

Manipulating Spins in Topological Insulators

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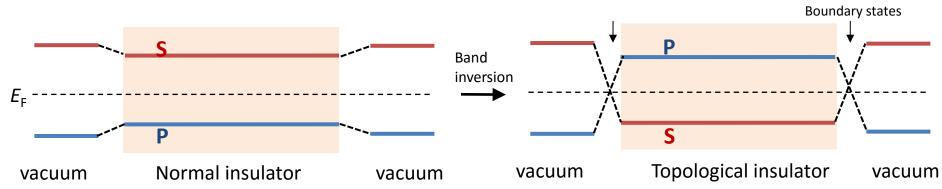


Introduction to topological insulators

Topology: mathematical study of the properties that remain under continuous deformations.

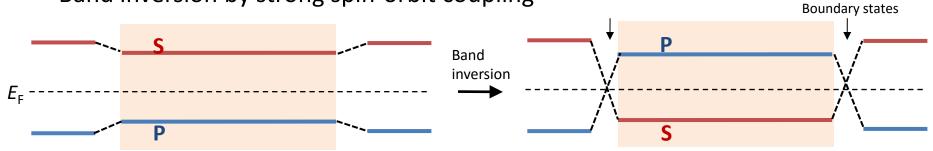


In condensed matter physics, continuous deformation → change without closing a bulk energy gap.

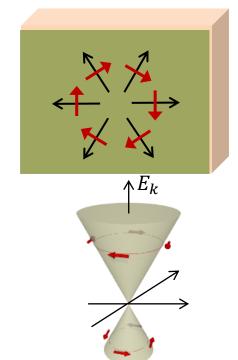


Introduction to topological insulators

Band inversion by strong spin-orbit coupling

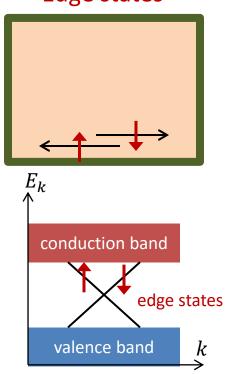


3D topological insulator Surface states



Hasan & Kane, Rev. Mod. Phys. (2010) Qi & Zhang, Physics Today (2010)

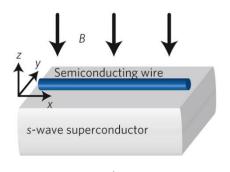
2D topological insulator Edge states

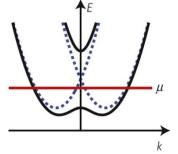


Moore, Nature (2010)

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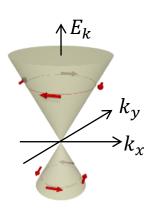
1D topological superconductor End states (Majorana zero modes)

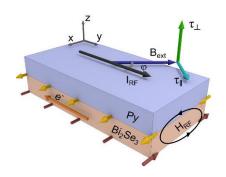




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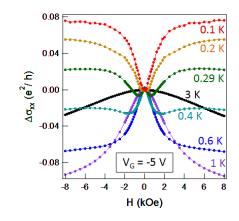
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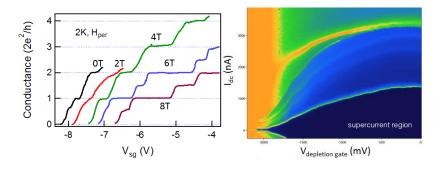




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 - Interfacing a ferromagnetic insulator to a TI

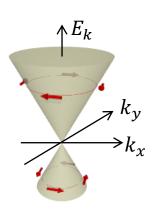


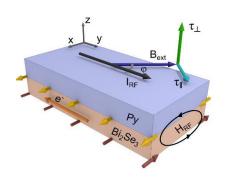


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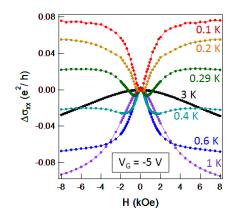
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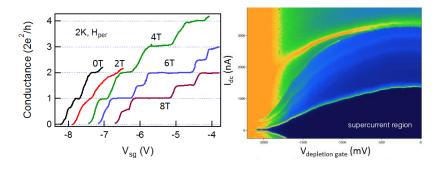




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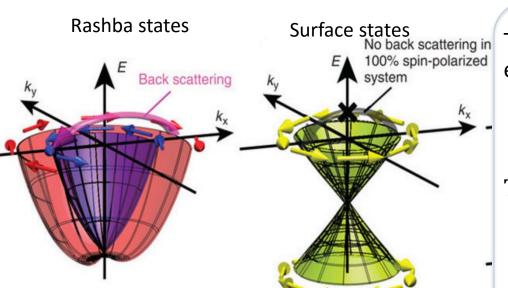
3D topological insulators

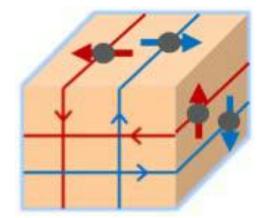
A state of matter that has an insulating bulk and spindependent surface states due to spin-orbit coupling.

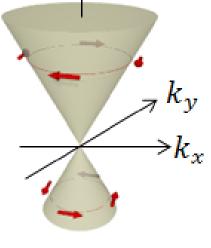
Surface states

$$H_{surf} = \hbar v_F (\sigma^x k_y - \sigma^y k_x)$$

- Spin-momentum locking
- Protected by time-reversal symmetry
- Robust against back-scattering







Time-reversal switches both the direction of electron motion and the direction of spin.

Time-reversal invariance:

$$TH(k)T^{-1} = H(-k)$$

$$TH(k)T^{-1} = \hbar v_F[(-\sigma^x)k_y - (-\sigma^y)k_x]$$

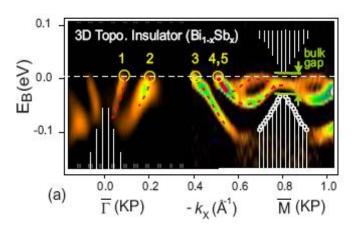
$$H(-k) = \hbar v_F [\sigma^x(-k_v) - \sigma^y(-k_x)]$$

Invariant!

Graphic: Sakamoto, et al., Nat. Commun. (2013)

3D topological insulators

Bi_{1-x}Sb_x: the first 3D topological insulator

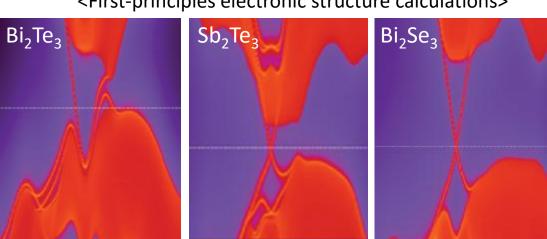


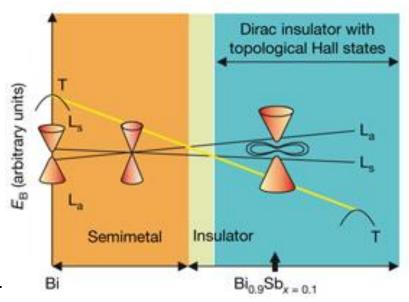
Prediction: Fu & Kane, Phys. Rev. B 76, 045320 (2007).

