionalities.

In this work, we use an electrical detection technique of the ferromagnetic resonance of permalloy (Py = Ni₈₀Fe₂₀) driven by the in-plane ac current from four CuAu-I-type antiferromagnets (AF = PtMn, IrMn, PdMn, and FeMn). The experimental details are discussed in Sec. II. In Sec. III A, we show that antiferromagnets can serve as an efficient spin current source that can be used to manipulate the magnetization in ferromagnets, as illustrated in Fig. 1(a). Apart from the fact that an appreciable spin Hall effect originates from the large, atomic scale spin-orbit coupling of the heavy elements, the staggered magnetization of Mn may also play an important role in their spin Hall effects as revealed by epitaxial samples (Sec. III B), whose significance is further corroborated by first-principles calculations (Sec. III C). The efficient generation of spin current, together with other advantages of antiferromagnets including insensitivity to external field, lack of stray fields, faster spin dynamics, and effective spin current transmission, will pave the way for future antiferromagnetic-based spin orbitronics [28–34].

II. EXPERIMENT

All our samples, having the structures of AF($t_{\text{AF}} = 10$)/Cu($t_{\text{Cu}} = 1$)/Py($t_{\text{Py}} = 5$) or AF(10)/Py(5) (thicknesses in nanometers), were deposited on 1 cm × 1 cm MgO(001) substrates by magnetron sputtering at rates <1 Å/s. The 10-nm thicknesses of the antiferromagnetic layers ensured their magnetically ordered states. Polycrystalline samples were grown at room temperature and epitaxial ones were grown at elevated temperatures. Cu and Py film stacks were subsequently grown *in situ* after cooling down the antiferromagnetic films to minimize interdiffusion and to ensure identical growth environments for Cu and Py. The multilayer film stacks were microstructured into microstrips, with varying lengths (25–90 μm) and widths (5–20 μm). Ti/Au ground-signal-ground electrodes were patterned using photolithography and liftoff [Fig. 1(b)].

Spin-torque ferromagnetic resonance measurements [35] with a dc-current (I_{dc}) tuning technique [36] were performed for all samples. We applied microwave electrical currents at

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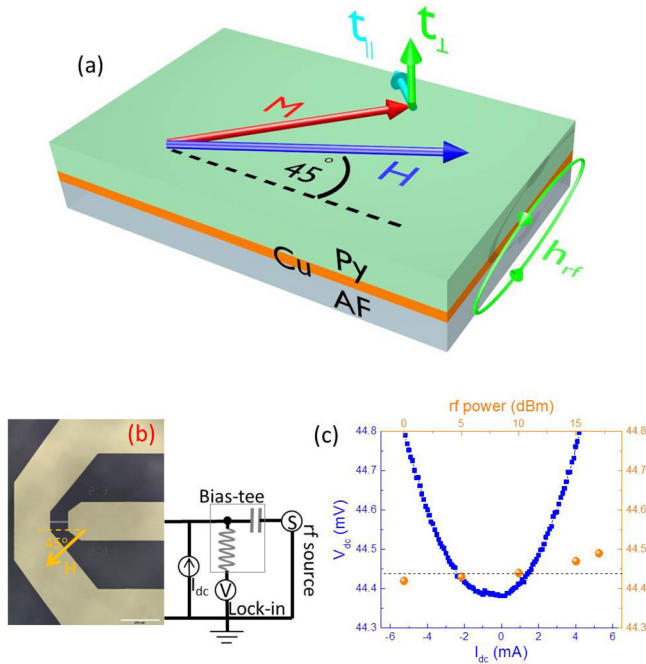


FIG. 1. (Color online) (a) Schematic illustration of the spin-Hall-effect-induced spin transfer torques ($\tau_{||}$ and τ_{\perp}) of AF/Cu/Py multilayers. (b) Depiction of the circuit used for the spin-torque ferromagnetic resonance measurement and the sample contact geometry. (c) Comparison of resistance change due to heating caused by dc and rf currents.

