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Quantifying Spin Hall Effects in Gold Hall Bars¹ GORAN MIHAJLOVIC, JOHN E. PEARSON, SAMUEL D. BADER, AXEL HOFFMANN, Materials Science Division and Center for Nanoscale Materials, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, IL 60439 USA, MIGUEL ANGEL GARCIA, Universidad Complutense, Madrid, Spain — Spin Hall effects manifest the fundamental interdependence between charge and spin transport. We studied these effects experimentally by measuring the non-local resistance, R_{nl} , in mesoscopic Au Hall bars where spin current generation and detection are spatially separated in two side arms, while a bridging arm acts as the spin conduit. The measured R_{nl} decreases monotonically with decreasing temperature, changing sign from positive to negative. This can be understood by modeling R_{nl} as a sum of two components; a positive, ohmic component, arising from the charge current, and a negative component, due to spin Hall effects and spin diffusion. By varying the spacing between the side arms, the components can be separated. We determined the spin diffusion length, the spin Hall angle and the spin Hall conductivity. We found spin Hall angles of order 0.1, with a temperature dependence proportional to the resistivity, while the spin Hall conductivity was almost temperature independent.

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