Experiment: Hsieh, et al., Nature 452 (2008)

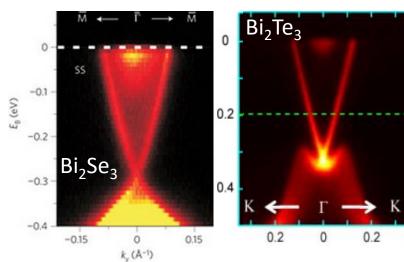
Bi-chalcogenides with a single Dirac cone

<First-principles electronic structure calculations>





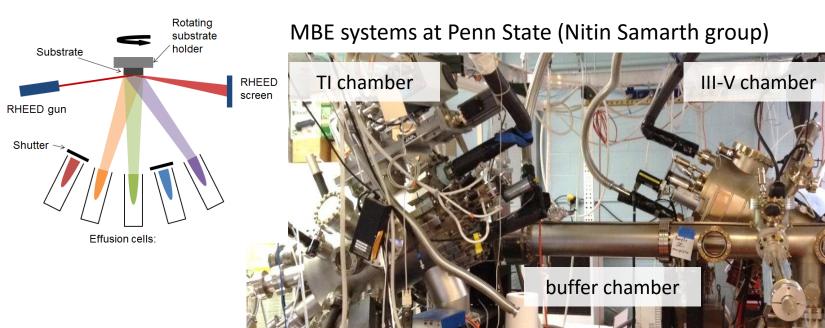
<Angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy>



Experiment: Xia, et al., Nat. Phys. 5, 398 (2009)

Chen, et al., Science **325**, 178 (2009)

Topological insulator thin films by MBE



Bi, Sb, Se, Te, Mn, and Cr. (e-beam sources: Fe, Co, Nb, and V)

Ga, Al, In, As, Sb, Si, Be and Mn.

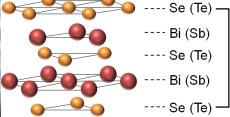
Molecular beam epitaxy (MBE) of topological insulators

- Bi-chalcogenides: Bi₂Se₃, Bi₂Te₃, Sb₂Te₃ and (Bi,Sb)₂(Te,Se)₃ ...
- Magnetic doping: Cr, Mn, and V
- On various substrates: InP, GaAs, ZnSe, Si, sapphire, diamond, SrTiO₃,
 graphene, h-BN, NbSe2, YIG, LuIG, BaM, EuS, BSSCO, ...

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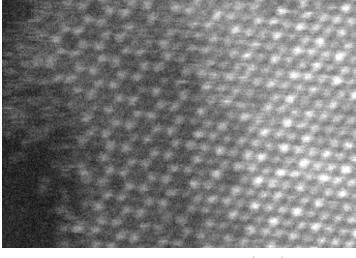
Cross-sectional STEM Egy (QS') (QS'

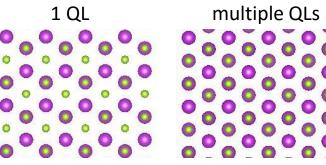
Rhombohedral crystal structure



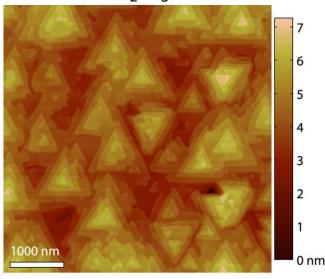
- Quintuple layer (QL)
- van der Waals bonding between QLs

Plan-view STEM of (Bi,Sb)₂Te₃/h-BN





AFM of Bi₂Se₃ on InP

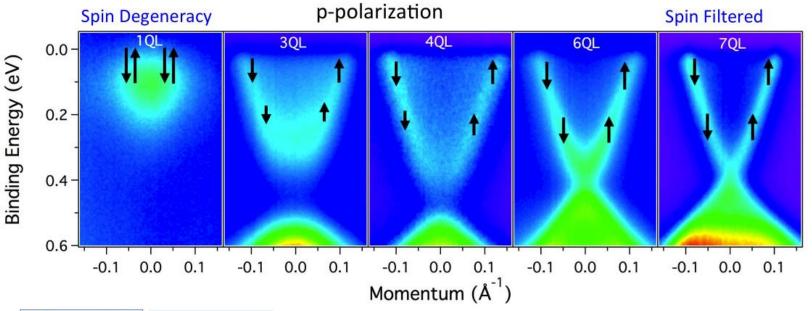


Film quality is limited by defects, such as vacancies, dislocations, twin boundaries, and large grains.

- Typical density: $1x10^{17} 1x10^{19}$ cm⁻³
- Typical electron mobility < 2,000 cm²/Vs

Spin texture in 3D topological insulators

Spin-resolved ARPES in 1-7 QL Bi₂Se₃ thin films show an evolution of the spin-polarized Dirac surface state.

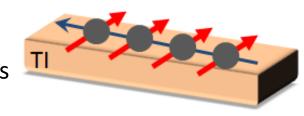


- M. Neupane et al., Nat. Comm. 5, 3841 (2014)
- A gap by hybridization between top and bottom surfaces (< 6 QL).
- The inherent spin-polarized surface state motivates for developing spin channel transport devices.

Topological spintronics

Spin polarized surface states in 3D topological insulators

→ Motivation for developing spintronic device applications



Spintronics (spin-based electronics)

: a field of electronics by control of electron spins for manipulation, storage, and transfer of information.

Spintronic effects:

- GMR → 2007 Nobel prize
- TMR
- Spin Hall effect
- Spin transfer torque
- Spin pumping
- Exchange bias with antiferromagnet







Hard disc drive

How to exploit the spin polarization in topological insulators?

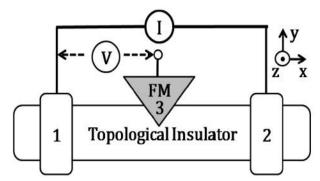
Electrical detection of spin polarization in TIs

Experimental challenges:

 How to "electrically" measure the spin polarization in topological insulators?

Theoretical proposal:

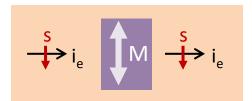
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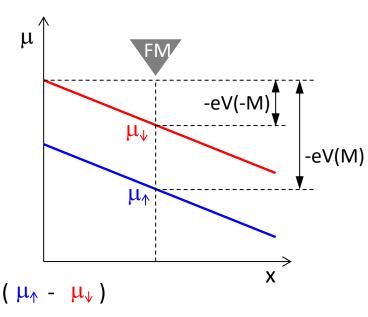


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$$\left[V\left(\overrightarrow{M}\right)-V\left(-\overrightarrow{M}\right)\right]/I=R_{B}(\overrightarrow{p}\cdot\overrightarrow{m})$$

 ΔV is proportional to the projection of the TI spin polarization onto FM.





