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Spintronic Interface design (スピントロニクス・インターフェース・デザイン)

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Instroduction

Magnetic tunnel junction (MTJs)

HDD read-out-head



Tunneling magnetoresistance (TMR) TMR ratio = $\frac{R_{AP} - R_P}{R_{AP}}$

Magnetoresistive Random Access Memory (MRAM)

Non volatile memory
 Fast writing speed (10~50ns)
 Low electricity consumption (~30µW)
 Long endurance (10 years)
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Corresponding to SQUID

Magnetization reversal in MTJs

1. Magnetic field by current

problem: • complicate circuit. • current∝ 1/device-size

Effects of demagnetizing field increase the critical current for writing with decreasing size of device

2. Spin transfer torque (STT)

The spin flip of conductive electron give the torque to the local spin moment due to the angular momentum conservation



スピン注入型 MRAM

電流



Tohoku Univ. Ando lab. HP

Mbit ~kbit

Gbit

Magnetization reversal in MTJs



Voltage-driven dynamic switching in MTJ

Applied Physics Express 9, 013001 (2016)

http://doi.org/10.7567/APEX.9.013001

Evaluation of write error rate for voltage-driven dynamic magnetization switching in magnetic tunnel junctions with perpendicular magnetization

Yoichi Shiota^{*}, Takayuki Nozaki, Shingo Tamaru, Kay Yakushiji, Hitoshi Kubota, Akio Fukushima, Shinji Yuasa, and Yoshishige Suzuki



From website of Sahashi's ImPACT project in JST

Pulsed bias voltage changes PMA of interface of FM layer and promote the precession motion of the magnetization.



By removing the voltage with a proper pulse duration, such as a half precession period, magnetization switching can be achieved.

Basically, no current flow



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Write Error Rate (WER)



Fig. 4. Calculated WER as a function of Δ for fixed tilted magnetization angle and half precession period τ_{pulse} for various damping constants.

Large Ku and Small damping $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ can reduce the WER

Magnetization reversal by spin transfer torque (STT)





Reduction of critical current density $(J_{c0})_{\alpha}$: Magnetic damping constant $(10^7 \text{A/cm}^2 \Rightarrow 10^5 \text{A/cm}^2)$ M_{s} : Saturation Magnetization

 $J_{c0} \propto \alpha M_S [H_{anti} \pm 4\pi M_S] t/P$

J.C. Slonczewski, JMMM 159 (1996) L1.

- 1. High spin polarization (P)
- 2. Low damping constant(α)
- 3. Perpendicular magnetic anisotropy(PMA) H_{anti} -4 πM_s

 $M_{\rm S}$: Saturation Magnetization $H_{\rm anti} \pm 4\pi M_{\rm S}$: Effective anisotropy field P: Spin polarization t: Thickness of FM layer

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Thermal stability of magnetization in MTJs

To achieve ultra high density MRAM



Large K_u is required with decreasing volume towards scaling down of device dimensions

Examples of Perpendicular MTJ

Using $L1_0$ -type FePt, CoPt, CoFePd alloys and its multilayered structures

[1] M. Yoshikawa, *et al.*, IEEE Trans. Magn. vol.44 2573 (2008). (Toshiba)
[2] K. Yakushiji, *et al.*, APEX vol. 3 053003 (2010). (AIST)
[3] K. Mizunuma *et al.*, APEX vol. 4 023002 (2011). (Tohoku)

Interfacial Perpendicular Magnetic Anisotropy (PMA) for MgO



Interfacial PMA for MgAl₂O₄

500

In-plane

2

4



Calculation results

Calculation: VASP-PAW-PBE, 37x37x1 (19x19x1) k-points for Fe/MgO (Fe/MgAl₂O₄)

K. Masuda and Y. Miura, PRB 98, 224421 (2018).

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Bruno's relation holds for all cases

• PMA of Fe/MgAl₂O₄ is slightly smaller than that of Fe/MgO, which is consistent with experimental results.

[1] S. Ikeda, et al., Nature Materials 9, 721 (2010).

[2] Q. Xiang, et al., APEX 11, 063008 (2018).