fixed frequencies (4–9 GHz) to the microstrips and swept the magnetic field, H , applied along $\phi = 45^\circ$ with respect to the long axis of the device, as shown in Fig. 1(b). The torques induced by the oscillating current drove the magnetization precession of the Py, which was detected as a rectified dc voltage (V_{dc}) due to anisotropic magnetoresistance. The applied rf power was between +10 and +15 dBm. To calibrate the rf current we made use of the change of resistance from Joule heating [37]. We first measured the resistance change due to dc heating and then calibrated the rf current (I_{rf}) which was $\sqrt{2}$ times the dc current under the same amount of Joule heating [Fig. 1(c)]. The rf current differed from device to device in the range of 1–2.5 mA. The resistivities of the antiferromagnets grown on MgO were calibrated using independent four-point measurements, yielding 164.5, 272.3, 220.0, and 161.5 $\mu\Omega$ cm, for PtMn, IrMn, PdMn, and FeMn, respectively. The resistivity of Py grown on the antiferromagnets was determined to be approximately 54.4 $\mu\Omega$ cm. This value can be slightly higher for Py grown on AF/Cu, confirming that the Py can have different resistivities depending on the seed layer. With the knowledge of both the total rf current and the individual resistivity we can estimate how much rf current flows through each layer in the multilayer stacks, which is important information for analyzing spin-torque ferromagnetic resonance measurements quantitatively.

Figure 2 shows the measured spin-torque ferromagnetic resonance signals from AF(10)/Cu(1)Py(5) at room temperature. The magnitude of the voltages is significantly higher than that for the pure Py reference sample (below approximately 4 μ V). In the Py reference samples the measured voltage can be

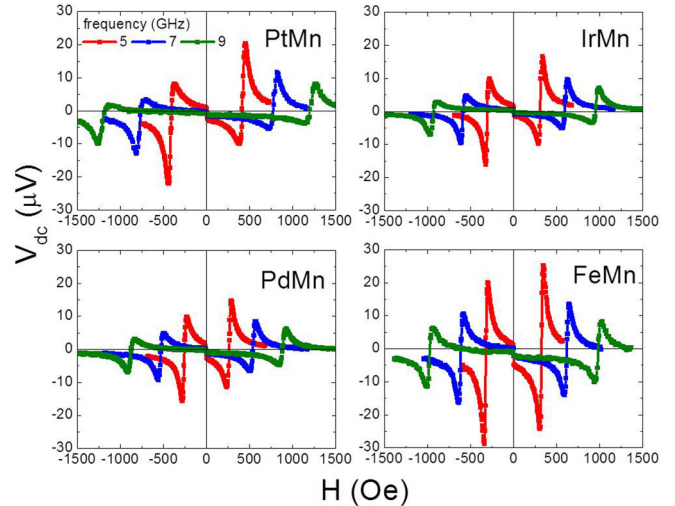


FIG. 2. (Color online) Measured spin-torque ferromagnetic resonance signals from AF(10)/Cu(1)Py(5) at room temperature.

attributed to the spin rectification [38–40] or magnonic charge pumping of Py [41]. V_{dc} can be fitted by a sum of symmetric, $F_{sym}(H)$, and antisymmetric, $F_{asym}(H)$, Lorentzian functions, $V_{dc} = V_s F_{sym}(H) + V_a F_{asym}(H)$, in which the symmetric component, V_s , and antisymmetric component, V_a , correspond to the in-plane ($\tau_{||}$) antidamping-like and out-of-plane (τ_{\perp}) field-like torques, respectively.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

A. Spin-orbit torques from antiferromagnets

The spin Hall angle can be quantified from two different methods by the line-shape analysis and also from analysis of the dc current dependence:

1. Ratio analysis

The first method is from the ratio of the two voltages, V_s/V_a [36]:

$$\theta_{SH} = \frac{V_s}{V_a} \frac{e\mu_0 M_s t_{AF} t_{Py}}{\hbar} \left[1 + \frac{4\pi M_{eff}}{H} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (1)$$

where μ_0 is the permeability in vacuum, M_s is the saturation magnetization, and M_{eff} is the effective magnetization of Py. M_s and M_{eff} are indistinguishable for Py with strong in-plane anisotropy. A fit of the resonance field, H_{res} , versus frequency to the Kittel equation gives the values of M_{eff} for different samples [Fig. 3(a)]. However, this method assumes that V_a is only attributed to out-of-plane torques due to the Oersted field.

