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Soft x-ray spectroscopy of magnetic materials for spintronics

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Abstract: In order to reveal the origins of ferromagnetism and its anisotropy in materials considered for spintronics applications, spectroscopic methods using soft x-rays such as angle-resolved photo-emission spectroscopy (ARPES) and x-ray magnetic circular dichroism (XMCD) combined with first-principles calculations have given crucial microscopic information. In this talk, recent results are presented for diluted ferromagnetic semiconductors (Mn- and Fe-doped compounds [1]), heavy element-3d ordered alloy showing strong perpendicular magnetic anisotropy [2], and van der Waals ferromagnets.

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[2] K. Ikeda, A. Fujimori et al., Appl. Phys. Lett., Appl. Phys. Lett. 111, 142402 (2017).

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