Second order perturbation of spin-orbit interaction (SOI)

P. Bruno, PRB 39, 865 (1989). G. Laan, JPCM 10, 3239 (1998).

$$E_{\eta}^{(2)} = -\sum_{\text{exc}} \frac{\left| \left\langle \exp \left| H_{\text{so}} \right| \operatorname{gr} \right\rangle \right|^{2}}{\varepsilon_{\text{exc}} - \varepsilon_{\text{gr}}} \qquad \qquad H_{\text{so}} = \xi \vec{L} \cdot \vec{S}$$

$$|\operatorname{gr}(\operatorname{exc})\rangle = \sum c_{\text{sc}} |i|$$

 η :direction of spin (x or z)

$$|\operatorname{exc}\rangle = \xi \vec{L} \cdot \vec{S} \qquad |\operatorname{gr}\rangle \qquad |\operatorname{gr}\rangle$$

$$|\operatorname{gr}(\operatorname{exc})\rangle = \sum_{\mu,\sigma} c_{i,\mu,\sigma} |i,\mu\rangle \qquad |\operatorname{gr}\langle u_1 \rangle = \int_{\mu,\sigma} c_{i,\mu,\sigma} |i,\mu\rangle$$

 μ : local atomic orbital index *i*,*j*: index of atomic position

n'

 μ_2

 $\varepsilon_2 \sigma_2$ ε_{F} $\varepsilon_1 \sigma_1$

$$E_{\eta}^{(2)}(i) = \xi_{i} \sum_{\mu_{1},\mu_{2},\underline{\mu_{1}},\underline{\mu_{2}}} \left\langle \underline{\mu_{1}} \uparrow \left| \vec{L} \cdot \vec{S} \right| \underline{\mu_{2}} \uparrow \right\rangle_{\eta} \left\langle \mu_{2} \uparrow \left| \vec{L} \cdot \vec{S} \right| \mu_{1} \uparrow \right\rangle_{\eta} \right.$$

$$\times \sum_{j} \xi_{j} \left[G_{\mu_{1},\underline{\mu_{1}}}^{\mu_{2},\underline{\mu_{2}}}(\uparrow,\uparrow;i,j) + G_{\mu_{1},\underline{\mu_{1}}}^{\mu_{2},\underline{\mu_{2}}}(\downarrow,\downarrow;i,j) - G_{\mu_{1},\underline{\mu_{1}}}^{\mu_{2},\underline{\mu_{2}}}(\uparrow,\downarrow;i,j) - G_{\mu_{1},\underline{\mu_{1}}}^{\mu_{2},\underline{\mu_{2}}}(\downarrow,\uparrow;i,j) \right]$$
Joint Local DOS
$$G_{\mu_{1},\underline{\mu_{1}}}^{\mu_{2},\underline{\mu_{2}}}(\sigma_{1},\sigma_{2};i,j) = \int_{\varepsilon_{1} < E_{F} < \varepsilon_{2}} \frac{d\varepsilon_{1}d\varepsilon_{2}}{\varepsilon_{2} - \varepsilon_{1}} \sum_{k} n_{\mu_{1},\underline{\mu_{1}},\sigma_{1}}^{i,j}(k,\varepsilon_{1}) n_{\mu_{2},\underline{\mu_{2}},\sigma_{2}}^{i,j}(k,\varepsilon_{2})$$
Magneto-crystalline anisotropy energy(MAE)
$$\Delta E_{MCA}^{(2)}(i) = E_{z}^{(2)}(i) - E_{x}^{(2)}(i)$$

We directly estimated the second-order perturbative contribution of MCA energy depending on each atomic site and spin-transition process.

$$\xi_{\rm Fe}$$
=50meV

Second order perturbation for MAE analysis



 $x^2 - y^2 [L_v | xz \rangle$

 $\langle 3|L_{v}|5^{\prime\prime}\rangle$

orbitals with *m* and $m \pm 1$ exist around $E_{\rm F}$.

