Topological Physics and Device Implementation of Skyrmions

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Magnetic skyrmion is one of the most exciting topics in spintronics, on which many intriguing real-space topological physics and emerging devices concepts have been frequently discussed. In this talk, I will focus on the spin-topologydriven dynamics of skyrmion – the skyrmion Hall effect, in which an accumulation of skyrmions at the transverse side of the device is achieved [1-2]. Towards the device application, a skyrmion circulator by taking the advantage of the skyrmion Hall effect is demonstrated [3]. To reveal the nature of real space spin topology, a Stern-Gerlach-like experiment is conducted, which reveals the topological character of skyrmion resembles more closely like atomic spin, rather than charge [4]. In the second part, I will focus on the skyrmionic device concepts, including the realization of skyrmion racetrack memory and in situ read out of individual nanoscale skyrmions by using tunneling magnetoresistance [5].

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From skyrmion Hall effect to skyrmion circulator



skyrmion shift register



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Stern-Gerlach-like experiment for skyrmions



TMR detection of nanoscale skyrmions



