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Skew Scattering from Correlated Systems

I will discuss the skew scattering mechanisms underlying extrinsic mechanisms for the anomalous and spin Hall effects. First I will recall the phase shift analysis of scattering by single impurities and discuss the difficulty of finding the strong skew effects needed for spintronics. I will then examine the enhancement in the effect caused by resonant skew scattering induced by electron correlations. For singleimpurity scattering, local Coulomb correlations may significantly change the observed spin Hall angle. There may be additional effects because of the special atomic environment close to a surface - extra degeneracies compared to the bulk, enhanced correlations that move the relative d - or f- levels, and interference effects coming from the lower local dimension. These results may explain the very large spin Hall angle observed in CuBi alloys. I also discuss the impact on the spin Hall effect from cooperative effects, first in itinerant ferromagnets where there is an anomaly near the Curie temperature originating from high-order spin fluctuations. The second case considered is a metallic spin glass, where exchange via slowly fluctuating magnetic moments may lead to the precession of an injected spin current. This can decrease the net spin-charge conversion from skew scattering at low temperatures