2. Individual line-shape analysis

Another method analyzes the individual voltage amplitude and gives the torque values via [42]

$$V_s = -\frac{I_{rf} \gamma \cos \phi}{4} \frac{dR}{d\phi} \frac{1}{\Delta} \tau_{||} F_{sym}(H) \quad (2)$$

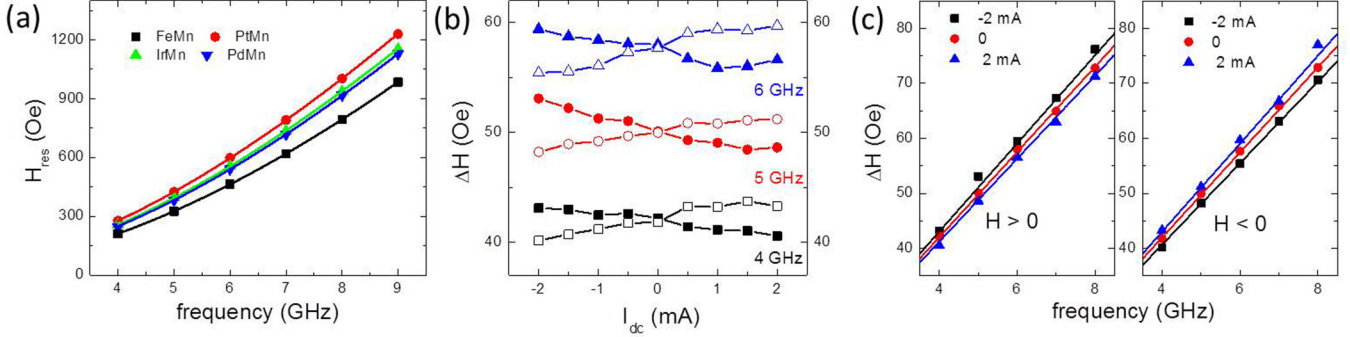


FIG. 3. (Color online) (a) Resonance field versus frequency and the corresponding Kittel fit for different antiferromagnetic sample stacks. (b) and (c) Resonance linewidth (ΔH) versus dc-bias current (I_{dc}) at different frequencies, $f = 4, 5,$ and 6 GHz [dc current polarity: solid (+), empty (-)], and resonance linewidth versus frequency at different dc-bias currents, $I_{dc} = -2, 0,$ and 2 mA, for PtMn(10)/Py(5).

and

$$V_a = -\frac{I_{rf}\gamma\cos\phi}{4}\frac{dR}{d\phi}\tau_{\perp}\frac{\left(1 + \frac{\mu_0 M_{eff}}{H}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\Delta}F_{asym}(H), \quad (3)$$

where γ is the gyromagnetic ratio, $dR/d\phi$ is the angular dependent magnetoresistance at $\phi = 45^\circ$, and Δ is the frequency linewidth of the signal. θ_{SH}^* can be obtained via $\theta_{SH}^* = \frac{\tau_{\perp}M_{s}t_{Py}}{\sigma E}$, where σ is the electrical conductivity of the antiferromagnet and E the electric field from I_{rf} .

To extract the intrinsic spin Hall angles free from any possible interfacial exchange effects, we focus primarily on the samples with an atomically thin dusting layer made from Cu which induces minimal current shunting. The thin layer of Cu breaks most of the interface exchange bias effect; however, a small unidirectional anisotropy may remain depending on the strength of the exchange bias as well as other microscopic details at the interface [43]. The spin Hall angles extracted from the two line-shape methods (1 and 2) and for the four different antiferromagnets are summarized in Table I. PtMn shows the largest spin Hall angle, followed by IrMn, PdMn, and FeMn. This trend is in good agreement with previous spin pumping experiments [26], confirming the reciprocity between the spin torque (driven by the spin Hall effect) and the spin pumping (detected with the inverse spin Hall effect), although the absolute θ_{SH} values are slightly different using the two experimental techniques.

