




Spin rectification effect induced by planar Hall effect and its strong impact on spin-pumping measurements

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Spin pumping is a technique widely used to generate pure spin current and characterize the spin-charge conversion in various systems. The reversing sign of the symmetric Lorentzian charge current with respect to the opposite magnetic field is generally accepted as the key criterion to identifying its pure spin current origin. However, we herein find that the rectified voltage due to the planar Hall effect can exhibit a similar spurious signal, complicating and even misleading the analysis. The distribution of microwave magnetic field and induction current has a strong influence on the magnetic field symmetry and line shape of the obtained signal. We further demonstrate a geometry where the spin-charge conversion and the rectified voltage can be readily distinguished with a straightforward symmetry analysis.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The generation, manipulation, and detection of pure spin currents have been the central topics of spintronics in the last several decades [1–3]. Among various approaches, spin pumping offers an easy and versatile method to generate pure spin currents, and it is not hampered by the resistance mismatch obstacle [4,5]. Upon the excitation of a microwave magnetic field with a suitable static magnetic field, the precessing magnetization of a ferromagnet (FM) pumps pure spin current into its adjacent layer [6–10]. The amplitude reaches its maximum at the ferromagnetic resonance (FMR) condition wherein the pure spin current can be converted into a charge current and detected electronically in case the spin orbit coupling (SOC) exists. Spin pumping in combination with spin-charge conversion has been widely used to study the bulk SOC in heavy metals [7,11–14], spin-momentum locking of Rashba interface/surfaces [15–18], and topological insulators [19,20], etc.

In the inverse spin Hall effect (ISHE) of heavy metals, the inverse Rashba-Edelstein effect (IREE) at surface/interfaces with symmetry breaking, and the topological insulators, the converted charge current \vec{j}_c can all be described by $\vec{j}_c \propto \vec{j}_s \times \vec{\sigma}$ wherein \vec{j}_s represents the pure spin current and $\vec{\sigma}$ is the spin polarization direction. In the spin-pumping measurements, $\vec{\sigma}$ is aligned by the magnetization orientation of FM in the FM/nonmagnet (NM) heterostructures [6,11]. Therefore, \vec{j}_c changes sign when the magnetization reverses. Specifically, the spin-charge conversion generated by spin pumping results

in a voltage signal with symmetric Lorentzian line shape at the FMR condition and the voltage changes sign with the reversal of the FM magnetization [7,11–13,15–20]. It has also been well recognized that spin pumping is entangled with spurious contributions when the FM is conducting. For instance, its resistance oscillates with the precessing magnetization due to the anisotropic magnetoresistance (AMR) of ferromagnetic metals, and the coupling between dynamic resistance and the induction current along the stripe with the same frequency can result in a dc rectified voltage. This is the so-called AMR induced spin rectification effect (SRE) [21]. The line shape of the SRE depends on the phase difference between the rf magnetic field and the induction current, and thus SRE typically contains both symmetric and anti-symmetric Lorentzian contributions [21,22]. The phase shift also changes with frequency and can be further influenced by detailed connectors, bonding wires, etc. [21,22]. When the static magnetic field is rotated within the sample plane, spin-pumping (AMR induced SRE) voltages are proportional to $\sin\phi_0$ ($\sin 2\phi_0$) [21,22], respectively. Wherein, ϕ_0 represents the angle between static magnetic field and voltage leads across the FM/NM heterostructure [Fig. 1(a)]. Therefore, AMR induced SRE disappears for $\phi_0 = \pm 90^\circ$ in typical spin pumping induced spin-charge conversion measurements. At this specific geometry, a symmetric Lorentzian line-shaped voltage signal at FMR condition with $V(H) = -V(-H)$ is considered as the signature of spin pumping induced spin-charge conversion. This criterion has been established and widely used for spin-pumping measurements in the literature until now, including spin-charge conversion in Dirac semimetals [23], two-dimensional Rashba electron gas at interfaces [16,17,24], topological insulators [25,26], single-layer graphene [27], superconductors [28], self-pumping of single layer permalloy (Py) [29–32], etc.

