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ABSTRACT

Recently a new type of magnetic material is theoretically proposed, referred to as "altermagnet" that exhibits the properties of both ferromagnet and antiferromagnet depending upon the direction of the current flow with respect to the crystal axis [1,2]. We report the first experimental evidence of strongly crystal axis-dependent unconventional transverse spin-current generation by the altermagnet RuO2 [3]. This unconventional spin-current is the key to the implementation of high-density nonvolatile magnetic memories. Further, we comparatively study the transverse spin-current generation by applying electric current and thermal gradient in the heavy metal with large spin-orbit coupling which reveals that the nonequilibrium electric field is a fundamental driving force that can generate the transverse spin-current even in the absence of a net electric current [4] from the spin Berry curvature.

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