3. dc-tuned damping analysis

Alternatively, tuning the linewidth via additional dc currents also gives an effective spin Hall angle, θ_{DL} [44]. As shown in Fig. 3(b), the linewidth (ΔH) is reduced for one current polarity and enhanced for the opposite polarity, indicating a modulation effect of the empirical damping parameter,

TABLE I. Spin Hall angles obtained from the ratio (V_s/V_a) analysis, θ_{SH} , and from the voltage amplitude (V_s) analysis, θ_{SH}^* , respectively.

| | PtMn | IrMn | PdMn | FeMn |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| θ_{SH} | 0.081 ± 0.005 | 0.053 ± 0.004 | 0.049 ± 0.003 | 0.028 ± 0.005 |
| θ_{SH}^* | 0.064 ± 0.005 | 0.057 ± 0.004 | 0.028 ± 0.004 | 0.022 ± 0.003 |

$\alpha_{eff} = |\gamma|/2\pi f(\Delta H - \Delta H_0)$, via the damping-like torque [Fig. 3(c)]. Therefore, θ_{DL} is calculated from the I_{dc} dependence of α_{eff} :

$$|\theta_{DL}| = \frac{2e}{\hbar} \left(H_{res} + \frac{M_{eff}}{2} \right) \mu_0 M_s t_{Py} \left| \frac{\Delta\alpha_{eff}}{\Delta J_{dc}} \right|, \quad (4)$$

where J_{dc} is the dc charge-current density.

For the dc-current-induced linewidth modulations, however, we are only able to observe appreciable effect for the PtMn series of samples (Fig. 4). We obtain an antidamping effective spin Hall angle for PtMn, $\theta_{DL} = 0.079 \pm 0.005$, which is similar to the value obtained from the ratio analysis. On the other hand, the dc-induced shift in the resonance field gives us an estimate for the field-like torque. Such torque has the same polarity shift in H_{res} as the Oersted field, $\mu_0 H_{Oe} = 0.048$ mT/mA, based on the estimated charge-current densities in the antiferromagnetic and Cu layers: $H_{Oe} = (J_{dc, PtMn} t_{PtMn} + J_{dc, Cu} t_{Cu})/2$. As shown in Fig. 4(b), a fit for the $H_{res}(I_{dc})$ yields a total effective field, $\sqrt{2}\mu_0 H_{res} = 0.061 \pm 0.012$ mT/mA for the (+)-current and 0.092 ± 0.008 mT/mA for the (-)-current. We focus here on the linear effect of the dc-current modulation and neglect the asymmetrical behavior between (+) and (-). Such unidirectional asymmetry could be attributed to interfacial exchange-bias effect even through the 1-nm Cu layer [43], which we do not aim to study in the present work. The calculated total effective fields indicate the presence of an additional field-like torque per current, $\mu_0 H_{FL} = \sqrt{2}\mu_0 H_{res} - \mu_0 H_{Oe}$, in the range of 0.013–0.044 mT/mA from PtMn. Therefore, a field-like effective spin Hall angle can be obtained by

$$|\theta_{FL}| = \frac{2e\mu_0 M_s t_{Py}}{\hbar} \left| \frac{H_{FL}}{J_{dc, PtMn}} \right|, \quad (5)$$

yielding at least $\theta_{FL} = 0.020 \pm 0.004$ for PtMn/Cu/Py using the lower end of the H_{FL} above. The real and imaginary spin mixing conductance can then be calculated by

$$\text{Re}[G_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{eff}] = \frac{2e^2 M_s t_{Py}}{\hbar^2 \gamma} (\alpha - \alpha_0) \quad (6)$$

and $\text{Im}[G_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{eff}] = (\theta_{FL}/\theta_{DL})\text{Re}[G_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{eff}]$. Using a pure Py(5) sample ($\alpha_0 = 0.01$), the calculations yield a $\text{Re}[G_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{eff}] = (3.9 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{14} \Omega^{-1}\text{m}^{-2}$ and a minimum $\text{Im}[G_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{eff}] = (1.0 \pm 0.2) \times$