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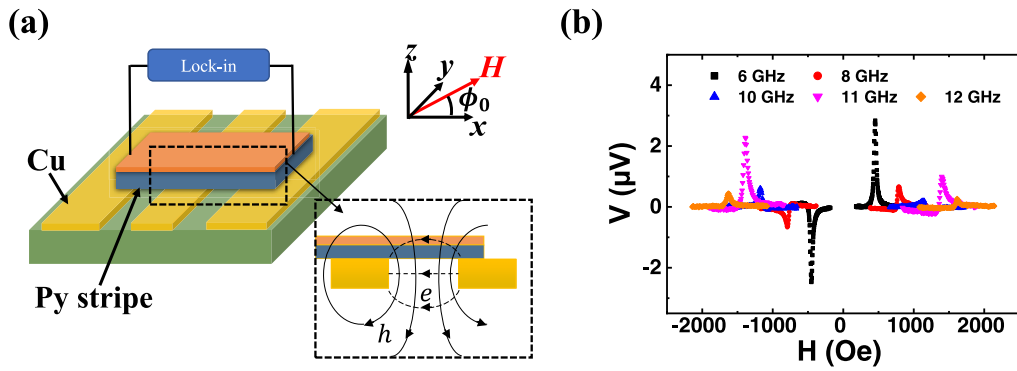


FIG. 1. (a) Schematic of the measurement geometry with a $2.5 \text{ mm} \times 0.5 \text{ mm}$ Py single layer stripe placed onto a commercial CPW. ϕ_0 defines the angle between static magnetic field H and the stripe. (b) H -dependent voltage signal of 10 nm thick Py stripe with microwave frequency varying from 6 to 12 GHz. The magnetic field H is applied transverse to the stripe along $\phi_0 = \pm 90^\circ$.

In this work, we demonstrate that this widely adopted standard for identifying the pure spin current origin of the measured signal is insufficient, as the importance of the planar Hall effect (PHE) is not appreciated. Depending on the geometry and the microwave frequency, PHE induced SRE can have similar behavior as the spin-charge conversion. Further, by placing a Py stripe in the gap between a signal line and the ground line of a coplanar waveguide (CPW), where the perpendicular magnetic rf field is dominant, we observe a voltage signal which is symmetric with magnetic field; i.e., $V(H) = V(-H)$ when $\phi_0 = \pm 90^\circ$. The behavior is not compatible with either the spin pumping induced spin-charge conversion or the AMR induced SRE. Instead, it can be well explained by the PHE induced SRE. With increasing the Pt thickness of Py/Pt bilayers, the contribution of ISHE in Pt gradually dominates over the PHE induced SRE in Py. We further develop a quantitative method to separate the contributions of ISHE and SRE based on the symmetry analysis.

II. EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

Py single layer and Py/Pt bilayers are deposited on the thermally oxidized Si substrates with dc magnetron sputtering, covered with 5 nm SiO_2 with rf magnetron sputtering. The samples are further patterned into stripes with lateral dimensions of $2 \text{ mm} \times 10 \mu\text{m}$ or $2.5 \text{ mm} \times 0.5 \text{ mm}$ using photolithography and lift-off techniques, and the film growth rates are calibrated with x-ray reflection. Figure 1(a) presents the schematic of the measurement geometry with a $2.5 \text{ mm} \times 0.5 \text{ mm}$ Py stripe placed onto a commercial CPW facing up. A microwave with the power of $\sim 320 \text{ mW}$ and variable frequency is fed into the CPW to excite the FMR of the Py. To improve the signal to noise ratio, the microwave is further modulated by a 13.37 kHz transistor-transistor logic (TTL) signal and the voltages along the stripes are measured with a lock-in amplifier. A rotatable magnetic field H is applied within the sample plane with ϕ_0 defined as the angle between H and the stripe. All measurements are performed at room temperature.