MAE vs. orbital magnetic moment (Bruno's relation)

First-order perturbative wavefunction correction by SOI

$$\delta |\operatorname{gr}^{(1)}\rangle = -\sum_{exe} \frac{\langle \operatorname{exc} |\sum_{I} \zeta_{I} \vec{L}_{\eta} \cdot \vec{S} | \operatorname{gr} \rangle}{\varepsilon_{exe} - \varepsilon_{gr}} |\operatorname{exc}\rangle \qquad |\operatorname{gr}\rangle = \sum_{exe} \frac{\langle \operatorname{exc} |\sum_{I} \zeta_{I} \vec{L}_{\eta} \cdot \vec{S} | \operatorname{gr} \rangle}{\varepsilon_{exe} - \varepsilon_{gr}} |\operatorname{exc}\rangle \qquad |\operatorname{gr}\rangle = \sum_{gr, exe} \langle \operatorname{gr} |\vec{L}_{\eta}| \langle \vec{S} | \operatorname{gr} \rangle + \operatorname{c.c.} = -\sum_{gr, exe} \langle \operatorname{gr} |\vec{L}_{\eta}| |\operatorname{exc} \rangle \frac{\langle \operatorname{exc} |\zeta \vec{L}_{\eta} \cdot \vec{S} | \operatorname{gr} \rangle}{\varepsilon_{exe} - \varepsilon_{gr}} + \operatorname{c.c.} = -\sum_{gr, exe} \langle \operatorname{gr} |\vec{L}_{\eta} \cdot \vec{S} | \operatorname{gr} \rangle + \operatorname{c.c.} = -\sum_{gr, exe} \langle \operatorname{gr} |\vec{L}_{\eta} \cdot \vec{S} | \mu^{\uparrow} \rangle \langle \lambda' \uparrow | \vec{L}_{\eta} \cdot \vec{S} | \mu^{\uparrow} \rangle \langle \lambda' | \mu^{\uparrow} \rangle \langle \lambda' \mu \rangle - G_{i,j}^{\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow} \langle \lambda \mu', \lambda' \mu \rangle] \vec{e}_{\eta}$$
Orbital moment operator include only spin-conservation term, because it does not include spin operator,

$$E_{\eta}^{(2)} = \sum_{i} \zeta_{i} \sum_{\lambda,\mu',\lambda'\mu} \langle \lambda \uparrow | \vec{L} \cdot \vec{S} | \mu' \uparrow \rangle \langle \lambda' \uparrow | \vec{L} \cdot \vec{S} | \mu \uparrow \rangle$$
2nd perturbation energy
$$\times \sum_{j} \zeta_{j} \left[G_{i,j}^{\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow} (\lambda \mu', \lambda' \mu) + G_{i,j}^{\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow} (\lambda \mu', \lambda' \mu) - G_{i,j}^{\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow} (\lambda \mu', \lambda' \mu) - G_{i,j}^{\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow} (\lambda \mu', \lambda' \mu) \right]$$

$$G_{i,j}^{\uparrow,\uparrow}(\lambda\mu',\lambda'\mu) \approx G_{i,j}^{\uparrow,\downarrow}(\lambda\mu',\lambda'\mu) \approx 0$$

More than half $G_{i,j}^{\uparrow,\downarrow}(\lambda\mu',\lambda'\mu)$

Bruno's relation PRB **39**, 865 (1989).

$$\Delta E_{\text{MCA}} \approx \frac{\zeta}{4} \left[m_{\text{orb}}^{[001]} - m_{\text{orb}}^{[100]} \right]$$

Large exchange coupling

MAE of Fe/MgAl₂O₄(001) by controlling lattice constant



- Interfacial Fe mainly contributes to PMA
- Spin conservation term $\Delta E_{\downarrow \Rightarrow \downarrow}$ mainly contributes to PMA.

LDOS and band contribution to MAE of Fe/MgAl₂O₄(001)



band structure of the supercell



MAE of Fe/MgO(001) with changing lattice distortion



• Not only spin conservation term $\Delta E_{\downarrow \Rightarrow \downarrow}$ but also spin-flip term $\Delta E_{\uparrow \Rightarrow \downarrow}$ contributes to PMA, resulting in larger PMA than that of Fe/MgAl₂O₄.

• PMA of Fe/MgO(001) interfaces increases with increasing in-plane lattice constant.

