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Theoretical Study on Twofold and Fourfold Symmetric Anisotropic Magnetoresistance Effect SATOSHI KOKADO, Graduate School of Integrated Science and Technology, Shizuoka University, MASAKIYO TSUNODA, Graduate School of Engineering, Tohoku University — We theoretically study the twofold and fourfold symmetric anisotropic magnetoresistance (AMR) effect [1]. We first extend our previous model [2] to a model including the crystal field effect [1]. Using the model, we next obtain an analytical expression of the AMR ratio, i.e., $AMR(\phi) = C_0 + C_2 \cos(2\phi) + C_4 \cos(4\phi)$, with $C_0 = C_2 - C_4$ [1]. Here, ϕ is the relative angle between the magnetization direction and the electric current direction and C_2 (C_4) is a coefficient of the twofold (fourfold) symmetric term. The coefficients C_2 and C_4 are expressed by a spin-orbit coupling constant, an exchange field, a crystal field, and s-s and s-d scattering resistivities. Using this expression, we analyze the experimental results for Fe₄N [3], in which $|C_2|$ and $|C_4|$ increase with decreasing temperature. The experimental results can be reproduced by assuming that the tetragonal distortion increases with decreasing temperature.

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