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Handedness manipulation of propagating antiferromagnetic magnons

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Antiferromagnetic magnons possess a distinctive feature absent in their ferromagnetic counterparts: the presence of two distinct handedness modes, the right-handed (RH) and left-handed (LH) precession modes. The magnon handedness determines the sign of spin polarization carried by the propagating magnon, which is indispensable for harnessing the diverse functionalities in magnonic devices, such as data encoding, magnon polarization-based logic systems, and quantum applications involving magnons. However, the control of coherently propagating magnon handedness in antiferromagnets has remained elusive. Here we demonstrate the manipulation and electrical readout of propagating magnon handedness in perpendicularly magnetized synthetic antiferromagnets (SAF). We find that the antiferromagnetic magnon handedness can be directly identified by measuring the inverse spin Hall effect (ISHE) voltage, which arises from the spin pumping effect caused by the propagating antiferromagnetic magnons in the SAF structure. The RH and LH modes of the magnon can be distinguishable when the SAF structure is sandwiched by heavy metals with the same sign of spin Hall angle. This work unveils promising avenues for harnessing the unique properties of antiferromagnetic magnons.

The control of magnetization by spin current, which is a flow of spin angular momentum, plays an important role in both basic and applied point of view^{1,2}. In magnetic materials, spin waves or magnons are known to be the carriers of spin currents. Magnon spin currents are attracting attention as a propagation method with less dissipation than conduction electron spin currents^{3–8}, because magnon propagation does not involve charge transfer resulting in the absence of Joule heating. Therefore, magnons are expected to be a promising platform for realizing low-power devices, logic circuits, and computing applications^{9–20}. In contrast to ferromagnets (FMs), collinear antiferromagnets possess two precession modes, right-handed (RH) precession and left-handed (LH) precession^{21–23}. This allows to manipulate

the magnon polarization degree of freedom, which is analogous to its optical counterpart. The control of the magnon handedness is a critical issue in applications using magnon polarization degree of freedom, such as magnon field-effect transistor^{24,25}, domain wall as magnon polarizer and retarder²⁶, bidirectional domain wall motion^{27,28}, and quantum system with magnon²⁹. Previous studies have shown that utilizing antiferromagnetic materials or synthetic ferrimagnets enables the generation of right- and left-handed magnons of infinite wavelength, where the spins are excited uniformly in phase throughout the entire sample, making them electrically detectable^{30–32}. However, the manipulation and electrical detection of the propagating magnon handedness have yet to be demonstrated due to their field immunity

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In this study, we report the first demonstration of polarizationresolved detection and handedness manipulation of propagating antiferromagnetic magnons. We prepared the synthetic antiferromagnet (SAF) sandwiched by heavy metal (HM) layers. Propagating magnons in SAF structure are excited by applying microwave current to a stripline antenna and emit handedness-dependent spin current via spin pumping effect into HM layers. The spin current is converted to electric current through the inverse spin Hall effect (ISHE)³³. We find that the RH and LH modes of the magnon provide two distinguishable resonance peaks in the ISHE voltage, particularly when the sign of spin Hall angle in two HM layers is the same; therefore, the magnon handedness can be electrically detected. We further demonstrate the manipulation of magnon handedness by tuning the excitation frequency under conditions where the degeneracy of two magnon modes is lifted. These results lead to a new path for utilizing antiferromagnetic magnons in future polarization-based magnonic devices.

Results

Concept of magnon excitation and detection

Our proposal for the excitation and detection of the handednessdependent magnon is based on the fact that two (RH and LH) precession modes in colinear antiferromagnets can have different resonance conditions, as shown in Fig. 1a. There are two distinct modes corresponding to RH and LH precession of the antiferromagnetic resonance, except at a certain magnetic field where they are degenerated. The opposite linear dependence of the two modes on the magnetic field arises from the fact that the angular momenta of the two modes point in opposite directions, resulting in different Zeeman energies. Therefore, the degeneracy of these two modes can be lifted by applying an external magnetic field. Accordingly, we can selectively excite one of the two modes by appropriately choosing the excitation frequency. The detection of the handedness is achieved by utilizing the ISHE effect, as described in the following.