: spin electrochemical potential difference

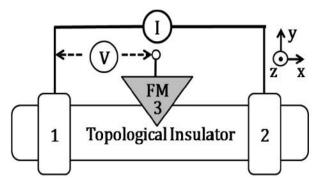
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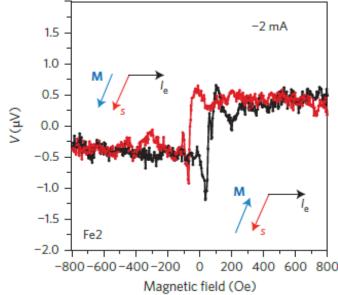
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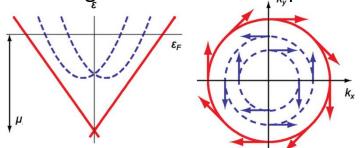
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Li, et al., Nature Nano. 9, 218 (2014)

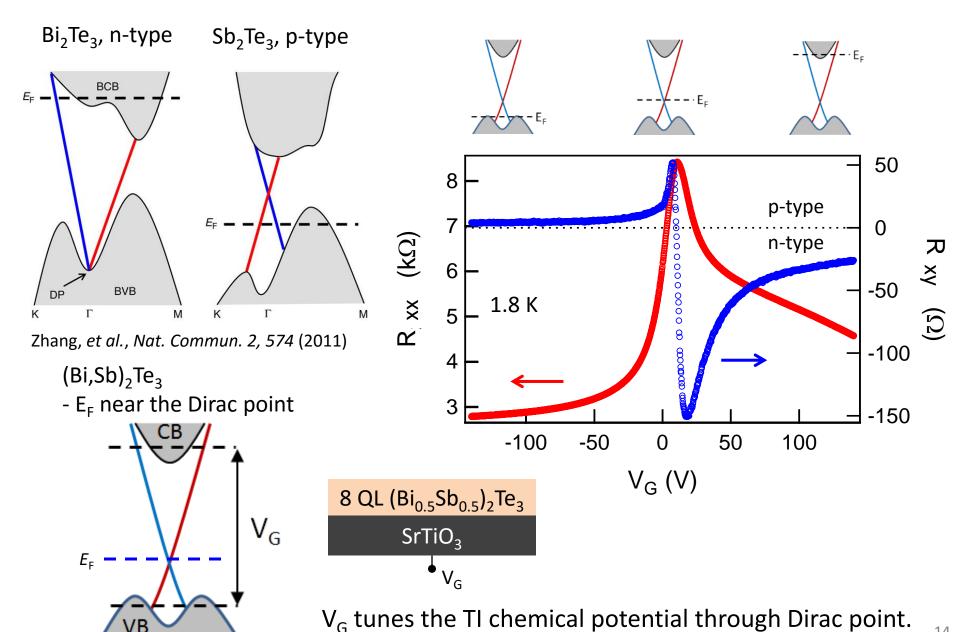
Tang et al., Nano Lett 14, 5423 (2014) Ando et al., Nano Lett. 14, 6226 (2014) Tian et al., Sci. Reports 5, 14293 (2015)

→ Measuring at a fixed chemical potential.



Can we measure as we tune the chemical potential?

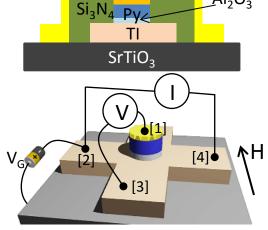
Ambipolar transport in a topological insulator film



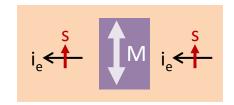
Al₂O₃

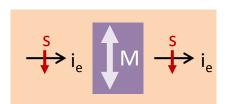
Electrical detection of spin polarization

Lee et al., Phys. Rev. B 92, 155312 (2015)



Au

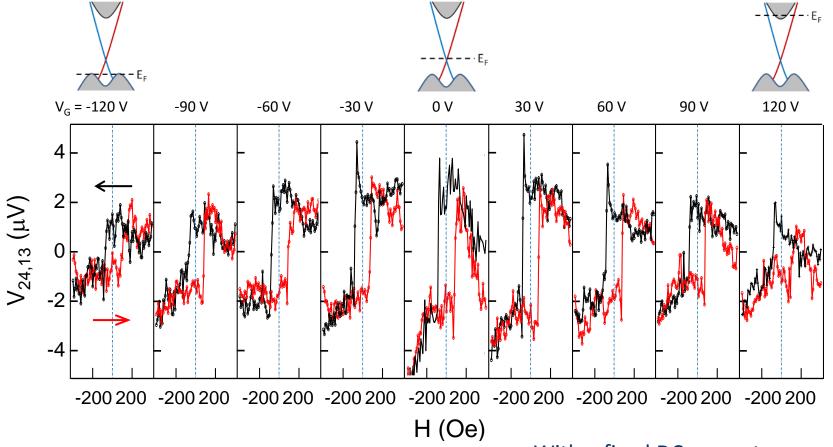




 $2 \mu A$ $3 \mu A$ $1 \mu A$ $4 \mu A$ $V_{24,13}$ (μ V) 1.8 K 400 -400 0 400 -400 0 400 -400 H (Oe) H (Oe) H (Oe) H (Oe) $-1 \mu A$ -2 μA -3 μΑ -4 μA $V_{24,13}$ (μ V) 400 -400 0 400 -400 -400 0 0 400 -400 400 H (Oe) H (Oe) H (Oe) H (Oe)

Hysteretic spin signal associated with TI spin polarization and Py switching.

Detection of spin polarization with back gating

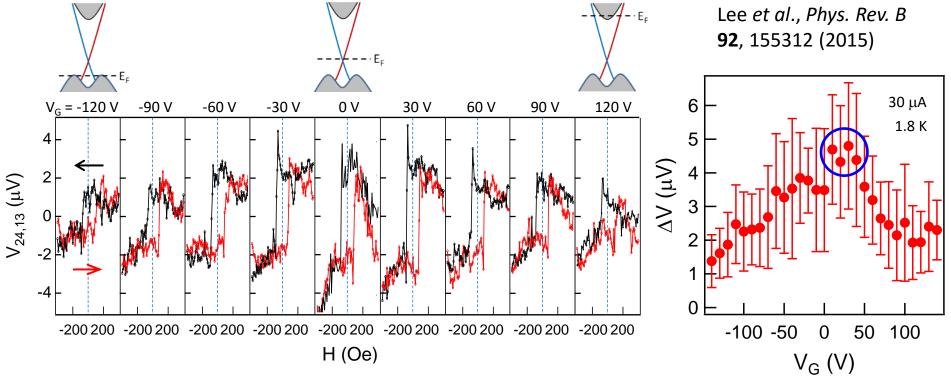


- Larger spin signals with the chemical potential near DP.
 - → Minimal bulk effects.
- No change in the direction of spin polarization across DP.

With a fixed DC current, electrons Opposite propagation V_{G} Same polarization 16

Lee et al., Phys. Rev. B 92, 155312 (2015)

Detection of spin polarization with back gating



Spin polarization of TI

$$\Delta V = IR_B P_{TI} P_{FM}$$

 ΔV : detected spin signal

I : bias current

 P_{FM} : spin polarization of Py

 R_B : ballistic resistance

For μ near Dirac point,

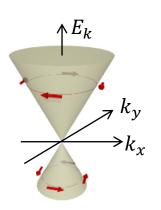
$$P_{TI} = 0.42 \pm 0.15$$
 (Device A), 0.78 ± 0.26 (Device B)

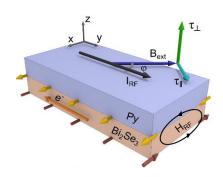
 \rightarrow Comparable with theoretical calculations 0.5 ~ $2/\pi$.