Figure 1(b) presents the H -dependent voltage signal of a 10 nm thick Py stripe with $\phi_0 = \pm 90^\circ$. Voltage with dominant symmetric Lorentzian line shape and antisymmetric with the

magnetic field, i.e., $V(H) = -V(-H)$, is observed when 6 GHz (black curve) and 8 GHz microwaves (red curve) are applied. This feature is seemingly consistent with the spin pumping induced ISHE of the Py single layer [29–32], since AMR induced SRE disappears at this configuration. However, both the field symmetry and the line shape of the voltage change dramatically when the microwave frequency is increased to 11 GHz (magenta curve) and 12 GHz (brown curve). A voltage signal with the same sign, albeit different magnitude, emerges at the Py FMR condition for H along $\phi_0 = \pm 90^\circ$. It is important to note that the spin pumping induced ISHE signal has only symmetric Lorentzian line shape, and must change sign with reversing Py magnetization irrespective of the microwave frequency. Therefore, other contributions in the spin-pumping measurement with metallic FM should be carefully explored before claiming its pure spin current origin.

Both the magnetic and electric field distribution above the CPW are three dimensional and rather complex [Fig. 1(a) inset presents the schematic of magnetic field and electric field distribution above the CPW for one cross section] [33]. As many parameters in the expression for magnetic field and electric field are frequency dependent, their distributions are thus also frequency dependent. In addition, the phase difference between the rf magnetic field and the induction current at different frequencies also has a strong impact on the line shape [22]. On the other hand, both the magnetic field (out-of-plane) and electric field (in-plane transverse) are one dimensional in the gap between the signal line and ground line. For better understanding of the physical origin of the unexpected signal observed in a Py single layer, we hereafter first focus on the spin-pumping measurements with the stripe located in the gap between a signal line and the ground line of the CPW. We will qualitatively explain the observed feature presented in Fig. 1(b) later on.

Figure 2(a) presents the schematic of the measurement geometry with a Py(10 nm) stripe with the lateral dimension of $2 \text{ mm} \times 10 \mu\text{m}$. In this setup, the Py stripe is exposed to an almost uniform microwave magnetic field along the z direction, h_z^{rf} . Surprisingly, unlike the antisymmetric signal (8 GHz) with H presented in Fig. 1(b), the voltage of Py is symmetric with H and with almost identical amplitude at the FMR condition for $\phi_0 = \pm 90^\circ$ [Fig. 2(b), black curve]. Under