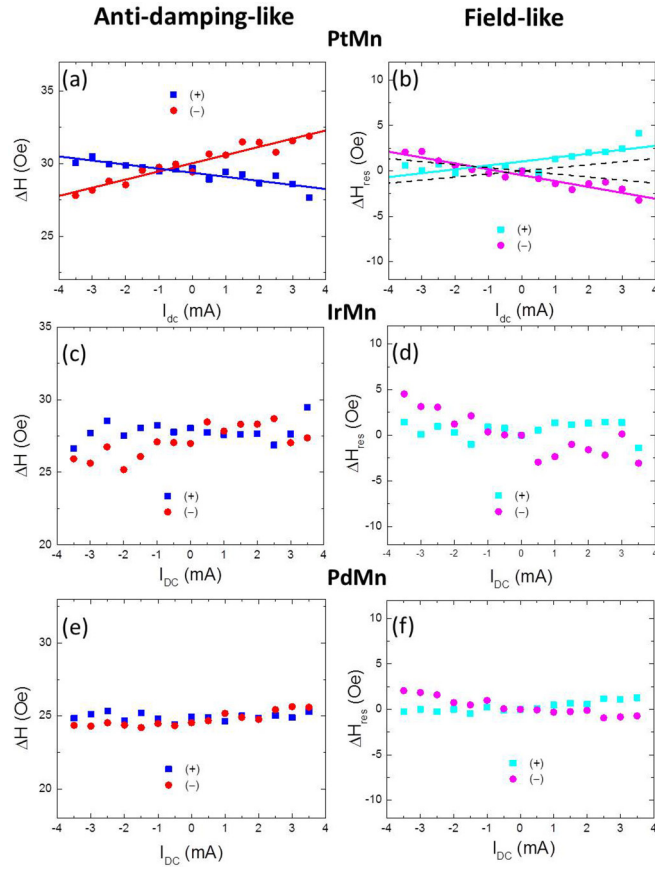


FIG. 4. (Color online) (a,c,e) Resonance linewidth and (b,d,f) resonance field versus dc-bias current at 5 GHz for 5- μm -wide PtMn/Cu/Py, IrMn/Cu/Py, and PdMn/Cu/Py devices. Linear fitting for the dc-current effect is shown for PtMn. The calculated Oersted field contribution is indicated by the dashed line in panel (b).

$10^{14} \Omega^{-1}\text{m}^{-2}$. The $\text{Im}[G_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{\text{eff}}]$ is usually associated with the phase shift of the spin-orbit torques to the driving microwave, which can become quite pronounced in magnetically ordered materials [11].

Any experimentally determined spin Hall angles, either using the line-shape or the damping analysis, are “effective” spin Hall angles influenced by the quality of the interface of the samples studied. Such interface properties depend on the materials, growth, crystallography, roughness, etc., which can vary largely for different samples [44–48]. In this regard, the “interface transparency” has been introduced to properly correct the interface effect which further allows the determination of an “internal” spin Hall angle, $\theta_{\text{SH}}^{\text{int}}$, of the materials, via [44,45,47]

$$\theta_{\text{SH}}^{\text{int}} = \frac{\sigma/\lambda}{2\text{Re}[G_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{\text{eff}}]} \theta_{\text{SH}} \text{ (or } \theta_{\text{SH}}^* \text{ or } \theta_{\text{DL}}), \quad (7)$$

where σ and λ are the electrical conductivity and spin diffusion length of the spin Hall metal, respectively. The inverse of the prefactor, i.e., $2\text{Re}[G_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{\text{eff}}]/(\sigma/\lambda)$, is introduced as the spin current “transmissivity,” T . According to Eq. (7), T is very sensitive to the spin diffusion length, which in itself is a material-dependent parameter that requires careful calibration for many spin Hall metals [22,49–54]. Increasing the spin