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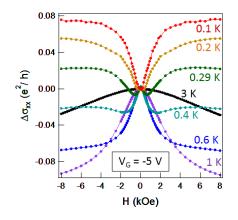
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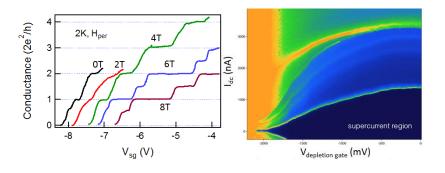




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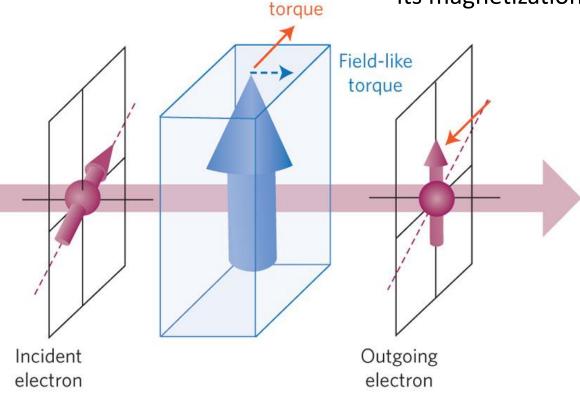




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Spin-transfer torque

Incident spin-polarized electron exerts a torque to a ferromagnet to precess/reverse its magnetization orientation.



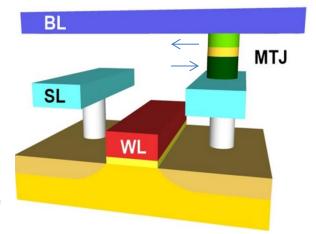
Spin-transfer

Brataas, et al., Nat. Mater. 11, 372 (2012)

Applications:

Magnetic random access memory (MRAM)

 Written by spin-transfer torque, read by tunnel magnetoresistance.

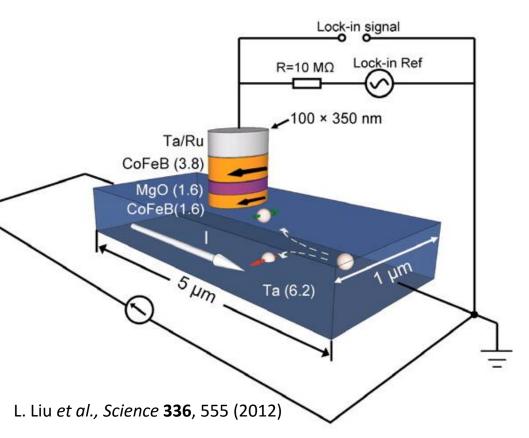


cspin.umn.edu/newsletter

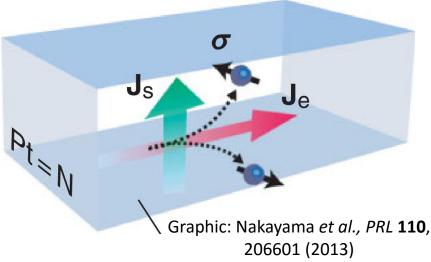
Source of spin current for spin-transfer torque

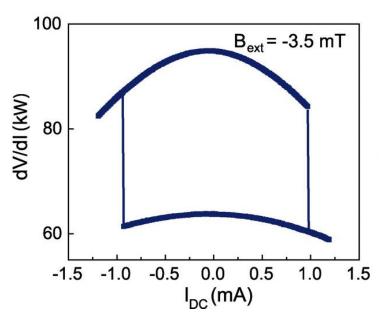
Spin Hall effect:

Strong spin-orbit interaction induces spin polarization and spin accumulation in semiconductors and heavy metals.



- Spin-transfer torque by spin Hall effect
- Measured by tunnel magnetoresistance

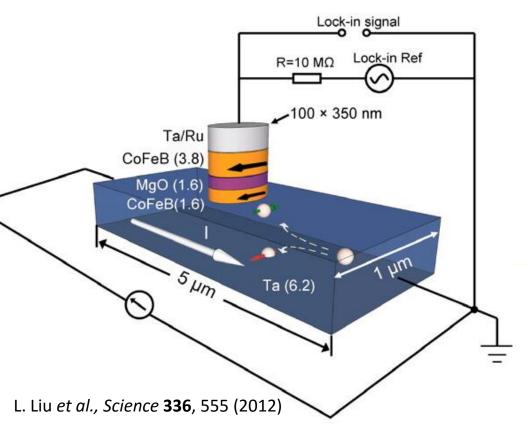




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Charge-to-spin conversion efficiency:

- Spin Hall angle
- Spin torque ratio

$$\theta_{||} \equiv \frac{2e}{\hbar} \frac{J_{S,||}}{J} = \frac{2e}{\hbar} \frac{\sigma_{S,||}}{\sigma}$$

Currently studied materials

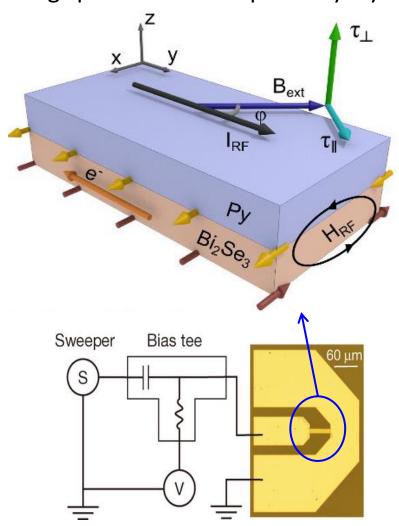
Pt	β-Та	Cu(Bi)	β-W
0.08	0.15	0.24	0.3

Liu et al., PRL **106**, 036601 (2011) Miron et al. Nature **476**, 189 (2011) Niimi et al., PRL **109**, 156602 (2012) Pai et al., APL **122**, 101404 (2012)

More efficient charge-to-spin conversion by topological insulators?

Spin-transfer torque by a topological insulator

Current-induced spin current in Bi₂Se₃ exerts strong spin-transfer torque to Py layer.