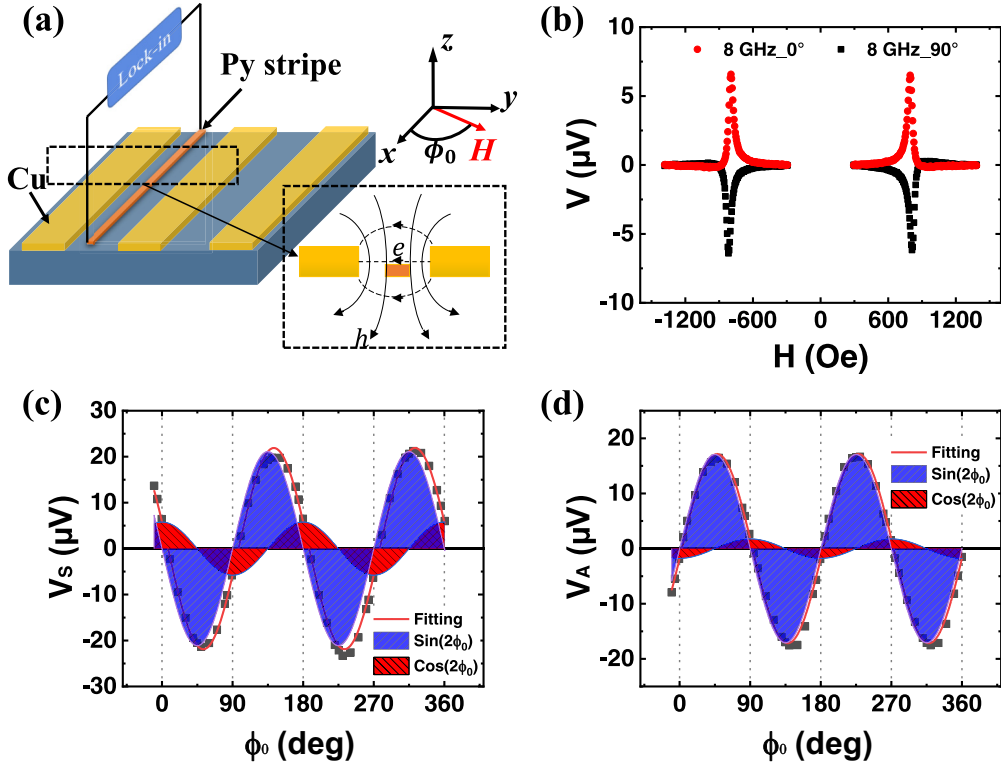


FIG. 2. (a) Schematic of the measurement geometry with a $2 \text{ mm} \times 10 \mu\text{m}$ Py(10 nm) single layer stripe placed in the gap between a signal line and the ground line of the CPW. (b) H -dependent voltage signal of Py with H along $\phi_0 = \pm 90^\circ$ (black curve), and $\phi_0 = 0^\circ, 180^\circ$ (red curve). The angular-dependent (c) symmetric Lorentzian component V_S and (d) antisymmetric Lorentzian component V_A for Py stripe. The black symbols are experimental data and the curve is the fitting. The blue (red) shadowed area denotes the component of AMR (PHE) induced rectification signal, respectively.

the in-plane transverse static magnetic field, $V(H) = V(-H)$ cannot be explained by either the spin pumping induced ISHE or the AMR induced SRE. Therefore, other physical mechanisms should be explored. Traditionally, only the induction current along the stripe was considered in the AMR induced SRE. However, coexisting with the out-of-plane h_z^{rf} , there is also an in-plane electric field of the same frequency (pointing from the signal line to the ground line of CPW) acting on the Py stripe [Fig. 2(a), inset]. The electric field of the CPW induces a dynamic current transverse to the stripe j_y due to Ohm's law which was seldom studied previously.

With the in-plane magnetization, the transverse (y direction) current would result in a voltage along the stripe (x direction) due to the PHE. PHE shares the same physical origin with AMR and is considered as the transverse version of the AMR. It has the in-plane angular dependence of $\sin 2\phi_0$. The rectified voltage due to PHE is proportional to $d(\text{PHE})/d\phi_0$, i.e., $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}} \propto \cos 2\phi_0$ [34–36]. This is consistent with the observed voltage signal with $V(H) = V(-H)$ for $\phi_0 = 90^\circ$ presented in Fig. 2(b). In addition, the twofold symmetry of $\cos 2\phi_0$ predicts a sign change of $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}}$ between $\phi_0 = 0^\circ$ and $\phi_0 = 90^\circ$, while maintaining $V(H) = V(-H)$. Exactly the same feature as predicted is observed for the field-dependent voltage at $\phi_0 = 0^\circ$ [red curve in Fig. 2(b)], evidencing the validity of our model. We consistently observed these behaviors for various frequencies between 8 and 12 GHz, with detailed discussions for Fig. 3. To further prove the importance of PHE induced SRE, we also perform the

field-dependent measurements for various ϕ_0 . At each certain direction, we decompose the voltage signal into a symmetric Lorentzian component V_S and an antisymmetric Lorentzian component V_A :

$$V = V_S \frac{\Delta H^2}{(H - H_0)^2 + \Delta H^2} + V_A \frac{\Delta H(H - H_0)}{(H - H_0)^2 + \Delta H^2}. \quad (1)$$