We consider a magnetic thin film consisting of perpendicularly magnetized SAF sandwiched by two HMs. The magnetizations in two FM layers in the SAF structure are coupled antiferromagnetically. The magnons in the SAFs are excited by applying a microwave magnetic field from an antenna, as schematically shown in Fig. 1b, c. Coherently propagating antiferromagnetic magnons in the *x*-direction emit spin currents into HMs due to the spin pumping effect. The spin current J_s is converted to charge current J_c by the spin-to-charge conversion due to the ISHE³³. The resulting transverse voltage V_{ISHE} in the *y*-direction is proportional to

$$F_{\text{HM1-SAF-HM2}} = -\theta_{\text{SH, HM1}} \langle \mathbf{m}_{1}(t) \times \dot{\mathbf{m}}_{1}(t) \rangle_{x} + \theta_{\text{SH, HM2}} \langle \mathbf{m}_{2}(t) \times \dot{\mathbf{m}}_{2}(t) \rangle_{x'}, \qquad (1)$$

where $\theta_{\text{SH, HMI}(2)}$ is the spin Hall angle of the lower (upper) HM materials, while $\langle \mathbf{m}_{1(2)}(t) \times \dot{\mathbf{m}}_{1(2)}(t) \rangle_x$ is the time average of the *x* component of the spin polarization pumped from the lower (upper) FM layer. The external magnetic field is applied in the *xz*-plane with a tilted angle θ_H from the perpendicular axis, which tilts the precession axis of the magnetization and makes $\langle \mathbf{m}_{1,2}(t) \times \dot{\mathbf{m}}_{1,2}(t) \rangle_x$ be finite³⁴. Note that the signs of two terms on the right-hand side of Eq. (1) are opposite. This is because two FM layers pump the spin current into the opposite directions (+*z* and -*z* for the upper and lower FM layers, respectively). The direction of the electric current generated by the ISHE depends on this pumping direction and the spin Hall angle of two HMs.

Equation (1) clarifies the relationship between the sign of the ISHE voltage and the magnon handedness for a fixed magnetic field. We notice that, for both RH and LH modes, two magnetizations in SAFs precess in the same direction, however, the oscillation amplitude is different²³, as schematically shown in the left panel of Fig. 1b, c. For RH



Fig. 1 | **Handedness manipulation of propagating antiferromagnetic magnon. a** Magnetic resonance frequency for right-handed (RH) and left-handed (LH) precession modes in colinear antiferromagnets as a function of the magnetic field. **b**, **c** Left panels, illustrations of magnon eigenmode with RH and LH precession modes. The handedness of propagating antiferromagnetic magnons in perpendicularly magnetized synthetic antiferromagnet (SAF) can be manipulated by tuning the excitation microwave frequency to either f_{RH} or f_{LH} at a fixed magnetic field, as indicated by the black dotted line in (**a**), which corresponds to the condition where the degeneracy of two magnon modes is lifted. The handedness-dependent spin current J_s is emitted through the spin pumping effect into heavy metal (HM) layers and its *x*-polarized component shown in the figure is converted to charge current J_c through the inverse spin Hall effect.

(LH) mode the magnetization oriented to + z (-z) direction is an active precession state and exhibits a larger oscillation amplitude. Accordingly, in the case of antiparallel magnetization configuration shown in Fig. 1b, c, the second (first) term on the right-hand side of Eq. (1) becomes the dominant contribution in the ISHE voltage for RH (LH) mode due to the large amount of J_s resulting from the spin pumping effect. If $\theta_{\rm SH,\,HM1}$ and $\theta_{\rm SH,\,HM2}$ have the same sign such as the Pt sandwiched SAF structure, these differences in the dominant contribution change the sign of the ISHE voltage depending on the magnon handedness (RH or LH), as shown in Fig. 1b, c. On the other hand, if $\theta_{\rm SH,\,HM1}$ and $\theta_{\rm SH,\,HM2}$ have the opposite signs, both two terms on the right-hand side of Eq. (1) contribute to the ISHE voltage with the same sign. This makes it difficult to distinguish the RH and LH modes. Therefore, the use of HMs with the same sign of the spin Hall angle is a key to efficiently detect the magnon handedness.