Spin-torque measured by ferromagnetic resonance (FMR)

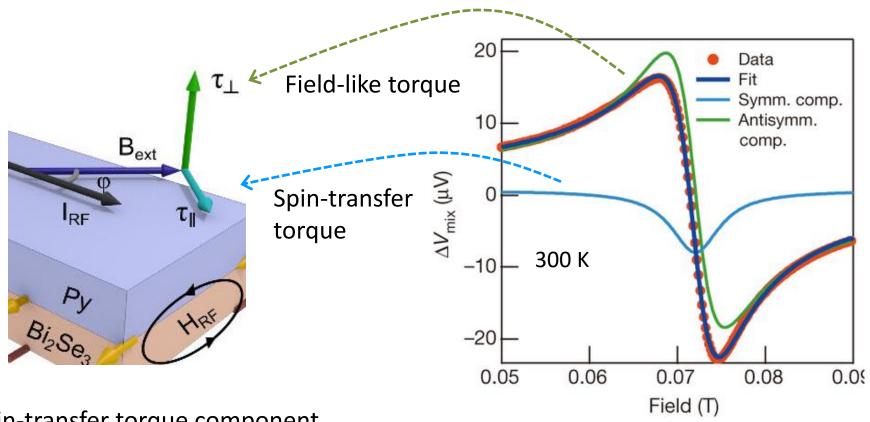
rf-current through Bi₂Se₃/Py with B_{ext}

Precessing Py magnetization & oscillating TI spin current

Precession perturbed by torques from the spin current

Measure DC mixing voltage

Spin-transfer torque by a topological insulator



Spin-transfer torque component could be induced by TI surface states or Rashba states.

→ sign consistent with topological surface states

$$\theta_{||} \equiv \frac{2e}{\hbar} \, \frac{J_{s,||}}{J}$$

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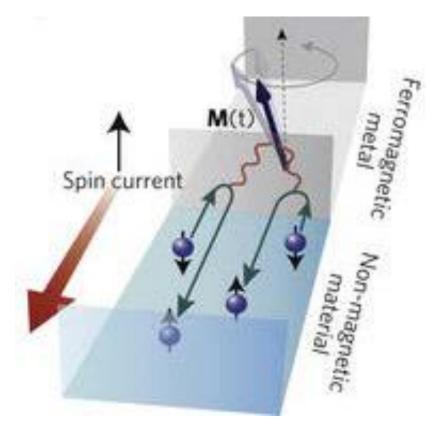
Mellnik, Lee et al., Nature 511, 449 (2014)

Efficient charge-to-spin conversion by topological surface states.

Spin-to-charge conversion by spin pumping

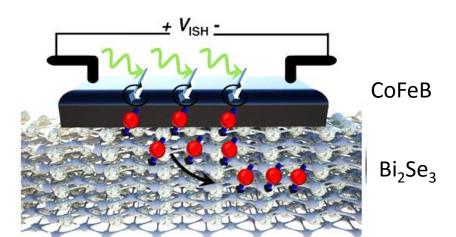
Spin pumping:

Precessional magnetization dynamics of a ferromagnet injects a spin current into an adjacent layer.



Ando et al., Nature Mater. 10, 655 (2011)

Spin pumping into Bi₂Se₃ from CoFeB



FMR-driven spin pumping

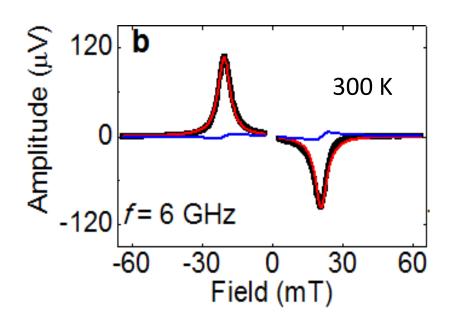
Precessing FM magnetization by external rf-magnetic field

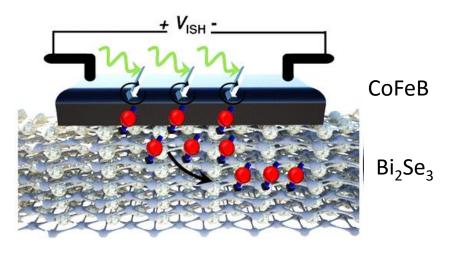
Injecting a spin current into Bi₂Se₃

Spin current into charge current

by inverse spin Hall effect

Spin pumping into Bi₂Se₃ from a metallic FM





Jamali, Lee et al., Nano Lett. 15, 7126 (2015)

$$\theta_{||} \equiv \frac{2e}{\hbar} \frac{J_{s,||}}{J} = \frac{2e}{\hbar} \frac{\sigma_{s,||}}{\sigma}$$

Resulting spin Hall angle: 0.43 at room temperature

Spin-to-charge conversion mechanisms

- 1) Inverse Edelstein effect (IEE) by surface states
- 2) Inverse spin Hall effect (ISHE) by bulk

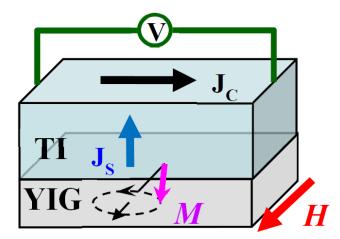
→ dominent!

Issues in spin-charge conversion experiments

- "Surface effect" vs "Bulk effect"
- Shunting of charge current by metallic FM

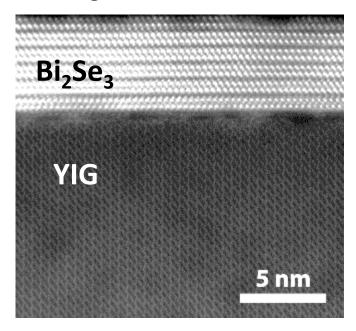
Spin pumping into Bi₂Se₃ from an insulating FM

Avoiding shunting of current using an Insulating ferromagnet.



Y₃Fe₅O₁₂ (YIG) : insulating ferromagnet with a low damping constant

MBE-grown Bi2Se3 on YIG

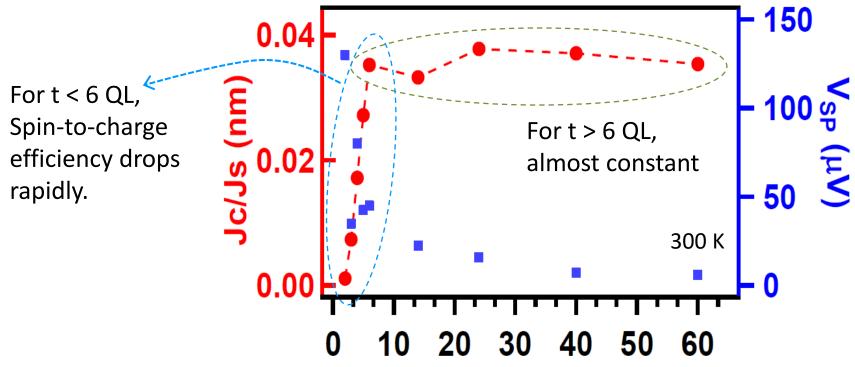


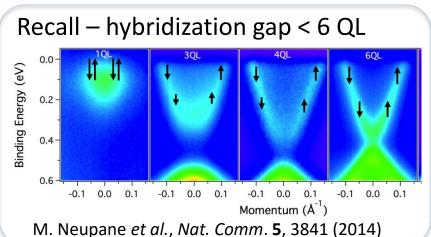
- Two-step growth of Bi2Se3 film
- Disorders at the interface (~1 nm)

Wang, Kally, Lee et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 076601 (2016)

Thickness dependence of spin pumping using YIG

Jc/Js = Spin-to-charge conversion efficiency. (Jc, Js: spin, charge current density)





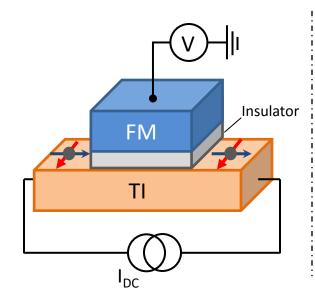
Bi₂Se₃ thickness t (nm)

Surface states are dominant in spinto-charge conversion in Bi₂Se₃.