The angular-dependent V_S and V_A for a 10 nm Py stripe sitting in the gap of a CPW are presented in Figs. 2(c) and 2(d) (black symbols), respectively. The data can be well fitted (red curve) by considering both AMR and PHE induced SRE:

$$V_{S(A)} = V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{AMR}} \sin 2\phi_0 + V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}} \cos 2\phi_0, \quad (2)$$

where, the blue (red) shadowed area denotes the component of the AMR (PHE) induced rectification signal, respectively. $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{AMR}}$ and $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}}$ are both twofold symmetric and with a 45° phase shift. In the gap of a CPW, we only consider the out-of-plane microwave magnetic field h_z^{rf} and neglect the small in-plane components h_x^{rf} and h_y^{rf} [33,37]. The contributions of h_x^{rf} and h_y^{rf} for both the AMR and PHE induced rectifications are negligibly small, almost at the margin of error bar. The rather good fitting of experimental data with Eq. (2) also indicates a negligibly small “self-pumping” induced ISHE signal in the Py single layer as compared with the SRE. We note that the difference of the ratios between $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{AMR}}$ and $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}}$ for the symmetric [Fig. 2(c)] and the antisymmetric component [Fig. 2(d)] is due to the different phase shift of j_x and j_y with

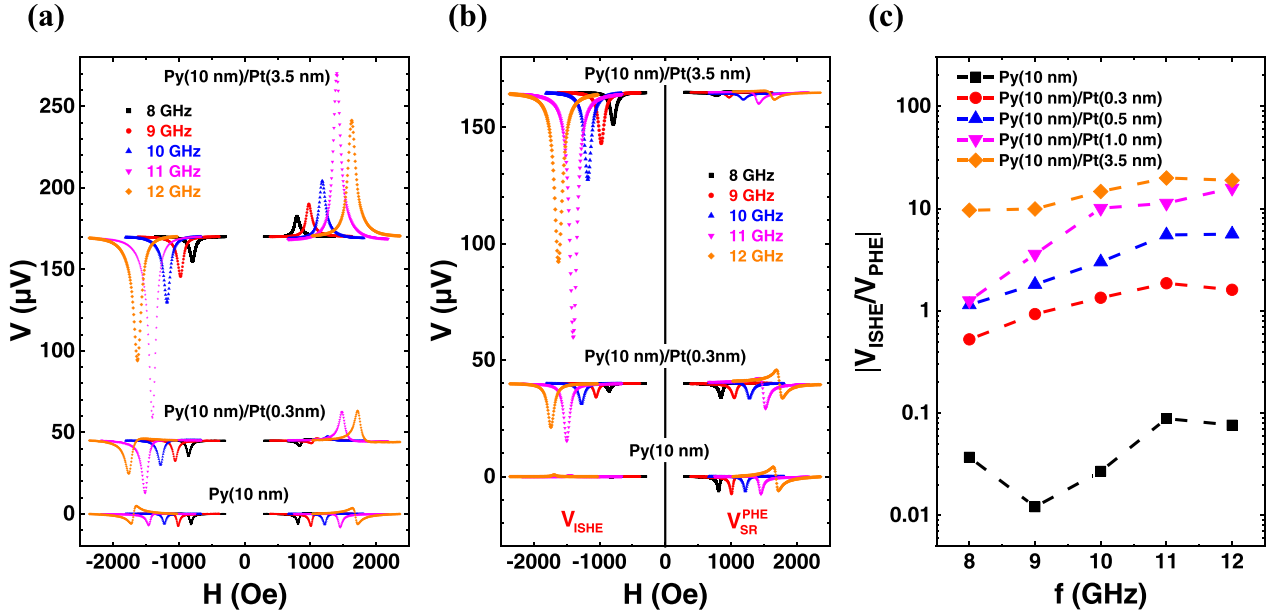


FIG. 3. (a) H -dependent voltage signal of Py(10 nm), Py(10 nm)/Pt(0.3 nm) and Py(10 nm)/Pt(3.5 nm) with microwave frequency varying from 8 to 12 GHz. The magnetic field is applied along $\phi_0 = \pm 90^\circ$. (b) Extracted spin pumping induced ISHE contribution V_{ISHE} (left) and PHE induced spin rectification contribution $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}}$ (right) for Py(10 nm), Py(10 nm)/Pt(0.3 nm), and Py(10 nm)/Pt(3.5 nm). (c) Frequency-dependent normalized ratio of $|V_{\text{ISHE}}/V_{\text{PHE}}|$ for Py(10 nm) single layer and Py(10 nm)/Pt(t_{Pt}) bilayers.

respect to h_z^{rf} . However, the well-defined angular dependence of $\sin 2\phi_0$ and $\cos 2\phi_0$ consolidates that they come from the AMR and PHE, respectively. Equally important, both the PHE and AMR are proportional to the stripe length along the x direction in our geometry. Thus, they could be on a similar order of magnitude as will be further discussed below.