Sample details

Based on the above concept, we perform the experiments. Thin films were deposited by dc magnetron sputtering on thermally oxidized Si substrate with the following structures (thickness in nm): Ta(2.0) / $Pt(5.0) / [Co(0.3) / Ni(0.6)]_{8.5} / Ru(0.42) / [Co(0.3) / Ni(0.6)]_{8.5} / Pt(5.0)$ (hereafter referred to as Pt-SAF-Pt). The use of decimal period number, such as 8.5, indicates that the superlattice structure has a Co layer on both the top and bottom of film stack, with one side having an additional half period. Even though the 0.42-nm-thick Ru spacer layer is atomically thin, the first oscillation peak of the antiferromagnetic interlayer exchange coupling and atomically smooth interfaces have been confirmed in the prior works^{35,36}. For comparison, we also prepared perpendicularly magnetized SAF films with different combinations of HM layers, such as Ru-SAF-Pt and Pt-SAF-Ru. Note that the signs of the spin Hall angle in Ru and Pt are opposite³⁷, which affects the measurement as discussed above. After the deposition process, the out-of-plane magnetic hysteresis loops were measured to determine the magnetization configuration as a function of the external magnetic field (see Supplementary S1). The two different antiparallel magnetization configurations, namely head-to-head (H-H) and tail-to-tail (T-T). can be obtained depending on the field sweep direction after applying the large enough magnetic field to saturate the magnetization (see Supplementary S1). The magnetic resonance measurements were also conducted under the external magnetic field along the out-of-plane direction to quantify the values of magnetic parameters, such as the perpendicular magnetic anisotropy field and the interlayer exchange field (see Supplementary S2).

Inverse spin Hall detection of propagating magnons

Next, we experimentally investigate the electrical detection of the propagating magnon handedness. We fabricated the devices with the Hall bar structure and microwave antenna, as shown in Fig. 2a (see Supplementary S3 for the details of device fabrication). The magnons are excited by applying a microwave current to the stripline antenna and the lock-in amplifier is used to detect the Hall voltage V_{LIA} . The detection of propagating magnon is achieved by measuring the ISHE voltage. Here the distance *d* of the magnon propagation is 0.4 µm.

The detected signal V_{IIA} under the tilted magnetic field of θ_{H} = 30° at the microwave frequency of f_{rf} = 13 GHz is shown in the inset of Fig. 2b. We notice that the hysteresis loop similar to the magnetization curve are observed. This is the contribution of the anomalous Nernst effect to the Hall voltage, because the application of microwaves causes local heating of the magnon excitation antenna, leading to the in-plane thermal gradient in the x-direction. This contribution can be eliminated by subtracting a linear background signal in the field range of the antiparallel magnetization configuration. The signals after background subtraction are hereafter referred to as $\Delta V_{\rm ISHE}$. As shown in Fig. 2b, the resonance peaks in $\Delta V_{\rm ISHE}$ spectra are observed for the upward and downward field sweep directions, corresponding to the T-T and H-H antiparallel magnetization configurations, respectively. It should be noted that the spin rectification signal due to anisotropic magnetoresistance and anomalous Hall effect is absent detected in our devices, because the microwave antenna is electrically isolated from the Hall bar structure by the 50-nm-thick SiO₂ layer (see Supplementary S3).





Fig. 2 | Inverse spin Hall detection of propagating magnons in Pt-SAF-Pt. a Schematic of the measurement setup and scanning electron microscope image of the devices. b The signal after background subtraction ΔV_{ISHE} under the tilted magnetic field of $\theta_H = 30^\circ$ at the microwave frequency of 13 GHz. The black and red curves indicate the spectra measured for the downward and upward field sweep

direction, respectively. The inset shows the detected signal V_{LIA} under the tilted magnetic field. ΔV_{ISHE} spectra under the tilted magnetic field $\theta_H = 30^\circ$ for T-T antiparallel magnetization configuration (**c**) and H-H antiparallel magnetization configuration (**d**). The dashed lines in (**c**, **d**) cprrespond to the magnetic field for the experiments performed in Fig. 4.

