

Abstract Submitted
for the MAR08 Meeting of
The American Physical Society

Spin polarized current in an InSb film¹ MATTHEW FRAZIER, J.J. HEREMANS, GITI A. KHODAPARAST, Department of Physics, Virginia Tech — Recently, there has been much interest in developing and exploring spin based semiconductor devices and phenomena. One of the key challenges in developing spin based devices is to generate, control, and measure spin currents directly. In this talk, we report interband circular photogalvanic (CPG) effects using pulsed near-infrared radiations in an InSb film grown by the MOCVD technique. The film is n-type Te-doped with electron density of $\sim 6.0 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and mobility of $58,500 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ at 100 K. We observe a CPG current whose direction and magnitude depend on the helicity of the incident light, the angle of the incidence, and temperature. Our observation is important to understand zero-field spin splitting mechanisms in a system with strong-spin orbit interaction.

¹Supported by: NSF-DMR-0507866 and AFOSR Young Investigator Program 06NE231.

Giti Khodaparast
Virginia Tech

Date submitted: 29 Nov 2007

Electronic form version 1.4