Difference between Fe/MgAl₂O₄(001) and Fe/MgO(001) interfaces



Interfacial hybridization between Fe d_{3z^2} and O p_z is different

Modification of PMA of W/Fe(001) by controlling lattice constant

Experiments

MgO sub./Cr (30nm)/W(t_W)/[Fe(2)/W(t_W)]₄/Cr(3 nm)



Collaboration with Prof. Okamoto in Tohoku

Appl. Phys. Express 10, 063005 (2017)

Calculation



W insertion between Fe/MAO and Fe/MgO interfaces





MAE contribution for each atom of Fe/W(3ML)/MgO(001) in $a=a_{Fe}$



Summary

	K_i (mJ/m ²)	$E_{\text{demag}}t$ (mJ/m ²)	$K_{\text{eff}}t = K_{\text{i}} - E_{\text{demag}}t$ (mJ/m ²)	$\Delta M_{{ m orb},i}$ ($\mu_{ m B}/{ m atom}$)	K_i (mJ/m ²) Experiments
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•3ML W insertion between Fe and $MgAl_2O_4$ interfaces, Fe/W(3ML)/MgAl_2O_4(001), is promising to obtain large PMA more than 2mJ/m²

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Experiments electric field effects of PMA and magnetic damping

APPLIED PHYSICS LETTERS 105, 052415 (2014)

Electric-field effects on magnetic anisotropy and damping constant in Ta/CoFeB/MgO investigated by ferromagnetic resonance

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-21% of magnetic damping α is changed by 1V/nm EF for t=1.4nm





Kambersky's torque correlation model



Purpose of this work

If PMA and magnetic damping can be simultaneously reduced by applied voltage, we can drastically reduce power consumption and write error rate in magnetization reversal of MRAM.

Voltage dependence of magnetic damping is hardly investigated.



This work investigates the voltage dependence of magnetic damping and magnetic anisotropy of Fe/MgO interface based on the first-principles calculation.

Origin of Magnetic Damping α

- Electronic system
- Phonon
- Atomic disorder
- Other extrinsic factors

First-principles calculation of damping constant

V. Kambersky, Czechoslovak Journal of Physics B 26, 1366 (1976).

$$\alpha = \frac{g^{2} \mu_{0} \mu_{B}^{2}}{\pi \hbar V \gamma M_{S}} \sum_{\vec{k}} \sum_{nm} |\Gamma_{nm}^{-}(\vec{k})|^{2} \frac{\delta}{(E_{F} - E_{n\vec{k}})^{2} + \delta^{2}} \frac{\delta}{(E_{F} - E_{m\vec{k}})^{2} + \delta^{2}}$$
Matrix elements of torque operator
$$\Gamma_{nm}^{-}(\vec{k}) = \langle n, \vec{k} | \zeta [S^{-}, H^{SO}] m, \vec{k} \rangle$$
Eigenstates at each k-point and band
$$H_{SO} = \xi \vec{L} \cdot \vec{S}$$
Spin-orbit interaction
$$|m, \vec{k} \rangle = \sum_{i,\mu,\sigma} c_{i\mu}^{\vec{k}m\sigma} | i\mu \rangle$$
matrix elements of torque operator based on the local atomic orbital
$$|m, \vec{k} \rangle = \sum_{i,\mu,\sigma} c_{i\mu}^{\vec{k}m\sigma} | i\mu \rangle$$
Bulk-Fe
$$\alpha = 0.0011 \text{ (this work)}$$

$$\alpha = 0.0013 \text{ (by Gilmore)}$$
K. Gilmore, PRL 99, 027204 (2007)
$$\alpha = 0.0012 \xrightarrow{0.0001} 15 \xrightarrow{20} 25 \xrightarrow{30} 35 \xrightarrow{40} 45 \xrightarrow{50} 55 \xrightarrow{60} 40$$

Potential and charge for model system



Voltage dependence of PMA and damping α of Fe surface and Fe/MgO interface



Magnetocrystalline anisotropy [mJ/m²]

at Fe/MgO interface

Decomposition of magnetic damping α

Torque operator
$$\Gamma^{-} = \left[S^{-}, H^{\text{SO}}\right] = \zeta \left(\underline{S^{z}L^{-}} - \underline{S^{-}L^{z}}\right)$$

Spin conservation (Orbital deexcitation) term



The matrix elements are non-zero for atomic orbitals between different magnetic quantum number, such as $d(yz,zx)-d(z^2)$, $d(yz,zx)-d(x^2-y^2)$, d(yz,zx)-d(xy)