To clarify the relationship between the magnon handedness and the sign of ISHE resonance peak, we next measured $V_{\rm ISHE}$ spectra at various excitation frequencies. Figure 2c, d shows color plots of ΔV_{ISHE} spectra obtained from upward and downward field sweeps, respectively. Two precession modes are observed in the magnetic field range in which the two magnetizations are antiparallel. The resonance frequency that increases (decreases) with increasing magnetic field corresponds to the RH (LH) precession mode (see Supplementary Fig. S2a, b for a comparison of the magnon handedness with the magnetic resonance measurements under the out-of-plane magnetic field). The sign reversal of the resonance peaks is observed in positive and negative magnetic field regions because the in-plane component of the magnetization in the SAFs is reversed. More remarkably, the sign of the resonance peaks is also reversed depending on the handedness of the precession modes in the positive (negative) magnetic field region for T-T (H-H) antiparallel magnetization configuration, respectively. These results are consistent with our proposal mentioned in the previous section, and thus, indicate the possibility to distinguish the magnon handedness in Pt sandwiched SAFs electrically (see Supplementary S4 for additional experimental data under $\theta_H = 150^\circ$).

Numerical simulations

The detections of the magnon handedness demonstrated above were based on the fact that the oscillation amplitudes of the magnetization in two FM layers are different depending on the magnon handedness²³. However, it is experimentally difficult to quantify the amounts of the pumped spin current from the upper and lower FM layers separately. Therefore, we performed numerical simulations of the Landau-Lifshitz-Gilbert equation (see methods). Figure 3a, b shows the time average of the *x* component of the spin polarization pumped from the lower FM layer $\langle \mathbf{m}_1(t) \times \dot{\mathbf{m}}_1(t) \rangle_x$ and upper FM layer $\langle \mathbf{m}_2(t) \times \dot{\mathbf{m}}_2(t) \rangle_x$, respectively, for T-T antiparallel magnetization configuration. Since the magnetization oriented to +z (-z) direction exhibits a larger oscillation amplitude for RH (LH) mode (see Supplementary S5 for the precession trajectory), only the RH (LH) precession mode shows the visible peaks in Fig. 3b (Fig. 3a), respectively. Note that the sign of spin current spin polarization is positive regardless of the magnon handedness when we focus on the positive magnetic field region because the in-plane component magnetization in the active precession layer is oriented in the same direction regardless of the precession mode, as schematically shown in insets of Fig. 3a, b. In the case of the H-H antiparallel magnetization configuration, the relationship of magnetization orientation is opposite to that of the T-T antiparallel magnetization configuration. Therefore, only the RH (LH) precession mode shows the visible peaks in Fig. 3d (Fig. 3e), respectively. Then, the calculated $F_{Pt-SAF-Pt}$ based on Eq. (1) for both antiparallel magnetization configurations (Fig. 3c, f) well reproduce the observed behavior in the experiments, where the spin Hall angles are assumed to be $\theta_{SH Pt} = 0.1$ (see Supplementary S6 for Ru-SAF-Pt and Pt-SAF-Ru structures). These calculations reveal that the spin pumping effect from the upper or lower FM is quantitatively dominant depending on the magnon handedness and the sign of the ISHE voltage for HM1-SAF-HM2 structure is determined by the spin Hall angle in HMs.

Propagating magnon decay length

A requirement for realizing magnon-based devices is to achieve a long length scale for transferring the information. In conventional magnonbased devices, the length scale is the magnon decay length, which is determined from the group velocity and dissipation of the propagating magnons. It is, however, difficult to estimate the characteristics of the propagating magnons, such as dispersion relation and group velocity, in the present system. This is because the ISHE detection used in the present work is not a phase-sensitive detection method, in contrast with the propagating spin wave spectroscopy using a vector network analyzer³⁸. Thus, instead, we performed a micromagnetic simulation analysis (see Supplementary S7). In addition, we also performed the measurements of the propagating magnon spectra for the devices with different d to evaluate the decay length of the ISHE resonance signals (Fig. 4a). The peak voltage of each $\Delta V_{\rm ISHF}$ spectrum is obtained from the fit of the Lorentzian function, and $(\Delta V_{\text{ISHE}})_{\text{peak}}$ as a function of d is plotted in Fig. 4b. The intensity decreases exponentially and the decay length of the $(\Delta V_{\rm ISHE})_{\rm peak}$ is estimated to be





