Turning on the heat with spins and their transport across interfaces in heterostructures

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Spin-heat coupling plays a crucial role in both fundamental physics and various thermoelectric and thermomagnetic applications. Can we generate localized heat using magnetic nanoparticles or 'super spins'? How can we manipulate spin transport using thermal gradients? In this talk, I will address these questions through insights gained from our research on diverse systems, ranging from nanostructures to heterostructures. Our focus spans anisotropic nanoparticles, compensated ferrimagnets, topological systems, spin gapless semiconductors, and interfaces of 2D materials with ferrites and garnets.

The core of our research lies in the precise measurement of effective interfacial magnetic anisotropy across a wide array of magnetic materials, including bulk samples, nanoparticle assemblies, and thin film heterostructures. We also quantitatively analyze thermally generated spin currents. I will explain how we integrate both conventional and unconventional experimental techniques, such as magnetometry, RF transverse susceptibility, anomalous Nernst effect (ANE), spin Seebeck effect (SSE), and ferromagnetic resonance spin pumping (FMR-SP), to explore the fundamental physics of spin dynamics, spin-heat coupling, and thermal spin transport across interfaces.

Additionally, I will present recent findings from our ongoing projects, including tunable magnetism in core-shell nanoparticles, the influence of magnetic anisotropy on SSE and ANE, universal scaling of SSE in compensated ferrimagnets, estimation of magnon propagation length and the evidence for intrinsic Berry curvature in quaternary Weyl semi-metal Heusler alloys.



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