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Summary of Part 1 and 2

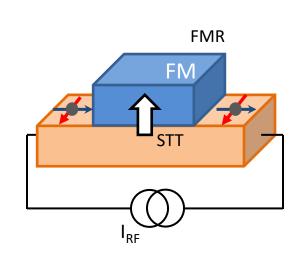
Detecting Spin polarization in topological surface states



- DC current through TI generates spin polarization.
- Use FM as a spin detector.

Lee et al., PRB (2015)

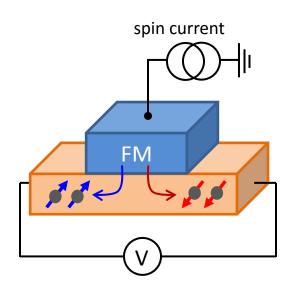
Charge-to-spin conversion
Spin-transfer torque by TI



- rf current through TI exerts spin-transfer torque onto FM.
- Detected by FMR.

Mellnik, Lee et al., Nature (2014)

Spin-to-charge conversion
Spin pumping into TI



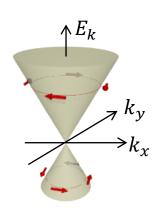
- Spin current from FM into TI.
- Detection of electromotive force by spin-orbit interaction.

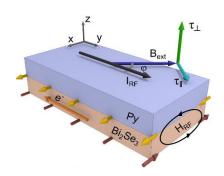
Jamali, Lee et al., Nano Lett. (2015) Wang, Kally, Lee et al., PRL (2016)

Anything more to consider near Dirac point?

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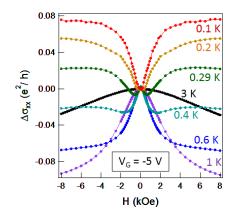
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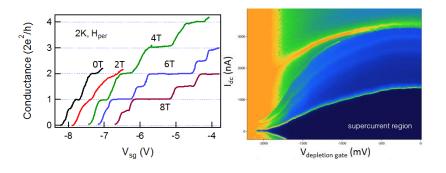




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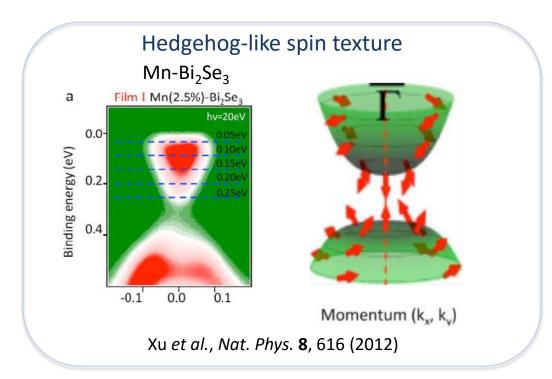
Magnetic surface phases modified by broken TR symmetry

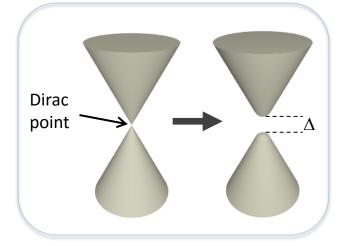
TI surface states can be modified by introducing magnetism.

$$H_{surf}(k_x, k_y) = \hbar v_F(\sigma^x k_y - \sigma^y k_x) + \sum_{a=x,y,z} m_a \sigma^a$$

$$E_k = \pm \sqrt{(\hbar v_F k_y + m_x)^2 + (\hbar v_F k_x - m_y)^2 + m_z^2}$$

 m_z induces an energy gap.

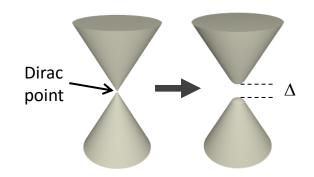




- m_z can be introduced by
- magnetic doping
- interfacing a magnetic layer

Interfacing insulating FM to a topological insulator

Interfacing a magnetic layer breaks time-reversal symmetry and opens a gap at the Dirac point.



Experimental challenge:

How to measure the modified surface state from the buried interface?

- No ARPES and no STM. Probably electrical transport?

Need to develop...

- (1) Topological insulator with E_F near the Dirac point.
- (2) Insulating FM with perpendicular magnetization.
- (3) Clean, well-defined TI/FM interface.

Topological insulator/GaMnAs heterostructure by MBE



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Insulating FM with perpendicular magnetization.



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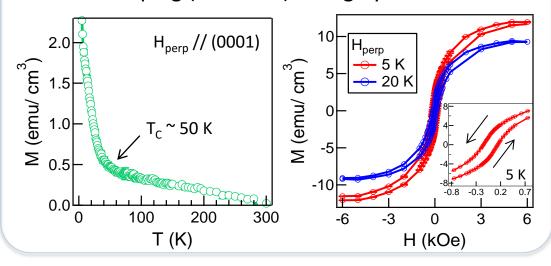
[TI] $(Bi,Sb)_2(Te,Se)_3$

- ~8 QL TI thin film grown by MBE.
- E_F in the surface state.
 (Bi:Sb≈1:1, Te:Se ≈2:1)
- Further E_F tuning by top-gating.



[FM] $(Ga_{1-x}Mn_x)As$ on InP (111)A

- Perpendicular component of magnetization.
- Low Mn doping (Mn \approx 0.05) \rightarrow highly resistive.



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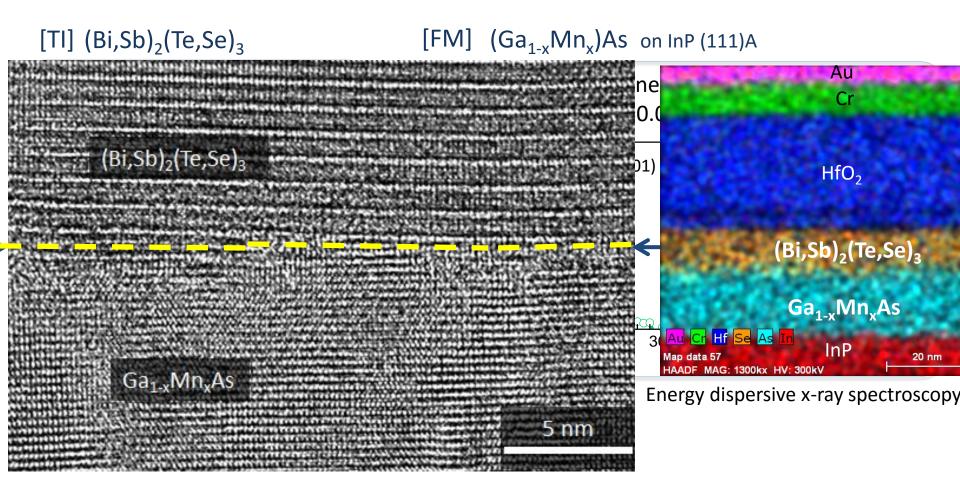
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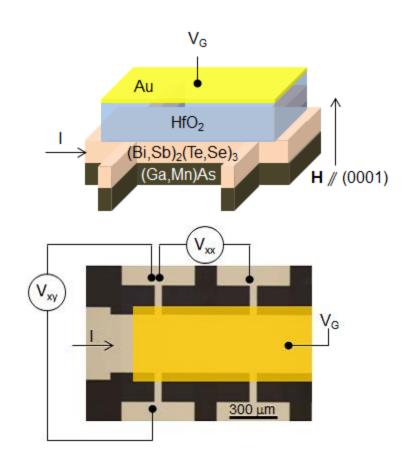