Spin flip (Orbital conservation) term

$$\left\langle u^{-\sigma} \left| L_{Z} \right| o^{\sigma} \right\rangle$$

The matrix elements are non-zero for atomic orbitals between same magnetic quantum number, such as $d(yz)-d(zx),d(x^2-y^2)-d(xy)$





The $\langle d(x^2-y^2)|L^2|d(yz)\rangle$ increase the damping, but decrease the PMA. \Rightarrow opposite EF dependence

Summary of the second topic

First principles study on voltage control of magnetic anisotropy (VCMA) and magnetic damping in Fe/MgO interface

•For Fe/MgO(001) surface, the magnetic damping increases with increasing the electron accumulation at interface (positive EF).

(20% of damping constant α can be changed by EF=1[V/nm] for Fe/MgO(001))

-It is opposite to that of PMA (perpendicular magnetic anisotropy).

• The voltage dependence of magnetic damping of Fe/MgO(001) can be attributed to the spin conservation term.

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Introduction

Magnetoresistance devices



Thermal managements in MTJs

TMR ratio of MTJs with Co₂MnSi(CMS)-MgO

S. Tsunegi, et al., APL 93 (2008) 112506.



• Self-cooling of MTJs by magneto-Peltier effect

Problem: Reduction of the TMR ratio at room temperature

in spite of high curie temperature $\sim 1000 \text{K}$



Observation of Anisotropic Magneto-Peltier Effects (AMPE)

K. Uchida, et al., Nature, 558 (2018) 95.



Fig. 1 | **Conventional Peltier and anisotropic magneto-Peltier effects. a**, Schematic of the conventional Peltier effect in a junction comprising two conductors P and N. When a charge current J_c is applied to the junction, the Peltier effect induces heat absorption or release at the P|N interface owing to the difference between the Peltier coefficient of P, Π_P , and that of N, Π_N . **b**, Schematic of the anisotropic magneto-Peltier effect (AMPE) in a ferromagnetic metal. When J_c is applied to the ferromagnet with the magnetization vector M, the AMPE induces heat absorption or release even in the absence of junctions, because of the difference between the Peltier coefficient for the region with $M \perp J_c$, Π_{\perp} , and that with $M || J_c$, $\Pi_{||}$, **c**, Experimental configuration for measuring the AMPE in a U-shaped ferromagnet.



Large AMPE was observed for Ni, but not for Fe.

First-principles calculations of Seebeck and Peltier coefficient

Group velocity

(k-vector derivative of band dispersion) (WIEN2k+BoltzTraP code)

Seebeck Coefficient
$$\alpha = -\frac{K_1}{eK_0T}$$

$$e^{2}K_{0} = e^{2}\tau\int D(\varepsilon)\left(-\frac{\partial f_{0}}{\partial\varepsilon}\right)(\varepsilon-\mu)vd\varepsilon$$
$$e^{2}K_{1} = e^{2}\tau\int D(\varepsilon)\left(-\frac{\partial f_{0}}{\partial\varepsilon}\right)(\varepsilon-\mu)v^{2}d\varepsilon$$

Peltier coefficient
$$\pi = -\frac{\kappa_1}{eK_0} =$$

$$\pi = -\frac{K_1}{eK_0} = \alpha T$$



Spin-orbit interaction (SOI) and anisotropic magneto-Peltier effect (AMPE)



Anisotropic band dispersion



Anisotropic magneto-Peltier effects (AMPE) of Fe,Co,Ni

bcc-Fe (2atoms/u.c.)

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fcc-Ni (4atoms/u.c.)



Comparison of band dispersion of Fe, Ni



orbit \Rightarrow Large AMPE($\Delta \Pi$)

Mechanism of AMPE in Fe, Ni



d-Band hybridization between majority- and minority-spin states due to SOI is important for large AMPE. To this end, ferromagnetic materials with small exchange splitting such as Ni is more favorable for large AMPE.

Prediction of new materials with huge AMPE



Summary of the third topic

• In first-principles calculations, AMPE is Fe<Co<Ni, and FePt<<NiPt<Ni₃Pt.

• Hybridization of Majority-spin and Minority-spin d-band around the Fermi level is more important for large AMPE.

Summary of this talk