With the understanding of the PHE induced SRE, we now provide a qualitative explanation of the ISHE-like signature $V(H) = -V(-H)$ of a Py stripe placed onto the CPW at $\phi_0 = \pm 90^\circ$ [6 and 8 GHz in Fig. 1(b)], where the AMR induced SRE disappears. When only h_z^{rf} is present, the dynamic magnetic field is always perpendicular to the Py magnetization when it rotates within the sample plane. Thus, $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}} \propto \cos 2\phi_0$ as presented in Fig. 2. When the excitation field is along the stripe (x direction), only the component of h_x^{rf} transverse to the Py magnetization contributes to the magnetization precession. Therefore, $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}} \propto \cos 2\phi_0 \sin \phi_0$ for in-plane static H with in-plane h_x^{rf} . In this geometry, a field antisymmetric voltage signal $V(H) = -V(-H)$ is expected from the solely PHE induced SRE, not necessarily the spin-charge conversion. When the Py stripe is placed onto the CPW [Fig. 1(a)], both h_x^{rf} and h_z^{rf} exert on the sample. The evolution of field symmetry and the line shape of the voltage curve with microwave frequency indicates the frequency-dependent microwave magnetic field distribution and phase shift of magnetization precession [22,33]. When the h_x^{rf} (h_z^{rf}) dominates, the signal follows $V(H) = -V(-H)$ [$V(H) = V(-H)$], respectively. The signal evolves when the relative contribution of h_x^{rf} and h_z^{rf} changes with frequency as observed in Fig. 1. This qualitatively explains the ISHE-like feature of the Py single-layer stripe. Our findings highlight the importance of a well-defined distribution of the microwave magnetic field. Specifically, h_z^{rf} is most suitable for distin-

guishing ISHE from SRE [geometry presented in Fig. 2(a)], as $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{AMR}}$ disappears at $\phi_0 = \pm 90^\circ$, and $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}}$ [$V(H) = V(-H)$] and ISHE [$V(H) = -V(-H)$] reach their maximum magnitude but have different symmetries versus the magnetic field. Therefore, if opposite voltages between $\phi_0 = \pm 90^\circ$ are observed under h_z^{rf} only, one could draw the conclusion that they indeed originate from the spin-charge conversion.

To estimate the influence of the PHE induced SRE on the spin-charge conversion measurements with spin pumping in our second geometry [Fig. 2(a)], we perform the measurements for Py(10 nm)/Pt(t_{Pt}) bilayers with various Pt thickness utilizing the h_z^{rf} excitation. Similar resonance fields of Py and Py/Pt(t_{Pt}) indicate comparable magnetic property in all these samples. And we only compare the voltage signals for $\phi_0 = \pm 90^\circ$, where the AMR induced SRE vanishes. For Py/Pt bilayers, the ISHE signal V_{ISHE} of the Pt layer and the PHE rectification signal $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}}$ of the Py coexist. It is important to point out that there is also spin Hall magnetoresistance (SMR) in the Py/Pt bilayer, due to the combination of the spin Hall effect and ISHE of Pt and magnetic-dependent scattering at the Py-Pt interface [38,39]. Although SMR and AMR have different physical origins with different symmetries, their in-plane angular dependences of FM magnetization are the same [38,39]. Therefore, the $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}}$ due to SMR or AMR is additive and is indistinguishable with in-plane FM magnetization. In this work, we would not separate the SMR and AMR contributions in $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}}$. As it has been presented in Fig. 2(b), $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}}$ is dominant for the Py single layer ($t_{\text{Pt}} = 0$ nm). The signals maintain the symmetry of $V(H) = V(-H)$, although the detailed line shape changes largely between 8 and 12 GHz [Fig. 3(a)]. In Py/Pt(3.5 nm), the V_{ISHE} of Pt is dominant and the entire signal changes sign with reversing the magnetic