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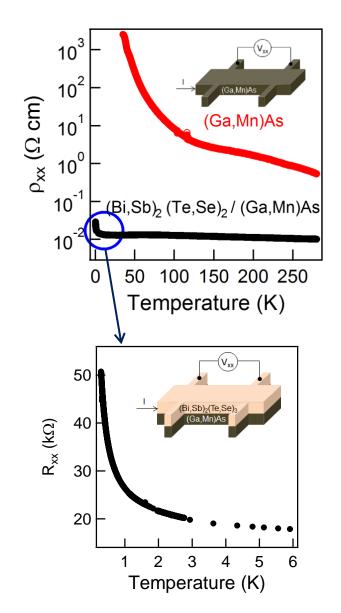


Electrical transport using a top-gated Hall bar device

Our approach: Transport measurements for evidencing the modified surface states



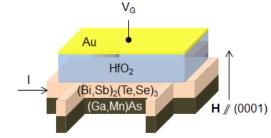
- HfO_2 (25 ~ 30 nm) by evaporation and ALD.
- Hall bar: 650 μm x 400 μm
- Patterned by standard photo-lithography.

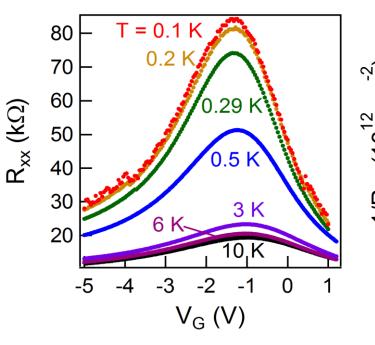


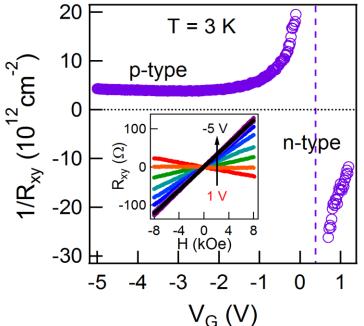
→ Current flows through TI layer.

Ambipolar transport in (Bi,Se)₂(Se,Te)₃/GaMnAs

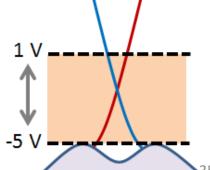
Gate-voltage dependence reveals ambipolar transport.



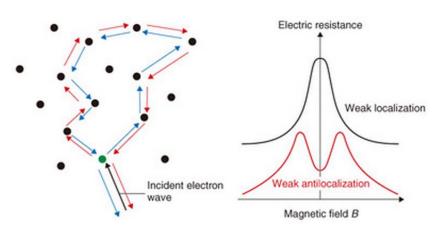




- n-type to p-type change.
- In the V_G range, chemical potential is in a region where bulk is depleted.

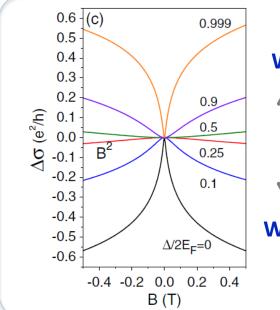


Quantum corrections of weak (anti)localization

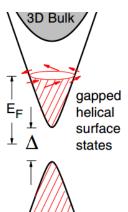


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Crossover between WAL and WL in TI







Weak (anti-)localization

Constructive (destructive) interference between time-reversal paths around selfintersecting loops when phase coherence is maintained leads to WL (WAL).

- 3D topological insulators: WAL
 - from the π Berry phase of electrons going around the Fermi circle of the Dirac surface state.

Modified Berry phase

$$\psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = \pi \left(1 - \frac{\Delta}{2E_F}\right)$$

(Δ : gap, E_F : Fermi energy)

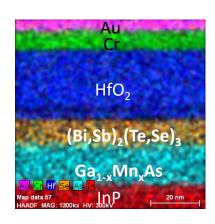
$$\int \operatorname{For} \Delta = 0 \operatorname{or} E_F \gg \Delta : \varphi = \pi$$

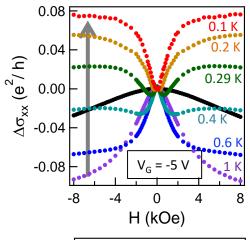
For
$$\Delta = 2E_F$$
 : $\varphi = 0$

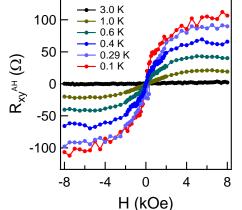
Lu et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 076801 (2011).

Summary of Part 3

- To evidence the modified surface states by broken TR symmetry, we developed (Bi,Sb)₂(Te,Se)₃/(Ga,Mn)As heterostructure.
- Crossover between WAL and WL as well as systematic emergence of AHE with varying T and V_G.
 - → interpreted as a result of the Berry phase modification by a gap opening and chemical potential tuning.
- The results suggest that systematic changes in WAL and AHE can be used as probes of modified surface states.

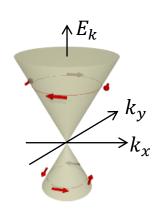


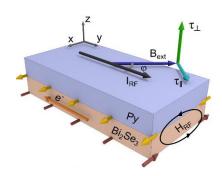




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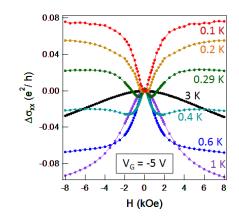
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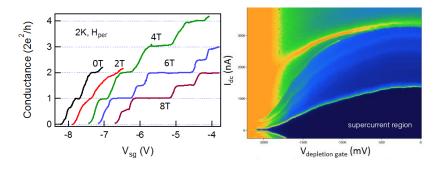




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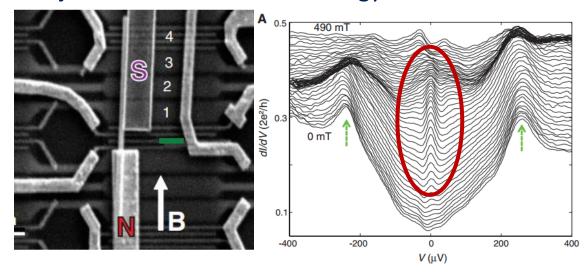




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Motivation for epi-Al/InAs QW

Majorana fermions – zero energy mode



Mourik et al., Science 336, 1003 (2012)

Current issues: 1) soft gap of superconducting proximity, 2) difficulties in large scale fabrication using nanowires.

