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Spin-current-induced charge current

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Abstract

We show that the injection of a *pure* spin current (not accompanied by charge current) into a ring can induce a circulating charge current in the ring, provided that transport coefficients of the ring are spin-dependent *and* inhomogeneous. As an example, we consider a hybrid ferromagnet(F)-normal metal(N) ring system and calculate the magnitude of the charge current induced by the pure spin current injection. This phenomenon may have relevance for spintronic applications.