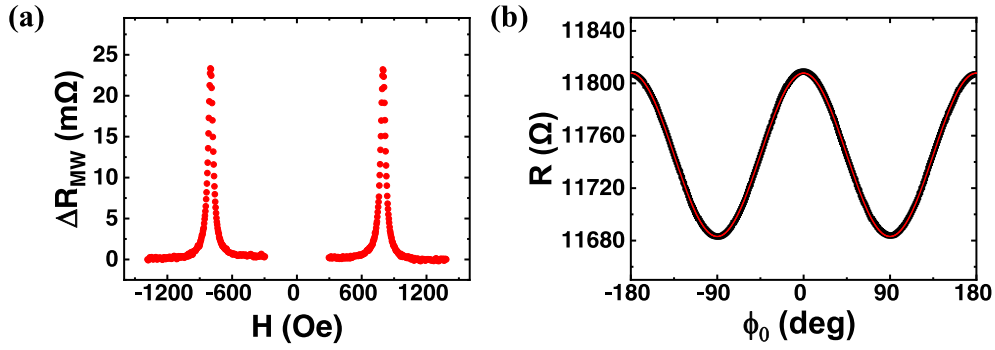


FIG. 4. (a) Microwave photoresistance ΔR_{MW} for Py(10 nm) with 8 GHz microwave. (b) Angular-dependent resistance of Py(10 nm) with fitting (red curve).

field direction for the microwave between 8 and 12 GHz. The slight difference between the amplitudes at positive and negative fields is due to the minor contribution from $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}}$ of the Py layer. With increasing the Pt thickness, the signal gradually evolves from $V(H) = V(-H)$ to $V(H) = -V(-H)$ as the contribution of V_{ISHE} enhances and becomes dominant at large Pt thickness. Interestingly, for Py/Pt(0.3 nm) at 9 GHz, one can observe a sizable signal at the negative field dominated by symmetric Lorentzian line shape and a much weaker voltage at the positive field dominated by antisymmetric Lorentzian line shape. Because V_{ISHE} and $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}}$ are additive at the negative field, they are subtractive at the positive field. V_{ISHE} has only a symmetric Lorentzian component, while $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}}$ has both a symmetric and an antisymmetric Lorentzian component depending on the phase shift between the magnetization precession and induction current along the y direction. When V_{ISHE} and the symmetric Lorentzian component of $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}}$ have similar magnitudes, the residual signal at the positive field is mainly the antisymmetric Lorentzian component of $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}}$.

From the opposite field dependence of V_{ISHE} and $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}}$, we can readily extract both contributions at $\phi_0 = \pm 90^\circ$ via

$$V_{\text{ISHE}} = \frac{V_{\text{S}}(H) - V_{\text{S}}(-H)}{2}, \quad V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}} = \frac{V(H) + V(-H)}{2}. \quad (3)$$

The results are presented in Fig. 3(b) with extracted ISHE contribution (left) and PHE rectification contribution (right) for Py(10 nm), Py(10 nm)/Pt(0.3 nm), and Py(10 nm)/Pt(3.5 nm). $V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}}$ decreases with increasing Pt thickness due to the shunting effect and V_{ISHE} increases with Pt thickness in the thin range owing to the ISHE and the spin diffusion effect in Pt [13,40,41]. We also replot the frequency-dependent normalized $|V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}}|$ for Py/Pt(t_{Pt}) bilayers in Fig. 3(c). Here, $|V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}}|$ is the amplitude of PHE induced SRE which includes both the symmetric and antisymmetric Lorentzian components. $|V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}}|$ increases with t_{Pt} and frequency, suggesting that high frequency excitation is more reliable for exploring spin-charge conversion with spin pumping. We note that although the SRE can be suppressed if ferromagnetic insulator yttrium iron garnet (YIG) is chosen as the spin current source, the necessary heating process is detrimental for many soft two-dimensional topological materials [42–44]. Further, high quality YIG largely relies on the gadolinium gallium garnet substrate [42–44]. On the other hand, metallic FMs can be

deposited on different substrates/underlayers without special treatment. Thus, they have been extensively used as spin current injectors in various studies of spin-charge conversions. The complete understanding of SRE in metallic FM is therefore pivotal to investigating spin current with spin-pumping technique.