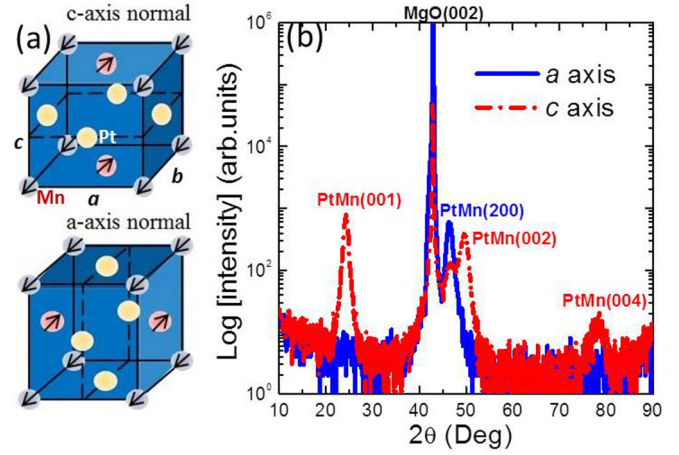


FIG. 5. (Color online) (a) A sketch illustrating the chemical structure of CuAu-I-type antiferromagnets grown along (001)[c -axis normal] and (100)[a -axis normal] directions, and (b) their corresponding x-ray diffraction patterns. The principal axes are inequivalent ($c \neq a$) for PtMn, IrMn, and PdMn except for FeMn ($c = a$).

diffusion length linearly enhances the value of T and decreases the value of $\theta_{\text{SH}}^{\text{int}}$. Using the above $\text{Re}[G_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{\text{eff}}]$ value and the spin diffusion length of PtMn ($\lambda_{\text{PtMn}} = 0.5 \text{ nm}$ [26]), the spin current transmissivity, $T = 2\text{Re}[G_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{\text{eff}}]/(\sigma_{\text{PtMn}}/\lambda_{\text{PtMn}})$, and the internal spin Hall angle can be estimated. We obtain $T = 0.63$ and an internal $\theta_{\text{SH}}^{\text{int}} = 0.125$ for PtMn, which exceeds the spin Hall angle of many reported paramagnetic metals [21].

B. Anisotropic spin-Hall effect in antiferromagnets

An important element of these antiferromagnetic alloys is the staggered magnetization (M_{stag}) from Mn atoms that is strongly correlated to their crystal growths [55]. In the isotropic case the introduction of staggered magnetization (antiferromagnetic states) will break the symmetry and make it anisotropic. As a consequence, when the staggered magnetization is along a well-defined direction and not averaged, the anisotropy of the spin Hall effect in the CuAu-I-type antiferromagnets will arise from both the inequivalency of the c/a ratio (chemical structure) and the staggered magnetization (magnetic structure).

We performed the same measurements and analysis on epitaxial samples for AFs with inequivalent c and a (lattice constants), i.e., excluding FeMn. The samples were grown at elevated temperatures following established recipes [55]. For example, for PtMn, the c -axis samples, following MgO(001)||PtMn(001), were grown at 550°C; the a -axis samples, following MgO(001)||PtMn(100), were grown at

TABLE II. Spin Hall angles, θ_{SH} , estimated from the ratio analysis (V_s/V_a) for epitaxial PtMn, IrMn, and PdMn. ^aThe a -axis IrMn is weakly textured and can be considered almost polycrystalline.

| θ_{SH} | PtMn | IrMn | PdMn |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| c axis | 0.052 ± 0.002 | 0.050 ± 0.005 | 0.032 ± 0.006 |
| a axis | 0.086 ± 0.002 | 0.023 ± 0.005^a | 0.039 ± 0.005 |

120°C and subsequently annealed at 250°C for 1.5 h. Their corresponding x-ray diffraction patterns are shown in Fig. 5. We obtained epitaxial structures for all materials except for *a*-axis IrMn. The spin Hall angles estimated from the ratio analysis are summarized in Table II.