T-T antiparallel magnetization configuration (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c}) and H-H antiparallel magnetization configuration (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{f}). The insets show the illustration of SAFs with active precession magnetization state for RH and LH modes.



Fig. 4 | Inverse spin Hall detection of propagating magnons in the device with different d. a ΔV_{ISHE} spectra under the tilted magnetic field $\theta_H = 30^\circ$ at 13.0 GHz for the devices with different *d*. The red lines represent the fitting results using the symmetric Lorentzian function, and the values of peak amplitude $(\Delta V_{ISHE})_{peak}$ are

extracted. **b** Distance dependence of $(\Delta V_{\rm ISHE})_{\rm peak}$. The edge of the antenna corresponds to d = 0, and the values of $(\Delta V_{\rm ISHE})_{\rm peak}$ are normalized at d = 0.0. The red line represents the fit of the exponential decay function.

2.8 μ m, which is about one order of magnitude larger than the numerically calculated value (0.2–0.3 μ m; see Supplementary S7). One possible reason for the longer decay length in our experiment is the contribution of the ISHE voltage not only from the magnons at the cross-section of the Hall bar but also from the magnon in the region away from the Hall bar, because the upper and lower HMs cover the entire surface of the SAF structure. From a different perspective, even though the magnon decay length is short, the propagating magnon signal measured by the ISHE can be transmitted over a longer distance using the method proposed in this study. Therefore, our proposed method is advantageous from the perspective of the information transfer beyond the decay length, alongside the ability to distinguish the magnon handedness.

Switching the handedness of propagating antiferromagnetic magnons

Here, in the middle of Fig. 5, we also demonstrate the manipulation of the antiferromagnetic magnon handedness by tuning the excitation frequency $f_{\rm rf}$ to either 13.6 GHz or 18.0 GHz under the tilted magnetic field of 140 mT for the T-T antiparallel magnetization configuration. The sign of the voltage $\Delta V_{\rm ISHE}$ changes as the excitation frequency switches. Thus, we can switch the magnon handedness by switching the excitation frequency. The relationship between the frequency and the magnon handedness is reversed when the magnetization configuration is H-H under the tilted magnetic field of -140 mT, as shown in the bottom of Fig. 5. In summary, we have succeeded in manipulating the handedness of the propagating magnon and in electrically reading out its information, which means that we now have the technology to realize theoretically proposed novel devices using the magnon polarization degree of freedom²⁴⁻²⁹.

Discussion

Recently, the nonlocal transport of the magnon spin current in antiferromagnets has been observed^{39–43}, and an electrical detection of the magnon polarization with uniform precession has been realized by the coherent spin pumping effect in heterostructure with heavy-metal and antiferromagnetic materials^{30–32,44,45}. In addition, coherent propagation of antiferromagnetic magnon has also been demonstrated using bulk antiferromagnets such as dysprosium orthoferrite (DyFeO₃)⁴⁶ or hematite (α -Fe₂O₃)^{47–49}. However, the observation of coherently propagating magnon polarization of antiferromagnets has yet to be achieved so far. We overcome the issue by employing the SAF structure sandwiched by the Pt layer. Our demonstrated method of handedness control and electrical detection of antiferromagnetic magnons is a major step towards harnessing the full potentials of antiferromagnetic magnons, such as the high-speed spin dynamics,



Fig. 5 | **Switching the handedness of propagating antiferromagnetic magnons.** As shown in the top panel, the excitation microwave frequency f_{rf} is tuned to either 13.6 GHz or 18.0 GHz, and ΔV_{ISHE} is detected in T-T antiparallel magnetization configuration at $\mu_0 H_{ext} = 140$ mT (middle panel) and in H-H antiparallel magnetization configuration at $\mu_0 H_{ext} = -140$ mT (bottom panel), with the external magnetic field tilted at $\theta_H = 30^\circ$.

robustness against external perturbations, and the polarization degree of freedom.