III. DISCUSSIONS

Lastly, we provide the estimations of the in-plane longitudinal and transverse induction current density, in-plane electric field, and out-of-plane magnetic field when the sample sits in between the signal line and ground line of a CPW [geometry in Fig. 2(a)]. The discussions are performed for Py(10 nm) under an 8 GHz microwave and applicable for every sample. At the FMR, the magnetization precession alters the angle of the magnetization with respect to the dc current, resulting in a change of the time-averaged AMR. This is termed as the microwave photoresistance ΔR_{MW} . For $\phi_0 = 90^\circ$, it can be given by

$$\Delta R_{\text{MW}} = \frac{R_{\text{A}}}{2} \alpha_1^2 \frac{\Delta H^2}{(H - H_0)^2 + \Delta H^2}. \quad (4)$$

Here, R_{A} is the AMR value, and α_1 is the amplitude of the in-plane precession angle of the FM magnetization [45,46]. Figure 4(a) presents the magnetic field dependent ΔR_{MW} for Py(10 nm) at 8 GHz. With $R_{\text{A}} = 124.68 \Omega$ obtained in the angular-dependent resistance [Fig. 4(b)], we obtain $\alpha_1 = 1.103^\circ$. We can further estimate the out-of-plane rf magnetic field h_z^{rf} through $\alpha_1 = \frac{h_z^{\text{rf}}}{\alpha_G(2H_0 + M_{\text{eff}})}$ [45,46]. With the Gilbert damping factor $\alpha_G = 0.011$ and effective magnetization $M_{\text{eff}} = 9189$ Oe obtained from frequency-dependent half linewidth and resonance field of Py [Fig. 3], we get $h_z^{\text{rf}} = 2.3$ Oe. The amplitude of AMR induced SRE can be described by $|V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{AMR}}| = \frac{1}{2}|R_{\text{A}}I_x|$, where I_x is longitudinal induction current [45,46]. Accordingly, the amplitude of PHE induced SRE can be described by $|V_{\text{SR}}^{\text{PHE}}| = \frac{1}{2}|R_{\text{A}}I_y|$, because both PHE and AMR use the same voltage lead with orthogonal current. We therefore obtain the longitudinal induction current density $j_x = 226.2 \mu\text{A}/\mu\text{m}^2$, and transverse induction current density $j_y = 50.4 \mu\text{A}/\mu\text{m}^2$, and the transverse electric field $E_y = 29.4 \mu\text{V}/\mu\text{m}$ is obtained through Ohm's law. Our estimations of the j_x and h_z^{rf} are reasonably consistent with the limited reports in the literature [21,47], although the detailed

dimensions of the CPW and sample and even lead configuration and wiring conditions of a particular device may have influence [22].

IV. SUMMARY

In summary, we have studied the influence of rectified voltage from PHE and microwave electromagnetic field distribution in the spin-pumping measurements of Py single layer and Py/Pt bilayers. When the in-plane longitudinal microwave magnetic field is present, SRE from PHE and spin-charge conversion have the same magnetic field symmetry. The spurious signal from PHE may lead to incorrect conclusion of the pure spin current origin. In addition, we also demonstrate a geometry with a well-defined out-of-plane microwave magnetic field, where the PHE induced SRE and spin pumping induced

ISHE can be readily distinguished. Our findings also suggest that a revisit of a few important controversies of spin-charge conversion may be necessary, where the magnetic metals were used as spin-pumping sources.

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