C. First-principles calculations

To verify our assumption we have performed first-principles calculations on the Mn magnetization dependence of the spin Hall effect. The intrinsic spin Hall effect in CuAu-I-type antiferromagnets as determined from *ab initio* calculations has been shown to explain the measured spin Hall angles with satisfactory quantitative agreement [26]. This motivates us to interpret the differences in the measured spin Hall angles between *a*- and *c*-axis grown antiferromagnets in terms of the anisotropy of the intrinsic spin Hall effect. While the *a*- and *c*-axis grown antiferromagnets are well textured in the out-of-plane direction as seen in the x-ray diffraction, we assume them to be only weakly textured in the in-plane direction due to the existence of the Cu dusting layer and the polycrystalline nature of Py that deteriorate any possible in-plane epitaxy of the samples. This assumption is further corroborated by the finding that neither the spin-torque ferromagnetic resonance line shape nor the resistivity depend on whether the devices are made parallel to the edge MgO[100] or to the diagonal MgO[110] directions of the substrate. We therefore carried out *ab initio* calculations of the intrinsic spin Hall conductivity where we performed a polycrystalline averaging over the in-plane orientation of the crystals (see Ref. [26] for computational details).

In Table III we list the growth, the lattice constant d_0 , the direction of staggered magnetization, the electrical resistivity ρ , and the resulting intrinsic spin Hall conductivities. Besides the distinction between *a*- and *c*-axis growth the calculated spin Hall conductivities also depend on whether the staggered

TABLE III. Calculated spin Hall conductivities σ^{SHE} (units in $\frac{\hbar}{e} \frac{S}{\text{cm}}$) and comparison to experiment.

| | Growth | d_0 (Å) | M_{stag} | σ^{SHE} | $\sigma_{\text{av}}^{\text{SHE}}$ | $\sigma_{\text{exp}}^{\text{SHE}}$ | ρ ($\mu\Omega$ cm) | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| PtMn | <i>c</i> axis | 3.67 | <i>c</i> | 219.9 | 94.2 | 144 | 180.3 | |
| | <i>a</i> axis | | | 31.4 | | | | |
| | <i>a</i> axis | 4.00 | <i>c</i> | 182 | 141 | 263 | 163.4 | |
| | <i>a</i> axis | | | <i>a/b</i> | | | | 120 |
| | IrMn | <i>c</i> axis | 3.64 | <i>c</i> | 59.7 | 93.5 | 77.9 | 320.8 |
| | | <i>a</i> axis | | | <i>a/b</i> | | | |
| <i>a</i> axis | | 3.86 | <i>c</i> | 207 | 16 | 53.2 | 216.3 | |
| <i>c</i> axis | | | | <i>a/b</i> | | | | -80 |
| PdMn | | <i>c</i> axis | 3.58 | <i>c</i> | 17.0 | 7.0 | 59.2 | 270.5 |
| | | <i>a</i> axis | | | <i>a/b</i> | | | |
| | <i>a</i> axis | 4.07 | <i>c</i> | 44 | 2.7 | 99.2 | 196.6 | |
| | <i>a</i> axis | | | <i>a/b</i> | | | | -18 |