A technical issue in our demonstration is that we need to apply a tilted magnetic field to the film plane. This is because it makes the timeaveraged in-plane component of the pumped spin polarization finite and results in the generation of the dc ISHE voltage³⁴. Polarizationresolved detection of magnon in a system with completely perpendicular magnetization is highly desired to enable demonstrations without the need for the magnetic field. One possible approach to achieve field-free detection is to utilize an inverse phenomenon of the spin anomalous Hall effect or the spin-orbit precession effect in ferromagnets⁵⁰⁻⁵⁵, which can convert the out-of-plane spin polarization to a charge current. We believe this makes the experimental system simpler and encourages the further investigation of the propagating magnon handedness. In summary, we have demonstrated a polarization-resolved detection of propagating antiferromagnetic magnons in perpendicularly magnetized SAFs by using spintronics transducers based on the ISHE. Our experimental observations and numerical simulations provide clear evidence that the magnon handedness can be identified by the sign of the ISHE voltage from the SAF structure sandwiched by the HM layers with the same sign of the spin Hall angle. In addition, we have demonstrated the switching and electrical detection of the antiferromagnetic magnon handedness by tuning the excitation frequency. These demonstrations provide a new way to detect and control the spin polarization of magnon spin currents and open up the attractive possibility of antiferromagnet-based magnon devices.

Methods

Experimental setup

In the measurement setup (Fig. 2a), the microwave antenna was connected to a signal generator (Anritsu; 68347 C), and a pulse-modulated microwave was applied, whereas the Hall probe was connected to a lock-in amplifier (Stanford Research; SR830) to detect the transmission of propagating magnons along the *x*-axis. The applied microwave power is 10 mW (10 dBm). To improve the signal-to-noise ratio, the measurements were repeated 4 times and averaged spectra are plotted in the figure.

Numerical simulations

For numerical study, we solved the Landau-Lifshitz-Gilbert equation with the unit vector of magnetization of lower and upper FM layers, \mathbf{m}_1 and \mathbf{m}_2 , given by

$$\dot{\mathbf{m}}_i = -\mu_0 \gamma \mathbf{m}_i \times \mathbf{H}_i + \alpha \mathbf{m}_i \times \dot{\mathbf{m}}_i, \qquad (2)$$

where μ_0 , γ , and α are the vacuum permeability, the gyromagnetic ratio, and the Gilbert damping constant, respectively. The effective magnetic field **H**_i acting on the magnetization is given by

$$\mathbf{H}_{i} = \mathbf{H}_{\text{ext}} + H_{k,i}^{\text{eff}} m_{z,i} \mathbf{e}_{z} - H_{E} \mathbf{m}_{j} (i \neq j), \tag{3}$$

where \mathbf{H}_{ext} is the external magnetic field, $H_{k,i}^{\text{eff}}$ is the effective perpendicular magnetic anisotropy fields, and $H_E = -J_{\text{ex}}/(\mu_0 M_s t_{\text{FM}})$ is the interlayer exchange field with the interlayer exchange coupling energy per unit area J_{ex} ($J_{\text{ex}} < 0$ indicates the antiferromagnetic coupling), the saturation magnetization M_s , and the thickness of FM layer t_{FM} . Here, we use a uniform precession motion for simplicity, which is sufficient to distinguish the contributions of the upper and lower HM layers. Thus, the dynamic dipolar interaction⁵⁶ is excluded from the effective magnetic field. Equation (2) was numerically solved by substituting Eq. (3) by the fourth-order Runge-Kutta method with the time interval $\Delta t = 0.1$ ps under the application of alternating magnetic field $h_{\text{rf}} \cos(2\pi f t)$ along the *x*-axis, where $\mu_0 h_{\text{rf}} = 1.0$ mT.

Data availability

The data that support the findings of this work are available from the corresponding authors upon reasonable request.

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