Current approach

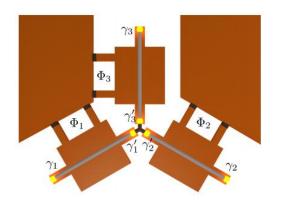
- 1D nanowire with strong spin-orbit coupling
- Superconducting proximity <sputtered vs epitaxial>

Our approach

Fabricated 1D structure from 2DEG

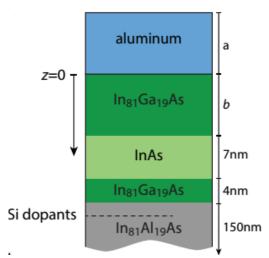
Epitaxial superconductor

Braiding Majorana fermions for quantum computation

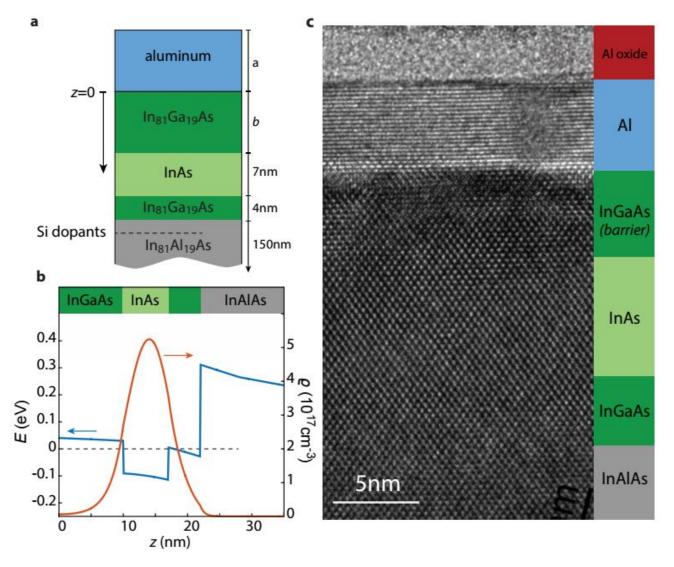


Beenakker, Annu. Rev. Condens. Matter 4, 113 (2013)

Epitaxial Al on InAs QW



Epitaxial Al/InAs QW on InP substrate

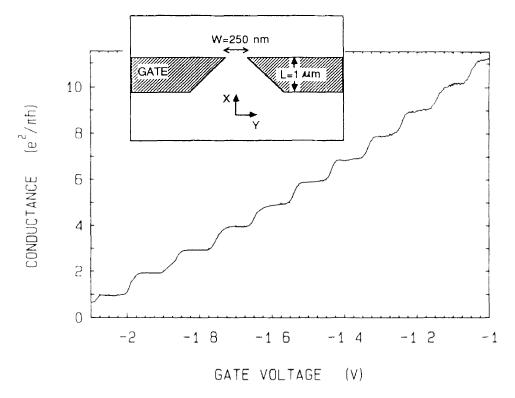


Shabani et al., PRB 93, 155402 (2016)

1D ballistic transport: Quantum point contact

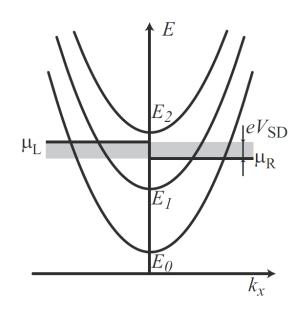
QPC: narrow constriction in a 2DEG width (W) $^{\sim}$ Fermi wavelength ($\lambda_{\rm F}$) W << mean free path

Quantized conductance:
$$G = \frac{2e^2}{h}N$$



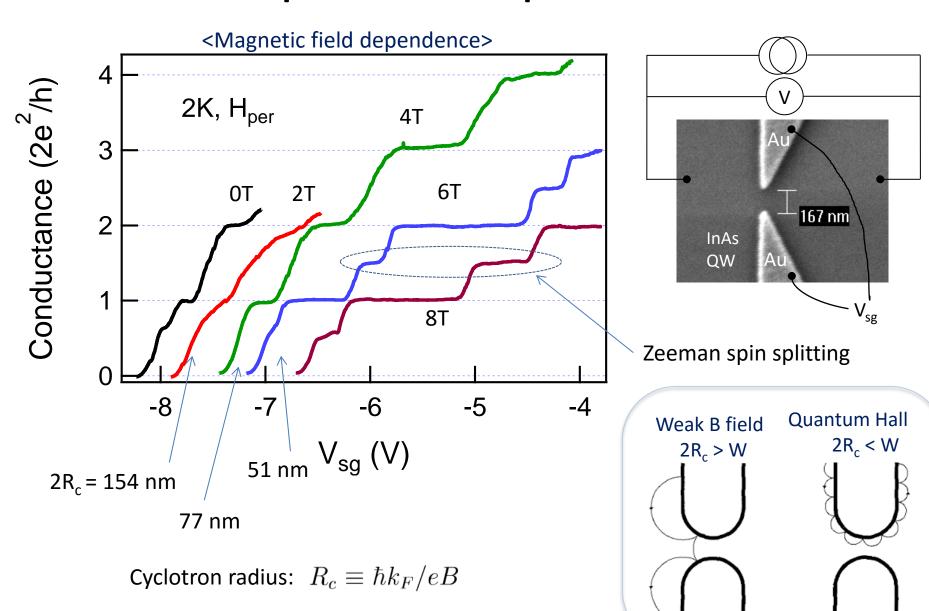
Van Wees et al., PRL 60, 848 (1988)

1D channel energy dispersion



T. Ihn, Semiconductor Nanostructures (2010)

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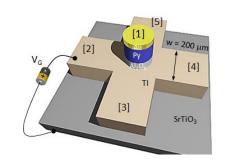


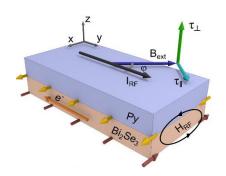
Lee et al., in preparation

Summary of the talk

1. Current-induced spin polarization of topological surface state was electrically detected.

Lee et al., Phys. Rev. B 92, 155312 (2015)



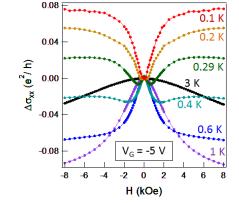


2. Efficient spin-charge conversion in topological insulators by spin transfer torque and spin pumping.

Mellnik, Lee et al., Nature **511**, 449 (2014) Jamali, Lee et al., Nano Lett. **15**, 7126 (2015) Wang, Kally, Lee et al., PRL **117**, 076601 (2016)

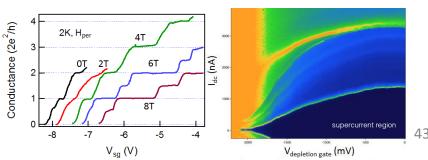
3. A magnetic gap with breaking time-reversal symmetry was evidenced in topological insulator/insulating FM hybrid system.

Lee et al. in preparation



 1D transport and superconducting proximity effect in epi-Al/InAs quantum well were demonstrate.

> Lee et al. in preparation Shojaei et al. in preparation



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