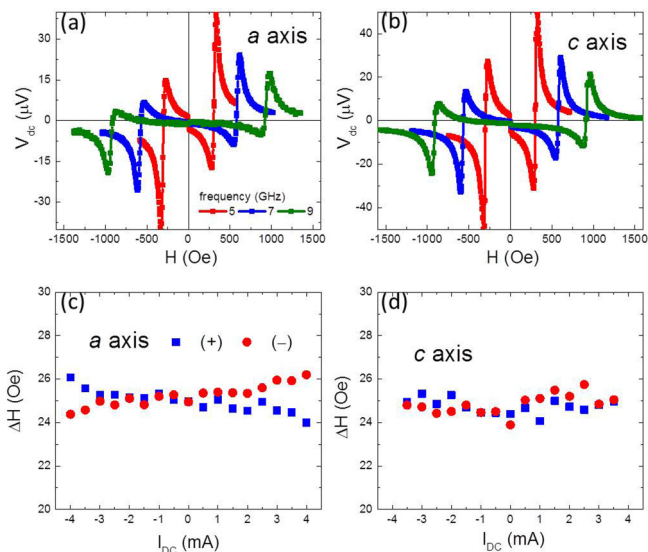


FIG. 6. (Color online) Measured spin-torque ferromagnetic resonance signals from (a) *a*- and (b) *c*-axis PtMn(10)/Cu(1)/Py(5), and (c,d) the corresponding resonance linewidth versus dc-bias current at 5 GHz.

magnetization is along the *c* axis or along the *a* or *b* axis. The orientation of the staggered magnetization in the thin antiferromagnetic layers is unknown and we assume it to be random along the main crystallographic axes. Therefore, we list also the averages over magnetization directions, defined by

$$\sigma_{\text{av}}^{\text{SHE}} = [2\sigma^{\text{SHE}}(a/b \text{ axis}) + \sigma^{\text{SHE}}(c \text{ axis})]/3. \quad (8)$$

In the case of PtMn the calculated $\sigma_{\text{av}}^{\text{SHE}}$ is larger for *a*-axis growth than for *c*-axis growth in agreement with experiment. Good agreement also holds for IrMn, where both theory and experiment find the spin Hall conductivity to be larger for *c*-axis growth than for *a*-axis growth, opposite to the trend for PtMn. In the case of PdMn the polycrystalline averaged intrinsic spin Hall conductivities are considerably smaller than experiment, which was also observed in our previous spin pumping experiments [26]. Further investigations are needed to address the large discrepancy for PdMn between experiment and theory.

To further elaborate such an anisotropic effect, we chose again PtMn for a more detailed study due to its largest spin Hall angle among all antiferromagnets herein. Figures 6(a) and 6(b) compare the line-shapes of spin-torque ferromagnetic resonance signals for *a*- and *c*-axis samples. More symmetric over antisymmetric Lorentzian line-shapes can be observed for *a*-axis samples with and without the Cu dusting layer, confirming again minimal interface-induced spin-orbit effects. The individual- V_s analysis yields 0.048 ± 0.006 for *c*-axis PtMn and 0.089 ± 0.006 for *a*-axis PtMn, which are similar to values obtained from the ratio analysis. Thus for PtMn we conclude that the magnitudes of the spin-Hall effect follow the relationship of *a*-axis > polycrystalline > *c*-axis samples.

Figures 6(c) and 6(d) compare the dc-tuned linewidth for the two different axes. A clear modulation effect can only be observed for *a*-axis textured samples and not for *c*-axis

textured samples, confirming a much smaller spin Hall effect for the latter. The large spin Hall effect of PtMn originates from the large atomic spin-orbit coupling of Pt, acting as an effective field bending electron trajectory along opposite directions for up and down spins. On the other hand, the staggered magnetization from Mn atoms also indirectly affects their intrinsic spin-orbit coupling via orbital hybridization [56]. The exact mechanism dictating the spin Hall effect of these alloys may require further experimental and theoretical elaborations, but the observed orientation-dependent effects offer a possible route for tunable spin Hall effects in magnetically ordered materials.

IV. SUMMARY

In summary, we demonstrate spin torque effects of CuAu-I-type antiferromagnets by using spin-torque ferromagnetic resonance of Py in combination with a dc-tuned technique. The observed nonlocal spin torques are attributed to spin currents generated by the spin Hall effect. By using epitaxial samples,

we also show the anisotropic spin-torque effects upon changing of the growth orientations, which are corroborated by *ab initio* calculations. Our results highlight the important roles of both the heavy elements and the staggered magnetization in the intrinsic spin Hall effects of these alloys.

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